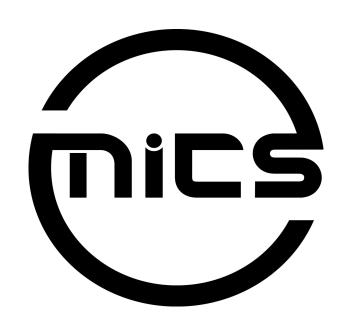
# Recent topics in vision and language Deep Learning course

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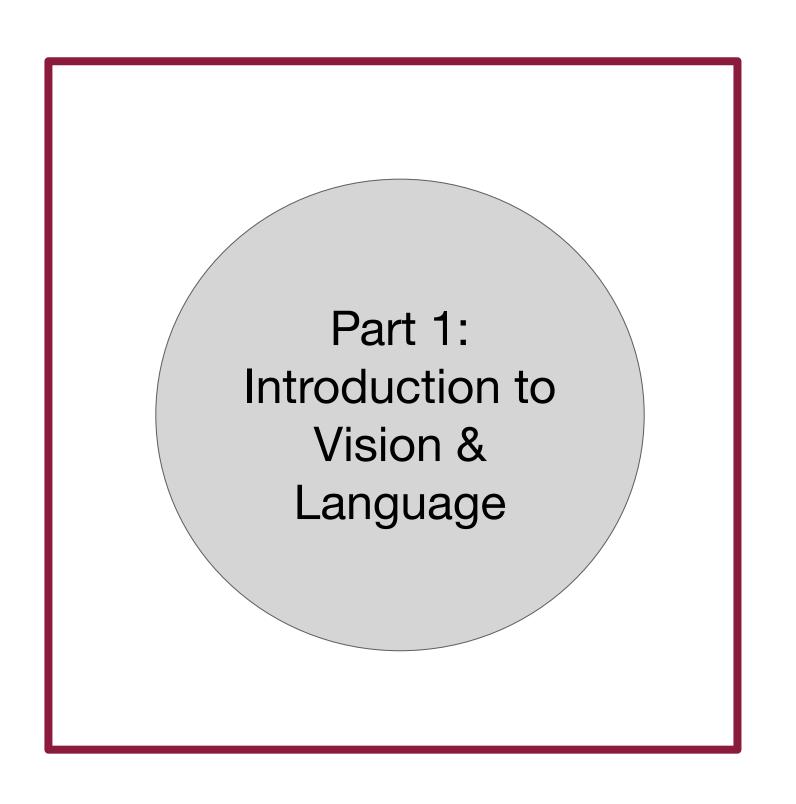


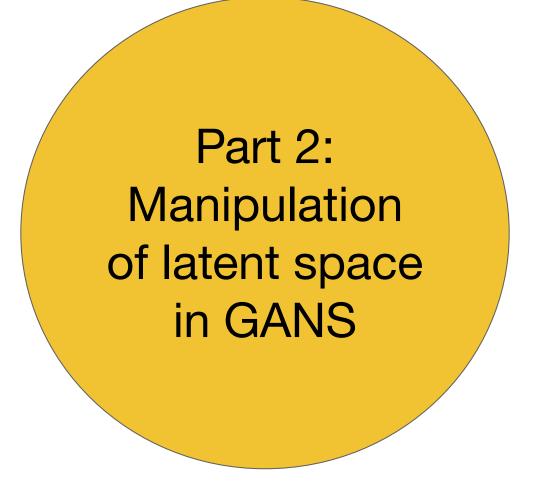


## What we have seen up to now

- Introduction to Deep Learning
- Deep Learning and Optimization
- Deep Learning for Computer Vision
- Deep Learning and Generative Models
- Deep Learning and Self Supervised Models
- Deep Learning and Reinforcement Learning
- Deep Learning and Natural Language Processing

## What we will see today







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## Multimodal Learning

- Multimodal learning refers to the process of **learning representations** from different types of modalities using the same model.
- Different modalities are characterized by different statistical properties
- Machine learning: input modalities include images, text, audio, etc
- Today: only images and language (text)

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- BERT-like architectures
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## Vision-Language tasks

#### Generation

- Vision Question
   Answering (VQA)
- Visual Captioning (VC)
- Visual Commonsense Reasoning (VCR)
- Visual Generation (VG)

#### Classification

- Multimodal Affective Computing (MAC)
- Natural Language for Visual Reasoning (NLVR)

#### Retrieval

- Visual Retrieval (VR)
- Vision-Language
   Navigation (VLN)
- Multimodal Machine Translation (MMT)

## Vision-language Generation tasks

- Visual Question Answering (VQA)
  - refers to the process of providing an answer to a question given a visual input (image or video)
- Visual Captioning (VC)
  - generates descriptions for a given visual input
- Visual Commonsense Reasoning (VCR)
  - infers common-sense information and cognitive understanding given a visual input
- Visual Generation (VG)
  - generates visual output from a textual input

## Vision-language Classification tasks

- Multimodal Affective Computing (MAC)
  - interprets visual affective activity from visual and textual input. In a way, it can be seen as multimodal sentiment analysis.
- Natural Language for Visual Reasoning (NLVR)
  - determines if a statement regarding a visual input is correct or not

## Vision-language Retrieval tasks

- Visual Retrieval (VR)
  - retrieves images based only on a textual description
- Vision-Language Navigation (VLN)
  - is the task of an agent navigating through a space based on textual instructions
- Multimodal Machine Translation (MMT)
  - involves translating a description from one language to another with additional visual information

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### BERT-like architectures

 Idea: process language and images at the same time with a transformer-like architecture

- Two categories:
  - Two-stream models
    - process text and images using two separate modules, e.g., ViLBERT, LXMERT
  - Single-stream models
    - Encode both modalities within the same module, e.g. VisualBERT,
       VL-BERT, UNITER

### Two-stream models

- Trained on image-text pairs
  - Text: encoded with the standard transformer process using tokenization and positional embeddings. It is then processed by the self-attention modules of the transformer.
  - Images are decomposed into non-overlapping patches projected in a vector, as in vision transformer's patch embeddings.

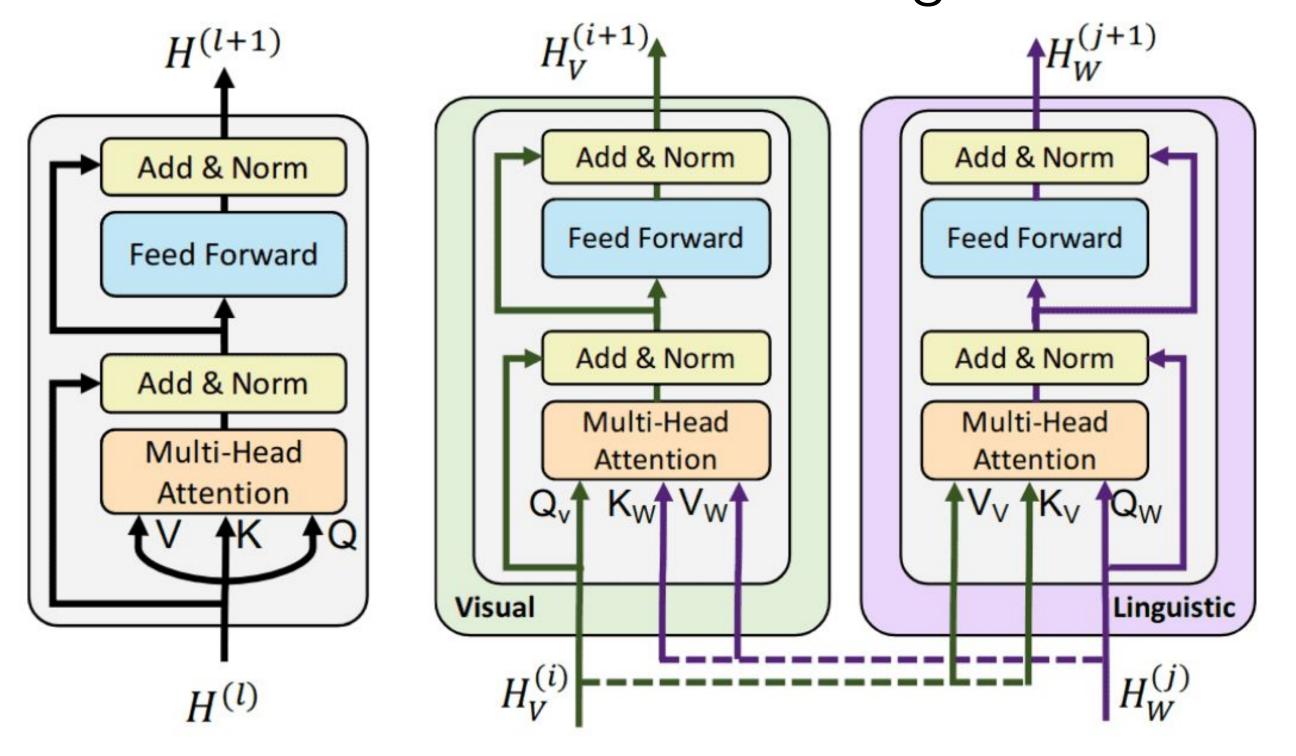
### Two-stream models- Vilbert

"Co-attention module":

Joint representation of images and text

Calculates importance scores based on both images and text

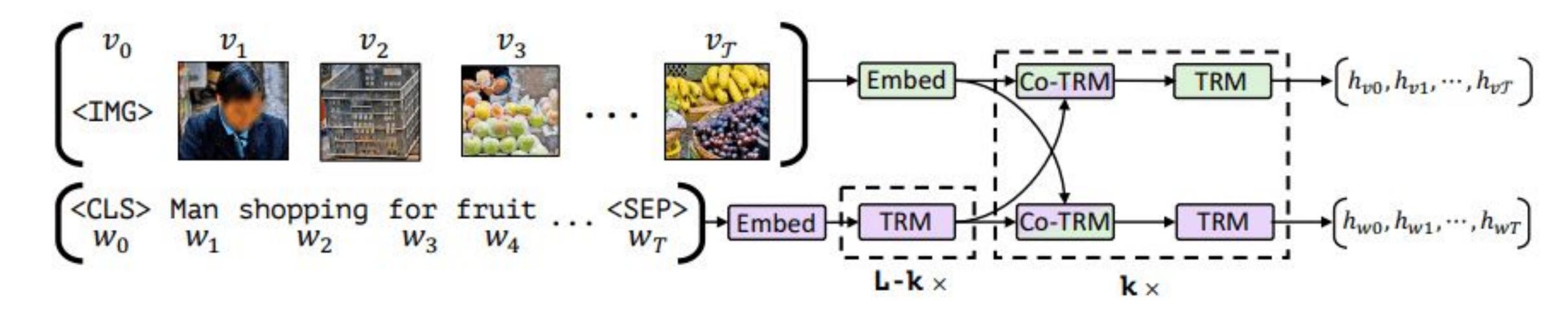
embeddings



Standard encoder transformer block VS co-attention transformer layer

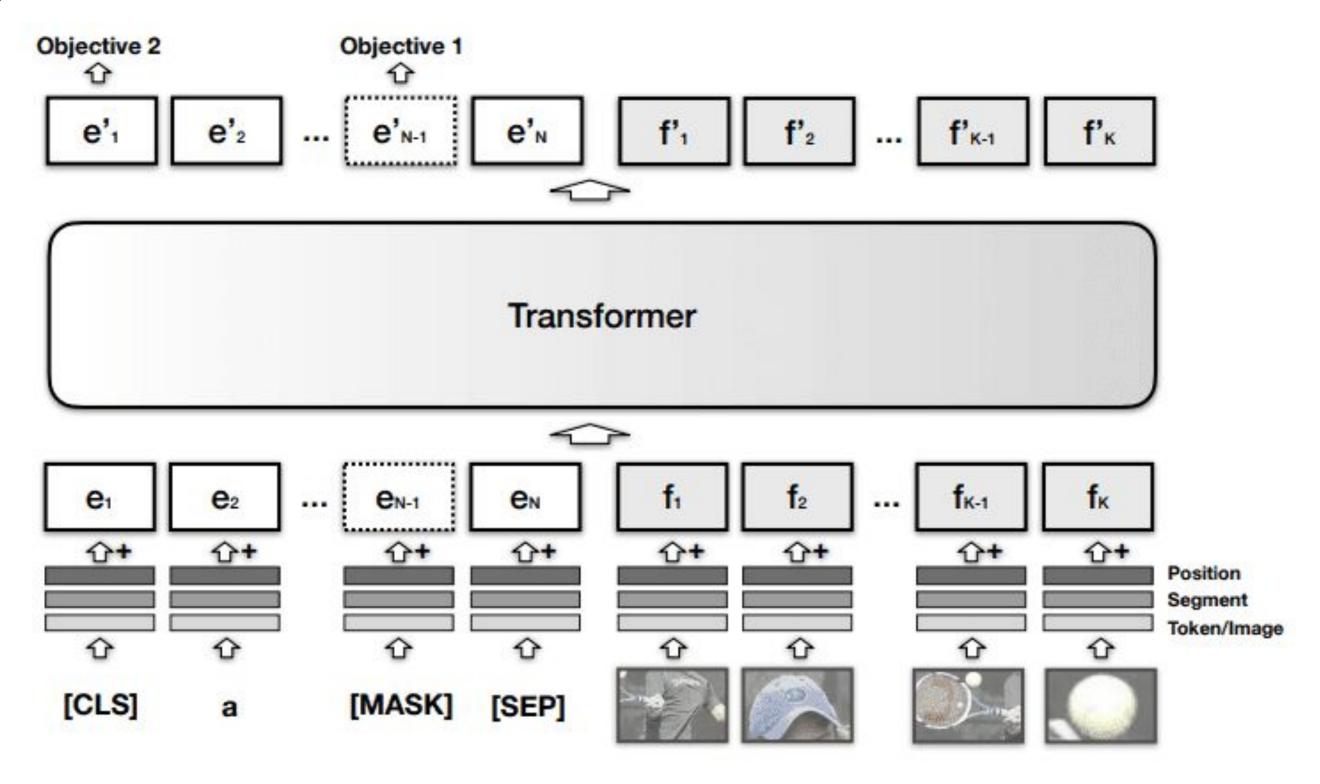
## Two-stream models- Vilbert

- Text stream (purple)
  - the weights are set by pretraining the model on standard text corpus
- Image stream (green): Faster R-CNN
- Training: dataset of image-text pairs
- Objective: understand the relationship between text and images



# Single-stream models- VisualBERT

- VisualBERT: combines image + language with transformer
- Uses self-attention to discover alignments between them
- Add visual embedding to BERT:
  - A visual feature representation of the region produced by a CNN
  - A segment embedding that distinguishes image from text embeddings
  - A positional embedding to align regions with words if provided in the input



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# Pretraining

#### Masked Language Modeling

- Used when the transformer is trained only on text
- Certain tokens of the input are being masked at random. Training: predict the masked tokens (words)

### Next Sequence Prediction

- Only text as input
- Evaluates if a sentence is an appropriate continuation of the input sentence
- Using false and correct sentences as training data + capture long-term dependencies

### Masked Region Modeling

- Masks image regions (similar to masked language modeling)
- Training: predict features of masked region

# Pretraining

- Image-Text Matching
  - Forces model predict if a sentence is appropriate for a specific image
- Word-Region Alignment
  - Correlations between image region and words
- Masked Region Classification
  - Predicts object class for each masked region
- Masked region Feature Regression
  - learns to regress the masked image region to its visual features

# VL modeling

### Unsupervised VL Pre-training

- Pre-training without paired image-text data but with a single modality
- During fine-tuning, the model is fully-supervised

#### Multi-task Learning

 Joint learning across multiple tasks + transfer the learnings from one task to another

### Contrastive Learning

- Learn visual-semantic embeddings in a self-supervised way
- Idea: learn such an embedding space in which similar pairs stay close to each other while dissimilar ones are far apart

### Zero-shot Learning

• Generalize at inference time on samples from unseen classes

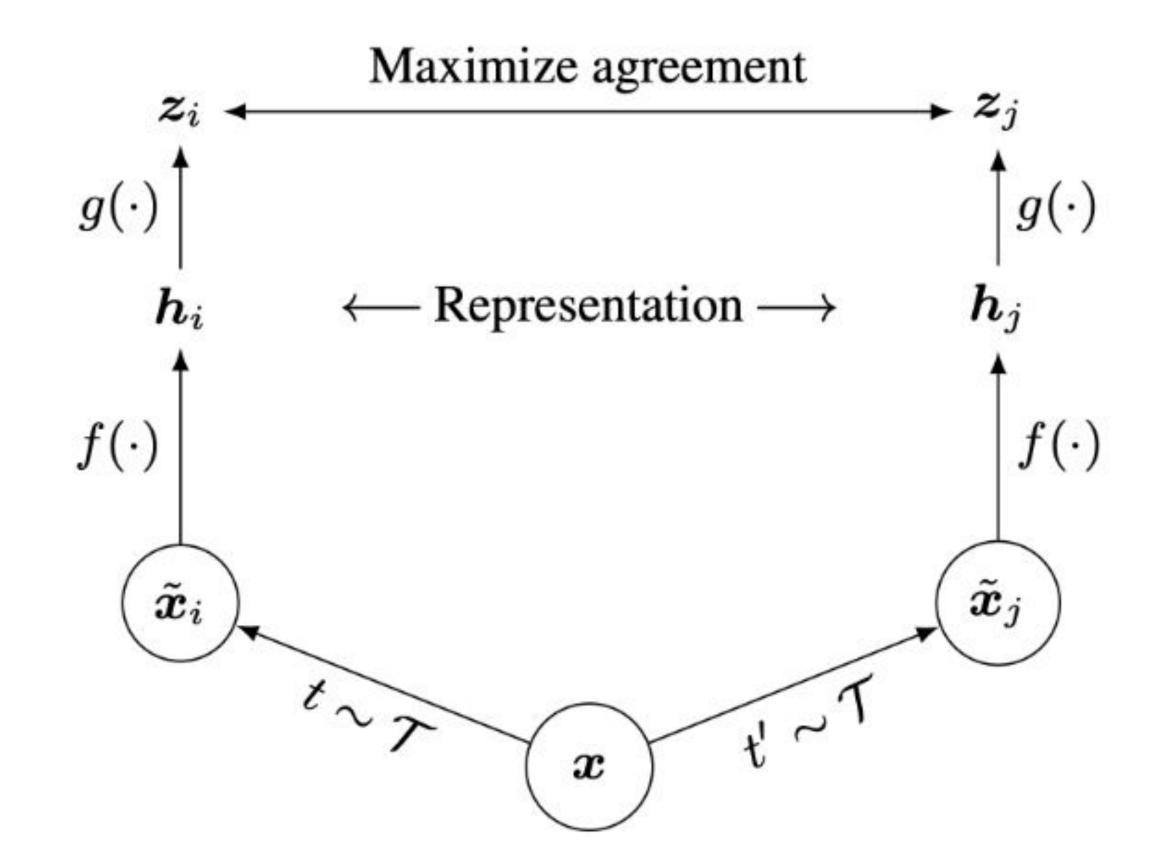
# 2020 - Contrastive Learning

Chen, Ting, et al. "A simple framework for contrastive learning of visual representations." ICML 2020.

## Objective Funtion

- Take two augmentations
- Maximize similarity

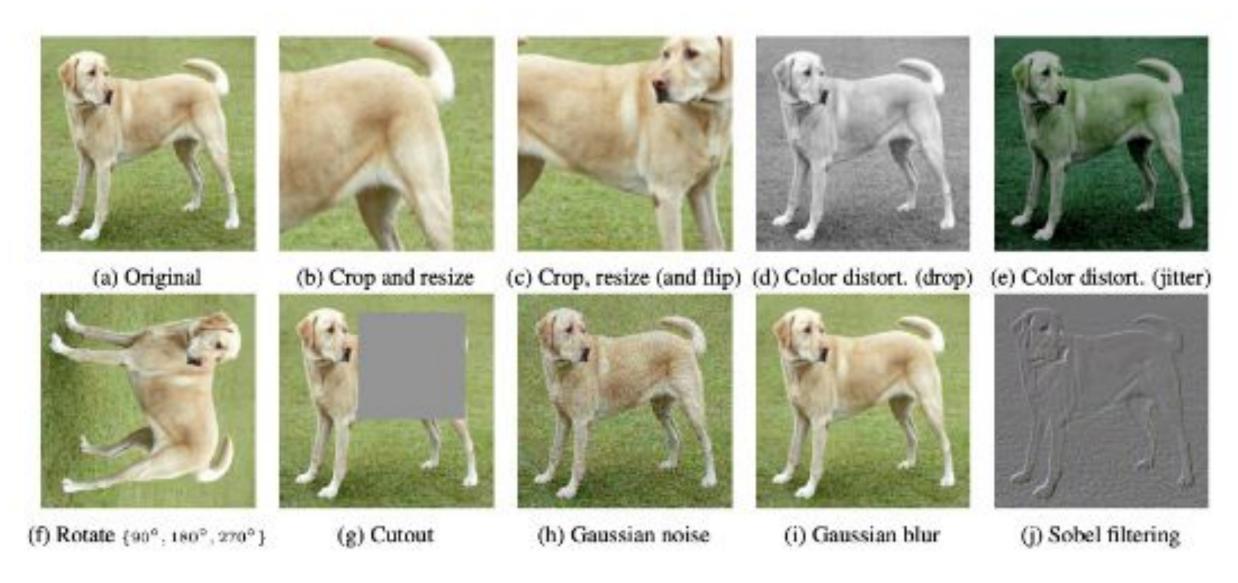
$$\ell_{i,j} = -\log \frac{\exp(\operatorname{sim}(\boldsymbol{z}_i, \boldsymbol{z}_j)/\tau)}{\sum_{k=1}^{2N} \mathbb{1}_{[k \neq i]} \exp(\operatorname{sim}(\boldsymbol{z}_i, \boldsymbol{z}_k)/\tau)}$$



## SimCLR

SimCLR proposes extensive quantitative study on the augmentations

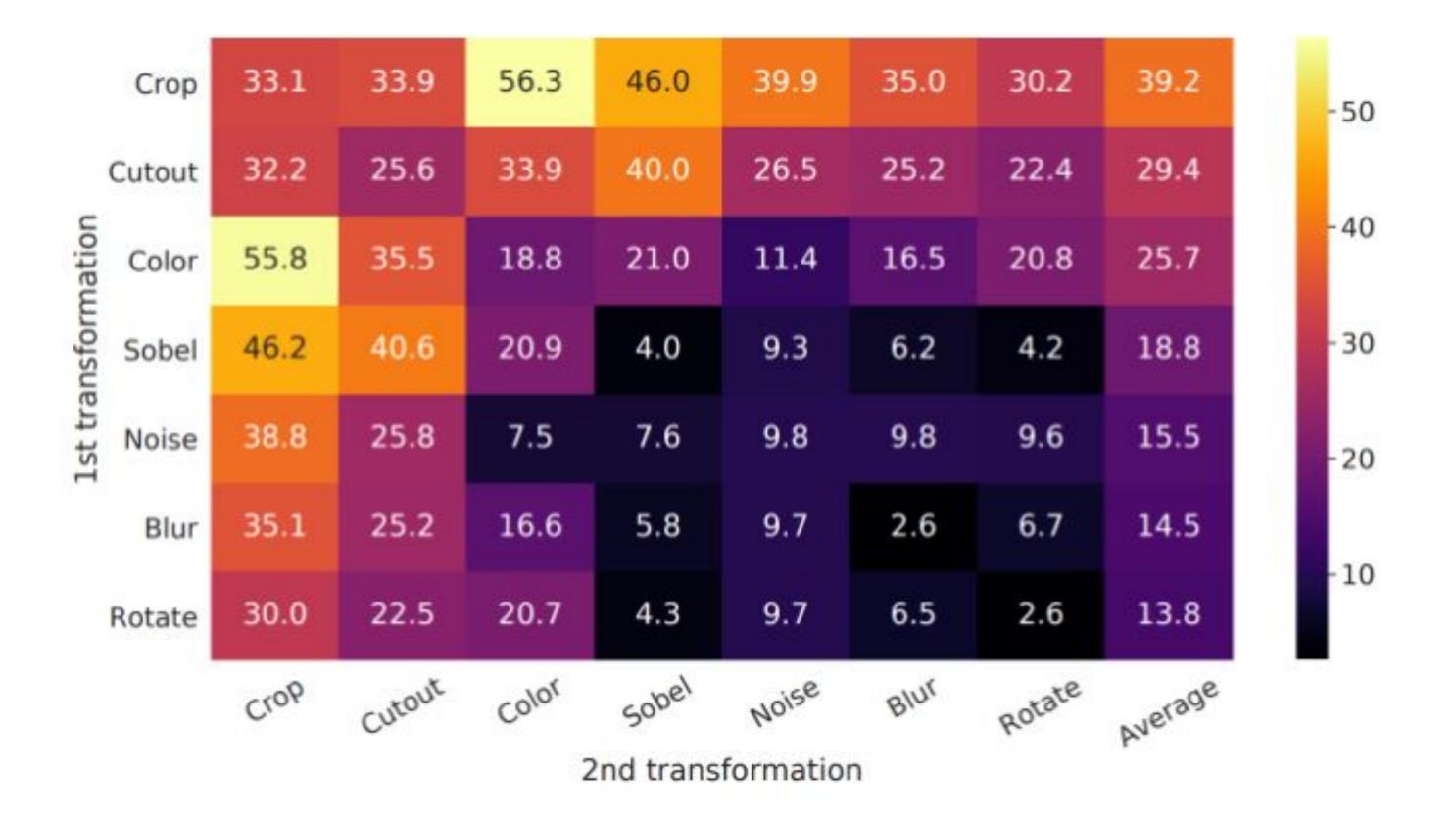
that it can be used.



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Methods	1/8	1/4	1/2	1	1 (+Blur)	AutoAug
SimCLR	59.6	61.0	62.6	63.2	64.5	61.1
Supervised	77.0	76.7	76.5	75.7	75.4	77.1

# Analysis of data augmentations

What pair of augmentations would be most important?



# Careful tweaking the temperature

Loss function has a temperature parameter

$$\ell_{i,j} = -\log \frac{\exp(\operatorname{sim}(\boldsymbol{z}_i, \boldsymbol{z}_j)) \boldsymbol{\tau}}{\sum_{k=1}^{2N} \mathbb{1}_{[k \neq i]} \exp(\operatorname{sim}(\boldsymbol{z}_i, \boldsymbol{z}_k)) \boldsymbol{\tau}}$$

$\ell_2$ norm?	$\tau$	Entropy	Contrastive acc.	Top 1
Yes	0.05	1.0	90.5	59.7
	0.1	4.5	87.8	64.4
	0.5	8.2	68.2	60.7
	1	8.3	59.1	58.0
No	10	0.5	91.7	57.2
	100	0.5	92.1	57.0

### Conclusion

- Outstanding performance with ResNet-50 (69.3% top-1)
- Strong scaling results with ResNet-50x4 (76.5% top-1)

- Impressive grid search over many parameters
- Better head parameters
- Temperature
- Data augmentations
- Longer training and large batch size

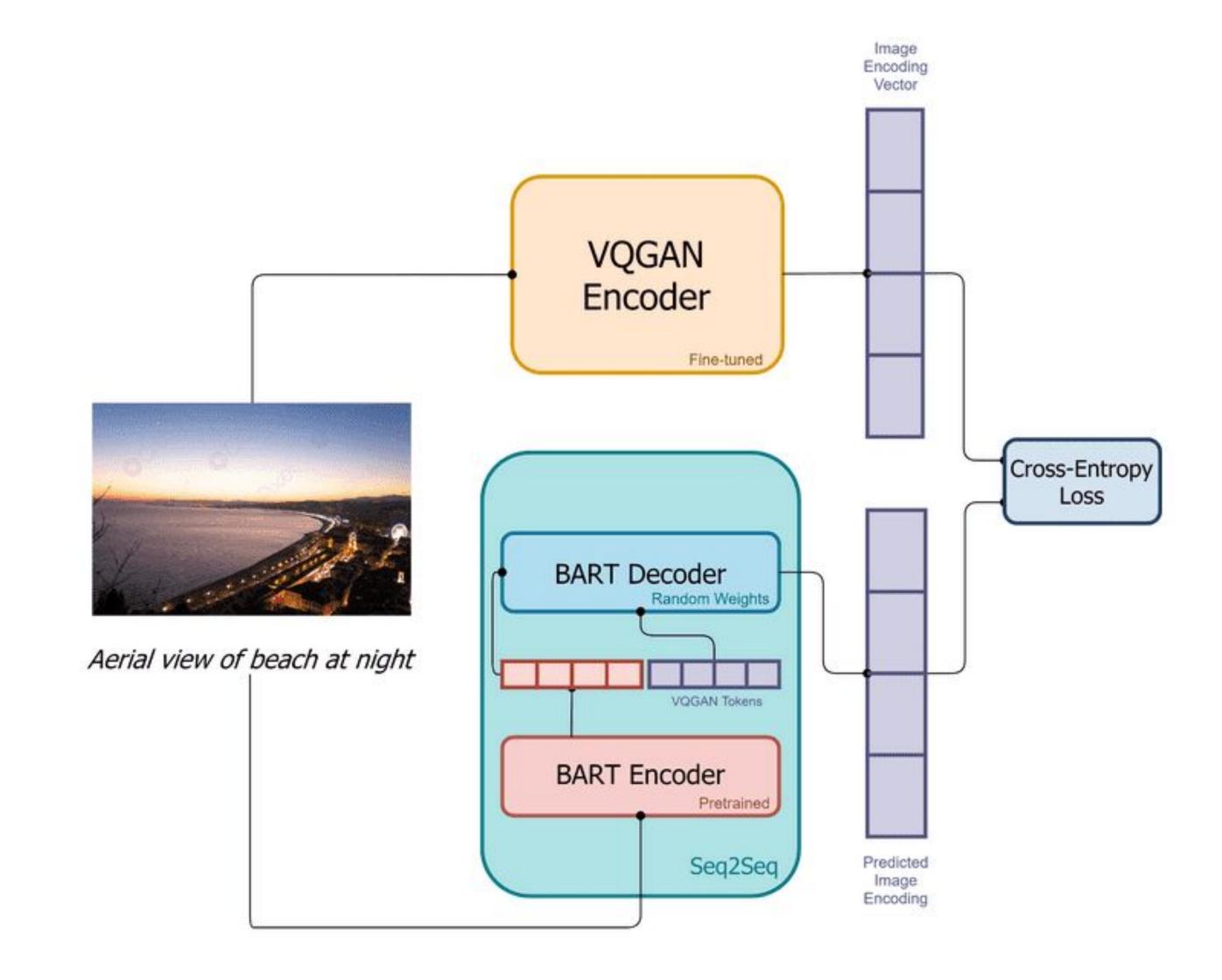
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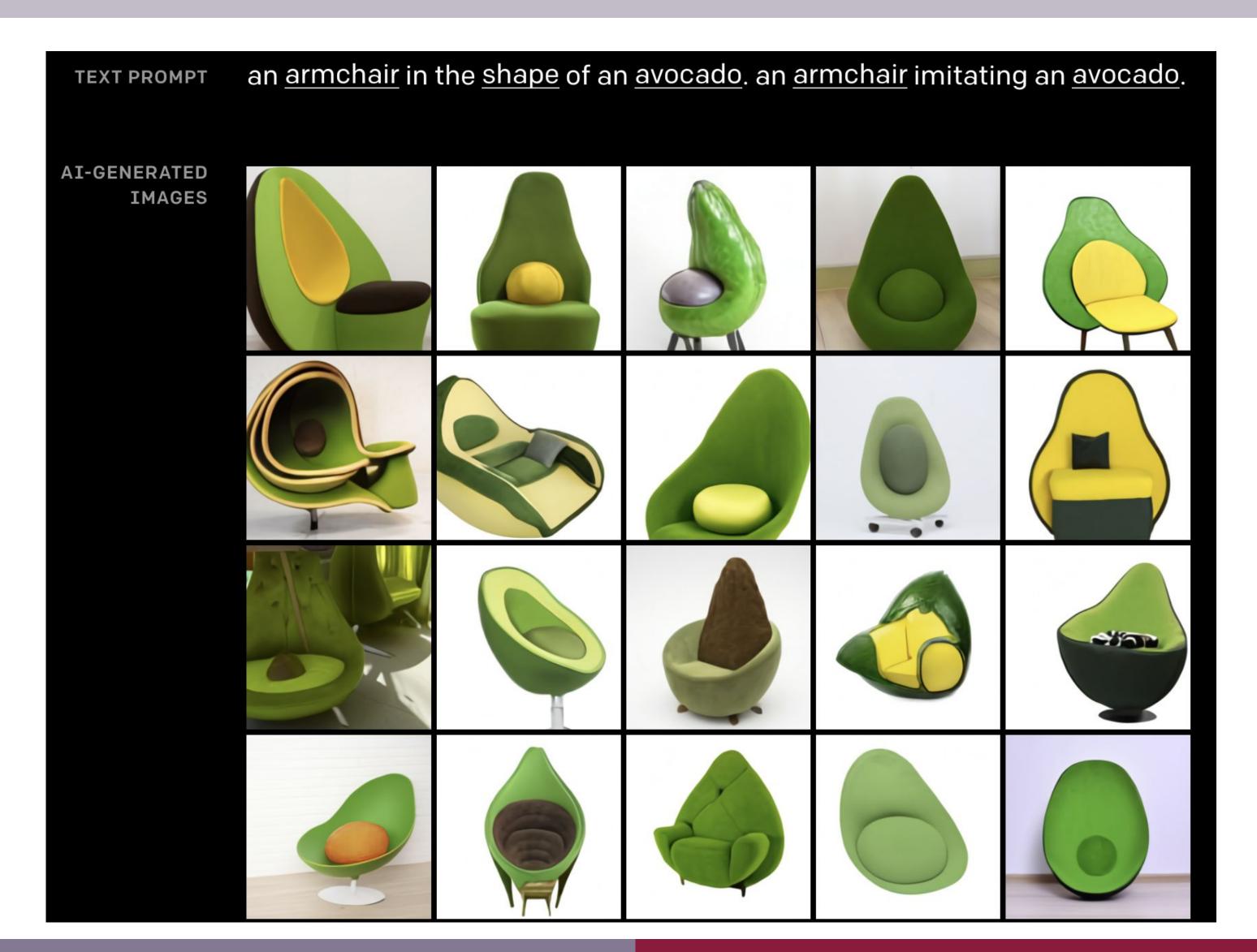
### DALL-E

- Discrete variational autoencoder (VAE): maps images to image tokens.
- dVAE uses a discrete latent space compared to a typical VAE.

- Text: tokenized with byte-pair encoding
- Image and text tokens concatenated, processed as a single data stream



## DALL-E



https://openai.com/blog/dall-e/

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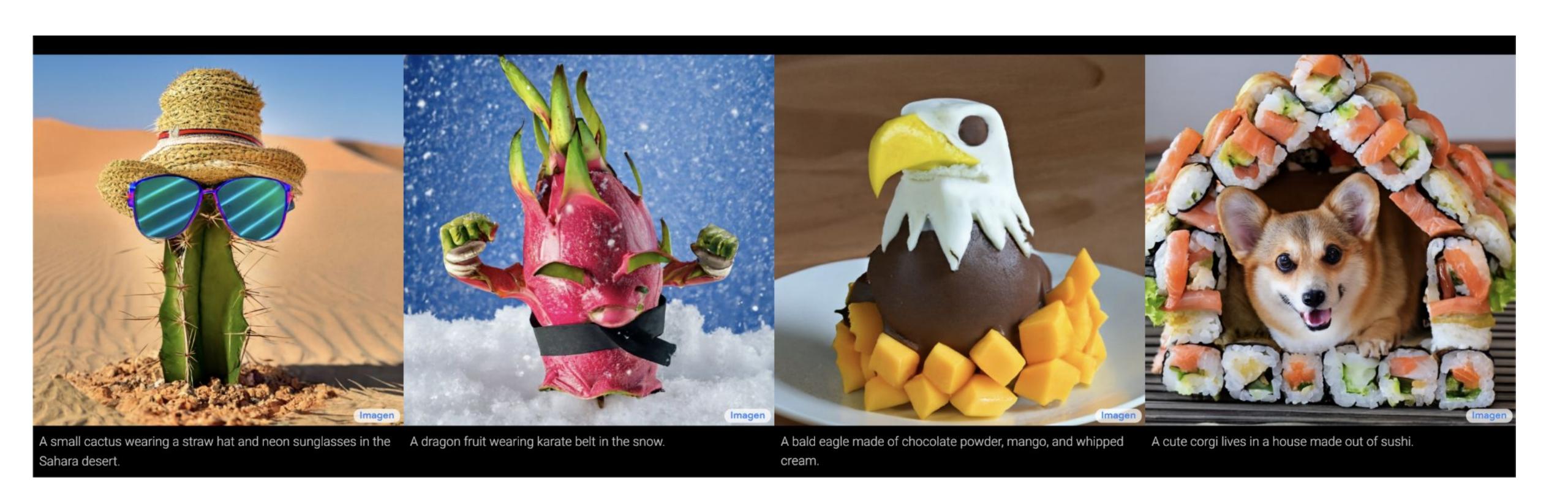


A photo of a Corgi dog riding a bike in Times Square. It is wearing sunglasses and a beach hat.

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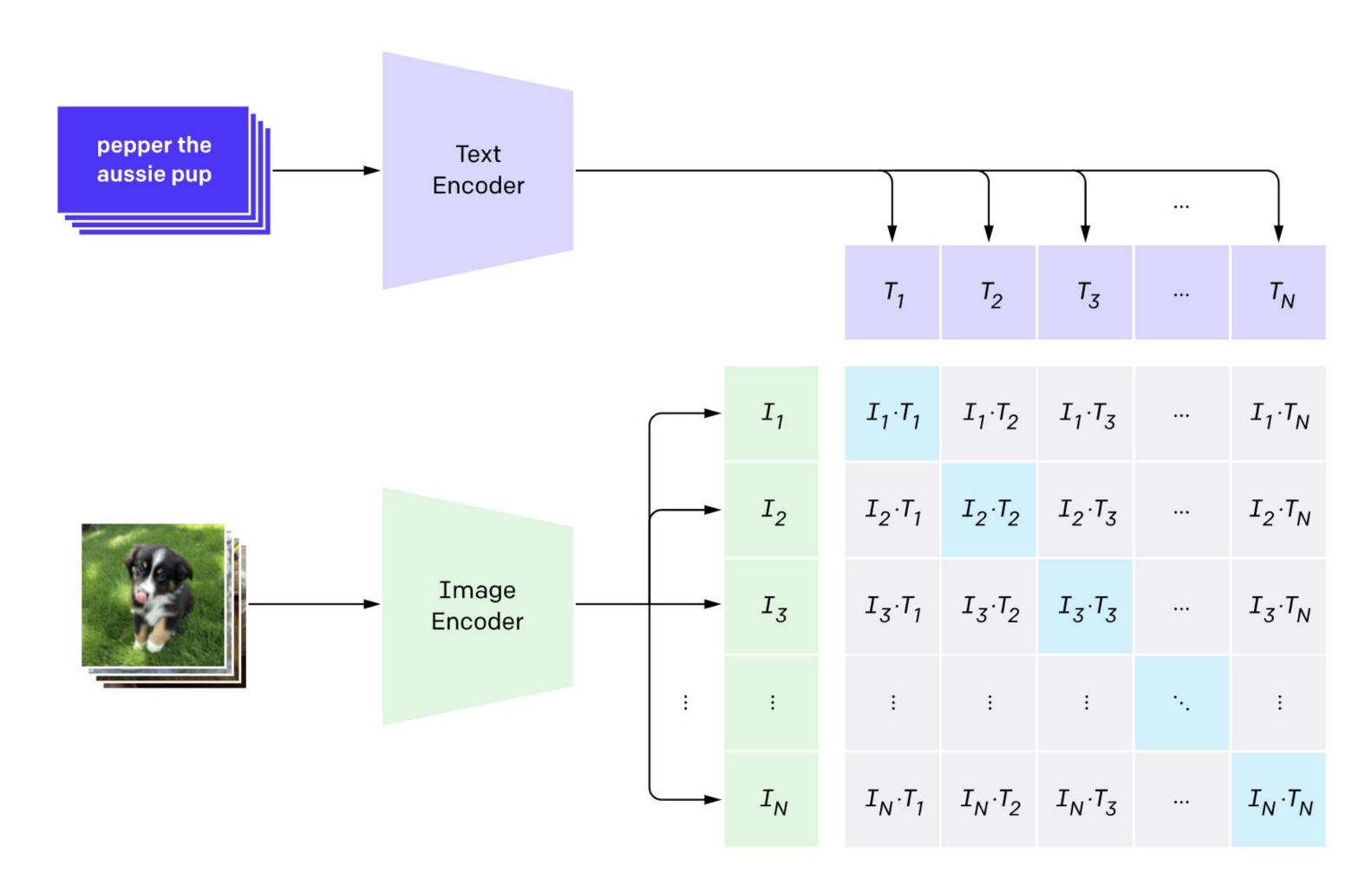
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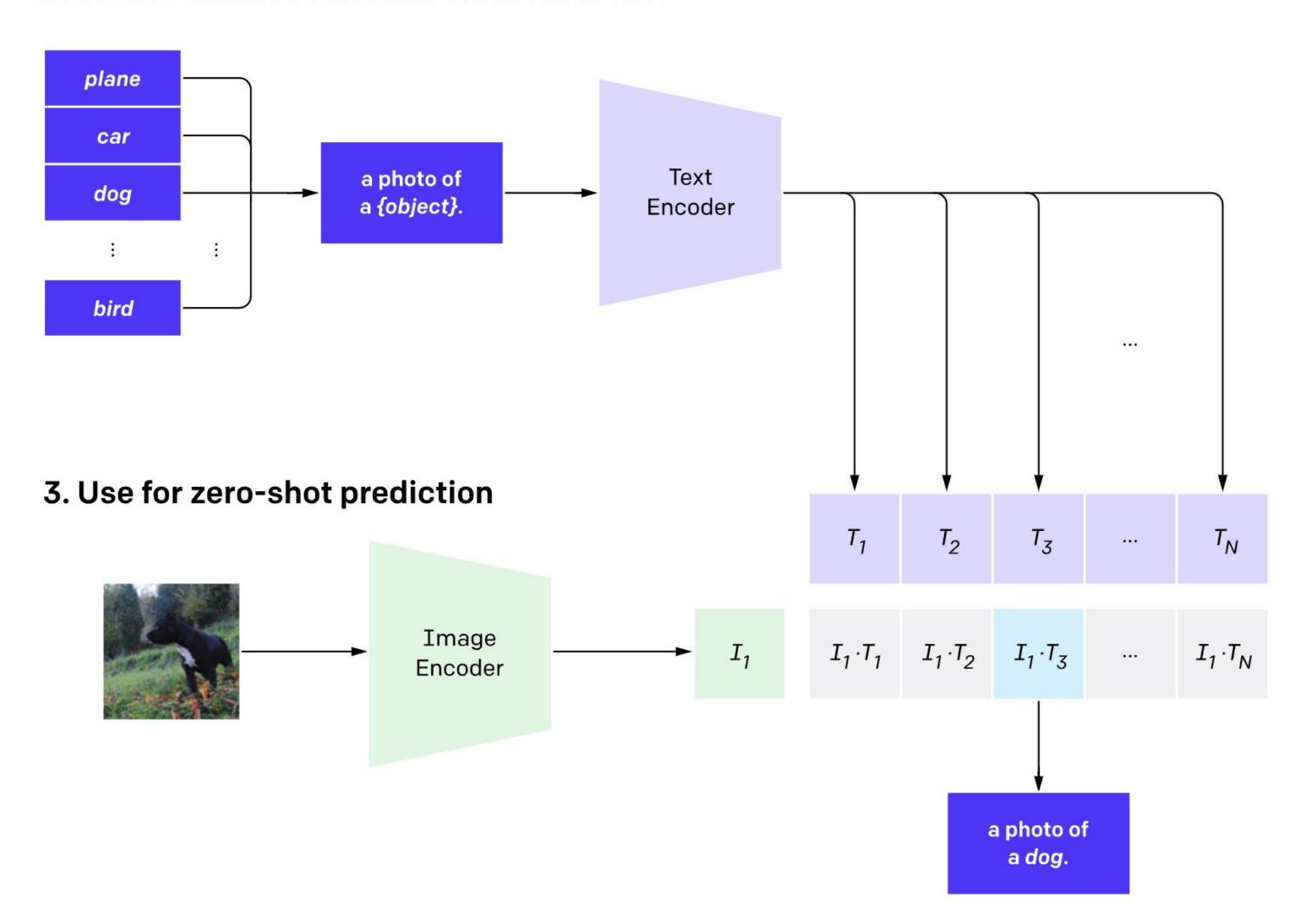
- Natural Language for Visual Reasoning (NLVR)
- Classify an image to a specific label based on its context
  - Label is a phrase or a sentence describing the image
- CLIP is a zero-shot classifier, i.e., can be used to previously unseen labels
- Trained on a highly-diversified, huge dataset: 400 million! images with textual descriptions
- Images, Text: transformer

- The training's **objective**: "connect" image representations with text representations
  - Discover which text vector is more "appropriate" for a given image vector contrastive learning
  - Instead of bringing together views of the same image, we are pulling together the positive image and text "views", while pulling apart texts that do not correspond to the correct image (negatives)
  - fully supervised, i.e. labeled pairs are required
- Training: assign high similarity for fitting image-text pairs and low similarity for unfitting ones and downstream tasks

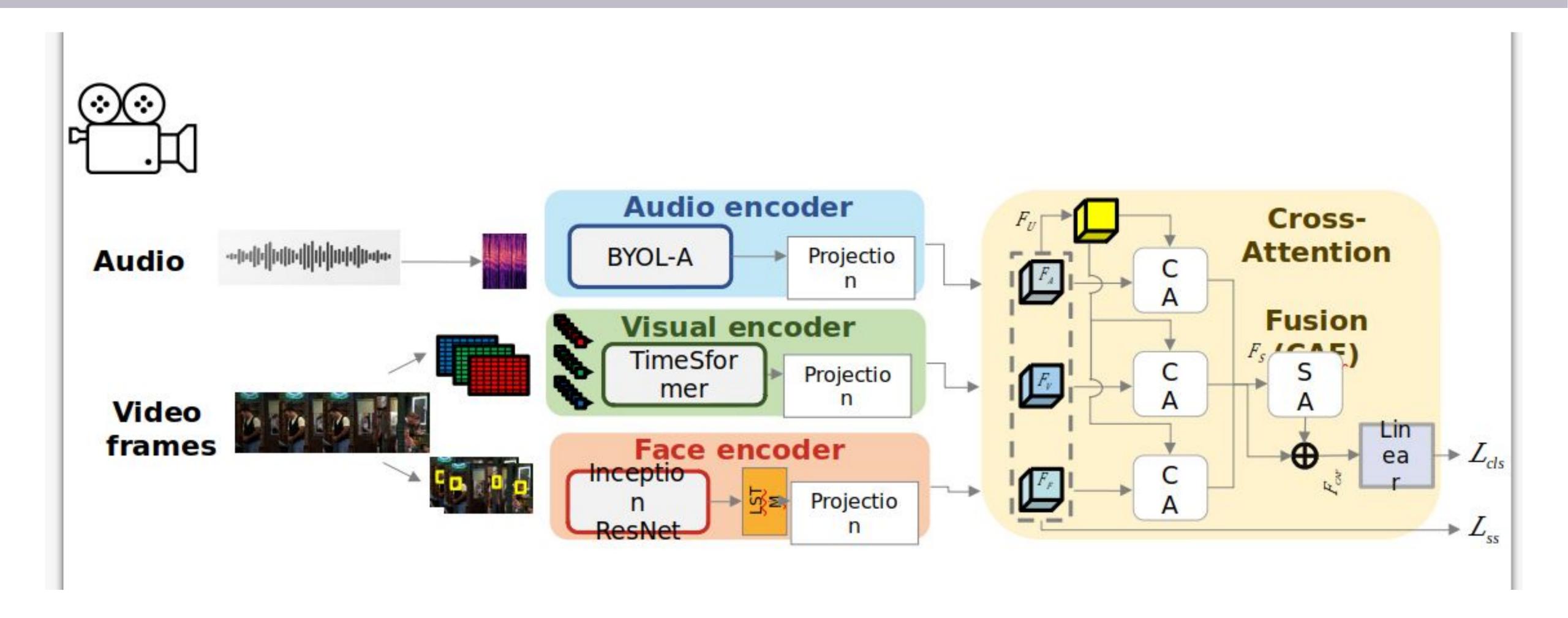
#### 1. Contrastive pre-training



#### 2. Create dataset classifier from label text

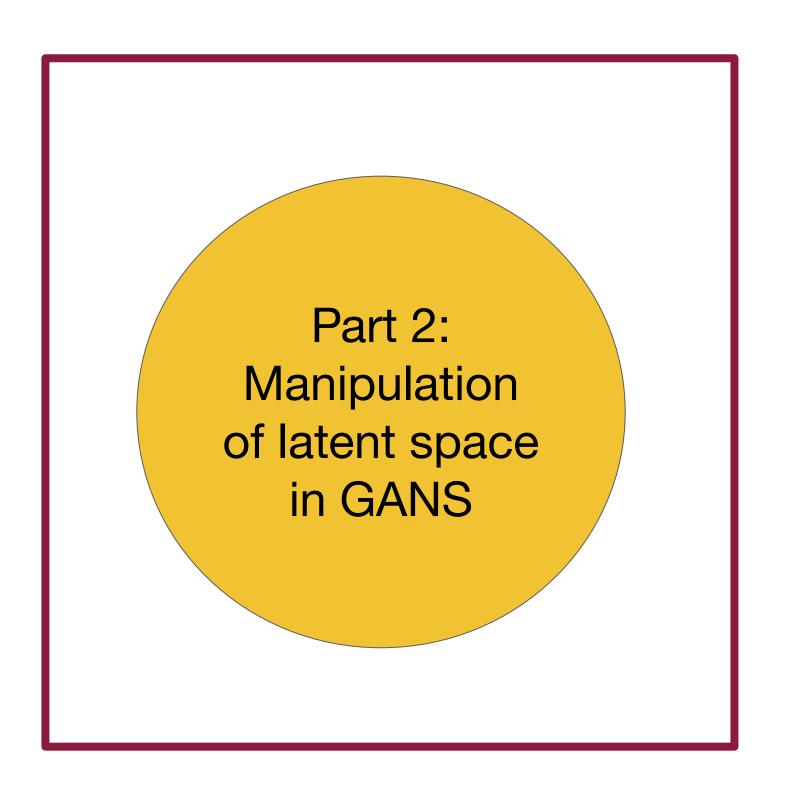


### Similar models for more modalities



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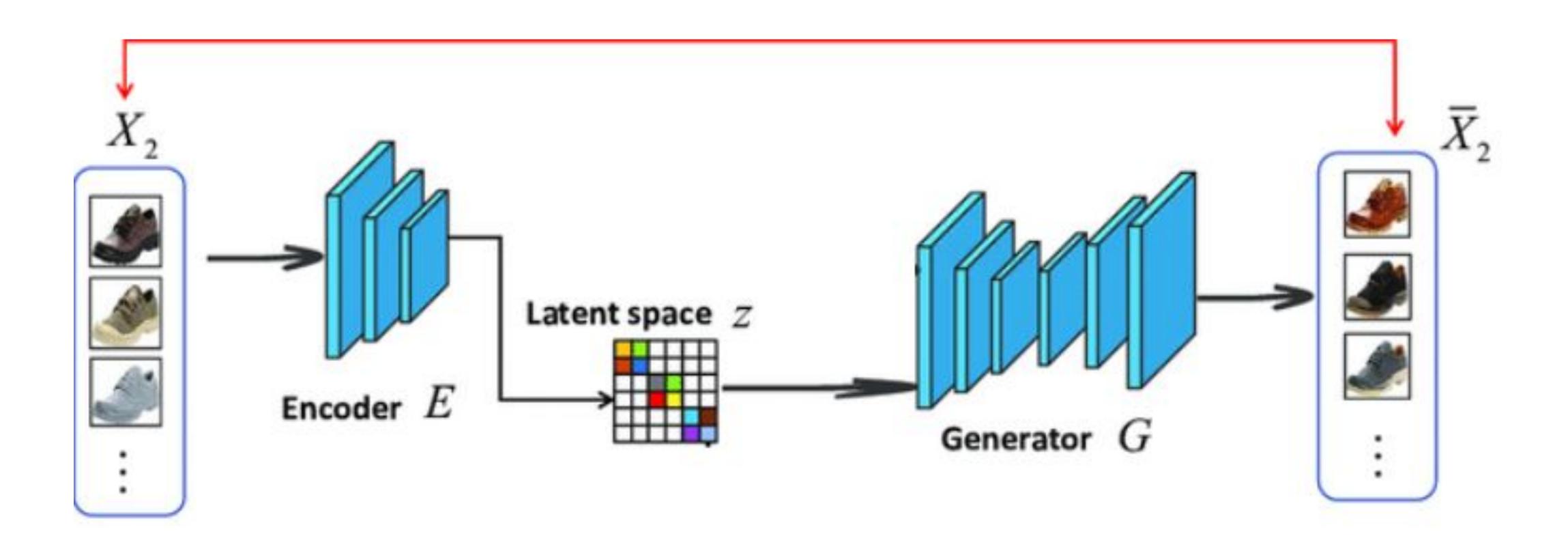


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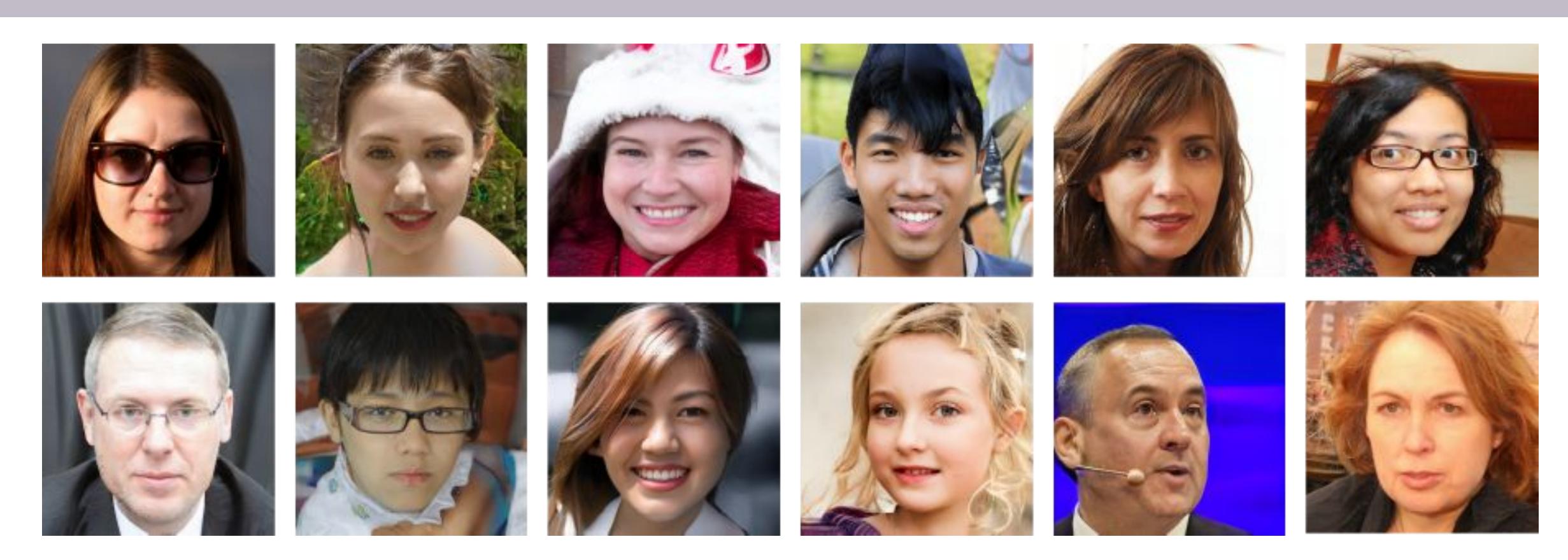
#### Part 2: Outline

- Interpolation in latent space
- Reconstructing real images
- Learn and apply latent directions
- CLIP + StyleGAN

#### Latent space of a GAN



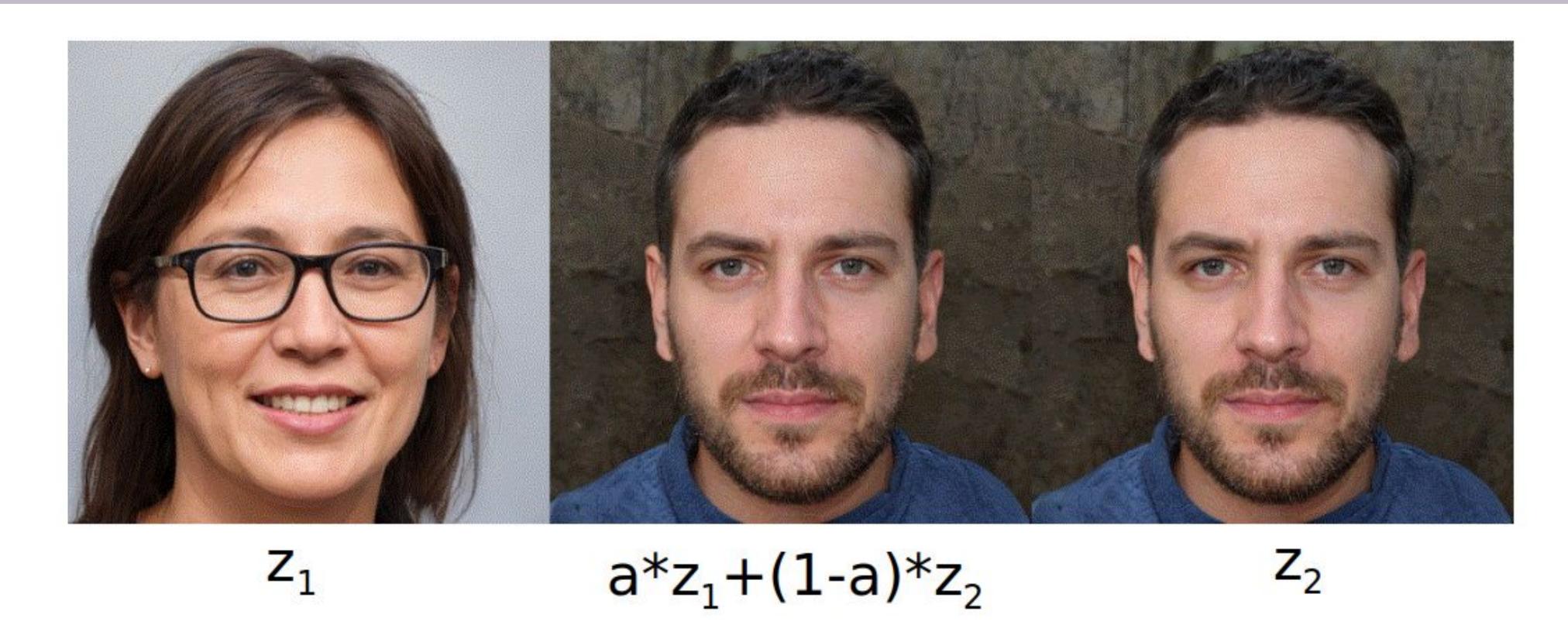
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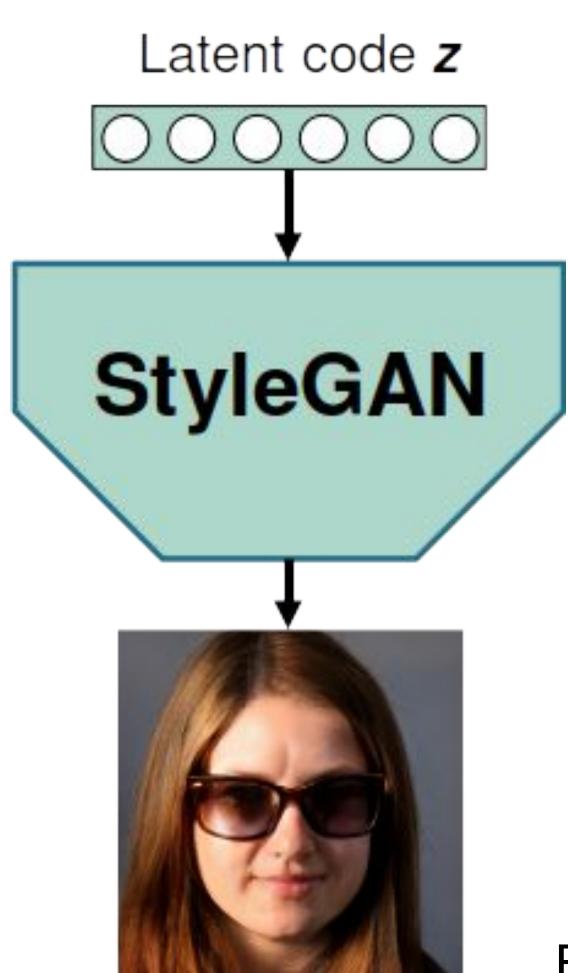
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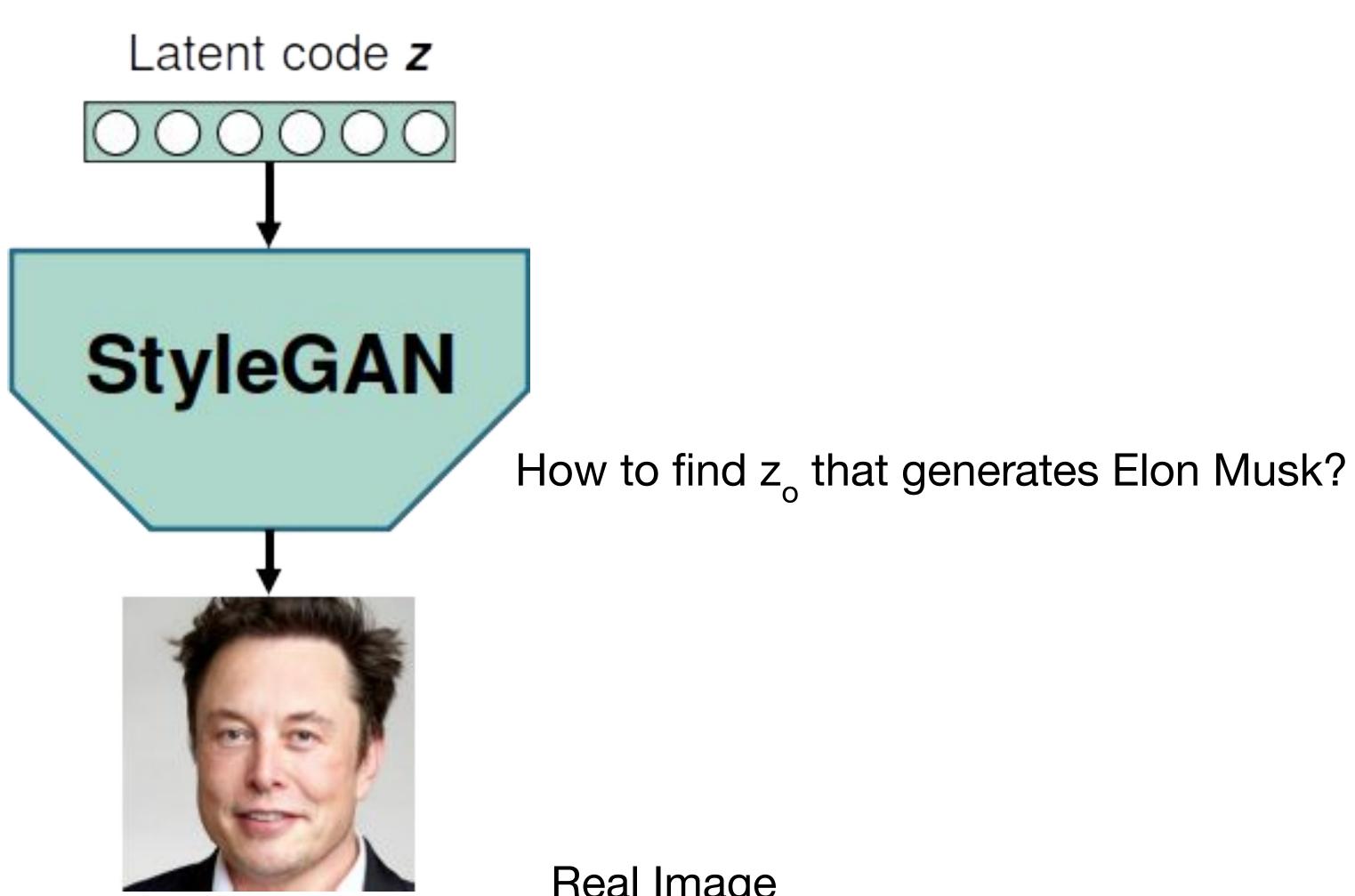


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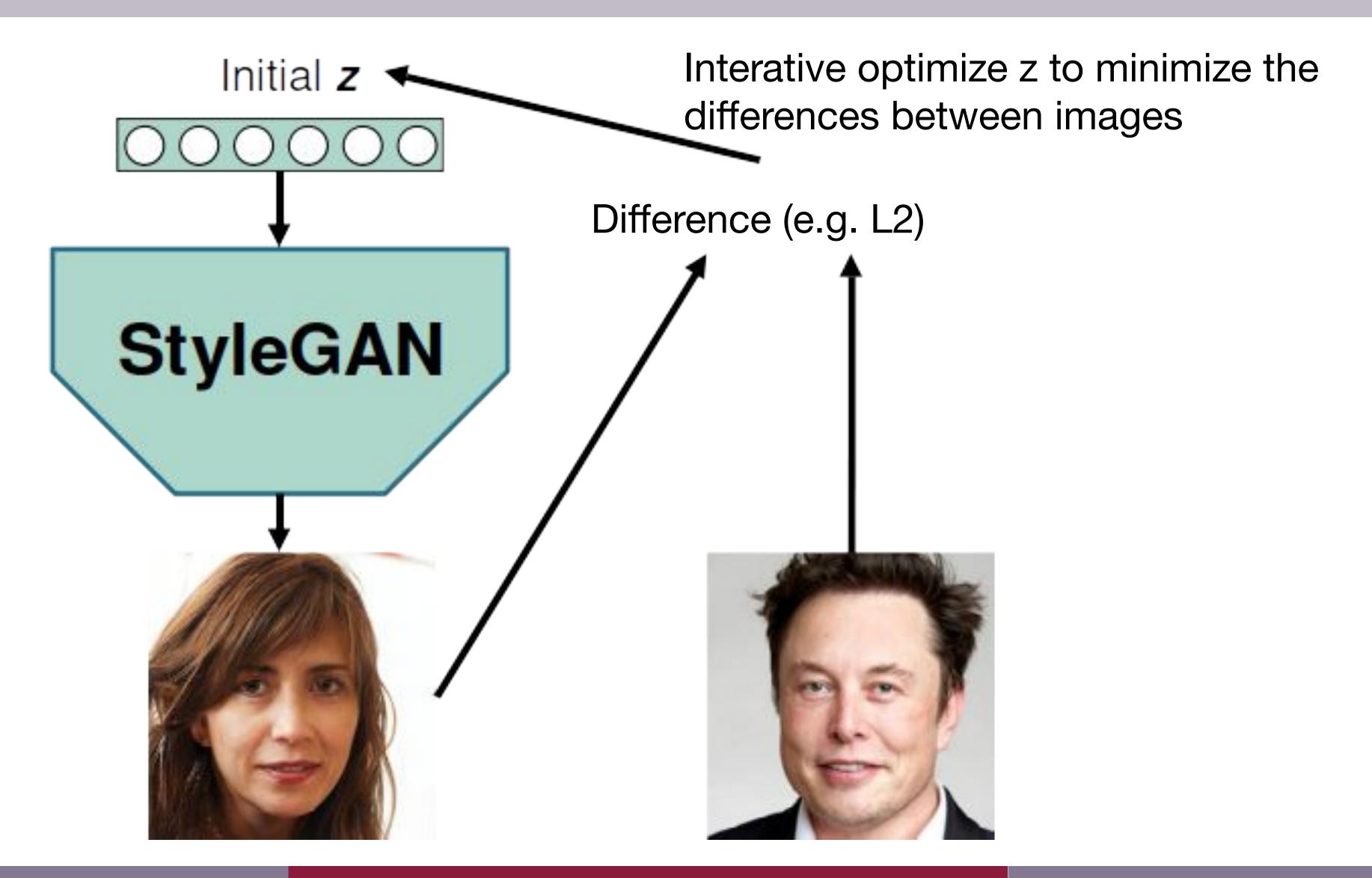
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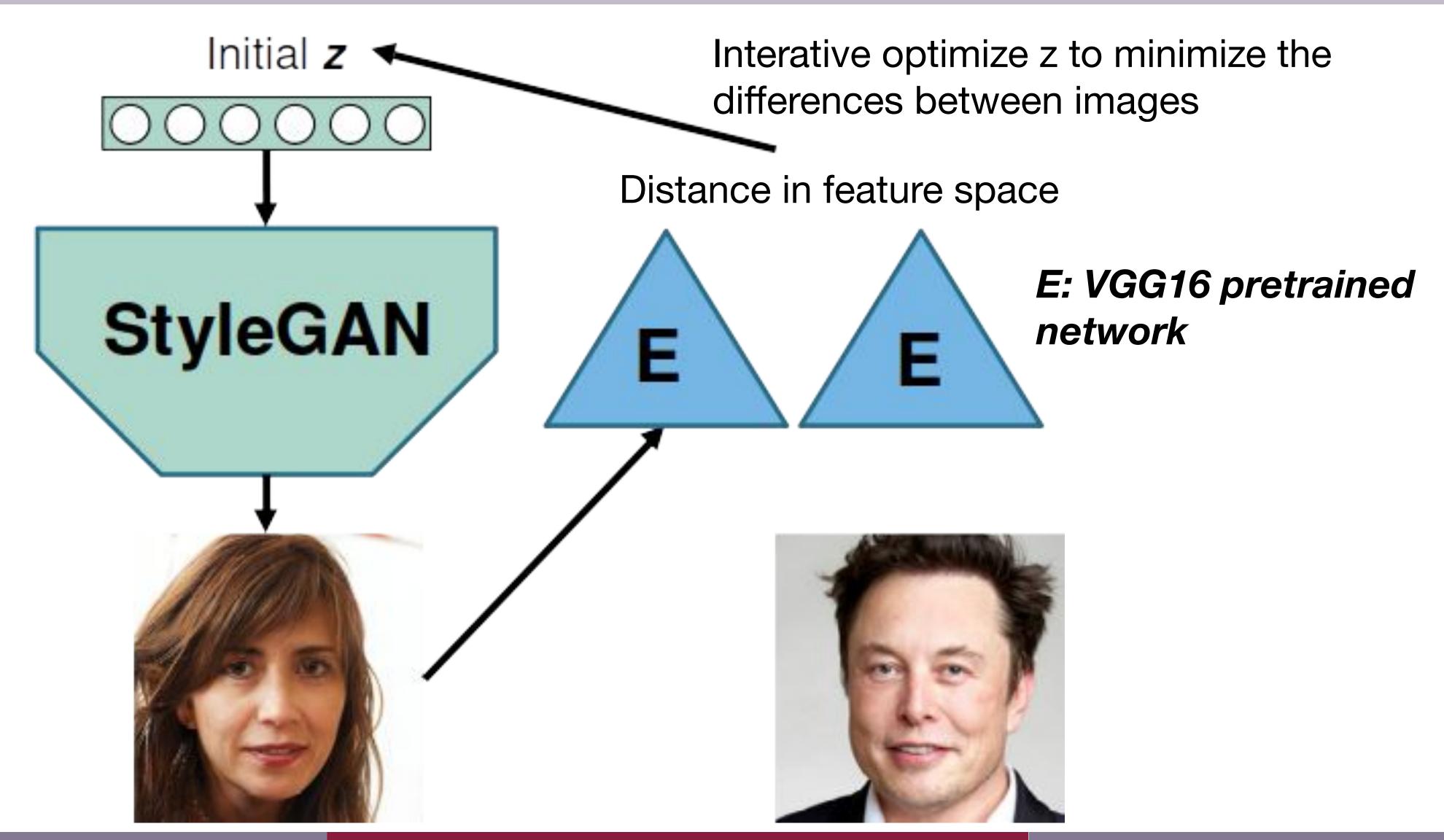


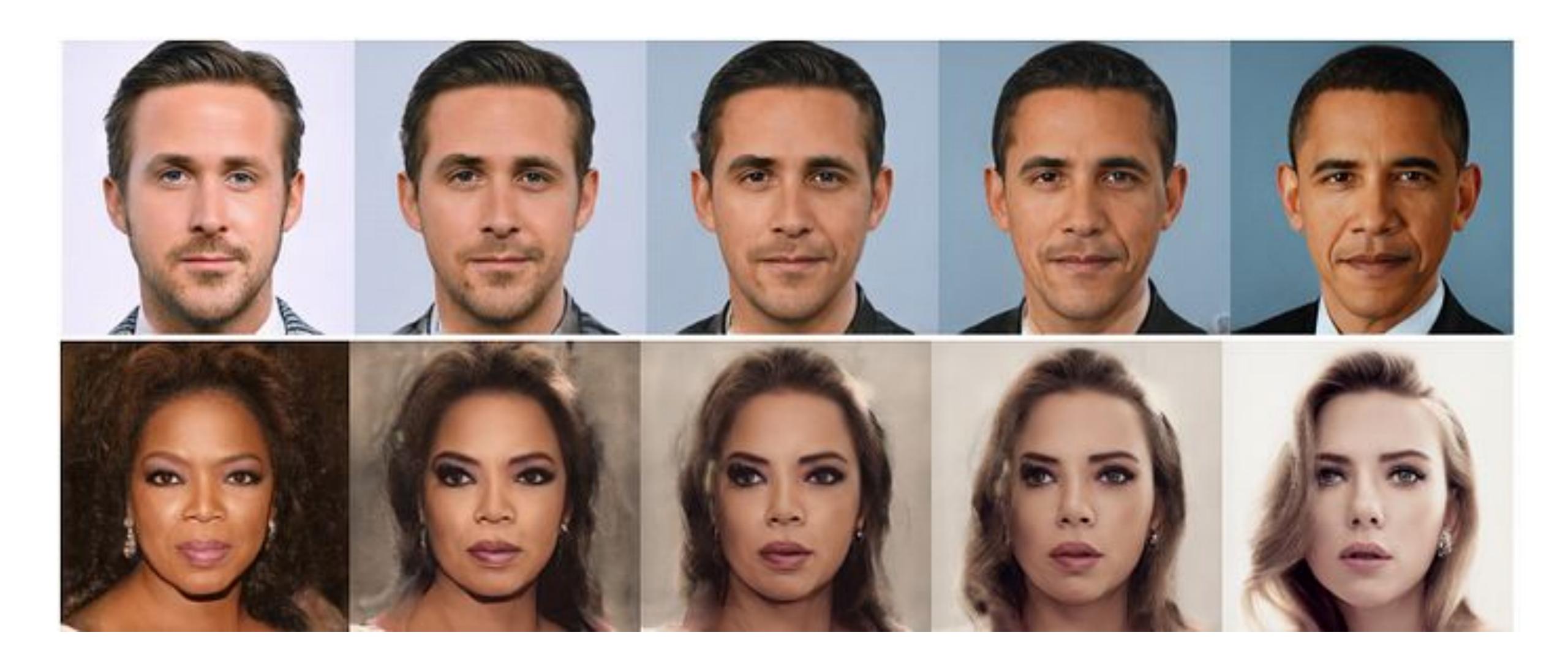
Fake generated image



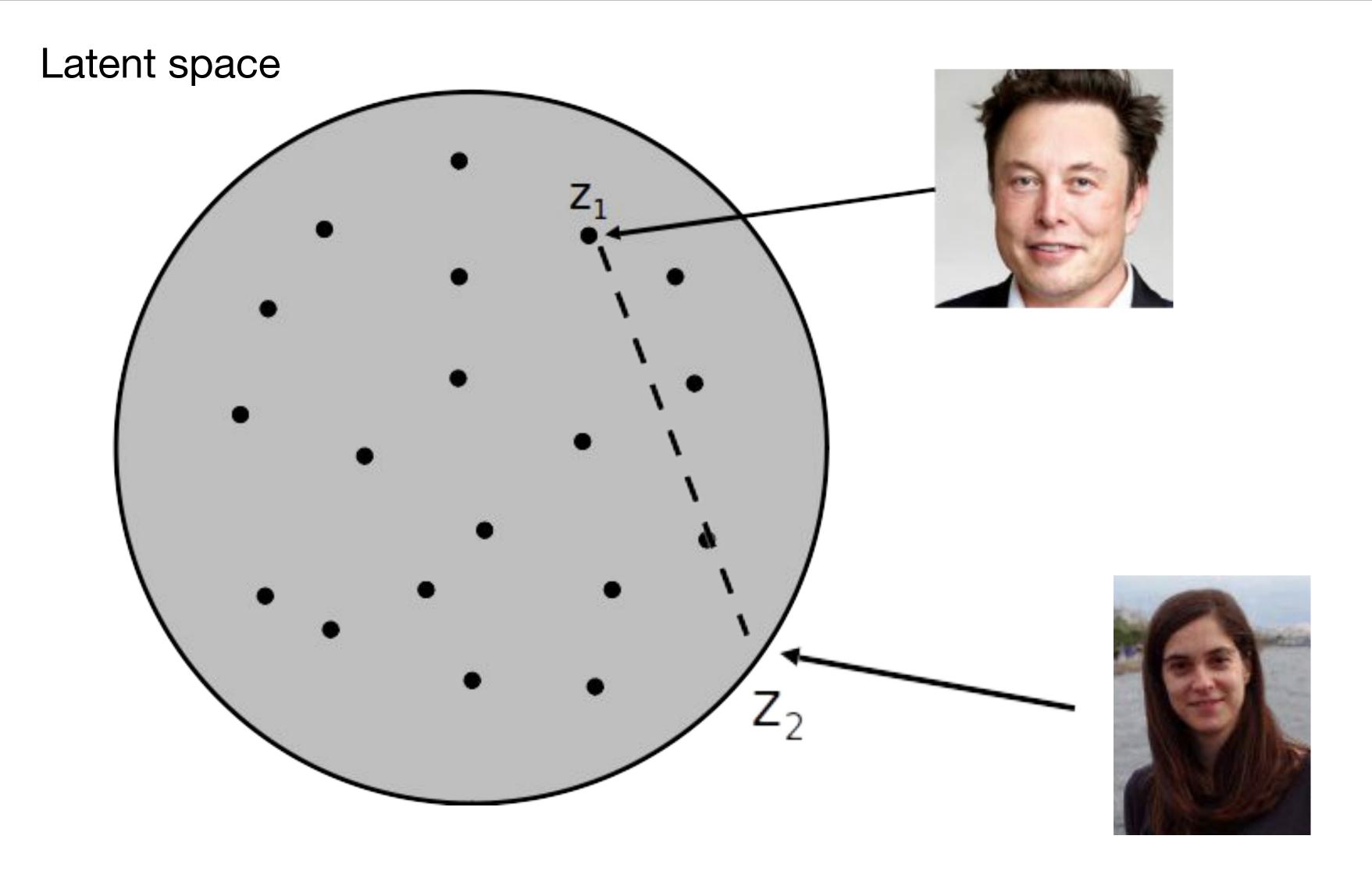
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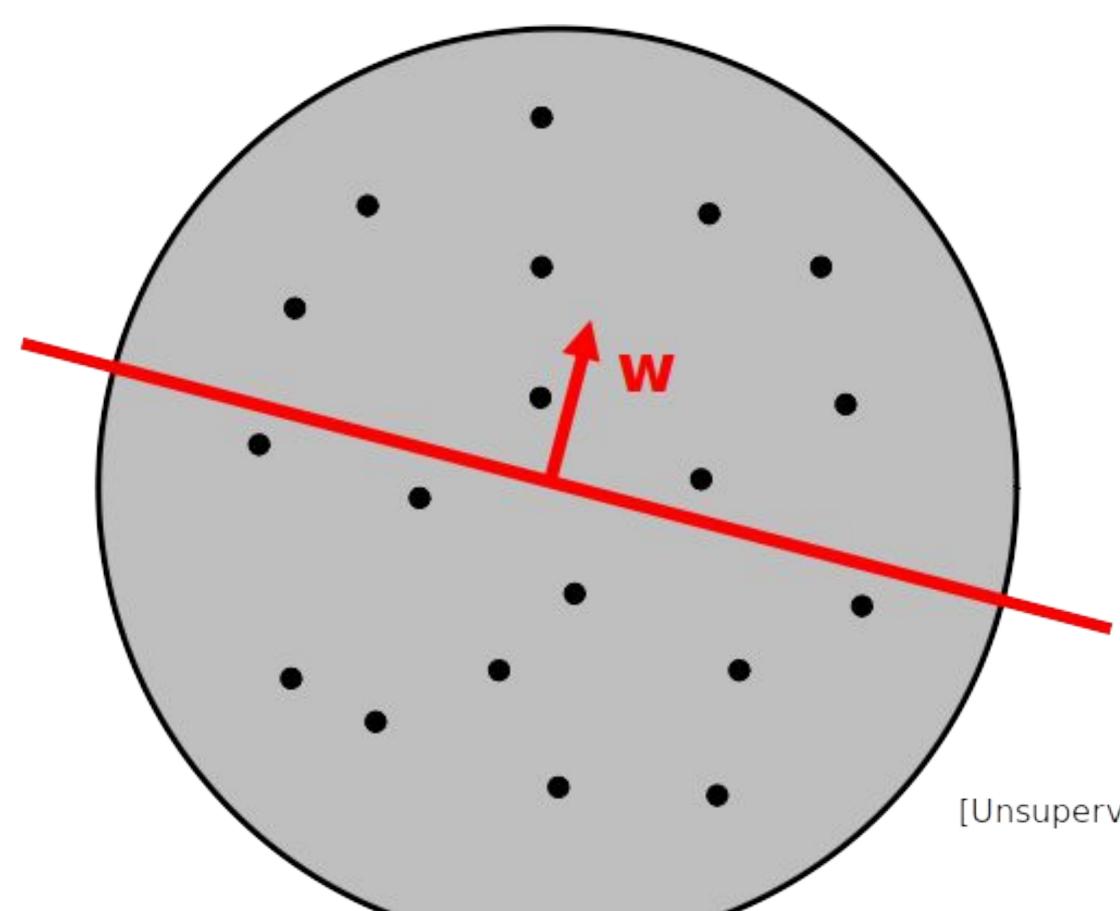


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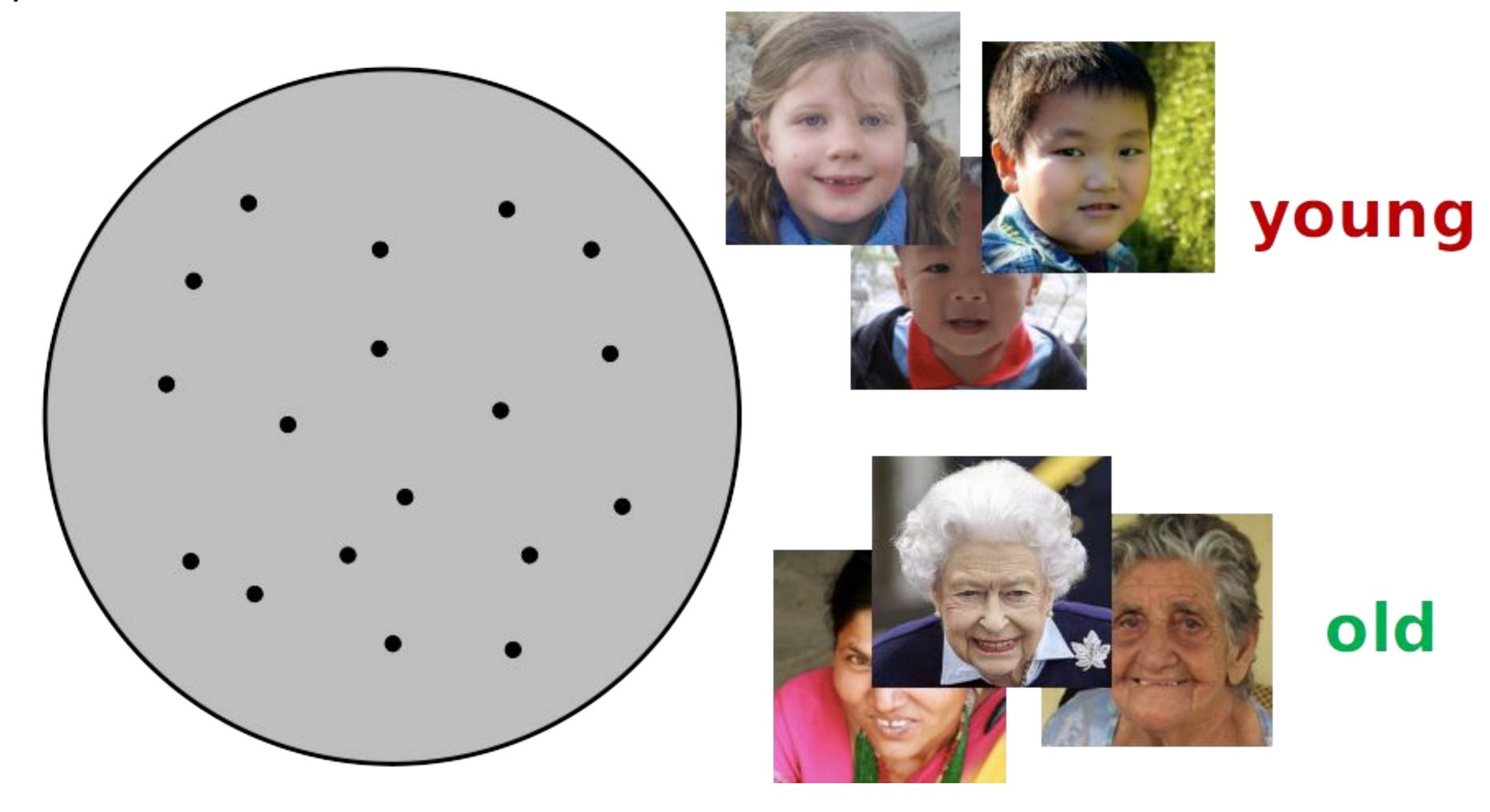
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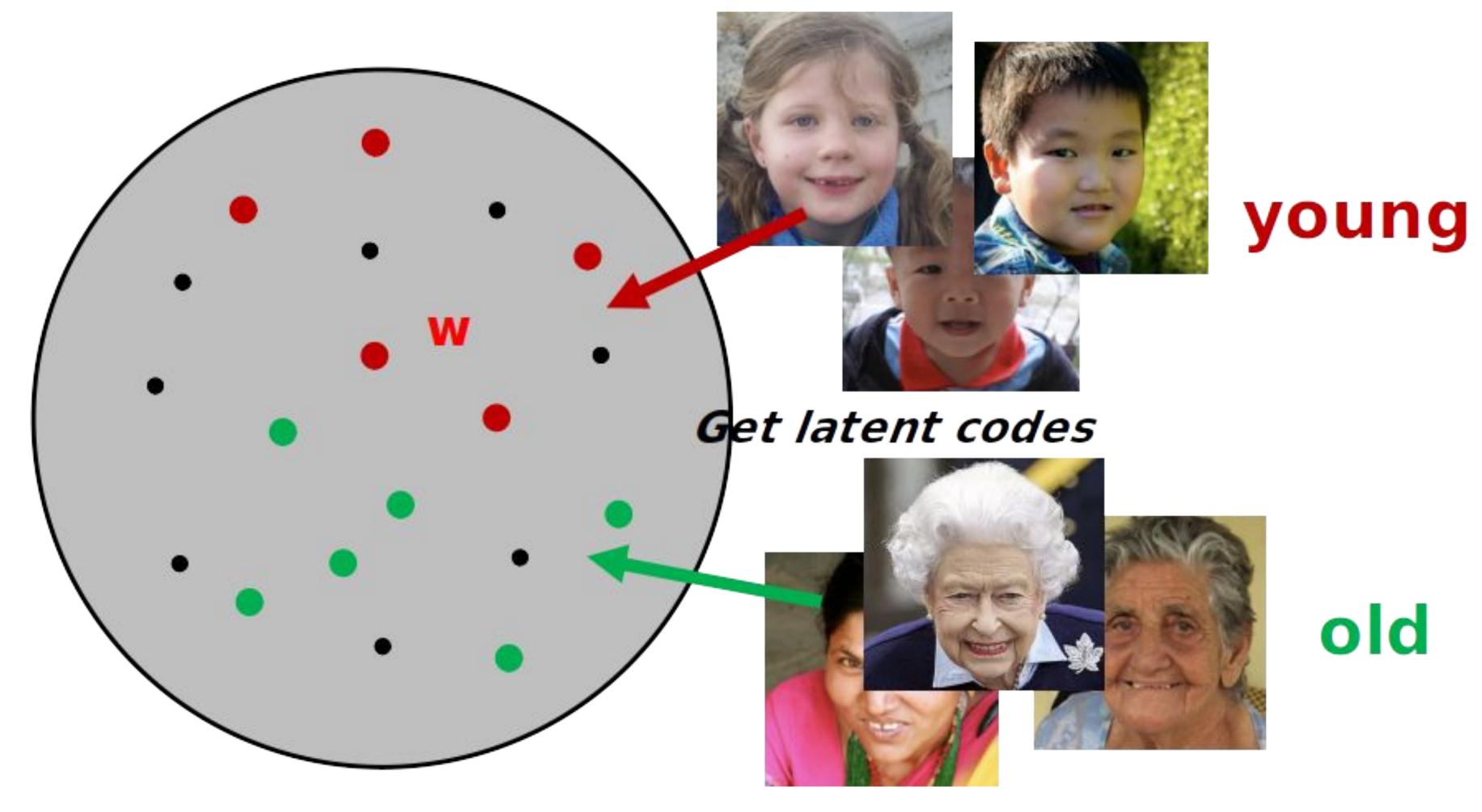
- Learn meaningful latent directions
- Either supervised or unsupervised
- Apply these directions in any image
- Example of directions in faces:
  - Aging
  - Smiling
  - Hair or skin color
  - Gender

[Unsupervised: Voynov and Babenko. "Unsupervised discovery of interpretable directions in the gan latent space." In ICML 2020]

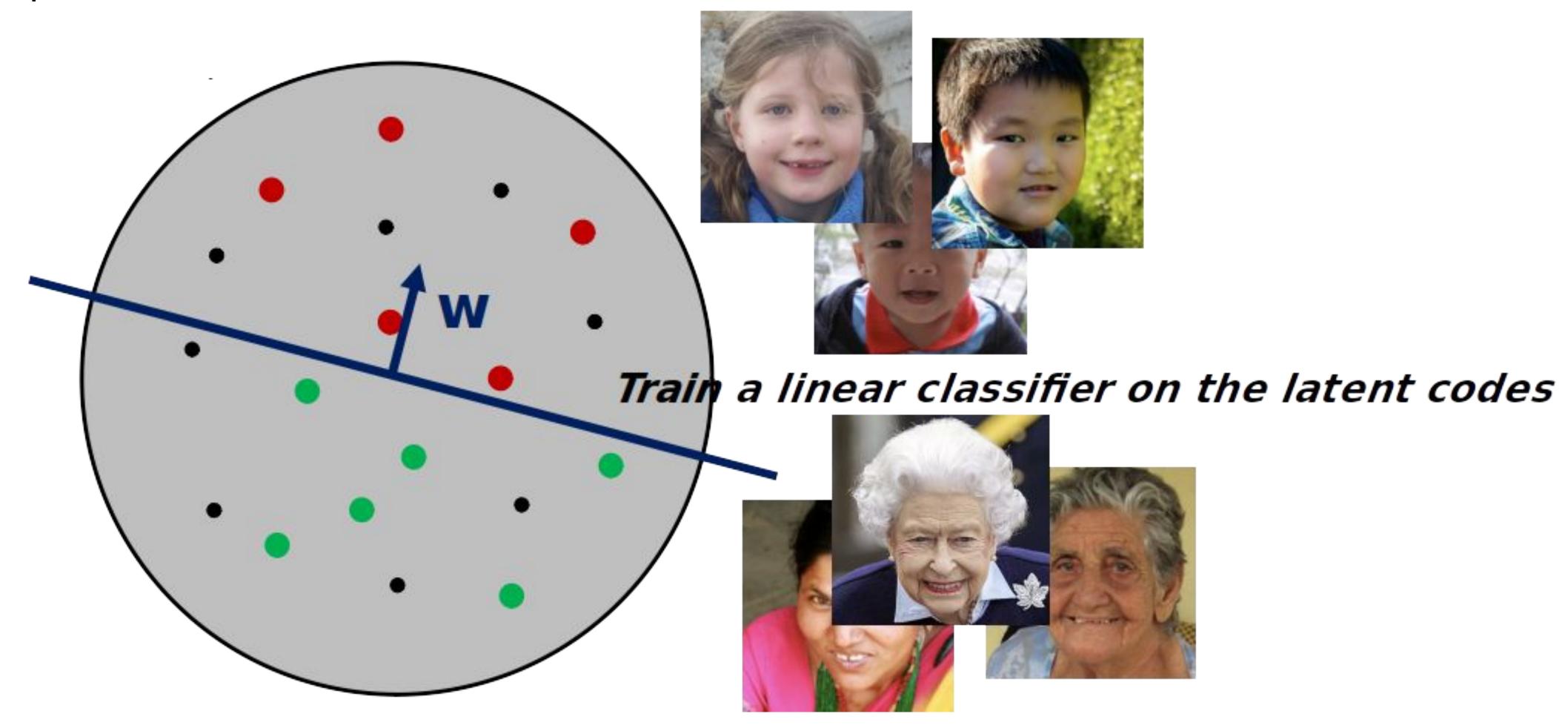
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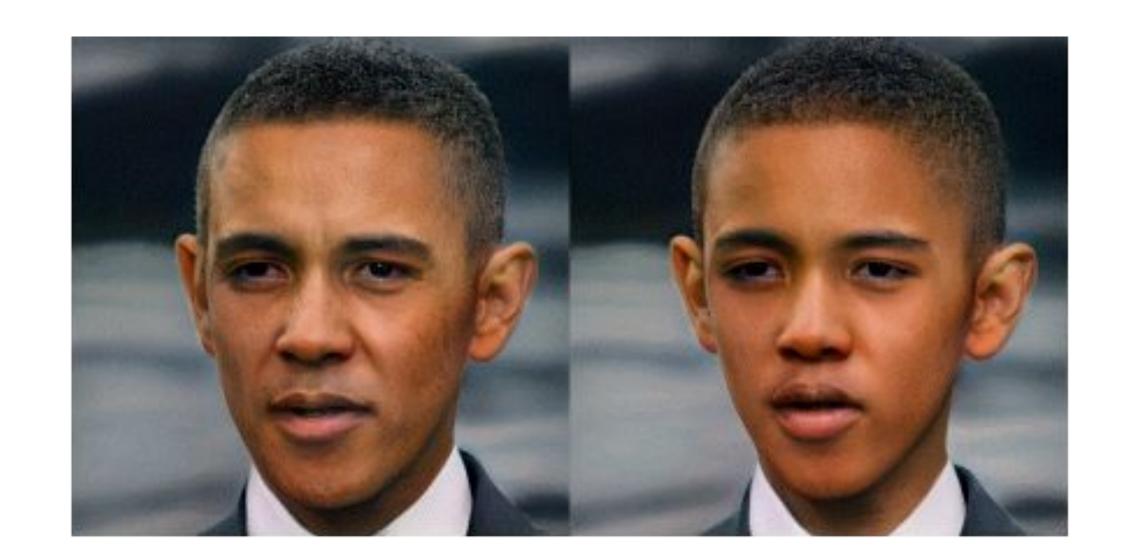
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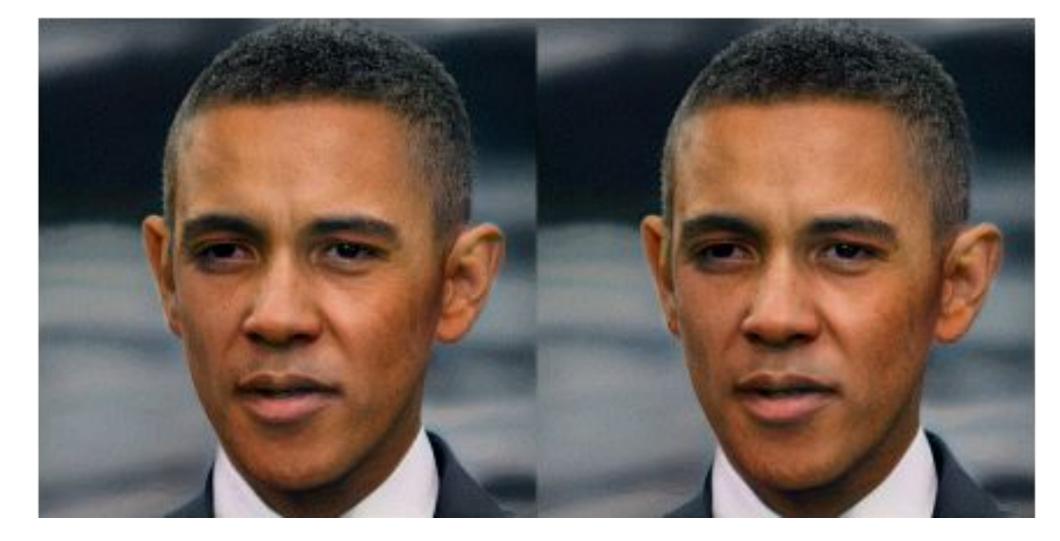


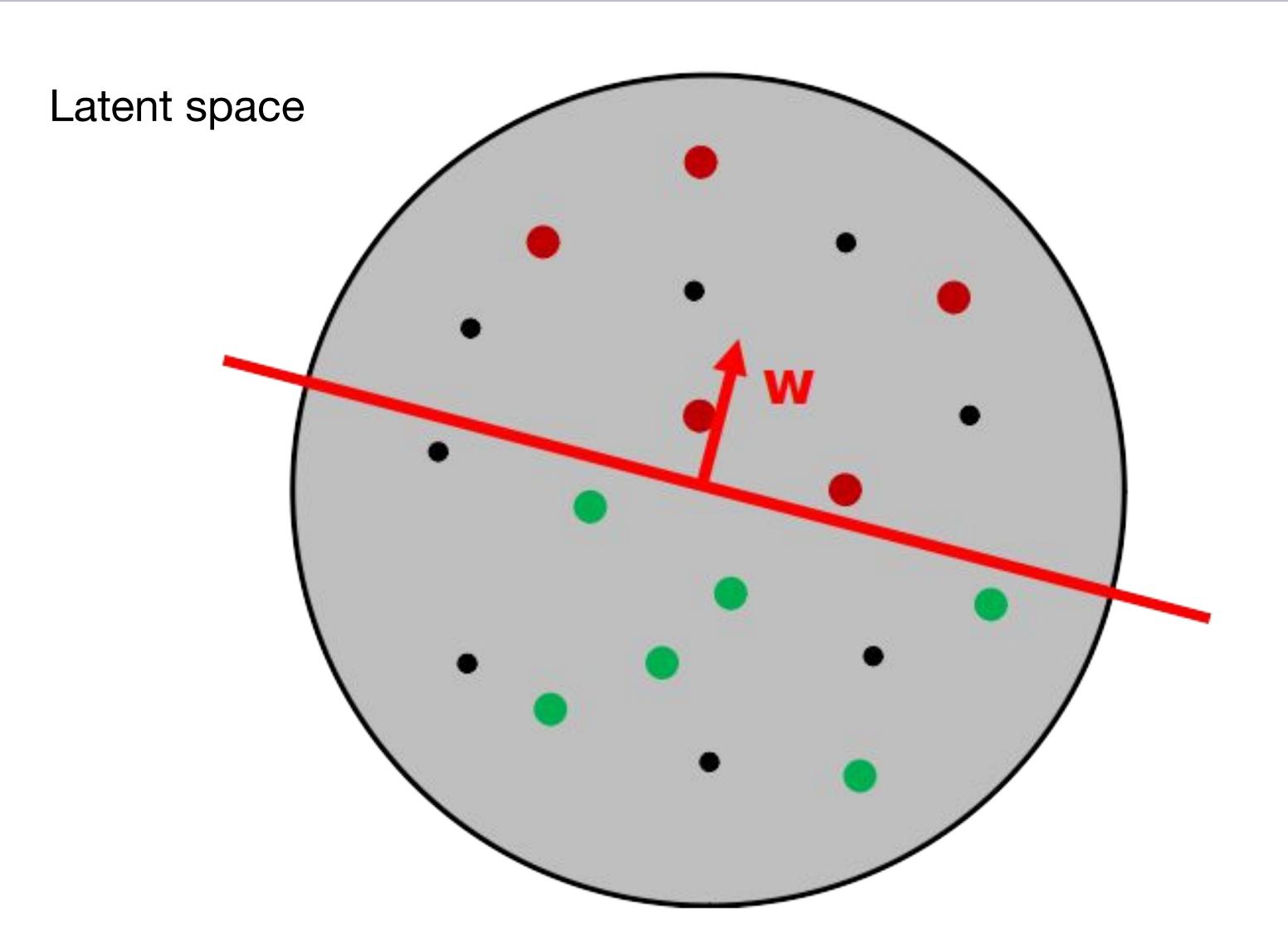
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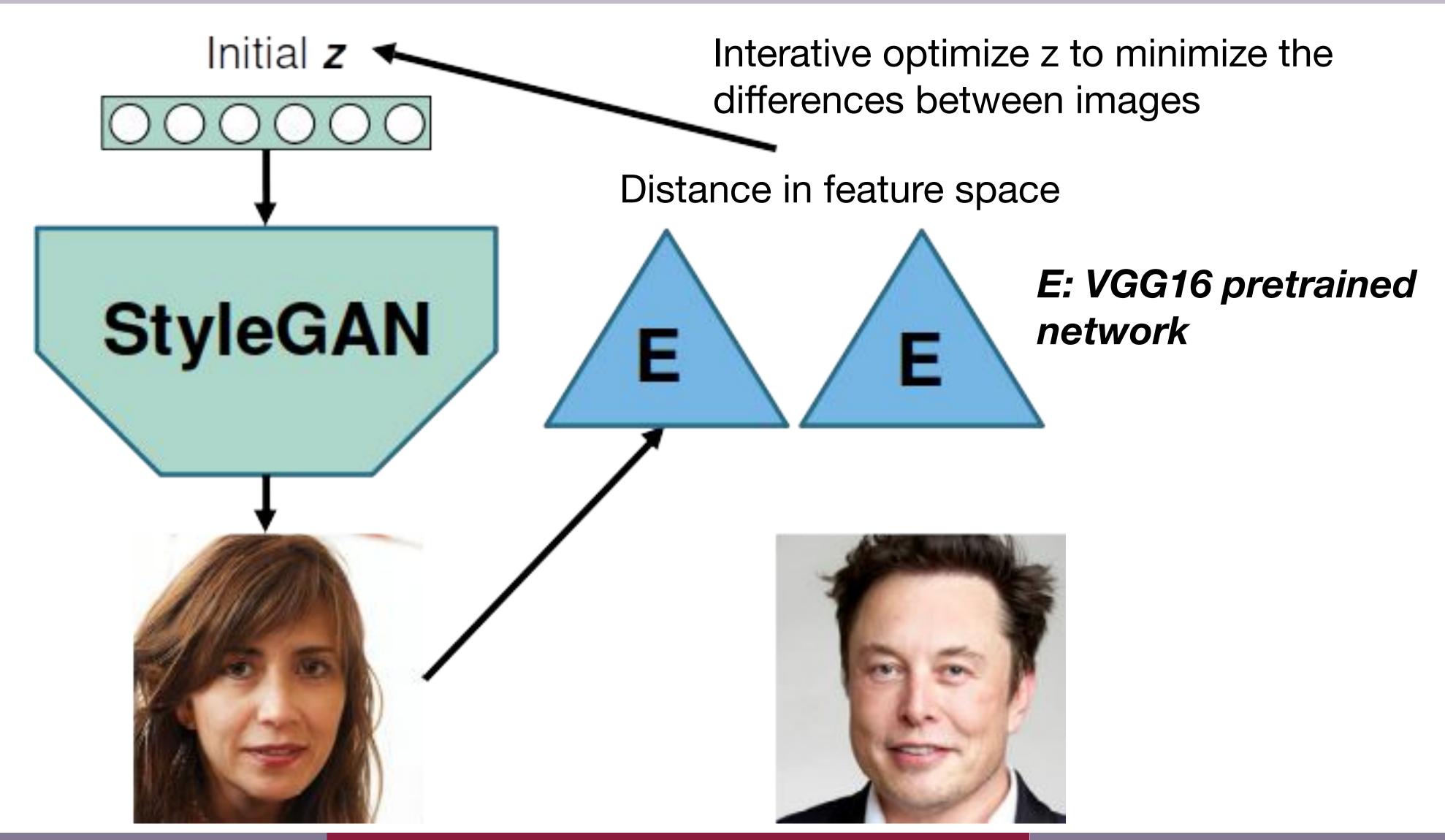
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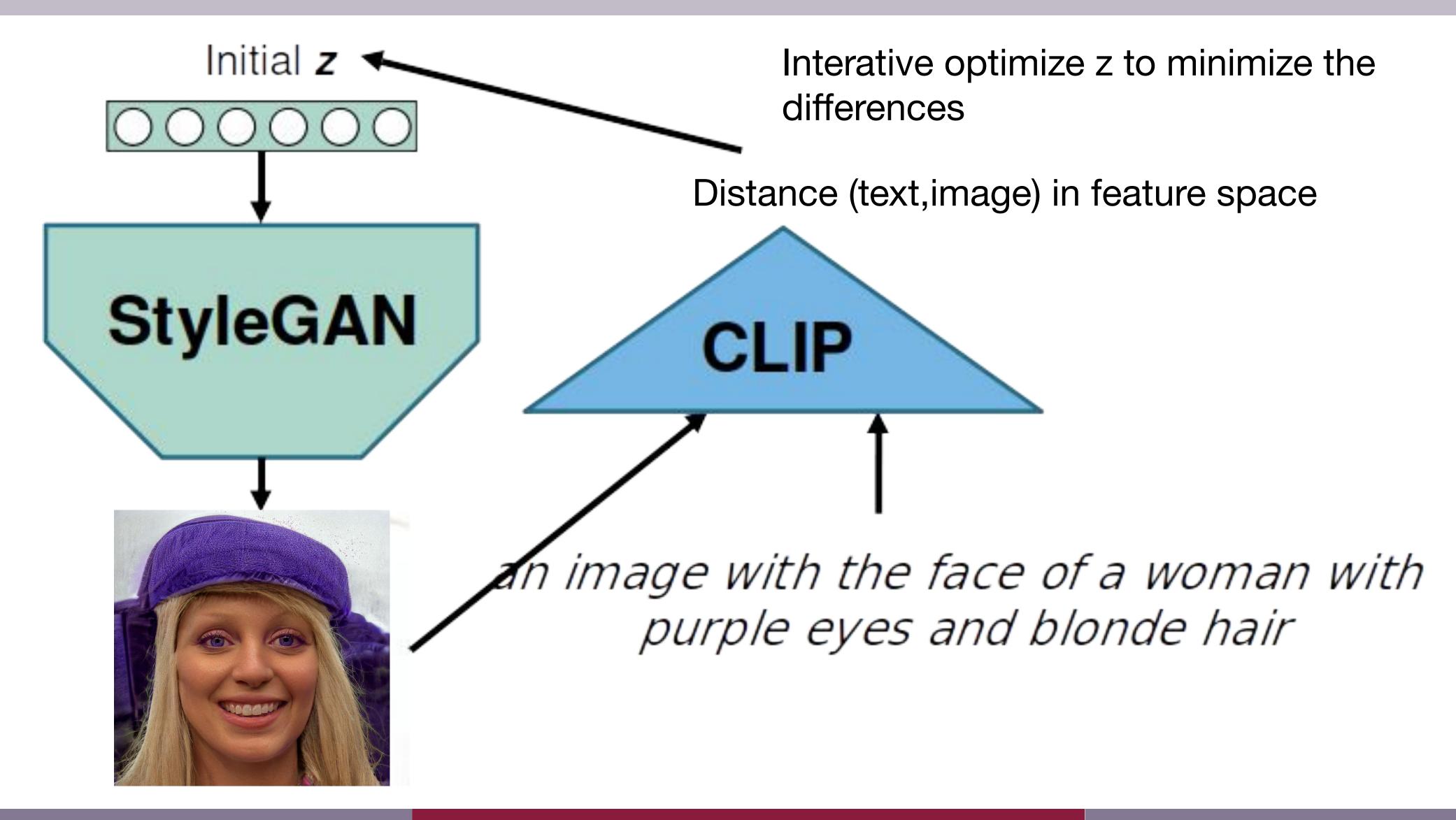
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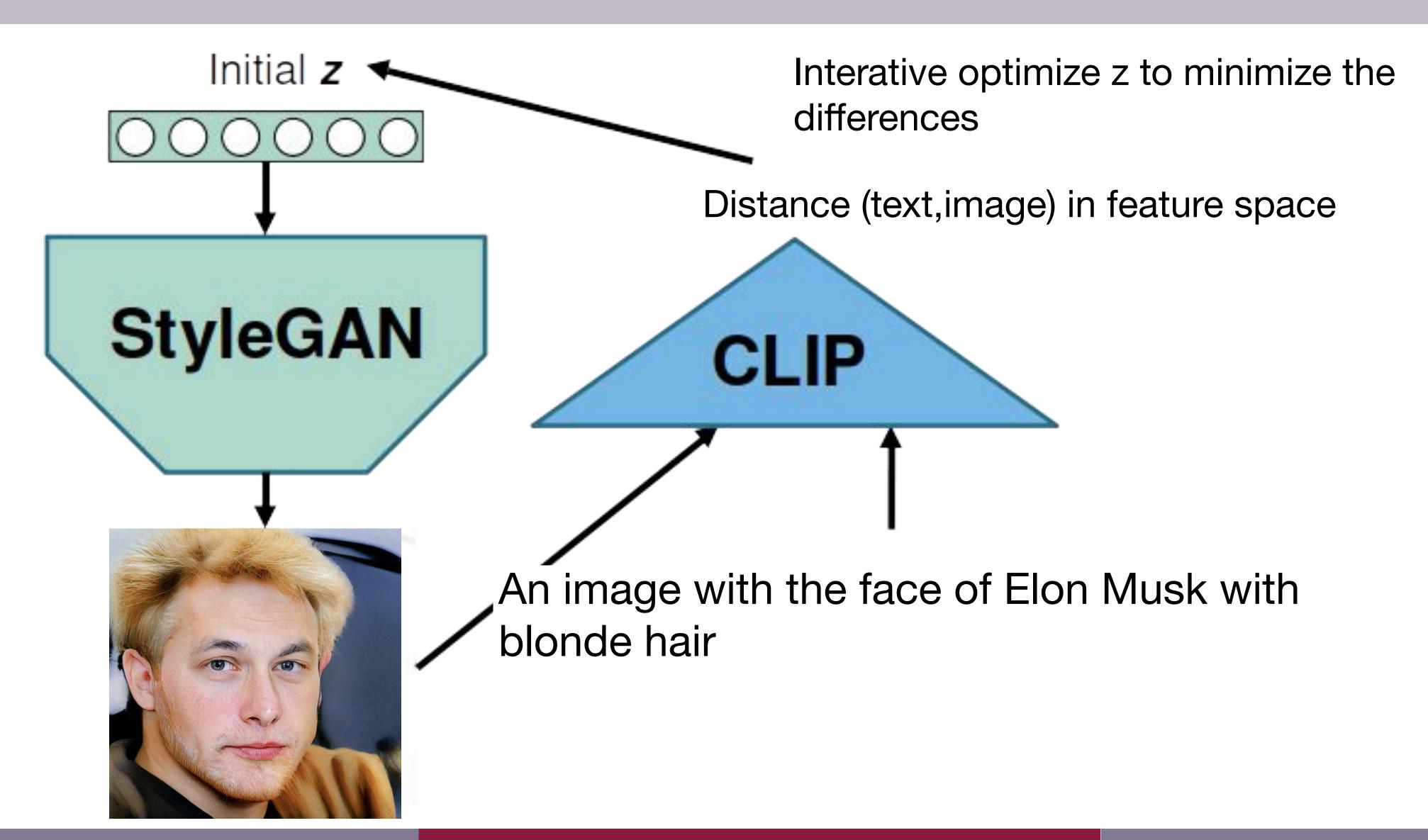


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#### Part 3: Outline

- Motivation
- Challenges for multimodal generative modelling
- Flamingo Model
- Results

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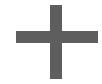
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- Multimodal models like CLIP have shown promising zero-shot performance, but they are **inflexible**:
  - they lack the ability to generate language
- Flexible models for visually-conditioned language generation like VL-T5 exist
- But these have not demonstrated strong few-shot performance

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# Can we learn a model capable of open-ended multimodal tasks via pretraining?

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## Unifying strong unimodal models

- Training large language models is extremely computationally expensive
- We'd like to save computational resources by starting from a pretrained language model
- But a text-only model has no build-in way to incorporate input from other modalities.
- We want to enable this while **retaining the knowledge** of the original language model
- Proposed approach: interleave cross-attention layers with language-only self-attention layers (frozen)

## Supporting images and videos

- Goal: enable both images and video inputs
- These are high-dimensional, so flattening to 1D sequences (as used in text-generation) is costly
- Exacerbated by quadratic cost of self-attention
- Secondary goal: would also like a unified treatment of images and video
- Proposed approach: Perceiver-based architecture with a fixed number of visual tokens

#### Heterogeneous training data

- Large models require vast training dataset.
- Existing (image, text) datasets used by (e.g. used by CLIP and ALIGN) may not be **general** enough to reach GPT-3 style few-shot learning.
- Large internet-based text-only datasets exist, but not for multimodal data.
- One scalable approach: scrape web pages with interleaved images and text. But such images and text are often only weakly related

 Proposed approach: combine web scraping with existing paired (image, text) and (video, text) datasets

## Flamingo model

Visual language model that accepts interleaved inputs:

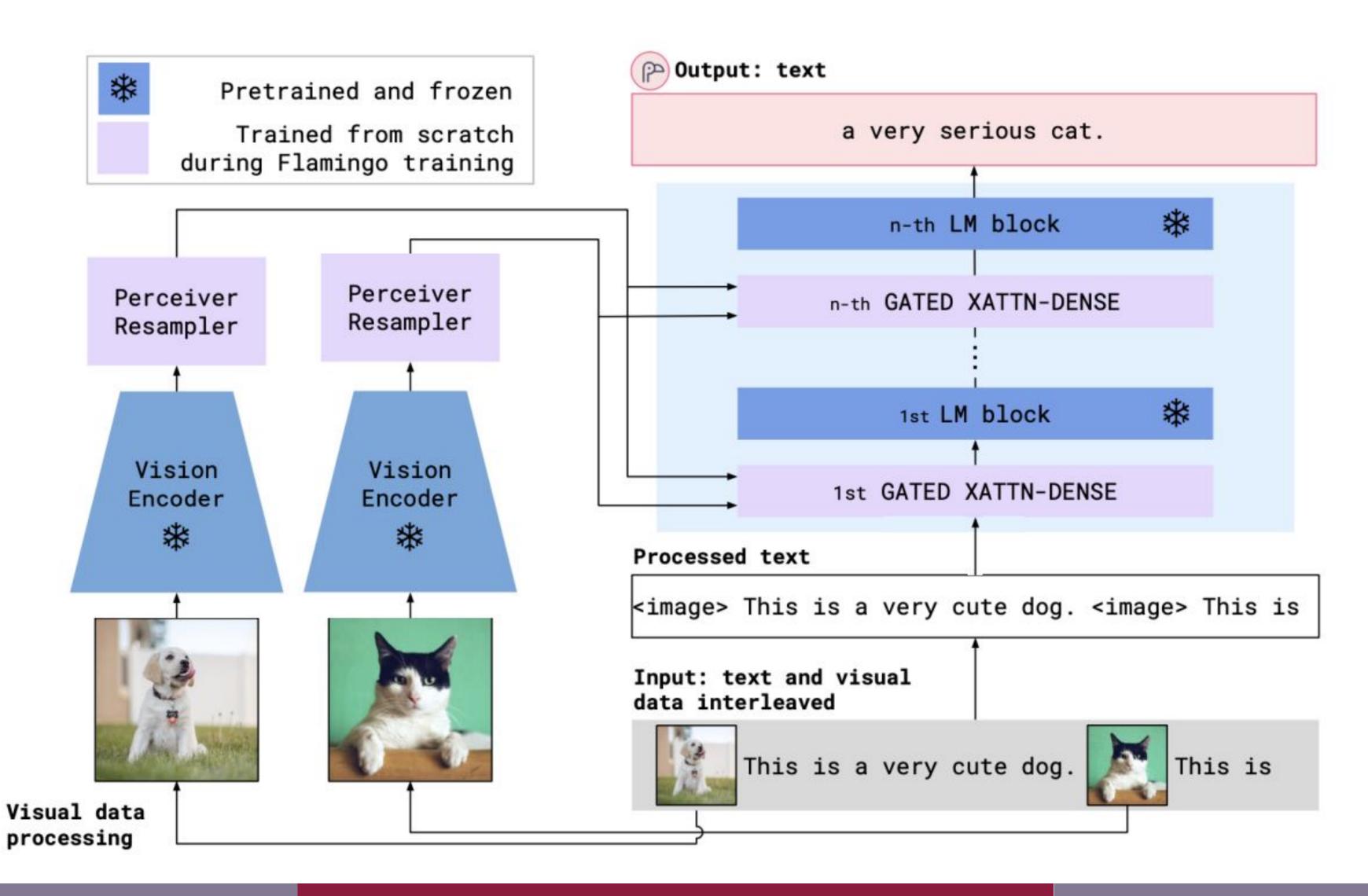


- This enables a broad range of tasks:
  - Open-ended tasks:
    - Visual question answering
    - Captioning
  - Close-ended tasks
    - Classification

## Flamingo model

- Goal 1: leverage pretrained models to save compute
  - Vision: CLIP
  - Language: Chinchilla
- Goal 2: bridge pretrained models harmoniously
  - Perceiver resampler
  - Cross attention

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  - BERT is used for the text encoder (discarded after pretraining)
- Slight difference to CLIP: global average pooling is used to produce the vision embedding (rather than global attention pooling)
  - Input Resolution 288 x 288 pixels
  - Embedding 1376
- Outputs 2D spatial grid of features which is flattened to 1D
- For videos: frames are sampled at 1FPS (features are concatenated)

#### Vision encoder is frozen after pre-training

#### Pre-trained data

- Trained on a combination of two internal (image, text) datasets:
  - ALIGN (1.8 billion) noisy
  - LTIP (312 million) cleaner, longer descriptions
- The manner of combination is important for the performance

#### Pre-trained data

• (Ablation study) small NFNet-F0 with BERT-Mini for different regimes:

Dataset	Combination strategy	ImageNet accuracy top-1	COCO					
			image-to-text			text-to-image		
			R@1	R@5	R@10	R@1	R@5	R@10
LTIP	None	40.8	38.6	66.4	76.4	31.1	57.4	68.4
ALIGN	None	35.2	32.2	58.9	70.6	23.7	47.7	59.4
LTIP + ALIGN	Accumulation	45.6	42.3	68.3	78.4	31.5	58.3	69.0
LTIP + ALIGN	Data merged	38.6	36.9	65.8	76.5	15.2	40.8	55.7
LTIP + ALIGN	Round-robin	41.2	40.1	66.7	77.6	29.2	55.1	66.6

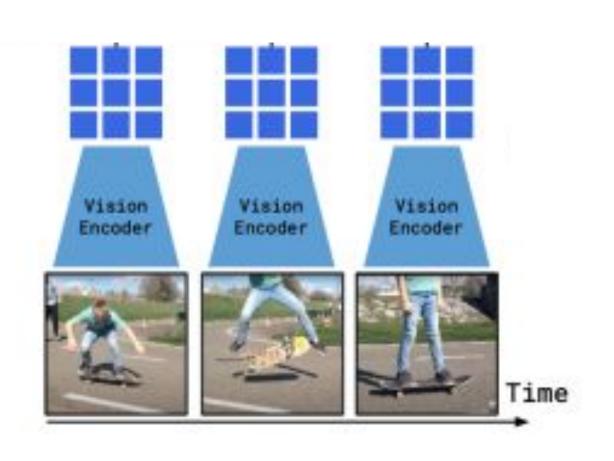
Accumulation: compute gradient on batch from each dataset, combine via weighted sum

Data merged: merge examples from each dataset into each batch

Round-robin: alternate batches from each dataset, update parameters each batch

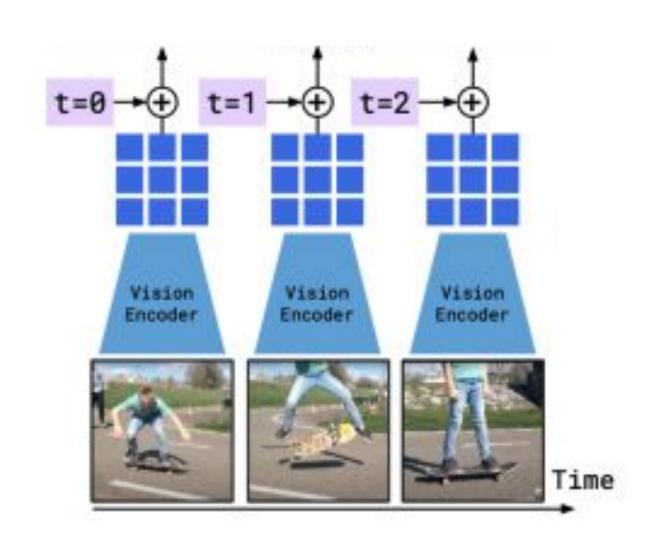
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Fixed number of outputs
Perceiver Resampler

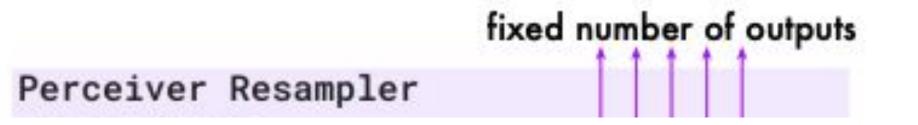


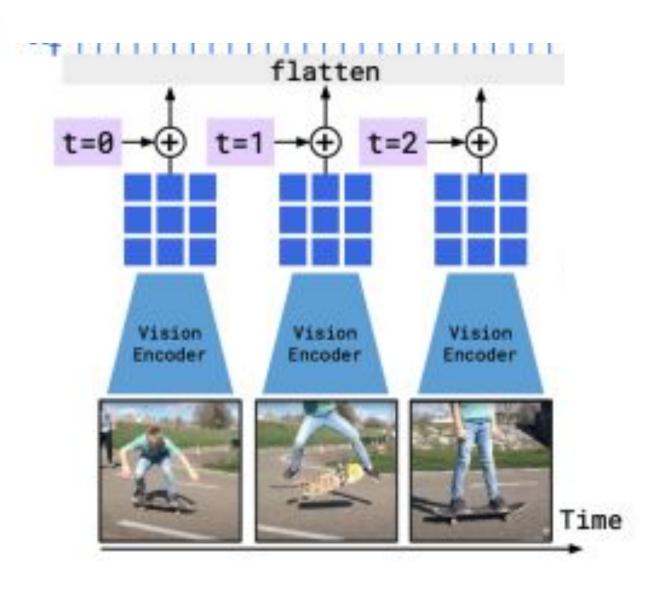
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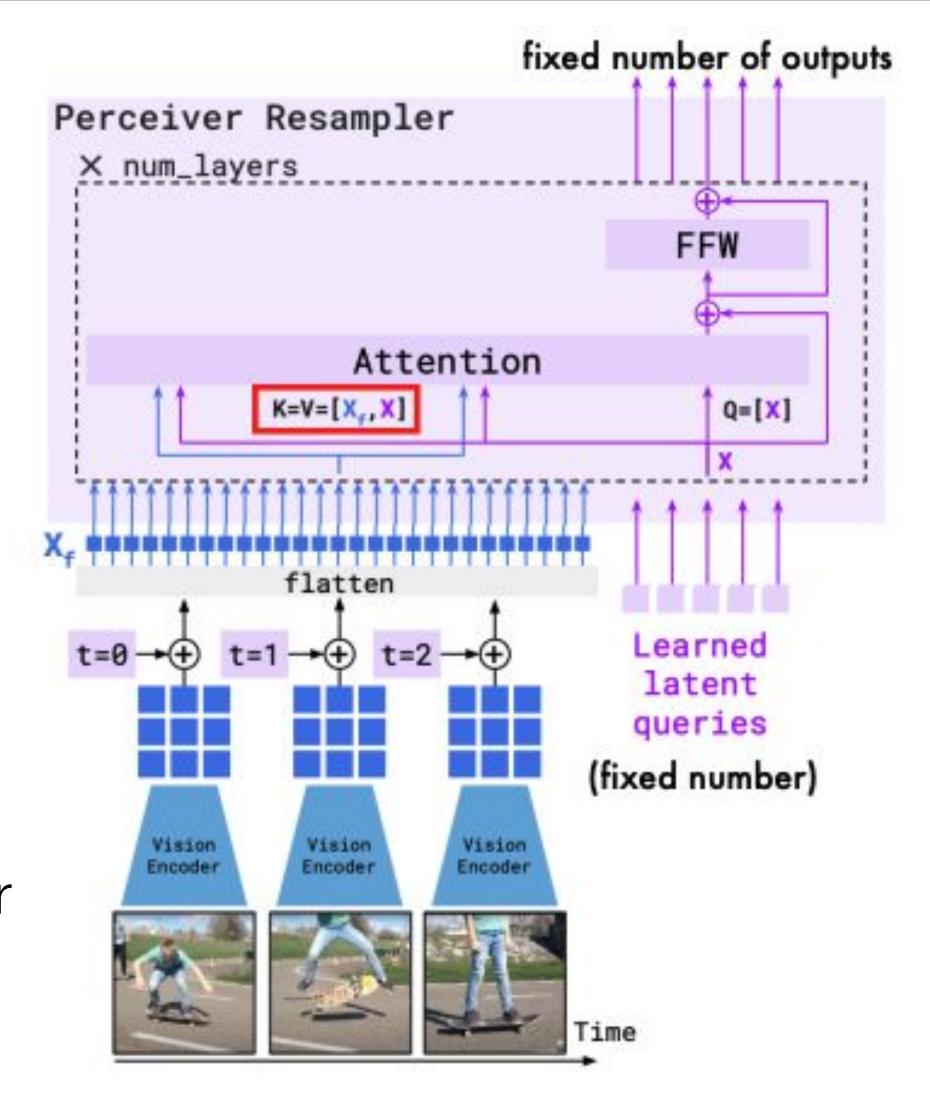


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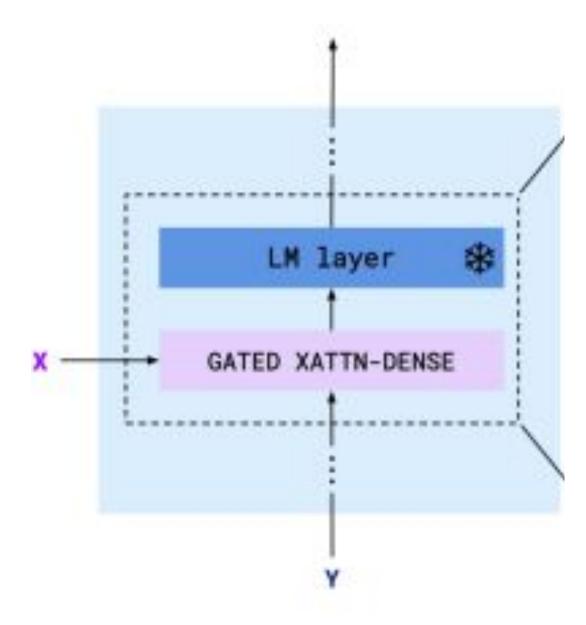
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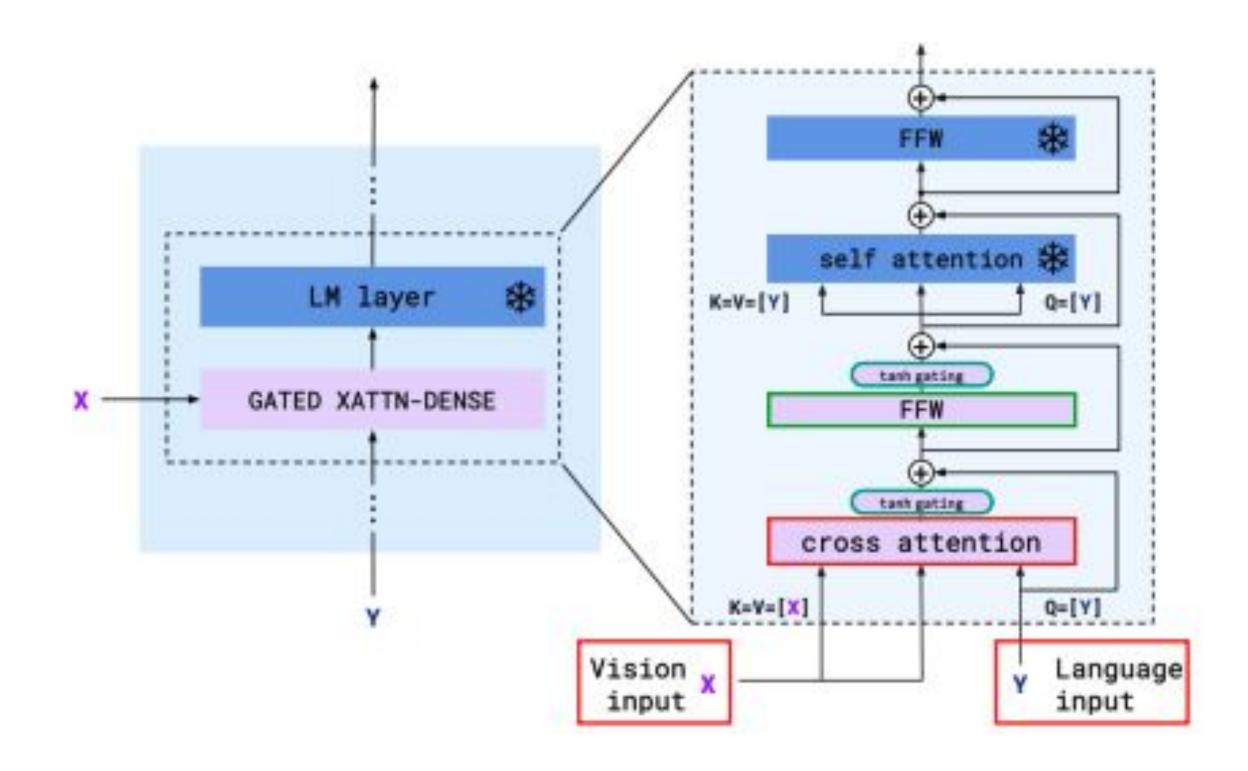
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- Each block includes:
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- Layer norm is applied to all attention inputs and the feed-forward layers (GPT-2 style)
- Use tanh gates to preserve original language model behaviour at initialisation
- Each tanh(a) gate controlled via a layer-specific learnable scalar a (initialised to zero)



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Input Prompt



Question: What do you think the capacities of these are? Answer:



Question: What is odd about this image? Explain why it is unusual. Answer:



Question: What country is this? Why do you think so? Answer:

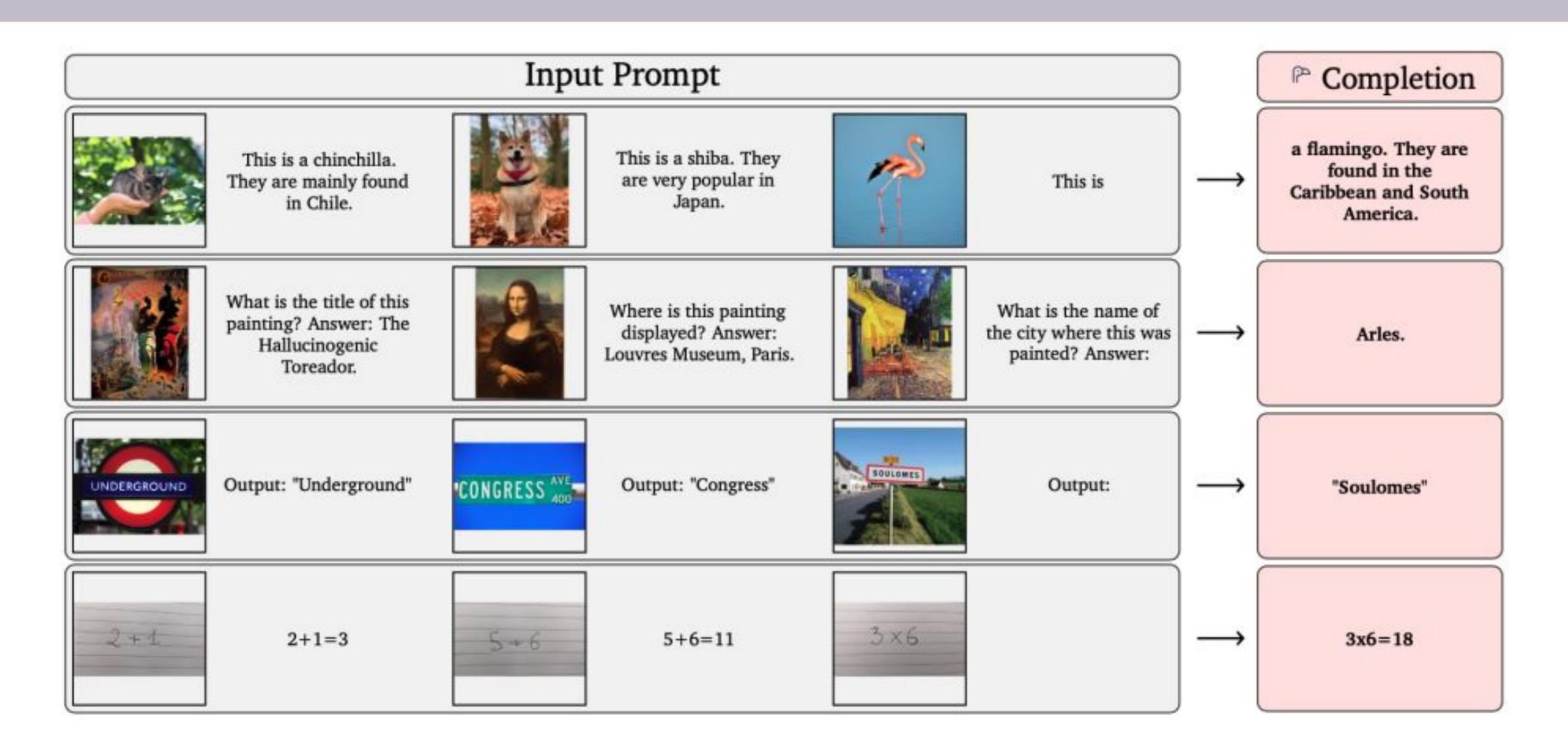
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The image is odd because the elephant is in the back of the truck. It is unusual because elephants are not usually transported in the back of a truck.

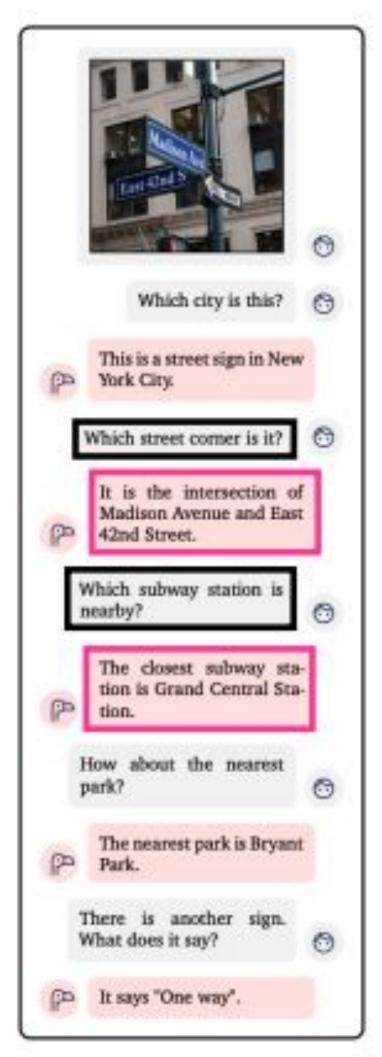
It is Canada. I think so because the flag is the Canadian flag.

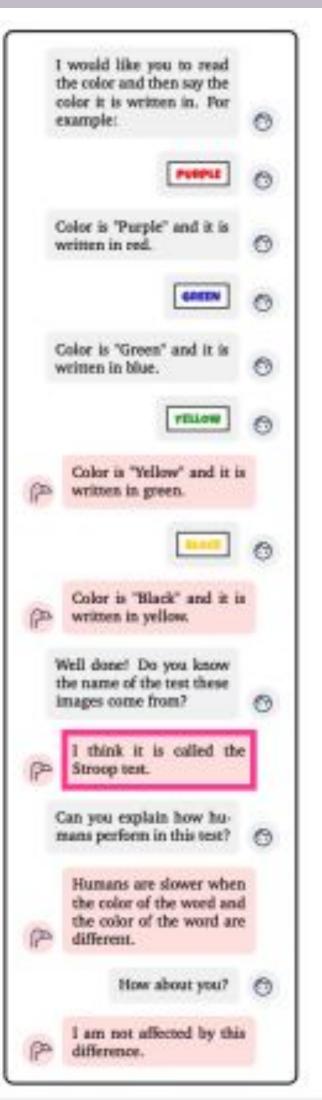
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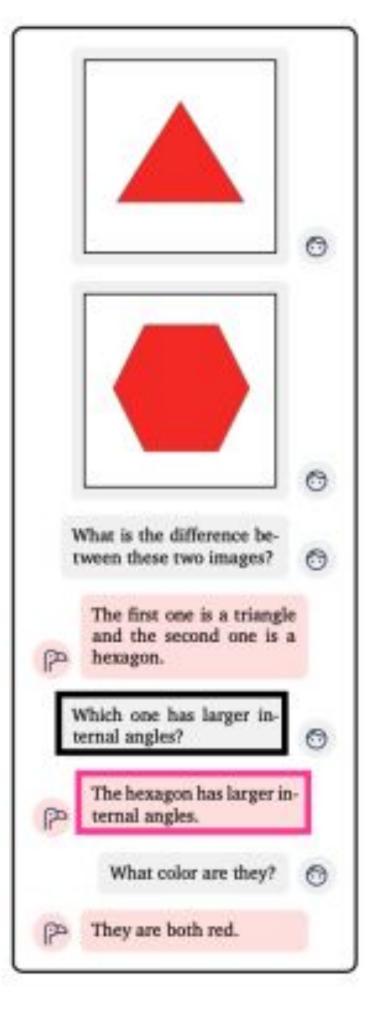


#### Dialogues









#### Videos

