

Scene Graph Generation and Its Application to Vision-and- Language Tasks

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What is scene graph?

Image as a single label



Image as an object set

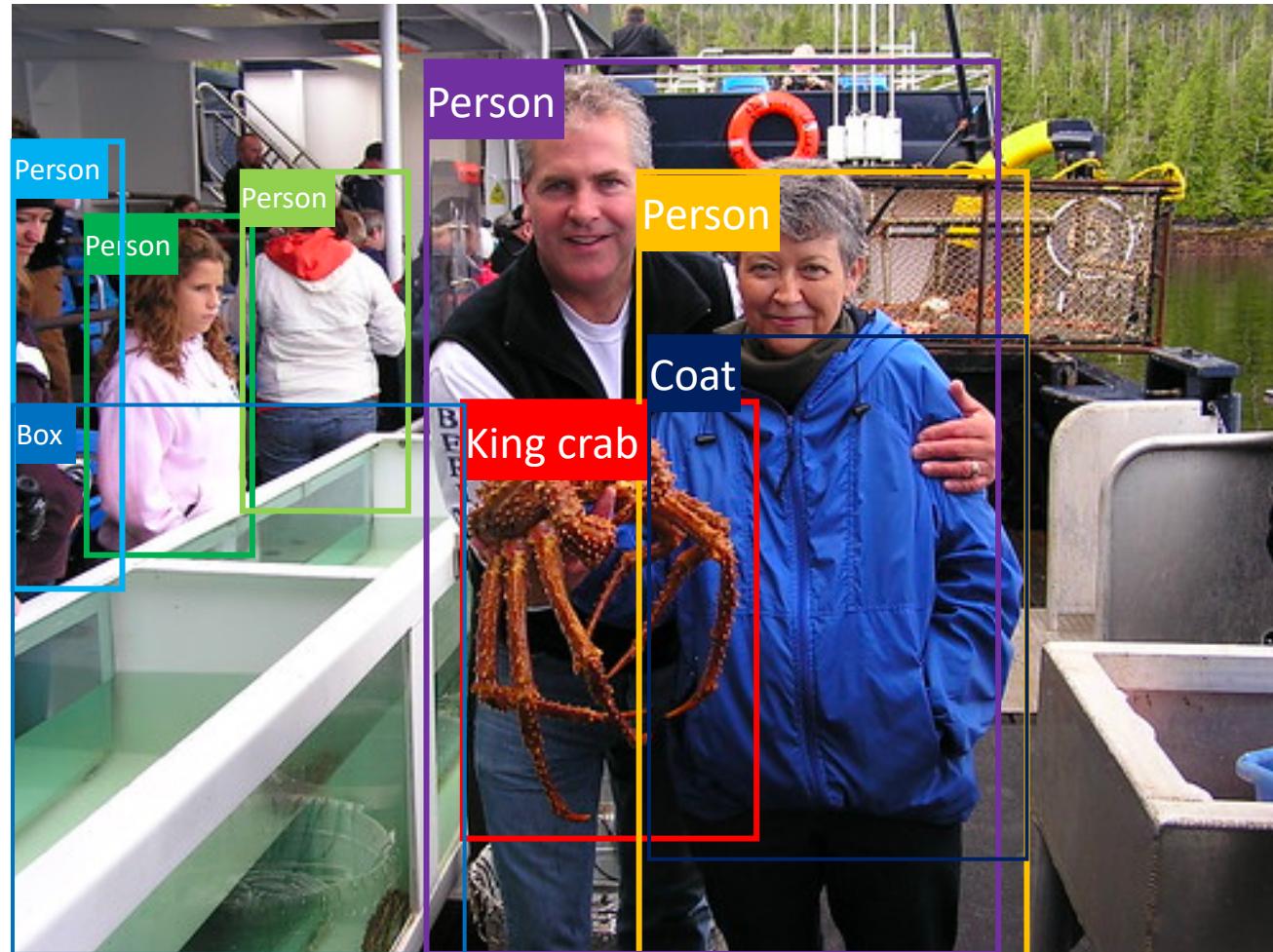
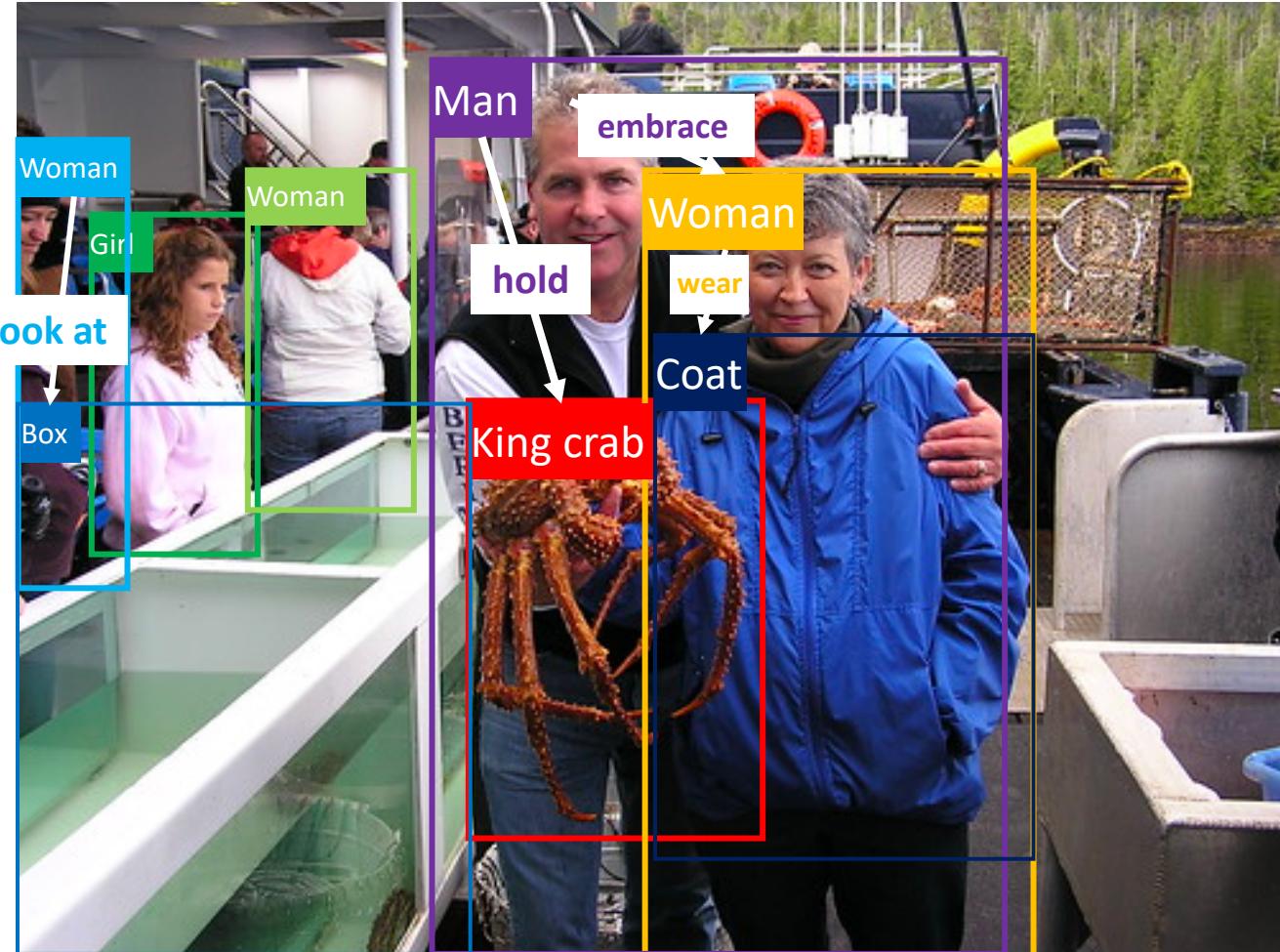


Image as a scene graph

“Woman look at box”

“Man hold king crab”

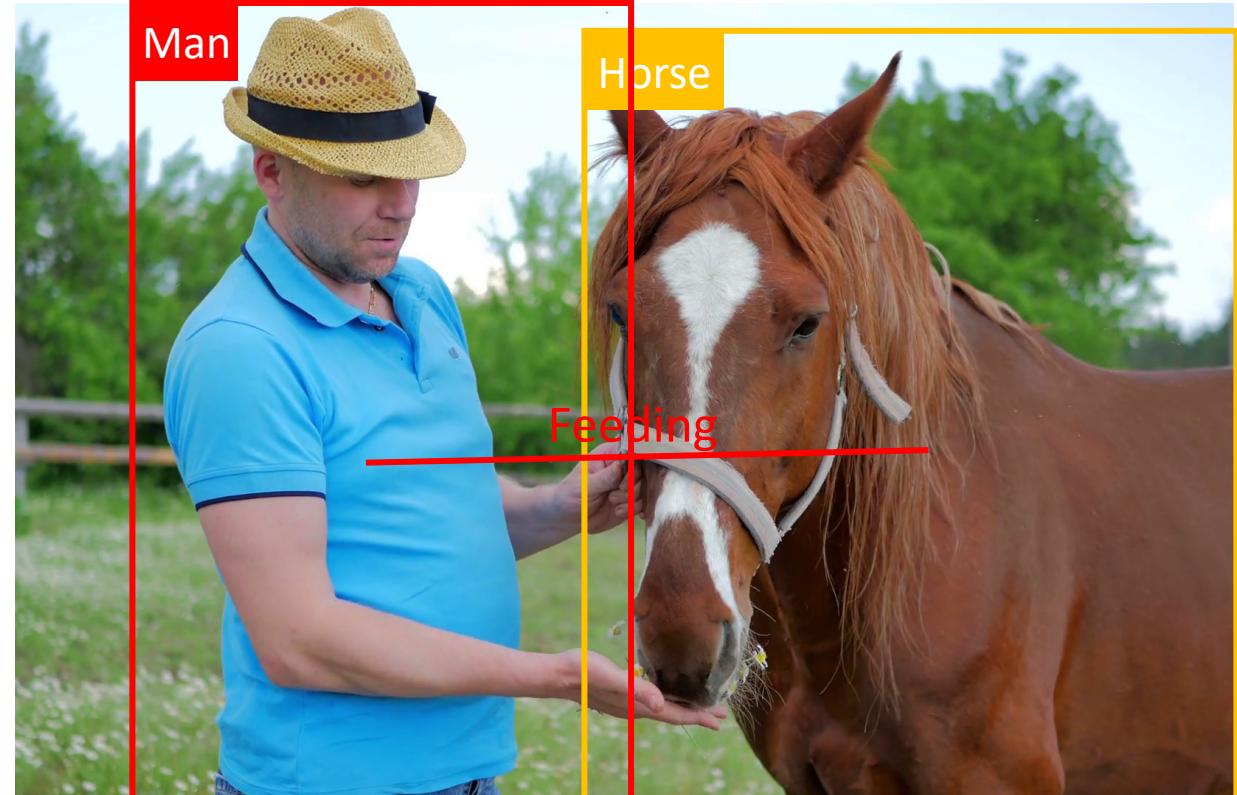
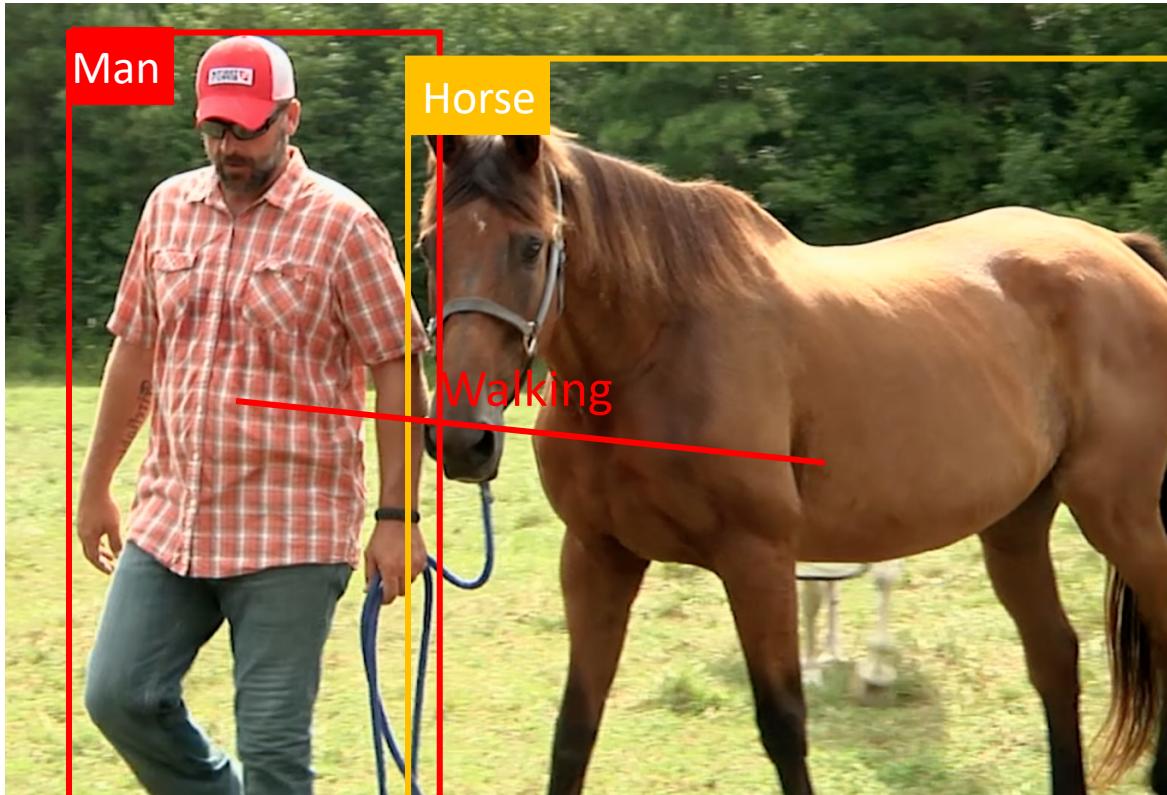


“Woman wear coat”

“Man embrace woman”

Why we need scene graph?

Distinguish images more accurately



[1] Image Retrieval using Scene Graphs. Johnson et al. CVPR 2015

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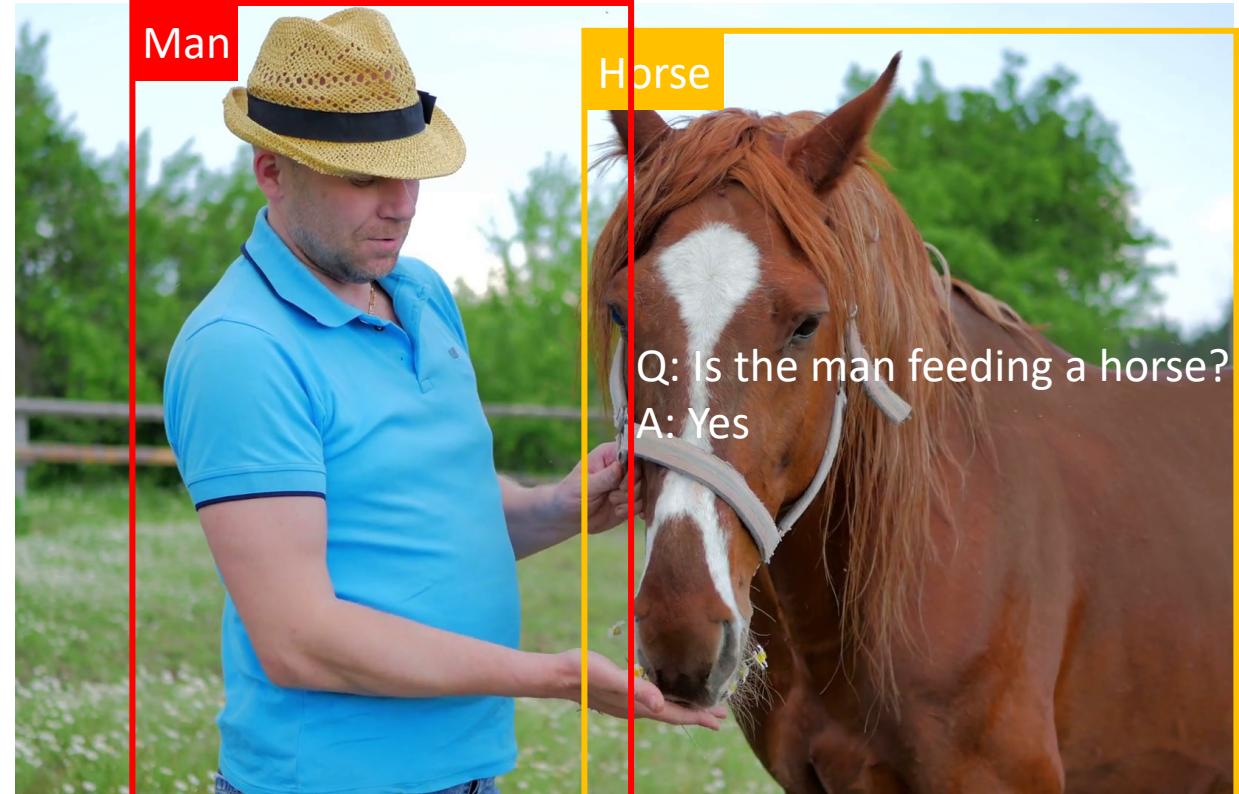
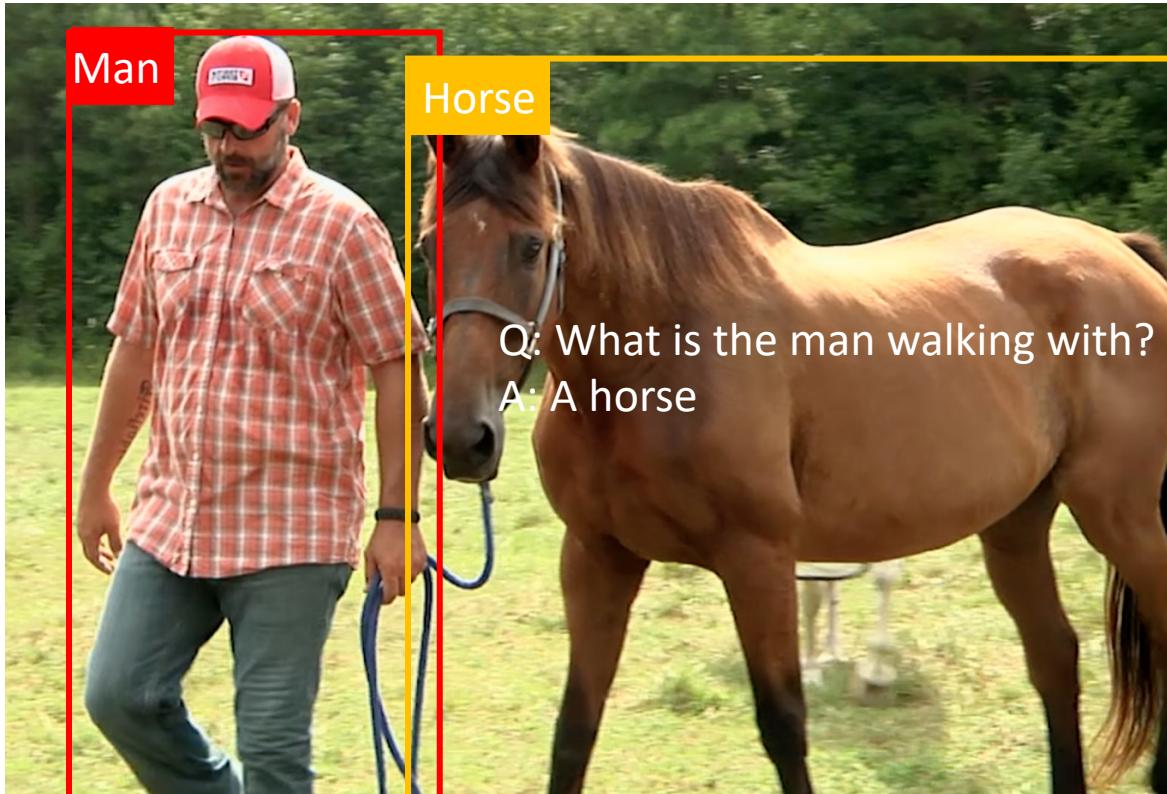
Describe images more grounding



- [1]. Auto-Encoding Scene Graphs for Image Captioning. Yang et al. arXiv 2018
- [2]. Exploring Visual Relationship for Image Captioning. Yao et al. ECCV 2018

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Answer question more precisely



[1] Graph-Structured Representations for Visual Question Answering. Teney et al. CVPR 2017

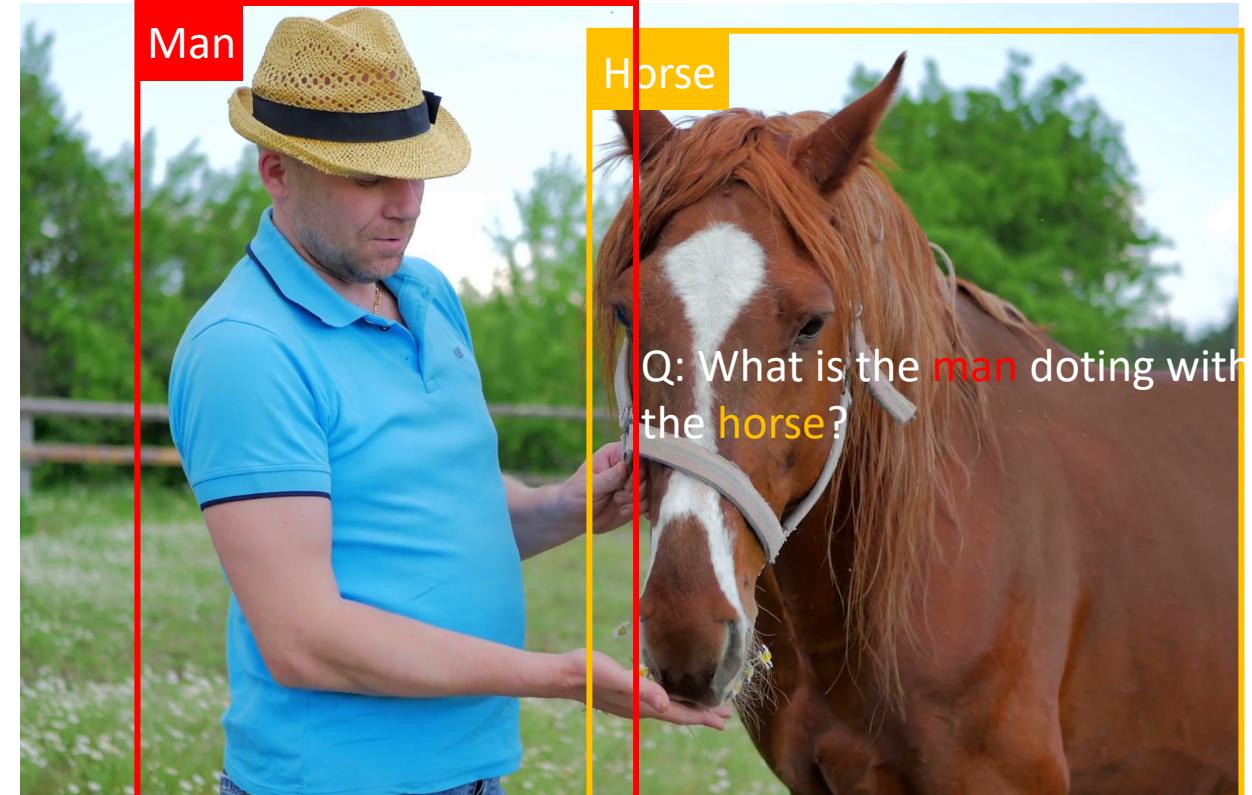
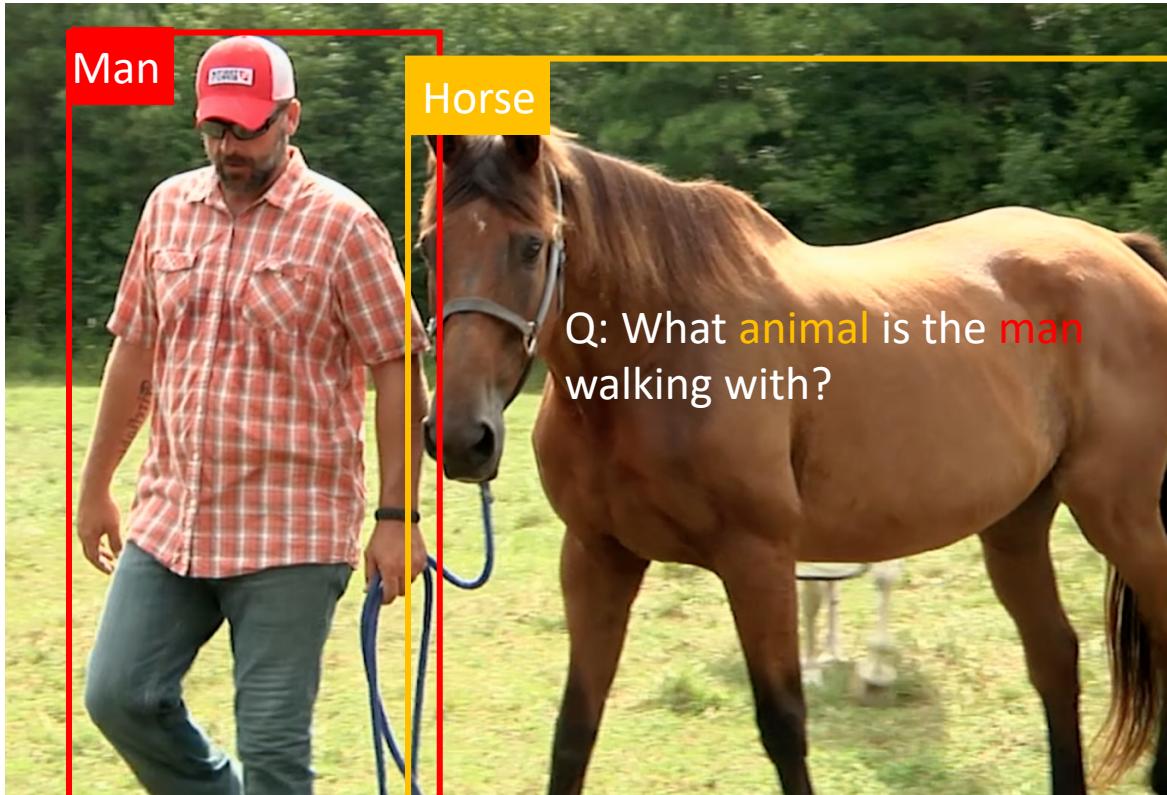
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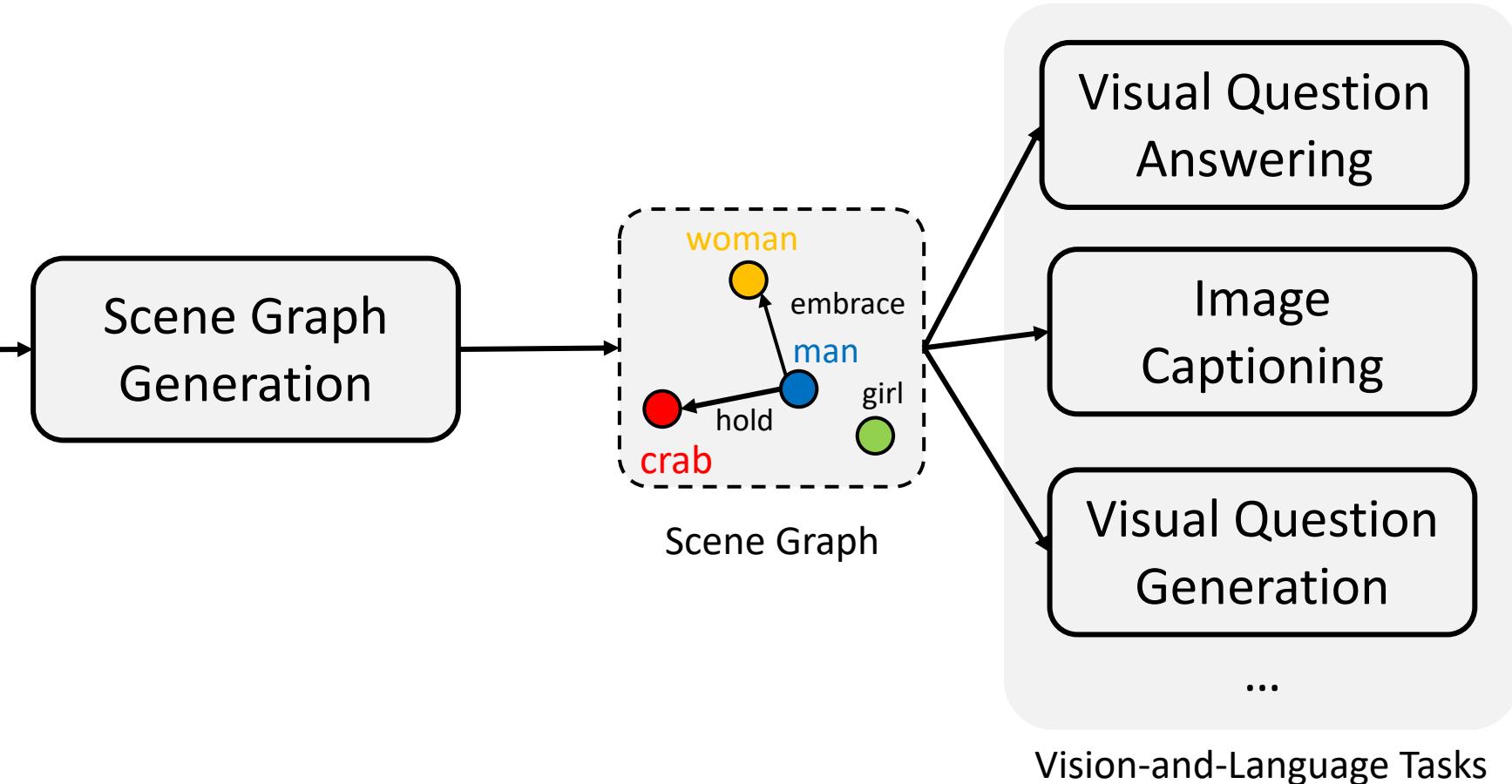


[1] Visual Curiosity: Learning to Ask Questions to Learn Visual Recognition. Yang et al. CoRL 2018

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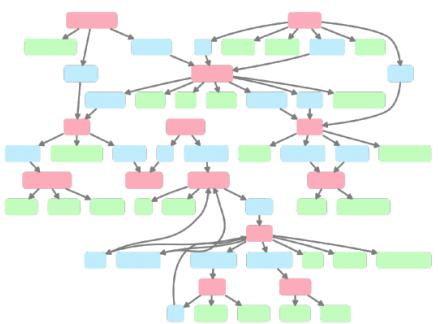


Part 1: Scene Graph Generation

Datasets

Scene Graphs 5K

Johnson et al, CVPR 2015



- 5000 images
- 6745 object categories
- 1310 relationship types
- Long-tailed

Visual Relationships

Lu et al, ECCV 2016



- 5000 images
- 100 object categories
- 70 relationship types
- Fully-annotated

Visual Genome

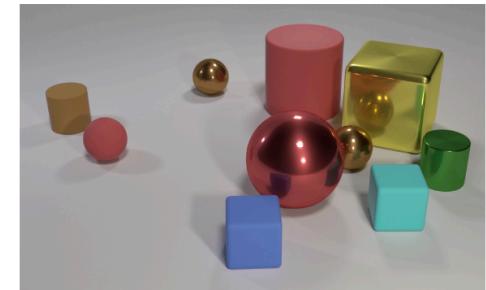
Krishna et al, IJCV 2017



- 108K images
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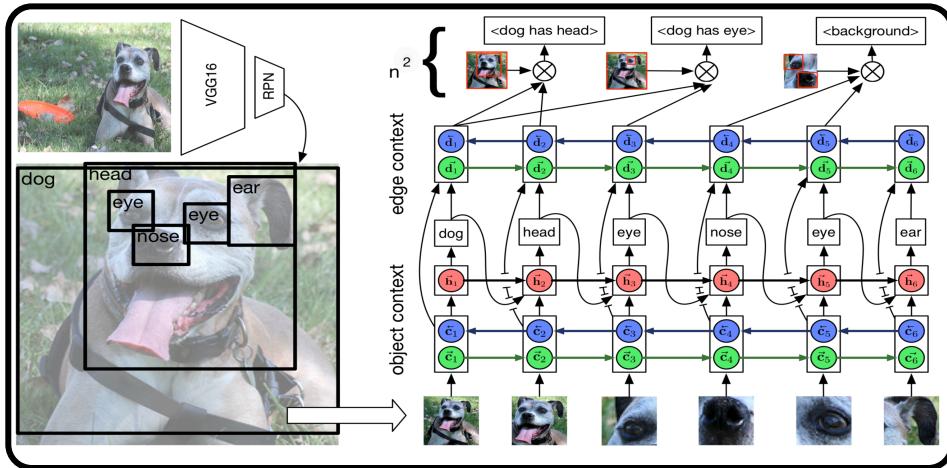
CLEVR

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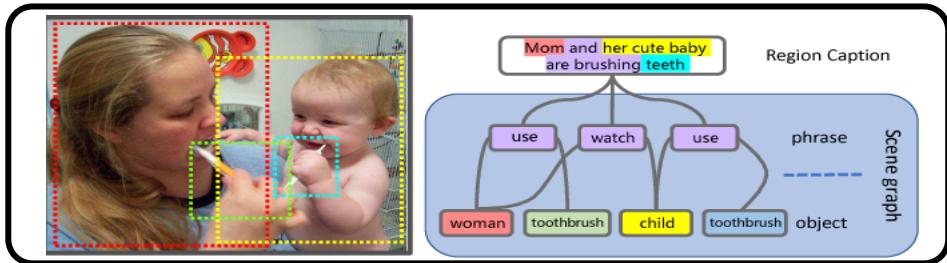


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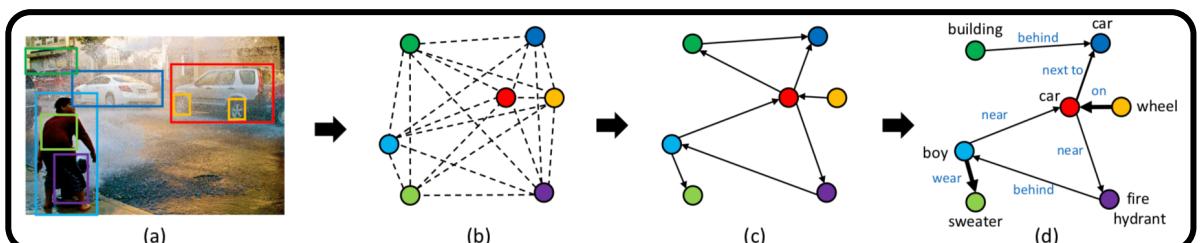
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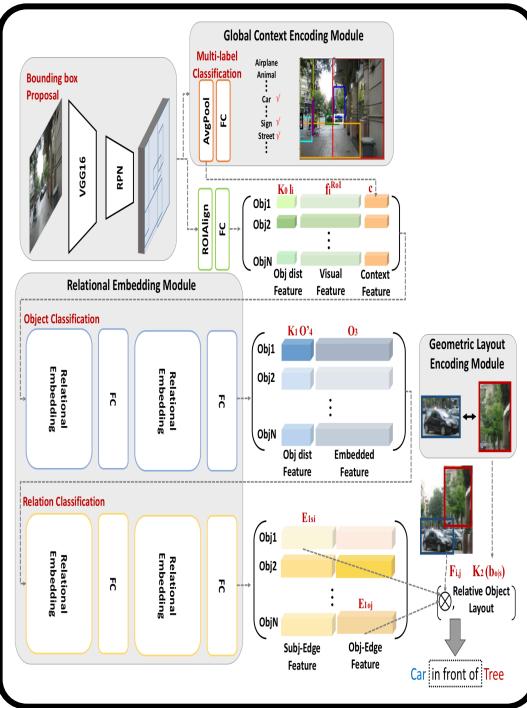
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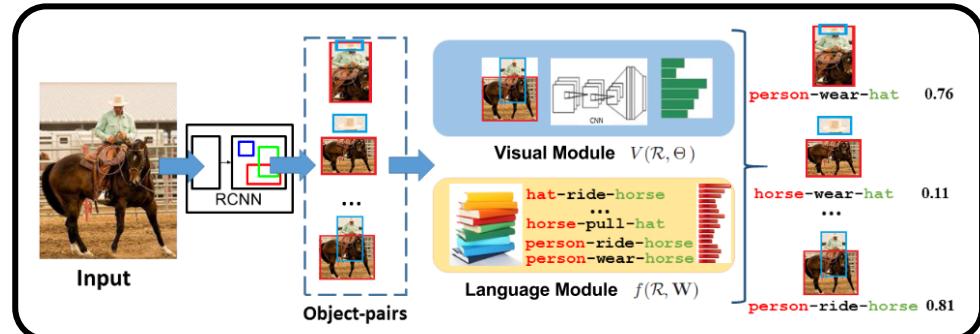
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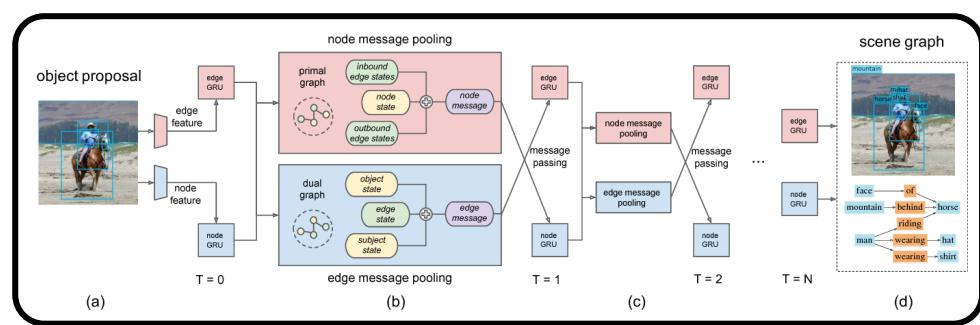
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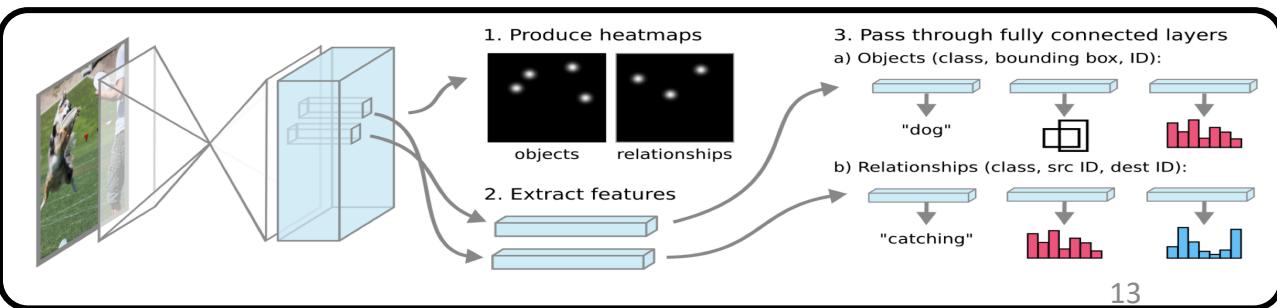
LinkNet, Woo et al. Neurips 2018



Language Prior, Lu et al. ECCV 2016



IMP, Xu et al. CVPR 2017



Pixel2Graph, Newell et al. Neurips 2018

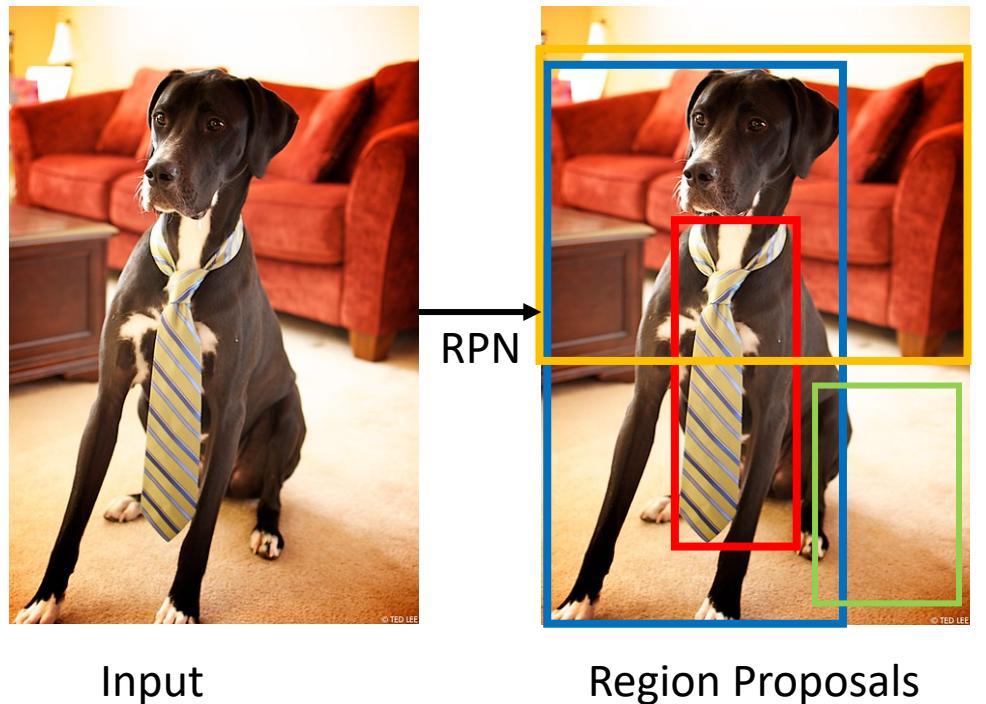
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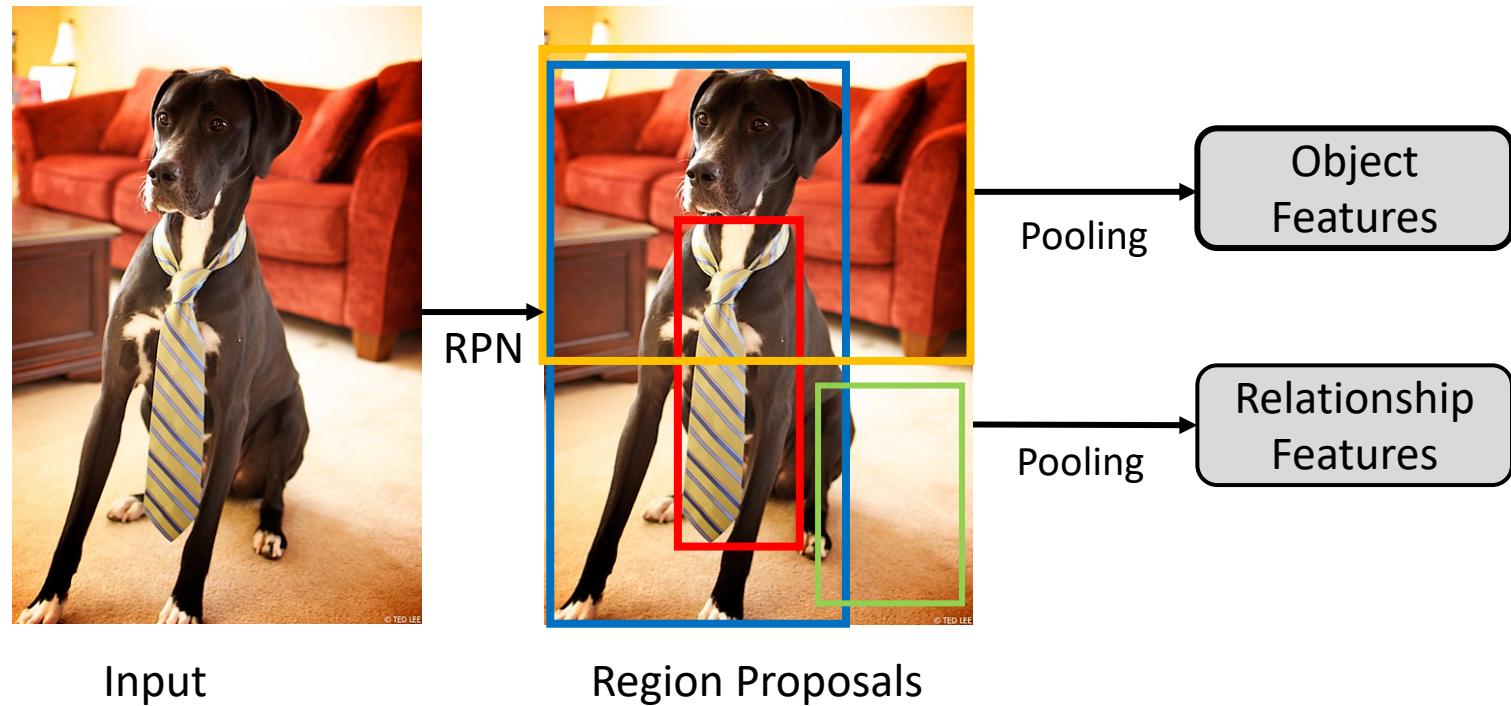


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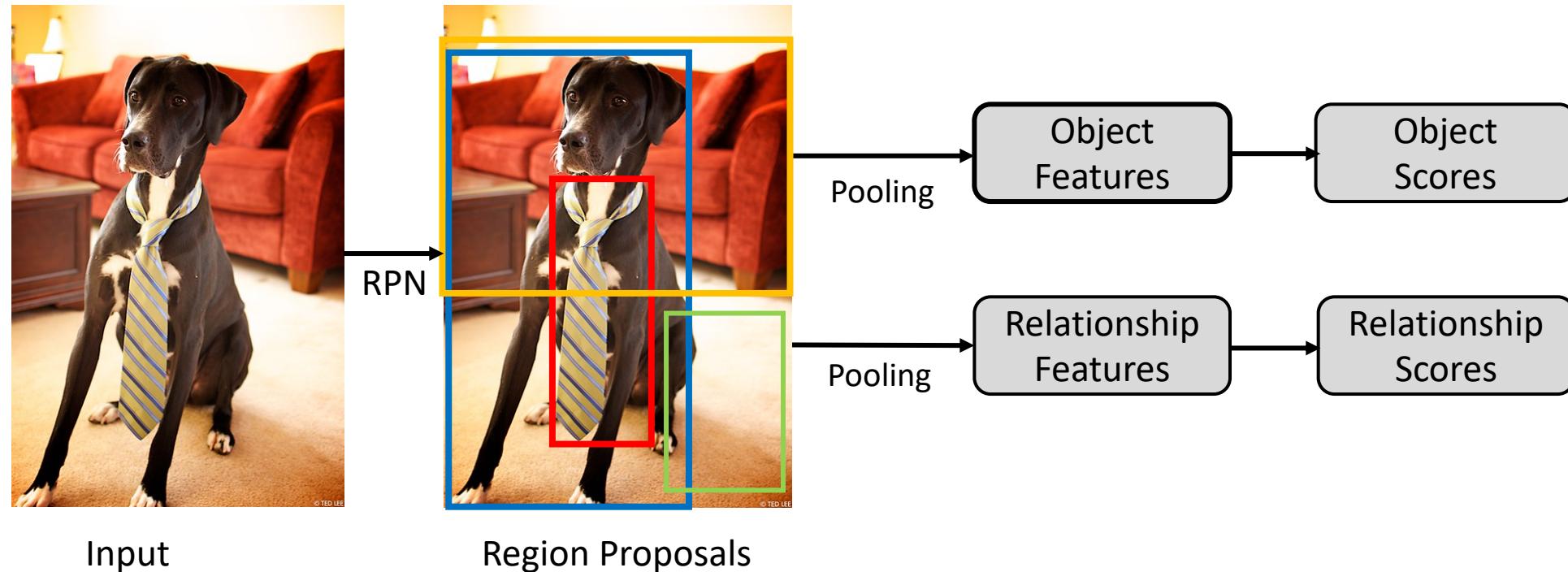
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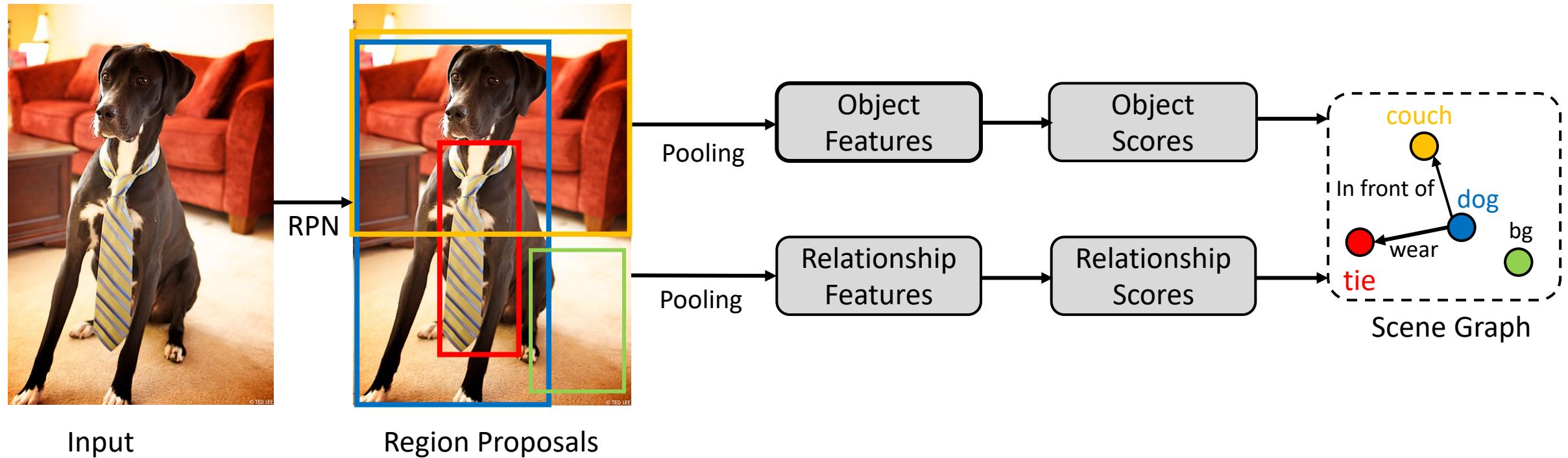
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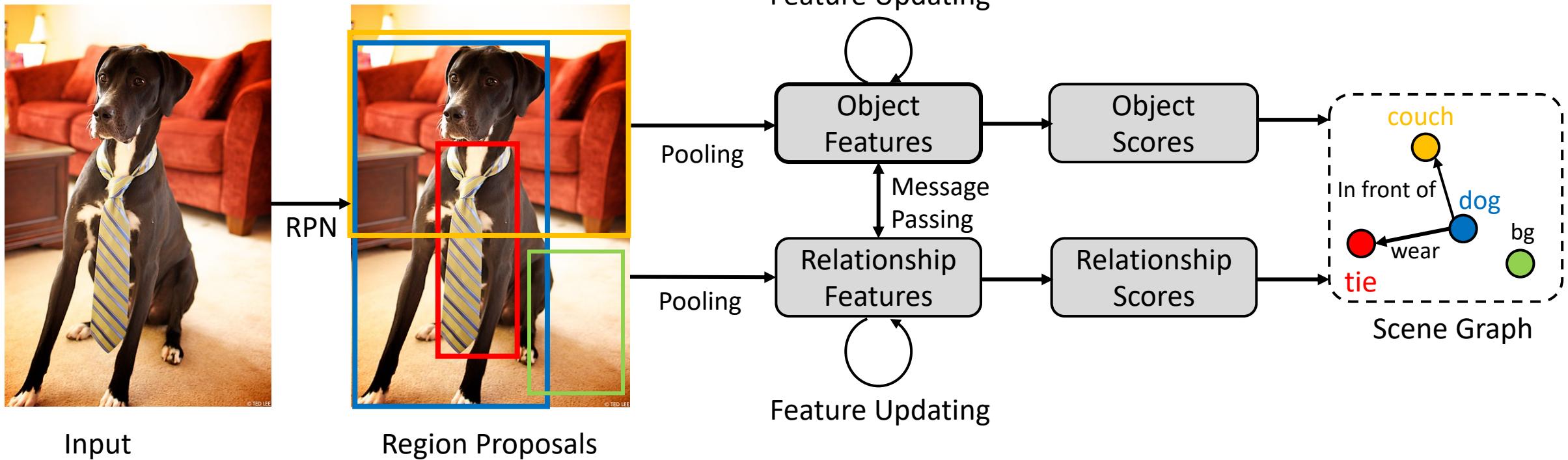
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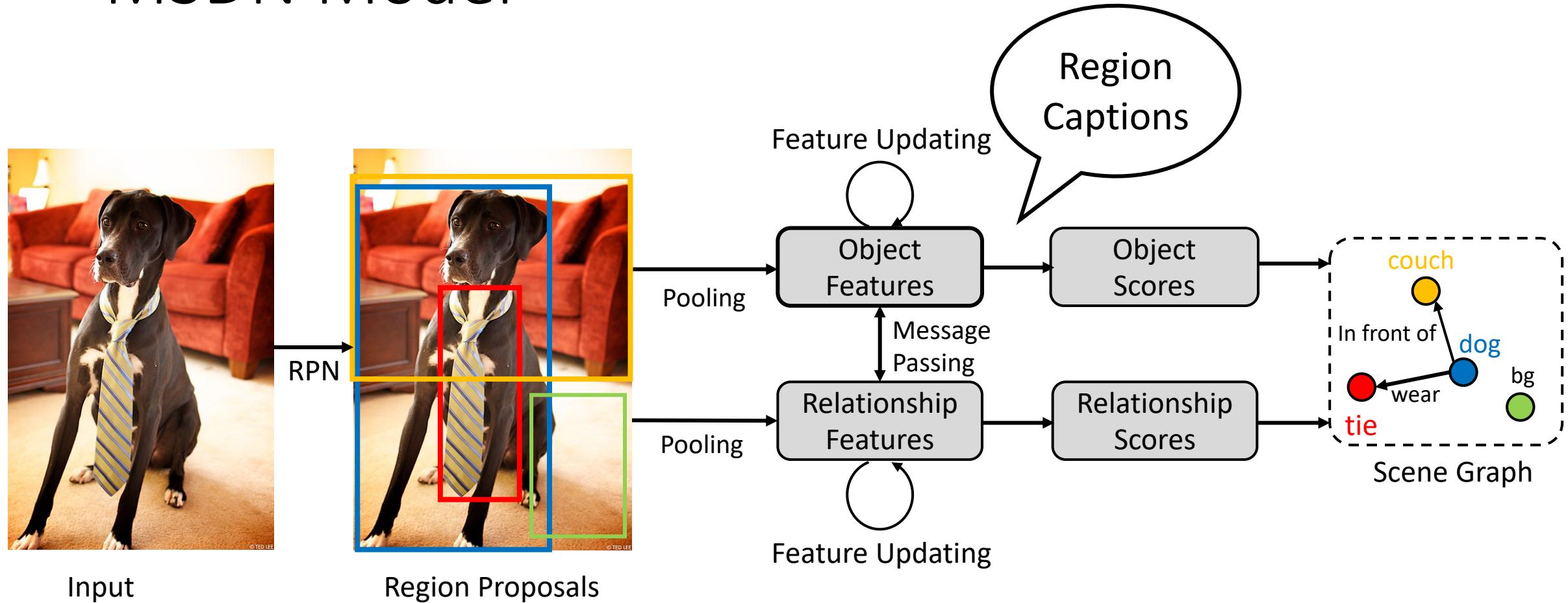


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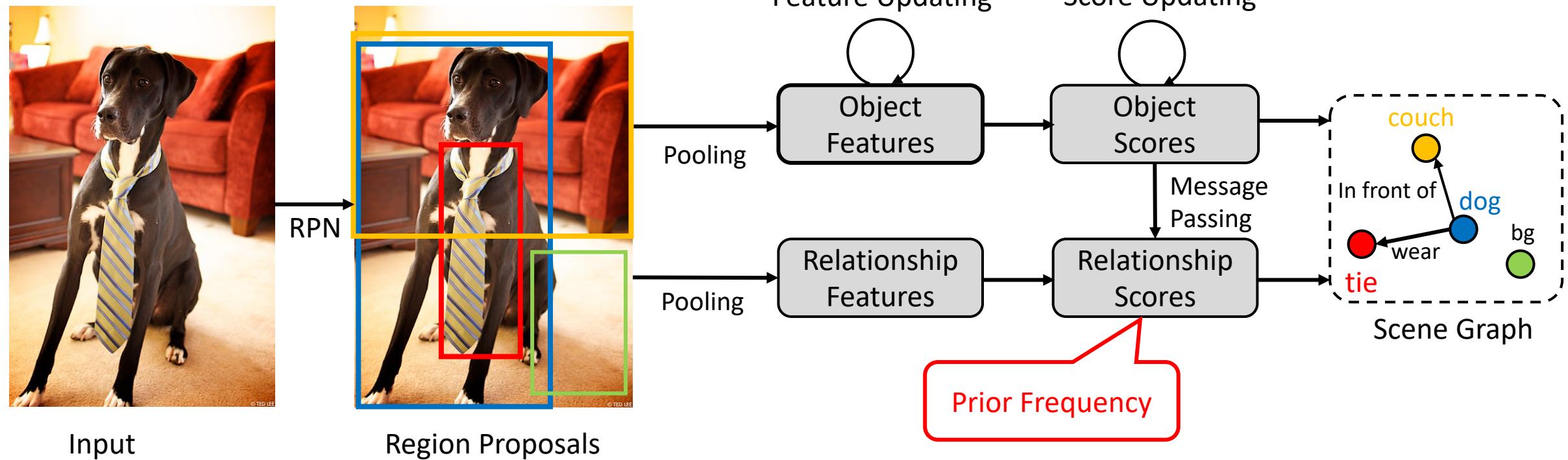
Scene Graph Generation by Iterative Message Passing. Xu et al. CVPR 2017

MSDN Model



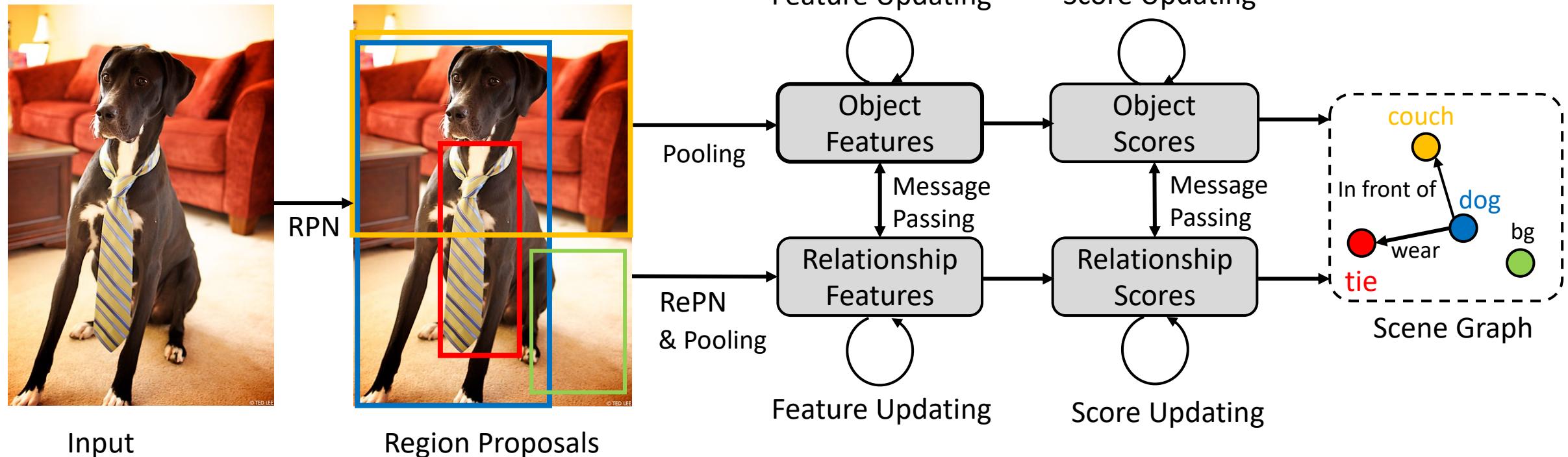
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Neural Motif Network



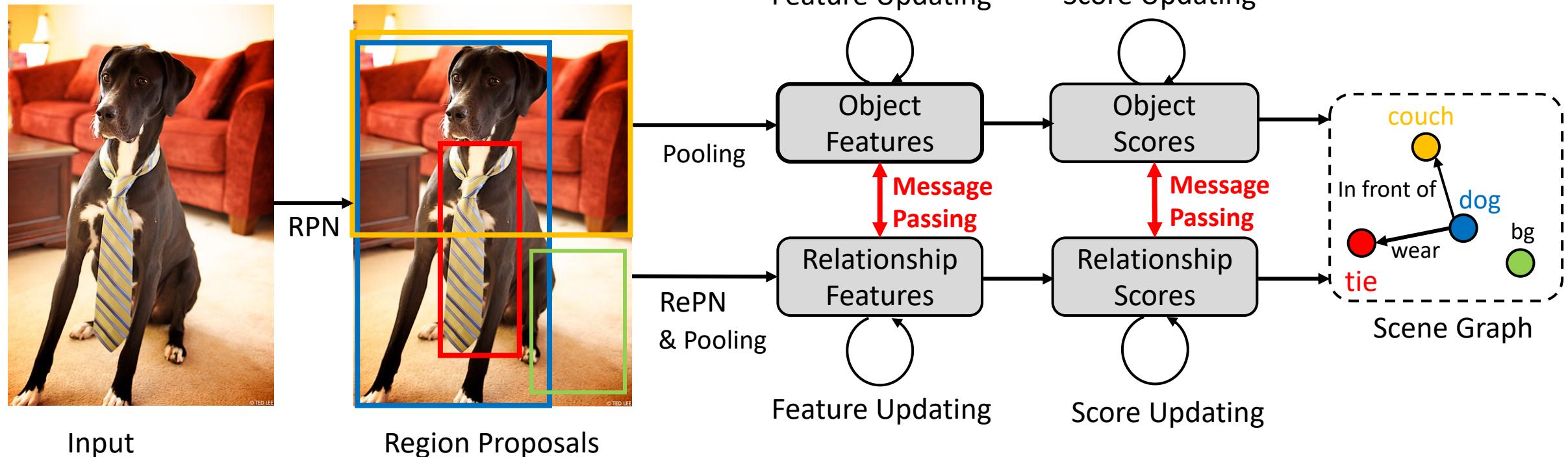
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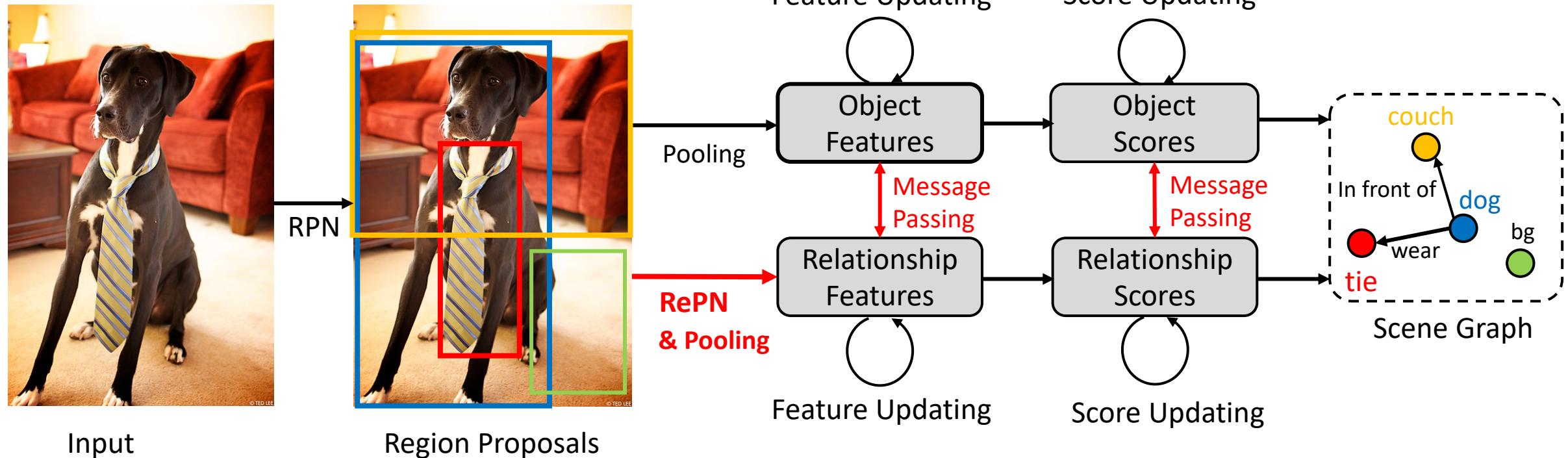
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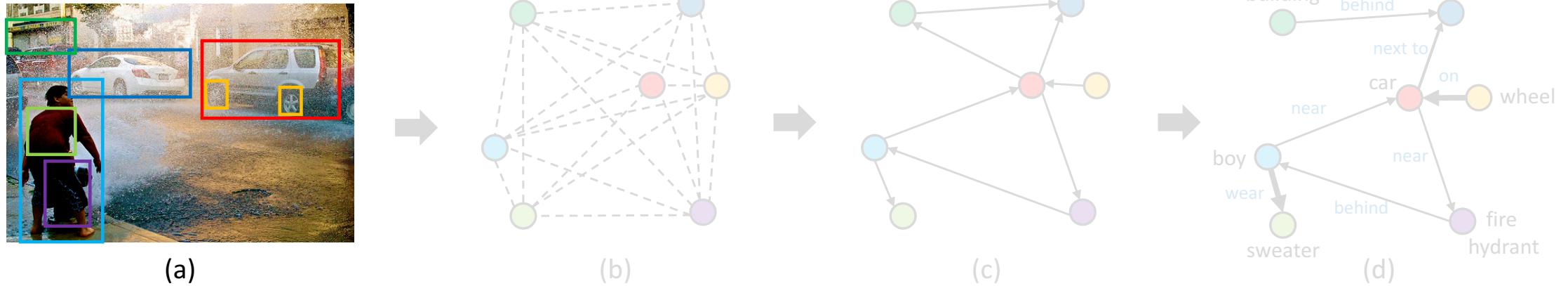
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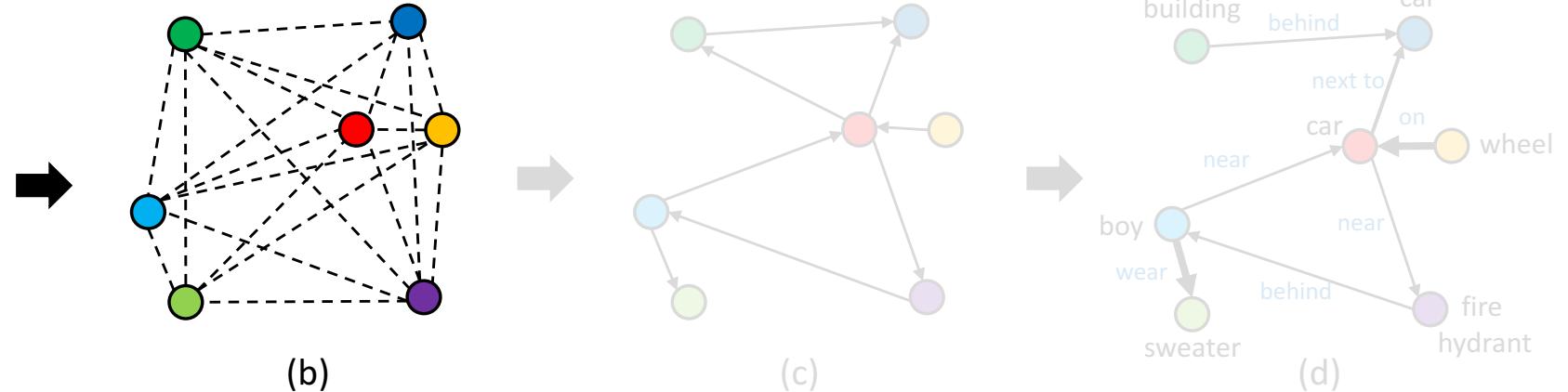


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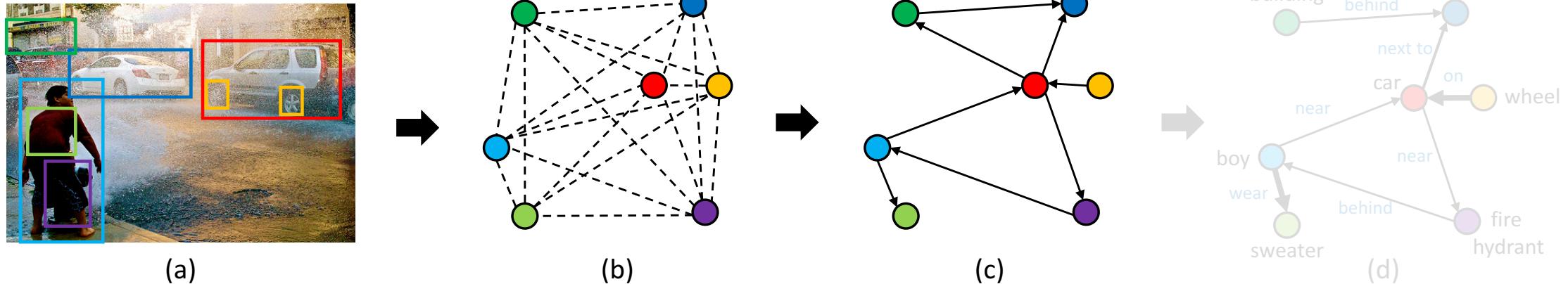


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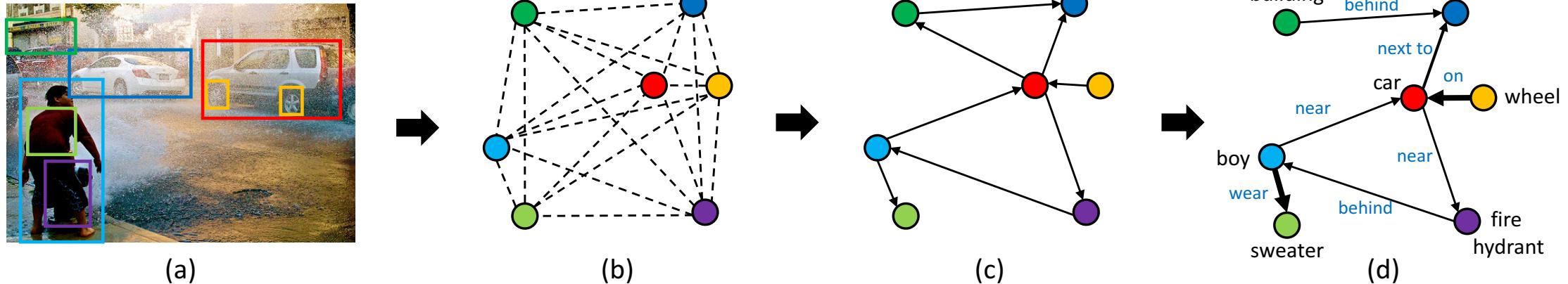
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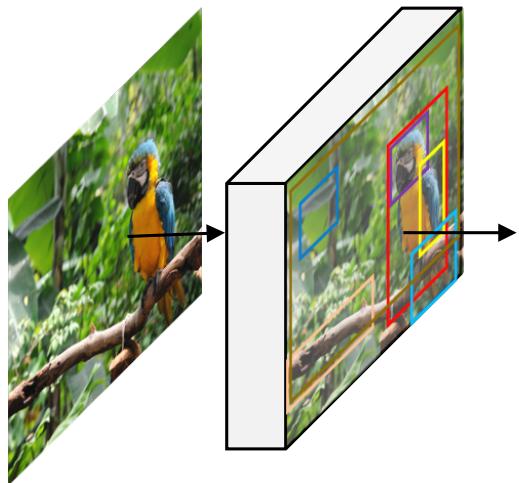
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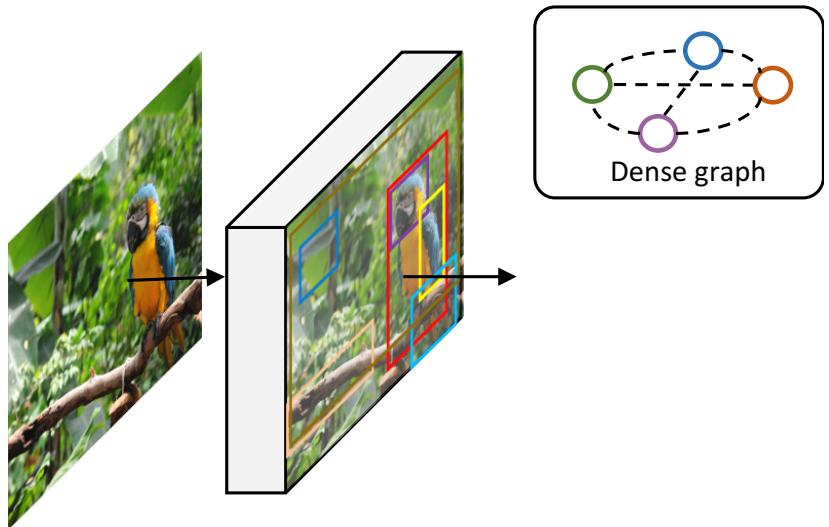
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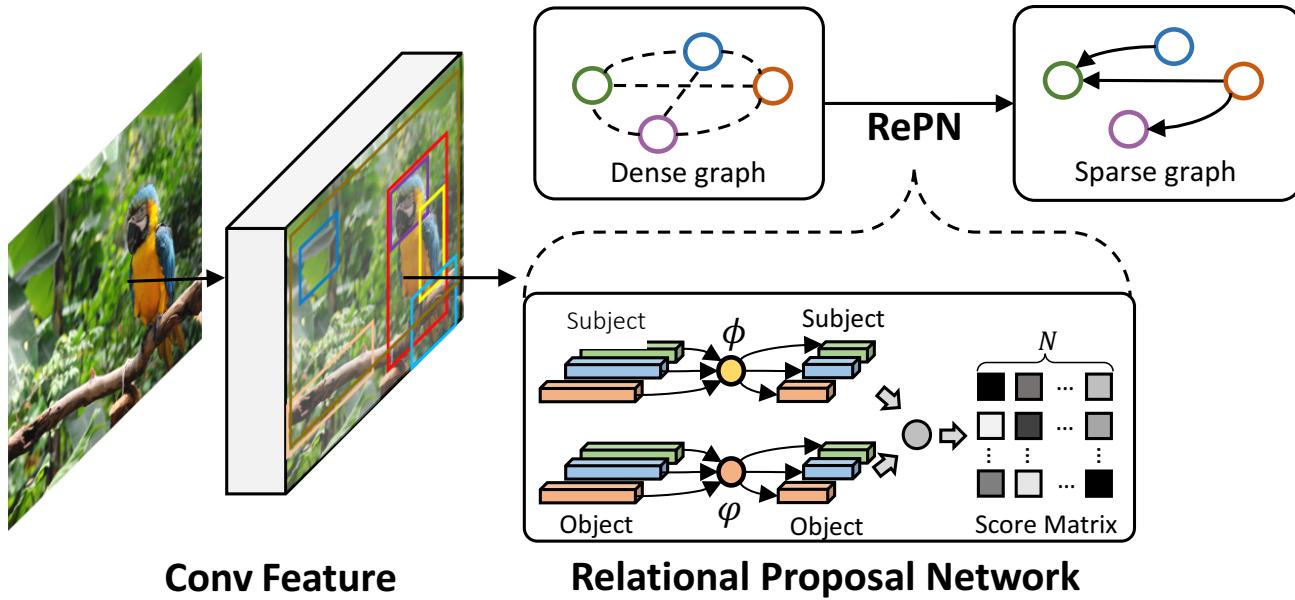
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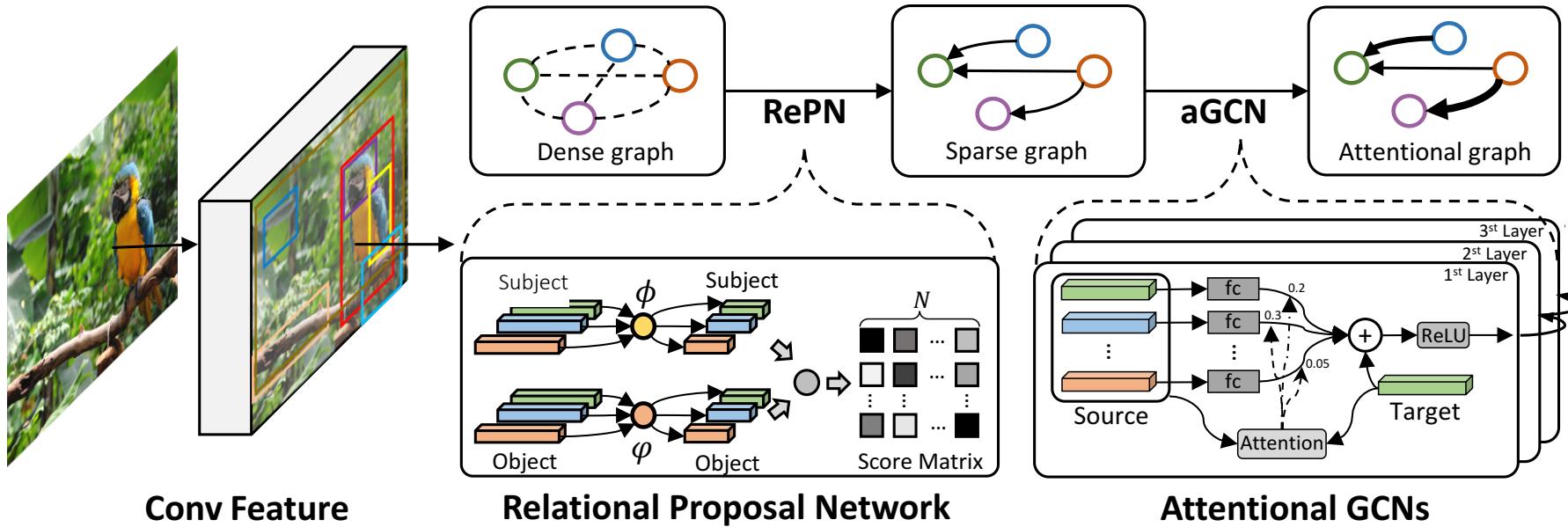
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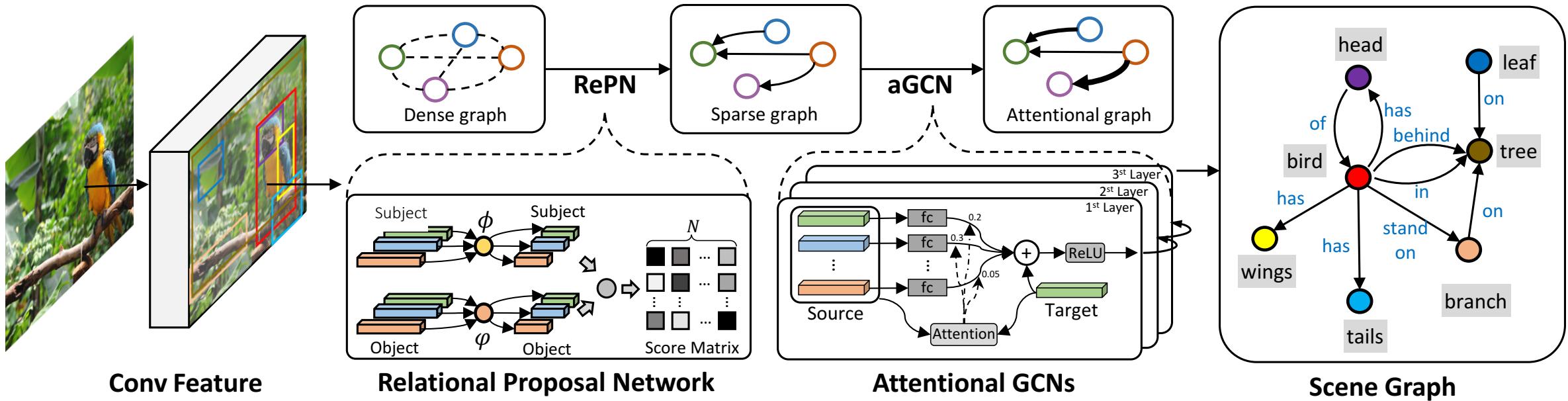
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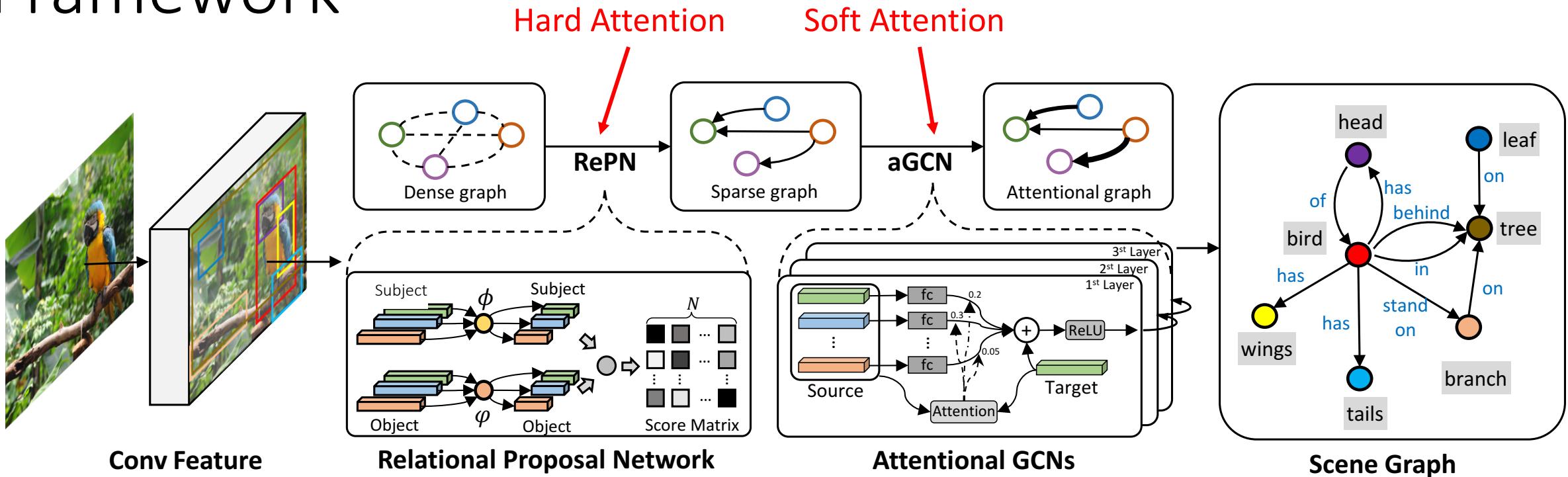
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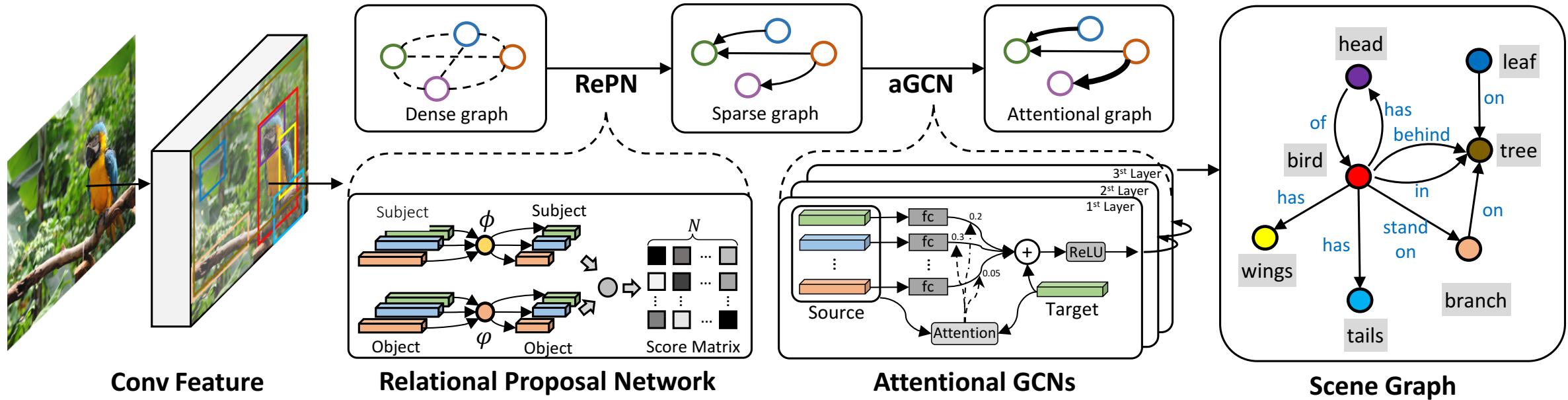
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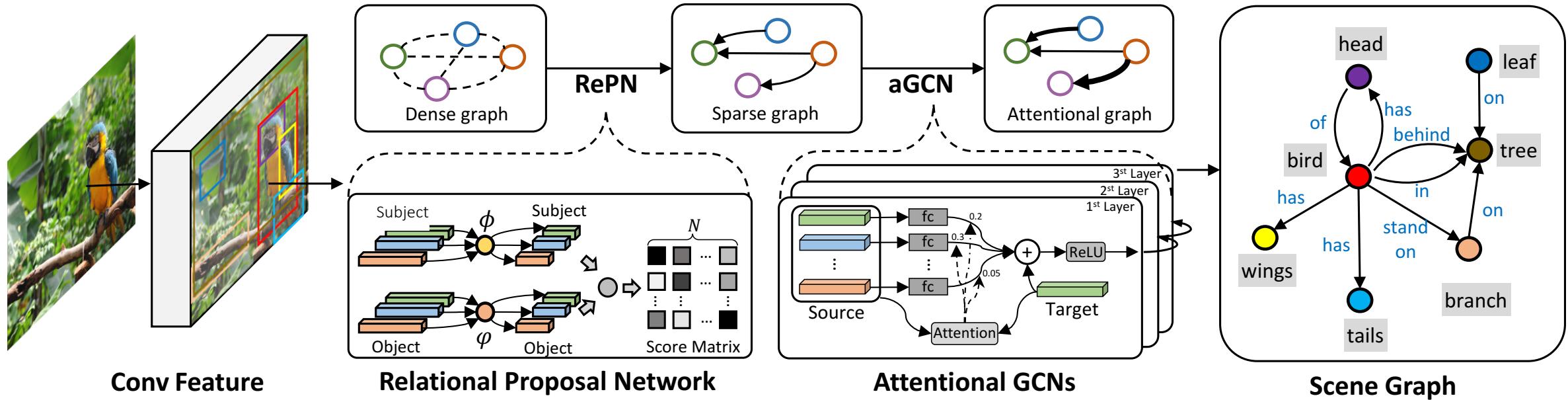


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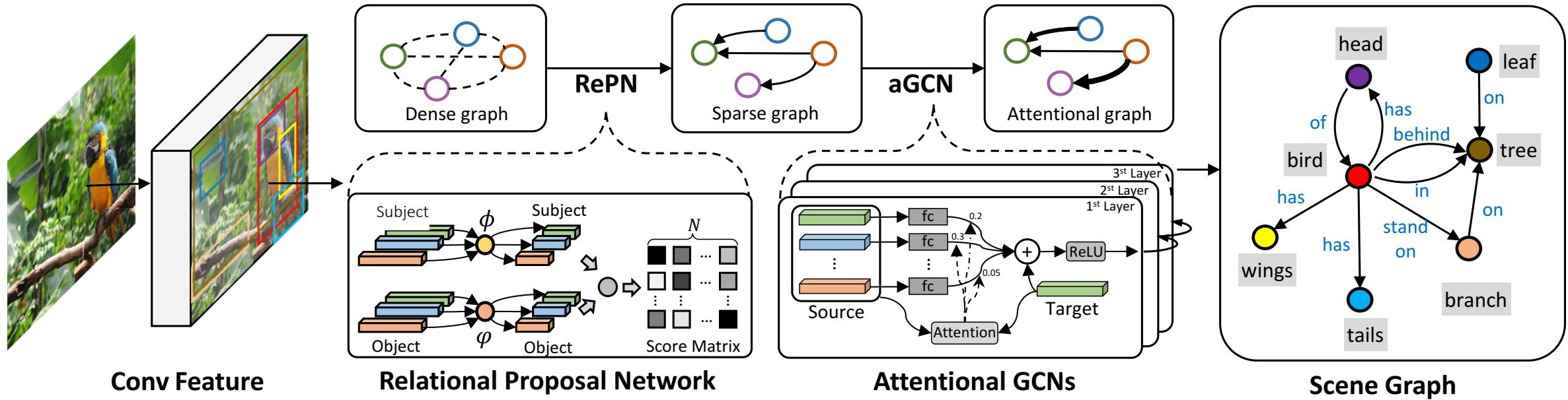
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Relation Proposal

Graph Labeling

$$\overbrace{P(R, O|V, E, I)} = P(S|I)$$

Relation Proposal Network

Inspired by Region Proposal Network^[1]:



Step 1: Compute Relationship-ness between subject and object:

Subj. and obj. rep. Kernel functions^[2]

$$R(m, n) = f([x_m^o, x_n^o]) = \langle \phi(x_m^o), \varphi(x_n^o) \rangle$$

Here, we use object prediction scores as the representation.

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Step 2: NMS for object pairs based on pair-wise IoU:

$$IoU(\{r_m^o, r_n^o\}, \{r_p^o, r_q^o\}) = \frac{I(r_m^o, r_p^o) + I(r_n^o, r_q^o)}{U(r_m^o, r_p^o) + U(r_n^o, r_q^o)}$$

[1]. Faster R-CNN. Ren et al. Neurips 2016.

[2]. Non-local Networks. Wan et al. CVPR 2018.

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The diagram illustrates the computation of the next layer's features. It starts with the formula for $z_i^{(l+1)}$. Below it, the term $WZ^{(l)}$ is shown with arrows indicating its components: a nonlinear function ($z^{(l+1)}$), learnable parameters (W), and inputs from the last layer ($z^{(l)}$). A red box highlights the term α_i , which is labeled as "Predetermined Affinities".

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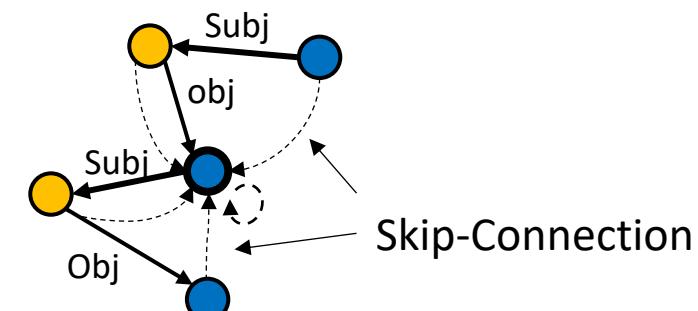
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[1]. Semi-Supervised Classification with Graph Convolutional Networks. Kipf et al. ICLR 2017

[2]. Graph Attention Networks. Veličković et al. ICLR 2018

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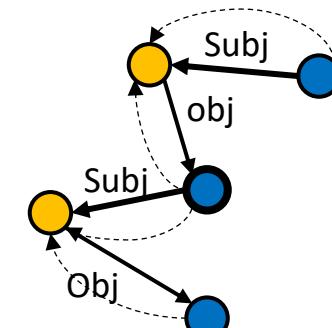
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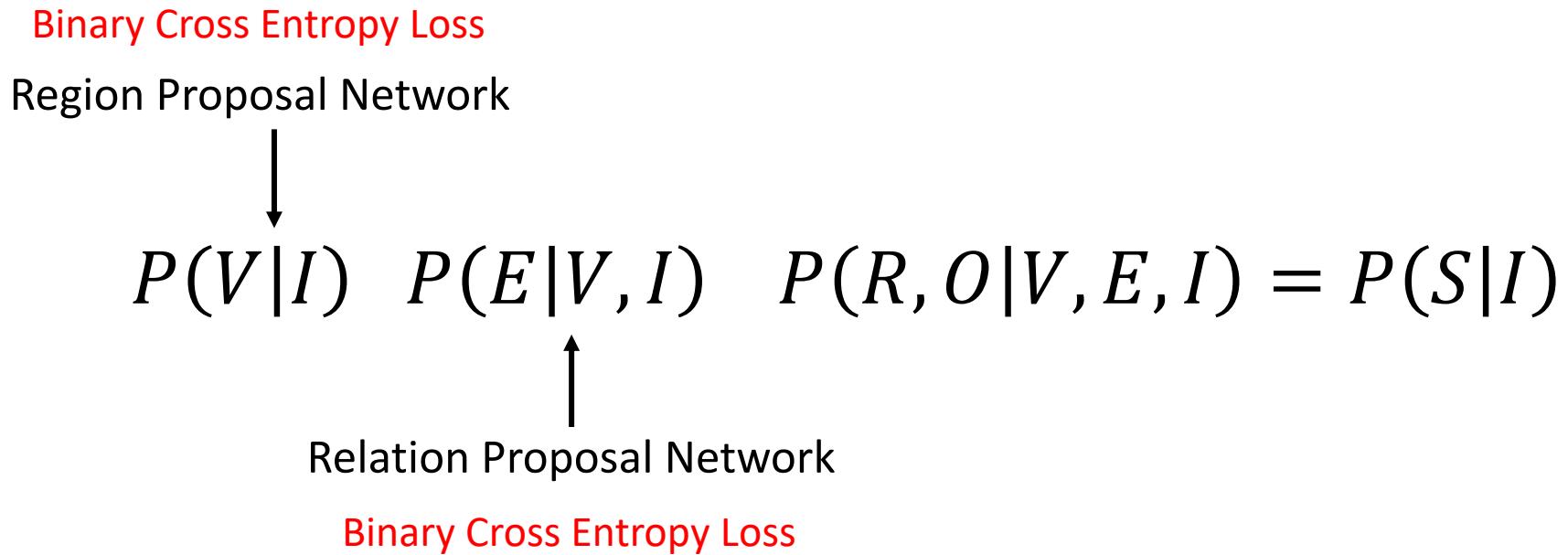
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Binary Cross Entropy Loss
Region Proposal Network

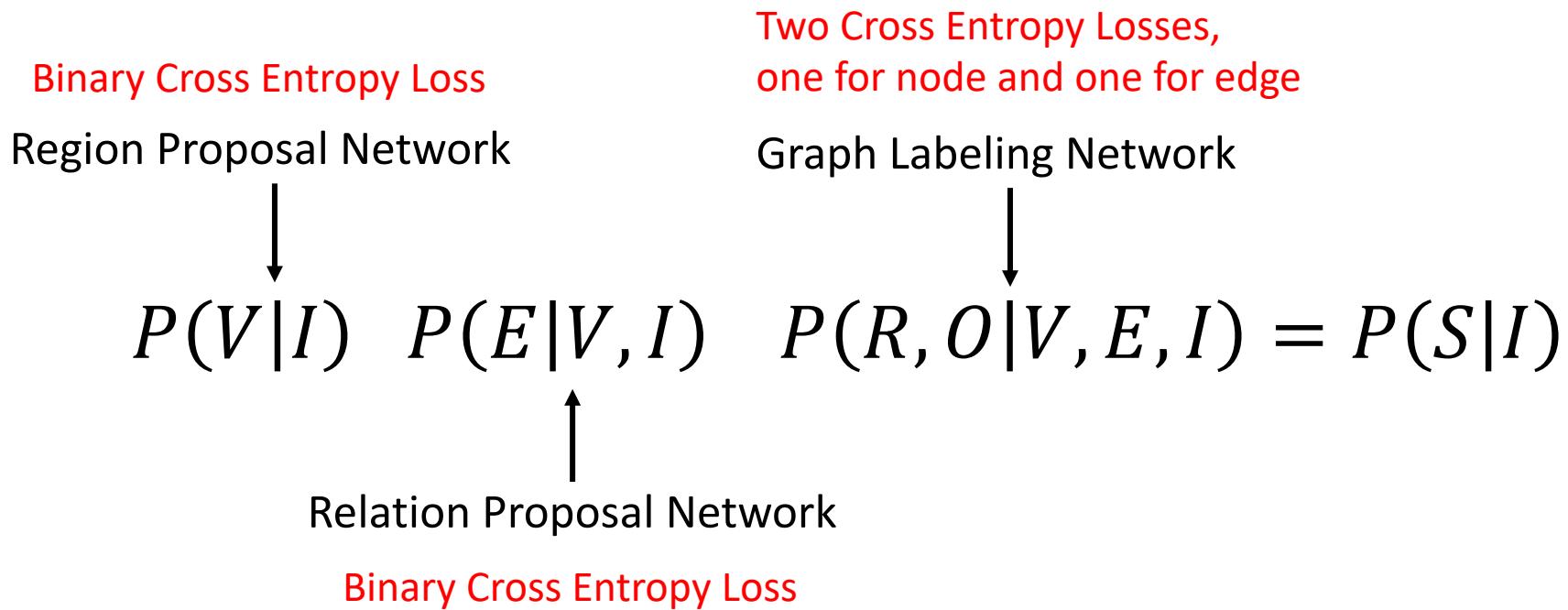


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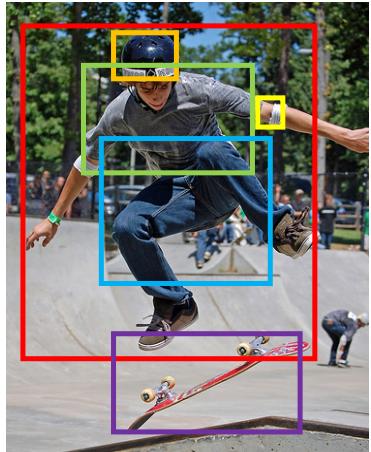
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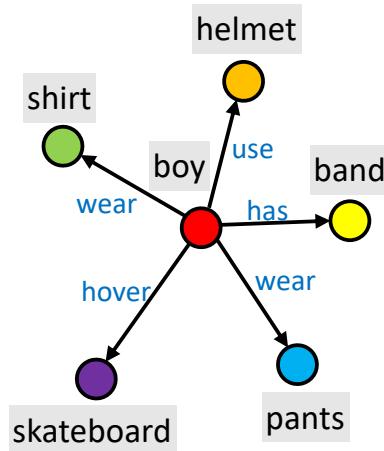
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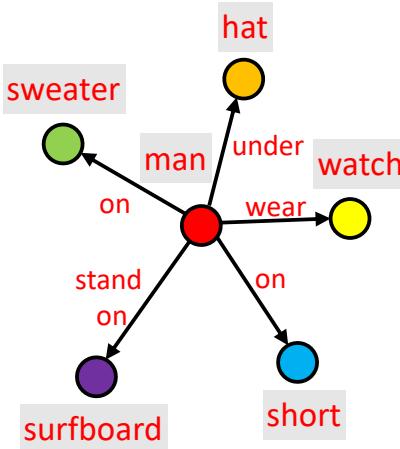
SGGen+: A new metric



Ground-Truth

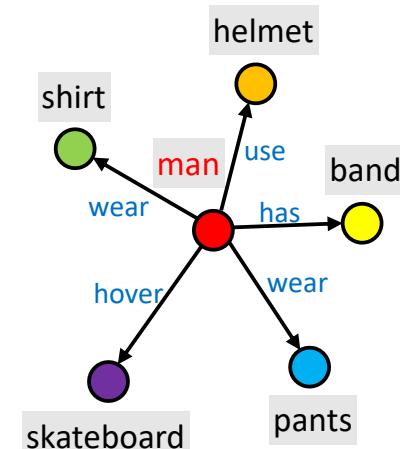


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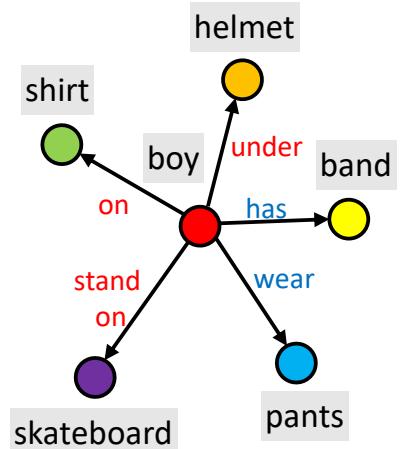
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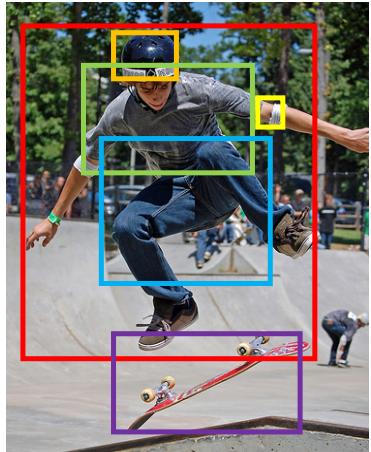
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Prediction-3:

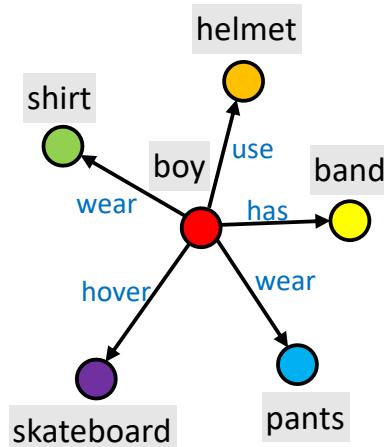


Three predicates
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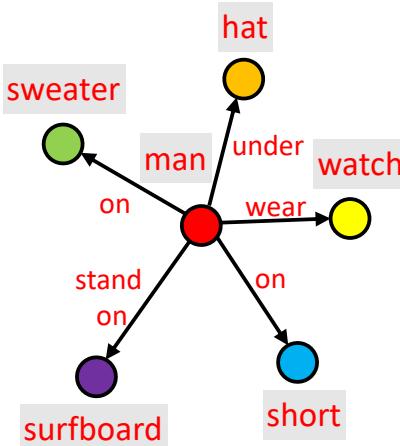
SGGen+: A new metric



Ground-Truth

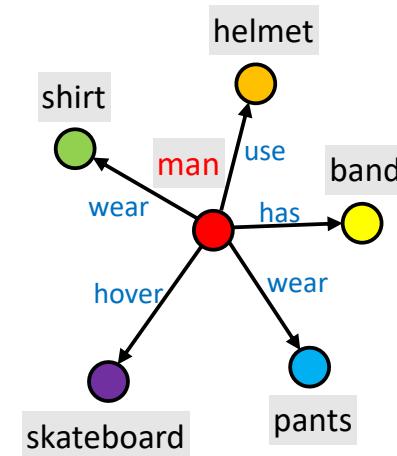


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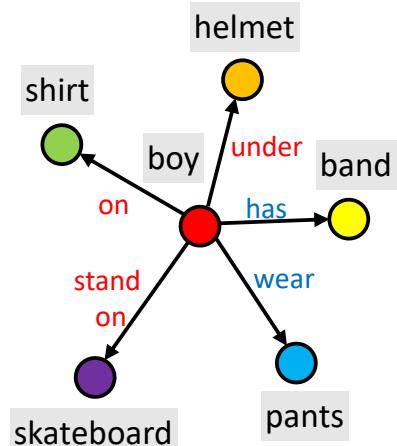
All predictions
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Prediction-2:



One node is
wrong

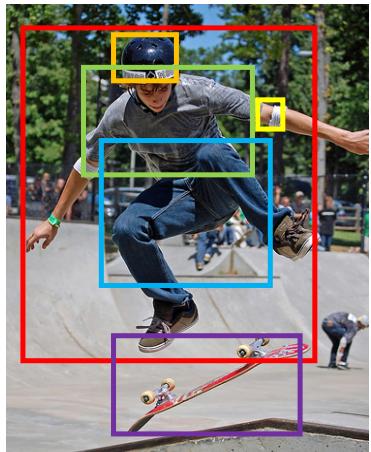
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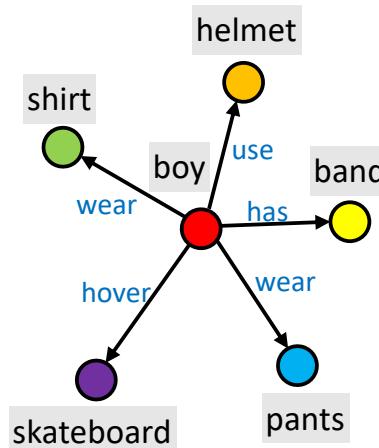
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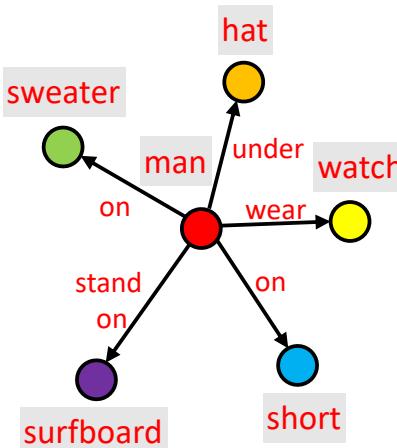


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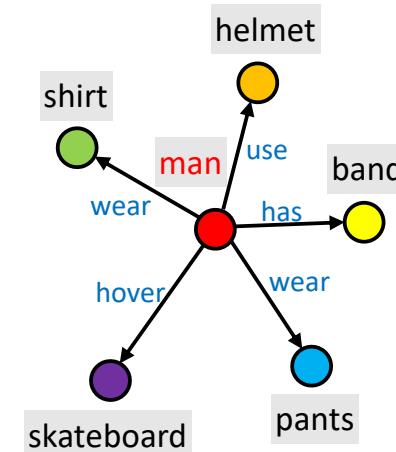
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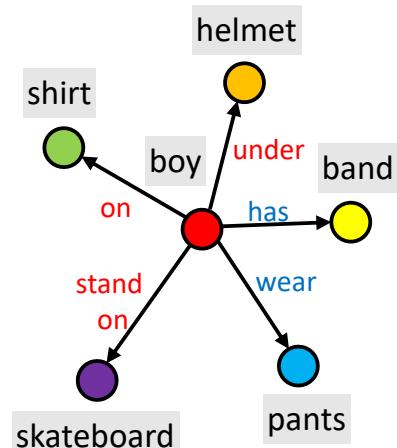
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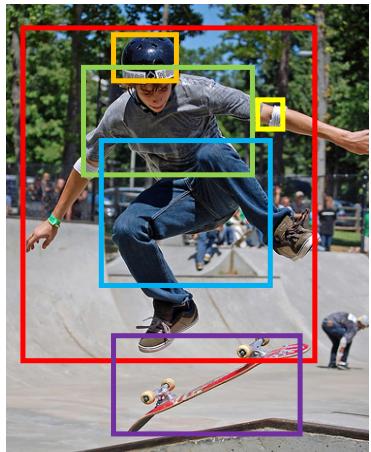
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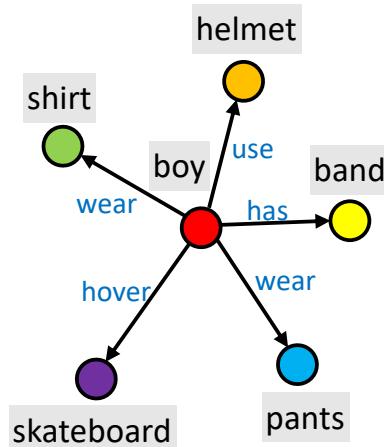
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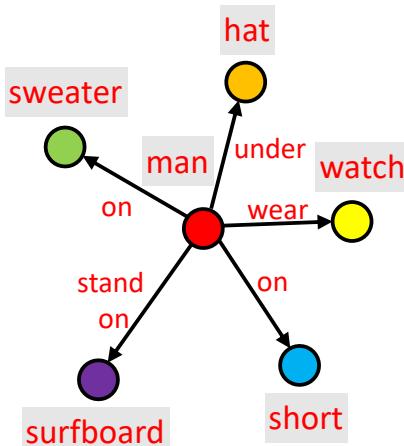


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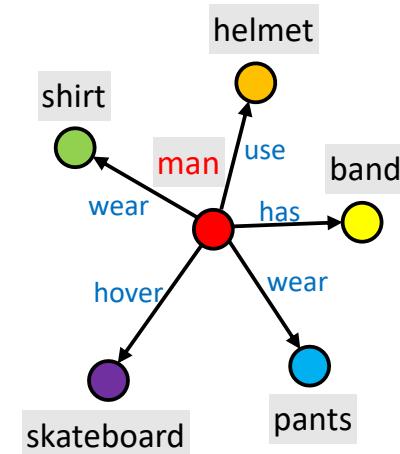
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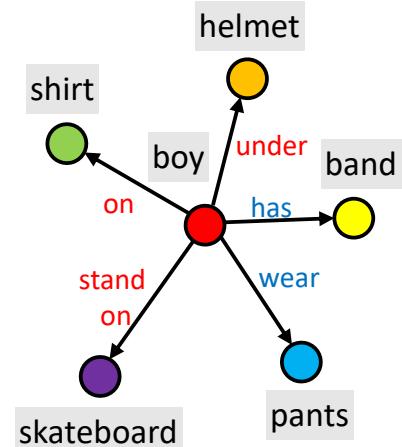
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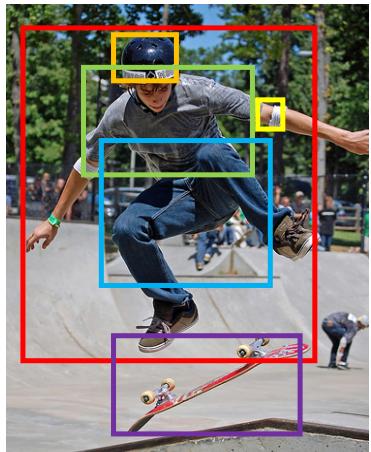
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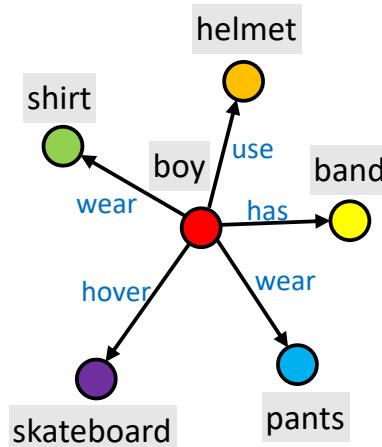
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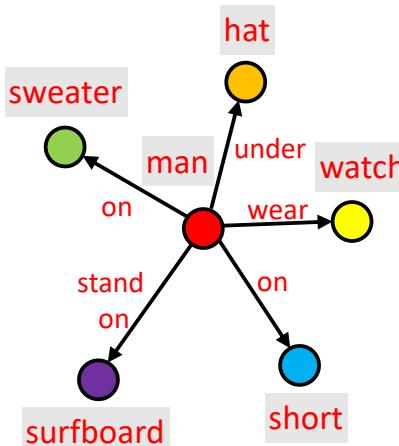


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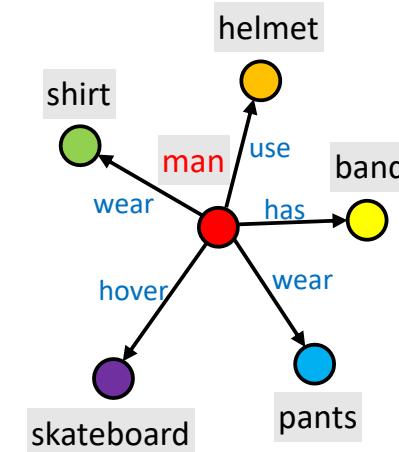
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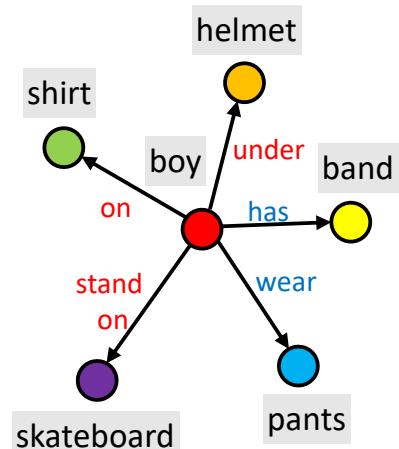
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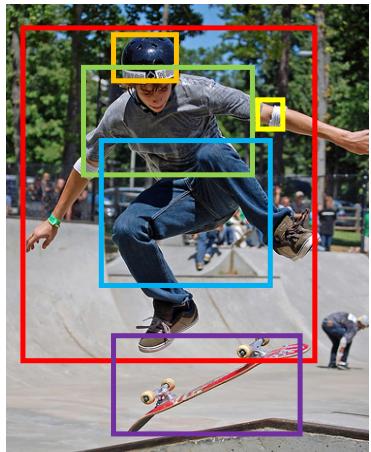
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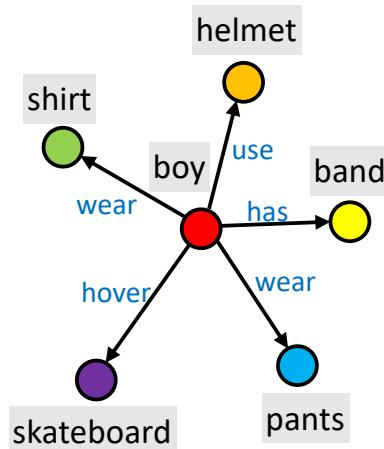
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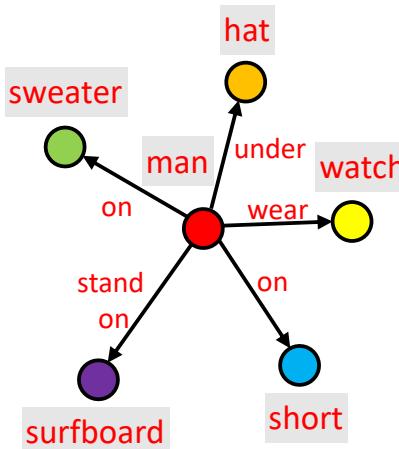
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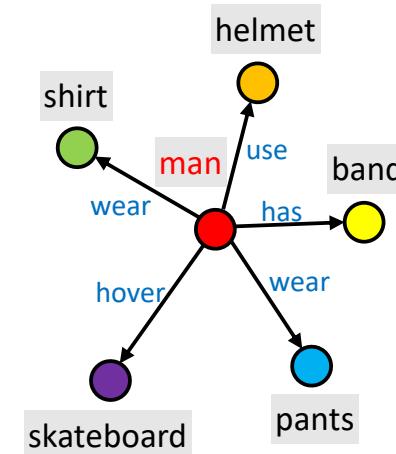
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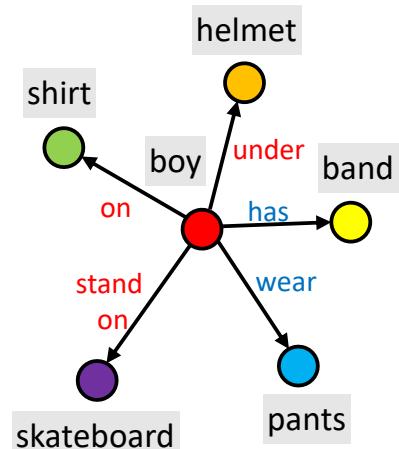
Prediction-2:



SGGen = 0

SGGen+ = 10

Prediction-3:



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Experiments

Table. Implementation Details.

Dataset	Backbone	#objects	#predicates	Metrics
Visual Genome Train: 75,651 Test: 32,422	VGG-16 Faster R-CNN ^[1]	150	50	PredCls,SGCls, SGGen,SGGen+, mAP

Comparing SGGen+ with SGGen

Perturbation: change the node labels in ground-truth scene graphs

Perturb on	Node w/o relationship			Nodes w/ relationship			Both		
	20%	50%	100%	20%	50%	100%	20%	50%	100%
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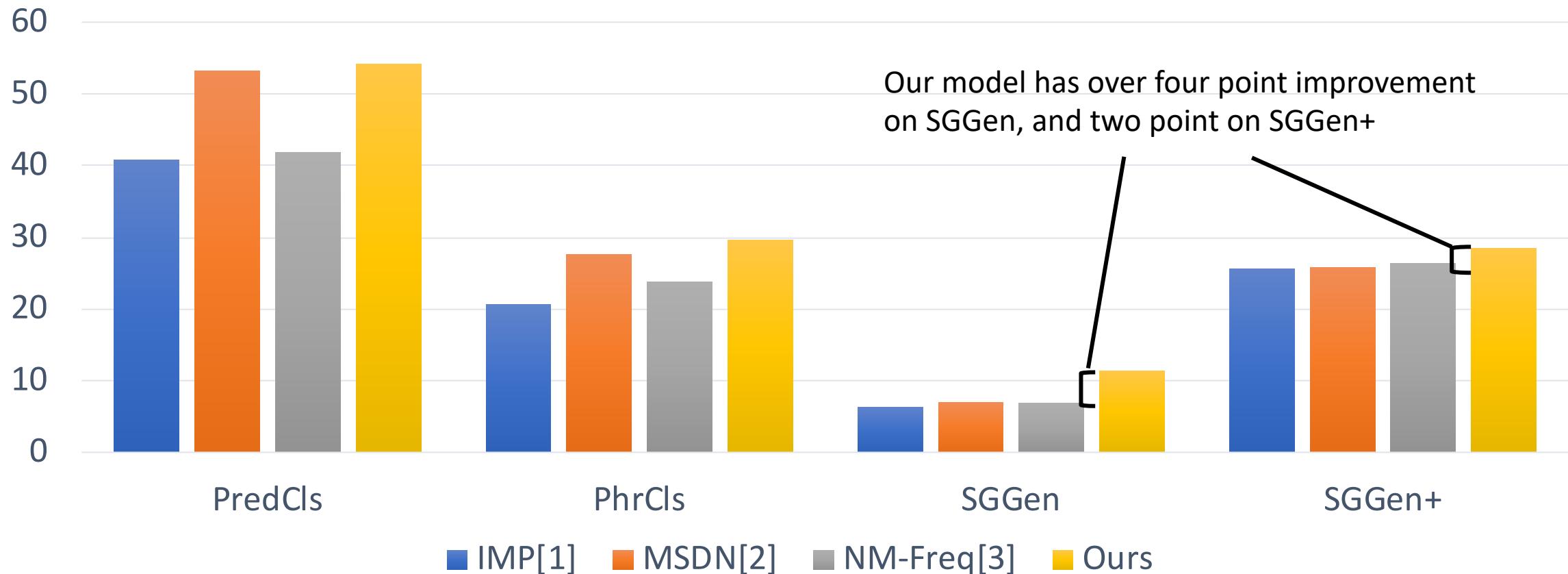
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Comparing with Previous Work

Recall@50



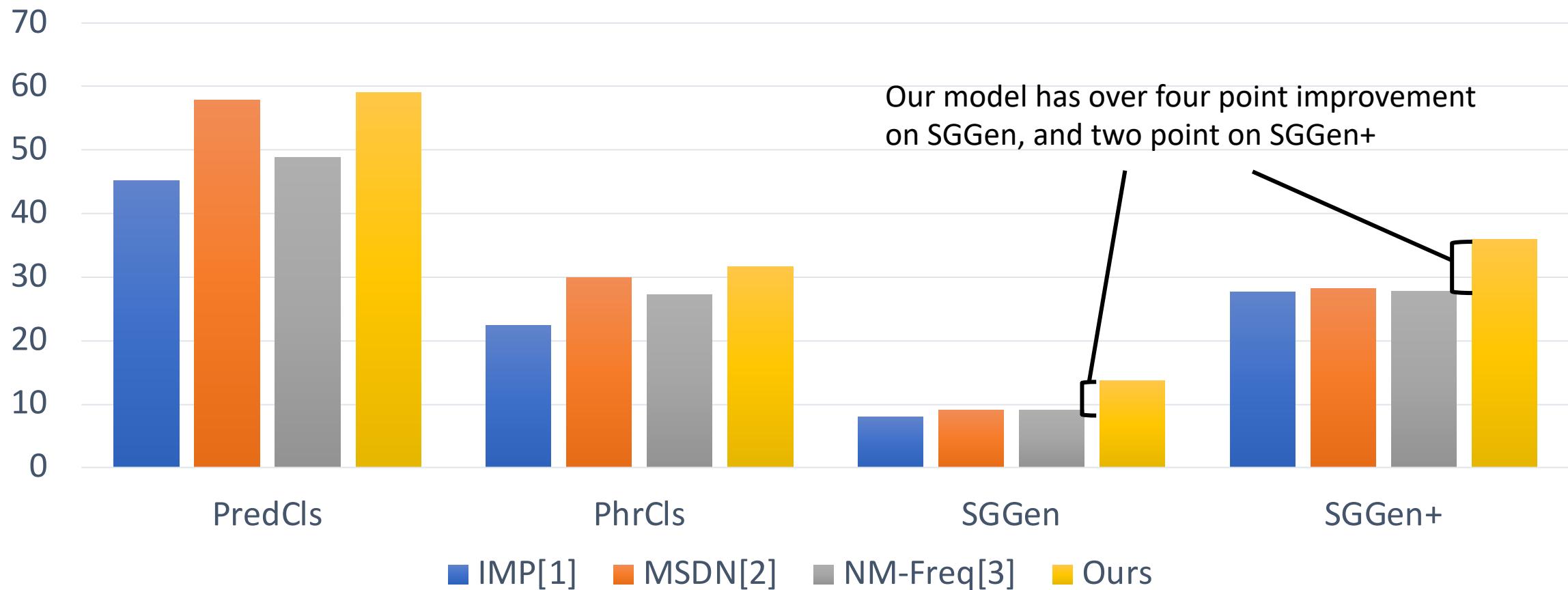
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Recall@100

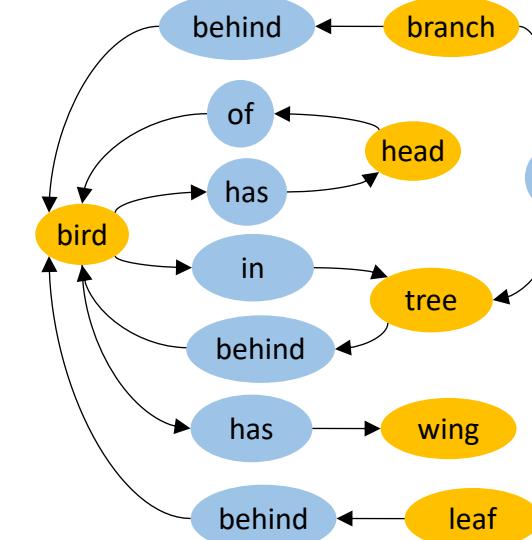
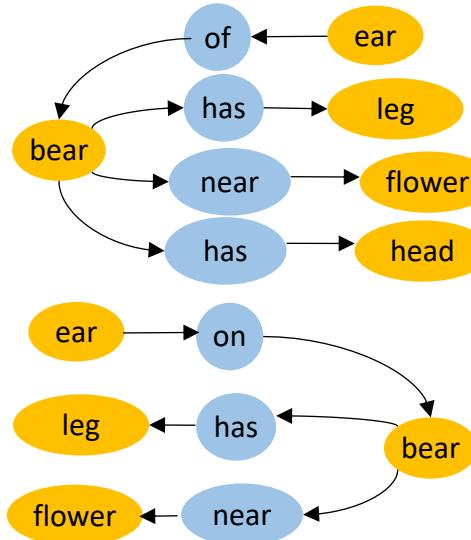
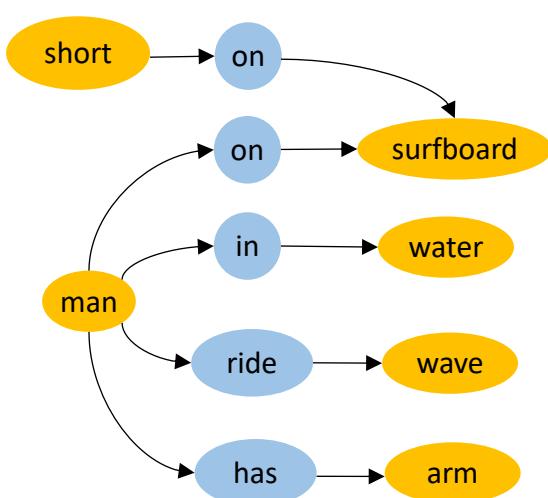
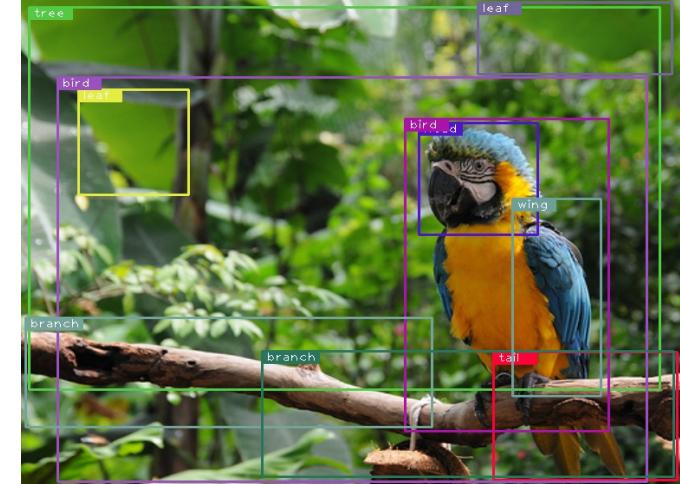
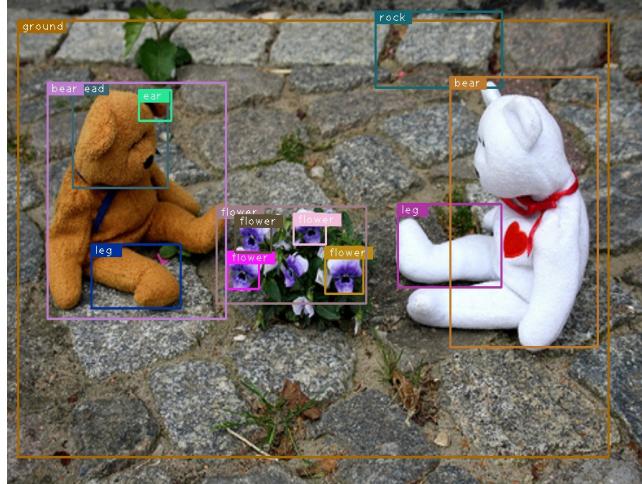
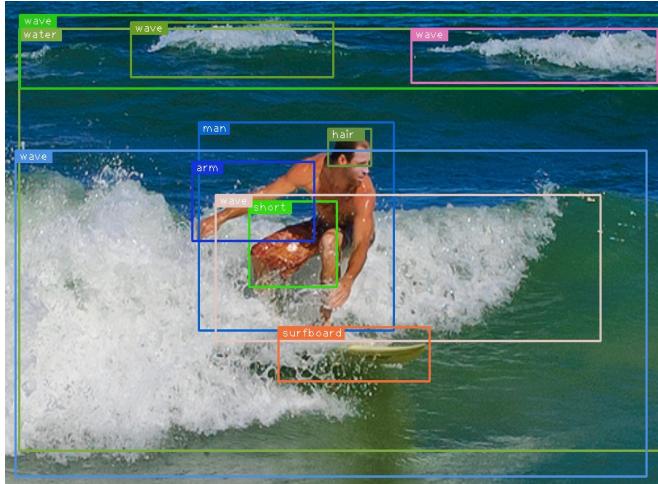


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Qualitative Results



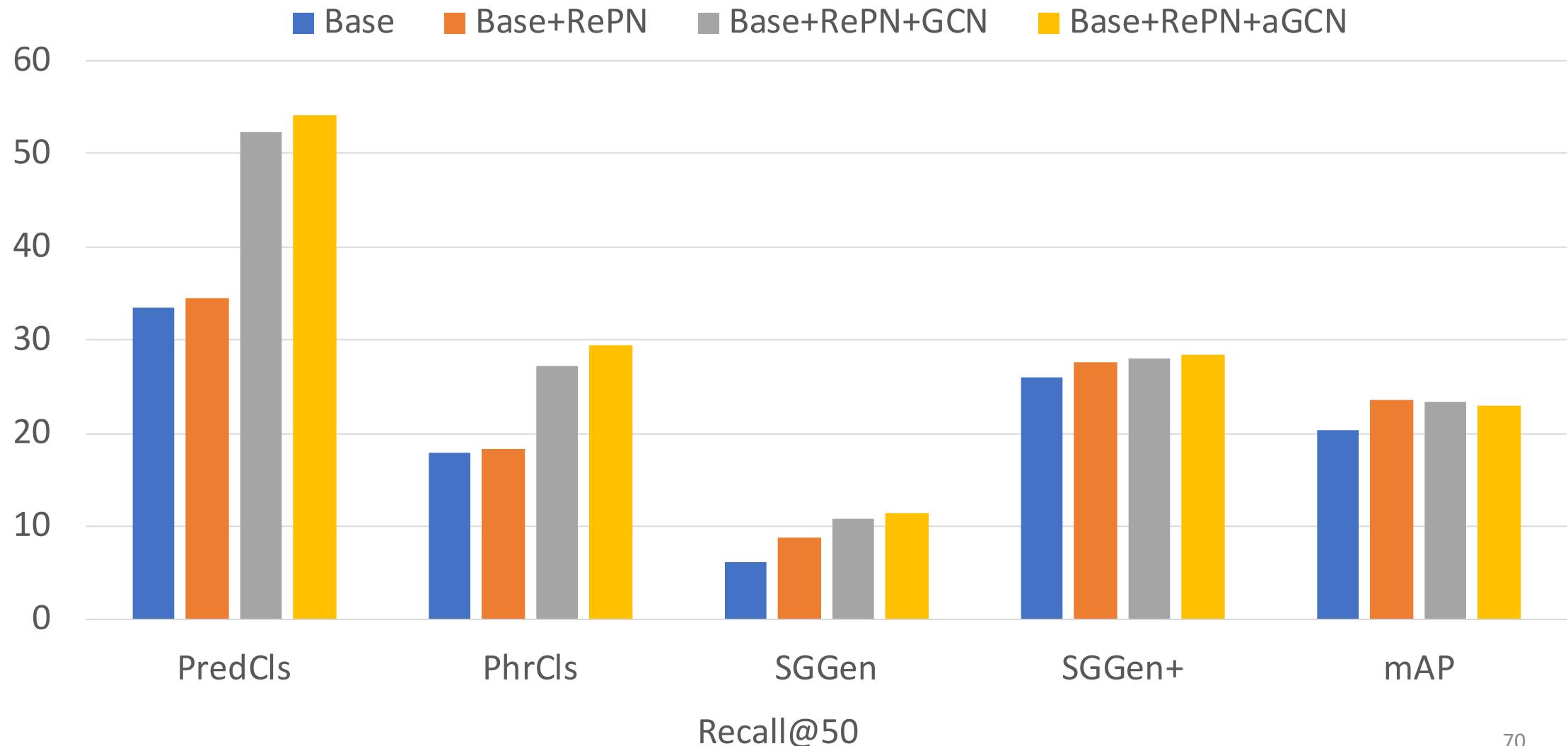
Common sense emerges

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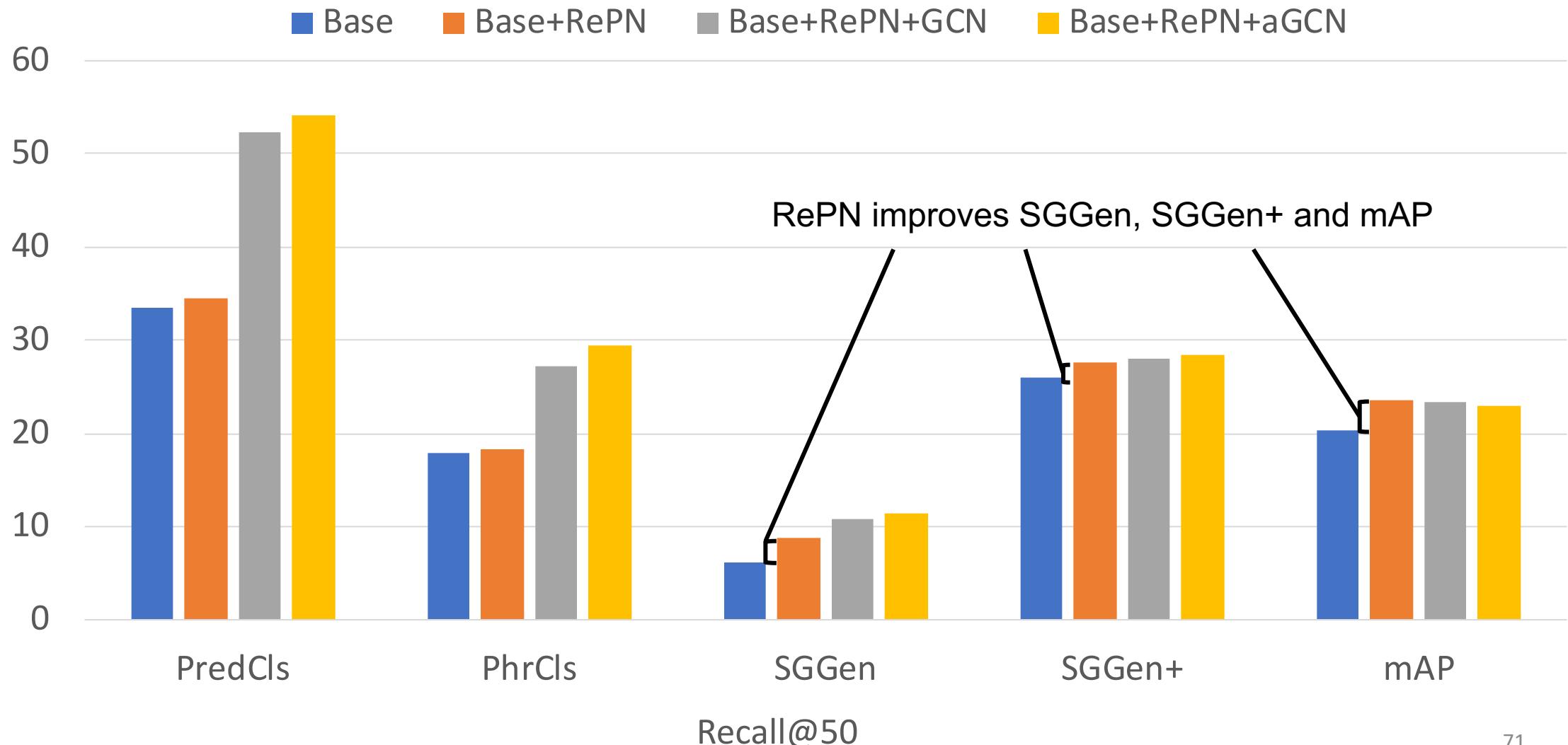
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plane	wing	tail	cow	horse	dog
clock	building	root	sidewalk	street	bus
bottle	cup	glass	handle	plate	food
bus	truck	vehicle	snow	pole	ski

Object-Predicate Co-Occurrence					
Object	Top-1	Top-2	Object	Top-1	Top-2
hat	hold	wear	kite	watch	look at
boat	in	sit in	girl	look at	watch
umbrella	carry	hold	jacket	wear	with
track	with	on	stripe	on	has
sidewalk	at	walk on	snow	on	near

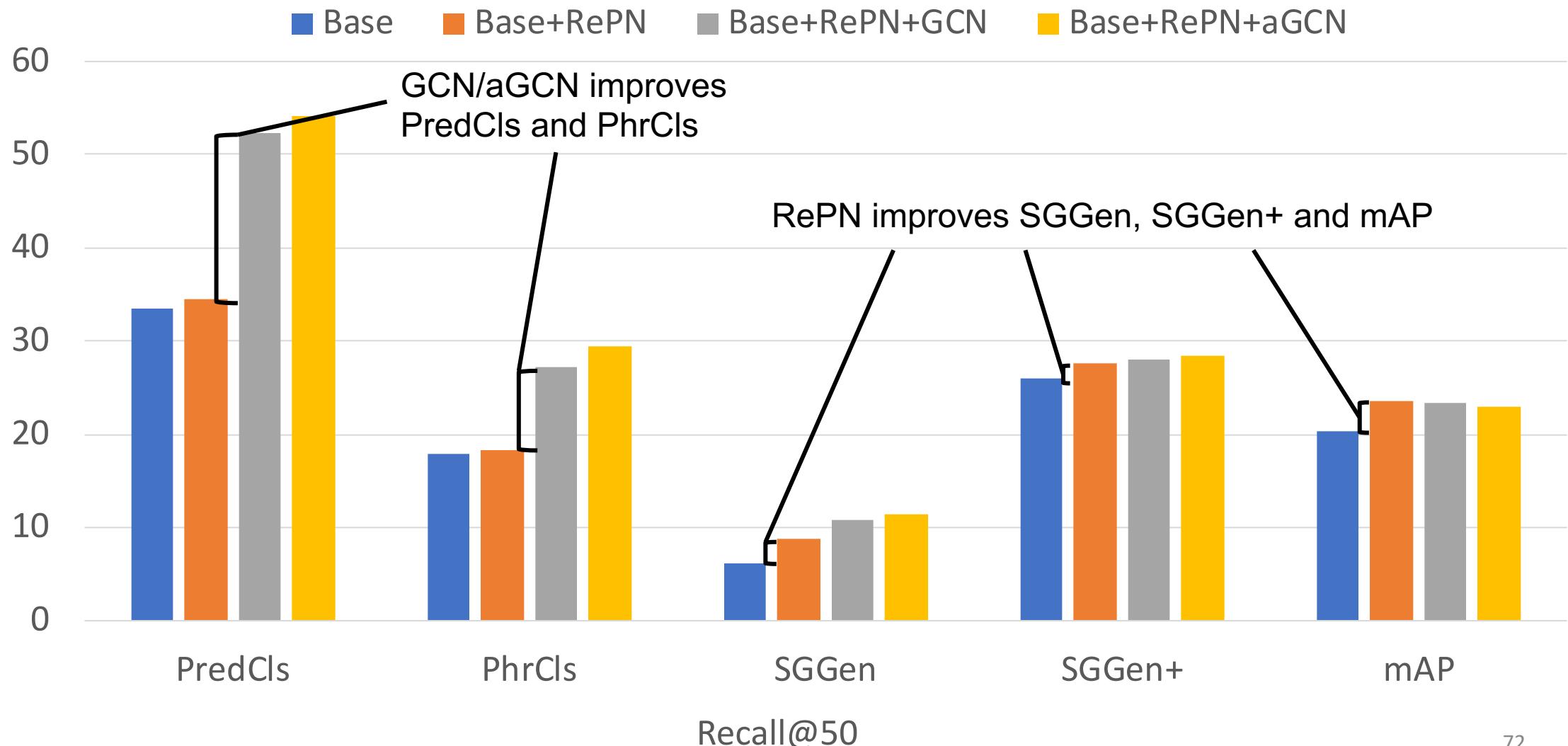
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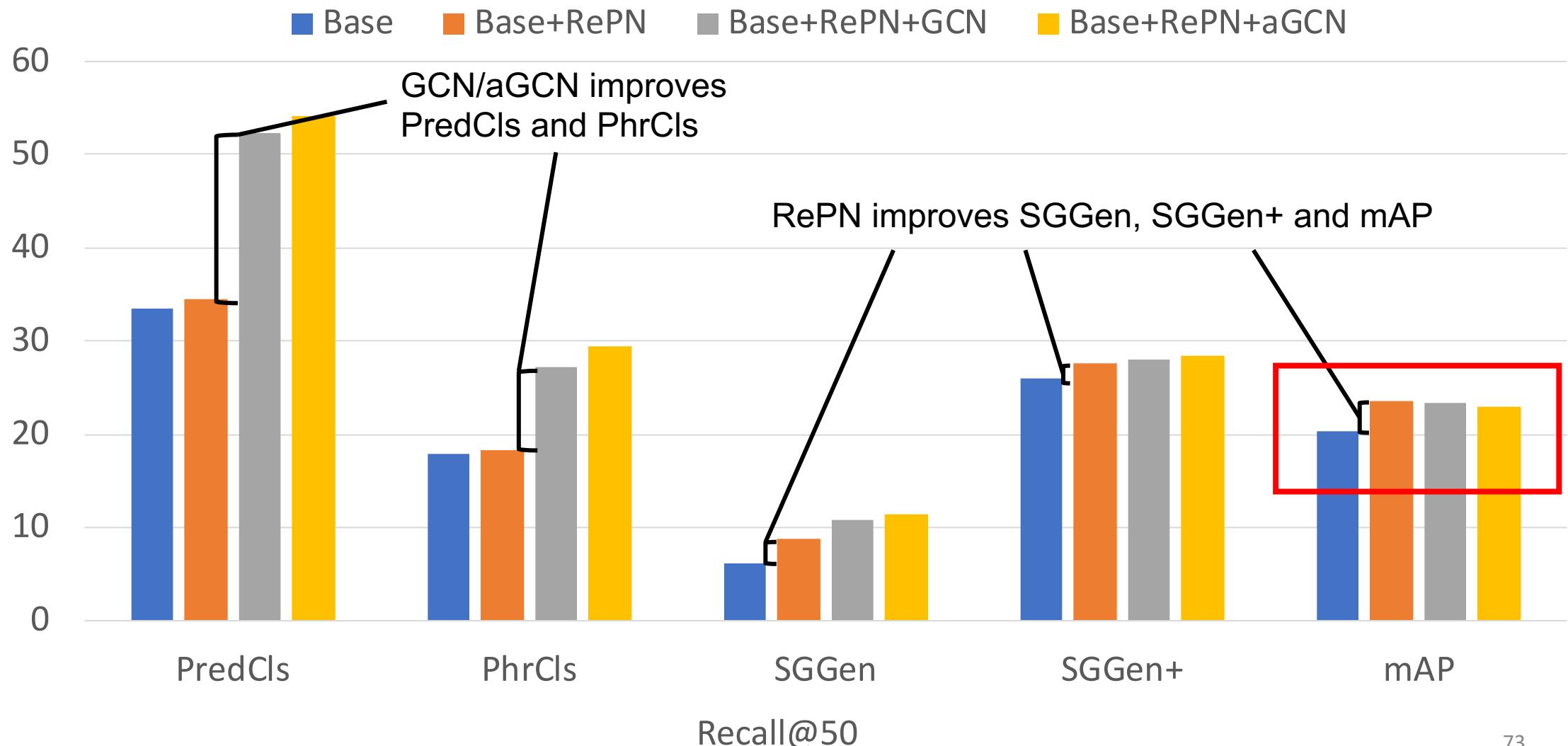
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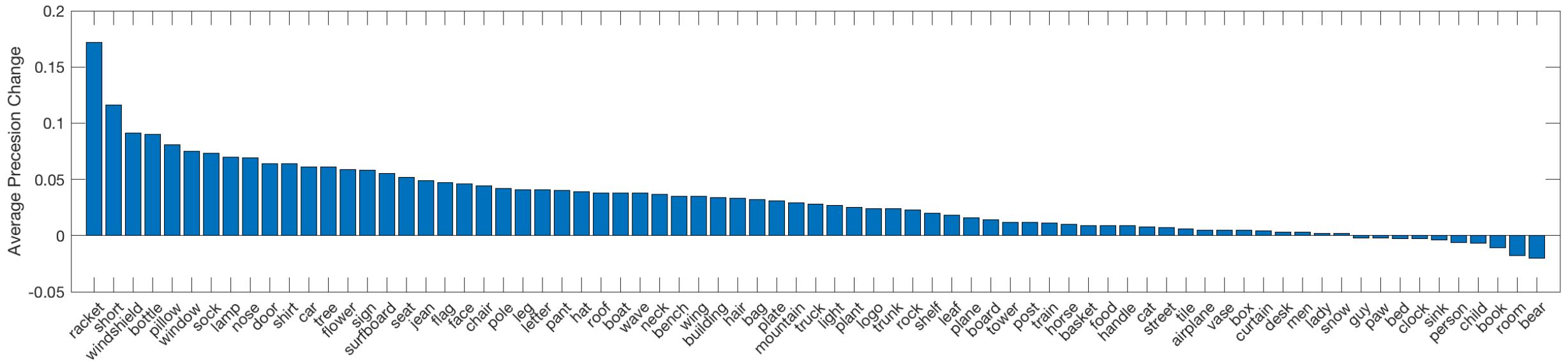
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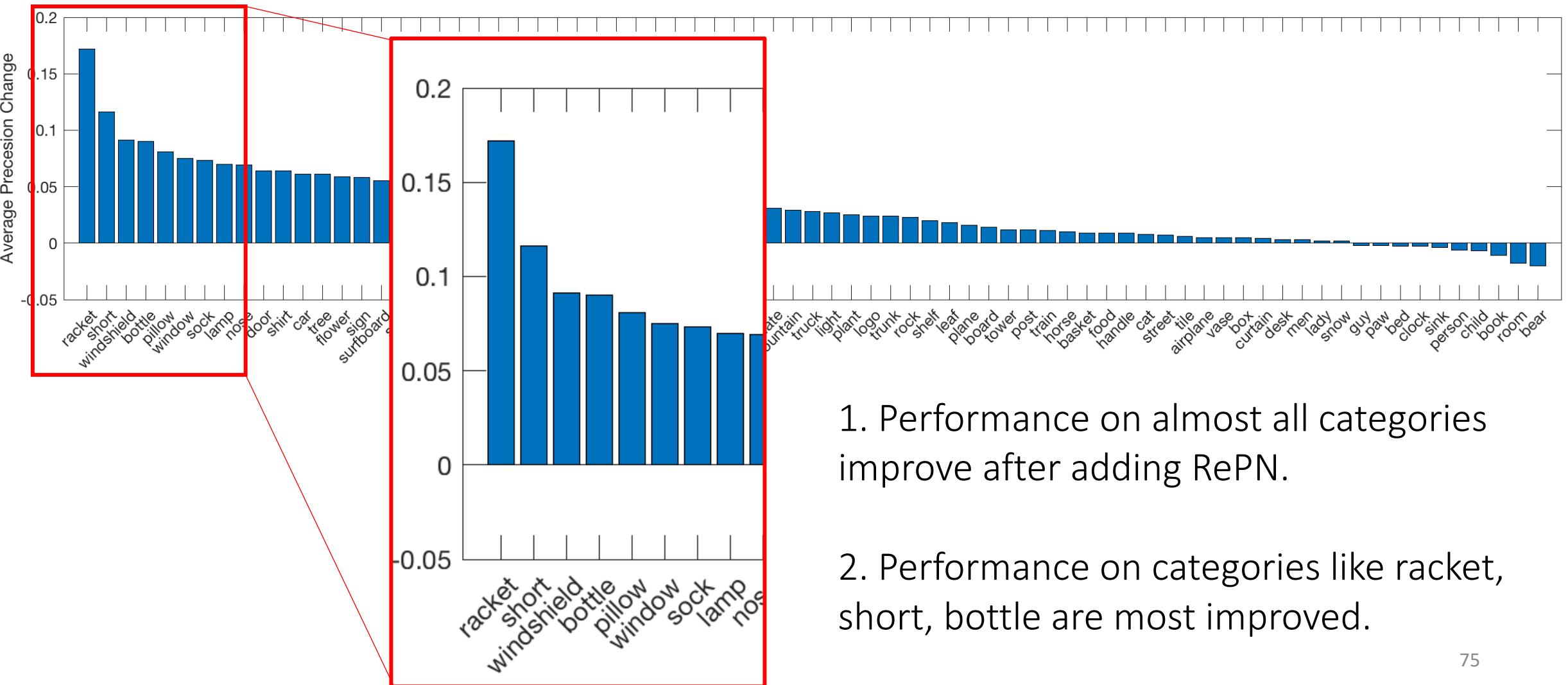


Object Detection Investigation



1. Performance on almost all categories improve after adding RePN.

Object Detection Investigation



Part I: Summary

- Take aways:
 - Introducing a general base model for scene graph generation
 - Pruning the fully-connected graph is important for scene graph generation
 - Exploiting the context across objects and predicates is crucial
 - Scene graph generation helps to improve object detection
- Challenges:
 - The dataset is **noisy** (incomplete and inconsistent annotations)
 - Relationships need more fine-grained categorizing (spatial, semantic, etc)
 - Rare/novel relationship is hard to detect

Part 2: Scene Graph for Vision-and-Language Tasks

How we can use scene graph?

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Scene Graph as Feature Representation

Image Representations for Vision-and-Language Tasks

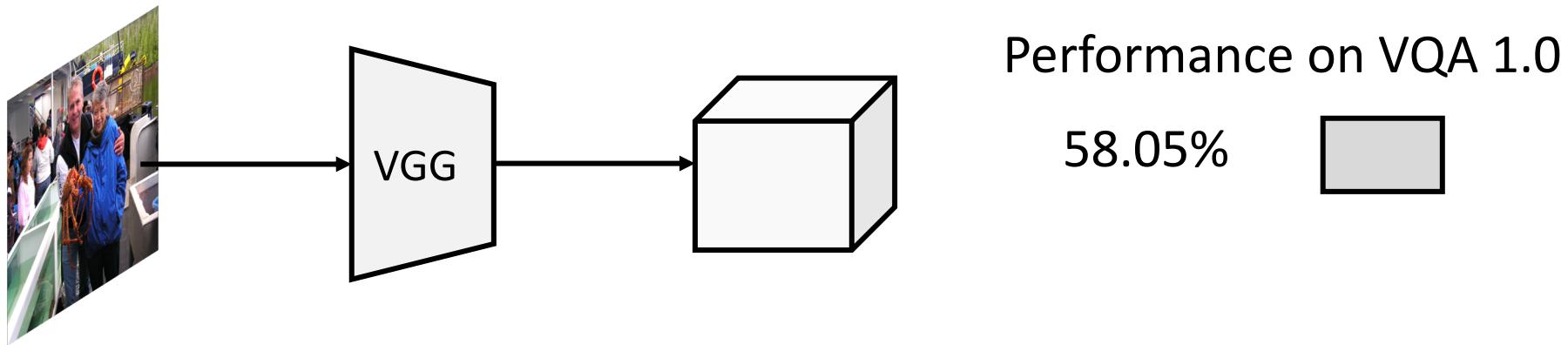


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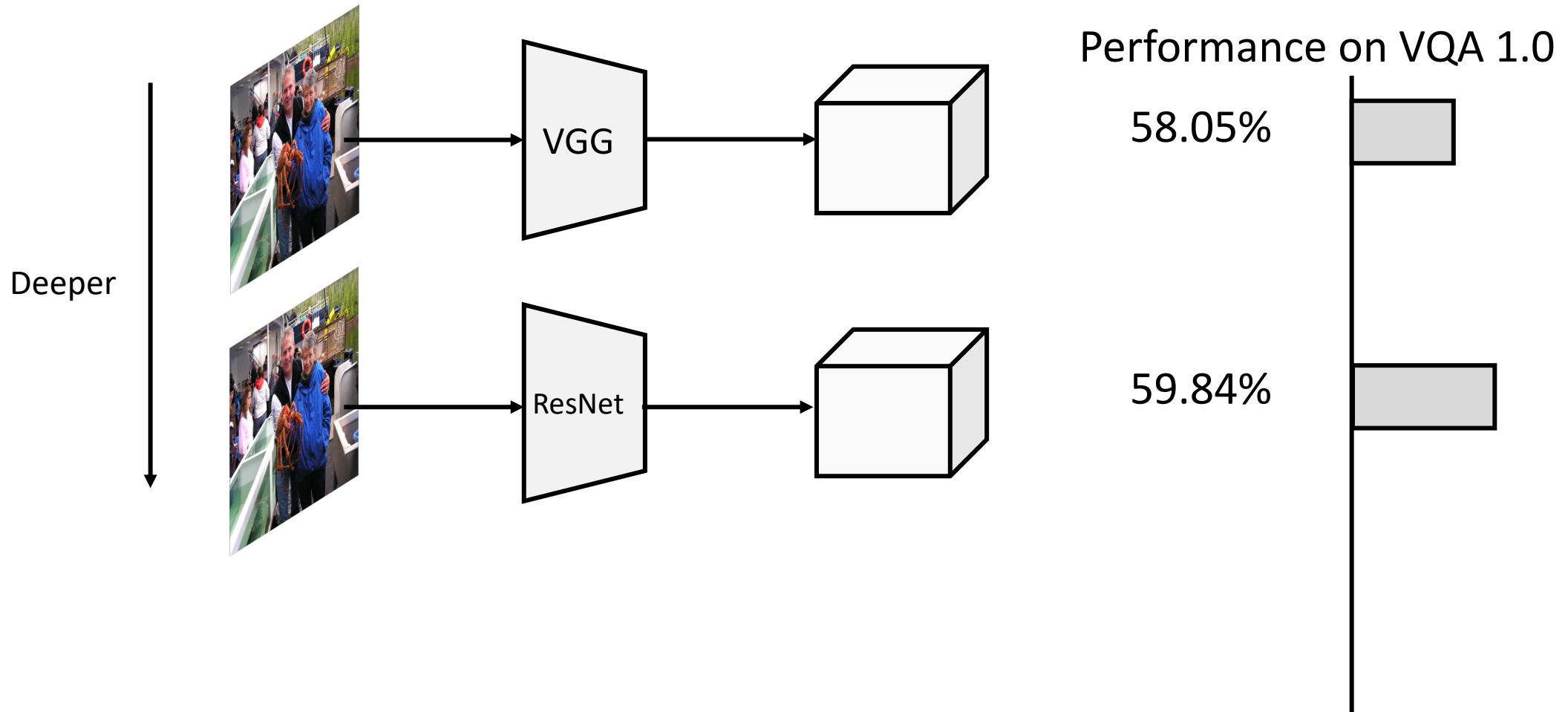
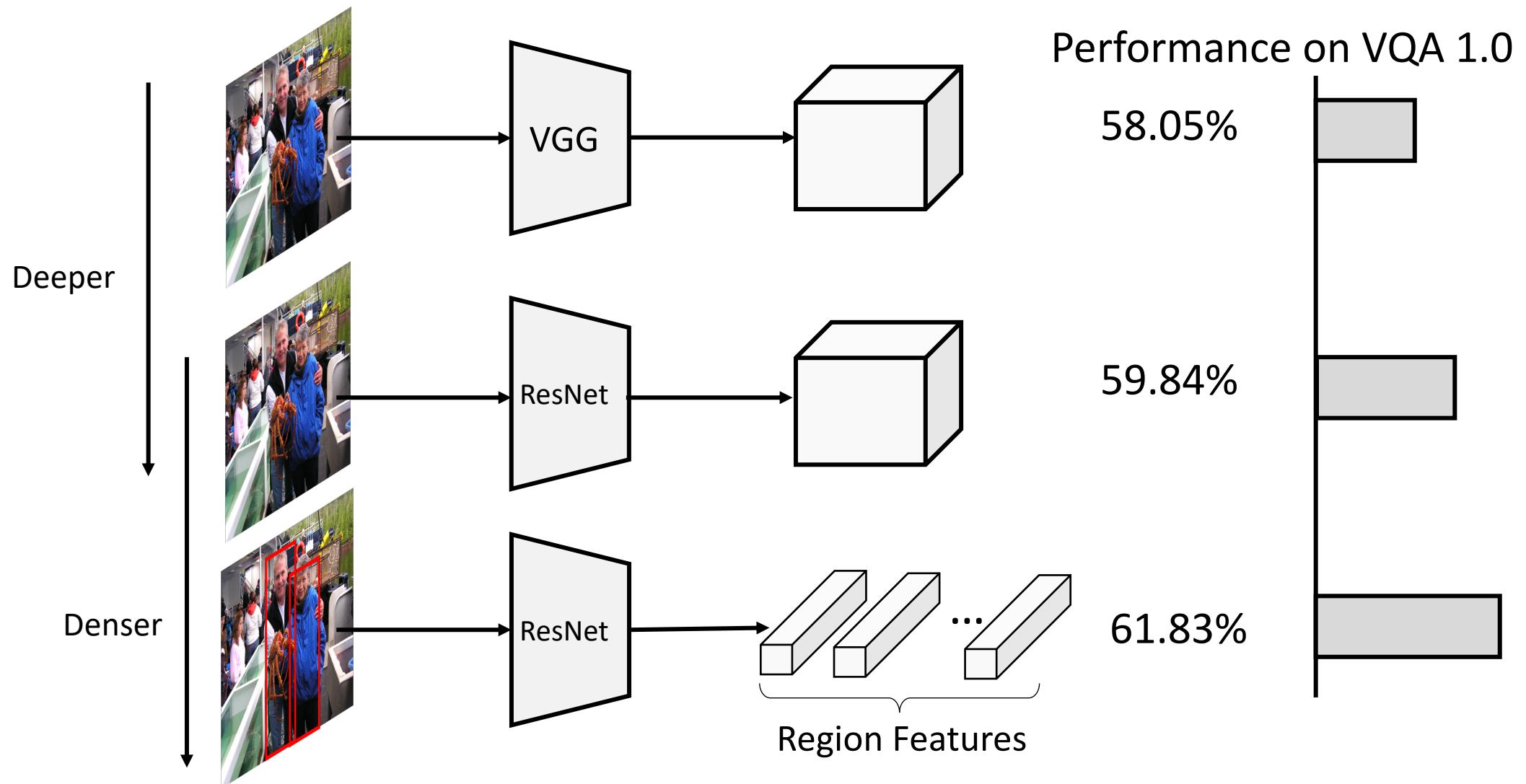
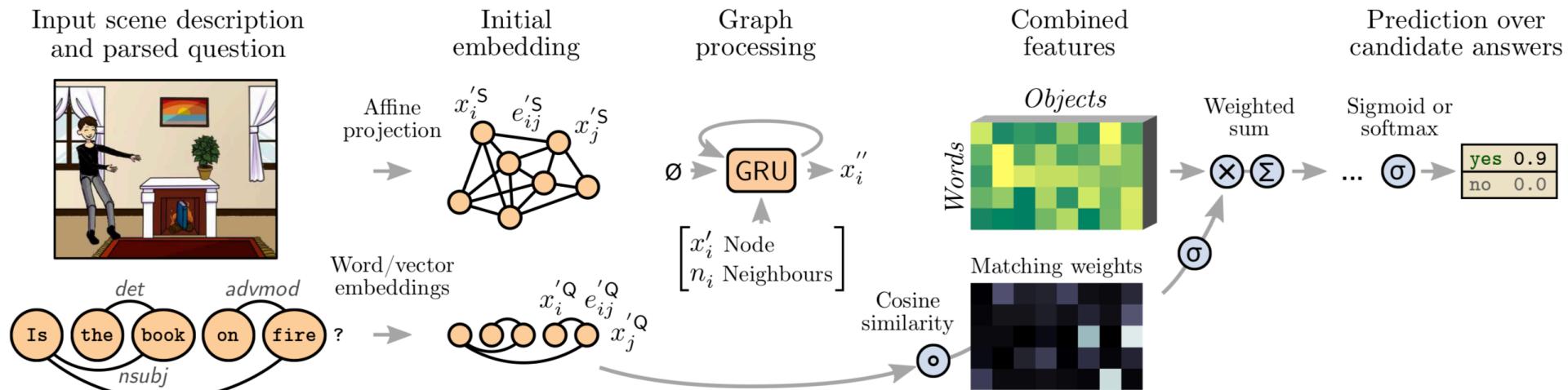


Image Representations for Vision-and-Language Tasks



Visual Question Answering on Clipart

Graph-Structured Representations for Visual Question Answering. Teney et al. CVPR 2017

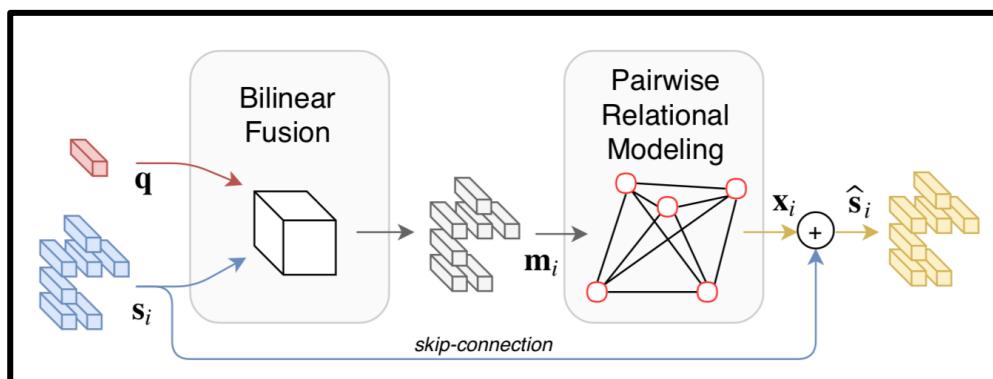
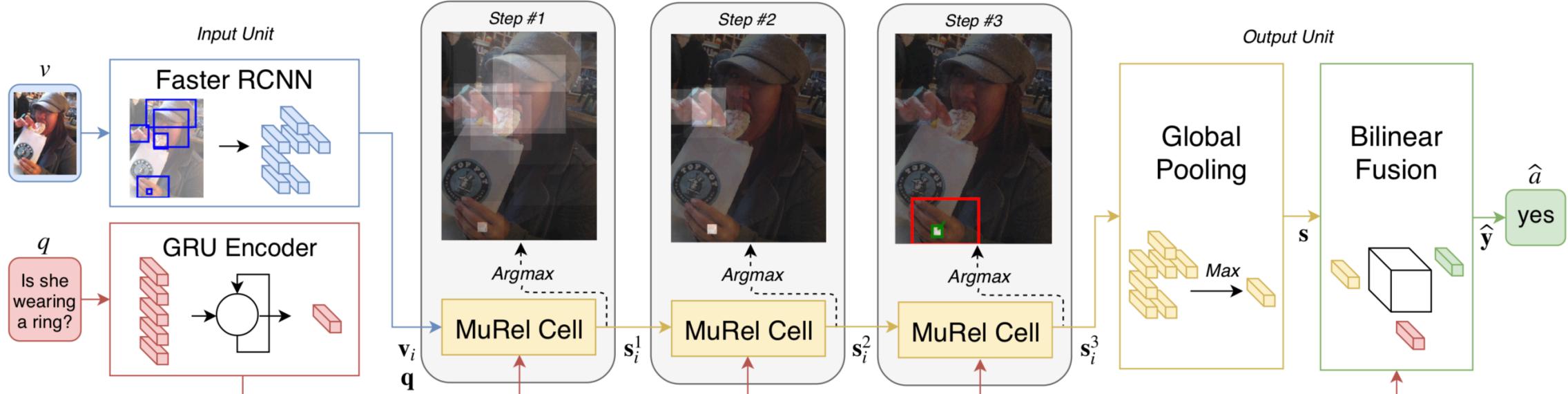


Method	Multiple choice				Open-ended			
	Overall	Yes/no	Other	Number	Overall	Yes/no	Other	Number
LSTM blind [4]	61.41	76.90	49.19	49.65	57.19	76.88	38.79	49.55
LSTM with global image features [4]	69.21	77.46	66.65	52.90	65.02	77.45	56.41	52.54
Zhang <i>et al.</i> [30] (yes/no only)	35.25	79.14	—	—	35.25	79.14	—	—
Multimodal residual learning [13]	67.99	79.08	61.99	52.57	62.56	79.10	48.90	51.60
U. Tokyo MIL (ensemble) [22, 1]	71.18	79.59	67.93	56.19	69.73	80.70	62.08	58.82
Graph VQA (full model)	74.37	79.74	68.31	74.97	70.42	81.26	56.28	76.47

Table 2. Results on the test set of the “abstract scenes” dataset (average scores in percents).

Visual Question Answering on Realistic Data

MUREL: Multimodal Relational Reasoning for Visual Question Answering. Cadene et al. CVPR 2019



Model	test-dev			test-std	
	Yes/No	Num.	Other	All	All
Bottom-up [3]	81.82	44.21	56.05	65.32	65.67
Counter [41]	83.14	51.62	58.97	68.09	68.41
MuRel	84.77	49.84	57.85	68.03	68.41

Table 3. State-of-the-art comparison on the VQA 2.0 dataset.

Compositional Reasoning VQA Dataset

GQA: A New Dataset for Real-World Visual Reasoning and Compositional Question Answering. Hudson et al. CVPR 2019



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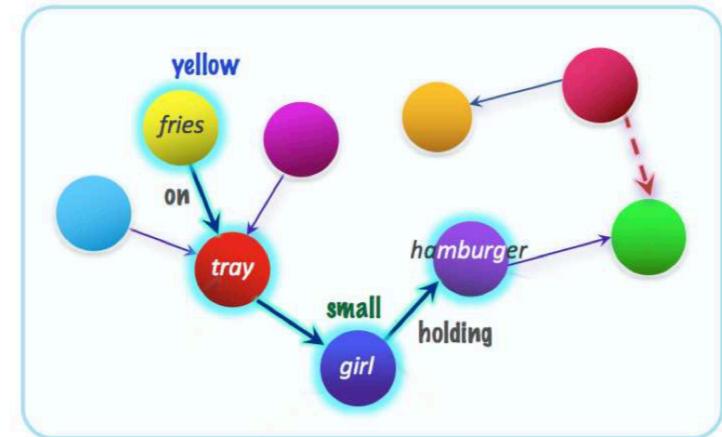
Program: Select: <dobject> → Choose <type>: <attr> | <decoy>

Reference: The food on the red object left of the small girl that is holding a hamburger

Decoy: brown

What color is the food on the red object left of the small girl that is holding a hamburger, yellow or brown?

Select: hamburger → Relate: girl, holding → Filter size: small → Relate: object, left → Filter color: red → Relate: food, on → Choose color: yellow | brown



Graph Normalization

- Ontology construction
- Edge Pruning
- Object Augmentation
- Global Properties

Question Generation

- Pattern Collection
- Compositional References
- Decoy Selection
- Probabilistic Generation

Sampling and Balancing

- Distribution Balancing
- Type-Based Sampling
- Deduplication

Entailment Relations

- Functional Programs
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- Recursive Reachability

New Metrics

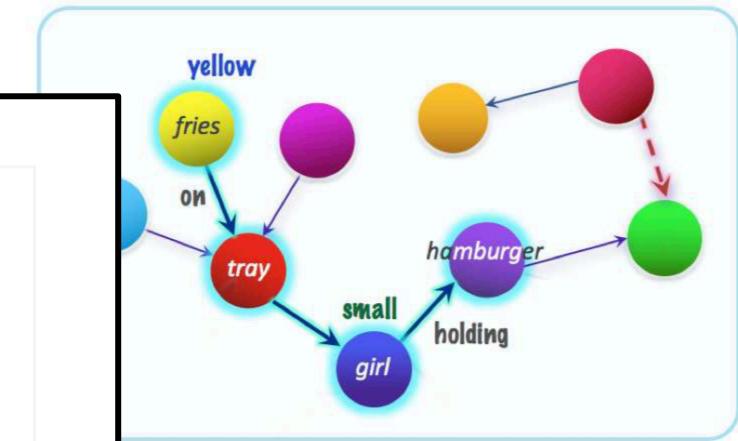
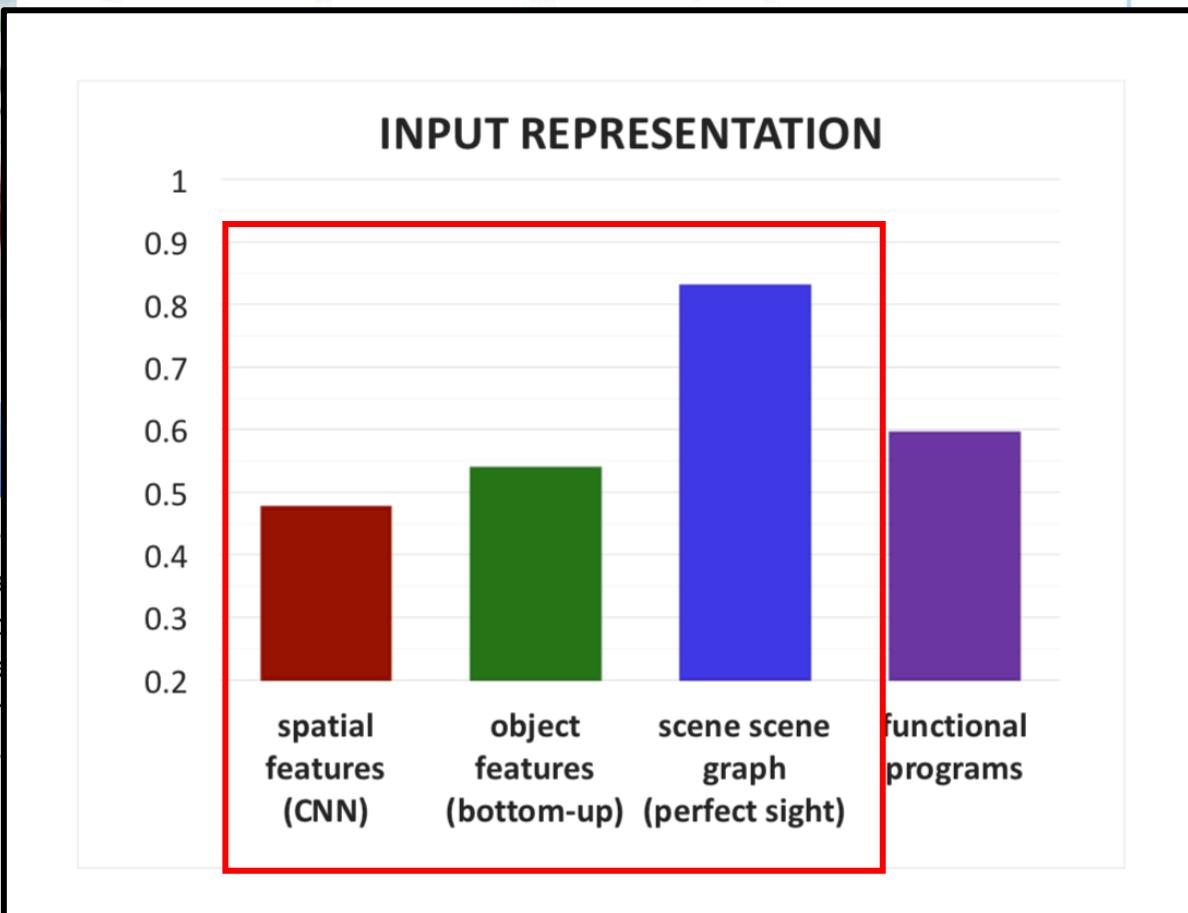
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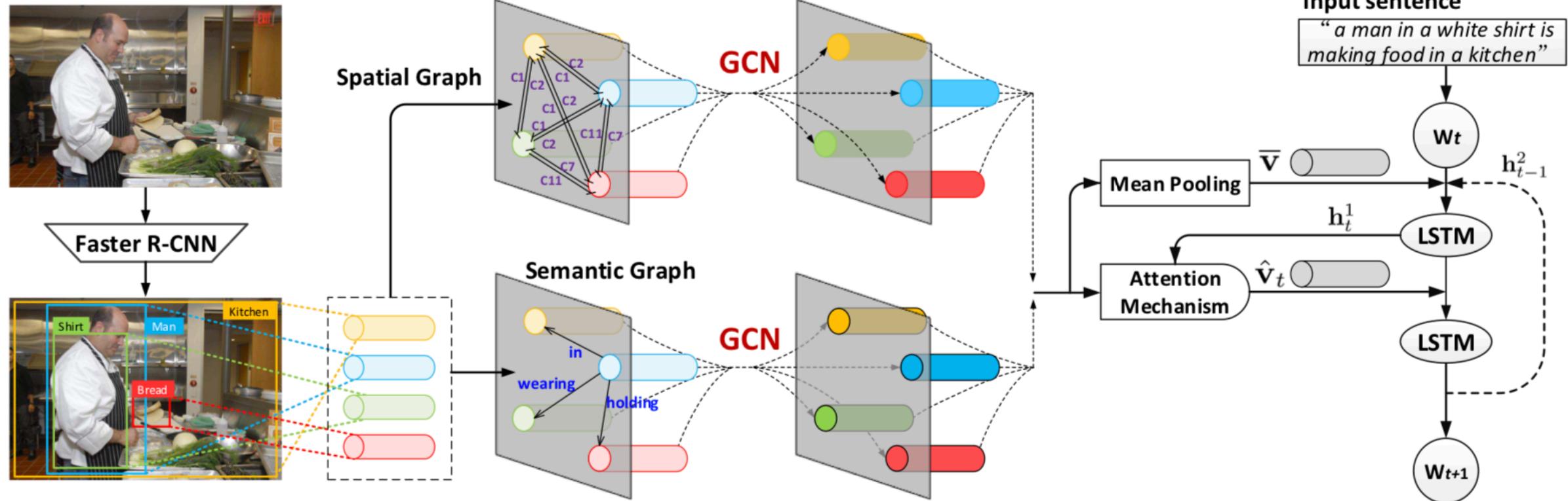
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Image Captioning given Relationship

Exploring Visual Relationship for Image Captioning. Yao et al. ECCV 2018

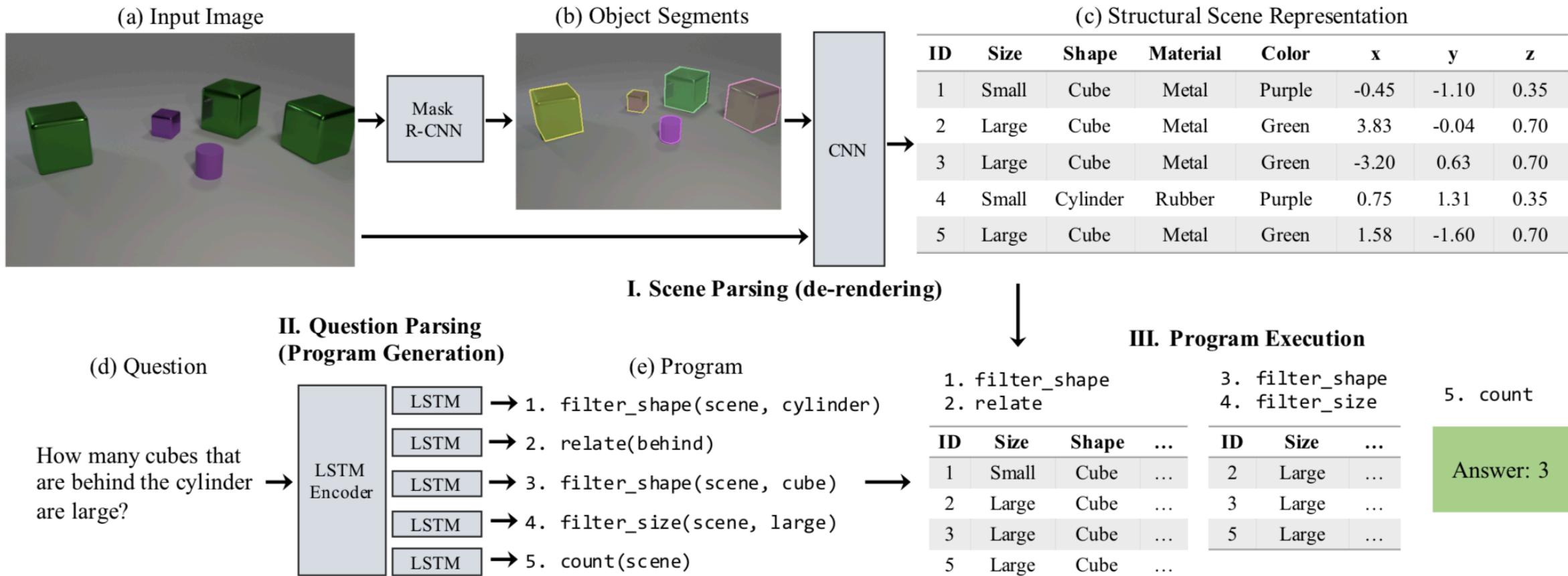


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Scene Graph as Symbolic Representation

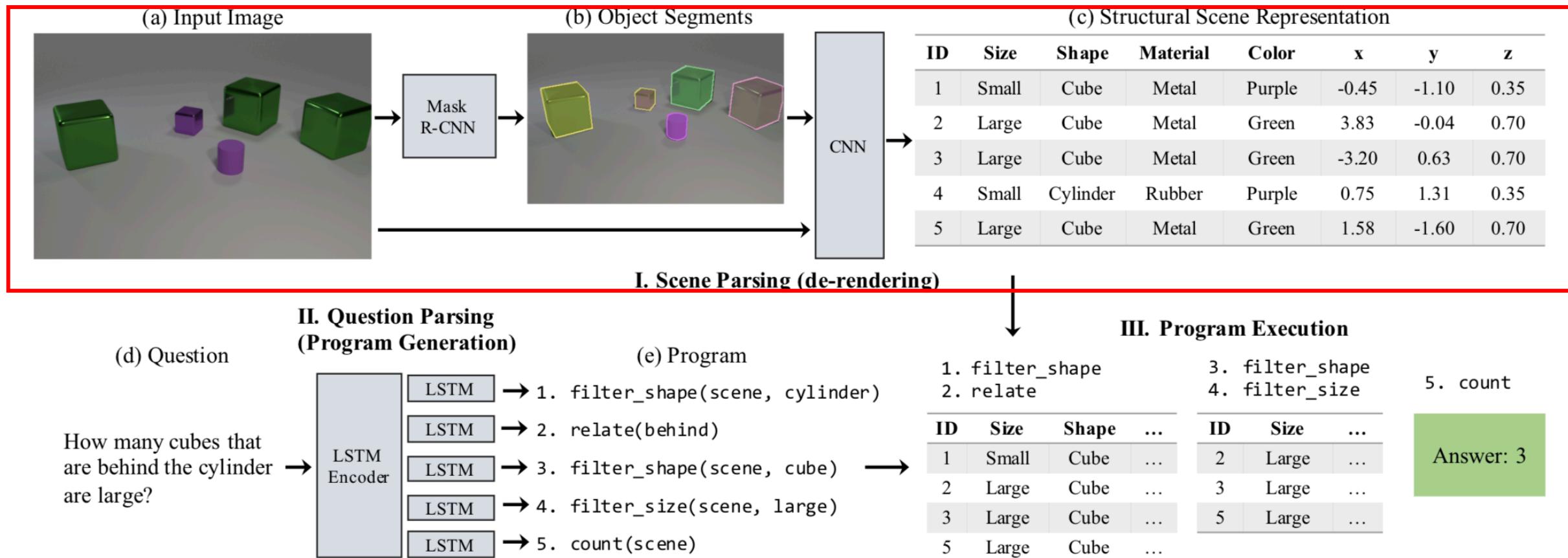
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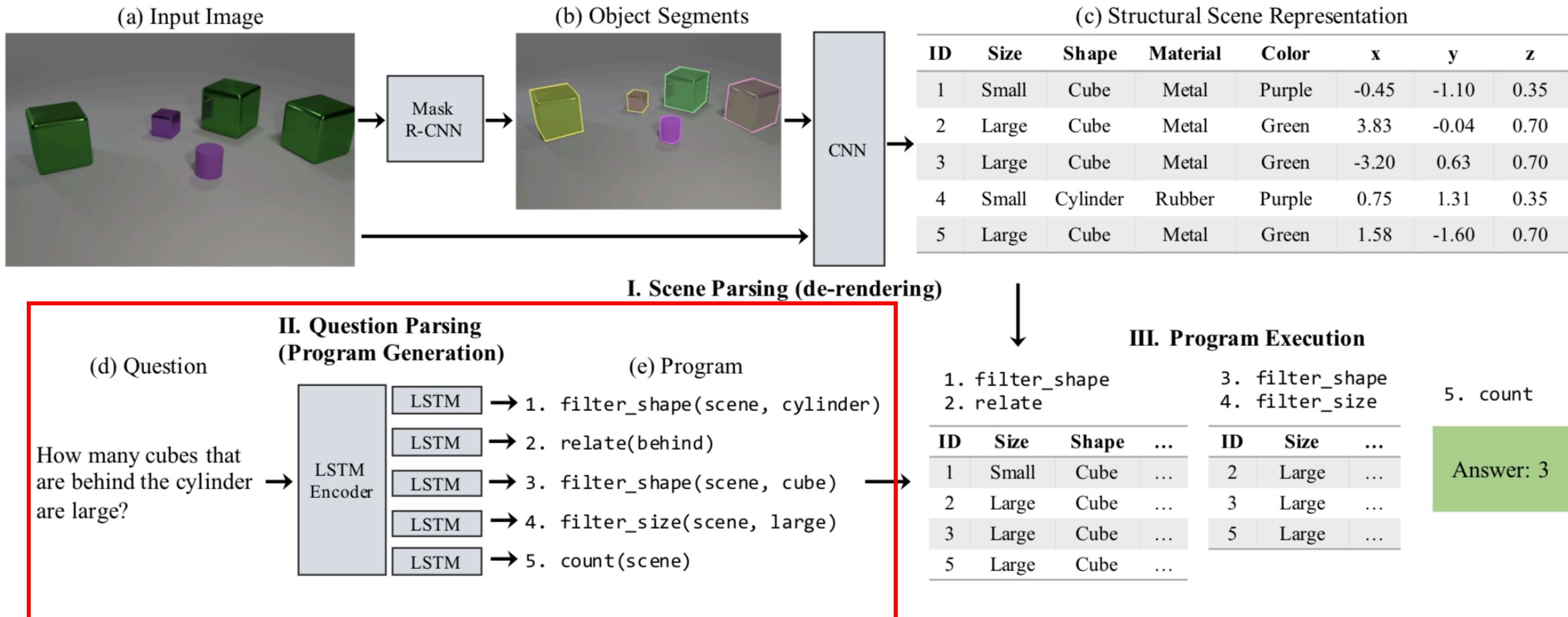
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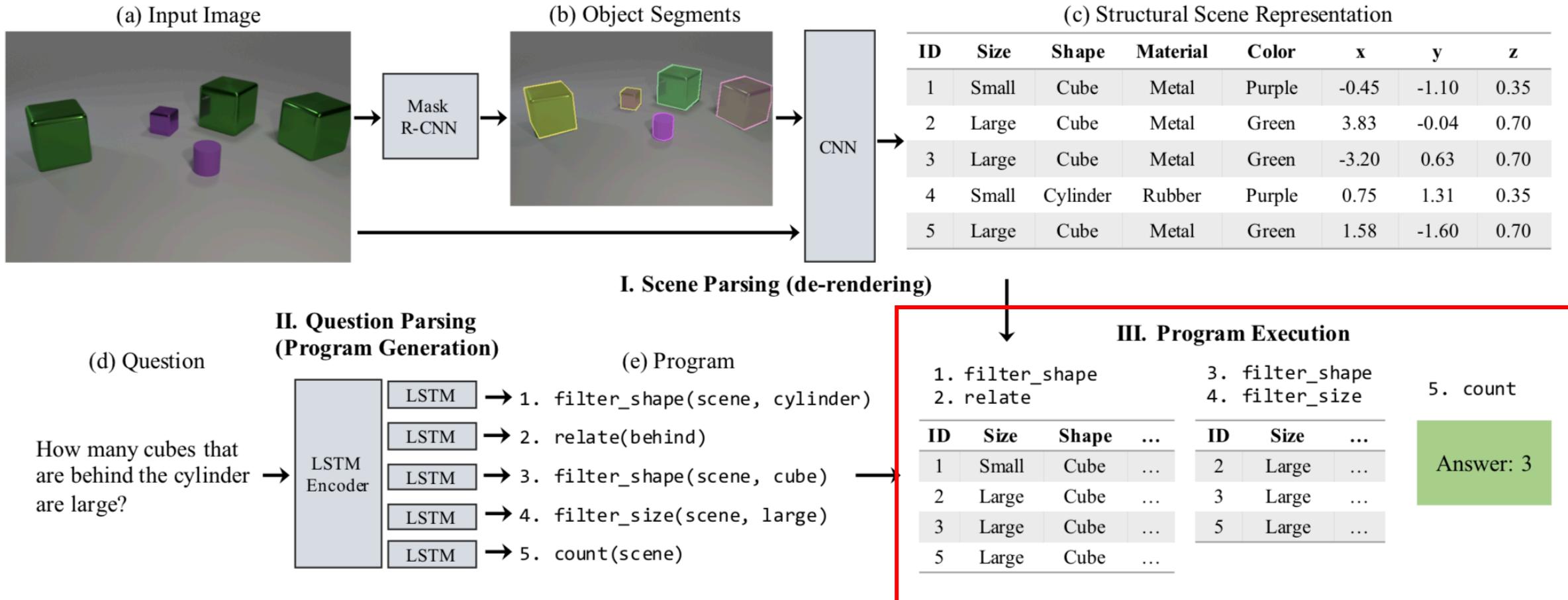
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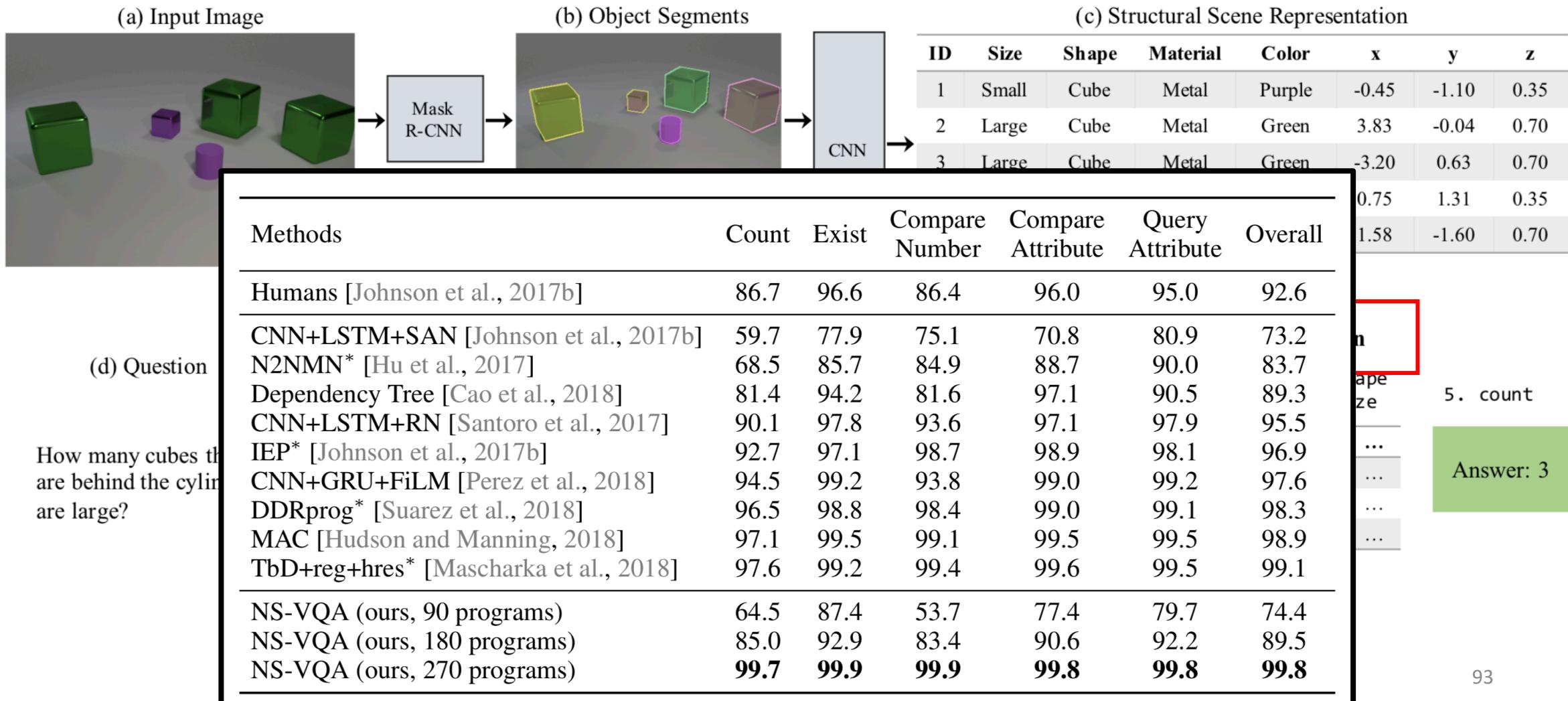
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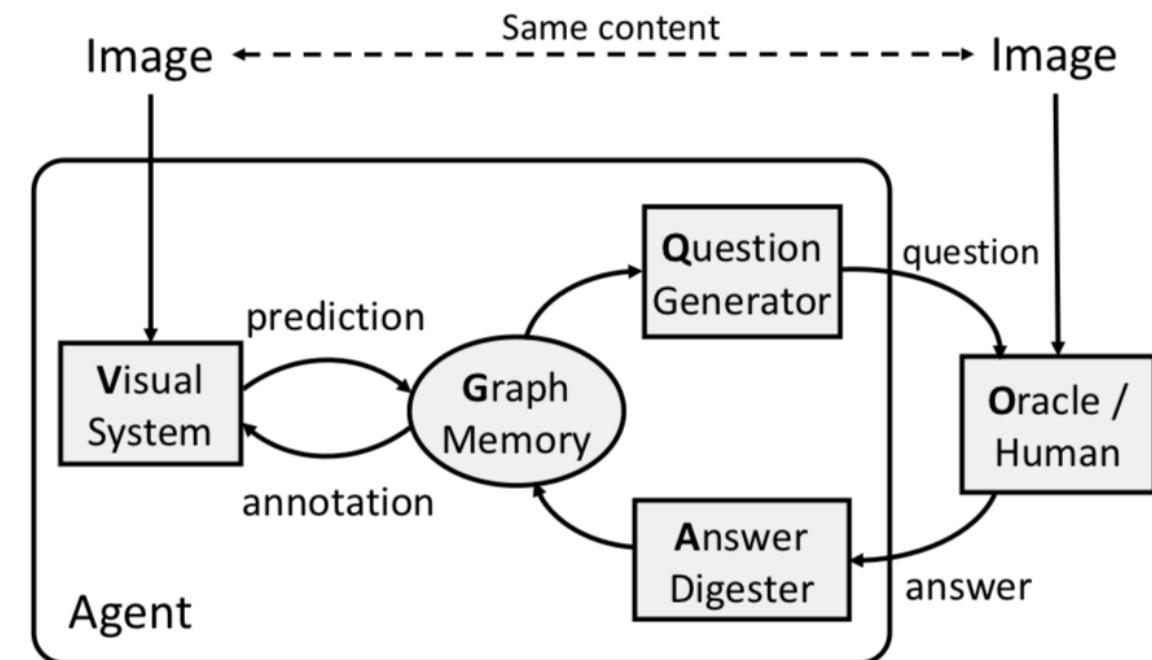
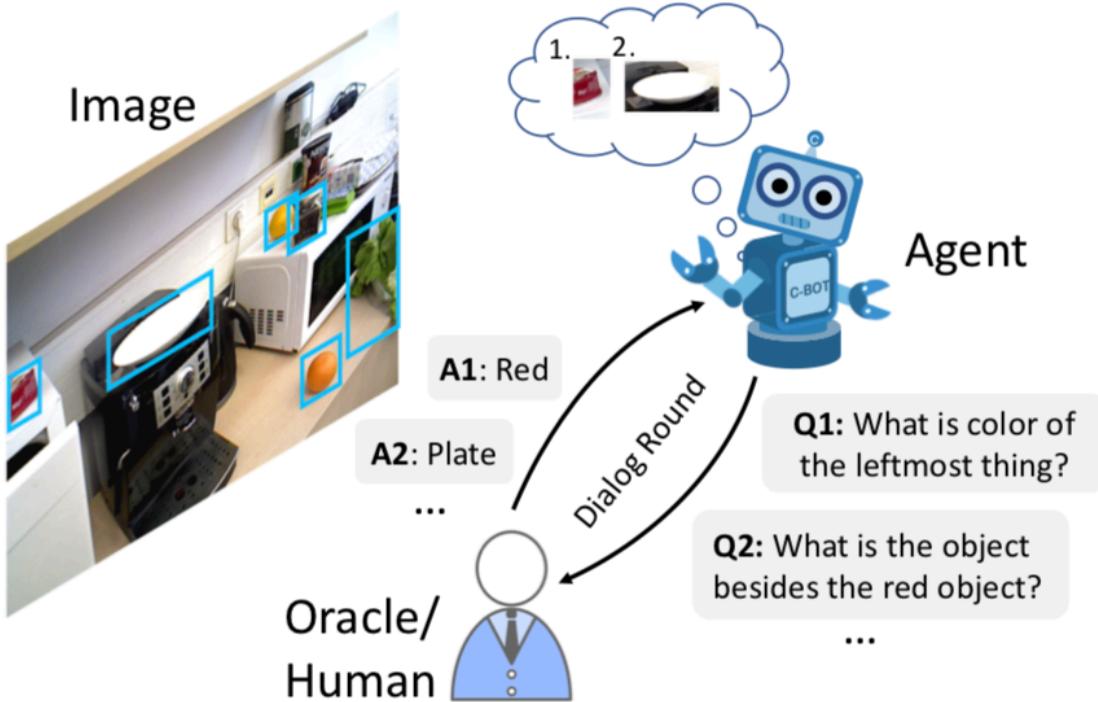
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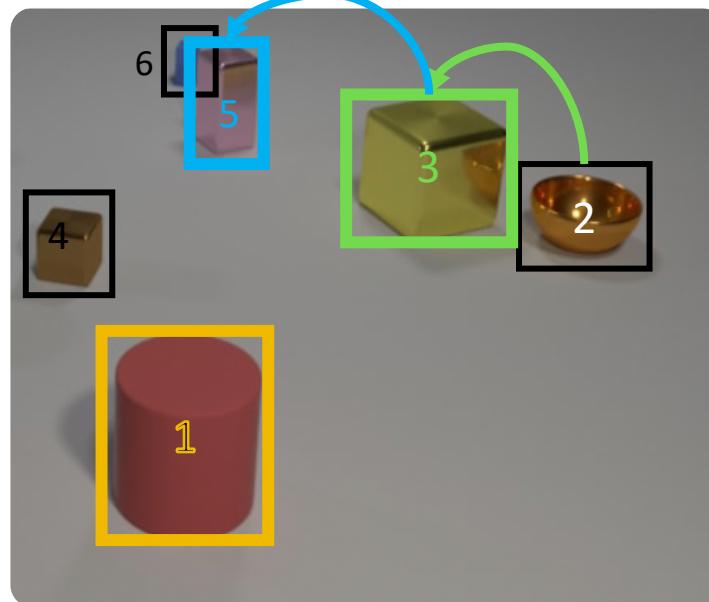


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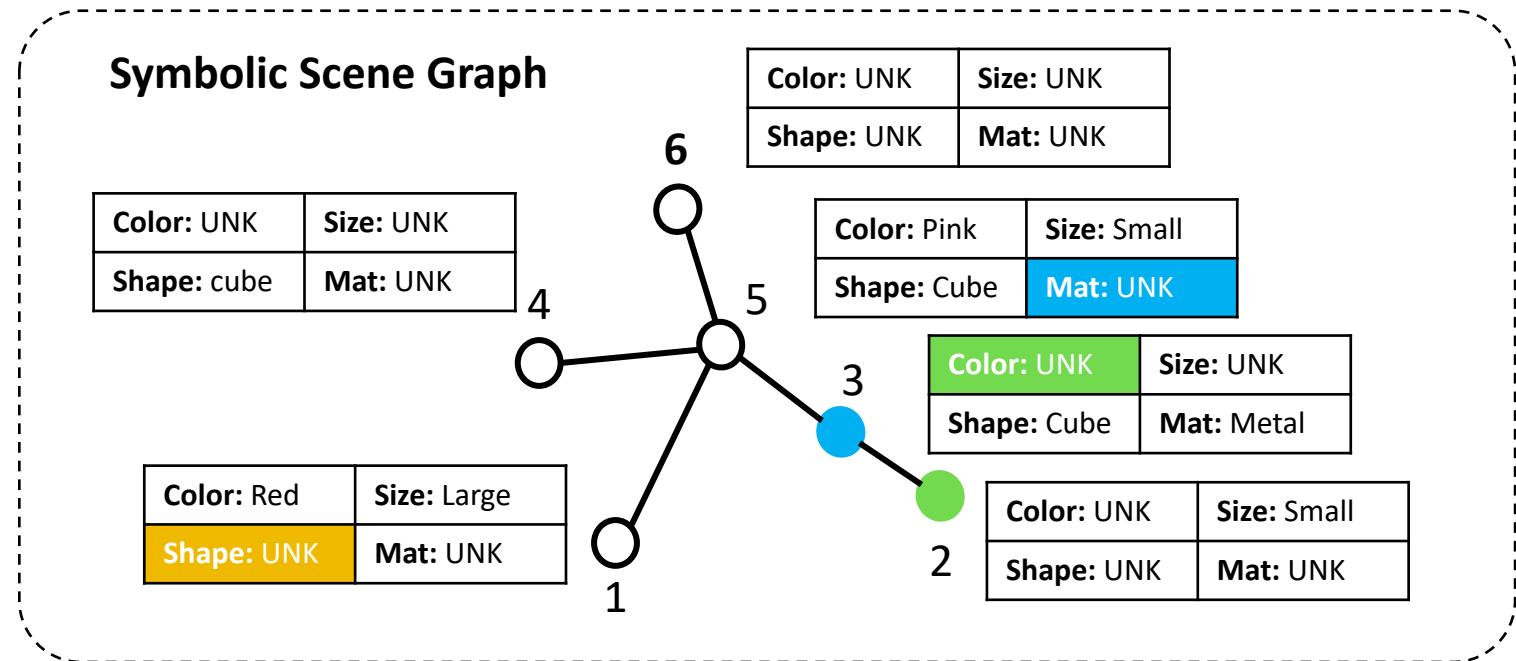
Visual Curiosity: Learning to Ask Questions to Learn Visual Recognition. Yang and Lu et al. CoRL 2018



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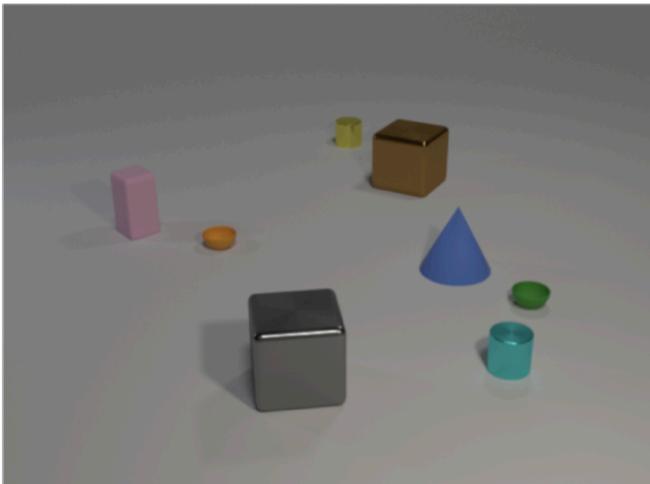


Target	1
Attribute	Shape
Reference	None
Question	What is the shape of the front most large red object?



- 3 Color
2
What is the color of the metal cube on the left side of a small object?
- 5 Material
3
What is the material of object at left side of metal cube?

Learning to Generate Questions



- Q1:** What is the closest thing made of?
A1: metal
Q2: What shape is the closest object?
A2: cylinder

- Q7:** What shape is the rightmost thing?
A7: bowl
Q8: The rightmost thing has what color?
A8: green
Q9: What is the size of the rightmost thing?
A9: small
Q10 : There is a closest object to the left of the tiny green matte bowl; what is its material?
A10: rubber
Q11: What shape is the closest matte object to the left of the tiny green matte



- Q1:** What is the shape of the farthest thing?
A1: ball
Q2: What material is the farthest object?
A2: plastic

- Q7:** The leftmost object is what color?
A7: brown
Q8: What is the closest thing that is in front of the yellow plastic ball made of?
A8: paper
Q9: What shape is the closest thing that is in front of the yellow plastic ball?
A9: cereal
Q10: The closest paper cereal in front of the yellow plastic ball is what color?
A10: red



- Q1:** What is the rightmost thing made of?
A1: plastic
Q2: There is a rightmost object; what shape is it?
A2: stapler

- A6:** __AMBIGUOUS__
Q7: What material is the leftmost thing?
A7: food
Q8: The leftmost thing is what shape?
A8: orange
Q9: The leftmost thing is what color?
A9: yellow
Q10: What material is the closest object right of the yellow food orange?
A10: plastic
Q11: There is a closest plastic thing that is

Part II: Summary

- Take away messages:
 - Scene graph can be used as feature or symbolic representation of image
 - Scene graph improves vision-language tasks like VQA and image captioning
 - Scene graph make the models more interpretable
- Potential Directions:
 - Leverage scene graph for explicit and effective reasoning on **realistic** data
 - Language context dependent scene graph generation
 - Combine scene graph and knowledge graph for common sense reasoning

Thanks! Questions?