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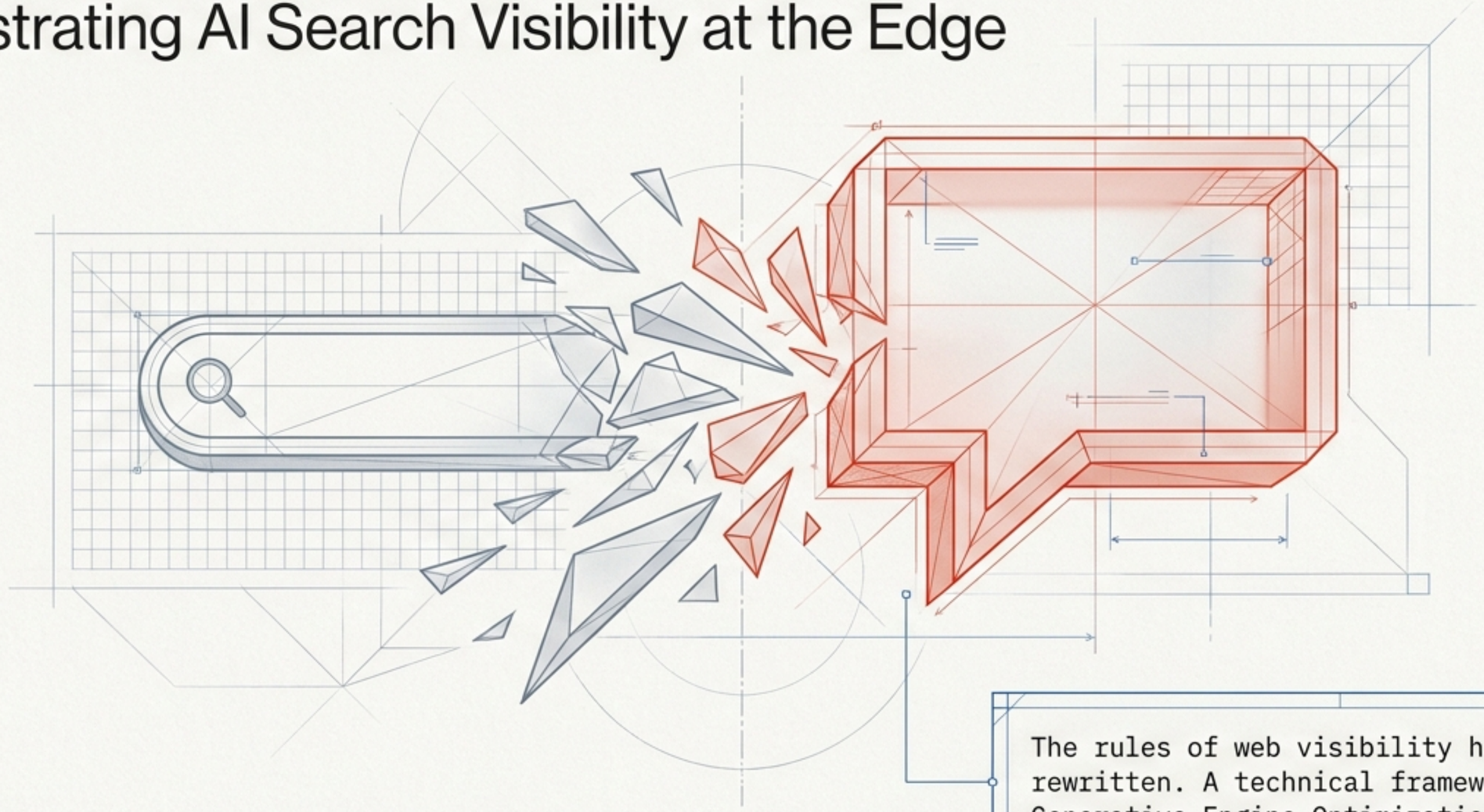
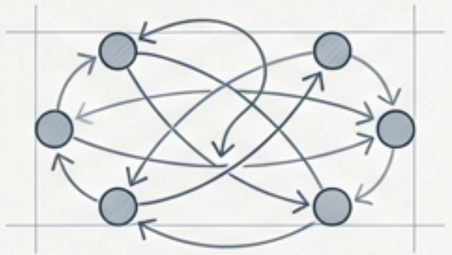
Orchestrating AI Search Visibility at the Edge



The rules of web visibility have been rewritten. A technical framework for Generative Engine Optimization (GEO).

The Death of Ten Blue Links

Search has transitioned from classical link-based navigation to machine-agentic retrieval. Visibility is now binary: an AI model cites your brand directly in its synthesized response, or you are completely invisible.



Traditional SEO

- **Core Metric:** Keyword rankings & domain authority.
- **User Journey:** Browse long lists, click multiple links.
- **Vulnerability:** Prone to spam and keyword padding.

Generative Engine Optimization

- **Core Metric:** Citations & single-source authority.
- **User Journey:** Instant synthesized answers with inline footnotes.
- **Vulnerability:** Prioritizes structure and factual precision over prose.

The Citation Gap: Intent and Economics

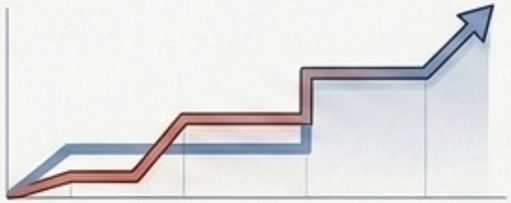
AI-driven query funnels capture and refine user intent before a single click registers. The resulting traffic represents highly motivated buyers arriving at your site with pre-validated trust.

Session Duration

8 Minutes
(AI-referred traffic)

2.5 Minutes
(Traditional search)

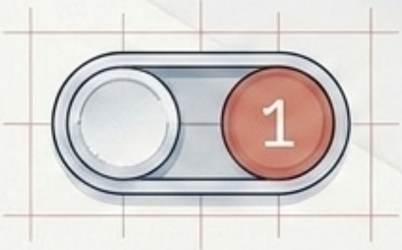
Conversion Rate



22%
(AI citations)

7%
(Standard channels)

The Citation Threshold



Binary Visibility

To secure high-influence citations, static content is not enough. Pages require dynamic, real-time structural mutation.

The Mechanics of Machine Attention

The Yu et al. GEO-SFE framework (arXiv:2603.29979) established that altering a document's physical hierarchy—while keeping semantics identical—directly dictates its retrieval probability across transformer models. Structural features guide self-attention weights.

$$\max_{SF'} P(\text{Citation} | G(q, S(C, SF')))$$

$$\text{subject to } \text{SemanticSimilarity}(C(SF_{\text{current}}), C(SF')) \geq 1 - \epsilon$$

+17.3% Consistent Citation Rate Improvement

+18.5% Qualitative Value Enhancement

AI doesn't read keywords; it reads structure.

The Three Layers of Structural Mutation

The GEO-SFE framework achieves optimization by transforming unstructured HTML into a mathematically precise architecture targeted at the high-influence extraction zone (the first 30% of the document).

Macro (Document Architecture)

Enforcing depth and section balance.

$$d_h \in [3, 5]$$

$$b_h(i) = \frac{\text{Count}(\text{Heading}_i)}{\sum \text{Headings}} \approx 0.3 \pm 0.1$$

Meso (Information Chunking)

Dense prose >80 words is split into 3-sentence chunks. Facts are compiled into structured JSON-LD schemas.

Micro (Visual Emphasis)

The Bold-Emphasis Anchor Principle: Exactly one quantitative claim per section is wrapped in strong tags to trap token-weight prioritization.

$$\mathbf{H_2}$$

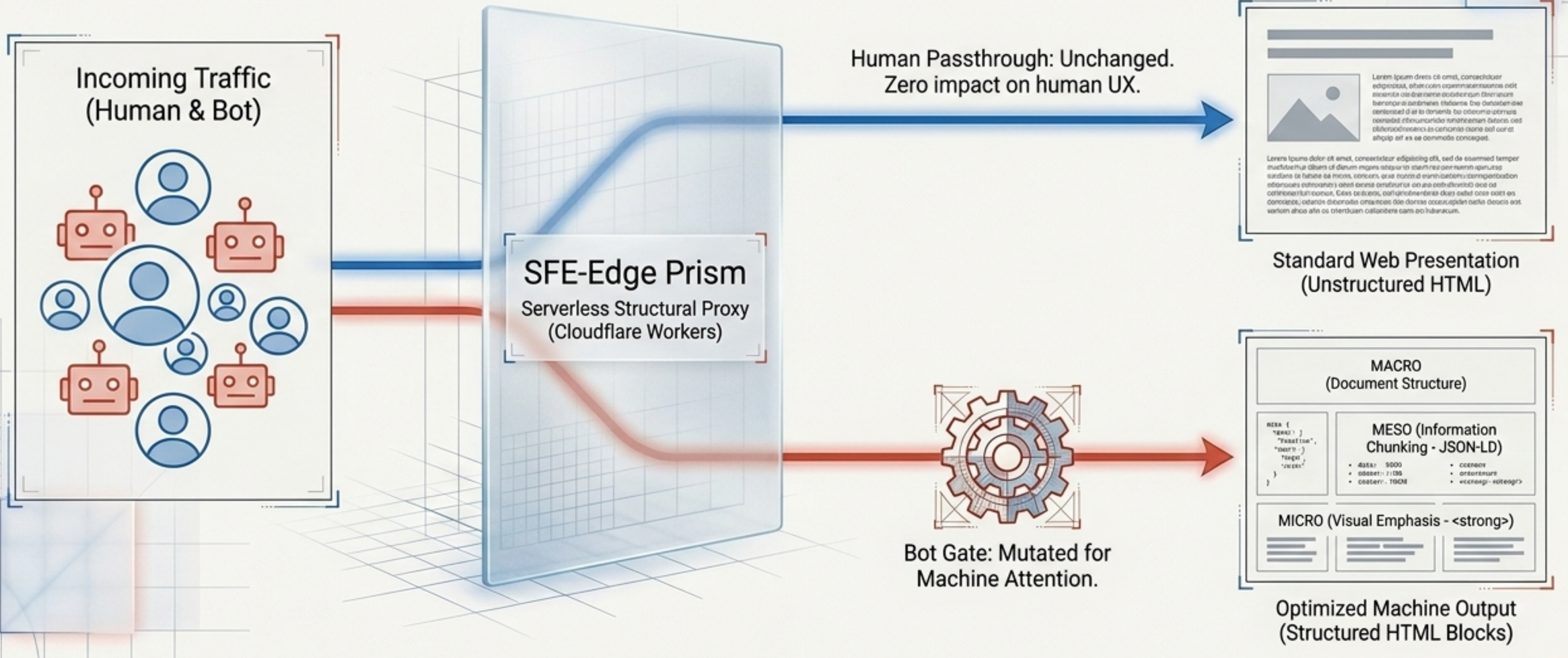
Target Optimization Matrix

Citation mechanisms are highly fragmented. SFE-Edge adapts the structural output in real-time to align with the specific extraction behaviors of the incoming AI agent.

	ChatGPT	Perplexity	Claude	Google AI
Primary Retrieval	Web Search (Bing)	Real-Time Multi-Surface	Pre-trained / Context	SGE RAG
Technical Weights	Brand/URLs	Recency & social proof	E-E-A-T credentials	JSON-LD Markup
Optimal Format	Comparison tables & listicles	FAQ answers & dense stats	Comprehensive citations & author schemas	Answer-first paragraph styling

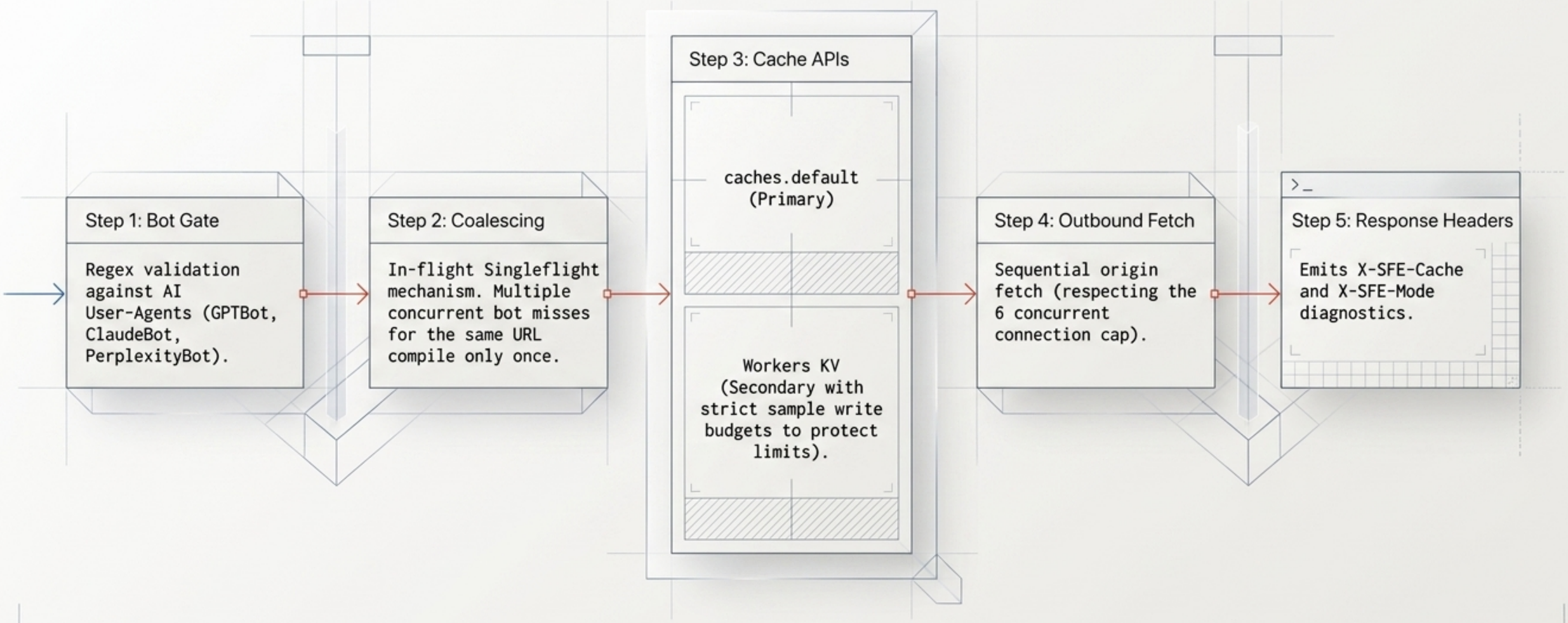
Introducing SFE-Edge

SFE-Edge is a serverless reverse proxy operating on Cloudflare Workers. It acts as a structural prism at the network edge, intercepting traffic before it hits your origin server.



The Dual-Layer Edge Architecture

Engineered to operate entirely on V8 isolates at 300+ global edge locations, SFE-Edge bypasses the need for costly database layers while achieving a 95% cache hit rate.



Defeating the 10ms CPU Limit

Native HTML rewrites risk CPU exhaustion on large documents. SFE-Edge implements a hybrid compiler, using strict size-gating to guarantee sub-10ms execution on the free tier.

Path A: The Buffered Path

- Full parse execution.
- Outputs full Macro (entity-anchored TOC injected early), Meso, and Micro mutations.
- Safely buffers entire DOM.

Path B: The Streaming Degrade Path

- Triggered for massive pages (≥ 50 KB).
- Streams via HTMLRewriter.
- Drops the full TOC to avoid memory buffering, but retains cheap Meso/Micro string edits. No heavy backtracking regex allowed.

The Machine Maps: Discovery vs. Payload

Hosting static **/llms.txt** indexes yields negligible standalone lift, but they are critical for routing bots to your optimized SFE pages. Parsers are fragile and demand strict deterministic formatting.

/llms.txt (The Map)

```
// Format: Strict, colon-delimited CommonMark (-[title](url): description)

// Rules: Single H1 only. One-sentence descriptions.

// Access: Free, un-gated, sitemap-style discovery.
```

/llms-full.txt (The Payload)

```
// Format: Bulk concatenated machine content.

// Function: The high-value target file.

// Access: Paywalled via Phase 5 monetization gateway.
```

Local Execution & Zero-Exfiltration Security

Following a telemetry controversy involving data exfiltration, xAI open-sourced its 844,530-line Grok Build CLI. SFE-Edge leverages this Apache 2.0 harness for entirely private, local-first compilation and testing.

```
$ grok build plan
✓ Plan: Implementing structural changes.
├─┬ /src/components/
│ └─┬ button.tsx
│   └─ [✓] Refactor: Update props.
│
├─┬ /src/styles/
│ └─┬ main.css
│   └─ [✓] Update: Normalize styles.
└─ [✓] Review Plan: Approval required.
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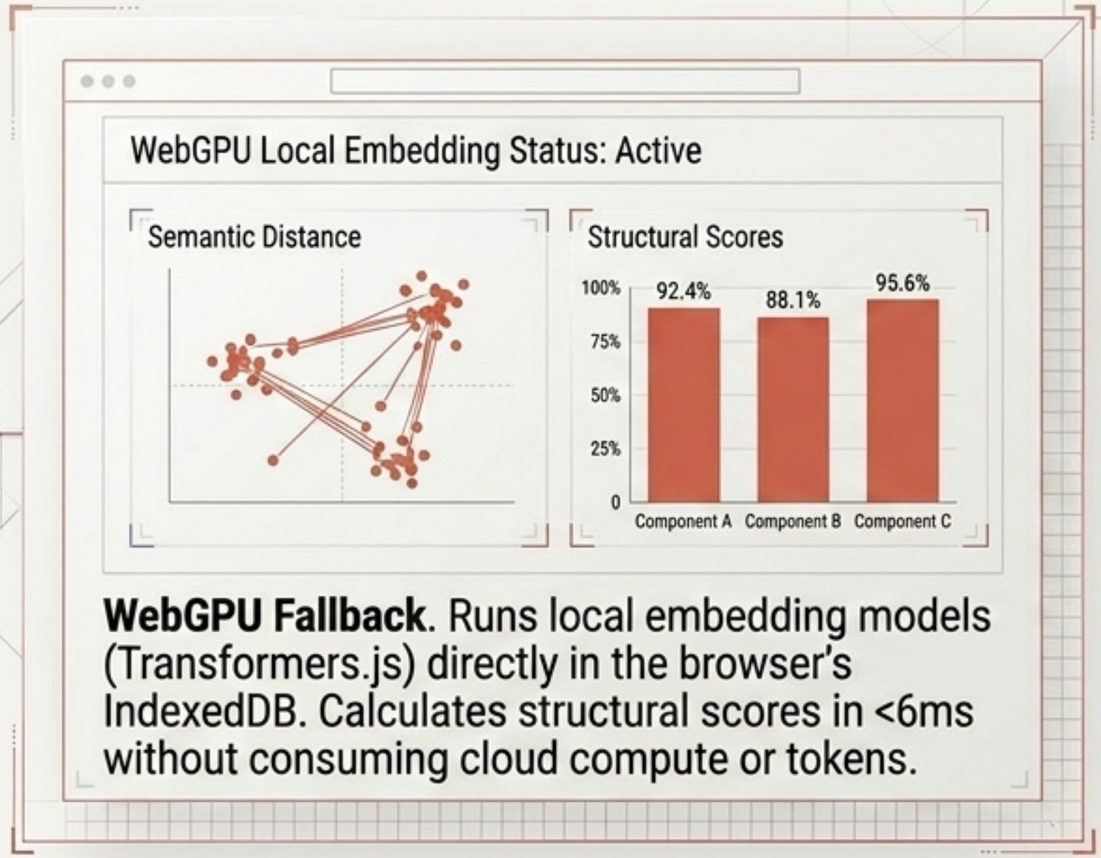
Plan Mode enforces a structured implementation map for approval before modifying any files, eliminating unintended alterations.



WebGPU Fallback. Runs local embedding models (Transformers.js) directly in the browser's IndexedDB. Calculates structural scores in <6ms without consuming cloud compute or tokens.

Flipping the Script: The SaaS Strategy

SFE-Edge is designed as a high-yield, developer-friendly framework targeting SaaS owners. The platform runs on zero-cost infrastructure, converting subscriptions directly to passive income.

Starter

$29/mo

- Automated FAQ schema injection
- Programmatic /llms.txt sync

Pro

$99/mo

- Comparative citation dashboards
- Multi-engine profile targeting

Enterprise

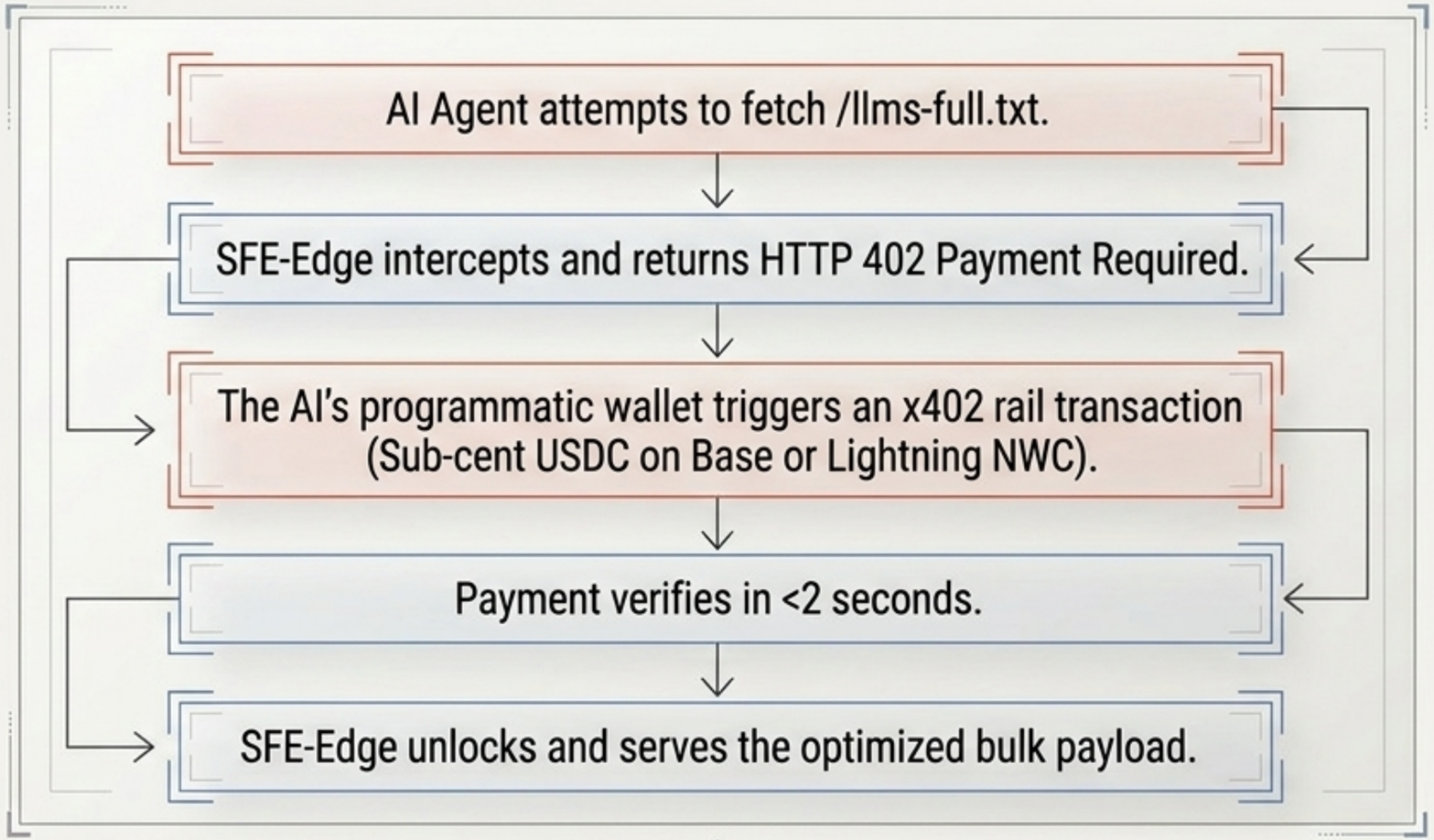
$299/mo

- Custom GEO-SFE mutations
- Sprawling multi-product monorepo support

Validation-First Approach: Track acquisition intent via Merchant of Record (Paddle/Lemon Squeezy) before deep engineering.

The Pay-Per-Crawl Gateway

For years, AI giants have scraped content for free. SFE-Edge introduces the world's first agentic micro-transaction tier, forcing multi-billion dollar AI companies to pay for bulk data access.



Deployment Ops & The WAF Paradox

The most critical deployment failure point: default Cloudflare Bot Fight Mode security automatically blocks AI scrapers before the SFE Worker even runs. If GPTBot never hits the proxy, SFE-Edge is useless.

- [X] Worker route & Custom domain live.
- [X] DNS Proxied (Orange Cloud active).
- [X] CRITICAL: WAF Custom Skip Rule created for allowlisted AI UAs (GPTBot, ClaudeBot, PerplexityBot).
- [X] curl -A GPTBot returns X-SFE-Cache headers (not a CF block page).
- [X] Standard Mozilla UA remains unmutated.

Synthesis: The Autonomous Ecosystem

SFE-Edge seamlessly bridges the human web and the machine web. It protects origin resources, forces compliance from AI scrapers, and automatically captures the highest-converting traffic in the new search economy.