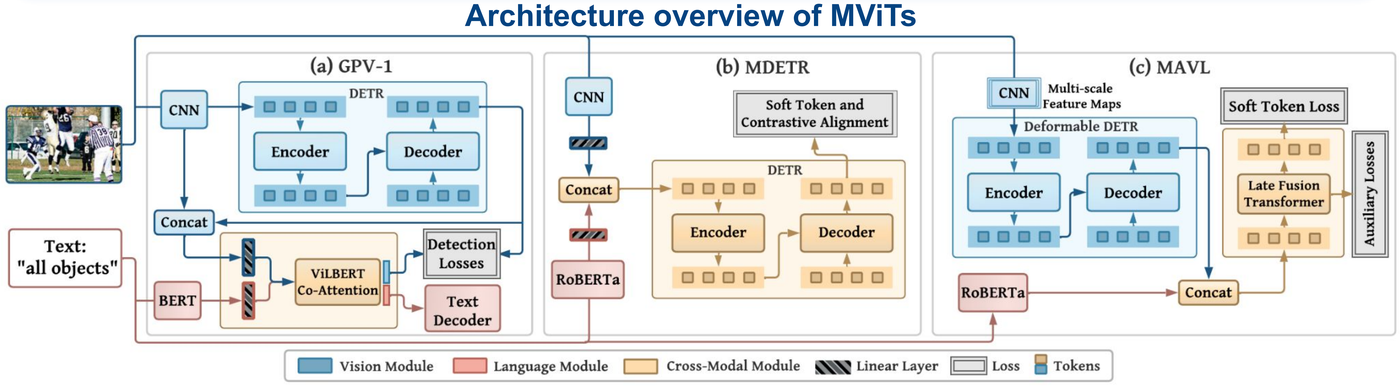
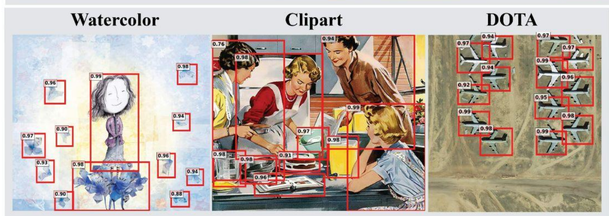
Class-agnostic Object Detection with Multi-modal Transformer

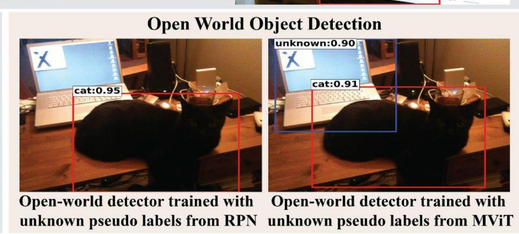
Highlights

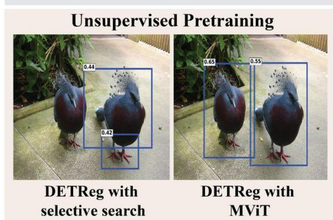
- Multi-modal Vision Transformers (MViTs) excel at Class-agnostic OD (COD) across multiple domains.
- COD using human intuitive natural language text queries (e.g., “all objects”, “all entities”, etc.).
- Propose an efficient MViT model, Multiscale Attention ViT with Late fusion (MAVL), with state-of-the-art COD performance.
- Class-agnostic detectors (MViTs) can be applied to several downstream applications.
- In Open-world OD, unknown pseudo-labels generated using MViT improves novelty detection.
- In Salient and Camouflaged OD, task specific queries perform competitively against supervised models without any tuning.

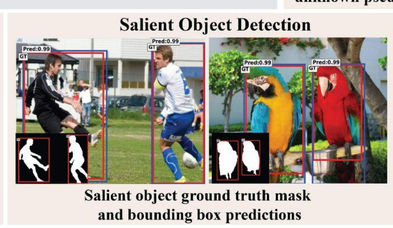
Architecture overview of MViTs

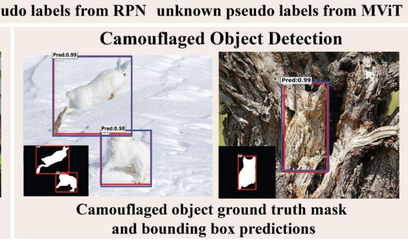












Results of Class-agnostic Object Detection

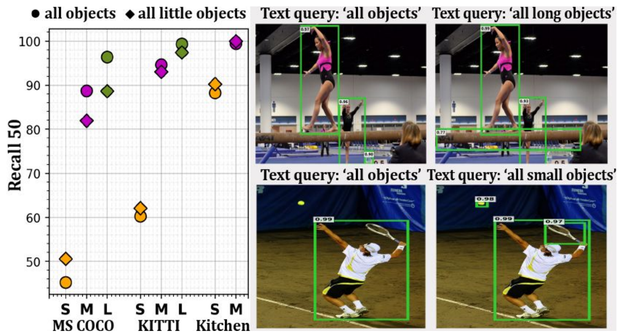
Dataset → / Model ↓	Pascal-VOC AP50	Pascal-VOC R50	COCO AP50	COCO R50	KITTI AP50	KITTI R50	Objects365 AP50	Objects365 R50	LVIS AP50	LVIS R50
Edge Boxes	0.08	7.14	0.09	5.16	0.09	6.58	0.07	3.27	0.05	3.00
Selective Search	0.32	21.4	0.27	12.7	0.03	4.85	0.38	10.7	0.24	9.31
Deep Mask	5.92	40.4	2.16	19.2	1.33	15.5	1.31	14.5	0.51	8.17
Faster-RCNN	42.9	85.8	26.4	58.7	23.5	53.2	24.8	54.6	8.91	35.6
RetinaNet	43.2	86.6	24.6	59.1	30.4	57.6	24.3	54.8	8.57	35.7
Def-DETR	30.1	81.0	20.0	53.5	23.7	55.0	17.0	45.9	6.60	30.7
GPV-I	61.9	91.1	38.0	64.4	43.0	64.4	25.6	50.2	9.18	27.5
MDETR	66.0	90.1	40.7	62.2	46.7	**67.2**	30.4	54.0	10.7	32.8
MAVL (Ours)	**68.6**	**91.3**	**43.6**	**65.0**	**48.2**	63.5	**33.2**	**57.9**	**11.7**	**37.0**
	+25.4	+4.7	+19.0	+5.9	+17.8	+5.9	+8.4	+3.1	+2.8	+1.3

Class-agnostic OD results of MViTs in comparison with bottom-up approaches and uni-modal detectors trained to localize generic objects. In general, MViTs achieve state-of-the-art performance using intuitive text queries.

Dataset → / Model ↓	Kitchen AP50	Kitchen R50	Clipart AP50	Clipart R50	Comic AP50	Comic R50	Watercolor AP50	Watercolor R50	DOTA† AP50	DOTA† R50
RetinaNet	35.3	89.5	27.0	90.0	33.1	86.1	47.8	91.9	0.72	15.6
GPV-1	24.5	84.8	35.1	86.1	42.3	83.6	50.3	89.5	0.55	9.33
MDETR	38.4	**91.4**	44.9	90.7	55.8	**89.5**	63.6	94.3	1.94	21.8
MAVL (Ours)	**45.4**	91.0	**50.6**	**92.9**	**57.7**	89.2	**63.8**	**95.6**	**2.86**	**24.2**

Class-agnostic OD performance of MViTs in comparison with RetinaNet on several out-of-domain datasets.

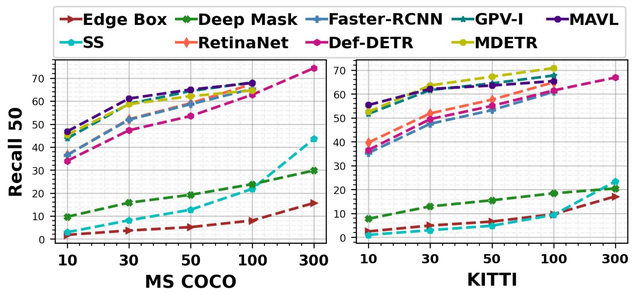
Some Use Cases of Using Different Intuitive Text Queries



Dataset → / Text Query ↓	Pascal-VOC AP50	Pascal-VOC R50	COCO AP50	COCO R50	KITTI AP50	KITTI R50
all objects	51.3	85.5	33.3	58.4	40.2	64.0
all entities	65.2	88.4	34.6	54.6	41.9	59.5
all visible entities & objects	63.3	89.0	37.9	61.6	42.0	63.0
all obscure entities & objects	59.5	86.6	35.2	59.1	42.4	63.5
all small objects	40.0	83.9	28.9	58.9	40.4	65.2
combined detections (CD)	63.7	91.0	42.0	**65.0**	**48.2**	**63.5**
CD w/o 'all small objects'	**68.6**	**91.3**	**43.6**	**65.0**	45.8	61.6

Combining MAVL detections from multiple human intuitive natural language queries captures varying aspects of objectness

Using Different Number of Proposals



Analysis on the Importance of Language Structure

Dataset→ / Model ↓	Lexicon	Lang. Structure	Pascal-VOC AP50	Pascal-VOC R50	COCO AP50	COCO R50	KITTI AP50	KITTI R50
MDETR	✓	✓	63.9	88.0	38.1	58.5	42.5	60.9
MAVL	✓	✓	65.0	89.1	39.3	62.0	39.0	61.0
MDETR	×	✓	59.7	86.4	33.4	57.9	36.9	55.0
MAVL	×	✓	61.6	86.7	34.4	58.3	36.5	58.9
MAVL †	×	×	35.1	82.7	21.2	56.3	21.5	58.5

Effect of removing language branch from MViTs keeping the data loader structure intact. The performance is not affected largely as the language structure is still intact (boxes from caption are seen together). However, it degrades significantly when language structure is removed.

Applications

State-of-the-art Results on,

- Open-world Object Detection
- Pretraining for Class-aware Object Detection
- Salient Object Detection
- Camouflaged Object Detection
- Improving Two-stage Object Detection

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