

# ***MoDE: CLIP Data Experts via Clustering***

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# Mixture of Data Expert (MoDE)

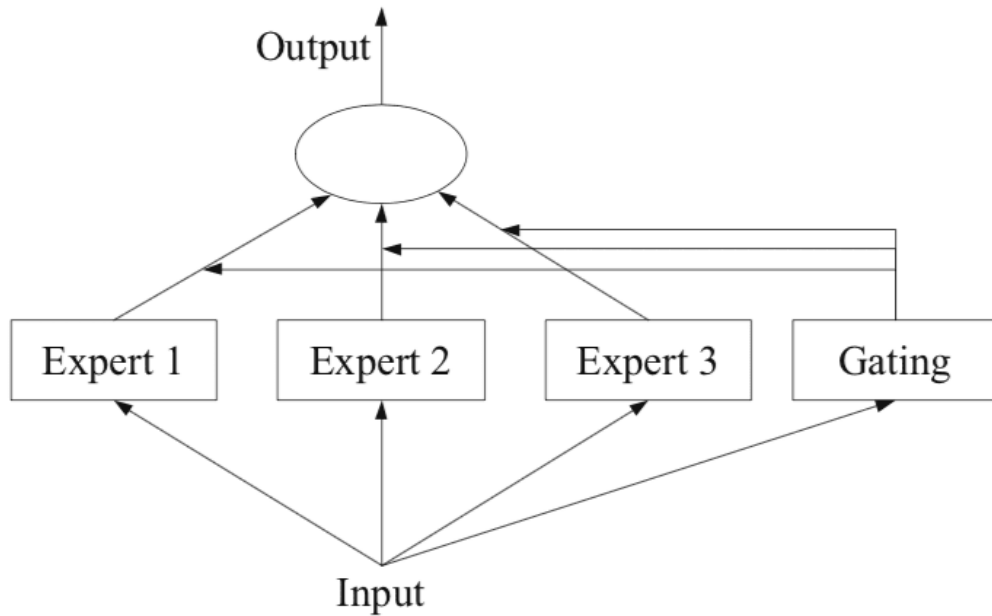
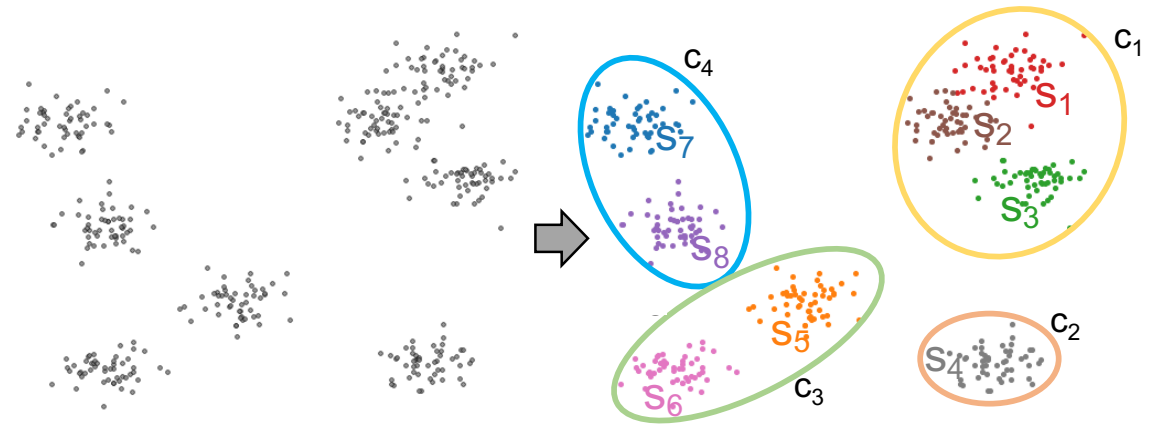


Illustration of Mixture of Expert (MoE)



MoDE: You Reap What You Sow

# Contrastive Language-Image Pretraining (CLIP)



Positive

Push away (Negative)

“a cat with its front paws stretched up against the tree”

“Versailles single family home for sale”

“A photo of a beautiful sea view”

“a few giraffes in a green field”

# An Image is Worth A Thousand Words

Tree guard to stop the cats



a cat with its front paws stretched up against the tree

The tiger reaches up to a tree trunk in a wooded area



A picture took in a national park



# Negative Quality in Web-Crawled Data

The annotation noise/conflict in language may result in false negative in CLIP training.



False Negative

“a cat with its front paws stretched up against the tree”

“Tree guard stops the cat”

“The tiger reaches up to a tree trunk in a wooded area”

“A picture took in a national park”

# Negative Quality in Web-Crawled Data

Contrasting with hard negative can improve CLIP training effectiveness



Hard Negative

“a cat with its front paws stretched up against the tree”

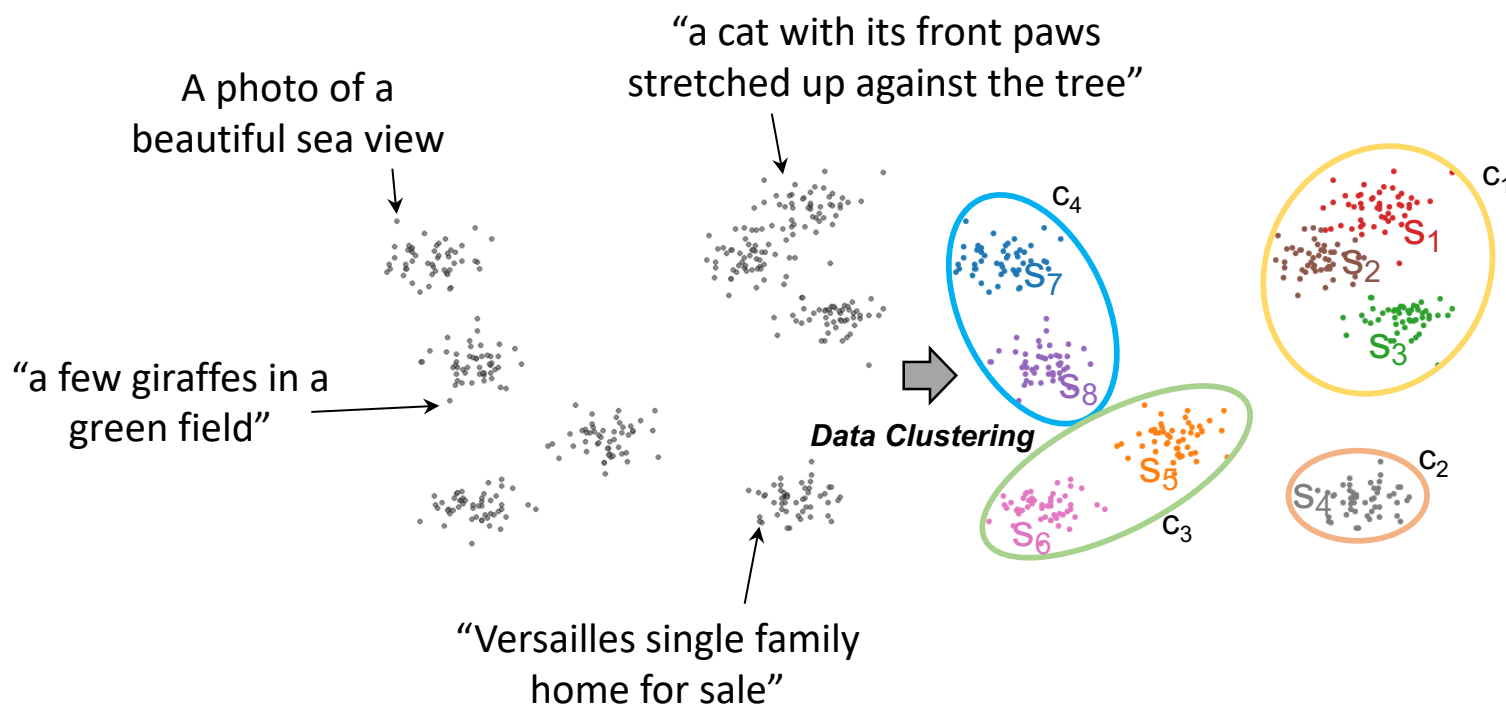
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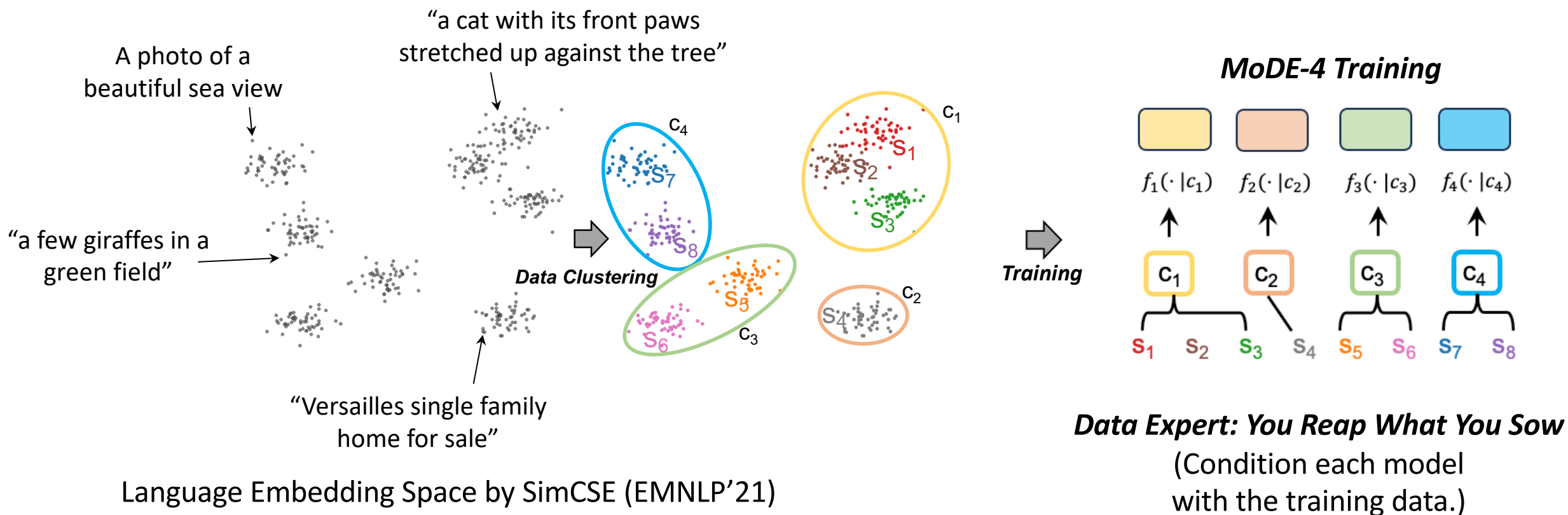
# Learning Data Experts via Clustering

Clustering/Splitting along captions to remove false negative and increase hard negative, improving the effectiveness of CLIP training.



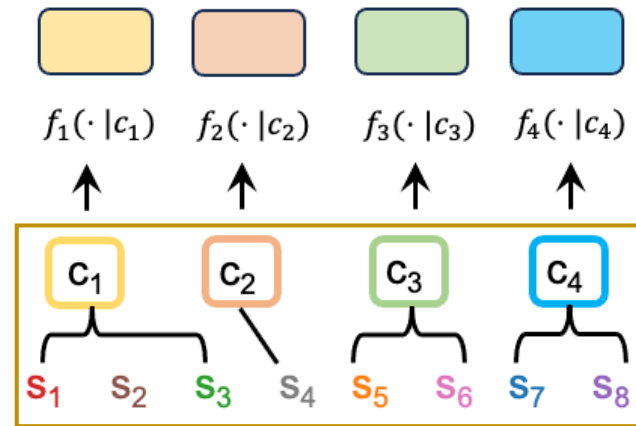
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On each cluster, a model (termed as a Data Expert) is trained with more quality negative.





# Represent Data Expertise via Fine-Grained Clusters



CLIP Models



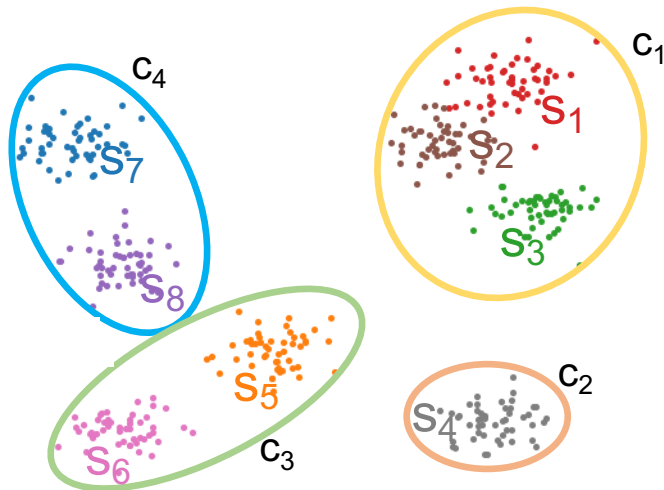
Condition Model Training

Dataset Structure  
(Cluster Hierarchy)



Cluster centers provide a global view of the full train set.

Dataset



# Inference-Time Task Adaptation

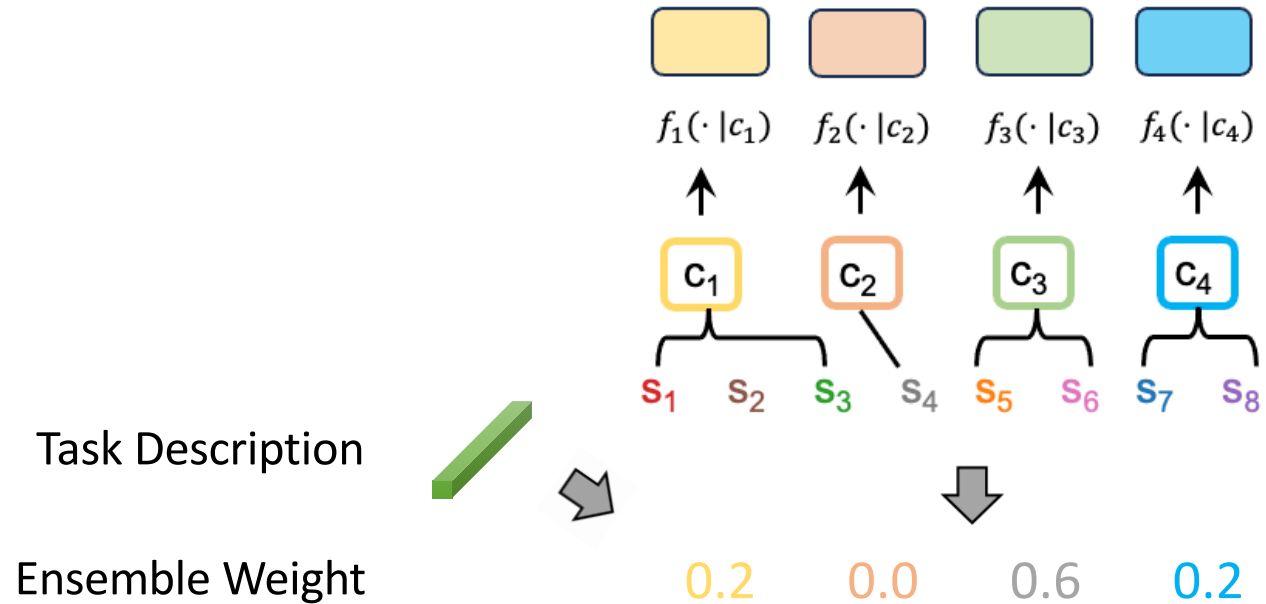
Use Cluster centers to guide the ensemble for multi-modal prediction.

$$\sum_{i=\{1,2,3,4\}} f(\cdot | c_i) p(c_i | \mathbf{T})$$

$$p(c_i | \mathbf{T}) \propto \sum_{l \in L} A(l, c)$$

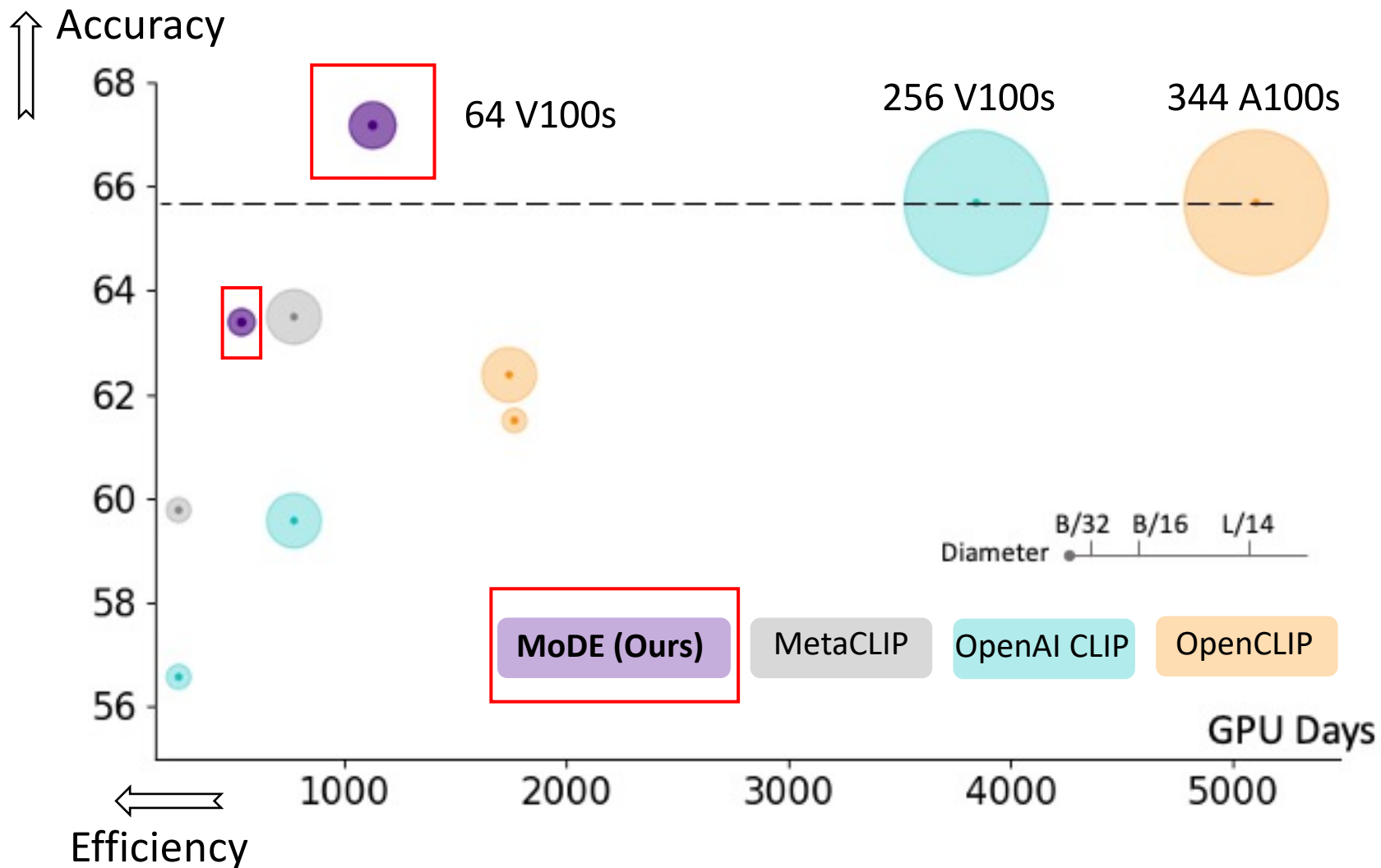
$\mathbf{T}$ ="ImageNet"

$L$ ={'dog', 'cat', ..., 'salmon'}



# Efficiency & Effectiveness

**CLIP Benchmark (26)**  
Zero-Shot Classification



# MoDE Provides Strong Representation

**ImageNet**  
Linear Probing on  
Concatenated Feature

Approach	ViT-B/32	ViT-B/16	ViT-L/14
MetaCLIP	67.5	73.8	82.3
MoDE-2	71.3	76.9	83.9
MoDE-4	74.1	79.6	84.7

# Summary of MoDE

## **Data Expert**

- Deep Neural Network is naturally data-driven
- Use Data to explain the capability of a model

## **Mixture of Data Expert for CLIP**

- Scale up the “width” of CLIP System
- MoDE offers both efficiency and effectiveness in CLIP training
- MoDE can be applied in different task types flexibly



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