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# F-LMM: Grounding Frozen Large Multimodal Models

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**User:** What is unusual about this image?

**Model:** 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.

Qualitative results of LMM. Example taken from LLaVA[1].

[1] Visual Instruction Tuning, Liu et.al., NeurIPS 2024

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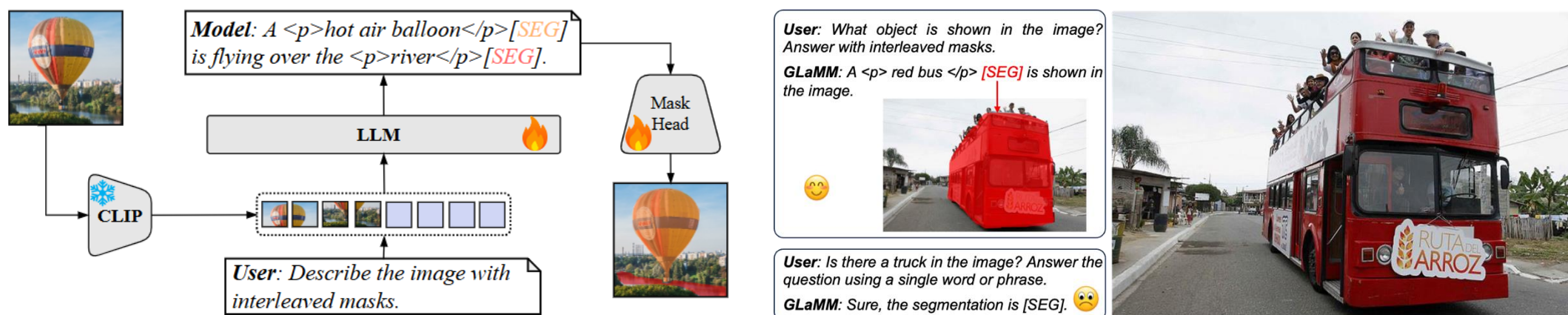




# Introduction



- The vanishment of Conversation Ability in Existing Grounding LMMs [2,3,4,5]



## Analysis:

- Simple and fixed patterns in segmentation instructions  
“Segmentation xxx in the image.”  
“Please describe the image in detail. Answer with interleaved masks”
- Overfitting to segmentation datasets

[2] LISA: Reasoning Segmentation via Large Language Model, Lai et.al., CVPR 2024

[3] GLaMM: Pixel Grounding Large Multimodal Model, Rasheed et.al., CVPR 2024

[4] PixelLM: Pixel Reasoning with Large Multimodal Model, Ren et.al., CVPR 2024

[5] GROUNDHOG: Grounding Large Language Models to Holistic Segmentation, Zhang et.al., CVPR 2024

# Introduction



- The vanishment of Conversation Ability in Existing Grounding LMMs

Model	MME	MMBench	MMVet	LLaVA <sup>W</sup>	POPE	GQA	VQA <sup>v2</sup>	AI2D
<i>Existing Grounding LMMs</i>								
PixelLM-7B [18]	309/135	17.4	15.9	46.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
PixelLM-13B [18]	77/47	18.1	18.1	47.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
LISA-7B [7]	1/1	0.4	19.1	47.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
LISA-13B [7]	2/1	0.8	19.8	48.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
LLaVA-G-7B [24]	-	-	-	55.8	-	-	-	-
GLaMM-7B [17]	14/9	36.8	10.3	32.0	0.94	11.7	24.4	28.2
LaSagnA-7B [22]	0/0	0.0	16.7	34.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<i>General-Purpose LMMs</i>								
DeepseekVL-1.3B [14]	1307/225	64.6	34.8	51.1	88.3	59.3	76.2	51.5
MGM-2B [8]	1341/312	59.8	31.1	65.9	83.9	59.9	72.9	62.1
LLaVA-1.5-7B [10]	1511/348	64.3	30.5	69.0	85.9	62.0	76.6	54.8
HPT-Air-6B [21]	1010/ 258	69.8	31.3	59.2	87.8	56.2	74.3	64.8
HPT-Air-1.5-8B [21]	1476/308	75.2	36.3	62.1	90.1	59.4	78.3	69.0
MGM-7B [8]	1523/316	69.3	40.8	75.8	84.2	61.6	76.7	64.3
DeepseekVL-7B [14]	1468/298	73.2	41.5	77.8	88.0	61.3	78.6	65.3
LLaVA-1.6-7B [12]	1519/322	68.1	44.1	72.3	86.4	64.2	80.2	66.6
LLaVA-1.6-Mistral-7B [12]	1501/324	69.5	47.8	71.7	86.8	55.0	80.3	60.8
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**Question:** "Barracudas often hunt large fish for food. The 's mouth is adapted to tear through meat. Figure: barracuda. Which fish's mouth is also adapted for tearing through meat?"

A. copperband butterflyfish

B. tiger moray

Answer with the option's letter from the given choices directly."

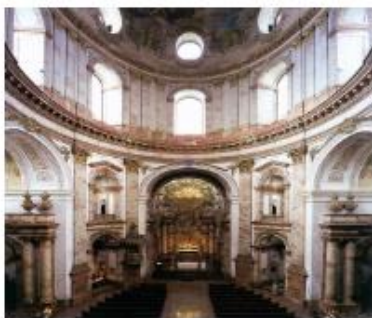
**GLaMM-7B:** "[SEG]."

**LISA-7B:** Sure, the segmentation result is [SEG].

**PixelLM-7B:** Sure, the segmentation result of the large, predominant fish with a wide open mouth are [SEG0] [SEG1] [SEG2] [SEG3] [SEG4] [SEG5]."

**F-LMM(LLaVA-1.5-7B):** "B"

**GT:** "B"



**Question:** "Does this artwork exist in the form of metalwork? Please answer yes or no."

**GLaMM-7B:** "Sure, it is [SEG]"

**LISA-7B:** "Sure, the segmentation result is [SEG]"

**PixelLM-7B:** "Sure, the segmentation result is [SEG0] [SEG1] [SEG2] [SEG3] [SEG4] [SEG5]."

**F-LMM(LLaVA-1.5-7B):** "No"

**GT:** "No"

**Qualitative results.** Examples from MMBench and MME.



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Question: "What is the name of the man in the photo?"

**GLaMM-7B:** "Sure, it is [SEG]"

**LISA-7B:** "The man in the photo is named Tesla."

**PixelLM-7B:** "The name of the man in the photo is Sunny Leone."

**F-LMM(LLaVA-1.5-7B):** "The man in the photo is Elon Musk."

**GT:** "The man in the photo is Elon Musk."



Question: "What is the name of this famous sight in the photo?"

**GLaMM-7B:** "Sure, it is [SEG]"

**LISA-7B:** "The name of the famous sight in the photo us the Road to Hana."

**PixelLM-7B:** "The famous sight in the photo is known as ""Haleakala," which is a volcanic crater on the island of Hawaii."

**F-LMM(LLaVA-1.5-7B):** "The famous sight in the photo is the Diamond Head, which is a volcanic crater located in Hawaii."

**GT:** "The famous sight in the photo is Diamond Head. "

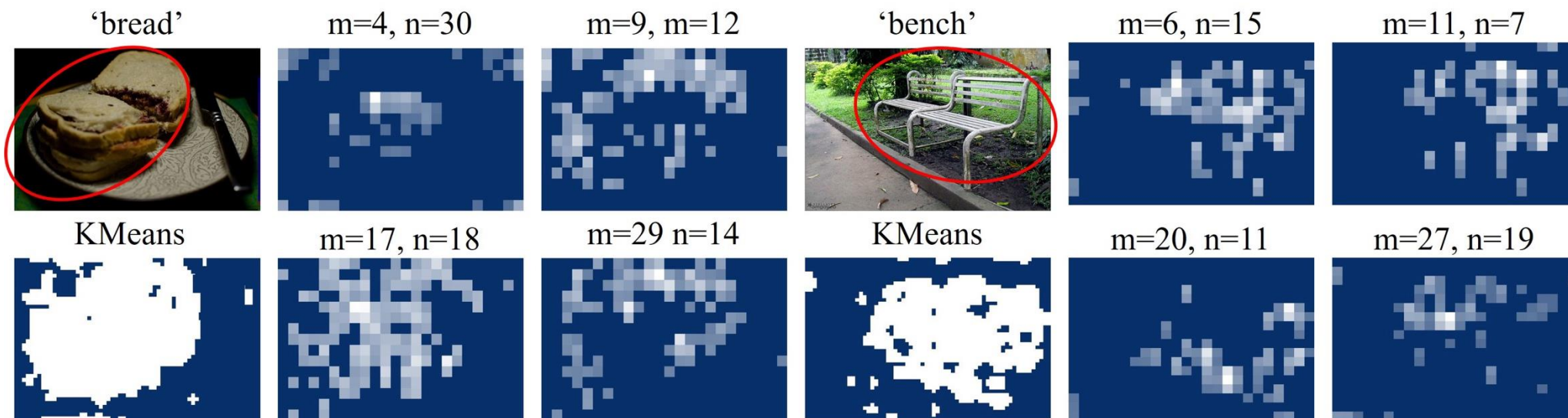
**Qualitative results.** Examples from LLaVA-In-The-Wild.

# Introduction



- Our straightforward and resource-efficient solution:

## *F-LMM: Grounding Frozen Large Multimodal Models*



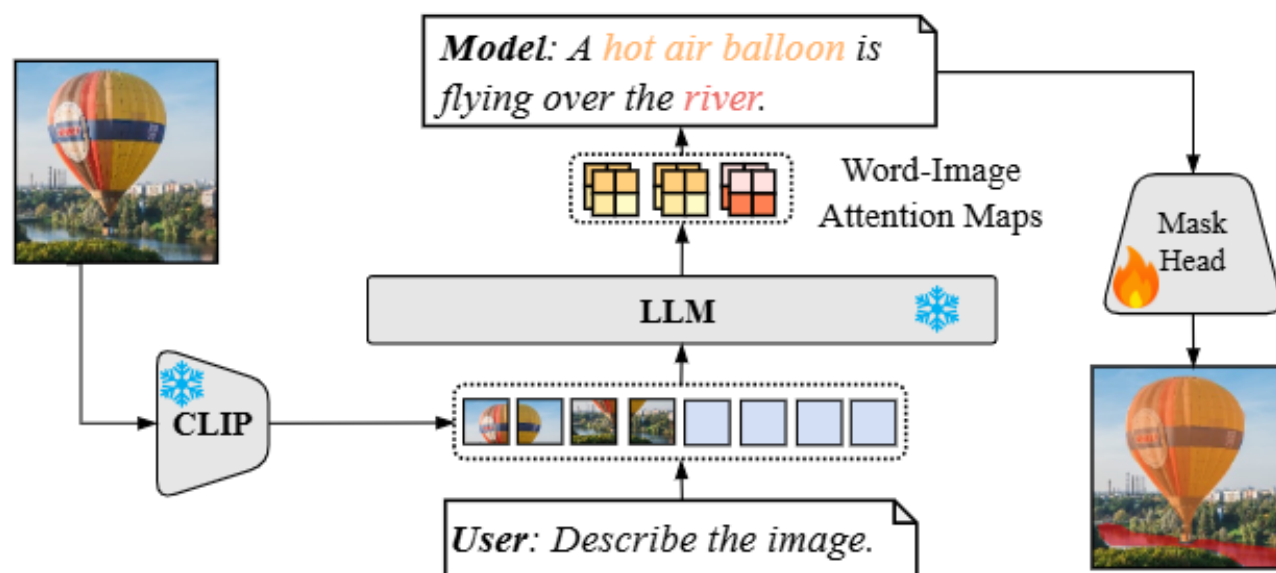
Segmentation priors exist in word-image attention maps.

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F-LMM: Exploring segmentation priors in word-attention maps



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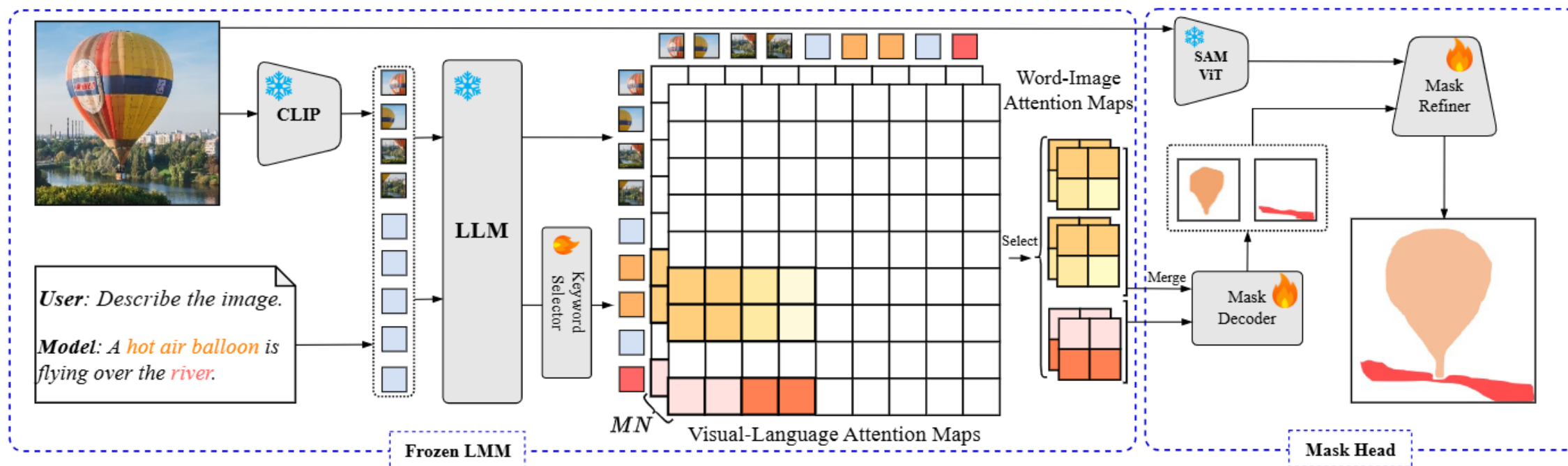
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- **F-LMM: Grounding Frozen Large Multimodal Models**

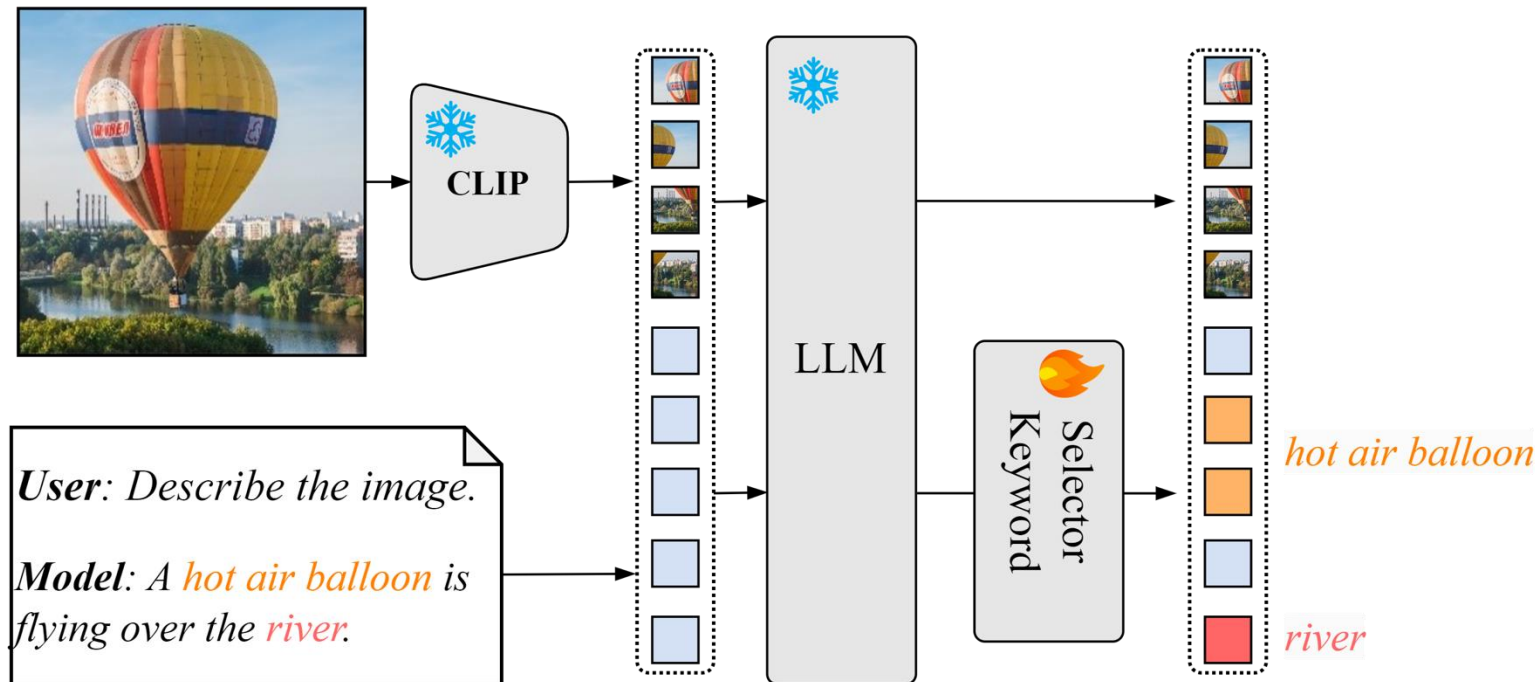


Overall pipeline of F-LMM. The main modules are a **mask decoder**, a **mask refiner** and a **keyword selector**.

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- **F-LMM**: Grounding Frozen Large Multimodal Models
  - Keyword Selector: A linear layer + sigmoid

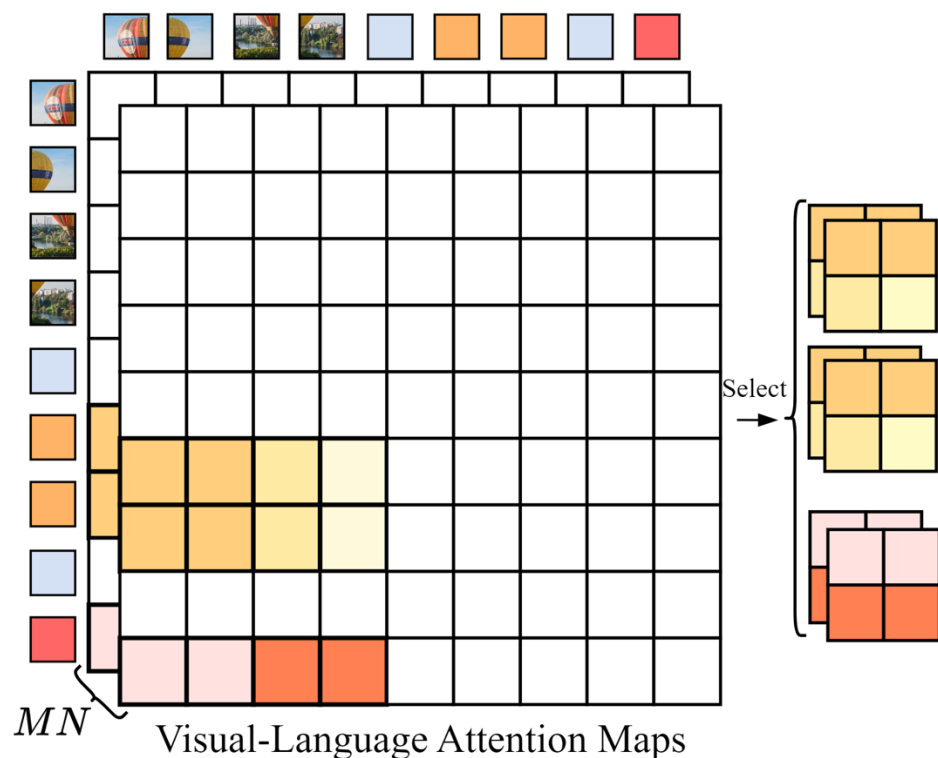


We use a linear layer to discover visual objects in the text sequence

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- **F-LMM:** Grounding Frozen Large Multimodal Models
  - Collecting word-image attention maps

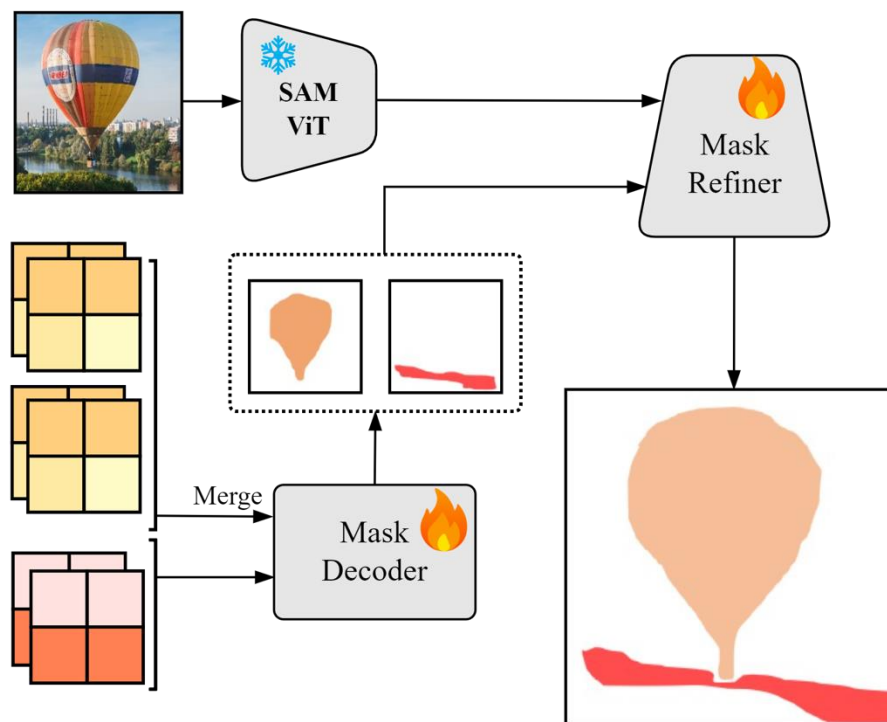


Extracting word-image correspondences in vision-language attention

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- **F-LMM:** Grounding Frozen Large Multimodal Models
  - Mask head



Perform visual grounding with the mask decoder and the mask refiner.

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- **F-LMM: Grounding Frozen Large Multimodal Models**
  - Training

PNG + RES datasets ---- 190K data samples



In this image there is a **white colour vehicle** on **road**. On **pavement** there are **three persons** standing on it. In which **one person** is wearing **suit, tie**. Another **person** is wearing a **white colour shirt**. **Woman** wearing a **dress** is holding a **bag** in her **hand**. At the right side there is a **vehicle** on **road**. Behind this **vehicle** there's another **vehicle** on **road**. There is a **fence** before there is a grassy land. Left side there are **traffic lights** to a pole. Background of image there are **few houses**, plants, **trees** and **sky**.

Panoptic Narrative Grounding (PNG) [6]

“A woman with a donut”



Referring Expression Segmentation (RES) [7]

[6] *Panoptic Narrative Grounding*, González et.al., ICCV 2021

[7] *Referitgame: Referring to objects in photographs of natural scenes*, Kazemzadeh et.al., EMNLP 2014



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# Results



- Main evaluation
  - Measuring chat ability: question-answering benchmarks
  - Measuring visual grounding ability: Referring Segmentation (RES) & Panoptic Narrative Grounding (PNG)

Model	Multimodal Question Answering				RES			PNG		
	MME	MMBench	MMVet	LLaVA <sup>W</sup>	RefCOCO	RefCOCO+	RefCOCOg	All	Thing	Stuff
PixelLM-7B [61]	309/135	17.4	15.9	46.4	73.0	66.3	69.3	43.1	41.0	47.9
LISA-7B [28]	1/1	0.4	19.1	47.5	74.9	65.1	67.9	-	-	-
PerceptionGPT-7B [54]	-	-	-	-	75.1	68.5	70.3	-	-	-
LLaVA-G-7B [80]	-	-	-	55.8	77.1	68.8	71.5	-	-	-
GroundHog-7B [84]	-	-	-	-	78.5	70.5	74.1	66.8	65.0	69.4
GLaMM-FS-7B [60]	14/9	36.8	10.3	32.0	78.6	70.5	74.8	55.8	52.9	62.3
LaSagnA-7B [70]	0/0	0.0	16.7	34.5	76.8	66.4	70.6	-	-	-
F-LMM (DeepSeekVL-1.3B [44])	1307/225	64.6	34.8	51.1	75.0	62.8	68.2	64.9	63.4	68.3
F-LMM (MGM-2B [34])	1341/312	59.8	31.1	65.9	75.0	63.7	67.3	65.6	64.4	68.4
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- More complex scenarios
  - Reasoning Segmentation [2]

Quantitative results on Reasoning Segmentation

Model	Val	Test		
	-	Short	Long	All
X-Decoder [87]	22.6	20.4	22.2	21.7
SEEM [88]	25.5	20.1	25.6	24.3
GroundingSAM [41]	26.0	17.8	22.4	21.3
OVSeg [35]	28.5	18.0	28.7	26.1
LISA [28]	44.4	37.6	36.6	36.8
F-LMM	46.7	36.9	49.1	46.2

[2] LISA: Reasoning Segmentation via Large Language Model, Lai et.al., CVPR 2024

# Results



- More complex scenarios
  - Grounded Conversation Generation (GCG) [3]

**GCG Evaluation.** M.: METEOR, measuring caption quality.

Model	GCG Training	Val			Test		
		M.	mIoU	Recall	M.	mIoU	Recall
LISA [28]	✓	13.0	62.0	36.3	12.9	61.7	35.5
OMG-LLaVA [82]	✓	14.9	65.5	-	14.5	64.7	-
GLaMM [60]	✓	16.2	66.3	41.8	15.8	65.6	40.8
BuboGPT [85]	✗	17.2	54.0	29.4	17.1	54.1	27.0
KOSMOS-2 [52]	✗	16.1	55.6	28.3	15.8	56.8	29.0
F-LMM	✗	17.6	63.5	42.0	17.4	63.6	38.6

[3] GLaMM: Pixel Grounding Large Multimodal Model, Rasheed et.al., CVPR 2024

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- More complex scenarios
  - Visual Chain-of-Thought Reasoning (VisCoT)[8]

Unleashing visual chain-of-thought reasoning with both excellent grounding and instruction-following ability.

Model	Visual CoT	VisCoT Benchmark						POPE	
		DocVQA	TextCaps	TextVQA	DUDE	SROIE	Infographics	Acc	F1
VisCoT-7B [60]	✓	47.6	67.5	77.5	38.6	47.0	32.4	86.5	-
<i>F-LMM (Ours)</i>									
DeepseekVL-1.3B [42]	✗	30.4	58.2	69.7	23.9	20.0	31.0	87.4	86.6
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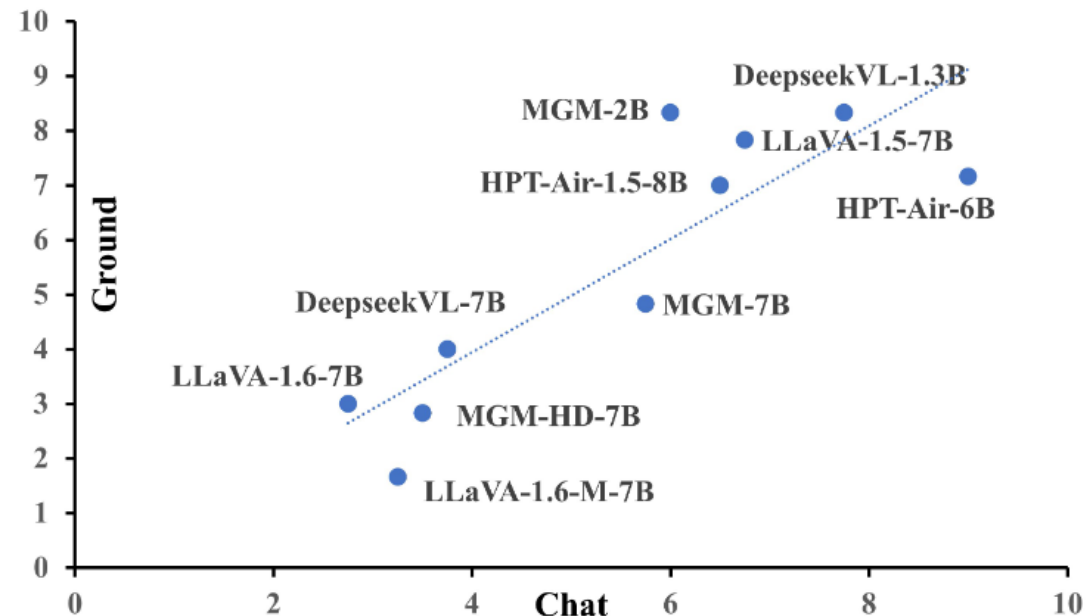
[8] Visual CoT: Advancing Multi-Modal Language Models with a Comprehensive Dataset and Benchmark for Chain-of-Thought Reasoning, Shao et.al., Arxiv 2024

# Results



- Analysis
  - Positive Correlation between Conversational & Grounding Ability

Model	Chat ↓	Ground ↓
DeepseekVL-1.3B [44]	7.75	8.33
MGM-2B [34]	6.00	8.33
LLaVA-1.5-7B [38]	6.75	7.83
HPT-Air-6B [65]	9.00	7.16
HPT-Air-1.5-8B [65]	6.50	7.00
MGM-7B [34]	5.75	4.83
DeepseekVL-7B [44]	3.75	4.00
LLaVA-1.6-7B [40]	2.75	3.00
LLaVA-1.6-M-7B [40]	3.25	1.66
MGM-HD-7B [34]	3.50	2.83



Average ranks of models on question-answering (chat) and grounding benchmarks.



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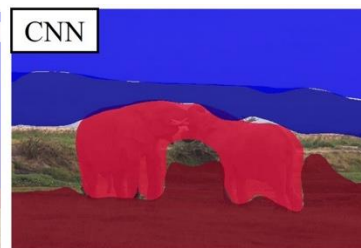
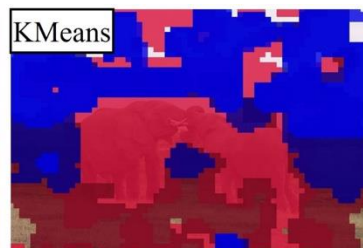


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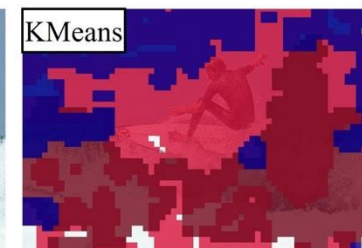
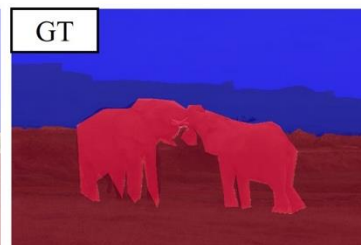
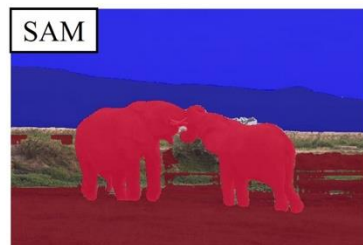
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- Visualization
  - From attention maps to segmentation masks



**Caption:** In the center of the image there are *two elephants*. At the bottom there is *grass*. In the background we can see *hills* and *sky*.



**Caption:** There is a *person* in this picture on the surfing board who is surfing on a *ocean tide*. There is *sky* in the background.



**Top-left:** KMeans visualisation of attention maps; **Top-right:** Masks predicted by the CNN-based mask decoder;  
**Bottom-left:** Masks refined by the SAM-based mask refiner; **Bottom-right:** GT masks

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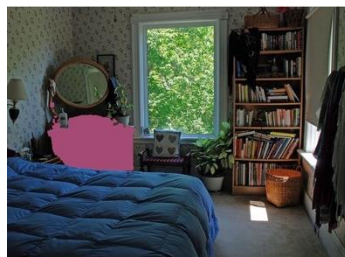


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- Visualization
  - Grounded conversation



**User:** Where is the shampoo?

**Answer:** On the dresser.



**User:** What is unusual about this image?

**Model:** The unusual aspect of this image is the presence of a man in a yellow shirt ironing clothes on the back of a taxi.



**User:** What is the funny aspect of this image?

**Model:** The funny aspect of this image is the juxtaposition of a dog lying on a wooden floor with the caption "MONDAY... JUST... MONDAY."



**User:** Where might the picture be taken?

**Answer:** The photo appears to be taken in a parking garage or a similar indoor setting. This is suggested by the presence of a car with its doors open, and the presence of a luggage cart with suitcases and bags.



**User:** Can you name the foods in this picture?

**Model:** The image shows a plate with various food items. There's a sandwich with sesame seeds on it, a side of French Fries, and a small bowl containing a red sauce, possibly ketchup or a similar condiment. Additionally, there's a small bowl of vegetables, which appears to be sliced onions.



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- Visualization
  - Reasoning Segmentation



```
{“Question”: “During a tennis match,  
players often hit the ball with a  
specific tool. What tool in the picture  
can be used to hit the ball during a  
tennis game?”}  
{“answer”: “It is a tennis racket.”}
```



```
{“Question”: “What is something that  
helps in the pollination of plants  
in this image?”}  
{“answer”: “It is the butterfly, as it  
helps in the pollination of plants by  
transferring pollen”}
```



```
{“Question”: “Bonsai trees  
require special care and  
attention to maintain their  
miniature size and aesthetic  
appeal. What object in the  
picture is used to contain  
and display a bonsai tree?”}
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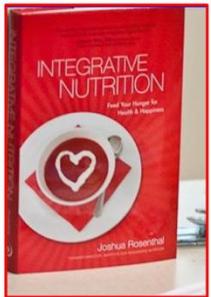
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{“answer”: “It is a white  
pot.”}
```

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- Visualization
  - Visual Chain-of-Thought Reasoning



**Question:** What is the title of the book on the table?



**Thought:** First think which object in this image is most relevant to the question.

**Answer:** The object most relevant to the question is the book on the table.

**Question:** What is the title of the book on the table?

**Answer:** Integrative Nutrition.



**Question:** What number is prominently displayed on the red tractor?



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