

Point-of-Interest Type Prediction using Text and Images

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POIs in Social Media

Text and **images** of social media posts shared by users from specific **points-of-interest (POI)** contribute to shaping a place's identity.

Next stop NYC ✈️

from Tampa International Airport (TPA)

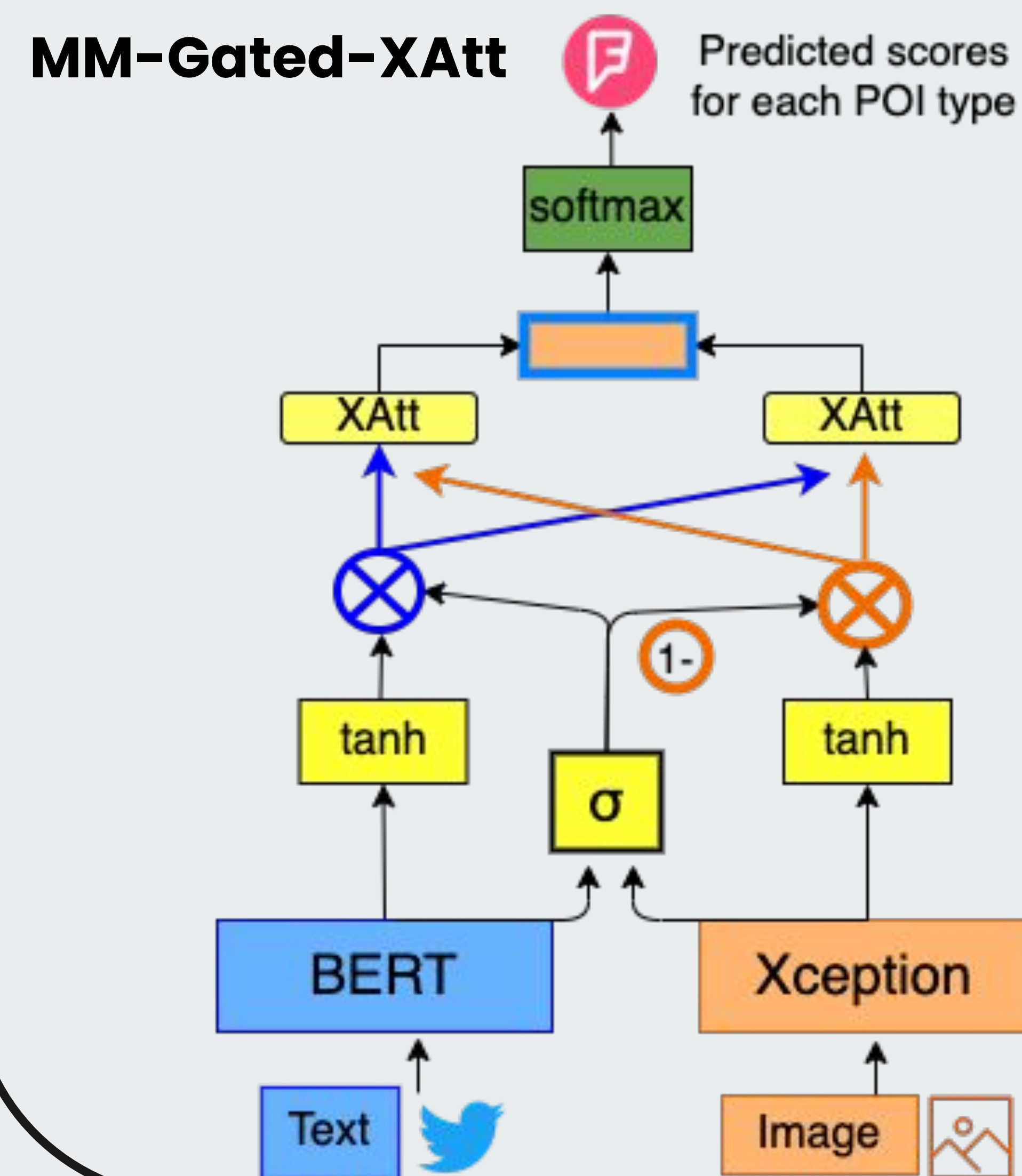
Text (blue arrow)

Image (orange arrow)

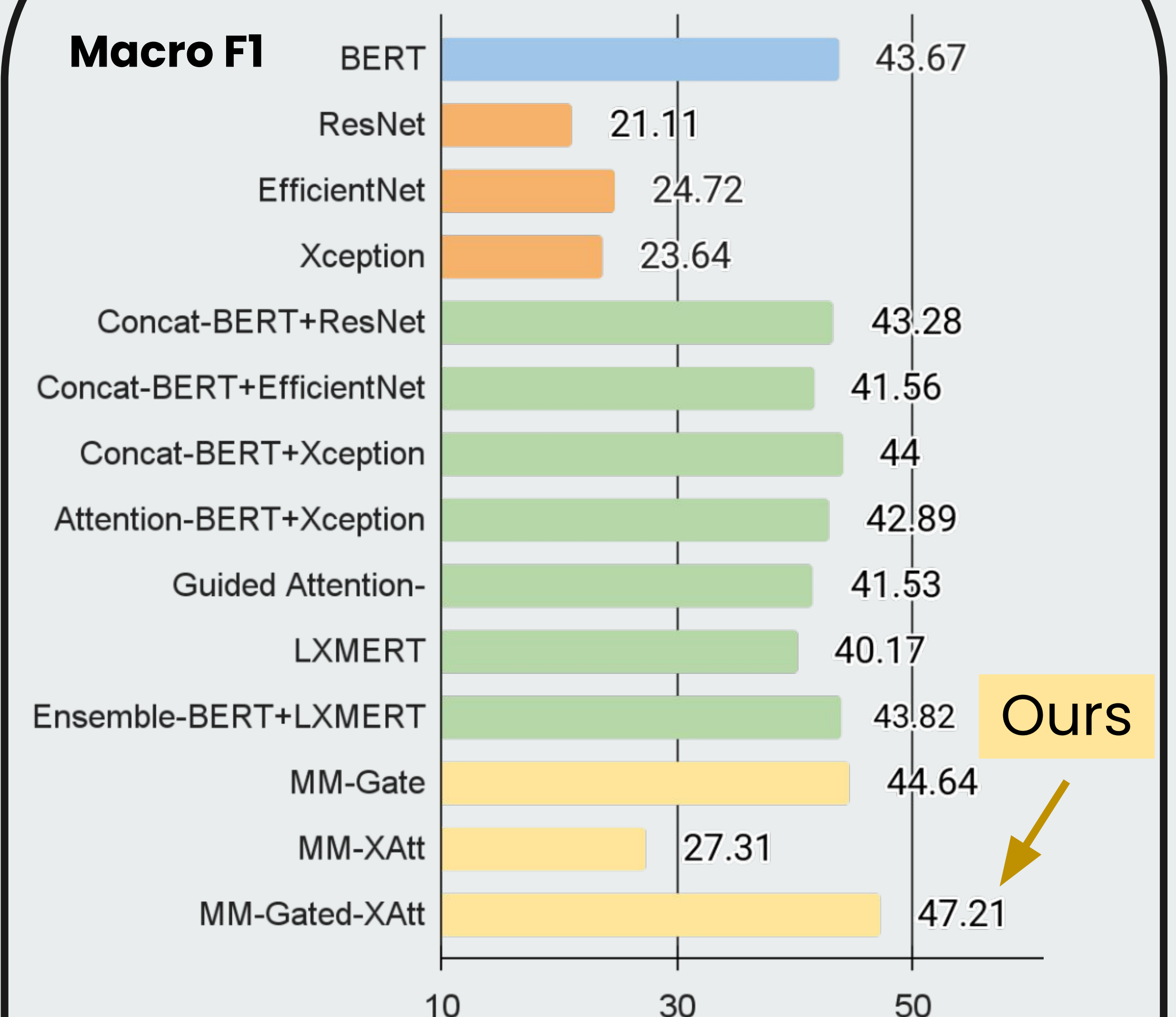
POI (green bracket):

- Great Outdoors
- Shop & Service
- Travel & Transport
- Food

POI Type Prediction



Models and Results



MM-Gated-XAtt combines text and image content in two levels:

- gated multimodal fusion to manage the flow of information from each modality
 - cross-attention to capture interactions
- MM-Gated-XAtt outperforms unimodal and multimodal approaches

Cross-Attention Analysis

it's getting cold up here <mention> <url>

BERT (text-only): Arts & Entertainment

✓ **MM-Gated-XAtt (Ours): Shop & Service**

- Text: 60% - Image: 40%
- Image information can help to address the ambiguity in short texts

Error Analysis

miso creamed kale with mushrooms <mention>

True: Nightlife Spot
 MM-Gated-XAtt (Ours): Food

Most errors occur identifying for POI categories where people might perform similar activities in each of them such as:

- Food and Shop & Service
- Food and Nightlife Spot

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