

NCBI - Building Transparent ML/AI Solutions to Advance Biological Research Codeathon

Project RAGVar Final Presentation

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Problem Statement

Abstract: How do we address the critical challenge of data harmonization in research repositories by aligning new data inputs with existing datasets through retrieval augmented generation and AI reasoning?

Use Case:

- Enhanced Data Integration
- Automated Data Harmonization
- Improved Data Quality
- Support for Multidisciplinary Research

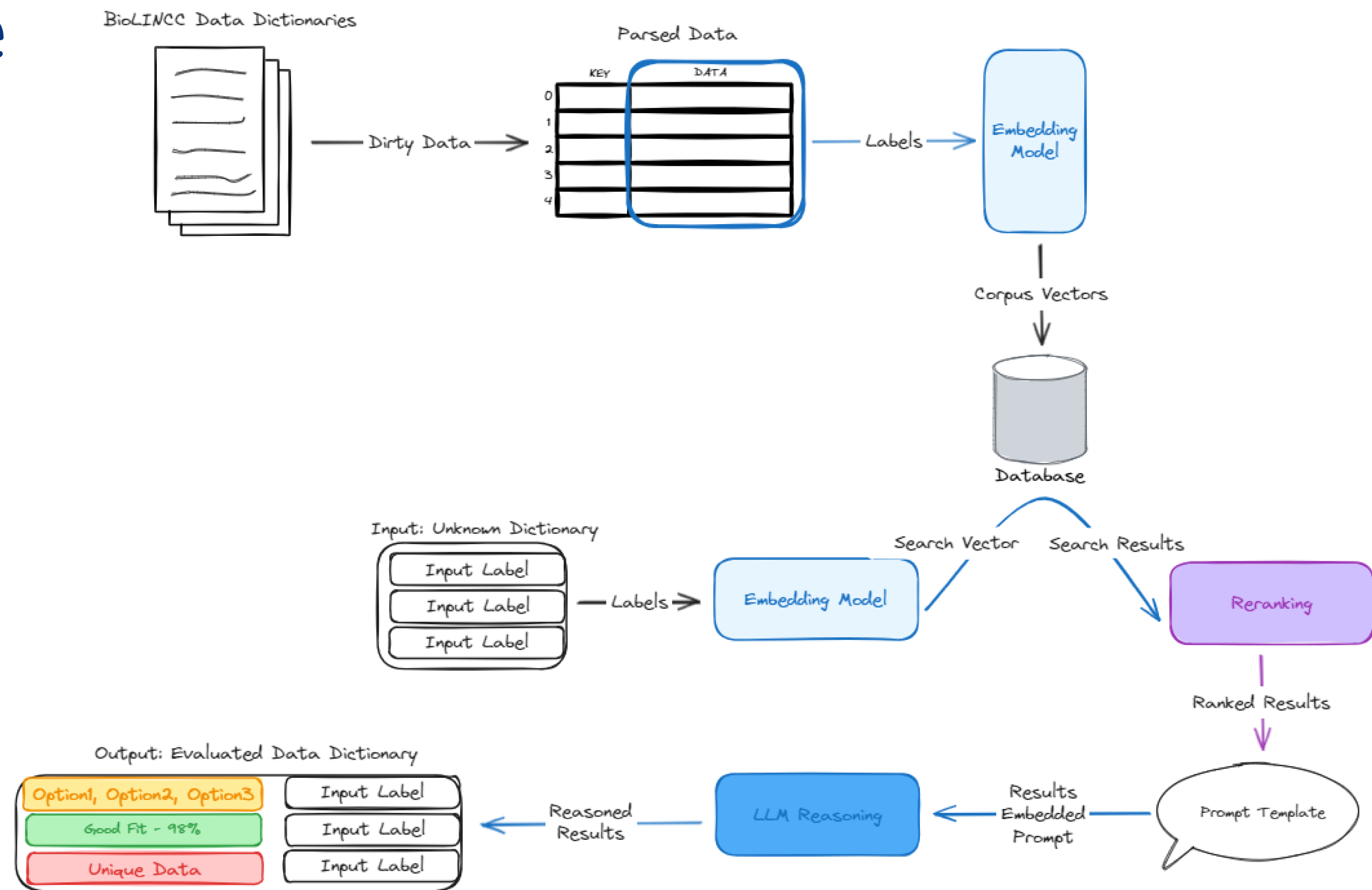
Technical Deliverables

Data Extraction: *Extract study data dictionaries to provide context for search & retrieval process.*

Build Retrieval System: *Create embeddings of data dictionary labels, persist in vector store, embed test labels for vector search, use reranking model to score.*

Evaluation: *Embed top three search results and test label in prompt template, pass to LLM for evaluation, compare against human evaluation.*

Architecture



Retrieval & Evaluation Statistics

Raw Data: ~480,000

Total number of label embeddings: 259,881

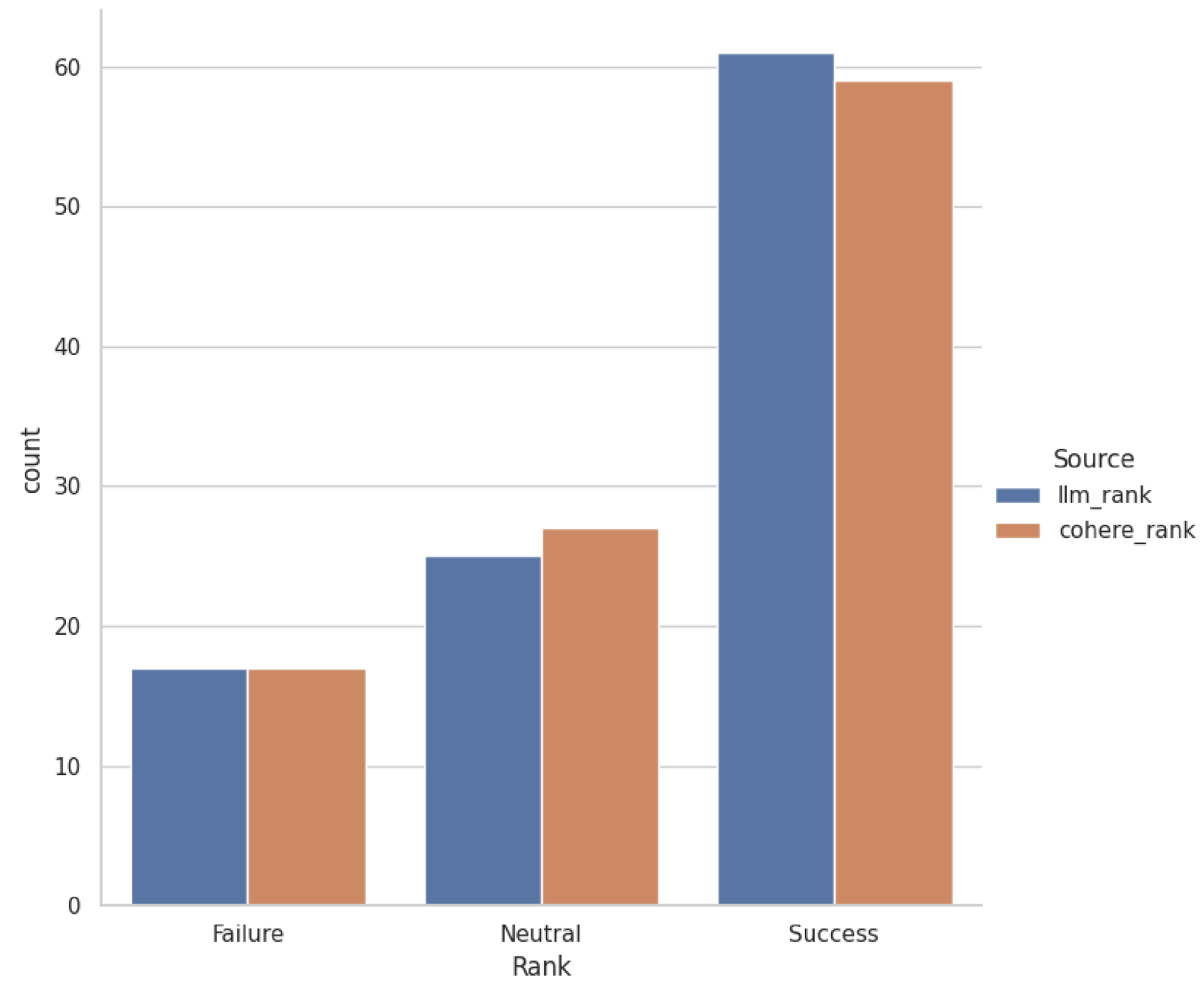
Number of search queries evaluated: 104

Number of retrieved labels per search query: 3

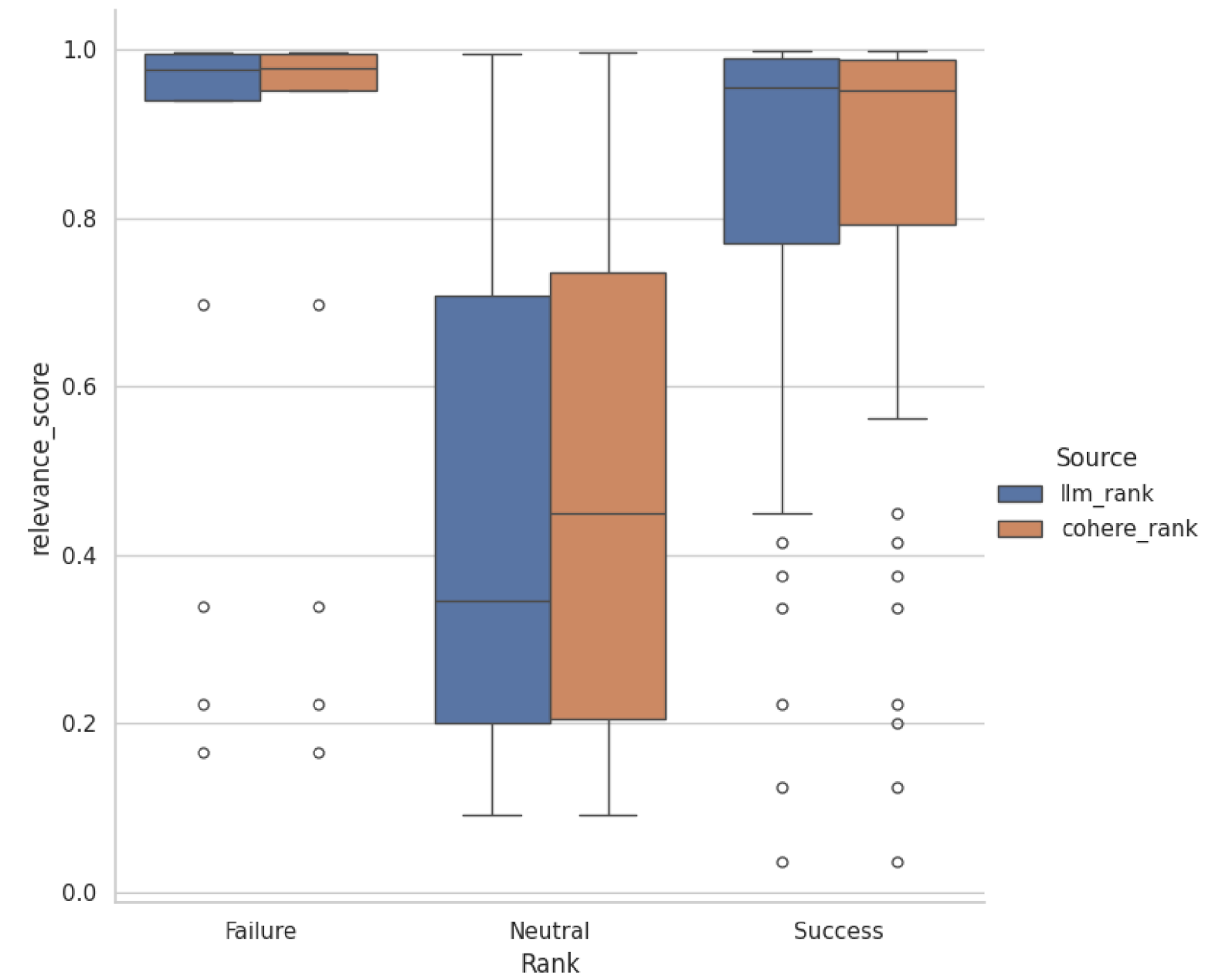
Total number of retrievals evaluated: 312

Results

Model Performance

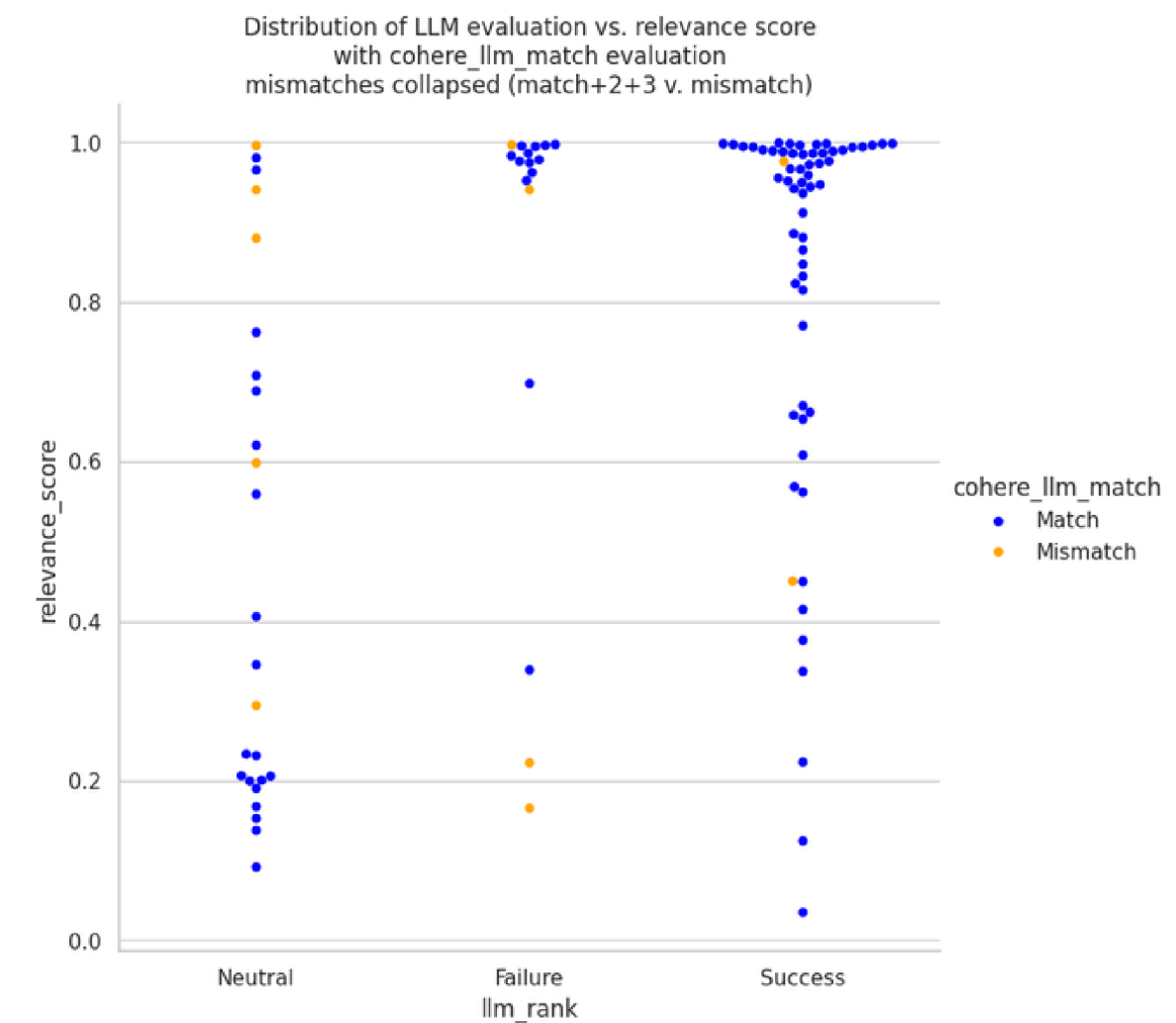
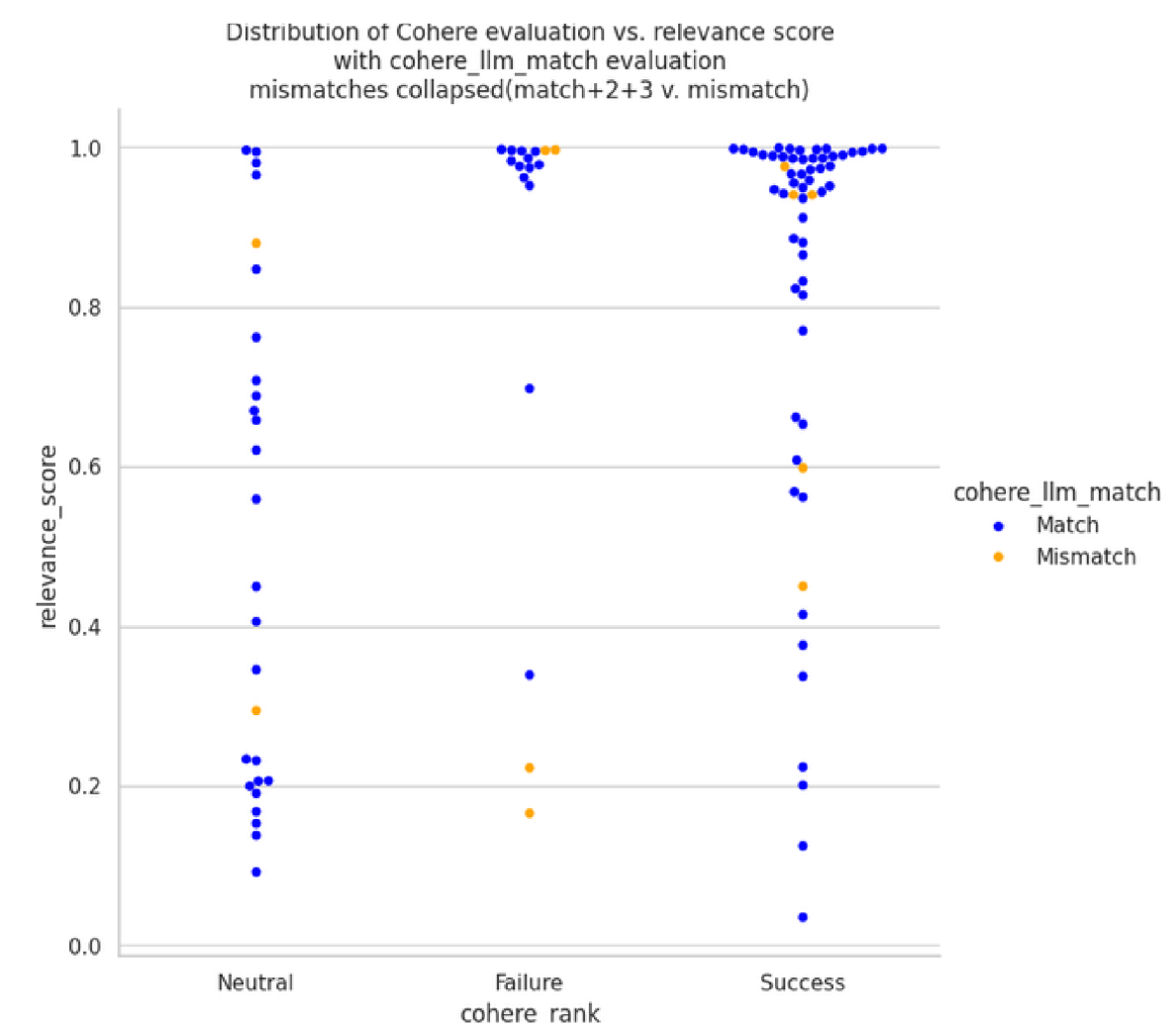
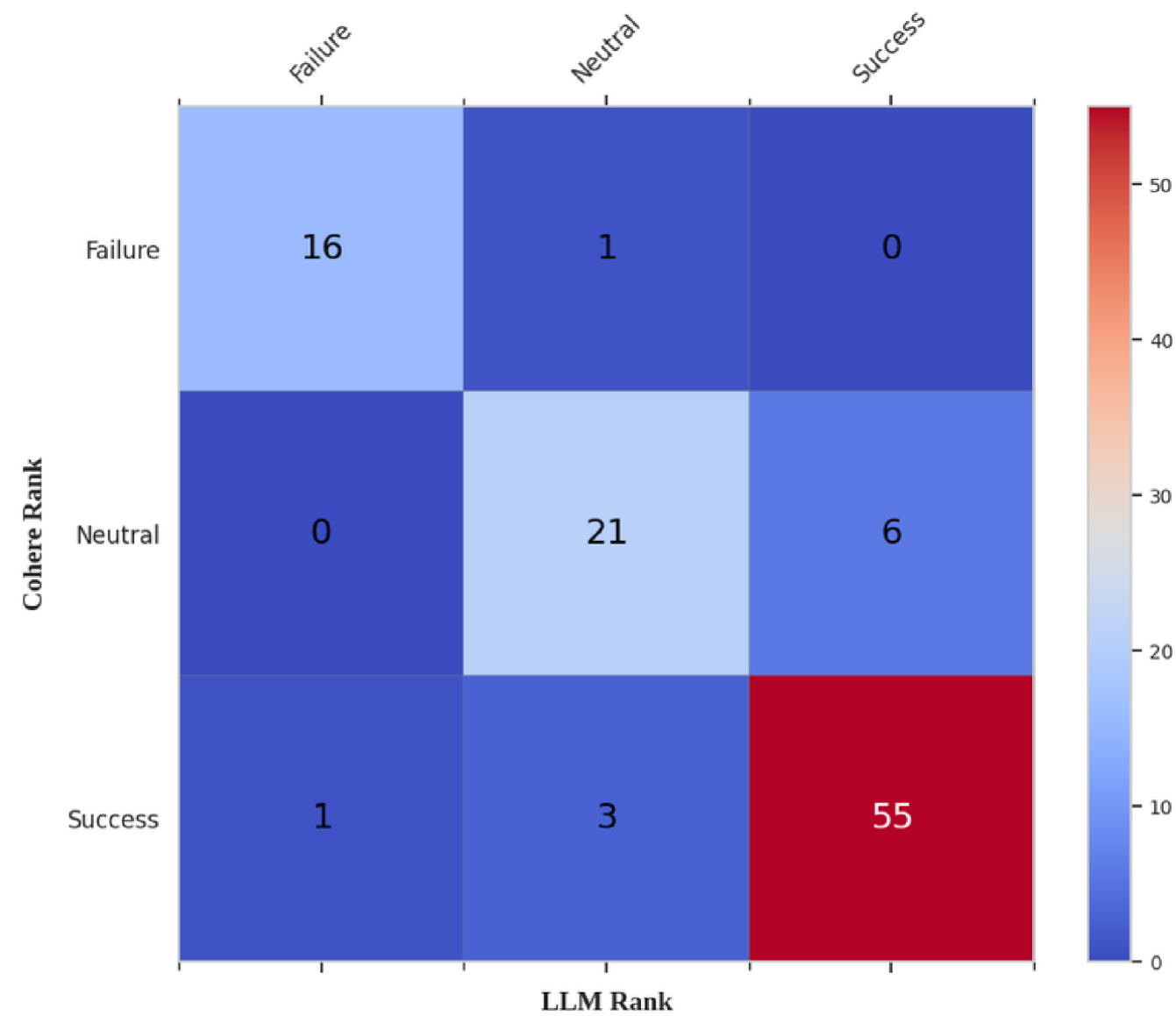


Model Performance vs. Relevance Score



Results

Cross-tabulation of Cohere Rank vs. LLM Rank



Next Steps / Future Direction

- **Study Descriptions Embeddings**
 - Create separate embeddings based on study descriptions to align studies effectively, aiding the LLM in recognizing relevant variables within study spaces.
- **Prompt Versioning and Engineering**
 - Implement prompt versioning to compare and refine prompts, particularly to enable the LLM to identify and reject non-useful information from Cohere, enhancing user experience.
- **Data Ops and Concept Drift**
 - Address concept drift, where changes in research terminology over time can affect model accuracy. Strategies include evaluating failed high-relevance scores to identify drift, adding data cleaning steps, and leveraging DataOps for continuous model improvement.
- **MLOps for Evolving Data**
 - Utilize user feedback on variable matches to refine embeddings and improve model identification capabilities as new data is added, ensuring the model evolves with the corpus.
- **Enhancing Test Data Set**
 - Improve model evaluation by using test data sets that closely resemble real-world variables, moving away from synthetic variables to better understand model performance.