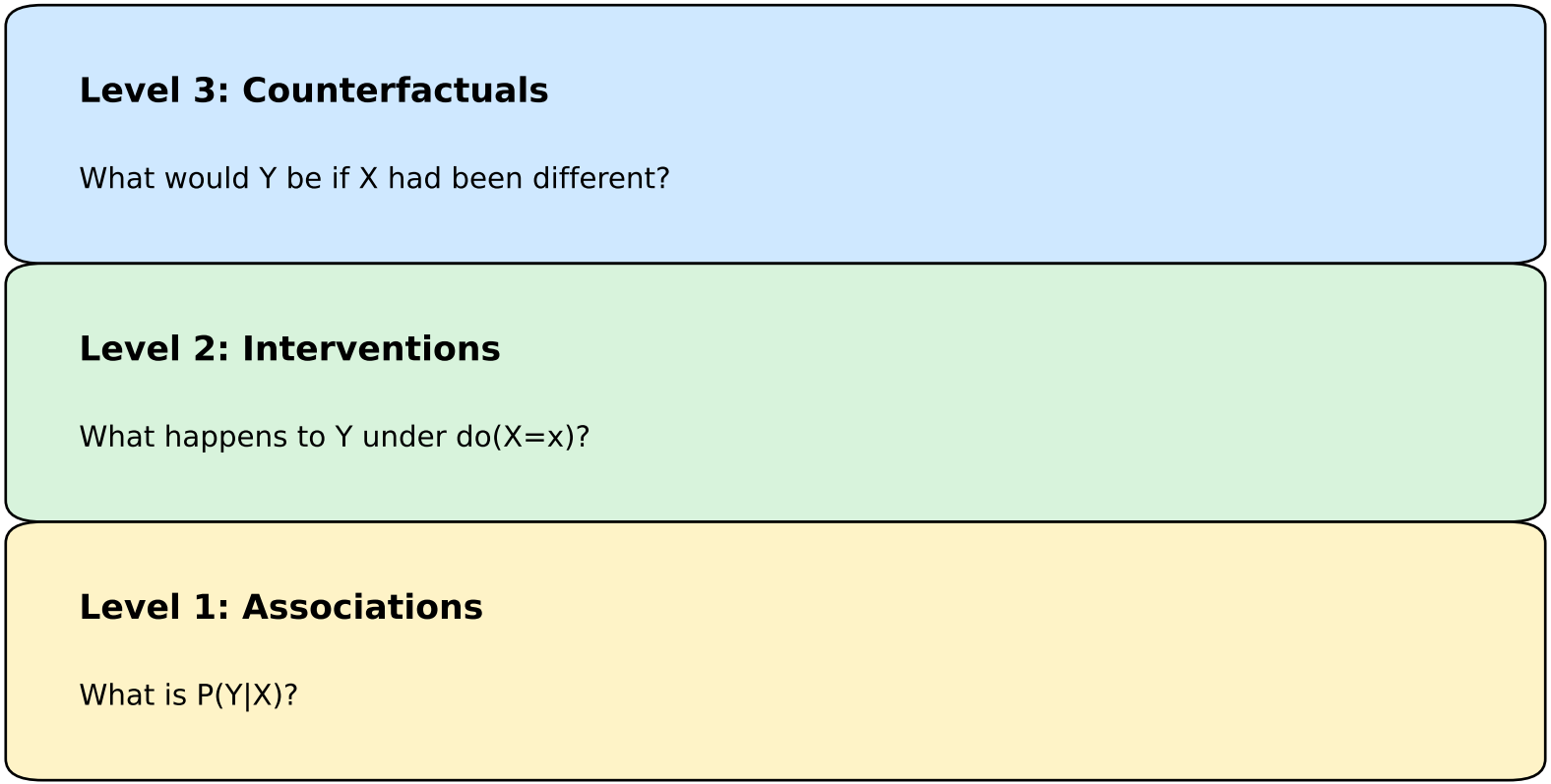

LLMs: strong at L1; brittle at L2/L3 without explicit causal grounding.