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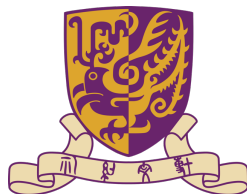
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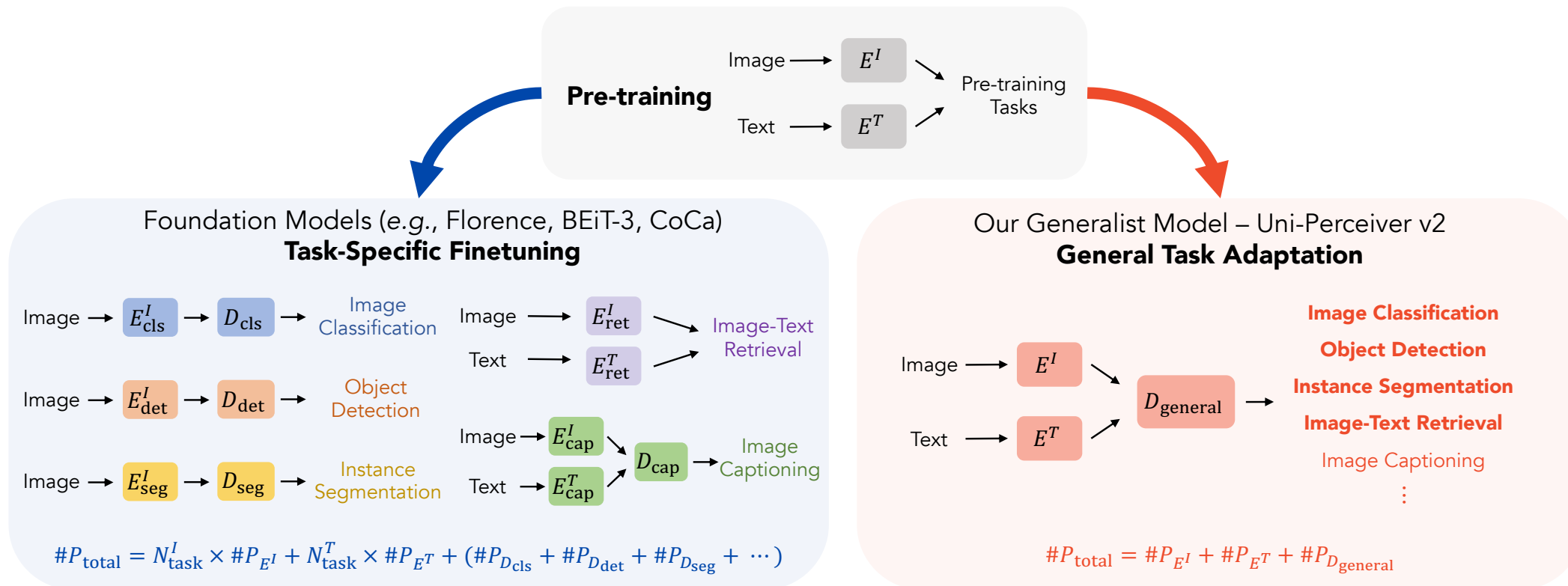
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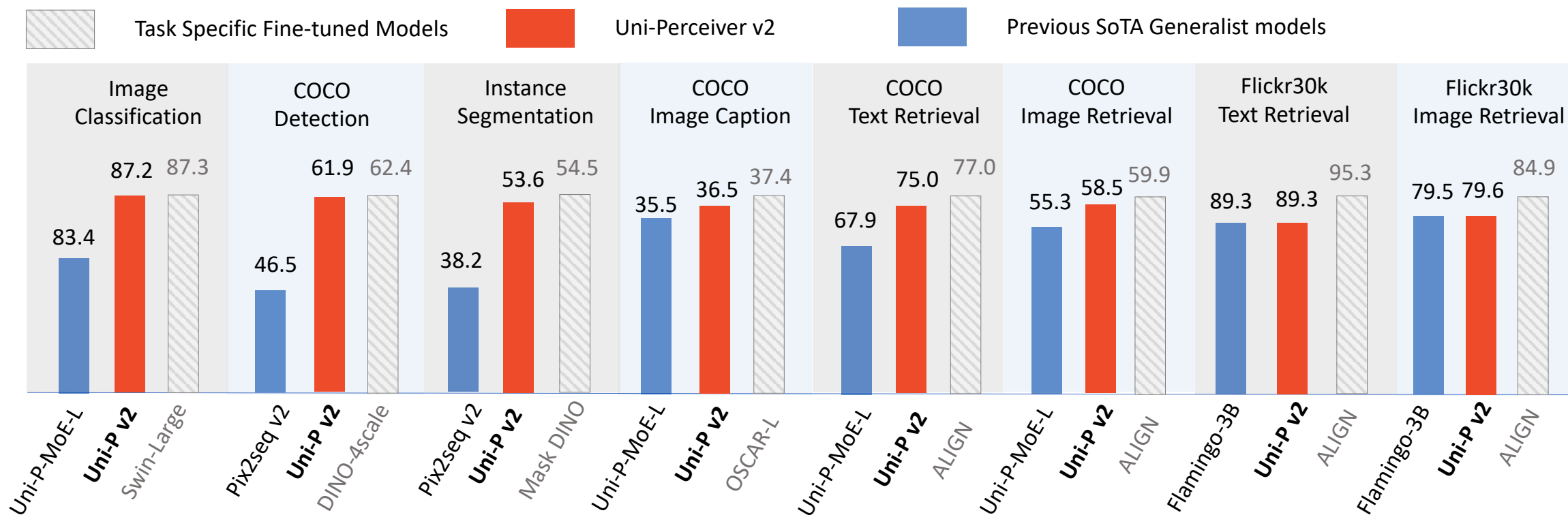
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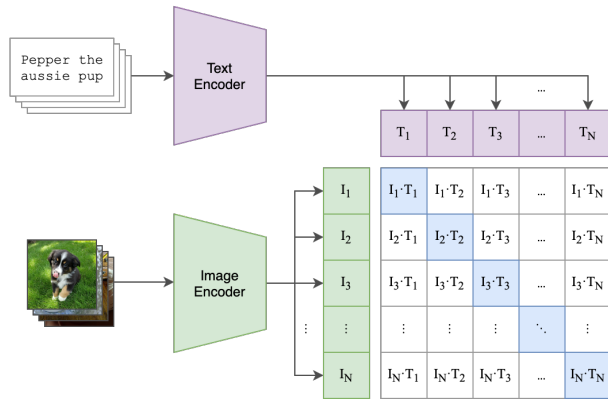
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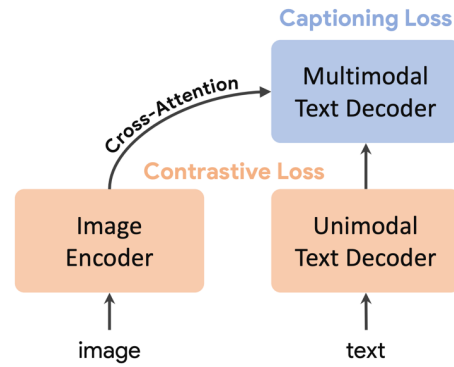
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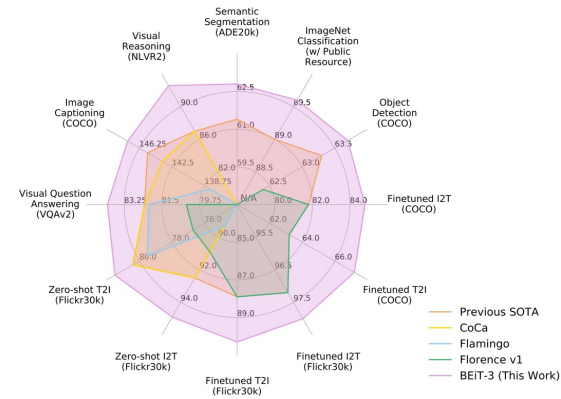
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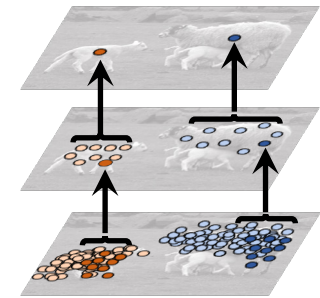
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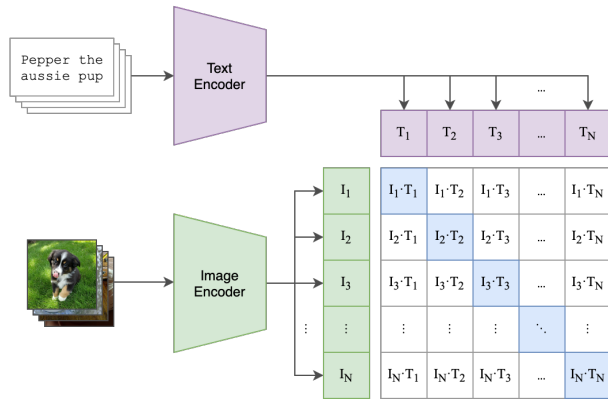


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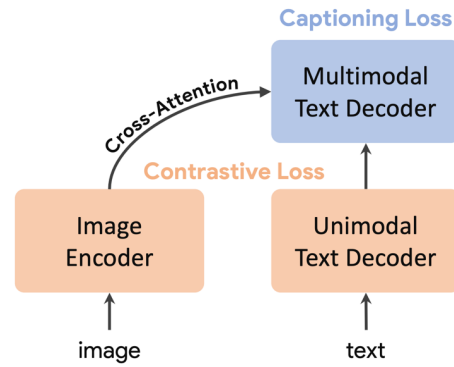


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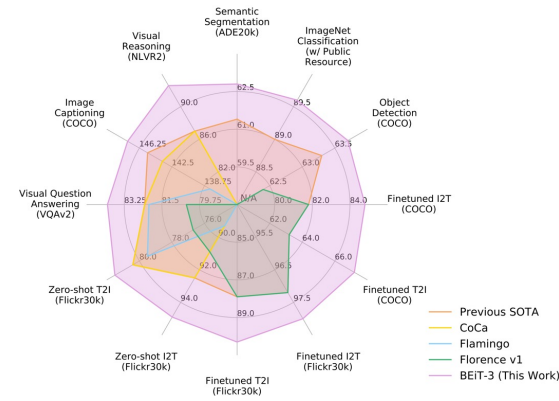
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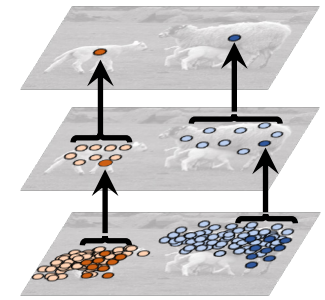
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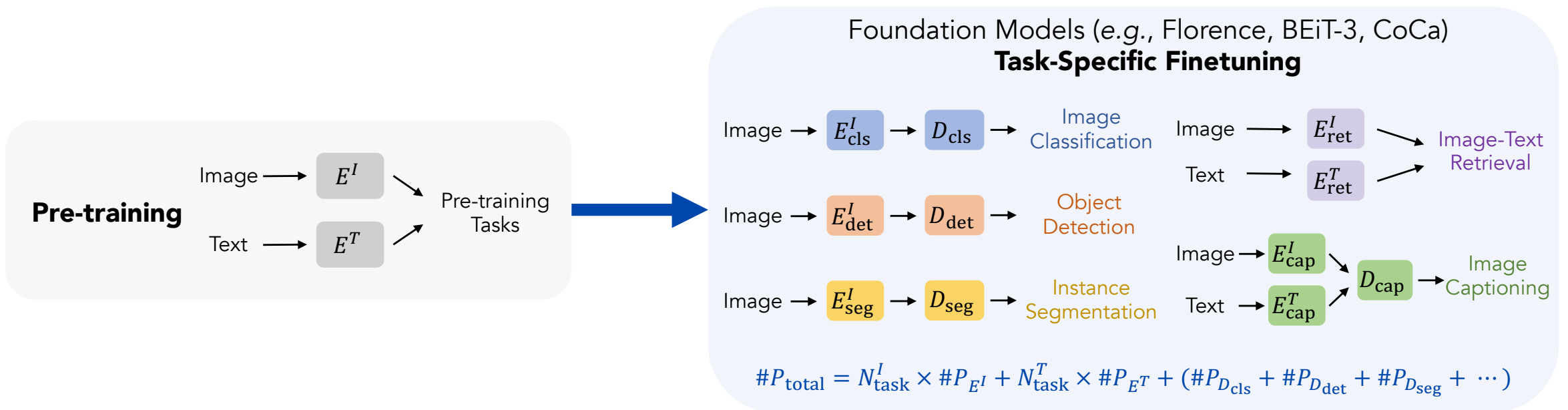


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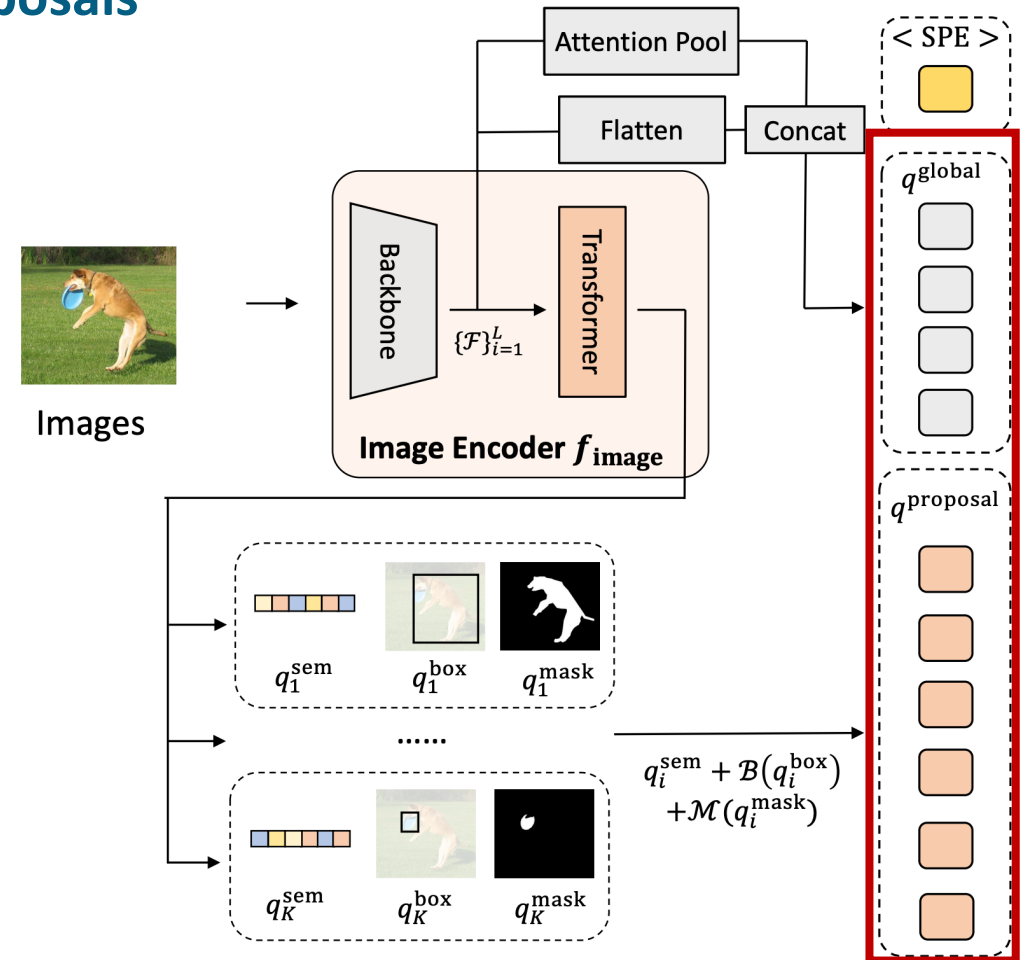
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$$f_{\text{image}}(x) = \text{Concat} \left(\{q_i^{\text{global}}\}_{i=1}^M, \{q_j^{\text{proposal}}\}_{j=1}^N \right)$$

where

$$q_j^{\text{proposal}} = q_j^{\text{sem}} + \mathcal{B}(q_j^{\text{box}}) + \mathcal{M}(q_j^{\text{mask}})$$

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- **Output:** Employing the **unified task formulation** of Uni-Perceiver

In Uni-Perceiver, different tasks are identified as **different input set X and candidate output set Y** . Given $x \in X$, the task is defined as **finding $y \in Y$ with the maximum likelihood x** .

The likelihood between input x and target y

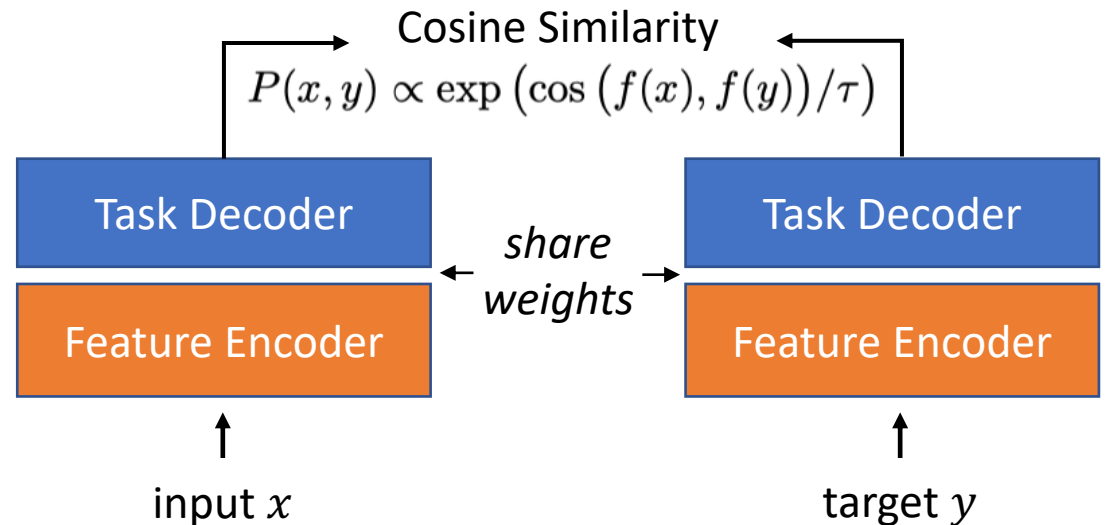
$$P(x, y) \propto \exp(\cos(f(x), f(y))/\tau)$$

Given x , the target \hat{y} with the maximum likelihood

$$\hat{y} = \arg \max_{y \in \mathcal{Y}} P(x, y)$$

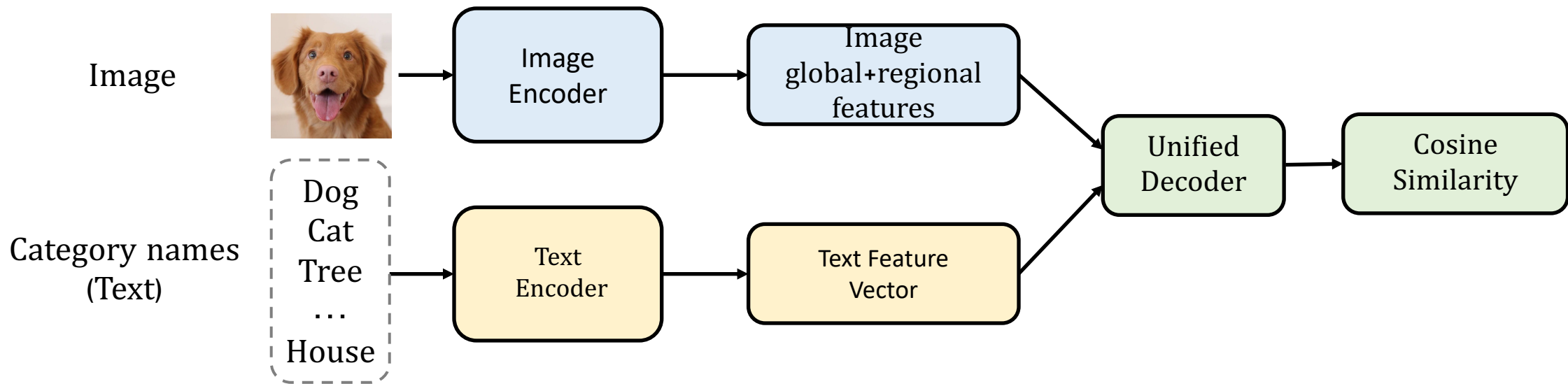
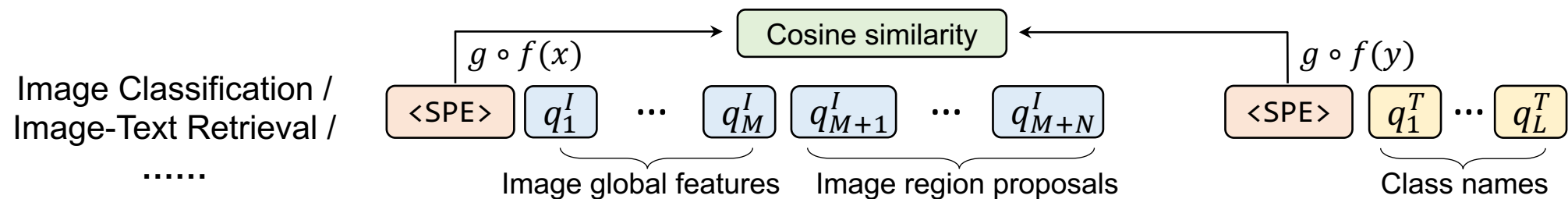
Loss function for multi-task joint training

$$L = \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E}_{\{x, y\} \in \{\mathcal{X}_i, \mathcal{Y}_i\}} \left[-\log \frac{P(x, y)}{\sum_{z \in \mathcal{Y}_i} P(x, z)} \right]$$



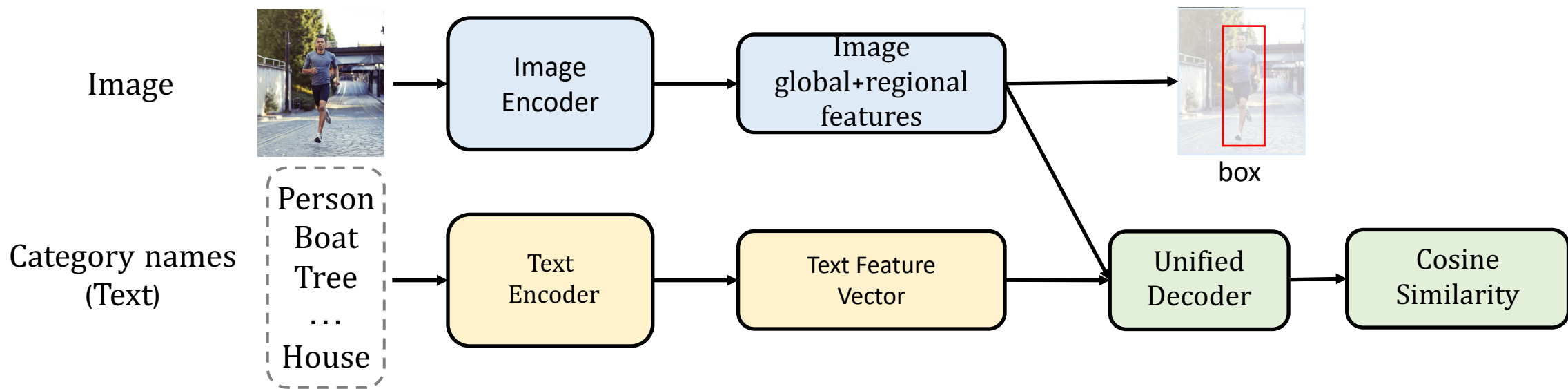
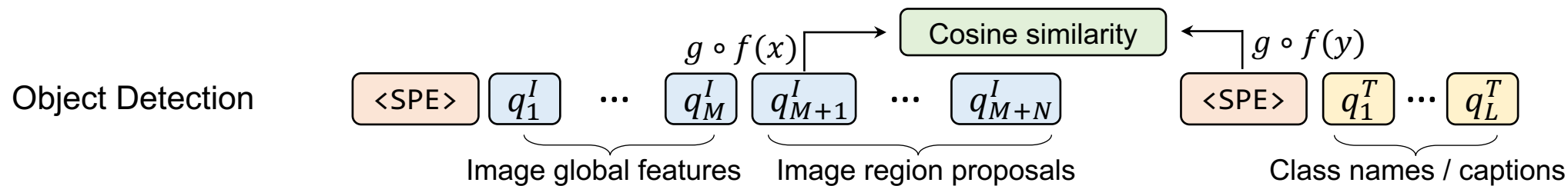
- **Unified Task Formulation of Uni-Perceiver**

- **Image Classification**



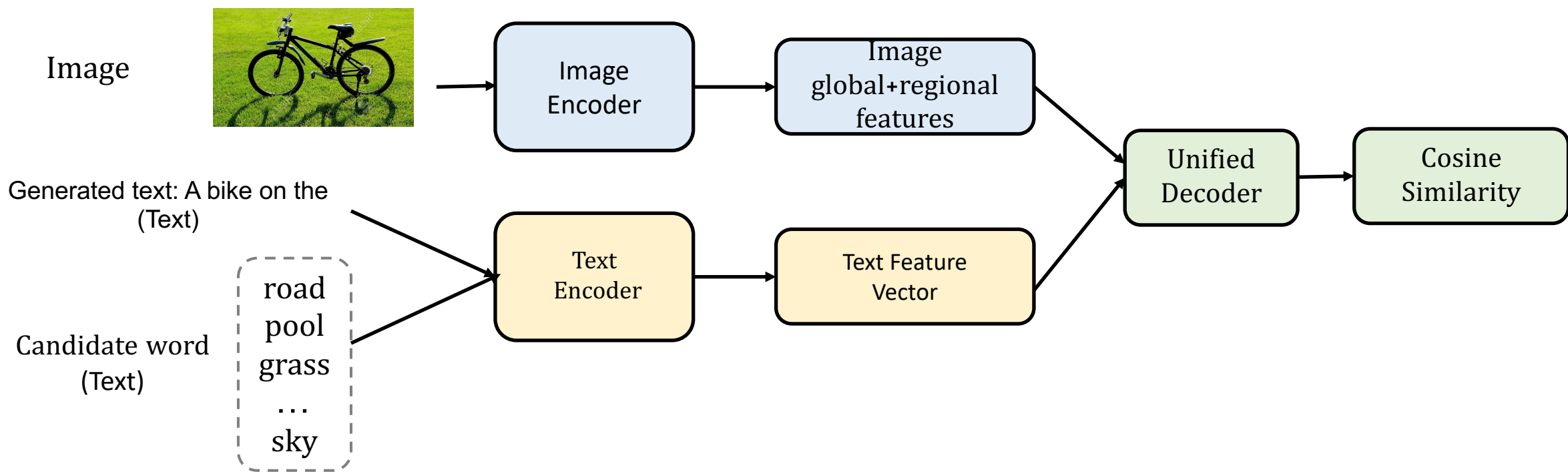
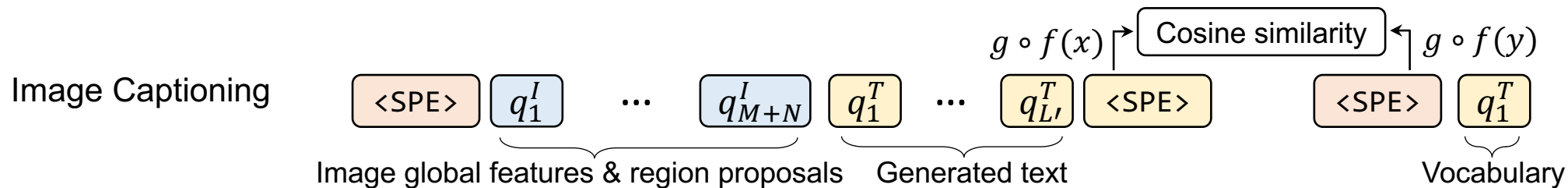
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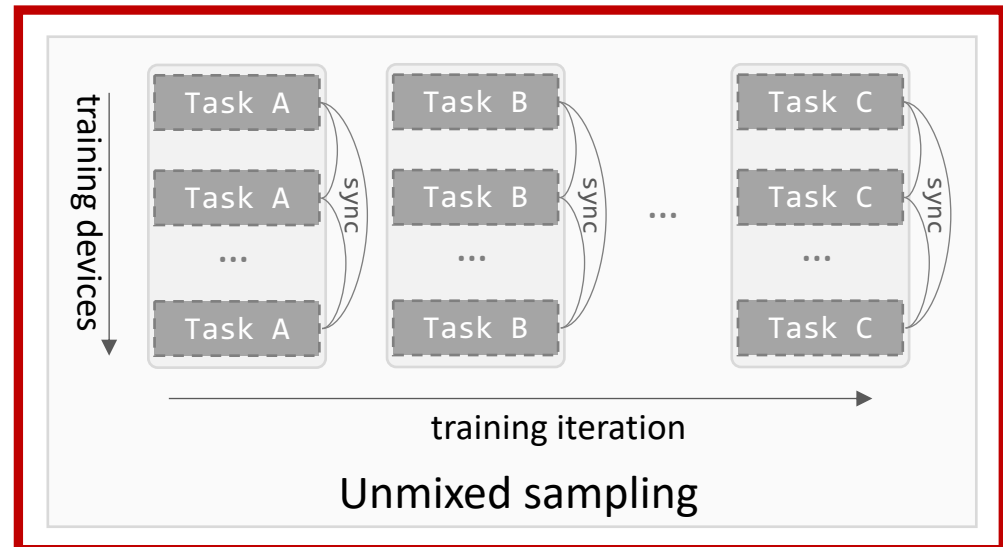
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- **Difficulty #2:** Different tasks may **conflict** with shared parameters
- **Solution:** We employ the **Conditional MoE** proposed in Uni-Perceiver-MoE

Tasks	COCO Detection	ImageNet-1k Classification	COCO Retrieval		COCO Caption
Single Task	50.1	76.1	50.0	37.6	30.2
All Tasks	49.8	76.3	46.0	34.7	28.9
w/o Detection	-	76.6 (+0.3)	47.0 (+1.0)	34.6 (-0.1)	30.4 (+0.5)
w/o Classification	50.1 (+0.3)	-	51.6 (+5.6)	38.6 (+3.9)	25.9 (-3.0)
w/o Retrieval	49.5 (-0.3)	76.3 (+0.0)	-	-	27.4 (-1.5)
w/o Captioning	49.7 (-0.1)	76.3 (+0.0)	51.2 (+5.2)	38.3 (+3.6)	-
All Tasks w/ MoE	49.9 (+0.1)	76.9 (+0.6)	51.3 (+5.3)	38.8 (+4.1)	30.6 (+0.7)

- **Difficulty #3:** Multi-task joint training requires **trade-off between tasks, which is tricky**
- **Solution:** We propose improved optimization strategy for multi-task training
 - **Unmixed sampling strategy :** All GPUs share the same task in one iteration
 - Increases batch-size, which improves efficiency and performance
 - Reduces the synchronization cost caused by the different iteration time of different tasks
 - **Difficulty:** the gradients differ significantly between iterations, causing training instability



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 - **Task-Balanced Gradient Normalization:** Adaptively normalize the gradients of each task to stabilize the training with unmixed sampling strategy

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \mathbf{g}_t \leftarrow \nabla L_{t,k}(\theta_{t-1}) \\ \mathbf{m}_t = (1-\beta_1)\mathbf{m}_{t-1} + \beta_1 \mathbf{g}_t \\ \mathbf{n}_t = (1-\beta_2)\mathbf{n}_{t-1} + \beta_2 \mathbf{g}_t^2 \\ \theta_t = \theta_{t-1} - \alpha \frac{\mathbf{m}_t}{\sqrt{\mathbf{n}_t + \varepsilon}} \end{array} \right. \Rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \mathbf{g}_t \leftarrow \omega_k \frac{\nabla L_{t,k}(\theta_{t-1})}{\|\nabla L_{t,k}(\theta_{t-1})\|} \\ \mathbf{m}_t = (1-\beta_1)\mathbf{m}_{t-1} + \frac{\beta_1}{s_k} \mathbf{g}_t \\ \mathbf{n}_t = (1-\beta_2)\mathbf{n}_{t-1} + \frac{\beta_2}{s_k} \mathbf{g}_t^2 \\ \theta_t = \theta_{t-1} - \alpha \frac{\mathbf{m}_t}{\sqrt{\mathbf{n}_t + \varepsilon}} \end{array} \right.$$

Task	Gather	TBGN	COCO	ImageNet-1k	COCO	COCO
Sampling	Feature		Detection	Classification	Retrieval	Caption
mixed			49.6	76.7	40.1 31.9	27.6
unmixed			49.2	76.6	39.8 30.9	27.5
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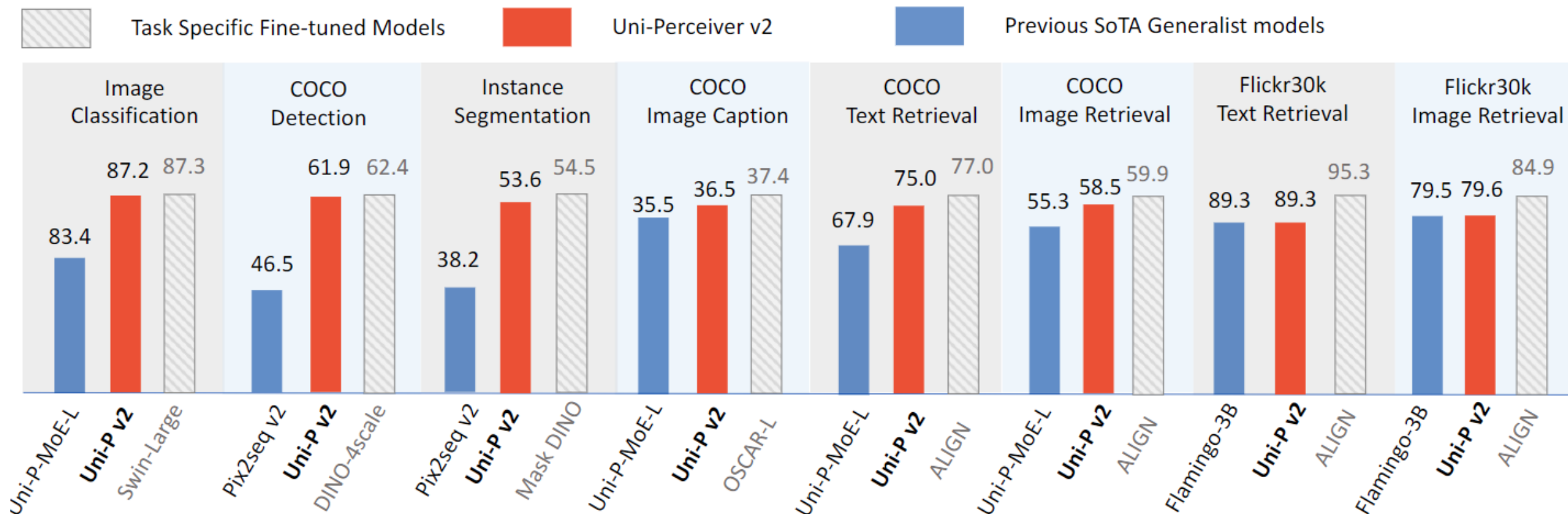
Task-Balanced Gradient Normalization

• Experiments

Methods	#params	Image	Object	Instance	Image		Text		Image	
		Classification	Detection	Segmentation	Captioning		Retrieval		Retrieval	
		ImageNet-1k Acc	COCO mAP	COCO mAP	COCO B@4	COCO CIDEr	COCO R@1	Flickr30k R@1	COCO R@1	Flickr30k R@1
Pix2Seq v2 [5]	132M	-	<u>46.5</u>	<u>38.2</u>	34.9	-	-	-	-	-
UniTab [43]	185M	-	-	-	-	115.8	-	-	-	-
Unified-IO _{LARGE} [23]	776M	71.8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unified-IO _{XL} [23]	2.9B	79.1	-	-	-	<u>122.3</u>	-	-	-	-
Flamingo-3B [1]	3.2B	-	-	-	-	-	65.9	<u>89.3</u>	48.0	<u>79.5</u>
Uni-Perceiver _{BASE} [50]	124M	79.2	-	-	32.0	-	64.9	82.3	50.7	71.1
Uni-Perceiver _{LARGE} [50]	354M	82.7	-	-	35.3	-	67.8	83.7	54.1	74.2
Uni-Perceiver-MoE _{BASE} [49]	167M	80.3	-	-	33.2	-	64.6	82.1	51.6	72.4
Uni-Perceiver-MoE _{LARGE} [49]	505M	<u>83.4</u>	-	-	<u>35.5</u>	-	<u>67.9</u>	83.6	<u>55.3</u>	75.9
Uni-Perceiver-v2 _{BASE}	308M	86.3	58.6	50.6	35.4	116.9	71.8	88.1	55.6	73.8
Uni-Perceiver-v2 _{LARGE}	446M	87.2 (+3.8)	61.9 (+15.4)	53.6 (+15.4)	36.5 (+1.6)	122.5 (+0.2)	75.0 (+7.1)	89.3 (+0.0)	58.5 (+3.2)	79.6 (+0.1)

- Uni-Perceiver v2 **outperforms all existing generalist models.**
- Uni-Perceiver v2 supports core vision tasks (*e.g.*, object detection / instance segmentation) that **existing generalist models do not support.**

• Experiments



- Uni-Perceiver v2 achieves competitive performance compared with **commonly-recognized task-specific strong baselines that require fine-tuning.**

- **Uni-Perceiver series**

- ❖ Uni-Perceiver (CVPR 2022)

- Proposes the **unified task formulation** and handles a broad range of tasks with **a single model and shared weights**

- ❖ Uni-Perceiver-MoE (NeurIPS 2022)

- Proposes conditional MoE that **effectively mitigate the task interference** in multi-task learning

- ❖ Uni-Perceiver v2 (CVPR 2023)

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Code & Models (in progress) : <https://github.com/fundamentalvision/Uni-Perceiver>