Large-scale Video-Language Pre-training

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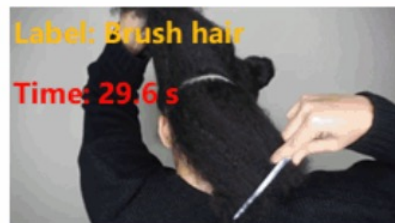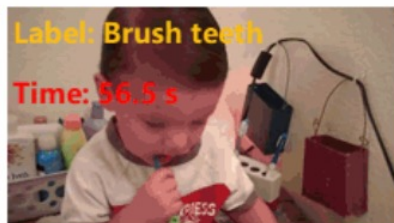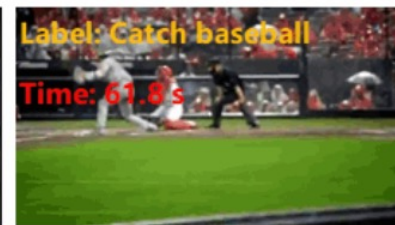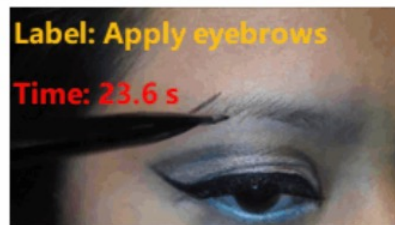Oct 24, 2022

https://sites.google.com/view/showlab

Deeper Action

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Why large-scale pre-training?

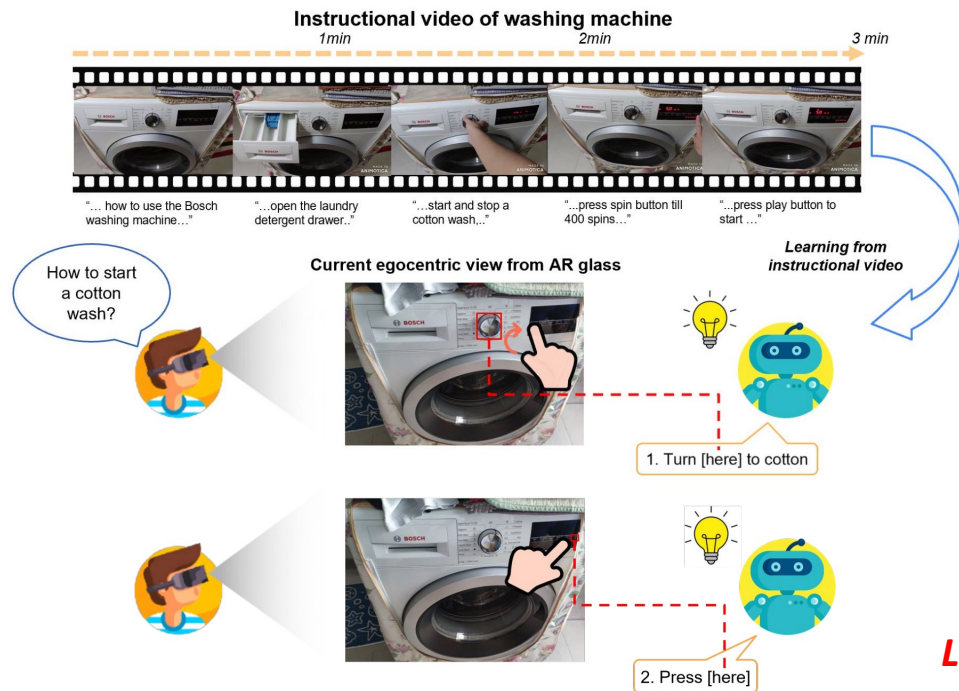**Trend: Simple action → Fine-grained action**

[credit to DeeperAction Workshop]

Trend: Action classification/detection → Personal AI Assistant

Limited Training Data

[ECCV'22] Wong, Chen, Wu, Lei, Mao, Gao, Shou. "AssistQ: Affordance-centric Question-driven Task Completion for Egocentric Assistant".

Easily to get Large, Noisy, Cheap Data

Little girl and her dog in northern Thailand. They both seemed interested in what we were doing

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Pre-training Task I

Pre-training Task II

Pre-training Task III

Many downstream tasks/datasets

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HowTo100M [ICCV 2019]
-- large, noisy

WebVid 2.5M [ICCV 2021]
-- high quality text

Lonely beautiful woman sitting on the tent looking outside. wind on the hair and camping on the beach near the colors of water and shore. freedom and alternative tiny house for traveler lady drinking.

Female cop talking on walkietalkie, responding emergency call, crime prevention

Billiards, concentrated young woman playing in club.

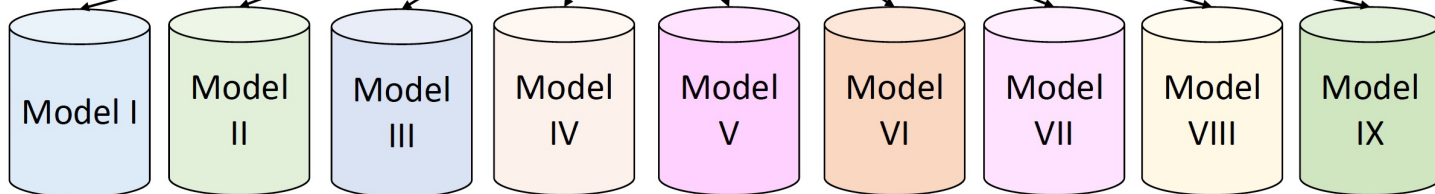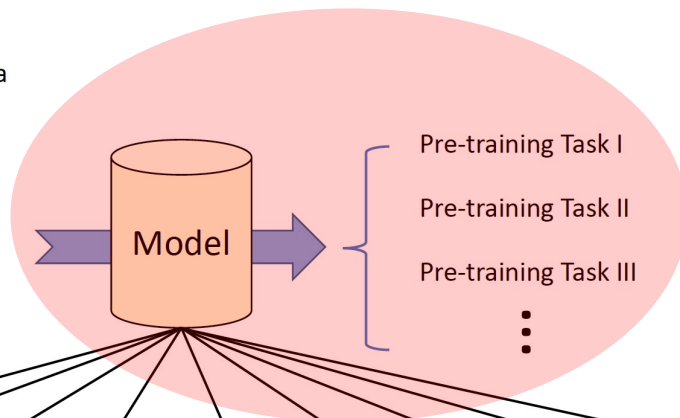Cabeza de toro, punta cana/ dominican republic - feb 20, 2020: 4k drone flight over coral reef with manta

Kherson, ukraine - 20 may 2016: open, free, rock music festival crowd partying at a rock concert. hands up, people, fans cheering clapping applauding in kherson, ukraine - 20 may 2016. band performing

Runners feet in a sneakers close up. realistic three dimensional animation.

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Early works are based on extracted features, not end-to-end

ICCV'19, Google, VideoBERT

CVPR'20, UTS, ActBERT

ICLR'21, Facebook, SSB

Better performances achieved with end-to-end training, as expected

CVPR'21, Microsoft, ClipBert

ICCV'21, VGG @ Oxford, Frozen-in-Time

Better performances achieved with end-to-end training, as expected

Frame-level,

No object / region info…

The strong correspondence between objects in videos and in sentence

"A little girl dancing to music and a teenage girl using a computer "

Modeling objects in E2E VLP -- why not video?

#1 Computational expensive:

- *10s video, even sample 1 frame per second, 10 frames*
- *For each frame, typically ~30 boxes*

#2 High redundancy over frames -- makes optimization challenging

Maximize object info vs. Minimize #regions

Object-aware Video-language Pre-training for Retrieval

Joint work

w/ Alex Jinpeng Wang

IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR), 2022.

https://github.com/FingerRec/OA-Transformer

Traditional two-stream model e2e VLP model

1 single anchor frame for encoding object information

Mask

Anchor Frame

Box extracted offline by 1600-class Faster-RCNN trained on Visual Genome

Object tags as another text stream

Object-aware contrastive loss between 4 streams

During downstream fine-tuning & inference, no need to run object detection and we remove the 2 object streams to ensure high efficiency

UTS →

Microsoft →

Oxford U. →

Facebook →

Method	Years	Vis Enc. Init.	Pretrained Data	R@1	R@5	R@10	MedR
ActBERT [48]	CVPR'20	VisGenome	[136M] HowTo100M	16.3	42.8	56.9	10.0
VidTranslate [16]	Arxiv'20	IG65M	[136M] HowTo100M	14.7	-	52.8	
NE [1]	AAAI'21	ImageNet, Kinetics	[136M] HowTo100M	17.4	41.6	53.6	8.0
ClipBERT [19]	ICCV'21	-	[5.6M] COCO, VisGenome	22.0	46.8	59.9	6.0
MMT [12]	ECCV'20	Numerous experts	[136M] HowTo100M	26.6	57.1	69.6	4.0
Frozen [4]	ICCV'21	ImageNet	[3M] CC3M	25.5	54.5	66.1	4.0
Frozen [4]	ICCV'21	ImageNet	[5.5M] CC3M, WebVid-2M	31.0	59.5	70.5	3.0
Frozen[Our Imp.]	ICCV'21	ImageNet	[5.5M] CC3M, WebVid-2M	33.2	61.5	71.9	3.0
Support Set [31]	ICLR'21	IG65M, ImageNet	[136M] HowTo100M	30.1	58.5	69.3	**3.0**
OA-Trans		ImageNet	[2.5M] Webvid-2M	**32.7**	**60.9**	**72.5**	**3.0**
OA-Trans		ImageNet	[5.5M] CC3M, WebVid-2M	**35.8**	**63.4**	**76.5**	**3.0**
OA-Trans‡		CLIP-WIT	[5.5M] CC3M, WebVid-2M	39.4	68.8	78.3	2.0
OA-Trans‡[12F]		CLIP-WIT	[5.5M] CC3M, WebVid-2M	40.9	70.4	80.3	2.0

Table 1. Comparison with state-of-the-art results on MSRVTT for text-to-video retrieval. ‡ denotes the model is initialized with weights from CLIP [33]. **Vis Enc. Init.:** Datasets that visual encoders' initial weights are trained on.

CVPR'21, Microsoft, ClipBert

- **Good on retrieval task**

- **For other tasks like QA, need more complex fusion**

Object-Aware Transformer

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Versatile: transfer to not only many datasets for 1 task, but also to different tasks

[credit to Zhe Gan]

Often have multiple separate components

Arxiv'21, Microsoft, VIOLET

ICML'21, MERLOT

Often have multiple separate components

Issues:

(1) **Hard to optimize jointly, different components might not be compatible**

(2) **Redundancy between networks --> share some parameters to save Flops?**

Can we have all in one?

(1) All components in one single network

(2) All downstream tasks powered by one pretrained model

Text-to-video retrieval

Video-question answering

Visual commonsense reasoning

Action recognition

1 single pretrained network

Raw Text   **Raw Video**

All in One: Exploring Unified Video-Language Pre-training

Joint work

w/ Alex Jinpeng Wang

Preprint, 2022.

https://github.com/showlab/all-in-one

A boy is singing a song in front of [MASK].

The caption corresponds to multiple frames

A **boy** is singing a song **in front of stage**.

Computational cost is high

Temporal Token Rolling Layer

- *Model both **cross-modality** and **inter video frames***
  - *Parameter-free*

Video-text Matching
(CLS token, binary classifier)

Masked Language Modeling
(text and video)

Video-text
contrastive learning ?

Framework

VTM — **Video-text Matching (CLS token, binary classifier)**

MLM — **Masked Language Modeling (text and video)**

VTC — **Video-text contrastive learning**

Our model can also accept only 1 modality as input.

Such design also facilitates the retrieval task which only does linear product between text embedding and video embedding

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Text-to-video Retrieval

**Recall
(higher, better)**

Efficiency (smaller, better)

Text-to-video Retrieval on MSR-VTT, ActivityNet Caption, DiDemo

Method	Nets	PT Data	Params	Flops	Frames	9K Train			7K Train		
						R@1	R@5	R@10	R@1	R@5	R@10
ActBERT [63]	T+O+V+CE	HowTo	275M	-	32	-	-	-	16.3	42.8	56.9
ClipBERT [29]	T+V+CE	COCO+VG	137M	183.2G	8 × 2	-	-	-	22.0	46.8	59.9
TACo [57]	T+V+CE	HowTo	212M	140.5G	48	28.4	57.8	71.2	24.8	52.1	64.0
VIOLET [12]	T+V+CE	CC+WebVid	198M	351.4G	16	34.5	63.0	73.4	-	-	-
Frozen [4]	T+V	CC+WebVid	232M	217.3G	8	31.0	59.5	70.5	-	-	-
OA-Trans [48]	T+O+V	CC+WebVid	232M	217.3G	8	35.8	63.4	76.5	32.1	61.0	72.9
All-in-one-B	CE	HowTo	110M	58.7G	3	29.5	63.3	71.9	26.5	59.4	69.8
All-in-one-B	CE	HowTo+WebVid	110M	58.7G	3	37.1	66.7	75.9	33.8	64.2	74.3
All-in-one-B+	CE	CC+WebVid	110M	58.7G	3	39.7	67.8	76.1	35.9	66.1	75.1
All-in-one-B+	CE	CC+HowTo+WebVid	110M	58.7G	3	**41.8**	**68.5**	**76.7**	**37.3**	**66.4**	**75.6**

(a) The retrieval performance on MSR-VTT 9K and 7K training split. For Nets, "*O*" is object extractor. HowTo is short for HowTo100M [40]. Notice that COCO [33], CC (short for Conceptual Captions [43]) and VG (short for Visual Genome [26]) are all image-text datasets, which are not suitable for temporal modeling during pre-training.

Method	Frames	R@1	R@5	R@10	MdR
Dense [25]	32	14.0	32.0	-	34.0
FSE [61]	16	18.2	44.8	-	7.0
HSE [61]	8	20.5	49.3	-	-
ClipBERT [29]	4 × 2	20.9	48.6	62.8	6.0
All-in-one-B	3	21.5	50.3	65.5	6.0
All-in-one-B	3 × 3	**22.4**	**53.7**	**67.7**	**5.0**

(b) ActivityNet Caption val1 set.

Method	Frames	R1	R5	R10	MdR
FSE [61]	16	13.9	36.0	-	11.0
CE [34]	16	16.1	41.1	-	8.3
ClipBERT [29]	8 × 2	20.4	48.0	60.8	6.0
Frozen [4]	8	31.0	59.8	72.4	3.0
All-in-one-B	3	31.2	60.5	72.1	3.0
All-in-one-B	3 × 3	**32.7**	**61.4**	**73.5**	**3.0**

(c) DiDeMo test set.

TABLE 3: Comparison with state-of-the-art methods on text-to-video retrieval. We gray out dual-stream networks that only do retrieval tasks. Notice that OA-Trans [48] uses additional offline object features.

Video QA on TGIF-QA, MSRVTT, MSVD-QA, TVQA

Method	Nets	Params	Pre-training Data	Frames	Action	Transition	FrameQA
Heterogeneous [11]	T+V+LSTM	-	-	35	73.9	77.8	53.8
HCRN [28]	T+V+LSTM	-	-	16	75.0	81.4	55.9
QueST [20]	T+V+LSTM	-	-	16	75.9	81.0	59.7
ClipBERT [29]	T+V+CE	137M	COCO + Visual Genome	1 × 1	82.9	87.5	59.4
VIOLET [12]	T+V+CE	198M	CC3M + WebVid	16	87.1	93.6	-
All-in-one-Ti	CE	12M	WebVid + HowTo100M	3	80.6	83.5	53.9
All-in-one-S	CE	33M	WebVid + HowTo100M	3	91.2	92.7	64.0
All-in-one-B	CE	110M	WebVid + HowTo100M	1	92.9	94.2	62.5
All-in-one-B	CE	110M	WebVid + HowTo100M	3	92.7	94.3	64.2
All-in-one-B+	CE	110M	CC3M + WebVid	3	94.4(7.3↑)	94.5(0.9↑)	66.4(7.0↑)
All-in-one-B+	CE	110M	CC3M + WebVid + HowTo100M	3	96.3(9.2↑)	95.5(1.9↑)	67.3 (7.9↑)
All-in-one-B [384]	CE	110M	WebVid + HowTo100M	3	94.7	95.1	65.4
All-in-one-B *	CE	110M	CC3M + WebVid + YT-Temporal	3	95.5	94.7	66.3

(a) Three sub-tasks on TGIF-QA test set (the first row are methods w/o. pre-training). "T" refers to text encoder, "V" is video encoder and "CE" is cross-modality encoder. 384 means the resolution is 384 × 384 for each frame while the default is 224 × 224.

Method	Frames	Accuracy
AMU [54]	16	32.5
Heterogeneous [11]	35	33.0
HCRN [28]	16	35.6
ClipBERT [29]	4 × 2	37.4
VIOLET [12]	16	43.1
All-in-one-S	3	39.5
All-in-one-B	3	42.9 (0.2↓)
All-in-one-B	3 × 3	44.3 (1.2↑)
All-in-one-B+	3	44.6 (1.5↑)
All-in-one-B *	3	46.8

(b) MSRVTT-QA test set.

Method	Frames	Accuracy
QueST [20]	10	36.1
HCRN [28]	16	36.1
SSML [2]	16	35.1
CoMVT [42]	30	42.6
Just-Ask † [56]	32	46.3
All-in-one-S	3	41.7
All-in-one-B	3	46.5 (0.2↑)
All-in-one-B	3 × 3	47.9 (1.6↑)
All-in-one-B+	3	48.2 (1.9↑)
All-in-one-B *	3	48.3

(c) MSVD-QA test set.

Method	Frames	Accuracy
PAMN [22]	32	66.3
Multi-task [21]	16	66.2
STAGE [30]	16	70.5
CA-RN [13]	32	68.9
MSAN [23]	40	70.4
All-in-one-S	3	63.5
All-in-one-B	3	69.8
All-in-one-B	3 × 3	71.3 (1.1↑)
All-in-one-B+	3	71.5
All-in-one-B *	3	72.0

(d) TVQA val set.

TABLE 2: Comparison with state-of-the-art methods on VQA. The columns with gray color are **open-ended VQA** and the others are **multiple-choice VQA**. † means use additional large-scale VQA dataset HowToVQA60M [56] for pre-training. * means pre-training with additional YT-Temporal 180M [60].

Multiple-choice selection

Method	Frames	MSRVTT	LSMDC
JSFusion [58]	40	83.4	73.5
ActBERT [63]	32	85.7	-
ClipBERT [29]	8 × 2	88.2	-
MERLOT [60]	8	-	81.7
VIOLET [12]	16	-	82.9
All-in-one-B	3	91.4	83.1
All-in-one-B	3 × 3	92.0	83.5
All-in-one-B+	3	**91.9 (3.8↑)**	**83.9 (1.0↑)**
All-in-one-B *	3	92.3	84.4
All-in-one-B (zero-shot)	3	80.3	56.3
All-in-one-B+ (zero-shot)	3	82.2	58.1

TABLE 4: Comparison with state-of-the-art methods on multiple-choice task.

Visual commonsense reasoning

Method	PT Data	Mask	Accuracy
MERLOT [60]	CC3M+COCO	✓	58.9
MERLOT [60]	HowTo100M	✓	66.3
All-in-one-B	CC3M+COCO	✓	**60.5 (1.6↑)**
All-in-one-B	HowTo100M		65.2
All-in-one-B	HowTo100M	✓	**68.4 (2.1↑)**

TABLE 6: The visual commonsense reasoning result with different source of pre-training data.

Action recognition

Method	Parameters	#Frames	K400			HMDB51			UCF101		
			Top-1	Top-5	Top-10	Top-1	Top-5	Top-10	Top-1	Top-5	Top-10
MIL-NCE [39]	157M	32	-	-	-	53.1	87.2	92.8	82.7	-	-
Frozen [4]	232M	8	50.5	80.7	90.2	54.3	88.0	94.8	81.3	94.3	96.2
Time Average	110M	3	44.3	75.2	87.3	43.1	75.5	90.5	77.6	86.4	90.9
All-in-one-B	110M	3	49.8	79.8	90.7	51.9	84.1	93.4	81.1	93.8	95.5
All-in-one-B	110M	8	52.4	83.2	**92.9**	54.7	88.2	95.2	82.8	95.1	96.9
All-in-one-B+ (Not Shared)	110M	8	**53.2**	**83.5**	92.7	**55.2**	**89.1**	**95.8**	**84.1**	**95.7**	**97.8**
All-in-one-B+ (Shared)	110M	8	51.4	78.5	89.9	53.1	87.1	93.2	82.0	94.0	96.0

TABLE 9: The linear probe results on action recognition benchmarks over kinetics 400, hmdb51 and UCF101 datasets. Notice that two pre-text heads are not shared for image-text and video-text pairs and the video-text head are used for fine-tuning.

Summary

All-in-one, save 50% parameters of SOTA models

SOTA results

Temporal Token Rolling -- free of parameter
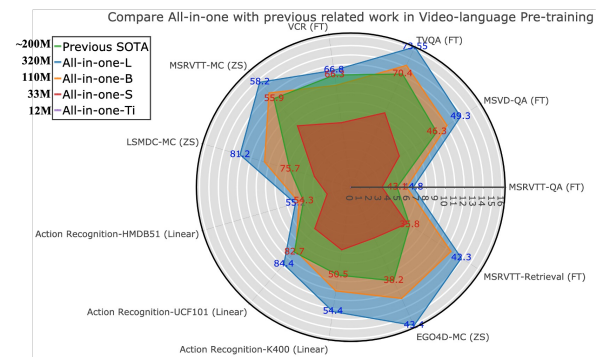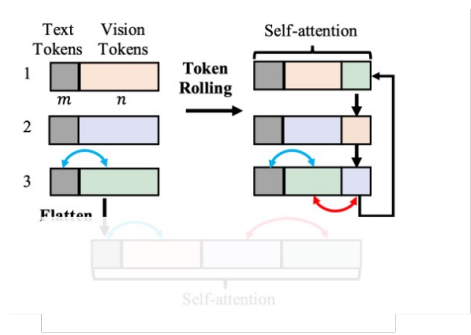

Code & models released

HowTo100M [ICCV 2019]

two stitches on two and we'll slip stitch

by skipping the first three stitches

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stitch and just going to Mariel all the way

mark this so that I know when I cut

running length they have a consistent

of wood clamp together chisel out

this is an inch and a half from the edge

WebVid 2.5M [ICCV 2021]

Lonely beautiful woman sitting on the tent looking outside. wind on the hair and camping on the beach near the colors of water and shore. freedom and alternative tiny house for traveler lady drinking.

Female cop talking on walkietalkie, responding emergency call, crime prevention

Billiards, concentrated young woman playing in club.

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Runners feet in a sneakers close up. realistic three dimensional animation.

AR/VR smart glass

Robot learning

[credit to Kristen]

Would VLP model pretrained on **3rd person view** videos work well for **egocentric** video?

If not, how can we create an **egocentric video-language pretrained (VLP)** model?

Egocentric Video-Language Pretraining

Joint work

w/ Kevin Qinghong Lin

Thirty-sixth Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS), 2022.

https://github.com/showlab/EgoVLP

Motivation

- Previous **egocentric datasets** are of **small data scale and domain-specific**, making video-language pre-training impossible.
- **Ego4D** unlocks **Egocentric VLP**!

Dataset	Ego?	Domain	Dur (hrs)	# Clips	# Texts	Example
MSR-VTT [17]	✗	diverse	40	10K	200K	
YouCook2 [18]	✗	cooking	176	14K	14K	
ActivityNet Captions [7]	✗	action	849	100K	100K	
WebVid-2M [11]	✗	diverse	13K	2.5M	2.5M	
HowTo100M [10]	✗	instructional	134K	136M	136M	3rd-person view
Charades-Ego [19]	✓	home	34	30K	30K	
UT-Ego [20]	✓	diverse	37	11K	11K	
Disneyworld [21]	✓	disneyland	42	15K	15K	
EPIC-KITCHENS-100 [22]	✓	kitchen	100	90K	90K	
EgoClip	✓	**diverse**	**2.9K**	**3.8M**	**3.8M**	1st-person view

Table 1: Comparison of our proposed EgoClip pretraining dataset against the mainstream video-language datasets (top) and egocentric datasets (bottom).

Ego4D Data: **everyday activity around the world**

Data so far:

- 3,600+ hours of video
- ~900 camera wearers
- Geographic diversity
- Occupational diversity
- Unscripted daily life activity
- ~80 real-world scenarios

[https://ego4d-data.org/]

Ego4D for VL Pre-training?

- Research Q1: How to create pre-training **dataset** of video-text pairs?

- Research Q2: How to design pre-training **model**?

- Research Q3: What benchmark we shall **evaluate** on?

- Create a Large-scale egocentric VL Pre-training set of **3.8M video-text pairs** from Ego4D: **EgoClip**

- Propose an Egocentric-friendly VL pretraining objective: **EgoNCE**

- **Construct a development set for designing Egocentric VL Pre-training: EgoMCQ**

Design model & pretraining task   **Design the pretraining dataset**

VLP design pipeline:

Accordingly adjust design of model or dataset

Pretrained model → **Transfer to downstream benchmark for evaluation**

Issue:

when the downstream benchmark is very different from the pretraining task and dataset, the feedback signal may not be accurate

Our Egocentric VLP:

- Pretraining data: in-the-wild
- Pretraining task: video-text matching

Downstream Benchmark	Domain	Task
EPIC-KITCHENs	Kitchen ❌	video-text retrieval ✅
Charades-Ego	Indoor ❌	action recognition ❌
Ego4D benchmarks	In-the-wild ✅	moment localization, object state change detection, etc. ❌
What we'd like to have	In-the-wild ✅	video-text matching ✅

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Pretrained model   **Transfer to our dev set for evaluation**

Good on dev set, finalize the pretrained model, transfer to other real downstream benchmarks

Downstream Benchmark
EPIC-KITCHENs
Charades-Ego
Ego4D benchmarks

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- Significant gains on **5 benchmarks** across **3 datasets:**
  - [EPIC-KITCHENS-100] **Multi-Instance Retrieval**: nDCG (avg) from 53.5% to 59.4%. (+5.9%)
  - [Ego4D Challenges] **Natural Language Query**: R@1 (IoU=0.3) from 5.45% to 10.84%. (+5.4%)
  - [Ego4D Challenges] **Moment Query**: R@1 (IoU=0.3) from 33.45% to 40.43%. (+7.0%)
  - [Ego4D Challenges] **Object State Change Classifcaition**: Acc from 68.7% to 73.9%. (+5.2%)
  - [Charades-Ego] **Action-recognition**: MAP from 30.1% to 32.1%. (+2.0%)

Object-aware Video-language Pre-training for Retrieval. CVPR 2022.

The first to incorporate object region information into video-language pretraining

https://github.com/FingerRec/OA-Transformer

All in One: Exploring Unified Video-Language Pre-training. Preprint, 2022.

All components in 1 single network & all downstream tasks powered by 1 pretrained model, SOTA on 9 datasets across 4 tasks

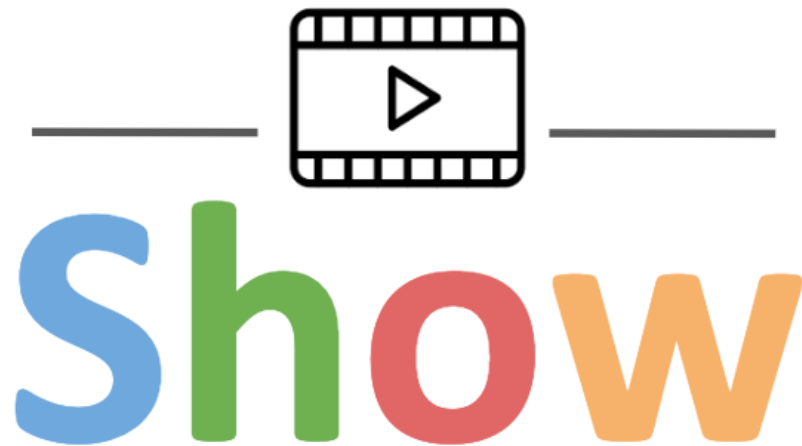*https://github.com/showlab/all-in-one*

Egocentric video-language pretraining. NeurIPS, 2022.

The first to explore egocentric VLP, significant gains on 5 benchmarks across 3 datasets, champion in Ego4D 2022 & Epic-Kitchens 2022 challenges.

https://github.com/showlab/EgoVLP

Thank you!

Q & A