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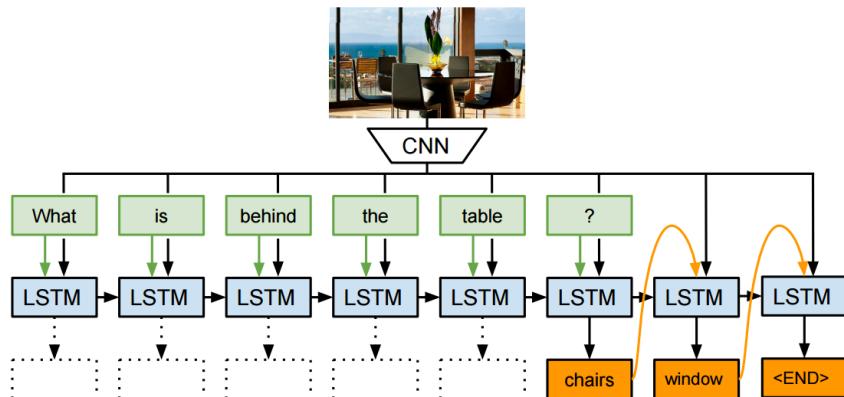
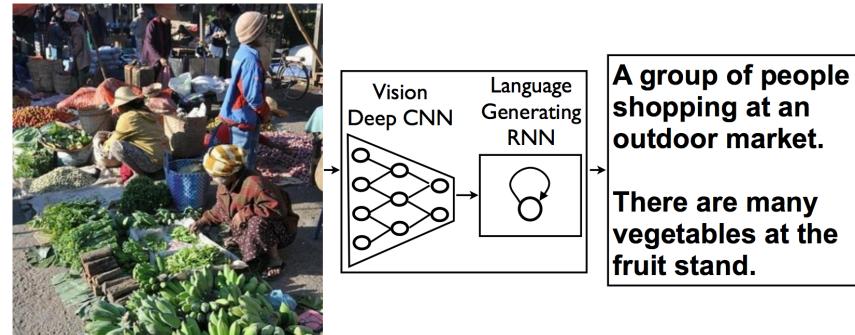
# Vision Guided Language Generation

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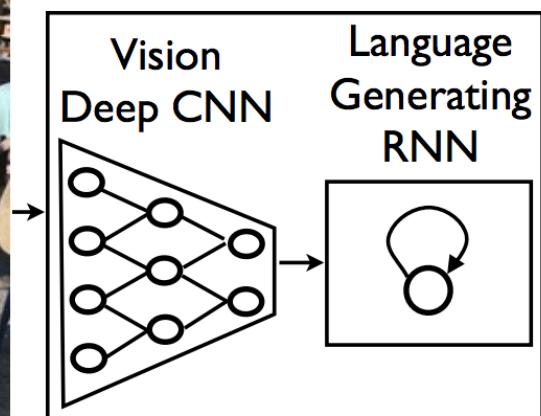
# Overview

- Captioning
  - For Image
  - Referring Expression
  - For Video
- Question Answering
  - For Image
  - For Video
- Others
  - Storytelling
  - Visual-aware HCI



# Captioning

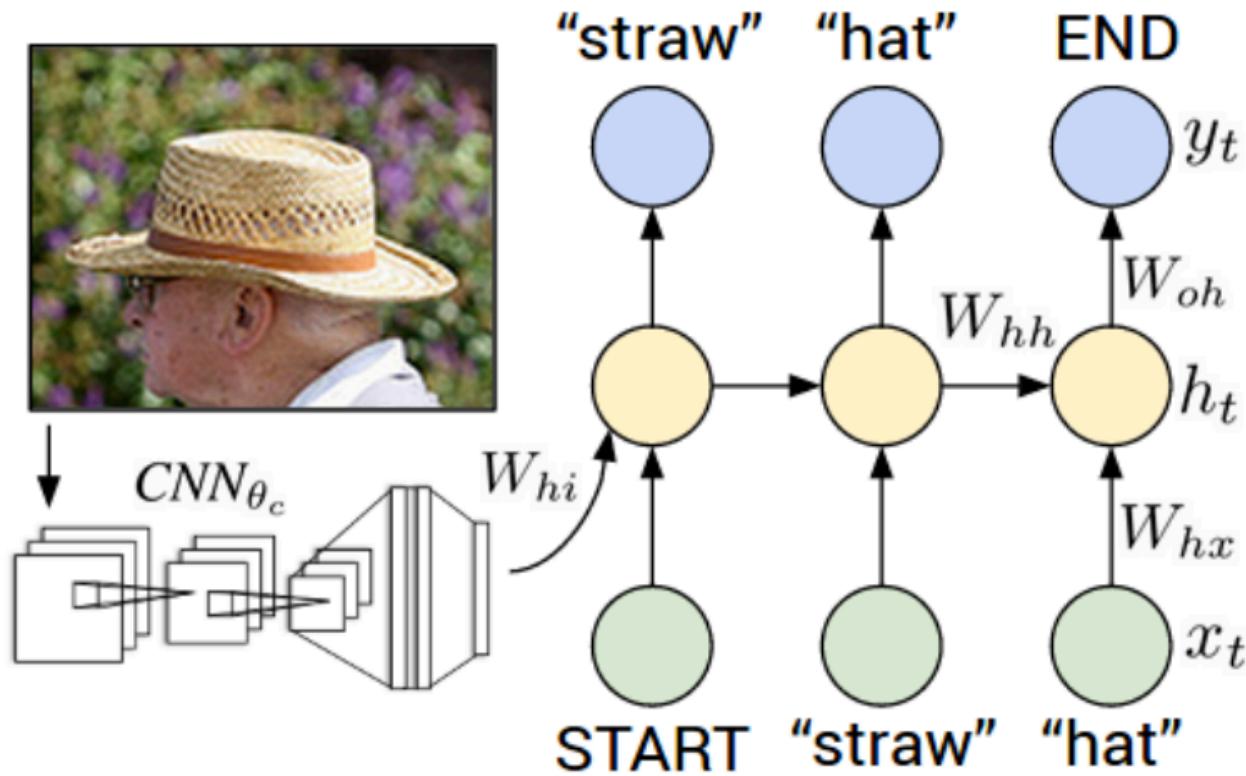
- I have a **CNN**, I have a **RNN** -> **Novel Sentences**



**A group of people  
shopping at an  
outdoor market.**

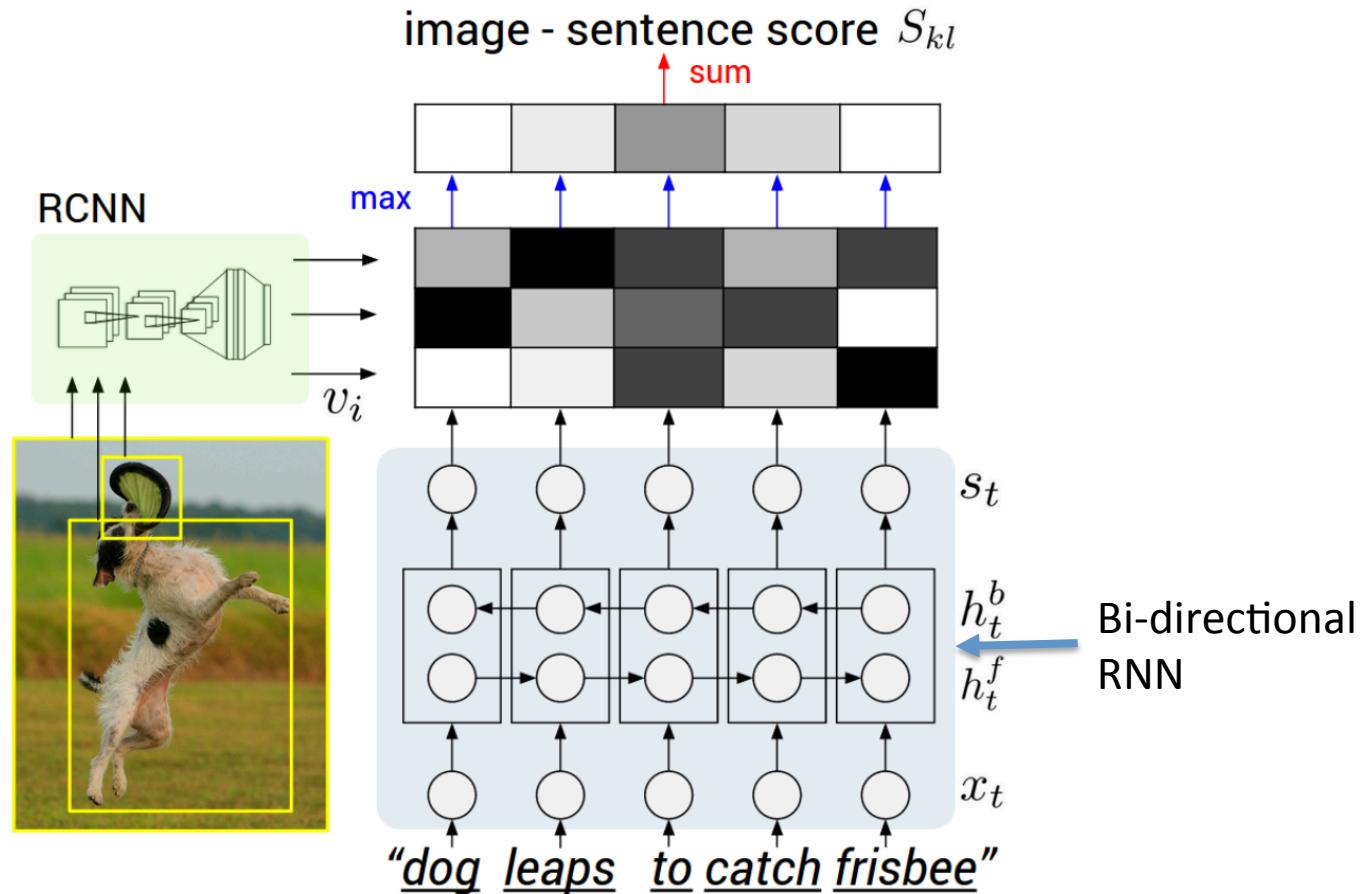
**There are many  
vegetables at the  
fruit stand.**

# Captioning



Andrej Karpathy, Li Fei-Fei. Deep Visual-Semantic Alignments for Generating Image Descriptions. CVPR 2015

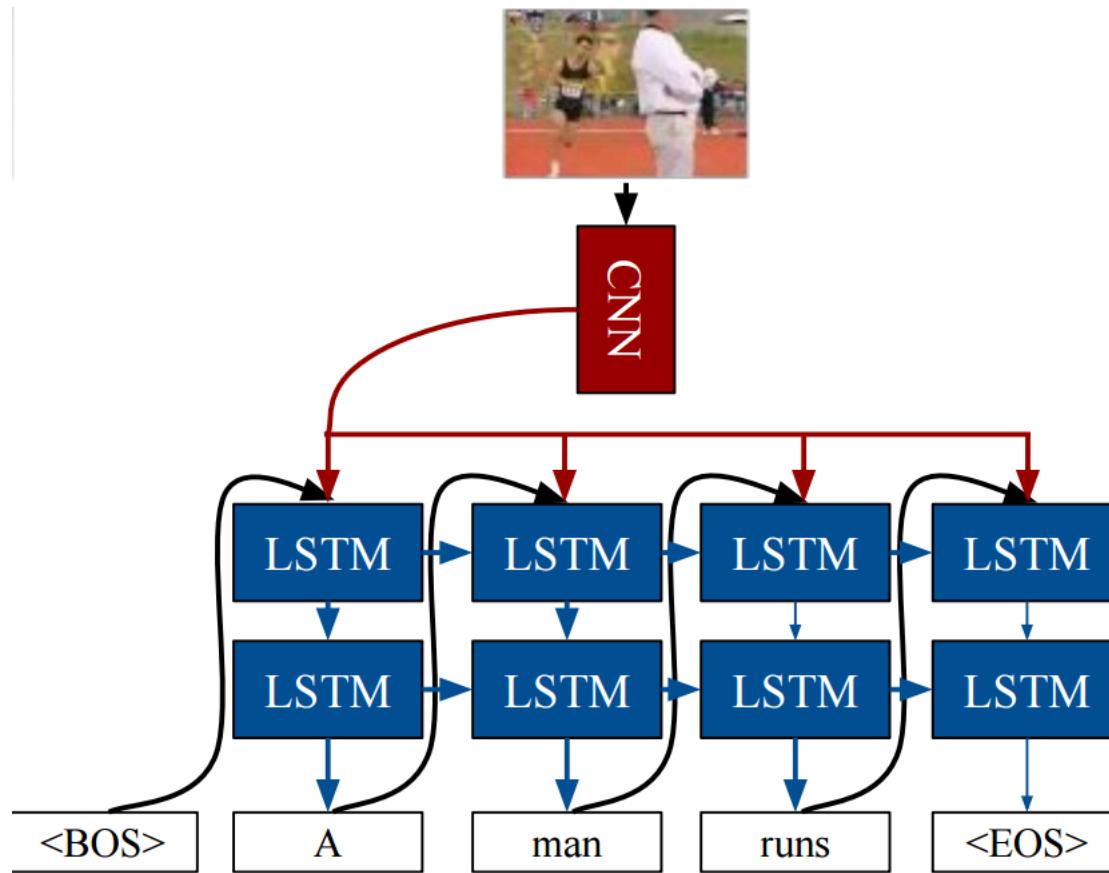
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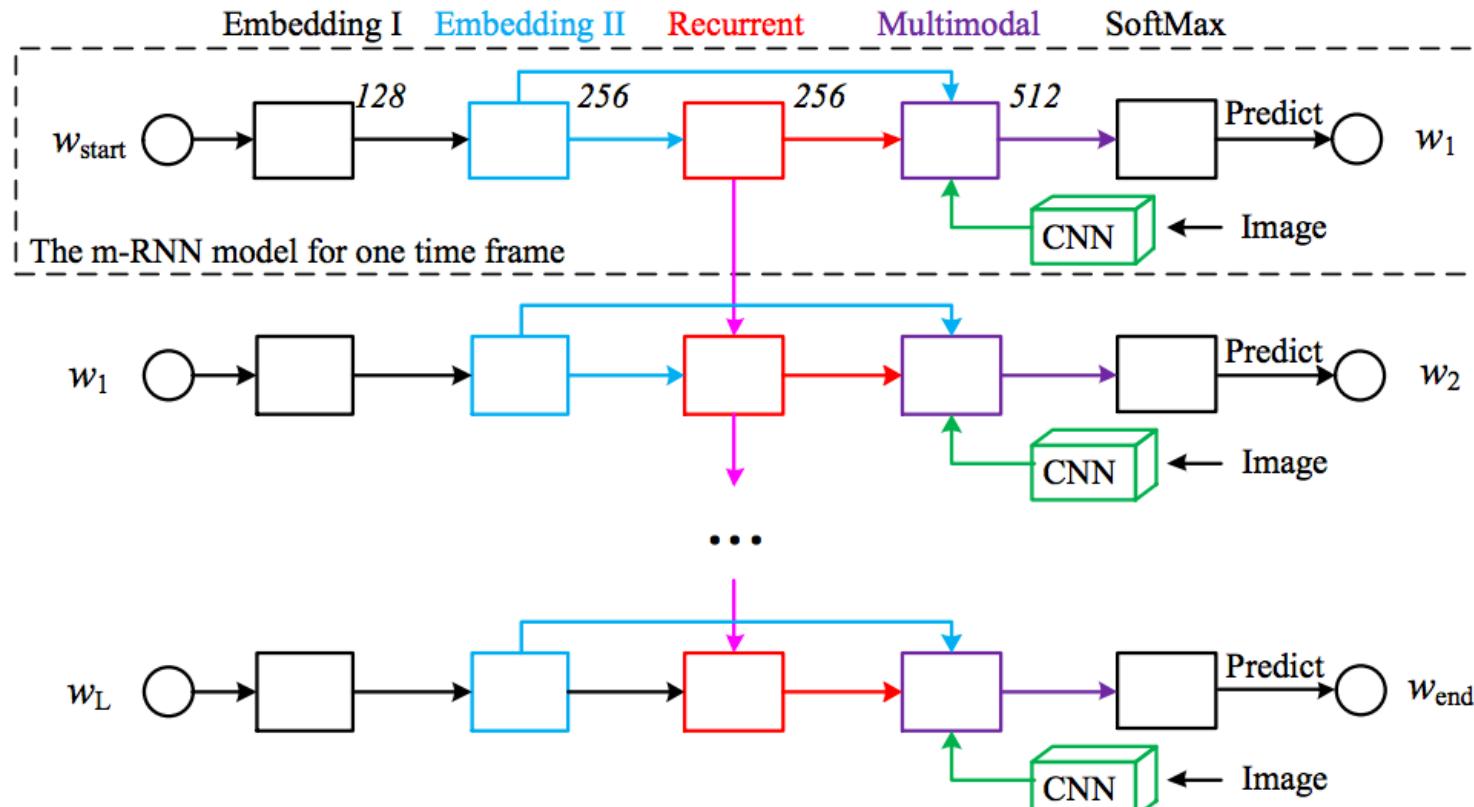
Sequences in the Output



Jeff Donahue, Lisa Anne Hendricks, Sergio Guadarrama, Marcus Rohrbach,  
Subhashini Venugopalan, Kate Saenko, and Trevor Darrell, Long-term Recurrent  
Convolutional Networks for Visual Recognition and Description, CVPR 2015

# Captioning

Two-layer word embedding system

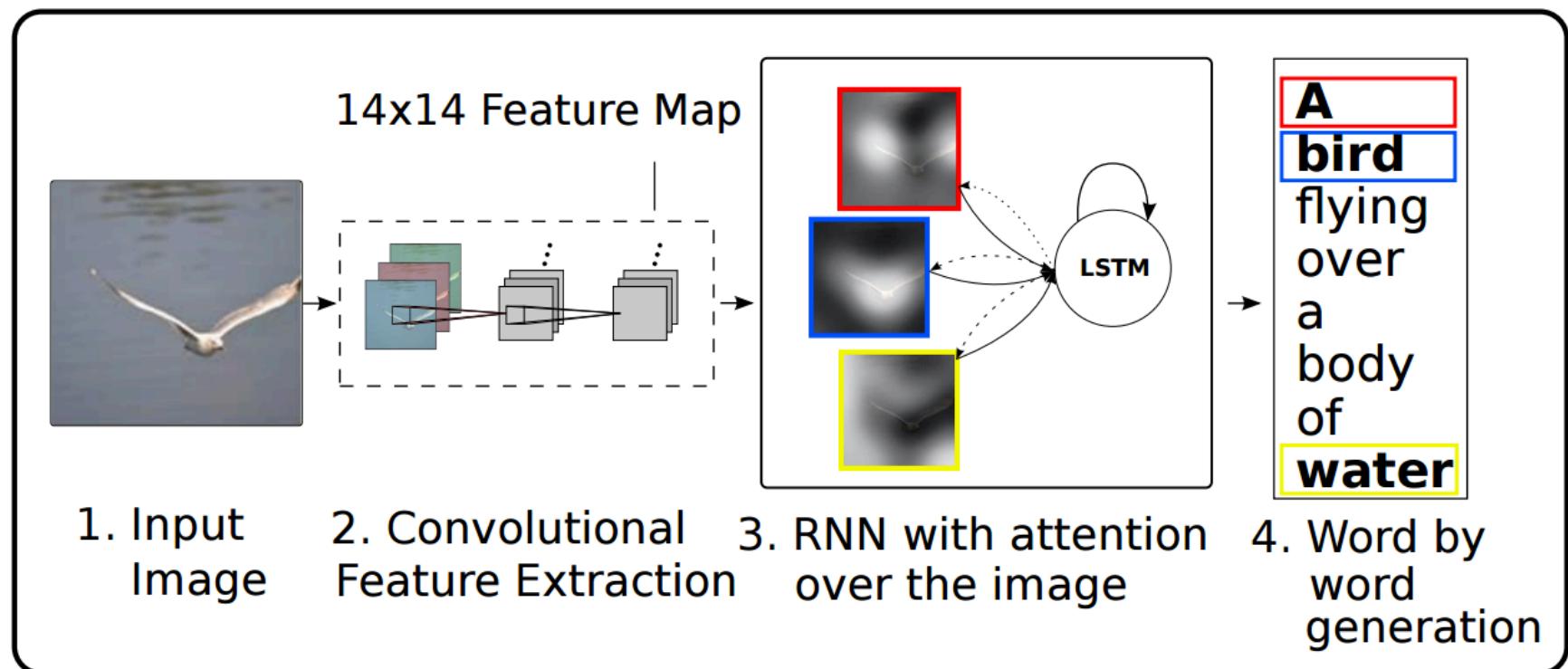


(b). The m-RNN model

Junhua Mao, Wei Xu, Yi Yang, Jiang Wang, Zhiheng Huang, Alan Yuille. Deep Captioning with Multimodal Recurrent Neural Networks (m-RNN). ICLR 2015

# Captioning - *Attention*

- Attention mechanism: per word attention.

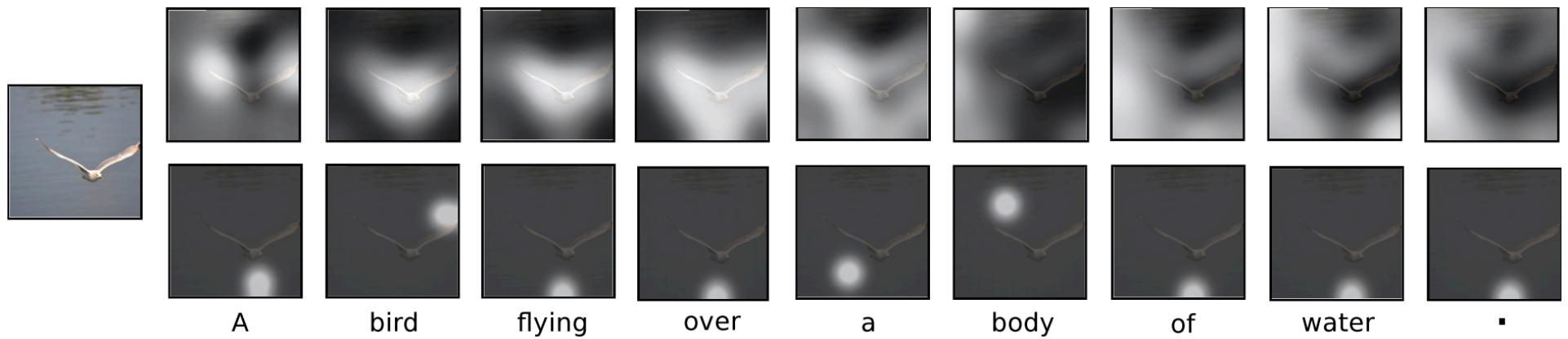


Kelvin Xu, Jimmy Ba, Ryan Kiros, Kyunghyun Cho, Aaron Courville, Ruslan Salakhutdinov, Richard Zemel, Yoshua Bengio. Show, **Attend** and Tell: Neural Image Caption Generation with Visual Attention. ICML 2015

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Soft-attention, deterministic, Backpropagation

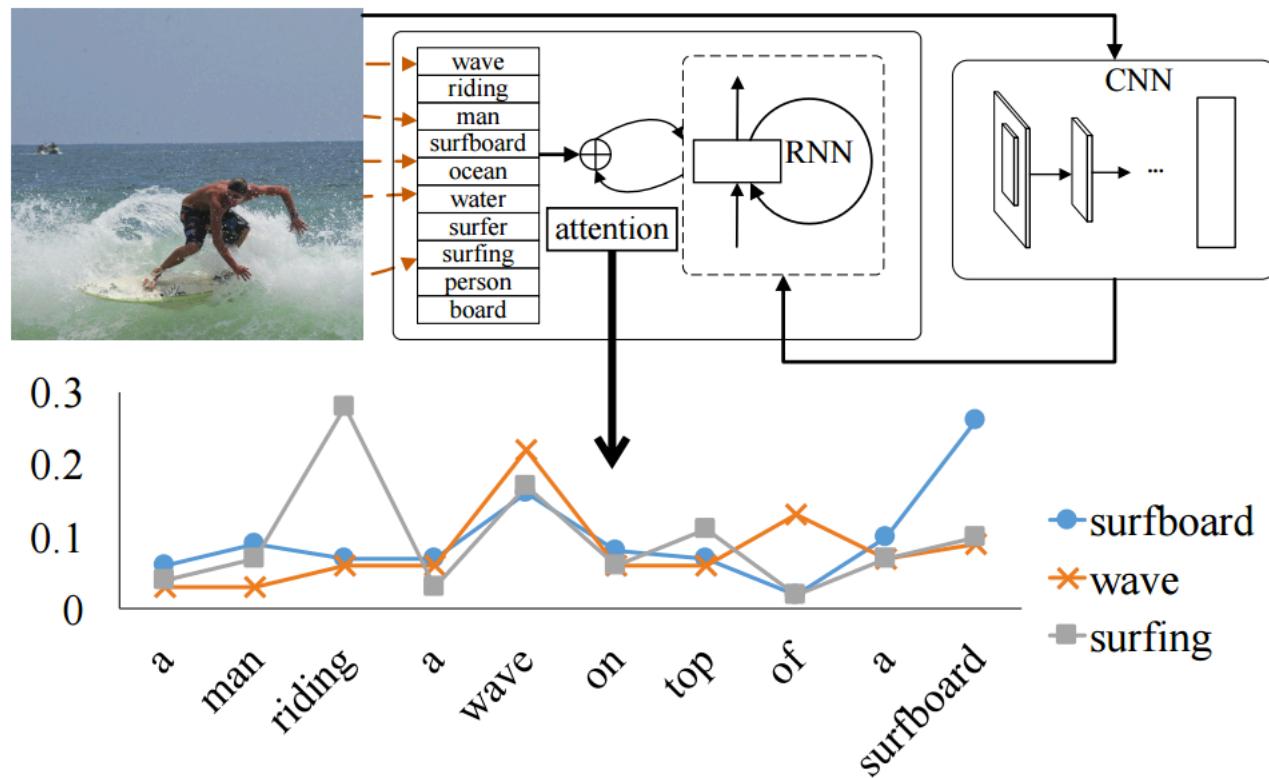


Hard-attention, stochastic, lower-bound or RL

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# Captioning - *Attributes*

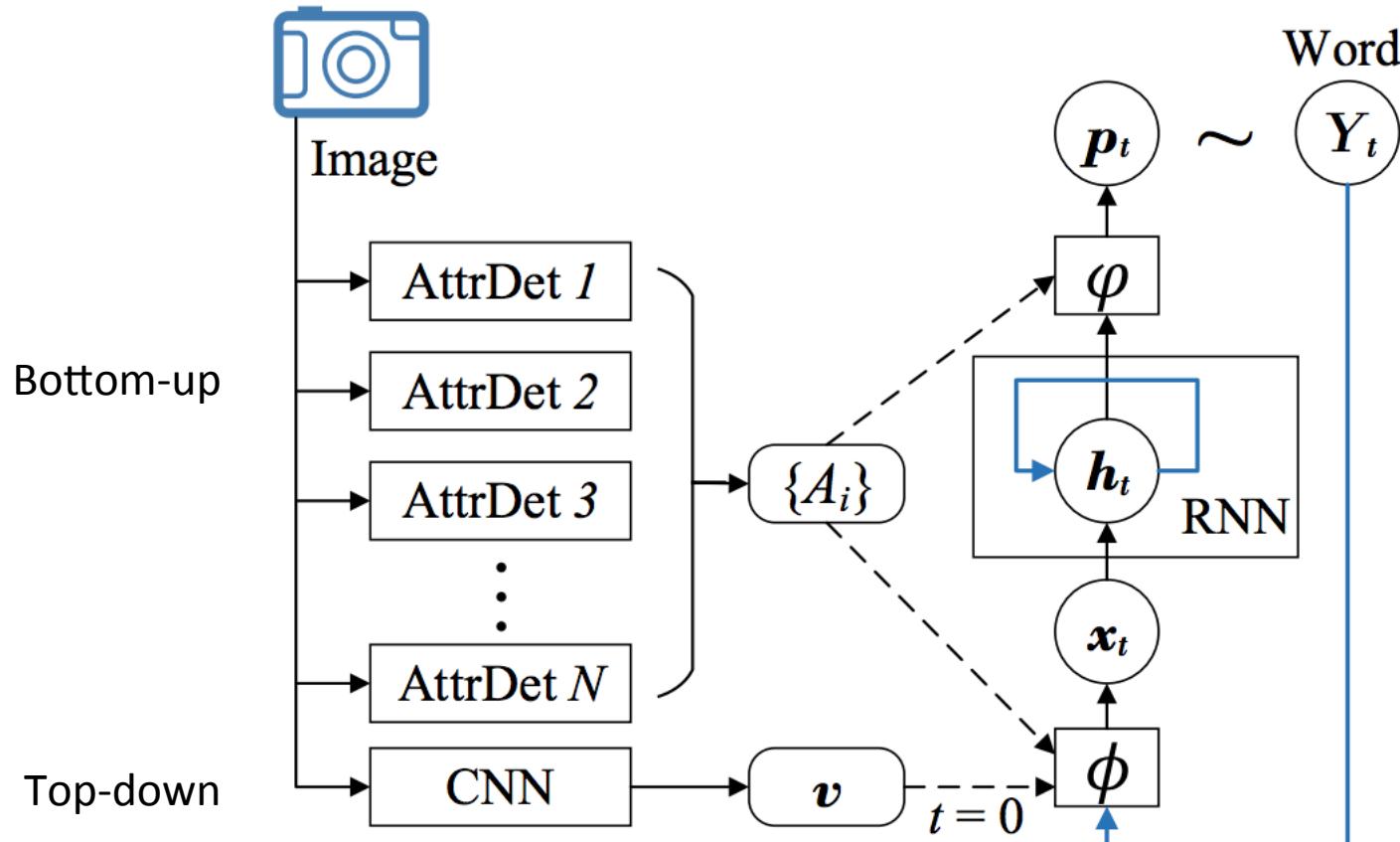
- Semantic Attention (e.g., surfboard, etc.)



Quanzeng You, Hailin Jin, Zhaowen Wang, Chen Fang, Jiebo Luo. Image Captioning With Semantic Attention. CVPR 2016

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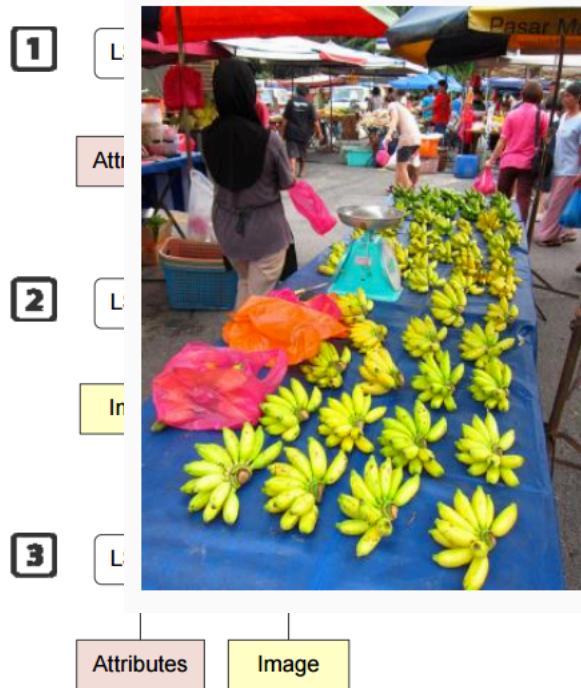
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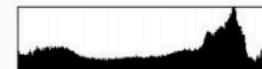
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# Captioning - *Attributes*

- Great performance on COCO captioning



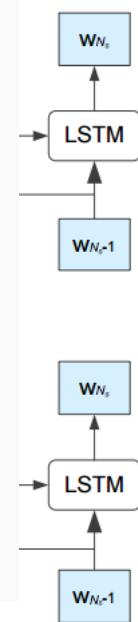
**Attributes:**



[bananas: 1] [market: 0.995] [bunch: 0.553] [table: 0.51] [flowers: 0.454] [people: 0.431] [yellow: 0.377]

**LSTM:** a group of people standing around a market.

**A-LSTM:** a group of people standing around a bunch of **bananas**.



BOOSTING IMAGE CAPTIONING WITH ATTRIBUTES

Ting Yao, Yingwei Pan, Yehao Li, Zhaofan Qiu, Tao Mei. ICLR 2017  
under review

# Captioning – *Rich Caption*

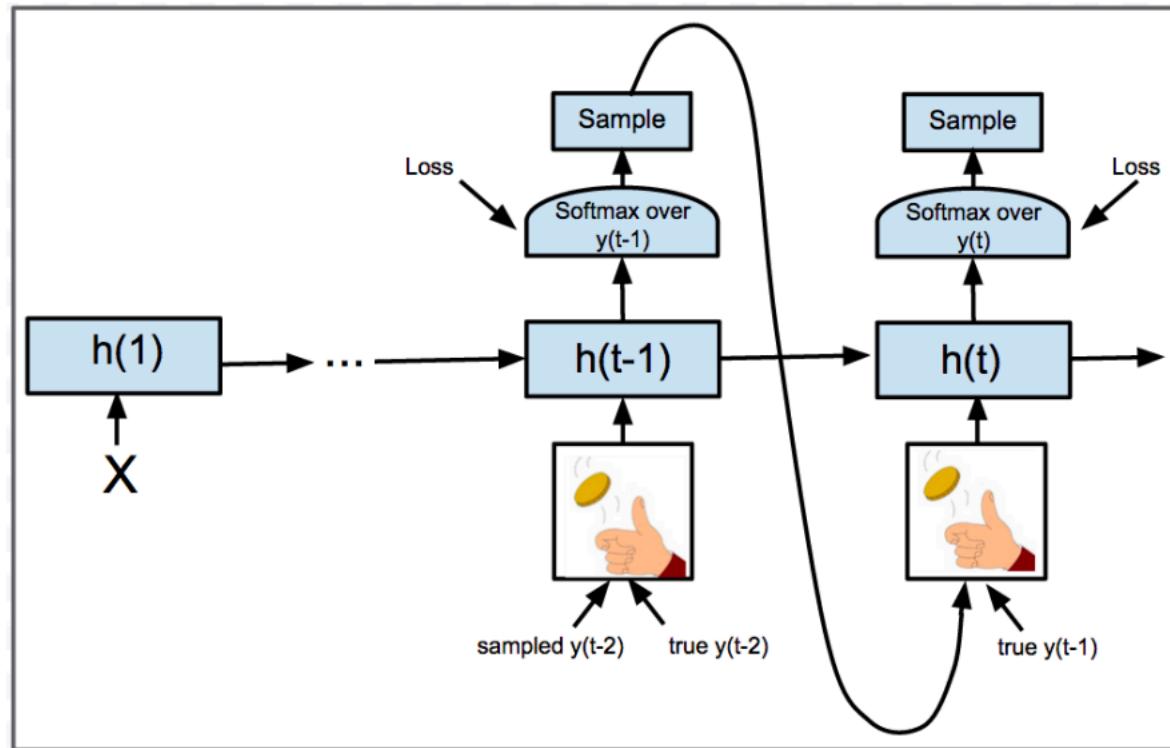
- Landmark and Celebrity



*“Sasha Obama, Malia Obama, Michelle Obama, Peng Liyuan et al. posing for a picture with Forbidden City in the background.”*

# Captioning – Curriculum Learning

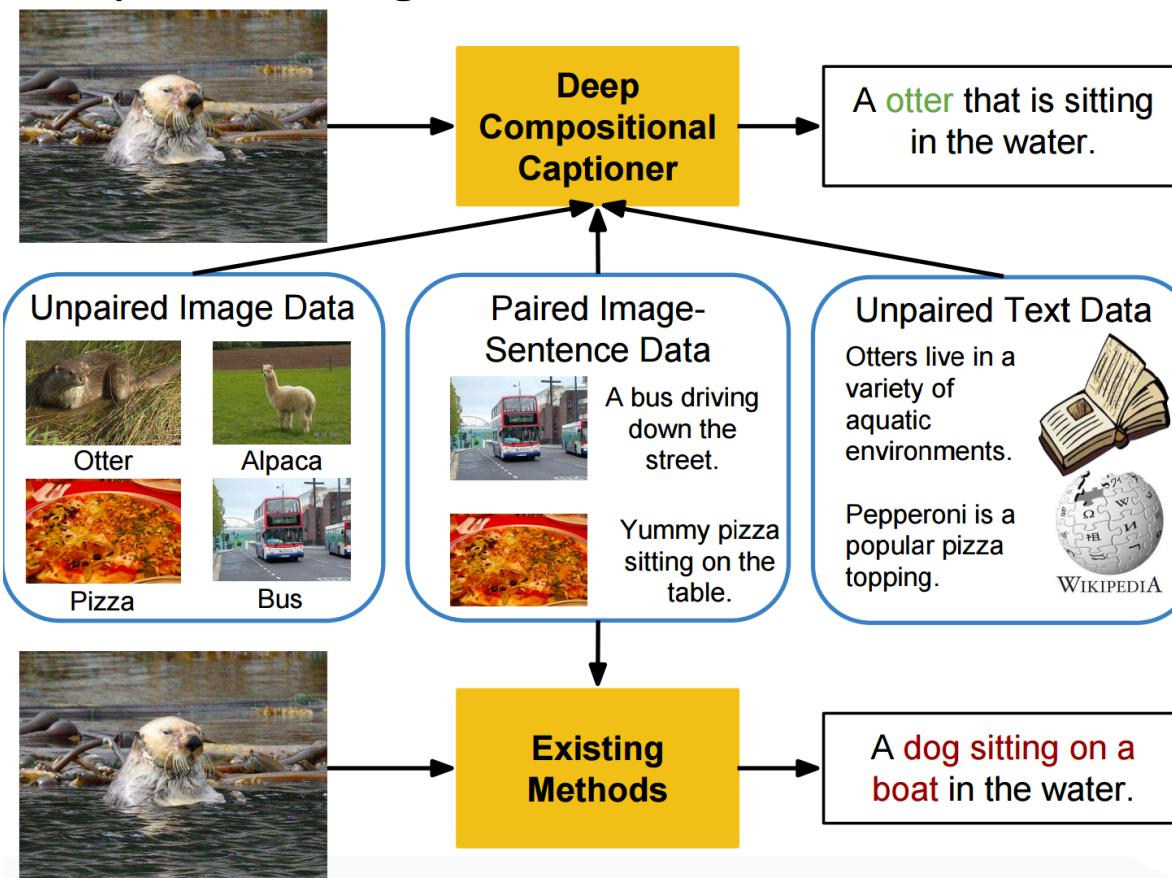
- gently change the training process from a fully guided scheme using the true previous token, towards a less guided scheme which mostly uses the generated token instead



Samy Bengio, Oriol Vinyals, Navdeep Jaitly, Noam Shazeer. Scheduled Sampling for Sequence Prediction with Recurrent Neural Networks, NIPS 2015

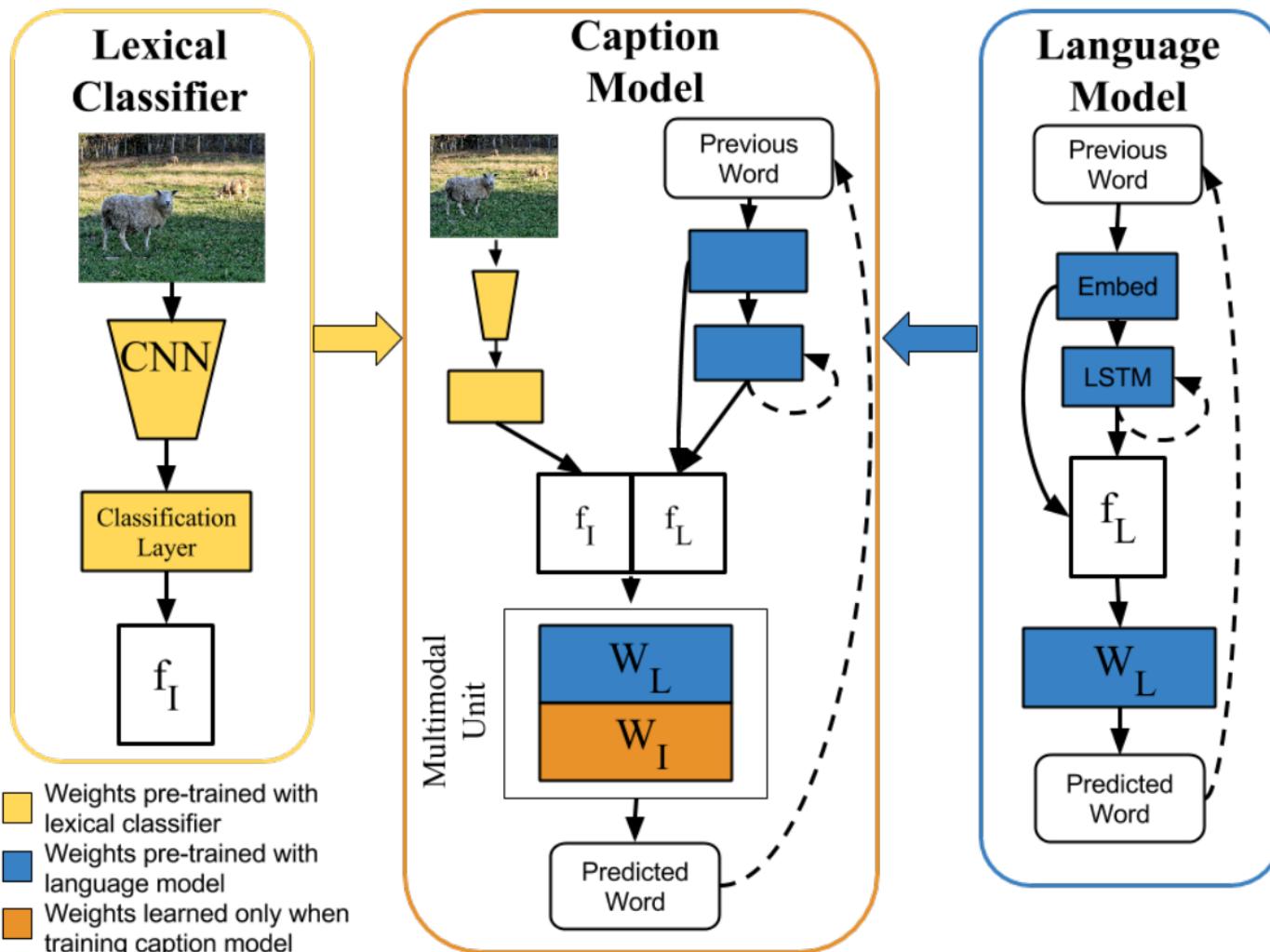
# Captioning – *Unpaired Data*

- generating descriptions of novel objects which are not present in paired image-sentence datasets



Lisa Anne Hendricks, Subhashini Venugopalan, Marcus Rohrbach, Raymond Mooney, Kate Saenko, Trevor Darrell. Deep Compositional Captioning: Describing Novel Object Categories Without Paired Training Data. CVPR 2016

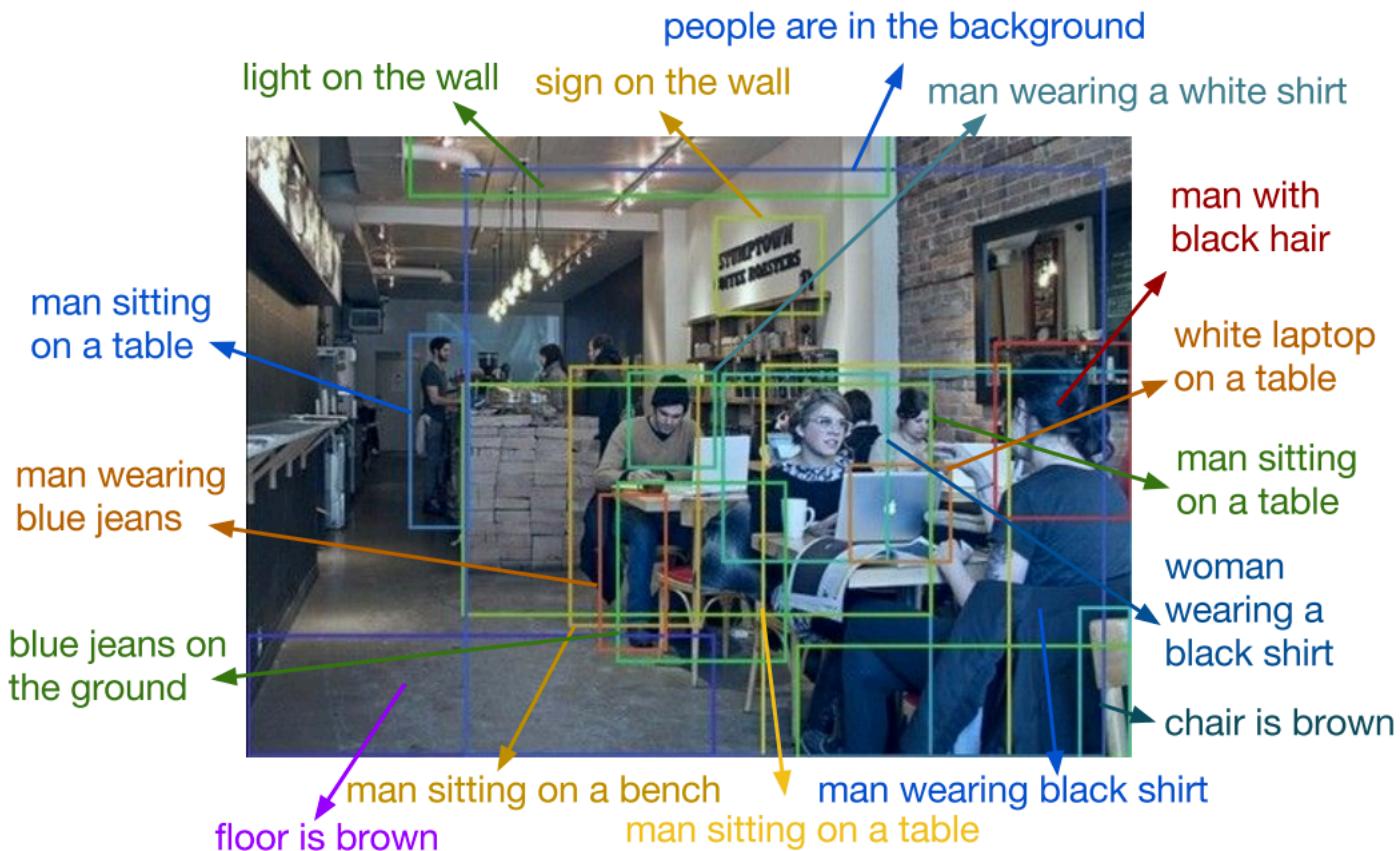
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# Captioning – *DenseCap*

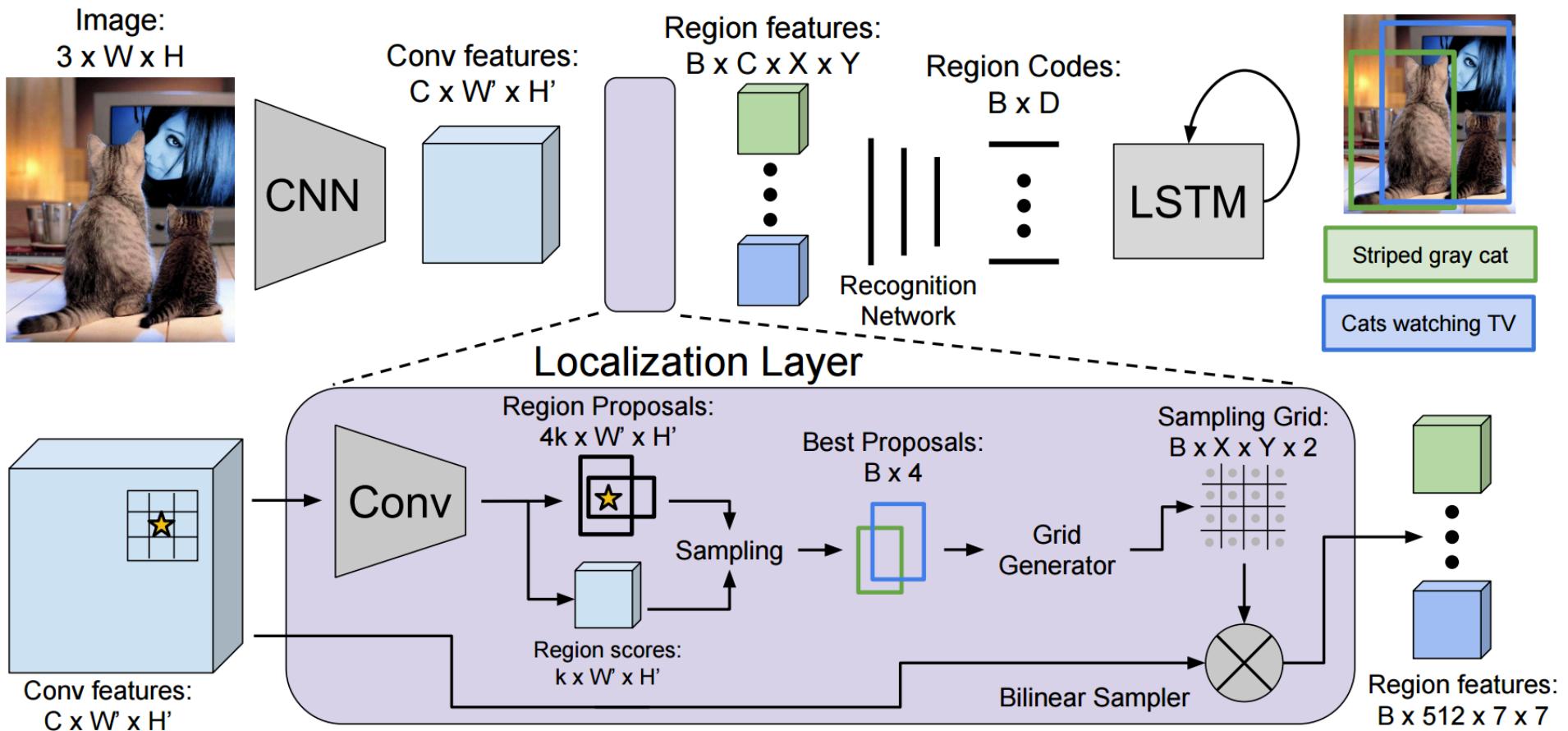
- Both localize and describe salient regions in images in natural language.



Justin Johnson, Andrej Karpathy, Li Fei-Fei, DenseCap: Fully Convolutional Localization Networks for Dense Captioning, CVPR 2016

# Captioning – *DenseCap*

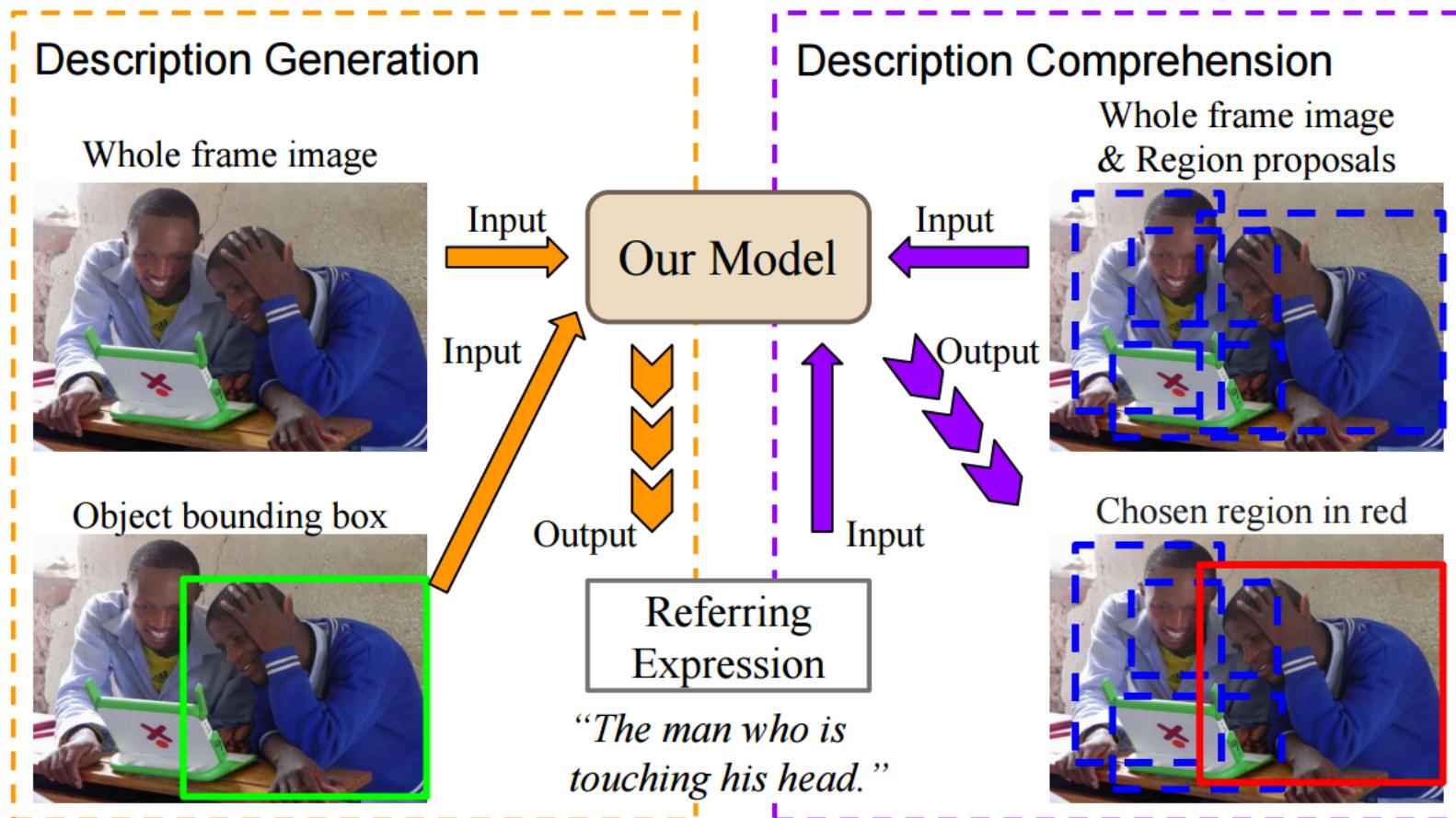
- Caption and localization layers end-to-end trainable



Justin Johnson, Andrej Karpathy, Li Fei-Fei, DenseCap: Fully Convolutional Localization Networks for Dense Captioning, CVPR 2016

# Captioning – *Object Descriptions*

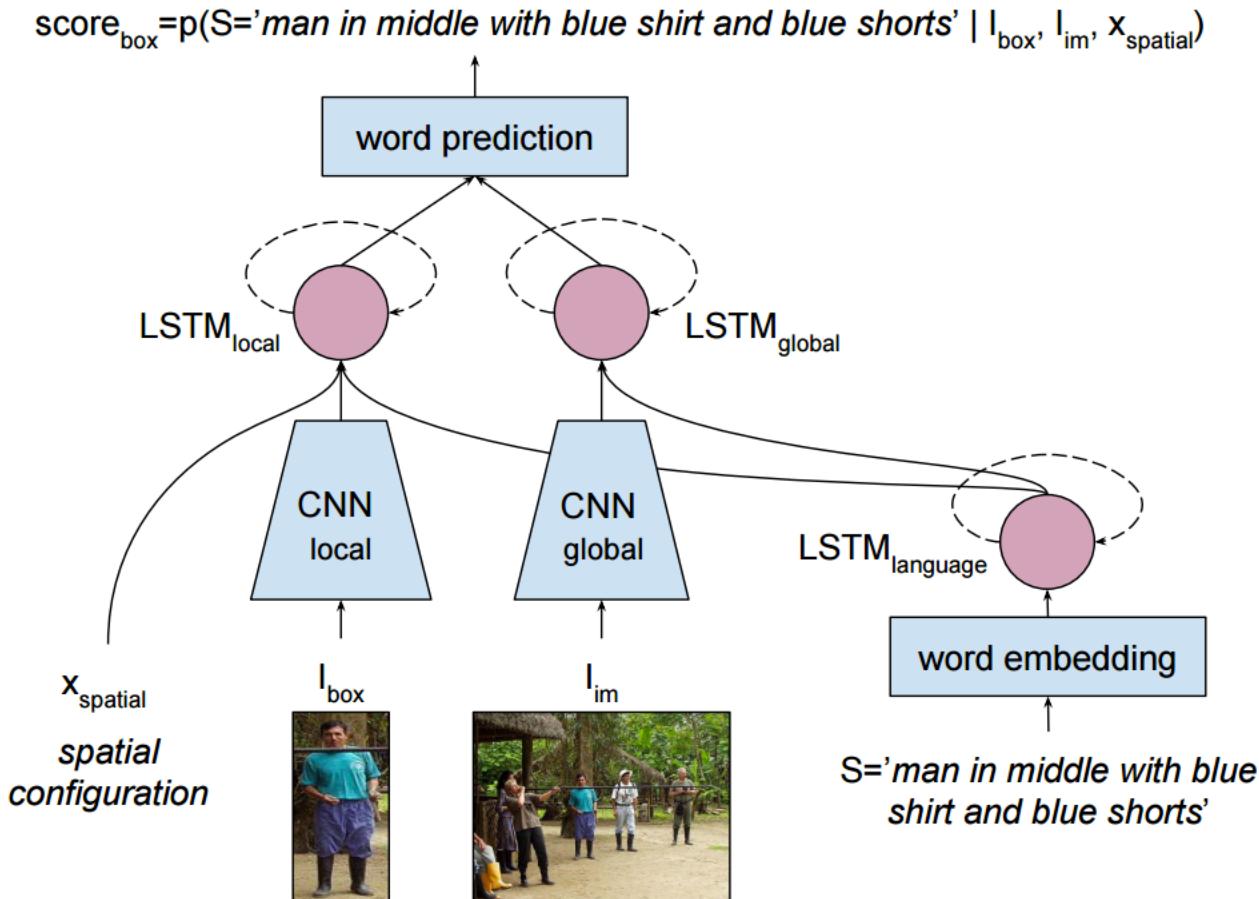
- Generation and Comprehension of Unambiguous OD



Junhua Mao, Jonathan Huang, Alexander Toshev, Oana Camburu, Alan L. Yuille, Kevin Murphy. Generation and Comprehension of Unambiguous Object Descriptions. CVPR 2016

# Captioning – *Object Retrieval*

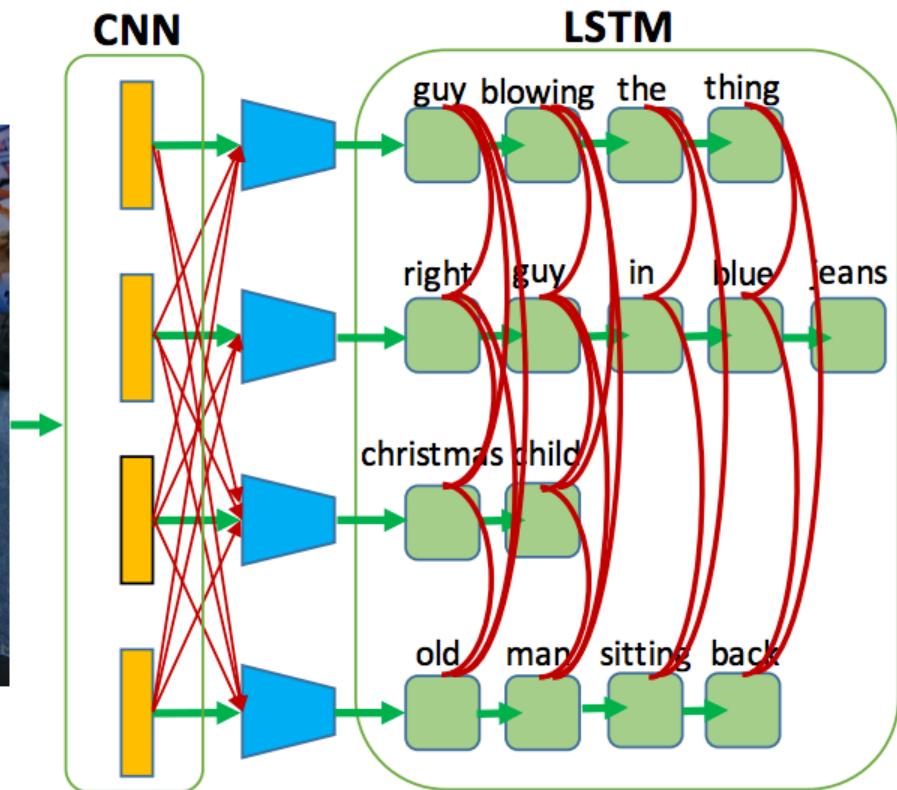
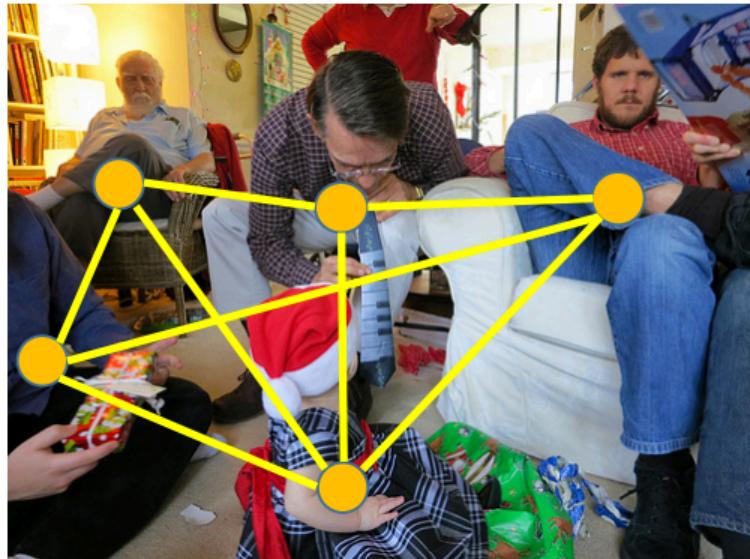
- using Natural Language



Ronghang Hu, Huazhe Xu, Marcus Rohrbach, Jiashi Feng, Kate Saenko, Trevor Darrell.  
Natural Language Object Retrieval CVPR 2016

# Captioning – *Referring Expression*

- Joint inference among all objects

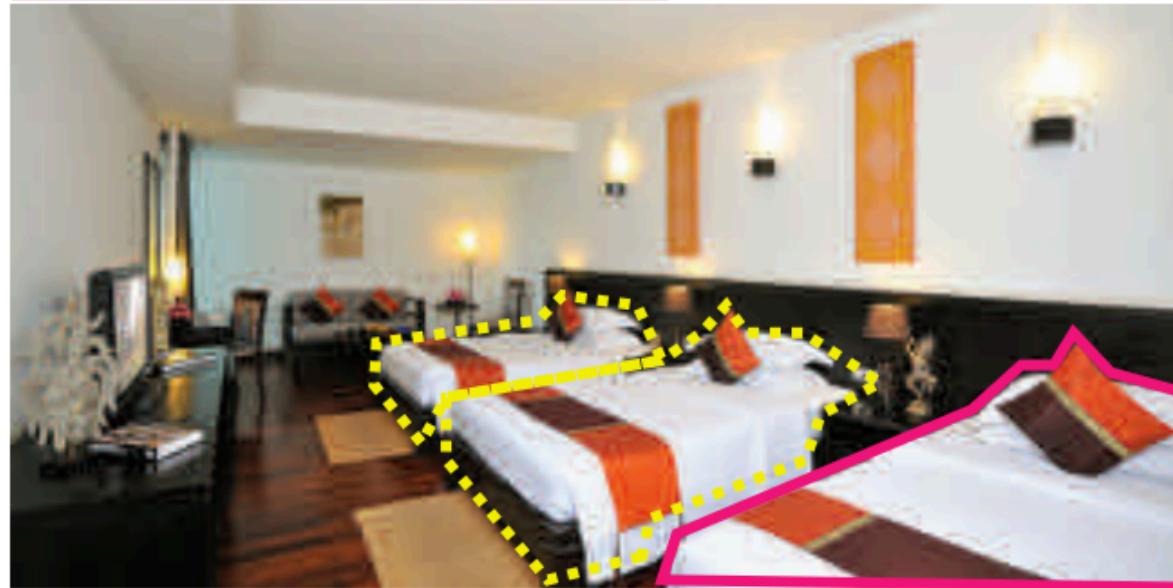


Licheng Yu, Patrick Poirson, Shan Yang, Alexander C. Berg, Tamara L. Berg, Modeling Context in Referring Expressions, ECCV 2016

# Captioning – *Referring Expression*

- Context Between Objects for Referring Expression

A bed with two beds to the left of it



Referred Object



Context Object

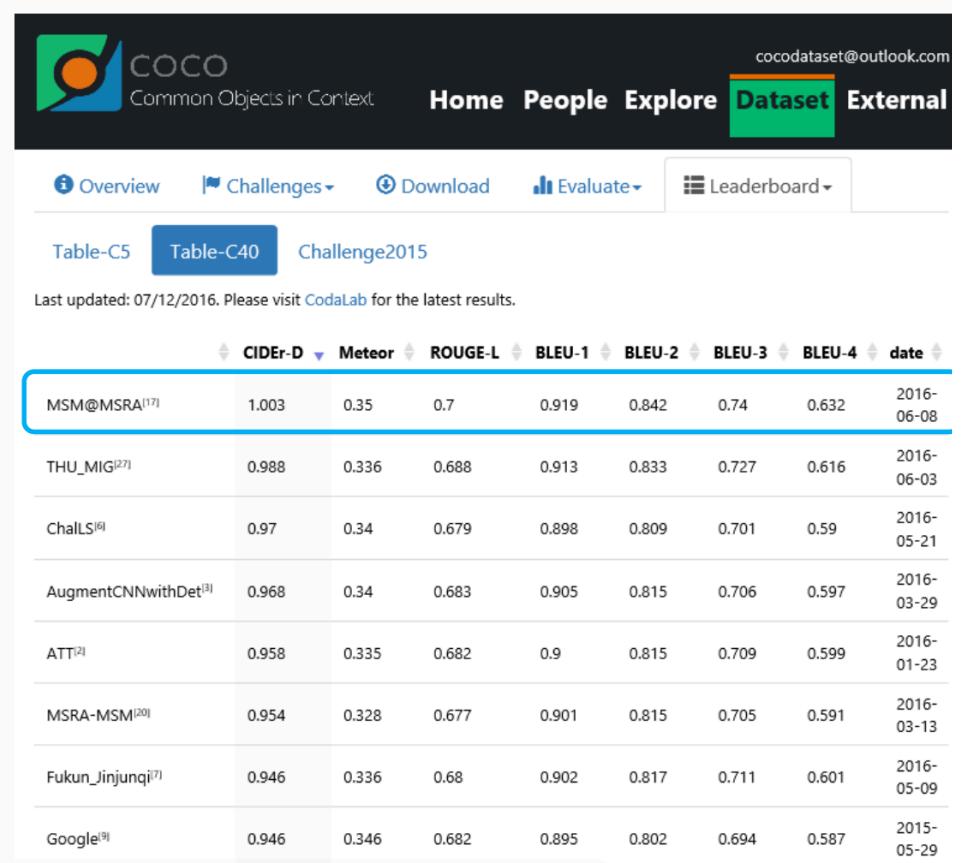
# Captioning – Dataset

- Peter Young, Alice La, i Micah Hodosh, Julia Hockenmaier. From image descriptions to visual denotations: New similarity metrics for semantic inference over event descriptions. (**Flickr30K**) TCAL 2014
- Tsung-Yi Lin et al., **Microsoft COCO**: Common Objects in Context. ECCV 2014
- Ranjay Krishna et al., **Visual Genome**: Connecting Language and Vision Using Crowdsourced Dense Image Annotations. Arxiv 2016

# Challenge

## Image captioning

- Leaderboard of MS COCO image captioning
  - Rank 1 in both external and internal ranking lists, in terms of all performance metrics (July 21)
  - COCO dataset
    - 123,287 images (82,783 for training + 40,504 for validation)
    - 5 sentences per image (AMT workers)

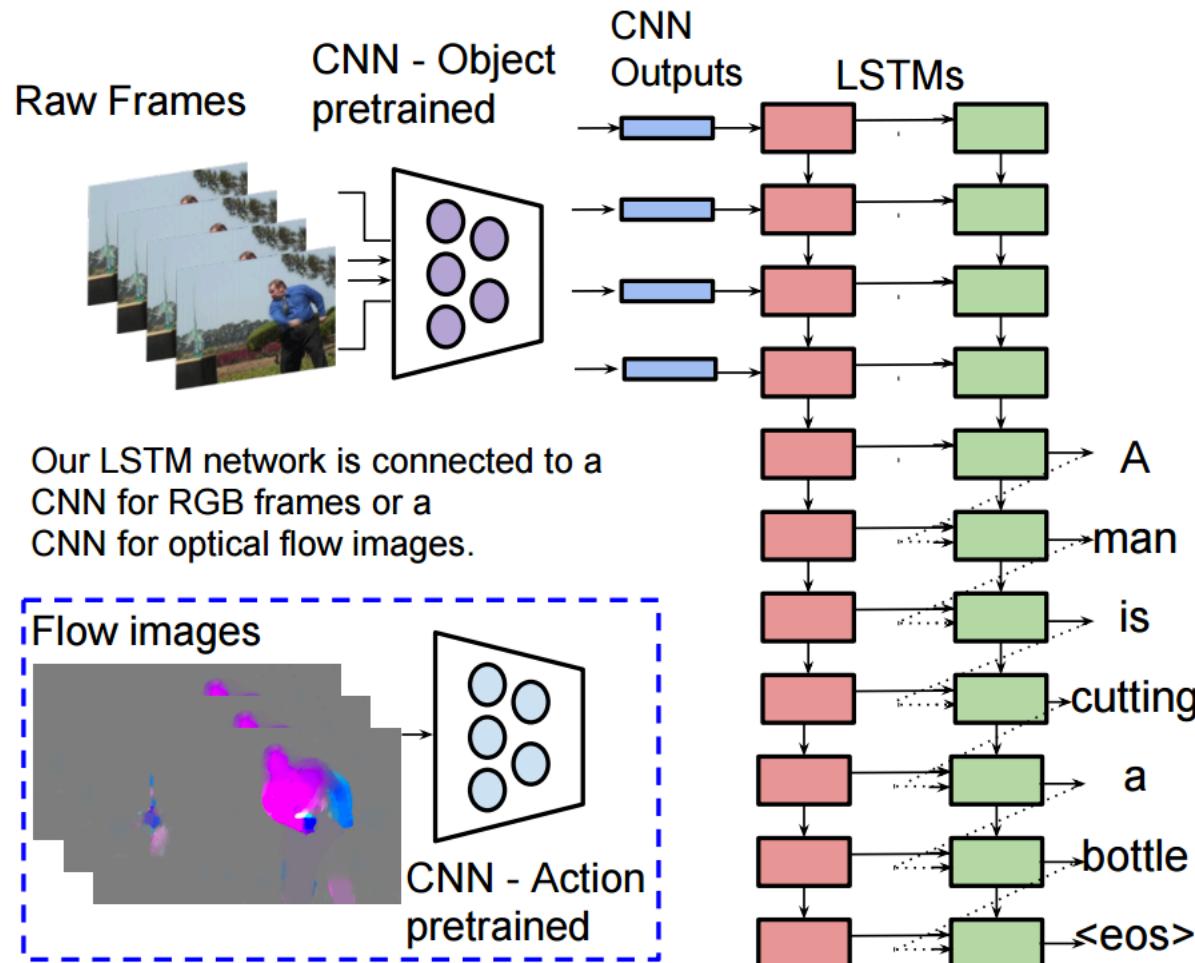


The screenshot shows the COCO dataset website interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links for Home, People, Explore, Dataset (which is highlighted in green), and External. Below the navigation is a search bar with the placeholder "cocodataset@outlook.com". The main content area features a table titled "Table-C40" (highlighted in blue) under the "Challenge2015" tab. The table displays performance metrics for various systems across different evaluation sets (CIDEr-D, Meteor, ROUGE-L, BLEU-1, BLEU-2, BLEU-3, BLEU-4) and includes a date column. The top entry is MSM@MSRA, followed by THU\_MIG, ChalLS, AugmentCNNwithDet, ATT, MSRA-MSM, Fukun\_Jinjunqi, and Google.

	CIDEr-D	Meteor	ROUGE-L	BLEU-1	BLEU-2	BLEU-3	BLEU-4	date
MSM@MSRA <sup>[17]</sup>	1.003	0.35	0.7	0.919	0.842	0.74	0.632	2016-06-08
THU_MIG <sup>[27]</sup>	0.988	0.336	0.688	0.913	0.833	0.727	0.616	2016-06-03
ChalLS <sup>[6]</sup>	0.97	0.34	0.679	0.898	0.809	0.701	0.59	2016-05-21
AugmentCNNwithDet <sup>[3]</sup>	0.968	0.34	0.683	0.905	0.815	0.706	0.597	2016-03-29
ATT <sup>[2]</sup>	0.958	0.335	0.682	0.9	0.815	0.709	0.599	2016-01-23
MSRA-MSM <sup>[20]</sup>	0.954	0.328	0.677	0.901	0.815	0.705	0.591	2016-03-13
Fukun_Jinjunqi <sup>[7]</sup>	0.946	0.336	0.68	0.902	0.817	0.711	0.601	2016-05-09
Google <sup>[9]</sup>	0.946	0.346	0.682	0.895	0.802	0.694	0.587	2015-05-29

# Video Captioning

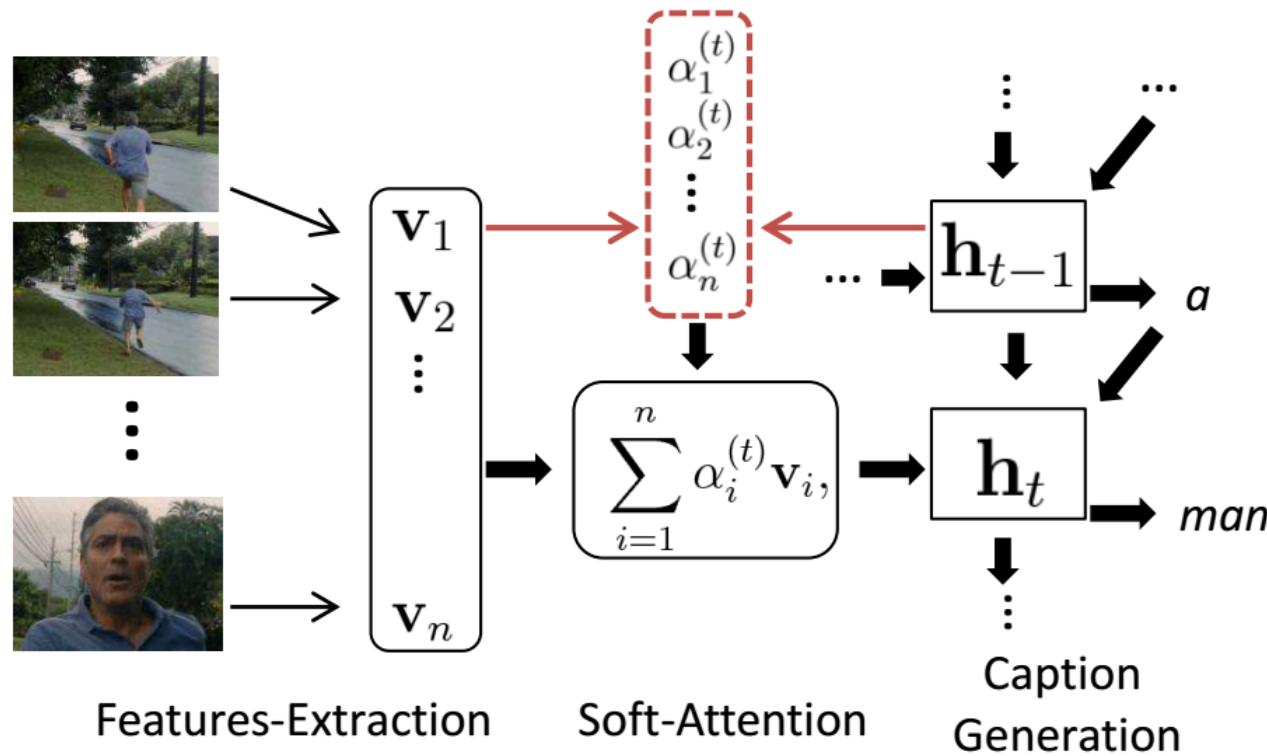
- I have a RNN-Encode, I have a RNN-Decoder: Video-to-Text



Subhashini Venugopalan, Marcus Rohrbach, Jeff Donahue, Raymond Mooney, Trevor Darrell, Kate Saenko. Sequence to Sequence – Video to Text. ICCV'15

# Video Captioning-Attention

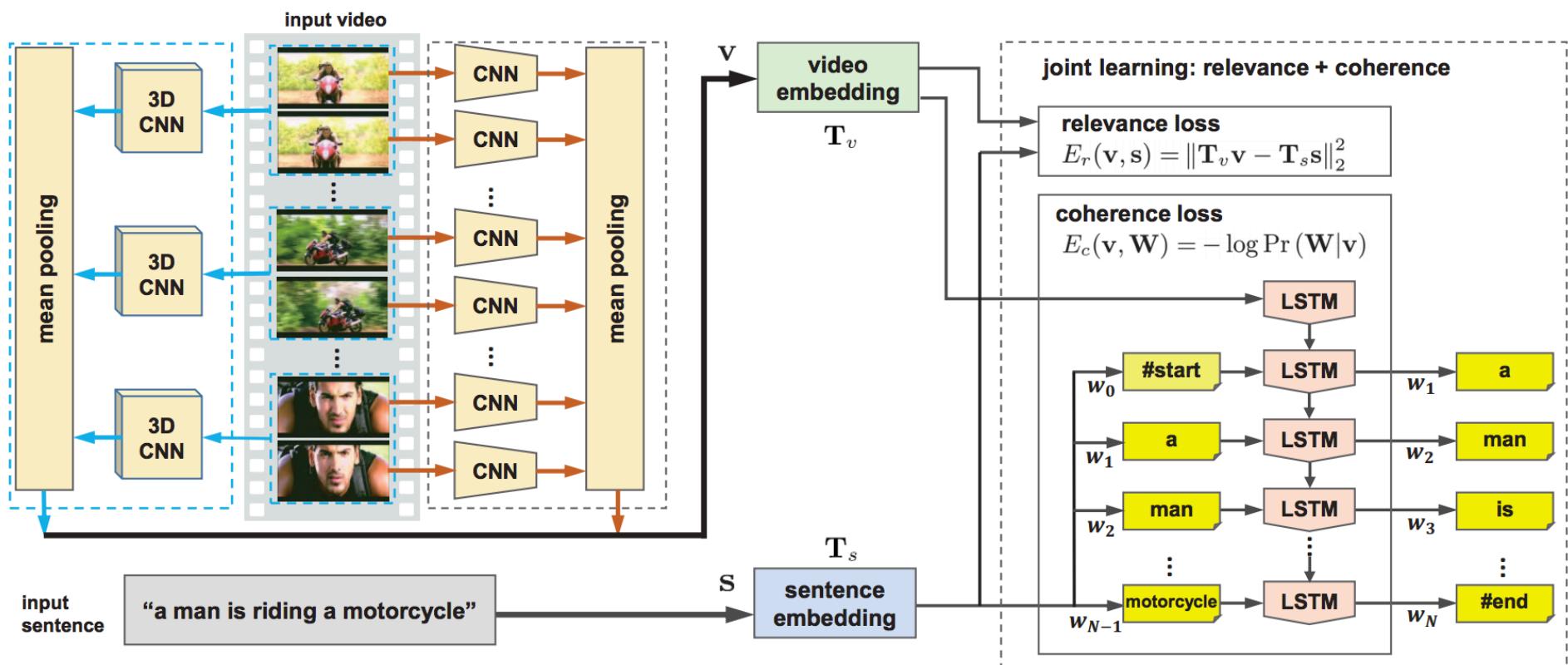
- Frame-level soft-attention



Li Yao, Atousa Torabi, Kyunghyun Cho, Nicolas Ballas, Christopher Pal, Hugo Larochelle, Aaron Courville, Describing Videos by Exploiting Temporal Structure. ICCV 2015

# Video Captioning-Joint Embedding

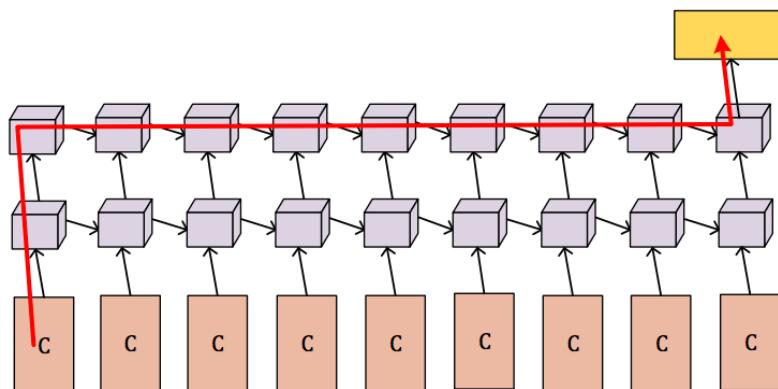
- Additional Relevance Loss



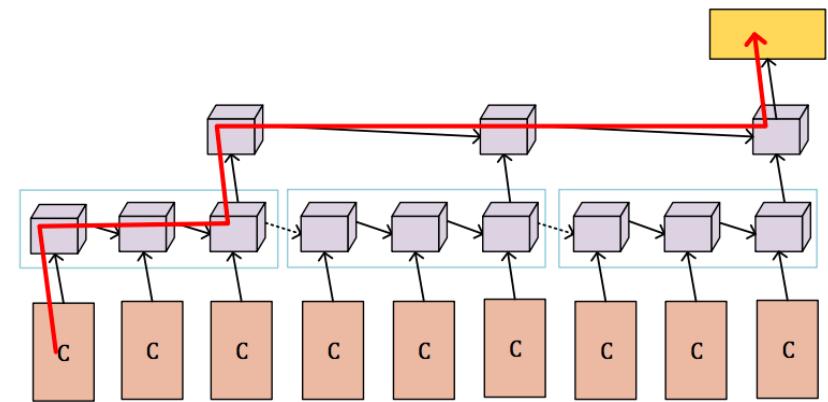
Yingwei Pan, Tao Mei, Ting Yao, Houqiang Li, Yong Rui. Jointly Modeling Embedding and Translation to Bridge Video and Language, CVPR 2016

# Video Captioning-Hierarchical Encoder

- Exploiting video temporal structure in a longer range



(a) Stacked LSTM video encoder

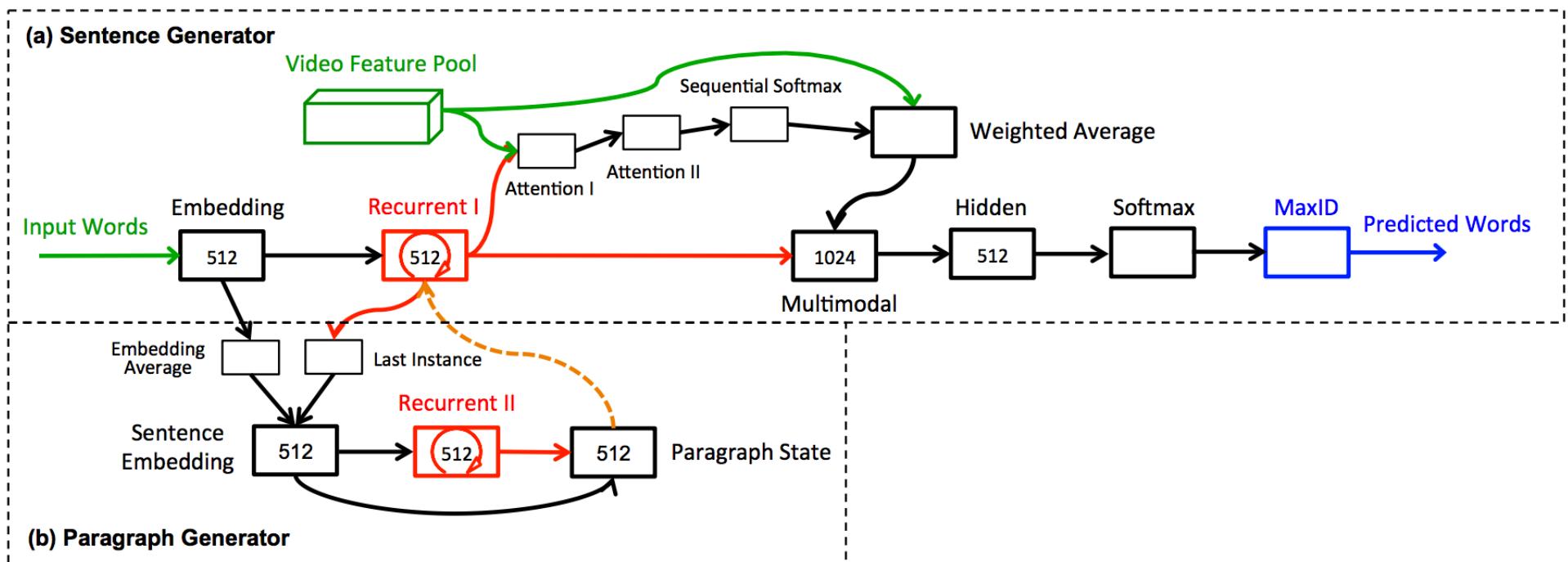


(b) Hierarchical Recurrent Neural Encoder

Pingbo Pan et al., Hierarchical Recurrent Neural Encoder for Video Representation with Application to Captioning. CVPR 2016

# Video Captioning-Generate a Paragraph

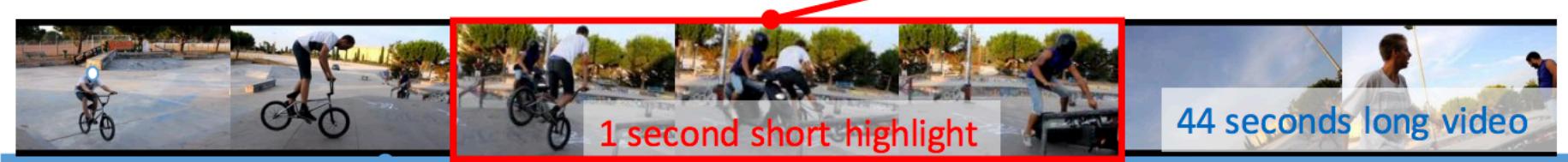
- A sentence generator and a paragraph generator
- Spatial- and Temporal-Attention
- Paragraph state to initialize Recurrent II



Haonan Yu, Jiang Wang, Zhiheng Huang, Yi Yang, Wei Xu, Video Paragraph Captioning Using Hierarchical Recurrent Neural Networks. CVPR 2016

# Video Captioning – Title (Highlight)

**Title (most salient event):** Bmx rider gets *hit by scooter* at park

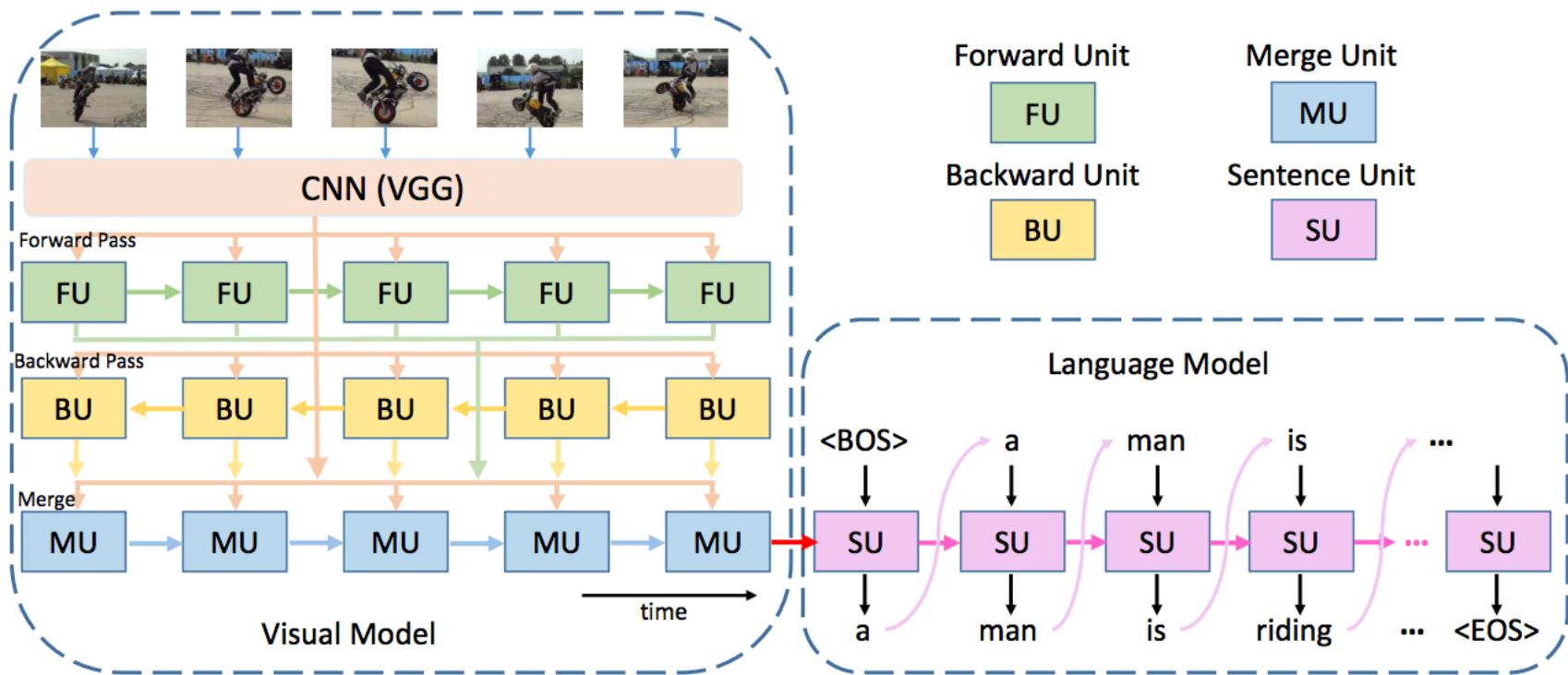


**Captions:** A man riding on bike. A man does a stunt on a bmx bike.

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL 140.128.137.13:5433/UGVideo/index.html. The page title is "UG Video". The navigation bar includes links for Home, Data Analysis, Explore, People, Paper, and a "Download" button. The main content area features a large green banner with white text: "A Large-Scale User-Generated Video Benchmark for Language-level Understanding" and "Our benchmark covers a wide range of latest language-level understanding tasks". Below the banner, there are two blue buttons labeled "Download" and "Agreement".

Kuo-Hao Zeng, Tseng-Hung Chen, Juan Carlos Niebles, Min Sun. Title Generation for User Generated Videos. ECCV 2016

# Video Captioning–Bi-direction



Yi Bin et al., Bidirectional Long-Short Term Memory for Video Description. ACM MM 2016

# Video Captioning – Dataset

- Rohrbach et al. MPII Movie Description (MPII-MD). CVPR 2016
- Torabi et al. Montreal Video Annotation Dataset (M-VAD). Arxiv 2016
- Jun Xu , Tao Mei , Ting Yao and Yong Rui. MSR-VTT: A Large Video Description Dataset for Bridging Video and Language. CVPR 2016
- Zhen et al. Video Title in the Wild (VTW). ECCV 2016

# Challenge

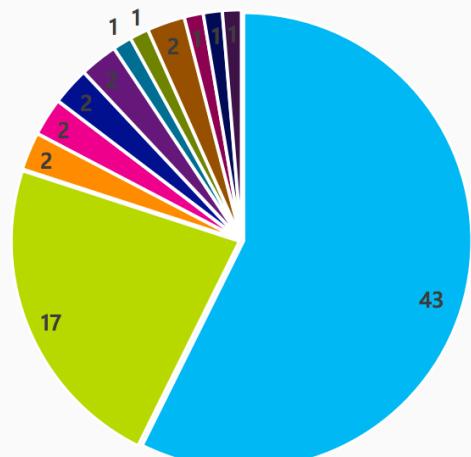
## Microsoft Video to Language Challenge

77 teams registered challenge

22 teams submitted results

Awards will be announced at ACMMM

- China
- US
- Finland
- Japan
- Taiwan
- Korea
- Portugal
- Israel
- Australia
- Greece
- Canada
- India



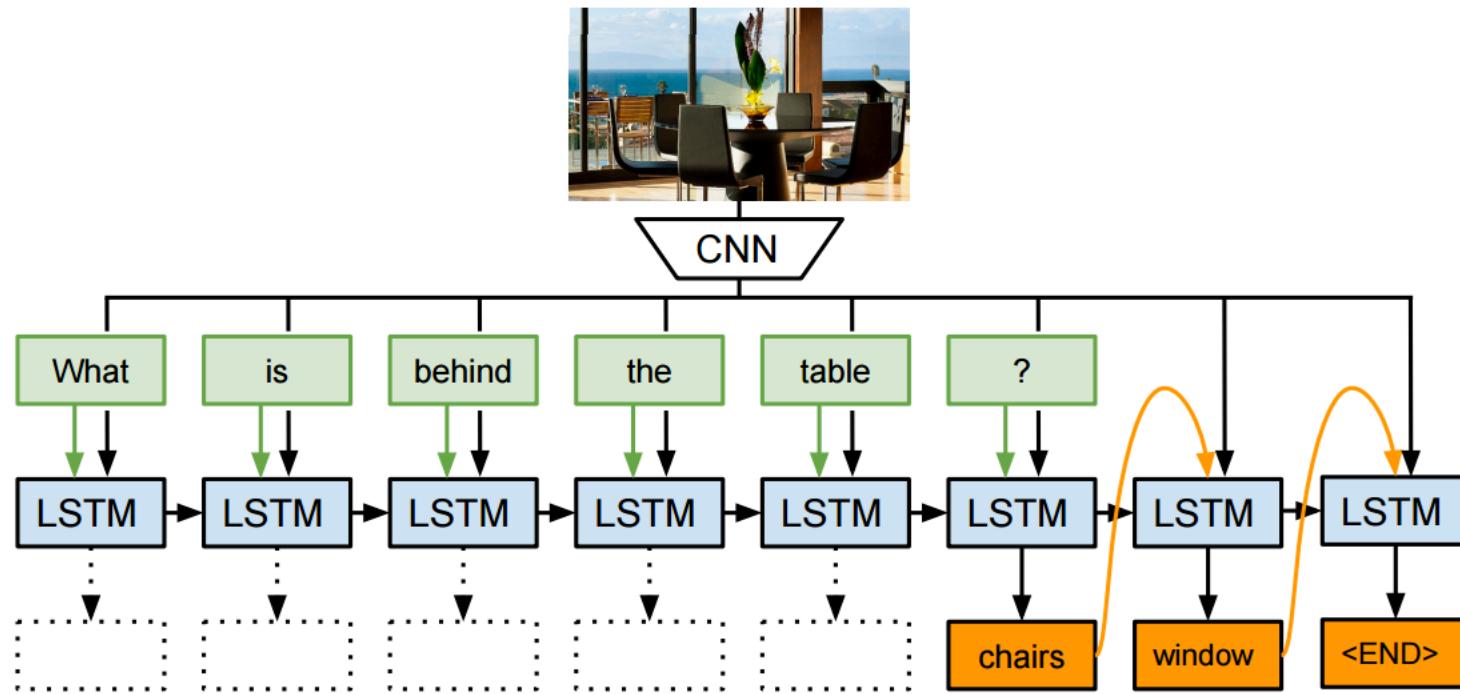
M1	M2	Rank	Team	Organization	BLEU@4	Meteor	CIDEr-D	ROUGE-L
		1	v2t_navigator	RUC & CMU	0.408	0.282	0.448	0.609
		2	Aalto	Aalto University	0.398	0.269	0.457	0.598
		3	VideoLAB	UML & Berkeley & UT-Austin	0.391	0.277	0.441	0.606
		4	ruc-uva	RUC & UVA & Zhejiang University	0.387	0.269	0.459	0.587
		5	Fudan-ILC	Fudan & ILC	0.387	0.268	0.419	0.595
		6	NUS-TJU	NUS & TJU	0.371	0.267	0.410	0.590
		7	Umich-COG	University of Michigan	0.371	0.266	0.411	0.583
		8	MCG-ICT-CAS	ICT-CAS	0.367	0.264	0.404	0.590
		9	DeepBrain	NLPR_CASIA & IQIYI	0.382	0.259	0.401	0.582
		10	NTU MIRA	NTU	0.355	0.261	0.383	0.579

M1	M2	Rank	Team	Organization	C1	C2	C3
		1	Aalto	Aalto University	3.263	3.104	3.244
		2	v2t_navigator	RUC & CMU	3.261	3.091	3.154
		3	VideoLAB	UML & Berkeley & UT-Austin	3.237	3.109	3.143
		4	Fudan-ILC	Fudan & ILC	3.185	2.999	2.979
		5	ruc-uva	RUC & UVA & Zhejiang University	3.225	2.997	2.933
		6	Umich-COG	University of Michigan	3.247	2.865	2.929
		7	NUS-TJU	NUS & TJU	3.308	2.833	2.893
		8	DeepBrain	NLPR_CASIA & IQIYI	3.259	2.878	2.892
		9	NLPRMMC	CASIA & Anhui University	3.266	2.868	2.893
		10	MCG-ICT-CAS	ICT	3.339	2.800	2.867

# **Question Answering**

# Question Answering

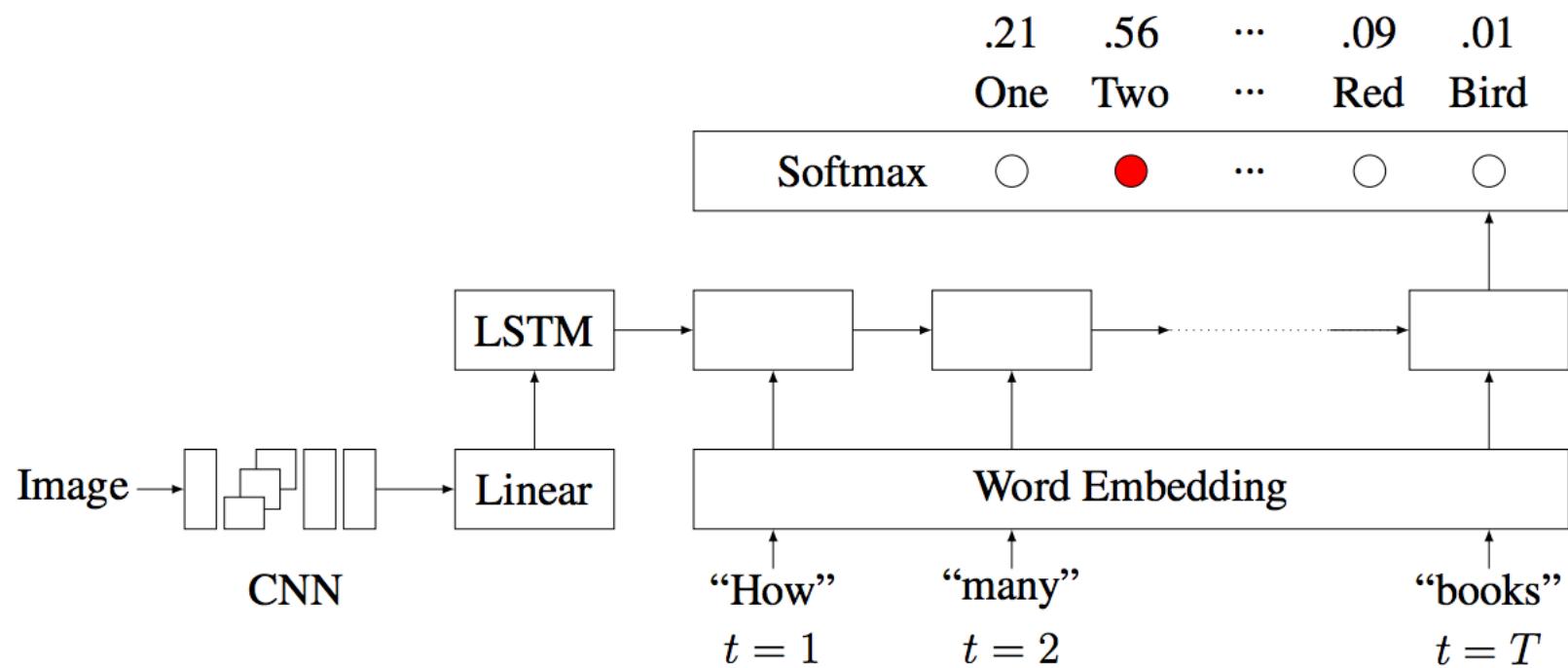
- RNN to encode a question and Image; RNN to decode an answer (multiple words); Single-RNN



Mateusz Malinowski, Marcus Rohrbach, Mario Fritz, Ask Your Neurons: A Neural-based Approach to Answering Questions about Images, ICCV 2015

# Question Answering

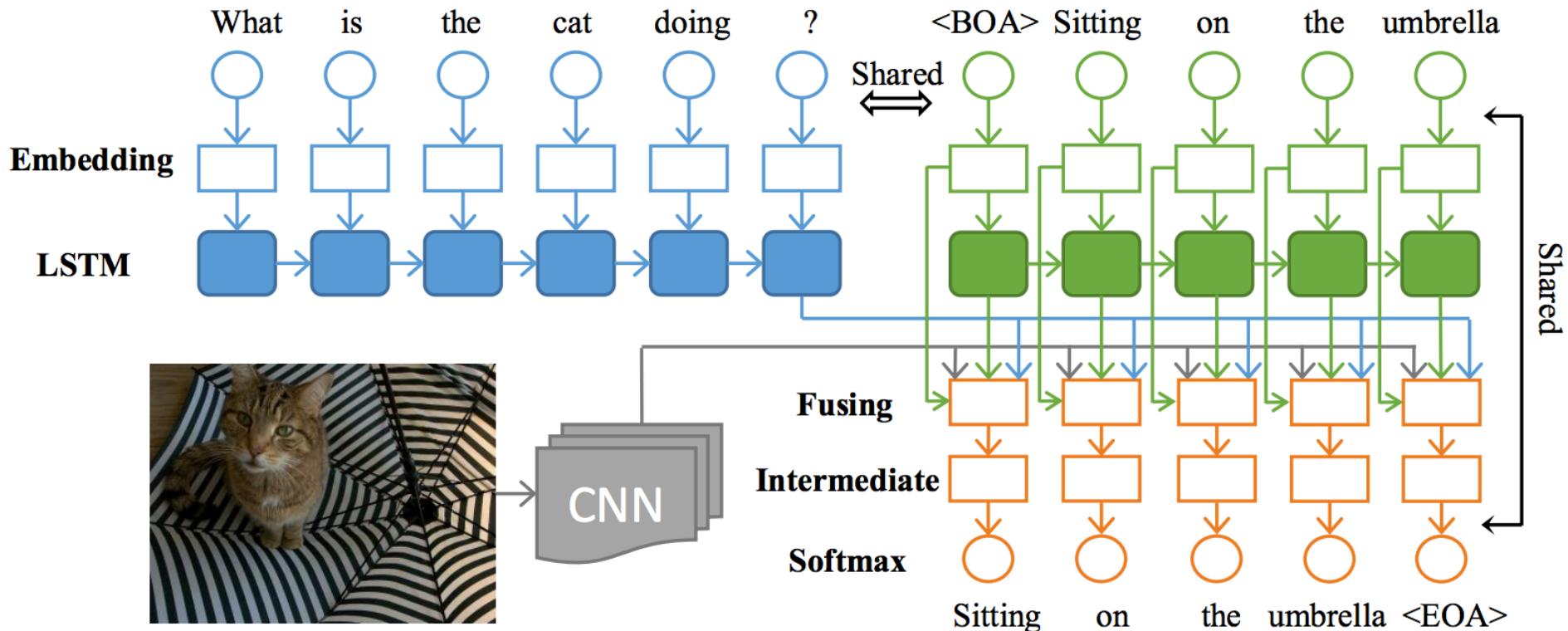
- limited answer space for easy evaluation



Mengye Ren, Ryan Kiros, Richard Zemel, Exploring Models and Data for Image Question Answering, ICML 2015

# Question Answering

- Separate LSTM-Q and LSTM-A

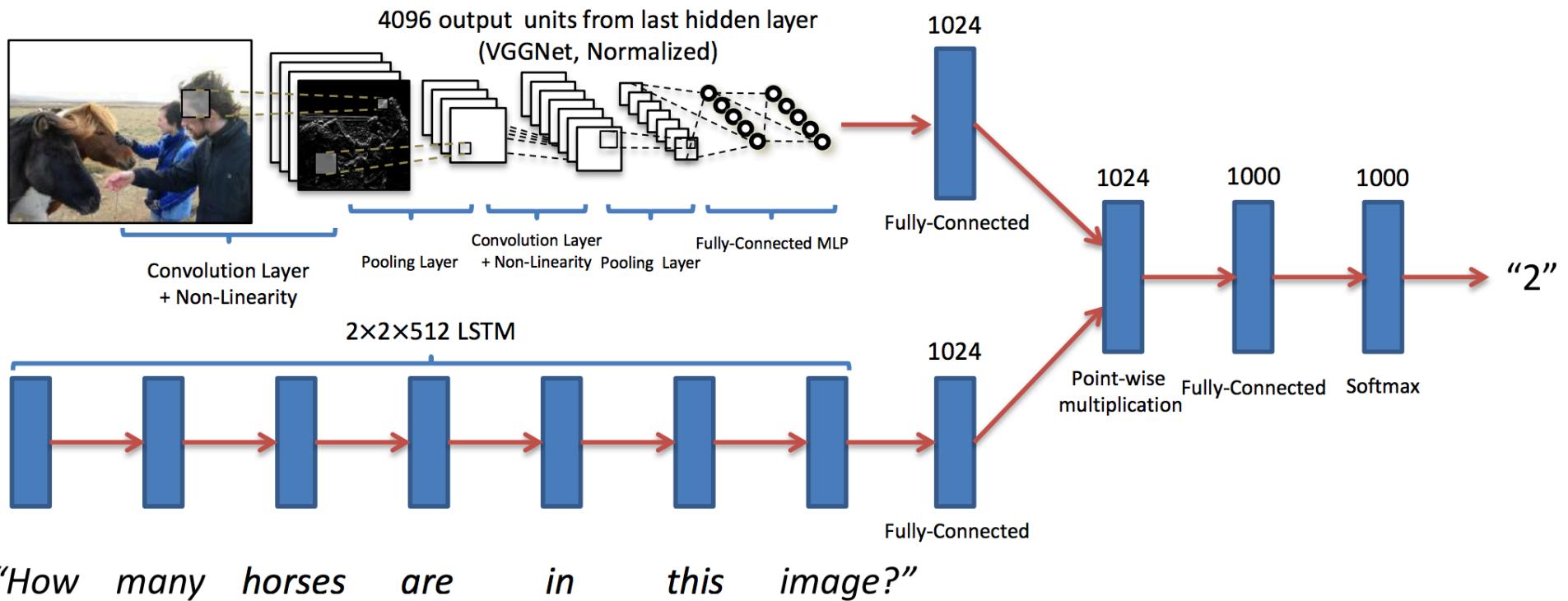


H. Gao, J. Mao, J. Zhou, Z. Huang, L. Wang, and W. Xu. Are you talking to a machine?

Dataset and methods for multilingual image question answering. NIPS 2015

# Question Answering

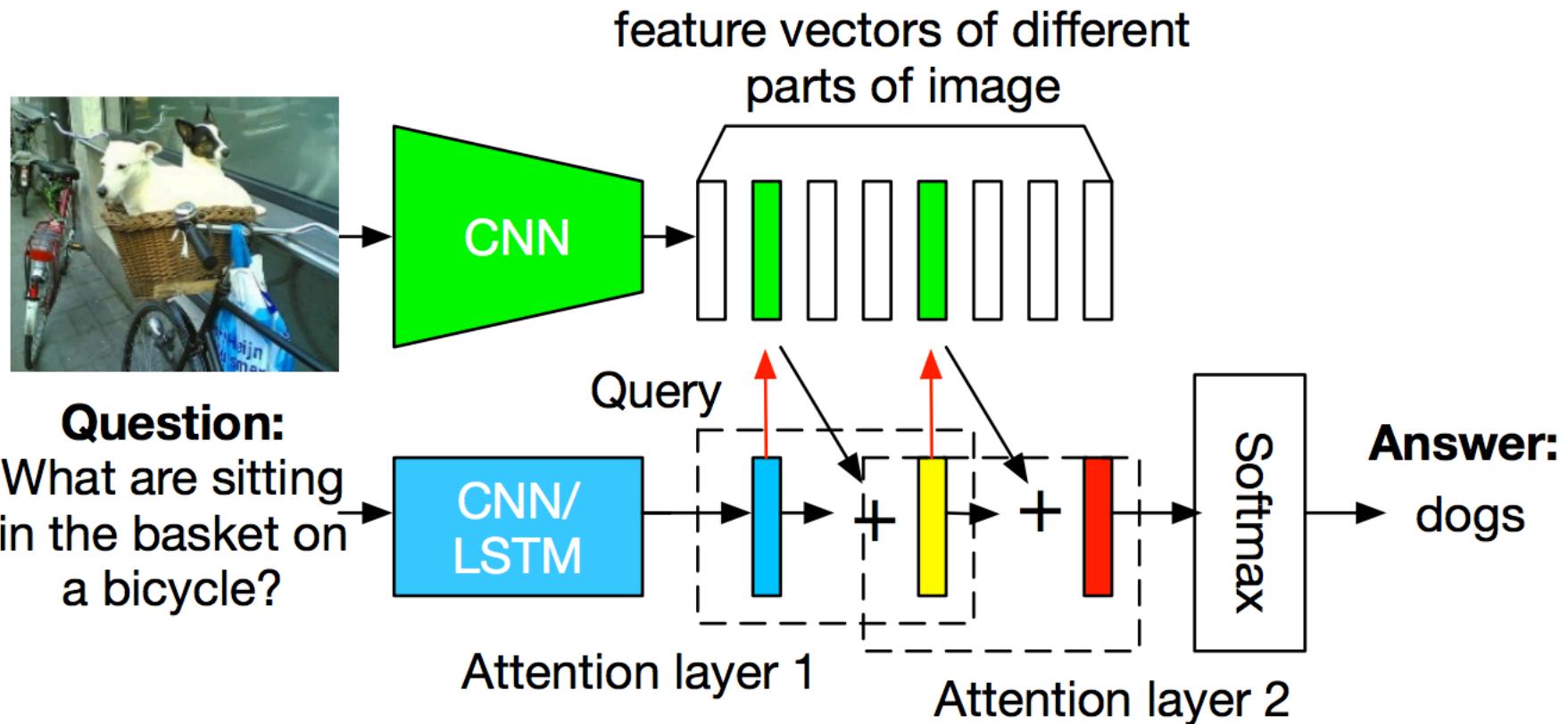
- Point-wise multiplication



S. Antol, A. Agrawal, J. Lu, M. Mitchell, D. Batra, C. L. Zitnick, and D. Parikh. Vqa: Visual question answering. ICCV 2015

# Question Answering – Attention

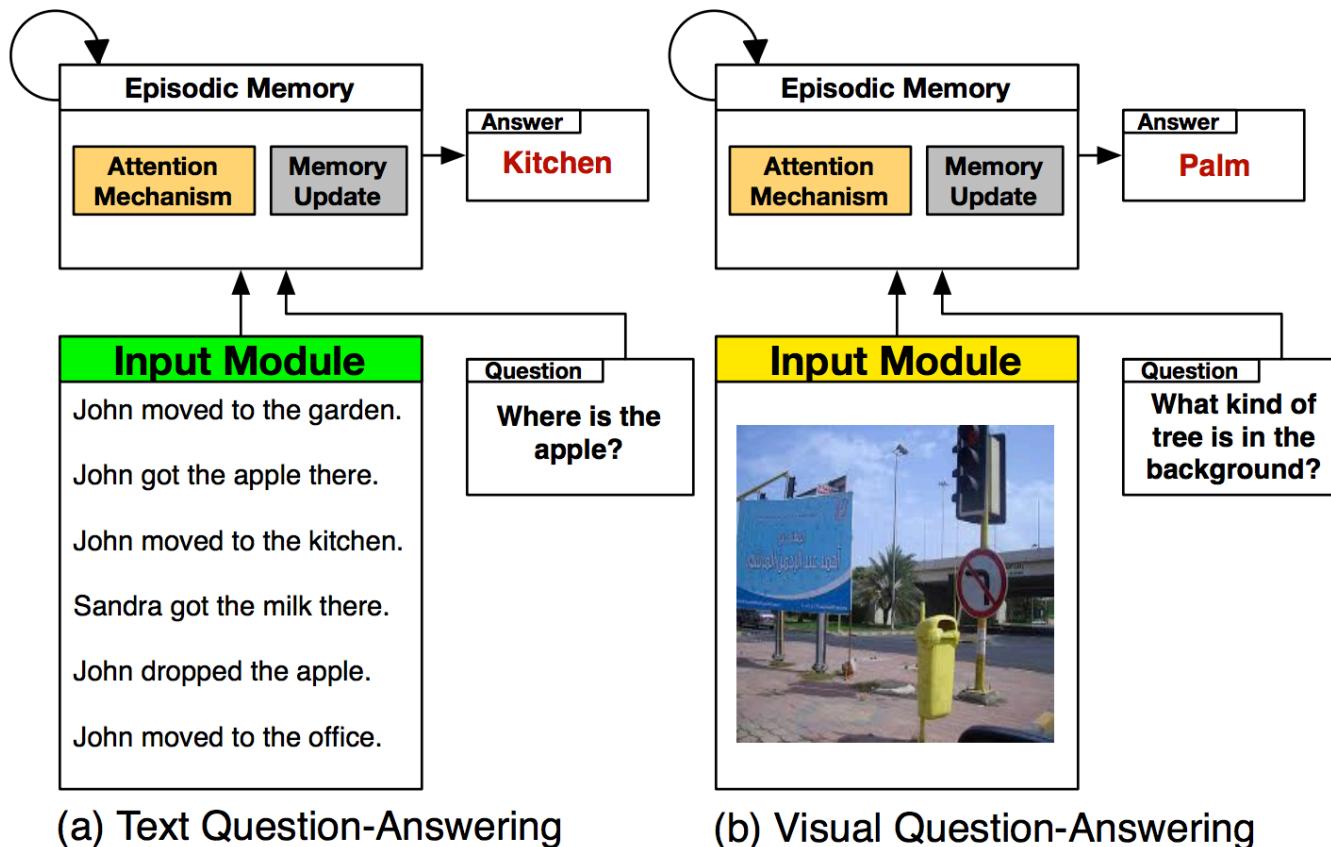
- Stack Attention Network (SAN)



Zichao Yang, Xiaodong He, Jianfeng Gao, Li Deng, Alex Smola, Stacked Attention Networks for Image Question Answering, CVPR 2016

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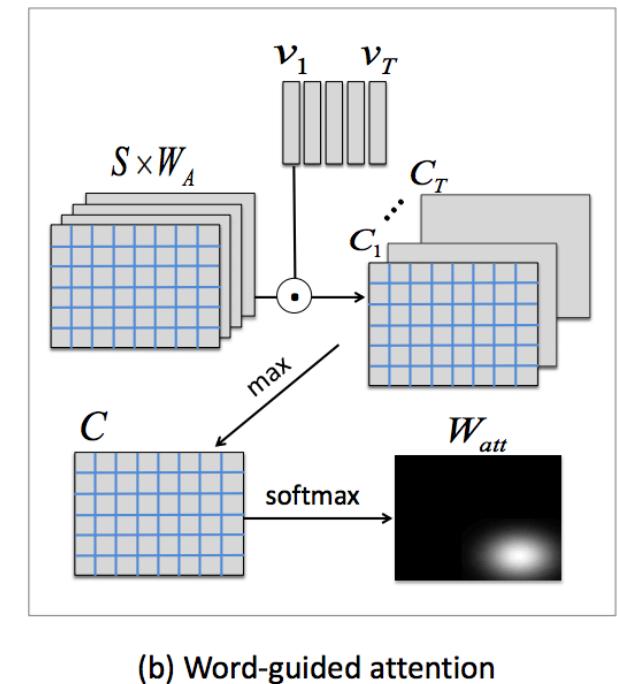
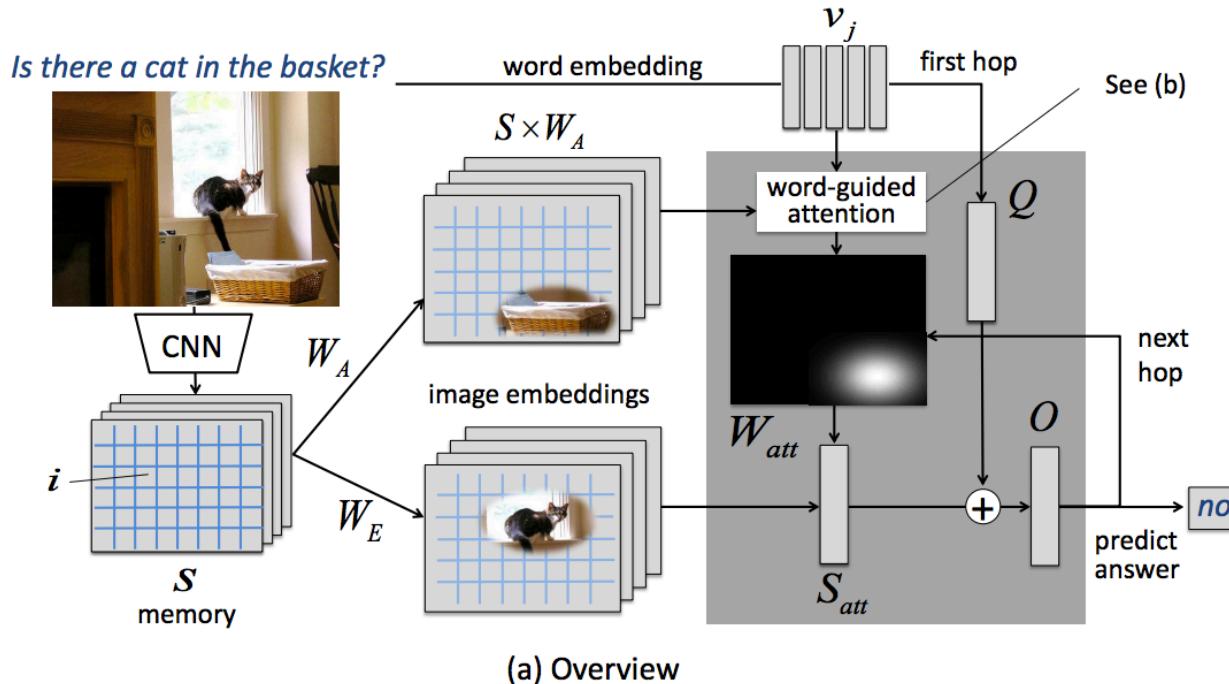
- Dynamic Memory Network



Caiming Xiong, Stephen Merity, Richard Socher, Dynamic Memory Networks for Visual and Textual Question Answering, ICML 2016

# Question Answering – Attention

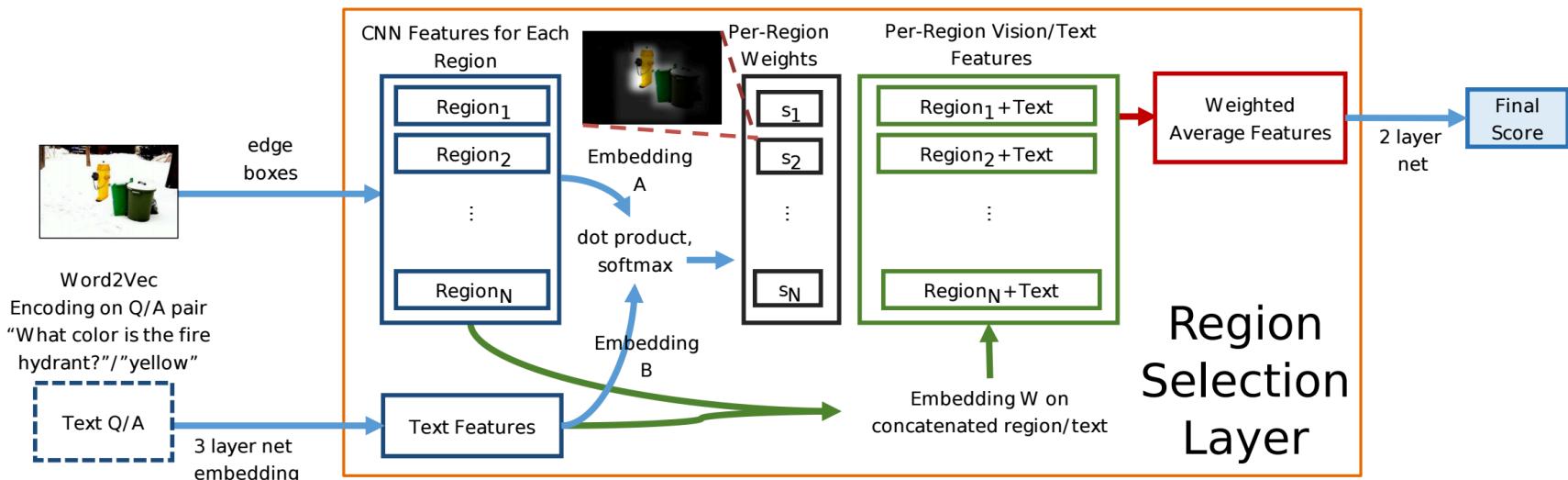
- word to patch at 1<sup>st</sup> hop; whole Q at 2<sup>nd</sup> hop.



Huijuan Xu, Kate Saenko, Ask, Attend and Answer: Exploring Question-Guided Spatial Attention for Visual Question Answering, ECCV 2016

# Question Answering – Attention

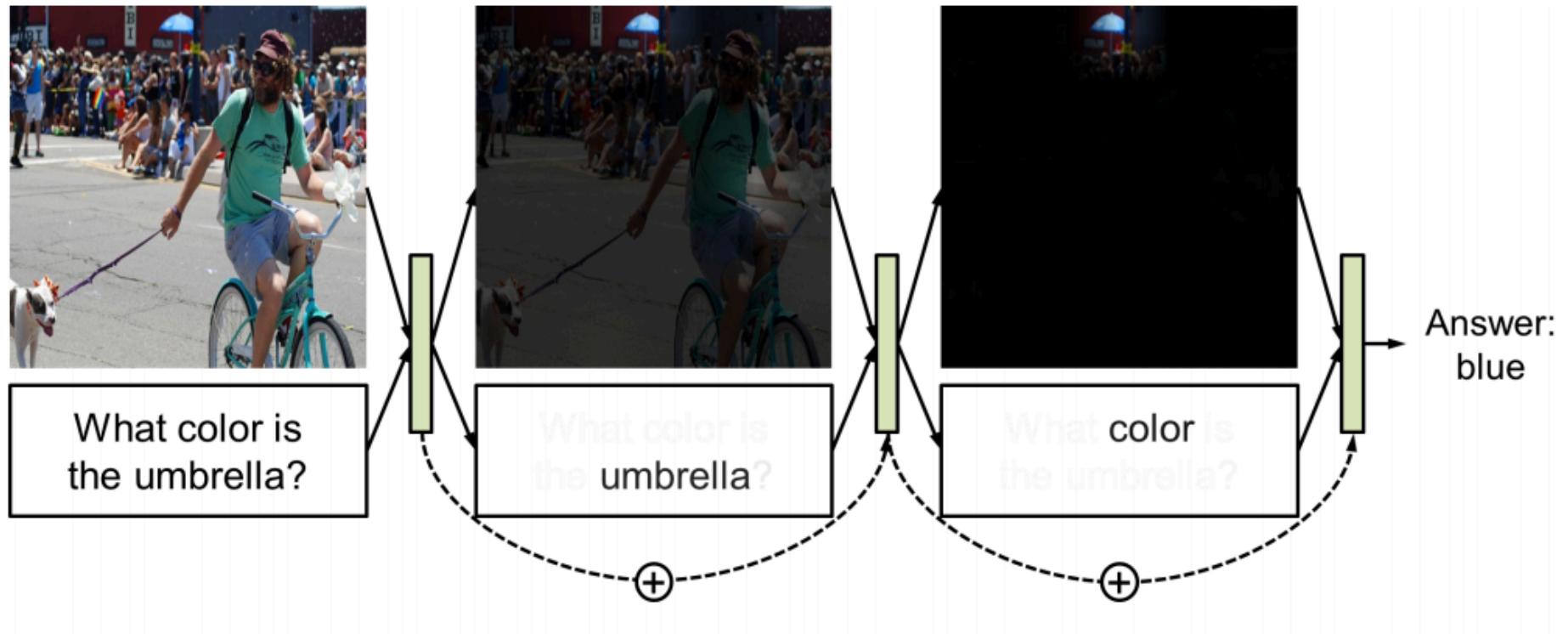
- Averaged representation of word2vec vectors for language



Kevin J. Shih, Saurabh Singh, Derek Hoiem, Where To Look: Focus Regions for Visual Question Answering, CVPR 2016

# Question Answering – Attention

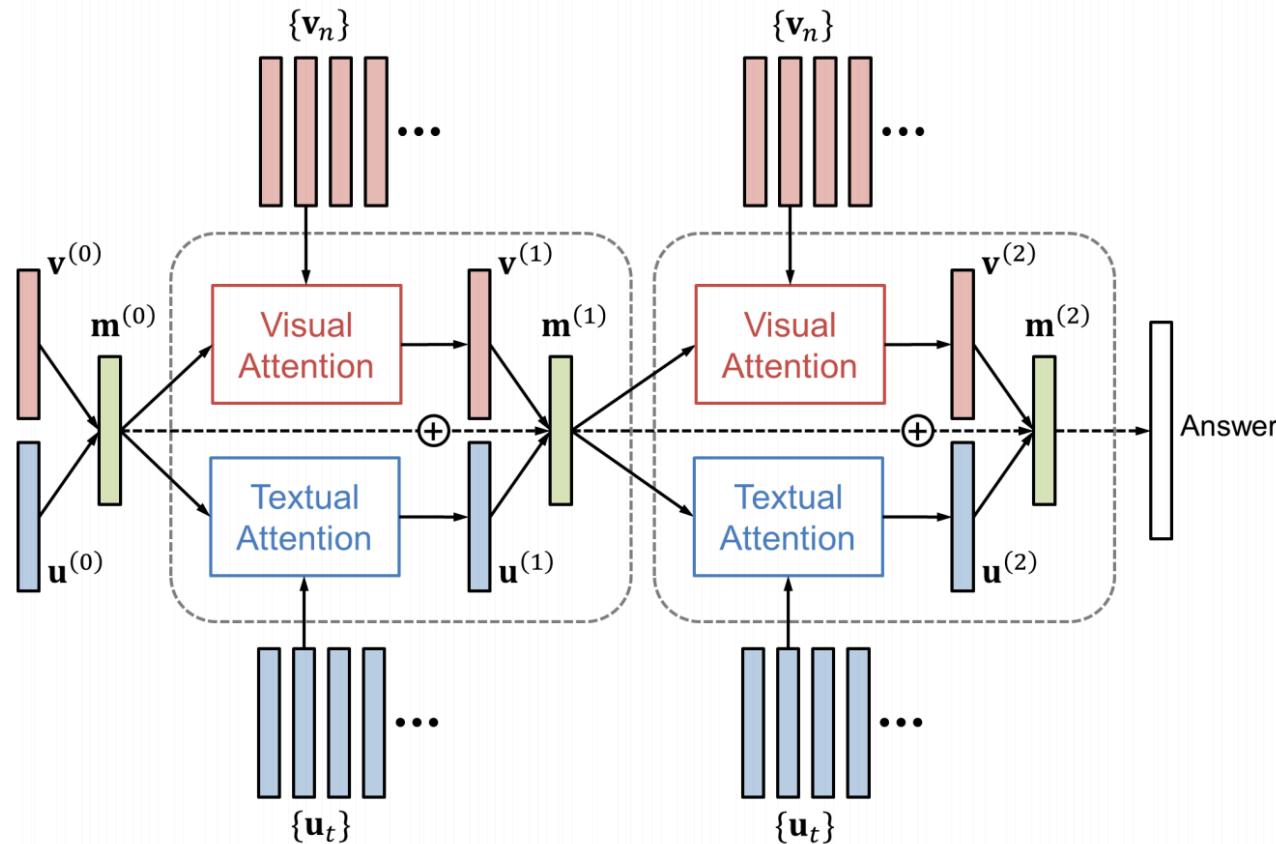
- Dual Attention



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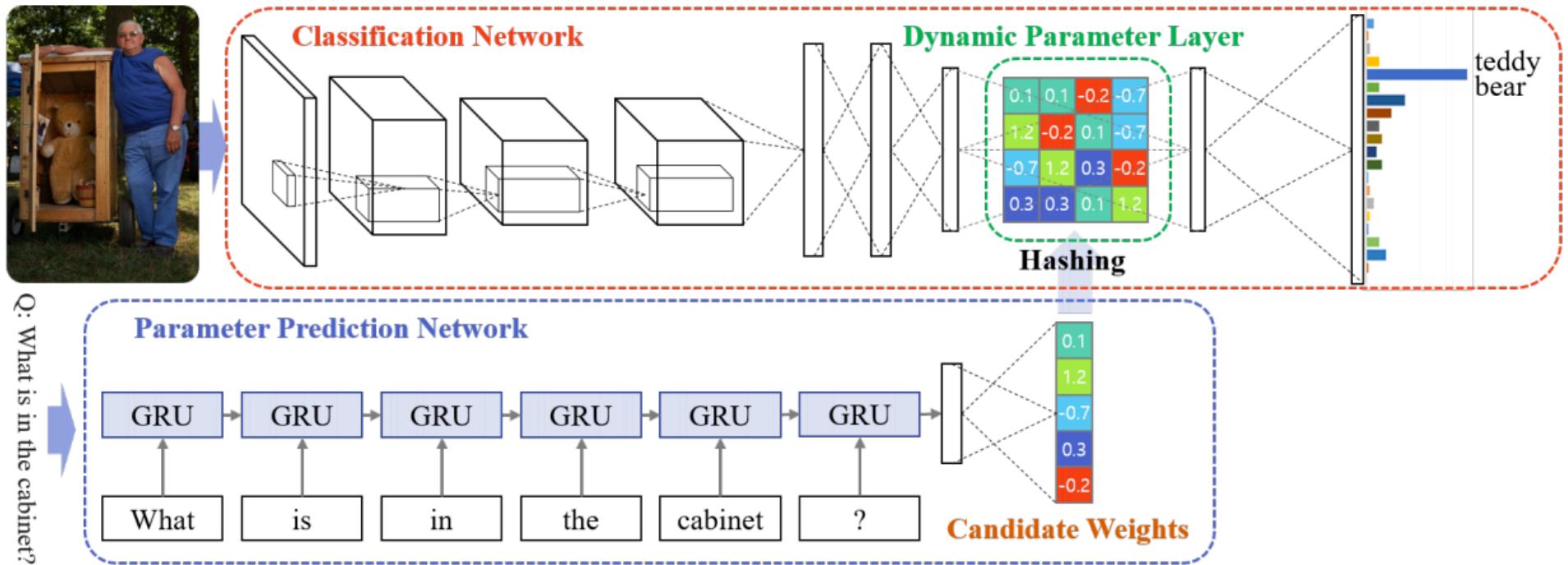
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# Question Answering – Dynamic Parameter

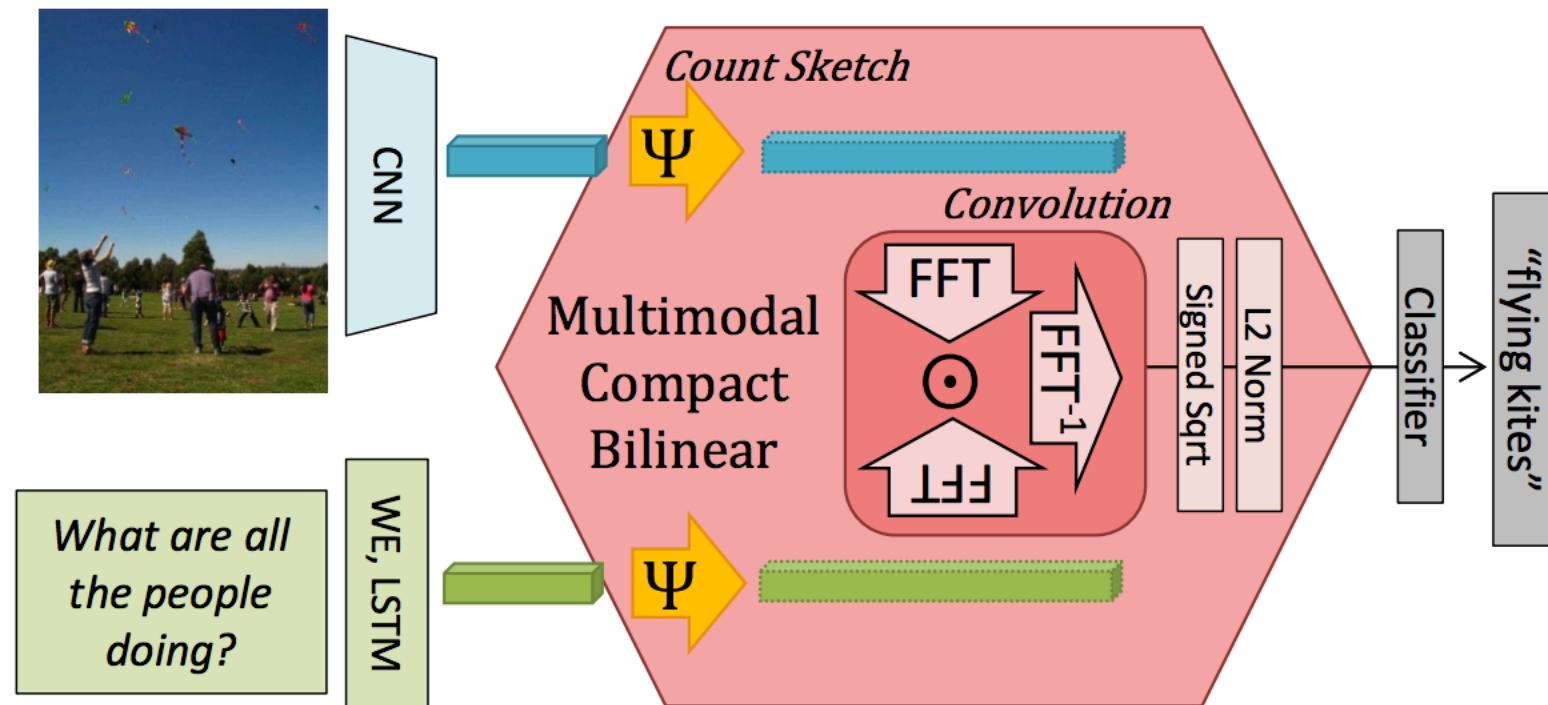
- Dynamic Parameter Layer (hashing)



Hyeonwoo Noh, Paul Hongsuck Seo, and Bohyung Han, Image Question Answering using Convolutional Neural Network with Dynamic Parameter Prediction, CVPR 2016

# Question Answering – Bilinear Pooling

- Outer product of the visual and textual vectors



Akira Fukui, Dong Huk Park, Daylen Yang, Anna Rohrbach, Trevor Darrell, Marcus Rohrbach.  
Multimodal Compact Bilinear Pooling for Visual Question Answering and Visual Grounding.  
CVPR'16 VQA Challenge Workshop.

# Question Answering – Knowledge

- External Knowledge



## Attributes:

umbrella  
beach  
sunny  
day  
people  
sand  
laying  
blue  
green  
mountain

## Internal Textual Representation:

A group of people enjoying a sunny day at the beach with umbrellas in the sand.

## External Knowledge:

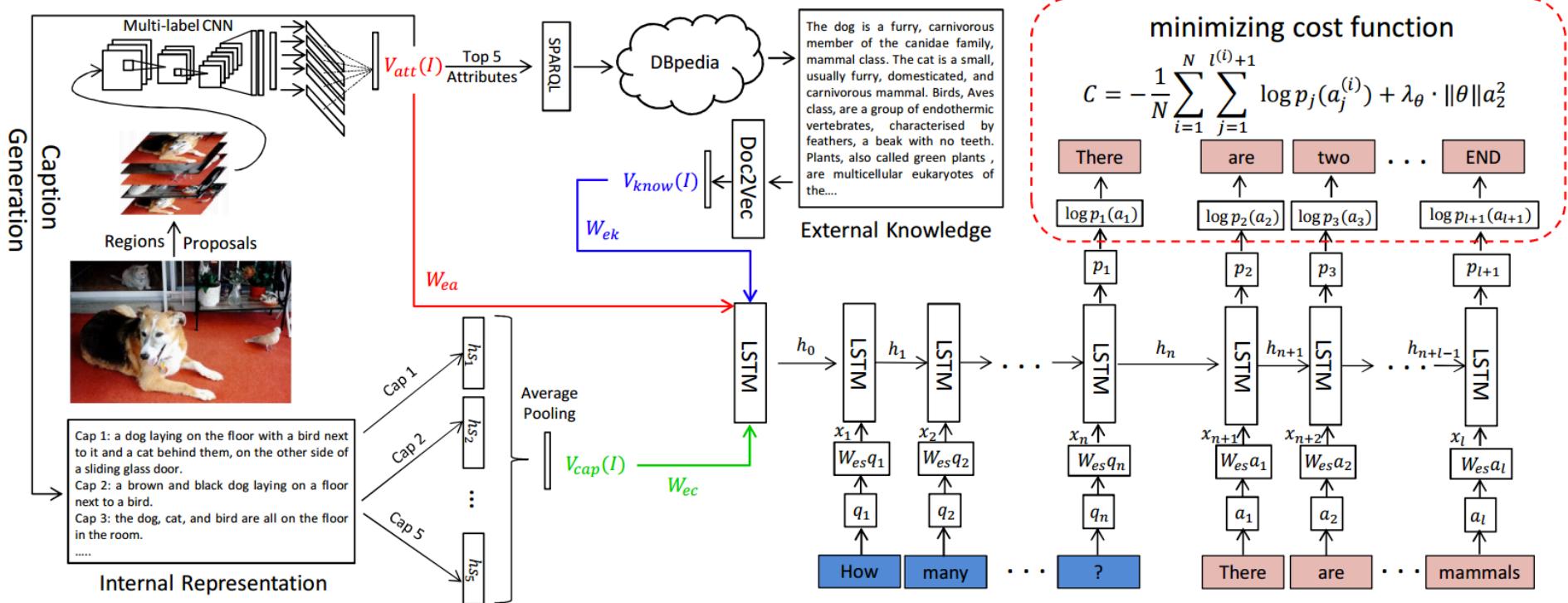
An umbrella is a canopy designed to protect against rain or sunlight. Larger umbrellas are often used as points of shade on a sunny beach. A beach is a landform along the coast of an ocean. It usually consists of loose particles, such as sand....

## Question Answering:

**Q:** Why do they have umbrellas? **A :** Shade.

# Question Answering – Knowledge

- External Knowledge



Qi Wu, Peng Wang, Chunhua Shen, Anton van den Hengel, Anthony Dick. Ask Me Anything: Free-form Visual Question Answering Based on Knowledge from External Sources. CVPR 2016

# Question Answering – Dataset

- DAQUAR – Malinowski and Fritz. NIPS 2014
- VQA - based on MSCOCO images. ICCV 2015
- COCO-QA - based on MSCOCO images. Ren et al. ICML 2015
- FM-IQA - built from scratch by Baidu - in Chinese, with English translation. Gao et al. NIPS 2015
- Yuke Zhu, Oliver Groth, Michael Bernstein, Li Fei-Fei, Visual7W: Grounded Question Answering in Images, CVPR 2016.

# Challenge

## Competition



### VQA Real Image Challenge (Multiple-Choice)

Organized by vqateam - Current server time: Nov. 24, 2016, 5:16 a.m. UTC

▶ Current

Real test2015 (mc)

Oct. 21, 2015, midnight UTC

Next

Real test2015 (mc)

Oct. 21, 2015, midnight UTC

Learn the Details

Phases

Participate

Results

Forums ➔

Real test-dev2015 (mc)

Real test2015 (mc)

Real Challenge test2015 (mc)

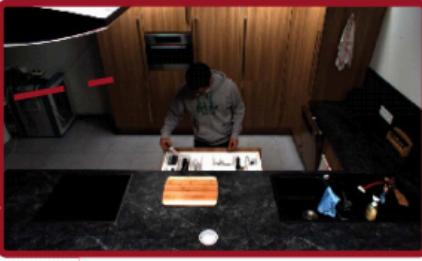
# Video Question Answering

- Learning to rank multiple choices

**Task 2: Infer the past**

He took out \_\_\_\_.

A. mango  
B. **knife**  
C. soda  
D. tomato



**Task 1: Describe the present**

He slices \_\_\_\_.

A. **cucumber**  
B. bowl  
C. onion  
D. bean



**Task 3: Predict the future**

He \_\_\_\_ cucumber on plate.

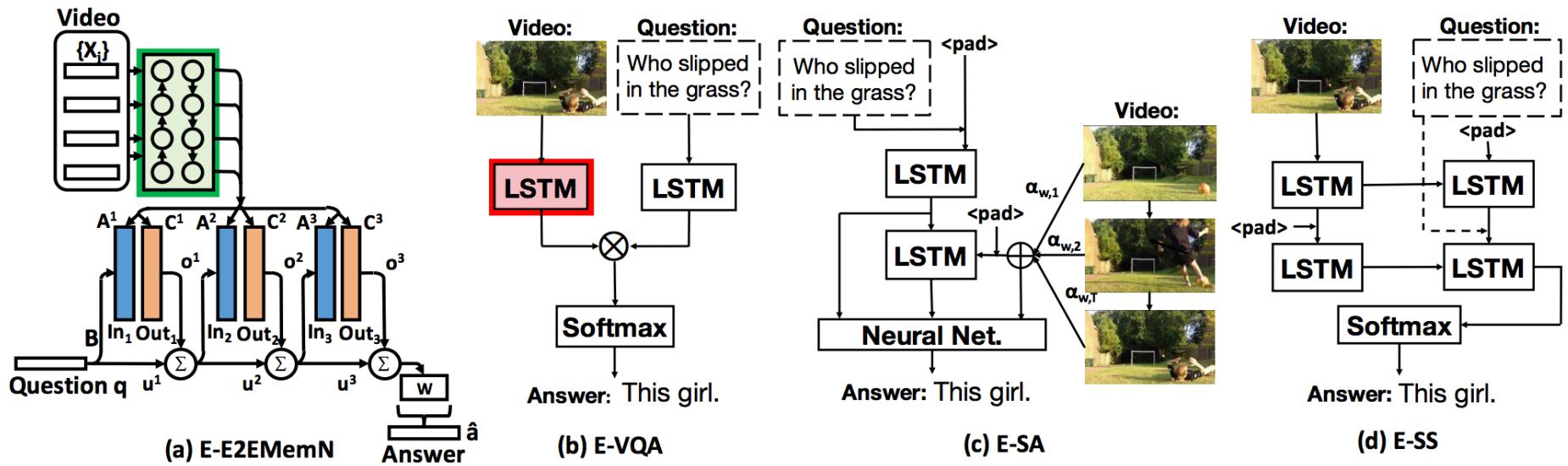
A. throws  
B. **places**  
C. wipes  
D. rinses



Linchao Zhu, Zhongwen Xu, Yi Yang, Alexander G. Hauptmann. Uncovering Temporal Context for Video Question and Answering. arXiv 2015

# Video Question Answering

- Multiple Extensions for Video-QA



Kuo-Hao Zeng, Tseng-Hung Chen, Ching-Yao Chuang, Yuan-Hong Liao, Juan Carlos Niebles, Min Sun. Leveraging Video Descriptions to Learn Video Question Answering. AAAI 2017

# Video Question Answering – Dataset

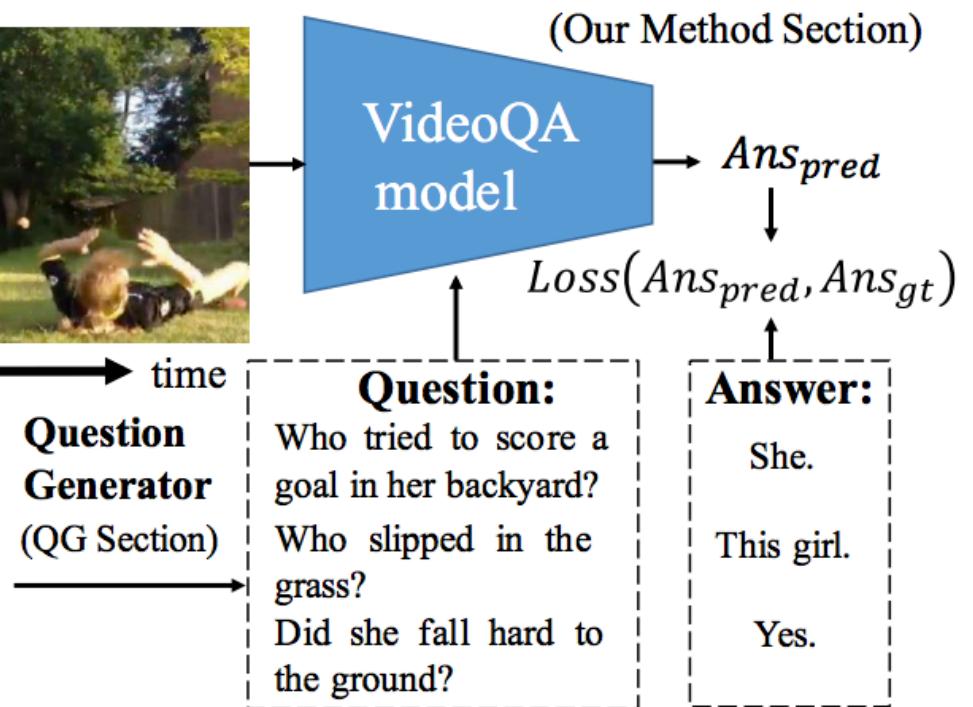
- VTW Video-QA dataset

**Video**



**Description:** (Harvested Data Section)

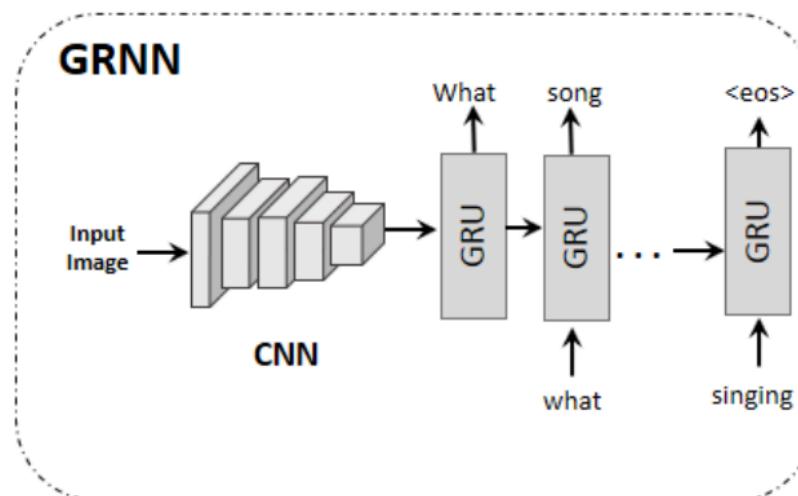
Perhaps in an attempt to practice for her World Cup debut, this girl tried to score a goal in her backyard. But as she approached the soccer ball to make her big kick, she slipped in the grass and fell hard to the ground.



# Video Question Generation



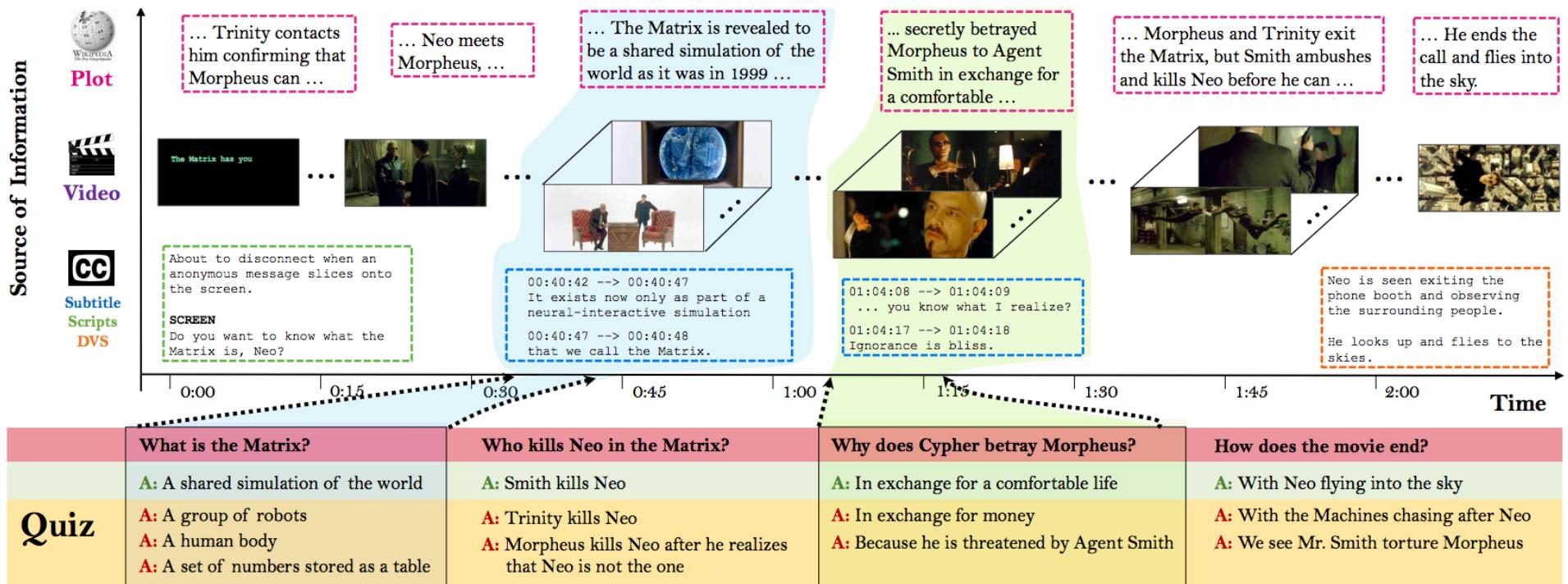
- How many horses are in the field? X
- Who won the race? ✓



Nasrin Mostafazadeh, Ishan Misra, Jacob Devlin, Margaret Mitchell, Xiaodong He, Lucy Vanderwende, Generating Natural Questions About an Image, ACL 2016

# Video Question Answering – Dataset

- Movie-QA

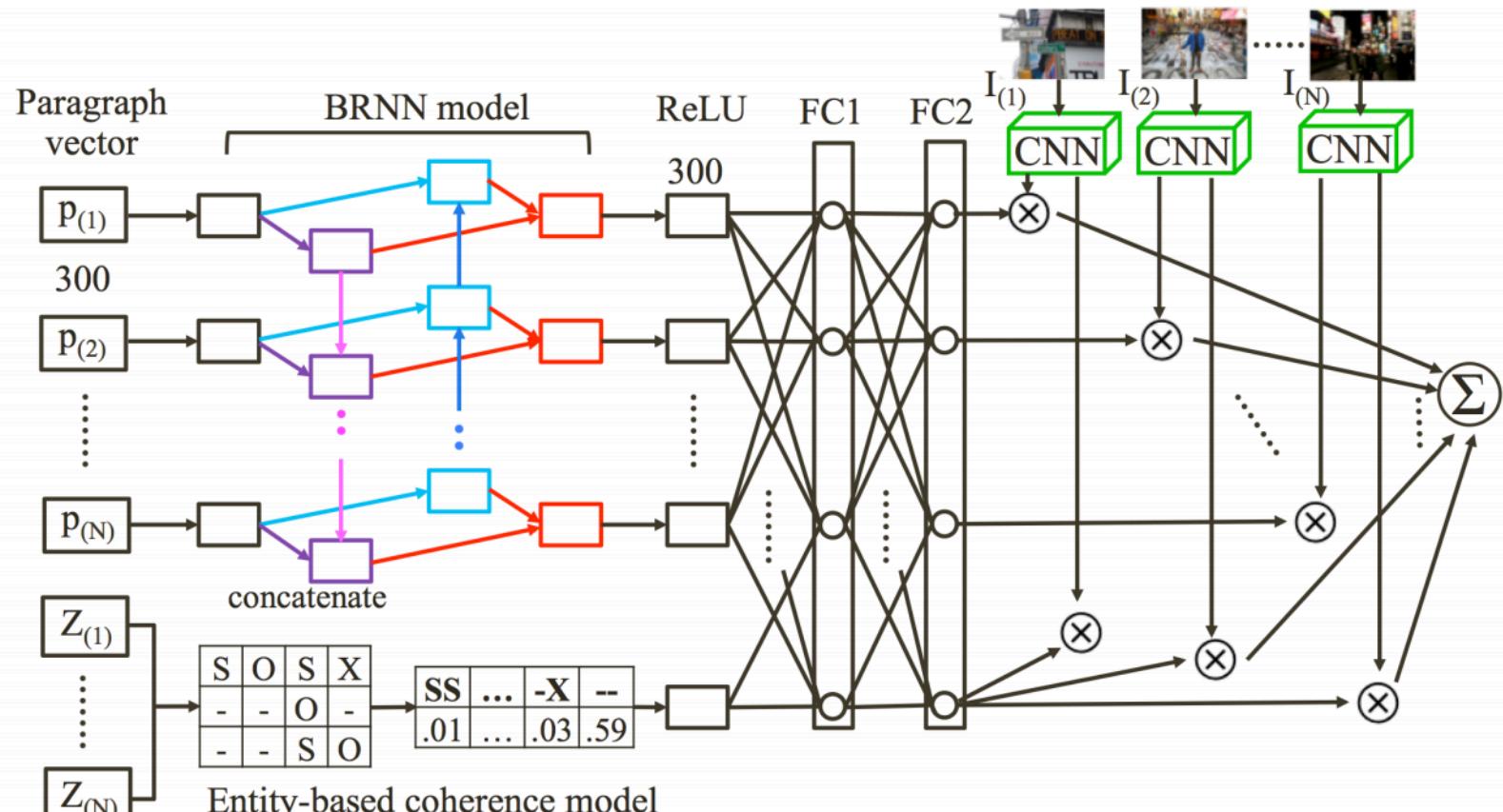


Makarand Tapaswi, Yukun Zhu, Rainer Stiefelhagen, Antonio Torralba, Raquel Urtasun, Sanja Fidler, MovieQA: Understanding Stories in Movies through Question-Answering, CVPR 2016.

# **Others**

# Storytelling – Retrieval

- Retrieve fluent sequential multiple sentences



(b) The CRCN architecture

Cesc Chunseong Park, Gunhee Kim. Expressing an Image Stream with a Sequence of Natural Sentences. NIPS 2015

# Storytelling – Generate

- Sequential Images Narrative Dataset (SIND)

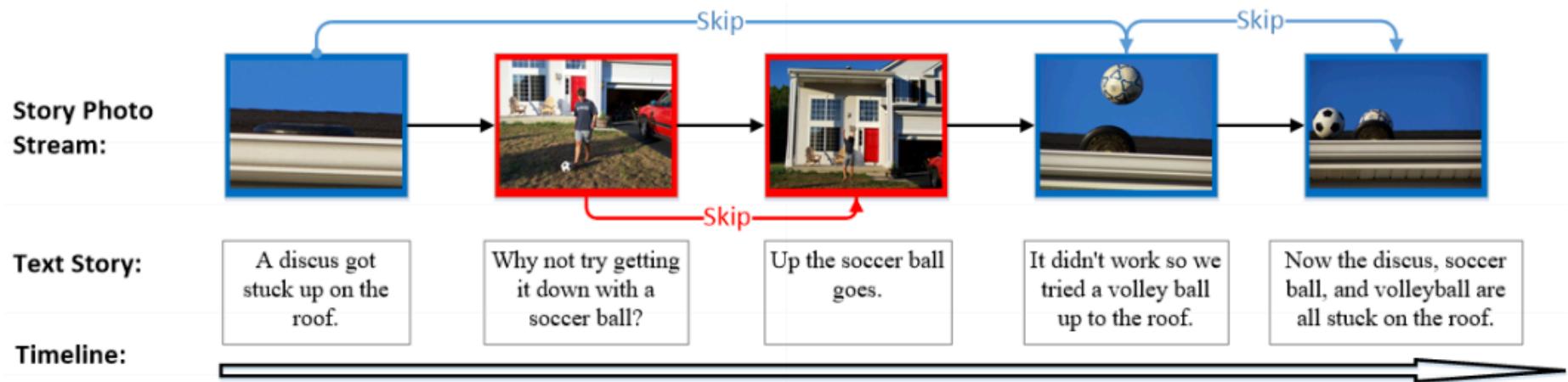
			
DII	A group of people that are sitting next to each other.	Adult male wearing sunglasses lying down on black pavement.	The sun is setting over the ocean and mountains.
SIS	Having a good time bonding and talking.	[M] got exhausted by the heat.	Sky illuminated with a brilliance of gold and orange hues.

**Figure 1:** Example language difference between descriptions for images in isolation (DII) vs. stories for images in sequence (SIS).

Ting-Hao (Kenneth) Huang et al., Visual Storytelling, NAACL 2016

# Storytelling - Skip

- sGRU



Yu Liu, Jianlong Fu, Tao Mei, Chang Wen Chen. Storytelling of Photo Stream with Bidirectional Multi-thread Recurrent Neural Network. Arxiv 2016

# Video-Commenting

- Deep Multi-View Embedding Model

**Input Video:**



**Output Comment:**

- Motivated me to go beyond my limits in skateboarding!!!

**Human Made Comment:**

- He should be a new character in the next skateboarding game.

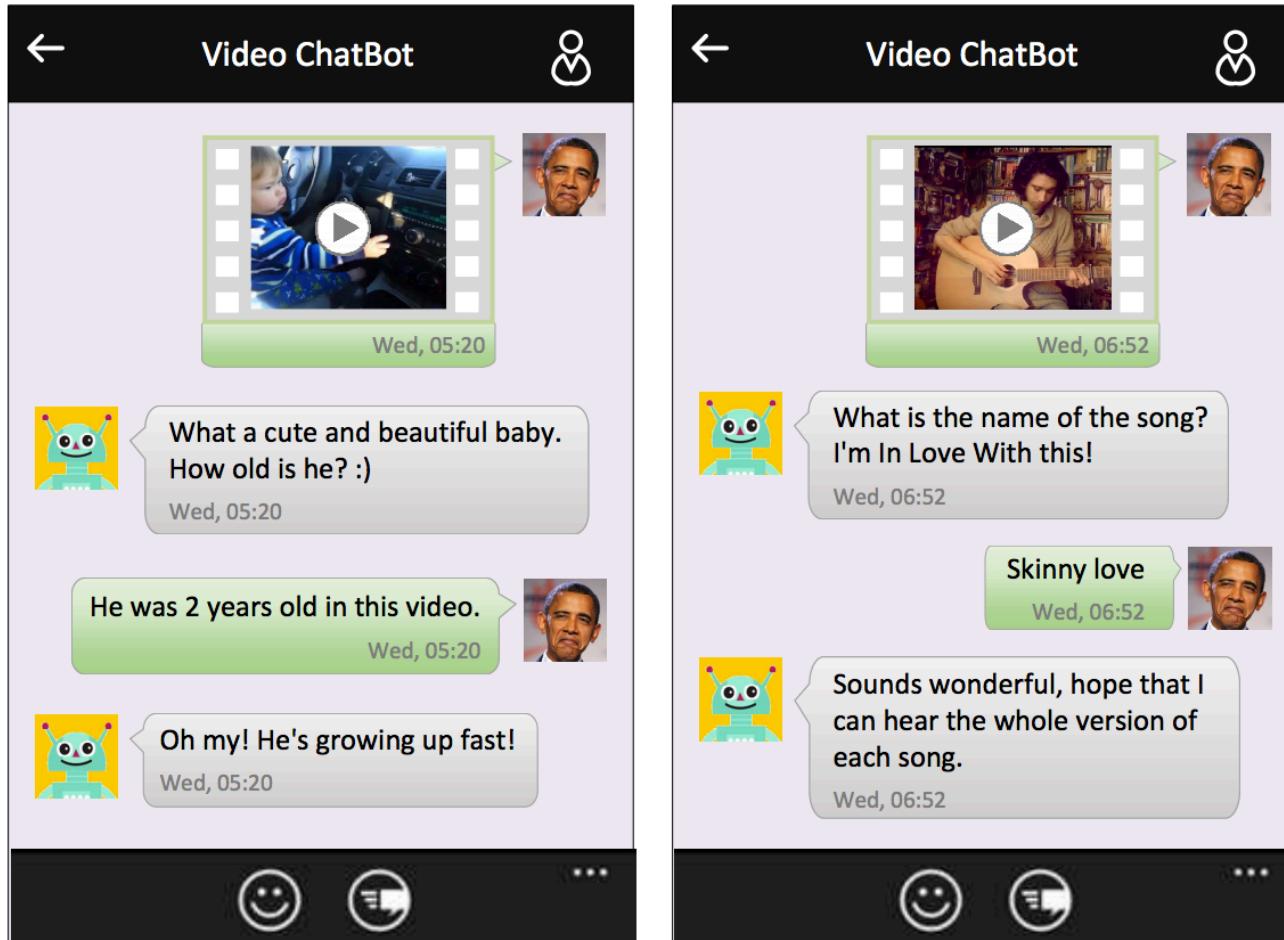
**Output Sentence:**

- A man is doing a trick on a skateboard.

Yehao Li, Ting Yao, Tao Mei, Hongyang Chao, Yong Rui, "Share-and-Chat: Achieving Human-Level Video Commenting by Search and Multi-View Embedding," ACM Multimedia (MM), 2016

# Video-Chatbot

- human-level emotional comments



Yehao Li, Ting Yao, Rui Hu, Tao Mei, Yong Rui. Video ChatBot: Triggering Live Social Interactions by Automatic Video Commenting. ACM Multimedia (MM), 2016

# Future

- Vision Guided Language-based HCI
  - Chatbot
  - Smart Assistant
- Storytelling
  - Public events (e.g., newspaper)
  - Personal events (e.g., personal blog post)

**Thanks!**