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# Visual Question Answering: a new Vision and Language task

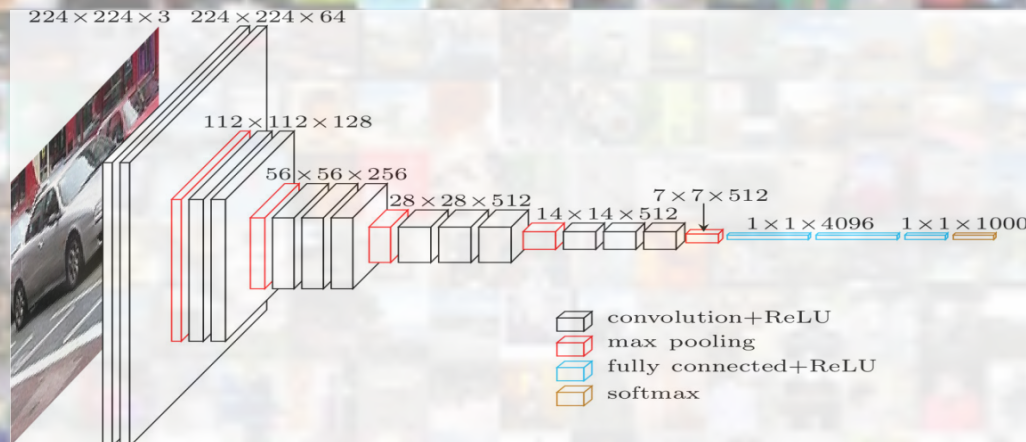
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# Visual Question Answering

MLIA team:

- About 35 researchers and PhD students (head P. Gallinari) on Machine Learning/ Deep Learning
- Computer Vision side:
  - VQA: MUTAN paper at ICCV17 PhD Hedi Benyounes (with HEURITECH) and Rémi Cadène (Labex SMART)



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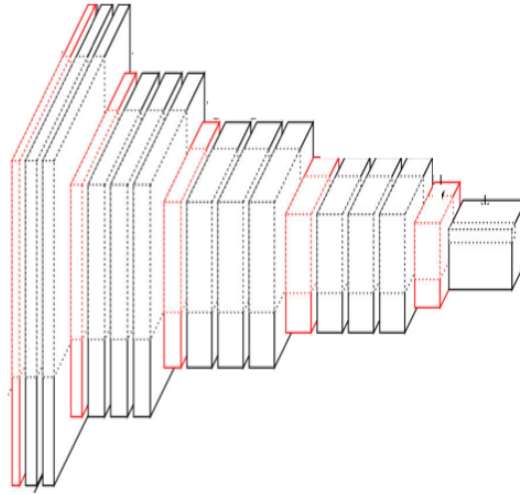




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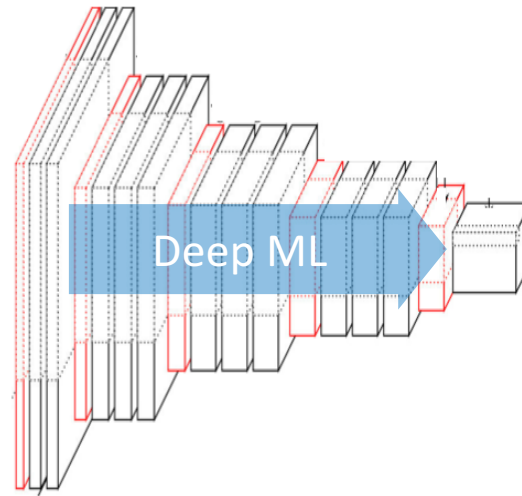
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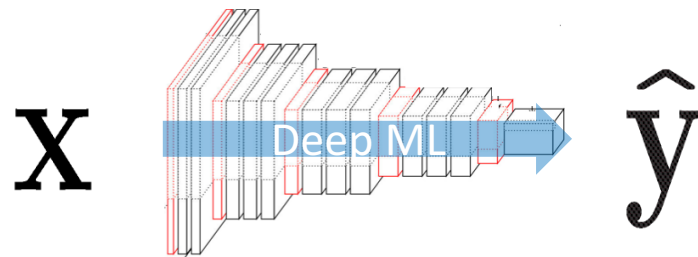
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Solving this task interesting for:

- Study of deep learning models in a multimodal context
- Improving human-machine interaction
- One step to build visual assistant for blind people

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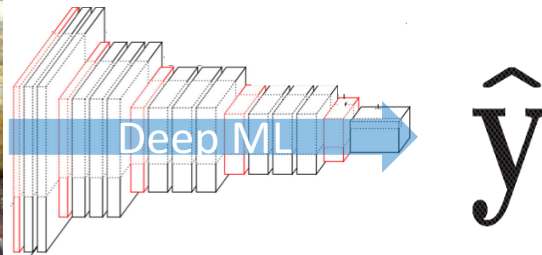
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Available Web demo (@Clarifai)

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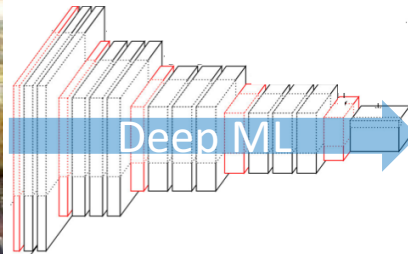
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# Context: Vision and Language

Classification: from Image to keywords/labels



Restaurant

People

Table

Inside

...

*Results > 95%*

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# Context: Vision and Language

## Classification: from Image to keywords/labels

### Thierry Mandon : « Les recrutements de la fonction publique devront faire une place aux docteurs »

Le secrétaire d'Etat chargé de l'enseignement supérieur propose plusieurs initiatives pour offrir de nouveaux débouchés professionnels aux titulaires d'un doctorat.

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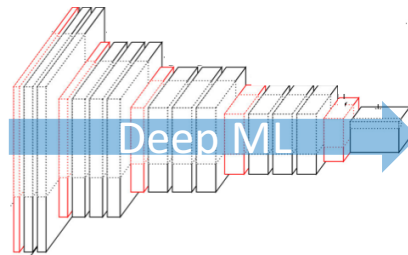
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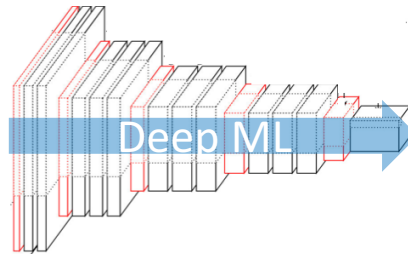
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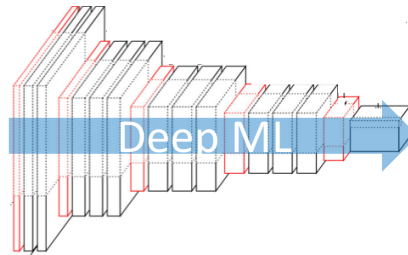
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Leader  
Administration  
Election  
People  
Chair  
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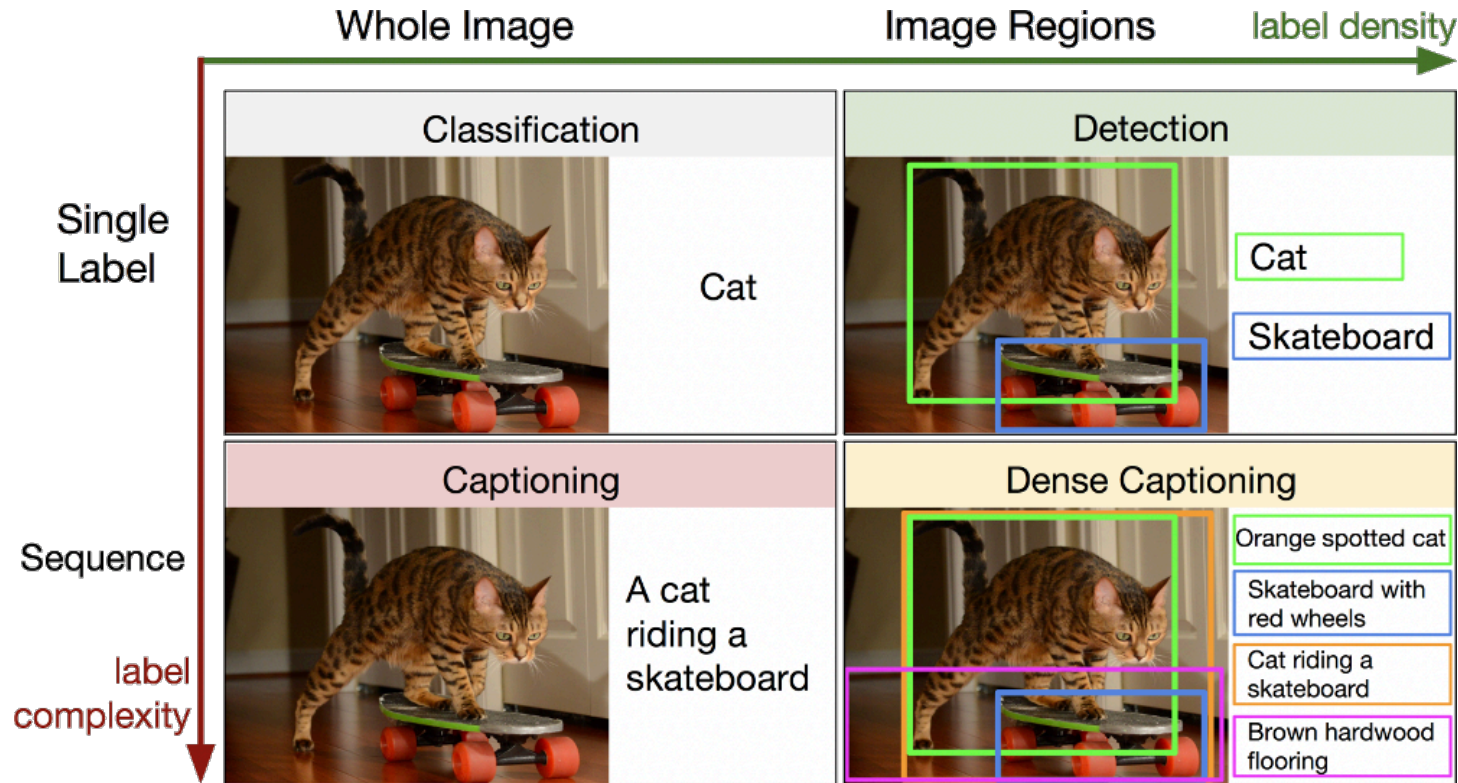


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# Context: Vision and Language



Language  
description/complexity

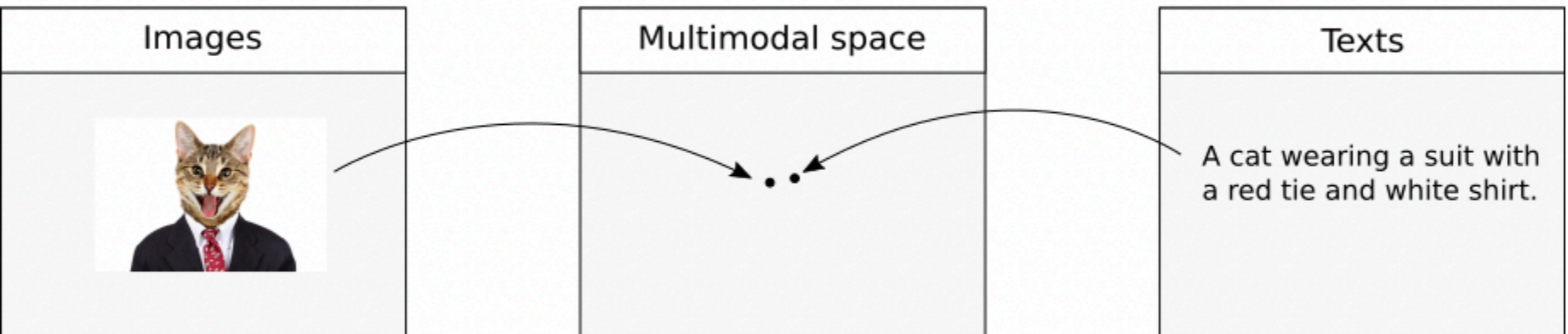
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**Vision and Language: from keywords to sentence ...**

# Context: Vision and Language

## Image captioning

(CNN, LSTM, ...)



"man in black shirt is playing guitar."



"construction worker in orange safety vest is working on road."

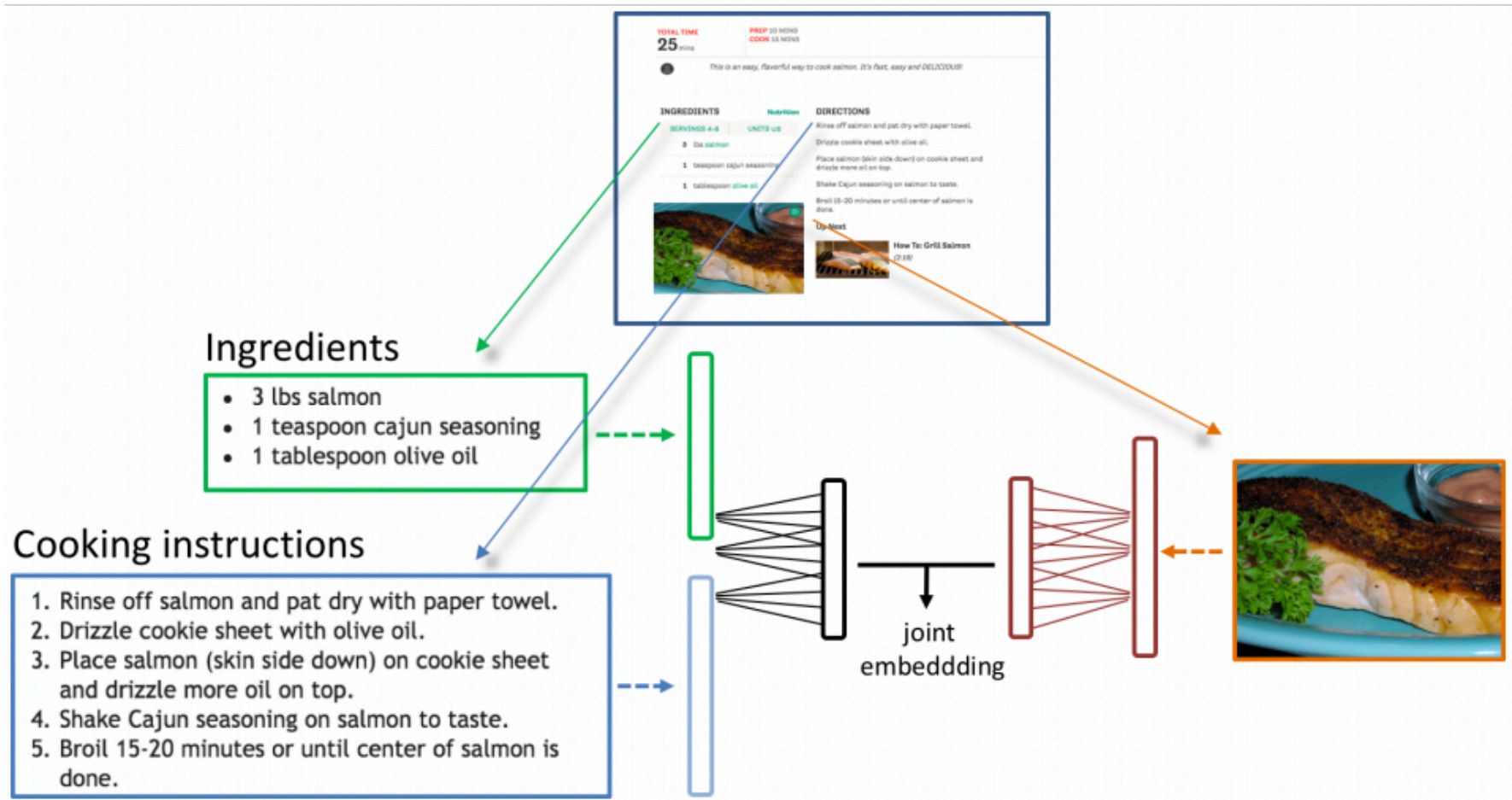


"two young girls are playing with lego toy."



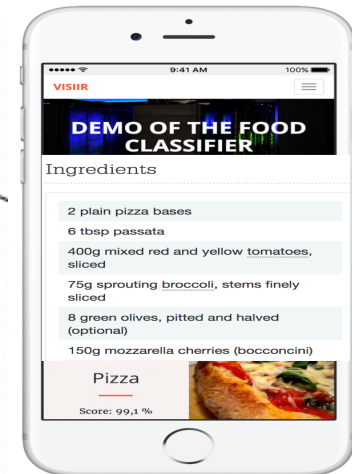
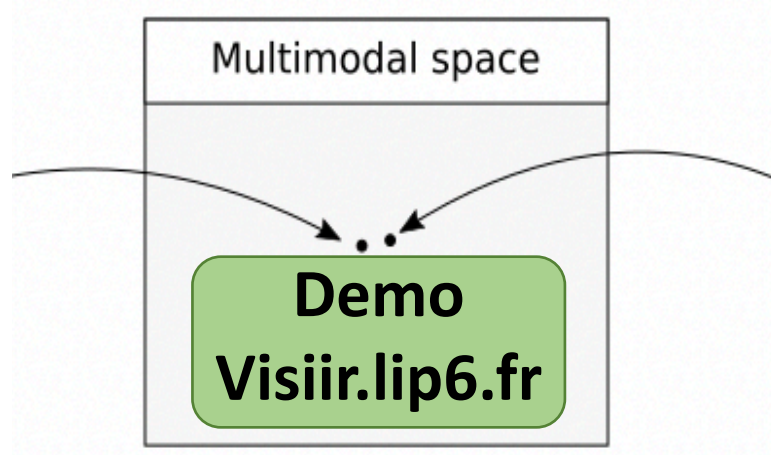
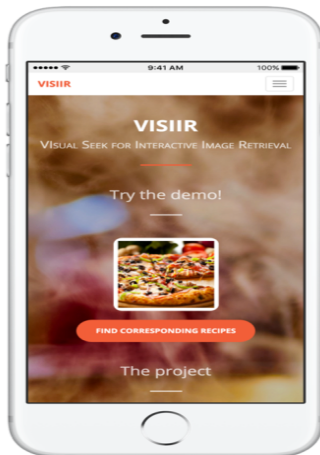
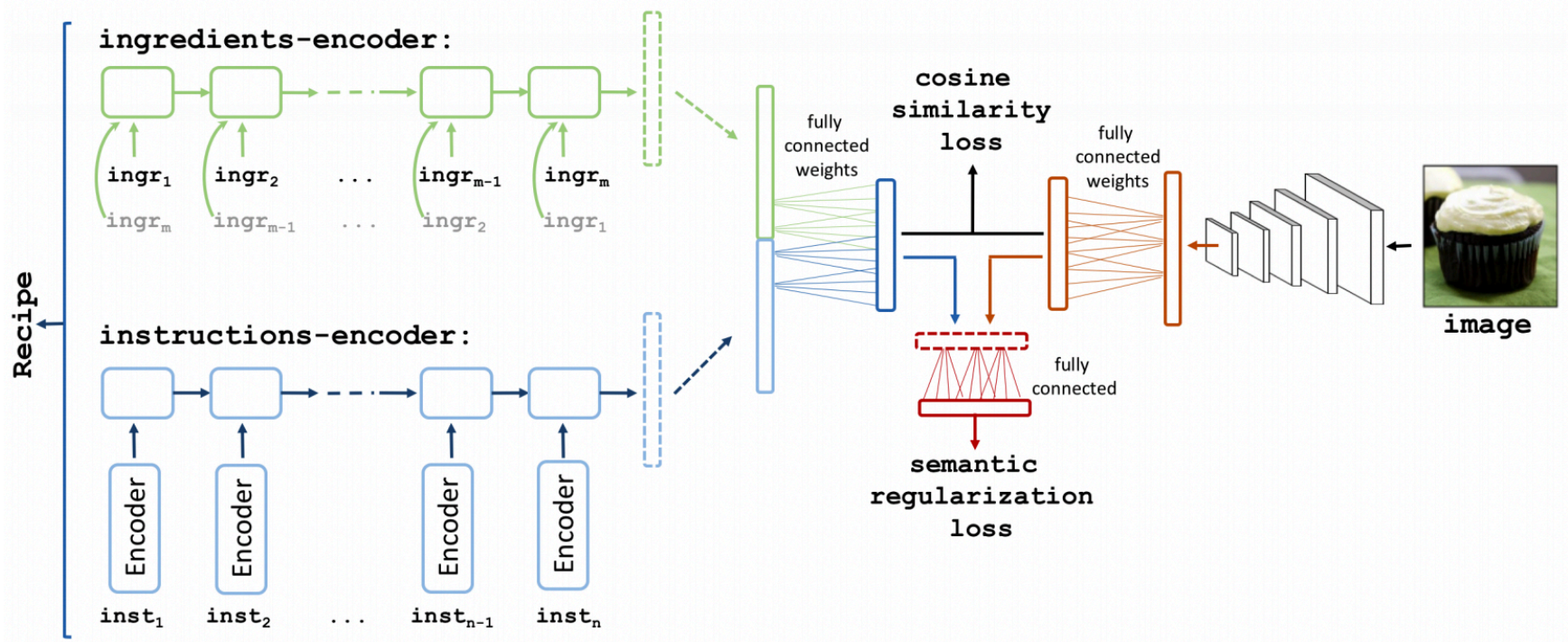
"boy is doing backflip on wakeboard."

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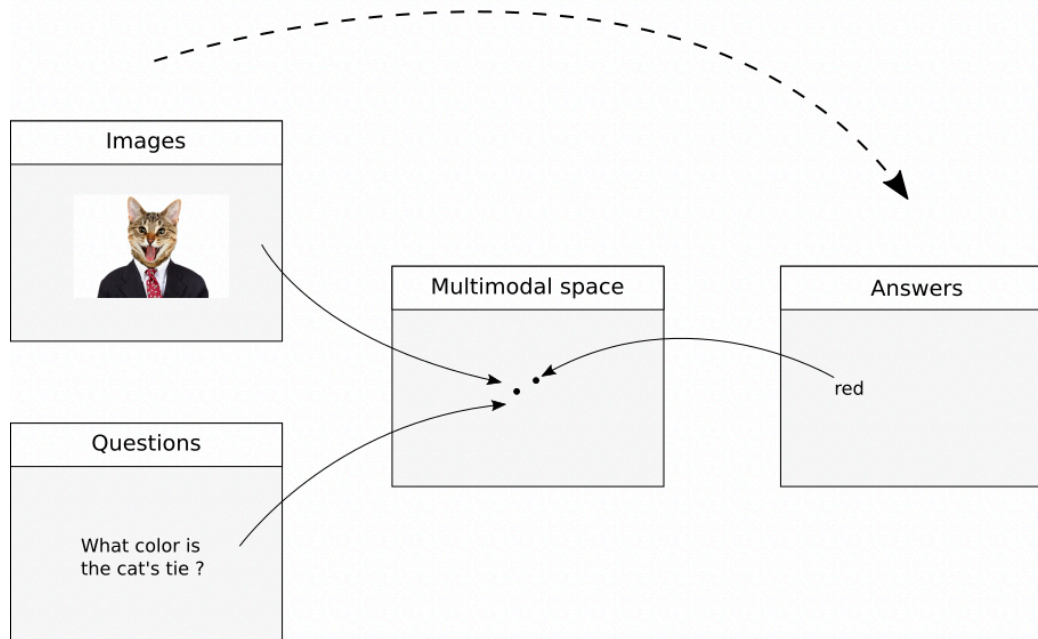


# Context: Vision and Language



# VQA

## Visual Question Answering



Does it appear to be rainy?  
Does this person have 20/20 vision?



How many slices of pizza are there?  
Is this a vegetarian pizza?



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**What does the man ride while wearing a black wet suit?**

Ground truth: surfboard

IMG+BOW: **jacket (0.35)**

2-VIS+LSTM: **surfboard (0.53)**

BOW: **tie (0.30)**



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**What is right of table?**

Ground truth: shelves

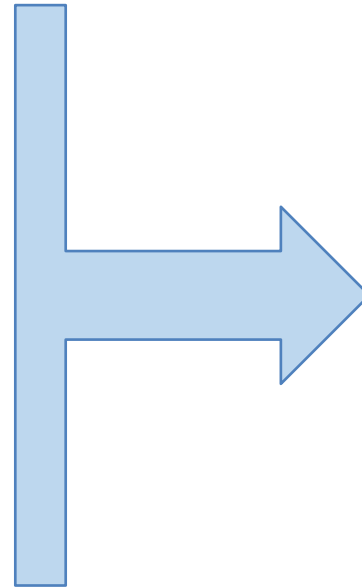
IMG+BOW: **shelves (0.33)**

2-VIS+BLSTM: **shelves (0.28)**

LSTM: **shelves (0.20)**

# VQA

**What color is the fire Hydrant on the left?**

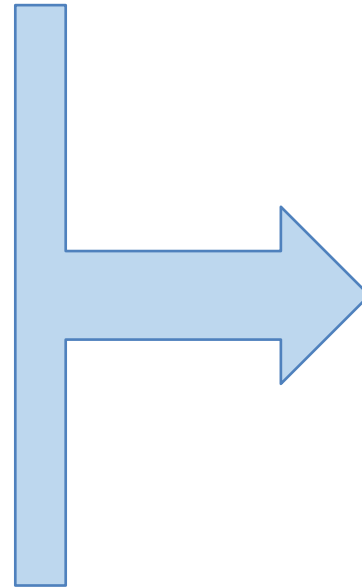


**Green**

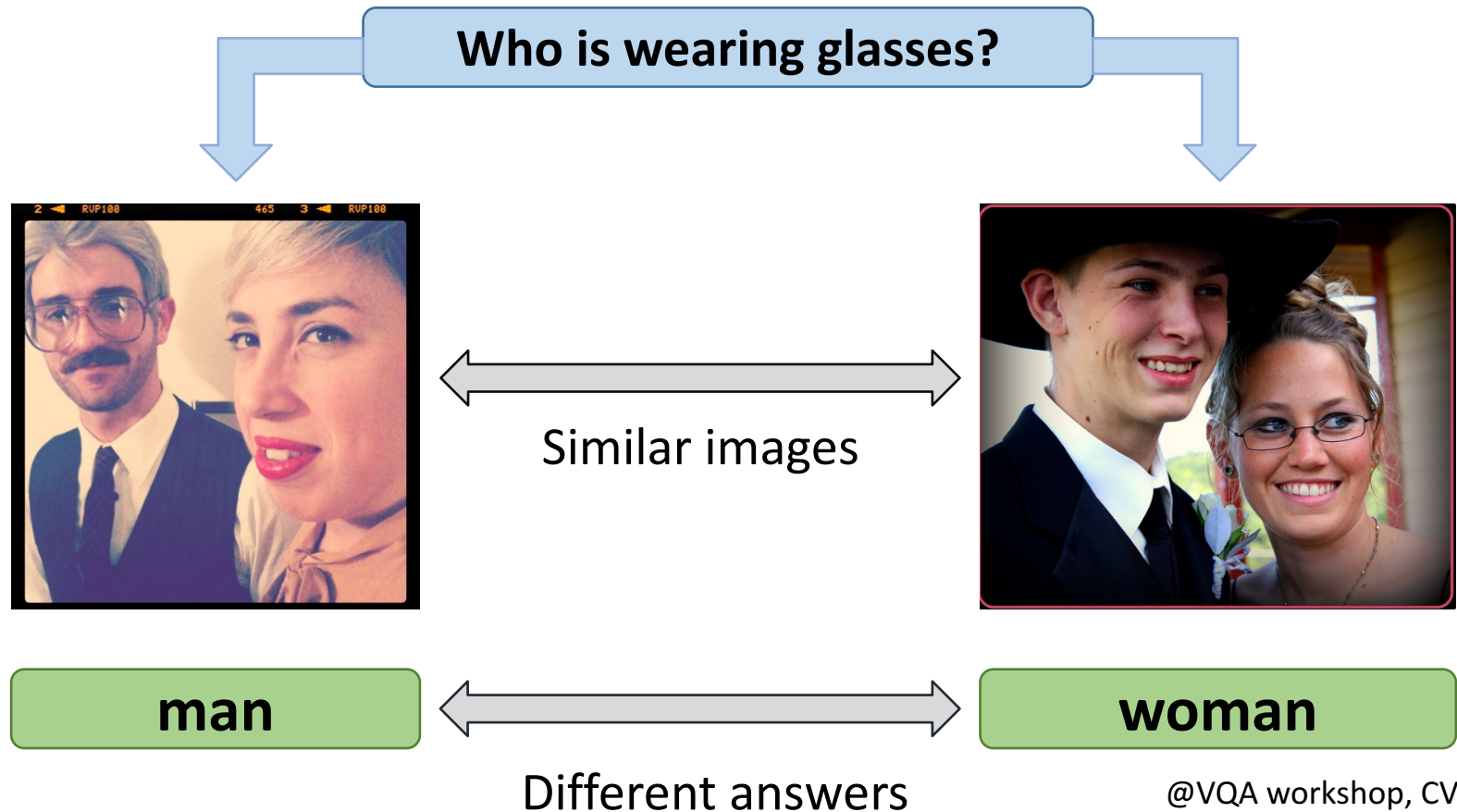


# VQA

**What color is the fire Hydrant on the right?**



**Yellow**

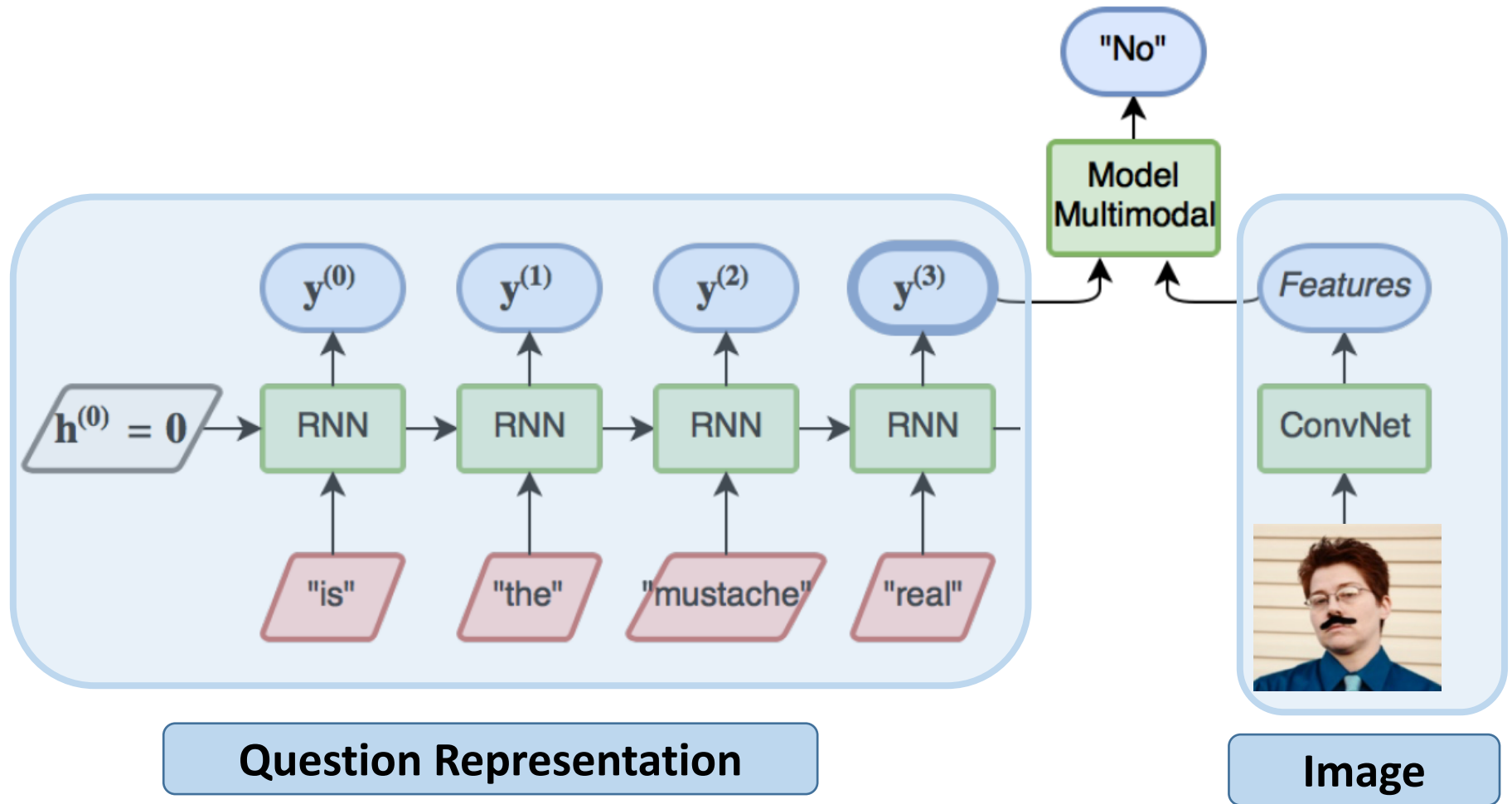


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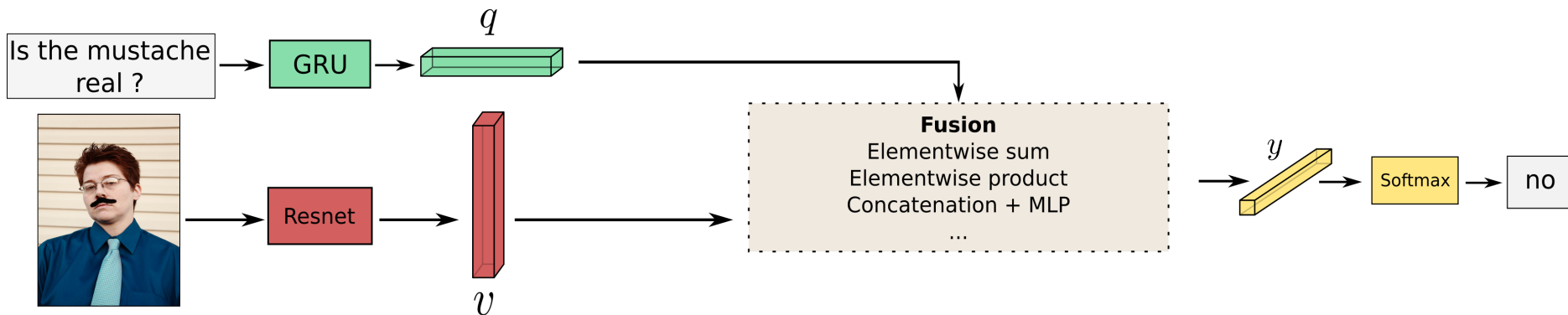
- ⇒ Need very good Visual and Question (deep) representations
  - ⇒ Full scene understanding
- ⇒ Need High level multimodal interaction modeling
  - ⇒ Merging operators, attention and reasoning



# Vanilla VQA scheme: 2 deep + fusion



# VQA: fusion



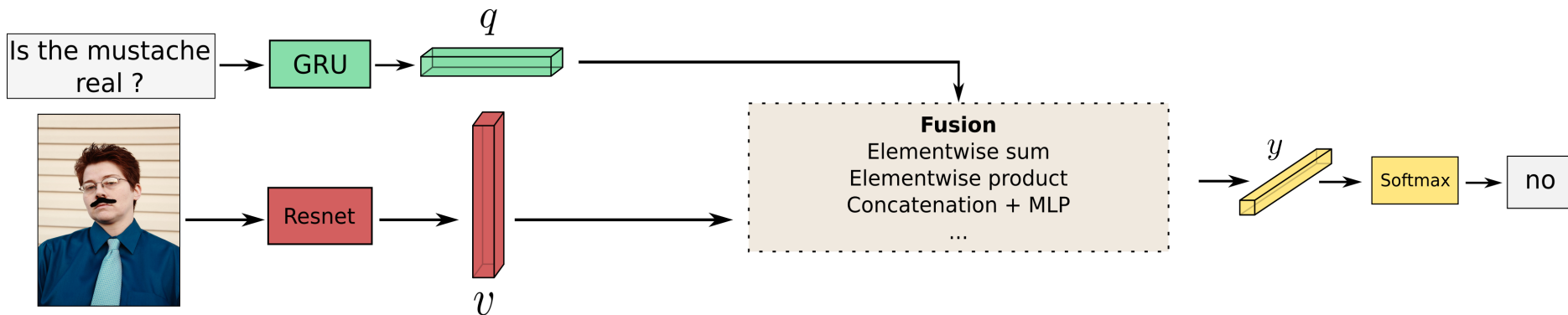
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Element-wise sum :  $y = (\mathbf{W}\mathbf{q}) + (\mathbf{V}\mathbf{v})$

Element-wise product :  $y = (\mathbf{W}\mathbf{q}) \odot (\mathbf{V}\mathbf{v})$

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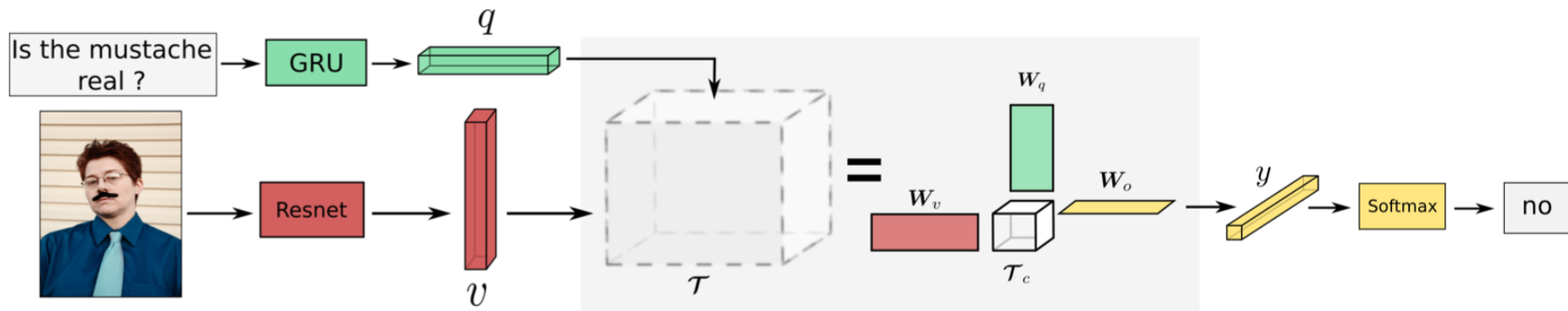
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# VQA: fusion

[Fukui, Akira et al. Multimodal Compact Bilinear Pooling for Visual Question Answering and Visual Grounding, CVPR 2016]

[Kim, Jin-Hwa et al. Hadamard Product for Low-rank Bilinear Pooling, ICLR 2017]



Bilinear model:

score for class  $k$  = bilinear combination of dimensions in  $\mathbf{q}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$

$$y^k = \sum_{i=1}^{d_q} \sum_{j=1}^{d_v} \mathcal{T}^{ijk} \mathbf{q}^i \mathbf{v}^j$$

$$\mathbf{y} = \mathcal{T} \times_1 \mathbf{q} \times_2 \mathbf{v}$$



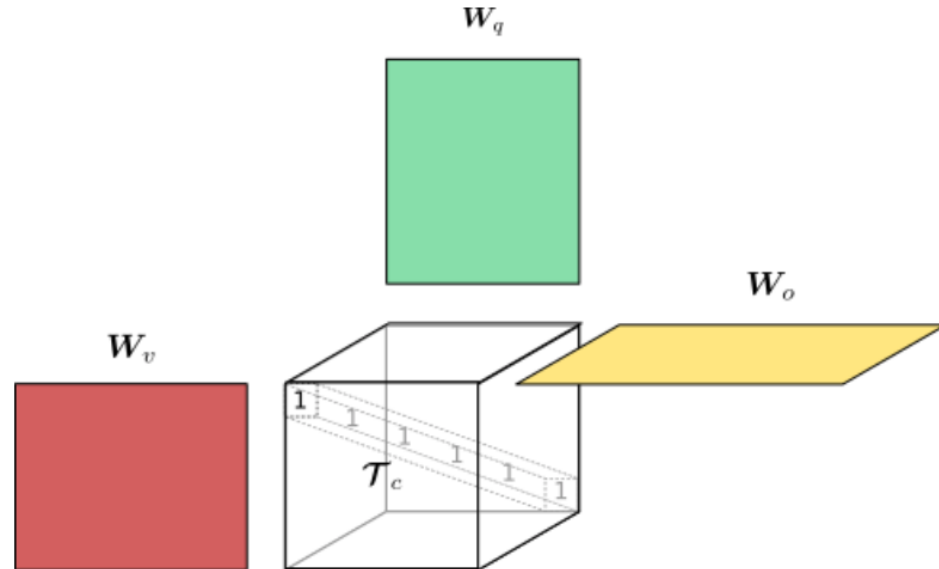
# VQA: fusion

Learn the 3-ways Tensor coeff.

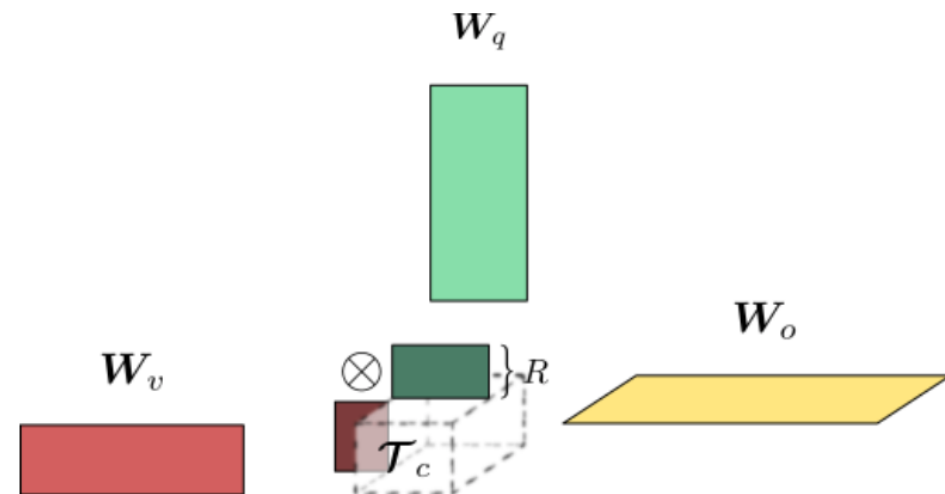
- Different than the Signal Proc. Tensor analysis (representation)

Need to reduce the Tensor Size:

- Tucker based decomposition

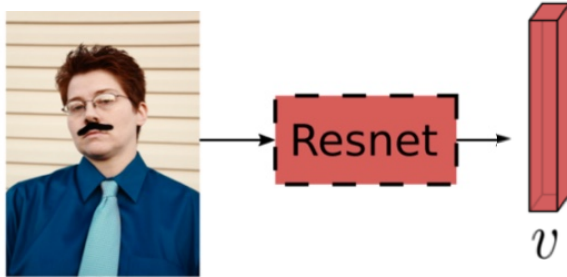


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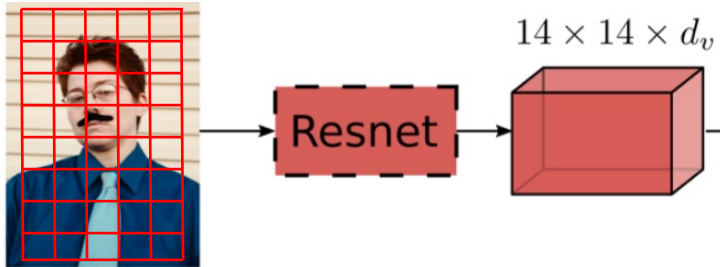


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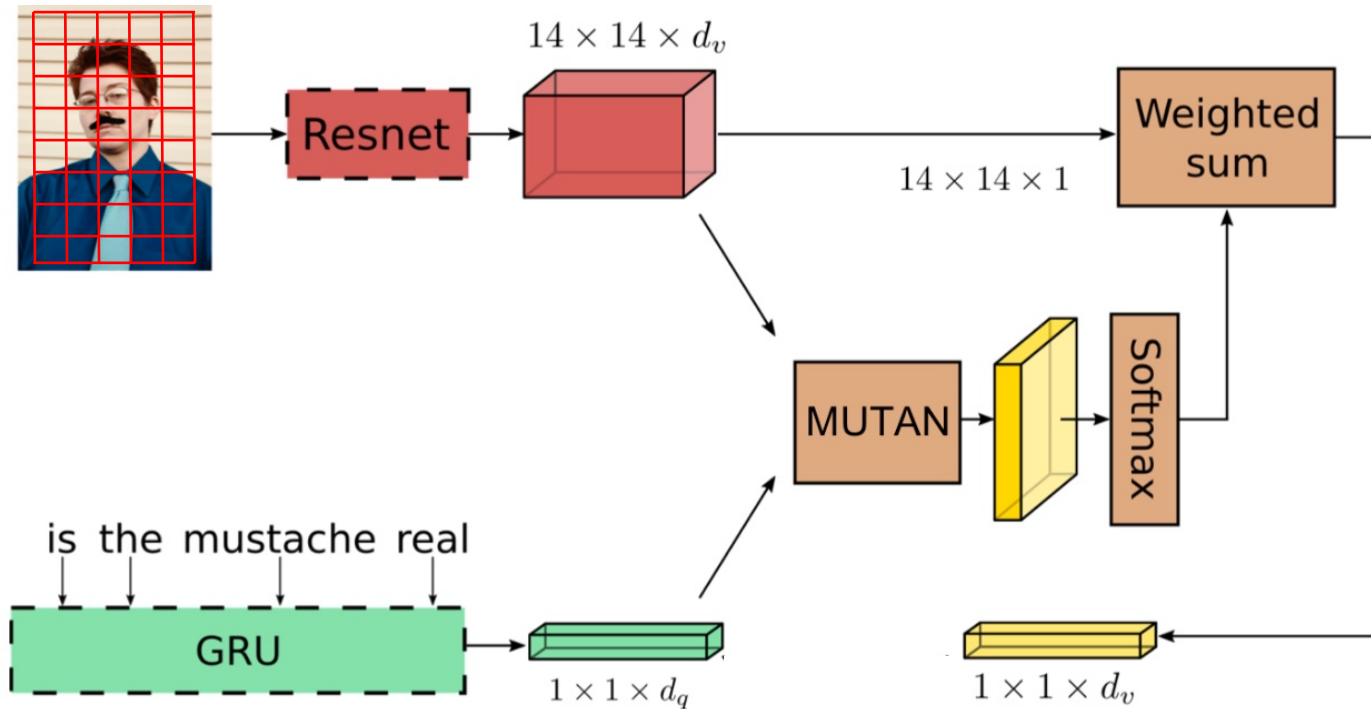
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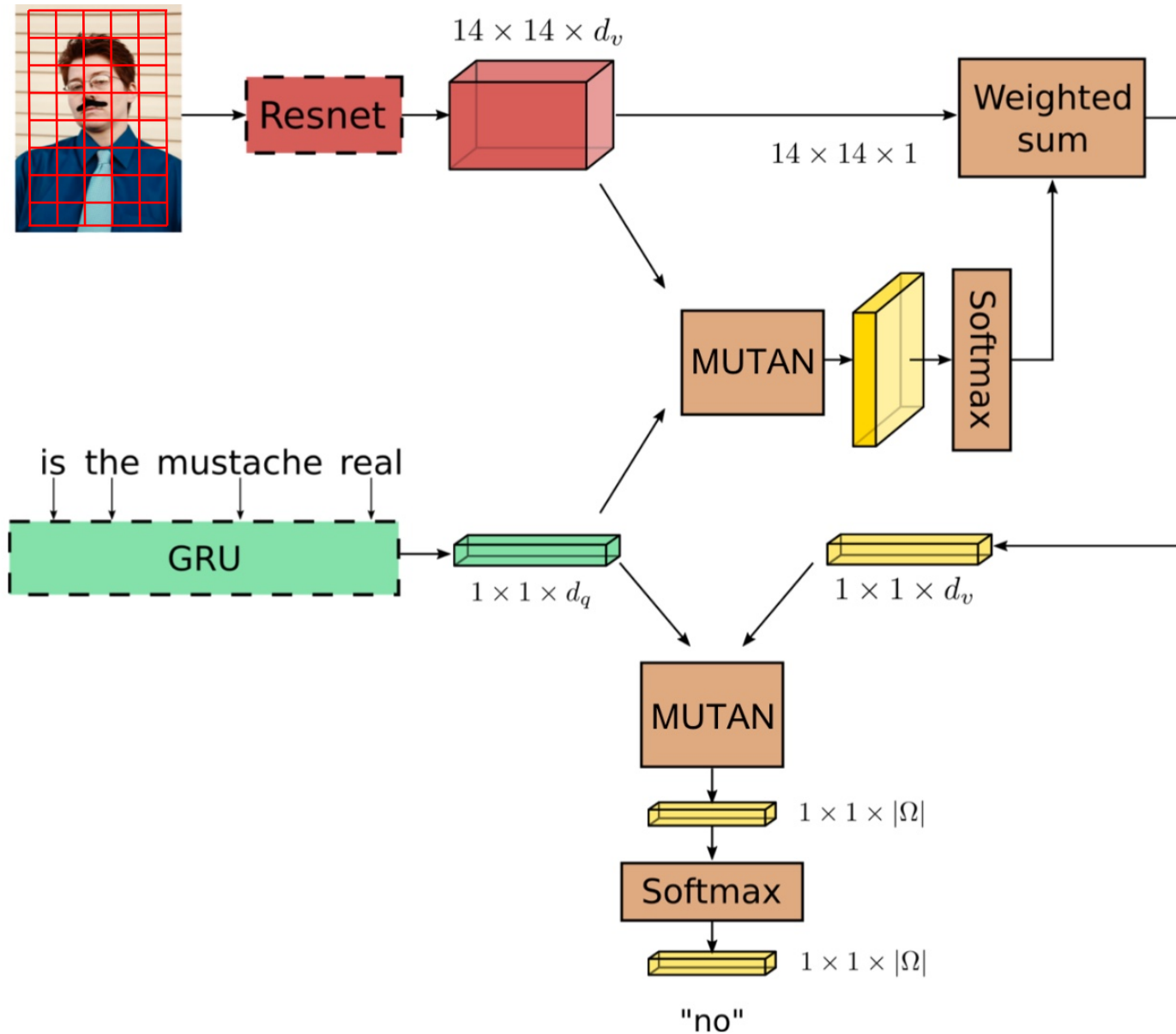


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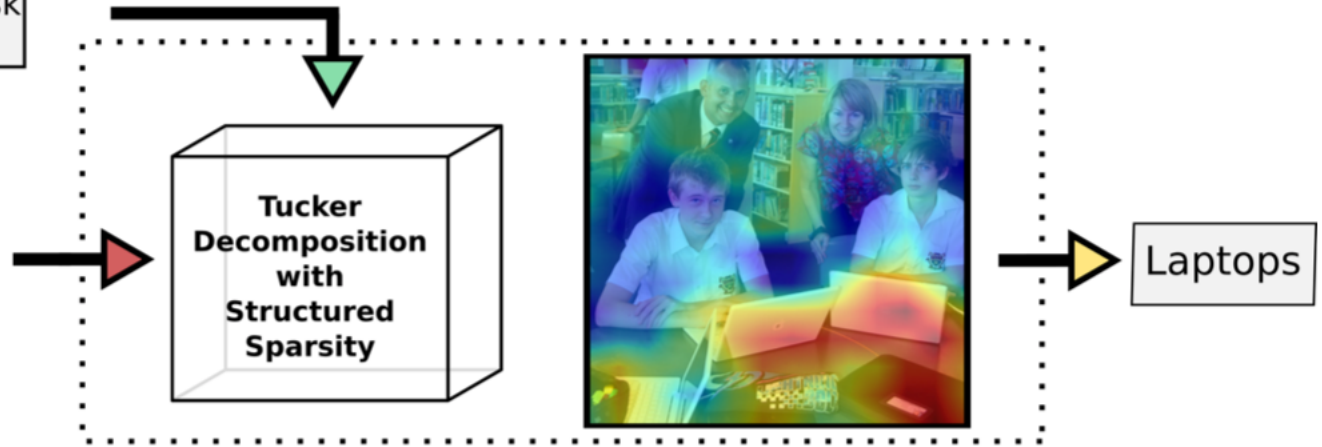


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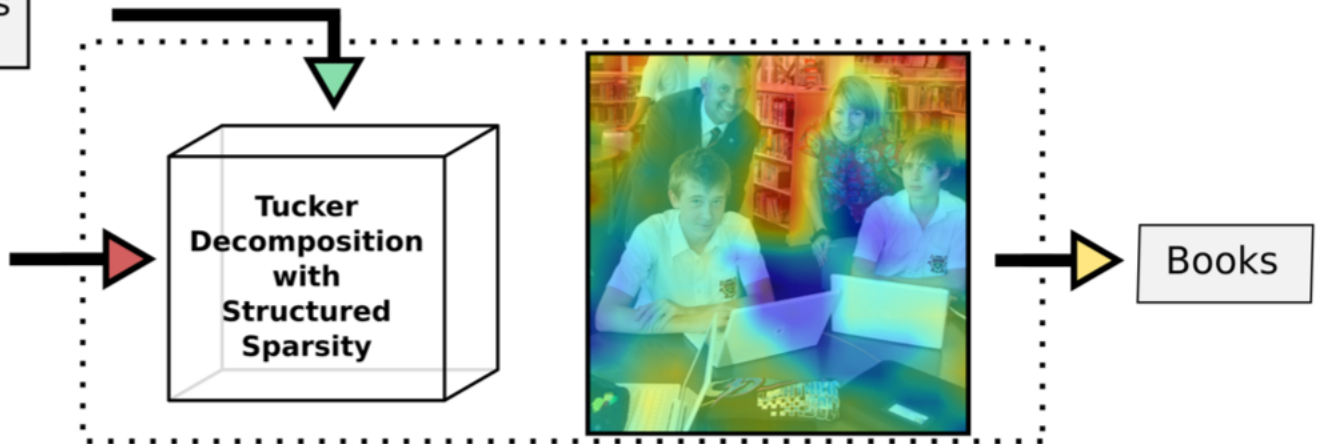


# VQA: Attention process & reasoning

What is sitting on the desk in front of the boys?



What are on the shelves in the background?



# VQA: Attention process & reasoning

Winner of the VQA Challenge in CVPR 2017:

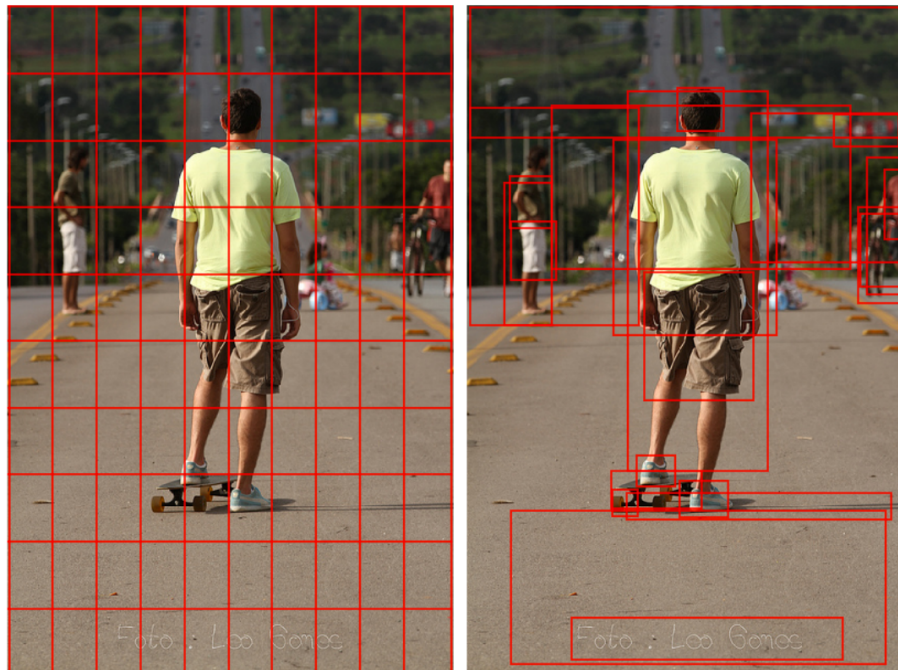
**Bottom-Up and Top-Down Attention for Image Captioning and VQA**

**Peter Anderson<sup>1\*</sup>, Xiaodong He<sup>2</sup>, Chris Buehler<sup>2</sup>, Damien Teney<sup>3</sup>**

**Mark Johnson<sup>4</sup>, Stephen Gould<sup>1</sup>, Lei Zhang<sup>2</sup>**

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<sup>3</sup>University of Adelaide   <sup>4</sup>Macquarie University



# VQA: Attention process & reasoning

Many initiatives to improve datasets and evaluate reasoning as:

## VQA v2.0 dataset and challenge 2017

- [Making the V in VQA Matter: Elevating the Role of Image Understanding in Visual Question Answering, Y. Goyal, D. Batra, D. Parikh, CVPR 2017]

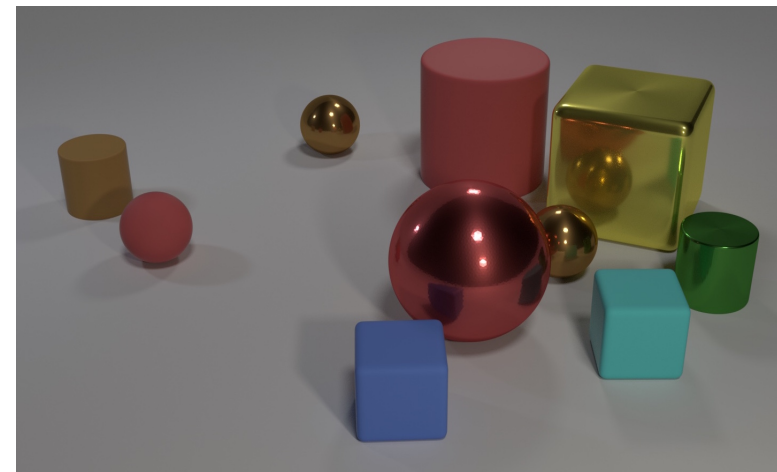
[CLEVR: A Diagnostic Dataset for Compositional Language and Elementary Visual Reasoning, Justin Johnson, Bharath Hariharan, Laurens van der Maaten, Li Fei-Fei, C. Lawrence Zitnick, Ross Girshick, CVPR 2017]

- Questions testing various aspects of visual reasoning including **attribute identification**, **counting**, **comparison**, **spatial relationships**, and **logical operations**.



Figure 1: Examples from our balanced VQA dataset.

**Are there an equal number of large things and metal spheres?**





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D.Picard (CNRS delegation), PhD T. Durand, T. Robert, T. Mordan, X. Wang, M. Blot, M. Carvahlo, H. BenYounes, R. Cadene, Y. Chen, E. Mehr, M. Engilberge, D. Brooks;  
Collab. N. Thome (CNAM), P. Perez (TECHNICOLOR)

## **MUTAN: Multimodal Tucker Fusion for Visual Question Answering**

H. Ben-Younes\*, R. Cadene\*, N. Thome, M. Cord, ICCV (2017) (\*equal contrib.)

Pytorch code: <https://github.com/Cadene>

Our Deep Recipe Reco on your mobile: [visiir.lip6.fr](http://visiir.lip6.fr)

## **Recent refs. on Deep learning for Visual Recognition**

- Deformable Part-based Fully Convolutional Network for Object Detection, T. Mordan, N. Thome, M. Cord, G. Henaff, BMVC 2017 (**Best paper**)
- WILDCAT: Weakly Supervised Learning of Deep ConvNets for Image Classification, Pointwise Localization and Segmentation, T. Durand, T. Mordan, N. Thome, M. Cord, CVPR 2017
- WELDON: Weakly Supervised Learning of Deep Convolutional Neural Networks, T. Durand, N. Thome, M. Cord, CVPR 2016
- Deep Neural Networks Under Stress, M. Carvalho, M. Cord, S. Avila, N. Thome, E. Valle, ICIP 2016
- LR-CNN for fine-grained classification with varying resolution, M Chevalier+, ICIP 2015
- Learning Deep Hierarchical Visual Feature Coding, H. Goh+, IEEE TNNLS 2014
- Sequentially generated instance-dependent image representations for classification, G Dulac-Arnold, L Denoyer, N Thome, M Cord, P Gallinari, ICLR 2014
- Top-Down Regularization of Deep Belief Networks, H. Goh, N. Thome, M. Cord, JH. Lim, NIPS 2013