

# **Generative AI for Science**

## **Unlocking the power of LLMs with NVIDIA NeMo**

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# Agenda

- Generative AI and Large Language Models (LLMs)

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- NVIDIA NeMo Framework

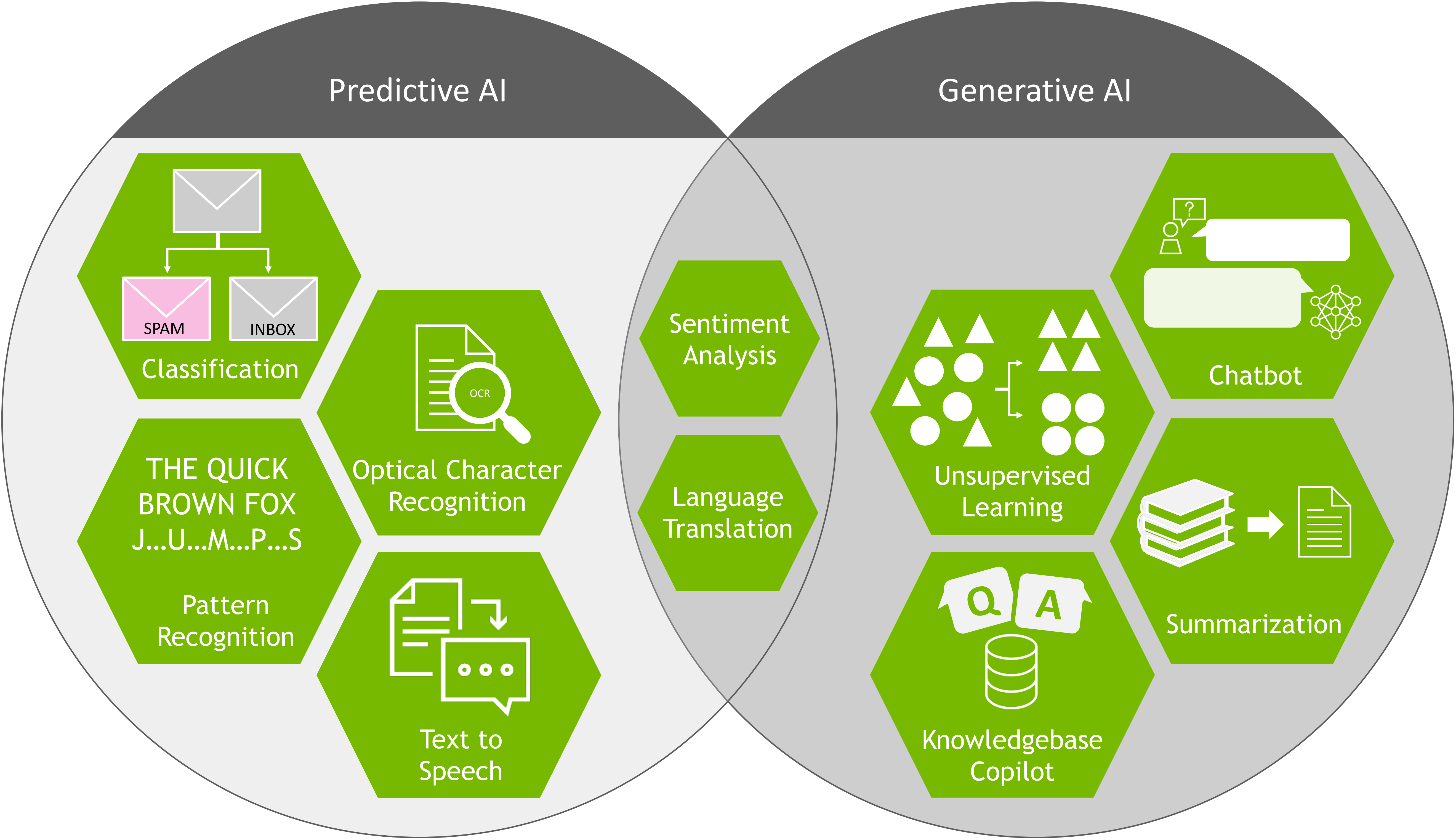
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- Retrieval Augmented Generation (RAG)

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- Domain Adapted LLMs

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# When to use Generative AI?



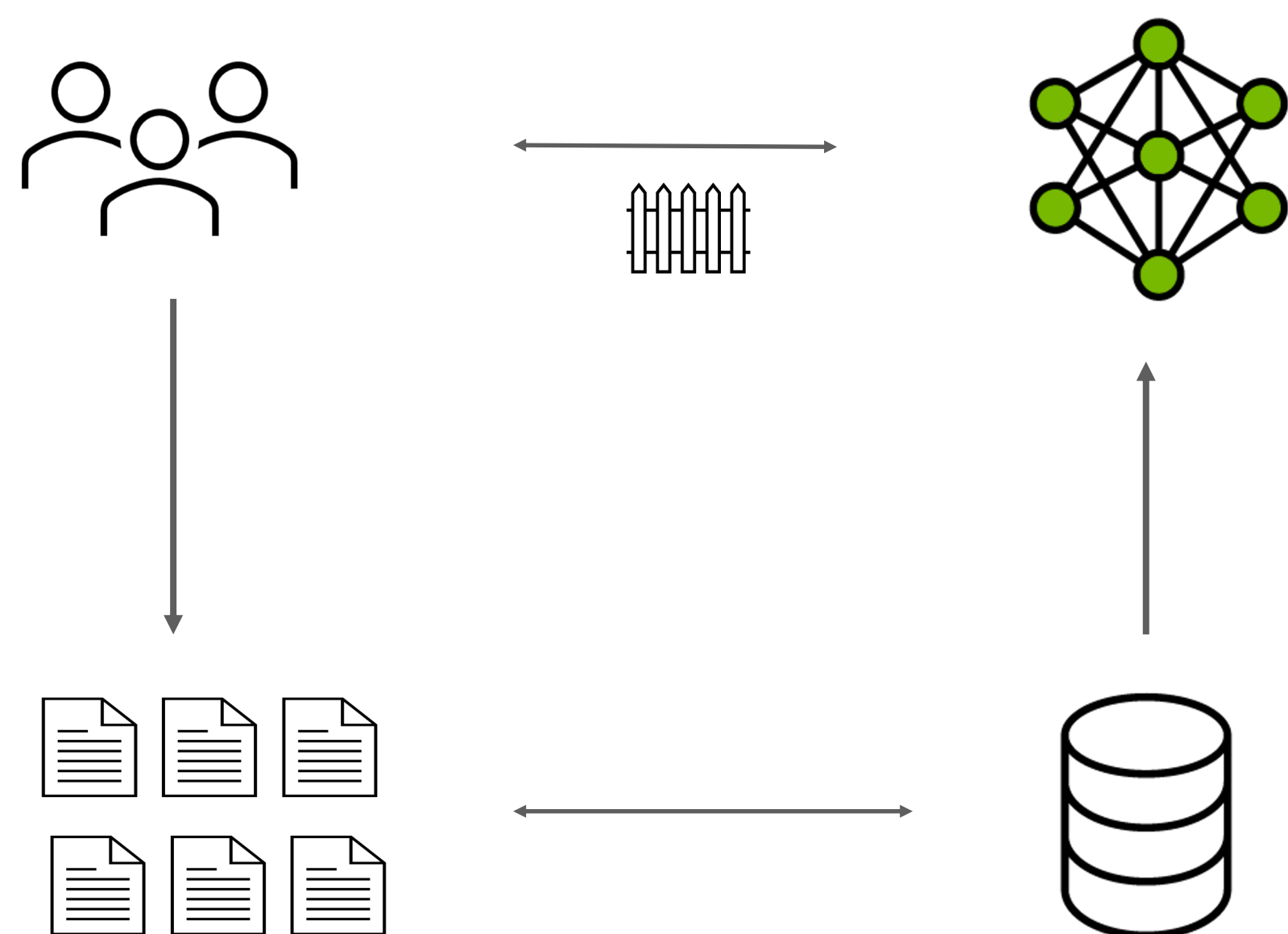
Predictive AI focuses on understanding historical data and making accurate predictions

Generative AI creates new data based on patterns and trends learned from training data

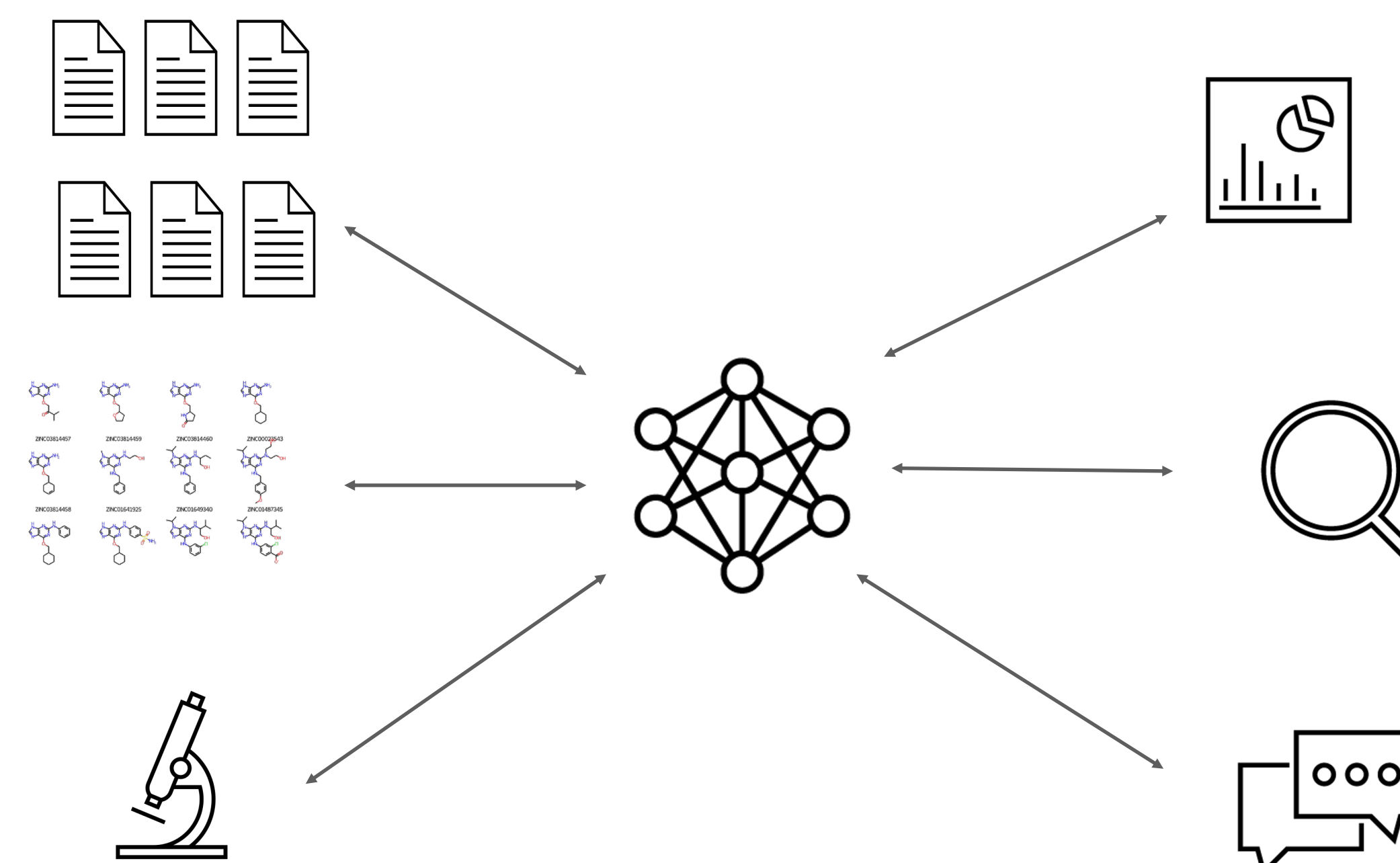
# Intersection of Gen AI and Science

Building Foundation Models for Science Research and Discovery

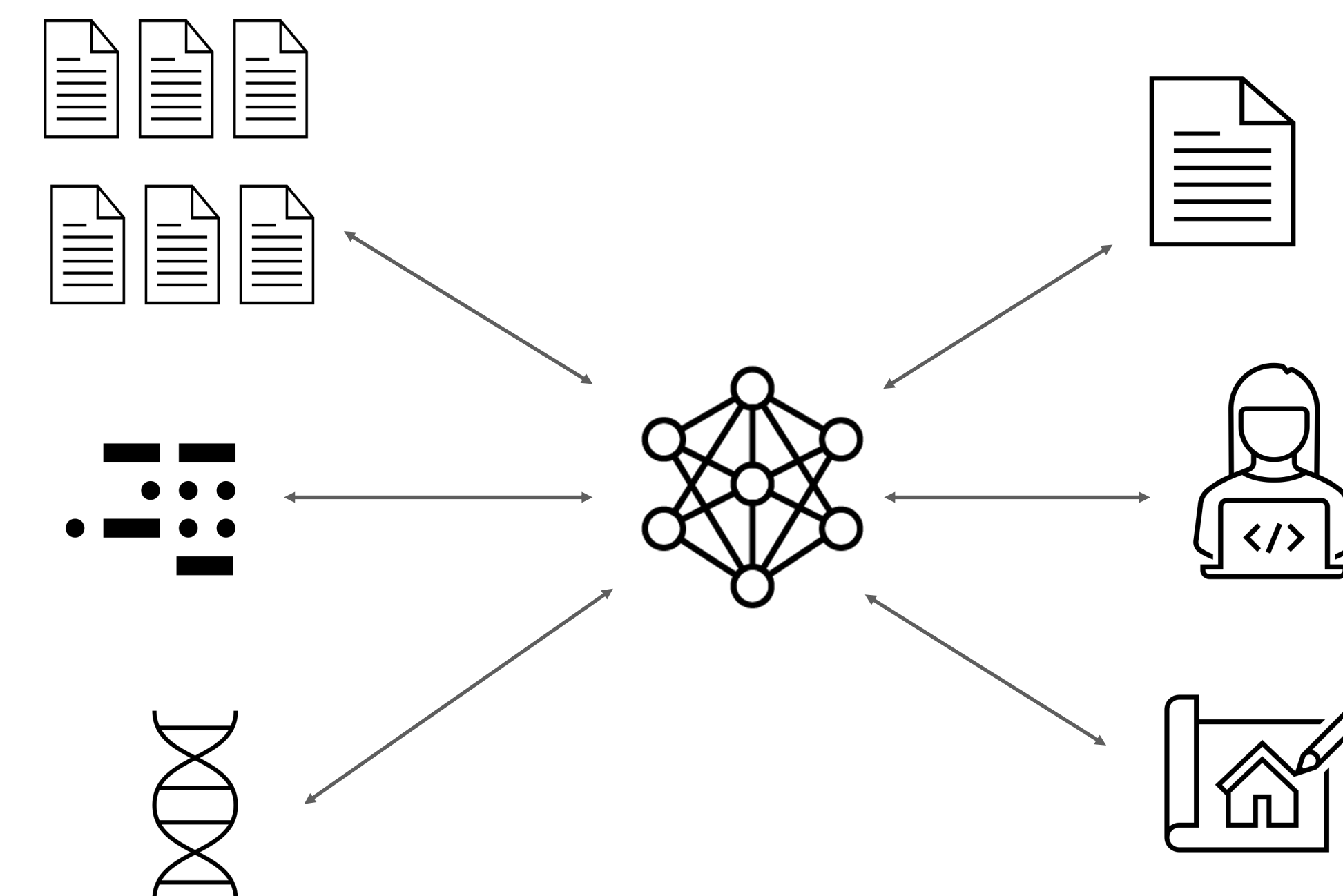
## Summarize



## Synthesize



## Generate

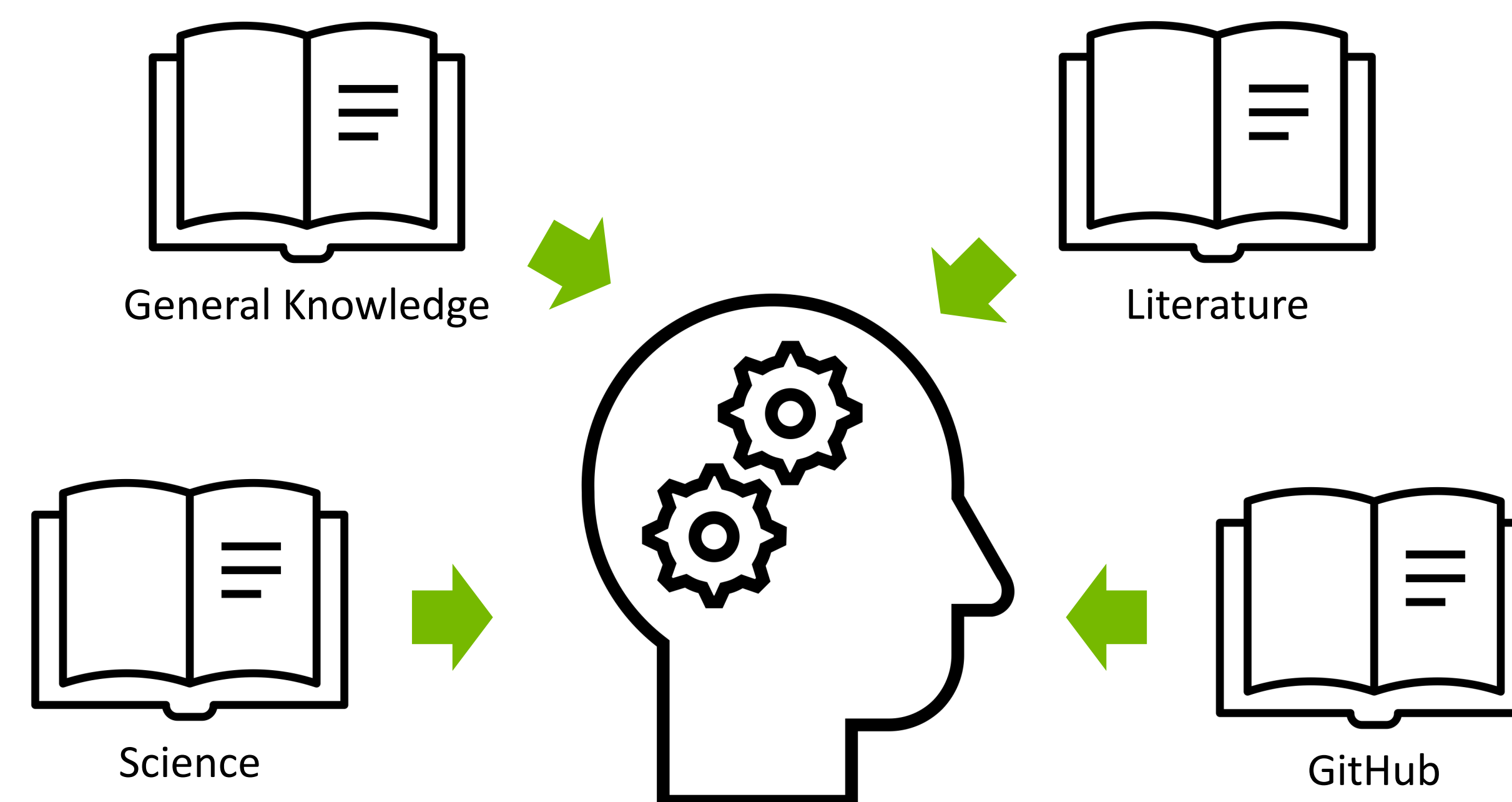




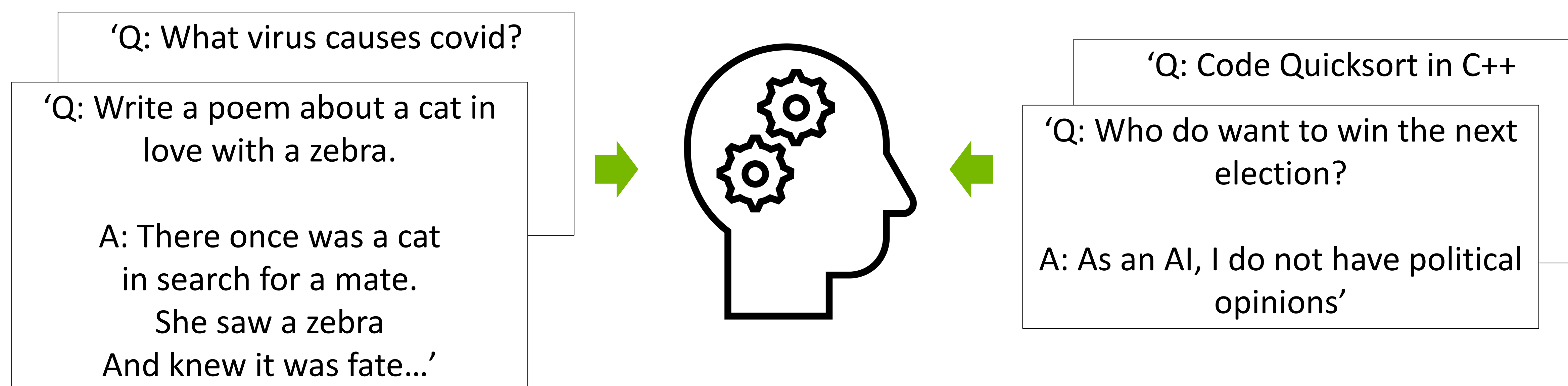
# How to train an LLM

## Creating a “Foundation Model”

- Step 1 - **Pretraining**. Feed it an enormous corpus to learn from.



- Step 2 – **Fine tuning**. Provide demonstrations of how you want it to answer questions





# Requirements for Building Custom LLMs

## Training Data



## Accelerated Computing

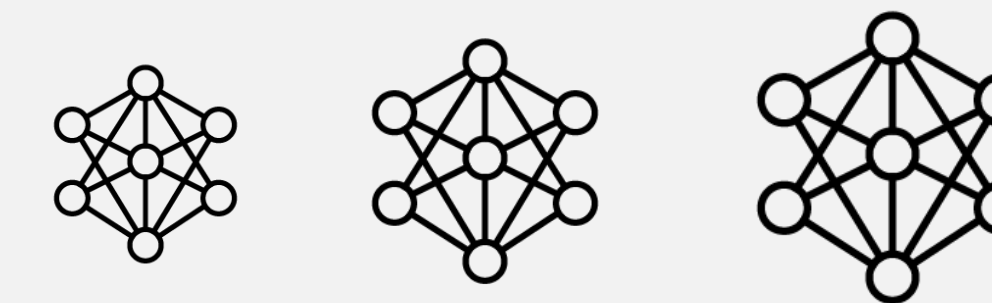


## Training and Inference Tools

### Data Curation



### Foundations Models



### Training & Customization

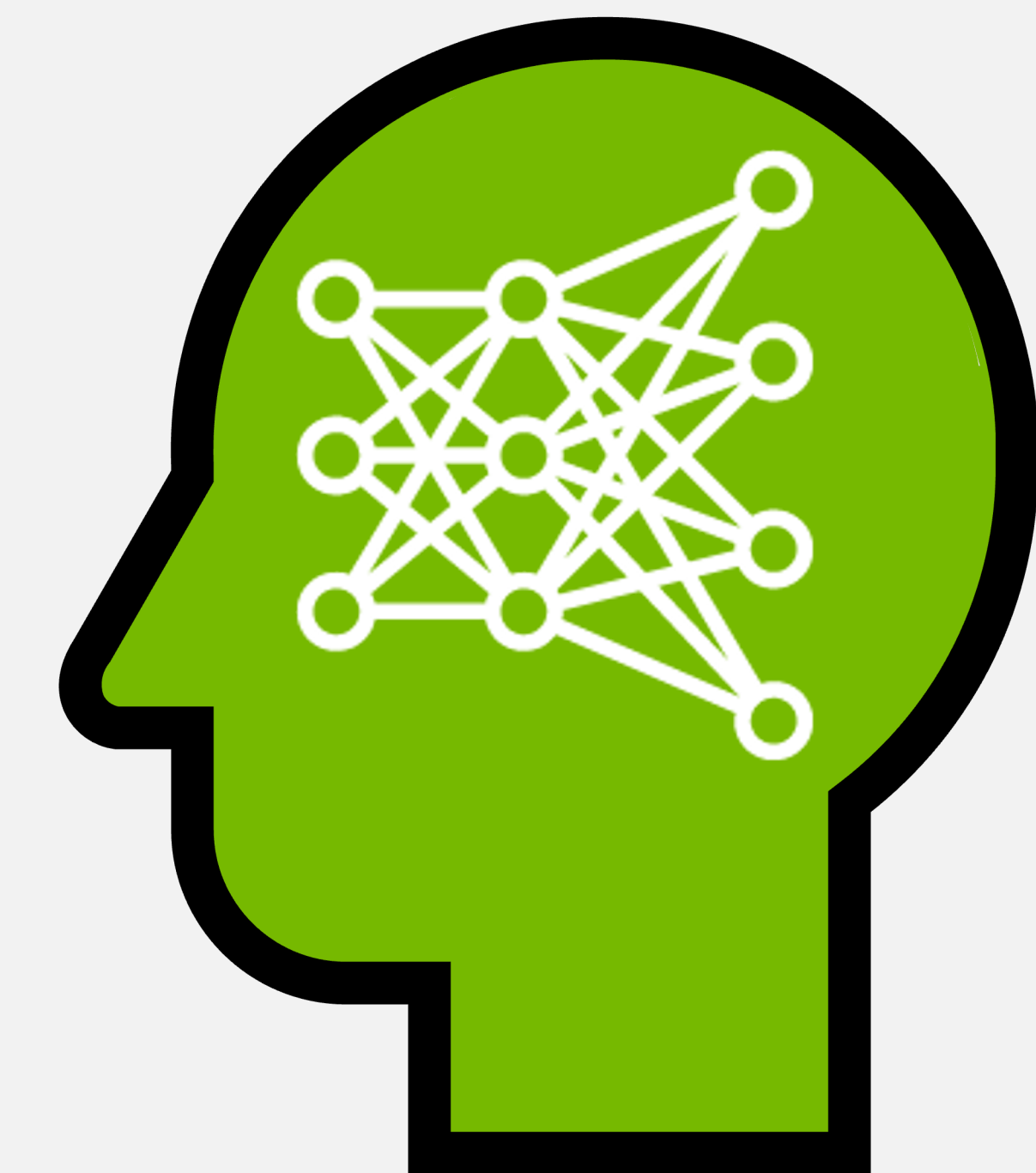


### Accelerated Inference



## AI Expertise

### Internal Expertise



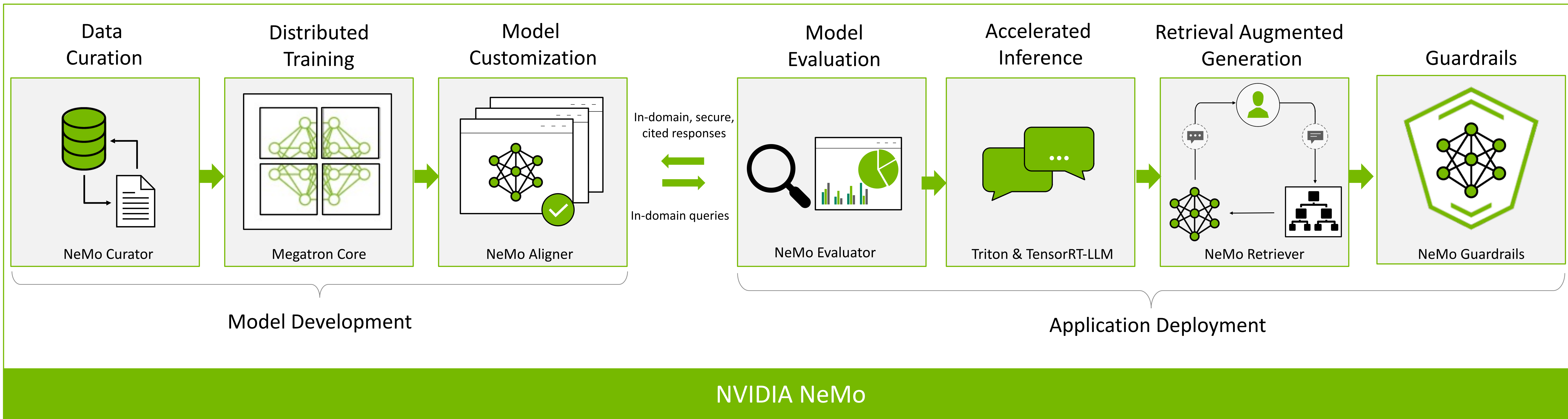
### Solution Delivery Partners



# Building Generative AI Applications

Build, customize and deploy generative AI models with NVIDIA NeMo

<https://github.com/NVIDIA/NeMo>



## Multi-Modality

Build language, image, generative AI models

## Data Curation at Scale

Extract, deduplicate, filter info from large unstructured data @ scale

## Optimized Training

Accelerate training and throughput by parallelizing the model and the training data across 1,000s of nodes.

## Model Customization

Easily customize with P-tuning, SFT, Adapters, RLHF, AliBi

## Deploy at Scale

Run optimized inference at-scale anywhere

## Guardrails

Keep applications aligned with safety and security requirements using NeMo Guardrails



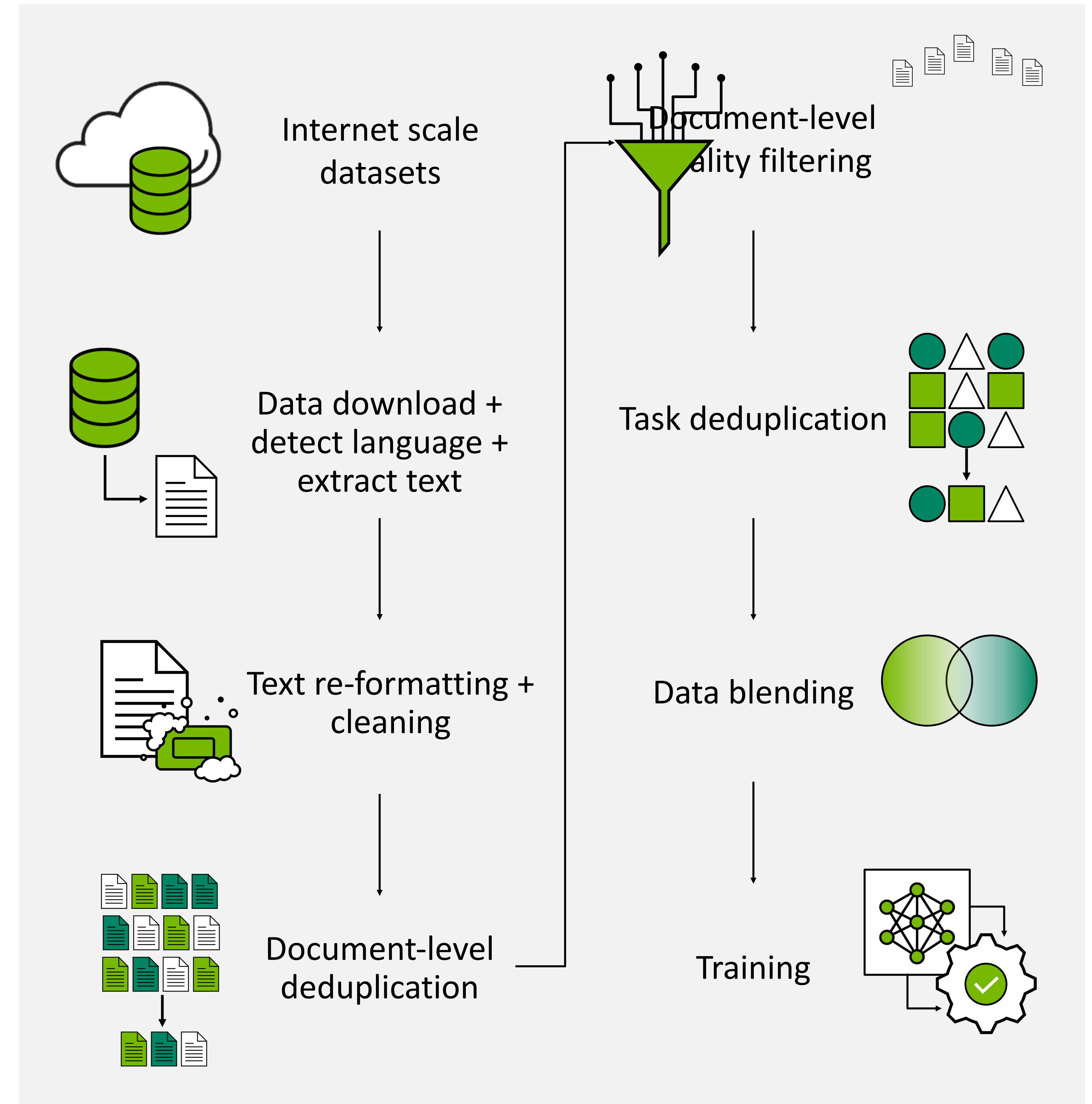
# Data Curation Improves Model Performance

NeMo Data Curator enabling large-scale high-quality datasets for LLMs

- Reduce the burden of combing through unstructured data sources
- Download data and extract, clean, deduplicate, and filter documents at scale

## NeMo Data Curator steps:

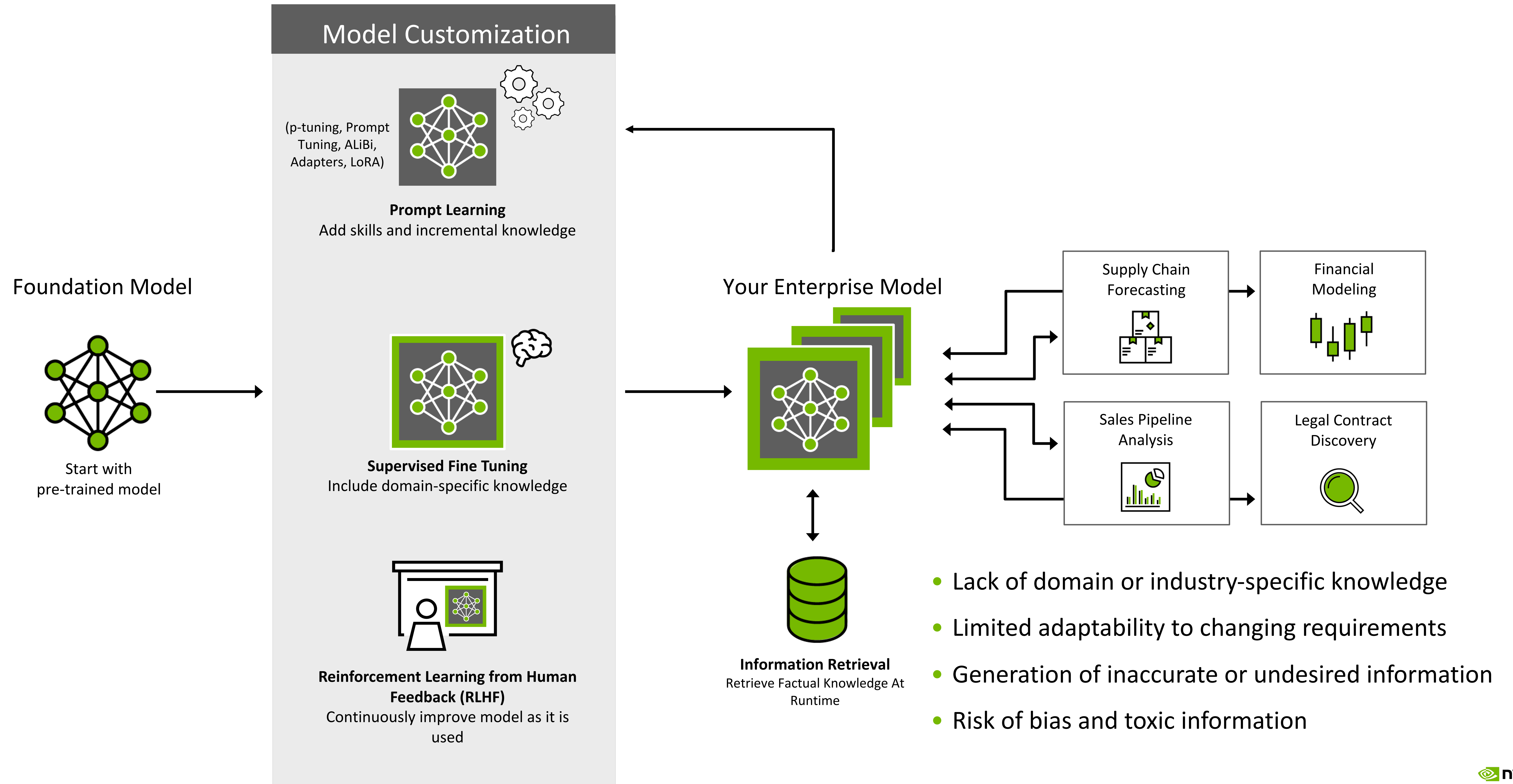
1. Data download, language detection and text extraction - HTML and LaTeX files
2. Text re-formatting and cleaning - Bad Unicode, newline, repetition
3. GPU accelerated Document Level Deduplication
  - Fuzzy Deduplication
  - Exact Deduplication
4. Document-level quality Filtering
  - Classifier-based filtering
  - Multilingual Heuristic-based filtering
5. Task Deduplication - Performs intra-document deduplication





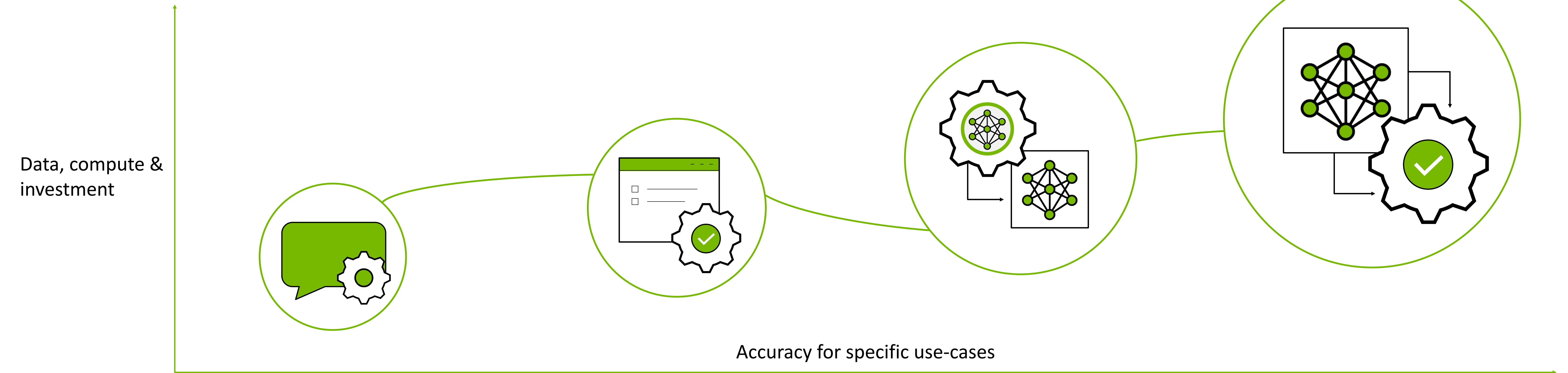
# Model Customization for LLMs

Customization techniques to overcome the challenges of using foundation models



# Suite of Model Customization Tools in NeMo

Ways To Customize Large Language Models For Your Use-Cases



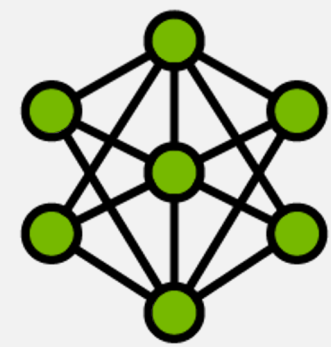
	PROMPT ENGINEERING	PROMPT LEARNING	PARAMETER EFFICIENT FINE-TUNING	FINE TUNING
Techniques	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Few-shot learning</li> <li>· Chain-of-thought reasoning</li> <li>· System prompting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Prompt tuning</li> <li>· P-tuning</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Adapters</li> <li>· LoRA</li> <li>· IA3</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· SFT</li> <li>· RLHF</li> <li>· SteerLM</li> </ul>
Benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Good results leveraging pre-trained LLMs</li> <li>· Lowest investment</li> <li>· Least expertise</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Better results leveraging pre-trained LLMs</li> <li>· Lower investment</li> <li>· Will not forget old skills</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Best results leveraging pre-trained LLMs</li> <li>· Will not forget old skills</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Best results leveraging pre-trained LLMs</li> <li>· Change all model parameters</li> </ul>
Challenges	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Cannot add as many skills or domain specific data to pre-trained LLM</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Less comprehensive ability to change all model parameters</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Medium investment</li> <li>· Takes longer to train</li> <li>· More expertise needed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· May forget old skills</li> <li>· Large investment</li> <li>· Most expertise needed</li> </ul>



# NVIDIA NeMo Works with Powerful Generative Foundation Models

Suite of generative foundation language models built for enterprise hyper-personalization

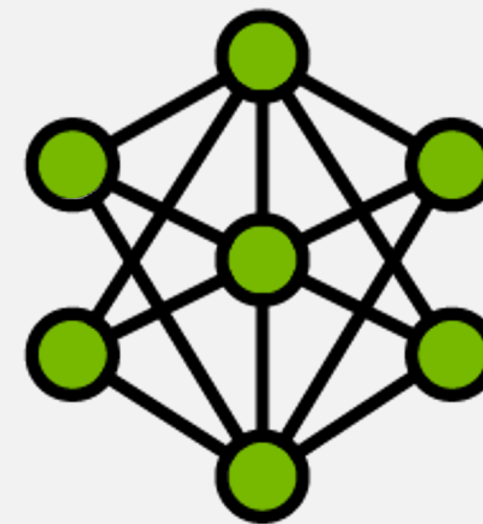
## Fastest Responses



Nemotron-3 8B

GPT-8B w/ 3.5T tokens. +SFT, SteerLM.  
53 Languages I/O: 4K tokens

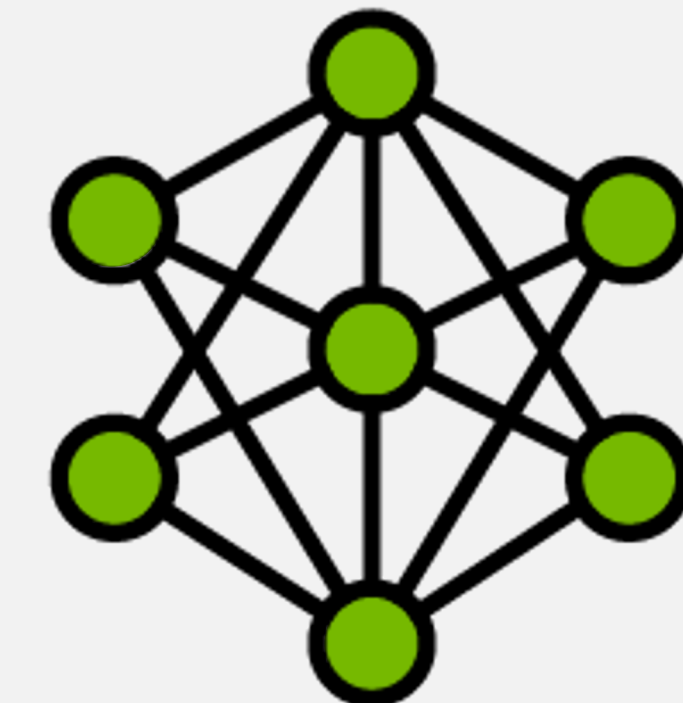
## Balance of Accuracy - Latency



Nemotron-3 22B

GPT-22B w/ 1.1T tokens. + SFT private mix.  
50 Languages. I/O: 4K tokens

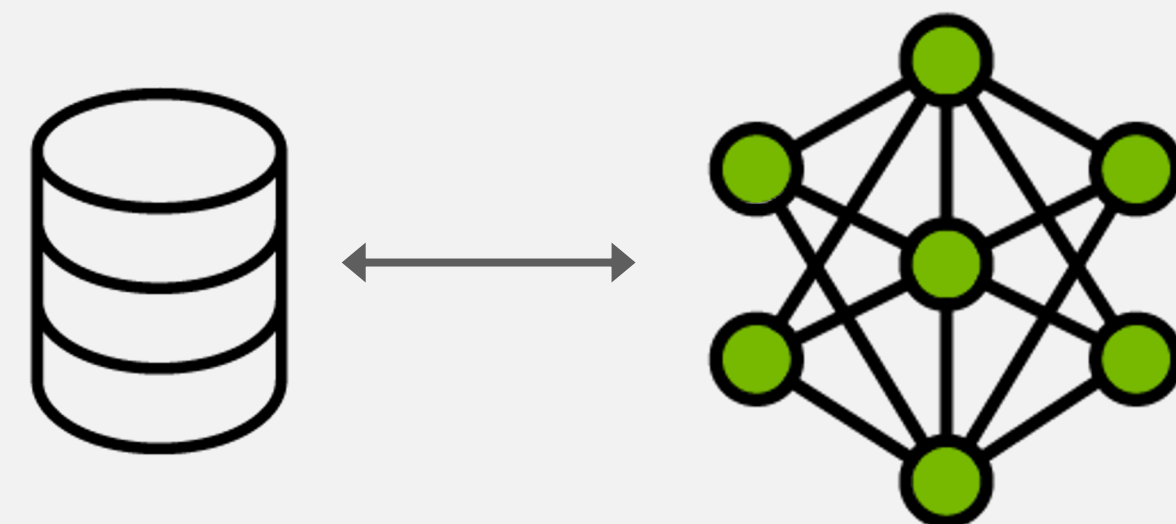
## For Complex Tasks



Nemotron-3 43B

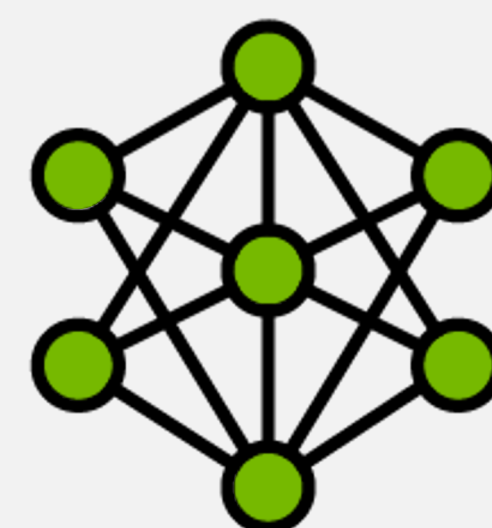
GPT-43B w/ 1.1T tokens. + SFT private mix.  
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## Information Retrieval



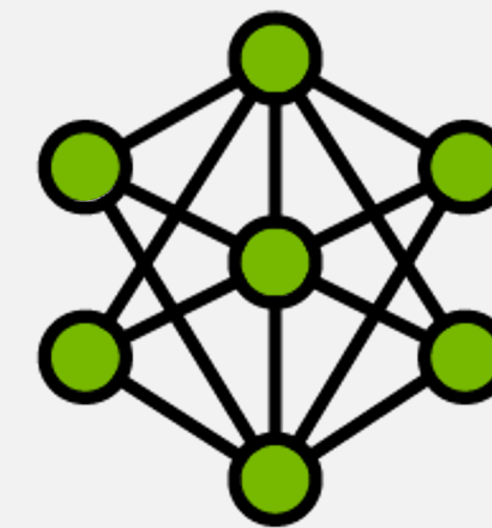
NeMo Retriever

## Community-Built Models



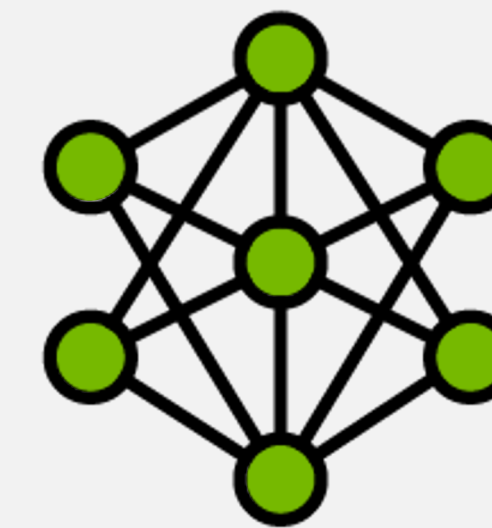
Code Llama

Meta



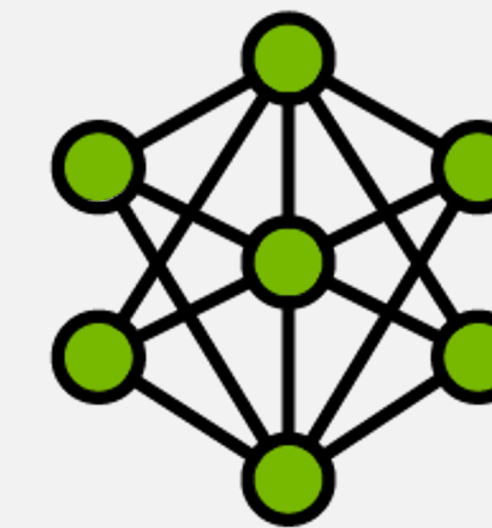
Falcon LLM

Falcon



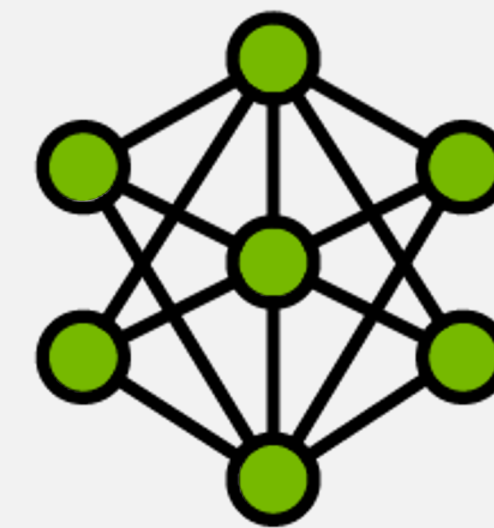
Llama 2

Meta



MPT

Mosaic ML

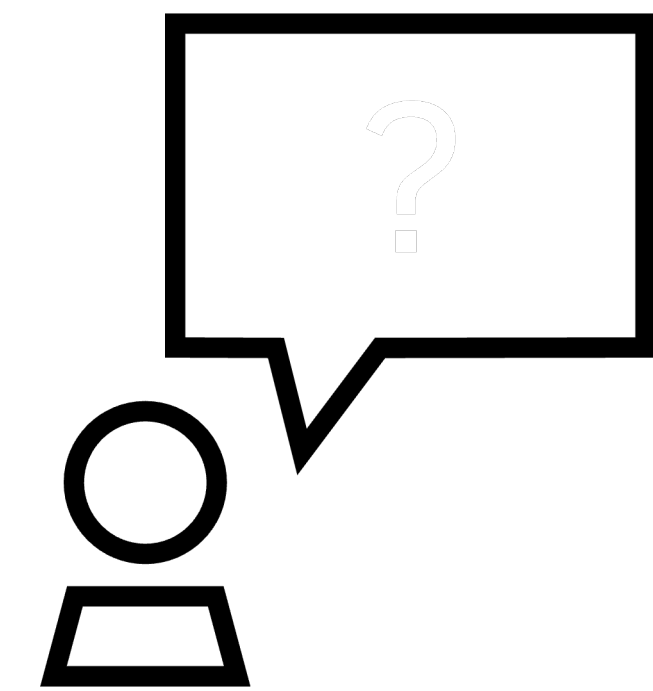


StarCoder

ServiceNow &  
Hugging Face

# Guardrails Can Keep Generative AI On Track

Ensure accuracy, appropriateness, and security in LLMs



## NeMo Guardrails



### Topical Guardrails

Focus interactions within a specific domain



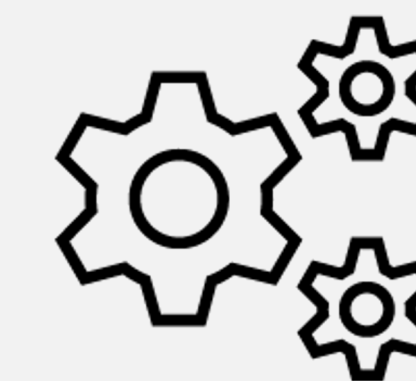
### Safety Guardrails

Prevent hallucinations, toxic or misinformative content

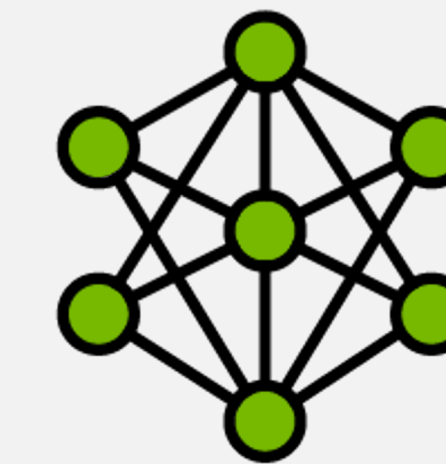


### Security Guardrails

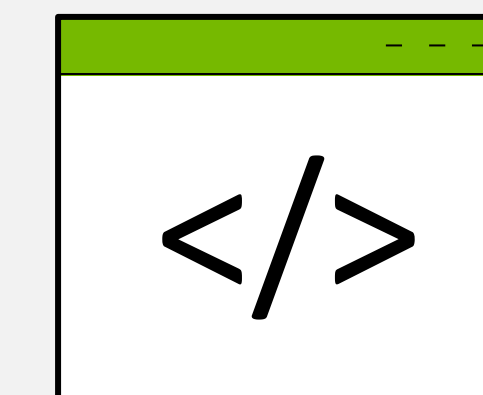
Prevent executing malicious calls and handing power to a 3<sup>rd</sup> party app



LLM App Toolkits  
(e.g. LangChain)



LLMs

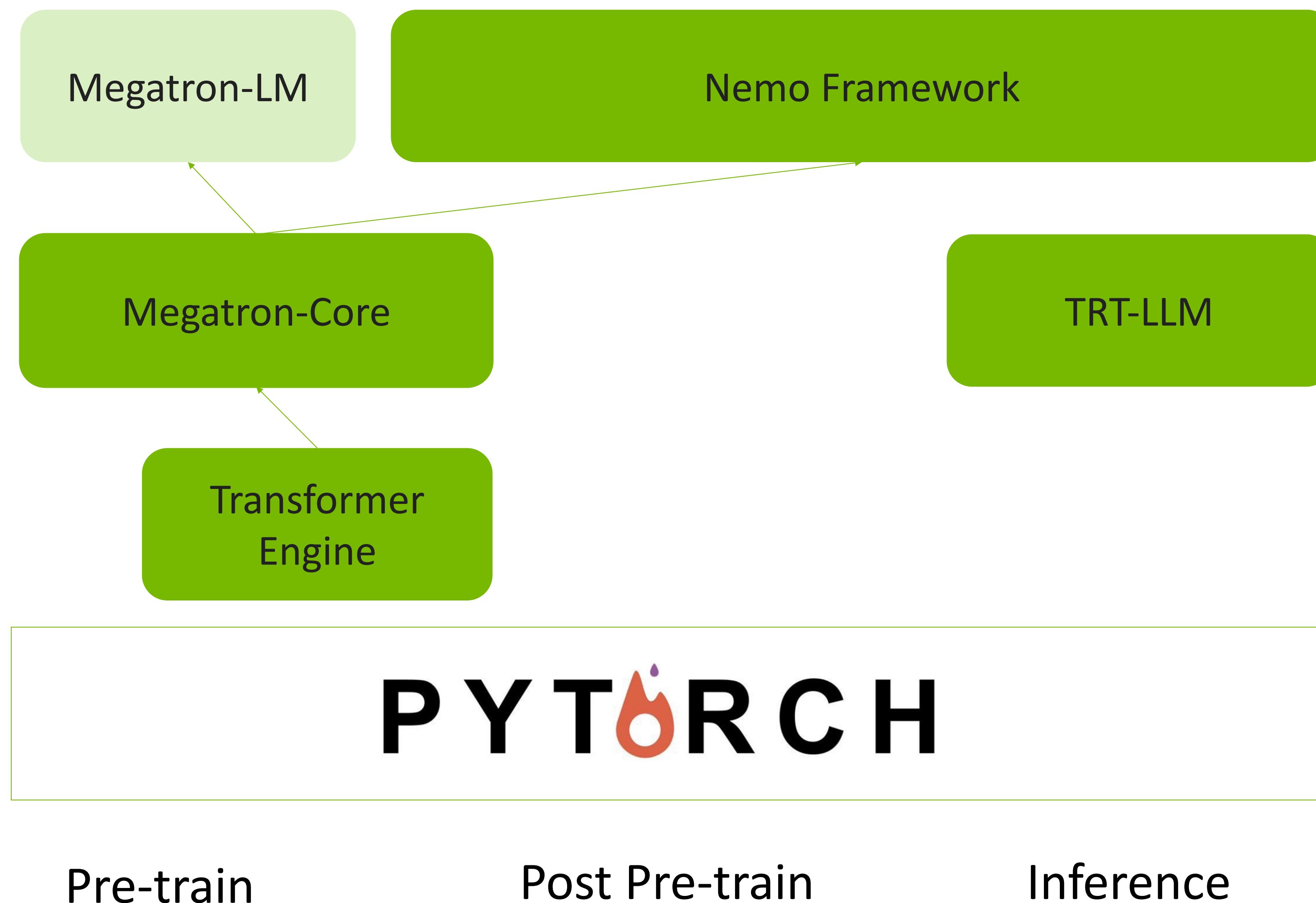


Third-Party  
Apps



# NVIDIA's LLM offerings for Training And Inference

All Are available on Github and NGC



- Tested and validated for productization
- Example

**Nemo Framework:** An OOTB FW for experimenting, building, training, tuning and deploying LLM models.

<https://github.com/NVIDIA/NeMo>

**Megatron-LM:** A lightweight framework reference for using Megatron-Core to build your own LLM framework.

<https://github.com/NVIDIA/Megatron-LM>

**Megatron-Core:** A library for GPU optimized techniques for LLM training. Can be used to build custom LLM frameworks.

<https://github.com/NVIDIA/Megatron-LM/tree/main/megatron/core>

**Transformer Engine:** Hopper accelerated Transformer models. Specific acceleration library, including FP8 on Hopper.

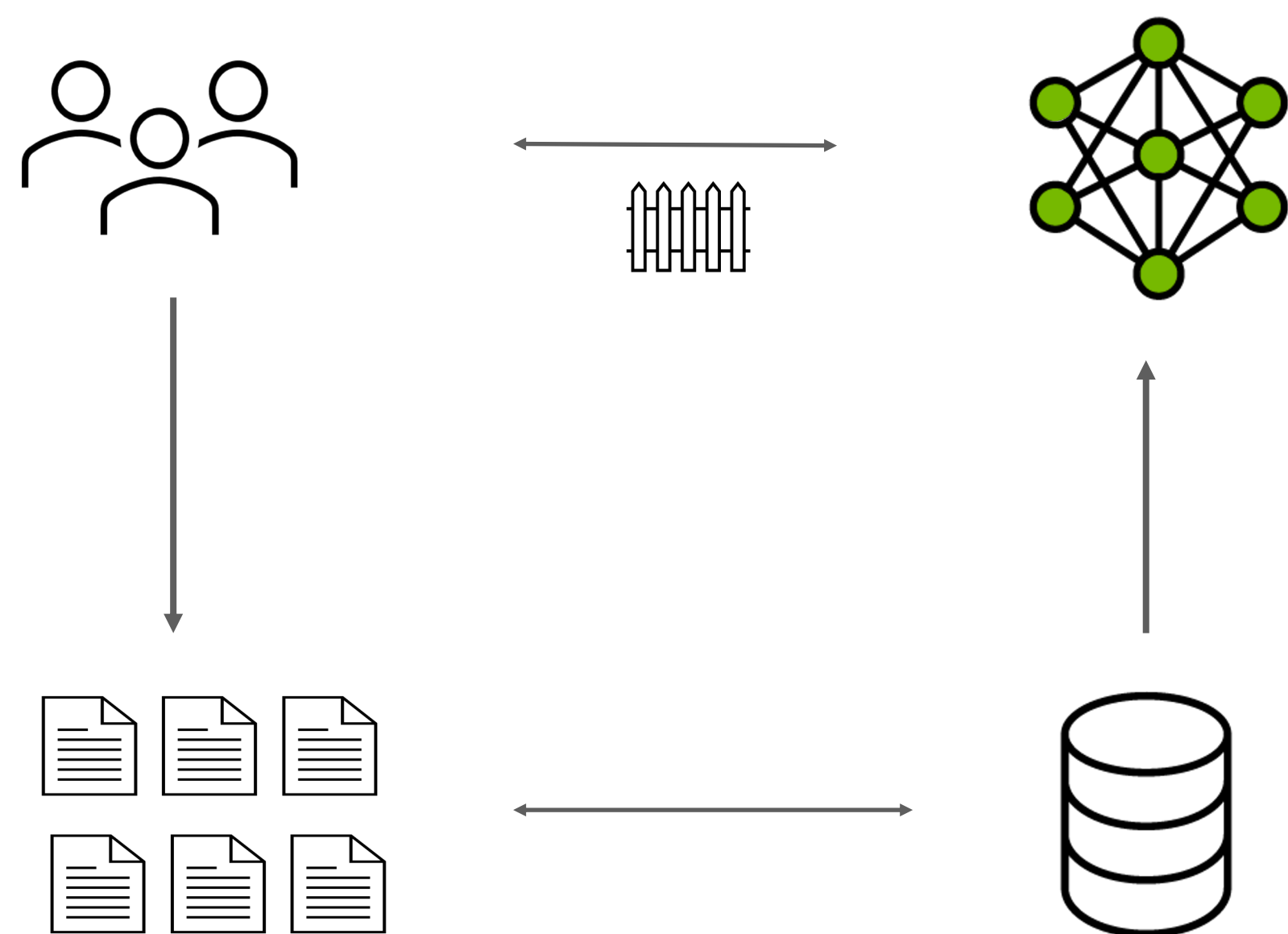
**TRT-LLM:** an open-source library for optimal performance on the latest LLMs for inference on NV GPUs.

<https://github.com/NVIDIA/TensorRT-LLM>

# Decades of Scientific Research Intersecting with GenAI

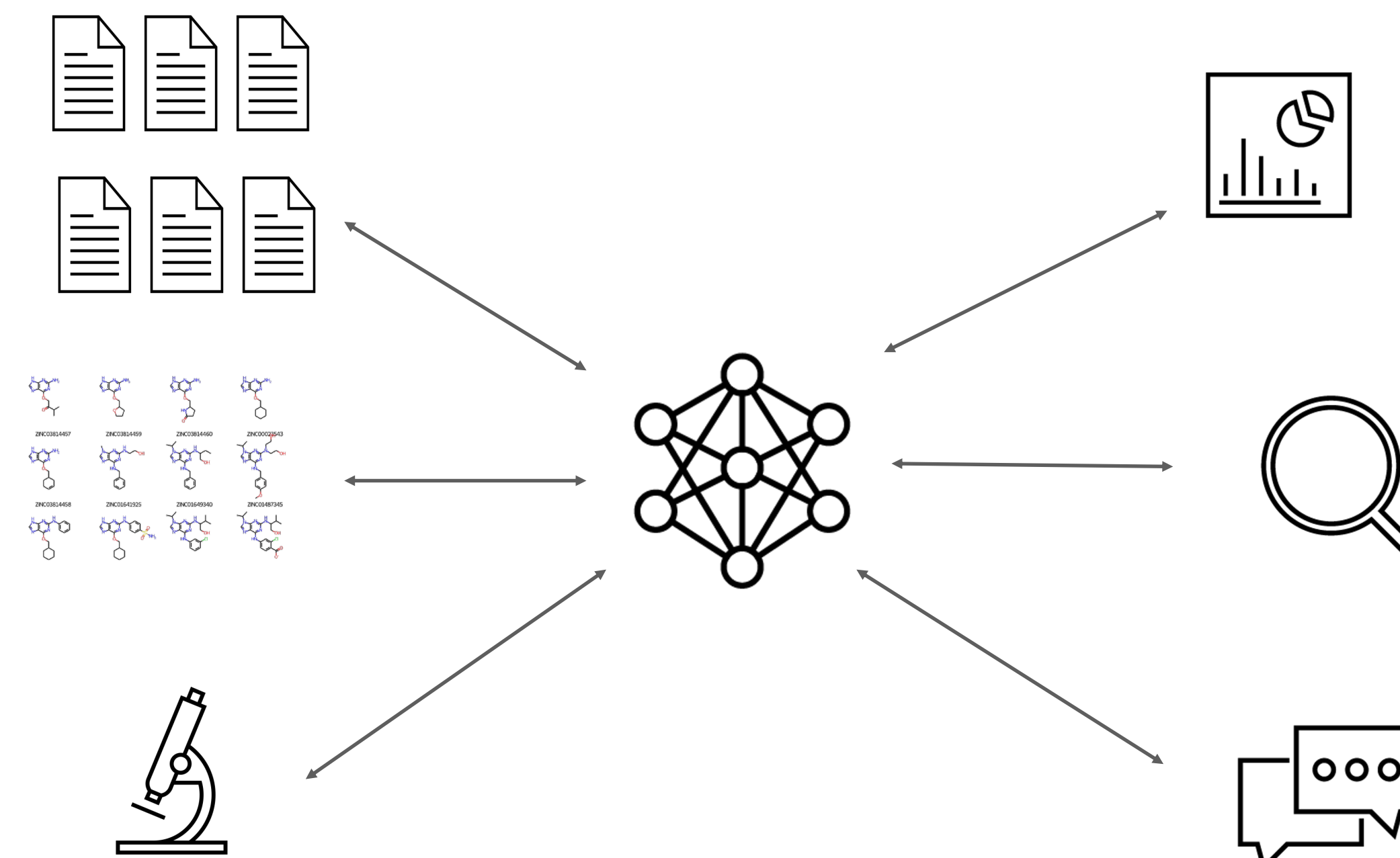
3 Distinct Categories

## Summarize



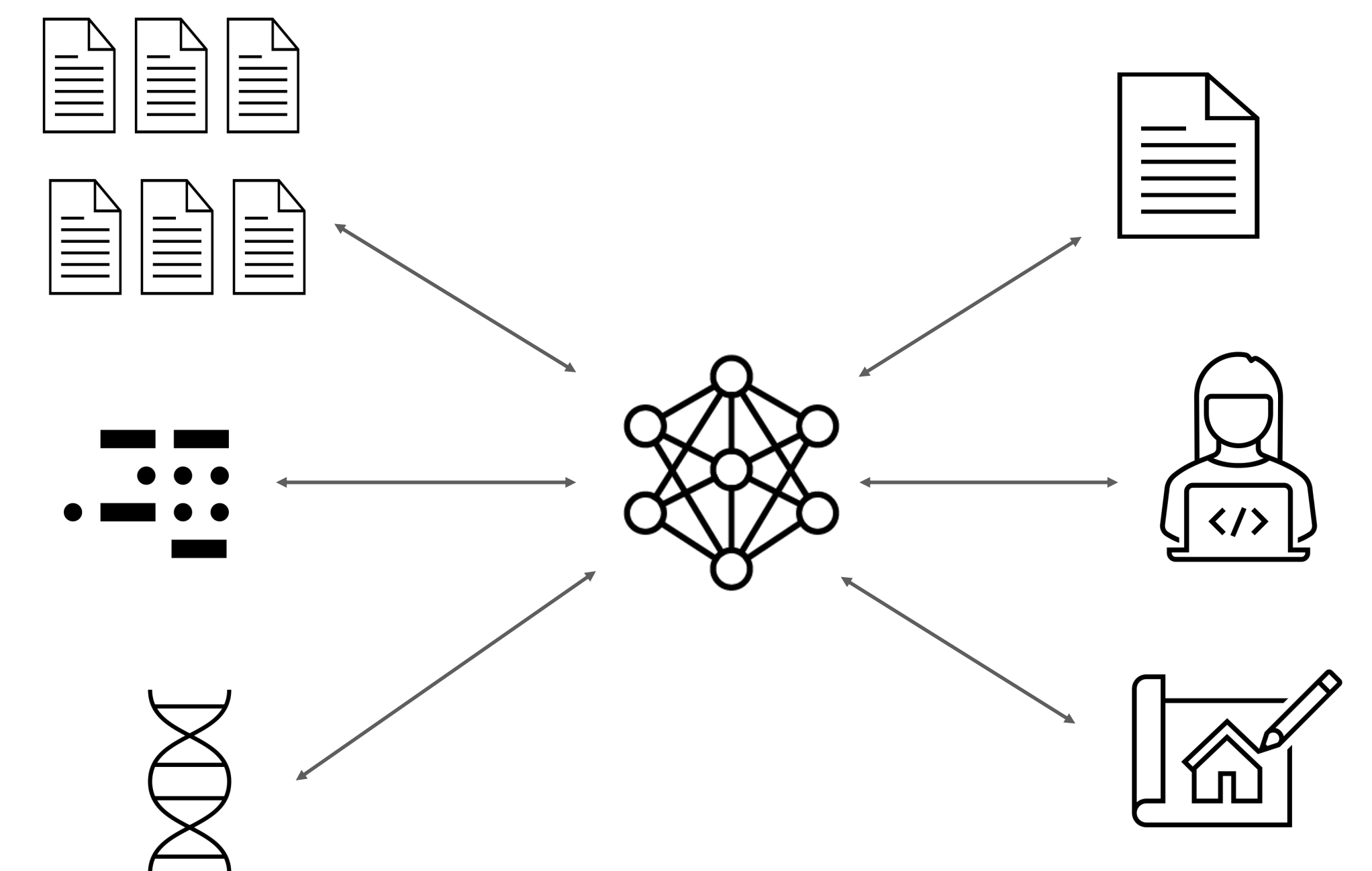
OTS LLMs  
RAG  
Guardrails

## Synthesize



OTS LLM  
Multiple Data Sources  
Customization/Tuning  
Guardrails  
RAG

## Generate



LLM from Scratch  
Multiple Data Sources,  
Customization/Tuning  
Guardrails  
RAG

NIM, NeMo Models, NeMo Retriever, Guardrails

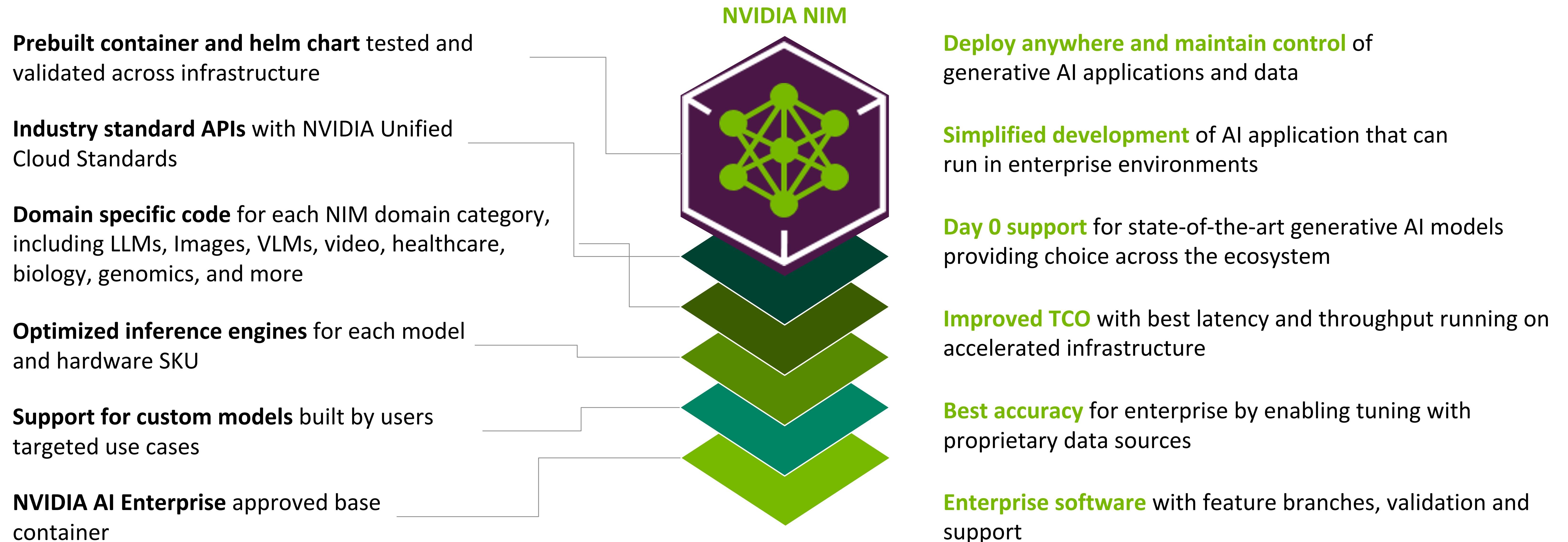
Nemo FW, TRT-LLM

MegatronCore







# NVIDIA NIM Streamlines the Path to Production

Easiest and most performant way to deploy generative AI and LLM models coupled with industry-standard APIs



# NVIDIA NIM is the Fastest Path to AI Inference

Reduces engineering resources required to deploy optimized, accelerated models

	NVIDIA NIM	Triton + TRT-LLM Opensource
Deployment Time	5 minutes	~1 week
API Standardization	Industry standard protocol OpenAI for LLMs, Google Translate Speech	User creates a shim layer (reducing performance) or modify Triton to generate custom endpoints
Pre-Built Engine	Pre-built TRT-LLM engines for NV and community models    	User converts checkpoint to TRTLLM format and creates and runs sweeps through different parameters to find the optimal config
Triton Ensemble/ BLS Backend	Pre-built with TRT-LLM to handle pre/post processing (tokenization)	User manually sets up + configures
Triton Deployment	Automated	User manually sets up + configures
Customization	Supported – P-tuning and LORA, more planned	User needs to create custom logic
Container Validation	Pre-validated with QA testing	No pre-validation
Support	NVIDIA AI Enterprise - Security and CVE scanning/patching and tech support	No enterprise support



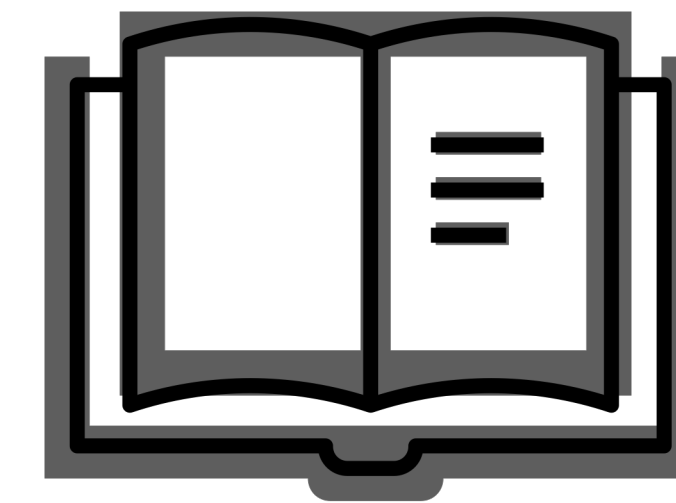
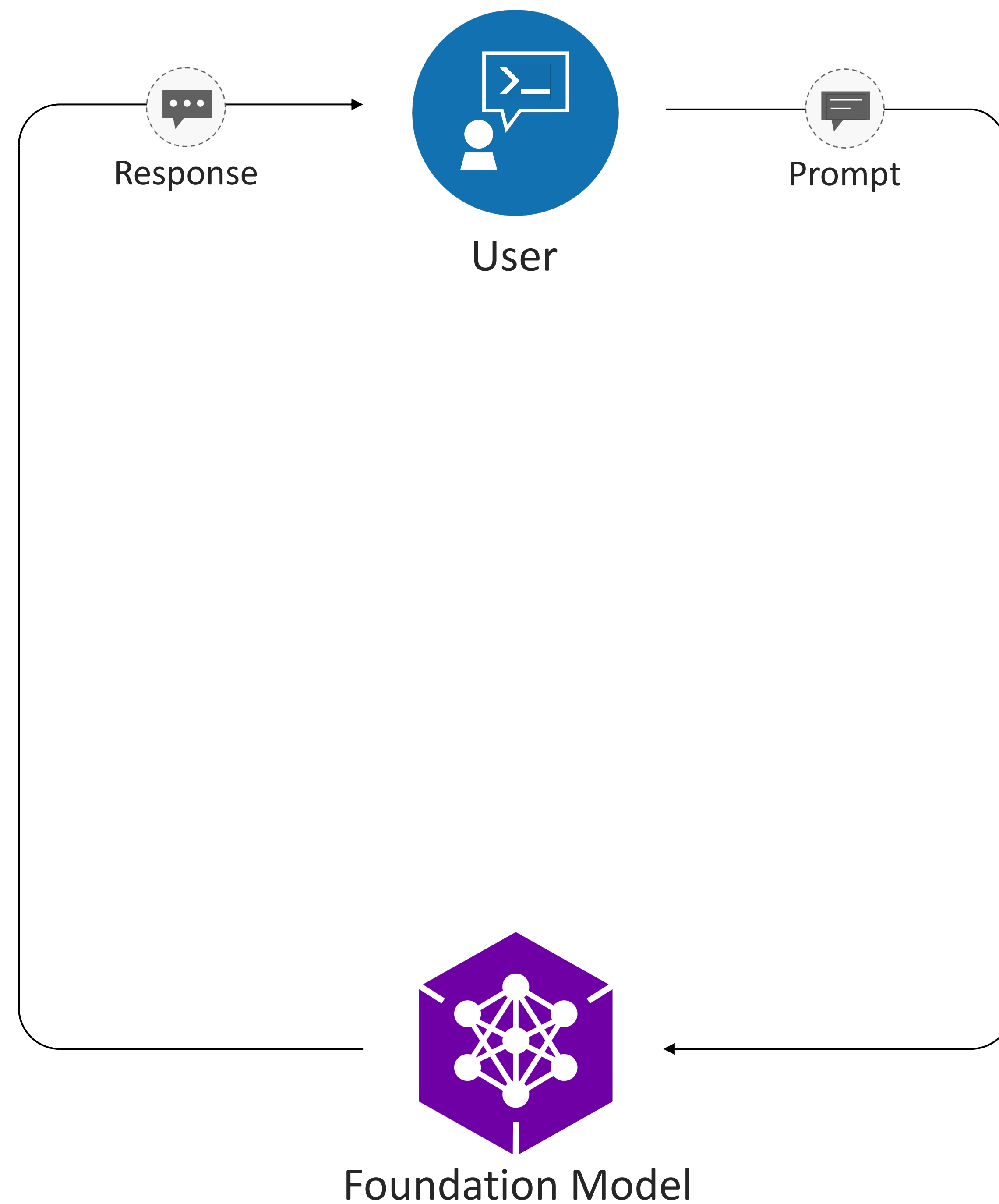


# **Retrieval Augmented Generation (RAG)**

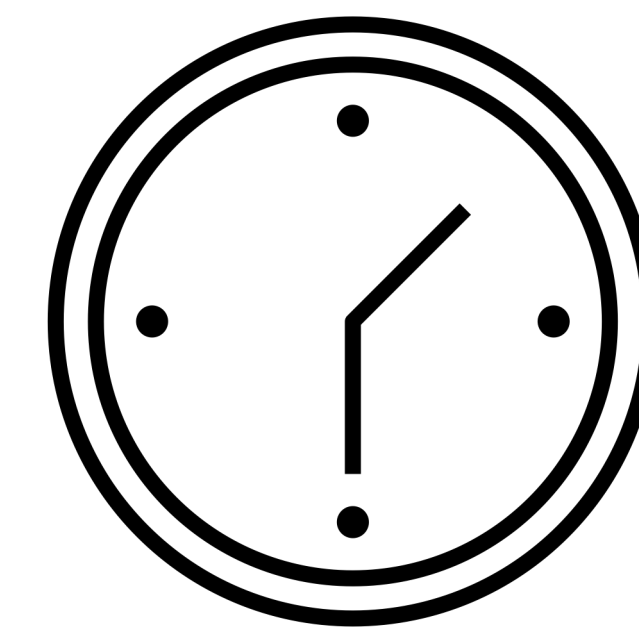


# LLMs are Powerful Tools but Not Accurate Enough

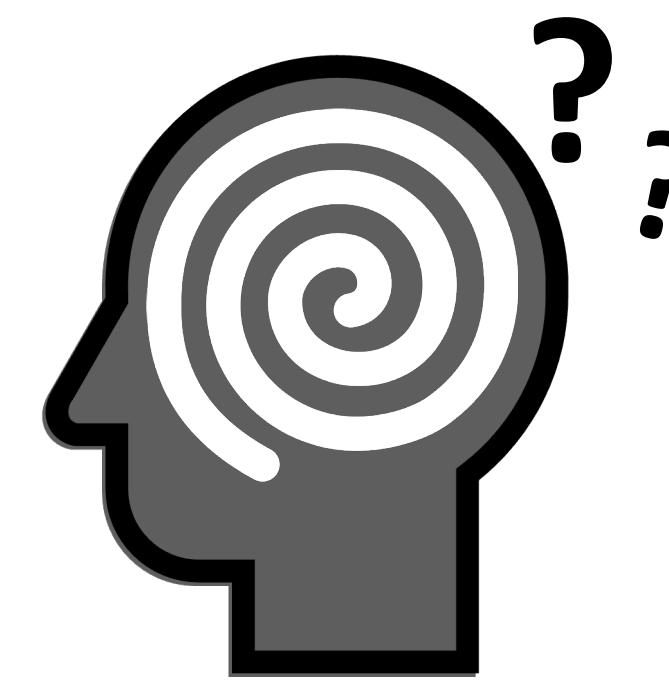
Without a connection to enterprise data sources, LLMs cannot provide accurate information



Lacking proprietary knowledge



Risk of outdated information

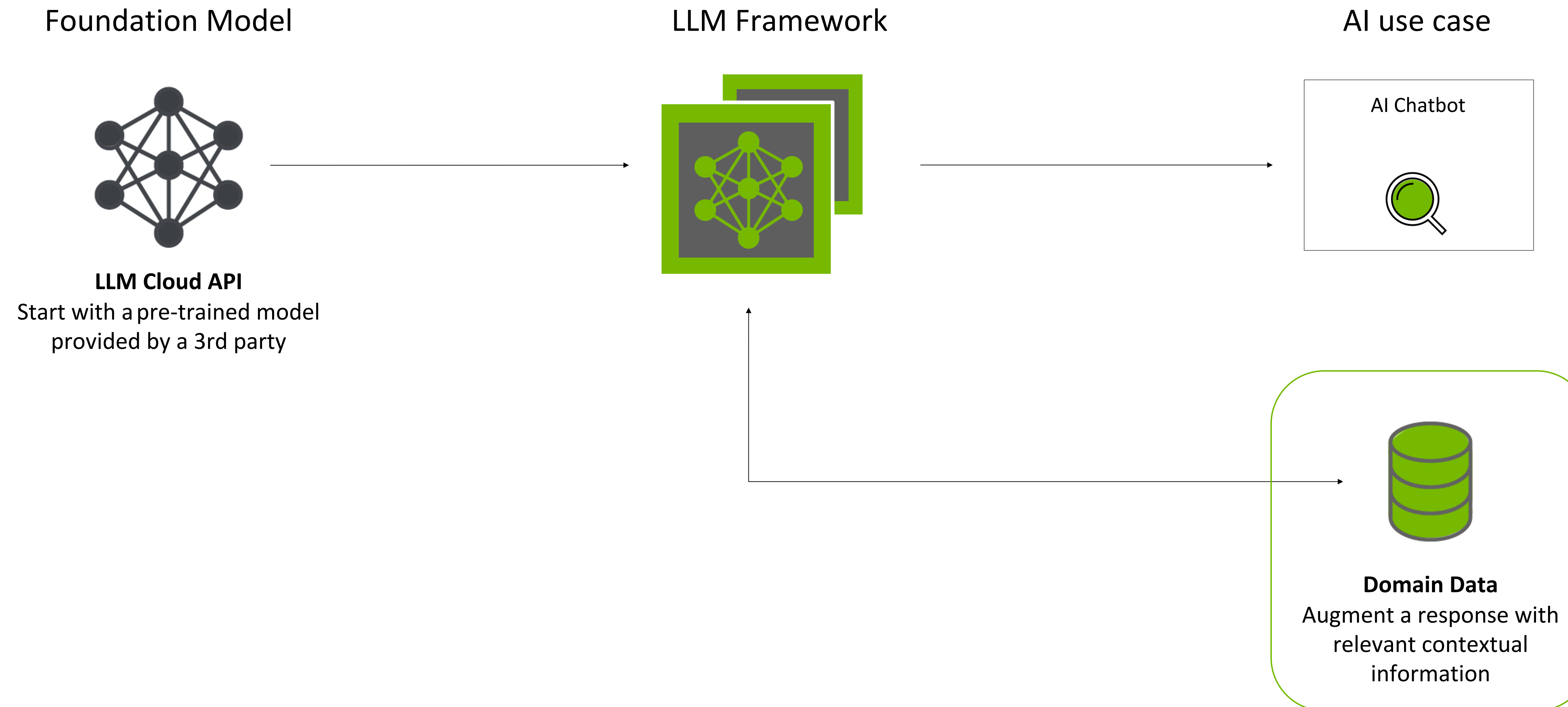


Hallucinations



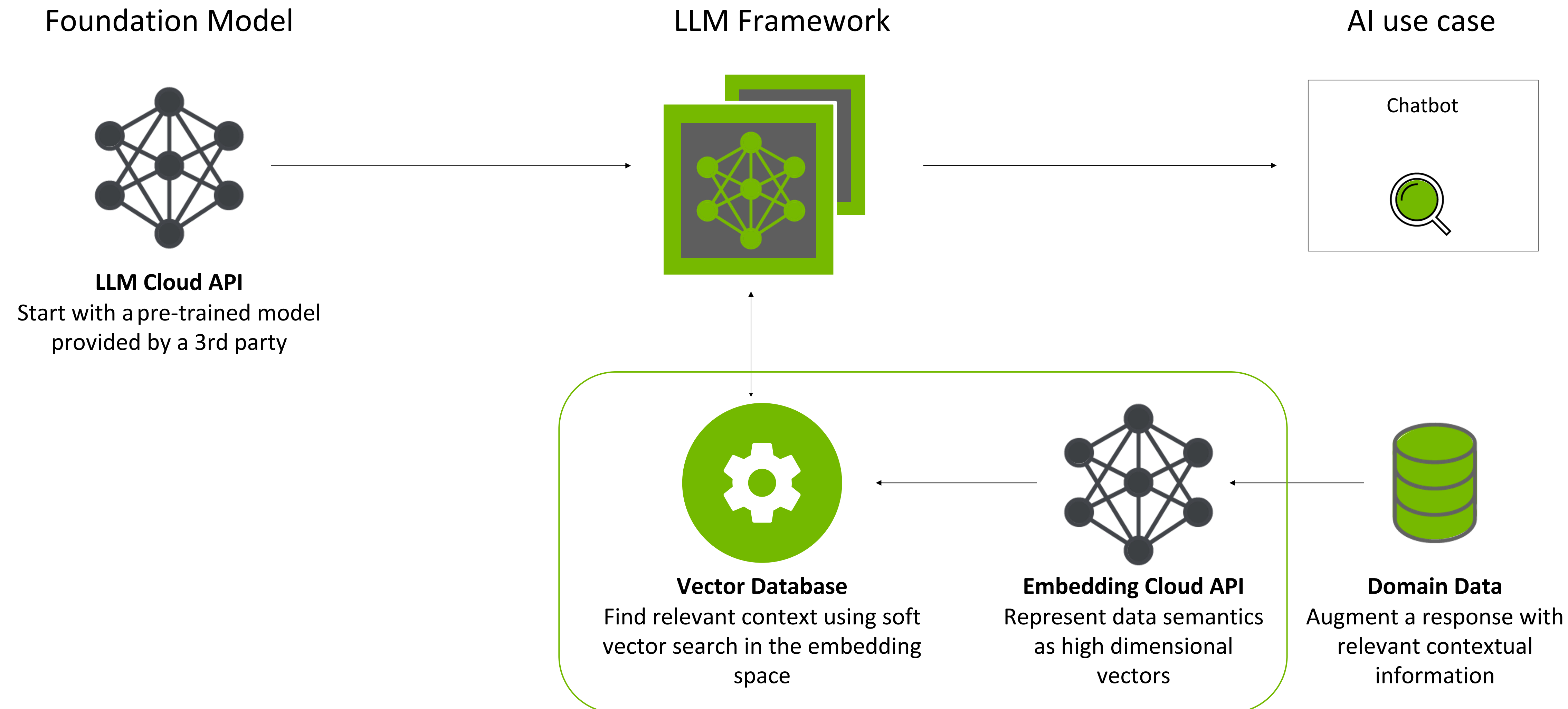
# Use Retrieval-Augmented Generation (RAG)

Provide context at a query time to minimize hallucinations and keep LLM answers fresh



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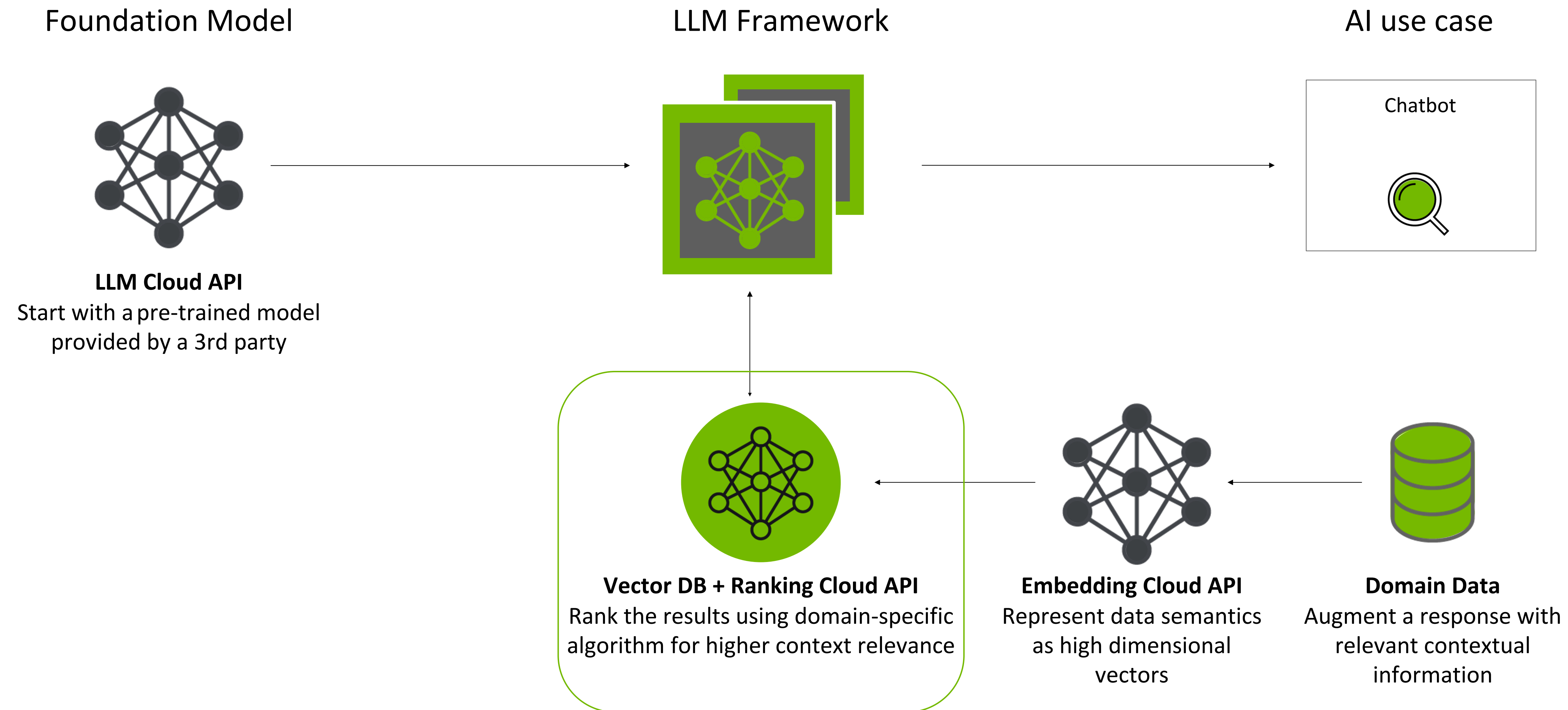
Represent data as embeddings to support “soft” vector similarity search





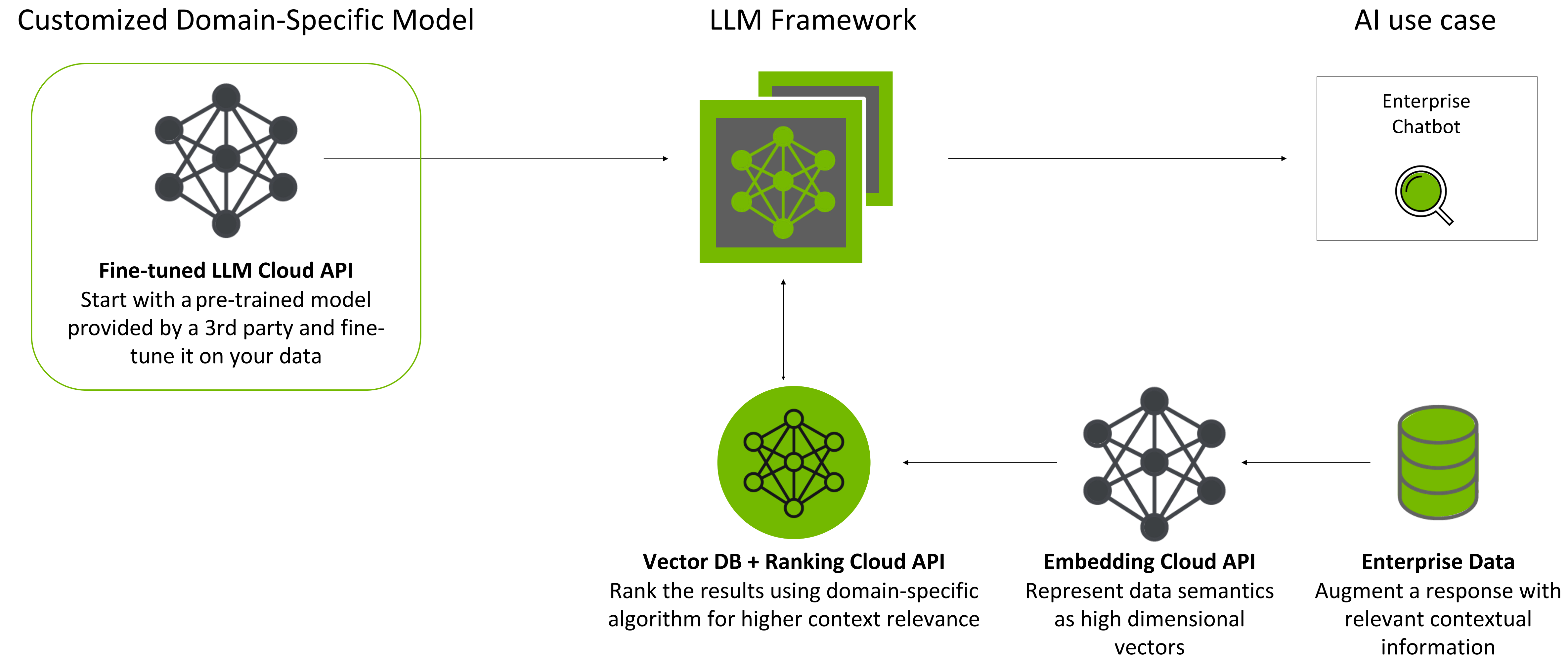
# Use Retrieval-Augmented Generation (RAG)

Increase context relevance using domain-specific (re)ranking algorithm



# Fine-tune Your Model to Understand Domain Semantics

Increase LLM accuracy by customizing for your enterprise use case

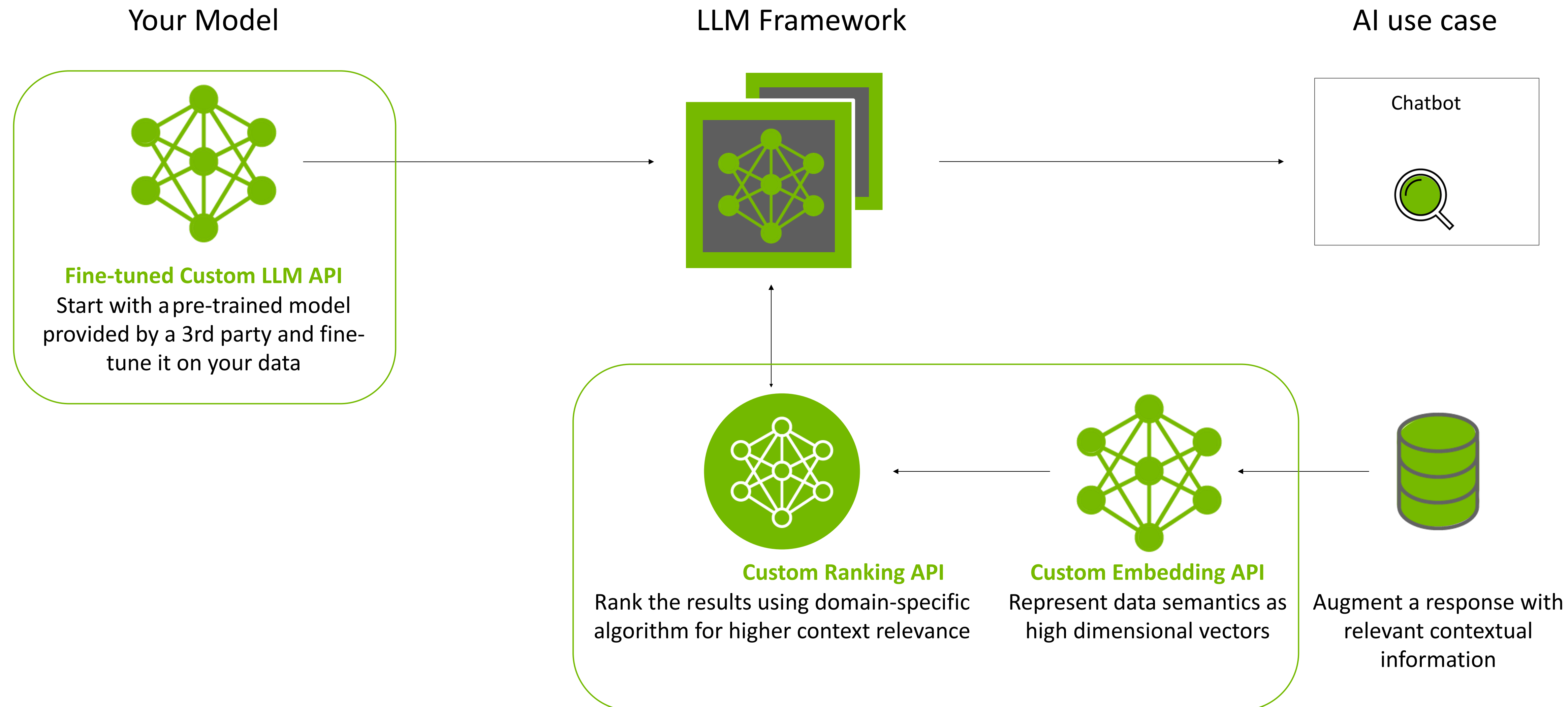




# Adopt Open Source Models to Gain Flexibility and Control

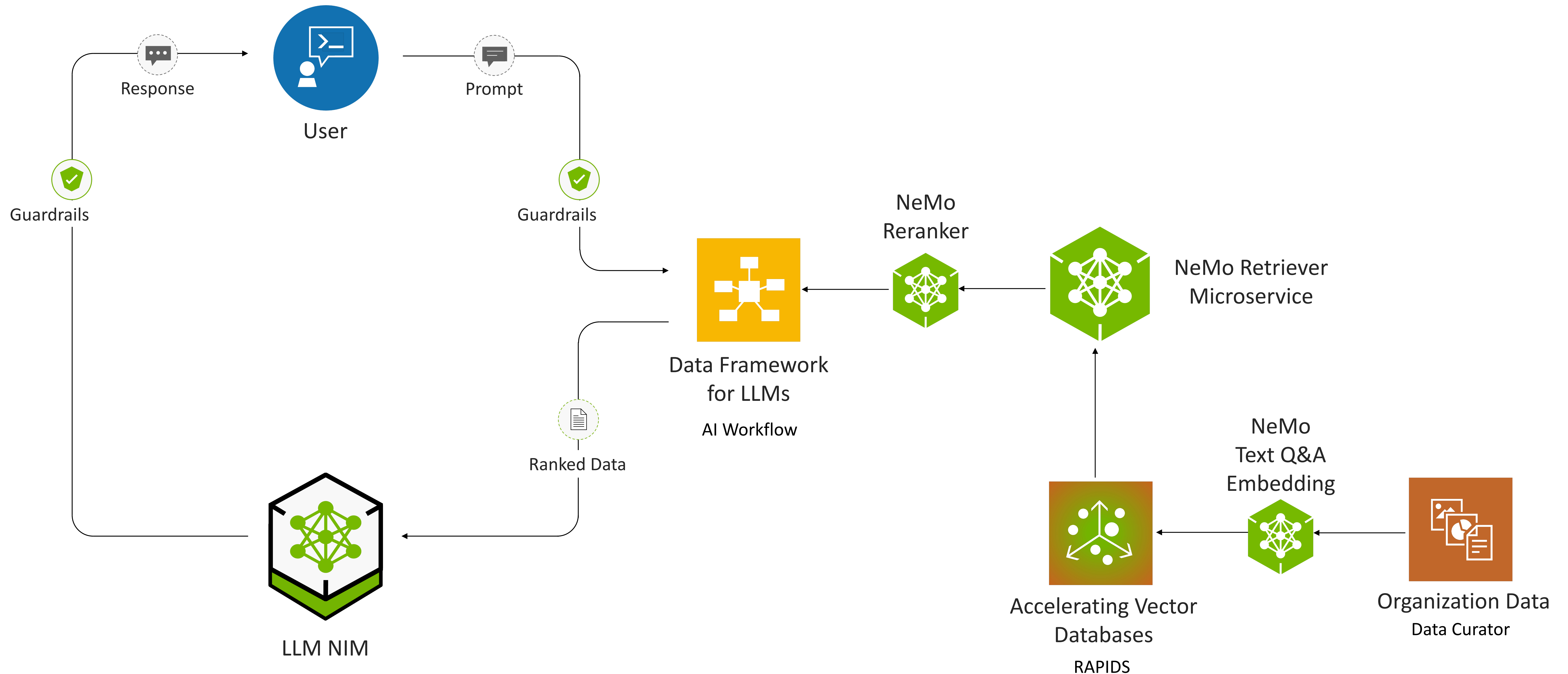
Open source models (LLM, embedding, ranking) help protect enterprise data and IP

Falcon 40B  
Gemma 2B  
Gemma 7B  
Llama-2 7B  
Llama-2 13B  
Llama-2 70B  
Code Llama 34B  
Mistral 7B  
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# NVIDIA Provides Optimized Retrieval Augmented Generation

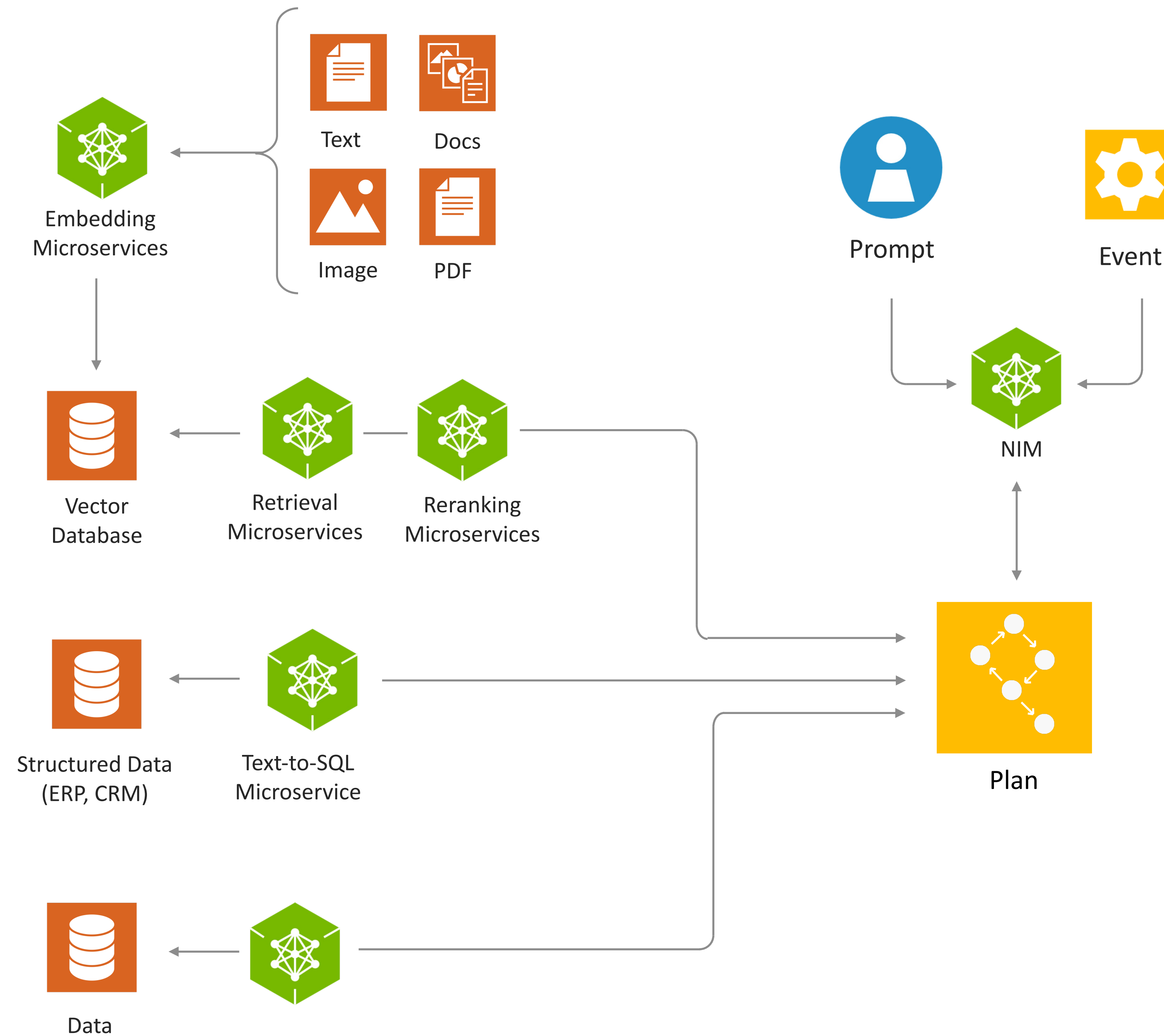
Commercially viable, optimized embedding, reranking, and personalization to deliver highest accuracy and performance





# NeMo Retriever Supercharges RAG Applications

World Class Accuracy and Throughput



2X

World-class accuracy with nearly 2x fewer incorrect answers

7X

Faster embedding inference throughput



Optimized Inference Engines



World class models and community model support



Flexible and modular deployment



Customizable models and pipelines



Production Ready

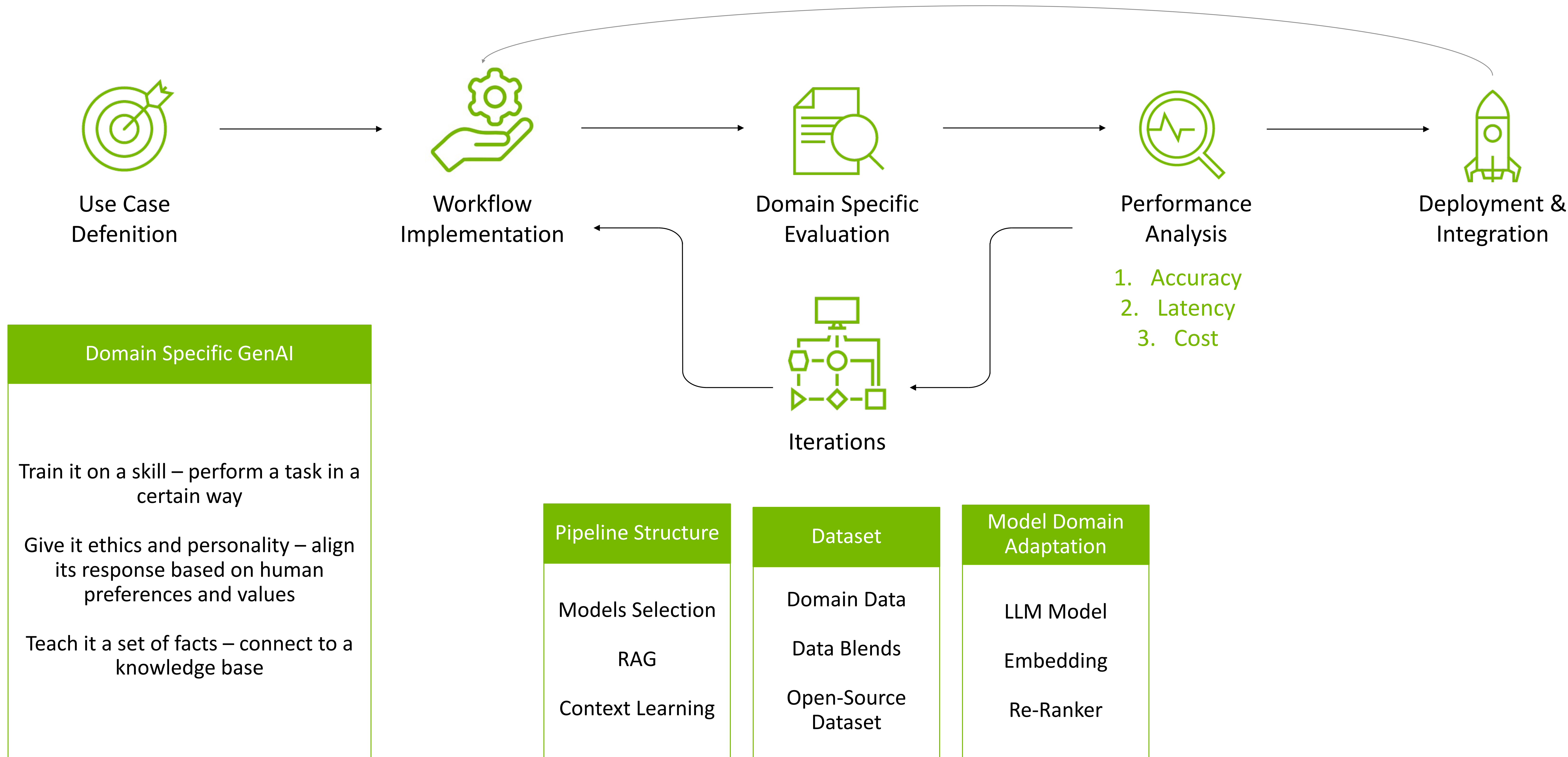




# **Domain Adapted LLMs**



# Building a Domain Specific Gen AI model is a Multistage Process



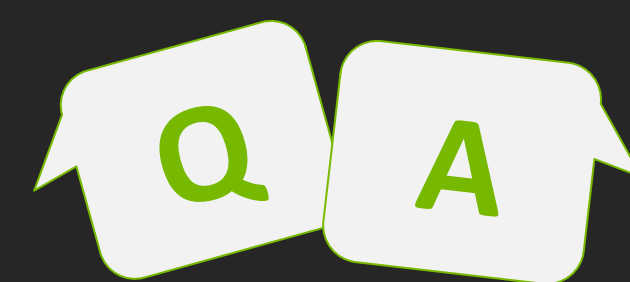


# LLM Assistant for Chip Design - ChipNeMo

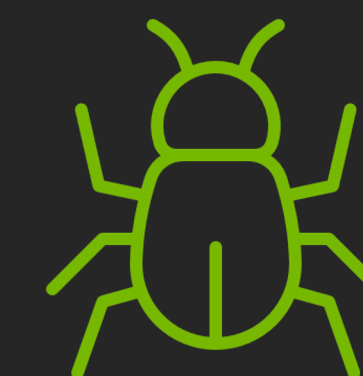
AI **copilot** built by NVIDIA research to assist one of the most complex engineering efforts, designing semiconductors.

Responds to **questions about GPU architecture and design** while helping engineers quickly find technical documents in early tests. It will also **create snippets of about 10-20 lines of software** in two specialized languages chip designers use, making it easier to develop new code.

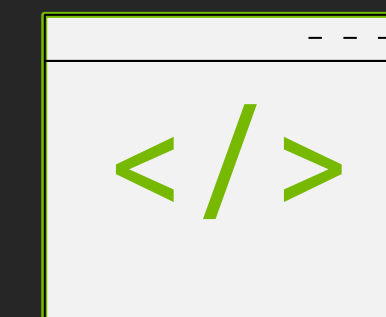
Using proprietary data to customize a foundation model, researchers found that a much **smaller 13B parameter model** could outperform larger general purpose LLMs.



Q&A for GPU ASIC Architecture



Bug Analysis  
& Reports



Code Generation for  
VLSI Tools



# ChipNeMo LLM Assistant

Three chip design use cases: EDA Code Generation, Bug Summarization, Design-assist Chatbot

## Accuracy

Correctness on wide range of **domain-specific tasks**

**Avoid security risks** with third party APIs

**Model groundedness** in the chip domain (e.g. retrieval hit-rate)

## Latency

Fast batch evaluation on domain-specific benchmarks

**Real-time responses** for NVIDIA engineers

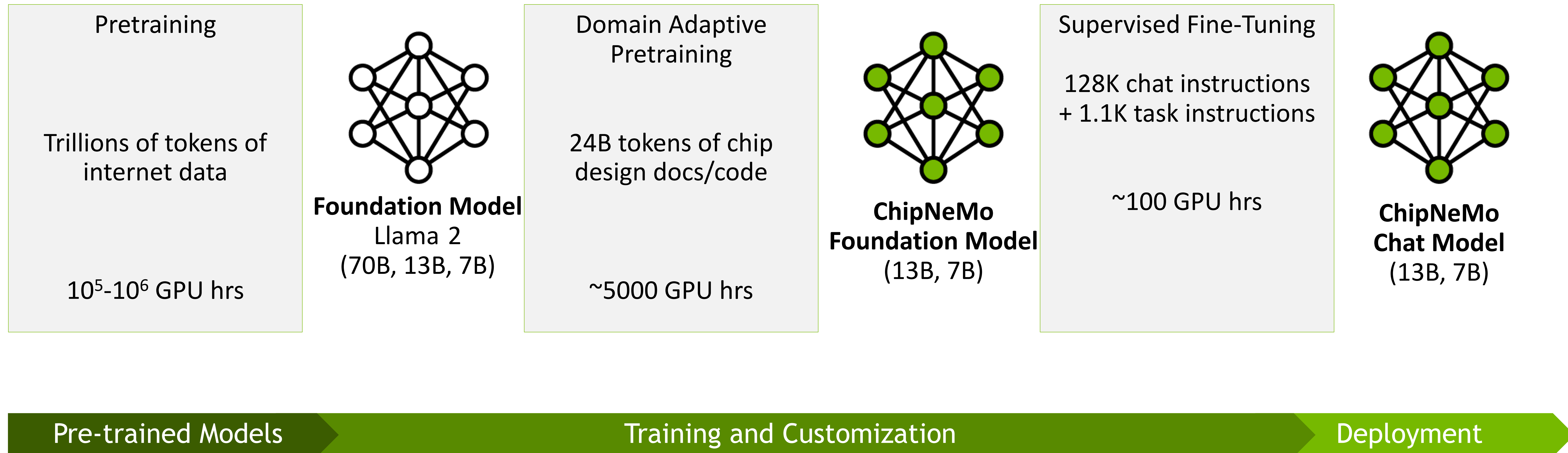
## Cost

**Development** (GPU training time, number of data samples and pre-training tokens)

**Operations** (reduced inference cost at scale)

# End-2-End ChipNeMo Customization Workflow

Domain-specific models lead to higher accuracy and lower cost



<https://arxiv.org/abs/2311.00176>



# ChipNeMo Data Curation

Balanced datasets combining NVIDIA-proprietary chip design specific data and publicly available datasets

Data Source Type	Data Percentage (%)	Data Tokens (B)	Training Percentage (%)	Training Tokens (B)
Bug Summary	9.5%	2.4	10.0%	2.4
Design Source	47.0%	11.9	24.5%	5.9
Documentation	17.8%	4.5	34.0%	8.2
Verification	9.1%	2.3	10.4%	2.5
Other	7.9%	2.0	12.0%	2.9
Wikipedia	5.9%	1.5	6.2%	1.5
Github	2.8%	0.7	3.0%	0.7
Total	100.0%	25.3	100.0%	24.1

Breakdown of DAPT data for ChipNeMo after filtering **(24.1 billion tokens)**

Domain Source	Number of Samples
Design Knowledge	280
EDA Script Generation	480
Bug summarization and analysis	392
Total	1152

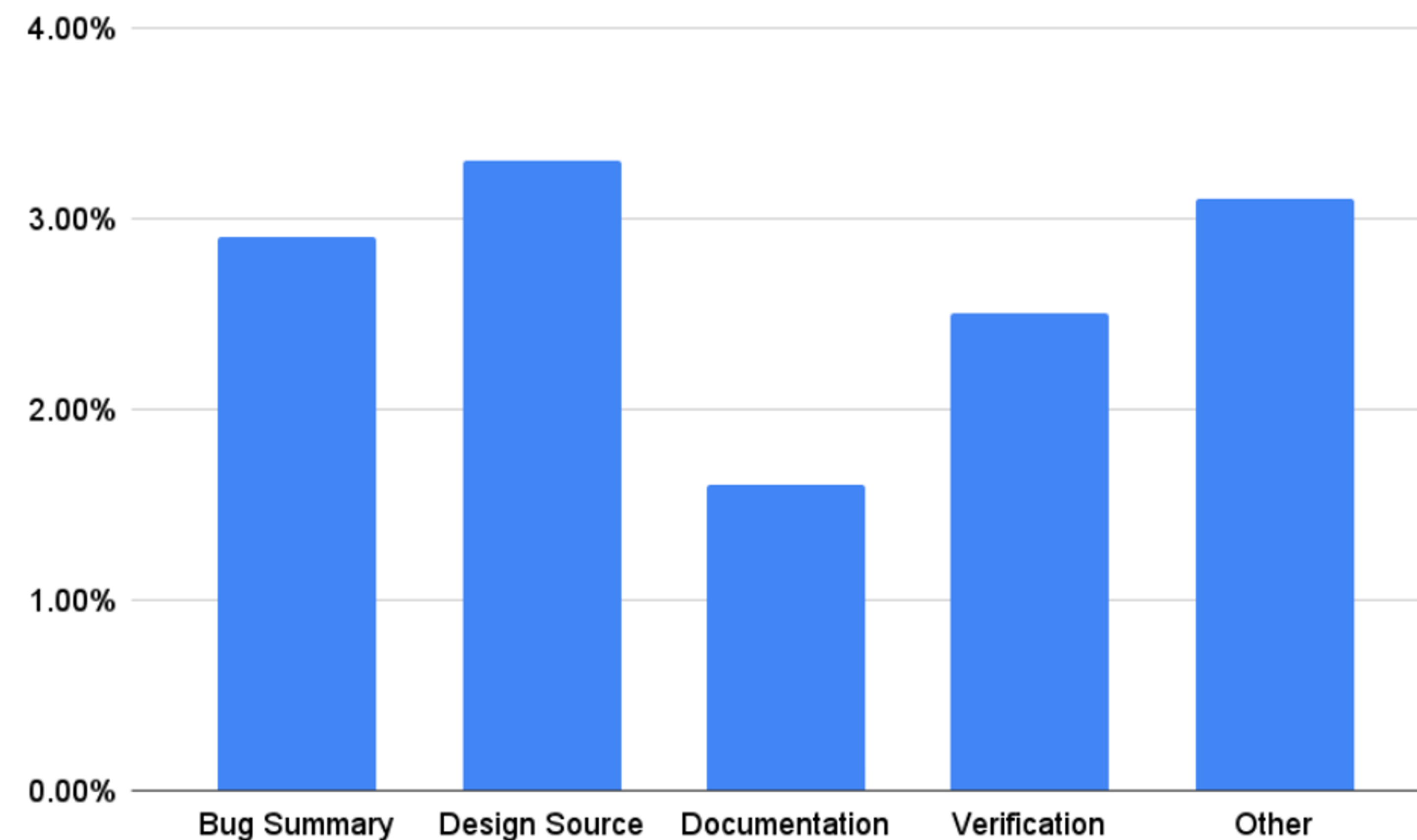
Breakdown of Domain SFT data **(128000 samples)**

- Data relevance and quality > quantity
- Data anonymization and privacy should be considered in dataset compilation
- Continuous data updating process critical to keep the training set relevant
- Data curation & management play important role

# Domain-adaptive Foundation Model Pretraining

## Custom Tokenization

ChipNeMo's tokenizer enhancements (**9k new tokens**) improved tokenization efficiency (**1.6% to 3.3% improvement**) across various design datasets without significant accuracy decline on public benchmarks



ChipNeMo Tokenizer Augmentation Improvements

Balance between generic language understanding and domain-specific nuances

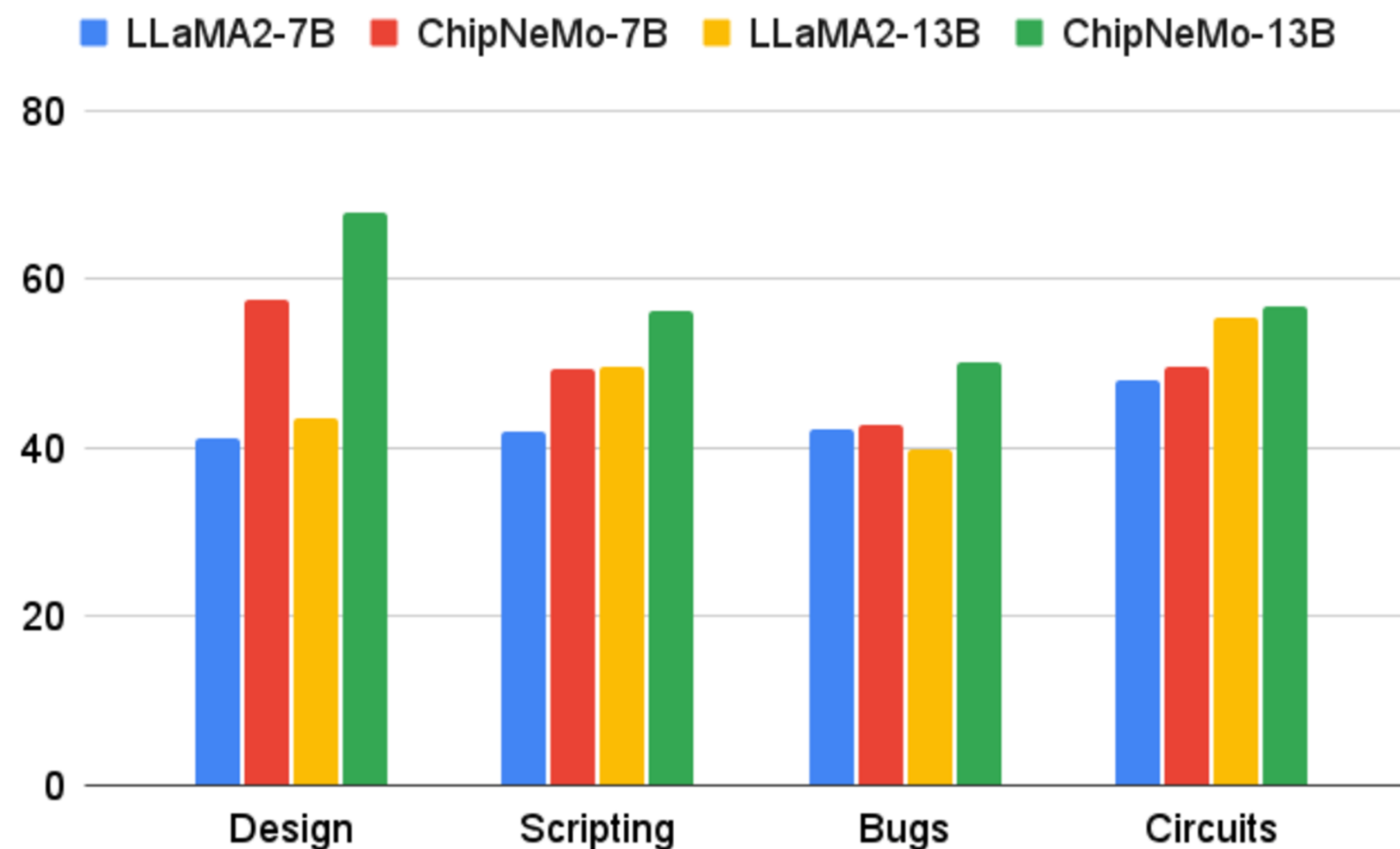
Iterative refinement of tokenizer based on feedback and model performance

Collaboration between domain experts and ML engineers to identify critical tokens

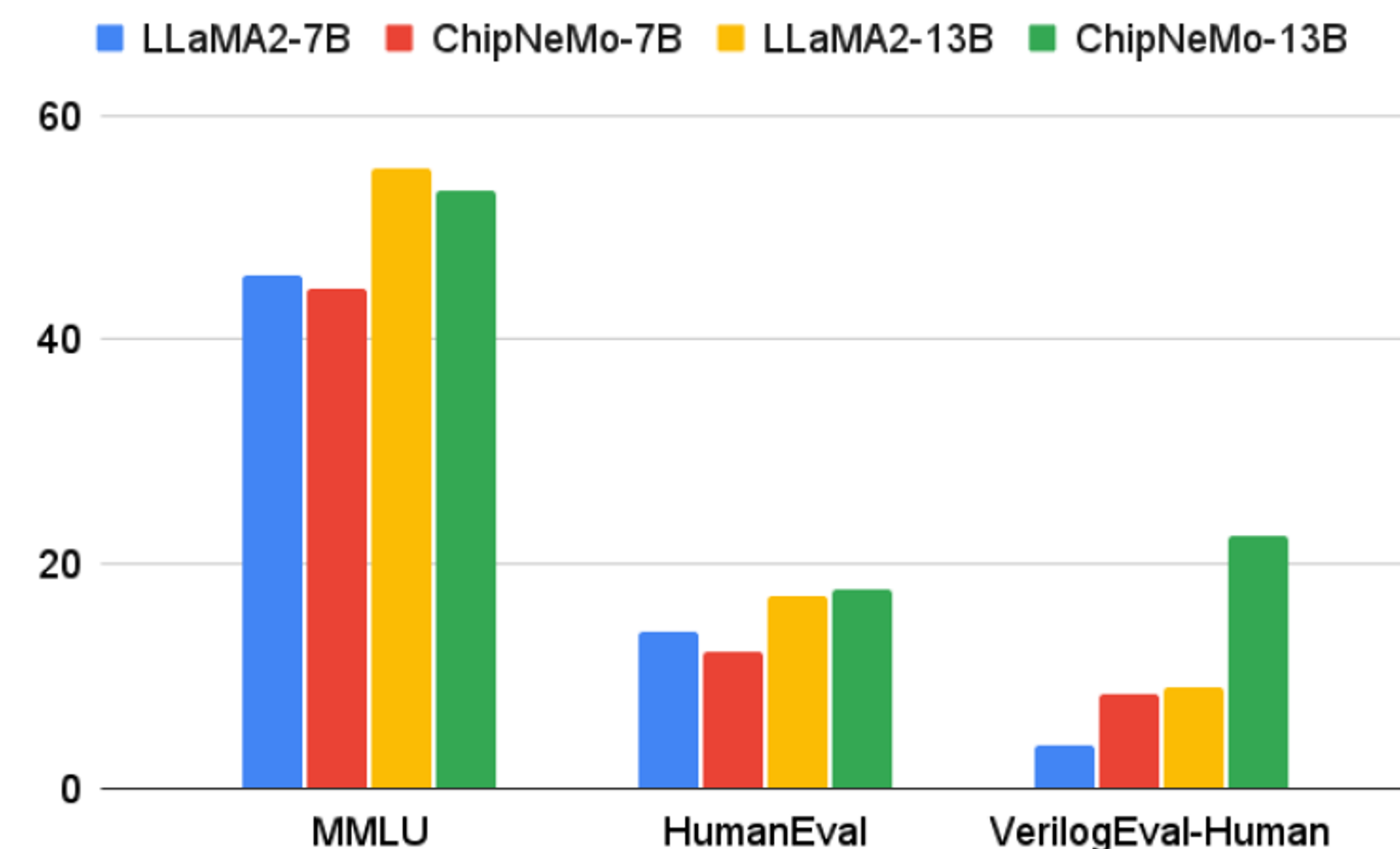


# Domain-adaptive Foundation Model Pretraining

ChipNeMo uses domain-adaptive pre-training to better understand chip design contexts



Chip Design Domain Benchmarks



Academic Benchmarks

Balancing between continuing pre-training and overfitting risks. Smaller learning rate plays a dual role.

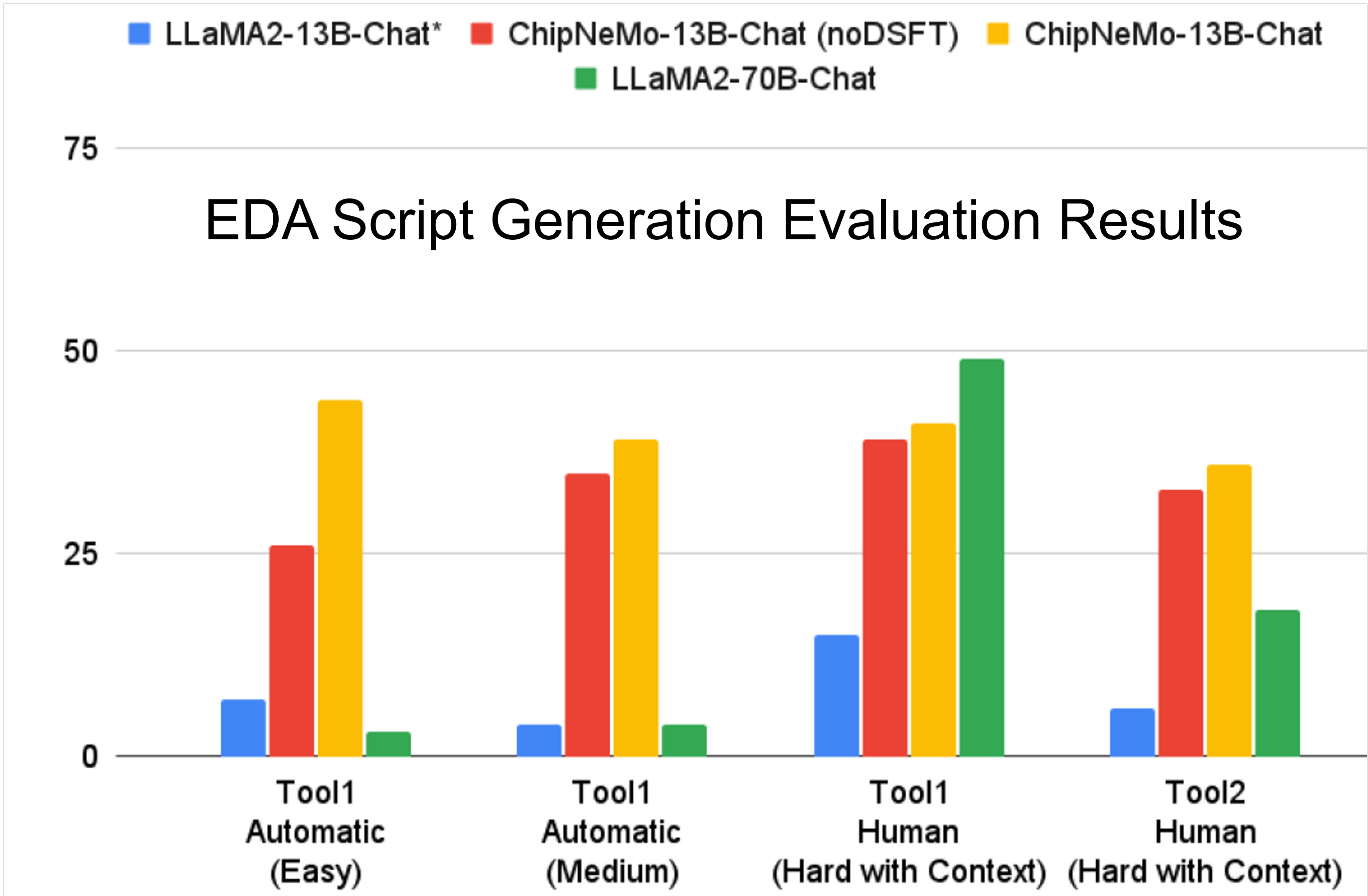
Larger and more performant foundational models yielded better zero shot results on domain-specific tasks.

# Supervised Fine-Tuning

Customization of model behaviour for high performance on specific tasks

Model Size	Pretraining	DAPT	SFT
7B	184,320	2,620	90
13B	368,640	4,940	160
70B	1,720,320	-	-

Training cost of models in GPU hours.



**ChipNeMo-Chat:** Models fine-tuned with both domain and general chat data

**ChipNeMo-Chat (noDSFT):** Models fine-tuned with general chat data exclusively.

Importance of quality and relevance of labeled data for fine-tuning

Adopt techniques for efficient fine-tuning without compromising model generalizability

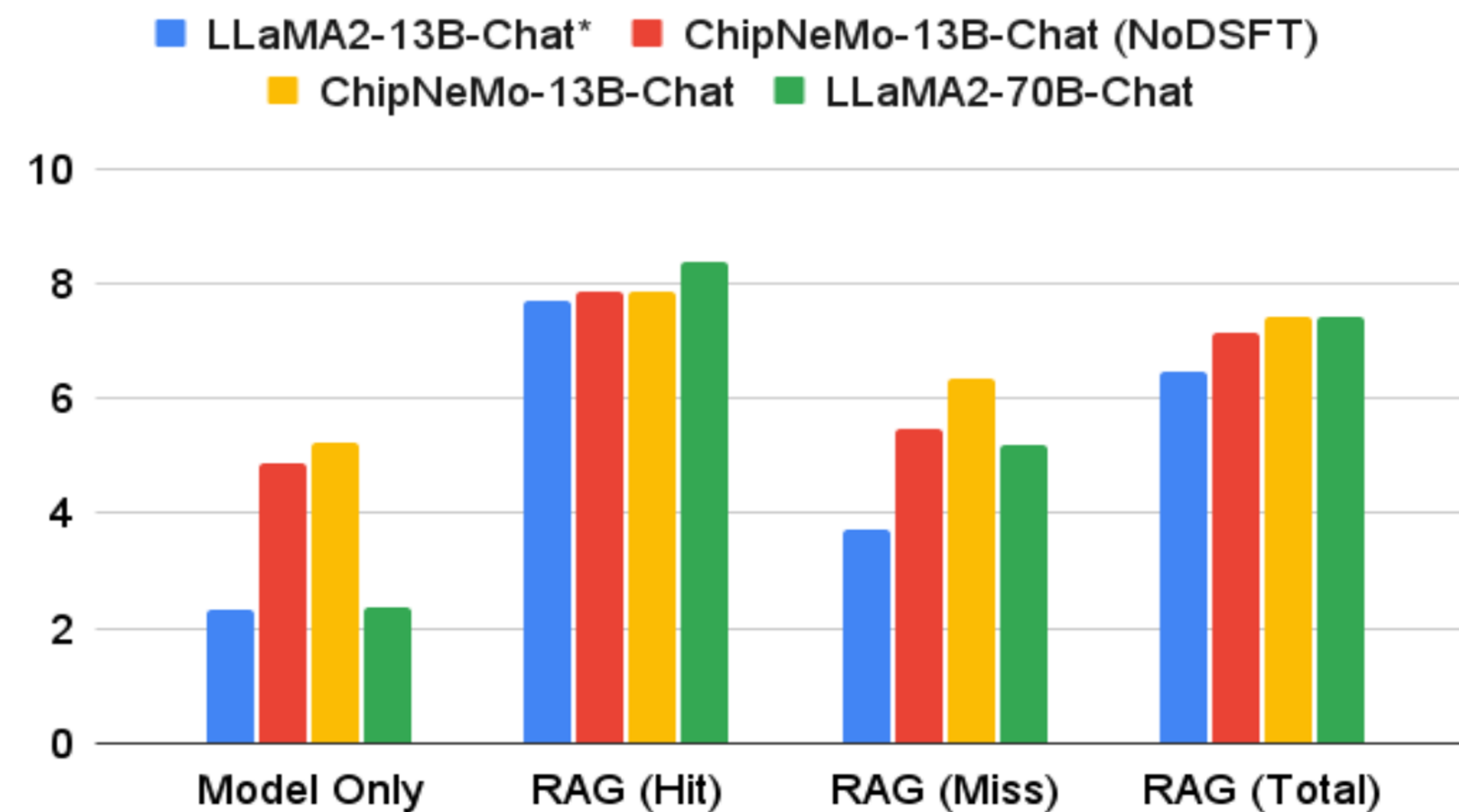
Evaluation metrics tailored to specific tasks to gauge SFT success

0.79 out of 7 point scale



# Retrieval-Augmented Generation (RAG)

Fine-tuning ChipNeMo retrieval model + domain-specific data improves the hit rate by 30% leading to better RAG



Human Evaluation of Different Models

Addition of in-domain context through **RAG** significantly boosts human scores

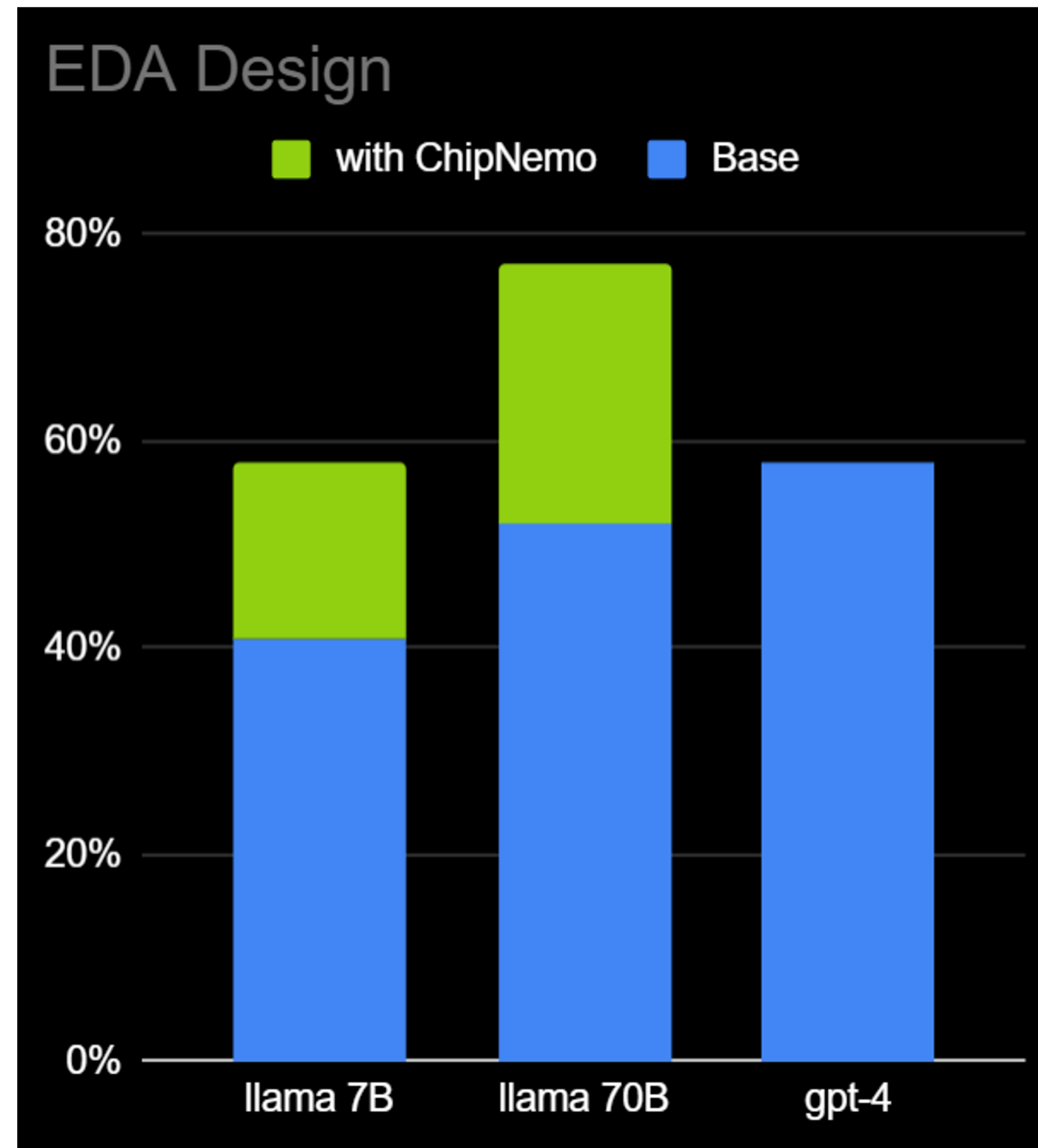
**ChipNeMo (DAPT+SFT)** models outperforms fine-tuned same size LLaMa chat model.

ChipNeMo-13b-Chat with RAG achieves same score as the 5X larger model LLaMA2-70B-Chat with RAG. **Domain adaptation however makes up for the misses.**

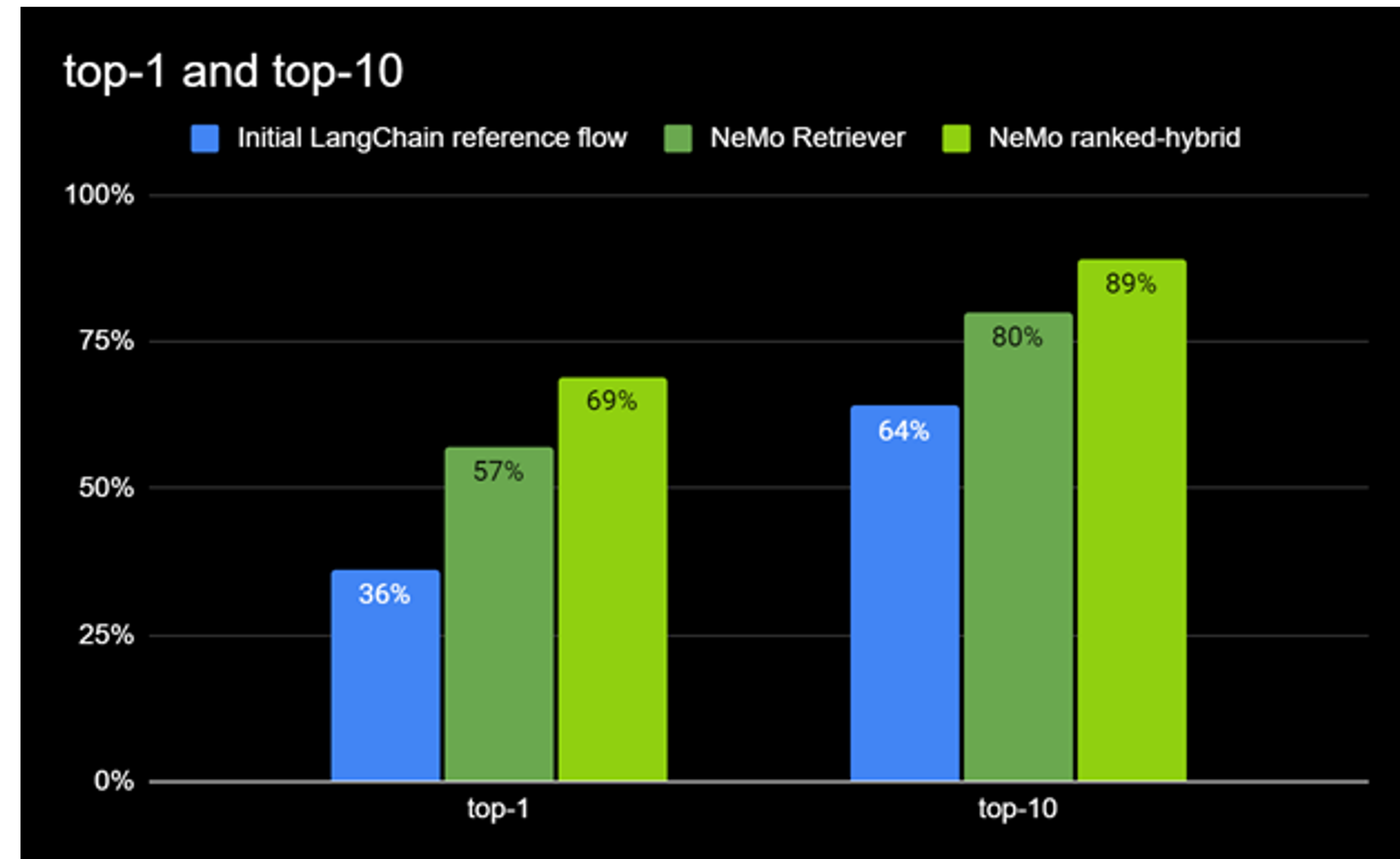
Domain SFT improves performance of ChipNeMo-13B-Chat with/without RAG.

# Customization Lead to Large Performance Improvement

Domain-adapted ChipNeMo significantly outperforms OOTB solutions



Customized Llama-2 7B achieves GPT-4 accuracy, while Llama-2 70B demonstrates state-of-the-art results

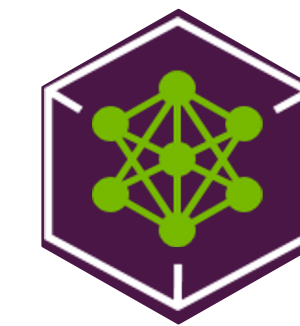


Domain-specific embedding, ranking, and re-ranking models lead to higher context relevance resulting in more downstream customer value



# Unified Stack to Accelerate Generative AI Adoption for Enterprises

Enabling end-2-end generative AI journey from data curation to model customization, optimization, evaluation, inference



**NVIDIA NIM**

Pre-trained & custom LLMs



**NeMo Data Store**

Prompts, responses,  
PII redaction, quality filtering

Adapters, P-tokens  
as .nemo checkpoints

Custom datasets, evaluation  
results



**NeMo Curator**

Scalable multi-stage curation of  
high-quality training and  
evaluation datasets for pre-training  
and fine-tuning data pipelines

**RAPIDS**



**NeMo Customizer**

State-of-the-art customization  
techniques with easy-to-use API for  
diverse data / compute scenarios  
balancing accuracy, latency, cost, skill  
level

**NeMo Framework**



**NeMo Evaluator**

Automated evaluation of foundation  
models and fine-tuned LLMs on  
academic benchmarks and custom  
datasets using LLM-as-a-judge and pre-  
defined metrics

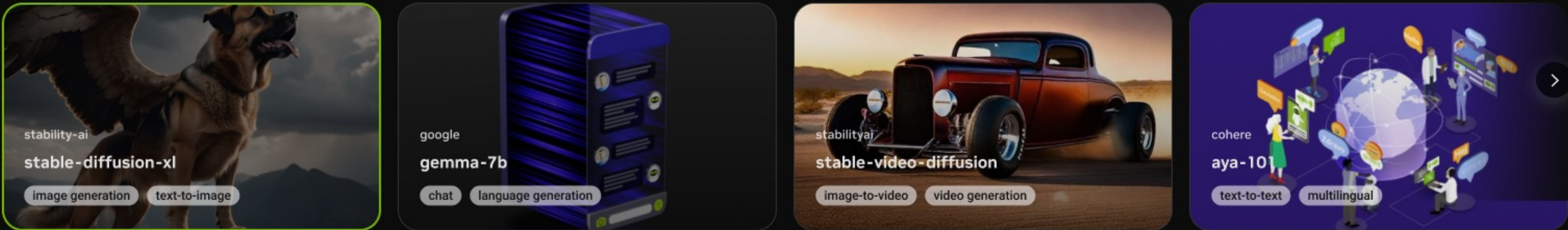
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### Top Open Foundation Models

The leading open models built by the community, optimized and accelerated by NVIDIA's enterprise-ready inference runtime



#### Input

Try Python Node.js Shell

Input Prompt View Examples

A happy dog hanging out at the park

View Parameters

Reset Parameters Run

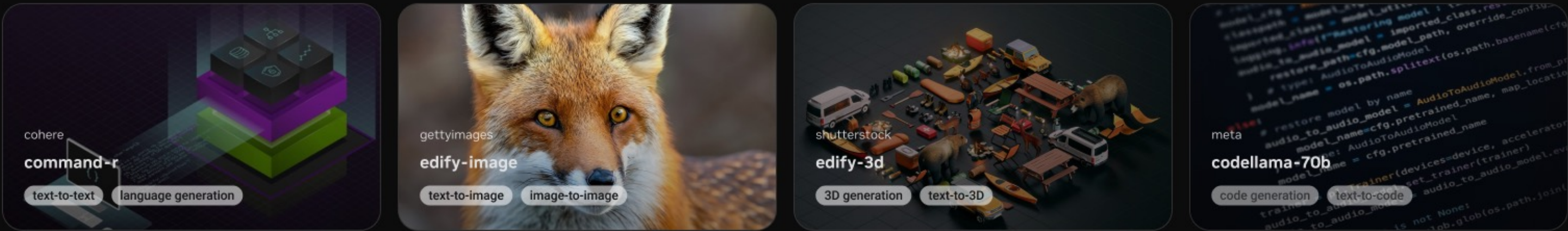
#### Output

Preview JSON



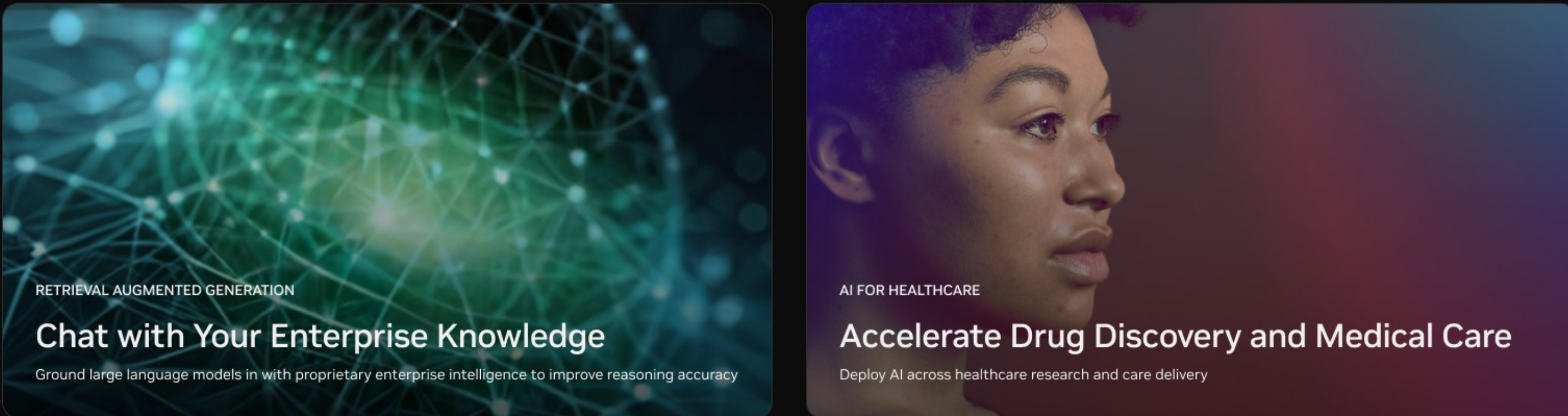
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  - <https://github.com/NVIDIA/GenerativeAIExamples>
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