
Transfusion: Predict the Next Token and Diffuse Images with **One** Multi-Modal Model

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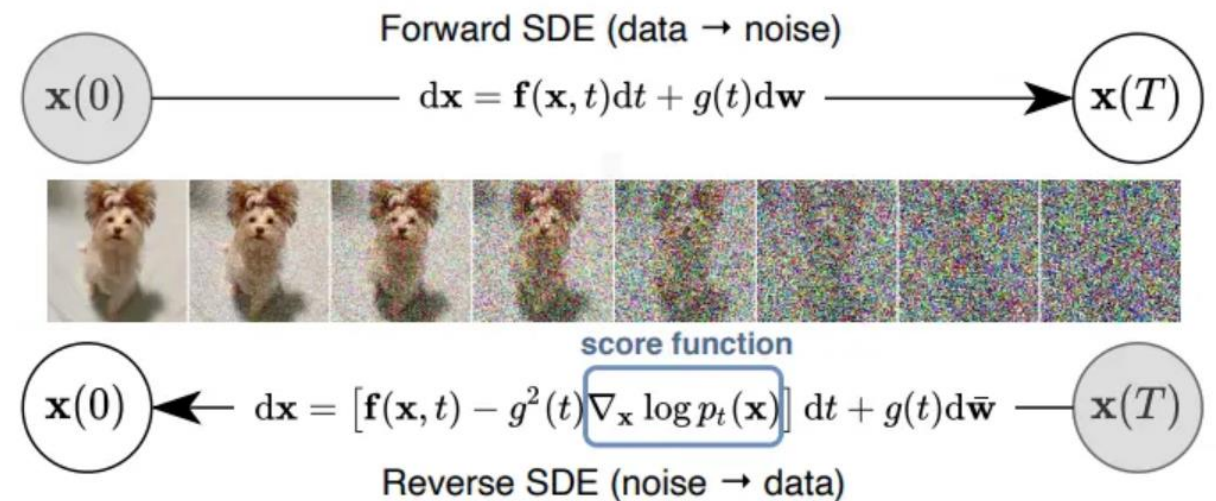
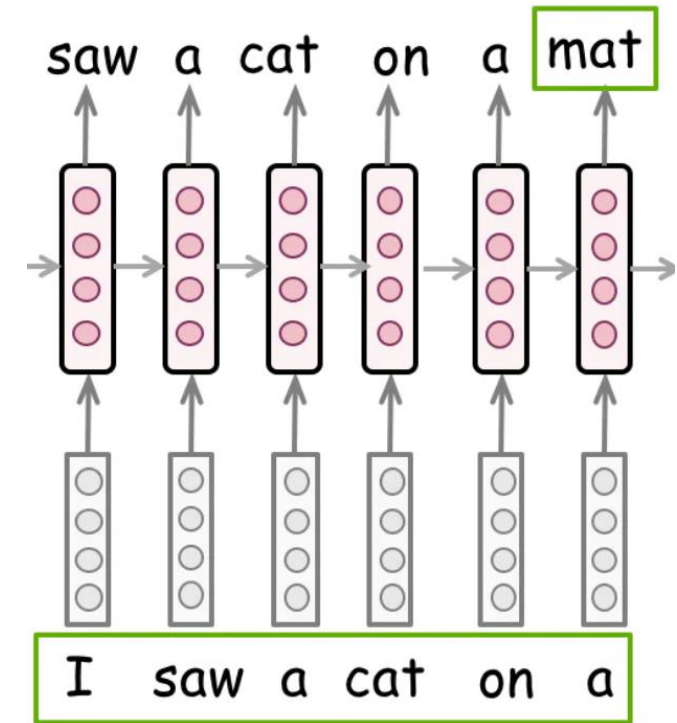
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Hybrid Architecture

Transformer vs Diffusion

- Transformer
 - Next token prediction (autoregressive)
 - One network pass for each token
 - Good for language generation
- Diffusion
 - Sample-level prediction
 - Iterative for each sample
 - Good for visual generation



<https://hyperskill.org/learn/step/24084>

<https://www.superannotate.com/blog/diffusion-models>

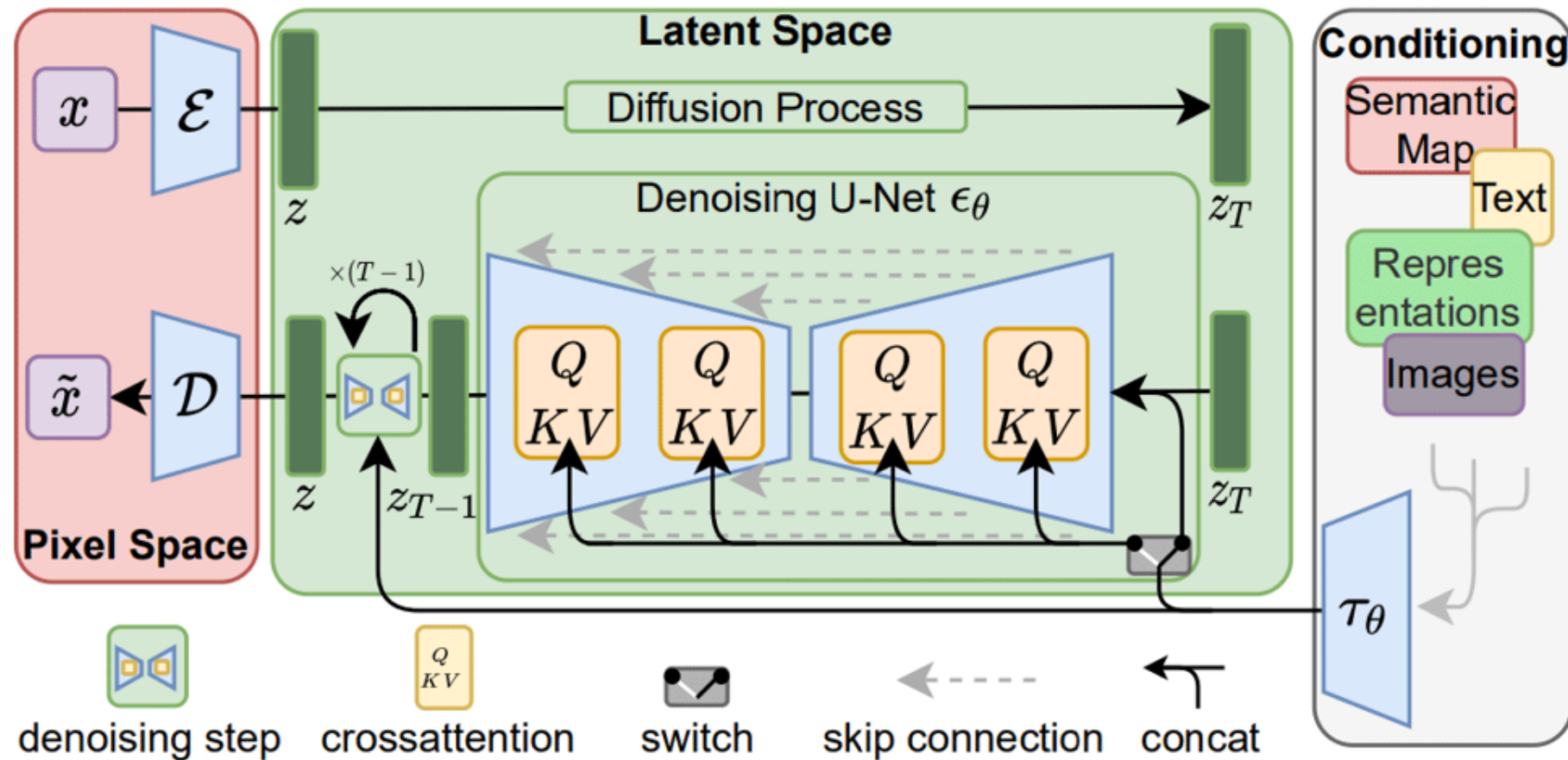
Hybrid Modality

Language vs Visual

- Language
 - Discrete (from vocabulary)
 - Cross-entropy loss
 - **2** ("elephant") *is not* close to **3** ("car")
- Visual
 - Continuous
 - L1 loss
 - **2** *is* close to **3**

Hybrid Visual Generation

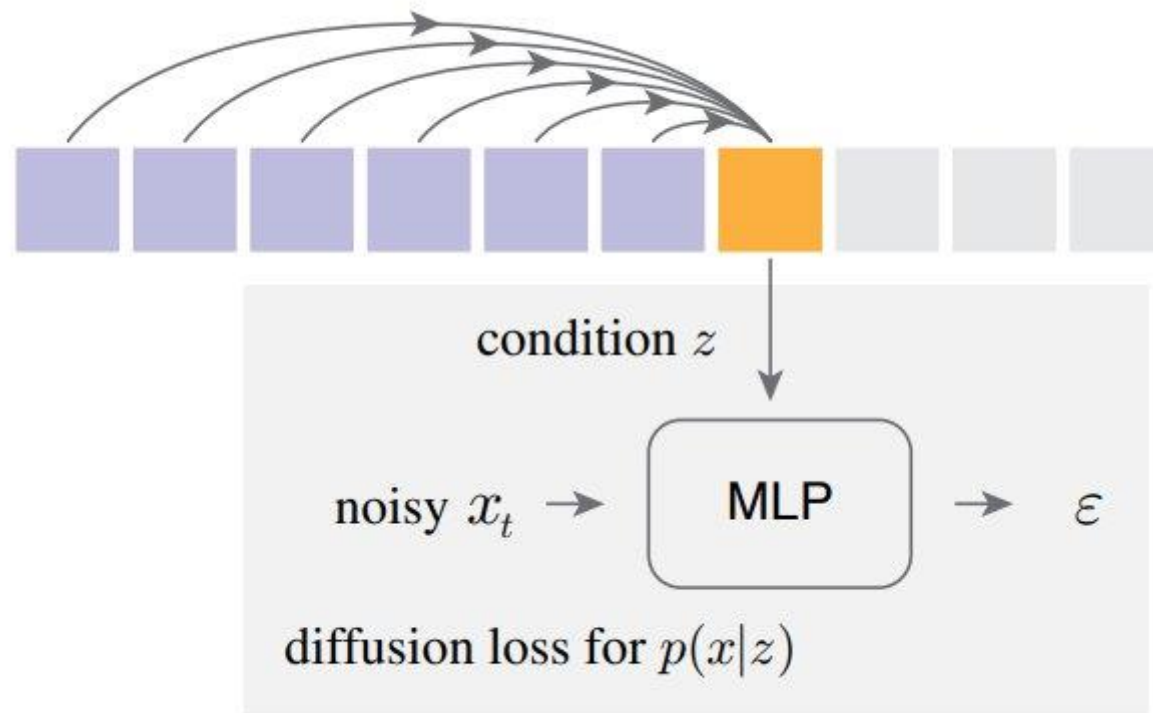
Diffusion: Latent Diffusion Model (Stable Diffusion)



Hybrid Architectural Visual Generation

Autoregressive: Masked Autoregressive (MAR)

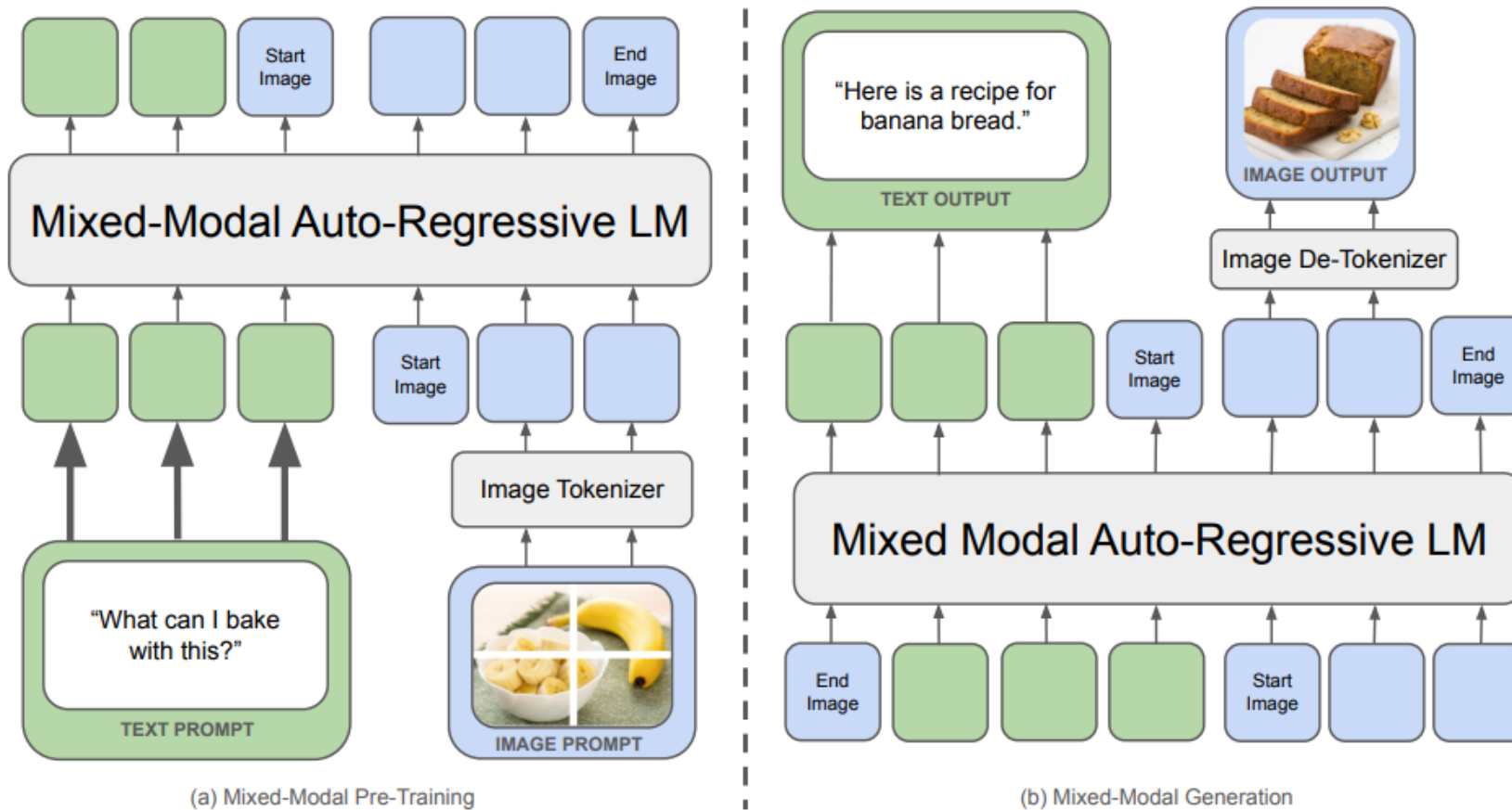
- Continuous Autoregressive
- Single modality



Hybrid Modality Language Generation (MLLM)

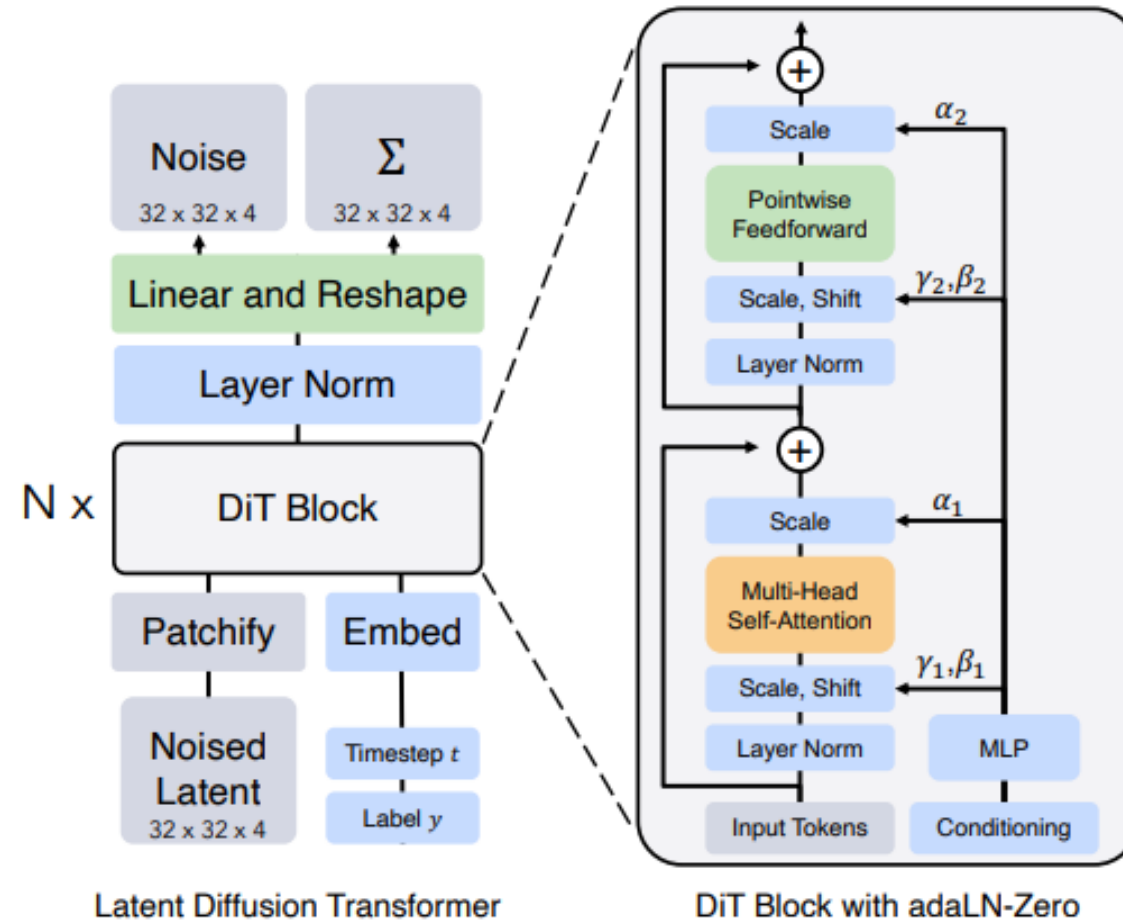
Autoregressive: GPT-4o (Native), LLaVA, Chameleon

- Single Architecture



Building Block: Diffusion Transformer (DiT)

- Transformer replaces U-Net in Diffusion.



Hybrid Generation: Transfusion: Overview

- Autoregressive (a single Transformer to do everything).
- Diffusion on the image part.

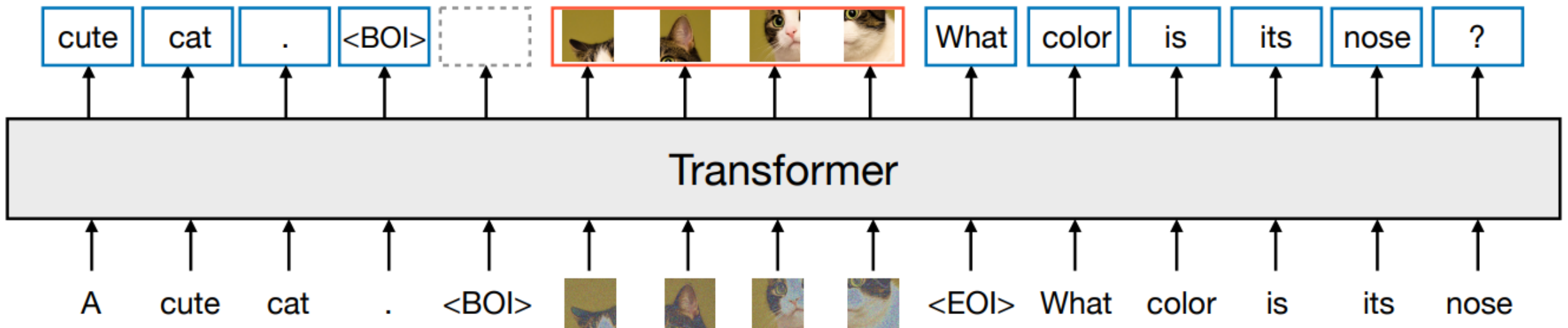


Figure 1: A high-level illustration of Transfusion. A single transformer perceives, processes, and produces data of every modality. Discrete (text) tokens are processed autoregressively and trained on the **next token prediction** objective. Continuous (image) vectors are processed together in parallel and trained on the **diffusion** objective. Marker BOI and EOI tokens separate the modalities.

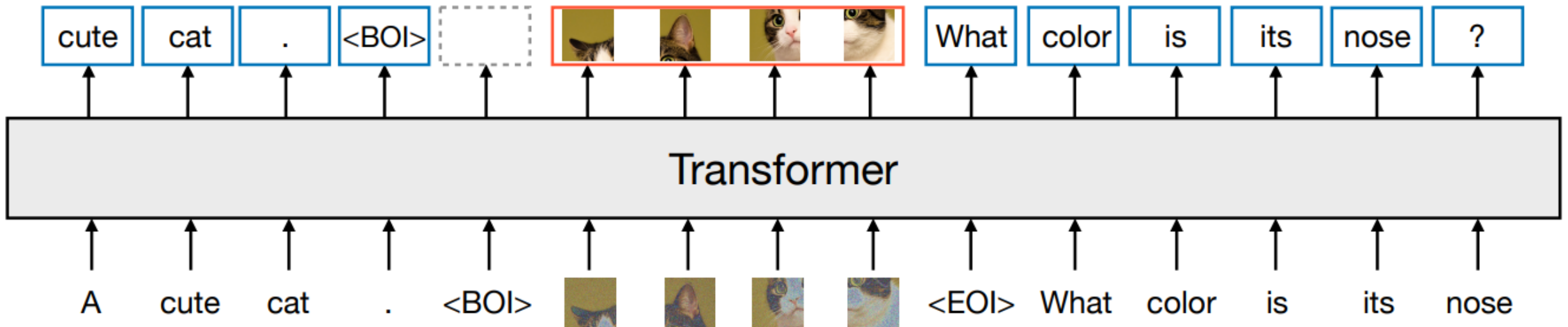
Transfusion: Mechanism

- **Testing**

- LM mode: **Transformer** as a NTP Language Model to sample text until <BOI>.

Switch To:

- Diffusion mode: **Transformer** as in a latent DiT to sample the whole image (with desired size). Append <EOI> and switch back to LM mode.
 - Previous textual tokens are input along with the latent image tokens, while noises are added only to the image tokens.



Transfusion: Mechanism

- **Training**

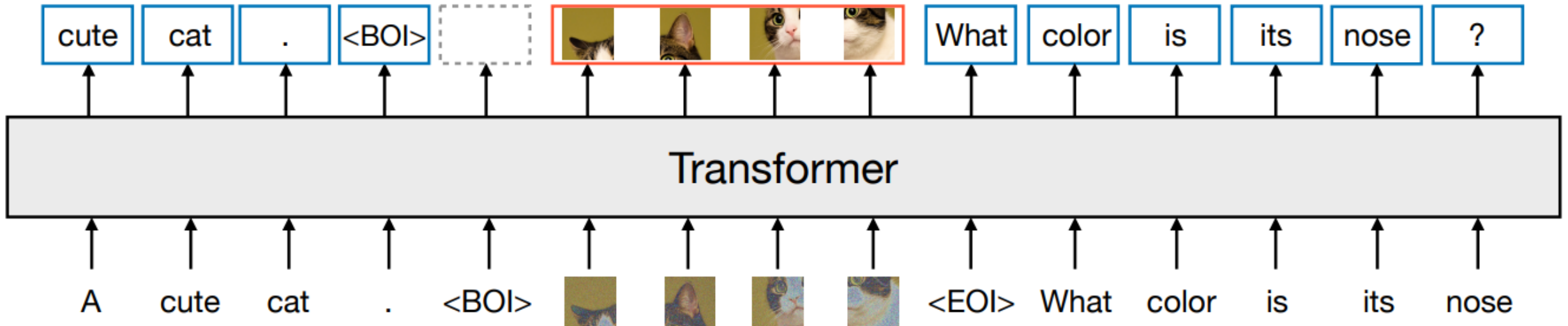
$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{Transfusion}} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{LM}} + \lambda \cdot \mathcal{L}_{\text{DDPM}}$$

- Language Modeling on **Transformer**

- Enable textual generation.
 - Enable the multimodal tokens to obtain context from each other, which is also useful for image generation.

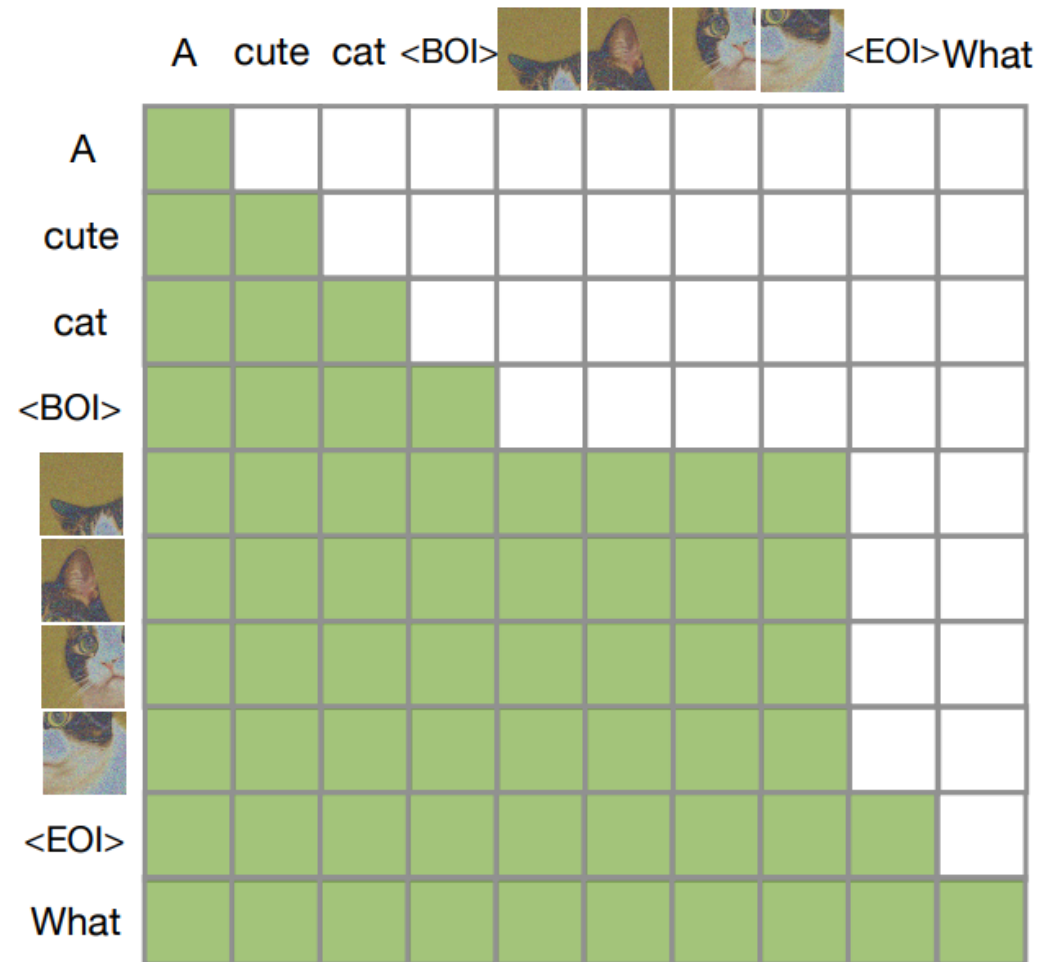
- Diffusion Modeling on **Transformer**

- Enable the image tokens to be iteratively refined for image generation.

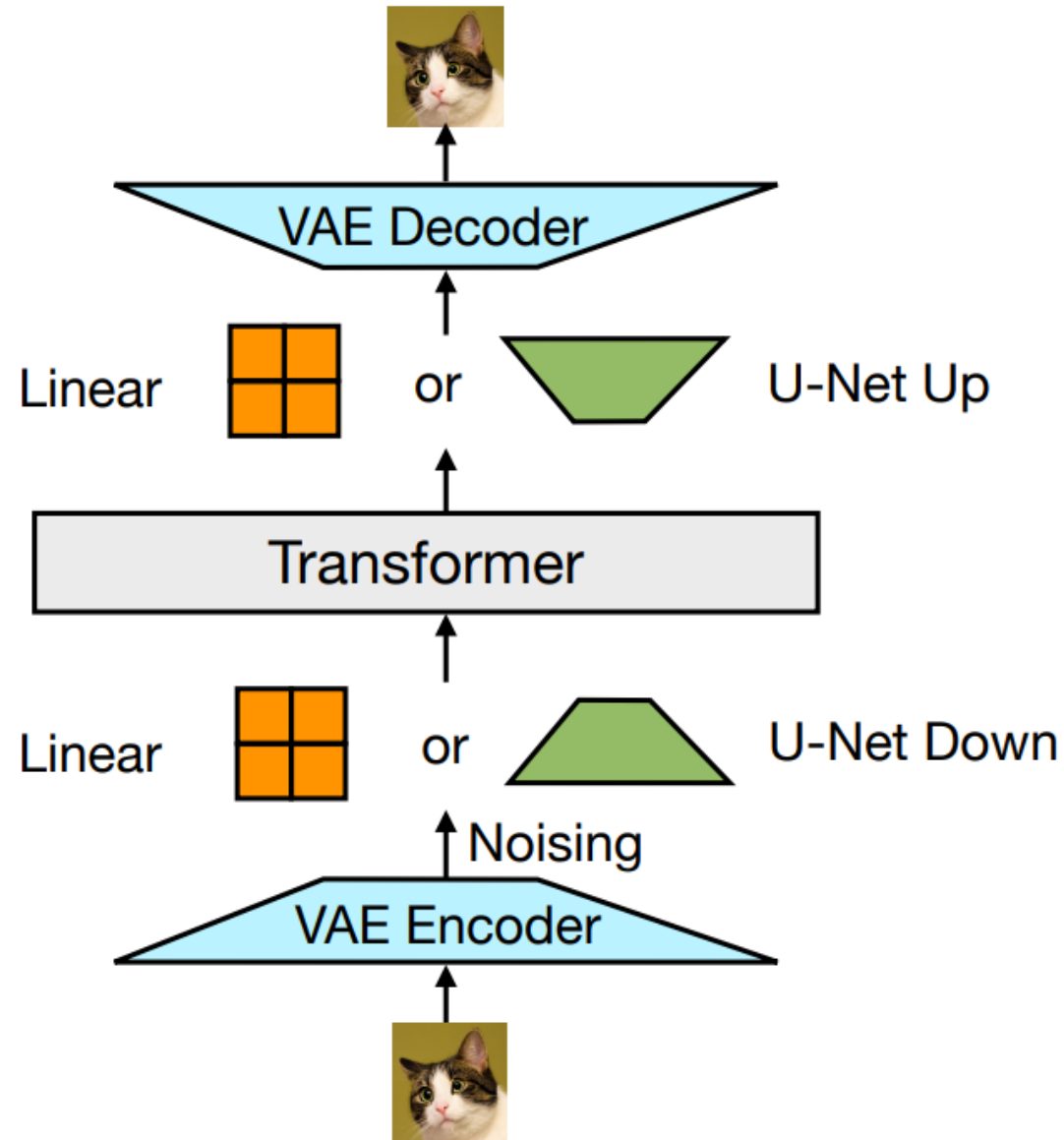


Transfusion: Attention Mask

- In either mode, each token can attend to both textual and image tokens.
- Textual tokens are causal, while image tokens are not.

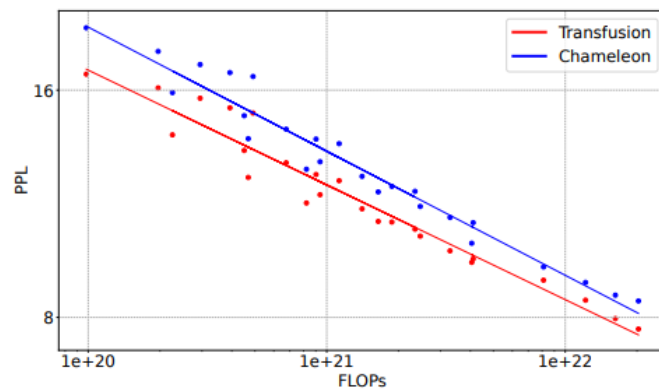


Transfusion: from Image to Transformer features

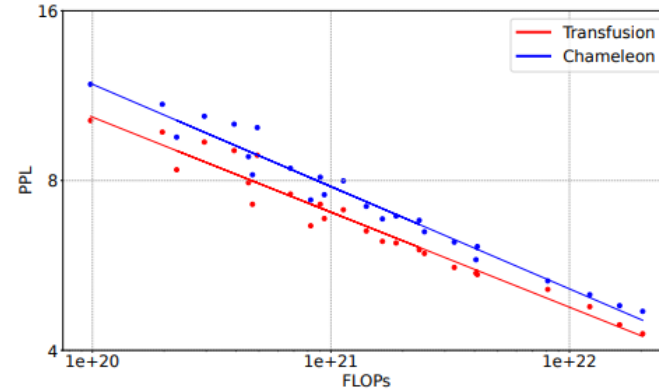


Experiments

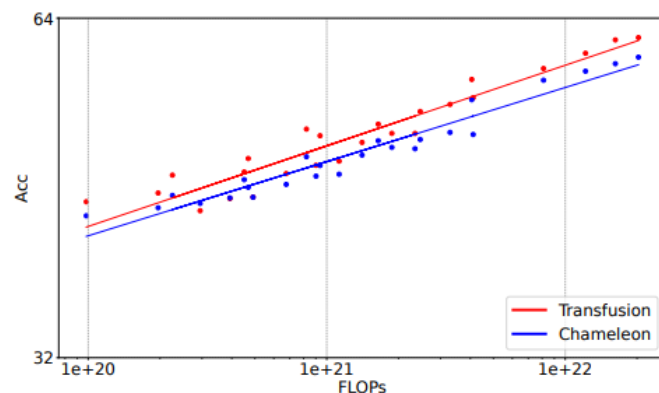
- Scales better than fully autoregressive Chameleon (also by Meta, earlier 2024)
- Perplexity.
- Image to image?
- Image understanding?



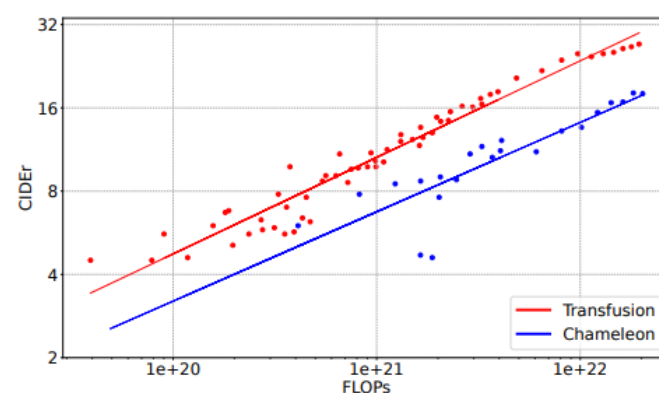
C4 Perplexity



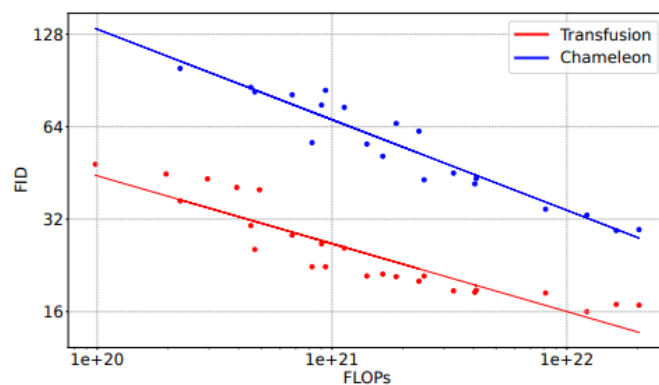
Wikipedia Perplexity



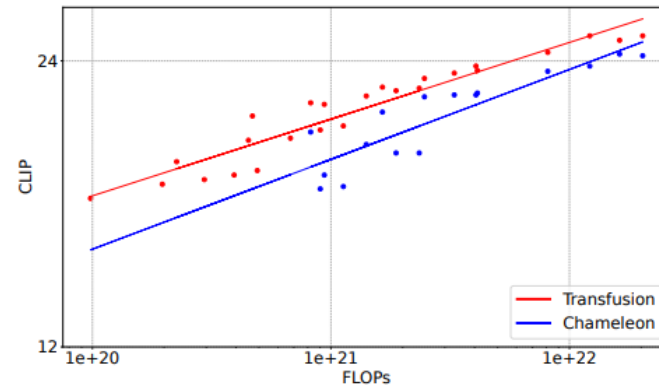
Llama 2 Eval Suite Accuracy



MS-COCO 5k CIDEr



MS-COCO 30k FID



MS-COCO 30k CLIP



Downtown Seattle at sunrise. detailed ink wash.



A car made out of vegetables.



A sign that says "Diffusion".



A black basketball shoe with a lightning bolt on it.



an espresso machine that makes coffee from human souls, high-contrast painting.



Intricate origami of a fox and a unicorn in a snowy forest.



a yellow wall with two framed sketches



A crab made of cheese on a plate.



A single beam of light enter the room from the ceiling. The beam of light is illuminating an easel. On the easel there is a Rembrandt painting of a raccoon.



White Cycladic houses with blue accents and vibrant magenta bougainvillea in a serene Greek island setting.



The saying "BE EXCELLENT TO EACH OTHER" written in a stained glass window.



dark high contrast render of a psychedelic tree of life illuminating dust in a mystical cave.



Remove the cupcake on the plate.



Change the tomato on the right to a green olive.



Write the word "Zebra" in Arial bold.



Change this to cartoon style.

Questions?