

# Multimodality & Large Language Models

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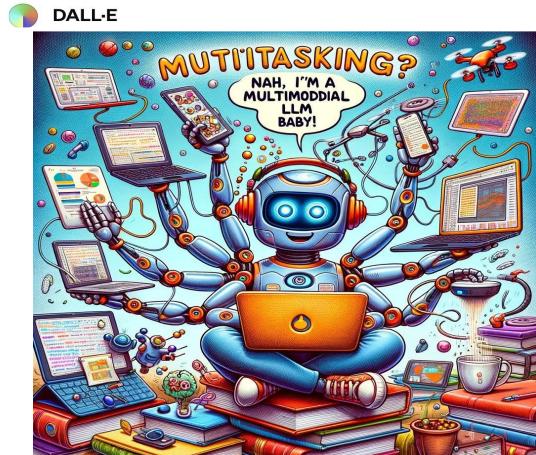
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# Introduction

- Real World Environment inherently multimodal
- Interaction through diverse channel:
  - Speech
  - Sound
  - Vision
  - Language
  - Touch



# Introduction - Examples

Pdf  
description

## (2) Prompt:

Describe the pointed region in the image.

Method	Validation set						Test set											
	in.		near.		out.		overall		in.		near.		out.		overall			
C	S	C	S	C	S	C	S	C	S	C	S	C	S	C	S	C	S	
OSCAR	85.4	11.9	84.0	11.7	80.3	10.0	83.4	11.4	84.8	12.1	82.1	11.5	73.8	9.7	80.9	11.3		
Human	84.4	14.3	85.0	14.3	95.7	14.0	87.1	14.2	80.6	15.0	84.6	14.7	91.6	14.2	85.3	14.6		
VIVO	92.2	12.9	87.8	12.6	87.5	11.5	88.3	12.4	89.0	12.9	87.8	12.6	80.1	11.1	86.6	12.4		
VinVL	103.7	13.7	95.6	13.4	83.8	11.9	94.3	13.1	98.0	13.6	95.2	13.4	78.0	11.5	92.5	13.1		
UPFCNN	103.9	14.5	95.5	13.8	83.5	12.3	94.3	13.4	98.9	14.3	94.7	13.9	77.9	12.1	92.3	13.6		
mPLUG	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
SunVLMM	113.7	-	110.9	-	115.2	-	115.2	-	113.7	-	110.9	-	115.2	-	115.2	-	115.2	-
LEMON	118.0	15.4	116.3	15.1	120.2	14.5	117.3	15.0	112.8	15.2	115.5	15.1	110.1	13.7	119.3	14.9		
UniversalCap	123.2	15.0	121.5	15.3	123.4	14.4	122.1	15.0	118.9	15.4	120.6	15.3	114.3	14.1	119.3	15.1		
CoCa	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
GIT <sub>R</sub>	100.7	13.8	97.7	13.5	89.6	12.6	96.6	13.4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
GIT <sub>L</sub>	107.7	14.9	107.8	14.5	102.5	13.7	106.9	14.4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
<b>GIT</b>	<b>129.8</b>	<b>16.3</b>	<b>124.1</b>	<b>16.0</b>	<b>127.1</b>	<b>15.7</b>	<b>125.5</b>	<b>16.0</b>	<b>122.4</b>	<b>16.2</b>	<b>123.9</b>	<b>16.0</b>	<b>122.0</b>	<b>15.7</b>	<b>123.4</b>	<b>15.9</b>		
GIT2	126.9	16.1	125.8	16.2	130.6	15.8	126.9	16.1	124.2	16.4	125.5	16.1	122.3	15.6	124.8	16.1		

## GPT-4V:

The highlighted red region in the image is a table cell that contains a numerical value of 122.3. It is located in the "Test set" section of the table, under the "out" column and the "GIT2" row. This value represents the overall performance metric for the GIT2 method on the test set, in the "out" category.

## Prompt:

Which wisdom tooth is hardest to remove?



Note: Same query image as shown above, resized to save space

## GPT-4V:

The lower wisdom teeth, especially those that are impacted, are typically considered the hardest to remove. This is because the lower jawbone is denser than the upper jawbone, and the impacted wisdom teeth may be more difficult to access. Additionally, the roots of the lower wisdom teeth are often longer and more curved than those of the upper wisdom teeth, making them more challenging to remove.

## Prompt:

Localize each person in the image using bounding box. What is the image size of the input image?



## GPT-4V:

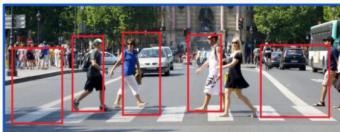
The image size of the input image is 1000 x 333 pixels.

Bounding boxes for each person:

- Person 1 (leftmost): (x1, y1) = (22, 108), (x2, y2) = (170, 300)
- Person 2: (x1, y1) = (200, 80), (x2, y2) = (290, 270)
- Person 3: (x1, y1) = (350, 70), (x2, y2) = (460, 280)
- Person 4: (x1, y1) = (540, 80), (x2, y2) = (640, 270)
- Person 5 (rightmost): (x1, y1) = (760, 100), (x2, y2) = (920, 290)

Note: These bounding box coordinates are approximate and may not be exact.

## Visualization of Detected Bbox:



## Prompt:

Count the number of apples in the image.



## GPT-4V:

There are 7 apples in the image.

Health care

Image reasoning

# Introduction - Applications

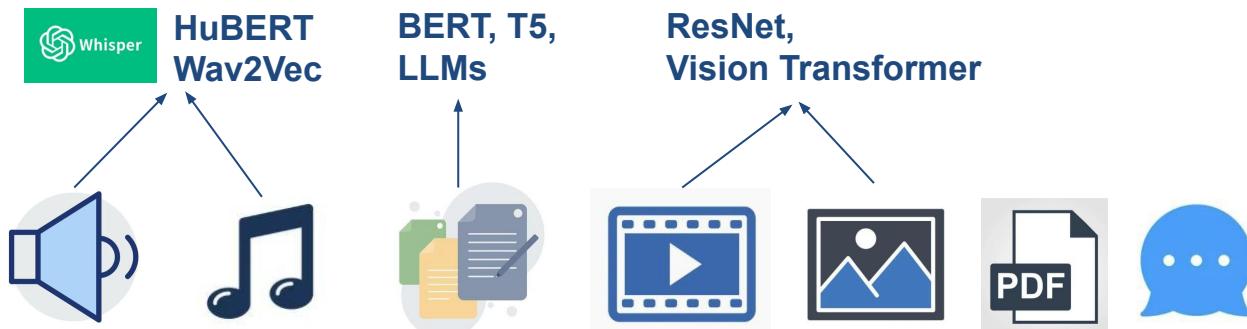
- **Generation**
  - Image generation (DALL-E, MidJourney)
  - Text Generation (Image/Video/Audio captioning)
- **Vision/Audio-Language Understanding**
  - Various Understanding tasks (source separation, reasoning over images/video)
  - Text-based retrieval (image/audio/video search)  
→ Spotify/Deezer, Youtube, Netflix...



# Introduction

- Years of research on unimodal models
- High-quality representation derived from pretrained uni-modal

## Foundation models

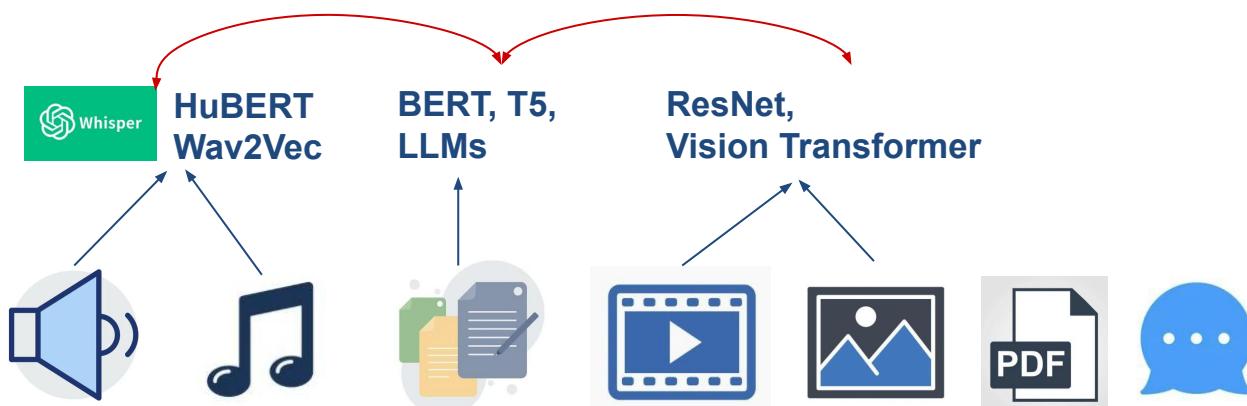


# Introduction

- Recently, a core research idea came-up:

**How to connect performant foundation unimodal models together?**

- Most efforts on connecting **text** with other modalities



# A Brief History of MM Models

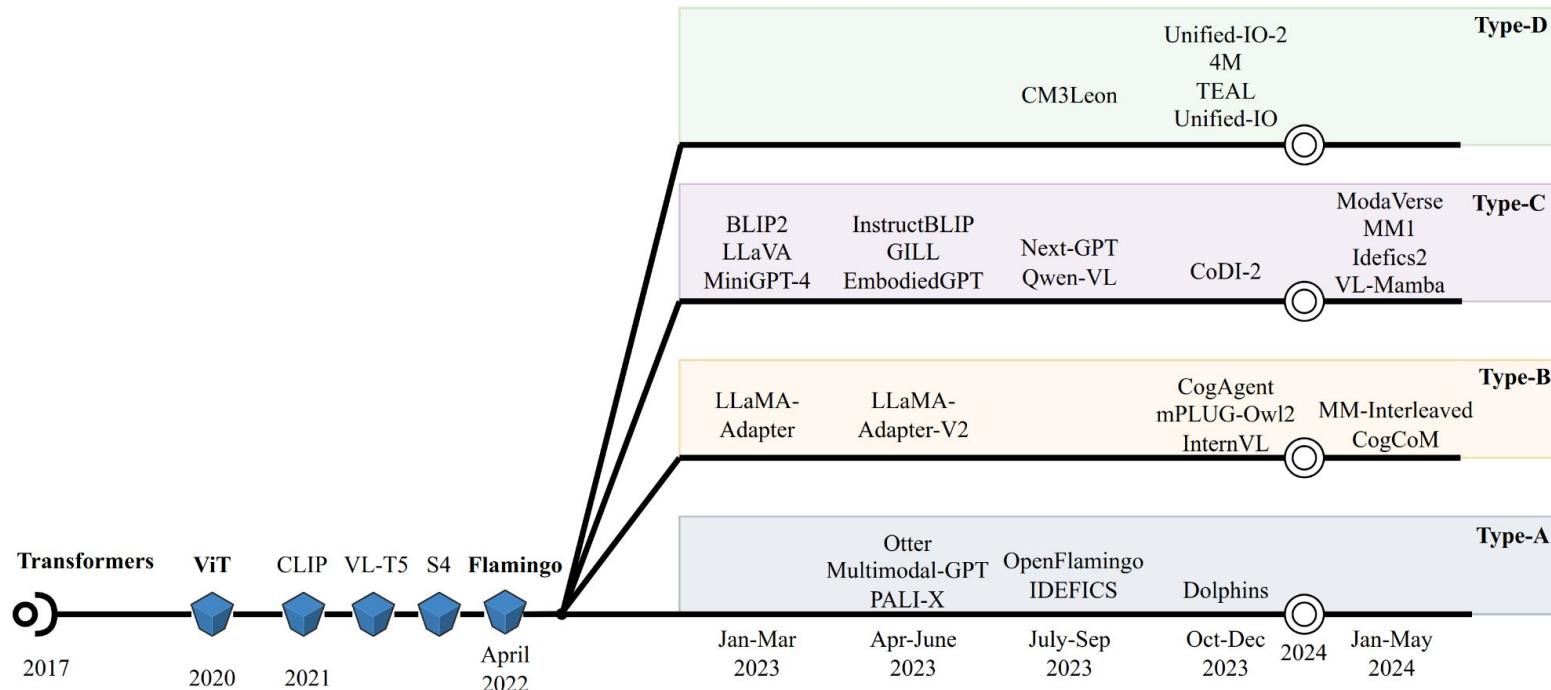
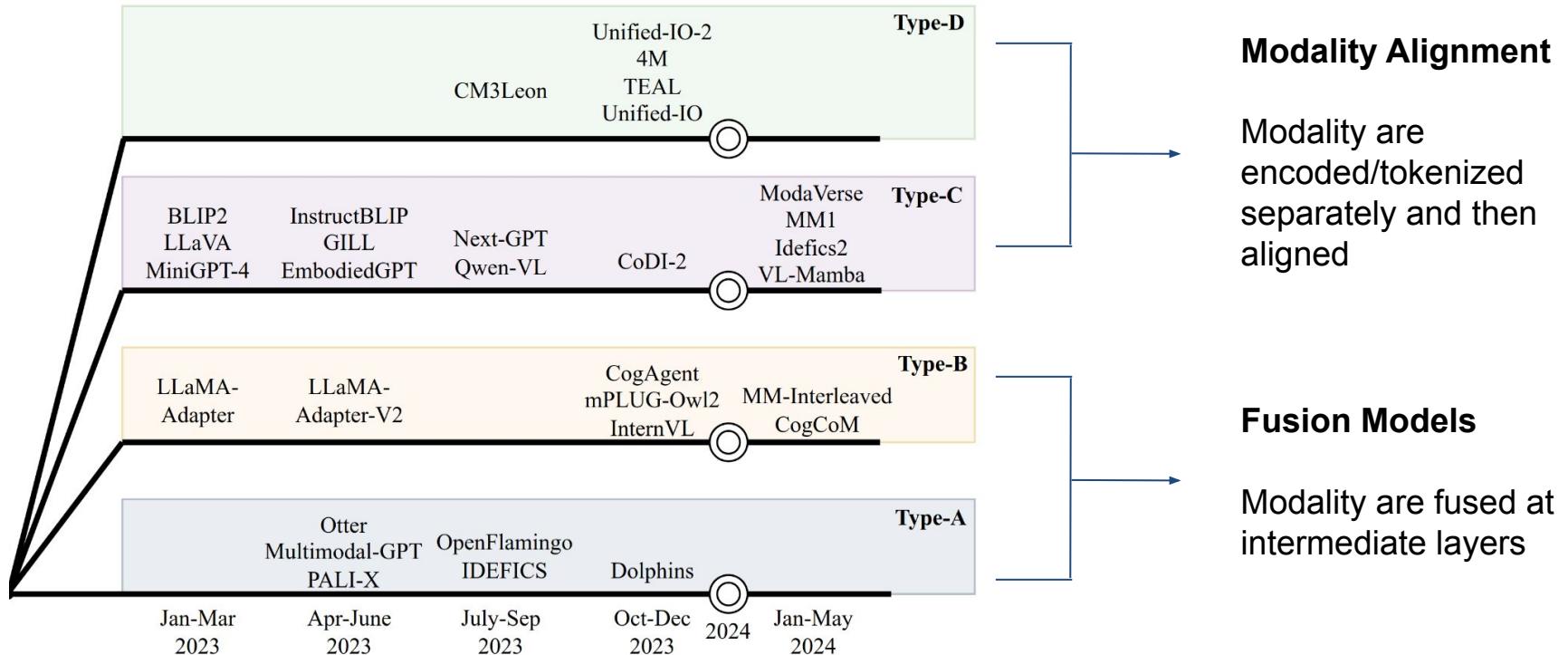


Figure 1: Development timeline of Multimodal models grouped in four proposed architecture types.

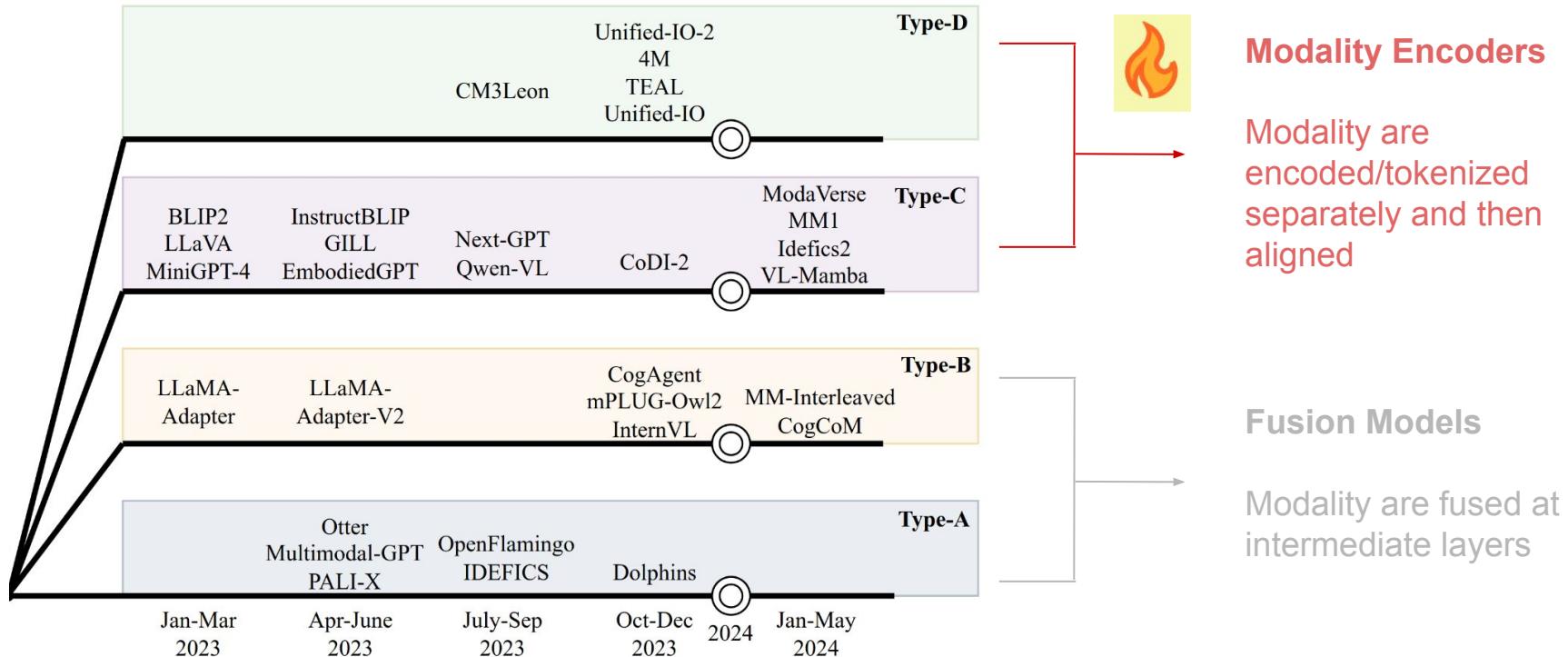
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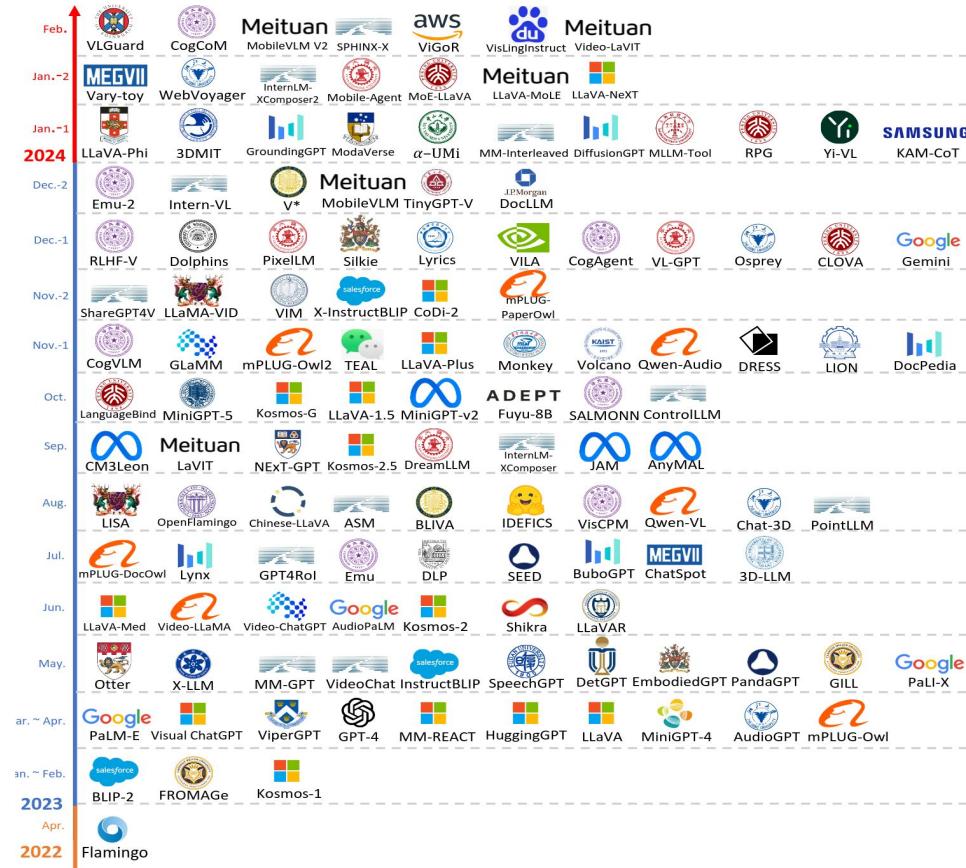
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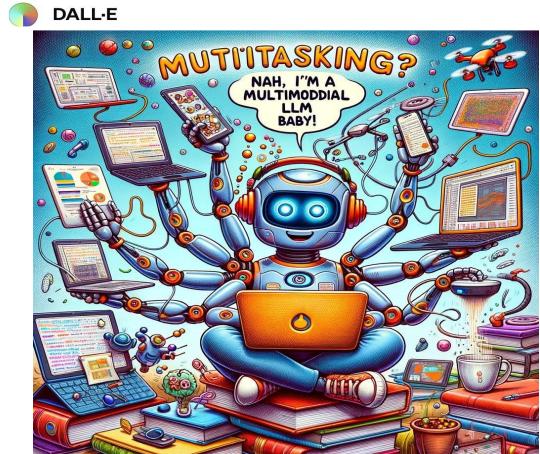
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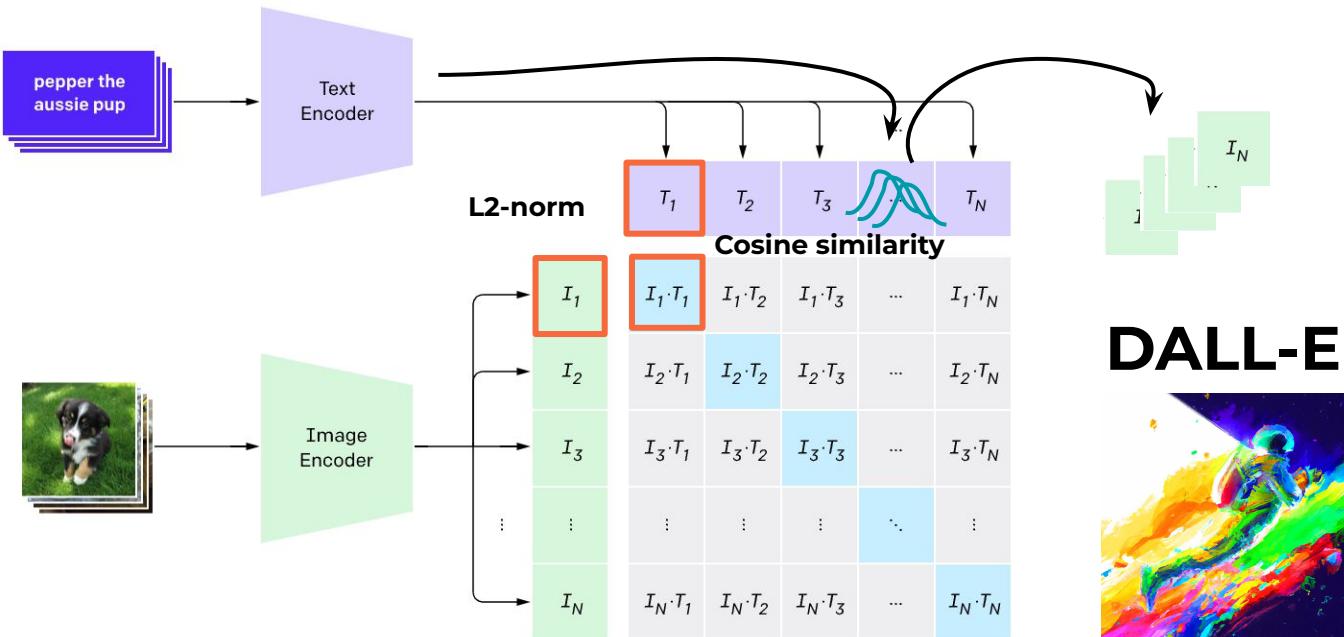
You  
Generate a fun meme about multimodal LLMs like yourself



# Multimodal Debuts: CLIP

- One of the most prominent works that started a lot of research efforts on Multimodality
- Vision-Text Representation Learning: Image + Text
- Trained on large database of (*image, description*) pairs to learn a **multimodal embedding space**
- Allows *zero-shot* transfer to most vision tasks using natural language supervision

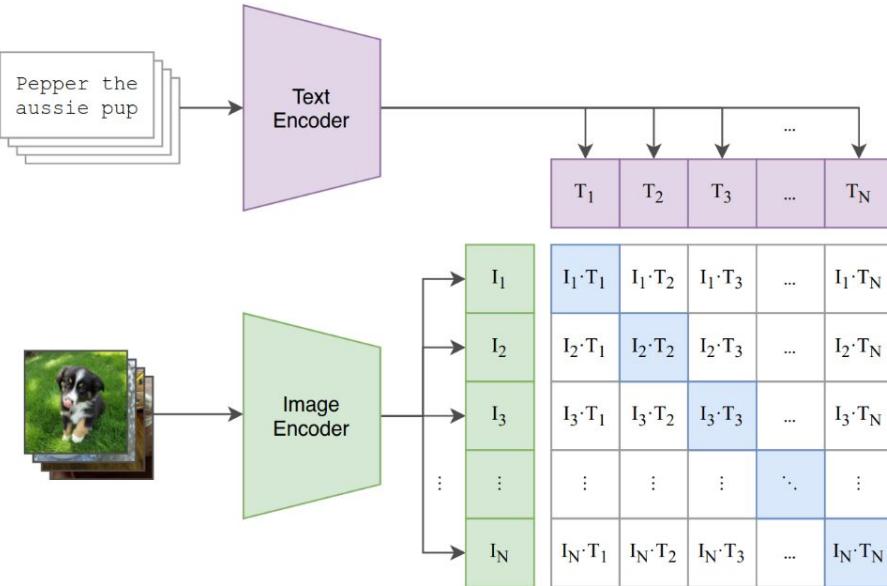
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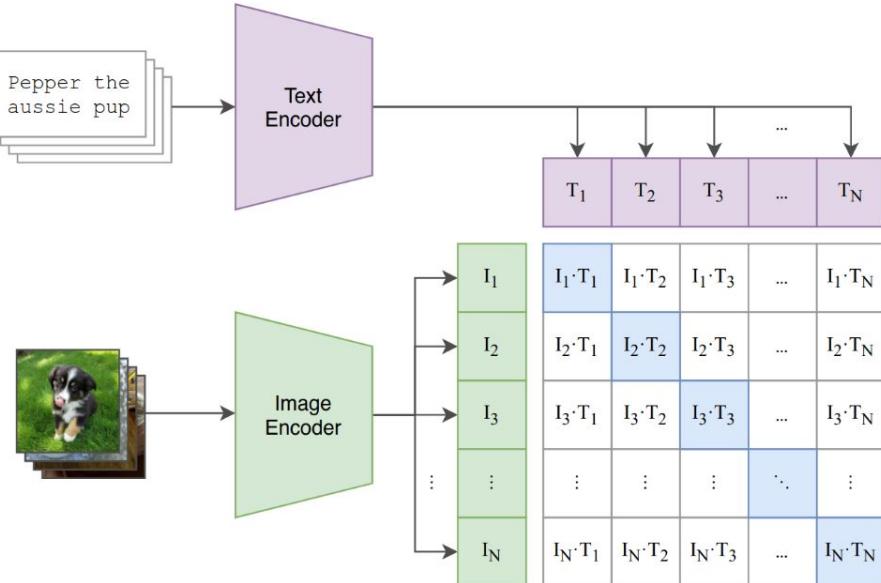


- Dataset: **WebImageText**
- 400 million (image, text) pair
- Various internet sources

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(1) Contrastive pre-training



$$\sum_{i=1}^B -\log \left[ \frac{h[f(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}), g(\mathbf{t}^{(i)})]}{\sum_{j \neq i} h[f(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}), g(\mathbf{t}^{(j)})] + h[f(\mathbf{x}^{(j)}), g(\mathbf{t}^{(i)})]} \right]$$

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# image_encoder - ResNet or Vision Transformer
# text_encoder - CBOW or Text Transformer
# I[n, h, w, c] - minibatch of aligned images
# T[n, 1] - minibatch of aligned texts
# W_i[d_i, d_e] - learned proj of image to embed
# W_t[d_t, d_e] - learned proj of text to embed
# t - learned temperature parameter

# extract feature representations of each modality
I_f = image_encoder(I) #[n, d_i]
T_f = text_encoder(T) #[n, d_t]

# joint multimodal embedding [n, d_e]
I_e = l2_normalize(np.dot(I_f, W_i), axis=1)
T_e = l2_normalize(np.dot(T_f, W_t), axis=1)

# scaled pairwise cosine similarities [n, n]
logits = np.dot(I_e, T_e.T) * np.exp(t)

# symmetric loss function
labels = np.arange(n)
loss_i = cross_entropy_loss(logits, labels, axis=0)
loss_t = cross_entropy_loss(logits, labels, axis=1)
loss = (loss_i + loss_t)/2

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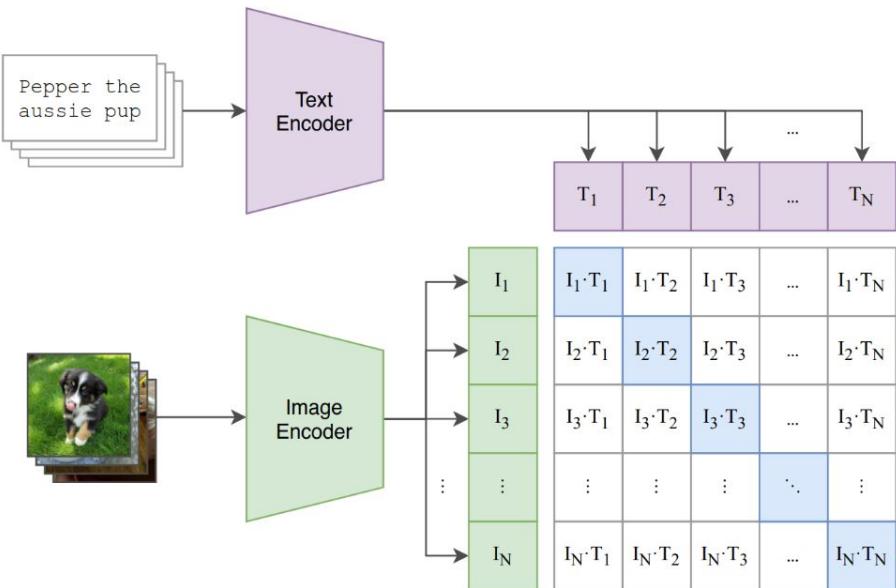
Figure 3. Numpy-like pseudocode for the core of an implementation of CLIP.

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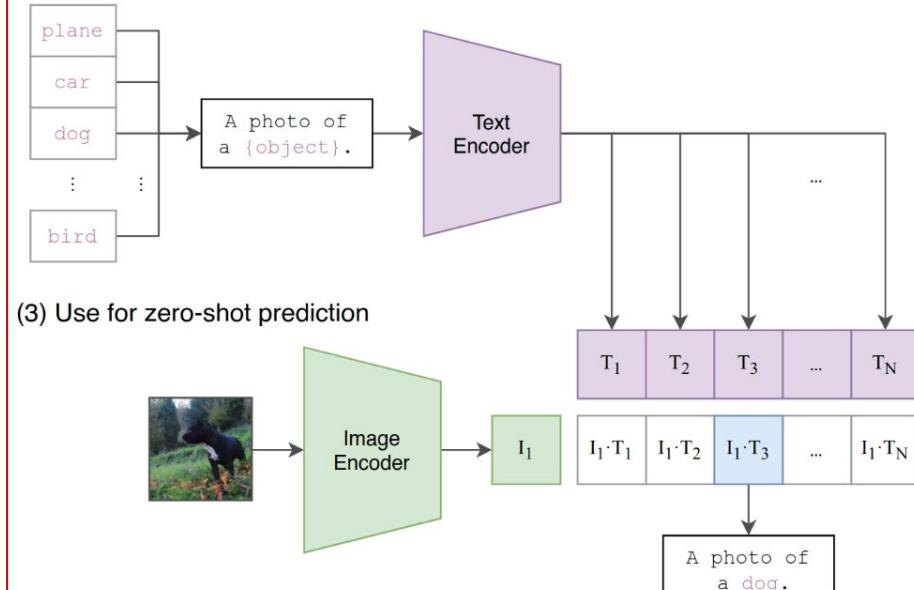
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## Zero-Shot Framework

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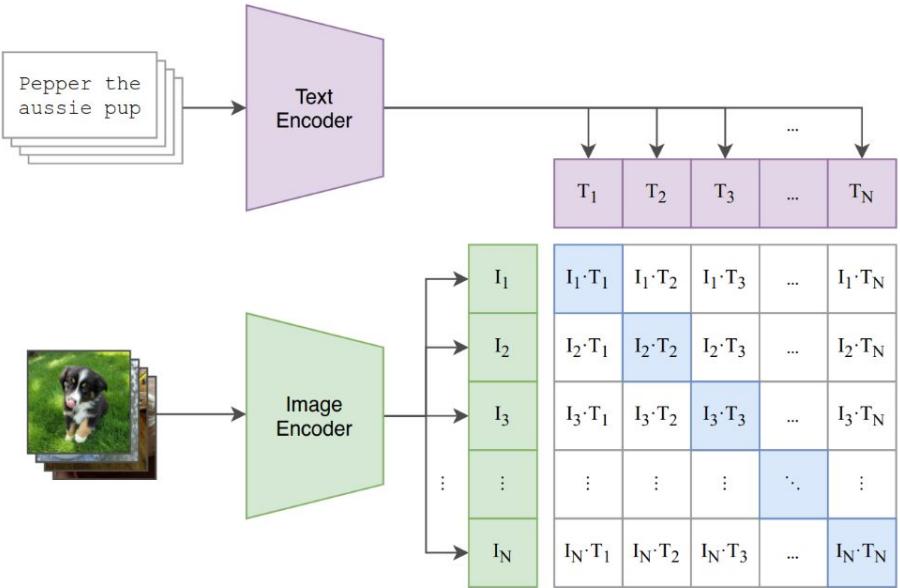
(2) Create dataset classifier from label text



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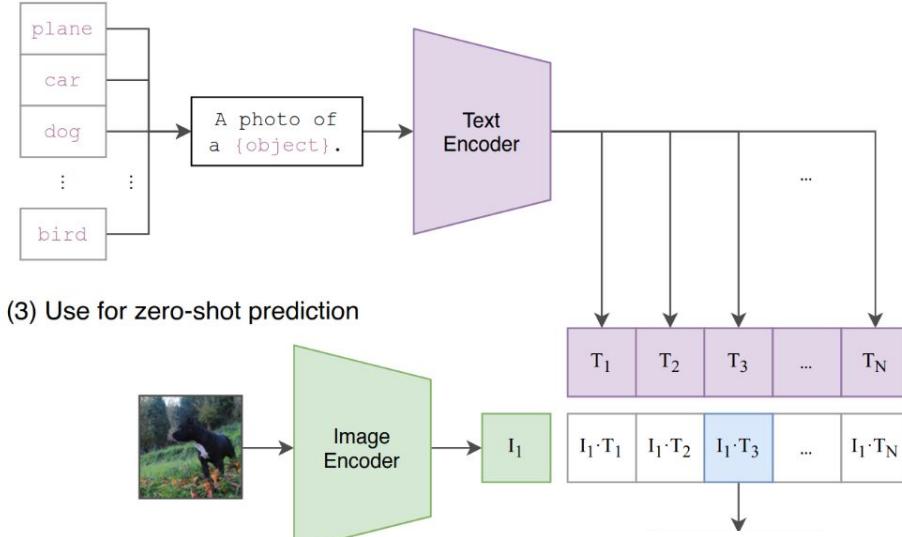
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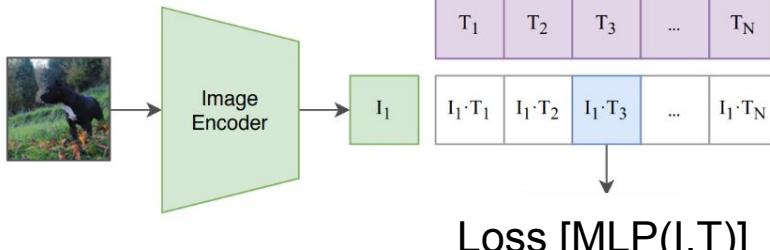


## Supervised Linear Classifier

(2) Create dataset classifier from label text



(3) Use for zero-shot prediction



$$\text{Loss } [\text{MLP}(I, T)]$$

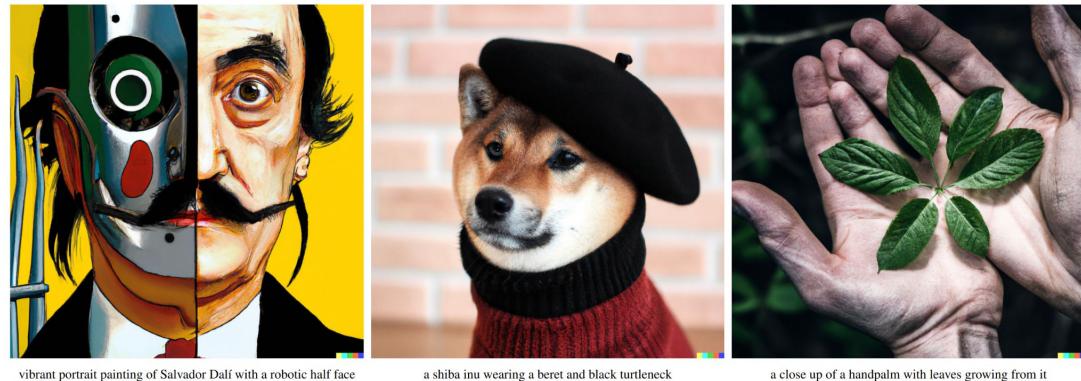
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# CLIP Outline

- Powerful **multimodal embedding space** using contrastive learning
- This space can be used as a **feature encoder**
  - Features can be used for downstream tasks (linear classifier)
- Can also be used for more **complex tasks**
  - Image Generation from text prompts (Dall-E)

# From CLIP to Image Generation

- CLIP: Robust representations of images that capture both semantics and style
- Joint embedding space: language-guided image manipulations
- Goal: Generate Images from natural language description



1. Ramesh, Aditya, et al. "Hierarchical text-conditional image generation with clip latents." arXiv preprint arXiv:2204.06125 1.2 (2022): 3.

# From CLIP to Image Generation: unCLIP

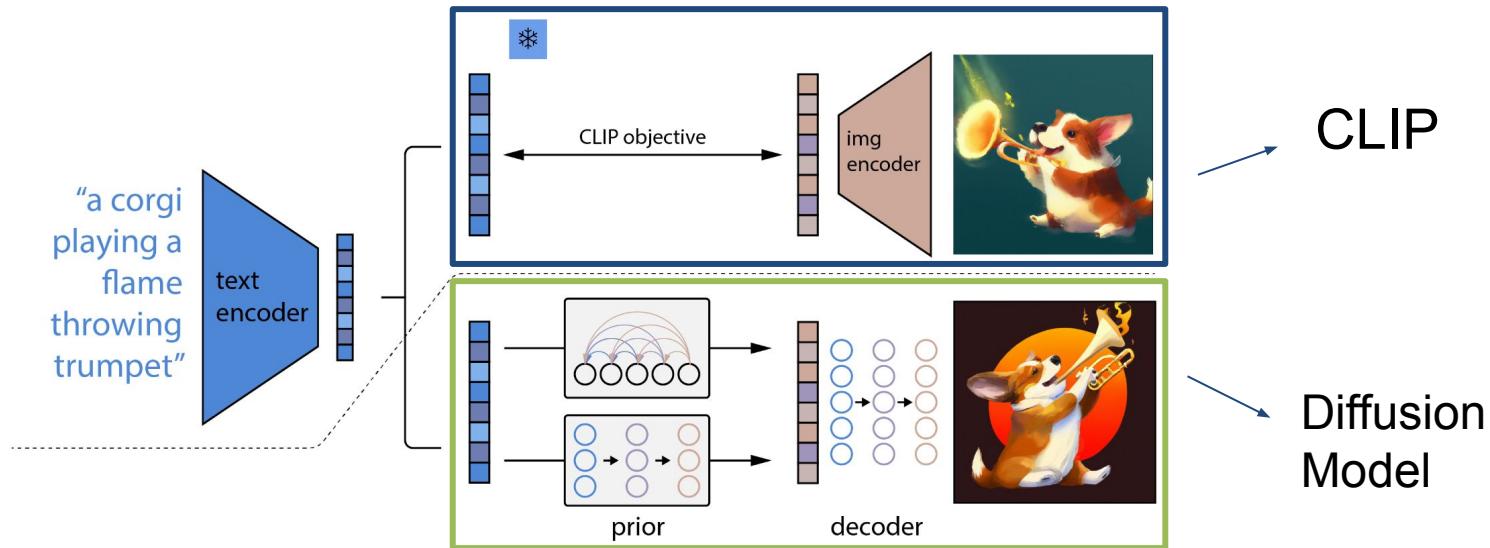
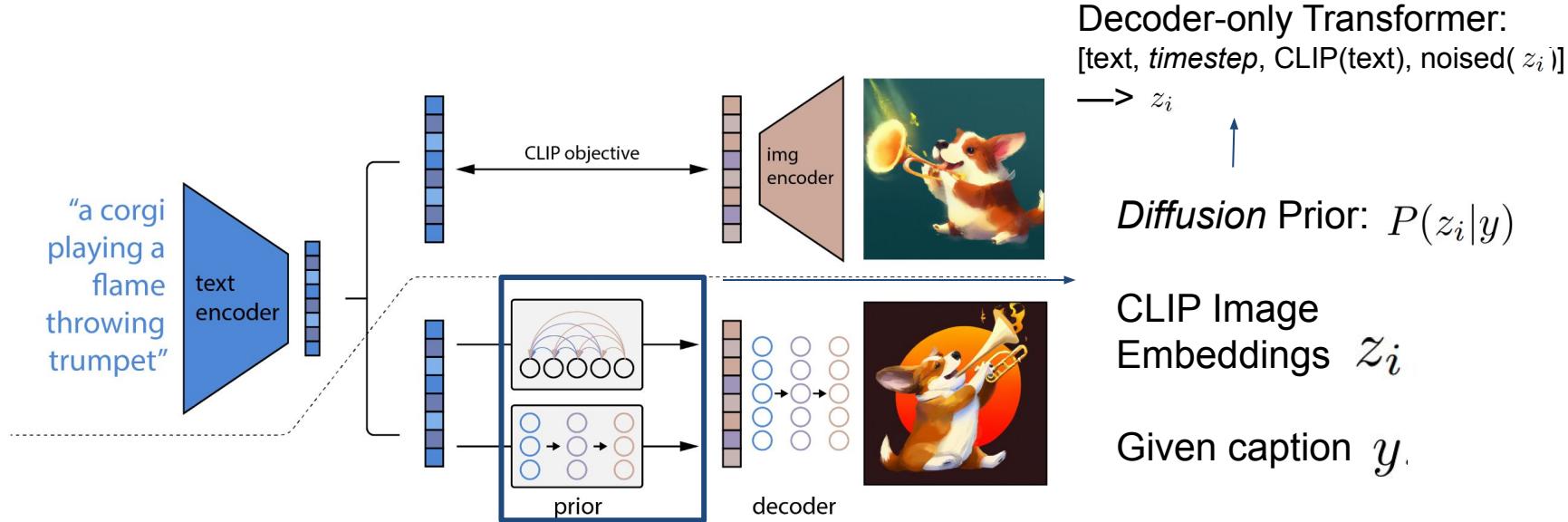


Figure 2: A high-level overview of unCLIP. Above the dotted line, we depict the CLIP training process, through which we learn a joint representation space for text and images. Below the dotted line, we depict our text-to-image generation process: a CLIP text embedding is first fed to an autoregressive or diffusion prior to produce an image embedding, and then this embedding is used to condition a diffusion decoder which produces a final image. Note that the CLIP model is frozen during training of the prior and decoder.

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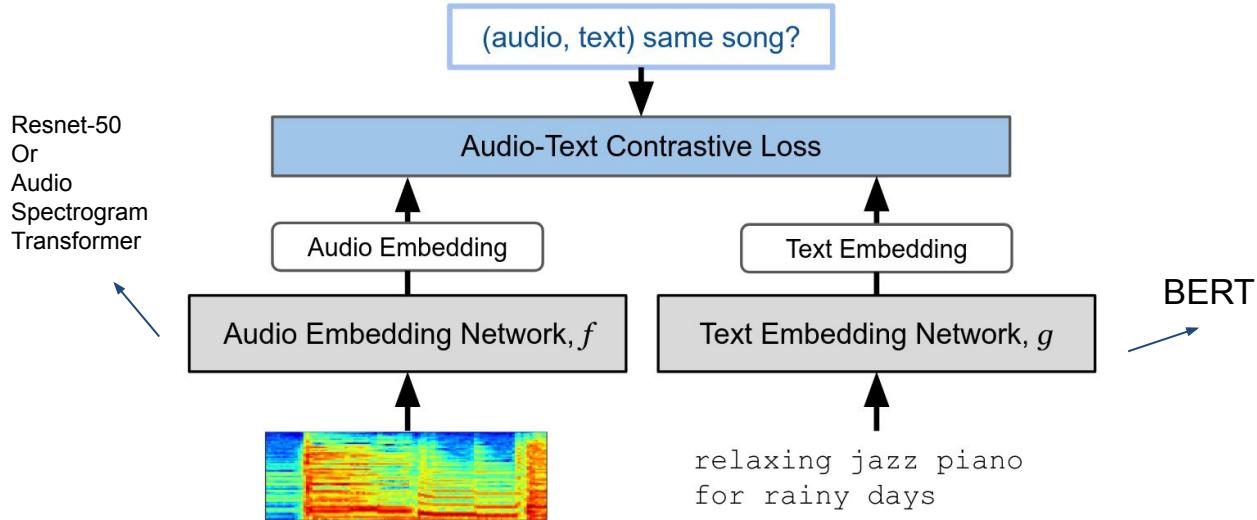
# From CLIP to Image Generation: unCLIP

Goal: Produces CLIP Image embeddings  $z_i$  from captions  $y$ .



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# From Images to Music: MULAN



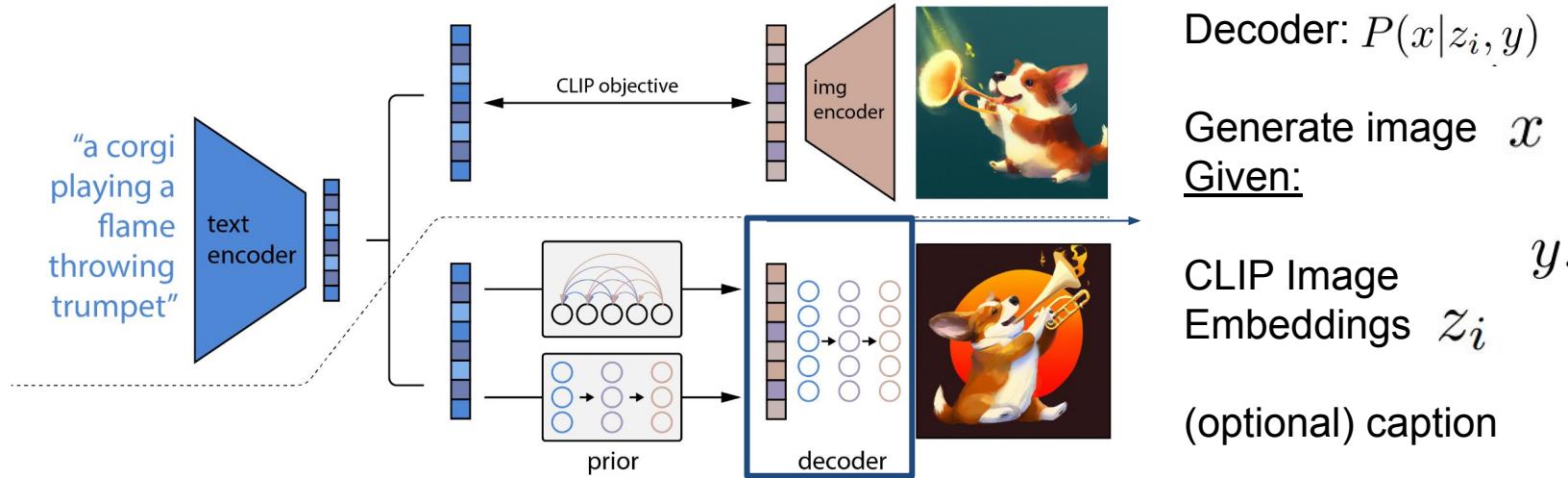
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**Figure 1.** Learning framework diagram.

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# From CLIP to Image Generation: unCLIP

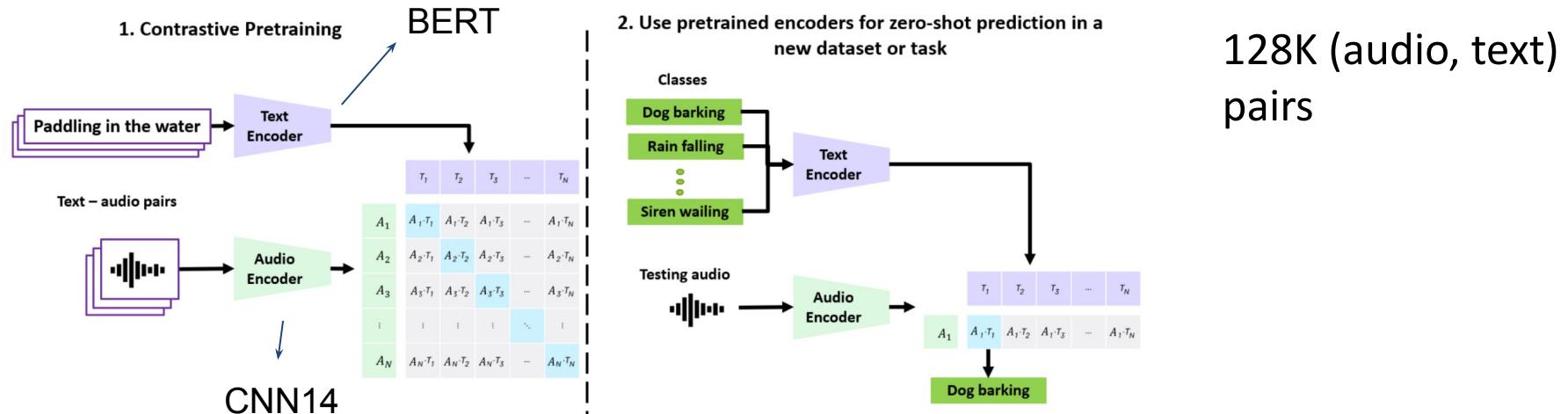
Goal: Invert CLIP Image embeddings  $z_i$  to produce images  $x$



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# From Images to Audio

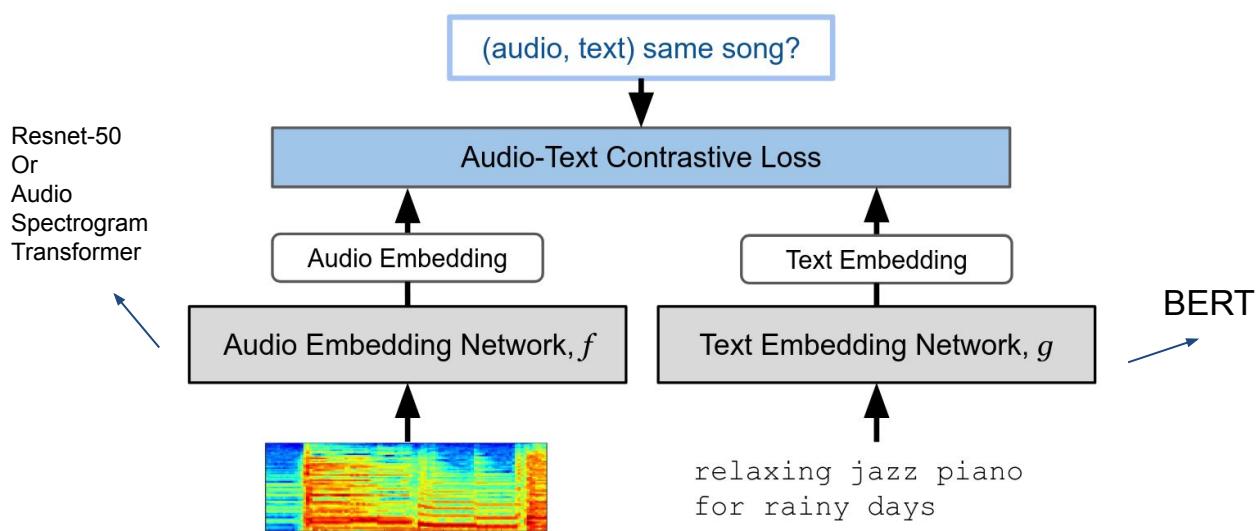
# From Images to Audio: CLAP



**Fig. 1.** CLAP 🎶 jointly trains an audio and a text encoder to learn the (dis)similarity of audio and text pairs in a batch using contrastive learning. At testing time, the pretrained encoders are used to extract audio embeddings from the testing audio and text embeddings from the class labels. Zero-Shot linear classification is achieved by computing cosine similarity between the embeddings.

1. Elizalde, Benjamin, et al. "Clap learning audio concepts from natural language supervision." ICASSP 2023-2023 IEEE International Conference on Acoustics, Speech and Signal Processing (ICASSP). IEEE, 2023

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# From MULAN to Music Generation: MusicLM

- Audio synthesis as a language modeling task in a discrete representation space
- MULAN Tokens: joint audio-language embedding space
- Goal: Generate Music from natural language description

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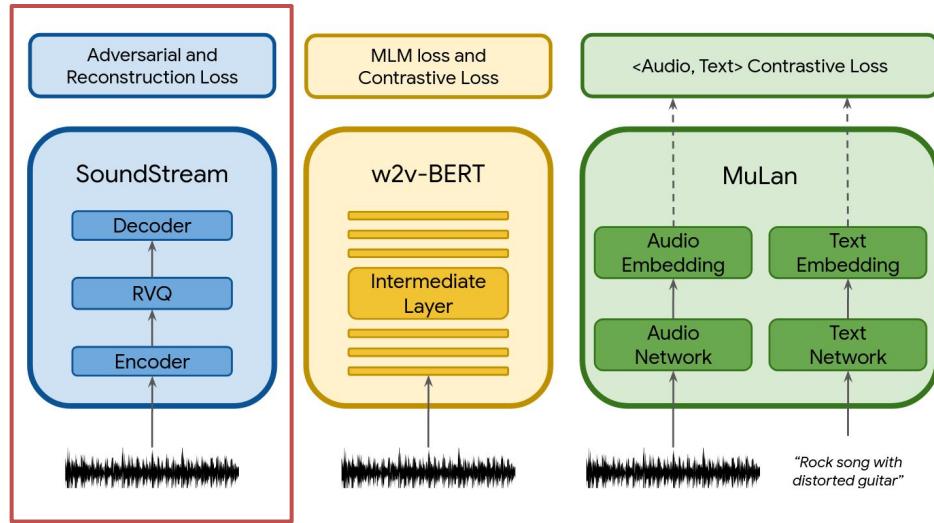


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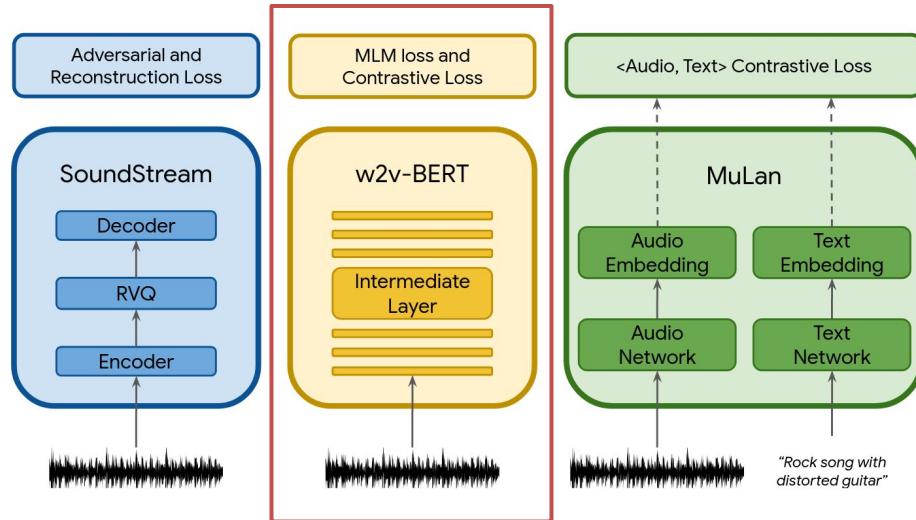


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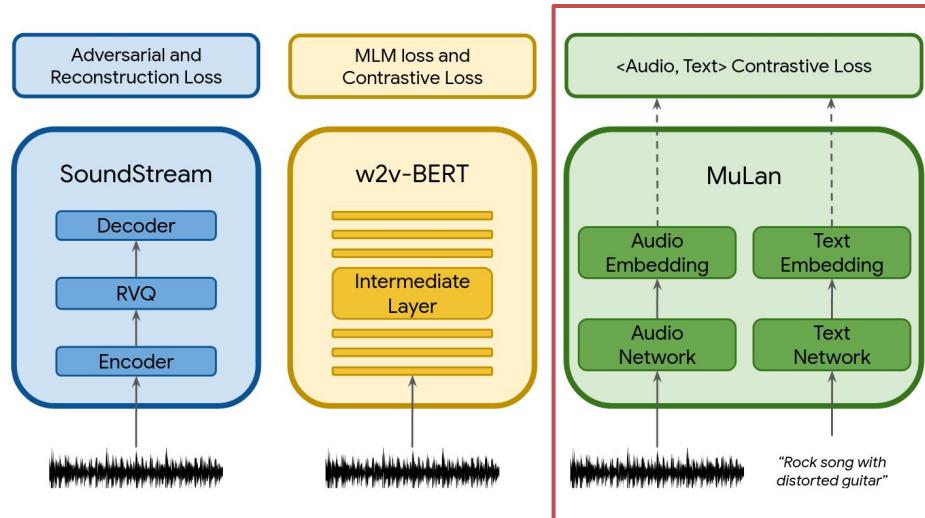


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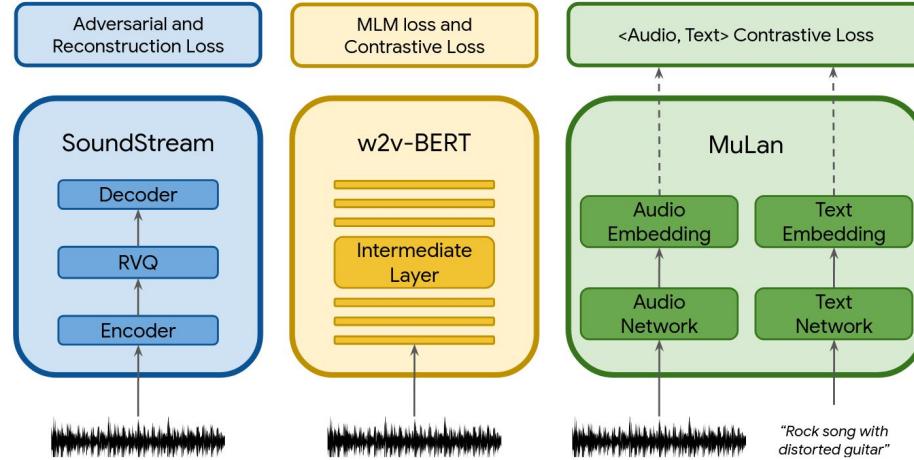


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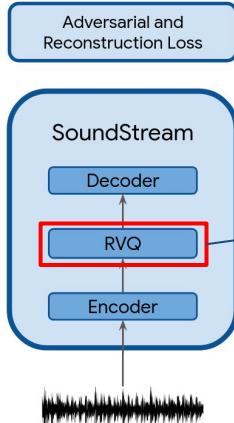
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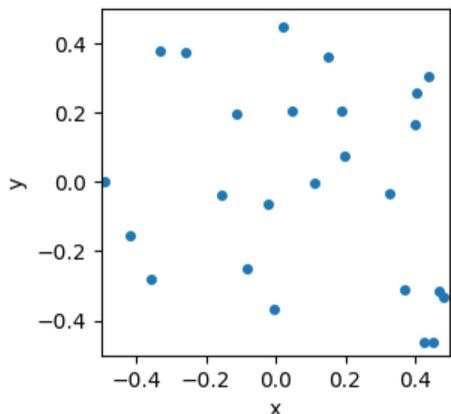
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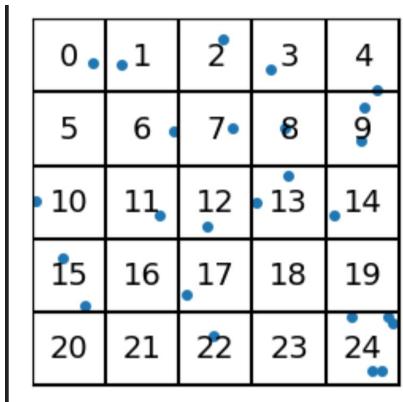
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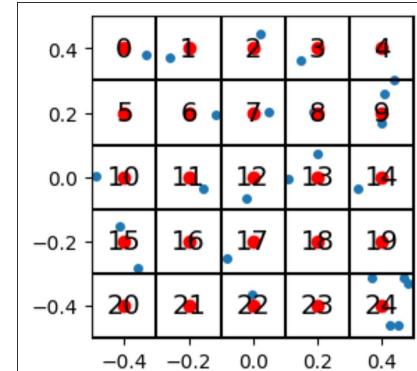
Partition

Quantization of continuous representation, also known as **audio-codecs**

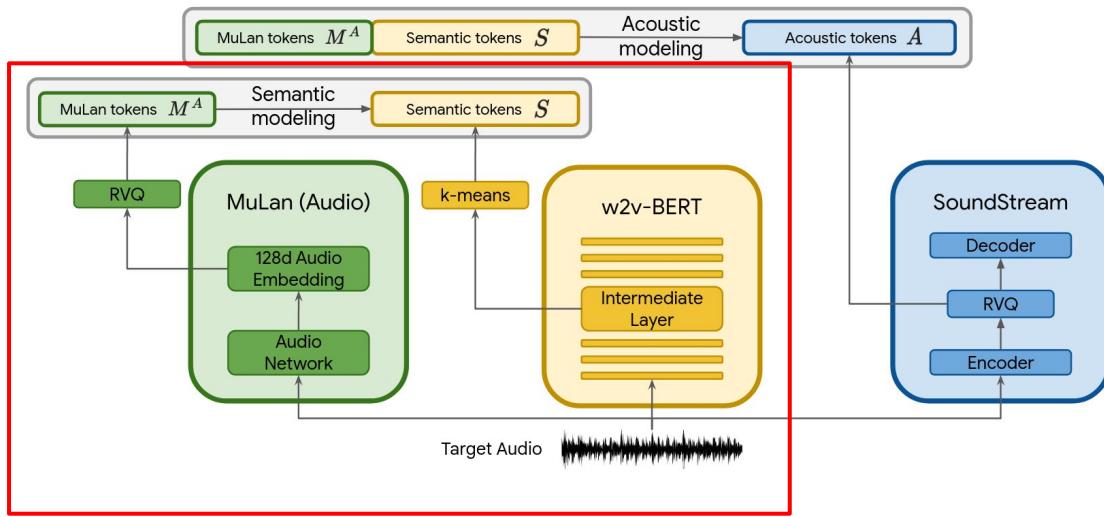
**Goal:** Compress the continuous output to a set of one hot vectors → reduces the computational cost



Replace  
with  
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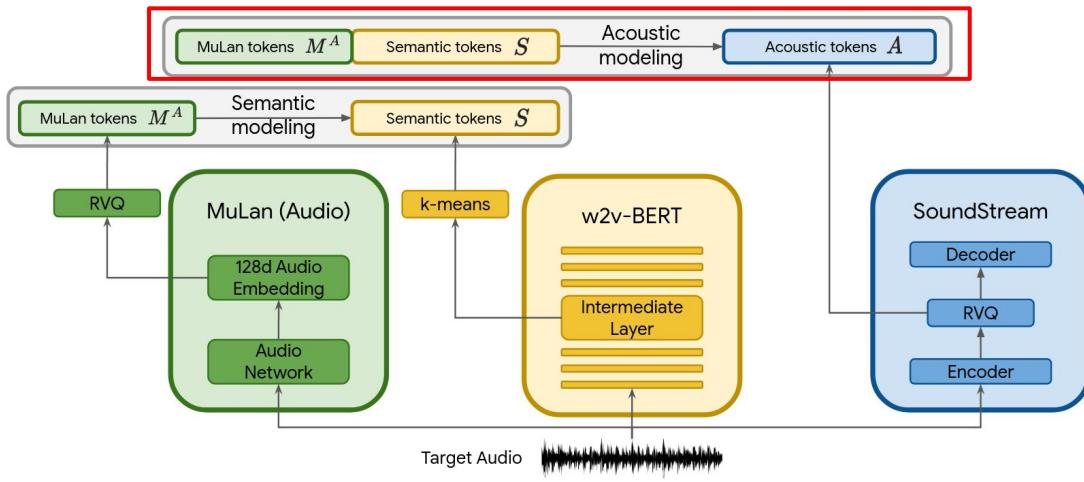
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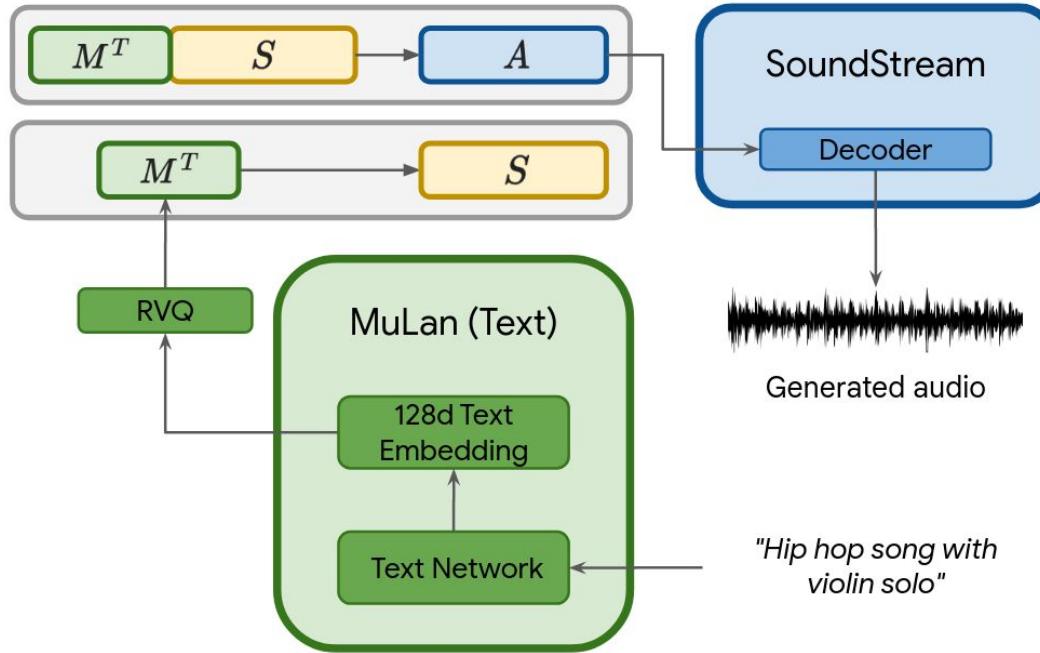
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**Step 2. Acoustic Modeling**

$$p(A_t | A_{<t}, S, M_A).$$

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# From MULAN to Music Generation: MusicLM



**Inference:** only Text

→ Mulan tokens  $M^T$  used to predict Semantic Tokens  $S$

→ Given  $M^T$  and  $S$ , predict Acoustic Tokens  $A$

→ Use  $A$  to generate audio with SoundStream

[Website for examples](#)

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# MusicLM: Outline

- Music generation from natural language description is feasible
- High audio quality thanks to powerful audio encoders using quantization
- MusicLM (google) was released in 2023. Since then, multiple tools created to generate music freely ([link to Suno](#))

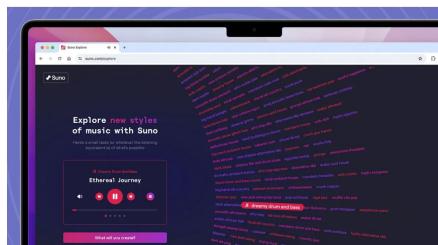
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It's time to stage-dive into AI song generators



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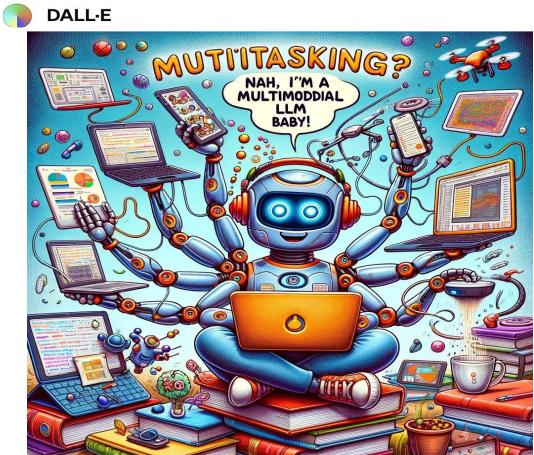
# Multimodal Debuts - Outline

- Multimodal architectures to generate images, audio, videos
  - Based on “multimodal encoders”: joint-modality embedding space
- So far, we have seen text-encoders based on “classic models”: BERT or related
- **What about Large Language Models?**

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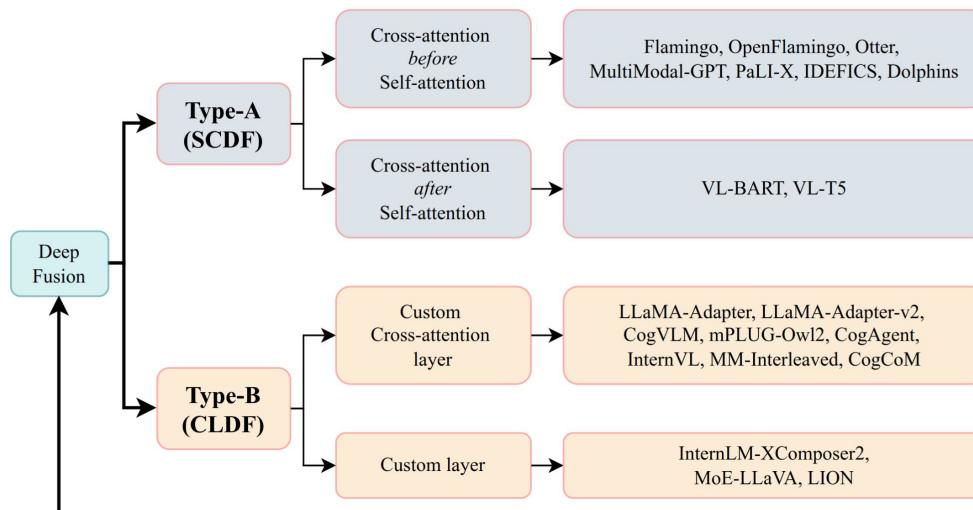


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# Deep Fusion Models

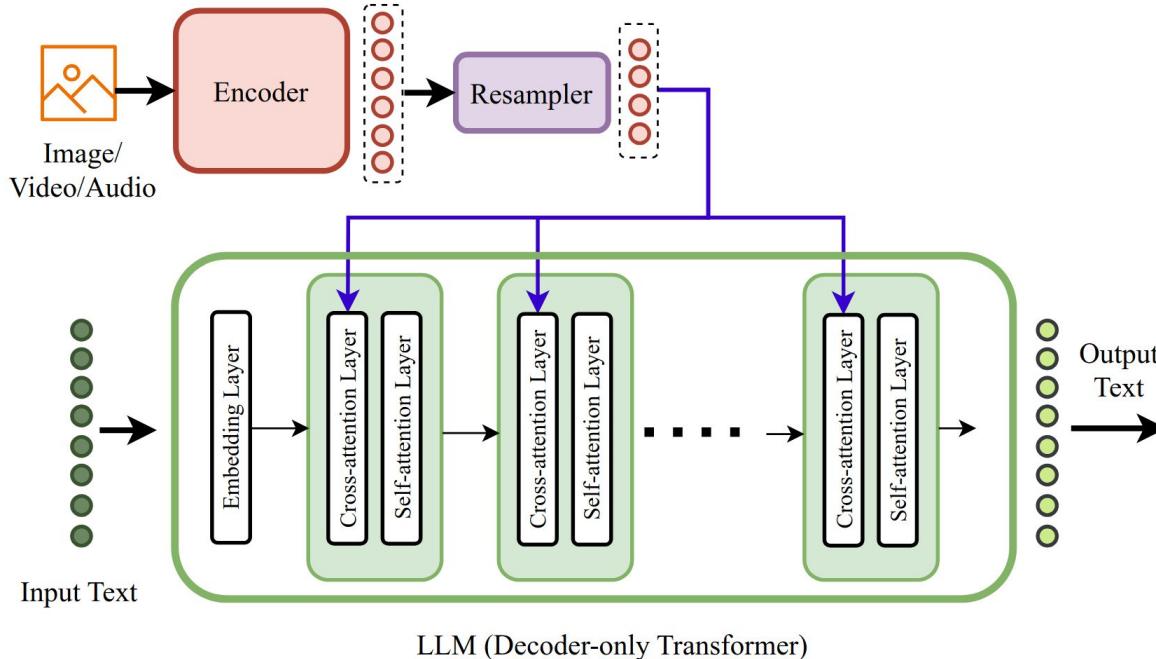
- Models that fuse modalities at intermediate layers
- Each model is different in how it fuses modalities → complex architectures



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# Deep Fusion Models

## Type A



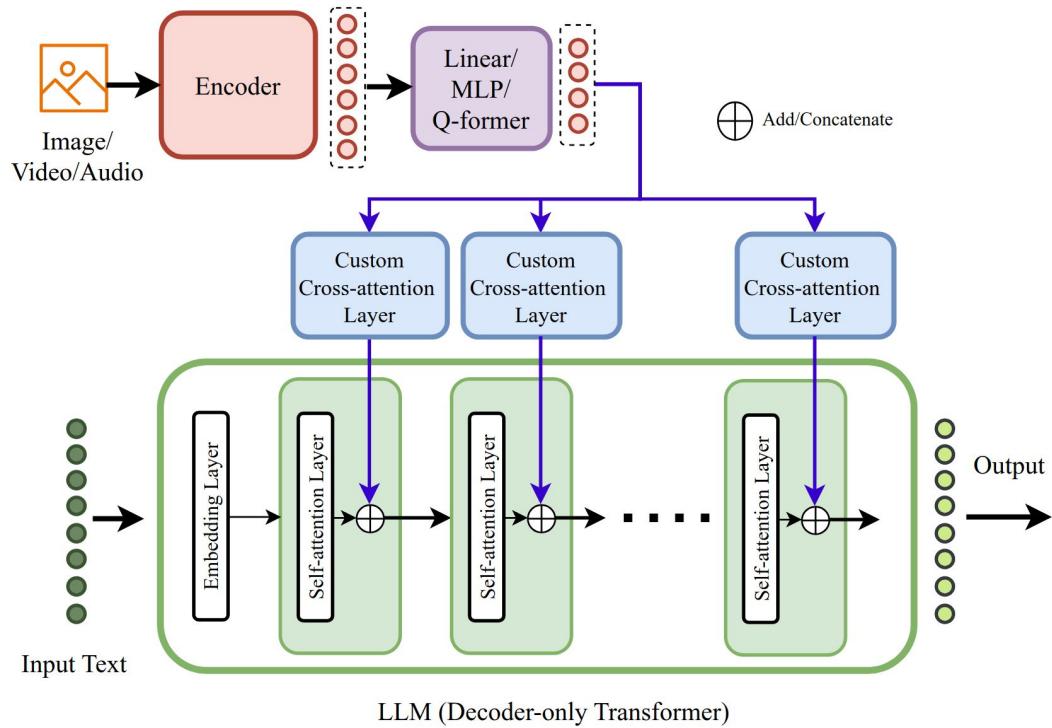
Cross-Attention Before  
Self-Attention

Early multimodal models

Hard to more than one other  
modalities

# Deep Fusion Models

## Type B



Cross-Attention After Self-Attention

More Scalable than Type A (because custom layers)

Easier to add input modalities

# Example - Flamingo (2022)



- Visual Language Model:
  - Vision + Text → Text



1. Alayrac, Jean-Baptiste, et al. "Flamingo: a visual language model for few-shot learning." Advances in neural information processing systems 35 (2022): 23716-23736.

# Flamingo

- Contributions:
  - Flexible: process sequences of text and images (video) of arbitrary length
  - Accurate: Few-shot Flamingo  $\geq$  fine-tuned models



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# Flamingo - Encoding Images

Reduces the embedding space to 64  
→ less computation required

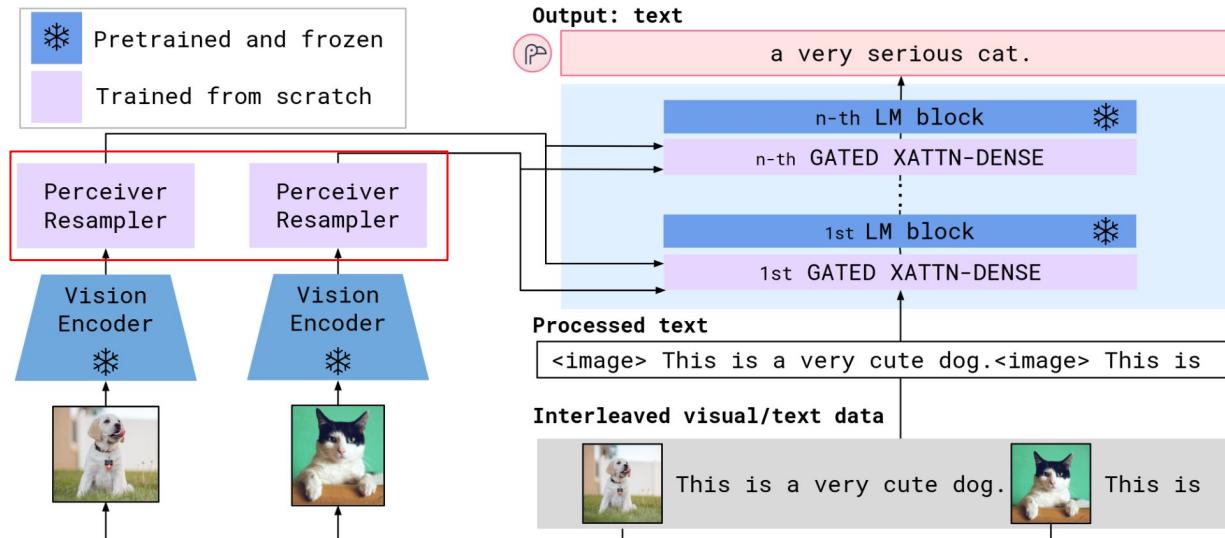
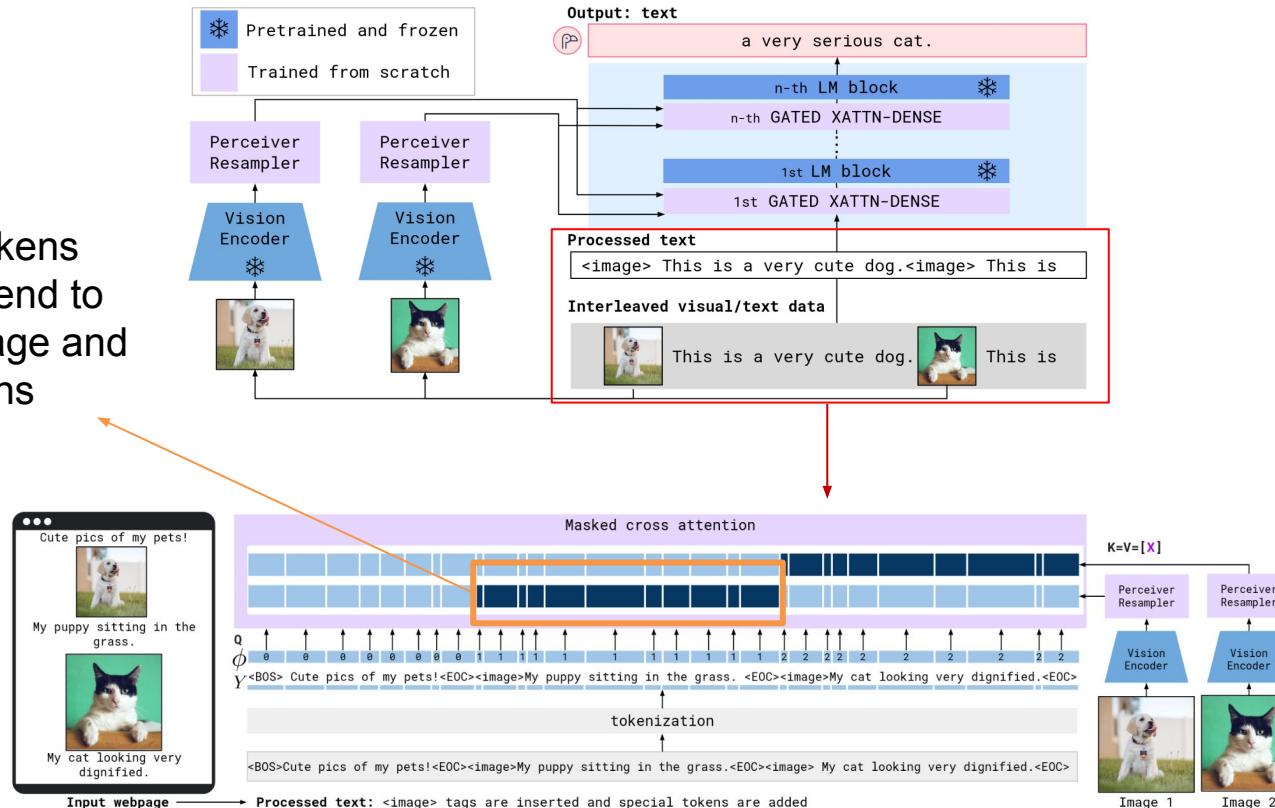


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# Flamingo - Interleaved Text - Image

Image/Text tokens  
only cross-attend to  
preceding image and  
in-chunk tokens



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# Flamingo - Encoding Interleaved Image-Text

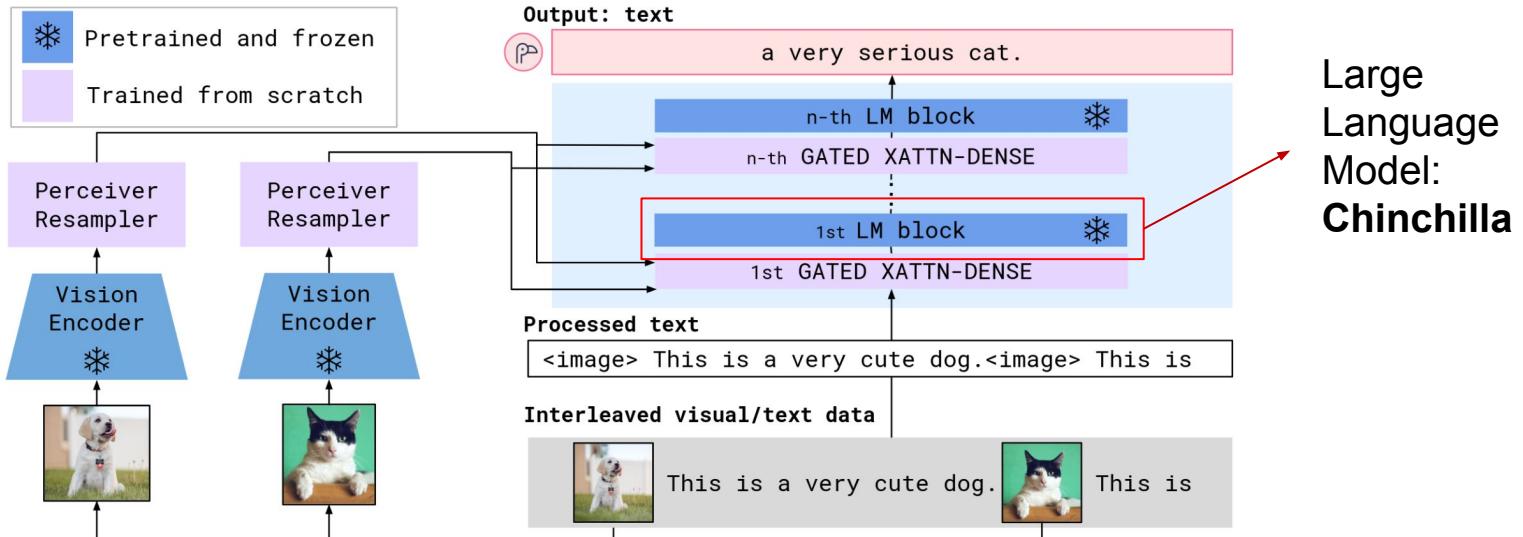


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# Flamingo - Encoding Interleaved Image-Text

Condition  
frozen LLM to  
Visual Input

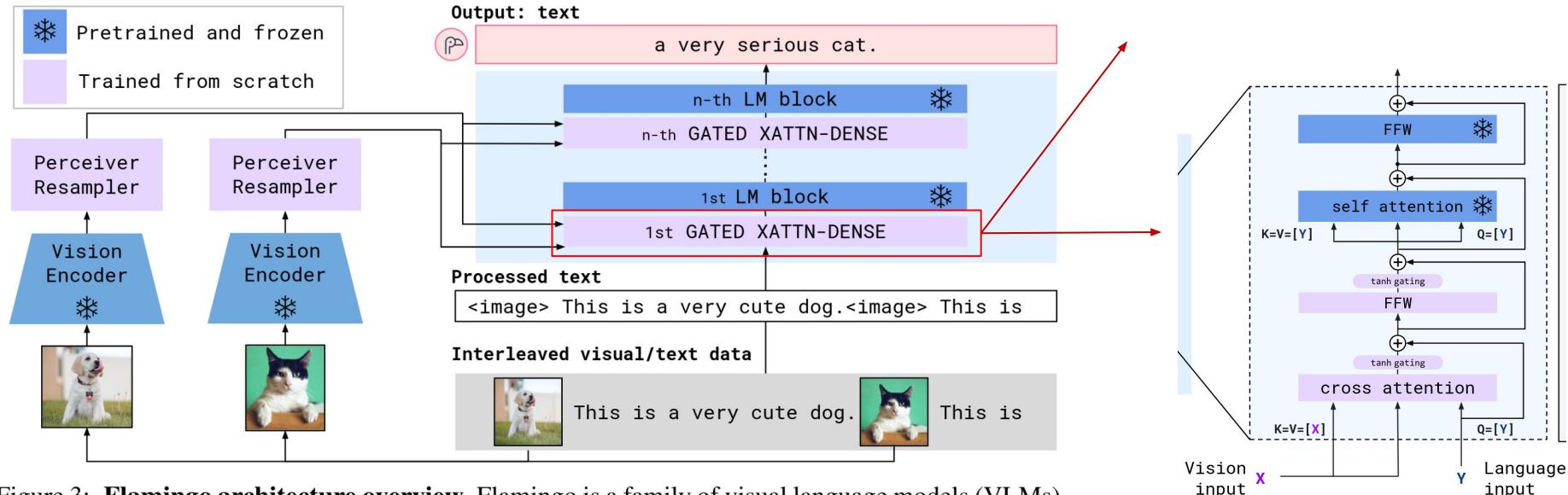


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# Flamingo - Training

- Trained layers: Perceived Resampler & Cross-Attention Layers
  - Data:
    - Image - Text: (image, text) pairs & Interleaved Web pages
    - Video - Text: 27 millions of (22 sec video, description) pairs
  - Objective:
    - (image, text) or (video, description): trained to generate the caption
    - Interleaved: trained to complete the text conditioned on previous text & images
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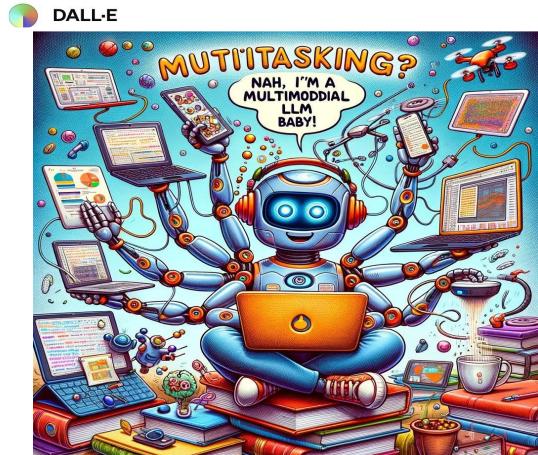
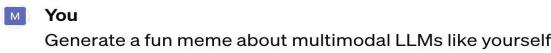
# Deep Fusion Models - Outline

- Early multimodal Models
  - Fusing modalities at intermediate layers
    - Cross-attention between modalities
  - **Fine-grained control** of how modality information flow
  - Often **very complex architectures**
  - Cross-Attention add large number of parameters
    - **High computational complexity**
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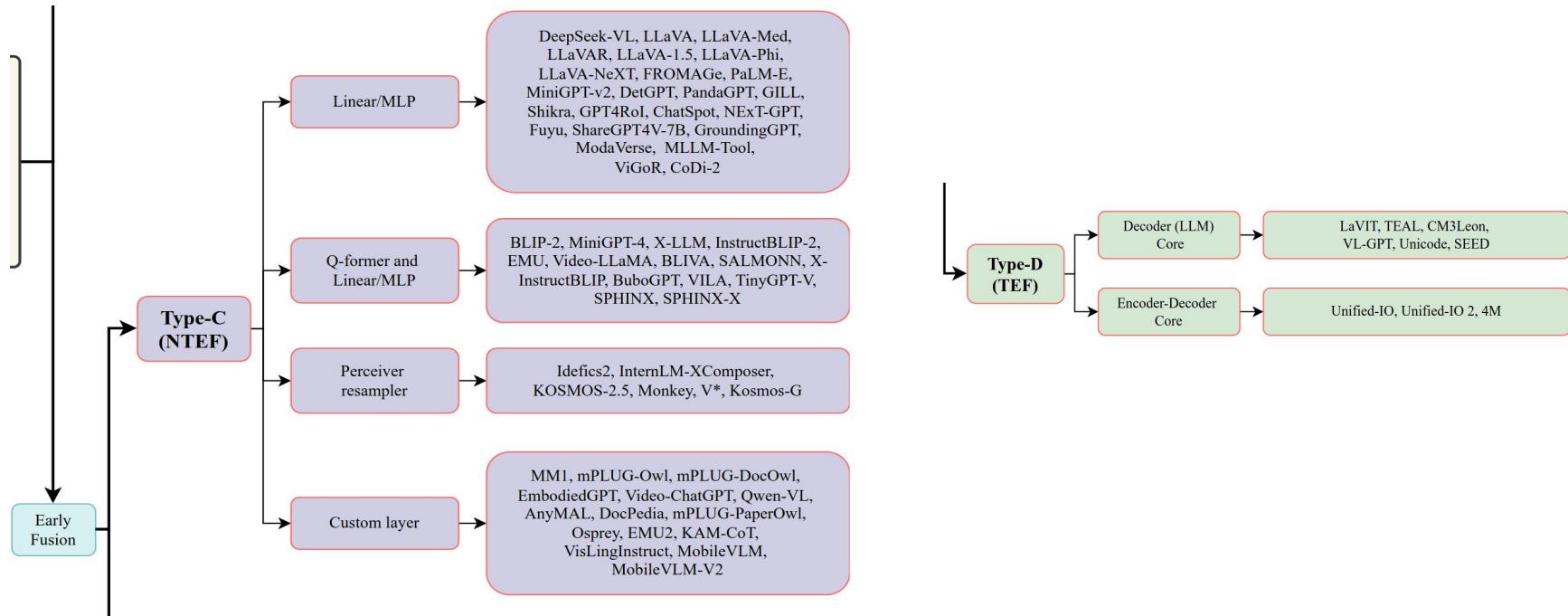


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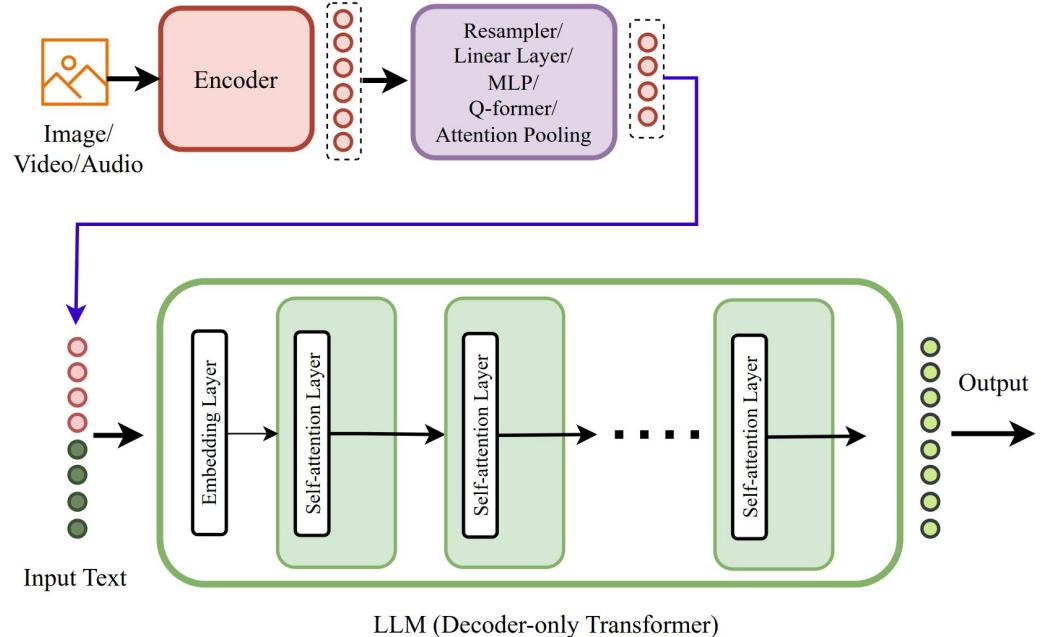
# Early Fusion Models

- Models that fuse modalities at early layers at the embedding or tokenizer level



# Early Fusion Models

## Type C



**Non-Tokenized** Early Fusion

Most prominent multimodal architecture

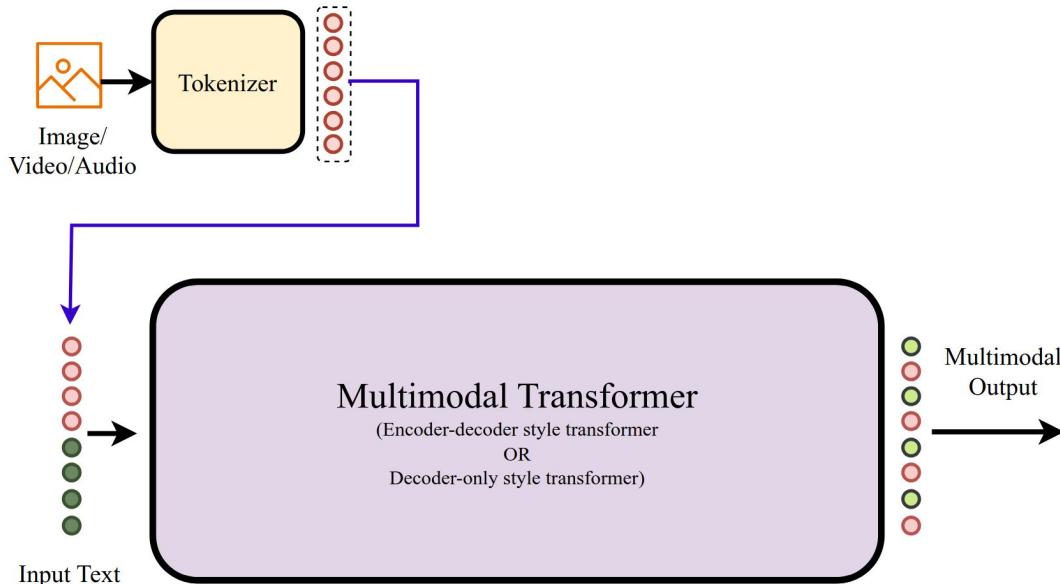
Modular architecture

Scalable

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# Early Fusion Models

## Type D



### Tokenized Early Fusion

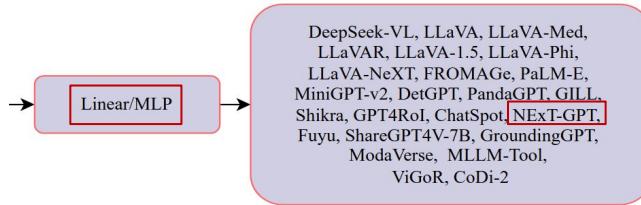
Relies on cross-modal tokenizers or powerful unimodal tokenizers

Scalable

Hard to integrate new modalities (need tokenizer)

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# Example - NExT-GPT (2024)



- Any Modality → Any Modality

The conversation demonstrates the 'Any Modality → Any Modality' capability of NExT-GPT:

- User (Human):** I am in a bad mood, so bad so sad.
- AI (Bot):** I am sorry to hear about that. Sometimes, it is hard to shake off a bad mood. Have you tried listening to some lifting music or watching a comedy to cheer you up?
- User (Human):** Can you show something to cheer me up?
- AI (Bot):** Sure, here's a video of a cute puppy playing in the park. It always makes me feel better.
- User (Human):** I am so into summer, especially the sea; I hope I can go to the seaside to have some fun.
- AI (Bot):** Absolutely! There are so many activities to enjoy by the sea, like beach volleyball.
- User (Human):** But I'm really interested in trying out surfing. I think it's super cool. It would be even better if I could create a vlog to showcase my progress.
- AI (Bot):** Vlog content can be quite diverse. Here's a reference.
- User (Human):** Creating a vlog requires a cover and music. What do you think would be a good style?

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# Example - NExT-GPT (2024)

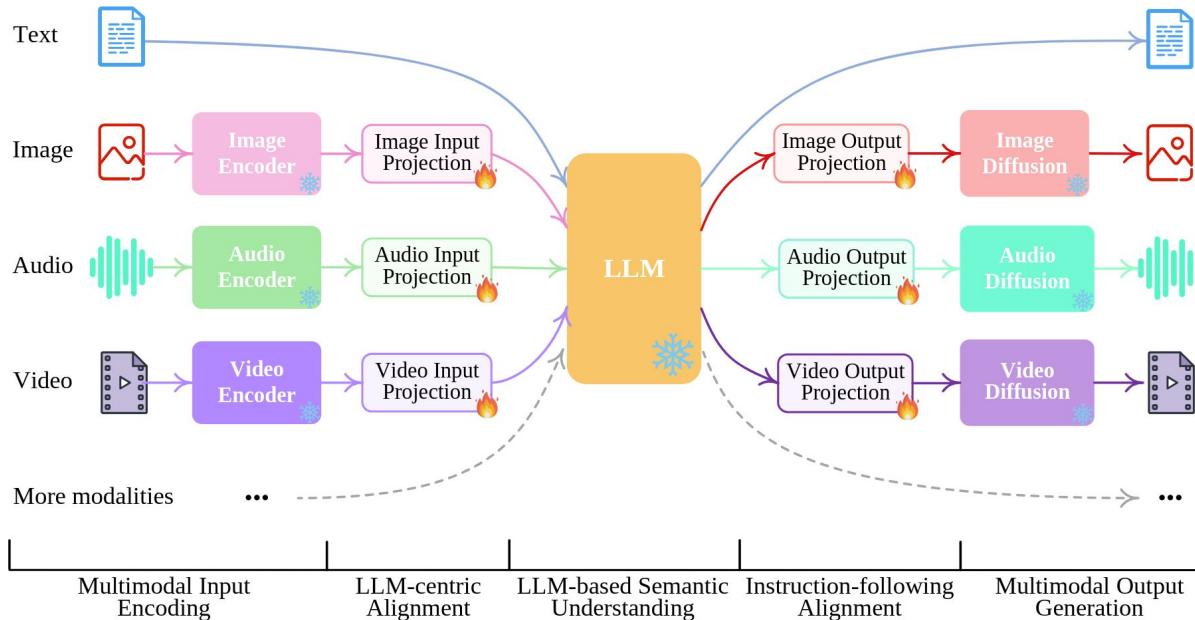


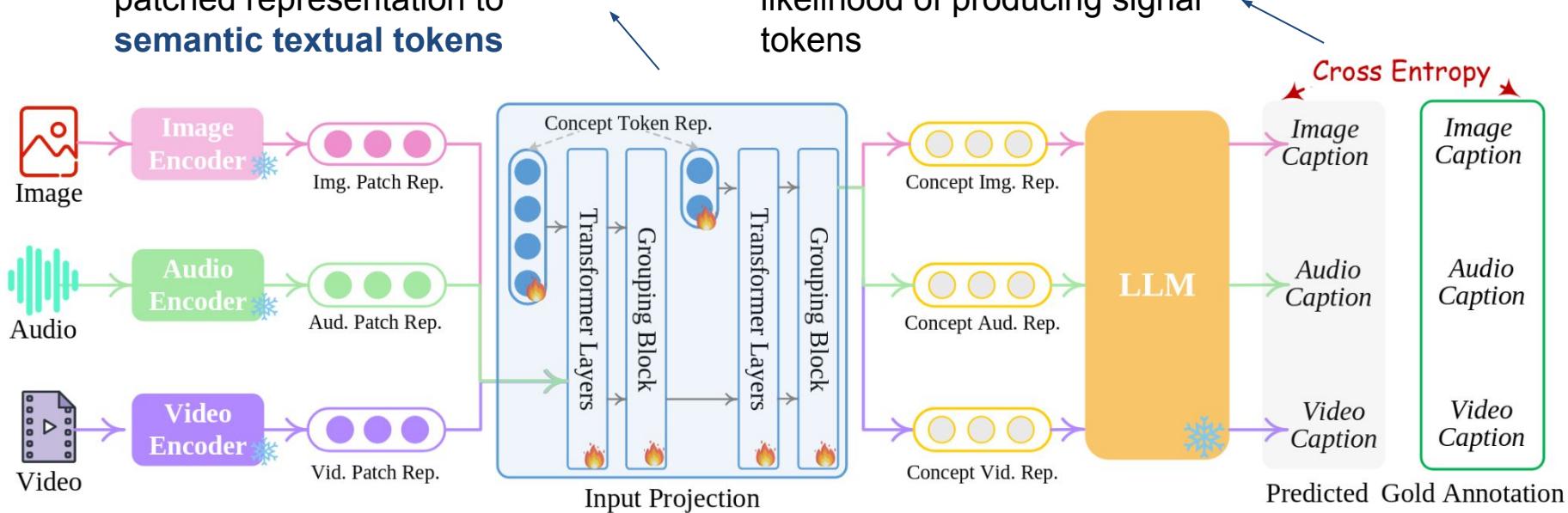
Table 1. Summary of NExT-GPT system configuration. Only 1% of parameters need updating during fine-tuning.

	Encoder		Input Projection		LLM		Output Projection		Diffusion	
	Name	Param	Name	Param	Name	Param	Name	Param	Name	Param
<b>Text</b>	—	—	—	—	Vicuna (LoRA)	7B 33M	—	—	—	—
<b>Image</b>	ImageBind	1.2B*	Grouping	28M*	Transformer	31M*	SD	1.3B*	—	—
<b>Audio</b>	—	—	—	—	Transformer	31M*	AudioLDM	975M*	—	—
<b>Video</b>	—	—	—	—	Transformer	32M*	Zeroscope	1.8B*	—	—

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# NExT-GPT - Encoding Side

Custom layer to **align**  
patched representation to  
**semantic textual tokens**



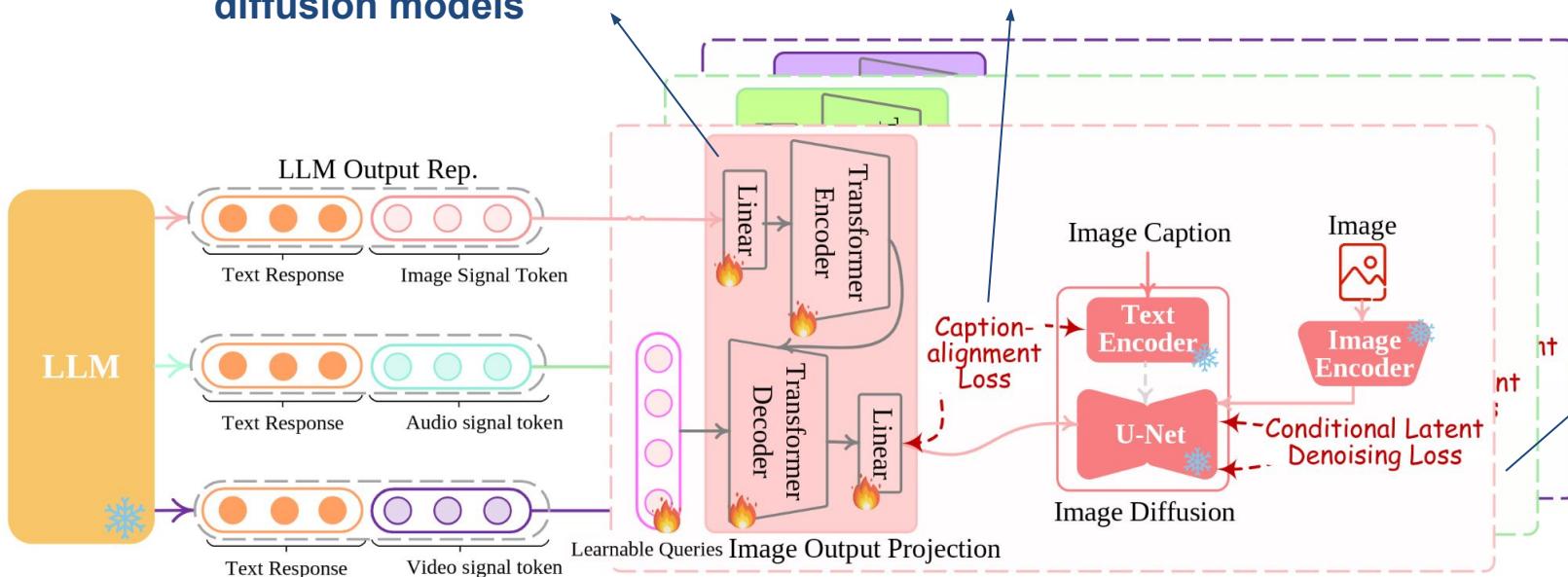
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# NExT-GPT - Decoding Side

Custom layer to align LLM output signal to pretrained diffusion models

## Loss 2:

$L_2$ -distance between the hidden states of signal tokens produced by the LLM and the conditional text representation



## Loss 3:

Denoising loss of the diffusion model

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# NExT-GPT - Outline

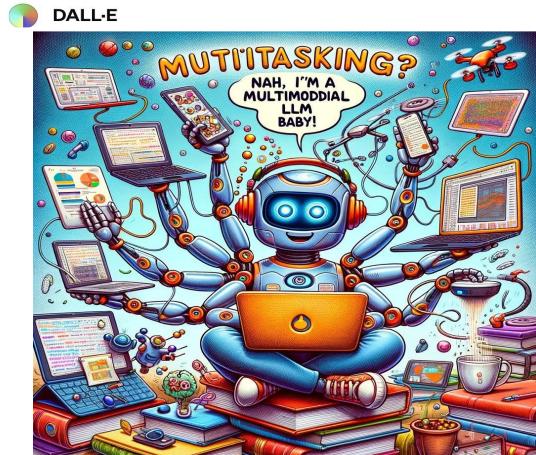
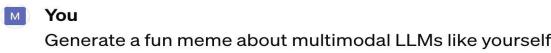
- Type-C model that uses a custom projection layer to align modalities
- Needs **custom losses** to make sure **correct alignment**
- Also needs further Modality-Switching Instruction Tuning to make sure model follows user instructions

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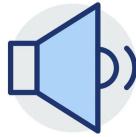
# Conclusion

- Research in MM-LLMs is recent but wide
- Some researchers see it as an extra-step towards AGI
  - Agents capable of understanding multiple modalities
- Various architectures, but **early fusion** currently dominates research works
- Topics not covered:
  - Multimodal Instruction Tuning (with instructions from gpt-4 for example)

# A Word about Limitations

We are still far from AGI!!

- Lack of understanding on generalization to unseen tasks/modality
- Models are prone to **hallucinations** (objects, audio, speech)
- Models perpetuate **social/cultural biases** present in training data



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# Multimodal Training

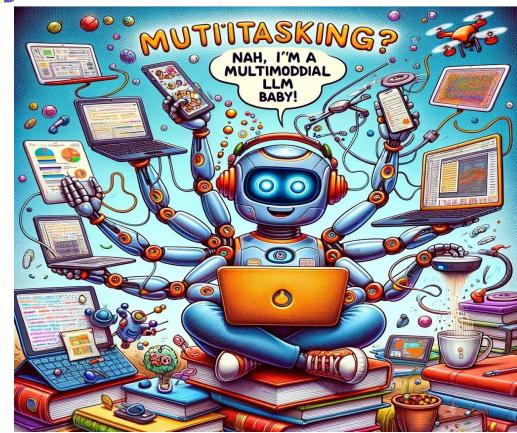
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Generate a fun meme about multimodal LLMs like yourself

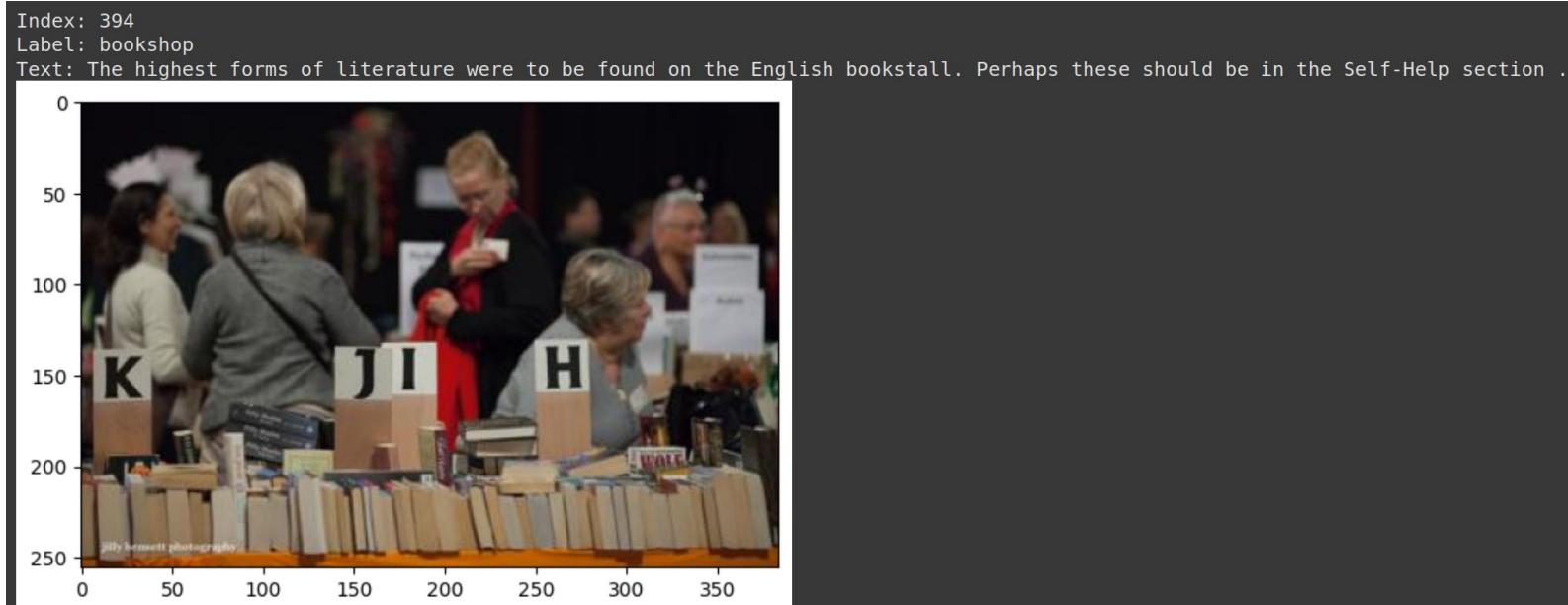
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# Multimodal Training

- **Goal:** classify pairs of (image, description) into labels
- **Data:** subset of WebVision dataset



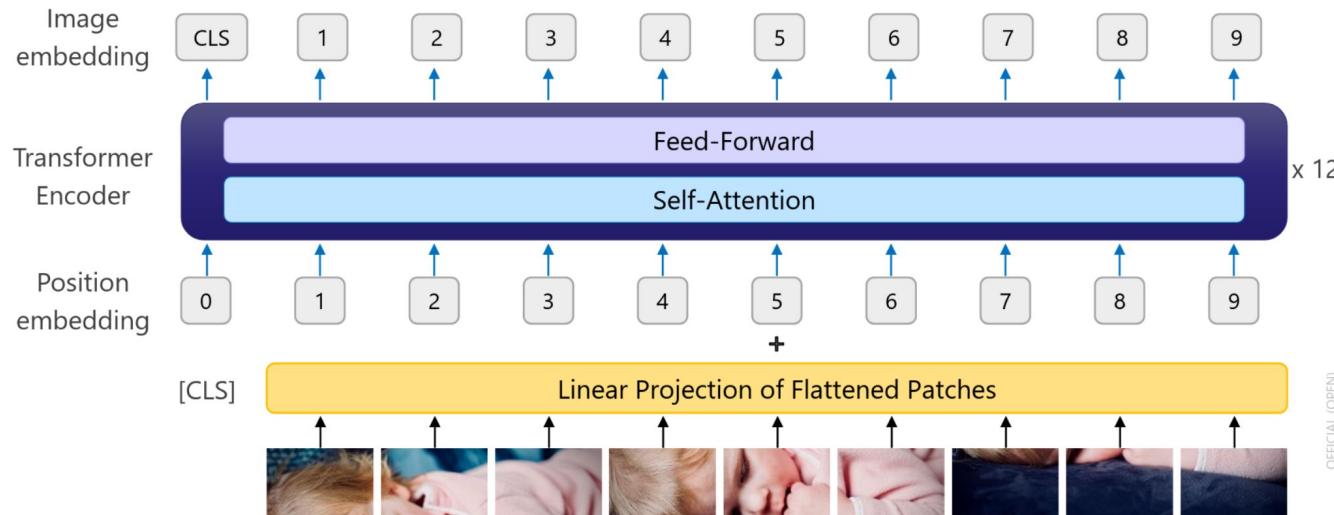
# Multimodal Training

- **Step 1:** Classification with description only using BERT
- **Step 2:** Classification with Dual-Encoder (independent) with BERT and ResNet50
- **Step 3:** Classification with Joint-Encoder using Align Before Fuse (ALBEF)

Li, Junnan, et al. "Align before fuse: Vision and language representation learning with momentum distillation." *Advances in neural information processing systems* 34 (2021): 9694-9705.

# Align Before Fuse (ALBEF)

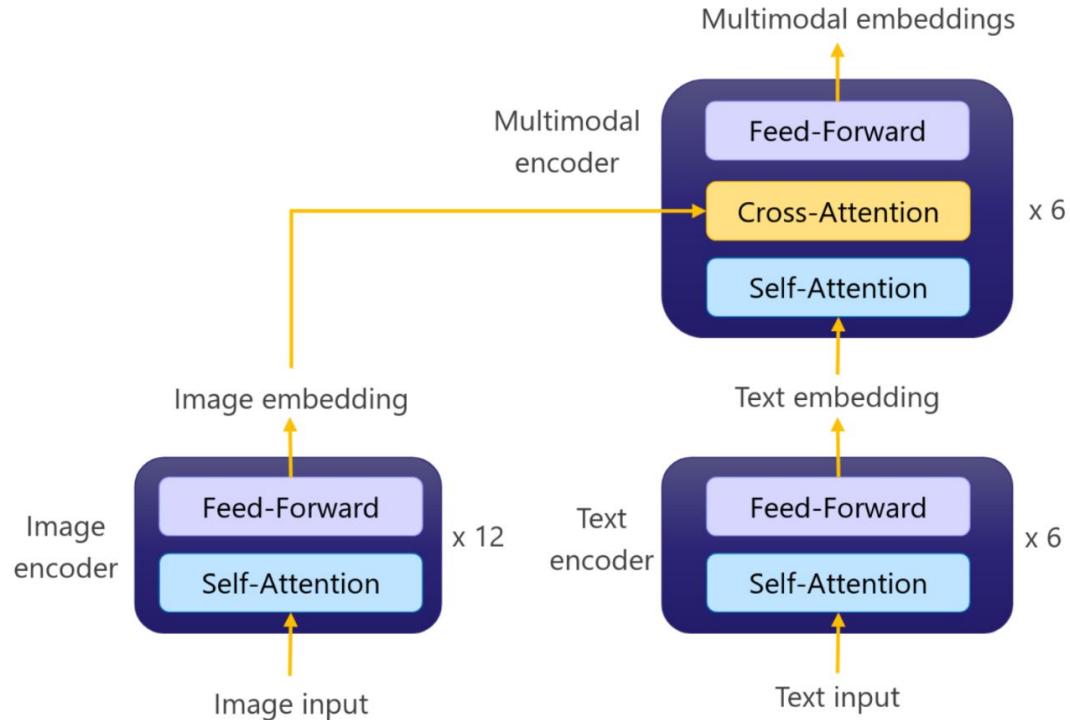
## Image Encoder: Vision Transformer



"An image is worth 16x16 words: Transformers for image recognition at scale." Dosovitskiy, et al. *arXiv:2010.11929*, 2020.

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# Align Before Fuse (ALBEF)



(Recap) limitations of dual-encoder:

- Architecture only supports linear interactions between image and text
- Pretrained text and image encoders don't have knowledge about text-image pairs because they were pretrained separately on unimodal datasets

# Multimodal Training - Organization

- We will use **Google Colab** to build & train models
- Notebook link:  
<https://colab.research.google.com/drive/1WXBO4vBSQ0Rs1bZ747bAKkUI7dRr3VG6?usp=sharing>