# LMM-driven Semantic Text-Image Coding for Ultra-low Bitrate Learned Image Compression

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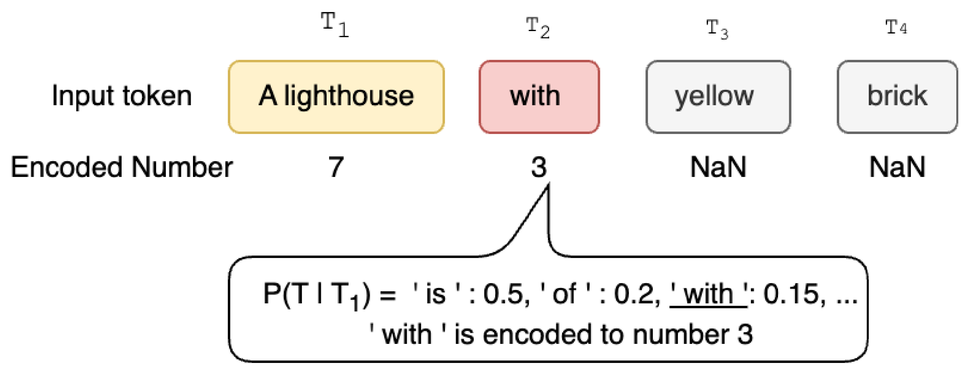
## Background

**- Learned Image Compression** is a technique to design neural network-based non-linear transform and entropy model to compress images

- Its sub-domain, **ultra low-bitrate compression** model, targets to less than **0.1 bpp** while keeping good perceptual quality
- Some models utilize **text caption** as a sub-information that captures semantic information (MISC[3], Text & Sketch[4])

- Recently, **Large Language Model** is shown to be effective in text compression and data compression (LLM-ZIP[1], Language Modeling is Compression[2])

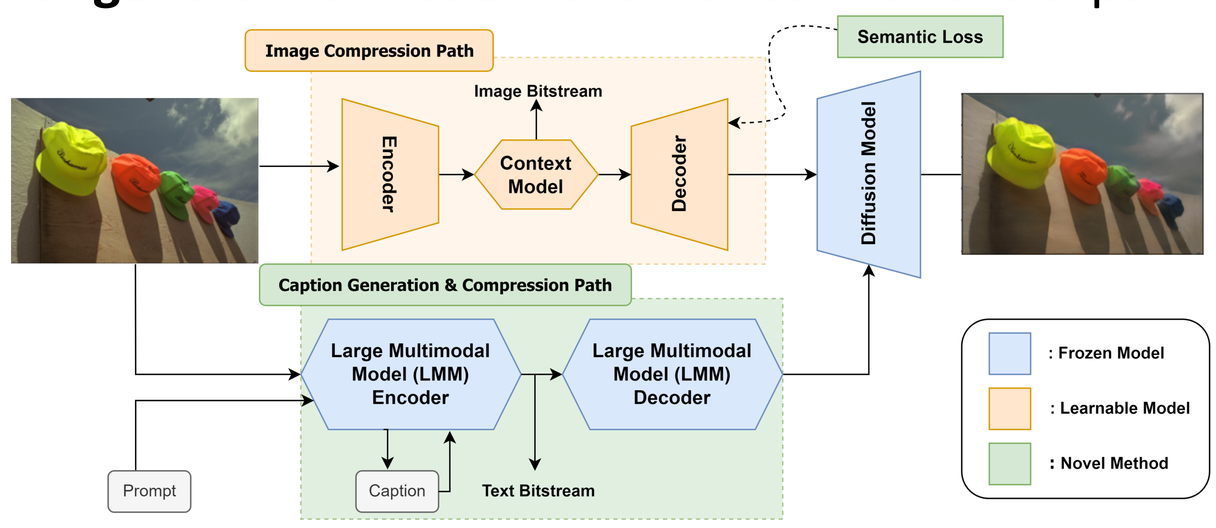



- How can we integrate **LLM based compression** in the workflow of **Learned Image Compression?**

## Methodology

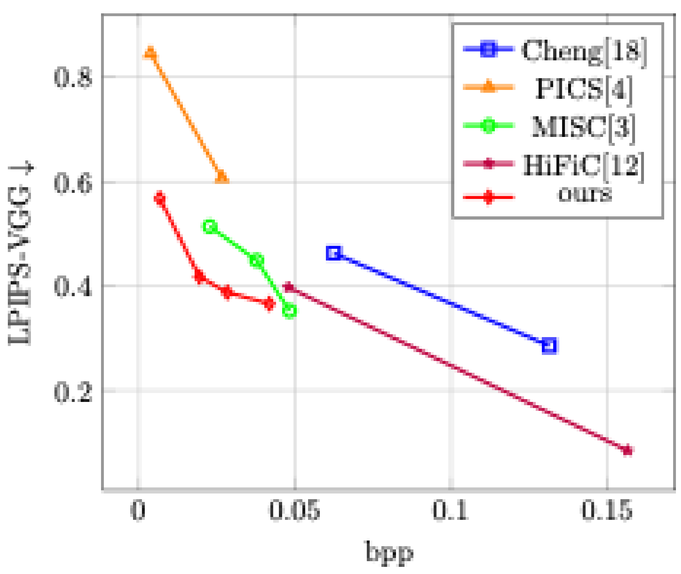
- We generate text caption, and compress it into bitstream **with one large multimodal model**
- Input images are fed to fine-tuned **low-bitrate image compressor**
- Output (distorted) images are then refined with **generative model** conditioned with the caption

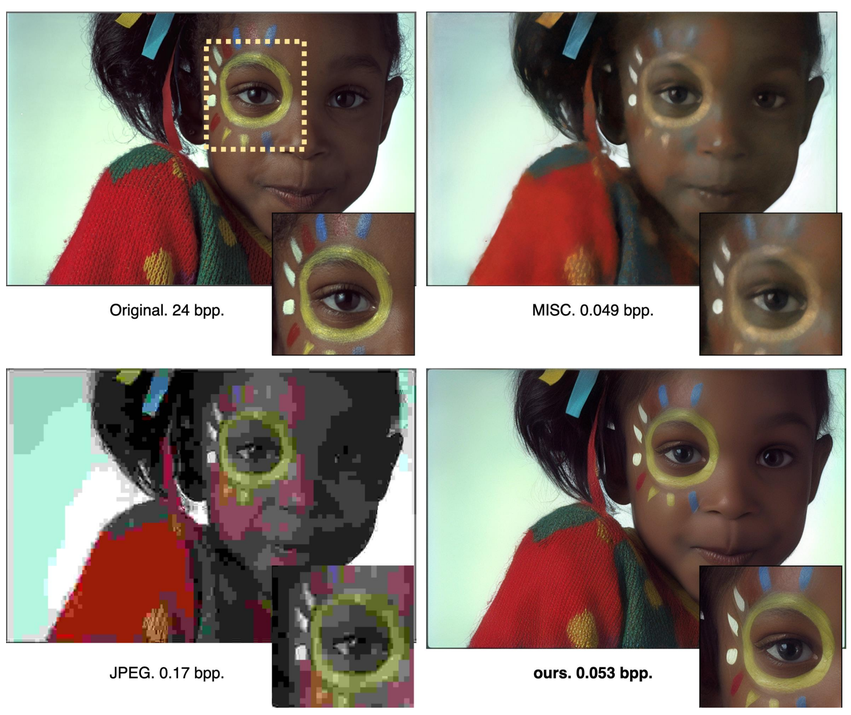
- Our contributions are:
  - We show that **captioning and its compression** can be done in **one LMM**
  - Developed efficient fine-tune methods with **perceptual and semantic loss**




## Results & Takeaways

- Our model **achieves more than 65% text compression ratio** and more than **40% bitrate saving** than existing methods (in LPIPS BD rate)
- Example images show our methods eliminate color distortion under ultra low-bitrate (0.053 bpp!)




Code & Demo Available on **GitHub**

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