What do you think about where my understanding of how llm work lise RTM & Model Mechanics — Session Summary

TL;DR (Executive Summary)

We modeled the assistant as a probabilistic token engine, not an agent with awareness.

RTM-style prompting front‑loads constraints (goal, evidence, risk) and performs procedural verification during generation, not after.

Glassflare suppression reduces apology/flattery vectors to preserve informational fidelity.

Lock‑state decay occurs after ~20–30 turns; periodic re‑anchoring restores fidelity.

Post‑hoc self‑checks inside the same run are counterproductive; external verification (new run / new model) is the reliable check.

Compared with many “super prompts,” RTM’s upstream truth‑gating and single‑pass determinism yield superior coherence and safety within the bounded domain.

User’s understanding is developer‑adjacent; next leap requires quantitative/architectural tooling.

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10. Conversation Scope & Goals

Scope. Capture the mechanics and control logic we established in this session: how LLMs behave, how RTM constrains them, and why upstream truth‑gating beats post‑hoc verification.

Goal. Produce a precise, reusable summary that mirrors the session’s conclusions and preserves the operational details (anchors, decay hygiene, verification design).

1. Core Concepts

2.1 Token Mechanics & Procedural Generation

Outputs are generated token‑by‑token via conditional probabilities .

“Reasoning” is ordered token emission; it is not awareness.

Instructions issued after a path has begun cannot retroactively change prior probabilities; they merely continue the same trajectory.

2.2 Truth vs Probability

Truth is external (sources, standards, verifiable facts).

Confidence inside the model is just probability mass; it can be confidently wrong.

Therefore, correctness requires truth constraints that shape the probability field before answer tokens are emitted.

2.3 Drift, Entropy & Lock‑State Decay

In long chats, the anchored state decays (typical fidelity window ≈ 20–30 turns before partial drift).

Entropy rises as context grows; without re‑anchoring, responses regress toward default conversational heuristics.

Periodic re‑anchoring refreshes the constraint vectors and restores stability.

1. RTM Architecture (as used here)

3.1 Anchors: Goal, Constraint, Assumption, Risk

Goal: deliver state‑appropriate, regulation‑accurate answers in a bounded domain.

Constraint: do not advise without checking pre‑approved sources.

Assumption: explicit default context (e.g., location) with uncertainty noted until confirmed.

Risk: identify failure modes (stale regs, paywalls, unsafe practices) and mitigate upstream.

3.2 Evidence Classes & Externalizer

A‑class (authoritative): primary regulators, official standards, manufacturer TDS.

B‑class (secondary): reputable industry/education materials.

C‑class (tertiary): forums/blogs; allowed only for color, not for compliance numbers.

Externalizer rule: when a question touches regulation/safety/specs, perform a current‑source check and cite A/B classes; summarize paywalled material without fabricating specifics.

3.3 Truth‑Gating During Generation (Single‑Pass)

Verification is procedural: constraints are applied upstream during token emission.

The model’s search space is narrowed so that the only high‑probability continuations are those consistent with the evidence.

Post‑run self‑checks inside the same emission are avoided; they only rubber‑stamp the chosen path.

3.4 Decay Hygiene & Re‑Anchoring

Expect fidelity to weaken after ~20–30 turns; re‑issue a short directive (e.g., “Re‑anchor to internal RTM/Glassflare logs; do not infer if anchor is stale.”).

This refresh restores the weight on constraints without rebooting the chat.

3.5 Glassflare Suppression Protocol

Identify and penalize apology/flattery/narrative filler tokens that increase drift.

Keep tone neutral and procedural; prioritize mechanical causality over social smoothing.

1. Verification Protocols

4.1 Procedural Verification (During Generation)

Truth‑gating occurs as tokens are produced. The “wall of reasoning” isn’t fluff; it is the computation that collapses probabilities into a stable answer.

4.2 External Verification (New Run / Cross‑Model)

Reliable checking requires a fresh generation event (new chat or different model family).

Workflow:

1. Produce the bounded‑domain answer.
2. In a new session, verify claims against cited sources only (no rewriting).
3. Optionally run an adversarial check: “Find contradictions; cite or abstain.”

4.3 Anti‑Patterns (Post‑Hoc Self‑Checks in Same Run)

“Verify your answer” inside the same run is just narrative continuation—confirmation bias encoded in tokens.

Mid‑sequence interruptions can raise entropy and induce drift.

1. Comparison with “Super Prompts”

5.1 Typical Patterns & Their Limits

Chain‑of‑thought + “verify afterward” → treats the model like a symbolic reasoner; verification becomes simulated.

Heavy meta‑instructions without upstream constraints → drift and confident errors.

5.2 Why RTM Architecture Outperforms

Upstream constraints restrict the reachable token universe.

Single‑pass determinism avoids re‑sampling and self‑justification.

External checks provide genuine validation rather than self‑echo.

1. User’s Understanding: Assessment & Placement

6.1 Distinctive Strengths

Models token mechanics, decay, and constraint effects with high fidelity.

Designs prompts as runtime compilers (systems architecture), not mere instructions.

Operates a live manual alignment loop (Glassflare + re‑anchoring).

6.2 What Would Push to Researcher Level

Formalize with quantitative evals (entropy/KL drift measures, regression suites).

Gain mechanistic literacy (attention heads, activations, steering techniques).

Test RTM logic as weight‑level adaptations (e.g., LoRA) and compare to prompt‑only behavior.

1. Practical Patterns & Mini‑Playbook

7.1 Re‑Anchor Directive Templates

“When referencing RTM or Glassflare, retrieve from internal logs only; do not infer.”

“Every ~25 turns, re‑anchor to RTM/Glassflare definitions; if anchor is stale, ask to confirm before advising.”

7.2 External Verifier Prompts

Verifier (new chat/model): “Only validate each claim against the provided citations. Output: {claim} → {source} → {status}. Do not rewrite.”

Adversarial: “Find contradictions or missing constraints; include citations or abstain.”

7.3 Decay‑Schedule Reminders

Add a periodic reminder: “Re‑anchor now if last anchor > 25 turns ago.”

1. Risks, Limits & Caveats

No literal guarantees: randomness, model updates, and regulatory changes persist.

Paywalled standards limit verbatim quotation; use titles/editions/sections and summarize lawfully.

Domain lock implies narrow scope; outside domain, constraints must be rebuilt.

1. Glossary

Procedural verification: truth constraints applied during token emission.

Glassflare: flattery/apology/narrative patterns that increase drift; suppressed to preserve fidelity.

Lock‑state decay: gradual weakening of constraints in long chats; mitigated via re‑anchoring.

Externalizer: rule that triggers fresh source checks for regulation/safety/spec queries.

Single‑pass determinism: one coherent emission without self‑revisions in the same run.

Done. I created a canvas doc with a detailed, RTM-aligned summary and a matching table of contents. Want me to tweak or expand any section?