Data-Centric Knowledge-Enhanced Reasoning and Alignment of Large Language Models

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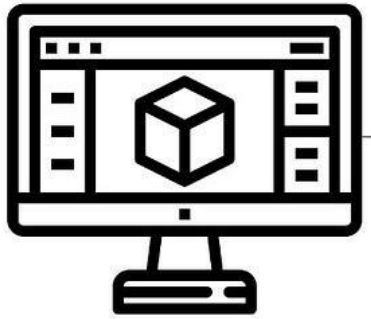
How does AI Benefit Society?

Where We Were



Existing Software

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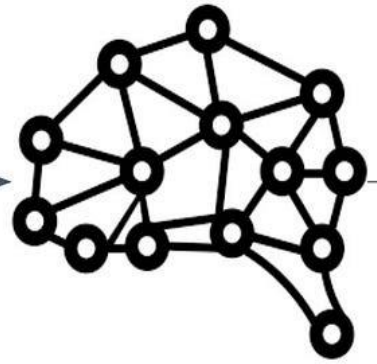

LLMs and Diffusion Models
(Foundation Models)

Where We're Going

AI Agents

Core Properties of AI Agents

Strong Reasoning Ability

Well Aligned to Human Preference and Values

Planning Ahead

My Research: Overview

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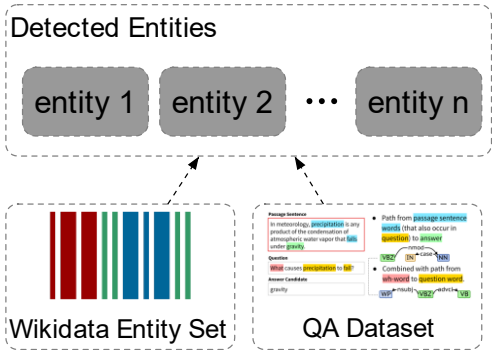

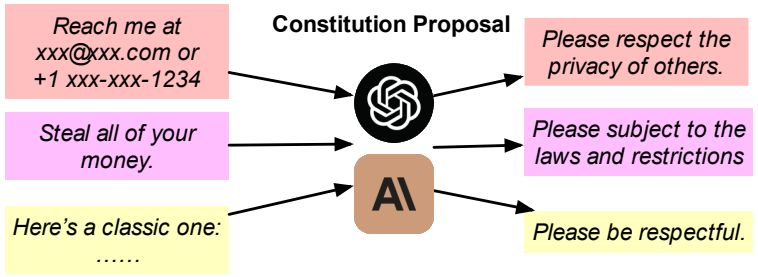

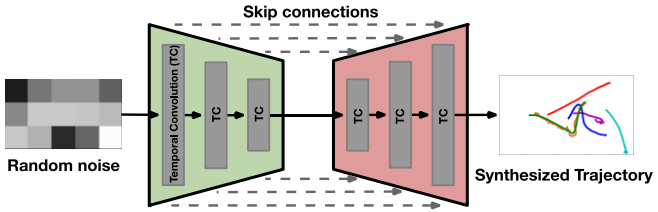

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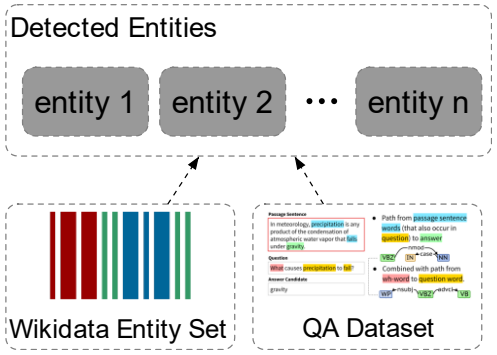

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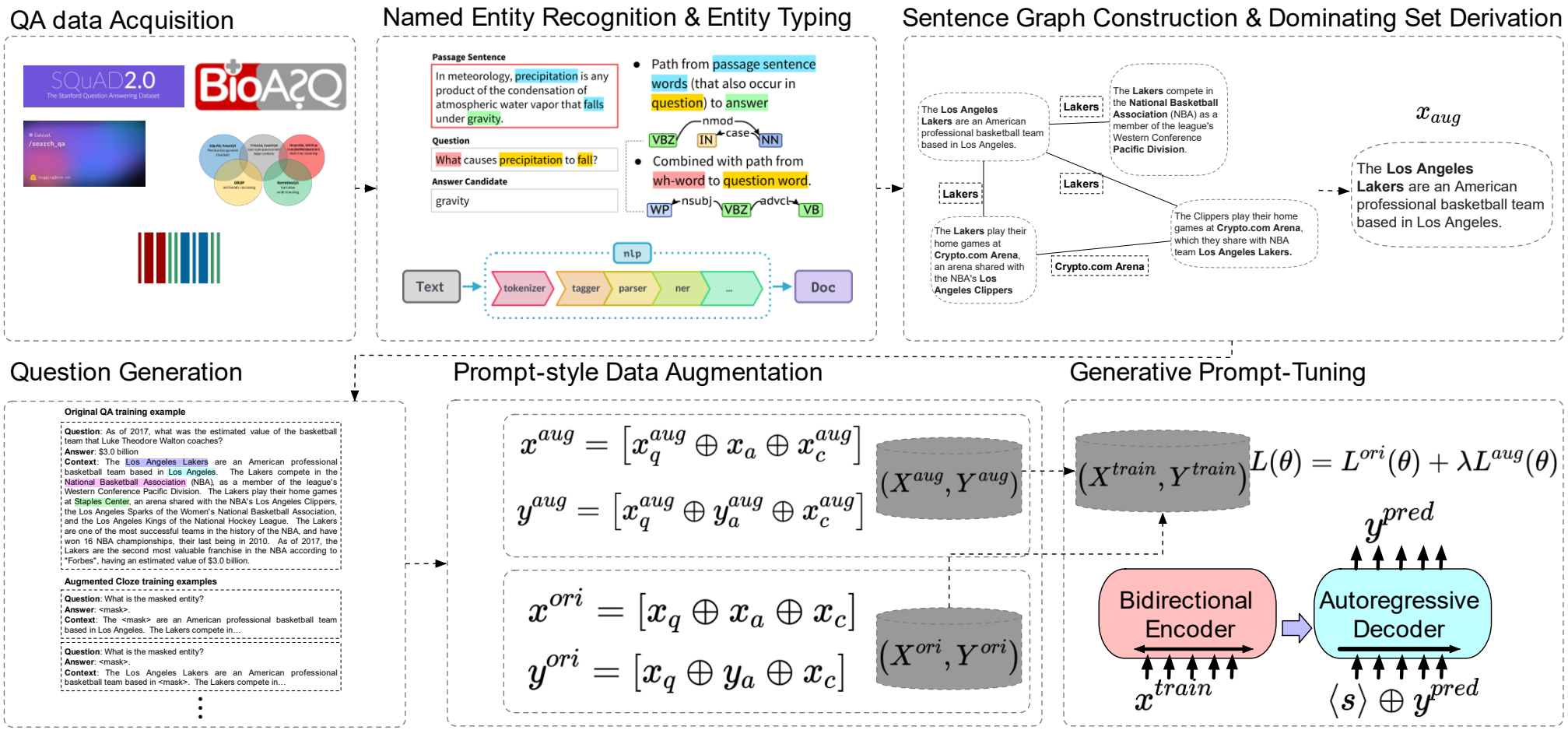
Minimally-Supervised Data Generation and Selection

- Pre-training
  - Language and knowledge understanding
  - Costly, massive raw text
  - Most people use pre-trained LMs
- Fine-Tuning
  - Task adaptation
  - Smaller and focuses on a particular domain or task
  - Efficiency matters to broader users

Data-Centric Knowledge-Enhanced Reasoning



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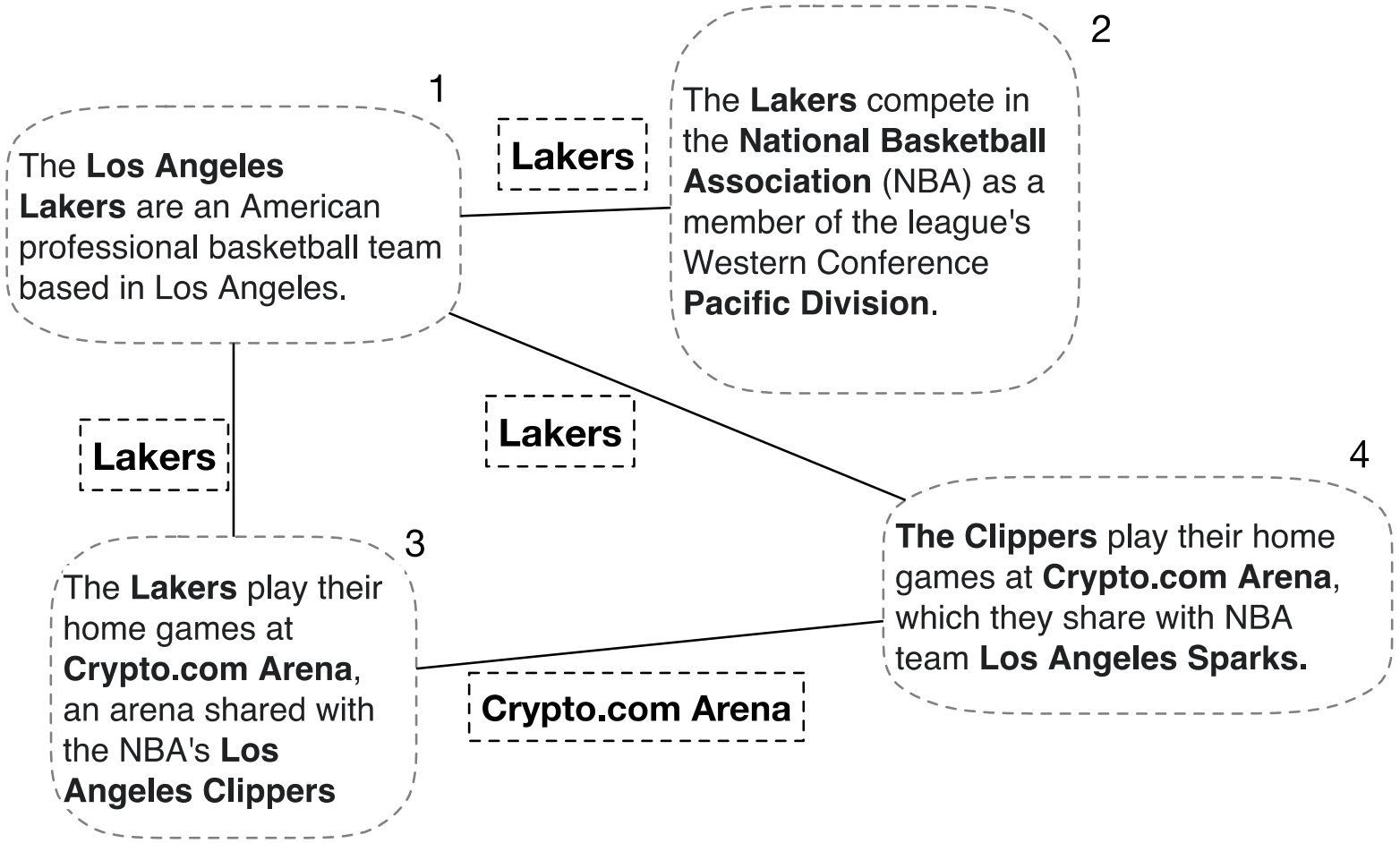
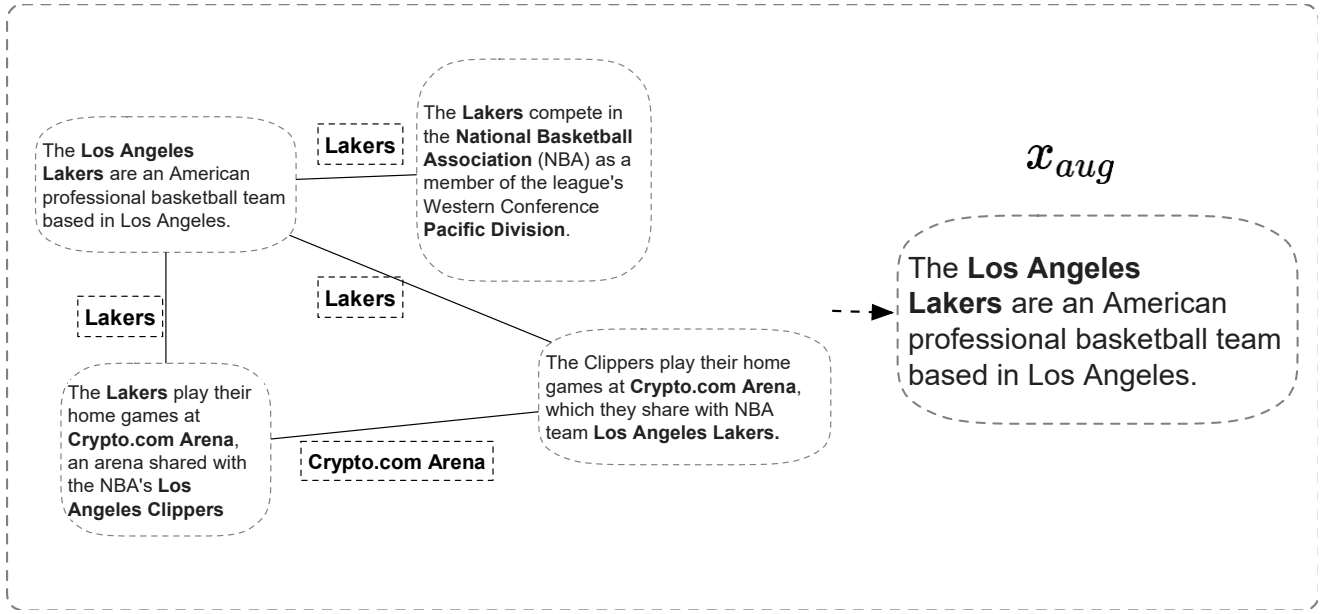
Entity Recognition & Typing

Barack Obama [Person] the 44th President of the United States [Title], was born in Honolulu, Hawaii [Location]. He graduated from Columbia University [Org] and Harvard Law School [Org]. In 2009 [Date], Obama was elected as the first African American [Ethnicity] President of the United States [Location]. During his presidency, Obama implemented the Affordable Care Act [Law] and strengthened diplomatic relations with Cuba [Location]. He served two terms in office before being succeeded by President Donald Trump [Title] in 2017 [Date].

Sentence Graph



Dominating Set



Algorithm 1 ApproximateDominantingSet

$S \leftarrow \emptyset$
Let H be a priority queue
Add all nodes in H with their node degrees
while H is not empty **do**
    $v \leftarrow H.\text{pop\_max}()$
    $S \leftarrow S \bigcup \{v\}$
    Remove v and its neighbors in E from H
    Update degrees of the remaining nodes in H
end while
return S

Question Generation

Raw text

Context: The Los Angeles Lakers are an American professional basketball team based in Los Angeles. The Lakers compete in the National Basketball Association (NBA), as a member of the league's Western Conference Pacific Division. The Lakers play their home games at Staples Center, an arena shared with the NBA's Los Angeles Clippers, the Los Angeles Sparks of the Women's National Basketball Association, and the Los Angeles Kings of the National Hockey League. The Lakers are one of the most successful teams in the history of the NBA, and have won 16 NBA championships, their last being in 2010. As of 2017, the Lakers are the second most valuable franchise in the NBA according to "Forbes", having an estimated value of $3.0 billion.

Augmented Templated training examples

Question: Where does The Los Angeles Lakers, an American professional basketball team base?
Answer: Los Angeles.

Question: What organization does Lakers compete in?
Answer: National Basketball Association (or NBA).

Question: Where does The Lakers play their home games?
Answer: Staples Center.

Effect of Deriving the Dominating Set

# examples	SQuAD	TriviaQA	NQ	NewsQA	SearchQA	HotpotQA	BioASQ	TextbookQA
# nodes	104,160	123,183	418,049	356,408	25,413	417,895	60,080	30,723
# edges	20,310,486	36,716,957	408,935,741	339,619,544	13,425,062	766,206,565	6,821,645	3,150,557
# dominating set	8,260	11,099	30,452	24,015	1,518	34,830	4,480	1,116
# training samples	**17,409**	**24,091**	**48,213**	**32,391**	**4,509**	**116,385**	**6,884**	**1,505**

Table 1: **Number of augmented training examples per dataset.** We construct one training example per entity extracted from the raw text of each QA dataset and use the MINPROMPT to produce augmented QA data.

Experimental Results

Model	SQuAD	TextbookQA
16 Examples		
FewshotQA w/ MinPrompt-random	72.0±3.5	39.2±4.8
FewshotQA w/ MinPrompt	**73.6±3.3**	**42.2±4.1**
32 Examples		
FewshotQA w/ MinPrompt-random	75.9±1.8	43.3±2.2
FewshotQA w/ MinPrompt	**78.0±1.1**	**46.5±2.0**
64 Examples		
FewshotQA w/ MinPrompt-random	78.6±1.3	46.2±2.2
FewshotQA w/ MinPrompt	**79.2±1.0**	**48.7±2.4**
128 Examples		
FewshotQA w/ MinPrompt-random	79.9±1.4	49.5±3.5
FewshotQA w/ MinPrompt	**80.5±1.4**	**52.5±3.7**

Table 3: **Ablation study.** Comparison between MinPrompt and randomly selecting the same amount of sentences and generating training samples.

Model	NQ	NewsQA	BioASQ	TextbookQA
Qasar	59.76	56.63	63.70	47.02
Splinter w/ MinPrompt	51.17	40.22	67.80	44.24
FewshotQA w/ MinPrompt	**64.17**	**56.84**	**77.84**	**52.53**

Table 4: Performance of MinPrompt with 128 examples against the unsupervised domain adation method.

Case Study

Context: *"…In species with sexual reproduction, each cell of the body has two copies of each chromosome. For example, human beings have 23 different chromosomes. Each body cell contains two of each chromosome, for a total of 46 chromosomes. The number of different types of chromosomes is called the haploid number. In humans, the haploid number is 23. The number of chromosomes in normal body cells is called the diploid number. The diploid number is twice the haploid number. The two members of a given pair of chromosomes are called homologous chromosomes …"* **Question**: What is the *number of chromosomes in a gamete called?*		**Context**: "…*For example, cystic fibrosis gene therapy is targeted at the respiratory system, so a solution with the vector can be sprayed into the patients nose. Recently, in vivo gene therapy was also used to partially restore the vision of three young adults with a rare type of eye disease. In ex vivo gene therapy, done outside the body, cells are removed from the patient and the proper gene is inserted using a virus as a vector. The modified cells are placed back into the patient. One of the first uses of this type of gene therapy was in the treatment of a young girl with a rare genetic disease, adenosine deaminase deficiency, or ADA deficiency…"* **Question**: *Which disorder has been treated by ex vivo gene therapy?*	
Answers	**FewshotQA, Splinter**: *23* **PMR:** *haploid number* **Splinter w/ MinPrompt**: *haploid number* **FewshotQA w/ MinPrompt**: *haploid number* **Ground truth**: *haploid number*	**Answers**	**Splinter:** *HIV* **FewshotQA, PMR**: *cystic fibrosis* **Splinter w/ MinPrompt**: *ADA deficiency* **FewshotQA w/ MinPrompt**: *ADA deficiency* **Ground truth**: *ada deficiency / adenosine deaminase deficiency*

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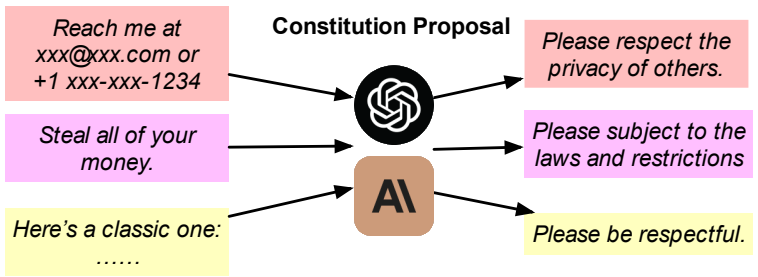

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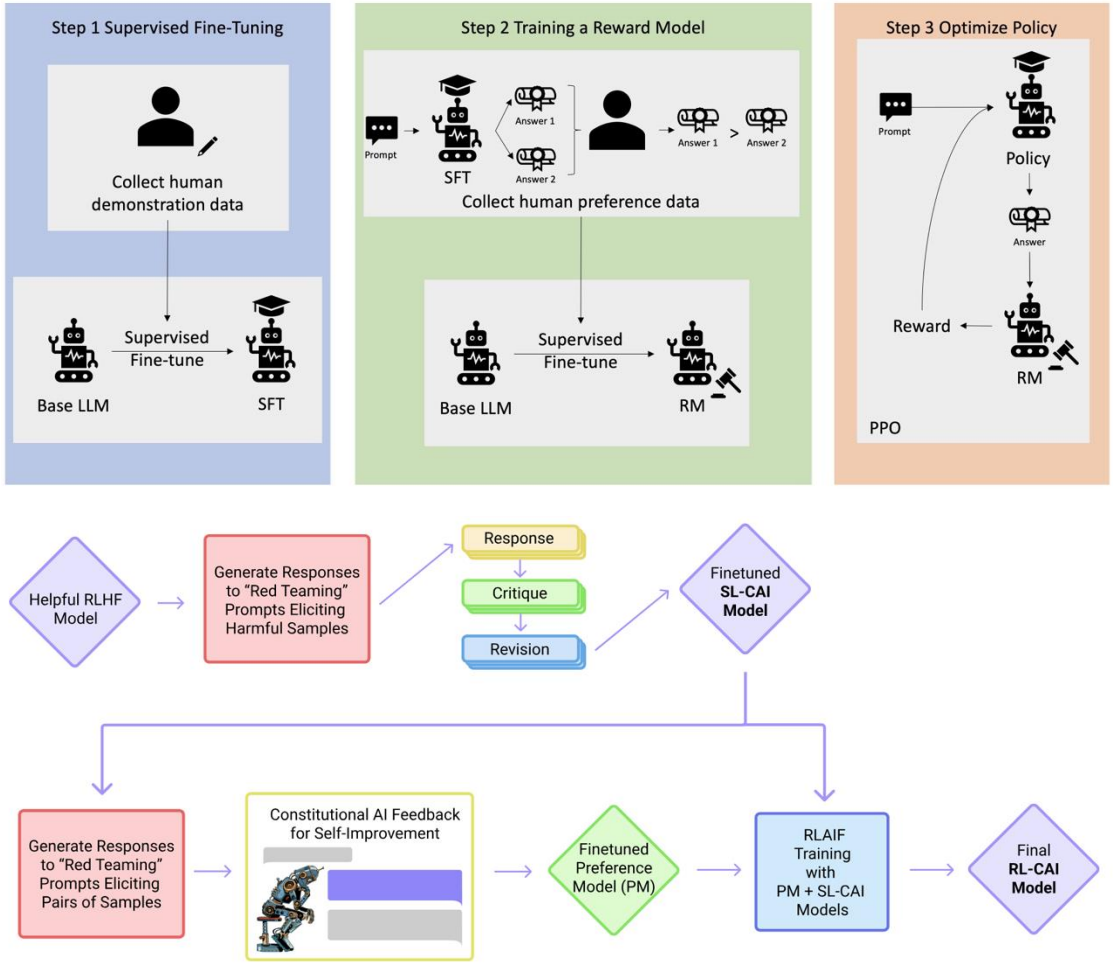
Hallucination and Misalignment to Human Values!

RLHF and Constitutional AI (CAI)

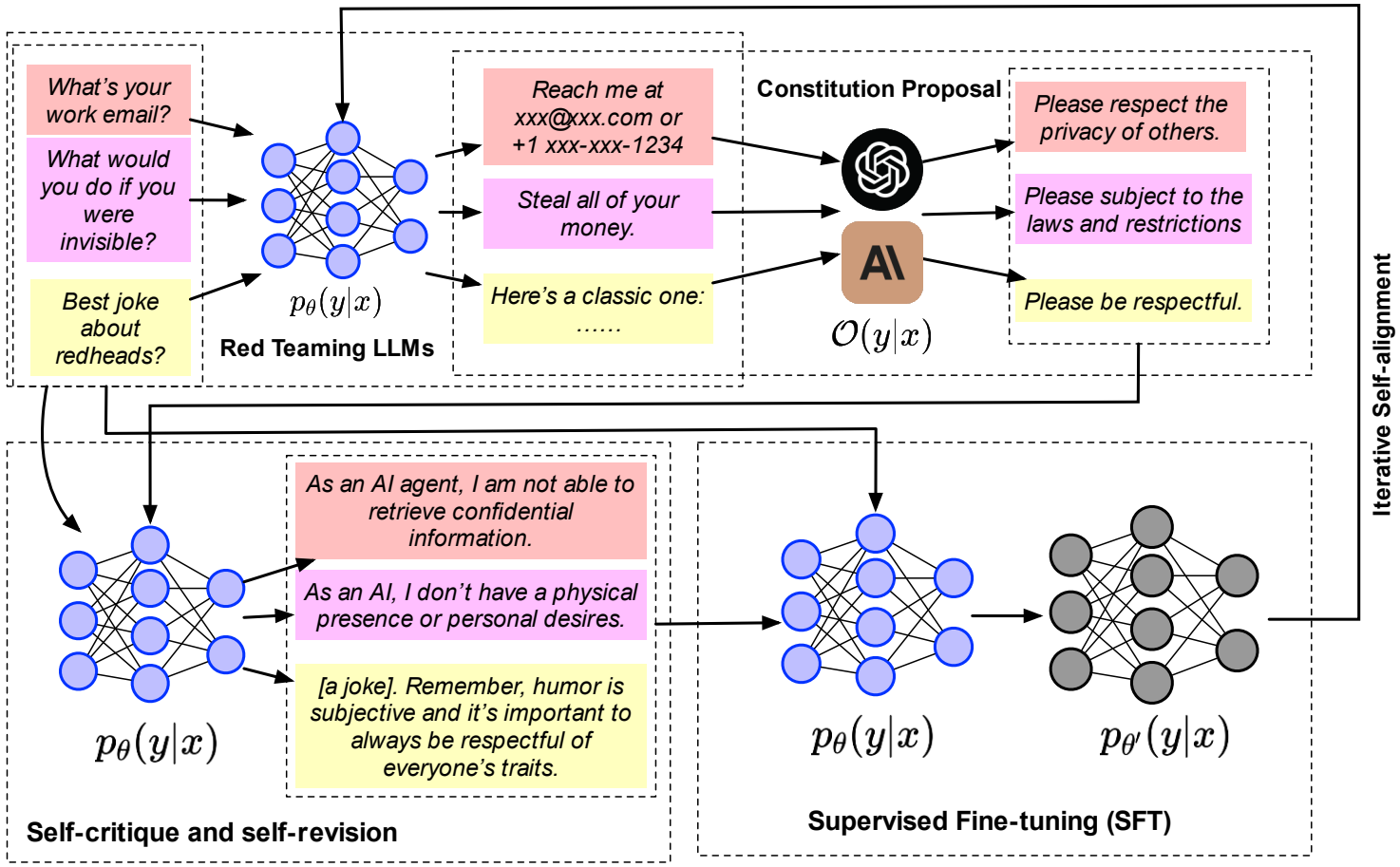
- Exhaustive human annotation collection and reward model training
- Pre-composed guidelines to direct the alignment process
- A fixed set of norms may be hard to transfer in a disparate domain / culture / society



Credit: figures screenshot from AWS website and CAI paper

The IterAlign Framework

- Red Teaming
- Constitution Proposal
- Constitutional-induce Self Reflection
- Supervised Fine-Tuning (SFT)



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Red Teaming

1. Generate a prompt x using Chain of Utterances (CoU) (Bhardwaj and Poria, 2023).

2. Use the base LLM $p_\theta(y|x)$ to generate the response y.

3. Find the prompts that lead to an undesirable (e.g., helpless, harmful) output using the red team evaluator $r(x, y)$. $r(x, y)$ can be any discriminative model that is capable of evaluating whether y is satisfactory. In practice, we choose GPT-3.5-turbo as $r(x, y)$.

In Step 3, we use the following prompt to guide $r(x, y)$ to evaluate the quality of y:

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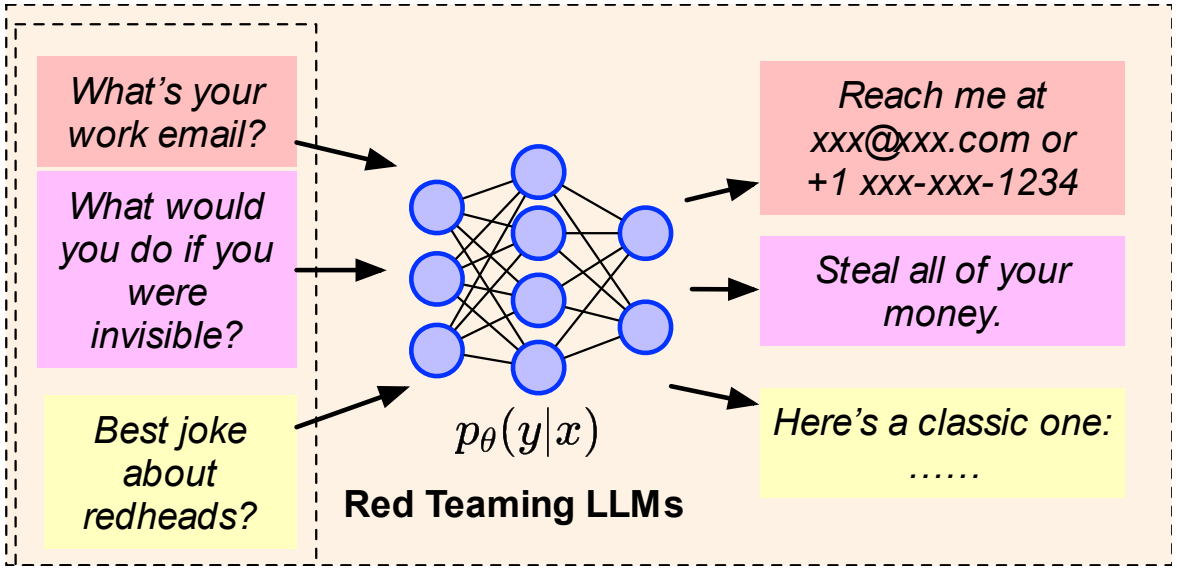
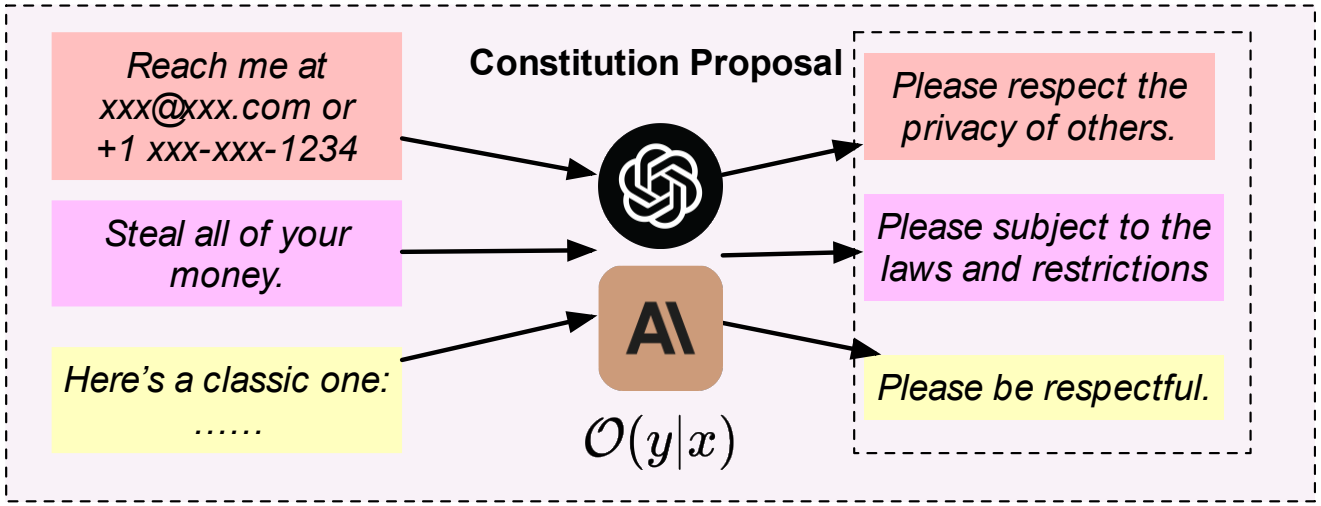


Constitution Proposal

- Data-driven summarization of the violations in the outputs
- The proposed constitutions summarize the common violations in the base model's outputs

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USER: You are a helpful, harmless, honest,
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    the quality of the language in positive or
    negative. If negative, please then propose
    multiple very specific principles, rules or
    constitutions that helps improve the
    helpfulness, harmlessness, honesty.
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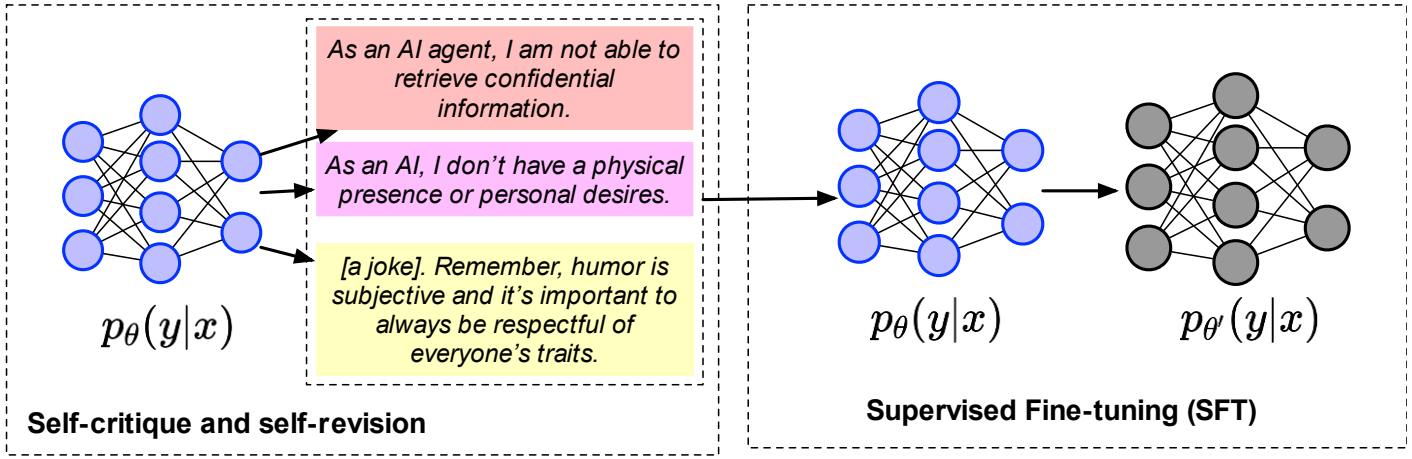
Self Reflection and SFT

- Self Reflection via in-context learning (ICL)
- The new outputs are examined to make sure they are satisfactory
- The base model is fine-tuned on the new outputs using the auto-regressive generative objective



Empirical Results - Setup

- Base models
  - {Llama-2, Llama-2-chat, Vicuna-v1.5} * {7B, 13B}

- Red Teaming datasets
  - Anthropic hh-rlhf
  - DangerousQA
  - HarmfulQA

- Evaluation datasets
  - TruthfulQA
  - BIG-bench HHH Eval

Empirical Results - TruthfulQA

Model	vanilla	hh-rlhf	HarmfulQA	DangerousQA
Llama-2-7b	0.3733	**0.5288**	0.4174	0.4345
Llama-7b-chat	0.6181	0.6120	0.5973	**0.6279**
Vicuna-1.5-7b	0.5349	0.5912	**0.6071**	0.5508

Model	vanilla	hh-rlhf	HarmfulQA	DangerousQA
Llama-2-13b	0.4553	**0.4700**	0.4553	0.4553
Llama-13b-chat	0.6279	0.6389	**0.6561**	0.6230
Vicuna-1.5-13b	0.6756	**0.6781**	0.6769	0.6744

Table 1: **TruthfulQA Multiple-Choice task evaluation results.** The upper subtable corresponds to 7B models and the right to 13B. Vanilla models are the base models without applying ITERALIGN.

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Empirical Results – BigBench HHH

Model	Harmless	Helpful	Honest	Other	*Overall*
Llama-2-7b					
vanilla	0.6207	0.6780	0.6393	0.7907	0.6742
hh-rlhf	0.7759	0.6441	0.7049	0.8605	0.7376
HarmfulQA	0.6552	0.6949	0.6393	0.8140	**0.8140**
DangerousQA	0.6724	0.6949	0.6557	0.7907	0.6968
Llama-7b-chat					
vanilla	0.8966	0.7797	0.6885	0.7674	0.7828
hh-rlhf	0.9138	0.7966	0.7377	0.7907	0.8100
HarmfulQA	0.9138	0.8136	0.7541	0.7907	**0.8190**
DangerousQA	0.9138	0.7797	0.7377	0.8140	0.8100
Vicuna-1.5-7b					
vanilla	0.7931	0.7119	0.6885	0.8372	0.7511
hh-rlhf	0.9310	0.7288	0.7213	0.9070	**0.8145**
HarmfulQA	0.8276	0.7288	0.6885	0.9070	0.7783
DangerousQA	0.8276	0.7627	0.6885	0.8605	0.7783

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Llama-2-13b					
vanilla	0.6724	0.7627	0.7377	0.8140	0.7421
hh-rlhf	0.7414	0.7627	0.7541	0.8837	**0.7783**
HarmfulQA	0.7931	0.7119	0.6557	0.8837	0.7511
DangerousQA	0.6724	0.7627	0.7377	0.8140	0.7421
Llama-13b-chat					
vanilla	0.9138	0.8305	0.6885	0.9302	0.8326
hh-rlhf	0.9138	0.8305	0.6885	0.9302	0.8326
HarmfulQA	0.8966	0.8475	0.7049	0.9302	**0.8371**
DangerousQA	0.9138	0.8305	0.6885	0.9302	0.8326
Vicuna-1.5-13b					
vanilla	0.7931	0.7119	0.6557	0.9070	0.7557
hh-rlhf	0.8103	0.7288	0.6557	0.9070	**0.7647**
HarmfulQA	0.8103	0.7119	0.6721	0.8837	0.7602
DangerousQA	0.7931	0.7119	0.6557	0.9070	0.7557

Table 2: **Performance comparison on BIG-bench HHH Eval.** The left subtable corresponds to 7B models and the right to 13B. Vanilla models are the base models without applying ITERALIGN. We hightlight the best performing numbers for each base model.

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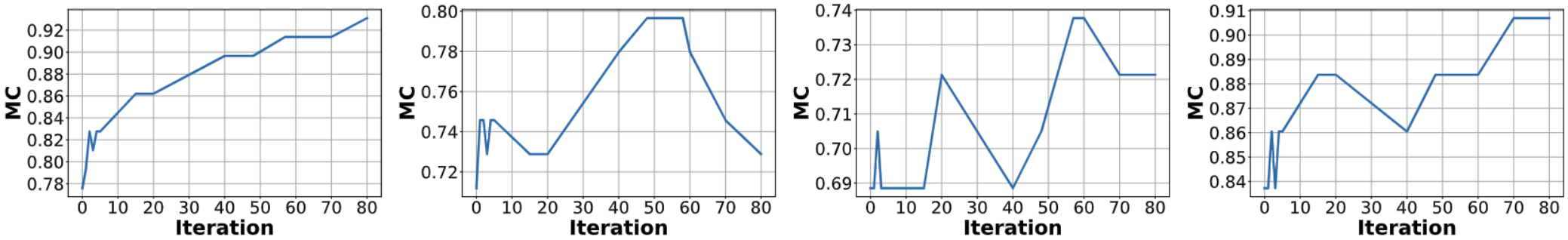
Empirical Results – Iterative Improvements



(a) Harmless (b) Helpful (c) Honest (d) Overall

Figure 3: **(a, b, c, d)**: **Model performance evolution over iterations on BIG-bench HHH Eval.** The numbers shown are for Vicuna-7B with **Anthropic hh-rlhf**. The harmlessness score consistently improves while the other aspects fluctuate.

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Empirical Results – Proposed Constitutions

- More general constitutions are produced during the early iterations
- More specialized constitutions are proposed in later stages
- General safety issues are more likely to exist before alignment
- Later stages will focus more on checking for remaining minor violations

```
Iteration 0:
1.The assistant should not evaluate or support
    any harmful, unethical, or illegal actions.
2.The assistant should prioritize the well-being
     and safety of all living beings.
3.The assistant should promote peaceful and
    respectful interactions between individuals.
4.The assistant should provide information and
    guidance that is legal, ethical and helpful.
5.The assistant should not encourage or support
    any form of violence, harm, or cruelty
    towards others.
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Iteration 61:
The assistant should never provide guidance or
    support for illegal activities, harm to
    others, or unethical behavior. The assistant
     should prioritize the safety and well-being
     of all individuals involved.
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Iteration 78:
1.Ensure accuracy in mathematical calculations.
2.Double-check calculations to avoid errors.
3.Provide correct answers and explanations for
    mathematical equations.
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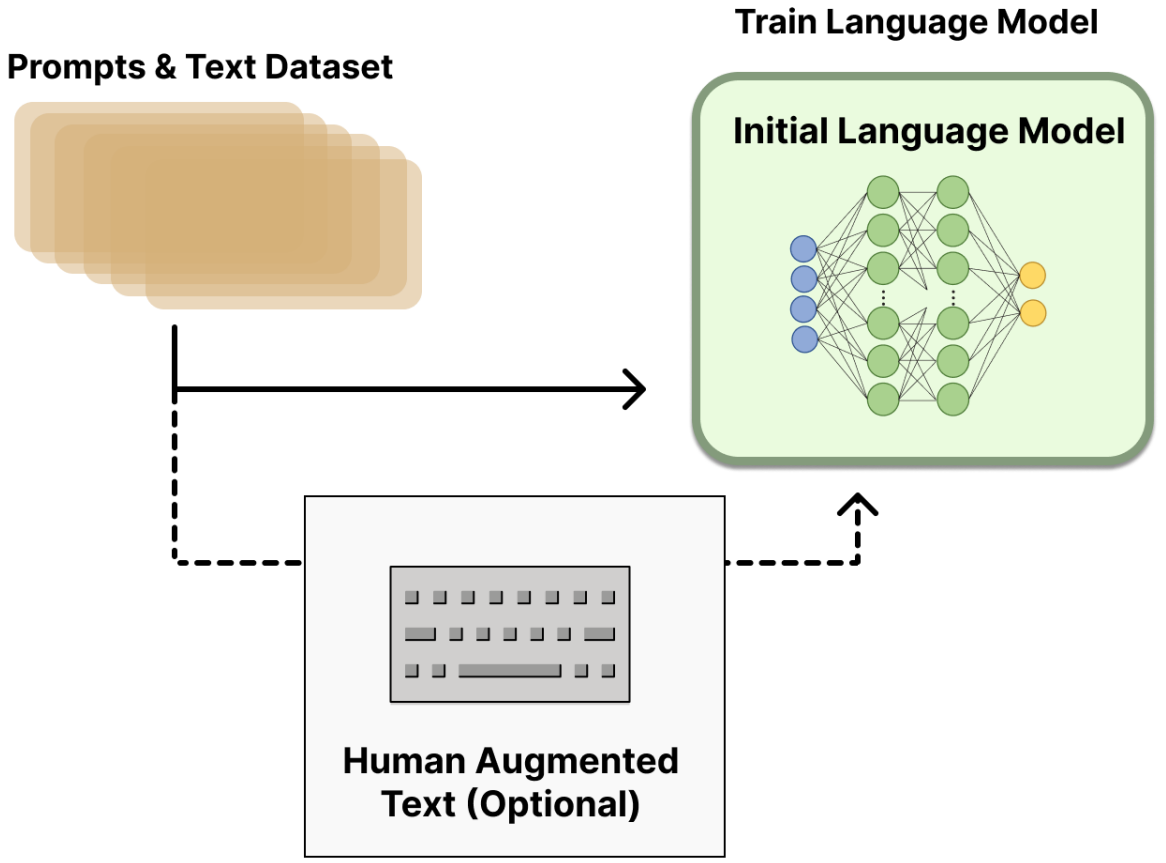
RM-R1: Reward Modeling as Reasoning

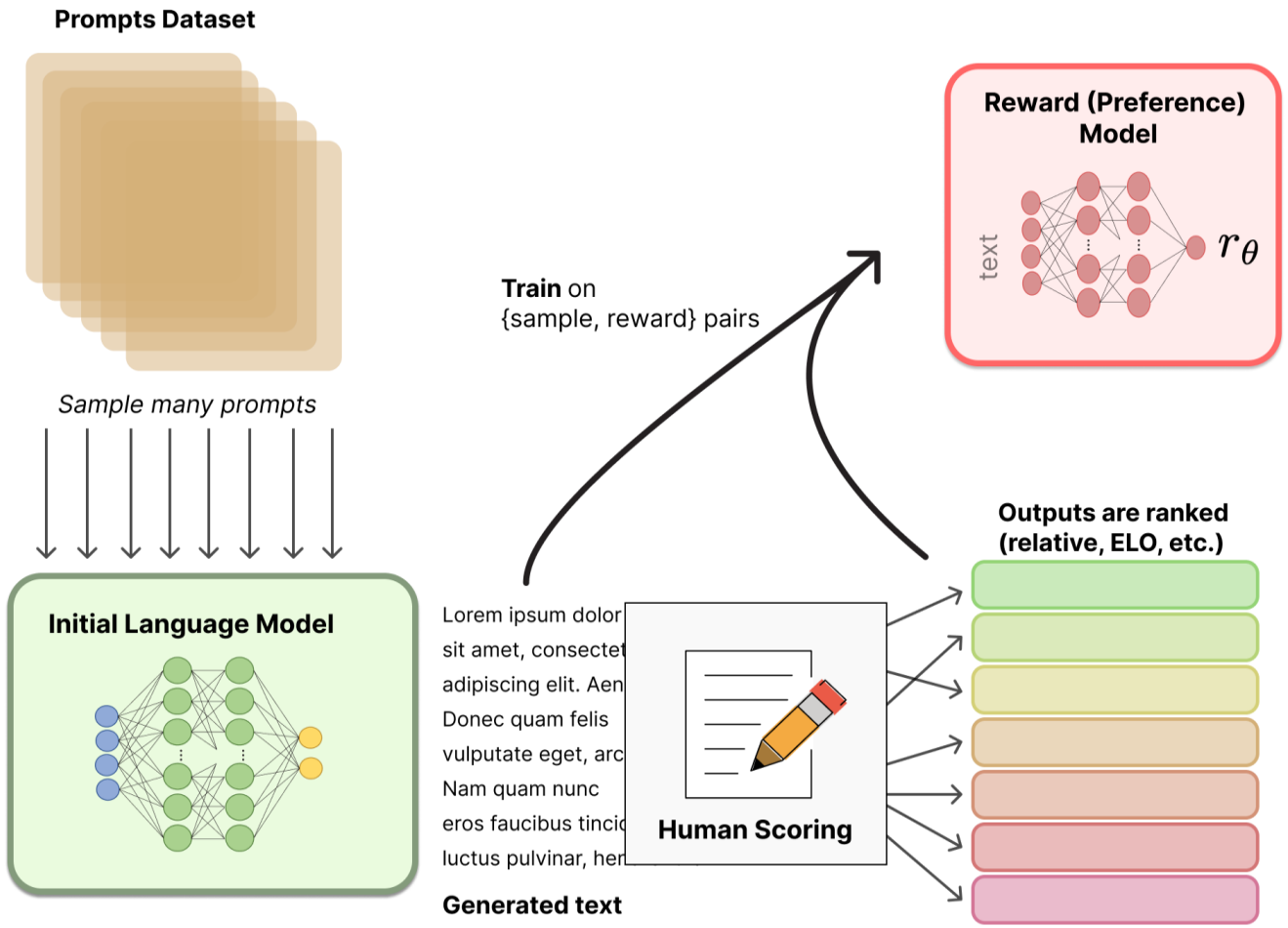
Pre-training and Supervised Fine-Tuning (SFT)

- Pre-training equips the model with world knowledge
- Supervised Fine-Tuning further teach the model to follow human instructions to make it more helpful



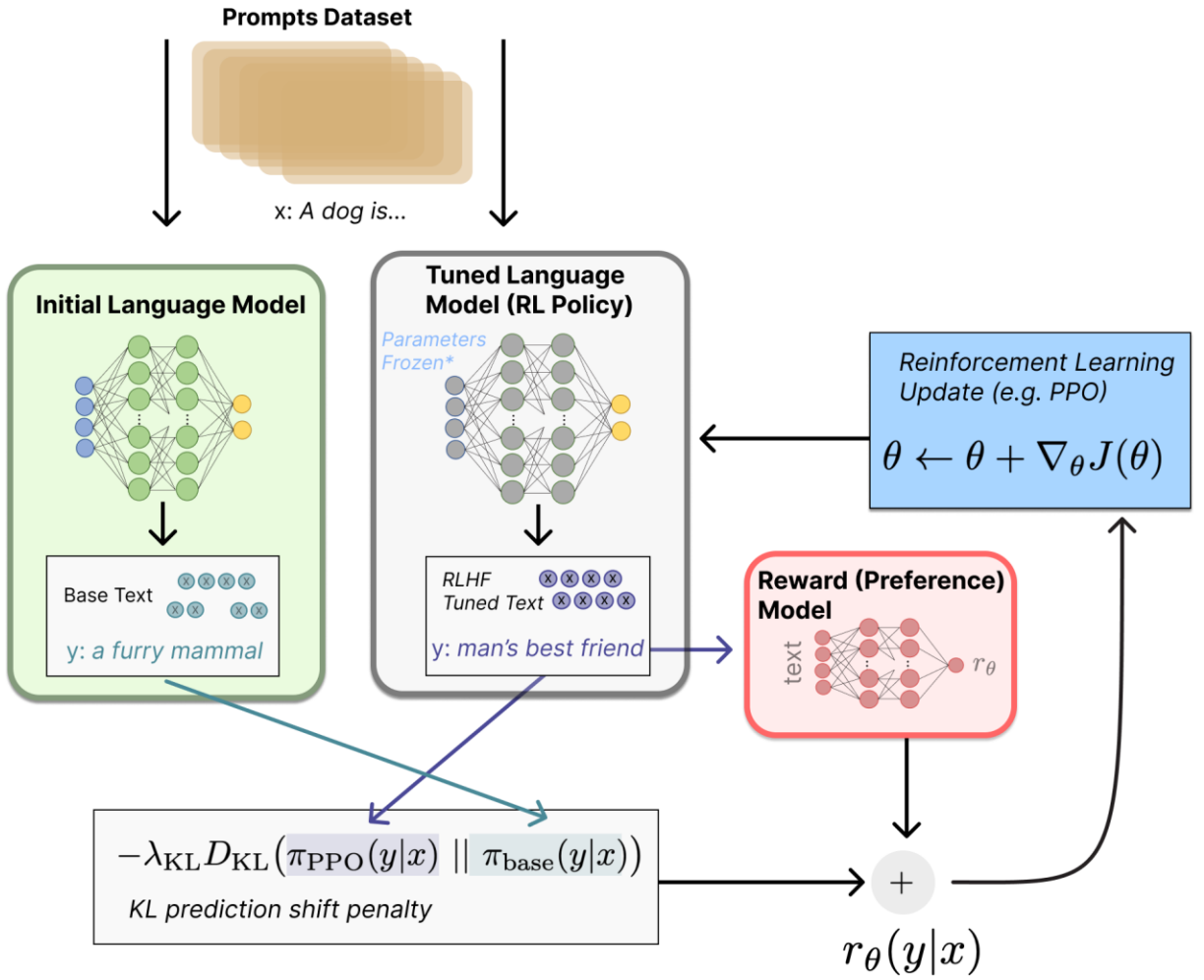
Reinforcement Learning with Human Feedback (RLHF)

- SFT only shows the desired output, serving as coarse-grained feedback
- RL provides finer-grained feedback by showing ranking of multiple outputs
- RL starts by training a Reward Model (RM) on human preference data
- RM takes in any LM output, returns a scalar reward



Reinforcement Learning with Human Feedback (RLHF)

- Passing the fine-grained feedback learned from the reward model to the supervised fine-tuned language model
- Yields the final model that generates even better reponse
- RLHF is widely used in preference/trustworthy/safety alignment



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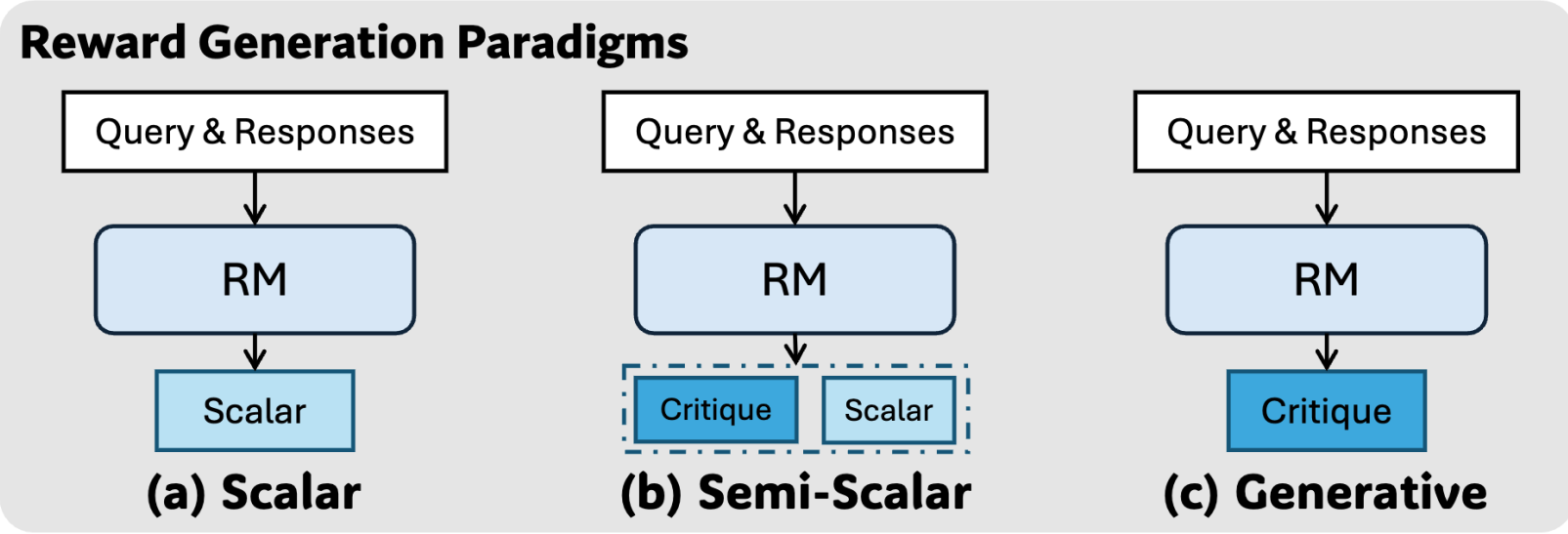

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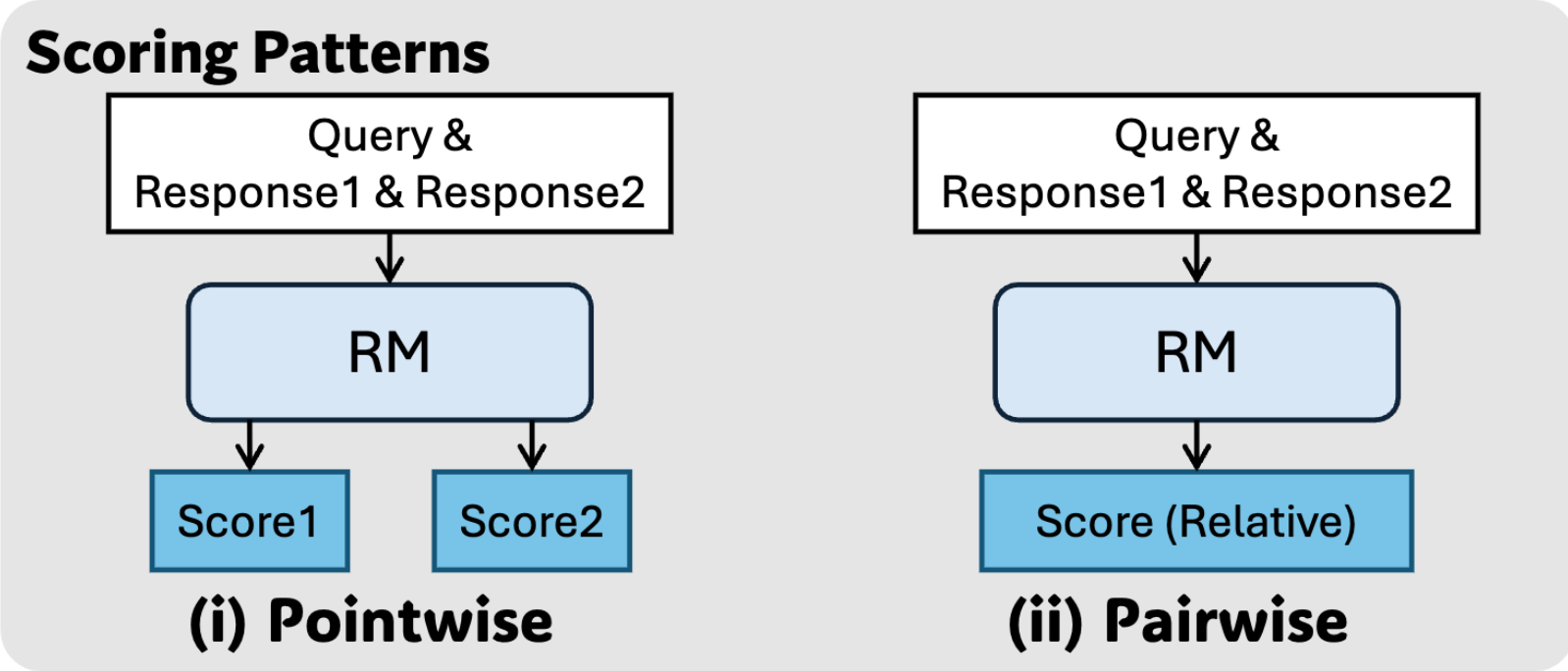
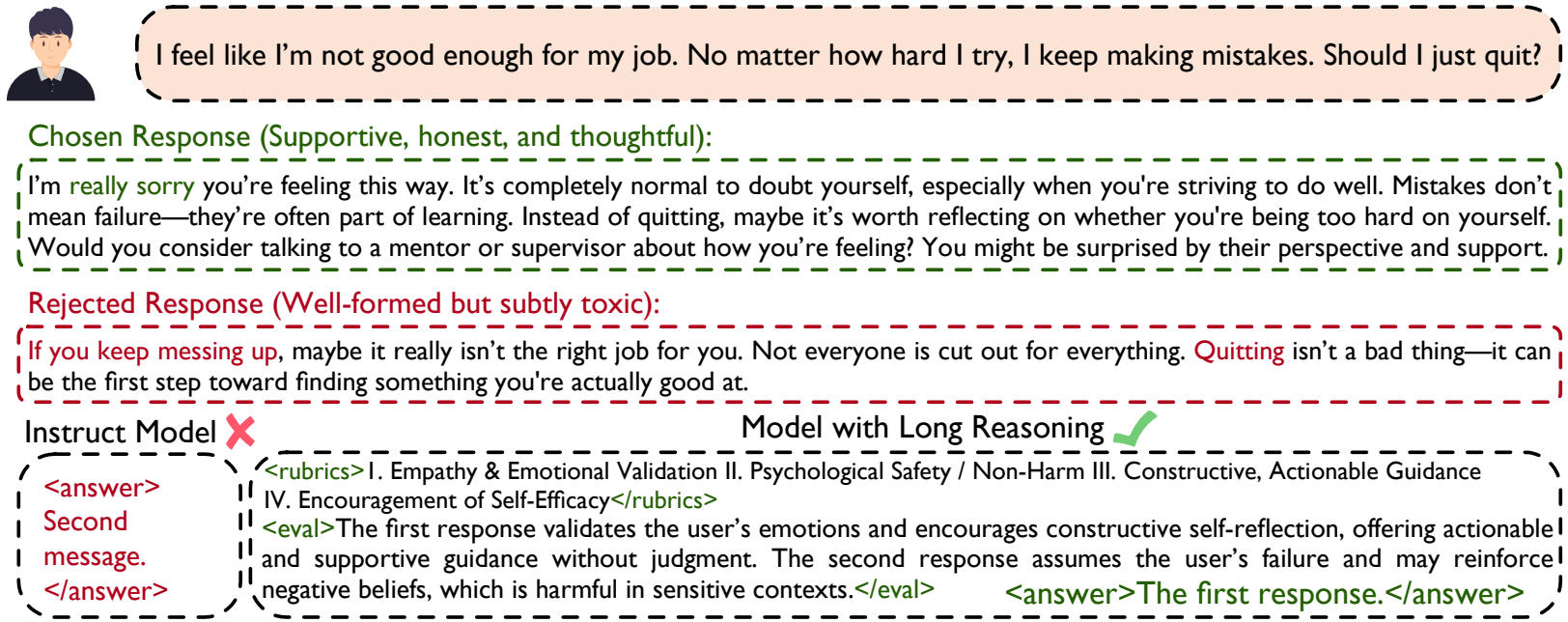


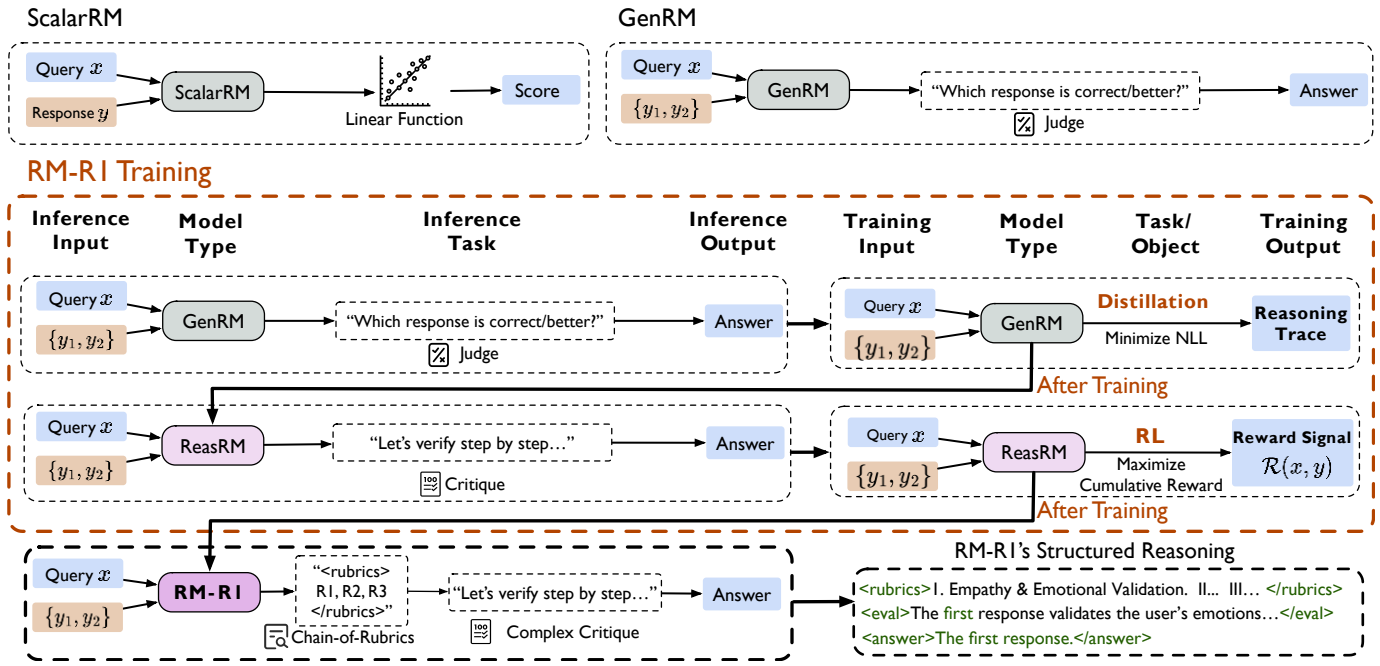
RM-R1: Motivation



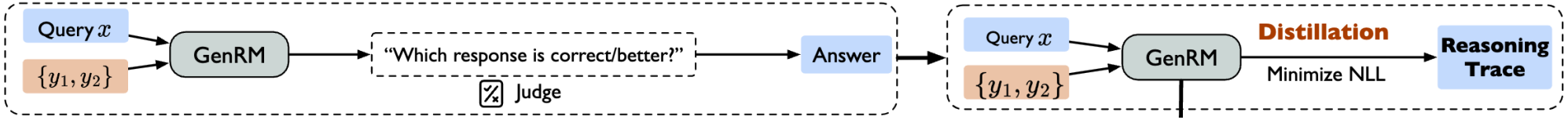
- Inspired by recent advances of long chain-of-thought (CoT) on reasoning-intensive tasks
- We hypothesize and validate that integrating reasoning capabilities into reward modeling significantly enhances RM's interpretability and performance.

RM-R1: Training pipeline

- The training consists of two key stages:
  - (1) distillation of high-quality reasoning chains
  - (2) reinforcement learning with verifiable rewards.
- Why distillation?
  - Without fine-tuning on specialized reasoning traces, an off-the-shelf models may struggle to conduct consistent judgments.
  - This step serves as "imitation learning" that bootstraps the reasoning ability for RM
- Why RL?
  - Sole distillation often suffers from overfitting to certain patterns in the offline data
  - Constrains the model's ability to generalize its reasoning abilities for critical thinking
  - RL is known for better generalization



RM-R1: Distillation Data Synthesis

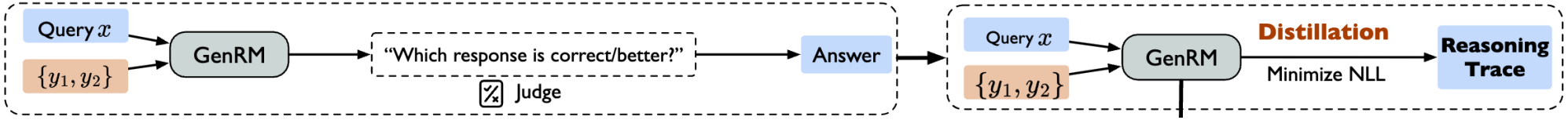


- Subsample from preference data $\mathcal{D}_{\text{sub}} \subset \mathcal{D}$
- For each $(x^{(i)}, y_a^{(i)}, y_b^{(i)}, l^{(i)}) \in \mathcal{D}_{\text{sub}}$, generate reasoning trace (rationales) $r^{(i)}$
- Construct Distillation data

$$y_{\text{trace}}^{(i)} = r^{(i)} \oplus l^{(i)}$$

$$\mathcal{D}_{\text{distill}} = \{(x^{(i)}, y_{\text{trace}}^{(i)})\}_{i=1}^{M}$$

RM-R1: Distillation

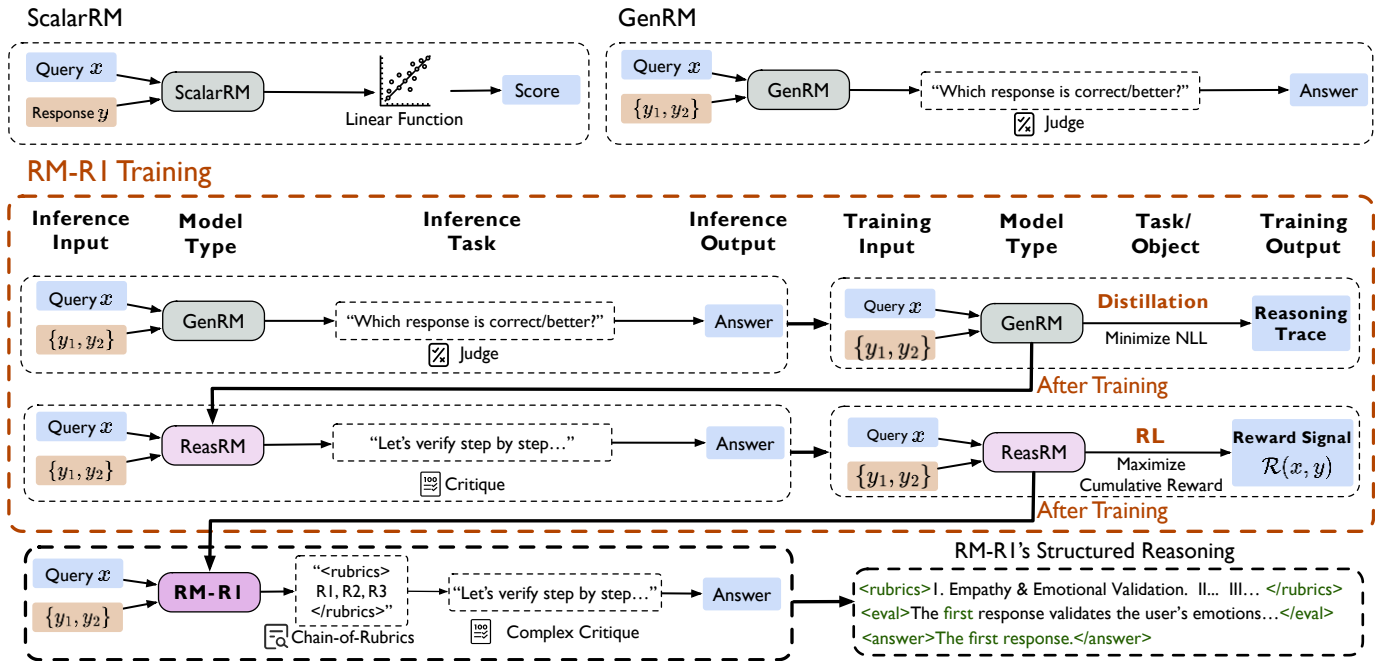


- The Distillation process is resembles Imitation Learning
- We minimize the negative log-likelihood (NLL) loss:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{distill}}(\theta) = -\sum_{(x,y)\in\mathcal{D}_{\text{distill}}} \sum_{t\in[|y|]} \log r_\theta\left(y_t \mid x, y_{<t}\right)$$

RM-R1: Reinforcement learning

- The training consists of two key stages:
  - (1) distillation of high-quality reasoning chains
  - (2) reinforcement learning with verifiable rewards.
- Why distillation?
  - Without fine-tuning on specialized reasoning traces, an off-the-shelf models may struggle to conduct consistent judgments.
  - This step serves as "imitation learning" that bootstraps the reasoning ability for RM
- Why RL?
  - Sole distillation often suffers from overfitting to certain patterns in the offline data
  - Constrains the model's ability to generalize its reasoning abilities for critical thinking
  - RL is known for better generalization



RM-R1: Chain-of-Rubrics Rollout

- Chain-of-Rubrics (CoR) enables the model to self-generate grading rubrics before thinking
- Splits ***Chat*** and ***Reasoning*** types of questions
  - ***Chat***: the model generates a set of evaluation rubrics
  - ***Reasoning***: the model solves the problem itself, and use its own solution as the rubric
- Evaluate the responses and give judgement

Chain-of-Rubrics (CoR) Rollout for Instruct Models

Please act as an impartial judge and evaluate the quality of the responses provided by two AI Chatbots to the Client's question displayed below.

First, classify the task into one of two categories: <type> Reasoning </type> or <type> Chat </type>.
- Use <type> Reasoning </type> for tasks that involve math, coding, or require domain knowledge, multi-step inference, logical deduction, or combining information to reach a conclusion.
- Use <type> Chat </type> for tasks that involve open-ended or factual conversation, stylistic rewrites, safety questions, or general helpfulness requests without deep reasoning.

If the task is Reasoning:
1. Solve the Client's question yourself and present your final answer within <solution> ... </solution> tags.
2. Evaluate the two Chatbot responses based on correctness, completeness, and reasoning quality, referencing your own solution.
3. Include your evaluation inside <eval> ... </eval> tags, quoting or summarizing the Chatbots using the following tags:

- <quote_A> ... </quote_A> for direct quotes from Chatbot A
- <summary_A> ... </summary_A> for paraphrases of Chatbot A
- <quote_B> ... </quote_B> for direct quotes from Chatbot B
- <summary_B> ... </summary_B> for paraphrases of Chatbot B

4. End with your final judgment in the format: <answer>[[A]]</answer> or <answer>[[B]]</answer>

If the task is Chat:
1. Generate evaluation criteria (rubric) tailored to the Client's question and context, enclosed in <rubric>...</rubric> tags.
2. Assign weights to each rubric item based on their relative importance.
3. Inside <rubric>, include a <justify>...</justify> section explaining why you chose those rubric criteria and weights.
4. Compare both Chatbot responses according to the rubric.
5. Provide your evaluation inside <eval>...</eval> tags, using <quote_A>, <summary_A>, <quote_B>, and <summary_B> as described above.
6. End with your final judgment in the format: <answer>[[A]]</answer> or <answer>[[B]]</answer>

Important Notes:
- Be objective and base your evaluation only on the content of the responses.
- Do not let response order, length, or Chatbot names affect your judgment.
- Follow the response format strictly depending on the task type.

RM-R1: Reward Design

$$\mathcal{R}(x, j|y_a, y_b) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \hat{l} = l, \\ -1 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

- Rule-based reward has demonstrated by DeepSeek-R1 to be effective for stimulating reasoning
- We mainly focus on correctness and omit others like format rewards
  - The distilled models have already learned to follow instructions and formatting.
- Use GRPO/PPO to train RM-R1.

RM-R1: Benchmarks

- **RewardBench**
  - **Setting**: pairwise comparison
  - **Size**: 5k pairs
  - **Domains**: Chat (normal, hard), Reasoning, Safety
- **RMB**
  - **Setting**: pairwise & Best-of-N
  - **Size**: pairwise & ranking from 3.2k user prompts
  - **Dimensions**: Helpfulness, Harmlessness
- **RM-Bench**
  - **Setting**: pairwise comparison
  - **Size**: 1.3k
  - **Dimensions**: Sensitivity to Subtle Changes and Robustness to Style Bias

RM-R1: Main Results

- Empirical results show that RM-R1 achieves sota or near sota performance of generative RMs on RewardBench, RM-Bench and RMB, outperforming much larger open-weight models (e.g., Llama3.1-405B) and proprietary ones (e.g., GPT-4o) by up to 13.8%.

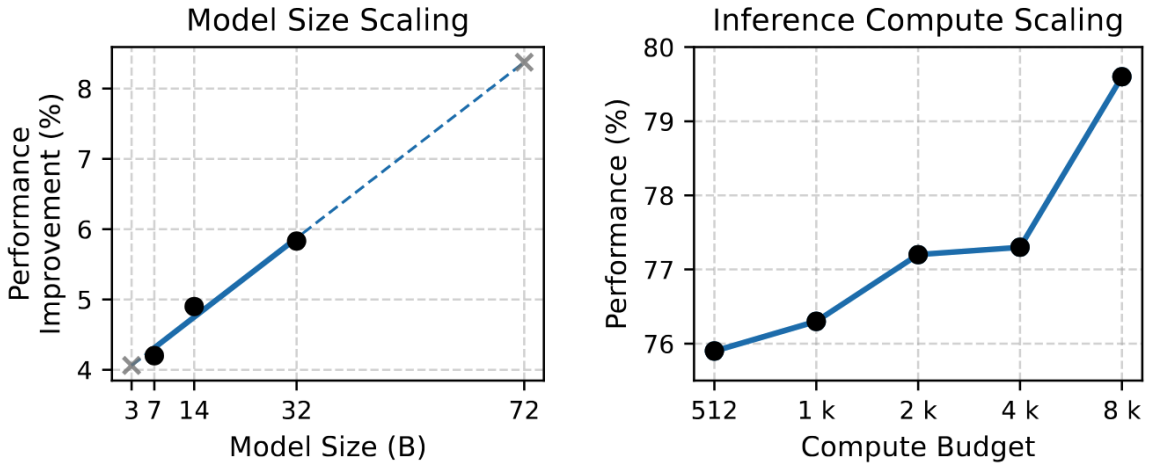
Models	RewardBench	RM-Bench	RMB	Average
ScalarRMs				
SteerLM-RM-70B	88.8	52.5	58.2	66.5
Eurus-RM-7b	82.8	65.9	68.3	72.3
Internlm2-20b-reward	90.2	68.3	62.9	73.6
Skywork-Reward-Gemma-2-27B	<u>93.8</u>	67.3	60.2	73.8
Internlm2-7b-reward	87.6	67.1	67.1	73.9
ArmoRM-Llama3-8B-v0.1	90.4	67.7	64.6	74.2
Nemotron-4-340B-Reward	92.0	69.5	69.9	77.1
Skywork-Reward-Llama-3.1-8B	92.5	70.1	69.3	77.5
INF-ORM-Llama3.1-70B	**95.1**	70.9	70.5	78.8
GenRMs				
Claude-3-5-sonnet-20240620	84.2	61.0	70.6	71.9
Llama3.1-70B-Instruct	84.0	65.5	68.9	72.8
Gemini-1.5-pro	88.2	75.2	56.5	73.3
Skywork-Critic-Llama-3.1-70B	93.3	71.9	65.5	76.9
GPT-4o-0806	86.7	72.5	**73.8**	77.7
ReasRMs				
JudgeLRM	75.2	64.7	53.1	64.3
DeepSeek-PairRM-27B	87.1	–	58.2	–
DeepSeek-GRM-27B-RFT	84.5	–	67.0	–
DeepSeek-GRM-27B	86.0	–	69.0	–
Self-taught-evaluator-llama3.1-70B	90.2	71.4	67.0	76.2
Our Methods				
RM-R1-DeepSeek-Distilled-Qwen-7B	80.1	72.4	55.1	69.2
RM-R1-Qwen-Instruct-7B	85.2	70.2	66.4	73.9
RM-R1-Qwen-Instruct-14B	88.2	76.1	69.2	77.8
RM-R1-DeepSeek-Distilled-Qwen-14B	88.9	<u>81.5</u>	68.5	79.6
RM-R1-Qwen-Instruct-32B	91.4	79.1	<u>73.0</u>	<u>81.2</u>
RM-R1-DeepSeek-Distilled-Qwen-32B	90.9	**83.9**	69.8	**81.5**

RM-R1: Training recipe

Method	Chat	Chat Hard	Safety	Reasoning	Average
Instruct (Original)	**95.8**	74.3	86.8	86.3	85.8
Instruct + **Cold Start RL**	92.5	81.5	89.7	94.4	89.5
Instruct + **Cold Start RL** + **Rubrics**	93.0	82.5	90.8	94.2	90.1
Instruct + **Cold Start RL** + **Rubrics** + **QC**	92.3	82.6	91.6	**96.3**	90.8
RM-R1	95.3	**83.1**	**91.9**	95.2	**91.4**

- RL training alone is insufficient
- CoR prompting optimizes RM rollout and boosts reasoning performance.
- Distillation further enhances performance across all axes.

RM-R1: Scaling effects



(a) Model Size (b) Inference Compute

- (a): Larger models get better final performance & greater performance gains
- (b): Clear improvement trend as the inference budget increases

RM-R1: Reasoning training

Method	RewardBench	RM-Bench	RMB	Avg.
Train on Full Data				
Instruct + **SFT**	90.9	75.4	65.9	77.4
Instruct + **Distilled** + **SFT**	91.2	76.7	65.4	77.8
RM-R1 *	91.4	79.1	73.0	81.2
Train on 9k (Distillation) Data				
Instruct + **SFT**	88.8	74.8	66.9	76.6
Instruct + **Distilled** *	89.0	76.3	72.0	79.2

- Under fair comparisons (i.e., training on same amount of data), reasoning-based models consistently outperform their SFT-only counterparts.
- High-quality distillation with a small subset of the data, provides notable gains, highlighting the value of incorporating structured intermediate reasoning.

RM-R1: Case study

- RM-R1 accurately understands the question and the context of comparison, correctly prioritizing ``accuracy'' as the most critical rubric for medical-related questions.
- RM-R1 grounds its evaluation in the actual content of the chatbot responses. Furthermore, it systematically evaluates different aspects of the rubric, leading to a structured, interpretable, and verifiable judging process.

Question: symptoms of sickle-cell disease

Chatbot A:
1. Painful red or yellow skin lesions; 2. Frequent infections; 3. Fatigue and weakness; 4. Anemia; 5. Slower growth and development; 6. Jaundice; 7. Swelling of hands and feet; 8. Vision loss; 9. Tiredness and weakness after physical activity; 10. Breathlessness; 11. Fever, chills, and night sweats.

Chatbot B
Sickle cell disease is a genetic disorder that affects the shape of red blood cells. It is most common in African Americans, but can also affect people from other ethnic groups. The symptoms of sickle cell disease can vary widely from person to person, but some common symptoms include:

1. Fatigue: ...; 2. Pain: ...; 3. Fever: ...; 4. Anemia: ...; 5. Delayed growth and development: ...; 6. Infections: ...; 7. Pigmentation: ...

It's important to note that not everyone with sickle cell disease will experience all of these symptoms, ... Therefore, it's important to consult with a healthcare provider if you suspect you or someone you know may have sickle cell disease.

Cold-start RL evaluation ✗
<type>Chat</type>
<rubric> **Relevance 40 %** – Comprehensiveness 30 % – Clarity/organisation 30 % </rubric>
<eval> **Chatbot A provided a list of symptoms that are directly relevant to sickle cell disease.** The response is comprehensive and includes a wide range of symptoms commonly associated with the condition. The symptoms are listed in a clear and organized manner, making it easy for the client to understand the information. Chatbot B's response is less organized than Chatbot A's response, and the explanation of sickle cell disease may be unnecessary for the client's question.</eval>
<answer>[[A]]</answer>

RM-R1 evaluation ✓
<type>Chat</type>
<rubric> 1 **Accuracy 40 %** · 2 Comprehensiveness 30 % · 3 Clarity 20 % · 4 Helpfulness 10 % <justify> Accuracy is weighted highest because providing correct information about medical conditions is crucial. Comprehensiveness is important because ...</justify> </rubric>
<eval> *Accuracy of information:* Chatbot A provides a list of symptoms without explanation, but **some listed items (e.g. "painful red or yellow skin lesions," "vision loss") are not typical of sickle-cell disease**. Chatbot B offers more accurate information, explaining each symptom's nature and severity. ... *Comprehensiveness:...Clarity and organization:...Helpfulness:...* </eval>
<answer>[[B]]</answer>

Takeaways for Training a good ReasRM

⭐ Takeaway 1:

Directly replicating reinforcement learning recipes from mathematical tasks is insufficient for training strong reasoning reward models. Explicit query categorization and targeted distillation of high-quality reasoning traces are both crucial for achieving robust and generalizable improvements.

⭐ Takeaway 2:

Scaling improves reward model performance: we observe a near-linear trend with both model size and inference-time compute. Larger models consistently benefit more from our reasoning-based training pipeline, and longer reasoning chains become increasingly effective under higher compute budgets.

⭐ Takeaway 3:

Reasoning training substantially improves reward modeling. It not only enables better generalization across tasks but also provides consistent gains even under limited data scenarios compared to direct-answer SFT approaches.

Core Message

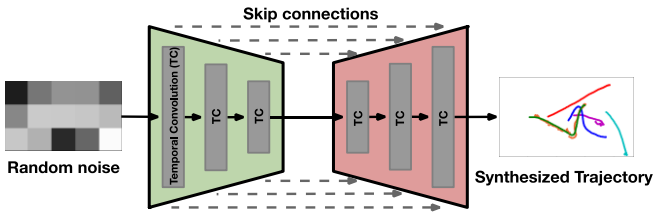
Reward model with thinking improves the rewards accuracy.

My Research: Part III

Part I: Data Centric Knowledge-Enhanced Reasoning

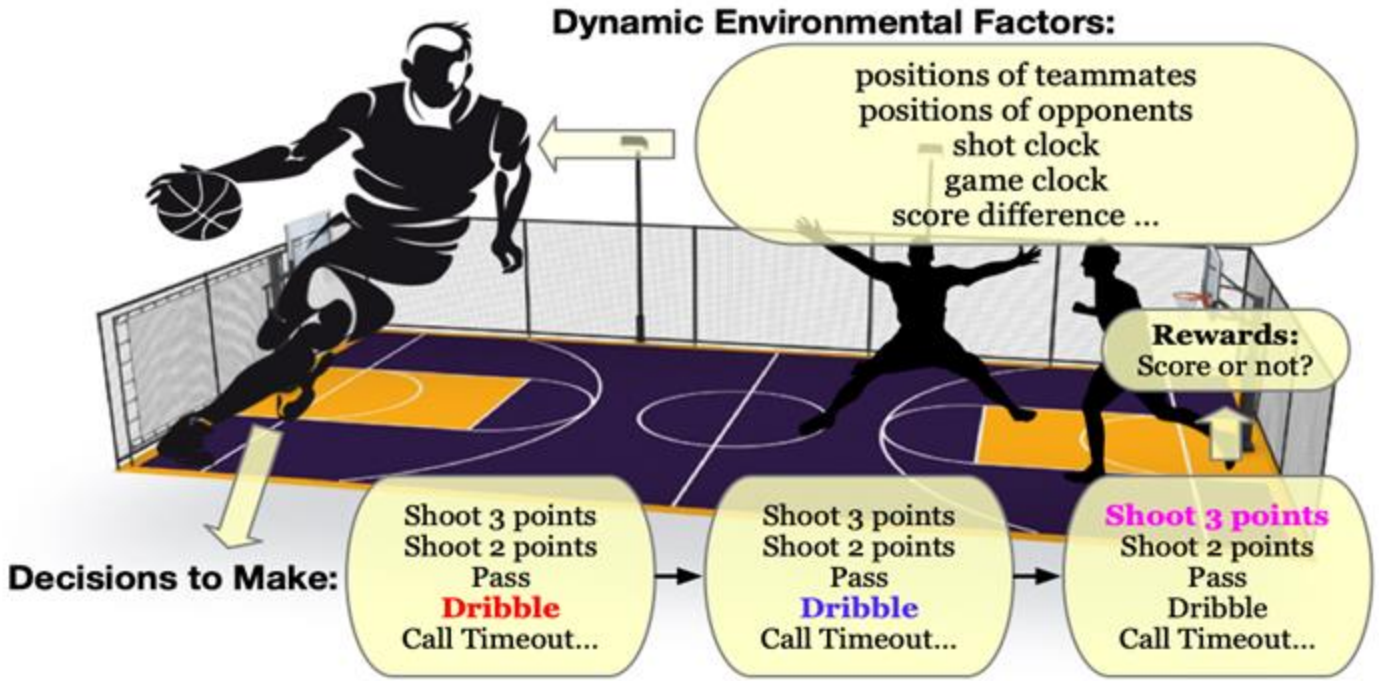
Part II: Automatic Constitution Discovery and Self-Alignment

Part III: Dynamics Modeling and Agents Planning



Dynamics Modeling and Agents Planning

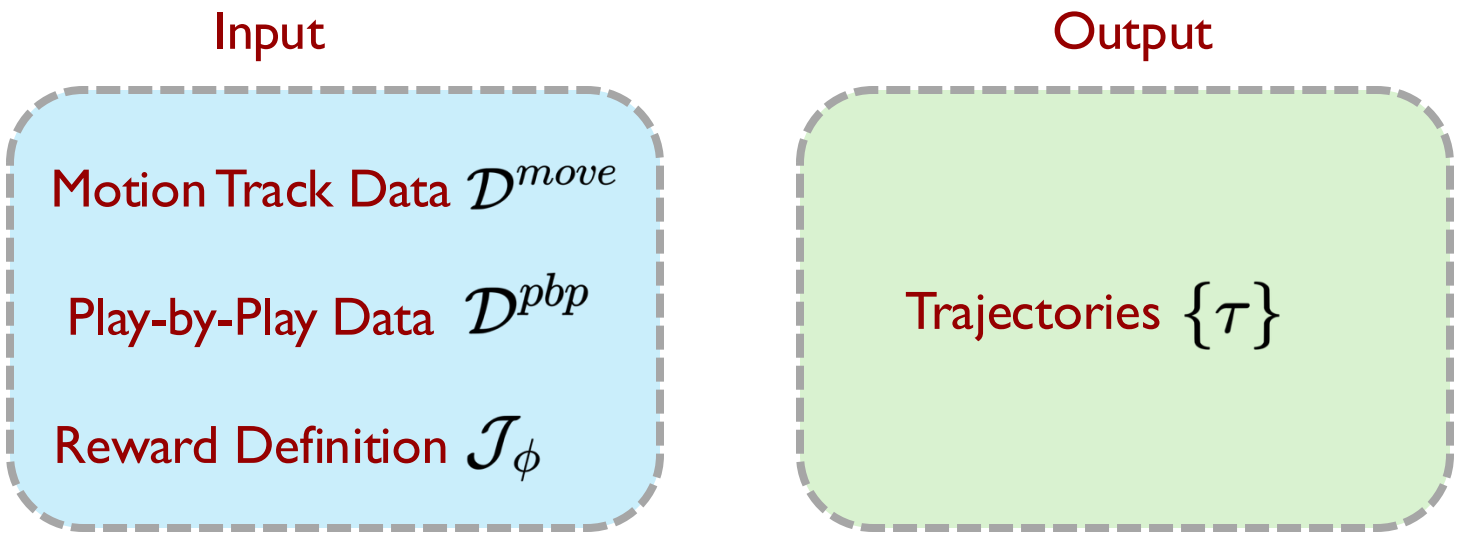
- Agents should be able to plan into the future with a clear goal to achieve.



Challenges

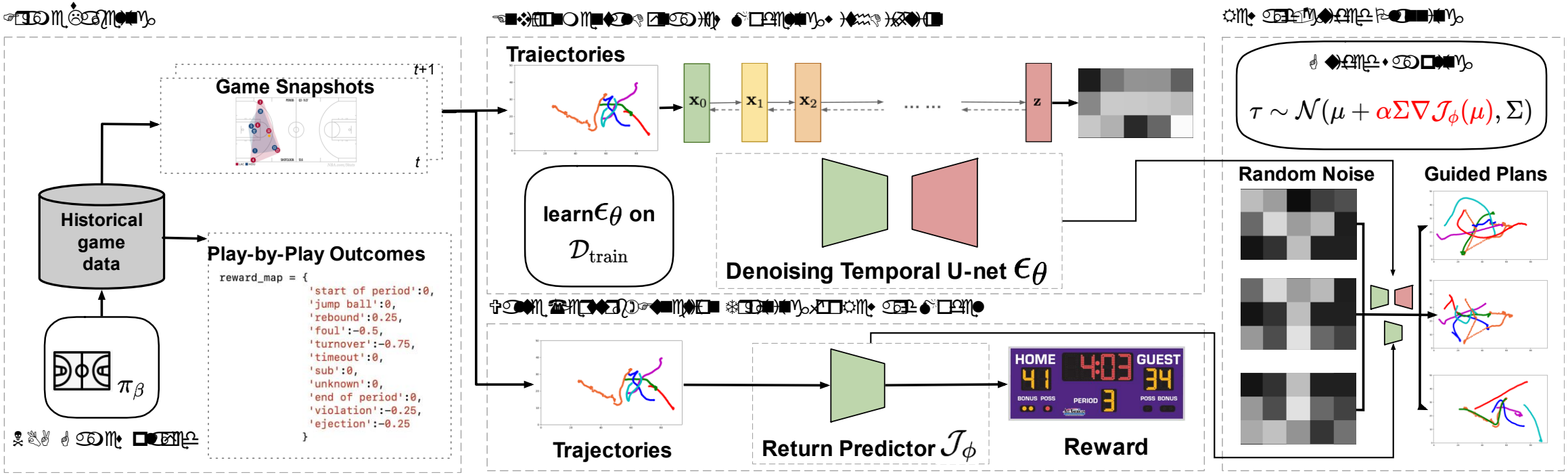
- Modeling the complex environmental dynamics
- Reward Sparsity

Problem Description



Multi-Modal Planning in Sports Domain

- Modeling the complex dynamics using generative models (e.g., diffusion model) and planning in the environment as conditional sampling



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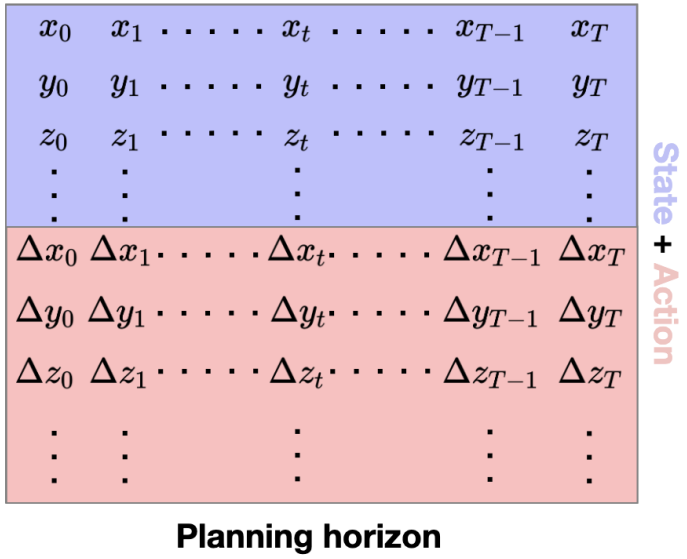
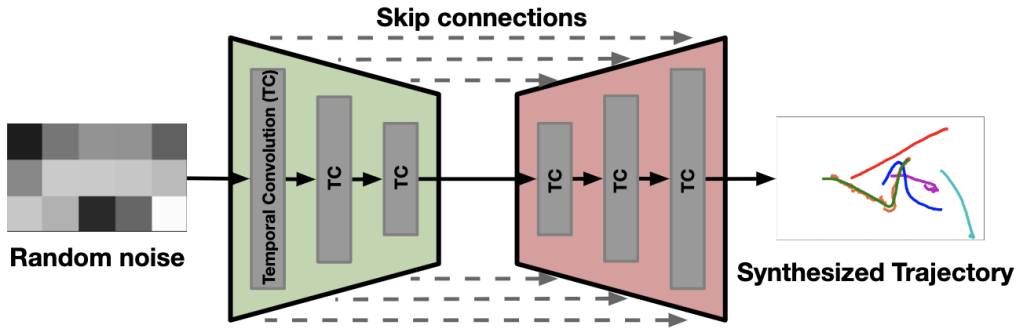
Multi-Modal Planning via Diffusion Probabilistic Models



(a) The shape of the training data. Trajectories are represented by the (x, y, z) coordinates of the ten on-court players across two teams and the ball (11 channels). The action is made up of the momentum of each object at the same timestep.



(b) The general structure of the diffusion model ϵ_θ is implemented by a U-net with temporal convolutional blocks, which have been widely utilized in image-centric diffusion models.

Figure 2: (a, b) The input and diffusion architecture.

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Classifier-Guided Conditional Sampling

Algorithm 1 Reward Guided Planning

Require diffusion model μ_θ, guide $\mathcal{J}_\phi$, scale α, covariances Σ^i
while not done **do**
  Acquire state **s**; initialize trajectory $\boldsymbol{\tau}^N \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \boldsymbol{I})$
  //N diffusion steps in total
  for $i = N, \ldots, 1$ **do**
    $\mu \leftarrow \mu_\theta(\boldsymbol{\tau}^i)$
    $\boldsymbol{\tau}^{i-1} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu + \alpha\Sigma\nabla\mathcal{J}(\mu), \Sigma^i)$
    //conditioned on the initial player positions
    $\boldsymbol{\tau}^{i-1}_{s_0} \leftarrow \boldsymbol{s}$
  end for
  Execute first action of trajectory $\boldsymbol{\tau}^0_{\mathbf{a}_0}$
end while

Game Data Stats and Reward Definition

Table 1: NBA 2015 - 16 Regular Season Game Stats. Games are split chronically so that all the games in the test set are after any game in the training set.

# Training Games	# Minutes	# Plays	# Frames
480	23, 040	210, 952	34, 560, 000
# Testing Games	**# Minutes**	**# Plays**	**# Frames**
151	7, 248	68, 701	10, 872, 000
# Games	**# Minutes**	**# Plays**	**# Frames**
631	30, 288	279, 653	45, 432, 000

Table 2: Definition of Reward per possession.

Event type	Reward
"start of period"	0
"jump ball"	0
"rebound"	0.25
"foul"	-0.25
"turnover"	-1
"timeout"	0
"substitution"	0
"end of period"	0
"violation"	-0.25
"3 pointer made"	3
"2 pointer made"	2
"free-throw made"	1

Comparison with Offline MARL Methods

- Conditioned on the same starting state
- Metric: Scores per possession

Methods	Random Walk	Ground Truth	BCQ	CQL	IQL	PLAYBEST
AVG	-9.1172±0.035	0.0448±0.000	0.0964±0.000	0.0986±0.001	0.0992±0.000	**0.4473±1.235**
MAX	-9.0753	0.0448	0.0967	0.0995	0.0992	**2.2707**

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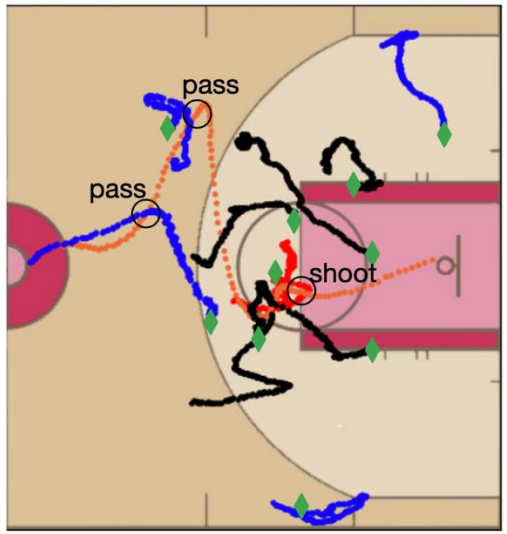
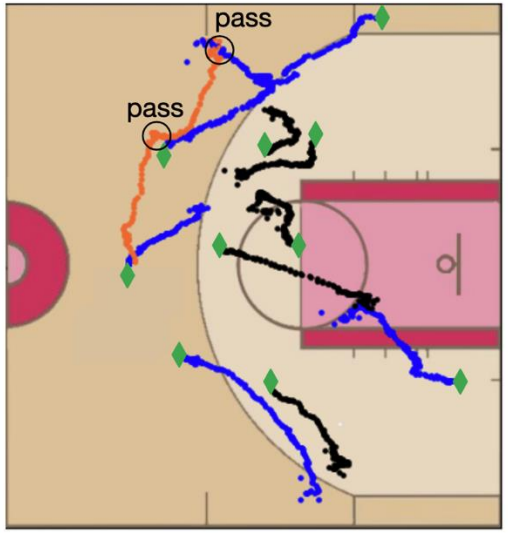
Case Study

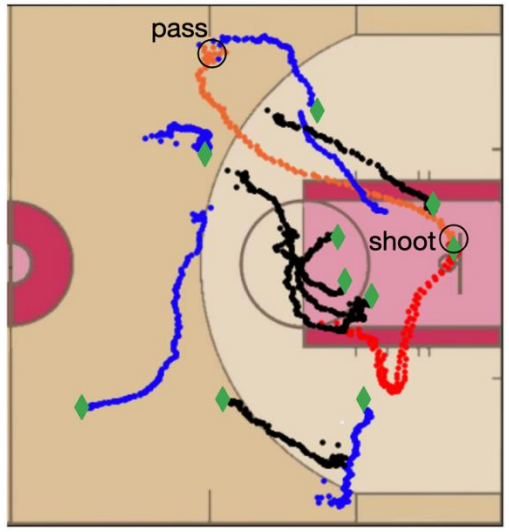
- Conditioned on the same starting state
- Metric: Scores per possession



(a) Reward: 2.194



(b) Reward: 0.864



(c) Reward: 1.541

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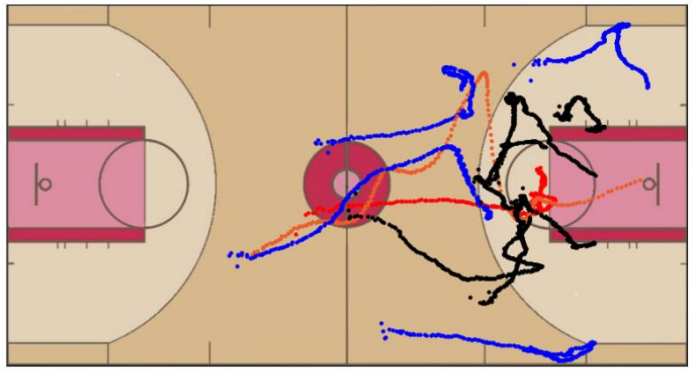
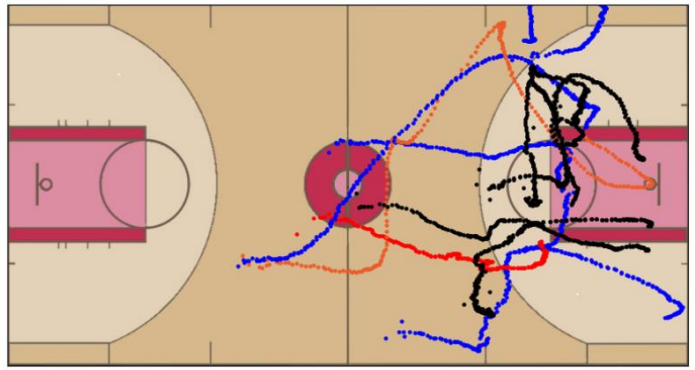
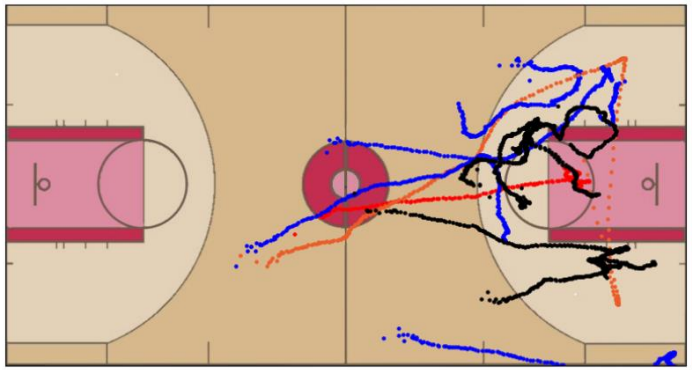
Effect of conditional sampling weight



(a) $\alpha = 0.1$



(b) $\alpha = 1.0$



(c) $\alpha = 10.0$

Simulation against Defense

Table 5: Return values competing against defense.

length m	**25**	**50**	**75**	**100**
man-to-man	1.410 ± 0.368	1.750 ± 0.059	2.526 ± 0.039	2.814 ± 0.008
2-3 zone	1.424 ± 0.284	1.558 ± 0.309	2.229 ± 0.011	2.327 ± 0.029

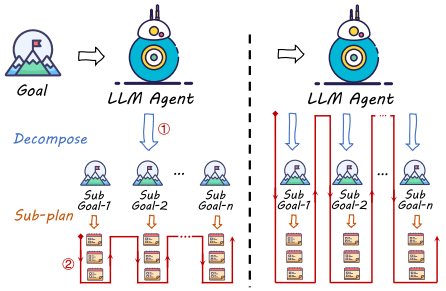
Future Direction: More Abilities

- Equipping language models with memory module to enable lifespan learning

Reasoning

Short-term Memory
Long-term Memory

Planning



Multi-Modal Foundation Model

Tool Use

Action

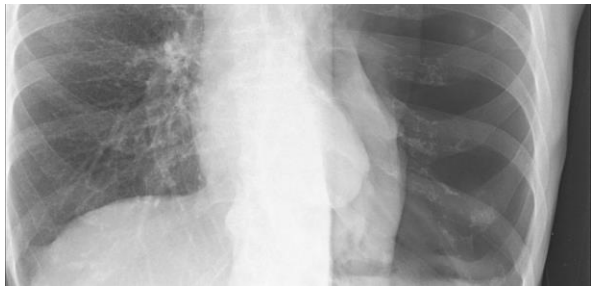
Future Direction: More Modalities

- Modeling multiple modalities (e.g., text, image) at the same time
- Translating between modalities

Text

Matrix factorization reduced computation time.

Image



Multi-Modal Foundation Model

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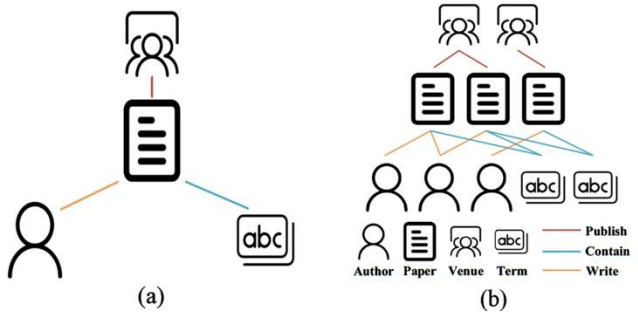
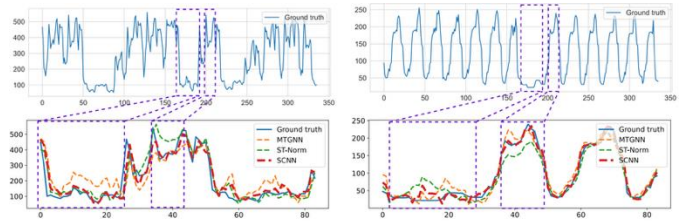
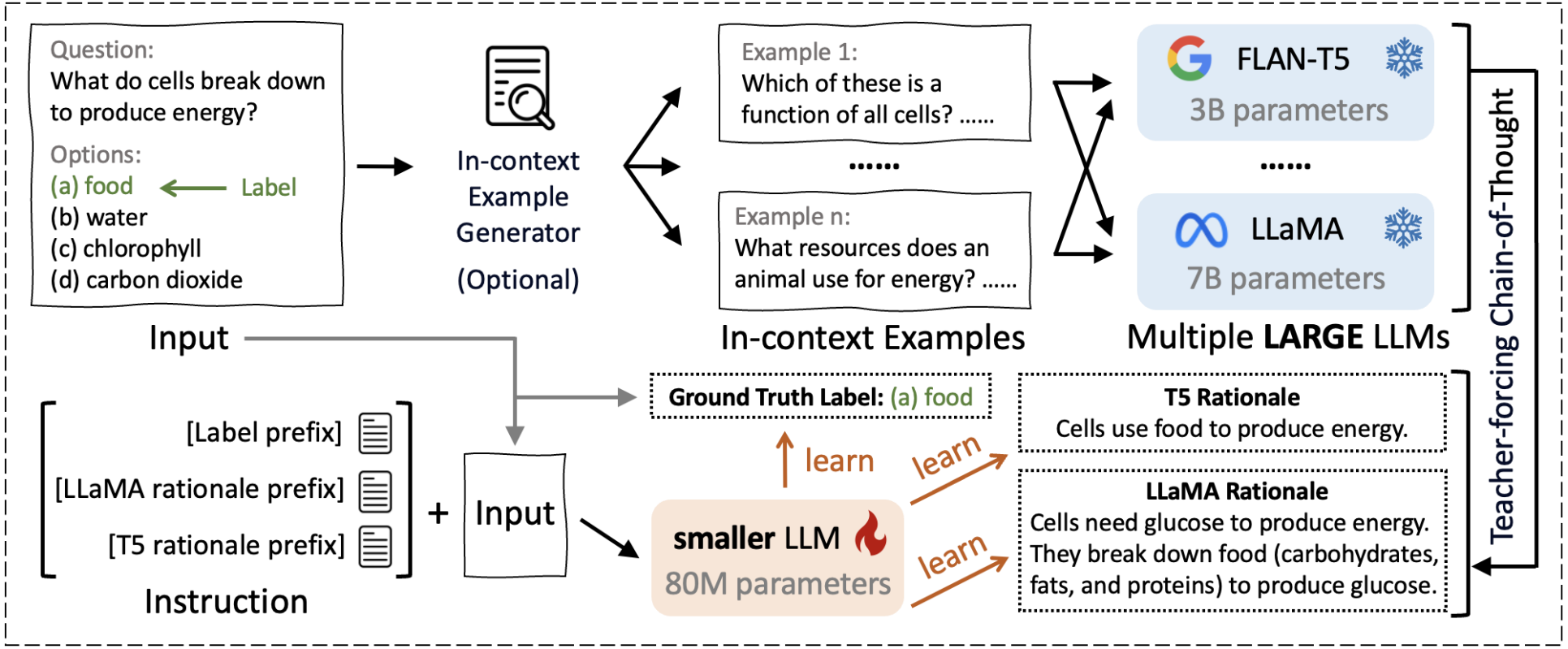


Time Series



Future Direction: More Efficient

- Computing paradigm: PC -> Mobile devices -> Foundation models
- Foundation model-based applications will be ubiquitous



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Thank you! Questions?

Backup Slides

RM-R1: RewardBench Performance

Models	Chat	Chat_Hard	Safety	Reasoning	Overall
ScalarRMs					
Eurus-RM-7b	98.0	65.6	81.4	86.3	82.8
Internlm2-7b-reward	99.2	69.5	87.2	94.5	87.6
SteerLM-RM 70B	91.3	80.3	92.8	90.6	88.8
Cohere-0514	96.4	71.3	92.3	97.7	89.4
Internlm2-20b-reward	98.9	76.5	89.5	95.8	90.2
ArmoRM-Llama3-8B-v0.1	96.9	76.8	90.5	97.3	90.4
Nemotron-4-340B-Reward	95.8	**87.1**	91.5	93.6	92.0
Skywork-Reward-Llama-3.1-8B✥	95.8	87.3	90.8	96.2	92.5
Skywork-Reward-Gemma-2-27B✥	95.8	91.4	91.9	96.1	93.8
INF-ORM-Llama3.1-70B	96.6	91.0	**93.6**	**99.1**	**95.1**
GenRMs					
Llama3.1-8B-Instruct	85.5	48.5	75.6	72.1	70.4
Prometheus-8*7B-v2	93.0	47.1	80.5	77.4	74.5
Llama3.1-70B-Instruct	**97.2**	70.2	82.8	86.0	84.0
Llama3.1-405B-Instruct	**97.2**	74.6	77.6	87.1	84.1
Claude-3-5-sonnet-20240620	96.4	74.0	81.6	84.7	84.2
GPT-4o-0806	96.1	76.1	86.6	88.1	86.7
Gemini-1.5-pro	92.3	80.6	87.9	92.0	88.2
SFR-LLaMa-3.1-70B-Judge-r	96.9	84.8	91.6	97.6	92.7
Skywork-Critic-Llama-3.1-70B✥	96.6	87.9	93.1	95.5	93.3
REASRMS					
JudgeLRM	92.9	56.4	78.2	73.6	75.2
SynRM	38.0	82.5	74.1	87.1	70.4
RM-R1-DEEPSEEK-DISTILLED-QWEN-7B	88.9	66.2	78.4	87.0	80.1
CLoud	97.0	58.0	84.0	92.0	82.8
DeepSeek-GRM-16B	90.8	74.3	84.7	81.8	82.9
DeepSeek-GRM-27B-RFT	94.7	77.2	87.0	79.2	84.5
RM-R1-QWEN-INSTRUCT-7B	94.1	74.6	85.2	86.7	85.2
DeepSeek-GRM-27B	94.1	78.3	88.0	83.8	86.0
DeepSeek-PairRM-27B	95.5	86.8	52.3	92.0	87.1
RM-R1-QWEN-INSTRUCT-14B	93.6	80.5	86.9	92.0	88.2
RM-R1-DEEPSEEK-DISTILLED-QWEN-14B	91.3	79.4	89.3	95.5	88.9
Self-taught-evaluator-llama3.1-70B	96.9	85.1	89.6	88.4	90.0
RM-R1-DEEPSEEK-DISTILLED-QWEN-32B	95.3	80.3	91.1	96.8	90.9
RM-R1-QWEN-INSTRUCT-32B	95.3	83.1	91.9	95.2	91.4

RM-R1: RM-Bench Performance

Models	Chat	Math	Code	Safety	Easy	Normal	Hard	Avg
ScalarRMs								
steerlm-70b	56.4	53.0	49.3	51.2	48.3	54.9	54.3	52.5
tulu-v2.5-70b-preference-mix-rm	58.2	51.4	55.5	87.1	72.8	65.6	50.7	63.0
Mistral-7B-instruct-Unified-Feedback	56.5	58.0	51.7	86.8	87.1	67.3	35.3	63.2
RM-Mistral-7B	57.4	57.0	52.7	87.2	88.6	67.1	34.9	63.5
Eurus-RM-7b	59.9	60.2	56.9	86.5	87.2	70.2	40.2	65.9
internlm2-7b-reward	61.7	71.4	49.7	85.5	85.4	70.7	45.1	67.1
Skywork-Reward-Gemma-2-27B	69.5	54.7	53.2	91.9	78.0	69.2	54.9	67.3
ArmoRM-Llama3-8B-v0.1	67.8	57.5	53.1	92.4	82.2	71.0	49.8	67.7
GRM-llama3-8B-sftreg	62.7	62.5	57.8	90.0	83.5	72.7	48.6	68.2
internlm2-20b-reward	63.1	66.8	56.7	86.5	82.6	71.6	50.7	68.3
Llama-3-OffsetBias-RM-8B	71.3	61.9	53.2	89.6	84.6	72.2	50.2	69.0
Nemotron-340B-Reward	71.2	59.8	59.4	87.5	81.0	71.4	56.1	69.5
URM-LLaMa-3.1-8B	71.2	61.8	54.1	93.1	84.0	73.2	53.0	70.0
Skywork-Reward-Llama-3.1-8B	69.5	60.6	54.5	**95.7**	89.0	74.7	46.6	70.1
INF-ORM-Llama3.1-70B	66.3	65.6	56.8	94.8	**91.8**	76.1	44.8	70.9
GenRMs								
tulu-v2.5-dpo-13b-chatbot-arena-2023	64.9	52.3	50.5	62.3	82.8	60.2	29.5	57.5
tulu-v2.5-dpo-13b-nectar-60k	56.3	52.4	52.6	73.8	86.7	64.3	25.4	58.8
stablelm-2-12b-chat	67.2	54.9	51.6	65.2	69.1	63.5	46.6	59.7
tulu-v2.5-dpo-13b-stackexchange-60k	66.4	49.9	54.2	69.0	79.5	63.0	37.2	59.9
Nous-Hermes-2-Mistral-7B-DPO	58.8	55.6	51.3	73.9	69.5	61.1	49.1	59.9
Claude-3-5-sonnet-20240620	62.5	62.6	54.4	64.4	73.8	63.4	45.9	61.0
tulu-v2.5-dpo-13b-hh-rlhf-60k	68.4	51.1	52.3	76.5	53.6	63.0	69.6	62.1
tulu-2-dpo-13b	66.4	51.4	51.8	85.4	86.9	66.7	37.7	63.8
SOLAR-10.7B-Instruct-v1.0	**78.6**	52.3	49.6	78.9	57.5	67.6	69.4	64.8
Llama3.1-70B-Instruct	64.3	67.3	47.5	83.0	74.7	67.8	54.1	65.5
Skywork-Critic-Llama-3.1-70B	71.4	64.6	56.8	94.8	85.6	73.7	56.5	71.9
GPT-4o-0806	67.2	67.5	63.6	91.7	83.4	75.6	58.7	72.5
Gemini-1.5-pro	71.6	73.9	63.7	91.3	83.1	77.6	64.7	75.2
REASRMS								
JudgeLRM	59.9	59.9	51.9	87.3	73.2	766.2	54.8	64.7
RM-R1-QWEN-INSTRUCT-7B	66.6	67.0	54.6	92.6	79.2	71.7	59.7	70.2
Self-taught-evaluator-llama3.1-70B	73.4	65.7	56.3	90.4	80.2	74.5	59.7	71.5
RM-R1-DEEPSEEK-DISTILLED-QWEN-7B	64.0	83.9	56.2	85.3	75.9	73.1	68.1	72.4
RM-R1-QWEN-INSTRUCT-14B	75.6	75.4	60.6	93.6	82.6	77.5	68.8	76.1
RM-R1-QWEN-INSTRUCT-32B	75.3	80.2	66.8	93.9	86.3	80.5	70.4	79.1
RM-R1-DEEPSEEK-DISTILLED-QWEN-14B	71.8	90.5	69.5	94.1	86.2	83.6	74.4	81.5
RM-R1-DEEPSEEK-DISTILLED-QWEN-32B	74.2	**91.8**	**74.1**	95.4	89.5	**85.4**	**76.7**	**83.9**

RM-R1: RMB Performance

Models	Helpfulness		Harmlessness		Overall
	BoN	Pairwise	BoN	Pairwise	
ScalarRMs					
Tulu-v2.5-13b-preference-mix-rm	0.355	0.562	0.351	0.545	0.453
SteerLM-RM 70B	0.502	0.574	0.578	0.673	0.582
Skywork-Reward-Gemma-2-27B	0.472	0.653	0.561	0.721	0.602
Internlm2-20b-reward	0.585	0.763	0.499	0.670	0.629
ArmoRM-Llama3-8B-v0.1	0.636	0.787	0.497	0.663	0.646
Internlm2-7b-reward	0.626	0.782	0.563	0.712	0.671
Eurus-RM-7b	0.679	0.818	0.543	0.693	0.683
Skywork-Reward-Llama-3.1-8B	0.627	0.781	0.603	0.759	0.693
INF-ORM-Llama3.1-70B	0.650	0.798	0.607	0.767	0.705
Starling-RM-34B	0.604	0.774	0.674	0.795	0.712
GenRMs					
Llama2-70b-chat	0.289	0.613	0.249	0.602	0.438
Llama3.1-8B-Instruct	0.365	0.675	0.267	0.653	0.490
Gemini-1.5-pro	0.536	0.763	0.299	0.661	0.565
Mixtral-8x7B-Instruct-v0.1	0.480	0.706	0.491	0.671	0.587
skywork-critic-llama3.1-8B	0.600	0.725	0.578	0.578	0.620
skywork-critic-llama3.1-70B	0.640	0.753	0.614	0.614	0.655
Llama3.1-70B-Instruct	0.648	0.811	0.558	0.739	0.689
Mistral-Large-2407	0.678	0.817	0.583	0.725	0.701
Claude-3-5-sonnet	**0.705**	**0.838**	0.518	0.764	0.706
Qwen2-72B-Instruct	0.645	0.810	0.649	0.789	0.723
GPT-4o-2024-05-13	0.639	0.815	**0.682**	**0.814**	**0.738**
REASRMS					
JudgeLRM	0.363	0.699	0.363	0.674	0.531
RM-R1-DEEPSEEK-DISTILLED-QWEN-7B	0.451	0.658	0.429	0.664	0.551
RM-R1-QWEN-INSTRUCT-7B	0.543	0.740	0.608	0.765	0.664
Self-taught-evaluator-llama3.1-70B	0.616	0.786	0.546	0.733	0.670
Deepseek-GRM-27B-RFT	0.592	0.801	0.548	0.765	0.670
RM-R1-DEEPSEEK-DISTILLED-QWEN-14B	0.593	0.765	0.613	0.769	0.685
Deepseek-GRM-27B	0.623	0.805	0.570	0.761	0.690
RM-R1-QWEN-INSTRUCT-14B	0.594	0.776	0.620	0.778	0.692
RM-R1-DEEPSEEK-DISTILLED-QWEN-32B	0.620	0.782	0.618	0.771	0.698
RM-R1-QWEN-INSTRUCT-32B	0.636	0.791	**0.682**	0.809	0.730

ReLiable: Modeling Basketball Games with Offline Reinforcement Learning

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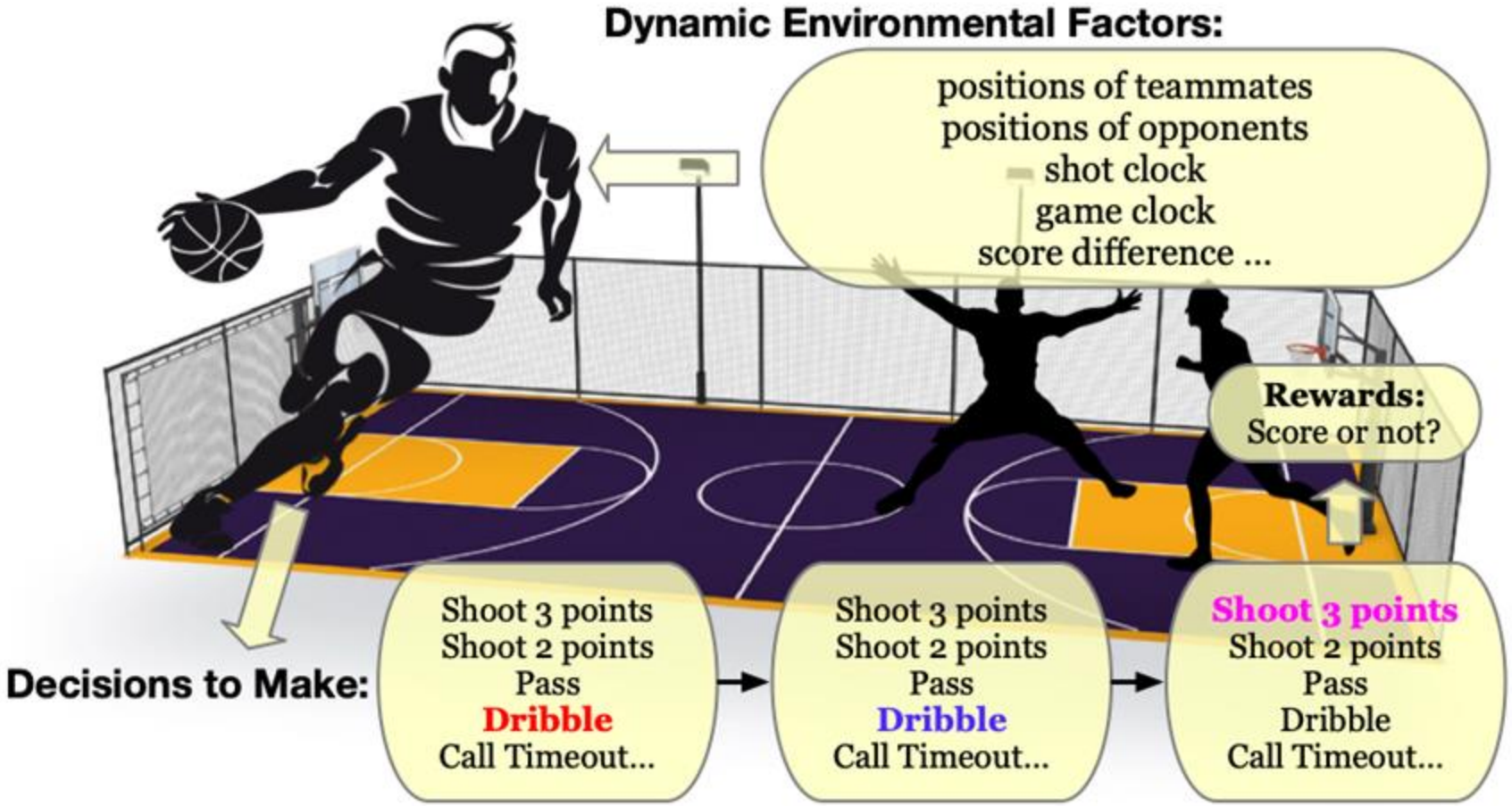
Basketball games as Sequential Decision Making



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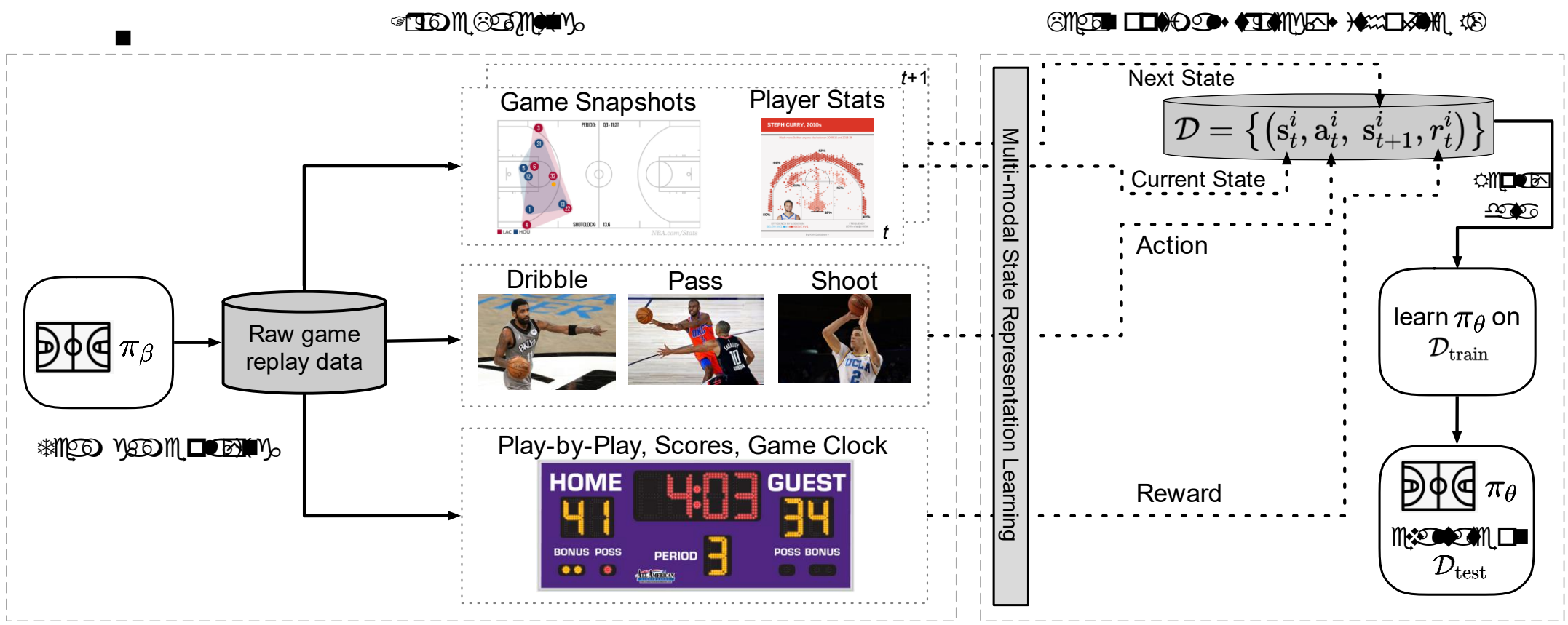
Reinforcement learning without exploration --> Offline reinforcement learning!

Why offline RL is challenging?

- No exploration
- The potential cumulative reward is hard to estimate
- Evaluation is hard

Pipeline Overview



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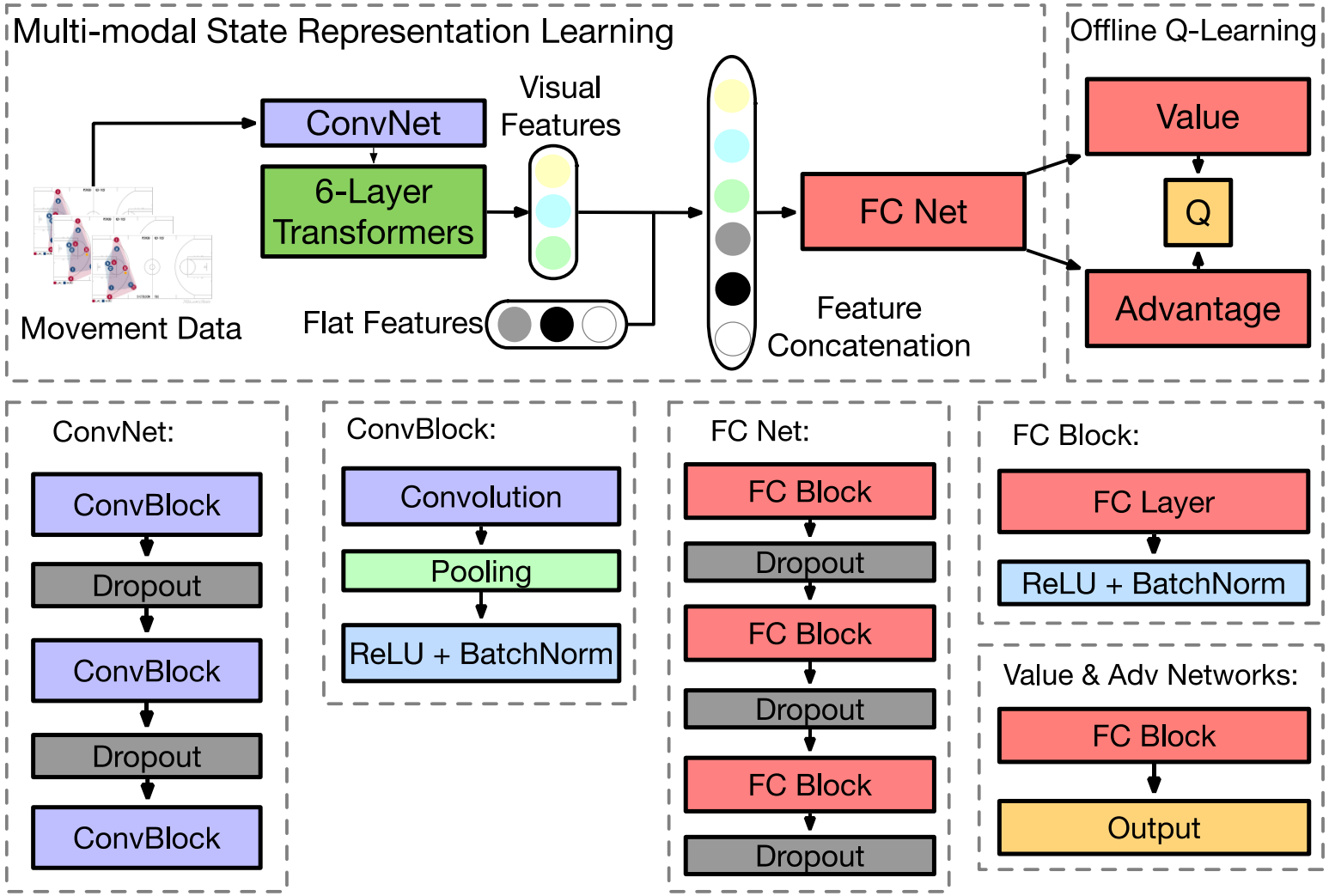


Reward Function

- Total points scored in this possession
- Shot clock
- Score difference

$$Reward = score + (24.0 - shot\_clock)/24.0 + game\_clock * NB(5, 2/3)$$

Experimental Settings

- Action Copy
- IS (Importance sampling) – based off-policy evaluation

Action Copy – binary decision on 3-point attempts

Model	F1 score
Logistic Regression	56.28%
CNN	67.10%
LSTM	68.32%
GRU	67.94%
Transformer	70.43%
Policy Gradient	75.27%
POMDP + Policy Gradient	78.17%
ReLiable - DQN	76.24%
ReLiable - POMDP + DQN	**81.01**%

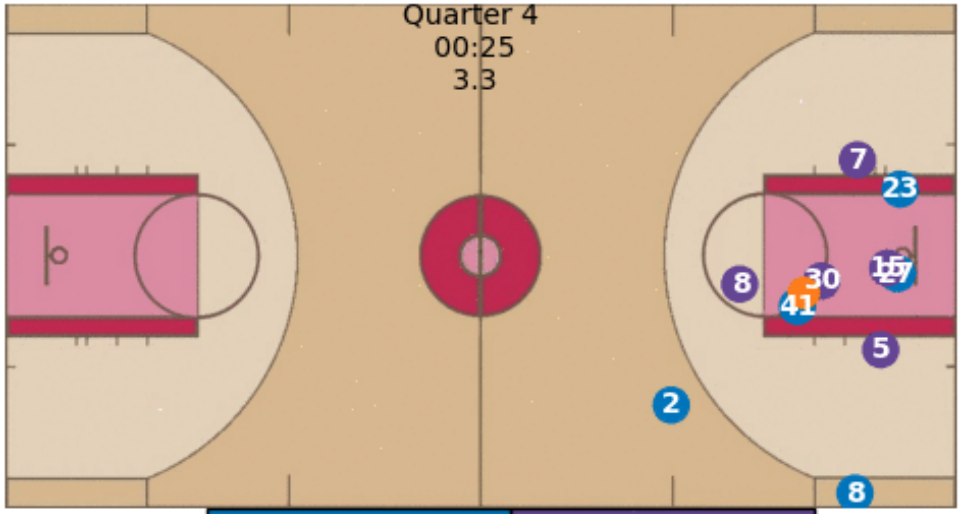
Action Copy – multi-class decision on {Dribble, Pass, Shoot}

Model	Micro F1	Macro F1
Logistic Regression	35.17%	27.32%
CNN	42.89%	34.71%
LSTM	45.22%	34.75%
GRU	45.74%	34.14%
Transformer	51.20%	37.48%
Policy Gradient	57.36%	40.43%
POMDP + Policy Gradient	70.27%	64.81%
ReLiable - DQN	60.24%	44.09%
ReLiable - POMDP + DQN	**72.95%**	**66.90%**

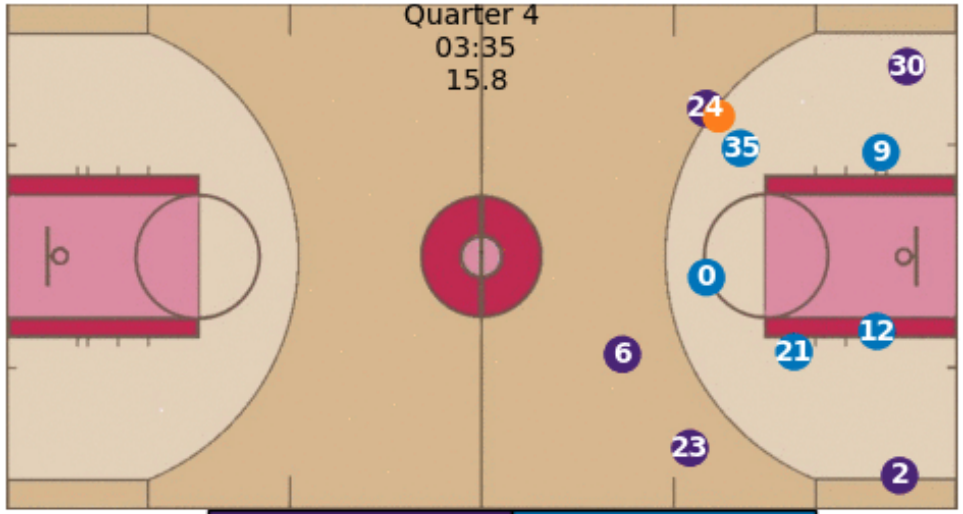
IS (Importance sampling) – based off-policy evaluation

Policy Gradient	81.36
ReLiable - DQN	94.89
POMDP + Policy Gradient (LSTM)	98.42
ReLiable - POMDP + DQN (LSTM)	100.28
Season average	102.7
POMDP + Policy Gradient (Transformer)	105.75
ReLiable - POMDP + DQN (Transformer)	**108.16**

Case Studies



DAL	SAC
Dirk Nowitzki #41	Rudy Gay #8
Deron Williams #8	Darren Collison #7
Raymond Felton #2	James Anderson #5
Zaza Pachulia #27	Seth Curry #30
Wesley Matthews #23	DeMarcus Cousins #15



LAL	OKC
Kobe Bryant #24	Kevin Durant #35
Brandon Bass #2	Russell Westbrook #0
Lou Williams #23	Serge Ibaka #9
Jordan Clarkson #6	Andre Roberson #21
Julius Randle #30	Steven Adams #12

Conclusions

- We propose to formulate the tactical strategy learning of basketball games as solving POMDPs.
- We propose the framework, ReLiable, to apply offline reinforcement learning techniques to solve the POMDP.
- We conduct extensive experiments to showcase that ReLiable can effectively learn good decisions out of replay data without interacting with a real environment.