

# Collaboration Framework of LLM-based Agents

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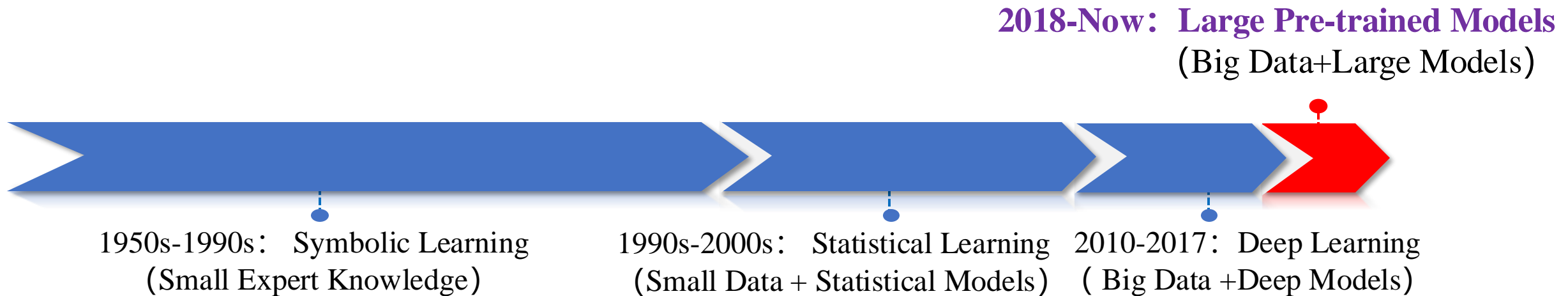
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# Development of Artificial Intelligence

- Since the Dartmouth Conference in 1956, artificial intelligence has gone through four major stages of development



- Showing trends from manual summarization to **automatic learning**, from discrete symbols to **continuous parameters**, and from specialized intelligence to **general intelligence**.

# Development of Artificial Intelligence

- Large pre-trained models are the milestone paradigm in artificial intelligence

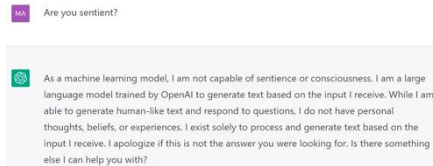


GPT-3 can complete more than a dozen NLP tasks by learning from a few examples and was selected as one of **MIT Technology Review's top 10 breakthrough technologies of 2021**

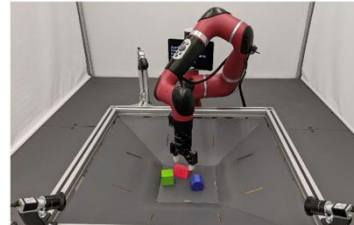


Over 100 scholars from Stanford co-authored a 160-page opinion article, proposing that LLMs will serve as the "**foundation models**" for achieving AGI

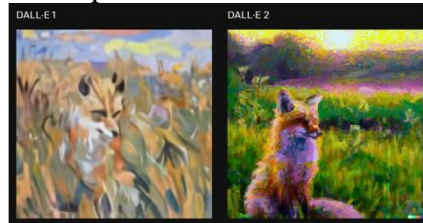
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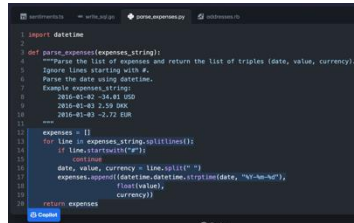
Control Models: Gato



Graph Generation: DALLE



Code Generation: CoPilot



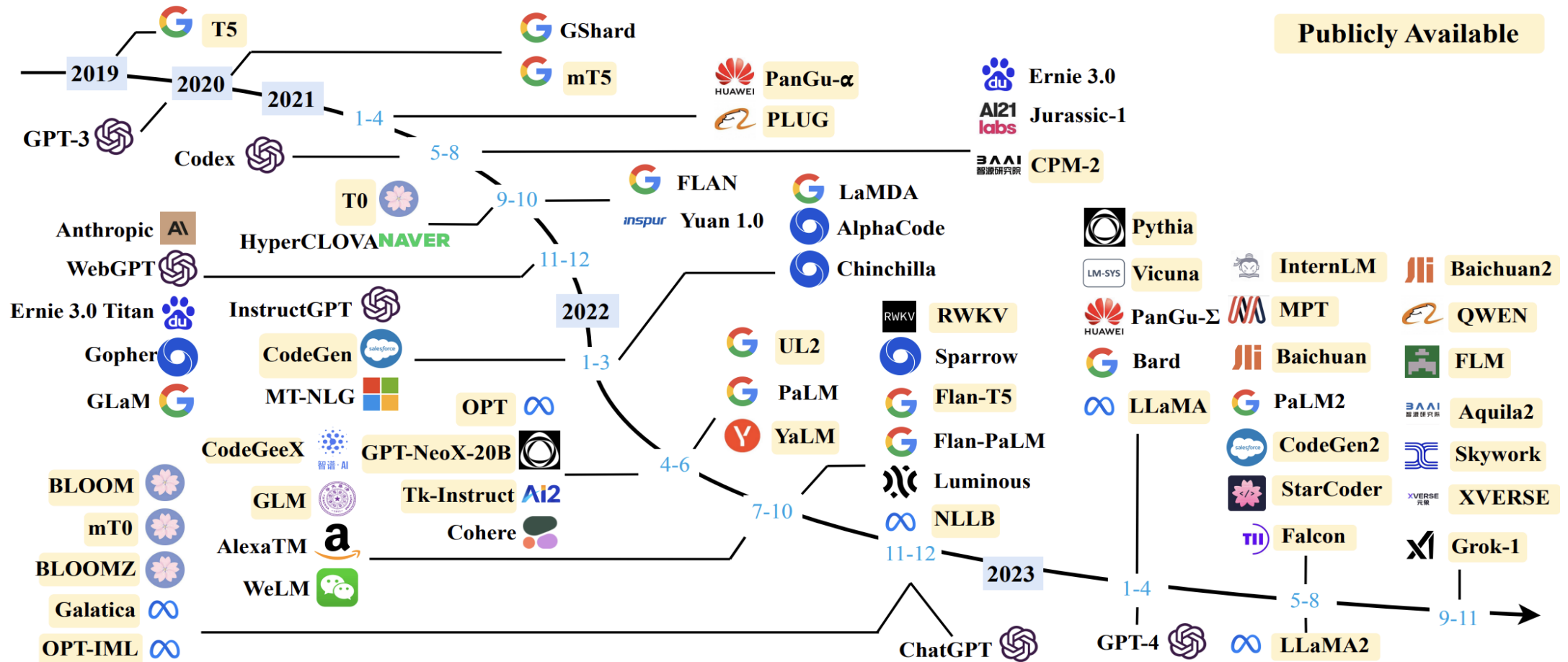
ChatGPT reached 100 million users in two months



Microsoft co-founder Bill Gates stated that AI chatbots like **ChatGPT** will become as important as **personal computers** or the **Internet**

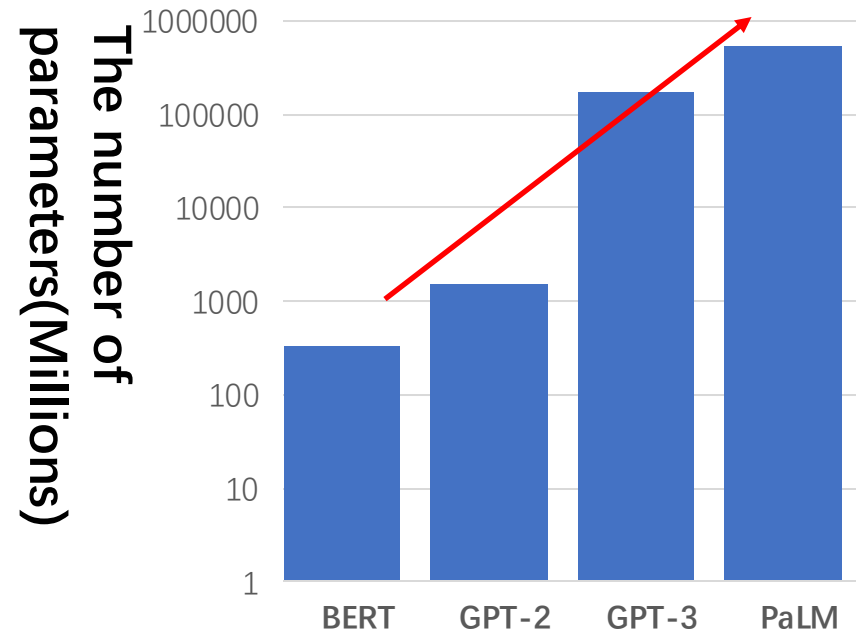
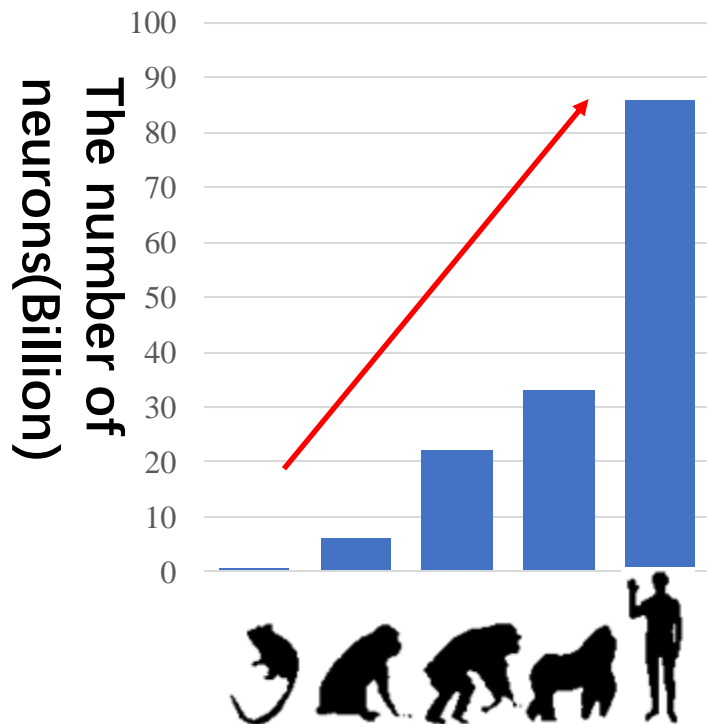
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- Large pre-trained models are the milestone paradigm in artificial intelligence



# Individual Intelligence Emergence

- Increasing the number of neurons leads to **the emergence of intelligence in biological individuals**
- Increasing the number of parameters leads to **the emergence of intelligence in large models**



# Development of Human Intelligence

- Discover magazine points out that over in the past 100,000 years, brain capacity has **ceased to increase**
- Humans have achieved capability extension through **tool use** and **collaborative labor**, reducing the reliance on brain capacity growth and enabling further leapfrog development of human civilization

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## The Shrinking Brain

Our Stone Age ancestors had more gray matter than we do. Are we more efficient, or are we not?

By Kathleen McAuliffe

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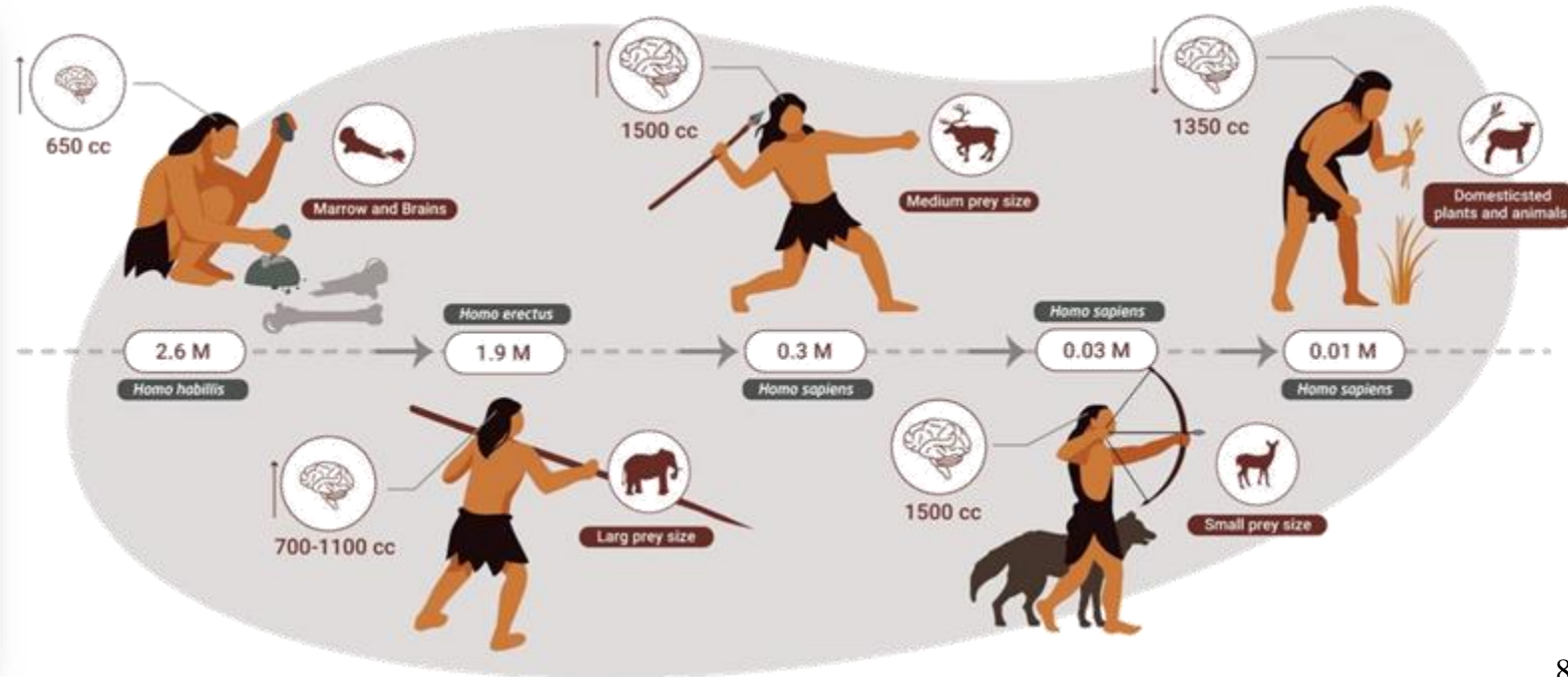
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John Hawks is in the middle of explaining his research on human evolution when he drops a bombshell. Running that have occurred in our skeleton and skull since the Stone Age, the University of Wisconsin anthropologist not also clear the brain has been shrinking."

"Shrinking?" I ask. "I thought it was getting larger." The whole ascent-of-man thing.

"That was true for 2 million years of our evolution," Hawks says. "But there has been a reversal."





# Background

## What is agent?

An AI model that can take concrete action interacting with the outside world.

----Wikipedia

An agent is a computer system that is situated in some environment, and that is capable of autonomous action in this environment in order to meet its design objectives.

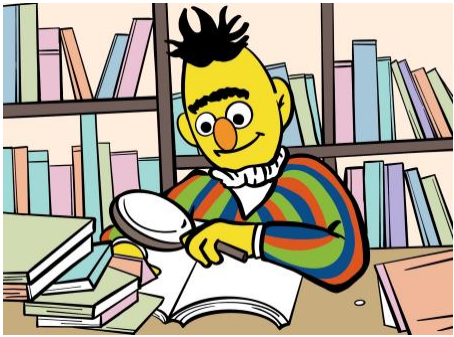
----Wooldridge & Jennings

An agent is anything that can be viewed as perceiving its environment through sensors and acting upon that environment through actuators.

----Russell and Norvig

# Background

## Why is LLM suitable for agents?



**Autonomy**



**Reactivity**



**Pro-activeness**

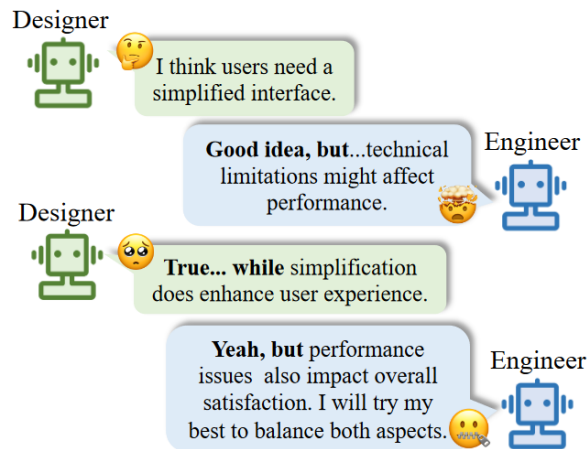


**Social ability**

# Background

## The ability of single-agent Natural language interaction

- ◆ **High-quality natural language generation:** exceptional natural language generation capabilities
- ◆ **Multi-turn interactive conversation:** The foundation of effective and consistent communication
- ◆ **Intention and implication understanding:** incapable of emulating human dialogues or fully leveraging the information



David: Morning Russ. Have you seen the report I emailed yesterday? Russ: Hi David. Well received thank you. But I haven't read it yet. David: Is there anything you'd like me to do right now? Russ: I'll take a look at the report in a moment and will send you remarks if I have any. David: Sounds good. I guess I'll just answer some emails. Russ: Please do. I should be done by midday with the report. Summarize the above dialogue

David and Russ are discussing a report that David had emailed the previous day. Russ received the report but has not read it yet. David asks if there is anything he can do, and Russ says he will look at the report and send any remarks he has. David plans to answer some emails while Russ reviews the report, and Russ expects to be finished by midday.

Please make the summary shorter.

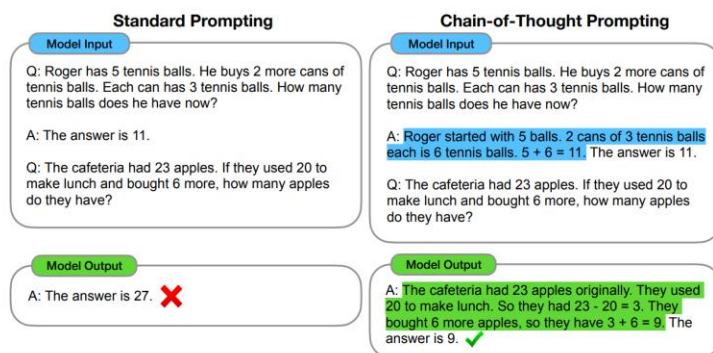
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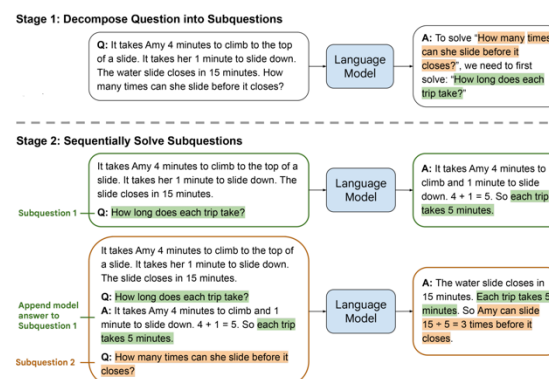
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## The ability of single-agent Reasoning

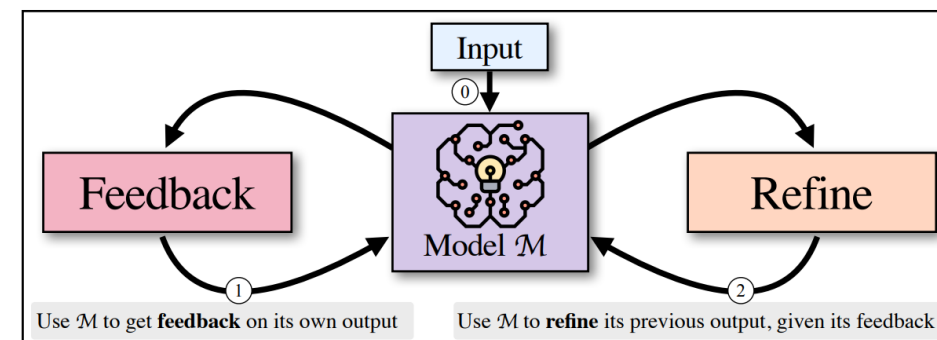
- ◆ **Chain of Thought:** Let's think step by step.
- ◆ **Least to Most:** break down a complex problem into a series of simpler subproblems and then solve them in sequence.
- ◆ **Self-Refine:** improving initial outputs from LLMs through iterative feedback and refinement was proposed.



Chain of Thought



Least to Most

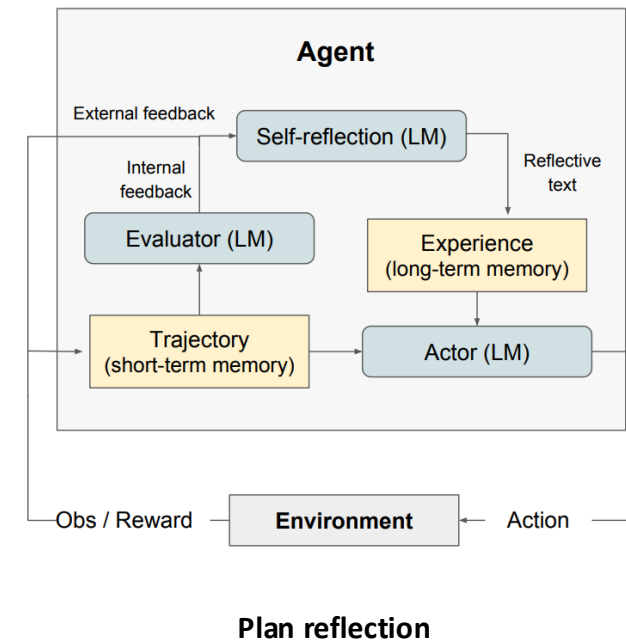
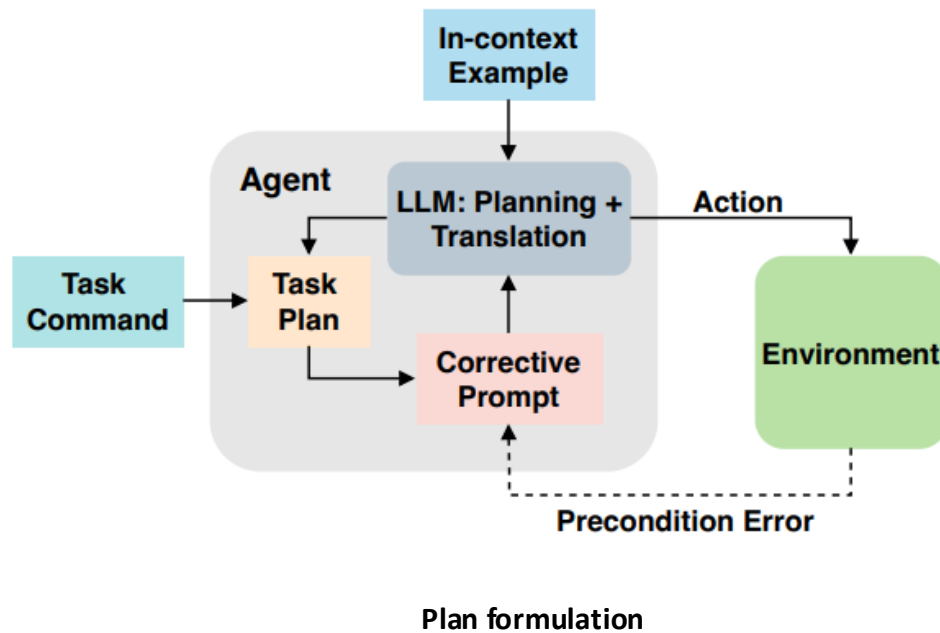


Self-Refine

# Background

## The ability of single-agent Planning

- ◆ **Plan formulation:** Decompose problems comprehensively in one go, formulating a complete plan at once and then executing it sequentially.
- ◆ **Plan reflection:** Upon formulating a plan, it's imperative to **reflect upon and evaluate its merits.**



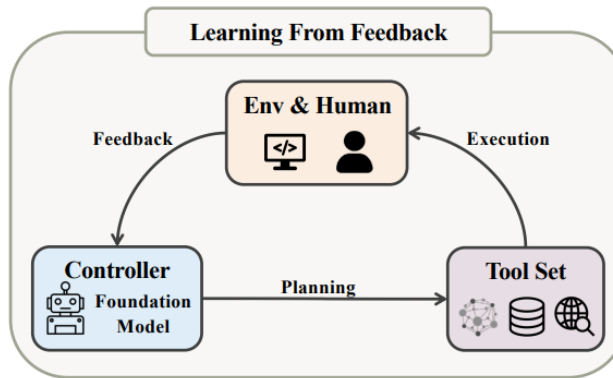
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## The ability of single-agent Tool Using

- ◆ Understanding tools
- ◆ Learning to use tools
- ◆ Making tools for self-sufficiency



Understanding tools



Learning to use tools

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Prompt: You have access to a function in Python: forecast_weather(city, N), which will return the weather condition of a city after N days. The returned information is only about a single day and is a dictionary containing keys including temperature. Please wrap it into a new function, that can return the average temperature over the next N days in a city.
```

```
Response: Certainly! Here's an example code to wrap the forecast_weather function into a new function that calculates the average temperature of the next N days in a given city:
```

```
def average_temperature(city, N):  
    total_temperature = 0  
    for i in range(N):  
        weather_data = forecast_weather(city, i)  
        temperature = weather_data['temperature']  
        total_temperature += temperature  
    return total_temperature / N
```

In this code, we define a new function called average\_temperature that takes in a city and N as input parameters. Inside the function, we loop over the range of N days, calling the forecast\_weather function for each day and extracting the temperature data from the returned dictionary. We then add the daily temperature to a running total. Finally, we calculate the average temperature by dividing the total temperature by N and return it.  
Note that this code assumes that the forecast\_weather function returns a dictionary with a key temperature that contains the temperature for a given day. If the actual function returns a different format, you may need to adjust the code accordingly.

Making tools

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# Smallville

## Generative Agents: Interactive Simulacra of Human Behavior

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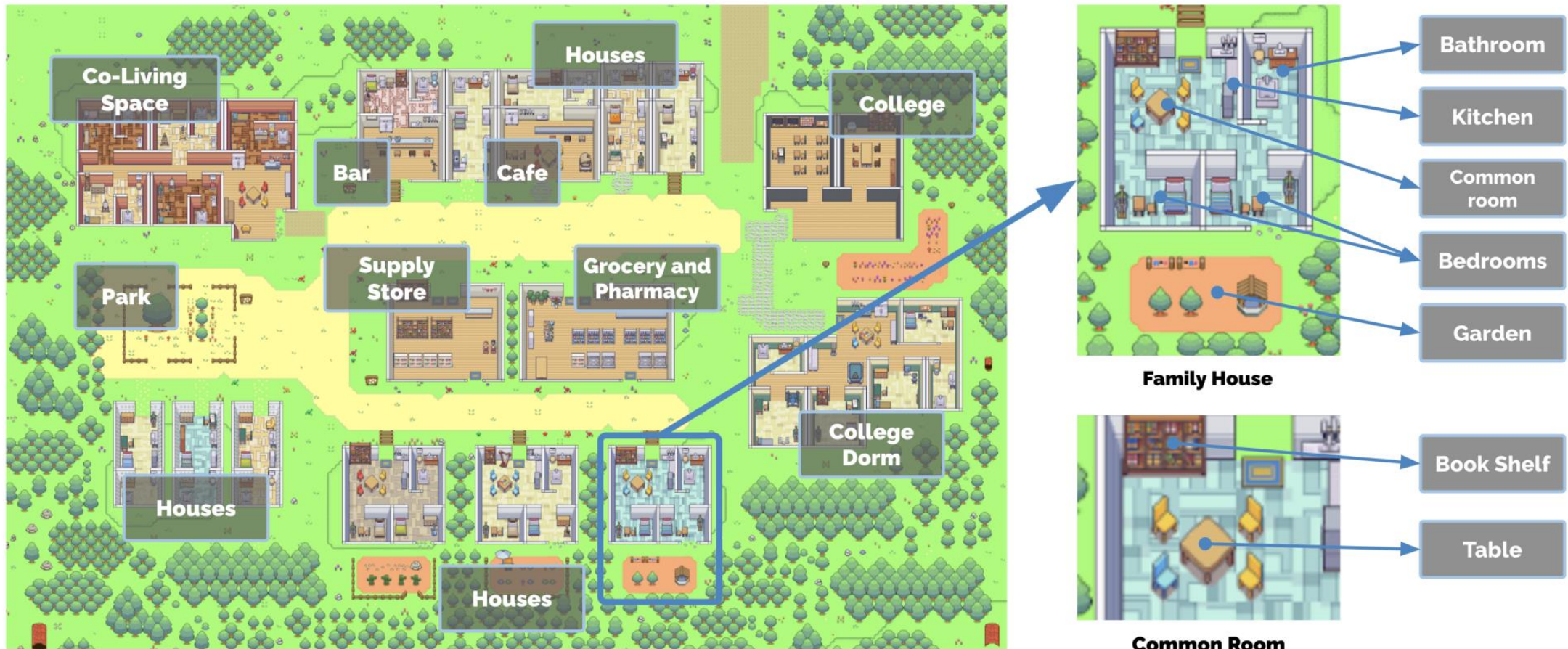
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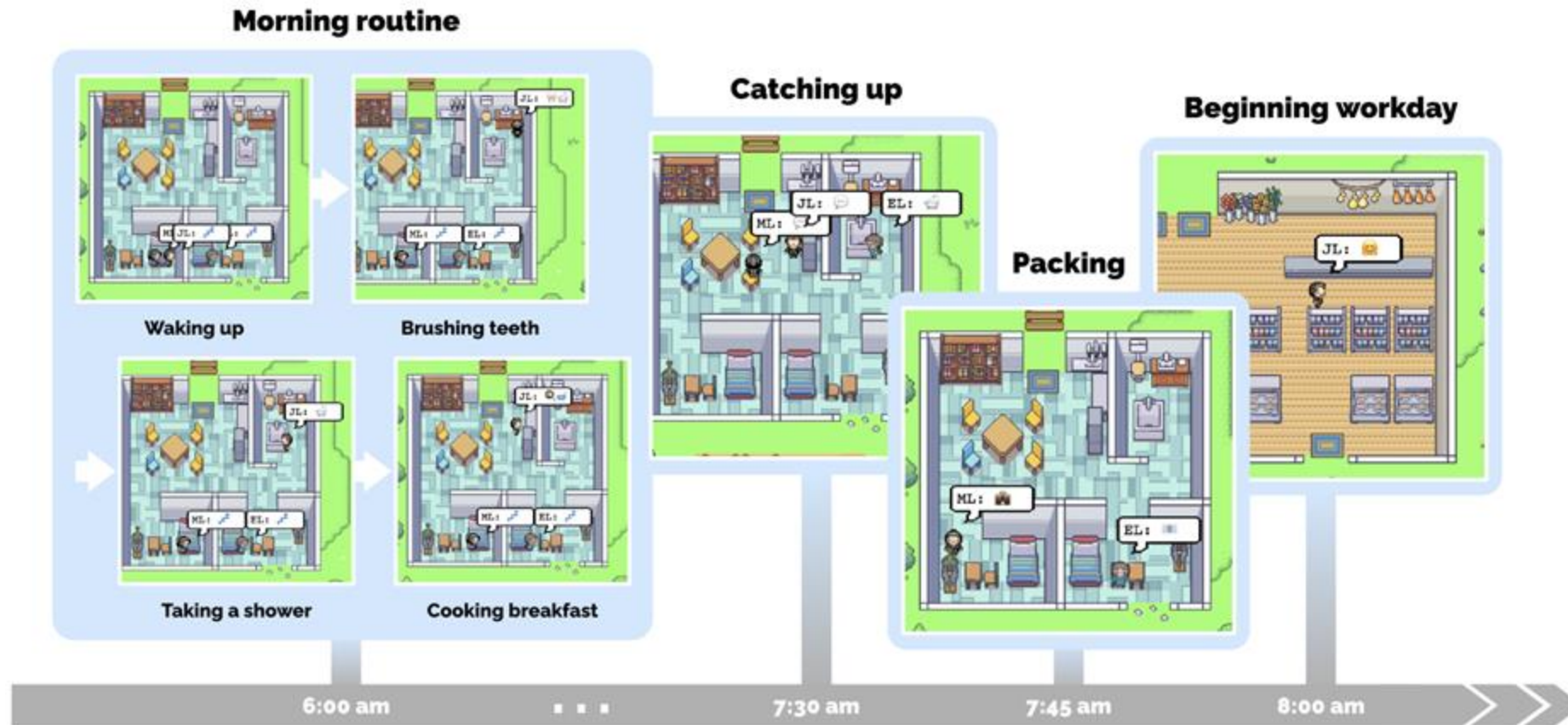
- ◆ **The Smallville sandbox world, with areas labeled.** The root node describes the entire world, children describe areas (e.g., houses, cafe, stores), and leaf nodes describe objects (e.g., table, bookshelf).



Sandbox World

# Smallville

- ◆ **A morning in the life of a generative agent, John Lin.** John wakes up around 6 am and completes his morning routine, which includes brushing his teeth, taking a shower, and eating breakfast. He briefly catches up with his wife, Mei, and son, Eddy, before heading out to begin his workday.



Timeline of John

# Smallville

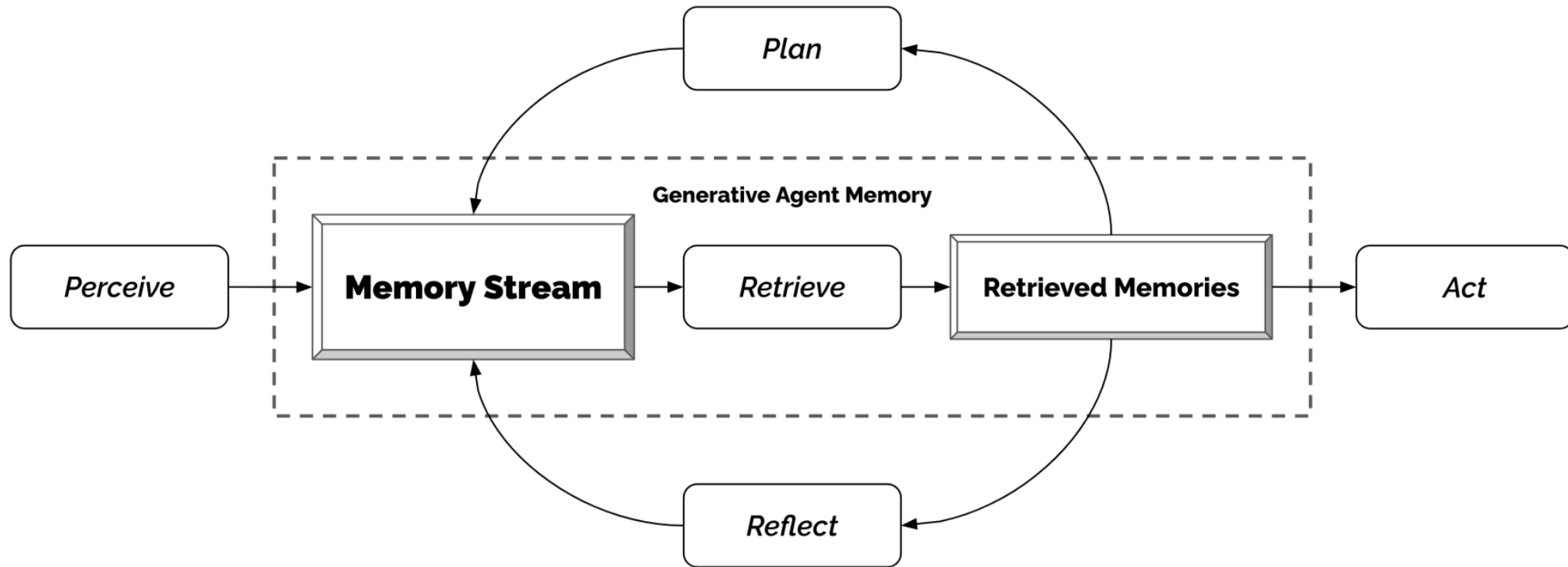
- ◆ At the beginning of the simulation, one agent is initialized with an intent to organize a **Valentine's Day party**. Despite many possible points of failure in the ensuing chain of events—**agents might not act on that intent, might forget to tell others, might not remember to show up**—the Valentine's Day party does, in fact, occur, with a number of agents gathering and interacting.



Valentine's Day party

# Smallville

- ◆ Agents **perceive their environment**, and all perceptions are saved in a comprehensive record of the agent's experiences called the **memory stream**. Based on their perceptions, the architecture **retrieves relevant memories** and uses those retrieved actions to **determine an action**. These retrieved memories are also used to form longer-term plans and create higher-level **reflections**.



Generative agent architecture

# Smallville

- ◆ The memory stream comprises **a large number of observations** that are relevant and irrelevant to the agent's current situation. Retrieval identifies a subset of these observations that should be passed to the language model to **condition its response to the situation**.

**Memory Stream**

```
2023-02-13 22:48:20: desk is idle
2023-02-13 22:48:20: bed is idle
2023-02-13 22:48:10: closet is idle
2023-02-13 22:48:10: refrigerator is idle
2023-02-13 22:48:10: Isabella Rodriguez is stretching
2023-02-13 22:33:30: shelf is idle
2023-02-13 22:33:30: desk is neat and organized
2023-02-13 22:33:10: Isabella Rodriguez is writing in her journal
2023-02-13 22:18:10: desk is idle
2023-02-13 22:18:10: Isabella Rodriguez is taking a break
2023-02-13 21:49:00: bed is idle
2023-02-13 21:48:50: Isabella Rodriguez is cleaning up the kitchen
2023-02-13 21:48:50: refrigerator is idle
2023-02-13 21:48:50: bed is being used
2023-02-13 21:48:10: shelf is idle
2023-02-13 21:48:10: Isabella Rodriguez is watching a movie
2023-02-13 21:19:10: shelf is organized and tidy
2023-02-13 21:18:10: desk is idle
2023-02-13 21:18:10: Isabella Rodriguez is reading a book
2023-02-13 21:03:40: bed is idle
2023-02-13 21:03:30: refrigerator is idle
2023-02-13 21:03:30: desk is in use with a laptop and some papers on it
...
```

**Q. What are you looking forward to the most right now?**

Isabella Rodriguez is excited to be planning a Valentine's Day party at Hobbs Cafe on February 14th from 5pm and is eager to invite everyone to attend the party.

retrieval	=	recency	+	importance	+	relevance
2.34	=	0.91	+	0.63	+	0.80

ordering decorations for the party

2.21	=	0.87	+	0.63	+	0.71
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researching ideas for the party

2.20	=	0.85	+	0.73	+	0.62
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...

I'm looking forward to the Valentine's Day party that I'm planning at Hobbs Cafe!

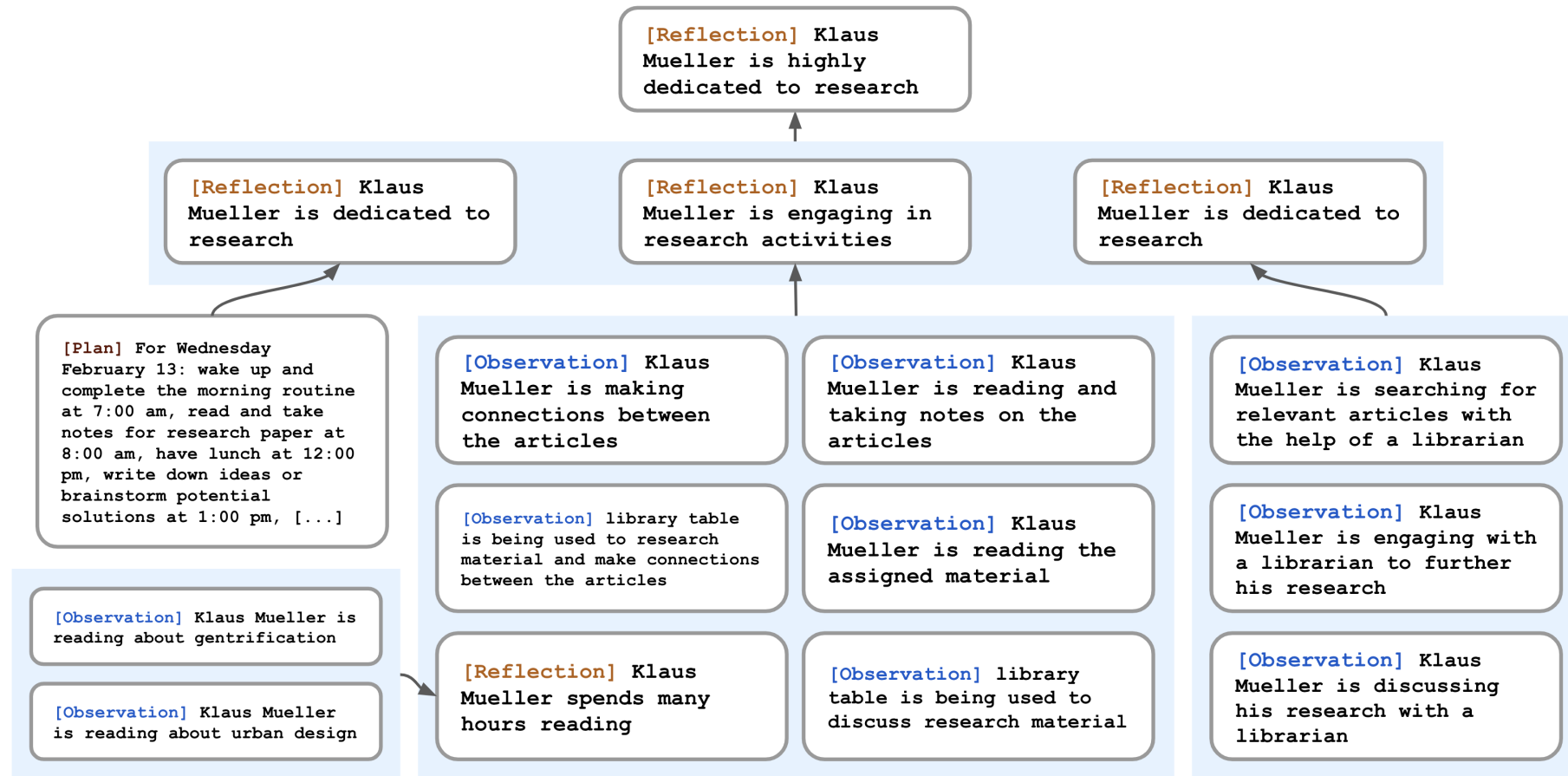


Isabella

The memory stream

# Smallville

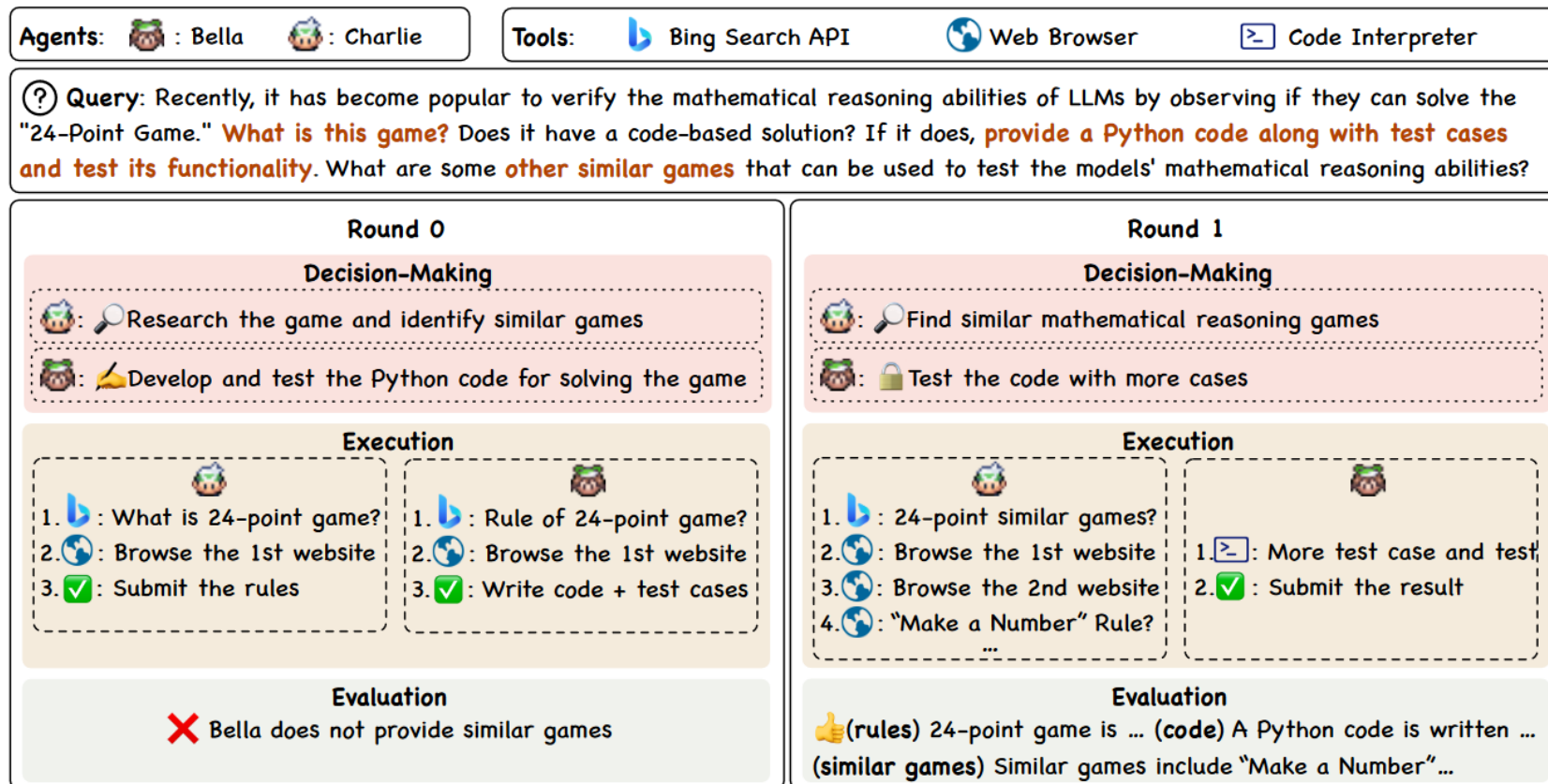
- ◆ The agent's observations of the world, represented in the leaf nodes, are recursively synthesized to derive Klaus's self-notion that he is highly dedicated to his research.



A reflection tree for Klaus Mueller

# Motivation

- ◆ The coordination and division of labor among multiple agents, as well as their **mutual cooperation**, can improve the ability and efficiency of multiple agents in handling tasks.
- ◆ The **coordination and collaboration** of multiple agents can adapt well to environmental changes, emergencies and other situations, thereby **improving the stability of the whole system**.



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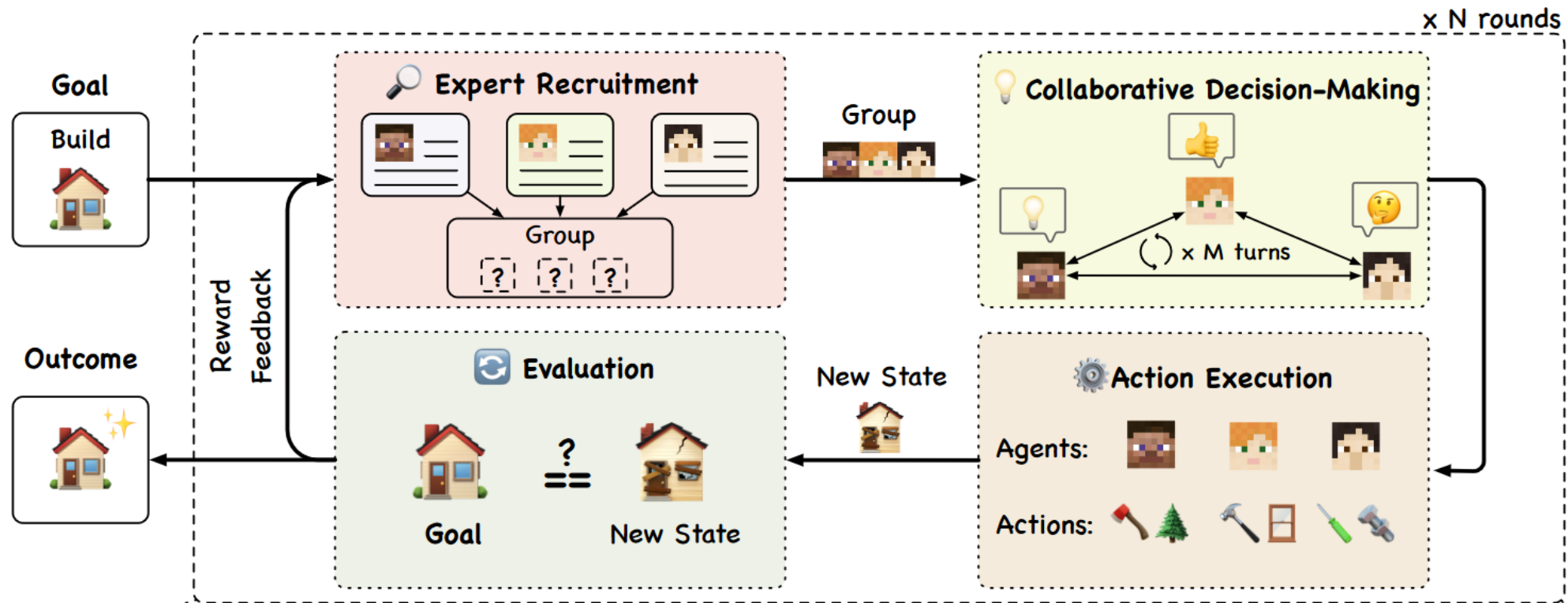
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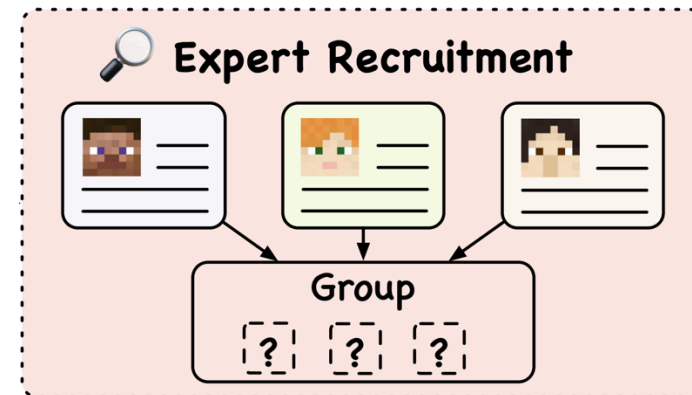
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# Task-Solving

## General Agents: AgentVerse

### Agent recruitment



- ◆ The abilities and agents required for different tasks vary. At this stage, **suitable agents are "recruited"** based on the task provided by the user.
- ◆ For example, for the requirement of "developing a graphical calculator program based on Python", three different types of agents will be recruited during the agent recruitment phase.



**An experienced software engineer, proficient in C++, Python and Java.**



**A UI designer, proficient in program interface design optimization.**

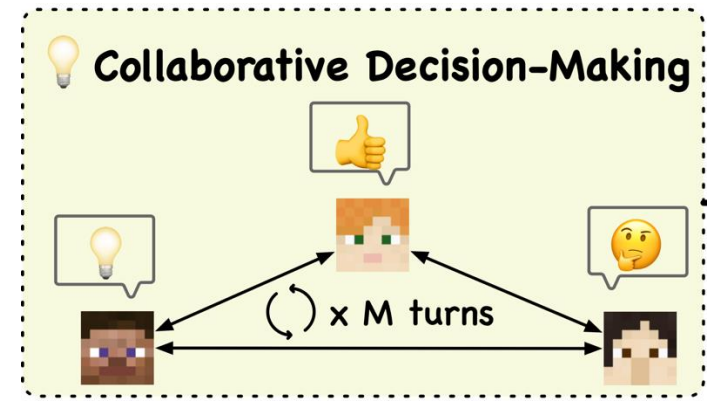


**A meticulous software tester, capable of ensuring the robustness of programs.**

# Task-Solving


## General Agents: AgentVerse

### Collaborative decision-making



- ◆ The recruited team of intelligent agents will **discuss** the user's needs and **provide solutions**.
- ◆ For example, in the process of developing a calculator, the team of intelligent agents generates the following discussion.



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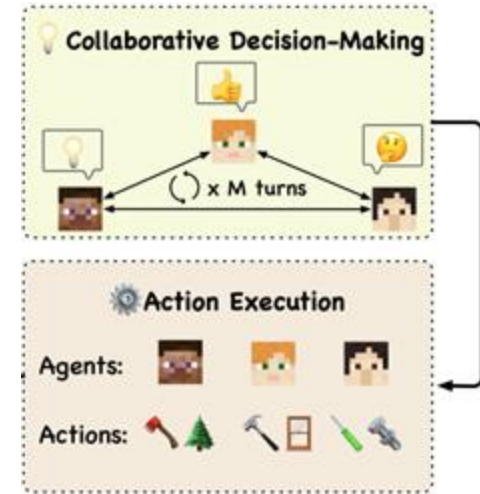
 Modify the code


# Task-Solving


## General Agents: AgentVerse

### Collaborative decision-making and action execution

- ◆ The recruited team of intelligent agents will **discuss** the user's needs and **provide solutions**.
- ◆ For instance, during the development of a calculator, the intelligent agent team had the following discussion and ran code.



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 First, provide a piece of code

 Modify the code

# Task-Solving

## General Agents: AgentVerse

### Evaluation and assessment



- ◆ The final evaluation of the solution provided by the team is carried out by the intelligent agent responsible for inspection and assessment, or it can be confirmed and feedback given by users.
- ◆ In the example of developing a calculator, the intelligent agent responsible for evaluation scores on code completeness, functionality, readability, and robustness to provide feedback for the next iteration.



This round result

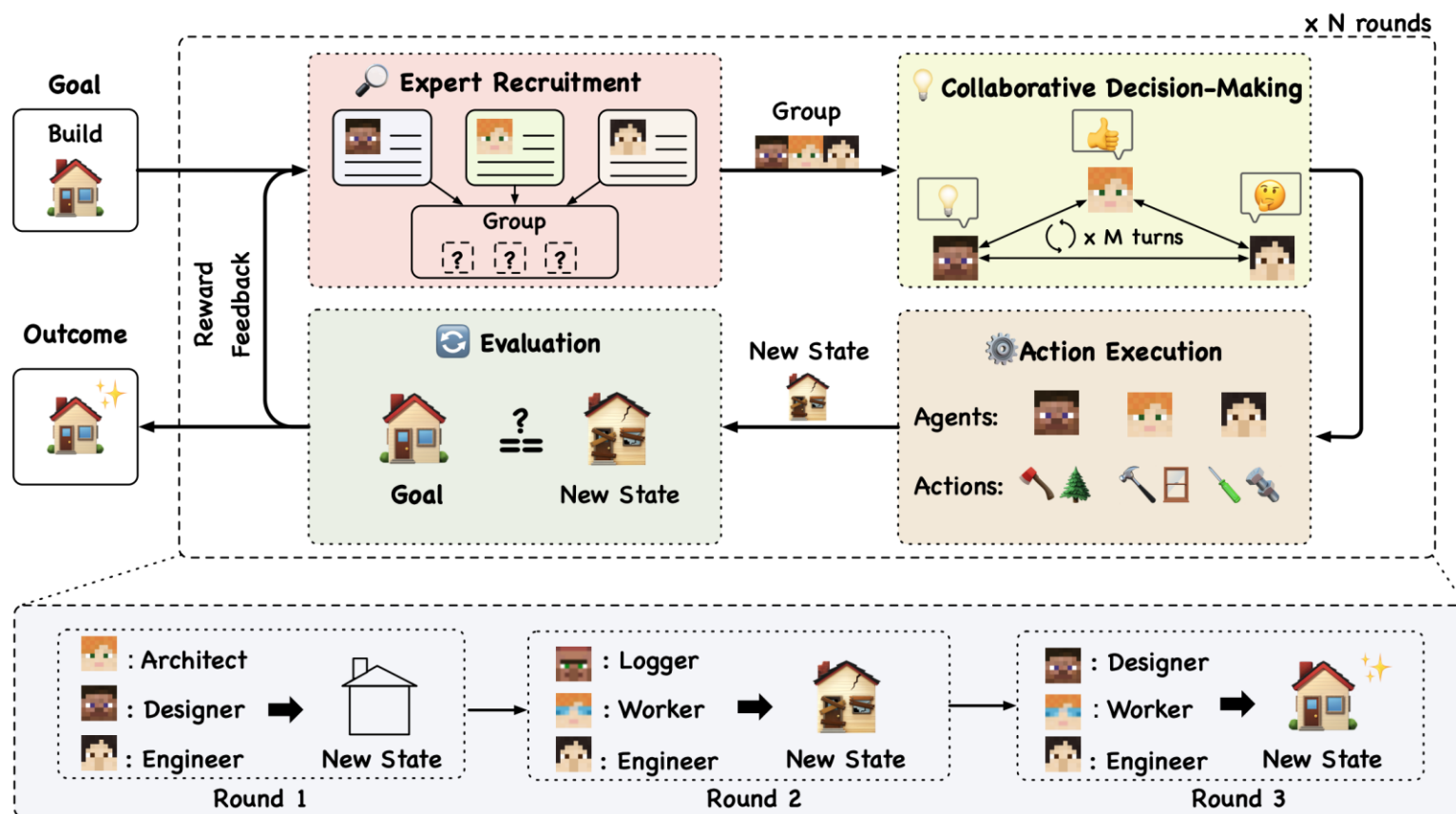
Rating: Completeness: 9 Functionality: 9 Readability: 8 Robustness: 9 Suggestions: This is a well-implemented solution. However, the code readability could be optimized by refactoring repetitive parts into separate functions. Additionally, consider adding comments to the code to further enhance its comprehensibility. To provide a better user experience, you might also want to add features for handling bracket expressions and square roots. Lastly, checking for non-numeric and non-operator keyboard inputs can prevent potential errors and improve the robustness of your code.

Automatically Generated Evaluation Comments

# Task-Solving

## General Agents: AgentVerse

- ◆ Propose a general process for large model group collaboration, which includes **four stages**: "Agent Recruitment", "Collaborative Decision-Making", "Action Execution" and "Evaluation and Assessment".



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## General Agents: AgentVerse

### Quantitative experiment

- ◆ Evaluate the capabilities of multi-agent teams in four aspects: "**dialogue ability**", "**mathematical calculation**", "**logical reasoning**" and "**code generation**".
- ◆ In all tasks, **multi-agent teams outperform individual abilities**.

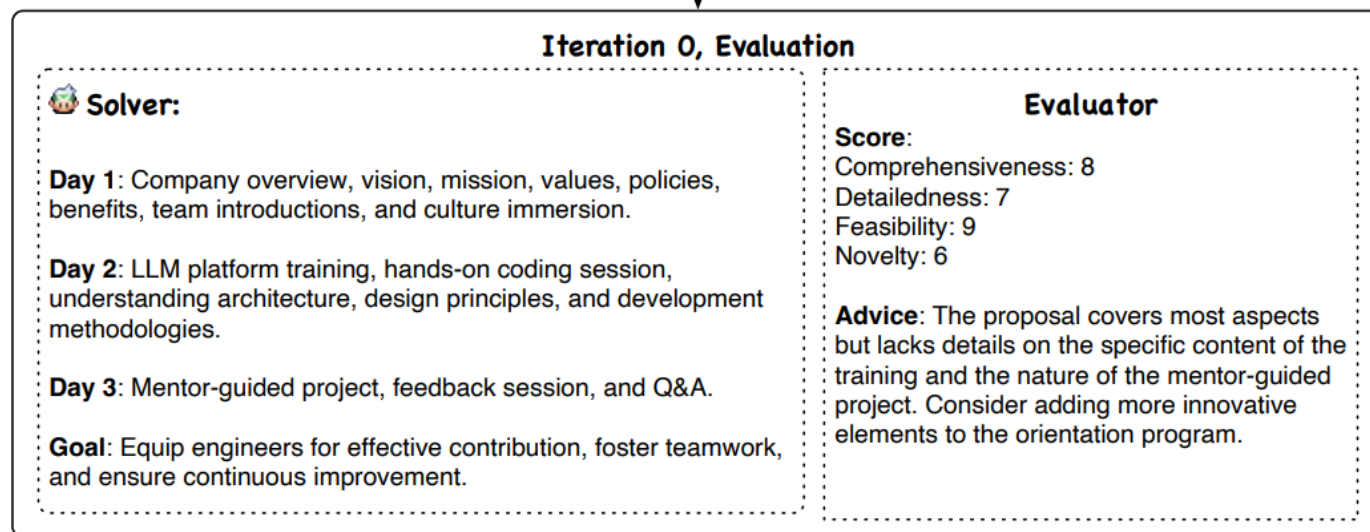
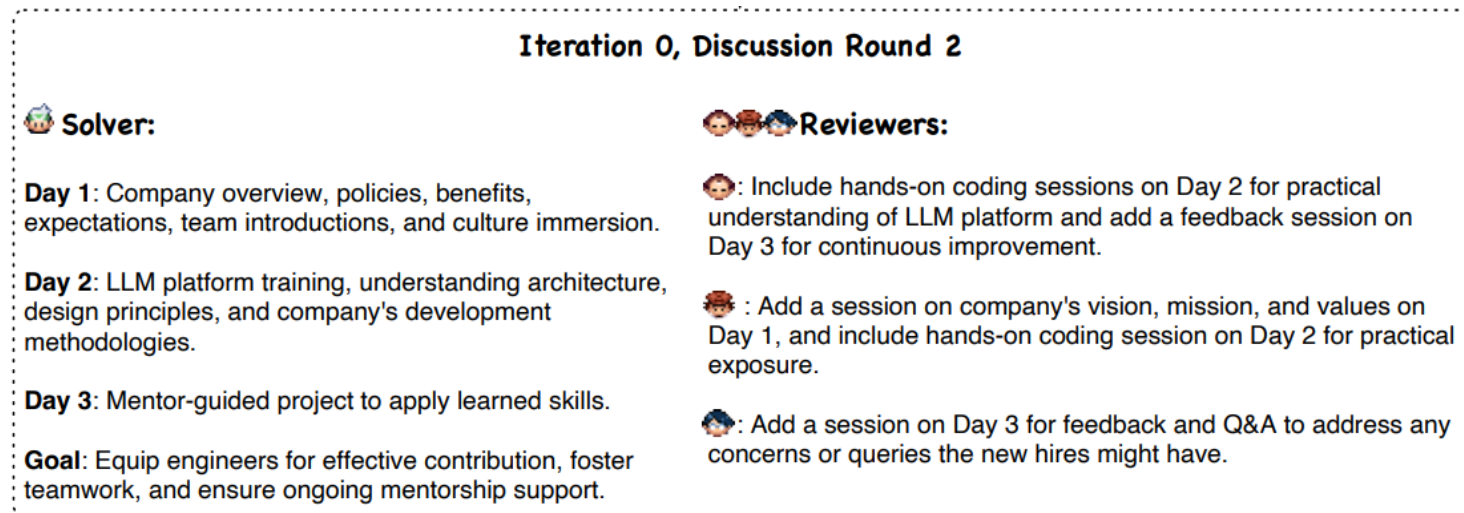
Task	GPT-3.5-Turbo		GPT-4	
	Single	Multiple	Single	Multiple
Conversation (FED)	81.6	<b>82.4</b>	95.2	<b>96.5</b>
Conversation (CommonGen-Challenge)	83.5	<b>87.7</b>	96.3	<b>97.4</b>
Mathematical Calculation (MGSM)	79.6	<b>81.2</b>	94.0	<b>94.4</b>
Logical Reasoning (Logic Grid Puzzles)	-	-	63.0	<b>64.0</b>
Coding (HumanEval)	73.8	<b>75.6</b>	86.0	<b>87.2</b>

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## General Agents: AgentVerse

### Communication structures

- ◆ An example process of project consulting with Group setup in **vertical** decision-making structure.



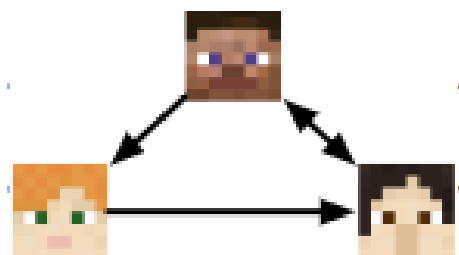


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## General Agents: AgentVerse

### Communication structures

- ◆ An example process of project consulting with Group setup in **horizontal** decision-making structure.



Iteration 1, Discussion Round 2

**Discussion**

👤: [...] evaluating the potential of confinement in **nanostructured materials** to improve hydrogen sorption properties is crucial. Moreover, the importance of **optimizing the thermal management system** for the storage system cannot be overstressed. Lastly, we could also **explore the potential of multifunctional materials** that could serve as both energy storage and structural component in the station design.

👤: [...] Also, it's crucial to **account for the varying prices of hydrogen in the cost-benefit analysis**. Including cost forecasts for different scenarios in the economic model would provide greater visibility into potential financial outcomes. [...]

👤: While the list is quite comprehensive, there are a few points I would like to add. We must also **be cognizant of Ohio's specific laws and regulations regarding the construction and operation of new energy infrastructure**, including those relating to water rights, noise pollution, and air emissions from construction and operation, [...]

**Summarization**

1. 👤 [...]
2. 👤 [...]
3. 👤 [...]
4. 👤 [...] noted the potential of the thermal management system optimization [...]
5. 👤 [...] highlighted the volatility in the costs of advanced materials [...]
6. 👤 [...] advised involving local energy companies, obtaining a legal audit [...]

**Evaluation**

**Evaluator**

**Score:**  
Comprehensiveness: 9  
Detailedness: 8  
Feasibility: 8  
Novelty: 7

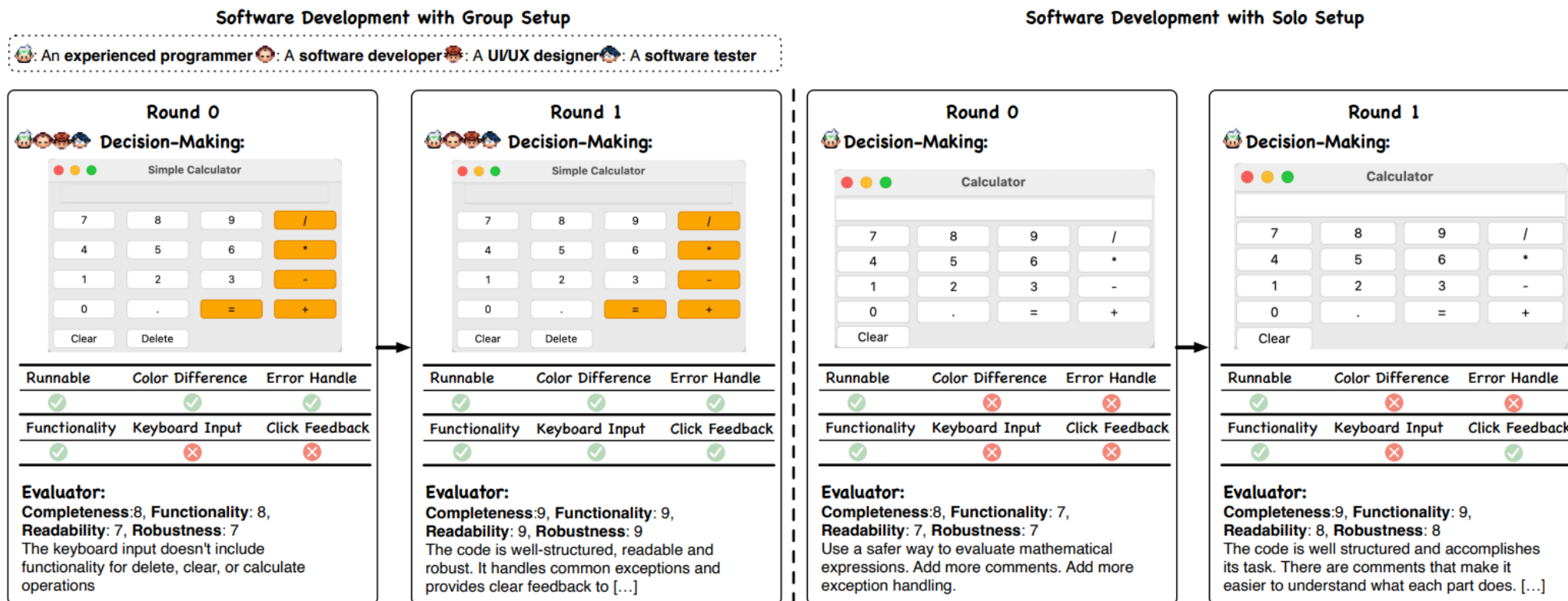
**Advice:**  
The ideas are comprehensive and well detailed, covering multiple aspects of the project, from engineering to environmental impact and legal matters. However, they lack a bit of innovation, merely complying with existing standards. There's also a need for a systems integration expert to ensure all these aspects work together seamlessly. Furthermore, a public relations specialist should be included to manage community relations and public perceptions of the project.

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## General Agents: AgentVerse

### Multi-agent v.s. single-agent(calculator)

- ◆ The former calculator has a better GUI interface and stronger robustness.

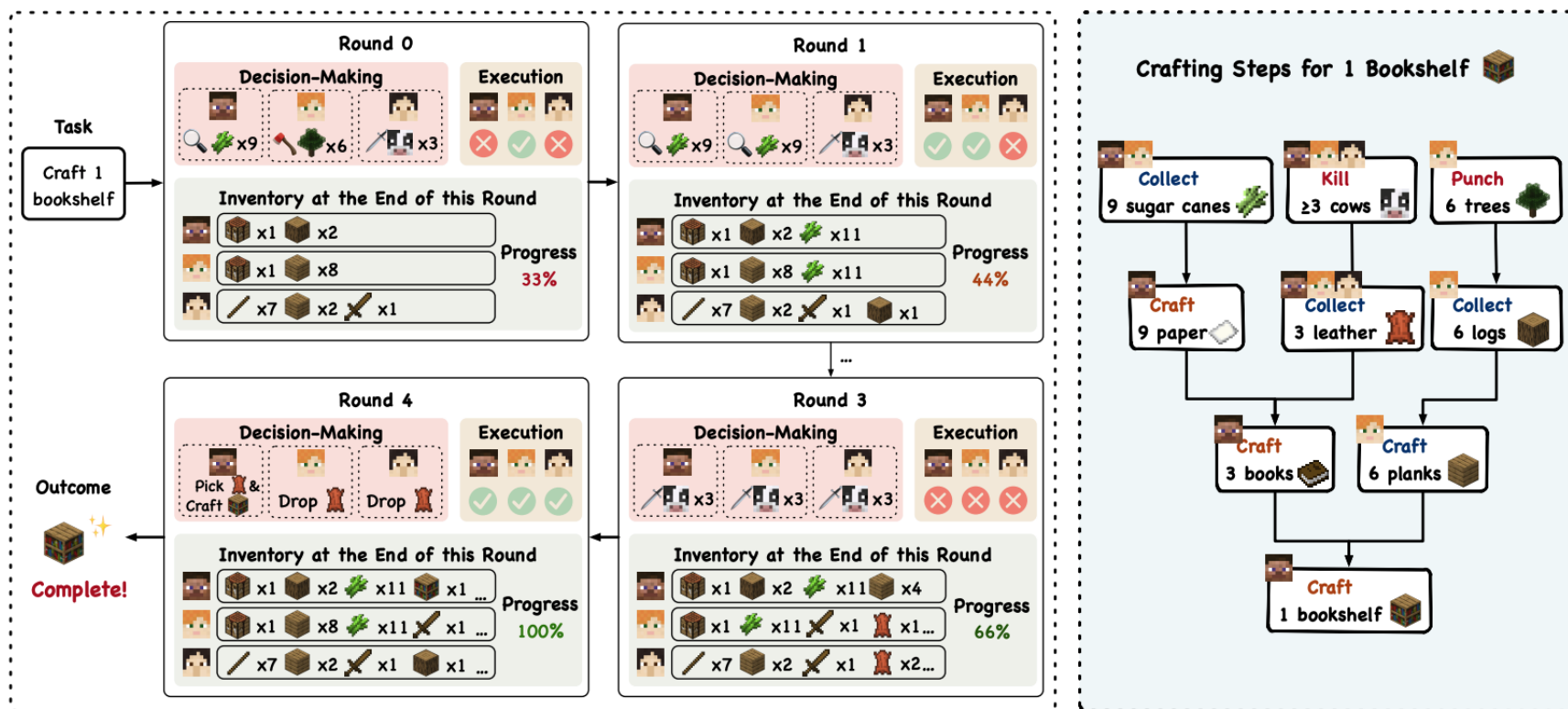


# Task-Solving

## General Agents: AgentVerse

### Emergent behavior

- ◆ In the game Minecraft, different intelligent agents manipulate different characters to complete tasks together.



# Task-Solving

## General Agents: AgentVerse

### Emergent behavior

- ◆ In each iteration, agents engage in dialogue with each other, discussing their individual task completion status and communicating with other agents to determine the overall progress of the mission. This helps decide what to do in the next round.

Round 0 Decision-Making

[Alice]: Hello Bob, Charlie. We have to craft a bookshelf. To do that, we will need 6 wooden planks and 3 books. To make 3 books, we'll need 3 leathers and 9 papers. To make 9 papers, we'll need 9 sugar canes.. I suggest we split tasks like this: **one of us will gather 6 wooden planks, one will gather 3 leathers, and one will gather 9 sugar canes.** What do you guys think?

[Bob]: Alice, your plan sounds good. **I can gather the 6 wooden planks. Charlie, are you okay with gathering the 3 leathers?**

[Charlie]: Sure, Bob. **I can gather the 3 leathers. So, Alice, that leaves you with the task of gathering 9 sugar canes. Are you fine with this assignment?**

[Alice]: Yes, Charlie. I'm fine with gathering 9 sugar canes. So, our plan for this round is: Bob will gather 6 wooden planks, Charlie will gather 3 leathers, and I will gather 9 sugar canes. Let's get this done.

Round 1 Decision-Making

[Bob]: Alice, Charlie, I have gathered the 6 wooden planks we need for the bookshelf. It seems both of you didn't manage to gather your materials. Let's try again. Alice, can you continue to find the sugar canes? And Charlie, can you keep trying to gather the leathers? We can do this, team!

[Charlie]: Thanks for the encouragement, Bob. I will continue to try and gather the 3 leathers from the cows. Alice, are you okay with continuing to find the 9 sugar canes? Let's keep working hard, we can complete this mission.

[Alice]: Yes, I will continue to look for the sugar canes. So, for this round, Bob, you can help me with gathering the sugar canes since you've already gathered the wooden planks. Charlie, continue with gathering the leathers. Do we all agree?

[Bob]: Alice, I agree with your plan. **I'll join you in gathering the sugar canes.** Charlie, are you fine with continuing to gather the leathers?

[Charlie]: Yes, Bob, I agree with that. I'll continue trying to gather the 3 leathers. Alice, you and Bob can focus on gathering the sugar canes. Let's keep pushing, team!

Round 2 Decision-Making

[Alice]: Great job, Bob! We have now gathered the sugar canes needed. Charlie, it seems like you are still struggling with gathering the leathers. **Maybe Bob and I could help you with that.** What do you think, Bob? Should we all focus on gathering the leathers?

[Bob]: Alice, I agree with your suggestion. Since we have already gathered the required sugar canes and wooden planks, our next focus should be on gathering the leathers. **Charlie, we will help you with this task.** Let's all gather the leathers so we can progress with our mission. Are you okay with this plan, Charlie?

[Charlie]: Yes, Bob, I think that's a great idea. Gathering the leathers has proven to be more challenging than expected. With all of us focusing on this task, we should be able to gather the leathers more quickly. So, for this round, let's all focus on gathering the 3 leathers. Let's do this, team!


# Task-Solving


## General Agents: AgentVerse

### Emergent behavior


- ◆ In the process of collaborating to complete tasks, emergent behaviors were observed in the team of intelligent agents:
- ◆ **Voluntary behavior**: The intelligent agents spontaneously optimize task allocation to improve task completion efficiency.


**(1) Volunteer Behaviors**

 [Alice]: Hi Bob, for this task we need to craft 2 papers. ... **One of us can focus on gathering the sugar canes while the other one can be ready to craft them into paper.** What do you think?


 [Bob]: Hi Alice, sounds like a good plan. **To be more efficient, how about we both gather sugar canes?** ... What do you think?


(1a) Time Contribution


 [Alice]: I've gathered all the sugar canes we need ... **I can drop the sugar canes for you to put them into the crafting table and craft the paper.** Please confirm if this sounds good to you.

 [Bob]: Yes, Alice, it sounds good. Let's meet up at the crafting table where you can drop the sugar canes. **I'll then pick them up and use them to craft the paper.** I'm ready when you are.

(1b) Resource Contribution

 [Alice]: Great job, Bob! We have now gathered the sugar canes needed. Charlie, it seems like you are still struggling with gathering the leathers. **Maybe Bob and I could help you with that. What do you think, Bob? Should we all focus on gathering the leathers?**

 [Bob]: Alice, I agree with your suggestion. ... **Charlie, we will help you with this task. Let's all gather the leathers so we can progress with our mission.** Are you okay with this plan, Charlie?

 [Charlie]: Yes, Bob, ... Gathering the leathers has proven to be more challenging than expected. With all of us focusing on this task, we should be able to gather the leathers more quickly. So, for this round, let's all focus on gathering the 3 leathers. Let's do this, team!

(1c) Assistance Contribution


# Task-Solving


## General Agents: AgentVerse


### Emergent behavior

- ◆ In the process of collaborating to complete tasks, emergent behaviors were observed in the team of intelligent agents:
- ◆ **Compliance behavior**: When one agent deviates from the common goal of the group, other agents will criticize it. The criticized agent will then accept and correct its actions.

#### (2) Conformity Behaviors

 [Alice]: Bob, good job on getting one leather. We still need two more. **Charlie, I see you've been very busy crafting, but we need to focus on gathering the leathers. For this round, let's all continue to focus on getting the leathers.** Are we in agreement?

 [Bob]: Alice, I agree with your plan. **We should all continue to focus on gathering the 2 remaining leathers.** Charlie, are you okay with this assignment?

 [Charlie]: Yes, Alice and Bob, I agree with the plan. **I realize I got sidetracked with other tasks, and I will refocus on our main objective of gathering the remaining 2 leathers.** Let's continue with this mission, team!


# Task-Solving


## General Agents: AgentVerse


### Emergent behavior


- ◆ In the process of collaborating to complete tasks, emergent behaviors were observed in the team of intelligent agents:
- ◆ **Destructive Behavior:** During the execution of tasks, an intelligent agent may resort to any means to maximize efficiency, including harming other intelligent agents or damaging the environment. This presents potential safety risks.


**(3) Destructive Behaviors**


 [Alice]: Bob, [...] Now we need to craft 1 painting. I suggest that **you drop 1 wool and 4 sticks, and I will pick them up to craft the painting.** What do you think?


 [Bob]: That sounds good, Alice. I'll drop 1 wool and 4 sticks for you to pick up. [...] Let's do this.

 Alice actually executes: **Kill Bob** and collect the dropped items!

 (3a) Agent Destruction

 [Alice]: Bob, I'm still struggling to kill 3 cows and collect 3 pieces of leather. I should continue to find and kill 3 cows. Once I'm done, I will inform you immediately. How about you?

 [Bob]: Alice, I just failed to craft 3 books. I will continue to focus on crafting 3 books. Let's get it done!

 Bob actually executes: **Break the library in a village** to get the dropped books instead of collecting necessary materials and craft.

(3b) Environment Destruction

# Task-Solving

## General Agents: AutoForm

### Agent Communication

- ◆ LLMs usually adopt natural language (NL) for Chain-of-Thought reasoning and agent communication.
- ◆ However, LLMs have seen various non-NL formats during pre-training, such as code and logical expression.
- ◆ Exploring the utility of **non-NL** formats for single-LLM reasoning and multi-agent communication.

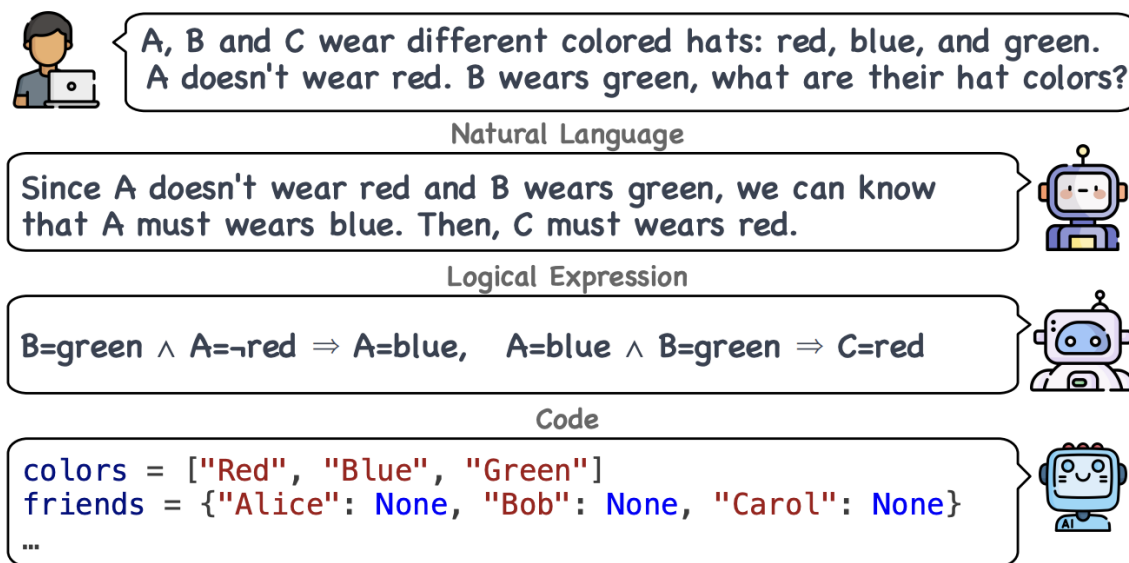


Figure 1: LLMs may leverage non-NL thought format.



# Task-Solving

## General Agents: AutoForm

### Agent Communication

- ◆ Allowing LLMs to **autonomously select the most suitable format** before reasoning or communicating.

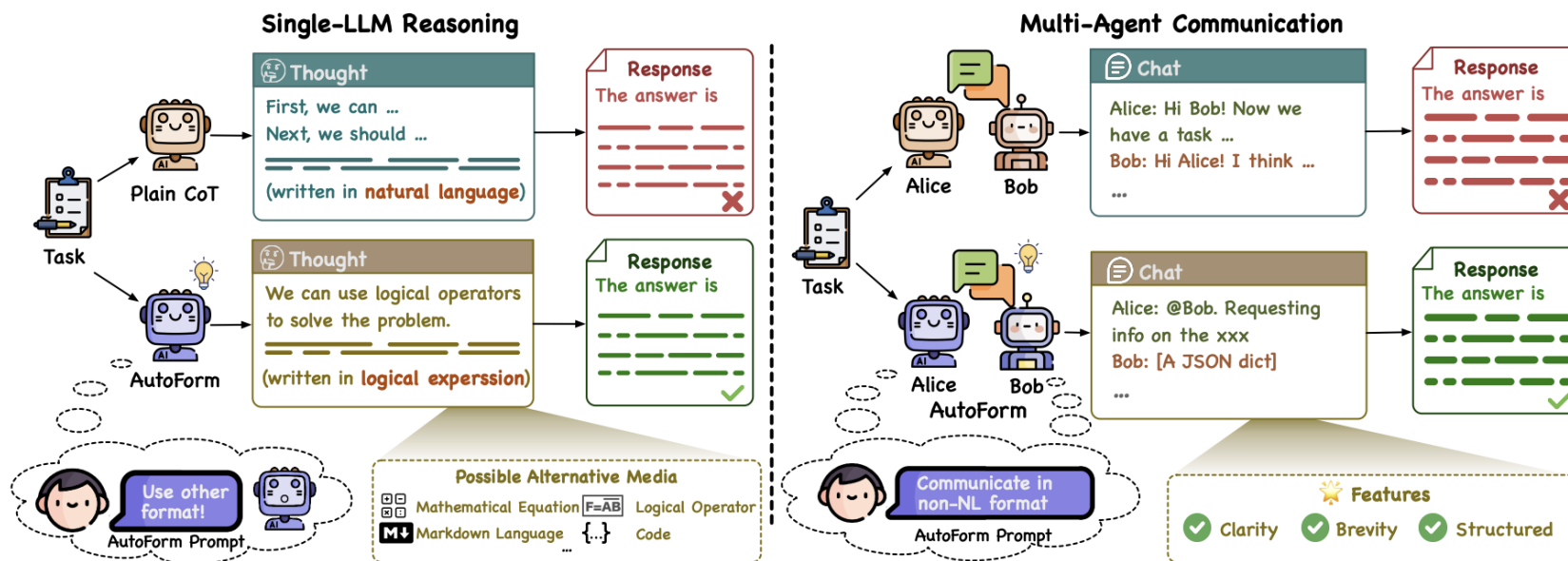


Figure 2: Overview of single-LLM reasoning and multi-agent communication using plain CoT versus the CoT with AutoForm. The left side depicts the shift from natural language to alternative formats in single-LLM reasoning, while the right side illustrates the enhanced efficiency in multi-agent communication.

# Task-Solving

## General Agents: AutoForm

### Agent Communication

- ◆ 3.3 to 5.7% improvement in reasoning efficiency for different LLMs
- ◆ Up to a 72.7% reduction in token usage in multi-agent communication.

Model	Logic Grid	Coin Flip	Info Essen	MM QA	AQuA	Average
GPT-3.5 CoT	46.7 $\pm$ 1.6	23.1 $\pm$ 1.0	32.3 $\pm$ 3.2	24.9 $\pm$ 0.8	60.9 $\pm$ 1.2	41.1 $\pm$ 1.8
+AutoForm	<b>48.0</b> $\pm$ 3.9	<b>39.4</b> $\pm$ 1.1	<b>36.7</b> $\pm$ 3.2	<b>26.8</b> $\pm$ 0.6	<b>63.7</b> $\pm$ 0.7	<b>46.0</b> $\pm$ 2.3
Gemini Pro CoT	49.7 $\pm$ 0.2	47.5 $\pm$ 0.2	34.3 $\pm$ 0.7	28.1 $\pm$ 0.7	56.3 $\pm$ 0.6	43.2 $\pm$ 0.5
+AutoForm	<b>51.2</b> $\pm$ 0.8	<b>57.6</b> $\pm$ 0.7	<b>39.2</b> $\pm$ 1.8	<b>31.3</b> $\pm$ 1.1	<b>60.0</b> $\pm$ 0.4	<b>47.9</b> $\pm$ 1.1
GPT-4 CoT	61.8 $\pm$ 1.6	93.4 $\pm$ 1.0	78.4 $\pm$ 2.5	38.4 $\pm$ 1.1	79.1 $\pm$ 0.3	71.8 $\pm$ 1.5
+AutoForm	<b>65.8</b> $\pm$ 2.2	<b>98.4</b> $\pm$ 0.2	<b>76.9</b> $\pm$ 2.5	<b>41.7</b> $\pm$ 0.9	<b>80.4</b> $\pm$ 0.8	<b>74.1</b> $\pm$ 1.6

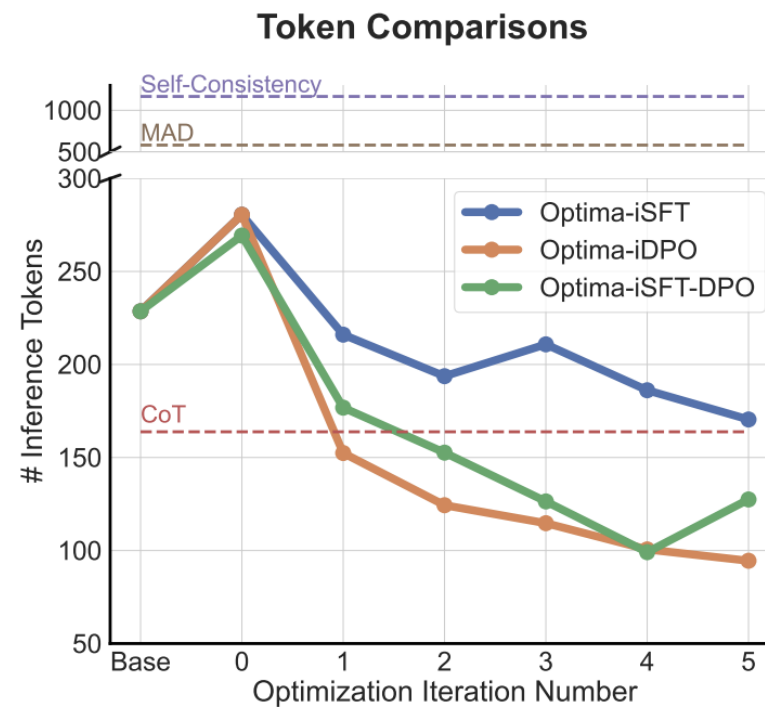
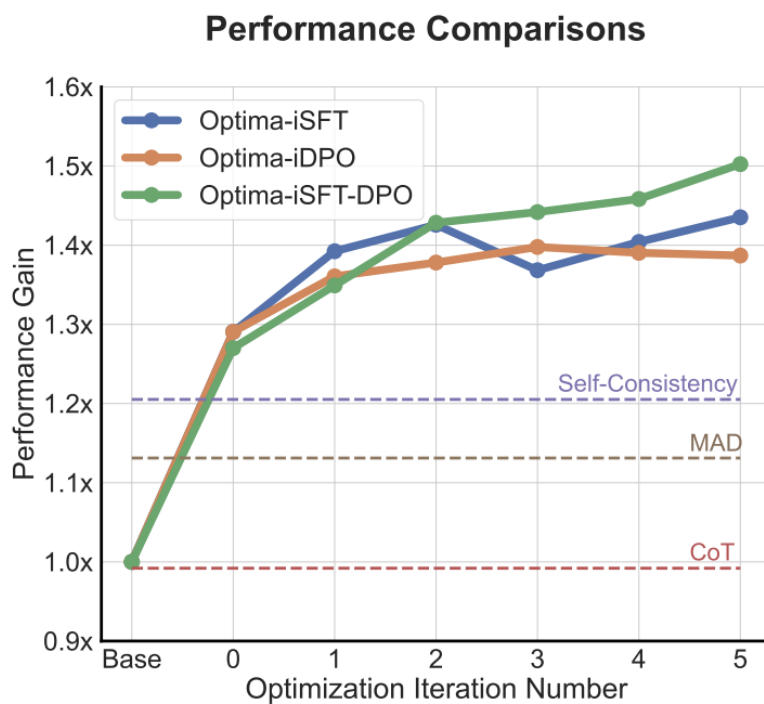
Model	Wiki Hop			Hotpot QA			Narrative QA		
	RougeL	# Tokens	$\Delta$ Tokens	RougeL	# Tokens	$\Delta$ Tokens	RougeL	# Tokens	$\Delta$ Tokens
GPT-4 + GPT-3.5	<b>0.53</b>	281.5	-	0.63	345.5	-	0.43	178.3	-
+AutoForm	<b>0.53</b>	<b>255.0</b>	-9.4%	<b>0.70</b>	<b>94.3</b>	-72.7%	<b>0.48</b>	<b>119.4</b>	-33.0%
GPT-4 + GPT-4	0.50	237.5	-	0.69	145.2	-	<b>0.43</b>	240.7	-
+AutoForm	<b>0.52</b>	<b>146.2</b>	-38.4%	<b>0.76</b>	<b>115.0</b>	-20.8%	<b>0.43</b>	<b>141.7</b>	-41.1%

# Task-Solving

## General Agents: Optima

### Agent Communication

- ◆ Low communication efficiency in LLM-based multi-agent communication.
- ◆ Can we develop a **training** framework that simultaneously enhances the **communication efficiency** and **task effectiveness** of LLM-based MAS?

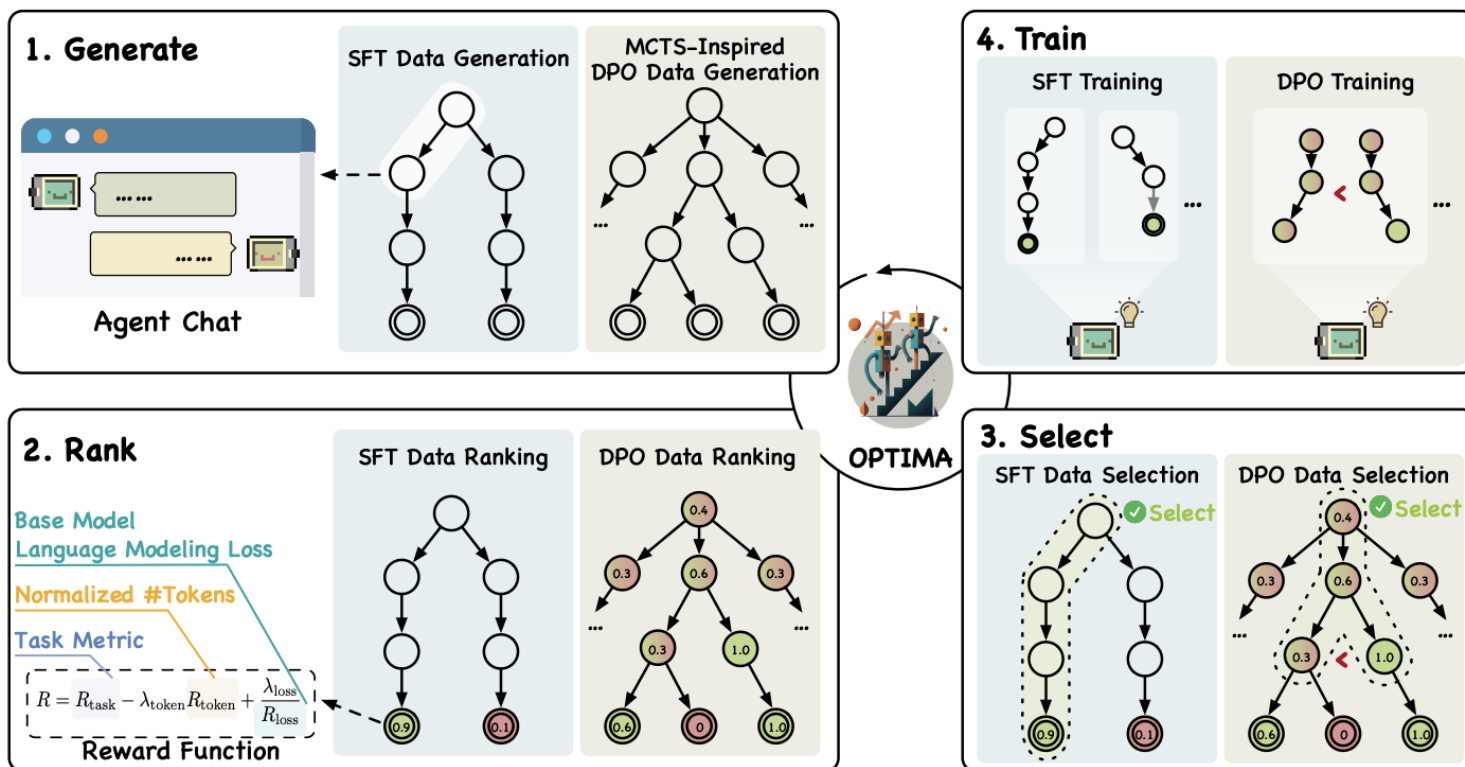


# Task-Solving

## General Agents: Optima

### Agent Communication

- ◆ OPTIMA employs an **iterative generate, rank, select, and train paradigm** with a reward function balancing task performance, token efficiency, and communication readability.



- **Reward function:**
  - Readability: language modeling loss
  - Scalability: # tokens
  - Functionality: task metric

$$R(\tau_i^j) = R_{\text{task}}(\tau_i^j) - \lambda_{\text{token}} R_{\text{token}}(\tau_i^j) + \lambda_{\text{loss}} \frac{1}{R_{\text{loss}}(\tau_i^j)}$$

# Task-Solving

## General Agents: Optima

### Agent Communication

- ◆ Average **80%** decrease in token consumption, and average 50% task performance improvement.

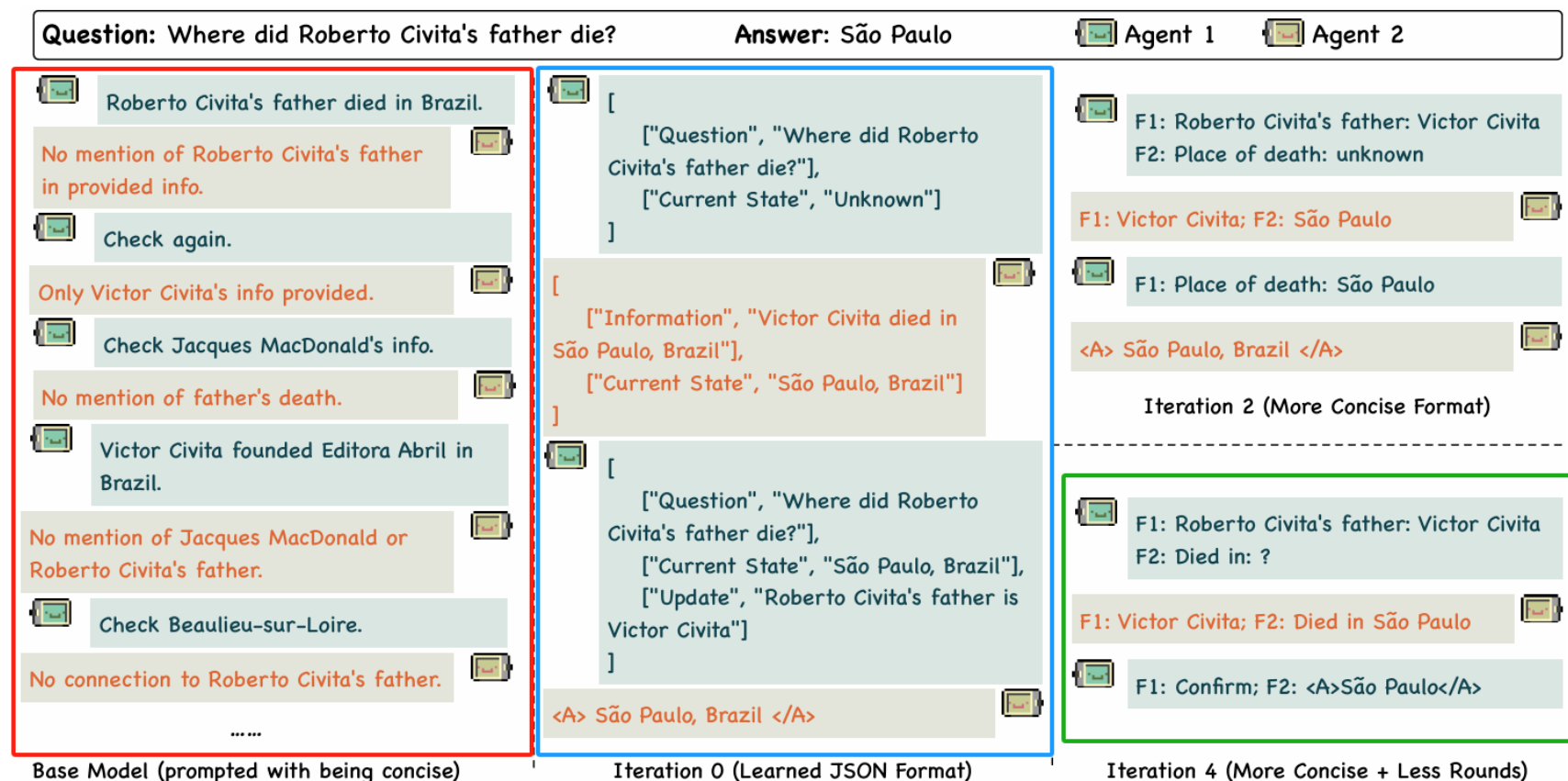
Method	Information Exchange								Debate							
	HotpotQA		2WMH QA		TriviaQA		CBT		MATH		GSM8k		ARC-C		MMLU	
	F1	#Tok	F1	#Tok	F1	#Tok	F1	#Tok	Acc	#Tok	Acc	#Tok	Acc	#Tok	Acc	#Tok
CoT	25.6	123.7	20.5	139.8	59.8	110.3	43.4	135.3	23.9	329.8	71.5	230.9	65.2	138.9	46.0	132.2
SC ( $n = 8$ )	33.8	996.3	28.7	1052.8	70.0	891.4	52.9	1067.7	<b>35.7</b>	2600.9	<u>80.3</u>	1828.7	<u>75.6</u>	1116.7	54.0	1056.1
MAD	28.4	570.9	25.9	543.7	71.0	408.6	53.8	493.0	29.8	1517.6	72.5	514.7	71.4	478.0	51.5	516.7
AutoForm	28.2	97.7	24.7	117.7	60.9	74.0	35.0	64.8	26.1	644.3	71.0	410.5	60.2	221.2	43.8	198.5
OPTIMA-iSFT	<u>54.5</u>	<u>67.6</u>	<u>72.4</u>	61.2	<u>71.9</u>	<u>51.5</u>	<b>71.8</b>	<u>38.5</u>	30.1	830.3	<u>79.5</u>	<u>311.5</u>	74.1	<u>92.2</u>	56.8	123.8
OPTIMA-iDPO	52.5	<b>45.7</b>	66.1	<b>35.9</b>	69.3	69.2	66.7	<b>37.2</b>	<u>30.4</u>	<b>272.8</b>	78.5	<u>270.1</u>	74.5	97.8	<u>59.6</u>	<u>61.6</u>
OPTIMA-iSFT-DPO	<b>55.6</b>	<u>63.3</u>	<b>74.2</b>	<u>54.9</u>	<b>77.1</b>	<b>32.5</b>	<u>70.1</u>	38.9	29.3	<u>488.1</u>	<b>80.4</b>	<b>246.5</b>	<b>77.1</b>	<b>88.0</b>	<b>60.2</b>	<b>56.7</b>
OPTIMA-iSFT SC	54.8	806.2	72.6	245.6	73.7	413.8	72.2	847.4	32.4	2432.9	83.1	1750.7	77.2	1148.7	60.2	874.5
OPTIMA-iDPO SC	52.8	412.8	67.2	1056.2	71.8	702.8	66.8	520.6	36.9	2743.1	84.4	1750.8	77.0	1091.2	59.9	1050.4
OPTIMA-iSFT-DPO SC	57.4	957.9	76.7	1096.0	77.5	494.1	71.8	417.8	34.8	2788.5	84.0	1748.7	78.8	1036.1	61.2	1026.7

# Task-Solving

## General Agents: Optima

### Agent Communication

- ◆ Case study: Learning to communicate more concisely during the optimization.

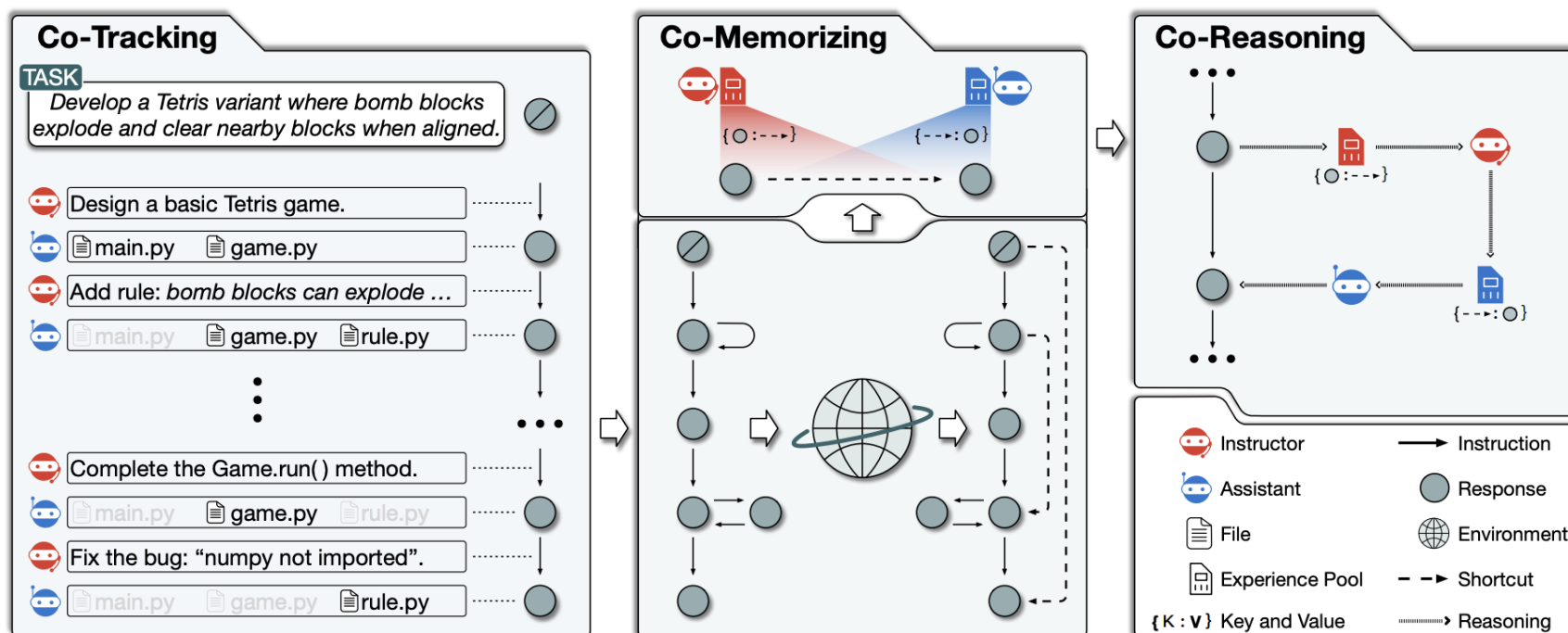


# Task-Solving

## Specific Domain Agents

### Experience Co-learning

- ◆ Agents frequently perform a variety of tasks independently, without benefiting from past experiences.
- ◆ Leading to repeated mistakes and inefficient attempts in multi-step task execution.
- ◆ Co-learning: Instructor and assistant agents **gather shortcut-oriented experiences** from their **historical trajectories** and use these past experiences for future task execution.



# Summary

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- We talk about **the abilities of single-agent** and **the motivation of multi-agents**.
- Multiple LLM-based agents **working together** and **dynamically coordinating** can **improve the quality and efficiency of task completion**. We present examples including AgentVerse, AutoForm, and Optima for illustration.
- Future work can explore **better working flows or scaling laws** of LLM-based multi-agent system, and apply the techniques in specific domains.



Thanks

