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Mobile Foundation Model as Firmware

The Way Towards a Unified Mobile AI Landscape

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- 3) OS-agnostic, so no opportunity for caching/scheduling/batching

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Runtime Operating System

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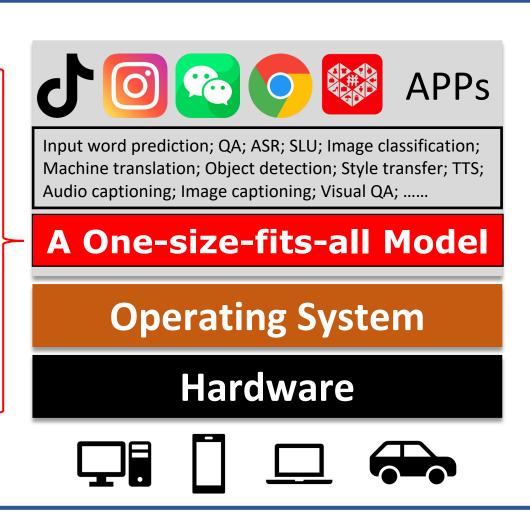
Our Contributions

a. How to **design** such a model?

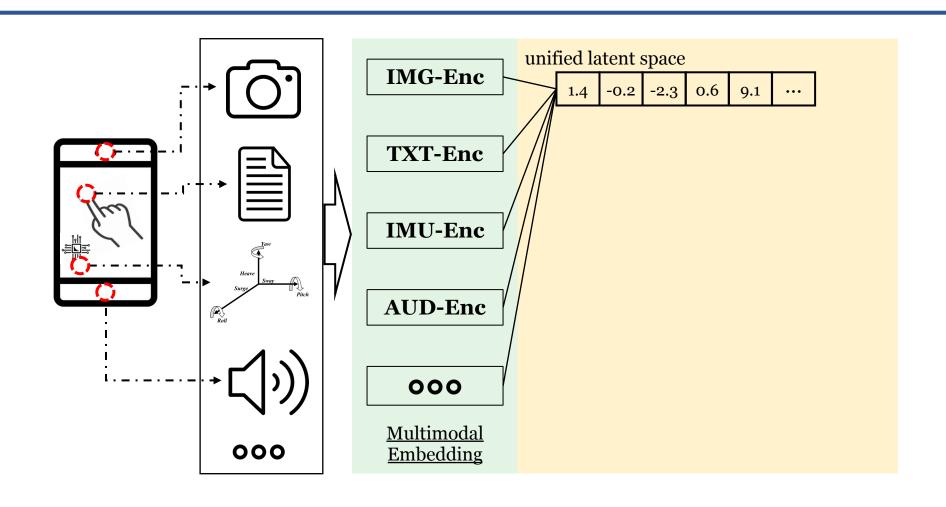
M4 – an any-to-any modality mobile foundation model

b. How to evaluate such a model?

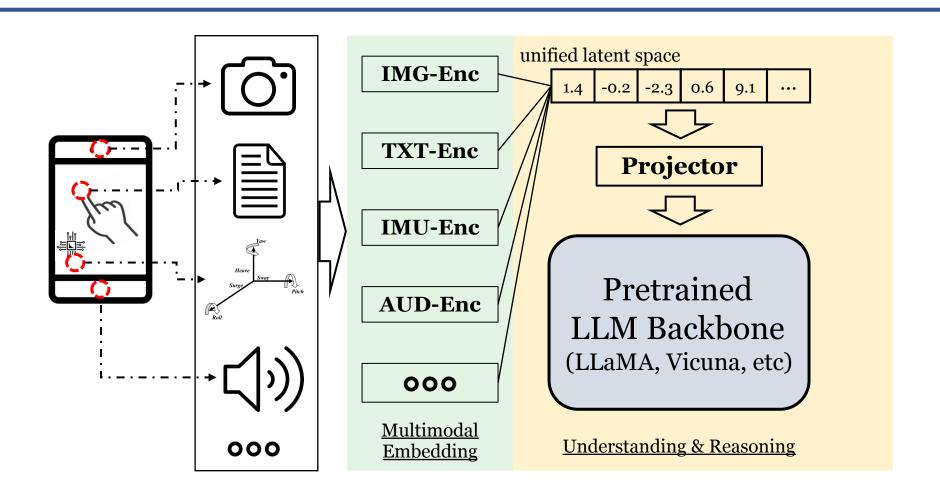
eAIBench – a comprehensive mobile AI benchmark



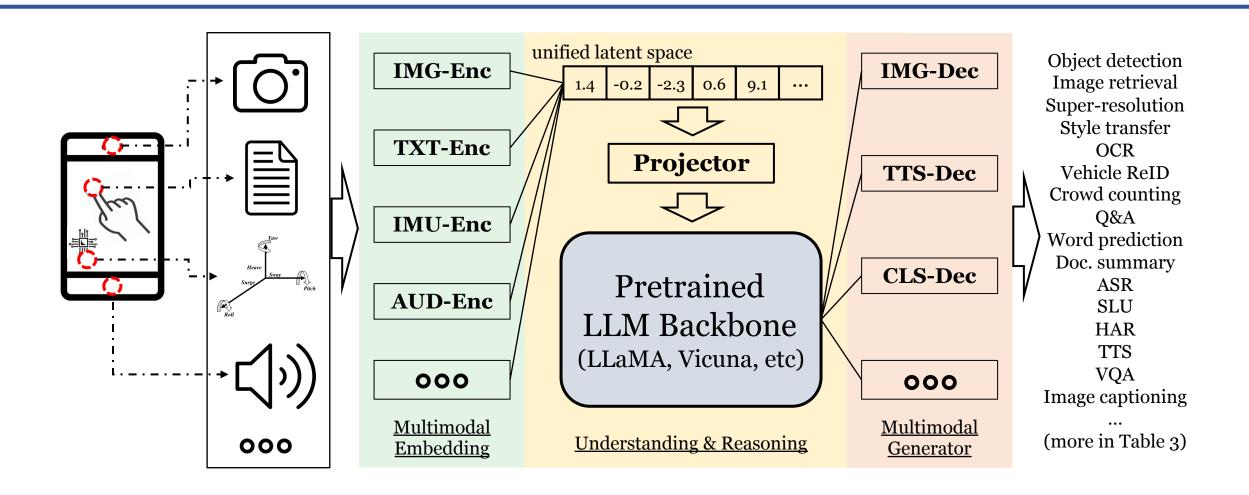
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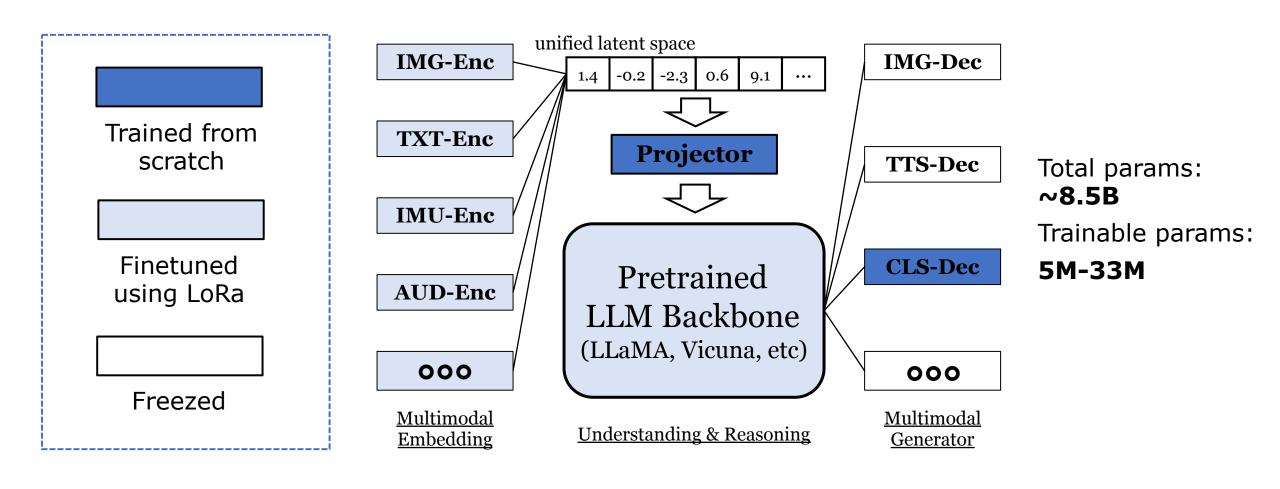
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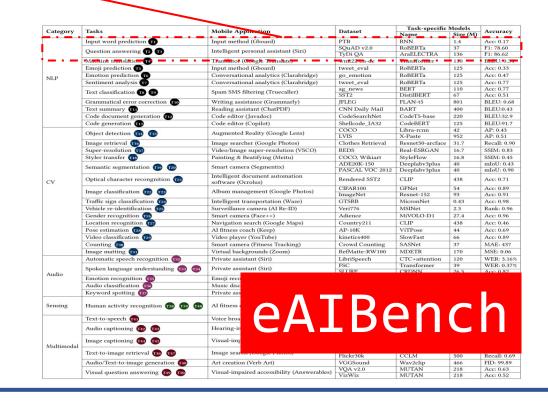


Evaluation: eAlBench

	Tasks	Mobile Application	Dataset	Task-specific Models		Accuracy
				Name	Size (M)	Accuracy
:	Input word prediction T1	Input method (Gboard)	PTB	RNN	1.4	Acc: 0.17

eAIBench: a collection of real-world mobile AI tasks and a representative baseline DNN

- 38 mobile AI tasks
- 50 classical ML datasets
- 4 modalities (text, image, audio, IMU)
- Many hardware setups: Octa-core CPU, Mali-G710 MP7 GPU, and edge TPU, etc.



Evaluation: End-to-end Performance

M4 can well support most mobile AI tasks and datasets.

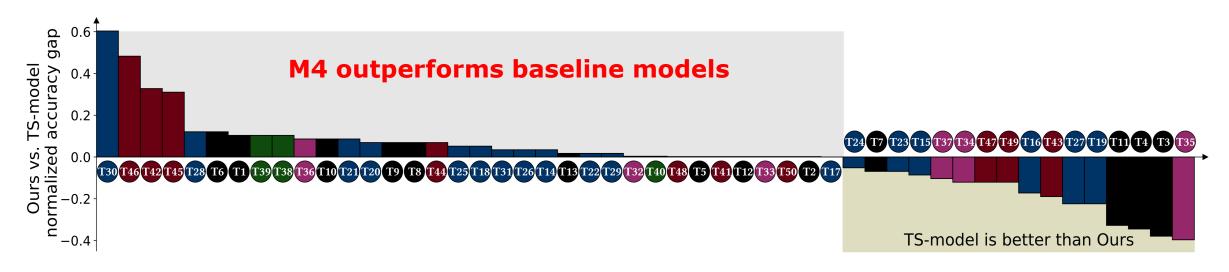
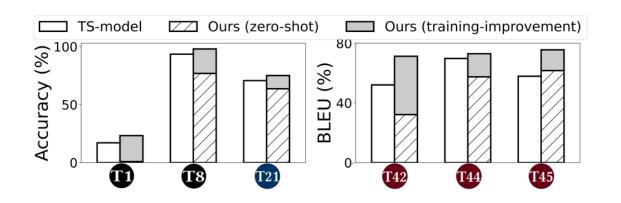


Figure 1. Normalized accuracy comparison of M4 and TS-models on 50 popular mobile tasks and datasets.

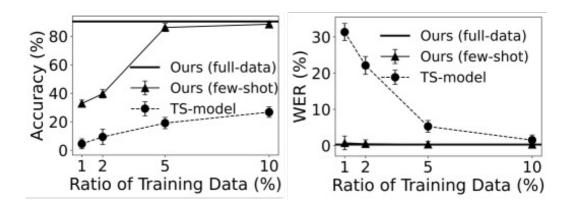
M4 can achieve comparable performance across **85%** of tasks, with over **50%** of these tasks showcasing considerable performance improvement.

Evaluation: Zero/Few-shot Ability

 M4 also has a certain zero-shot ability, but fine-tuning makes it much more accurate.

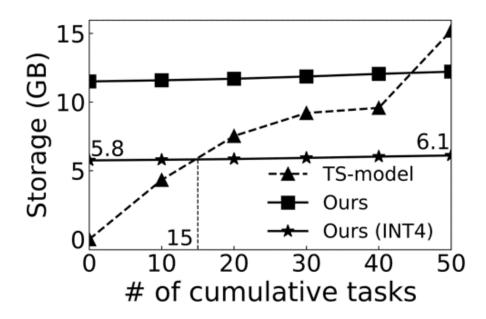


 M4 has better few-shot ability than TS-models that are trained from scratch.

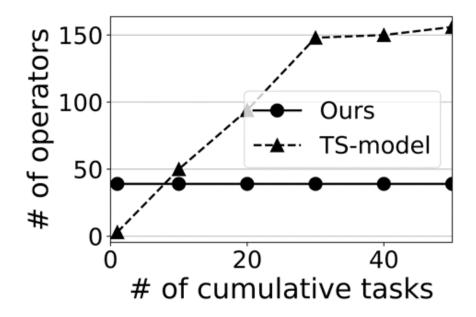


Evaluation: Runtime Cost

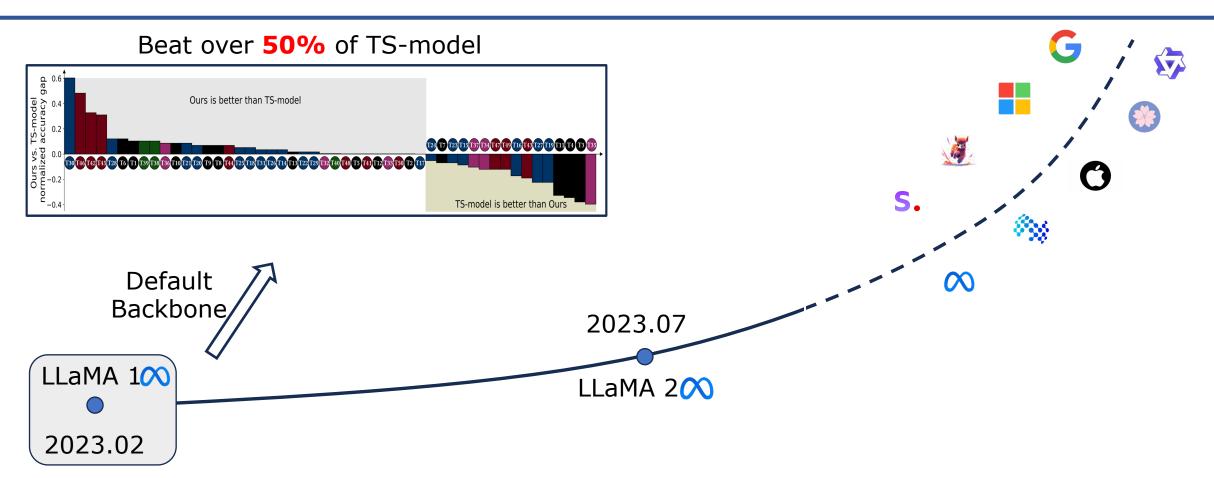
 M4 is more storage-efficient when the model number scales out.



 M4 greatly simplify accelerator design.

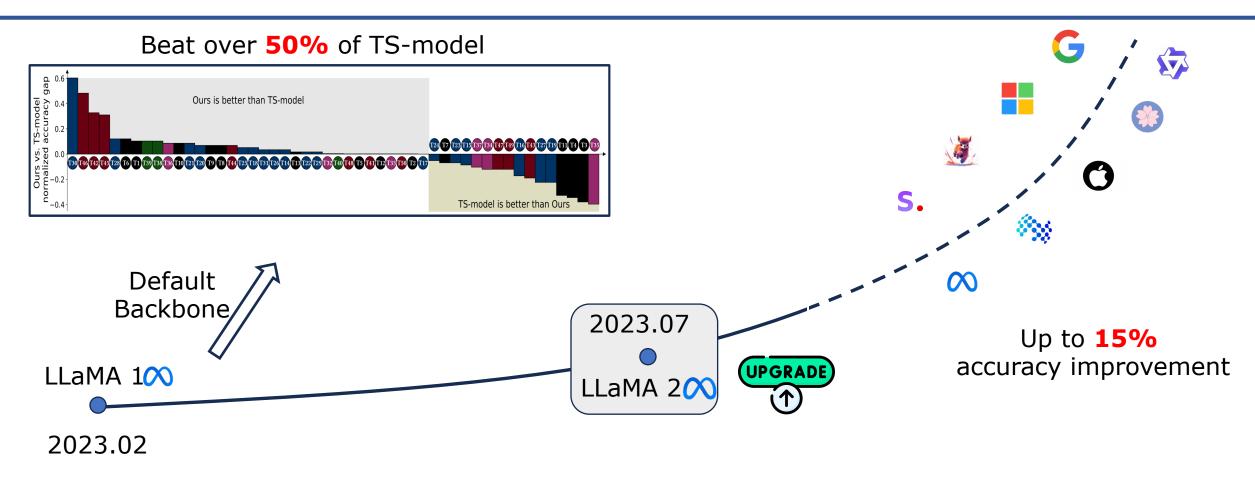


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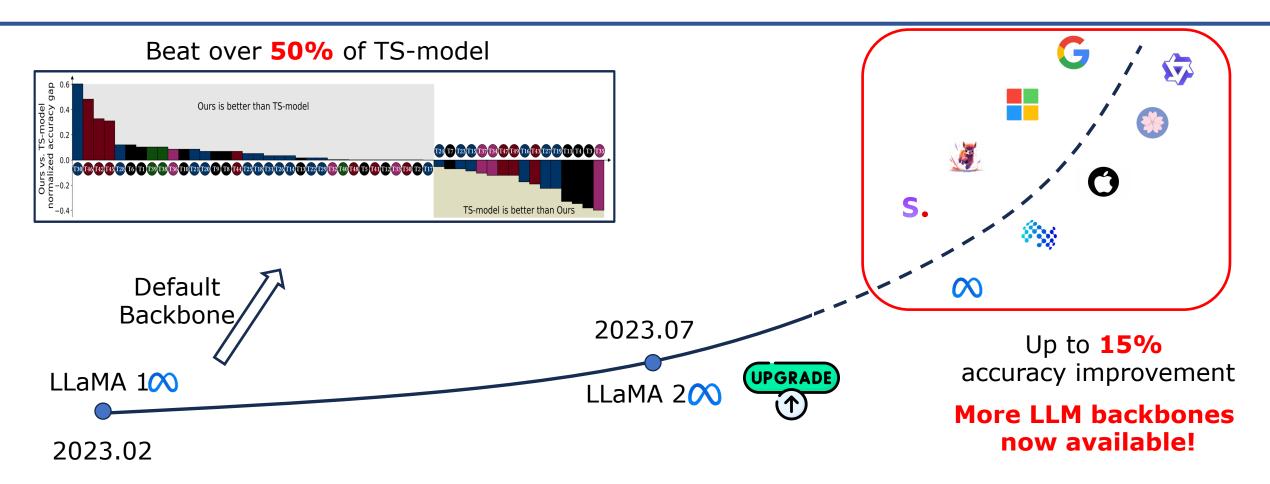
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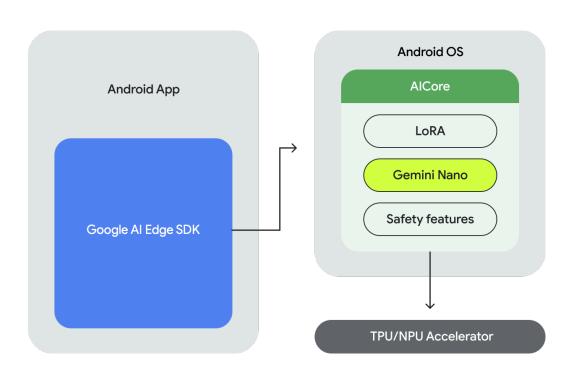
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No longer a vision now!

Google has turned our vision into reality on Android!



- Gemini Nano as a standalone system service
- Apps access the LLM through prompts or LoRa
- On-device LLM directly accelerated by TPU/NPU

[1] https://developer.android.com/ai/gemini-nano

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Summary of our contribution

- A vision of having one foundation model to replace all fragmented DNNs on mobile devices.
- A design and prototype of such a foundation model.
- · A comprehensive benchmark that demonstrates its feasibility.

Takeaway: time to revolutionize mobile AI landscape!

Code: https://github.com/UbiquitousLearning/MobileFM