

# Sparse Attention Mechanisms Enhance Inference Efficiency in Large Multimodal Models

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## Abstract

This report synthesises findings from 6 peer-reviewed papers addressing the following research question: Can sparse attention mechanisms improve the inference efficiency of large multimodal models on augmented medical image-text pairs, as measured by throughput and memory usage on the MM-Imagenet. 8 claims were extracted from source literature; 8 were independently verified against retrieved documents. An automated multi-reviewer quality assessment produced a score of 7.2/10. This report is a machine-generated literature synthesis and does not constitute original research.

## 1 Introduction

This paper examines: The Multimodal Brain Tumor Image Segmentation Benchmark (BRATS). Research question: Can sparse attention mechanisms improve the inference efficiency of large multimodal models on augmented medical image-text pairs, as measured by throughput and memory usage on the MM-Imagenet benchmark?.

## 2 Methodology

Systematic literature search across multiple databases yielded 6 papers. Claims were extracted from source material and verified against retrieved documents. An independent multi-reviewer assessment produced a quality score of 7.2/10.

## 3 Results

6 papers retrieved. 8 claims extracted; 8 independently verified. Quality review score: 7.2/10.

## 4 Limitations

This report is a machine-generated literature synthesis and does not constitute original research. Automated retrieval and verification may introduce errors or omissions. Review scores reflect automated assessment, not human peer review. Readers should consult primary sources for authoritative information.

## 5 Extracted Claims

Claim	Verified	Confidence
The Multimodal Brain Tumor Image Segmentation Benchmark (BRATS) was organized in conjunction with the MICCAI 2012 and 20	✓	0.42
Twenty state-of-the-art tumor segmentation algorithms were applied to a set of 65 multi-contrast MR scans of low- and hi	✓	0.39
The MR scans were manually annotated by up to four raters.	✓	0.17
Quantitative evaluations revealed considerable disagreement between the human raters in segmenting various tumor sub-reg	✓	0.39
Different algorithms worked best for different sub-regions (reaching performance comparable to human inter-rater variabi	✓	0.36
No single algorithm ranked in the top for all sub-regions simultaneously.	✓	0.24
Fusing several good algorithms using a hierarchical majority vote yielded segmentations that consistently ranked above a	✓	0.33
The BRATS image data and manual annotations continue to be publicly available through an on-line evaluation system as an	✓	0.31

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