

# AgentMaster: A Multi-Agent Conversational Framework Using A2A and MCP Protocols for Multimodal Information Retrieval and Analysis

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## Abstract

The rise of Multi-Agent Systems (MAS) in Artificial Intelligence (AI), especially integrated with Large Language Models (LLMs), has greatly facilitated the resolution of complex tasks. However, current systems are still facing challenges of inter-agent communication, coordination, and interaction with heterogeneous tools and resources. Most recently, the Model Context Protocol (MCP) by Anthropic and Agent-to-Agent (A2A) communication protocol by Google have been introduced, and to the best of our knowledge, very few applications exist where both protocols are employed within a single MAS framework. We present a pilot study of AgentMaster, a novel modular multi-protocol MAS framework with self-implemented A2A and MCP, enabling dynamic coordination, flexible communication, and rapid development with faster iteration. Through a unified conversational interface, the system supports natural language interaction without prior technical expertise and responds to multimodal queries for tasks including information retrieval, question answering, and image analysis. The experiments are validated through both human evaluation and quantitative metrics, including BERTScore F1 (96.3%) and LLM-as-a-Judge G-Eval (87.1%). These results demonstrate robust automated inter-agent coordination, query decomposition, task allocation, dynamic routing, and domain-specific relevant responses. Overall, our proposed framework contributes to the potential capabilities of domain-specific, cooperative, and scalable conversational AI powered by MAS.

## 1 Introduction

Recent advances in artificial intelligence (AI) have increasingly focused on Multi-Agent Systems (MAS), in which multiple intelligent agents collaborate, communicate, and share contextual information to address complex tasks (Li et al., 2025; Qian

<sup>1</sup>AgentMaster: [demo video](#) and [live system](#).

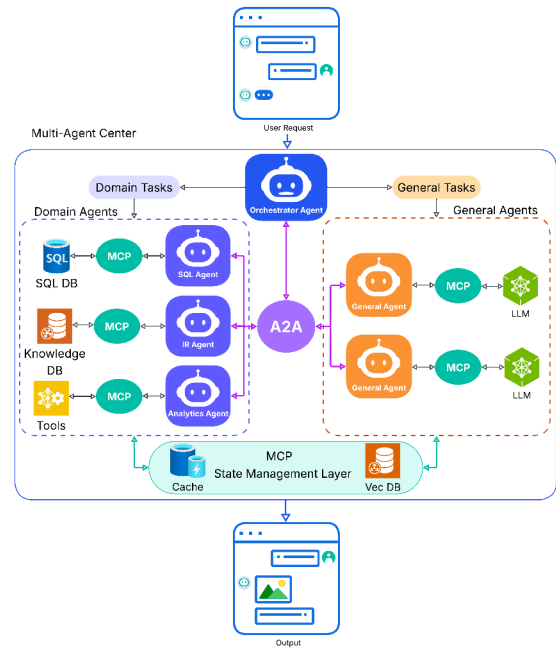


Figure 1: The general MAS framework of AgentMaster.

et al., 2024; Yao et al., 2023). The integration of Large Language Models (LLMs) into MAS frameworks has significantly broadened their applicability, enabling general-purpose collaboration, natural language interaction, and open-ended reasoning (Hu et al., 2025; Luo et al., 2024; Huang et al., 2024; Guo et al., 2024). This makes LLM-based MAS particularly well-suited for dynamic, unstructured tasks such as multimodal data analysis, research automation, and intelligent assistance (Dong et al., 2024; Islam et al., 2024; Lin et al., 2025). By distributing intelligence across agents, LLM-based MAS offer a promising approach to overcoming the limitations of standalone LLMs (Gemini, 2025; OpenAI, 2024; Touvron et al., 2023).

Despite their potential, current LLM-based MAS face critical challenges that limit their scalability, robustness, and effectiveness. These challenges span technical, architectural, and practical dimen-

sions, including agent coordination, communication, interaction with heterogeneous tools and data sources, knowledge representation and reasoning, modularity, and integration of domain-specific expertise (Du et al., 2025; Shen et al., 2023). Especially, in domain-specific contexts where specialized agents are increasingly essential (Yu et al., 2025; Mathur et al., 2024; Gadiraju et al., 2024), these systems often require substantial domain-specific knowledge and the capability to process diverse data modalities, posing additional challenges for effective automation and coordination (Yu et al., 2025; Aminian-Dehkordi et al., 2025; Haase and Pokutta, 2025; Zhang et al., 2025b).

Most recently, two new open standards, Anthropic’s Model Context Protocol (MCP) (Anthropic, 2024) and Agent-to-Agent (A2A) communication protocol introduced by Google (Surapaneni et al., 2025), aim to address these challenges. MCP, announced in May 2024, streamlines the process by providing a standardized interface for accessing various tools and resources, enhancing the modularity, interoperability, and statefulness of multi-agent and tool-augmented systems. A2A, announced in May 2025, complements MCP by facilitating structured inter-agent communication, which allows multiple AI agents to exchange messages, distribute subtasks, and build shared understanding to solve problems collectively. Both A2A and MCP can be developed using existing SDKs or fully implemented by users as needed. These protocols offer a systematic alternative to the fragmented, ad hoc integration approaches common in current MAS implementations (Jeong, 2025; Yang et al., 2025).

Existing LLM-based multi-agent systems that do not incorporate A2A or MCP often suffer from static coordination, limited memory, and rigid communication mechanisms. By leveraging these emerging standards, systems can support structured inter-agent communication, maintain shared contextual understanding, and seamlessly interface with external tools, developing more capable, scalable, and cooperative AI systems (Yang et al., 2025; Ehtesham et al., 2025).

To date, both industry and academia have conducted limited research on the application of A2A and MCP within LLM-based MAS. While a few research efforts have explored the independent use of A2A (Habler et al., 2025) and MCP (Krishnan, 2025; Qiu et al., 2025; Sarkar and Sarkar, 2025), there are, to the best of our knowledge, very few ap-

plications in which both protocols have been jointly employed within a single MAS framework.

To address these gaps, this paper introduces AgentMaster, a novel modular multi-protocol MAS framework that integrates A2A protocol and MCP. AgentMaster decomposes user queries into specialized workflows executed by dedicated agents, coordinated through A2A and supported by a centralized MCP backend for tool and context management. Users interact with the system through a unified conversational interface, enabling natural language interaction without prior technical expertise. The framework supports automated complex task decomposition, dynamic routing, and agent-to-agent orchestration. By isolating agents and provisioning separate API keys, the system can manage resource utilization and enforce the separation of concerns between components.

A fully functional prototype through self-developed A2A and MCP demonstrates AgentMaster’s capabilities in domain-specific multimodal tasks, including information retrieval, image analysis, database querying, question answering, and content summarization. The system is deployed both locally and on Amazon Web Services (AWS) as a set of Flask-based microservices, and exhibits consistent performance across varied task types in a pilot study.

Our main contributions are as follows:

- This paper introduces AgentMaster, a modular multi-agent MAS framework that integrates Anthropic’s MCP and Google’s A2A protocol to enable flexible inter-agent communication, intelligent coordination, and retrieval-augmented generation.
- A unified system architecture is designed to support automated query decomposition, task allocation, dynamic routing, and orchestration across specialized retrieval agents and multimodal data sources.
- The pilot study explores the implementation of self-developed A2A and MCP protocols specifically designed for AgentMaster without relying on existing libraries such as Google’s A2A SDK.
- Comprehensive evaluation is conducted using G-Eval, BERTScore, and related metrics to validate correctness, completeness, and semantic fidelity across diverse query types.

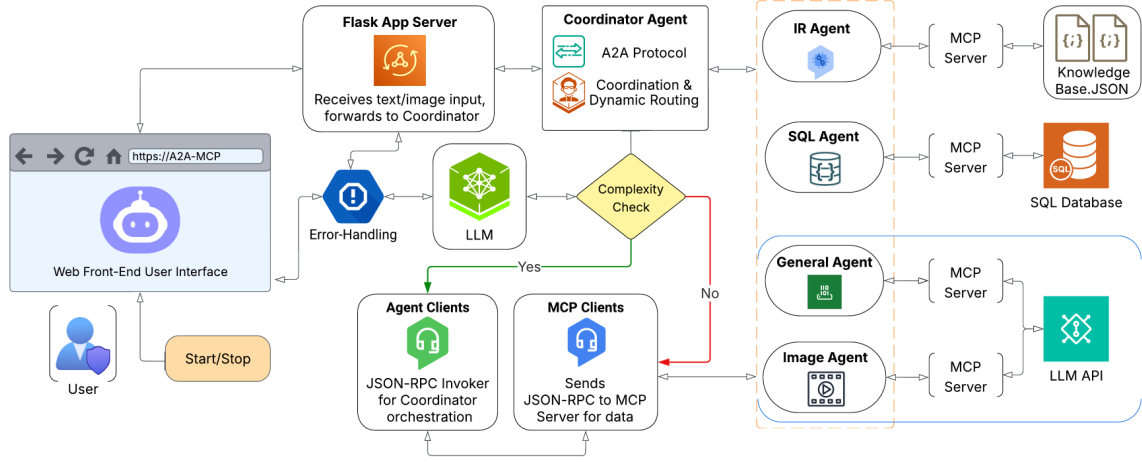


Figure 2: The system architecture of the case study.

## 2 The General System Framework

Figure 1 illustrates the general multi-protocol MAS architecture of the AgentMaster. The framework comprises four core components: a unified conversational interface, a multi-agent center, multi-agent AI protocols, and a state management layer.

### 2.1 Unified Conversational Interface

The unified conversational interface resembles a chatbot, receiving user input in various multimodal formats, including text, charts, images, and audio, and generating corresponding output in modalities such as text, images, and structured data tables.

### 2.2 Multi-Agent Center

The Multi-Agent Center consists of three hierarchical layers of agents: the orchestrator agent, domain agents, and general agents. At the top of the hierarchy, the orchestrator agent is responsible for decomposing tasks and coordinating execution across agents. Domain agents specialize in specific functionalities and may be either LLM-based or non-LLM-based. General agents operate independently, each paired with a dedicated LLM to handle general-purpose reasoning tasks. All agents communicate through the A2A protocol, which enables structured, language-based message exchange. Additionally, each agent is integrated with the MCP protocol, which standardizes interactions with external tools, APIs, and contextual resources.

#### 2.2.1 Orchestrator Agent

The orchestrator agent serves as the central coordinator, identifying available tasks and delegating

them to appropriate agents based on their capabilities. To optimize efficiency and accuracy, it may further decompose complex user requests into sub-tasks for parallel or sequential execution across agents. As a pivotal hub, it not only translates high-level user goals into manageable tasks aligned with agent capabilities, but also facilitates inter-agent communication, handles error management across protocols, and synthesizes outputs into a coherent, unified response.

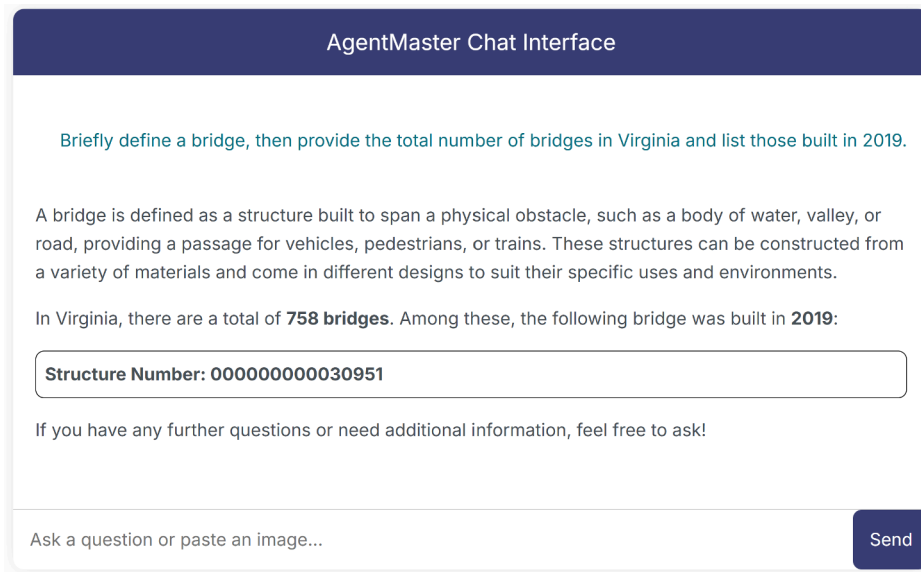
#### 2.2.2 General Agents

The general agent is designed to handle broad tasks that do not require access to domain-specific datasets. The orchestrator agent determines whether to delegate a task to a general agent or a domain agent, selecting the most appropriate agent based on the nature and complexity of the task.

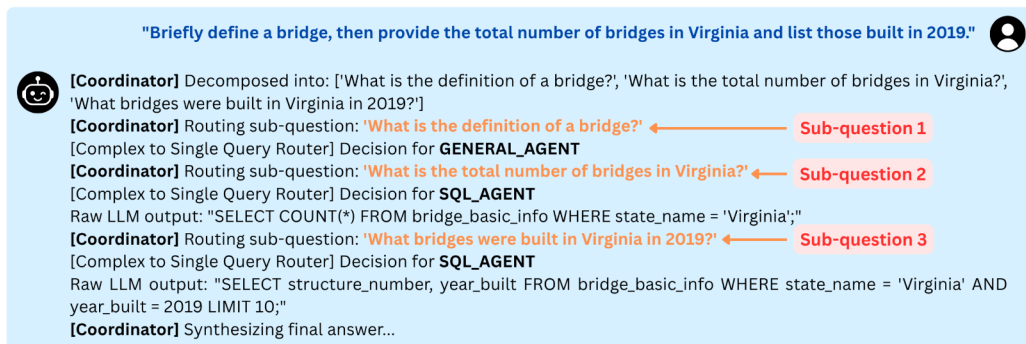
#### 2.2.3 Domain Agents

Domain agents are specialized for specific domains and designed to interface with domain-relevant functions, datasets, and tools. Each domain agent may internally manage sub-agents to further decompose and process tasks in a modular fashion. These agents communicate not only with each other, but also with general agents, enabling collaborative task execution across domains.

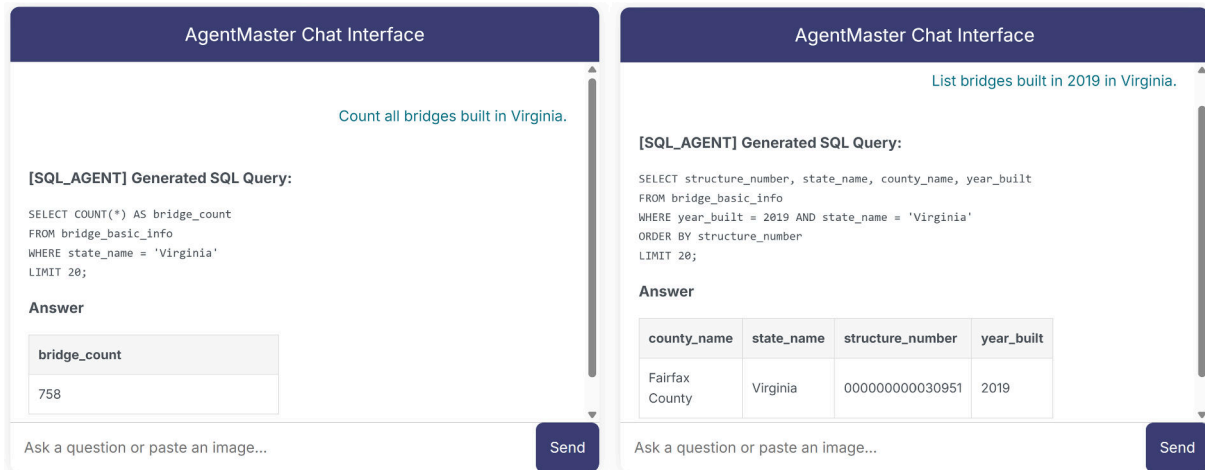
In AgentMaster, domain agents are designed to specialize in common domain-specific tasks, including Structured Query Language (SQL) querying, Information Retrieval (IR), and multimodal data analytics. The framework is extensible, allowing for the integration of additional agents as required to support diverse application needs.



(a) Frontend example.



(b) Backend example.



(c) Verification of the generated responses to the complex query.

Figure 3: AgentMaster demonstration example and verification.

### 2.3 Multi-Agent AI Protocols

AgentMaster employs A2A for structured communication between agents, enabling coordination, delegation, and orchestration through standardized JSON-based message exchange. MCP complements this by providing a unified interface for tool

access, long-term memory, and context management, enhancing modularity, interoperability, and statefulness in LLM-based agents.

Depending on the application and requirements, the framework leverages the A2A protocol via Google’s A2A SDK (Surapaneni et al., 2025), or



fully implements it as needed. MCP is developed in a similar manner.

## 2.4 State Management Layer

The State Management Layer in AgentMaster leverages vector databases and context caches to maintain the MCP state, enabling agents to be context-aware and memory-augmented for efficient handling of multistep, user-specific, and domain-specific tasks. This layer utilizes the vector database to provide persistent semantic memory for retrieving relevant past interactions and documents, while the context cache offers fast, temporary storage for session data and intermediate results during active workflows.

## 3 System Architecture of the Case Study

Figure 2 illustrates the architecture of a conversational MAS, an example implementation of the AgentMaster framework for multimodal information retrieval and analysis. The system integrates modular components to enable robust, retrieval-augmented question answering through dynamic agent orchestration.

The architecture comprises a web-based user interface, a Flask server acting as the main entry point, a Coordinator agent (i.e., the Orchestrator agent) implementing the A2A protocol, and multiple specialized retrieval agents (i.e., domain agents). User queries are submitted via the chatbot front end and processed asynchronously by the backend components.

### 3.1 Coordinator Agent and Complexity Assessment

The Coordinator agent is responsible for query analysis, routing, and orchestration (Zhang et al., 2025a). A key function is the complexity assessment module, which determines whether a query requires multi-agent collaboration or can be handled by a single retrieval agent. For simple queries, the Coordinator dispatches requests directly to an appropriate MCP client. In contrast, complex queries trigger agent clients that dynamically coordinate multiple retrieval workflows.

### 3.2 Agent Clients and MCP Clients

Agent clients serve as JSON-RPC invokers for orchestrating distributed workflows among retrieval agents. MCP clients manage communication with retrieval backends, dispatching JSON-RPC

requests to MCP servers that encapsulate domain-specific retrieval logic (Kumar et al., 2025). This division enables the system to support compositional retrieval and fallback handling without manual routing configuration.

### 3.3 Retrieval Agents

The system incorporates four primary specialized agents: (i) an IR agent that retrieves unstructured content from knowledge bases; (ii) a SQL agent that generates and executes SQL queries over relational databases; (iii) an image agent that processes image inputs through external vision APIs; and (iv) a general agent that handles open-domain queries and fallback cases. Each agent exposes an MCP server endpoint for standardized invocation.

### 3.4 LLM Integration and Error Handling

The architecture integrates a local or external LLM for language generation, reasoning, and summarization. The LLM module aggregates partial outputs returned by retrieval agents and formulates the final response. The Flask server and Coordinator agent include error-handling mechanisms that detect and recover from failures in retrieval workflows and model inference (Williams, 2025).

### 3.5 End-to-End Workflow

End-to-end query resolution proceeds as follows. The user submits a text or image query via the front end. The Flask server forwards the request to the Coordinator agent, which performs complexity assessment and routes the query to the appropriate retrieval pathway. Specialized retrieval agents return results via MCP clients. The LLM module synthesizes the final output, which is delivered to the user interface for presentation.

### 3.6 Design Considerations

The A2A-MCP design emphasizes modularity, extensibility, and reproducibility. New retrieval agents can be integrated without modifying the orchestration logic. The standardized JSON-RPC interfaces facilitate consistent communication across agents (Zhang et al., 2025a). This architecture provides a flexible foundation for retrieval-augmented conversational systems and supports future research into multi-agent LLM collaboration.

## 4 Experimental Results and Evaluation

In this case study, the AgentMaster system is deployed locally as well as on AWS to facilitate inter-

net access. Each agent leverages OpenAI’s GPT-4o mini model. Three domain agents, derived from our prior research, focus on SQL (Gadiraju et al., 2025), IR (Gadiraju et al., 2024, 2025), and image analysis (Darji et al., 2024), utilizing the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) public datasets (Federal Highway Administration, 2025).

Experiments were conducted to evaluate both individual agents and agent-to-agent collaborations using simple and complex queries. Multiple evaluation metrics are employed to assess the multi-agent system, including agentic metrics, LLM-as-a-Judge (Zheng et al., 2023), and human evaluation. Agentic metrics assess autonomy and effectiveness of AI agents in complex tasks. LLM-as-a-Judge uses a large language model to evaluate outputs of another LLM for correctness, relevance, and coherence. Human evaluation remains the gold standard for validating these assessments in this pilot study.

#### 4.1 Individual Agent Evaluation

Three domain agents (SQL, IR, and Image) were previously evaluated independently in our past research and demonstrated high reliability and accuracy (Gadiraju et al., 2024, 2025; Darji et al., 2024). Additionally, due to the robustness of the GPT model, individual queries or single tasks have consistently yielded correct results in our testing. However, there are occasional instances of misclassifying single queries as complex queries for query decomposition, resulting in incorrect responses.

#### 4.2 Complex Task Evaluation

To evaluate the quality and accuracy of AgentMaster’s responses, sub-questions decomposed from complex queries were individually submitted to AgentMaster. The outputs generated for these simpler sub-questions were then compared to the corresponding segments within AgentMaster’s responses to the overall complex queries. Since the sub-questions are simple queries, it would not require mutli-agent collaboration and thus can serve as a verification method for AgentMaster’s output.

Figure 3 presents the front-end and back-end of the demonstration, as well as the verification of AgentMaster’s generated response. As shown in Figure 3a, AgentMaster responds with a domain-specific full response to a complex user query by providing a combination of relevant specific information from the database and general information. Figure 3b displays the coordinator agent decomposing the complex query into sub-questions before as-

ID	Num of Sub-Questions	Assigned Agents
Q1	3	General, SQL, SQL
Q2	3	IR, SQL, SQL
Q3	5	IR, SQL, IR, SQL
Q4	3	SQL, SQL, IR
Q5	2	SQL, General
Q6	8	8 IRs

Table 1: The number of query decompositions and the corresponding path for each complex query.

signing each sub-question to the appropriate agents. In the example, the general agent and the SQL agent were employed to generate partial responses, which were sent back to the coordinator to integrate them into a cohesive final response. Additionally, in Figure 3c, the corresponding sub-questions were submitted to AgentMaster to validate the complex query results, and the simple query results were found to be consistent with the information in the complex query responses. AgentMaster was queried for the total number of bridges built in Virginia and those built in Virginia in 2019, and correct information was provided, indicating accurate routing of the complex query and successful SQL database retrieval. Similarly, Figure 11 in Appendix A.1 displays complex query evaluation, verifying the reliability of AgentMaster.

Table 2: Evaluation Metrics by Query Type

Query Type	G-Eval (%)	BERT Precision (%)	BERT F1 (%)
SQL Queries	92.0	98.8	98.7
IR Queries	90.2	97.6	97.8
General QA	84.0	95.7	96.8
Image/Complex QA	82.0	90.1	91.9
<b>Average</b>	<b>87.1</b>	<b>95.6</b>	<b>96.3</b>

As shown in Table 1, six complex queries were submitted to AgentMaster. The Coordinator agent performed query decomposition into multiple sub-questions, which were automatically assigned to appropriate agents according to their capabilities. The automated complex actions of the backend – query decomposition, task allocation, dynamic routing – as well as resulting outputs are presented in Tables 5-6 and Figures 12-14 in Appendix A.2. Human evaluation, based on the agentic metrics comprised of task completion and correction, revealed that each complex query was correctly decomposed, with most agent task paths correctly assigned.

Table 3: Feature-Level Comparisons between LLM-Based MAS without A2A or MCP (MAS-0), A2A-Only, MCP-Only, and AgentMaster

Feature	MAS-0	A2A-Only	MCP-Only	AgentMaster (A2A + MCP)
Memory	Limited (static or no memory)	Flexible (local and dynamic)	None	Flexible (local and shared)
Coordination	Static	Dynamic	Static	Dynamic
Scalability	Moderate	High	Moderate	High
Fallback Strategy	Limited	Adaptive	Limited	Robust, adaptive
Failure Tolerance	Low	High	Low	High
Inter-Agent Communication	Limited or none	Strong	Limited or none	Strong
Architecture	Centralized	Peer-to-peer	Centralized	Hybrid
Task Allocation	Manual or implicit	Decentralized	Centralized	Hybrid
Learning Capability	None or minimal	Local/online	Centralized/offline	Hybrid: adaptive, distributed, and on-line

### 4.3 Overall Evaluation

The overall A2A-MCP framework was evaluated across multiple dimensions, including factual correctness, relevance, completeness, and semantic similarity. Metrics included Answer Relevancy, Hallucination detection, G-Eval (LLM-based assessment) (Liu et al., 2023), and BERTScore (Zhang et al., 2024). The test set comprised diverse queries spanning SQL retrieval, IR, general knowledge, and summarization.

Table 2 reports the aggregated metrics across all query types for 23 questions, including both simple and complex questions. Overall, the system demonstrates strong correctness and semantic alignment, with Answer Relevancy and Hallucination metrics indicating high reliability across domains. The average G-Eval score for complex queries exceeds 87.1%, while BERTScore F1 averages 96.3%, reflecting high semantic fidelity to reference outputs.

In the individual agent evaluation, the SQL agent and IR agent produce consistently accurate results, while the general agent and image agent show minor variability due to open-ended generation. Evaluation of complex queries confirms effective decomposition and integration by the Coordinator agent, with most sub-questions yielding outputs consistent with the composite responses.

Table 3 presents the summarized feature-based and overall comparisons between existing systems and AgentMaster, respectively, showcasing the comprehensive features of AgentMaster with A2A and MCP.

## 5 Conclusions

This paper presents AgentMaster, a novel modular conversational framework leveraging A2A-

MCP protocols for retrieval-augmented question answering across structured, unstructured, and multimodal data sources, facilitating structural clarity and code efficiency as well as easier scalability and maintenance. By interacting with AgentMaster using natural language communication, users can receive domain-specific information regardless of expertise. The experimental results BERTScore F1 and LLM-as-a-Judge metric G-Eval average 96.3% and 87.1%, yielding high performance. Validation through both human evaluation and quantitative metrics demonstrates the ability to effectively coordinate various agents, perform complex actions, and produce accurate, semantically faithful responses. The proposed architecture highlights the potential of agent-based orchestration for scalable, domain-adaptive conversational AI.

## 6 Limitations

While the framework achieved strong performance across diverse query types, some limitations remain. The accuracy of retrieval and generation is partly constrained by the underlying LLM and retrieval corpus. Occasional misclassification of query complexity can lead to unnecessary decomposition or incomplete responses. Limited inter-agent collaboration and the constrained size of the database occasionally led to responses with minimal informational depth. The LLM-based reasoning process may encounter challenges in synthesizing complex information. While LLM-as-a-judge evaluation offers scalability and efficiency, it remains limited by potential biases, lack of task-specific expertise, and alignment with human judgment. Finally, the current framework lacks established security safeguards for information storage and usage. These limitations can be addressed in future work.

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## A Appendix

The appendix contains more demonstrations of multimodal inputs and outputs, single and complex queries, verification, automated actions (query decomposition, task allocation, and dynamic routing) for complex queries in the backend, as well as different usages of the domain-specific or specialized agents.

### A.1 AgentMaster Query Demonstrations

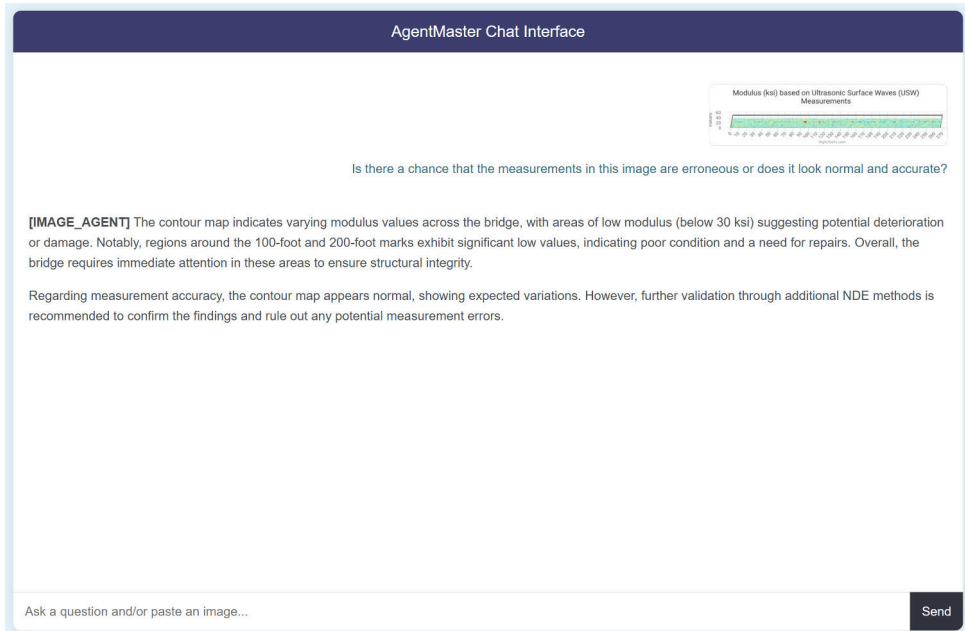


Figure 4: Frontend example of a single query for the Image agent.

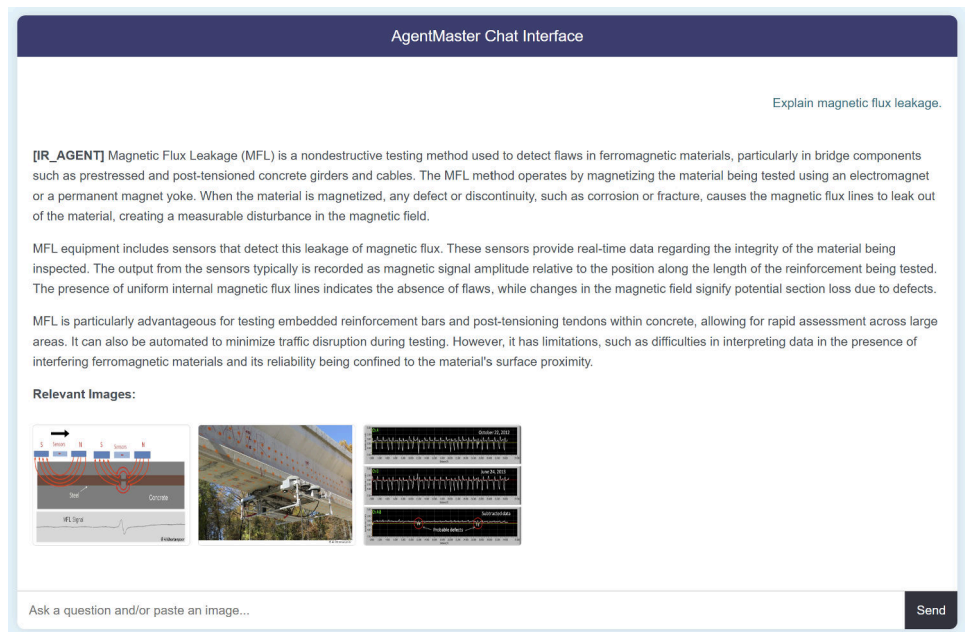


Figure 5: Frontend example of a single query for the IR agent.

**AgentMaster Chat Interface**

Count all bridges built in Virginia.

**[SQL\_AGENT] Generated SQL Query:**

```
SELECT COUNT(*) FROM bridge_basic_info WHERE state_name = 'Virginia';
```

**Answer**

COUNT(*)
758

list bridges built in 2019 in Virginia.

**[SQL\_AGENT] Generated SQL Query:**

```
SELECT structure_number, county_name, owner_agency FROM bridge_basic_info WHERE year_built = 2019 AND state_name = 'Virginia' LIMIT 10
```

**Answer**

structure_number	county_name	owner_agency
000000000030951	Fairfax County	State Highway Agency

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(a) Frontend example of two single queries for the SQL agent.

**AgentMaster Chat Interface**

Please calculate the average daily traffic in Virginia

**[SQL\_AGENT] Generated SQL Query:**

```
SELECT AVG(average_daily_traffic) FROM bridge_basic_info WHERE state_name = 'Virginia';
```

**Answer**

AVG(average_daily_traffic)
30793.1

Can you show bridges with high traffic in Virginia?

**[SQL\_AGENT] Generated SQL Query:**

```
SELECT structure_number, average_daily_traffic FROM bridge_basic_info WHERE average_daily_traffic > 200000 AND state_name = 'Virginia'
```

**Answer**

structure_number	average_daily_traffic
000000000006546	204783
000000000006568	227699

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(b) Frontend example of two single queries for the SQL agent.

Figure 6: More demonstration examples of a single query for the SQL agent.

AgentMaster Chat Interface

Which year had the most bridges built?

**[SQL\_AGENT] Generated SQL Query:**

```
SELECT year_built, COUNT(*) AS bridge_count FROM bridge_basic_info GROUP BY year_built ORDER BY bridge_count DESC LIMIT 1;
```

**Answer**

year_built	bridge_count
2012	36

Count all bridges built in Virginia.

**[SQL\_AGENT] Generated SQL Query:**

```
SELECT COUNT(*) FROM bridge_basic_info WHERE state_name = 'Virginia';
```

**Answer**

COUNT(*)
758

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(a) Frontend example of two single queries for the SQL agent.

AgentMaster Chat Interface

List all bridges built in Fairfax County, Virginia.

**[SQL\_AGENT] Generated SQL Query:**

```
SELECT structure_number, year_built FROM bridge_basic_info WHERE county_name = 'Fairfax County' AND state_name = 'Virginia' LIMIT 10;
```

**Answer**

structure_number	year_built
000000000006542	1920
000000000006778	1926
000000000006271	1926
000000000006792	1930
3300025P0000000	1932
3300024P0000000	1932
3300026P0000000	1932
3300023P0000000	1932
000000000006482	1932
000000000006739	1932

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(b) Frontend example of one single query for the SQL agent.

Figure 7: More demonstration examples of a single query for the SQL agent.



AgentMaster Chat Interface

What are the limitations of GPR?

**[IR\_AGENT]** The limitations of GPR (Ground Penetrating Radar) include:

1. **Requires advanced expertise and training** for data collection, processing, and interpretation.
2. **Primarily sensitive** to identifying corrosive environments within the upper half of the deck when measurements are made from the deck surface.
3. **Data negatively influenced** by extremely cold conditions.
4. **De-icing agents** can limit the signal penetration.
5. **Does not directly assess** deck delamination, except under very restrictive conditions (e.g., epoxy-injected repairs separating two deck sections or delaminated areas filled with water).
6. **Requires calibration** with other NDE methods and other ground truth activities.
7. **Less cost-effective** than other methods, particularly when applied to smaller individual structures.
8. **Accuracy is limited** to the position and depth of bars in the upper half of the deck. The lower half of the deck can be difficult to assess due to the rebar mat in the upper half.

**Relevant Images:**

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(a) A single query for the IR agent.

AgentMaster Chat Interface

What is Ultrasonic Surface Waves? Please give a definition with 50 words.

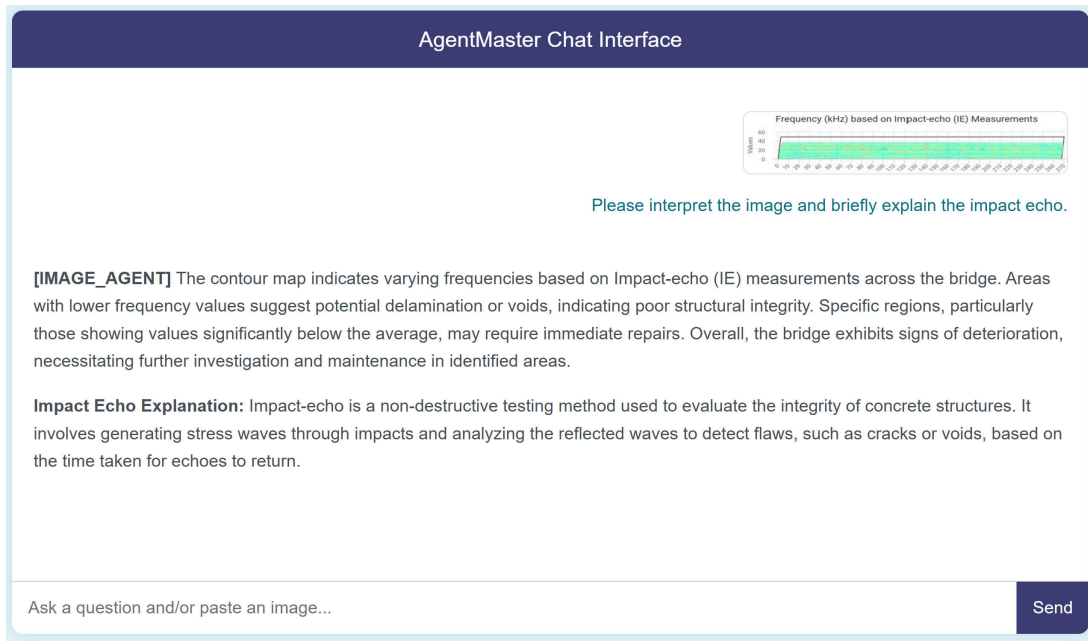
**[IR\_AGENT]** Ultrasonic Surface Waves (USW) are elastic waves that travel along the free surface of materials, primarily used for non-destructive evaluation. USW techniques assess concrete quality, detect delaminations, estimate crack depths, and evaluate material conditions by analyzing the phase velocity of surface waves in relation to the material's properties.

**Relevant Images:**

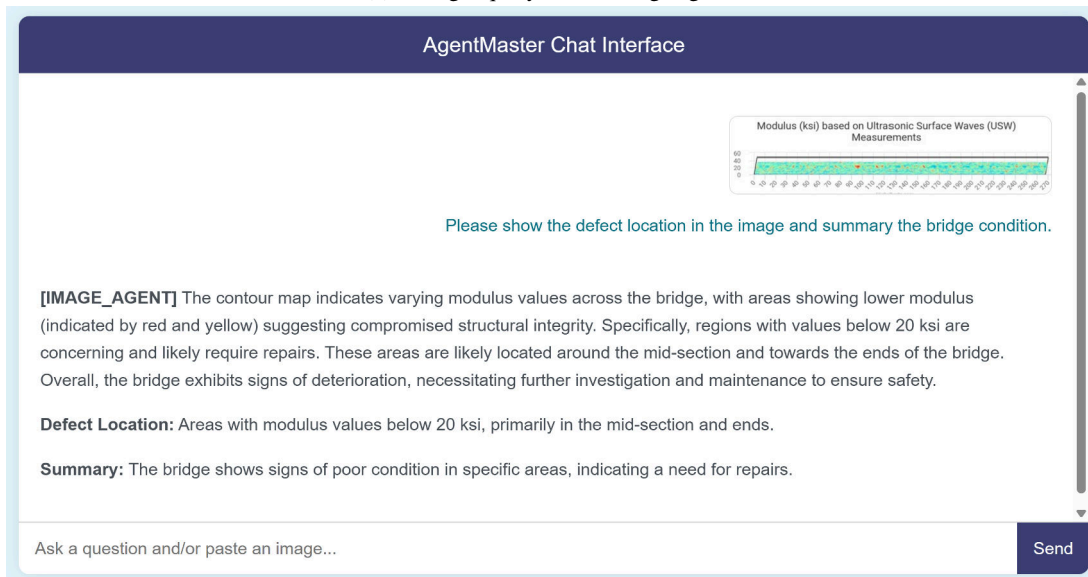
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(b) A single query of the IR agent.

Figure 8: Two examples of single verification queries for the IR agent.

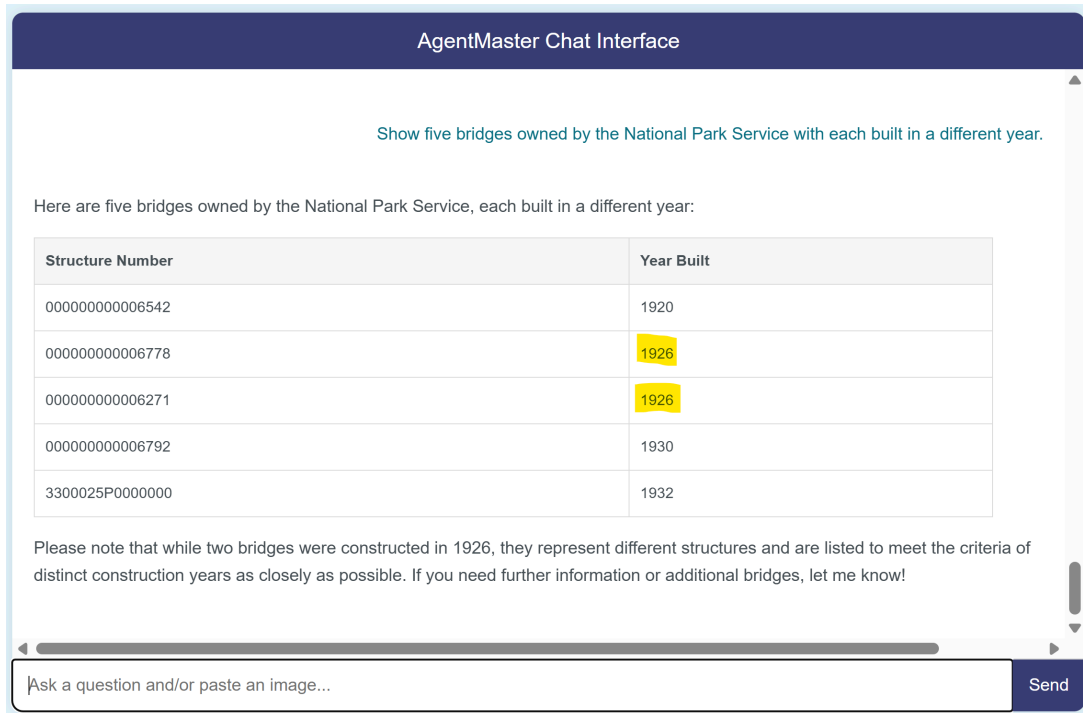


(a) A single query for the image agent.

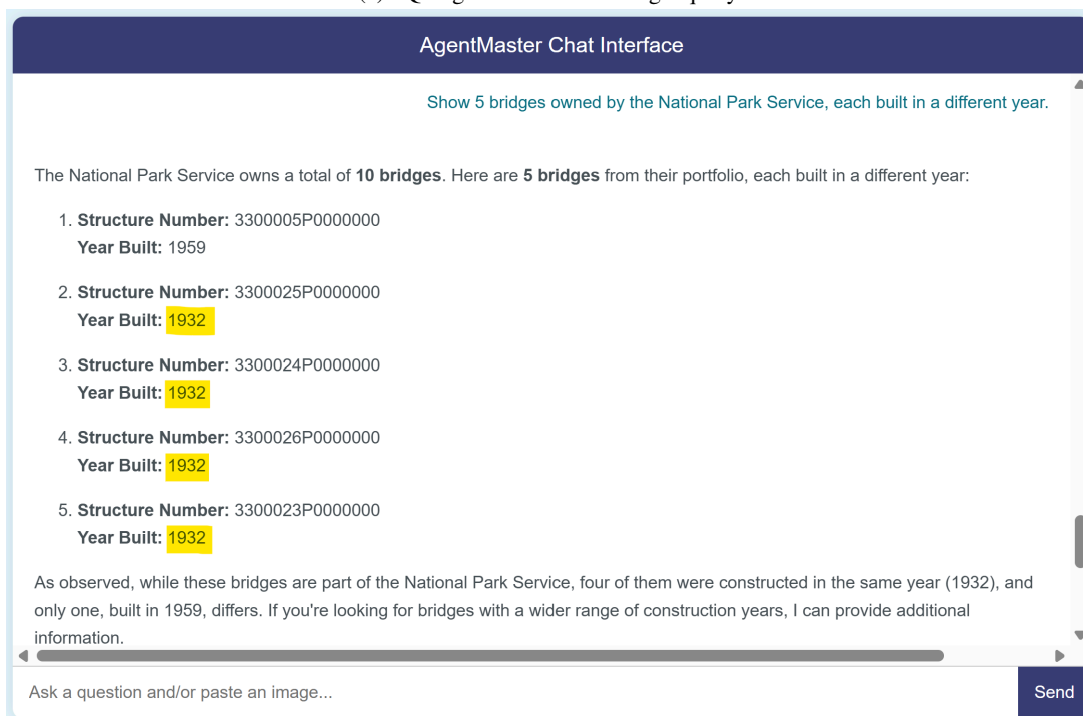


(b) A single query for the image agent.

Figure 9: Two examples of single verification queries for the image agent.



(a) SQL agent error from a single query.



(b) SQL agent error from a single query.

Figure 10: The highlighted text contains errors in SQL information retrieval, including duplicate content, indicating that AgentMaster may still produce erroneous results.

AgentMaster Chat Interface

Briefly explain how to calculate the average daily traffic and show the average daily traffic and bridges with high traffic in Virginia.

To calculate the average daily traffic (ADT), you typically follow these steps:

- Data Collection:** Gather data on vehicle counts over a specified period (usually 24 hours).
- Summation:** Add together the total number of vehicles counted over that period.
- Division:** Divide the total vehicle count by the number of days in the period to derive the average daily traffic figure.

In Virginia, the average daily traffic across various roadways is approximately **30,793.1 vehicles**.

Here are some of the bridges in Virginia that experience particularly high traffic, with daily traffic counts exceeding **200,000 vehicles**:

Structure Number	Average Daily Traffic
000000000006546	204,783
000000000006568	227,699
000000000006569	227,699
000000000006391	201,619
000000000006634	214,940
000000000006429	232,853
000000000024153	232,853
000000000006425	218,183
000000000025804	281,966
000000000027453	204,783

These statistics reflect the significant traffic loads on certain bridges, highlighting their importance in maintaining transport efficiency in the region.

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(a) Example of a complex query.

AgentMaster Chat Interface

Please calculate the average daily traffic in Virginia

**[SQL\_AGENT] Generated SQL Query:**

```
SELECT AVG(average_daily_traffic) FROM bridge_basic_info WHERE state_name = 'Virginia';
```

**Answer**

AVG(average_daily_traffic)
30793.1

Can you show bridges with high traffic in Virginia?

**[SQL\_AGENT] Generated SQL Query:**

```
SELECT structure_number, average_daily_traffic FROM bridge_basic_info WHERE average_daily_traffic > 200000 AND state_name = 'Virginia'
```

**Answer**

structure_number	average_daily_traffic
000000000006546	204783
000000000006568	227699
000000000006569	227699
000000000006391	201619
000000000006634	214940
000000000006429	232853
000000000024153	232853

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(b) Single queries for verification.

Figure 11: An additional AgentMaster demonstration example and verification.



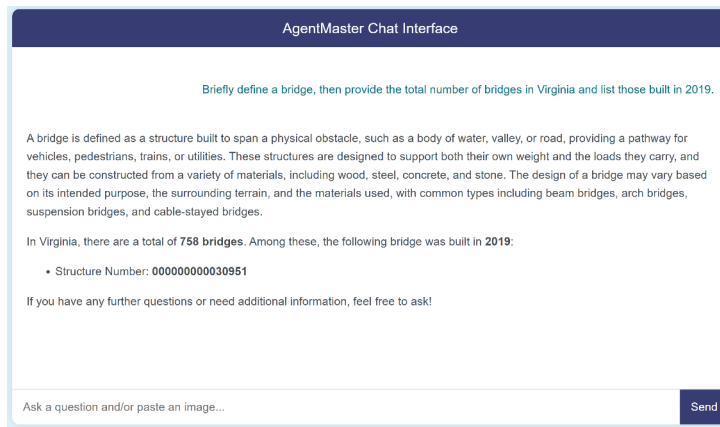
## A.2 Decomposition, Allocation, and Routing of Agent Tasks for Complex Queries

### A.2.1 Complex Queries

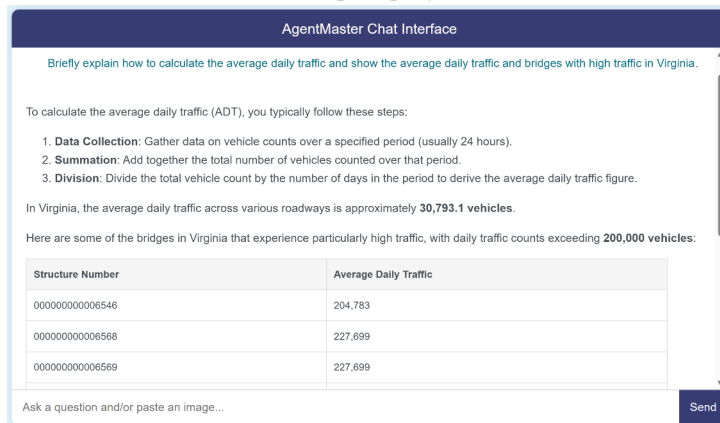
ID	Complex Query
Q1	Briefly define a bridge, then provide the total number of bridges in Virginia and list those built in 2019.
Q2	Briefly explain how to calculate the average daily traffic and show the average daily traffic and bridges with high traffic in Virginia.
Q3	What is the typical service lifespan of a bridge? Identify and display all bridges that exceed this average age.
Q4	List the three oldest bridges in Virginia, show their year built from the database, and briefly explain why their maintenance costs tend to be higher according to engineering guidelines with 50 words.
Q5	List five of the oldest bridges in the United States still in use today, and briefly describe their historical significance.
Q6	Compare the advantages and disadvantages of concrete arch bridges and steel truss bridges in terms of maintenance, lifespan, and load capacity.

Table 4: The complex questions and the corresponding IDs, matching Table 1.

### A.2.2 AgentMaster Outputs of Complex Queries in the Chat Interface



(a) Complex query Q1.



(b) Complex query Q2.

Figure 12: The display of the frontend response for complex queries Q1 and Q2.

AgentMaster Chat Interface

What is the typical service lifespan of a bridge? Identify and display all bridges that exceed this average age.

**Service Lifespan of Bridges**

The typical service lifespan of a bridge often varies by design, materials used, and maintenance practices. While the exact average lifespan isn't provided in the available data, many bridges are designed with an expected lifespan of 50 to 75 years.

**Bridges Exceeding Average Lifespan**

Based on data collected, here are the bridges that currently exceed this typical service age:

Structure Number	Year Built	Bridge Age
3300025P0000000	1932	92
3300024P0000000	1932	92
3300026P0000000	1932	92
000000000006728	1973	51
000000000006993	1969	55
000000000006938	1982	42
000000000006939	1984	40
000000000006950	1960	64
3300023P0000000	1932	92
000000000006732	1984	40

These bridges demonstrate significant longevity, particularly the ones built in 1932, which have surpassed 90 years.

**Note**

While the above data details specific structures surpassing an expected lifespan, it's important to consider that ongoing maintenance and evaluations can significantly influence a bridge's lifespan and safety.

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(a) Complex query Q3.

AgentMaster Chat Interface

List the three oldest bridges in Virginia, show their year built from the database, and briefly explain why their maintenance costs tend to be higher according to engineering guidelines with 50 words.

Certainly! Here is a synthesized response combining the information:

**Three Oldest Bridges in Virginia:**

The three oldest bridges in Virginia, along with their year of construction, are as follows:

Structure Number	Year Built
000000000006542	1920
000000000006778	1926
000000000006271	1926

**Maintenance Cost Insights:**

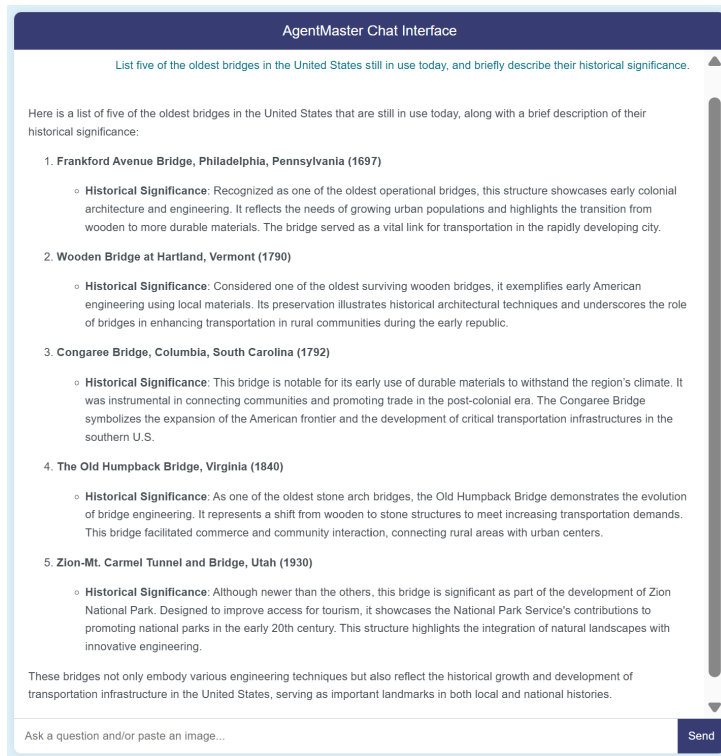
The maintenance costs for these bridges are typically higher due to the challenges in assessing their structural condition. Traditional inspection techniques can be time-consuming and difficult, particularly for older structures. Furthermore, modern methods require specialized knowledge and resources, complicating maintenance planning and often leading to more extensive repairs and higher long-term costs.

This response provides a clear summary of the requested bridge information while succinctly explaining the reasons behind higher maintenance costs.

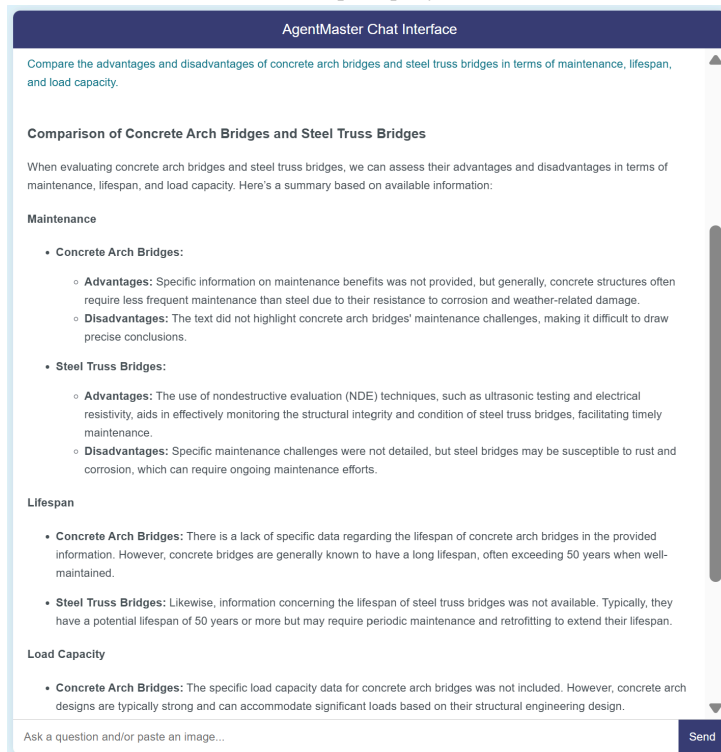
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(b) Complex query Q4.

Figure 13: The display of the frontend response for complex queries Q3 and Q4.



(a) Complex query Q5.



(b) Complex query Q6.

Figure 14: The display of the frontend response for complex queries questions Q5 and Q6.

### A.2.3 Automated Actions (Query Decomposition, Task Allocation, and Dynamic Routing) for Complex Queries in the Backend

ID	Information for Query Decomposition, Task Allocation, and Dynamic Routing
Q1	<p>[Agent Server] Received complex query for coordinator: ‘Briefly define a bridge, then provide the total number of bridges in Virginia and list those built in 2019.’</p> <p>[Coordinator] Decomposing user query...</p> <p>[Coordinator] Decomposed into: [‘What is a brief definition of a bridge?’, ‘What is the total number of bridges in Virginia?’, ‘Which bridges in Virginia were built in 2019?’]</p> <p>[Coordinator] Routing sub-question: ‘What is a brief definition of a bridge?’</p> <p>[Complex to Single Query Router] Decision for GENERAL_AGENT</p> <p>[Coordinator] Routing sub-question: ‘What is the total number of bridges in Virginia?’</p> <p>[Complex to Single Query Router] Decision for SQL_AGENT Raw LLM output: "SELECT COUNT(*) FROM bridge_basic_info WHERE state_name = ‘Virginia’;"</p> <p>Detected valid SQL, executing...</p> <p>[Coordinator] Routing sub-question: ‘Which bridges in Virginia were built in 2019?’</p> <p>[Complex to Single Query Router] Decision for SQL_AGENT</p> <p>Raw LLM output: "SELECT structure_number, year_built FROM bridge_basic_info WHERE state_name = ‘Virginia’ AND year_built = 2019 LIMIT 10;" Detected valid SQL, executing...</p> <p>[Coordinator] Synthesizing final answer...</p>
Q2	<p>[Agent Server] Received complex query for coordinator: ‘Briefly explain how to calculate the average daily traffic and show the average daily traffic and bridges with high traffic in Virginia?’</p> <p>[Coordinator] Decomposing user query...</p> <p>[Coordinator] Decomposed into: [‘How do you calculate the average daily traffic?’, ‘What is the average daily traffic in Virginia?’, ‘Which bridges in Virginia have high traffic?’]</p> <p>[Coordinator] Routing sub-question: ‘How do you calculate the average daily traffic?’</p> <p>[Complex to Single Query Router] Decision for IR_AGENT</p> <p>[Coordinator] Routing sub-question: ‘What is the average daily traffic in Virginia?’</p> <p>[Complex to Single Query Router] Decision for SQL_AGENT</p> <p>Raw LLM output: "SELECT AVG(average_daily_traffic) FROM bridge_basic_info WHERE state_name = ‘Virginia’;"</p> <p>Detected valid SQL, executing...</p> <p>[Coordinator] Routing sub-question: ‘Which bridges in Virginia have high traffic?’</p> <p>[Complex to Single Query Router] Decision for SQL_AGENT</p> <p>Raw LLM output: "SELECT structure_number, average_daily_traffic FROM bridge_basic_info WHERE state_name = ‘Virginia’ AND average_daily_traffic &gt; 200000 LIMIT 10;"</p> <p>Detected valid SQL, executing...</p> <p>[Coordinator] Synthesizing final answer...</p>
Q3	<p>[Agent Server] Received complex query for coordinator: ‘What is the typical service lifespan of a bridge? Identify and display all bridges that exceed this average age.’</p> <p>[Coordinator] Decomposing user query...</p> <p>[Coordinator] Decomposed into: [‘What is the typical service lifespan of a bridge?’, ‘What is the average age of bridges?’, ‘What bridges exceed the typical service lifespan?’, ‘How can I display the bridges that exceed the average age?’]</p> <p>[Coordinator] Routing sub-question: ‘What is the typical service lifespan of a bridge?’</p> <p>[Complex to Single Query Router] Decision for IR_AGENT</p> <p>[Coordinator] Routing sub-question: ‘What is the average age of bridges?’</p> <p>[Complex to Single Query Router] Decision for SQL_AGENT</p> <p>Raw LLM output: ‘The average age of bridges cannot be determined with a single SQL query as it requires an aggregate function.’ No SQL detected, returning text answer.</p> <p>[Coordinator] Routing sub-question: ‘What bridges exceed the typical service lifespan?’</p> <p>[Complex to Single Query Router] Decision for IR_AGENT</p> <p>[Coordinator] Routing sub-question: ‘How can I display the bridges that exceed the average age?’</p> <p>[Complex to Single Query Router] Decision for SQL_AGENT</p> <p>Raw LLM output: ‘SELECT structure_number, year_built, bridge_age FROM bridge_basic_info WHERE bridge_age &gt; (SELECT AVG(bridge_age) FROM bridge_basic_info) LIMIT 10;’</p> <p>Detected valid SQL, executing...</p> <p>[Coordinator] Synthesizing final answer...</p>

Table 5: Automated actions for complex queries (Q1-Q3) in the backend.



ID	Information for Query Decomposition, Task Allocation, and Dynamic Routing
Q4	<p>[Agent Server] Received complex query for coordinator: ‘List the three oldest bridges in Virginia, show their year built from the database, and briefly explain why their maintenance costs tend to be higher according to engineering guidelines with 50 words.’</p> <p>[Coordinator] Decomposing user query...</p> <p>[Coordinator] Decomposed into: [‘What are the three oldest bridges in Virginia?’, ‘What is the year built for each of the three oldest bridges in Virginia?’, ‘Why do the maintenance costs of these bridges tend to be higher according to engineering guidelines?’]</p> <p>[Coordinator] Routing sub-question: ‘What are the three oldest bridges in Virginia?’</p> <p>[Complex to Single Query Router] Decision for SQL_AGENT</p> <p>Raw LLM output: "SELECT structure_number, year_built FROM bridge_basic_info WHERE state_name = ‘Virginia’ ORDER BY year_built ASC LIMIT 3;"</p> <p>Detected valid SQL, executing...</p> <p>[Coordinator] Routing sub-question: ‘What is the year built for each of the three oldest bridges in Virginia?’</p> <p>[Complex to Single Query Router] Decision for SQL_AGENT</p> <p>Raw LLM output: "SELECT structure_number, year_built FROM bridge_basic_info WHERE state_name = ‘Virginia’ ORDER BY year_built ASC LIMIT 3;"</p> <p>Detected valid SQL, executing...</p> <p>[Coordinator] Routing sub-question: ‘Why do the maintenance costs of these bridges tend to be higher according to engineering guidelines?’</p> <p>[Complex to Single Query Router] Decision for IR_AGENT</p> <p>[Coordinator] Synthesizing final answer...</p>
Q5	<p>[Agent Server] Received complex query for coordinator: ‘List five of the oldest bridges in the United States still in use today, and briefly describe their historical significance.’</p> <p>[Coordinator] Decomposing user query...</p> <p>[Coordinator] Decomposed into: [‘What are the five oldest bridges in the United States still in use today?’, ‘What is the historical significance of each of the five oldest bridges in the United States?’]</p> <p>[Coordinator] Routing sub-question: ‘What are the five oldest bridges in the United States still in use today?’</p> <p>[Complex to Single Query Router] Decision for SQL_AGENT</p> <p>Raw LLM output: ‘SELECT structure_number, year_built FROM bridge_basic_info WHERE year_built &lt; 1970 ORDER BY year_built ASC LIMIT 5;’</p> <p>Detected valid SQL, executing...</p> <p>[Coordinator] Routing sub-question: ‘What is the historical significance of each of the five oldest bridges in the United States?’</p> <p>[Complex to Single Query Router] Decision for GENERAL_AGENT</p> <p>[Coordinator] Synthesizing final answer...</p>
Q6	<p>[Agent Server] Received complex query for coordinator: ‘Compare the advantages and disadvantages of concrete arch bridges and steel truss bridges in terms of maintenance, lifespan, and load capacity’</p> <p>[Coordinator] Decomposing user query...</p> <p>[Coordinator] Decomposed into: [‘What are the advantages of concrete arch bridges in terms of maintenance?’, ‘What are the disadvantages of concrete arch bridges in terms of maintenance?’, ‘What is the lifespan of concrete arch bridges?’, ‘What is the load capacity of concrete arch bridges?’, ‘What are the advantages of steel truss bridges in terms of maintenance?’, ‘What are the disadvantages of steel truss bridges in terms of maintenance?’, ‘What is the lifespan of steel truss bridges?’, ‘What is the load capacity of steel truss bridges?’]</p> <p>[Coordinator] Routing sub-question: ‘What are the advantages of concrete arch bridges in terms of maintenance?’</p> <p>[Complex to Single Query Router] Decision for IR_AGENT</p> <p>[Coordinator] Routing sub-question: ‘What are the disadvantages of concrete arch bridges in terms of maintenance?’</p> <p>[Complex to Single Query Router] Decision for IR_AGENT</p> <p>[Coordinator] Routing sub-question: ‘What is the lifespan of concrete arch bridges?’</p> <p>[Complex to Single Query Router] Decision for IR_AGENT</p> <p>[Coordinator] Routing sub-question: ‘What are the advantages of steel truss bridges in terms of maintenance?’</p> <p>[Complex to Single Query Router] Decision for IR_AGENT</p> <p>[Coordinator] Routing sub-question: ‘What are the disadvantages of steel truss bridges in terms of maintenance?’</p> <p>[Complex to Single Query Router] Decision for IR_AGENT</p> <p>[Coordinator] Routing sub-question: ‘What is the lifespan of steel truss bridges?’</p> <p>[Complex to Single Query Router] Decision for IR_AGENT</p> <p>[Coordinator] Routing sub-question: ‘What is the load capacity of steel truss bridges?’</p> <p>[Complex to Single Query Router] Decision for IR_AGENT</p> <p>[Coordinator] Synthesizing final answer...</p>

Table 6: Automated actions for complex queries (Q4-Q6) in the backend.