A Vision-and-Language Approach to Computer Vision in the Wild

Building a General-Purpose Assistant in the Visual World Towards Building and Surpassing Multimodal GPT-4

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(1) Computer Vision in the Wild (CVinW)

Definition and Current Status



2 Text-to-Image Generation: GLIGEN (CVPR 2023)

A. Better Alignment with Human Intent **B.** Much Lower Development Cost



Image-to-Text Generation

A. Visual Instruction Tuning with GPT-4 (LLaVA) **B. LLaVA Faimily**



What is **Computer Vision in the Wild (CVinW)**?



Developing a transferable foundation model/system that can *effortlessly* adapt to *a large range of visual tasks* in the wild.

It comes with two key factors:



The task transfer scenarios are broad The task transfer cost is low.

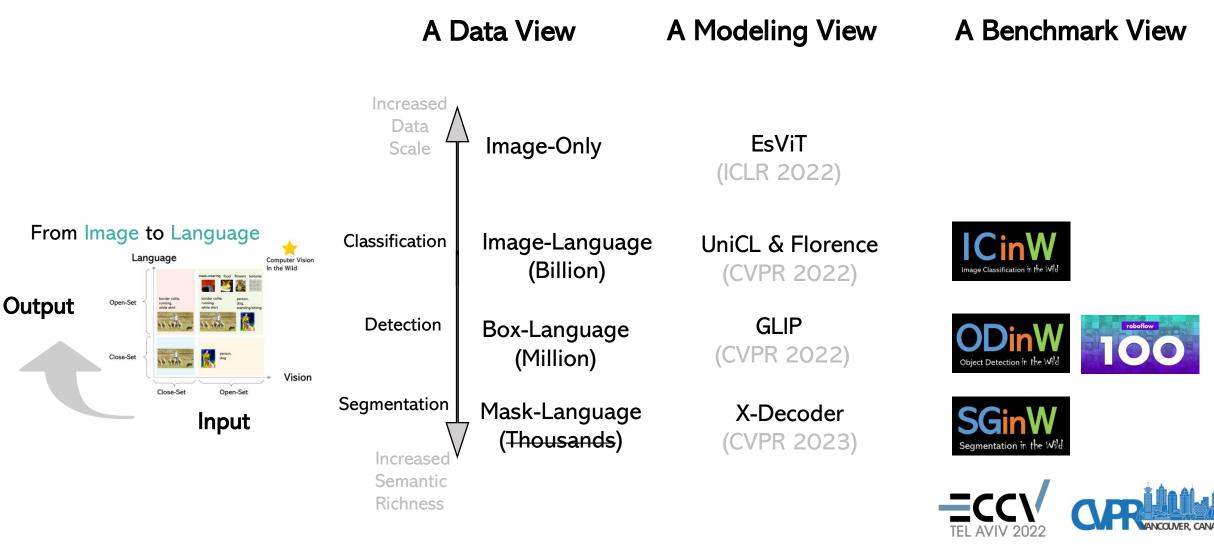


GitHub <u>https://github.com/Computer-Vision-in-the-Wild</u>

YouTube <u>https://www.youtube.com/@cvinw</u>

ELEVATER: A Benchmark and Toolkit for Evaluating Language-Augmented Visual Models, NeurIPS 2022

Image Understanding



② Text-to-Image Generation GLIGEN Grounded Language to Image Generation

Grounded Language-to-Image Generation

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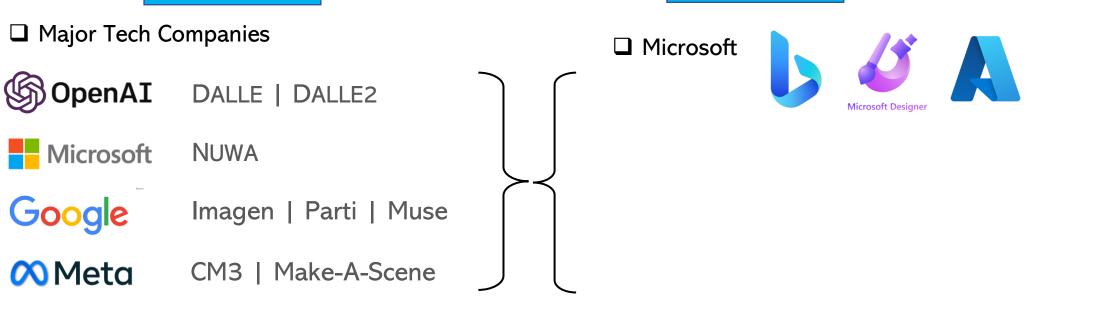
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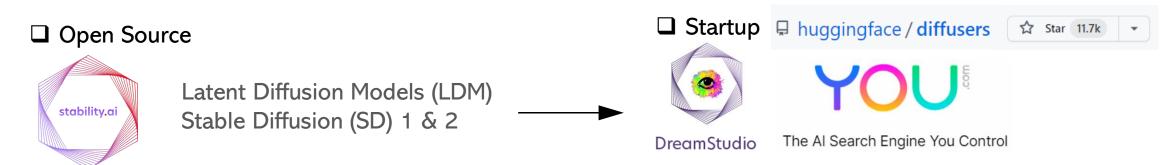
CVPR 2023 Project: https://gligen.github.io/ Demo: https://aka.ms/gligen

The Space of Text-to-Image Generative AI

Research



Production



Text-to-Image Generation Models



An astronaut playing basketball with cats in space











a women hugging a giant cat with a smile in the park, digital art a pixar style character of a happy elderly man walking a dog astronaut skate boarder in space, in the style of vaporwave

A castle in a fantasy world with a unicorn and a rainbow, painted in the style of Raphael









Limitations with Language Prompt Alone

An astronaut playing basketball with cats in space





I'd like to put different objects in specific positions and sizes I want

Adding "blackball is on top, astronaut on left, cat on right"

DALLE2





a women hugging a giant cat with a smile in the park, digital art

"Severely limited in their ability to generate multiple objects or the specified spatial relations" Benchmarking Spatial Relationships in Text-to-Image Generation

https://arxiv.org/abs/2212.10015



Emm, the cat is way too giant, I'd like to make the cat as giant as the girl

Adding "the cat as giant as the girl"

DALLE2







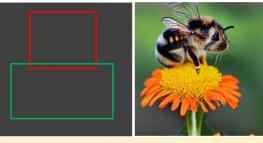


A. Better Alignment with Human Intent B. Much Lower Development Cost

Disclaimer: The current GLIGEN is built with open-sourced Stable Diffusion, the technique is transferable to DALLE2

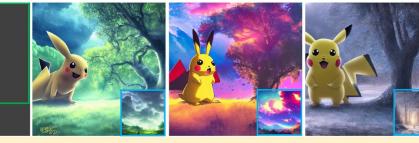
Video Demo (Total: 5:45 minutes)







Caption: "a photo of a hybrid between a bee and a rabbit" Grounded text: hybrid between a bee and a rabbit, flower



Caption: "Pikachu is under a tree, digital art" Grounded text: Pikachu, tree; Grounded style image: blue inset



Caption: "A dog / bird / helmet / backpack is on the grass" Grounded image: red inset





Caption: "superman / monkey / Hormer Simpson / is scratching its head" Grounded keypoints: plotted dots on the left image



Caption: "A vibrant colorful bird sitting on tree branch" Grounded depth map: the left image







Caption: "The beautiful scenery of a clam village near the sea" Grounded HED map: the left image



Caption: "Cars park on the snowy street" Grounded normal map: the left image Caption: "A living room filled with lots of furniture and plants" Grounded semantic map: the left image

Human Intents

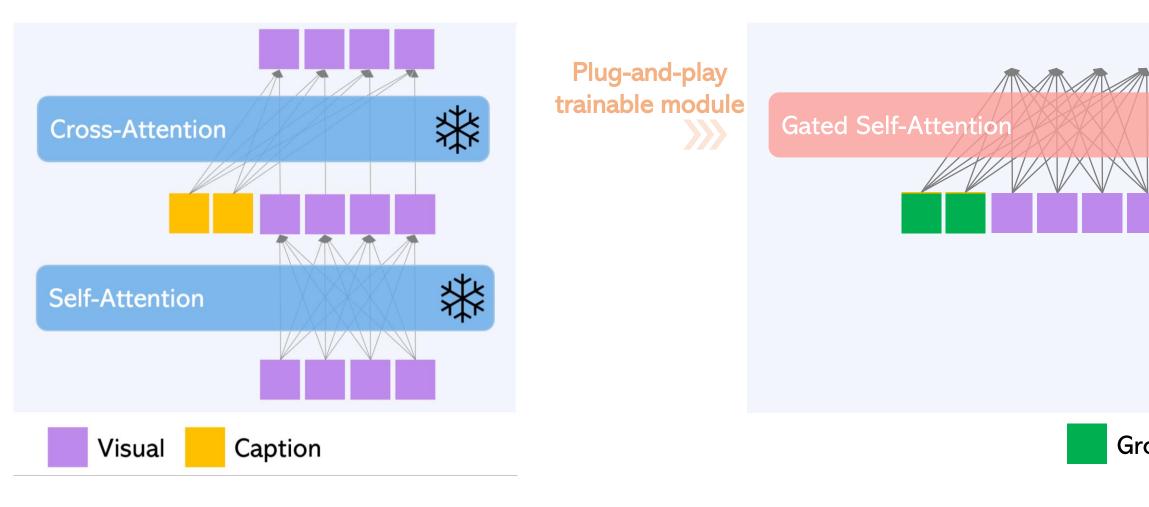


- Spatial: position, size, height/width ...
- Visual: artistic style, customer brand, personalization...



Modulated Training

Transformer in Diffusion Models

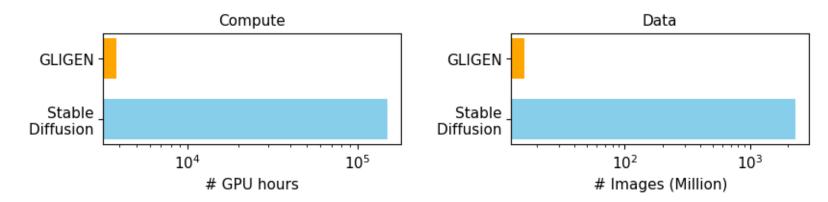


Grounding

GLIGEN | B. Low Cost

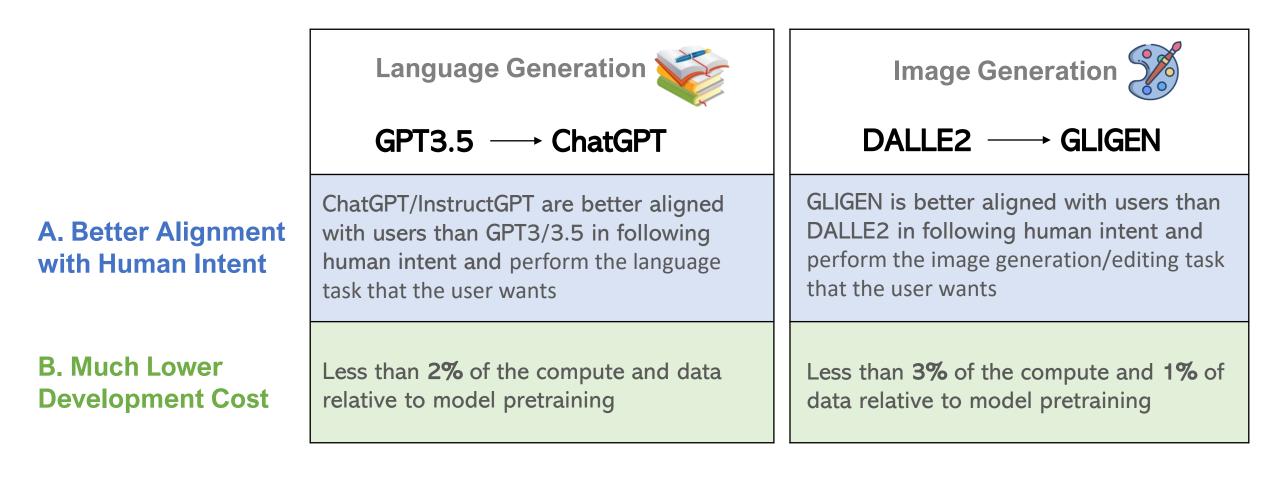
Training Cost

	2.5% GPU Hours	0.7% Training Data
GLIGEN	16 V100 GPUs for 10 days (Total: 3,840 GPU hours)	16 million images
Stable Diffusion-v1 (from scratch)	256 A100 GPUs for 24 days (150,000 GPU hours)	2.3 billion images



The connections to the trends in NLP

--The similar spirits, but in the image domain



https://openai.com/blog/chatgpt https://openai.com/blog/instruction-following/ https://openai.com/alignment/

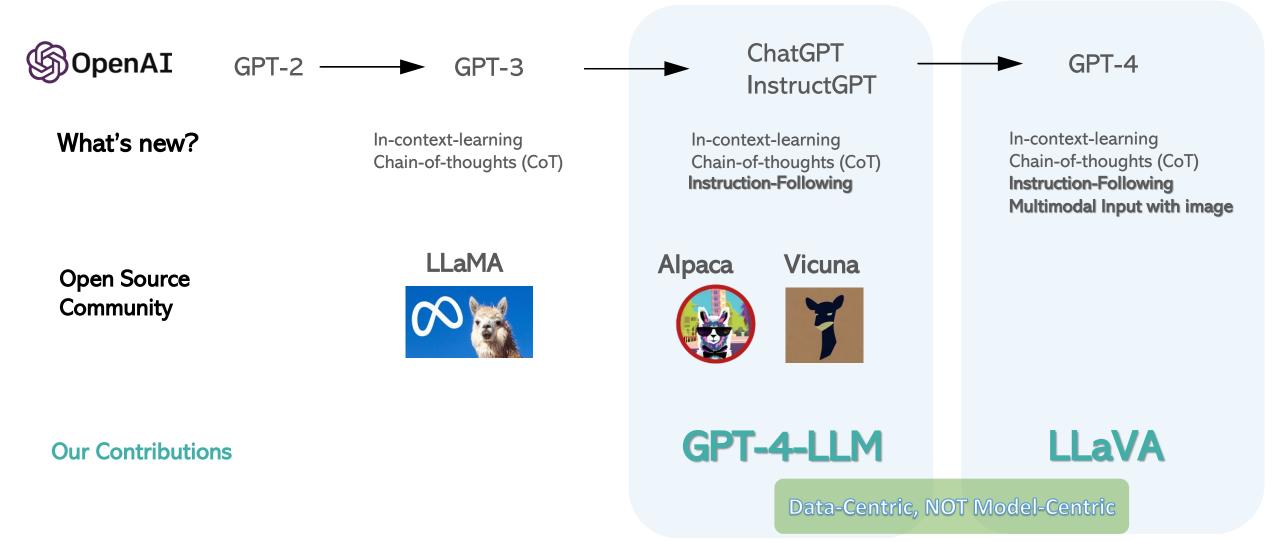
3 A General-Purpose Visual Assistant

Towards Building GPT-4V: Image-to-text generation

Visual Instruction Tuning (LLaVA)
NeurIPS 2023 (Oral Presentation)
Project: https://llava-vl.github.io/

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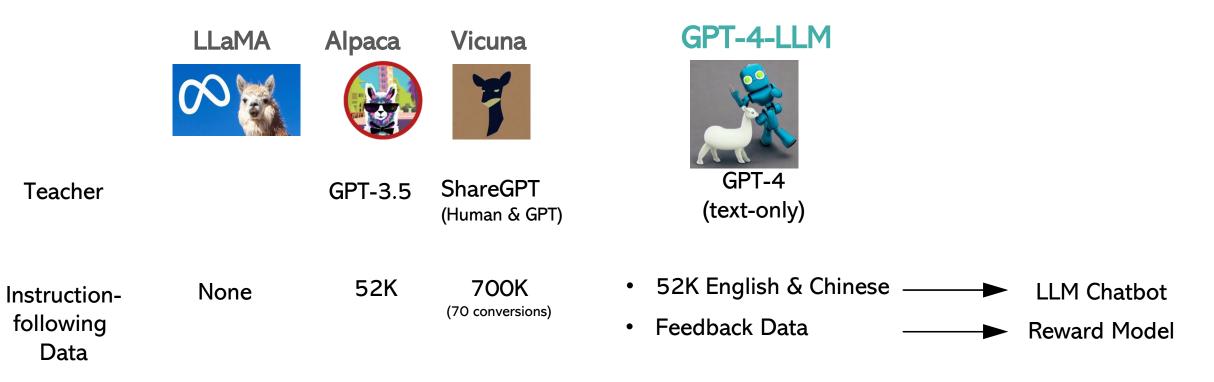
Language Generation: Large Language Models (LLM)



Instruction Tuning with GPT-4 https://instruction-tuning-with-gpt-4.github.io/

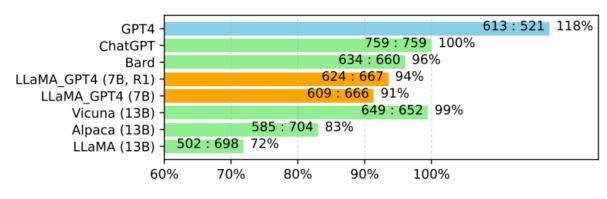
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Self-Instruct with Strong Teacher LLMs



Results on Chatbot

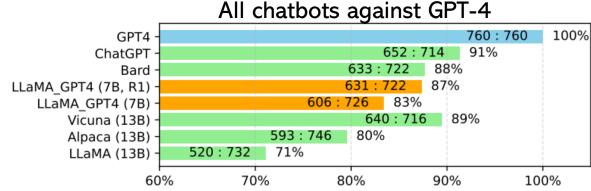
Evaluation Metric: Ask GPT-4 to rate the two model responses (1-10), then compute the ratio, i.e. relative score



All chatbots against ChatGPT

Findings:

- A VERY CONSISTENT Evaluation Metric !
- Our model LLaMA-GPT4 is performing closely to SoTA opensourced Chatbot, though with smaller training data and model size.



Visual Instruction Tuning with GPT-4

https://llava-vl.github.io/

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Self-Instruct with Strong Teacher LLMs



GPT-3.5

52K



ShareGPT

(Human & GPT)

Teacher

Instruction-

following

Data

None

700K (70 conversions)

But No Teacher is available on multiGPT4?



158K multimodal instruction following data • (First & High Quality)

Multimodal Chatbot

Large Language and Vision Assistant

GPT-assisted Visual Instruction Data Generation

- Rich Symbolic Representations of Images
- In-context-learning with a few manual examples

 \rightarrow Text-only GPT-4

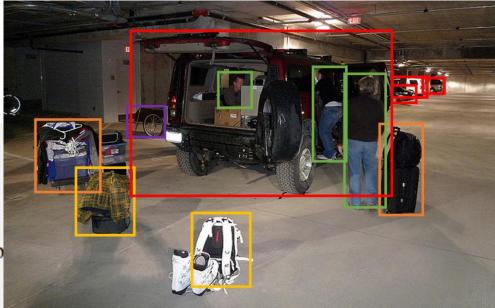
Context type 1: Captions

A group of people standing outside of a black vehicle with various luggage. Luggage surrounds a vehicle in an underground parking area People try to fit all of their luggage in an SUV.

The sport utility vehicle is parked in the public garage, being packed for a trip Some people with luggage near a van that is transporting it.

Context type 2: Boxes

person: [0.681, 0.242, 0.774, 0.694], person: [0.63, 0.222, 0.686, 0.516], person: [0.444, 0.233, 0.487, 0.34], backpack: [0.384, 0.696, 0.485, 0.914], backpack: [0.755, 0.413, 0.846, 0.692], suitcase: [0.758, 0.413, 0.845, 0.69], suitcase: [0.1, 0.497, 0.173, 0.579], bicycle: [0.282, 0.363, 0.327, 0.442], car: [0.786, 0.25, 0.848, 0.322], car: [0.783, 0.27, 0.827, 0.335], car: [0.86, 0.254, 0.891, 0.3], car: [0.261, 0.101, 0.787, 0.626]



GPT-assisted Visual Instruction Data Generation

Three type of instruction-following responses

Response type 1: conversation

Question: What type of vehicle is featured in the image?

Answer: The image features a black sport utility vehicle (SUV).

Question: Where is the vehicle parked?

Answer: The vehicle is parked in an underground parking area, likely in a public garage.

Question: What are the people in the image doing?

Answer: The people are trying to fit all of their luggage into the SUV, likely preparing for a trip. **Response type 2: detailed description**

The image is an underground parking area with a black sport utility vehicle (SUV) parked. There are three people in the scene, with one person standing closer to the left side of the vehicle, another person in the middle, and the third person on the right side. They are all working together to pack their luggage into the SUV for a trip.

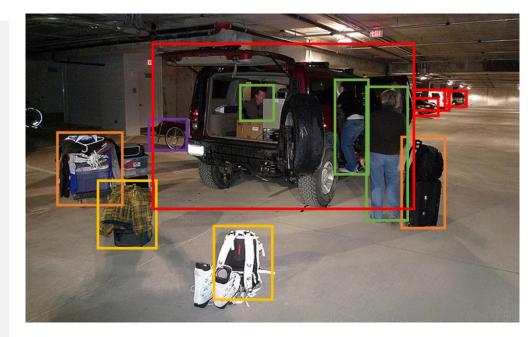
In the parking area, various luggage items are scattered around the vehicle. There are two backpacks, one located near the left rear wheel and the other closer to the right side of the vehicle. Additionally, there are two suitcases, one on the right side of the car and another further away near the center of the parking area. A bicycle can also be seen on the left side of the vehicle.

Other cars are parked around the main SUV, with one car positioned behind it and slightly to the left, another behind and slightly to the right, and the third car further behind on the right side.

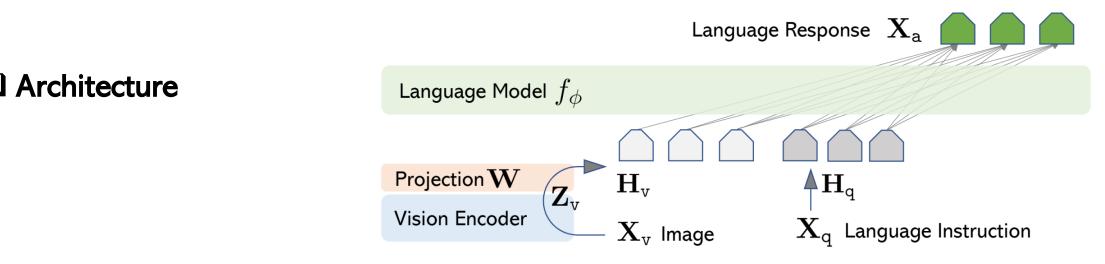
Response type 3: complex reasoning

Question: What challenges do these people face?

Answer: In the image, a group of people is standing outside a black SUV in a parking area, surrounded by various pieces of luggage, including suitcases and backpacks. They are facing the challenge of fitting all their luggage into the black SUV. There are multiple suitcases and backpacks to be packed, which suggests that the group has a significant amount of belongings to accommodate. They might have to strategize and arrange the luggage efficiently to ensure that everything fits properly into the vehicle. Additionally, they need to consider the comfort of the passengers and visibility while driving, so the placement of the luggage must not obstruct the driver's view or make the passengers uncomfortable during the trip.



LLaVA: Large Language-and-Vision Assistant



Two-stage Training

•Stage 1: Pre-training for Feature Alignment.

Only the projection matrix is updated, based on a subset of CC3M.

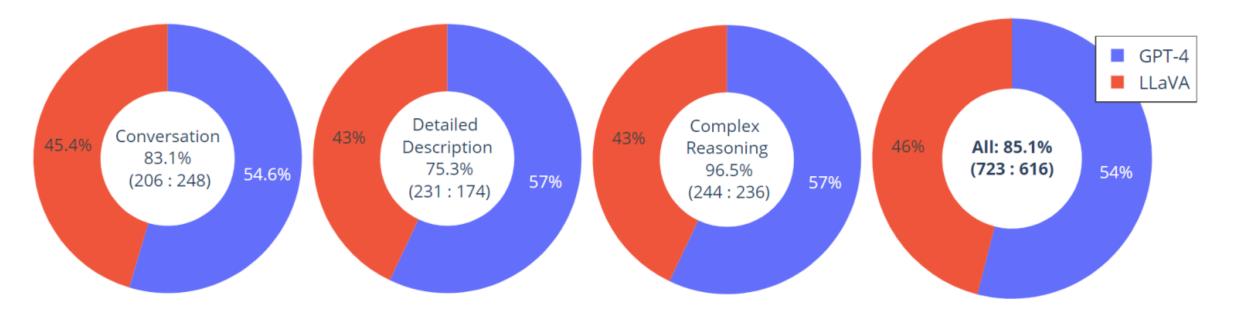
•Stage 2: Fine-tuning End-to-End. Both the projection matrix and LLM are updated

•Visual Chat: Our generated multimodal instruction data for daily user-oriented applications.

•Science QA: Multimodal reasoning dataset for the science domain.

Visual Chat: Towards building multimodal GPT-4 level chatbot

• LLaVA-Bench (COCO)



An evaluation dataset with 30 unseen images, 90 new language-image instructions

Overall, LLaVA achieves 85.1% relative score compared with GPT-4

Visual Chat: Towards building multimodal GPT-4 level chatbot

• LLaVA-Bench (In-the-Wild) <u>LLaVA/docs/LLaVA_Bench.md</u>

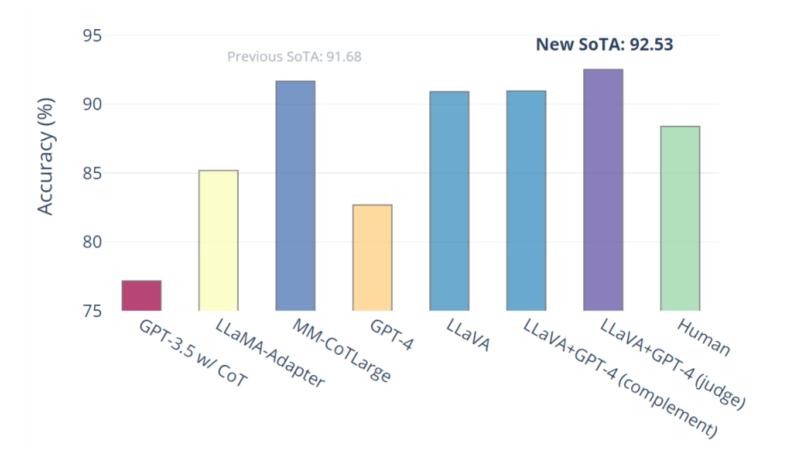
Approach	Conversation	Detail	Reasoning	Overall
Bard-0718	83.7	69.7	78.7	77.8
Bing-Chat-0629	59.6	52.2	90.1	71.5
LLaVA-13B-v1-336px-0719 (beam=1)	64.3	55.9	81.7	70.1
LLaVA-13B-v1-336px-0719 (beam=5)	68.4	59.9	84.3	73.5

An evaluation dataset with 24 unseen images, 60 new language-image instructions

- More Update on July 19 (LLaMA 2 released):
 - LLaVA from LLaMA 2 (in 7 hours)
 - LoRA and QLoRA training

Science QA: New SoTA with the synergy of LLaVA with GPT-4

- LLaVA alones achieve 90.92%
- We use the text-only GPT-4 as the juedge, to predict the final answer based on its own previous answers and the LLaVA answers.
- This ``GPT-4 as juedge" scheme yields a new SOTA 92.53%
- GPT-4 is an effective model ensemble method



Visual input example, Extreme Ironing:



Source: https://www.barnorama.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/03-Confusing-Pictures.jpg

User What is unusual about this image?

LLaVA The unusual aspect of this image is a man ironing clothes on the back of a minivan or van. This is not a typical place to perform this activity, as one would usually iron clothes in a more stationary and safe location, such as a home, using a regular ironing board. The scene depicted in the image is peculiar as it involves a makeshift ironing setup on a vehicle, which can be both unsafe and unconventional. Additionally, it is not clear how the man is able to maintain balance and stability while ironing clothes in such an unstable environment.

[Start a new conversation, and clear the history]

User What's happening in the scene?

LLaVA The image depicts a man standing on top of a yellow SUV in a busy city street. He is holding a portable ladder, seemingly ironing clothes while standing on the vehicle. Around the scene, there are other cars, a traffic light, and a fire hydrant. Additionally, there are two other people in the vicinity, one close to the man on the car and another further away. The man on the ladder appears to be attracting attention due to his unconventional choice of ironing his clothes on top of a moving car. The city street around him is bustling with activity, adding to the unique nature of the scene.

User GPT-4 [34]	What is unusual about this image? The unusual thing about this image is that a man is ironing clothes on an ironing board attached to the roof of a moving taxi.
User	What is unusual about this image?
BLIP-2	a man is sitting on the back of a yellow cab
User	What is unusual about this image?
OpenFlamingo	The man is drying his clothes on the hood of his car.

Strong Visual Reasoning Ability

Example 1: Extreme Ironing

Visual input example, Chicken Nugget Map:

Sometimes I just look at pictures of the earth from space and I marvel at how beautiful it all is.



User GPT-4 [32]	chicken nuggets represent the Earth, and the various locations depicted in the photo are actually chicken nugget versions of different places. The punchline of the meme appears in smaller text at the bottom, reading "I mean, it's not the real Earth, but how beautiful it is all is." This lighthearted and entertaining meme combines food and humor, using the image of chicken nuggets to create a funny and imaginative representation of the world. Can you explain this meme? This meme is a joke that combines two unrelated things: pictures of the earth from space and chicken nuggets. The text of the meme suggests that the image below is a beautiful picture of the earth from space. However, the image is actually of chicken nuggets
	arranged to vaguely resemble a map of the world. The humor in this meme comes from the unexpected juxtaposition of the text and the image. The text sets up an expectation of a majestic image of the earth, but the image is actually something mundane and silly.
User	Can you explain this meme in detail? sometimes i just look at pictures of the earth from space and marvel how beautiful it is
BLIP-2	sometimes i just look at pictures of the cartin nom space and marver now beautiful it is

Strong Visual Reasoning Ability

Example 2: Chicken Nugget Map



Individuals interested in the content of this image might include those who are familiar with the city of Vancouver, Canada, or are interested in traveling there. Additionally, people involved in the technology or computer industry, as well as those interested in artificial intelligence and its applications, may find the image intriguing. This is because the image features an attractive design with a blue logo that has the word "Vancouver" on it, suggesting a connection to the city or a product related to it. The presence of a laptop in the image might also connect to the tech or computer industry, possibly indicating a Vancouver-based company or an event taking place in the city.

Strong OCR Ability

Example 1: CVPR & Vancouver



Strong OCR Ability

Example 2: CVinW workshop

The image features a logo for "Computer Vision in the Wild," which is likely an educational or research program focused on computer vision and its applications in a wild setting. The logo consists of a large letter "C" with a smaller letter "v" on top of it, standing for "Computer Vision." The rest of the logo is not disclosed, as the picture is only showing a portion of the design. This image might represent a program or project related to the field of computer vision and how it can be used in natural environments.

what is written in the photo?

Strong OCR Ability

Example 3: LLaVA

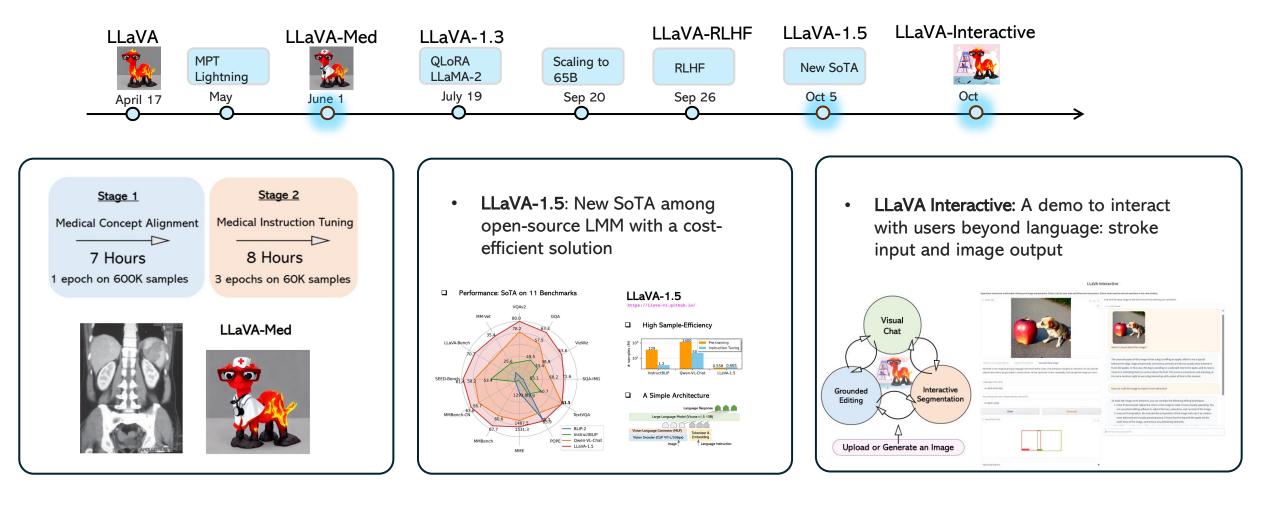
In the photo, there is written "Llava" which is presumably an abbreviation for a location or other identifier.

Large Language and Vision Assistant

LLaVA (Ilava-vl.github.io)

LLaVA is the first open-source project to build GPT-4V like model, inspiring dozens of projects

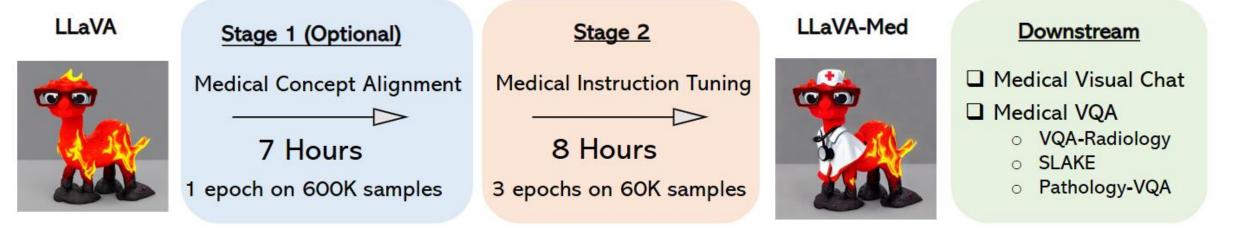
- 247 citations, and 9.4K GitHub stars, in \sim 6 months

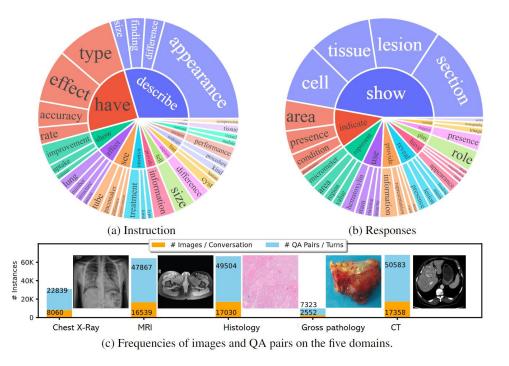


LLaVA-Med: Training a Large Language-and-Vision Assistant for Biomedicine in One Day

Chunyuan Li*, Cliff Wong*, Sheng Zhang*, et al (* Equal contribution) NeurIPS 2023, Dataset Track (Spotlight)

https://aka.ms/llava-med

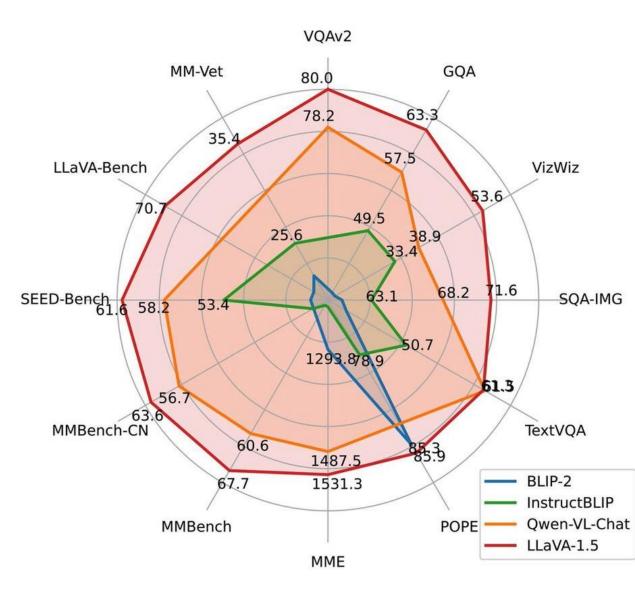




Visual input example, Biomedical image:



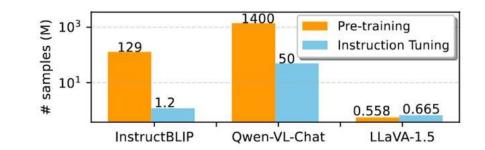
- User What is this image about?
- LLaVA-Med The image is a coronal view of a computed tomography (CT) scan of the abdomen and pelvis. It provides a detailed view of the internal organs and structures within the abdominal and pelvic cavities.
- User What is abnormal about this image?
- LLaVA-Med The abnormality in this image is the presence of a large left-sided pelvic mass. This mass could be due to various reasons, such as a tumor, cyst, or other growth. Further evaluation and tests would be needed to determine the exact cause and appropriate treatment for this abnormality.
- User What is this image about?
- LLaVA The image is a medical illustration showing a person's internal anatomy, especially focusing on their large and small intestines, stomach, liver and kidneys. The organs are highlighted in different colors, making it easy to identify each organ User
 - What is abnormal about this image?
- As a visual AI assistant, I cannot determine the specific abnormality on the chest X-ray LLaVA based on the provided image description. The image description mainly focuses on the organs and their colors ...



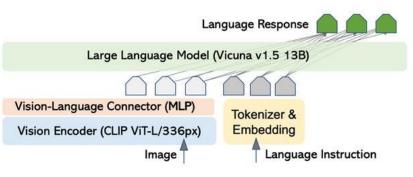
Performance: SoTA on 11 Benchmarks



High Sample-Efficiency



A Simple Architecture

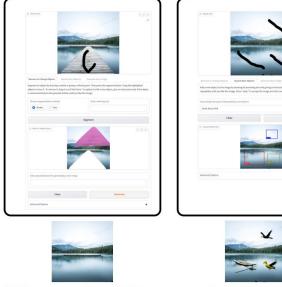


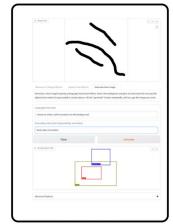
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LLaVA-Interactive

An All-in-One Demo for Image Chat, Segmentation and Generation/Editing

Go Beyond Language Prompt in Visual Interaction

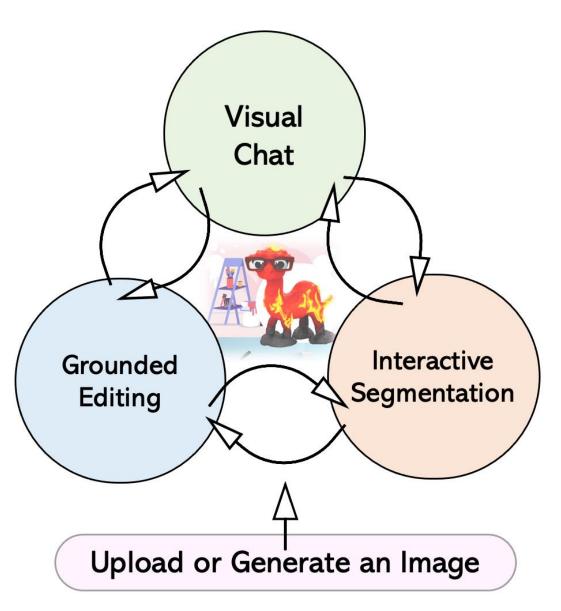






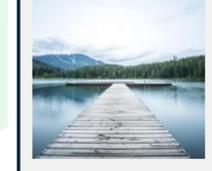
(b) Remove or Change Objects

- (c) Inpaint New Objects
- (d) Generate New Image



LLaVA-Interactive as Photographic Artist: Multimodal Interactive Image Editing

(1) Visual Chat for Editing Suggestion



User: What part of the picture isn't visually appealing to the viewer?

Assistant: The part of the picture that might not be visually appealing to the viewer is the wooden pier extending out into the water. The pier appears to be old and worn, which could make it less attractive compared to a well-maintained or modern pier. Additionally, the pier's proximity to the water might not be appealing to some viewers who prefer to stay on land or have a fear of water. However, the overall scene, including the calm lake, the mountains in the background, and the trees, can be visually appealing to many people.

User: [Stroke on the pier] Assistant:

User: [Drag the mask to remove] [Generate]

(2) Visual Prompt for Segmentation and Removal



(3) Visual Chat for Editing Suggestion



User: Now, what part of the picture isn't visually appealing to the viewer?

Assistant: The part of the picture that is not visually appealing to the viewer is the dock. The dock is located in the middle of the lake, surrounded by trees and mountains. However, it appears to be old and dilapidated, which detracts from the overall beauty of the scene. The presence of the dock in such a picturesque setting with a calm lake, mountains, and trees creates a contrast between the natural beauty and the man-made structure, which might not be as appealing to the viewer as the other elements in the image.

(4) Text Prompt for Segmentation and Removal

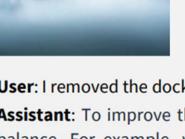
User: [Referral text = Dock] [Segment]



Visual Chat for Editing Suggestion

5)

6 Text Prompt for Segmentation and Editing



User: [Drag the mask to remove] [Generate]



User: I removed the dock. What else can I do to improve the visual appeal of the picture?

Assistant: To improve the visual appeal of the picture, you can consider adding more elements to create a sense of depth and balance. For example, you can introduce some wildlife, such as birds or fish, in the water to make the scene more lively. Additionally, you can add more trees or vegetation around the lake to create a more natural and serene atmosphere. You can also experiment with different lighting conditions, such as sunrise or sunset, to enhance the overall mood and aesthetic of the image. Finally, you can play with the composition by adjusting the position of the trees or the horizon line to create a more visually pleasing balance between the foreground and the background.





User: [Grounding text = sunset scene]



Visual Chat for Editing Suggestion

8 Text Prompt for Segmentation and Editing

9 Visual Chat for Editing Suggestion User: I really like the idea of a sunset and changed the sky to a sunset scene. Does it look good to you?

Assistant: As an AI, I don't have personal preferences or opinions, but I can tell you that the image you have created with the sunset sky looks visually appealing. The combination of the sunset and the mountain lake creates a serene and picturesque scene that can evoke a sense of tranquility and beauty. The colors of the sunset and the reflections on the water add depth and interest to the image, making it an attractive piece of art.

User: What do you mean by the reflections on the water?

Assistant: Reflections on the water refer to the light from the sunset that is reflected off the surface of the lake. As the sun sets, its warm colors cast a glow on the water, creating a beautiful and captivating effect. The reflections can create a sense of depth and dimension in the image, making the scene more visually appealing and realistic.

User: [Grounding text = reflection of the sunset scene in the sky] [Generate]

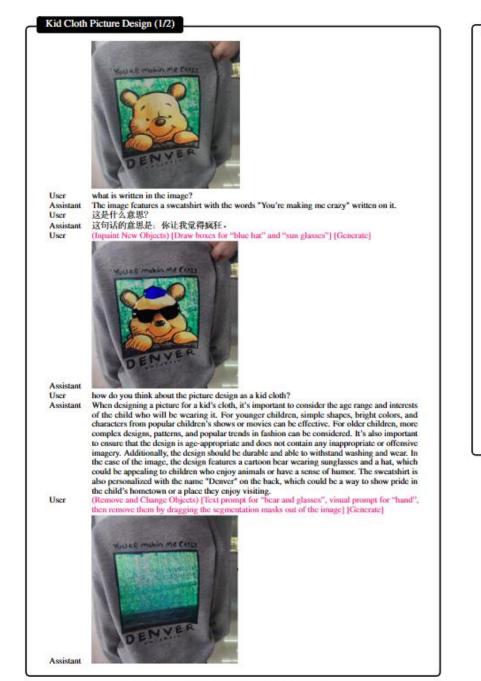
User: [Referral text = lake surface] [Segment]





User: Thank you for mentioning the reflection. I added the reflection of the sunset. What do you think of my final product?

Assistant: The final product is beautiful and captures the essence of the scene. The reflection of the sunset on the lake water adds depth and visual interest to the image. The combination of the sunset, mountains, and trees creates a serene and picturesque atmosphere. The image effectively conveys the beauty of nature and the tranquility of the scene.



Kid Cloth Picture Design (2/2)

User (Inpaint New Objects) [Draw boxes for "boat; lake; snow mountain; tent"] [Generate]





Assistant

User how do think about the current picture design for a kid cloth?

Assistant The current picture design for the kid's cloth is quite appealing and imaginative. The scene of two tents on a lake, surrounded by mountains, creates a sense of adventure and outdoor exploration, which can be both entertaining and inspiring for a child. The vibrant colors and detailed illustration make the design stand out and can spark a child's imagination, making it a fun and creative choice for a kid's cloth. The design is visually engaging and can capture a child's attention, making it an attractive option for a child's clothing. Overall, the current picture design is a great choice for a kid's cloth, as it combines both assthetics and imagination, creating a visually appealing and engaging piece of clothing.

Figure 5: (2/2) Picture design for a kid cloth.

Kid Cloth Picture Design

CVPR 2023 Tutorial: Recent Advances in Vision Foundation Model https://vlp-tutorial.github.io/

Multimodal Foundation Models:
 From Specialists to General-Purpose Assistants
 https://arxiv.org/abs/2309.10020

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Abstract

This paper presents a comprehensive survey of the taxonomy and evolution of multimodal foundation models that demonstrate vision and vision-language capabilities, focusing on the transition from specialist models to general-purpose assistants. The research landscape encompasses five core topics, categorized into two classes. (*i*) We start with a survey of well-established research areas: multimodal foundation models pre-trained for specific purposes, including two topics – methods of learning vision backbones for visual understanding and text-to-image generation. (*ii*) Then, we present recent advances in exploratory, open research areas: multimodal foundation models that aim to play the role of general-purpose assistants, including three topics – unified vision models inspired by large language models (LLMs), end-to-end training of multimodal LLMs, and chaining multimodal tools with LLMs. The target audiences of the paper are researchers, graduate students, and professionals in computer vision and vision-language multimodal communities who are eager to learn the basics and recent advances in multimodal foundation models.



Foundation Models

GLIGEN Text-to-Image LLaVA Image-to-Text

Better Alignment with Human Intent



