

Seminar 2: Early Fusion. Video modality

Supplementary slides to [Google Colab notebook](#)

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Recap of previous seminar

1. Deep Fusion

deeply fuses multimodal inputs
within internal layers



1.1. Standard
Cross-Attention (SC-DF)

OpenFlamingo

- perceiver resampler
- cross-attention
- tanh gating



1.2. Custom
Layers (CL-DF)

MoE-LLaVA

- vision encoder MLP
- Mixture-of-Experts layer
- Router



2. Early Fusion

multimodal inputs are fed to the
model rather to its internals



2.1. Non-tokenized
(NT-EF)

2.2. Tokenized
(T-EF)

Questions



Giving **OpenFlamingo** tricky few-shot examples

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An image of $3 + 3 = 6$

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An image of $1 + 1 = 2$

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input images and prompts

$$1+1 = 2$$



output

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$$1+1 = 2$$

input

An image of a
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and minus sign on it.

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output

What is on the image?
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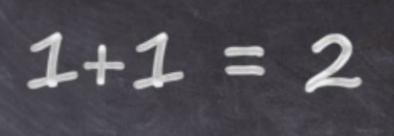
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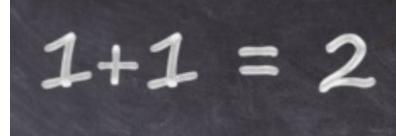
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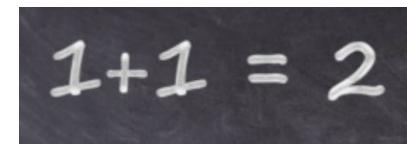
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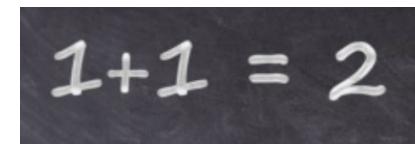
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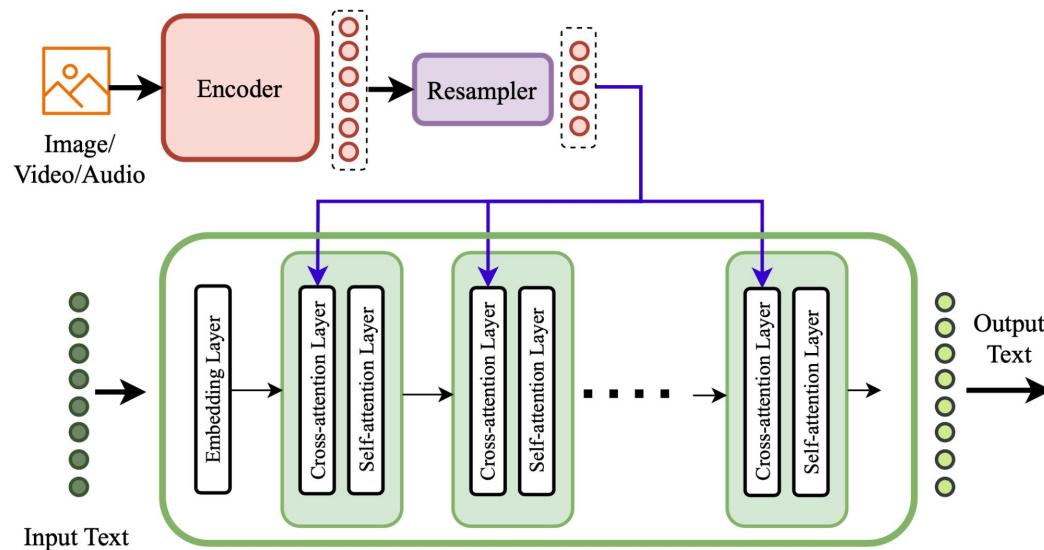
I've been thinking a lot
lately about what it means
to be a "successful"



output

Questions

Cross-attention between **three sequences** (modalities)



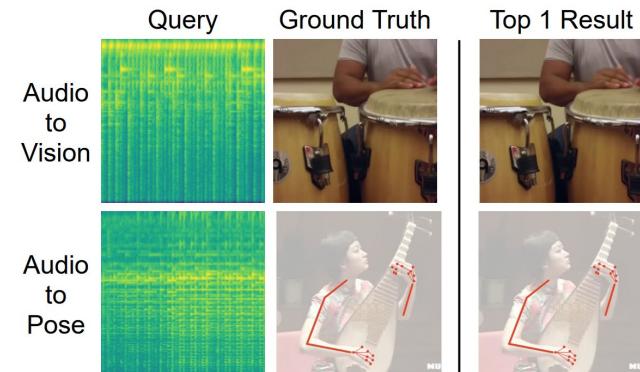
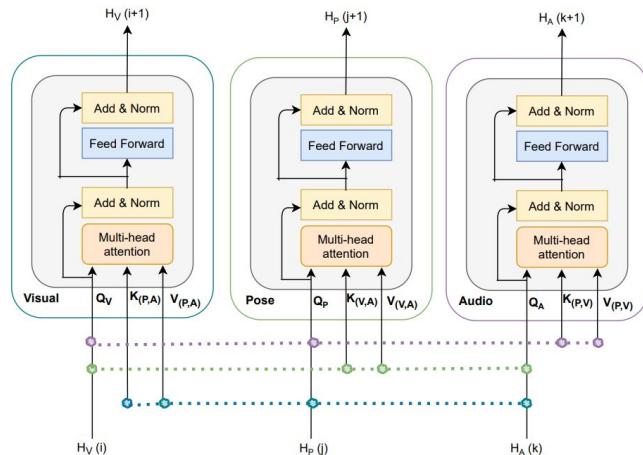
Cross-attention between **two modalities** (text and image) is used in **Deep Fusion**, particularly in cross-attention layers inside LLM

(again: OpenFlamingo)

Questions

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**tri-modal
co-attention in
TriBERT**



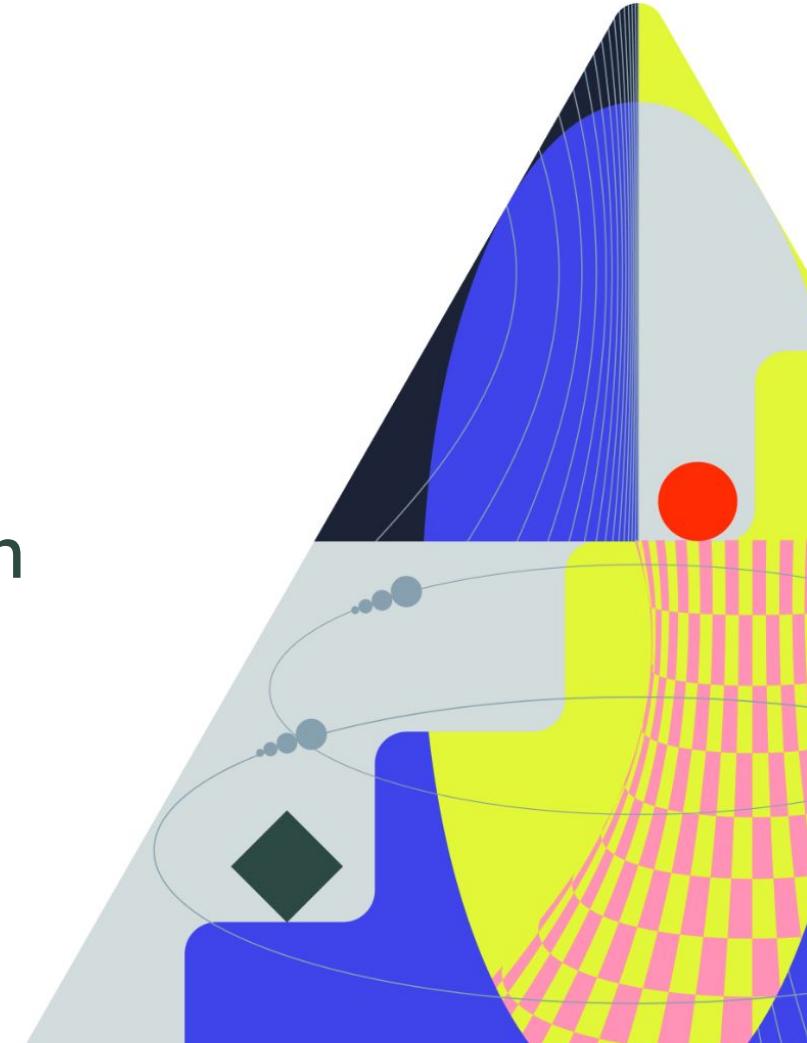
[1] **TriBERT**: Full-body Human-centric Audio-visual Representation Learning for Visual Sound Separation. **NeurIPS 2021**. [\[link\]](#)

[2] **TriCAFFNet**: A Tri-Cross-Attention Transformer with a Multi-Feature Fusion Network for Facial Expression Recognition. 2021. [\[link\]](#)

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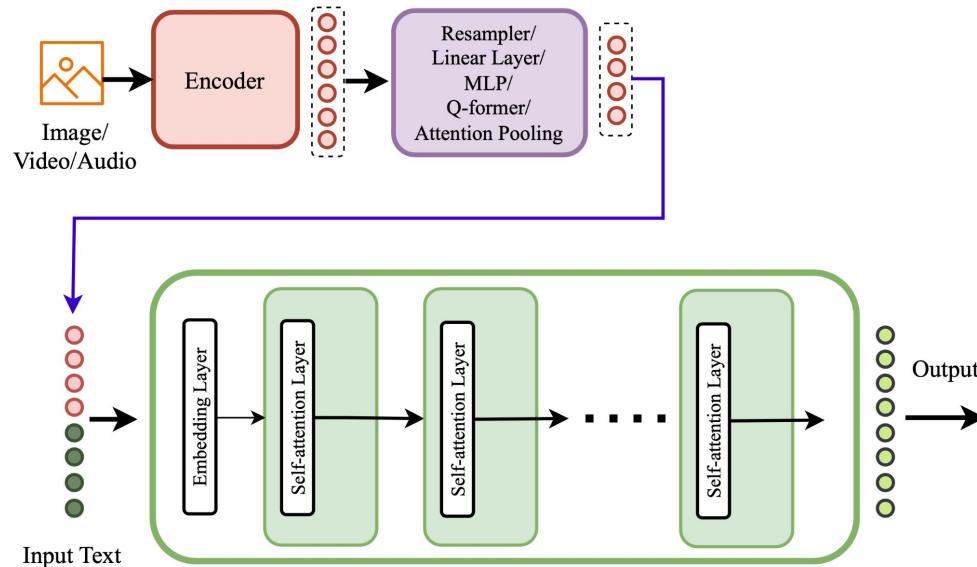
Early Fusion:

Non-Tokenized Early Fusion (NT-EF)



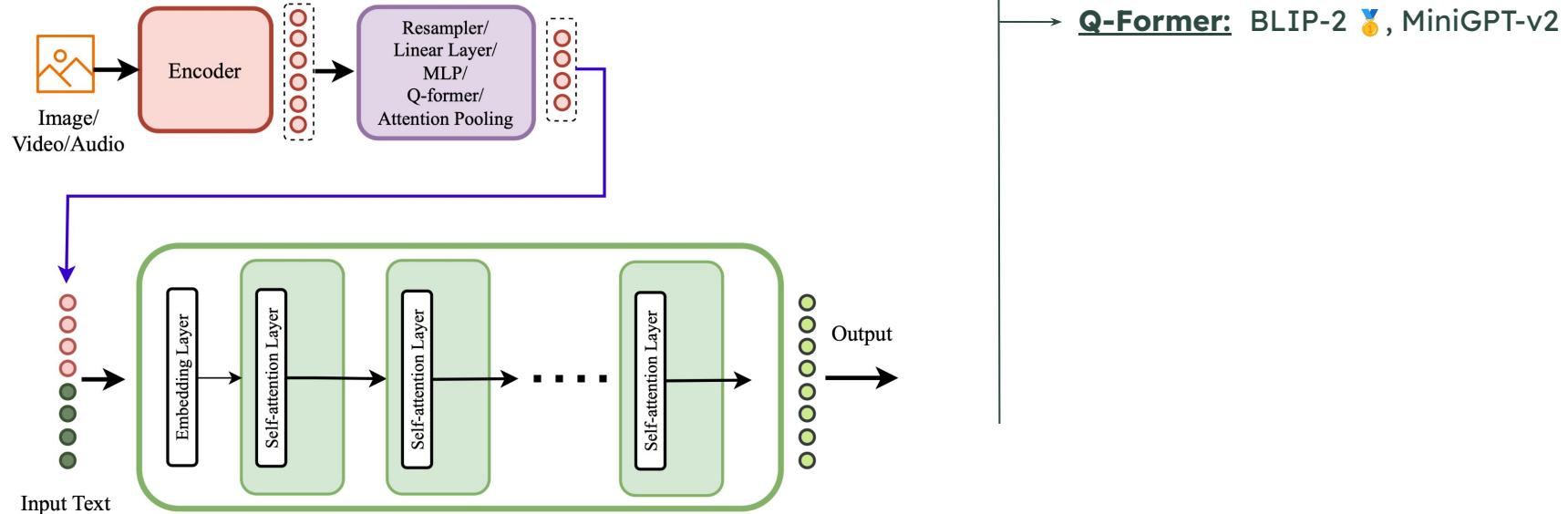
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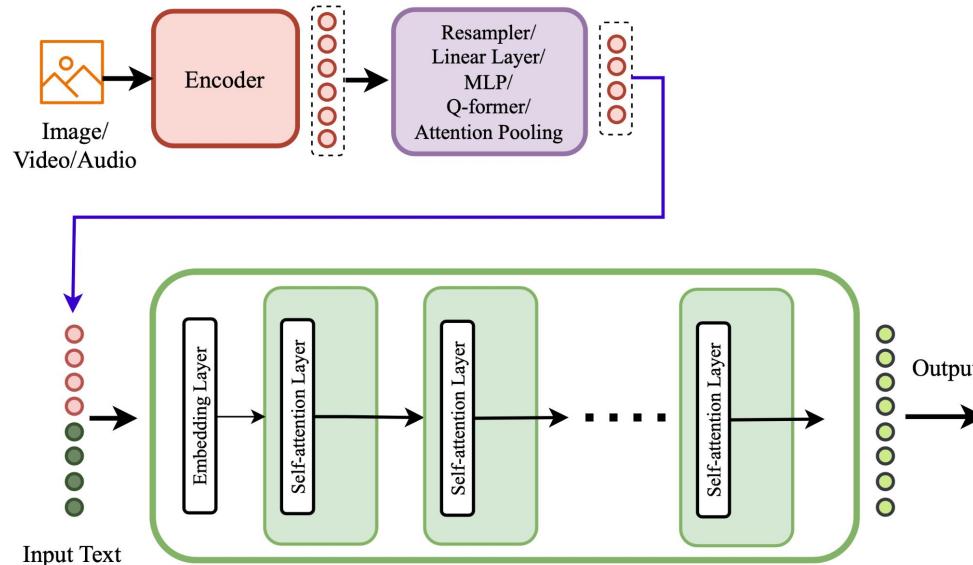
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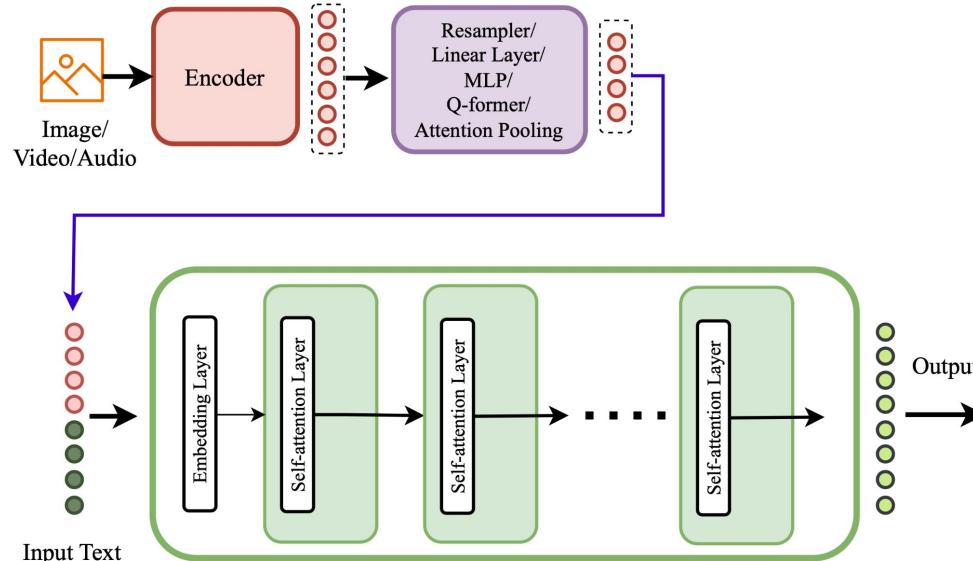


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- **Linear / MLP:** DeepSeek-VL, LLaVA, LLaVA-NeXT, PaLM-E, Shikra
- **Perceiver resampler:** Monkey, V*, Kosmos-G

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Alibaba Group, 9.6B parameters

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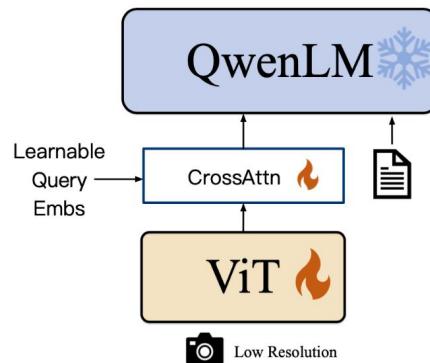
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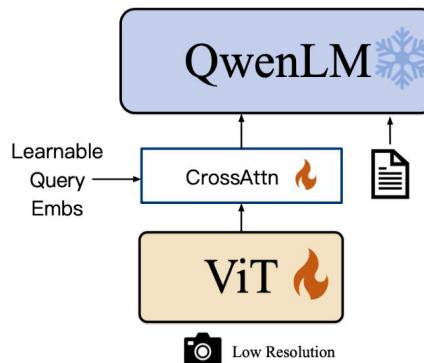
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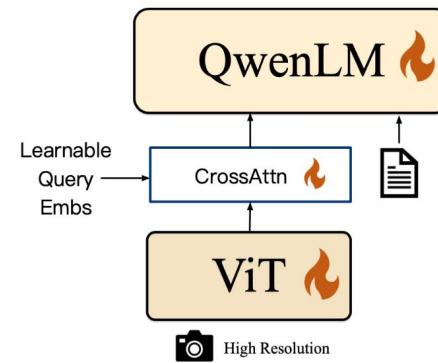
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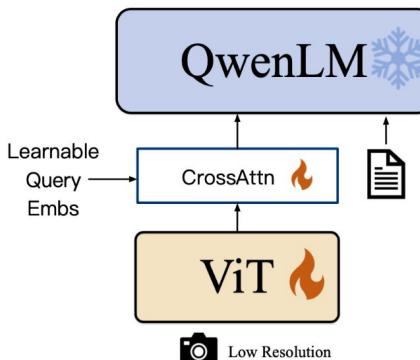


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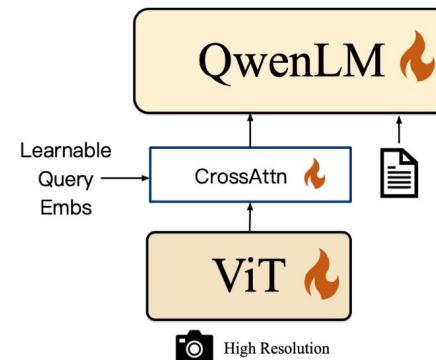
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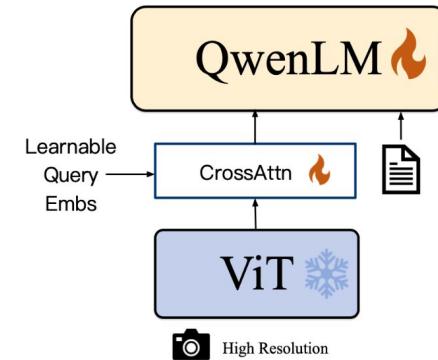
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Stage 3: Supervised Fine-tuning
 instructions, 350k data

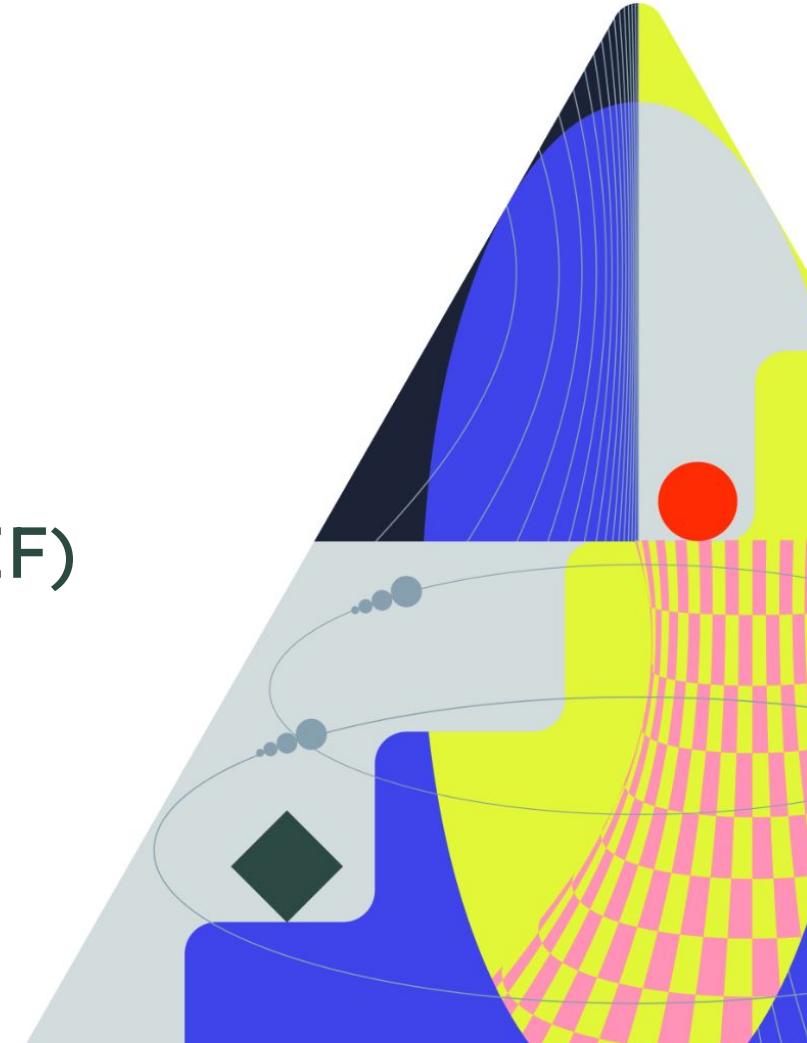


Qwen-VL-Chat

2.2

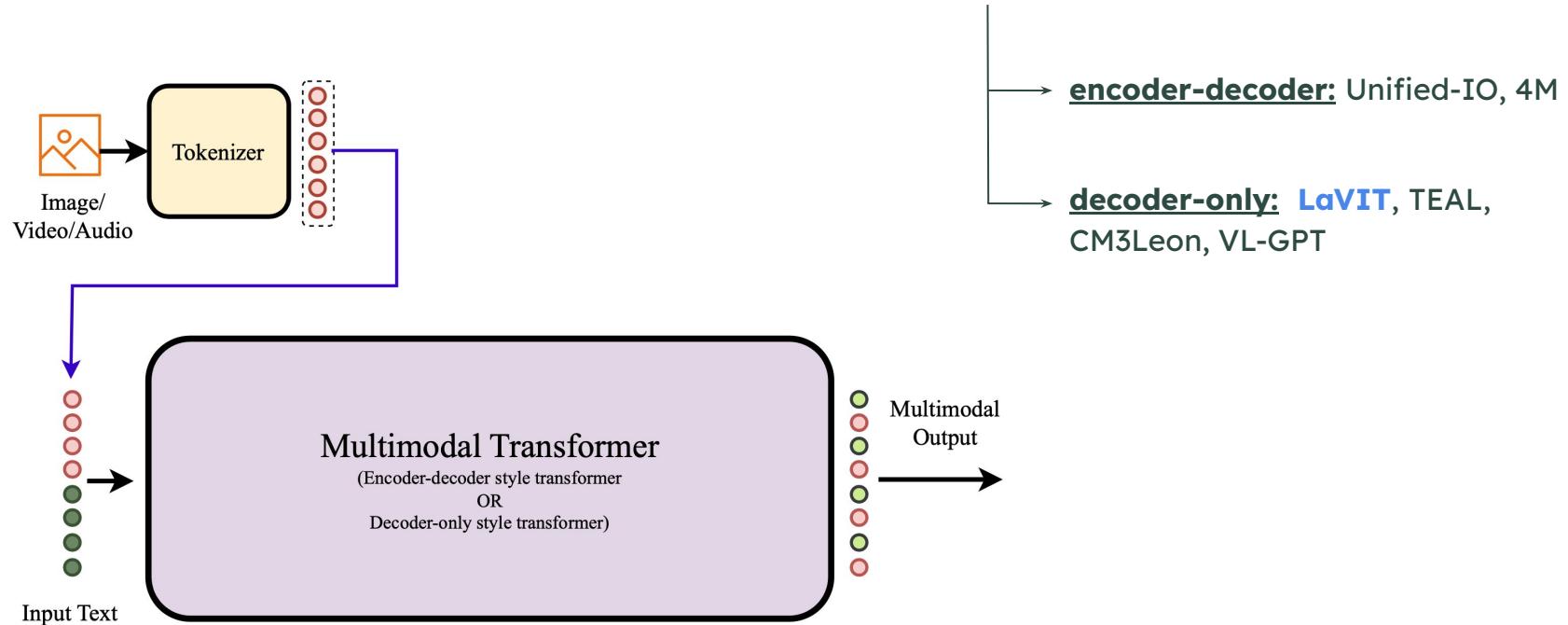
Early Fusion:

Tokenized Early Fusion (T-EF)



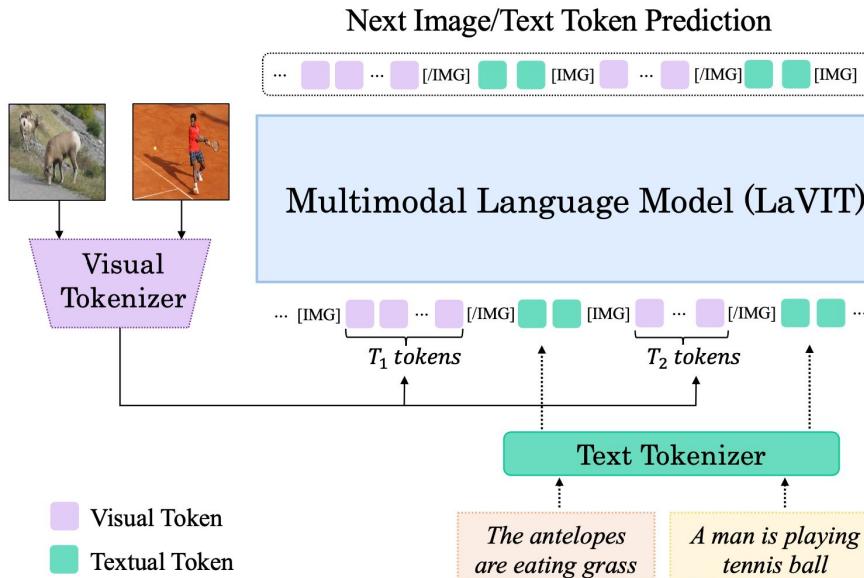
T-EF: Tokenized

Inputs are tokenized **using a common tokenizer** or modality specific tokenizers



T-EF: LaVIT (Mar 2024, ICLR)

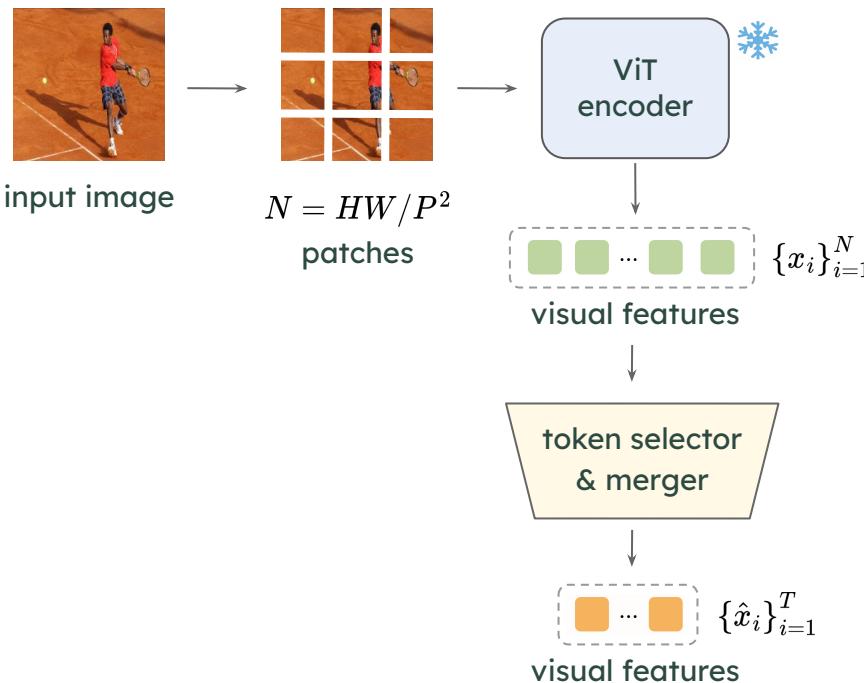
LaVIT — Language-Vision Transformer by researchers from Peking & Kuaishou University



1. represent two modalities in a uniform form to exploit **LLM's next-token prediction**
2. visual tokenizer returns sequence of **discrete visual tokens** possessing word-like high-level semantics

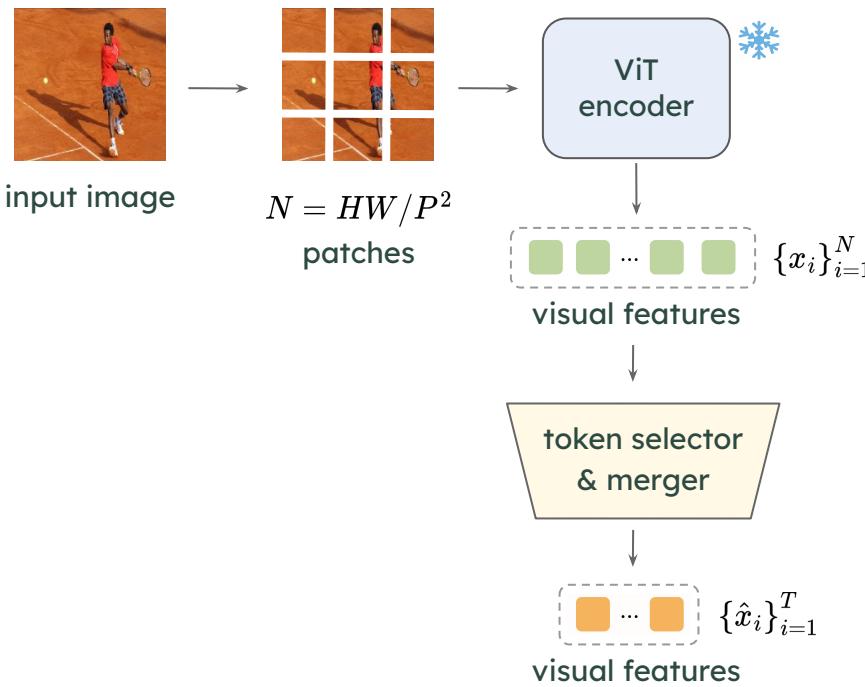
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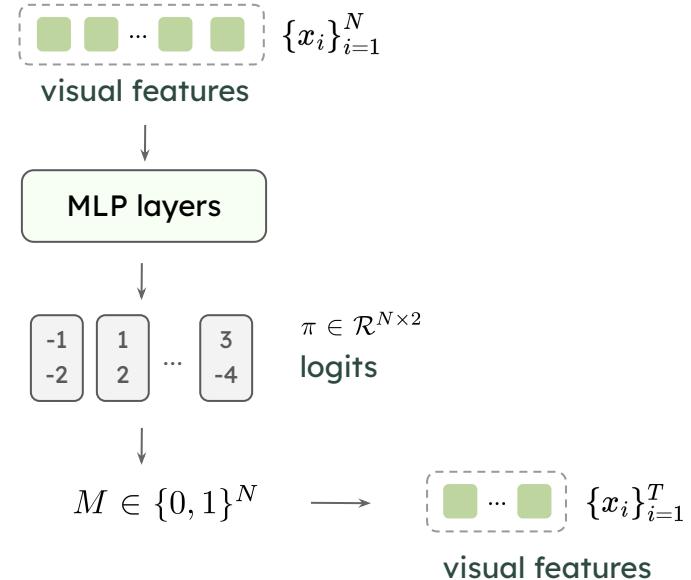


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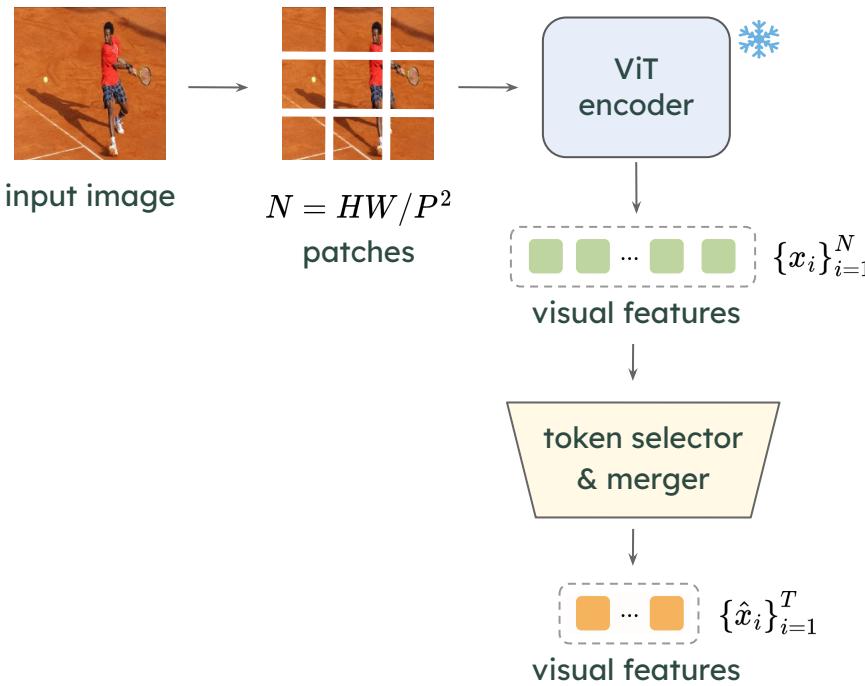


1 token selector

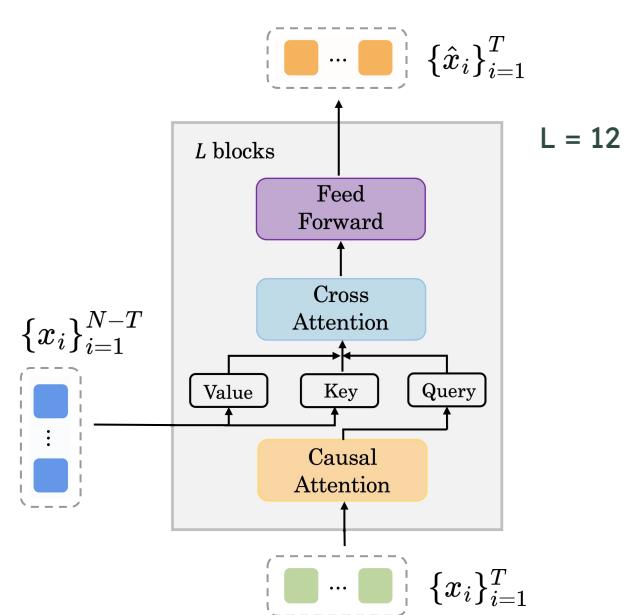


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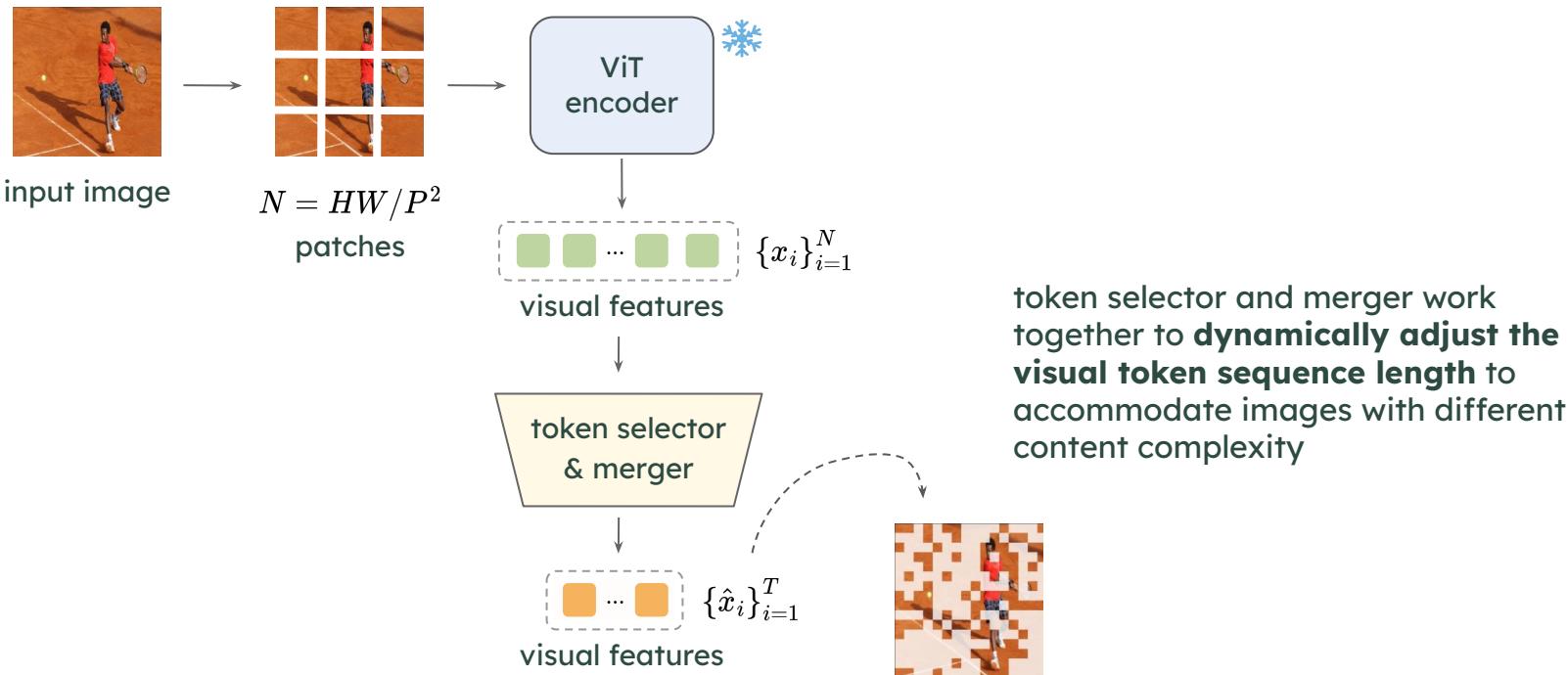


2 token merger



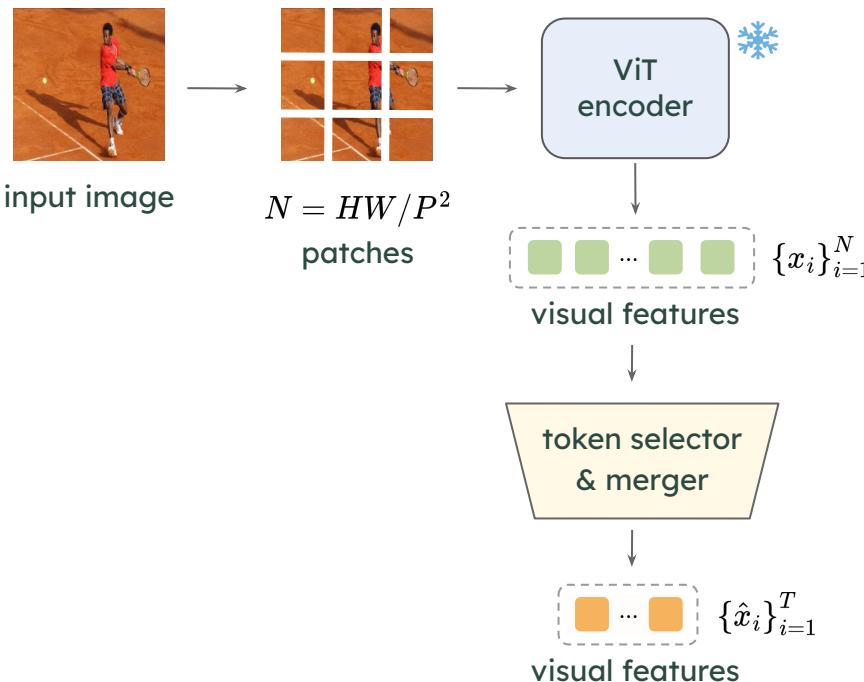
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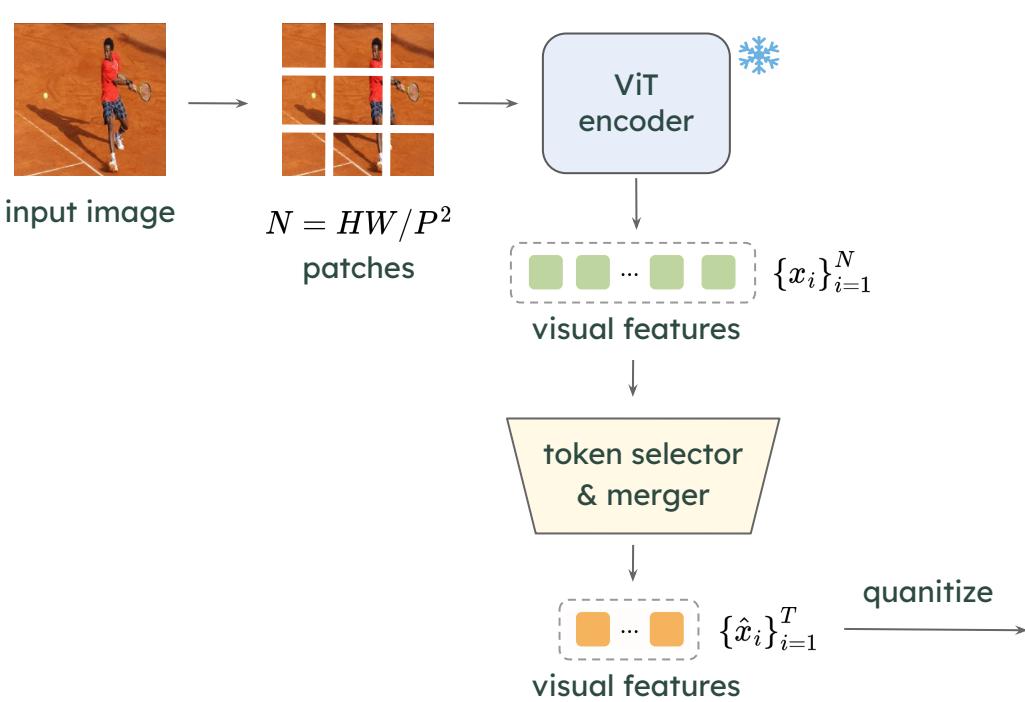
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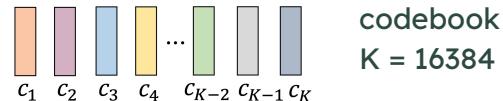


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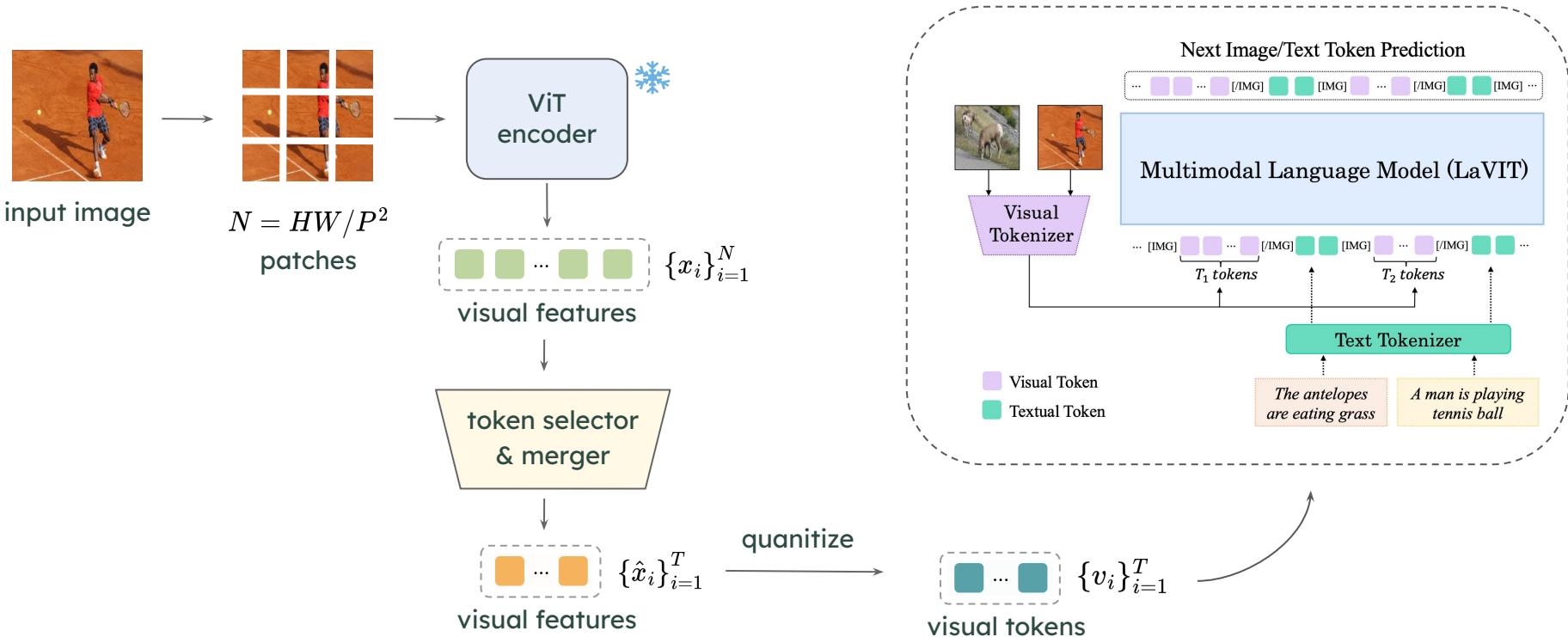
vector quantization



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$$v_i \in [0, K - 1]$$

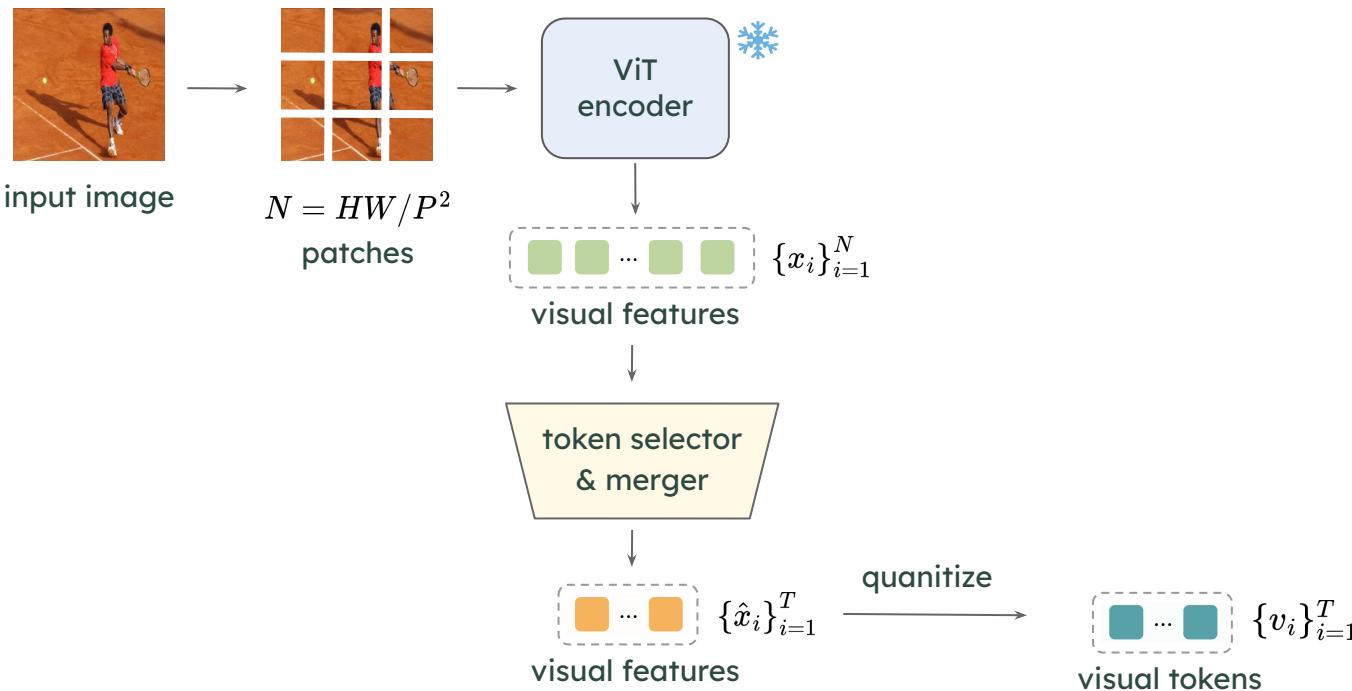
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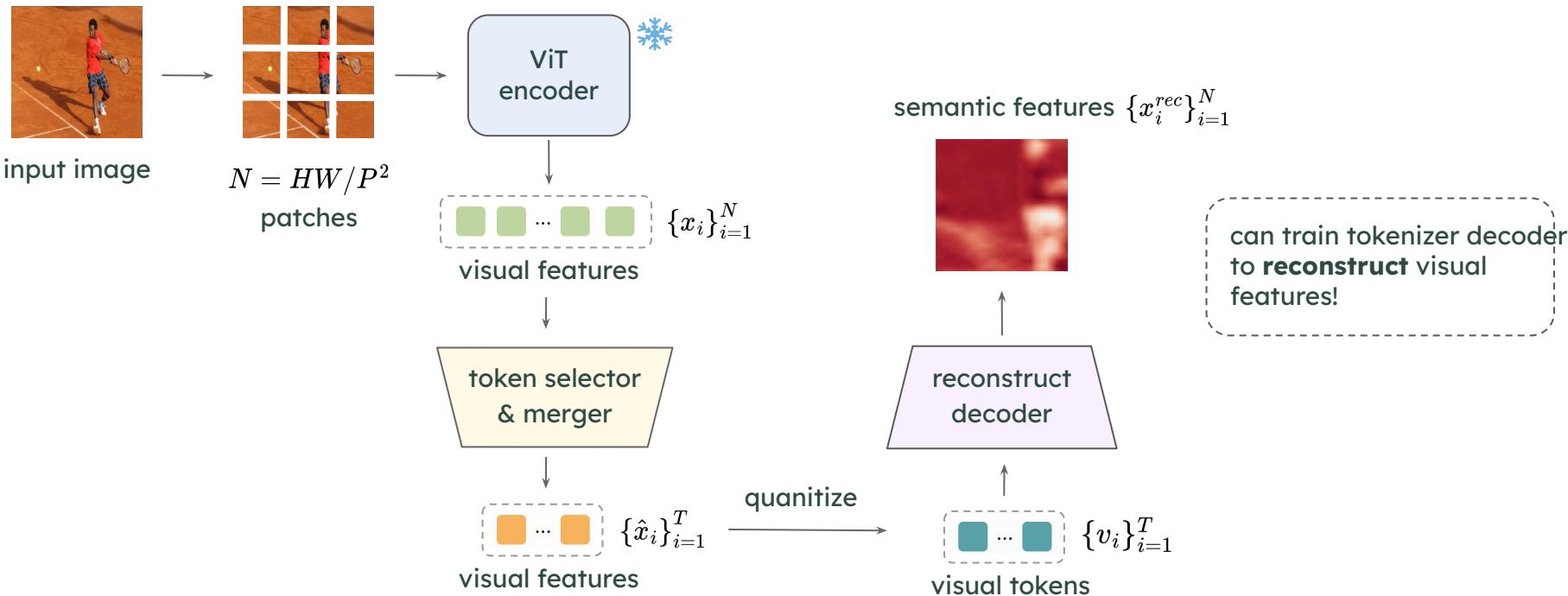
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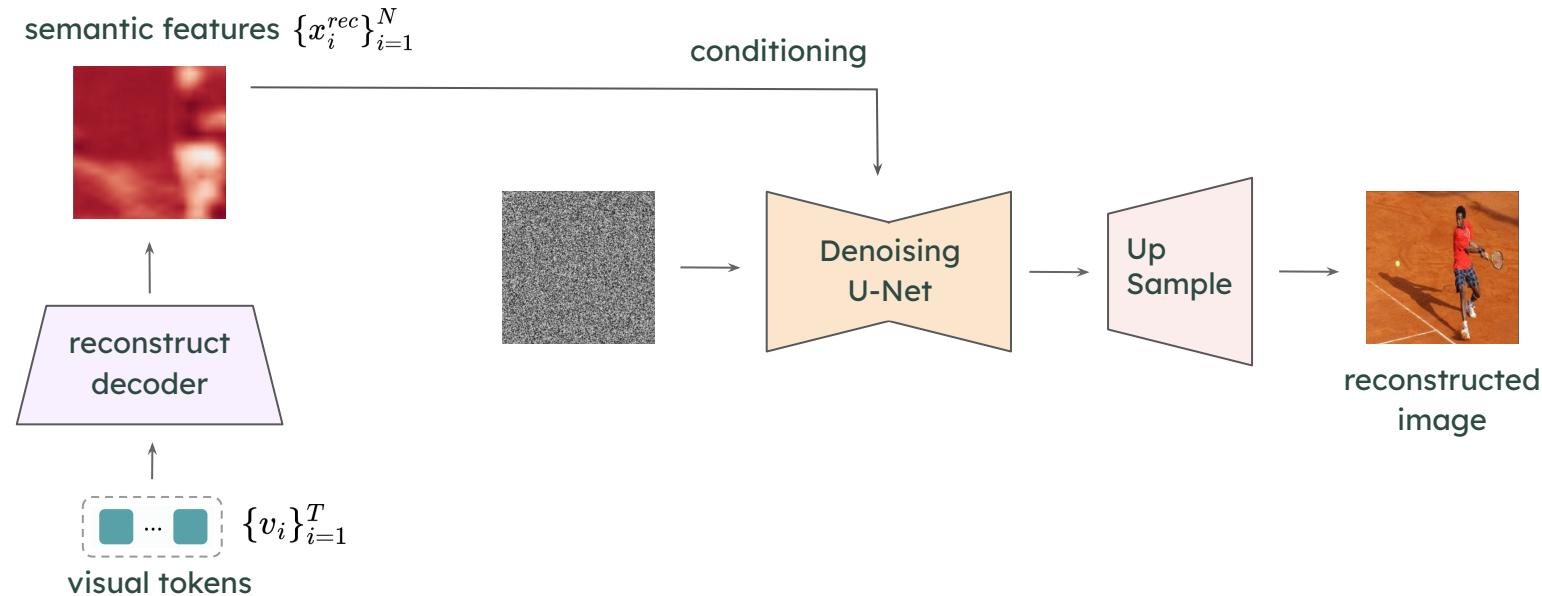
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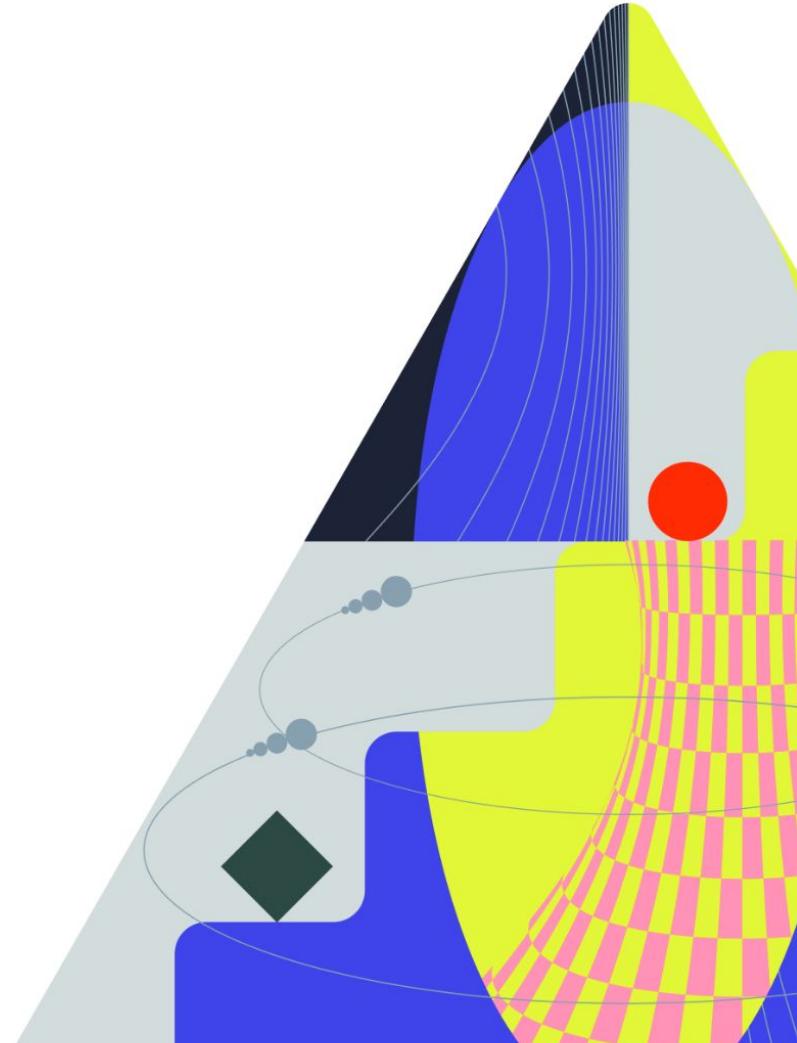
During inference, the generated visual tokens from LaVIT **can be decoded** into realistic images **by this U-Net!**



Part 2

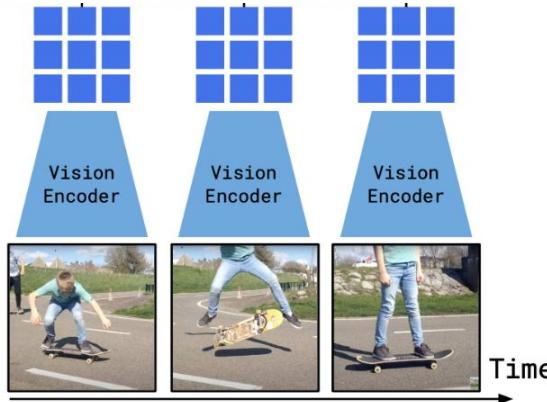
Video Modality

Examples of such models

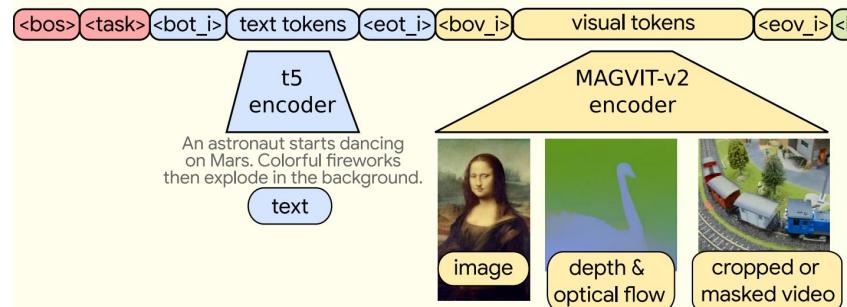


General Approaches

1 uniformly downsample the original video into a **series of frames**



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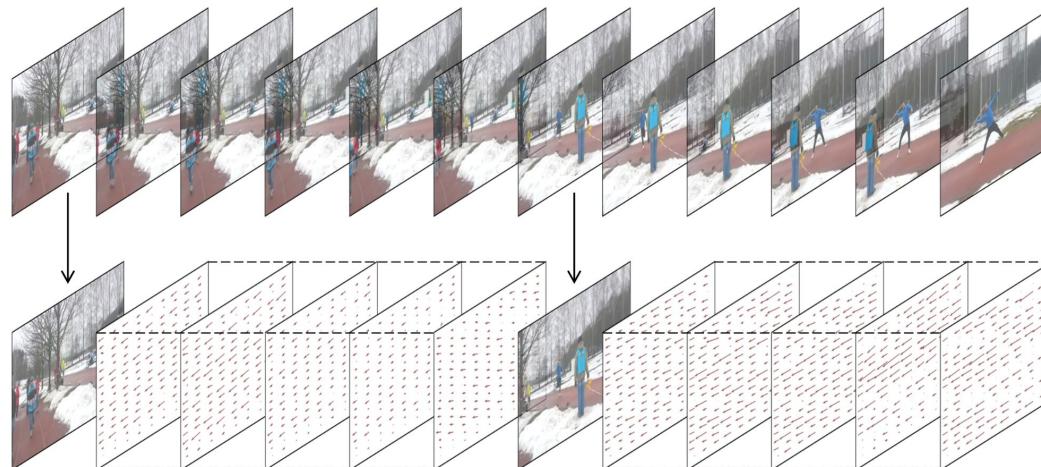
[1] **Flamingo**: a Visual Language Model for Few-Shot Learning. Apr 2022. [\[link\]](#)

[2] **VideoPoet**: A Large Language Model for Zero-Shot Video Generation. Jun 2024. [\[link\]](#)

VideoLaVIT (Feb 2024) – ICML

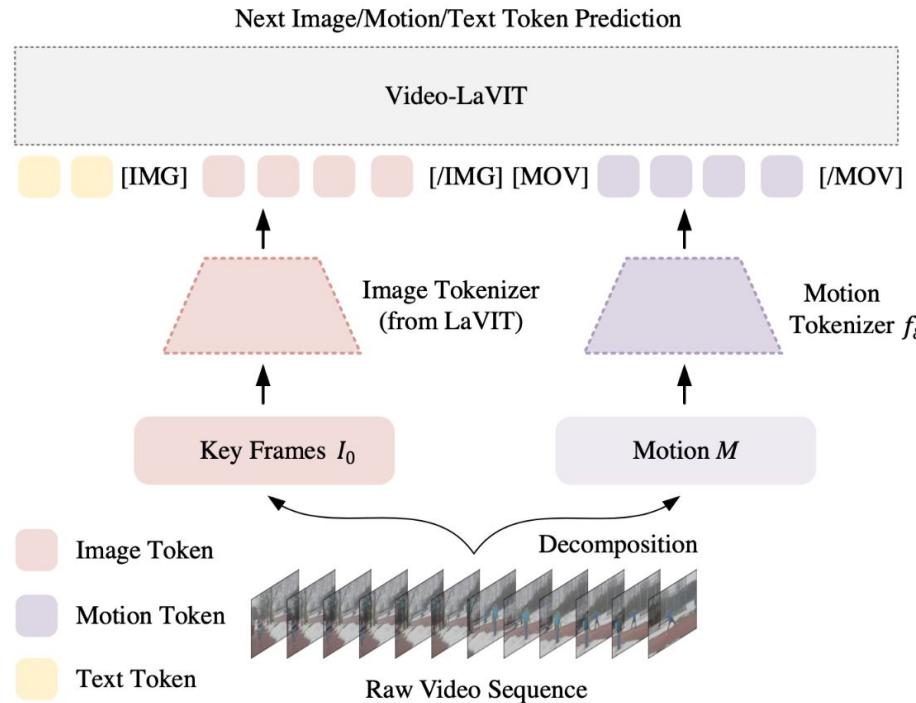
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Key observation: most video parts have a high degree of temporal redundancy that may be described by **motion vectors**



most video frames are not needed and can be described by **motion vectors**, decreasing the number of utilized visual tokens

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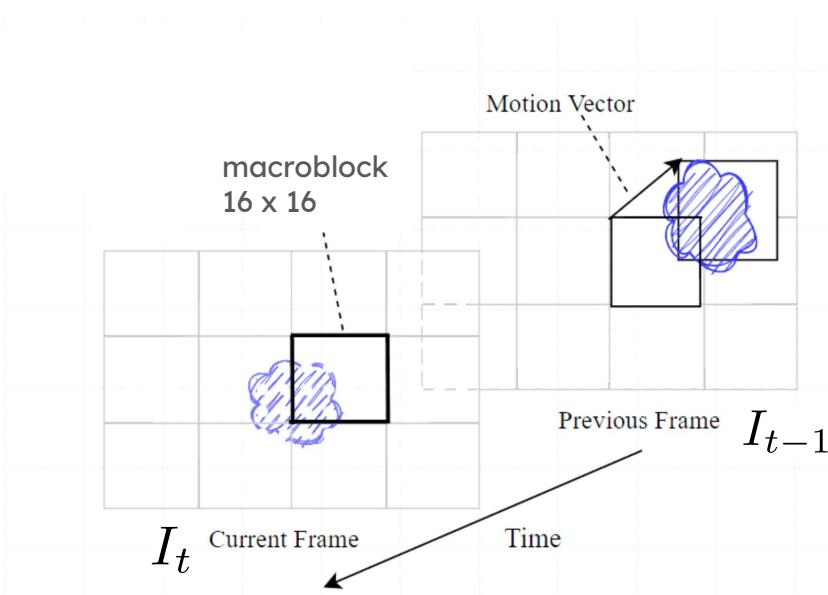


- introduce **novel video-tokenizer** and **video-detokenizer** to adapt visual features to LLM
- video tokens can be updated through the same **next-token-prediction** objective

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Employ the **MPEG-4** (1991) to divide the image to **keyframes** (primary semantics) and **motion** (temporal evolvement)



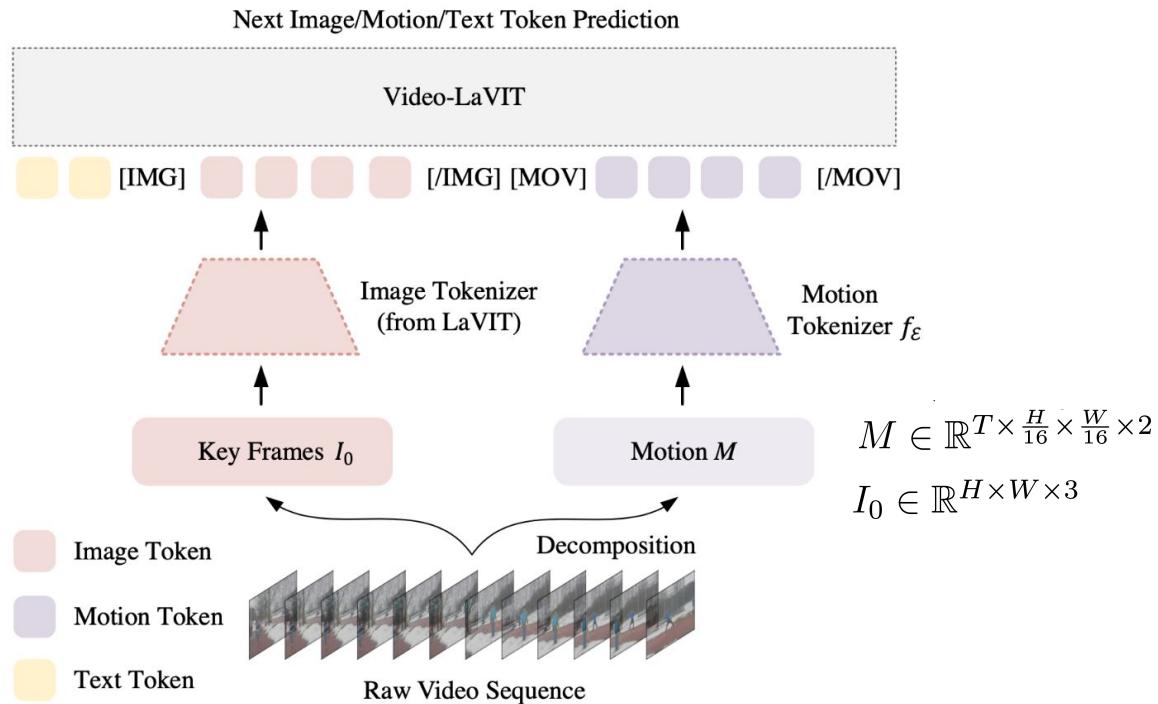
$$\vec{m}(p, q) = \arg \min_{i, j} \|I_t(p, q) - I_{t-1}(p - i, q - j)\|$$

(i, j) – coordinate offset between the center of 2 macroblocks

video clip \longrightarrow

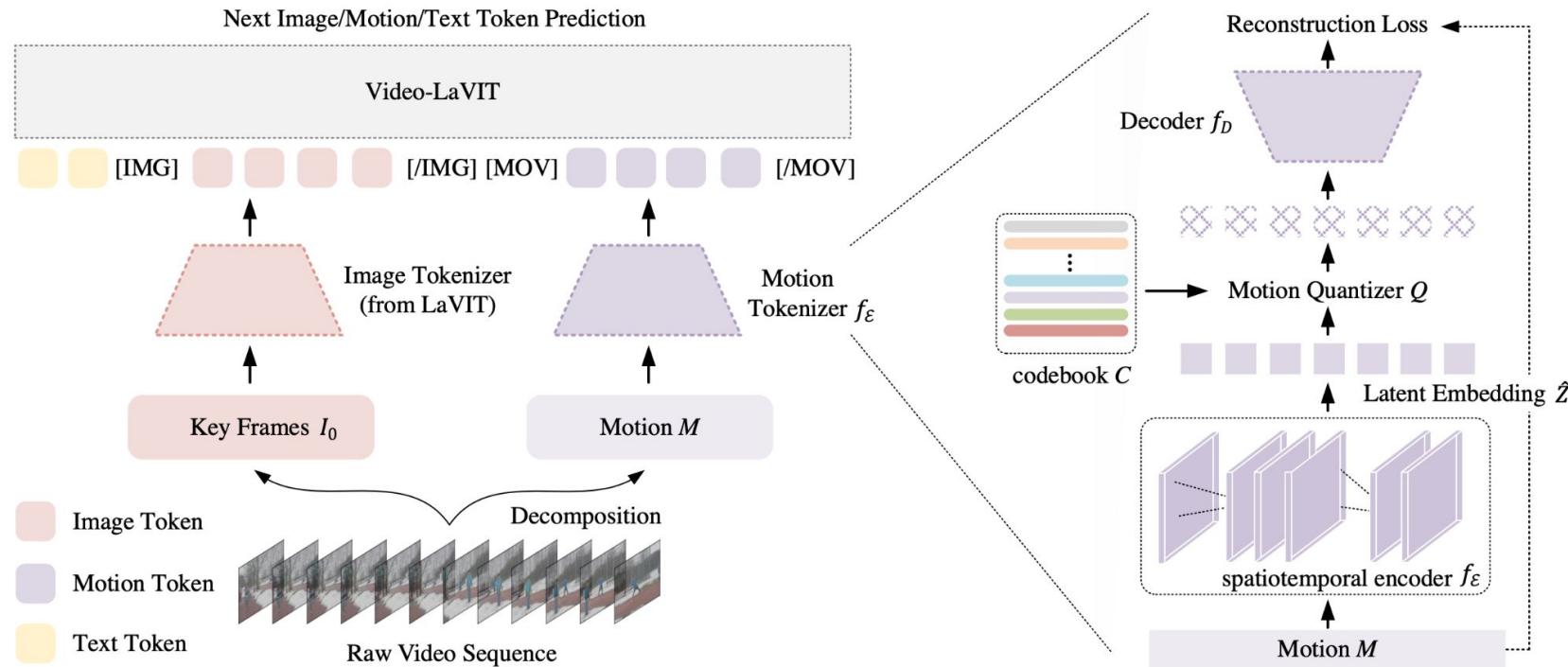
$$I_0 \in \mathbb{R}^{H \times W \times 3}$$
$$M \in \mathbb{R}^{T \times \frac{H}{16} \times \frac{W}{16} \times 2}$$

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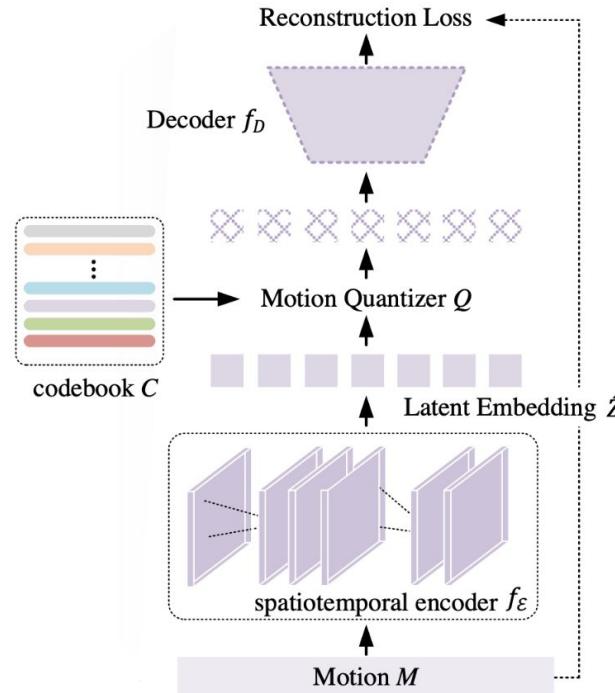
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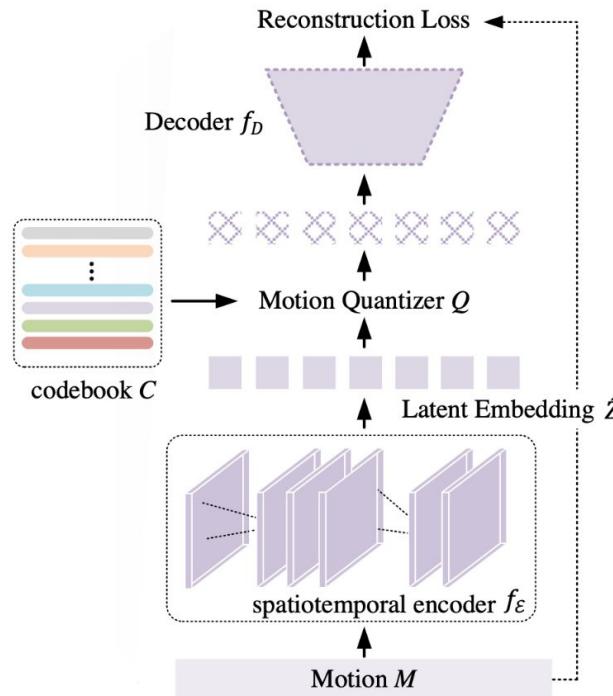
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Each embedding vector is then tokenized by a vector quantizer

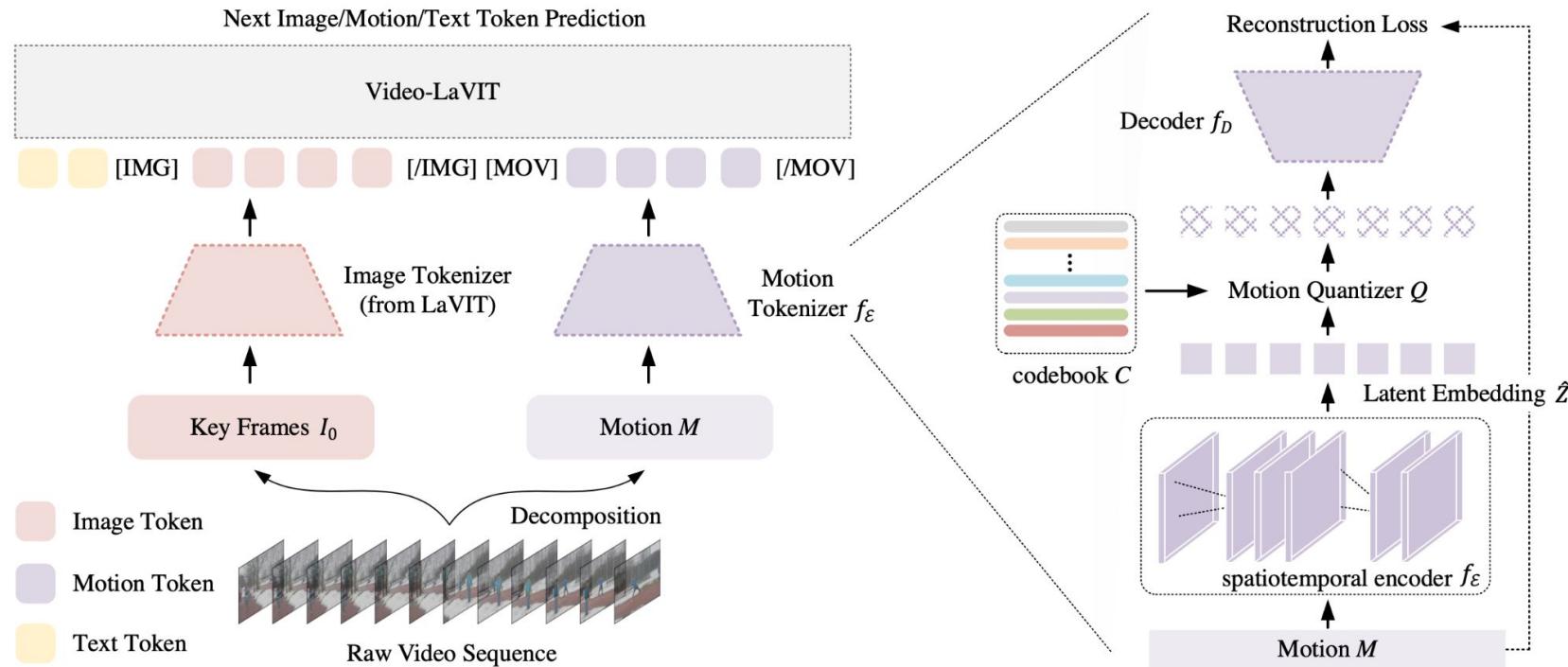
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Conclusions

- 1 Considered **classification of VLMs** based on feature fusion
- 2 Investigated models for **Deep Fusion**: OpenFlamingo, MoE-LLaVA
- 3 Investigated models for **Early Fusion**: Qwen-VL, LaVIT
- 4 Explored **Video-LaVIT** that processes video modality