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## Vision Language Models (VLMs): Applications, Limitations, and Real-World Deployment

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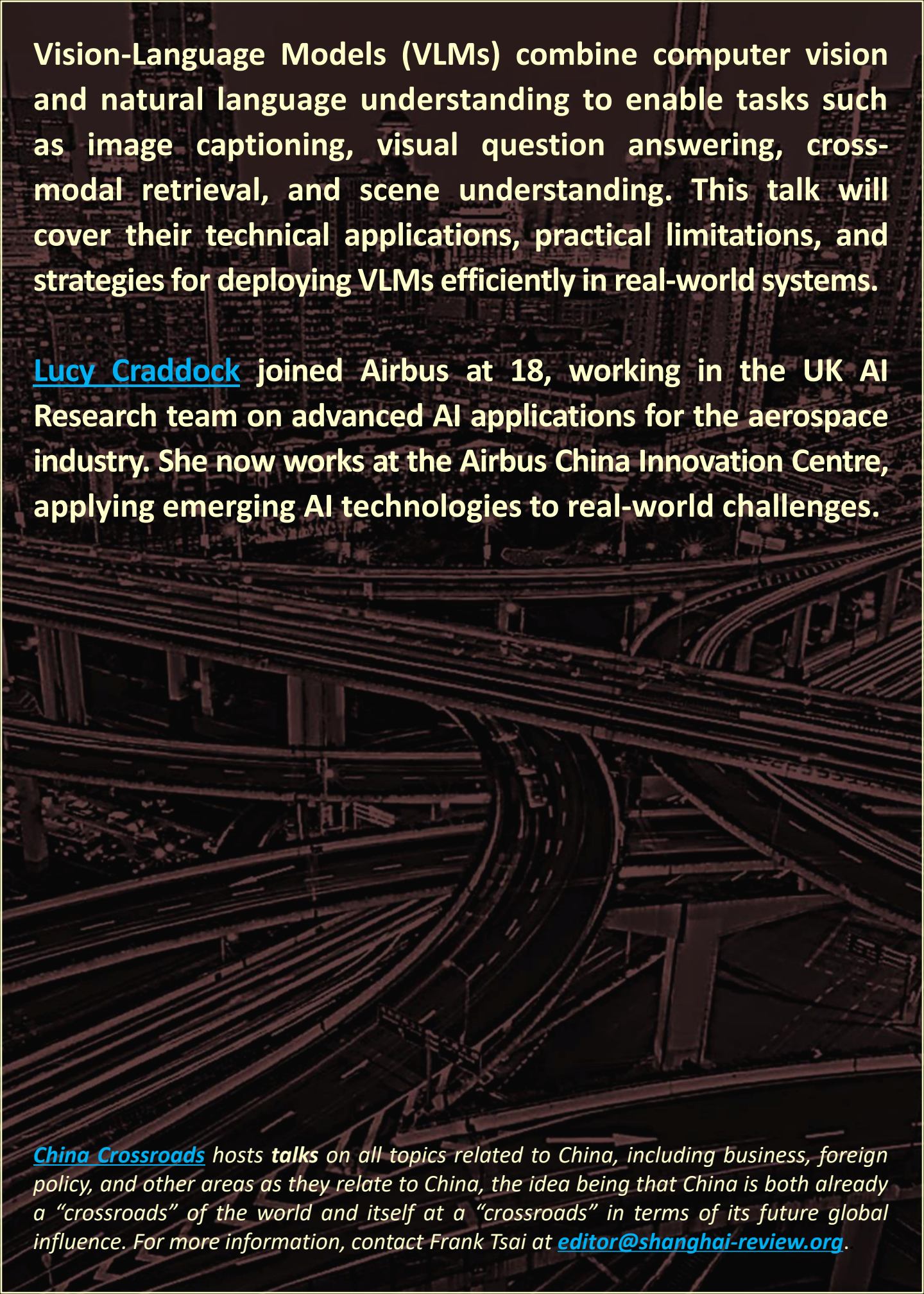
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Vision-Language Models (VLMs) combine computer vision and natural language understanding to enable tasks such as image captioning, visual question answering, cross-modal retrieval, and scene understanding. This talk will cover their technical applications, practical limitations, and strategies for deploying VLMs efficiently in real-world systems.

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