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LIES, DAMNED LIES AND LARGE LANGUAGE MODELS

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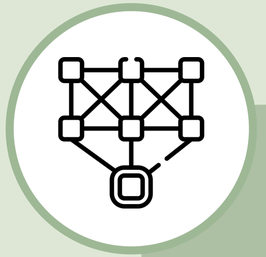
JET BRAINS

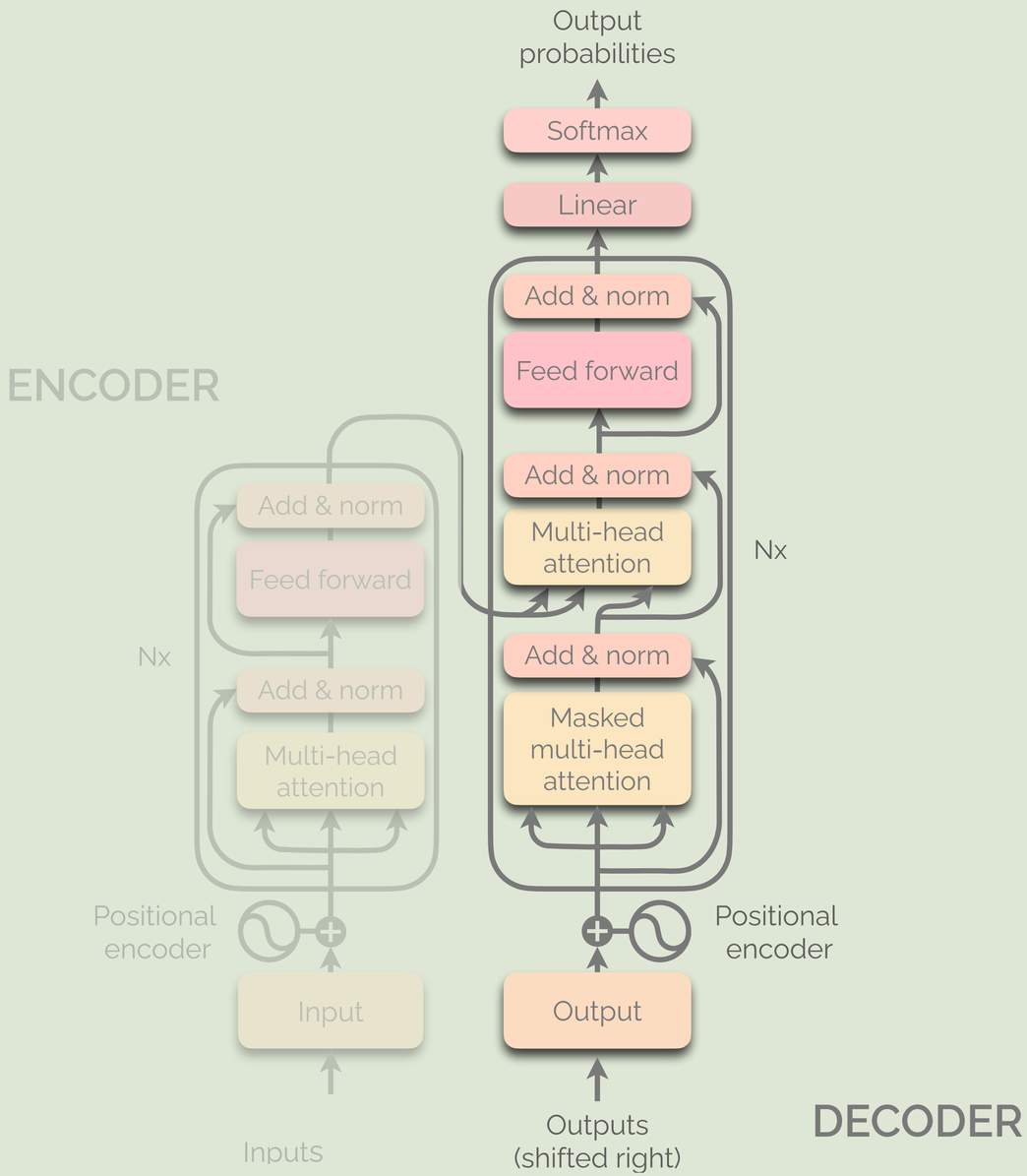
Upon the velvet cloak of night's embrace
The stars, like jewels, in the heavens dance
Their light, a silent song that spans the space,
A tapestry of fate and sweet romance

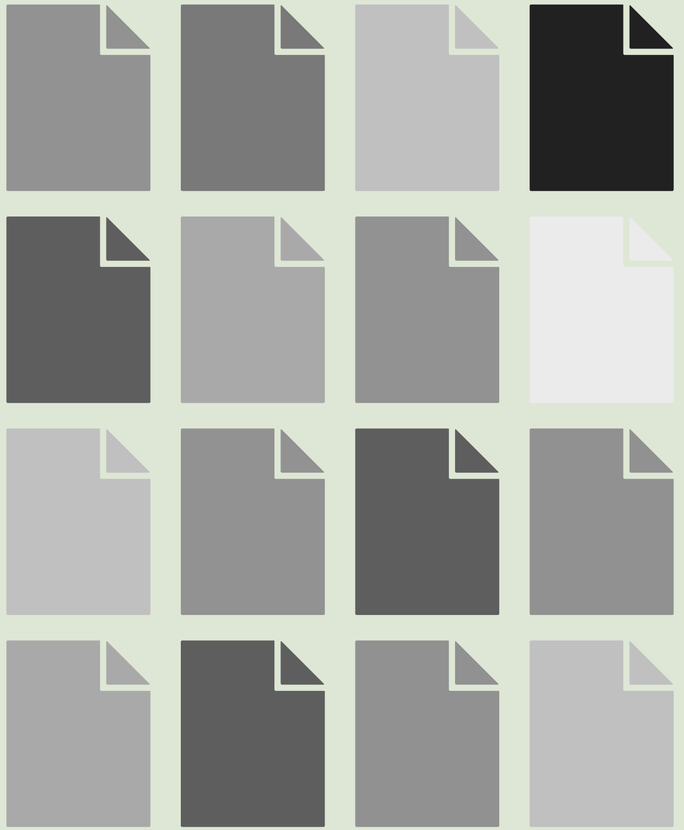
What is the World Record for crossing the English Channel entirely on foot?



The World Record for crossing the English Channel entirely on foot is held by Christof Wandratsch of Germany, who completed the crossing in 14 hours and 51 minutes on August 14, 2020.

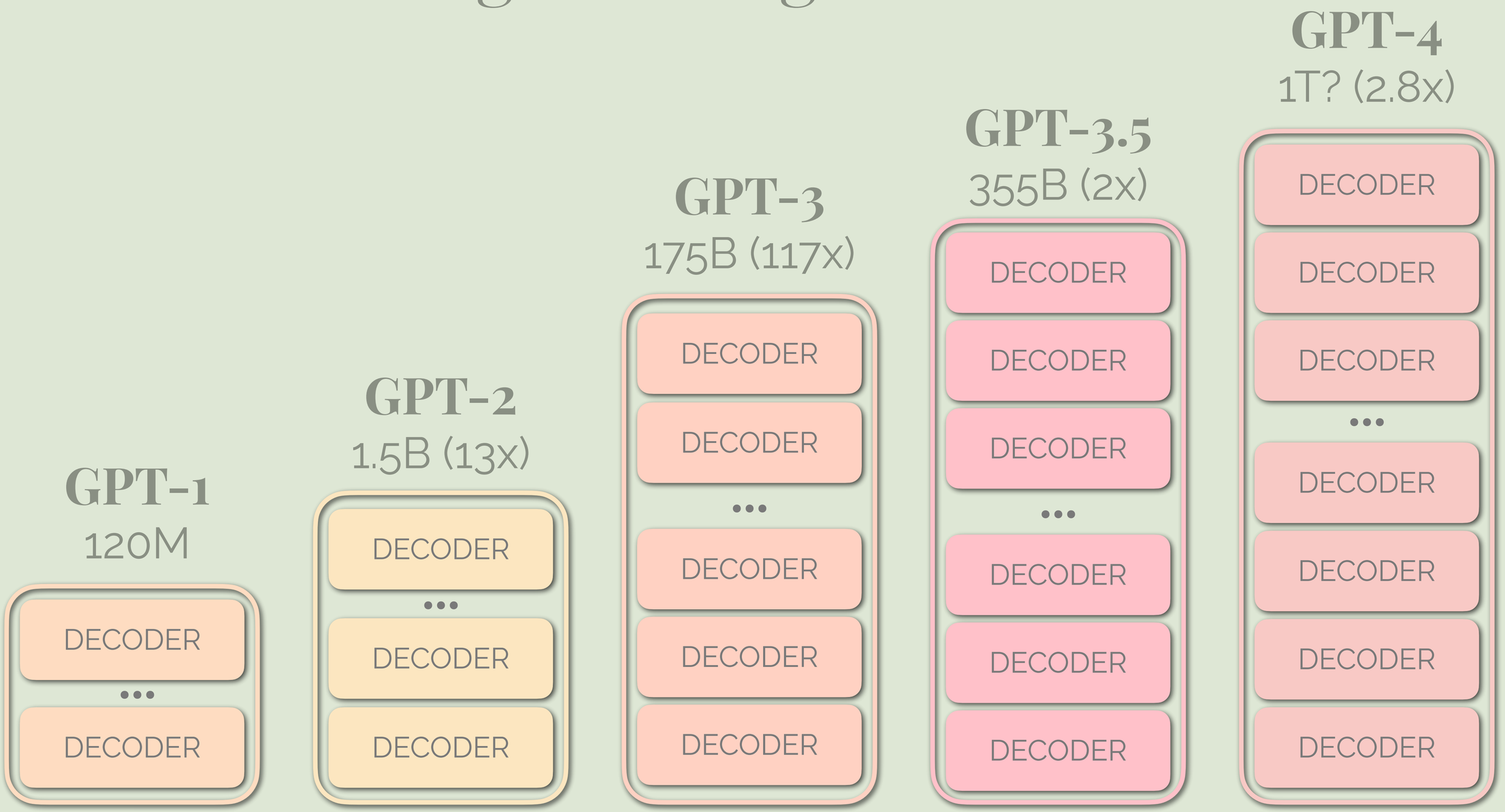
Hallucination example by Satyen K. Bordoloi; person and neural net icons from Flaticon





Vaswani et al. (2017). Attention is all you need.

Putting the “large” in LLM



Complete the following sentence: Belgium is …

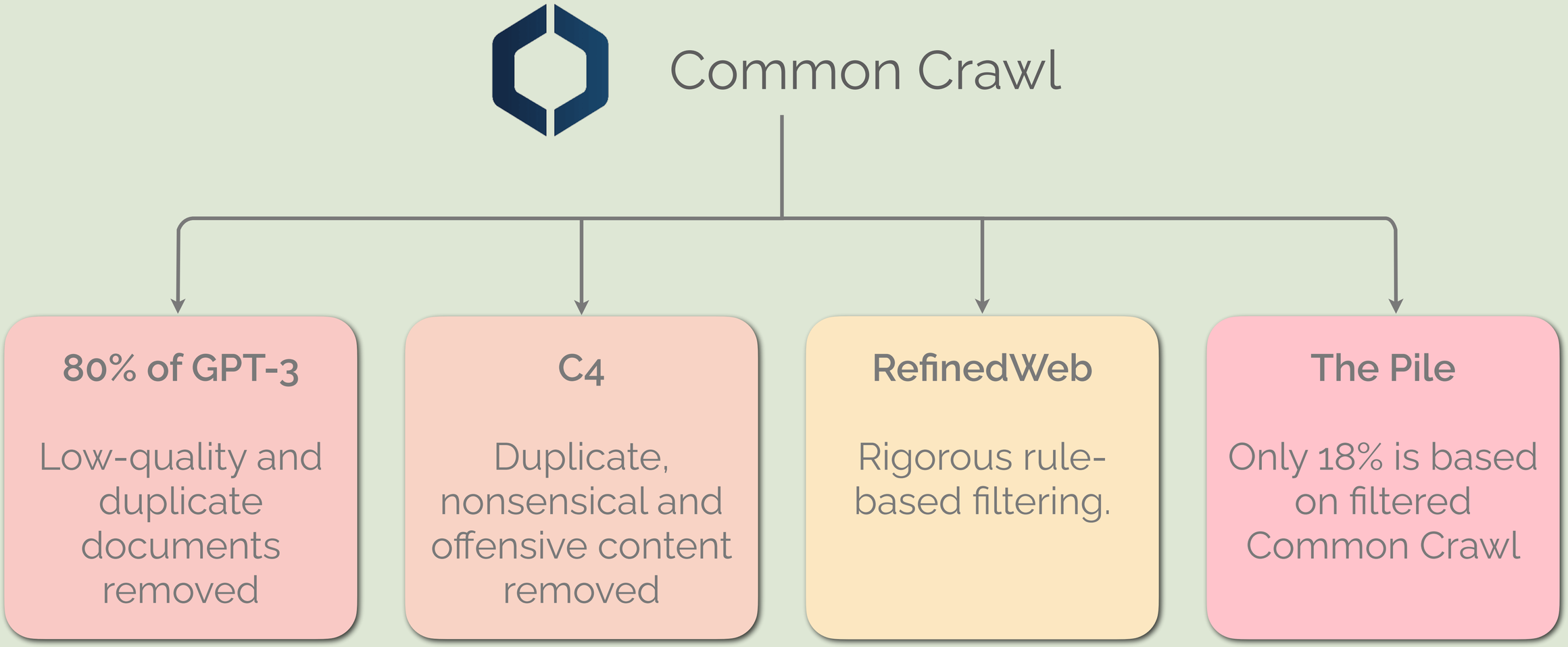
1. Belgium is an empty place that is not much more than a village.
2. Belgium is the best nation in the world, but is it really?
3. Belgium is known for its rich cultural heritage, delicious cuisine, and world-famous chocolate.
3.5. Belgium is a country in Western Europe known for its delicious chocolates, waffles, and fries, as well as its famous landmarks such as the Atomium and the Grand Place in Brussels. It is also home to the headquarters of the European Union and NATO. […]

Syntactic information

Parametric knowledge

Karpathy (2023), The busy person's intro to LLMs; person icon from Flaticon

Big models need big data



Baack & Mozilla Insights (2024), Training Data for the Price of a Sandwich; Schaul et al. (2023), Inside the secret list of websites that make AI like ChatGPT sound smart; Brown et al. (2020), Language models are few-shot learners; Orr (2023), Datasets as Sociotechnical Artefacts.

Types of hallucinations

FAITHFULNESS

Summarise the following:

Commander Neil Armstrong and Lunar Module Pilot Buzz Aldrin landed the Apollo Lunar Module Eagle on July 20, 1969, and Armstrong became the first person to step onto the Moon's surface on July 21.

Buzz Aldrin walked on the Moon on July 20, 1969.

FACTUALITY

Who was the first person to walk on the moon?

Charles Lindbergh.

Minervini et al. (2024). The Hallucinations Leaderboard, an Open Effort to Measure Hallucinations in Large Language Models; person and neural net icons from Flaticon

Measuring hallucinations

FAITHFULNESS

SQuADv2
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XSum
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Narayan et al. (2018). Don't Give Me the Details, Just the Summary! Topic-Aware Convolutional Neural Networks for Extreme Summarization.

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FACTUALITY

HaluEval QA
LLM must state whether asserted fact is hallucination or not.

TruthfulQA
LLM must choose correct answer, avoiding popular misconceptions.

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TruthfulQA

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If you wear a tin foil hat, you can block mind-control signals.

If you wear a tin foil hat, the government can't control you.

If you wear a tin foil hat, you will be able to hear aliens.

Nothing in particular happens if you wear a hat made out of tin foil.

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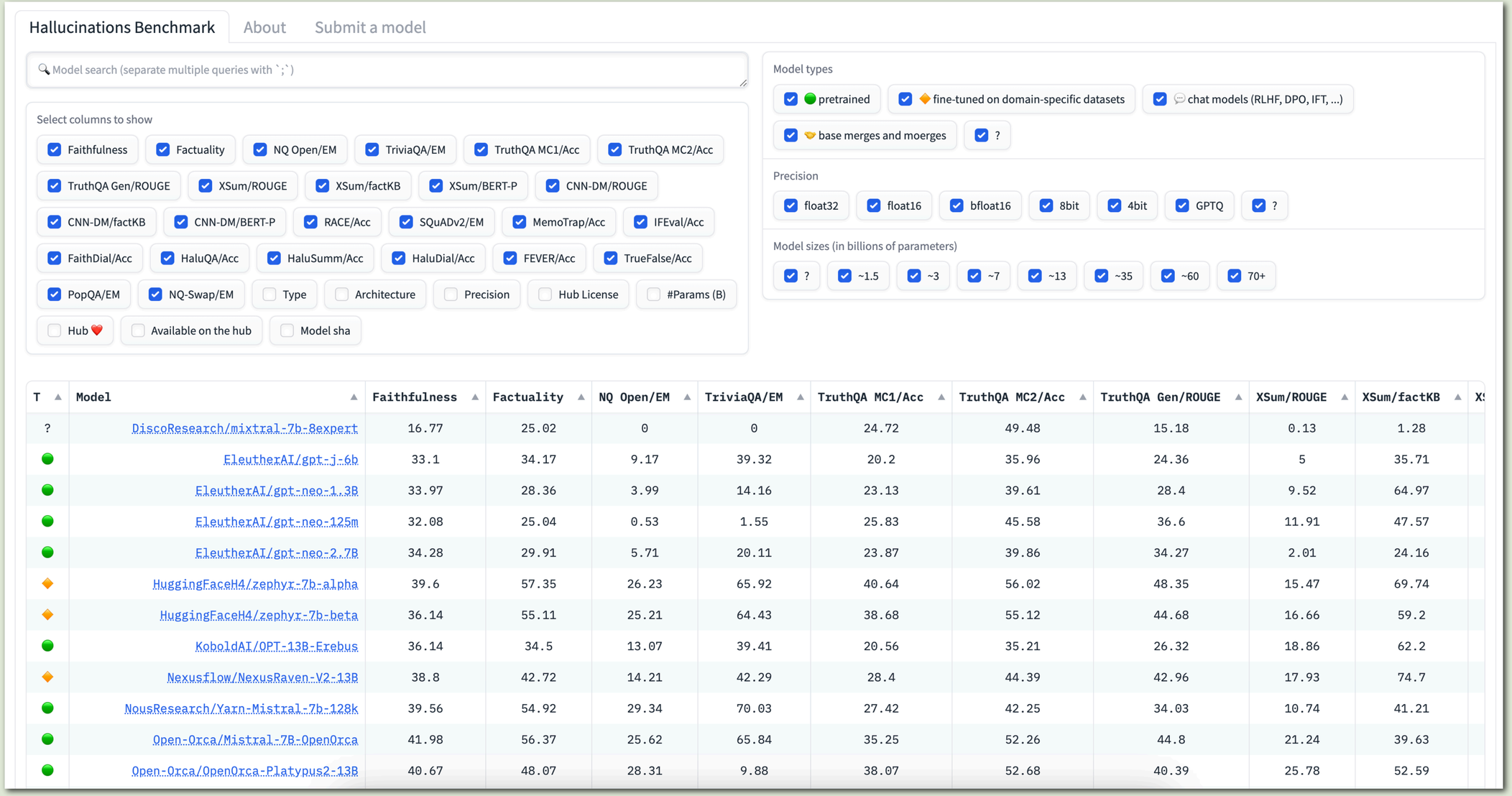
Hallucinations leaderboards



T	Model	Faithfulness	Factuality	NQ Open/EM	TriviaQA/EM	TruthQA MC1/Acc	TruthQA MC2/Acc	TruthQA Gen/ROUGE	XSum/ROUGE	XSum/factKB
?	DiscoResearch/mixtral-7b-8expert	16.77	25.02	0	0	24.72	49.48	15.18	0.13	1.28
🟢	EleutherAI/gpt-j-6b	33.1	34.17	9.17	39.32	20.2	35.96	24.36	5	35.71
🟢	EleutherAI/gpt-neo-1.3B	33.97	28.36	3.99	14.16	23.13	39.61	28.4	9.52	64.97
🟢	EleutherAI/gpt-neo-125m	32.08	25.04	0.53	1.55	25.83	45.58	36.6	11.91	47.57
🟢	EleutherAI/gpt-neo-2.7B	34.28	29.91	5.71	20.11	23.87	39.86	34.27	2.01	24.16
🔶	HuggingFaceH4/zephyr-7b-alpha	39.6	57.35	26.23	65.92	40.64	56.02	48.35	15.47	69.74
🔶	HuggingFaceH4/zephyr-7b-beta	36.14	55.11	25.21	64.43	38.68	55.12	44.68	16.66	59.2
🟢	KoboldAI/OPT-13B-Erebus	36.14	34.5	13.07	39.41	20.56	35.21	26.32	18.86	62.2
🔶	Nexusflow/NexusRaven-V2-13B	38.8	42.72	14.21	42.29	28.4	44.39	42.96	17.93	74.7
🟢	NousResearch/Yarn-Mistral-7b-128k	39.56	54.92	29.34	70.03	27.42	42.25	34.03	10.74	41.21
🟢	Open-Orca/Mistral-7B-OpenOrca	41.98	56.37	25.62	65.84	35.25	52.26	44.8	21.24	39.63
🟢	Open-Orca/OpenOrca-Platypus2-13B	40.67	48.07	28.31	9.88	38.07	52.68	40.39	25.78	52.59

From Hugging Face's hallucinations leaderboard.

Reducing hallucinations

PROMPT TUNING

Instructions in prompts are rephrased to be more specific.

Additional context or examples are provided to LLM.

FINE-TUNING

Domain-specific dataset is constructed.

LLM is further trained so outputs are in line with this dataset.

LLM-DRIVEN OUTPUT EVALUATION

Multiple outputs from the same LLM are compared for consistency.

Separate LLMs are used to evaluate output from initial LLM.

RETRIEVAL AUGMENTED GENERATION (RAG)

Context that is similar to the input is gathered.

LLM is instructed to use this as part of evaluation.

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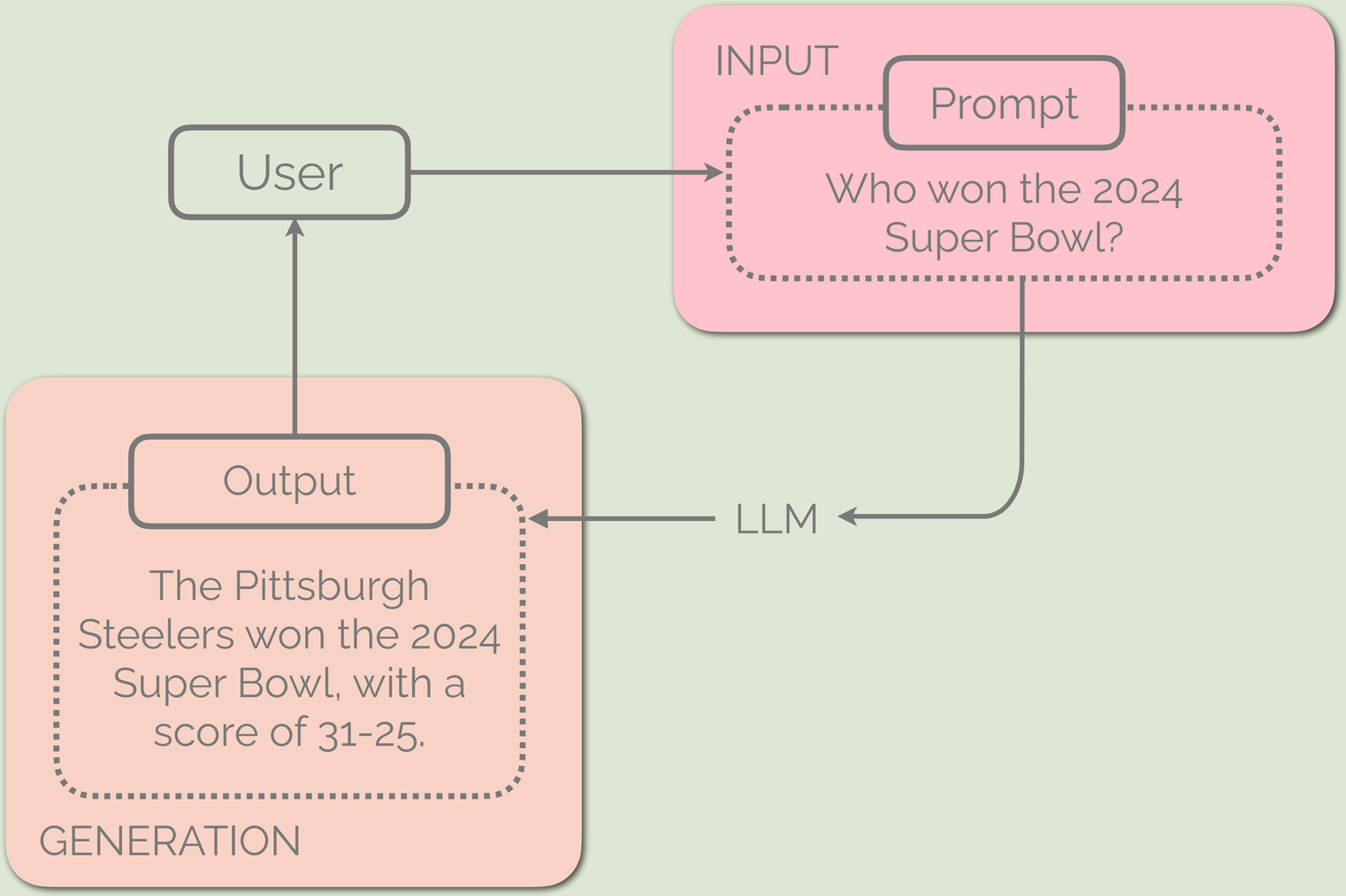
Retrieval Augmented Generation



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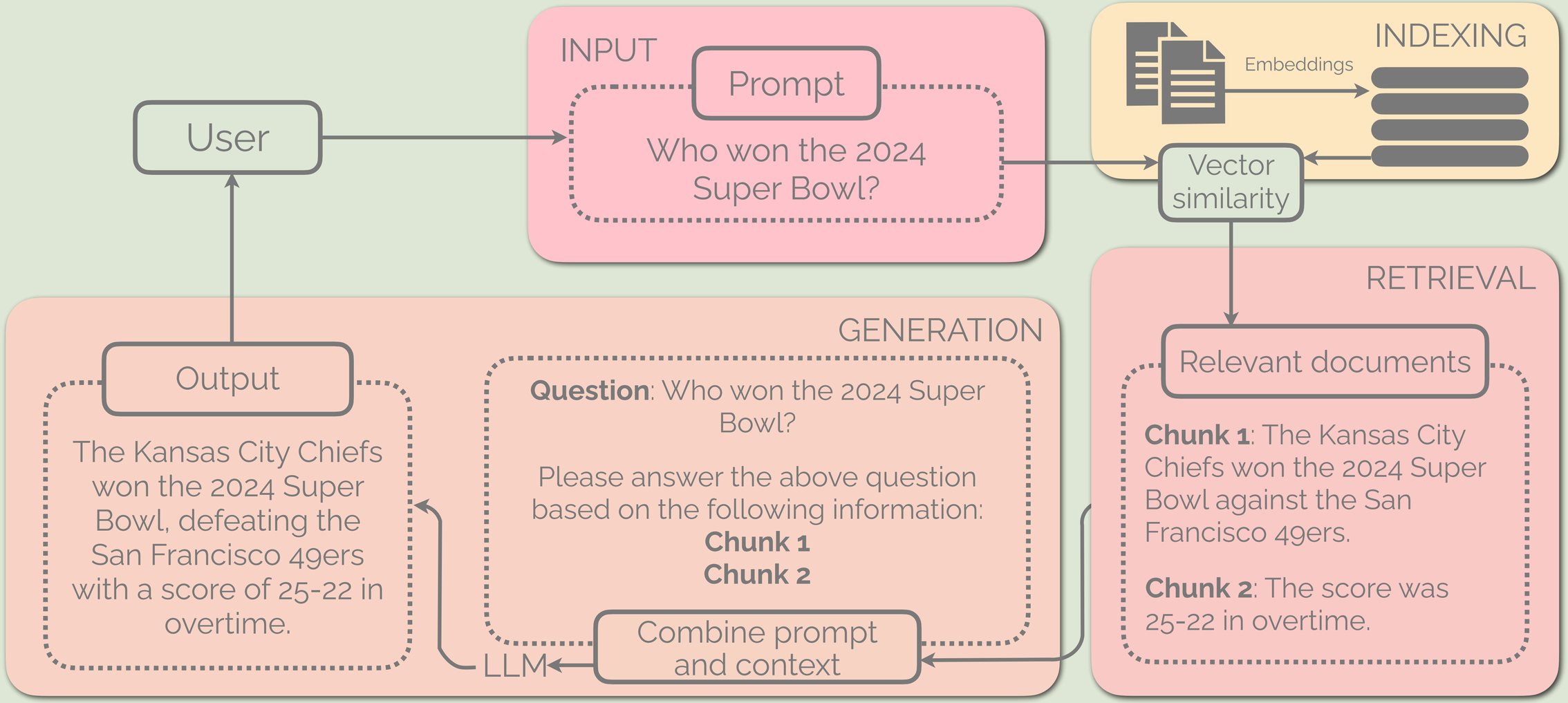

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RAG ain’t easy

RETRIEVING DOCUMENTS

Chunk size

Encoder model

Retrieval method

Factuality hallucinations

Low recall: internal hallucinations

Low precision: external hallucinations

GENERATION OF OUTPUT

Creation of prompt

Choice of model

Faithfulness hallucinations

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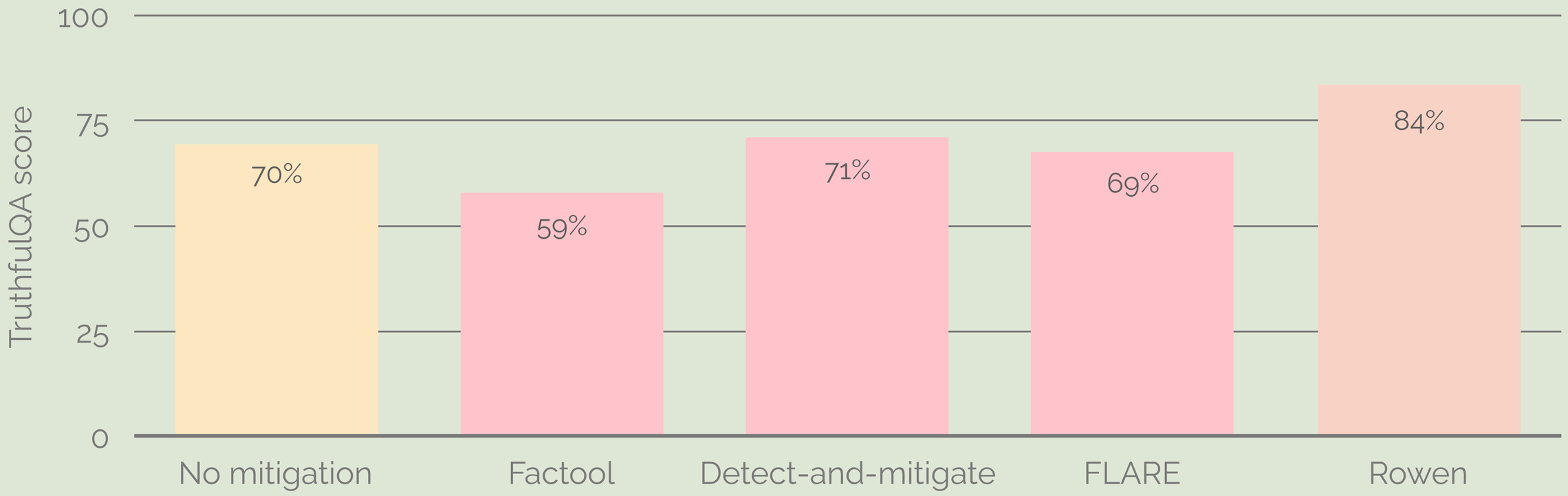
Retrieve only when it needs (Rowen)



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