Synergizing Human and LLM Capabilities:

a LLM-Augmented Retrieval (LAR) Assistant

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Motivation: Search engines and their users face challenges in complex search tasks due to limited task-specific knowledge. We explores the collaborative relationship between human searchers and LLMs in task-based complex searches, where LLMs can assist human searchers by supplying both the **task specific knowledge** and **note-taking capabilities**.

Step 1: LLM helps to identify meaningful search steps and suitable queries for the task









Task: I will give you a task, please split the task into the google queries to solve this question: Suppose you are considering purchasing a hybrid car and want to compare the pros and cons of different manufacturers and models (e.g., Honda, Ford, and Toyota). You also want your potential car to cost no more than \$25,000. Please find a hybrid car model that fits the budget and requirement.

General Information on Hybrid Cars:

"What is a hybrid car and how does it work?"

Hybrid Car Models within the Budget:

"Best/Honda/Ford/Toyota hybrid cars under \$25,000 in 2023."



uman perform search with the suggested queries.

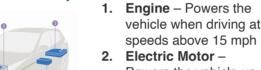
Step 2: Combine search outcomes with user feedback and insights to refine LLM's recommendations for tasks.







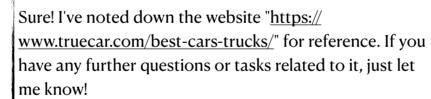
What is a hybrid car and how does it work?



2. Electric Motor –
Powers the vehicle up
to 15 mph, and assists
engine when
accelerating



This website https://www.truecar.com/best-cars-trucks/is useful. Let's remember it!



Honda hybrid cars under \$25,000 in 2023.



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Negative: there is no car in Honda 2023 hybrid under 25,000\$

Given this information, we might need to consider other manufacturers or look at **older models** of Honda hybrids that might fit within the \$25,000 budget. If you'd like, I can help you explore other options or provide alternative suggestions.



Step 3: LLM organizes results from search to support decision-making.

Can you summarize all these information into a table so I can find a hybrid car model that fits my budget and requirement

Feature/ Criteria	Ford Maverick Hybrid	Toyota Corolla Hybrid
Fuel Efficiency	Hybrid: 37 mpg	44-50 mpg combined
Performance & Drive	Remote engine start Standard turbocharged engine; optional hybrid	o-60 mph in 9.6 seconds. Buzzy gas engine at higher speeds.
Interior Comfort	Cloth upholstery (base) Leather- wrapped steering wheel, dual- zone climate control, rear air vents (SEL)	Comfortable seats. Quiet except for engine noise.
Price	SEL: \$26,785	LE: \$24,001

Can LLM be a good assistant? Yes, LLM can effectively complement with human in task-based searches by providing task-specific knowledge and a note space for storing and summarizing task outcomes.

Will searcher has better search experience? Through task decomposition suggested by LLM, searcher has easier time to perform effective search, learn about task and context, and receive concise search outcome summary, searcher is happy.

Is LLM perfect already? No, better **alignment with user expectations** and more accurate handling of **key details**.



Task Automation: Transitioning from manual to automatically identifying user search tasks and delivering relevant results. **Intelligent Decomposition:** For complex queries, the system will smartly break down tasks, focusing on each detail.