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# Effective Multi-modal Multi-task models

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# AGENDA

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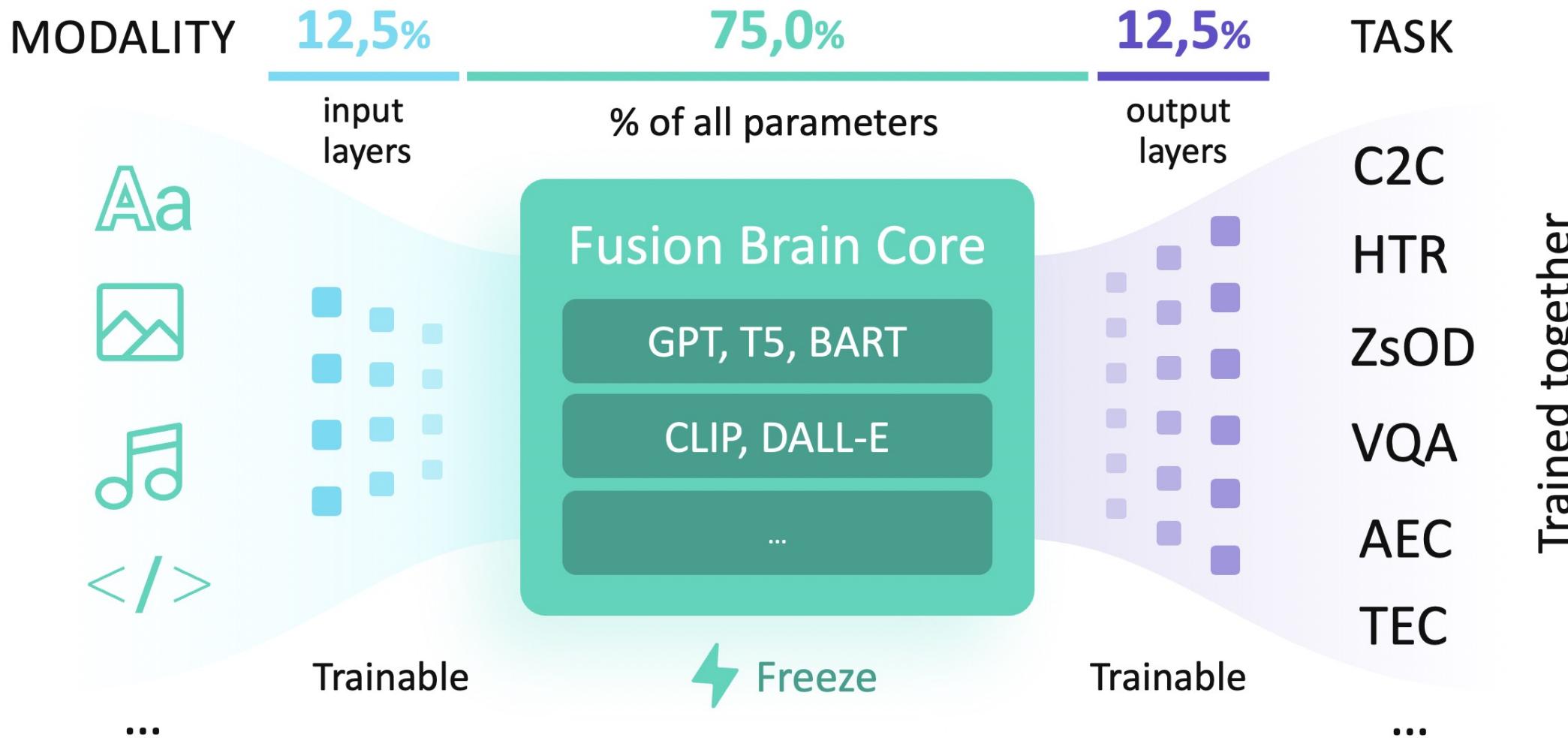
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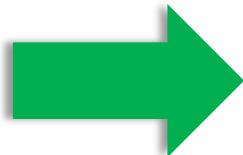
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### Separate training

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- Zero-shot object detection
- Handwritten text recognition
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- Visual Q&A
- ...



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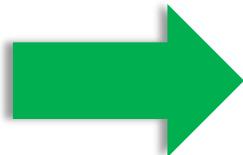
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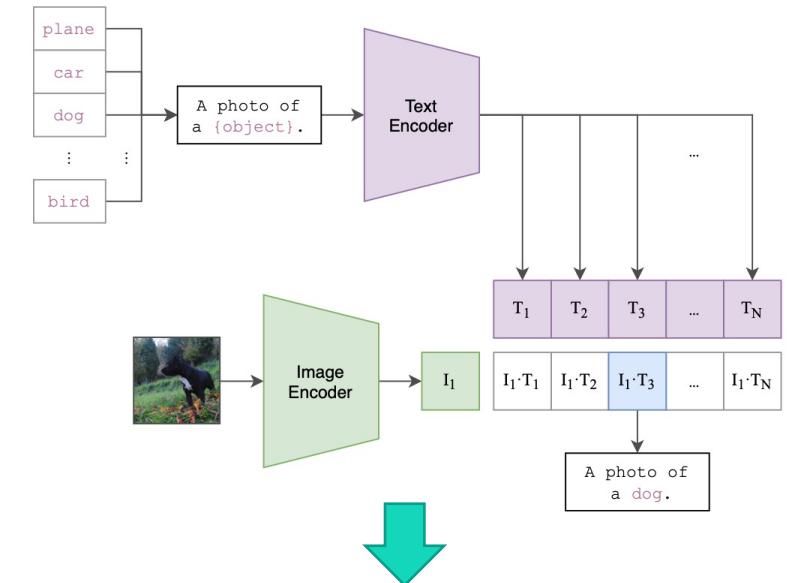
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# Motivation: trends

## Current trends:

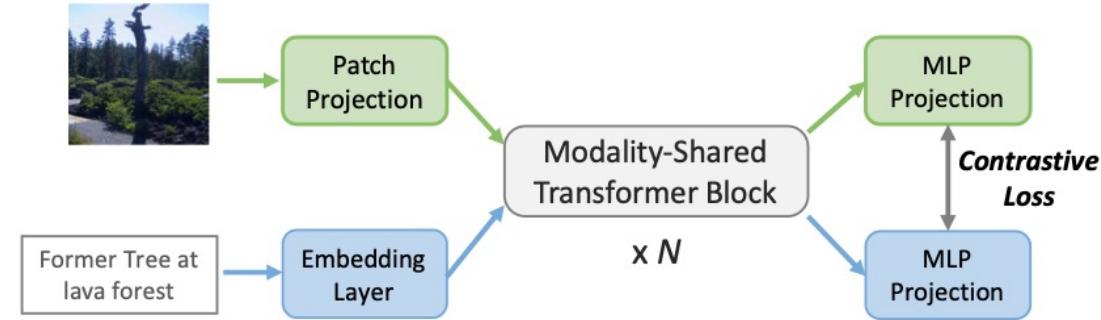
- Large pre-trained models (BERT, GPT-3)
- Multi-modality and multi-tasking (CLIP, DALL-E, UniT)



## MA-CLIP, 2022, ICLR

**Target modalities:** texts, images, sounds and other modalities like videos, programming languages, graphs and time series

**Target tasks:** NLP, CV and combined tasks like VQA



[1] Radford, Alec, et al. "Learning transferable visual models from natural language supervision." 2021 (OpenAI).

[2] You, Haoxuan, et al. "MA-CLIP: Towards Modality-Agnostic Contrastive Language-Image Pre-training." 2021 (Withdrawn submission to ICLR-2022)

# Motivation: WHY it is reasonable

Efficient

multi-modality

multi-task

models

## WHY we need multi-\*

<b>decoder setup</b>	<b>COCO det. mAP</b>	<b>VG det. mAP</b>	<b>VQAv2 accuracy</b>
single-task training	40.6 / –	3.87	66.38 / –
shared (COCO init.)	<b>40.8 / 41.1</b>	<b>4.53</b>	<b>67.30 / 67.47</b>

## WHY we need efficiency

<b>Model</b>	<b>#Params</b>
<b>GPT-3</b>	<b>175 B</b>
<b>Retrieval-based models</b>	<b>1 B</b> (3*BERT-Large)

# Motivation: WHY it is still non-solved

Model	#params	GLUE	SuperGLUE
RoBERTa-Large ST	8,5B	88.2	76.5
RoBERTa-Large MTL	355M	86.0	78.6
CA-MTL (RoBERTa-Large)	397,6M	<b>89.4</b>	<b>80.0</b>

Encoder (BERT)-based  
**Multi-task: better**

T5 (3B) STL	48B	88.5	86.4
HyperGrid (3B) MTL	3B	88.2	84.7
T5 (11B) STL	176B	<b>89.7</b>	<b>88.9</b>
HyperGrid (11B) MTL	11B	89.4	87.7

Decoder (T5)-based  
**Single-task: better**

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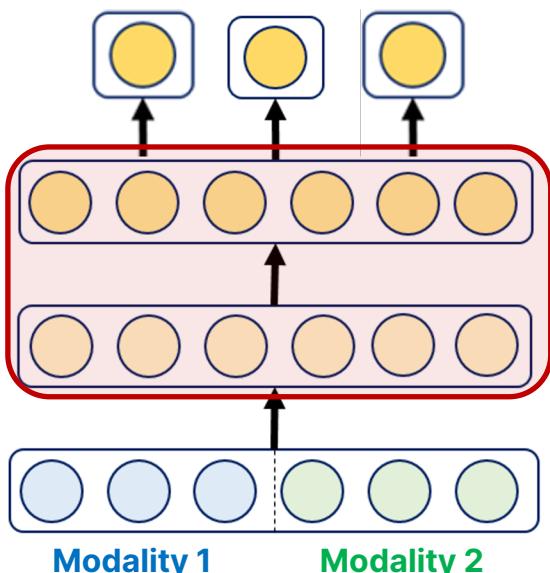
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## Multi-modality

# Multi-modality: concepts

## A. Early fusion

Task-specific heads



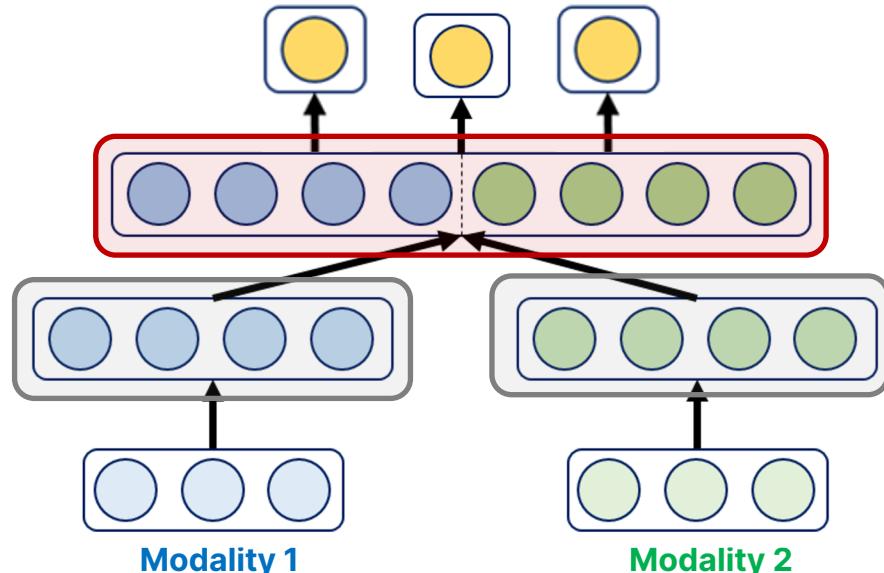
Combined input



Fusion processing

## C. Middle fusion

Task-specific heads



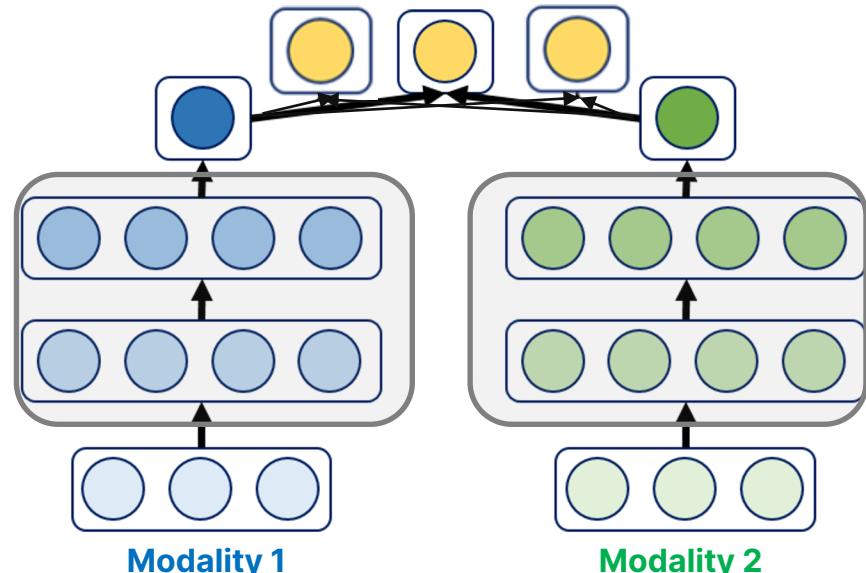
Separate input



Modality-specific processing

## B. Late fusion

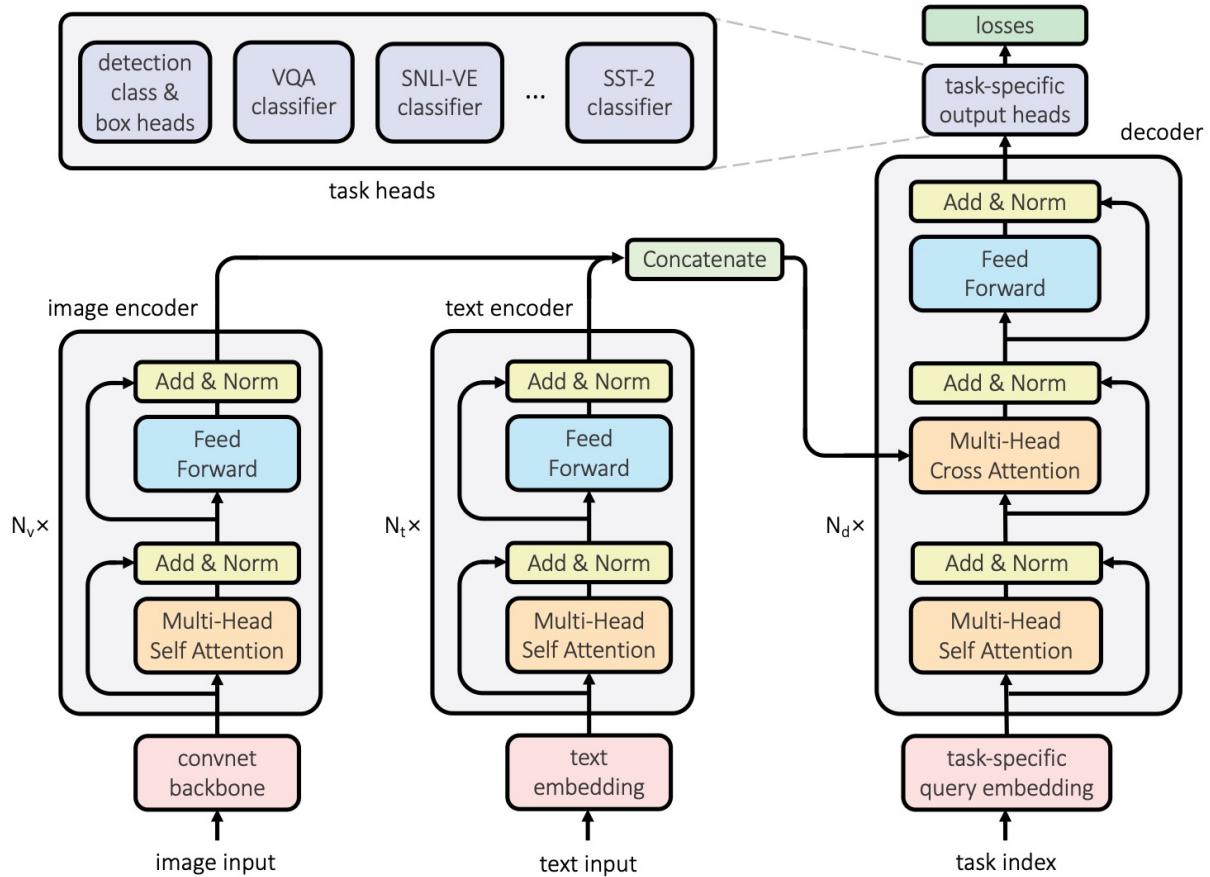
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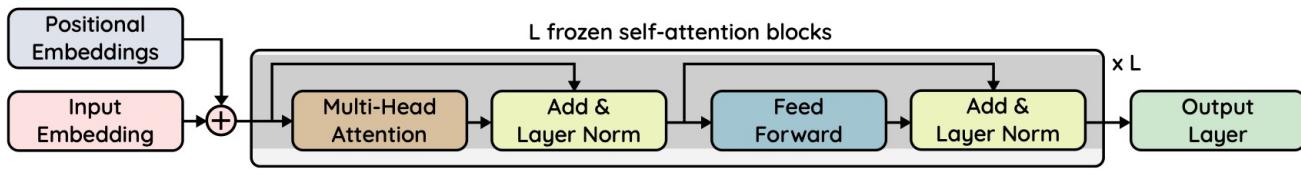
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# Multi-modality: current trends

**UniT<sup>1</sup>:** via cross-attention



**FPT<sup>2</sup>:** via frozen MHA/FFN, tunable LN

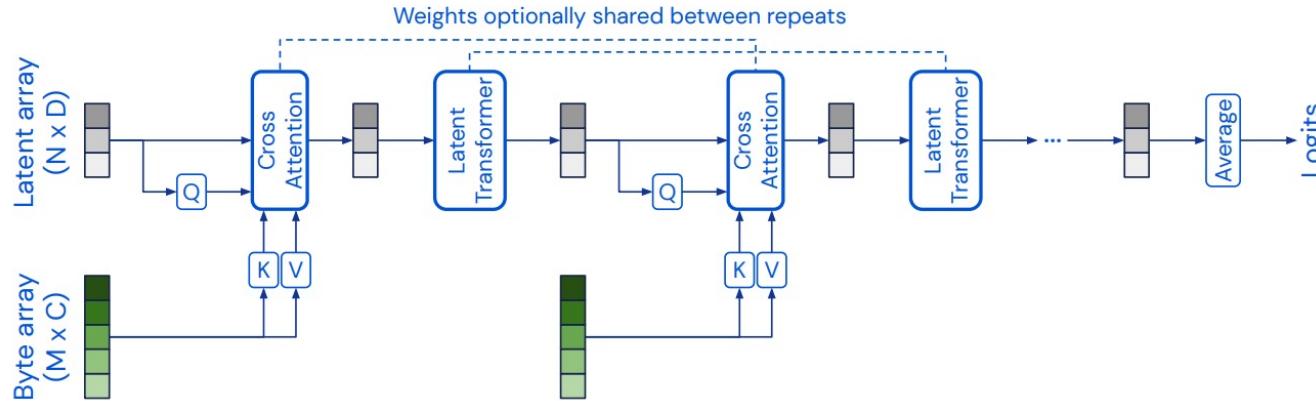


[1] Hu, Ronghang, and Amanpreet Singh. "UniT: Multimodal Multitask Learning with a Unified Transformer." 2021 (Facebook).

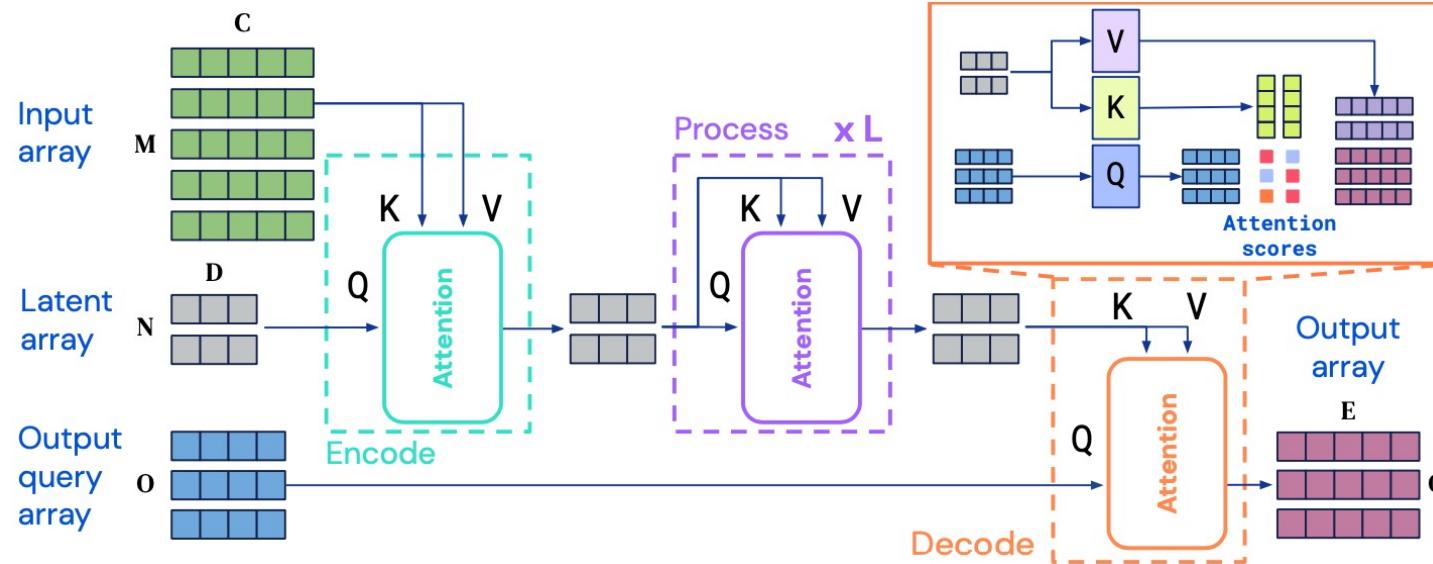
[2] Lu, Kevin, et al. "Pretrained transformers as universal computation engines." 2021 (Google)

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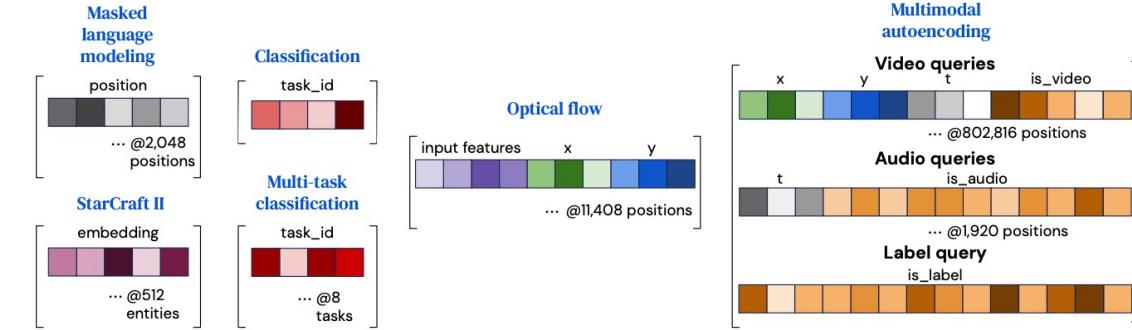
## Perceiver<sup>1</sup>: iterative CA



## Perceiver IO<sup>2</sup>: CA on input/output



## Perceiver IO: output queries



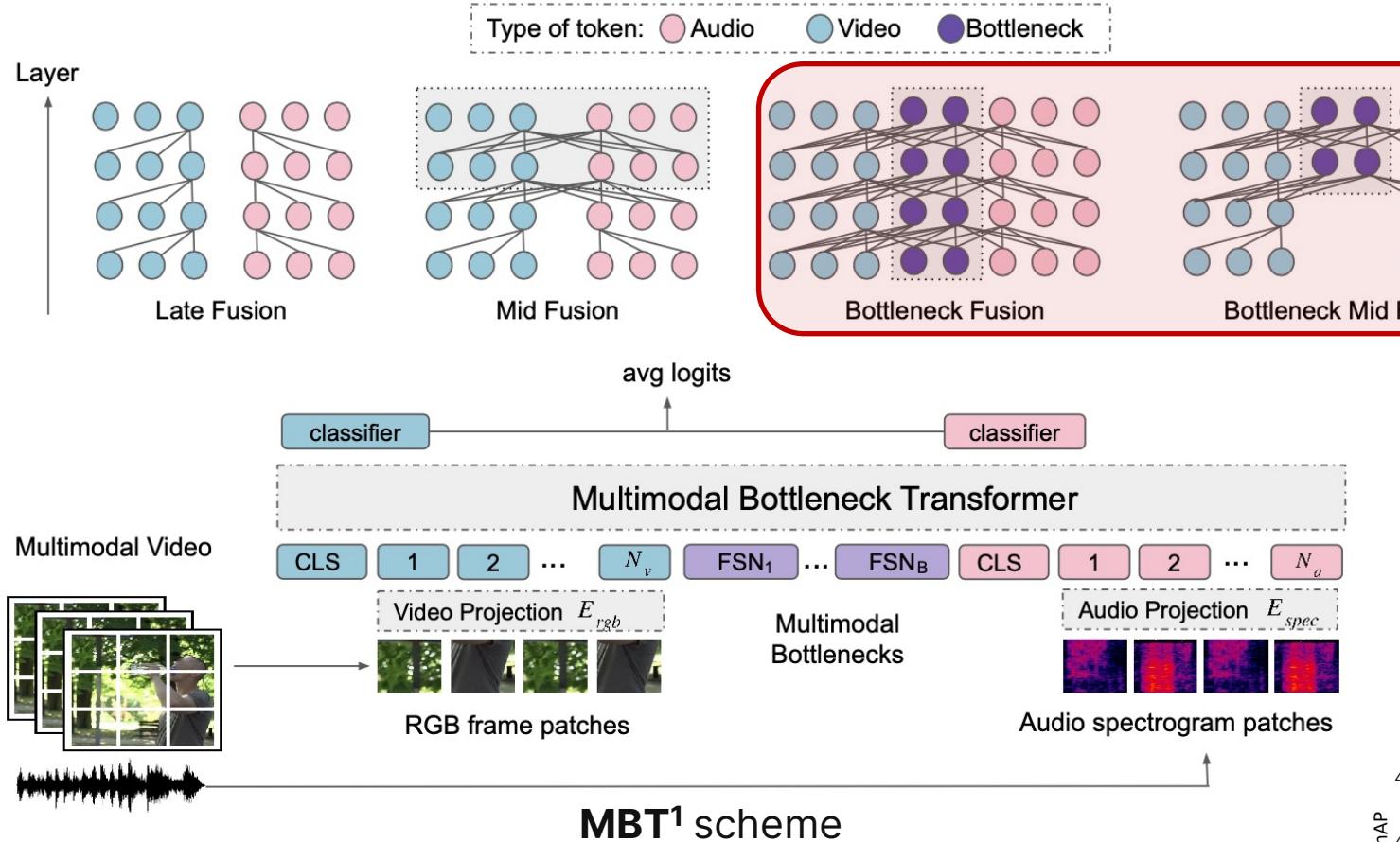
## Main idea:

- Iterative fusion** through **cross-attention** (query – latents, KV – input) allowing **linear** scaling on **input size** (not quadratic)
- Latent transformer is **GPT-2** like
- Weights of CA/SA are **shared**
- Perceiver IO<sup>2</sup>** added ability to work with **multi-task and different output sizes** via CA where query is output structure, KV – latents (**complexity** – still the **linear** depending on the **output size**)

[1] Jaegle, Andrew, et al. "Perceiver: General perception with iterative attention." 2021 (DeepMind)

[2] Jaegle, Andrew, et al. "Perceiver io: A general architecture for structured inputs & outputs." 2021 (DeepMind)

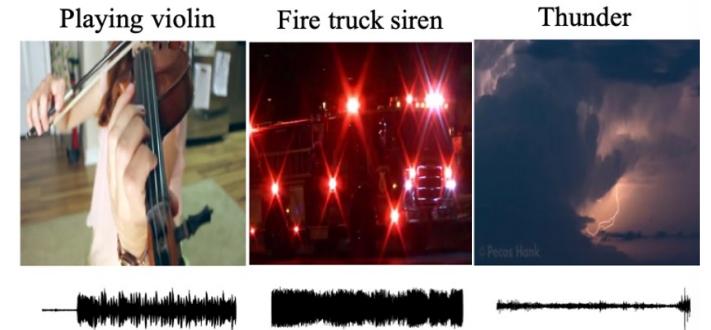
# Multi-modality: through information bottleneck



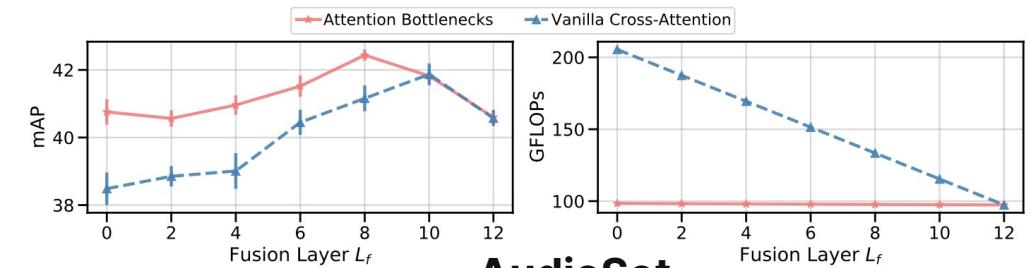
**Main idea:**

- **Middle-fusion through a small bottleneck** ( $B = 4$  is used)
- **Fusion is needed closely to the top**

## VGGSound<sup>2</sup>



Model	Modalities	Top-1 Acc	Top-5 Acc
Chen et al‡ [11]	A	48.8	76.5
AudioSlowFast‡ [34]	A	50.1	77.9
MBT	A	52.3	78.1
MBT	V	51.2	72.6
MBT	A,V	<b>64.1</b>	<b>85.6</b>



[1] Nagrani, Arsha, et al. "Attention Bottlenecks for Multimodal Fusion." 2021 (Google)

[2] <https://www.robots.ox.ac.uk/~vgg/data/vggsound/>

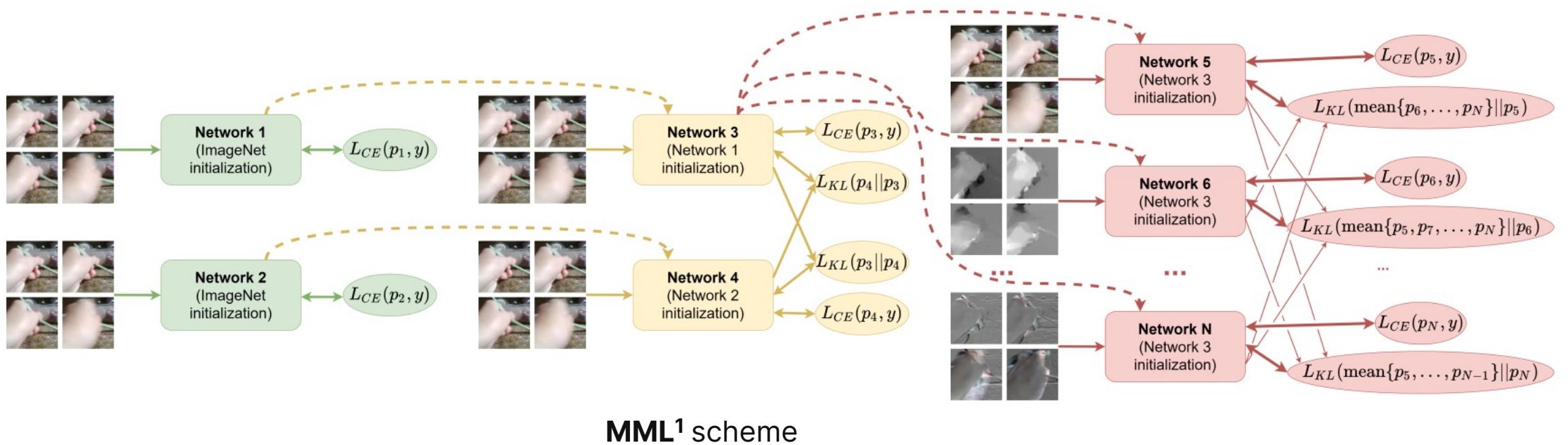
**AudioSet**



# Multi-modality: through mutual learning

## Main idea:

- **Pseudo multi-modality** through incorporation of knowledge by **mutual learning** technique
- **RGB** and **OpticalFlow** modalities for video action recognition were used



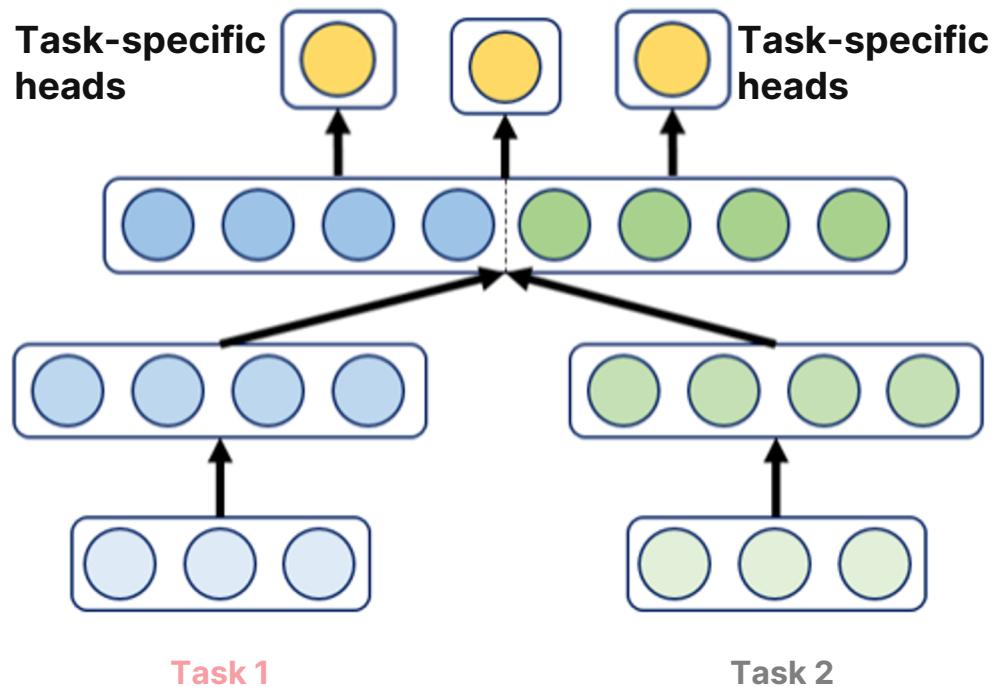
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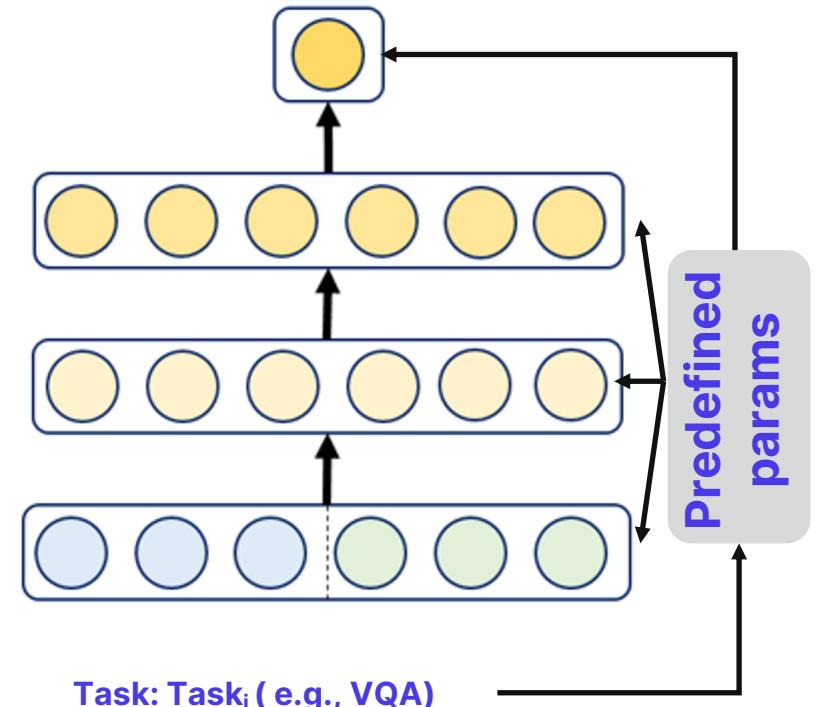
## Multi-tasking

# Multi-tasking: concepts

**A. Known Head+FineTuning**

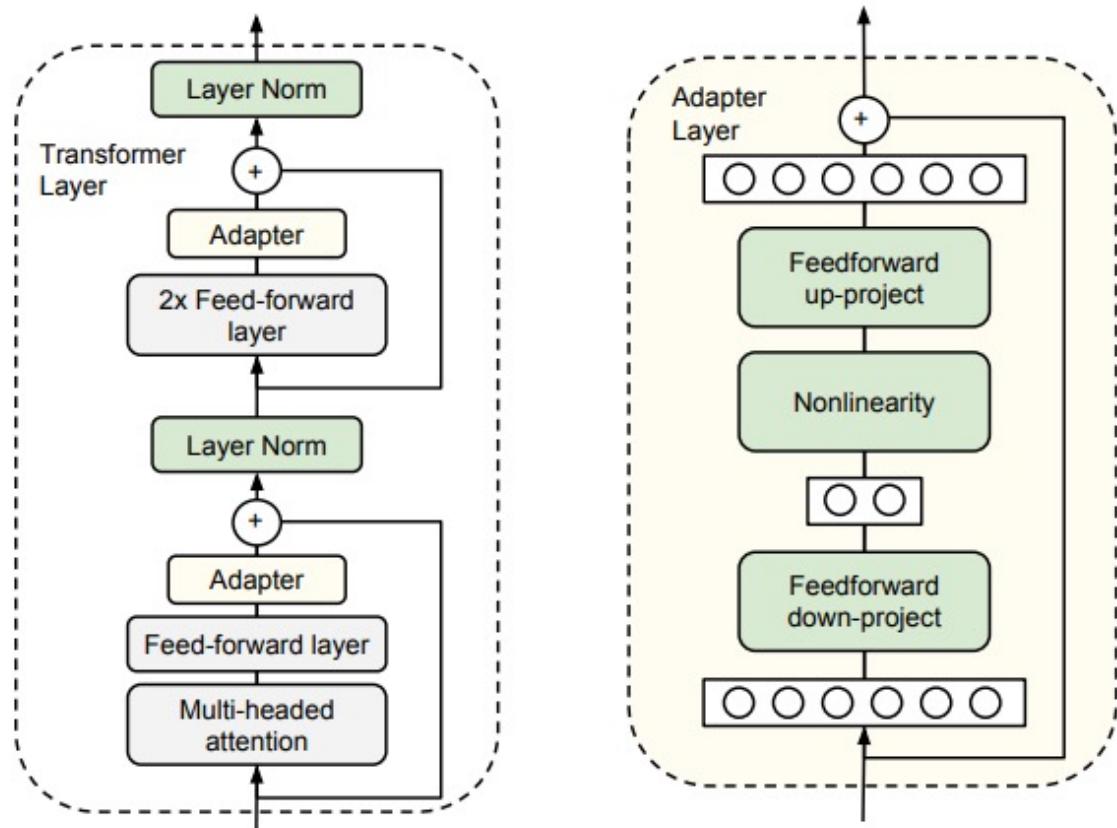


**B. Learned Task Embedding**



# Multi-tasking: current trends

**Adapters<sup>1</sup>:** via task-specific learnable modules

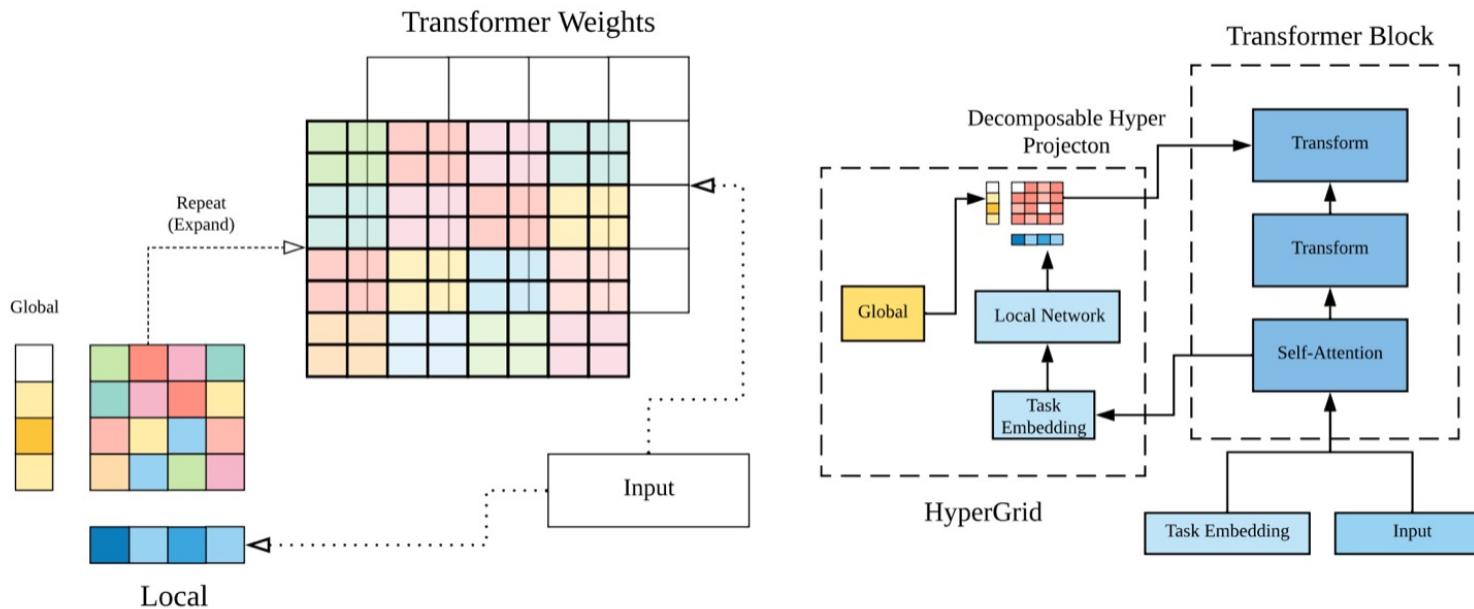


**Main idea:**

- **Freeze the Transformer** weights
- Add a small **learnable** task-specific module - **adapter**
- Performance close to single-task training, but **only +3.5% weights** for multi-task

# Multi-tasking: current trends

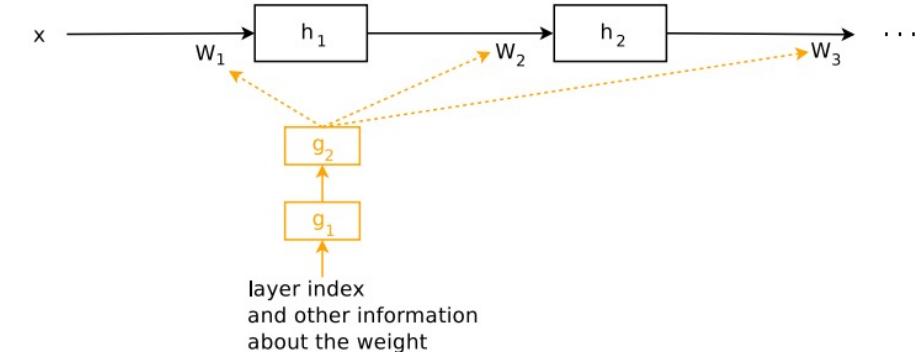
**HyperGrid<sup>1</sup>:** via dynamical weight matrix adjustment by learned task embedding



**Main idea:**

- **Learned task embedding** used to construct transformer matrix
- Back-bone transformer is T5
- Idea borrowed from **HyperNets<sup>2</sup>** conception

**HyperNet concept**

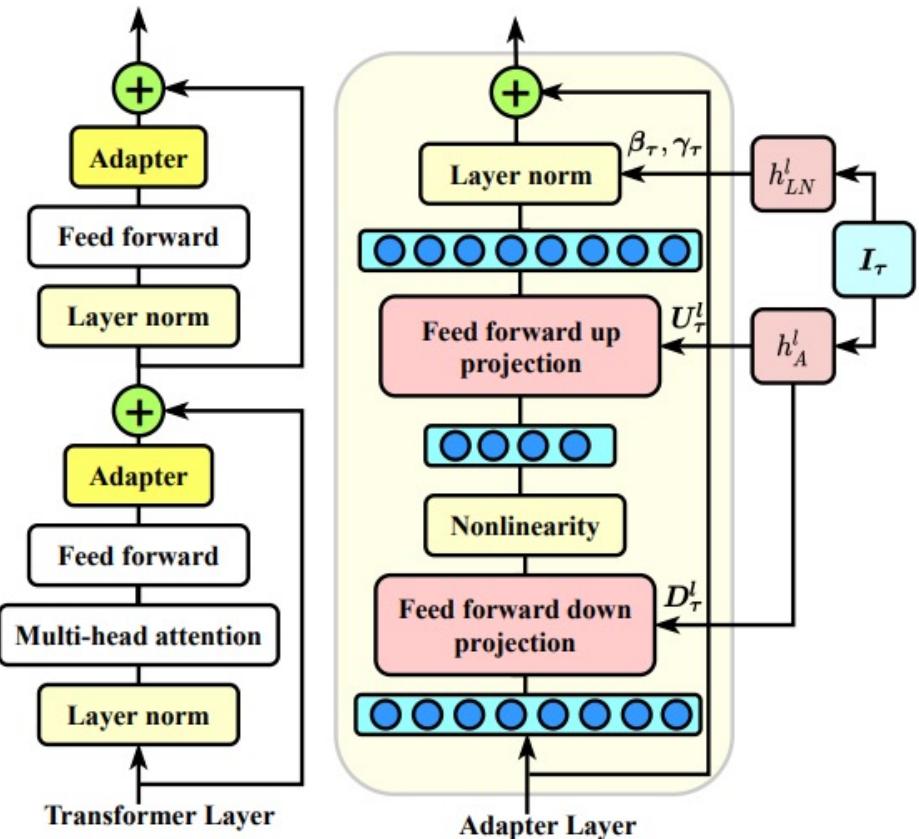


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[2] Ha, David, Andrew Dai, and Quoc V. Le. "Hypernetworks." 2016 (Google)

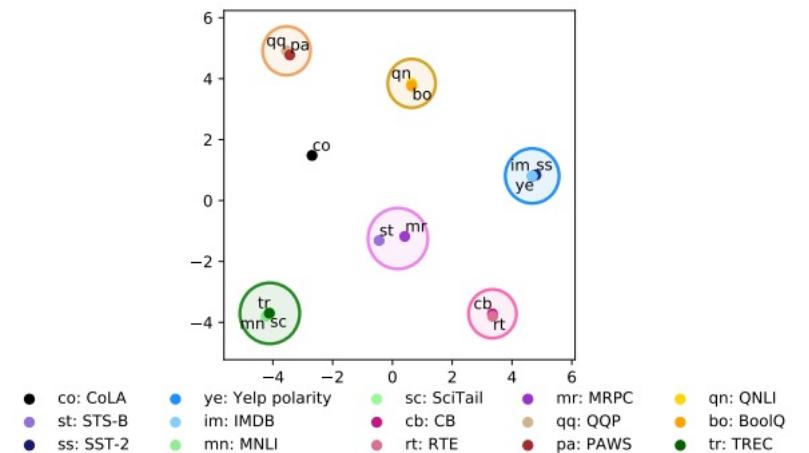
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## HyperFormer<sup>1</sup>: Adapters + HyperNets

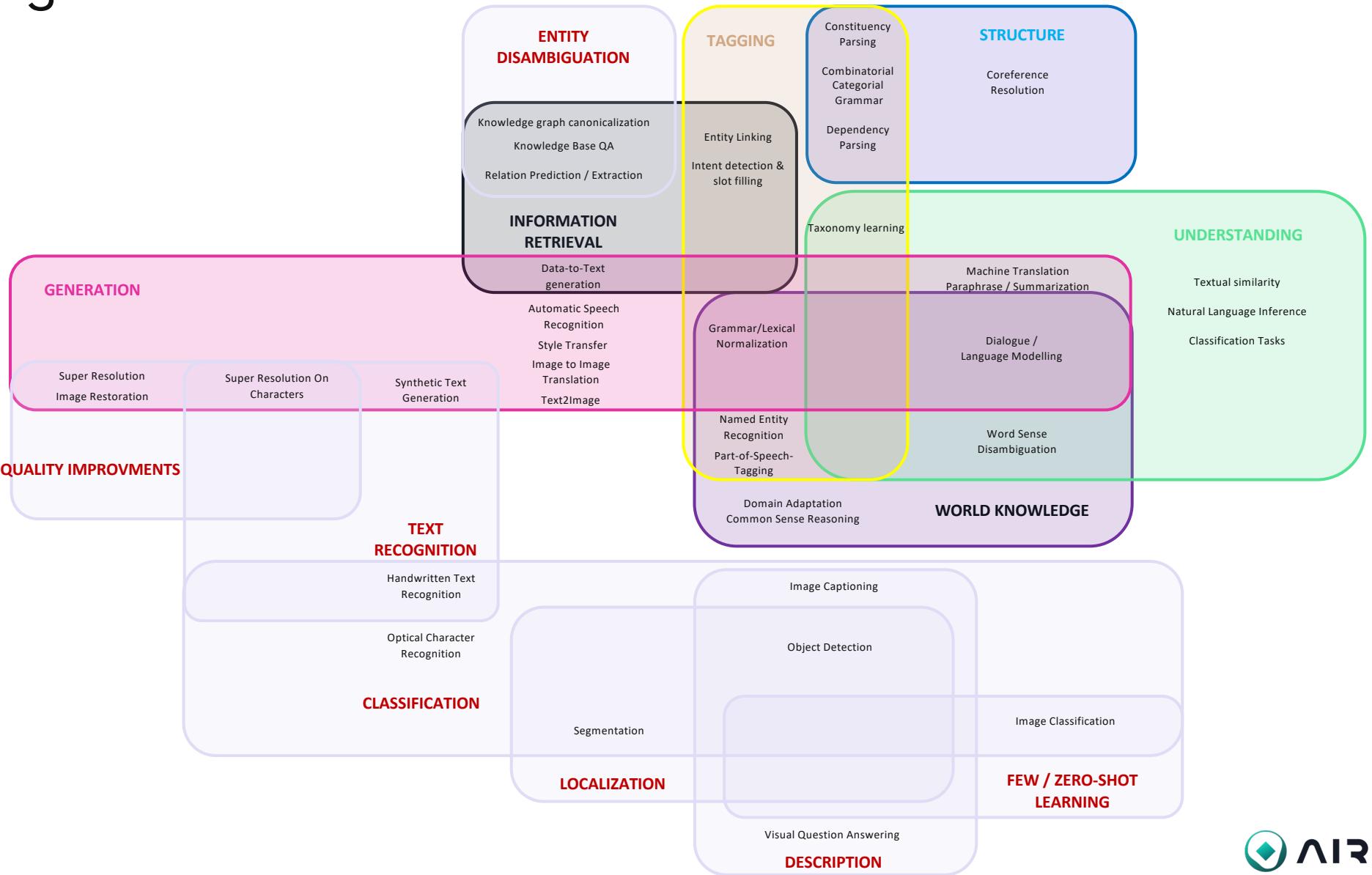


### Main idea:

- Making the **Adapters** parameters *through HyperNets*
- New SotA with even **less** params than Adapters
- NLP task embeddings clusterization

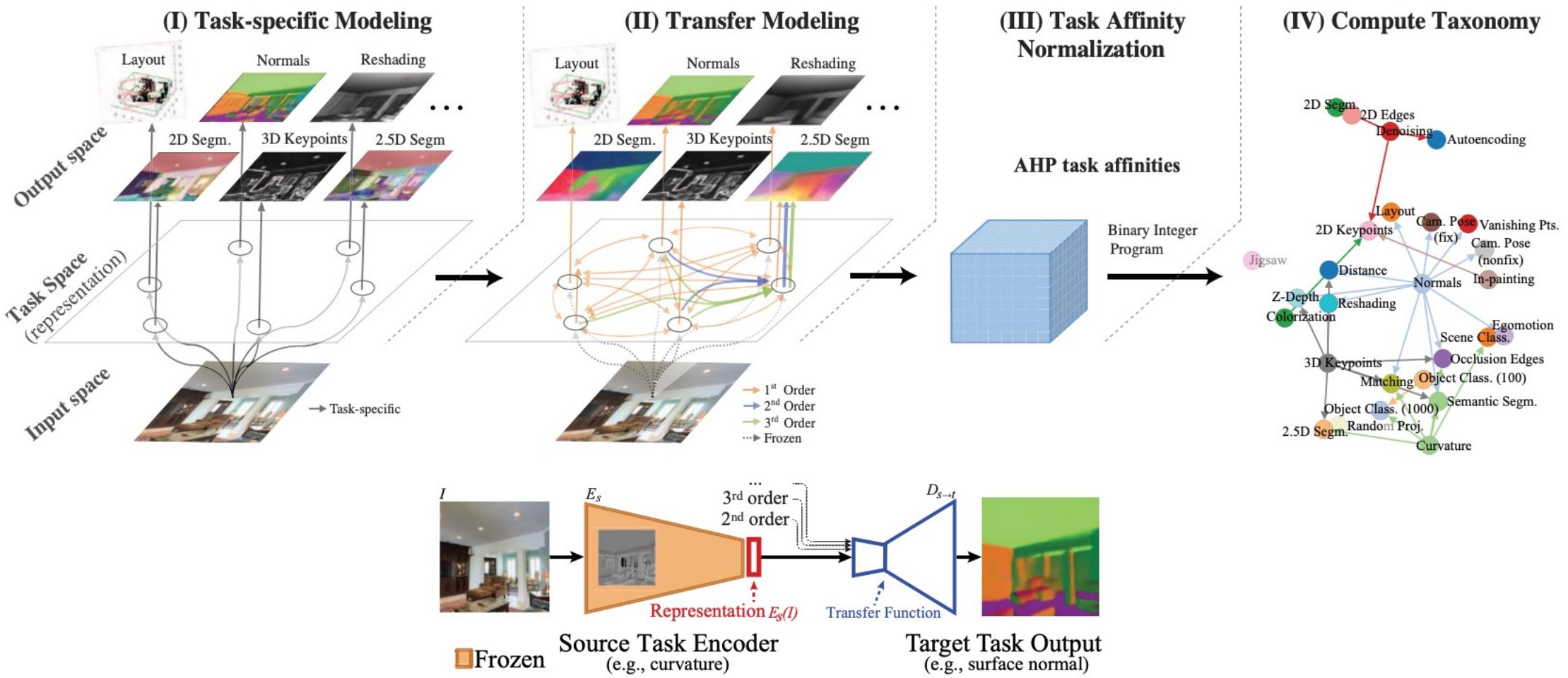


# Multi-tasking: task connections



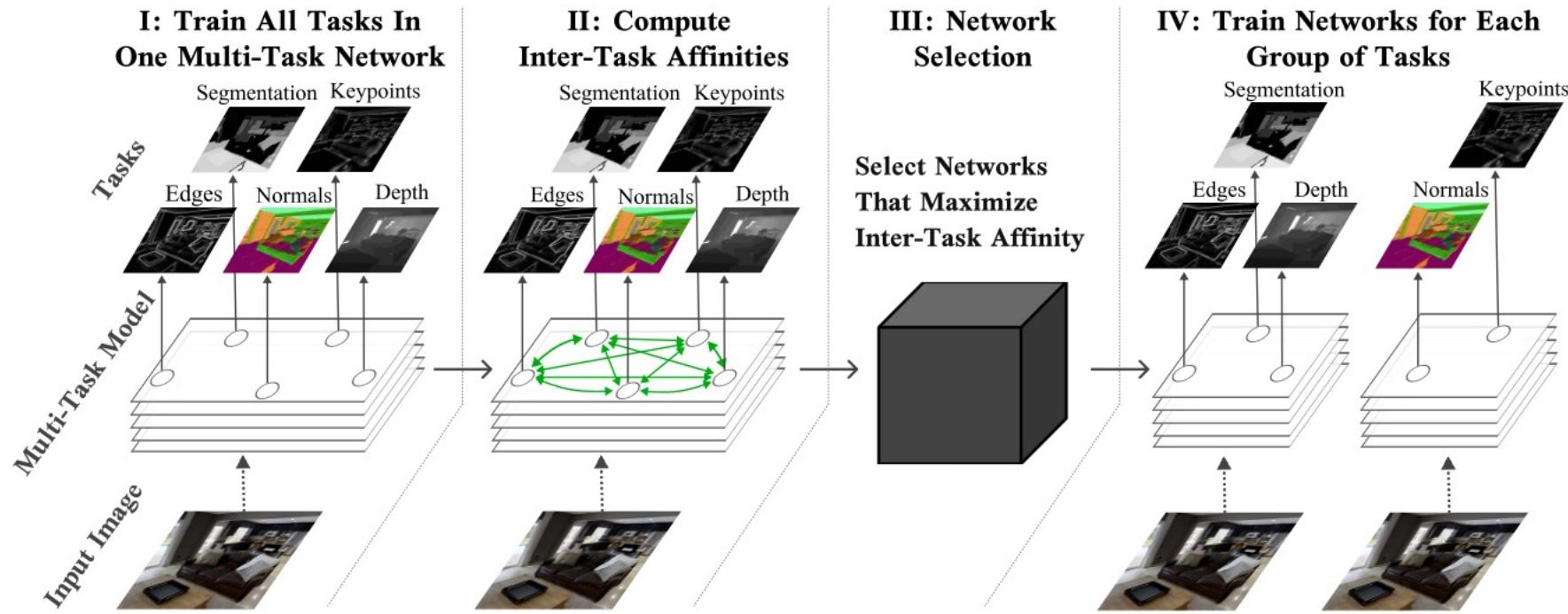
# Multi-tasking: taskonomy

**Taskonomy<sup>1</sup>:** Task grouping via pairwise transfer performance



# Multi-tasking: how to group tasks

**TAG<sup>1</sup>:** Task grouping via similar gradient update

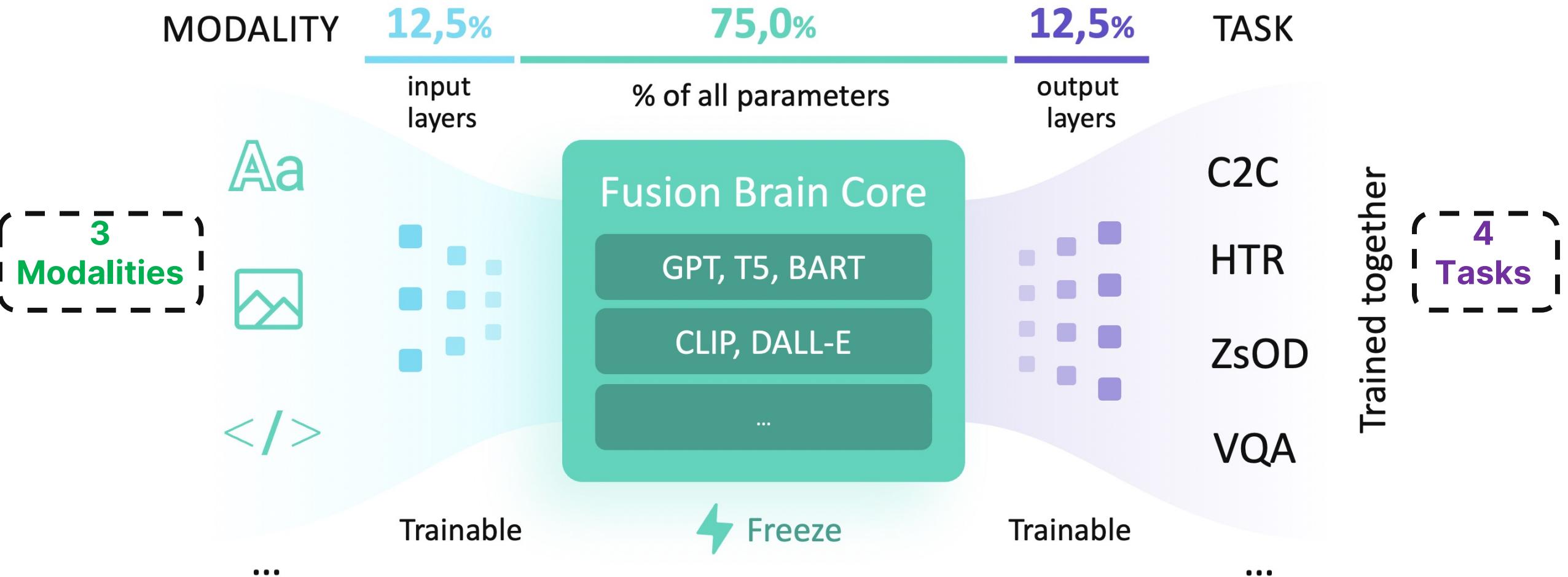


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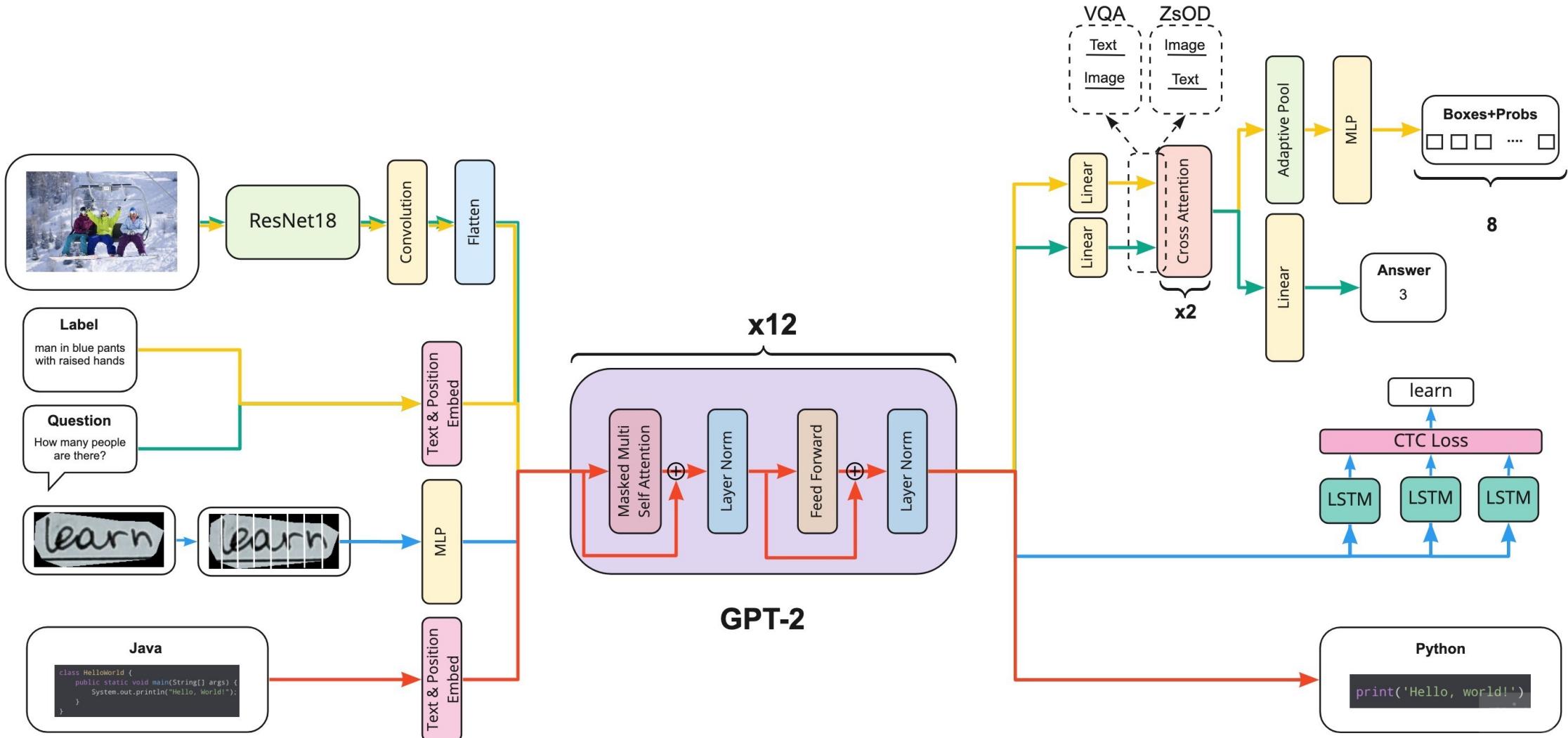
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## Fusion Brain approach

# Fusion Brain concept<sup>1</sup>: overview



# Fusion Brain approach<sup>1</sup>: FPT, GPT-2, cross-attention



# Fusion Brain approach<sup>1</sup>: results

Performance						Efficiency			
training setup	C2C CodeBLEU	HTR Acc	ZsOD F1	VQA Acc	Overall	training setup	Training time (hours)	Training params	CO2 (kg)
Single-task	0.34	<b>0.63</b>	0.17	0.25	1.39	Single-task	215.0	3,283,978,882	39.34
Fusion	<b>0.39</b>	0.61	<b>0.21</b>	<b>0.30</b>	<b>1.51</b>	Fusion	<b>150.5</b>	<b>988,272,474</b>	<b>27.45</b>

For comparison:

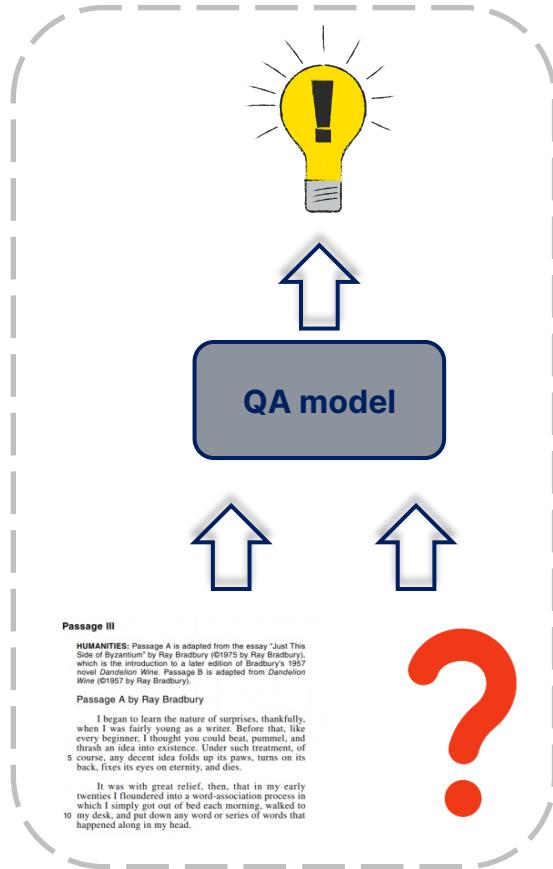
	CO <sub>2</sub> emissions
Human Life	<b>5 ton</b>
Car with fuel	<b>57 ton</b>

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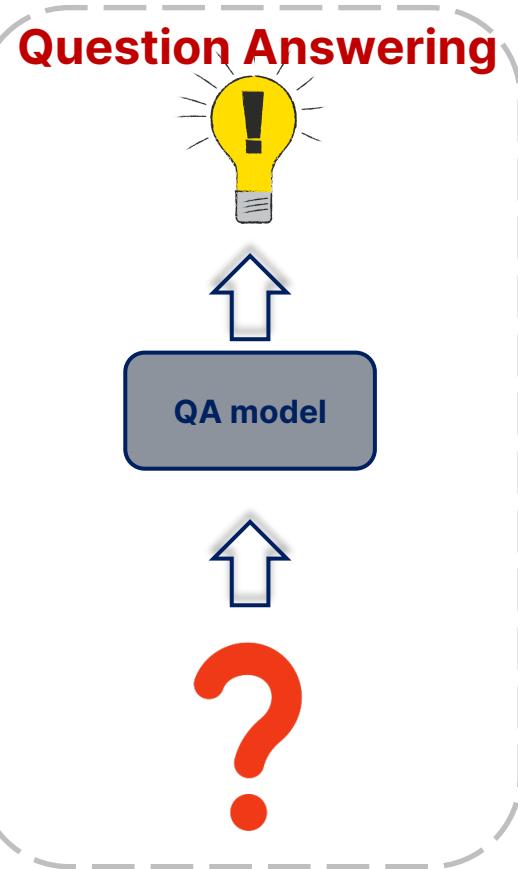
## Retrieval-based models

# Direction to add efficiency and explainability

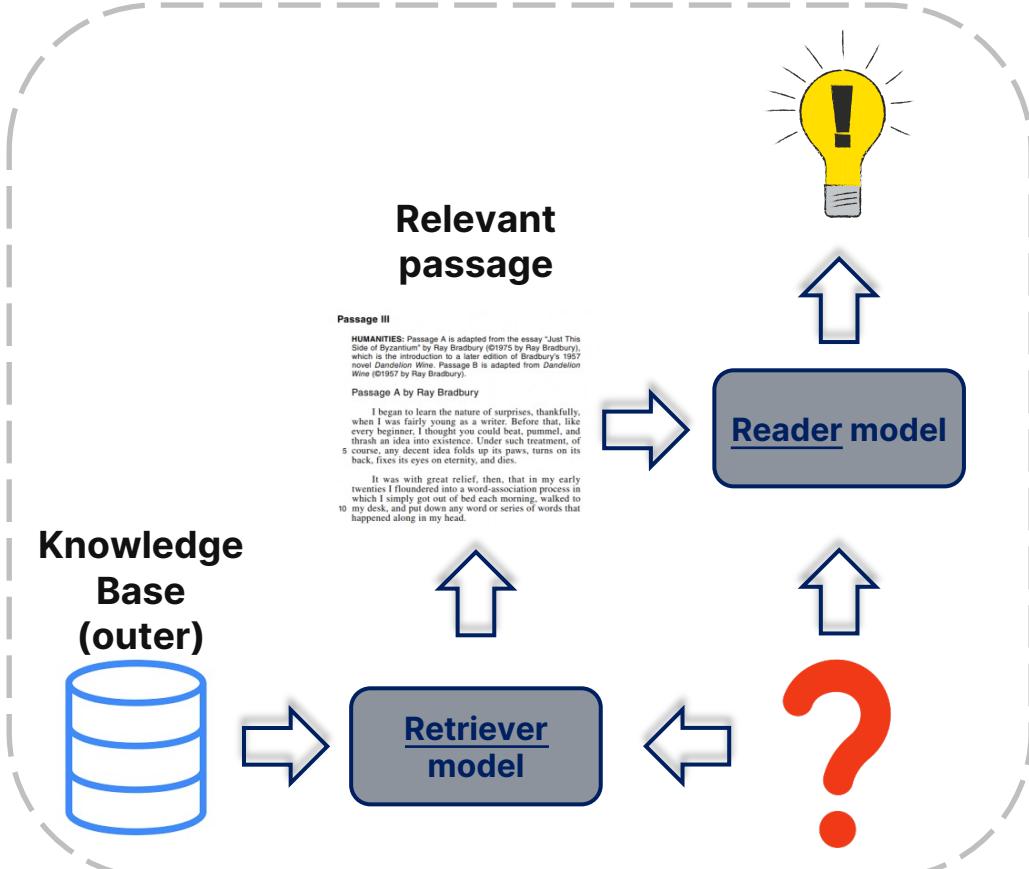


**Extraction of knowledge  
from relevant passage  
Not possible in real-world**

## Question Answering



**Generation of knowledge<sup>1,2</sup>  
Not scalable, all information  
is stored inside MRC  
model weights (like T5/GPT-3)**



**2-stage: first to retrieve the relevant model  
from outer text corpus, then extract  
knowledge from this passage  
Realistic and scalable approach**

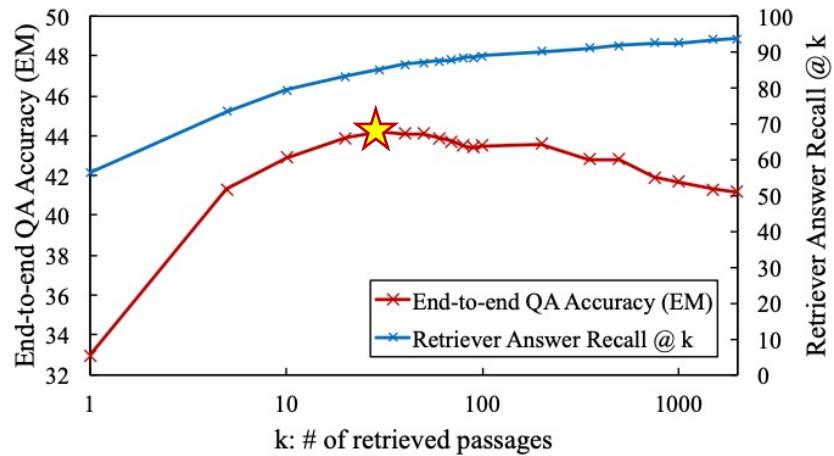
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[2] Brown, Tom B., et al. "Language models are few-shot learners." 2020 (OpenAI)

# Retrieval-based (RB) modeling

## WHY to decompose: Retriever $\neq$ Reader<sup>1</sup>

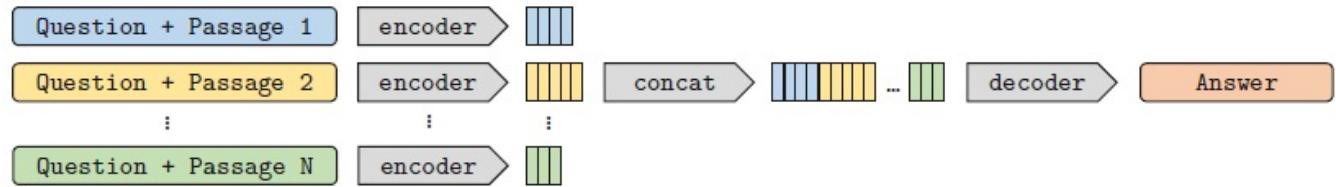
- (a) End-to-end QA accuracy (Exact Match, y-axis on the left) of DPR reader and the retrieval recall rate (y-axis on the right) of DPR retriever.



### Main idea:

- Retriever **is not approx.** of Reader: having more data helps a little for the Reader, and drops quickly
- **Retriever is a sort of representational bottleneck**

## How to extract information from multiple sources<sup>2</sup>



### Main idea:

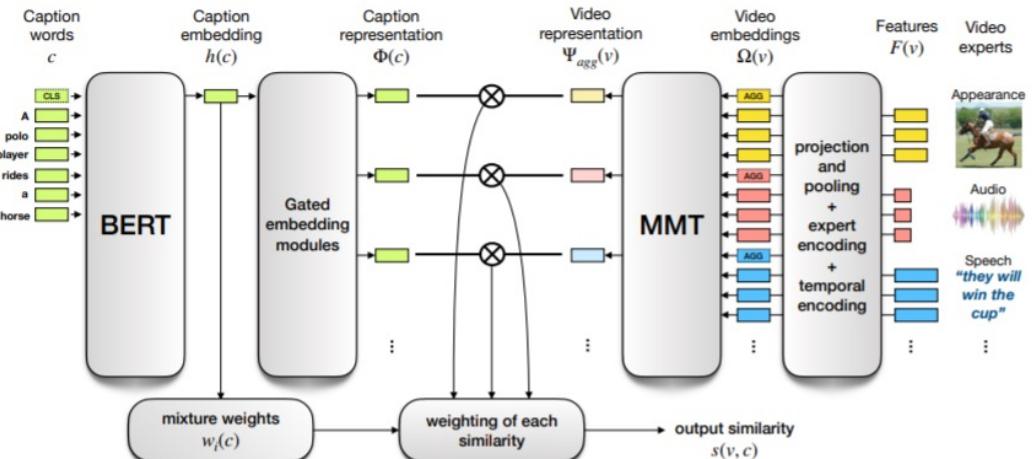
- **Retriever:** BERT-doc + BERT-query
- **Reader:** seq2seq T5, having **query + retrieved doc** as an input
  - added special tokens - question:, title: and context: before the question, title and text of each passage
- **Fusion-in-Decoder:** output based on **k > 1 passages**

[1] Yang, Sohee, and Minjoon Seo. "Is Retriever Merely an Approximator of Reader?" 2020 (NAVER Corp)

[2] Izacard, Gautier, and Edouard Grave. "Leveraging passage retrieval with generative models for open domain question answering." 2020 (Facebook)

# Multi-modality and multi-task in RB

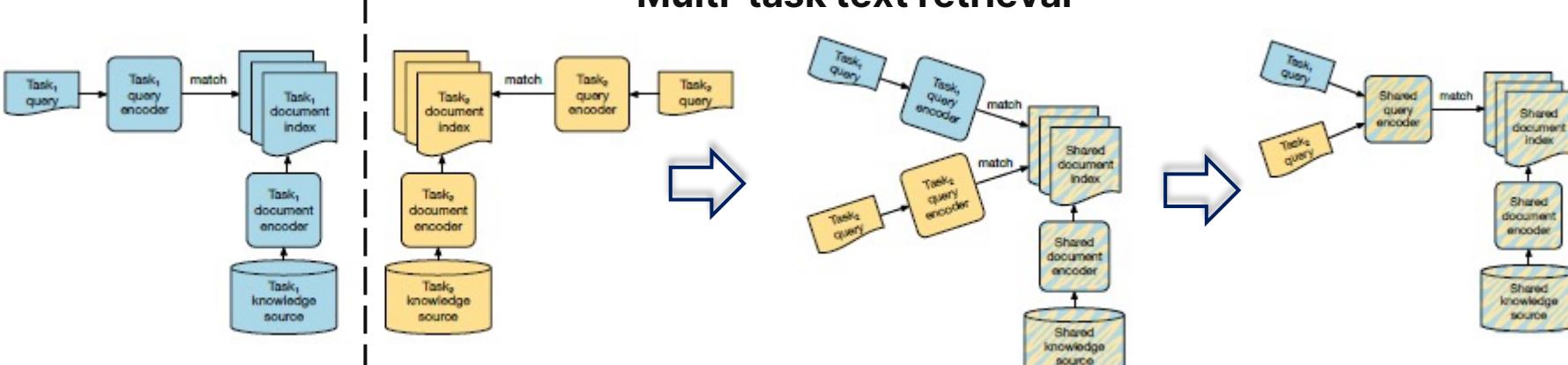
## Multi-modality video retrieval<sup>1,2</sup>



### Main idea:

- **Video** – as a **doc** in NLP RB, text query by BERT
- Multi-modality: **middle fusion** of non-query modalities + **late fusion** with text query
- For different NLP tasks the **single retriever is beneficial**
- But the **training** of retriever should be done on **all datasets combined**
- Retriever: BERT-based; Reader/downstream: BART-based

## Multi-task text retrieval<sup>3</sup>



[1] Gabeur, Valentin, et al. "Multi-modal transformer for video retrieval." 2020 (Google)

[2] Dzabraev, Maksim, et al. "Mdmmmt: Multidomain multimodal transformer for video retrieval." 2021 (Huawei)

[3] Maillard, Jean, et al. "Multi-task retrieval for knowledge-intensive tasks." 2021 (Facebook)

# 06

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## Open Questions

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## 1. Effectiveness

Current trend: usage of *LARGE* pre-trained models

Q: How to *decrease the resource utilization* (while training as well as on inference)?

## 2. Universality

Q<sub>1</sub>: How to add the new modality *agnostically* (with minimal architectural changes)?

Q<sub>2</sub>: How to add the new task *agnostically* (without full retraining)?

Q<sub>3</sub>: What tasks could and what tasks should not be combined?



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