



Scene Graph Expansion for Semantics-Guided Image Outpainting

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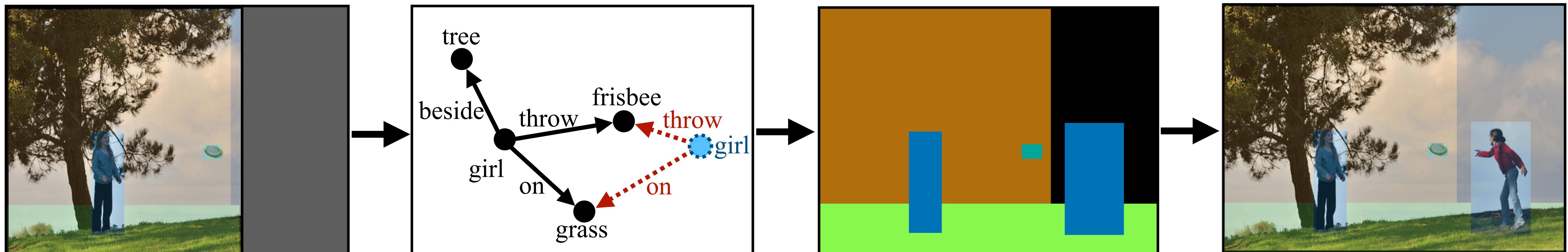


Image Outpainting

Generate the visual context of an image beyond its given boundary.



Input



Output

Observation

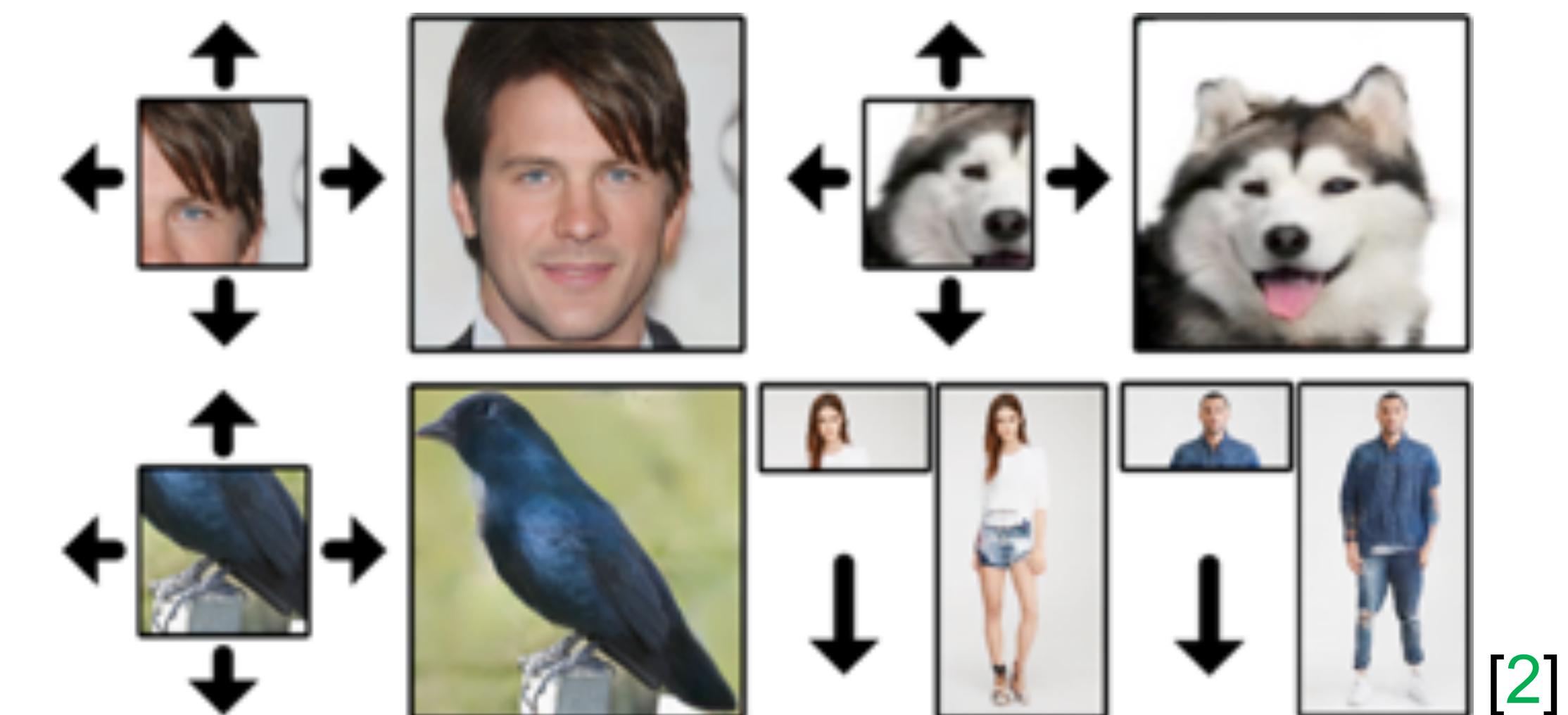
- Most previous approaches focus on...



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1. extending the surrounding texture
eg. sceneries

2. completing the fractional objects
eg. faces, birds, clothes

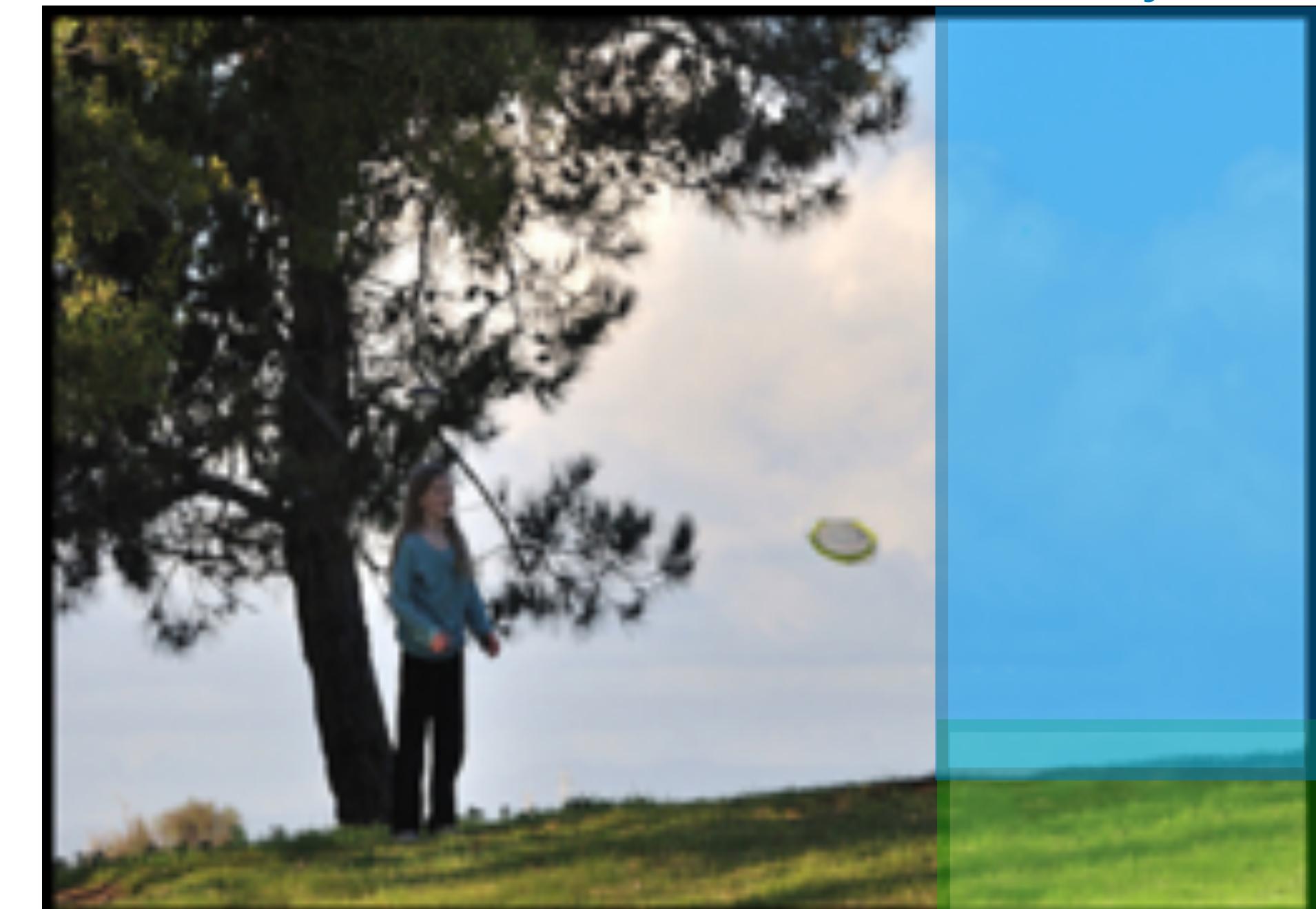


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A Toy Example



Motivation

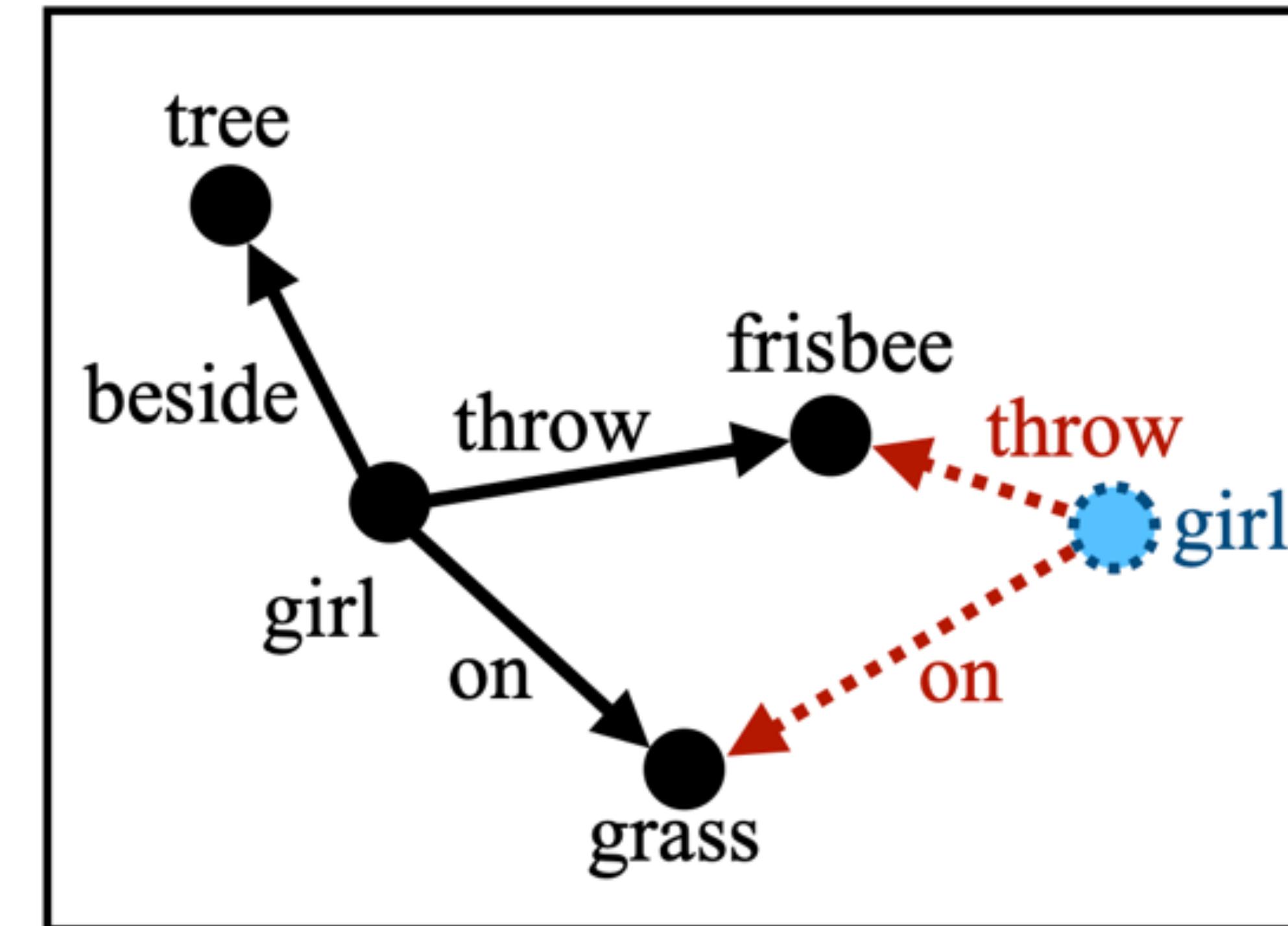
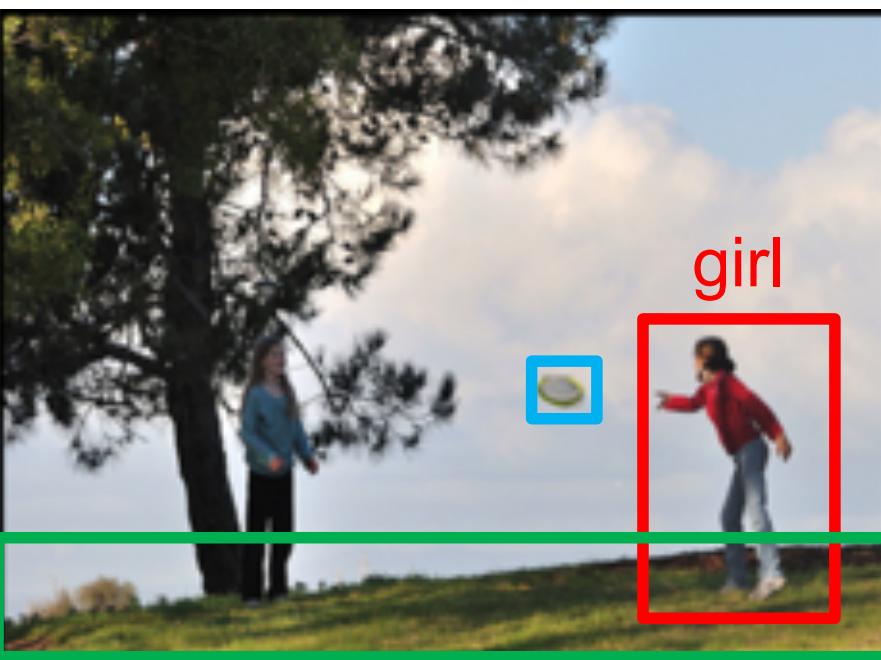
- To generate novel **object(s)** with reasonable **relationships**



girl
girl throw frisbee
girl on grass

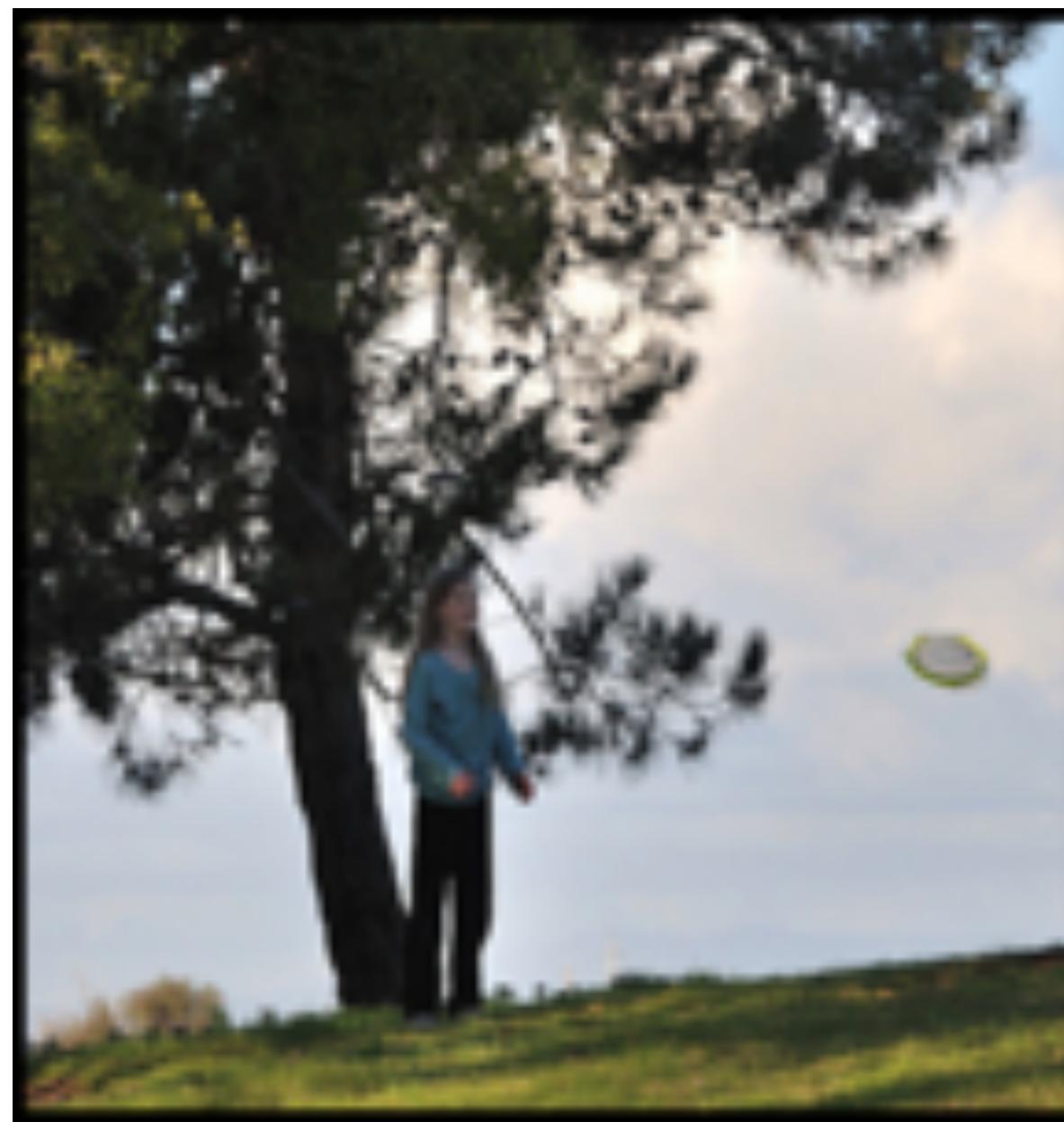
Scene Graphs

- To analyze both **objects** and **relationships**, **scene graph** is a desirable data representation.

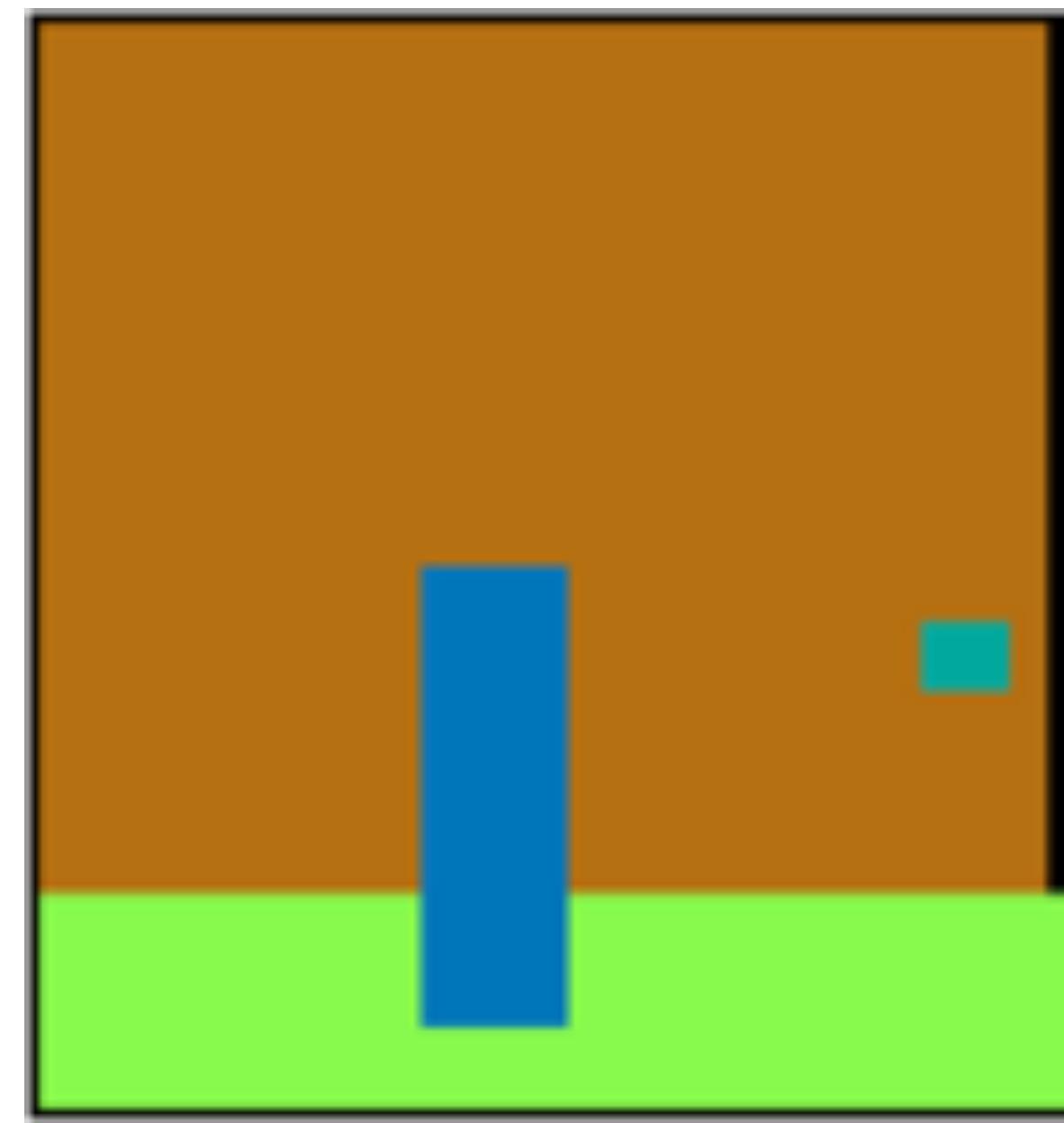


Three-level Representation

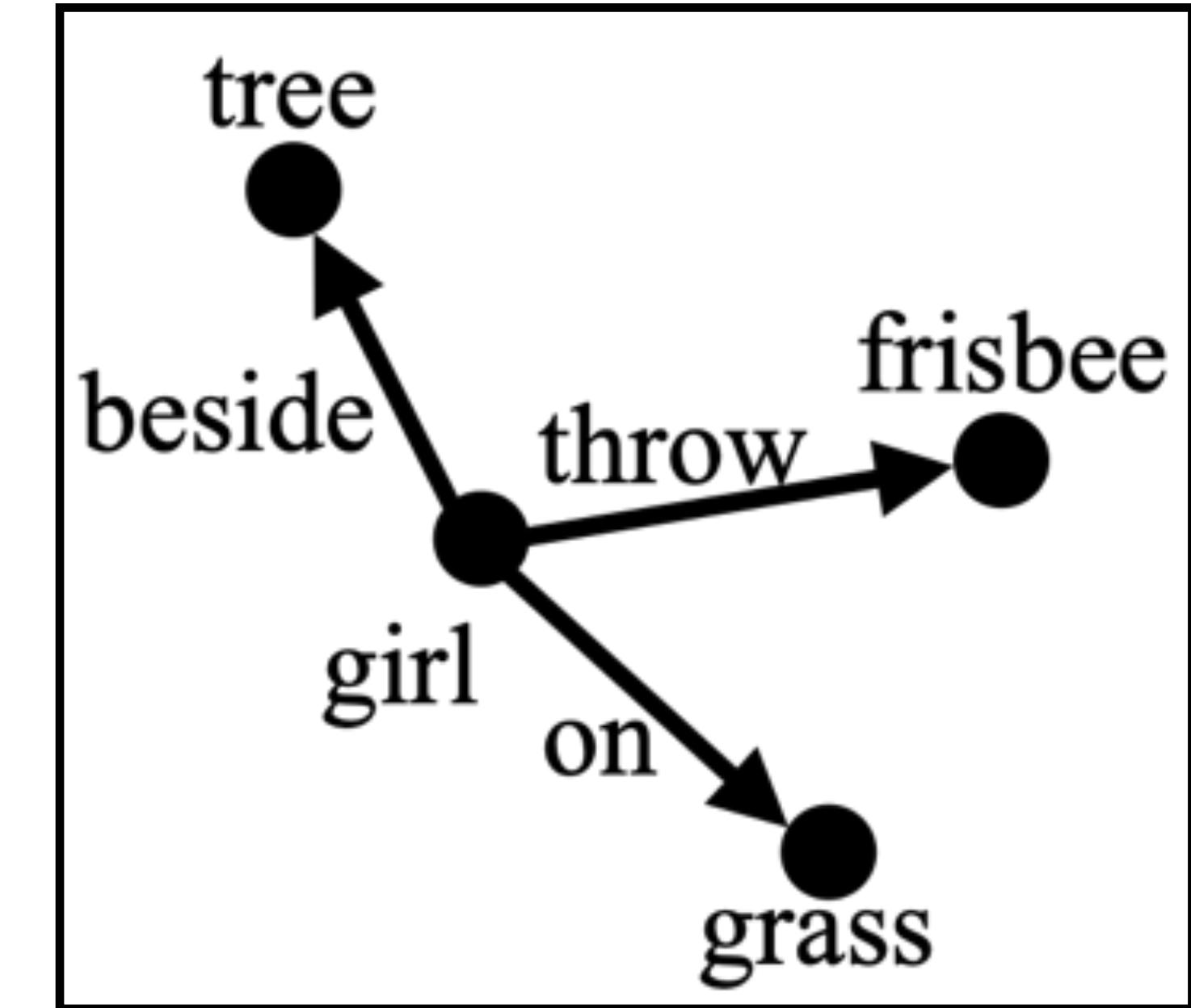
- A given image can be decomposed into **three** levels of information.



Visual (RGB image)



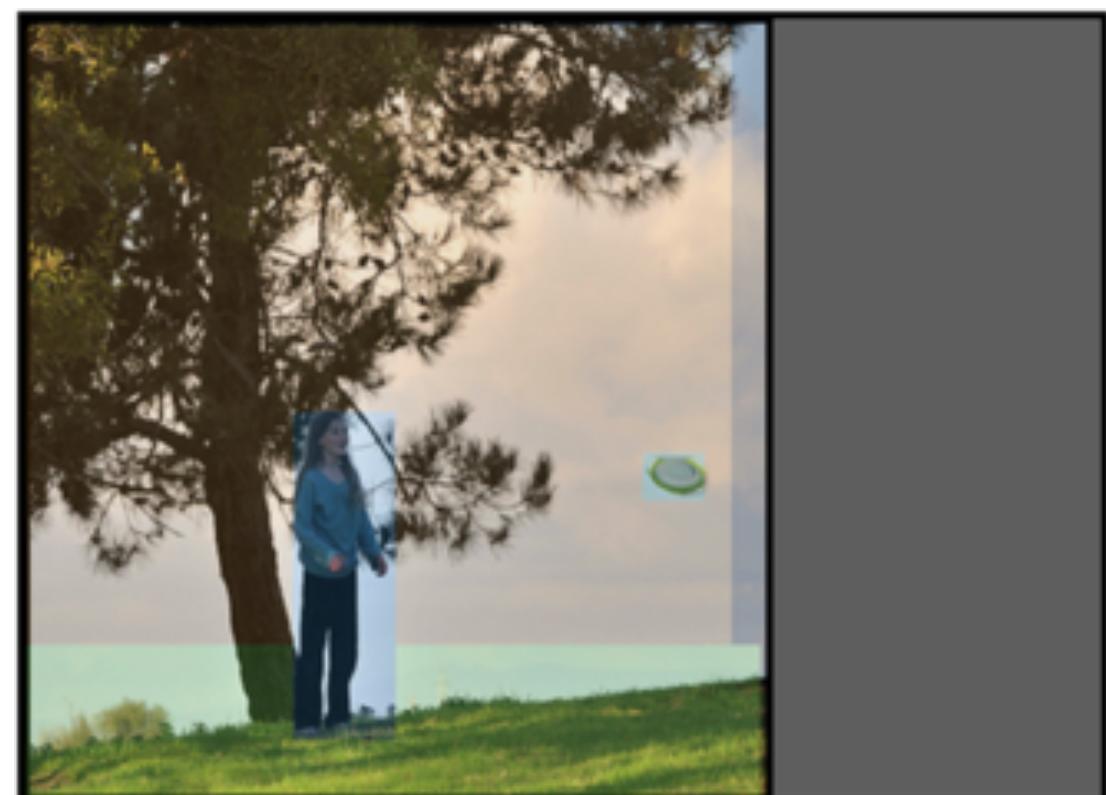
Layout (Bounding box)



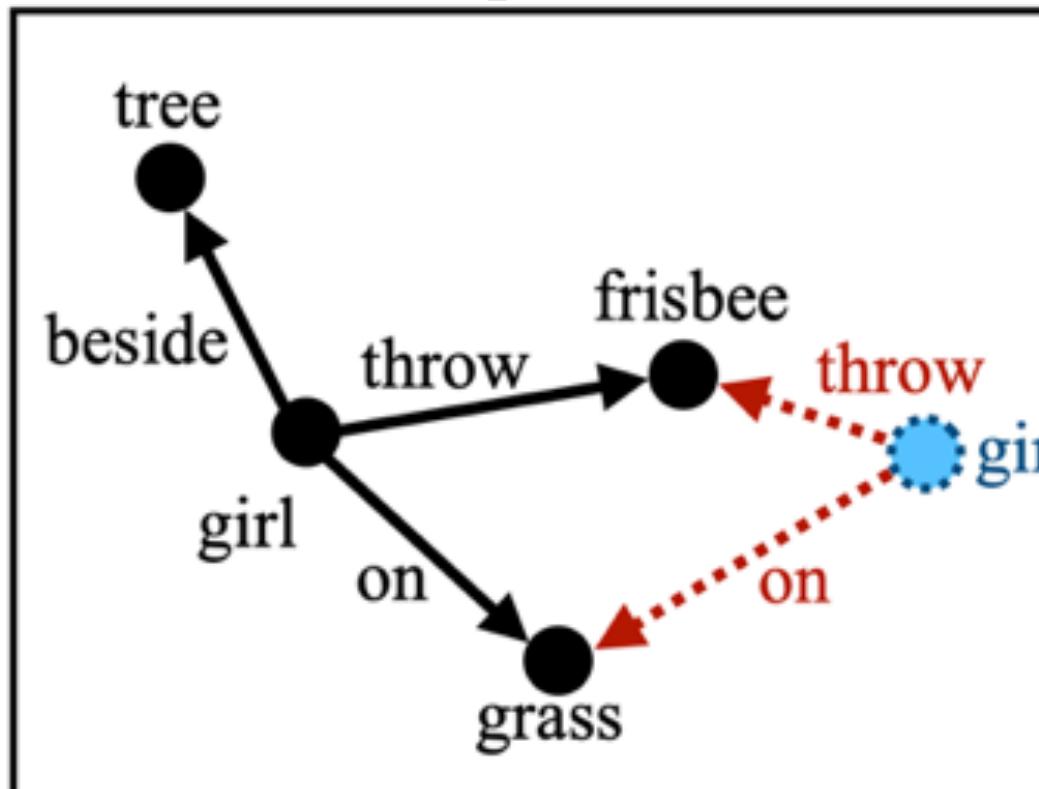
Scene graph

Three-stage Outpainting

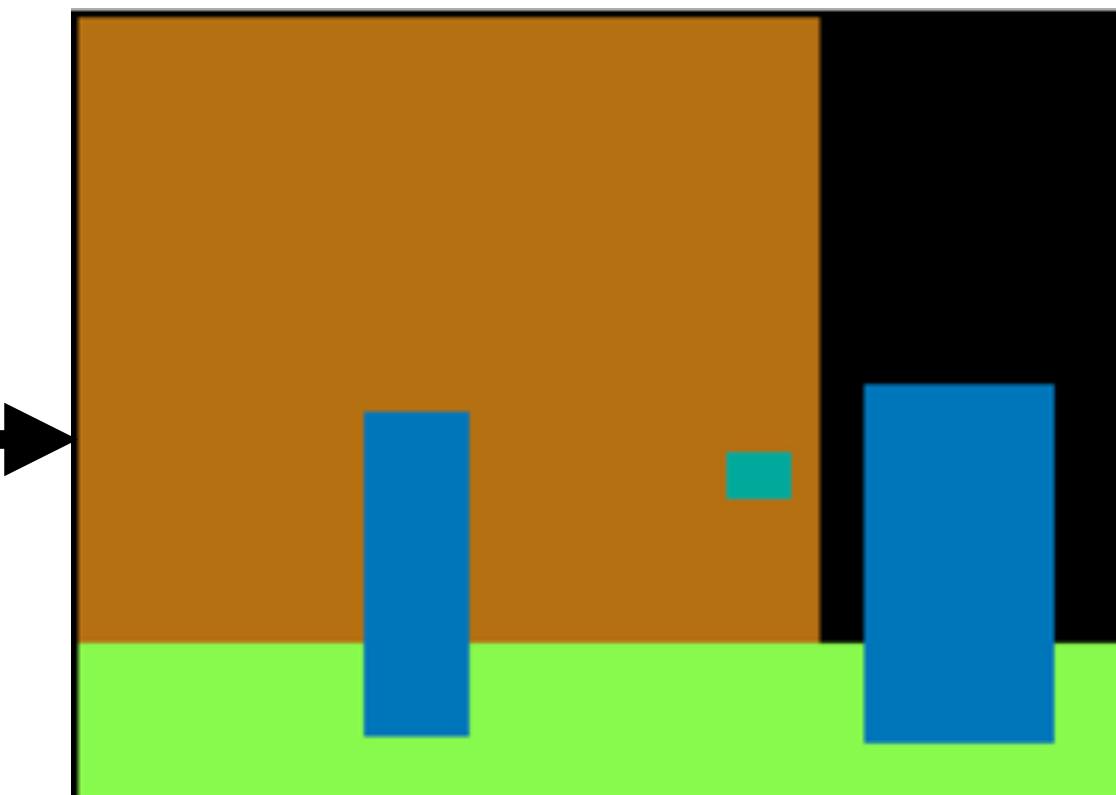
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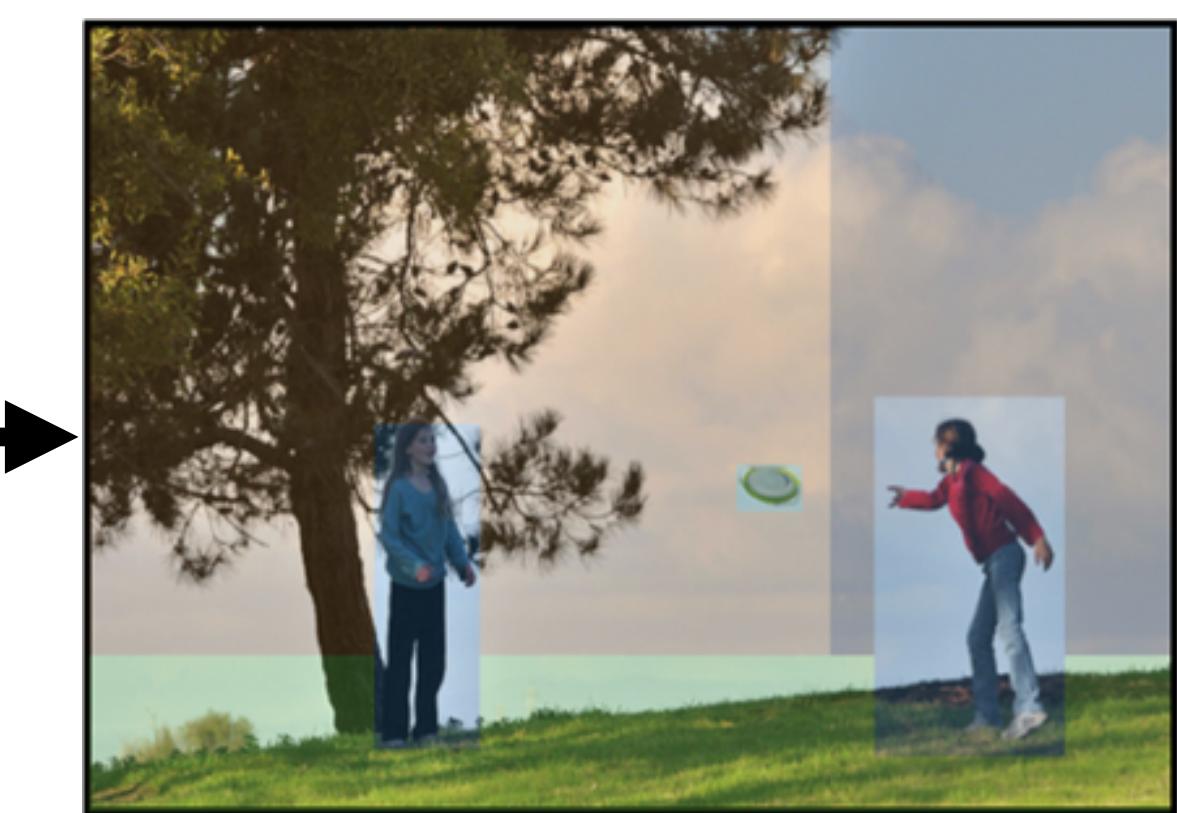
(1) SGE
Scene Graph Expansion



(2) G2L
Graph-to-Layout



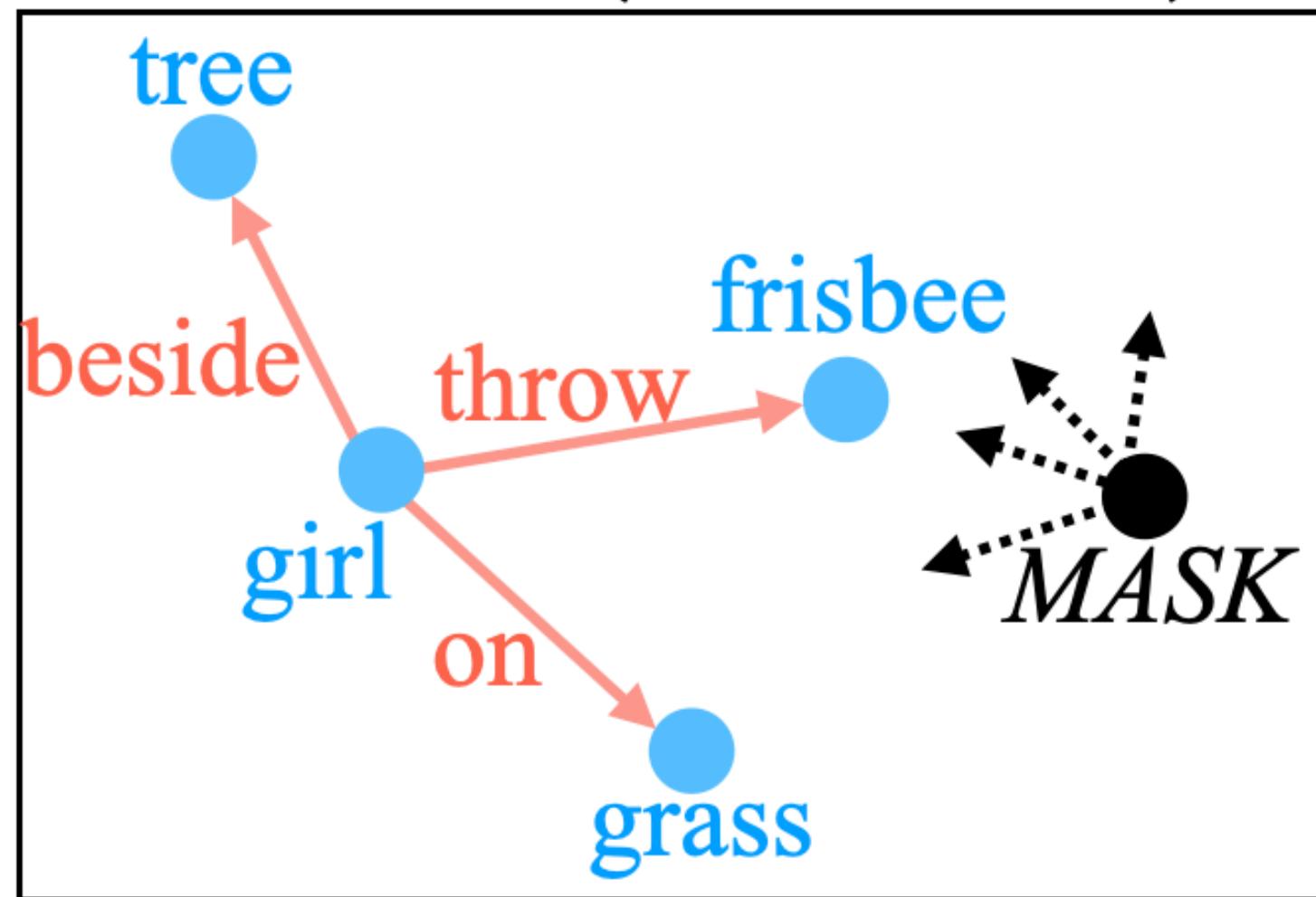
(3) L2I
Layout-to-Image



Output

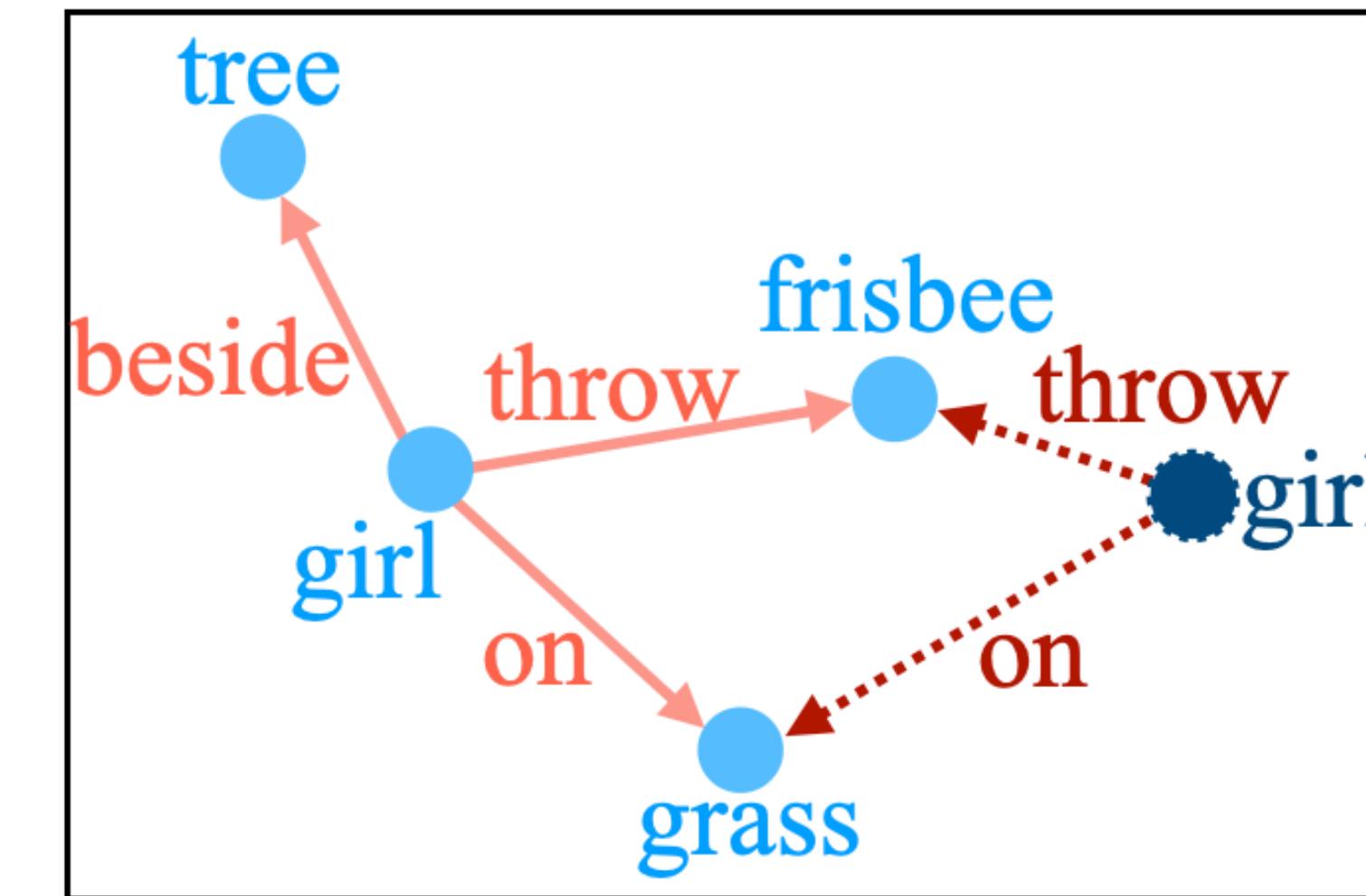
Scene Graph Expansion

$$\mathcal{S}^{in} = (\mathbf{O}^{in}, \mathbf{R}^{in})$$



Input SG

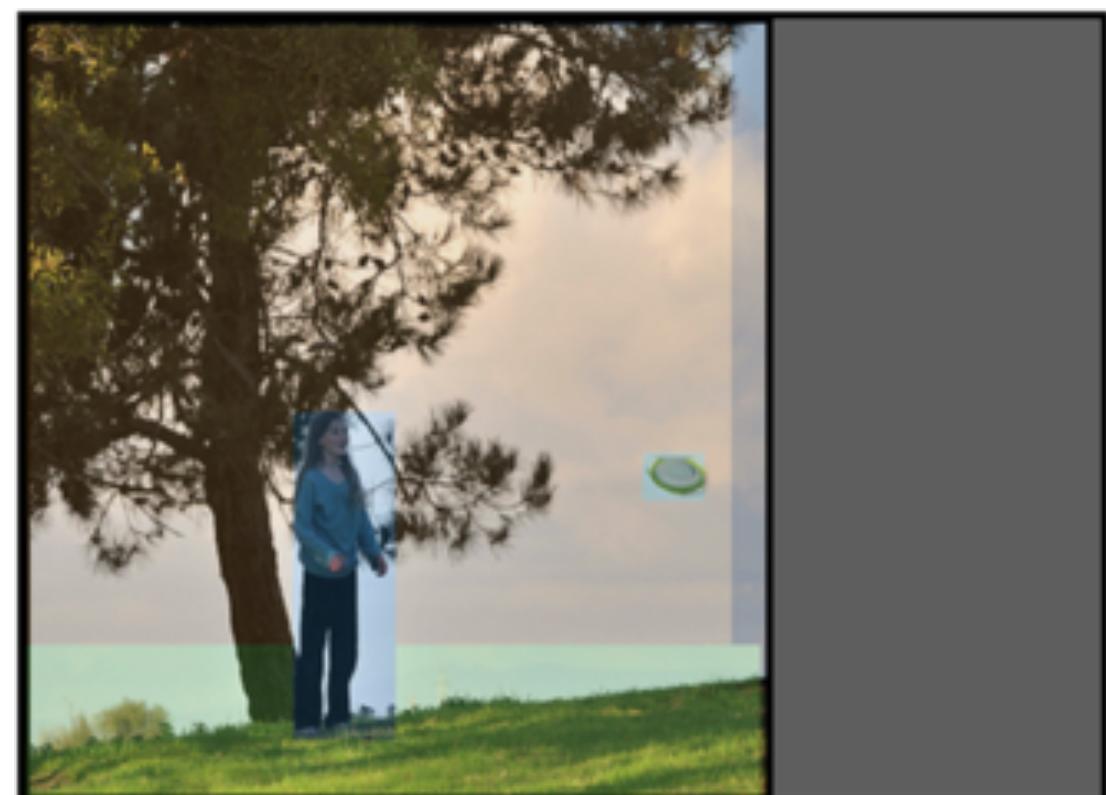
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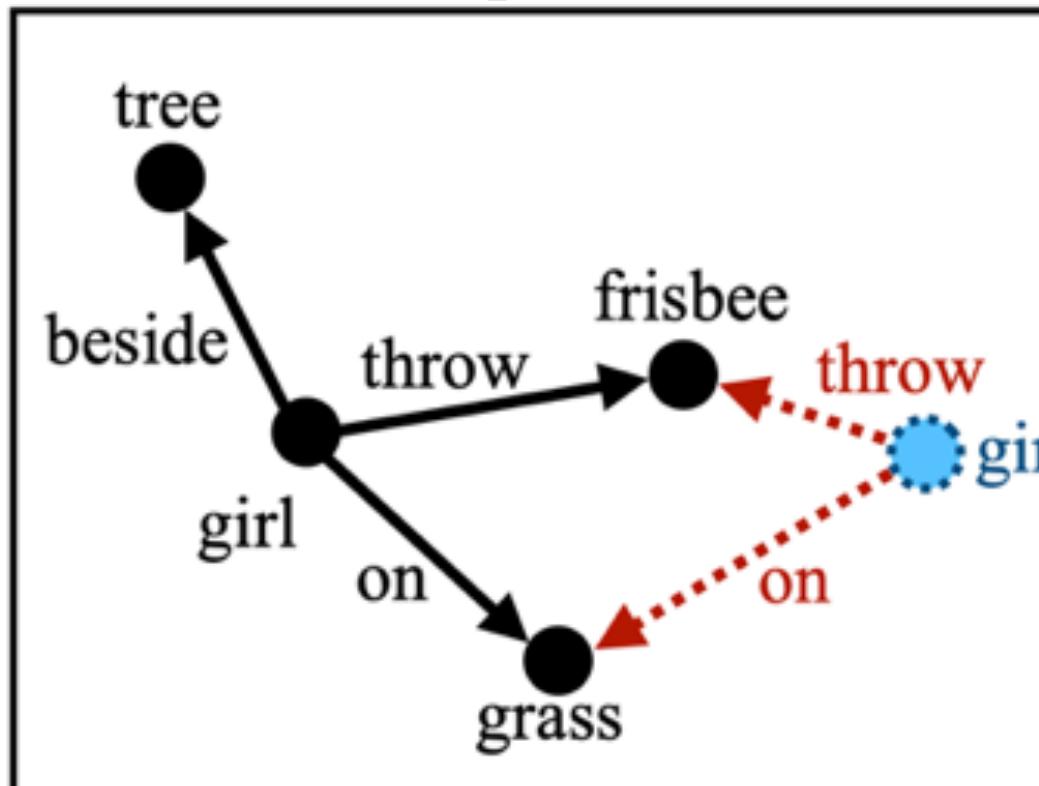
Output SG

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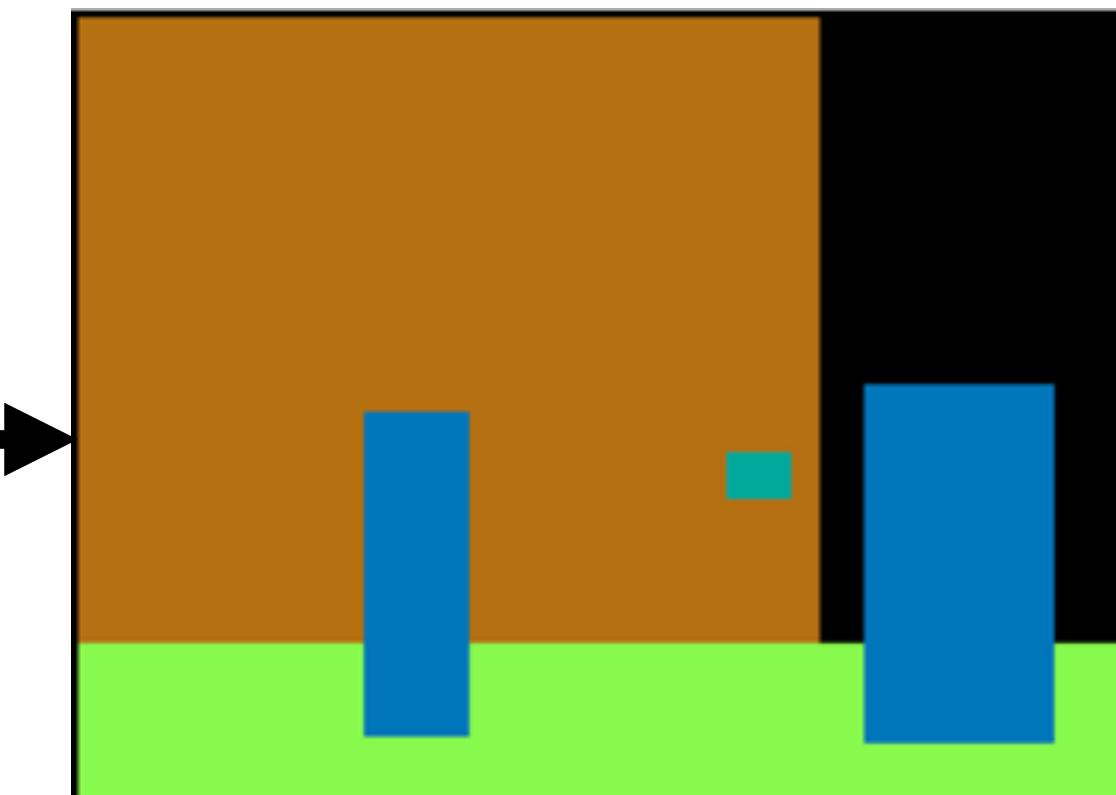
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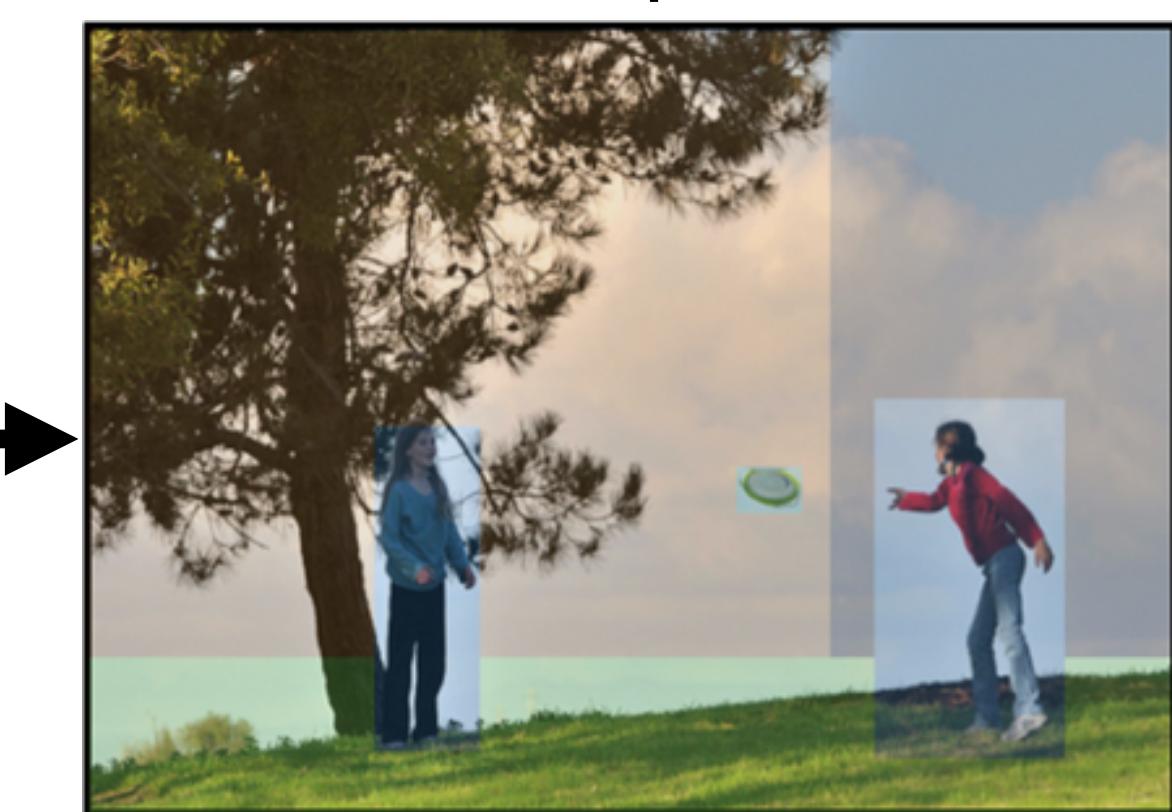
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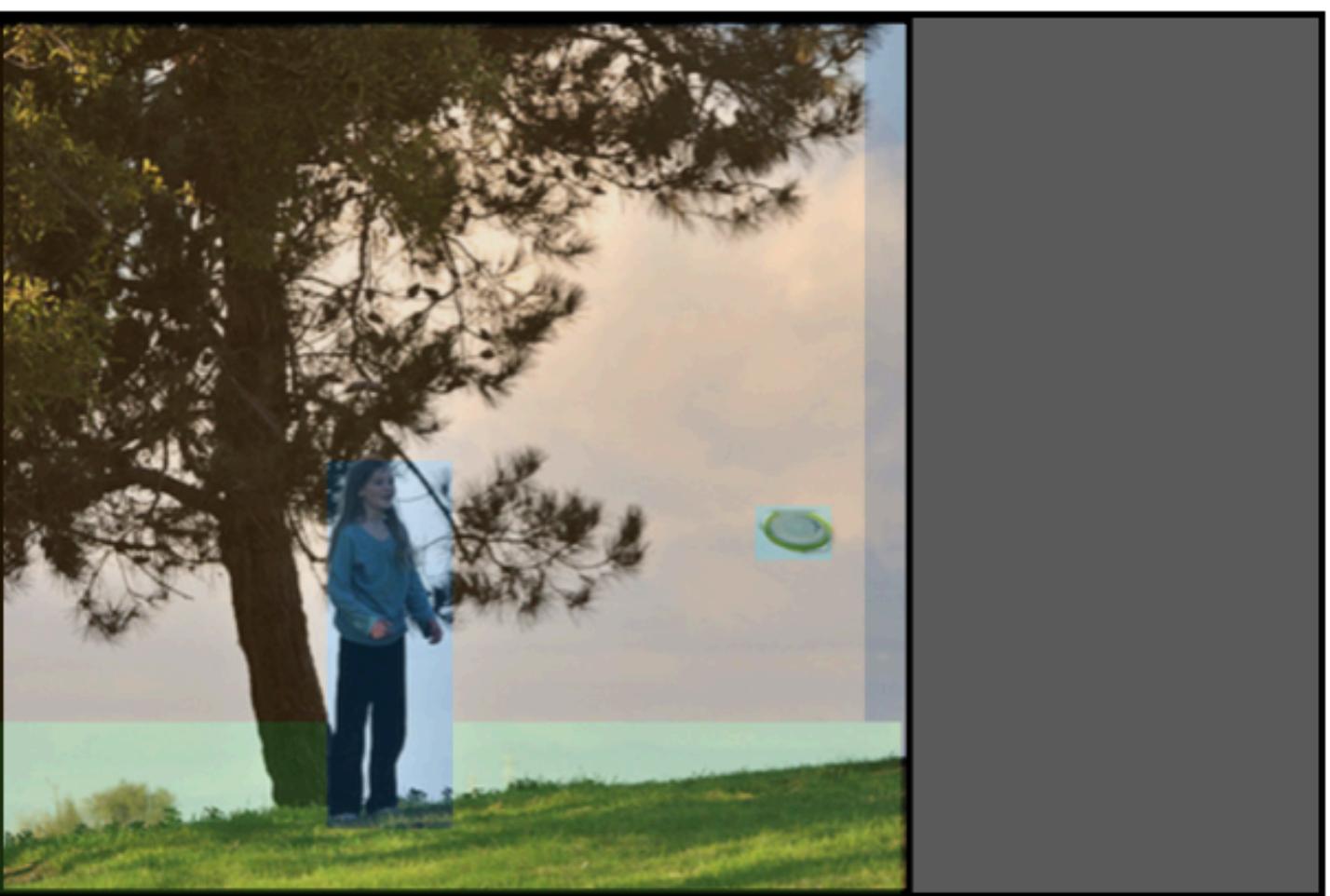
(3) L2I
Layout-to-Image



Output

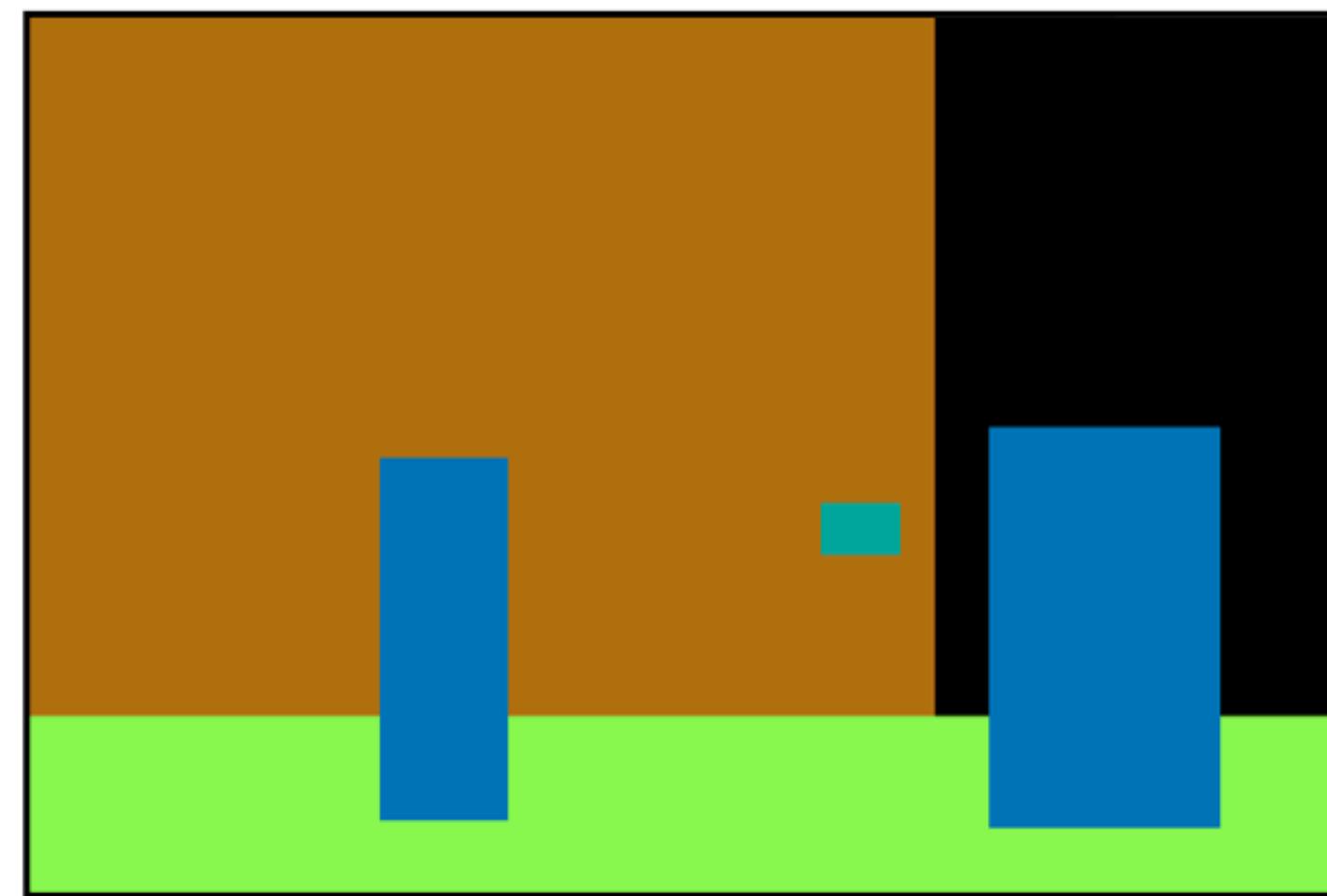
Graph-to-Layout

$$(L^{in}, I^{in}) = (\mathbf{B}^{in}, \mathbf{D}^{in}, I^{in})$$



Input layout, image

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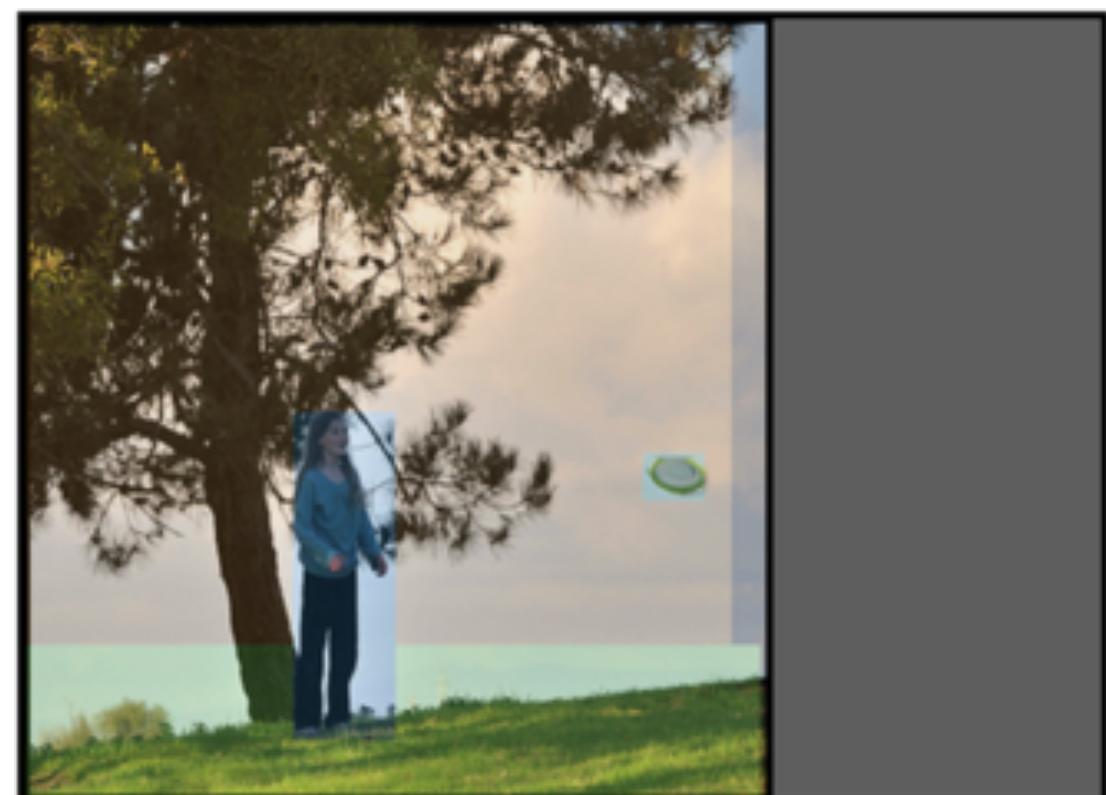


Output layout

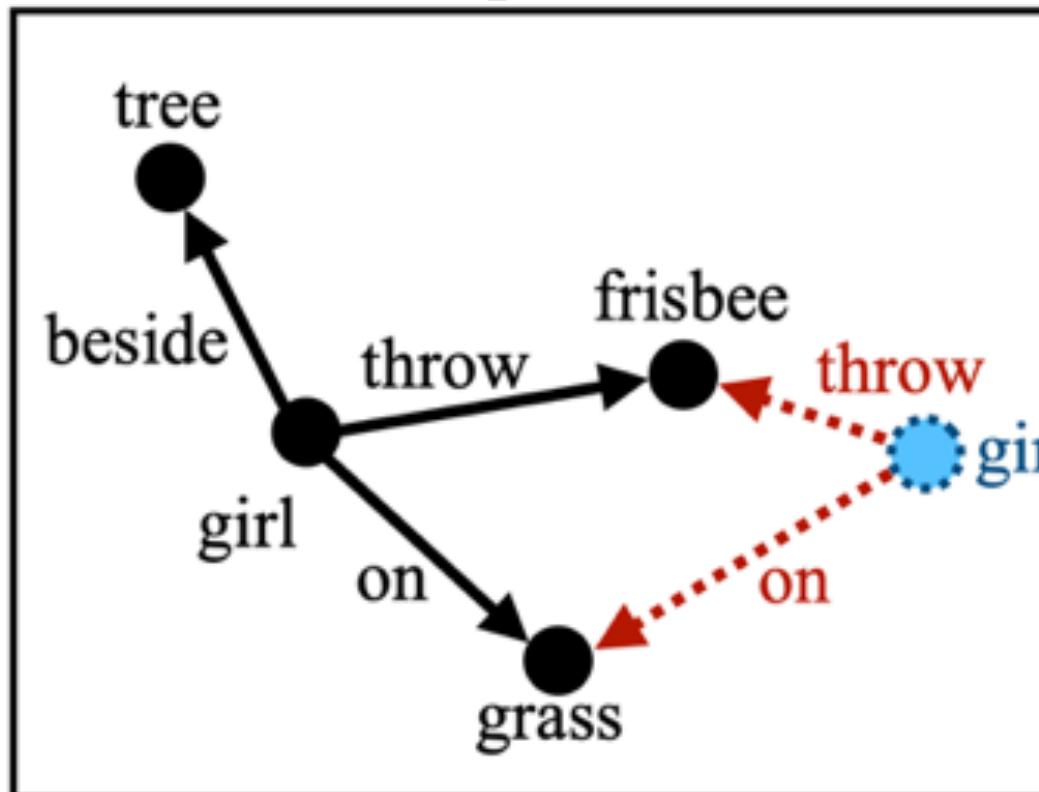
$$\begin{cases} B_i &= \text{bounding box of object}_i \\ D_{ij} &= \text{bounding box displacement between object}_i \text{ and object}_j \end{cases}$$

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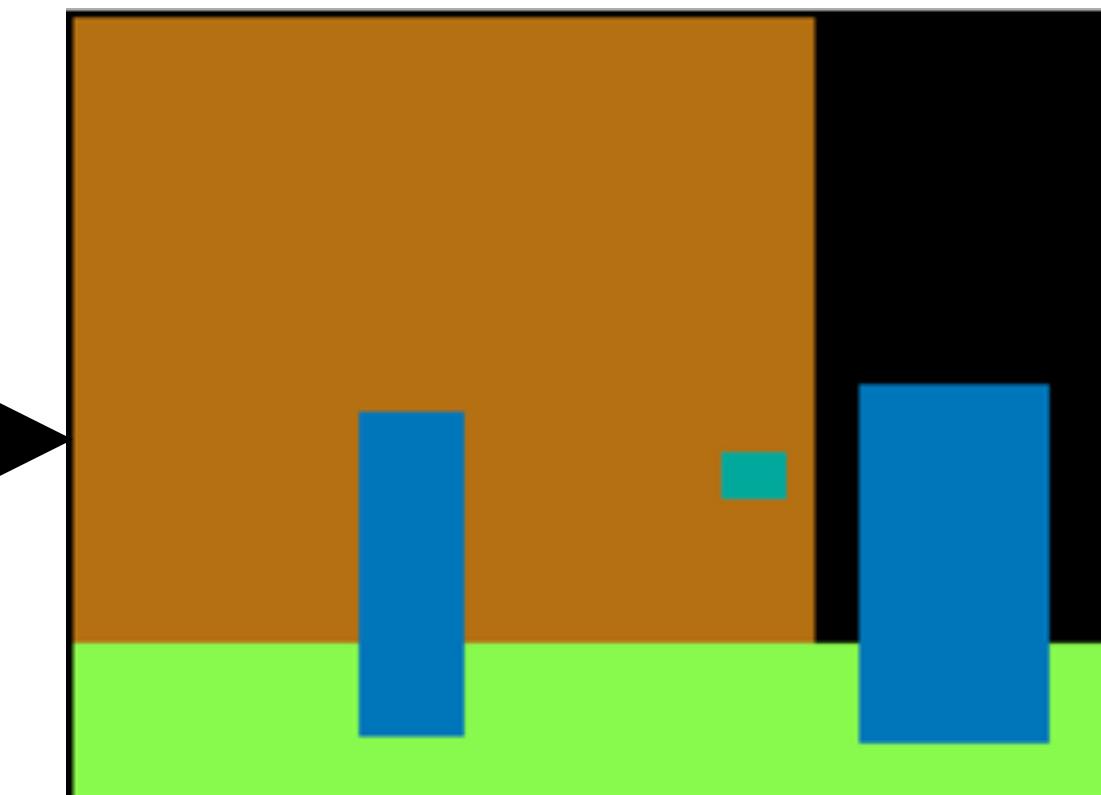
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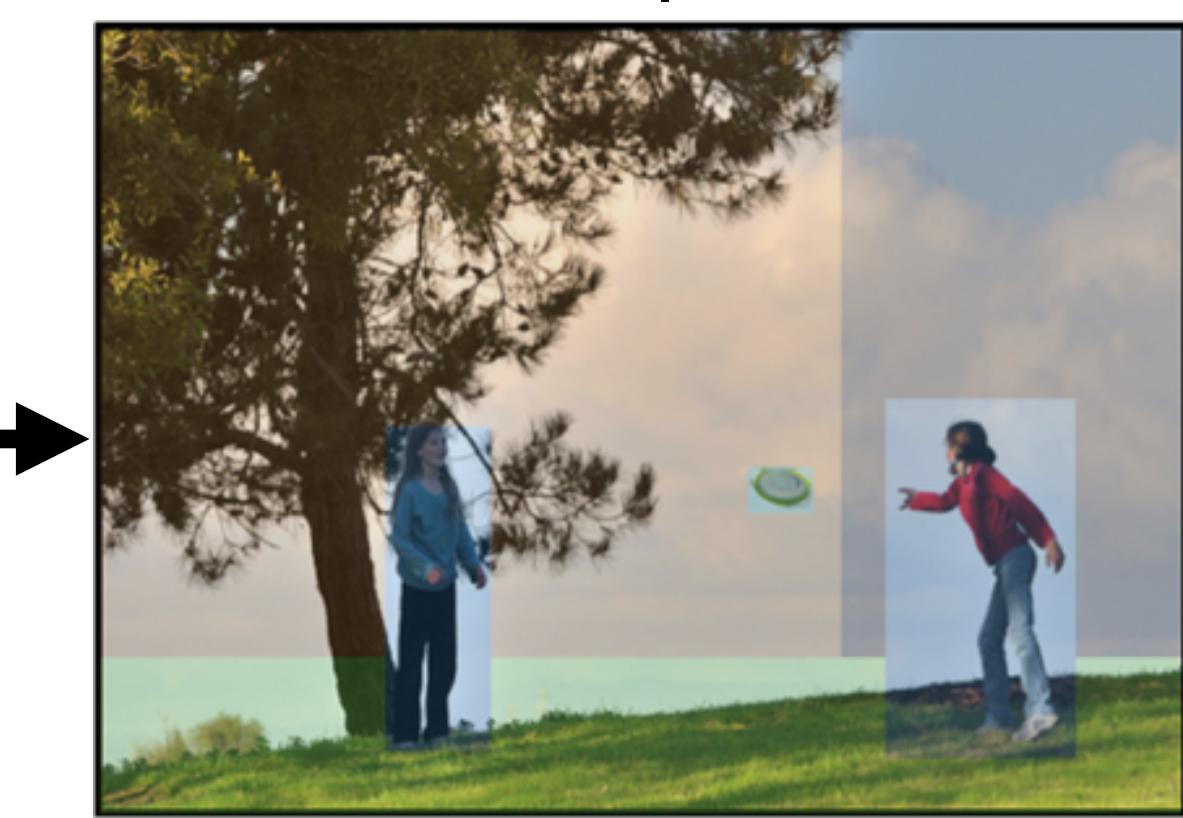
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Output

Approach

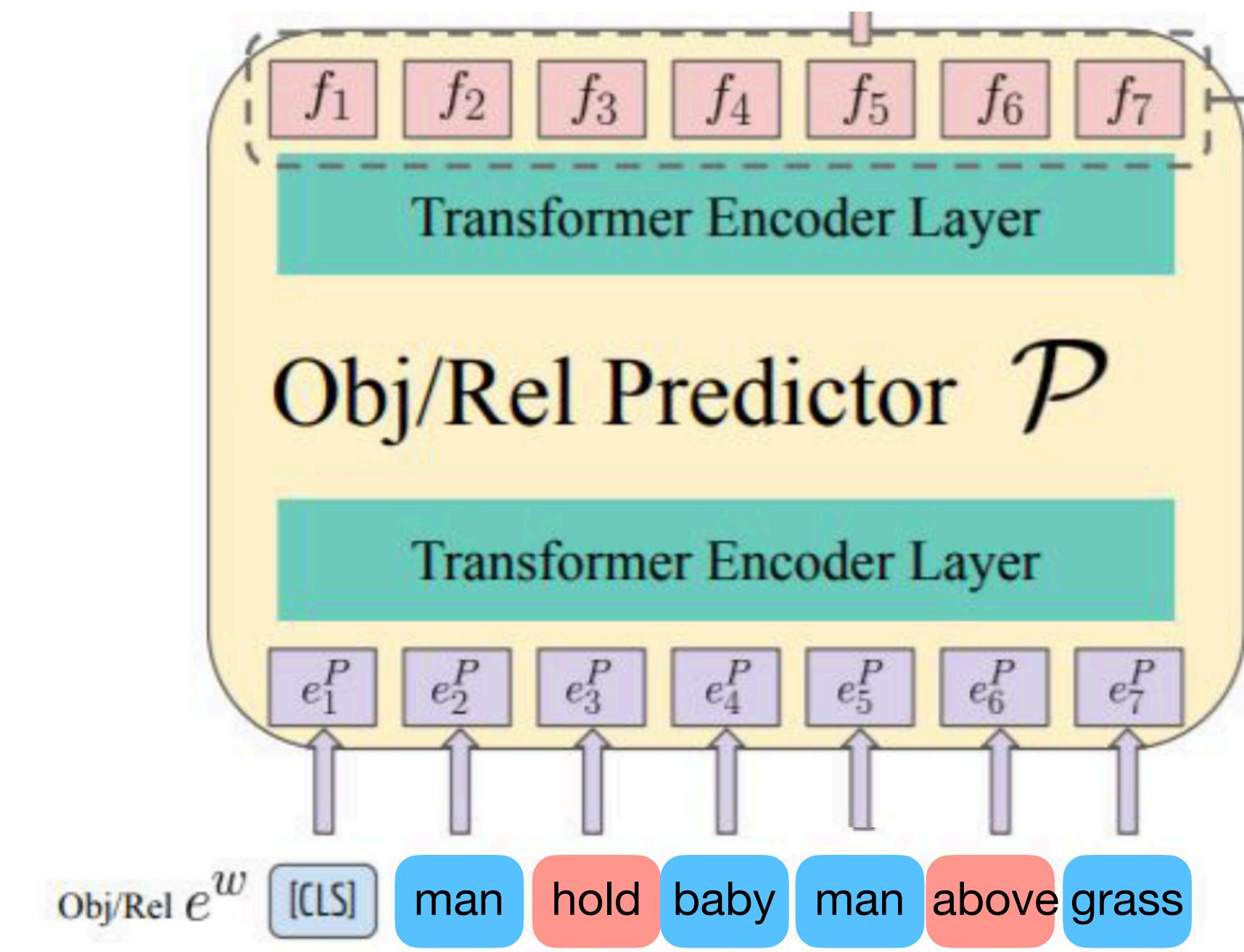
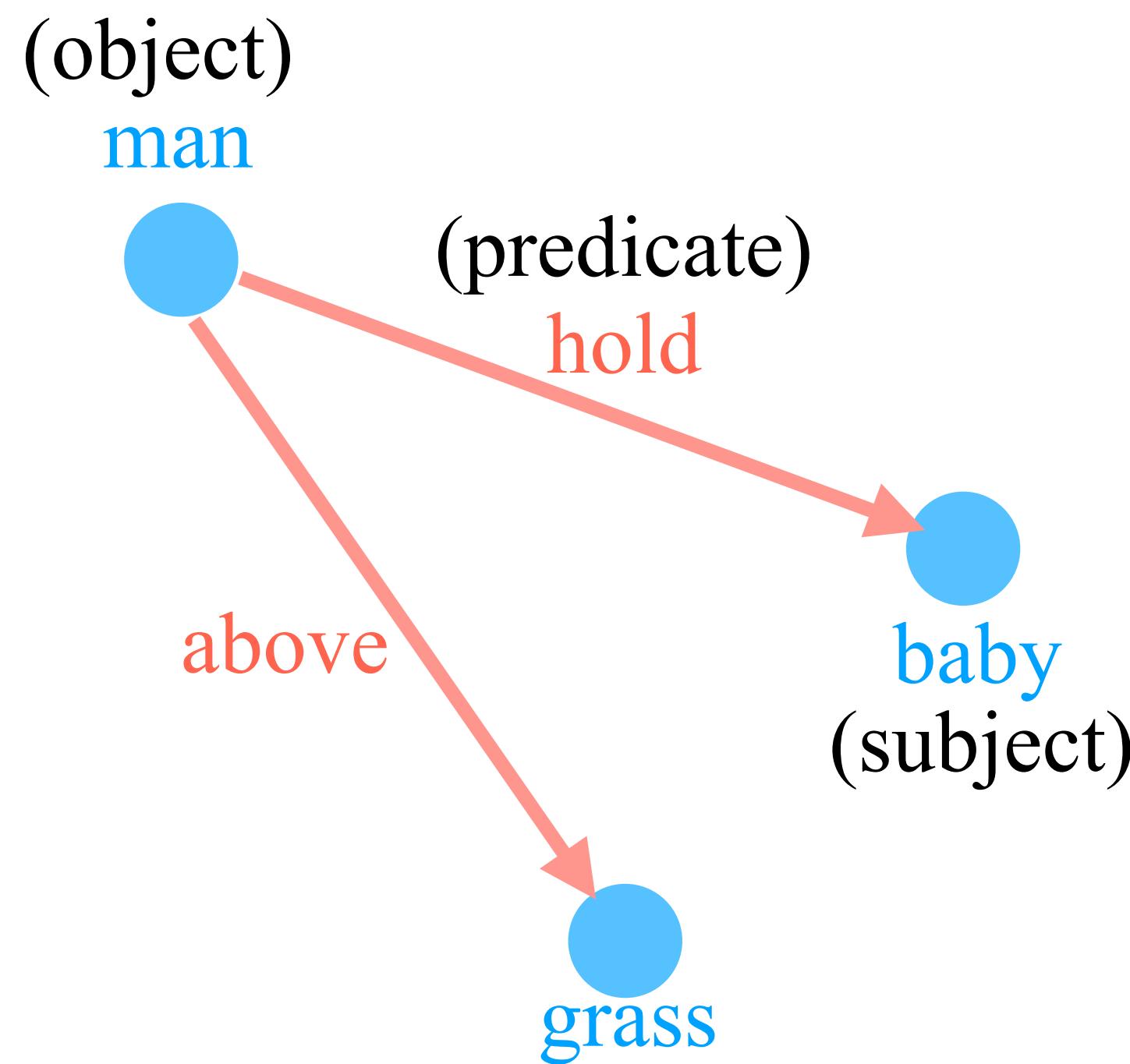
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The Problems of Standard Transformers

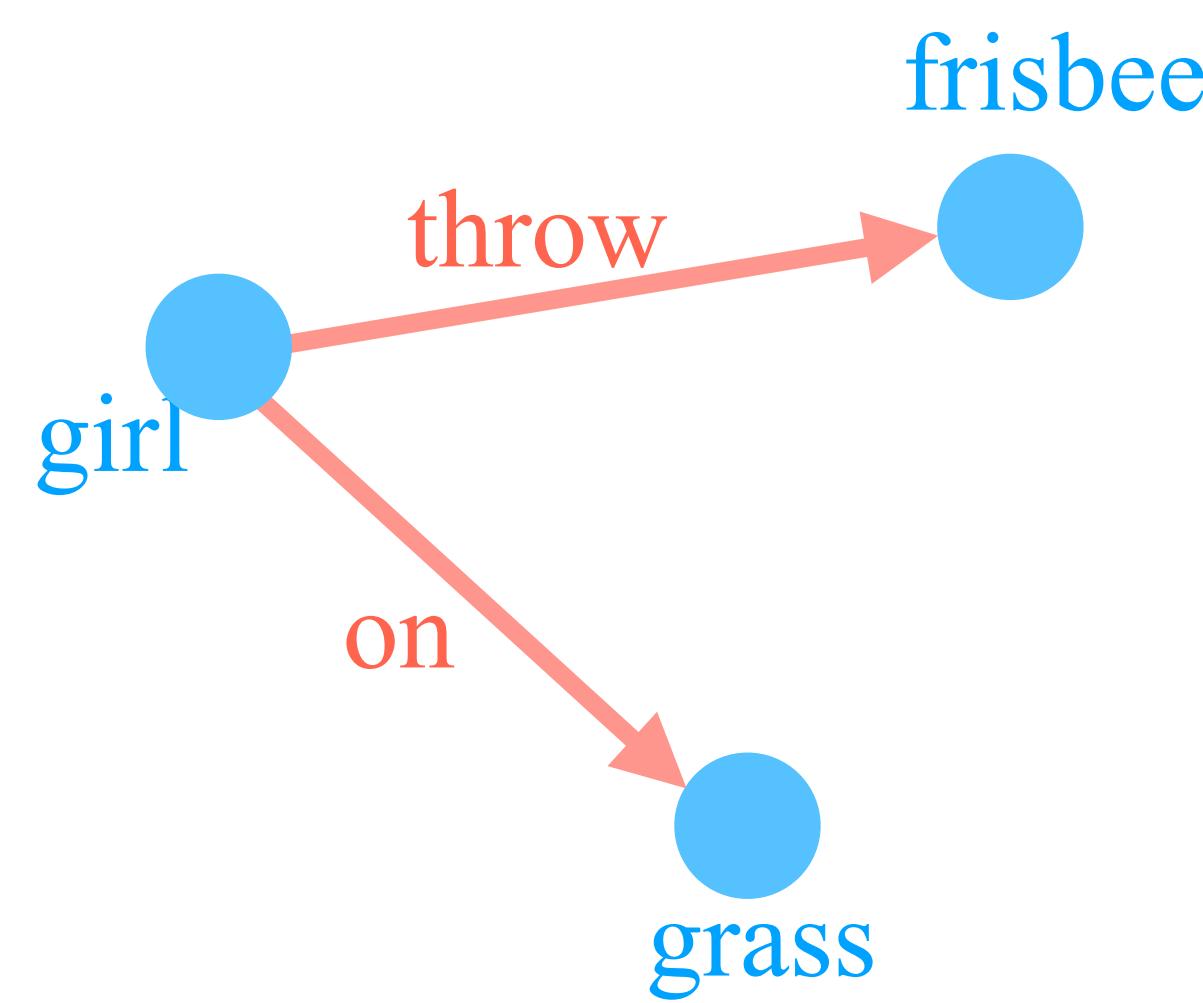
- Previous approaches “flatten” the scene graph as triplets sequence which result in long sequence length for a large scene graph
 $L = 3E = 3N^2$.



LTNet (Yang et al. CVPR 2021.)

The Problems of Standard Transformers

- It also cause redundant computation since a **single object with multiple relationships** will occur in multiple triplets.



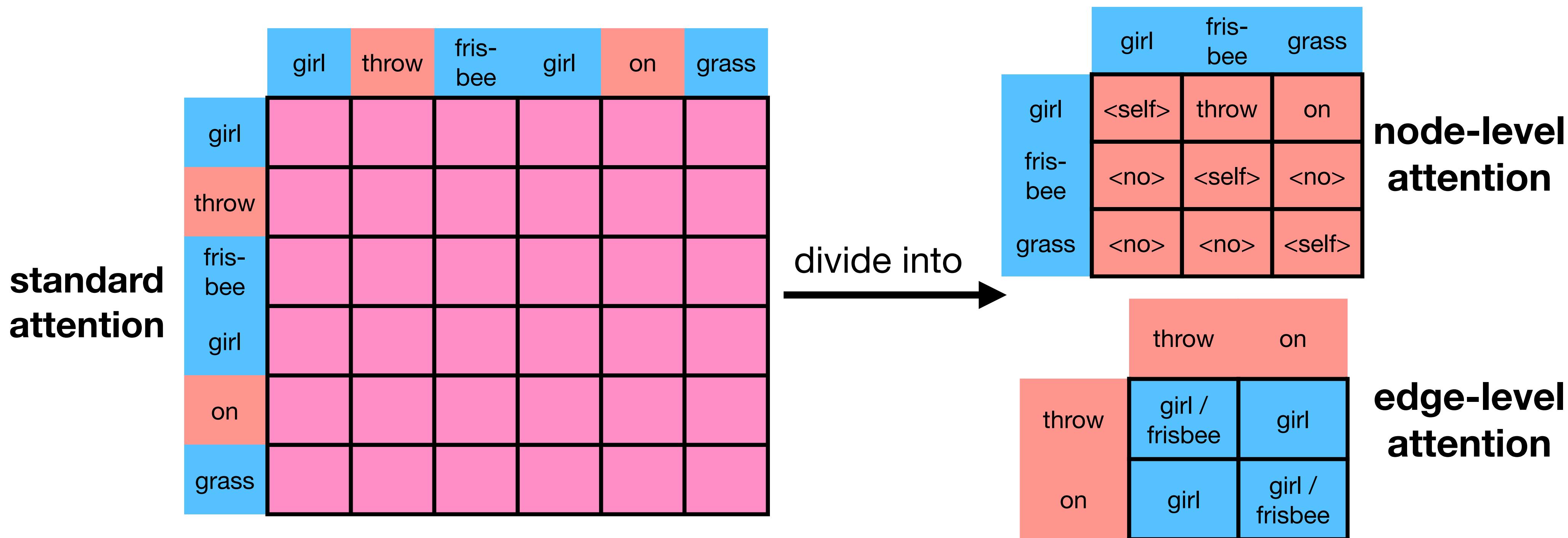
Scene Graph

		Key					
		girl	throw	frisbee	girl	on	grass
Query	girl	green	white	white	white	white	white
	throw	white	white	white	white	white	white
frisbee	girl	white	white	white	white	white	white
	on	white	white	white	white	white	white
grass	girl	white	white	white	white	white	white
	throw	white	white	white	white	white	white

Redundant Computation of Self-attention

Scene Graph Transformer

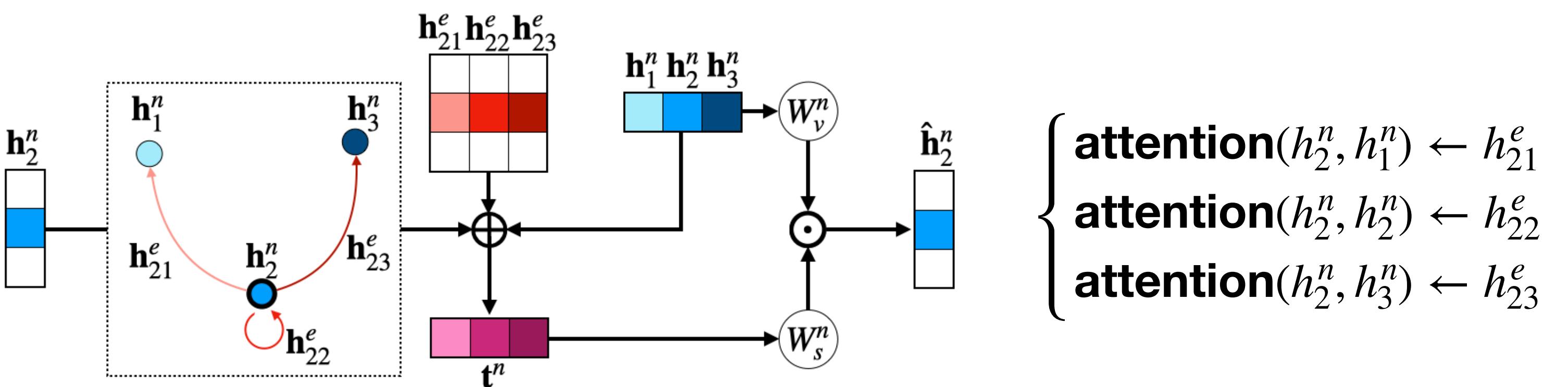
- No long input sequence
- No redundant computation



Node-level attention

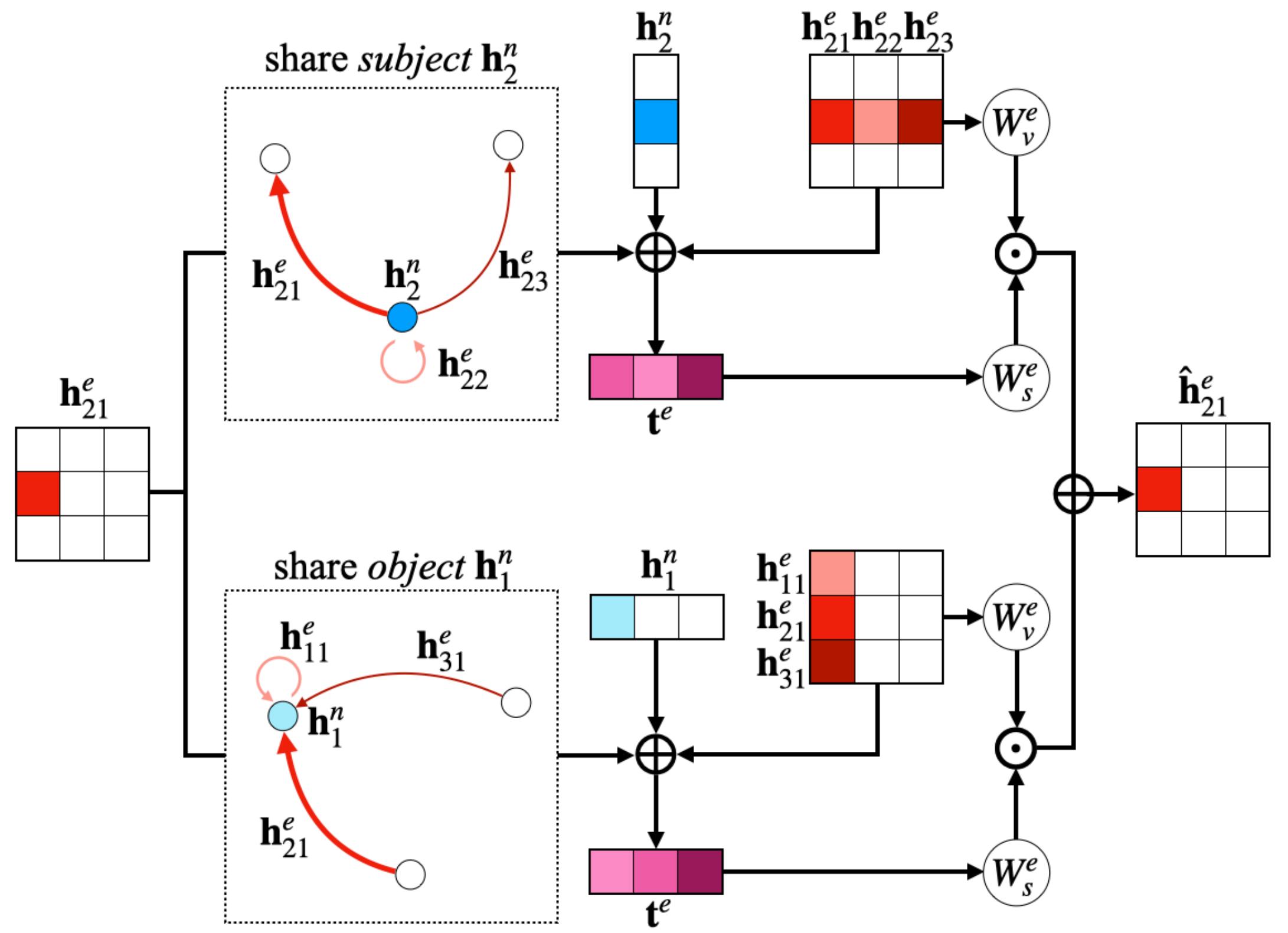
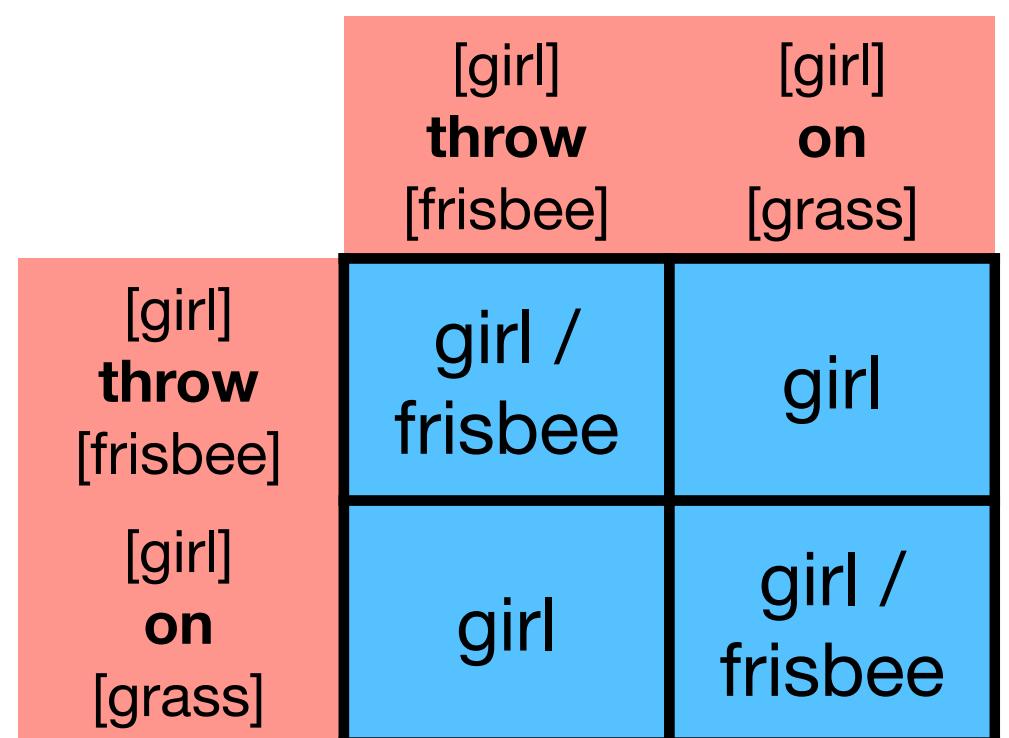
- The attention between (node_i, node_j) is dependent on edge_ij.

	girl	frisbee	grass
girl	<self>	throw	on
frisbee	<no>	<self>	<no>
grass	<no>	<no>	<self>



Edge-level attention

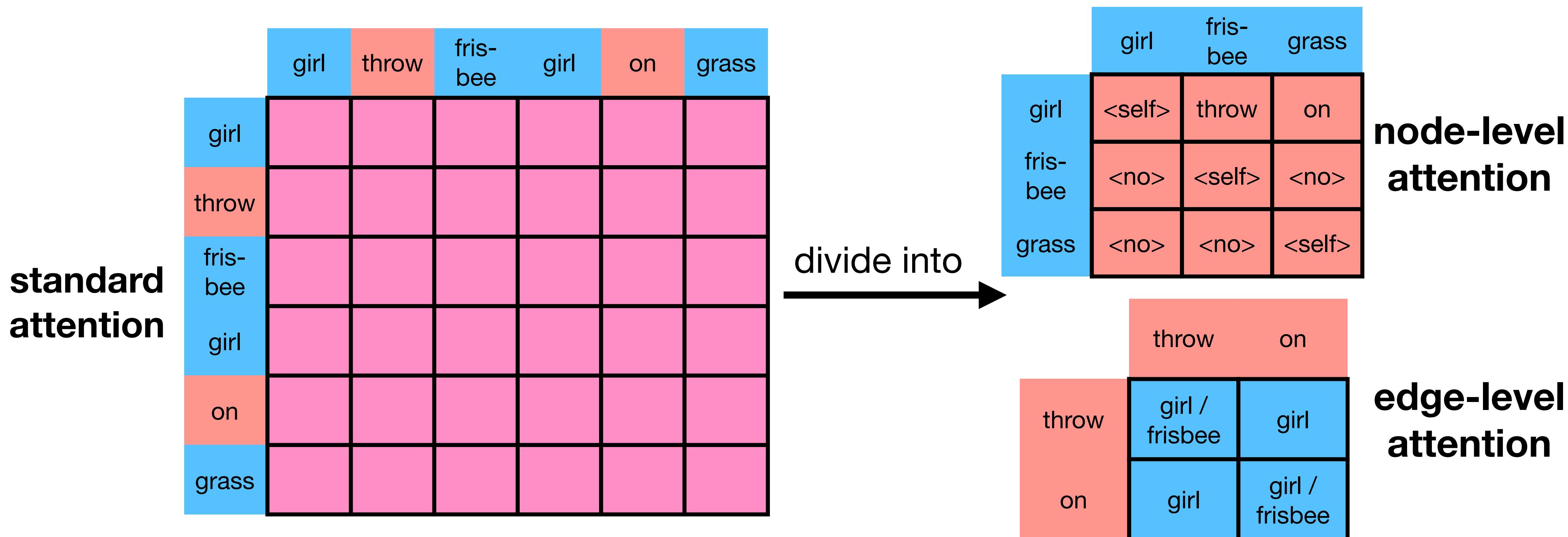
- The attention (edge_{ij} , edge_{ik}) is dependent on object node_i.
The attention (edge_{ij} , edge_{kj}) is dependent on subject node_j.



$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{attention}(h_{21}^e, h_{21}^e) \leftarrow h_2^n, h_1^n \\ \text{attention}(h_{21}^e, h_{22}^e) \leftarrow h_2^n \\ \text{attention}(h_{21}^e, h_{23}^e) \leftarrow h_2^n \\ \text{attention}(h_{21}^e, h_{11}^e) \leftarrow h_1^n \\ \text{attention}(h_{21}^e, h_{31}^e) \leftarrow h_1^n \end{array} \right.$$

Scene Graph Transformer

- No long input sequence $L = 3E = 3N^2 \Rightarrow L' = N + N^2$
- No redundant computation \Rightarrow Each node and edge appears once.



Approach (2)

- Transformer-based architecture

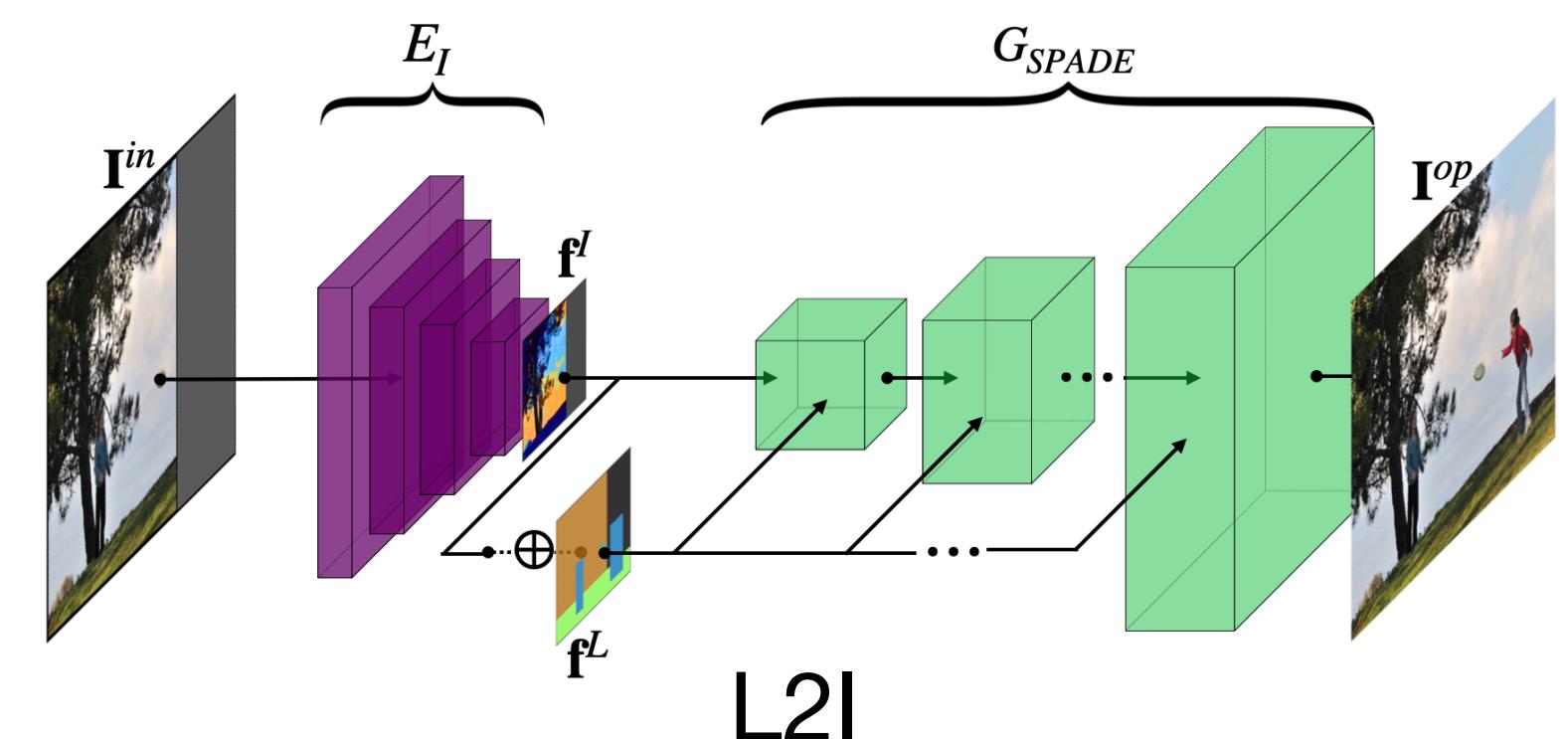
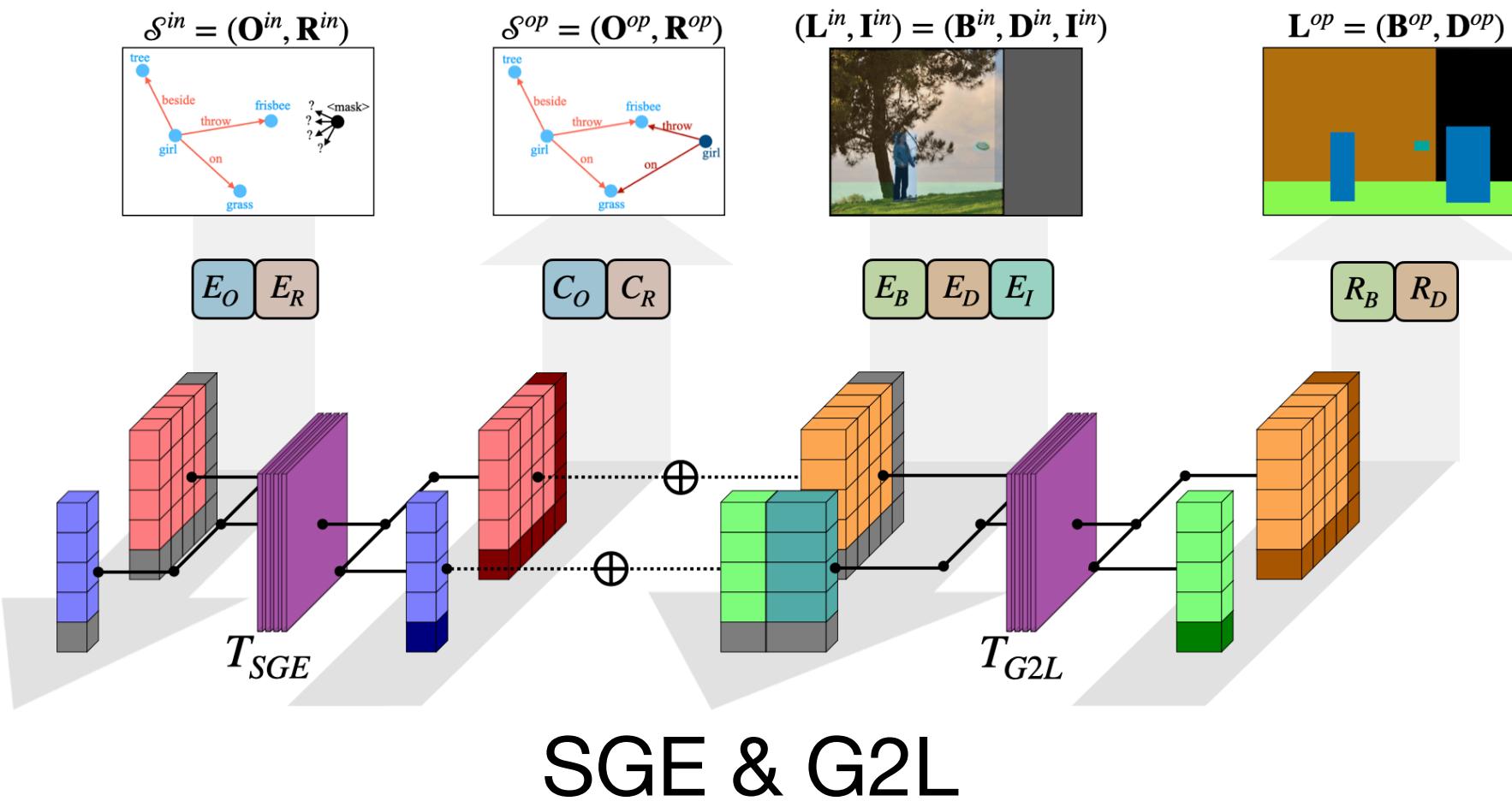
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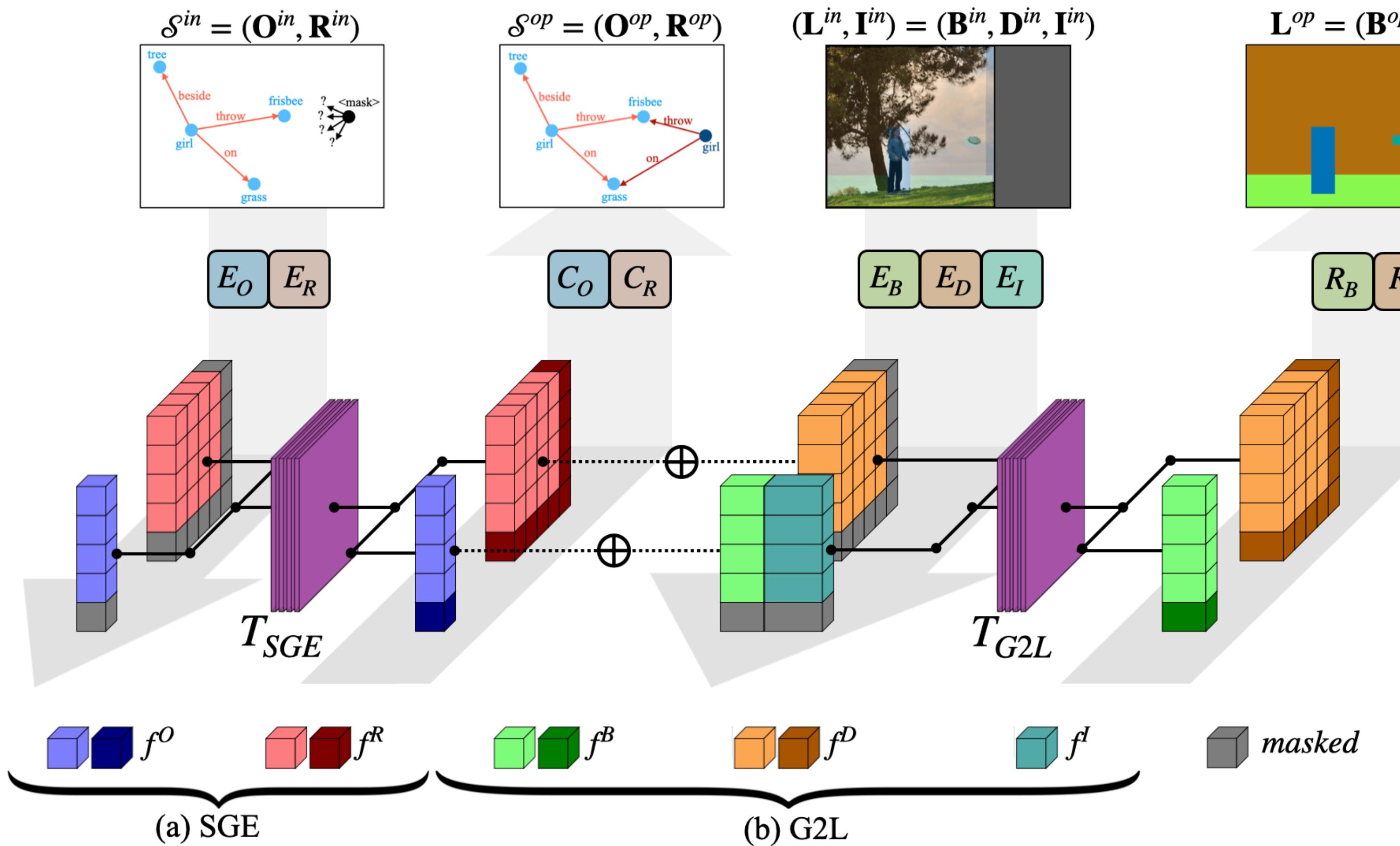
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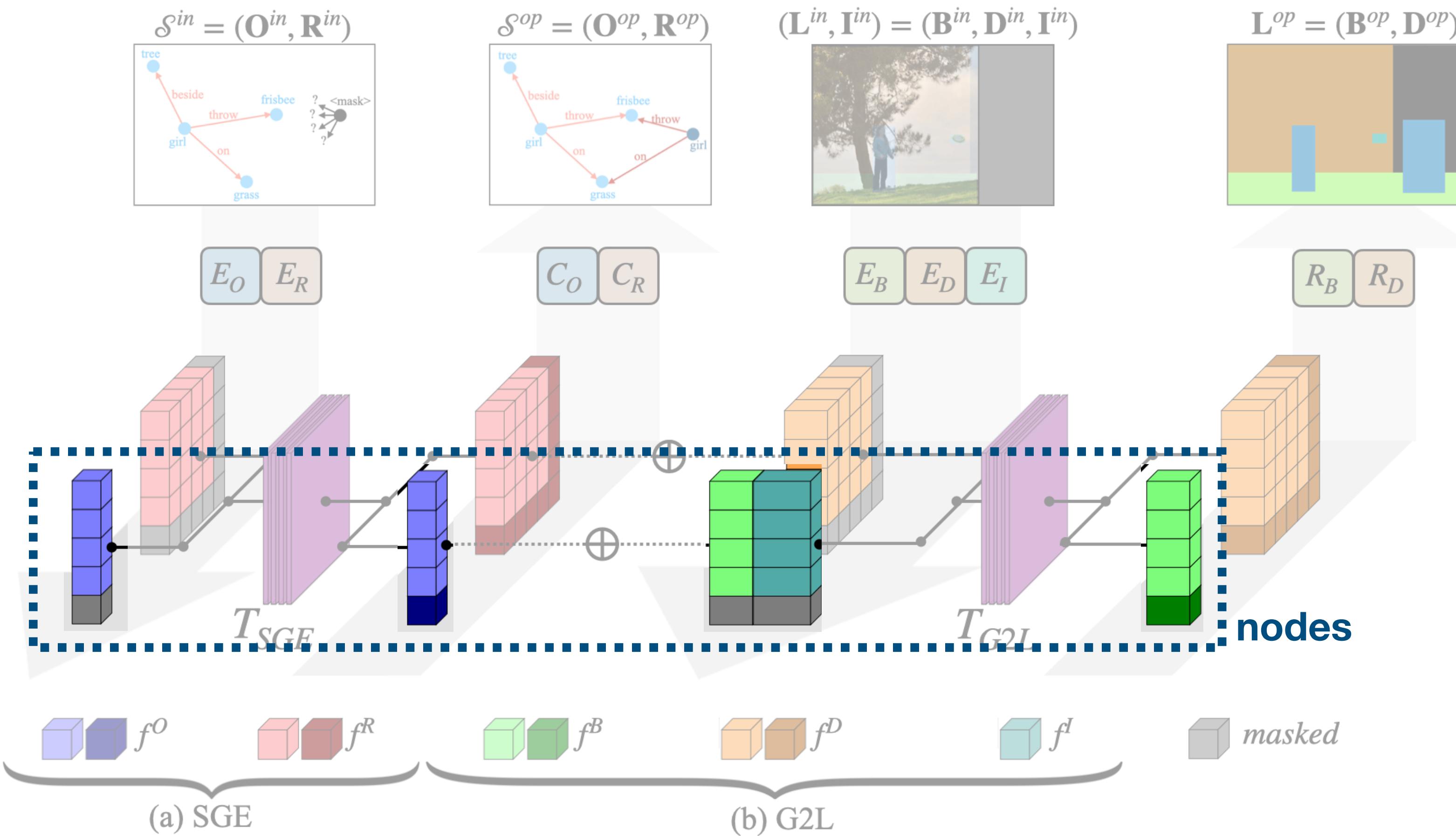


SGE & G2L



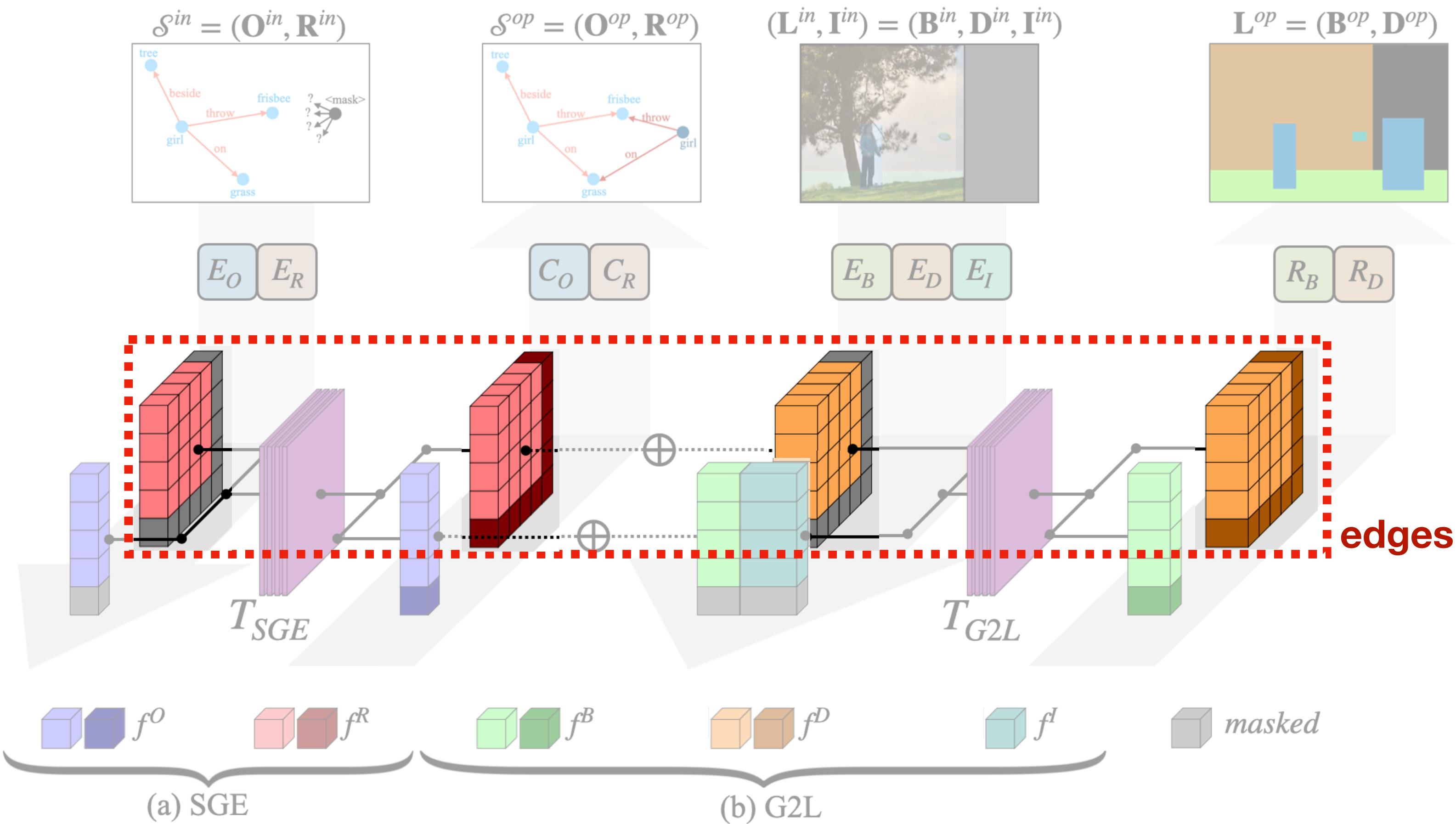
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- node: objects, bboxes...
- edge: relationships, bbox disparities...

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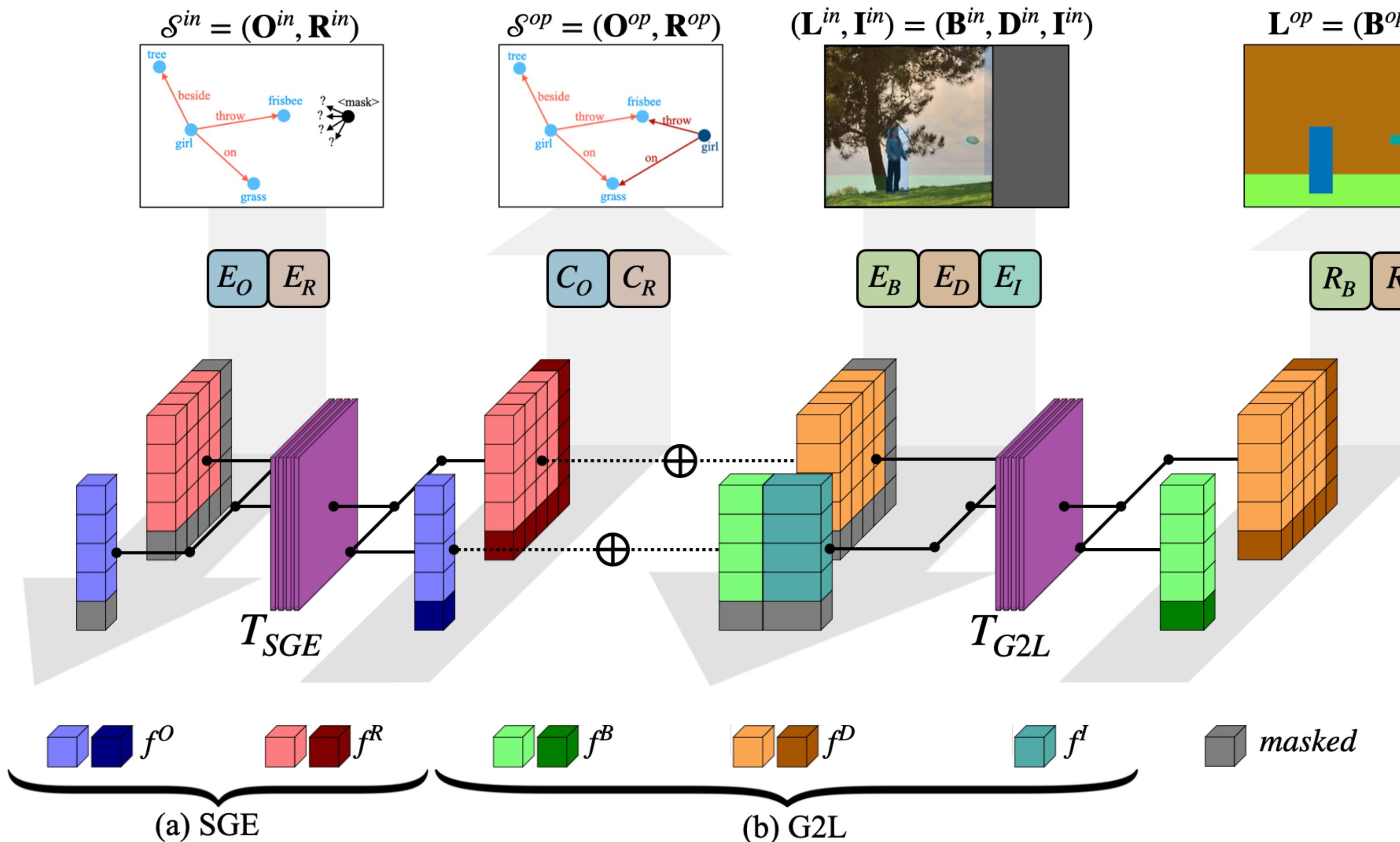
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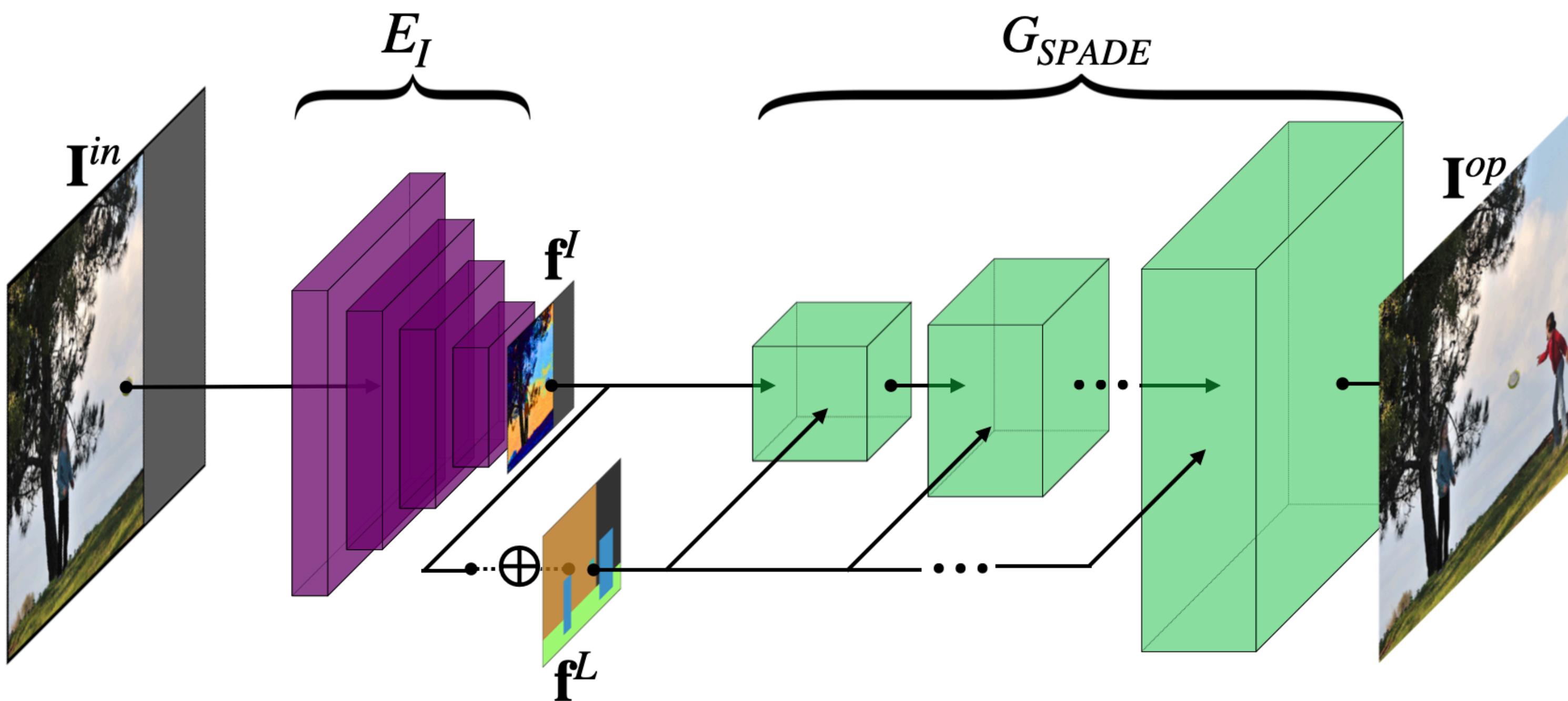
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Layout-to-Image

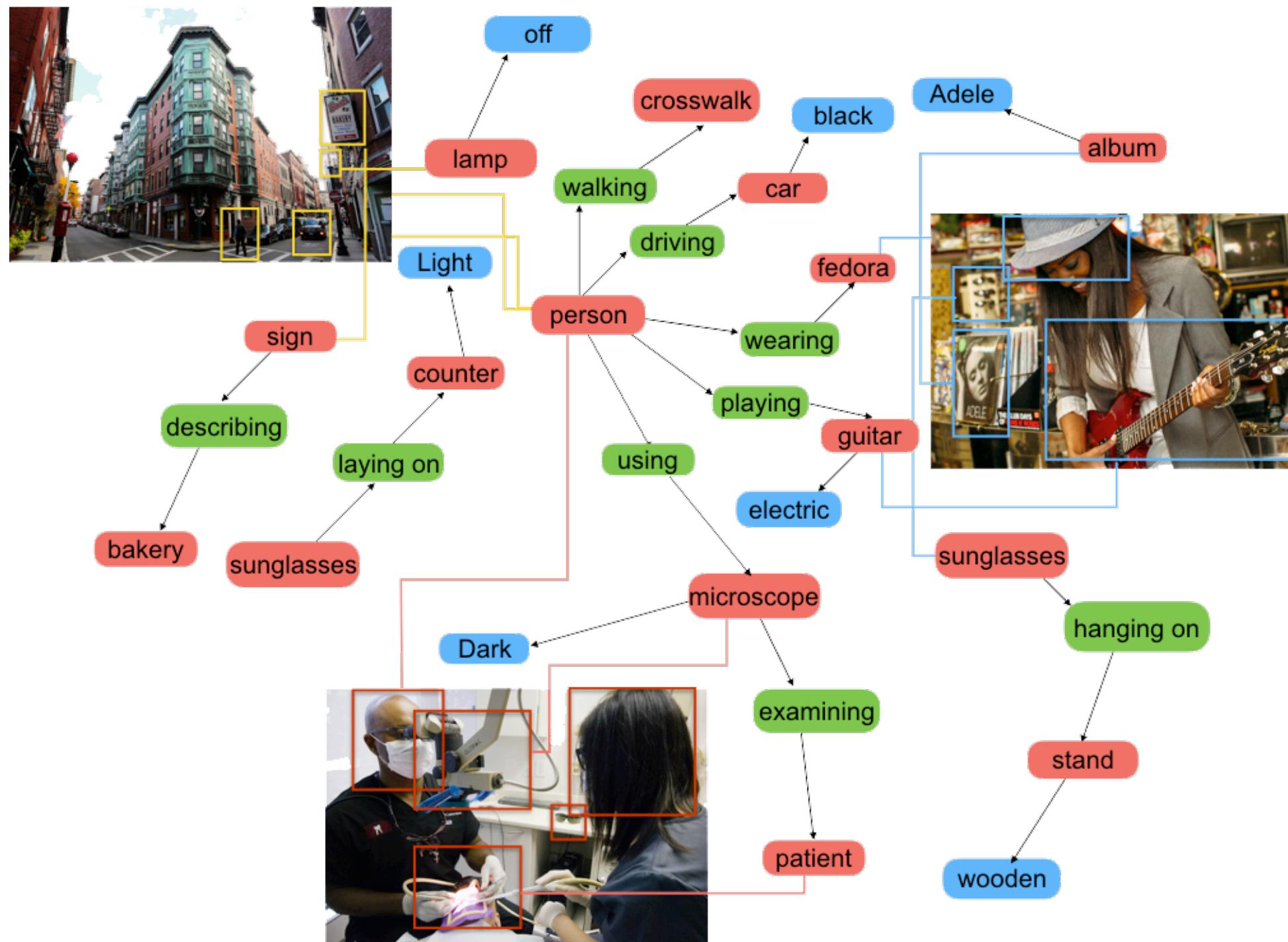
- SPADE-based Generative model [1, 2]
 - semantic map guidance: image f^I + layout f^L



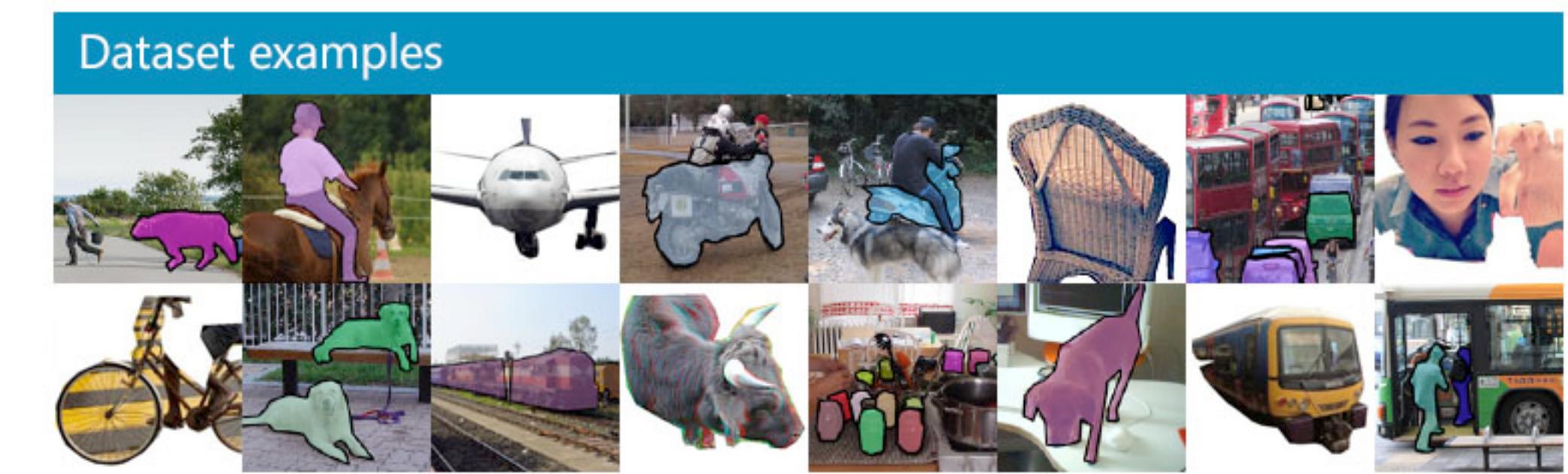
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Datasets



VG-MSDN



COCO-stuff

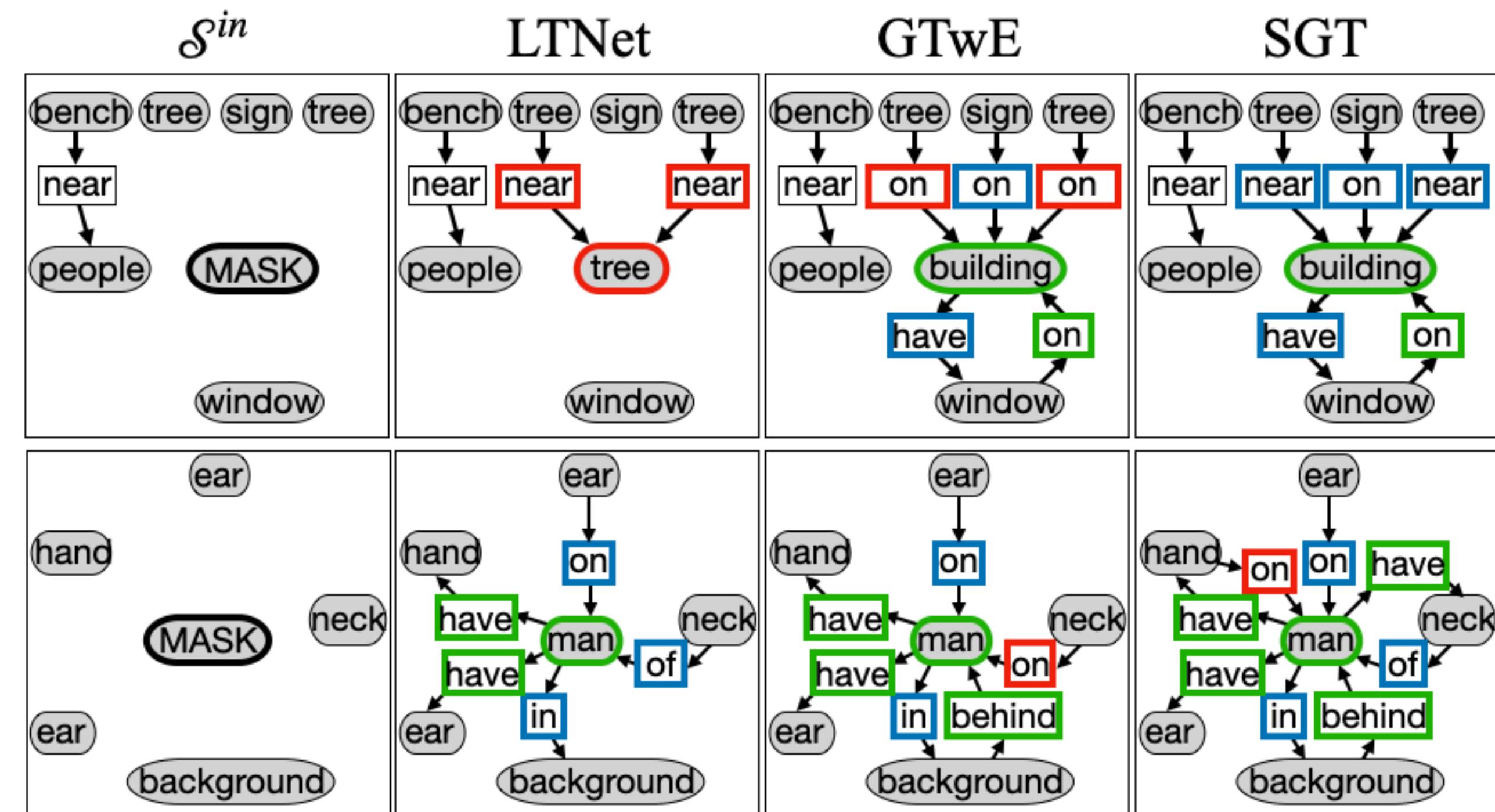
Experiments

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Experiments: SGE

	VG-MSDN			
	Object		Relation	
	rAVG ↓	Hit@ 1 / 5 ↑	rAVG ↓	Hit@ 1 / 5 ↑
[1] Transformer	33.77	10.6 / 28.9	5.30	35.3 / 65.8
[2] LTNet	24.45	13.9 / 34.8	4.70	34.8 / 74.6
[3] GTwE	11.91	27.0 / 57.2	5.36	35.8 / 72.5
SGT	8.38	39.7 / 68.9	3.43	55.3 / 84.3

	COCO-stuff			
	Object		Relation	
	rAVG ↓	Hit@ 1 / 5 ↑	rAVG ↓	Hit@ 1 / 3 ↑
Transformer	22.35	14.7 / 37.8	2.37	29.4 / 78.5
LTNet	17.22	20.1 / 45.8	2.36	29.1 / 78.4
GTwE	11.81	28.4 / 57.2	2.89	20.4 / 63.3
SGT	11.03	29.6 / 59.0	2.19	45.5 / 82.2



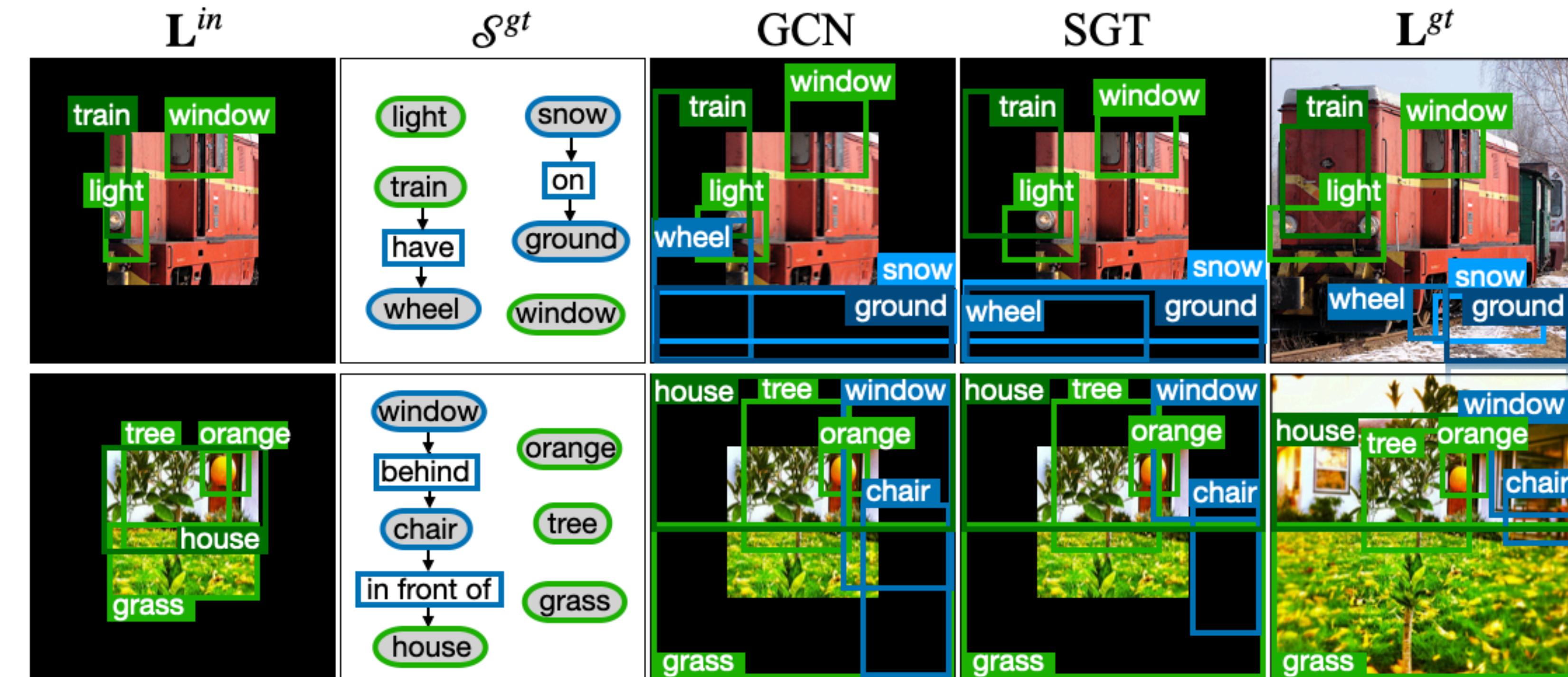
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Experiments: G2L

	VG-MSDN	COCO-stuff
	mIoU	mIoU
[1] Transformer	5.1 / 71.2 / 51.9	10.4 / 75.7 / 61.2
[2] GCN	11.4 / 70.6 / 50.0	21.1 / 72.3 / 60.8
[3] GTwE	12.3 / 79.9 / 62.1	21.3 / 73.2 / 64.8
SGT	14.5 / 81.1 / 62.4	28.2 / 85.1 / 74.9



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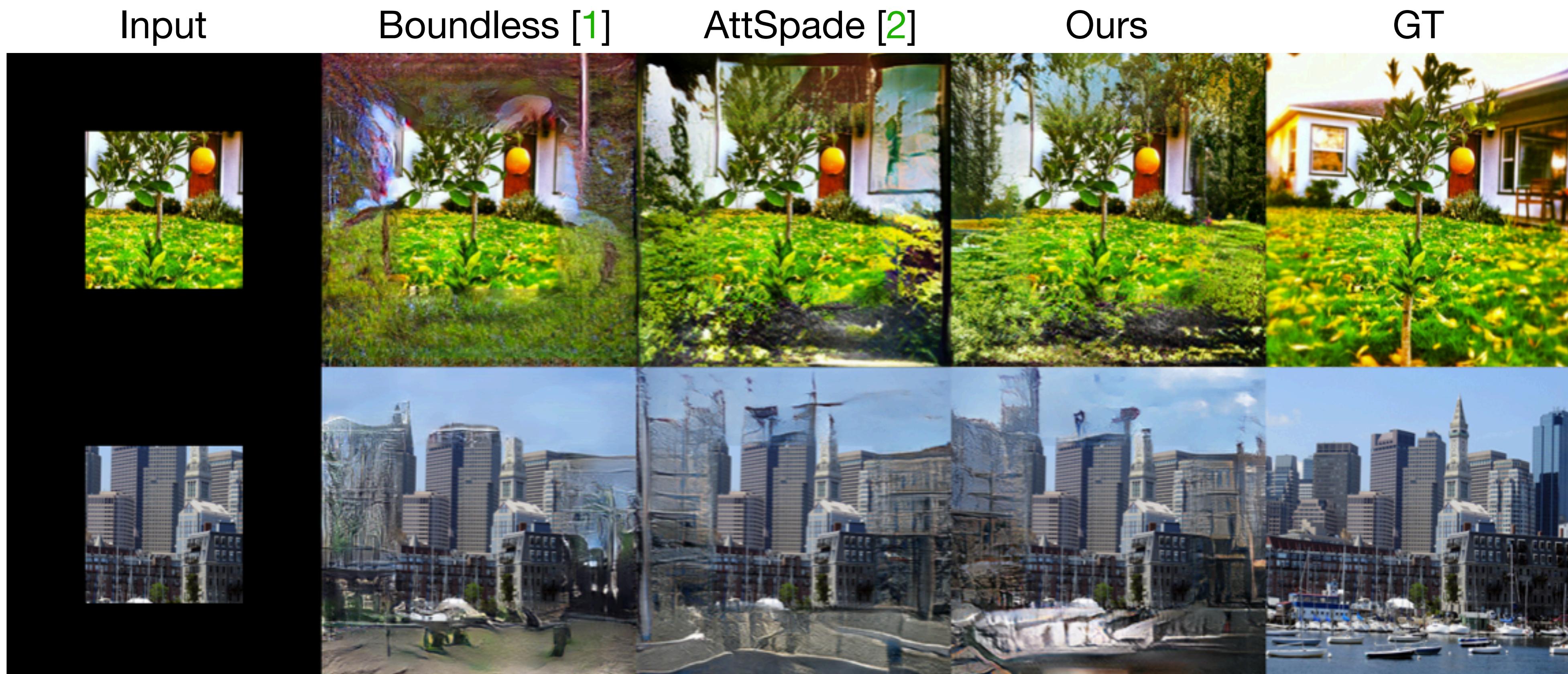
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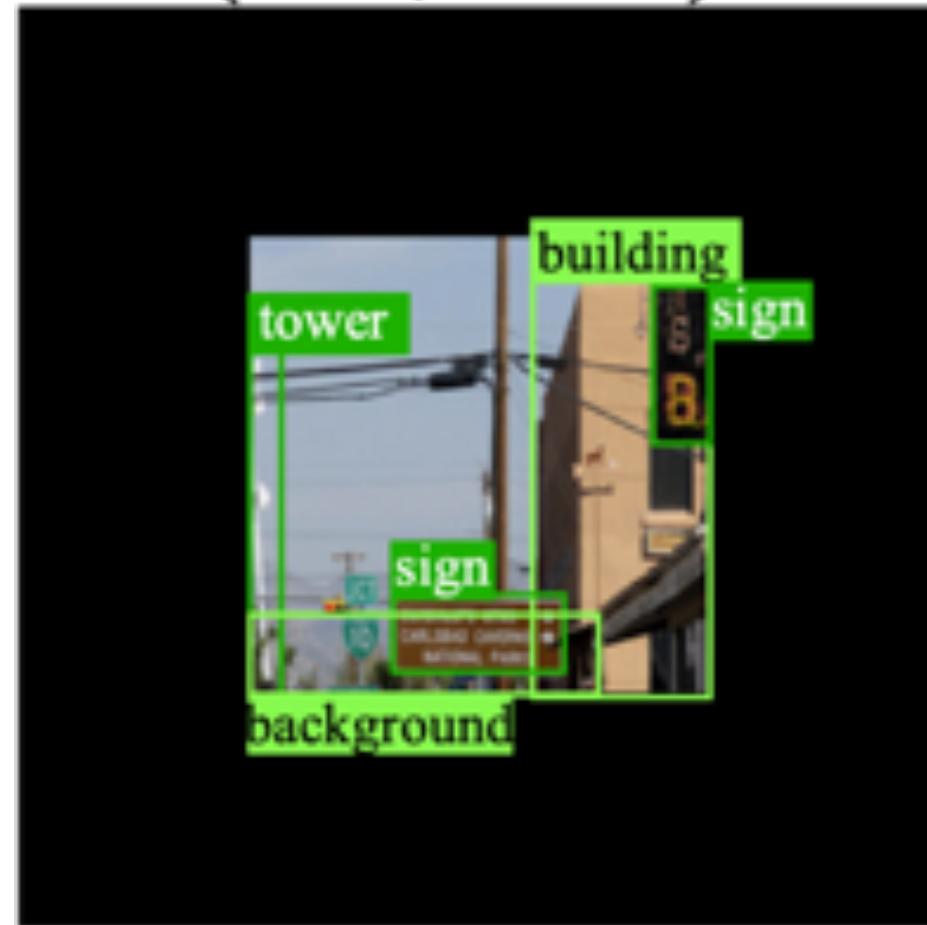
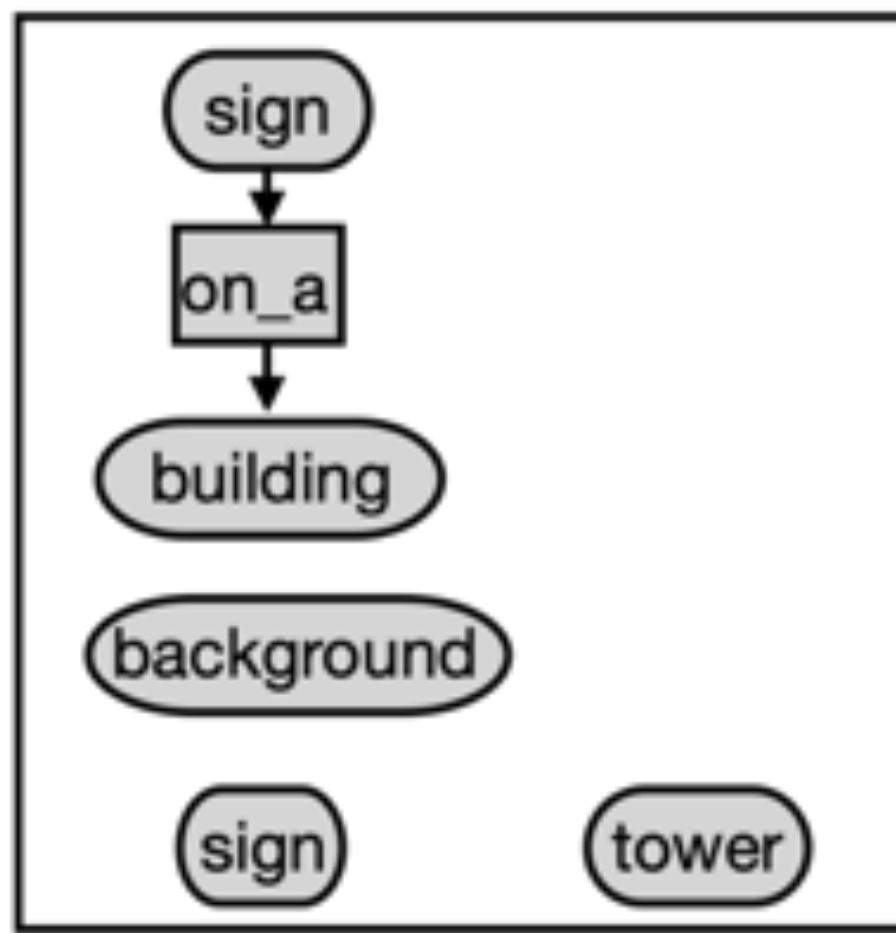
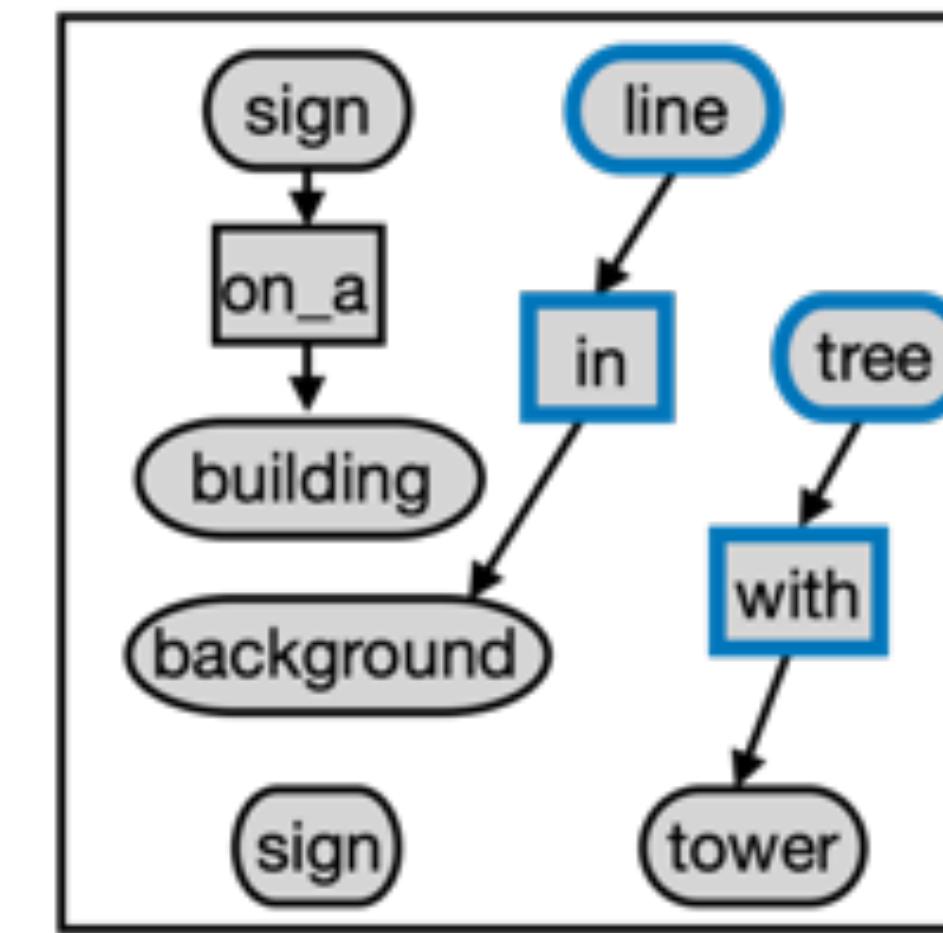
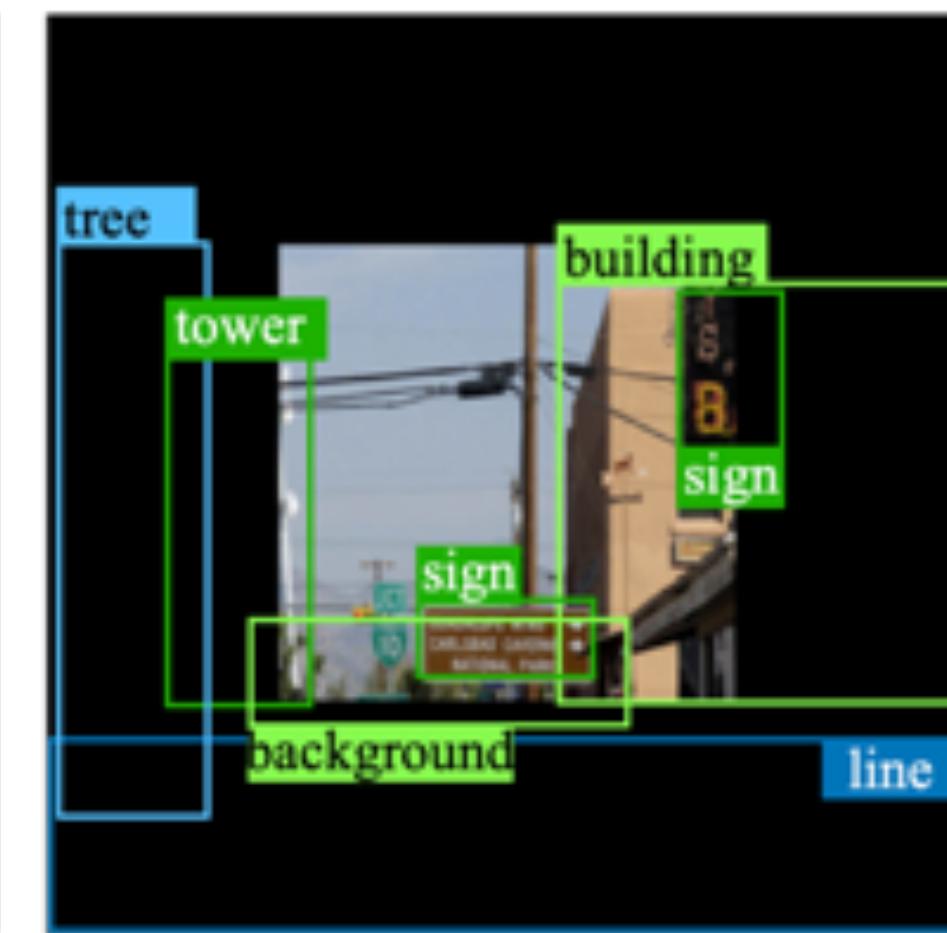
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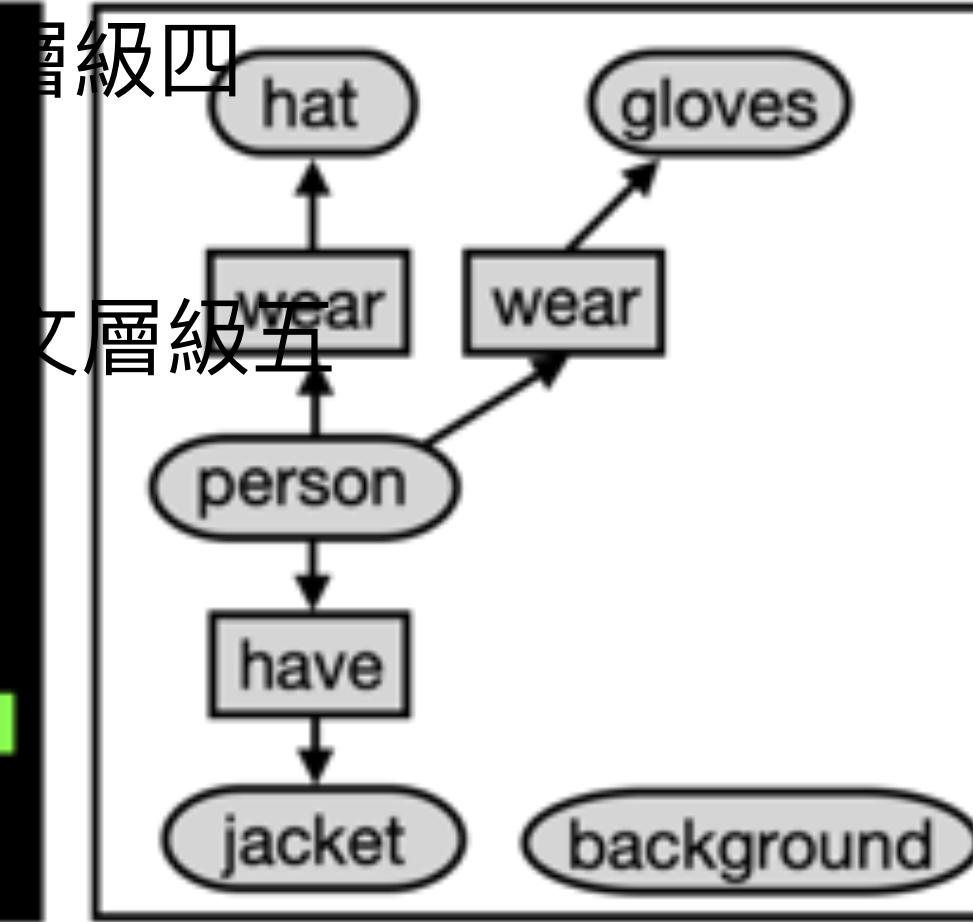
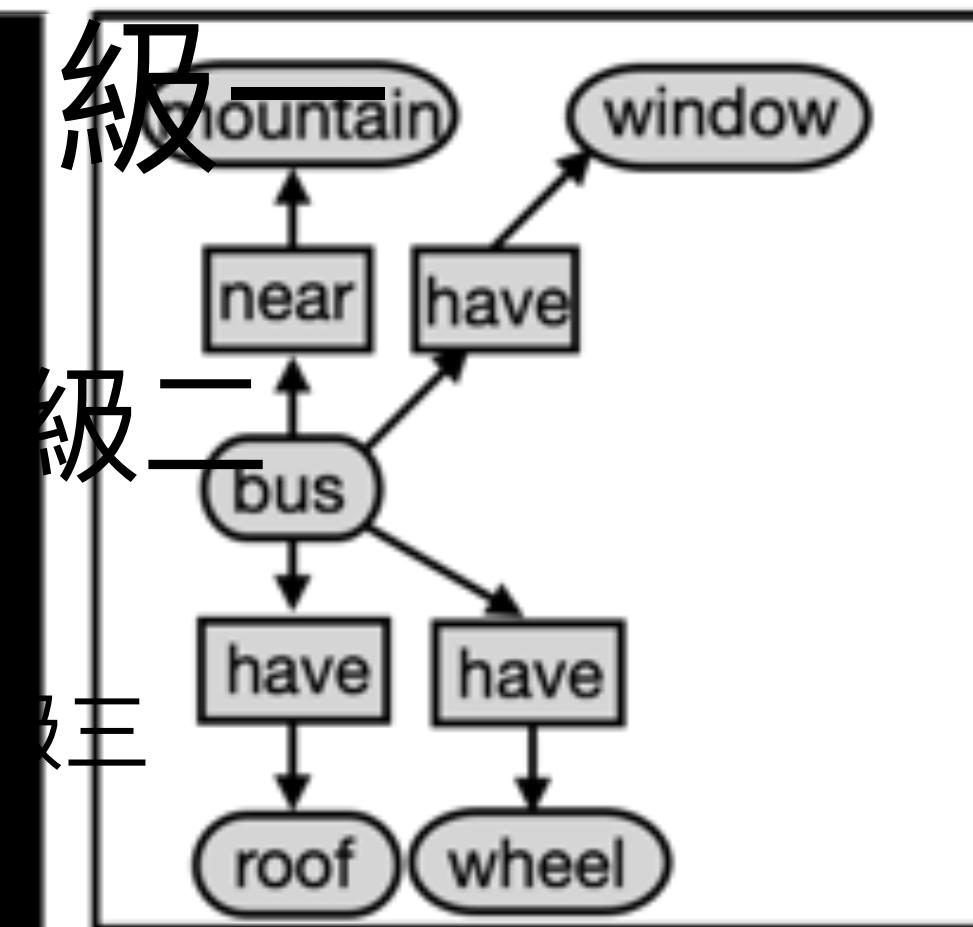
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 $(\mathbf{I}^{in}, \mathbf{L}^{in})$  \mathcal{S}^{in}  \mathcal{S}^{op}  \mathbf{L}^{op}  \mathbf{I}^{op} 

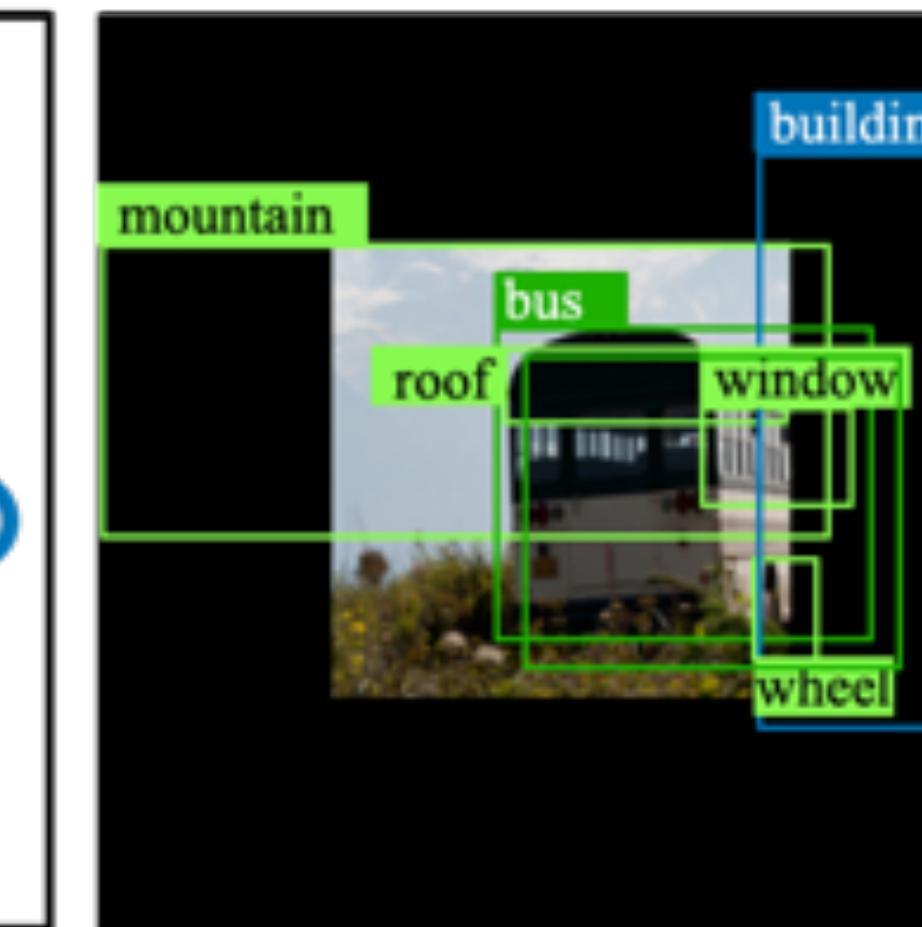
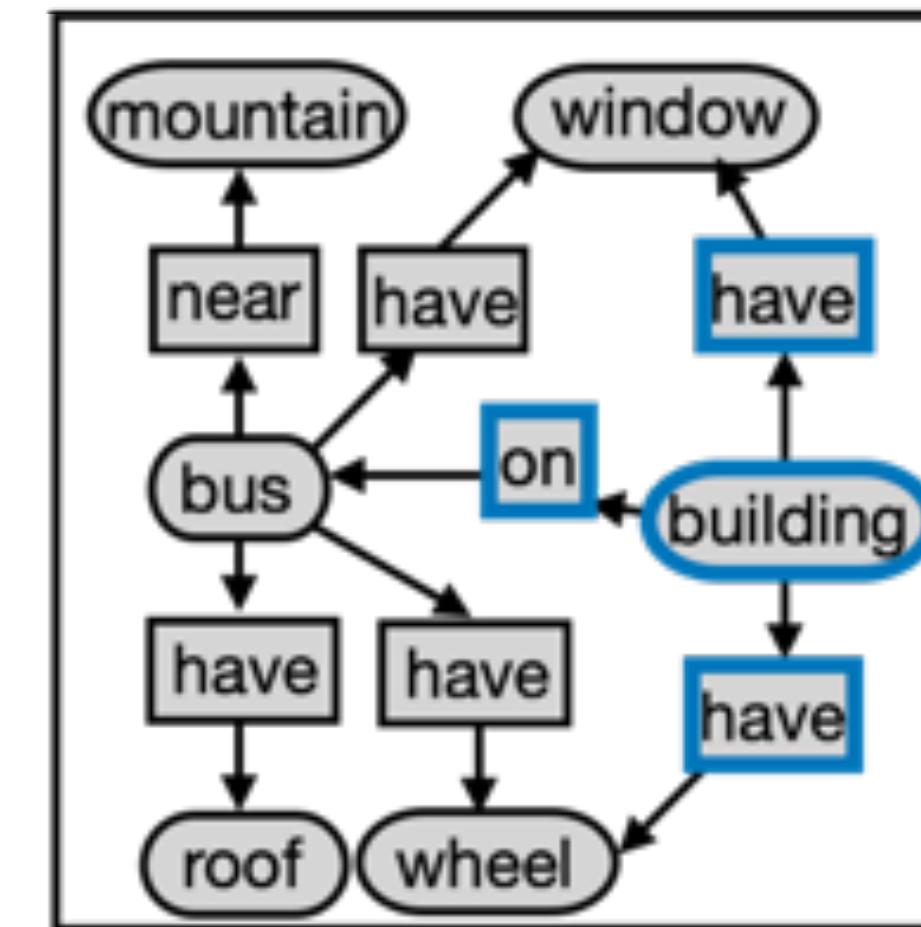
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\mathcal{S}^{op}



\mathbf{L}^{op}



\mathbf{I}^{op}



Conclusion

- propose a novel **Scene Graph Transformer (SGT)** uniquely performs **attention** at both **node and edge levels** for modeling input structural information
- decompose the task into the stages **SGE**, **G2L**, and **L2I** leverage the information observed from the nodes and edges in the partial input scene graph, inferring plausible object co-occurrences, and thus producing the final image output

