



Prototyping an LLM-powered encoding workflow for plays

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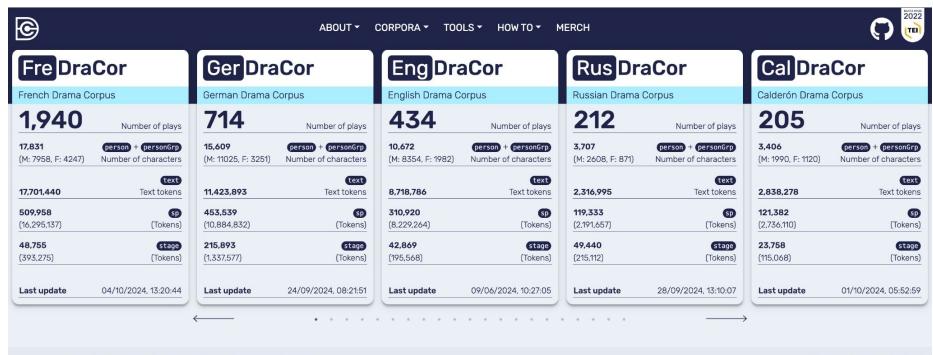
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Context and motivation

Context: the DraCor project (https://dracor.org)



If you want to cite DraCor, please use the following reference:





Fischer, Frank, et al. (2019). Programmable Corpora: Introducing DraCor, an Infrastructure for the Research on European Drama. In Proceedings of DH2019: "Complexities", Utrecht University, doi:10.5281/zenodo.4284002.

Drama Corpora Project

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The DraCor project

- Not a provide of critical editions, rather a research data collection and data delivery service
- Privileging comparability and wide availability of texts over philological concerns
- Relatively **simple TEIs** when compared to other projects

The DraCor TEI model

<teiHeader> with some play metadata

```
<TEI xmlns="http://www.tei-c.org/ns/1.0" xml:id="span000041" xml:lang="es">
 <teiHeader>
   <fileDesc>
     <titleStmt>
       <title type="main">Bodas de sangre</title>
       <title type="sub">Tragedia en tres actos v siete cuadros</title>
       <title type="short">BodasSanare</title>
       <title type="full">Bodas de sanare: Tragedia en tres actos y siete cuadros</title>
       <title type="idno">
         <idno type="viaf">180647047</idno>
         <idno type="bne">XX3383743</idno>
       </title>
       <author>
          <persName>
           <forename>Federico</forename>
           <surname>García</surname>
           <surname sort="1">Lorca</surname>
          </persName>
          <idno type="wikidata">041408</idno>
          <idno type="viaf">34456883</idno>
          <idno type="bne">XX841898</idno>
       </author>
       <principal xml:id="sqa">Sila Gómez Álvarez</principal>
     </titleStmt>
     <editionStmt>
       <edition>oportunistic</edition>
     </editionStmt>
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       <publisher>Ghedi (UNIR)</publisher>
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         The text is freely available.
       </availability>
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         <idno type="text">0.2</idno>
         <idno type="structure">2.0</idno>
       </idno>
     </publicationStmt>
```

Text of the play (the bulk of the TEI)

```
<body>
                                  Acts/scenes/etc.
 <div n="1" type="act"> ←
   <head>Acto primero</head>
                                  as nested divs
   <div n="1" type="scene"> ◄
     <head>Cuadro primero</head>
     <stage>Habitación pintada de amarillo.</stage>
     <sp who="#novo">
       <speaker>Novio</speaker>
       <stage>(Entrando)</stage>Madre.
     </sp>
     <sp who="#madr">
       <speaker>Madre</speaker>
       ;Qué?
     </sp>
     <sp who="#novo">
       <speaker>Novio</speaker>
       Me voy.
     </sp>
     <sp who="#madr">
       <speaker>Madre</speaker>
       ;Adónde?
     </sp>
```

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Text of the play (the bulk of the TEI)

```
<particDesc>
                                                                                            <body>
 tPerson cert="medium">
                                                                                              <div n="1" type="act">
   <person xml:id="madr" sex="FEMALE">
    <persName>Madre</persName>
                                                                                                 <head>Acto primero</head>
   <person xml:id="nova" sex="FEMALE">
                                                                                                 <div n="1" type="scene">
    <persName>Novia</persName>
                                                                                                    <head>Cuadro primero</head>
   </person>
   <person xml:id="suea" sex="FEMALE">
                                                                                                    <stage>Habitación pintada de amarillo.</stage>
    <persName>Sueara</persName>
   </person>
                                                                                                    <sp who="#novo">
   <person xml:id="muie" sex="FEMALE">
                                                                                                       <speaker>Novio</speaker>
    <persName>Mujer de Leonardo</persName>
   </person>
                                                                                                       <stage>(Entrando)</stage>Madre.
   <person xml:id="cria" sex="FEMALE">
    <persName>Criada</persName>
                                                                                                    </sp>
   </person>

yho="#madr">

✓

   <person xml:id="veci" sex="FEMALE">
    <persName>Vecina</persName>
                                                                                                       <speaker>Madre</speaker>
   </person>
   <personGrp xml:id="much" sex="FEMALE">
                                                                                                                                               Character speech is
                                                                                                       ;Qué?
    <name>Muchachas</name>
                                                                                                                                               linked to individual
                                                                                                    </sp>
   </personGrp>
   <person xml:id="leon" sex="MALE">
                                                                                                    <sp who="#novo"> -
                                                                                                                                               characters via
    <persName>Leonardo</persName>
                                                                                                       <speaker>Novio</speaker>
                                                                                                                                               who-tags
   <person xml:id="novo" sex="MALE">
                                                                                                       Me voy.
    <persName>Novio</persName>
                                                                                                    </sp>
   <person xml:id="padr" sex="MALE">
    <persName>Padre de la novia</persName>

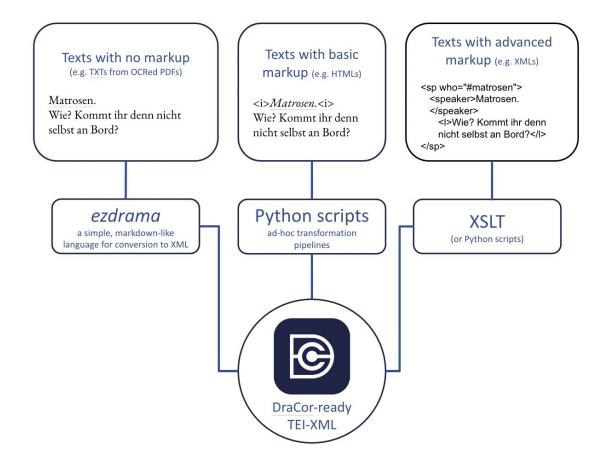
→ <sp who="#madr"> →
   </person>
                                                                                                       <speaker>Madre</speaker>
   <person xml:id="luna" sex="FEMALE">
    <persName>Luna</persName>
                                                                                                       ;Adónde?
   </person>
   <person xml:id="muer" sex="FEMALE">
                                                                                                    </sp>
    <persName>Muerte (como Mendiga)</persName>
   </person>
   <person xml:id="muc1" sex="FEMALE">
```

A platform...

- Aggregating thousands of uniform TEIs and generally striving to build large corpora to enable true quantitative analysis
- Focusing on a genre (drama) notable for its semi-structured nature
- Employing a TEI model that is mostly concerned with **encoding repetitive uniform things** (such as repeated **occurrences of a character's speech** utterances in the texts, **multiple acts and scenes** following each other and so on)

...all this seems to call for markup automation approaches!

Former (pre-LLM) DraCor procedures



Ingo Börner, Frank Fischer, Luca Giovannini, Christopher Lu, Carsten Milling, Daniil Skorinkin, Henny Sluyter-Gäthje, Peer Trilcke: Onboard onto DraCor: **Prototyping Workflows to Homogenize Drama Corpora for an Open Infrastructure**. In: DHd2023: »Open Humanities, Open Culture«. 13–17 March 2023. Book of Abstracts. University of Trier. (doi:10.5281/zenodo.7715333)

EasyDrama markdown



```
#Acto primero
##Cuadro primero
$Habitación pintada de amarillo.
@Novio
(Entrando)Madre.
@Madre
¿Qué?
@Novio
Me voy.
```

```
<body>
 <div type="act">
   <head>Acto primero</head>
   <div type="scene">
     <head>Cuadro primero</head>
     <stage>Habitación pintada de amarillo.</stage>
     <sp who="#novio">
       <speaker>Novio</speaker>
       <stage>(Entrando)</stage> Madre.
     </sp>
     <sp who="#madre">
       <speaker>Madre</speaker>
       ¿Qué?
     </sp>
     <sp who="#novio">
       <speaker>Novio</speaker>
       Me voy.
```

1) Raw input

Ham A tragedy By William S **Dramatis Personae** Ham Egg Vikings Act 1 Scene 1 Ham: Lovely Spam! Egg: Wonderful Spam! Scene 2 **Enter Vikings** Ham: Egg, Spam! Sausage, and Bacon! Vikings (singing): Spam, Spam,(o!) Spam, Spam, (loud) Spam, Spam, (quiet) Spam, and Spam

The end

2) EasyDrama markup

```
@title Ham
@subtitle A tragedy
@author William S
Dramatis Personae
Ham
Egg
Vikings
#Act 1
##Scene 1
@Ham:
Lovely Spam!
@Egg:
Wonderful Spam!
##Scene 2
$Enter Vikings
@Ham:
Eqq. Spam!
Sausage, and Bacon!
@Vikings (singing):
~Spam, Spam,(o!)
Spam, Spam, (loud)
Spam, Spam, (quiet)
Spam, and Spam
```

\$The end

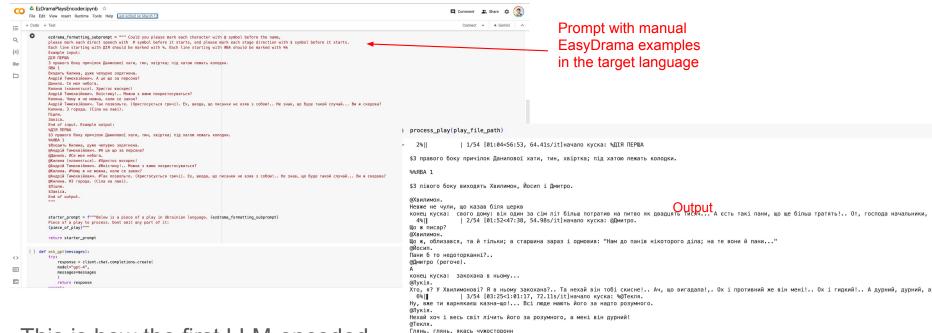
3) Auto-generated raw TEI

```
<TEI xmlns="http://www.tei-c.org/ns/1.0">
   <teiHeader>
      <fileDesc>
         <titleStmt>
            <title type="main">Ham</title>
           <title type="sub">A tragedy</title>
            <author>William S</author>
         </titleStmt>
         <publicationStmt>
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            <idno type="URL">https://dracor.org</idno>
            <availability>
               cence>
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                  <ref target="https://creativecommons.org/publicdomain/zero/1.0/">
                    Licence</ref>
              </licence>
            </availability>
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              <idno type="URL">ENTER SOURCE URL HERE</idno>
               <availability status="free">
                  In the public domain.
               </availability>
            </bibl>
         </sourceDesc>
      </fileDesc>
      ofileDesc>
         <particDesc>
            listPerson>
               <person xml:id="egg">
                  <persName>Egg</persName>
               </person>
               <person xml:id="ham">
                  <persName>Ham</persName>
               </person>
               <person xml:id="vikings">
                  <persName>Vikings</persName>
```

2023:

using LLM APIs for applying

EasyDrama markdown



конец куска: рамотний. «Килина.

@Килина.

@Хвилимон.

А ви грамотні? @Хвилимон. Та неначебто трохи.

Он як!.. А як ваше ймення?

У школі вчились чи так де? @Хвилимон Я скінчив сільську школу.

This is how the first LLM-encoded plays in the history of DraCor were produced

end-to-end LLM generation

2024:

experimenting with

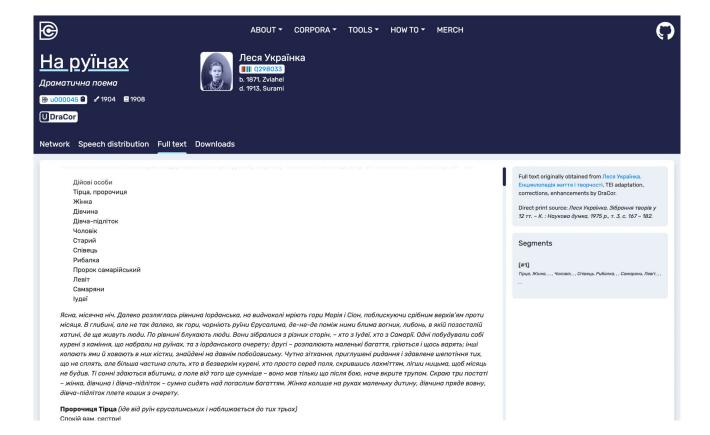
The models we tried:





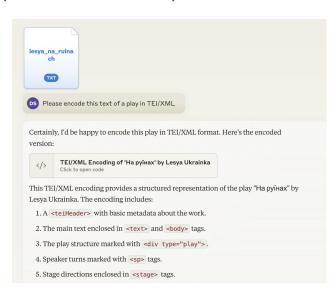


The play we started with:

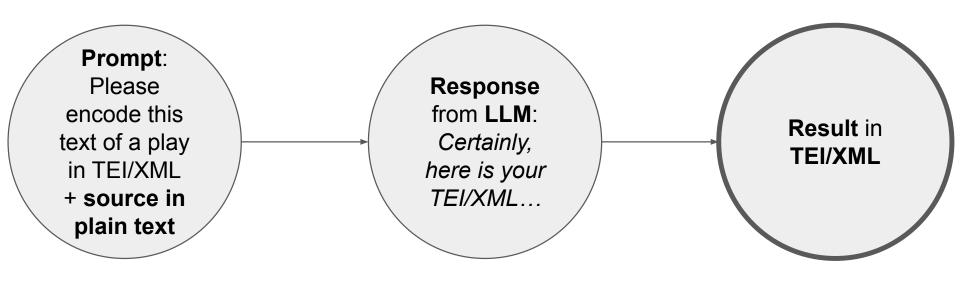


Prompting scenario 1: **one-step** zero-shot (**no example**)

- User asks non-specific prompt: «Please encode this text of a play in TEI/XML»
- 2. Model responds affirmative and prompts the user to provide text
- User provides text of the play
- 4. Model gives output
- 5. User saves output and leaves



Prompting scenario 1: **one-step** zero-shot (no example) — as a finite-state automaton:



Example with ChatGPT-40:

lesya_na_ruinach.txt

Please encode this text of a play in TEI/XML

Here is an encoded version of the text "На руїнах" by Леся Українка in TEI/XML format. I've structured it with the proper elements for a drama. This version includes the header, the title of the play, the main parts like stage directions, dialogue, and the list of characters. You can expand upon this with more detailed TEI markup as needed for more complex elements like performance records or detailed speaker annotations. <teiHeader> <fileDesc> <titleStmt> <title>Ha pyïHax</title> <author>Леся Українка</author> <respStmt> <resp>Transcription and encoding</resp> <name>Unknown</name> </respStmt> </titleStmt> <publicationStmt> <publisher>Unpublished</publisher> <date>2024</date> </publicationStmt> <sourceDesc> Transcribed from a digital file provided by the user. </sourceDesc> </fileDesc> </teiHeader> <text> <body> <div type="play"> <head>На руїнах</head>

<div type="scene" n ↓

```
<div type="play">
   <head>Ha руїнах</head>
   <div type="scene" n="1">
       <stage>
          Ясна, місячна ніч. Далеко розляглась рівнина Іорданська, на
       </stage>
       <sp who="#tirza">
           <speaker>Tipua</speaker>
           Спокій вам, сестри!
       </sp>
       <sp who="#woman">
           <speaker>Winka</speaker>
           I тобі спокій! Спокій нам всім... спокій і смерть.
       </sp>
       <sp who="#tirza">
           <speaker>Tipua</speaker>
           Чого? Живий наш бог, і ми живі.
       </sp>
       <sp who="#woman">
           <speaker>Wihka</speaker>
           B pyïHax!
       </sp>
           (Притуляється лицем до дитини і плаче. Дитина квилить крізи
       </stage>
```

```
<sp who="#tirza">
                       <speaker>Tipua</speaker>
                       <р>Не напувай слізьми малого сина, не нагодовуй молоком не
                   <sp who="#girl">
                       <speaker>Дівчина</speaker>
                       <р>Покинутим де іншої взять страви?</р>
                   </sp>
                   <!-- Continue encoding the dialogue and stage directions -->
                   <stage>
                       (Жінка заходжується ворушити багаття, воно за хвилину спал
                   </stage>
                   <sp who="#tirza">
                       <speaker>Тірца</speaker>
                       Спокій вам, сестри!
                   </sp>
                  <sp who="all">
                       <speaker>Bci Tpu</speaker>
                       I тобі спокій! Благословенна ти, надії дочко!
                   </sp>
                   <!-- Additional scenes can be added similarly -->
           </div>
       </body>
   </text>
</TEI>
```





Example with Claude 3.5 Sonnet



Certainly, I'd be happy to encode this play in TEI/XML format. Here's the encoded version:

TEI/XML Encoding of 'На руїнах' by Lesya Ukrainka Click to open code

This TEI/XML encoding provides a structured representation of the play "На руїнах" by Lesya Ukrainka. The encoding includes:

- 1. A <teiHeader> with basic metadata about the work.
- 2. The main text enclosed in <text> and <body> tags.
- 3. The play structure marked with <div type="play">.
- 4. Speaker turns marked with <sp> tags.
- 5. Stage directions enclosed in <stage> tags.
- 6. Dialogue enclosed in tags within <sp> elements.

Note that I've only included the beginning of the play in this encoding. To complete the encoding, you would continue this structure for the entire text, marking each speaker turn, stage direction, and other structural elements accordingly.













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Reply to Claude...







Interestingly, the free **Mistral 2 Large** is much more successful in this setup — it encoded the whole play:

https://chat.mistral.ai/chat/5b22b8a1-917a-4faa-be7d-d51ea3e32642

```
<sp who="#Жінка">
 <speaker>Жінка</speaker>
 I тобі спокій!
 Спокій нам всім… спокій і смерть.
 <speaker>Пророчиця Тірца</speaker>
 Живий наш бог, і ми живі.
<sp who="#Жінка">
 <speaker>Winka</speaker>
 B pyinax!
 <(Притуляється лицем до дитини і плаче. Дитина квилить крізь сон.)</p>
<sp who="#Tipua">
 <speaker>Пророчиця Тірца</speaker>
 Не напувай слізьми малого сина.
 <р>не нагодовуй молоком недолі.
<sp who="#Дівчина">
 <speaker>Дівчина</speaker>
 Покинутим де іншої взять страви?
<sp who="#Tipua">
 <speaker>Пророчиця Тірца</speaker>
 Чому ти звеш покинутими вас?
<sp who="#Півчина">
 <speaker>Дівчина</speaker>
 Мій брат в Ассірії, у Ніневії.
<sp who="#Дівча-підліток">
 <speaker>Дівча-підліток</speaker>
 <р>Мій батько в Вавілоні другий рік.</р>
```

```
<speaker>Пророчиця Tipua</speaker>
 Але вас три й дитина межи вами.
 Той не покинутий, хто сам не кинув.
 Паліть багаття, поки встане день,
 <р>щоб вам було видніше при роботі.
<sp who="#Півчина">
 <speaker>Дівчина</speaker>
 (кладе кужілку долі)
 Робота наша марна. Хто ж то буде
 <р>носити шати сі, як напряду?</р>
 Мій брат в Ассірії, в ворожім війську.
 <р>неволячи, в неволі сам загине.
 На кого пбати?
<sp who="#Tipua">
 <speaker>Пророчиця Тірца</speaker>
 Дбай сама на себе.
 то будеш вільна. — перед ворогами
 не скажеш: «Хто мені одежу дасть?»
 Не скаже ворог: «Я тебе вдягаю», 
<sp who="#Дівчина">
 <speaker>Дівчина</speaker>
 <р>здіймає кужілку й знову береться прясти.
<sp who="#Tipua">
 <speaker>Пророчиця Тірца</speaker>
 <(до дівчини-підлітка, що, зажурившись, склала над роботою руки)</p>
 Чого сидиш, хіба скінчила працю?
<sp who="#Дівча-підліток">
 <speaker>Дівча-підліток</speaker>
 Та що кінчати? Подруги плетуть
 <i кошики, щоби носити землю</p>
 <р>на могилки над трупами батьків,
```

```
<sp who="#Жінка">
 <speaker>Жінка</speaker>
 <р>Нащо йому горіти? Жінка дбає</р>
 в своїй оселі про багаття хатнє.
 <р>А де ж моя оселя? Серед поля?
 <р>Мій чоловік осів у Фінікії,
 »в чужому краю злота добуває...
 Для кого маю берегти багаття?
<sp who="#Tipua">
 <speaker>Пророчиця Тірца</speaker>
 (показує на дитину)
 Для сього і для себе. Серед поля
 своїй дитині розпали багаття,
 нагрій і нагодуй, шоб не квилило
 коло сухих грудей твоє дитя,
 шоб не тремтіло з холоду під рам'ям.
 <р>щоб не ридала ти, мов безпорадна:</р>
 «Хто дасть мені моє багаття хатнє?»
 Щоб ворог не сказав: «Ходи до мене!»
<sp who="#Жінка">
 <speaker>Жінка</speaker>
 <a>заходжується ворушити багаття, воно за хвилину спалахує, і веселе світло ос
<sp who="#Тірца">
 <speaker>Пророчиця Тірца</speaker>
 (повертаючись іти від них)
 Спокій вам, сестри!
<sp who="#Всі три">
 <speaker>Bci Tpu</speaker>
 I тобі спокій!
 Благословенна ти, надії дочко!
<sp who="#Tipua">
 <speaker>Пророчиця Tipцa</speaker>
```

and so

Obvious solution: use the *dialogic*

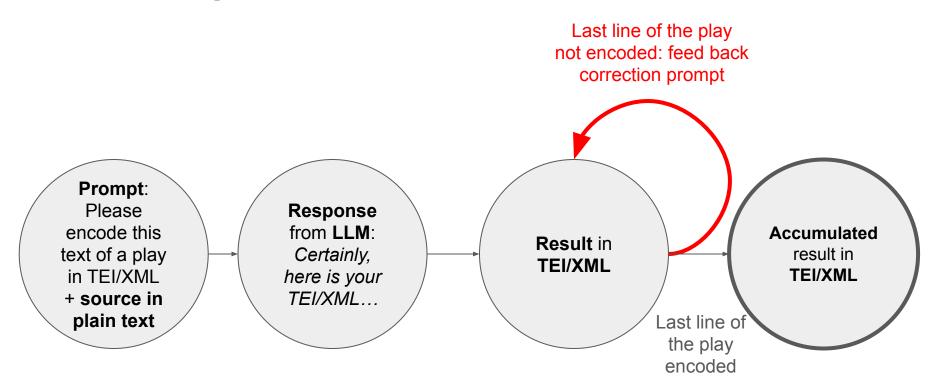
functionality of modern LLMs

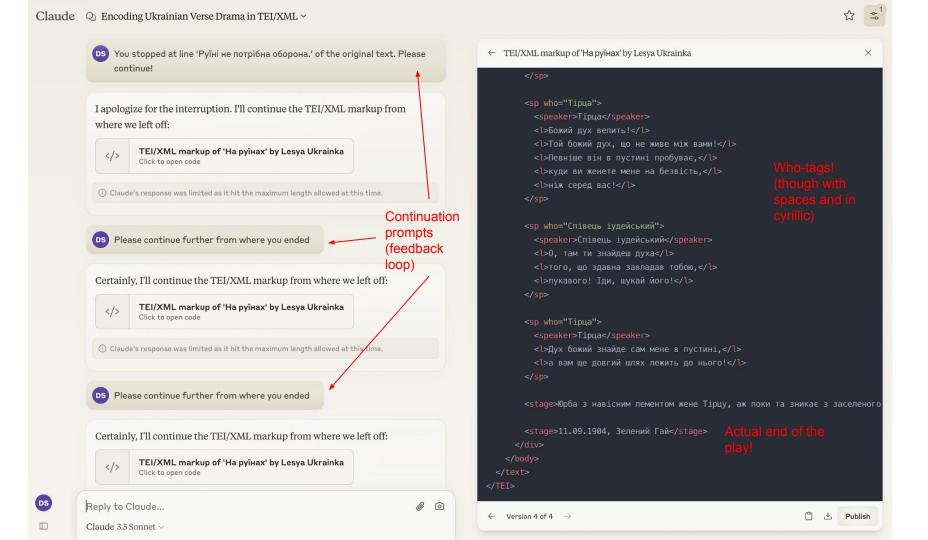
(the *Chat* of ChatGPT)

Scenario 2: multi-step zero-shot with a feedback loop

- 1. User asks a slightly **more specific initial prompt**: «Please produce a TEI/XML markup of the following Ukrainian play following the TEI/XML standards for drama. This play is in {verse|prose}, so lines spoken by characters should be encoded with {<l>|}. Do not leave or omit any of the text of the original. Do not invent any new text. Do not stop until the whole play is processed»
- 2. Model responds affirmative and prompts the user to provide text
- User provides text of the play
- 4. Model gives output
- 5. User gives **correction prompt**: You've skipped some lines. Do not skip any lines! Do not add XML comments saying that the dialogue continues! Encode each line as TEI tags instead. This is a very important task for an international research project.
- 6. Model gives updated output
- 7. User asks model to continue several times (repeated feedback loop)

Prompting scenario 2: **multi-step** zero-shot with a **feedback loop** — as a finite-state automaton:





Scenario 2 examples:

- Claude required 3 feedback runs; here new approach made even the first output before feedback much better (roughly 25% of the play was already there from the first prompt) and also added the 'who' attributes which were not there before:
 - https://claude.site/artifacts/ae2def61-8f46-4f87-a757-7c159a85b5ec
- Mistral did it in one go as before, and also learned to add 'who' attributes (in English)
- ChatGPT required 6 feedback rounds to encode the entire play (with small omissions), but lost the who attributes:
 https://chatgpt.com/share/6707f22c-4e90-800c-9fc5-a2b13ca67a7a
- When assembled correctly from chunks, the files are well-formed and TEI-all valid

All three examples still lacking the metadata on characters:

```
<teiHeader>
   <fileDesc>
       <titleStmt>
           <title>Ha руїнах</title>
           <author>Леся Українка</author>
           <respStmt>
               <resp>Edited and encoded by</resp>
               <name>TEI XML Editor</name>
           </respStmt>
       </titleStmt>
       <publicationStmt>
           Published in TEI XML format
       </publicationStmt>
       <sourceDesc>
           Original text provided by user
       </sourceDesc>
   </fileDesc>
</teiHeader>
```

```
<teiHeader>
<fileDesc>
<titleStmt>
<title>Ha pyĭHax</title>
<author>Леся Українка</author>
</title5tmt>
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Can we make them all better with a bit of

few-shot learning on existing DraCor

markup?

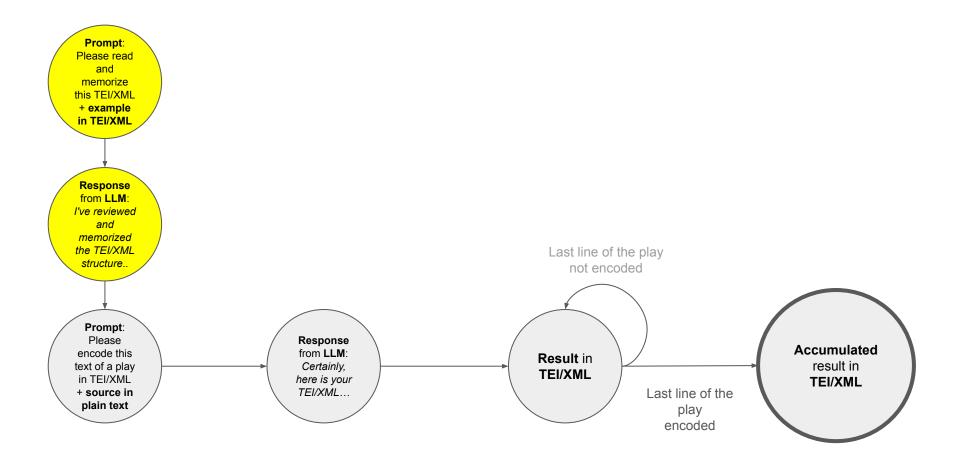
Scenario 3: **multi-step** with a feedback loop and **initial example**

- User gives the model an existing DraCor TEI/XML with a play in the same language and the same mode (verse/prose) and asks to memorize it
- 2. Then all the steps from Scenario 2



- I have reviewed the TEI/XML structure of the Ukrainian play "Бояриня" that you provided. The structure includes the following key elements:
- TEI Header (<teiHeader>): Contains metadata such as title, author, publication information, and participants.





Scenario 3 examples:

- Mistral refused to work in that setting (at least in those couple of times that we tried) — both the example and the new play together were too much for it
- Further improvements for ChatGPT, which now has character IDs and they even look totally dracor-ish!:
 https://chatgpt.com/share/91b90ef2-1067-41c5-95b8-13ebeed394a8
- Both Claude and ChatGPT learned to identify characters by ID even if the <speaker> text differs a bit

Identified characters (this was never asked explicitly)

```
<sp who="#prorok_samariysky">
  <speaker>Молодий пророк самарійський</speaker>
 <stage>(надбігає з-під дерева, де він молився)</stage>
 <l>Pятуй, Ізраїлю! Тут іудеї</l>
  <l>втопити хочуть дівчину невинну!</l>
</sp>
<stage>Набігає з усіх боків гурт самарян і бореться з іудеями, відбиваючи
<sp who="#samaryany">
  <speaker>Caмaряни</speaker>
 <l>Втопити? За що? За якії вчинки?</l>
</sp>
<sp who="#iudei">
  <speaker>Іудеї</speaker>
 <l>3a святощі!</l>
</sp>
<sp who="#prorok_samariysky">
  <speaker>Пророк самарійський</speaker>
 <l>3а брязкало старе!</l>
</sp>
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  <l>3а брязкало старе!</l>
</sp>
```

Metadata improvements

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                                                                                     <fileDesc>
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     <titleStmt>
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      <title type="main">Ha pyïHax</title>
                                                                                       </person>
                                                                                       <person sex="FEMALE" xml:id="zhinka">
      <title>Праматична поема</title>
                                                                                         <persName>Xinka</persName>
                                                                                       </person>
        <persName>
                                                                                       <person sex="FEMALE" xml:id="divchyna">
          <forename>Леся</forename>
                                                                                         <persName>Дівчина</persName>
          <surname>Українка</surname>
         </persName>
                                                                                       <person sex="FEMALE" xml:id="divcha pidlitok">
        <persName xml:lang="eng">
                                                                                         <persName>Дівча-підліток</persName>
          <forename>Lesva</forename>
          <surname>Ukrainka</surname>
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        </persName>
                                                                                         <persName>Чоловік</persName>
      </author>
                                                                                       <person sex="MALE" xml:id="staryj">
     </titleStmt>
                                                                                         <persName>Cтарий</persName>
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        <date>11.09.1904</date>
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ofileDesc>
      <person xml:id="divcha" sex="FEMALE">
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Attempt at quality assessment (best version of each model)

- Script that counts the missing lines
- Script that counts the 'made-up' lines (with some manual post-assessment)
- Semi-manual tag structure comparison

	XML well-formed from the start	Is TEI-all valid? (after well-formed ness corrected)	No. of missing text lines		No of wrong xml element names (e.g. <stage> => <head>)</head></stage>	No of totally missing elements (e.g. listPerson> is not present in the generated header)	No of made up elements (e.g. excessive sp with a made up speaker)	Sum errors
Claude 3.5					1	21	2	24
Sonnet (paid)	yes	yes	0	0				
ChatGPT with					1	57	2	65
GPT-4o (paid)	no	yes	5	0				
Mistral Large 2	no		7	0	28	71	16	122
(Free)		yes						

Takeaways

- With enough input on the desired TEI format, LLMs can produce almost ready-made DraCor TEI/XMLs (if you poke them enough times)
- **Different strategies work better with different LLMs**, e.g. in our case:
 - Mistral was the best 'from-scratch' model
 - Claude had huge improvement at stage 2, was already almost perfect
 - ChatGPT did its best after looking at an example at stage 3
- Results are **not very stable**, e.g. with ChatGPT currently it became somewhat harder to reproduce scenario 3 as smoothly as it worked earlier
- **Length** generally **remains a challenge** (which is understandable given the nature of the Transformer architecture)

current perspectives

2025:

Status quo

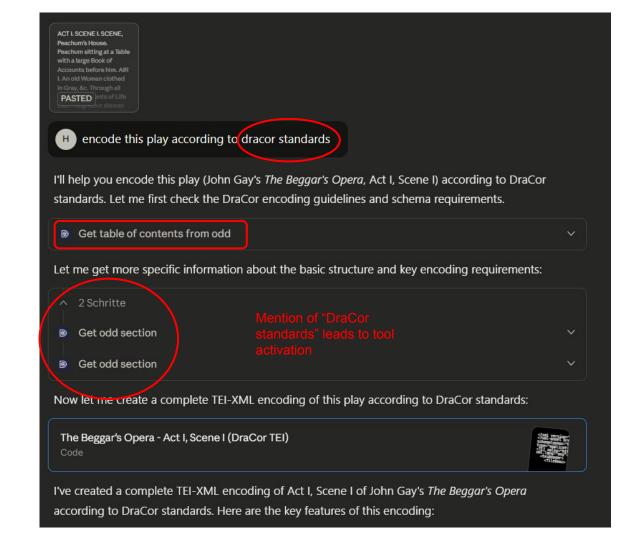
- To our knowledge the most recent additions to DraCor (RoDraCor, IbsDraCor, etc.) have not been encoded with the help of LLMs...
- ... and many contributors (e.g. for ArDraCor) still prefer *easydrama* for its reliability as compared to LLMs..
- Elsewhere, scholars are developing evaluation framework for assessing large language models in text encoding tasks (e.g. Strutz & Vogeler 2025; see also work by Christopher Pollin and others) → we need one for drama as well.

What about MCP integration?

Seems really promising, but much more experimenting needs to be done.

Next steps:

- evaluating how zero-shot MCP-supported encoding performs compared to "dialogic" encoding
- (long term) prototyping Interface for direct LLM-powered play encoding within the DraCor website



Thank you!

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