



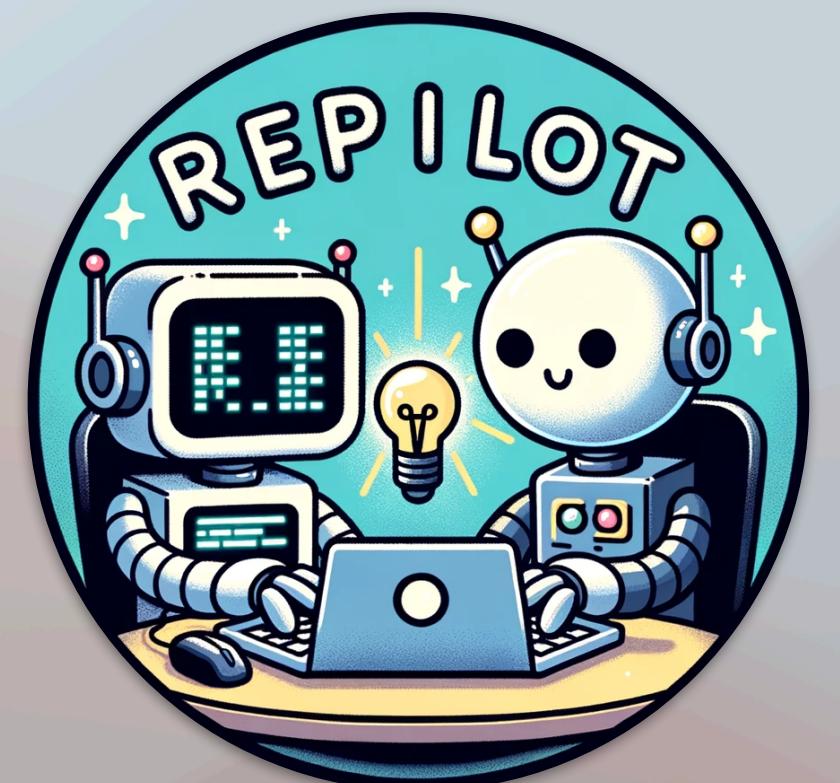
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## Fusing Large Language Models with Completion Engines for Automated Program Repair

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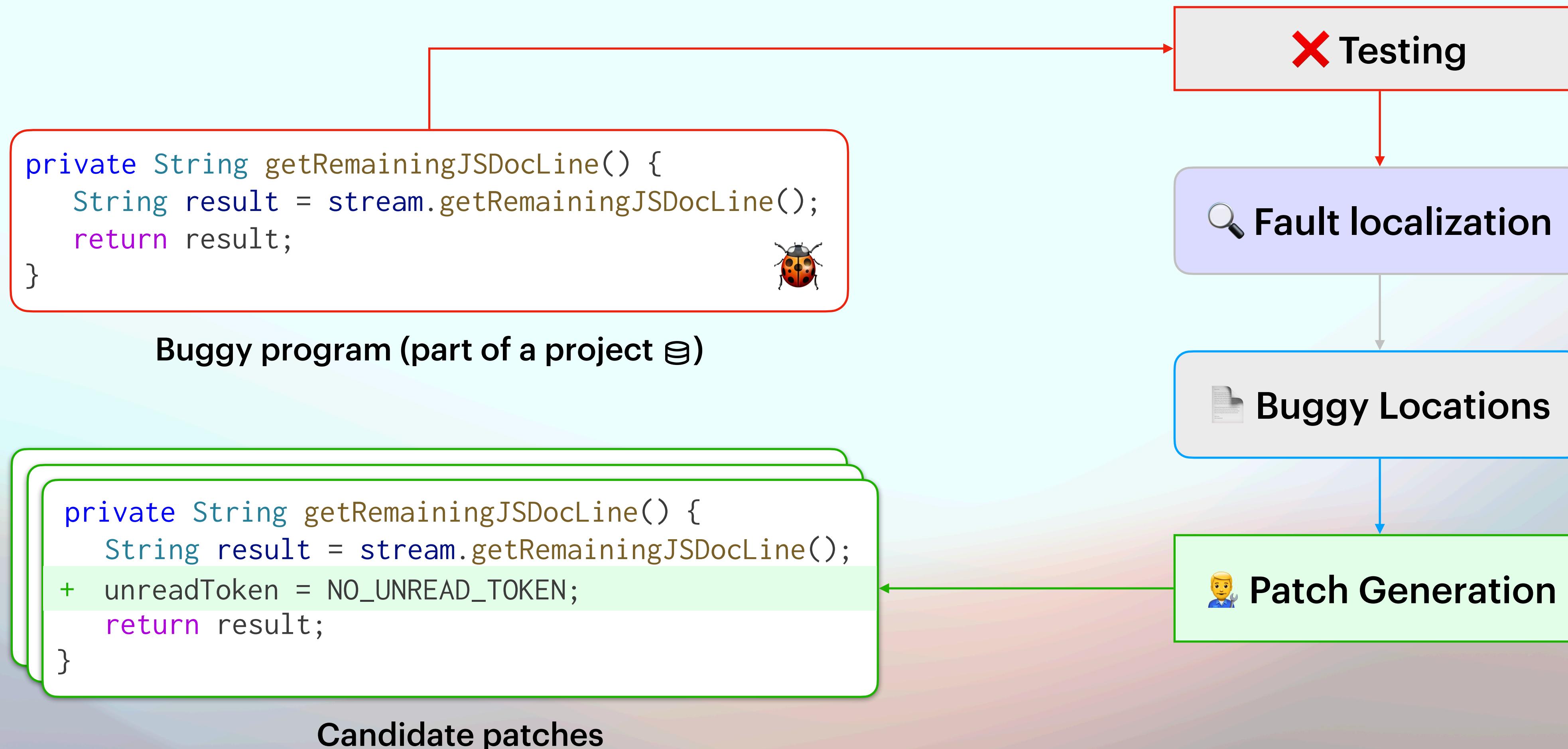
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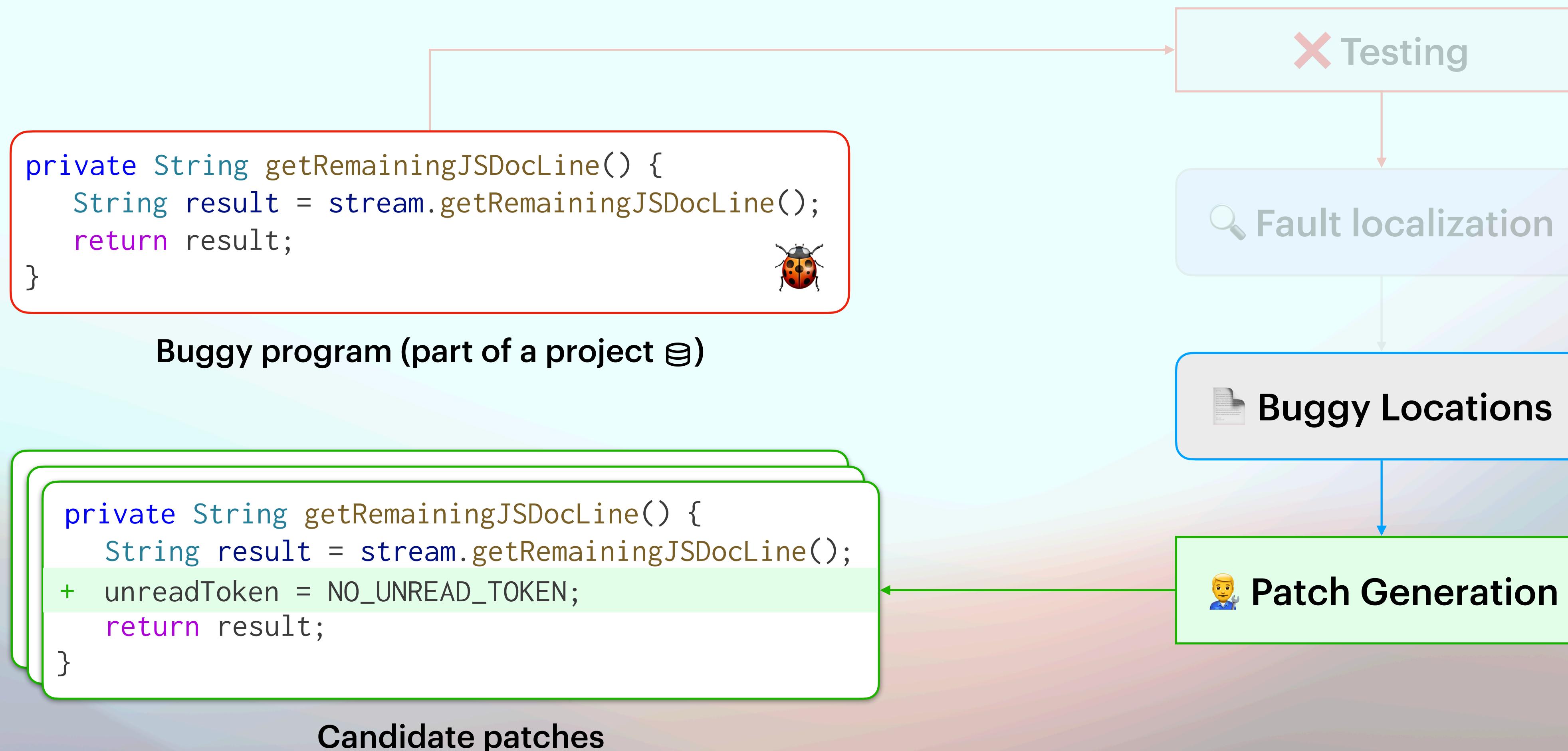
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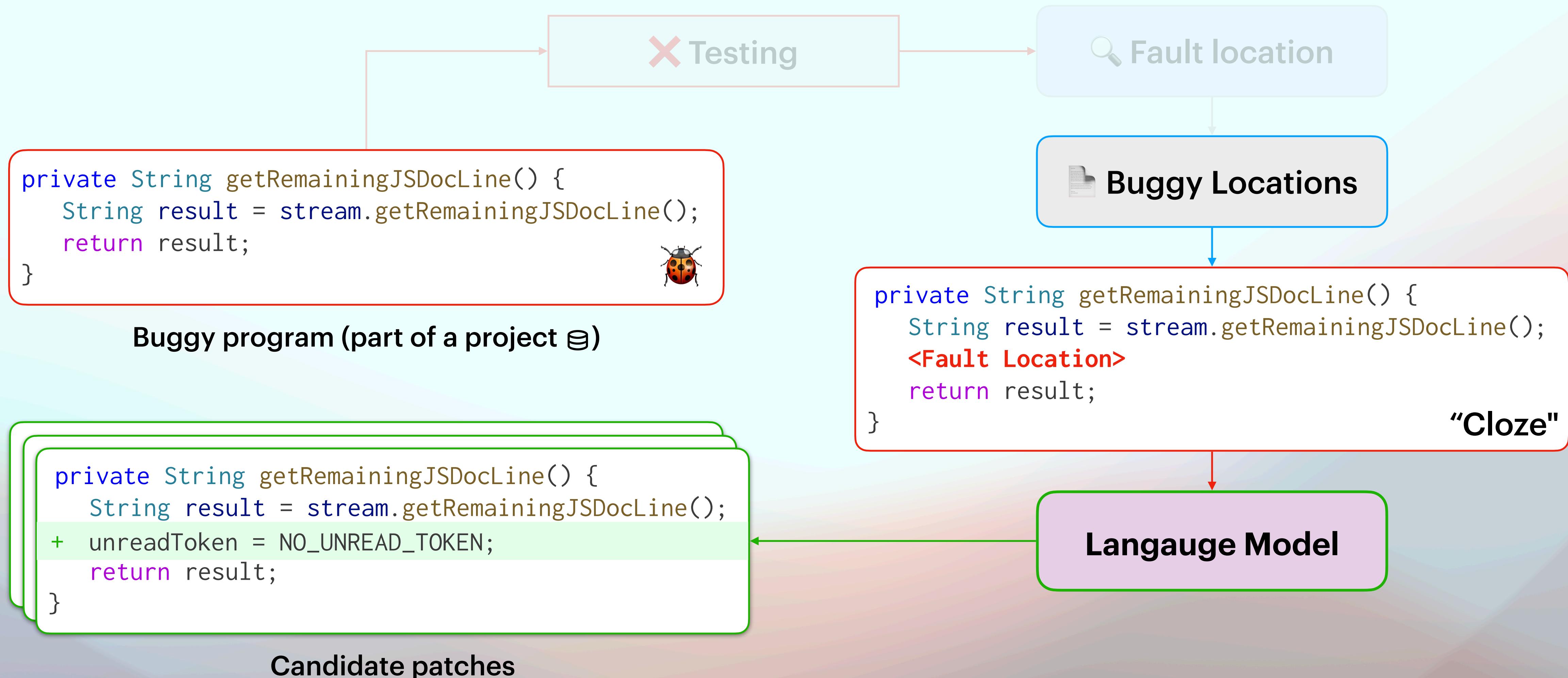


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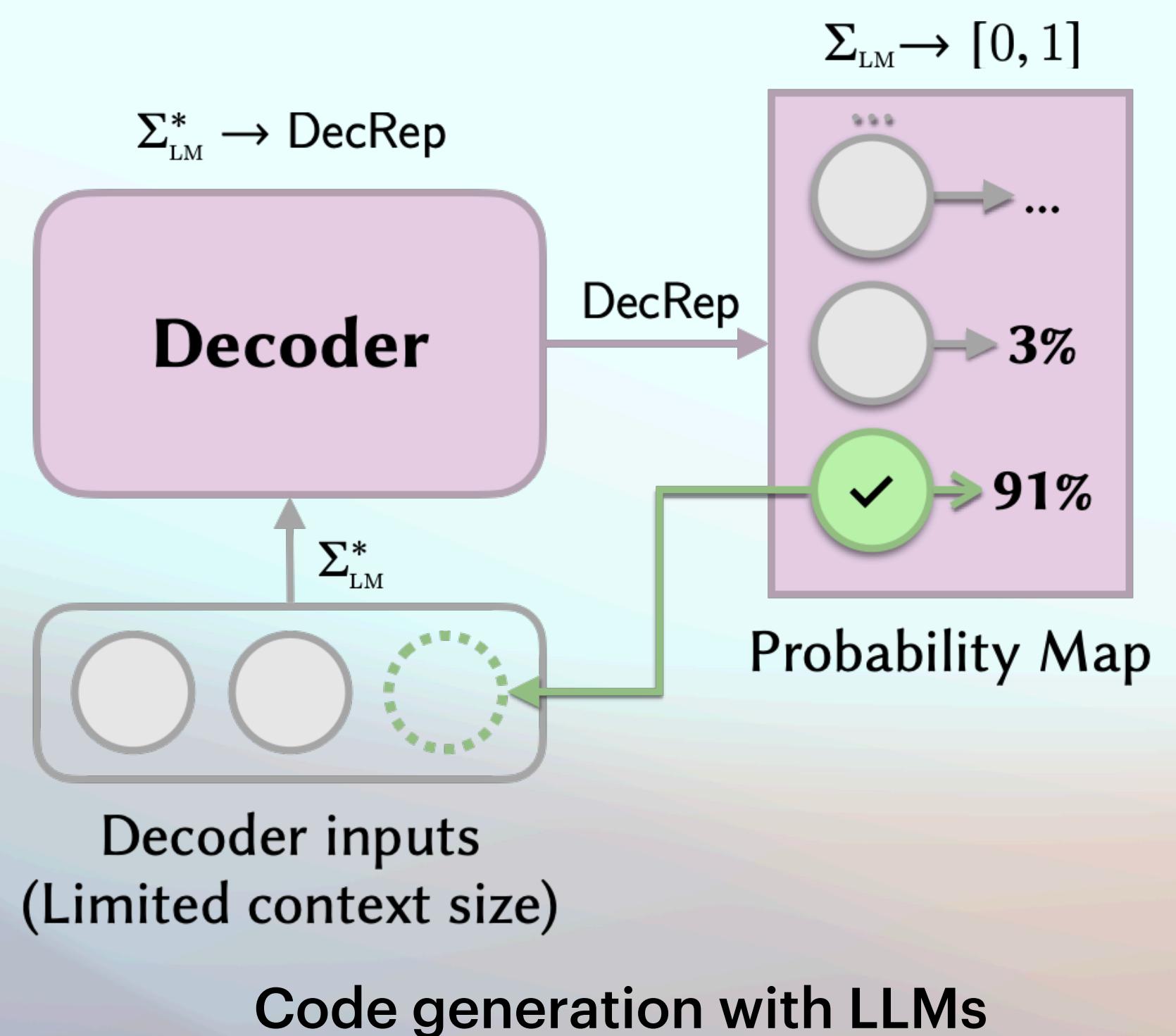
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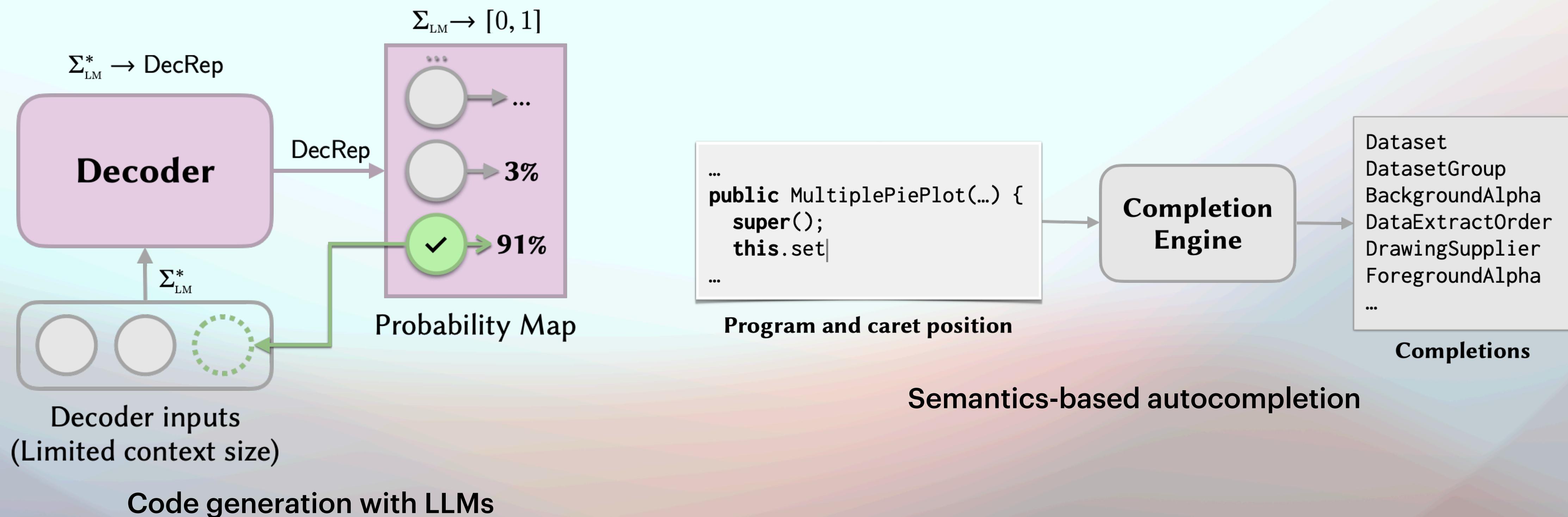
# Patch Generation with Large Language Models (LLMs)



# LLMs vs. Autocompletion

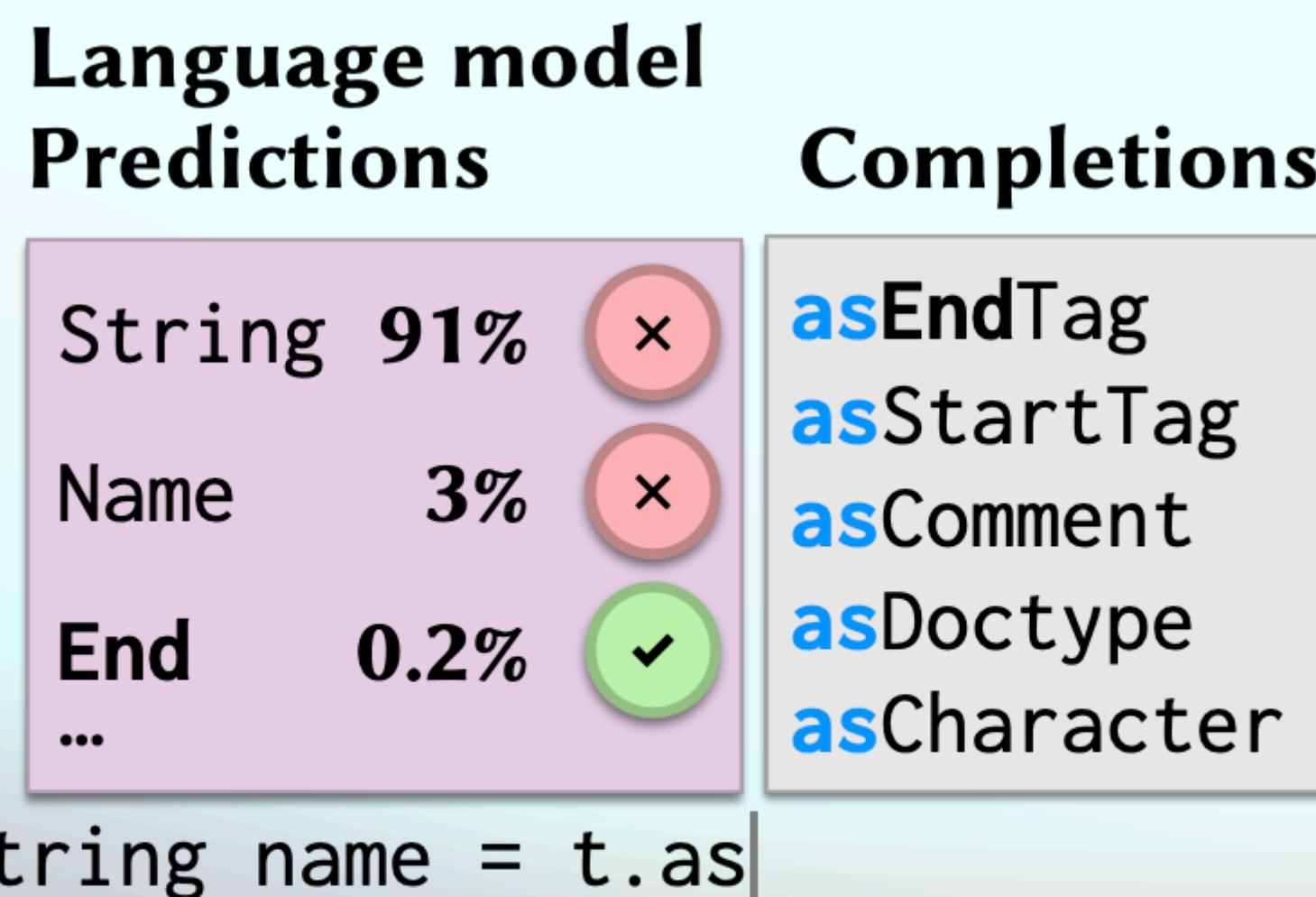


# LLMs vs. Autocompletion



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## Language model

### Predictions

String	91%	x
Name	3%	x
End	0.2%	✓
...		

String name = t.as|

### Completions

asEndTag  
asStartTag  
asComment  
asDoctype  
asCharacter

❶ Generating infeasible tokens

Name 16%

Tag 7%

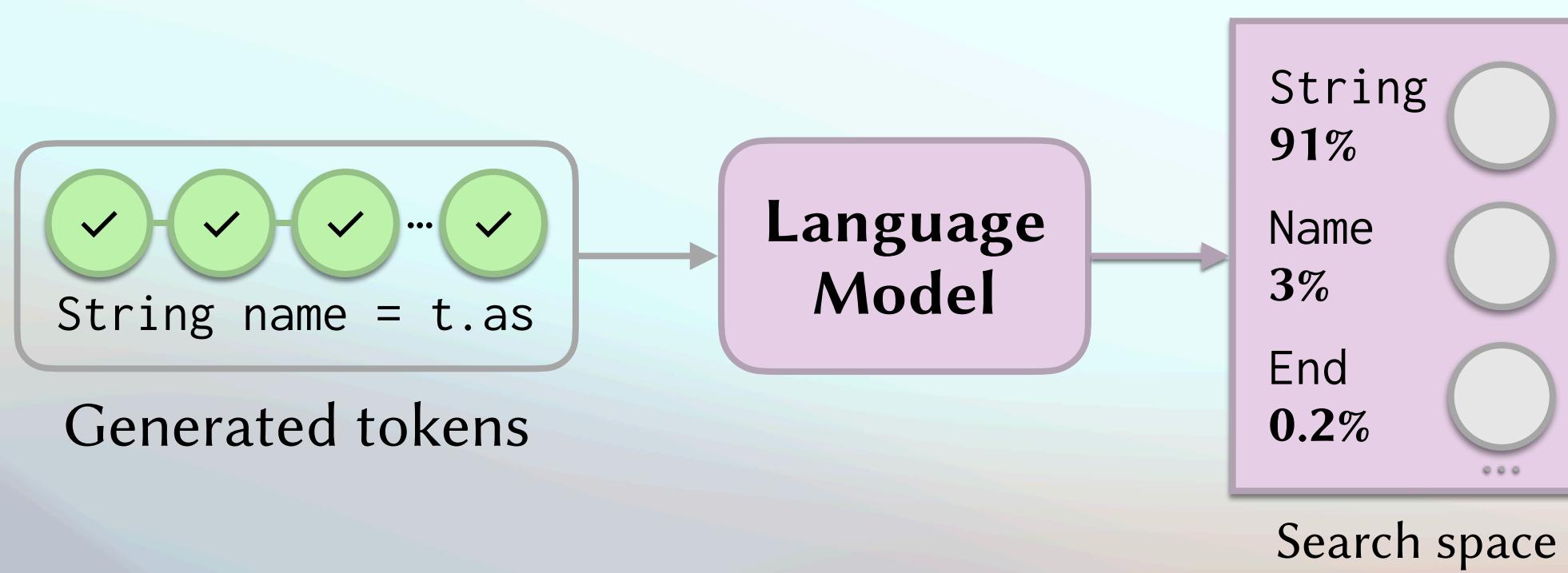
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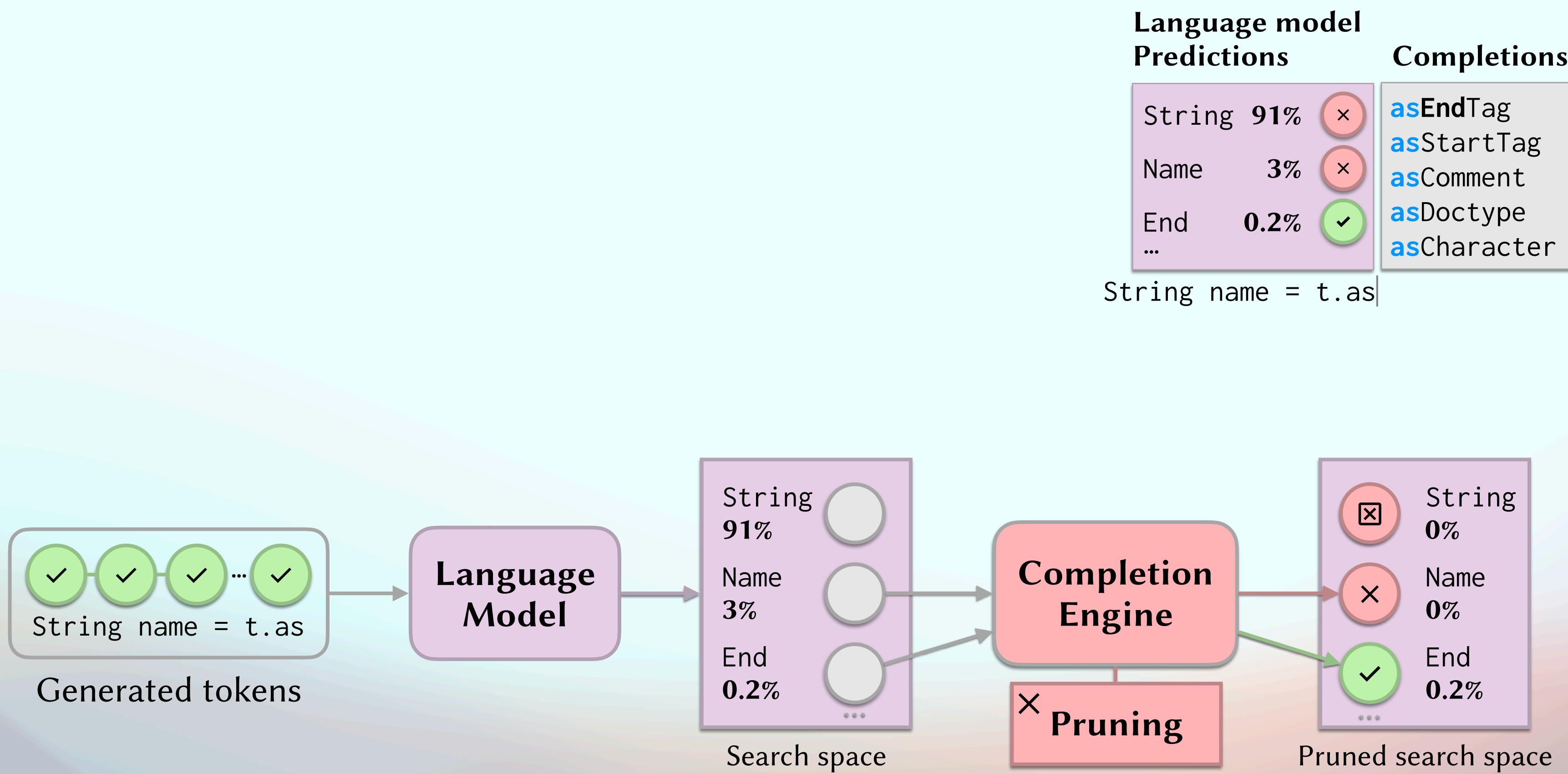
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❷ Hard to generate rare tokens

# How Repilot works



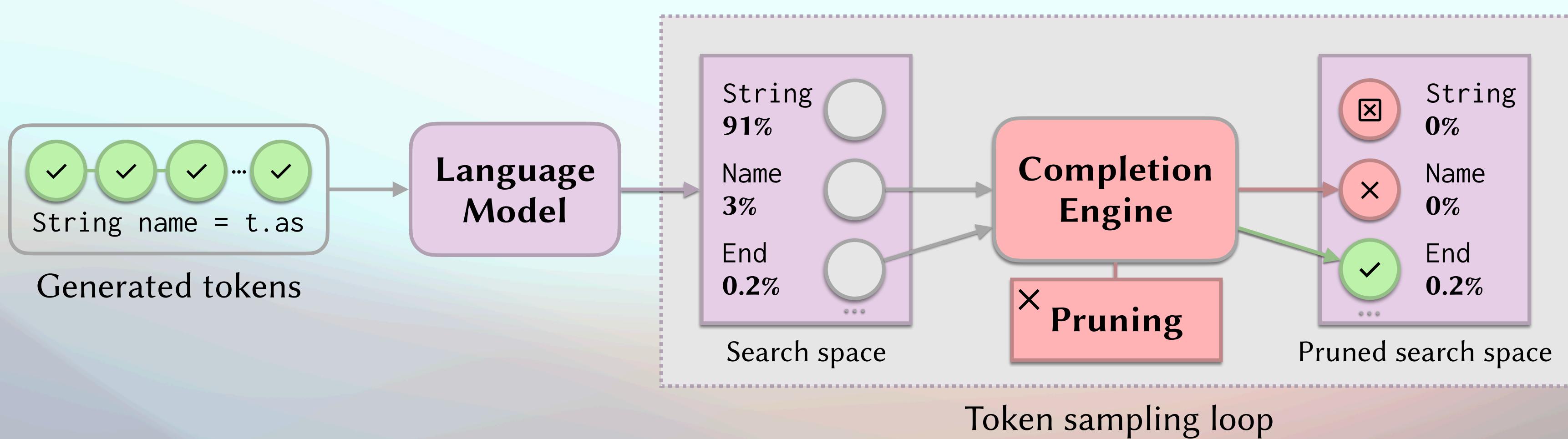
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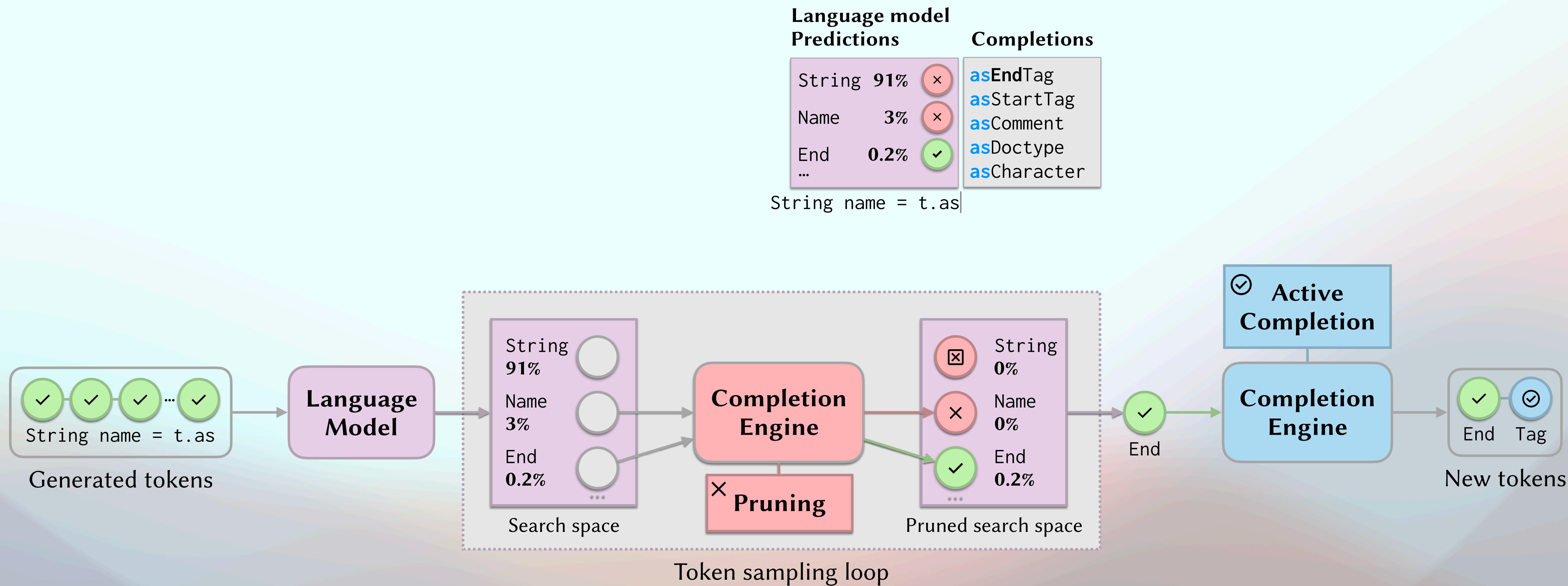
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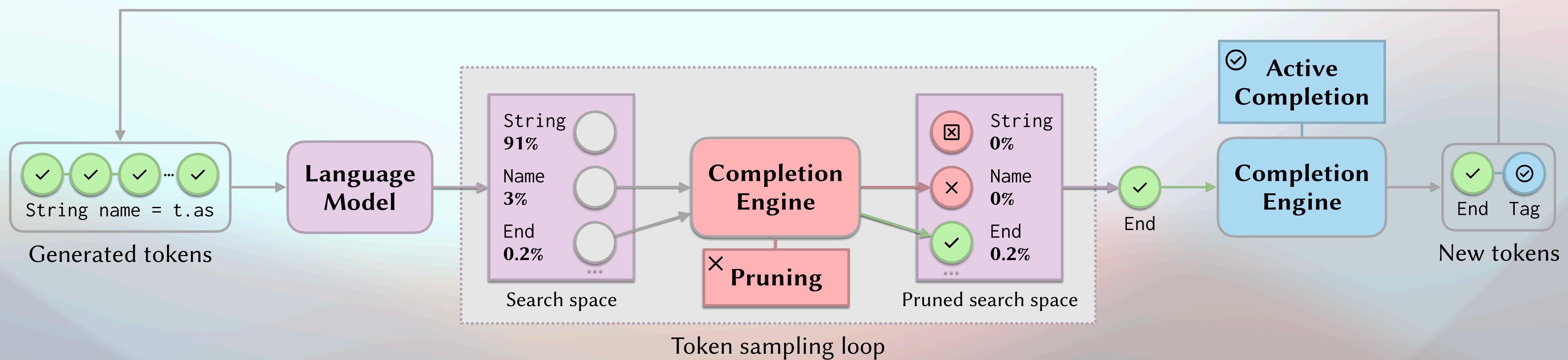
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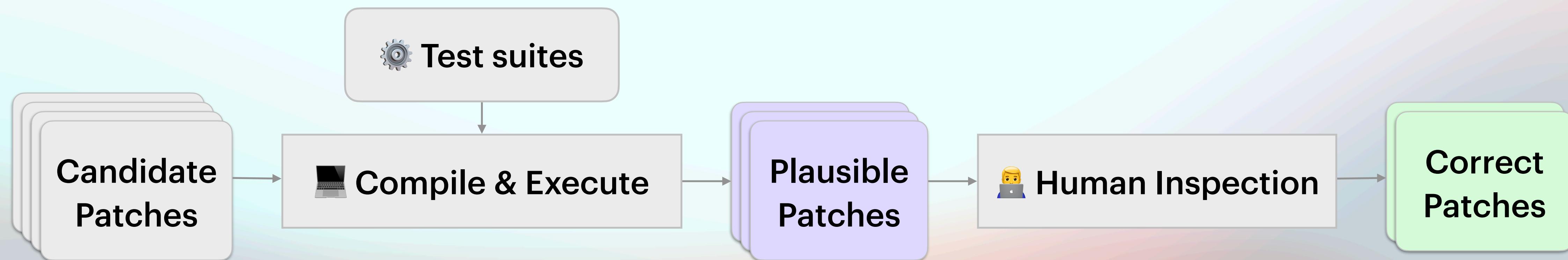


# How Repilot works



# Evaluation

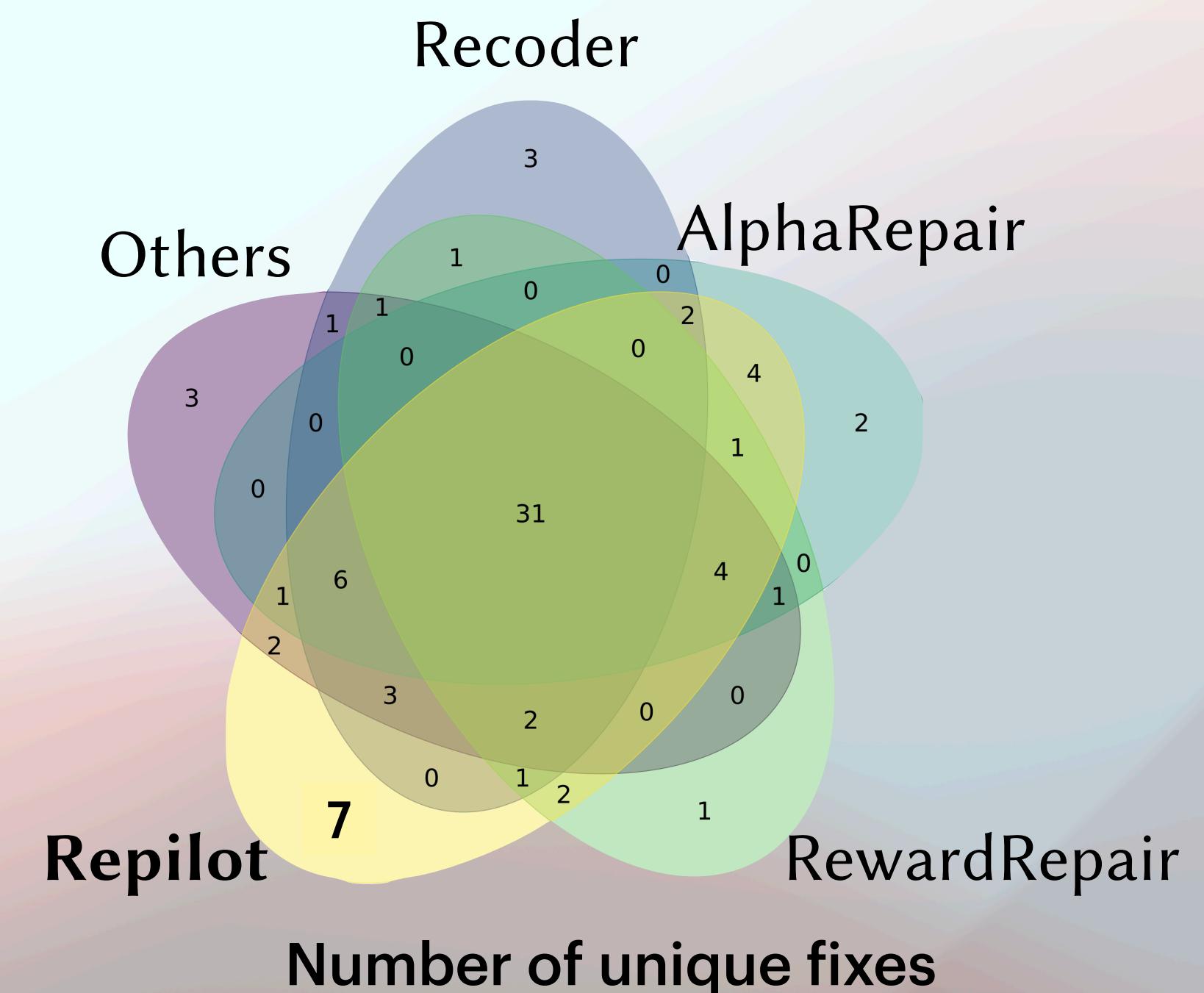
## Evaluation pipeline and metrics



# Evaluation

## Comparison with existing tools

Tool	Methodology	#Correct Fixes		
		Defects4J 1.2	Defects4J 2.0	Total
CoCoNuT	NMT	30	-	-
DLFix	NMT	32	-	-
PraPR	Template	35	-	-
TBar	Template	41	7	48
CURE	NMT	43	-	-
RewardRepair	NMT	45	24	69
Recoder	NMT	51	10	61
AlphaRepair	LLM	52	34	86
<b>Repilot</b>	LLM	<b>66</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>116</b>



NMT means “Neural Machine Translation”

# Evaluation

## Unique fixes generated by Repilot

```
private void popStackToClose(Token.EndTag endTag) {  
-   String elName = endTag.name();  
+   String elName = endTag.name().toLowerCase();  
    Element firstFound = null;  
  
Bug-ID: Jsoup-77
```

Type: String  
String elName = endTag.name().  
Type: Token.EndTag

Completion Engine

text X  
name X  
...  
toLower ✓

Patch Generation Process

Completion engine filters out invalid tokens

```
private String getRemainingJSDocLine() {  
    String result = stream.getRemainingJSDocLine();  
+    unreadToken = NO_UNREAD_TOKEN;  
    return result;  
}  
  
Bug-ID: Closure-133
```

Completion Engine

unreadToken X  
NO\_UNREAD\_TOKEN ✓

Patch Generation Process

Interaction between LLM and completion engine

# Evaluation

## Generalizability

Repilot is generalizable across bug subjects and models

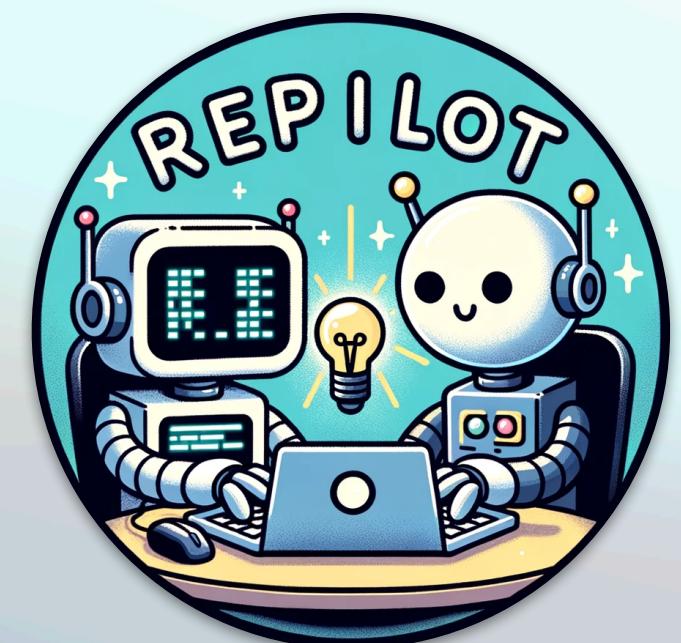
Variant	Model	Subject of Bugs	Generation Time	%Compilable Patches	#Correct Fixes
Base LLM	CodeT5-large	Defects4J 1.2	<b>0.232s</b>	43.2%	37
Repilot	CodeT5-large	Defects4J 1.2	0.248s	<b>63.4%</b>	<b>42</b>
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Base LLM	CodeT5-large	Defects4J 2.0	<b>0.230s</b>	46.7%	41
Repilot	CodeT5-large	Defects4J 2.0	0.247s	<b>64.8%</b>	<b>45</b>
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Base LLM	INCODER-6.7B	Defects4J 1.2	<b>1.70s</b>	32.4%	48
Repilot	INCODER-6.7B	Defects4J 1.2	<b>1.70s</b>	<b>47.2%</b>	<b>54</b>
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Base LLM	INCODER-6.7B	Defects4J 2.0	<b>1.67s</b>	34.6%	45
Repilot	INCODER-6.7B	Defects4J 2.0	1.69s	<b>48.0%</b>	<b>46</b>

# Repilot

## Copiloting the Copilots

Fuses **Large Language Models** with **Completion Engines** for more **effective Patch Generation** in Automated Program Repair

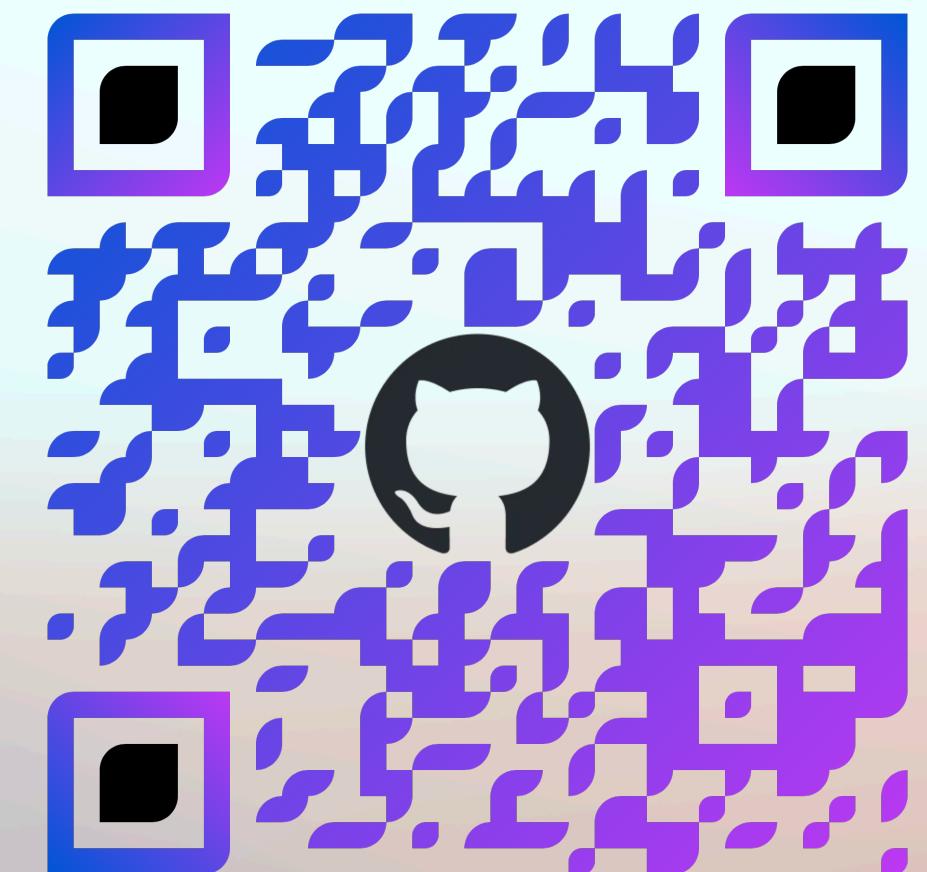
Can be applied to general **program synthesis**



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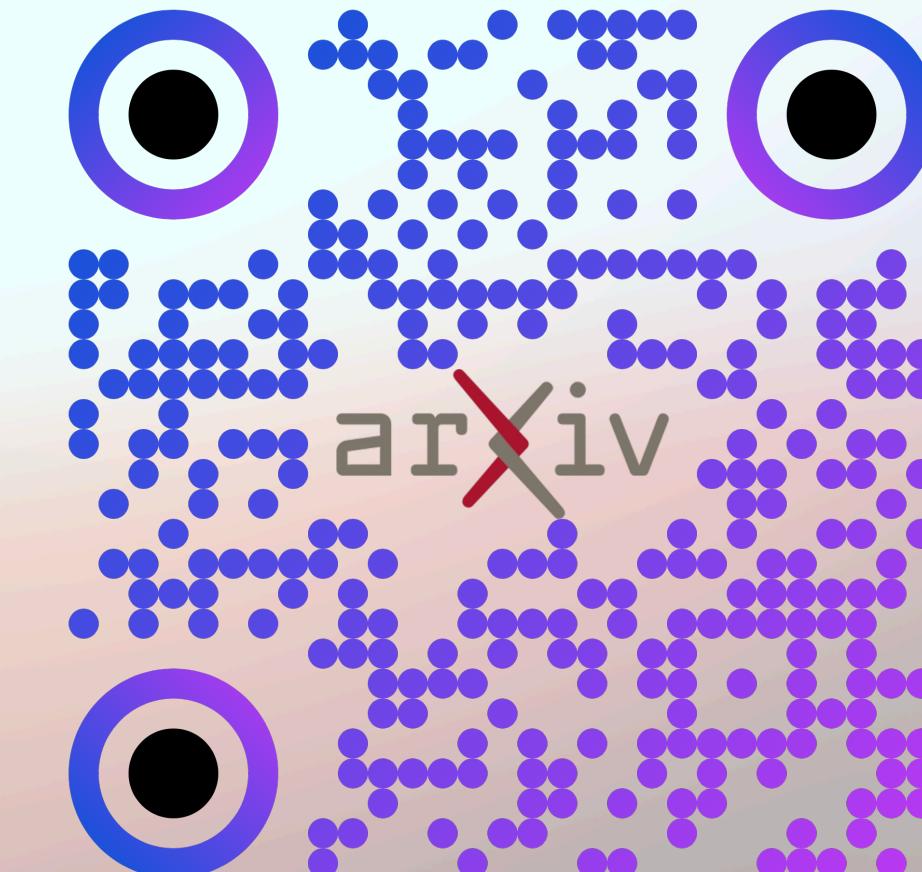
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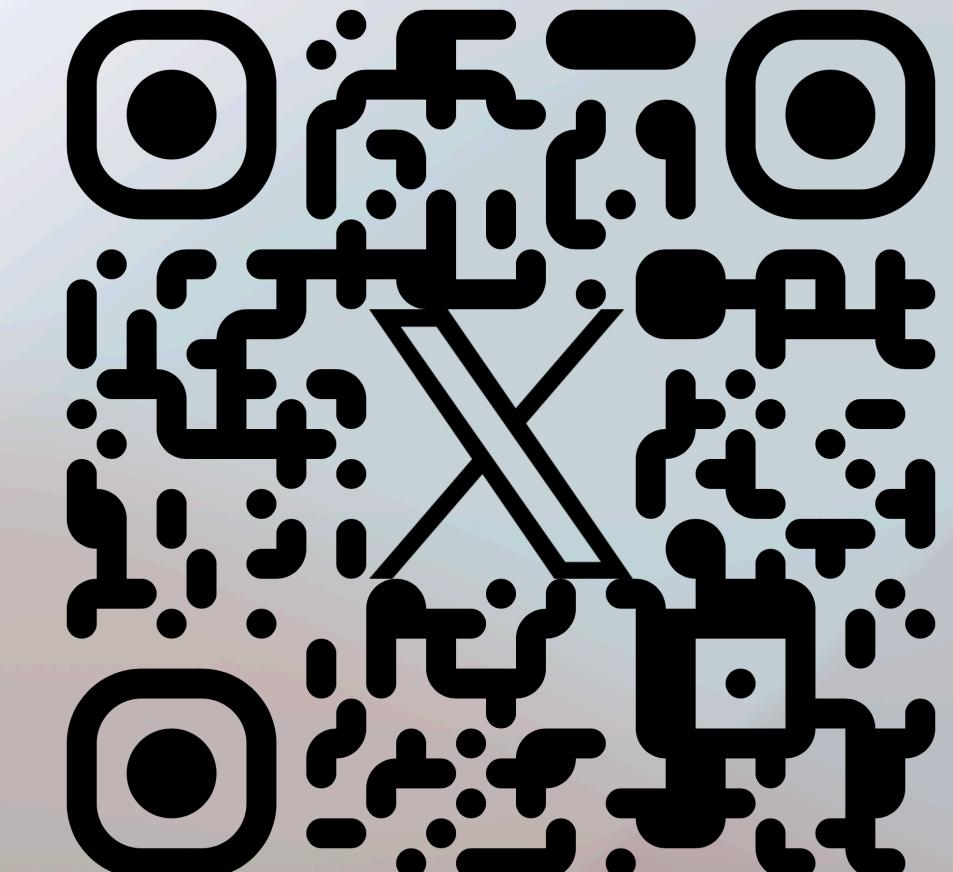
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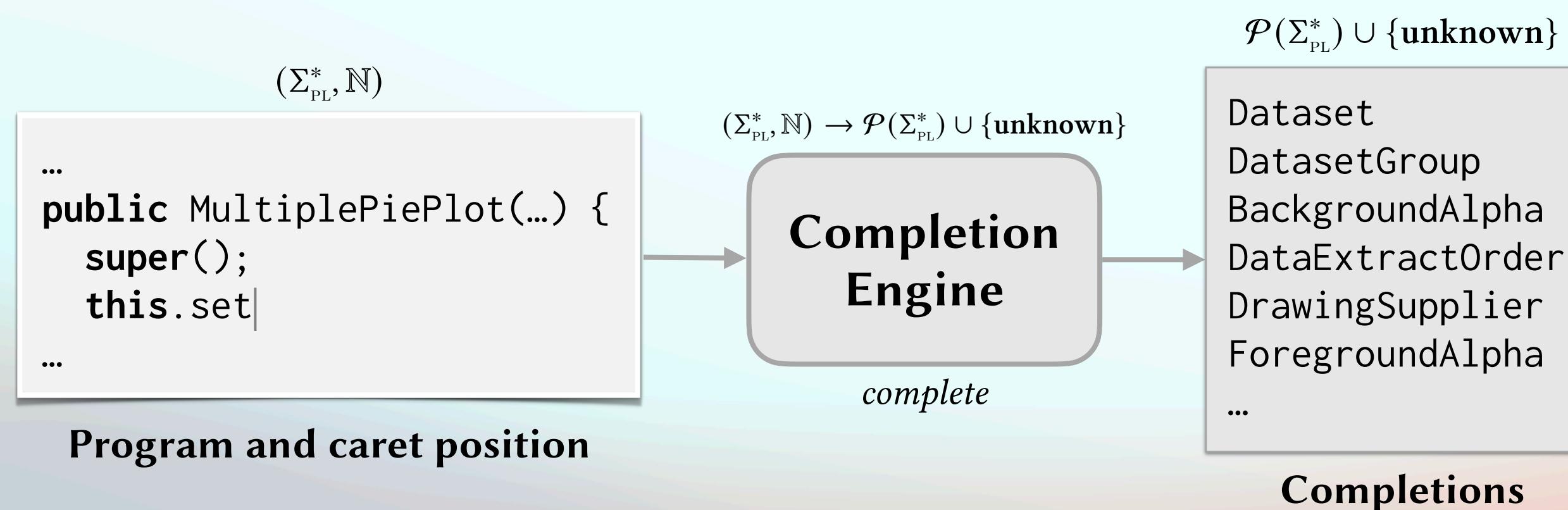


# Supplementaries

# Will Repilot go wrong?

## Conditional soundness of Repilot

**Theorem:** Repilot is sound with a **strict completion engine**



### Assume

$$(\text{prog}, \text{caret}) \models \Phi$$

$$\text{completions} = \text{complete}(\text{prog}, \text{caret})$$

$$\text{completions} \neq \text{unknown}$$

**The completion engine is strict if and only if**

$$\forall c \notin \text{Prefix}(\text{completions}), (\text{prog}', \text{caret}') \not\models \Phi$$

$$\text{where } \text{prog}' = \text{prog}[\text{caret} \leftarrow c]$$

$$\text{caret}' = \text{caret} + |c|$$

$$\text{Prefix}(\cdot) = \{c \mid s \in \cdot \text{ and } c \text{ is a prefix of } s \text{ or vice versa}\}$$

Intuitively, the completion engine should capture all possible continuations, but can do over-approximation. “**unknown**” is an over-approximation.

# Why resample instead of direct pruning?

In this case, direct pruning cannot do anything, and may result in a wrong path, e.g., .method\_a

