



EDB

Postgres for the AI Generation

Postgres as AI Knowledge Base



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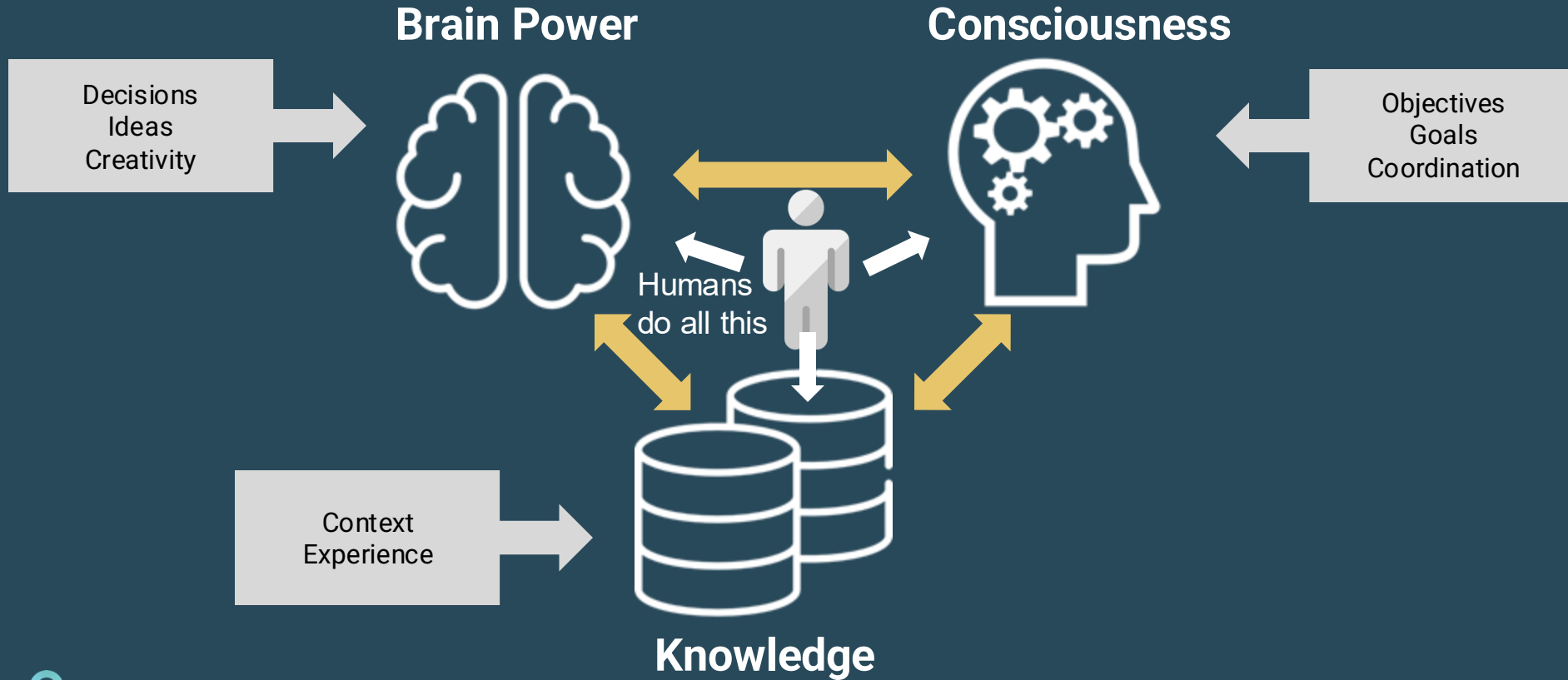


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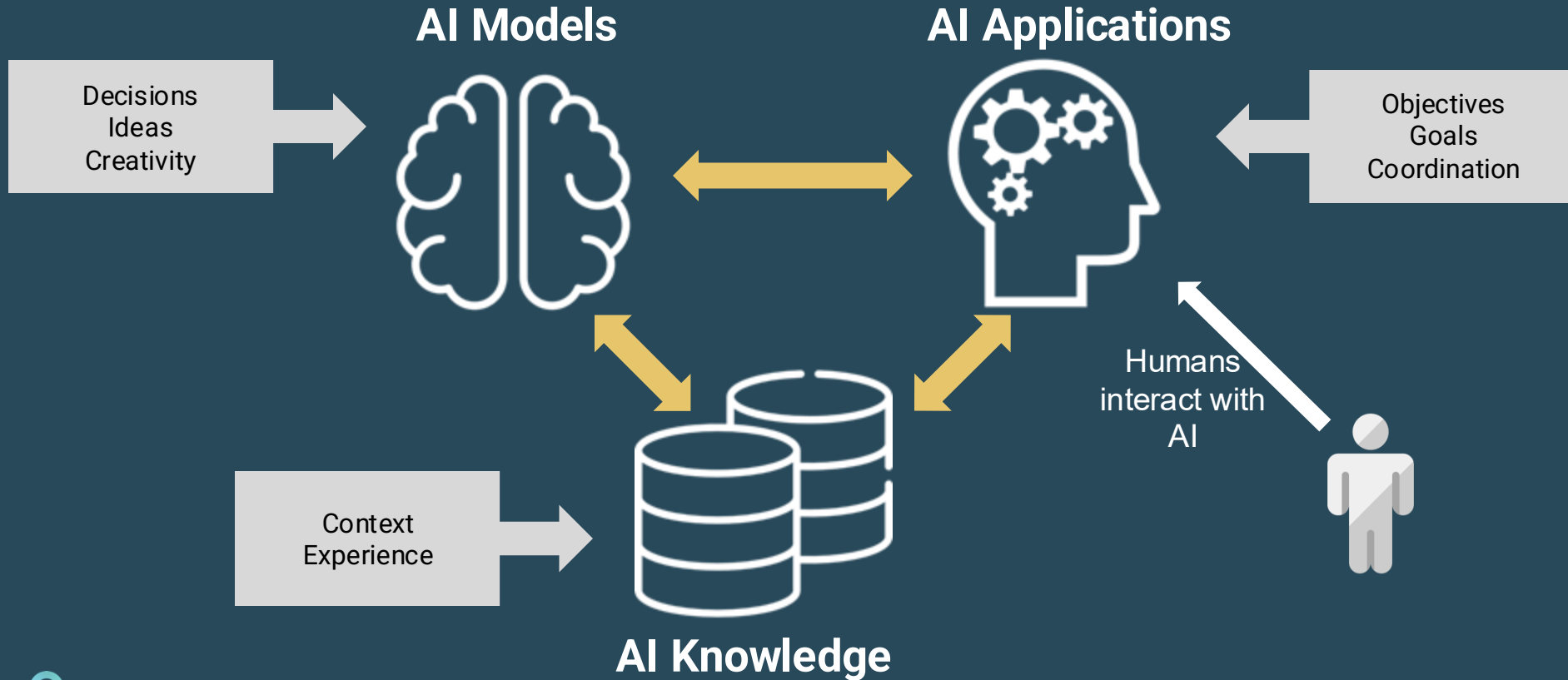
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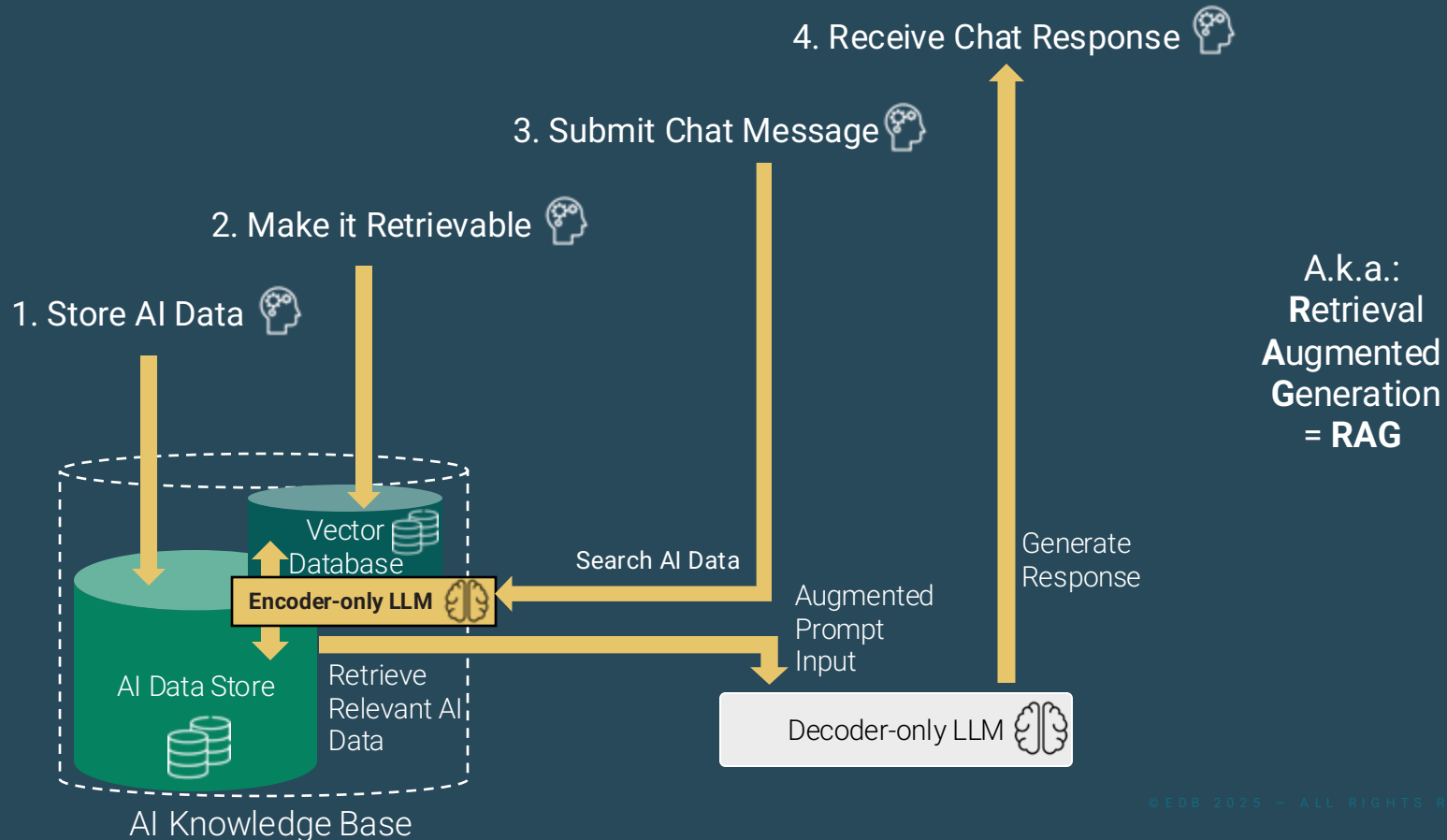
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Chat Bots – The Omnipresent Gen AI Application



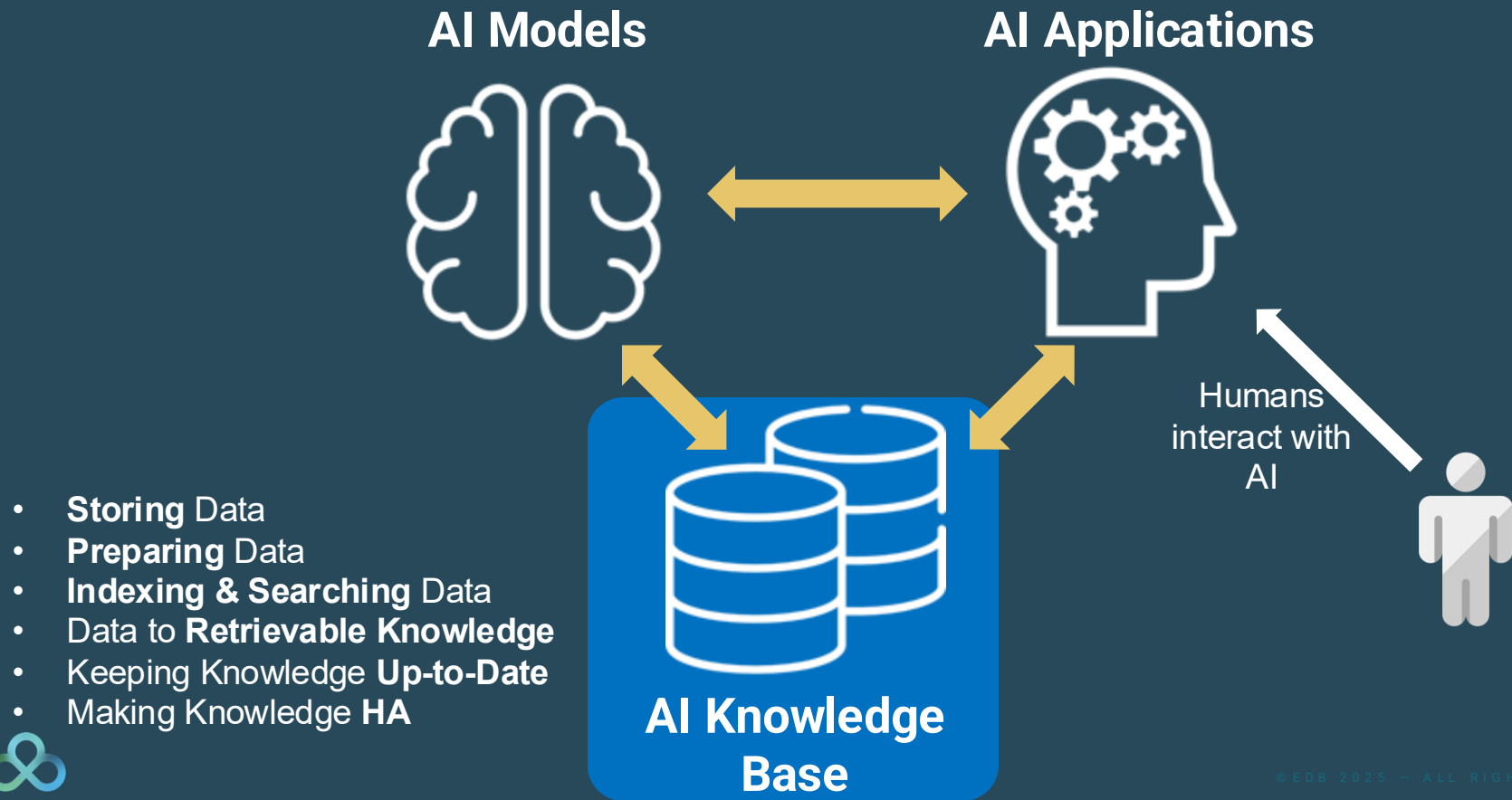


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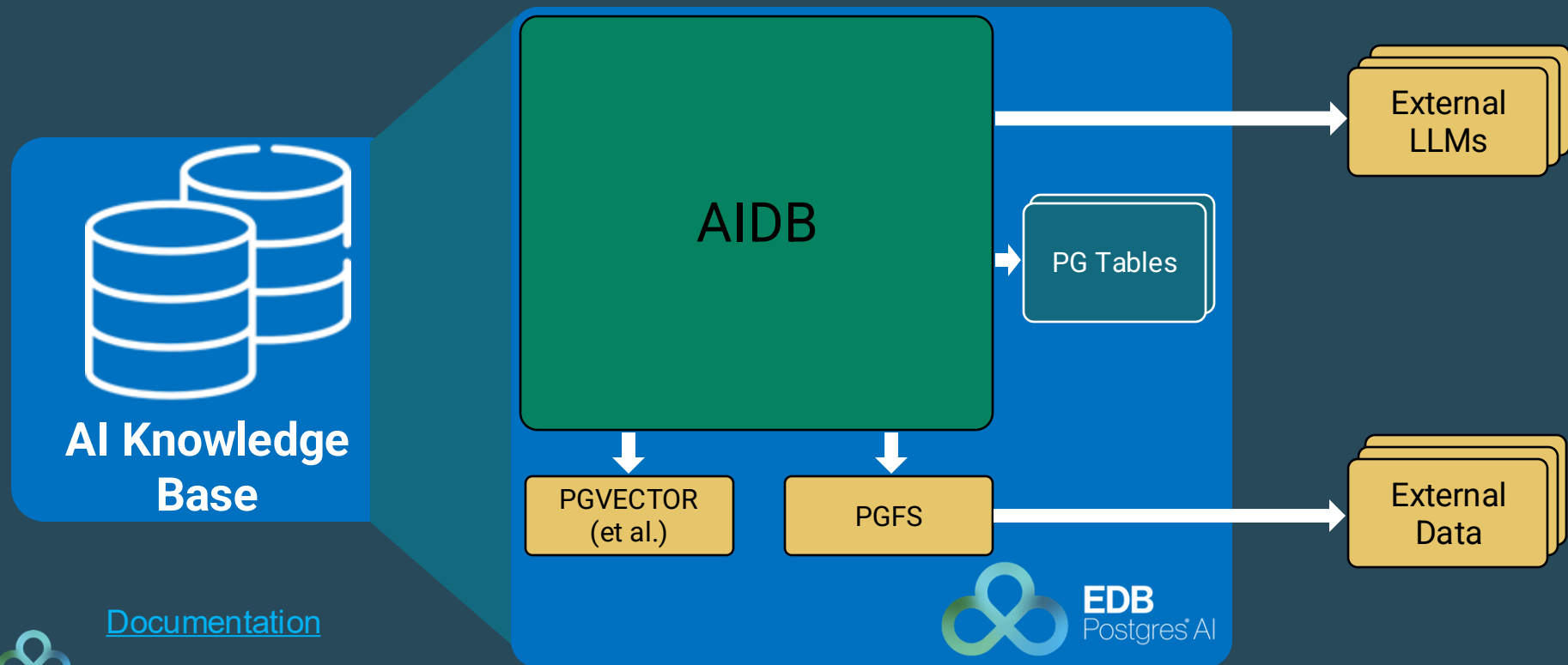
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2. Postgres as AI Knowledge Base

AI Knowledge = A Database's Job



EDB's AI Knowledge Base Stack in PG



AI Knowledge Base – Meet Postgres



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- PG tables – but also: external storage (= natural habitat of unstructured)

Preparing Data – For consumption by RAG & agents

- Bite-sizing for AI (summarization, chunking)
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 - Including real-time execution

Making **Knowledge HA**

- The whole nine yards of Postgres

Storing AI Data with Postgres

Option 1: Regular PG tables

Option 2: EDB Postgres – Volumes

- Dedicated asset in PG to represent externally unstructured data
 - PDFs, HTMLs, Images, Voice etc. – just has mime type, no relational schema
 - Ideal for **large volumes** of data and **unstructured data**

```
SELECT pgfs.create_storage_location('ai_images', 's3://public-ai-images', NULL,  
                                   '{"region": "eu-central-1", "skip_signature": "true"}', '{}');
```

```
SELECT aidb.create_volume('image_vol', 'ai_images', '/', 'Image');
```

```
SELECT * FROM aidb.list_volume_content('image_vol');
```

file_name	size	last_modified
10000.jpg	1030	2024-10-17 14:07:24 UTC
10001.jpg	1210	2024-10-17 14:07:24 UTC
10002.jpg	807	2024-10-17 14:07:24 UTC
10003.jpg	11564	2024-10-17 14:07:24 UTC
10004.jpg	20647	2024-10-17 14:07:24 UTC
10005.jpg	16677	2024-10-17 14:07:24 UTC
10006.jpg	2146	2024-10-17 14:07:24 UTC
10007.jpg	18895	2024-10-17 14:07:24 UTC

```
:
```

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Prep AI Data in PG – Bite-sizing – Primitives

1. Basic SQL Primitives in EDB Postgres:

- Chunking based on sentence and max chunk lengths
- Summarization with LLMs

```
SELECT * FROM aidb.chunk_text('This is one chunk. This too. And this.', '{"desired_length": 1, "max_length": 1000}');
 chunk_id |      chunk
-----+-----
        0 | This is one chunk.
        1 | This too.
        2 | And this.
```

```
SELECT aidb.create_model('text-nim-completions', 'nim_completions',
    '{"url": "http://llama-3-1-8b-instruct-1xgpu-g6-predictor.default.svc.cluster.local/v1/chat/completions",
    "model": "meta/llama-3.1-8b-instruct"}');
```

```
SELECT * FROM aidb.summarize_text('There are times when the night sky glows with bands of color. The bands may begin
as cloud shapes and then spread ..... imagined that they saw fiery dragons in the sky. Some even concluded that the
heavens were on fire.', '{"model": "text-nim-completions"}');
 summarize_text
```

Here's a summary:

The Aurora Borealis, also known as the Northern Lights, are colored lights that appear in the night sky as bands or curtains of color, changing in brightness and hue. The colors can range from pale yellow to green, violet, blue, and red. Despite observation by scientists for hundreds of years, the exact cause of the Northern Lights remains unknown. In ancient times, people were often fearful of the spectacle, imagining it to be fiery dragons or the heavens ablaze.

Prep AI Data in PG – Bite-sizing – Preparers

2. Automatic Preparer Pipelines in EDB Postgres

- Example for chunking of text data on external storage:

```
SELECT * FROM aidb.list_volume_content('my_text_volume');
  file_name | size | last_modified
-----+-----+-----
babysitter_story.txt | 559 | 2025-02-21 10:54:13 UTC
chunking.txt | 284 | 2025-02-21 10:54:13 UTC
home_late_story.txt | 587 | 2025-02-21 10:54:13 UTC
:
```

Preparer example for text chunking

You can set up the **same** kind of preparer for **all** following data preparation **primitives**.

```
SELECT aidb.create_volume_preparer(name => 'my_text_chunker', operation => 'ChunkText',
                                   source_volume_name => 'my_text_volume', destination_table => 'chunked_text',
                                   destination_data_column => 'chunks', destination_key_column => 'id',
                                   options => '{"desired_length": 1, "max_length": 100}':JSONB);
```

```
SELECT aidb.bulk_data_preparation('my_text_chunker');
```

```
SELECT * FROM chunked_text;
  id | chunks
-----+-----
babysitter_story.txt | {"I don't want a babysitter.", "I am eleven years old.", "My babysitter is only....
chunking.txt | {"Short sentence at 21.", "The, purpose, of, this, function, is, to, partition, text, "data ....
home_late_story.txt | {"It was beginning to get dark.", "We were still not home yet.", "I bet Dad is ....
:
```

Prep AI Data in PG – Normalizing Data Modality

For example: Extracting **text from PDFs with LLMs** in EDB Postgres

- PDF Parsing Primitive
- Automatic Preparer for PDFs in tables or volumes

```
SELECT pgfs.create_storage_location('pdf_bucket', 's3://noah-pdf-test', NULL,  
                                   '{"region": "eu-central-1", "skip_signature": "true"}', '{}');  
SELECT aidb.create_volume('pdf_volume', 'pdf_bucket', '/', 'application/pdf');
```

```
SELECT * FROM aidb.parse_pdf(aidb.read_volume_file('pdf_volume', 'text_and_images.pdf'),  
                             '{"method": "Structured", "allow_partial_parsing": true}');  
      parse_pdf
```

```
-----  
{"PDF  test file  Purpose: Provide example of this file type  Document file type: PDF  Version: 1.0  Remark:  
Example content:  The names \" John Doe \" for males, \" Jane Doe \" or \" Jane Roe \" for females, or \" Jonnie Doe  
\" and \" Janie Doe \" for  children, or just \" Doe \" non -gender -specifically are used as  placeholder names for  
a party whose true identity is un- known or must be withheld in a legal action,....  
  :
```

```
SELECT aidb.create_volume_preparer(name => pdf_preparer',  
    operation => 'ParsePdf', source_volume_name => 'pdf_volume',  
    destination_table => 'pdf_extract_tab', destination_data_column => 'parsed_text', destination_key_column => 'id',  
    options => '{ "method": "Structured" }'::JSONB ;
```

```
SELECT aidb.bulk_data_preparation(pdf_preparer');
```

Prep AI Data in PG – Normalizing Data Modality

Example: Extract **text** from **images** with **OCR LLMs** in EDB Postgres

```
SELECT pgfs.create_storage_location('image_test_bucket', 's3://ocr-test', NULL,
                                   '{"region": "eu-central-1", "skip_signature": "true"}', '{}');
SELECT aidb.create_volume('ocr_volume', 'ocr_test_bucket', '/',
                          'application/png');
```

```
SELECT aidb.create_model(
  'paddle_ocr', 'nim_paddle_ocr',
  '{"url": "http://nim-baidu-paddleocr-1xgpu-g6-
  predictor.default.svc.cluster.local/v1/infer"}'::JSONB);
```

```
SELECT aidb.perform_ocr(
  aidb.read_volume_file('image_volume',
                        'ocr_bank_reconciliation.png'),
  options => '{"model": "forwarded_paddle_ocr"}');
```

perform_ocr

```
-----
{"Trunch Parish Council","BANK RECONCILIATION AS AT 31ST OCTOBER
2019","Account:",14,389.43,"BANK STATEMENT BALANCE 30TH
SEPTEMBER 2019",83.60,"PREVIOUS OUTSTANDING
CHEQUES",14,305.83,"CASH BOOK BALANCE 31ST OCTOBER 2019","ADD
CHEQUES OUTSTANDING:",*,101719,83.60*,*,*,83.60,"OUTSTANDING
CHEQUES",9,148.00,"RECEIPTS",4,309.94,"PAYMENTS",19,227.49,"B
ALANCE 31ST OCTOBER 2019",19,227.49*,,"BALANCE AS PER BANK
STATEMENT",0.00,"DIFFERENCE"}
```

Trunch Parish Council		
BANK RECONCILIATION AS AT 31ST OCTOBER 2019		
Account:		
BANK STATEMENT BALANCE 30TH SEPTEMBER 2019		£14,389.43
PREVIOUS OUTSTANDING CHEQUES		£83.60
CASH BOOK BALANCE 31ST OCTOBER 2019		£14,305.83
ADD CHEQUES OUTSTANDING:		*
	101719	£83.60 *
		*
		*
		*
OUTSTANDING CHEQUES		£83.60
RECEIPTS		£9,148.00
PAYMENTS		£4,309.94
BALANCE 31ST OCTOBER 2019		£19,227.49
BALANCE AS PER BANK STATEMENT		£19,227.49 *
DIFFERENCE		£0.00

Prep AI Data in PG – Text Embeddings

Compute Vector **Embeddings** for an individual text in EDB Postgres:

- Single text, or array with texts:

```
SELECT aidb.create_model('text-nim-embeddings',
                        'nim_embeddings',
                        '{"url": "http://nv-embedqa-e5-v5-1xgpu-predictor.default.svc.cluster.local/v1/embeddings",
                        "model" "nvidia/nv-embedqa-e5-v5"}');
```

```
SELECT aidb.encode_text('text-nim-embeddings', 'This is an example sentence');
```

encode_text

```
-----
{-0.04385376,-0.055358887,-0.022216797,-0.0044403076,0.034606934,0.041503906,0.022109985,-0.02319336,0.035705566,-
0.004688263,0.07977295,0.013496399,0.045532227,-0.04119873,0.03805542,0.015357971,0.0043296814,0.009353638,-
0.0017747879,0.043 ....
(1 row)
```

```
SELECT aidb.encode_text_batch('text-nim-embeddings', ARRAY['The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog', 'Sphinx of
black quartz, judge my vow', 'How vexingly quick daft zebras jump!']);
```

encode_text_batch_text

```
-----
{-0.033447266,-0.010803223,0.02633667,0.016586304,0.052642822,0.024108887,0.030563354,-0.01838684, .....
{0.018157959,-0.048614502,0.0028095245,-0.009590149,0.040527344,0.017578125,-0.017471313,-0.008155823, ....
{-0.0050201416,-0.025024414,-0.0056037903,0.033172607,0.058746338,0.005519867,-0.0036144257,-0.017990112, ....
(3 rows)
```

Prep AI Data in PG – Image Embeddings

Compute Vector **Embeddings** for an image on external volume:

```
SELECT pgfs.create_storage_location('image_test_bucket', 's3://public_ai_images', NULL,  
                                   '{"region": "eu-central-1", "skip_signature": "true"}', '{}');  
SELECT aidb.create_volume('image_vol', 'image_test_bucket', '/', 'Image');  
  
SELECT aidb.create_model('my-clip',  
                         'nim_clip',  
                         '{"url": "http://nim-nvclip-1xgpu-g6-predictor.default.svc.cluster.local/v1/embeddings",  
                          "model": "nvidia/nvclip-vit-h-14"}':JSONB );  
  
SELECT aidb.encode_image('my-clip',  
                         aidb.read_volume_file('image_vol', '10000.jpg'));
```

encode_image

```
-----  
{0.022478739,-0.012031131,-0.02170689,-0.023023805,-0.062088348,-0.002225018,-0.005005259,-0.017749019,-  
0.08671932,0.029527195,-0.015034365,-0.007746646,0.018728843,-0.02170078,0.042869974,0.010556191,-  
0.009796084,0.0073665897,0.008390636,0.005256727,0.019732524,0.033482935,-0.03045431,0.0014779746,-0.013152978,-  
0.008432856,-0.0023803269,0.03748089,0.02944983,0.044753987,0.026918415,0.013772401,-0.009825112,-0.056826483,-  
0.012649682,-0.0063284305,0.0060227807,-0.02340439,-0.0017279615,-0.086492814,-0.0044922675,0.005919139,-  
0.051642597,0.0013064217,0.018946175,0.00236084,0.023778854,-0.006915893,0.011691907, ....
```

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Indexing & Searching with Postgres

PGVECTOR widely known & adopted, but with built-in scale limitations

- HNSW: good recall, but build & updates expensive, very memory-sensitive for build & query, max 2000 vector dimensions
- IVF: Slow for high recall with large volumes. Recent innovations not adopted yet

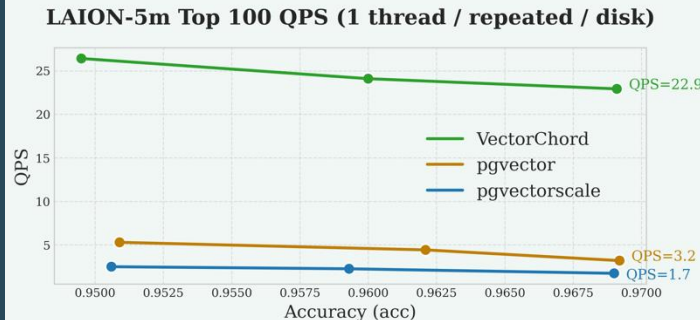
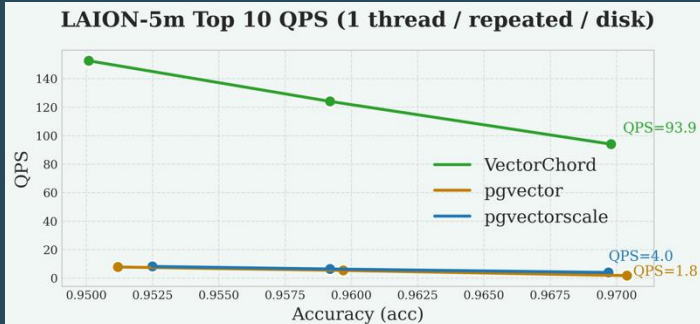
Vector index alternatives for Postgres?

- Relevant innovations: 1. Disk-based algorithms, 2. Quantization
- Commercial only options:
 - ScaNN by Google, only in AlloyDB
 - DiskANN by Microsoft, only in Azure PostgreSQL
- Open options:
 - pgvectorscale
 - VectorChord
- All these alternatives can run on existing PGVECTOR columns

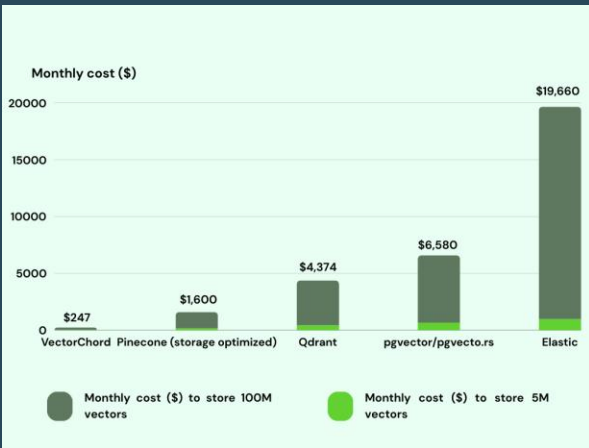


VectorChord

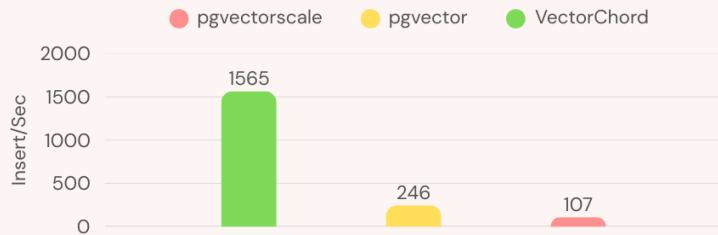
- Implements [RaBitQ](#) paper
- Binary quantization for 32x compression
 - Much **less compute** for searches
 - Up to **60K dimensions**
 - **High accuracy** with minimal reranking & **no tuning**
 - **Excellent QPS**
- Option for **index build** acceleration on **GPUs**
- **Negligible** Update/Insert/Delete **overhead**
- Market-leading **cost-performance ratio**



<https://blog.vectorchord.ai/vector-search-over-postgresql-a-comparative-analysis-of-memory-and-disk-solutions>



Insertion Performance



<https://blog.vectorchord.ai/vector-search-at-10000-qps-in-postgresql-with-vectorchord>

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Knowledge Retrieval – Create a Knowledge Base

Text Knowledge Base on Table Data:

```
SELECT * FROM aidb.models;
  name          | provider          | options
-----+-----+-----
text-nim-embeddings | nim_embeddings | {"config={\"url\": \"http://nv-embedqa-e5-v5-1xgpu-predictor.default.svc....
:

SELECT id, content FROM my_text_data;
  id  | content
-----+-----
43941 | Catwalk Women Brown Heels
55018 | Lakme 3 in 1 Orchid Aqua Shine Lip Color
19337 | United Colors of Benetton Men Stripes Black Jacket

SELECT aidb.create_table_knowledge_base('my_text_kb', 'text-nim-embeddings', 'my_text_data', 'content', 'Text');
INFO: using vector table: public.my_text_kb_vector
NOTICE: auto-processing is set to "Disabled". Run "SELECT aidb.bulk_embedding('my_text_kb');" to compute embeddings.
create_table_knowledge_base
-----
my_text_kb

SELECT aidb.bulk_embedding('my_text_kb');
INFO: my_text_kb: (re)setting state table to process all data...
INFO: my_text_kb: Starting... Batch size 100, unprocessed rows: 3, count(source records): 3, count(embeddings): 0
INFO: my_text_kb: Batch iteration finished, unprocessed rows: 0, count(source records): 3, count(embeddings): 3
INFO: my_text_kb: finished, unprocessed rows: 0, count(source records): 3, count(embeddings): 3
```

Knowledge Retrieval – Create a Knowledge Base

Image Knowledge Base on Volume Data:

```

SELECT * FROM aldb.models;
  name | provider | options
-----+-----+-----
my_clip | nim_clip | {"config":{"url": "http://nim-nvclip-1xgpu-g6-predictor.default.svc.cluster.local/....
:

SELECT * FROM aldb.list_volume_content('image_vol');
  file_name | size | last_modified
-----+-----+-----
10000.jpg | 1030 | 2024-10-17 14:07:24 UTC
:

SELECT aldb.create_volume_knowledge_base('my_image_kb', 'my_clip', 'image_vol');
INFO: using vector table: public.my_image_kb_vector
NOTICE: auto-processing set to "Disabled". Run "SELECT aldb.bulk_embedding('my_image_kb');" to compute embeddings.
create_volume_knowledge_base
-----
my_image_kb

SELECT aldb.bulk_embedding('my_image_kb');
INFO: my_image_kb: (re)setting state table to process all data...
INFO: my_image_kb: Starting... Batch size 100, count(source records): 0, scans completed: 0, count(embeddings): 0
INFO: my_image_kb: Batch iteration finished, count(source records): 100, scans completed: 0, count(embeddings): 100
INFO: my_image_kb: Batch iteration finished, count(source records): 200, scans completed: 0, count(embeddings): 200
:

```


Knowledge Retrieval – Query a Knowledge Base

Semantic Text Retrieval:

- Retrieve text data keys
- Retrieve text data directly

```
SELECT id, content FROM my_text_data;
```

id	content
43941	Catwalk Women Brown Heels
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19337	United Colors of Benetton Men Stripes Black Jacket

```
SELECT * FROM aldb.retrieve_key('my_text_kb', 'Soes for females', 2);
```

key	distance
43941	1.1791053497673203
19337	1.2808311056755979

(2 rows)

```
SELECT * FROM aldb.retrieve_text('my_text_kb', 'Soes for females');
```

key	value	distance
43941	Catwalk Women Brown Heels	1.1791053497673203

(1 row)

Knowledge Retrieval – Query a Knowledge Base

Multimodal Retrieval:

- Text-2-Image Search
- Image-2-Image Search

```
SELECT * FROM aidb.retrieve_key('my_image_kb', 'white shoes', 2);
```

key	distance
1529.jpg	1.1975819603859001
13841.jpg	1.20160891637948

(2 rows)

```
SELECT * FROM aidb.retrieve_key(' my_image_kb ', aidb.read_volume_file('image_vol','10000.jpg'), 2);
```

key	distance
1651.jpg	0.5176281886809757
59968.jpg	0.5237269099660724

(2 rows)

Knowledge Retrieval – Query a Knowledge Base

Behind the Scenes

```
SELECT vector_table FROM aldb.knowledge_bases where name='my_image_kb';  
      vector_table
```

```
-----  
my_image_kb_vector
```

```
SELECT SUBSTR(embeddings::text, 1, 110) FROM my_image_kb_vector;  
                                     substr
```

```
-----  
[-0.034957077,0.05909659,0.0048654457,-0.012009802,0.04571122,-0.016535068,-0.0092142355,0.0064678527,0.047301  
[-0.0019288894,0.042462558,-0.035909444,0.0388534,0.052291196,-0.0247309,-0.018202478,-0.03987864,0.0488208,0.  
:
```

Knowledge Retrieval – Reranking

Increasing the accuracy and quality of semantic retrieval

- Get larger Top-K, revisit all values with LLM, cut off smaller reranked Top K

```
SELECT aidb.create_model(  
    'my-reranker', 'nim_reranking',  
    '{"url":"http://nim-nv-rerankqa-llama-1-1xgpu-g6-predictor.default.svc.cluster.local/v1/ranking",  
     "model": "nvidia/llama-3.2-nv-rerankqa-1b-v2"}'::JSONB );
```

```
create_model
```

```
my-reranker
```

```
(1 row)
```

```
SELECT * FROM aidb.rerank_text('my-reranker',  
                               'how can I open a door?',  
                               '{Ask for help, Push the handle, Lie down and wait, Shout at it}'::text[])  
  
ORDER BY logit_score DESC;
```

text	logit_score	id
Push the handle	-3.697265625	1
Ask for help	-6.2578125	0
Shout at it	-7.39453125	3
Lie down and wait	-11.375	2

```
(4 rows)
```

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Up-to-Date Knowledge – Auto-Processing Modes

1. Background Embeddings

- **Batched & parallelized** execution
- Automatic **delta detection** & processing, including **check-pointing**
- Perfect for AI data on external volumes
- AI data in PG tables:
 - Perfect for initial embeddings loading on large source tables
 - No insert/update/delete overhead on source tables
- Observability via real-time statistics table

2. Live Embeddings

- Embeddings kept in sync within each transaction for the source table



Up-to-Date Knowledge – Background for Table

```
SELECT aidb.create_table_knowledge_base('large_text_kb', 'text-nim-embeddings', 'my_large_text_data', 'content', 'Text',
                                         auto_processing => 'Background');
```

```
INFO: using vector table: public.large_text_kb_vector
```

```
INFO: large_text_kb: (Re)setting state table to process all data...
```

```
NOTICE: auto-processing is set to "Background". Check progress with "SELECT * FROM aidb.kbstat;"
```

```
SELECT * FROM aidb.kbstat;
```

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```

knowledge base	auto processing	table: unprocessed rows	volume: scans completed	count(source records)	count(embeddings)
products_kb	Background	0		44440	44440

```
INSERT INTO my_large_text_data VALUES (10000, 'I am a new text that is to be added to this KB');
```

```
INSERT 0 1
```

```
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knowledge base	auto processing	table: unprocessed rows	volume: scans completed	count(source records)	count(embeddings)
products_kb	Background	1		44441	44440

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products_kb	Background	0		44441	44441

Exactly the same when uploading new files to a Volume Knowledge Base

Up-to-Date Knowledge – Real-Time For Table

```
SELECT aidb.create_table_knowledge_base('large_text_kb', 'text-nim-embeddings', 'my_large_text_data', 'content', 'Text',  
                                         auto_processing => 'Live');
```

```
INSERT INTO my_large_text_data VALUES (1, 'I am a new text that is to be added to this KB');
```

```
INFO: Running live embedding for knowledge_base test_kb_live. key: "1" content: "I am a new text that is to be added to this KB"
```

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```


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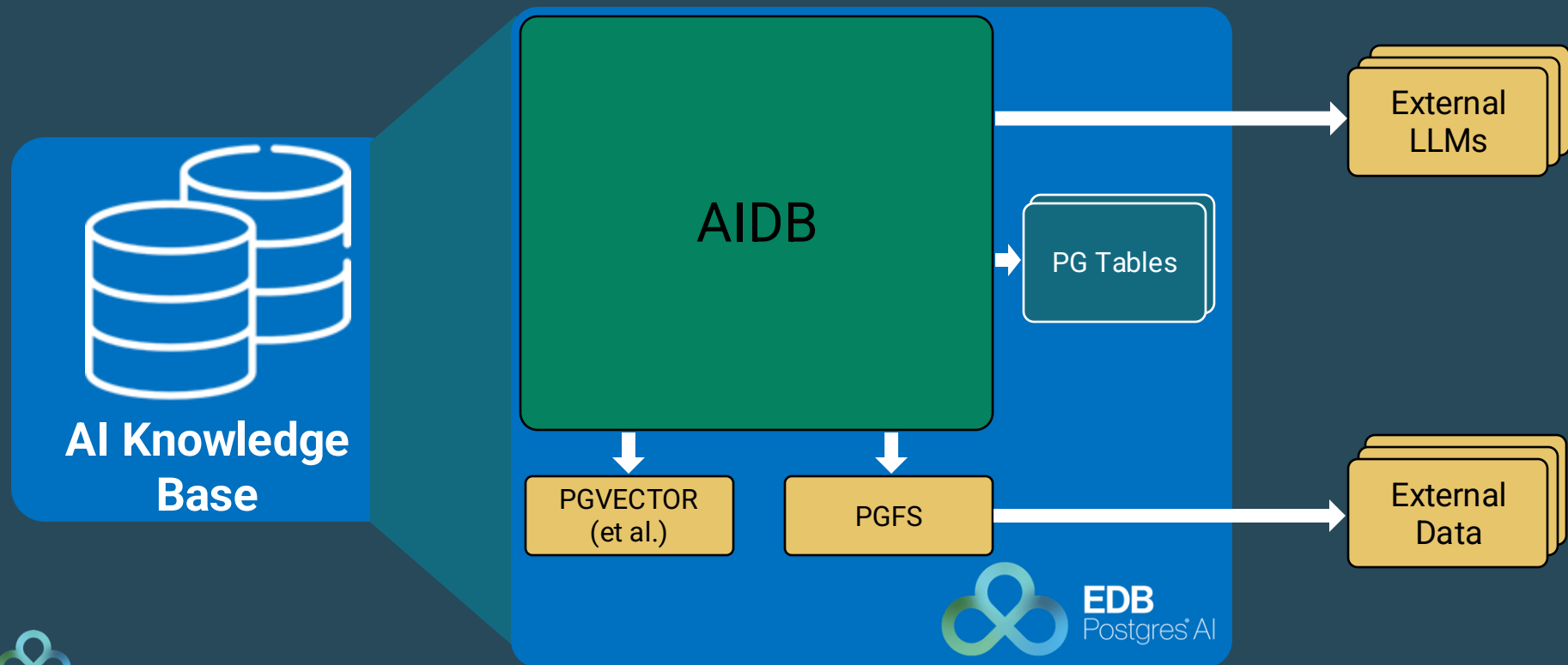
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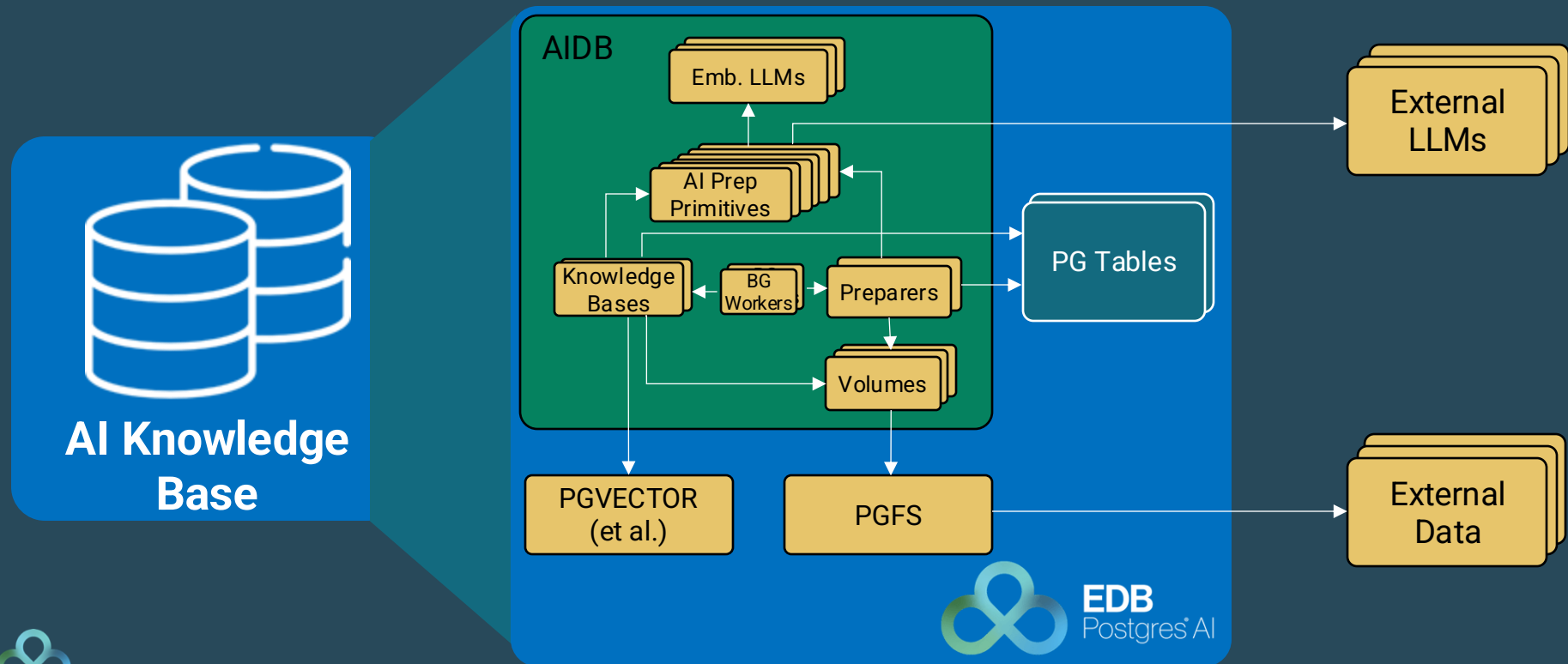
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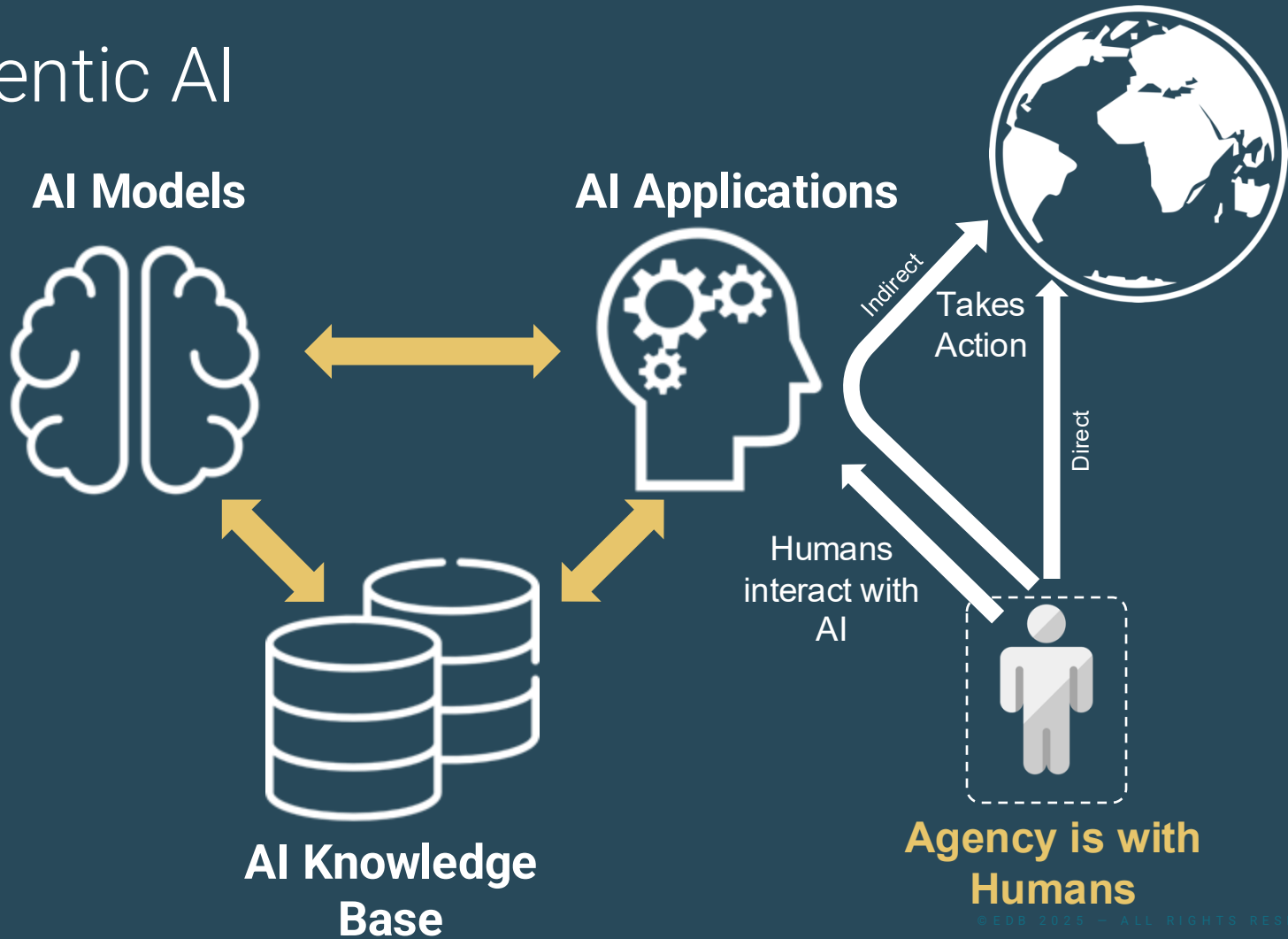


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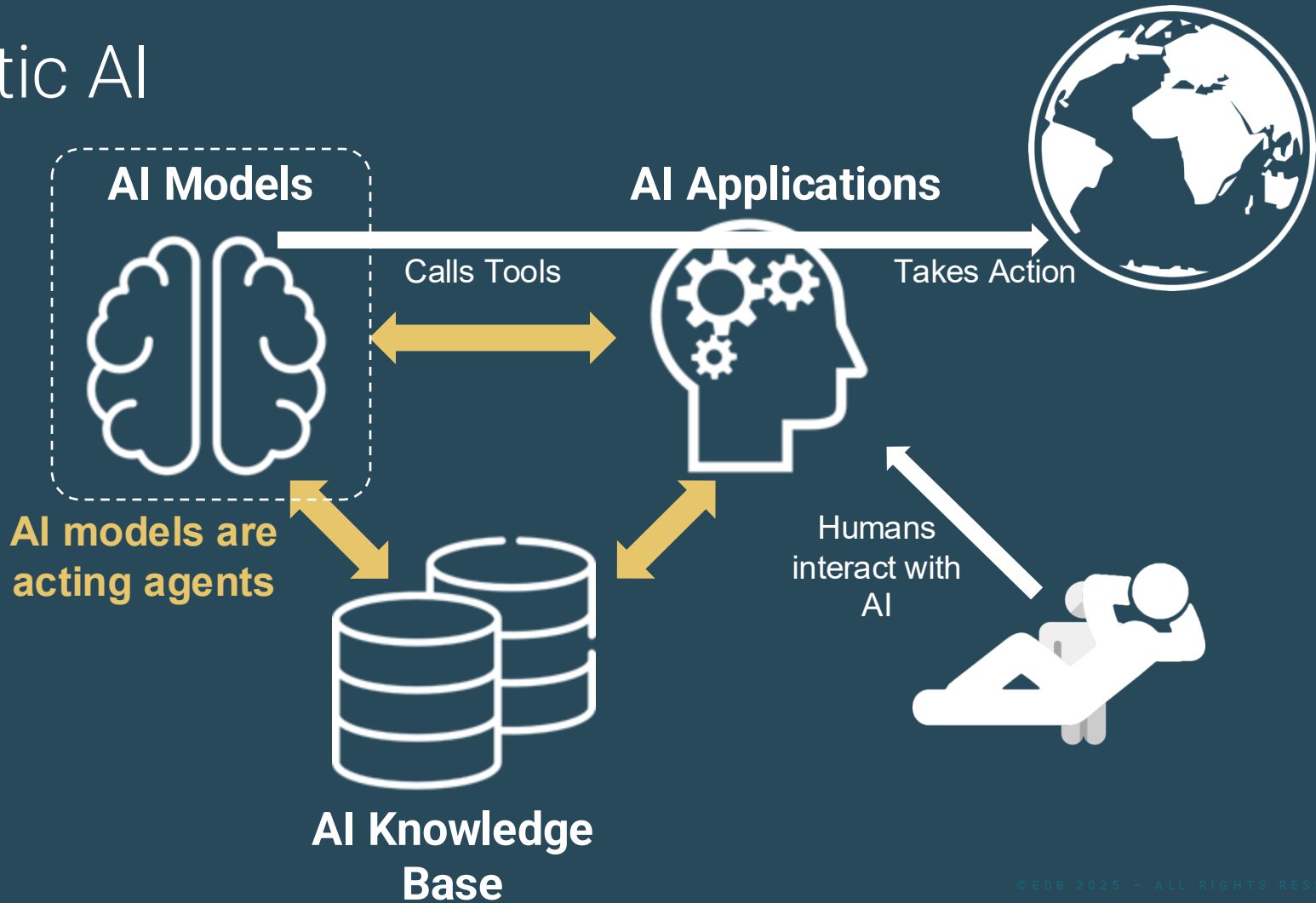
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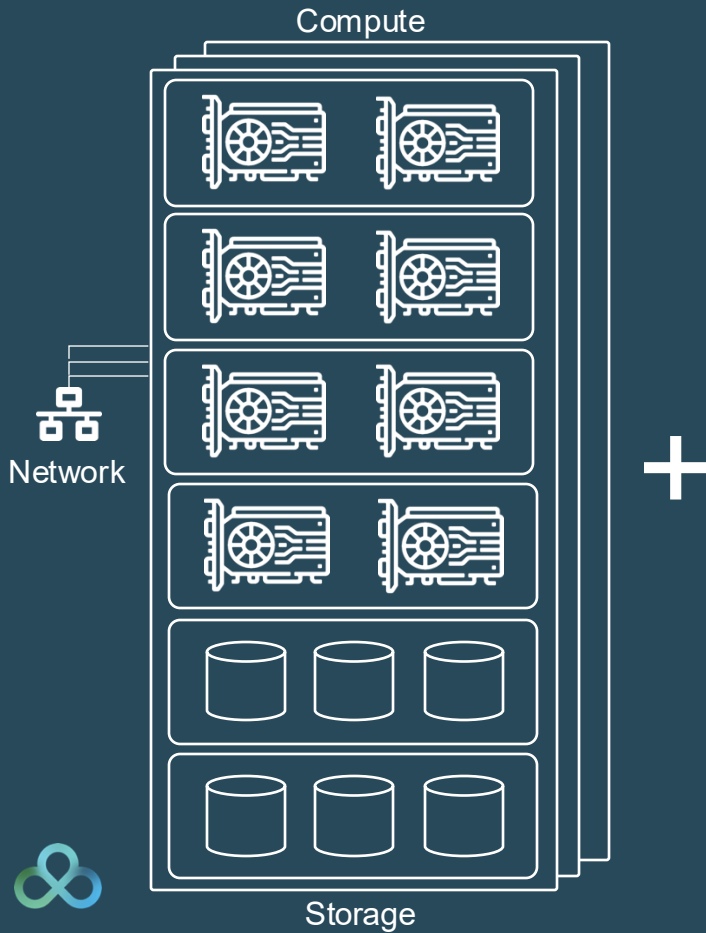
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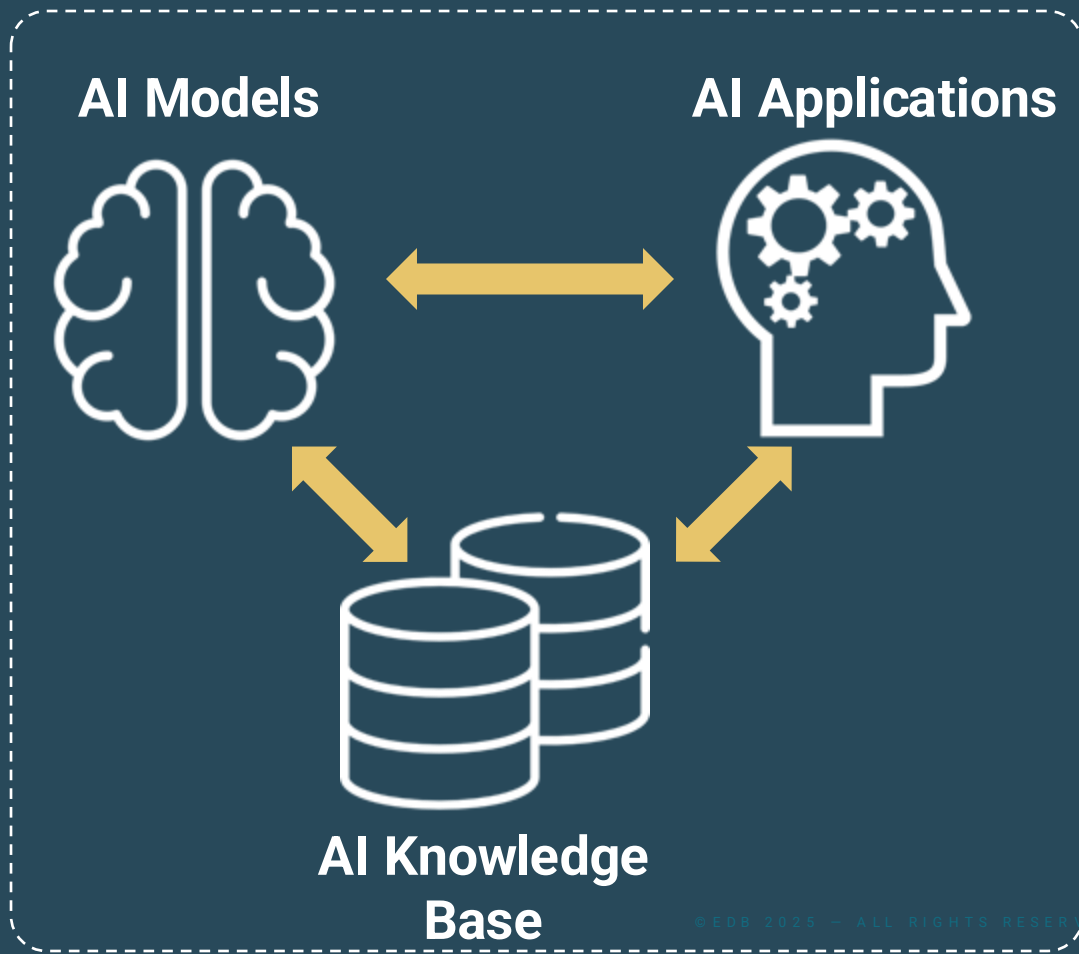
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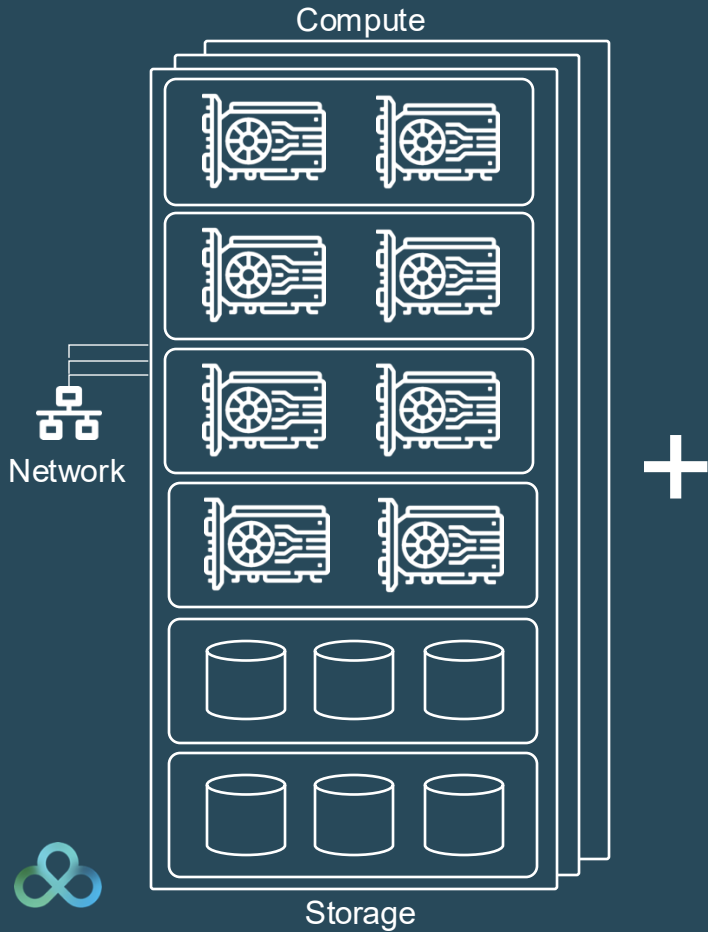
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EDB's AI Factory



EDB Hybrid Control Plane for Postgres

**EDB Model
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Thank You!



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