

# Multimodal Generation for Recommendation

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# Multimodal Generation



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Prompt: Several giant woolly mammoths approach treading through a snowy meadow, their long woolly fur lightly blows in the wind as they walk, snow covered trees and dramatic snow capped... +

**Sora**

<https://openai.com/index/sora/>

Can we make them personal?

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Term: LLM – language models with capabilities similar to chatgpt, such as llama, claude, gemini, etc

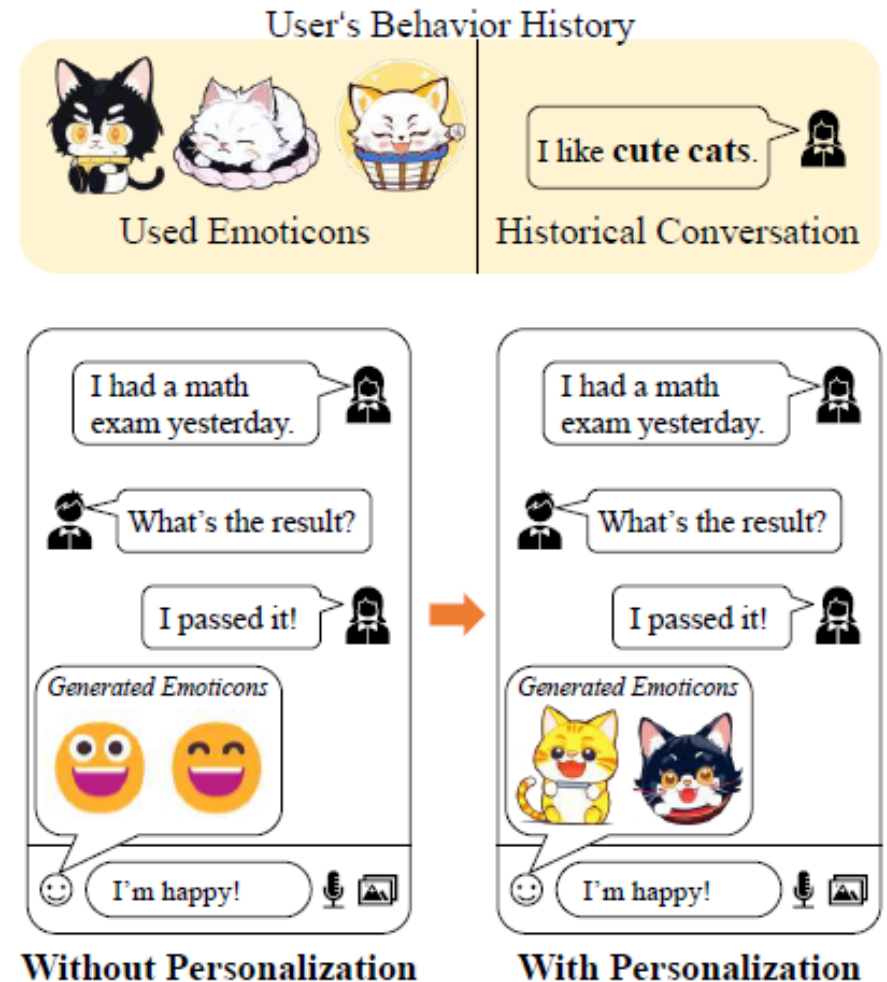
[Multimodal Pretraining and Generation for Recommendation: A Tutorial, Web Conference 2024](#)

[Multimodal Pretraining, Adaptation, and Generation for Recommendation: A Survey, arXiv:2404.00621](#)

# PMG for Recommendation: multimodal → image w/ LLM

## ■ PMG: Personalized Multimodal Generation with LLM

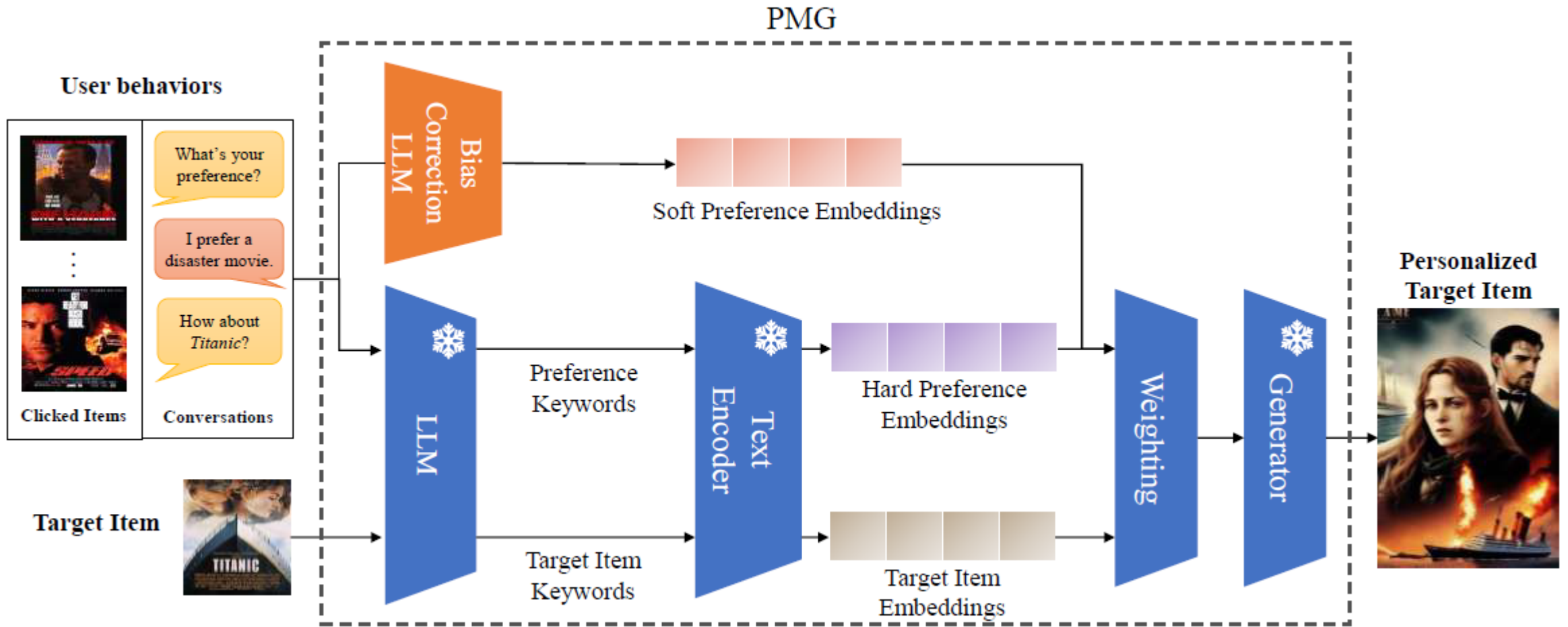
- Converts user behaviors (conversations, clicks, etc) into natural language
- Extract user preference descriptions, both hard and soft preference embeddings
- Preference conditioned multimodal generation
- Improves 8% in terms of personalization measure



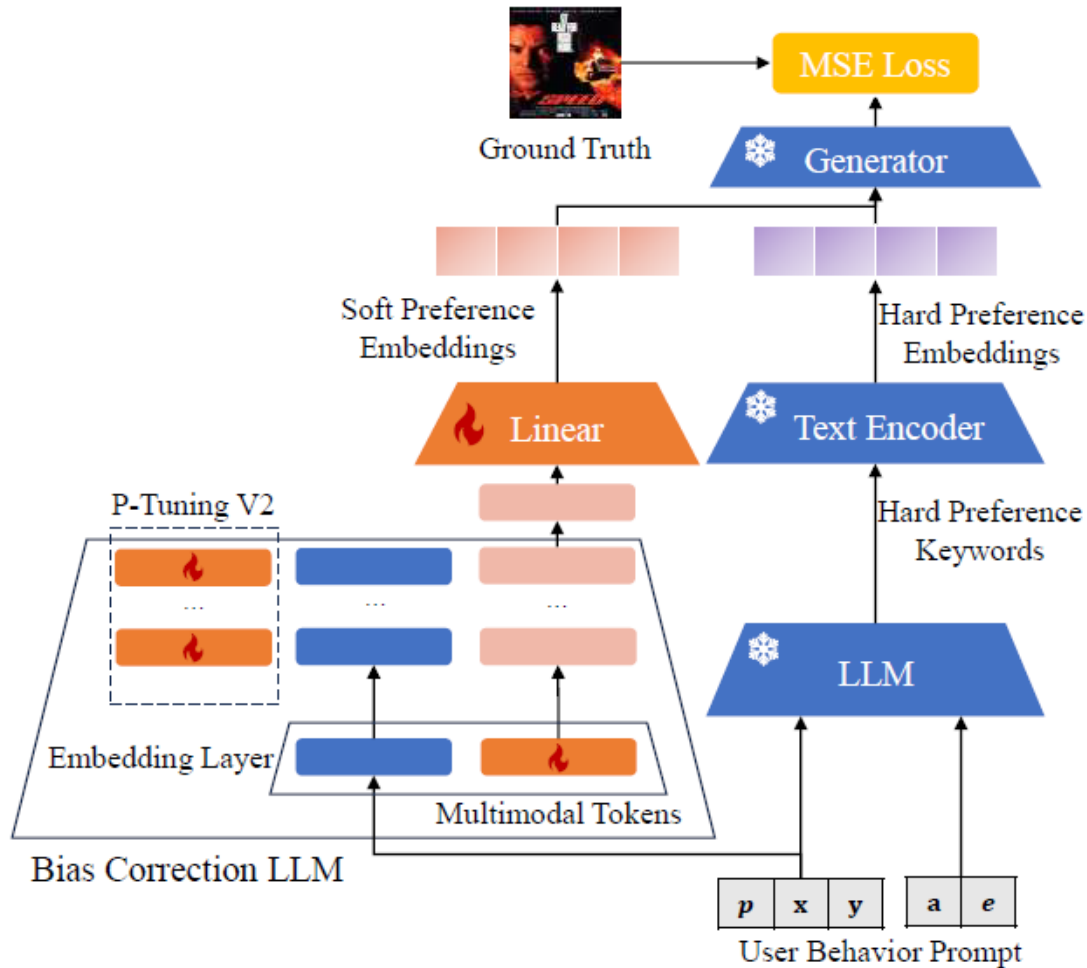
PMG : Personalized Multimodal Generation with Large Language Models, The Web Conference 2024

Friday 17 May 2024: 2:30 - 4pm Poster Session

# PMG for Recommendation: multimodal → image w/ LLM



# PMG for Recommendation: multimodal → image w/ LLM



$$\mathbf{E}^P = \text{concatenate}(\mathbf{E}_m, \mathbf{E}_k)$$

$$M_n = M_s + \epsilon,$$

$$M_d = \text{Unet}(\mathbf{E}^P, M_n).$$

The loss is calculated as MSE loss of  $M_s$  and  $M_d$ :

$$\text{loss} = \text{MSE}(M_s, M_d).$$

Figure 3: Model designed to train soft preference embeddings.

# PMG for Recommendation: multimodal $\rightarrow$ image w/ LLM

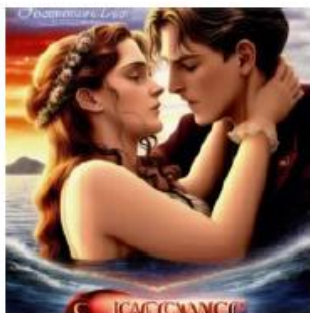
	Without Personalization	With Personalization			
User Behaviors Candidate Target Item	N/A	 <i>Business Style</i>	 <i>Girl's Style</i>	 <i>Boy's Style</i>	 <i>Cartoon Style</i>
shoes					
shirt					

$$d_p = \frac{e_M \cdot e_p}{\|e_M\|_2 \|e_p\|_2},$$

$$d_t = \frac{e_M \cdot e_t}{\|e_M\|_2 \|e_t\|_2}.$$

Finally, our objective is to optimize the weighted sum of  $d_p$  and  $d_t$ .

$$z = \alpha \cdot \log d_p + (1 - \alpha) \cdot \log d_t.$$



(a)  $w_p : w_t = 0 : 4$



(b)  $w_p : w_t = 1 : 3$



(c)  $w_p : w_t = 2 : 2$



(d)  $w_p : w_t = 3 : 1$



(e)  $w_p : w_t = 4 : 0$

Figure 7: Generated poster of movie *Titanic* with different weights of conditions.  $w_p$  is the weight of preference conditions, which prefer disaster movie.  $w_t$  is the weight of target item conditions, which consider it as a romantic movie. When  $w_p : w_t = 1 : 3$  it achieves the highest  $z$  score and the generated poster is a combination of romance and disaster.

# PMG for Recommendation: multimodal → image w/ LLM

## ■ Data

- 1) Generating personalized images of products whose original images are missing according to the historically clicked products of the user. POG dataset, a multimodal dataset of fashion clothes. We selected 2,000 users and 16,100 items for experiments.
- 2) Generating personalized posters of movies according to historical watched movies of user. MovieLens Latest Datasets, 9,000 movies, 600 users, and 100,000 rating interactions.
- 3) Generating emoticons in instant messaging according to current conversation and historically used emoticons of the user. We do not train soft preference embeddings and only use keywords to generate images.

	Movie Posters Scenario	Clothes Scenario
PMG	2.587	2.001
Textual Inversion	1.952	1.725
No personalization	1.462	1.495

Human evaluation score, range (1, 2, 3)



# PMG for Preference Questions: multimodal → multimodal w/ V-LM

## ■ Multi-task Multimodal generation, answering different types of questions

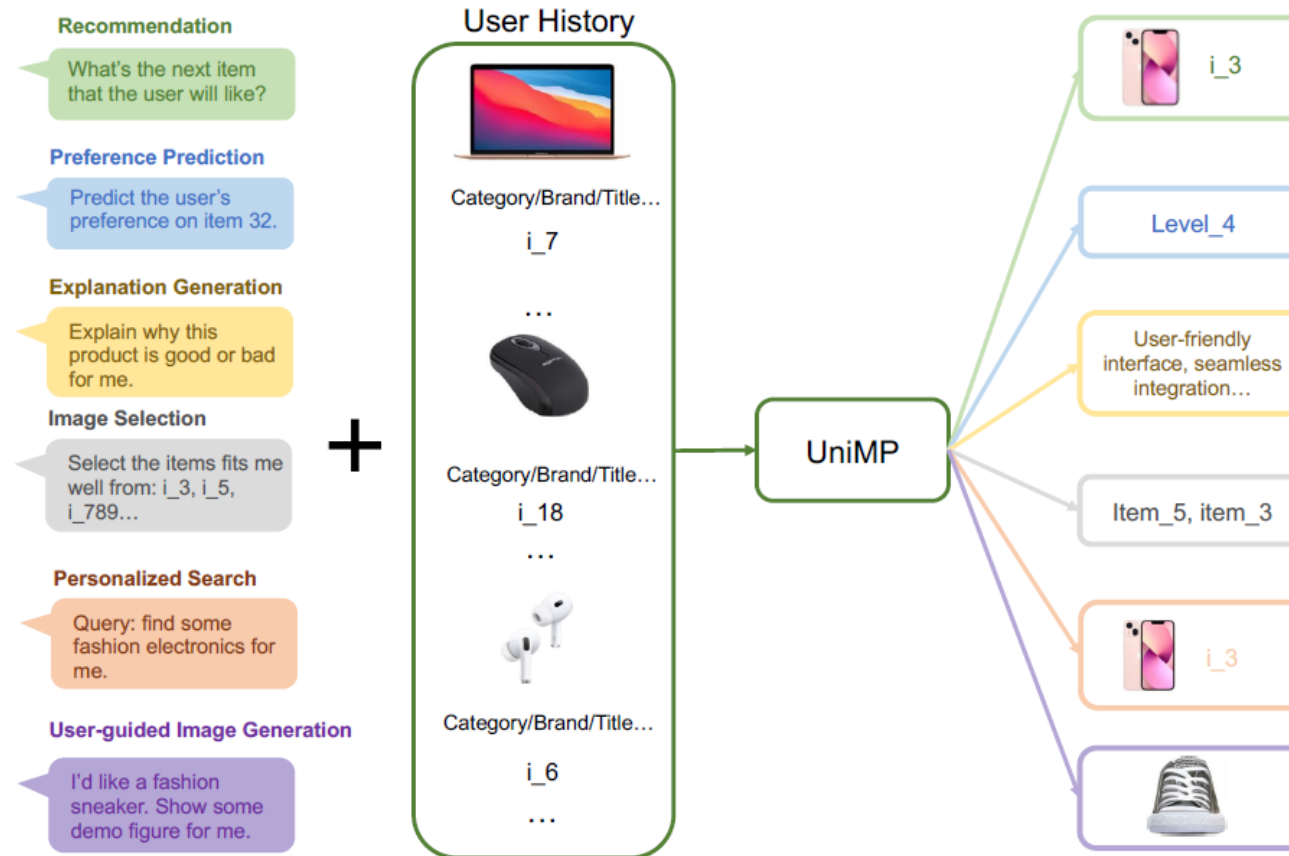


Figure 2: Through multi-task, multi-modal instruction tuning, the model can adapt to a range of user requirements. By altering the instructions, it can generate diverse responses to suit user needs. For

# PMG for Preference Questions: multimodal → multimodal w/ V-LM

- Item contextual data is serialized and processed through fine-grained cross-modal fusion

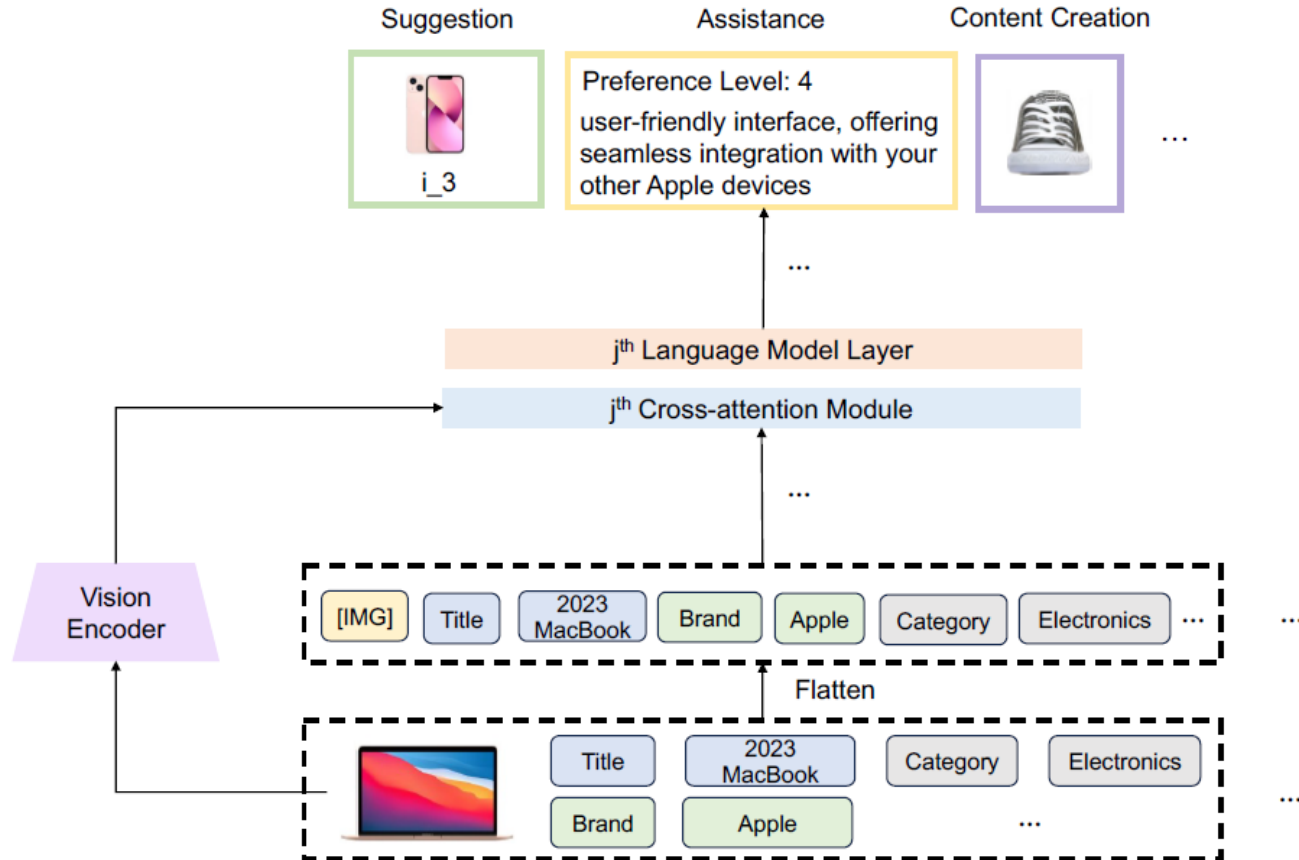
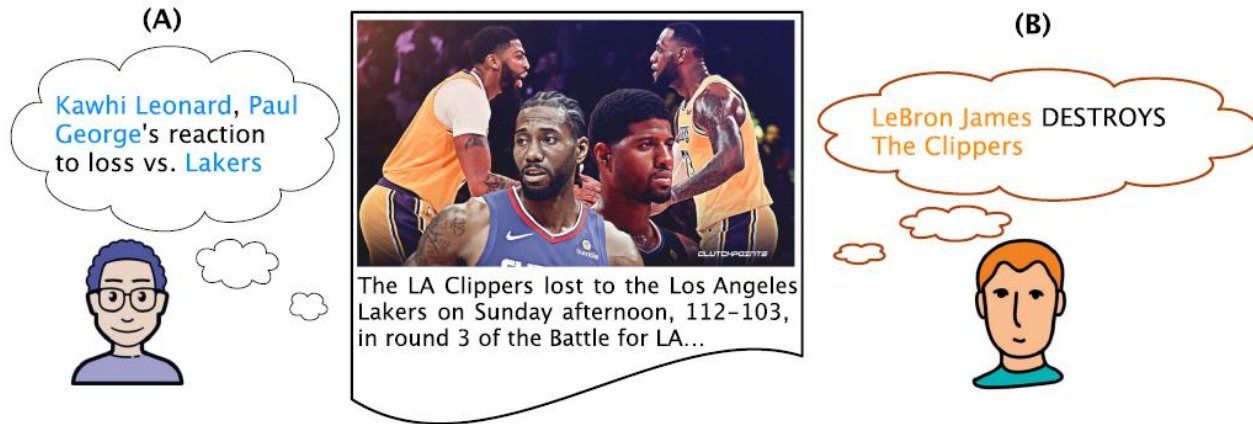


Figure 1: Our proposed UnIMP framework operates as follows: Item contextual data is streamlined into a user sequence, which is then processed through fine-grained cross-modal fusion. Depending on the instructions, the output is tailored to produce diverse response types.

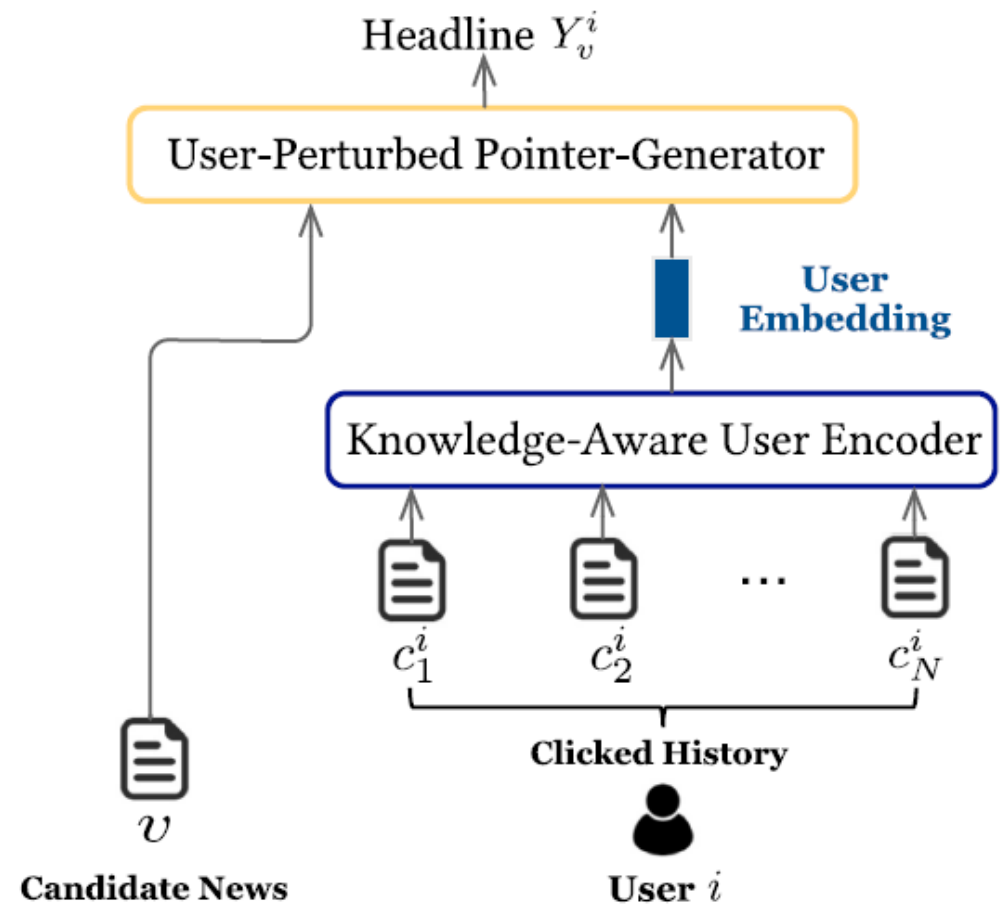
# Personalized Generation: text $\rightarrow$ text w/o LLM

## News Headline Generation



Put Your Voice on Stage: Personalized Headline Generation for News Articles, TKDD 2023

- Framework
- Evaluation
  - ◆ Automatic
    - Informativeness: F1 ROUGE
    - Fluency: longest common subsequence (ROUGE-L)
  - ◆ Human evaluation




### Framework




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# Personalized Generation: item $\rightarrow$ text w/o LLM

## Personalized Answer Generation in E-commerce

Product	Question	Does this lens work with Nikon camera?
 Tokina Lens	Relevant Review Snippets	1. ... Using it on Nikon D7100. It's <b>cheaper</b> than others! ... 2. ... I did great testing with D5000, <b>D5100</b> , and D7200. ... 3. ... <b>Light weight glass</b> , at first seemed elegant. ... ...

**Personalized Answers**

- This lens will work and **pay a little less** probably. 
- Yes, it will work. It works beautifully with **D5100**. 
- Yes the lens works great, and it is a **light weight glass**. 

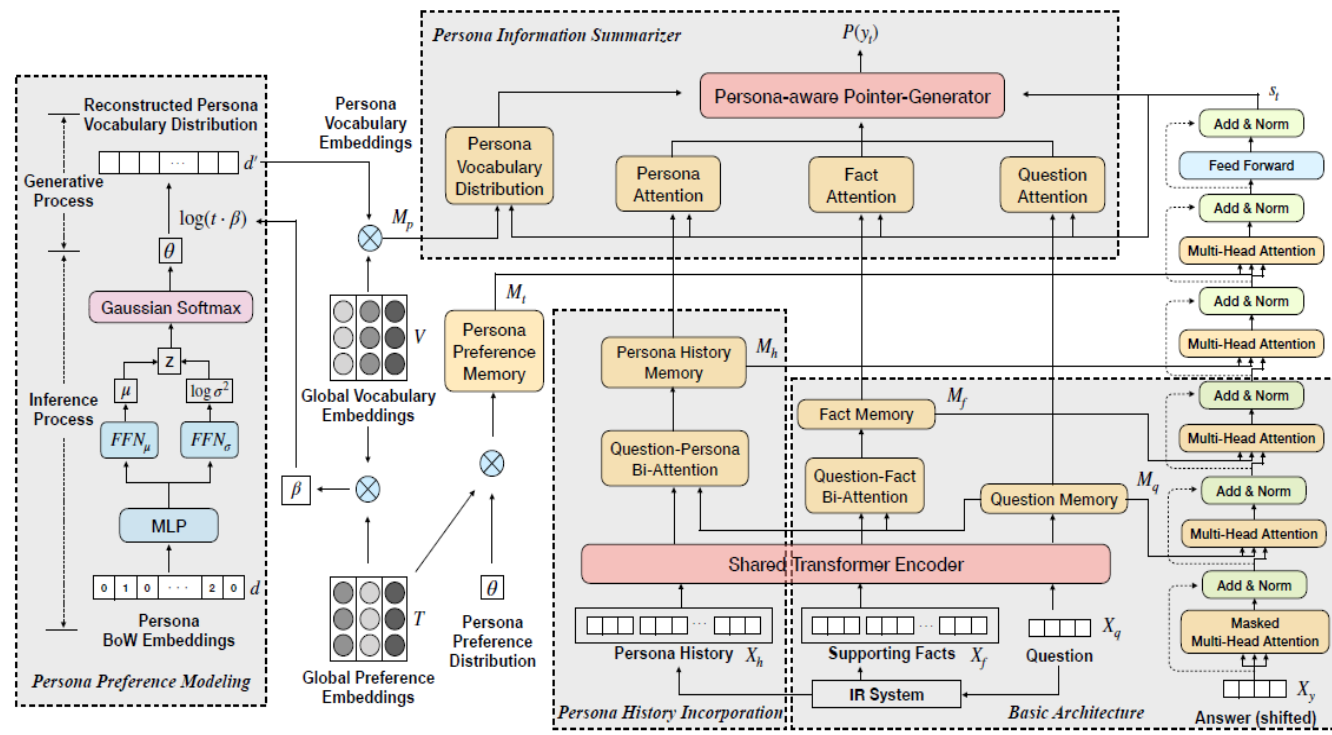


Fig. 3. Overview of the proposed method PAGE, including four components: (1) Basic Encoder-decoder Architecture, (2) Persona History Incorporation, (3) Persona Preference Modeling, and (4) Persona Information Summarizer.

Towards Personalized Answer Generation in E-Commerce via Multi-Perspective Preference Modeling, TOIS 2022

# Personalized Generation: text $\rightarrow$ text w/ LLM

## ■ Benchmark, RAG (Retrieval Augmented Generation) paradigm

LaMP: When Large Language Models Meet Personalization, arXiv:2304.11406

### ● 7 Tasks

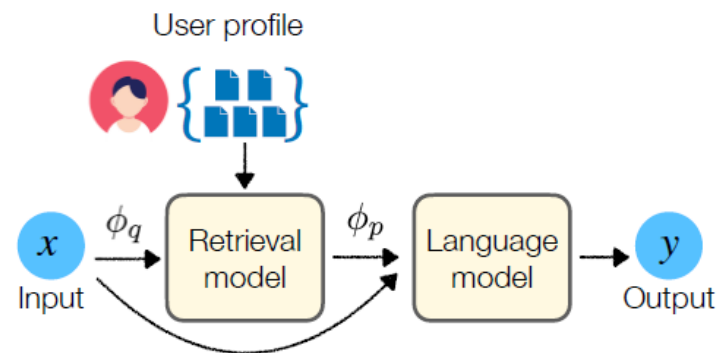
- **Personalized Text Classification**

- (1) Personalized Citation Identification
- (2) Personalized Movie Tagging
- (3) Personalized Product Rating

- **Personalized Text Generation**

- (4) Personalized News Headline Generation
- (5) Personalized Scholarly Title Generation
- (6) Personalized Email Subject Generation
- (7) Personalized Tweet Paraphrasing

### ● Using RAG paradigm



# Personalized Generation: text → text w/ LLM & Human

## ■ LLM-assisted news headline generation

### ● Human-AI Text Co-Creation

The interface is divided into four main sections, labeled (A) through (D):

- (A) News Reading Panel:** Displays a news article titled "UN Security Council votes to extend UN mission in Haiti". The text describes the council's unanimous vote to extend the mandate of the U.N. Integrated Office in Haiti for one year, and mentions that Beijing had been pushing for stronger language regarding arms and munitions sales.
- (B) Perspectives Selection Panel:** Shows a list of keywords for selection: "UN Security Council", "Haiti", "mandate", "violence", and "arms sales". A "Generate Headlines" button is located below the list.
- (C) Headline Selection Panel:** Displays two generated headlines: "UN Security Council warns Haitian gangs of potential sanctions" and "UN Security Council calls for end to violence in Haiti". An "Edit" button is next to the first headline, and a "Submit Headline" button is at the bottom.
- (D) Difficulty Rating Slider:** A slider titled "How difficult was it to write this headline?" with a scale from 0 (Very easy) to 100 (Very difficult). The current rating is 81. A "Next" button is positioned below the slider.

Harnessing the Power of LLMs: Evaluating Human-AI Text Co-Creation through the Lens of News Headline Generation, EMNLP 2023

Figure 2: Interface for human-AI news headline co-creation for *guidance + selection + post-editing* condition: (A) news reading panel, (B) perspectives (keywords) selection panel (multiple keywords can be selected), (C) headline selection panel with post-editing capability, and (D) difficulty rating slider. Note: (B), (C) and (D) are hidden from the user until the requisite step is finished (e.g., the user does not see the difficulty

# (non-Personalized) Multimodal Generation: multimodal → multimodal

## ■ Multi-modal News Headline Generation

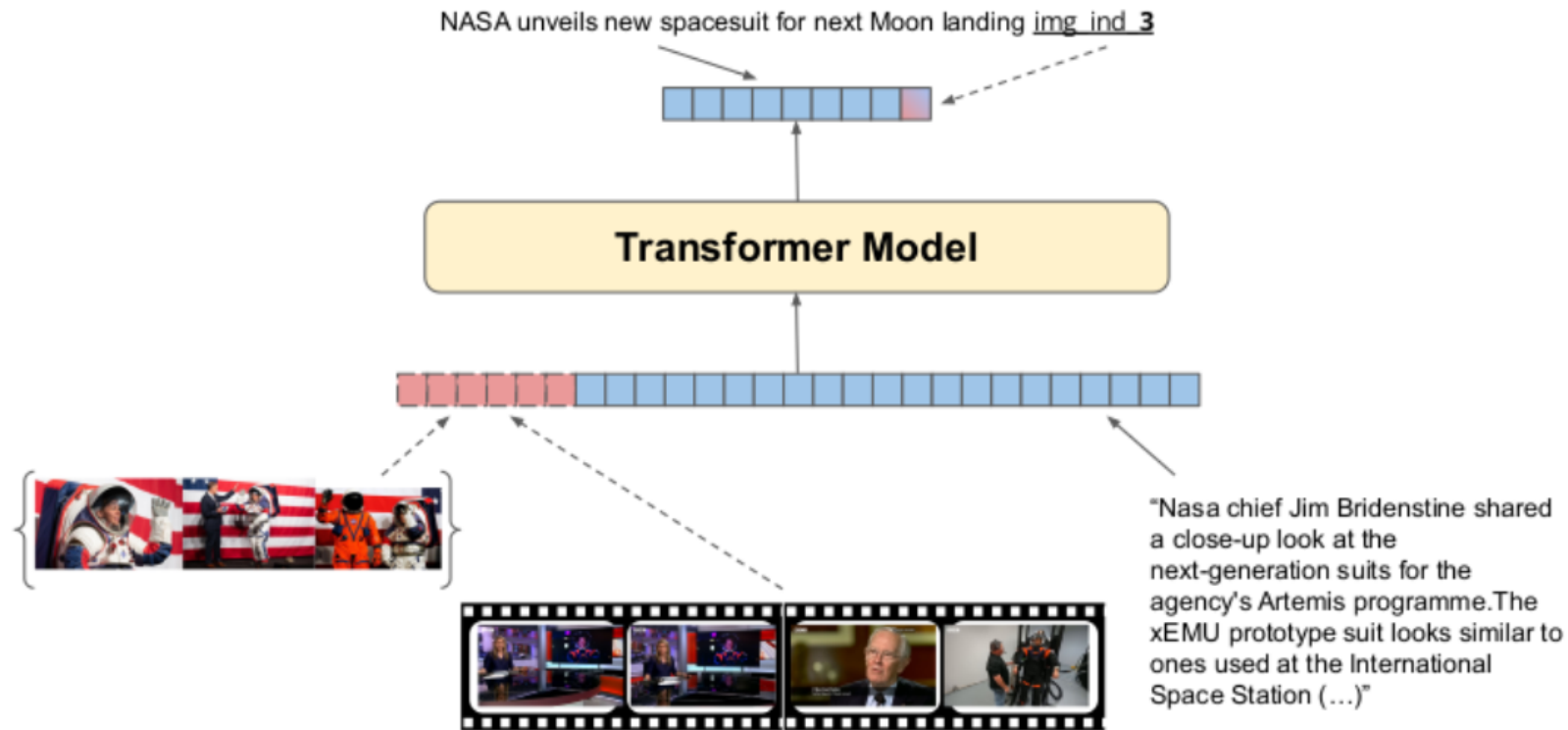


Figure 1: Overview of the proposed unified approach to MSMO. The visual tokens are appended to the text representation. The generated output includes the textual summary and the *index token* that indicates which input image (first, second, third, etc.) is picked as the pictorial summary. During training, a mixture of video-based, image-based, and text-only data is used.

# Other Tasks of Multimodal Generation for Recommendation

## ■ Marketing Copy Generation

- Generate the promotional copy



GCOF: Self-iterative Text Generation for Copywriting Using Large Language Model, arXiv:2402.13667

## ■ Explanation Generation

- Generate reasons why an item is recommended

Personalized Reason Generation for Explainable Song Recommendation. TIST 2019

## ■ Dialogue Generation

- Generate questions for clarification during conversational search

Zero-shot Clarifying Question Generation for Conversational Search, Web Conference 2023



## What's Next

- **Multimodal → multimodal for Recommendation**
- **Improve the control of correctness (text, image, video, etc)**
- **Include more modalities, such as audio, video**
- **Interactive multimodal generation**

## Thanks and Questions?

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