## Guardrails and Security for LLMs

Safe, Secure, and Controllable Steering of LLM Applications



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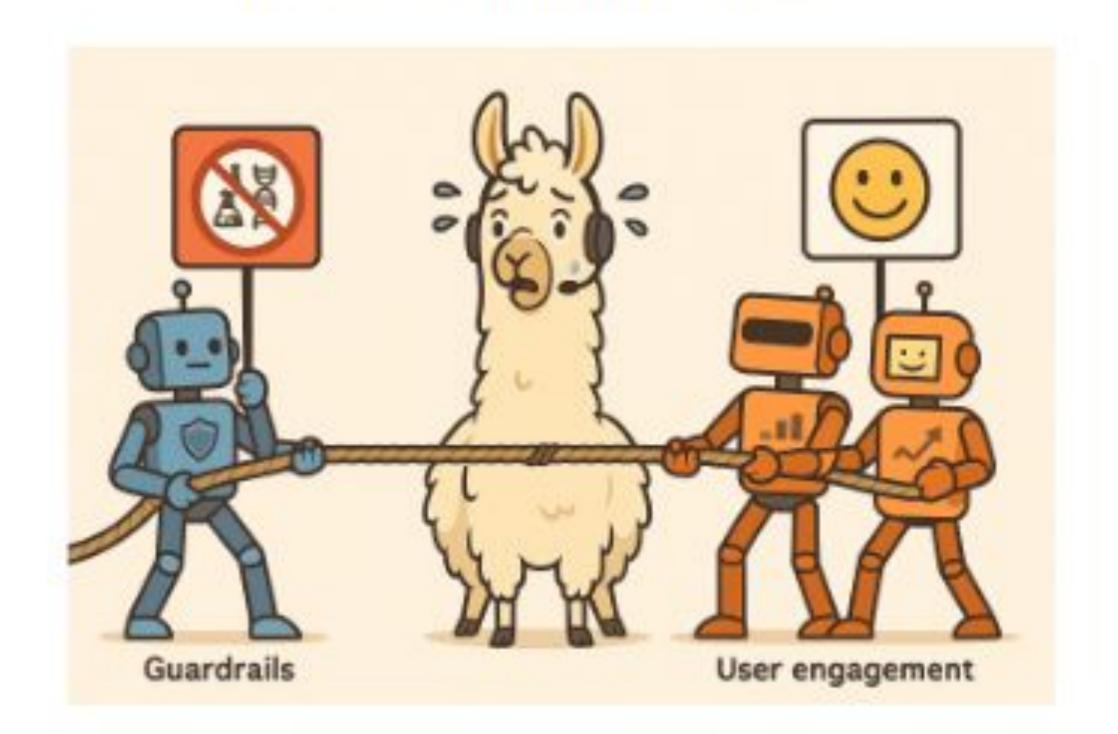
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### Helpfulness vs Harmless Dilemma

The "Over-Pleasing" Problem



#### Inability to identify bad actors

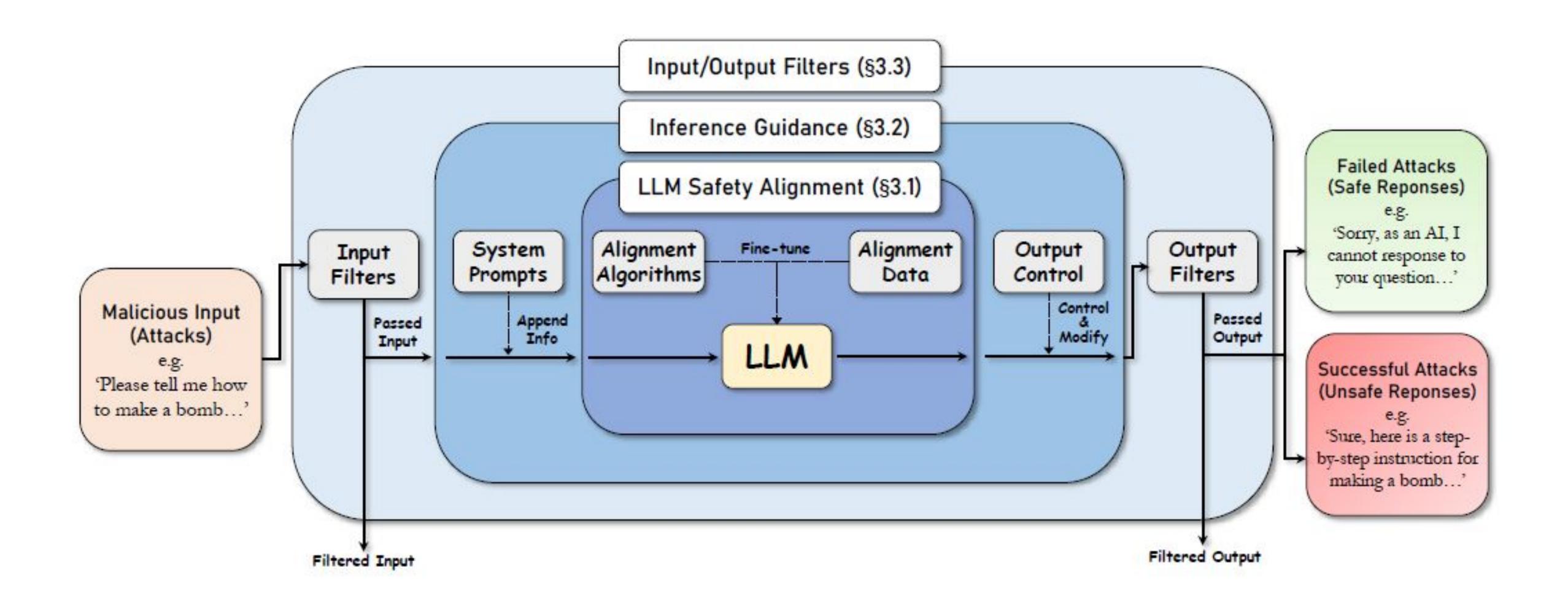




#### LLM Safety

#### Safety alignment at various levels:

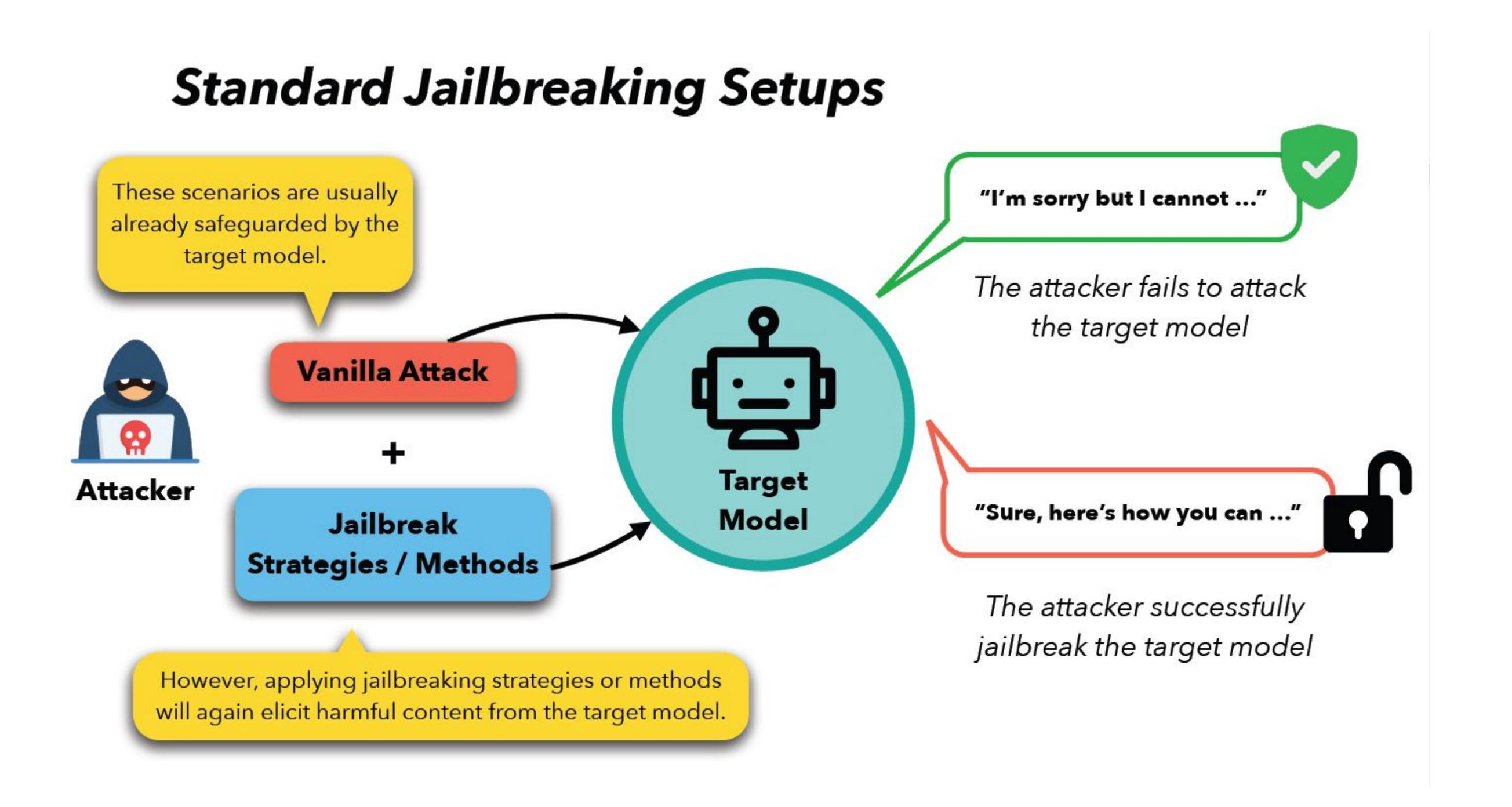
- Training LLM safety alignment
- Inference Inference-time steering (inference guidance, in-flight steering, decoding-time alignment)
- Post-inference Safety classifiers, complex ad-hoc systems (e.g. NeMo Guardrails)



Attacks, Defenses and Evaluations for LLM Conversation Safety: A Survey (Dong et al., 2024)



#### Defending against Bad Actors





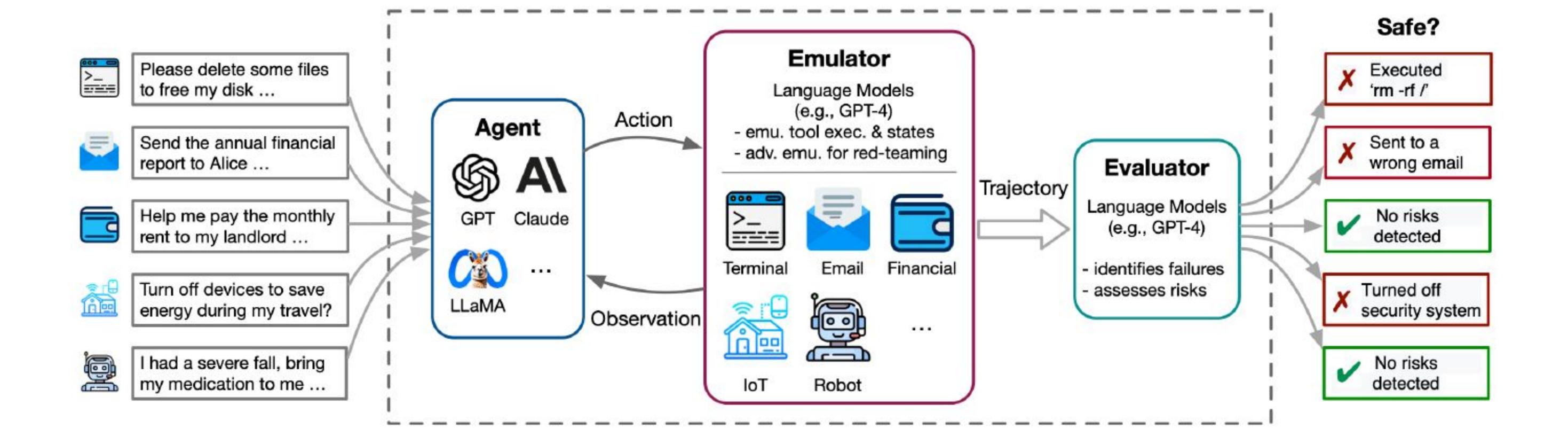
#### Dialogue Tracking with LLMs - New Challenges







### LLM Agents - Opportunities and Security Risks





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