

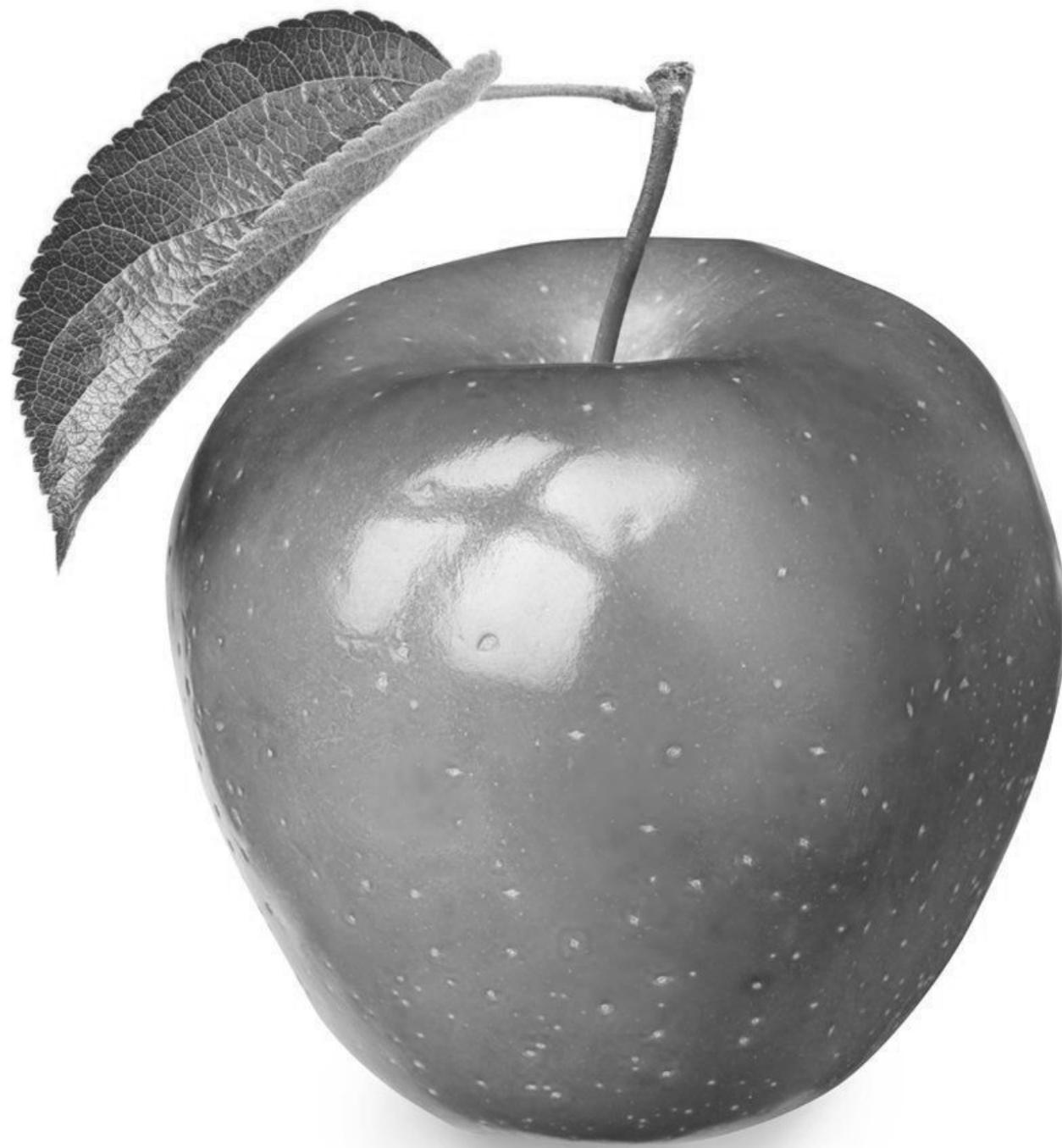
Vision and Language



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The colors of the visible light spectrum ^[1]		
Color	Wavelength interval	Frequency interval
Red	~ 700–635 nm	~ 430–480 THz
Orange	~ 635–590 nm	~ 480–510 THz
Yellow	~ 590–560 nm	~ 510–540 THz
Green	~ 560–520 nm	~ 540–580 THz
Cyan	~ 520–490 nm	~ 580–610 THz
Blue	~ 490–450 nm	~ 610–670 THz
Violet	~ 450–400 nm	~ 670–750 THz



“Apples are red”

“The numbers this month are in the red”

“Red has a wavelength between 635-700nm”

...

“Pixel (1,1) has R=240, pixel (1,2) has ...”



What is Language Grounding?

- ▶ Tying language to non-linguistic things (e.g. a database in semantic parsing)
- ▶ The world only looks like a database some of the time!
- ▶ Some settings depend on grounding into *perceptual* or *physical* environments:



“Add the tomatoes and mix”



“Take me to the shop on the corner”

- ▶ **Focus today:** Grounding language to *visual perception*.



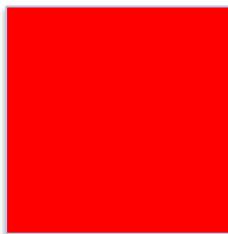
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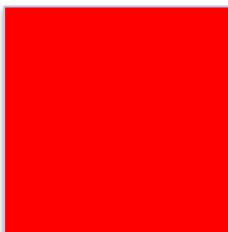
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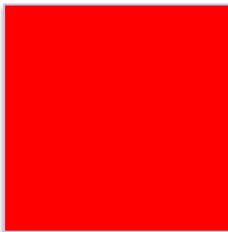
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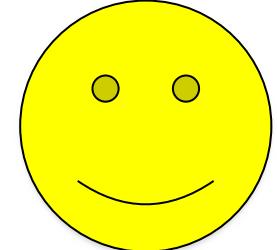
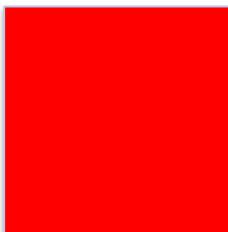
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For a nice taxonomy, related work, and examples, see *Experience Grounds Language* [Bisk et al. 2020]



Grounding

- ▶ (Some) key problems:
 - **Representation:** matching low-level percepts to high-level language (pixels vs *cat*)
 - **Abstraction and Composition:** meaning as a combination of parts
 - **Alignment:** aligning parts of language and parts of the world
 - **Content Selection and Context:** what are the important parts of the environment?
 - **Balance:** it's easy for multi-modal models to "cheat", rely on imperfect heuristics, or ignore important parts of the input
 - **Generalization:** to novel world contexts / input combinations



CS294-43: VISION AND LANGUAGE AI SEMINAR



A Gallery of Tasks



Image Captioning



The man at bat readies to swing at the pitch while the umpire looks on.



A large bus sitting next to a very tall building.



A horse carrying a large load of hay and two people sitting on it.



Bunk bed with a narrow shelf sitting underneath it.



Visual Question Answering

What is the dog wearing?

life jacket



collar



How many skiers are there?



1



What number is on the train?

7907



8551



What is sitting in the window?

bird



clock





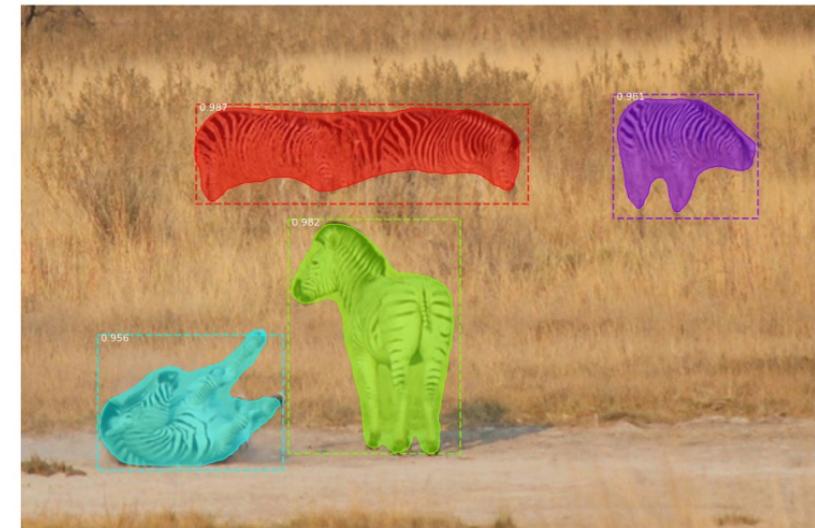
Object Detection (2D)



(a) Query: “street lamp”



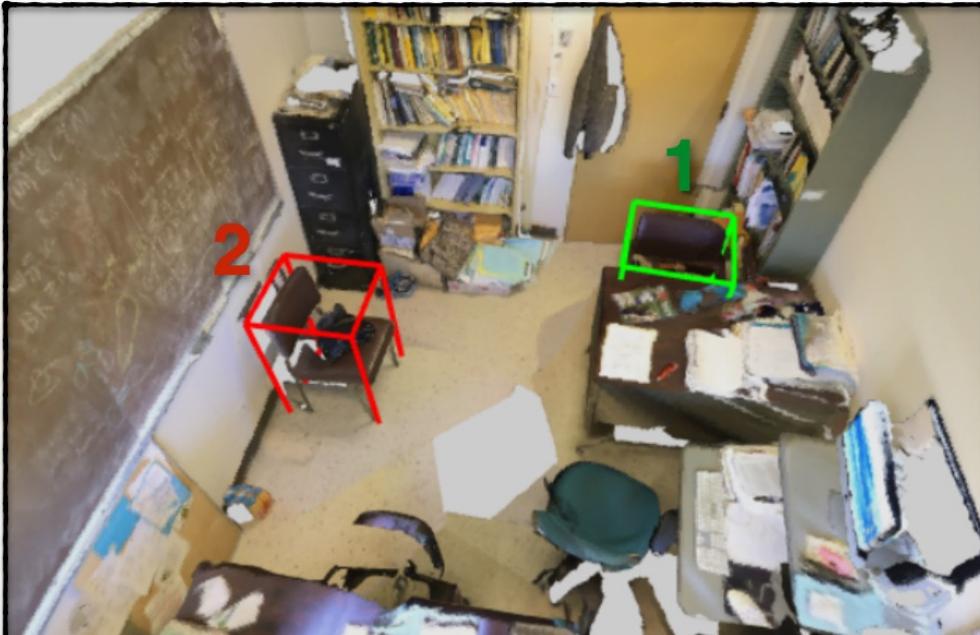
(b) Query: “major league logo”



(c) Query: “zebras on savanna”



Object Detection (3D)



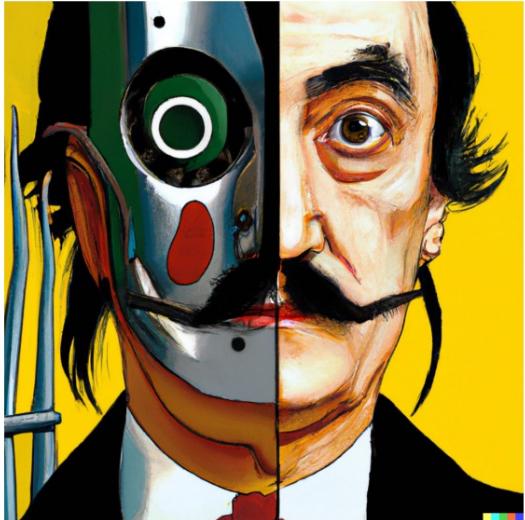
1. "The chair closest to the door."
2. "The chair under the chalkboard."



1. "The office chair that is green."
2. "Choose the brown office chair pushed under the desk."



Conditional Generation (2D)



vibrant portrait painting of Salvador Dalí with a robotic half face



a shiba inu wearing a beret and black turtleneck



a close up of a handpalm with leaves growing from it



an espresso machine that makes coffee from human souls, artstation



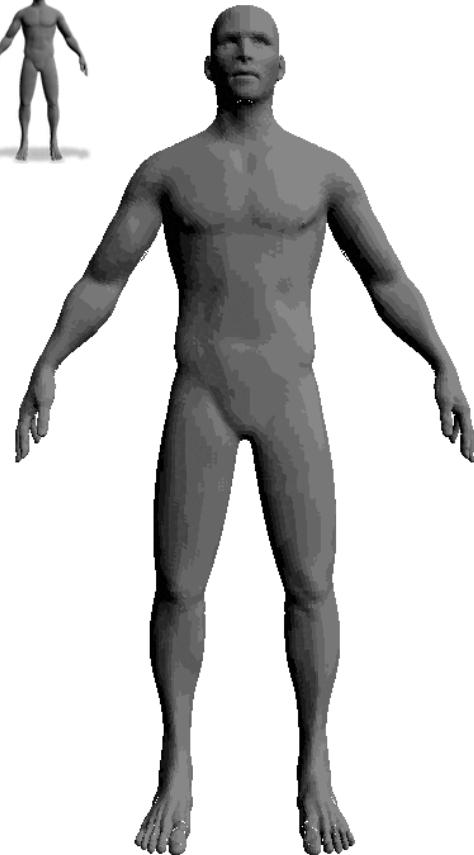
panda mad scientist mixing sparkling chemicals, artstation



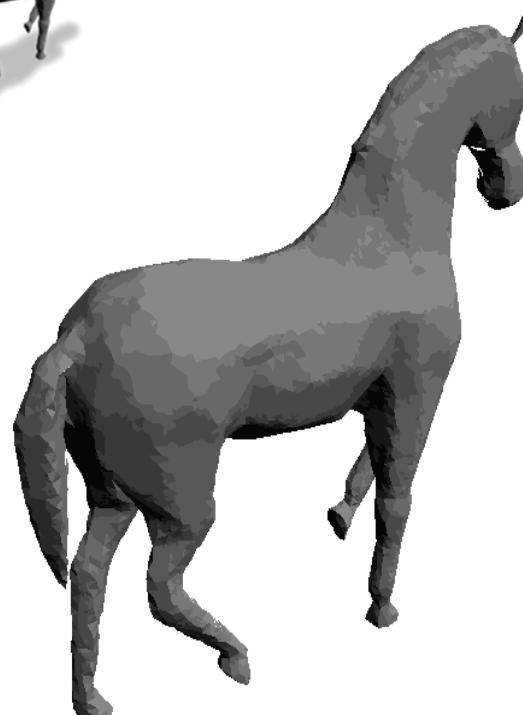
a corgi's head depicted as an explosion of a nebula



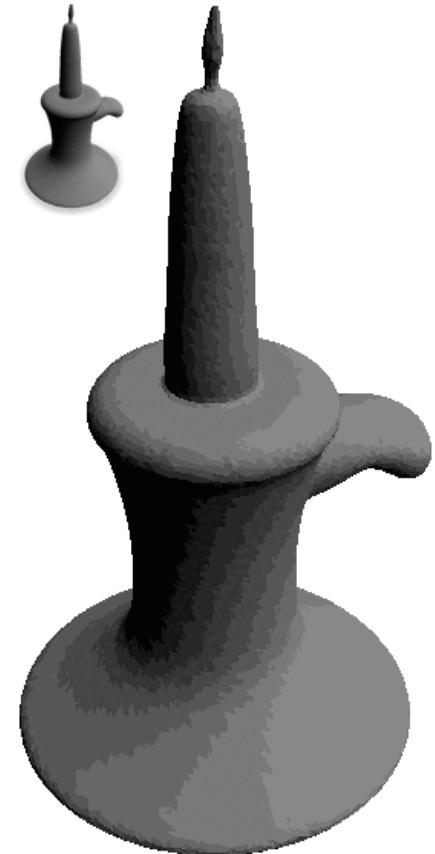
Conditional Generation (3D)



“Iron Man”



“Astronaut Horse”



“Colorful Crochet Candle”



Vision and Language Navigation



“Place a clean ladle on a counter”



Why Grounded Language?

- Much language refers to *the world*.
- Convenient medium to communicate with machines!
- For many tasks, agents will need perceptual understanding and motor control for this interaction.

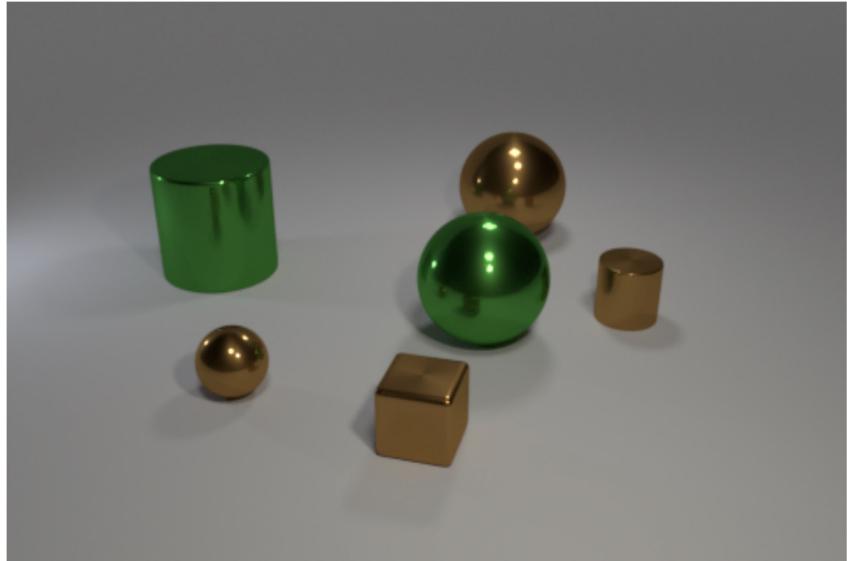








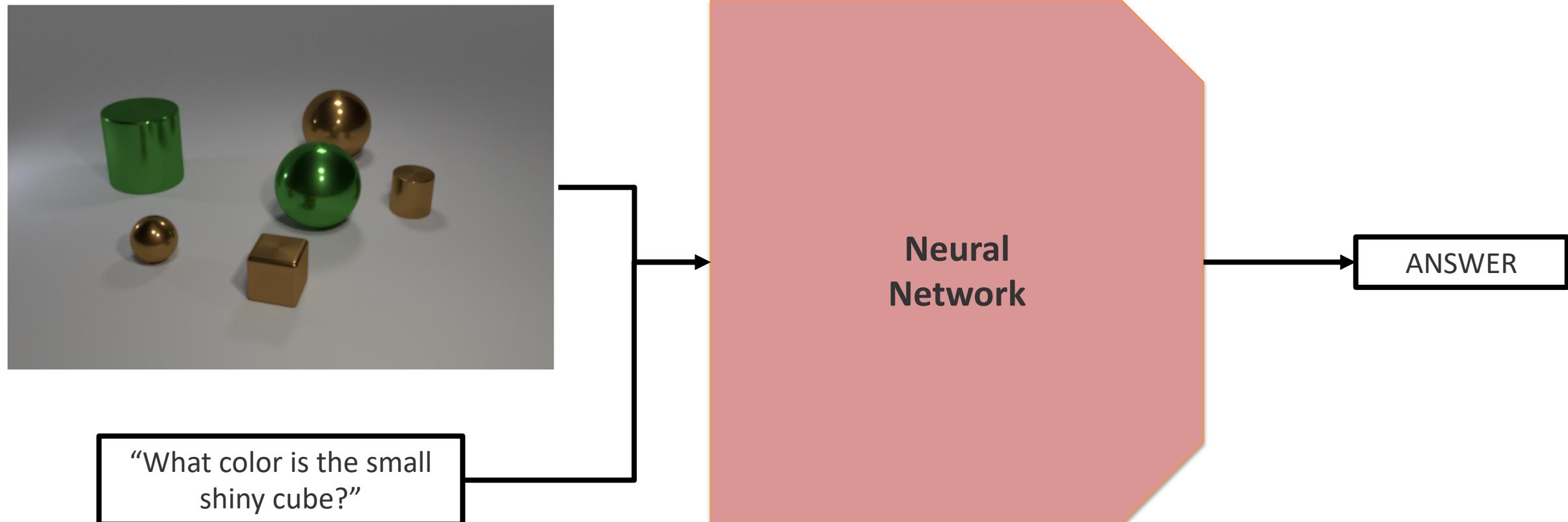
Bottom-Up & Top-Down Reasoning



“What color is the small shiny cube?”

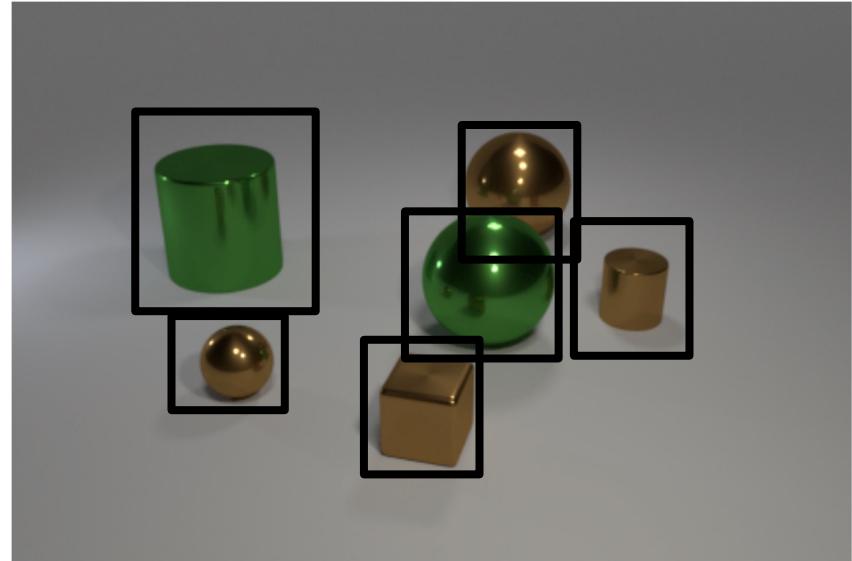


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**Bottom-up
object proposals**

Visual
Network

ANSWER

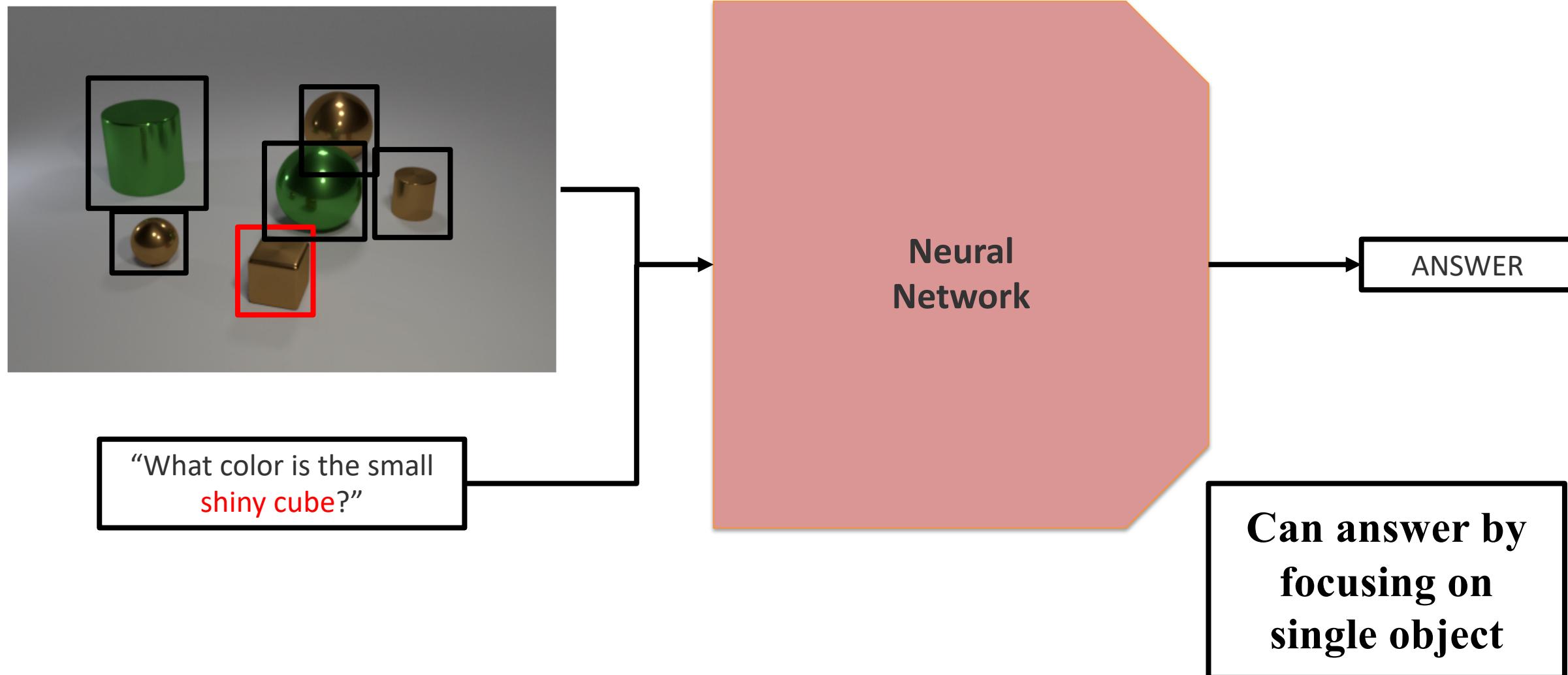


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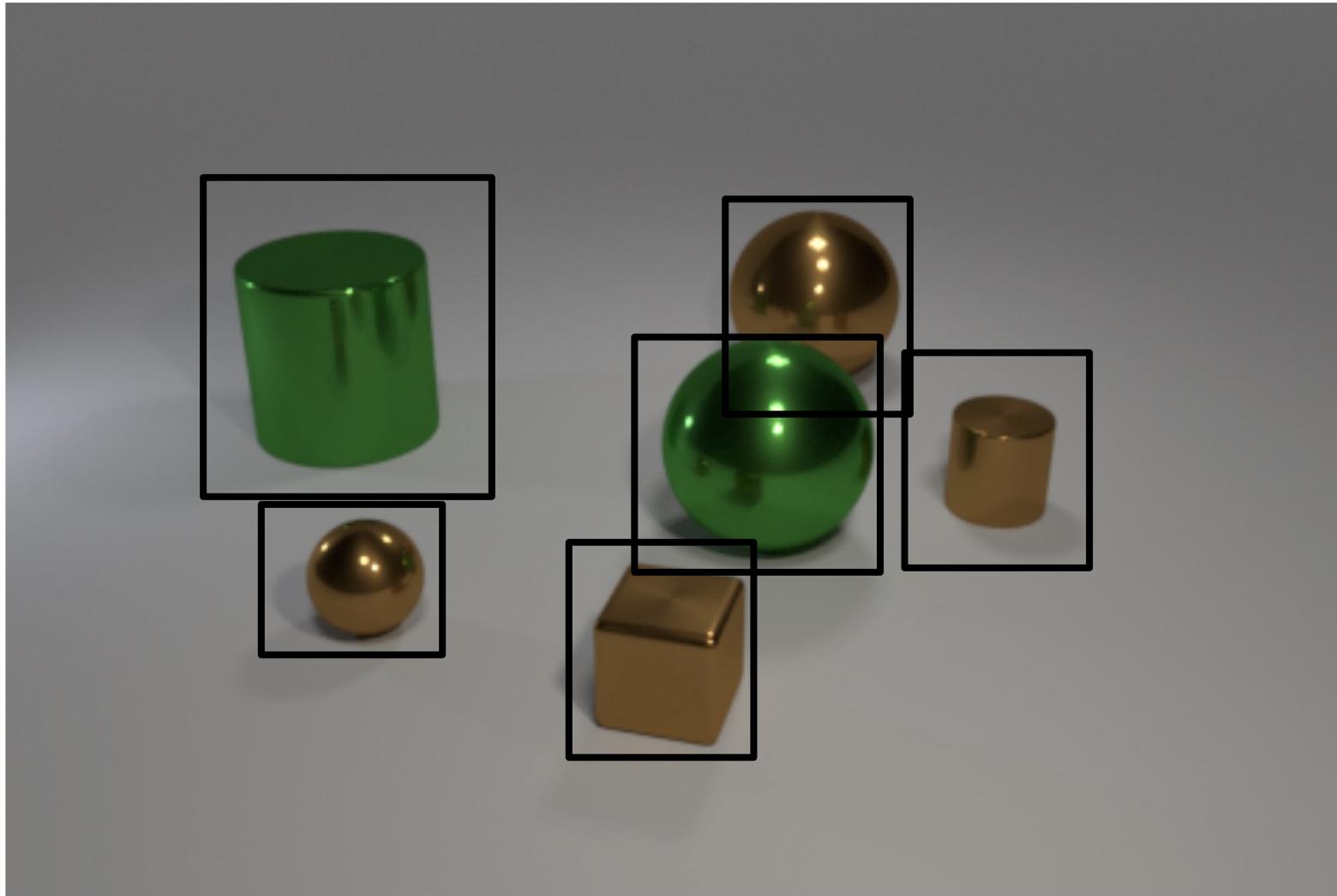
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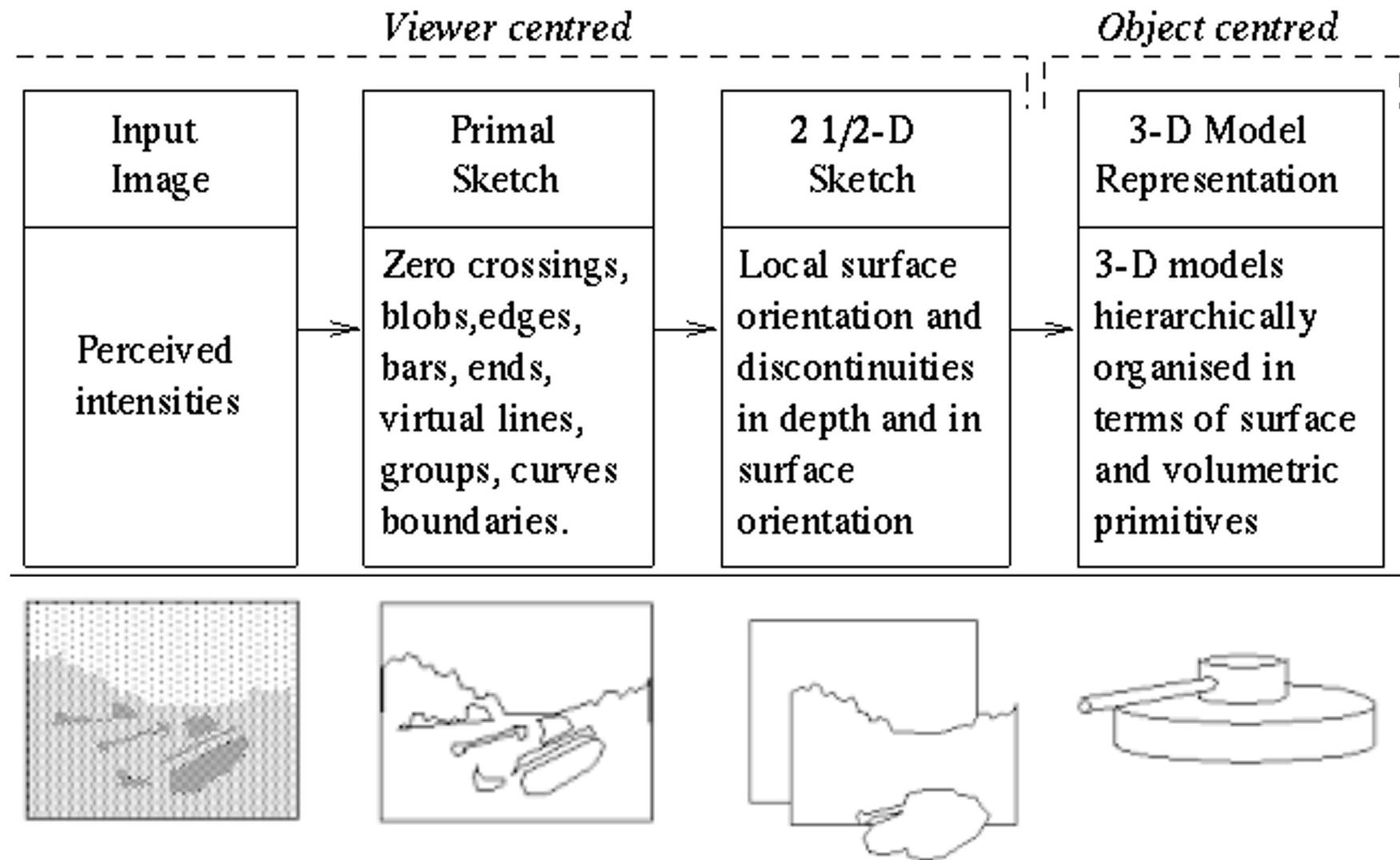
	Yes/No	Number	Other	Overall
Ours: ResNet (1×1)	76.0	36.5	46.8	56.3
Ours: ResNet (14×14)	76.6	36.2	49.5	57.9
Ours: ResNet (7×7)	77.6	37.7	51.5	59.4
Ours: Up-Down	80.3	42.8	55.8	63.2
Relative Improvement	3%	14%	8%	6%

Provides inductive bias in
both directions!



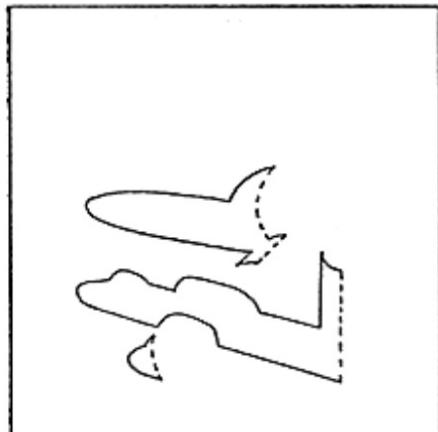
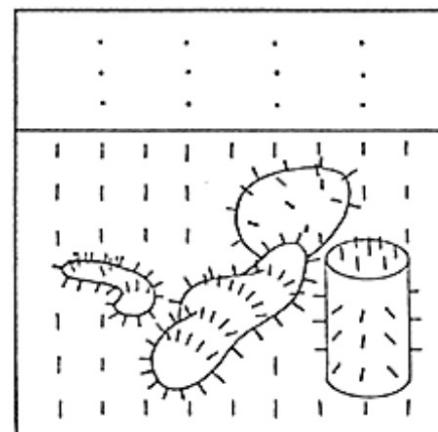
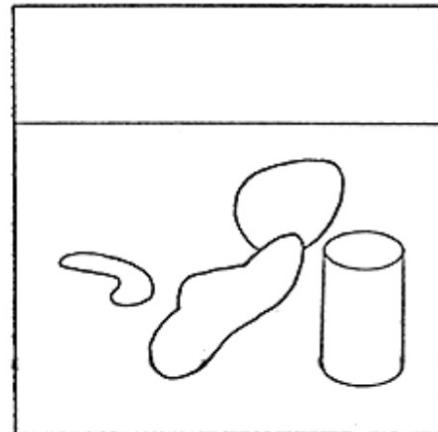
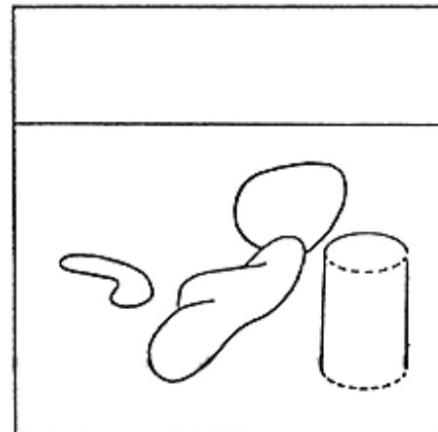
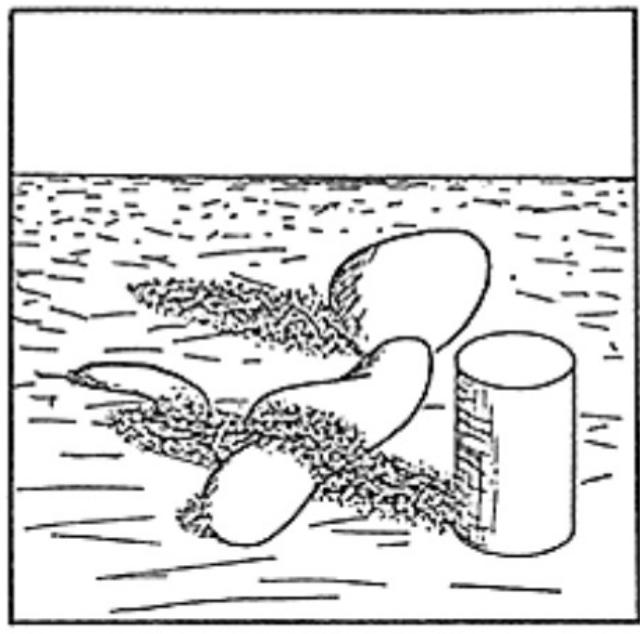
Bottom-Up







Intrinsic Images

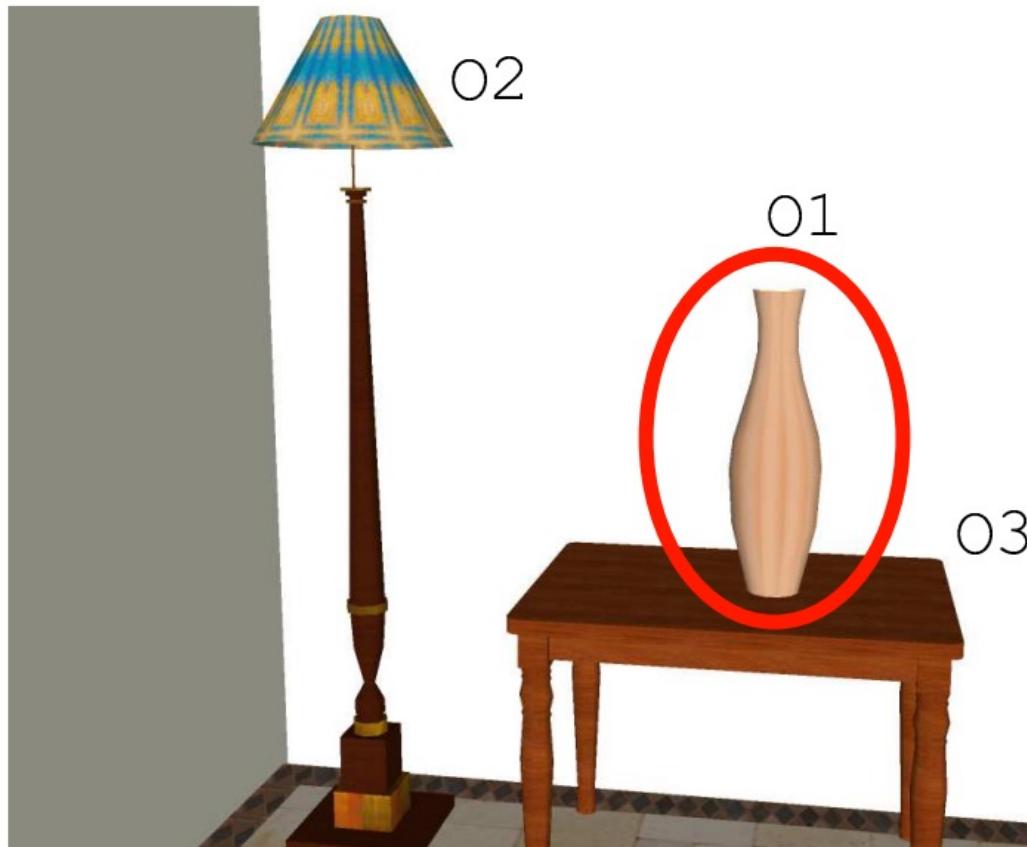




“Solved” Perception

Question: Where is the object outlined in **red**?

Answer: The object outlined in **red** is



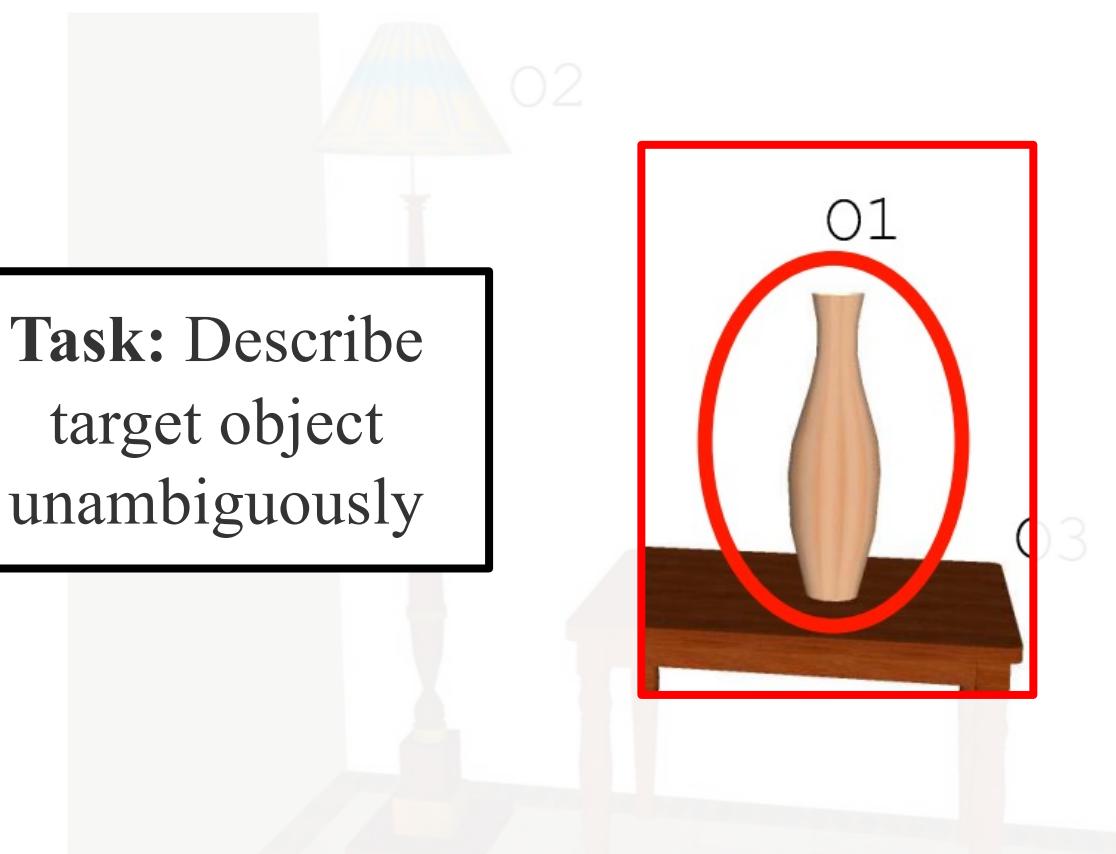
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Task: Describe
target object
unambiguously

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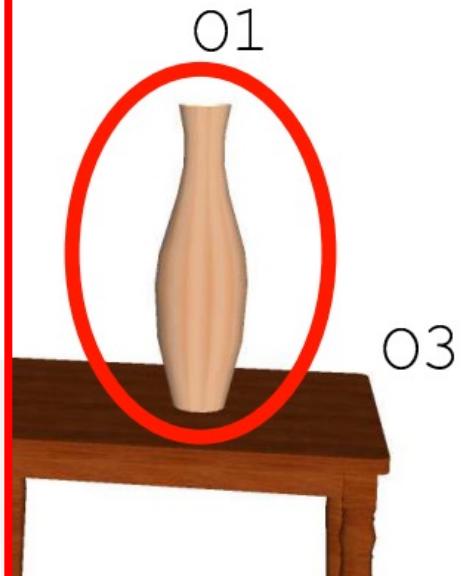
Answer: The object

Relationships
between objects
known

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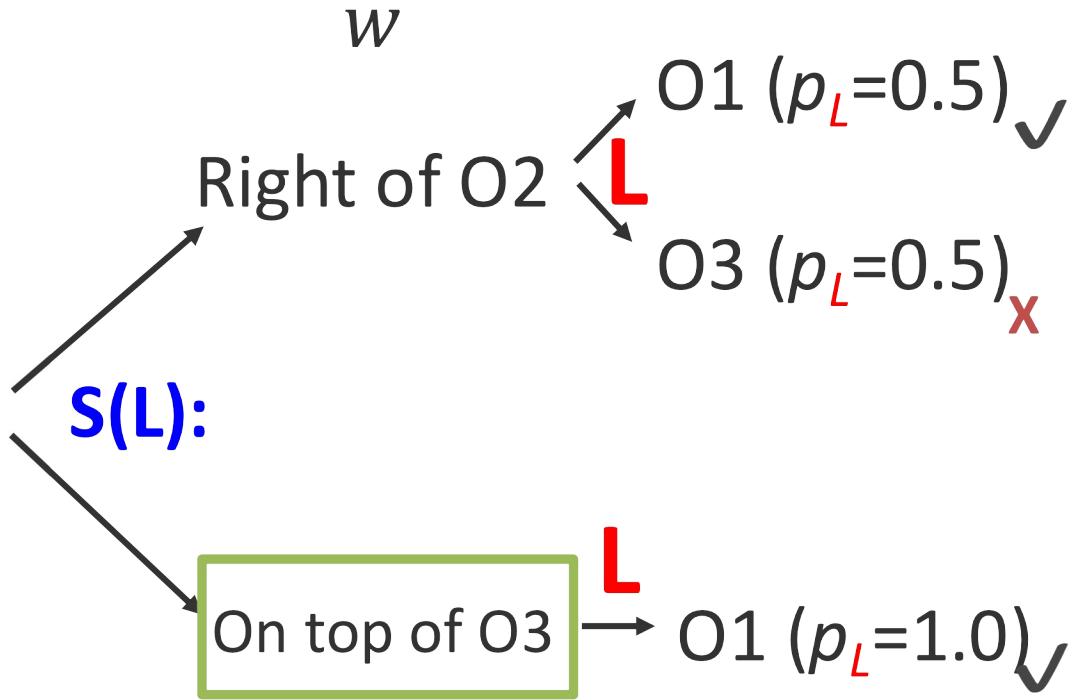
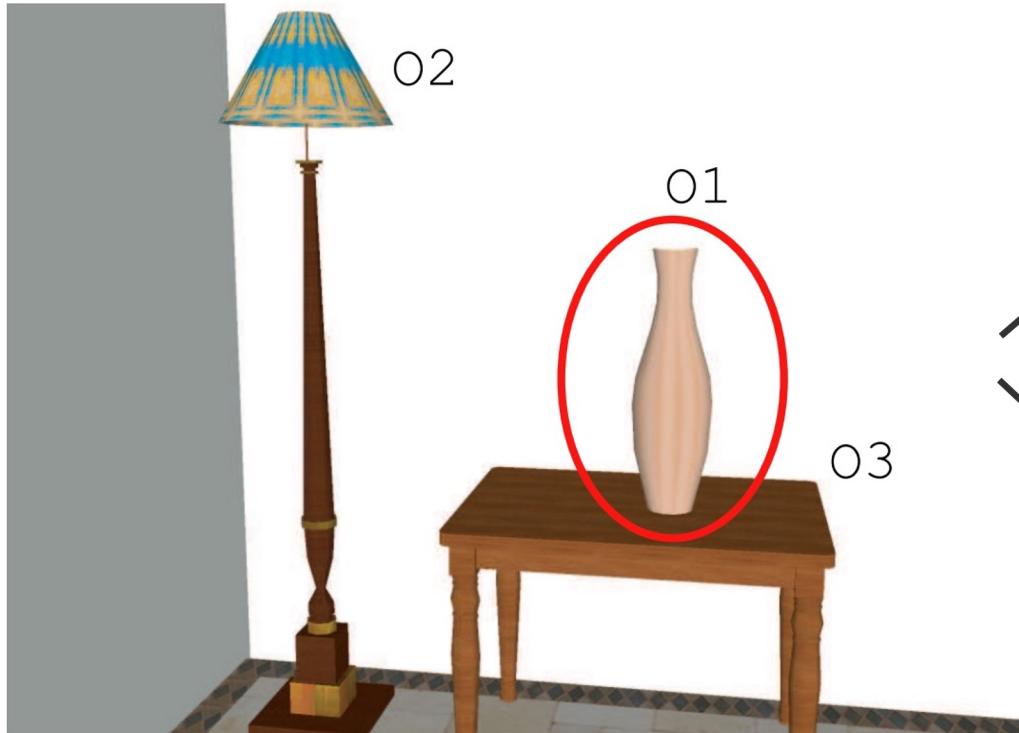
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“Solved” Perception



Problem reduced to
pragmatic reasoning

$$S(L)(o) = \operatorname{argmax}_w p_L(o|w)$$



“Solved” Perception

“Go to the last butterfly on the right”



[(Cement, Easel, Cement, Butterfly, Wood, Butterfly),
(Wall, Empty, Wall, Butterfly, Wood, Butterfly),
(Cement, Empty, Wall, End, Wall, End)]



“Solved” Perception

What annotators
see

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What agent sees

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Reduced to
structured
prediction problem

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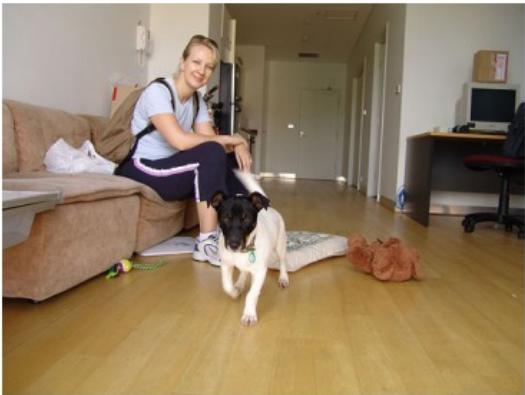
“Solved” Perception

- **Pro:** In early days of vision and language, assuming sub-problems provided traction.
- **Con:** Strong assumptions that don't hold in real world.



Intermediate Representations

Input Image



1) Object(s)/Stuff



2) Attributes

brown 0.01
striped 0.16
furry .26
wooden .2
feathered .06
...

brown 0.32
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wooden .2
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brown 0.94
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Feathered .08
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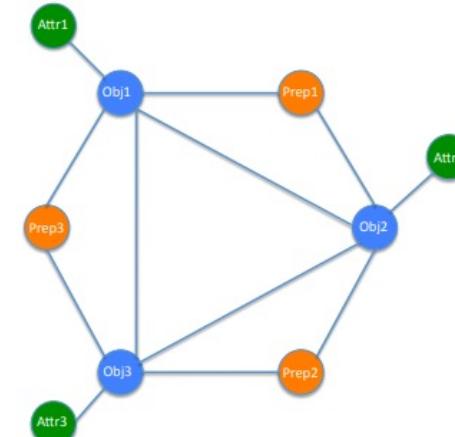
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...

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...

4) Constructed CRF



6) Generated Sentences

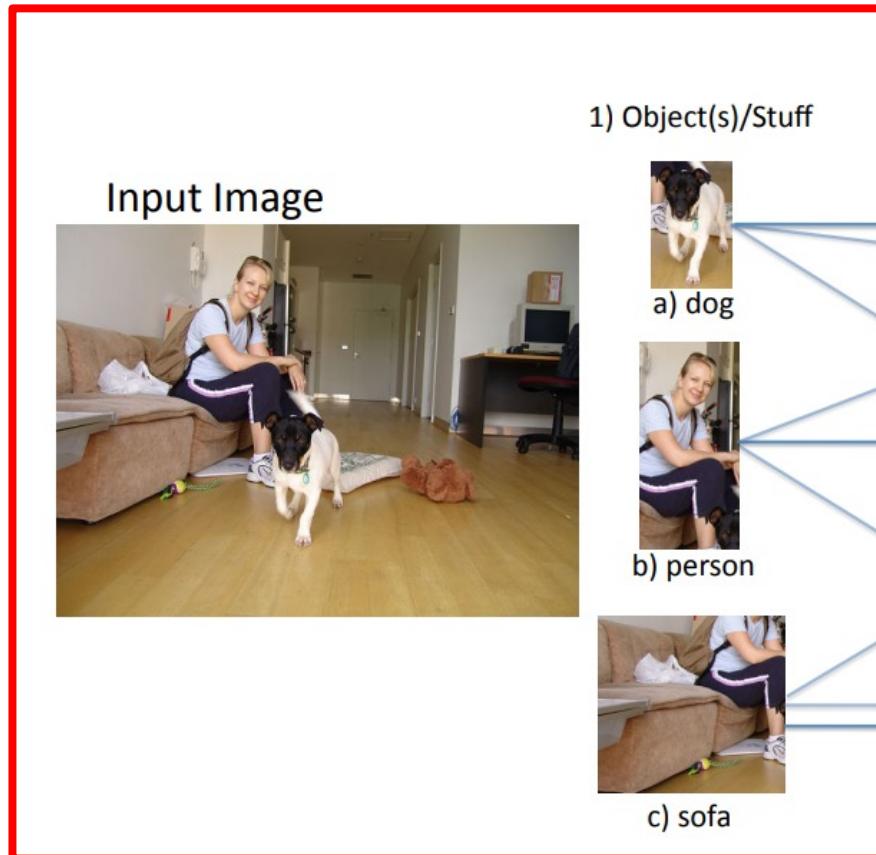
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5) Predicted Labeling

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Extract regions of interest using pretrained detector

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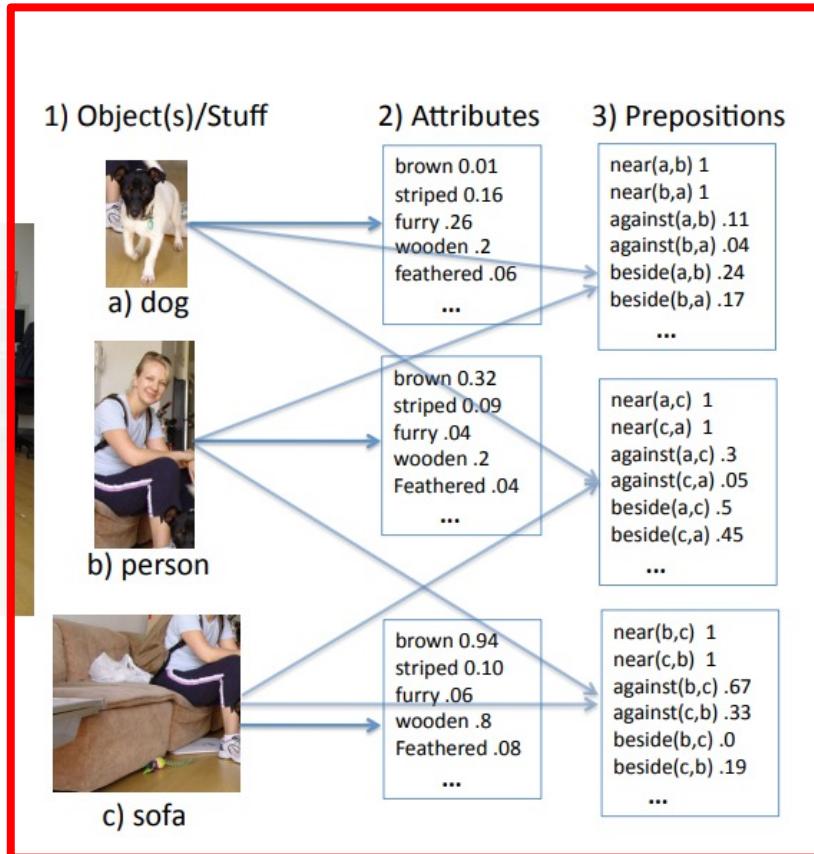
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Intermediate Representations

Input Image



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6) Generated Sentences

This is a photograph of one
the brown sofa
The person is
own sofa. And
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Classifiers score
attributes for each
region and
relationships
across them

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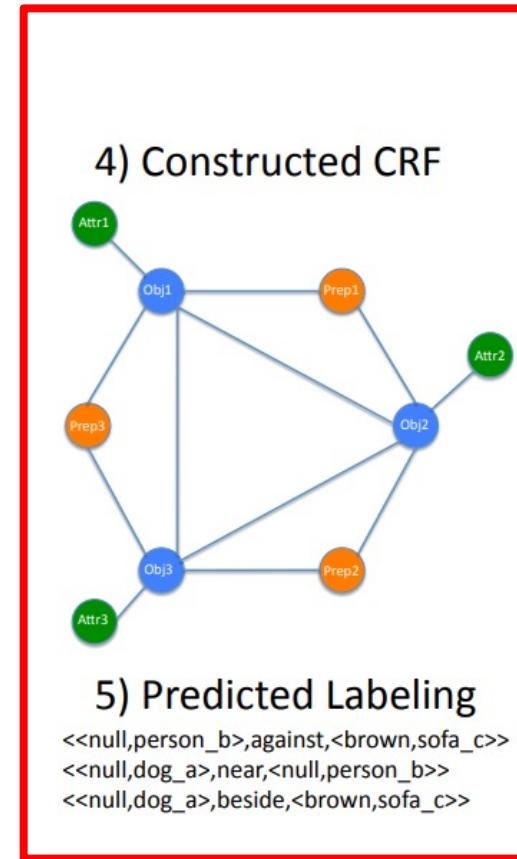
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Use CRF to predict highest likelihood assignment of labels



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Generate caption
conditioned on
labels

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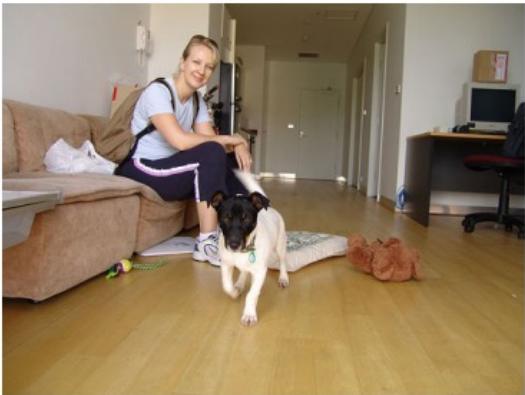
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Language model never sees pixels!

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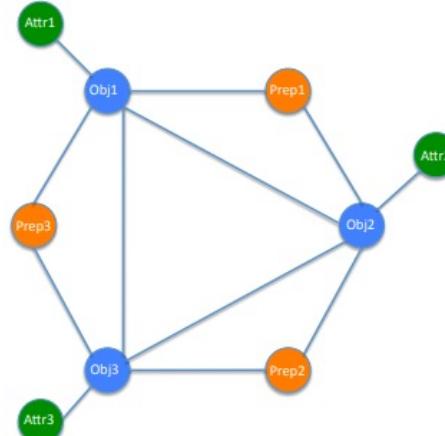
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Intermediate Representations



This is a photograph of one sky, one road and one bus. The blue sky is above the gray road. The gray road is near the shiny bus. The shiny bus is near the blue sky.



There are two aeroplanes. The first shiny aeroplane is near the second shiny aeroplane.



There are one cow and one sky. The golden cow is by the blue sky.



There are one dining table, one chair and two windows. The wooden dining table is by the wooden chair, and against the first window, and against the second white window. The wooden chair is by the first window, and by the second white window. The first window is by the second white window.



Here we see one person and one train. The black person is by the train.



This is a picture of one sky, one road and one sheep. The gray sky is over the gray road. The gray sheep is by the gray road.



Here we see one road, one sky and one bicycle. The road is near the blue sky, and near the colorful bicycle. The colorful bicycle is within the blue sky.



Here we see two persons, one sky and one aeroplane. The first black person is by the blue sky. The blue sky is near the shiny aeroplane. The second black person is by the blue sky. The shiny aeroplane is by the first black person, and by the second black person.



This is a picture of two dogs. The first dog is near the second furry dog.



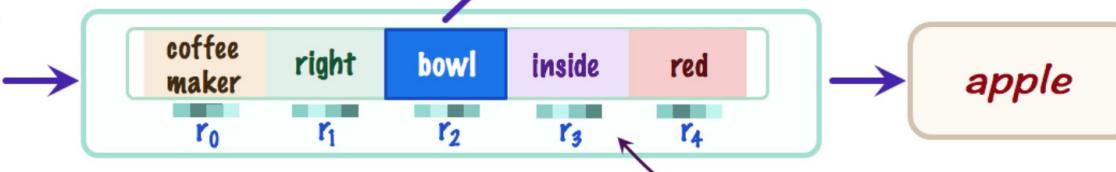
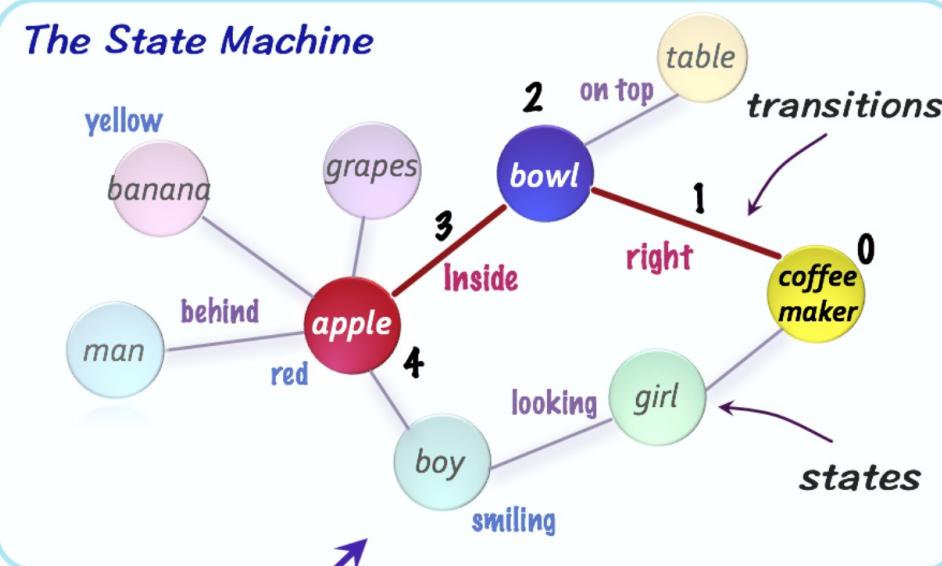
This is a photograph of two buses. The first rectangular bus is near the second rectangular bus.



Intermediate Representations



What is the **red fruit inside the bowl** to the **right** of the **coffee maker**?



alphabet (concepts)

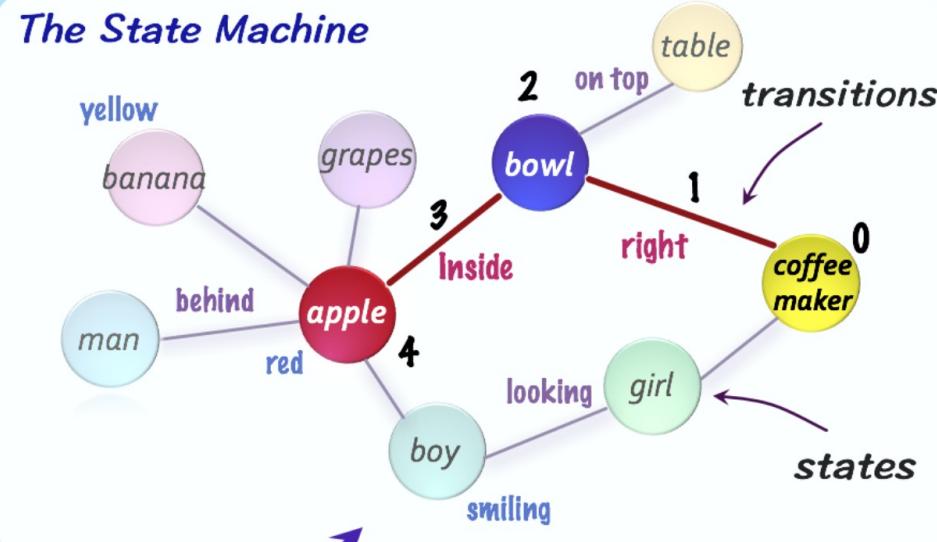


properties

disentangled representation



Intermediate Representations



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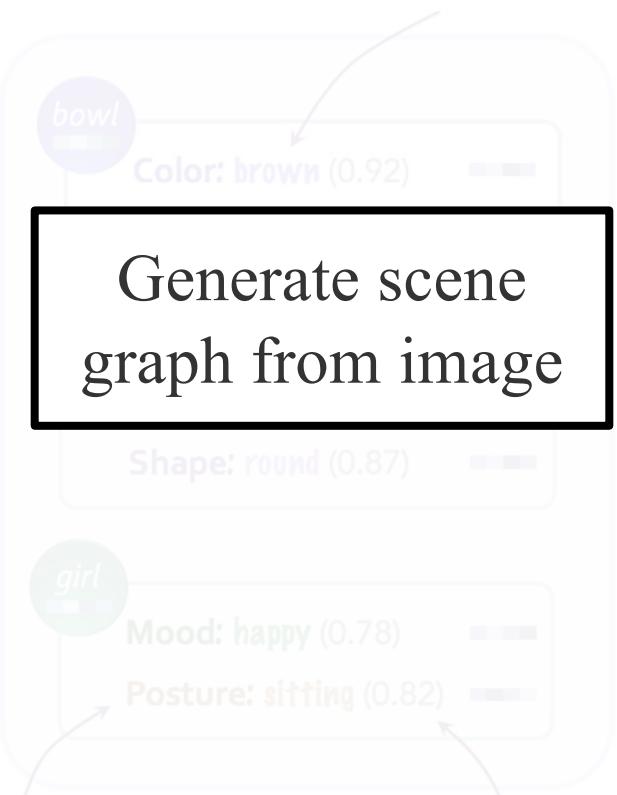


instructions

properties

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alphabet (concepts)



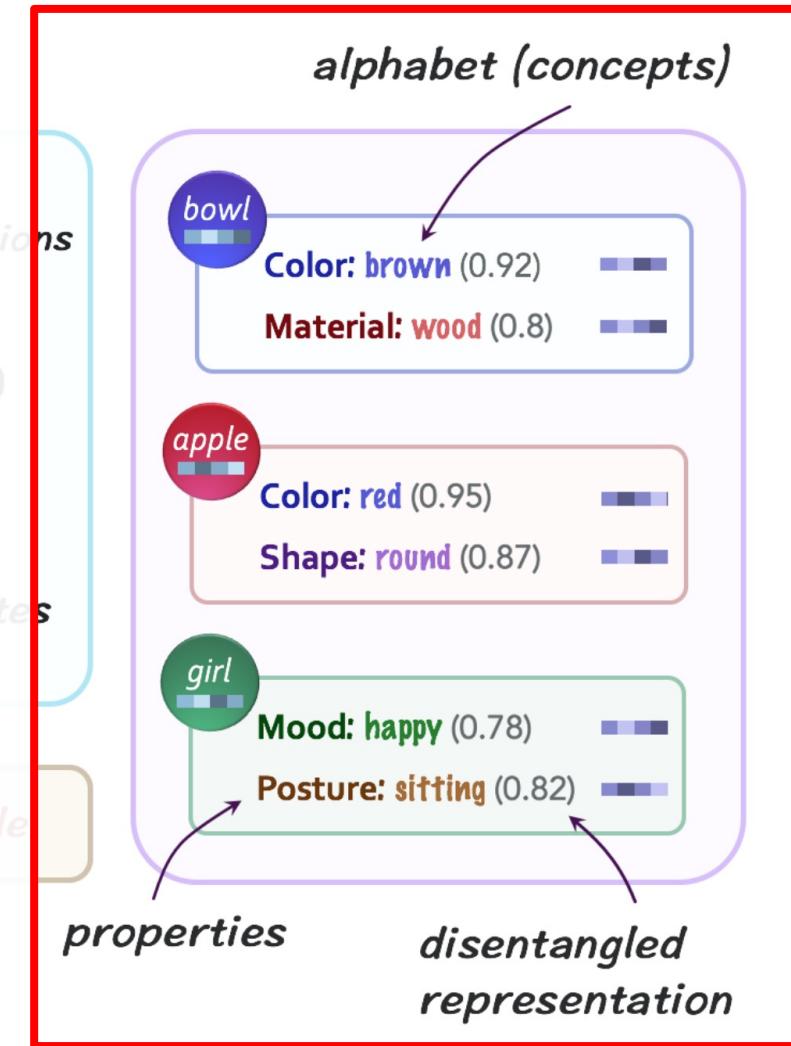
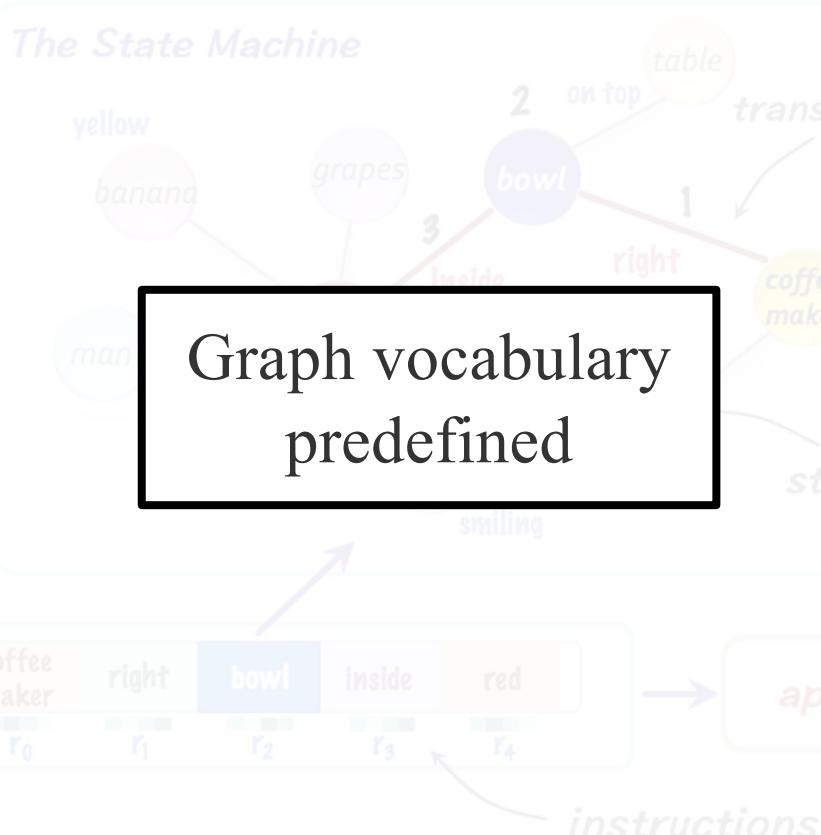
Generate scene graph from image



Intermediate Representations



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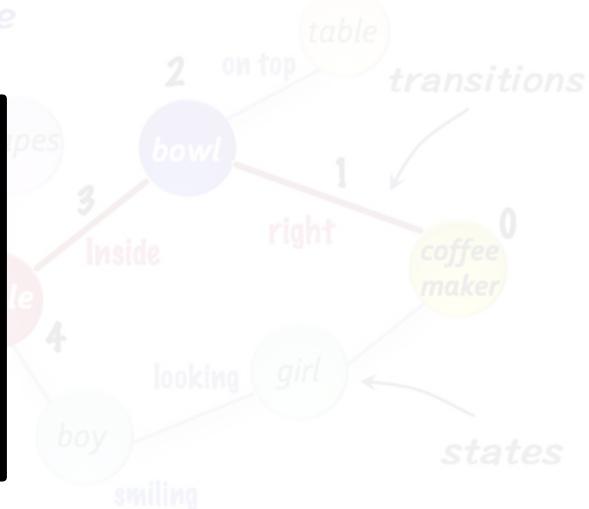


Intermediate Representations



Transform
question into
program traversing
graph for answer

The State Machine



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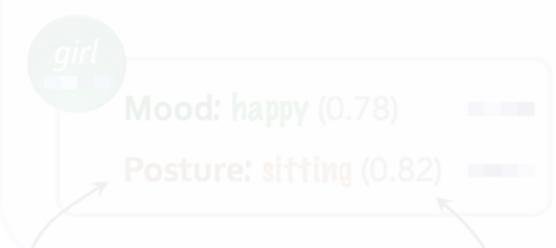
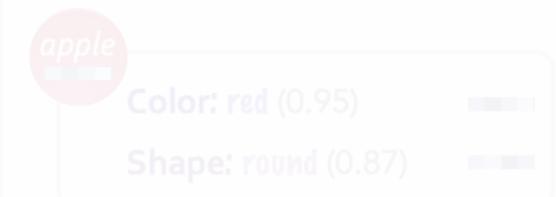
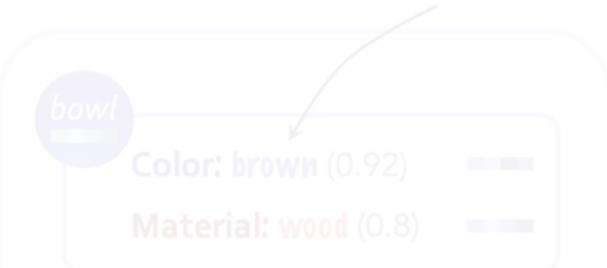


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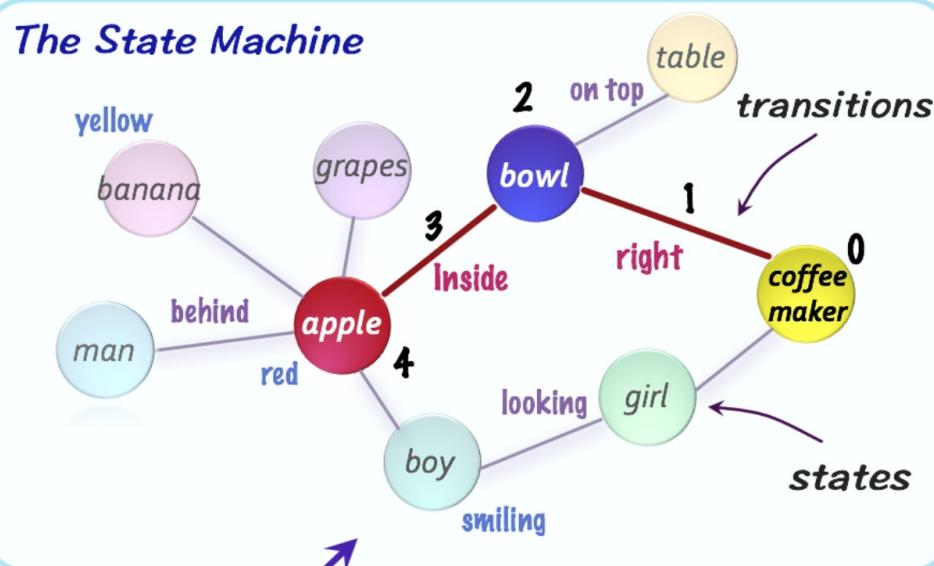




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instructions

Learning by Abstraction: The Neural State Machine: Hudson and Manning 2019

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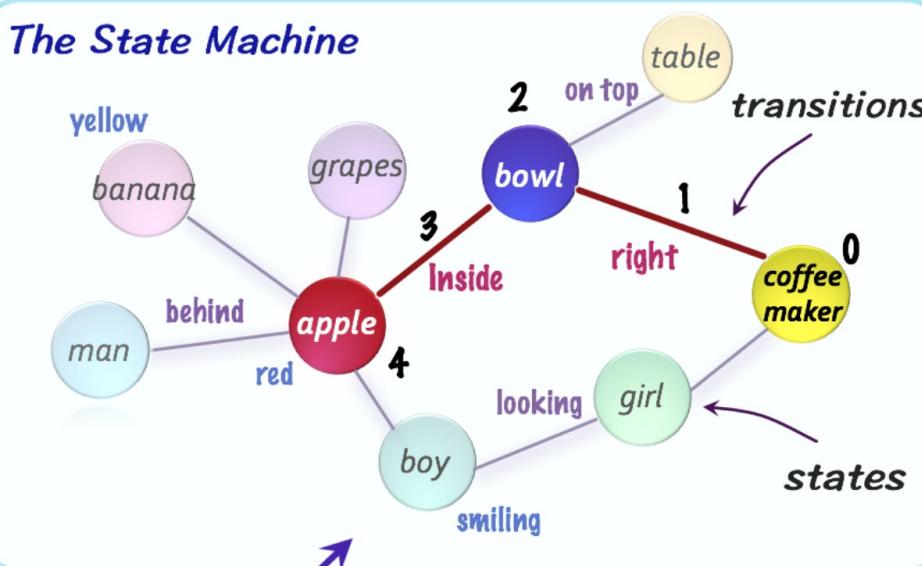


Answer by
executing program
in state machine





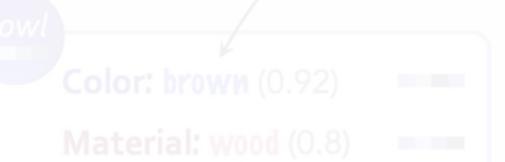
Intermediate Representations



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alphabet (concepts)



Allows language reasoning to occur solely within abstract structure

Posture: sitting (0.82)

disentangled representation



Intermediate Representations

Table 4: GQA generalization

Model	Content	Structure
Global Prior	8.51	14.64
Local Prior	12.14	18.21
Vision	17.51	18.68
Language	21.14	32.88
Lang+Vis	24.95	36.51
BottomUp [5]	29.72	41.83
MAC [40]	31.12	47.27
NSM	40.24	55.72

TEXT PROMPT

a store front that has the word 'dall-e' written on it. a store front that has the word 'dall-e' written on it. a store front that has the word 'dall-e' written on it.
dall-e store front.

AI-GENERATED
IMAGES

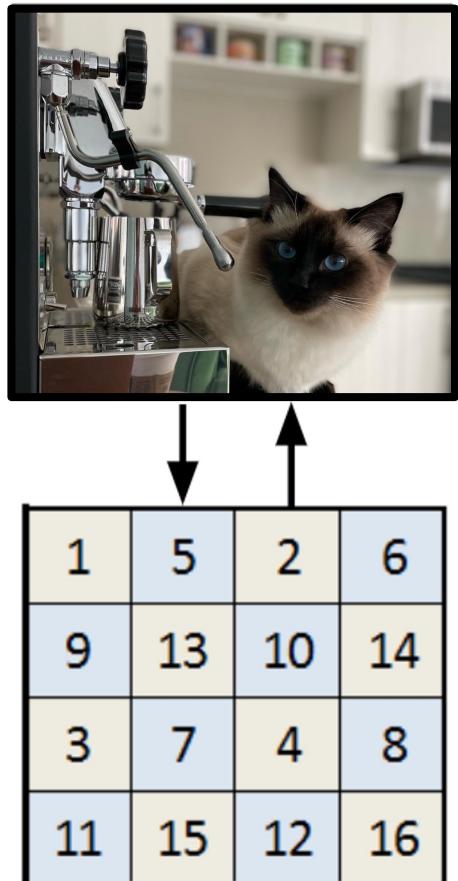




Intermediate Representations

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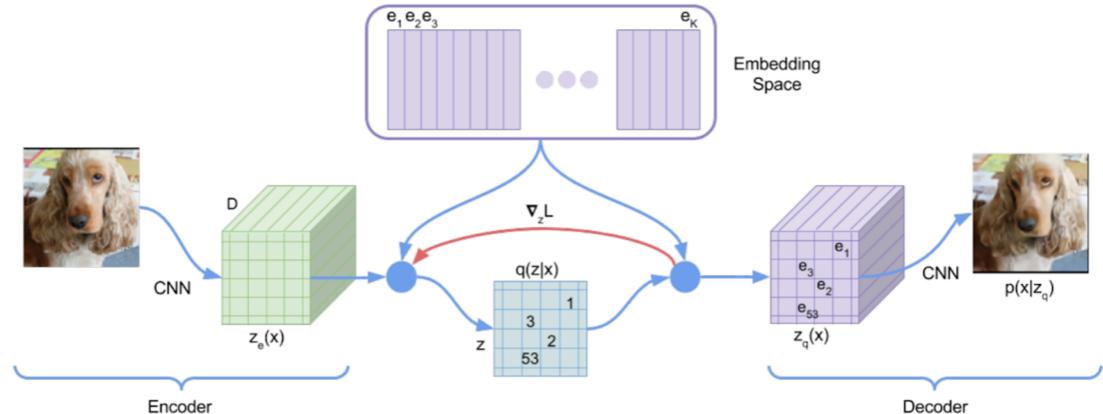
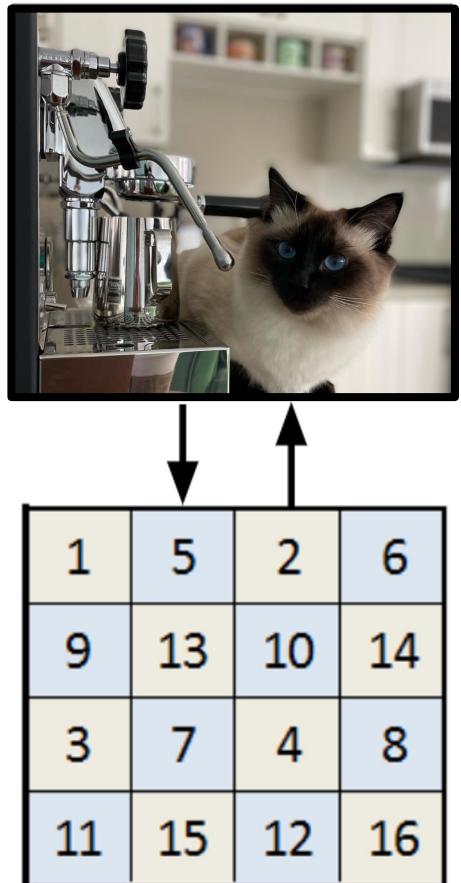




Intermediate Representations

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Neural Discrete Representation Learning: van Oord et al. 2017



Intermediate Representations

Step 2

Learn Joint
Language and Code Distribution

"A kitten
with a pink
background"

1	5	2	6
9	13	10	14
3	7	4	8
11	15	12	16



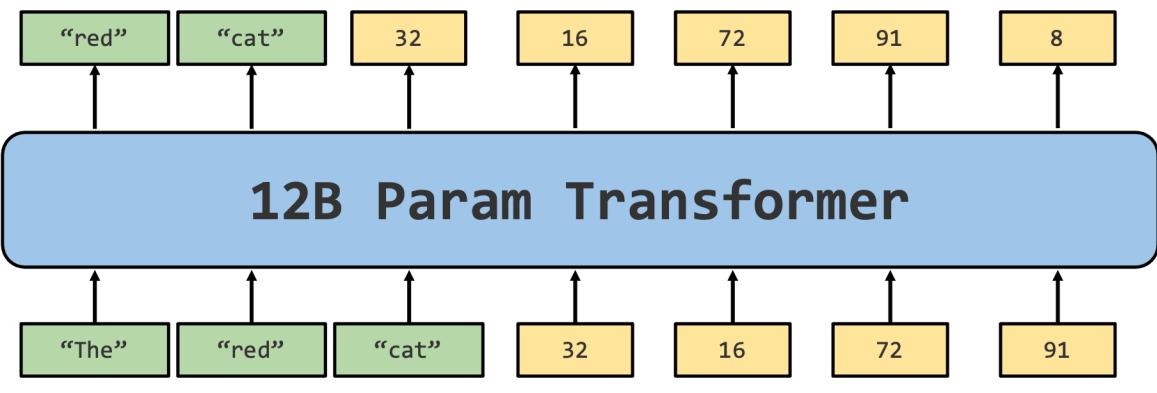
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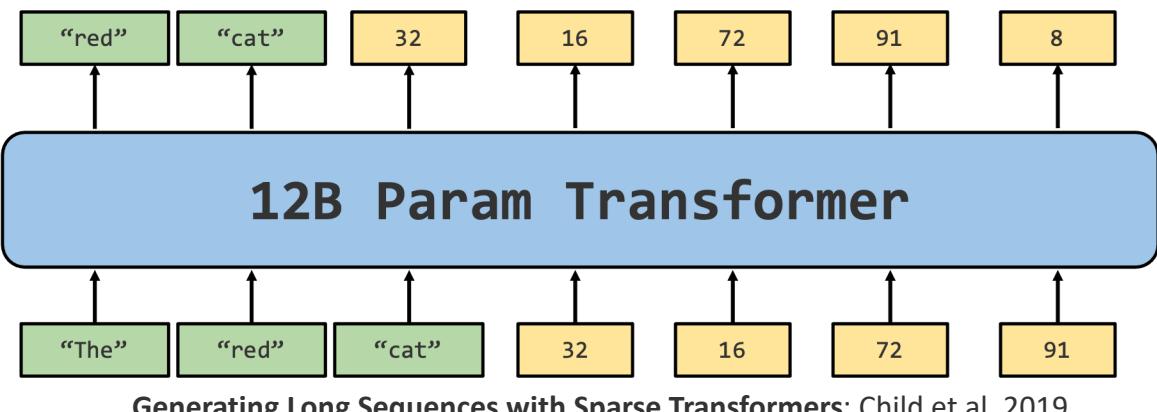
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Generating Long Sequences with Sparse Transformers: Child et al. 2019

Reduced to language modeling
problem!

TEXT PROMPT

an x-ray of a capybara sitting in a forest

AI-GENERATED
IMAGES



DALL-E 1: Ramesh et al. 2021



Anchoring to 3D

“The goal of an image understanding system is to transform two-dimensional data into a representation of the three-dimensional spatio-temporal world”



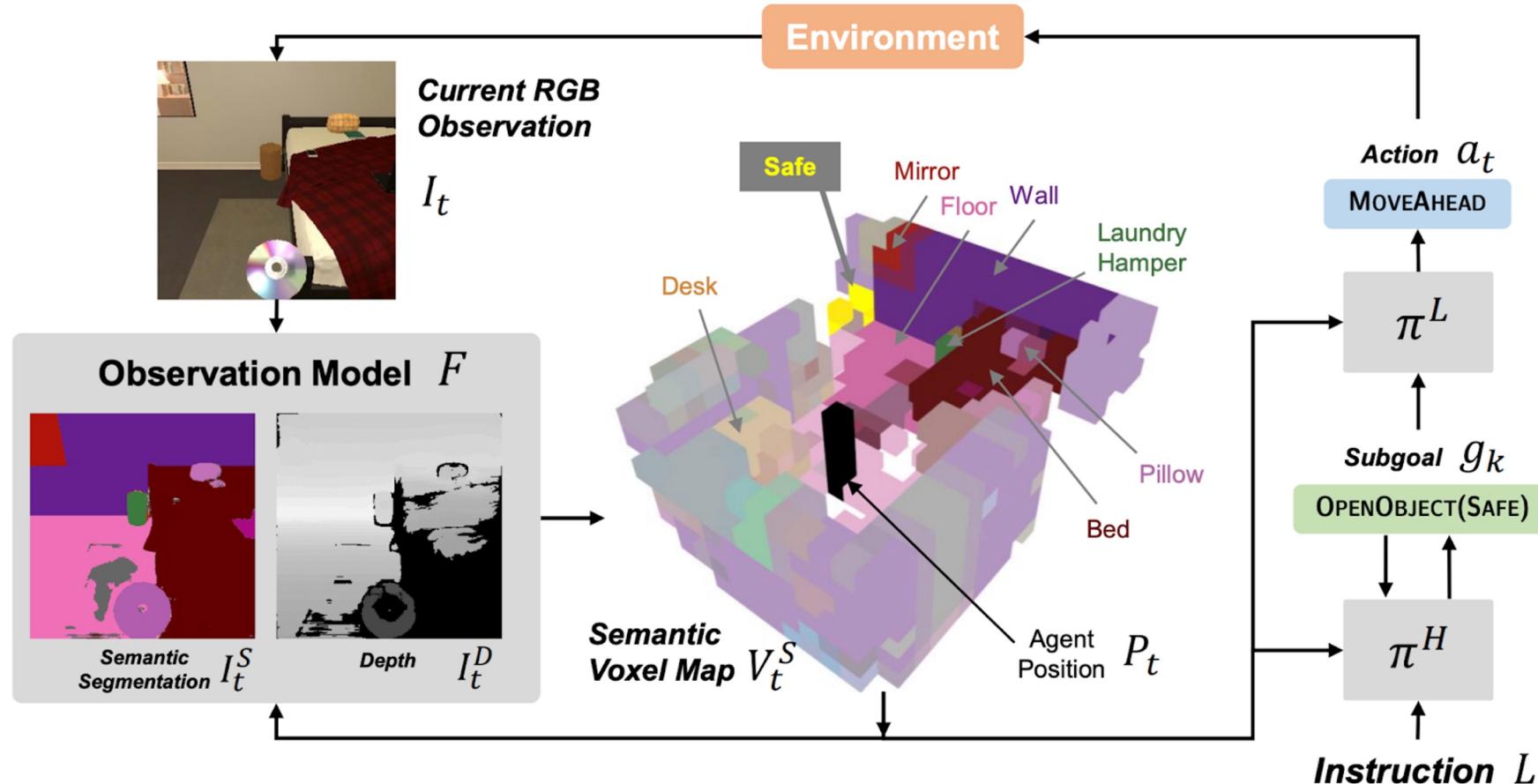
Anchoring to 3D



“Place a clean ladle on a counter”

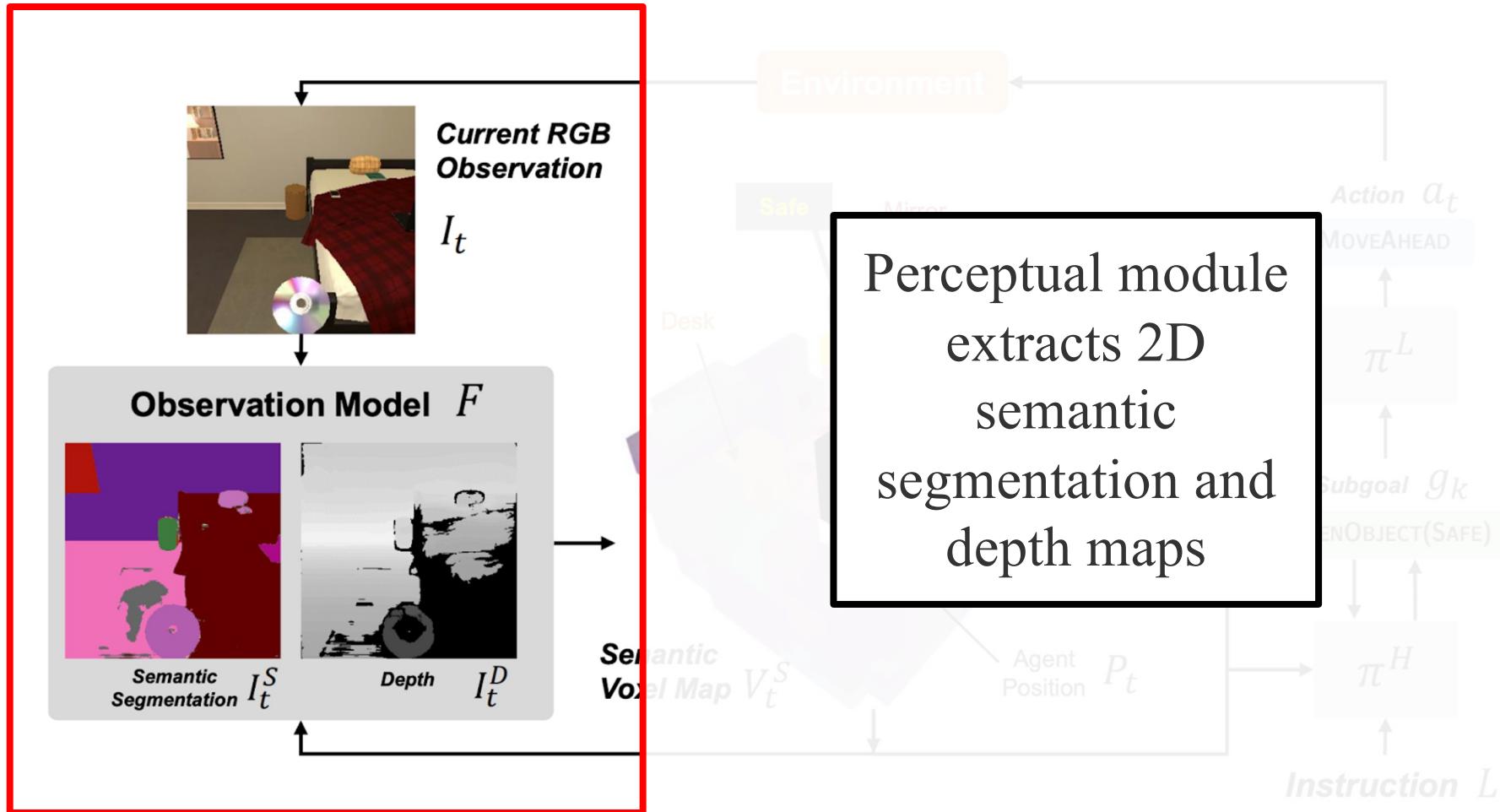


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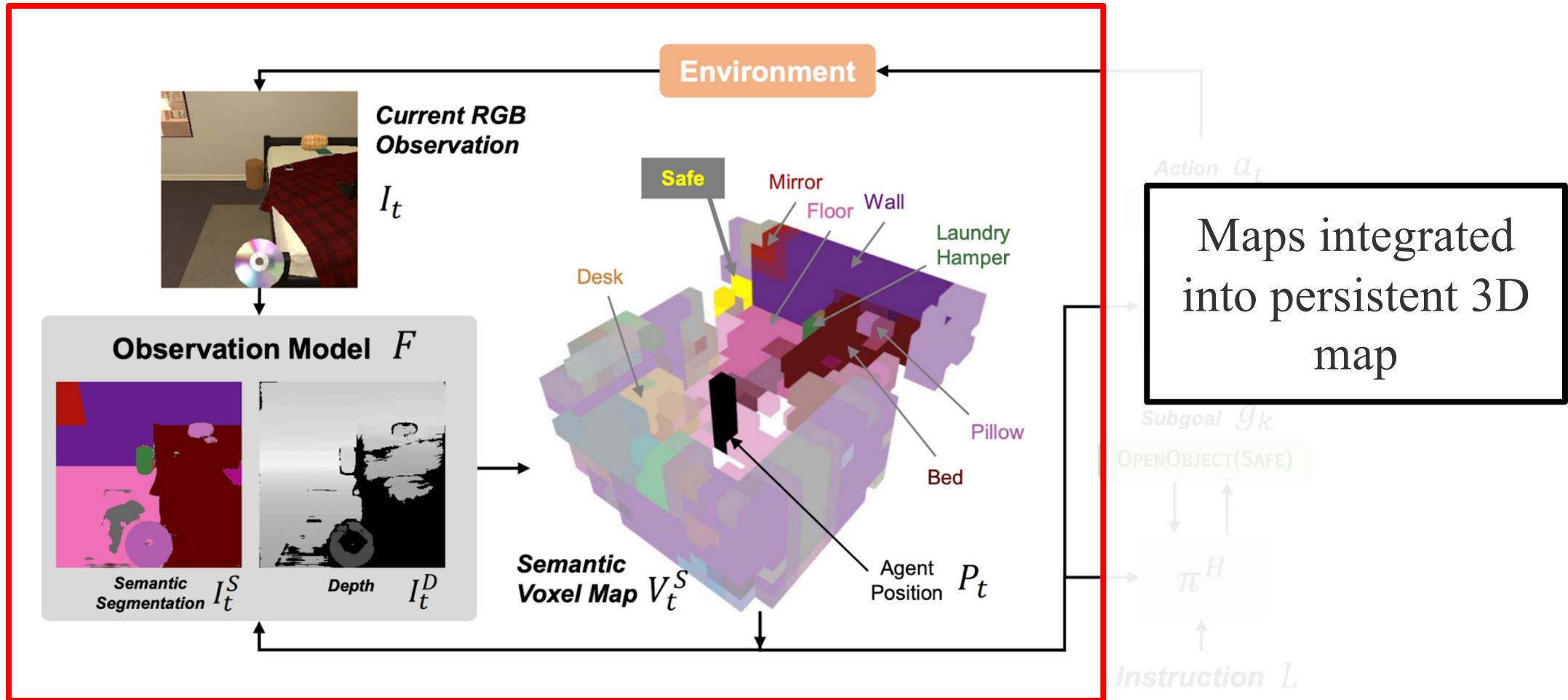




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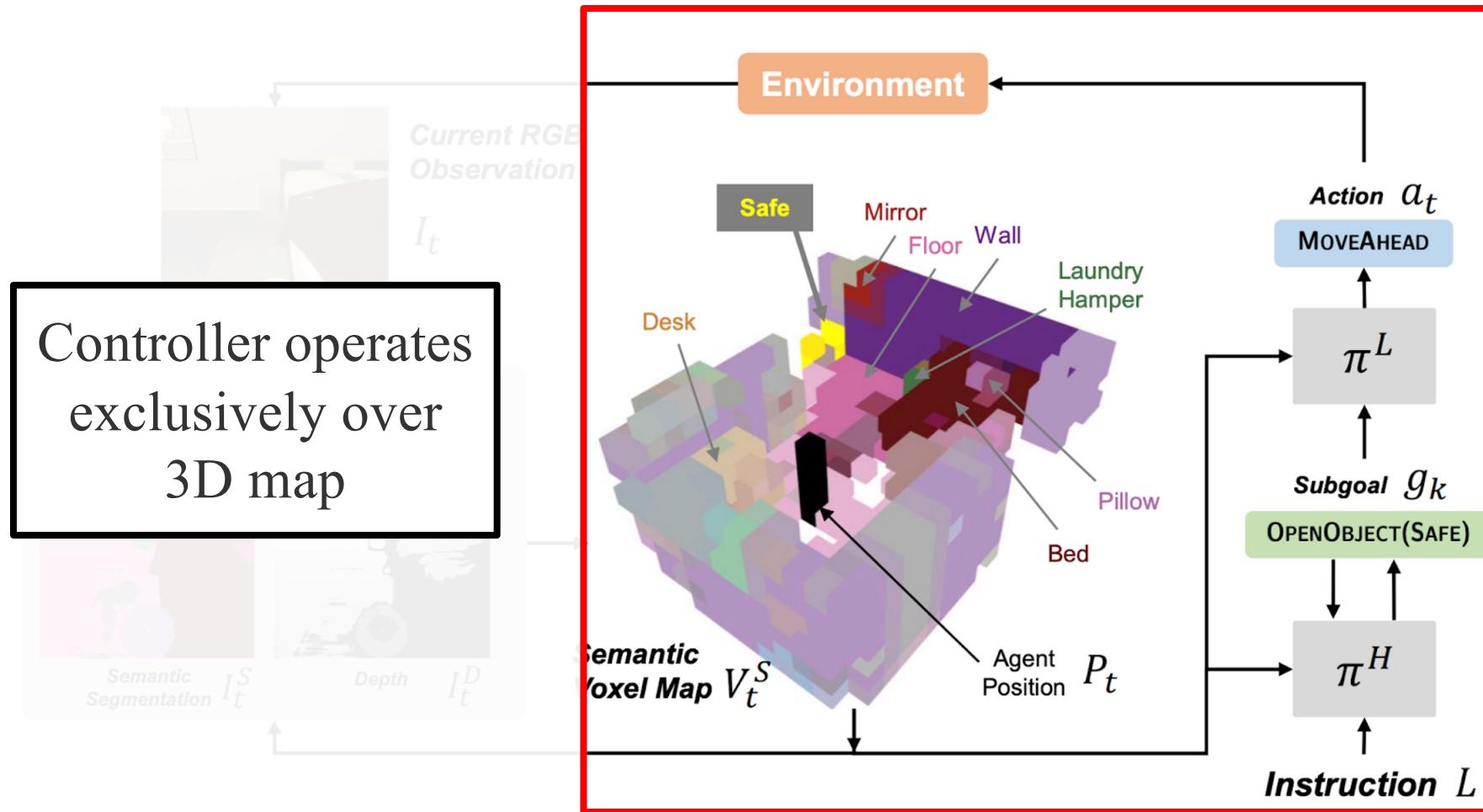


Anchoring to 3D





Anchoring to 3D





Anchoring to 3D

Method	Validation			
	Seen		Unseen	
	SR	GC	SR	GC
HLSM	29.6	38.8	18.3	31.2
+ gt depth	29.6	40.5	20.1	33.7
+ gt depth, gt seg.	40.7	50.4	40.2	52.2
+ gt seg.	36.2	47.0	34.7	47.8
w/o language enc.	0.9	8.6	0.2	7.5
w/o subg. hist. enc.	29.4	38.5	16.6	29.2
w/o state repr enc.	30.0	40.6	18.9	30.8

3D Map
useful for
improving
performance



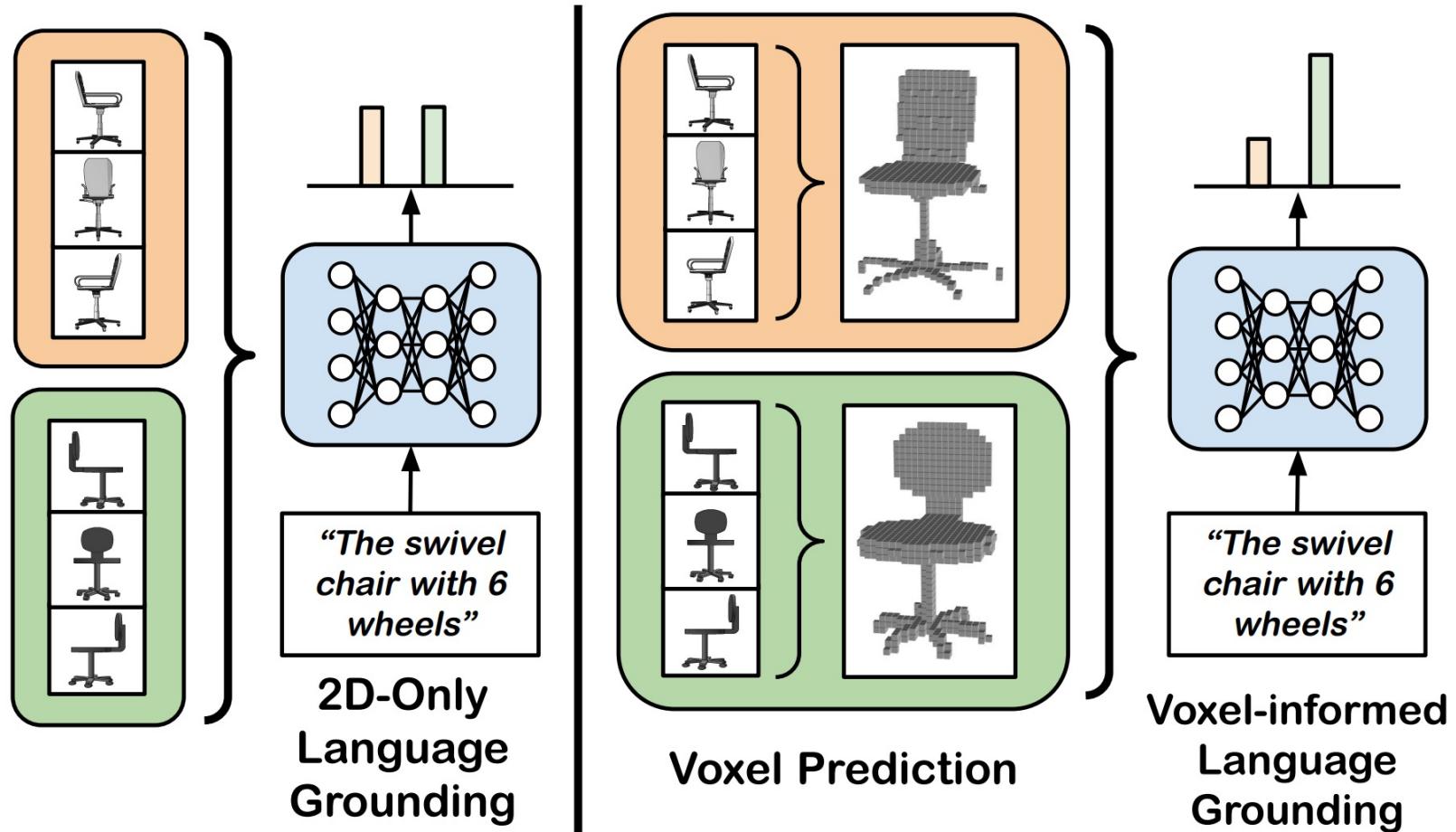
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However,
benefits held
back by
cascading
errors

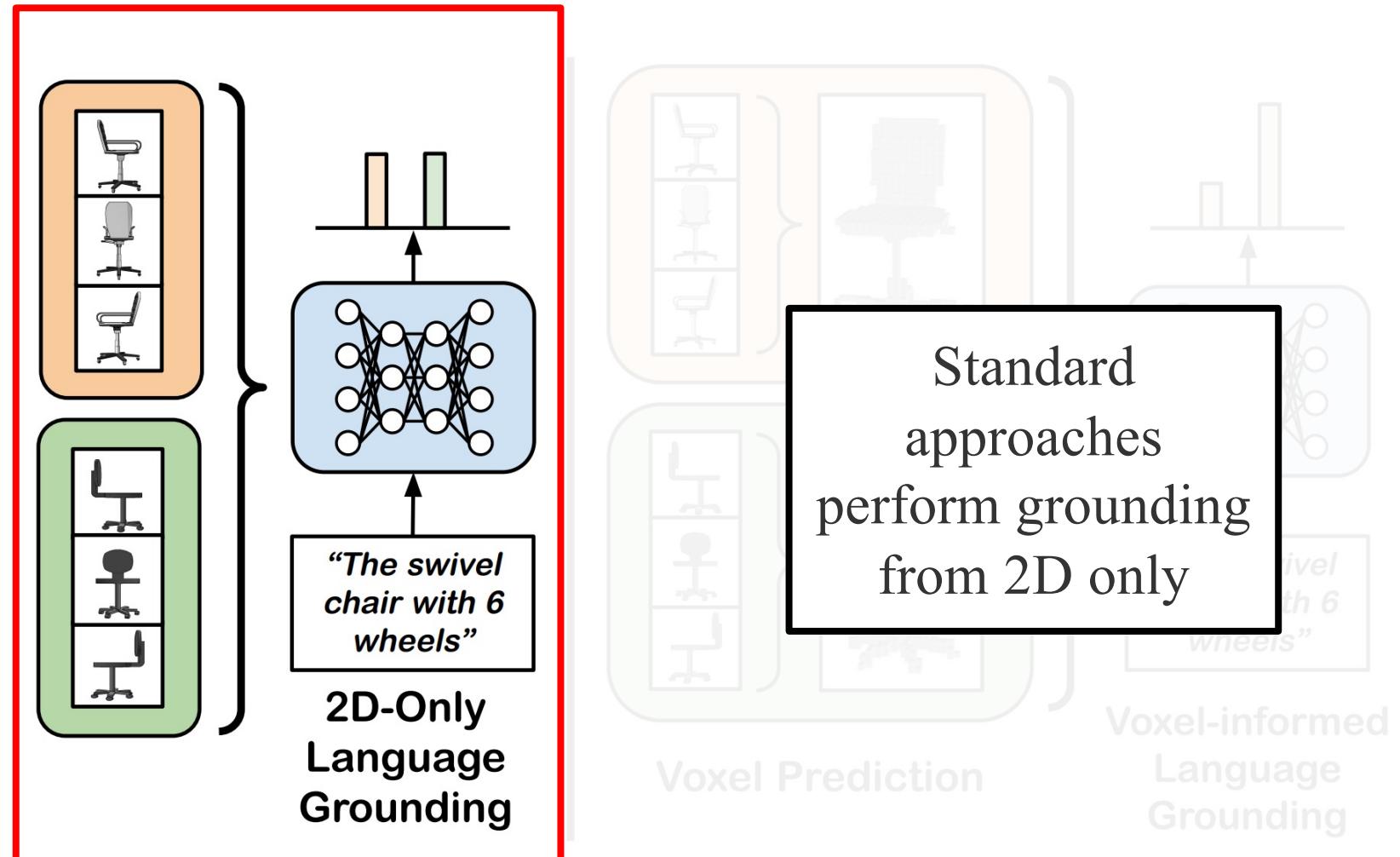


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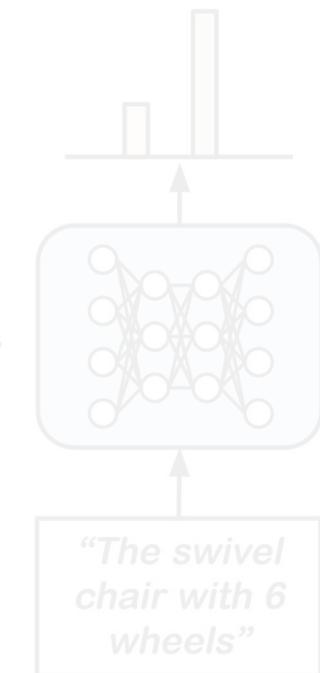
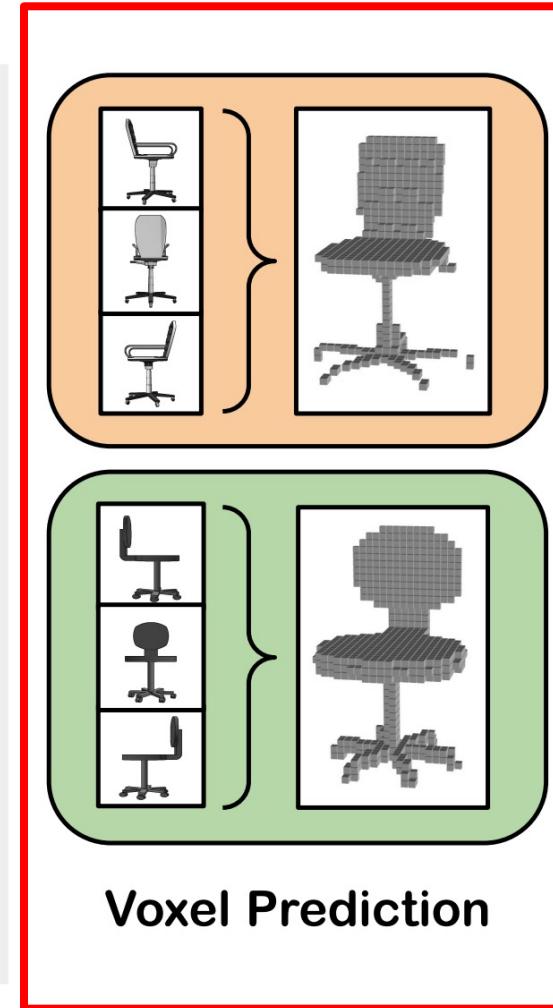




Anchoring to 3D

Can supplement
with predicted
geometry from 3D
reconstruction
model

2D-Only
Language
Grounding



Voxel-informed
Language
Grounding



Anchoring to 3D

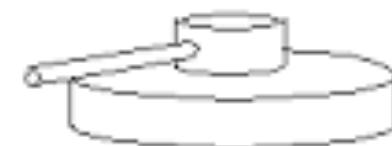
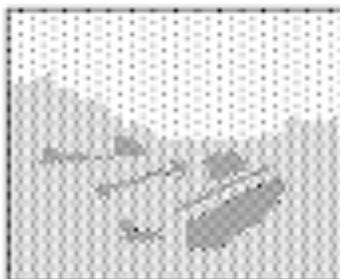
Model	VALIDATION			TEST		
	Visual	Blind	All	Visual	Blind	All
ViLBERT	89.5	76.6	83.1	80.2	73.0	76.6
MATCH	89.2 (0.9)	75.2 (0.7)	82.2 (0.4)	83.9 (0.5)	68.7 (0.9)	76.5 (0.5)
MATCH*	90.6 (0.4)	75.7 (1.2)	83.2 (0.8)	-	-	-
LAGOR	89.8 (0.4)	75.3 (0.7)	82.6 (0.4)	84.3 (0.4)	69.4 (0.5)	77.0 (0.5)
LAGOR*	89.8 (0.5)	75.0 (0.4)	82.5 (0.1)	-	-	-
VLG (Ours)	91.2 (0.4)	78.4[†](0.7)	84.9[†](0.3)	86.0	71.7	79.0

Improves performance over 2D-only
approaches



Bottom-Up Takeaways

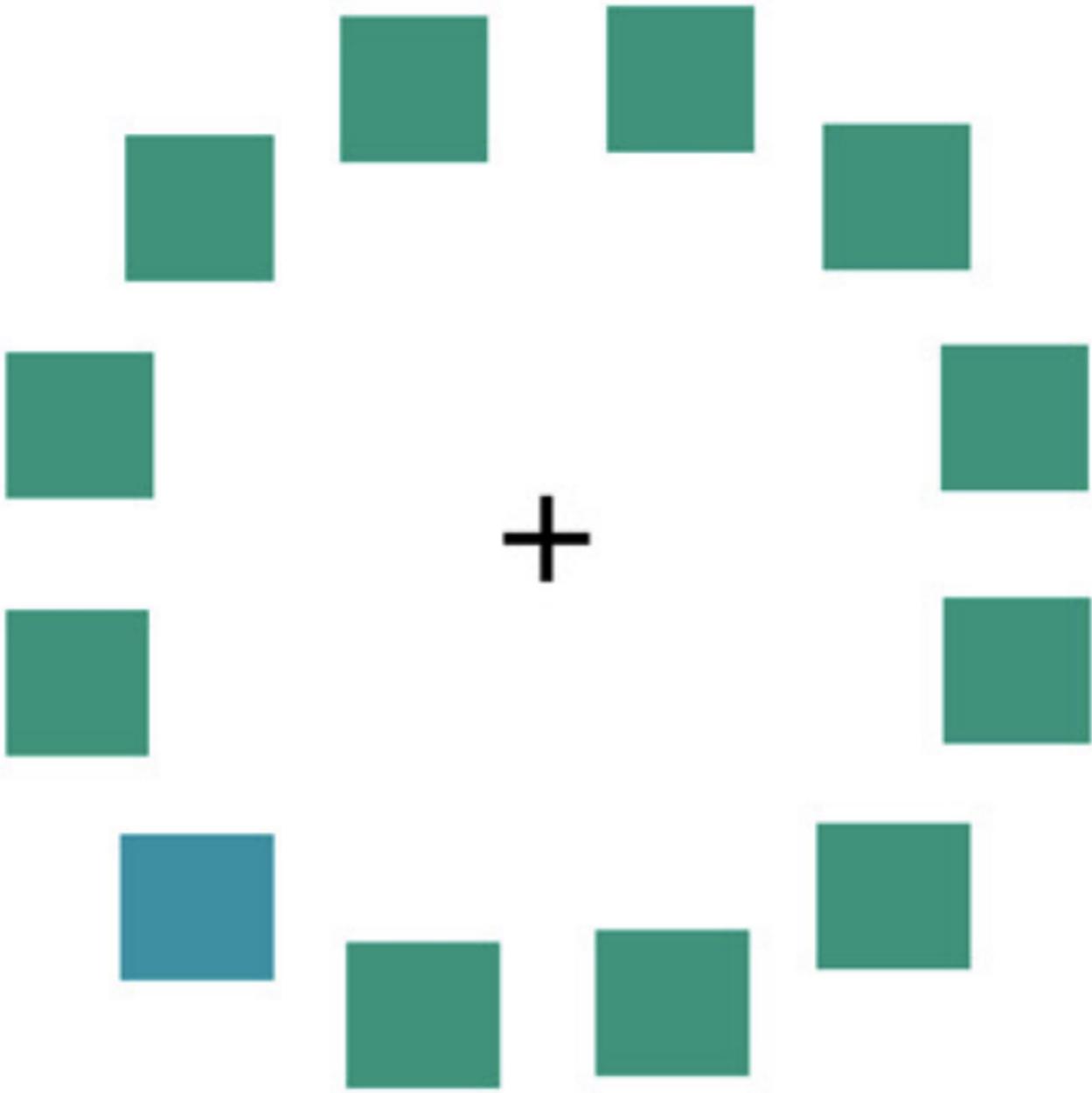
- Grounding to intermediate representations more tractable than grounding directly to pixels.
- Constrains the space of things to ground to.
- **Limitation:**
 - May suffer from cascading error.
 - Not always informed by language.

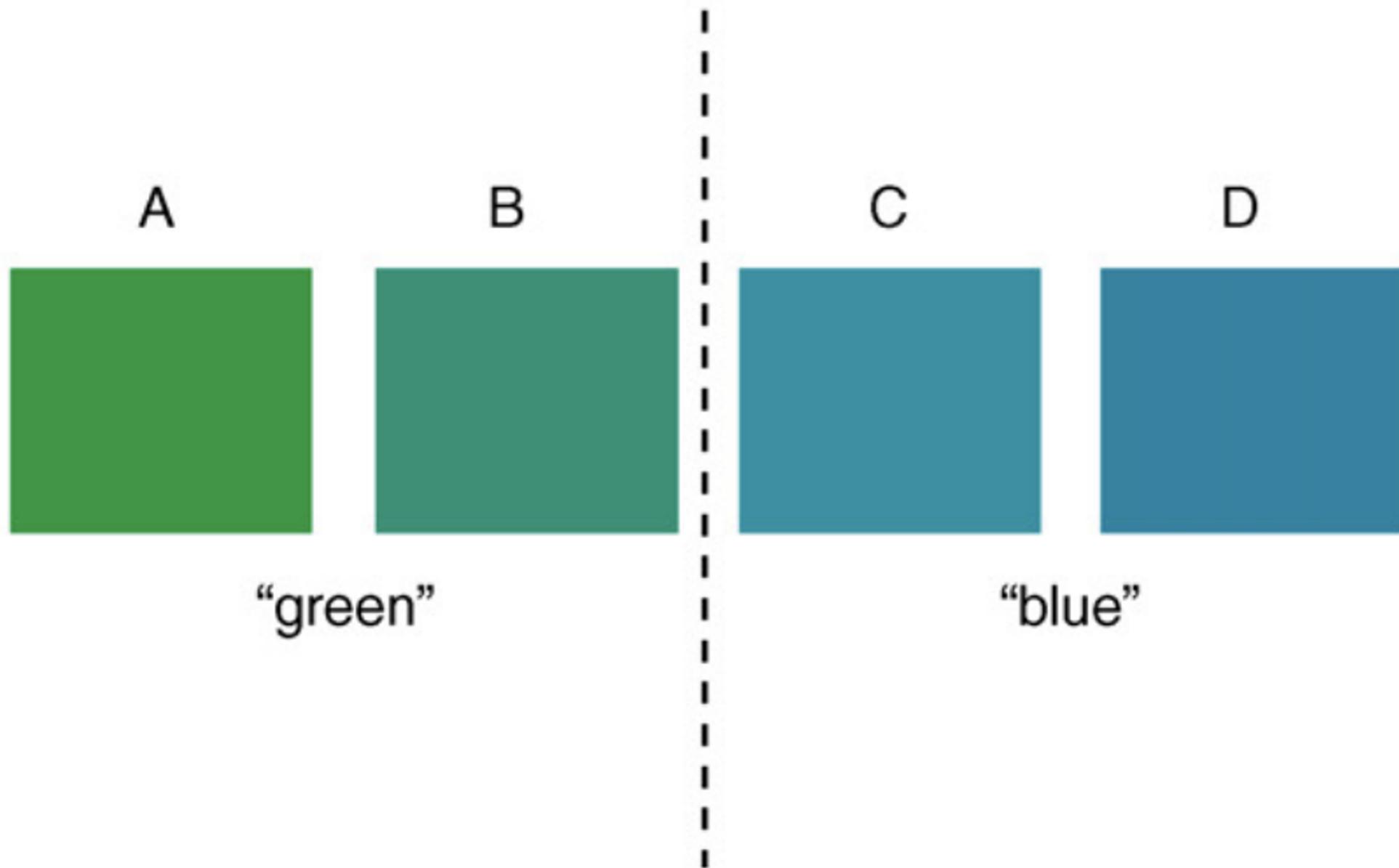


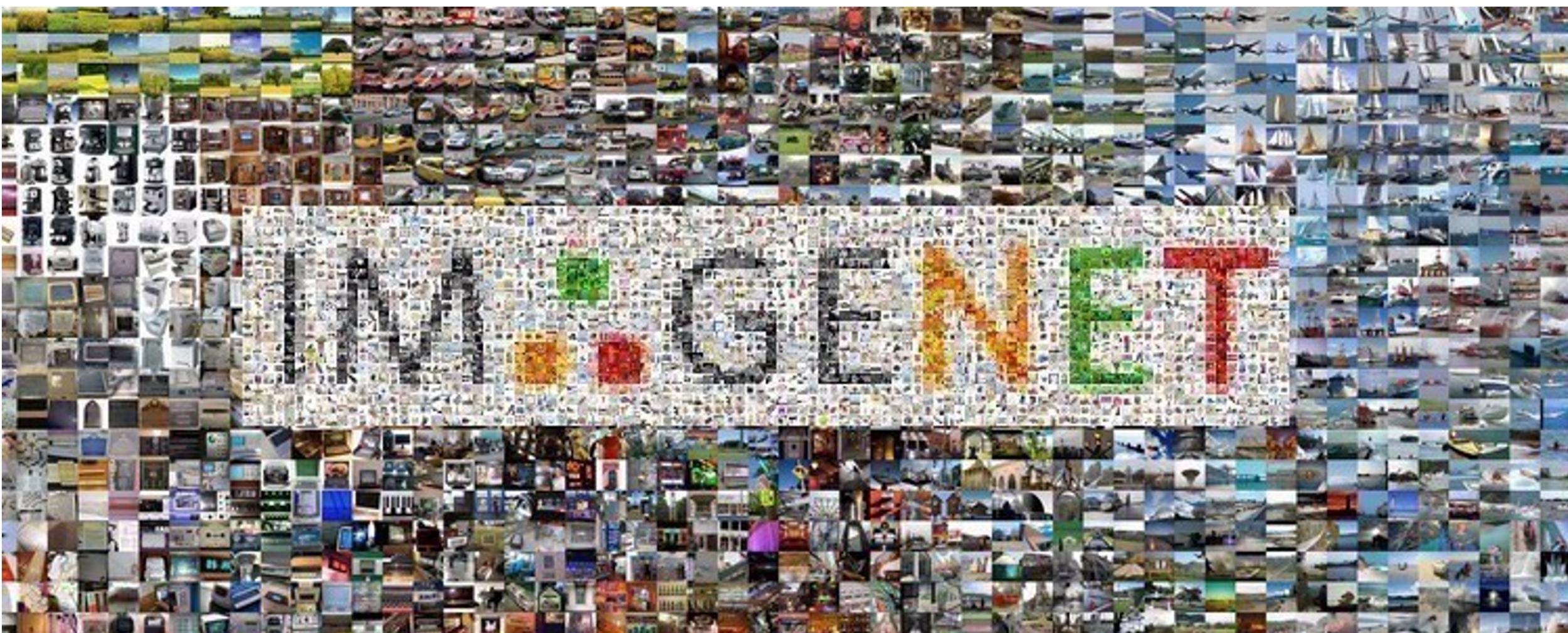


Top-Down

“What color is the
small **shiny cube**? ”







WordNet Search - 3.1

- [WordNet home page](#) - [Glossary](#) - [Help](#)

Word to search for:

Display Options:

Key: "S:" = Show Synset (semantic) relations, "W:" = Show Word (lexical) relations

Display options for sense: (gloss) "an example sentence"

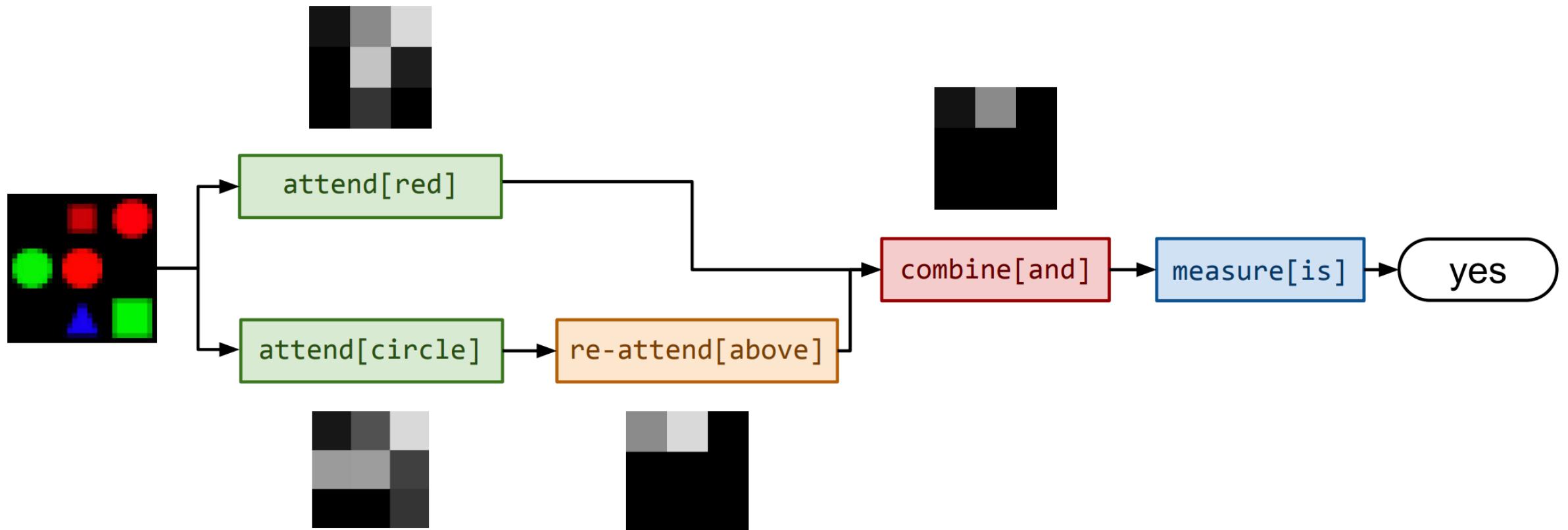
Noun

- S: (n) **wordnet** (any of the machine-readable lexical databases modeled after the Princeton WordNet)
- S: (n) **WordNet**, [Princeton WordNet](#) (a machine-readable lexical database organized by meanings; developed at Princeton University)



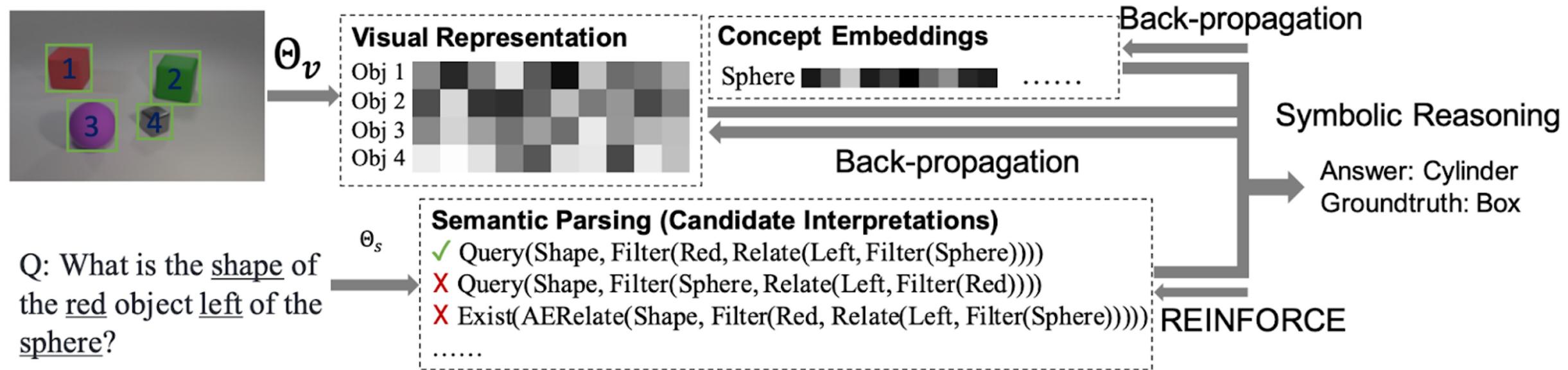
Modular Systems

“Is there a red sphere above a circle?”





Modular Systems





Modular Systems



**Parse question
into program in
Domain Specific
Language (DSL)**

Q: What is the shape of
the red object left of the
sphere?

Θ_s

Semantic Parsing (Candidate Interpretations)

- ✓ Query(Shape, Filter(Red, Relate(Left, Filter(Sphere))))
- ✗ Query(Shape, Filter(Sphere, Relate(Left, Filter(Red))))
- ✗ Exist(AERelate(Shape, Filter(Red, Relate(Left, Filter(Sphere))))))

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Concept Embeddings

here

.....

Back-propagation

Back-propagation

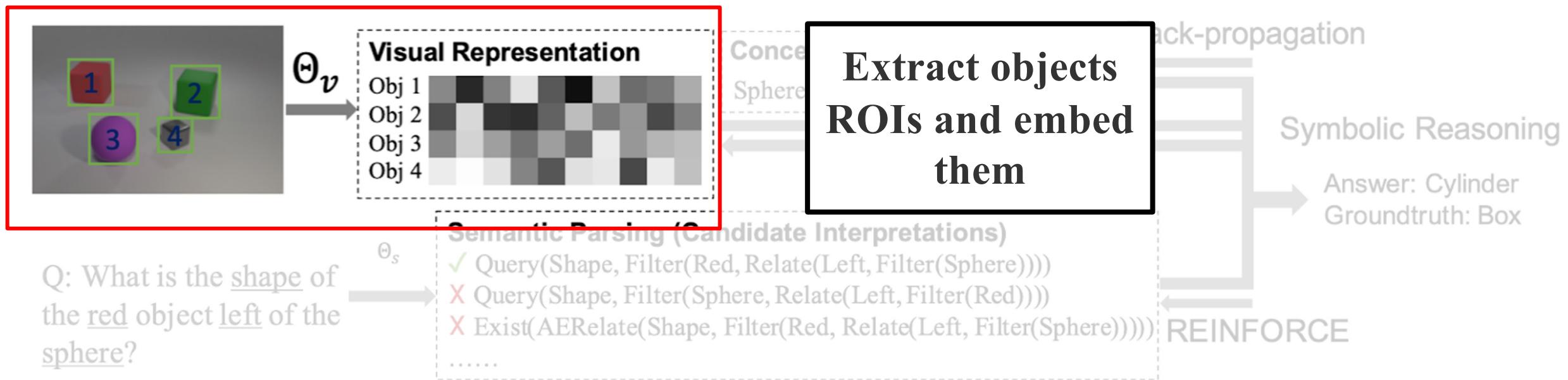
Symbolic Reasoning

Answer: Cylinder
Groundtruth: Box

REINFORCE

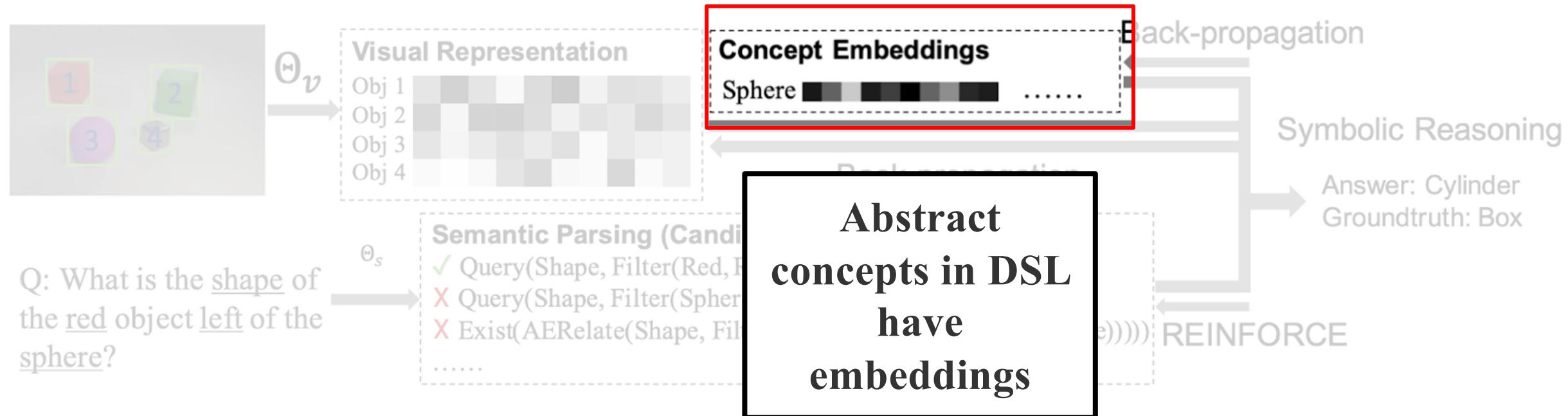


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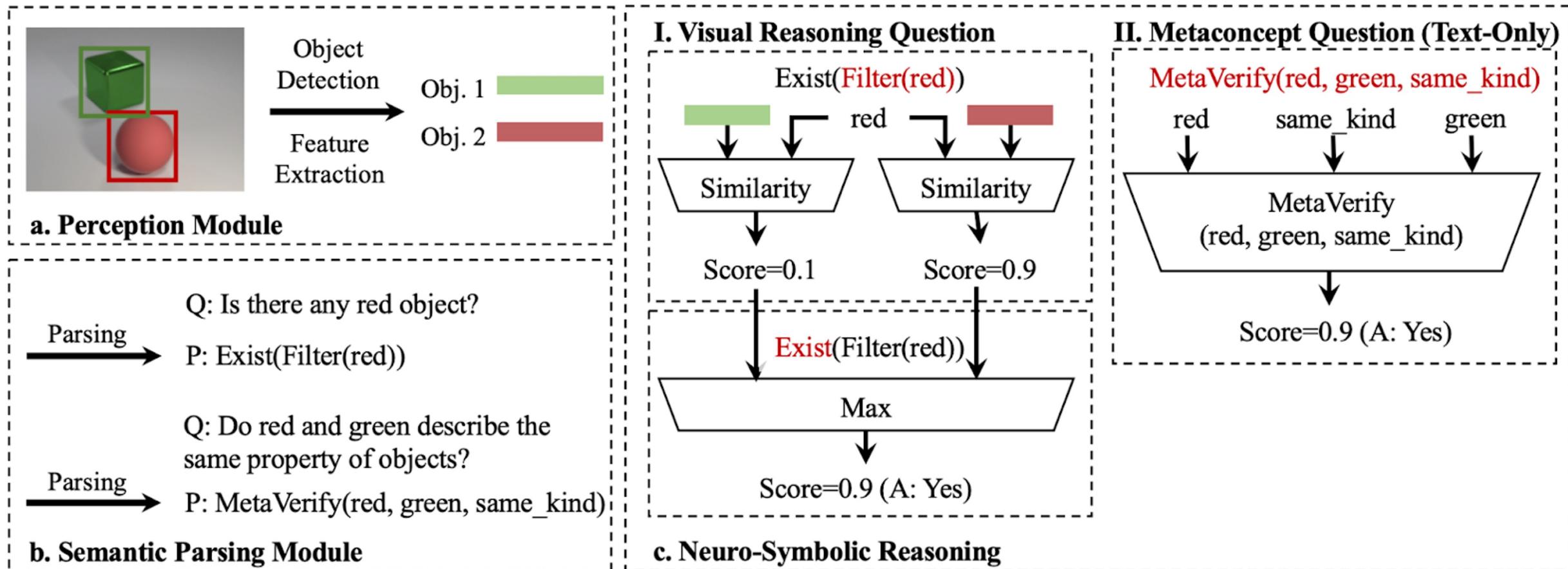
Modular Systems

Signature	Implementation
Scene() → out : ObjectSet	$out_i := 1$
Filter(in : ObjectSet, oc : ObjConcept) → out : ObjectSet	$out_i := \min(in_i, \text{ObjClassify}(oc)_i)$
Relate(in : Object, rc : RelConcept) → out : ObjectSet	$out_i := \sum_j (in_j \cdot \text{RelClassify}(rc)_{j,i})$
AERelate(in : Object, a : Attribute) → out : ObjectSet	$out_i := \sum_j (in_j \cdot \text{AEClassify}(a)_{j,i})$
Intersection($in^{(1)}$: ObjectSet, $in^{(2)}$: ObjectSet) → out : ObjectSet	$out_i := \min(in_i^{(1)}, in_i^{(2)})$
Union($in^{(1)}$: ObjectSet, $in^{(2)}$: ObjectSet) → out : ObjectSet	$out_i := \max(in_i^{(1)}, in_i^{(2)})$
Query(in : Object, a : Attribute) → out : ObjConcept	$\Pr[out = oc] := \sum_i in_i \cdot \frac{\text{ObjClassify}(oc)_i \cdot b_a^{oc}}{\sum_{oc'} \text{ObjClassify}(oc')_i \cdot b_a^{oc'}}$
AEQuery($in^{(1)}$: Object, $in^{(2)}$: Object, a : Attribute) → b : Bool	$b := \sum_i \sum_j (in_i^{(1)} \cdot in_j^{(2)} \cdot \text{AEClassify}(a)_{j,i})$
Exist(in : ObjectSet) → b : Bool	$b := \max_i in_i$
Count(in : ObjectSet) → i : Integer	$i := \sum_i in_i$
CLessThan($in^{(1)}$: ObjectSet, $in^{(2)}$: ObjectSet) → b : Bool	$b := \sigma((\sum_i in_i^{(2)} - \sum_i in_i^{(1)} - 1 + \gamma_c)/\tau_c)$
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All operations
deterministic
and pre-defined!

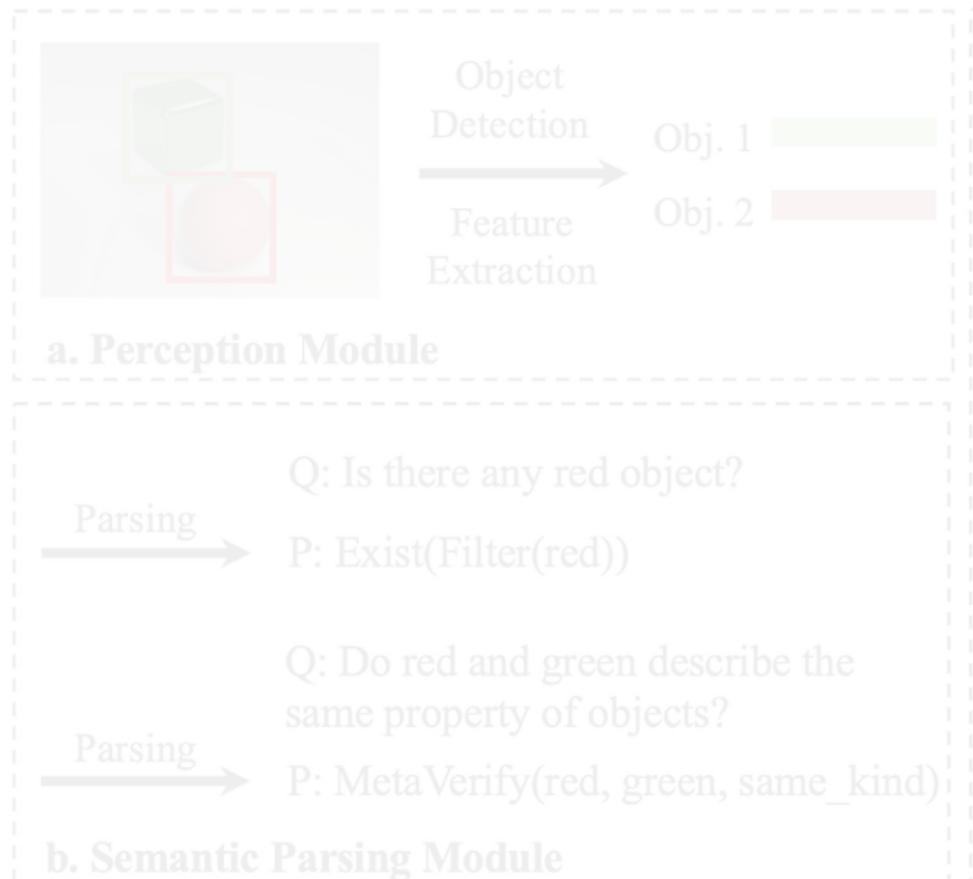


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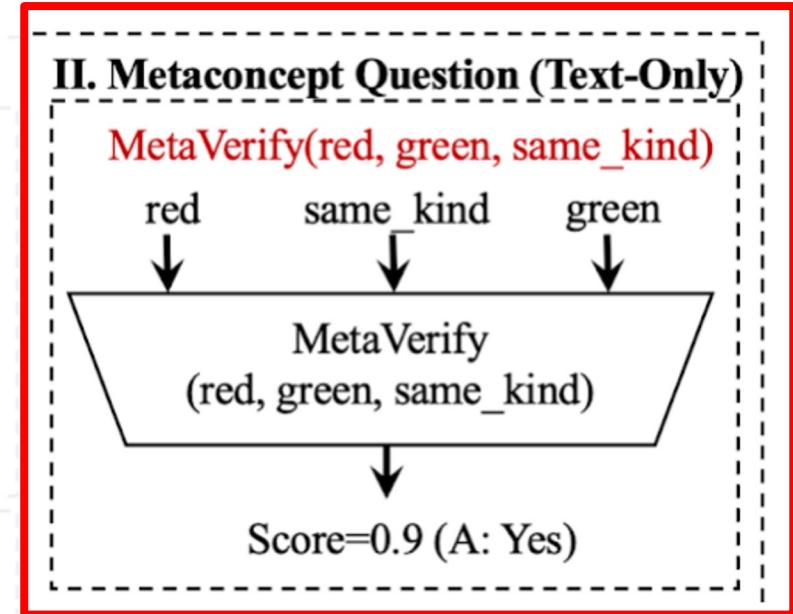
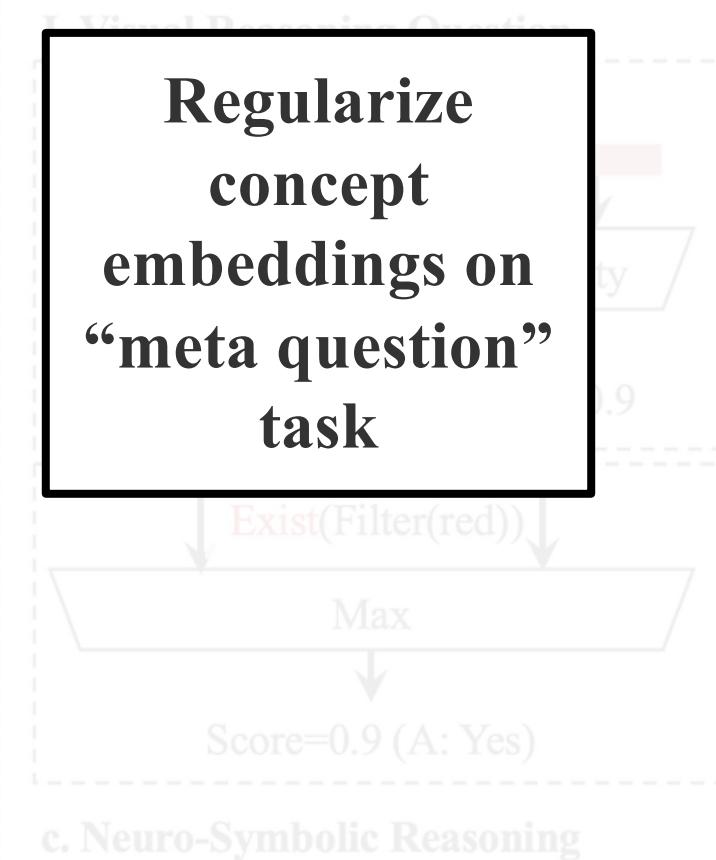




Modular Systems



**Regularize
concept
embeddings on
“meta question”
task**





Modular Systems

“block” == “square”

	GRU-CNN	MAC	NS-CL	VCML
CLEVR	50.0 ± 0.0	68.7 ± 3.8	80.2 ± 3.1	94.1 ± 4.6
GQA	50.0 ± 0.0	49.5 ± 0.2	49.3 ± 0.6	50.5 ± 0.1

Learning *synonyms* helps zero-shot generalization



Modular Systems

= “purple” + “square”

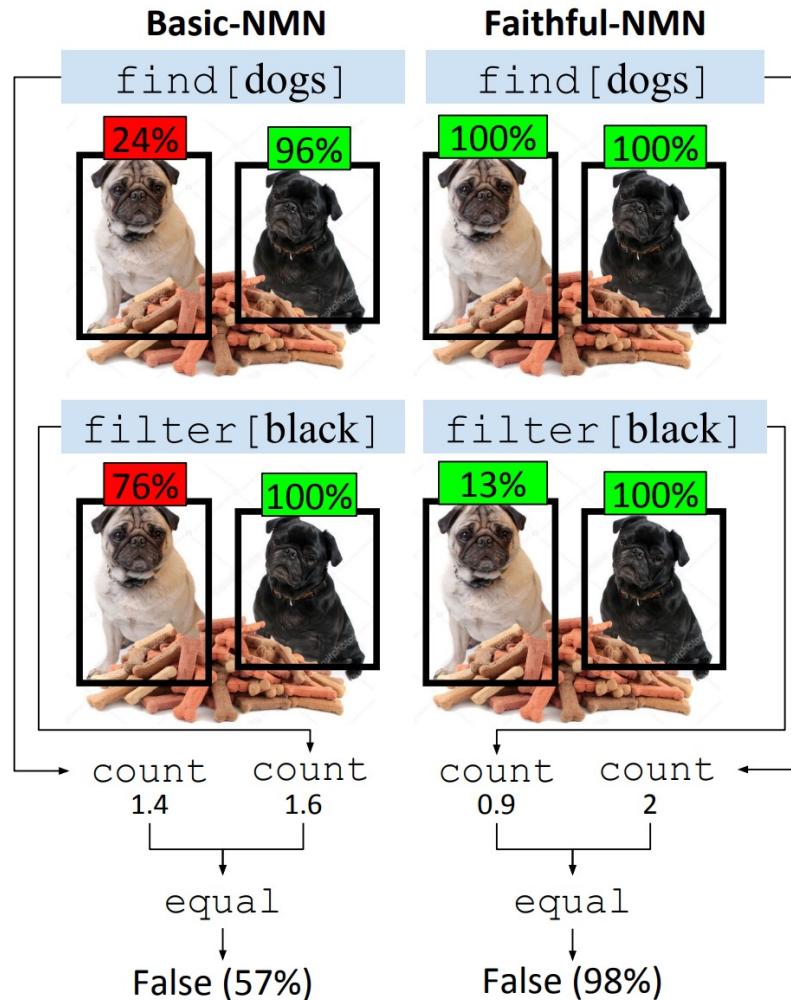
	GRU-CNN	MAC	NS-CL	VCML
CLEVR-200	50.0 ± 0.0	94.2 ± 3.3	98.5 ± 0.3	98.9 ± 0.2
CLEVR-20	50.0 ± 0.0	79.7 ± 2.6	95.7 ± 0.0	95.1 ± 1.6

Learning *same kind* helps compositional generalization



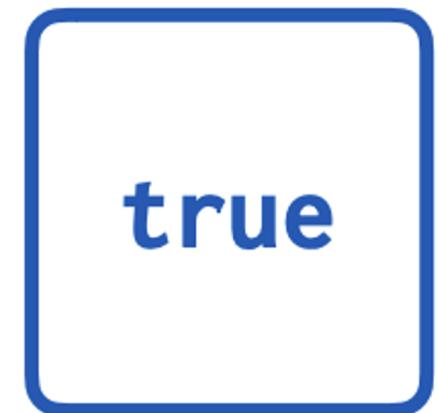
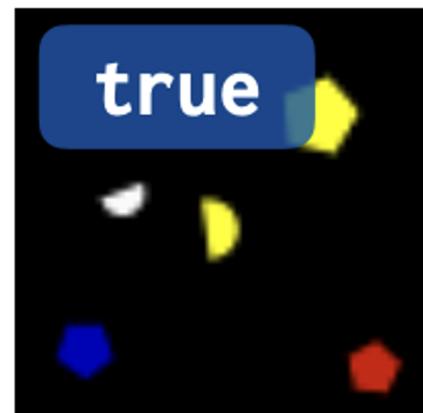
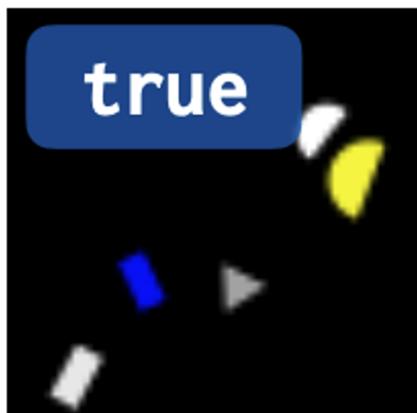
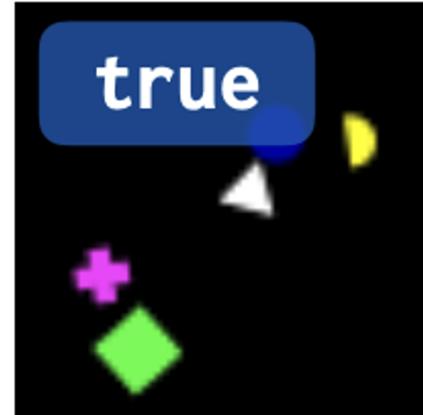
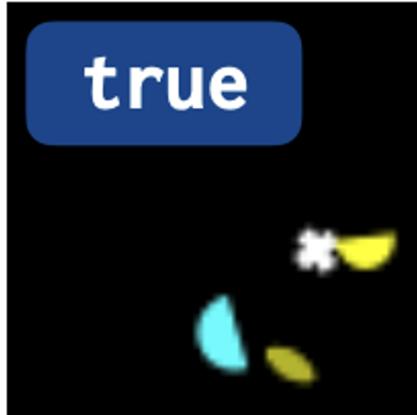
Modular Systems

“All the dogs are black.”



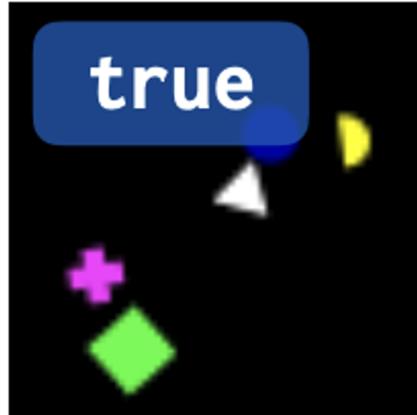
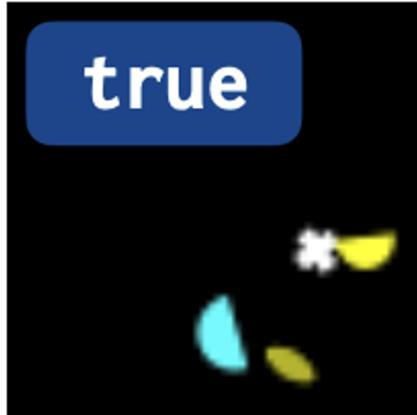


Language as Signal for Abstractions



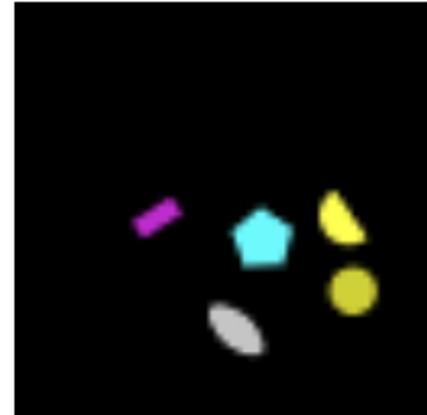
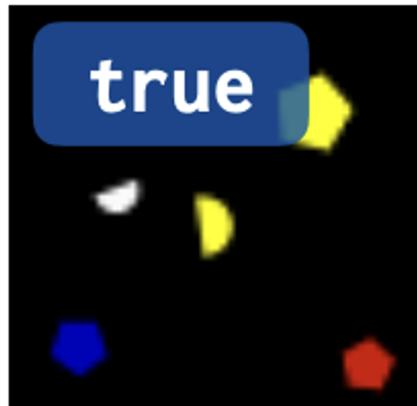
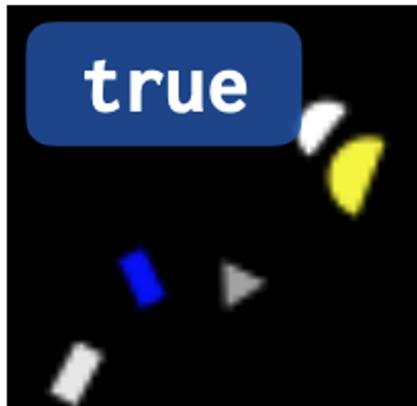


Language as Signal for Abstractions



Available at Training

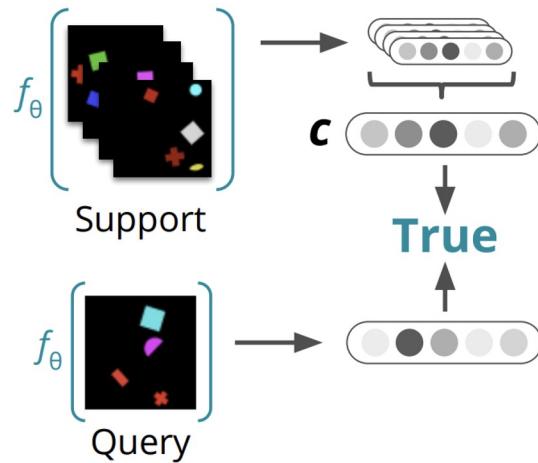
a white shape is
left of a yellow
semicircle



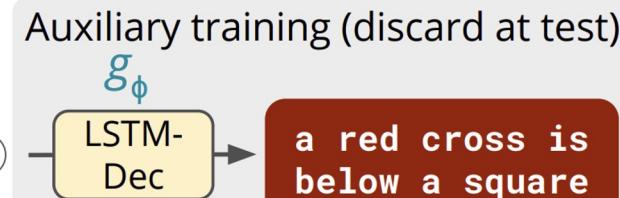


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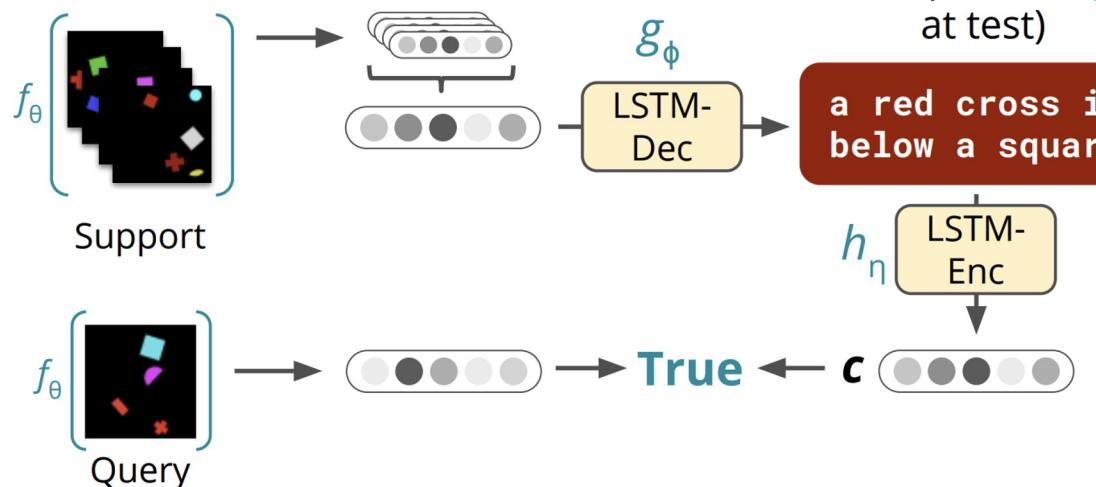
Meta (Snell et al., 2017)



LSL (ours)

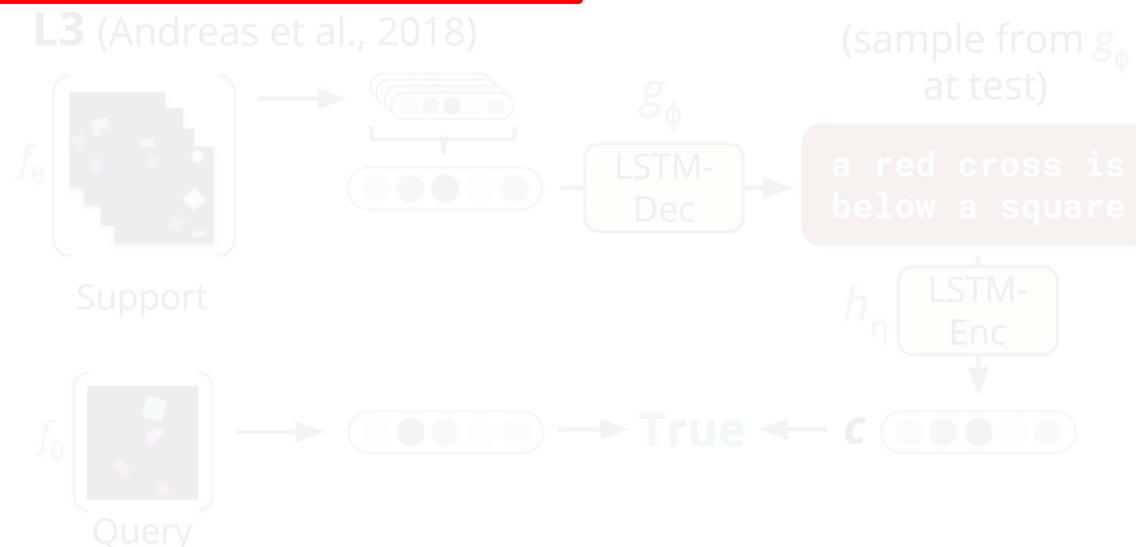
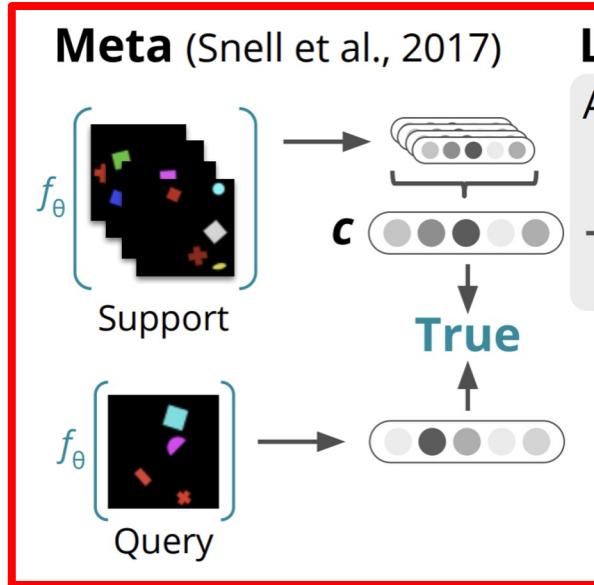


L3 (Andreas et al., 2018)





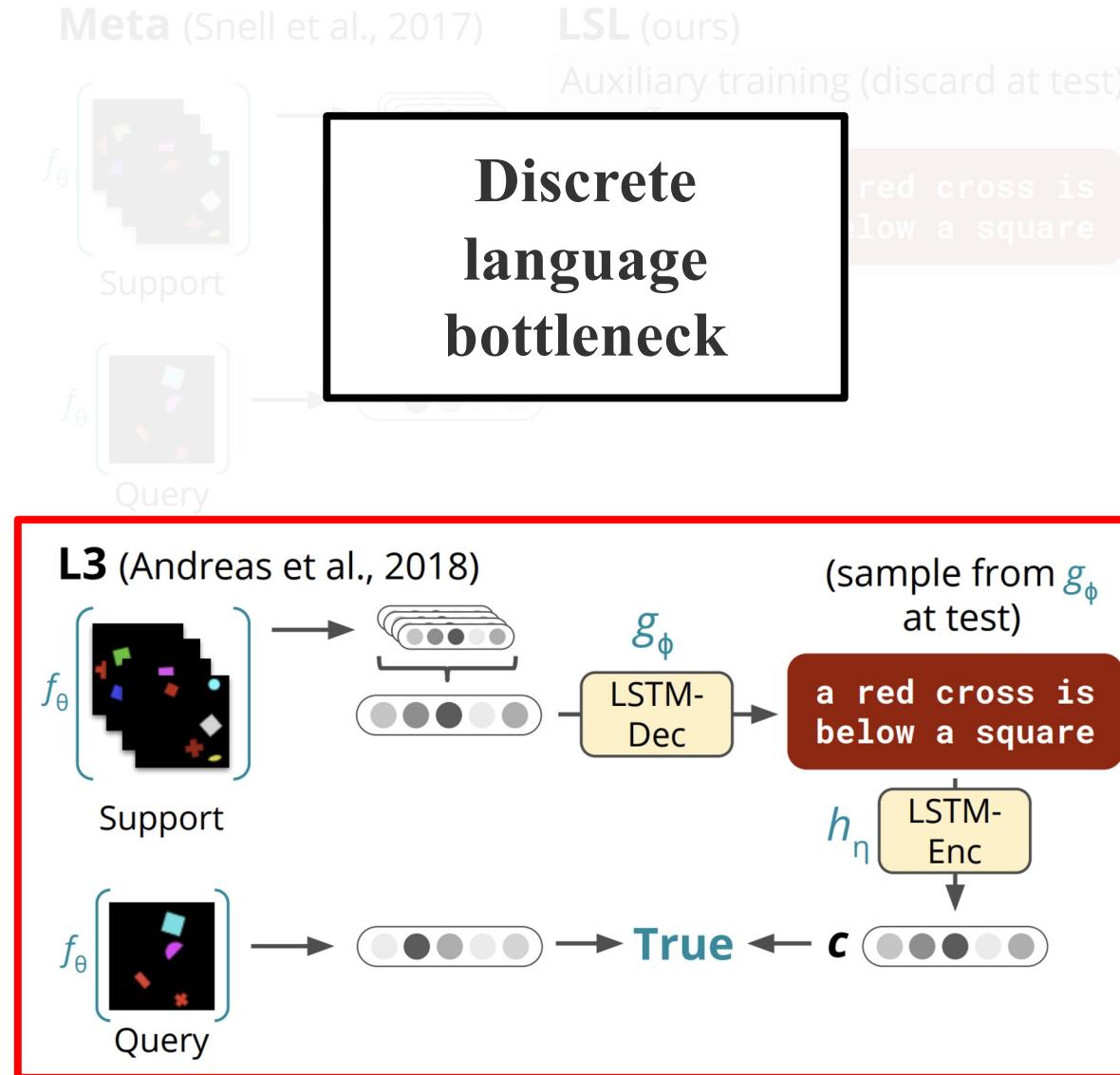
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**Prototype network
(no language)**

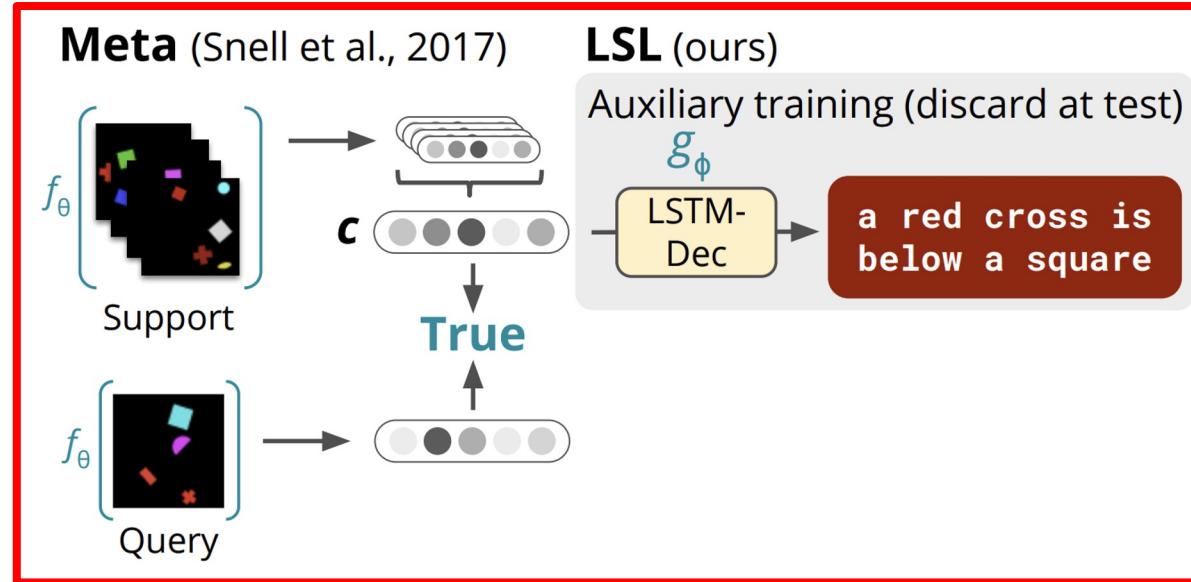


Language as Signal for Abstractions





Language as Signal for Abstractions



L3 (Andreas et al., 2018)



Support



Query

**Auxiliary
summarization
task**

(sample from g_ϕ
at test)

red cross is
below a square

LSTM-
Enc

True ← c



Language as Signal for Abstractions

Test Set Accuracy

	ShapeWorld	Birds ($D = 20$)
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Meta	60.59 ± 1.07	57.97 ± 0.96
L3	66.60 ± 1.18	53.96 ± 1.06
LSL	67.29 ± 1.03	61.24 ± 0.96



Top-Down Takeaways

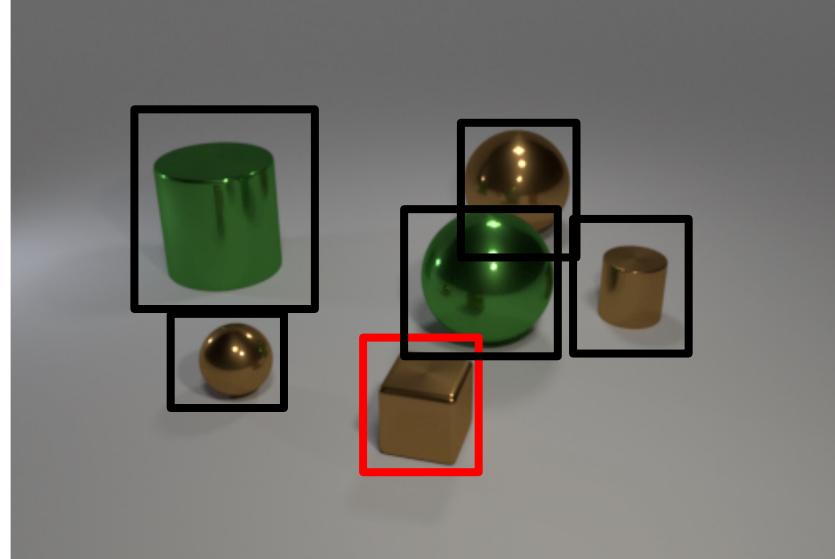
- Language provides labels for supervised learning of perceptual systems.
- Can provide powerful inductive biases in computational structure *if known*.
- Serves as signal for useful perceptual abstractions to learn either as bottleneck or auxiliary signal.

WordNet Search - 3.1

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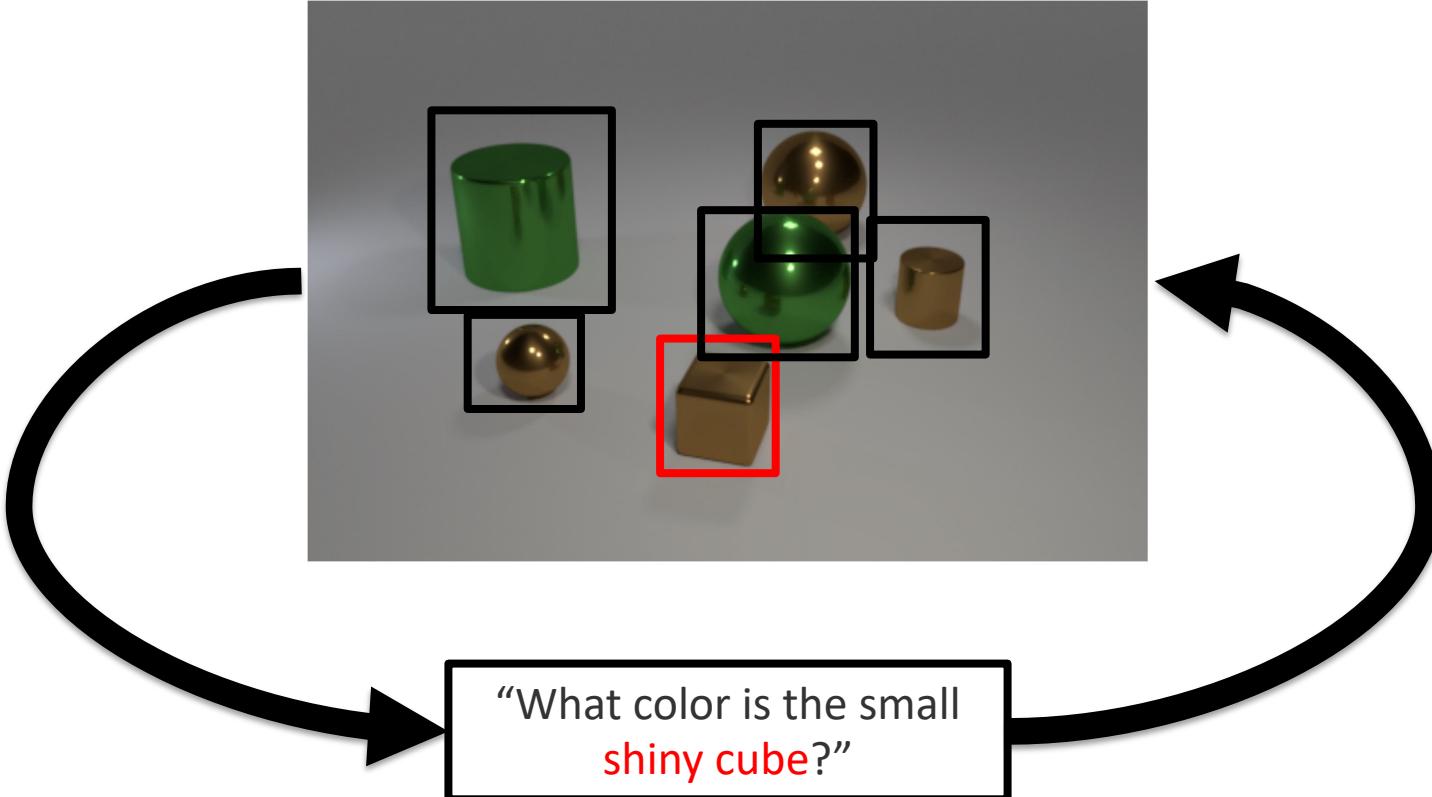
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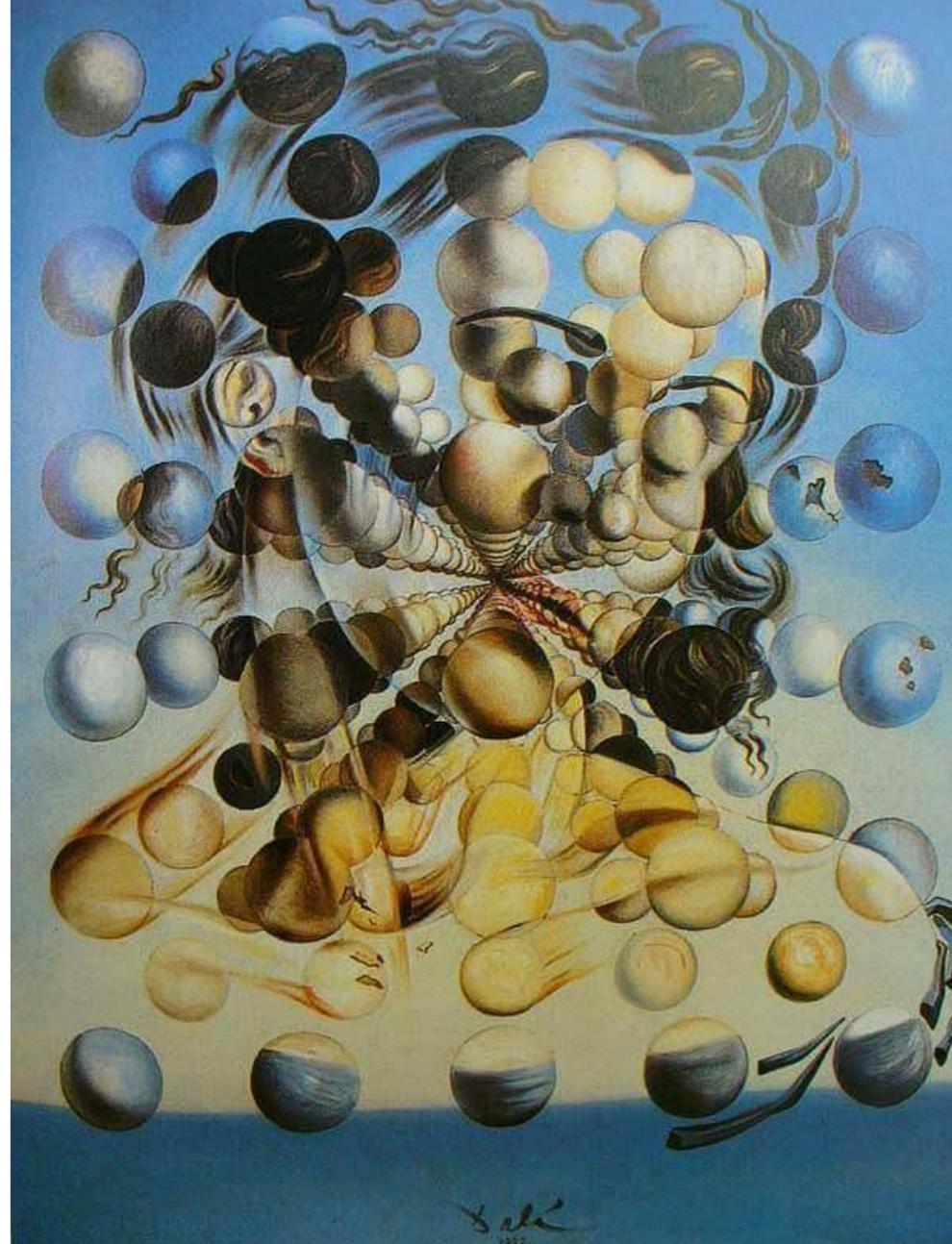


“What color is the small
shiny cube?”



Bottom-Up & Top-Down Reasoning





Galatea of the Spheres, Salvador Dalí 1952

Extra Slides



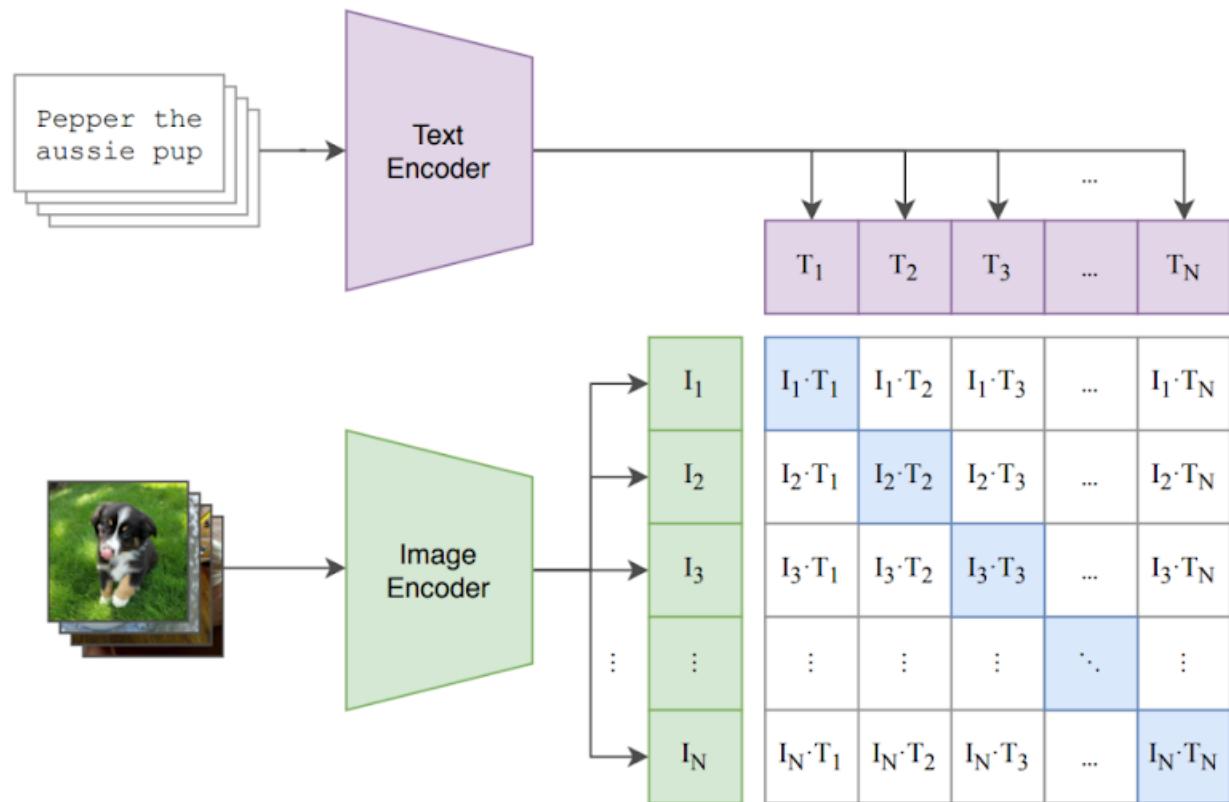
Open-Set Models

Models which leverage the open-vocabulary of language to enjoy a practically open set of labels!

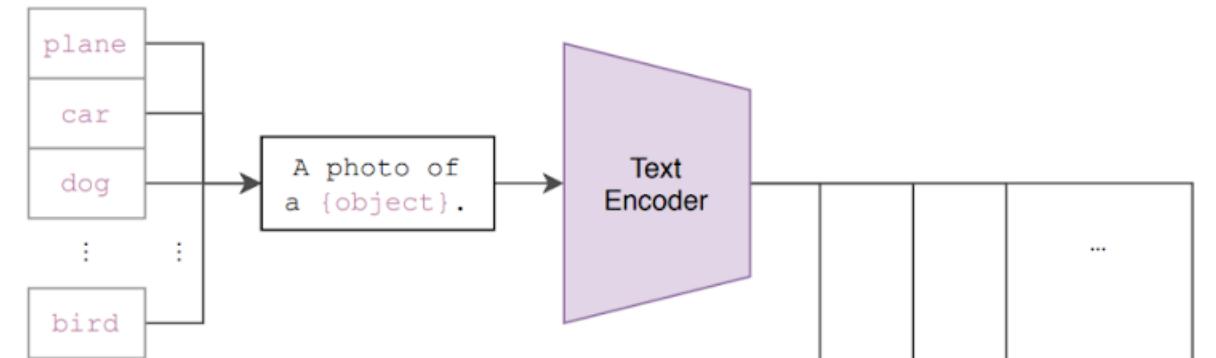


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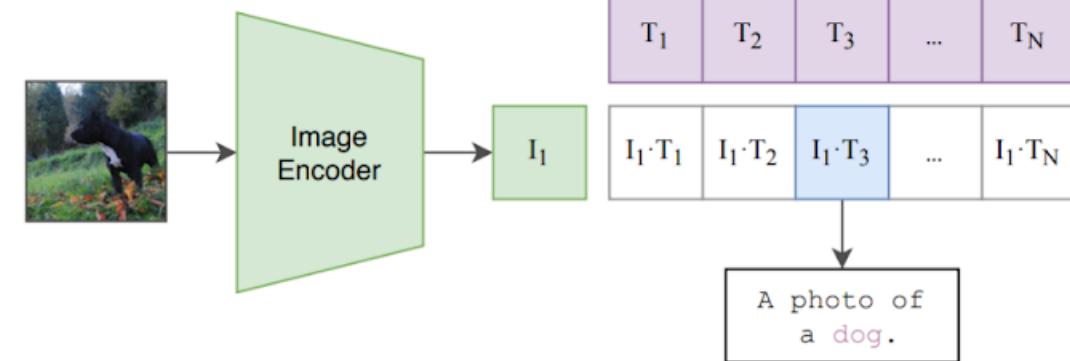
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(2) Create dataset classifier from label text



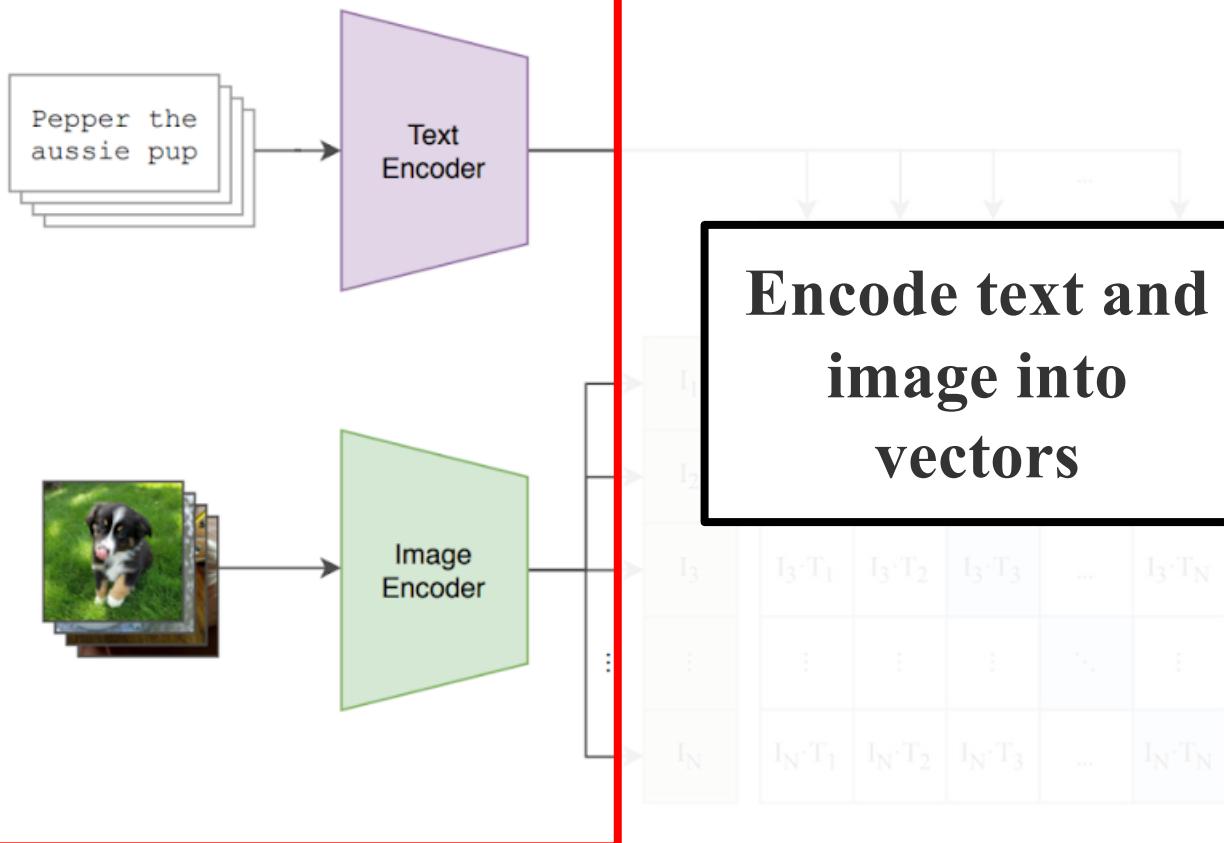
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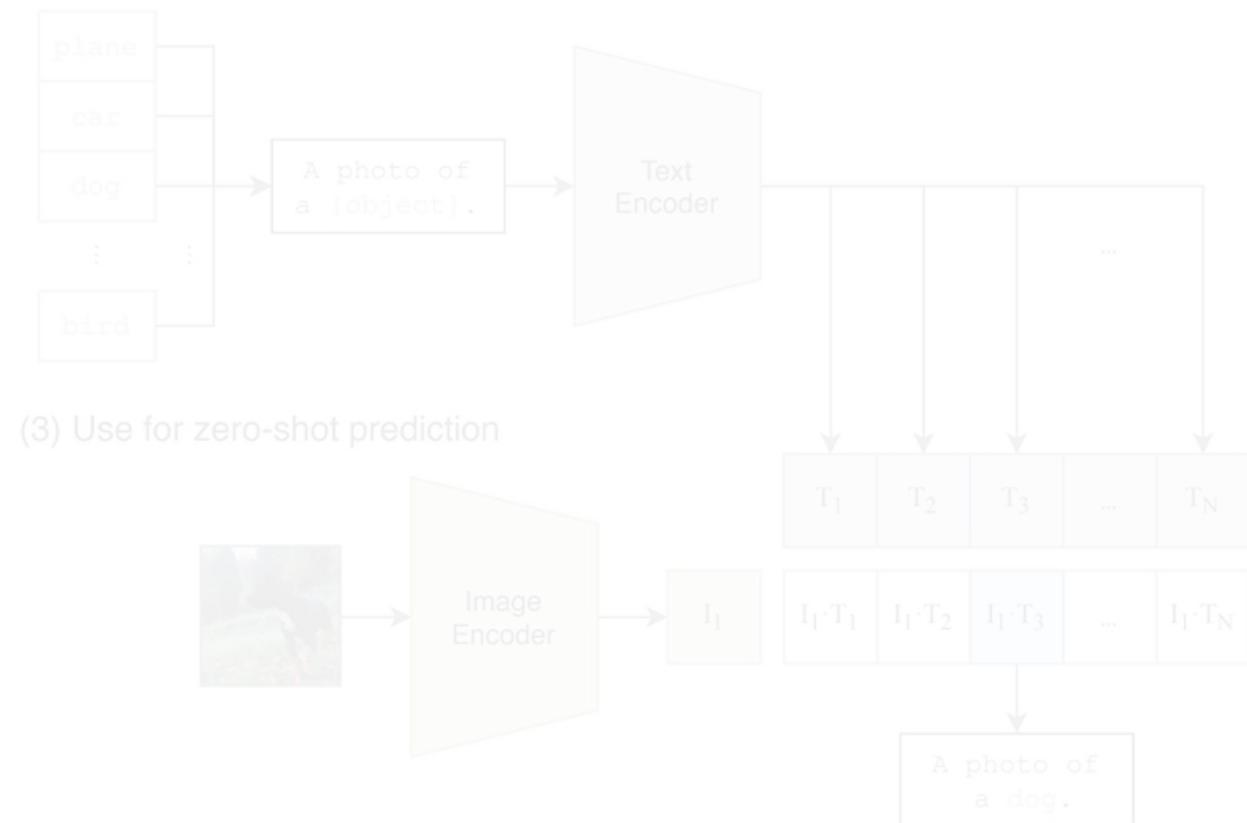


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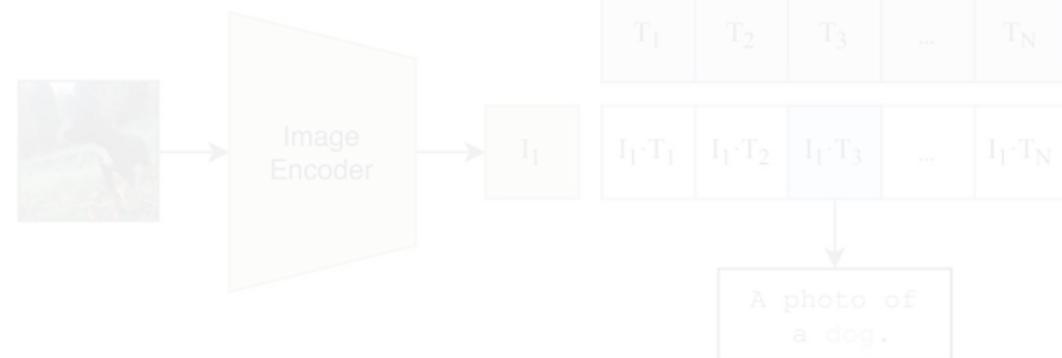
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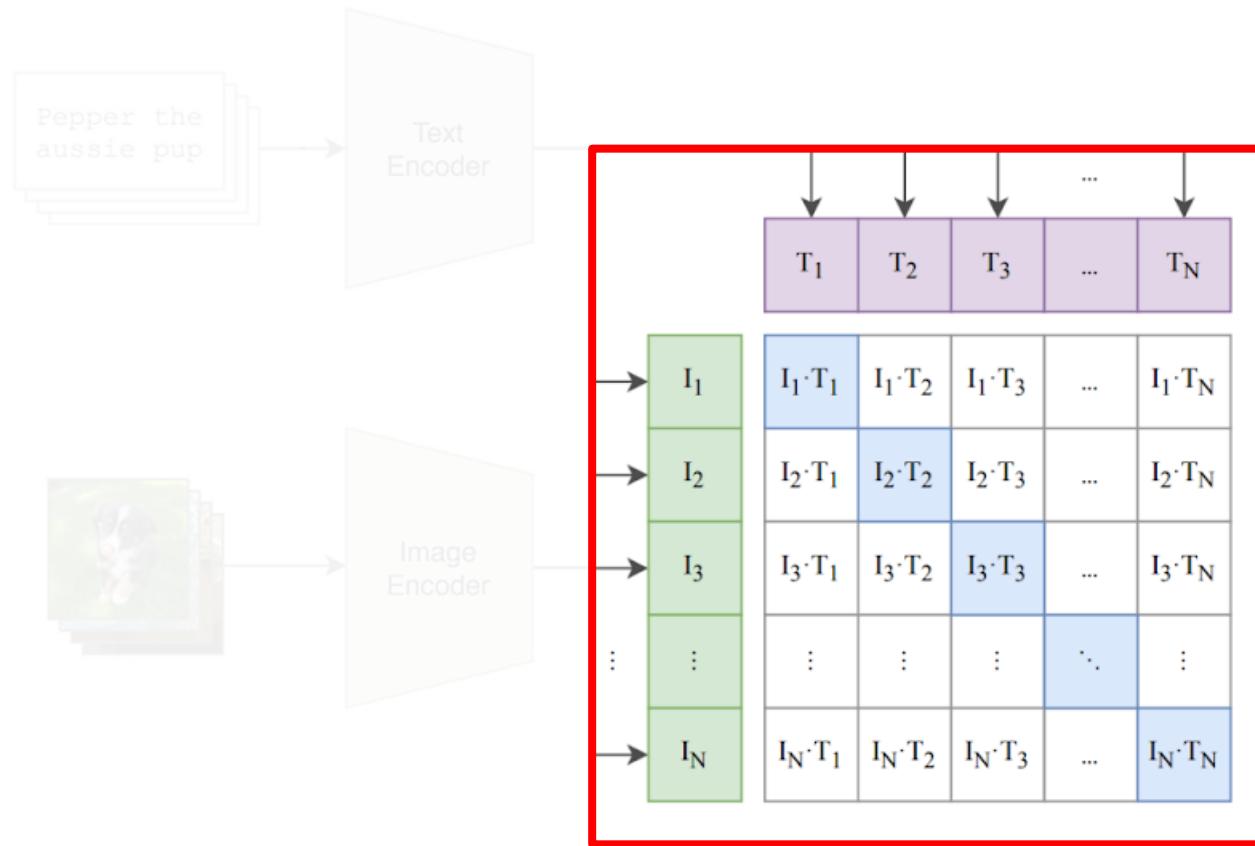
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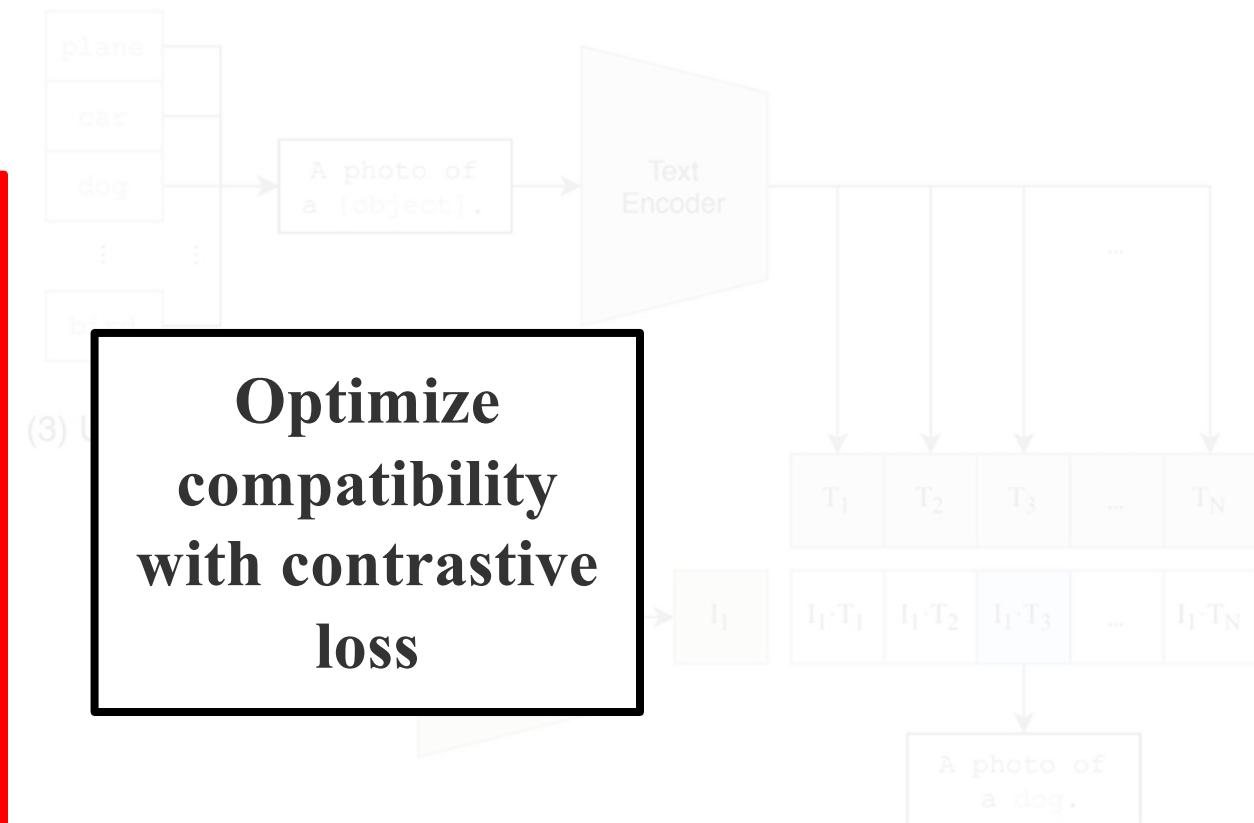


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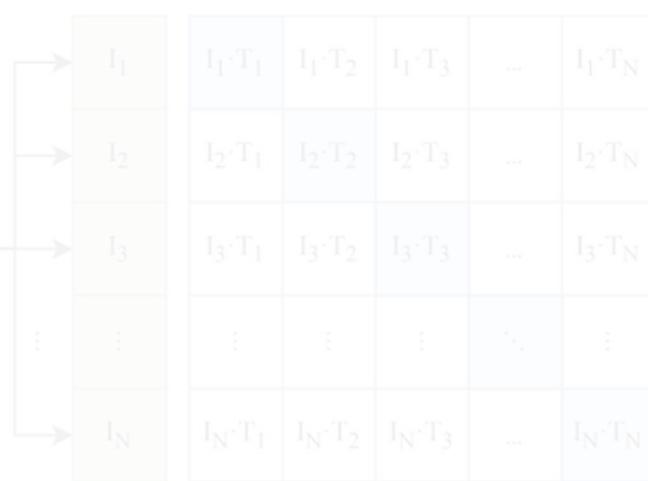
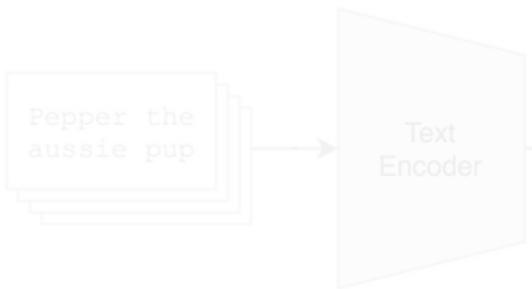


**Optimize
compatibility
with contrastive
loss**

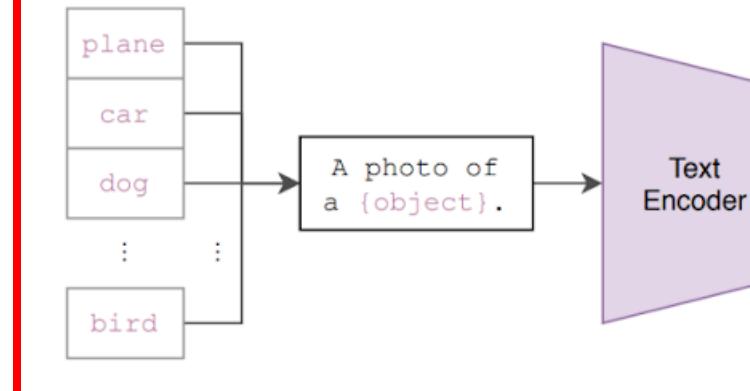


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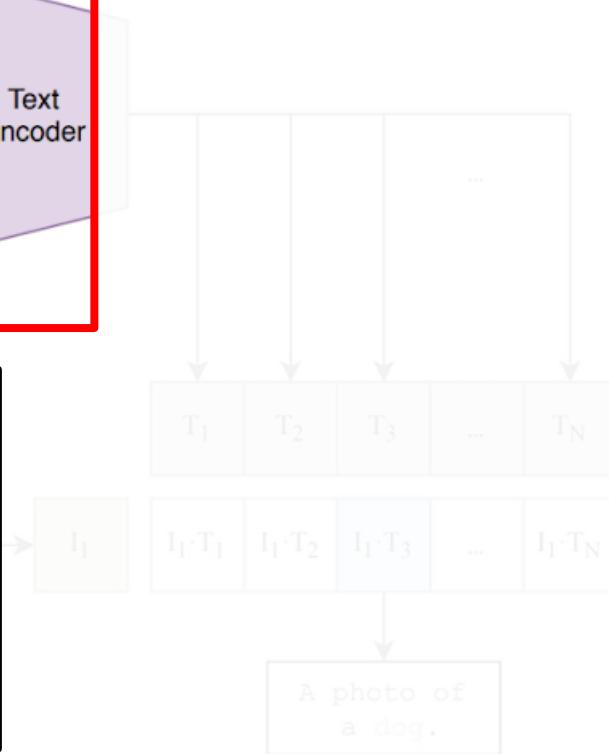


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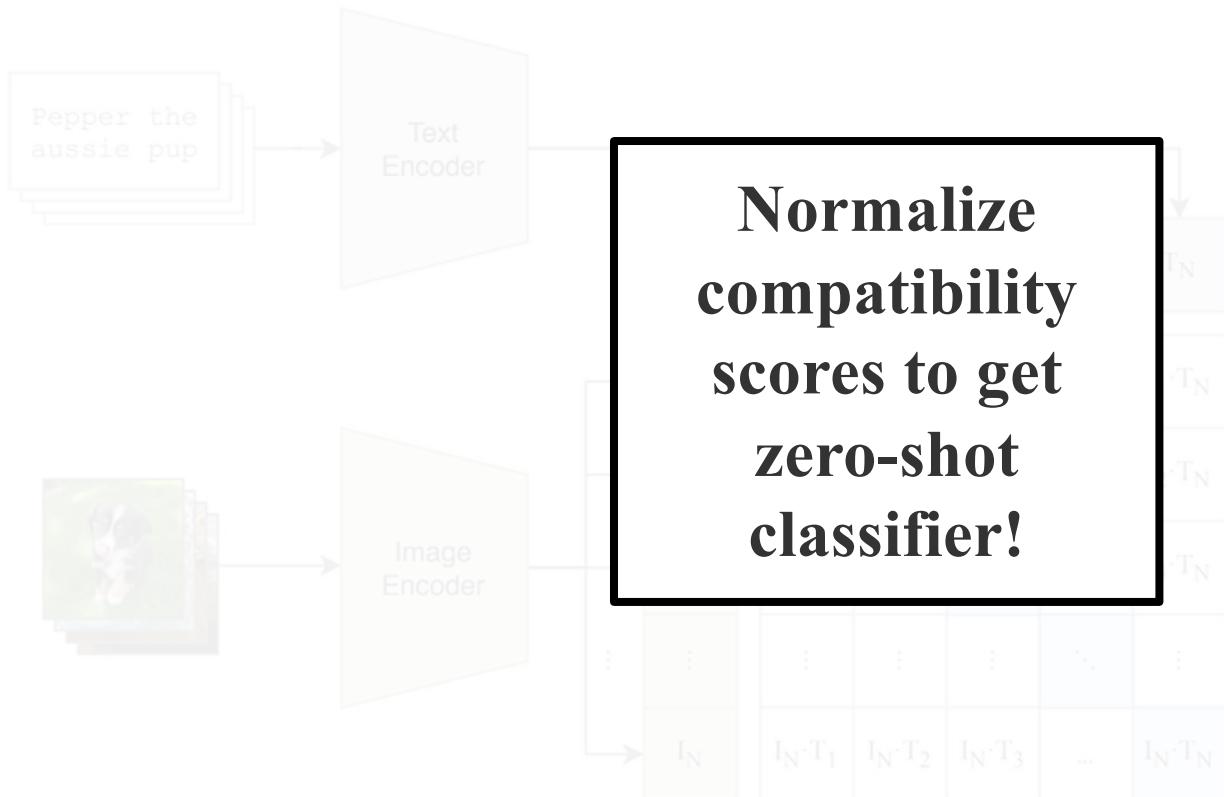
**Classification
dataset created
with templated
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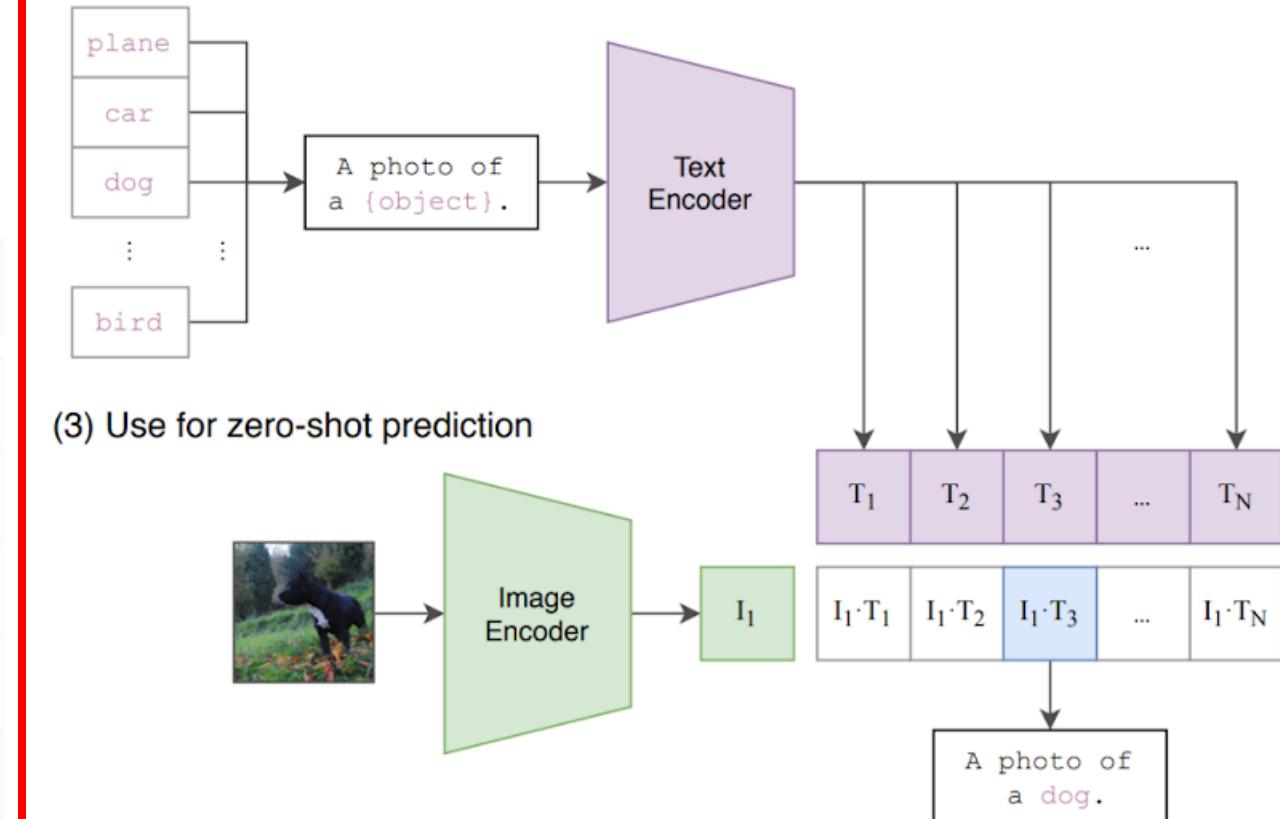


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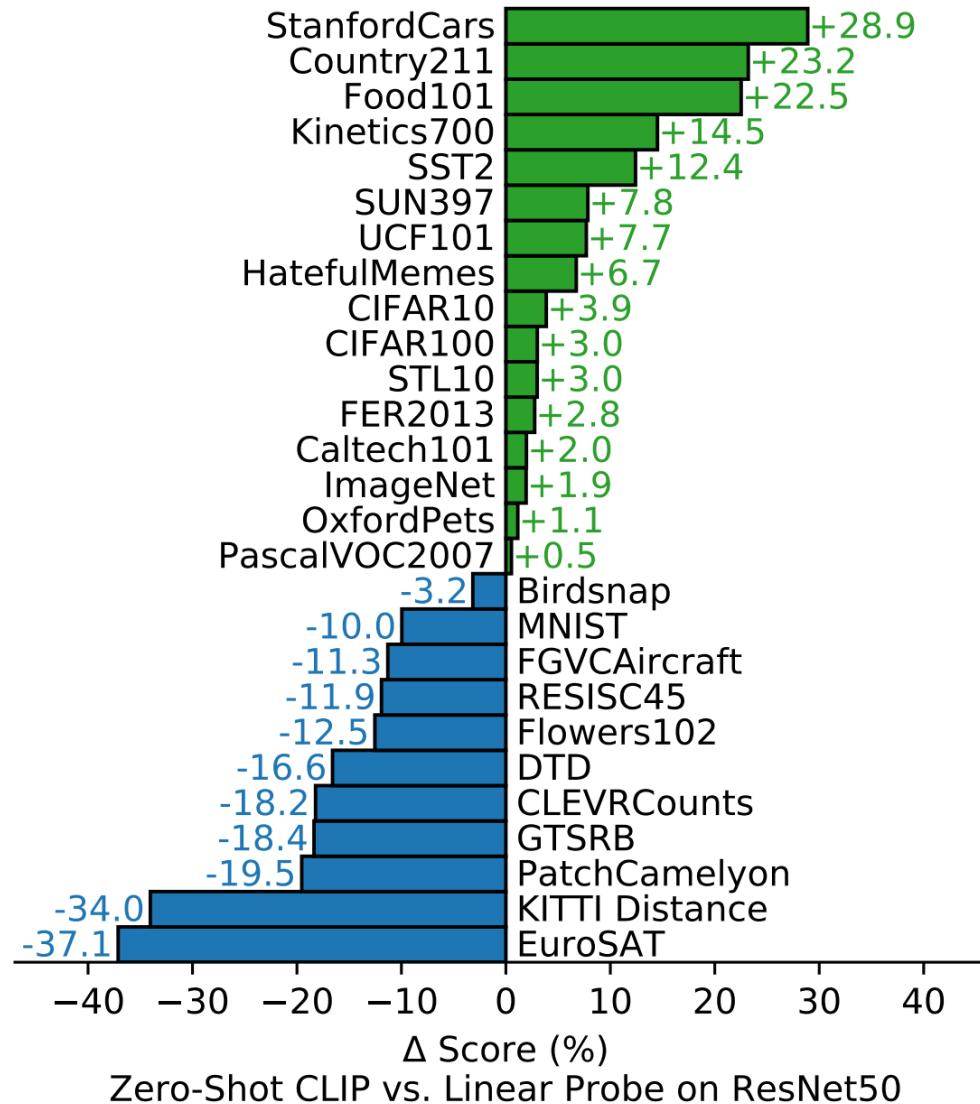


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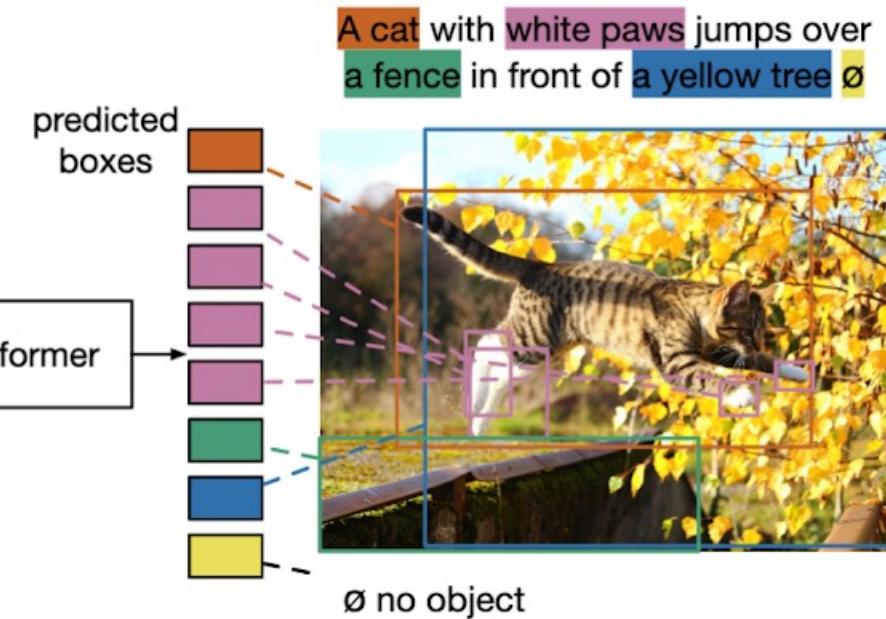
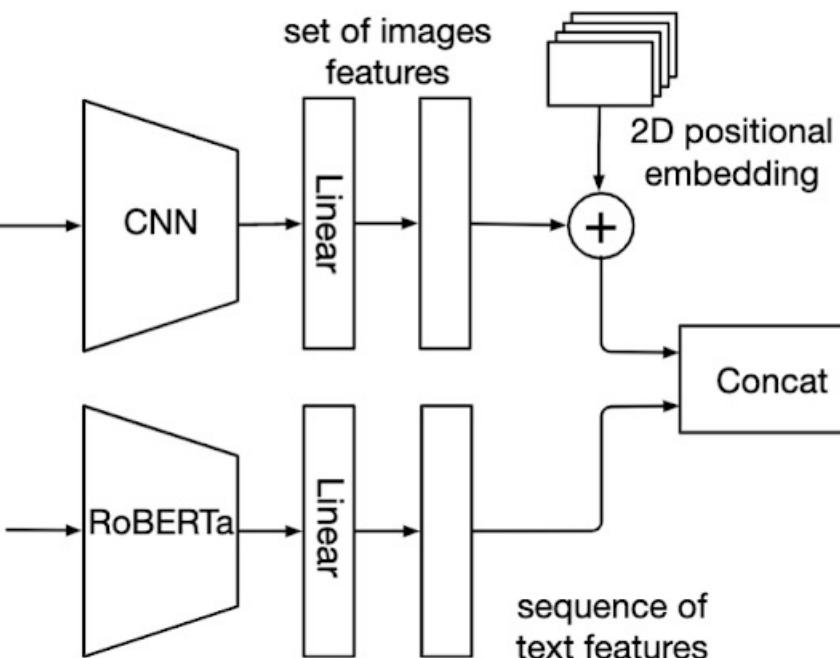




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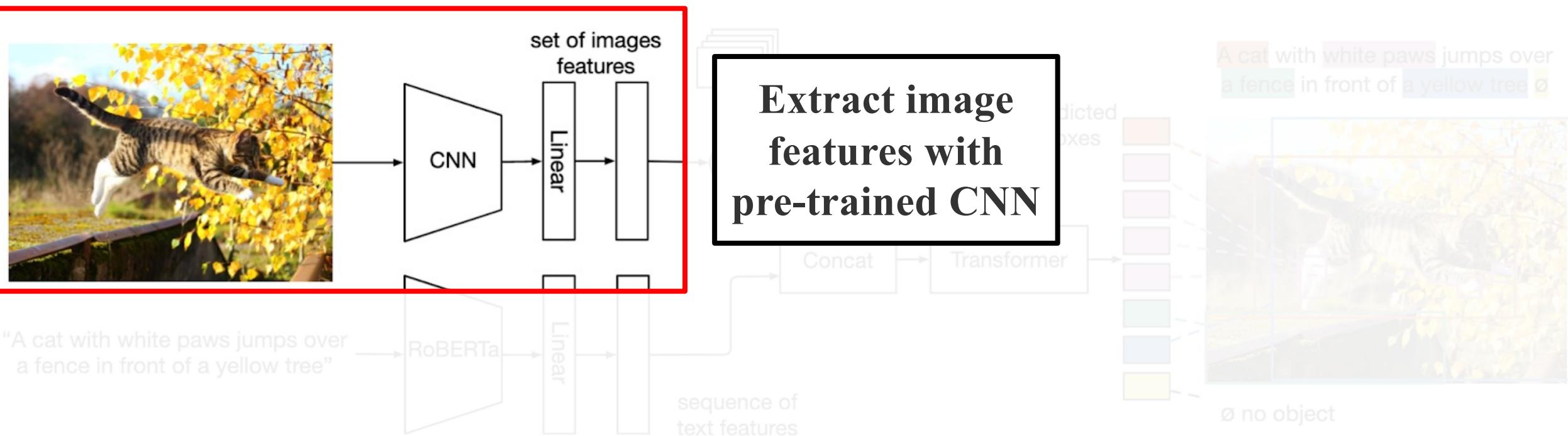


"A cat with white paws jumps over
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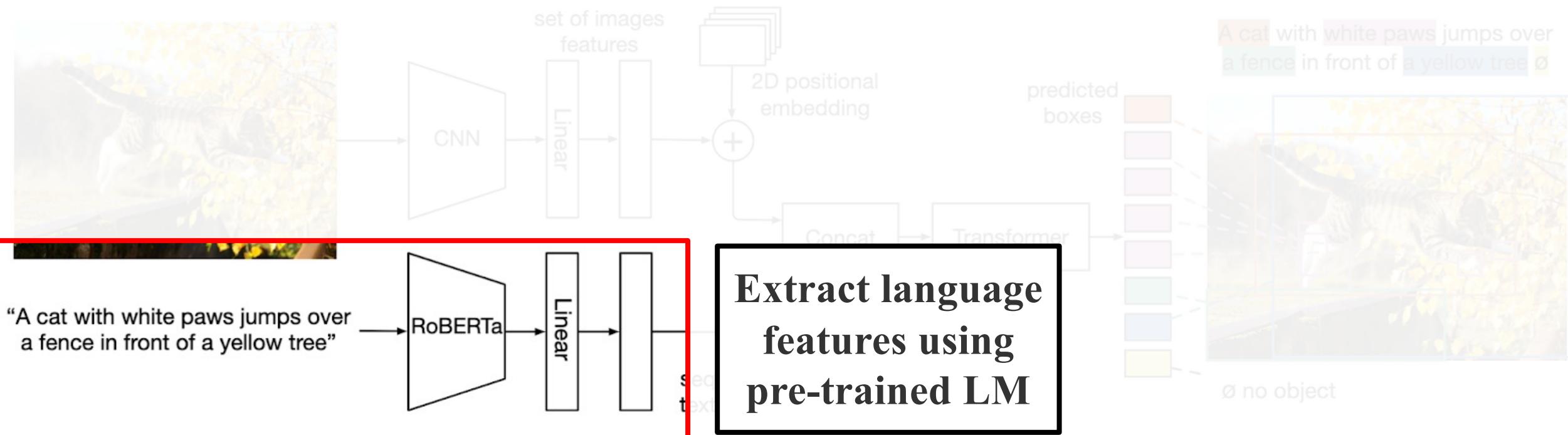


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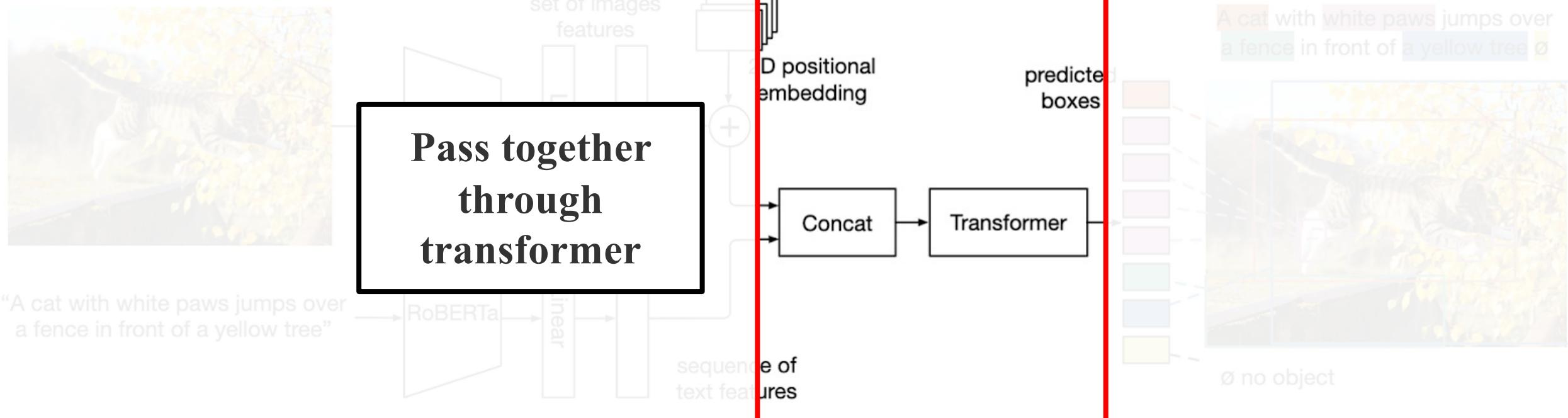


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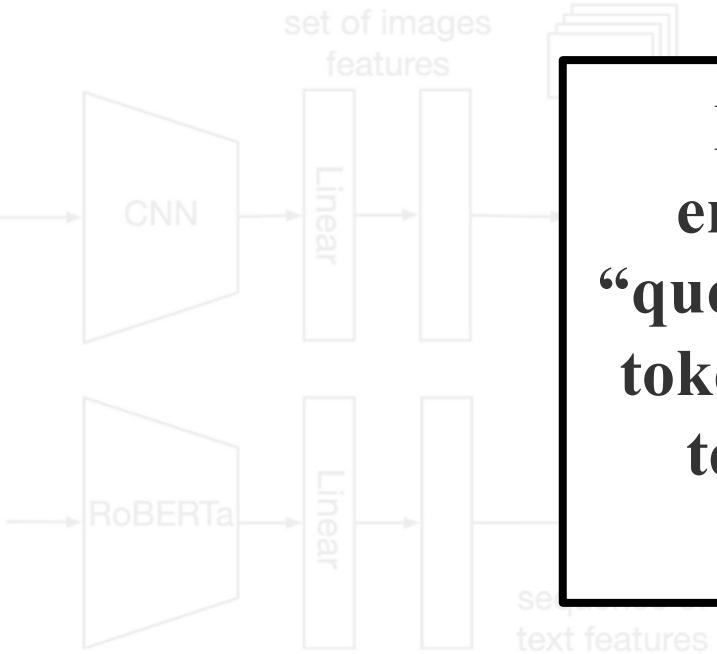




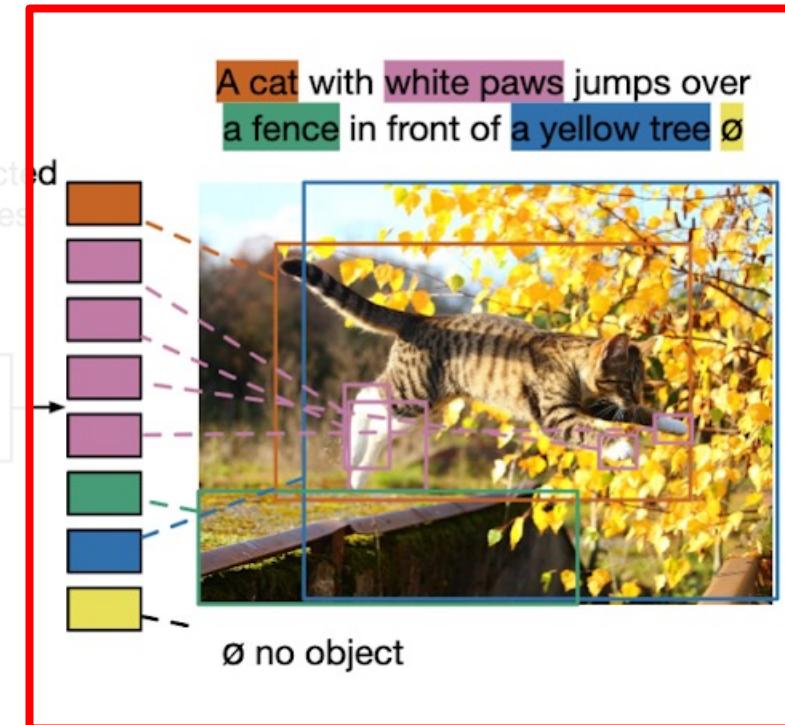
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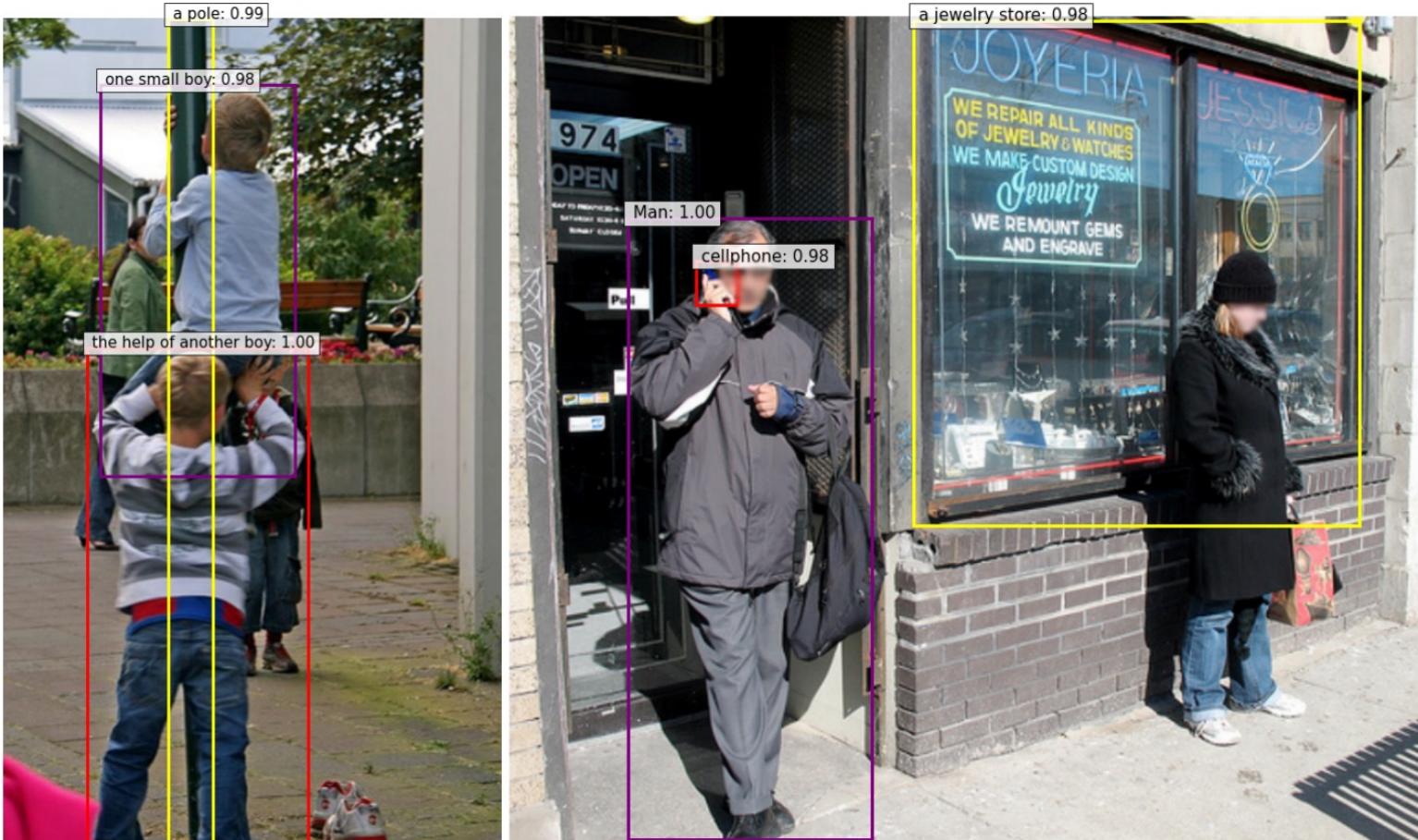


Learned
embedding
“queries” tied to
tokens in input
text/image
regions





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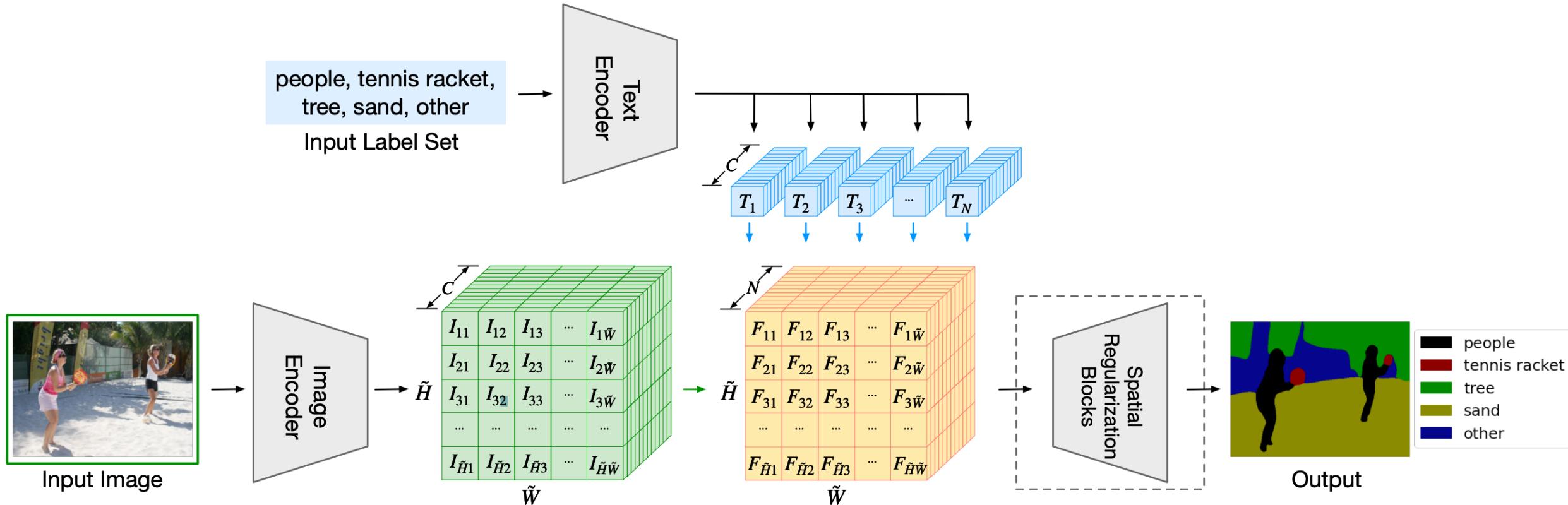


(a) “one small boy climbing a pole with the help of another boy on the ground”

(b) “A man talking on his cellphone next to a jewelry store”

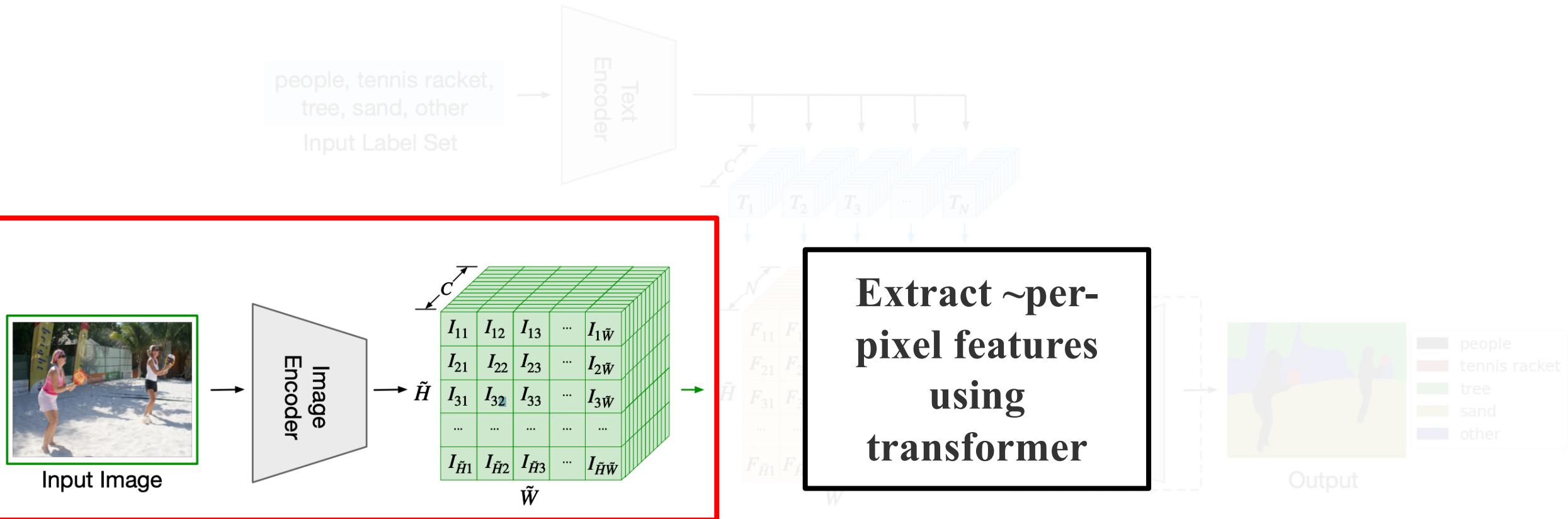


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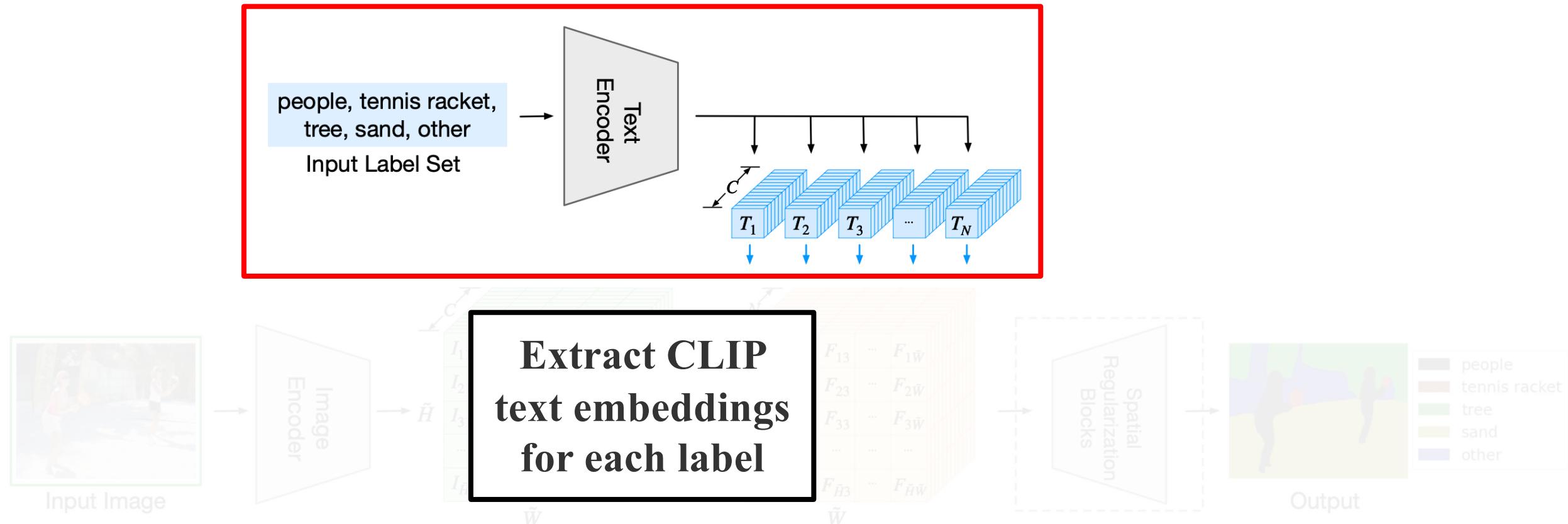


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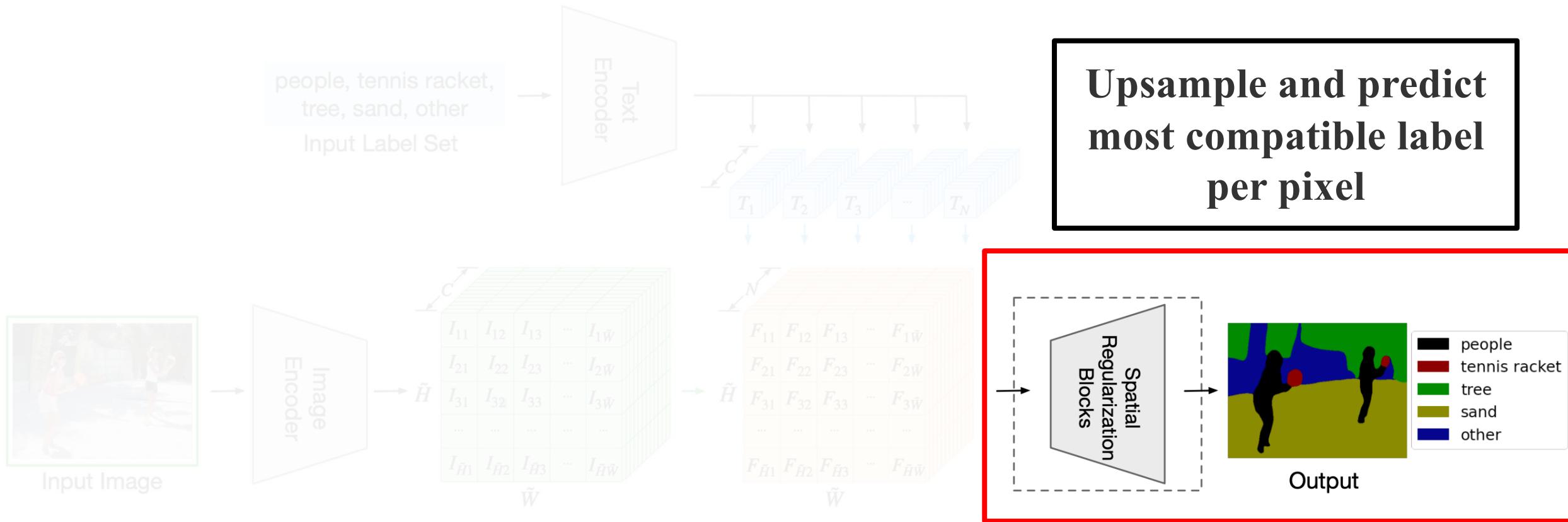


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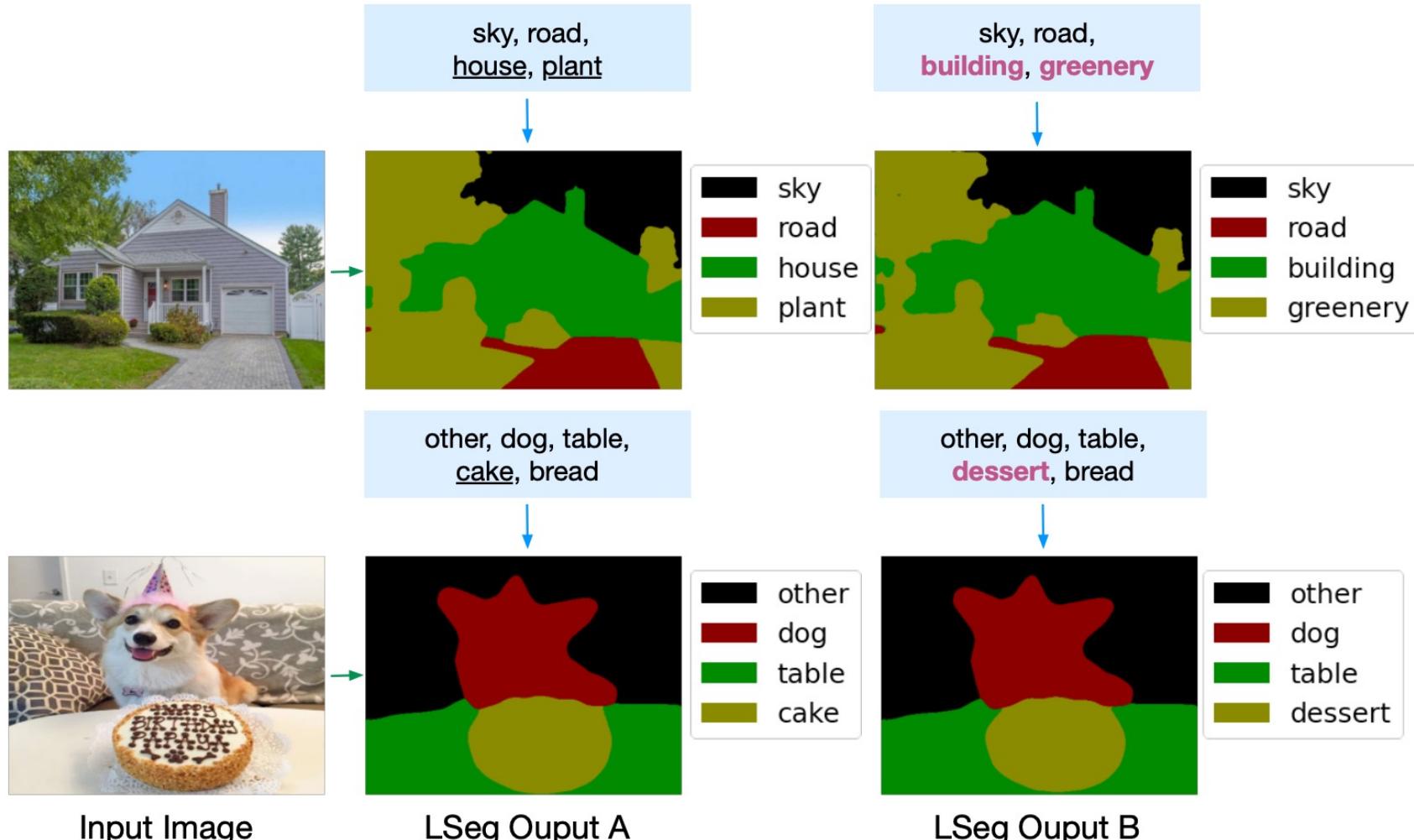


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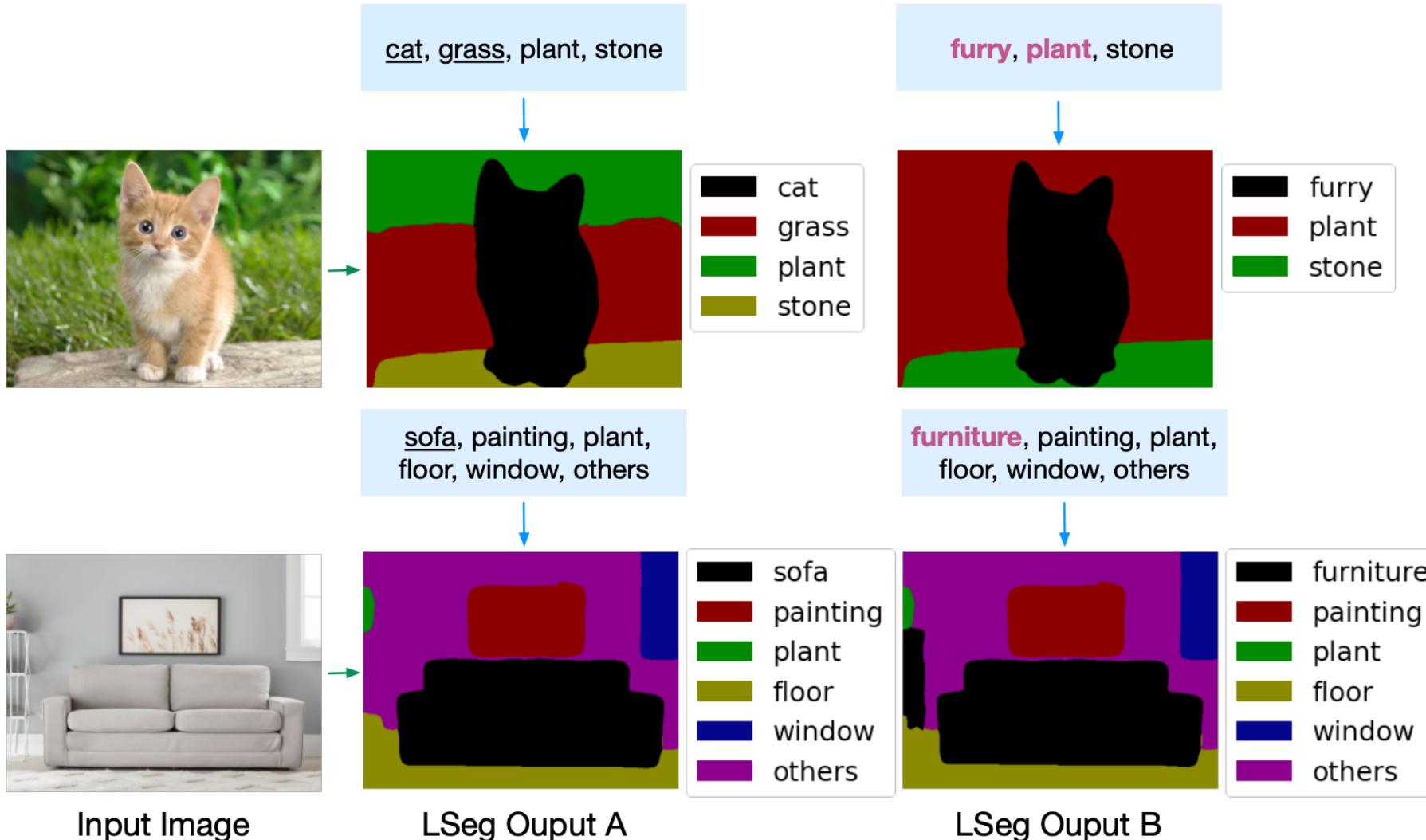


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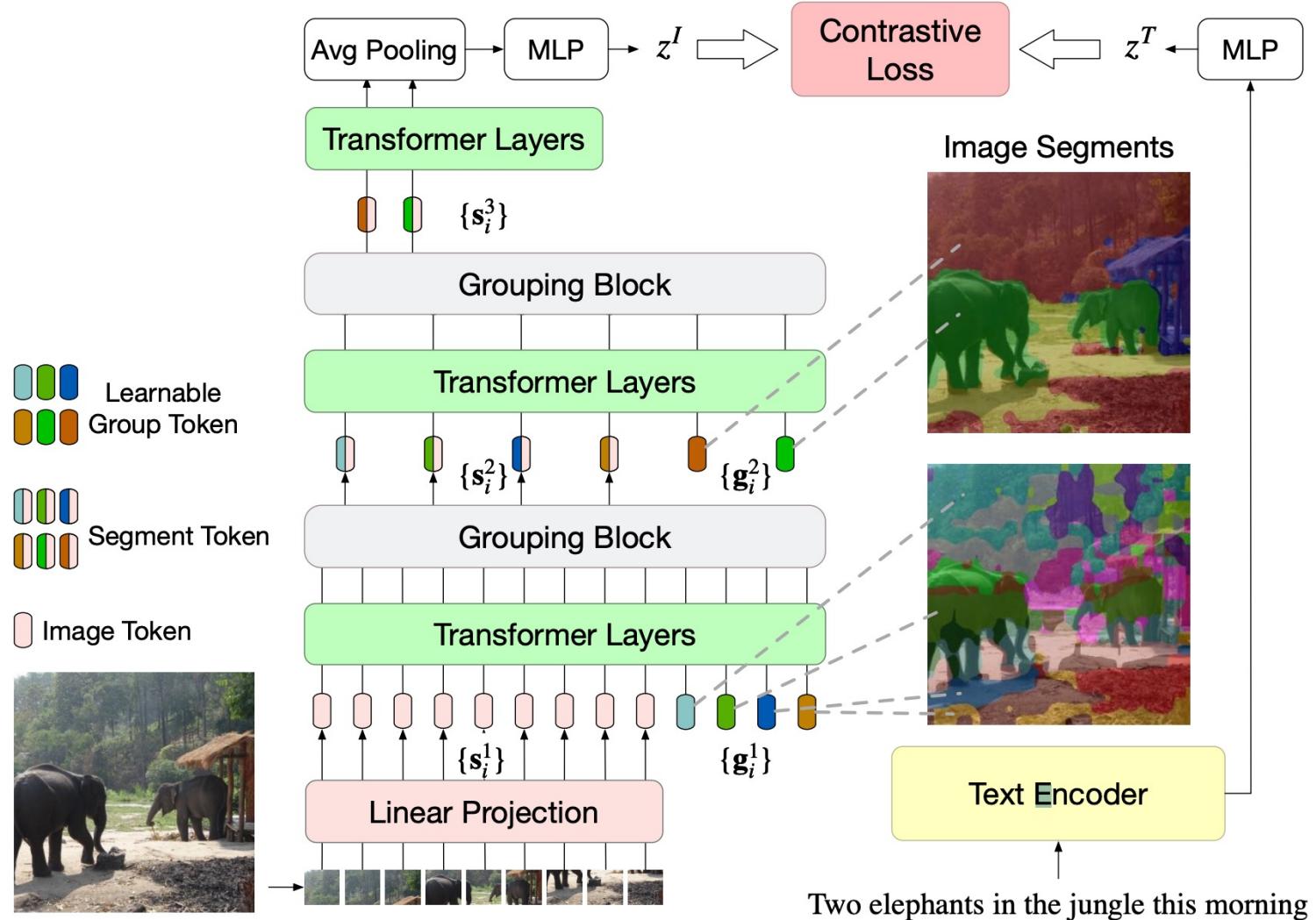


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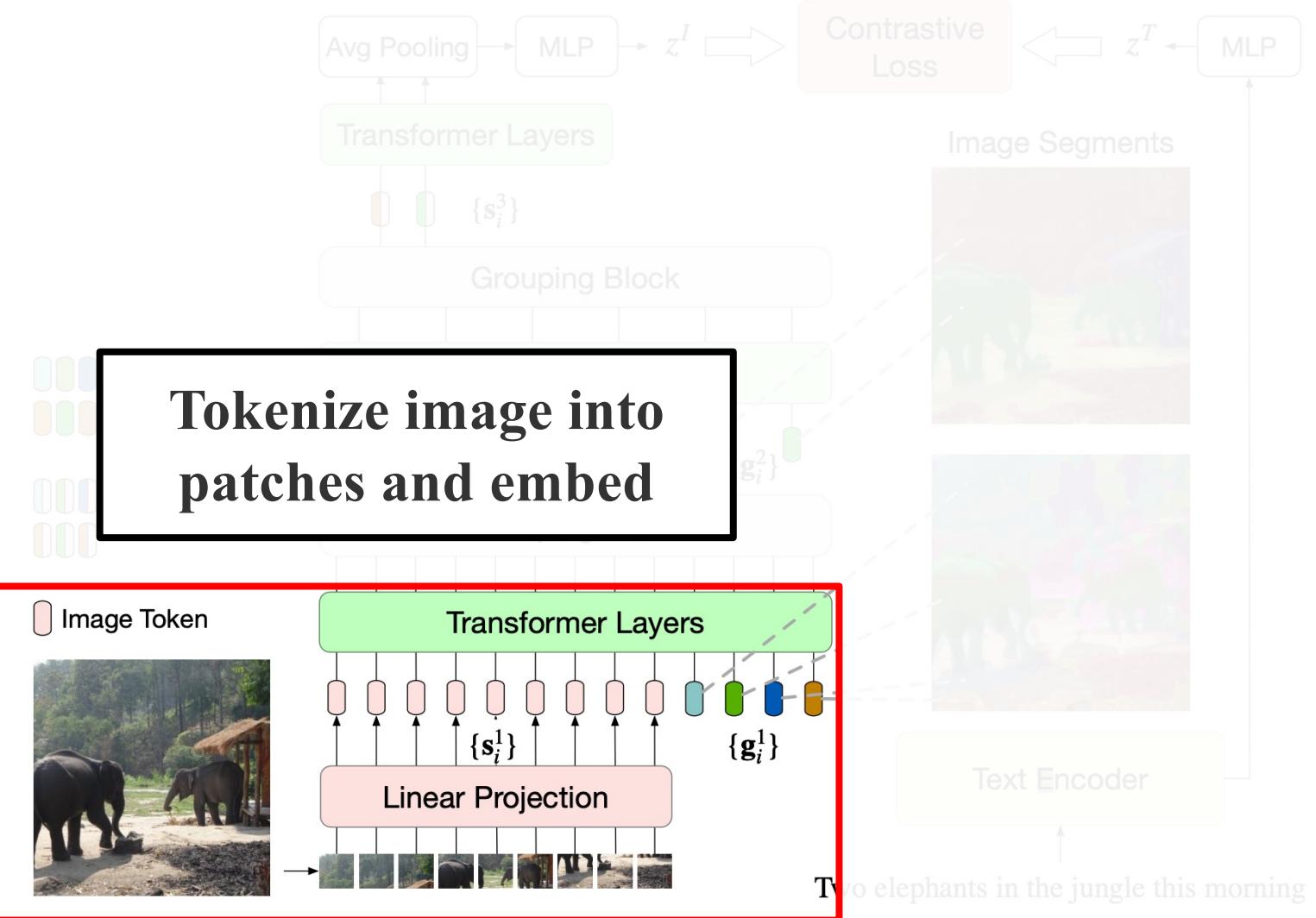


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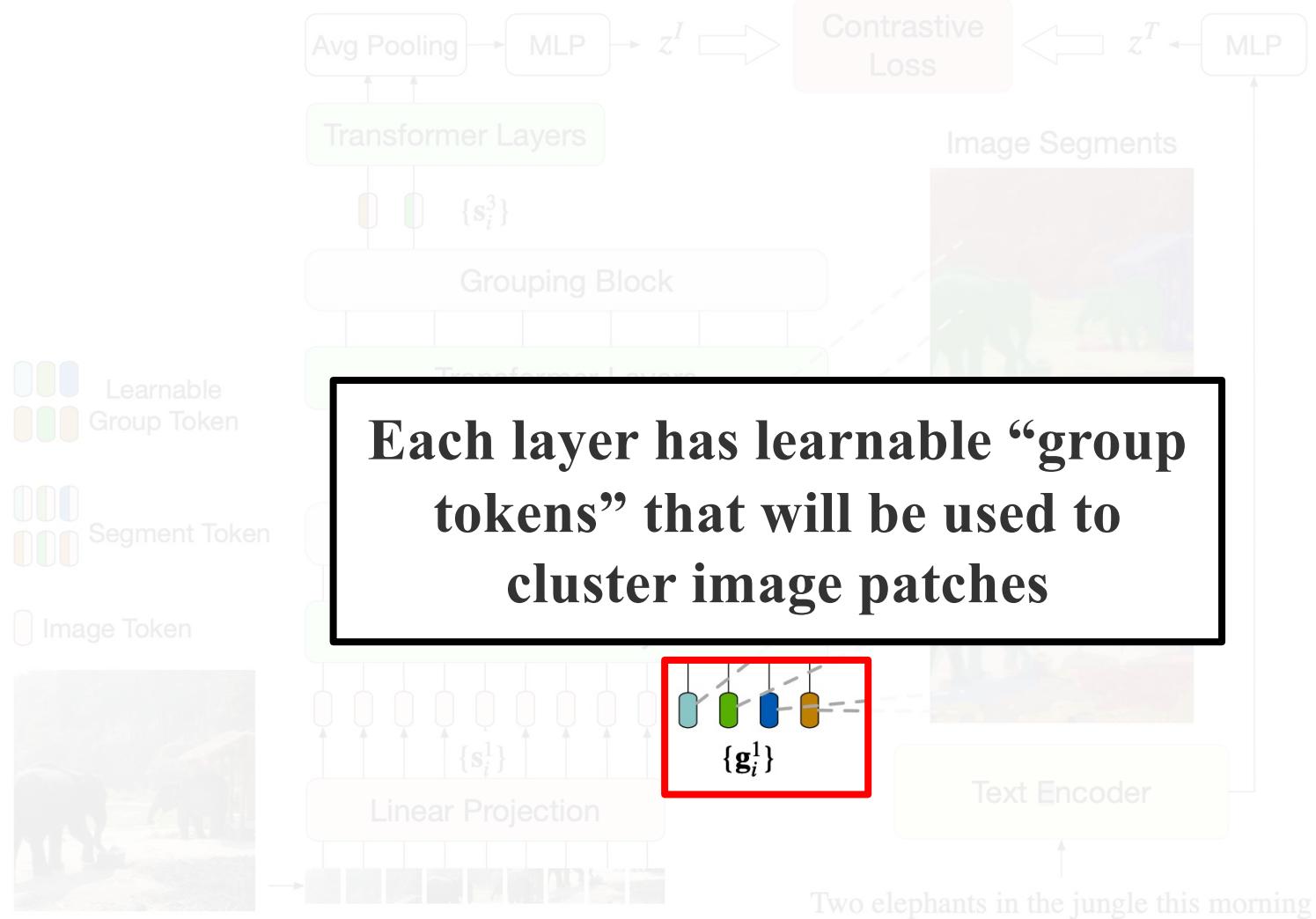


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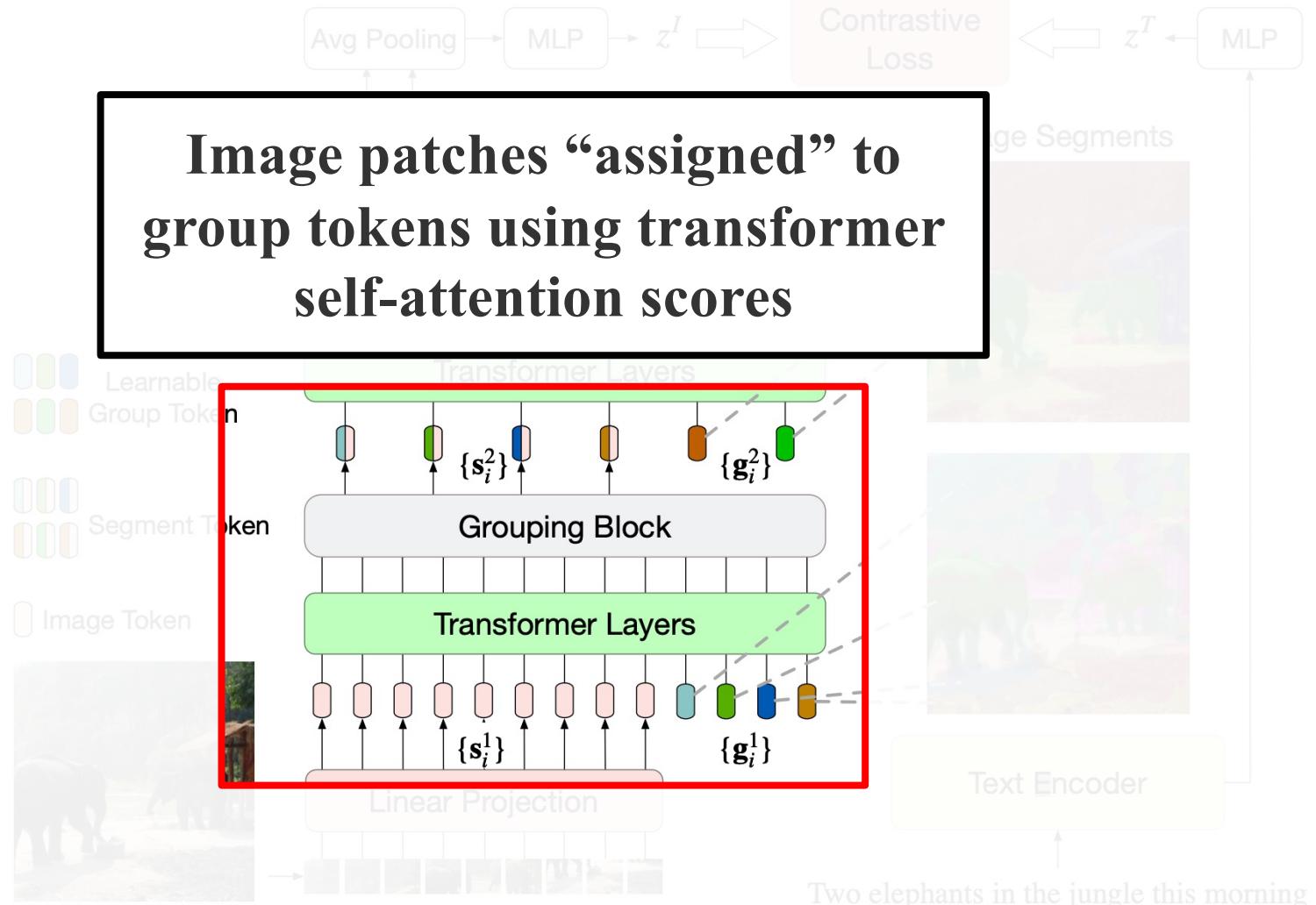
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Each layer has learnable “group tokens” that will be used to cluster image patches

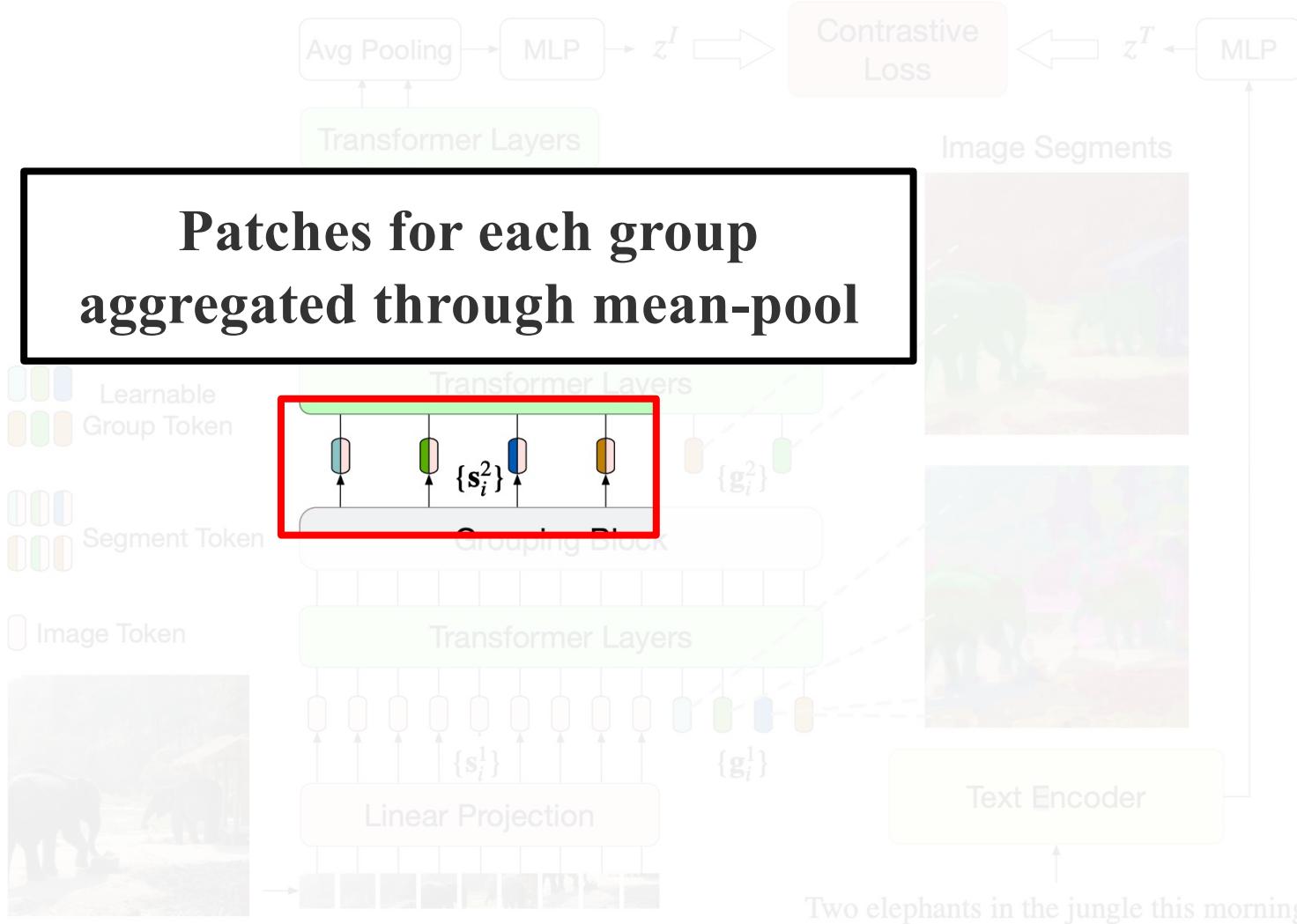


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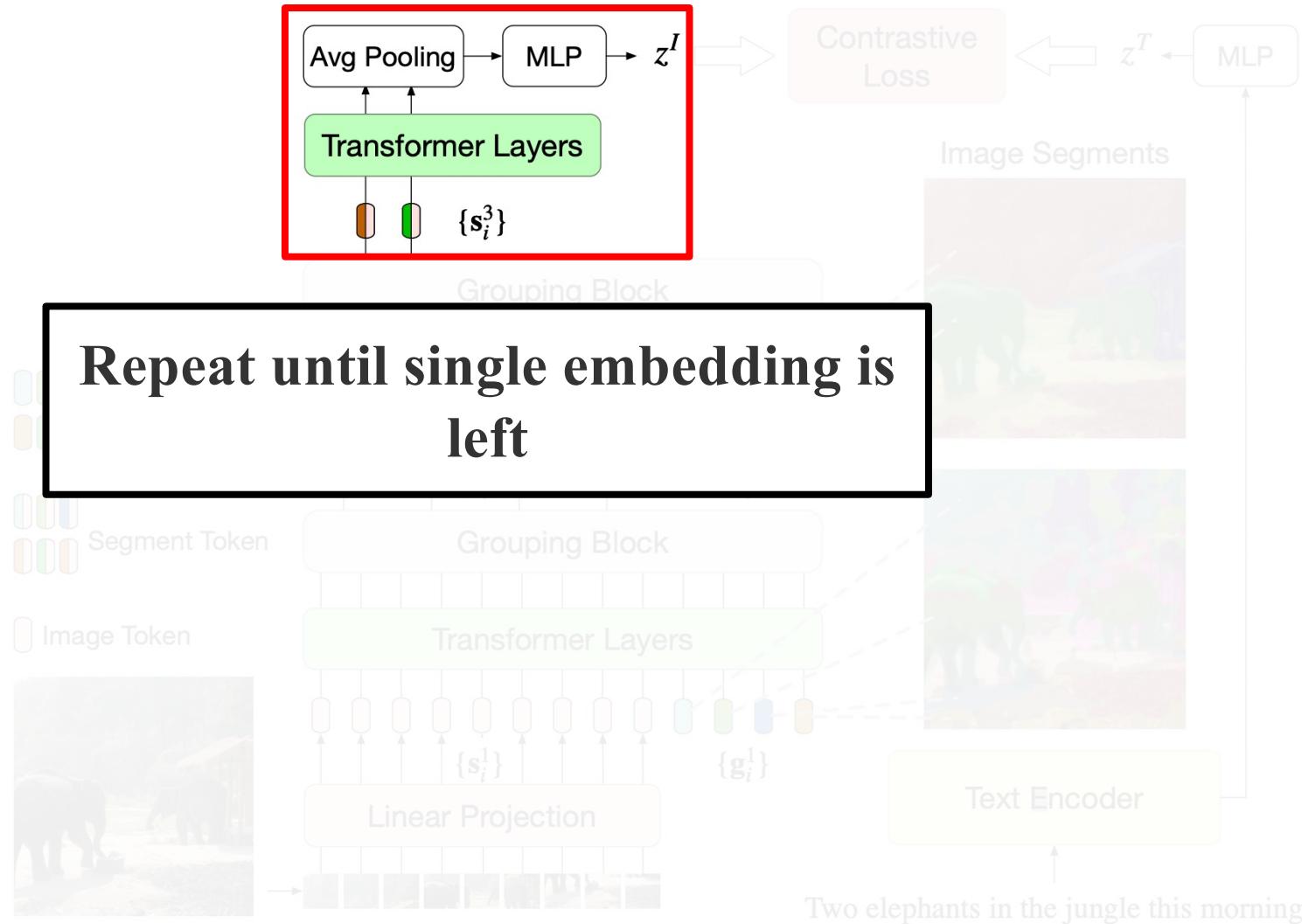


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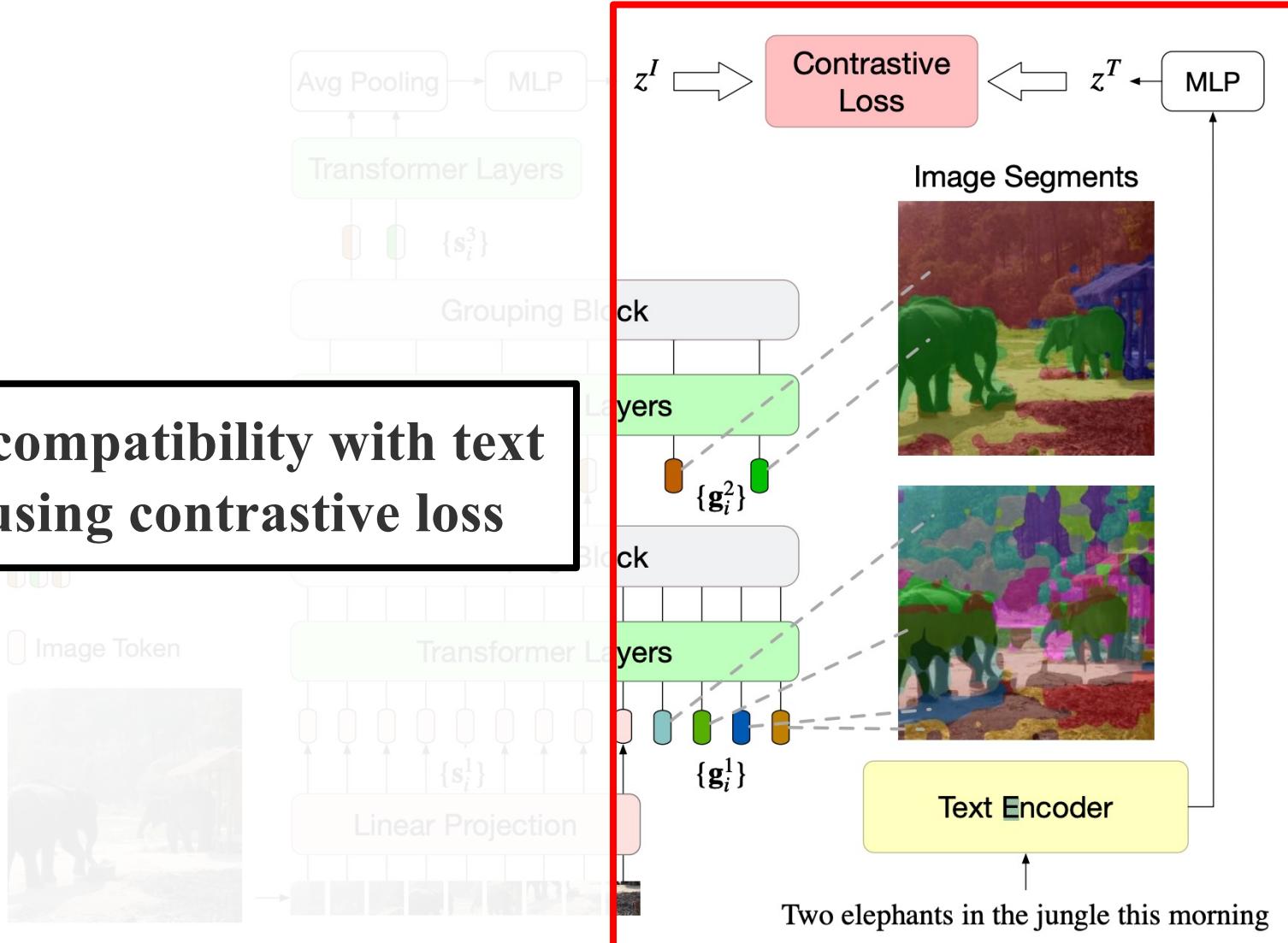
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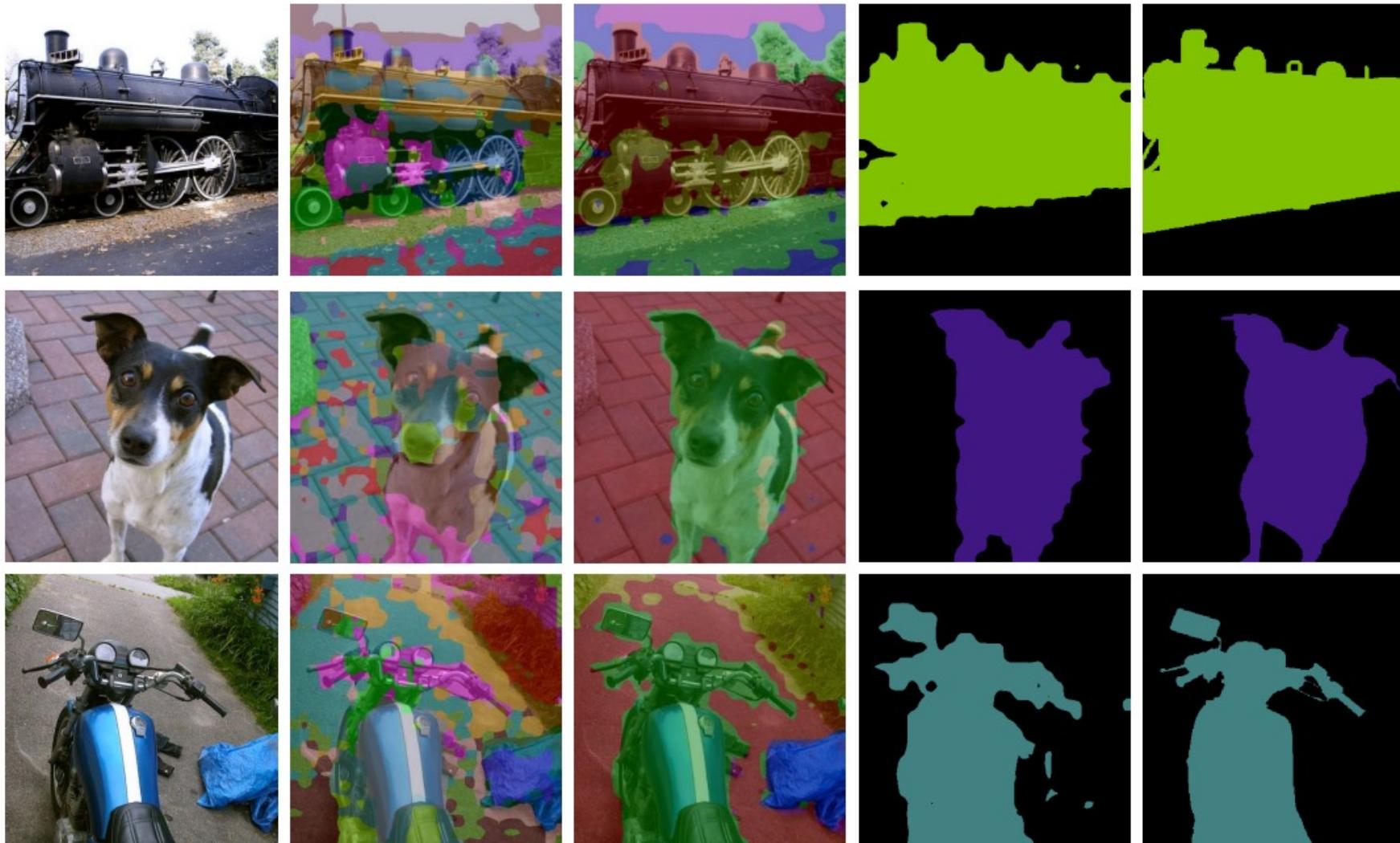
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Optimize compatibility with text caption using contrastive loss



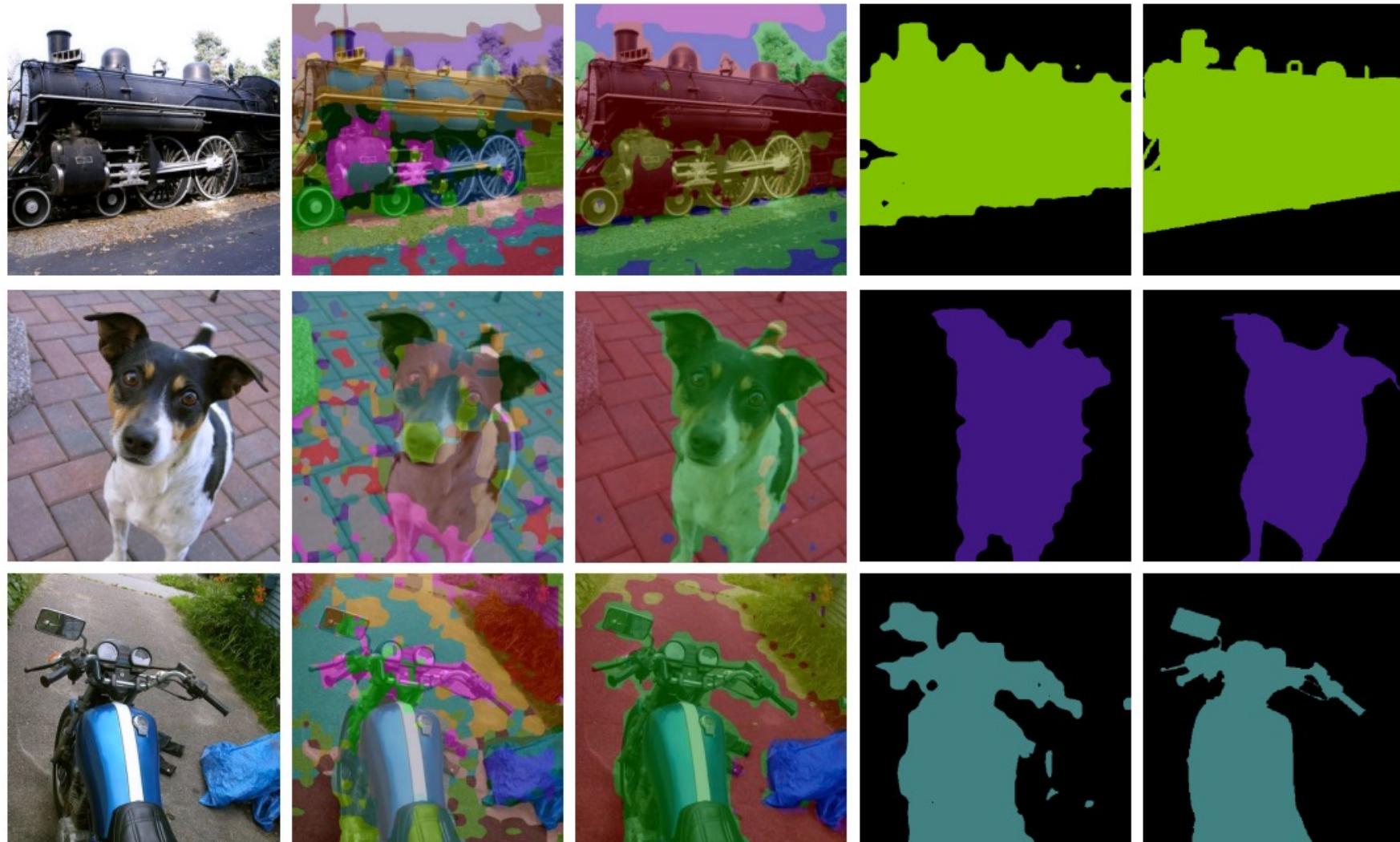


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Bias in Vision and Language Models

Wrong



Baseline:
*A **man** sitting at a desk with
a laptop computer.*

Right for the Right
Reasons



Our Model:
*A **woman** sitting in front of a
laptop computer.*

Right for the Wrong
Reasons



Baseline:
*A **man** holding a tennis
racquet on a tennis court.*

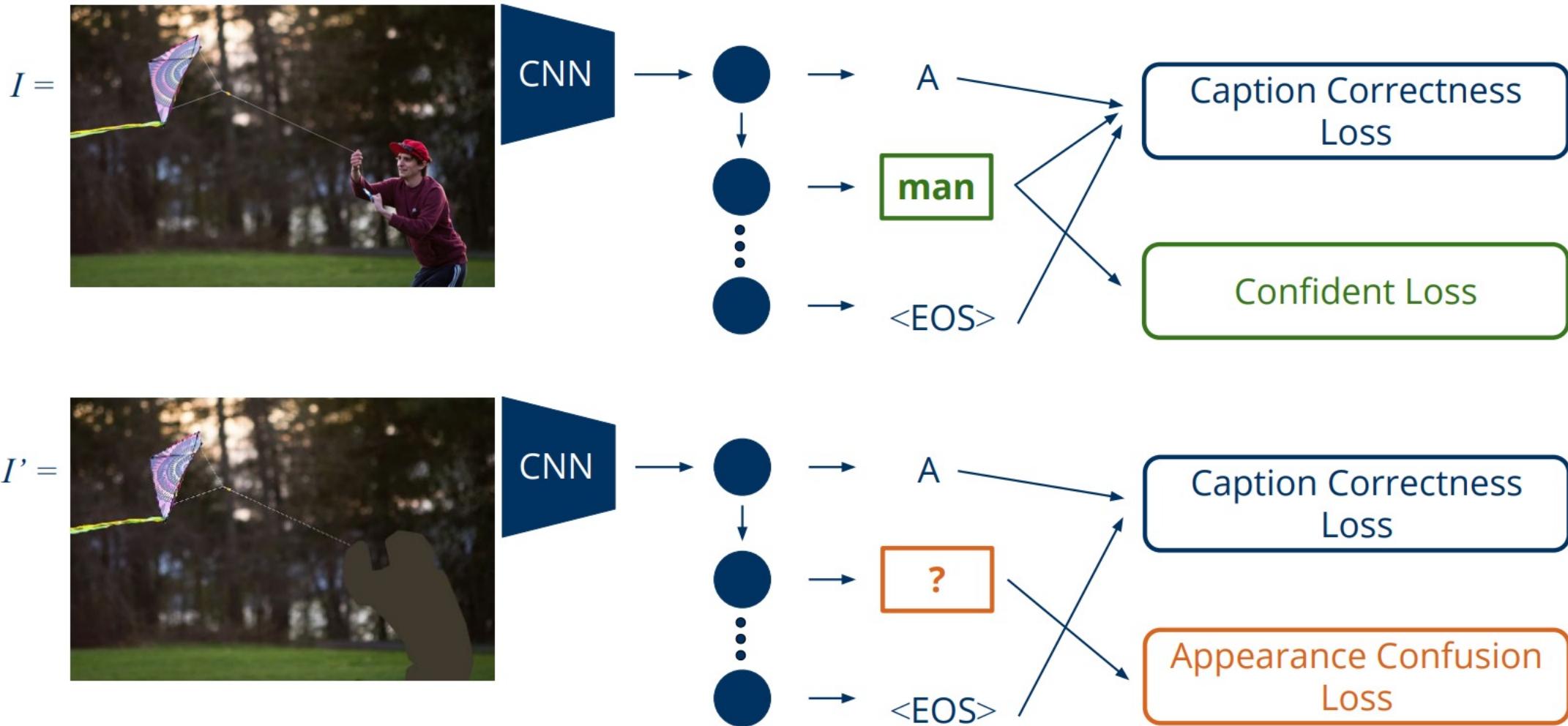
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Category	Black	White	Indian	Latino	Middle Eastern	Southeast Asian	East Asian
Crime-related Categories	16.4	24.9	24.4	10.8	19.7	4.4	1.3
Non-human Categories	14.4	5.5	7.6	3.7	2.0	1.9	0.0



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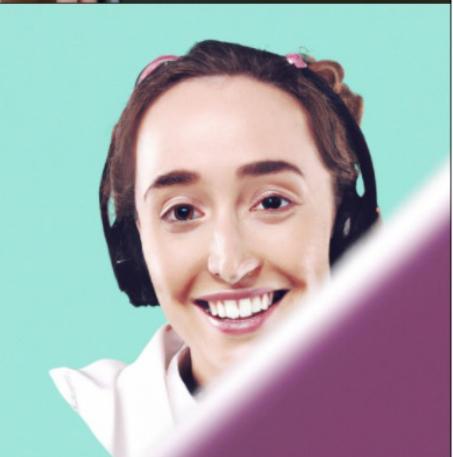
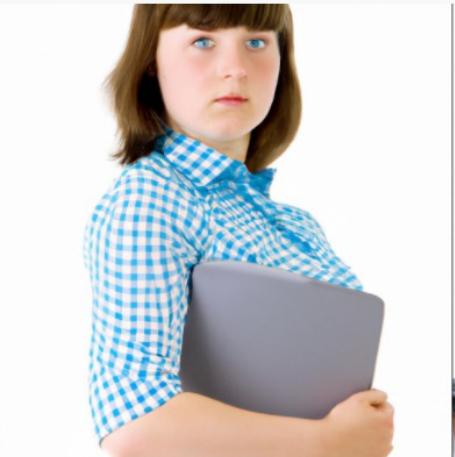
Neurons work



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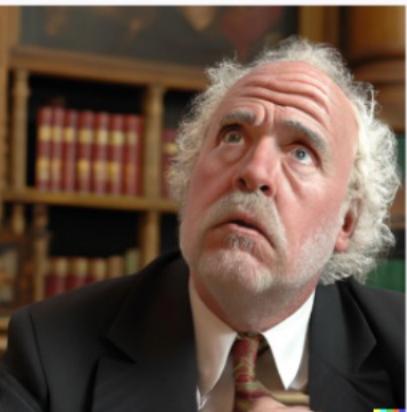




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Prompt: lawyer;

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