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# EAGLE: Exploring The Design Space for Multimodal LLMs with Mixture of Encoders

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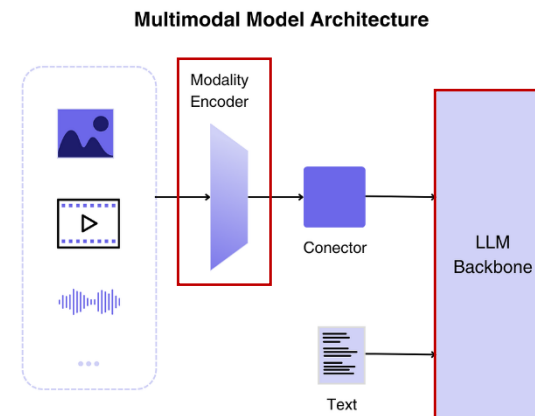
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# Introduction

## Multi-modal Large Language Model(MLLM) Task

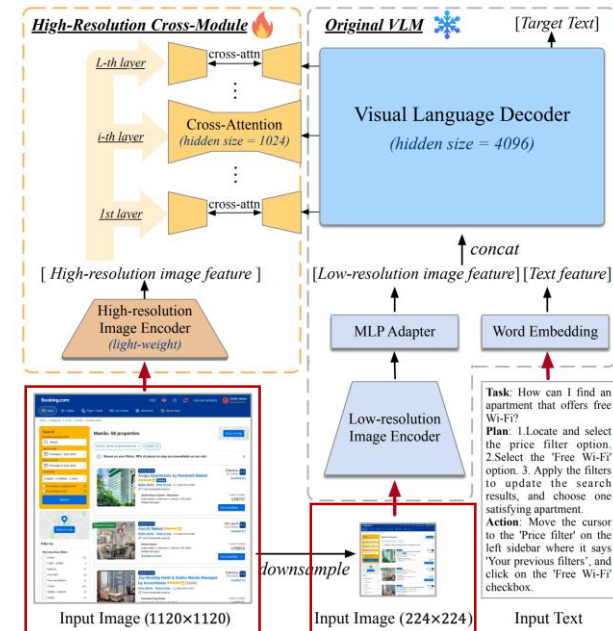
- LLM을 기반으로 **다양한 모달리티 작업**이 가능하도록 하는 작업 (≒LMM)
- 기본적인 형태
  - Vision Encoder: 이미지를 Visual Token으로 변환(**Pre-trained**)
  - Text Encoder: Word Embedding
  - Other(Audio, Video etc.)
  - 위의 Feature를 **Alignment** → LLM에 입력 → 결과 출력



## Mixture-of-Vision-Encoder

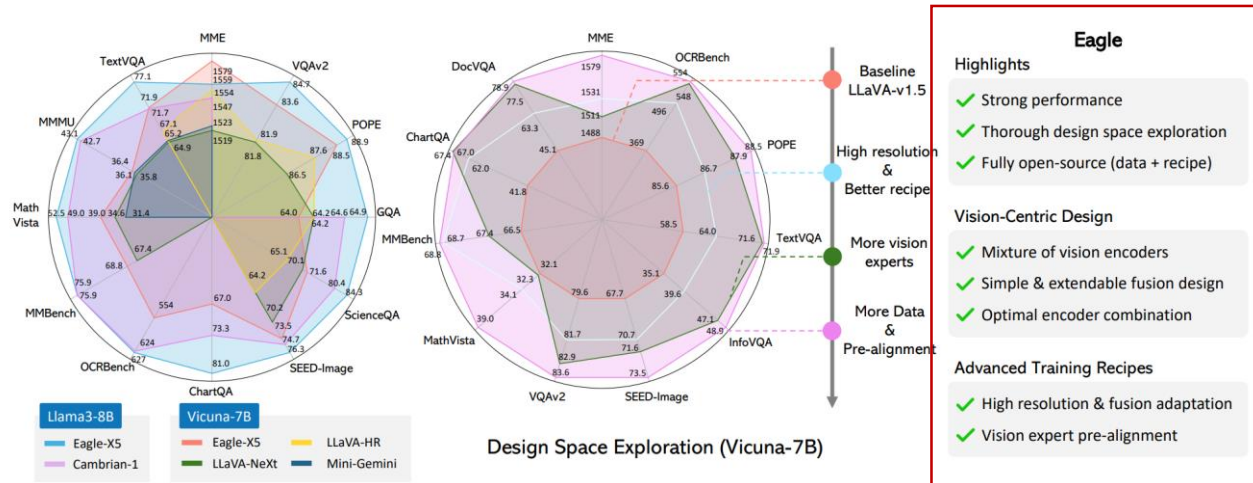
- 대부분의 LMM 모델은 **사전 학습된 비전 인코더**와 LLM 시퀀스 길이의 제한으로 **낮은 입력 해상도**를 가짐
  - OCR과 같은 **해상도에 민감한 LMM Task**는 이로 인해 **제약**을 받음
- 더 강력한 비전 인코더 설계 → LLM hallucination 완화, 해상도에 민감한 Task 개선
- 서로 **다른 task**와 입력 해상도로 사전 학습된 비전 인코더를 **혼합** → 매우 **효과적**인 것으로 나타남

- 그렇다면 어떤 비전 인코더 조합을 선택해야 할까?
- 다양한 Vision Expert들을 어떻게 융합해야 할까?
- 더 많은 비전 인코더에 따라 학습 전략을 어떻게 조정해야 할까?



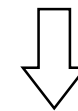
# Introduction

## Mixture-of-Vision-Encoder Design Space



## Mixture-of-Vision-Encoder Design Space 탐색 방법

- 1) 다양한 비전 인코더 벤치마킹 및 High resolution 적용을 위한 레시피 탐색
- 2) 비전 인코더 융합 전략 간의 비교
- 3) 여러 비전 인코더의 최적 조합에 대한 점진적 식별
- 4) 개선된 vision expert pre-alignment 및 데이터 혼합



## Summary of Results

1. LMM 학습 중에 **비전 인코더를 고정 해제**하는 것이 중요
2. Channel concatenation이 간단하면서도 경쟁력 있는 융합 전략
3. 추가 vision expert를 통합하면 일관된 성능 개선이 발생
4. pre-alignment 단계 제안 → 성능 향상
  - vision expert 학습되기 전, 고정된 LLM 활용하여 개별적으로 fine-tuning



# EAGLE

Exploring The Design Space for Multimodal LLMs with Mixture of Encoders

- 다양한 벤치마크에서 SOTA 성능 달성
- OCR, Text Recognition Task에 엄청난 이점

# Design space exploration

## Base Setup

- 기반 아키텍처: LLaVA
- 구성 요소
  - ① Vision Encoder; ② LLM; ③Projector;

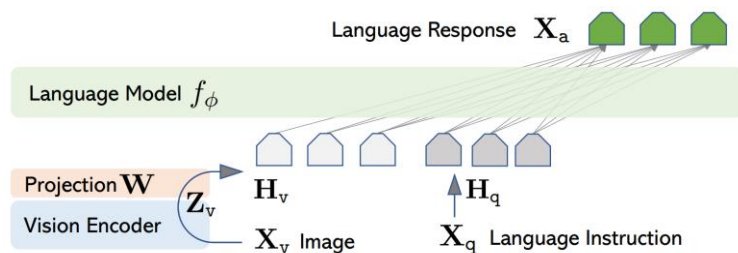


Figure 1: LLaVA network architecture.

## High Resolution Recipe

- 기존 LMM은 사전 학습된 CLIP 해상도 (ex. 224×224, 336×336)를 입력 해상도로 사용
- Low → High resolution 전략 (Model Freeze/Unfreeze)
  - 입력 이미지를 타일로 나누어 별도로 인코딩
  - 입력 해상도를 직접 확대 → ViT 모델의 위치 임베딩을 보간

| Method        | Unfreeze | Res | #Token/s    | #Token (V) | GQA          | MME         | MMMU        | OCR        | SQA          | POPE         | Avg        |
|---------------|----------|-----|-------------|------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|------------|--------------|--------------|------------|
| Original      | ✗        | 336 | 47.2        | 576        | 62.46        | 1488        | 36.1        | 369        | <b>72.79</b> | 86.77        | 615        |
| Original      | ✓        | 336 | 47.2        | 576        | 63.68        | 1496        | <b>36.6</b> | 369        | 72.22        | 85.9         | 617        |
| Interpolate   | ✗        | 448 | <b>47.9</b> | 1024       | 62.45        | 1484        | 34.4        | 285        | 72.27        | 86.54        | 598        |
| Interpolate   | ✓        | 448 | <b>47.9</b> | 1024       | <b>64.62</b> | <b>1531</b> | 35.7        | <b>496</b> | 72.77        | <b>87.88</b> | <b>645</b> |
| Interpolate   | ✓        | 672 | 44.5        | 2304       | 64.51        | 1492        | <b>36.2</b> | 492        | <b>72.86</b> | 87.49        | 641        |
| Tiled-input   | ✓        | 672 | 44.8        | 2304       | 63.59        | 1455        | 34.8        | 445        | 71.94        | <b>87.83</b> | 625        |
| InternVL [13] | ✓        | 448 | 46.2        | 1024       | 65.12        | 1521        | 36.2        | 527        | 72.46        | 87.13        | 649        |

## Vision Experts

bilinear interpolation  
pixel shuffle

1024개의 Token을 출력하도록 설정 고정

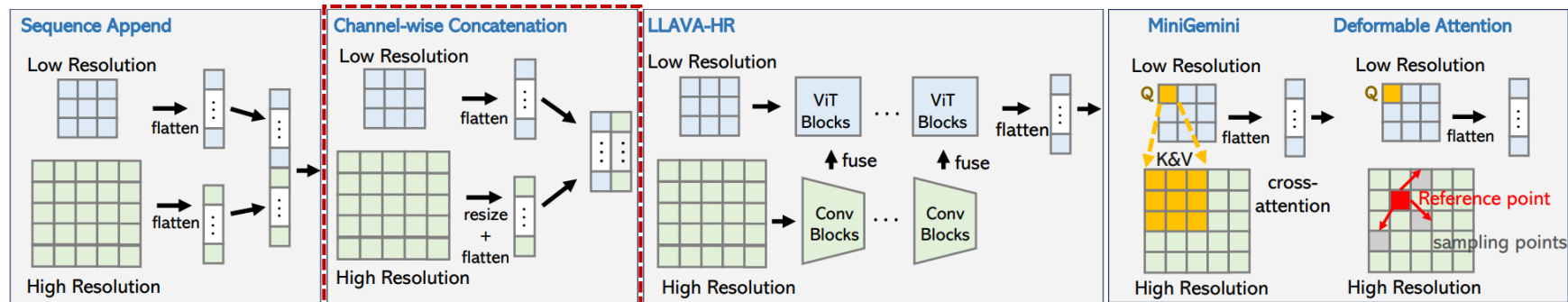
| Expert     | Category             | Resolution | Token Number | Post-Processing | Variant Hyper-links |
|------------|----------------------|------------|--------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| CLIP       | Image-Text Matching  | 448        | 1024         | None            | VIT-L               |
| ConvNeXt   | Image Classification | 1024       | 1024         | None            | ConvNeXt-XXL        |
| EVA-02     | Object Detection     | 1024       | 1024         | Resize          | EVA-02-Large        |
| Pix2Struct | Text Recognition     | 1024       | 1024         | Resize          | Pix2Struct-02-Large |
| DINOv2     | Self-supervised      | 448        | 1024         | None            | dinov2_vitl14_reg   |
| SAM        | Image Segmentation   | 1024       | 1024         | Pixel-unshuffle | SAM-Large           |

| Category         | Vision Tower | Unfreeze | Res  | GQA          | MME         | MMMU        | OCR        | SQA          | POPE         | TextVQA      |
|------------------|--------------|----------|------|--------------|-------------|-------------|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| VL Alignment     | ConvNeXt     | ✗        | 1024 | 63.71        | 1473        | 34.2        | 402        | 71.92        | 87.42        | 66.95        |
|                  |              | ✓        | 1024 | 63.71        | 1433        | <b>37.0</b> | <b>527</b> | <b>72.01</b> | 87.91        | <b>71.66</b> |
| Segmentation     | SAM          | ✗        | 1024 | 54.87        | 1193        | 34.8        | 32         | 70.34        | 83.31        | 45.04        |
|                  |              | ✓        | 1024 | 60.05        | 1305        | 35.9        | 38         | 70.64        | 86.62        | 45.71        |
| Object Detection | EVA-02       | ✗        | 1024 | 63.54        | 1422        | 35.8        | 58         | 70.86        | 88.50        | 47.86        |
|                  |              | ✓        | 1024 | <b>64.93</b> | <b>1474</b> | 35.7        | 387        | 71.78        | <b>88.96</b> | 59.79        |
| Text Recognition | Pix2Struct   | ✗        | 1024 | 52.47        | 1217        | 35.7        | 443        | 69.61        | 77.54        | 56.56        |
|                  |              | ✓        | 1024 | 54.05        | 1220        | 34.3        | 425        | 70.29        | 79.21        | 57.05        |
| Self-supervised  | DINOv2       | ✗        | 448  | 60.81        | 1269        | 34.0        | 39         | 70.76        | 86.42        | 45.71        |
|                  |              | ✓        | 448  | 64.06        | 1371        | 34.2        | 37         | 71.35        | 87.29        | 46.77        |

# Design space exploration

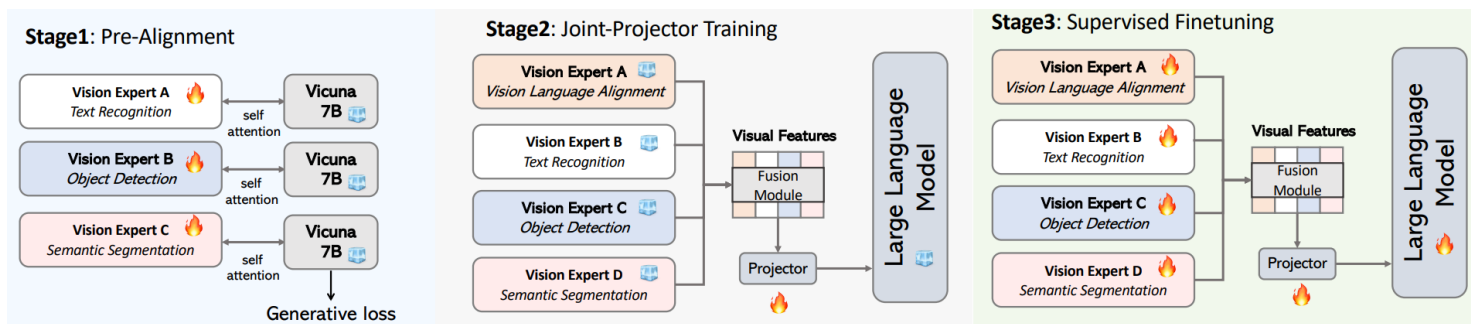
## Fusion strategy

- Sequence Append
- Channel Concatenation
- LLaVA-HR
- MiniGemini
- Deformable Attention



## Vision-language Pre-Alignment

- 비전 task에 대해서만 사전 학습된 비전 backbone → LLM과 통합할 때 표현 불일치가 발생 → 학습 프로세스를 통합하기 어려움
- Pre-Alignment 학습 단계 제안 → 학습 프로세스 안정화 / 성능 개선 / Vision expert 간 편향 완화



## Pre-Alignment 학습

- 1) LLM 고정, Vision expert를 각자의 projector로 학습
- 2) Visual Features 결합, Vision expert, LLM 고정, projector만 학습
- 3) 모델 전체 학습

# Design space exploration

## Extension to multi-experts

- A: CLIP
- B: ConvNeXt
- C: SAM
- D: DINOv2
- E: Pix2Struct
- F: EVA-02-L

| #Encoders | Encoder Combination     | GQA         | MME         | MMMU        | OCR        | SQA         | POPE        | TextVQA     | Avg          |
|-----------|-------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| 2         | $A + B$                 | 64.0        | 1486        | 36.0        | 533        | 72.7        | 88.6        | 71.9        | 658.3        |
| 3         | $A + B + C$             | 64.6        | 1497        | 35.2        | 558        | 71.7        | 87.9        | <b>72.2</b> | 660.3        |
|           | $A + B + D$             | 65.7        | <b>1506</b> | 35.0        | 509        | 72.6        | 87.9        | 70.1        | 653.6        |
|           | $A + B + E$             | 65.5        | 1459        | 35.3        | <b>565</b> | 73.1        | 87.9        | 70.8        | 660.1        |
|           | $A + B + F$             | 64.7        | <b>1506</b> | <b>35.9</b> | 562        | <b>73.2</b> | <b>88.3</b> | 72.1        | <b>665.3</b> |
| 4         | $A + B + F + C$         | <b>65.9</b> | 1498        | 36.6        | 540        | 72.0        | 88.8        | <b>71.6</b> | 662.6        |
|           | $A + B + F + D$         | 65.6        | 1521        | 35.8        | 508        | <b>73.0</b> | <b>89.0</b> | 70.0        | 657.5        |
|           | $A + B + F + E$         | 65.3        | 1539        | <b>37.1</b> | <b>552</b> | <b>73.0</b> | 87.4        | 71.3        | <b>666.1</b> |
| 5         | $A + B + F + E + C$     | <b>65.7</b> | 1511        | <b>37.6</b> | <b>548</b> | 72.7        | <b>88.6</b> | <b>71.6</b> | <b>666.5</b> |
|           | $A + B + F + E + D$     | 65.6        | <b>1512</b> | 36.0        | 528        | <b>72.9</b> | 88.4        | 70.5        | 660.0        |
| 6         | $A + B + F + E + C + D$ | 65.18       | 1504        | 35.3        | 534        | 71.9        | 87.6        | 70.86       | 656.3        |

- CLIP, ConvNeXt, SAM, Pix2Struct, EVA-02 조합이 가장 좋음



# Experiments

## Compare results by number of vision experts

Input Image:



User: Tell me the locations of all the number 10 jerseys in the picture.  
Answer the questions in details with a few sentences

Eagle (baseline): There are two number 10 jerseys in the picture. *One is on the left side of the group, and the other is on the right side*

Eagle (more vision experts): In the image, there are two players wearing jerseys with the number 10. *One of them is standing in the center of the group, while the other is positioned towards the right side of the group. Both players are part of the basketball team, as indicated by their uniforms and the context of the image.*

Input Image:

| LAN exposure | N (%) <sup>a</sup> |             | Crude results (n = 61,129) |             | Adjusted results <sup>a,b</sup> (n = 47,817) |                          |
|--------------|--------------------|-------------|----------------------------|-------------|--|--------------------------|
|              | Cases              | Referents   | Odds ratios                | 95% CI      | Odds ratios                                  | 95% CI                   |
| Low          | 27,121 (63)        | 10,970 (60) | Ref.                       |             | Ref.   |                          |
| Medium       | 5,974 (14)         | 2,623 (14)  | 1.13                       | (1.07-1.19) | 1.06   | (0.97-1.16)              |
| High         | 9,659 (23)         | 4,782 (26)  | 1.22                       | (1.18-1.28) | 1.12   | (1.04-1.20) <sup>c</sup> |

User: What's the value of the row "low" and column "referents"?

Eagle (baseline): *2012-13*

Eagle (more vision experts): *10,970 (60%)*

Input Image:



User: What's the opening time of the restaurant on Sunday?

Eagle (baseline): *11:30-2:00*

Eagle (more vision experts): *closed*

Input Image:



User: What is the man in the picture doing with his right hand?

Eagle (baseline): The man in the image *is holding his child with his right hand.*

Eagle (more vision experts): *The man in the picture is pointing at a white object, which is a dolphin, with his right hand.*

Input Image:

| National final |                          |                                  |        |       |
|----------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------|--------|-------|
| Draw           | Artist                   | Song                             | Points | Place |
| 1              | The Memories             | "If It Means <i>Losing You</i> " | 57     | 8th   |
| 2              | Ann Breen                | "Oh, Darling"                    | 80     | 4th   |
| 3              | Fran Meen                | "Say That You Love Me"           | 66     | 6th   |
| 4              | Dreams                   | "Sin Sin ("That's That")"        | 73     | 5th   |
| 5              | Connor Stevens           | "Count On Me"                    | 88     | 3rd   |
| 6              | Linda Martin and Friends | "All The People In The World"    | 105    | 2nd   |
| 7              | Maggie Toal              | "Feed Him With Love"             | 61     | 7th   |
| 8              | Liam Reilly              | "Somewhere In Europe"            | 130    | 1st   |

User: Describe the information in the red bounding box.

Eagle (baseline): The song *"If It Means Losing You"* by The Memories is highlighted in red

Eagle (more vision experts): The red bounding box highlights the song *"Losing You"* by The Memories, which is the national final song.

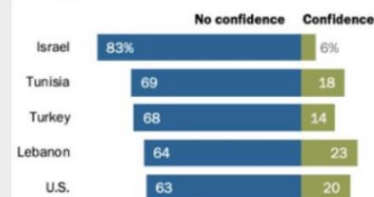
# Experiments

## OCR and document understanding tasks

### Input Image:

#### Few in the Middle East and U.S. have confidence in MBS

% who have \_\_\_ in Saudi Arabian Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman to do the right thing regarding world affairs



Note: Don't know responses not shown.  
Source: Spring 2019 Global Attitudes Survey, Q3&4.

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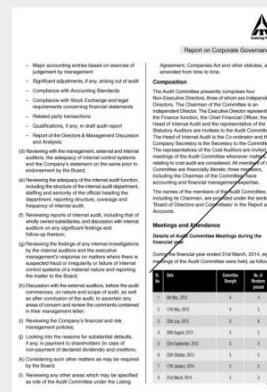
User: *Render the figure in Markdown format.*

Eagle:

Few in the Middle East and U.S. have confidence in MBS

| Country | No confidence | Confidence |
|---------|---------------|------------|
| Israel  | 83%           | 6%         |
| Tunisia | 69%           | 18%        |
| Turkey  | 68%           | 14%        |
| Lebanon | 64%           | 23%        |
| U.S.    | 63%           | 20%        |

### Input Image:



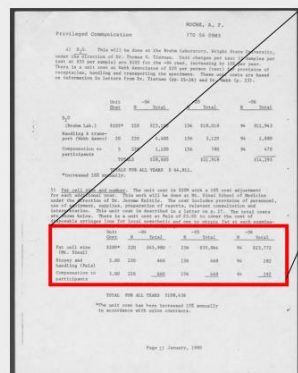
User: *What was the committee strength for the first meeting?*

Eagle: 6

User: *What was the committee strength for the last meeting?*

Eagle: 5

### Input Image:



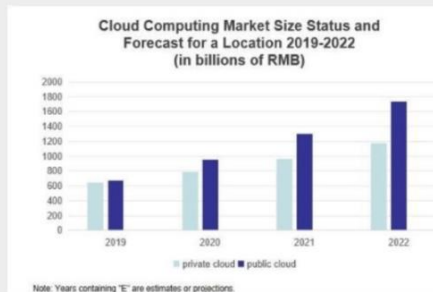
are shown below. There is a unit cost at Fels of \$3.00 to cover the cost of disposable syringes (one for local anesthetic and one to obtain fat at each examination), local anesthetic, band-aids and shipping.

|                            | Unit   |     | -04      |     | -05      |    | -06      |
|----------------------------|--------|-----|----------|-----|----------|----|----------|
|                            | Cost   | N   | Total    | N   | Total    | N  | Total    |
| Fat cell size (Mt. Sinai)  | \$209* | 220 | \$45,980 | 156 | \$35,864 | 94 | \$23,772 |
| Biopsy and handling (Fels) | 3.00   | 220 | 660      | 156 | 468      | 94 | 282      |

User: *What's the total cost of Fat cell size (Mt. Sinai) in the -05 year?*

Eagle: \$35,864

### Input Image:



User: *Describe the chart in detail?*

Eagle: *The image presents a bar chart that provides a forecast for the cloud computing market size in China for the years 2019 to 2022. The chart is divided into two columns, one for private cloud and the other for public cloud. The years are labeled on the x-axis, while the market size is represented on the y-axis in billions of RMB. The chart shows that the market size for private cloud and public cloud have been steadily increasing over the years. The highest market size is for 2022, which is for public cloud, indicating a significant growth in this sector. The lowest market size is for 2019, which is for private cloud, suggesting that the private cloud market has been growing at a slower pace compared to the public cloud market.*



# Experiments

## VQA tasks

### Input Image:

| Electrode reaction                                   | Standard electrode potential (V) |
|--|----------------------------------|
| $\text{Au}^{3+} + 3\text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{Au}$ | +1.420                           |
| $\text{Cu}^{2+} + 2\text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{Cu}$ | +0.340                           |
| $\text{Ni}^{2+} + 2\text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{Ni}$ | -0.250                           |
| $\text{Fe}^{2+} + 2\text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{Fe}$ | -0.440                           |
| $\text{Na}^+ + \text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{Na}$     | -2.924                           |

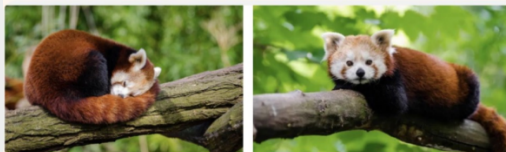
**User:** Below are shown, for five metals, reduction reactions and standard electrode potential values. Which of these metals is the least reactive? *explain your answers in detail.*

**Option:** (A) Au (B) Cu (C) Ni (D) Fe (E) Na

**Eagle:** The least reactive metal among the given options is (A) Au.

**Explanation:** The standard electrode potential ( $E^\circ$ ) is a measure of the tendency of a metal to lose electrons and undergo a reduction reaction. The higher the  $E^\circ$  value, the more reactive the metal is. In the given table, the standard electrode potential values are as follows. (A) Au: +1.420 V (B) Cu: +0.340 V (C) Ni: -0.250 V (D) Fe: -0.440 V (E) Na: -2.924 V. Comparing these values, we can see that the metal with the highest  $E^\circ$  value (+1.420 V) is Au. which indicates that it is the least reactive among the given options. The other metals have lower  $E^\circ$  values, making them more reactive than Au.

### Input Image:



**User:** What are the similarities and differences between these two pictures?

**Eagle:** The two pictures show a red panda in a natural setting, resting on a tree branch. The similarities between the two images include the presence of the red panda, the tree branch, and the natural environment. The differences lie in the position of the red panda and the angle of the photographs. In the first picture, the red panda is curled up and sleeping on the tree branch, while in the second picture, the red panda is sitting upright on the branch, looking alert and awake. The first photo captures the red panda in a more relaxed state, while the second photo shows the animal in a more active and attentive position.

### Input Image:

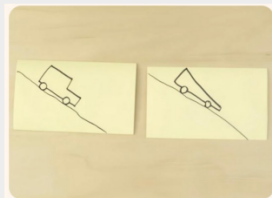


**User:** The original placement of this painting was Option:

(A) in the Prado Museum in Madrid, showing a willingness to be compared to great Spanish painters of the past  
(B) in the cathedral in Madrid, indicating a desire to find acceptance with the Catholic Church  
(C) in the study of king Philip IV, challenging him to consider the multitude of interpretations the painting represents  
(D) in the reception room at the Royal Palace in Madrid, where the portraits of the royal family would be viewable by visiting dignitaries

**Eagle:** (C) in the study of king Philip IV, challenging him to consider the multitude of interpretations the painting represents

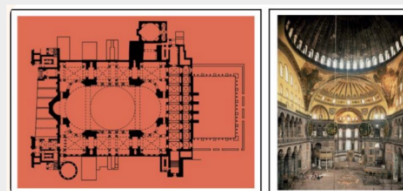
### Input Image:



**User:** Which car in the picture is more aerodynamic? *And explain your answers in detail.*

**Eagle:** The car in the picture that is more aerodynamic is the one on the right. This is because it has a streamlined shape, with a smooth and curved body that reduces air resistance. The streamlined shape allows the car to move more efficiently through the air, which can result in better fuel efficiency and lower emissions. The car on the left, on the other hand, has a more rectangular shape, which can cause more air resistance and make it less aerodynamic.

### Input Image:



**User:** Who was the patron of the building?

**Options:**

(A) Abd al-Malik  
(B) Justinian  
(C) Charlemagne (D) Shah Jahan

**Eagle:** (B)