# Waseda\_Meisei\_SoftBank at TRECVID 2022 Video to Text Description

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# **Overview**

# Overview (Task)

- VTT (Video to Text Description)
  - Generating sentences from videos using natural language
  - Use temporal/spatial video features and audio



GenerateText: A man is playing frisbee a dog.

# Overview (Competition)

#### TRECVID VTT 2022 regulation

- Generate English caption for 3~10 sec videos (and generate confidence score)
- desire to consist of 4 content
  - Who : who is in the video? (people, animals, objects)
  - What : what are the objects and entities doing? (action or state)
  - Where : where was the video shot? (geographical or architectural location)
  - When: when was the video taken? (time of day, season, etc.)
- Max 4 submissions each teams
- select primary in all submissions

# Methods

### **Strategy**

#### Our Strategy

- Reduce redundancies in videos
- TRECVID VTT 2022 Dataset audio is multilingual, so only video features are used
- Use a pre-trained model because the training data is small

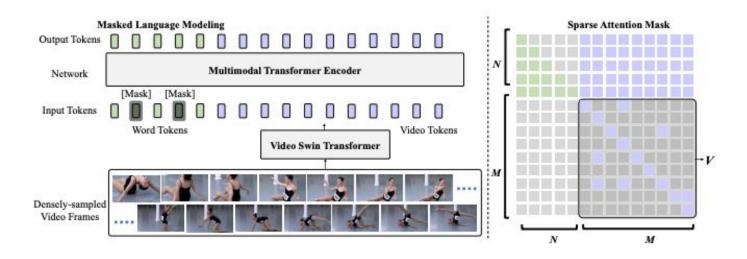


# Use SwinBERT, a SOTA model of VTT

[1]Lin, Kevin and Li, Linjie and Lin, Chung-Ching and Ahmed, Faisal and Gan, Zhe and Liu, Zicheng and Lu, Yumao and Wang, Lijuan SwinBERT: End-to-End Transformers with Sparse Attention for Video Captioning(CVPR2022)

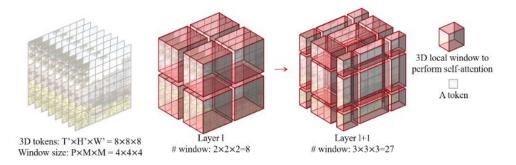
#### SwinBERT

- End2End Video captioning model
  - **■** Encoder : Video Swin Transformer
  - Decoder : Multimodal Transformer Encoder



#### • Encoder : Video Swin Transformer

- Visual feature extractor based on Transformer
- Patch-marge: Split into N x N with patch like ViT
- **SW-MSA**: Recognition between adjacent windows is possible by alternating windows
- →Faster than sliding and still as accurate
- RelativePositionBias: Adjust attention strength by relative position of patch



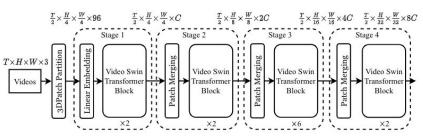
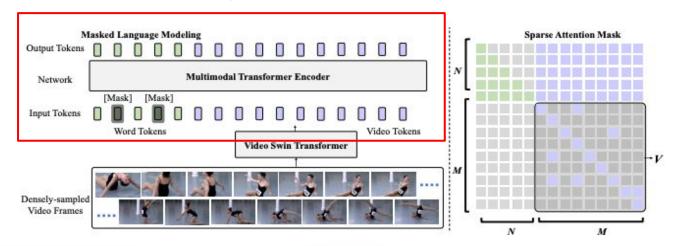
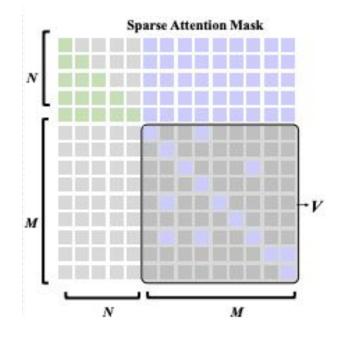


Figure 1: Overall architecture of Video Swin Transformer (tiny version, referred to as Swin-T).

- Decoder : Multimodal Transformer Encoder
  - Generate natural language description from textual and visual modality inputs
  - Training: Masked language model
  - o Inference: Perform Seq2Seq generation



- Decoder : Multimodal Transformer Encoder
  - Learnable sparse Attention MASK
    - text→text: can access only past tokes
    - text→visual: can access all
    - visual→text:can't access
    - visual→visual:train attention mask
      - →reduce redundancies



# **Experiments**

#### **Datesets**

- Dataset: V3C1
  - Use V3C1 which consist of Vimeo Creative Commons Collection (V3C)
  - Test data
    - 2008 videos (+300 progress test)
    - 3~10sec per video
    - 5 captions per video
  - Train / Develop data
    - TRECVID data from 2016 years to 2021 years (10862 videos)
    - 2~5 captions per video

### **Experiments**

#### • Pretraining:

- Datasets : VATEX Dataset
- AdamW optimizer : warmup 10% steps followed by linear decay
- Use max 32 frames

#### Finetuning:

- Datasets: V3C1 Dataset
- Don't train leanable attention mask

#### **Evaluation Metrics**

- Metrics
  - Automatic metrics
    - METEOR, BLEU, CIDEr, CIDEr-D, SPICE
  - Direct Assessment(DA)
    - Evaluate primary runfile only by cloud worker →TBD
  - Semantic similarity metric(STS)
    - Measuring the semantic relevance of features →Add Appendix

#### Results |

- Submit runfiles Fintunig TRECVID-VTT
- For primary, check the generated sentences and select

| Runfile | CIDER | CIDER-D | BLEU  | METEOR | SPICE |
|---------|-------|---------|-------|--------|-------|
| 1       | 0.415 | 0.178   | 0.033 | 0.260  | 0.077 |
| 2       | 0.348 | 0.141   | 0.026 | 0.252  | 0.084 |
| 3       | 0.350 | 0.150   | 0.028 | 0.260  | 0.087 |
| 4       | 0.388 | 0.182   | 0.037 | 0.286  | 0.100 |

• Max 3rd, Average rank is 4.2

|                      | CIDER | CIDER-D | BLEU | METEOR | SPICE |
|----------------------|-------|---------|------|--------|-------|
| ELT_01               | 4th   | 2nd     | 4th  | 5th    | 3rd   |
| VIDION               | 3rd   | 6th     | 6th  | 6th    | 6th   |
| kslab                | 2nd   | 3rd     | 2nd  | 4th    | 5th   |
| MLVC_HDU             | 6th   | 5th     | 3rd  | 2nd    | 2nd   |
| RUCAIM3-Tencent      | 1st   | 1st     | 1st  | 1st    | 1st   |
| WasedaMeiseiSoftbank | 5th   | 4th     | 5th  | 3rd    | 4th   |

\*\*Best runfile results

### **Discussion**

# **Output samples**



| GT1: | A person surfing on the frothy white waves in the ocean on a sunny day.                     |
|------|---|
| GT2: | A man surfs in the ocean going up and down in the waves with his surfboard on a cloudy day. |
| GT3: | A surfer is jumping over waves on a cloudy day  |
| GT4: | A man is water surfing on a large wave in the daytime.                                      |
| GT5: | A guy is surfing in big and high waves in the sea or ocean in the daytime.                  |

| Run1: | a man is surfing on a wave and then falls off.                     |
|-------|--|
| Run2: | a surfer rides a surfboard surfs through the water on a sunny day. |
| Run3: | a man on a surfboard rides a wave and jumps off his head.          |
| Run4: | a man rides a surf board through a ocean on a sunny day.           |

# Output samples



| G | T1: | A group of people are on top of a windy mountain looking down on a city as one of the men is showing them something.                       |
|---|-----|--|
| G | T2: | One man out of four people standing on top of a mountain and watching down is explaining something to them using his hands in the daytime. |
| G | T3: | A group of people sight seeing on a mountain top look over a town.   |
| G | T4: | Three men and a long haired woman are standing on a hill overlooking a settlement in the valley below them on a windy day.                 |
| G | T5: | Four white people standing on a hill overlooking a small town situated in a valley on an overcast day.                                     |

| Run1: | a group of people are standing on a cliff and one of them is standing on the ground |
|-------|---|
| Run2: | a young woman with a black shirt and a black shirt and a black                      |
| Run3: | a man in a white shirt and a woman are taking a selfie on a rocky mountain          |
| Run4: | a young woman walks towards a man on a rocky day as a young woman walks up to       |

# V3C1 train data samples

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Users > takushima > workspace > trecvid > ≡ vtt_ground_truth.txt
       1 a man sings in a car
        1 man shakes his body in a car at daytime
       2 in the daytime, two sportsmen walk in the sports field, while an other man moves on the wheel
        2 on a baseball field a person in dark clothes is moving from right to left without walking
        3 a basketball player wearing number 30 shirt is scoring a goal on a basketball court against a red wearing team
        3 basketball player scoring a three pointer on a basketball field
        4 people are going downstairs on a stage
       4 several people walking down a staircase on a stage
        5 2 women shake their bottoms
       5 two women try to dance in a room.
      6 a group of people riding a free fall tower
       6 a roller coaster moves upwards at daytime
       7 a man is scared by a picture of a boy on a mirror in a bathroom
   7 white male taking a selfie in a bathroom mirror
       8 2 men on a stage hug and walk away
       8 two young man are standing on a stage embracing each other and one claps the other one's ass.
       9 3 men are hugging each other
       9 a man performs in movies
        10 a man speaks into a microphone indoors
       10 white man with glasses giving an interview in the interview area
  21 11 a basketball player walks through a group of people
       11 a big man in yellow cloths passes by some chairs in a large hall.
  23 12 in the daytime, a cat walks at home and meows and another cat approaches to it
       12 a little cat is following the camera and meows to it
   25 13 2 men train in a gym
       13 2 men run in a gym
```

w/o period

number

human

color info

: Variations of sentences with and without periods

: Numeric and alphanumeric variations

: Many descriptions of what you are wearing

: Many descriptions of color infomation

#### **Discussion**

w/ or w/o period ←critical to our approach

VATEX dataset has periods

V3C1 dataset with and without periods

- → Period output becomes ambiguous in Finetuning for pre-trained in VATEX
- → Impression that the model does not know the end of the sentence

#### Difference in number description

V3C1 Train data has both alphanumeric and numeric descriptions

V3C1 Test data has description only in alphanumeric characters

→ Deviation occurs in the output

#### **Discussion**

#### Descriptions about people

V3C1 data has many descriptions of information that people wear

The point is whether this is described

#### Description about color

V3C1 data has many descriptions about colors

In particular, there are many descriptions about what the person above is wearing

# Conclusion

#### Conclusion

- SwinBERT reduces redundancy for videos and can effectively generate even less data by pre-training model
- Finetuning SwinBERT with V3C1 dataset
- From the generated results, we found the features and issues of the V3C1 dataset
- As a result, the highest ranking was 3rd, and the average rank was 4.2.

# **Appendix**

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    - data details
      - Videos with IDs ~6475 videos from Twitter Vine.
      - Videos with IDs 6476 7485 are from our Flickr dataset.
      - Videos with IDs 7486~ are from the V3C dataset.
      - Videos with IDs from 1 to 3528 have between 2 to 5 captions.
      - Videos from 3529 onwards have 5 captions each.

#### • CIDER

|                      | Run1  | Run2  | Run3  | Run4  | Best  | Rank |
|----------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| ELT_01               | 0.507 | 0.103 | 0.243 | 0.234 | 0.507 | 4th  |
| VIDION               | 0.595 | 0.589 | 0.607 | 0.611 | 0.611 | 3rd  |
| kslab                | 0.619 | 0.163 | 0.510 | 0.141 | 0.619 | 2nd  |
| MLVC_HDU             | 0.361 | 0.346 | 0.361 | 0.361 | 0.361 | 6th  |
| RUCAIM3-Tencent      | 0.940 | 0.936 | 0.936 | 0.942 | 0.942 | 1st  |
| WasedaMeiseiSoftbank | 0.415 | 0.348 | 0.350 | 0.388 | 0.415 | 5th  |

#### • CIDER-D

|                      | Run1  | Run2  | Run3  | Run4  | Best  | Rank |
|----------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| ELT_01               | 0.226 | 0.045 | 0.076 | 0.105 | 0.226 | 2nd  |
| VIDION               | 0.098 | 0.099 | 0.108 | 0.113 | 0.113 | 6th  |
| kslab                | 0.194 | 0.048 | 0.110 | 0.027 | 0.194 | 3rd  |
| MLVC_HDU             | 0.179 | 0.166 | 0.179 | 0.179 | 0.179 | 5th  |
| RUCAIM3-Tencent      | 0.594 | 0.575 | 0.602 | 0.592 | 0.602 | 1st  |
| WasedaMeiseiSoftbank | 0.178 | 0.141 | 0.150 | 0.182 | 0.182 | 4th  |

#### • BLEU

|                      | Run1   | Run2   | Run3   | Run4   | Best   | Rank |
|----------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|------|
| ELT_01               | 0.069  | 0.012  | 0.014  | 0.034  | 0.069  | 4ht  |
| VIDION               | 0.024  | 0.025  | 0.029  | 0.030  | 0.030  | 6th  |
| kslab                | 0.081  | 0.0260 | 0.047  | 0.011  | 0.081  | 2nd  |
| MLVC_HDU             | 0.0716 | 0.062  | 0.0716 | 0.0716 | 0.0716 | 3rd  |
| RUCAIM3-Tencent      | 0.1350 | 0.131  | 0.1352 | 0.1353 | 0.1353 | 1st  |
| WasedaMeiseiSoftbank | 0.033  | 0.0263 | 0.028  | 0.037  | 0.037  | 5th  |

#### METEOR

|                      | Run1   | Run2  | Run3   | Run4  | Best  | Rank |
|----------------------|--------|-------|--------|-------|-------|------|
| ELT_01               | 0.248  | 0.178 | 0.169  | 0.194 | 0.248 | 5th  |
| VIDION               | 0.212  | 0.211 | 0.220  | 0.221 | 0.221 | 6th  |
| kslab                | 0.281  | 0.204 | 0.226  | 0.170 | 0.281 | 4th  |
| MLVC_HDU             | 0.289  | 0.280 | 0.289  | 0.289 | 0.289 | 2nd  |
| RUCAIM3-Tencent      | 0.412  | 0.409 | 0.414  | 0.413 | 0.414 | 1st  |
| WasedaMeiseiSoftbank | 0.2604 | 0.252 | 0.2603 | 0.286 | 0.286 | 3rd  |

#### • SPICE

|                      | Run1  | Run2  | Run3  | Run4  | Best  | Rank |
|----------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| ELT_01               | 0.102 | 0.043 | 0.062 | 0.064 | 0.102 | 3rd  |
| VIDION               | 0.073 | 0.073 | 0.077 | 0.077 | 0.077 | 6th  |
| kslab                | 0.097 | 0.049 | 0.071 | 0.036 | 0.097 | 5th  |
| MLVC_HDU             | 0.107 | 0.098 | 0.107 | 0.107 | 0.107 | 2nd  |
| RUCAIM3-Tencent      | 0.182 | 0.180 | 0.184 | 0.183 | 0.184 | 1st  |
| WasedaMeiseiSoftbank | 0.077 | 0.084 | 0.087 | 0.100 | 0.100 | 4th  |

STS(Semantic smilarity metrics):Run1

|                      | TXT1   | TXT2   | ТХТ3   | TXT4   | TXT5   |
|----------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| ELT_01               | 0.4211 | 0.4189 | 0.4199 | 0.4191 | 0.4151 |
| VIDION               | 0.3966 | 0.3897 | 0.3938 | 0.3908 | 0.3902 |
| kslab                | 0.4194 | 0.4126 | 0.4126 | 0.4137 | 0.4177 |
| MLVC_HDU             | 0.4176 | 0.3949 | 0.3928 | 0.3988 | 0.4188 |
| RUCAIM3-Tencent      | 0.5380 | 0.5140 | 0.5175 | 0.5116 | 0.5349 |
| WasedaMeiseiSoftbank | 0.3563 | 0.3658 | 0.3669 | 0.3654 | 0.3564 |

• STS (Semantic smilarity metrics): Run2

|                      | TXT1   | TXT2   | TXT3   | TXT4   | ТХТ5   |
|----------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| ELT_01               | 0.2357 | 0.2401 | 0.2302 | 0.2378 | 0.2386 |
| VIDION               | 0.3984 | 0.3867 | 0.3927 | 0.3930 | 0.3888 |
| kslab                | 0.2705 | 0.2616 | 0.2603 | 0.2648 | 0.2703 |
| MLVC_HDU             | 0.4087 | 0.3864 | 0.3822 | 0.3868 | 0.4061 |
| RUCAIM3-Tencent      | 0.5327 | 0.5121 | 0.5102 | 0.5100 | 0.5332 |
| WasedaMeiseiSoftbank | 0.3849 | 0.3755 | 0.3616 | 0.3715 | 0.3843 |

• STS(Semantic smilarity metrics):Run3

|                      | TXT1   | TXT2   | ТХТ3   | TXT4   | TXT5   |
|----------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| ELT_01               | 0.3570 | 0.3413 | 0.3351 | 0.3361 | 0.3627 |
| VIDION               | 0.4064 | 0.3947 | 0.3996 | 0.3985 | 0.3954 |
| kslab                | 0.3690 | 0.3641 | 0.3629 | 0.3602 | 0.3688 |
| MLVC_HDU             | 0.4176 | 0.3949 | 0.3928 | 0.3988 | 0.4188 |
| RUCAIM3-Tencent      | 0.5386 | 0.5154 | 0.5151 | 0.5147 | 0.5379 |
| WasedaMeiseiSoftbank | 0.3881 | 0.3745 | 0.3689 | 0.3698 | 0.3856 |

• STS(Semantic smilarity metrics):Run4

|                      | TXT1   | TXT2   | TXT3   | TXT4   | TXT5   |
|----------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| ELT_01               | 0.3083 | 0.3034 | 0.2994 | 0.3034 | 0.3073 |
| VIDION               | 0.4061 | 0.3951 | 0.3998 | 0.3984 | 0.3952 |
| kslab                | 0.2535 | 0.2504 | 0.2460 | 0.2456 | 0.2539 |
| MLVC_HDU             | 0.4176 | 0.3949 | 0.3928 | 0.3988 | 0.4188 |
| RUCAIM3-Tencent      | 0.5351 | 0.5146 | 0.5131 | 0.5125 | 0.5333 |
| WasedaMeiseiSoftbank | 0.4148 | 0.4094 | 0.4023 | 0.4035 | 0.4184 |