

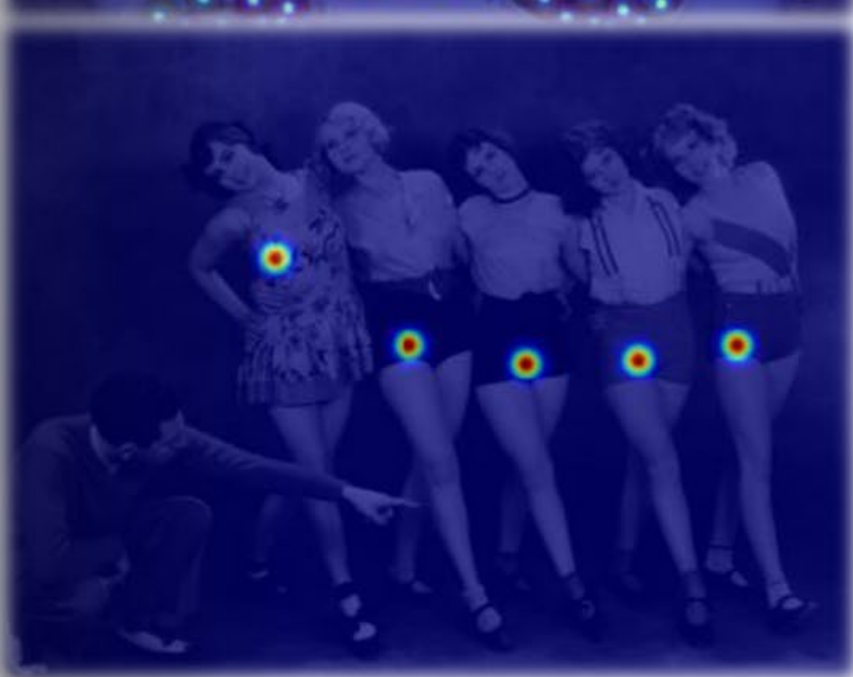
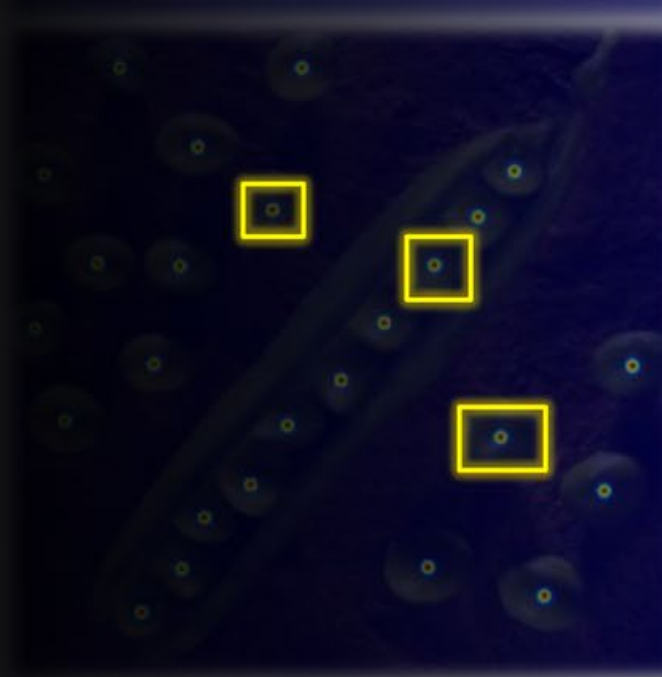
CountGD: Multi-Modal Open-World Counting

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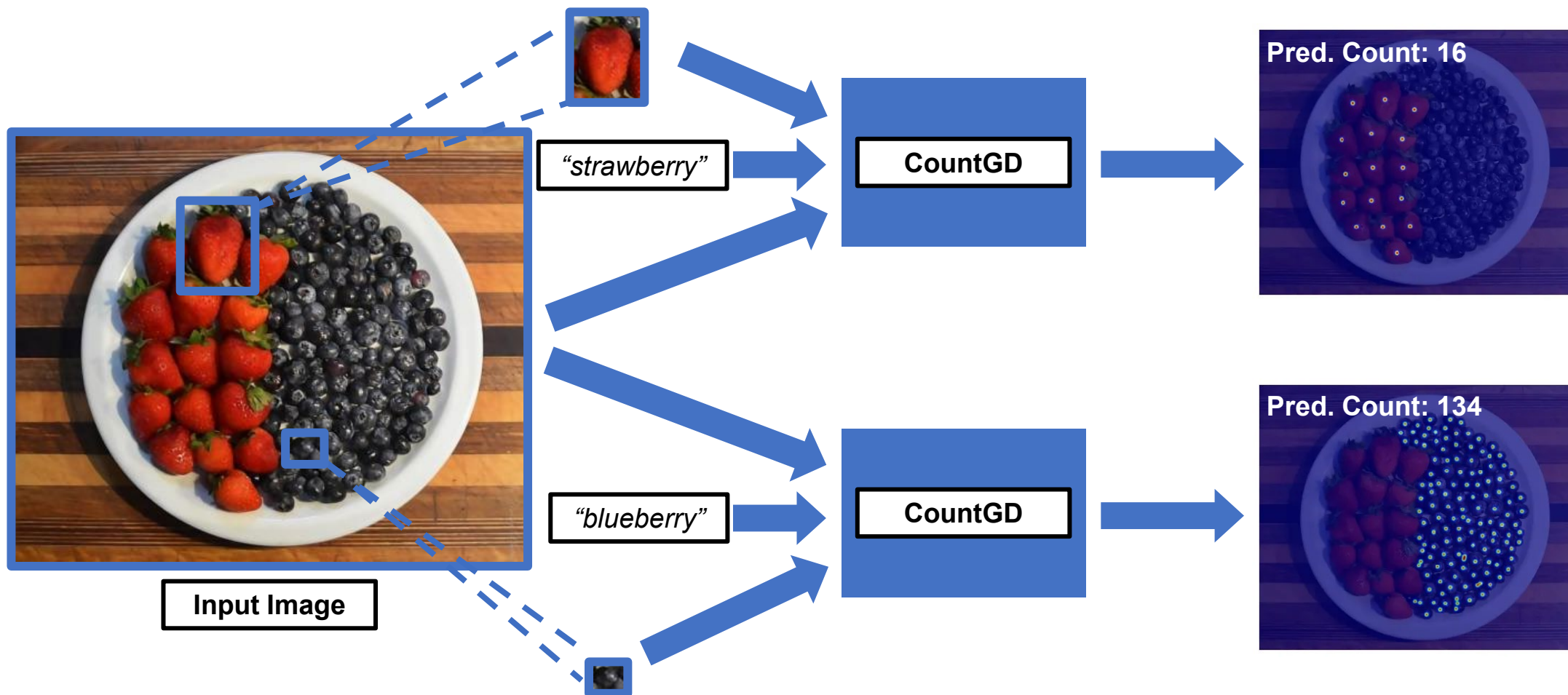
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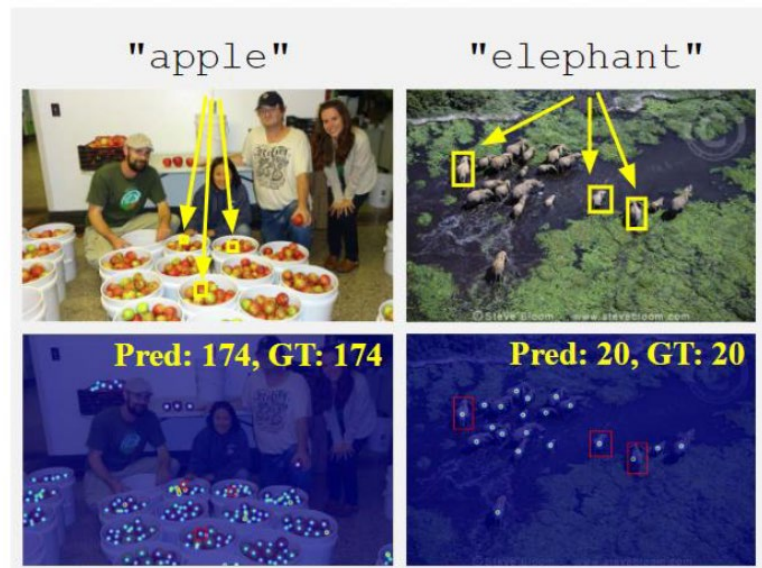


Main Idea



Contributions

1. We introduce the first open-world counting model, CountGD, where the prompt can be specified by a text description or visual exemplars or both.
2. We show the performance of CountGD significantly improves the state-of-the-art on multiple counting benchmarks.
3. We carry out a preliminary study into different interactions between the text and visual exemplar prompts, including the cases where they reinforce each other and where one restricts the other.



Visual Exemplars & Text

Input text is in quotes, and input visual exemplars are boxed

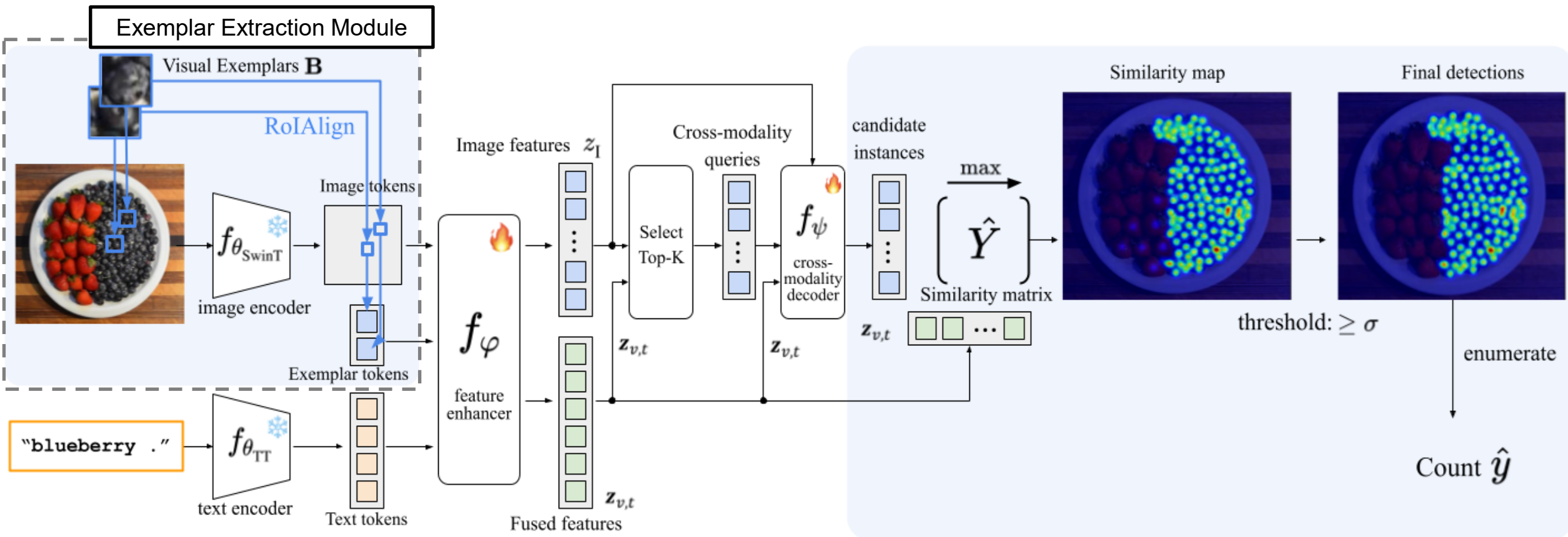


Text Only

Counting positions are plotted and overlaid on top of each

CountGD Architecture

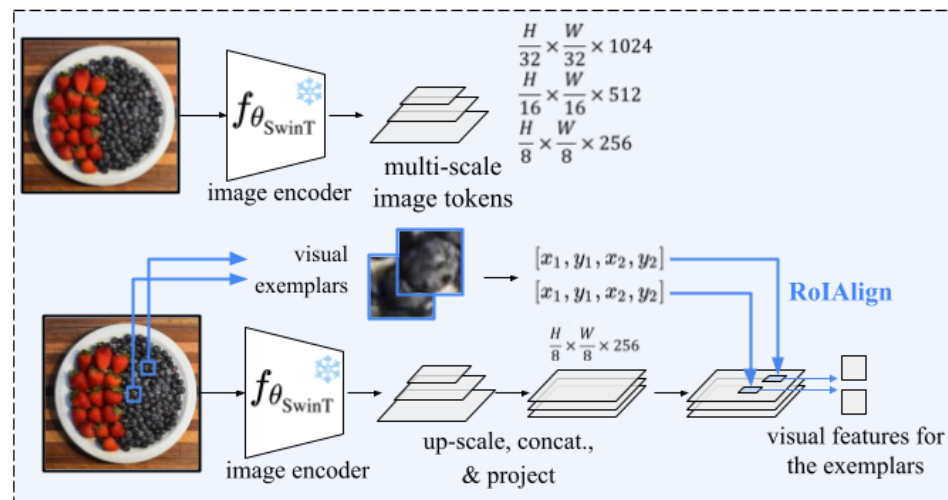
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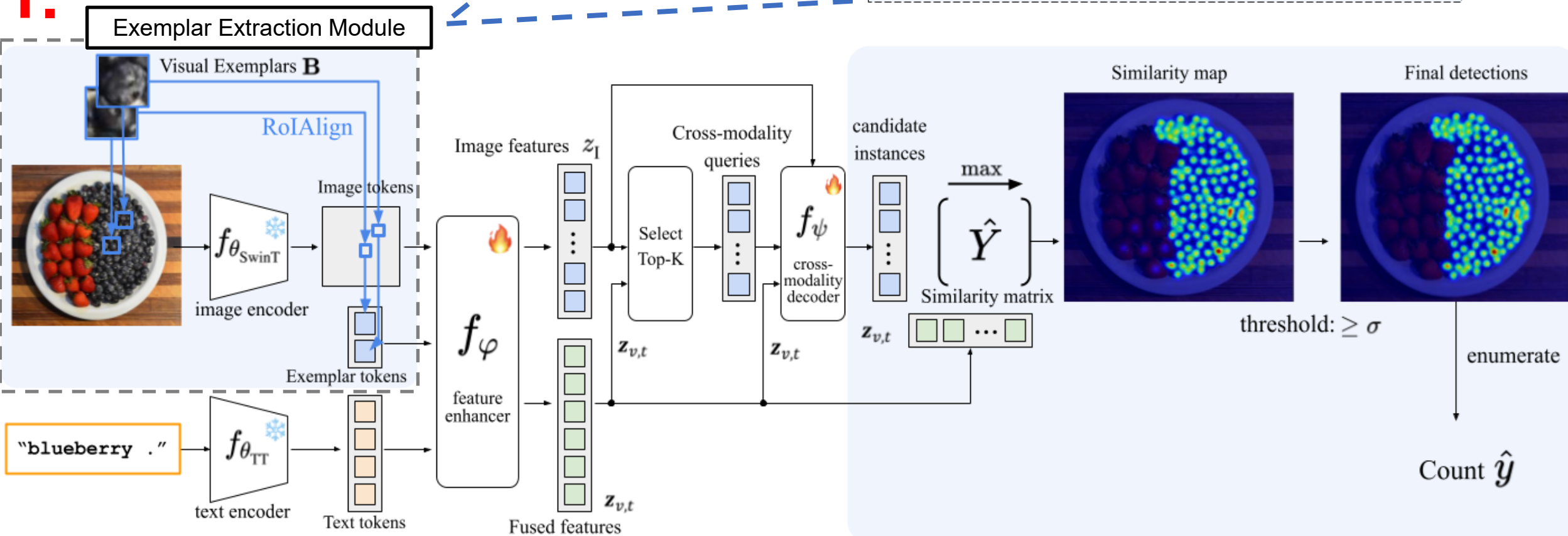
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Module to enable inputting visual exemplars into GroundingDINO.



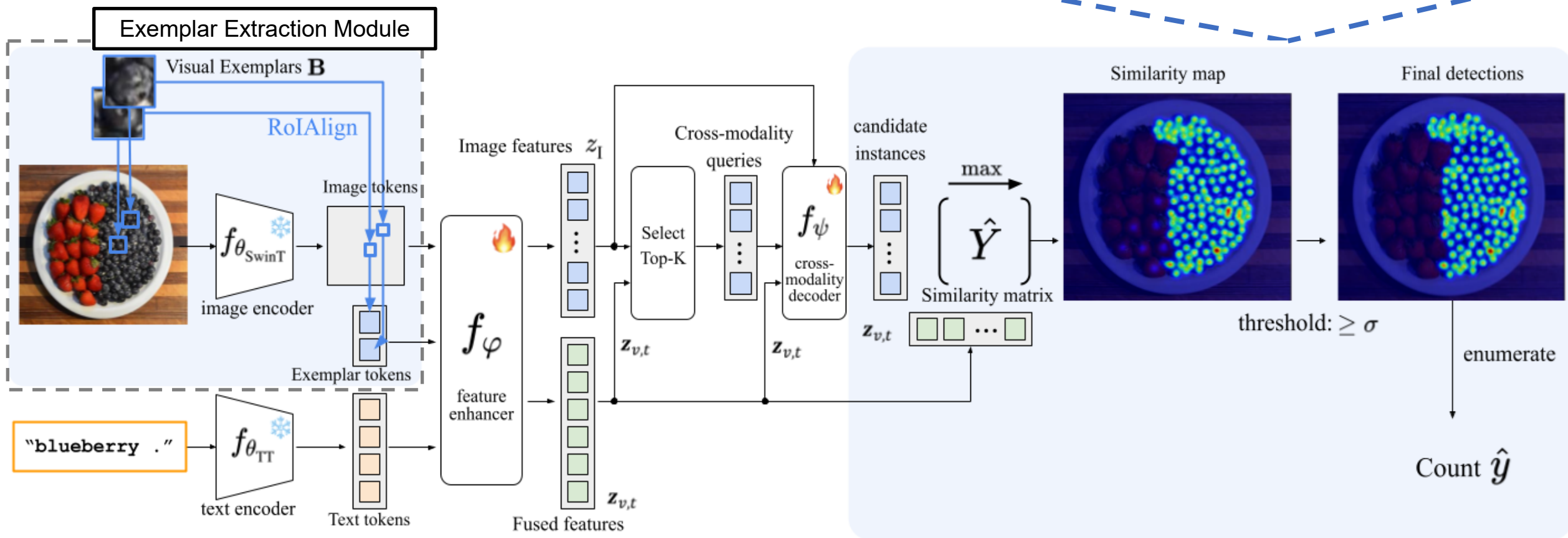
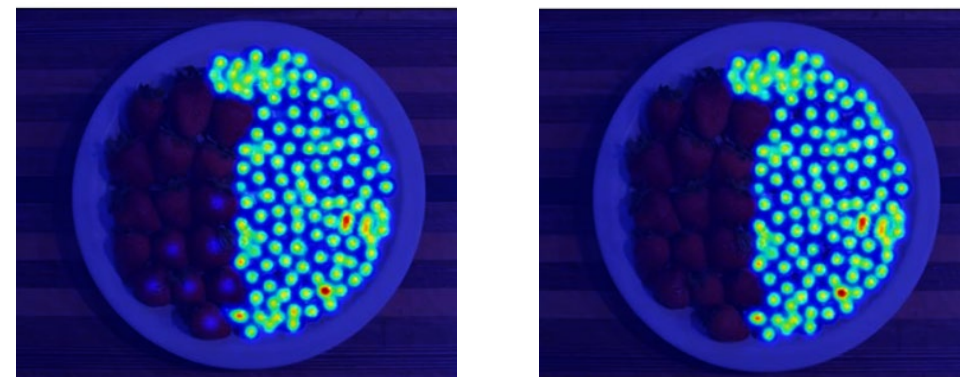
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Getting the final count.

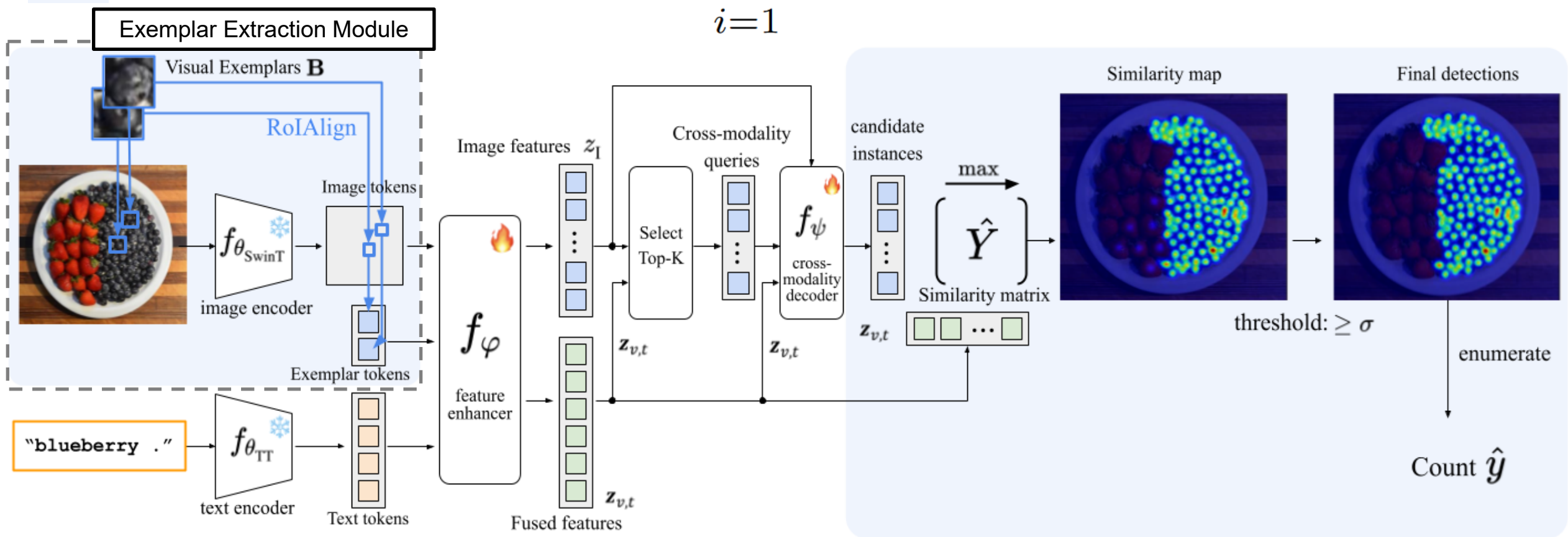
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Loss (same as GroundingDINO's but with center points c_i instead of boxes)

$$\lambda_{loc} \sum_{i=1}^l |\hat{c}_i - c_i| + \lambda_{cls} \text{FocalLoss}(\hat{\mathbf{Y}}, T)$$





Training – Dataset

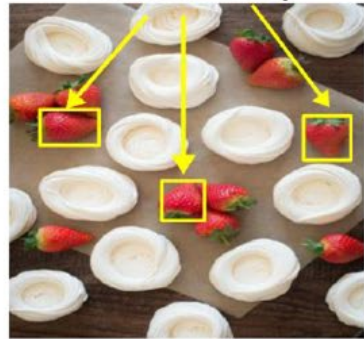
- Trained on open-world object counting dataset FSC-147 [1] with text and visual exemplars.
- Text encoder and image encoder frozen during finetuning.



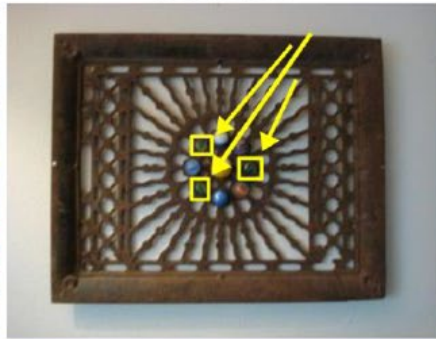
1. Viresh Ranjan, Udbhav Sharma, Thu Nguyen, and Minh Hoai. Learning to count everything. In *Proc. CVPR*, 2021.

Results – Qualitative

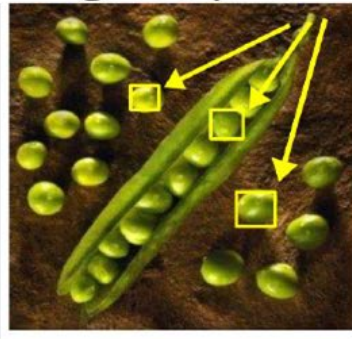
"strawberry"



"marble"



"green pea"



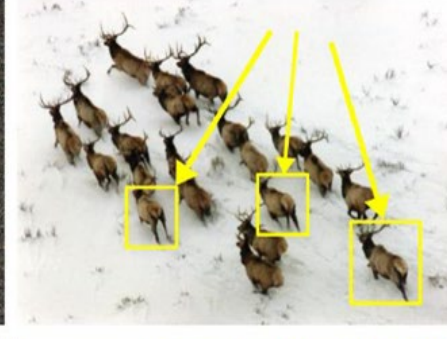
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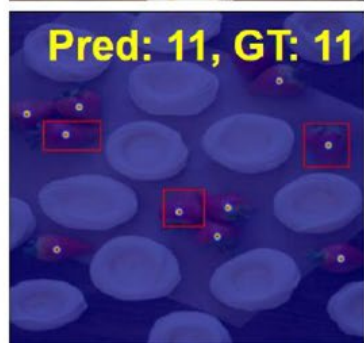
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"deer"



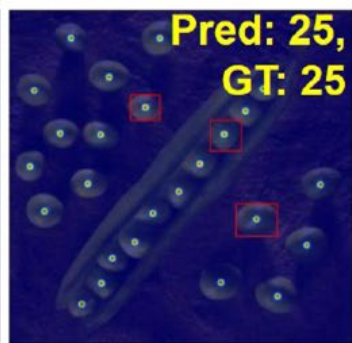
Pred: 11, GT: 11



Pred: 9, GT: 9



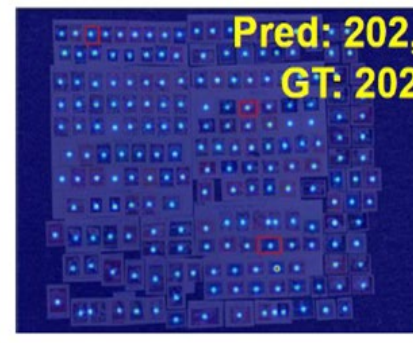
Pred: 25,
GT: 25



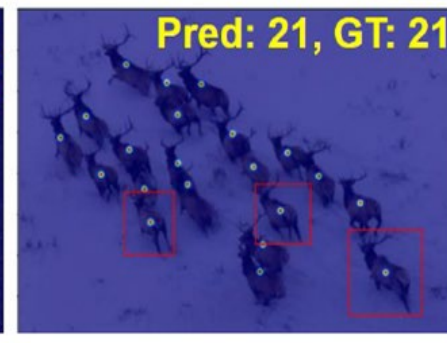
Pred: 14, GT: 14



Pred: 202,
GT: 202



Pred: 21, GT: 21



From FSC-147 test set

Dataset 1

Results – Qualitative Continued

"car"



From CARPK
Dataset 2

"the world's greatest
magicians"



From CountBench
Dataset 3

"the beautiful butterfly
wall stickers"



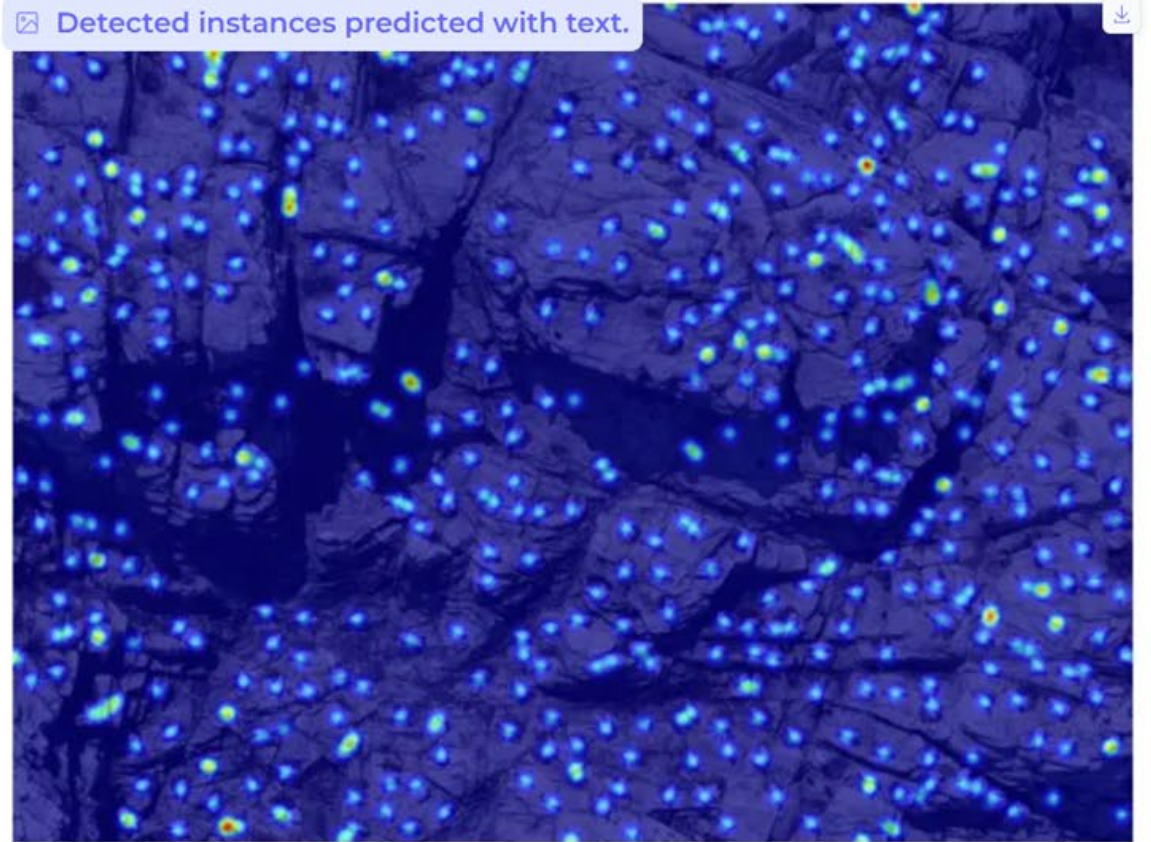
****Zero-shot results with no fine-tuning****

Results – Qualitative Continued



What would you like to count?

bird



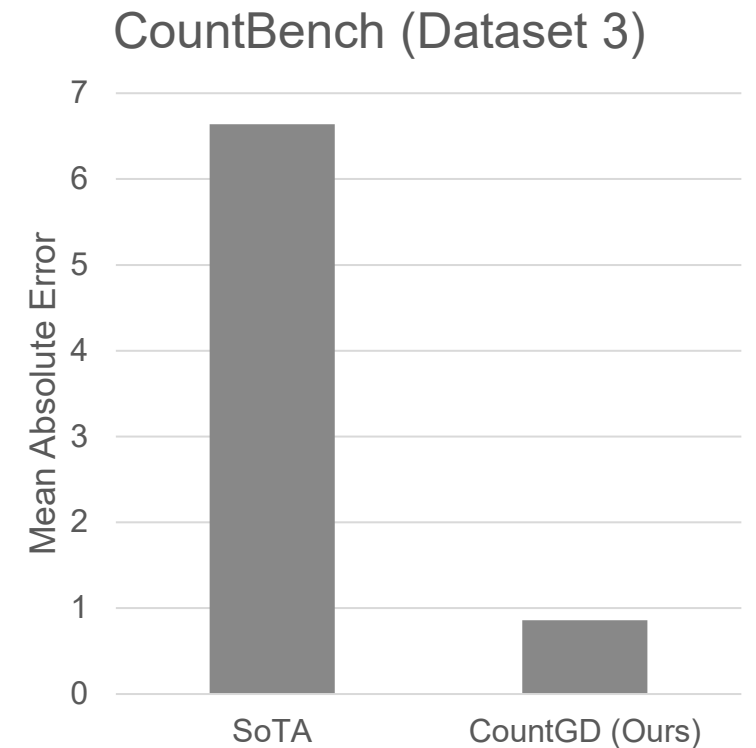
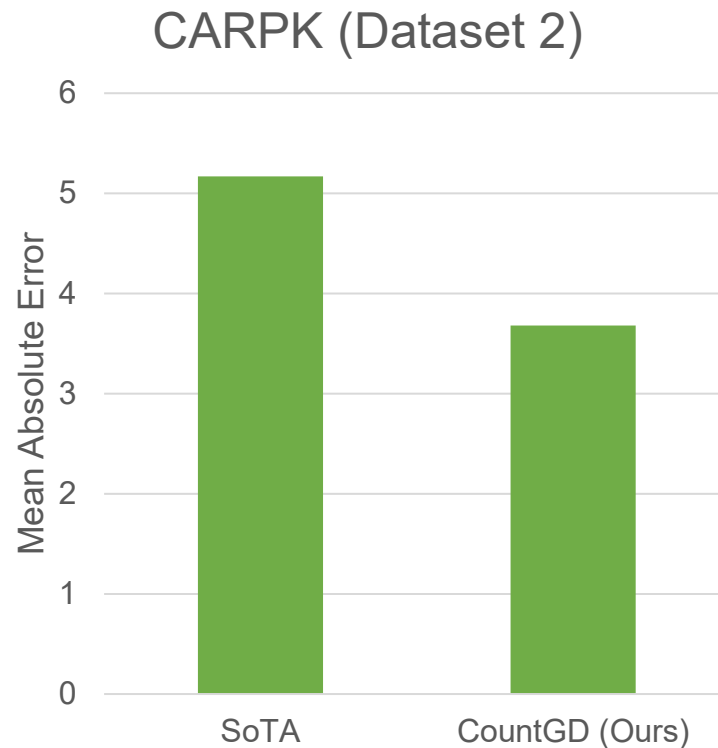
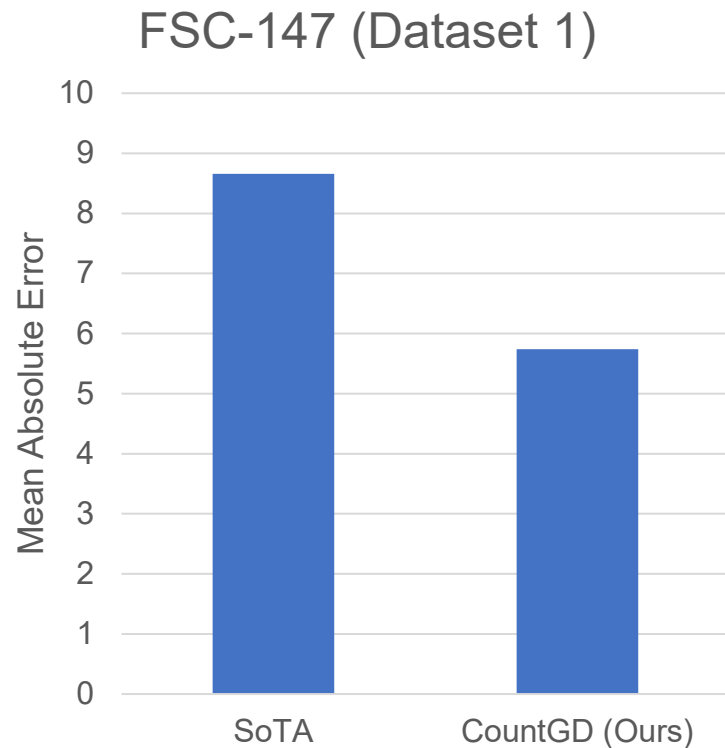
Predicted Count

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From real-world application of trying to understand the influence of climate change on seabird populations. Zero-shot, no fine-tuning.

Results – Quantitative

- CountGD achieves SOTA for open-world object counting. *lower is better.*



App Demo

[CountGD Multi-Modal Open-World Counting - a Hugging Face Space by nikipoli](https://www.robots.ox.ac.uk/~vgg/research/countgd/)

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Tutorial App

CountGD: Multi-Modal Open-World Counting


Count objects with text, visual exemplars, or both together.

Scroll down to try more examples

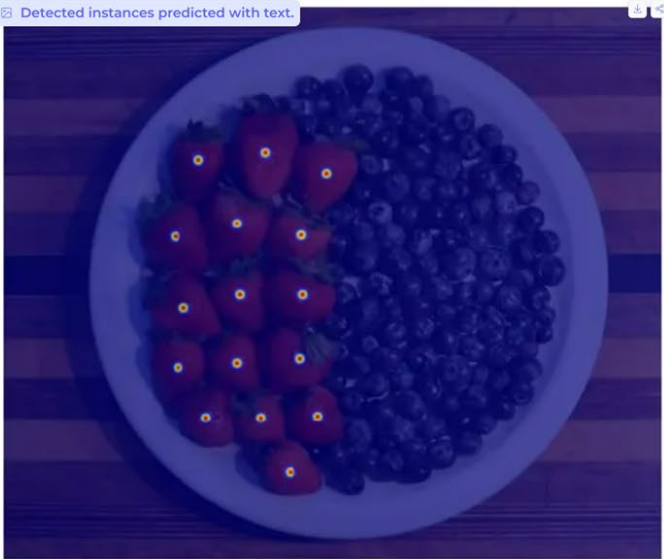
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Limitation: this app does not support fine-grained counting based on attributes or visual grounding inputs yet.

Input Image




Detected instances predicted with text.



What would you like to count?

strawberry

Visual Exemplar Image



Predicted Count

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Thank you!



<https://www.robots.ox.ac.uk/~vgg/research/countgd/>