

# Efficient and Less-biased Visual Learning

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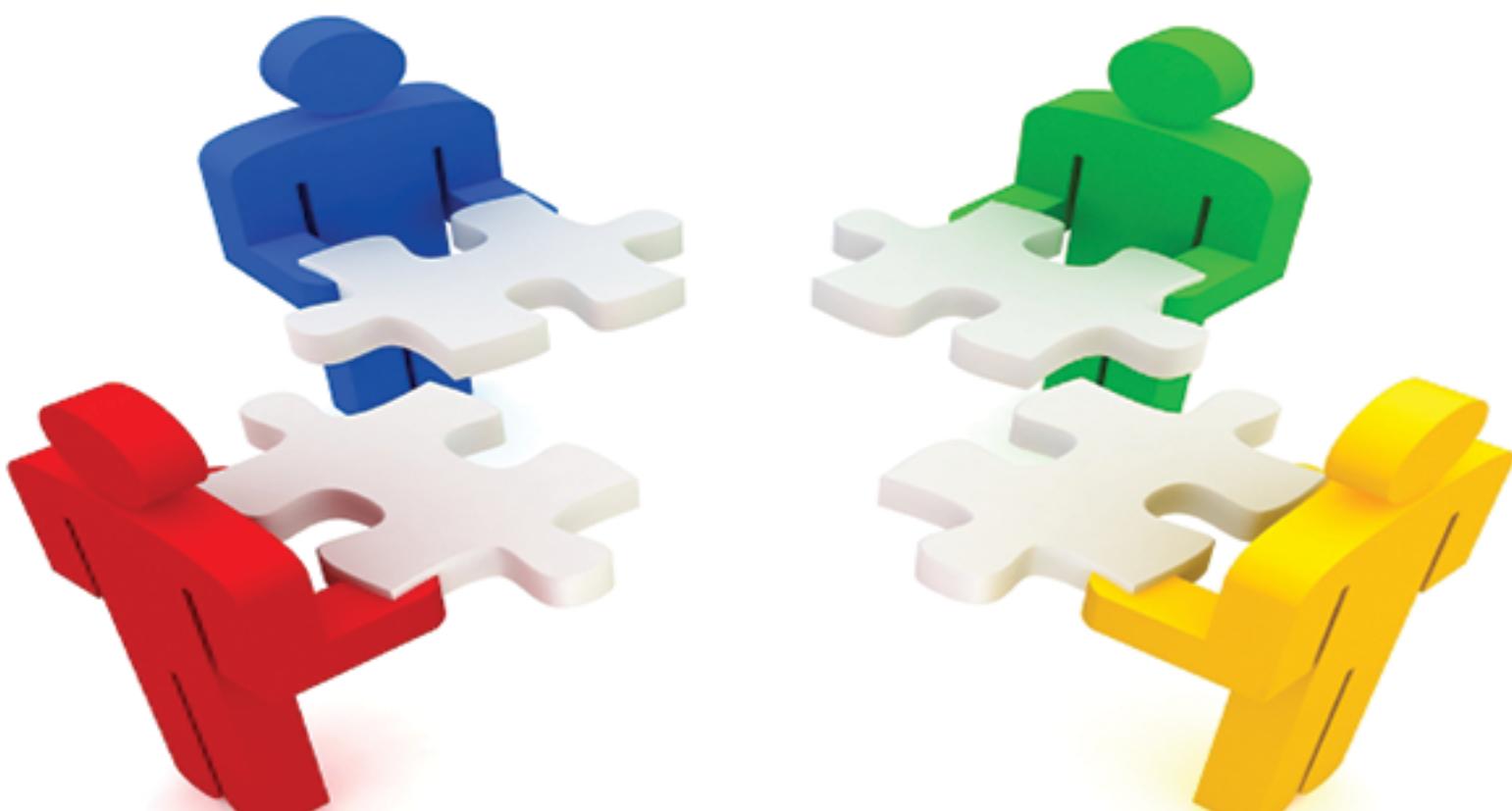


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**Huge potential for real-world impact!** ... by bringing together vision **researchers** and **industrial practitioners**

Track	Description	Make a Challenge Submission
Challenge 1	Data-efficient Defect Detection	
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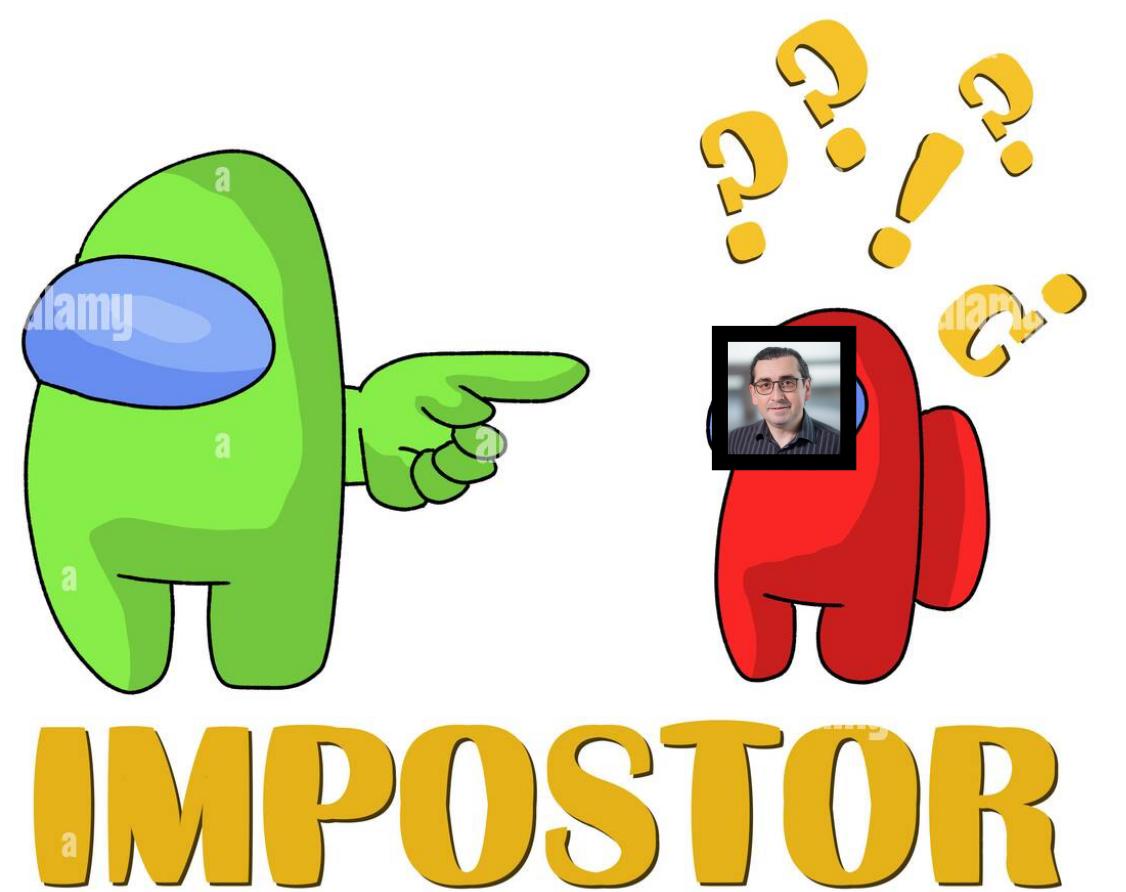
... and formalizing challenges with supporting **data**



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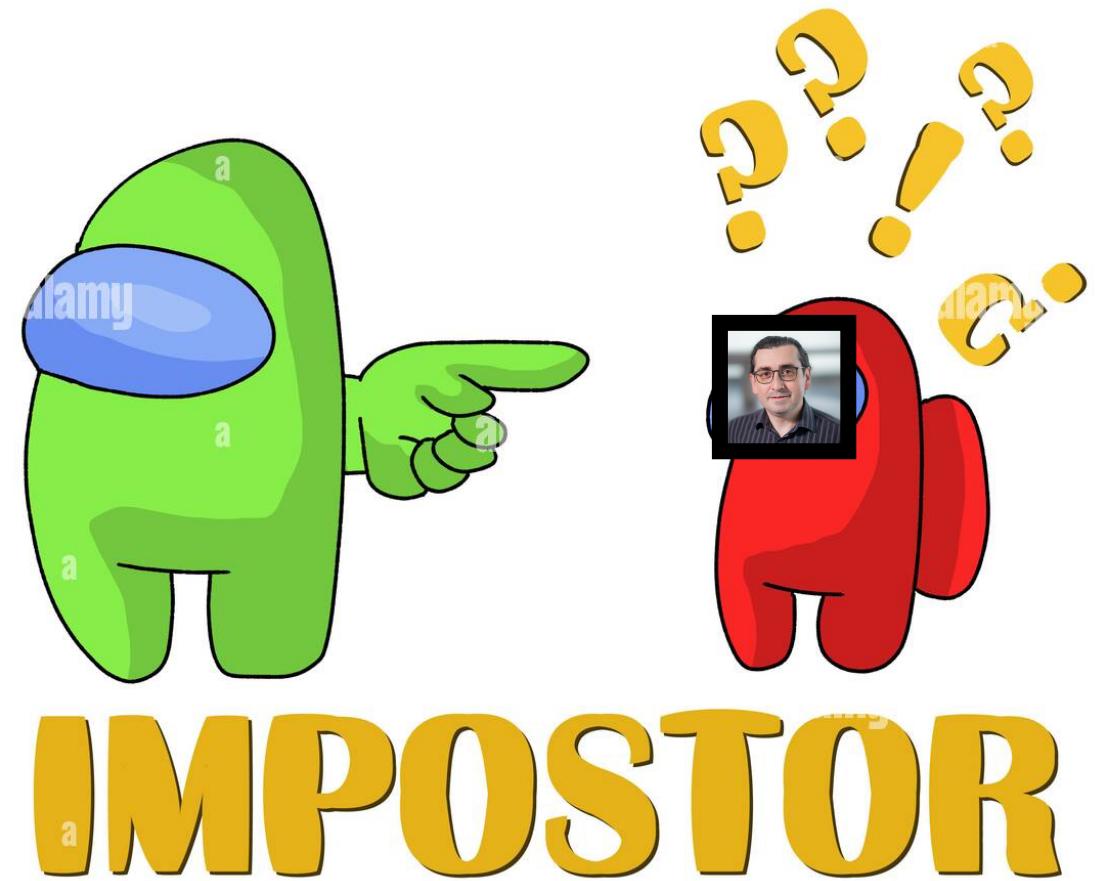


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**Self Disclosure:** I do not work on InduStrial InspectiON applications, but the high-level ideas and methods we are developing in other vision domains may be useful in these applications



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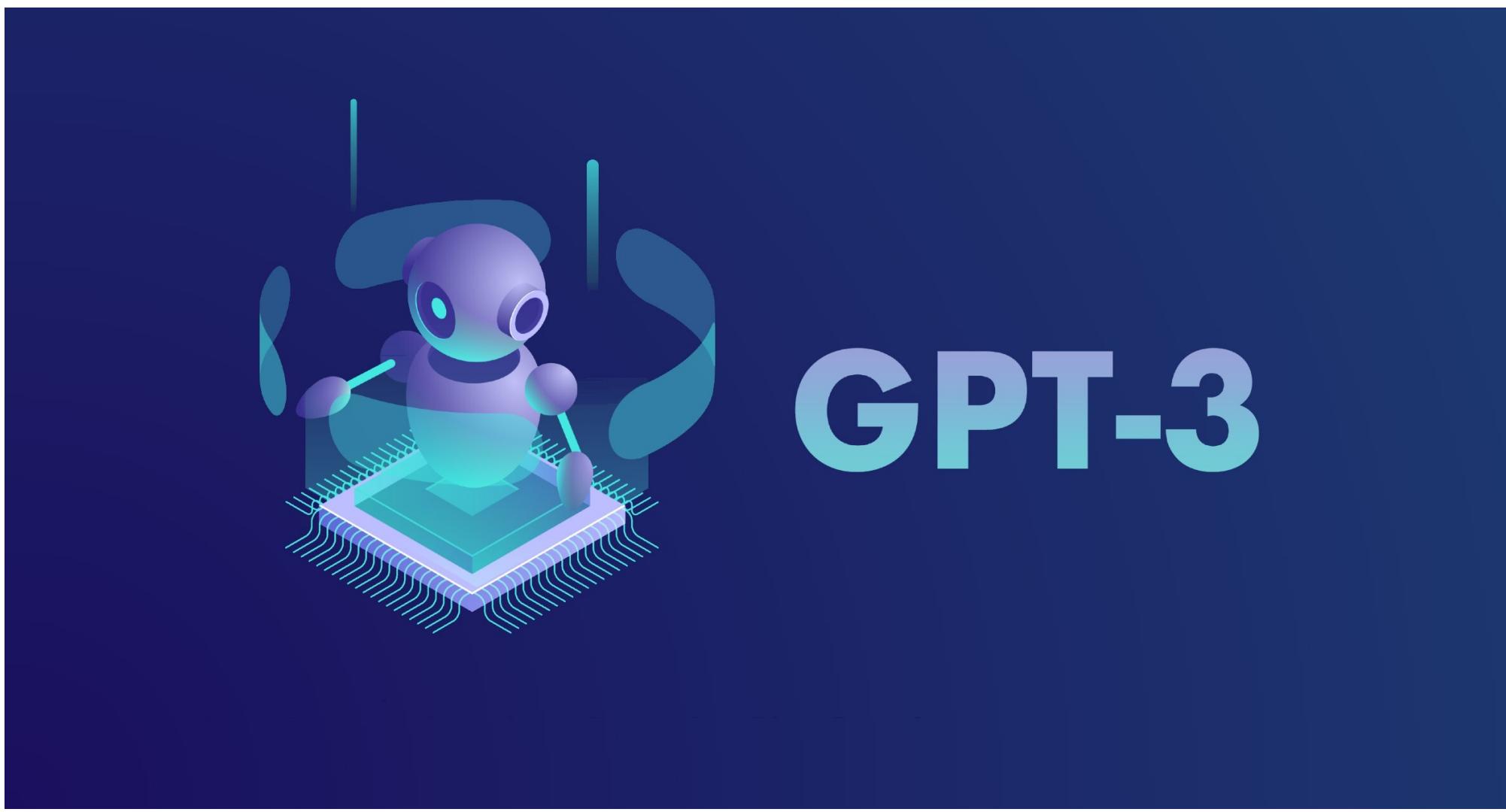
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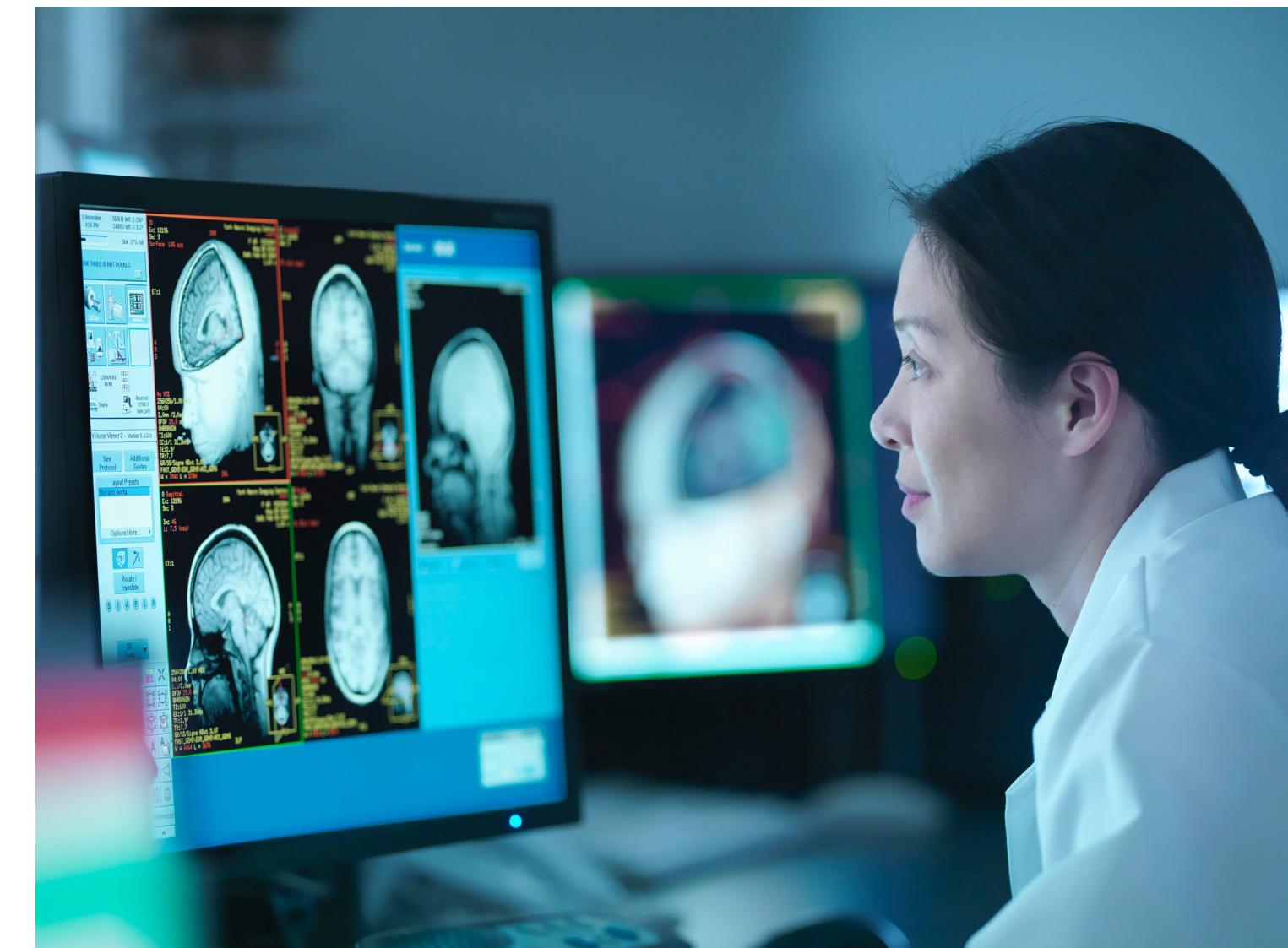
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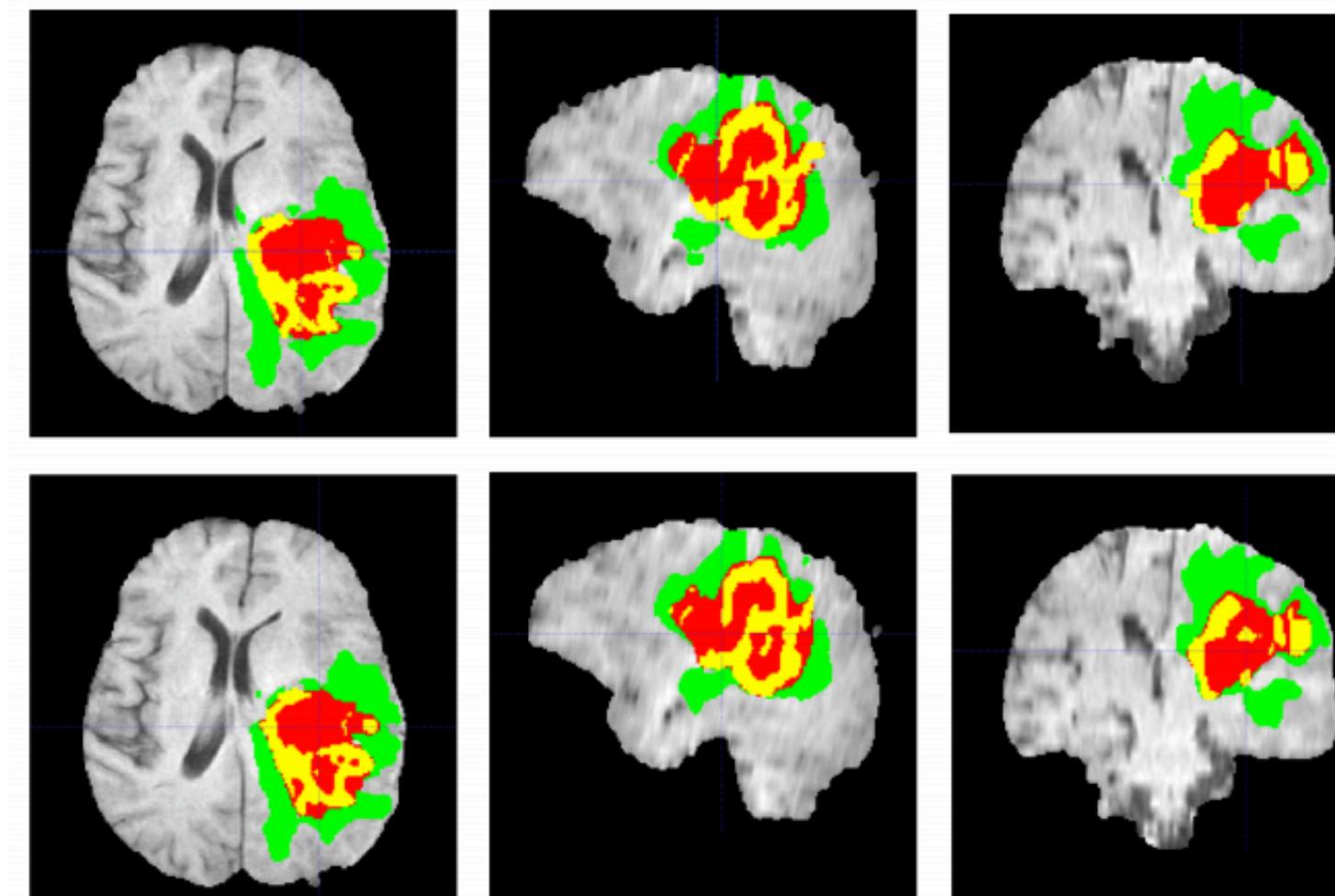
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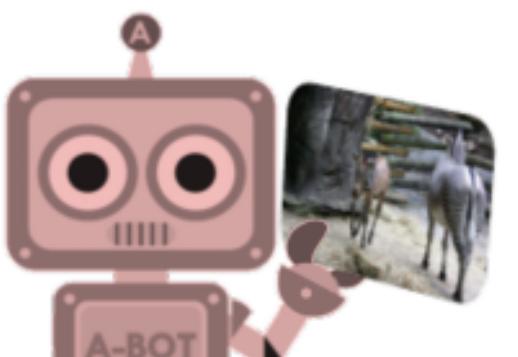
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As we attempt to scale vision systems to address more challenging inference tasks, we will not be able to get away with exhaustive data labeling

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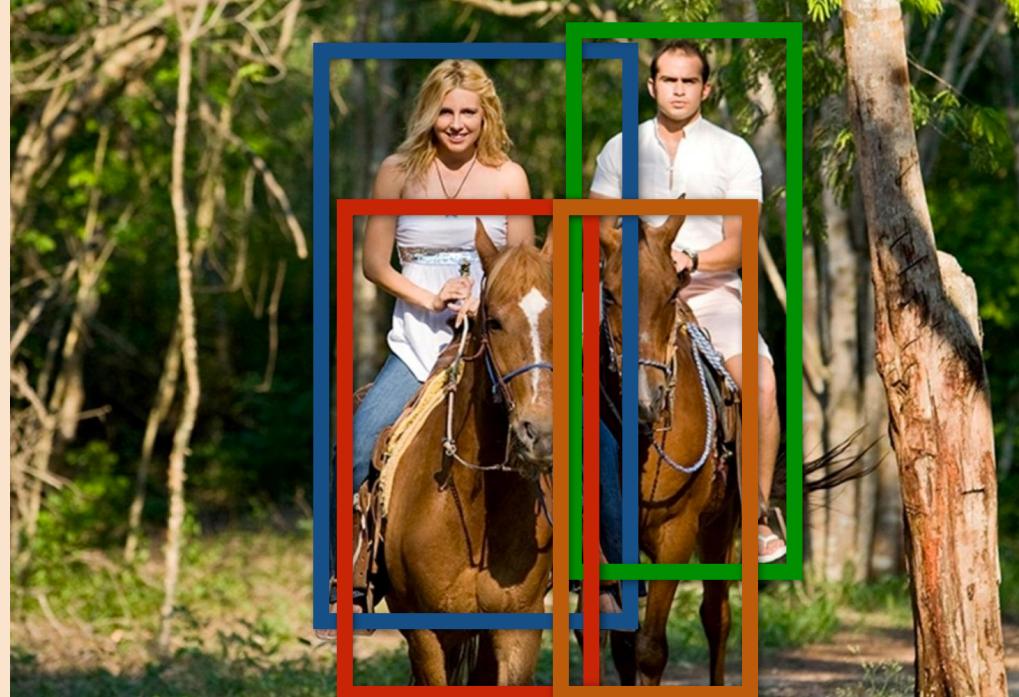
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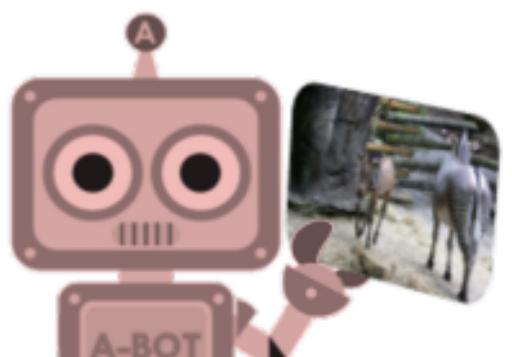


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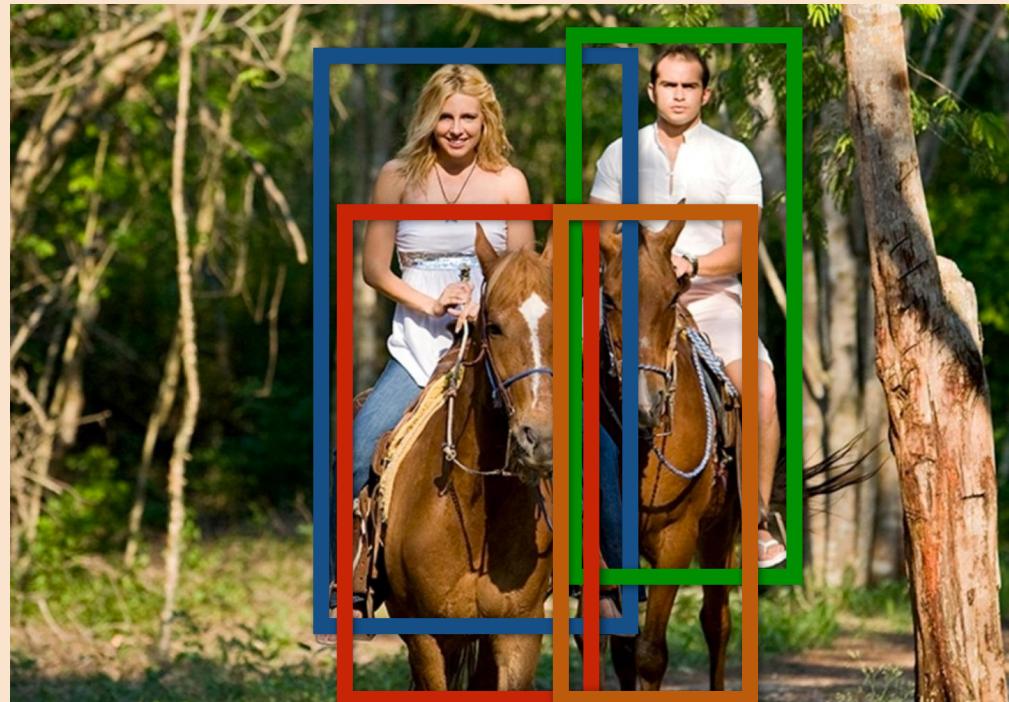
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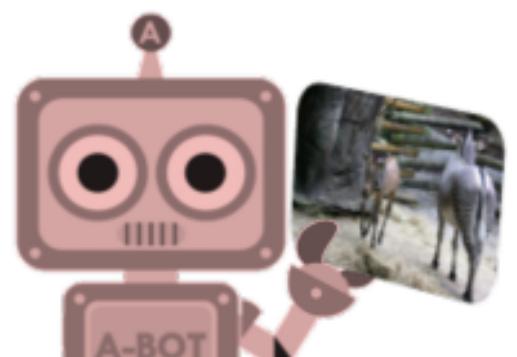
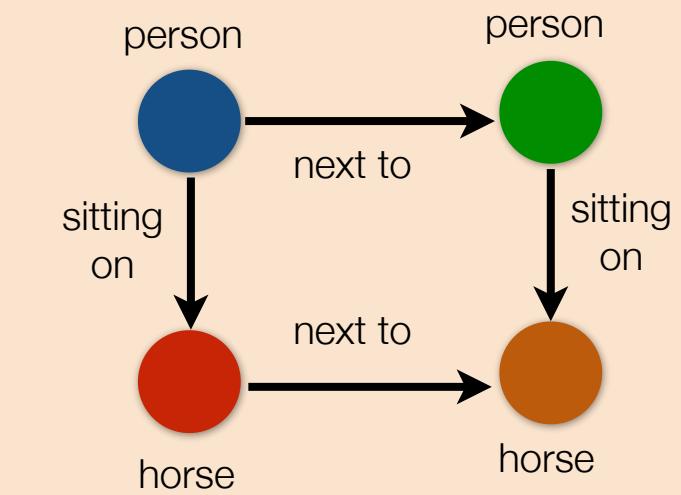
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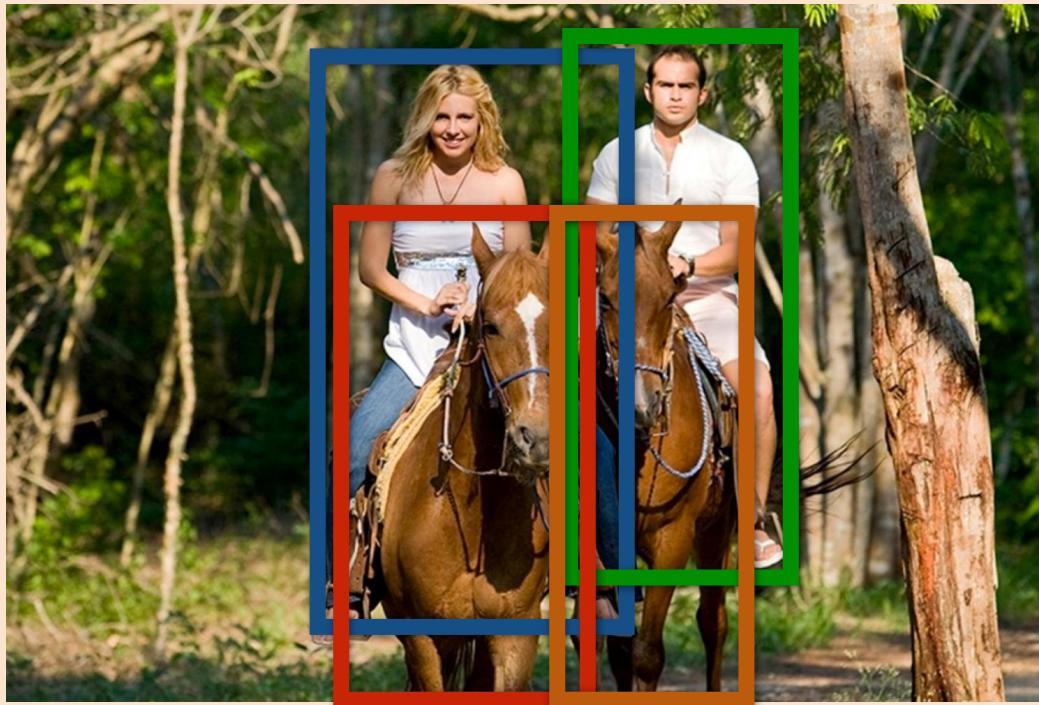
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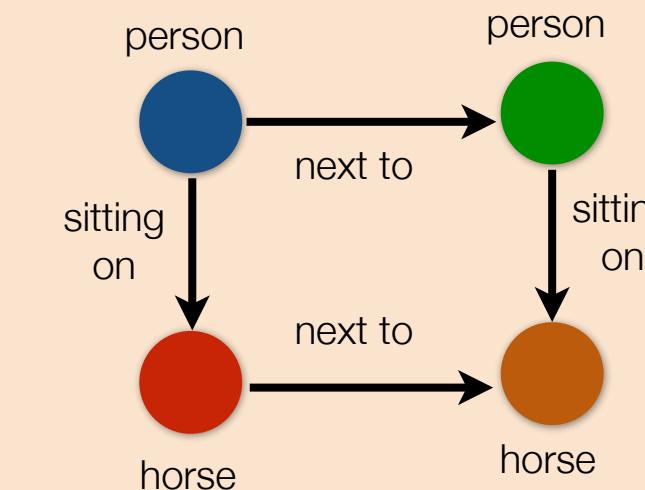
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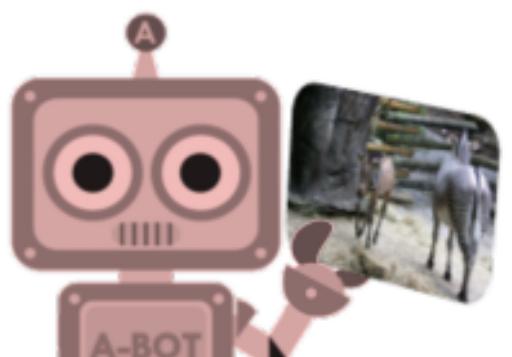


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## Question Answering

- Q:** What are people doing?
- Q:** What time of the year is it?
- Q:** Are the people married?



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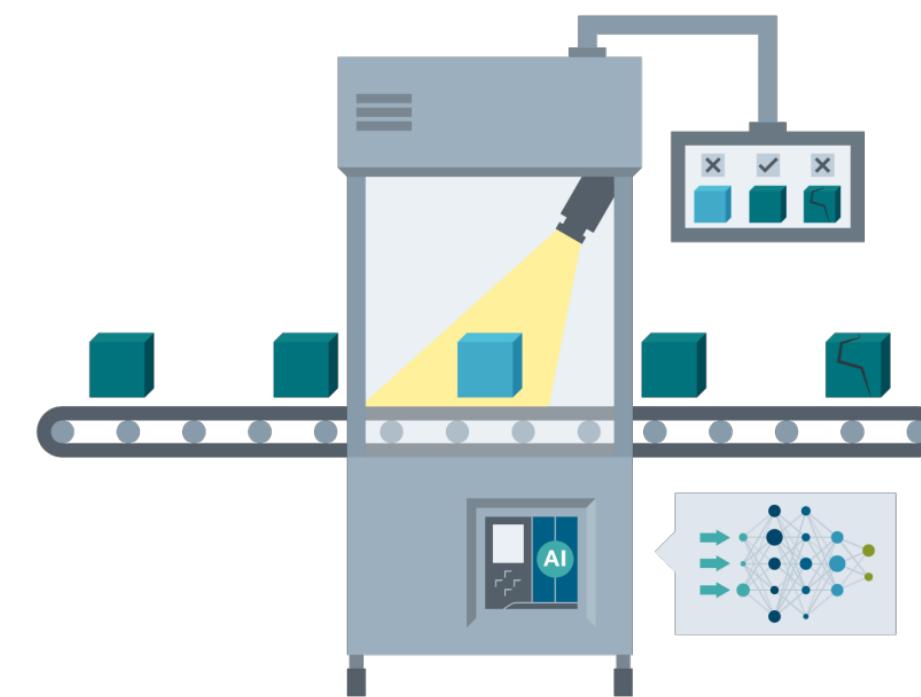


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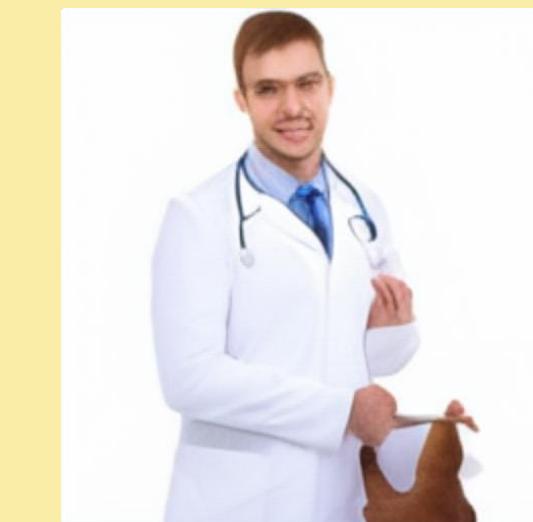
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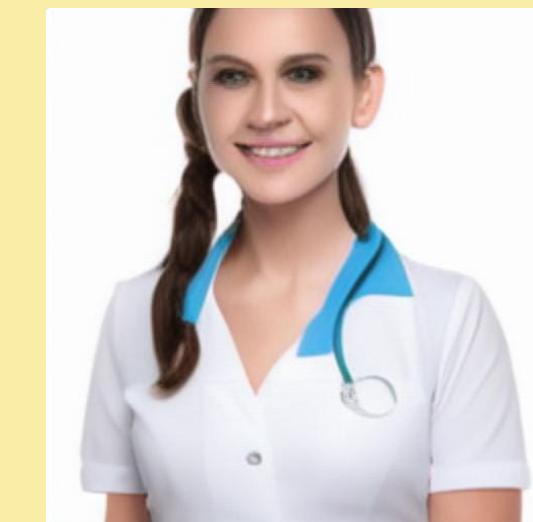
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A graphic comparing generated images from DALL-E with empirical medical statistics. It features two side-by-side images: a male doctor on the left and a female nurse on the right. Above each image is a prompt: "A photo of a doctor" for the doctor and "A photo of a nurse" for the nurse. To the right of the images is a yellow box containing text. A red diagonal banner with the text "is less biased" runs across the top of the yellow box. In the top right corner of the yellow box is a small black square logo with the text "DALL-E 2" and a stylized heart or knot icon.

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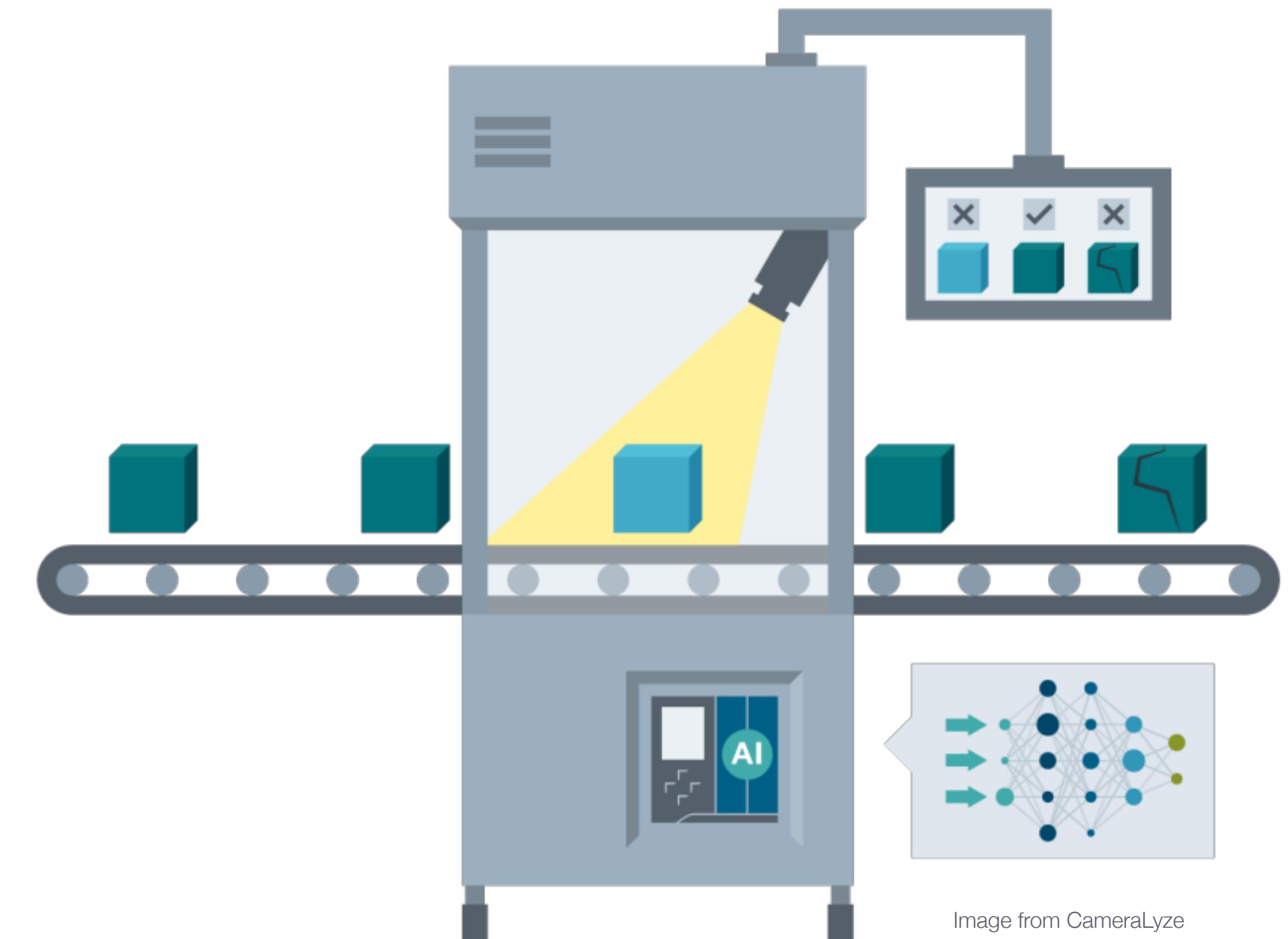


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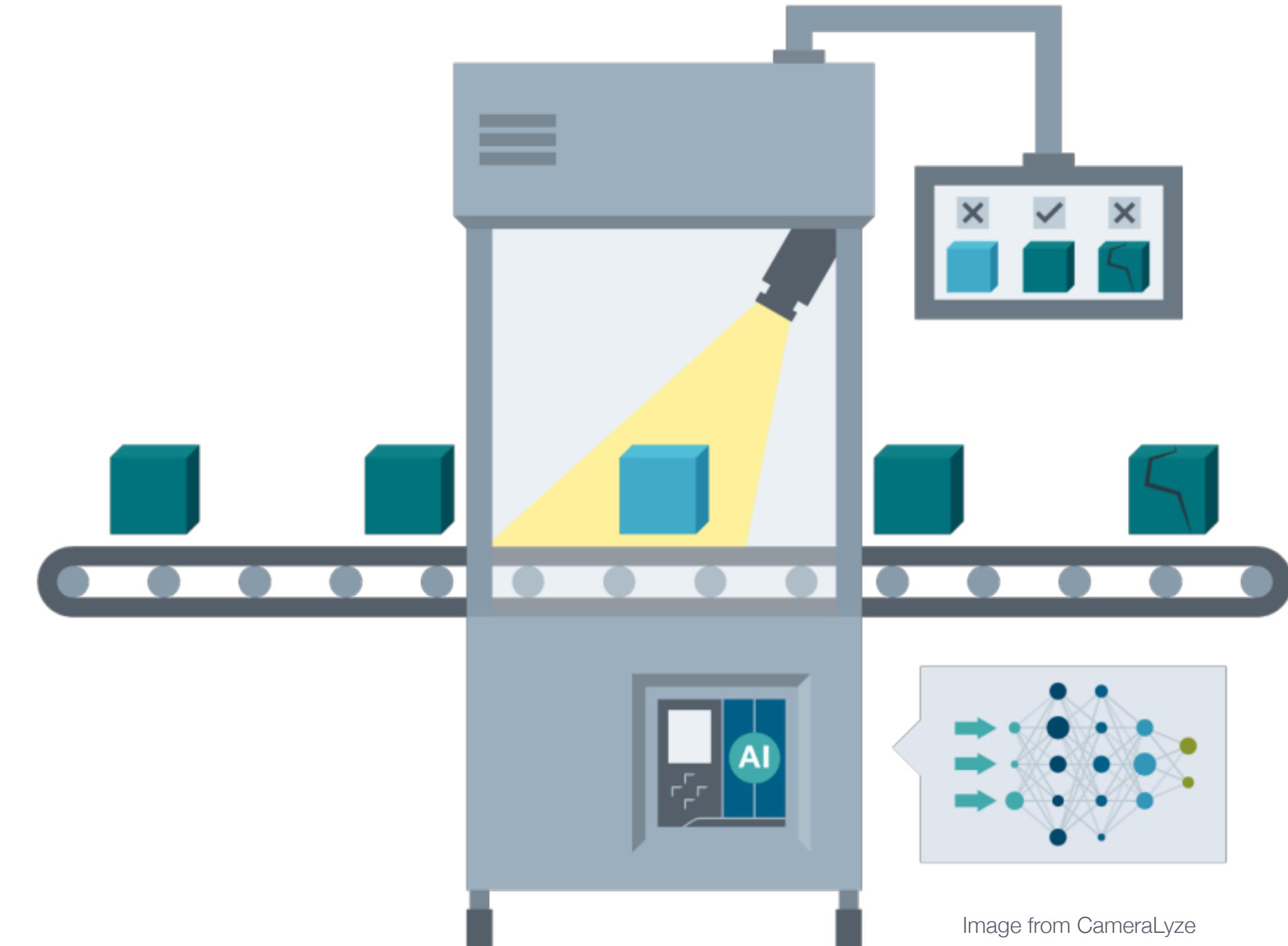


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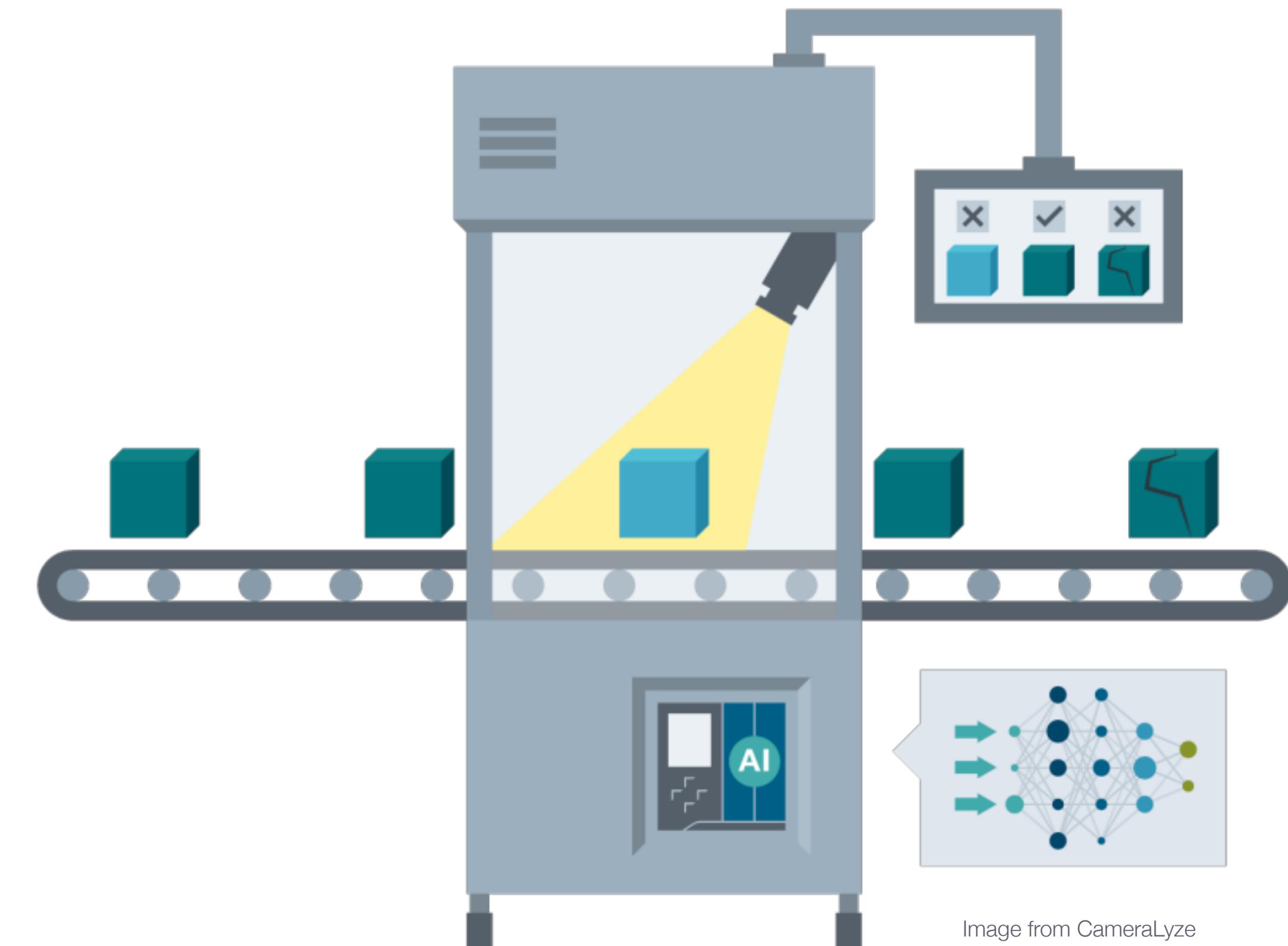
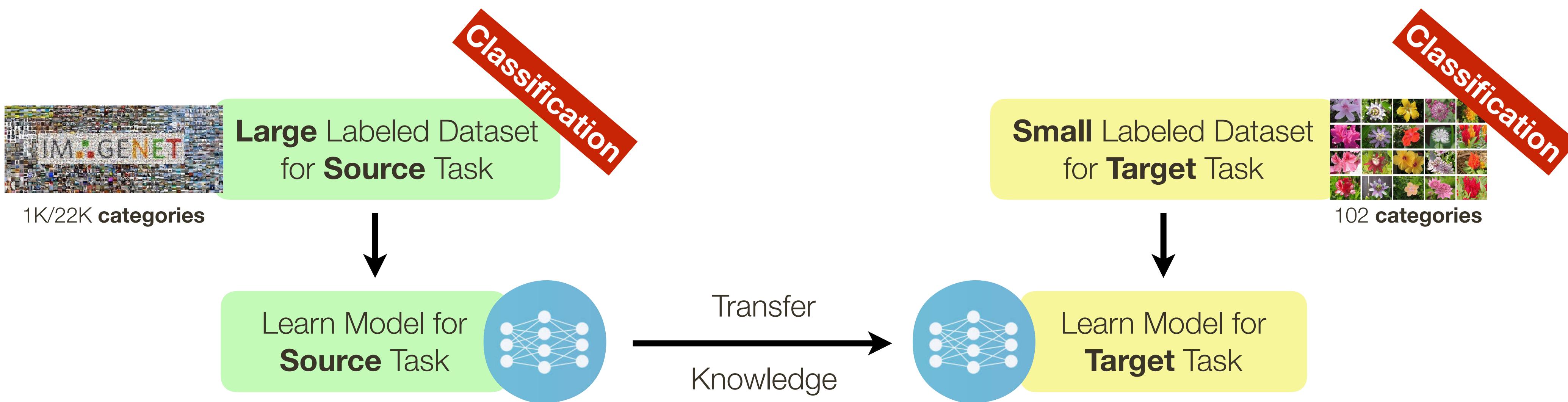


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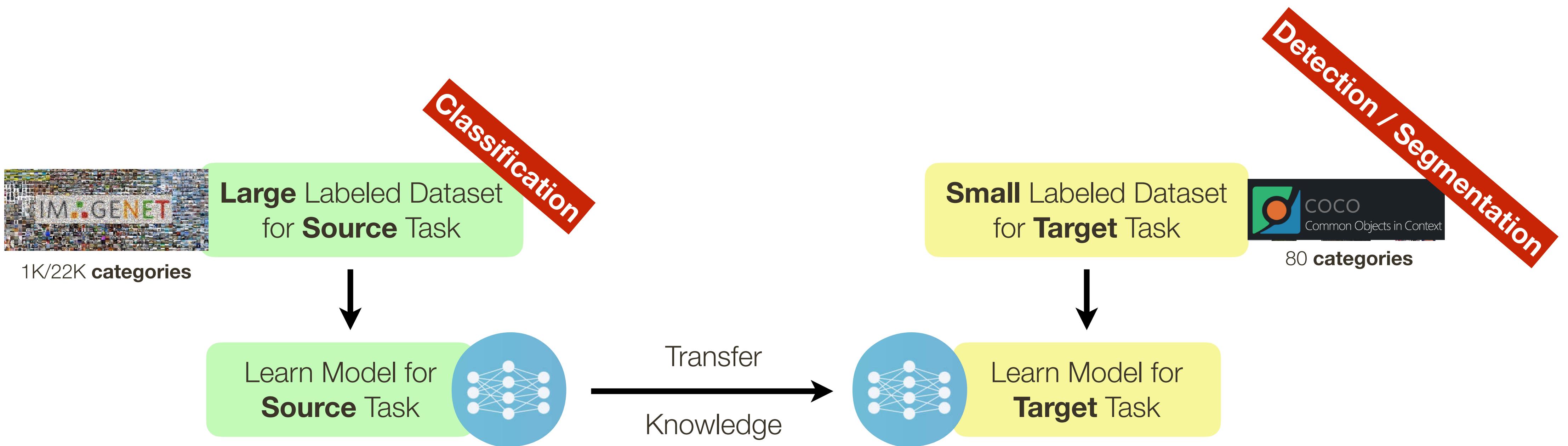
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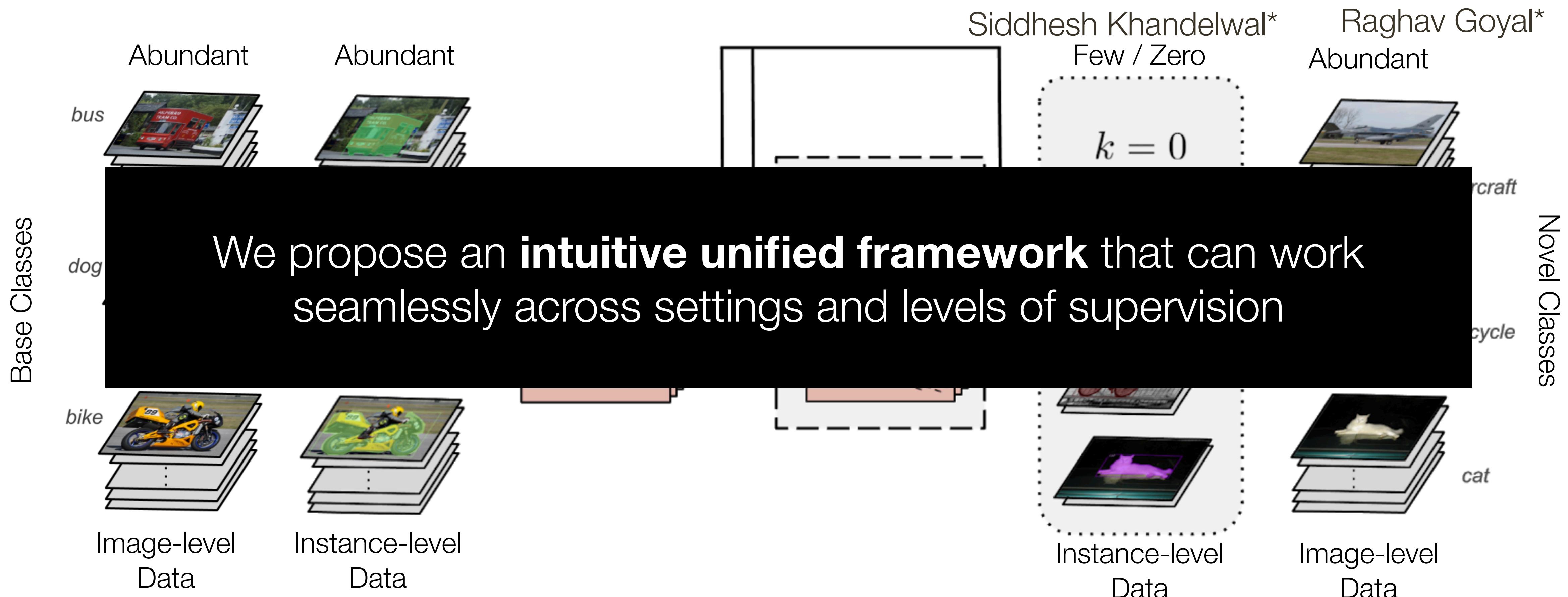
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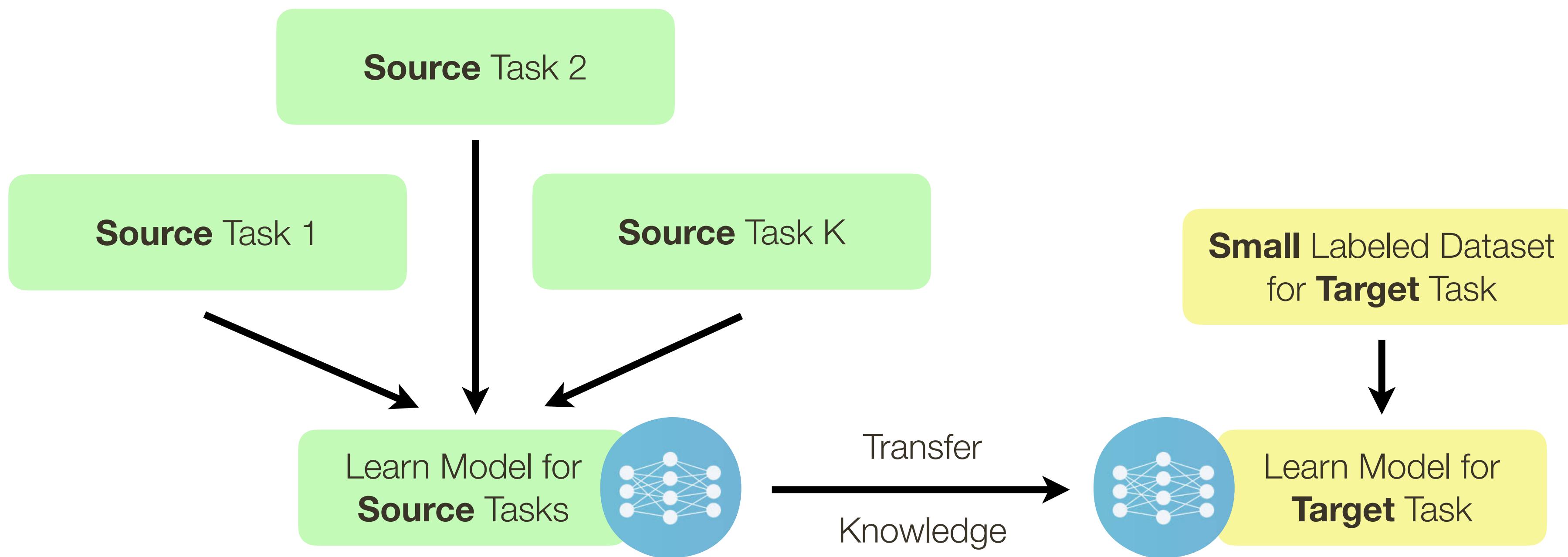
# UniT: Unified Knowledge Transfer for Any-shot Detection

There is no single unified solution that is applicable to a wide range of supervision:  
from zero to a few instance-level samples for *novel* classes



# Data Efficiency, Strategy 2:

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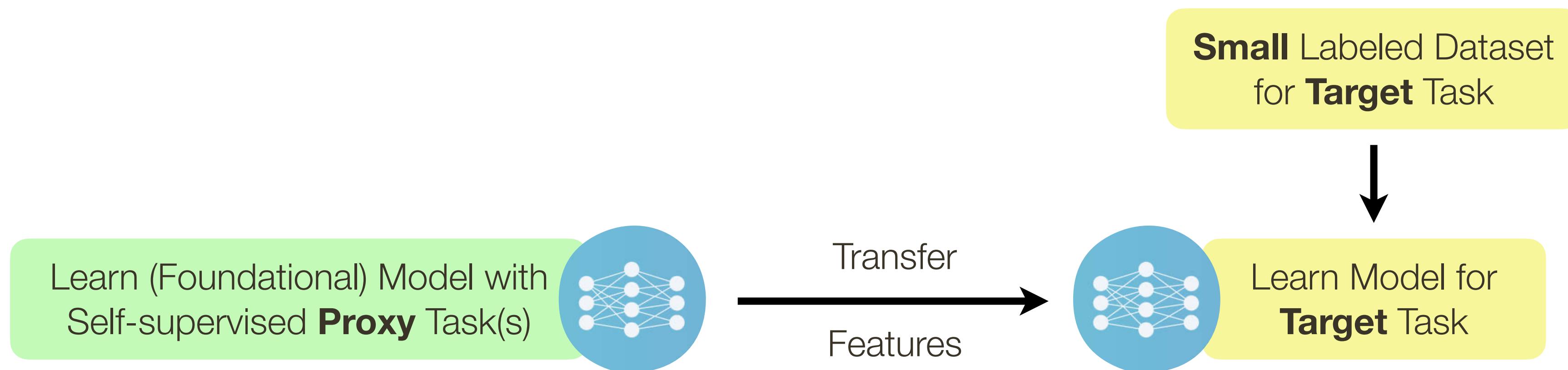


# Multi-task Video Understanding



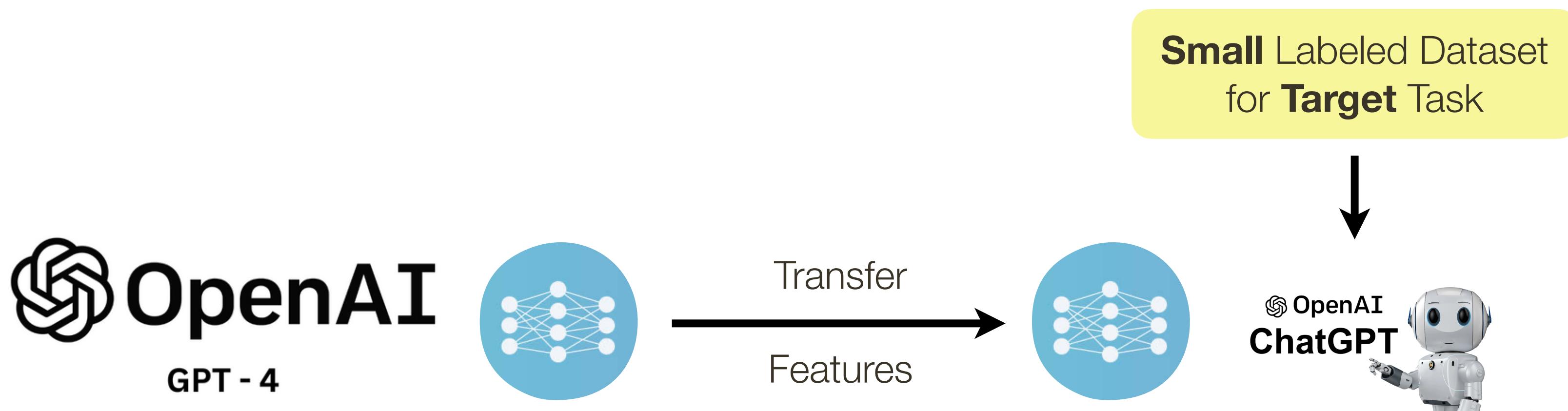
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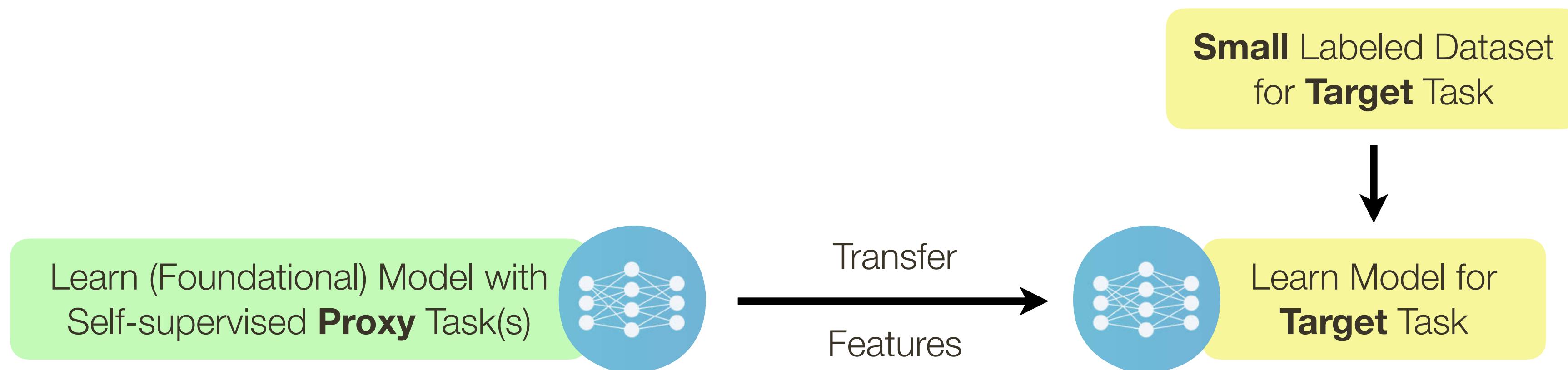
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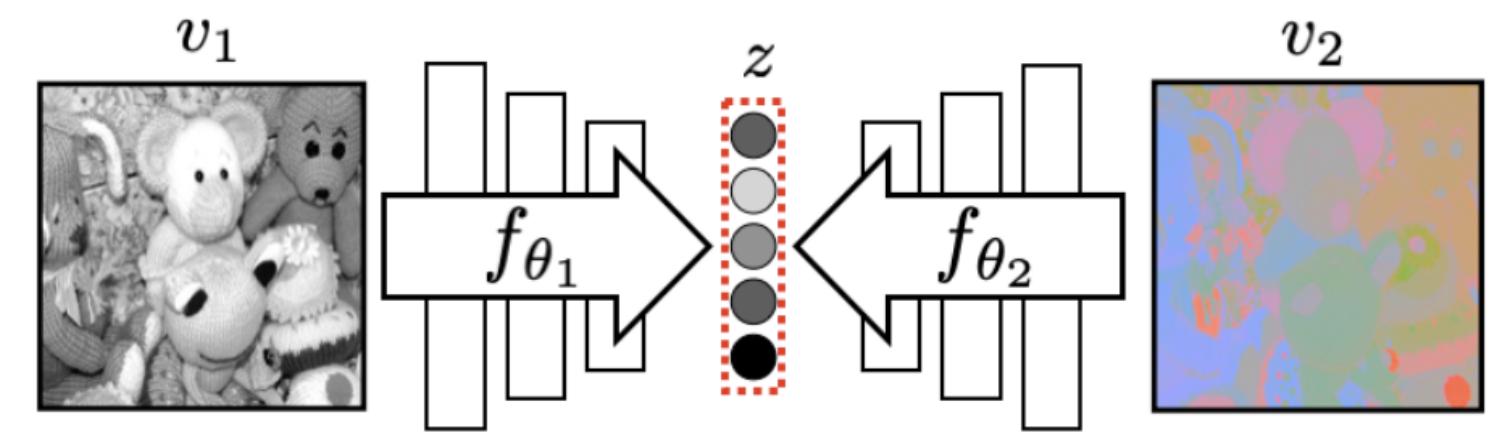
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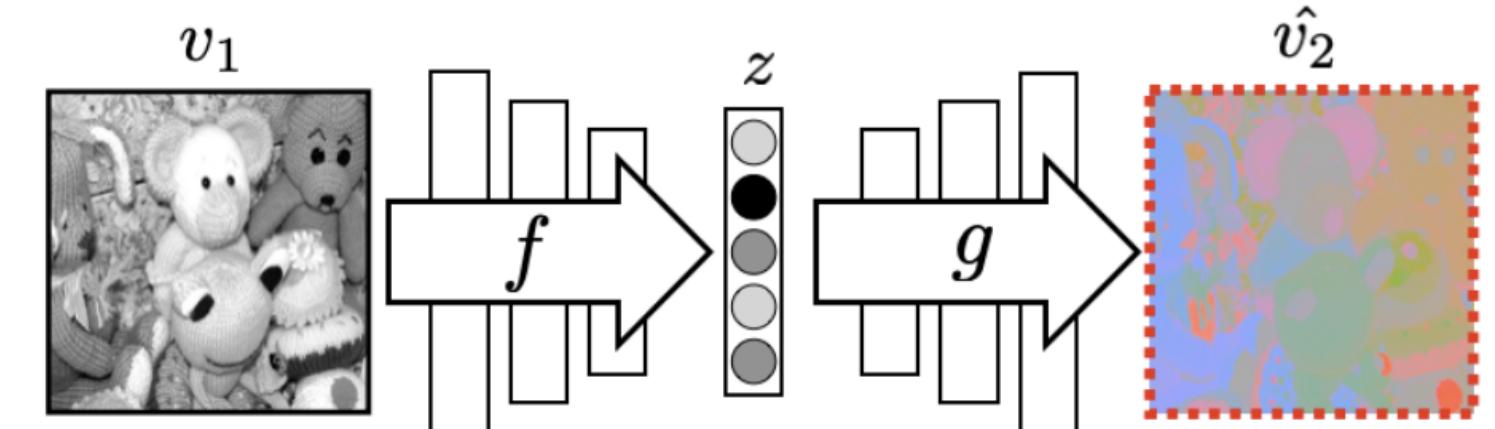
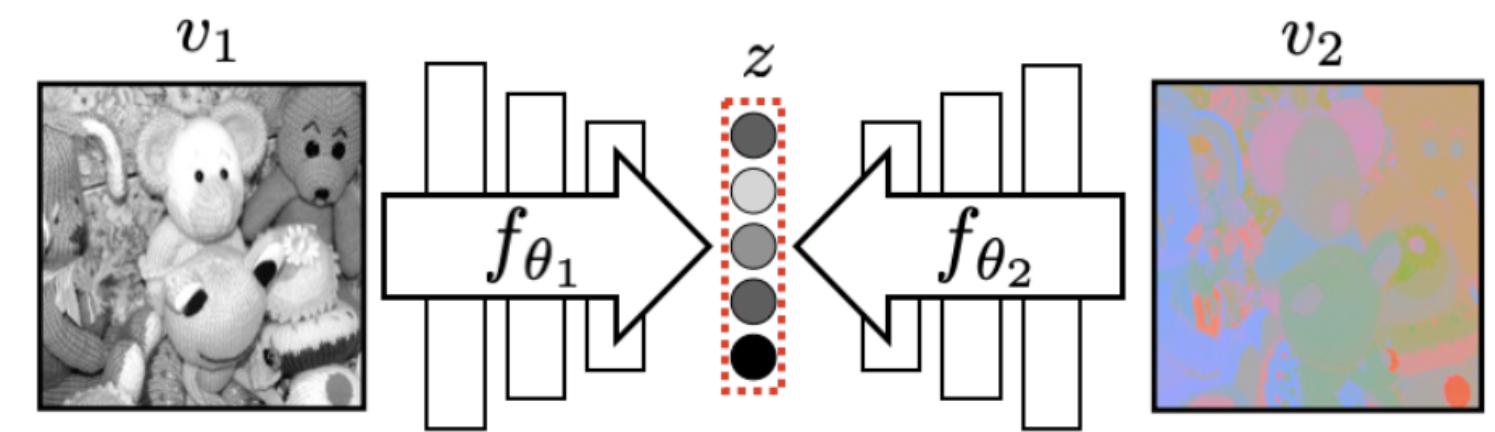
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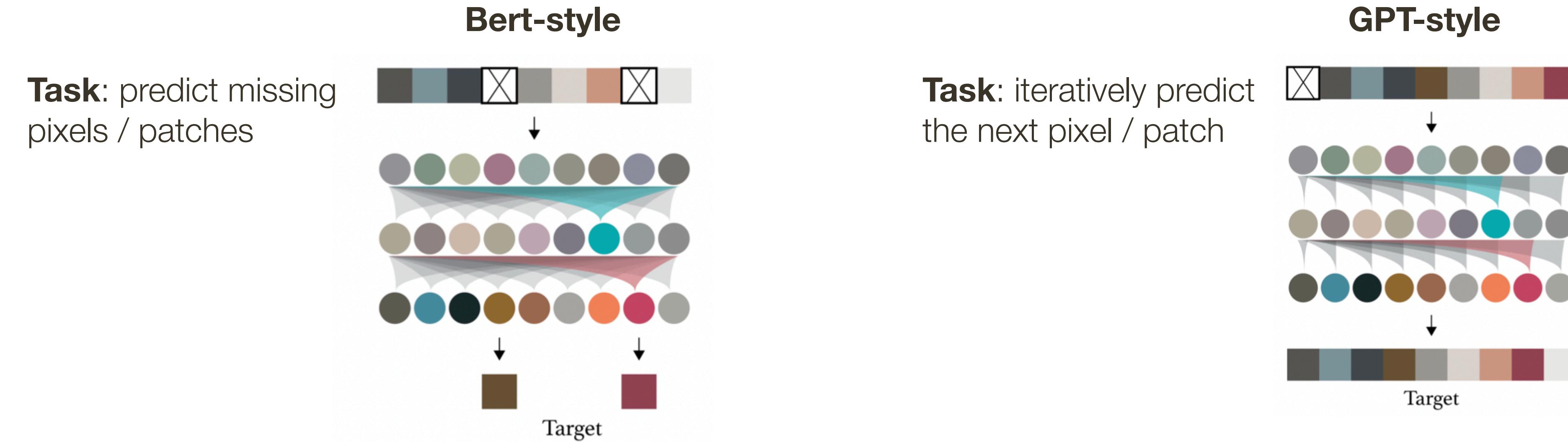


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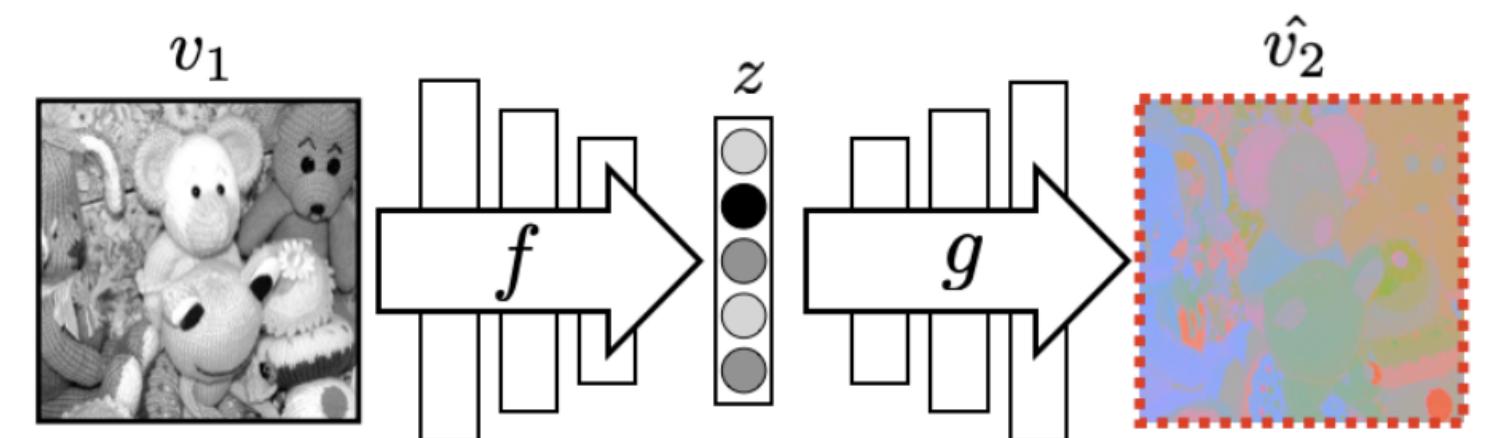
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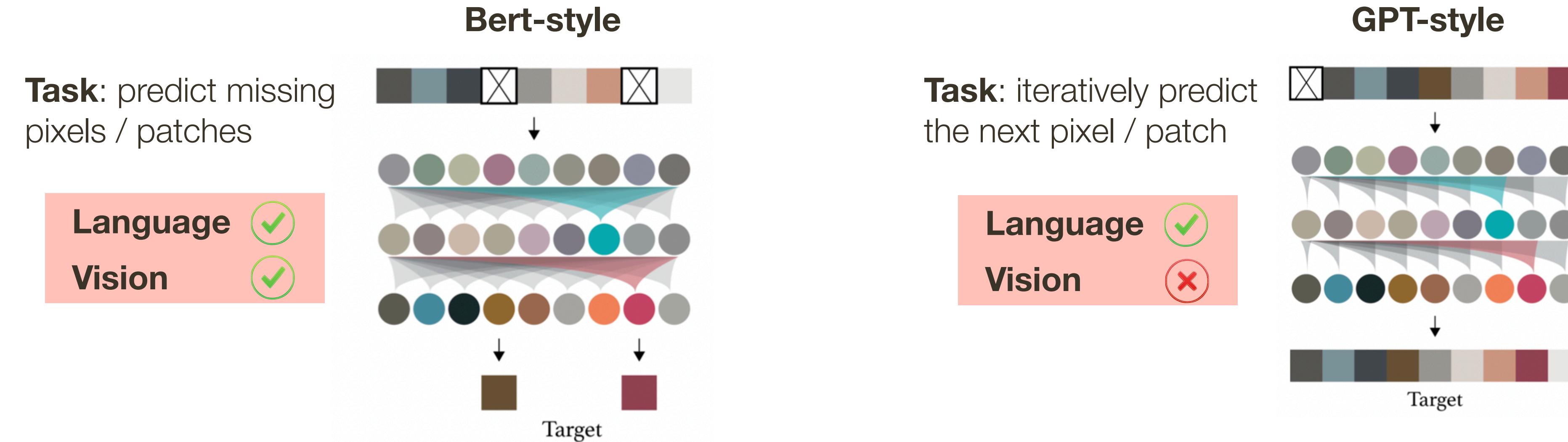
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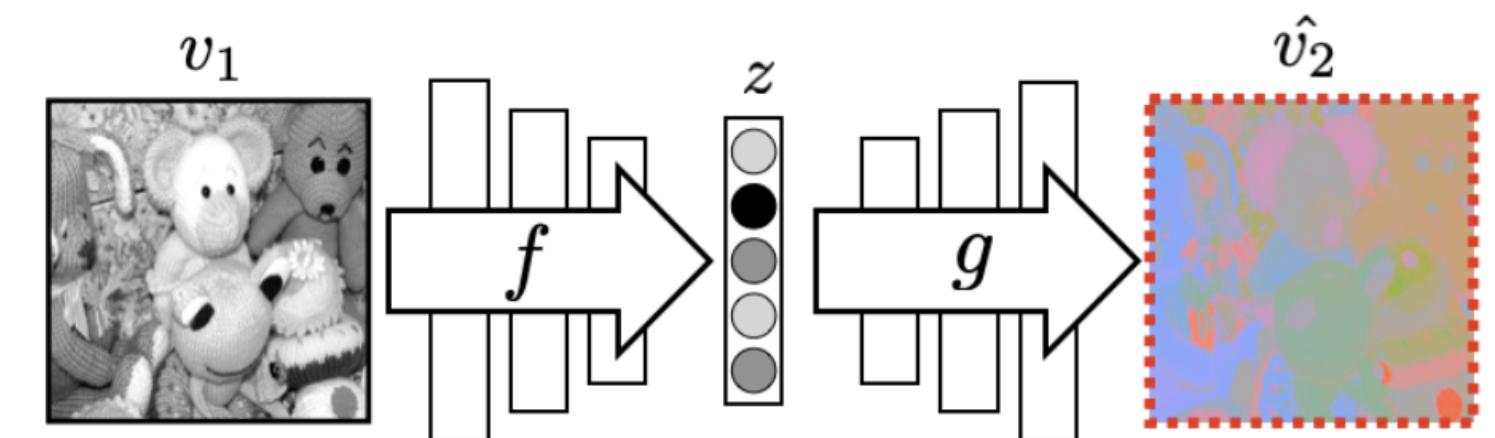
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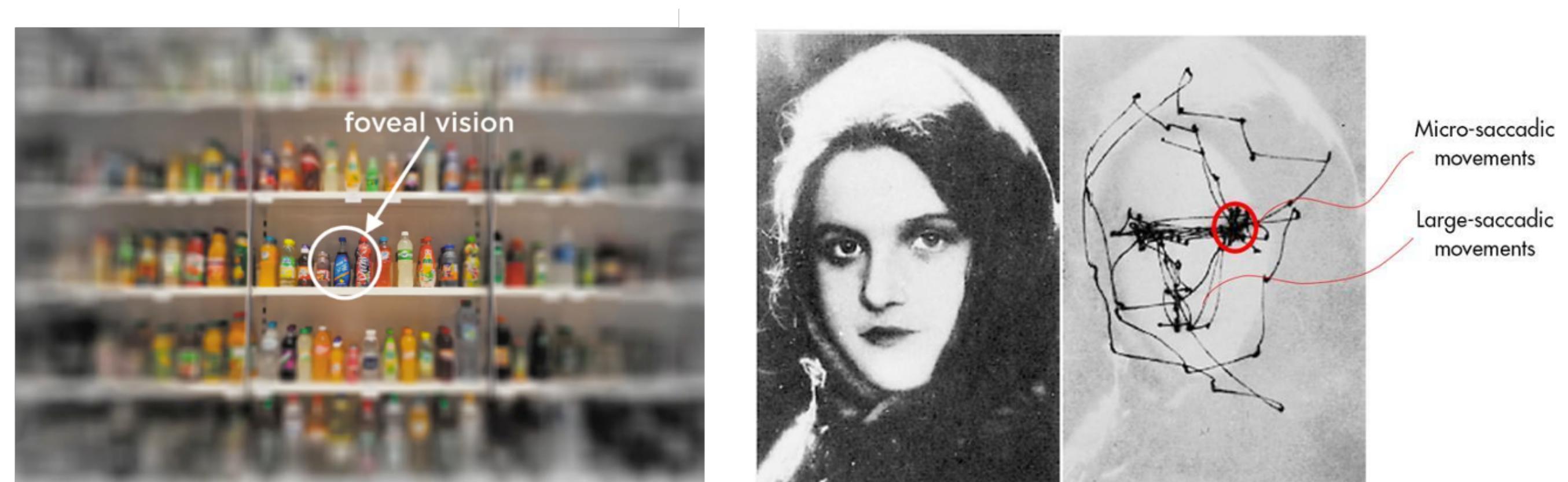
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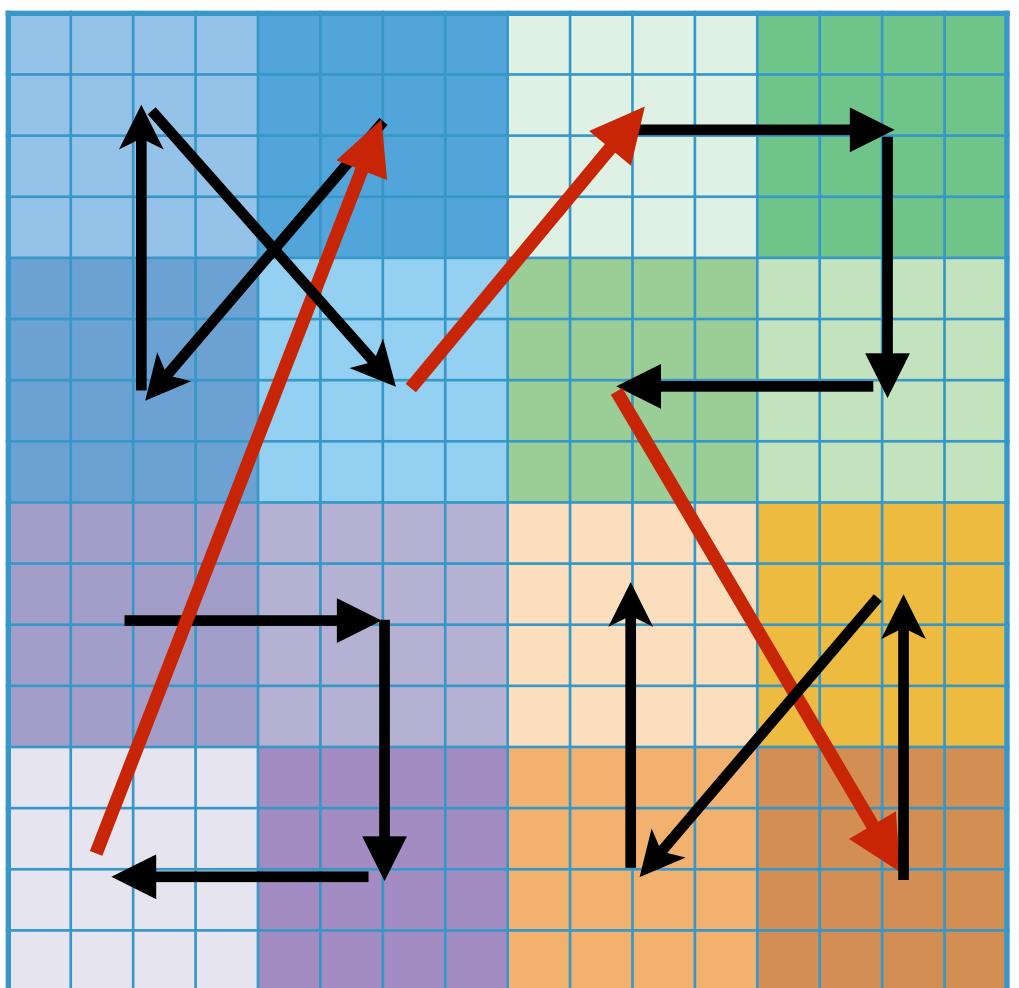
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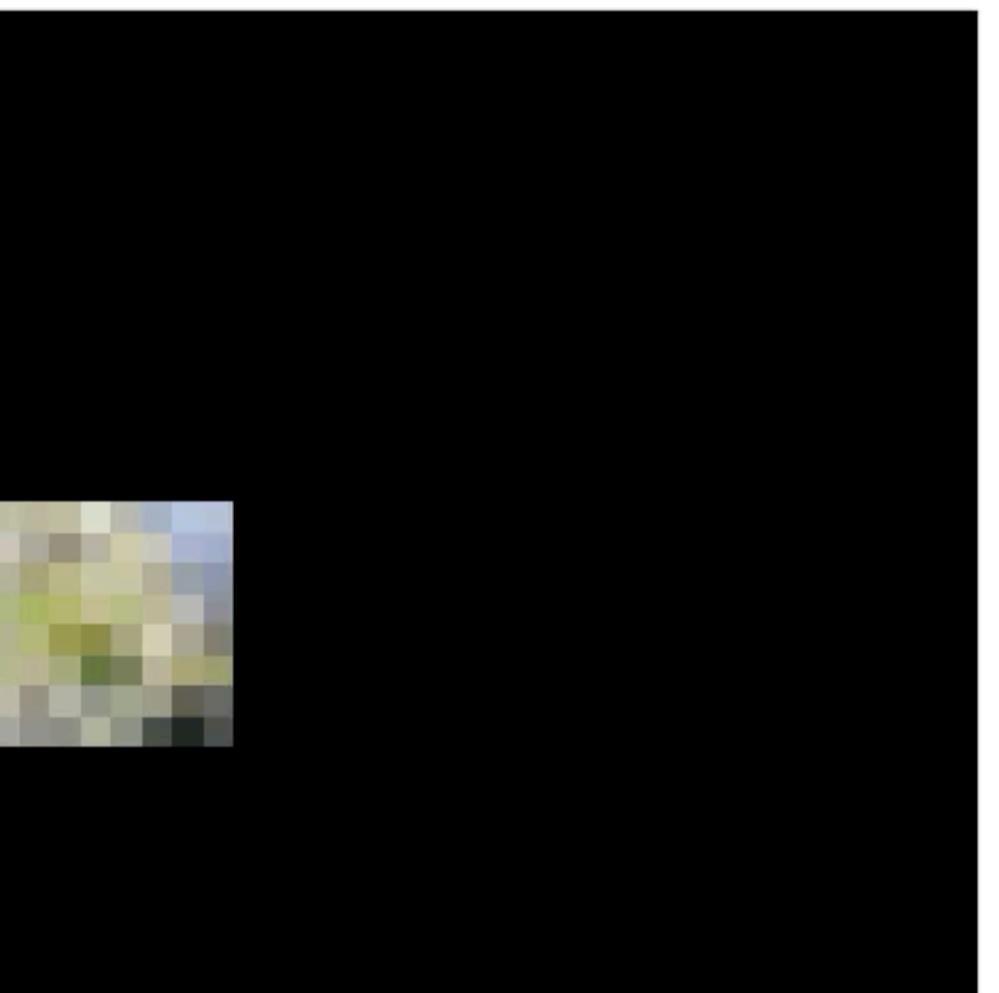


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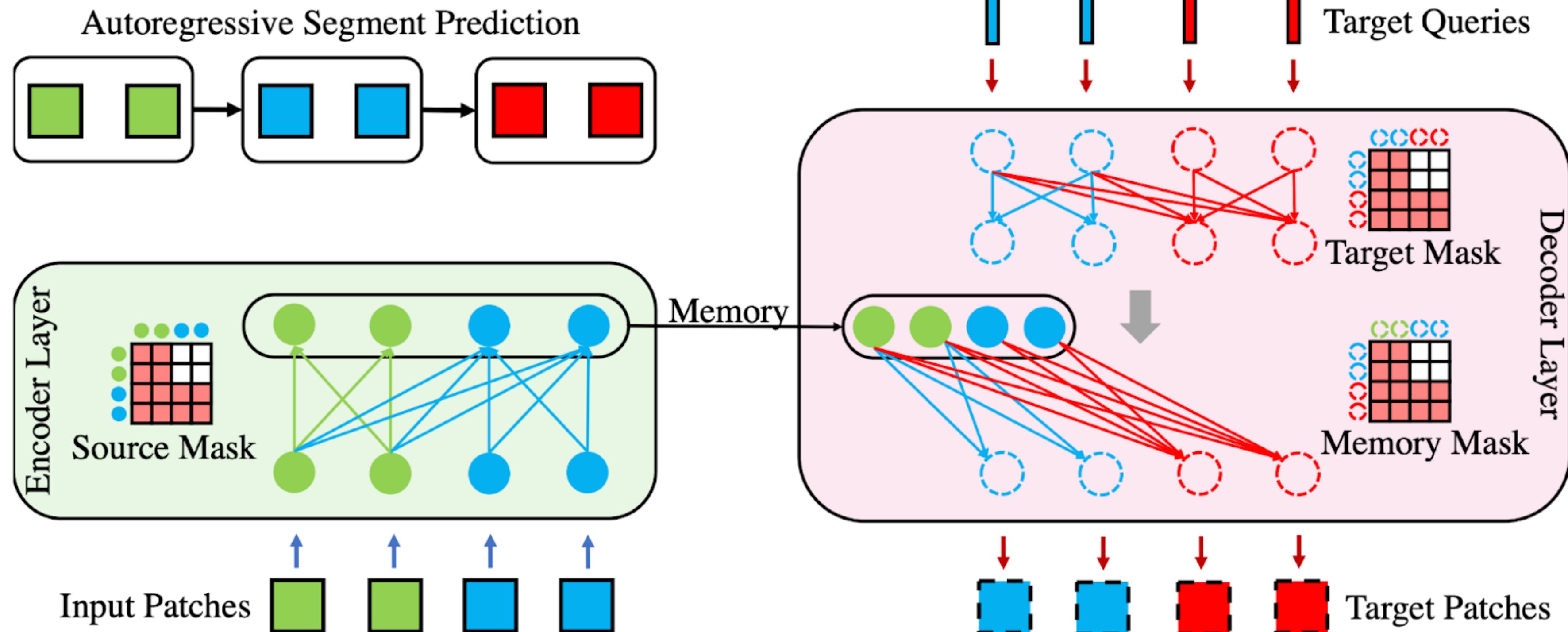


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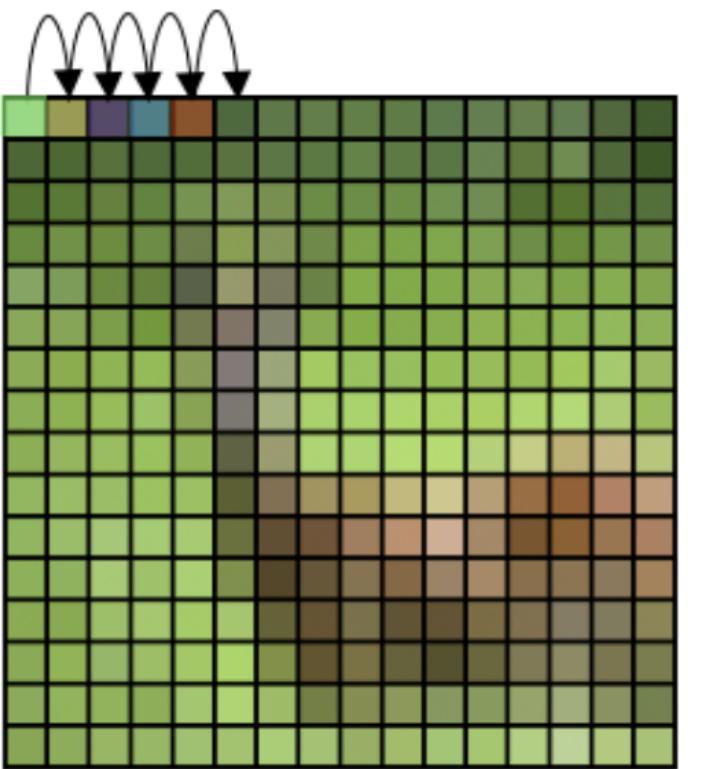
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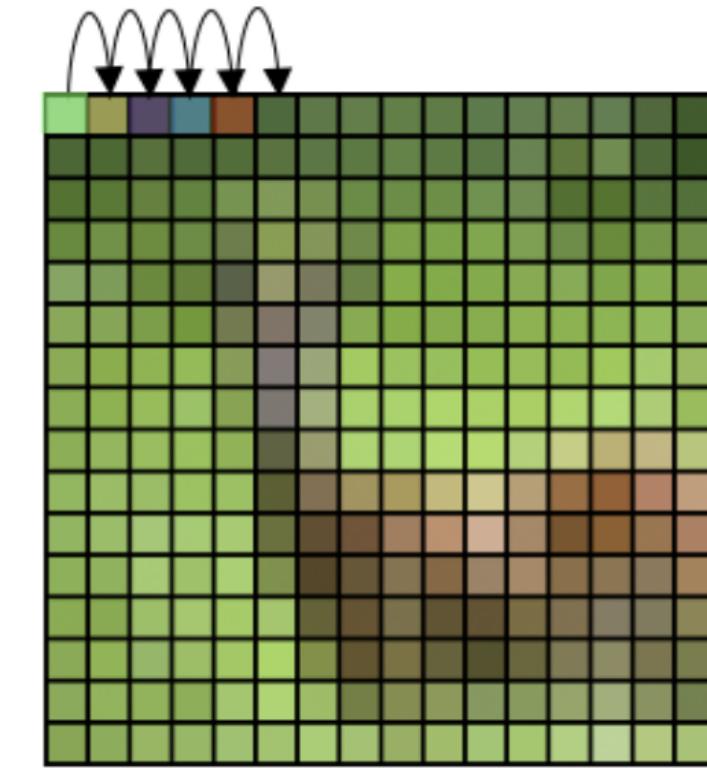
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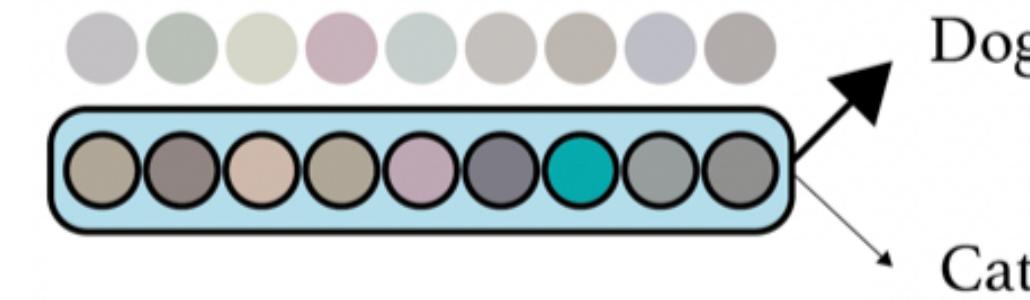
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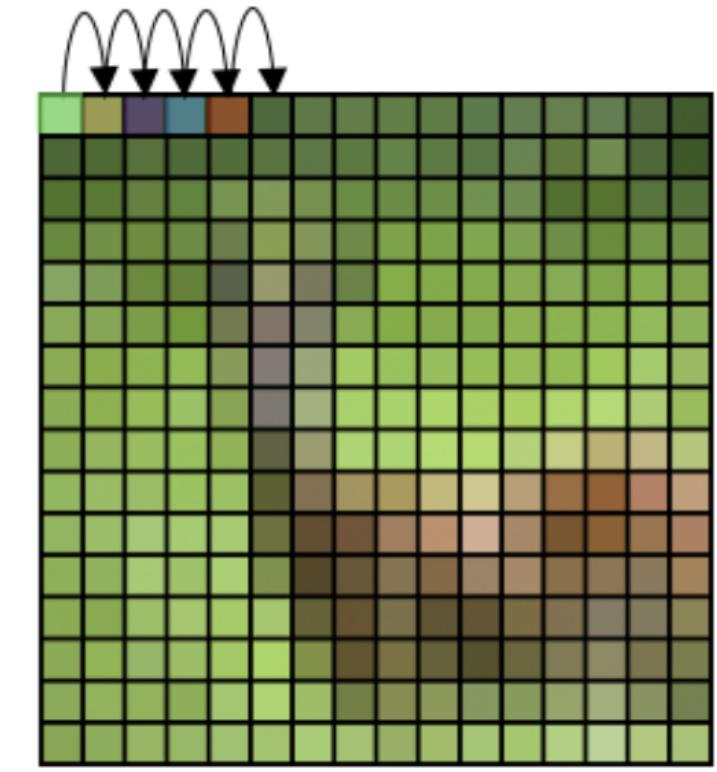
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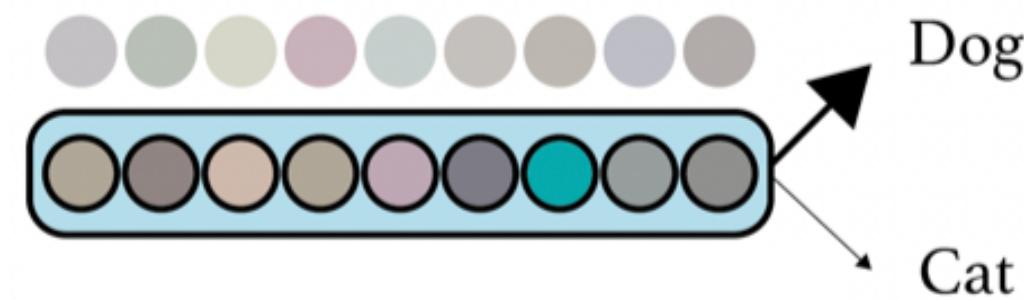
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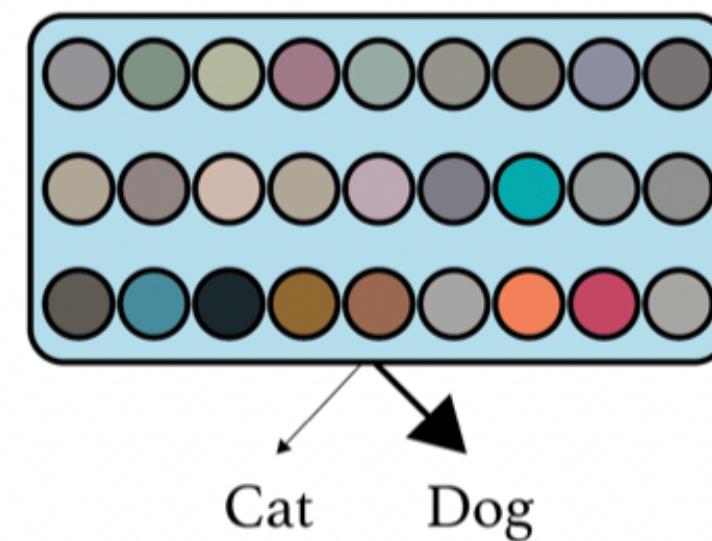
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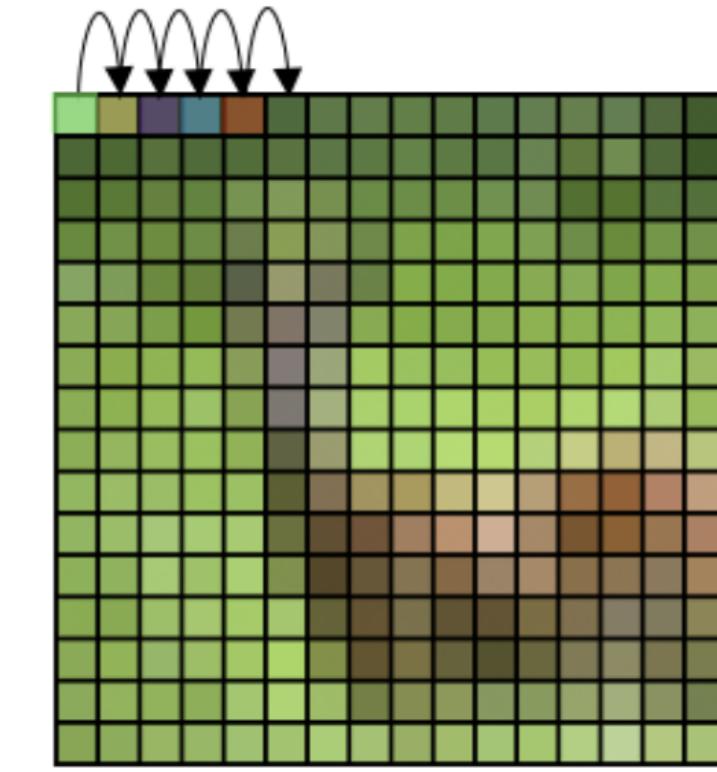
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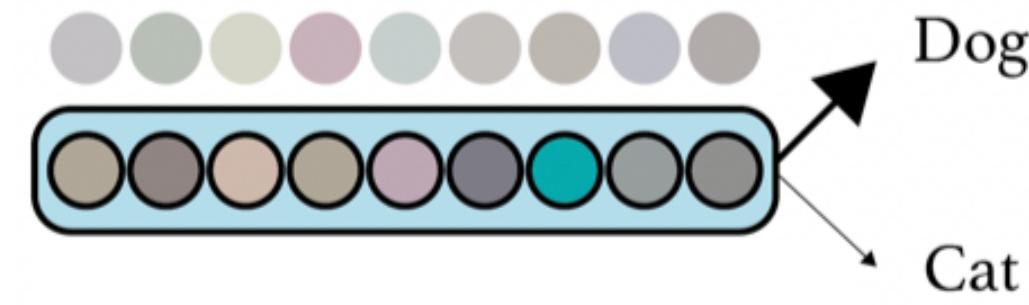
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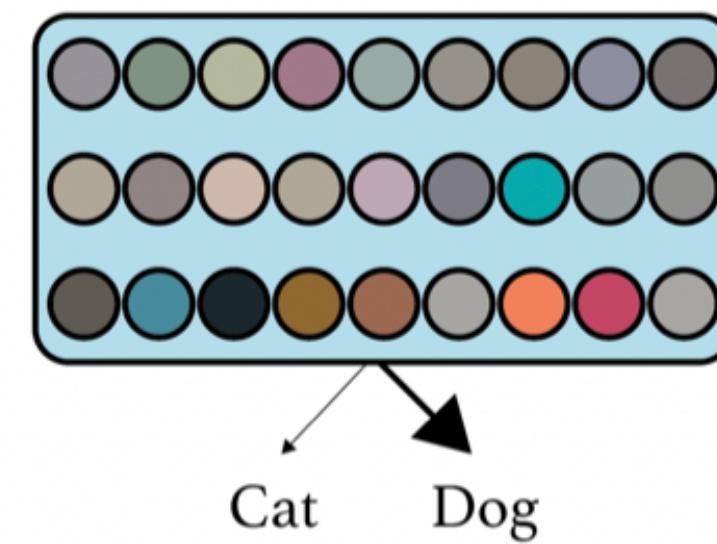


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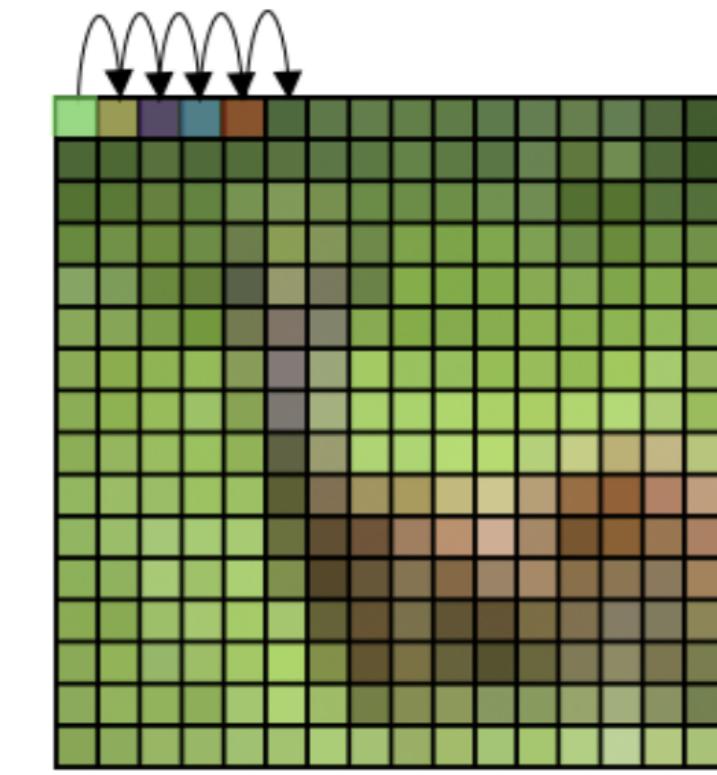


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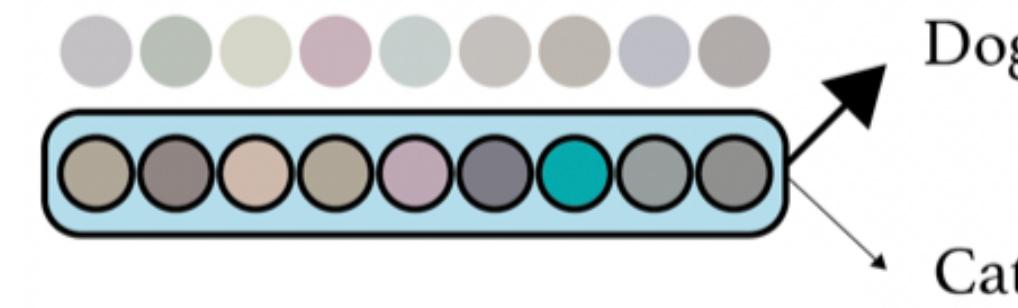
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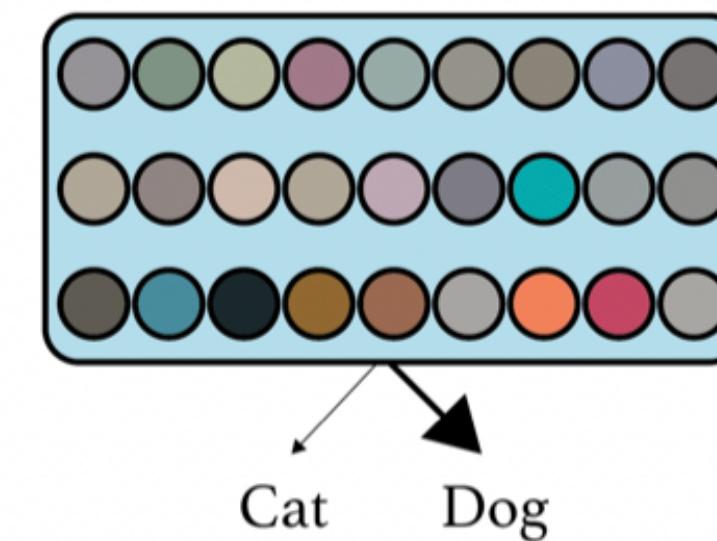


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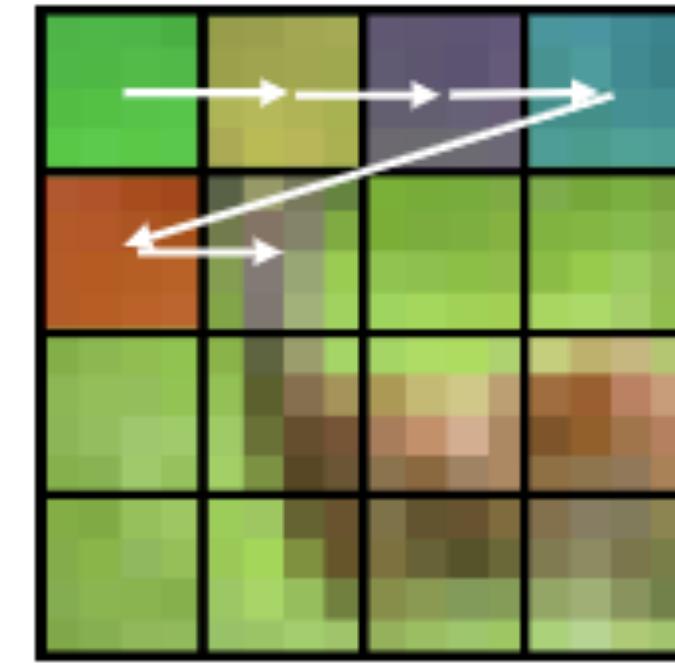
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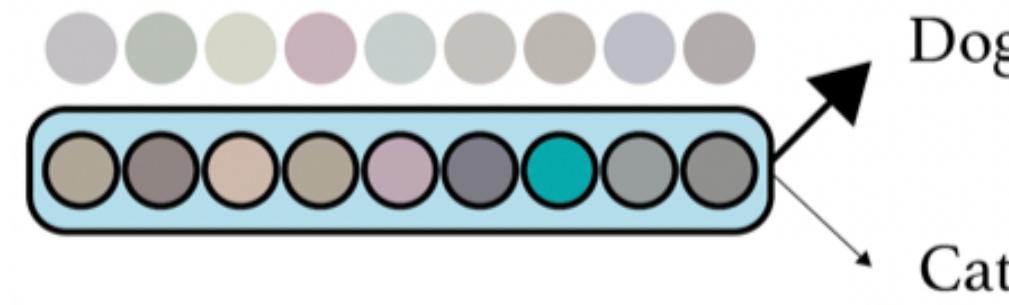
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CIFAR10

Patch-raster

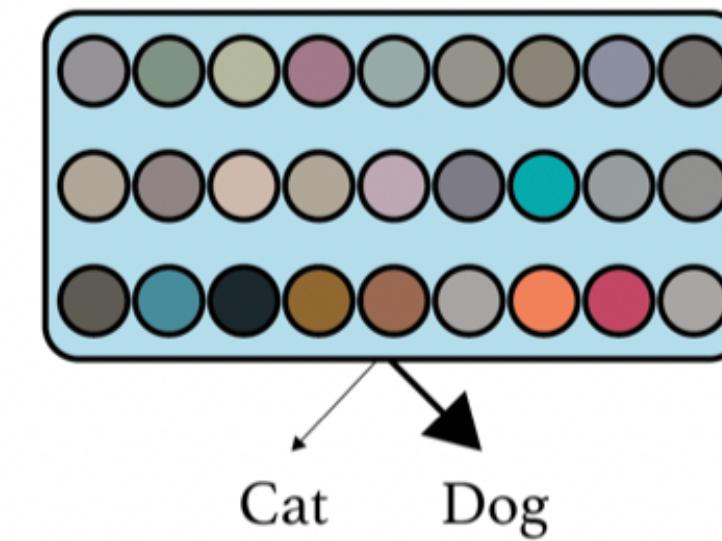


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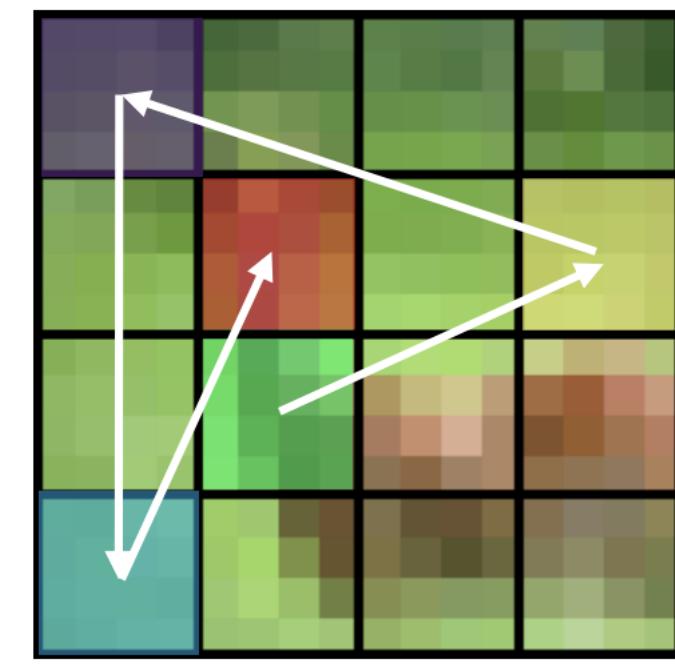
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Finetuning ↑



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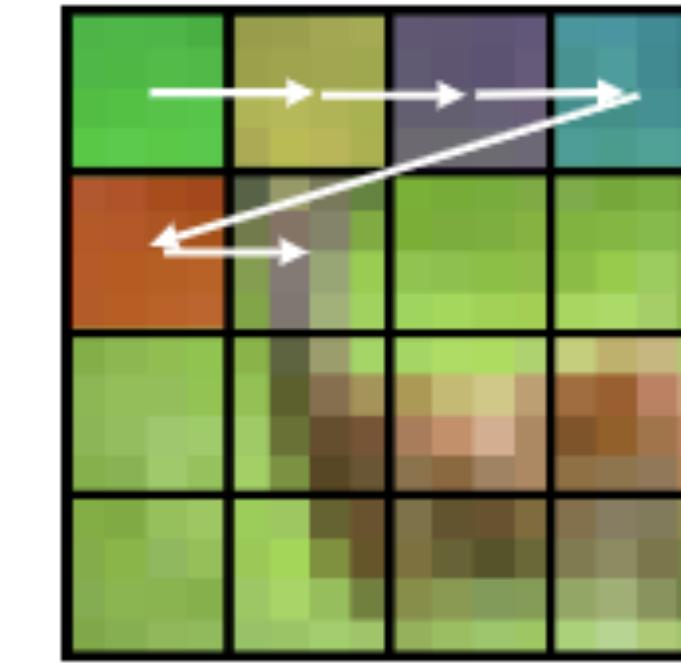
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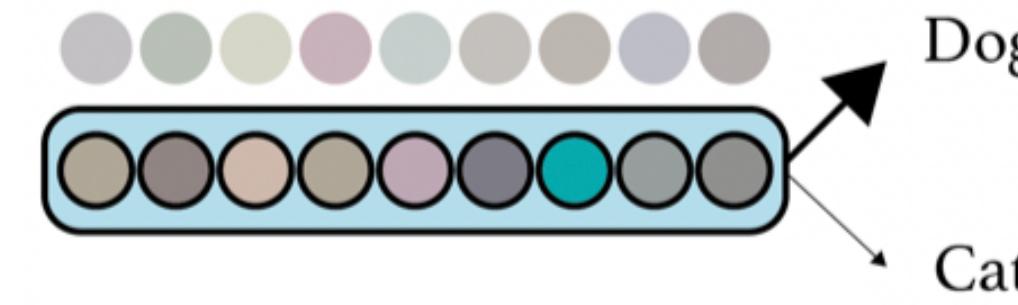
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ImageNet100

Patch-raster

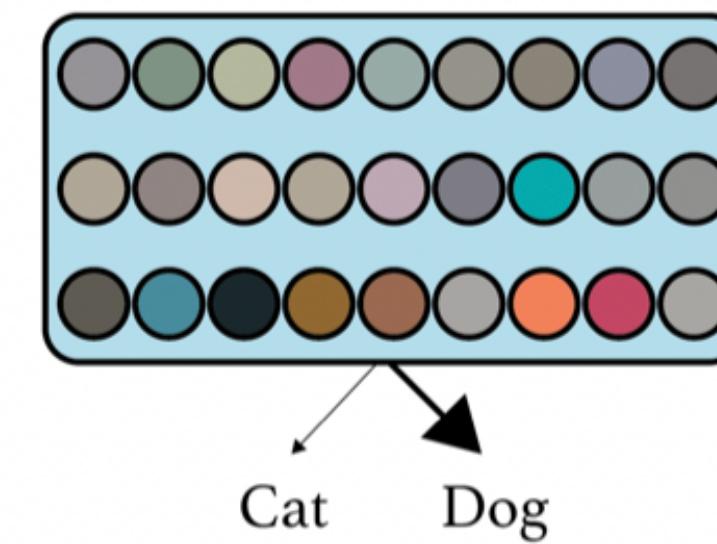


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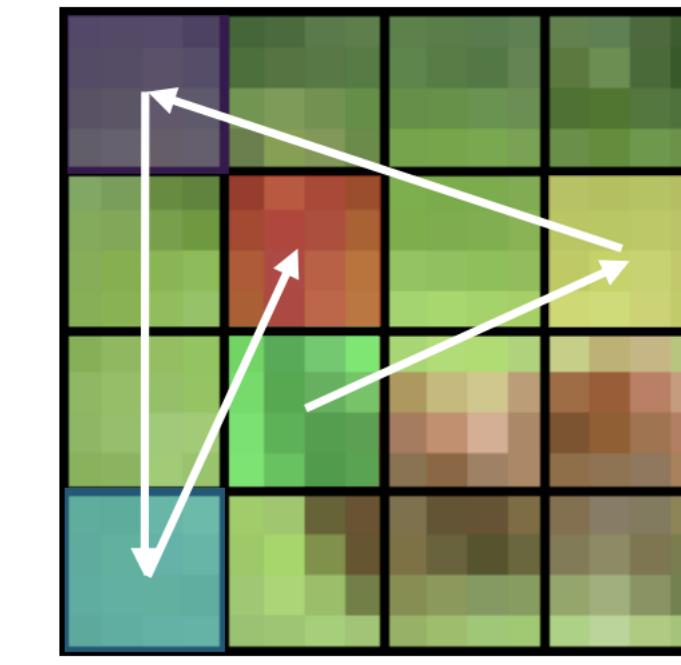
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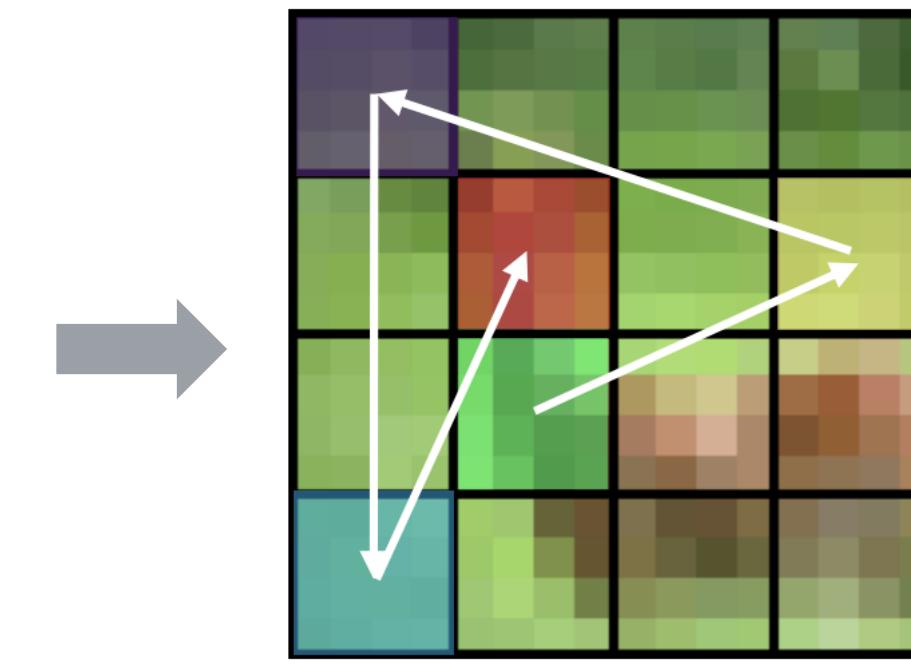
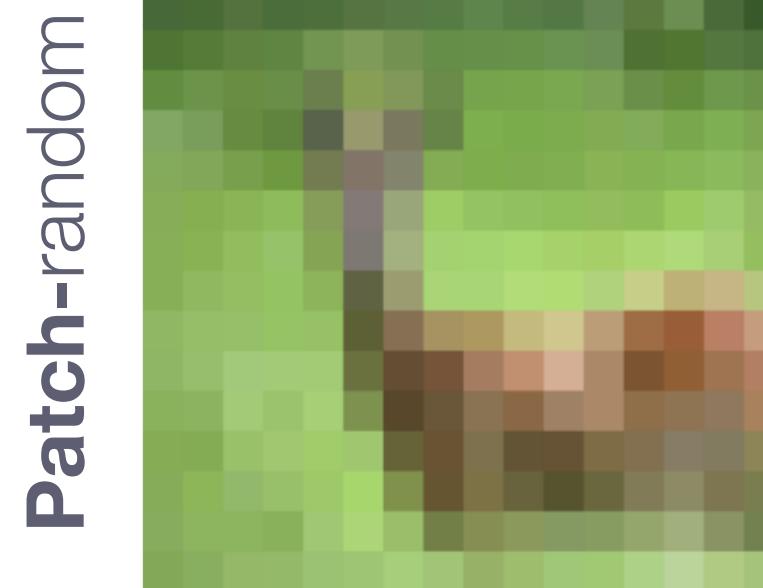


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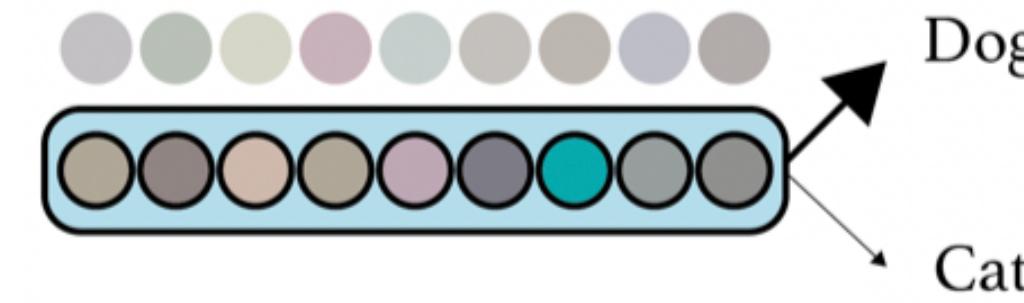
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# Token Grouping (into segments)

ImageNet100

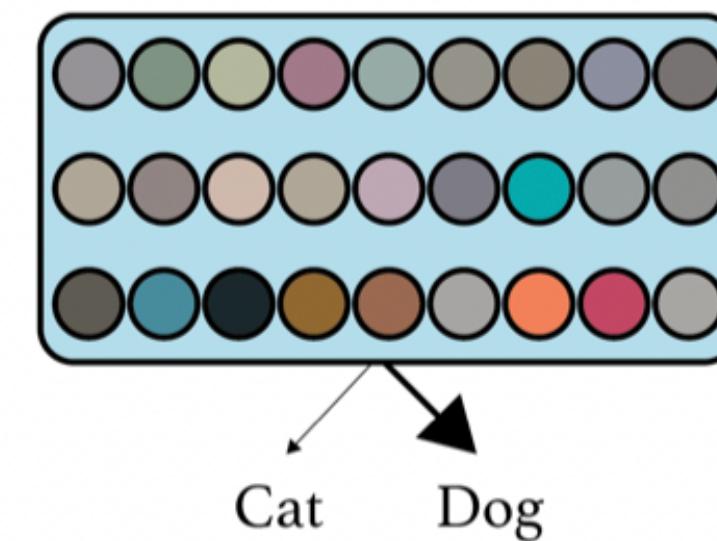


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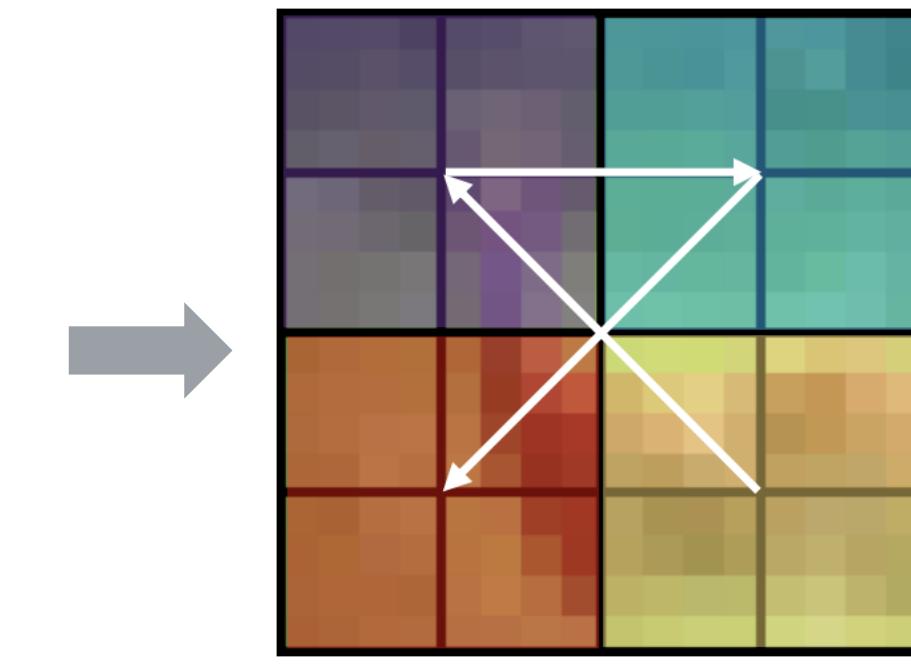


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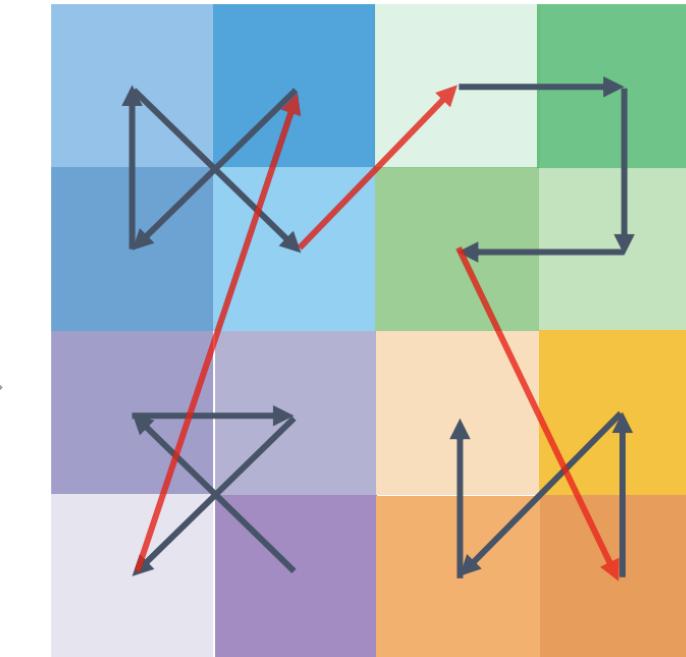
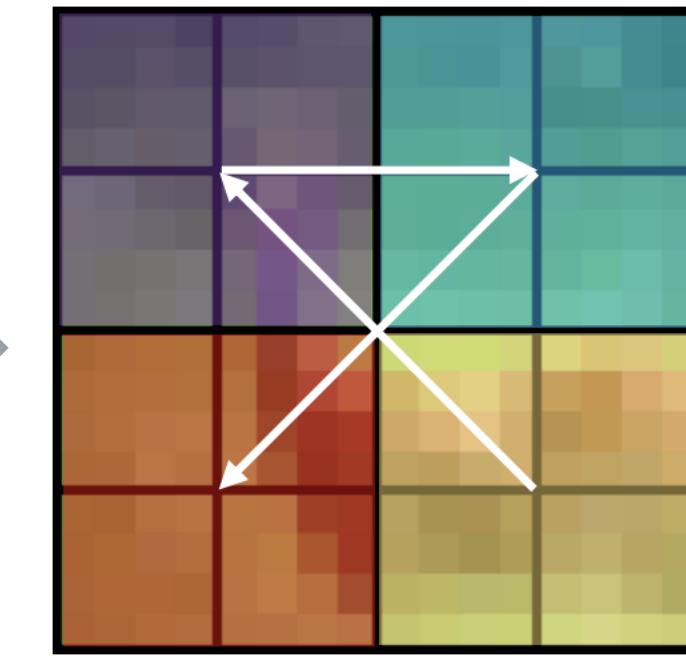


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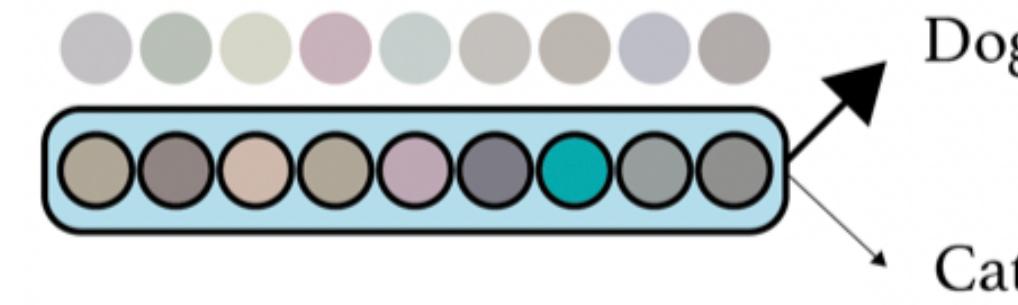
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**ImageNet100**

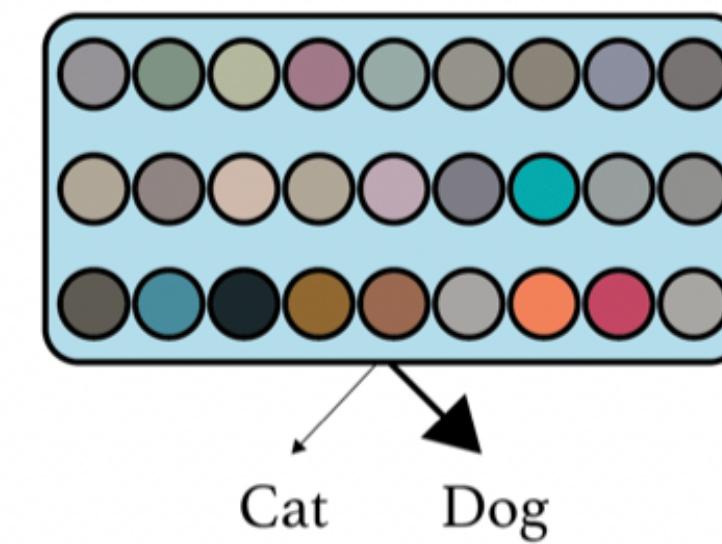


Linear Probing ↑



64.9

Finetuning ↑



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65.8

85.6

# Visualizations



# Low-data Image Classification (on CIFAR10/100 Datasets)

Model	CIFAR10		CIFAR100	
	LIN	FT	LIN	FT
Supervised		91.3		64.13
DINO (Caron et al., 2021)	89.0	94.4	65.78	76.3
MAE (He et al., 2021)	87.3	95.9	54.0	81.1
RandSAC-Square	92.1	96.7	69.7	81.5
RandSAC-Blob	93.9	96.9	67.9	79.6

Image-level  
Classification

Man, Woman, Horse



# Image Classification (on ImageNet Dataset)

	<b>Model</b>	<b>Backbone</b>	<b>Parameter</b>	<b>Linear</b>	<b>Fine-tune</b>
<i>Supervised</i>	DeiT (Touvron et al., 2021)	ViT-B	86M	N/A	81.2
<i>Clustering</i>	DINO (Caron et al., 2021)	ViT-B	86M	78.2	82.8
<i>Contrastive Learning</i>	MoCo v3 (Chen et al., 2021b)	ViT-B	86M	76.7	83.2
<i>Masked Image Modeling</i>	BEIT (Bao et al., 2022)	ViT-B	86M	N/A	83.2
	MAE (He et al., 2021)	ViT-B	86M	68.0	83.6
<i>Autoregressive Image Modeling</i>	iGPT (Chen et al., 2020a)	iGPT-S	76M	41.9	N/A
	iGPT (Chen et al., 2020a)	iGPT-M	455M	54.5	N/A
	iGPT (Chen et al., 2020a)	iGPT-L	1362M	65.2	N/A
	RandSAC-Square (K=9)	ViT-B	86M	72.3	<b>83.7</b>
	RandSAC-Square (K=16→4)	ViT-B	86M	68.9	<b>83.9</b>

## Image-level Classification

Man, Woman, Horse

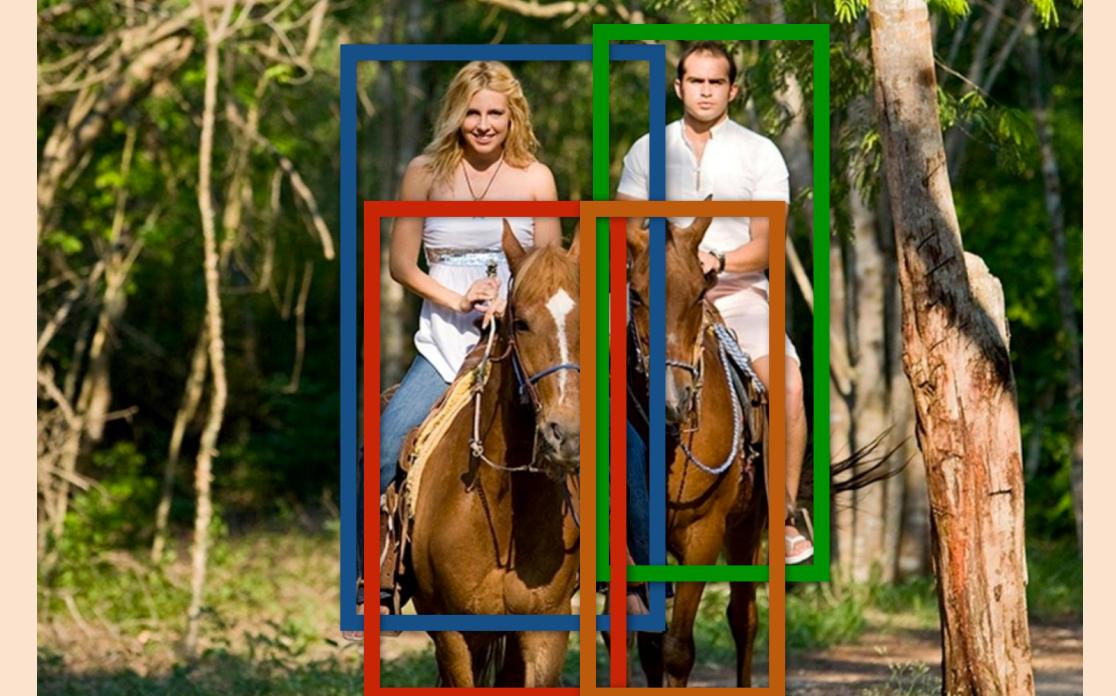


# Object Detection (on COCO Dataset)

Method	Pre-EPOCHS	AP <sup>bbox</sup>	AP <sup>mask</sup>
DeiT (Touvron et al., 2021)	300	47.9	42.9
MoCo-v3 (Chen et al., 2021b)	300	47.9	42.7
DINO (Caron et al., 2021)	300	46.8	41.5
BEiT (Bao et al., 2022)	800	49.8	44.4
MAE (He et al., 2021)	1600	50.3	44.9
<b>RandSAC-Square (K=16→4)</b>	<b>1600</b>	<b>50.9</b>	<b>45.0</b>

**Instance-level  
Detection**

**Man, Woman,  
Horse, Horse**



# Image Segmentation (on ADE20K Dataset)

Method	Crops	Super.	Self-super.	mIoU
DeiT (Touvron et al., 2021)	1	✓	✗	47.0
MoCo v3 (Chen et al., 2021b)	2	✗	✓	47.2
DINO (Caron et al., 2021)	2+10	✗	✓	47.2
BEiT (Bao et al., 2022)	1	✗	✓	46.5
MAE	1	✗	✓	48.1
RandSAC-Square (K=9)	1	✗	✓	48.3
RandSAC-Square (K=16→4)	1	✗	✓	48.5

Instance-level  
Segmentation

Man, Woman,  
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# **Compute Efficiency, Strategy 1:**

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Iterative Refinement

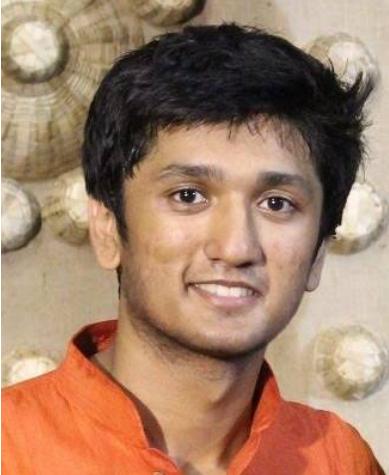
## **Chapter 2:**

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**Computational Efficiency and Data Bias**

# Scene Graphs

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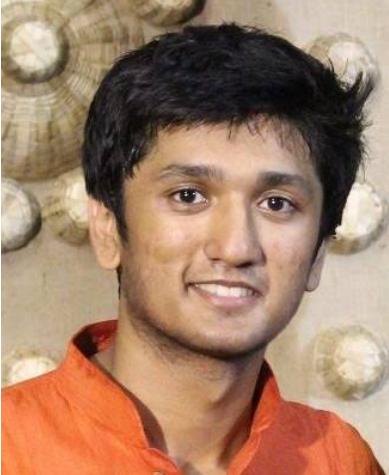


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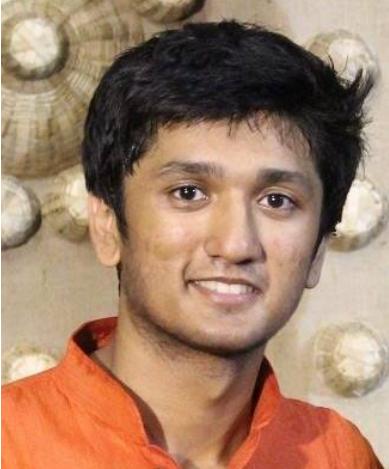


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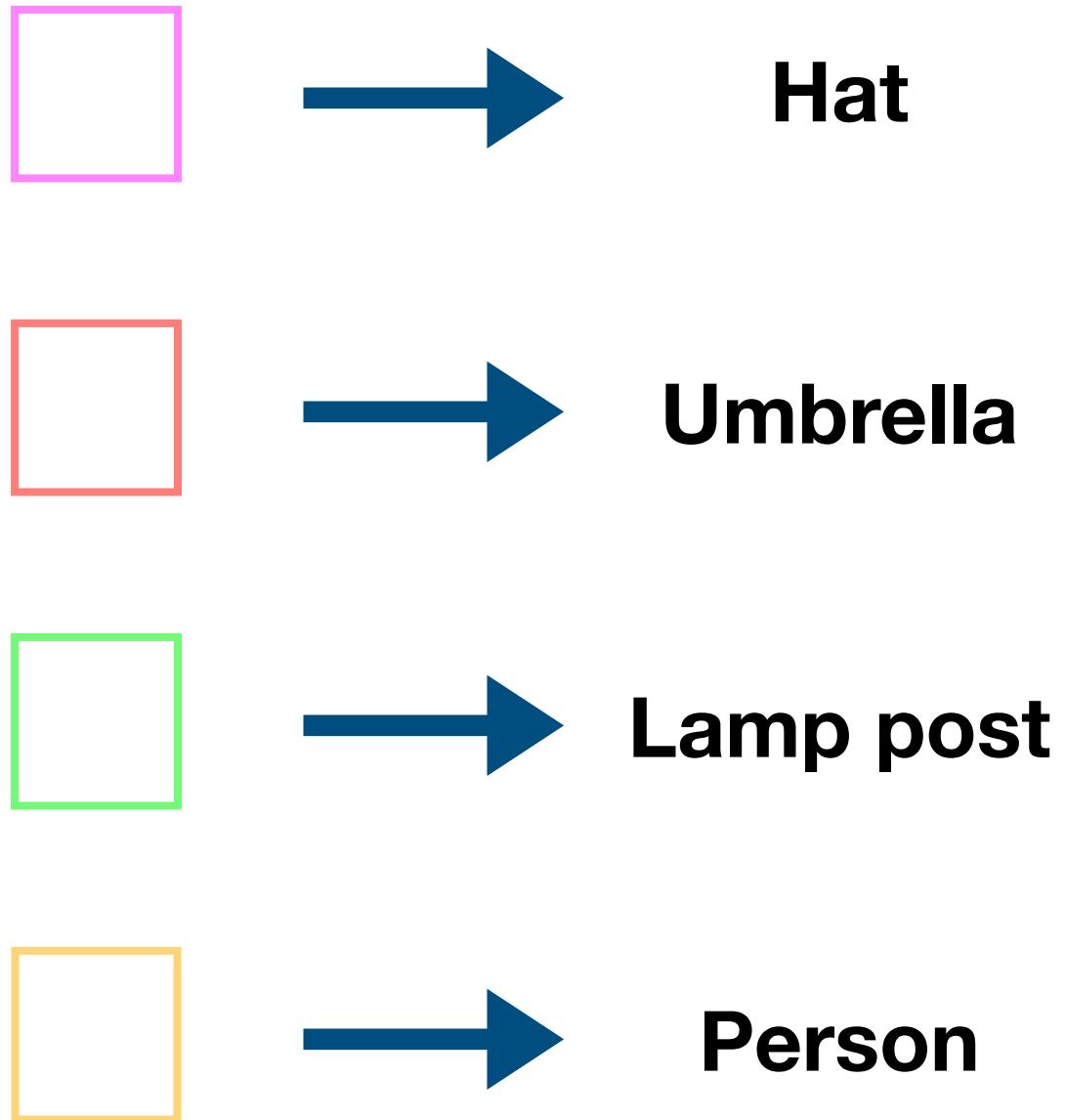


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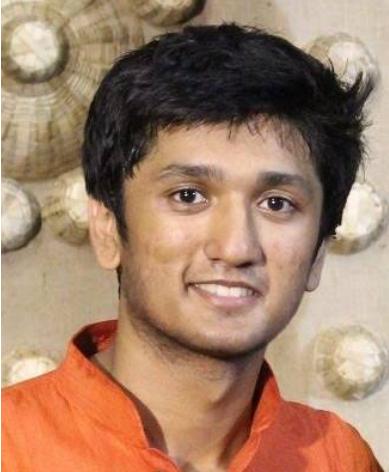


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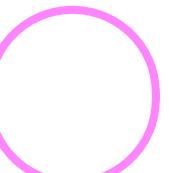
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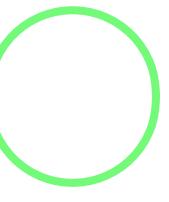
Person



Umbrella

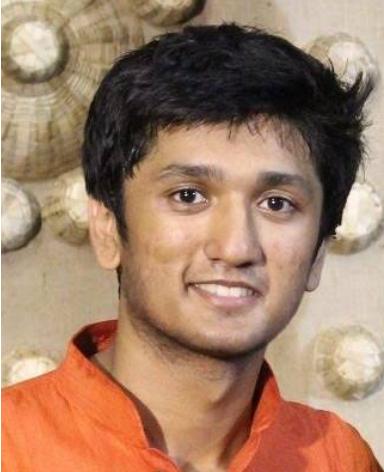


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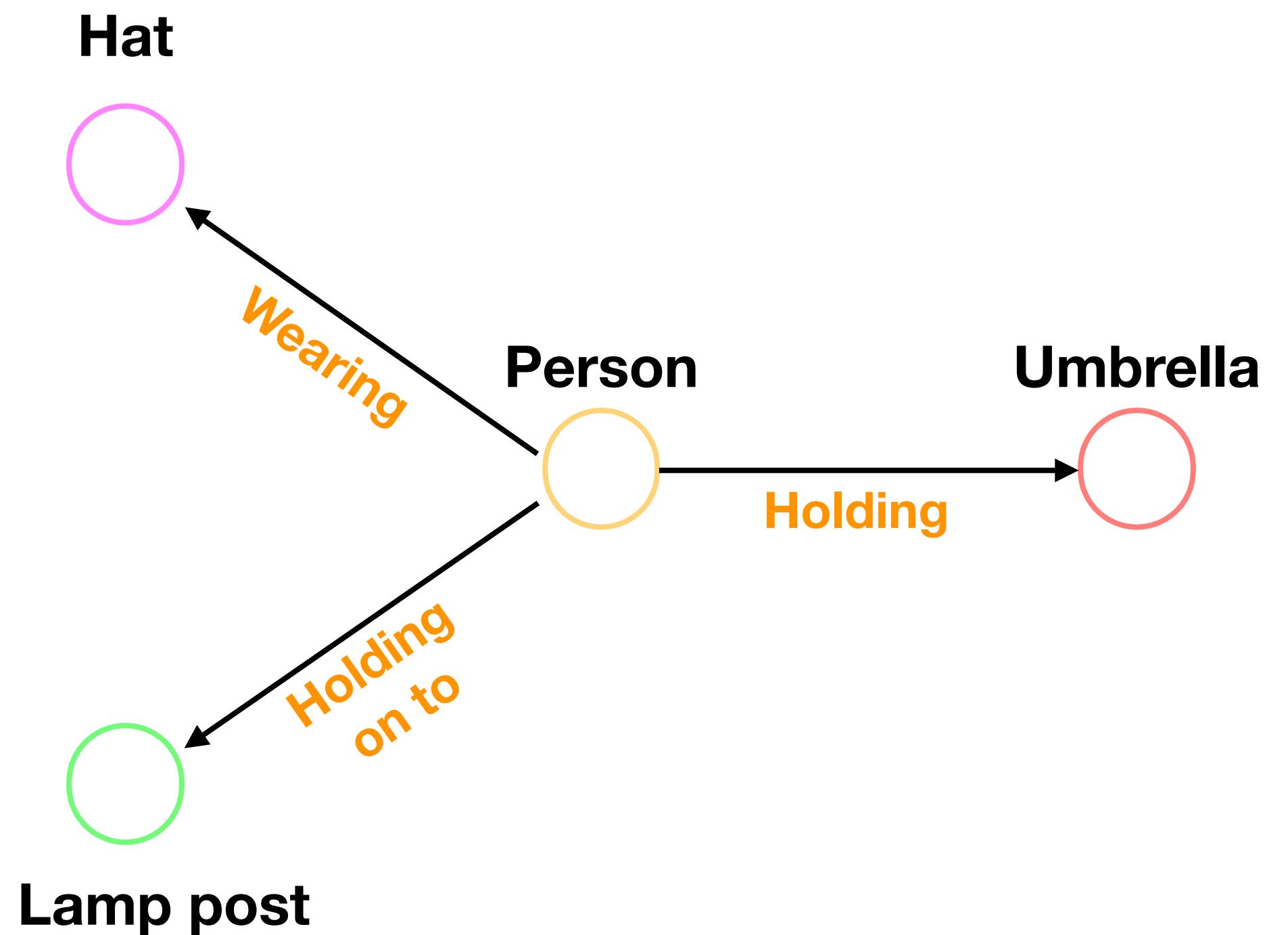


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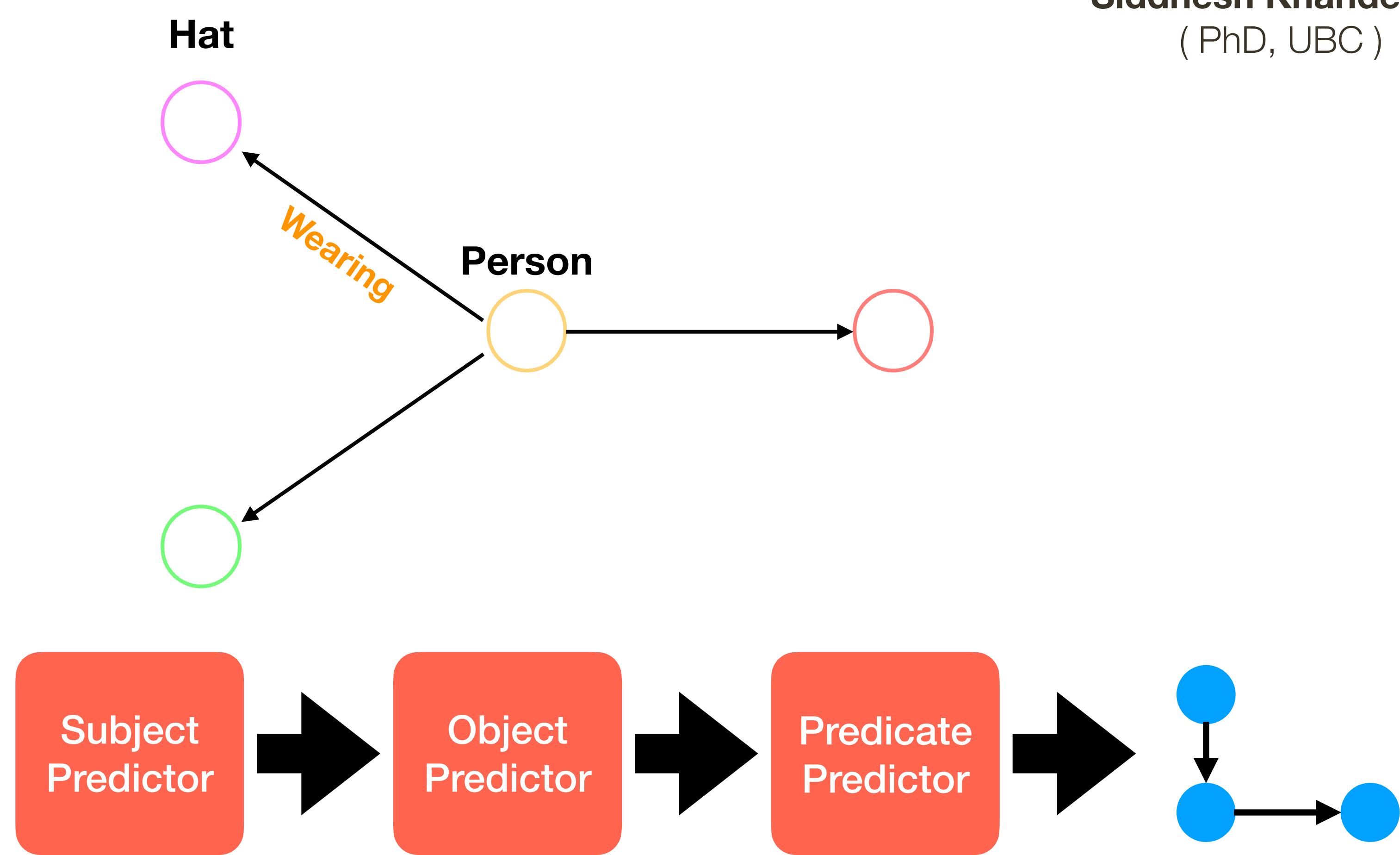


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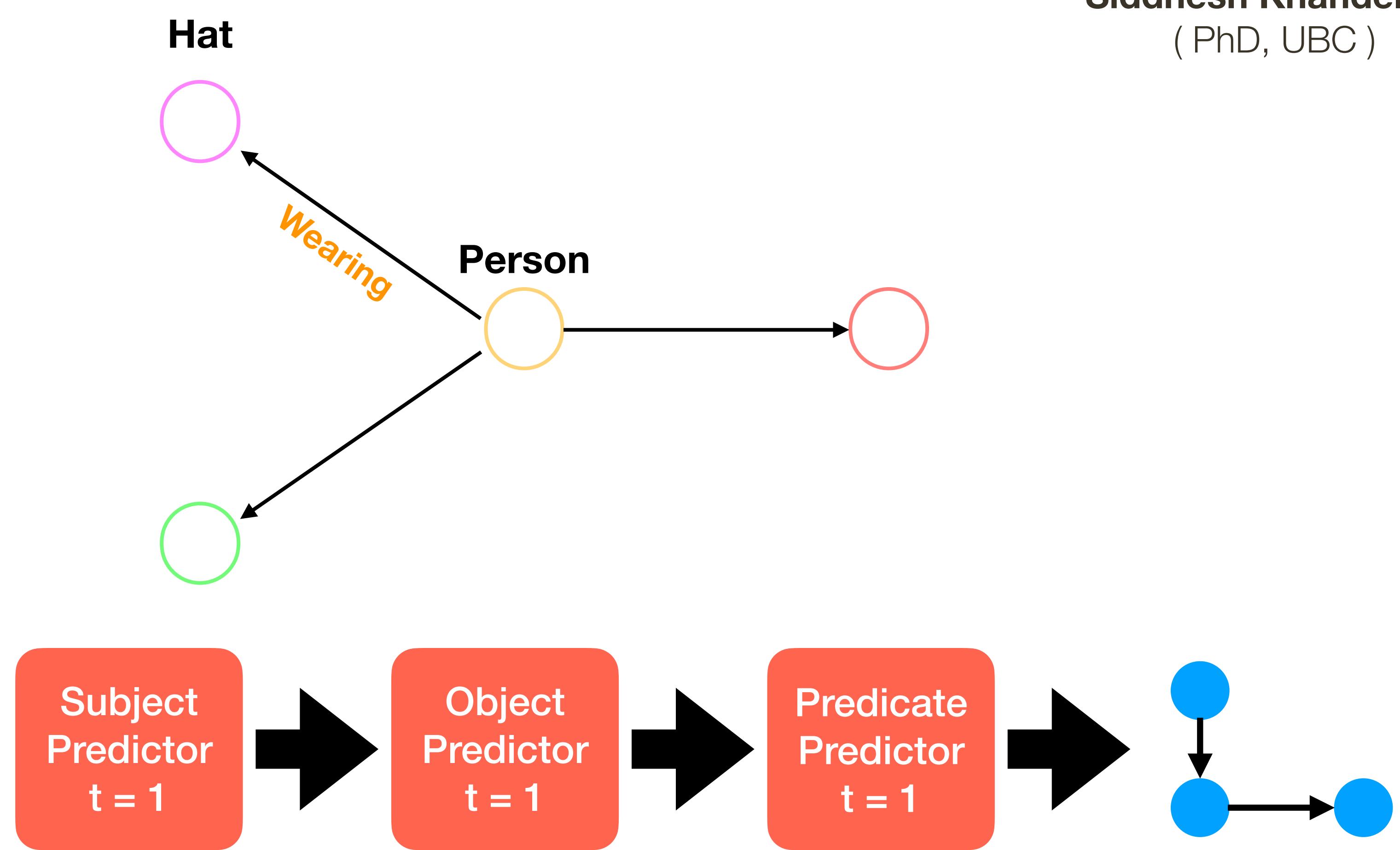
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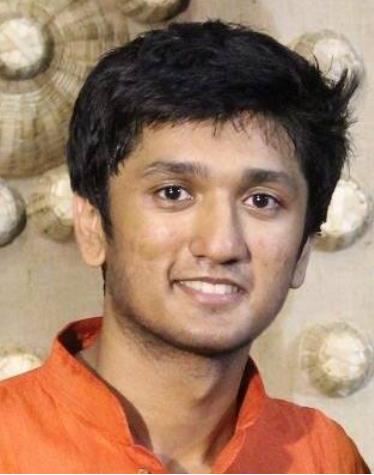
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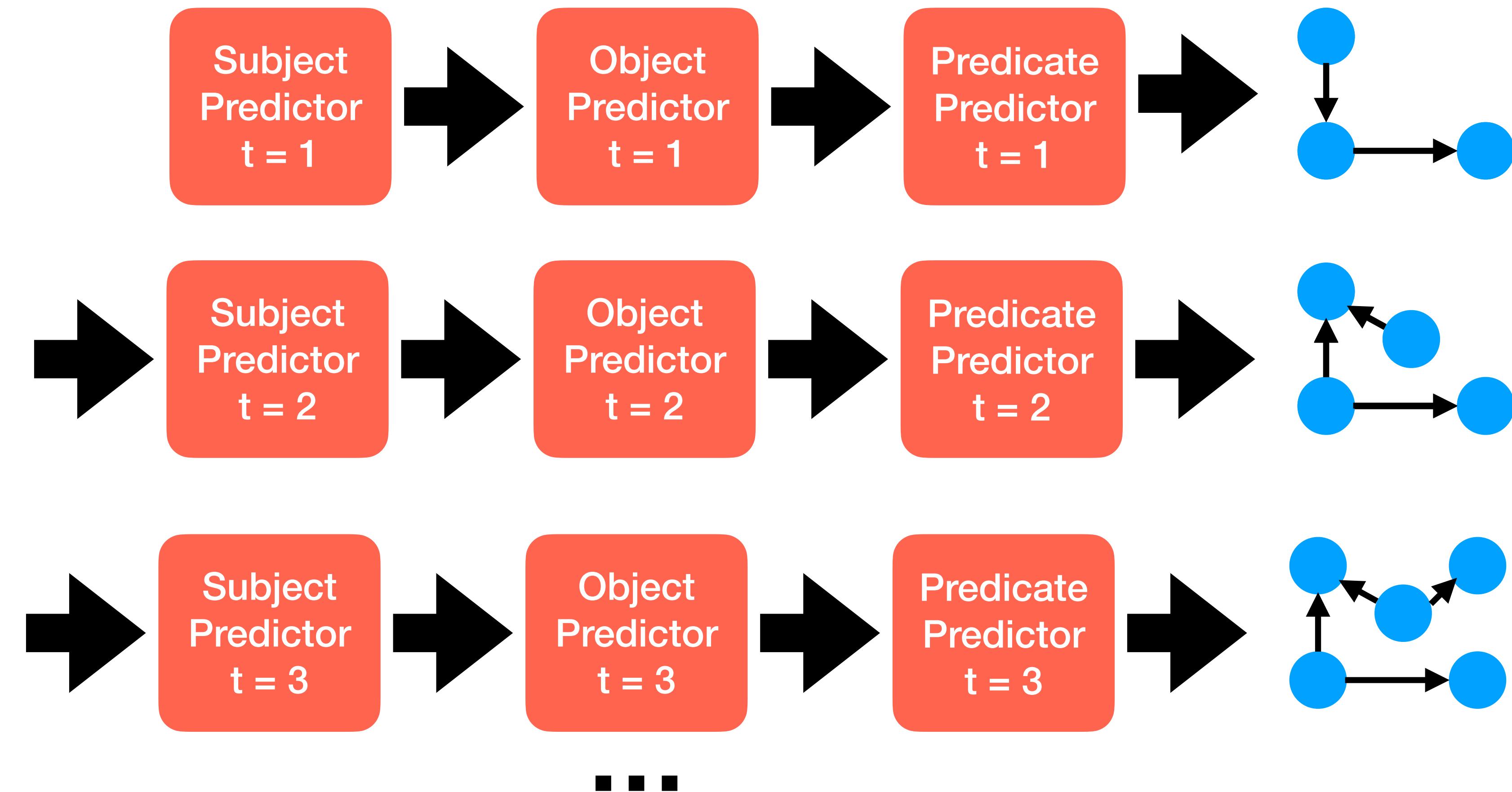


# Iterative Scene Graph Generation

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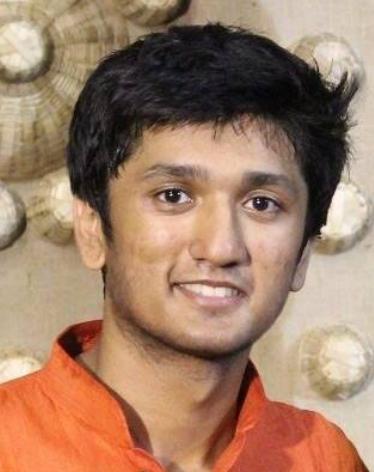


**Key Insight:** Formulate the problem of Scene Graph estimation as one of **iterative refinement**

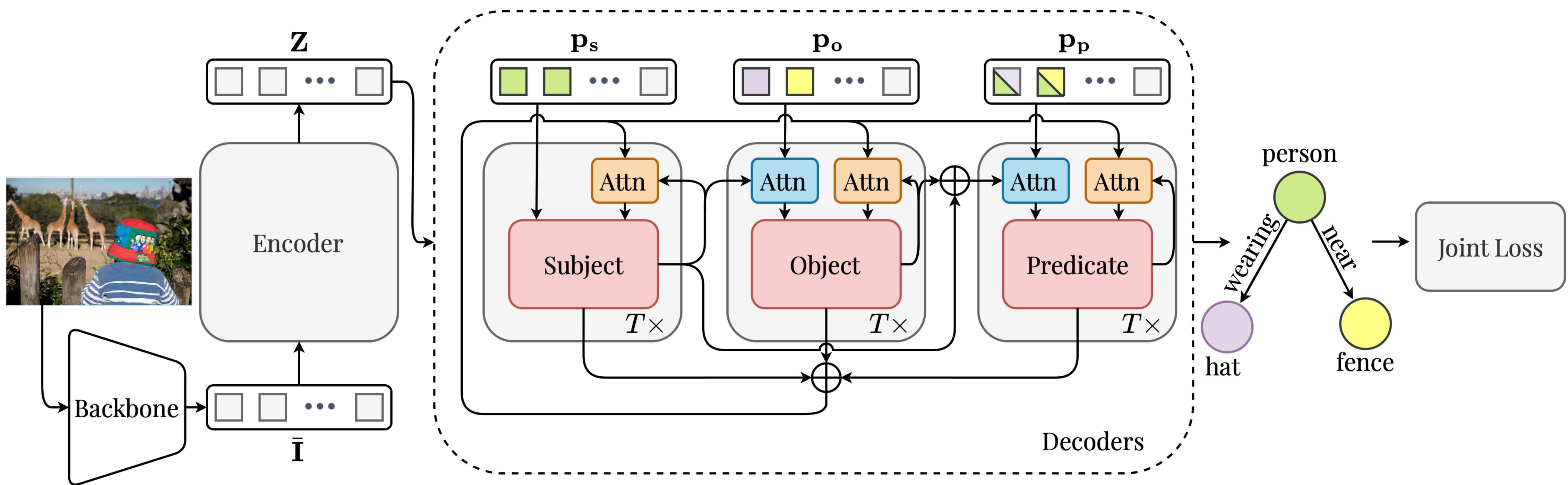


# Transformer Based Iterative Generation

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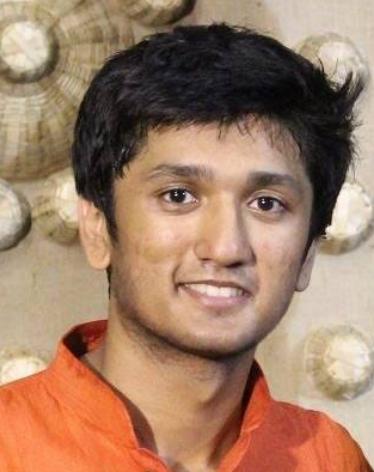


The iterative framework is realized using a novel transformer-based architecture

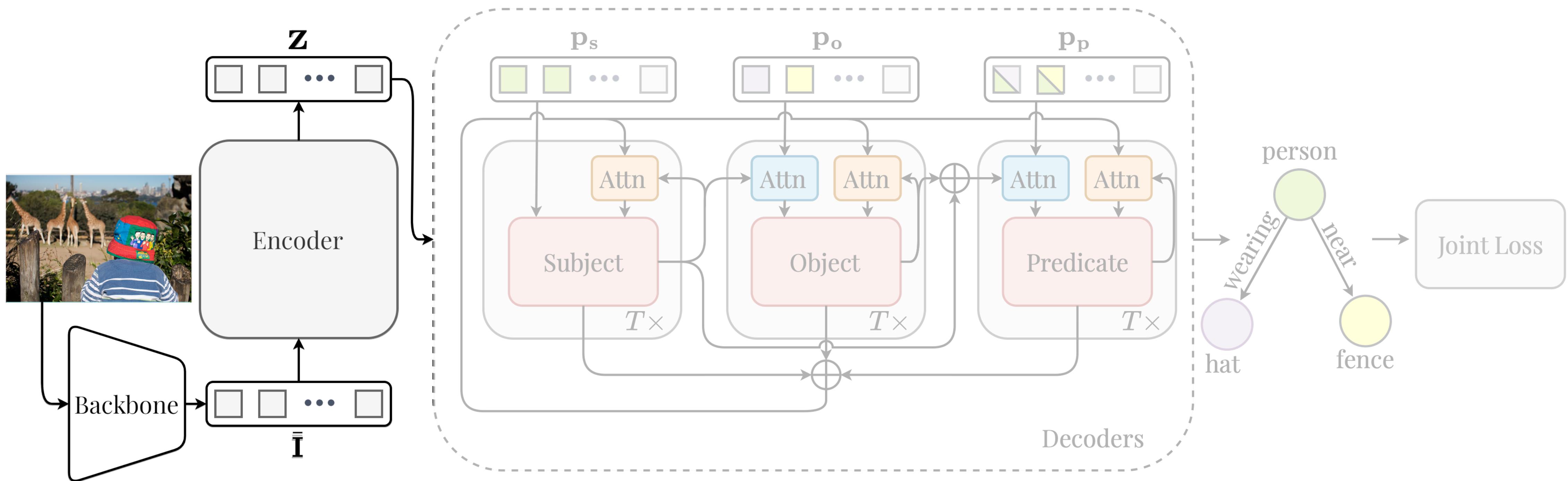


# Image Encoder

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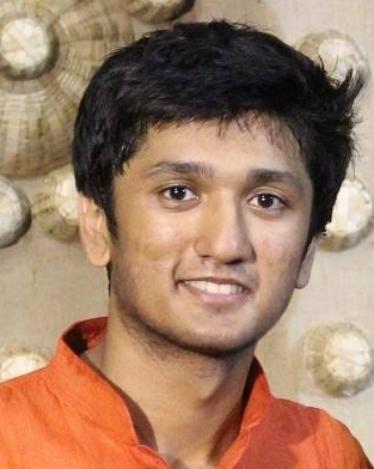
Similar to DETR<sup>[1]</sup>, the encoder is a multi-layer transformer network that encodes image into a feature representation



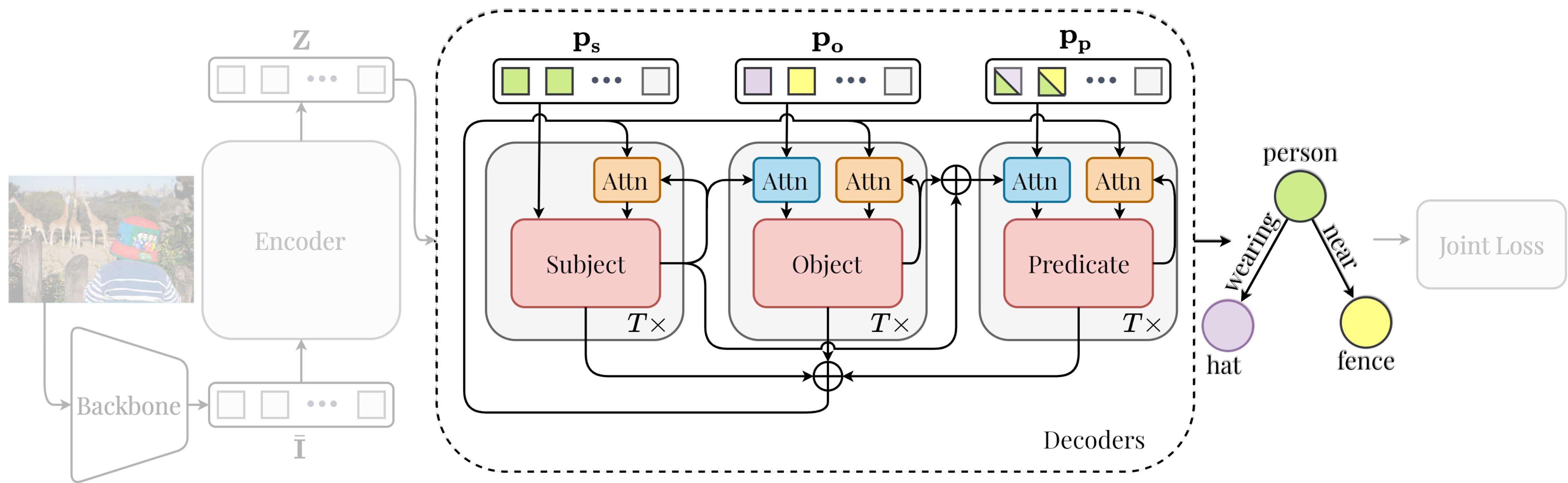
[1] Carion, Nicolas, et al. "End-to-end object detection with transformers." *European conference on computer vision*. Springer, Cham, 2020.

# Triplet Decoder

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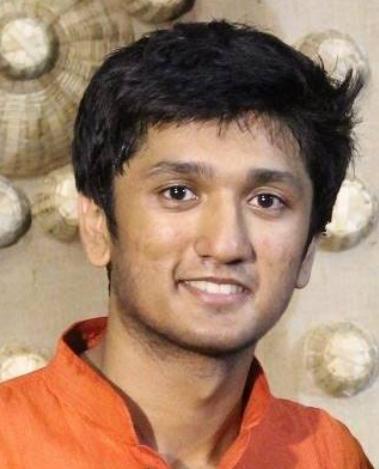


Each of the subject, object, and predicate predictors is a multi-layer transformer

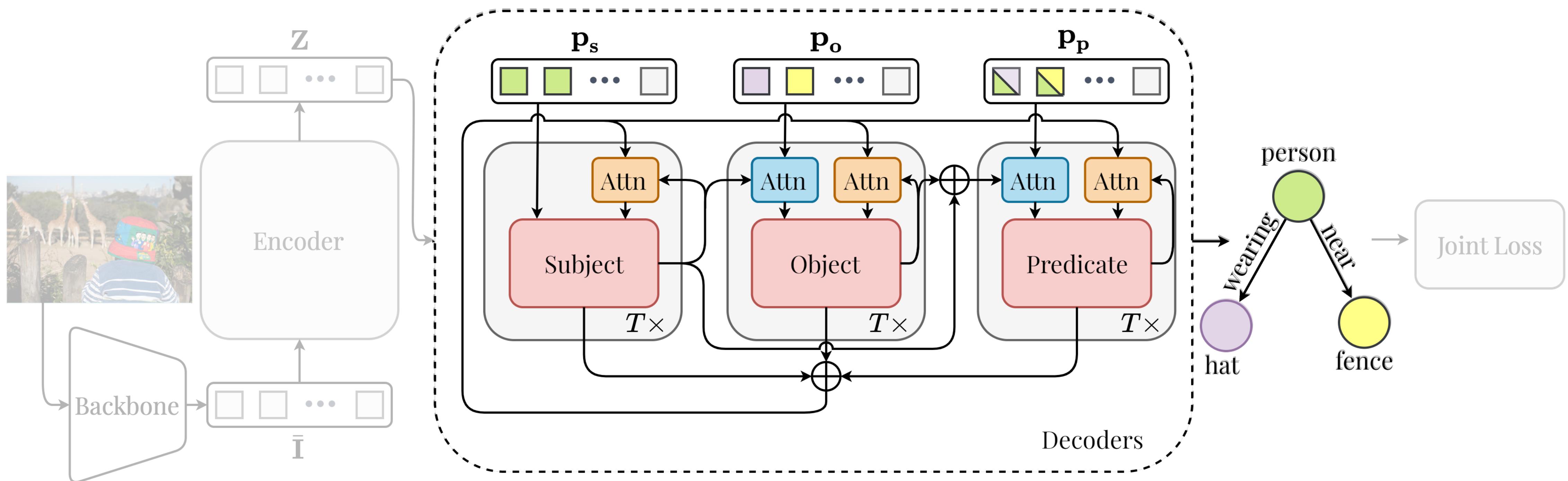


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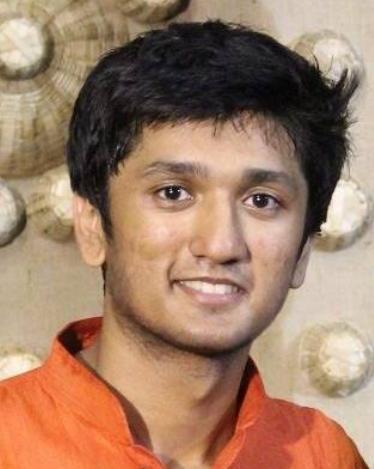


The iterative framework is modelled explicitly by using **two kinds of conditioning** and implicitly by a **joint loss**

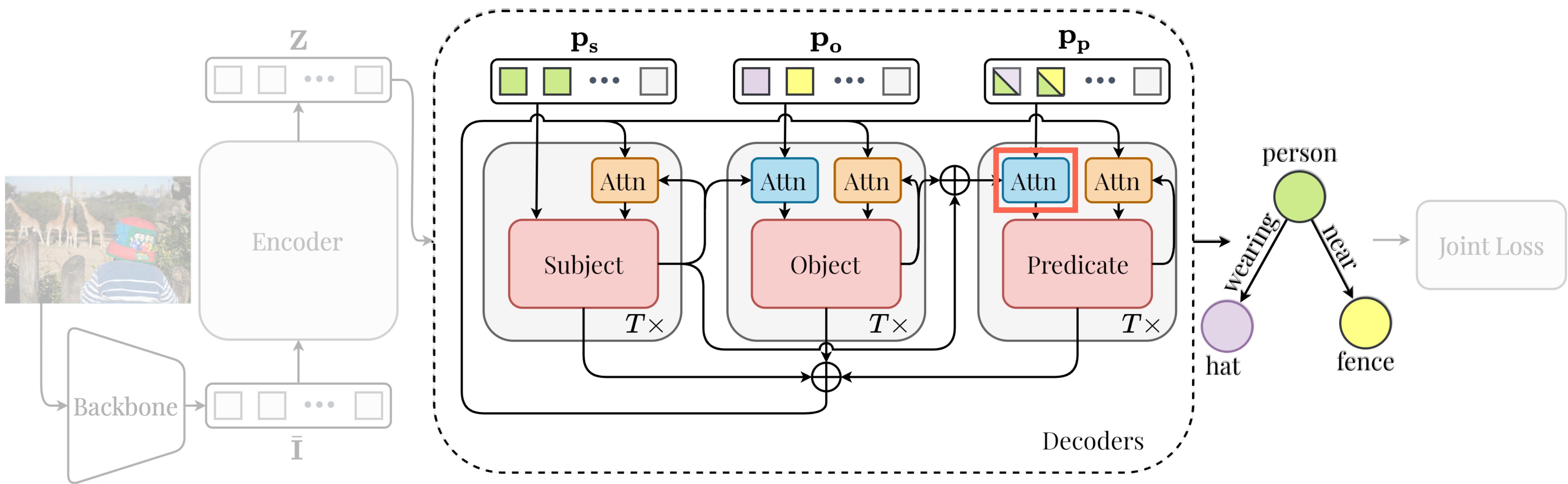


# Conditioning Within Step

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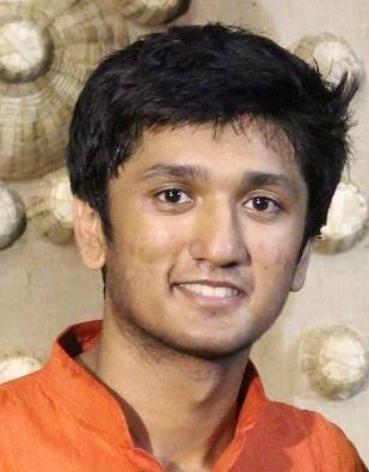


The predicate predictor within a particular step  $t$  is conditioned on the subject and object decoder outputs at step  $t$

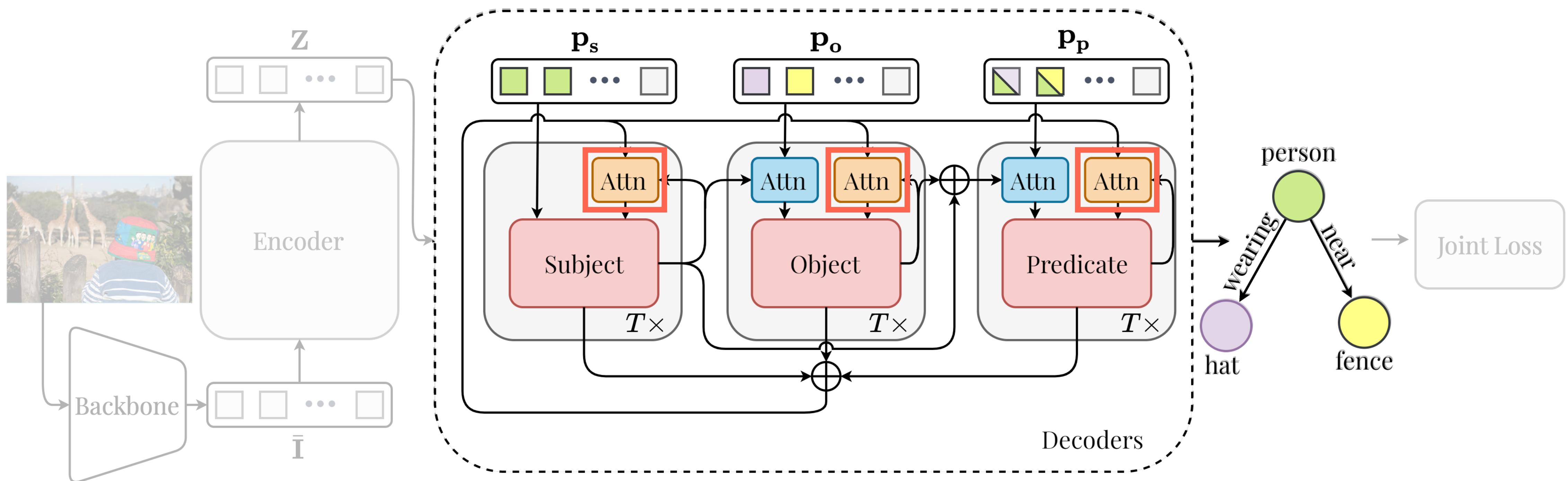


# Conditioning Across Steps

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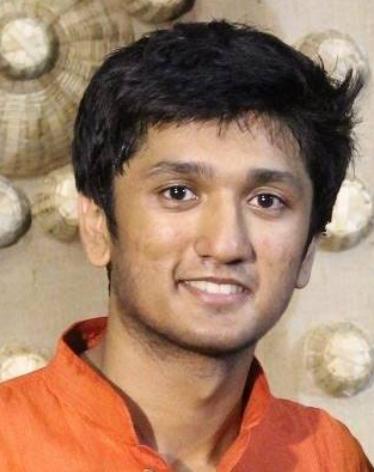


The predicate decoder within a particular step  $t$  is conditioned on the previous graph estimate from step  $t - 1$

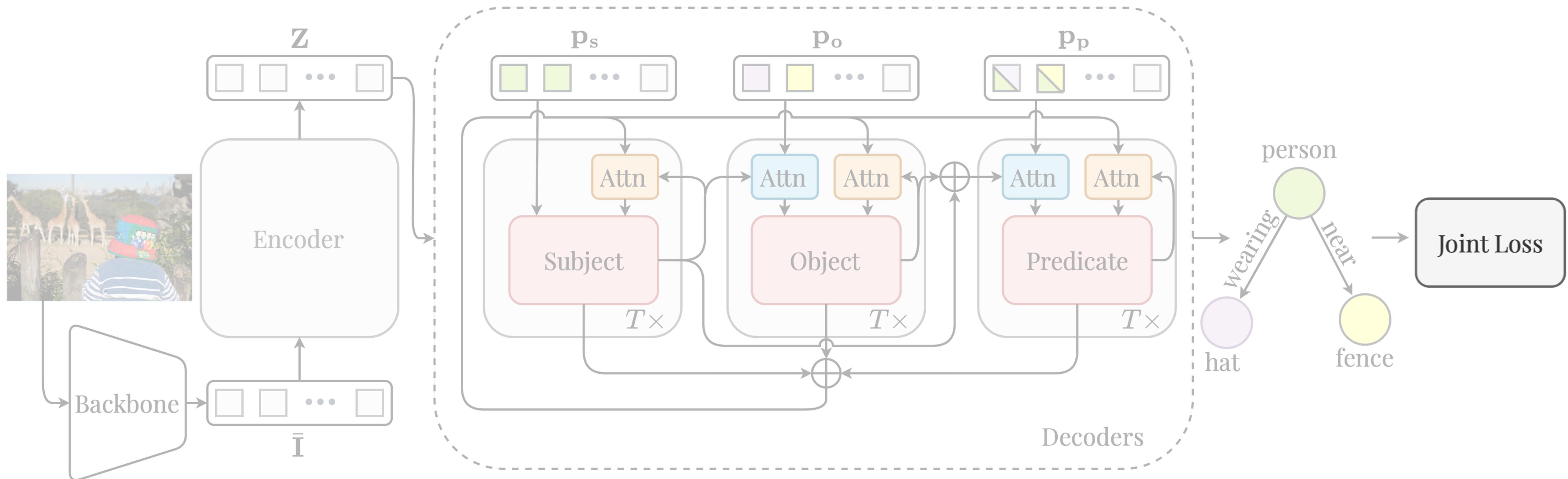


# Joint Loss

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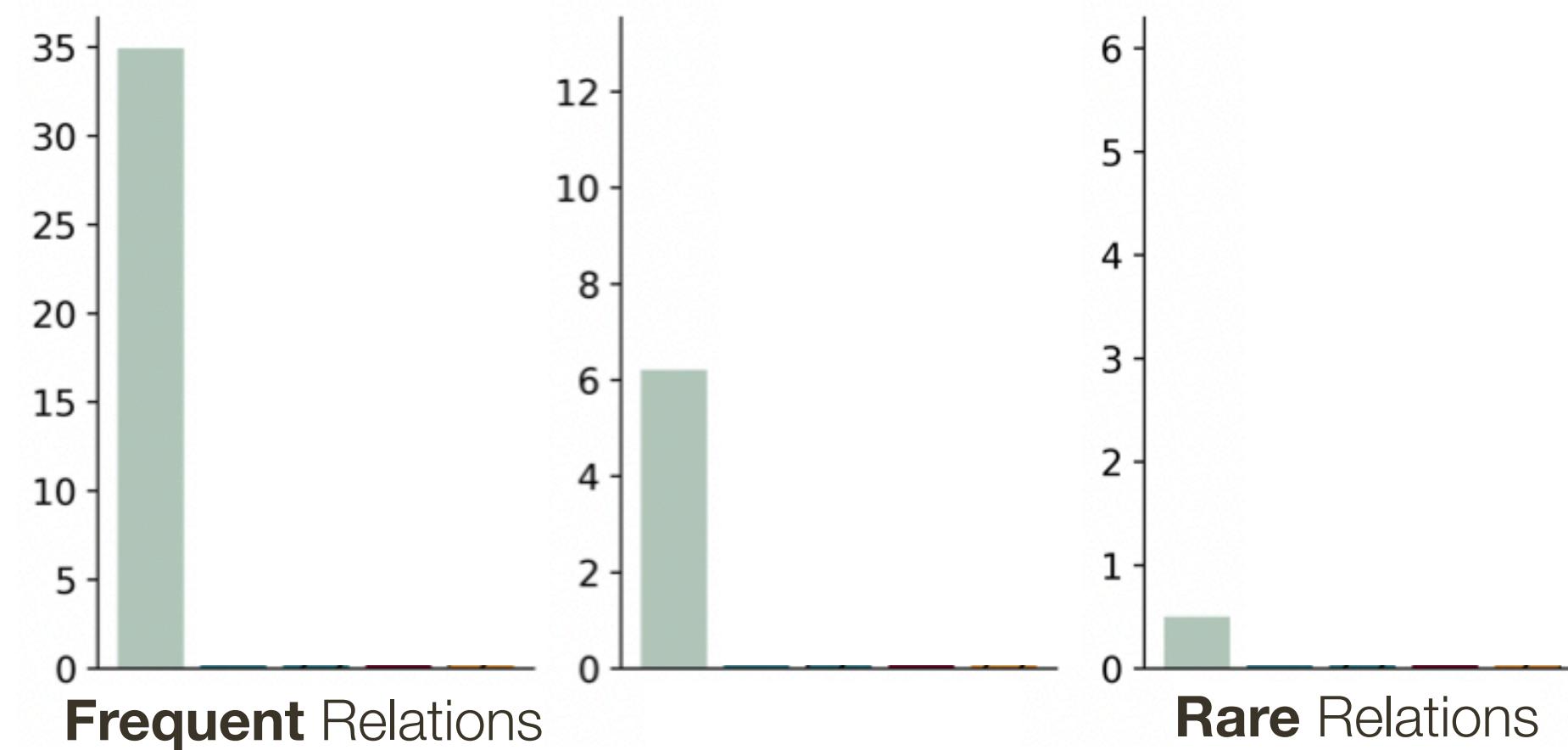


We additionally use a novel joint loss to ensure a valid scene graph is generated at each step. This loss **implicitly** enables refinement.



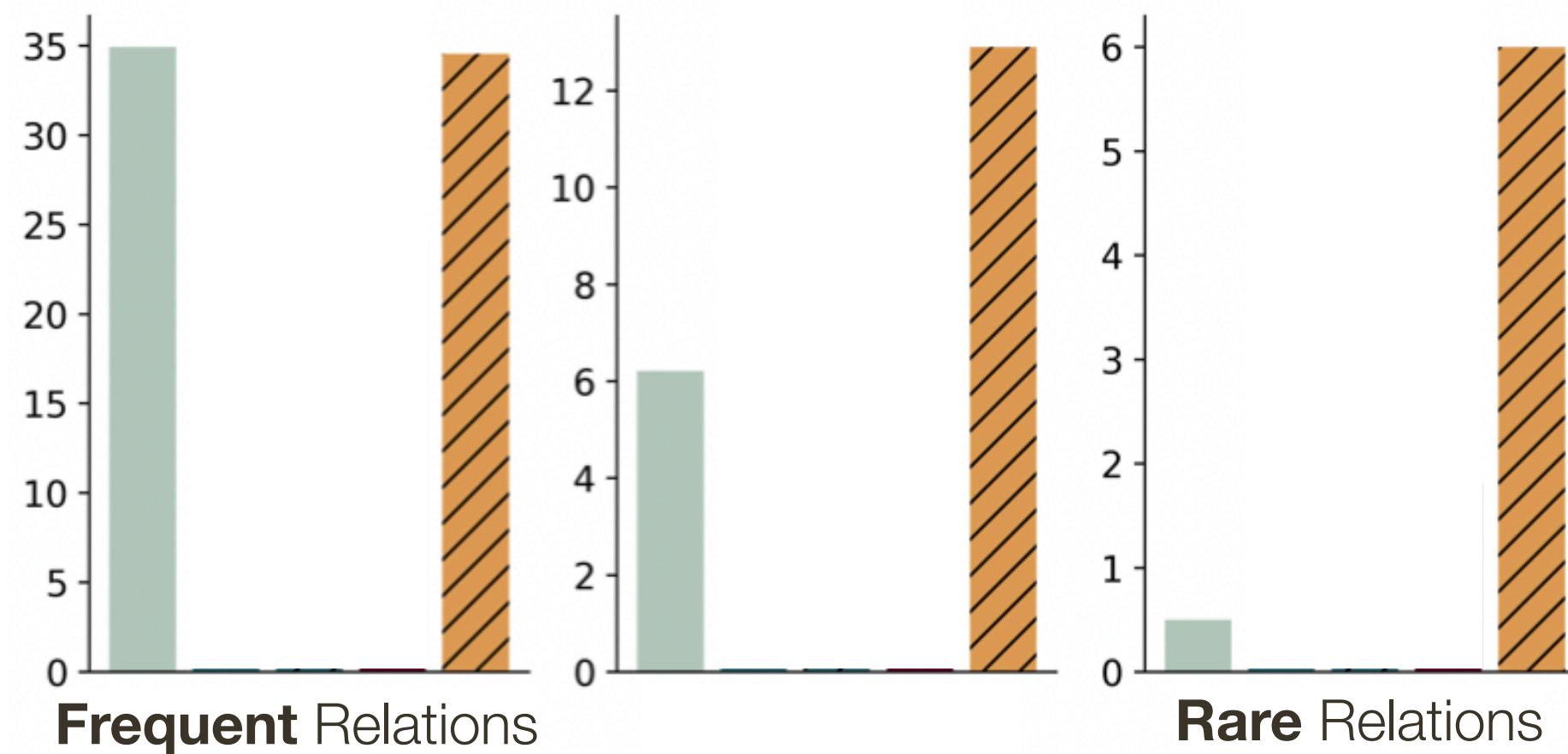
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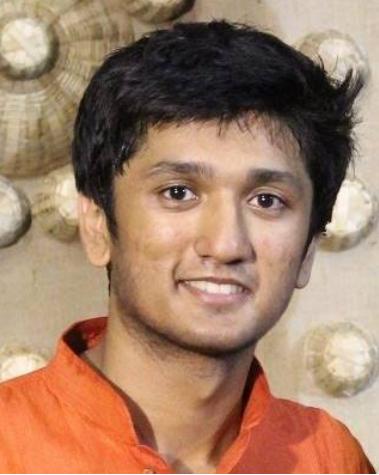
# De-Biasing, Strategy 2:

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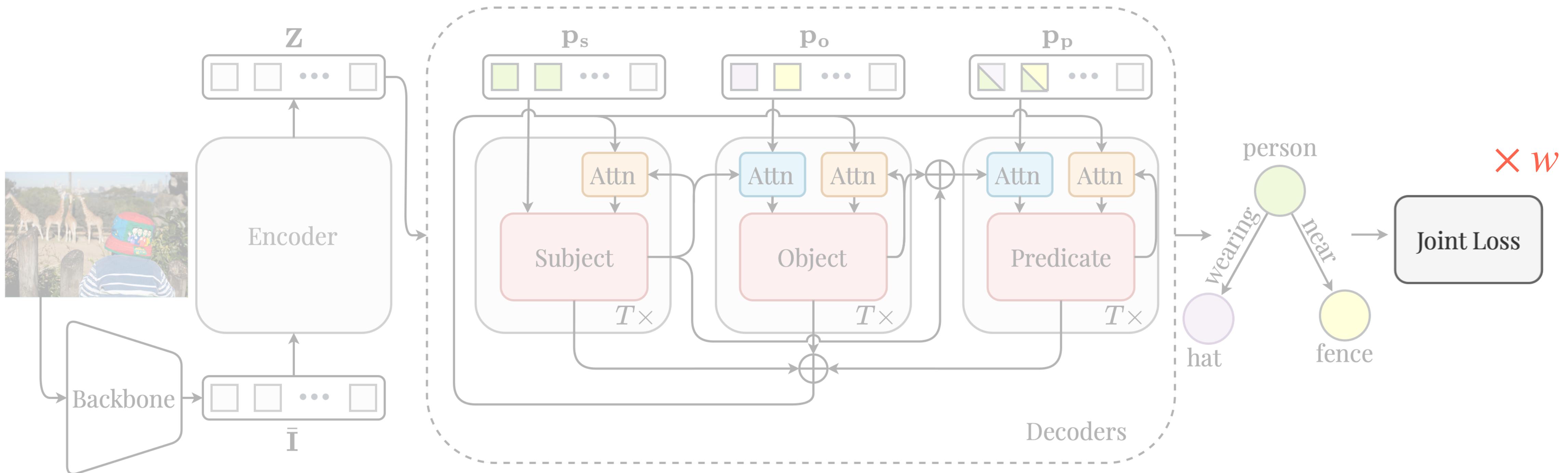
Loss Re-scaling

# Loss Re-weighting

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A loss re-weighting strategy is used to address the inherent long-tail nature of the task, giving our model flexibility to **trade-off** dominant for underrepresented classes



$$w_c = \max \left\{ \left( \frac{\alpha}{\text{class frequency in training set}} \right)^\beta, 1.0 \right\}$$

# Experiments

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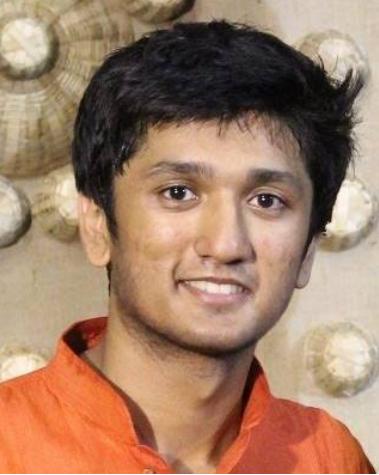


Our proposed transformer based approach outperforms existing baselines, while simultaneously operating on a wide spectrum of performance metrics.

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BGNN [30, 29]	8.6 / 10.3	28.2 / 33.8	13.2 / 15.8	29.1	12.6	2.2
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AS-Net [4]	6.1 / 7.2	18.7 / 21.1	9.2 / 10.7	19.6	7.7	2.7
HOTR [27]	9.4 / 12.0	23.5 / 27.7	13.4 / 16.7	26.1	16.2	3.4
Concurrent Work						
SGTR <sub>M=1</sub> [29]	12.0 / 14.6	25.1 / 26.6	16.2 / 18.8	27.1	17.2	6.9
SGTR <sub>M=3</sub> [29]	12.0 / 15.2	24.6 / 28.4	16.1 / 19.8	28.2	18.6	7.1
SGTR <sub>M=3,BGNN</sub> [30] [29]	15.8 / 20.1	20.6 / 25.0	17.9 / 22.3	21.7	21.6	17.1
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Ours <sub>(α=0.14,β=0.5)</sub>	14.4 / 16.4	27.9 / 30.4	19.0 / 21.3	30.0	17.3	11.2
Ours <sub>(α=0.07,β=0.75)</sub>	15.7 / 17.8	27.2 / 29.8	19.9 / 22.3	28.5	18.8	13.3
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Ours <sub>(α=0.14,β=0.75),BGNN</sub> [30]	17.1 / 19.2	22.9 / 25.7	19.6 / 22.0	24.4	20.2	16.4
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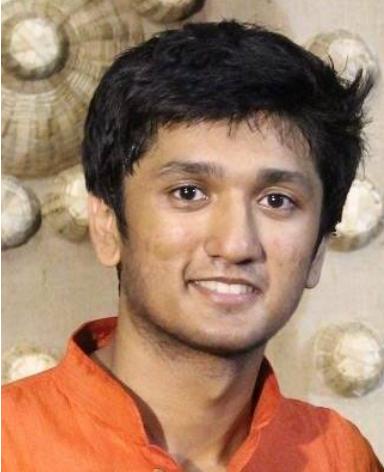


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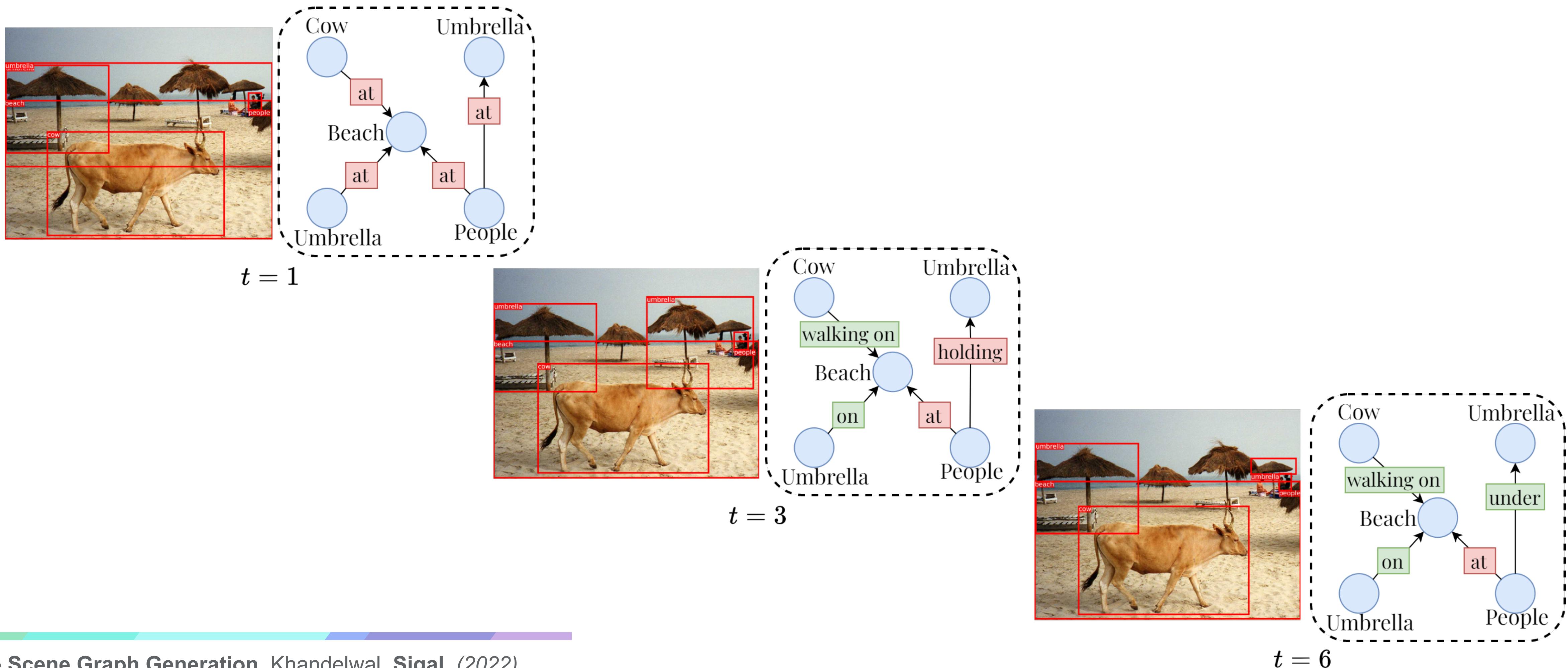
Method	mR@50/100	R@50/100	hR@50/100	Head	Body	Tail
BGNN [30, 29]	8.6 / 10.3	28.2 / 33.8	13.2 / 15.8	29.1	12.6	2.2
RelDN [53, 29]	4.4 / 5.4	30.3 / 34.8	7.7 / 9.3	31.3	2.3	0.0
AS-Net [4]	6.1 / 7.2	18.7 / 21.1	9.2 / 10.7	19.6	7.7	2.7
HOTR [27]	9.4 / 12.0	23.5 / 27.7	13.4 / 16.7	26.1	16.2	3.4
Concurrent Work						
SGTR <sub>M=1</sub> [29]	12.0 / 14.6	25.1 / 26.6	16.2 / 18.8	27.1	17.2	6.9
SGTR <sub>M=3</sub> [29]	12.0 / 15.2	24.6 / 28.4	16.1 / 19.8	28.2	18.6	7.1
SGTR <sub>M=3,BGNN</sub> [30] [29]	15.8 / 20.1	20.6 / 25.0	17.9 / 22.3	21.7	21.6	17.1
Ours <sub>(α=0.0,β=*)</sub>	8.0 / 8.8	29.7 / 32.1	12.6 / 13.8	31.7	9.0	1.4
Ours <sub>(α=0.14,β=0.5)</sub>	14.4 / 16.4	27.9 / 30.4	19.0 / 21.3	30.0	17.3	11.2
Ours <sub>(α=0.07,β=0.75)</sub>	15.7 / 17.8	27.2 / 29.8	19.9 / 22.3	28.5	18.8	13.3
Ours <sub>(α=0.14,β=0.75)</sub>	15.8 / 18.2	26.1 / 28.7	19.7 / 22.3	28.2	19.4	13.8
Ours <sub>(α=0.14,β=0.75),BGNN</sub> [30]	17.1 / 19.2	22.9 / 25.7	19.6 / 22.0	24.4	20.2	16.4
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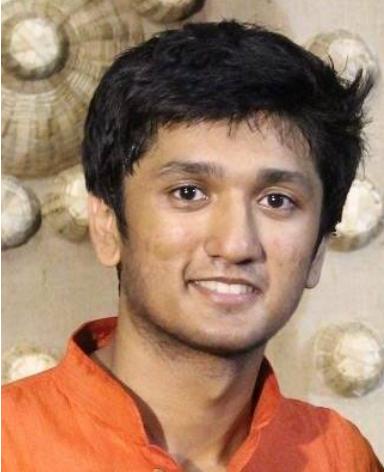


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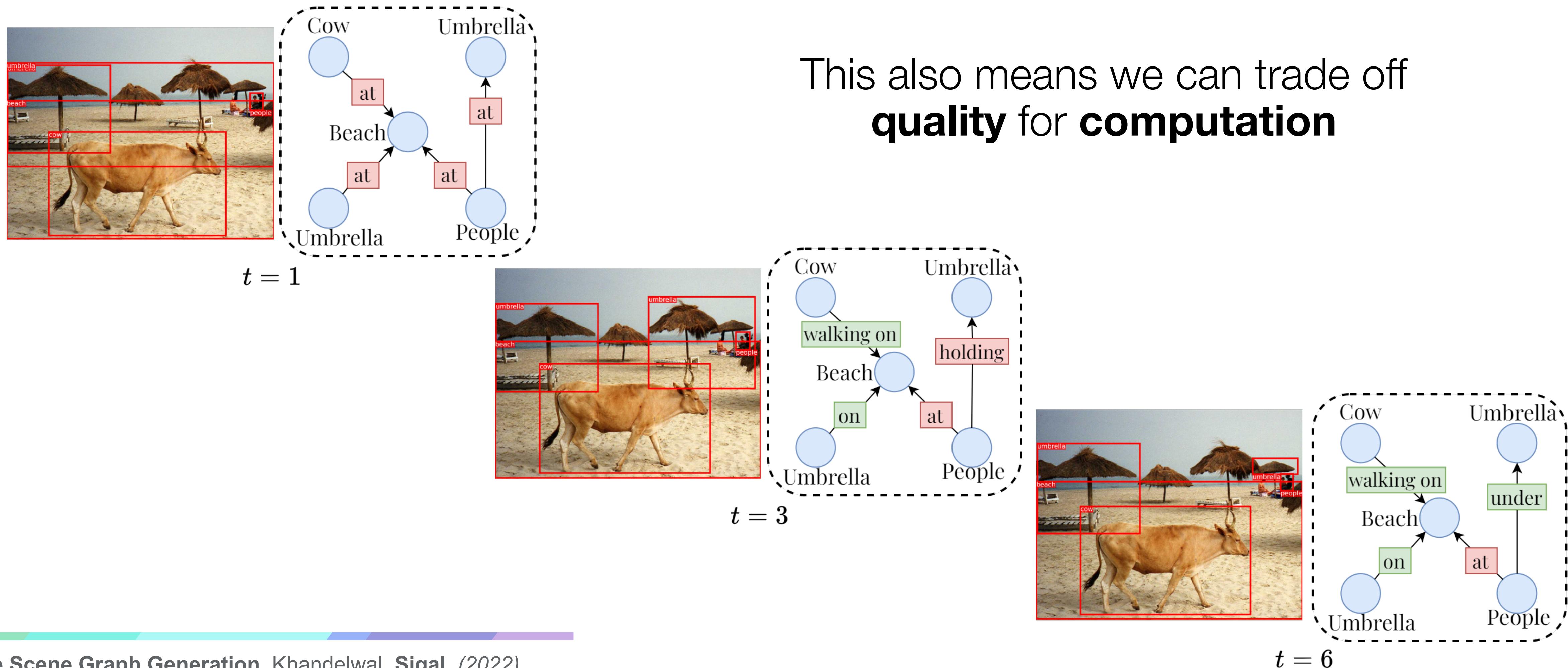


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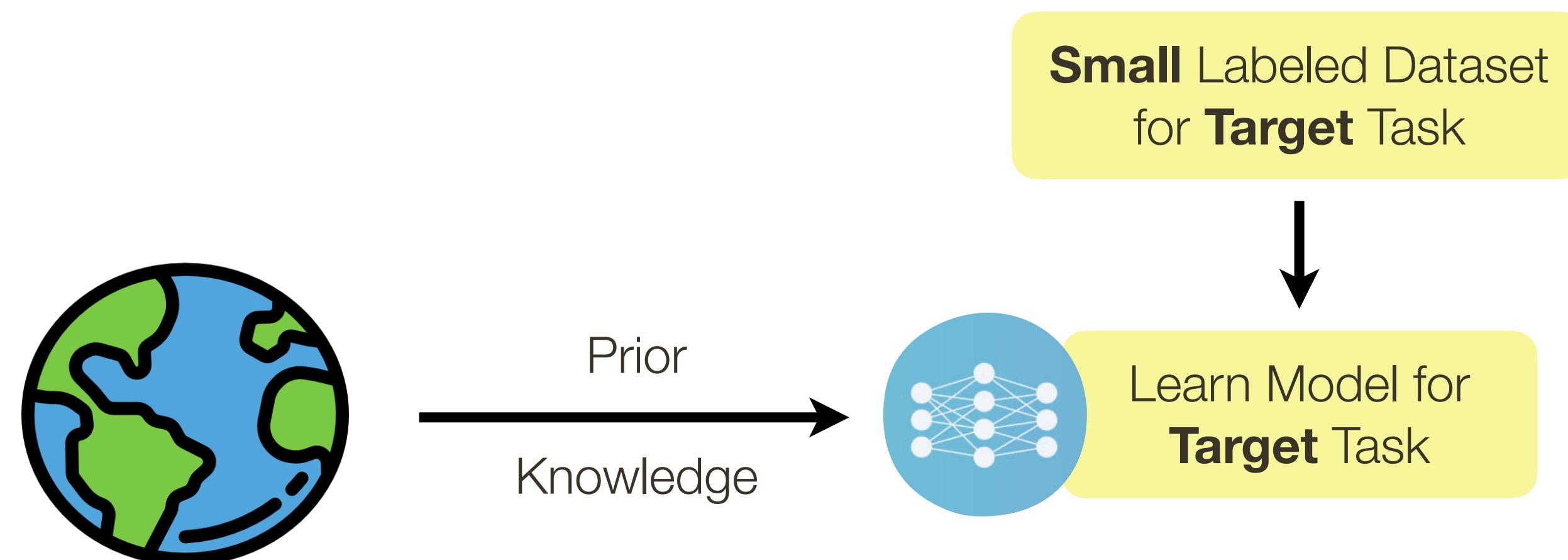
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# Data Efficiency, Strategy 4:

## Adding Prior Knowledge

( Case-study in Common Sense )

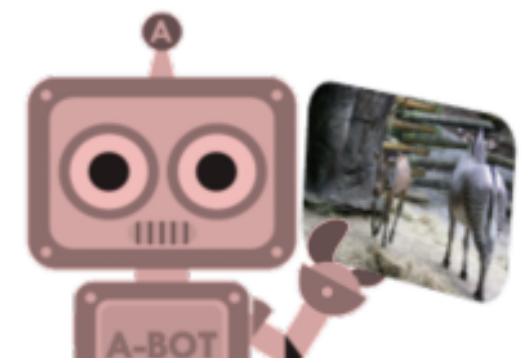
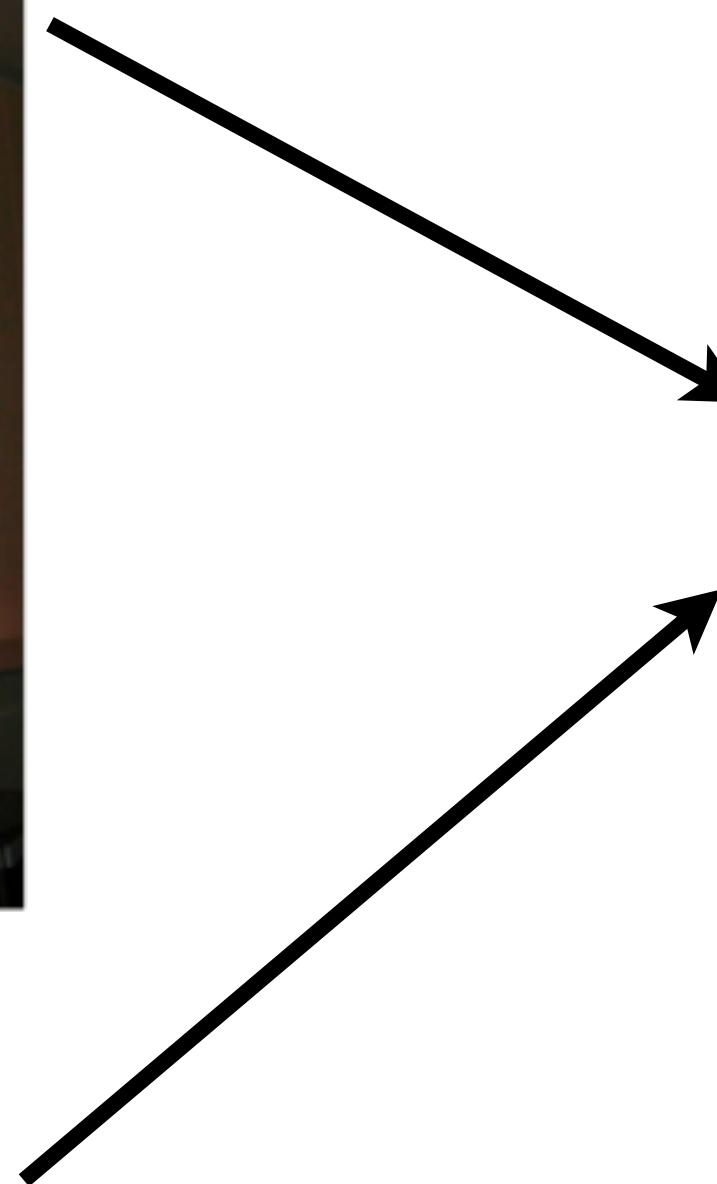


# Knowledge-based Visual Question Answering

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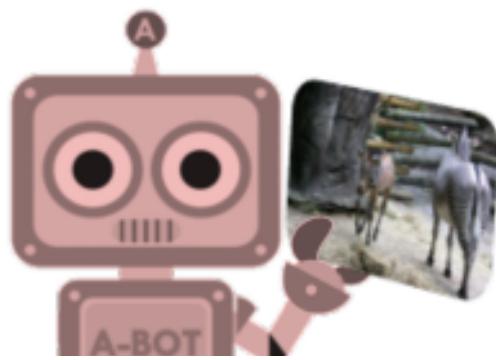
**Question:**  
This animal is known for many acute senses including what?



→ hearing and smell

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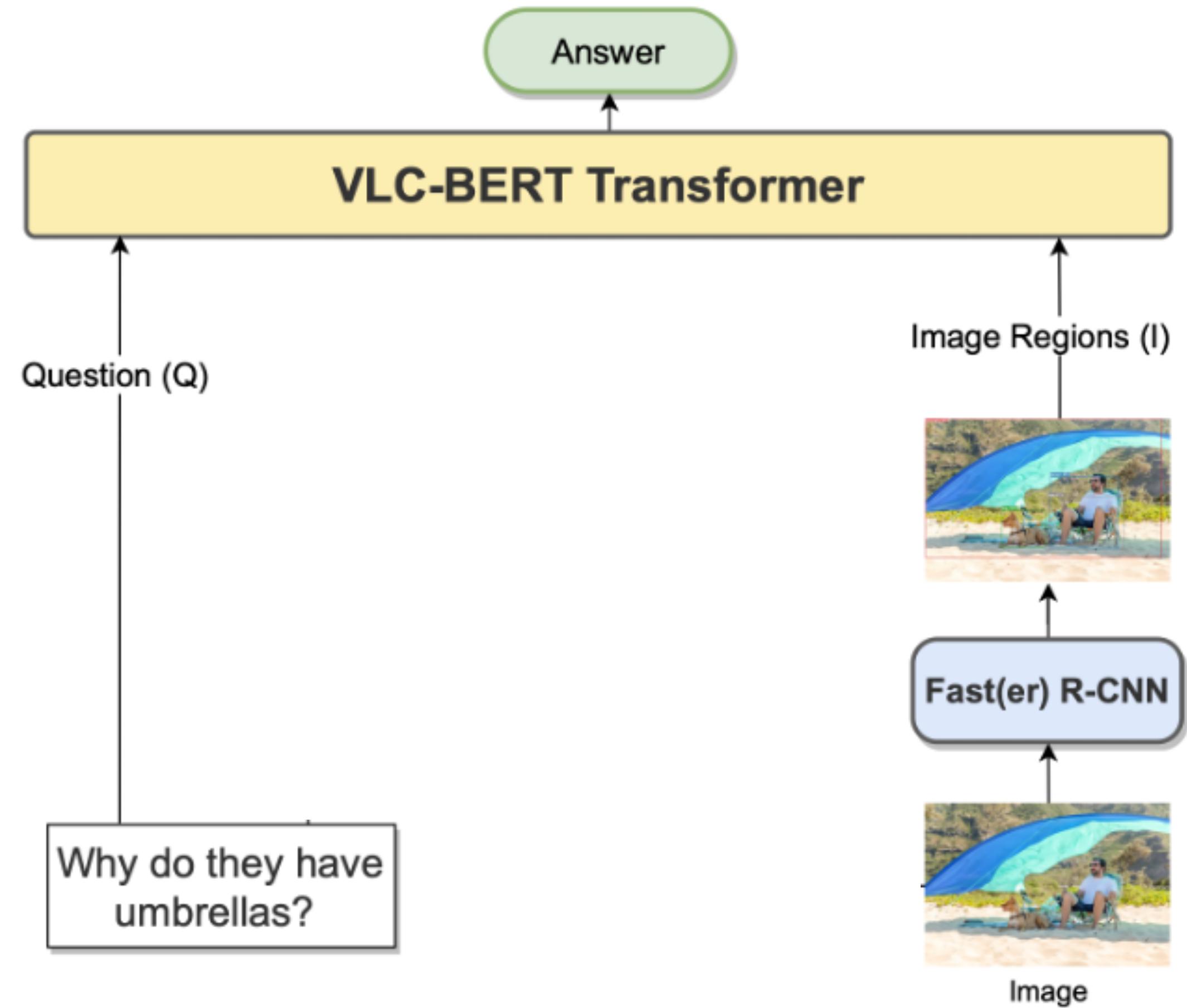


Requires **visual knowledge** that the cat is present, but also **common sense** semantic knowledge about cats as species

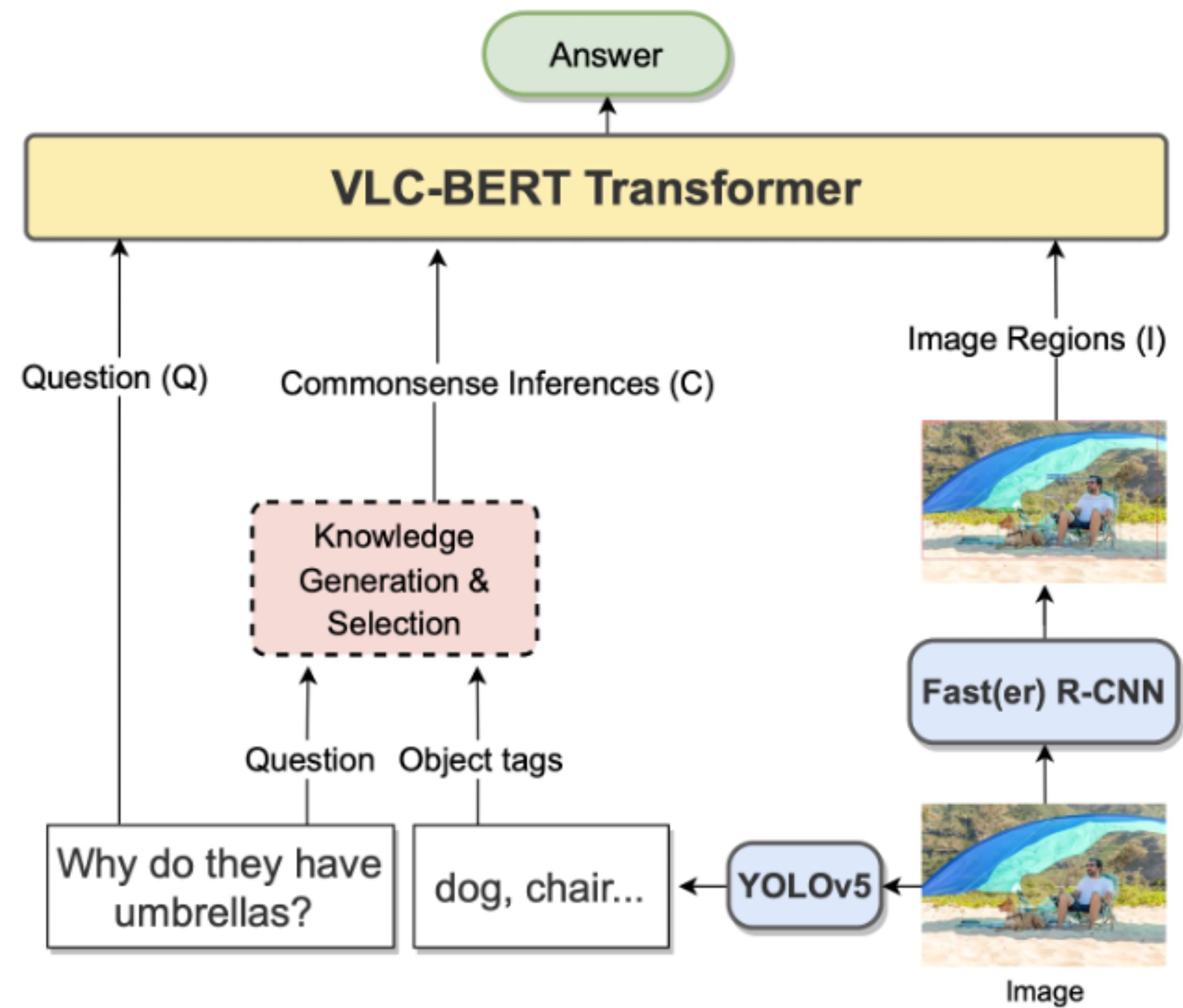
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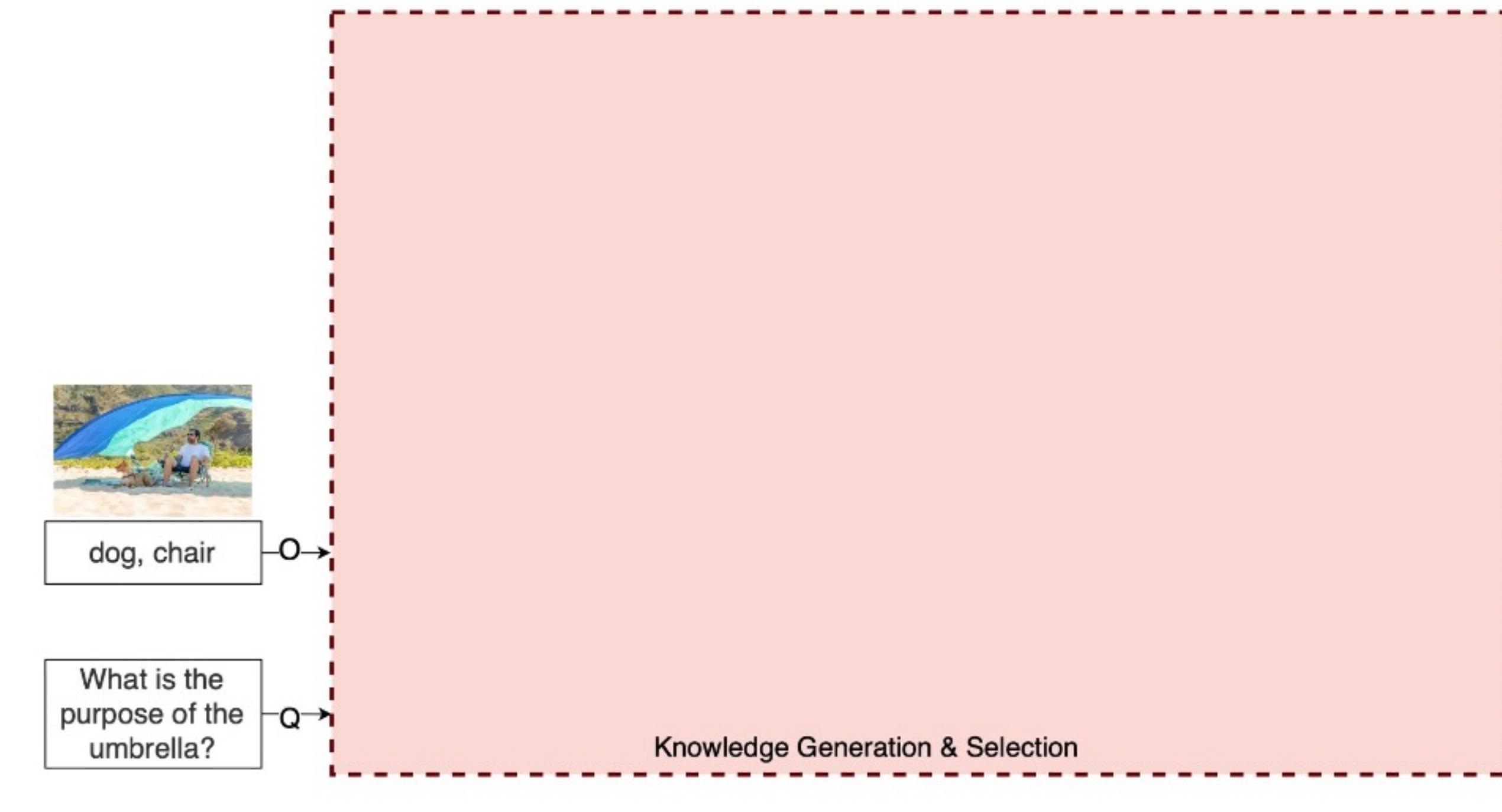
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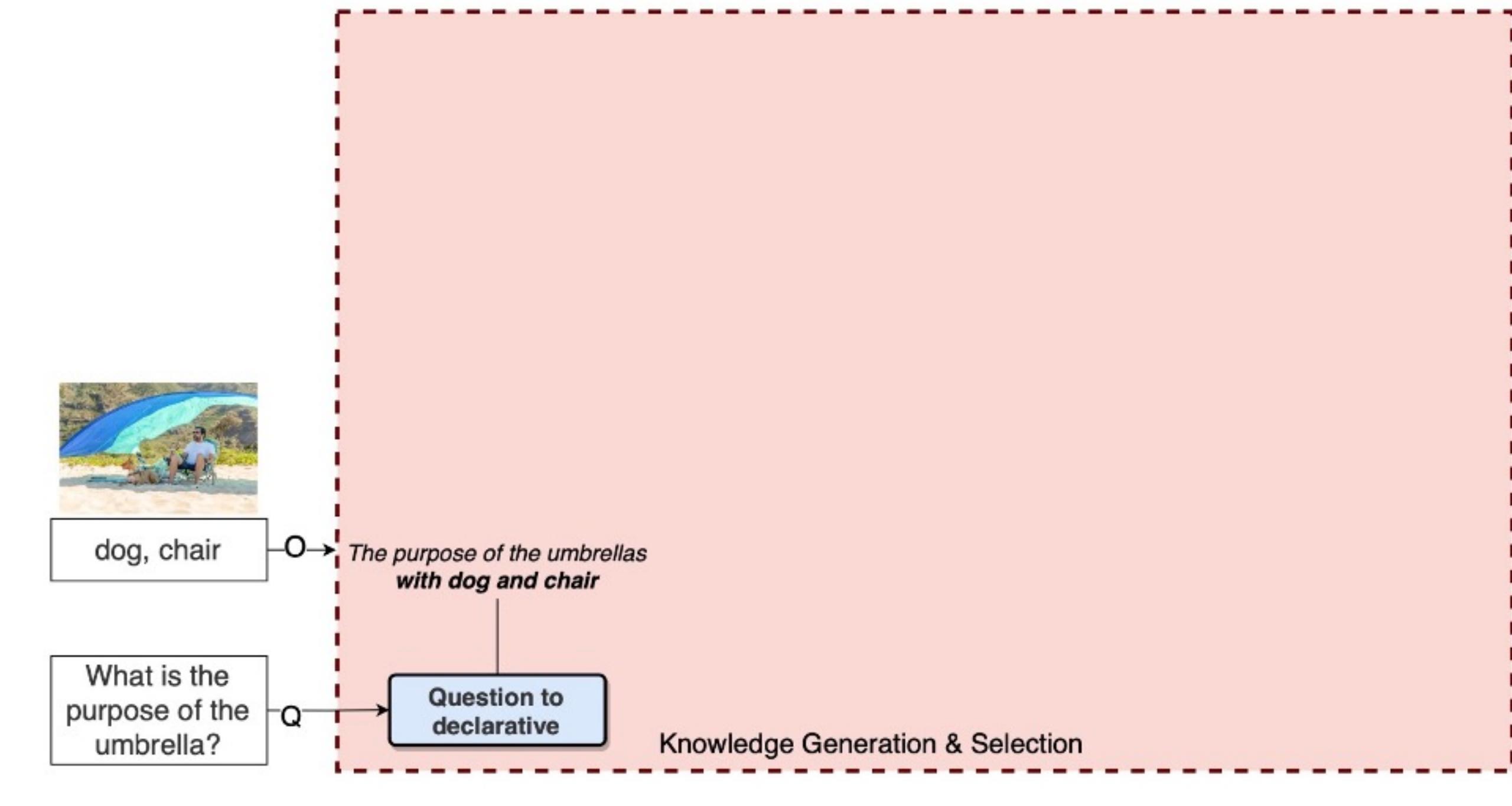
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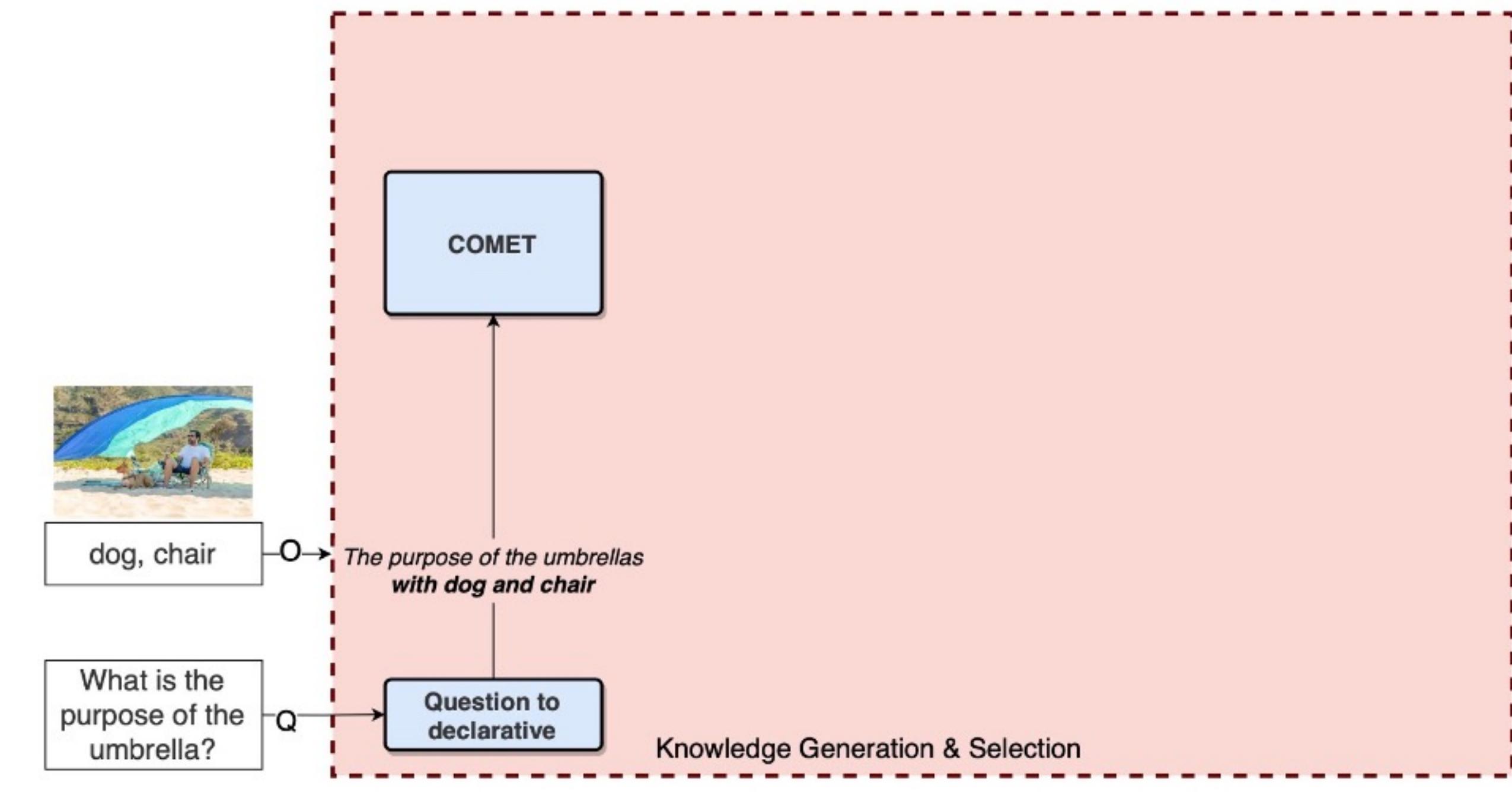
Convert question into declarative statement and concatenate detected objects



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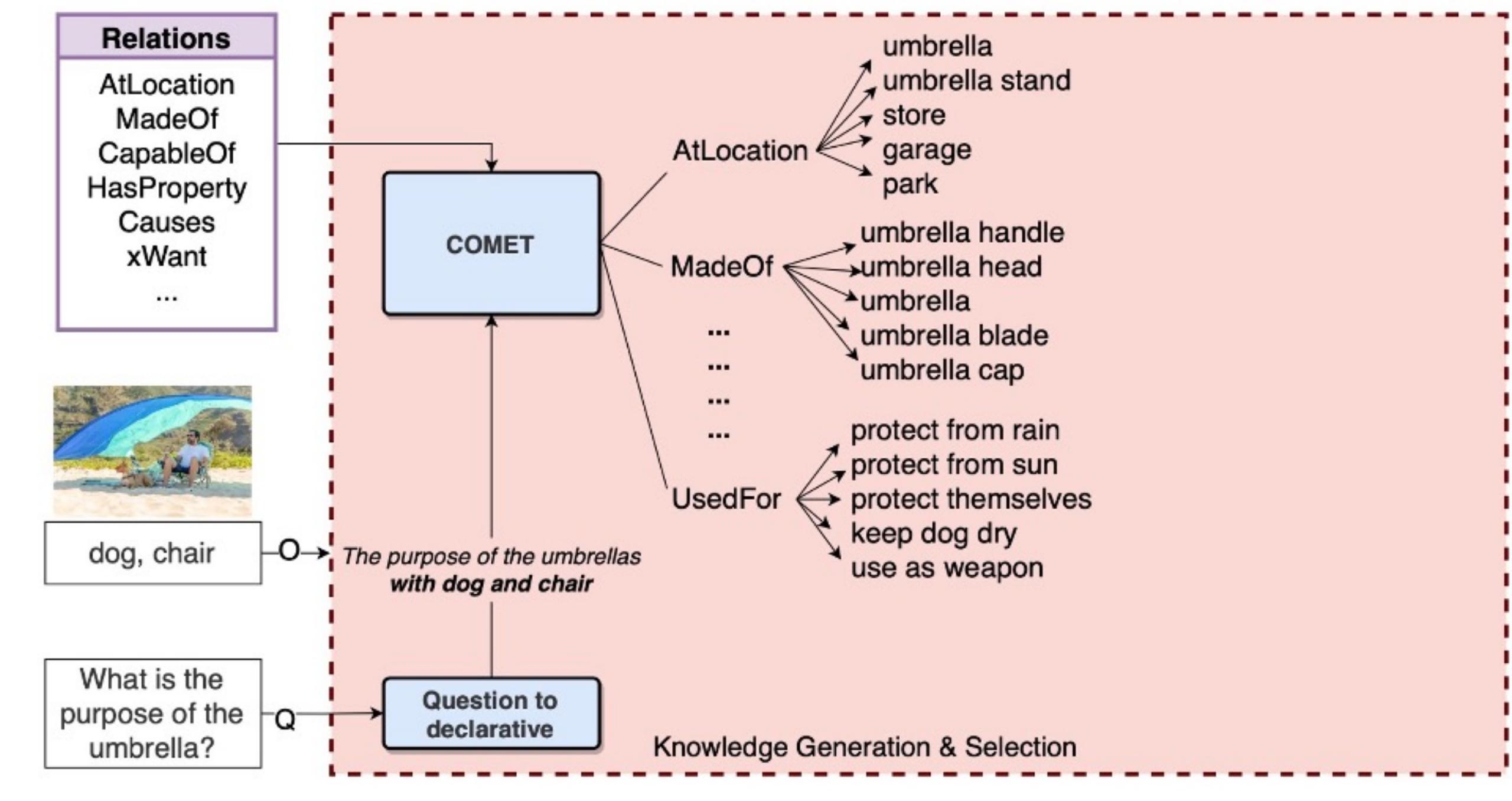
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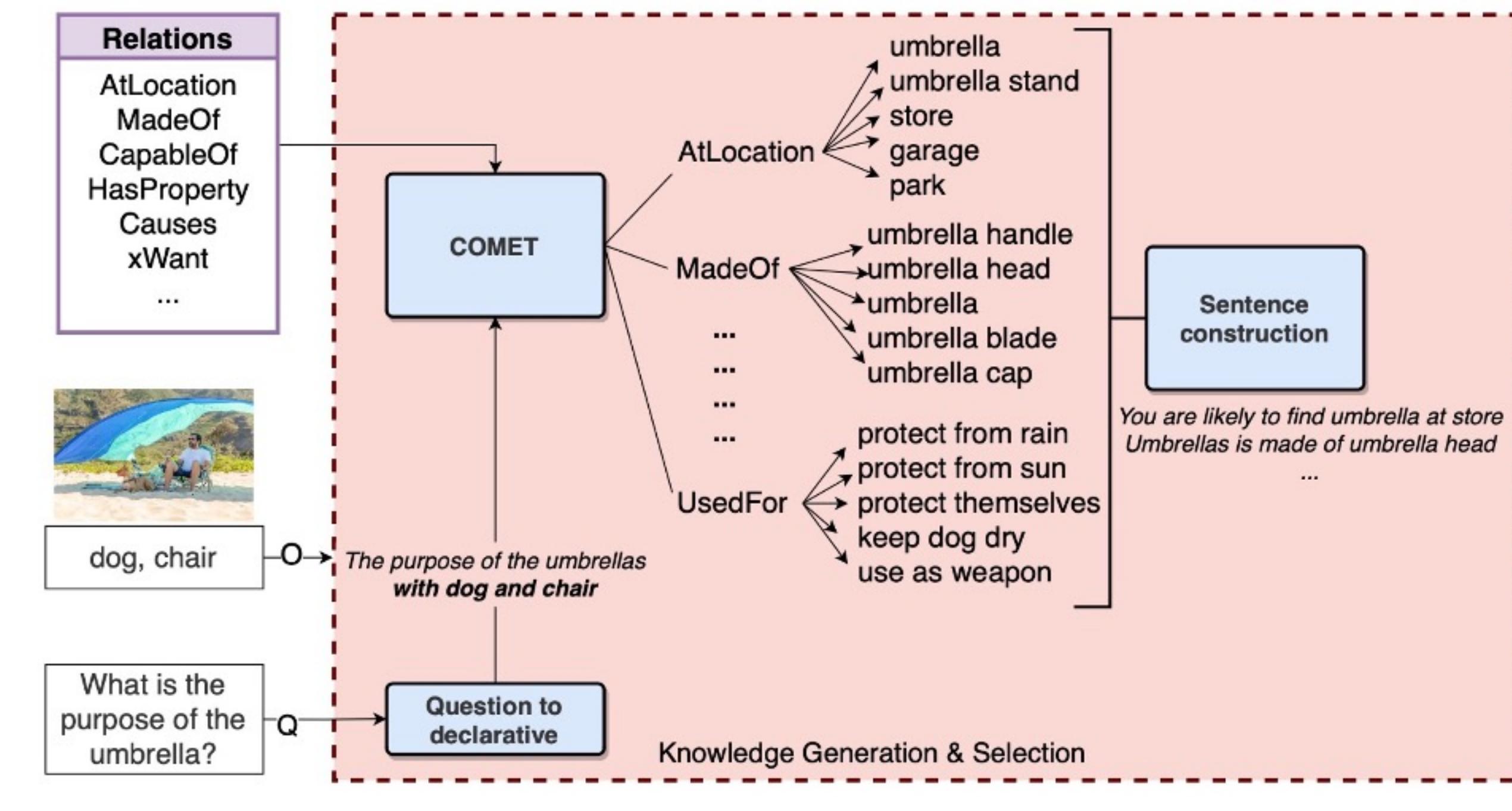
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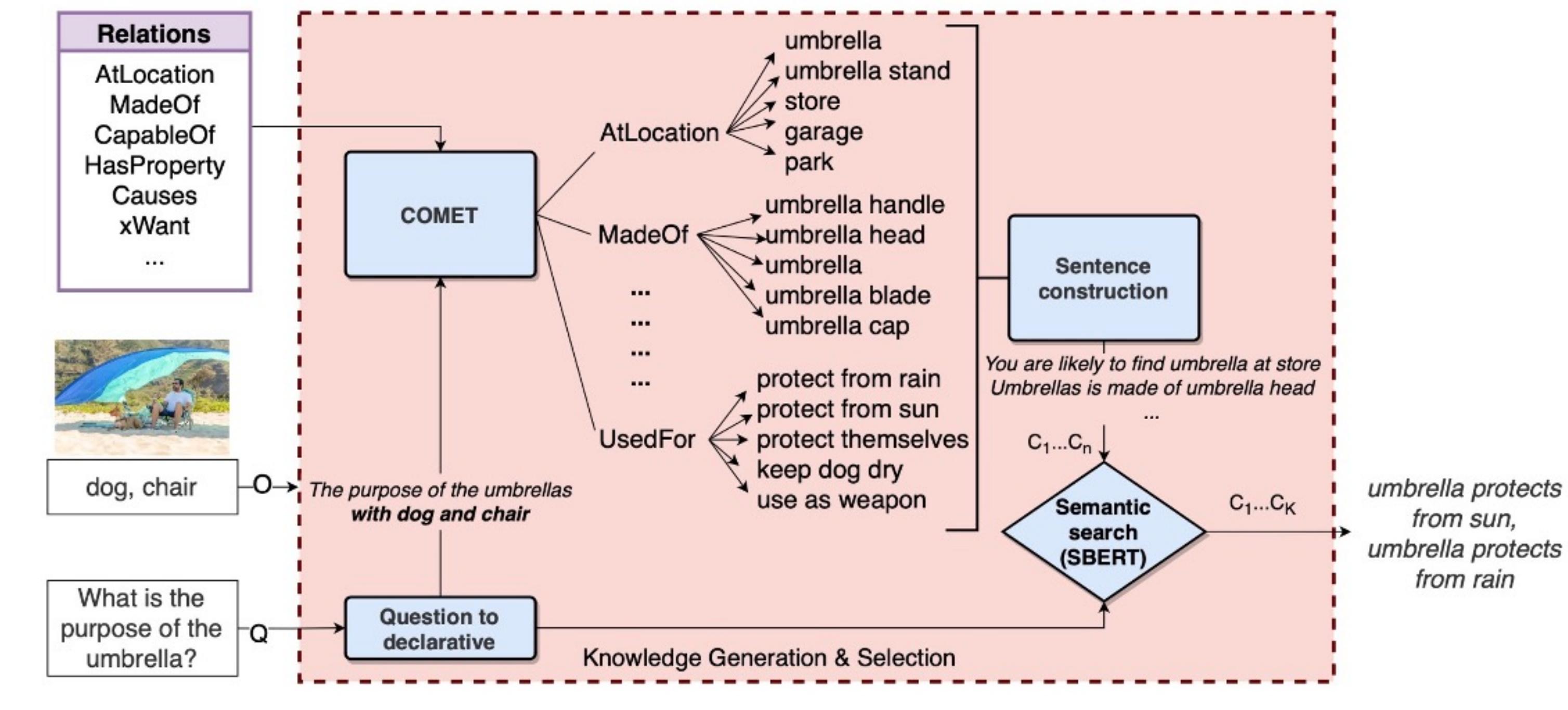
Convert inferences into sentences using lingual templates



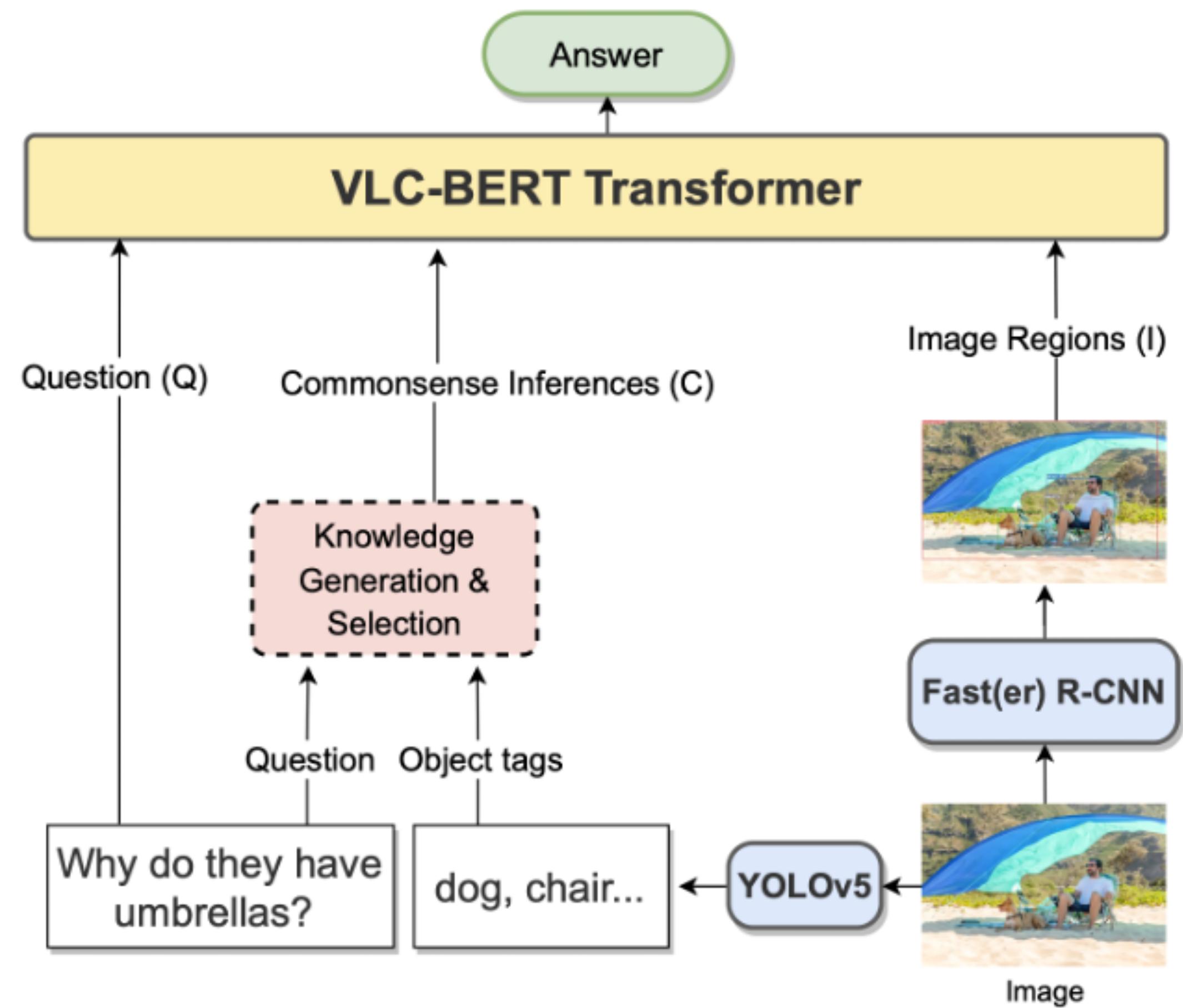
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Select inferences that are most relevant for the current question



# Knowledge-based Visual Question Answering



# Results



Method	Knowledge Sources	OK-VQA	A-OKVQA	Approx. Params
ViLBERT [36]	-	-	25.85	116M
LXMERT [36]	-	-	25.89	-
BAN + AN [29]	Wikipedia	25.61	-	-
BAN + KG-AUG [20]	Wikipedia + ConceptNet	26.71	-	-
MUTAN + AN [29]	Wikipedia	27.84	-	-
ConceptBert [9]	ConceptNet	33.66	-	118M
KRISP [28]	Wikipedia + ConceptNet	32.31	27.1	116M
KRISP [28]	Wikipedia + ConceptNet + VQA P.T.	38.9	-	116M
Visual Retriever-Reader [26]	Google Search	39.2	-	-
MAVEx [47]	Wikipedia + ConceptNet + Google Images	41.37	-	-
GPV2 [18,36]	Web Search (Web10k) + COCO P.T.	-	40.7	220M
PICa-Base [48]	GPT-3	43.3	-	175B
PICa-Full [48]	GPT-3	48.0	-	175B
KAT [14]	Wikidata + GPT-3	54.41	-	175B
VLC-BERT (Ours)	VQA P.T. + COMET	43.14	38.05	118M

## Question Answering

- Q:** What are people doing?  
**Q:** What time of the year is it?  
**Q:** Are the people married?



# Qualitative Results



Q: What is the object the man is on made from?

Tags: skateboard, bench

VLC-BERT base: Metal

**VLC-BERT COMET: Wood**

## Commonsense Inferences (C):

The object is made of wood (0.52)

Before, the skateboard is made from wood happens (0.4)

The object is used for to skate on it (0.03)

You are likely to find the object in skate park (0.02)

Sometimes, the object causes the object is made from (0.01)

Q: This was used to keep the house warm before central air? Tags: potted plant, couch

VLC-BERT base: Heat

**VLC-BERT COMET: Fire**

## Commonsense Inferences (C):

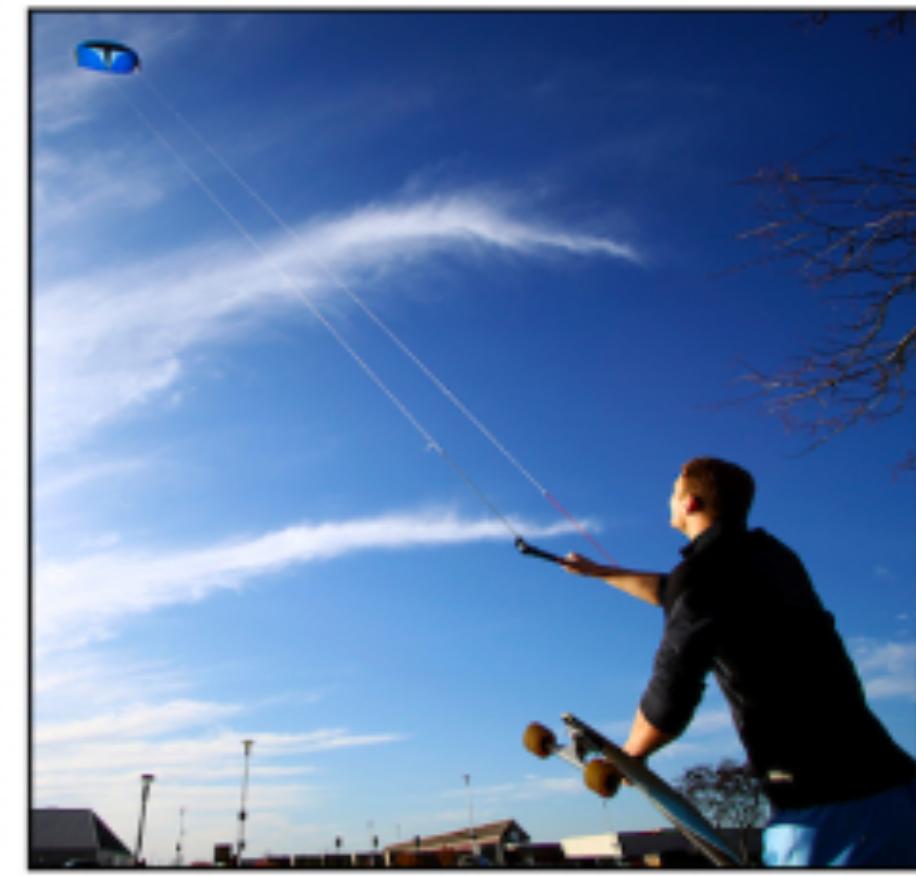
This can make a fire (0.27)

This is used for use as a blanket (0.2)

Sometimes, this causes hot (0.17)

Sometimes, this causes cold (0.15)

This is made up of heating (0.1)



Q: What is the person doing? Tags: kite, skateboard

VLC-BERT base: Skateboard

**VLC-BERT COMET: Fly kite**

## Commonsense Inferences (C):

The person can ride the kite (0.25)

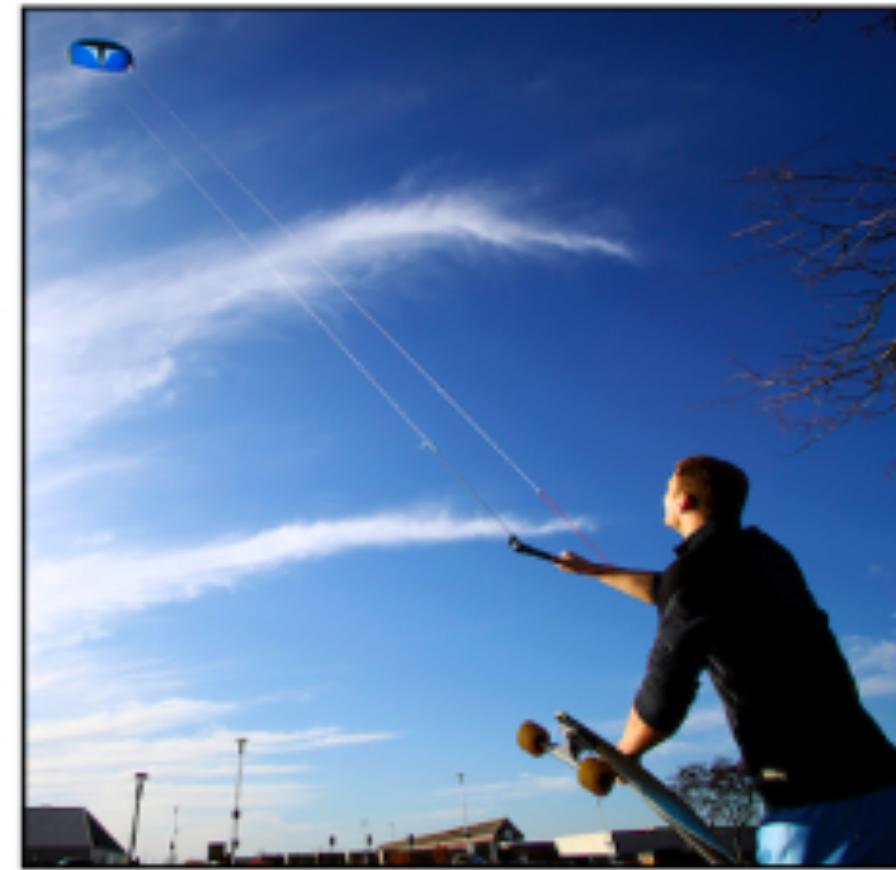
The person can fly kite (0.22)

The person is made of the kite to be flying (0.19)

Before, the person needed to have a kite (0.18)

After, the person rides the kite happens (0.14)

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# To conclude ...

- **Data-efficient Learning**
  - Large-model + Transfer-learning
  - Multi-task learning + Fine-tuning
  - Foundational Model + Fine-tuning
  - Prior-knowledge Integration
  - In-context Learning, Prompting
  - Many other techniques ...
- **Compute-efficient Inference**
  - Iterative refinement with early stopping (a.k.a. cascades)
  - Many other techniques ...
- **Data-bias Mitigation**
  - Data re-sampling
  - Loss re-weighting
  - Many other techniques ...

thank you



