

From Multimodal LLM to Human-level Al

Modality, Instruction, Reasoning, Efficiency and Beyond



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Efficient MLLM

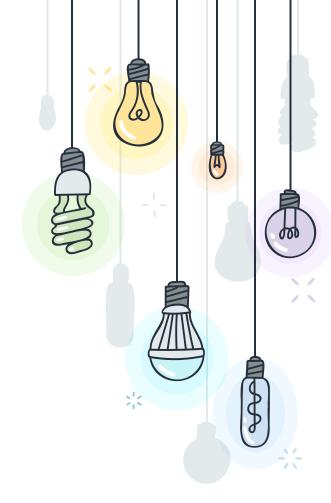


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• What do you mean by saying efficient MLLM?

Given a target performance, we want to reduce the cost for training and inference.

Architecture: some architectures are more efficient.

Data: data source and arangement are important

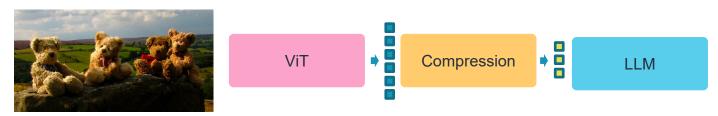
Training Strategy: use transfer learning or connect to pre-trained tools

Acceleration Techs: use Deepspeed for training acceleration

* Architecture

Visual encoding

High-resolution is a key factor for MLLM's performance. But high-res lead to significantly more tokens.





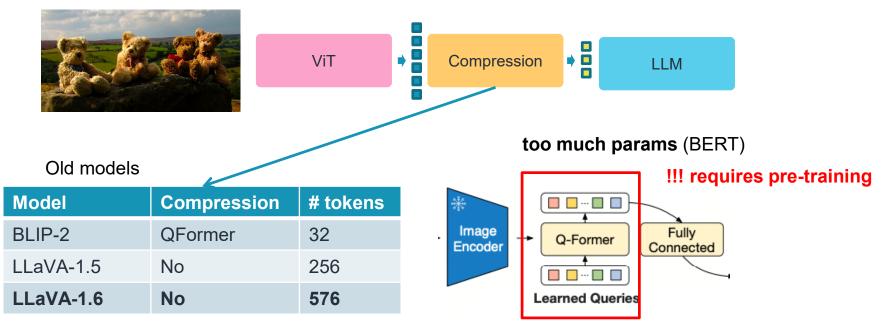
CLIP ViT-L/14

| res. | #tokens |
|---------|---------|
| 224x224 | 256 |
| 336x336 | 576 |
| 448x448 | 1024 |



Visual encoding

The innovation for efficiency in architecture mainly lies on visual encoding.



* Architecture

Visual encoding

Solution: light-weight compression layer.





new models

Qwen-VL

MiniCPM-V2

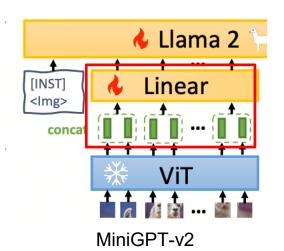
MiniGPT-v2

CogAgent

1 layer cross-attention

merge adjacent tokens with Linear

low-res feature as queries



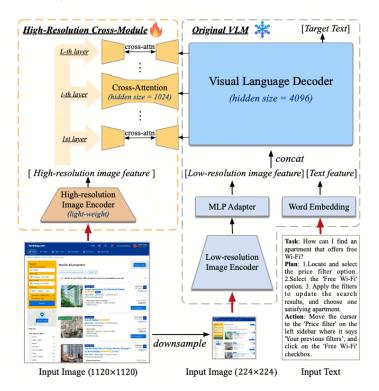


Visual encoding

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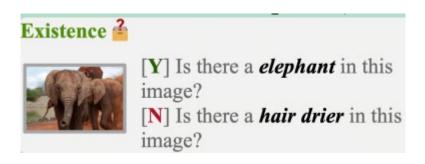
CogAgent





The usage of human-annotated data signicantly boost the MLLM's ability.

| Туре | Examples | Data | MME |
|------------|-------------------------|------------|---------|
| Old models | BLIP-2, VL-Vicuna | Captioning | 1293.84 |
| New models | InstructBLIP, LLaVA-1.5 | VQAv2, GQA | 1531.31 |



Example of MME



Recommendation of some high-quality datasets.

| General VQA | OCR | Instruction Tuning | Region Understanding | Pure Text |
|--|---|--|--|------------------------|
| VQAv2 GQA A-OKVQA OK-VQA ScienceQA VGQA | TextCaps OCR-VQA DocVQA TextVQA ArxivQA | ShareGPT4V LRV ALLaVA All-Seeing V2 LLaVA-Instruct | RefCOCO series Flickr-30K VCR All-Seeing V2 LVIS GranD PSG ADE20K | ShareGPT Ultra-Chat |



Data ratio is important but limited works on how to set it.

An empirical experience is: higher ratio for data with long text, VQA, and OCR (or other ability you want)

| | open source | V. | 5 | closed source | In |
|---------------------------|--------------|-----------|--------|---------------|----------------|
| Benchmark | InternVL 1.5 | Grok-1.5V | GPT-4V | Claude-3 Opus | Gemini Pro 1.5 |
| MMMU Multi-discipline | 45.2% | 53.6% | 56.8% | 59.4% | 58.5% |
| athVista | | | | | |
| Math | 53.5% | 52.8% | 49.9% | 50.5% | 52.1% |
| I2D | 80.7% | 88.3% | 78.2% | 88.1% | 80.3% |
| agrams | 30.776 | 08.5% | 70.270 | 88.176 | 80.57 |
| xtVQA xt reading | 80.6% | 78.1% | 78.0% | - | 73.5% |
| nartQA | | | | | |
| Charts | 83.8% | 76.1% | 78.5% | 80.8% | 81.3% |
| DocVQA | 90.9% | 85.6% | 88.4% | 89.3% | 86.5% |
| Documents | 30.070 | 23.070 | 231170 | 05.070 | 55.575 |
| RealWorldQA Real-world | 66.0% | 68.7% | 61.4% | 49.8% | 67.5% |
| understanding | | | | | |



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Table 8: Results on general multimodal benchmarks.

| Model | Size | Open- Compass | MME | MMB dev(en) | MMB dev(zh) | MMMU val | Math- Vista | LLaVA Bench | Object HalBench | |
|--------------------|-------|------------------|-----------|----------------|----------------|-------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------|--|
| Proprietary | | | | | | | | | | |
| Gemini Pro | - | 63.8 | 2148.9 | 75.2 | 74.0 | 48.9 | 45.8 | 79.9 | - | |
| GPT-4V | - | 63.2 | 1771.5 | 75.1 | 75.0 | 53.8 | 47.8 | 93.1 | 86.4 / 92.7 | |
| Open-source 6B~34B | | | | | | | | | | |
| Yi-VL-6B | 6.7B | 49.3 | 1915.1 | 68.6 | 68.3 | 40.3 | 28.8 | 51.9 | - | |
| Qwen-VL-Chat | 9.6B | 52.1 | 1860.0 | 60.6 | 56.7 | 37.0 | 33.8 | 67.7 | 56.2 / 80.0 | |
| Yi-VL-34B | 34B | 52.6 | 2050.2 | 71.1 | 71.4 | 45.1 | 30.7 | 62.3 | - | |
| DeepSeek-VL-7B | 7.3B | 55.6 | 1765.4 | 74.1 | 72.8 | 38.3 | 36.8 | 77.8 | - | |
| CogVLM-Chat | 17.4B | 52.5 | 1736.6 | 63.7 | 53.8 | 37.3 | 34.7 | 73.9 | 73.6 / 87.4 | |
| Open-source 2B~3B | | | | | | | | | | |
| DeepSeek-VL-1.3B | 1.7B | 46.0 | 1531.6 | 64.0 | 61.2 | 33.8 | 29.4 | 51.1 | - | |
| MobileVLM V2 | 3.1B | - | 1440.5(P) | 63.2 | - | - | - | - | - | |
| Mini-Gemini | 2.2B | - | 1653.0 | 59.8 | - | 31.7 | - | - | - | |
| MiniCPM-V1 | 2.8B | 47.6 | 1650.2 | 67.9 | 65.3 | 38.3 | 28.9 | 51.3 | 78.4 / 88.5 | |
| MiniCPM-V2 | 2.8B | 55.0 | 1808.6 | 69.6 | 68.1 | 38.2 | 38.7 | 69.2 | 85.5 / 92.2 | |

Table 7: Results on OCR-specific benchmarks.

| Model | Size | OCRBench | TextVQA val | DocVQA test |
|--------------------|-------|----------|-------------|-------------|
| Proprietary | | | | |
| Gemini Pro | - | 680 | 74.6 | 88.1 |
| GPT-4V | - | 645 | 78.0 | 88.4 |
| Open-source 6B~34B | | | | |
| Yi-VL-6B | 6.7B | 290 | 45.5* | 17.1* |
| Qwen-VL-Chat | 9.6B | 488 | 61.5 | 62.6 |
| Yi-VL-34B | 34B | 290 | 43.4* | 16.9* |
| DeepSeek-VL-7B | 7.3B | 435 | 64.7* | 47.0* |
| TextMonkey | 9.7B | 558 | 64.3 | 66.7 |
| CogVLM-Chat | 17.4B | 590 | 70.4 | 33.3* |
| Open-source 2B~3B | | | | |
| DeepSeek-VL-1.3B | 1.7B | 413 | 58.4* | 37.9* |
| MobileVLM V2 | 3.1B | - | 57.5 | 19.4* |
| Mini-Gemini | 2.2B | - | 56.2 | 34.2* |
| MiniCPM-V1 | 2.8B | 366 | 60.6 | 38.2 |
| MiniCPM-V2 | 2.8B | 605 | 74.1 | 71.9 |

MiniCPM-V



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| • | Category | Sources | Size | Ratio |
|--------|---------------|--|-------|-------|
| | Short Caption | Flickr-30K [75], COCO [56] | 560K | 10.4% |
| | VQA | FM-IQA [29], VGQA [47], IconQA [64], GQA [39], VQAv2 [5] CLEVR [42], VizWiz [33], Visual7W [110], COCO-QA [77] | 1430K | 26.6% |
| | Knowledge | OKVQA [67], A-OKVQA [80], KVQA [81], ScienceQA [65] | 60K | 1.1% |
| Part-1 | Grounding | RefCOCO [100] | 570K | 10.6% |
| | Reasoning | COMVINT [27], VCR [103], NLVR [87], LRV [57] | 135K | 2.5% |
| | Math | GeoQA [17], SMART-101 [21] | 125K | 2.3% |
| | OCR | DocVQA [69], TextVQA [84], OCR-VQA [72], ST-VQA [10], VisualMRC [89], DVQA [43] FigureQA [44], ChartQA [68], DeepForm [88], TabFact [20], InfographicsVQA [70] Kleister Charity [86], WikiTableQuestions [73], Real-CQA [2], AI2D [45], In-House-OCR | 1720K | 32.0% |
| | Chat | FSVQA [83], Visual-Dialog [25] | 780K | 14.5% |

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| | OCR-Short | DocVQA, TextVQA, OCR-VQA, VisualMRC, ChartQA, AI2D | 190K | 8% |
|--------|------------|---|-------|-----|
| | OCR-Detail | In-House-Web, ArxivQA [53], LLaVAR [106], TextOCR-GPT4V [14], In-House-GPT4V | 500K | 18% |
| Part-2 | Part-1 | sample from part-1 data | 400K | 8% |
| | Instruct | SVIT [107], LLaVA-Instruct-150K [58], UniMM-Chat [101], ShareGPT4V [19] LVIS [31], ALLaVA [16] | 2000K | 56% |
| | Text-Only | Ultra-Chat [26], Alpaca [90], ShareGPT [108], BELLE [9] OpenOrca [55], OpenHermes [92], In-House-MiniCPM-SFT | - | 10% |

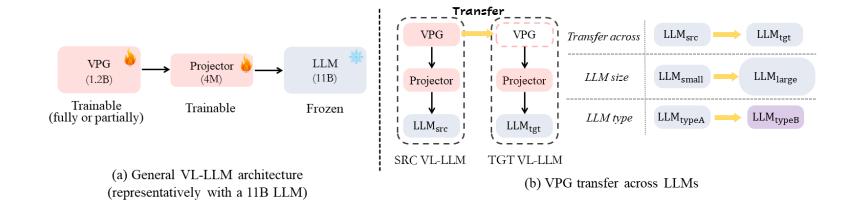
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Training Strategy

Transfer learning for efficient MLLM building.

Idea: transfer the visual part across LLMs.

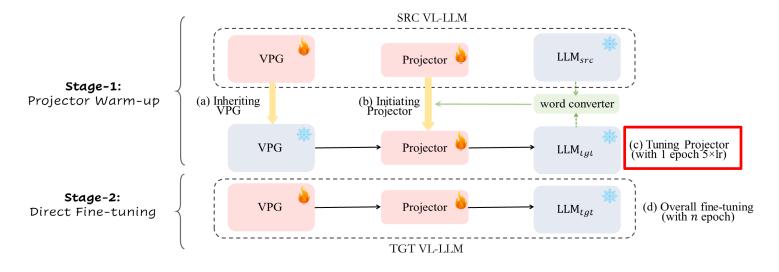


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Training Strategy

VPGTrans:

- (1) train projector with large Ir
- (2) normal training



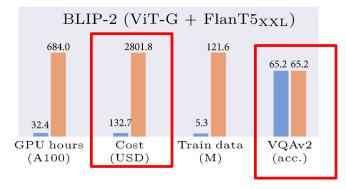
VPGTrans

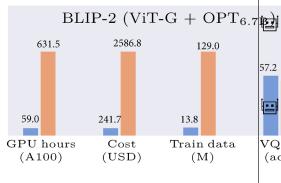
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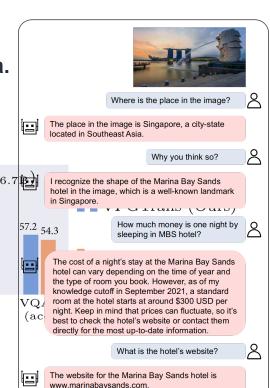
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We first validate it on BLIP-2 training.

We then transfer the visual encoder from OPT to Vicuna.



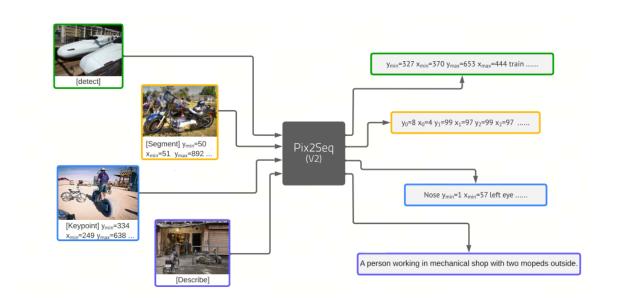






Training Strategy

Pix2seq: let the MLLM to output everything as text, like **bounding boxes (detection)** and **object boundary point (segmentation)**.

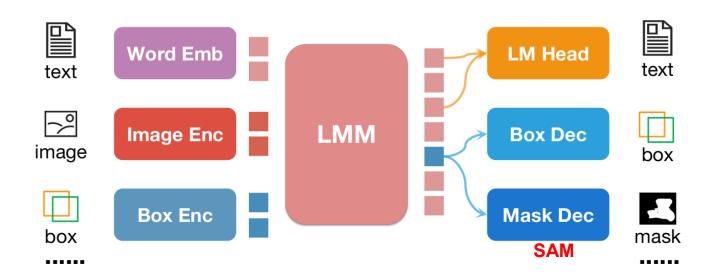


costly training!!!



Training Strategy

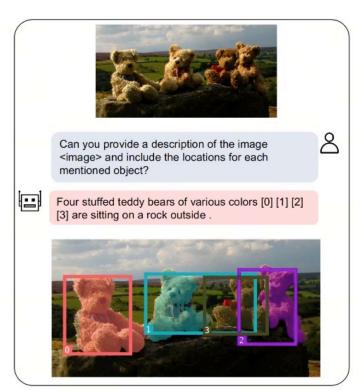
Pix2emb: connecting LLM and tools with emb. for efficient function extension.



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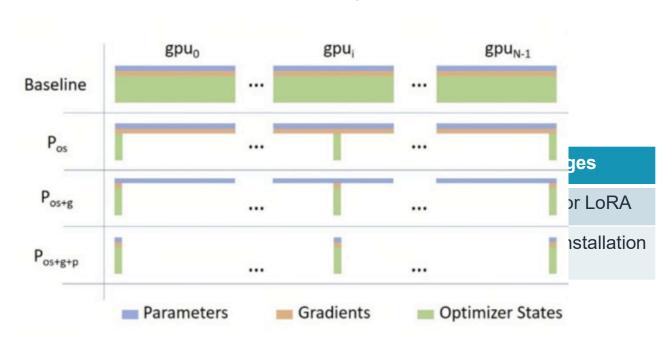




***** Techniques

Acceleartion Techniques

DeepSpeed or FSDP: optimizer state, gradient, model parameters partitioning



***** Techniques

Acceleartion Techniques

Other Widely Used Practice

use bfloat16 gradient checkpointing for training quantization for inference

Data Loading

Parquet or TSV: save data items in large files for faster loading.

Pre-fetch: pre-fetch the batch before forward.

Packing: pack multiple data items into a pre-defined max length.

| | No packing |
|---------|---|
| batch 1 | Item1: XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX |
| batch 2 | Item1: XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX |

Packing Item1+2: XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXYYYYYYYY



Model Architecture

high-resolution + light-weight compression layer

Data

high-quality data high data ratio for VQA, Long-text data, data for ability you want (OCR)

Training Strategy

transfer learning, high learning rate for adaption layer (e.g. projector). pix2emb for function extension

Techniques

Deepspeed quantization, gradient checkpointing, bf16 parquet to avoid small files, pre-fetch, packing

Thanks!

Any questions?

