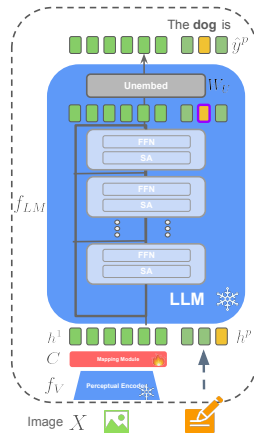
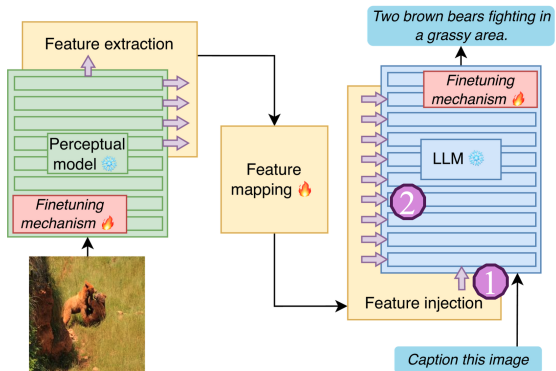


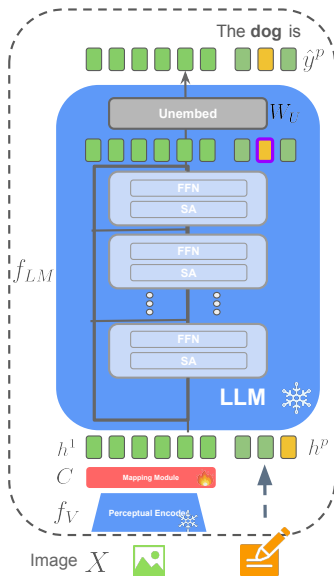
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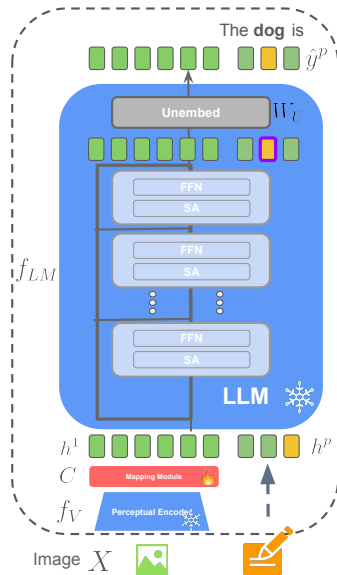
- ▶ Pretrained LMM  $f = \text{Visual encoder } (f_V) + \text{Connector } (C) + \text{Language model } (f_{LM})$
- ▶ Captioning dataset  $\mathcal{S} = \{(X_i, y_i)\}_{i=1}^N$ .  
Images  $X_i \in \mathcal{X}$  and captions  $y_i \in \mathcal{Y}$
- ▶ A token of interest  $t \in \mathcal{Y}$  (Eg. 'Dog', 'Cat' etc.)
- ▶ **Analysis:** Understand internal representations of  $f$  about  $t$  in terms of high-level concepts

Concept based eXplainability framework  
for LMMs

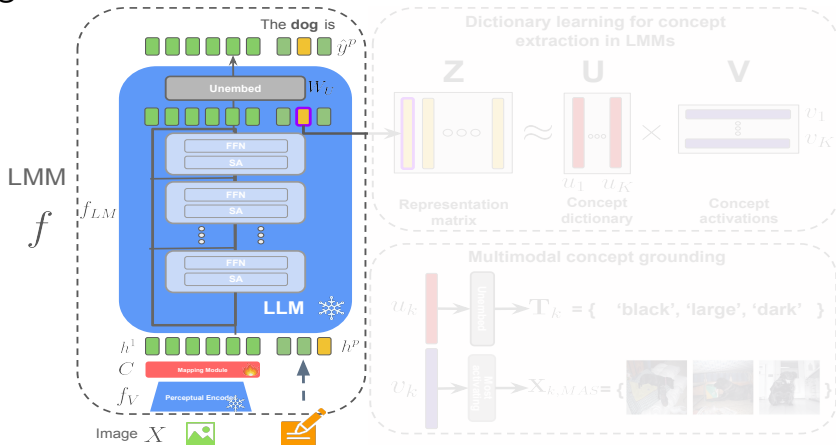


# Explaining/Monitoring LMMs

For token of interest  $t$  'Train', can we provide a multimodal concept analysis? such as:

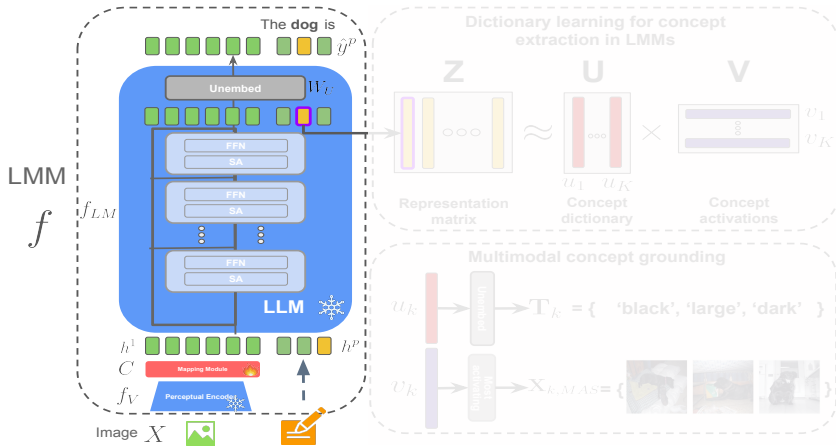


# Monitoring LMM



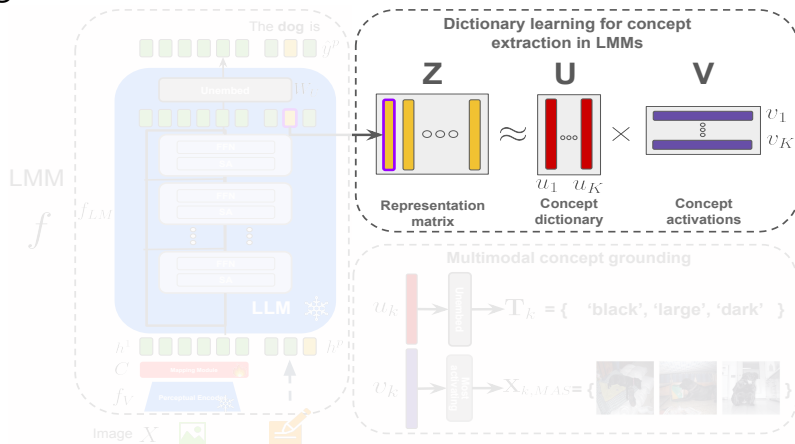
- Input to  $f_{LM}$  - Concatenated sequence of tokens: (1) Visual tokens  $C(f_V(X))$ , (2) textual tokens previously predicted by  $f_{LM}$
- Caption predicted by  $f_{LM}$  trained for next-token prediction task

# Monitoring LMM



- Extract residual stream representations of  $t$  from  $f$  for a relevant set of  $M$  images  $\mathbf{X}$
- Collect all such  $B$ -dimensional representations as columns of matrix  $\mathbf{Z} \in \mathbb{R}^{B \times M}$

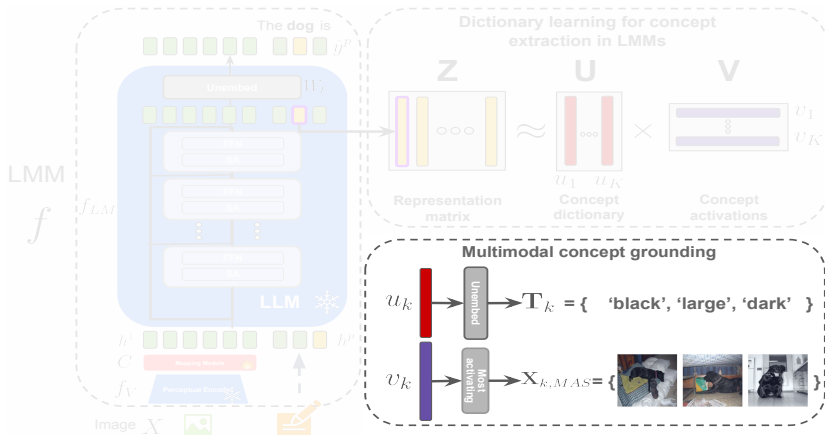
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- Dictionary learning for concept extraction. Semi-NMF optimization:  

$$\mathbf{U}^*, \mathbf{V}^* = \arg \min_{\mathbf{U}, \mathbf{V}} \|\mathbf{Z} - \mathbf{U}\mathbf{V}\|_F^2 + \lambda \|\mathbf{V}\|_1 \quad s.t. \quad \mathbf{V} \geq 0, \text{ and } \|u_k\|_2 \leq 1 \quad \forall k \in \{1, \dots, K\}$$
- Columns of  $\mathbf{U}^* \in \mathbb{R}^{B \times K}$  – concept vectors. Rows of  $\mathbf{V}^* \in \mathbb{R}^{K \times M}$  – concept activations

# CoX-LMM: Multimodal concept grounding!



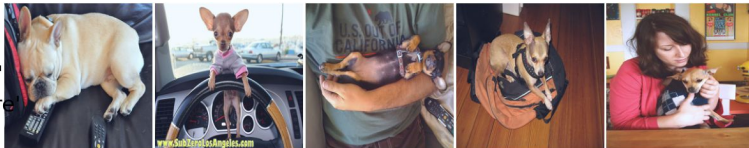
- **Text grounding:** Decode concept vector  $u_k$  with  $f_{LM}$  head and extract top tokens
- **Visual grounding:** Extract most activating samples for  $u_k$  (via activations  $v_k$ )

# Example multimodal concepts

**Multimodal concepts:**  $u_k \in \mathbf{U}^*$  simultaneously grounded in both vision and text!

- Visual: Most activating images of  $u_k$  from  $\mathbf{X}$  (via  $v_k \in \mathbb{R}^M$ )  $\rightarrow \mathbf{X}_{k,MAS}$
- Textual: unembedding matrix  $W_U$  decode  $u_k$  and extract the most probable tokens  $\rightarrow \mathbf{T}_k$

'small'  
'tiny'  
'puppy'  
'miniature'  
'cute'



'furry'  
'hairy'  
'fluffy'  
'long'  
'fuzzy'





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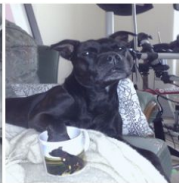
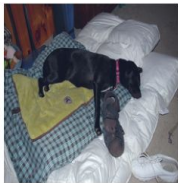
'black'

'large'

'dark'

'big'

'close'



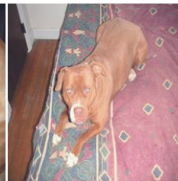
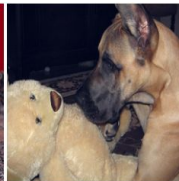
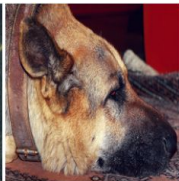
'brown'

'large'

'dog'

'tan'

'golden'



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**Multimodal concepts:**  $u_k \in \mathbf{U}^*$  simultaneously grounded in both vision and text!

'dog'  
'running'  
'black'  
'play'  
'grass'



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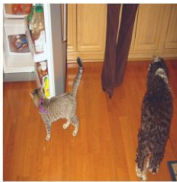
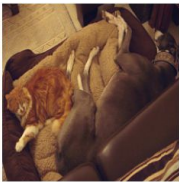
'cat'

'kitten'

'tiger'

'rabbit'

'dog'



'herd'

'sheep'

'flock'

'farm'

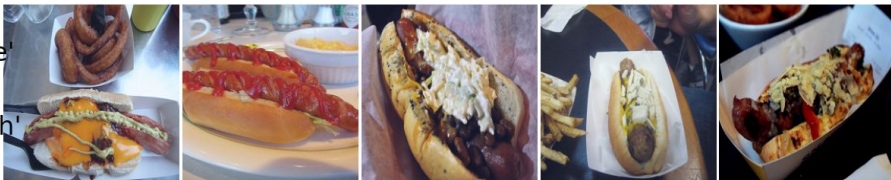
'shepherd'



# Example multimodal concepts

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'dog'  
'sausage'  
'hot'  
'sandwich'  
'plate'



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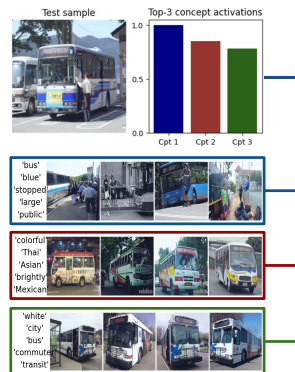
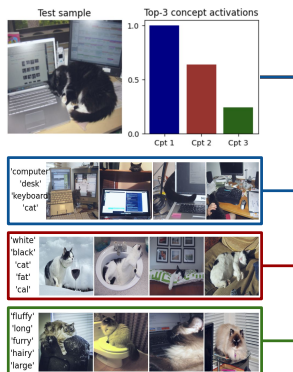
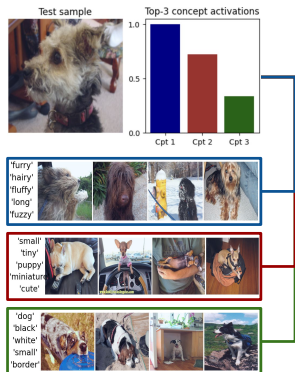
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# Using the concept dictionary

- For a new image  $X$  where  $t \in f(X)$ , extract  $z_X$  and compute the projection on  $\mathbf{U}^*$ ,  

$$v(X) = \arg \min_{v \geq 0} \|z_X - \mathbf{U}^* v\|_2^2 + \lambda \|v\|_1$$
- **Most activating concepts:** From  $v(X)$  we can extract the concept activations with largest magnitudes,  $\tilde{u}(X)$



# Using the concept dictionary

What happens if we fine-tune the LMM?

- ▶ How do concepts encoded with the initial model change when we fine-tune it?
- ▶ Is it possible to manipulate the output of an LMM without fine-tuning it?

