Providing Factual Information with Dual Neural Knowledge

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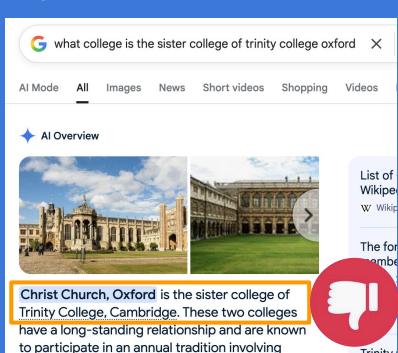
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Question We Asked in 2024



Is Correct, Relevant Information Closer or Farther Away?

My Favorite Example



student exchanges, formal dinners, and other

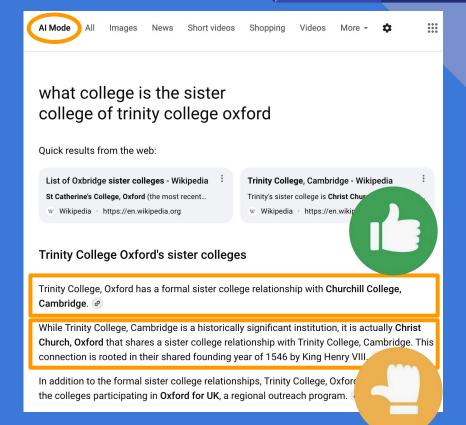
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My Favorite Example (cont')

ChatGPT 40 V ், Share what college is the sister college of trinity college oxford The sister college of Trinity College, Oxford is Trinity College, Cambridge. This pairing follows the tradition of linking colleges between Oxford and Cambridge, often with historical or thematic similarities, including name and foundation history. P B P O 10 10 1 € 5 × search the web and answer the question The official sister college of Trinity College, Oxford is Churchill College, Cambridge en.wikipedia.org +13 . This pairing is part of Oxbridge's long-standing tradition of inter-

university "twinning" arrangements, often allowing for reciprocal college stays, dinners,

and shared events. history.queens.cam.ac.uk academickids.com

Another Fun Example—Myself

ChatGPT 40 V

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tell me about luna xin dong

Xin Luna Dong—often publishing as "Xin Luna Dong"—is a leading researcher in knowledge graphs, data integration, and their intersection with machine learning and intelligent assistants. Here's an overview:



Publications & Thought Leadership

- Authored 100+ papers, is h-index 59, with nearly 16k citations Google Scholar
- Wrote the book Big Data Integration and co-edited important works in data quality and fusion mlconf.com +4
- Regular keynote and keynote-presenter at VLDB, SIGMOD, KDD, WSDM, and MLconf mlconf.com +2



In Her Own Words

. From an ACM Bytecast, she emphasizes making info access effortless for nontechnical users and small businesses, and leveraging RAG and CRAG benchmarks learning.acm.org

Harder Aggregation Example

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tell me about ballet shows in nyc in the upcoming month

Here are the major ballet highlights in New York City over the next month (late July through August 2025):

Upcoming Ballet Events Schedule

Date Range	Event	Venue	Note
Now-mid August	American Ballet Theatre (Swan Lake, etc.)	Metropolitan Opera House	Tickets from ~\$48 New York Theatre Guide + New York Post
Jul 29–Aug 2	BAAND Together Dance Festival	Koch Theater	Multi-company festival, tickets ~\$35 davidhkochtheater.com Dance NYC
August (exact TBD)	Hong Kong Ballet – The Butterfly Lovers	Lincoln Center (likely Koch)	Dates to be confirmed TDF
Aug 4	NYCB single tickets release for Fall	David H. Koch Theater	Performances from Sep 16 onward nycballet.com nycballet.com

tell me about white snake at lincoln center

Here's the full lowdown on **Lady White Snake** (白蛇), the Chinese dance-ballet drama at Lincoln Center:

What It Is

A large-scale contemporary dance-drama by $\bf Shanghai\ Grand\ Theatre,\ retelling\ the$

classic Chinese folk tale *The Legend of the White Snake*. Combining Western ballet,
Chinese classical and modern dance—with martial arts and multimedia design—it's
directed by Zhou Ke and choreographed by Wang Peixian. Artistic vision is led by former
San Francisco Ballet principal **Tan YuanYuan**, featuring an original score by Xu Zhong

davidhkochtheater.com +15

Missing Answer





David H. Koch Theater, Lincoln Center

- Saturday, July 26: 1:30 PM (Cast Moon) & 7:30 PM (Cast Luck)
- Sunday, July 27: 1:30 PM (Cast Moon) Shore Fire Media +4

 This marks its New York premiere, part of Summer for the City Shanghai Day

 Lincoln Center +10

Another Aggregation Example

how many CS conferences have been hosted in Toronto in the past 40 years? What are they?

I couldn't locate a definitive list of *all* computer science (CS) conferences held in Toronto over the past 40 years—but here are the major, recurring ones I did identify:

Summary Table							
Conference	First Held in Toronto	Recurrence	Focus Area				
CASCON	1991	Annual	Applied CS, industry- academia				
ACM KDD	2025	Rotating-Annual?	Data mining / ML				
CCCG	2025	Rotating?	Computational geometry				
WADS	2025	Rotating?	Algorithms & data structures				
CP (with XCSP3 competition)	2023	Rotating?	Constraint programming				
Various ICB/ICCSPS- style general CS conferences	2025	Rotating global	Cybersecurity, AI, software eng.				

Harder Reasoning Example

For papers regarding improving conversation truthfulness, which venues shall I submit to?

For research on **improving conversation truthfulness**, especially in the context of dialogue systems, LLMs, or conversational AI, consider submitting to top-tier **NLP**, **AI**, or **ML** venues that actively publish in these areas. Here's a breakdown of the most relevant venues:

Decision Flow

- Theory-heavy or model-focused truthfulness? → NeurIPS / ICLR / ICML
- Empirical and language-specific analysis? → EMNLP / ACL / NAACL
- Dialogue system-specific or conversational agents? → SIGDIAL / INLG
- Early or exploratory work? > Workshops at ACL/EMNLP

can I submit RAG papers to KDD?

Yes, you can submit Retrieval-Augmented Generation (RAG) papers to KDD, but with conditions—your paper must emphasize data mining, knowledge retrieval, or large-scale ML system aspects. not just language modeling.



Where Are We in This Journey? —A Quantitative Answer



Rich and Insightful Question-Answer Set

- 4400+ QA pairs from 5 domains (Finance, Sports, Music, Movie, Encyclopedia)
- Questions for static, slow-changing, fast-changing, and real-time information
- Questions for head, torso, and tail entities
- Simple-fact questions and complex questions



Total	Simple	Simple w. Cond	Set	Comparison	Aggregation	Multi-hop	Post- processing	False Premise
4409	1205	689	403	546	489	382	180	525

Accessible Retrieval Content

- 220K webpages: 50 webpages for each question from BraveAPI web search
- Mock KG: 2.6M entities, 30:1 signal-to-noise ratio
- Mock APIs: 38 mock APIs

Reliable Tasks and Evaluation

- Task 1: Answer generation over top-5 web search results—**Answer Summarization**
- Task 2: + Mock-KG Search API—Structured Search, Answer Selection
- Task 3: + 50 web search results—Search Ranking

LLM-only vs. Straightforward RAGs

Domain	Solution	Accuracy	Hallucination	Missing	Factuality =Accuracy-Halluci
Llama-3	LLM Only	32%	29%	39%	3%
(70B)	Straightforward Task 3	41%	32%	28%	9%
	LLM Only	34%	14%	53%	20%
GPT4	Straightforward Task 1	36%	28%	36%	8%
Turbo	Straightforward Task 2	41%	25%	34%	16%
	Straightforward Task 3	44%	30%	26%	14%

RAG may improve accuracy

KG w. crisper retrieval results helps

RAG may also bring more hallucinations

KDD Cups Winning Solutions

Big jump!!

Tasks		Manual-eval			
IdSKS	GPT-4	Llama 3	KDDCup W	inning team	
Task 1	8%	5%	29%	30%	
Task 2	16%	8%	30%	32%	
Task 3	13%	9%	31%	36%	

State-of-the-Art Industry Solutions (2024)

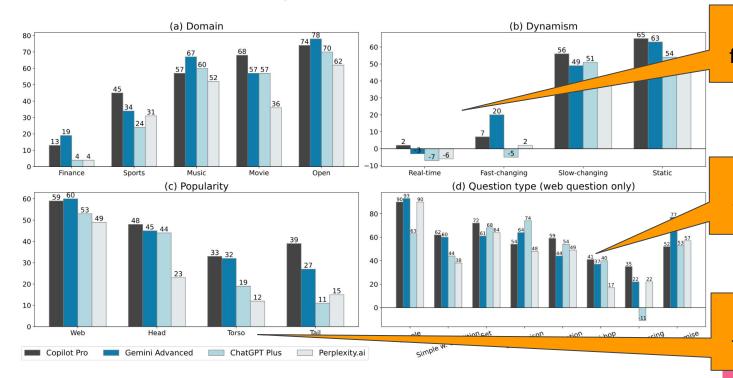
Perfect	Acceptable	Incorrect	Missing	Factuality	Latency (S)
63%	12%	18%	8%	50.4%	11.6
61%	10%	17%	13%	49.5%	5.2
60%	13%	25%	2%	42%	6.2
53%	10%	16%	22%	41%	3.4
56%	9%	25%	10%	35%	4.6
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Notes: 1. Manual annotations. 2. Retrieval by the SOTA solutions themselves.

Perfect < 63%. Still a big gap to fill

Different latency-quality tradeoffs

SOTA Industry Solutions on Diff Dimensions



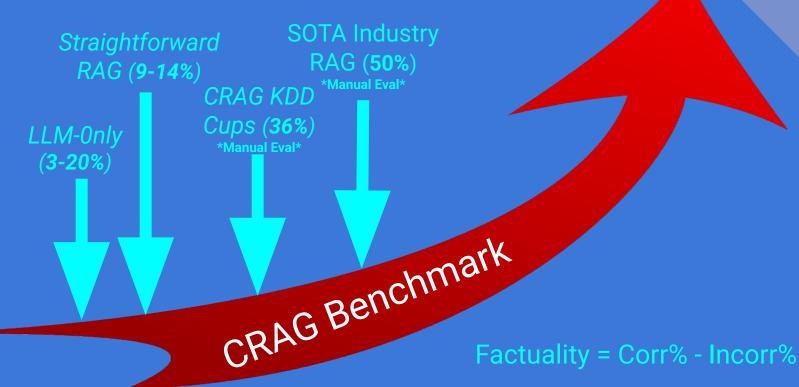
Improvements needed for **fast-changing** facts

Improvements needed for **complex** questions

Improvements needed for torso/tail questions

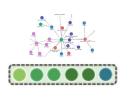
Figure 3: SOTA systems human-eval scores (in percentage) across different dimensions.





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Dual Neural Knowledge As a Path to Factuality



Head knowledge



Use both embeddings and symbolic form to represent head-to-torso entities

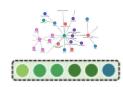


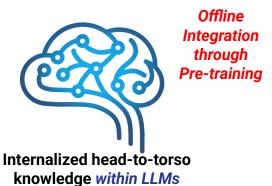
Torso

Use symbolic form to store knowledge for tail entities



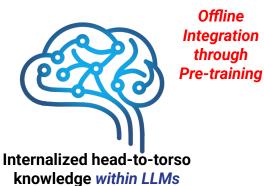
Long-tail







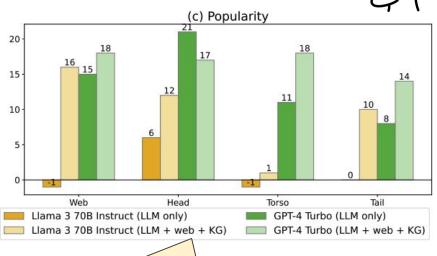
Symbolic tail or dynamic knowledge as is in the wild



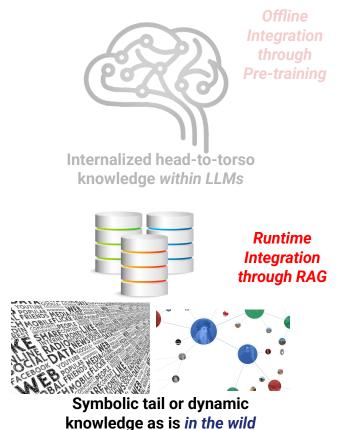


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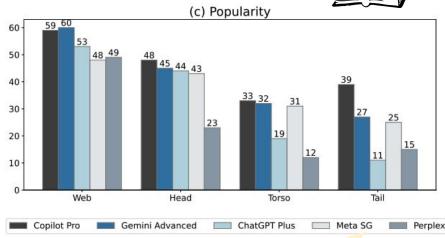




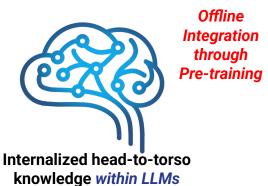
Low factuality EVEN for head entities







Still *low factuality* EVEN with external knowledge



Question 3. How to internalize more factual knowledge into LLMs?

Pre-train/ **Post-train**

Runtime Integration through RAG **Question 1.** How to know when to rely on what?

Post-train

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Symbolic tail or dynamic knowledge as is in the wild

Question 2. How to leverage external data in RAG more effectively?

Post-train



1. Choosing Between Internalized Neural Knowl. vs. Symbolic Knowledge

How to Know When to Rely on What?

All of the following questions have a never-changing unique answer. Some are head (popular), others are tail (less popular). Decide if you can reliably answer the questions without resorting to external knowledge sources. Return yes for those you are confident to answer, and no for others. Here are the questions.

- 1. How tall is the Statue of Liberty
- 2. How many bones are in a human adult's body
- 3. When was George Washington. (US president born)
- 4. Who's the author of the book "Seed of Evil"



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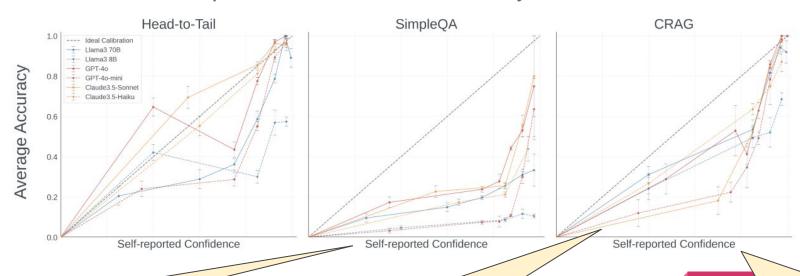
- 1. Yes, the height of the Statue of Liberty is a well-known fact.
- 2. Yes, the number of bones in a human adult's body is a standard piece of knowledge.
- 3. Yes, George Washington's birth date is a widely known historical fact.
- 4. No, the author of the book "Seed of Evil" is not a commonly known fact.

How to Know When to Rely on What?

- Does an LLM know what it knows?
- Can we teach LLMs to refrain from hallucinating?
- What is the optimal strategy for RAG triggering?

RQ1. Does an LLM Know What It Knows?

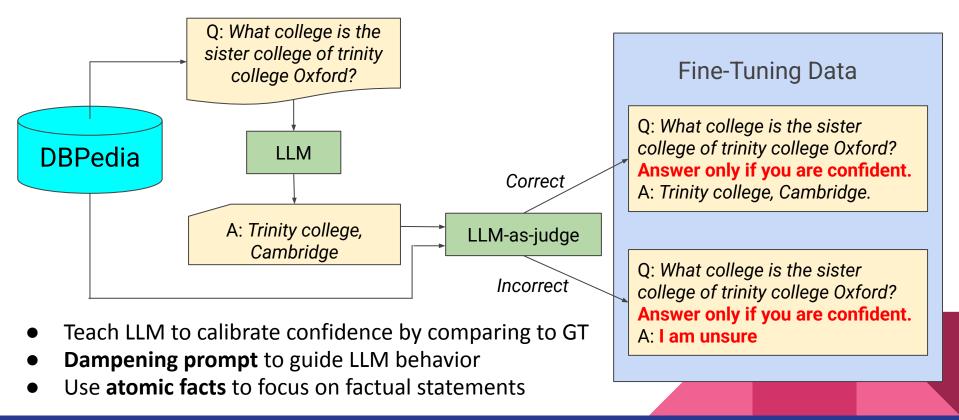
Experiments on Three Factuality Benchmarks

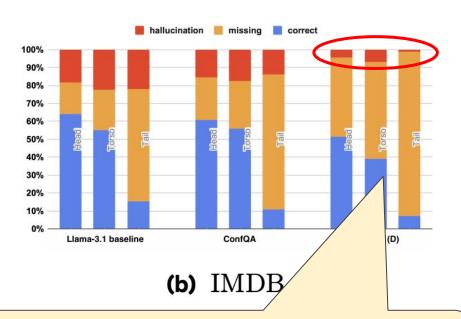


Harder for nuanced facts about popular entities

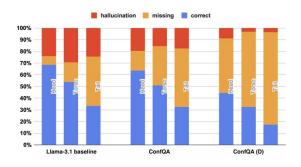
Smaller models are even more confident

LLMs tend to be over-confident

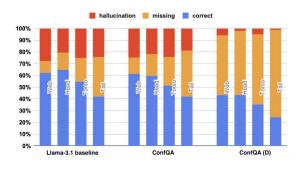




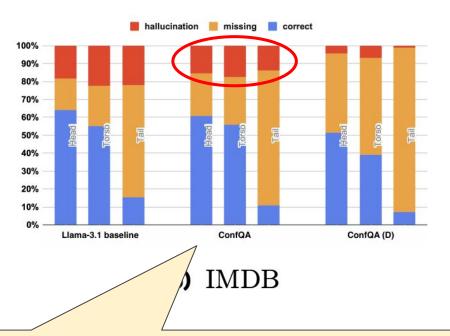
1. Dampener is critical in training. At inference, with the dampener prompt, hallucination reduced to below 5%



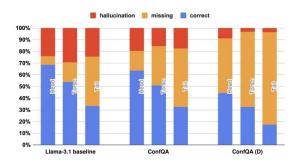
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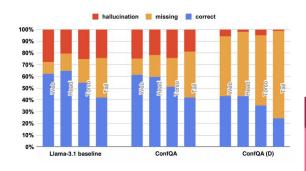
(c) CRAG



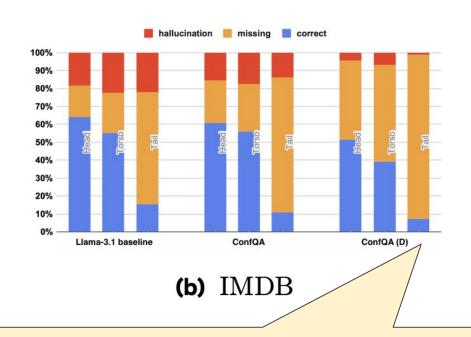
2. Without the dampener prompt in inference, similar correct% and mild hallucination% reduction



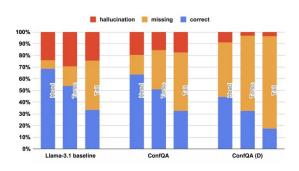
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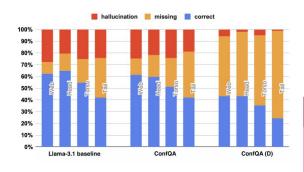
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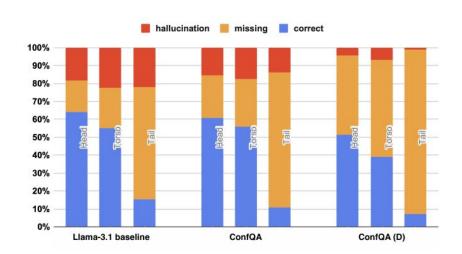
3. Suppress more for long-tail facts.



(a) DBPedia

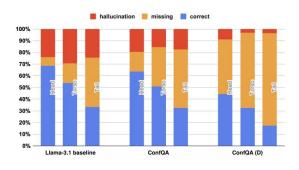


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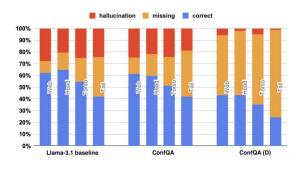


(b) IMDB

4. Transfer well from DBPedia to IMDb. However, training data from MMLU (w. non-factual questions) significantly lower accuracy



(a) DBPedia



(c) CRAG

Model	Long Fact			Alpaca Fact			Biography					
	Prec	\mathbf{Rec}	F1	Miss	Prec	\mathbf{Rec}	F1	Miss	Prec	\mathbf{Rec}	F1	Miss
Llama3.1	64.5	65.4	64.3	0	62.3	71.0	63.8	0	35.4	40.3	37.1	0
RAG (Llama3.1) (Yu et al., 2022)	71.7	74.6	72.7	0	65.8	74.3	66.0	0	44.9	48.1	43.8	0
ConfQA	67.0	67.7	66.7	0.8	62.2	71.1	63.8	0.4	42.0	46.5	42.6	12.6

Table 4 ConfQA improves precision and recall for long-form answer generation.

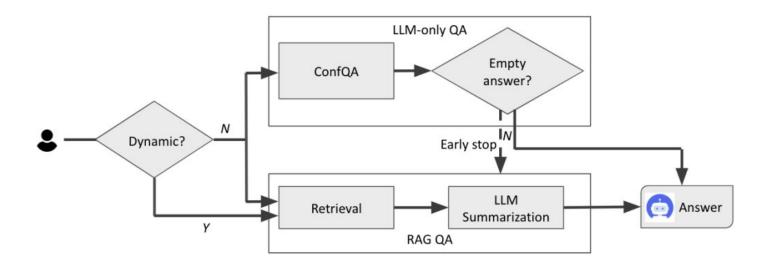
5. Transfer well to long-form answers w. higher quality, and no regression on other tasks

Model	MMLU (5-shot)	MMLU-Pro
Llama3.1	82.7	66.3
ConfQA	82.8	65.4

6. Feeding GT only will teach LLMs to hallucinate

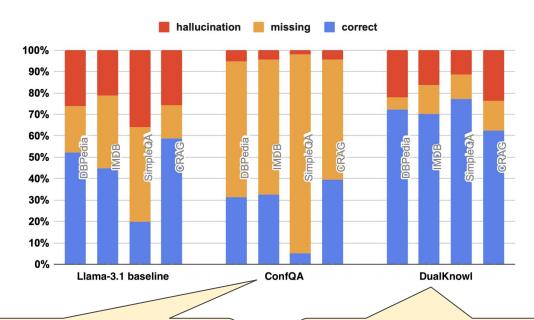
Table 5 ConfQA does not regress on MMLU.

RQ3. What Is Optimal Strategy for RAG Triggering?



- Trigger LLM for dynamic questions and unsure answers
- Parallel invocations RAG and ConfQA to cut latency

RQ3. What Is Optimal Strategy for RAG Triggering?



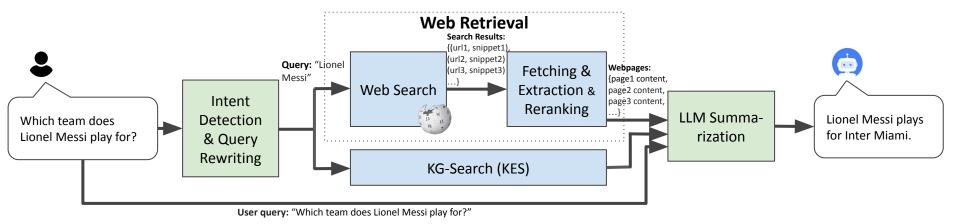
ConfQA reduces hallucination to below 5% on various benchmarks

RAG based on ConfQA increases accuracy by 45%, w. reasonable latency



2. Effectively Leveraging Symbolic Knowl. for RAG

Overview of Federated RAG



RAG Accuracy = Retrieval Recall x Summarization Accuracy

Tradeoff Between Retrieval Recall & **Summarization Accuracy**

Data sources	Recall	Accuracy		
KB	0.952	0.908		
Wiki Infobox	0.980	0.872		
Wiki Page	0.990	0.845		

Increased recall

Decreased accuracy

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"Facebook, Inc." redirects here. For the social media, see Facebook.

Meta Platforms, Inc., [15][16] doing business as Meta, [17][18] and formerly named Facebook, Inc., and TheFacebook, Inc., [19] is an American multinational technology conglomerate based in Menlo Park, California. The company owns and operates Facebook, Instagram, Threads, and WhatsApp, among other products and services.[20] It is considered one of the Big Five American information technology companies, alongside Google's parent company Alphabet, Amazon, Apple, and Microsoft.

In addition to Facebook, Instagram, Threads and WhatsApp, Meta has also acquired Oculus (which it has integrated into Reality Labs), Mapillary, CTRL-Labs, and a 9,99% stake in Jio Platforms; the company additionally endeavored into non-VR hardware, such as the discontinued Meta Portal smart displays line and presently partners with Luxottica through the Ray-Ban Stories series of smart glasses. [21][22] Despite endeavors into hardware, the company relies on advertising for a vast majority of its revenue, and in 2022 is amounted to 97.5 percent of it.[12]

On October 28, 2021, the parent company of Facebook changed its name from Facebook, Inc., to Meta Platforms, Inc., to "reflect its focus on building the metaverse", [23] According to Meta, the term "metaverse" refers to the integrated environment that links all of the company's products and services, [24][25][26]

History

Further information: History of Facebook and Initial public offering of Facebook

Facebook filed for an initial public offering (IPO) on January 1, 2012.[27] The preliminary prospectus stated that the company sought to raise \$5 billion, had 845 million monthly active users, and a website accruing 2.7 billion likes and comments daily. [28] After the IPO. Zuckerberg would retain a 22% ownership share in Facebook and would own 57% of the voting shares.[29]

Underwriters valued the shares at \$38 each, valuing the company at \$104 billion, the largest valuation to date for a newly public company [30] On May 16, one day before the IPO. Facebook announced it would sell 25% more shares than originally planned due to high demand. [31] The IPO raised \$16 billion, making it the third-largest in US history (slightly ahead of AT&T Wireless and behind only General Motors and Visa). The stock price left the company with a higher market capitalization than all but a few U.S. corporations surpassing heavyweights such as Amazon, McDonald's, Disney, and Kraft Foods-and made Zuckerberg's stock worth \$19 billion. [32][33] The New York Times stated that the offering overcame questions about Facebook's difficulties in attracting advertisers to transform the company into a "must-own stock". Jimmy



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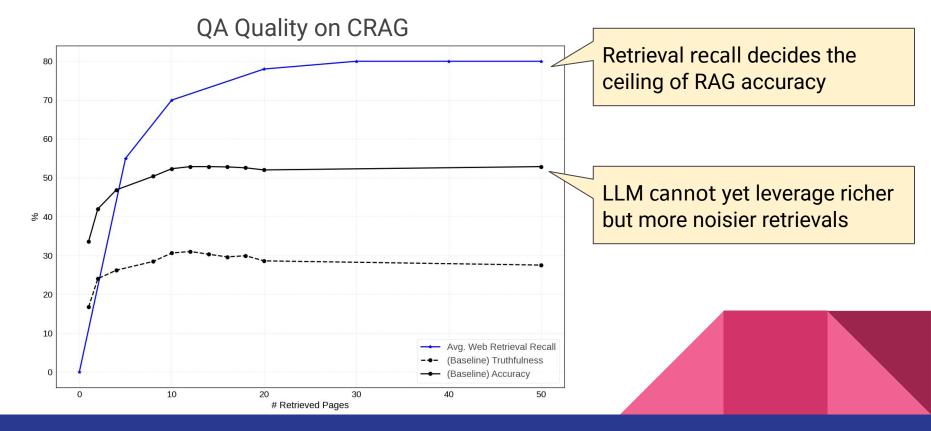
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January 4, 2004; 20 years ago in Cambridge, Massachusetts, U.S. Mark Zuckerberg Eduardo Saverin Andrew McCollum Dustin Moskovitz

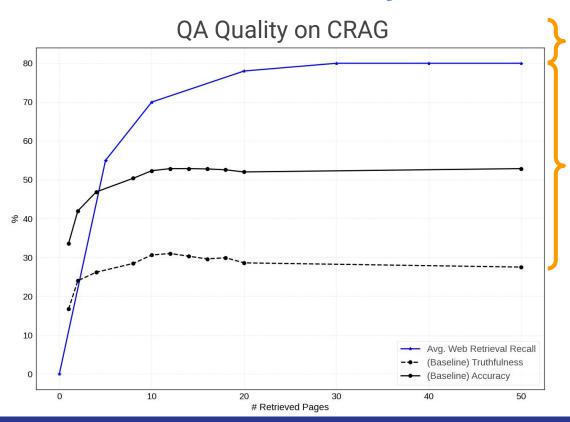
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Tradeoff Between Retrieval Recall & Summarization Accuracy



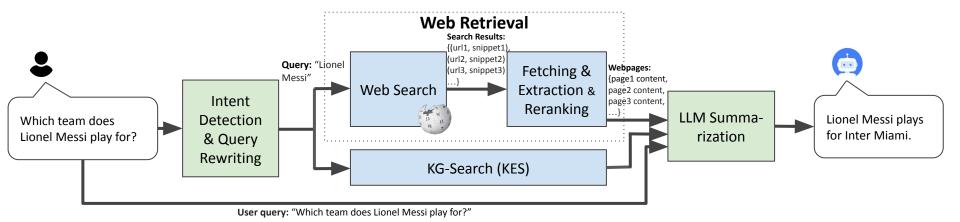
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Gap1. Retrieval recall

Gap 2. LLM summarization capability

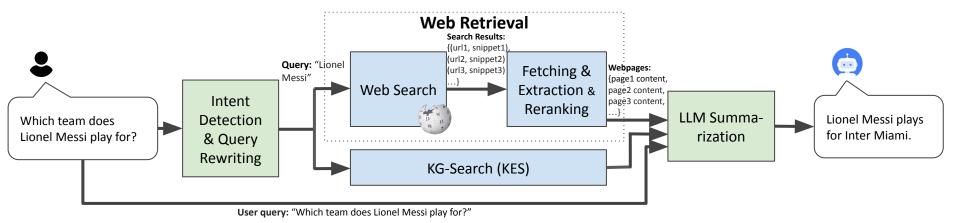
Accuracy

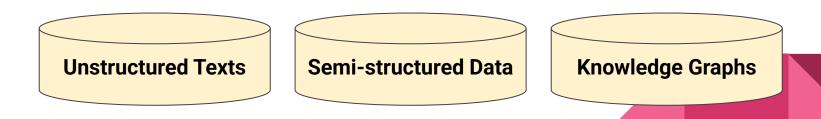


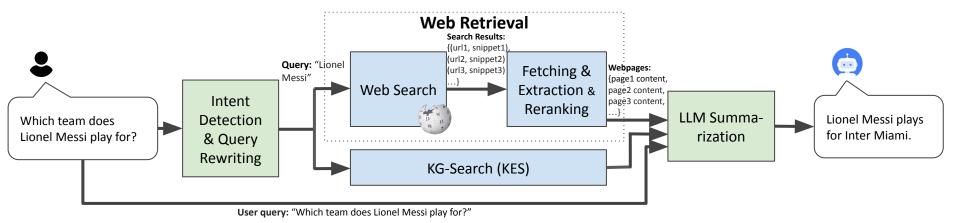
RAG Accuracy = Retrieval Recall x Summarization

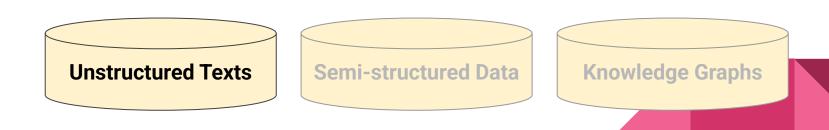
• Search recall improvement

- Retrieval precision improvement
- Complex-question decomposition
 - Summarization improvement

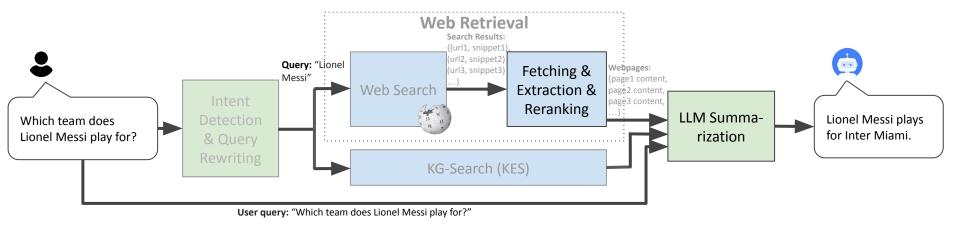








RAG on Knowledge Graphs

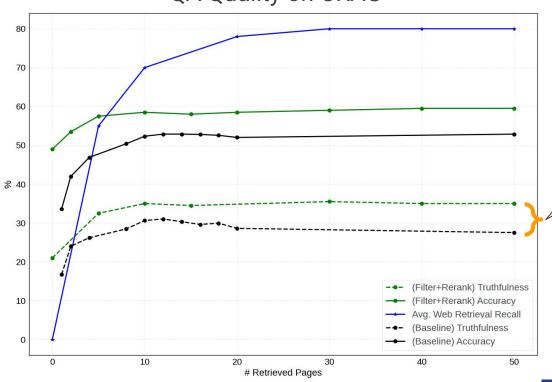


RAG Accuracy = Retrieval Recall x Summarization Accuracy • Retrieval precision in

- Retrieval precision improvement
- Summarization improvement

III. RAG on Texts: Improving Retrieval Precision





Passage-level filtering and re-ranking helps, but not enough

III. RAG on Texts: Increasing Robustness Against Distractions

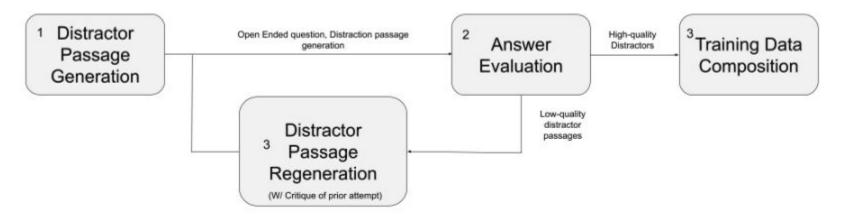


Figure 2: Overview of the synthetic distractor generation process.

III. RAG on Texts: Improving CoT w. Strategization

Q: What is the current distance between the Earth and the Moon?

Strategy:

- Step 1: Identify the most relevant documents that contain information about the distance between the Earth and the Moon.
- Step 2: Determine which of these documents provide real-time or the most current data on the Moon's distance from Earth.
- Step 3: Extract the specific information regarding the current distance between the Earth and the Moon from the most relevant and up-to-date document.

Reasoning:

- Step 1: Upon reviewing the provided documents, it's clear that documents [1], [2], [4], [5], [7], [9], and [10] all discuss the distance between the Earth and the Moon. However, to find the current distance, we need documents that either provide real-time data or are updated frequently.
- Step 2: Documents [4] and [5] seem to offer more dynamic information, with [4] explicitly mentioning that it sources the Moon's distance from Earth via the Horizon JPL API, which is updated daily. Document [5] provides a calculator for moon distances but doesn't seem to offer real-time data directly within the provided text. Document [4] stands out because it mentions an update as of "December 28, 2024," which is closer to the current date of "Thursday, January 9, 2025," than any other document.
- Step 3: Extracting the specific information from document [4], it states that as of December 28, 2024, "The Moon is 246,728 miles (396,985 kilometers) away from Earth."

A: As of December 28, 2024, the Moon is 246,728 miles away from Earth.

III. RAG on Texts: Improving CoT w. Strategization

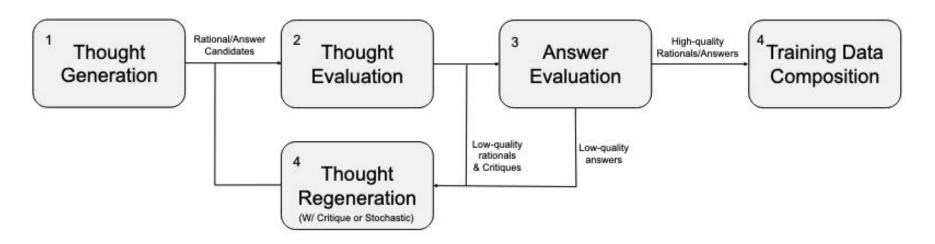


Figure 4: Overview of the iterative synthetic CoT generation process.

III. RAG on Texts: Improving CoT w. Strategization

Benchmark	Baseline	NaiveSFT	STaR (Zelikman et al., 2022)	LLMQuoter (Bezerra et al., 2025)	RAFT (Zhang et al., 2024a)	PRISMRAG (This Work)
Avg. on 12 benchmarks	78.4%	73.1%	72.9%	80.1%	80.9%	83.8%

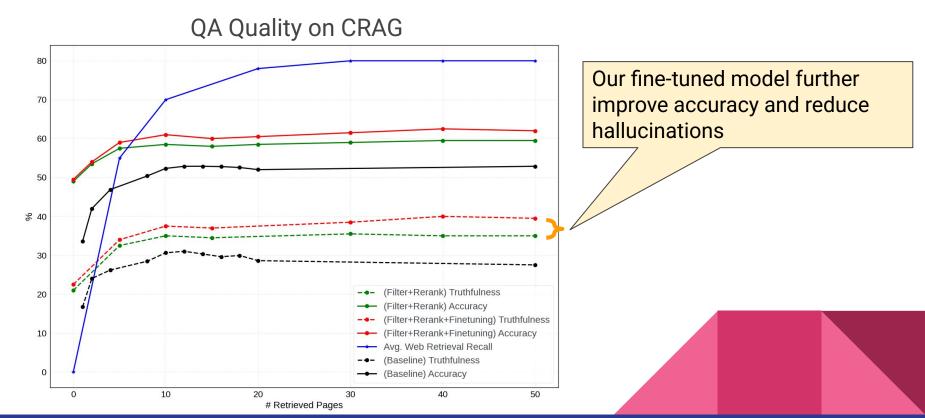
Method	Accurate	Hallucinated	Missing	Factua.
Baseline	59.1%	24.9%	16.0%	34.2%
PRISMRAG	62.1%	22.9%	15.1%	39.2%
 Distractor 	59.3%	23.2%	17.6%	37.0%
 Strategization 	62.4%	23.2%	12.3%	36.1%

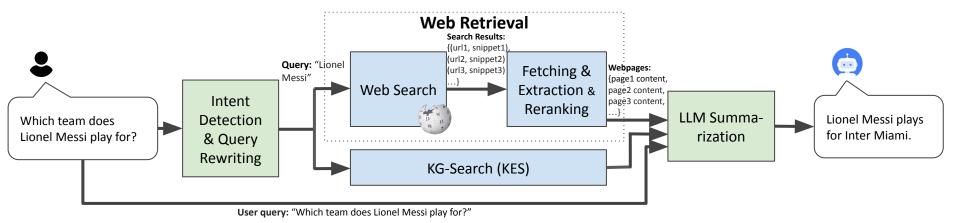
Table 3: Ablation study using the CRAG dataset for the proposed fine-tuning method based on distractor resilience and dynamic strategization. Significant improvements over eline and sota solutions

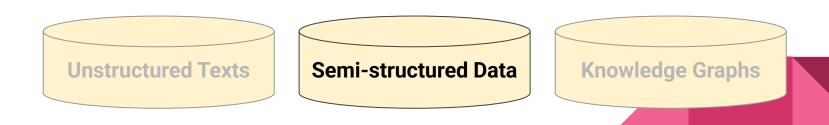
Naive SFT only providing QA pairs can even reduce quality

Distraction SFT data reduces hallucinations, whereas strategizing also increases accuracy

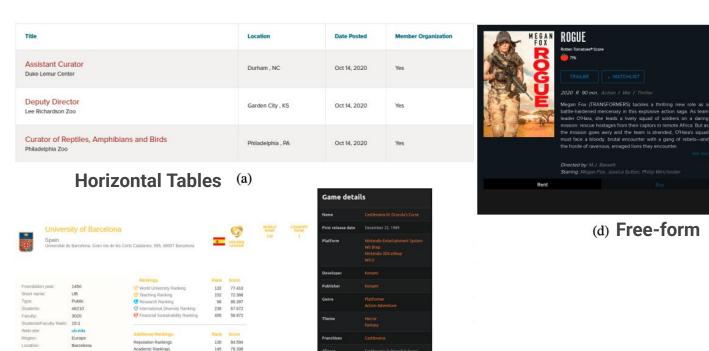
III. RAG on Texts: Improving Summarization Accuracy







II. RAG on Semi-structured Data



Free-form (b)

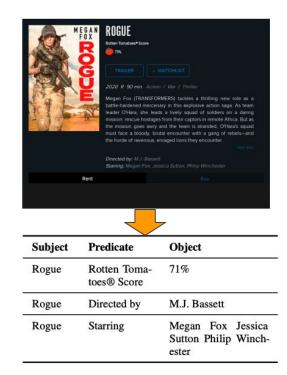
(c) Attr-Val Pairs (Vertical Tables)

II. QA vs. Knowledge Extraction on Semi-Data

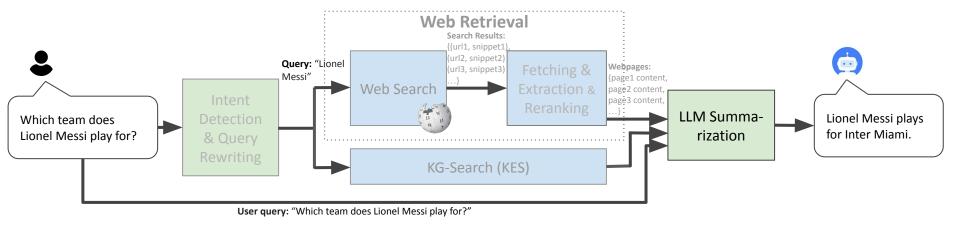


Q: Is the movie Rogue well received at Rotten Tomatoes?

A: Rogue got a medium score of 71% on Rotten Tomatoes



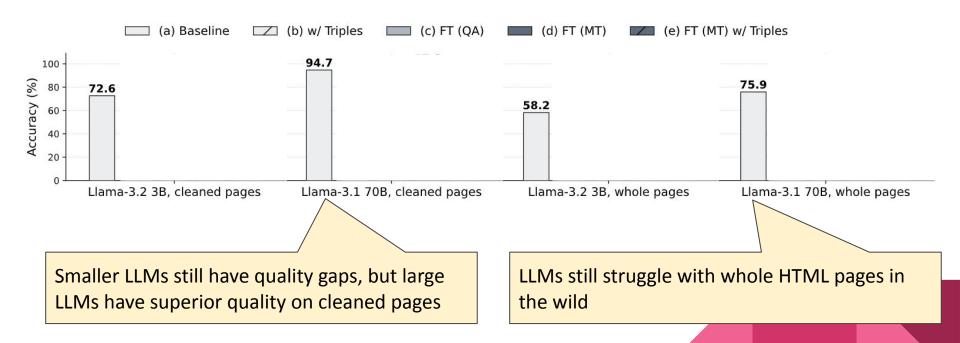
RAG on Semi-Structured Data



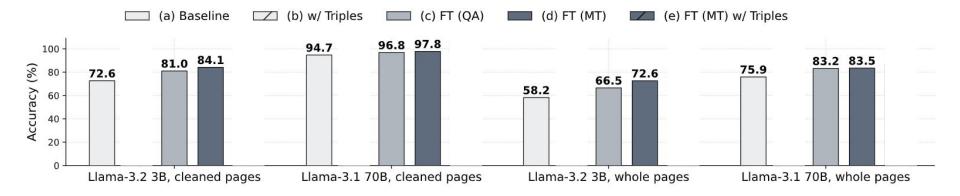
RAG Accuracy = Retrieval Recall x Summarization Accuracy • Summarization improve

Summarization improvement

II. RAG on Semi: Current QA quality

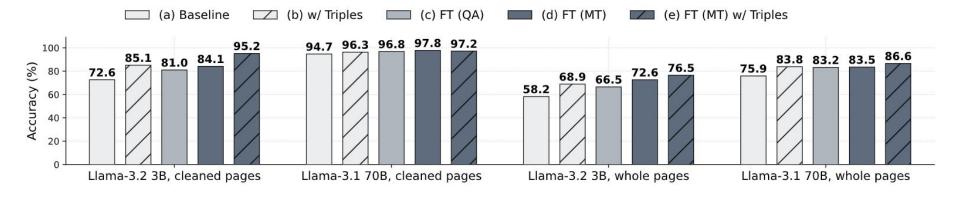


II. RAG on Semi: Extraction as Fine-tuning Tasks



Multi-task fine-tuning with QA and Extraction tasks can significantly improve small QA quality

II. RAG on Semi: Extraction Augmentation



Augmenting the webpages with knowledge triples further improve QA quality. However, it is hard to obtain correct triples.

II. Knowledge Extraction on Semi-structured Data

	Backbone	Setting	Triple-level		
			$P_{LM} \\$	R_{LM}	$F-1_{LM}$
	Llama 3.1-70B-Instruct	zero-shot	53.1	71.8	61.0
in-domain	Llama 3.1-70B-Instruct	2-shot	88.4	92.0	90.2
	Llama 3.1-70B-Instruct	fine-tuned	71.8	76.3	74.0
	Claude 3.7 Sonnet	2-shot	89.9	92.8	91.3
GI	GPT-40	2-shot	93.9	95.5	94.7
	generated scripts	single call	53.1	49.3	51.1
	generated scripts	multiple calls with feedback	75.8	69.9	72.7
	Llama 3.1-70B-Instruct	zero-shot	60.3	74.1	66.5
I. C. C. g	Llama 3.1-70B-Instruct	3-shot	69.4	70.1	69.7
	Llama 3.1-70B-Instruct	fine-tuned	72.1	71.0	71.5
	Claude 3.7 Sonnet	3-shot	76.0	77.4	76.7
	GPT-40	3-shot	76.4	76.9	76.6
	generated scripts	single call	50.9	45.6	48.1
	generated scripts	multiple calls with feedback	63.8	57.9	60.7

Few-shots w. in-domain examples achieves high extraction quality

Knowledge extraction from unseen websites remains difficult

We can teach LLMs to write scripts to extract triples from semi-structured content, even from out-of-domain websites

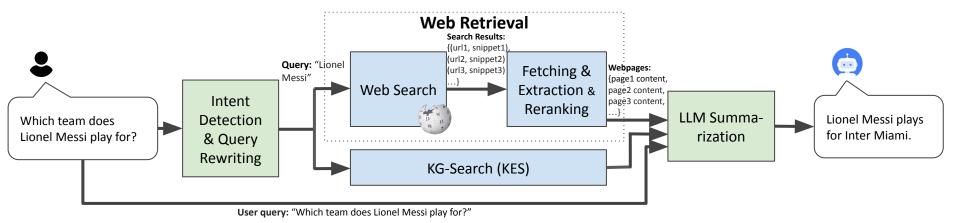
Table 2: Triple extraction performance. All numbers are in percentage (%).

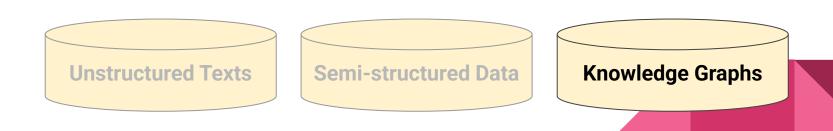
II. RAG on Semi: Extraction Results to Improve QA

Table 6: Zero-shot QA performance in Accuracy_{LM} (%) on cleaned pages. Script-extracted triples improve QA quality for 3B models.

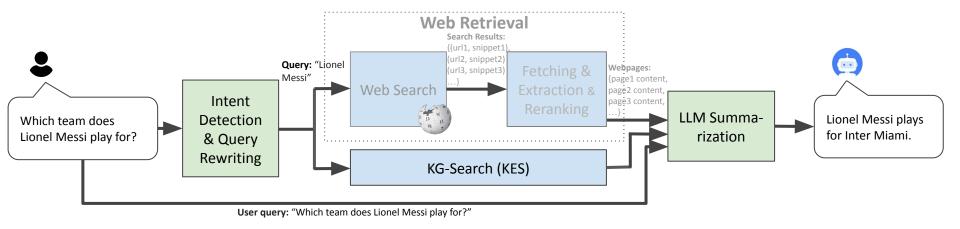
·	Additional reference	L-3B	L-70B	Q-3B	Q-72B
in-domain	/	77.1	95.1	81.5	93.5
	Script-extracted triples	80.6	94.9	87.5	94.2
out-of-domain	/	72.6	94.7	81.6	95.1
	Script-extracted triples	77.7	92.9	86.5	94.2

Script-based extraction can improve small LLMs on QA





RAG on Knowledge Graphs



RAG Accuracy = Retrieval Recall x Summarization

Accuracy

• Search recall improvement

- Retrieval precision improvement
- Summarization improvement

I. RAG on KG: Intuition of KERAG

(a) Natural Language Question:

Q: Which books written by J. K. Rowling are related to magic?

(b) Standard SP-based KBQA approach:

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SELECT ?book

WHERE {

?book rdf:type :Book .

?book :author :J_K_Rowling .

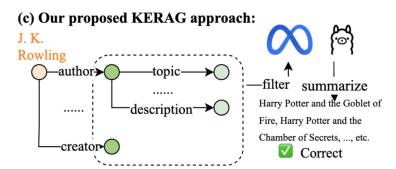
?book :topic :Magic .}

Magic?

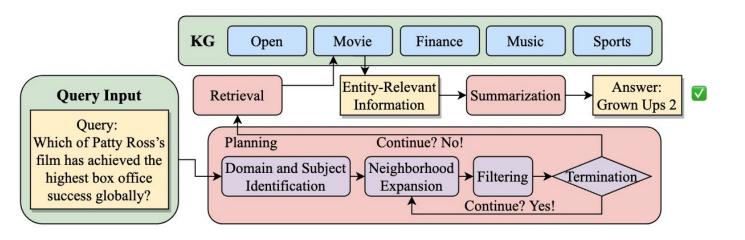
Empty or Incomplete
```

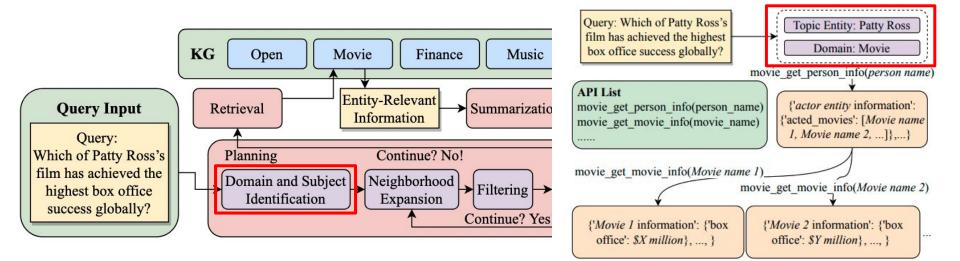
Existing methods: Semantic parsing

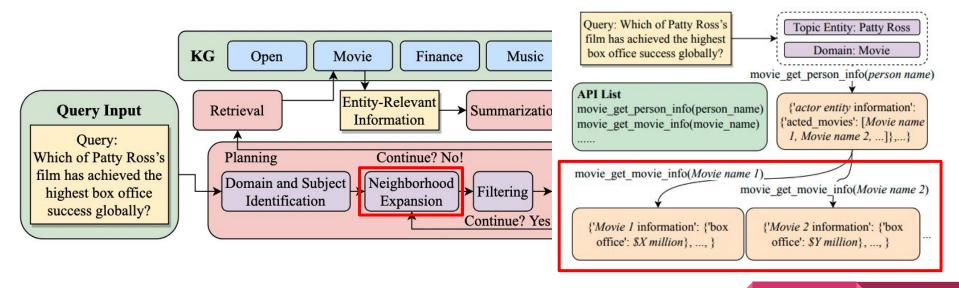
- SPARQL queries
- One or a few paths



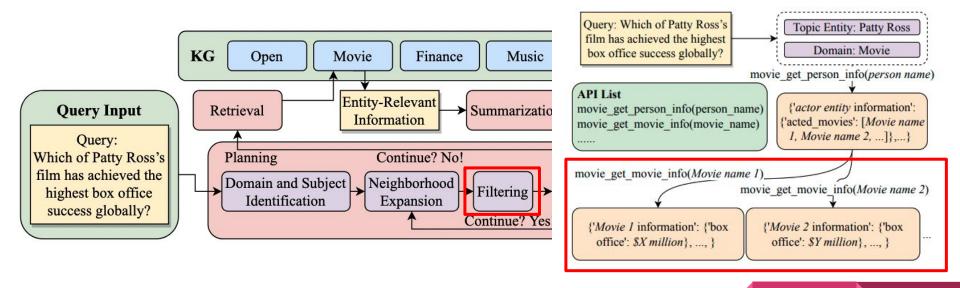
Our methods: Identify a subgraph and leverage LLM summarization capability



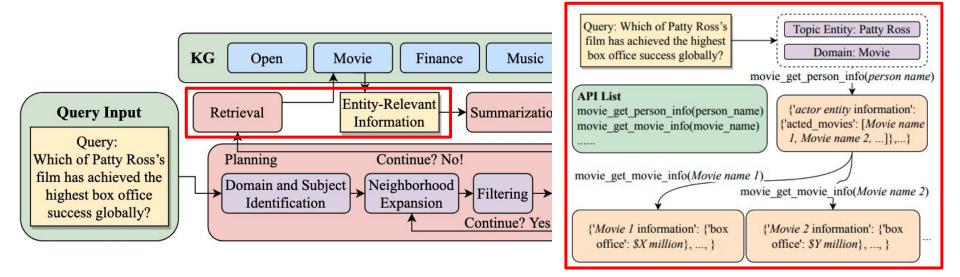




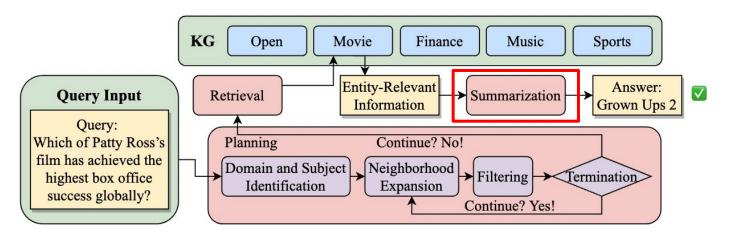
Retrieval **recall** optimization: Neighborhood expansion for multi-hop questions



Retrieval **precision** optimization: Neighborhood filtering to reduce noise

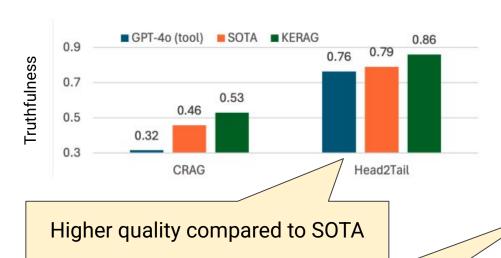


Entity level parsing + predicate level planning for reduced **latency** & flexibility across different KGs



Summarization: CoT-based fine-tuning to better **answer** complex questions w. reasoning and aggregation

I. RAG on KG: KERAG Results



Multi-hop improves retrieval recall and QA accuracy, but can also bring more hallucinations

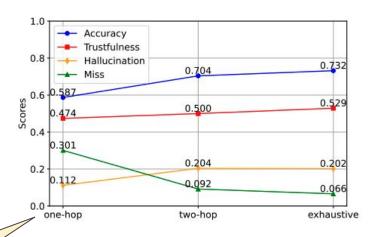


Figure 5: Comparison between one-hop, two-hop, and exhaustive retrieval on CRAG.



3. How to Internalize More Factual Knowledge to LLMs

Plug-and-Play Memory for Language Models



I hurt my ankle while running. What should I do?

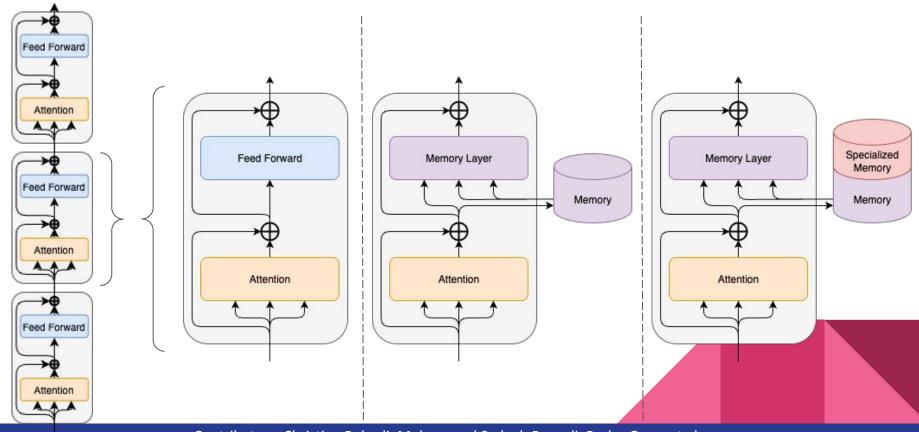


Rest your ankle, apply ice to reduce swelling, compress it with a bandage, and elevate it. Avoid putting weight on it for at least 48 hours. If you experience severe pain, inability to walk, or significant swelling, seek medical attention promptly.



W. Extended Memory

Plug-and-Play Memory for Language Models



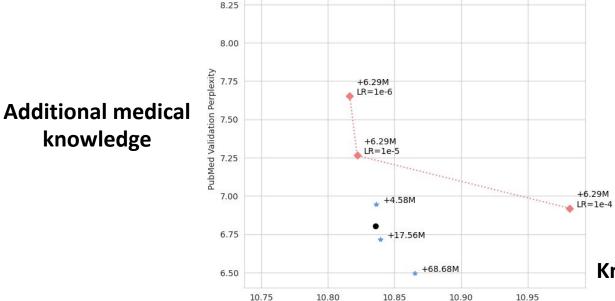
Contributors: Christian Belardi, Mohammad Sadegh Rasooli, Barlas Oguz, et al.

Plug-and-Play Memory for Language Models

Pretrained Full Finetuned

knowledge

Finetuning Language Model with Memory Layers 373M Active Parameters, 1.4B Total Parameters



Knowledge obtained during pre-train

LoRA (r=32) Finetuned

Extended Memory Only Finetuned

FineWeb-Edu Validation Perplexity

Putting Everything in Context

Building Next-Generation Intelligent Assistants for Wearable Devices

Stages of Intelligent Assistants

I. Chatbot
Text input



II. Voice Asst
Voice input



III. Wearable Asst

Voice + Visual + Context



What Is Different for A Wearable Assistant?





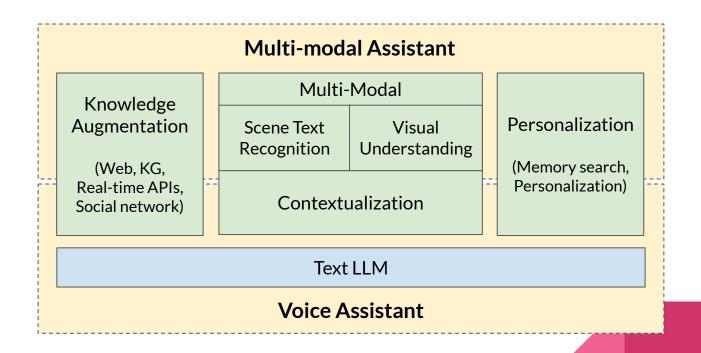




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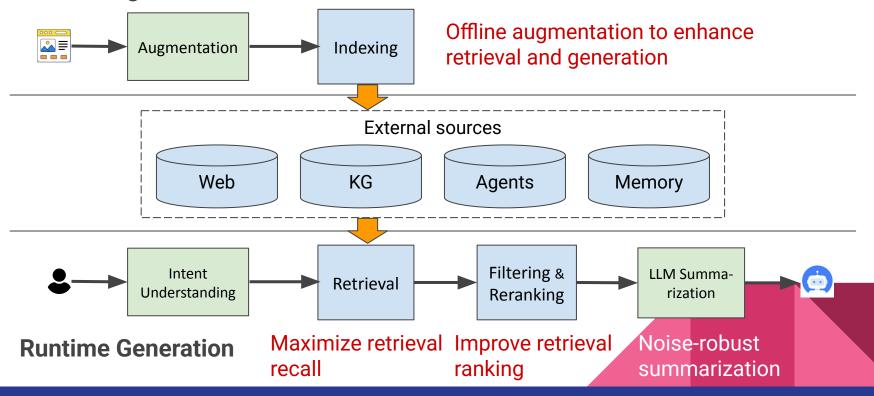


Pillars for Next-Generation Assistant

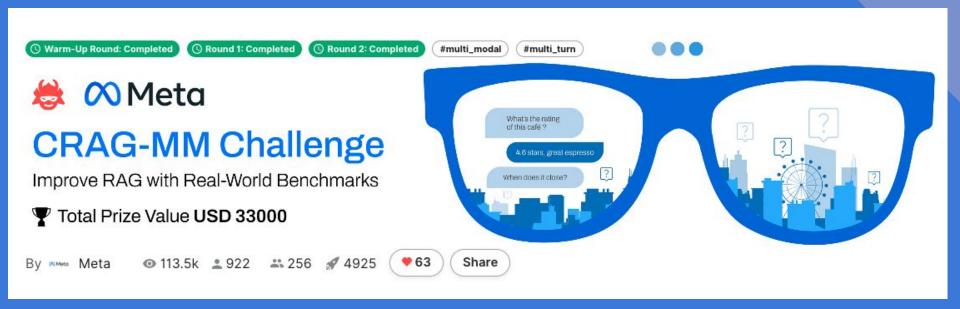


RAG Pipeline is Fundamental for Various Applications

Offline Augmentation



CRAG IS BACK-CRAG-MM KDDCup'25



- First benchmark for Wearables use cases
- Multi-modal Multi-turn conversations

CRAG-MM: Example Questions



Simple - recognition

Question: What brand is this? **Answer:** The brand is contigo.

Dynamism: static



Comparison

Question: Is this product cheaper on Amazon?

Answer: No, the product costs \$79.96 on amazon

which is more expensive than this place.

Dynamism: fast-changing



Multi-hop

Question: how many books has this book's

author written?

Answer: Patrick o'Donnell, the author of the unvanguished, has written 13 books in total.

Dynamism: slow-changing



Simple - knowledge

Question: what chemicals are used in this?

Answer:

The active ingredients in Great Value Disinfecting wipes are quaternary ammonium compounds and

ethanol.

Dynamism: slow-changing



Aggregation

Question: Which heads can I use for

straight hair?

Answer: The Soft smoothing brush and the

Firm smoothing brush. **Dynamism**: static



Reasoning

Question: Could a guest tour inside this museum

on Christmas?

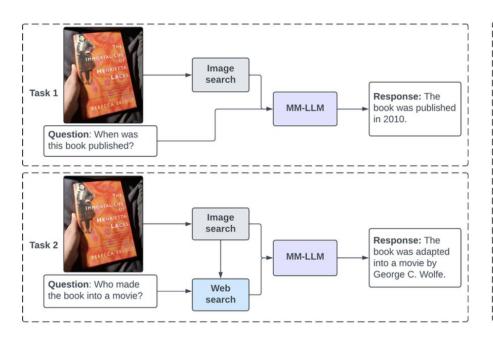
Answer: No, the Indianapolis Firefighters

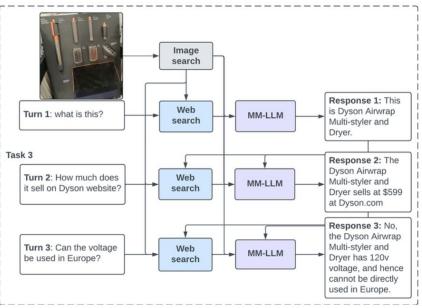
Museum is only open on weekdays and Saturdays

from April to October.

Dynamism: slow-changing

CRAG-MM Tasks





CRAG-MM Benchmark Overview

Image-Question-Answer Triples

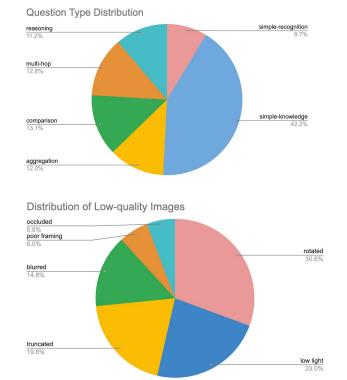
Retrieval

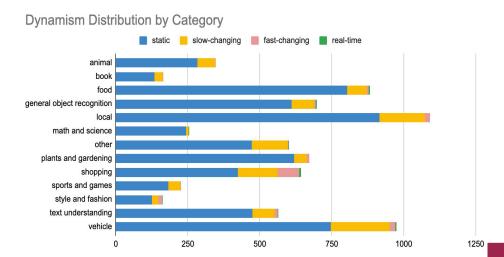
Image Search API

Web Search API

- 4K egocentric and 1K normal images
- 6 types of image quality issues
- 4K single-turn VQAs and 1.1K
 multi-turn sessions with 2-6 turns
- 13 domains
- 6 query categories and 4 types of dynamism

CRAG-MM Benchmark Overview





CRAG-MM Benchmark Overview

Image-Question-Answer Triples

Retrieval

Image Search API

Web Search API

- Unified Image and Web search API
 with semantic search
- Image KG with 51k corpus size
- 1.4M web chunks

CRAG-MM Winning Solutions

Tasks	Truthfulness = Perf + Acc * 0.5 - Hallu		Perfect	Acceptable	Missing	Hallucination
Task 1	12.8%		14.7%	1.5%	80.3%	3.4%
Task 2	٨	23.3%	26.8%	3.4%	61.0%	8.8%
Task 3		36.9%	35.9%	2.1%	56.6%	5.5%
All Egocentric Images		21.0%	24.4%	2.1%	65.8%	4.4%

Still a gap from single-turn text RAG results (36%)

Lower quality on ego-centric images

Quite high missing rate

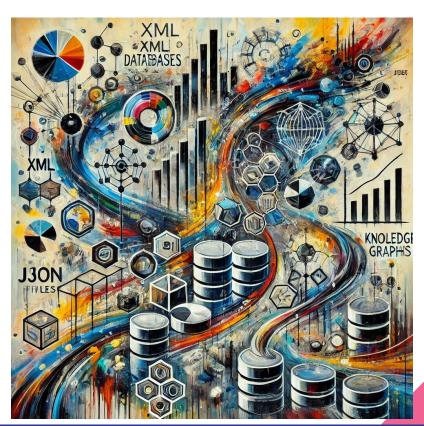
Massive Data Exist in Various Forms

XML

JSON

- Key-value stores
- NoSQL (semi-struc.)

Files

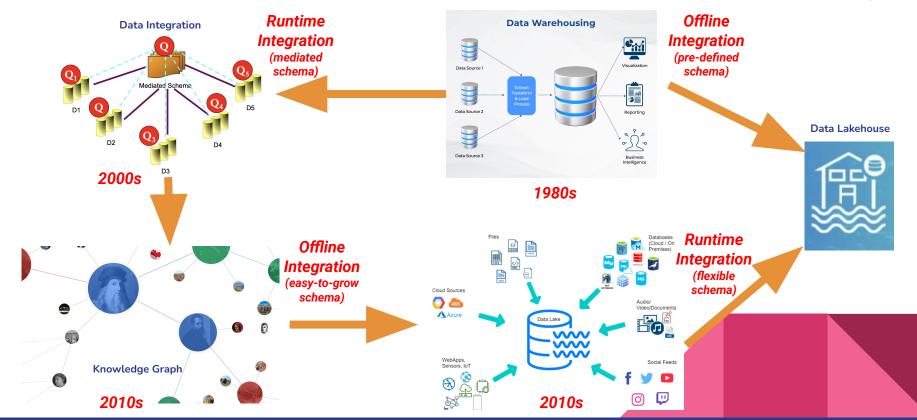


Relational databases

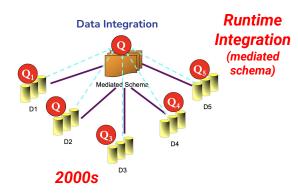
- Spreadsheets
- Graph databases

Knowledge graphs

How to Access All Forms of Data in a Holistic Way?

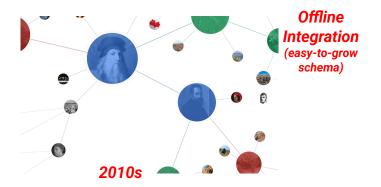


Inherent Challenges Have NEVER Changed



Challenges:

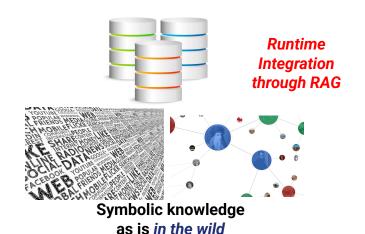
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- Heterogeneity hard-to-resolve
- Conflict resolution challenging
- Latency high



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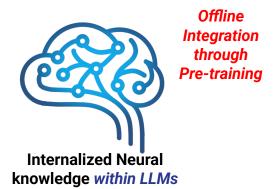
- Offline integration very strenuous
- Limited coverage
- Constrained expressive power
- Complex QA difficult

Dual Neural Knowledge



LLM as the rescue:

- Agentic tool-using, Text2SQL capabilities
- Summarization from multiple sources
- Reasoning capabilities to synthesize data (no programming needed!)

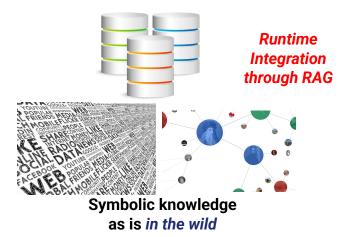


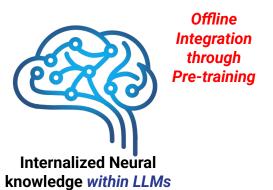
LLM as the rescue:

- Min fixed schema
- Max expressive power
- Different modalities in the same neural space

Trend 1. Data Representation Revol.—Dual Neural Knowl.

A.k.a. Do we still need KGs? YES, but more than that





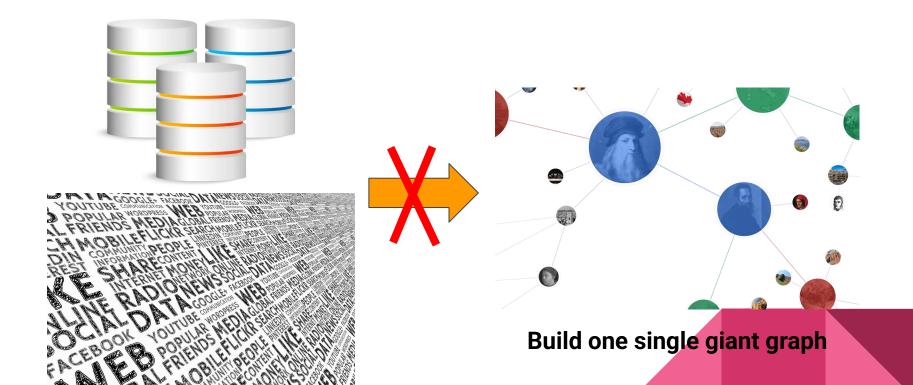
Question 2. How to leverage external data in RAG more effectively?

Question 3. How to know when to rely on what?

Question 1. How to internalize more factual knowledge into LLMs?

Trend 2. Data Integration Revolution—Pay as you go

A.k.a. Do we need to aggressively build KGs? NOT necessarily



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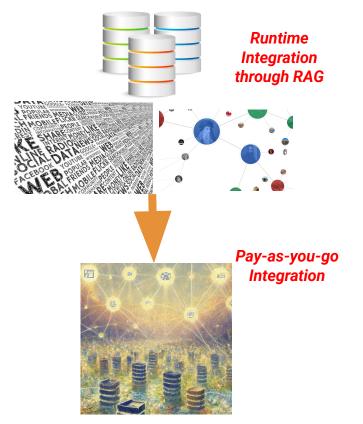
Use row data as is; integration through RAG

Runtime Integration Challenges:

- Answer summarization non-trivial
- Heterogeneity hard-to-resolve
- Conflict resolution hard
- Latency high

Trend 2. Data Integration Revolution—Pay as you go

A.k.a. Do we need to aggressively build KGs? NOT necessarily



Question 1. What if we simply buffer answers from previous conversations?

Question 2. When shall data be connected or integrated?

Question 3. Where to store the integrated data, or derived knowledge?

Question 4. How can we teach LLMs data cleaning and curation as teaching coding?

Question 5. How can we connect private (cooperation, personal) data w. public data?

Trend 3. Data Creation Revol.—Second Brain





Manual data creation

Question. If everyone records what's happening from her own perspective, can we piece together recorded data to cover all valuable data?



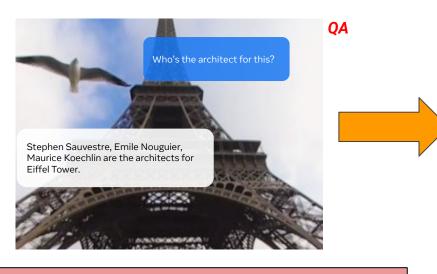
Memex (1945)





Automatic data recording

Trend 4. Data Access Revolution—No-query Info Access



Question 1. When to provide information?

Question 2. What information to provide?

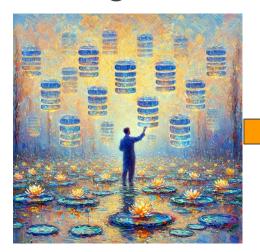
Question 3. How to personalize?



Do We Manage Data?



Info at the tip of your nose



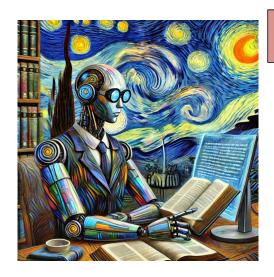






Data create themselves
Data structure themselves
Data integrate themselves
Data provide themselves

Recap: The Path to a Knowledgeable Assistant



Question 1. How to internalize more head-to-toros knowledge into LLMs?

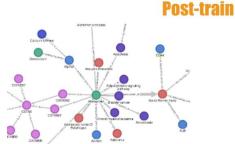
Question 2. How to leverage external knowledge in RAG more effectively?

Pre-train

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Question 3. How to know when to rely on what?

Post-train



Internalized Head-to-Torso Knowledge

Symbolic Tail or Dynamic Knowledge