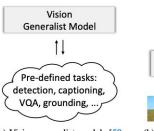
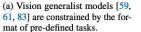
# VisionLLM & VisionLLMv2

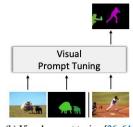
#### Introduction

- Problem
  - Pre-training -> Fine-tuning Paradigm
  - Visual Prompt Tuning
    - Segment Anything Model
  - Vision Language Model
    - Not vision-centric tasks

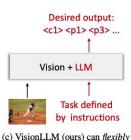








(b) Visual prompt tuning [26, 64, 621 are inconsistent with the format of LLMs.



language instructions like LLMs.

manage vision-centric tasks using

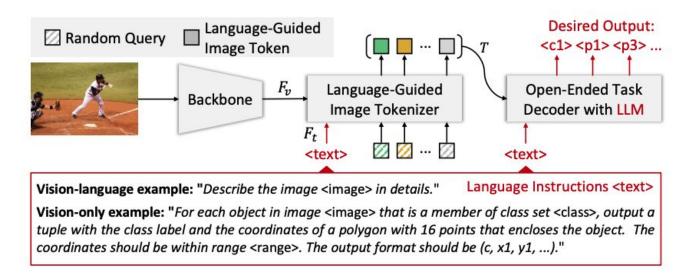
Figure 1: Comparison of our VisionLLM with popular paradigms. Unlike current vision generalist models that depend on pre-defined task formats and visual prompt tuning models that are inconsistent with large language models (LLMs), VisionLLM leverages the power of LLMs for open-ended vision tasks by using language instructions.

#### Solve

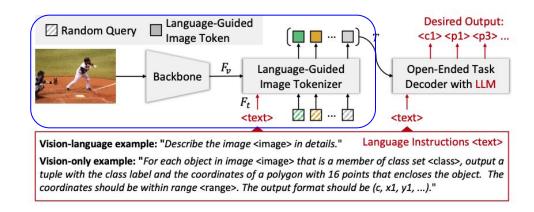
- Address vision-centric tasks(object detection, segmentation segmentation ~~)
- Instruction based vision-centric tasks available

### Overall Architecture

- Backbone
- Language Guided Image Tokenizer
- Open-Ended Task Decoder with LLM



- Image Tokenizer
  - Compose
    - Backbone
    - Language GuidedImage Tokenizer
  - Same with DETR Architecture
    - Backbone Resnet50
    - Language Guided Image Tokenizer Transformer Encoder
      - Query = BERT(Token) + nn.Parameter(n, dim)
      - Key, Value = Output of Resnet50



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VisionLLM considers images as a kind of foreign language and converts them into token representations. Unlike previous works [17, 60, 34] that utilize fixed-size patch embeddings to represent images, we introduce the language-guided image tokenizer to flexibly encode visual information that aligns with task-specific language prompts or instructions.

Specifically, give an image  $X \in \mathbb{R}^{H \times W \times 3}$  with height H and width W, we first feed it to the image backbones (e.g., ResNet [23]) and extract visual features  $F_n$  of four different scales. Additionally, we leverage a text encoder (e.g., BERT [16]) to extract the language features  $F_l$  from given prompts. The language features are then injected into each scale of visual features through cross-attention [55], yielding multi-scale language-aware visual features, enabling the alignment of features across modalities.

Afterward, we propose to adopt a transformer-based network (e.g., Deformable DETR [82]) with M random-initialized queries  $Q = \{q_i\}_{i=1}^M$  to capture the high-level information of images. We build the transformer-based network on top of the multi-scale language-aware visual features to extract M image tokens  $T = \{(e_i, l_i)\}_{i=1}^M$ , each of which is represented by an embedding  $e_i$  and a location  $l_i$ , denoting the semantic and positional information of the token. This design not only represents the images independent of input resolution but also extracts the visual representation that is informative with respect to the language prompts.

- Unified Language Instruction
  - Vision-Language Tasks
    - Image Captioning: "The image is <image>. Please generate a caption for the image: "
    - VQA: "The image is <image>. Please generate an answer for the image according to the question: <question>".

- Unified Language Instruction
  - Vision-Only Tasks
    - propose a unified output format represented as a tuple (C, P), where C denotes the class index in the category set <class>, and  $P = \{x_i, y_i\}_{i=1}^N$  represents N points that locate the object. To align with the format of word tokens, both the class index C and the coordinates of points  $x_i, y_i$  are transformed into discretized tokens. Specifically, the class index is an integer starting from 0, and the continuous coordinates of the points are uniformly discretized into an integer within the range  $[-\langle range \rangle, \langle range \rangle]$ . For object detection and visual grounding tasks, the point number N is equal to 2, representing the the top-left and bottom-right points of object's bounding box. In the case of instance segmentation, we employ multiple (N > 8) points along the object boundary to represent an instance mask [69]. Other perception tasks such as pose estimation (keypoint detection) can also be formulated as language instructions in this way.
  - Prompt example
    - An example of language instruction for the instance segmentation task is as follows: "Segment all the objects of category set <class> within the <range> of the image and generate a list of the format (c, x1, y1, x2, y2, ..., x8, y8). Here, c represents the index of the class label starting from 0, and (x1, y1, x2, y2, ..., x8, y8) correspond to the offsets of boundary points of the object relative to the center point. The image is: <image>".

classification tokens is flexibly provided in the category set <class> of language instructions, such as {"person":<c0>, "car":<c1>, "black cat":<c2>,...}. This design allows our model to select

# Experiment Results

Method	Backbone	Open- Ended	Detection		Instance Seg.		Grounding	Captioning			
Tribulou .	G Backbone		AP	AP <sub>50</sub>	AP <sub>75</sub>	AP	AP <sub>50</sub>	AP <sub>75</sub>	P@0.5	BLEU-4	CIDE
Specialist Models											
Faster R-CNN-FPN [48]	ResNet-50	-	40.3	61.0	44.0	_	-	_	=	-	2
DETR-DC5 [7]	ResNet-50	-	43.3	63.1	45.9	Ψ.	-	-	_	-	-
Deformable-DETR [82]	ResNet-50	-	45.7	65.0	49.1	=	-	-	-	-	-
Mask R-CNN [22]	ResNet-50	2	41.0	61.7	44.9	37.1	58.4	40.1	2	_	2
Polar Mask [69]	ResNet-50	-	-	-	-	30.5	52.0	31.1	-	-	-
Pix2Seq [8]	ResNet-50	_	43.2	61.0	46.1	_	-	_	-	-	-
UNITER [11]	ResNet-101	_	-	-	_	_	_	2	81.4	_	_
VILLA [19]	ResNet-101	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	82.4	-	=
MDETR [27]	ResNet-101	_	_	_	_	2	_	_	86.8	_	2
VL-T5 [13]	T5-B	_	-	-	-	ω.	-	-	######################################	-	116.5
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UniTab [72]	ResNet-101	_	-	-	-	_	-	-	88.6	-	115.8
Uni-Perceiver [83]	ViT-B	-	-	-	-	Ψ.	-	-	-	32.0	-
Uni-Perceiver-MoE [81]	ViT-B	-	-	-	-	=	-	-	-	33.2	-
Uni-Perceiver-V2 [28]	ViT-B	_	58.6	2	_	50.6	_	2	2	35.4	116.9
Pix2Seq v2 [9]	ViT-B	-	46.5	-	-	38.2	-	-	-	34.9	-
VisionLLM-R50 <sub>sep</sub>	ResNet-50	-	44.8	64.1	48.5	25.2	50.6	22.4	84.4	30.8	112.4
VisionLLM-R50	ResNet-50	1	44.6	64.0	48.1	25.1	50.0	22.4	80.6	31.0	112.5
VisionLLM-H	Intern-H	1	60.2	79.3	65.8	30.6	61.2	27.6	86.7	32.1	114.2

# Experiment Results

Table 2: Experiments of object-level and output format customization. We conduct these experiments based on VisionLLM-R50, and report the performance of box AP and mask AP on COCO minival for (a) and (b), respectively. "#Classes" and "#Points" indicate the number of classes and boundary points, respectively. "\*" indicates that we report the mean AP of the given classes, e.g., 10 classes.

(a) Object-level customization.

(b) Output format customization.

#Classes	AP	$AP_{50}$	$AP_{75}$	$AP_S$	$AP_{\mathrm{M}}$	$\mathrm{AP_L}$	#1	Points	AP	$AP_{50}$	$AP_{75}$
10*	48.9	72.6	51.2	31.7	47.5	67.3		8	18.5	45.7	11.6
20*	52.7	73.6	56.8	31.8	53.2	70.5		14	22.9	48.3	19.4
40*	49.3	70.7	53.2	33.1	53.6	63.8		16	24.2	49.9	20.9
80*	44.6	64.0	48.1	26.7	47.9	60.5		24	25.1	50.0	22.4

Table 3: Ablation studies on language-guided image tokenizer and hyper-parameters.

(a) Effect of text encoder in the language-guided image tokenizer.

w/ BERT	Freeze	COCO	RefCOCO
-	-	44.7	48.1
/	-	44.8	84.1
/	1	1.3	34.3

(b) Effect of image tokenization method.

Tokenization	AP
Average Pooling	23.1
Ours	44.8

(c) Effect of the number of bins (#Bins).

AP<sub>S</sub> AP<sub>M</sub> AP<sub>L</sub> 9.9 19.7 28.7

12.5 27.4 38.2

36.8

11.5 26.3

#Bins	AP
257	34.9
513	40.8
1025	44.8
2049	44.8

# Training Schedule

- Stage 1
  - Training Deforamable DETR & BERT
  - Only Detection
- Stage 2
  - Freeze Deformable DETR, Training BERT & LLM
  - Detection & Instance Segmentation & Visual Grounding & VQA & Captioning

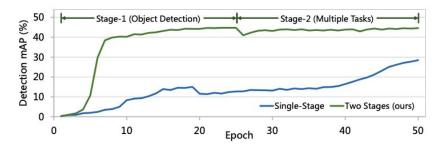


Figure 5: Comparison of two training schedules for VisionLLM. We found that a two-stage training from easy to hard converges faster than a single-stage training.

# Prompt

#### A.1 Object Detection

Example 1. "Please examine the image and identify all objects in the category set <class>. For each object, specify its location within the range <range> by determining the top-left and bottom-right corners of its bounding box. To indicate the object's class and location, provide the output in the format (c, x1, y1, x2, y2), where 'c' represents the class index starting from 0, and (x1, y1, x2, y2) correspond to the offsets of the bounding box corners relative to the center point. The image is: <image>"

**Example 2.** "Identify all the objects in the image that belong to the category set <class> and predict a bounding box around each one. The output should be a list in the format (c, xl, yl, x2, y2), where c represents the index of the class label starting from 0, and xl, yl, x2, y2 are the offsets of the top-left and bottom-right corners of the box relative to the center point. The coordinates should be within <range>. The image is: <image>"

**Example 3.** "For each object in the image that is a member of the category set <class>, output a tuple with the index of class label starting from 0 and the offsets of corners relative to the center point that encloses the object. The offsets should be in the order of top-left and bottom-right corners of the rectangle and should be within <range>. The output format should be (c, x1, y1, x2, y2). The image is: <image>"

# Prompt

#### A.2 Instance Segmentation

**Example 1.** "Segment the objects from the image with class labels from <class> and output their coordinates within range <range>. The coordinates should be given as the boundary points relative to the center point, and the output format should be (c. x1, y1, x2, y2, ..., x20, y20), where c is the index of the class label that starts from 0. The image is: <image>"

Example 2. "Segment all the objects from the category set <class> in the provided image and output a tuple (c, x1, y1, x2, y2, ..., x14, y14) for each, where c is the index of the class label in the category set that starts from 0, and (x1, y1, x2, y2, ..., x14, y14) correspond to the offsets of boundary points on the instance mask relative to the center point which should be within <range>. The image is: <image>"

**Example 3.** "In the provided image, please segment all the objects in category set <class> within the range <range> by providing their coordinates in the (c, x1, y1, x2, y2, ..., x24, y24) format, where 'c' denotes the index of the class label starting from 0, and (x1, y1, x2, y2, ..., x24, y24) stand for the offsets of boundary points relative to the center point. The image is: <image>"

# Prompt

## A.3 Visual Grounding

**Example 1.** "Please find the object in the category set  ${<expression>:<clso>}$  within the range  ${<range>}$ . Please provide the output in the format (c, xl, yl, x2, y2), where c is the class index starting from 0, and (xl, yl, x2, y2) are the offsets of the top-left and bottom-right corners of the bounding box relative to the center point. The image is:  ${<image>}$ "

**Example 2.** "Given the input image, category set  ${<expression>:<clso>}$ , and the range <range>, please locate the object in the image and output the corresponding coordinates in the tuple (c, x1, y1, x2, y2), where c is the index of the class label starting from 0, and (x1, y1, x2, y2) are the

offsets of the top-left and bottom-right corners of the rectangle relative to the center point. The image is: <image>"

**Example 3.** "For each object in the image that belongs to the  ${<expression>:<clso>}$  category set, please provide the class label (starting from 0) and the offsets from the center of a bounding box that encloses the object. The corner offsets should be in the order of top-left and bottom-right, and within the range  ${<range>}$ . The output should be in the format (c, xl, yl, x2, y2). The image is:  ${<image>}$ "

# Prompt

#### A.4 Image Captioning

Example 1. "The image is <image>. Write a caption:"

Example 2. "The image is <image>. Please describe this image:"

Example 3. "With the objects in the <image>, please generate a caption for the image:"

#### A.5 Visual Question Answering

**Example 1.** "The image is <image>. Please generate an answer according to the question: <question>."

**Example 2.** "The image is <image>. Please answer the question <question> according to the image."

Example 3. "With the objects in the <image>, <question>."

# Figure

**Instruction:** "Identify the objects in the image that belong to {'person': <c0>, ..., 'frisbee': <c29>, ...} and draw a bounding box around each one. The output should be a list of tuples in the format (c, x1, y1, x2, y2), where 'c' represents the index of the class label starting from 0, and x1, y1, x2, y2 are the offsets of the top-left and bottom-right corners of the box relative to the center point. The coordinates should be within <range>. The image is: <image>"

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# Figure

Instruction: "Identify the objects in the image that belong to {'person': <c0>, 'bicycle': <c1>, ..., 'backpack': <c24>, ..., 'toothbrush': <c79>} and draw a bounding box around each one. The output should be a list of tuples in the format (c, x1, y1, x2, y2), where 'c' represents the index of the class label starting from 0, and x1, y1, x2, y2 are the offsets of the top-left and bottom-right corners of the box relative to the center point. The coordinates should be within <range>. The image is: <image>"

Instruction: "Identify the objects in the image that belong to {'bicycle': <c0>, 'surfboard': <c1>, 'sports ball': <c2>, 'backpack': <c3>, 'the man wearing blue T-shirt': <c4>} and draw a bounding box around each one. The output should be a list of tuples in the format (c, x1, y1, x2, y2), where 'c' represents the index of the class label starting from 0, and x1, y1, x2, y2 are the offsets of the top-left and bottom-right corners of the box relative to the center point. The coordinates should be within <range>. The image is: <image>"





# Figure

Instruction: "The image is: <image>. Analyze the image in a comprehensive and detailed manner."

VisionLLM: "The image features a busy city street with a large red double-decker bus driving down the road. There are several people walking on the sidewalk, some of whom are carrying backpacks. The bus is positioned towards the left side of the image. There are several people walking along the sidewalk, with some closer to the bus and others further away. The overall atmosphere suggests a busy urban environment with people going about their daily routines."

**Instruction:** "The image is: <image>. Write a detailed description of the given image."

VisionLLM: "The image features a large, open-air market filled with a variety of fruits and vegetables. There are numerous mangoes, watermelons and apples displayed in the market, with some fruits placed closer to the foreground and others further back. The market is bustling with activity as people can be seen browsing and purchasing the fresh produce. The market is likely a popular destination for those seeking a fresh and healthy diet."





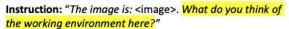
Instruction: "The image is: <image>. Write a short description of the given image."

**VisionLLM:** "The image features a lively open-air market with a variety of fruits and vegetables. People are busy browsing and buying fresh produce."

# Figure

Instruction: "The image is: <image>. Please generate an answer according to the question: what reasons could there be for the cat squatting on the shoes?"

**VisionLLM:** "There could be several reasons. One possibility is that the cat is seeking warmth or comfort, as shoes can provide a cozy and warm surface for the cat to rest on. Another reason could be that the cat is seeking attention or affection from its owner, who is standing nearby. Cats are known to be curious creatures, and they may be seeking attention or attention from their owners."



VisionLLM: "The working environment in this office space appears to be open, spacious, and well-equipped. There are several desks set up for employees, providing ample workspace for each individual. The office features a modern and contemporary design, which suggests a creative and collaborative work environment. The presence of several chairs and the organization of the office, including the laptops and monitors, indicate that the space is well-maintained and conducive to productivity. Overall, the office appears to be a pleasant and efficient work environment for its employees."





## Introduction

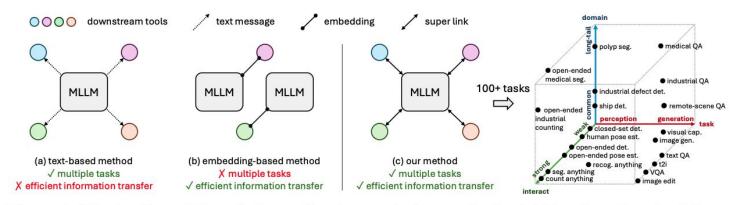
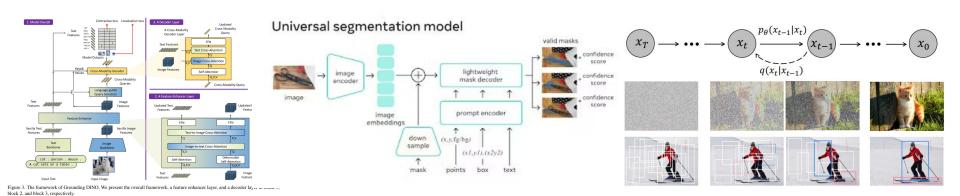


Figure 1: **Illustration of three information transmission methods.** (a) Text-based method shows MLLM connected to various downstream tools via text messages, capable of handling multiple tasks but suffering from inefficient information transfer. (b) The embedding-based method displays a connection using learnable embeddings, which facilitates efficient information transfer but lacks support for multitasking. (c) Our method employs a "super link" technique, where a unified MLLM interfaces with multiple task decoders through super links, supporting over 100 diverse tasks.

## Introduction

- Vision Generalist Model
  - Unified Vision Model
    - Pix2Seq-D, SEEM, Semantic-SAM, Grounding DINO...
  - Visual Prompting
    - Segment Anything
  - Diffusion Model as Interface
    - InstructCV, InstructDiffusion



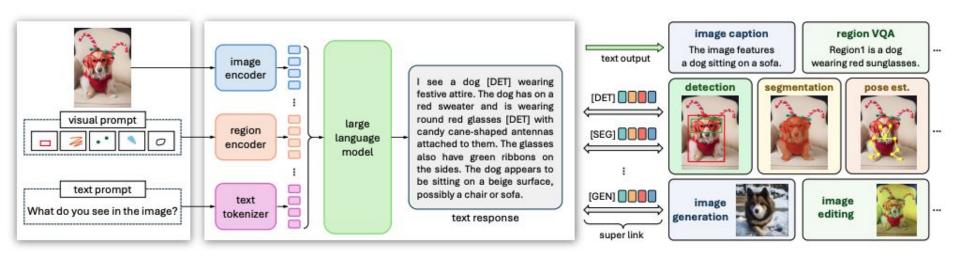
- Model Design (image encoder, LLM, task-specific decoders, super link)
  - Tokenization
    - Text prompt -> used in LLM
    - Image input
      - (3, 336, 336) -> Vision Transformer(CLIP-L) -> (576 + 1, C)
      - $576 = (336 / 14)^2$ , 1 = cls token
    - Visual prompt
      - point, box, scribble, mask -> binary mask
      - concatenate with input image along the channel dimension
      - process three convolution layers to downsample by factor of 14
      - adding to image input feature
      - grid sampling is used to extract features within the masked regions
      - averaged to form the feature of the visual prompt (1, C)

- Model Design (image encoder, LLM, task-specific decoders, super link)
  - o LLM
    - Just use Vicuna-7B

- Model Design (image encoder, LLM, task-specific decoders, super link)
  - Task-specific decoders
    - Use Grounding DINO for object-level localization
    - add a mask decoder for segmentation
    - UniPos for pose estimation(key point decoder)
    - Stable Diffusion, Instructpix2pix to generate or edit images

- Model Design (image encoder, LLM, task-specific decoders, super link)
  - Super Link Technique
    - Text-only output tasks(VQA, ...) -> just vision language model
    - Vision Specific Task
      - Routing Token: [DET], [POSE], [SEG], [GEN], [EDIT]
      - Super-Link Queries
        - Q -> R(N X C), N is the number of queries, randomly initialized
        - super link queries are appended
          after the input embeddings of the routing token
        - appended token is sent into the specific decoders as s condition to perform the downstream tasks

Model Design - (image encoder, LLM, task-specific decoders, super link)



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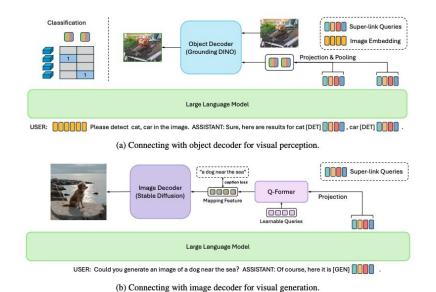


Figure A13: Architecture details for connecting LLM with task-specific decoder via super-link queries. (a) Connecting with object decoder. We first extract the per-category features by performing projection and pooling on the hidden states of corresponding super-link queries. Then these features are sent into the object decoder as text features. (b) Connecting with image decoder. We add a O-Former for projecting the features of super-link queries to the feature space of Stable Diffusion.

Model Design - (image encoder, LLM, task-specific decoders, super link)

# **Example1: Text Prompt + Visual Prompt for Interactive Segmentation.**

**USER**: <image> Could you please segment all the corresponding objects according to the visual prompts as region1 <region>, region2 <region>?

ASSISTANT: Sure, these objects are region1 [SEG], region2 [SEG].

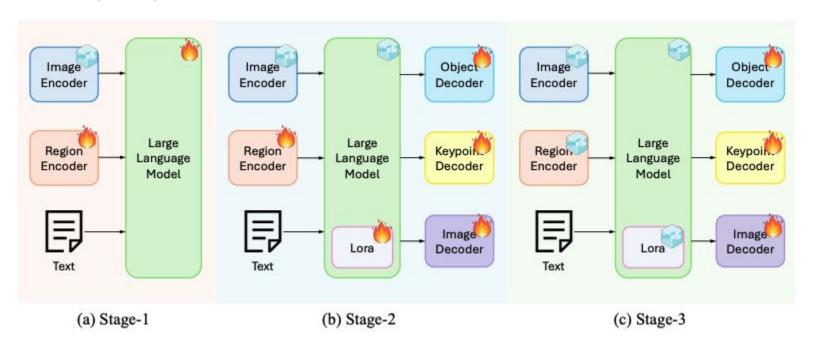
# **Example 2: Text Prompt for Text-to-Image Generation.**

ASSISTANT: Of course, here it is [GEN].

# Training Stage

- Stage 1 : Multi modal Training (VisionLLM v2-Chat)
  - LLaVA pre-training and instruction tuning
  - training projection
- Stage 2 : Multi-capacity Fine-Tuining
  - integrate task-specific decoders into the model and perform multi-task joint training
  - instruction data, COCO(object detection), ADE20K(semantic segmentation)
- Stage 3 : Decoder-only Fine Tuning
  - Training only all decoders

# Training Stage



- Qualitative Results
  - Visual Perception
    - Closed set



Please conduct object detection to any [List of COCO classes] that may be present.



Please conduct object detection to any [List of COCO classes] that may be present.



Can you carry out object detection on this image and identify the women it contains?



I'm trying to detect bottles and forks in the image. Can you help me?

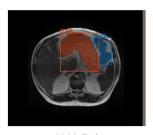


Are you capable of identifying Apple Vision Pro within this image?



(a) Remote Sensing

(b) PCB



(c) Medical

## Qualitative Results

- Visual Perception
  - Open set



Where can we locate the black cat in the Where can we locate the cat in the front image?



Please assist in identifying the rightmost cat within the image.





Please assist in identifying the smallest cat within the image.



Where can we locate the cat with its left paw raised?



Please assist in identifying the cat with a ball of yarn nearby.

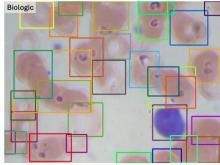


in identifying the gas cylinders within the image.



Please assist me in identifying the vegetables within the image.





Please assist me in identifying the red blood cells within the

- **Qualitative Results** 
  - Visual Perception
    - Keypoint



I need your expertise to locate any person in this image. Can you pinpoint the keypoint locations of [List of 17 COCO keypoints]?



I need your expertise to locate any person in this image. Please analyze this image and find the keypoint of the right elbow?



Detect any person in the given image. Can you pinpoint the keypoint locations of the nose, left eye, right\_eye, left\_ear, right\_ear?



Please perform object detection on this image for identifying elephants. Detect the keypoint positions of the List of 17 AP- [List of 17 AP-10K keypoints]? 10K keypoints].



Can you detect horses within the image? Can you pinpoint the keypoint locations of

- Qualitative Results
  - Visual Perception
    - Grounded caption

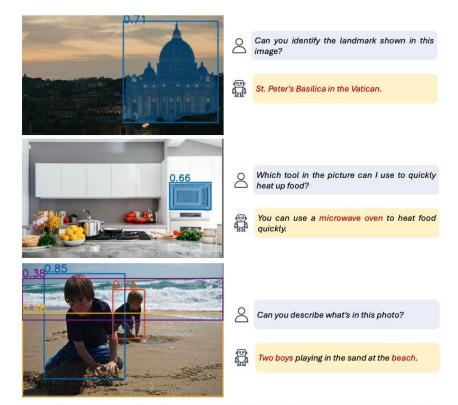


Figure A6: **Grounded caption.** The model accurately locates objects based on user prompts, outputs bounding boxes, and provides answers to user queries.