



# MagicLens

Self-Supervised Image Retrieval with Open-Ended Instructions

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<https://open-vision-language.github.io/MagicLens/>

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# Rank Images by Relevance to the Query Image

Query Image



Image Pool



## Query Image



## Search Intent

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*Outside view from the inside of it*

*Find other attractions in this country*

*3D model of it on a coffee table*

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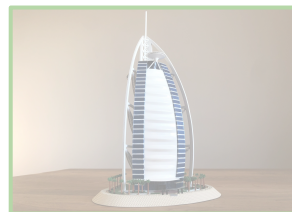
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In the past **decades**, image retrieval is vaguely defined.



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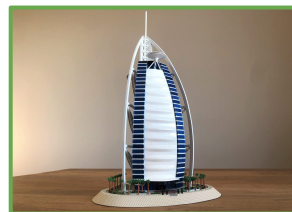
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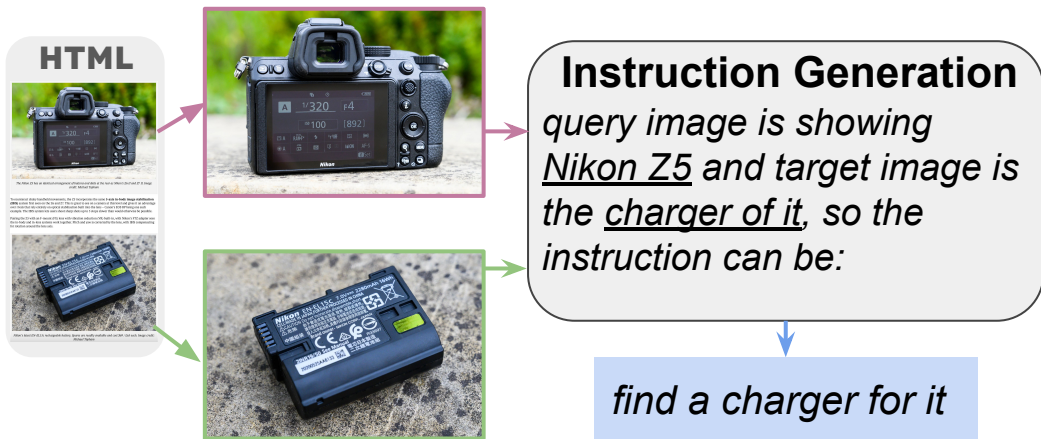
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Where to find the data?

# Naturally Occuring Image Pairs from the Same Web Page.

(query image, target image) -> PaLI -> PaLM2 -> instruction

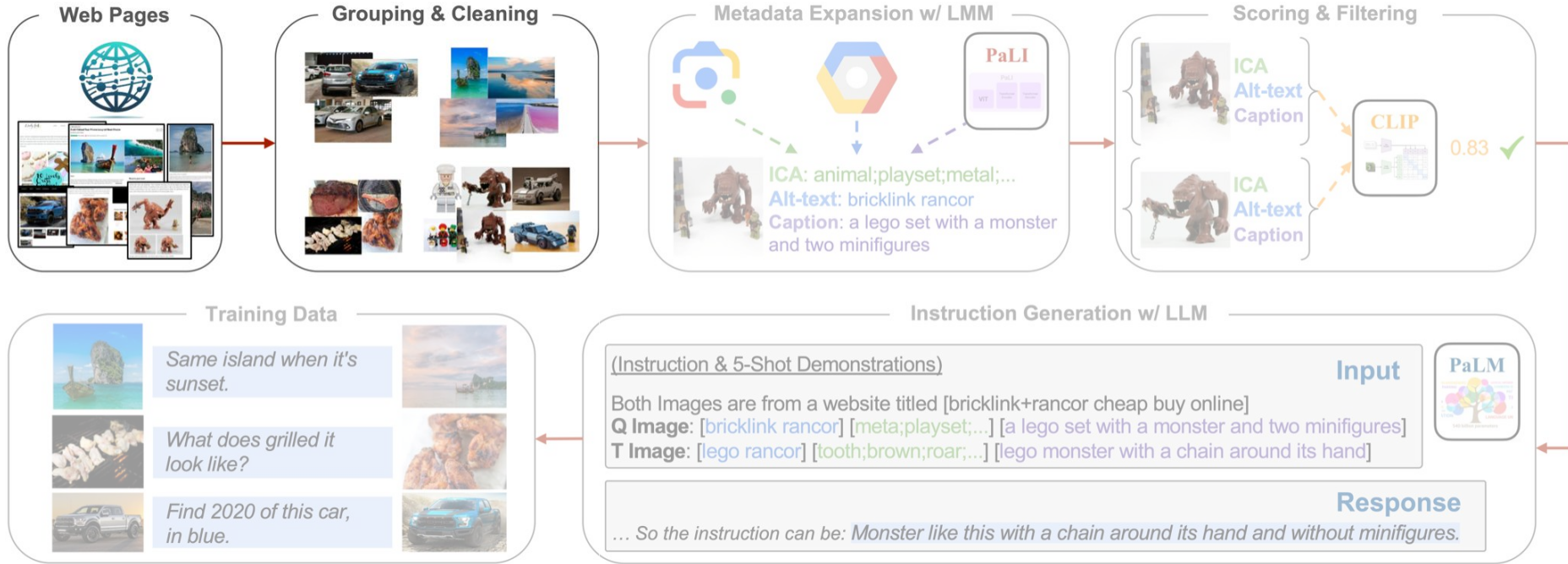


Represent the search intents as **open-ended instructions**.

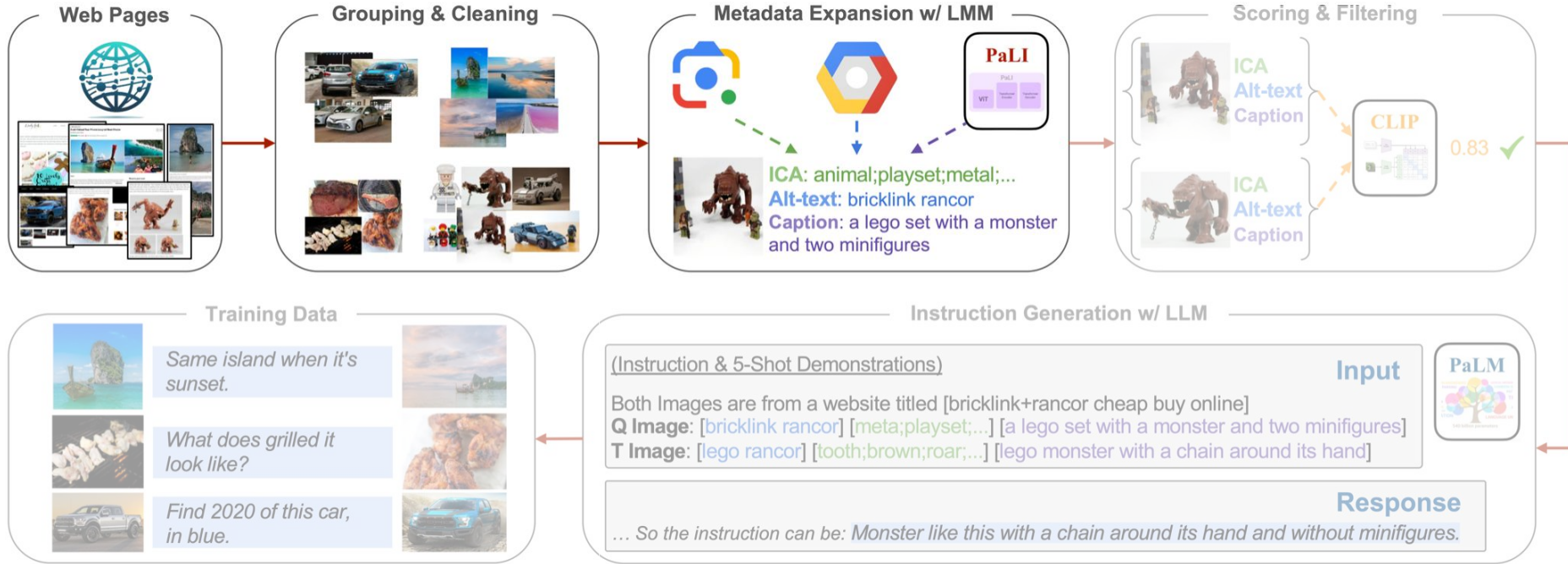
We mine **36.7M** triples (query image, instruction, target image)



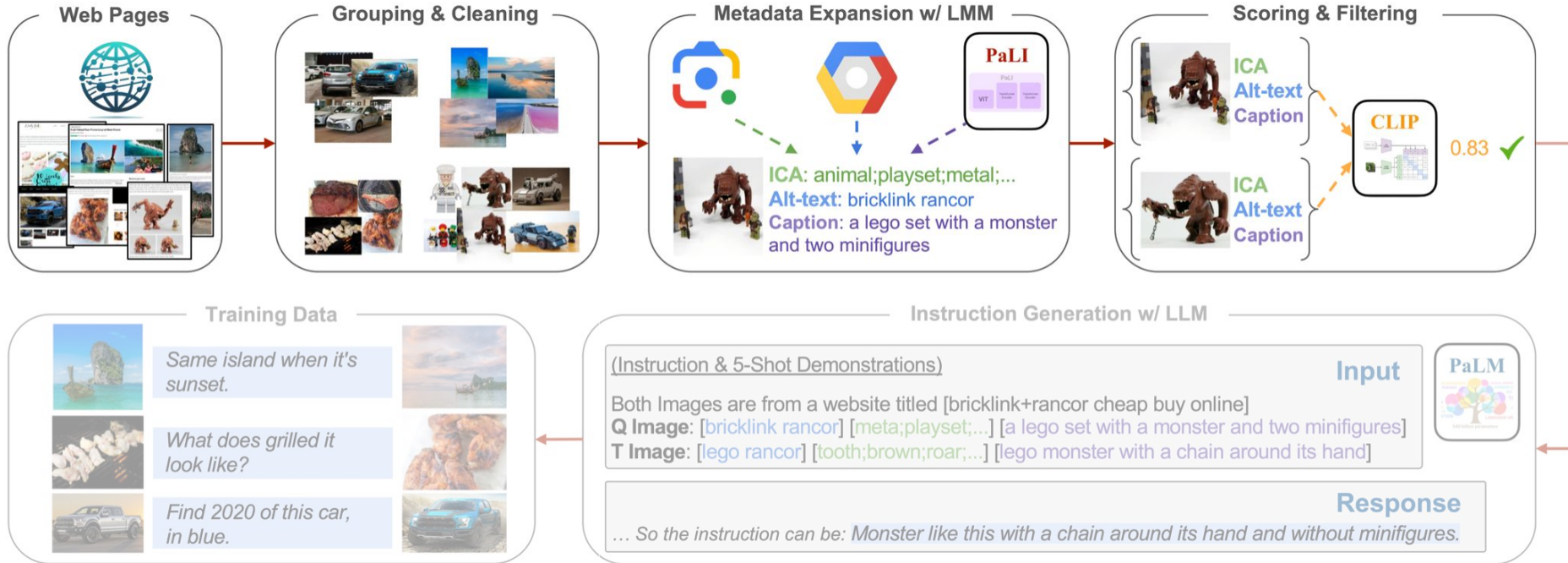
# Data Construction Pipeline



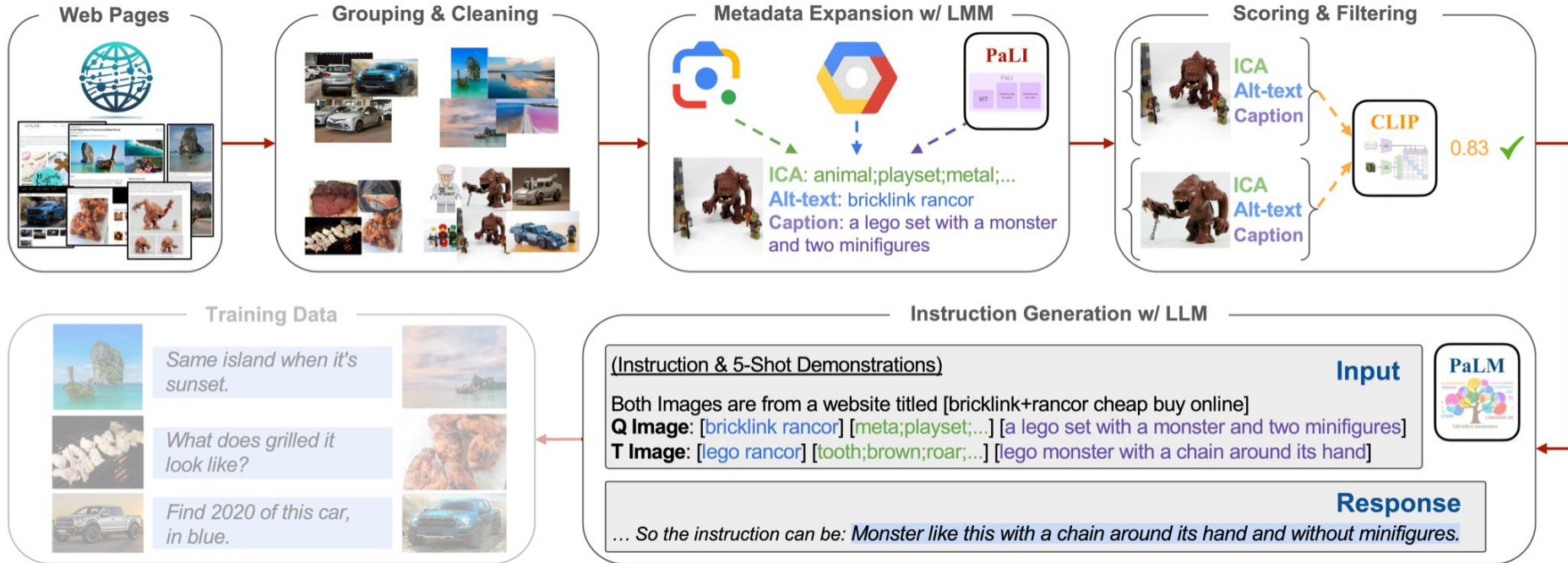
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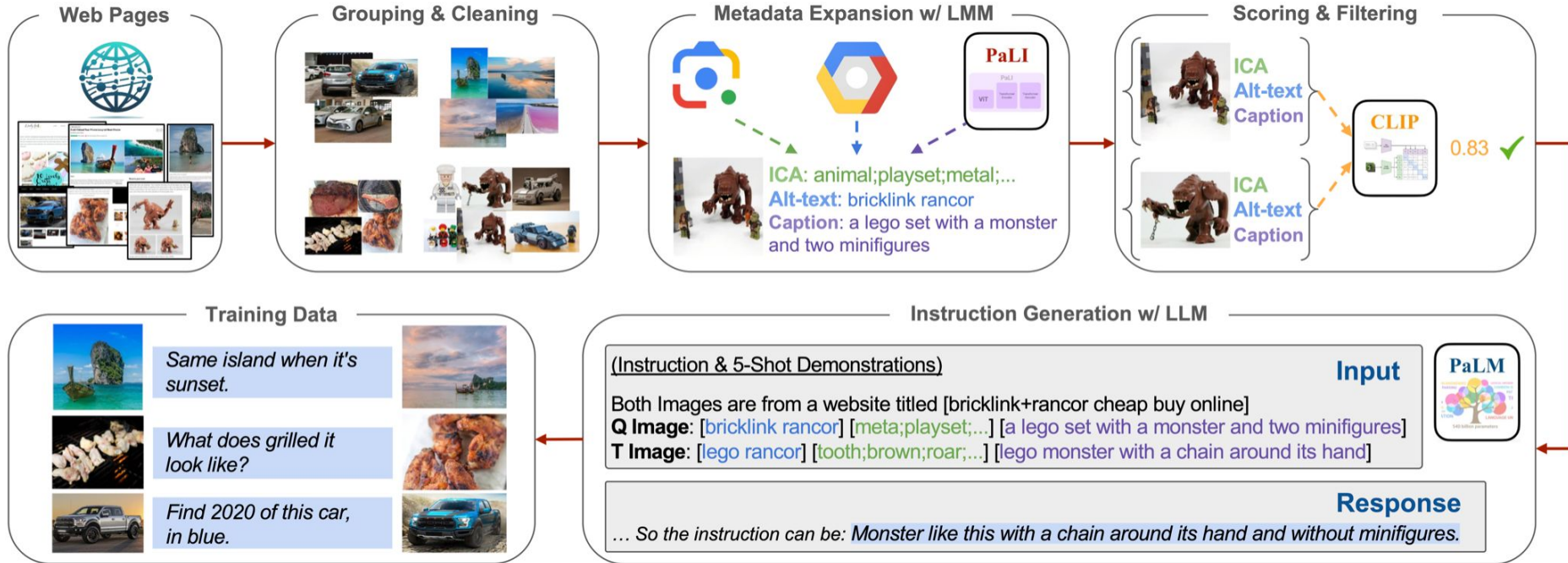
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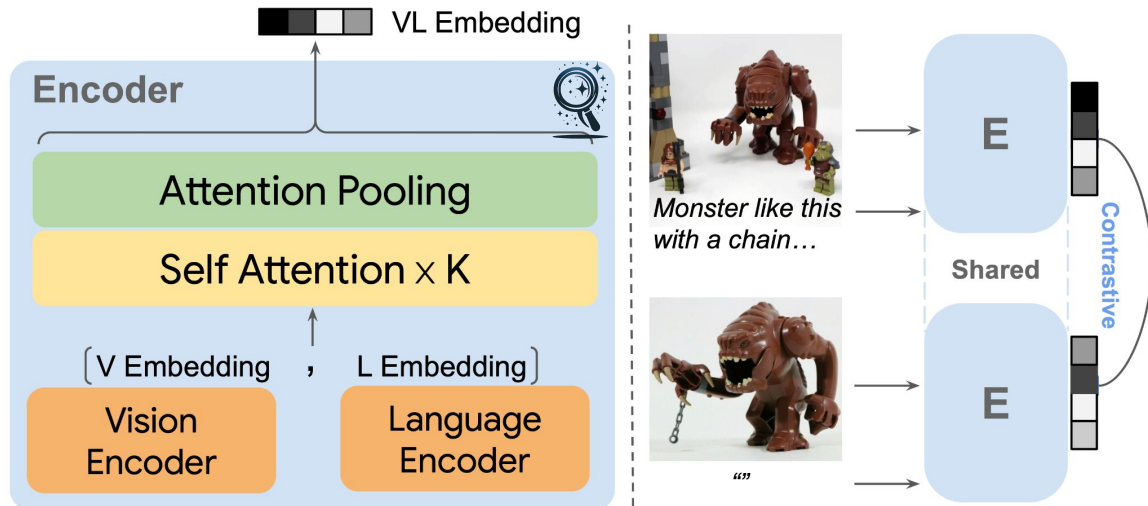
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# Training Model with Simple Contrastive Loss



$$-\log \frac{e^{\text{sim}(\mathbf{r}_q^i, \mathbf{r}_t^i) / \tau}}{\sum_{j=1}^N (e^{\text{sim}(\mathbf{r}_q^i, \mathbf{r}_t^j) / \tau} + e^{\text{sim}(\mathbf{r}_q^i, \mathbf{r}_t^{j'}) / \tau})},$$

Query Negative

# Evaluation - Multimodality to Image Retrieval

## Composed Image Retrieval



with a clear platform  
and silver glitter



Reference image

Relative caption

Target Images



has two children  
instead of cats



is on a track and  
has the front  
wheel in the air



Figure 3. Examples of CIR queries and ground truths in CIRCO.

## Domain Transfer Retrieval

Query Text: *cartoon* *origami* *toy* *sculpture*

+

Query Image



Top1

Top2

## Conditional Similarity

Same Object  
Same Attribute

Same Object  
Wrong Attribute

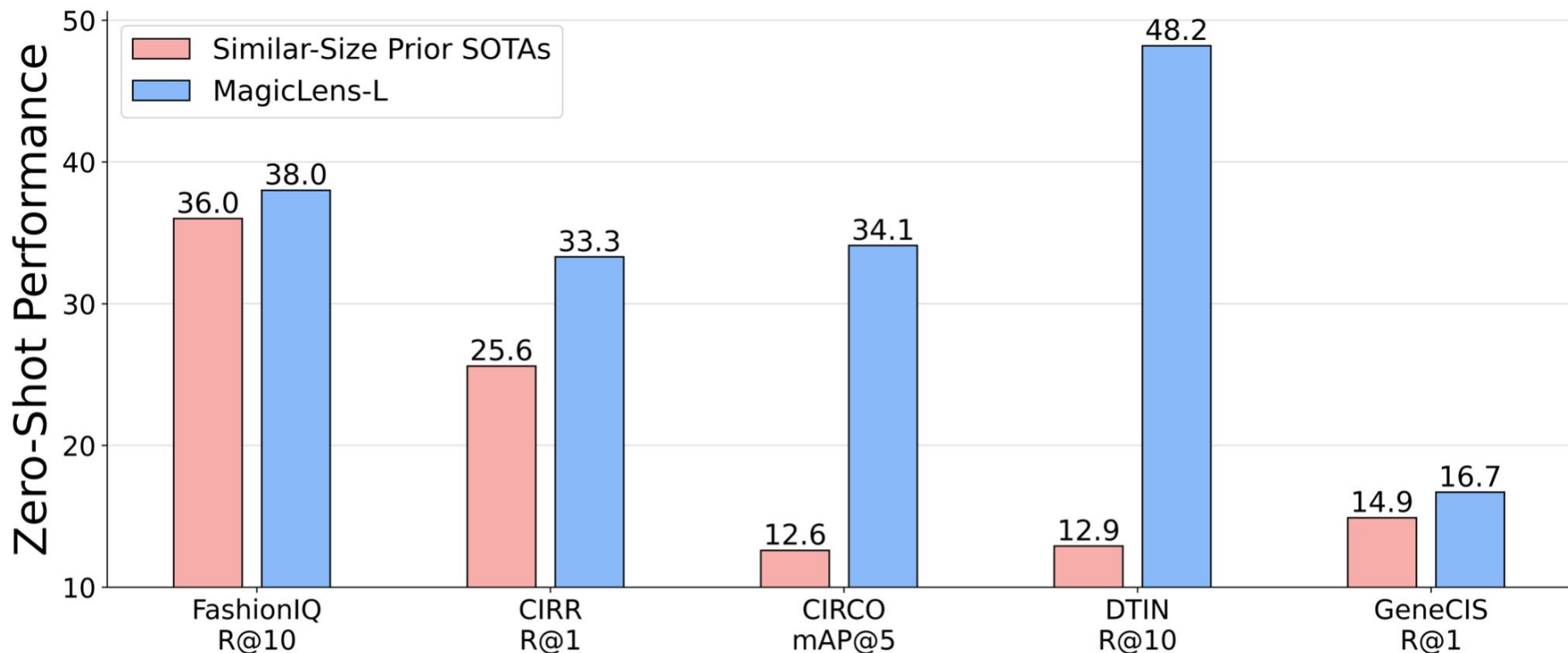
Same Object  
Wrong Attribute



"color"



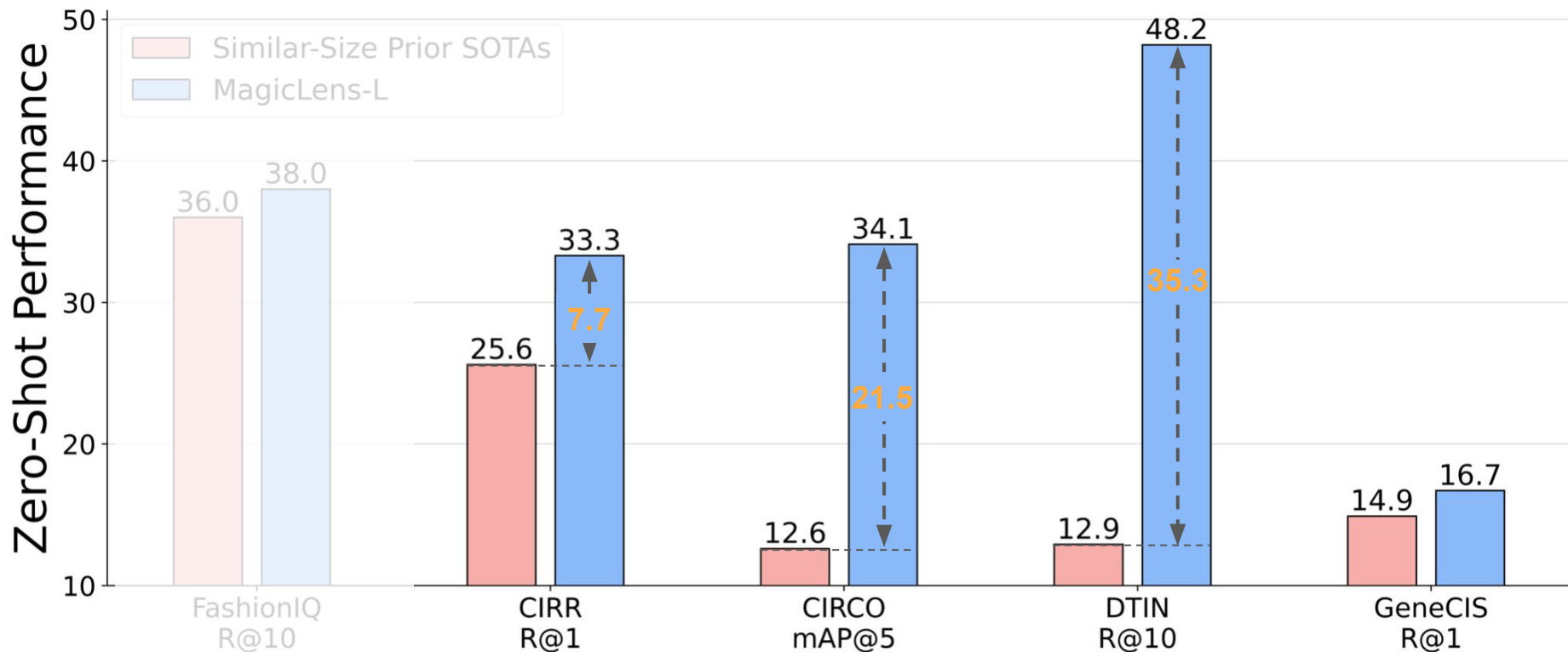
# Main Results (Multimodality-to-Image Retrieval)



**SOTA** on **5** benchmarks of **3** multimodality-to-image retrieval tasks.



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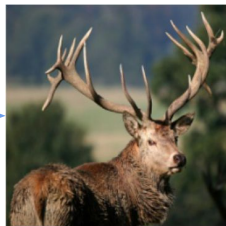
**Significant** improvements on open-domain images.

# Image-to-Image Retrieval

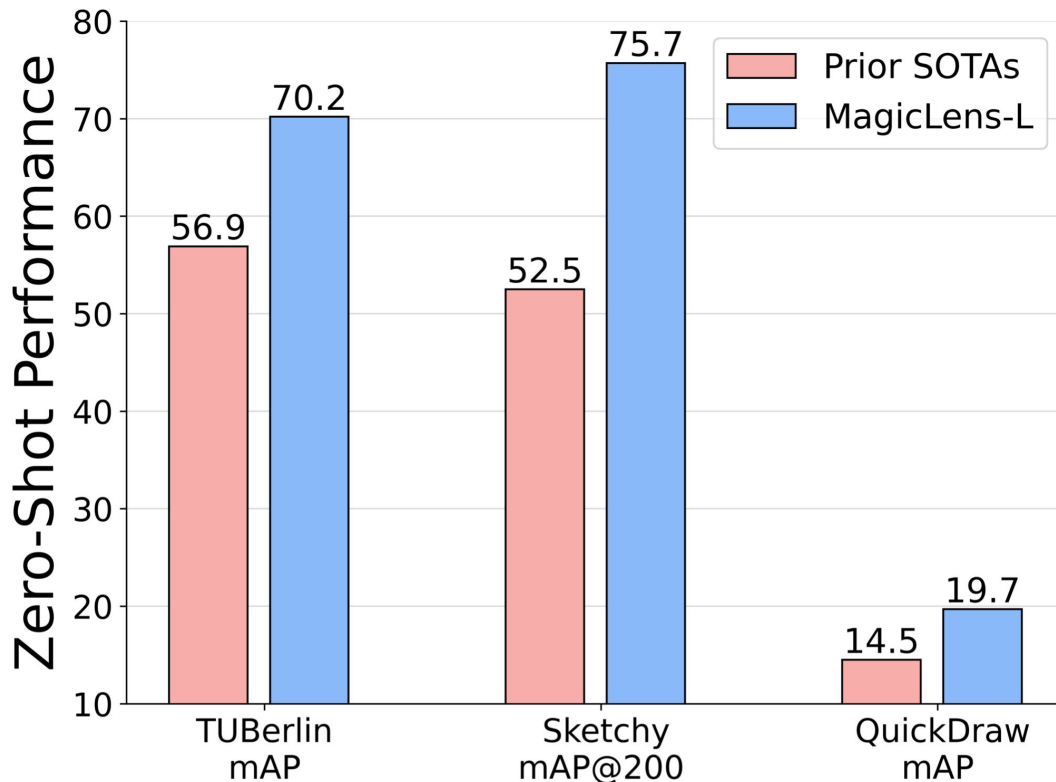


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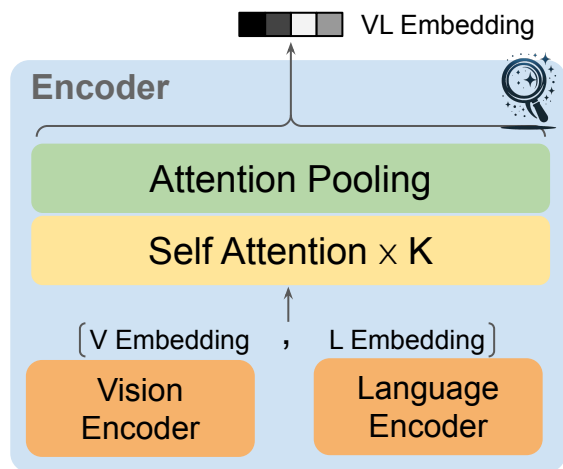
Instruction: “Find a natural image of it”



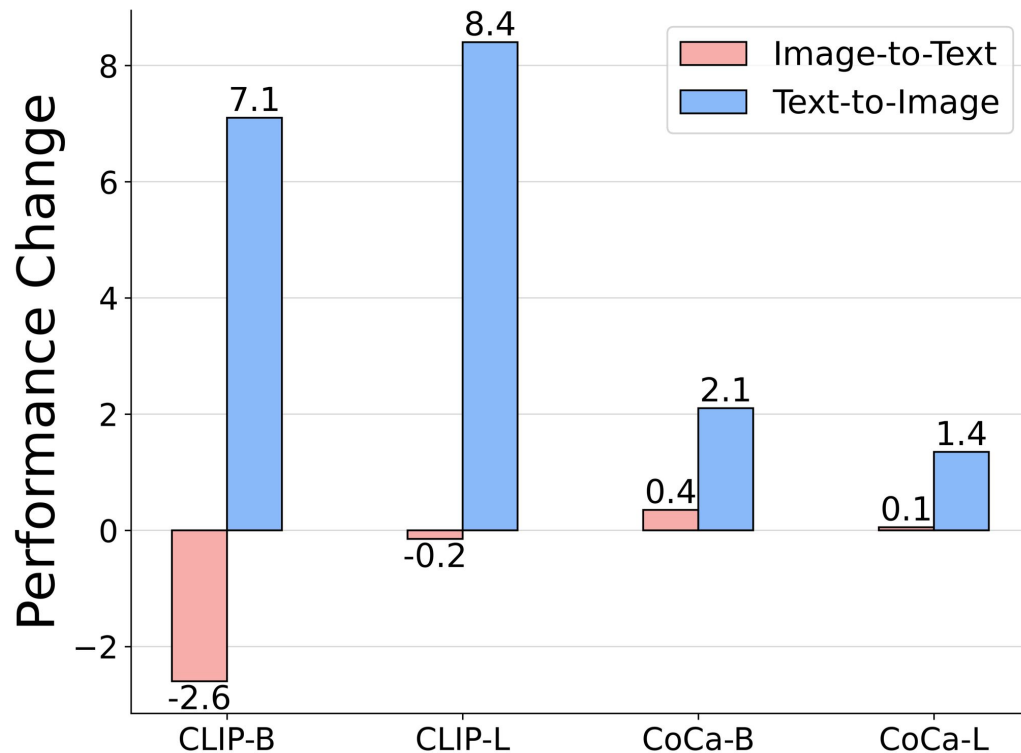
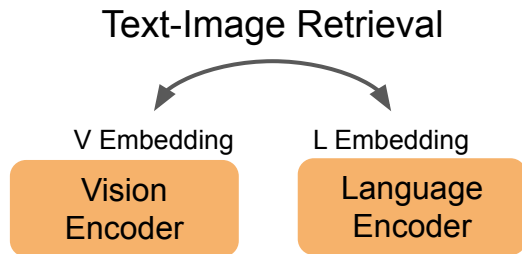
Without fine-tuning, a **single** MagicLens model outperforms **fine-tuned** SOTAs.



# Text-to-Image Retrieval



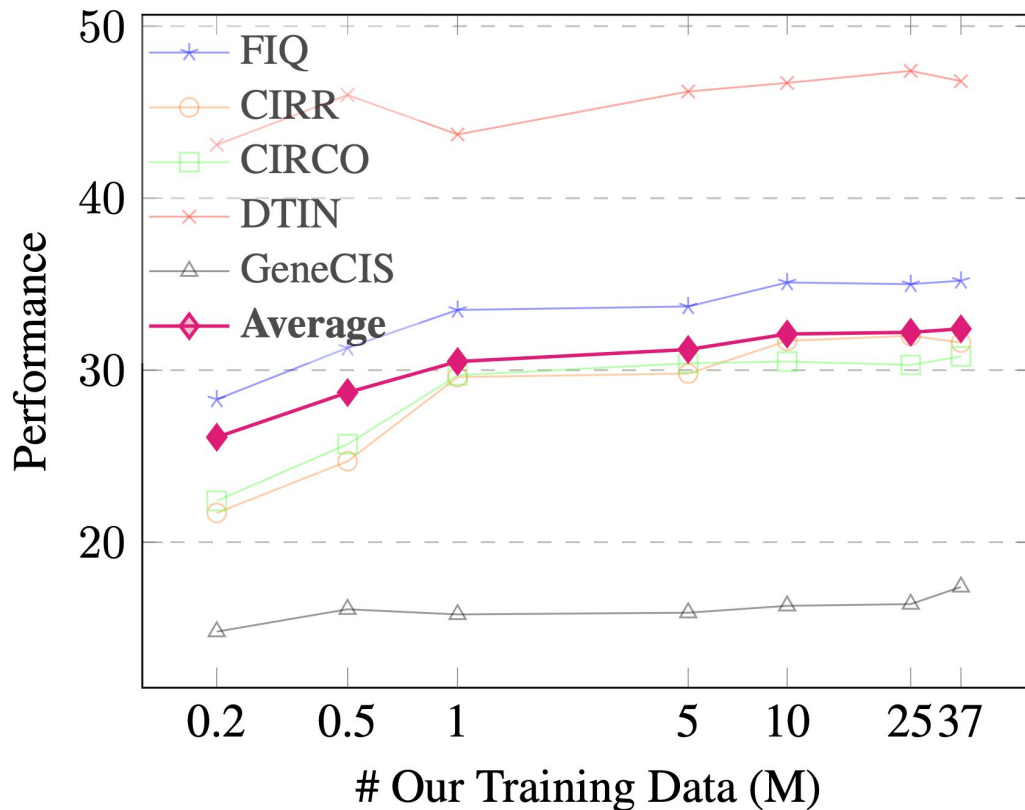
# Text-to-Image Retrieval over Flickr and COCO



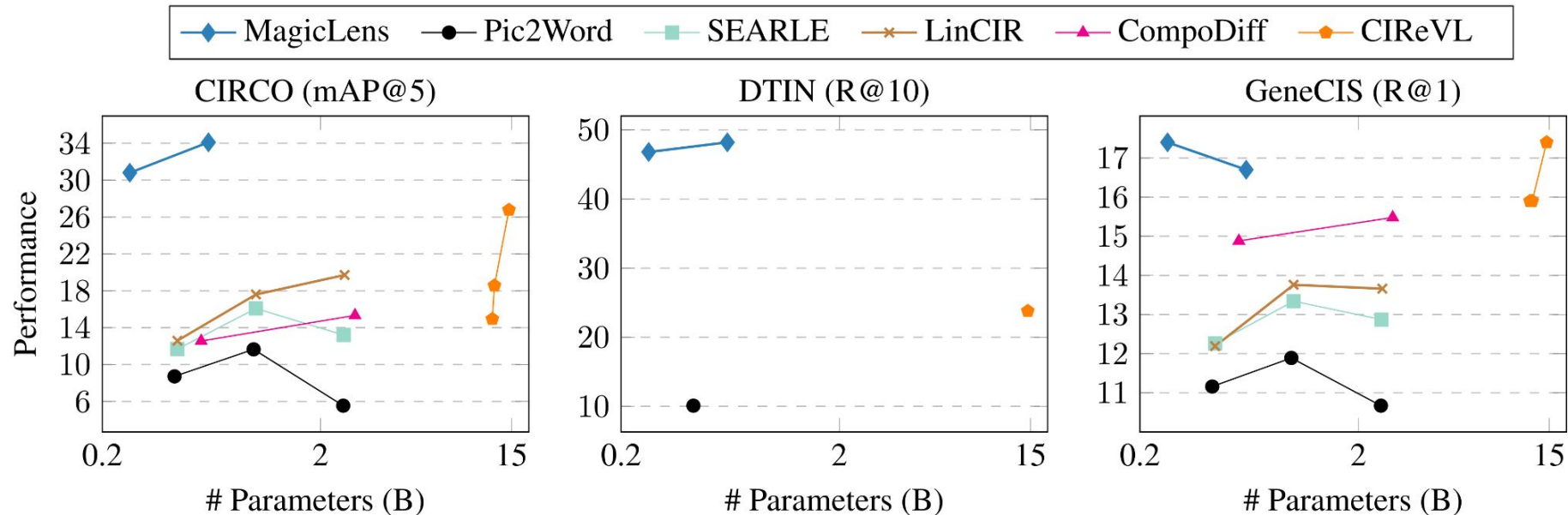
1. No or marginal drop on I2T
2. Moderate to **significant** Improvements on T2I
3. Non-trivial overall Improvements

# Data Analysis - Scaling

1. More data, stronger model
2. SOTA with 1M data



# Model Analysis - Parameter Efficiency



MagicLens outperforms SOTA on three tasks with **50X smaller** #Params.

# Analysis on 1.4M Image Pool

## Simple Visual



*Same paint splatter design but with red color instead of yellow.*

Instruction	MagicLens-L	LinCIR	Tie
Simple Visual	<b>50.7</b>	41.3	8.0



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## Complex Visual

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Complex Visual	<b>61.3</b>	24.0	14.7



Same car model as the given image, but  
**1)** a 2013 model, **2)** blue in color, and **3)** parked in front of trees.



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## Beyond Visual

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Simple Visual	<b>50.7</b>	41.3	8.0
Complex Visual	<b>61.3</b>	24.0	14.7
Beyond Visual	<b>80.0</b>	4.7	15.3



*landed and the soldiers sitting in front of it.*



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MagicLens handles all three search intents, especially **complex** and **beyond visual** ones.



*Find other attractions in this country*

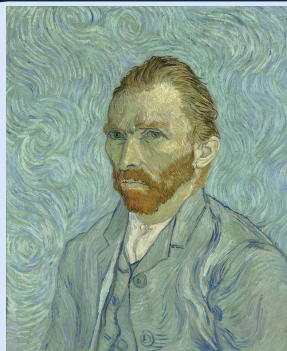


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**Retrieved Images:**

**Beyond Visual Similarity**

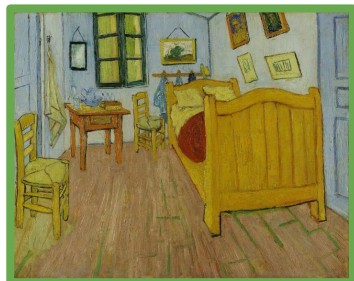


*His masterpieces*



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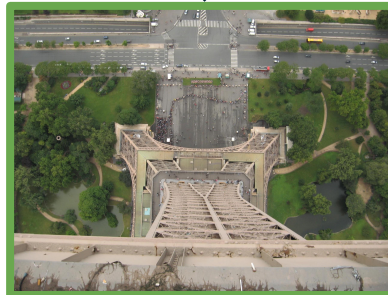
*View from top*



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Images:**





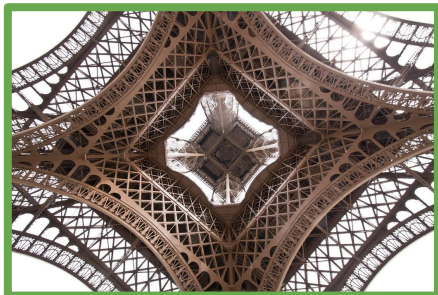
*View from **bottom***



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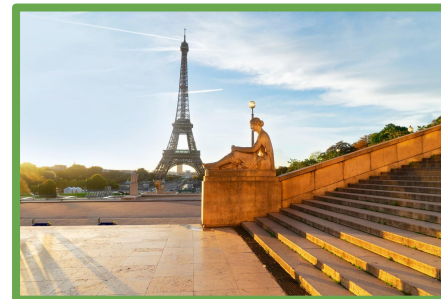
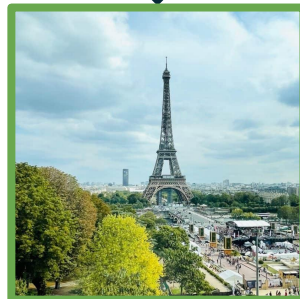
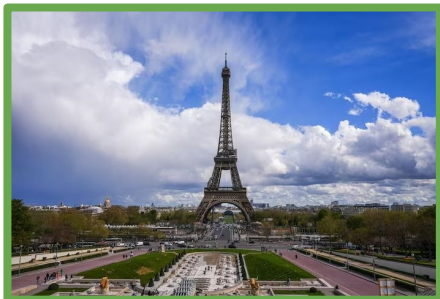
*View from further away*



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Images:**





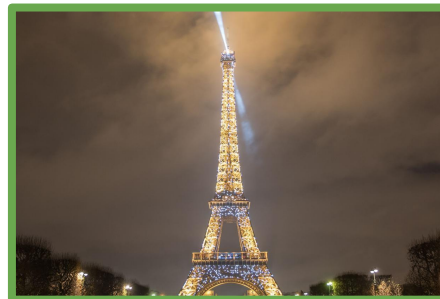
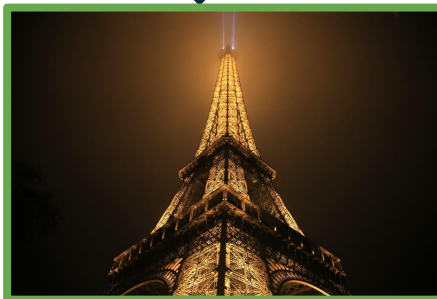
*View in night*



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**Retrieved  
Images:**





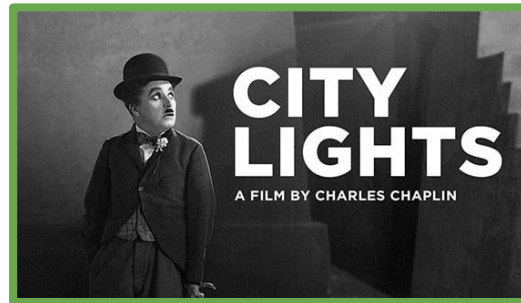
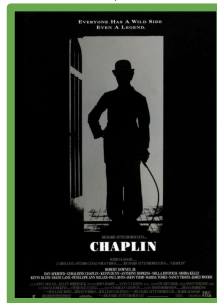
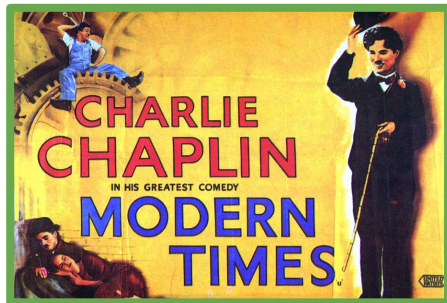


*Recommend some movies he is in*



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Retrieved  
Images:





*What's the new product?*




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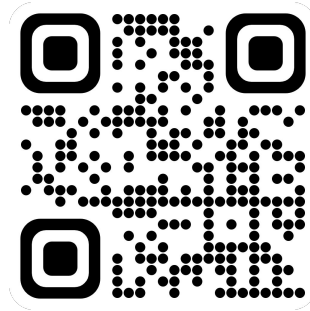


## Conclusions

-  MagicLens is a series retrieval models that are:
  - **lightweight** (50X smaller than prior SOTAs)
  - **powerful** (strong results across 10 benchmarks)
  - **unified** (multimodal-, image-, and text-to-image retrieval)
  - **open-ended** (satisfying open-ended search intents)



Code&Model



Paper



Project Page