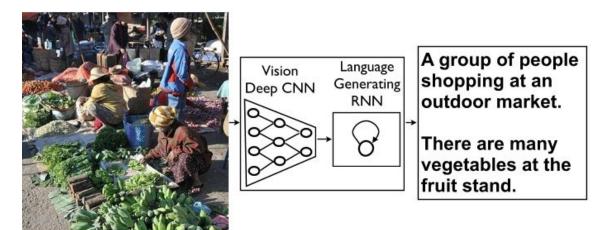
# Multimodal Learning

#### Victoria Dean



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Super Bowl 50 was an American football game to determine the champion of the National Football League (NFL) for the 2015 season. The American Football Conference (AFC) champion Denver Broncos defeated the National Football Conference (NFC) champion Carolina Panthers 24–10 to earn their third Super Bowl title. The game was played on February 7, 2016, at Levi's Stadium in the San Francisco Bay Area at Santa Clara, California. As this was the 50th Super Bowl, the league emphasized the "golden anniversary" with various gold-themed initiatives, as well as temporarily suspending the tradition of naming each Super Bowl game with Roman numerals (under which the game would have been known as "Super Bowl L"), so that the logo could prominently feature the Arabic numerals 50.

Super Bowl 50 decided the NFL champion for what season?

Ground Truth Answers: 2015 the 2015 season 2015

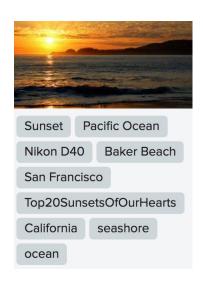
Prediction: 2015

# What is multimodal learning?

- In general, learning that involves multiple modalities
- This can manifest itself in different ways:
  - Input is one modality, output is another
  - Multiple modalities are learned jointly
  - One modality assists in the learning of another
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Multimedia web content







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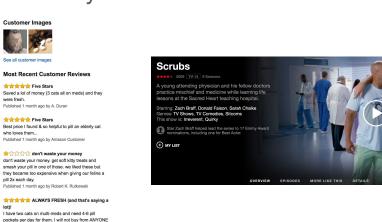






Product recommendation systems







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# Why is multimodal learning hard?

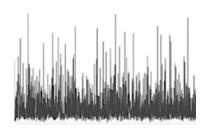
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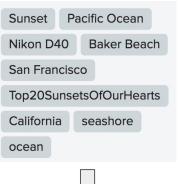
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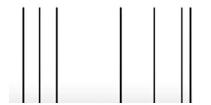
Real-valued, Dense











Discrete, Sparse

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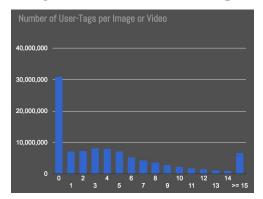
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Noisy and missing data





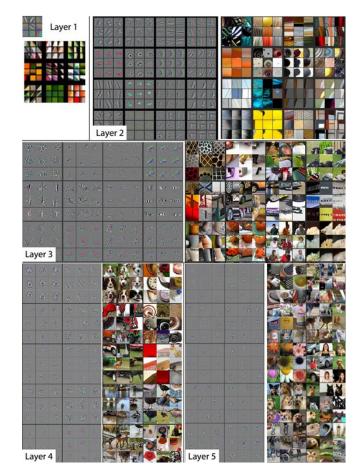


### How can we solve these problems?

- Combine separate models for single modalities at a higher level
- Pre-train models on single-modality data
- How do we combine these models? Embeddings!

### Pretraining

- Initialize with the weights from another network (instead of random)
- Even if the task is different, low-level features will still be useful, such as edge and shape filters for images
- Example: take the first 5 convolutional layers from a network trained on the ImageNet classification task

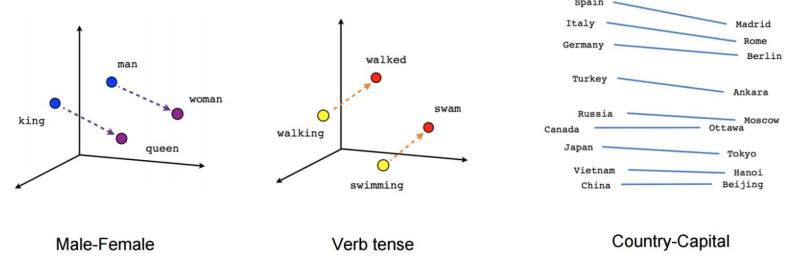


# Embeddings

- A way to represent data
- In deep learning, this is usually a high-dimensional vector
- A neural network can take a piece of data and create a corresponding vector in an embedding space
- A neural network can take a embedding vector as an input
- Example: word embeddings

### Word embeddings

- A word embedding: word → high-dimensional vector
- Interesting properties



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### **Embeddings**

- We can use embeddings to switch between modalities!
- In sequence modeling, we saw a sentence embedding to switch between languages for translation
- Similarly, we can have embeddings for images, sound, etc. that allow us to transfer meaning and concepts across modalities

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# Flickr tagging: task

Sunset Pacific Ocean

Nikon D40 Baker Beach

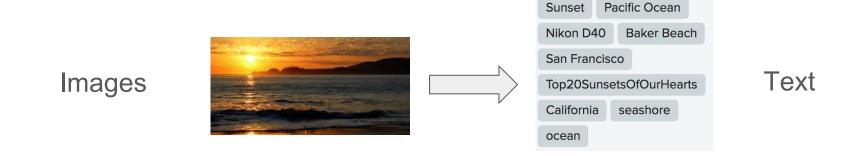
San Francisco

Top20SunsetsOfOurHearts

California seashore

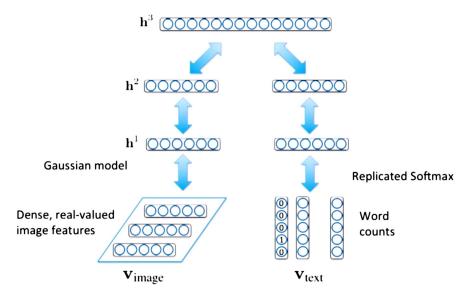
ocean

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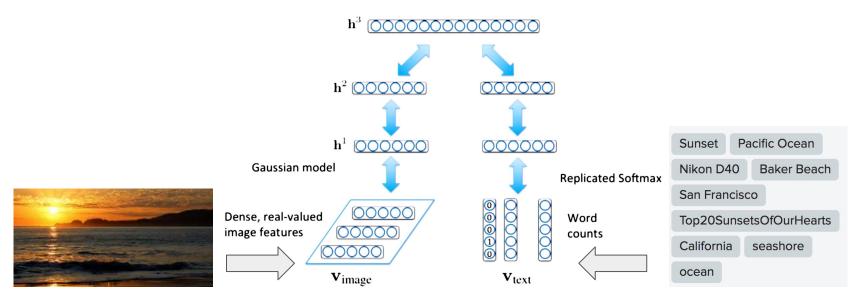
- 1 million images from flickr
- 25,000 have tags

### Flickr tagging: model



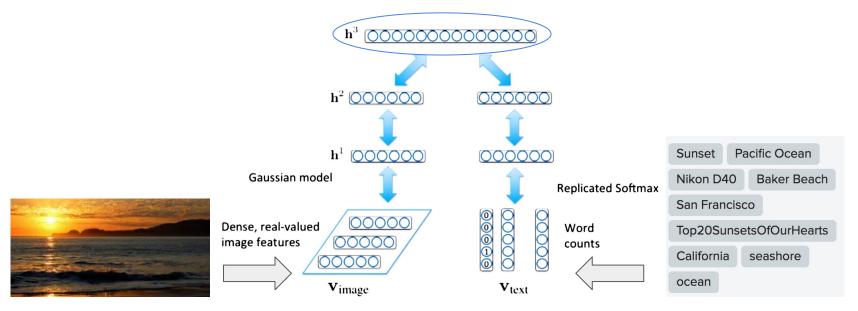
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# Flickr tagging: example outputs

#### Given

#### Generated



dog, cat, pet, kitten, puppy, ginger, tongue, kitty, dogs, furry



sea, france, boat, mer, beach, river, bretagne, plage, brittany



portrait, child, kid, ritratto, kids, children, boy, cute, boys, italy

#### Given



Generated insect, butterfly, insects, bug, butterflies, lepidoptera



graffiti, streetart, stencil, sticker, urbanart, graff, sanfrancisco



canada, nature, sunrise, ontario, fog, mist, bc, morning

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portrait, women, army, soldier, mother, postcard, soldiers

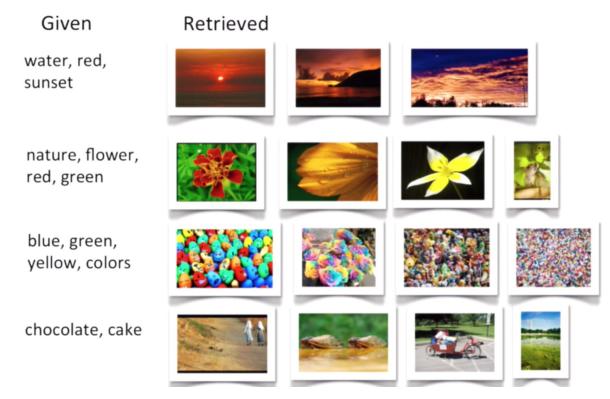


obama, barackobama, election, politics, president, hope, change, sanfrancisco, convention, rally



water, glass, beer, bottle, drink, wine, bubbles, splash, drops, drop

# Flickr tagging: visualization



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# Flickr tagging







$$-$$
 bowl + box =



$$-box + bowl =$$

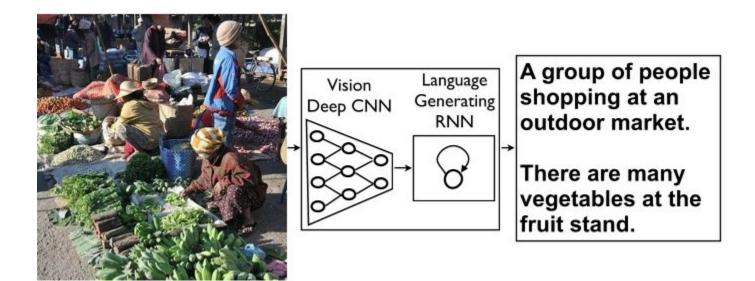
#### Nearest Images



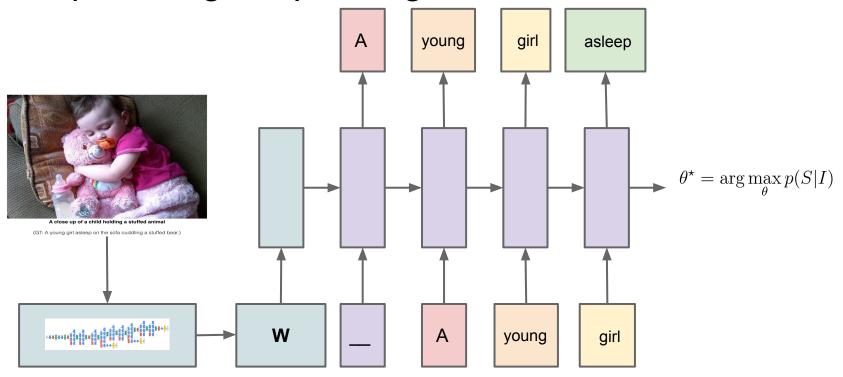
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Human: A young girl asleep on the sofa cuddling a stuffed bear.

Computer: A close up of a child holding a stuffed animal.

Computer: A baby is asleep next to a teddy bear.



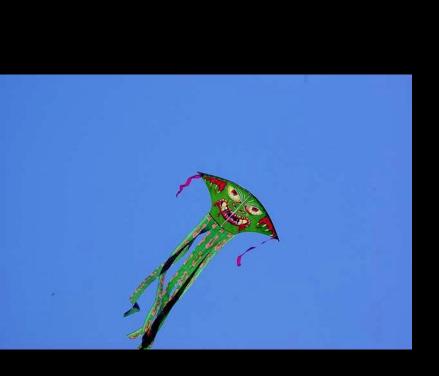
Human: A close up of two bananas with bottles in the background.

Computer: A bunch of bananas and a bottle of wine.



Human: A view of inside of a car where a cat is laying down.

Computer: A cat sitting on top of a black car.



Human: A green monster kite soaring in a sunny sky.

Computer: A man flying through the air while riding a snowboard.

# Caption model for neural storytelling



We were barely able to catch the breeze at the beach, and it felt as if someone stepped out of my mind. She was in love with him for the first time in months, so she had no intention of escaping. The sun had risen from the ocean, making her feel more alive than normal. She's beautiful, but the truth is that I don't know what to do. The sun was just starting to fade away, leaving people scattered around the Atlantic Ocean, I'd seen the men in his life, who guided me at the beach once more

Jamie Kiros, github.com/ryankiros/neural-storyteller

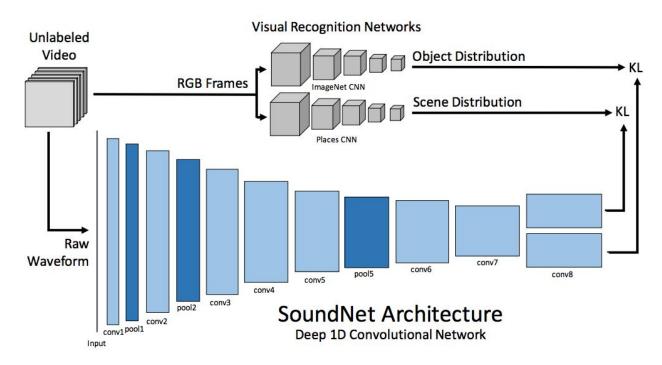
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#### SoundNet

- Idea: learn a sound representation from unlabeled video
- We have good vision models that can provide information about unlabeled videos
- Can we train a network that takes sound as an input and learns object and scene information?
- This sound representation could then be used for sound classification tasks

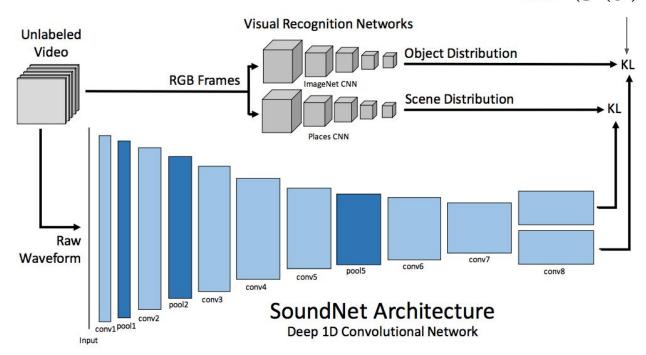
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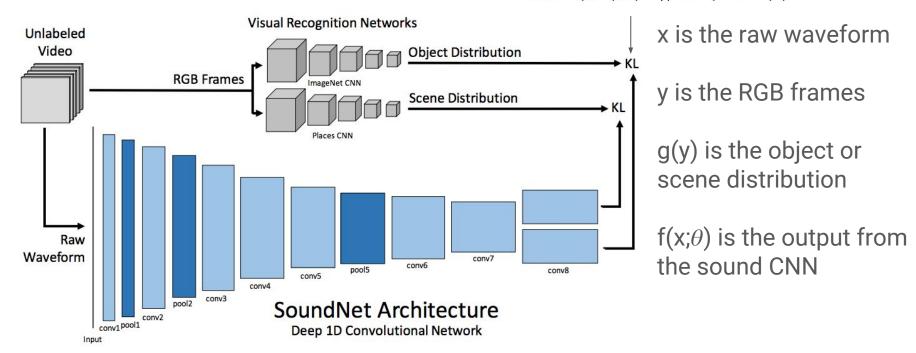


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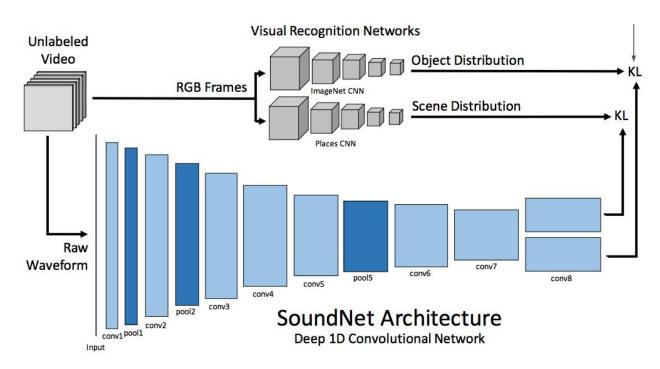
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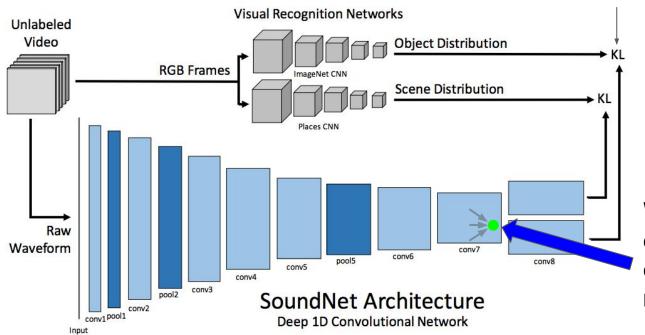


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#### SoundNet visualization



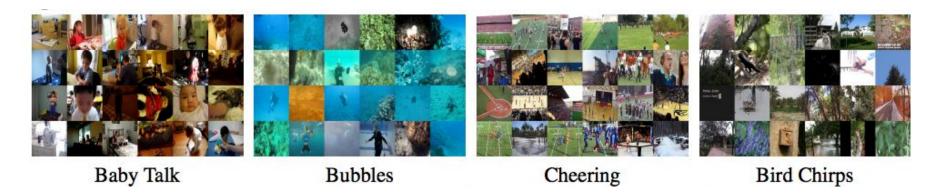
#### SoundNet visualization



What audio inputs evoke the maximum output from this neuron?

#### SoundNet: visualization of hidden units

https://projects.csail.mit.edu/soundnet/



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