

Multimodal Frame-Scoring Transformer for Video Summarization

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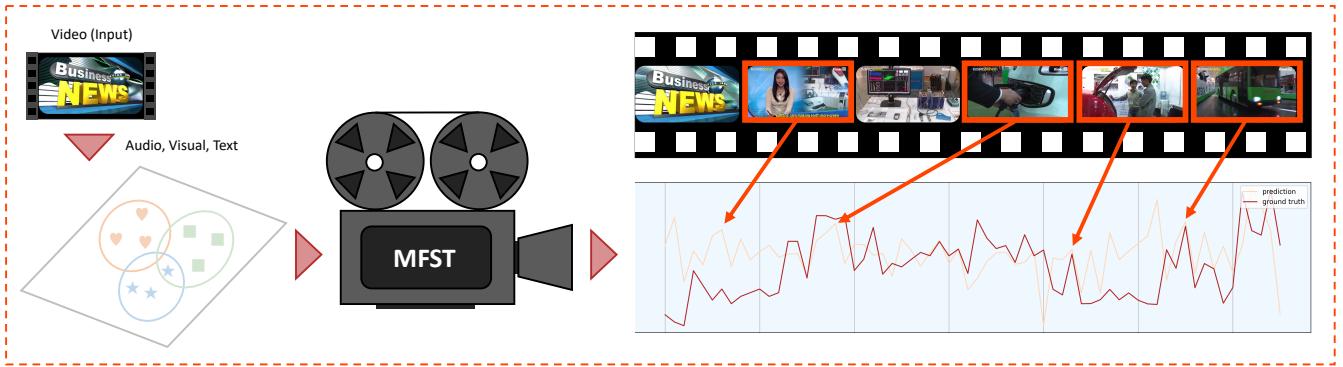


Figure 1: Video summarization aims to capture key frames using *predicted importance score* given a video and *ground truth scores*. In this paper, we propose the Multimodal Frame-Scoring Transformer (MFST), a framework to extract audio-visual-text features and to predict importance scores using multimodal representation based on extracted features. Note that unlike existing methods, MFST exploits learned multimodal feature extractors and frame-scoring transformer.

Abstract

As the number of video content has mushroomed in recent years, automatic video summarization has come useful when we want to just peek at the content of the video. However, there are two underlying limitations in generic video summarization task. First, most previous approaches read in just visual features as input, leaving other modality features behind. Second, existing datasets for generic video summarization are relatively insufficient to train a caption generator used for extracting text information from a video and to train the multimodal feature extractors. To address these two problems, this paper proposes the Multimodal Frame-Scoring Transformer (MFST), a framework exploiting visual, text, and audio features and scoring a video with respect to frames. Our MFST framework first extracts each modality features (audio-visual-text) using pretrained encoders. Then, MFST trains the multimodal frame-scoring transformer that uses multimodal representation based on extracted features as inputs and predicts frame-level scores. Our extensive experiments with previous models and ablation studies on TVSum and SumMe datasets demonstrate the effectiveness and superiority of our proposed method by a large margin in both F1 score

and Rank-based evaluation.

1 Introduction

Our Intuition about Video Summarization. When humans watch a video on YouTube or Netflix, they perceive visual, linguistic, and audio information through various sense organs and know which parts of the video are interesting. To consider whether a scene in a movie is absorbing, for example, we observe characters’ facial expressions and actions, recognize background and situation with language, and listen to the characters’ utterances and sound effects. Intuitively, humans have access to well-defined scoring function in their mind, using versatile sensory systems, while video summarization models from previous studies did not.

Two Underlying Research challenges. Video summarization aims to capture key frames using predicted frame-wise importance scores, given datasets as shown in Figure 1. Despite its importance and convenience, video summarization has two inherent challenges: (i) Most previous approaches exploit just visual features, leaving other modality features behind [Zhao *et al.*, 2018; Rochan *et al.*, 2018; Zhang *et al.*, 2018; Zhou *et al.*, 2018; Jung *et al.*, 2019; Rochan and Wang, 2019; Park *et al.*, 2020; Jung *et al.*, 2020; Ghauri *et al.*, 2021]. (ii) Since the existing datasets [Gygli *et al.*, 2014; Song *et al.*, 2015], which consist only of videos and frame-level ground truths, relatively insufficient to train

a caption generator used for extracting text information from the datasets and to train audio-visual-text feature extractors. Note that frame-wise human-scored video dataset is expensive to obtain compared to other common video datasets.

Language-attended methods exploit extracted text information from videos and predict importance score based on visual and text features. [Bor-Chun Chen and Chen, 2017] jointly combines video summarization and video caption model and trains the recurrent network in end-to-end manner. [Narasimhan *et al.*, 2021] leverages language-guided video summarization model given videos and corresponding user query or automatically generated video captions. [Haopeng *et al.*, 2022] collects video titles and descriptions for pre-training the language-attended self-supervised learning model.

Though language-guided approaches alleviate modality issue somewhat, there are underlying constraints in conveying vivid audio features into a video summarization model (e.g., we know there are limits to expressing a beautiful song just with the text “*beautiful song*”).

Our Solutions. This paper proposes Multimodal Frame-Scoring Transformer (MFST) to handle different modality combinations and frame-level scoring for video summarization. Note that existing datasets for generic video summarization [Gygli *et al.*, 2014; Song *et al.*, 2015] are relatively insufficient to pretrain a dense caption generator and audio, visual, and text feature extractors. We investigate a new multimodal setting where it can mitigate the lack of human-scored videos used for training video summarization model.

To this end, our framework consists of three stages: (i) Generating dense video captions using learned caption generator and extracting each modality features (audio-visual-text) using feature encoders. (ii) Language-guided attention on the modality space using attention layer. (iii) Multimodal frame-scoring transformer that reads in audio-visual-text representations as inputs and predicts frame-level scores.

Our extensive experiments with previous models and ablation studies on TVSum and SumMe datasets demonstrate the effectiveness and superiority of our proposed method by a large margin in both F1 score and Rank-based evaluation.

Our Contributions. The main contributions of this work are summarized as below:

- To the best of our knowledge, Our MFST is the first to introduce frame-scoring transformer exploiting multimodal features (audio-visual-text) for generic video summarization task.
- We investigate a new multimodal setting where it can mitigate the lack of human-scored videos used for training generic video summarization model exploiting pre-trained modules.
- Our empirical study on generic video summarization datasets (TVSum and SumMe) demonstrates the effectiveness and superiority of our approach.

2 Related Works

Generic Video Summarization. In video summarization task, there are two broad categories of methods: (i) generic

video summarization [Park *et al.*, 2020; Jung *et al.*, 2020; Ghauri *et al.*, 2021; Narasimhan *et al.*, 2021; Haopeng *et al.*, 2022] and (ii) query-guided video summarization [Narasimhan *et al.*, 2021; Wu *et al.*, 2022; Liu *et al.*, 2022; Jiang and Mu, 2022].

The First category of methods aim to extract representative frames from original videos using well-defined frame-wise scoring function. Existing models focus on both supervised learning and unsupervised learning. [Zhou *et al.*, 2018] designed a reward function which determines diversity and representativeness of generated summaries based on end-to-end reinforcement learning framework. [Rochan *et al.*, 2018] tried to solve video summarization as a sequence labeling problem based on fully convolutional sequence models. [Zhang *et al.*, 2018] proposed the retrospective encoder to embed both predicted summary and original video. [Zhao *et al.*, 2018] integrated shot-level segmentation and video summary into a hierarchical RNN. [Jung *et al.*, 2019] proposed variance loss with variational autoencoder and generative adversarial networks. [Rochan and Wang, 2019] learned a mapping function between raw videos and summarized videos because this kind of dataset is much easier to gain. [Yuan *et al.*, 2019] proposed a cycle-consistent adversarial networks which consist of frame selector and evaluator. [Jung *et al.*, 2020] exploited global and local input decomposition to capture the interdependencies of video frames. To represent a relation graph, [Park *et al.*, 2020] leveraged recursive graph modeling networks. Noted that, these methods just employs visual features, leaving other modality features behind. In this paper, we investigate a new multimodal setting for video summarization including audio-visual-text features.

Query-Guided Video Summarization. The second category of methods find relevant moments according to user-defined query. Unlike generic video summarization, most query-guided models take Query-Focused Video Summarization [Sharghi *et al.*, 2016] dataset, UT Egocentric [Lee *et al.*, 2012] dataset, and QVHighlights [Lei *et al.*, 2021] dataset as input. [Sharghi *et al.*, 2017] introduced a parametrized memory network into query-focusesd video summarization. [Wei *et al.*, 2018] proposed a semantic attended network which consists of frame selector and video descriptor. [Kanehira *et al.*, 2018] investigated how to divide videos into groups under the assumption that video summaries extracted from similar videos should be similar. [Narasimhan *et al.*, 2021] leverages a framework for handling both generic model and query-guided model given videos and corresponding user query or automatically generated video captions. To effectively address generic queries from different modalities [Wu *et al.*, 2022] introduced a graph convolutional networks which is used for both summary module and intent module. [Liu *et al.*, 2022] proposed the unified multimodal transformer to cover different input modality combinations. [Jiang and Mu, 2022] jointly leveraged video summarization model and moment localization model.

Note that though query-driven approach is necessary because defining salient scenes is often subjective, it is difficult to apply if we do not know the contents of the video or if we do not need a subjective summary (e.g., YouTube video previews). In this paper, we aim to tackle the first category based

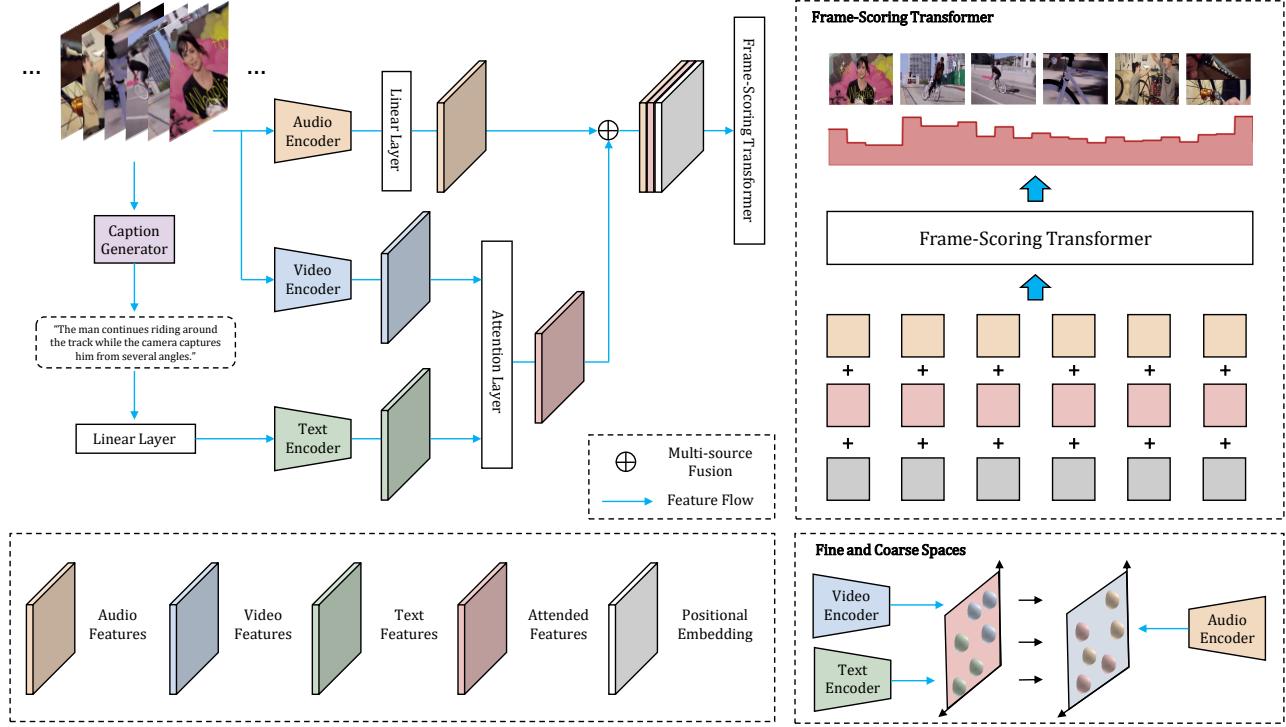


Figure 2: Schematic depiction of the proposed Multimodal Frame-Scoring Transformer (MFST) for video summarization. Given a video, we first generate dense video captions using learned caption generator. To mitigate the lack of human-scored videos, we extract each modality features (audio-visual-text) from videos and generated captions, exploiting learned feature extractors. Then, we calculate text-attended visual representation using attention layer and compute Multi-source fusion across the text-attended features and audio features. Finally we feed the fused representation to frame-scoring transformer with positional encodings at the bottom of transformer encoder and decoder stacks. We modify the transformer so that it can use modality-fused representations as input and output predicted frame-level scores.

on a novel multimodal frame-scoring framework.

Frame-Scoring Transformer. Some recent works apply transformer [Vaswani *et al.*, 2017] for generating video summaries. [Narasimhan *et al.*, 2021] employed transformer for predicting importance score using language-attended representation. [Liu *et al.*, 2022] leveraged modality encoder, query generator, and query decoder using transformer framework. Inspired by [Narasimhan *et al.*, 2021], but unlike this work, we propose frame-scoring transformer exploiting audio-visual-text modality representation.

3 Approach

Preliminaries. In this section, we present the proposed MFST framework (as shown in Figure 2) with extracted modality features. we consider the standard generic video summarization setting, where given a set of videos V and ground truth frame scores S_{gt} , the goal is to minimize the loss \mathcal{L}_θ with respect to predicted frame scores S :

$$\hat{\theta} = \arg \min_\theta (\mathcal{L}_\theta(S_{gt}, S)) \quad (1)$$

Note that existing datasets for generic video summarization [Gygli *et al.*, 2014; Song *et al.*, 2015] are relatively insufficient to train a caption generator and audio, visual, and text feature extractors. Considering that large-scale videos scored by humans are not available, we exploit a pretrained caption

generator and feature extractors for each modality:

$$C = g_c(V) \quad (2)$$

$$\mathcal{T} = f_t(C) \quad (3)$$

$$\mathcal{V} = f_v(V) \quad (4)$$

$$\mathcal{A} = f_a(V) \quad (5)$$

, where C denotes a set of dense video captions, g_c is a dense video caption generator [Iashin and Rahtu, 2020a], f_t is a CLIP-based text feature extractor [Xu *et al.*, 2021], f_v is a CLIP-based visual feature extractor [Xu *et al.*, 2021], and f_a is a learned audio feature extractor in [Baevski *et al.*, 2020].

Fine and Coarse Spaces. To represent text-attended visual representation, we consider fine and coarse modality spaces. Inspired by [Alayrac *et al.*, 2020], but unlike this study, we first propose to learn visual-text representation. Though video caption methods based on automatic speech recognition are useful [Hessel *et al.*, 2019; Alayrac *et al.*, 2020; Iashin and Rahtu, 2020b], most videos in generic video summarization rarely have human dialogues. In this paper, we employ the feature-based video caption model g_c [Iashin and Rahtu, 2020a] to extract dense video captions $C = \{C_1, C_2, \dots, C_N\}$. Then, we leverage a fine-grained embedding space where visual features $\mathcal{V} = \{\mathcal{V}_1, \mathcal{V}_2, \dots, \mathcal{V}_N\}$ and text features $\mathcal{T} = \{\mathcal{T}_1, \mathcal{T}_2, \dots, \mathcal{T}_N\}$ lie. Note that [Liang *et al.*, 2022] demonstrates "multimodal video-text pretraining" paradigm can not solve the *modality gap* phenomenon com-

pletely which causes performance degradation. In this work, we compute text-attended visual representation using attention layer:

$$h_{\mathcal{V}\mathcal{T}} = \text{Attention}(h_{\mathcal{V}}, h_{\mathcal{T}}) \quad (6)$$

, where h stands for feature embedding space. Intuitively, in the fine-grained embedding space, each $v_{i,l}$ from \mathcal{V}_i chooses the most relevant caption t_i^* in the \mathcal{T}_i using attention mechanism. Lastly, we project the fine-grained embedding space into the coarse-grained embedding space by modality fusion:

$$h_{\mathcal{A}\mathcal{V}\mathcal{T}} = \mathcal{F}_M(h_{\mathcal{V}\mathcal{T}}, h_{\mathcal{A}}) \quad (7)$$

, where \mathcal{F}_M denotes function of fusion and $h_{\mathcal{A}\mathcal{V}\mathcal{T}}$ represents coarse-grained feature representation. The complete process is summarized in Algorithm 1.

Multimodal Frame-Scoring Transformer. Frame-scoring transformer [Narasimhan *et al.*, 2021] takes feature representation as input and predict importance scores. Note that previous approach exploits just text-visual representation, leaving audio features behind. MFST introduces frame-scoring transformer to video summarization, which is modified to predict frame-level importance scores S , based on coarse-grained feature representation $h_{\mathcal{A}\mathcal{V}\mathcal{T}}$:

$$\text{Multimodal - Attn.}(h_{\mathcal{A}\mathcal{V}\mathcal{T}}) = \text{Concat}(h_1, \dots, h_h)W^{O_{\mathcal{A}\mathcal{V}\mathcal{T}}} \quad (8)$$

$$h_i = \text{Attn.}(Q_{\mathcal{A}\mathcal{V}\mathcal{T}}W_i^{Q_{\mathcal{A}\mathcal{V}\mathcal{T}}}, K_{\mathcal{A}\mathcal{V}\mathcal{T}}W_i^{K_{\mathcal{A}\mathcal{V}\mathcal{T}}}, V_{\mathcal{A}\mathcal{V}\mathcal{T}}W_i^{V_{\mathcal{A}\mathcal{V}\mathcal{T}}}) \quad (9)$$

$$\text{Attn.}(h_{\mathcal{A}\mathcal{V}\mathcal{T}}) = \text{softmax}\left(\frac{Q_{\mathcal{A}\mathcal{V}\mathcal{T}}K_{\mathcal{A}\mathcal{V}\mathcal{T}}^T}{\sqrt{d_k}}\right)V_{\mathcal{A}\mathcal{V}\mathcal{T}} \quad (10)$$

, where $W^{Q_{\mathcal{A}\mathcal{V}\mathcal{T}}}$, $W^{K_{\mathcal{A}\mathcal{V}\mathcal{T}}}$, and $W^{V_{\mathcal{A}\mathcal{V}\mathcal{T}}}$ denote parameter matrices and d_k is the dimension of $K_{\mathcal{A}\mathcal{V}\mathcal{T}}$.

Finally, we feed $h_{\mathcal{A}\mathcal{V}\mathcal{T}}$ to frame-scoring transformer with positional encodings at the bottom of transformer encoder and decoder stacks. Given ground truth frame scores S_{gt} of N frames from a video, we train MFST using the mean square error:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\theta}(S_{gt}, S) = \frac{1}{N} \|S_{gt} - S\|_2^2 \quad (11)$$

The complete process is summarized in Algorithm 2.

4 Experiments

4.1 Dataset Description

We conduct our video summarization experiments on two benchmarks: **TVSum** [Song *et al.*, 2015] and **SumMe** [Gygli *et al.*, 2014].

- TVSum [Song *et al.*, 2015] contains 50 videos, including the topics of news, documentaries. The duration of each video varies from 1 to 10 minutes. 20 annotators provide frame-level importance scores for each video.
- SumMe [Gygli *et al.*, 2014] consists of 25 user videos, covering various topics (e.g., holidays and sports). Each video ranges from 1 to 6 minutes. 15 to 18 persons annotated multiple ground truth summaries for each video.

Algorithm 1 Fine-to-Coarse Space Projection

Require: $V = \{V_1, V_2, \dots, V_N\}$

- 1: **for all** V_i **do**
- 2: Generate dense video captions $C_i = g_c(V_i)$
- 3: , where $C_i = \{c_1^i, c_2^i, \dots, c_M^i\}$
- 4: **end for**
- 5: **for all** V_i and C_i **do**
- 6: $\mathcal{T}_i = f_t(C_i)$, $\mathcal{V}_i = f_v(V_i)$, and $\mathcal{A}_i = f_a(V_i)$
- 7: , where $\mathcal{T} = \{\mathcal{T}_1, \mathcal{T}_2, \dots, \mathcal{T}_N\}$, $\mathcal{V} = \{\mathcal{V}_1, \mathcal{V}_2, \dots, \mathcal{V}_N\}$, and $\mathcal{A} = \{\mathcal{A}_1, \mathcal{A}_2, \dots, \mathcal{A}_N\}$
- 8: **end for**
- 9: $h_{\mathcal{V}\mathcal{T}} = \text{Concat}(h_{\mathcal{V}_1\mathcal{T}_1}, h_{\mathcal{V}_2\mathcal{T}_2}, \dots, h_{\mathcal{V}_N\mathcal{T}_N})$
- 10: **for all** \mathcal{T}_i , \mathcal{V}_i and \mathcal{A}_i **do**
- 11: $h_{\mathcal{T}_i} := \mathcal{T}_i$, $h_{\mathcal{V}_i} := \mathcal{V}_i$, $h_{\mathcal{A}_i} := \mathcal{A}_i$,
- 12: Calculate fine-grained modality space $h_{\mathcal{V}_i\mathcal{T}_i}$
- 13: $h_{\mathcal{V}_i\mathcal{T}_i} = \text{Attention}(h_{\mathcal{V}_i}, h_{\mathcal{T}_i})$
- 14: Project fine-to-coarse embedding space $h_{\mathcal{A}_i\mathcal{V}_i\mathcal{T}_i}$
- 15: $h_{\mathcal{A}_i\mathcal{V}_i\mathcal{T}_i} = \mathcal{F}_M(h_{\mathcal{V}_i\mathcal{T}_i}, h_{\mathcal{A}_i})$
- 16: **end for**
- 17: $h_{\mathcal{A}\mathcal{V}\mathcal{T}} = \text{Concat}(h_{\mathcal{A}_1\mathcal{V}_1\mathcal{T}_1}, h_{\mathcal{A}_2\mathcal{V}_2\mathcal{T}_2}, \dots, h_{\mathcal{A}_N\mathcal{V}_N\mathcal{T}_N})$

Algorithm 2 Multimodal Frame-Scoring Transformer

Require: $h_{\mathcal{A}\mathcal{V}\mathcal{T}} = \{h_{\mathcal{A}_1\mathcal{V}_1\mathcal{T}_1}, h_{\mathcal{A}_2\mathcal{V}_2\mathcal{T}_2}, \dots, h_{\mathcal{A}_N\mathcal{V}_N\mathcal{T}_N}\}$

- 1: **for** each epoch **do**
- 2: **for** i in range(h) **do**
- 3: Calculate self-attention for each i
- 4: $\text{Attn.}(h_{\mathcal{A}\mathcal{V}\mathcal{T}}) = \text{softmax}(Q_{\mathcal{A}\mathcal{V}\mathcal{T}}K_{\mathcal{A}\mathcal{V}\mathcal{T}}^T/\sqrt{d_k})V_{\mathcal{A}\mathcal{V}\mathcal{T}}$
- 5: Calculate single head attention h_i
- 6: $h_i = \text{Attn.}(Q_{\mathcal{A}_i\mathcal{V}_i\mathcal{T}_i}, K_{\mathcal{A}_i\mathcal{V}_i\mathcal{T}_i}, V_{\mathcal{A}_i\mathcal{V}_i\mathcal{T}_i})$
- 7: **end for**
- 8: Multimodal-Attn. = $\text{Concat}(h_1, \dots, h_h)$
- 9: $S = \text{Linear}(\text{Multimodal-Attn.})$
- 10: Compute loss between ground truth scores S_{gt} and predicted scores S
- 11: $\mathcal{L}_{\theta}(S_{gt}, S) = \frac{1}{N} \|S_{gt} - S\|_2^2$
- 12: **end for**

4.2 Metric Description

We follow the same experimental metrics used in existing works: F-score and Rank-based evaluation. **True positive** means highlight overlaps between model-generated summary V_m and human-generated summary V_h based on importance scores. The precision and recall are calculated as follows:

$$\text{Precision} = \frac{|\mathcal{V}_m \cap \mathcal{V}_h|}{|\mathcal{V}_m|}, \text{Recall} = \frac{|\mathcal{V}_m \cap \mathcal{V}_h|}{|\mathcal{V}_h|}. \quad (12)$$

Rank-based evaluations [Otani *et al.*, 2019] compute Kendall's τ and Spearman's ρ which measure non-parametric rank correlations:

$$\tau = \text{Kendall}(S_{gt}, S) \quad (13)$$

$$\rho = \text{Spearman}(S_{gt}, S) \quad (14)$$

4.3 Performance Comparison

Experimental Settings. We compare MFST with existing models in three different experimental settings:

Table 1: Experimental results on SumMe under the Canonical, Augment, and Transfer settings (F-score).

Methods	SumMe		
	Can	Aug	Tran
vsLSTM [Zhang <i>et al.</i> , 2016]	0.376	0.416	0.407
SGAN [Mahasseni <i>et al.</i> , 2017]	0.387	0.417	—
SGAN _s [Mahasseni <i>et al.</i> , 2017]	0.417	0.436	—
H-RNN [Zhao <i>et al.</i> , 2017]	0.421	0.438	—
DRDSN [Zhou <i>et al.</i> , 2018]	0.421	0.439	0.426
HSA-RNN [Zhao <i>et al.</i> , 2018]	0.423	0.421	—
ACGAN [He <i>et al.</i> , 2019]	0.460	0.470	0.445
WS-HRL [Chen <i>et al.</i> , 2019]	0.436	0.445	—
re-S2S [Zhang <i>et al.</i> , 2018]	0.425	0.449	—
S-FCN [Rochan <i>et al.</i> , 2018]	0.475	0.511	0.441
VASNet [Fajtl <i>et al.</i> , 2018]	0.497	0.510	—
CSNet _s [Jung <i>et al.</i> , 2019]	0.513	0.521	0.451
GLRPE [Jung <i>et al.</i> , 2020]	0.502	—	—
SumGraph [Park <i>et al.</i> , 2020]	0.514	0.529	0.487
RSGN [Zhao <i>et al.</i> , 2021]	0.450	0.457	0.440
RSGN _{uns} [Zhao <i>et al.</i> , 2021]	0.423	0.436	0.412
MSVA [Ghauri <i>et al.</i> , 2021]	0.545	—	—
CLIP-It [Narasimhan <i>et al.</i> , 2021]	0.542	0.564	0.519
SSPVS [Haopeng <i>et al.</i> , 2022]	0.501	—	—
iPTNet [Jiang and Mu, 2022]	0.545	0.569	0.492
MFST (Ours)	0.595	0.655	0.576

- In Canonical setting, we selects the dataset (e.g., TVSum or SumMe) and randomly splits the dataset into training and evaluation.
- In Augment setting, we merges the two datasets into one and randomly splits the dataset into training and evaluation.
- In Transfer setting, we trains a model using one dataset and evaluates the trained model on the other dataset.

As we follow the experimental protocol in proposed by existing studies, in all experimental settings, we conduct experiments over 5 splits and average the results. Each experiment randomly selects 20% of the dataset for evaluation.

Implementation Details. We employ VideoCLIP [Xu *et al.*, 2021] for extracting both visual features and text features. To exploit audio features, we leverage feature extractor using Wav2Vec2 [Baevski *et al.*, 2020]. We train our model on 8 NVIDIA GeForce TITAN GPUs for 20 epochs. The batch size are selected based on available GPU memory. We use Adam optimizer with learning rate 1e-4 and weight decay of 1e-3.

Results on Video Summarization. Recent studies of generic video summarization have struggled with two fundamental research questions: (1) *How to learn diverse modality features to predict importance score better?* and (2) *How to alleviate data sparsity problem?* Note that these two questions are not separate, rather highly correlated.

We conduct experiments to answer the two questions. Table 1 and Table 2 show our extensive experiments with previous methods on SumMe dataset. As shown in Table 1, under the canonical, augment, and transfer settings, we demonstrate that MFST outperforms existing methods on the benchmark. Table 2 also shows that MFST outperforms by a large margin

Table 2: Experimental results on SumMe (Kendall’s τ and Spearman’s ρ).

Methods	SumMe	
	τ	ρ
Random	0.000	0.000
Human	0.205	0.213
Ground Truth	1.000	1.000
SGAN [Mahasseni <i>et al.</i> , 2017]	—	—
WS-HRL [Chen <i>et al.</i> , 2019]	—	—
DRDSN [Zhou <i>et al.</i> , 2018]	0.047	0.048
dppLSTM [Zhang <i>et al.</i> , 2016]	—	—
CSNet _s [Jung <i>et al.</i> , 2019]	—	—
GLRPE [Jung <i>et al.</i> , 2020]	—	—
HSA-RNN [Zhao <i>et al.</i> , 2018]	0.064	0.066
RSGN [Zhao <i>et al.</i> , 2021]	0.083	0.085
RSGN _u [Zhao <i>et al.</i> , 2021]	0.071	0.073
SumGraph [Park <i>et al.</i> , 2020]	—	—
SSPVS [Haopeng <i>et al.</i> , 2022]	0.123	0.170
MSVA [Ghauri <i>et al.</i> , 2021]	0.200	0.230
MFST (Ours)	0.229	0.229

in Rank-based evaluation except MSVA. However, MSVA did not conduct experiments in Augment setting and Transfer setting, it is hard to say MSVA is compatible with our model.

It should be noted that the performance of models using two or more modalities is higher than models using unimodality and the results of MFST, which properly exploits the visual, text and audio modalities, demonstrate the effectiveness and superiority of our approach.

Table 3 and Table 4 also demonstrates our comprehensive experiments with existing models on TVSum dataset. As shown in Table 3, our model achieves state-of-the-art performance by a large margin in F1 score. Unlike Table 2, Our model outperforms all existing methods in Table 4. Note that experimental results demonstrate that methods which employ multimodal features and mitigate data sparsity problem get high a score than other methods.

Ablation Studies We further conduct ablation studies on SumMe and TVSum datasets. As shown in Table 5, to validate the effectiveness of our audio-attended representation, we compare two results, the one without audio features and the other with audio features. Results in Table 5 demonstrate our approach can be advanced when extracted audio features are added. Interestingly, our framework without audio features also outperforms existing methods on both SumMe and TVSum. We assume that MFST exploiting pretrained model can represent modality features in a embedding space leading higher prediction performance than other models.

Qualitative Results. Figure 3 shows visualized qualitative results on generated summary from MFST with human-generated summary. Note that model-generated score graph and ground truth graph are very similar, which means maximum points and minimum points in both graphs are fairly overlapped. Results in Figure 3 represents our model predicts parts that humans find interesting or not.

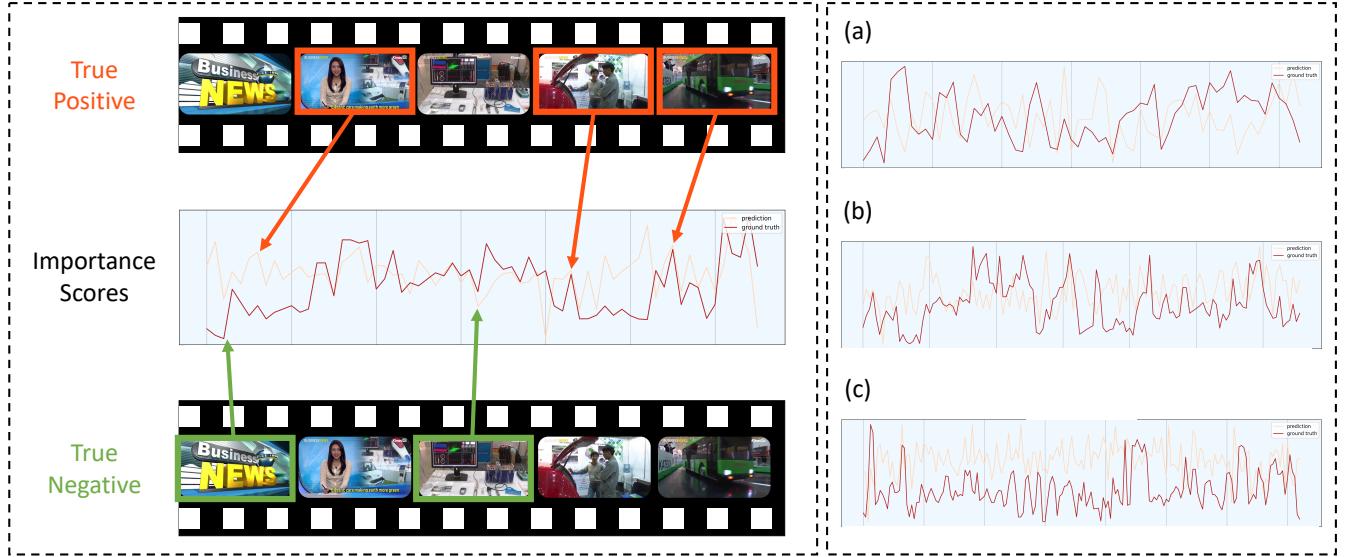


Figure 3: Comparison of **predicted score** and averaged **ground truth scores** from TVSum dataset. Note that model-predicted score graph and ground truth graph are fairly similar in that maxima and minima.

Table 3: Experimental results on TVSum under the Canonical, Augment, and Transfer settings (F-score).

Methods	TVSum		
	Can	Aug	Tran
vsLSTM [Zhang <i>et al.</i> , 2016]	0.542	0.579	0.569
SGAN [Mahasseni <i>et al.</i> , 2017]	0.508	0.589	—
SGAN _s [Mahasseni <i>et al.</i> , 2017]	0.563	0.612	—
H-RNN [Zhao <i>et al.</i> , 2017]	0.579	0.619	—
DRDSN [Zhou <i>et al.</i> , 2018]	0.581	0.598	0.589
HSA-RNN [Zhao <i>et al.</i> , 2018]	0.587	0.598	—
ACGAN [He <i>et al.</i> , 2019]	0.585	0.589	0.578
WS-HRL [Chen <i>et al.</i> , 2019]	0.584	0.585	—
re-S2S [Zhang <i>et al.</i> , 2018]	0.603	0.639	—
S-FCN [Rochan <i>et al.</i> , 2018]	0.568	0.592	0.582
VASNet [Fajtl <i>et al.</i> , 2018]	0.614	0.623	—
CSNet _s [Jung <i>et al.</i> , 2019]	0.588	0.590	0.592
GLRPE [Jung <i>et al.</i> , 2020]	0.591	—	—
SumGraph [Park <i>et al.</i> , 2020]	0.639	0.658	0.605
RSGN [Zhao <i>et al.</i> , 2021]	0.601	0.611	0.600
RSGN _{uns} [Zhao <i>et al.</i> , 2021]	0.580	0.591	0.597
MSVA [Ghauri <i>et al.</i> , 2021]	0.628	—	—
CLIP-It [Narasimhan <i>et al.</i> , 2021]	0.663	0.690	0.655
SSPVS [Haopeng <i>et al.</i> , 2022]	0.607	—	—
iPTNet [Jiang and Mu, 2022]	0.634	0.642	0.598
MFST (Ours)	0.737	0.779	0.691

5 Conclusion

We pose two underlying research questions for generic video summarization: (1) How to learn diverse modality features to predict importance score better? and (2) How to alleviate data sparsity problem? In this paper, we propose MFST, a simple and effective frame-scoring framework given videos. Unlike existing methods, MFST exploits audio-visual-text features using learned feature extractors and frame-scoring multimodal transformer. We first generate text-attended representation on fine-grained embedding space using attention mech-

Table 4: Experimental results on TVSum (Kendall’s τ and Spearman’s ρ).

Methods	TVSum	
	τ	ρ
Random	0.000	0.000
Human	0.177	0.204
Ground Truth	0.364	0.456
SGAN [Mahasseni <i>et al.</i> , 2017]	0.024	0.032
WS-HRL [Chen <i>et al.</i> , 2019]	0.078	0.116
DRDSN [Zhou <i>et al.</i> , 2018]	0.020	0.026
dppLSTM [Zhang <i>et al.</i> , 2016]	0.042	0.055
CSNet _s [Jung <i>et al.</i> , 2019]	0.025	0.034
GLRPE [Jung <i>et al.</i> , 2020]	0.070	0.091
HSA-RNN [Zhao <i>et al.</i> , 2018]	0.082	0.088
RSGN [Zhao <i>et al.</i> , 2021]	0.083	0.090
RSGN _u [Zhao <i>et al.</i> , 2021]	0.048	0.052
SumGraph [Park <i>et al.</i> , 2020]	0.094	0.138
SSPVS [Haopeng <i>et al.</i> , 2022]	0.169	0.231
MSVA [Ghauri <i>et al.</i> , 2021]	0.190	0.210
MFST (Ours)	0.222	0.224

anism. Then, we project fine-grained space to coarse-grained space based on modality fusion. Though our comprehensive comparisons with previous approaches and ablation studies demonstrate the effectiveness and superiority of our proposed method, lack of deep insights about modality representations and utilizing large-scale models are biggest limitations of our work. For example, we could not discover precise reasons why our framework is superior with respect to modality representations. We leave them as future works.

Table 5: The results of ablation studies in multimodality.

Methods	SumMe			TVSum		
	Can	Aug	Tran	Can	Aug	Tran
MFST	0.542	0.629	0.553	0.708	0.753	0.659
MFST + Audio (Ours)	0.595	0.655	0.576	0.737	0.779	0.691

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