



LLM Application workshop

Prompt engineering
RAG (Retrieval Augmented Generation)





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Topics

Basic LLM (Large Language Model)

 Problems and solutions

 Prompt engineering

RAG (Retrieval Augmented Generation)

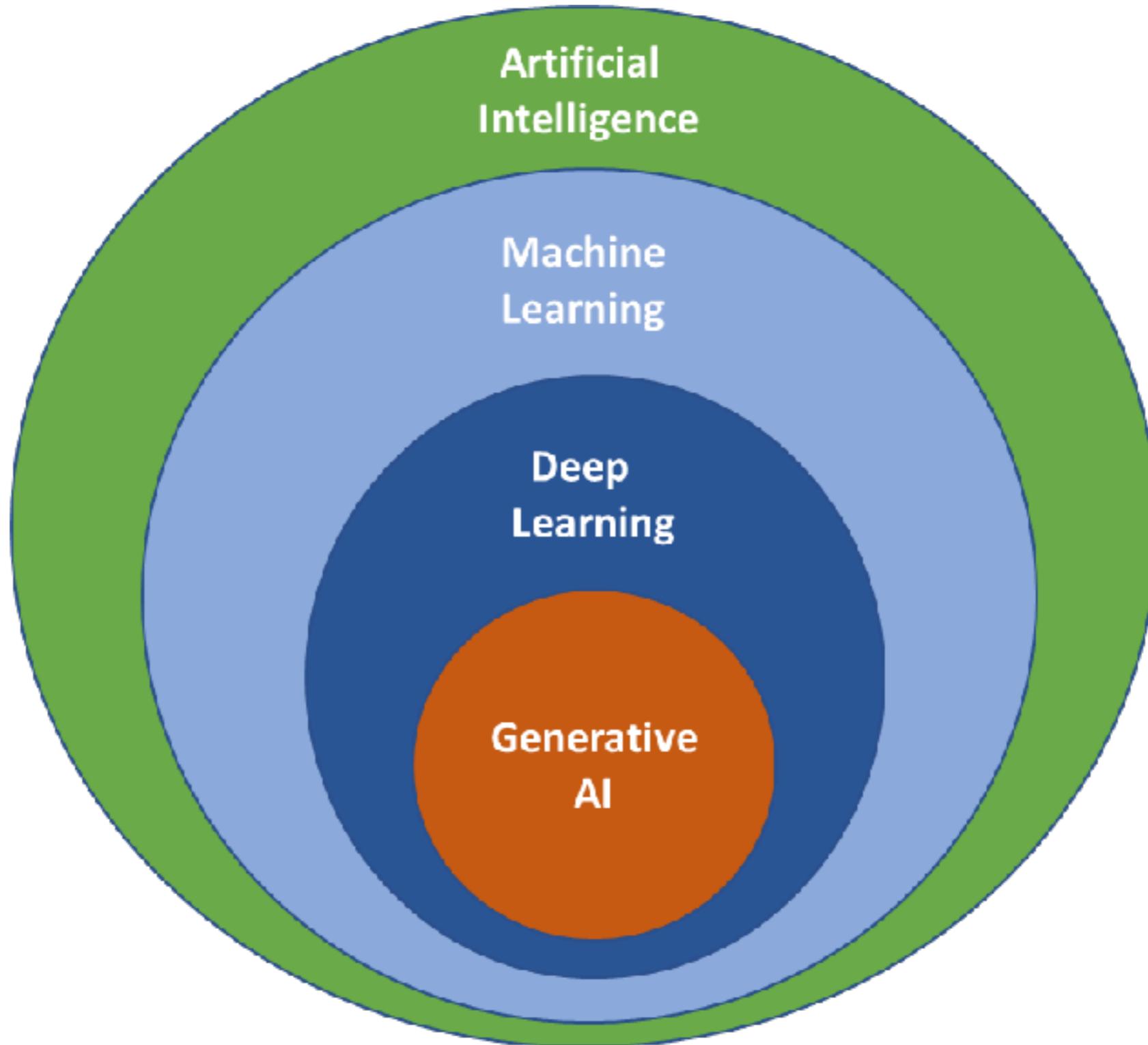
 RAG processes and techniques

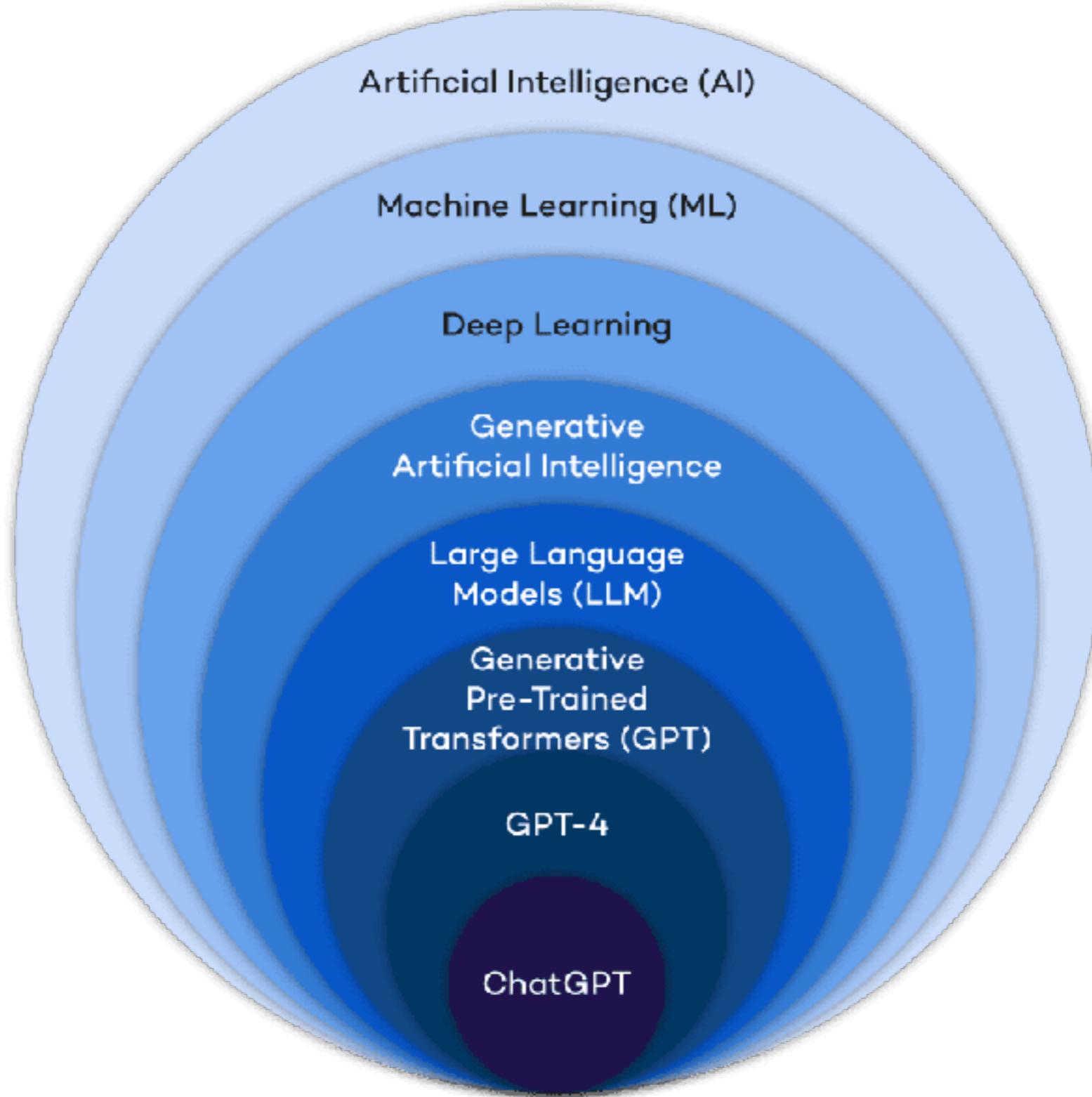


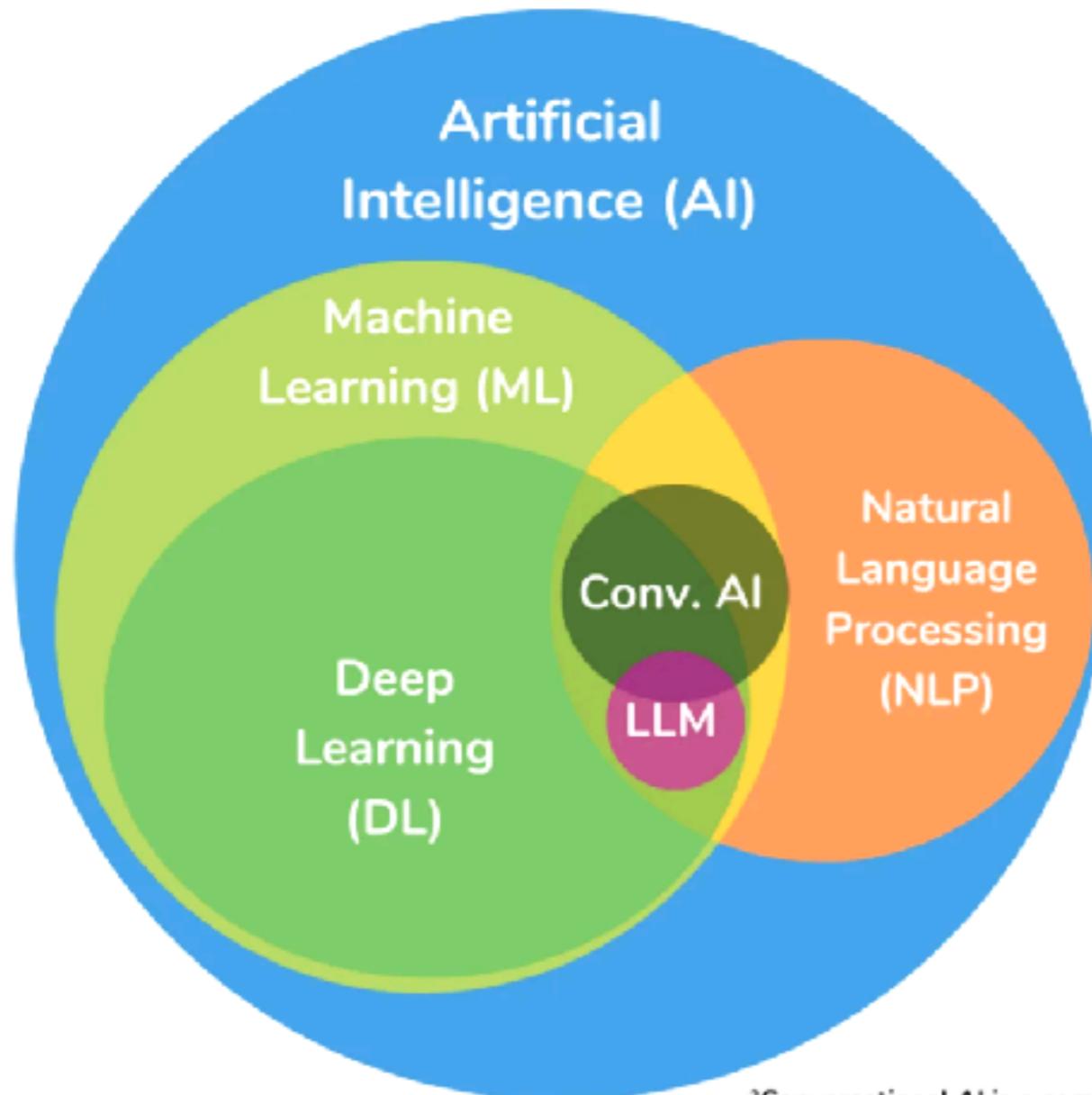
AI

(Artificial Intelligence)







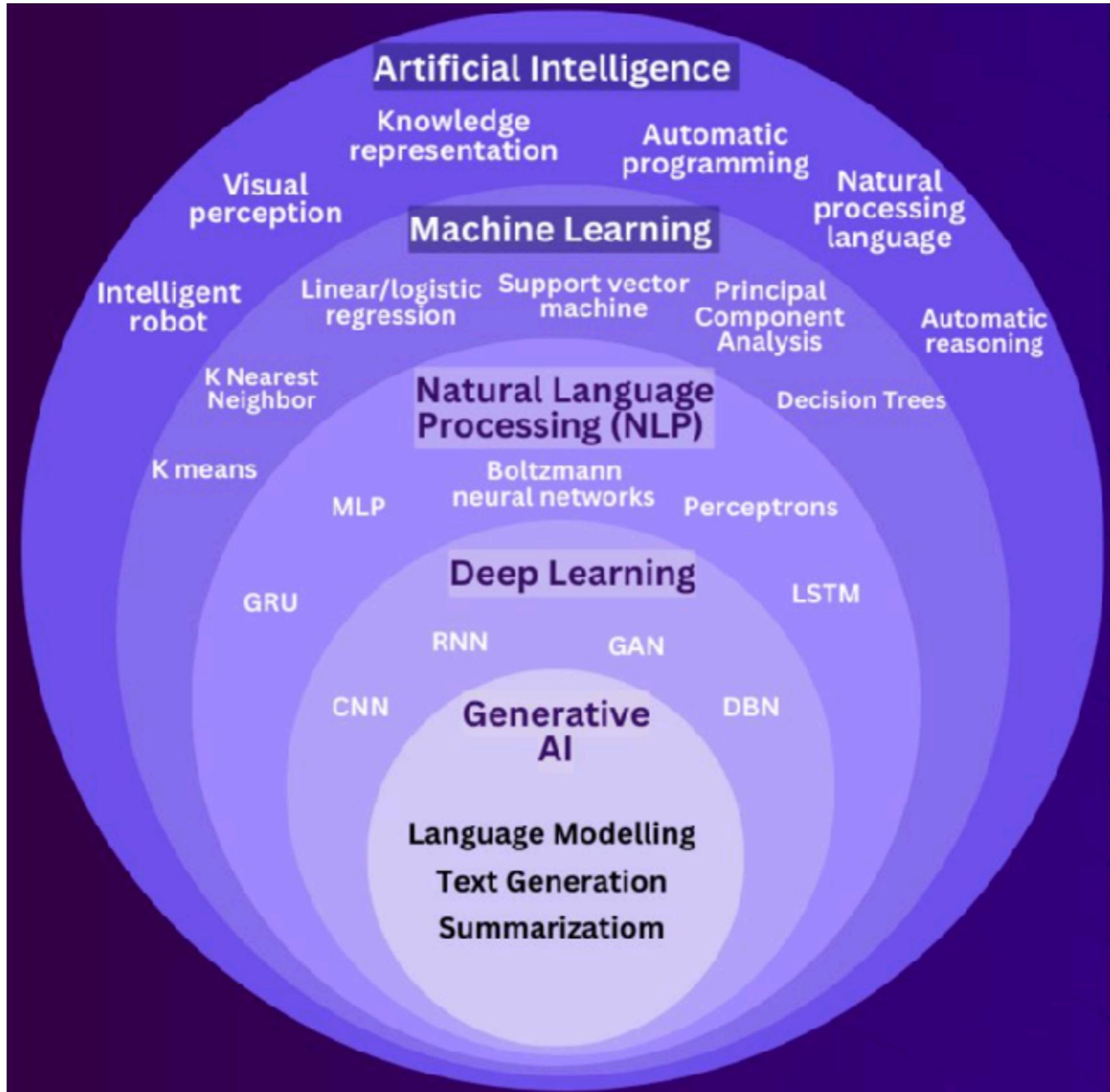


- Artificial Intelligence (AI)
- Machine Learning (ML)
- Deep Learning (DL)
- Natural Language Processing (NLP)
- Large Language Model (LLM)¹
- Conversational AI (Conv. AI)²

¹LLM is an intersection of DL and NLP

²Conversational AI is a combination of ML and NLP. It may include DL and LLM, but that isn't always the case.





Deep Learning vs LLM

Deep Learning	LLM
A subset of ML using multi-layer neural networks	A specific type of DL model trained on massive text data
Broad (images, audio, time series, language, etc.)	Focused mainly on natural language understanding and generation
Can handle various types (image, video, audio, tabular)	Primarily trained on textual data
Size of data from small to large	Extremely large (billions to trillions of parameters)
Task-specific (e.g., classification, regression)	General-purpose language modeling (e.g., next-word prediction)



LLM (Large Language Model)

Type of AI model designed to understand, generate and interact using human language

LLM model

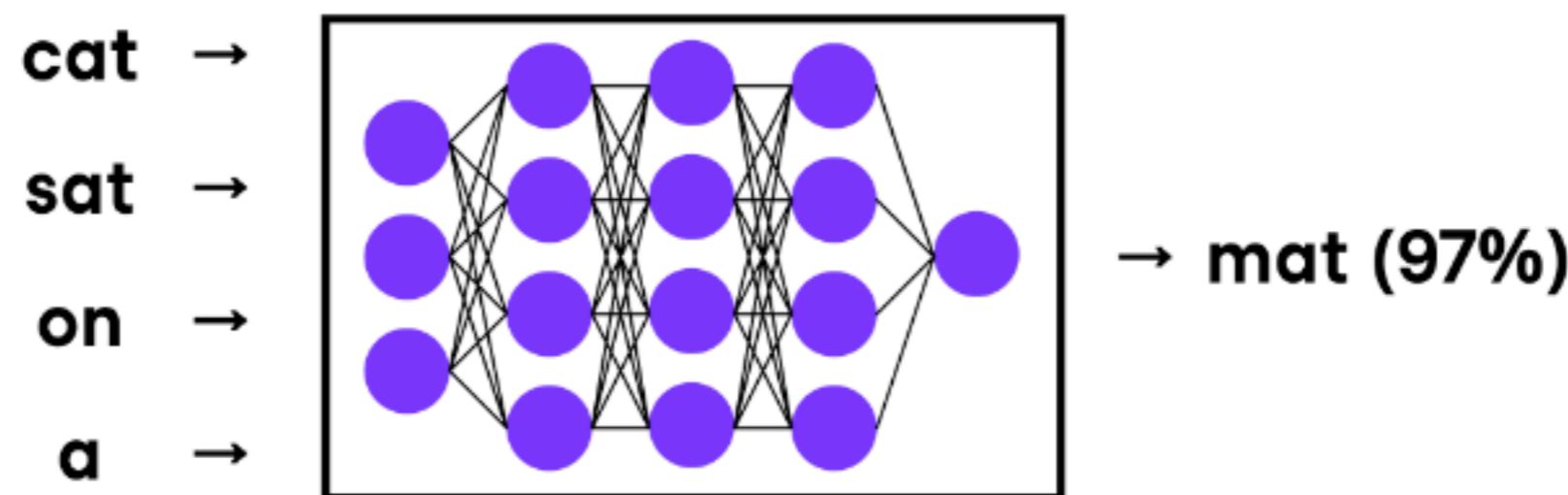
Training data !!



LLM (Large Language Model)

Neural network

Predicts the next word in a sequence



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Next word ?

The boy go to the ...

Cafe

Hospital

Park

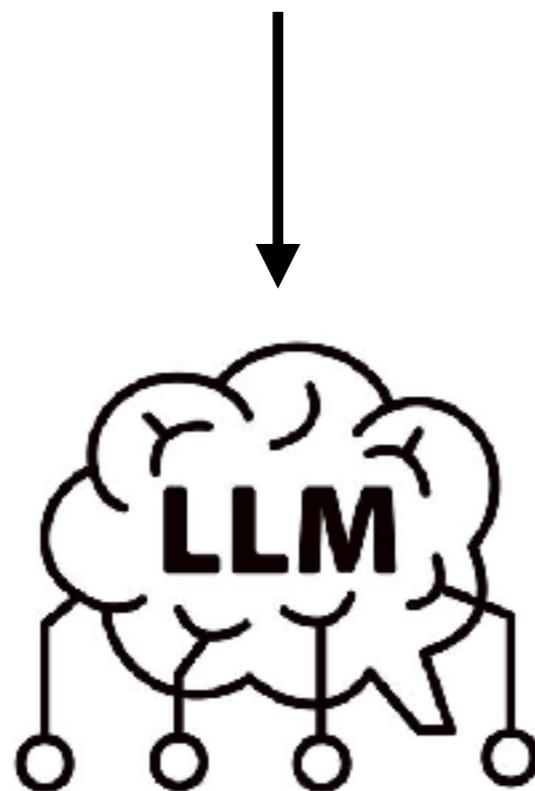
School



Predict next word ?



The boy go to the ...



Probability distribution of next word/token

Cafe 0.1

Hospital 0.05

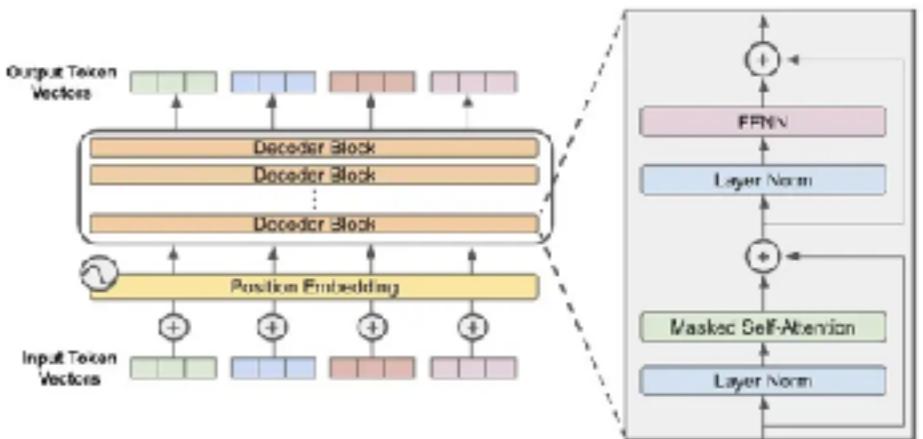
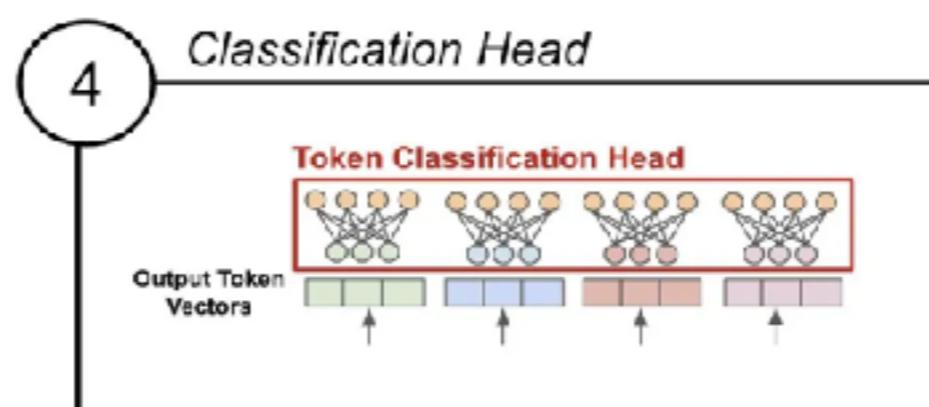
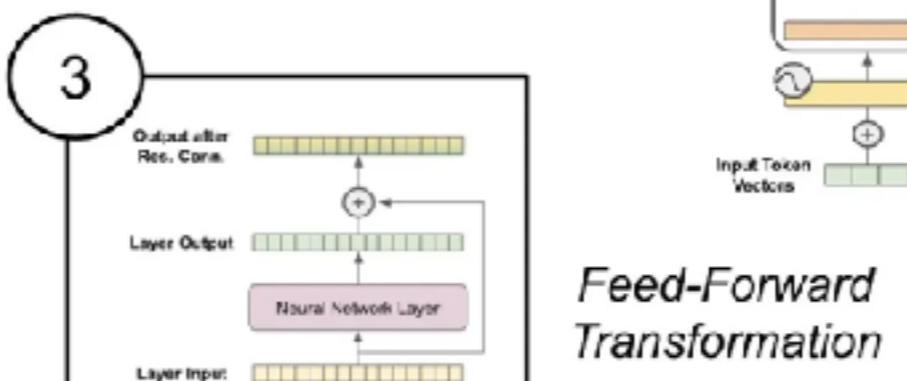
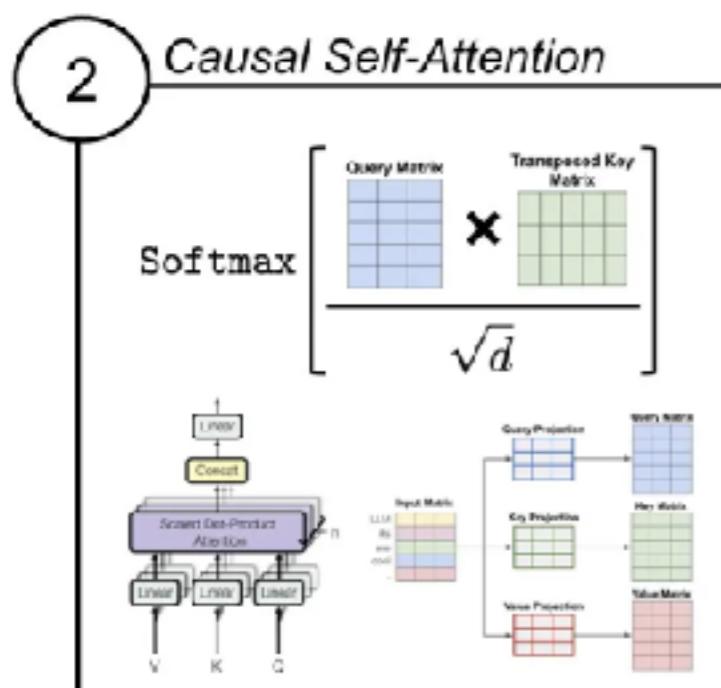
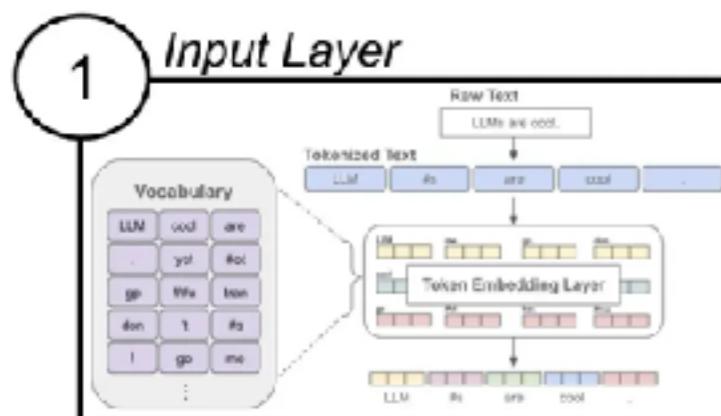
Playground 0.5

School 0.3



LLM components !!

Components of the Decoder-only Transformer



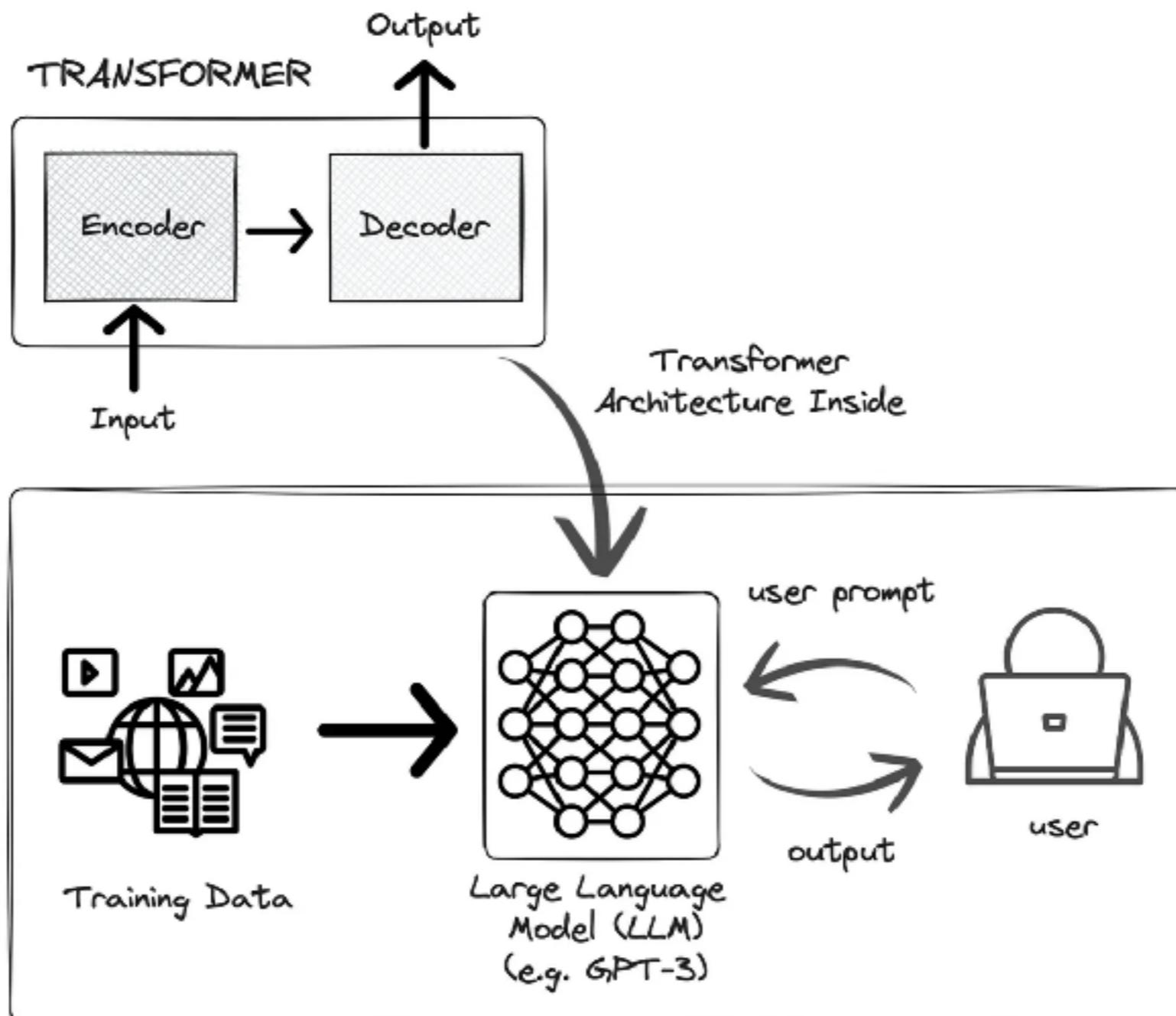
```
from torch import nn
class Block(nn.Module):
    def __init__(self, d, h, T, base, dropout=0.2, **kwargs):
        super().__init__()
        self.ln_1 = nn.LayerNorm(d)
        self.attn = CausalSelfAttention(d, h, T, base, dropout)
        self.ln_2 = nn.LayerNorm(d)
        self.ffn = FFN(d, base, dropout)

    def forward(self, x):
        x = x + self.attn(self.ln_1(x))
        x = x + self.ffn(self.ln_2(x))
        return x
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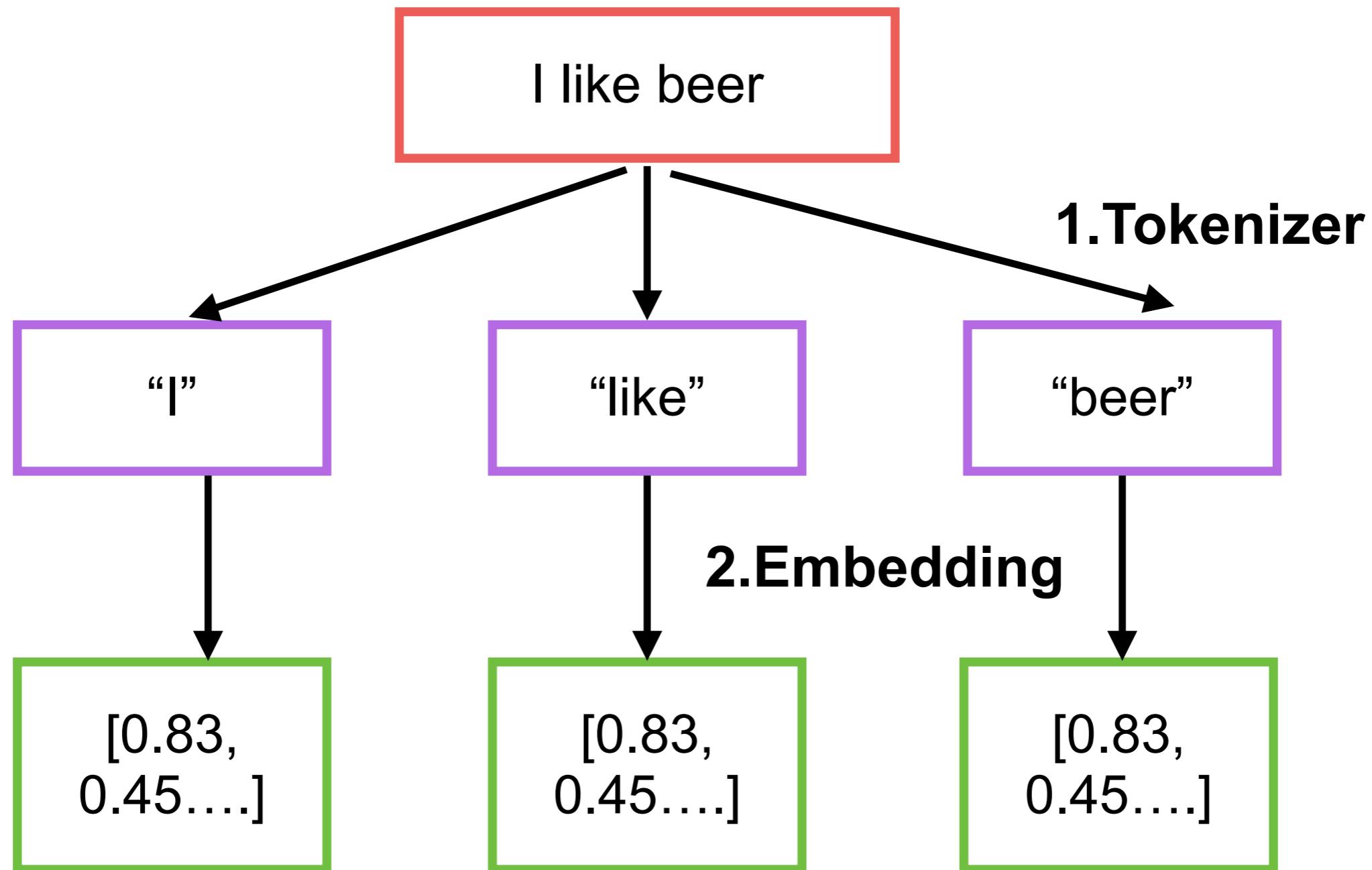
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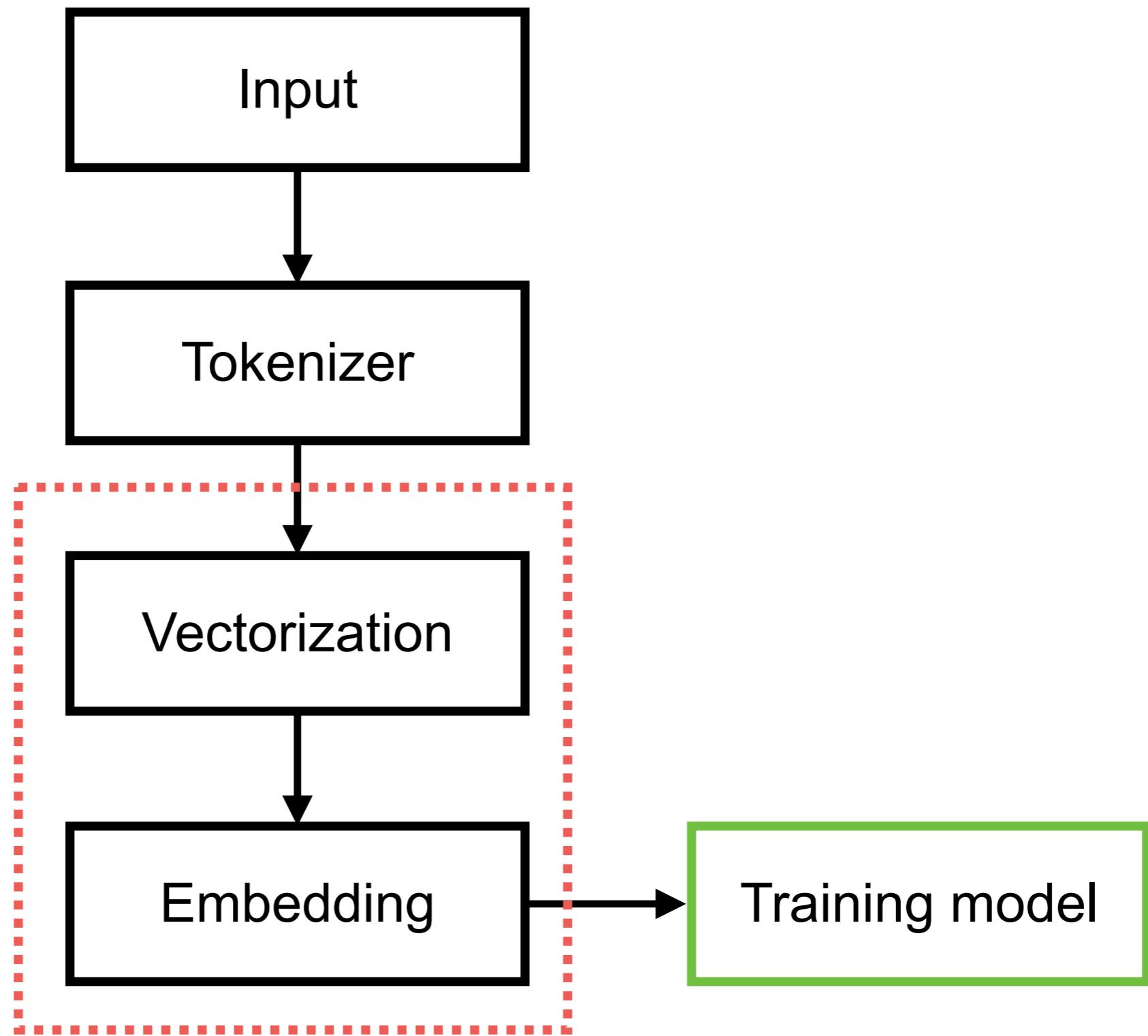
Transformer inside



Transformer Process !!



Processes



OpenAI Tokenization

The screenshot shows the OpenAI Tokenizer interface. At the top, there are three tabs: "GPT-4o & GPT-4o mini (coming soon)", "GPT-3.5 & GPT-4" (which is highlighted in green), and "GPT-3 (Legacy)". Below the tabs is a text input field containing the Thai text "ประเทศไทย". Underneath the input field are two buttons: "Clear" and "Show example". Further down, there are two sections labeled "Tokens" and "Characters", each showing the value "10" and "9" respectively. Below these sections is a preview area containing the input text "ประเทศไทย" with each character highlighted by a colored box (purple, red, blue, green, yellow). At the bottom of the interface are two buttons: "Text" and "Token IDs".

<https://platform.openai.com/tokenizer>

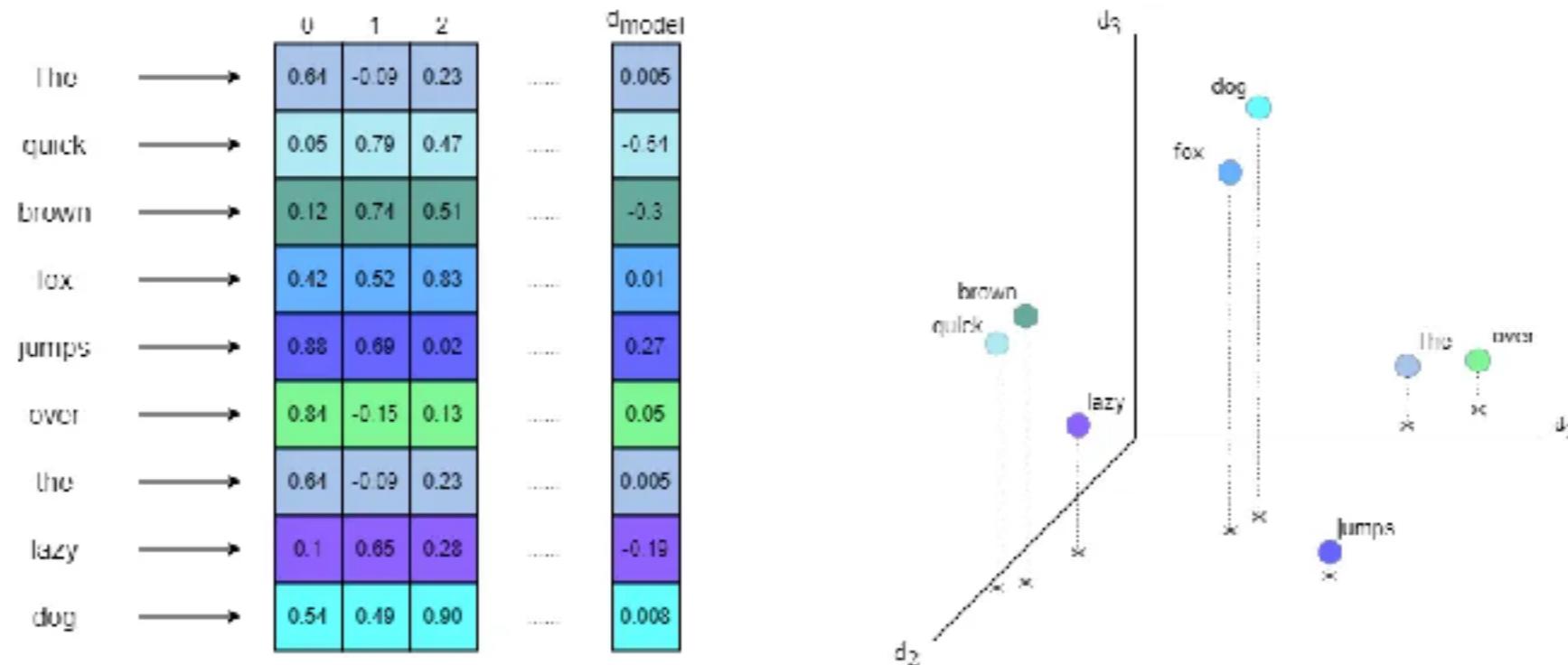


Embedding

Map items of **unstructured data** to high-dimensional real vectors

Semantic meaning

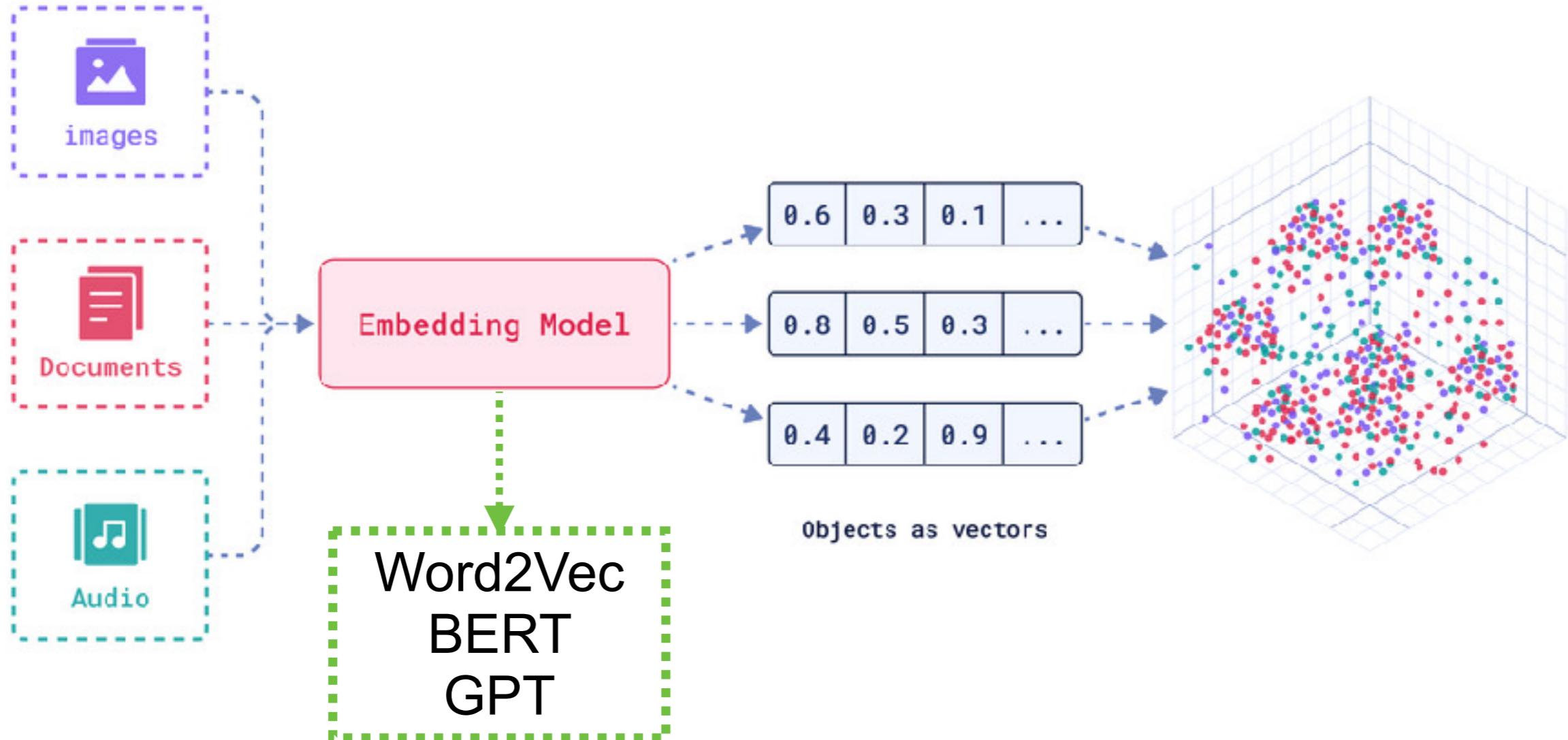
Improvement in ML tasks



<https://towardsdatascience.com transformers-in-depth-part-1-introduction-to-transformer-models-in-5-minutes-ad25da6d3cca>



Embedding Models



<https://qdrant.tech/articles/what-are-embeddings/>



eg. Embedding space

Synonym words in similar context !!
Embeddings are about **semantics**

pretty attractive
lovely nice cute
beautiful elegant

dirty grisly
awful ugly hideous
grotesque messy
disgusting

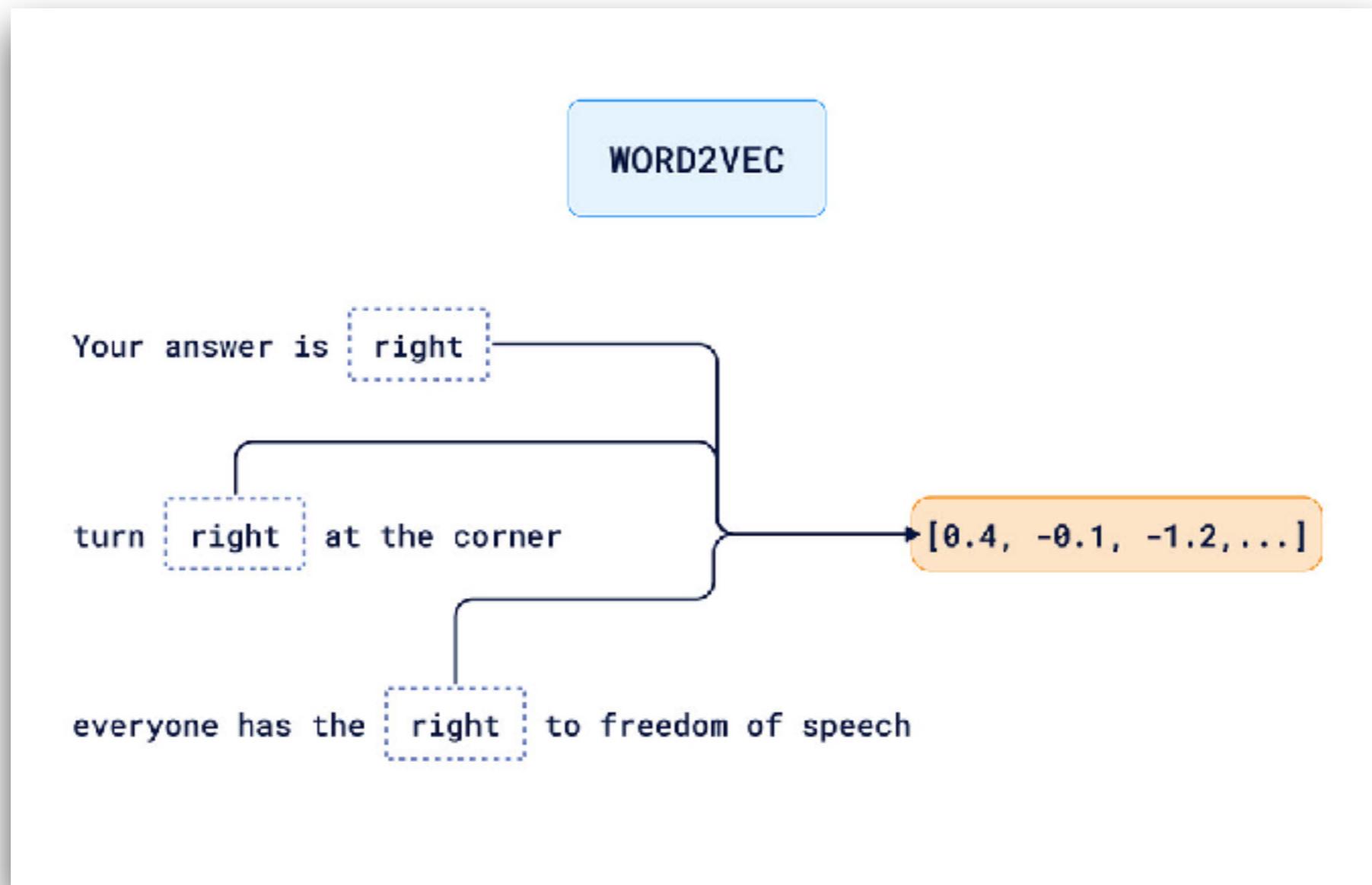
neutral impartial
autonomous fair independent
indifferent sovereign hands-off
nonpartisan



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Embedding model with Word2Vec

Static embedding



Problems ?

Limited context

Short context

Word
disambiguation
issues

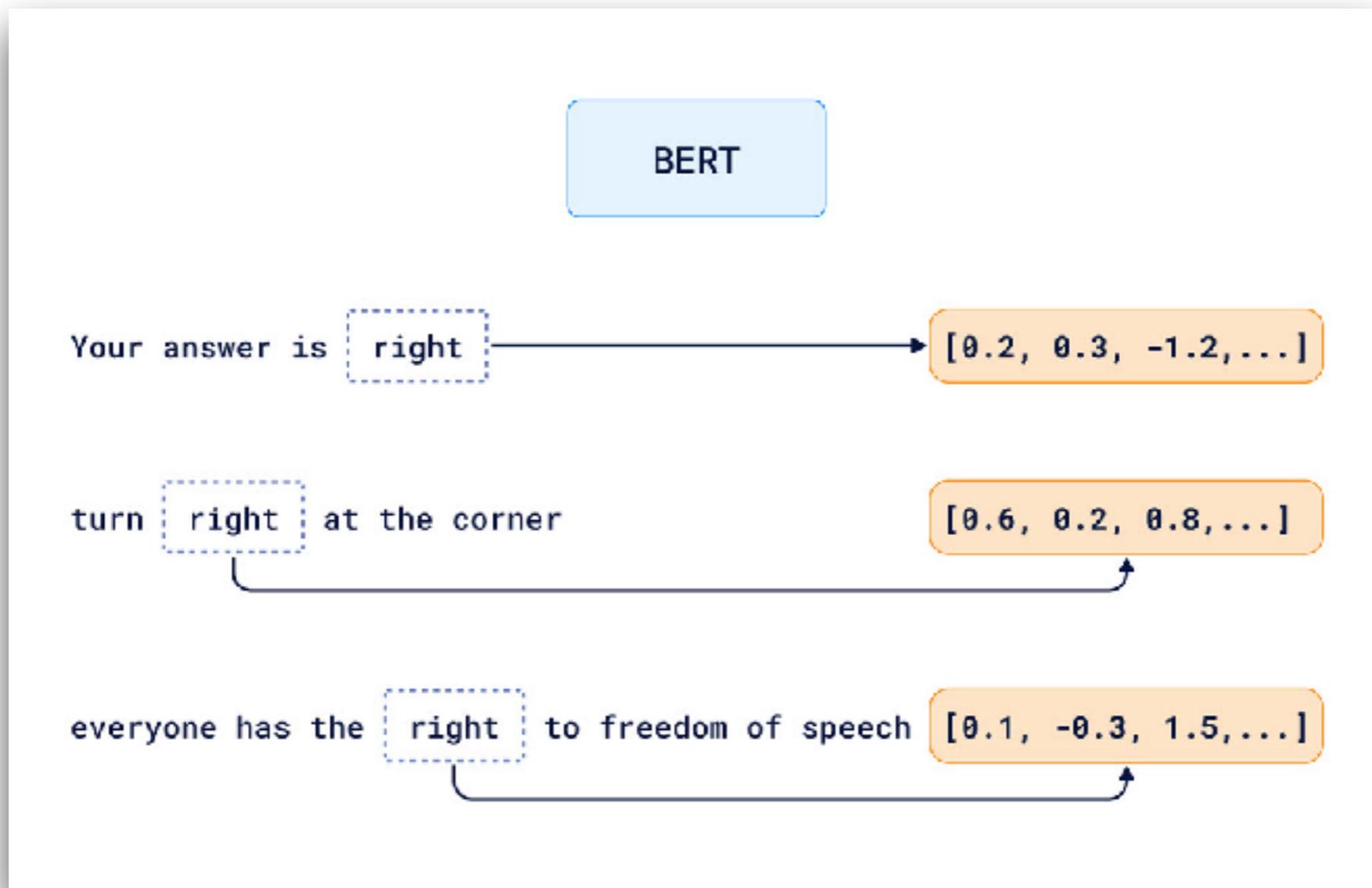
Generalization
challenges
(unseen situation)

<https://www.datacamp.com/blog/attention-mechanism-in-langs-intuition>



Embedding model with BERT, GPT

Different context, different embedding



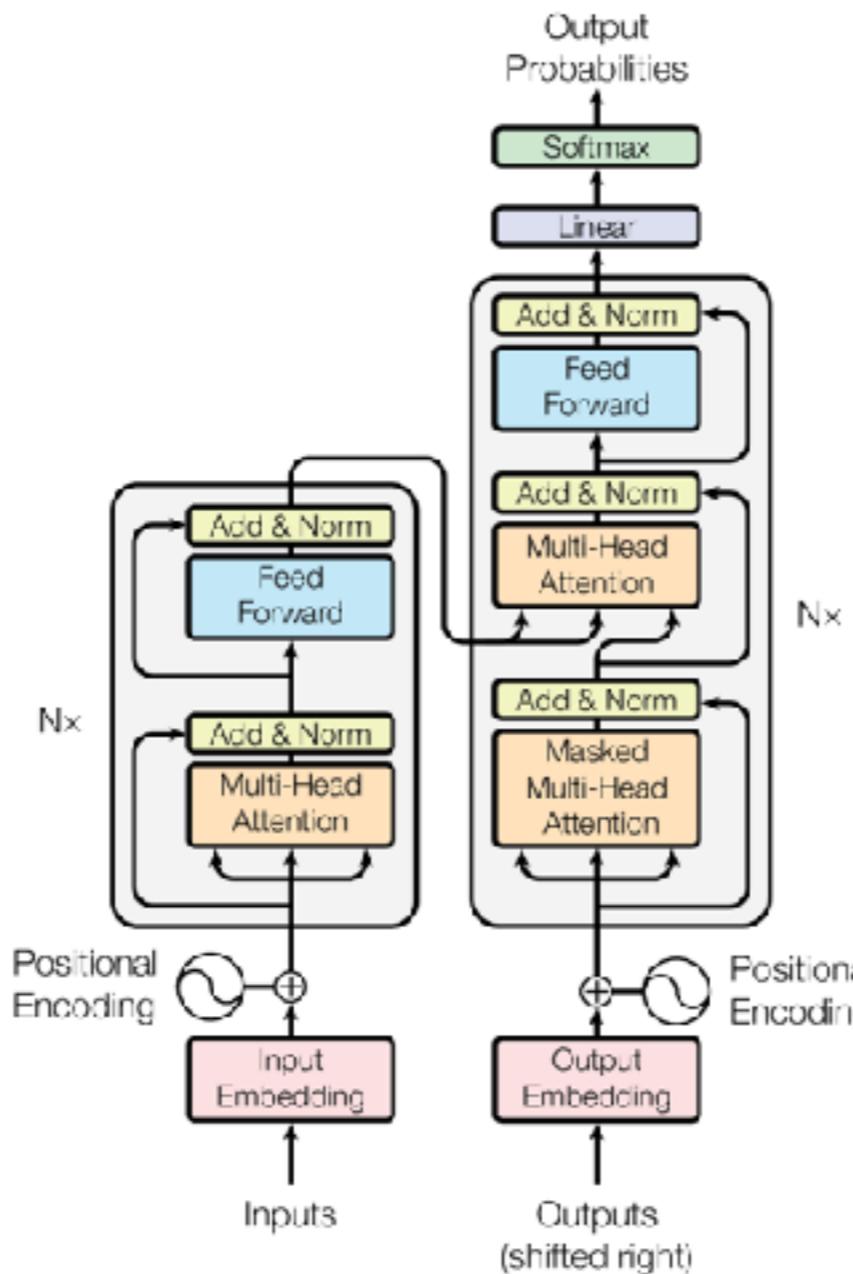
Attention in LLM !!

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Transformer model architecture

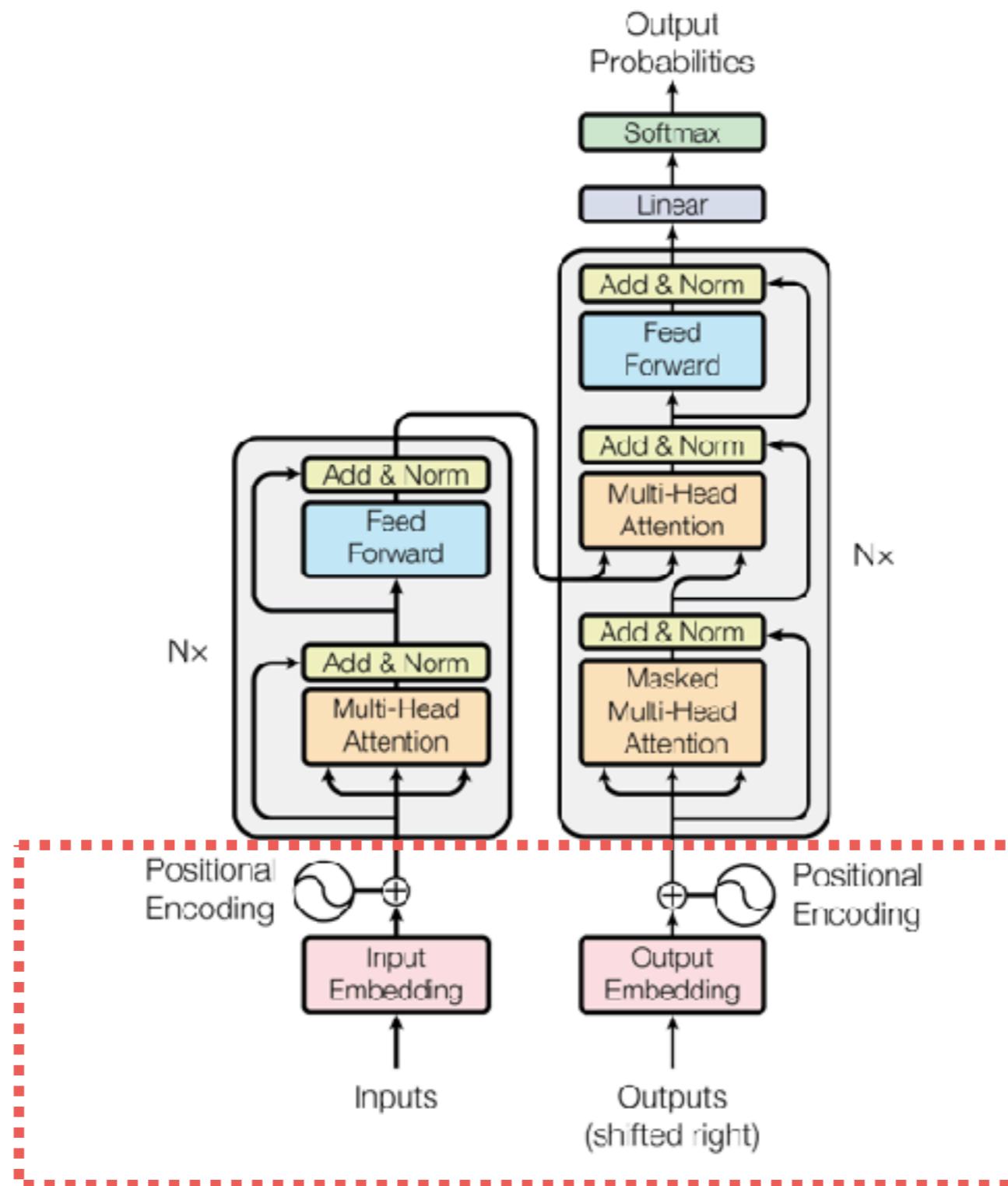
Attention Is All You Need



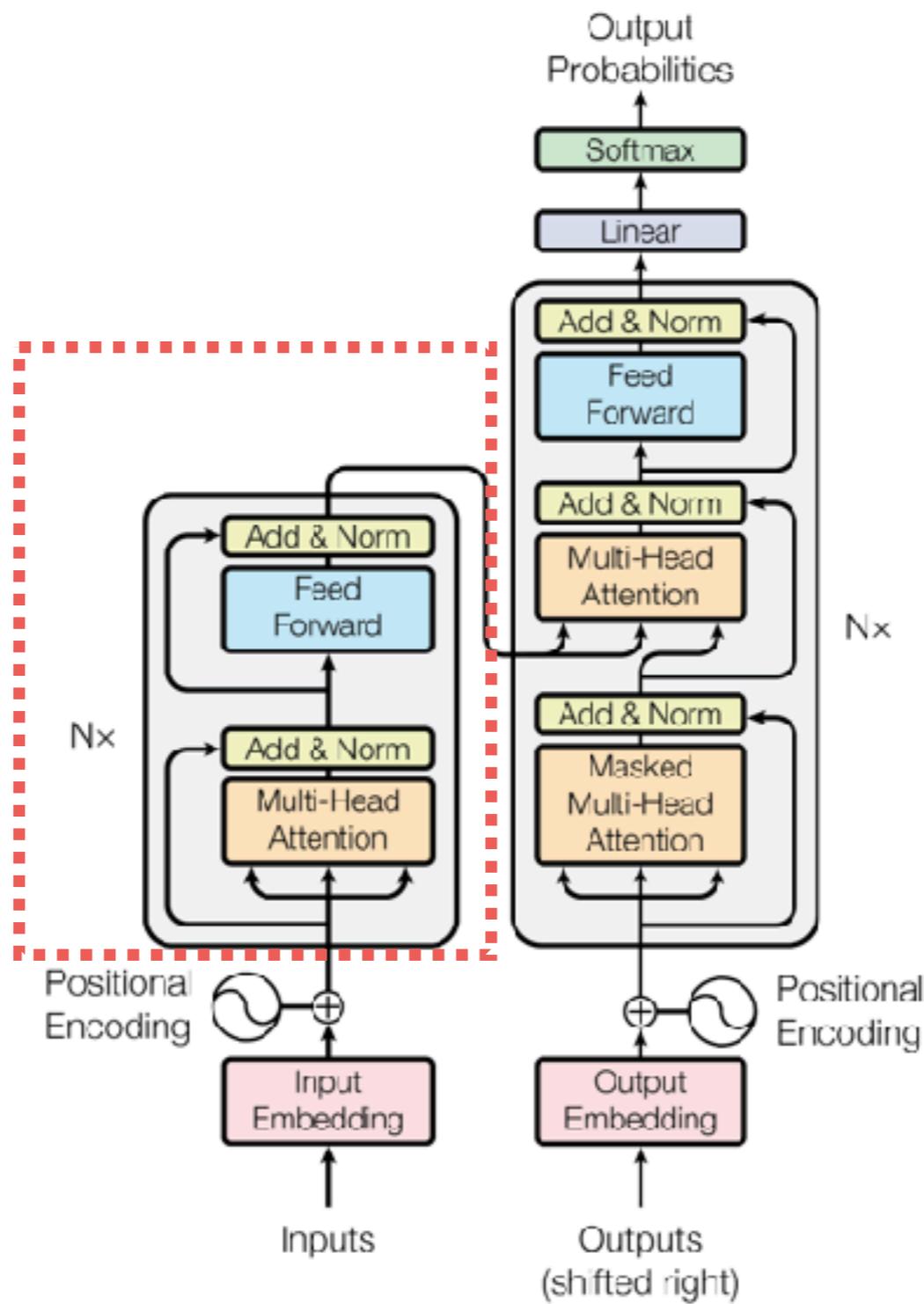
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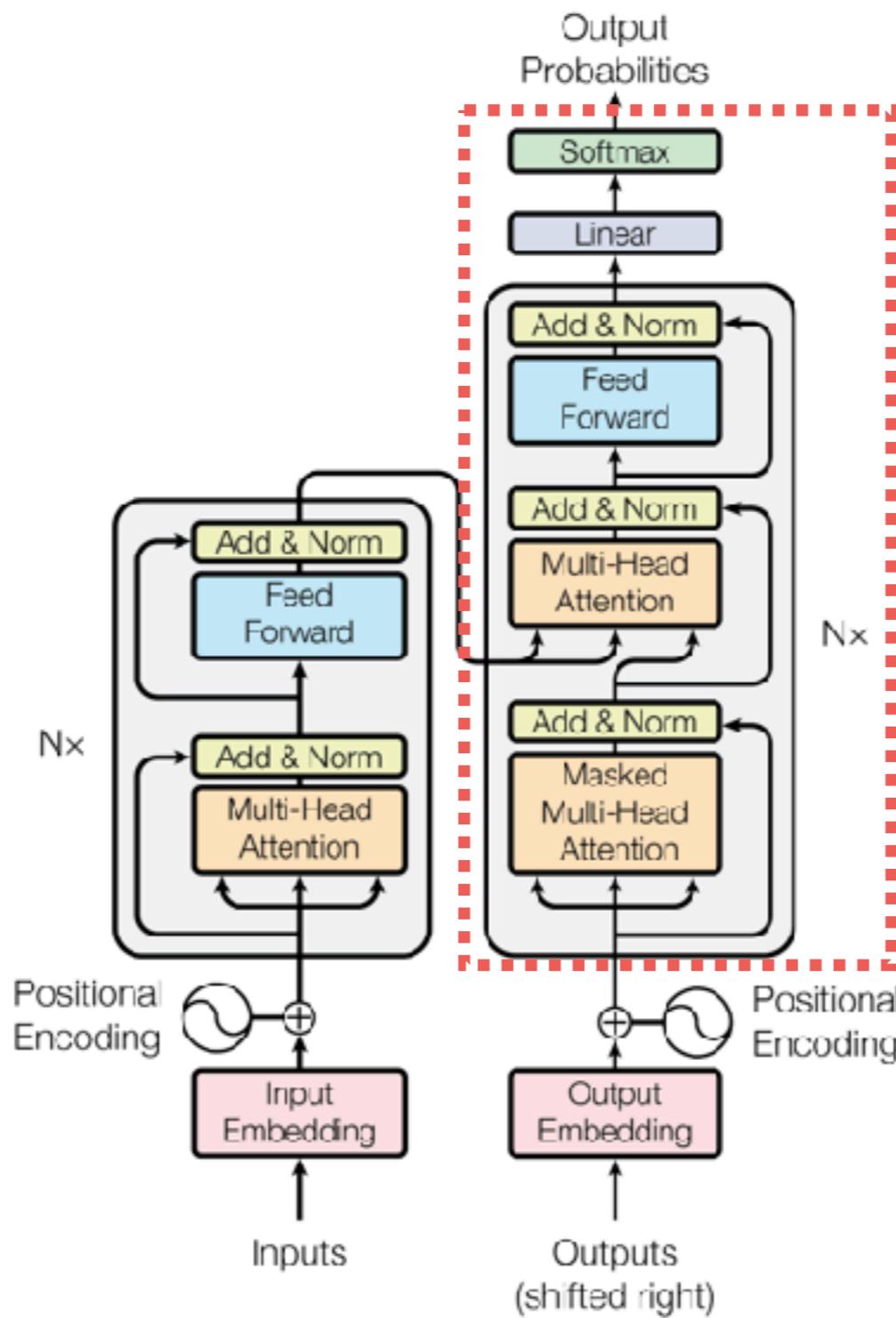
1. Pre-processing stage



2. Encoding stage



3. Decoding stage



Example with attention

Context-aware embedding vectors

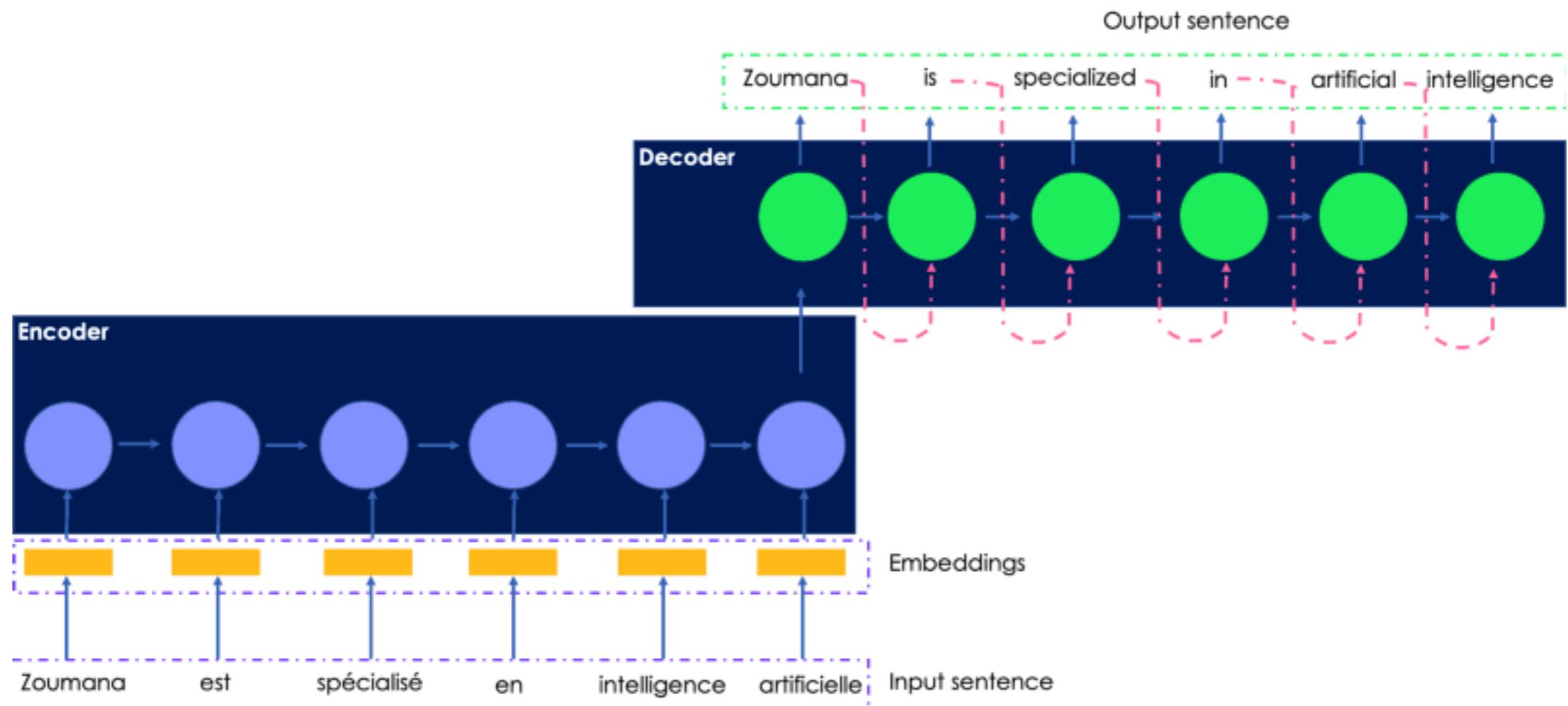
Swing the bat



The **bat** flew at night



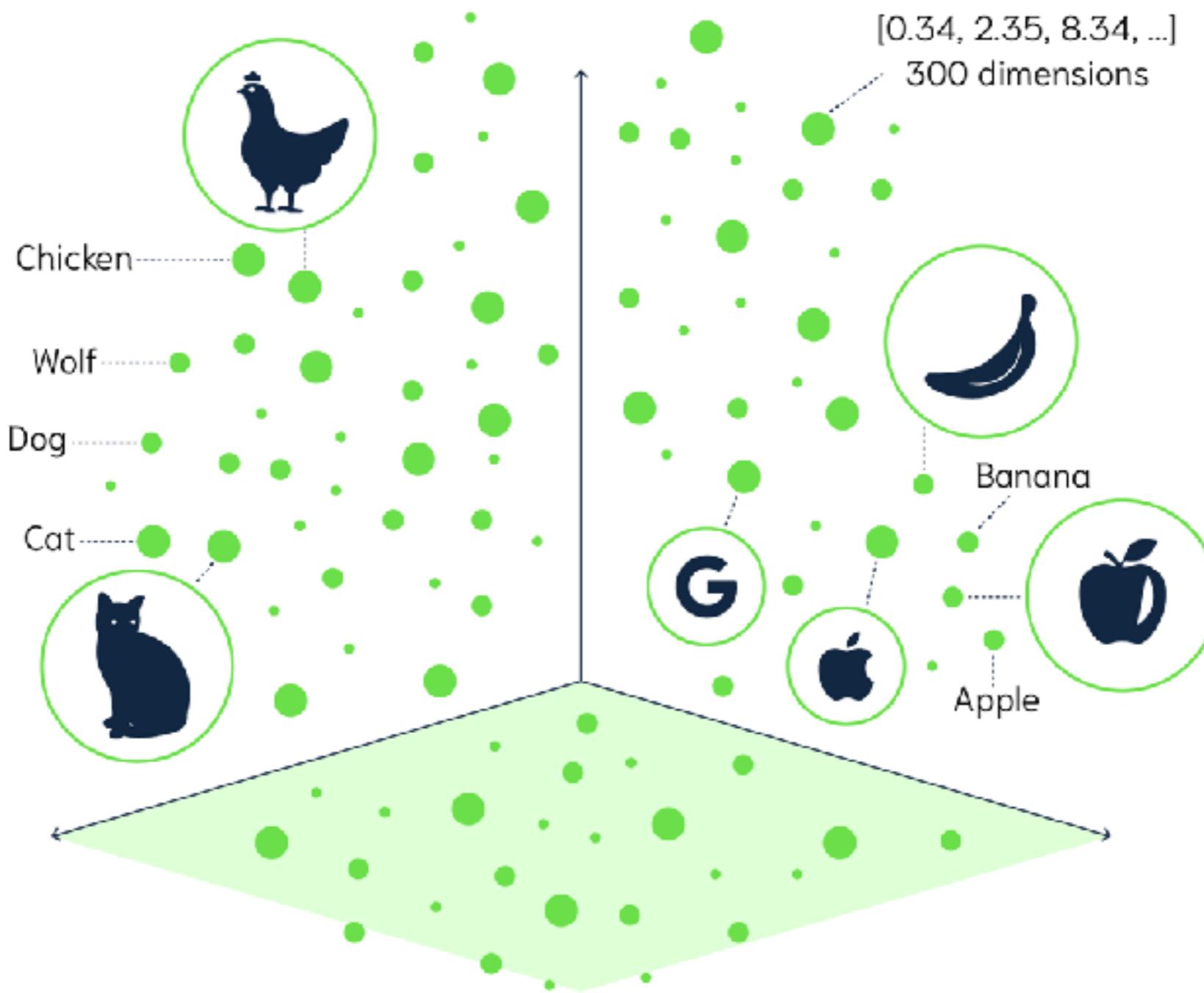
Example with translation



<https://www.datacamp.com/tutorial/an-introduction-to-using-transformers-and-hugging-face>



Visual of Vector space



Food recommendations ?

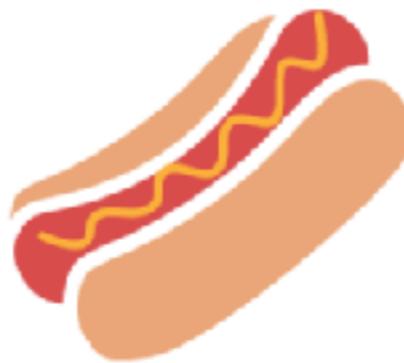


Food recommendations

borsch



hot dog



salad



pizza



shawarma

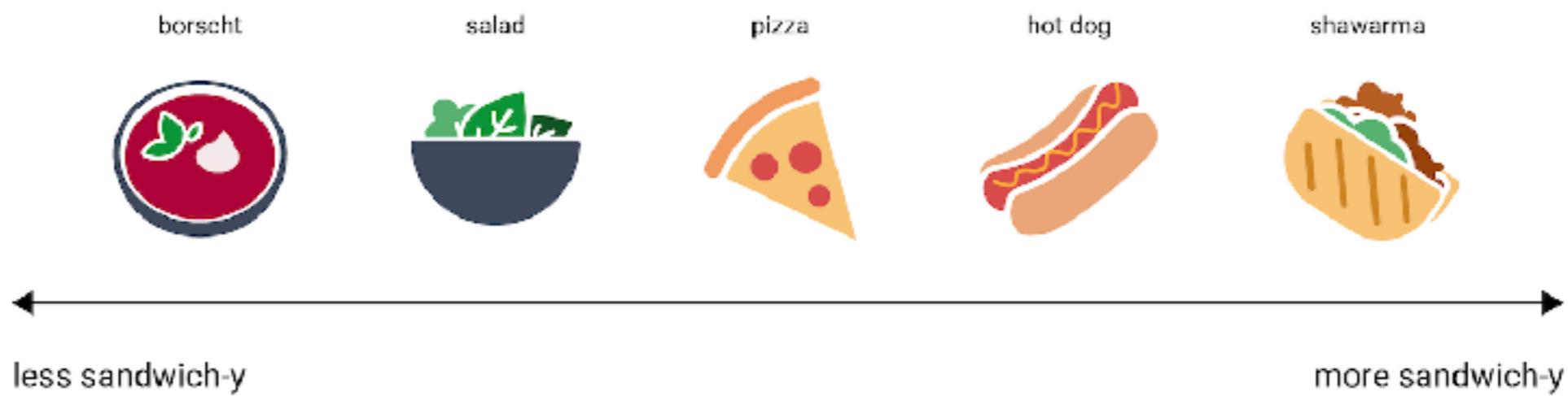


<https://developers.google.com/machine-learning/crash-course/embeddings>



Embedding space (1)

Less and more sandwich (1D)

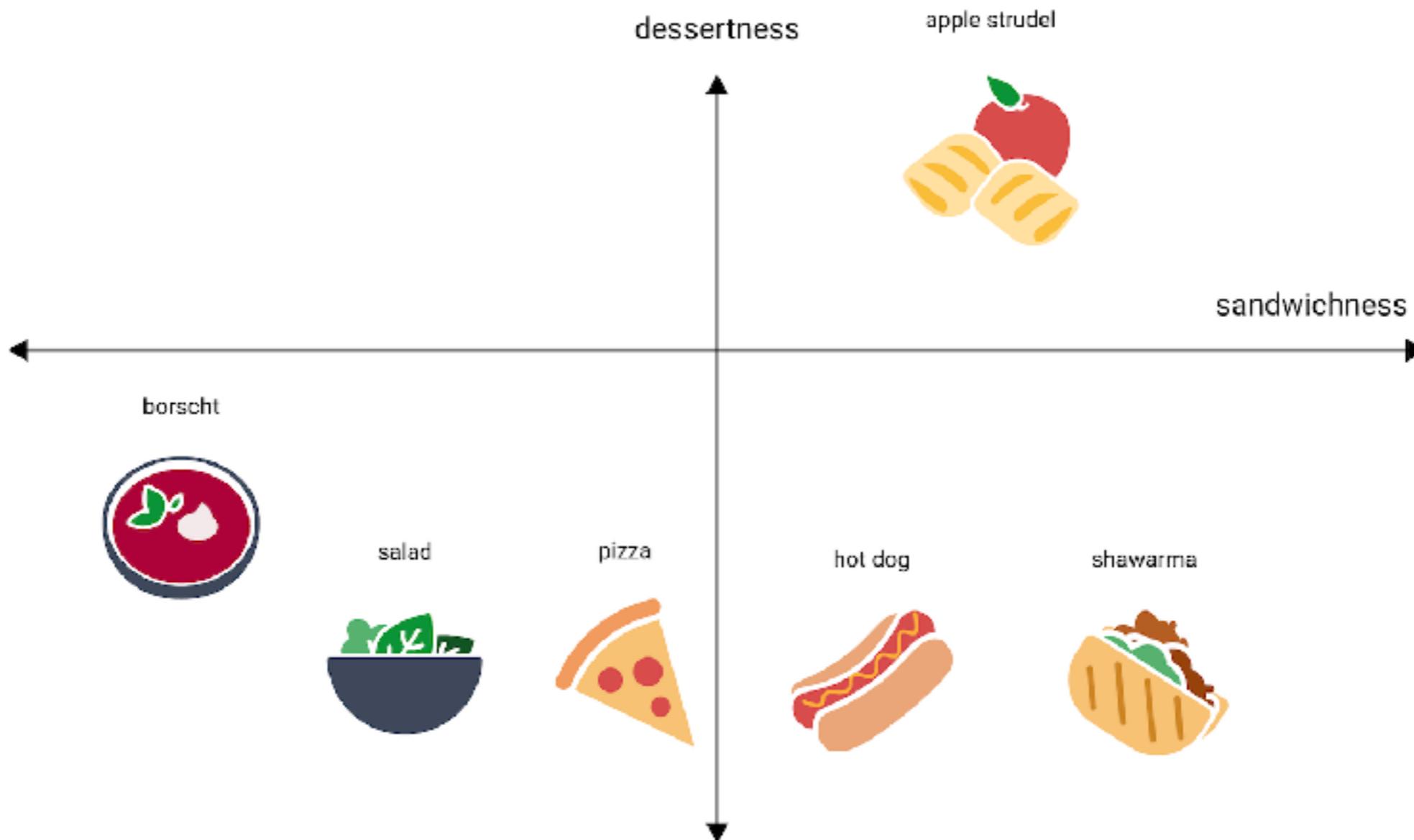


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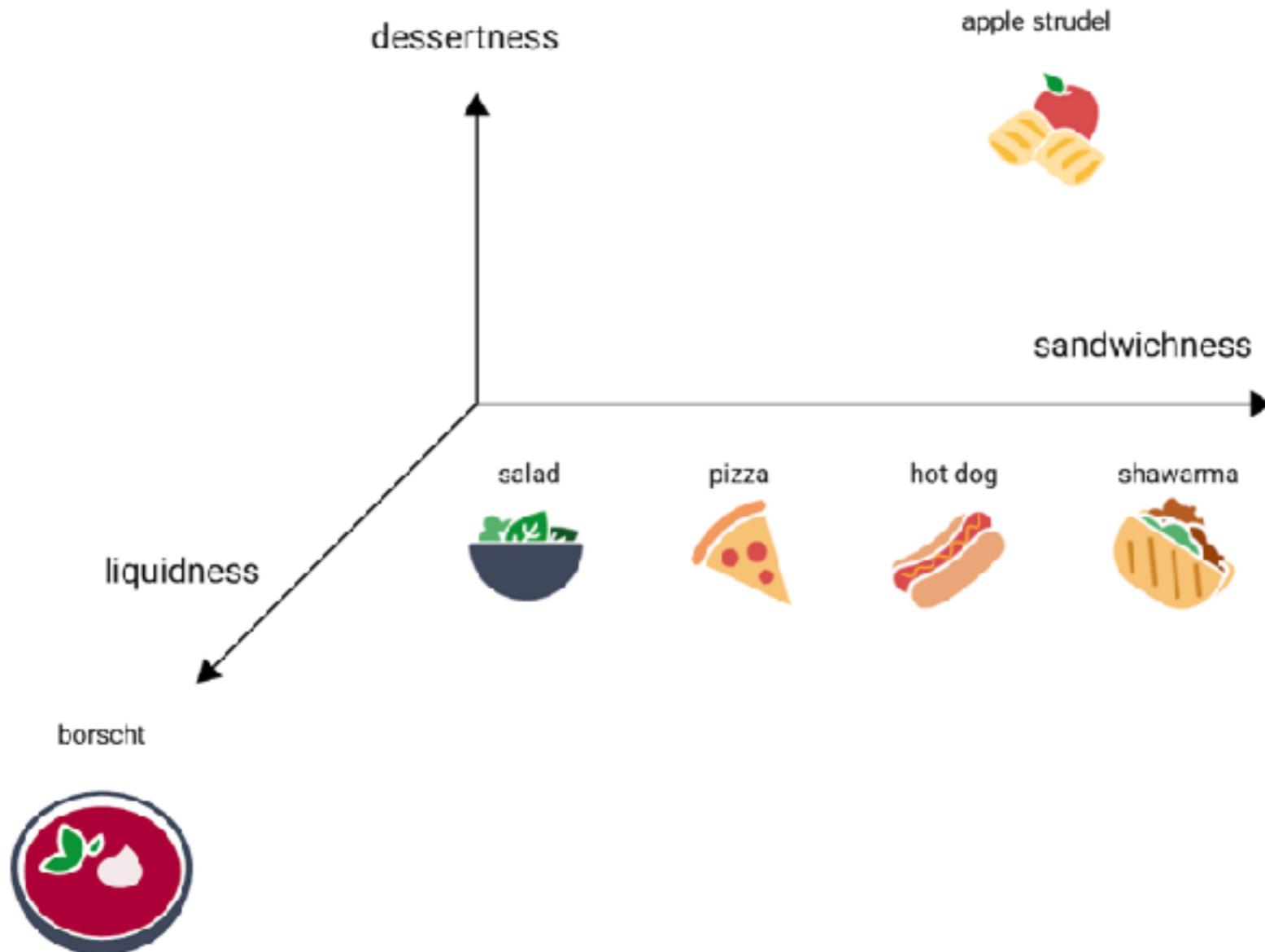
Embedding space (2)

Sandwichness and dessertness (2D)

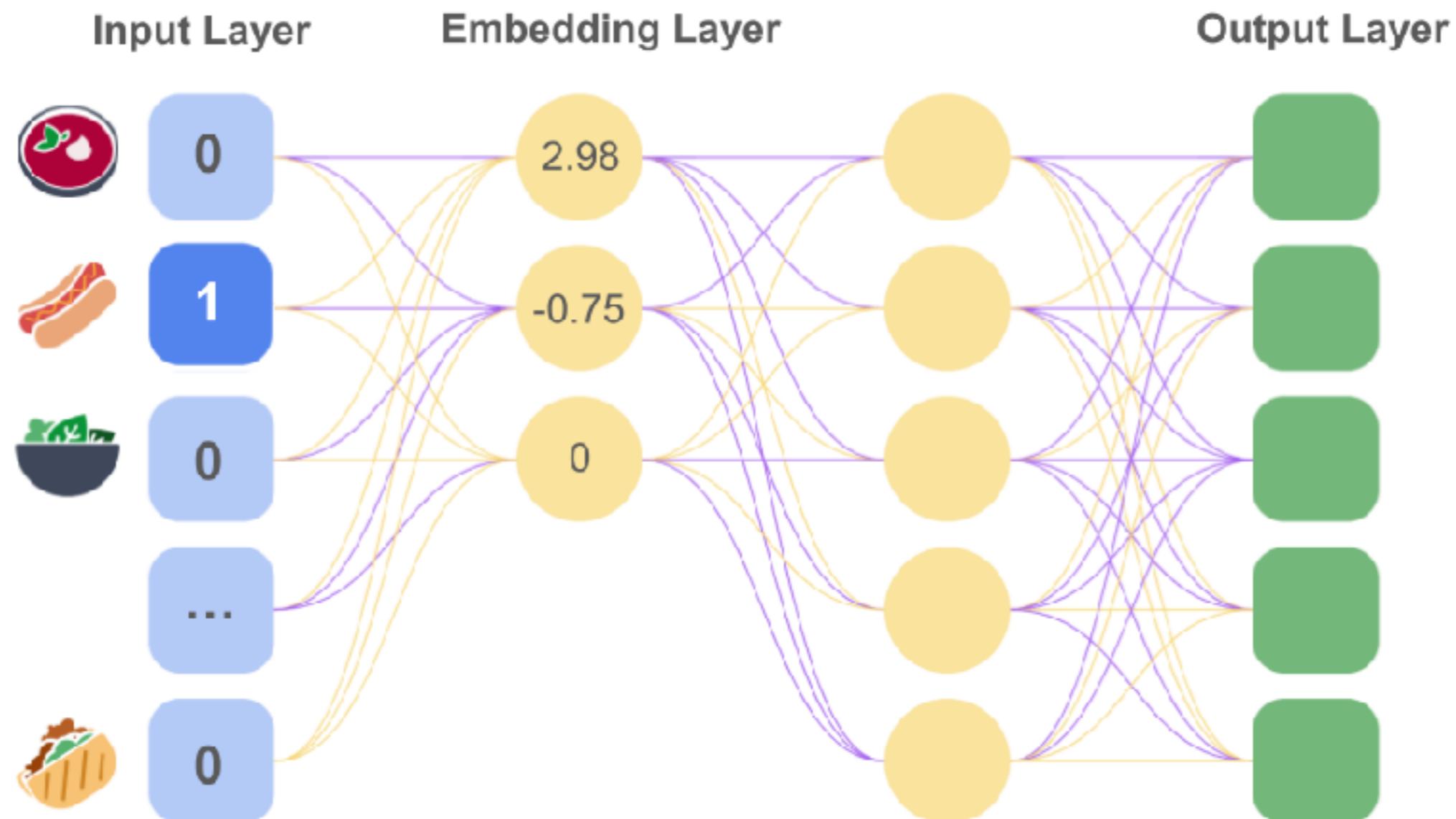


Embedding space (3)

Sandwichness, dessertness and liquidness (3D)

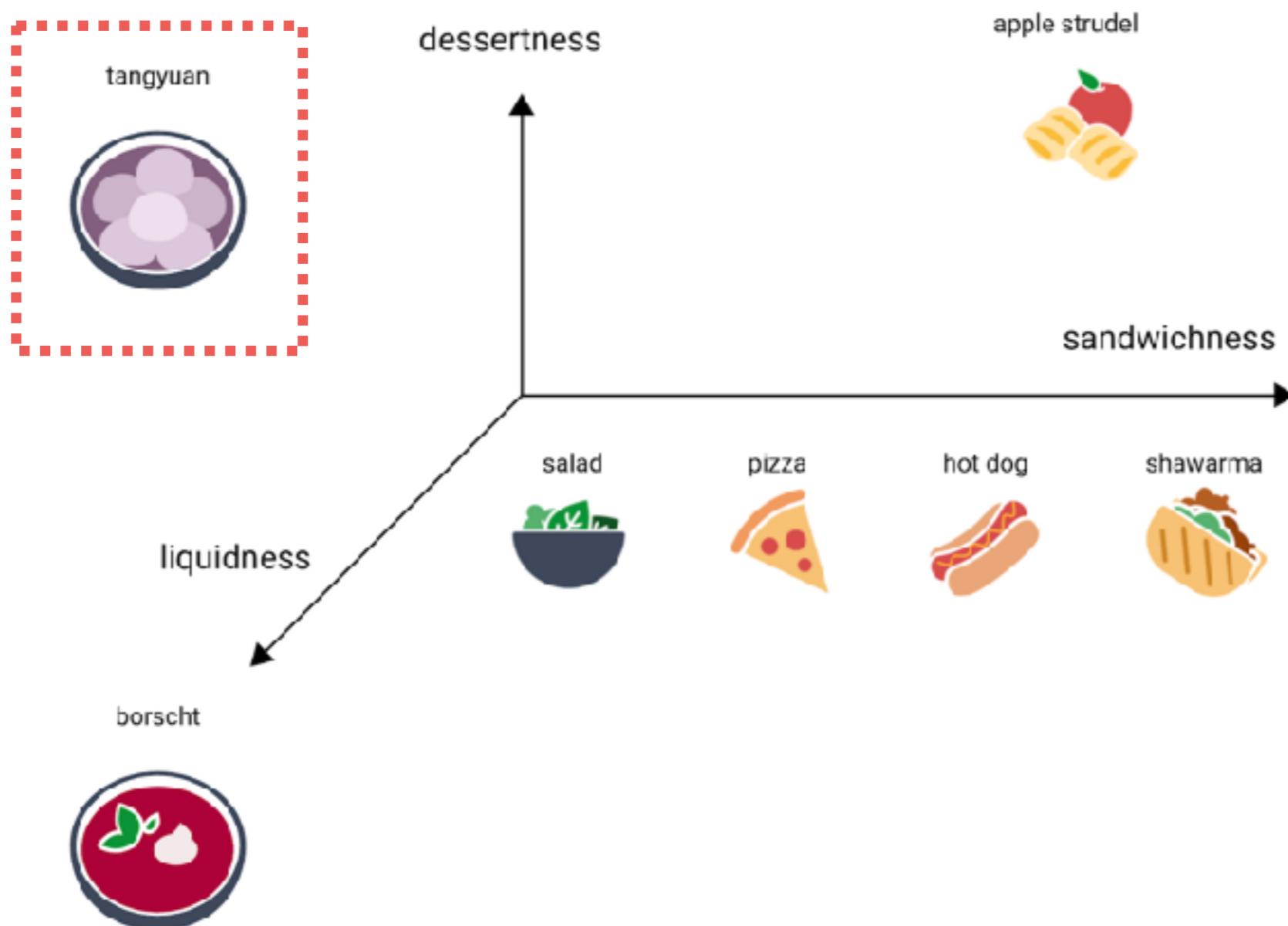


Embedding process ?



Embedding space (4)

New food ?





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Use cases for Attention

Translation

Text summarization

Question answering

Sentiment analysis

Content generation



Choose right model for your use case



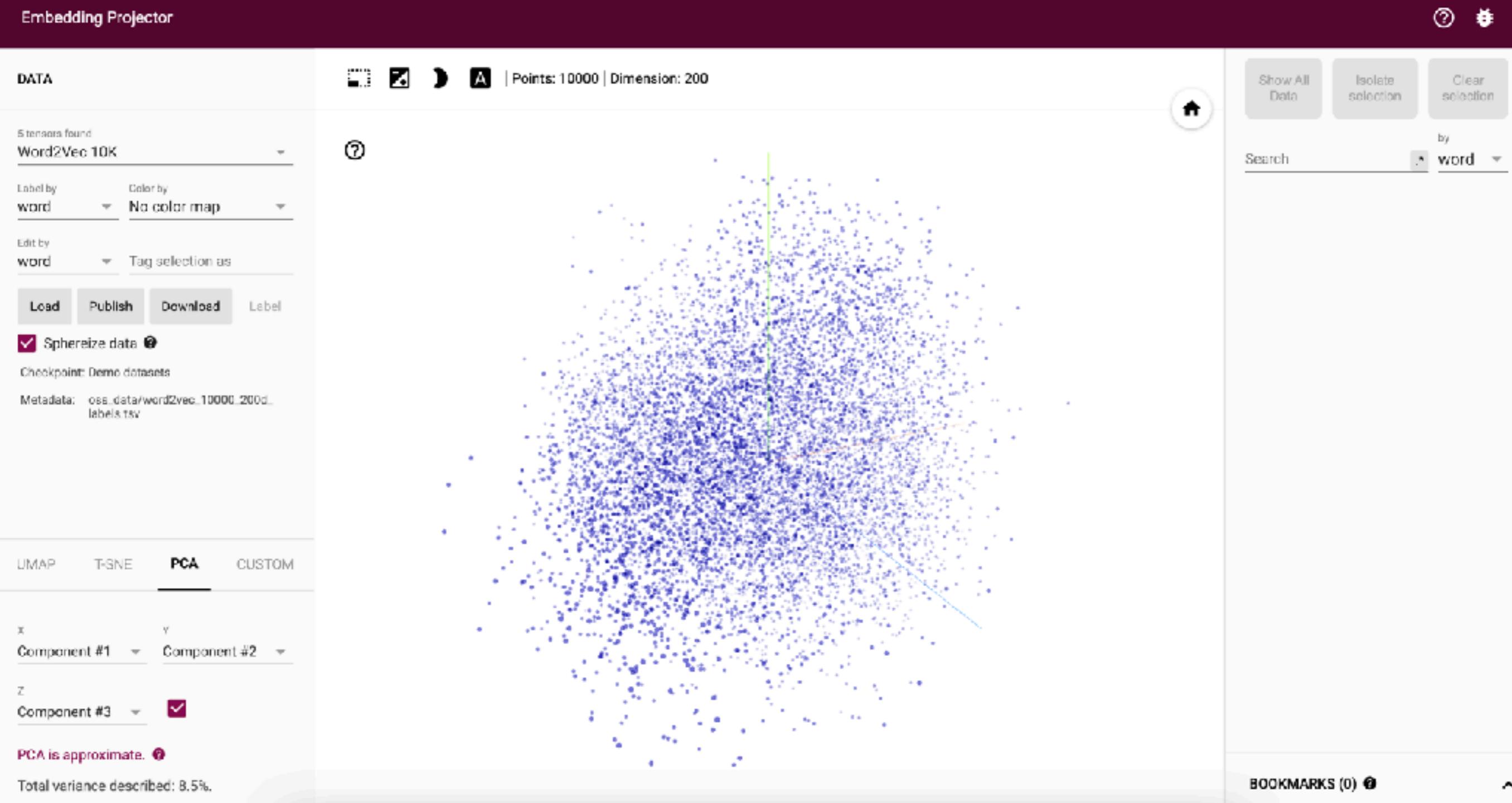
Embedding models

Model name	Provider name	Dimensions	Max token
text-embedding-3-small	OpenAI	1536	8192
text-embedding-3-large	OpenAI	3072	8192
sentence-transformers/all-MiniLM-L6-v2	Hugging Face	382	256
gemini-embedding	Google	3072	8192

<https://huggingface.co/spaces/mteb/leaderboard>



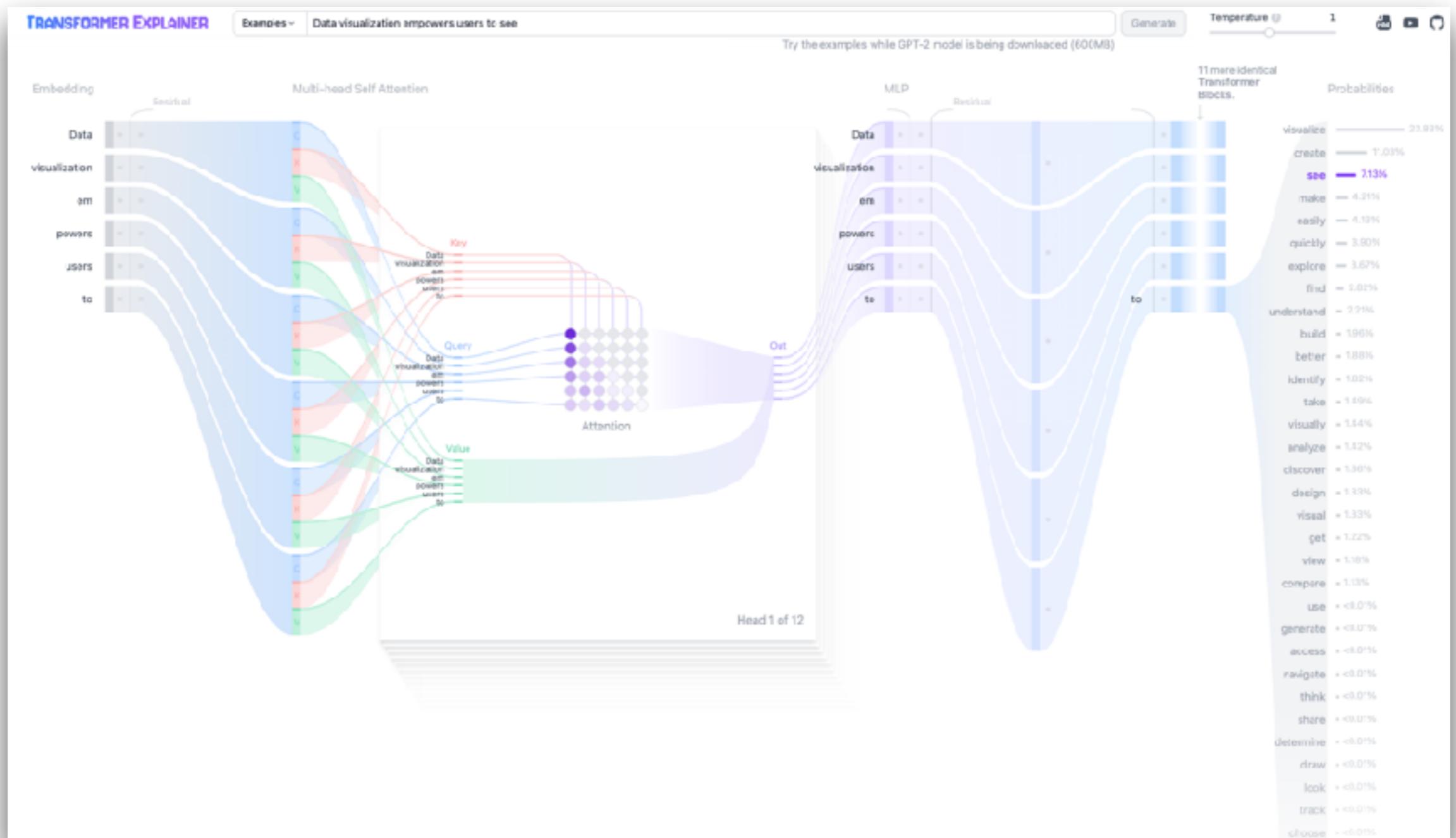
Embedding Projector



<https://projector.tensorflow.org/>



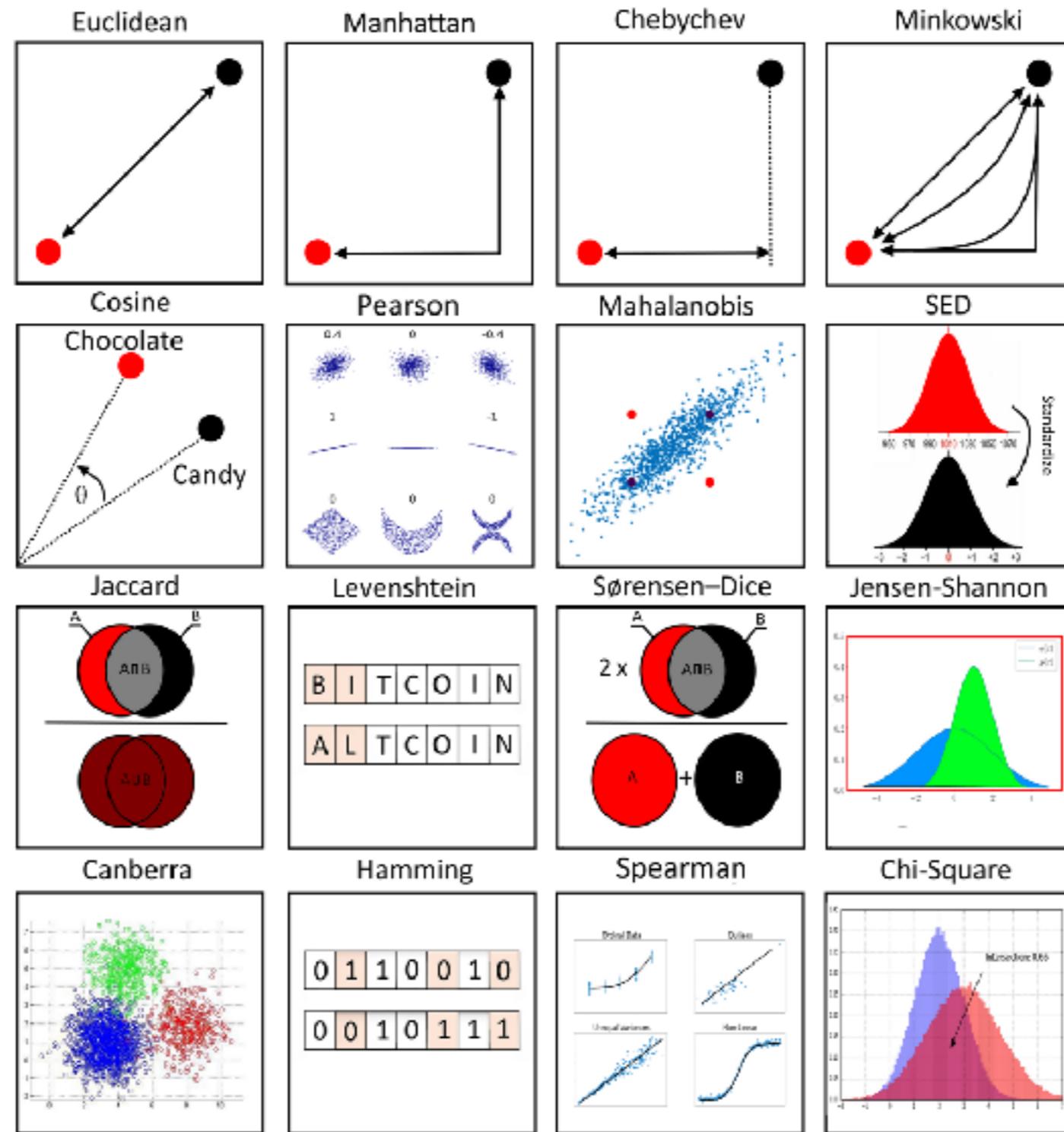
Transformer Explainer



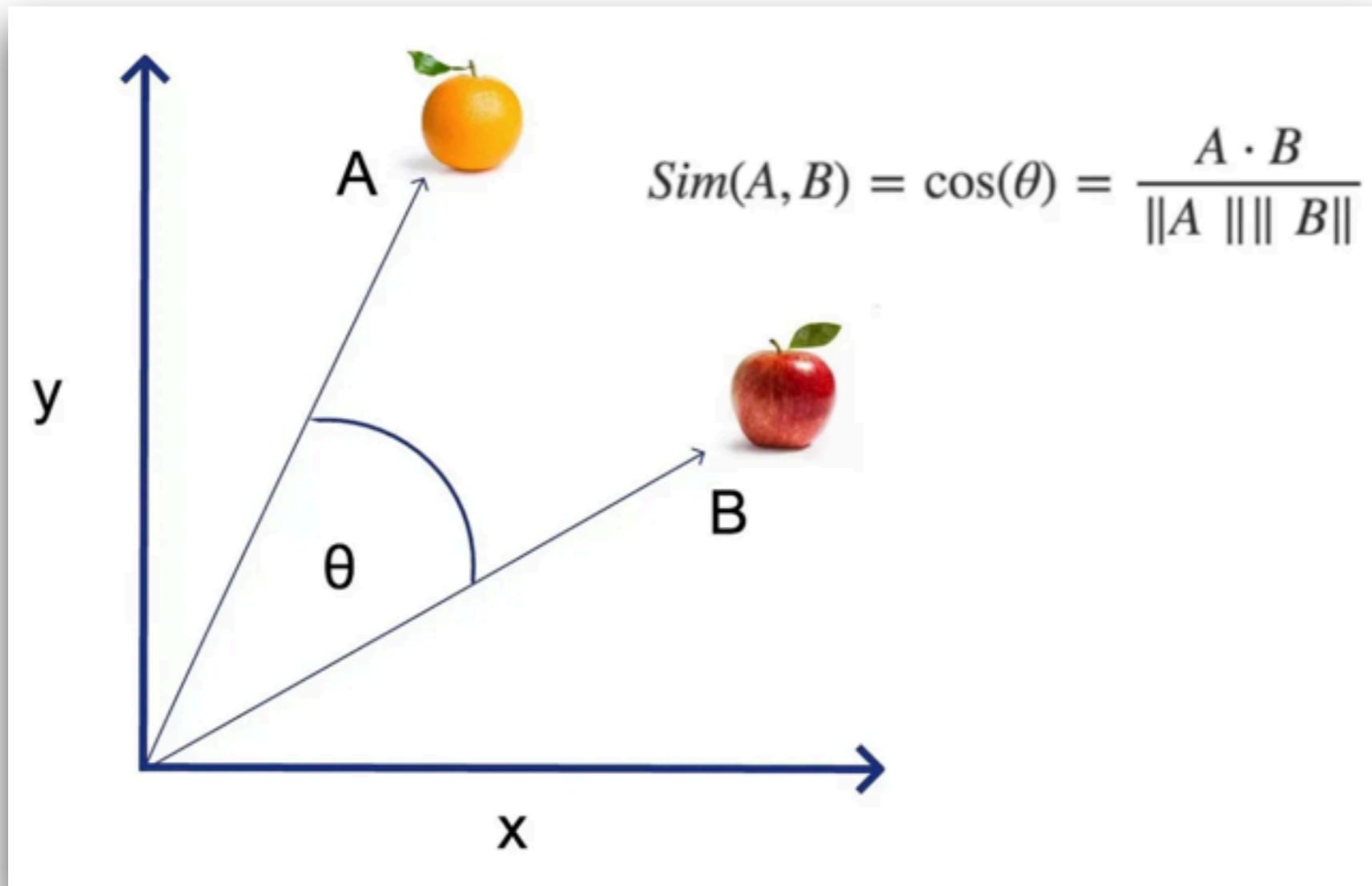
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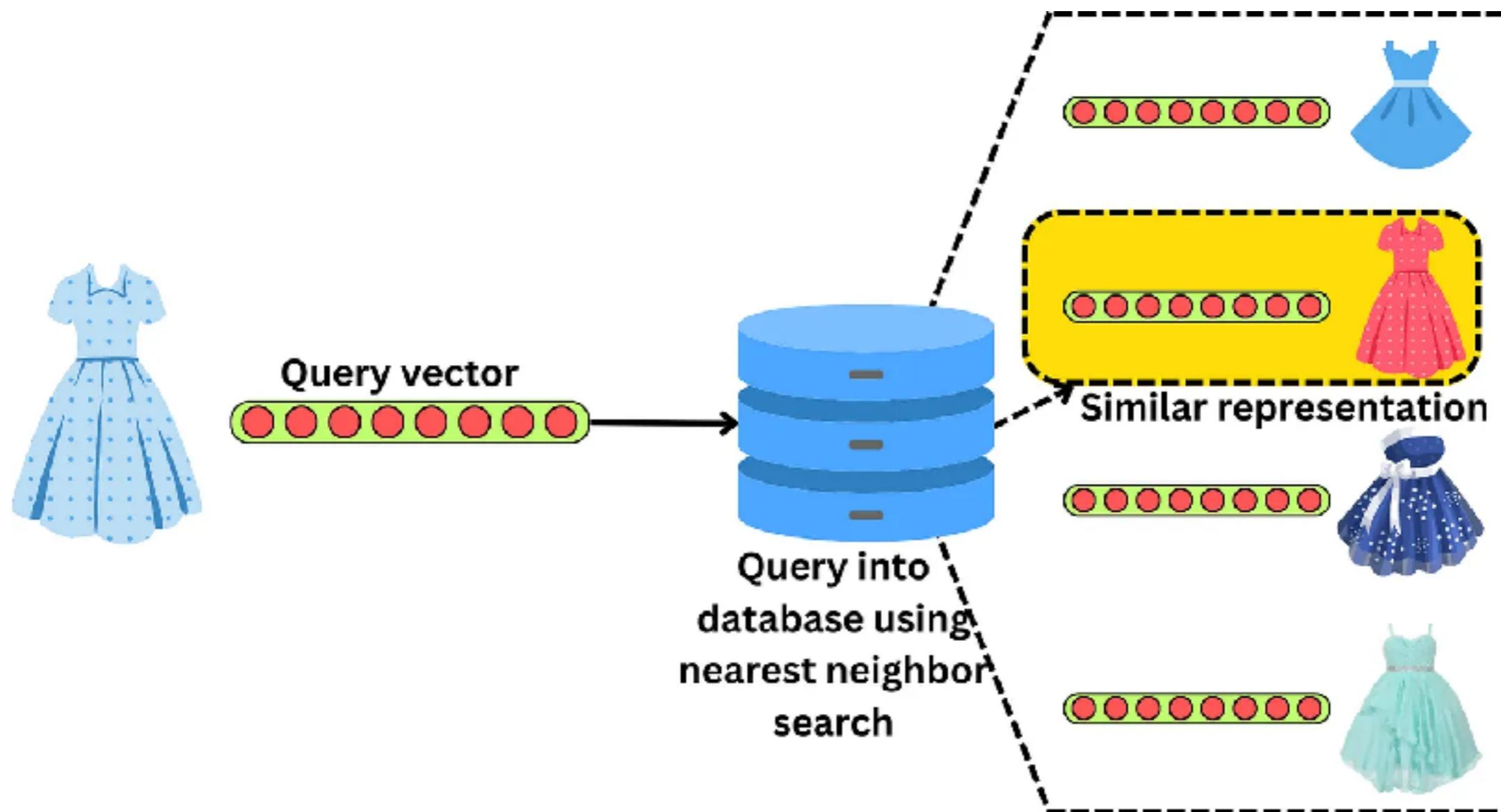
Distance measure



Cosine distance/similarity



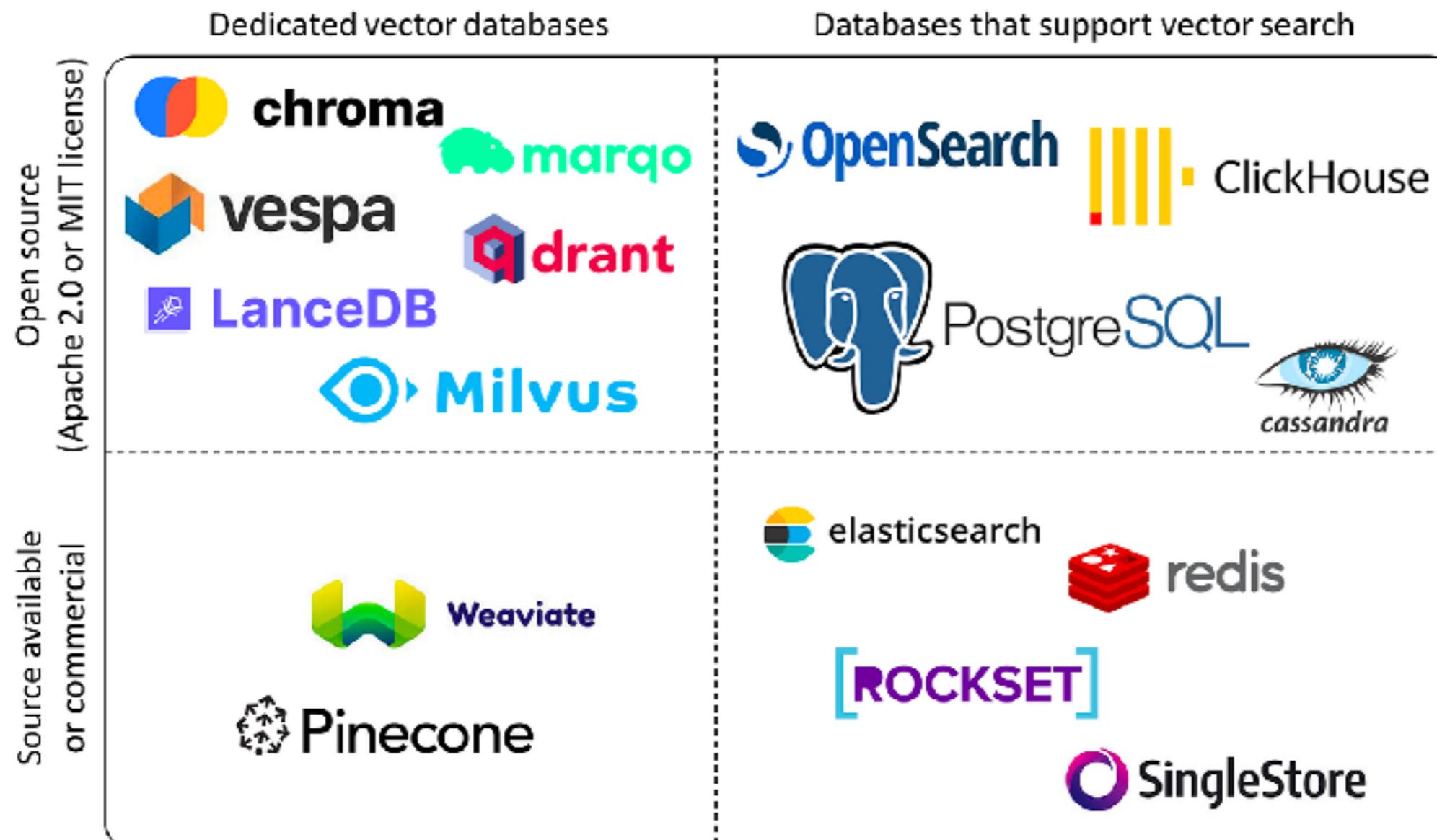
Search similar items



<https://newsletter.theaiedge.io/p/understanding-how-vector-databases>



Vector Database



Vector Database

Capable of organize data by **meaning**

Capable of searching entries by **similarity** to the query

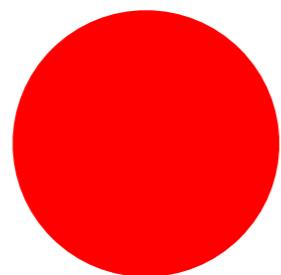
Represent meaning as a series of numbers

Search or filtering by keyword and vector (hybrid)

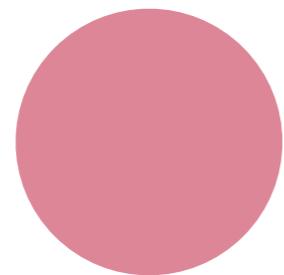
Help to find the **right** information **faster**



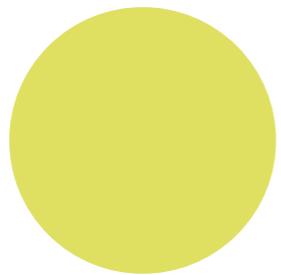
Example with RGB color



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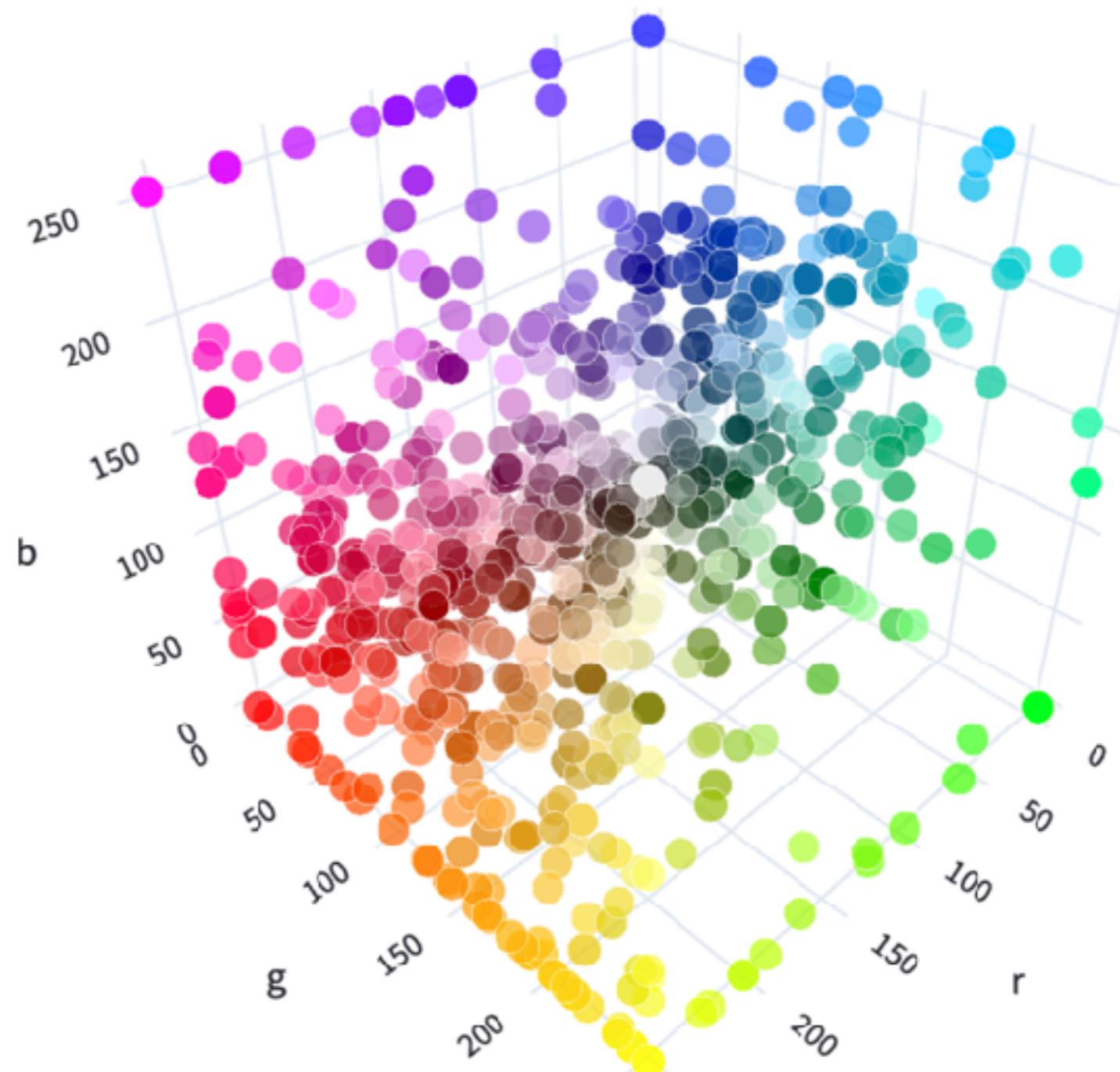
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[223, 223, 97]



Visualize RGB



https://huggingface.co/spaces/jphwang/colorful_vectors



Capabilities of LLMs

- Text generation
- Question answering
- Translation
- Summarization
- Conversation
- Sentiment analysis
- Text classification
- Code assistance



LLMs in industry



LLMs in industry (2024)

Model name	Company
Bidirectional Encoder Representation from Transformers (BERT)	Google AI
Generative Pre-trained transformer-3 (GPT-3)	OpenAI
Generative Pre-trained transformer-4 (GPT-4)	OpenAI
Pathways Language Model-E (PaLM-E)	Google AI
BLOOM	NVIDIA AI
Llama 3	Facebook
Claude 3.7 Sonnet	Anthropic



LLM Development timeline

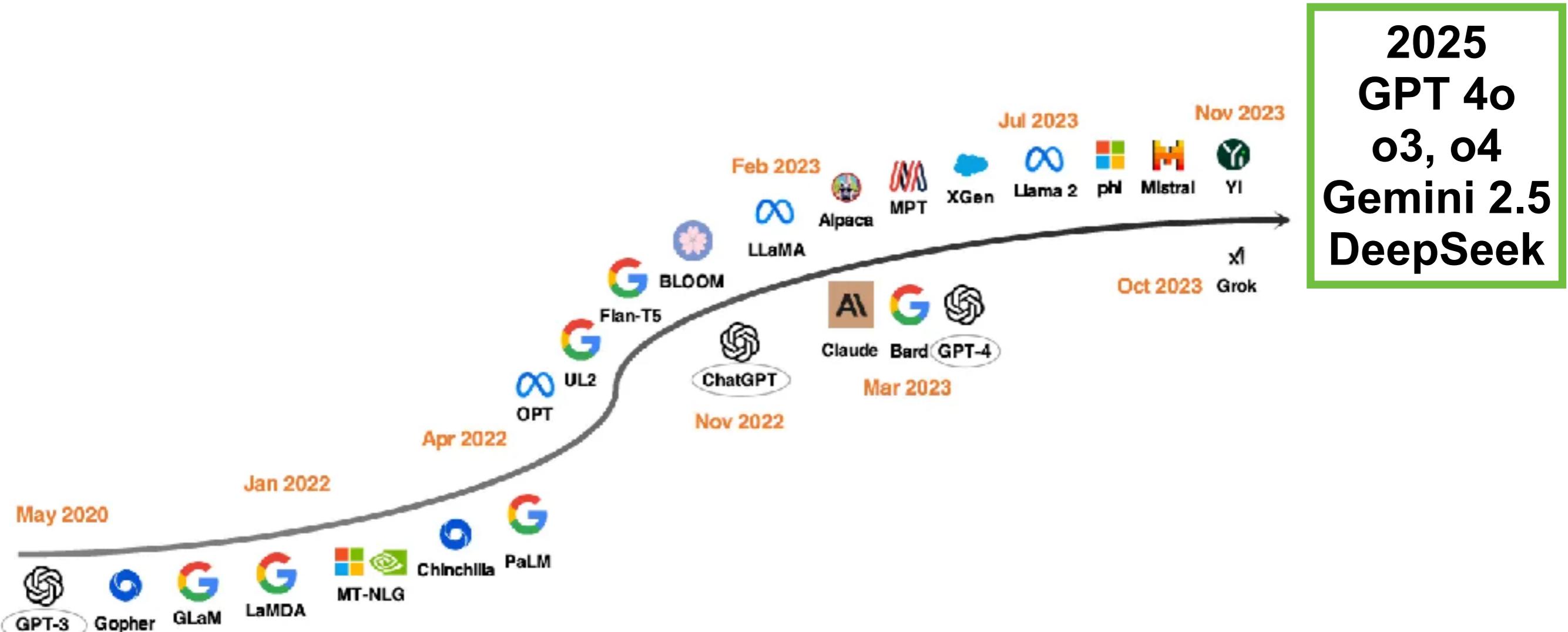
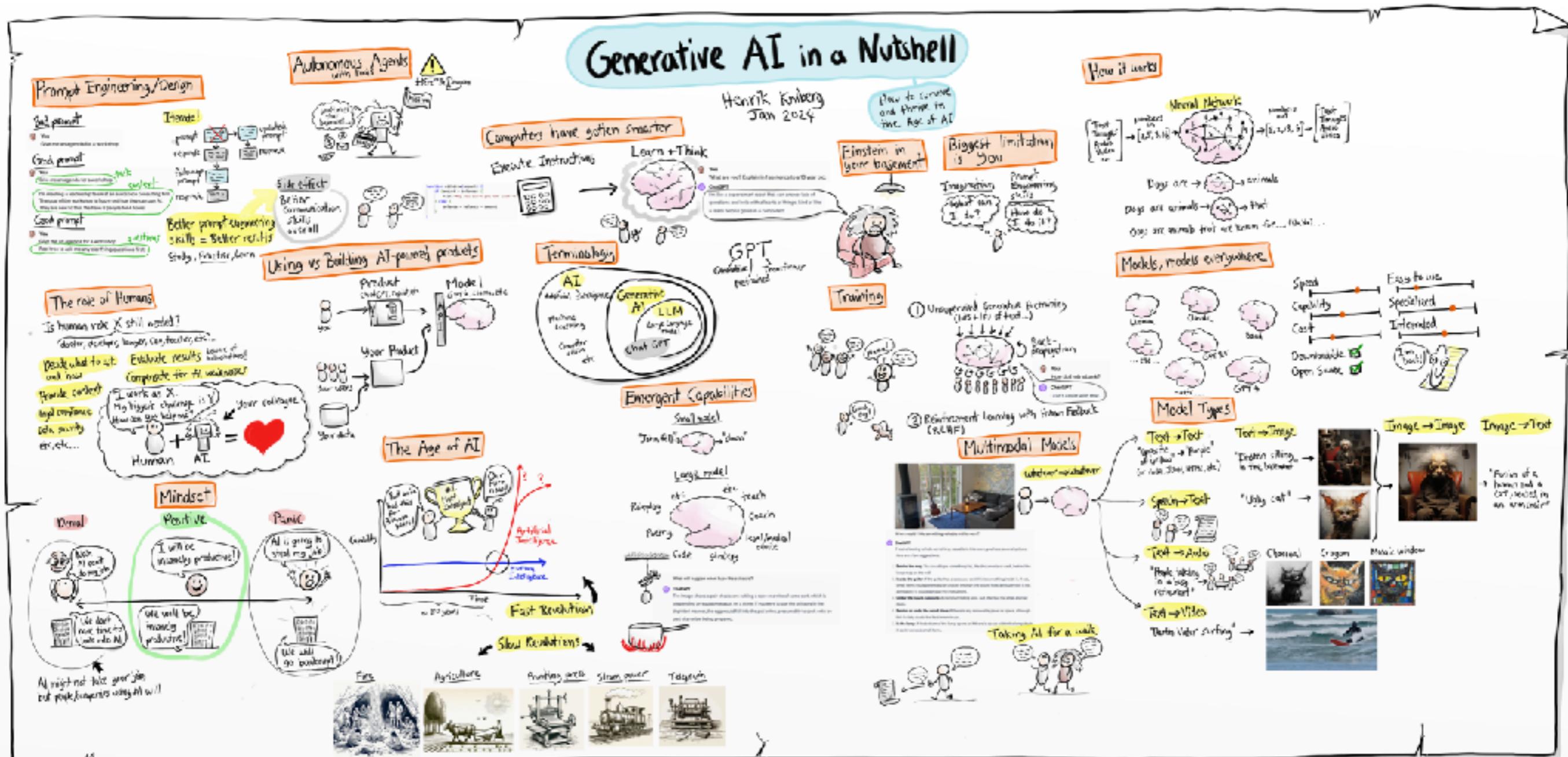


Figure 3: LLM development timeline. The models below the arrow are closed-source while those above the arrow are open-source.

<https://arxiv.org/abs/2311.16989>



Generative AI in Nutshell



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2IK3DFHRFFw>



Challenges in Gen AI/LLM

Lack of high-quality data
Data licenses
Generation latency
High computational power

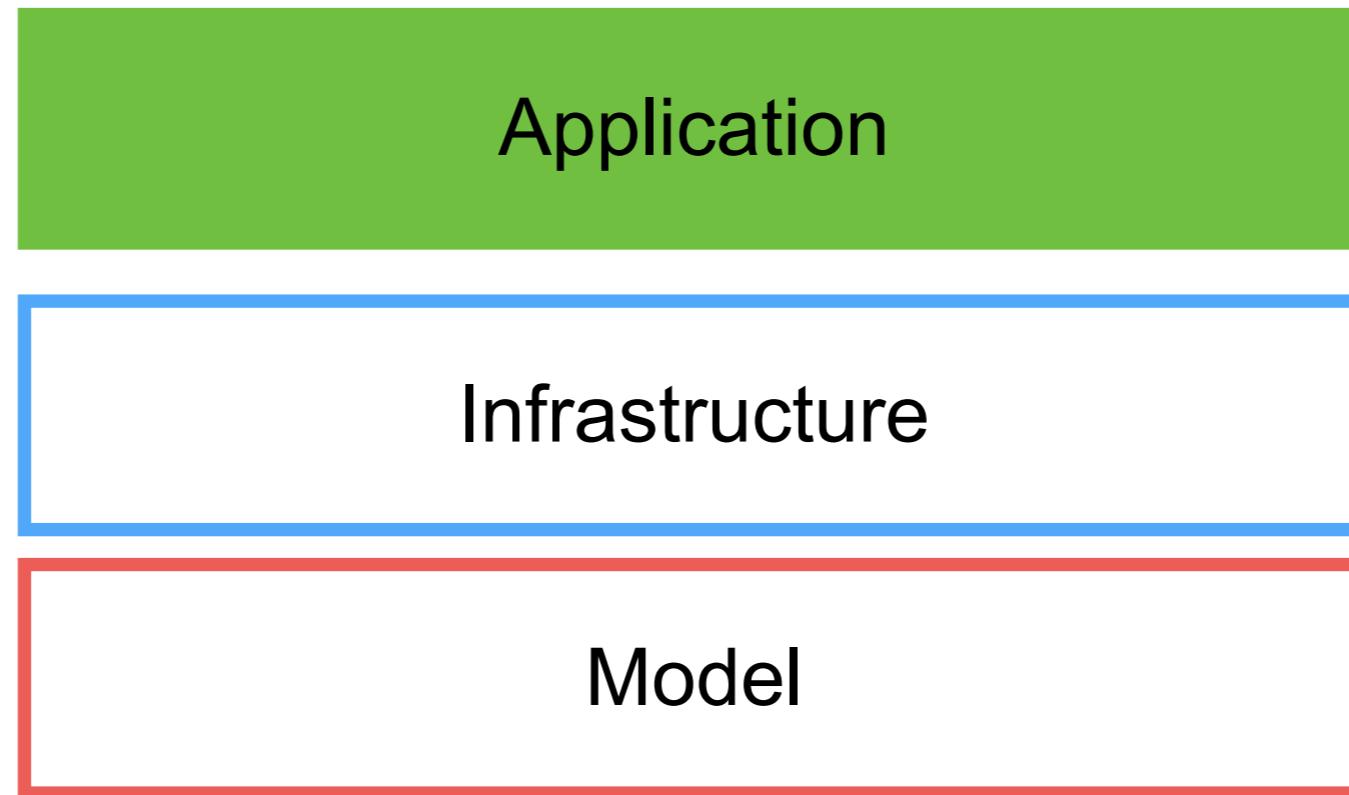
Bias and Ethics

Outdate knowledge

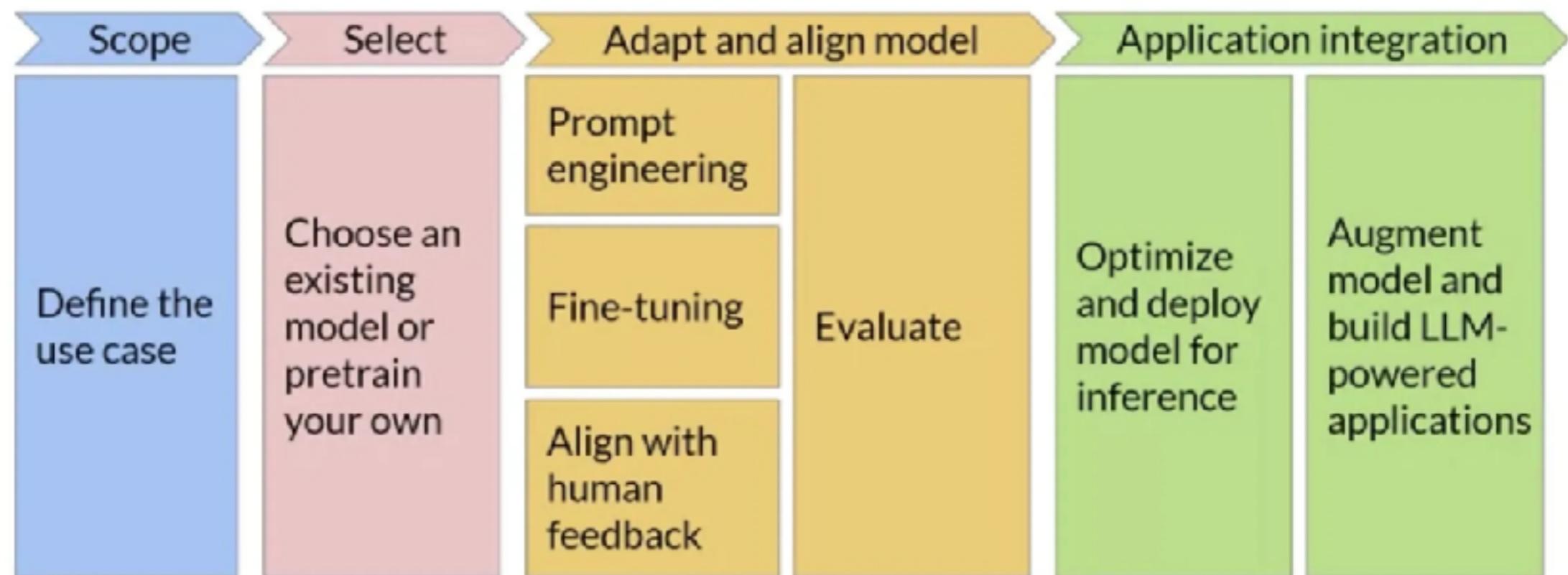
Lack of true understanding



Challenge in LLMs



LLM Development Life Cycle

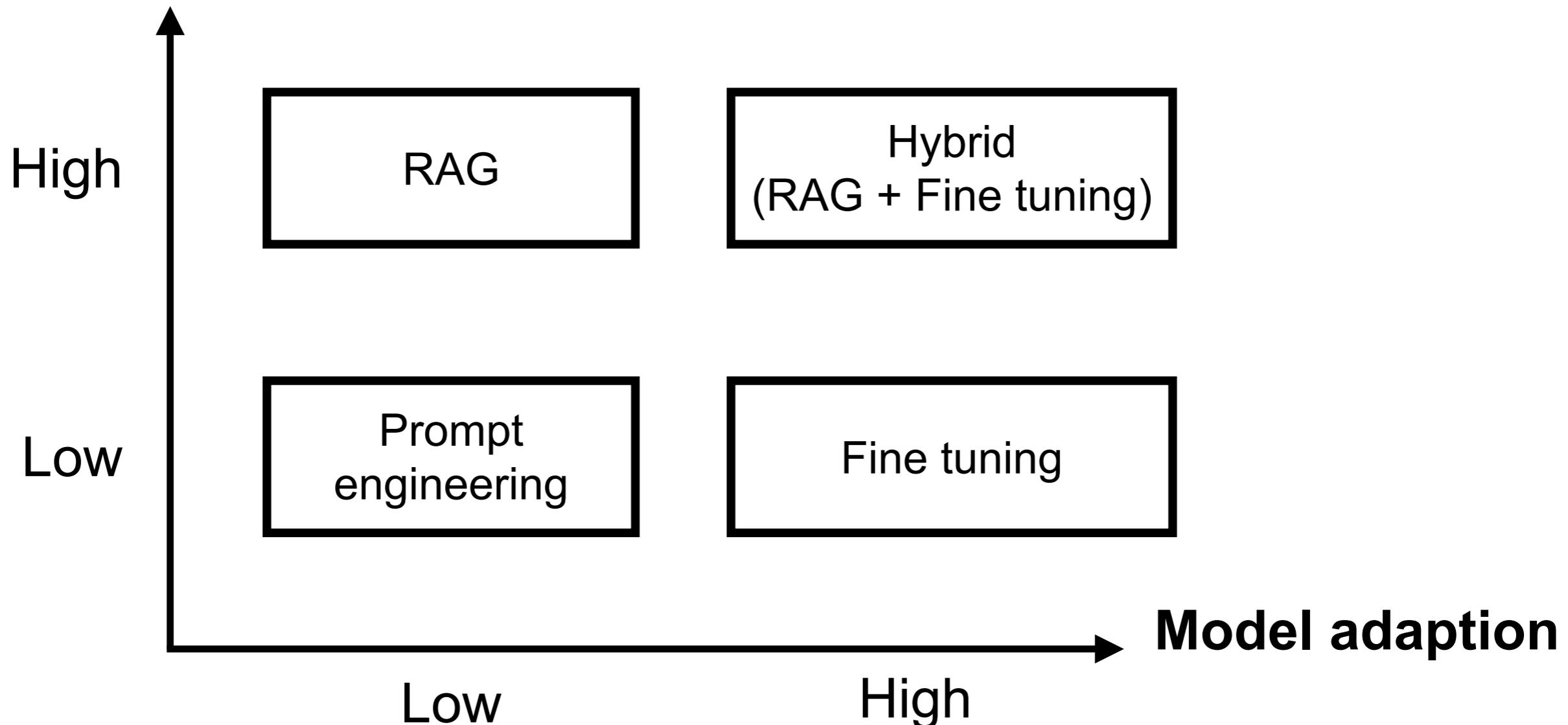


<https://substack.com/home/post/p-147698161>



LLM-based app ?

External knowledge



Decision factor for LLMs ?

Decision factor	Description
Language and Domain support	Supports Thai language or specialized domains (e.g., finance, legal, medical)
Data ownership	Level of control over data local deployment vs. third-party cloud APIs
Cost and scalability	Open-source may require GPU investment API-based models charge per usage
Latency and SLA	Response time and whether there's an uptime guarantee or service-level agreement
Ecosystem support	SDKs, plug-ins, monitoring tools, and active developer community
Advance features	Support for features like function calling, tool use, and extended context windows

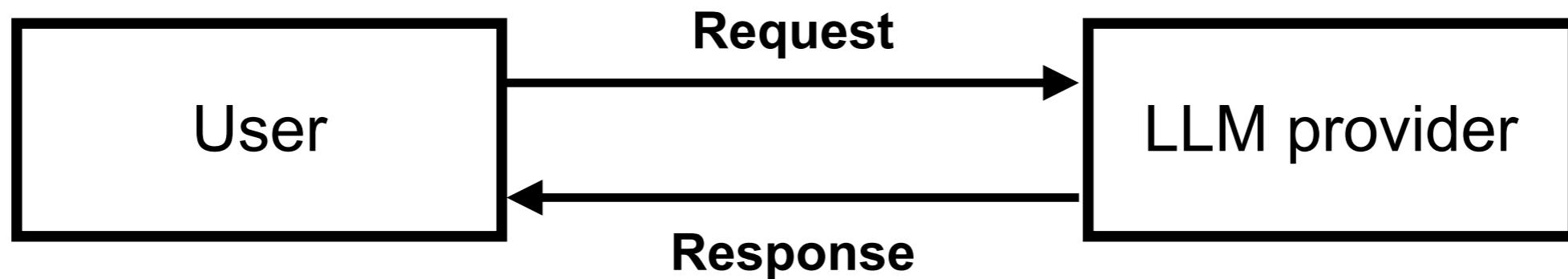


Working with LLM

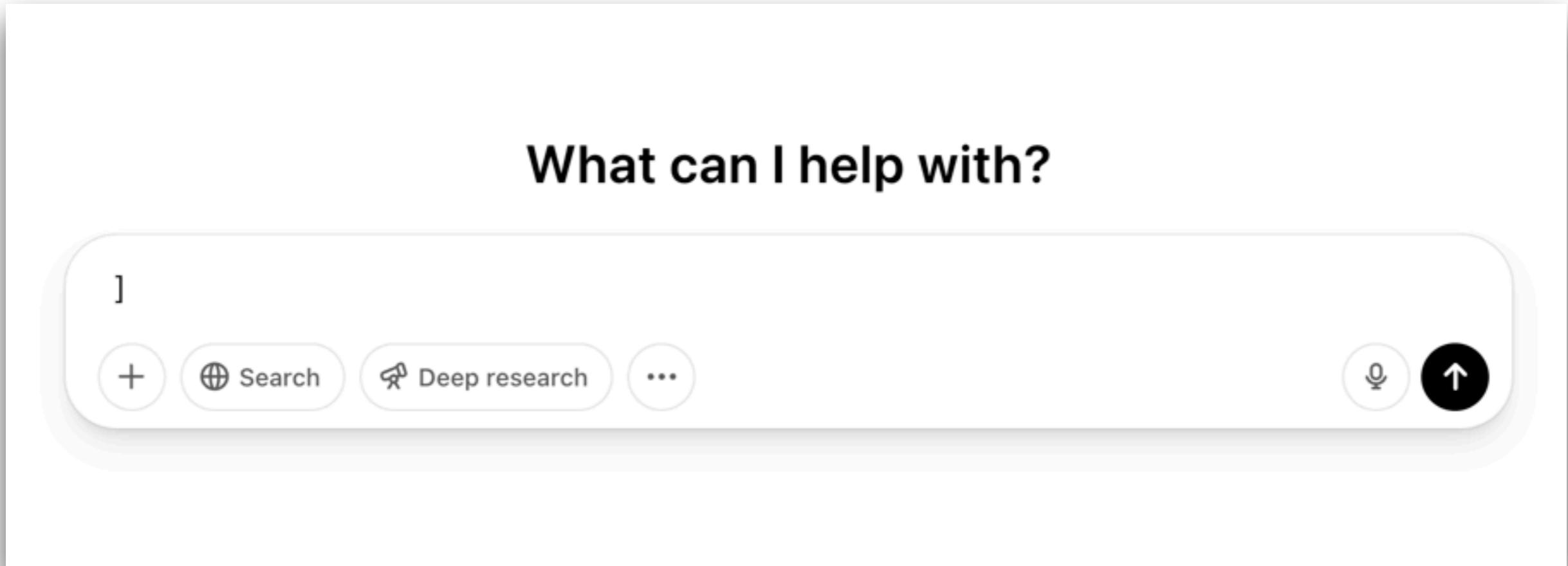


Working with LLM provider

Prompting and prompt engineering



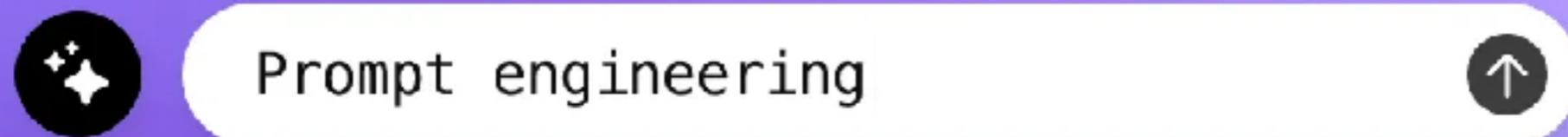
ChatGPT (web)



<https://chatgpt.com/>



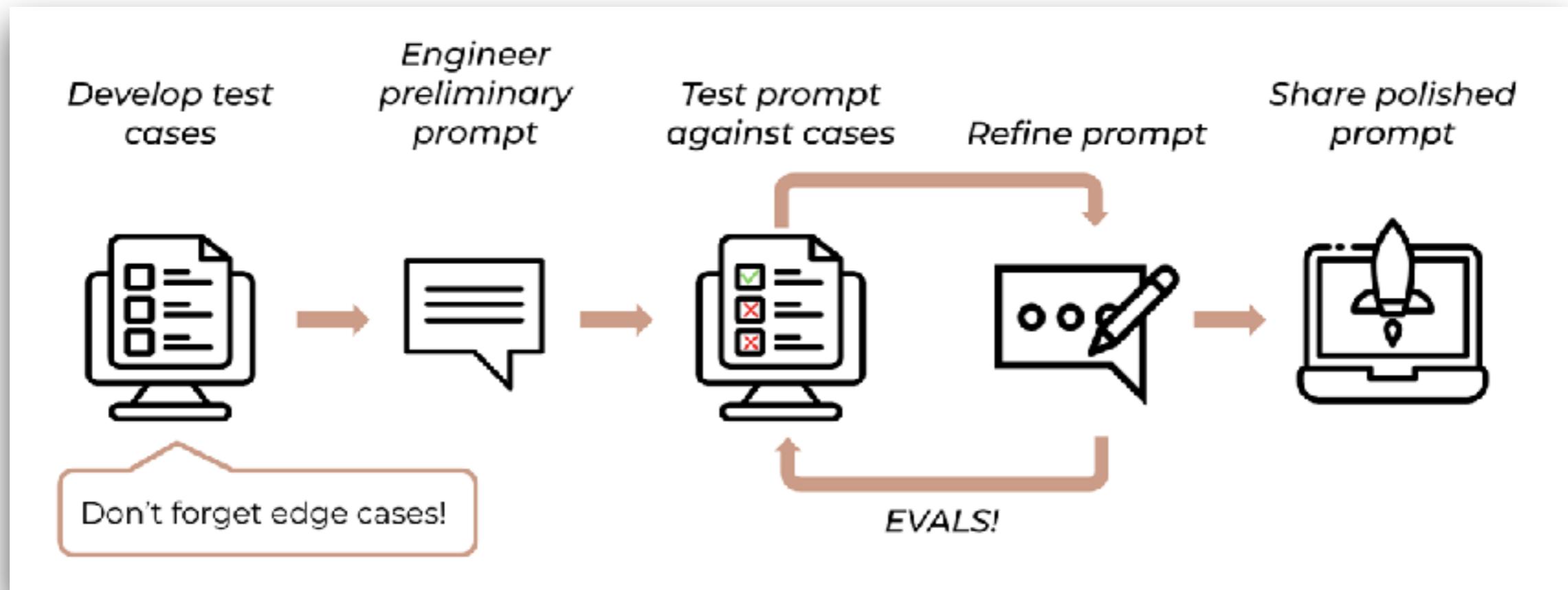
Prompt Engineering



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Prompt Development Life cycle

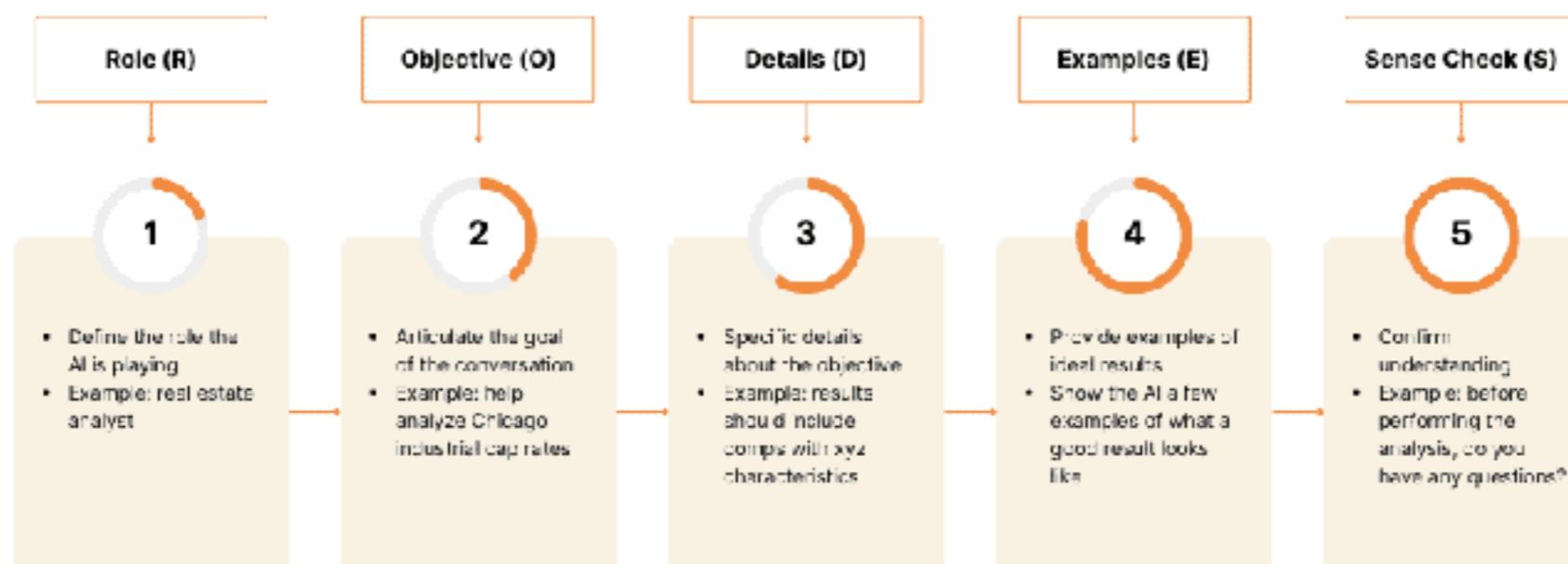


<https://cheatsheet.md/claude/clause-prompt-engineering.en>



Prompt Engineering

R.O.D.E.S. Framework AI Prompt Engineering



https://x.com/sebo_gm/status/1687366385620721664



Chain of Thought (CoT)

Guide LLM to breakdown complex reasoning tasks
into small steps for human solving

Solving problem with logic, calculation and decision
making

Improve
accuracy

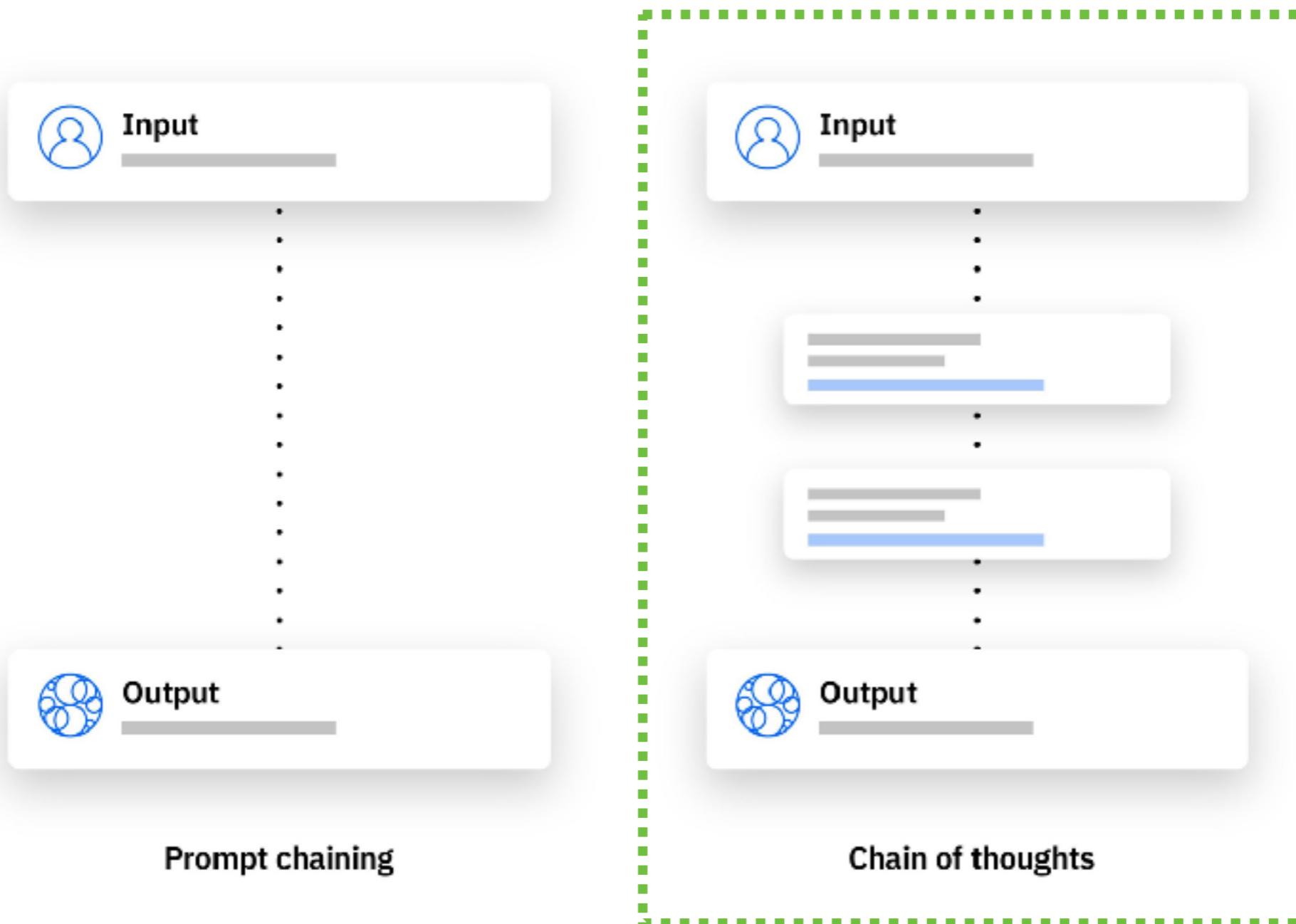
Enhance
transparency

Better
reasoning
capability

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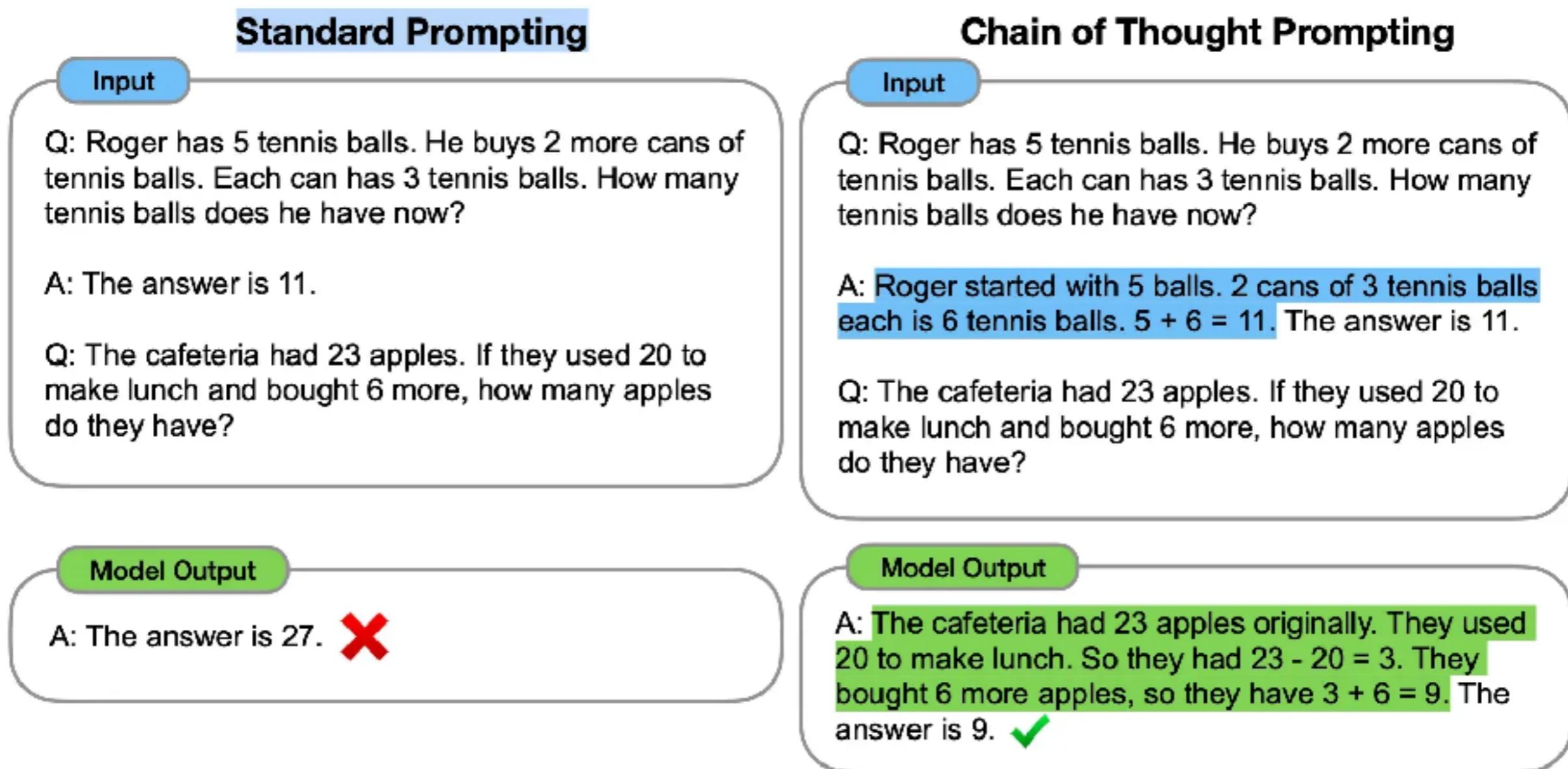
Chain of Thought (CoT)



<https://www.ibm.com/think/topics/chain-of-thoughts>



Chain of Thought (CoT)



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CoT with Zero-shot

Break down tasks by LLM model

(a) Few-shot

Q: Roger has 5 tennis balls. He buys 2 more cans of tennis balls. Each can has 3 tennis balls. How many tennis balls does he have now?

A: The answer is 11.

Q: A juggler can juggle 16 balls. Half of the balls are golf balls, and half of the golf balls are blue. How many blue golf balls are there?

A:

(Output) The answer is 8. ✘

(b) Few-shot-CoT

Q: Roger has 5 tennis balls. He buys 2 more cans of tennis balls. Each can has 3 tennis balls. How many tennis balls does he have now?

A: Roger started with 5 balls. 2 cans of 3 tennis balls each is 6 tennis balls. $5 + 6 = 11$. The answer is 11.

Q: A juggler can juggle 16 balls. Half of the balls are golf balls, and half of the golf balls are blue. How many blue golf balls are there?

A:

(Output) The juggler can juggle 16 balls. Half of the balls are golf balls. So there are $16 / 2 = 8$ golf balls. Half of the golf balls are blue. So there are $8 / 2 = 4$ blue golf balls. The answer is 4. ✓

(c) Zero-shot

Q: A juggler can juggle 16 balls. Half of the balls are golf balls, and half of the golf balls are blue. How many blue golf balls are there?

A: The answer (arabic numerals) is

(Output) 8 ✘

(d) Zero-shot-CoT (Ours)

Q: A juggler can juggle 16 balls. Half of the balls are golf balls, and half of the golf balls are blue. How many blue golf balls are there?

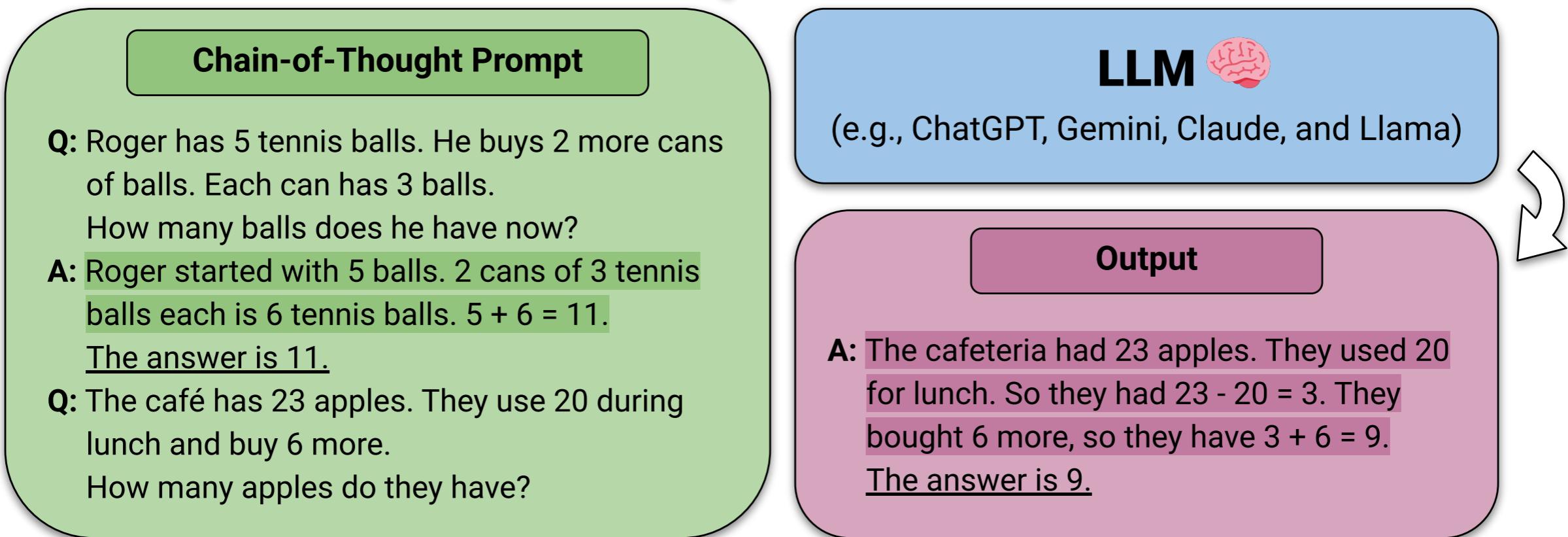
A: Let's think step by step.

(Output) There are 16 balls in total. Half of the balls are golf balls. That means that there are 8 golf balls. Half of the golf balls are blue. That means that there are 4 blue golf balls. ✓

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CoT to LLM Reasoning



<https://github.com/atfortes/Awesome-LLM-Reasoning>



LLM Reasoning models

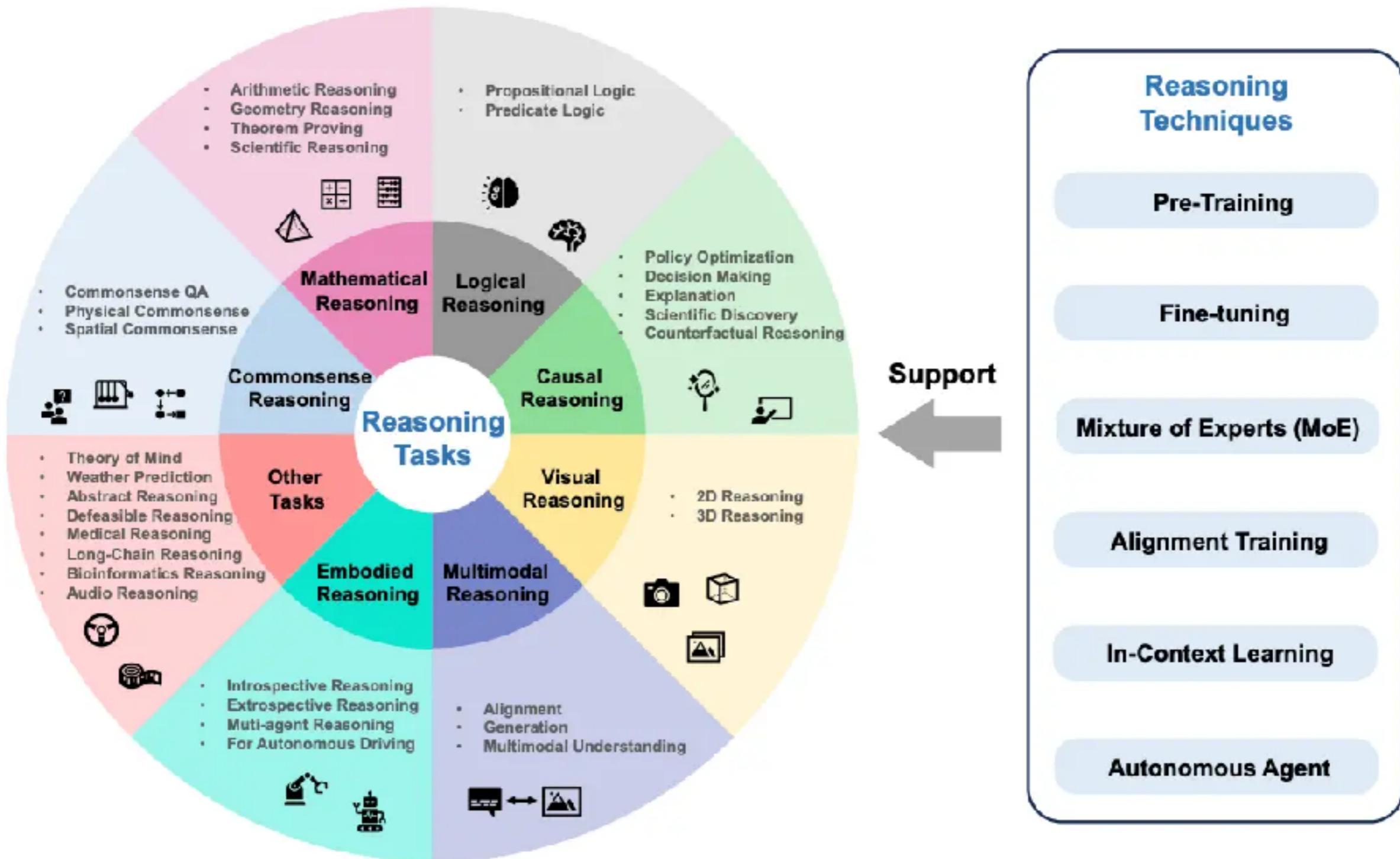


Deepseek R1



Claude 3.7 Sonnet

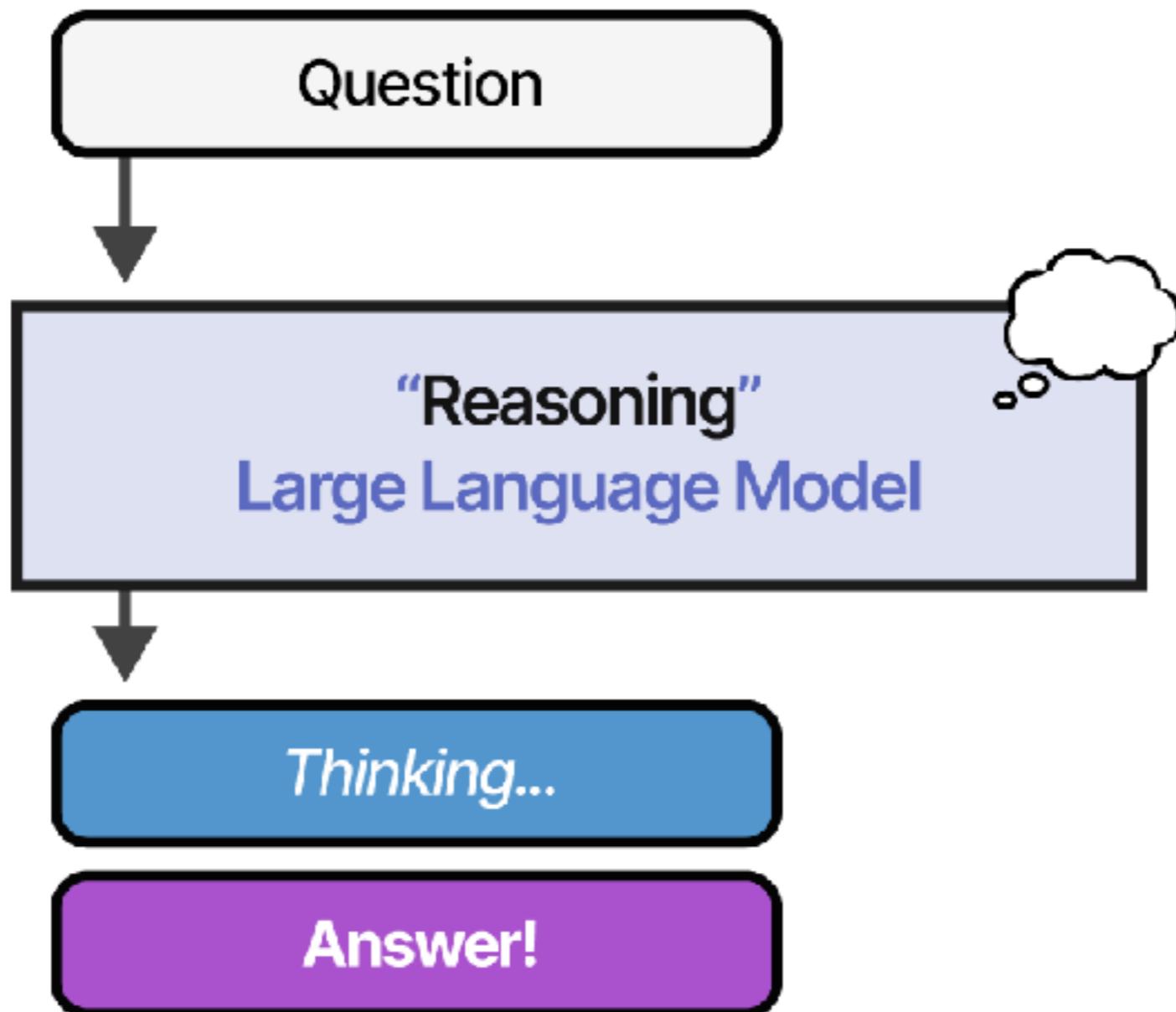




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LLM Reasoning



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LLM Reasoning

Question

I have **10** apples. I gave **2** apples away. I ate **1**. How many do I have?

“Reasoning”

Large Language Model

You have **10** apples

You gave **2** away and have **8** left

You ate **1** and have **7** left

You have **7** apples

reason steps

(typically Chain-of-Thought)

final answer

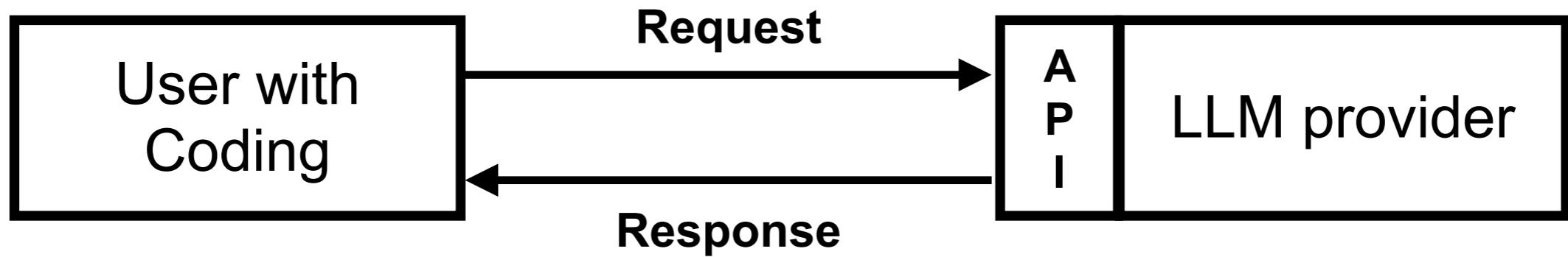
<https://newsletter.maartengrootendorst.com/p/a-visual-guide-to-reasoning-langs>



Working with APIs



Working with APIs



<https://platform.openai.com/docs/overview>



Problems ?



Problems ?

Hallucinations

Limit of context window size

Lack of access to non-public data

Limit knowledge of test data of models



Hallucinations ?

Hallucinations in LLMs refer to the generation of content that is irrelevant, made-up, or inconsistent with the input data

Incorrect
information

Lower trust in
model



Causes and Types of LLMs Hallucination



Types of LLMs Hallucination

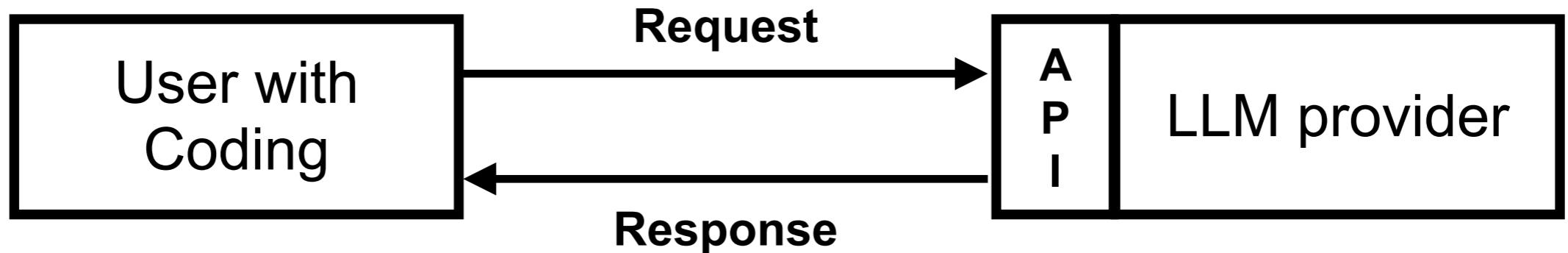
- ← Sentence Contradiction
- ↖↗ Prompt Contradiction
- ✗ Factual Contradiction
- ←➡ Nonsensical Output
- ⟳ Irrelevant or Random Hallucinations



Context window size ?

Amount of text a model can process and remember at once time

Measure with **token**



Example of GPT 4.1

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<https://platform.openai.com/docs/models/gpt-4.1>



Example of Llama 4

Llama 4: Leading Multimodal Intelligence

Newest model suite offering unrivaled speed and efficiency

Llama 4 Behemoth

288B active parameters, 16 experts
2T total parameters

The most intelligent teacher model for distillation

[Preview](#)

Llama 4 Maverick

17B active parameters, 128 experts
400B total parameters

Native multimodal with 1M context length

[Available](#)

Llama 4 Scout

17B active parameters, 16 experts
109B total parameters

Industry leading 10M context length
Optimized inference

[Available](#)

<https://ai.meta.com/blog/llama-4-multimodal-intelligence/>



Large context window size is new trend !!



Context window size of models

Different models may have different window size

Model name	Context window size
GPT 4.1	1M
Gemini 1.5, 2.5	1M
Llama 4	1M
Claude Sonnet 3.7	200,000
o4	200,000



Large context window size is new trend

But come with Cost !!

Money

Resources

Response time



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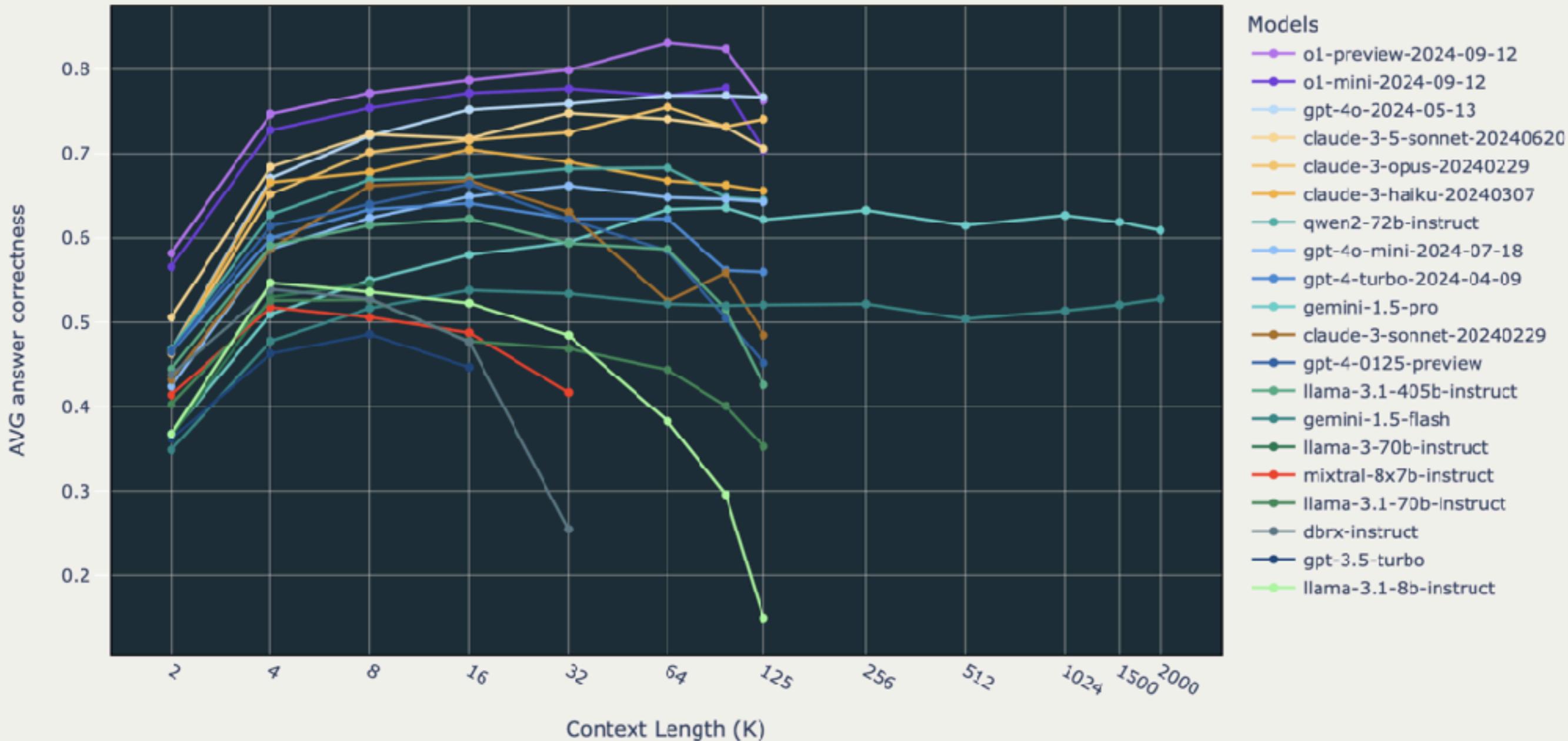
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Long context LLM is better !!

Long Context RAG Performance of LLMs



<https://arxiv.org/abs/2411.03538>



Outdate knowledge of models

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Knowledge cut-off date

Model name	Cut-off date
GPT 4.1, o4-mini	2024/06
Gemini 2.5	2025/01
Llama 4	2024/08
Claude Sonnet 3.7	2024/10



Solutions ?

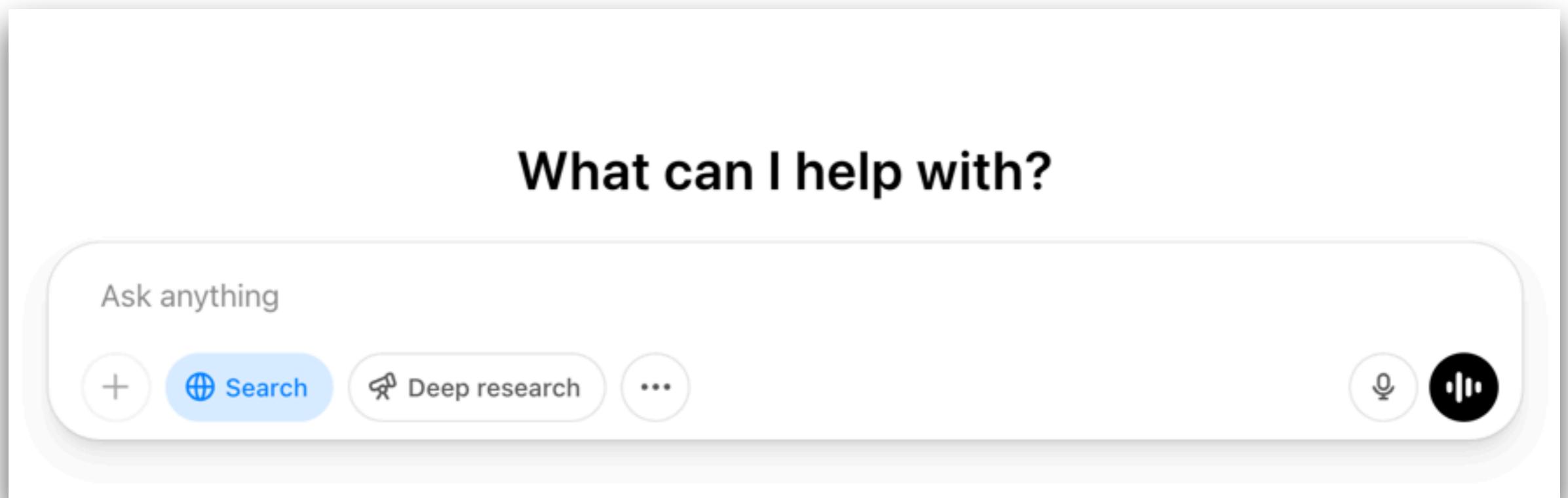


Solution ?

- Prompt engineering
- Increase context window size
- Context caching or prompt caching
- Add search features
- Fine-tuning with high-quality domain dataset
- RAG (Retrieval-Augmented Generation)



Search feature ?

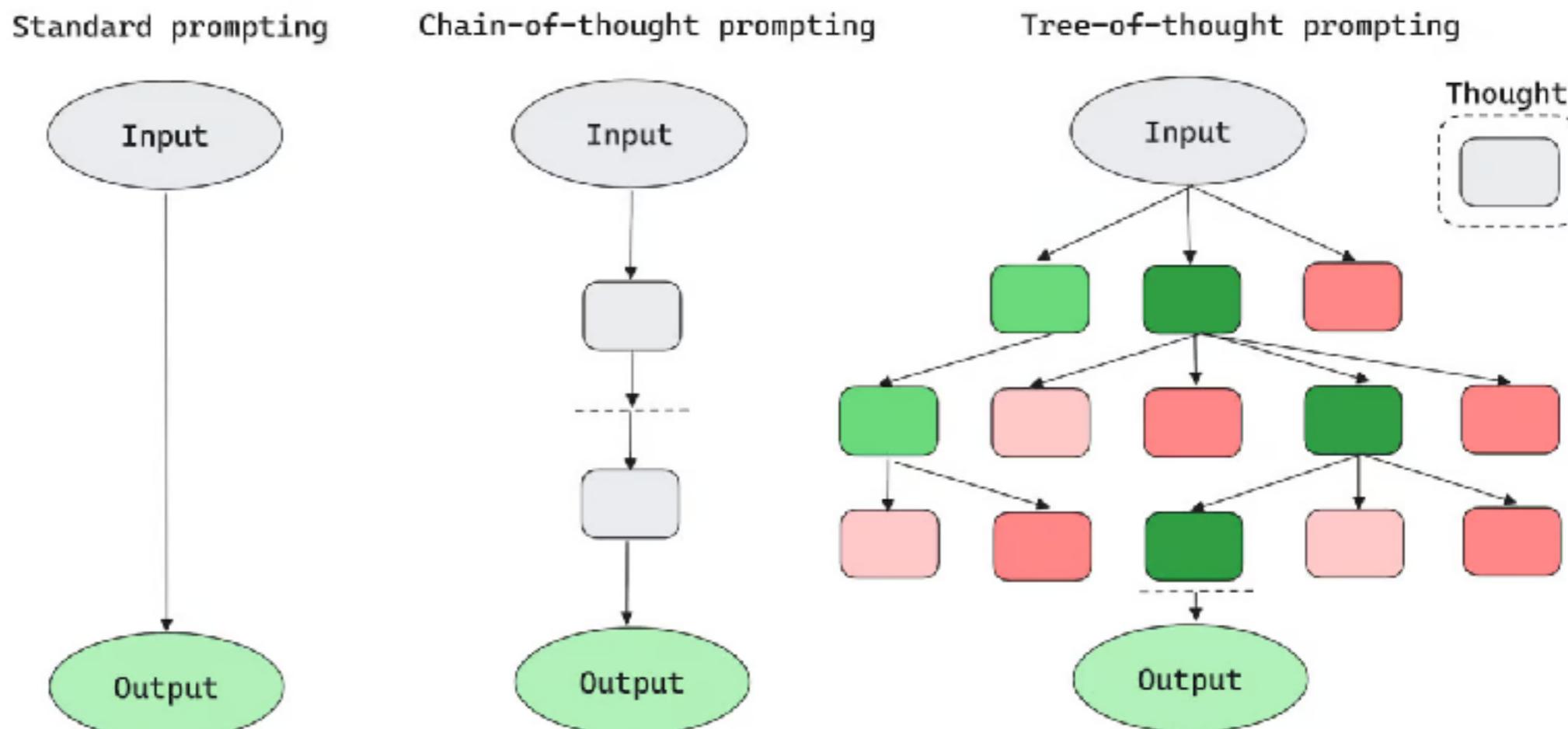


<https://chatgpt.com/>



Prompt Engineering

A Guide to Prompting LLMs!



<https://www.promptingguide.ai/>



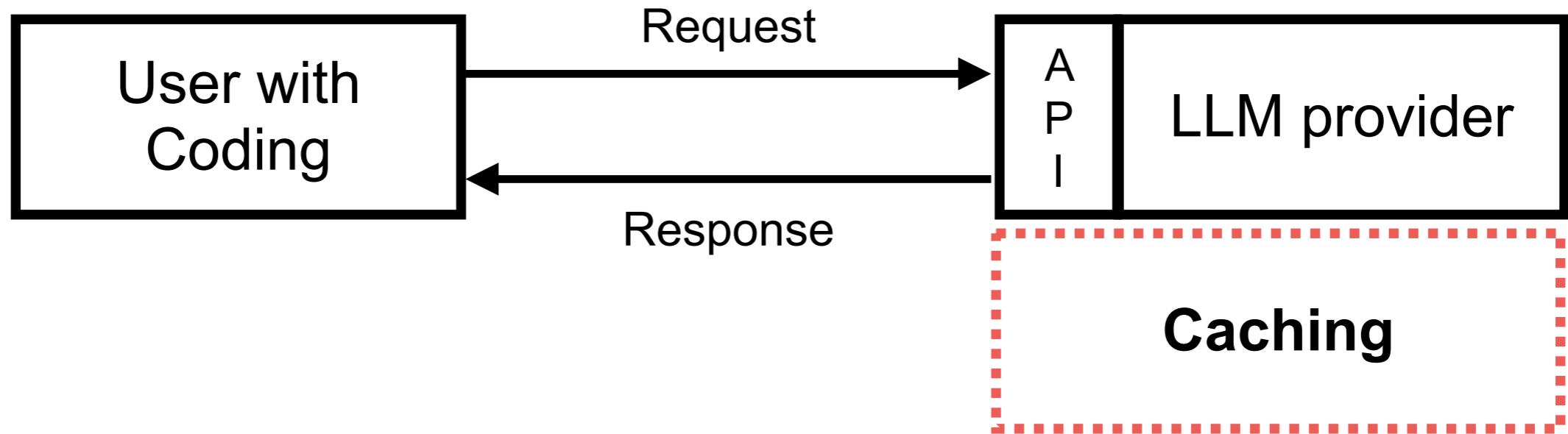
Context or Prompt Caching

Optimize the processing of large context window

Reduce computation time and resources usages

Cost saving

Reuse previous context



Response caching ?

semantic caching



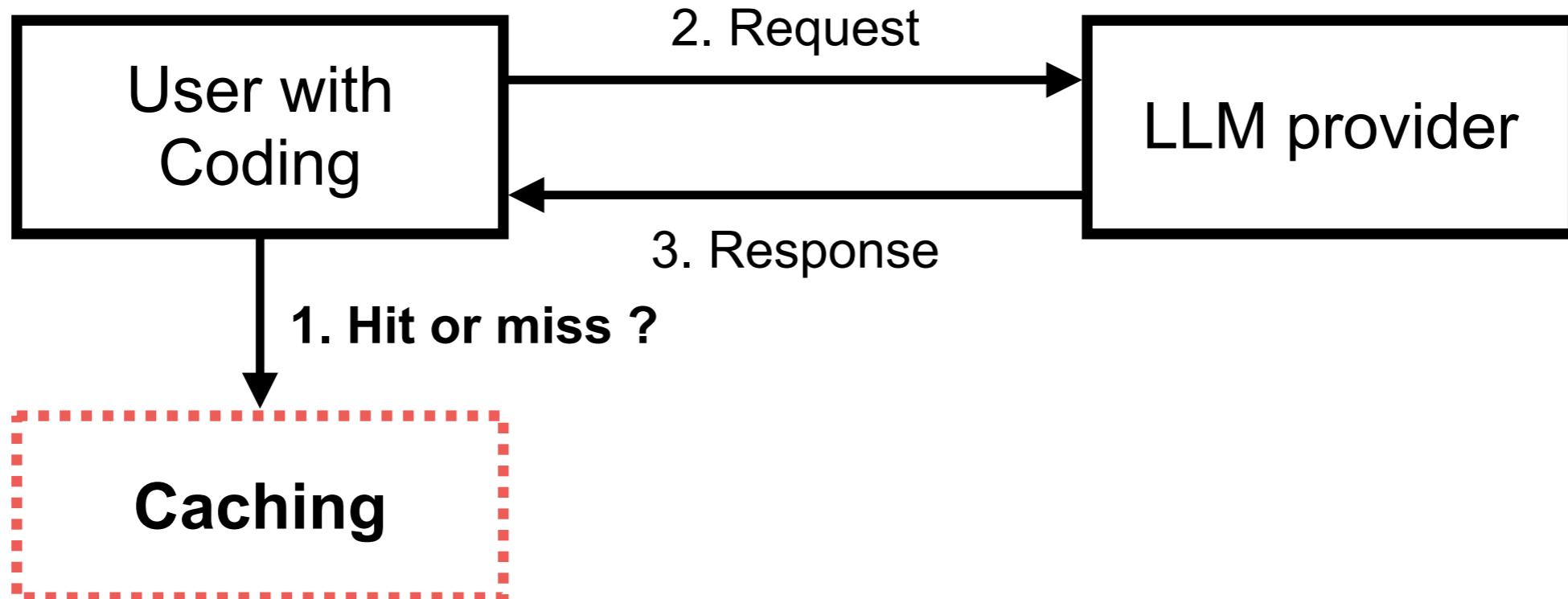
Semantic Caching

Caching response from LLM

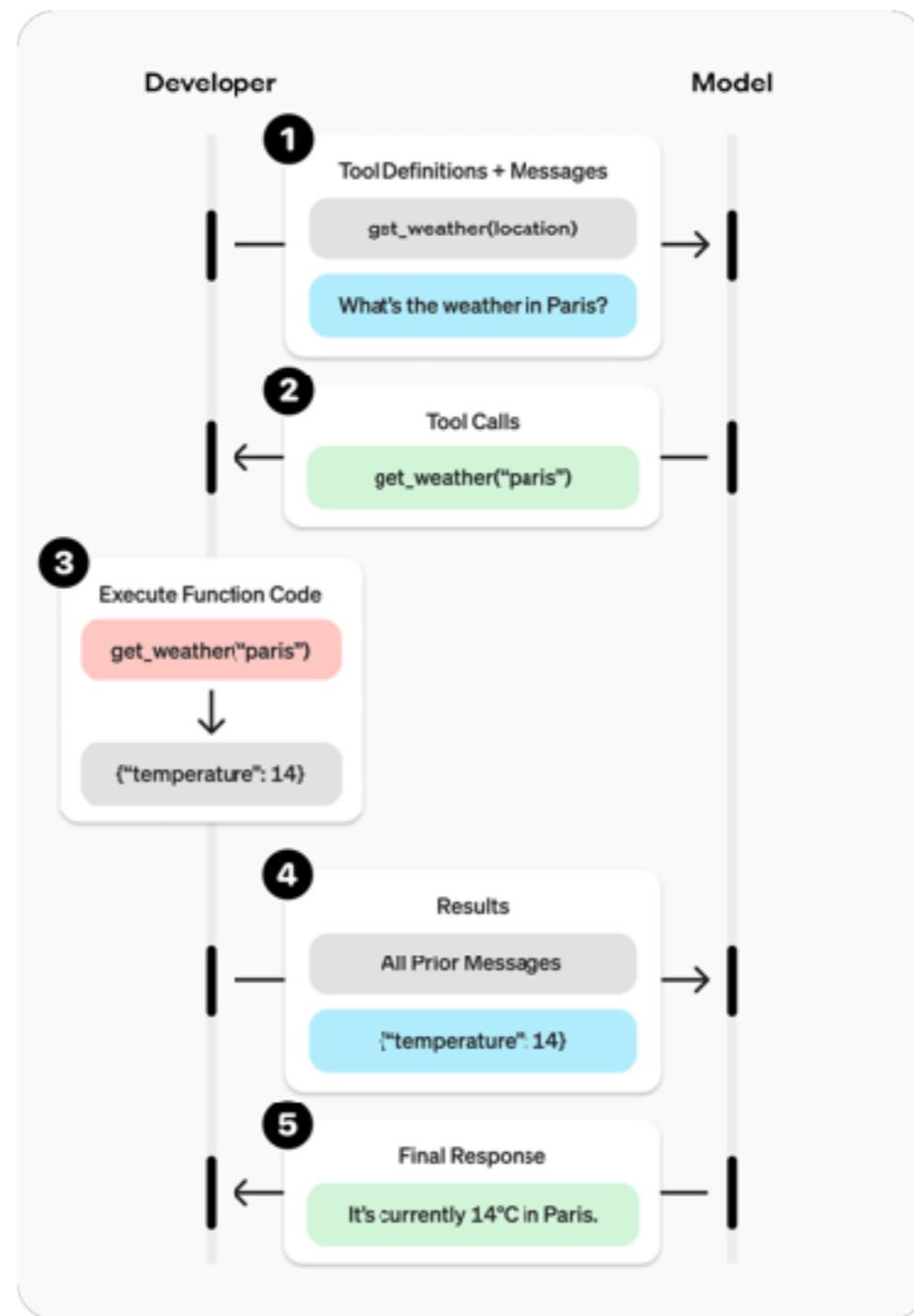
Reduce no. of query to LLM provider

Reduce cost

Improve scalability of system



Function calling ?



<https://platform.openai.com/docs/guides/function-calling?api-mode=responses>



Support function calling

Provider name	Model name
OpenAI	GPT 4
Anthropic	Claude 3 (Sonnet, Haiku, Opus)
Google	Gemini



Function calling !!

APIs: Every tool needs its own key

Traditional APIs require different authentication and integration for each service,
like needing different keys for different locks

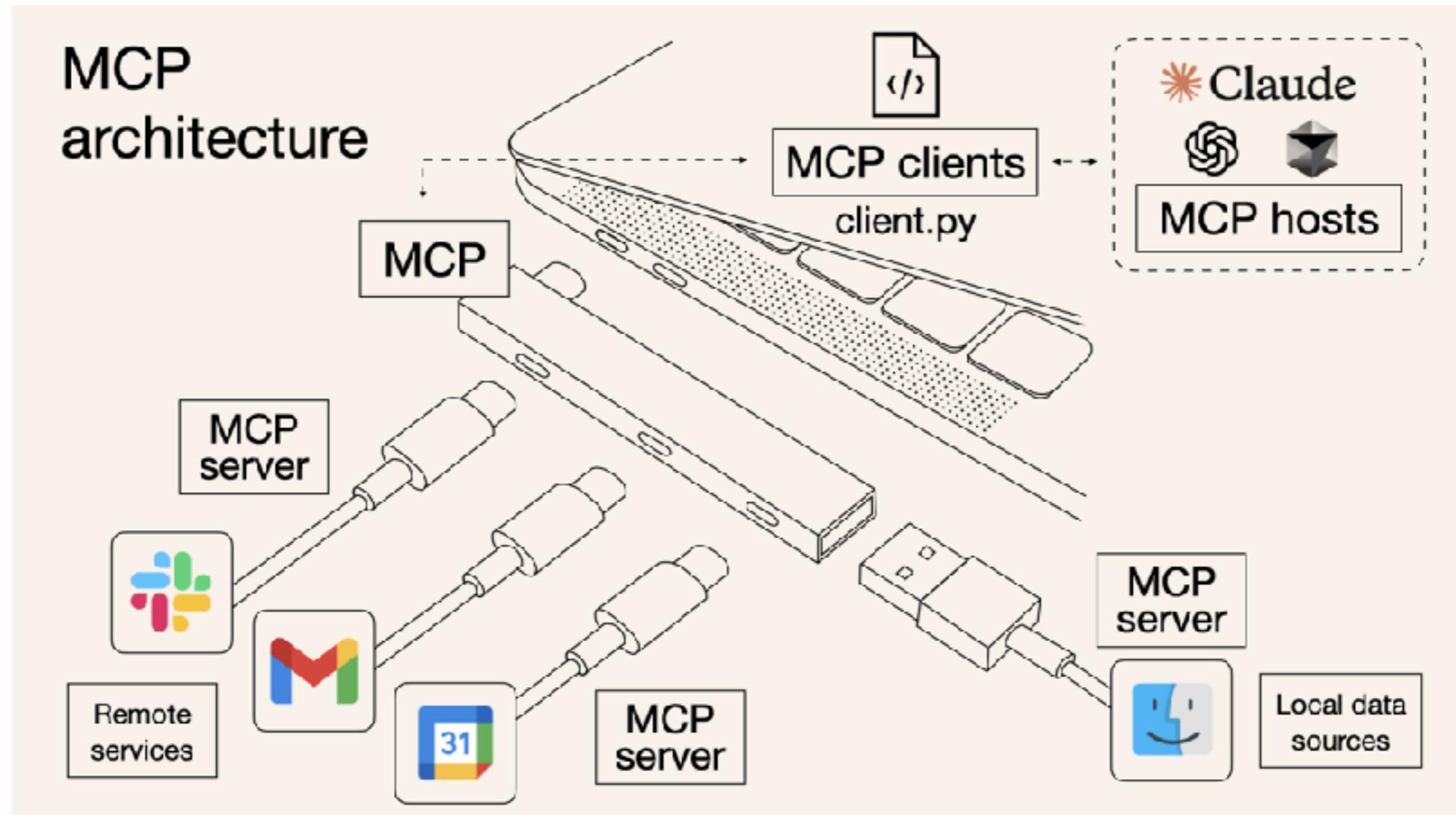
The diagram consists of two rows of seven items each. The top row contains seven different types of locks: a combination lock, a pin lock, a dial lock, a circular lock with a cross, a circular lock with a square, a keyhole lock with a notched key, and a decorative lock. The bottom row contains seven unique keys, each designed to fit one of the locks above it. Below the keys, there is a row of eight icons representing different Google services: 'APIs' (represented by a box), Gmail, Google Calendar, Google Sheets, Google Maps, Google Drive, and WhatsApp.

APIs	Gmail	Google Calendar	Google Sheets	Google Maps	Google Drive	WhatsApp
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<https://norahsakal.com/blog/mcp-vs-api-model-context-protocol-explained/>



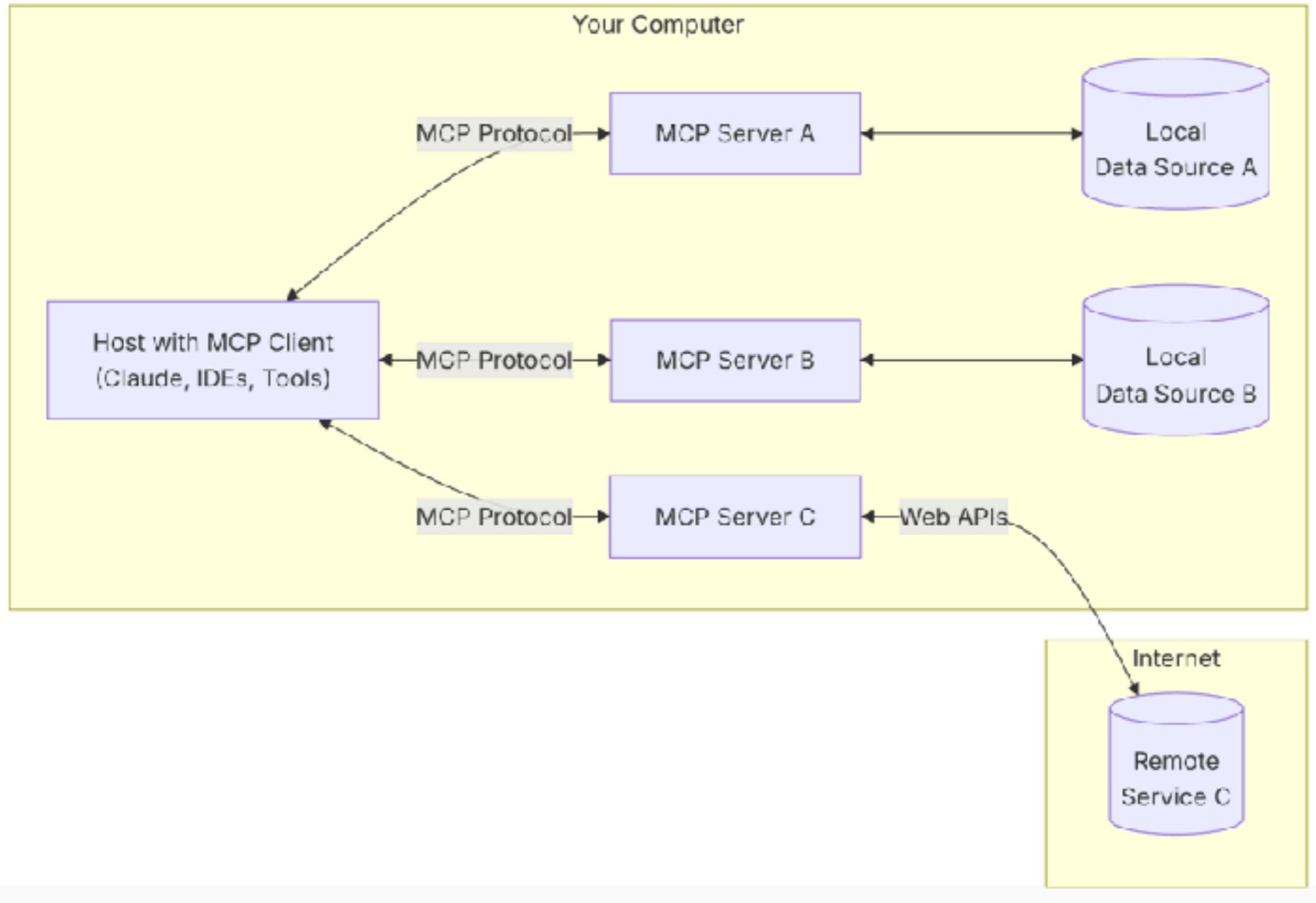
Standardized function calling !!



<https://norahsakal.com/blog/mcp-vs-api-model-context-protocol-explained/>



Model Context Protocol



<https://modelcontextprotocol.io/>

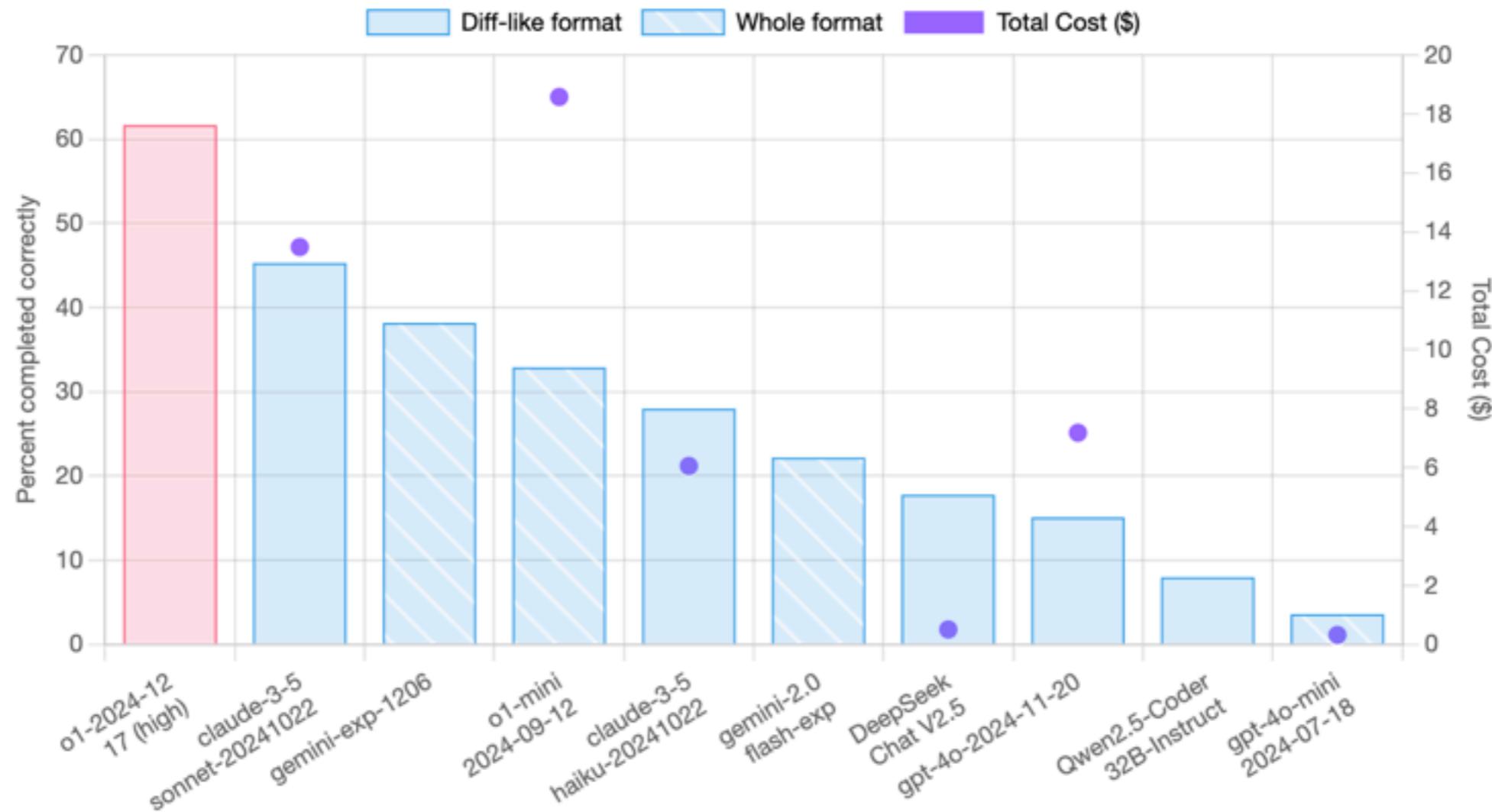


Choosing the right AI model for your task

<https://docs.github.com/en/copilot/using-github-copilot/ai-models/choosing-the-right-ai-model-for-your-task>



Aider LLM Leaderboards



<https://aider.chat/docs/leaderboards/>



TRACKING AI

Monitoring Artificial Intelligence

By: Maxim Lott



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IQ Test Results

Score reflects average of last 7 tests given

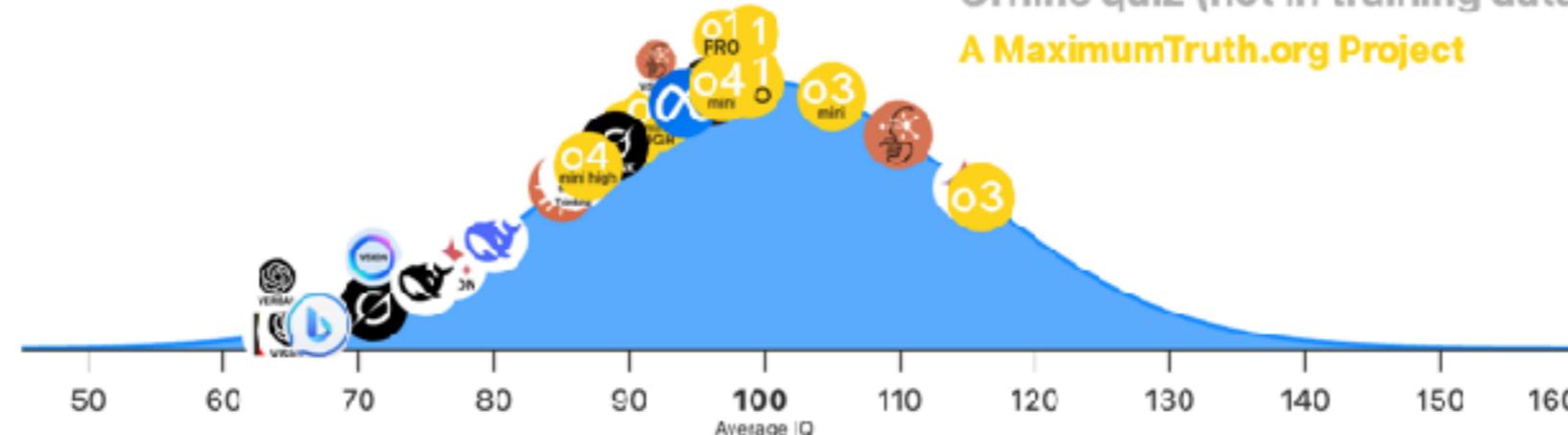
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TrackingAI.org
Offline quiz (not in training data)
A MaximumTruth.org Project



<https://trackingai.org/>



RAG

(Retrieval Augmented Generation)



RAG

Enhances LLMs by retrieving external knowledge before generating response

Improve accuracy

Reduce hallucinations

Real-time knowledge updates



Core Components

Retriever

Fetch relevant documents from a knowledge base

Generator

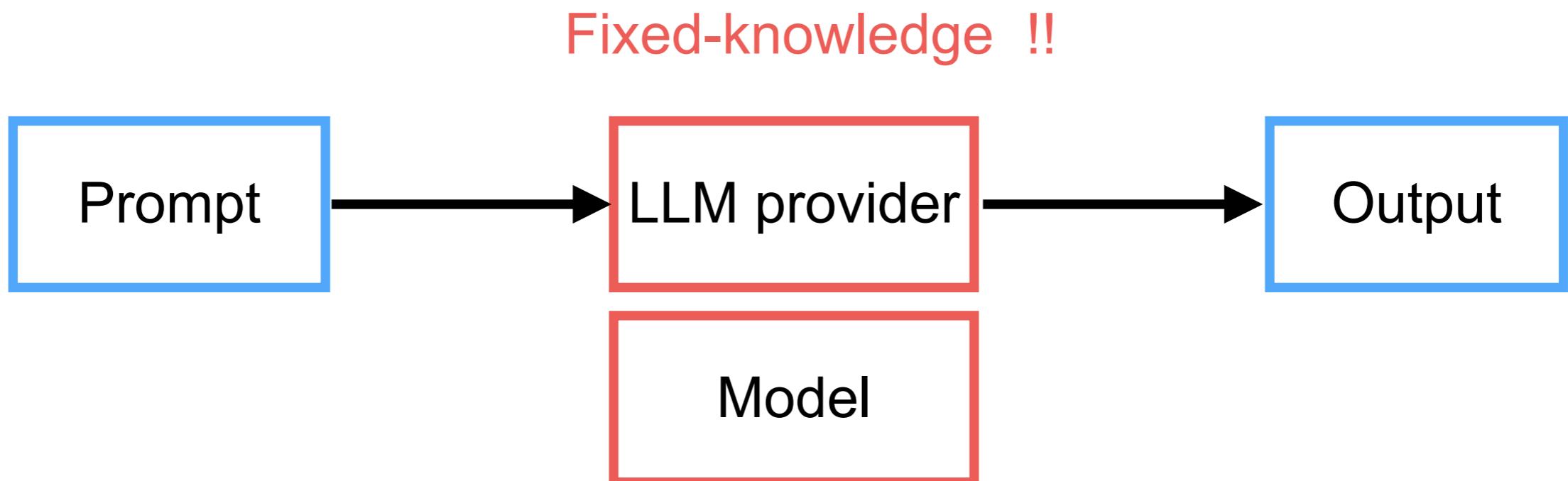
Uses the retrieved information to generate a response

Enhancements

Different RAG architectures modify how retrieval and generation interact to improve performance

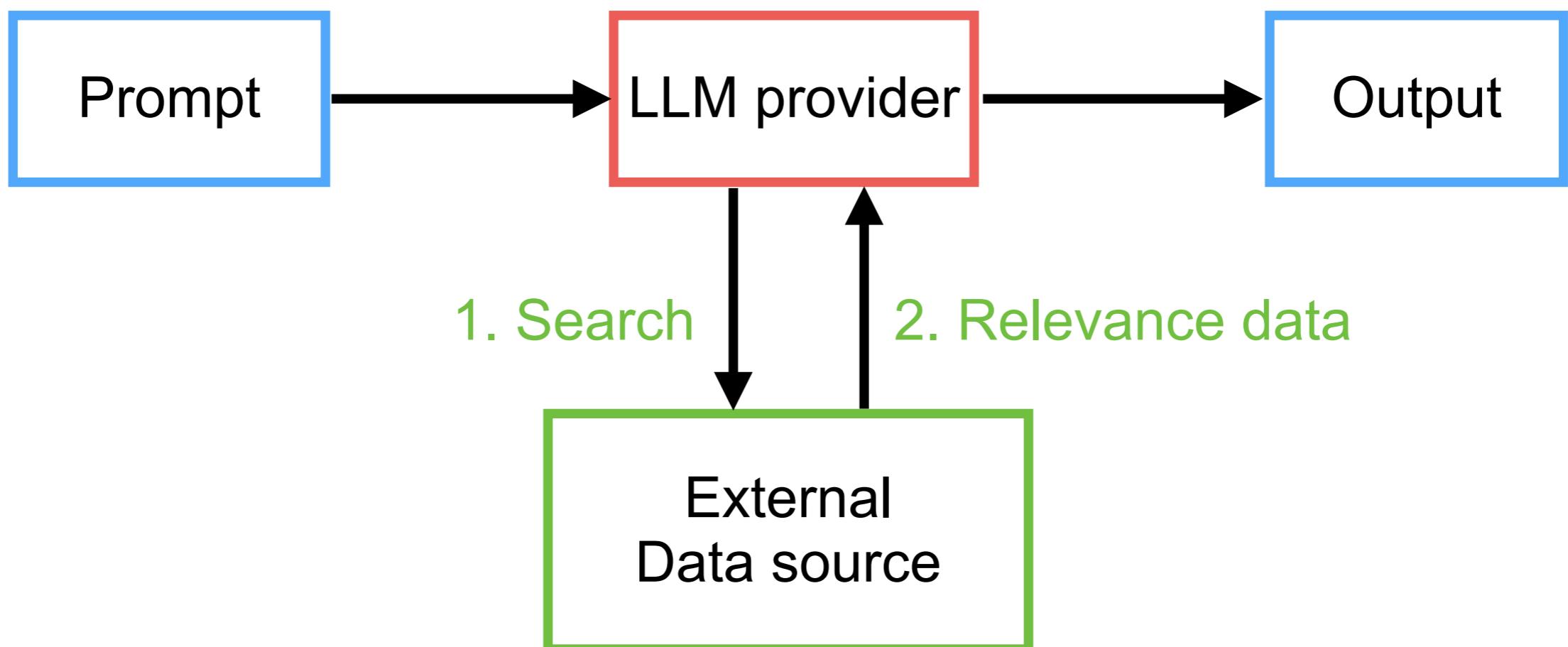


Limitation of LLM



RAG ?

Fixed-knowledge !!



How to search/retrieve data ?

Data source

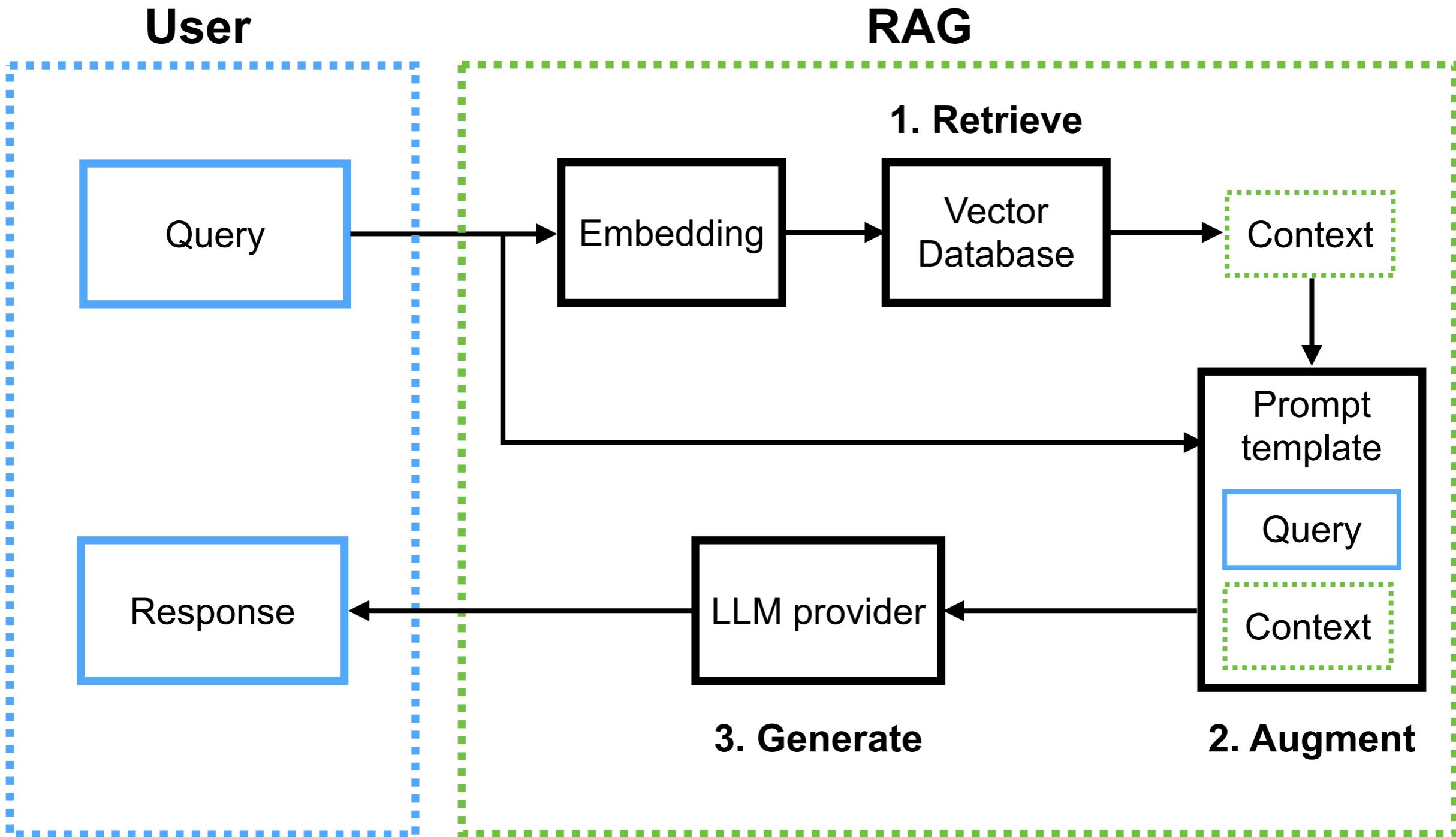
Data preparation

Search

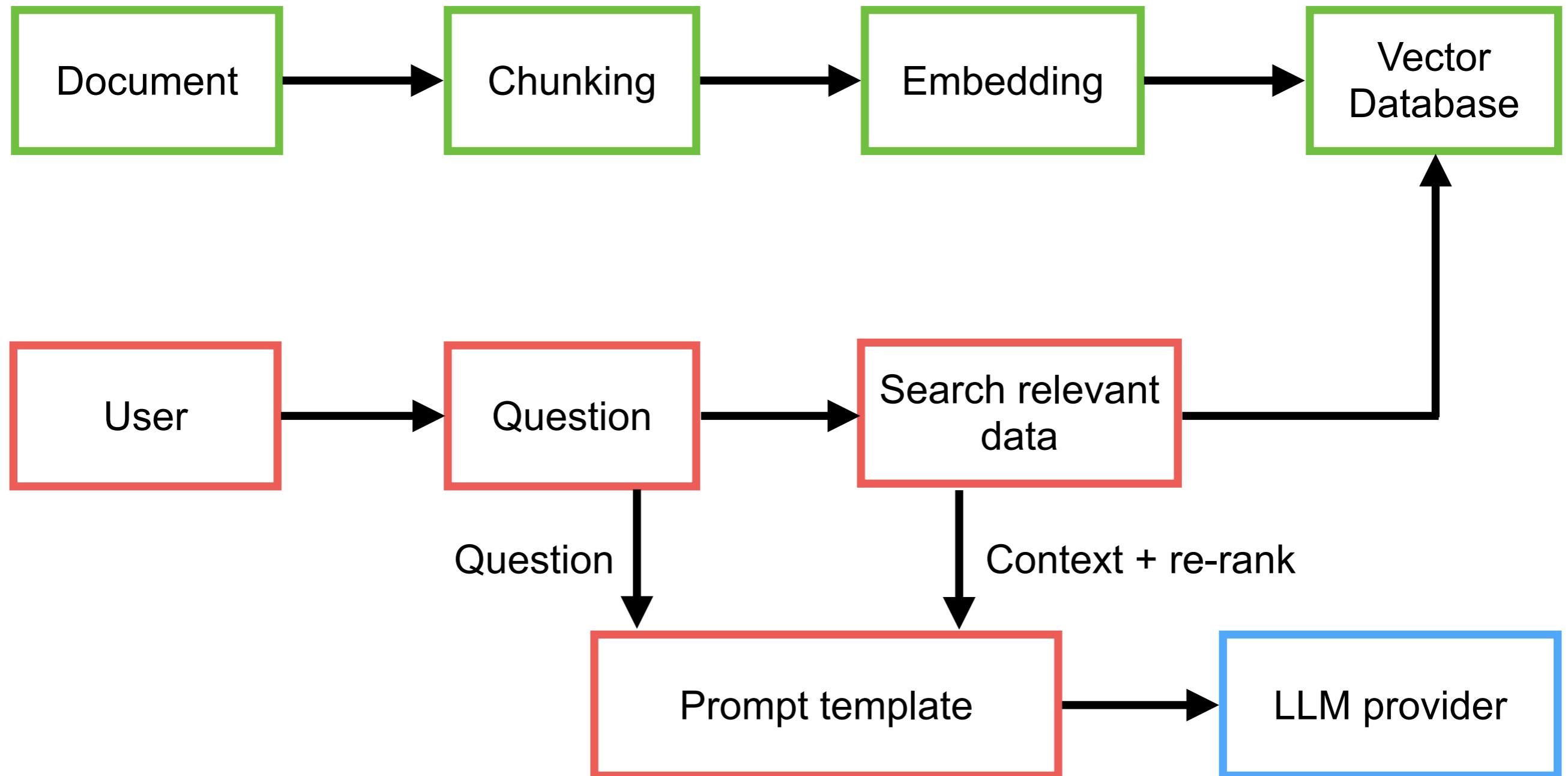
Search result



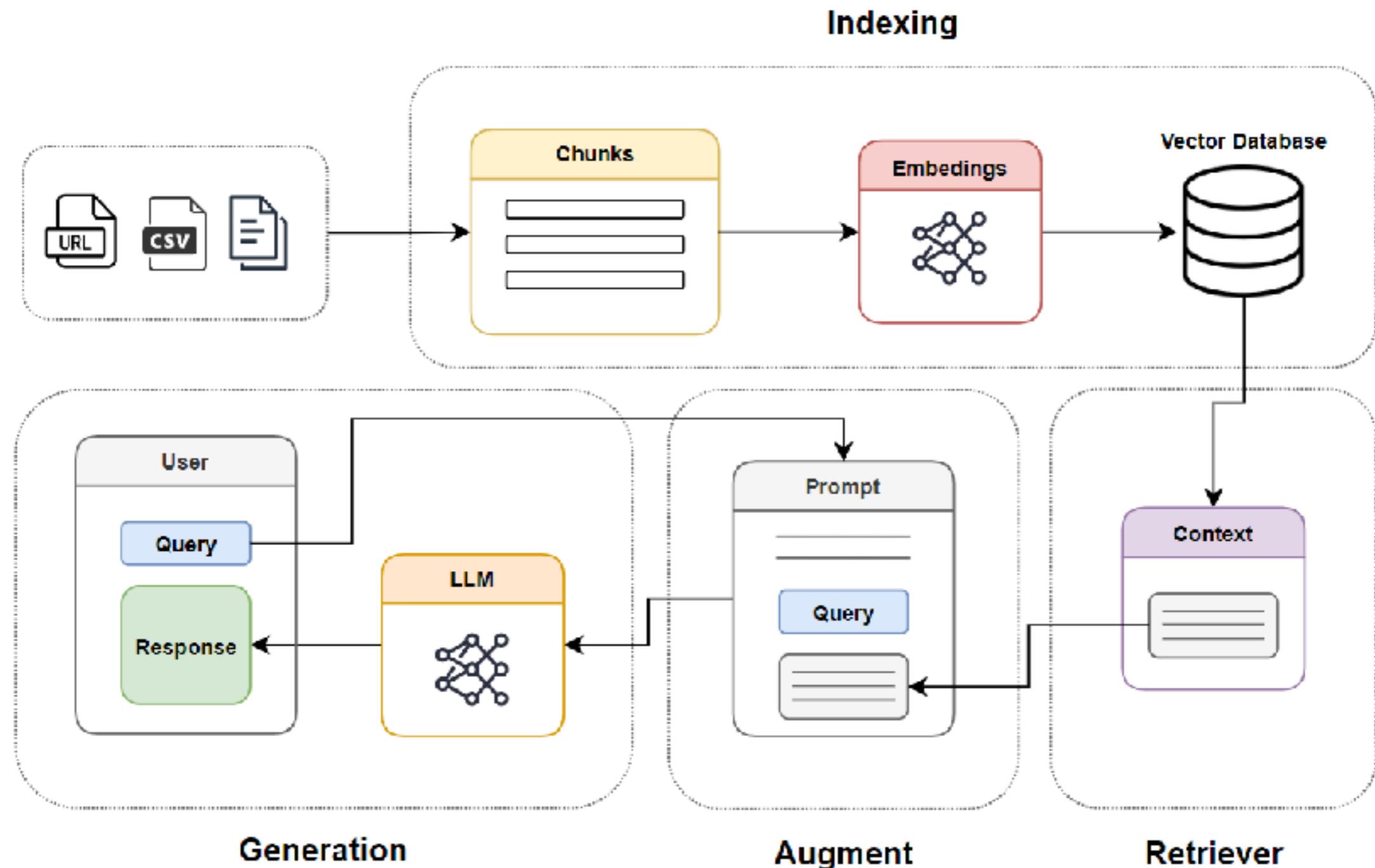
Basic RAG Architecture



RAG process



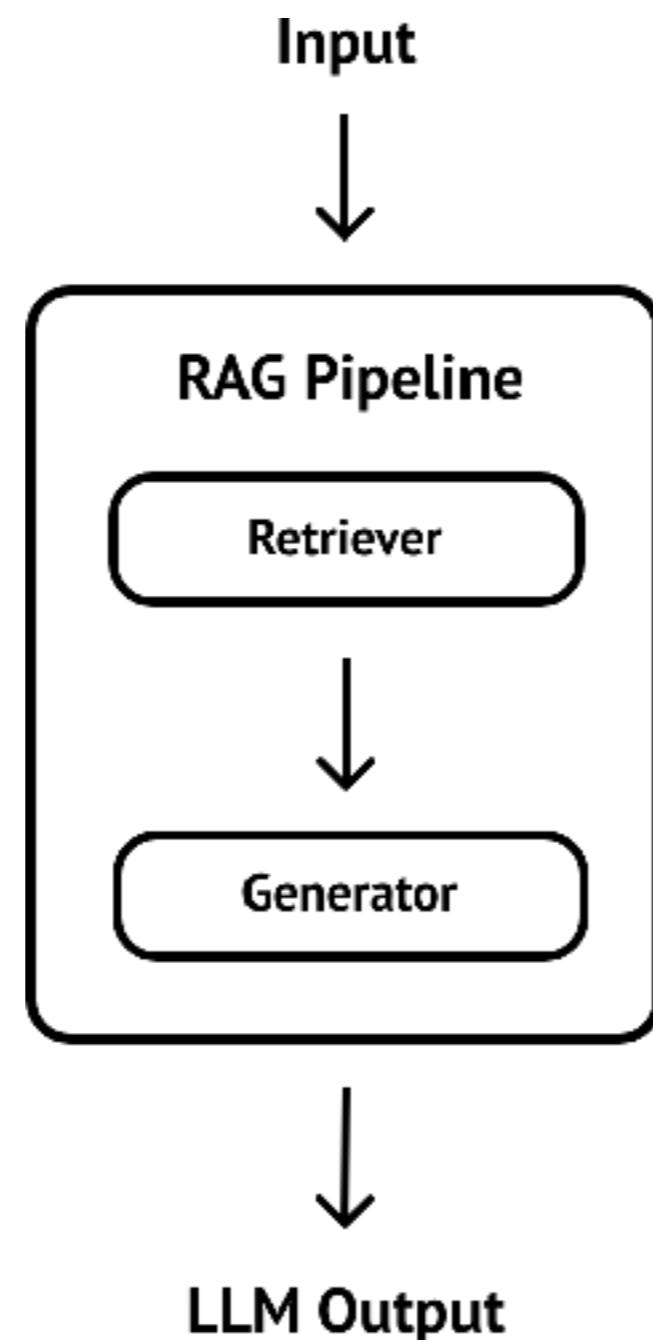
RAG Cookbook (techniques)



<https://github.com/athina-ai/rag-cookbooks>



RAG Evaluation !!



Retriever Metrics:

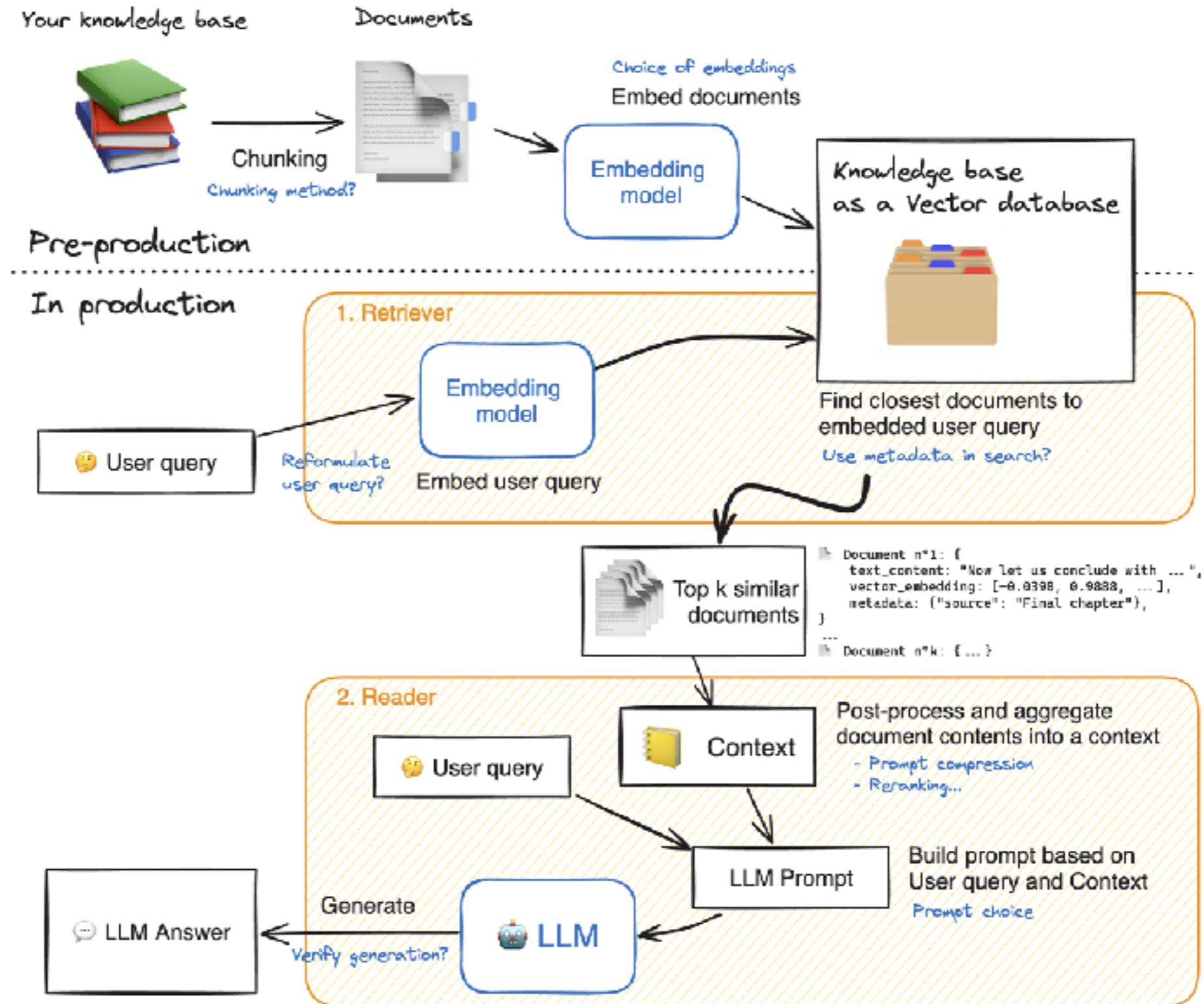
- Contextual Recall
- Contextual Precision
- Contextual Relevancy

Generator Metrics:

- Answer Relevancy
- Faithfulness

<https://www.deepeval.com/guides/guides-rag-evaluation>

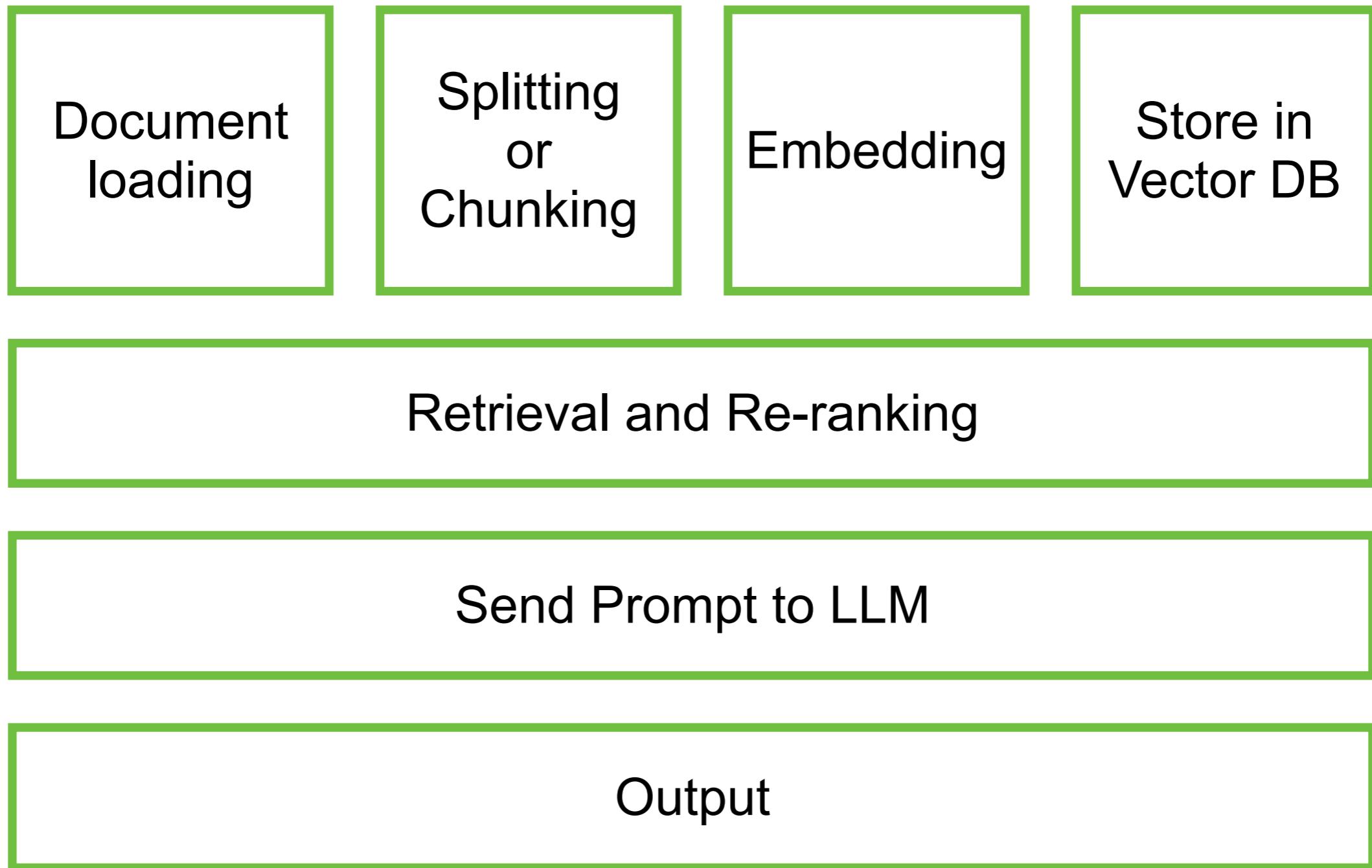




https://huggingface.co/learn/cookbook/en/rag_evaluation



RAG Implementation



Failure Points of RAG

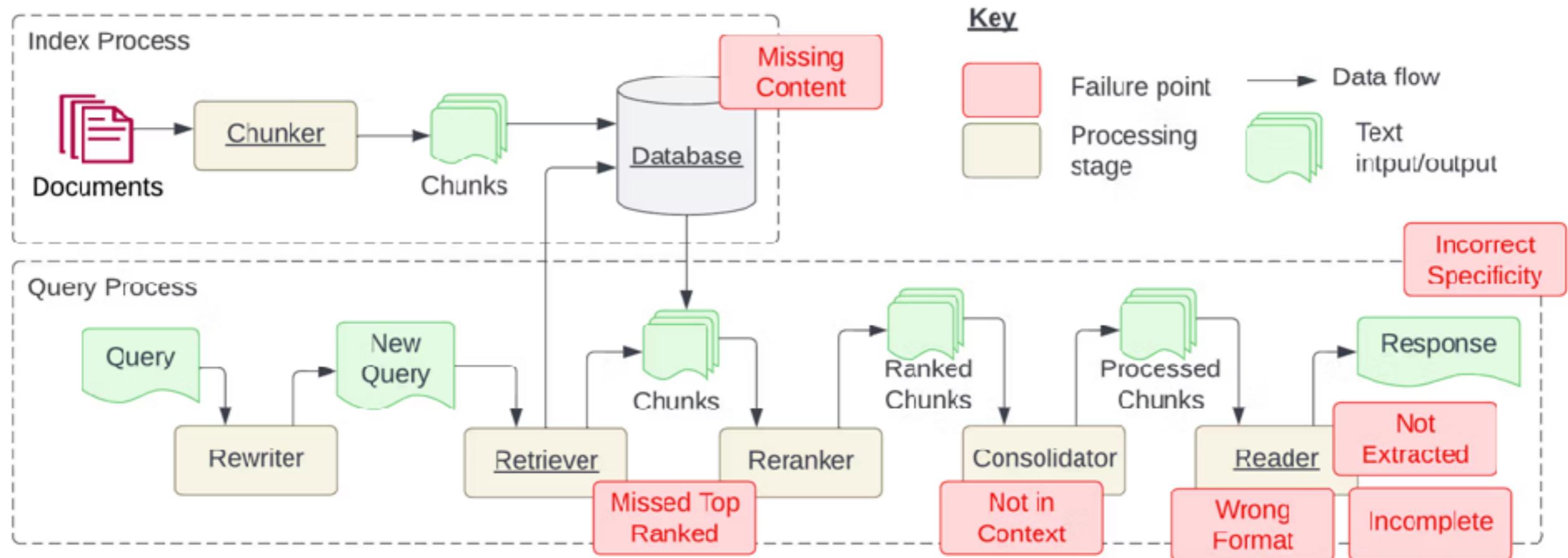


Figure 1: Indexing and Query processes required for creating a Retrieval Augmented Generation (RAG) system. The indexing process is typically done at development time and queries at runtime. Failure points identified in this study are shown in red boxes. All required stages are underlined. Figure expanded from [19].

<https://www.galileo.ai/blog/mastering-rag-how-to-architect-an-enterprise-rag-system>



RAG is better

But come with Cost !!

More latency

Retrieval errors

Accuracy !!

More
Complexity

Maintenance
overhead



RAG Techniques ?



RAG Techniques ?

Semantic
chunking

Chunk size
selector

Context chunk
header

Adaptive RAG

Re-ranking

Graph TAG

<https://github.com/FareedKhan-dev/all-rag-techniques>



Pre-Retrieval optimization ?



Pre-Retrieval optimization ?

Preprocessing and cleansing data

Chunking strategies

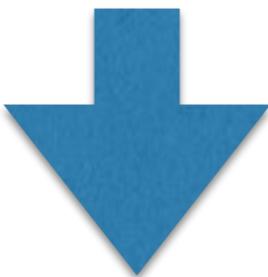
Add metadata

Embedding model selection

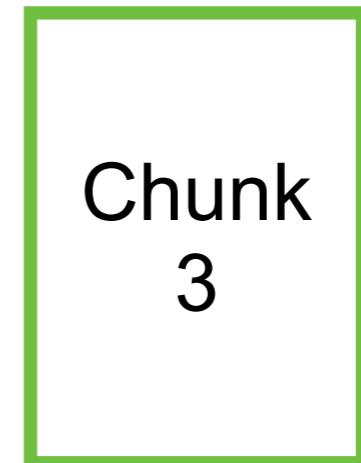
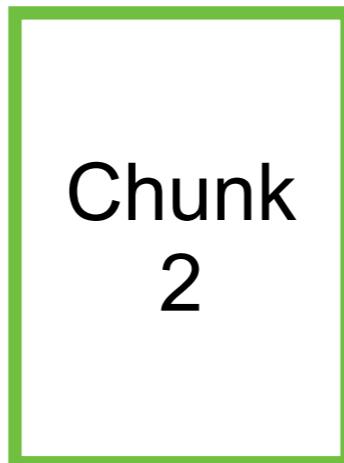
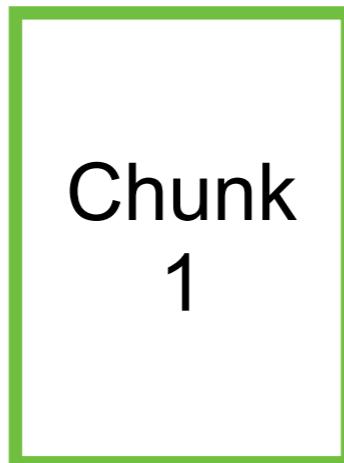


Chunking strategies

Size of Document
> context window size



Chunking



Chunking Strategies !!

Fixed size
Recursive characters
Document structure-based
Semantic chunking
Agentic chunking

...

<https://blog.dailydoseofds.com/p/5-chunking-strategies-for-rag>



Good Chunking

Efficiency

Relevance

Context
preservation

Improve content
generation

Reduce noise



Bad Chunking

Loss context

Redundancy

Inconsistency



Chunking Visualization

ChunkViz v0.1

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Language Models do better when they're focused.

One strategy is to pass a relevant subset (chunk) of your full data. There are many ways to chunk text.

This is an tool to understand different chunking/splitting strategies.

[Explain like I'm 5...](#)

One of the most important things I didn't understand about the world when I was a child is the degree to which the returns for performance are superlinear.

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It's obviously true that the returns for performance are superlinear in business. Some think this is a flaw of capitalism, and that if we changed the rules it would stop being true. But superlinear returns for performance are a feature of the world, not an artifact of rules we've invented. We see the same pattern in fame, power, military victories, knowledge, and ...

[Upload txt](#)

Splitter: 

Chunk Size: 

Chunk Overlap: 

Total Characters: 2658
Number of chunks: 107
Average chunk size: 24.8

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<https://chunkviz.up.railway.app/>



Retrieval optimization ?



Retrieval optimization ?

Re-ranking

Hybrid search

Query
transformation

Vector database
Selection

Contextual
retrieval



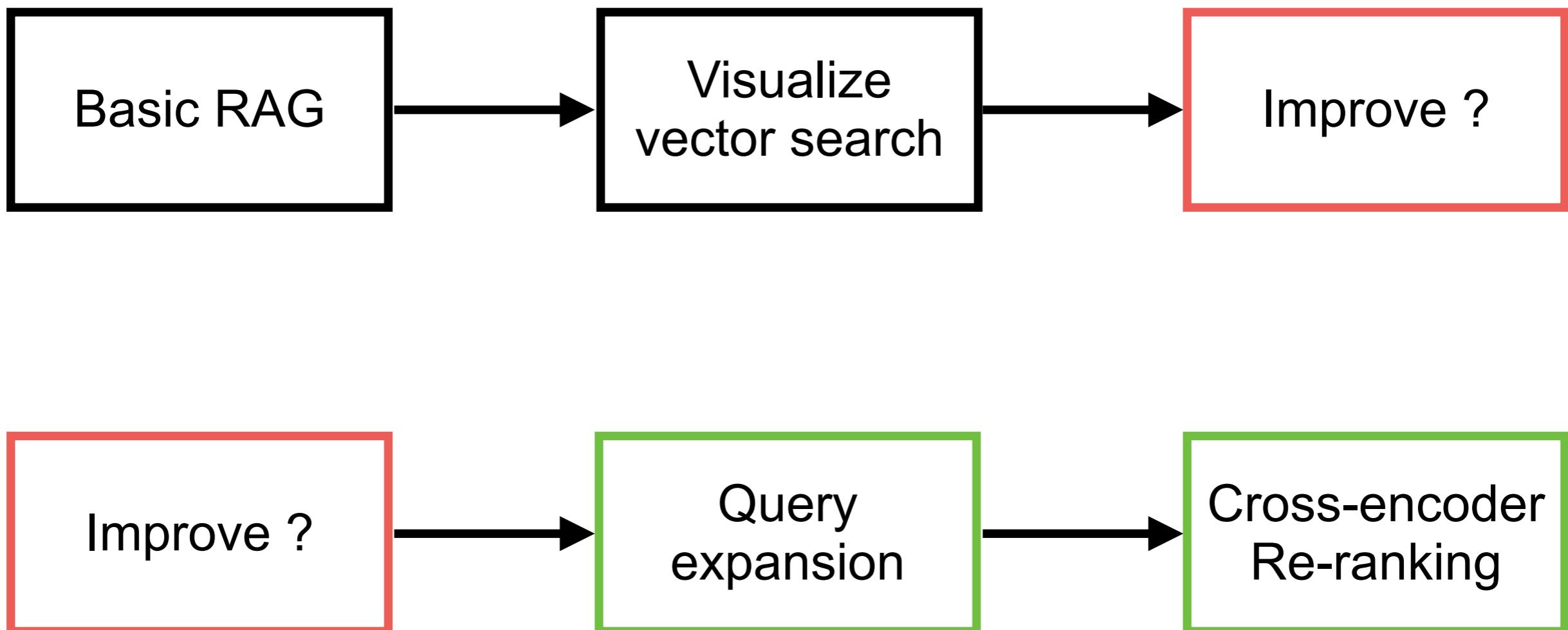


RAG Workshop

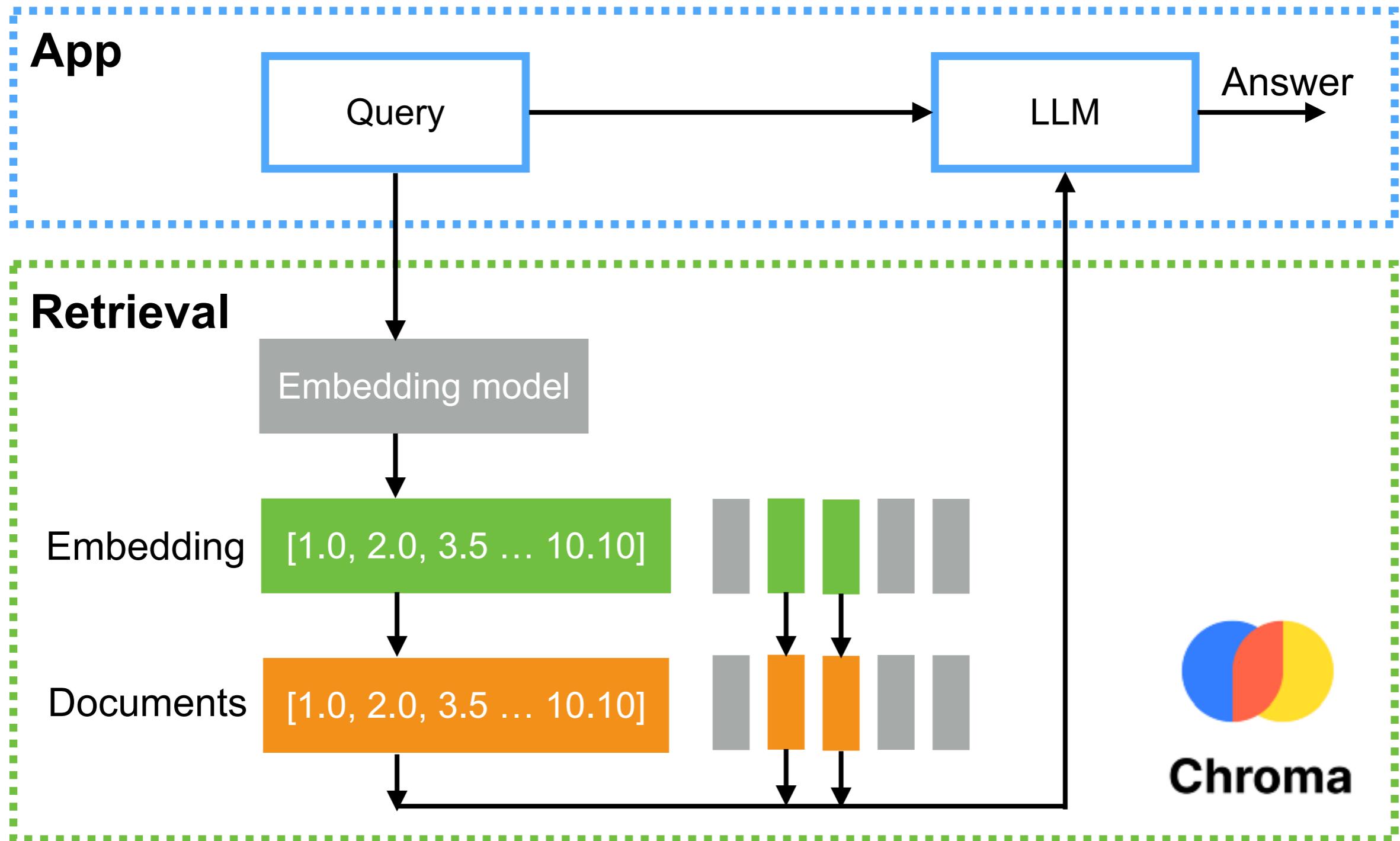
<https://github.com/up1/workshop-basic-llm/tree/main/workshop/basic-rag>



RAG workshop



Basic RAG



Query Expansion

Query expansion is a widely used technique to improve the recall of search systems

Ambiguity

Vocabulary
mismatch

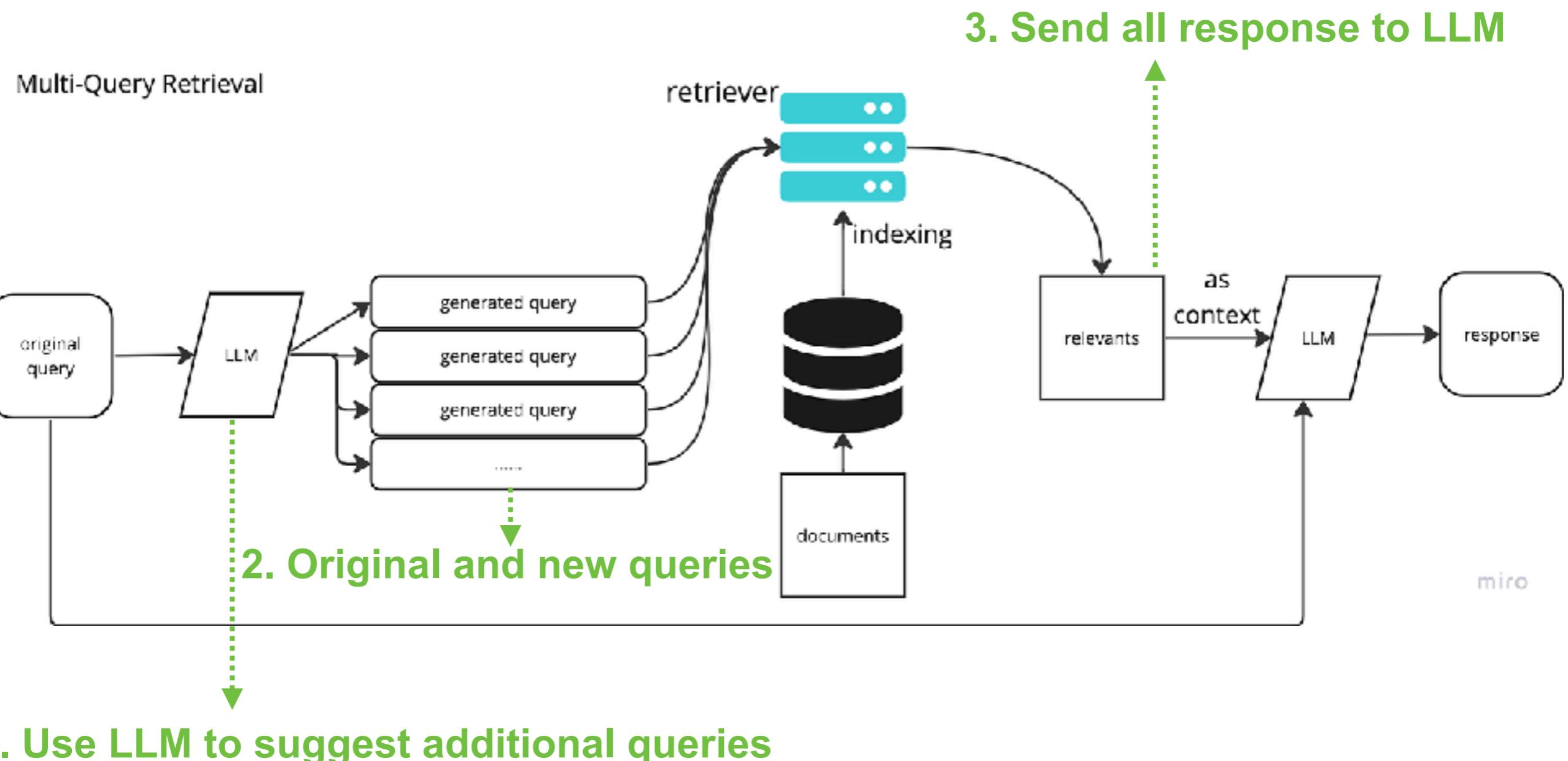
Lack of context

“Add synonyms, related context and contextual terms”

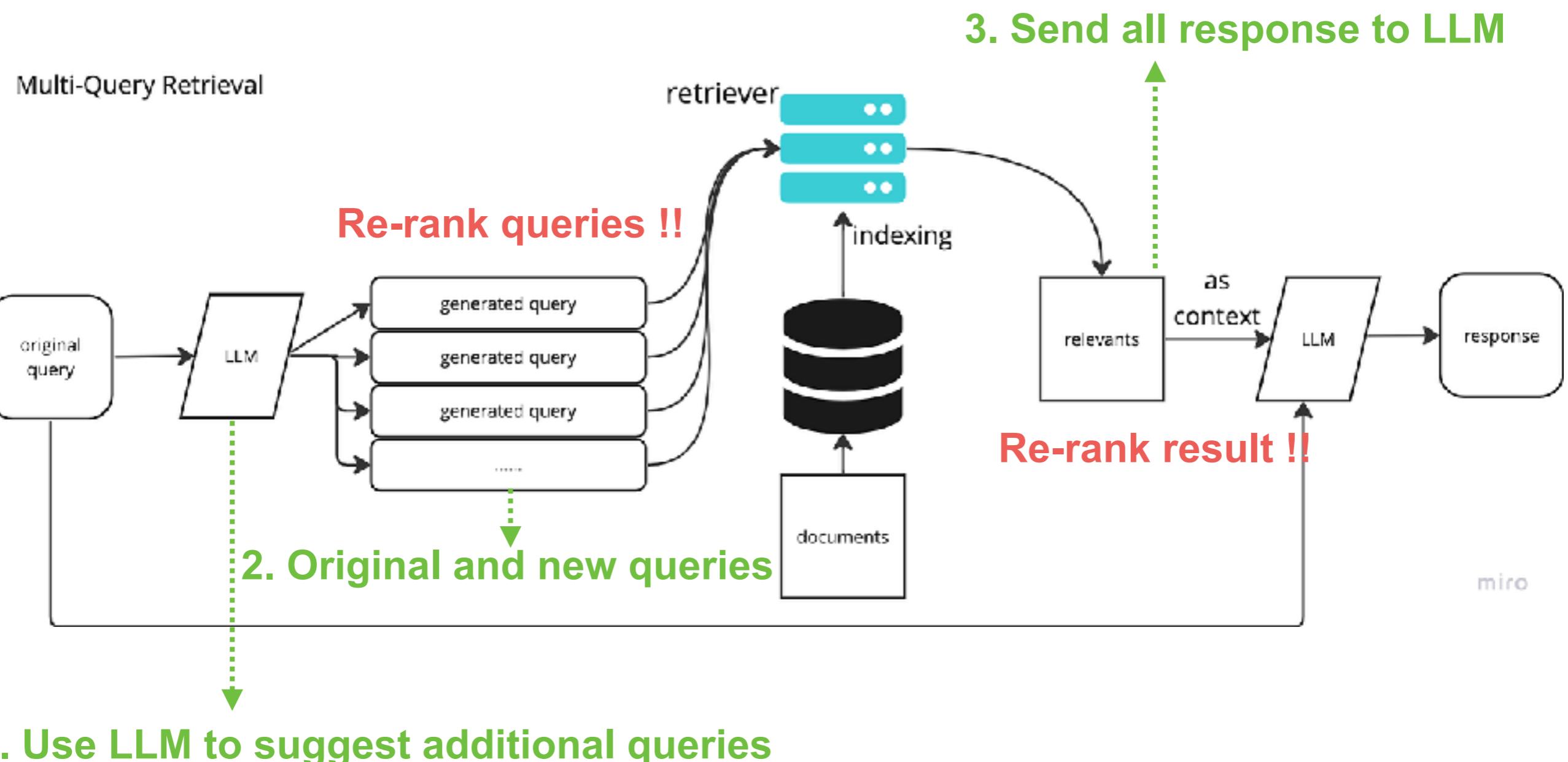
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Query Expansion

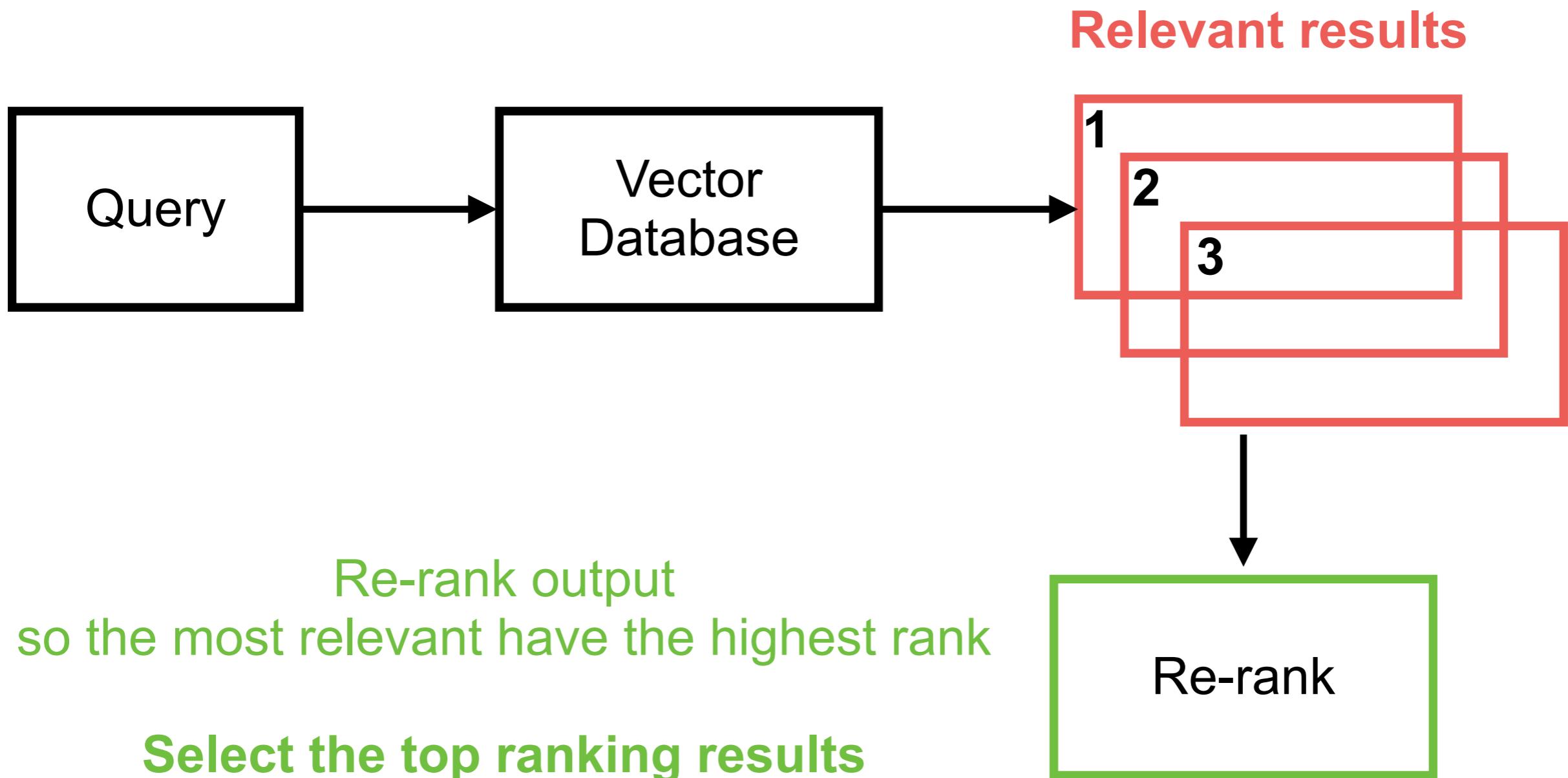


Re-rank !!

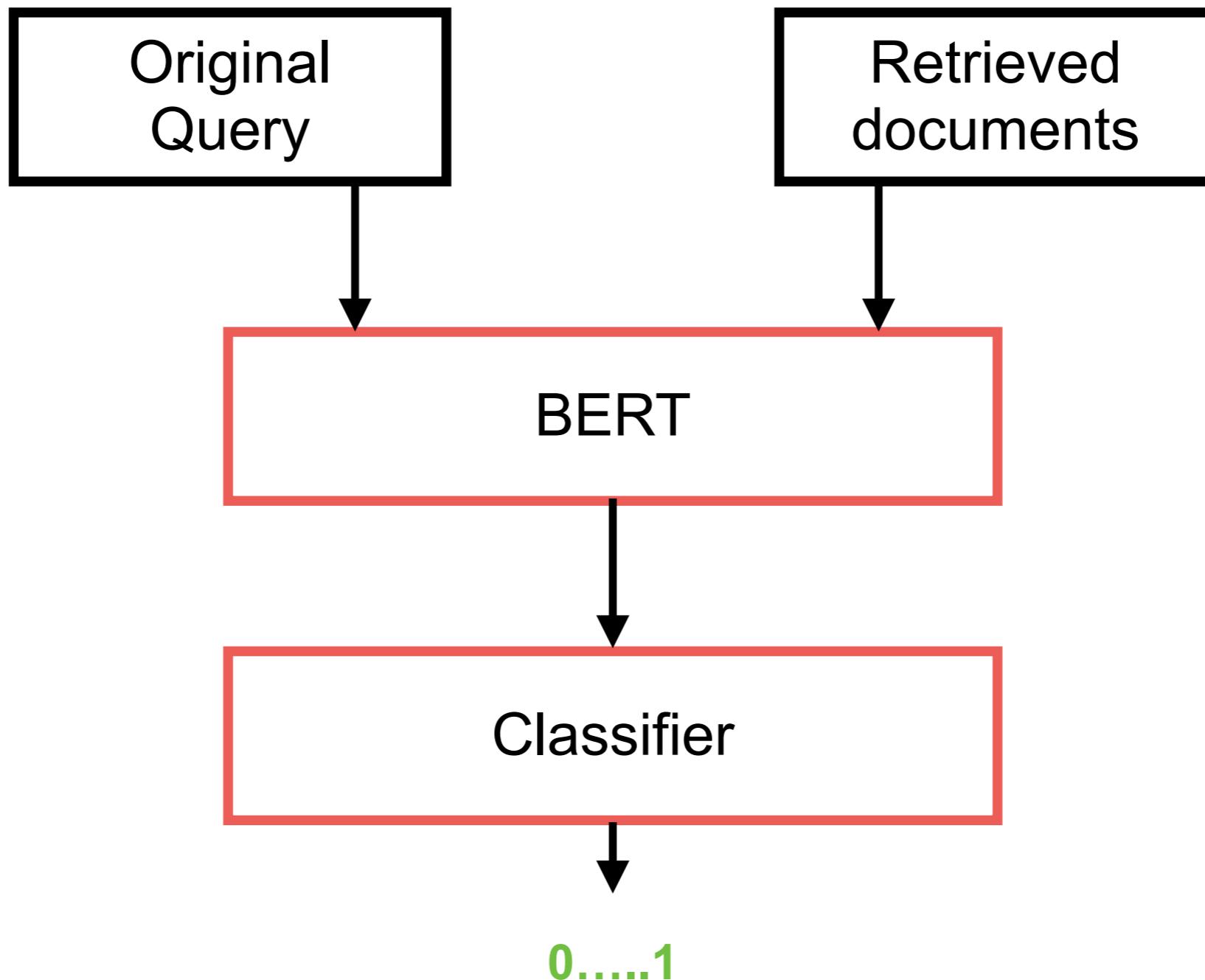


Cross-encoder Re-ranking

How to ordering relevant results !!



Cross-Encoder



Guardrails



<https://github.com/guardrails-ai/guardrails>



Guardrails

Help to build reliable AI applications

Guard for
input and output

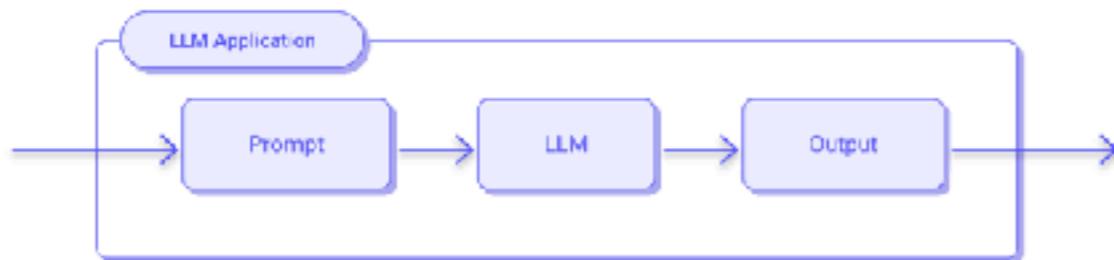
Help to generate
Structured output

<https://github.com/guardrails-ai/guardrails>

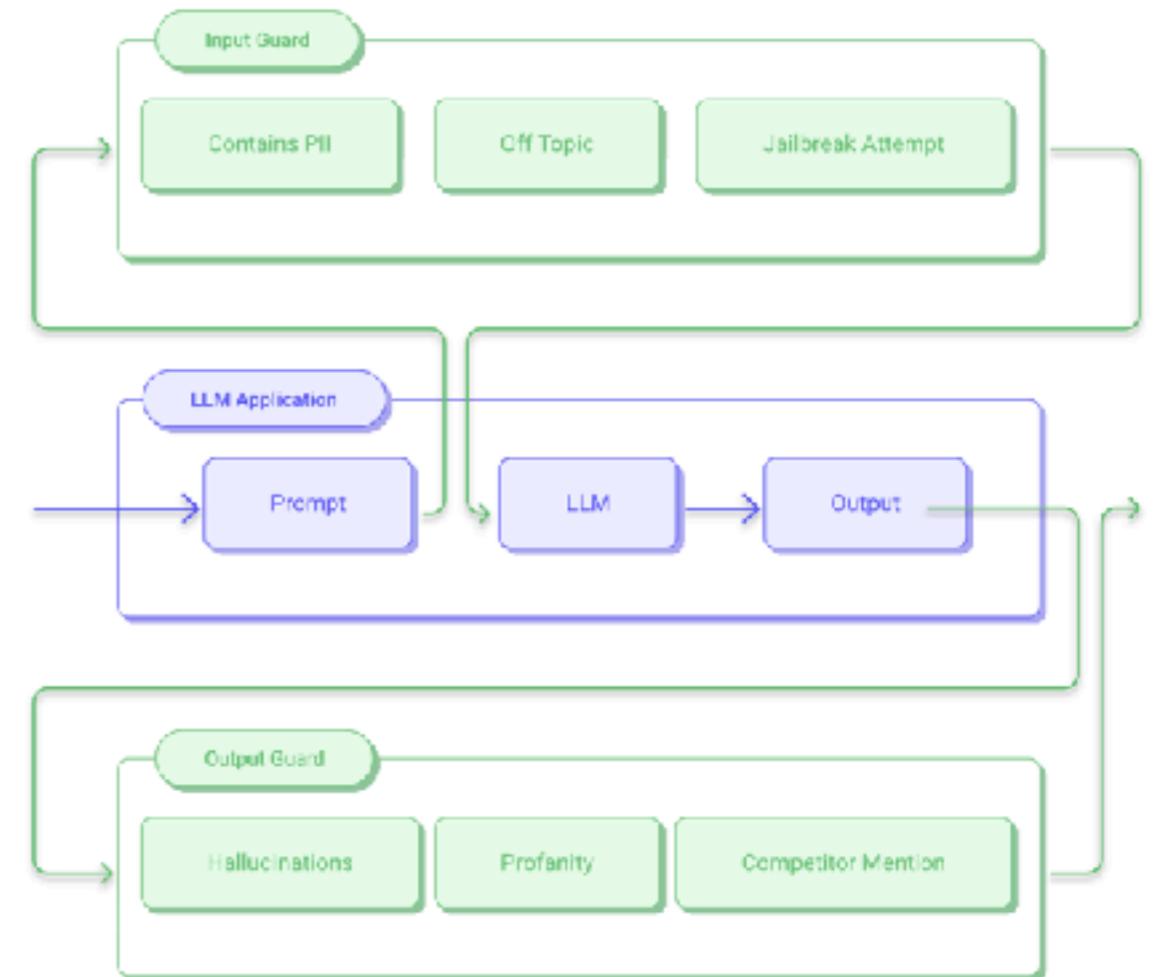


Guardrails

Without Guardrails



With Guardrails



Guardrails Hub

The screenshot shows the 'Validators' section of the Guardrails AI website. On the left, there are several filter categories: 'USE CASES' (Chatbots, Customer Support, Structured Data, RAG, Summarization, Codegen, Text2SQL), 'RISK CATEGORY' (Etiquette, Brand Risk, Factuality, Formatting, Invalid Code, Jailbreaking, Code Exploits, Data Leakage), 'INFRASTRUCTURE REQUIREMENTS' (ML, LLM, NA, Rule), 'CONTENT TYPE' (String, Object, List, Integer, Float, SQL, Code, CSV, Python), 'CERTIFICATION' (Guardrails Certified), and 'LANGUAGE' (EN). The main area displays a grid of 10 validators, each with a title, description, last updated date, input type (String, Brand Risk, Factuality, ML), and a 'Select' button:

- Arize Dataset Embeddings**: Validates that user-generated input does not match the dataset of jailbreak... Last updated 8 months ago. Select button.
- Ban List**: Validates that the output does not contain banned words, using fuzzy search. Last updated 8 months ago. Select button.
- Bespoke MiniCheck**: Validates that the LLM-generated text is supported by the provided context using... Last updated 7 months ago. Select button.
- Bias Check**: Validates that the text is free from biases related to age, gender, sex, ethnicity,... Last updated 1 week ago. Select button.
- Competitor Check**: Flags mentions of competitors. Fixes responses by filtering out competitor names. Last updated 5 months ago. Select button.
- Correct Language**: Validate that an LLM-generated text is in the expected language. If the text is not ... Last updated 11 months ago. Select button.
- Cucumber Expression Match**: Validates that the input string matches a specified cucumber expression. Last updated 6 months ago. Select button.
- Detect PII**: Detects personally identifiable information (PII) in text, using Microsoft Presidio. Last updated 6 months ago. Select button.

<https://hub.guardrailsai.com/>



Guardrails Index

AI Guardrails Index

Created by Guardrails AI

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AI Guardrails Categories

We broke AI safety down into 6 categories and curated datasets and models that demonstrate the state of AI guardrails using LLMs and other open source models.

<https://index.guardrailsai.com/>



CAG

(Cache Augmented Generation)

<https://arxiv.org/abs/2412.15605v1>



CAG

When you don't need for real-time retrieval (**static**)
Preload all relevant knowledge into model's **context**
Precompute key-value(KV) cache to store and reuse
Larger context window size !! (1M)

Retrieval-free
operation

Improve
efficiency

Simplify
architecture

<https://arxiv.org/abs/2412.15605v1>



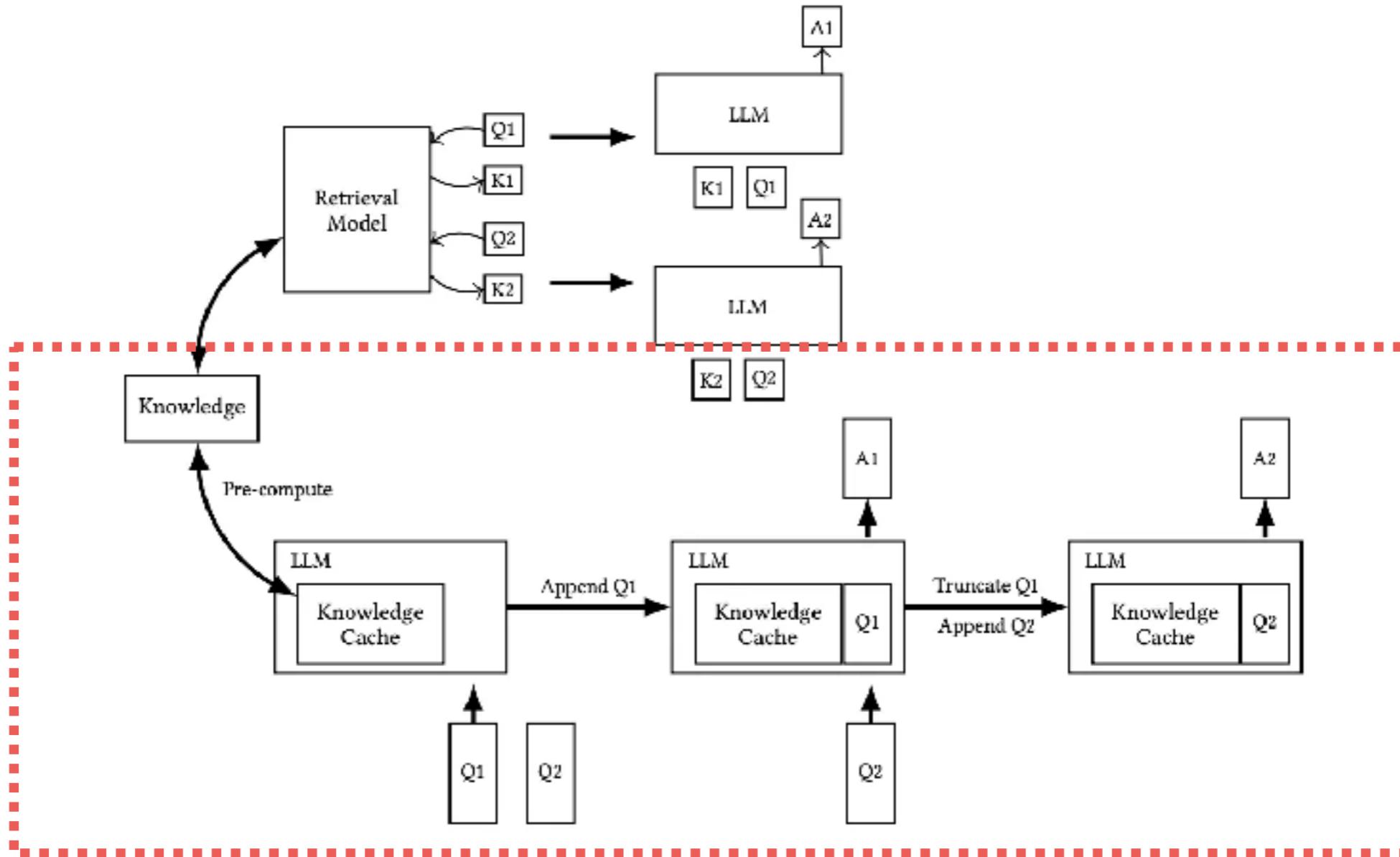
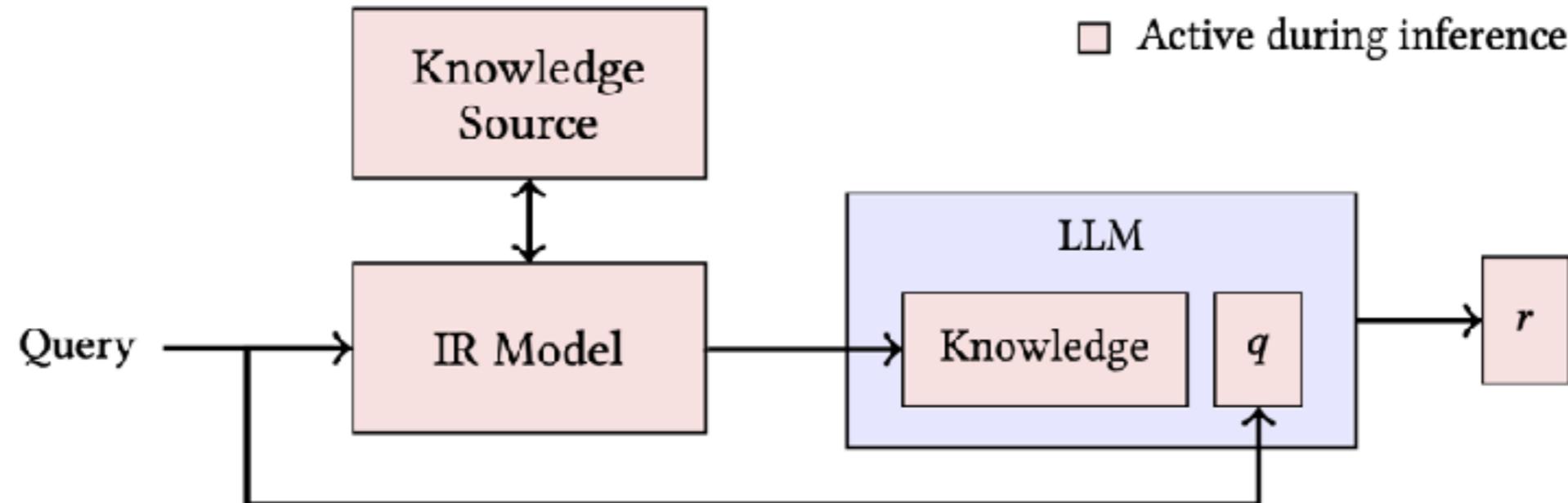


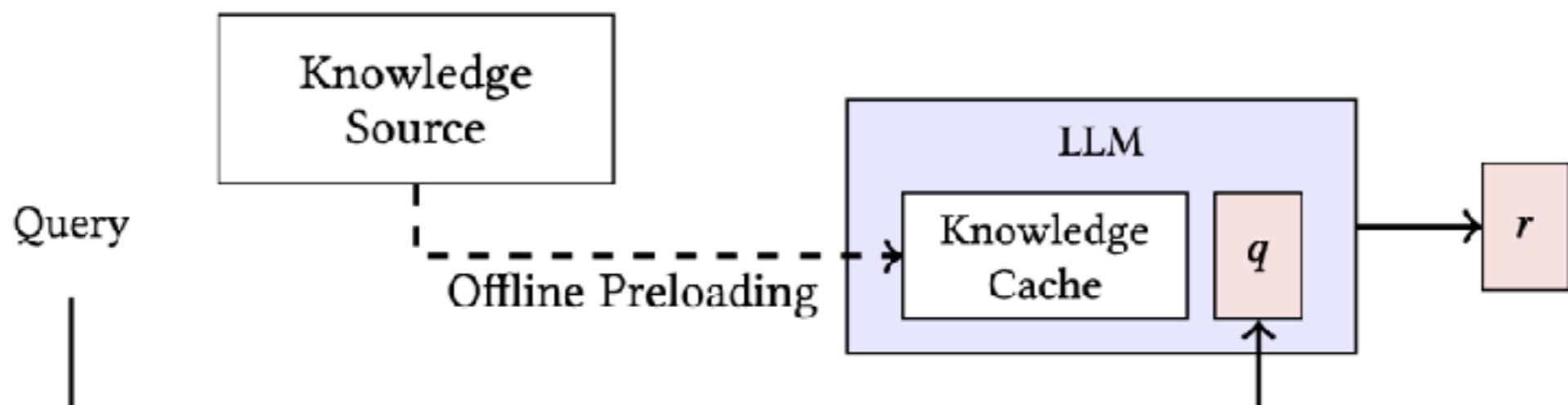
Figure 1: Comparison of Traditional RAG and our CAG Workflows: The upper section illustrates the RAG pipeline, including real-time retrieval and reference text input during inference, while the lower section depicts our CAG approach, which preloads the KV-cache, eliminating the retrieval step and reference text input at inference.

<https://arxiv.org/abs/2412.15605v1>





Retrieval-Augmented Generation



Cache-Augmented Generation

<https://github.com/hhuang/CAG>



RAG + CAG is better

Cached
context

Your
question

Retrieved
context

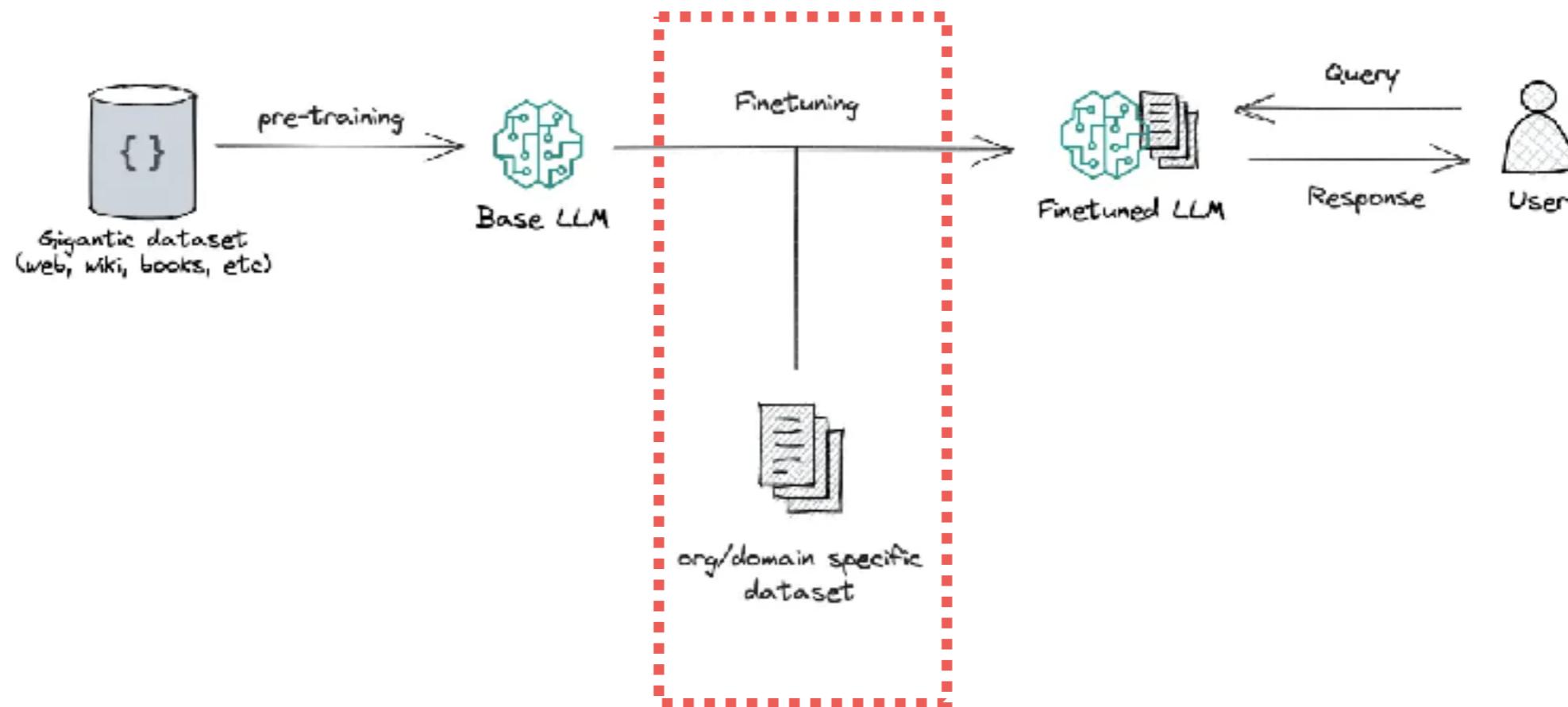


Fine Tuning



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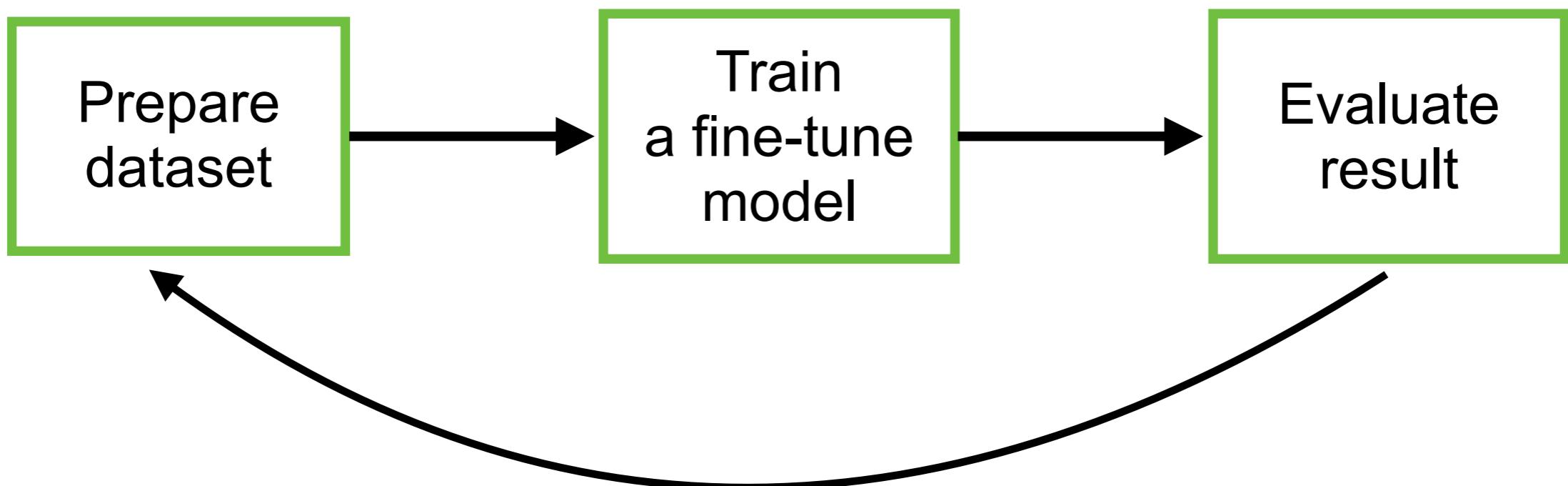
Training with small and specific dataset
Adjust the model's weight based on our data



<https://towardsdatascience.com/rag-vs-finetuning-which-is-the-best-tool-to-boost-your-lm-application-94654b1eaba7>



Fine Tuning Process



<https://platform.openai.com/docs/guides/fine-tuning>



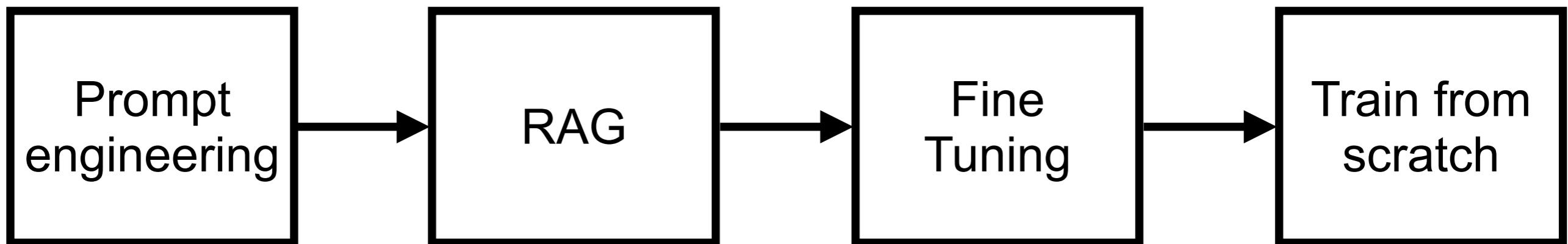
RAG vs Fine-tuning

Scenario	RAG preferred	Fine tune preferred
Skillset requirements	Strong in RAG engineering	Strong in deep learning model and fine tuning
Data freshness	Realtime or frequently updated	Static, domain-specific data
Domain complexity	Multiple domains or high data diversity	Specialized and heavy domain (medical)
Resources usage	Lower computation	Higher computation



Steps with LLM

Balance with complexity, cost and quality



Local LLM



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Run LLM on local machine/device
Try to customize with your requirement

Reduce cost

Data privacy

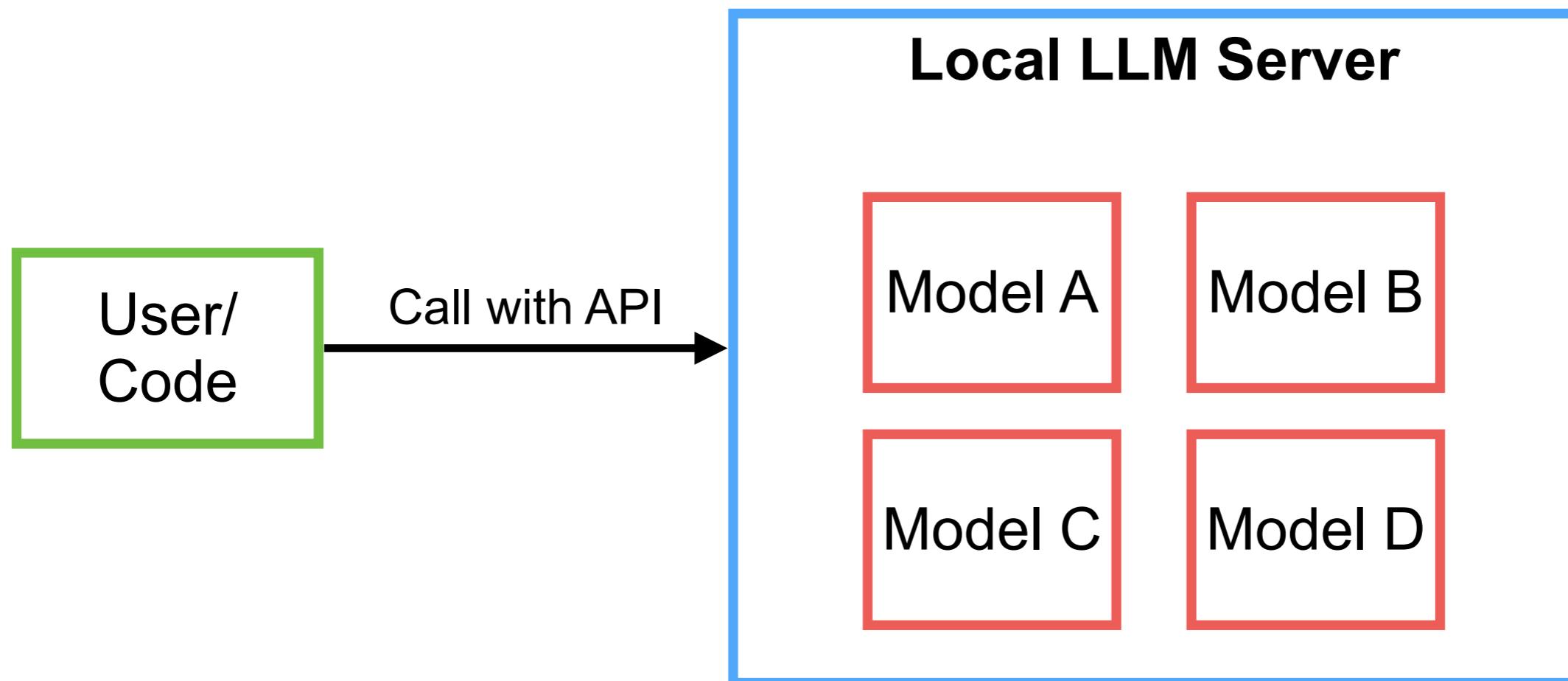
Responsive

Offline mode



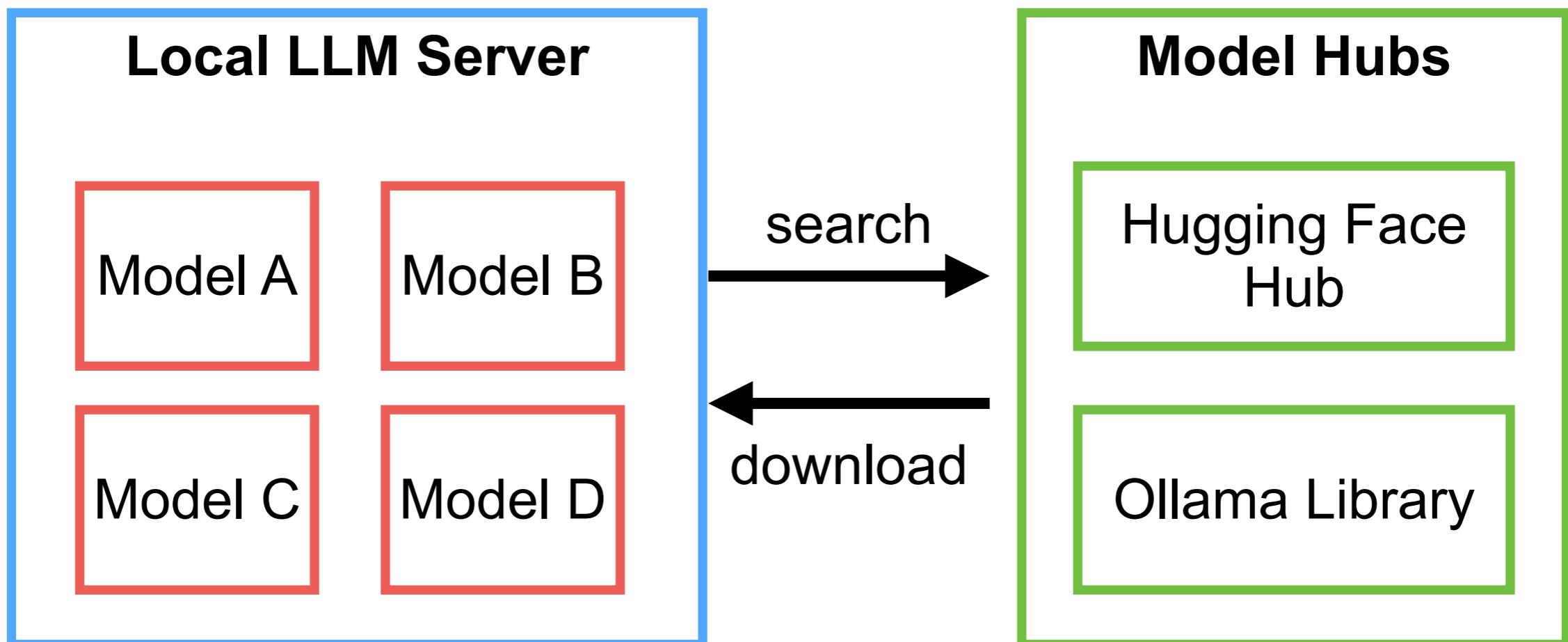
Local LLM

Improve your LLM models, more accurate answer



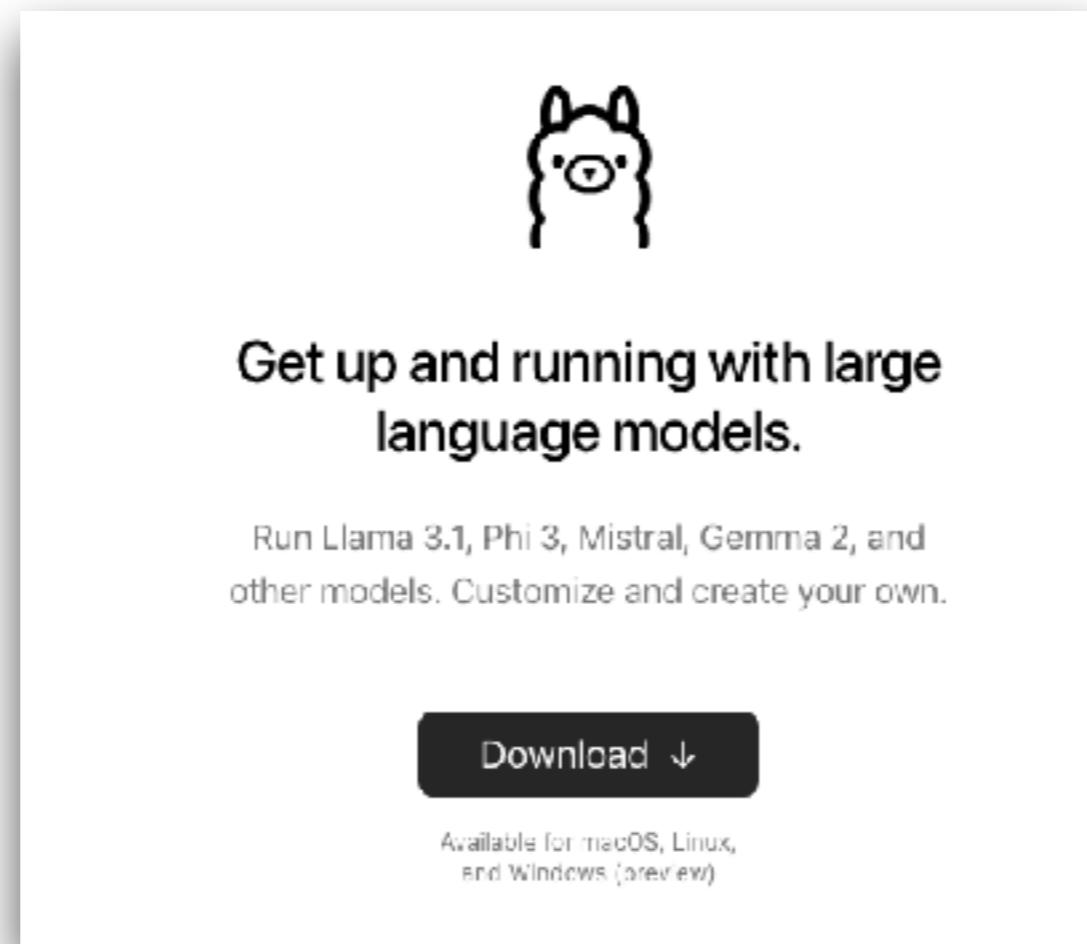
Models ?

How to download models ?



Local LLM with Ollama

\$ollama run **llama3.1**



<https://ollama.com/>



Model in Ollama

gemma3
The current, most capable model that runs on a single GPU.

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qwo
QwQ is the reasoning model of the Qwen series.

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deepseek-r1
DeepSeek's first-generation of reasoning models with comparable performance to OpenAI-o1, including six dense models distilled from DeepSeek-R1 based on Llama and Qwen.

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Working with No-Code



Prompt Flow



Prompt flow

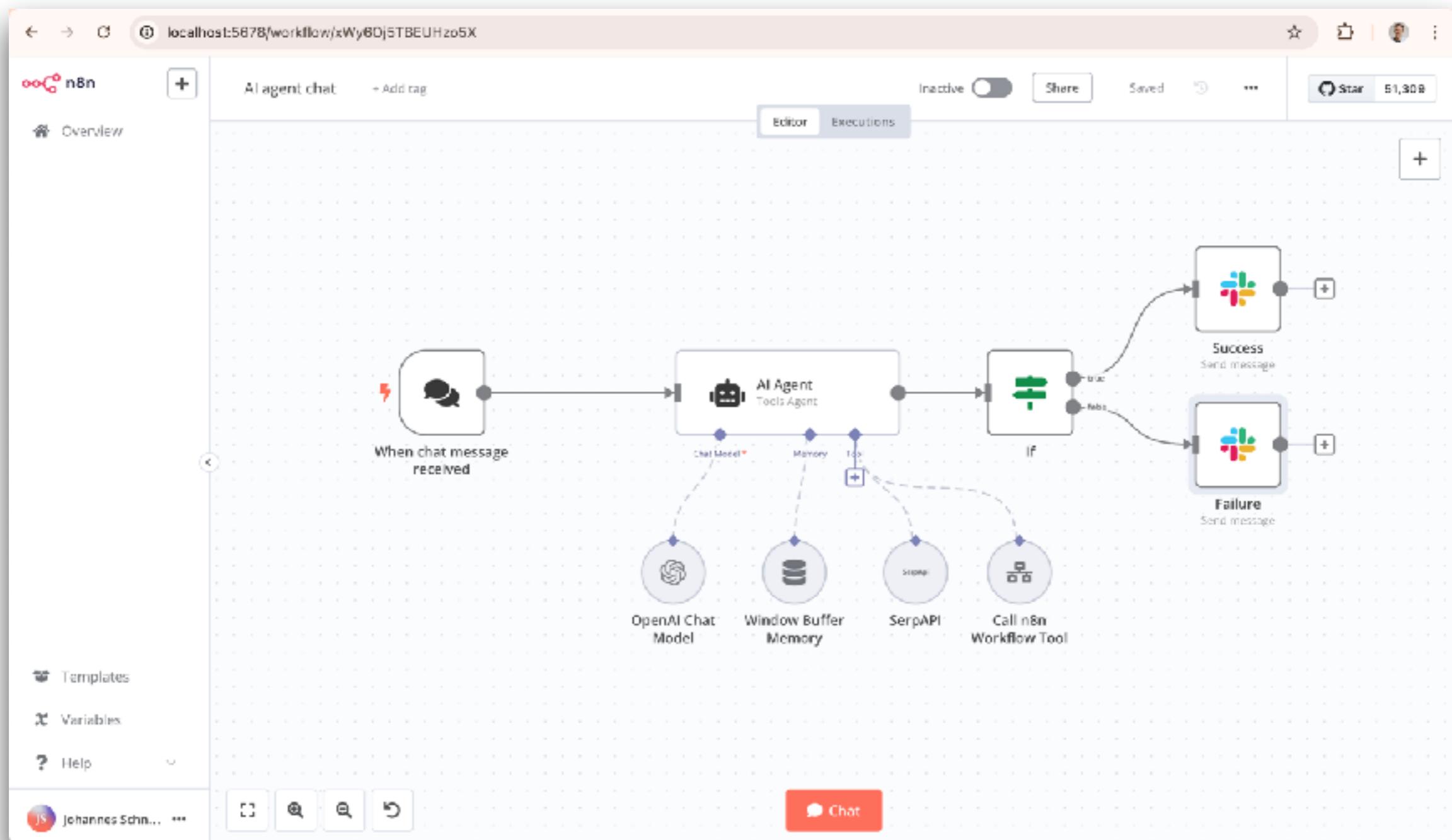
Build high-quality LLM apps - from prototyping, testing to production deployment and monitoring



<https://microsoft.github.io/promptflow/>



N8N



<https://n8n.io/>



Let's go !!

