

### **Our Team**



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Deep Learning in NLP and Computer Vision, Reinforcement learning

- Utilize LLM in computational argumentation
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### Some questions before getting start...

- Fine-tune a text embedding model to make it Porsche-specific.
- Our initial proposal, in-car voice assistants, mainly focus on finding state-of-the-art fine-tuning LLM approaches. The task only focuses on the text embedding model? Can we fine tuning the LLM?

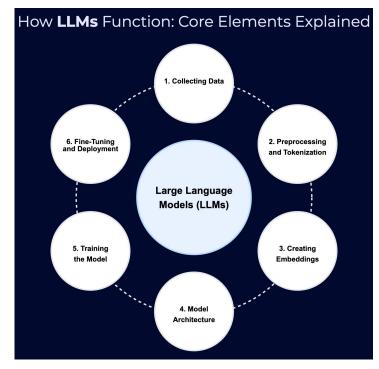


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- Idea 1: Hey Porsche In-car voice assistants (Initial Proposal)
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### **Problem Understanding**

#### Topic: In-car Voice Assistants

 Modern in-car conversational systems still have large room for advancements in recognition accuracy, personalization, and overall driver experience

#### Reasoning: Stay competitive in this LLM boom

 Many automotive companies such as Mercedes, BMW, VW, and Hyundai have all announced integrating LLM into their in-car voice-controlled systems.

#### Impact

- Enhance accuracy in response and context understanding
- Multilingual and dialect support
- Safe-driving assistance: mitigate drivers distraction and fatigued driving through voices
- Personalized pit stops:
  - Use voice commands to control in-vehicle systems, including climate control, windows, and music.
  - Enable personalized navigation with tailored route and music suggestions by learning user behavior and preferences from voice commands and past interactions.
  - Predict potential maintenance issues before becoming major problems by analyzing sensor data and vehicle diagnostics.

#### Benefits bringing to Porsche

- Enhance customer driving experience: voice-based command system assist both personalized user experience and safety
- Brand loyalty: customer satisfaction retains more even attracts our customer base



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### **Our Solution Approach**

Base LLM: LLaMA 3 or other open-source Ilms from hugging face



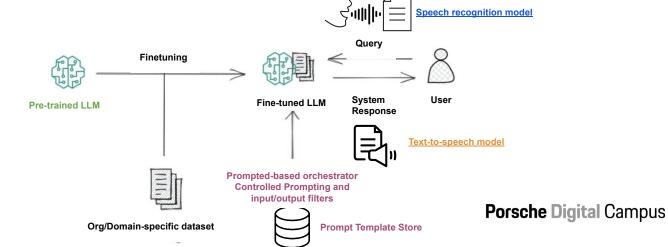
Speech-to-text model: Whisper

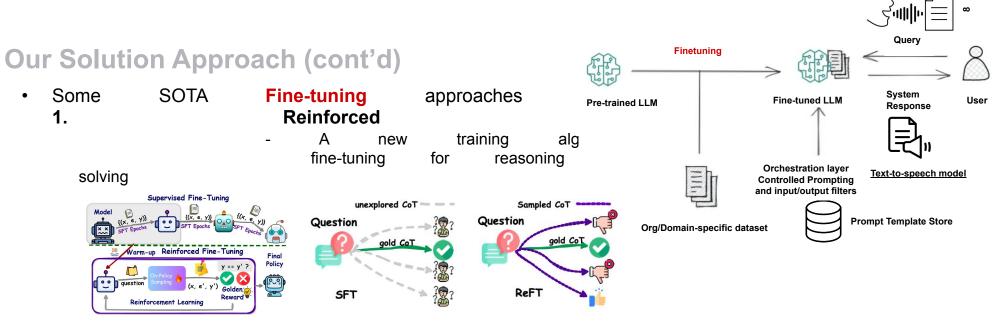


Text-to-speech model: MaryTTS



 Orchestrator: tackle unsafe content deal with multi-turn scenarios





- First, warm-up stage using supervised fine-tuning (SFT) to acquire a certain level of accuracy. Then, on-policy reinforcement learning (e.g. PPO) comes into play to enhance its ability by sampling various CoT reasoning paths. (Performance further boosted via majority vote and reward model reranking)
- Unlike reinforcement learning from human feedback (RLHF) and direct performance optimization (DPO),
   ReFT does not need human-labeled data.
- Reward hacking issue (Reward shaping)
- 2. Representation fine-tuning (ReFT)
- 3. Retrieval Augmented Fine Tuning (RAFT)

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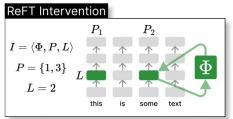
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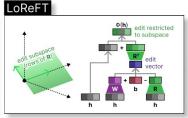
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### 2. Representation fine-tuning (ReFT):

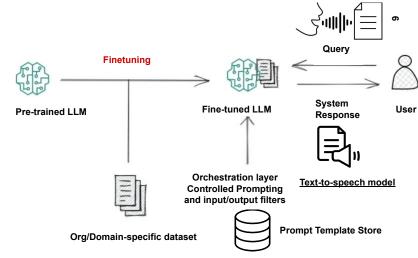
- Current parameter-efficient finetuning (PEFT) methods seek to modify the weights in large neural models rather than representations.
- However, representations encode rich semantic information.
- ReFT operates on a frozen base model and learn task-specific interventions on hidden representations.
  - → intervention-based model interpretability





- 3. Retrieval Augmented Fine Tuning (RAFT)
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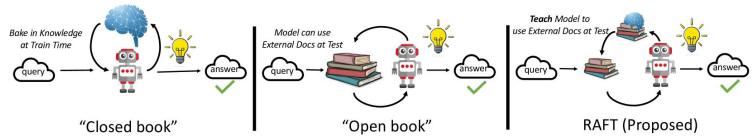




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- Some SOTA Fine-tuning
  - 1. Reinforced fine-tuning (ReFT)
  - 2. Representation fine-tuning (ReFT)
  - 3. Retrieval Augmented Fine Tuning (RAFT):
    - Combination of the strength of retrieval-augmented generation (RAG) and fine-tuning
    - RAFT is trained on questions paired with relevant and irrelevant documents, learning to answer using chain-of-thought reasoning that filters relevant content from distractors.

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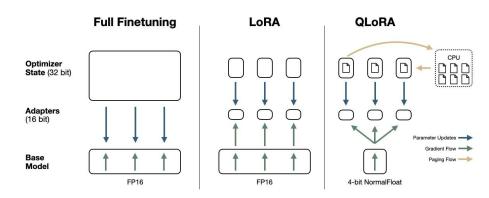
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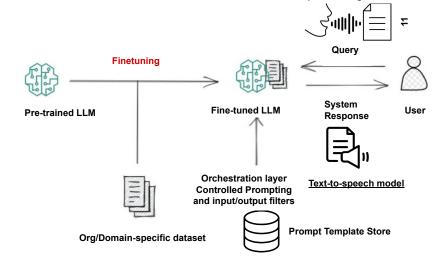
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- PEFT approach with four main ingredients:
  - (1) 4-bit NormalFloat
  - (2) Double Quantization
  - (3) Paged optimizers (avoid out-of-memory error during training)
- (4) LoRA: Low-rank Adaptation





## Implementation details and Potential Challenges

• Implementation resources:

<u>Data</u> recorded in an environment with vehicle noise in English, French, and German. But it's not open data. Open source LLM library from Hugging face.

- Potential challenges:
  - 1. Computational resource limitations
  - 2. Scarcity of domain data

Porsche Digital Campus Idea 2: MatchMyPorsche

### **Problem Understanding**

#### Topic: Vehicle Recommendation System

- Build a recommendation engine that suggests particular car models, based on the customer's preferences and needs.
- First, Represent products in embedding space. Then, customers can input their requirements, such as budget, preferred body type, fuel efficiency and desired features. Text embedding model can then use similarity search to generate personalized recommendations.
- The same tool can provide a detailed comparison of specifications, features, pros, and cons as an aid in decision-making.

#### Reasoning:

• Streamlined decision-making for customers: provides an intuitive experience where customers feel guided and valued, reducing overwhelm from too many options.

#### Impact

- Insightful customer data: gathers valuable data on preferences, enabling Porsche to better understand market trends, inform future model design, and fine-tune marketing strategies.
- Efficient lead qualification: helps identify high-potential leads faster, enabling sales teams to focus on customers who are more likely to buy, thus improving sales efficiency.

#### Benefits bringing to Porsche

- Enhance customer buying experience, address diverse customer needs
- Brand loyalty: by delivering a tailored and user-centric experience, Porsche can cultivate stronger connections with both existing customers and new prospects.



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**Text embedding model**: sentence-transformer or other open-source model from MTEB benchmark

Type of Embedding	Description	Use-Case	Example of a Tool
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Sentence Embeddings	Vectors that represent entire sentences, capturing their meaning in context.	Employed in document similarity detection.	Sentence Transformers
Image Embeddings	Vector representations of images that capture visual features for comparison.	Used in image retrieval systems to find similar images based on visual content.	TensorFlow Image Embedding API
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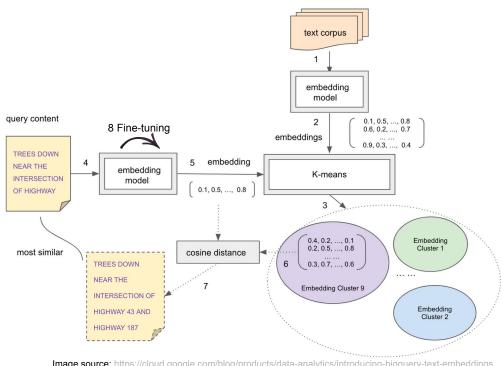
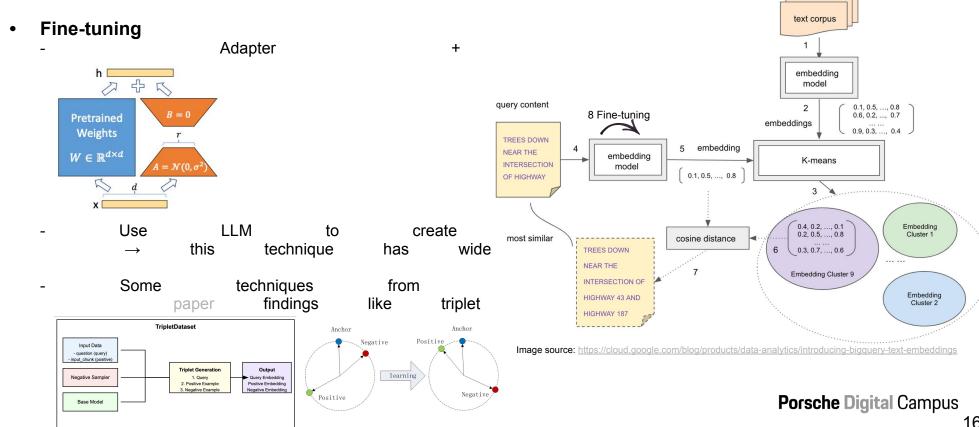


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### **Our Solution Approach (con't)**

Similarity search: ANN (approximate nearest neighbor), e.g. HNSW, Annoy, FAISS, and NMSLib



## Implementation details and Potential Challenges

- Implementation details:
  - Data: web crawling all porsche vehicle model feature descriptions. (But if you can provide the dataset, it would be nice)
  - Embedding models: open source LLM library from Hugging face
  - Some others that might possibly be used:
    - Orchestration framework like Llamaindex or Langchain
    - Vector database, e.g. Chroma
    - GUI interface, e.g. Gradio or Streamlit
- Potential challenges:
   Computational resource limitations

Porsche Digital Campus Idea 3: Porsche Pitstop

### **Problem Understanding**

#### Topic: Customer support automation

Build a question-and-answer chatbot assisting customer support team to resolve some customer issues and prioritize the urgency before reaching out to the customer support staff by fine-tuning text embedding models with RAG.

#### Reasoning:

Streamlined customer service operations: reduces the burden on live agents, allowing them to focus on complex cases and improving efficiency in handling inquiries.

#### Impact

- Reduced response times: with instant, automated replies, customers experience reduced wait times, leading to higher satisfaction.
- Valuable customer insights: by analyzing interactions, Porsche gains insights into customer needs and preferences, informing product development and marketing strategies.
- Cost savings: automating routine queries can significantly reduce operational costs, making customer service more scalable without compromising quality.

#### · Benefits bringing to Porsche

- Enhance customer experience: with 24/7 support and multilingual support, ensuring immediate assistance and convenience to global customers
- Scalability: Capable of handling high volumes of inquiries, especially during peak times, without additional staffing
- Improved Consistency: Ensures all customers receive consistent, on-brand information and responses, enhancing brand consistency across touchpoints

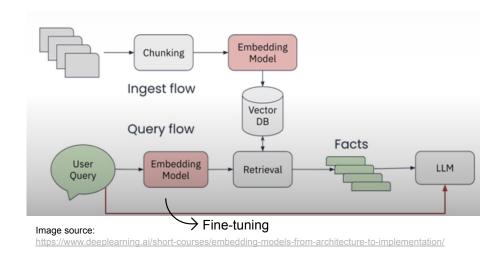


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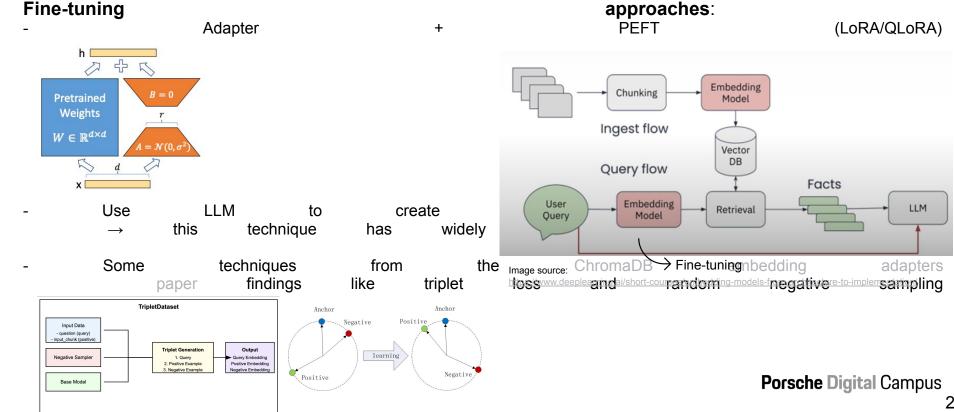
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