

4th place:
Team Kingsterdam

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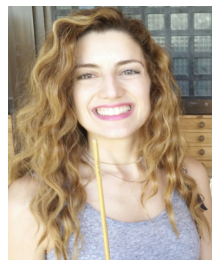
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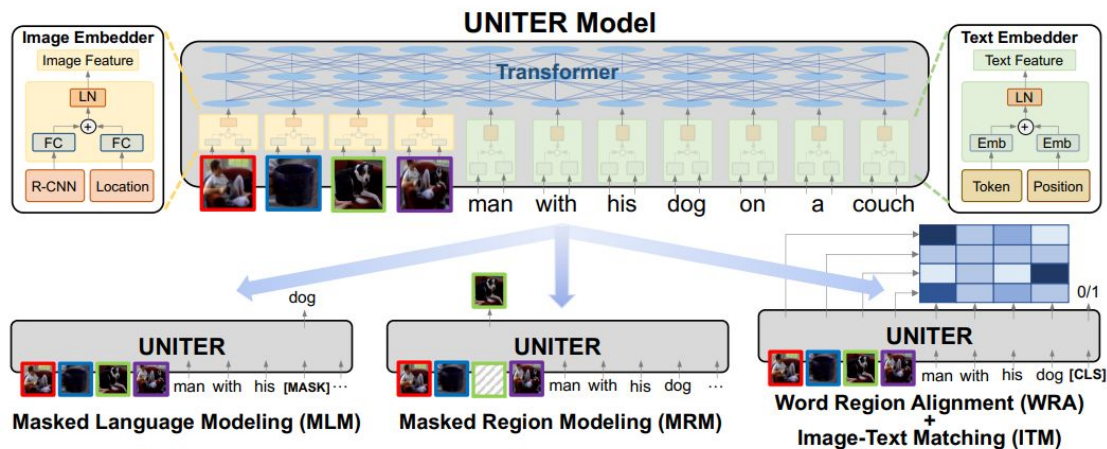


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- Early-fusion multimodal transformer model
- Text input: text embedding and position embedding
- Image input: bounding box features from Faster R-CNN and location features
- Pretrained on four tasks
- Other models like LXMERT and OSCAR showed considerably lower performance



Overview of UNITER¹

Confounders

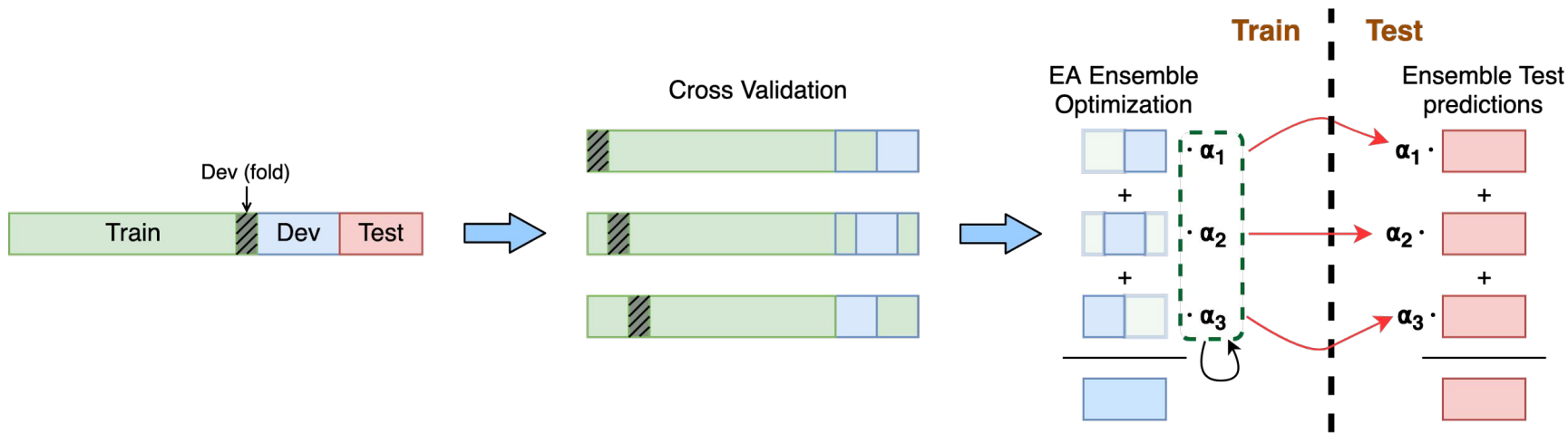
- Benign confounders key aspect of the dataset - measures multimodality
- Simple fine-tuning performed poorly on text confounders
- Upsample text confounders during training to encourage multimodality
- Image confounders did not constitute a challenge for the pretrained model
- Class imbalance in training set \Rightarrow Weight loss for hateful memes higher



Example of a text confounder

Cross-validation ensemble

- Cross-validation style training on different data splits to tackle overfitting
- Development set has a larger percentage of truly multimodal examples
- Split development set for each fold into training and test
- Confounder pairs occur in the same set
- Final prediction as ensemble of 15 models, with weights optimized by an EA



Results

- Best model achieved 80.53 AUROC on Phase 2 leaderboard
- Many close runner-up models
 - CV: Simple cross-validation without including the validation in training
 - YOLO: Using fine-grained object detection of YOLO9000¹
 - MRL: Using Margin Ranking Loss along with BCE

Model	AUROC		
	Validation	Phase 1	Phase 2
ViLBERT CC	70.07	70.03	–
Visual BERT COCO	73.97	71.41	–
UNITER _{CV}	80.65	79.06	–
UNITER _{MRL}	80.44	78.14	–
UNITER _{YOLO}	80.67	78.21	–
UNITER _{ENSEMBLE: CV, YOLO, MRL}	81.76	79.10	80.40
UNITER _{CV DEV-SET}	77.39	79.07	80.53

Shortcomings

- Lack of real-world knowledge
 - Fails to detect certain symbolism
 - Not aware of real-world persons
- Detecting people's characteristics
 - Not fully capable of identifying racial/religious groups
 - Does not perform well on memes suggestive of disability and abuse



Thank You!

Happy to answer questions at the Q&A session!

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Implementation available on GitHub: https://github.com/Nithin-Holla/meme_challenge