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<https://arxiv.org/abs/2308.05140>  
<https://github.com/dawnyc/ROMTrack>

## Introduction

- Object Modeling and Robustness of visual tracking are two core parts of recent tracking frameworks.
- We compare 3 typical object modeling methods for template-search feature learning in Figure 1, together with our Robust Modeling design.

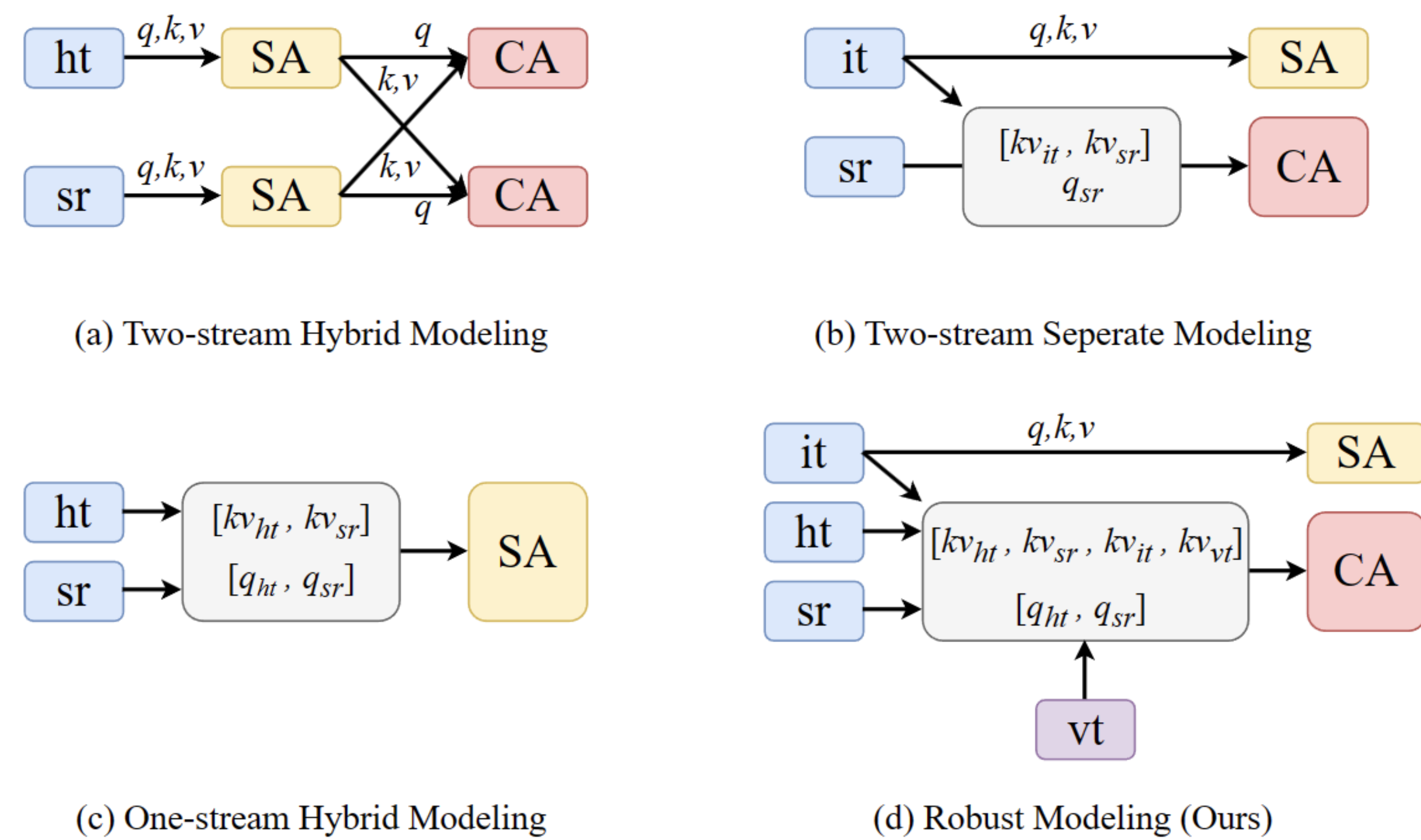


Figure 1:  $ht$ ,  $it$ ,  $sr$ , and  $vt$  represent hybrid template, inherent template, search region, and variation tokens, respectively. SA and CA denote self-attention and cross-attention.

## Contribution

- We propose ROMTrack, which can keep the inherent information of the target template and enables mutual feature matching between the target and the search region simultaneously.
- We present a neat and effective variation-token design that embeds the appearance context during tracking into the attention calculation of hybrid features.
- The proposed ROMTrack sets a new state-of-the-art performance on 6 challenging benchmarks.

## Technical Details

- ROMTrack is a Transformer-based tracker with N Object Encoder layers. Each encoder layer performs object attention for robust tracking, as shown in Figure 2.

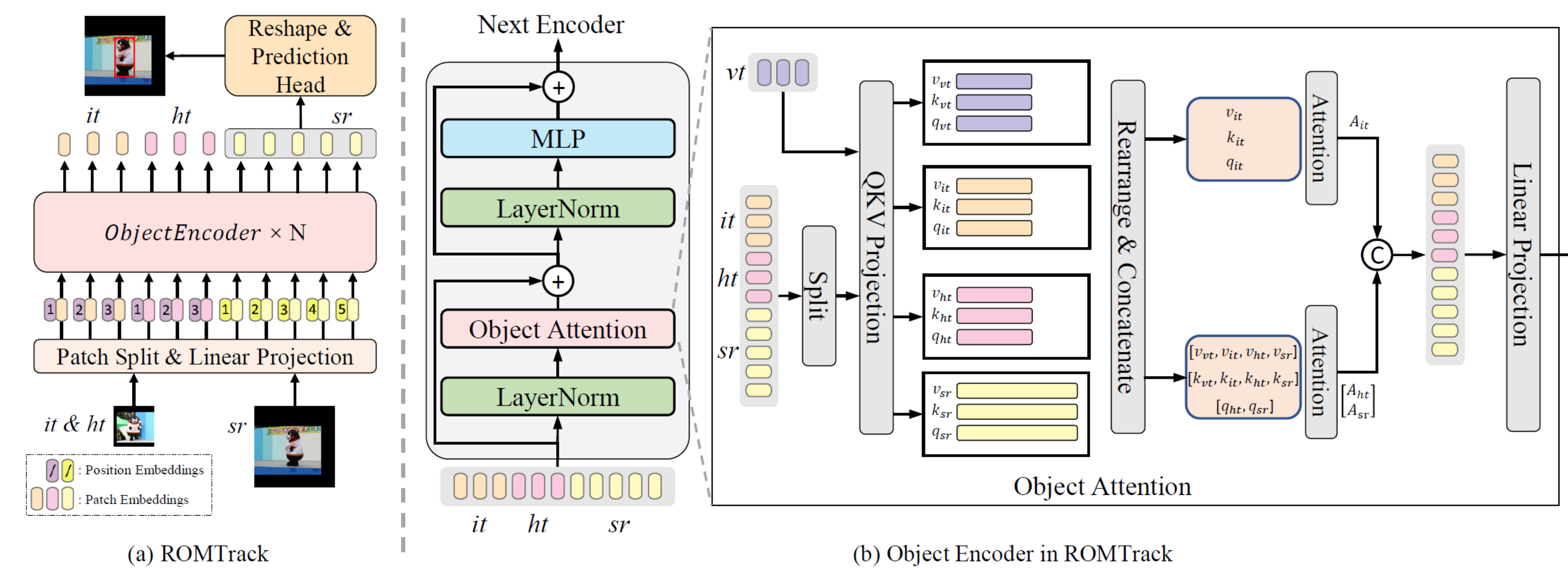


Figure 2: (a) Overview of the proposed ROMTrack framework. The template and search region images are split into patches, and then linearly projected, concatenated, and fed into stacked encoder layers for robust object modeling.  $it$ ,  $ht$ , and  $sr$  denote the inherent template, the hybrid template, and the search region, respectively. (b) Architecture of the object encoder layer.  $vt$  denotes variation tokens.

- Variation tokens encode the contextual appearance changes to tackle the problem of object deformation and appearance variations, as shown in Figure 3.

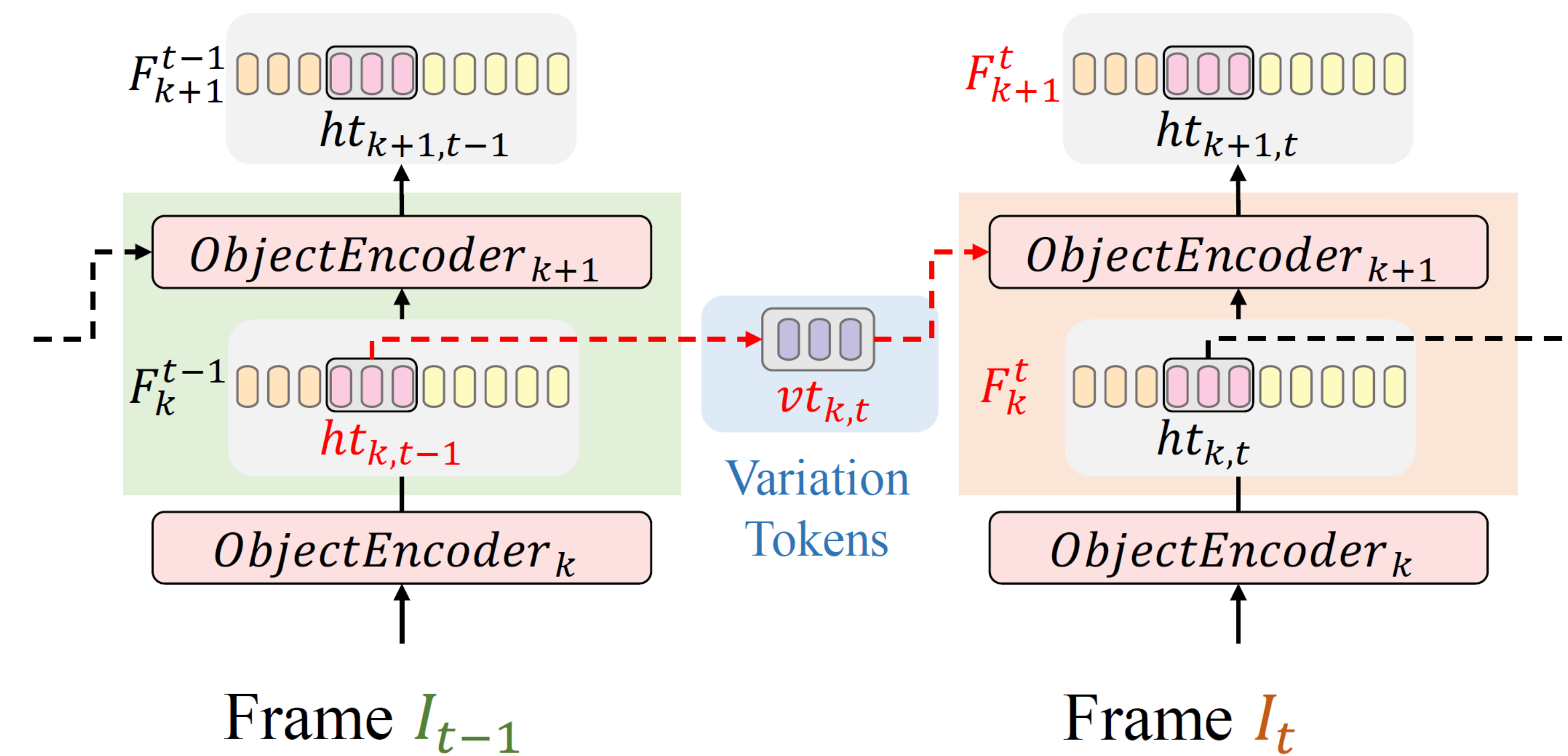


Figure 3: Schema of the proposed variation-token design.

- For inference, variation tokens are obtained per frame and employed for subsequent tracking procedure.

## Experiments

- Evaluation Metrics

Method	Source	GOT-10k*			LaSOT			TrackingNet			LaSOT <sub>test</sub>		
		AO(%)	SR <sub>0.5</sub> (%)	SR <sub>0.75</sub> (%)	AUC(%)	P <sub>Norm</sub> (%)	P(%)	AUC(%)	P <sub>Norm</sub> (%)	P(%)	AUC(%)	P <sub>Norm</sub> (%)	P(%)
<b>ROMTrack</b>	Ours	<b>72.9</b>	<b>82.9</b>	<b>70.2</b>	<b>69.3</b>	78.8	<b>75.6</b>	<b>83.6</b>	<b>88.4</b>	<b>82.7</b>	<b>48.9</b>	<b>59.3</b>	<b>55.0</b>
SwinTrack-T-224 [31]	NIPS22	71.3	81.9	64.5	67.2	-	70.8	81.1	-	78.4	47.6	-	53.9
OSTrack-256 [54]	ECCV22	71.0	80.4	68.2	69.1	78.7	<b>75.2</b>	83.1	87.8	82.0	47.4	57.3	53.3
OSTrack-256(w/o CE) [54]	ECCV22	71.0	80.3	68.2	68.7	78.1	74.6	82.9	87.5	81.6	-	-	-
AiATrack [23]	ECCV22	69.6	80.0	63.2	69.0	<b>79.4</b>	73.8	82.7	87.8	80.4	46.8	54.4	<b>54.2</b>
SimTrack-B/16 [5]	ECCV22	68.6	78.9	62.4	<b>69.3</b>	78.5	74.0	82.3	86.5	-	-	-	-
Unicorn [52]	ECCV22	-	-	-	68.5	76.6	74.1	83.0	86.4	<b>82.2</b>	-	-	-
MixFormer-22k [10]	CVPR22	70.7	80.0	67.8	69.2	78.7	74.7	<b>83.1</b>	<b>88.1</b>	81.6	-	-	-
MixFormer-1k [10]	CVPR22	71.2	79.9	65.8	67.9	77.3	73.9	82.6	87.7	81.2	-	-	-
ToMP50 [36]	CVPR22	-	-	-	67.6	78.0	72.2	81.2	86.2	78.6	45.4	57.6	-
ToMP101 [36]	CVPR22	-	-	-	68.5	<b>79.2</b>	73.5	81.5	86.4	78.9	45.9	<b>58.1</b>	-
SBT-large [50]	CVPR22	70.4	80.8	64.7	66.7	-	71.1	-	-	-	-	-	-
KeepTrack [37]	ICCV21	-	-	-	67.1	77.2	70.2	-	-	-	<b>48.2</b>	58.0	-
STARK [53]	ICCV21	68.8	78.1	64.1	67.1	77.0	-	82.0	86.9	-	-	-	-
DTT [55]	ICCV21	63.4	74.9	51.4	60.1	-	-	79.6	85.0	78.9	-	-	-
TransT [6]	CVPR21	67.1	76.8	60.9	64.9	73.8	69.0	81.4	86.7	80.3	45.1	51.3	51.2
TiDiMP [44]	CVPR21	67.1	77.7	58.3	63.9	-	61.4	78.4	83.3	73.1	-	-	-
LTMU [11]	CVPR20	-	-	-	57.2	-	57.2	-	-	-	41.4	49.9	47.3
SiamR-CNN [43]	CVPR20	64.9	72.8	59.7	64.8	72.2	-	81.2	85.4	80.0	-	-	-
Ocean [58]	ECCV20	61.1	72.1	47.3	56.0	65.1	56.6	-	-	-	-	-	-
DiMP [3]	ICCV19	61.1	71.7	49.2	56.9	65.0	56.7	74.0	80.1	68.7	39.2	47.6	45.1
SiamRPN++ [29]	CVPR19	51.7	61.6	32.5	49.6	56.9	49.1	73.3	80.0	69.4	34.0	41.6	39.6
MDNet [39]	CVPR16	29.9	30.3	9.9	39.7	46.0	37.3	60.6	70.5	56.5	27.9	34.9	31.8
SiamFC [2]	ECCV16	34.8	35.3	9.8	33.6	42.0	33.9	57.1	66.3	53.3	23.0	31.1	26.9

Trackers with Higher Resolution or Larger Model

<b>ROMTrack-384</b>	Ours	<b>74.2</b>	<b>84.3</b>	<b>72.4</b>	<b>71.4</b>	<b>81.4</b>	<b>78.2</b>	<b>84.1</b>	<b>89.0</b>	<b>83.7</b>	<b>51.3</b>	<b>62.4</b>	<b>58.6</b>
SwinTrack-B-384 [31]	NIPS22	72.4	80.5	67.8	<b>71.3</b>	-	76.5	<b>84.0</b>	-	82.8	49.1	-	55.6
OSTrack-384 [54]	ECCV22	<b>73.7</b>	<b>83.2</b>	<b>70.8</b>	71.1	<b>81.1</b>	<b>77.6</b>	83.9	88.5	<b>83.2</b>	<b>50.5</b>	<b>61.3</b>	<b>57.6</b>
SimTrack-L/14 [5]	ECCV22	69.8	78.8	66.0	70.5	79.7	76.2	83.4	87.4	-	-	-	-
MixFormer-L [10]	CVPR22	-	-	-	70.1	79.9	76.3	83.9	<b>88.9</b>	83.1	-	-	-

- Performance Comparison

Method	Speed (FPS)	MACs (G)	Params (M)	LaSOT AUC(%)	GOT-10k* AO(%)
OSTrack-256 (w/o CE) [57]	65	29.0	92.1	68.7	71.0
MixFormer-22k [11]	25	23.0	35.6	69.2	70.7
<b>ROMTrack</b>	62	34.5	92.1	<b>69.3</b>	<b>72.9</b>
OSTrack-384 (w/o CE)	29	65.3	92.1	71.0	73.7
MixFormer-L	18	127.8	183.9	70.1	-
<b>ROMTrack-384</b>	28	77.7	92.1	<b>71.4</b>	<b>74.2</b>

- Visualization

