

# Multimodal Embeddings

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# Outline

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*What & Why?*

## 2. The Modalities

*Language & Vision*

## 3. Multimodal Learning

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# 1. The Multimodality Paradigm | What?

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- Definition

- Depends on context

- Loosely speaking:

*“Different forms of data representing semantically related knowledge”*

- Examples:

- Images
- Texts
- Videos
- Audios
- ...

- Images → Vision  
Texts → Language

# 1. The Multimodality Paradigm | Why?

- “Humans tends to learn with multimodal approach”
- Better contextual representation about concepts
- Symbol Grounding Problem (Harnad 1990)
- Other reasons

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# 1. The Multimodality Paradigm | Why?

- Other Reasons:

- Complementary Information

*Different modalities provide distinct and complementary information about a given concept or instance.*

- Enhanced Understanding

*Incorporating multiple modalities can lead to a better understanding of the data.*

- Robustness to Missing Data

*Multimodal embeddings can handle incomplete data in one modality by relying on the available information from other modalities.*

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## 2. The Modalities | Language

*Main Objective:*

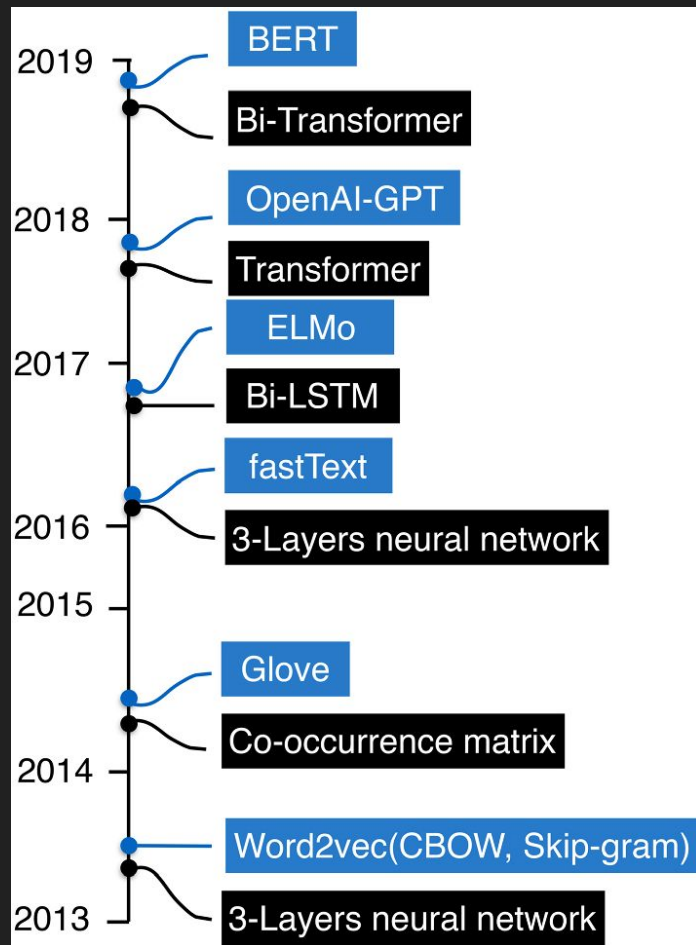
*“How can the machine understand texts?”*

*2013 - 2023*

*10 Years of impressive progress*

*From word2vec to GPT-4*

*After 2019: GPT-3, **CLIP**, GPT-4*



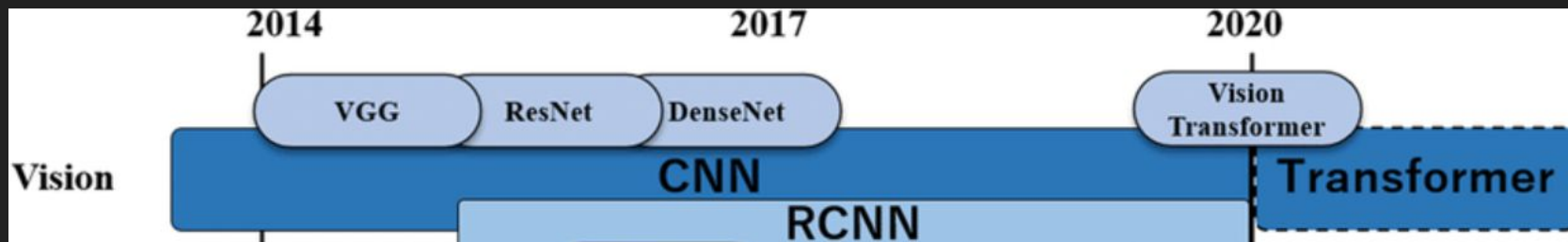
*Wang, Shirui & Zhou, Wenan & Jiang, Chao. (2020). A survey of word embeddings based on deep learning.*

## 2. The Modalities | Vision

*Main Objective:*

*“How can the machine understand images?”*

*From AlexNet to Vision Transformer*



Shin, Andrew & Ishii, Masato & Narihira, Takuya. (2022). Perspectives and Prospects on Transformer Architecture for Cross-Modal Tasks with Language and Vision. *International Journal of Computer Vision*.

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# Vision Transformers

- Introduced in 2020

"An Image is Worth 16\*16 Words: Transformers for Image Recognition at Scale"

- Beat CNN SOTA models by 4X
- Architecture:
  1. Split an image into patches
  2. Flatten the patches
  3. Flattened patches → Embeddings
  4. Add positional embeddings
  5. Feed the sequence as an input to a standard transformer encoder
  6. Pretrain the model with image target labels (fully supervised on a huge dataset)
  7. Finetune on the downstream dataset for image classification
- [Interactive Architecture](#)



Ever wondered, why transformers  
are called transformers?!

## Vaswani:

- “Attention was a key to transformers”
- “But Attention-Net didn’t sound very exciting.”
- “Then a senior software engineer on the team, came up with the name Transformer.”
- “He argued we were transforming representations”

# 3. Multimodal Learning | Tasks

- Generation tasks

- Visual Captioning (VC)



<https://www.projectpro.io/article/image-captioning-deep-learning-project/717>

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## Visual Question Answering (VQA)

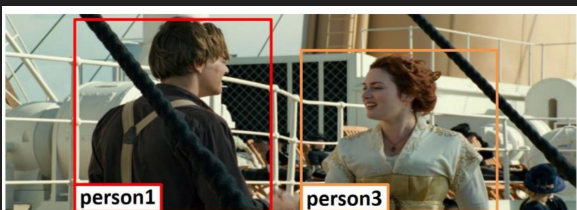
<p>Who is wearing glasses? man</p> 	<p>Who is wearing glasses? woman</p> 	<p>Where is the child sitting? fridge</p> 	<p>Where is the child sitting? arms</p> 
<p>Is the umbrella upside down? yes</p> 	<p>Is the umbrella upside down? no</p> 	<p>How many children are in the bed? 2</p> 	<p>How many children are in the bed? 1</p> 

<https://visualqa.org/>

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- Generation tasks

- Visual Commonsense Reasoning (VCR)



Why are [person1] and [person3] shaking hands?

(a) [person1] and [person3] are presenting a trophy to someone.
(b) [person1] and [person3] just made a deal.
(c) [person1] and [person3] are old friends seeing each other for the first time in a long time.
<b>(d) They have just met and are greeting each other.</b>

I think so because ...

<b>(a) People like to greet each other when they meet by shaking hands.</b>
(b) They look like they are shaking hands to introduce themselves.
(c) They are meeting each other for the first time.
(d) Some people shake hands to greet one another by grasping each others' arms.

Lee, J.; Kim, I. Vision–Language–Knowledge Co-Embedding for Visual Commonsense Reasoning. *Sensors* 2021, 21, 2911.


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- Visual Generation (VG)

Input

An astronaut riding a horse in photorealistic style.

Output



<https://openai.com/product/dall-e-2>

# 3. Multimodal Learning | Architectures

- BERT-like Architectures
  - Two-stream models
  - Single-stream models
- Generative models
- Contrastive Learning models

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- BERT-like Architectures

- Big Zoo!

- VisualBERT

- ViLBERT

- VL-BERT

- LXMERT

- Pixel-BERT

- ImageBERT

- VD-BERT

- UNITER

- Process texts and images with a transformer-like architecture

- Pretrained on huge datasets

- Fine-tuned on downstream tasks

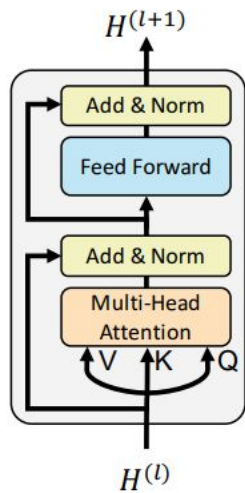
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- BERT-like Architectures
  - Two-stream models
    - Example: ViLBERT
    - A separate transformer for each modality
    - A “co-attention” module is added

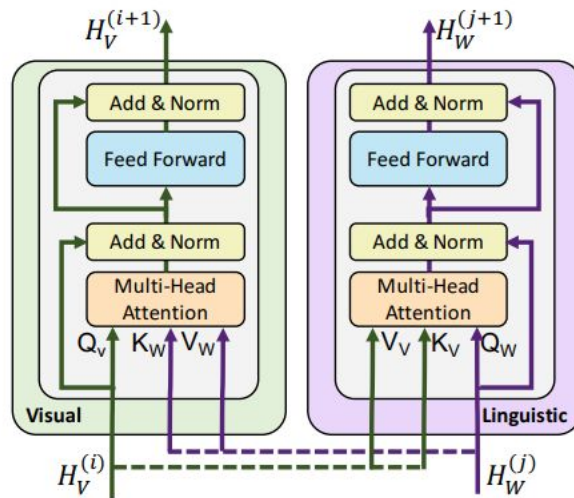
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(a) Standard encoder transformer block



(b) Our co-attention transformer layer

Figure 2: We introduce a novel co-attention mechanism based on the transformer architecture. By exchanging key-value pairs in multi-headed attention, this structure enables vision-attended language features to be incorporated into visual representations (and vice versa).



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- BERT-like Architectures

- Single-stream models

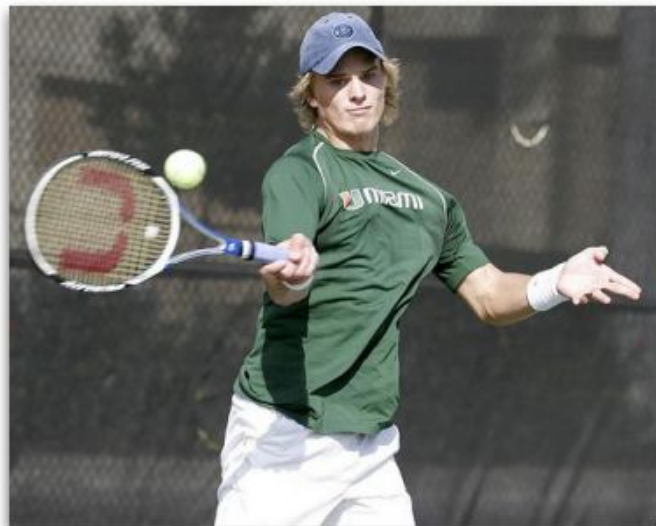
- Examples: VisualBERT

- Encodes both modalities within the same module

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A person hits a ball with a tennis racket

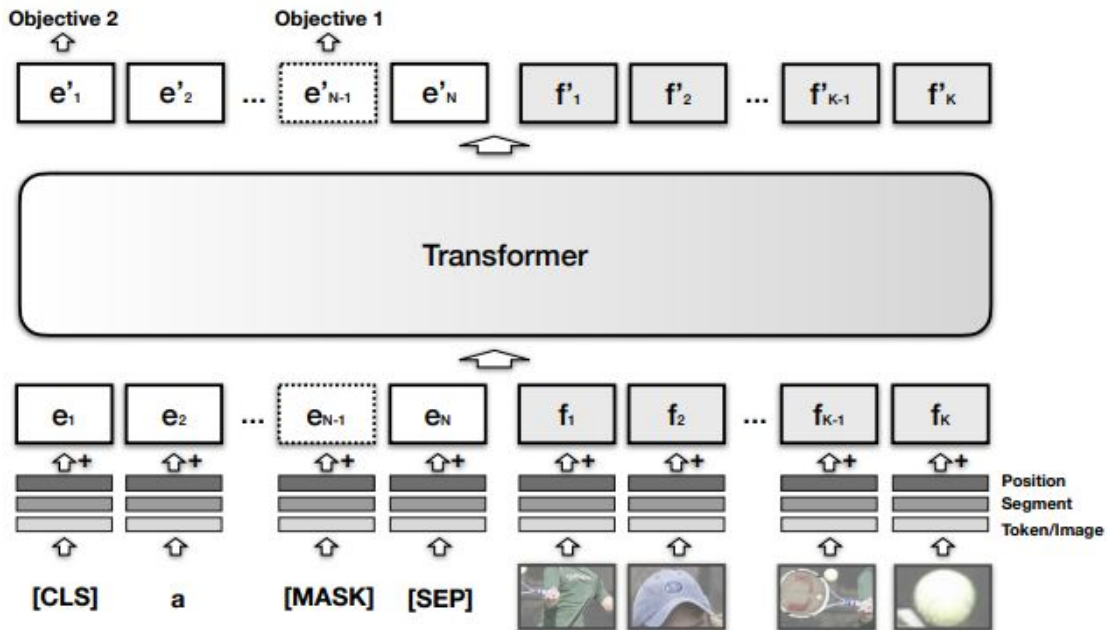
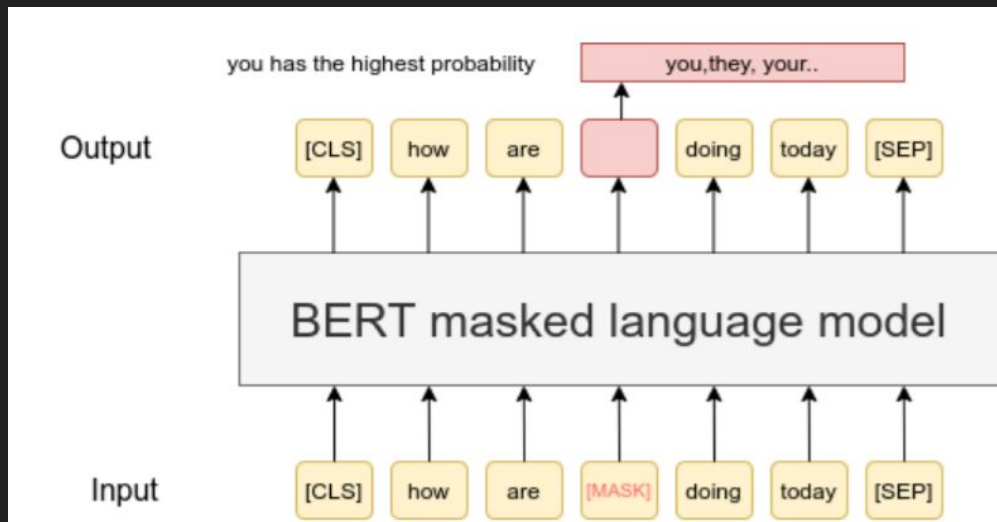


Figure 2: The architecture of VisualBERT. Image regions and language are combined with a Transformer to allow the self-attention to discover implicit alignments between language and vision. It is pre-trained with a masked language modeling (Objective 1), and sentence-image prediction task (Objective 2), on caption data and then fine-tuned for different tasks. See §3.3 for more details.

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- BERT-like Architectures - Pre-training strategies
  - Masked Language Modeling



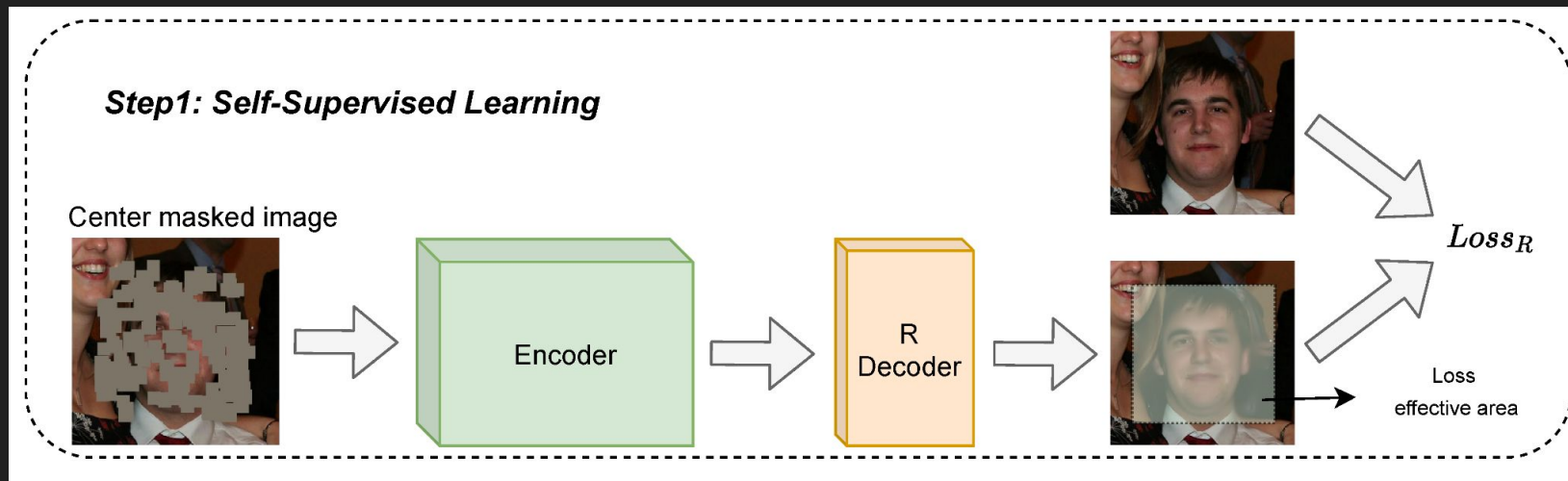
[https://www.sbert.net/examples/unsupervised\\_learning/MLM/README.html](https://www.sbert.net/examples/unsupervised_learning/MLM/README.html)

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- BERT-like Architectures - Pre-training strategies
  - Masked Region Modeling

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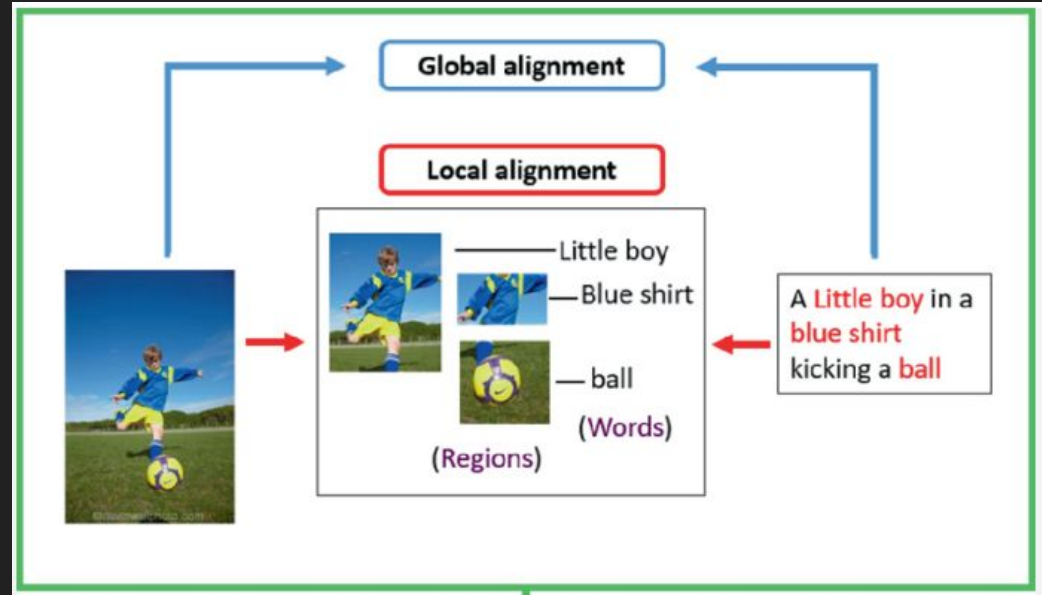
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- Image-Text Alignment
- Word-Region Alignment

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# 3. Multimodal Learning | Architectures

- Generative models

- DALL-E

- Text-to-Image

- Closed-source

- VQ-VAE (Vector Quantized Variational AutoEncoders) + BART

- GLIDE

- Diffusion Models

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# 3. Multimodal Learning | Architectures

- Contrastive Learning models
  - Visual-Semantic Embeddings
    - CLIP
    - ALIGN
    - Florence

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# Take-home Message

- Multimodal Learning is a step towards Generalization
- Unsupervised & Self-supervised pre-training has suppressed supervised approaches. *“Yann LeCun 2022”*
- Transformers Architectures made it possible for Language and Vision to be learnt in a multi-modal fashion effectively.
- 3 Main Design Choices:
  1. **Alignment** (Separate Spaces) Vs. **Fusion** (One Space)
  2. **Encoder/Decoders types** (Transformers / Diffusion Autoencoders / dVAE / etc...)
  3. **Pre-training strategy** and **Learning Objective**



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Thanks!

Now dive deeper into the CLIP model and its applications... with Jan.

# Multimodal Embeddings: CLIP

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# Image space is vast

- <https://youtu.be/Dt2WYkqZfbs> (Steve Brunton): 20x20 1 bit image is larger than the Universe: Shader Demo: <https://www.shadertoy.com/view/Dty3Ww>
- real world: 224x224 images with 256x3 pixels:  $1.2 * 10^{1372}$
- Every image can be described with a text description (any one disagrees?)
- images can be graphics, drawings, photos. Those include the natural world and aren't inherently human.

# Language is vast too

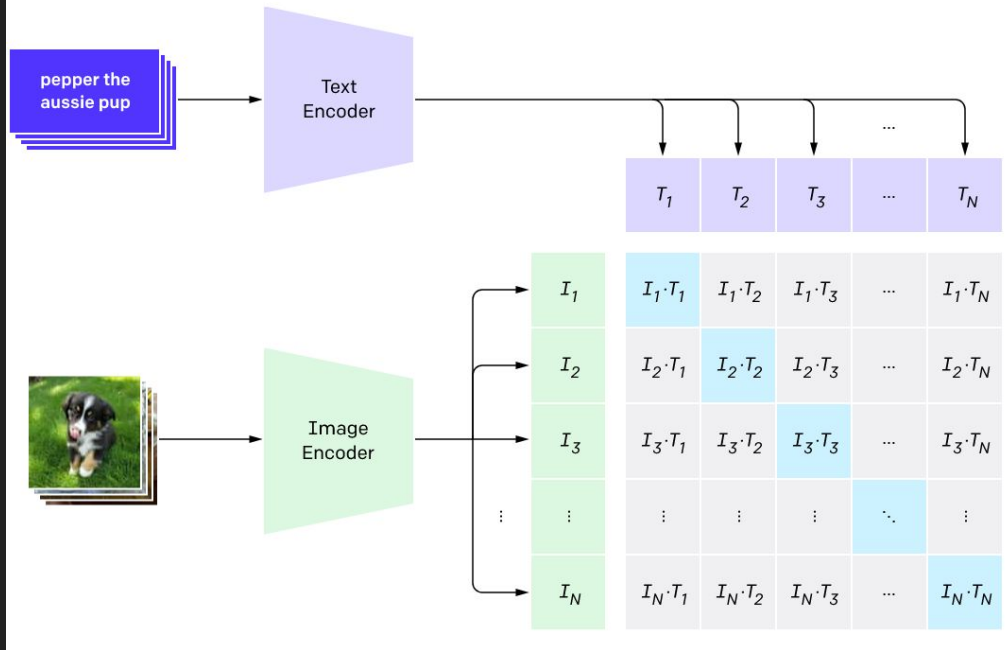
- if you give a million monkeys a million typewriters they would eventually come up with the complete works of Shakespeare: Empirical Evidence:  
[https://web.archive.org/web/20090318143423/http://www.vivaria.net/experiments/notes/publication/NOTES\\_EN.pdf](https://web.archive.org/web/20090318143423/http://www.vivaria.net/experiments/notes/publication/NOTES_EN.pdf)
- Who polices the Police? The (Police)+ .
- What do you build, if your neighbor has missiles?  $(\text{anti})^n (\text{missiles})^{(n+1)}$ .
- context length (76?)  $\wedge$  vocab size 49407  $\sim 2.3 \cdot 10^{92925}$
- Can every piece of text be conveyed by an image? (I think no)
- Language is completely human!

# The idea behind CLIP: Contrastive pairs

<https://openai.com/research/clip>

- contrastive learning (2 weeks)
- N-Pair with batch size 32,768
- text model has ~ 63M
- vision model has ~ 87M
- Cosine similarity -> dot product
- approach scales

## 1. Contrastive pre-training



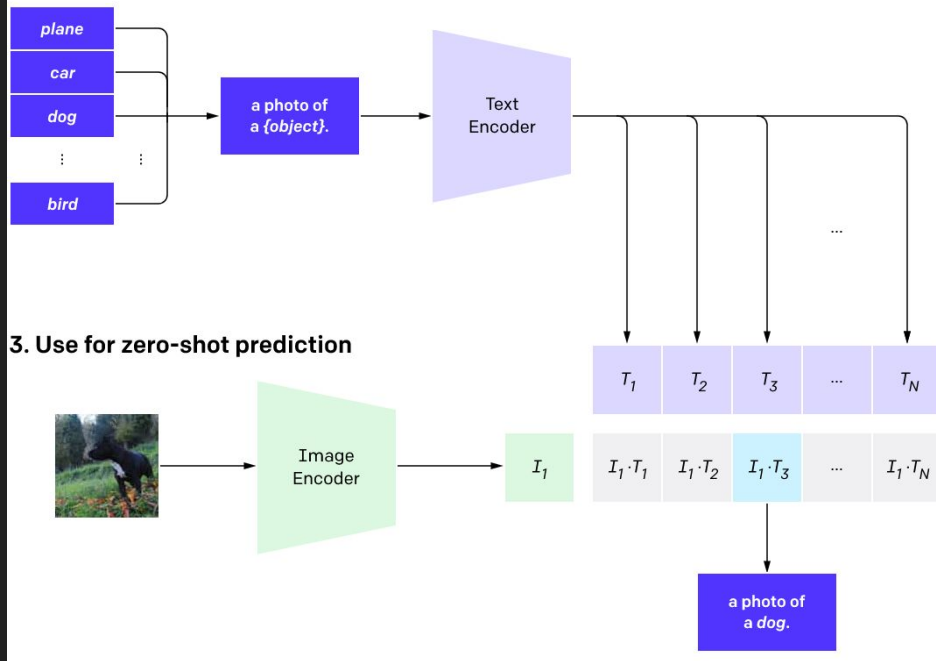
# The Dataset

- from the actual CLIP paper <https://arxiv.org/pdf/2103.00020.pdf>: **400M** pairs from image search, words from wikipedia 100+
- LAION**5B**: exploration -> <https://rom1504.github.io/clip-retrieval/>
- <https://laion.ai/blog/laion-5b/> : “The images are under their copyright.”
- Various filters for watermark, aesthetic score, NSFW, language, duplicates

# Main task for CLIP: zero-shot image classification

- supervised: distinct labels, one domain
- CLIP “natural language supervision”
- 1 model for any domain
- Construct your classifier labels with prompts
- Is robust

## 2. Create dataset classifier from label text

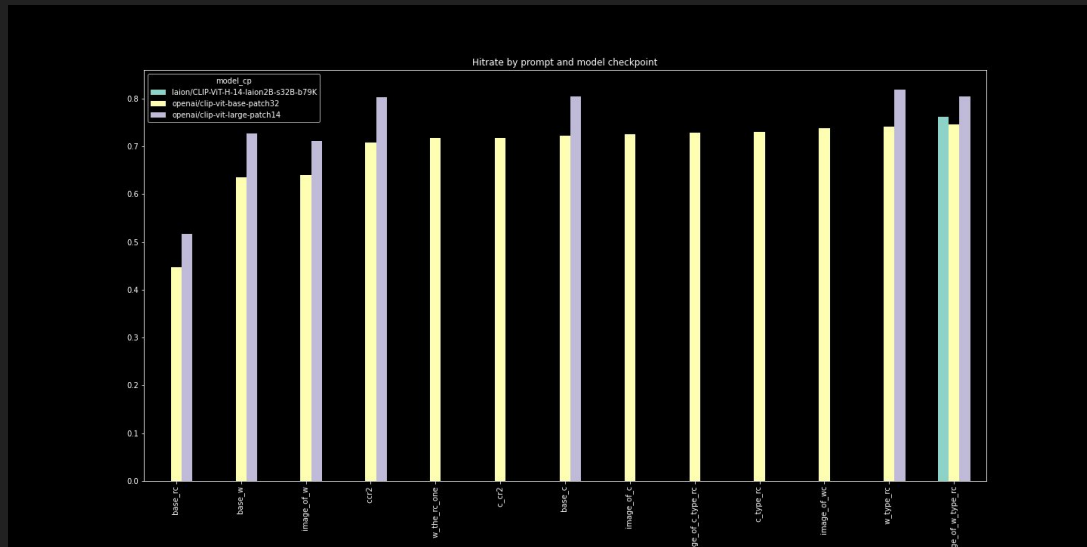




# Research example: visual Word-Sense-Disambiguation

- shared task: <https://raganato.github.io/vwsd/>
- prompt engineering, ensemble, semantic modelling?
- my results:

larger models do better  
ccr2 (repeat words?)  
nearly 80% on train set  
50% on test (baseline)



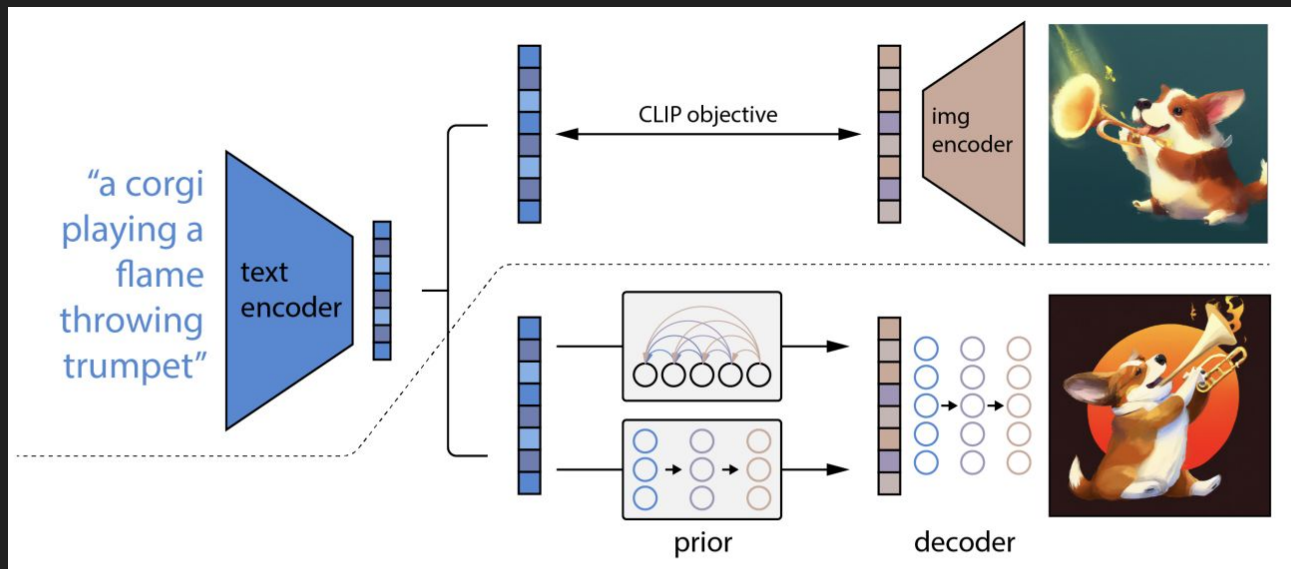
TNX, qs?

# BONUS SLIDES!

- A. Text to image generation
- B. Image Saliency maps
- C. Shader Match? (my own research, WIP)

# BONUS SLIDE: A - text2img

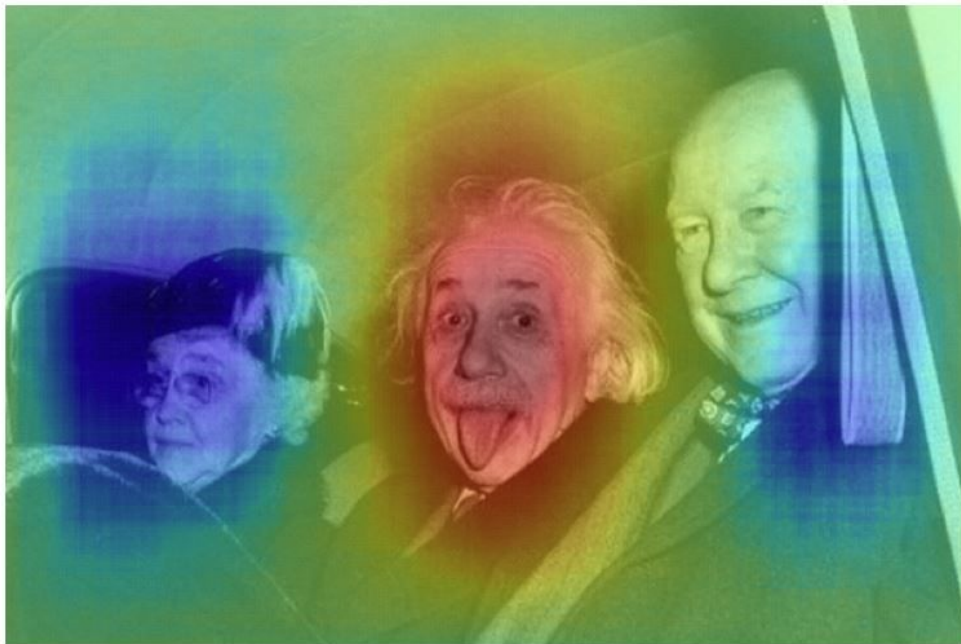
- Precursors: ImageGPT, Dall-E
- We need to decode the embedding into pixels for an image: Diffusion
- “unCLIP”
- StableDiffusion
- Midjourney
- ControlNet
- text2nerf/3D
- text2video



## BONUS SLIDE B - Image Saliency Maps

- Research background might be astronomy?
- Random patches/crops
- Any ideas what to use this for?
- There is some way to do this with cross attention, to see which part of an image attend to each word (not directly clip related)

Query: "Who developed the Theory of General Relativity?"



## BONUS SLIDE C - ShaderEval task X?

- Term paper turned hobby project (maybe Bachelor Thesis)
- My own dataset of title, description, code, frame sequences(any length)
- “text2img” via shader code, kinda
- Anyone interested for work with me on this?

BYE!