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# High-Quality Activity-Level Video Advertising

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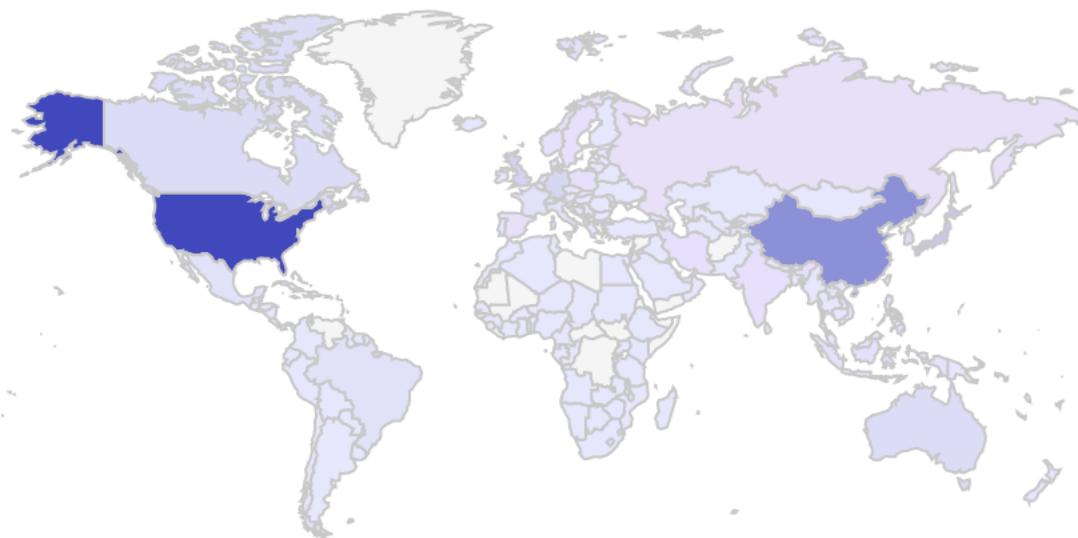


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## Billion-Dollar Business 2020 Video Advertising Market Volume



### Top 5

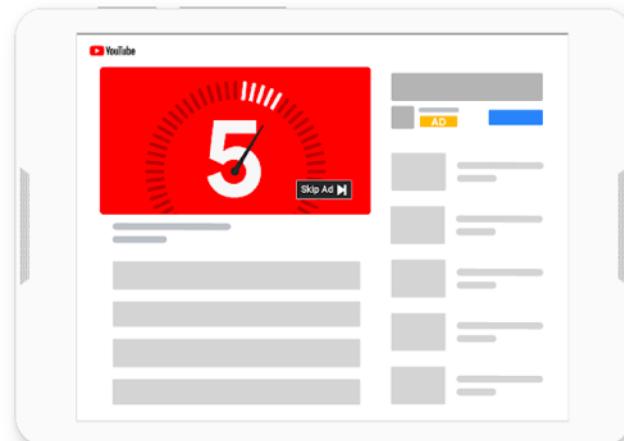
1.  United States	US\$10,857m
2.  China	US\$5,897m
3.  Japan	US\$2,153m
4.  United Kingdom	US\$1,222m
5.  Germany	US\$1,035m

# Introduction

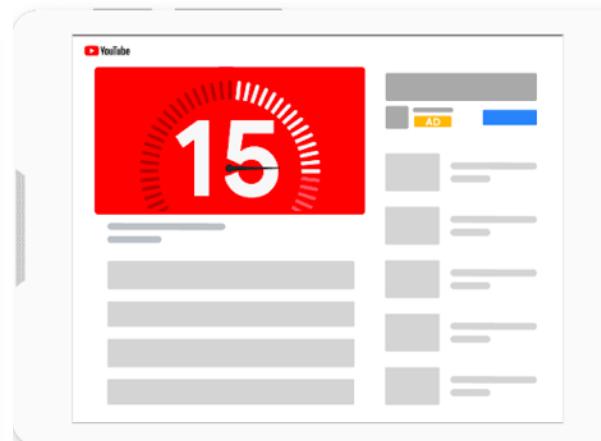


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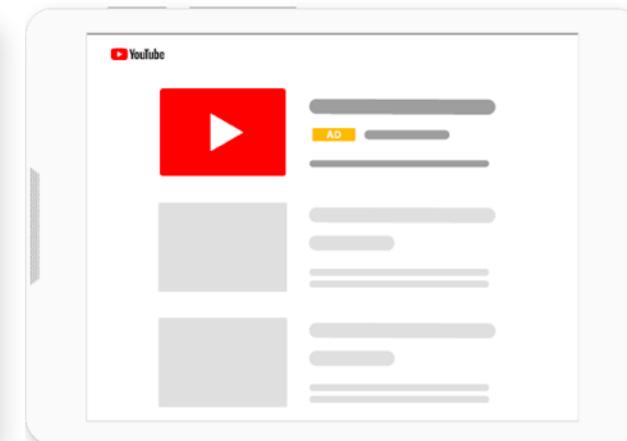
## Video Advertising Formats



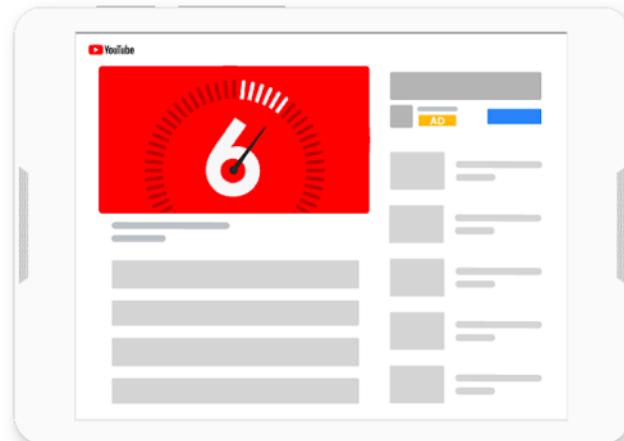
Skippable In-Stream Ads



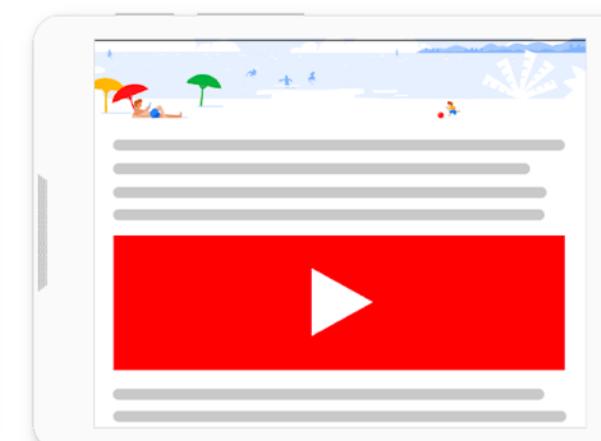
Non-Skippable In-Stream Ads



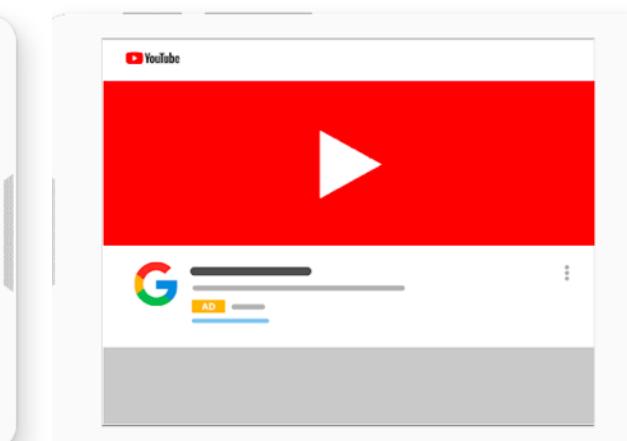
Video Discovery Ads



Bumper Ads

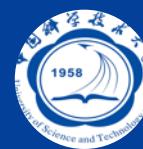


Out-Stream Ads



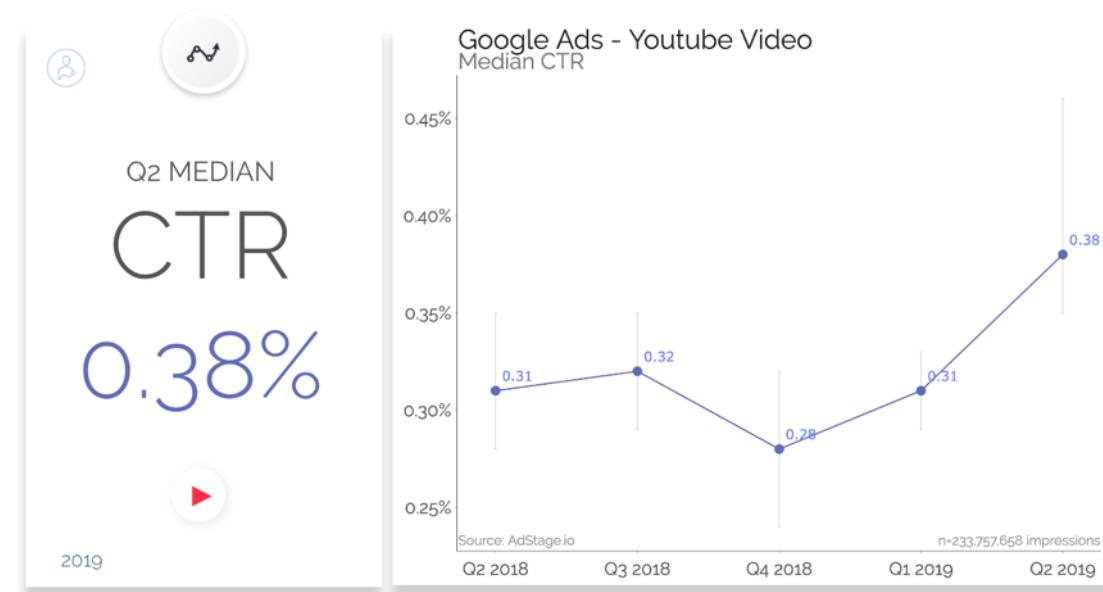
Masthead Ads

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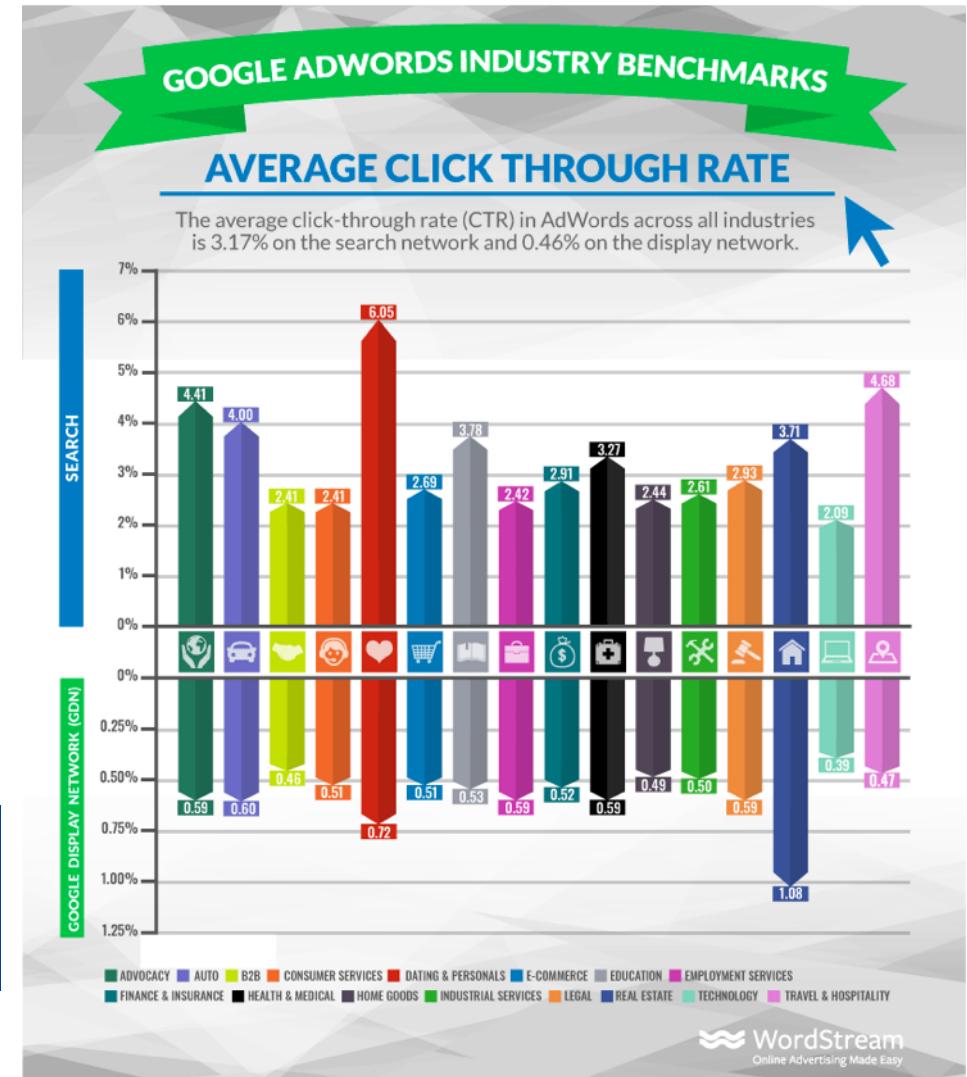


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## Low CTR Compared with Traditional Ads



Youtube 0.38% << AdWords 3.17%



<https://blog.adstage.io/youtube-benchmarks-cpc-cpm-and-ctr>

<https://www.wordstream.com/blog/ws/2016/02/29/google-adwords-industry-benchmarks>

# Introduction



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## Content-Related Video Advertising



Will you [marry] me?



### Matched Ads Demands

Jewelry Company

Tourism Product

Wedding Dress

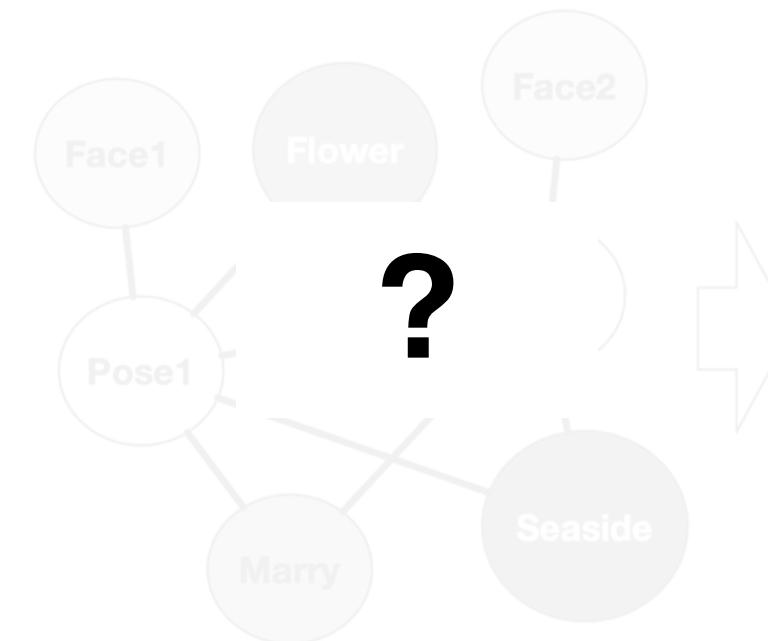
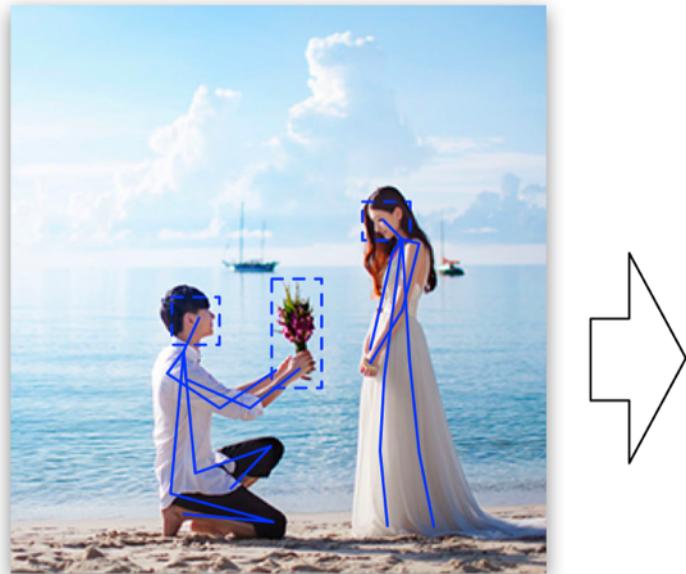


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## Activity-Level Video Advertising



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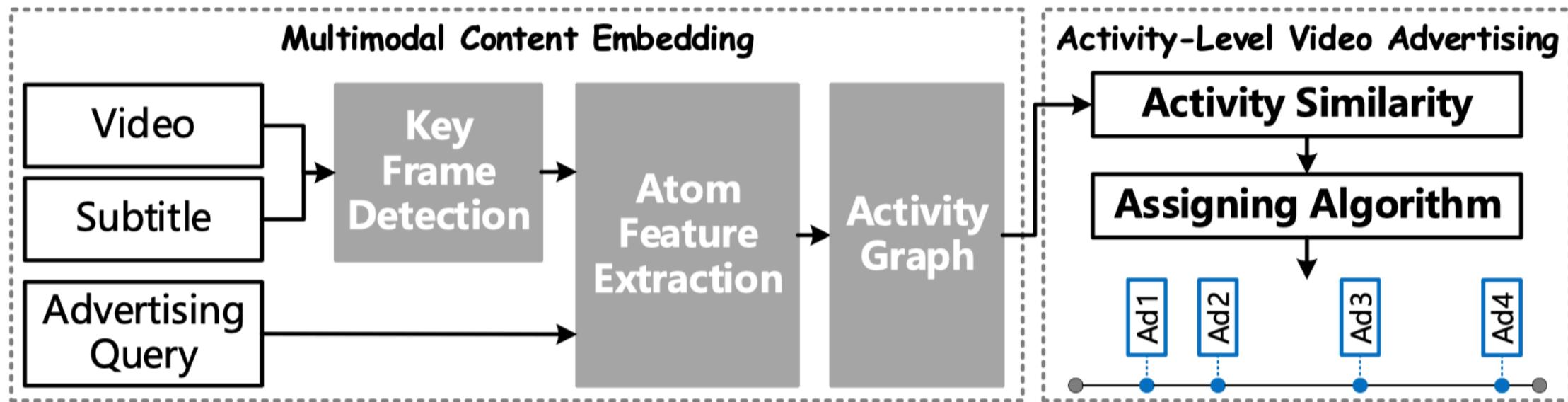
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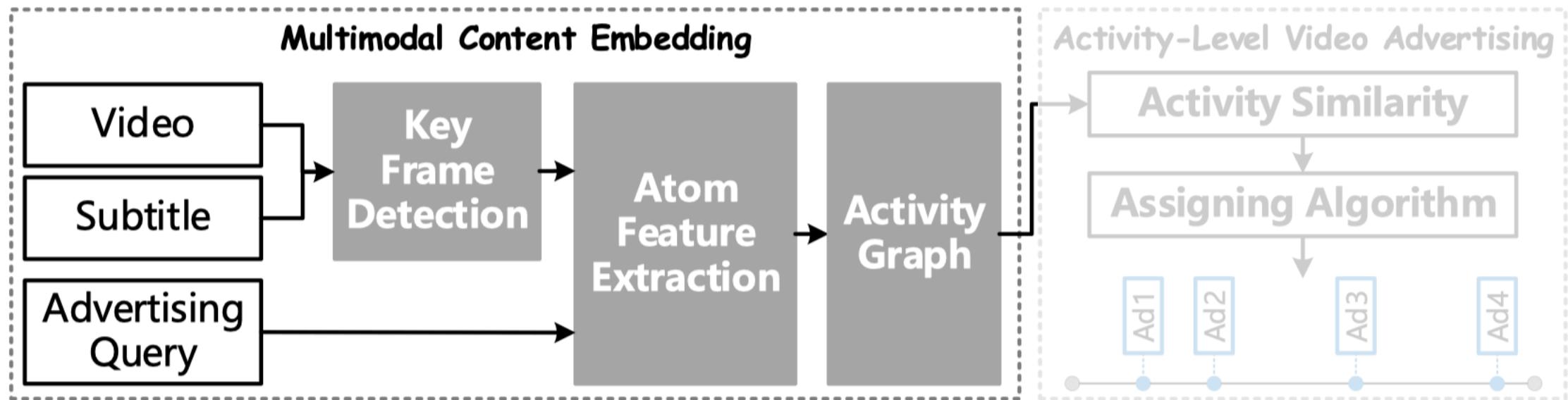
Will you marry me?

## Activity-Level Video Advertising Main Contributions



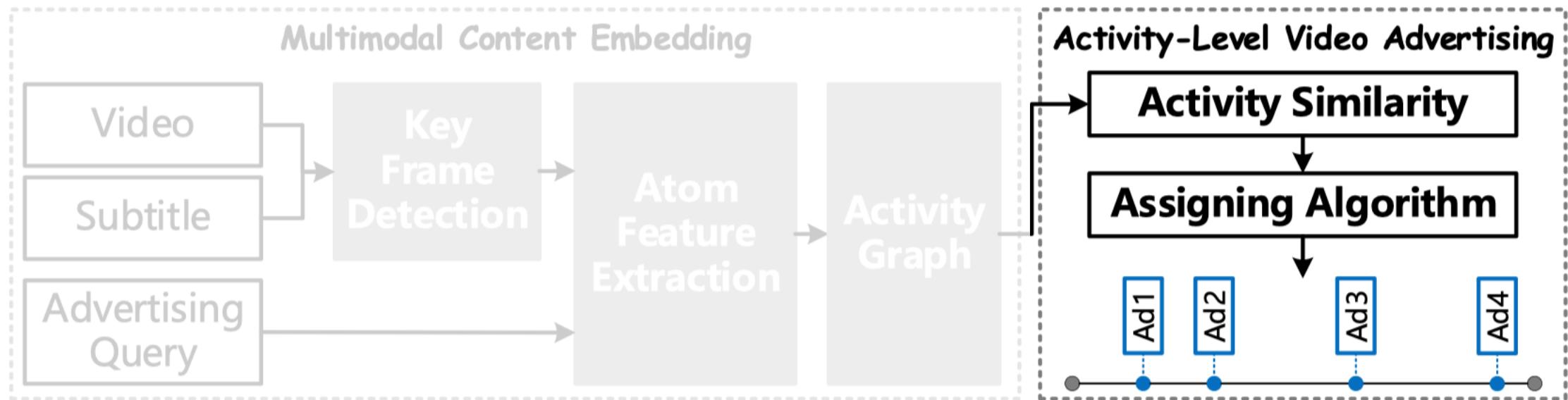
1. The first **non-predefined activity-level** video advertising system;
2. Effective algorithm for optimizing advertising service over **content relevance, revenue and intrusiveness perception**.

## Activity-Level Video Advertising System Framework



**Step#1: Find possible ads positions.**

## Activity-Level Video Advertising System Framework



**Step#2: Assign ads properly.**

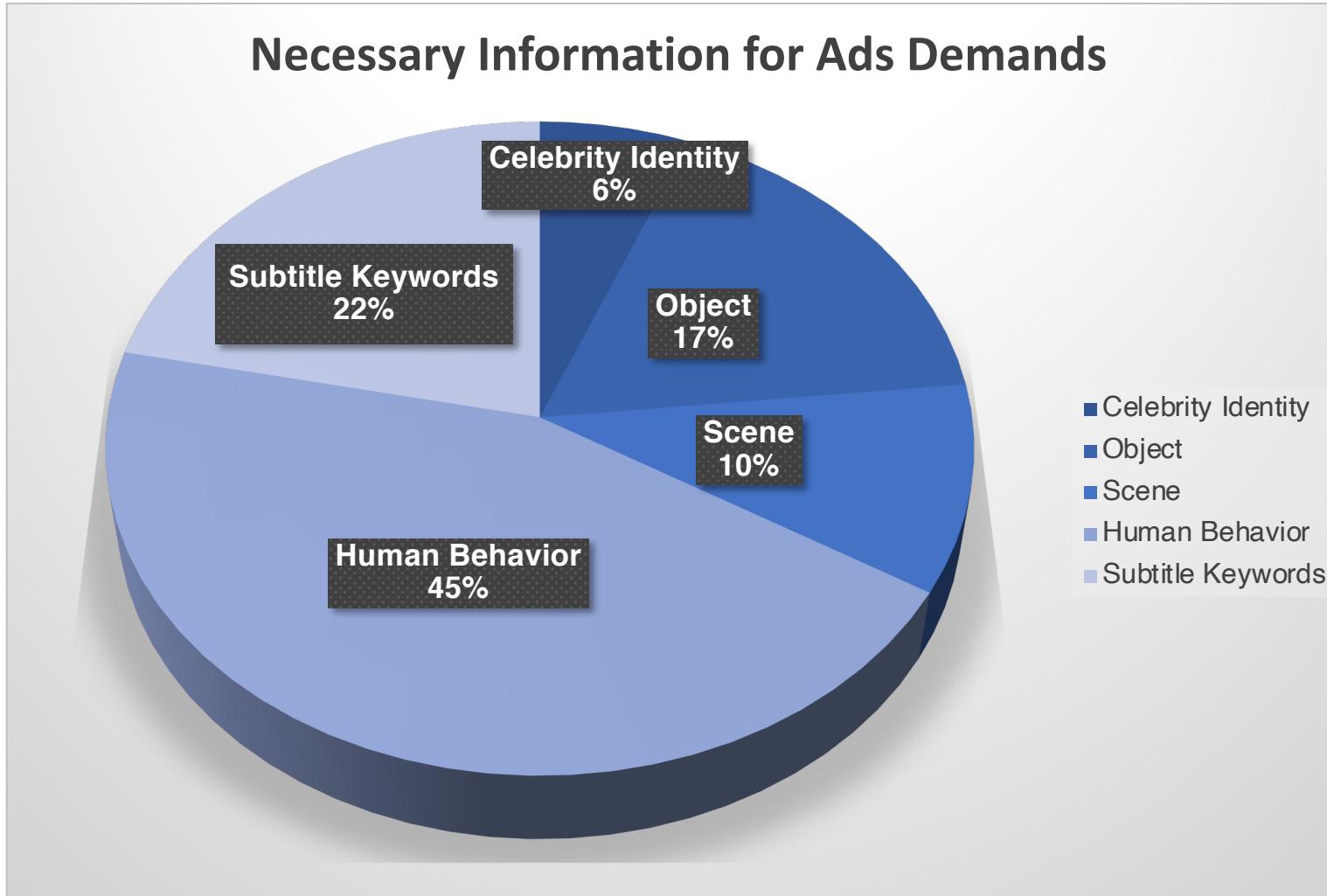
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# Multimodal Content Embedding



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## Market Research @ Tencent 150 Content-Targeted Advertising Needs



# Multimodal Content Embedding

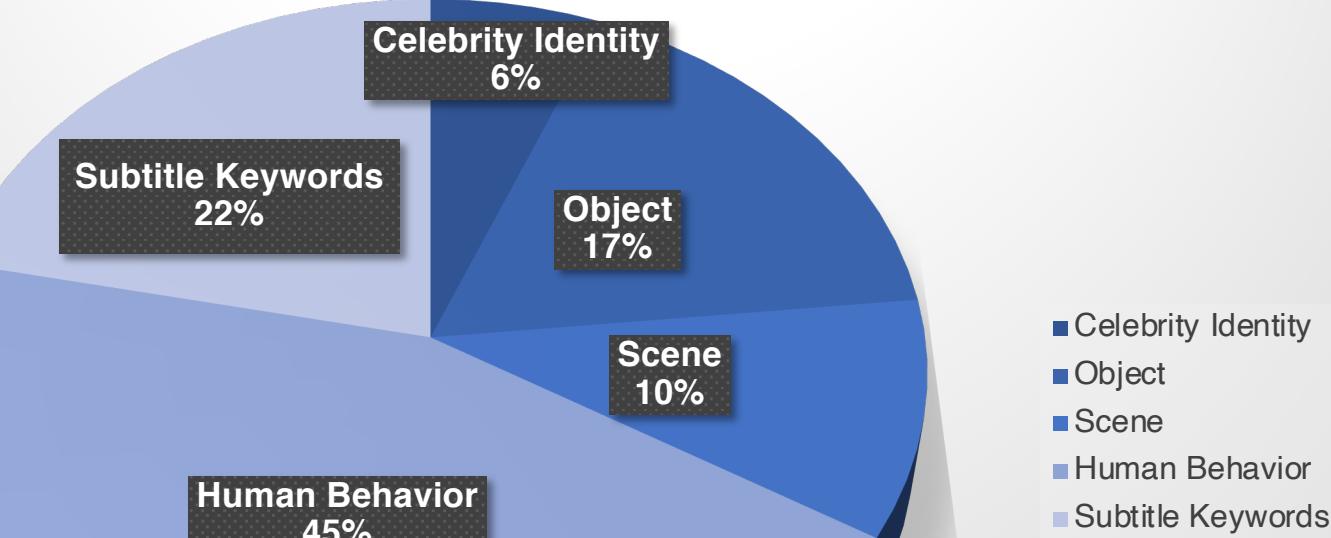


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Market Research @ Tencent

150 Content-Targeted Advertising Demands

Necessary Information for Ads Demands



Both visual & textual information matter.

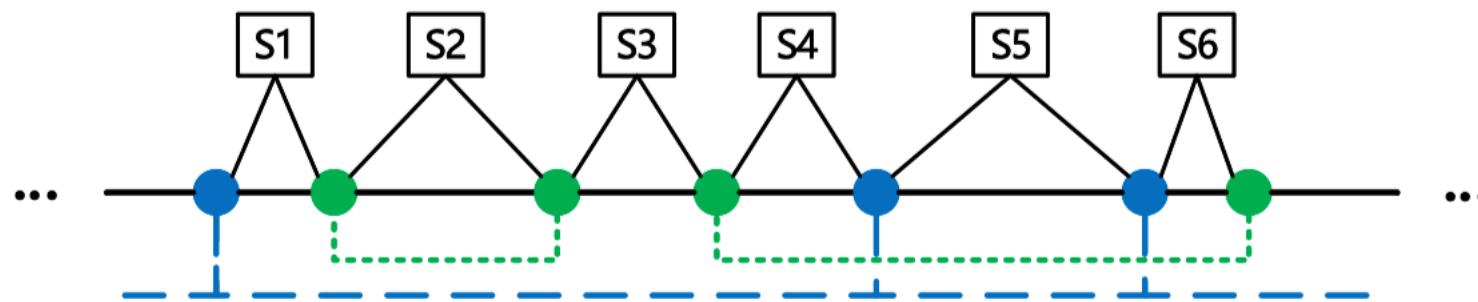
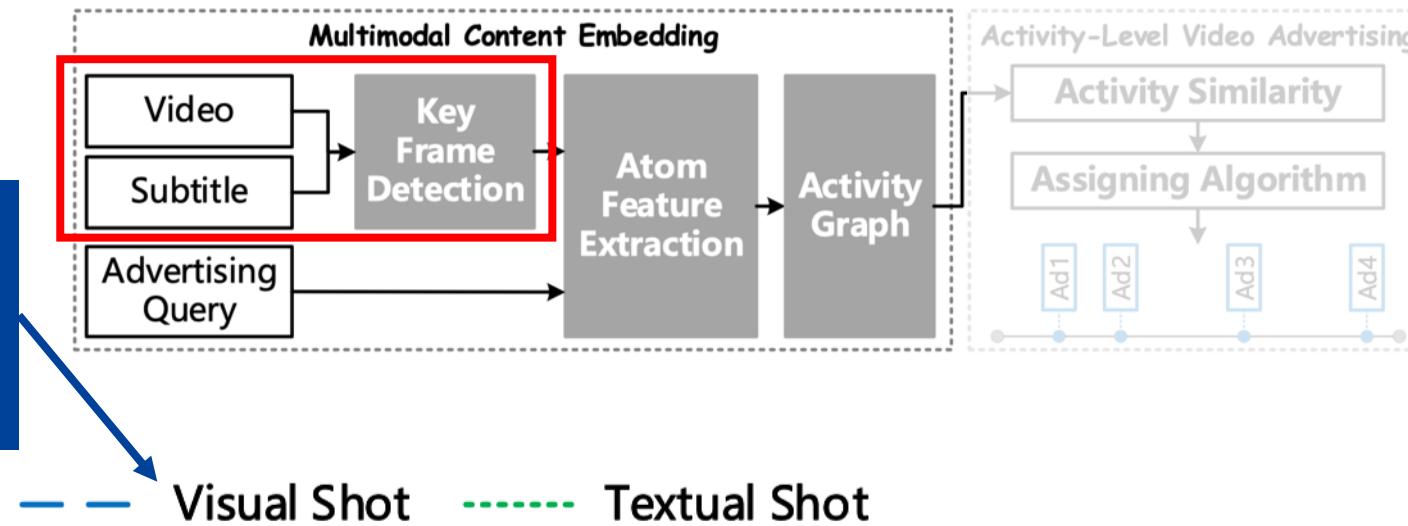
# Multimodal Content Embedding



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## Key Frame Detection

Color-Histogram  
based Shot  
Detection

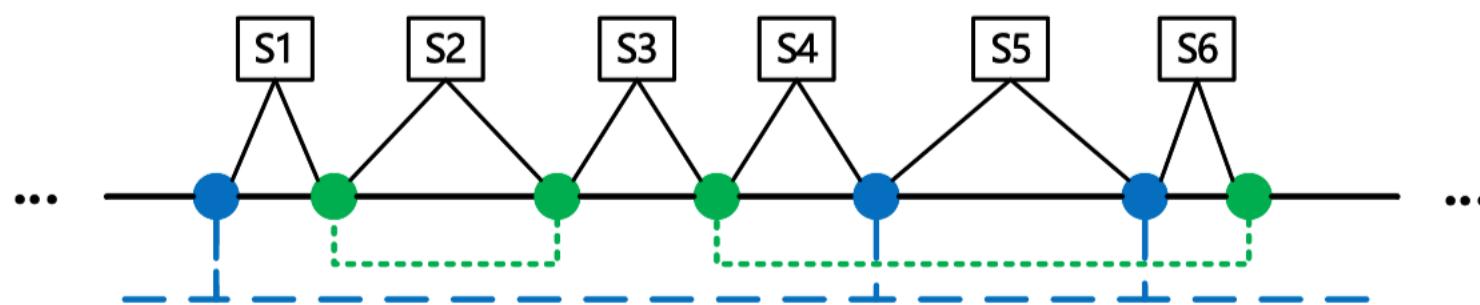
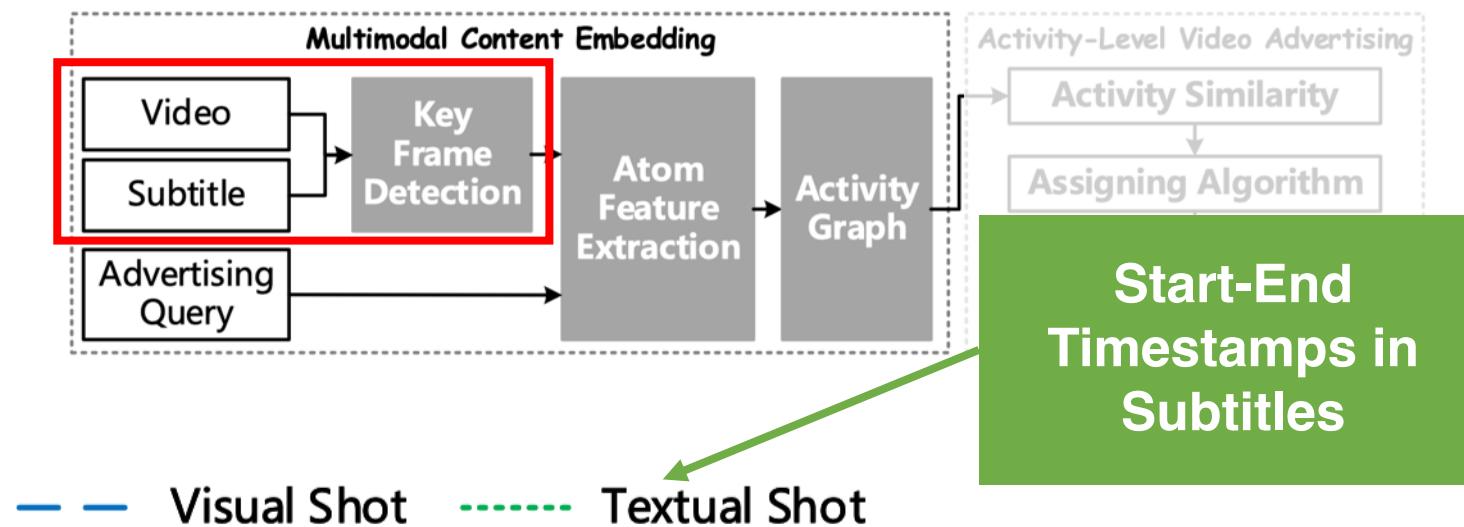


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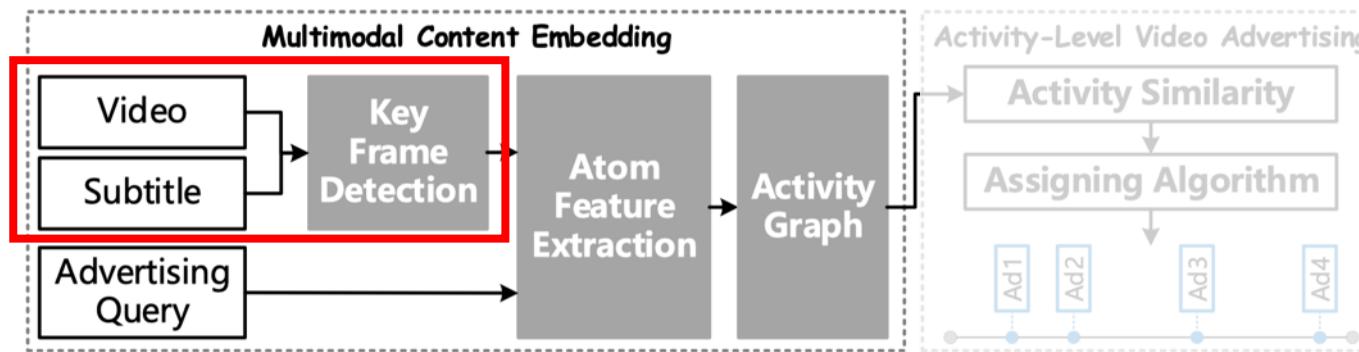


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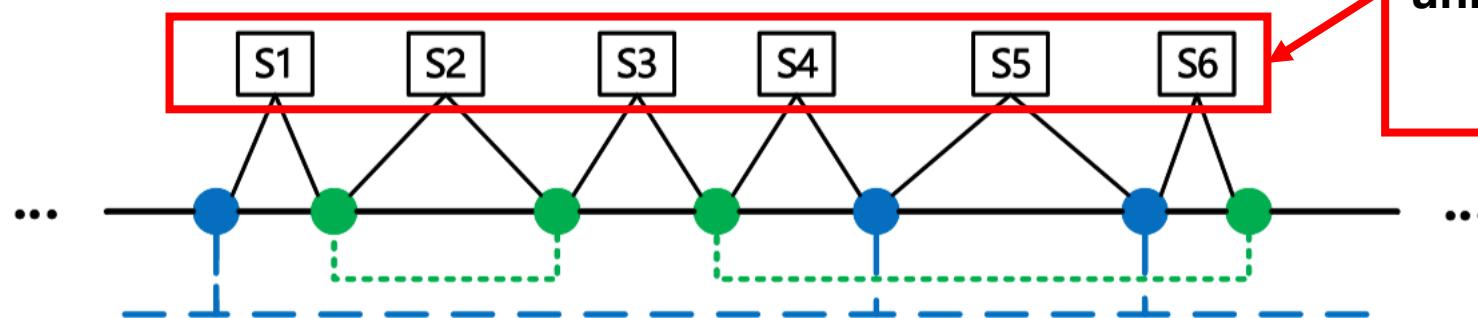


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## Key Frame Detection



— — Visual Shot    - - - - Textual Shot

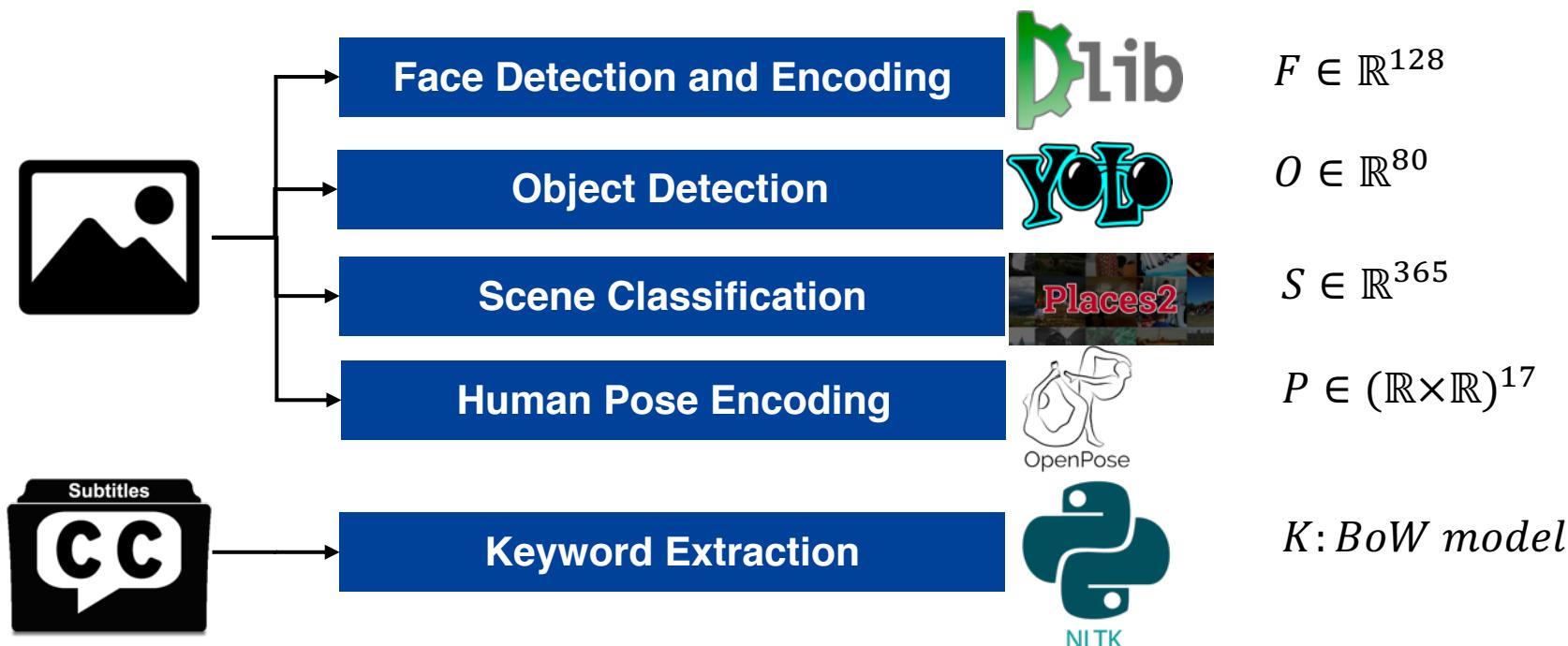
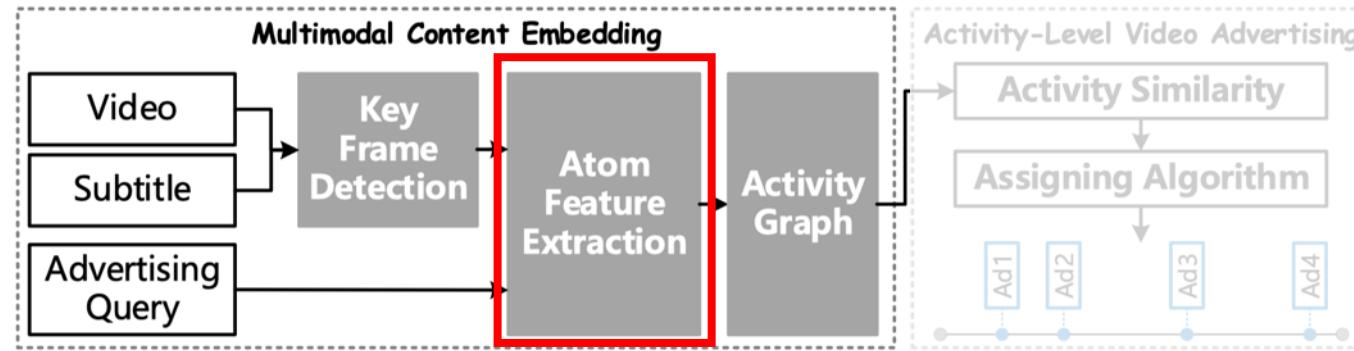


**Semantic Shots**  
uniformly k-sampling  
in each shot

# Multimodal Content Embedding



## Atom Feature Extraction

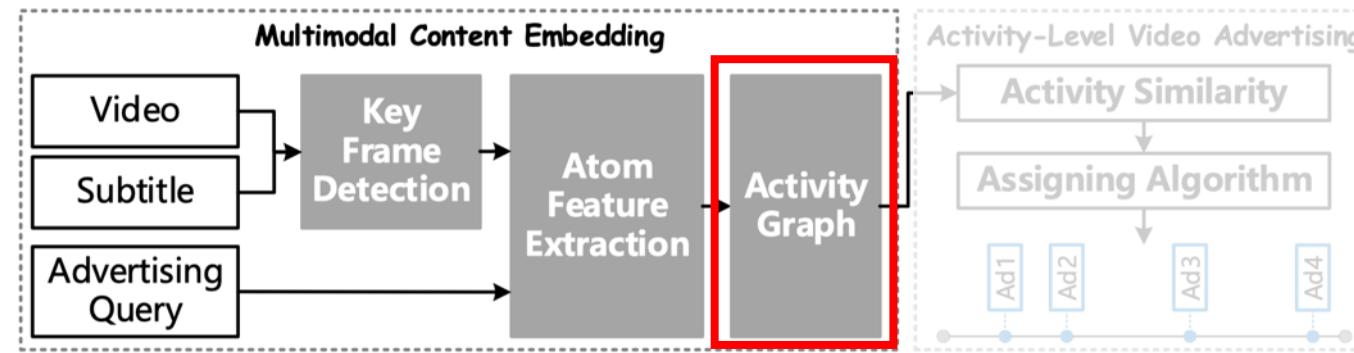


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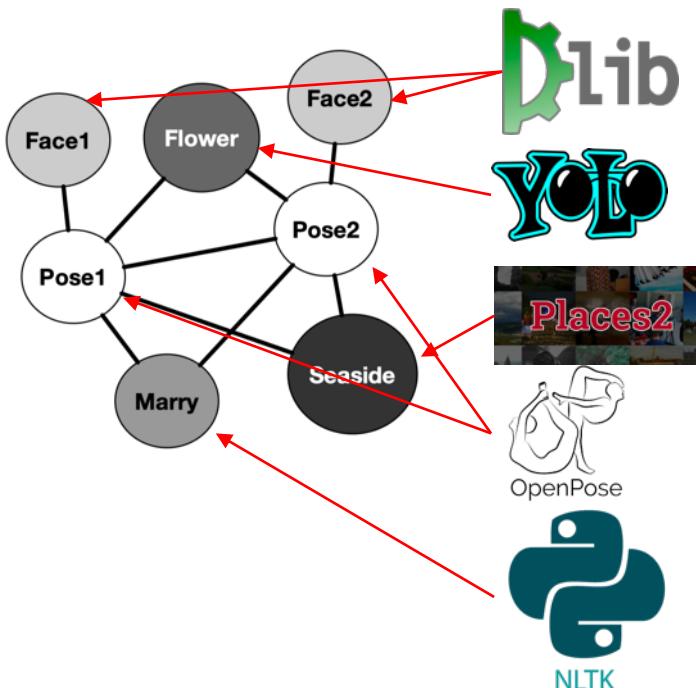


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## Activity Graph Representation



## Vertices



$$F \in \mathbb{R}^{128}$$

$$O \in \mathbb{R}^{80}$$

$$S \in \mathbb{R}^{365}$$

$$P \in (\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R})^{17}$$

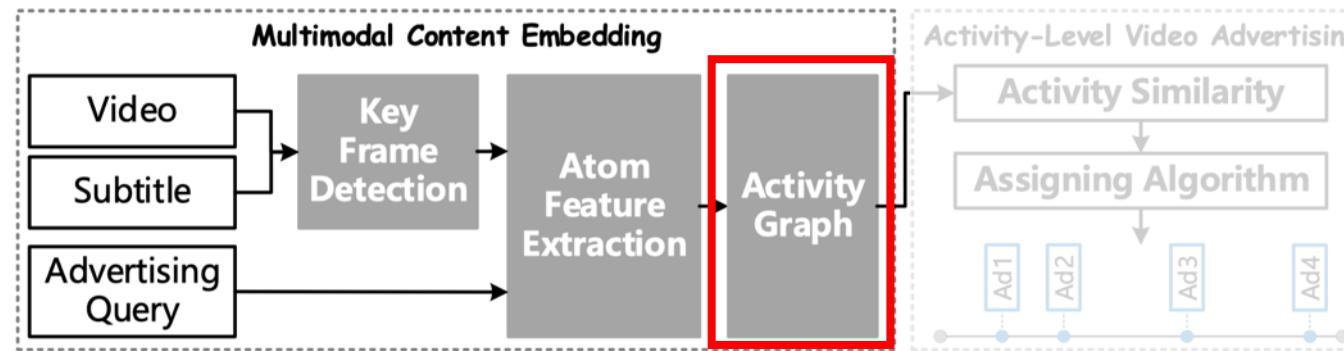
*K: BoW model*

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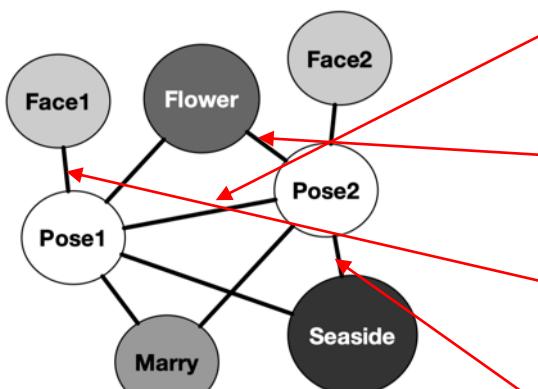
## Activity Graph Representation



## Edges



Will you [marry] me?



Pose-Pose Interaction

$$R_{pp}: P \times P \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$$

Pose-Object Interaction

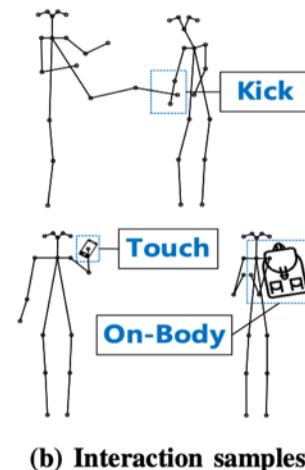
$$R_{po}: P \times O \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$$

Pose-Face Matching

$$R_{pf}: P \times F \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$$

Pose-Scene Correlation

$$R_{ps}: P \times S \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

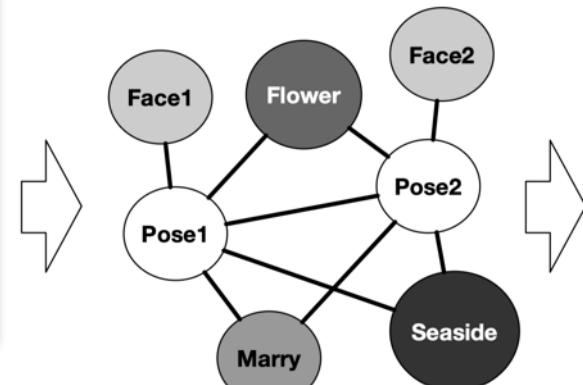
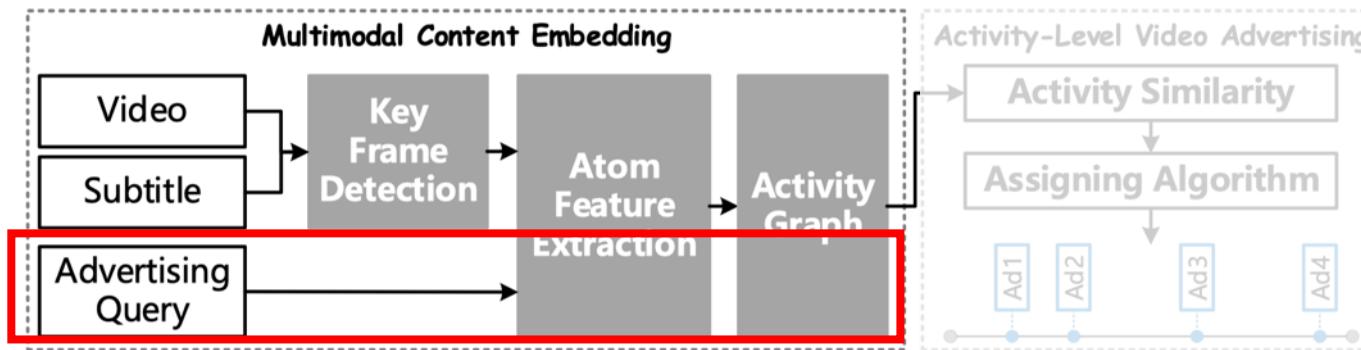


# Multimodal Content Embedding



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## Activity Graph Representation



Will you [marry] me?

Matched Ads Demands

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- Wedding Dress



marry, travel, jewelry, ...

# Outline



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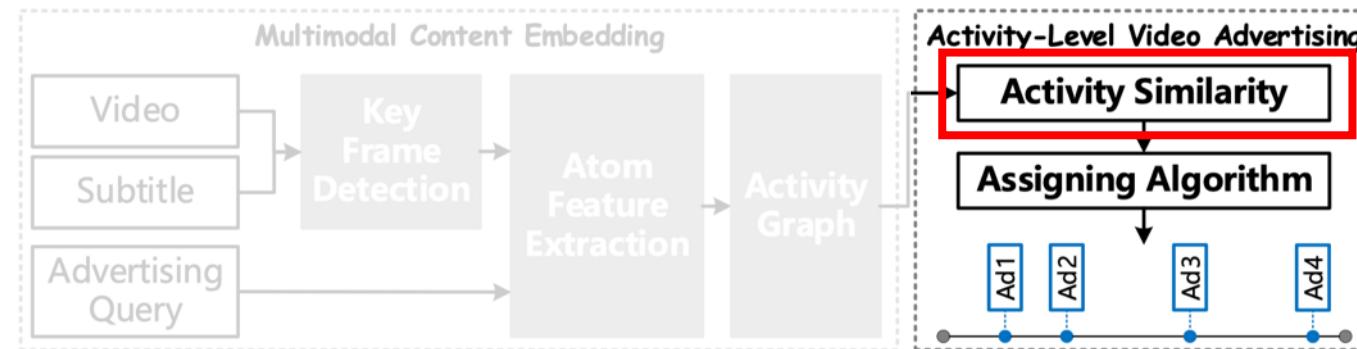
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# Activity-Level Video Advertising



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## Activity Similarity



**Face / Human Pose**  
 $x = (\text{encoding}, \text{confidence})$

Atom-Feature / Vertex Similarity

$$s_1(x_1, x_2) = 1 - \frac{1}{|enc_1|} \sum_{\substack{e_i \in enc_1 \\ c_i \in conf_1}} \min_{\substack{e_j \in enc_2 \\ c_j \in conf_2}} \frac{\theta_1 \|e_i - e_j\|_2}{(1 + \min(c_i, c_j))}$$

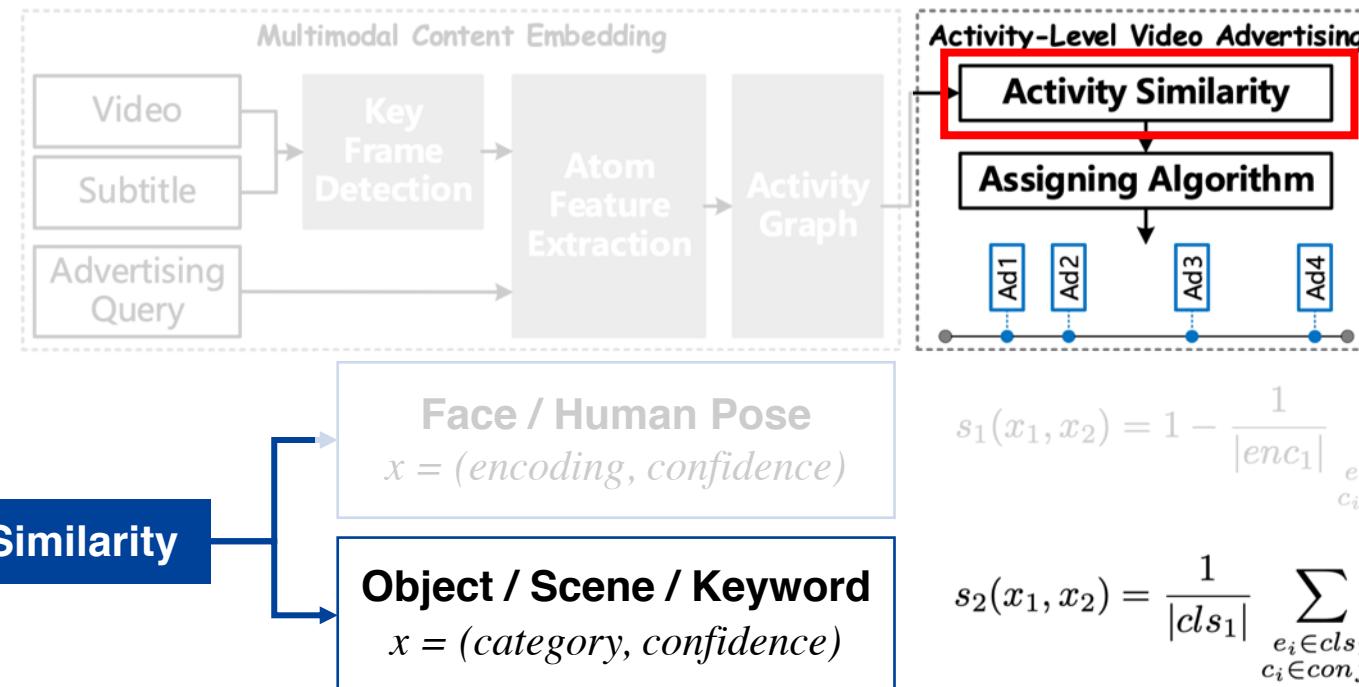
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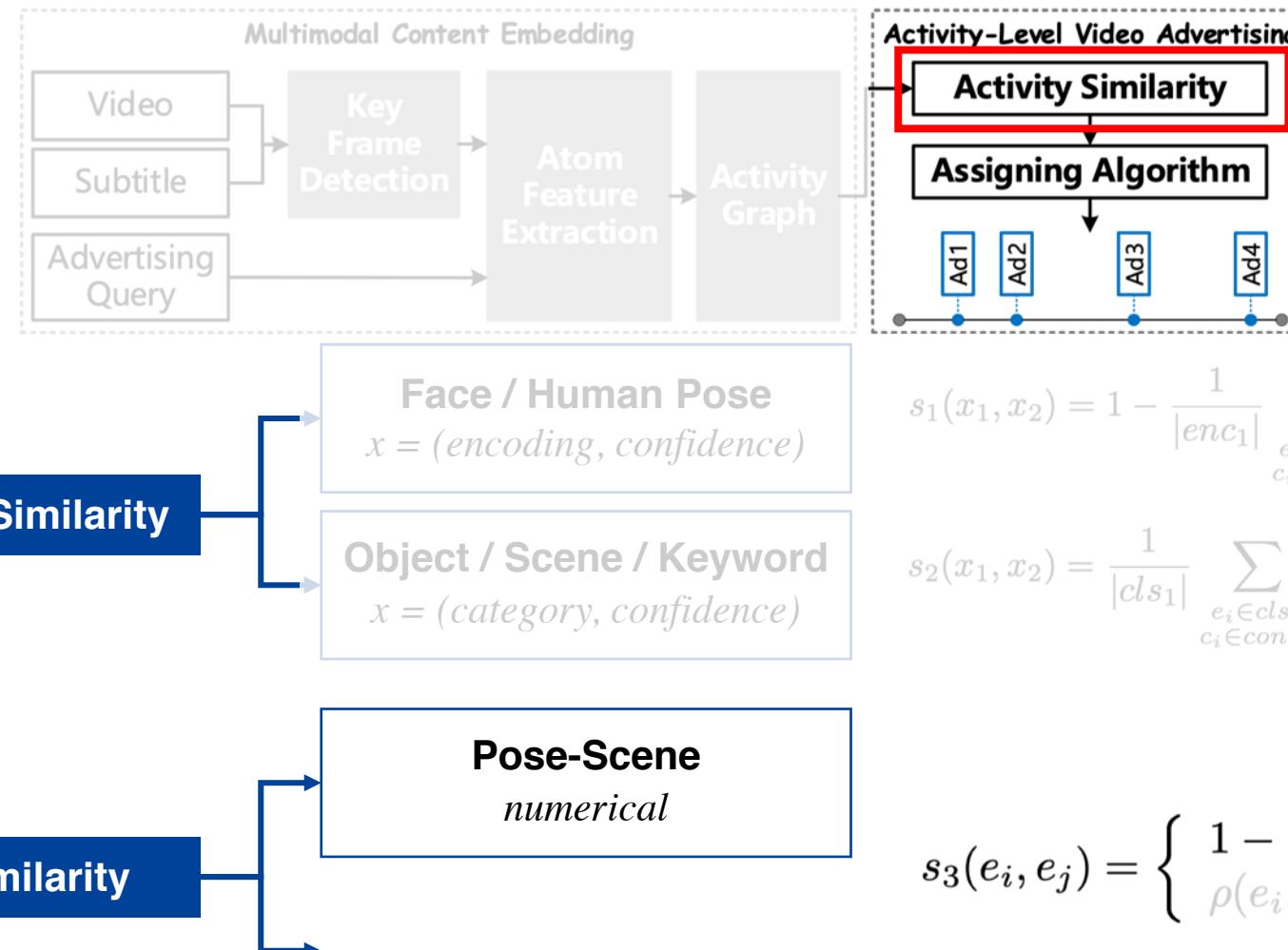
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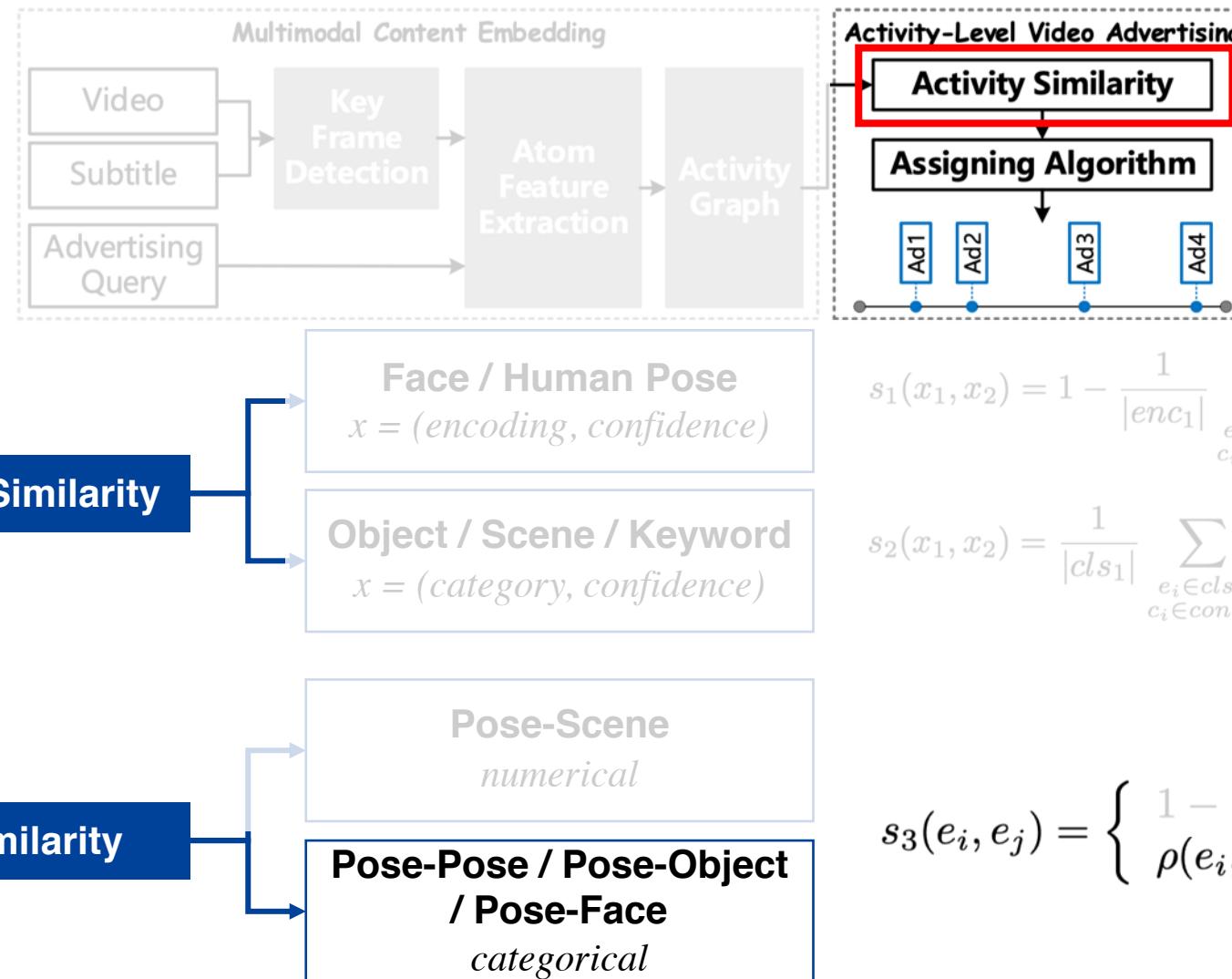
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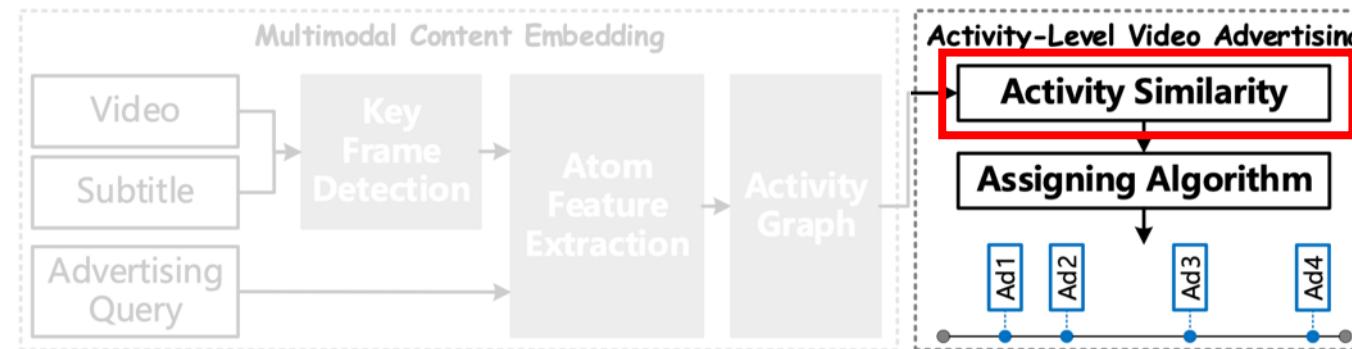
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### Atom-Feature / Vertex Similarity

**Face / Human Pose**  
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**Object / Scene / Keyword**

$$S(g_1, g_2) = \sum w_i s_i(g_1, g_2)$$

### Interaction / Edge Similarity

*numerical*

**Pose-Pose / Pose-Object / Pose-Face**  
*categorical*

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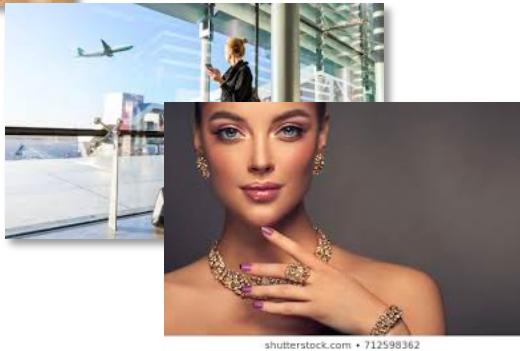
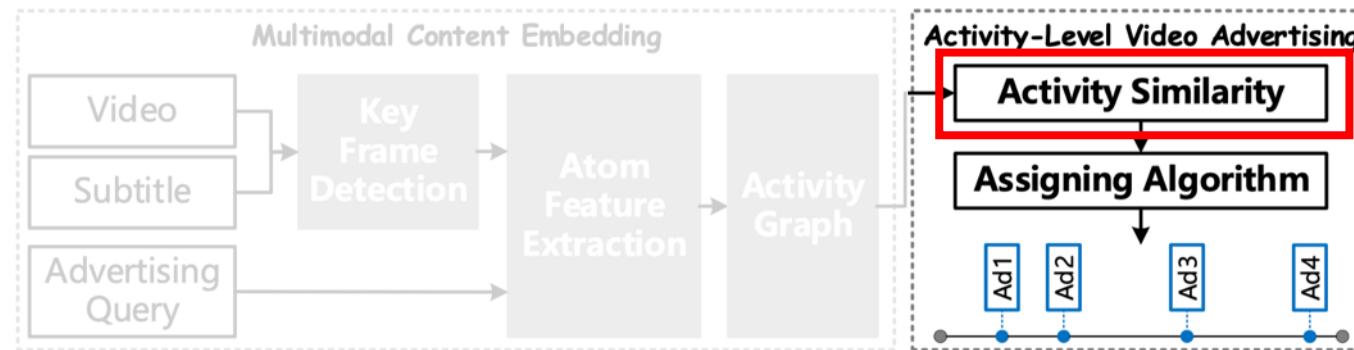
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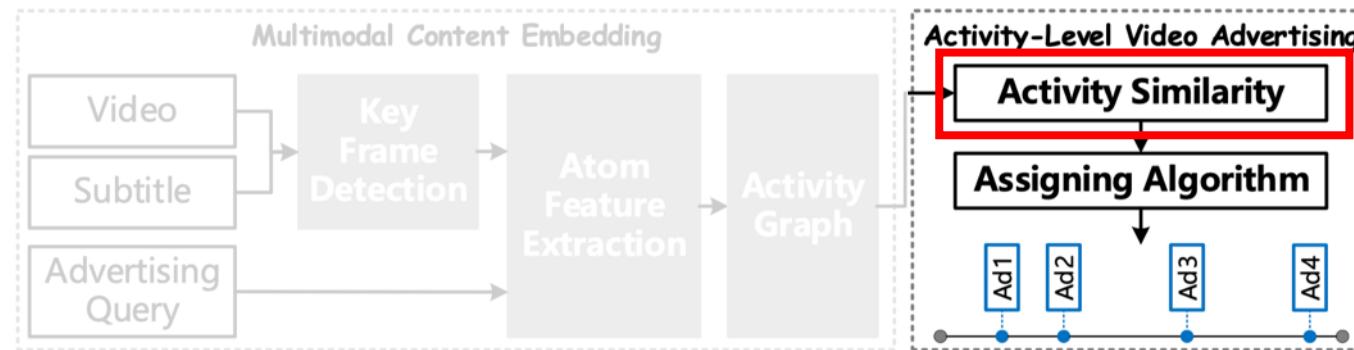


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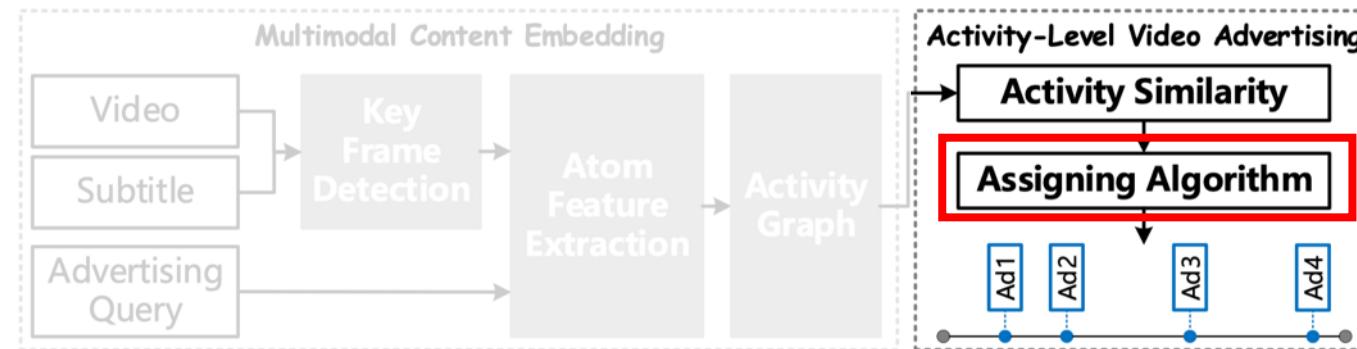
Scene: Airport

# Activity-Level Video Advertising



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## Ads Assignment

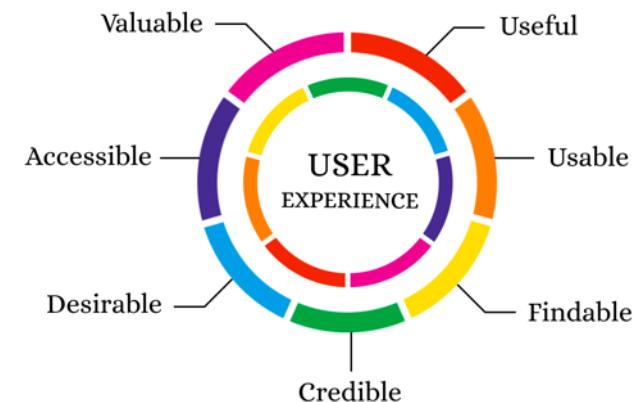


### Ads Revenue



VS.

### User Experience

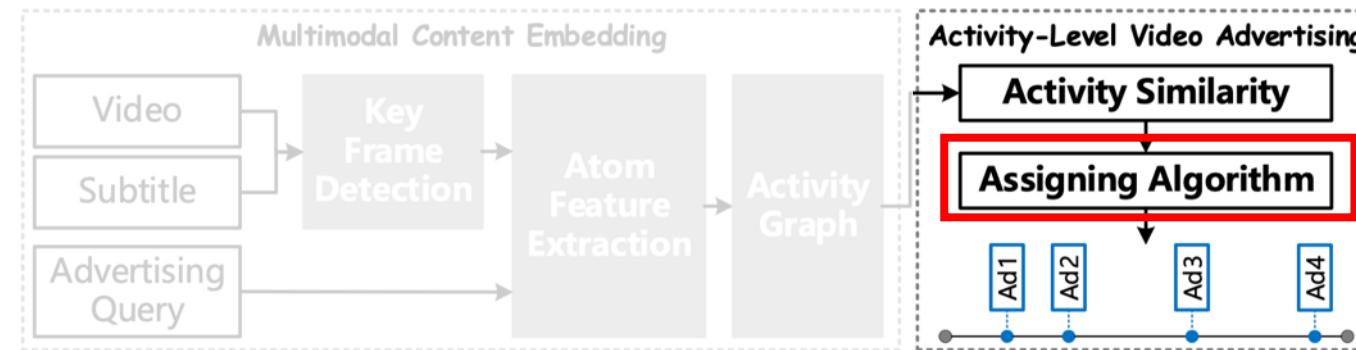


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## Ads Assignment: Ads Revenue



$$f(S) = \sum_{(x_i, y_j) \in S} r_j s(x_i, y_j)$$

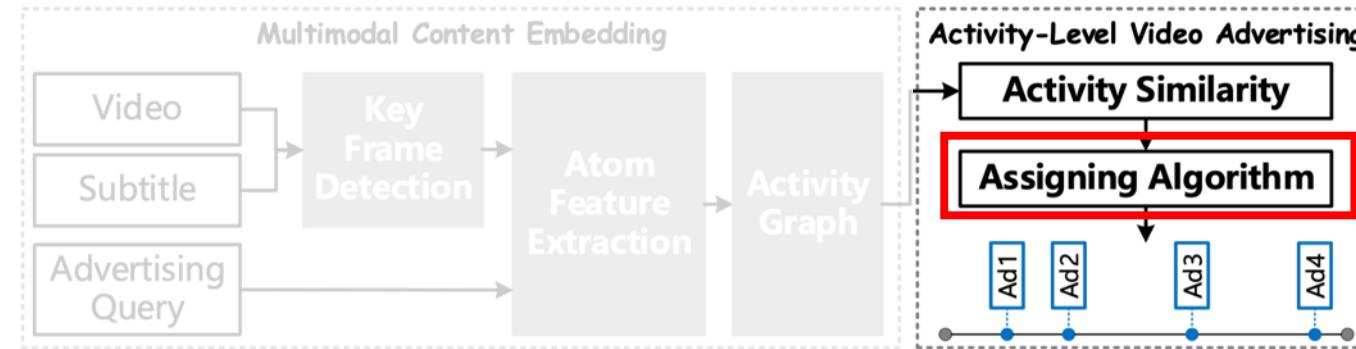
The subset of selected ads assignments.

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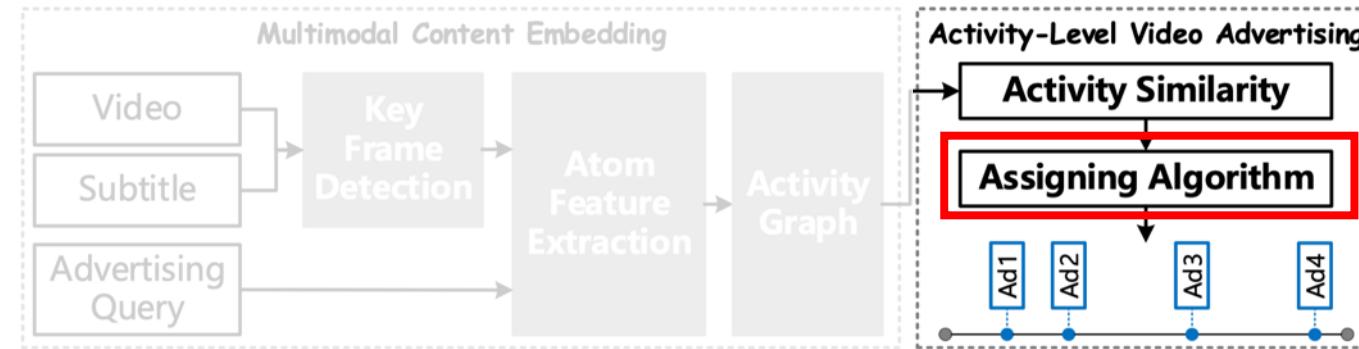
An assignment is a pair of  
**key frame** and **ad query**.

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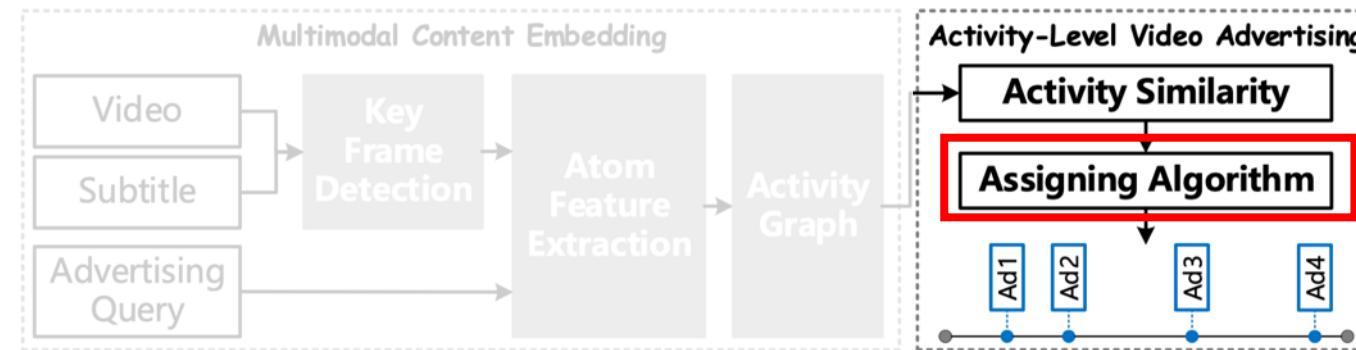
Activity similarity between  
the key frame and ad query.

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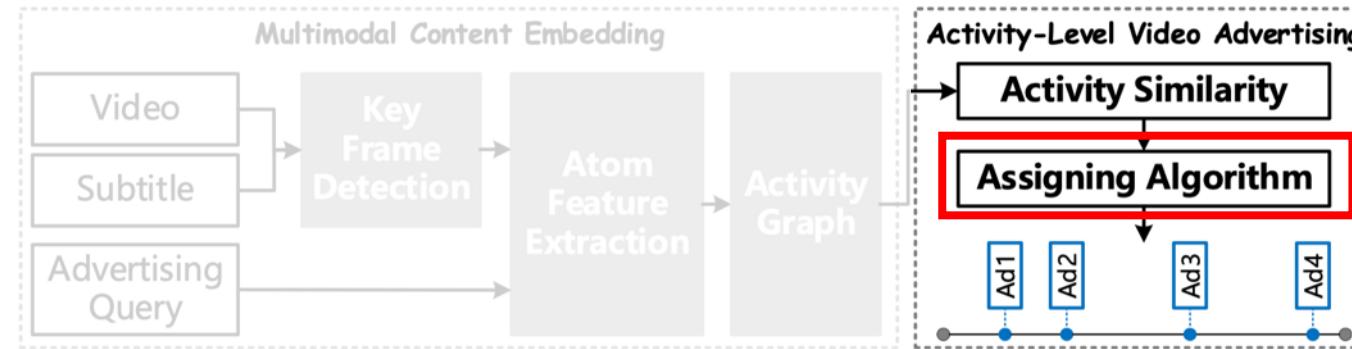
Query-j revenue.

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## Ads Assignment: Intrusiveness Perception

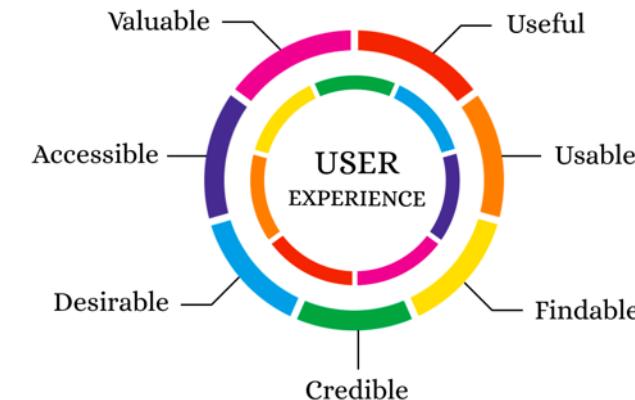


### Intrusiveness Distribution Function

$$g(t|S) = 0 \quad , 0 \leq t \leq t_1$$

The intrusiveness of ads is the function over **viewing time** given an assigning output.

### User Experience

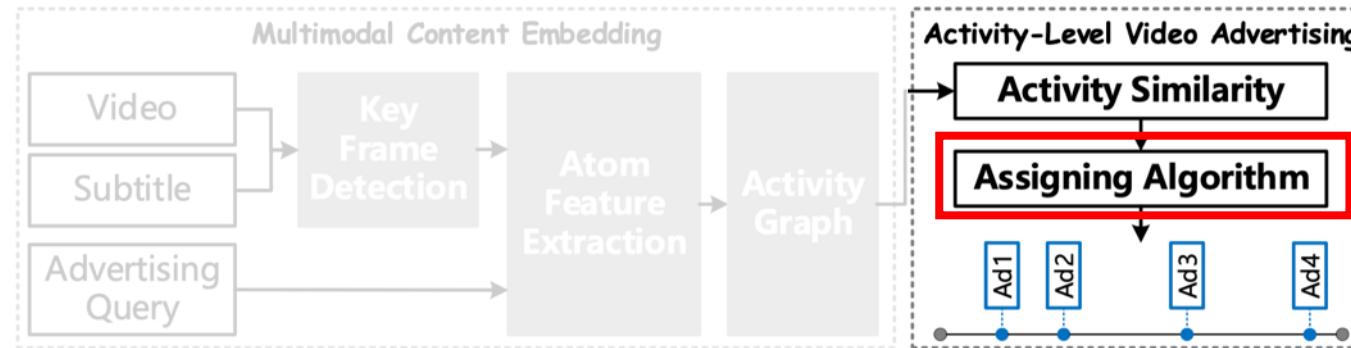


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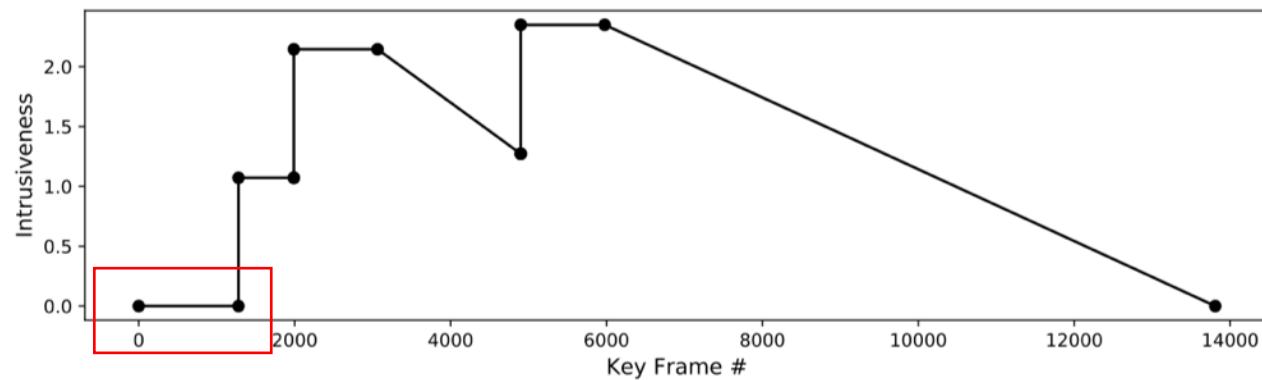


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Before the first ad,  
the intrusiveness is 0.

### User Experience

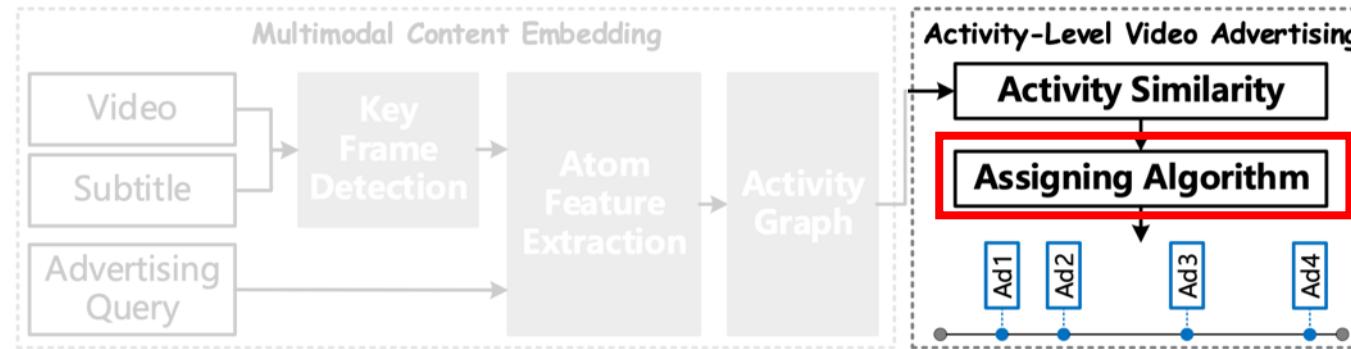


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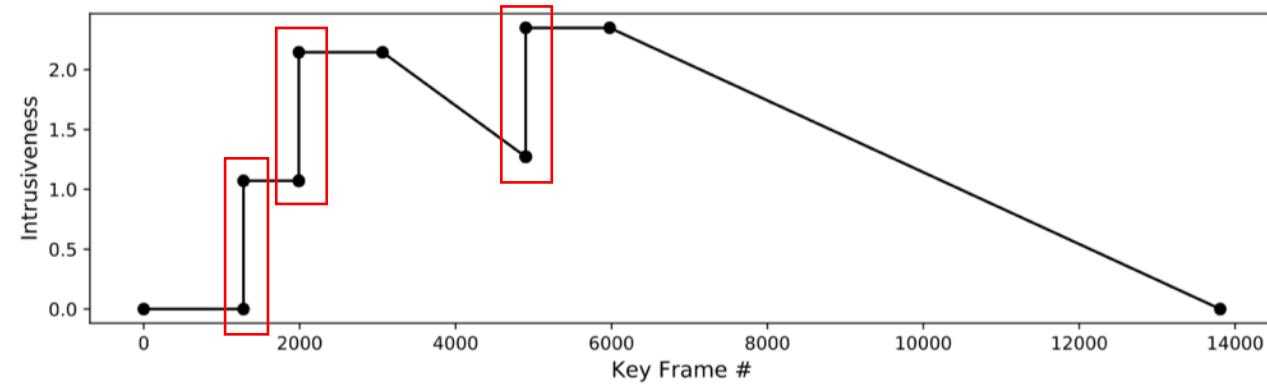
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The **incremental intrusiveness** of a new ad is inversely proportional to the content similarity.

### User Experience

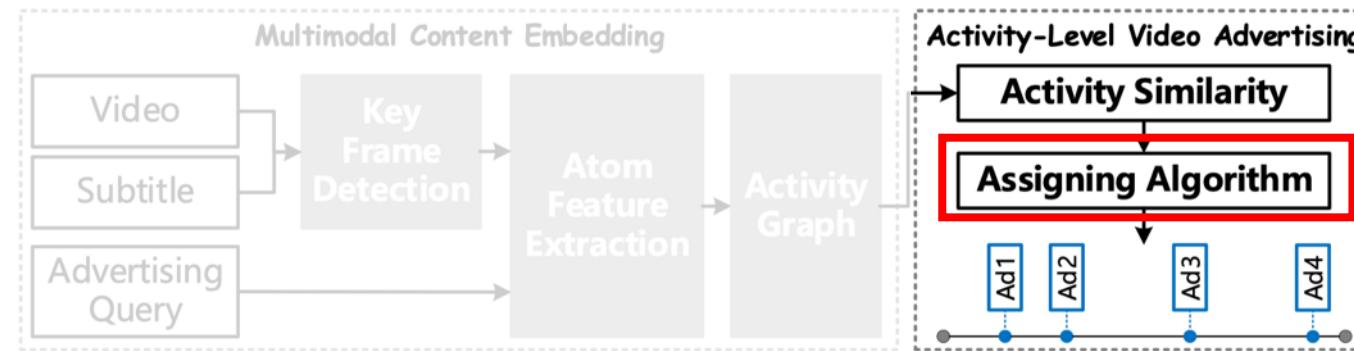


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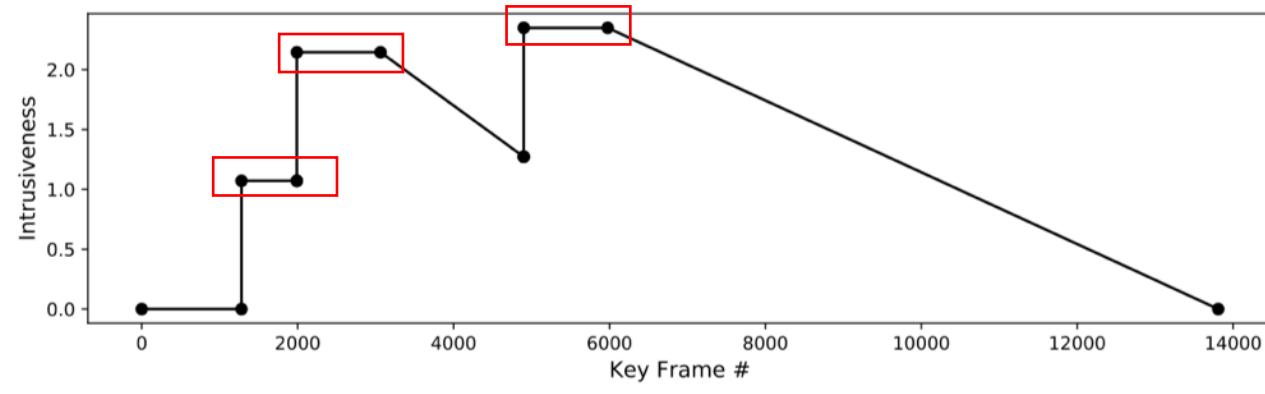
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$$g(t|S) = g(t_i) + \frac{\alpha}{s(p_i)} - \gamma(t - t_i - \frac{\beta}{s(p_i)})$$

The duration of high intrusive perception is also inversely proportional to the similarity score.

### User Experience

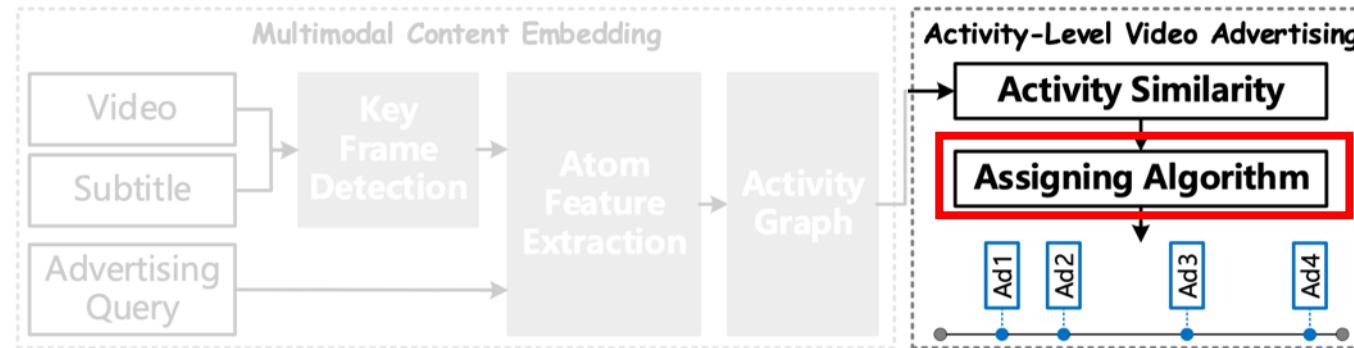


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## Ads Assignment: Intrusiveness Perception



### Intrusiveness Distribution Function

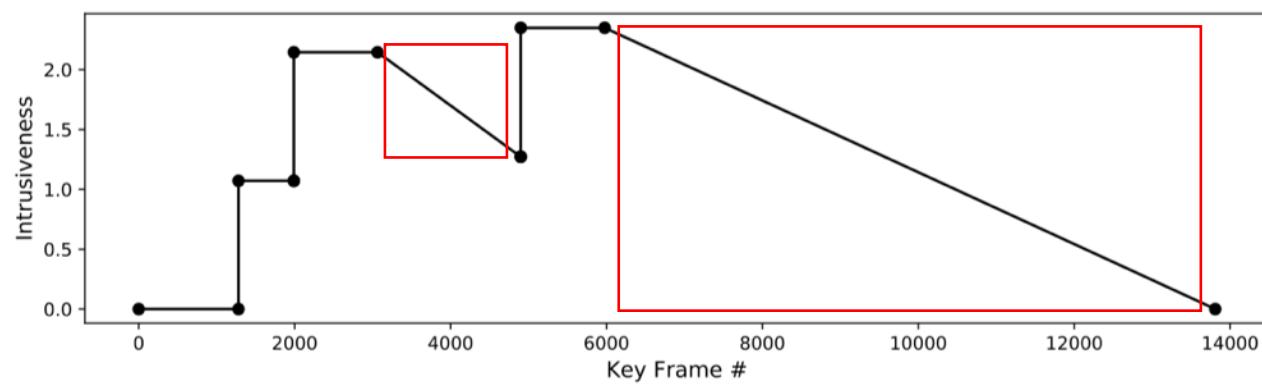
$$g(t|S) = 0 \quad , 0 \leq t \leq t_1$$

$$g(t|S) = g(t_i) + \frac{\alpha}{s(p_i)} \quad , t_i < t \leq t_{i+1}$$

$$g(t|S) = g(t_i) + \frac{\alpha}{s(p_i)} - \gamma(t - t_i - \frac{\beta}{s(p_i)})$$

As the time goes on, the intrusiveness will decline and  $\gamma$  controls the descent speed.

### User Experience

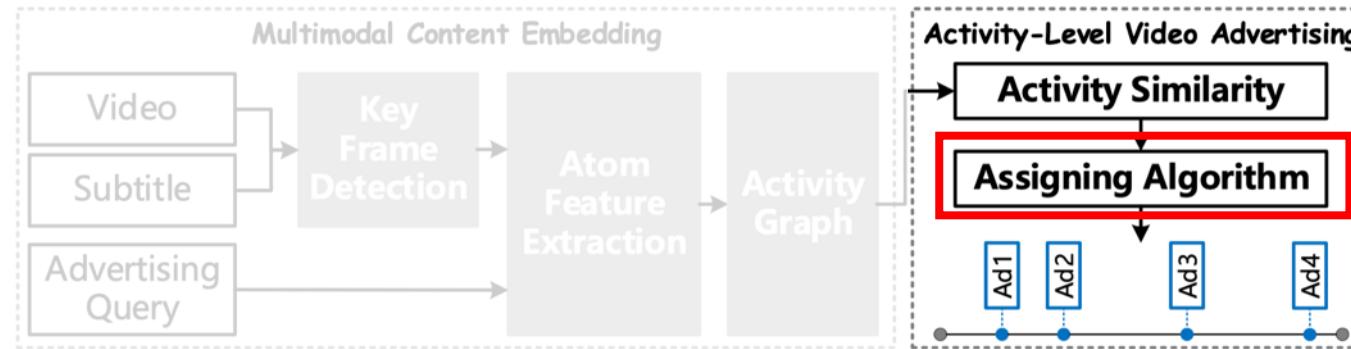


# Activity-Level Video Advertising



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## Ads Assignment: Trade-Off Model



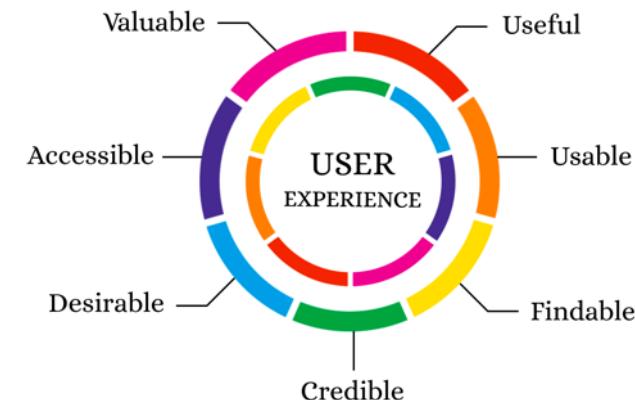
### Ads Revenue



**Trade-Off Model:  
Revenue Optimization under  
Intrusiveness Constraint**

$$\begin{aligned} & \max_{S \subseteq P} f(S) + \delta E(S) \\ \text{s.t. } & \int_0^{t_{max}} g(t|S) dt \leq B \end{aligned}$$

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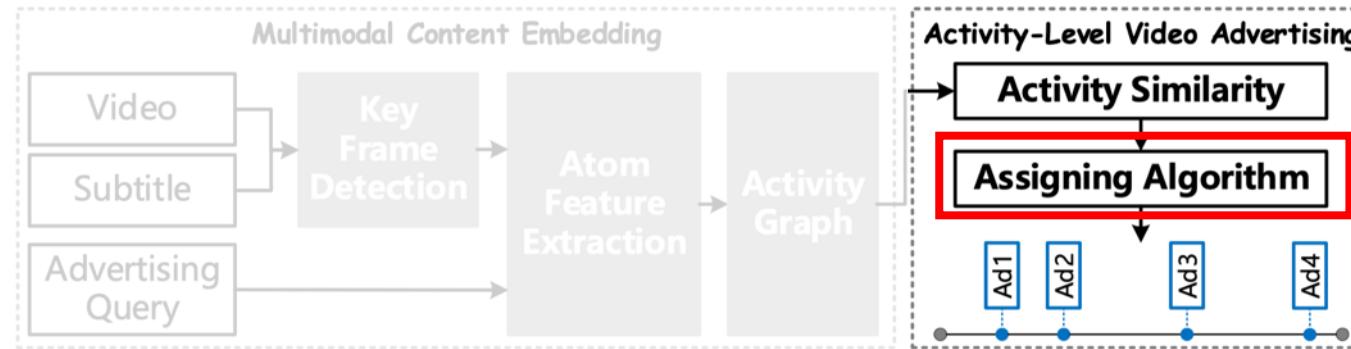


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### Ads Revenue



$$E(S) = - \sum_{(x_i, y_j) \in S} p_{y_j} \log_2 \frac{p_{y_j}}{N_y}$$

### Trade-Off Model: Revenue Optimization under Intrusiveness Constraint

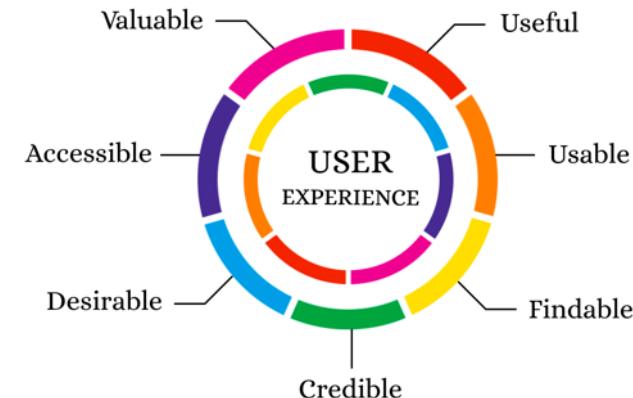
$$\max_{S \subseteq P} f(S) + \delta E(S)$$

s.t.

$$\int_0^{t_{max}} g(t|S) dt \leq B$$

E(S) is an entropy-like function that measures balance of served ad queries distribution.

### User Experience

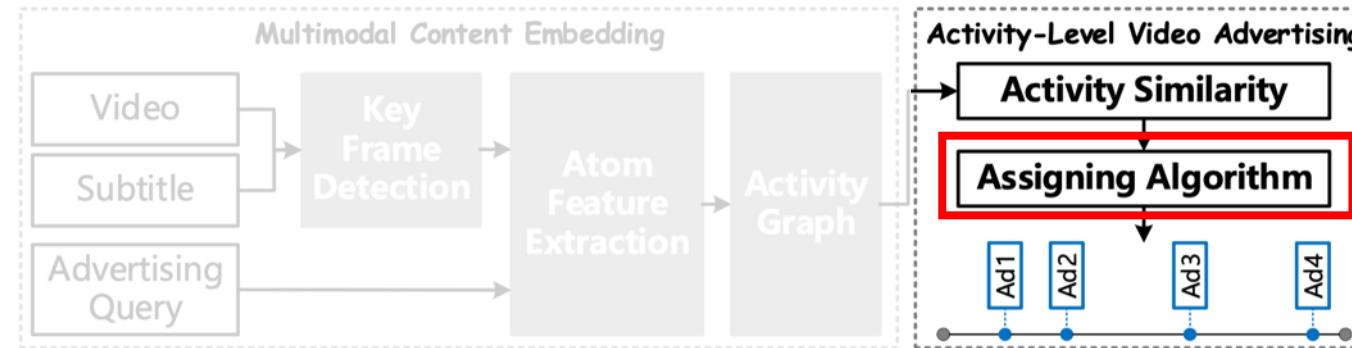


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## Ads Assignment: NMS-Greedy Algorithm



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**Ensure:** assignments  $S$

- 1: Initialize the value matrix  $M_{N_y \times N_x}$ , where  $m_{ij} = r_{is}(x_j, y_i)$ .
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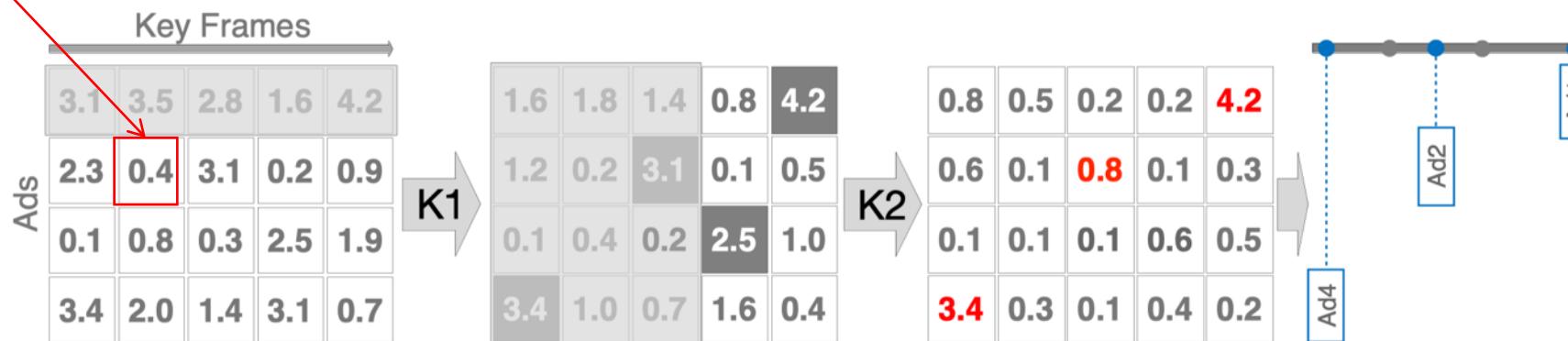
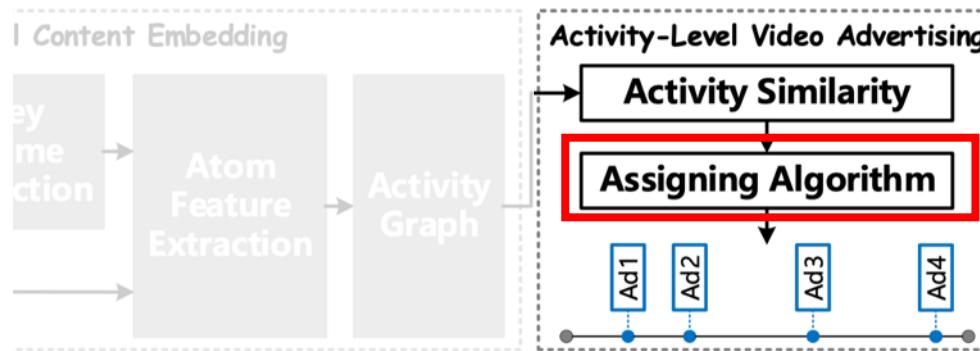
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Calculating the pairwise similarity to construct the value matrix.

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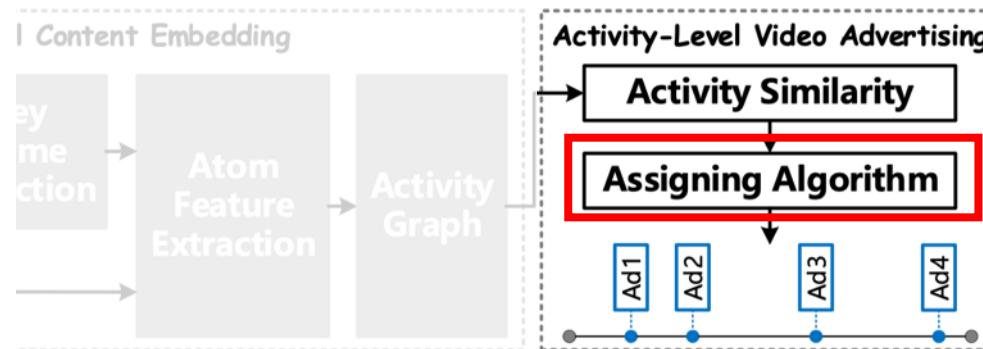
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K1: Balancing the assignments for each ad.



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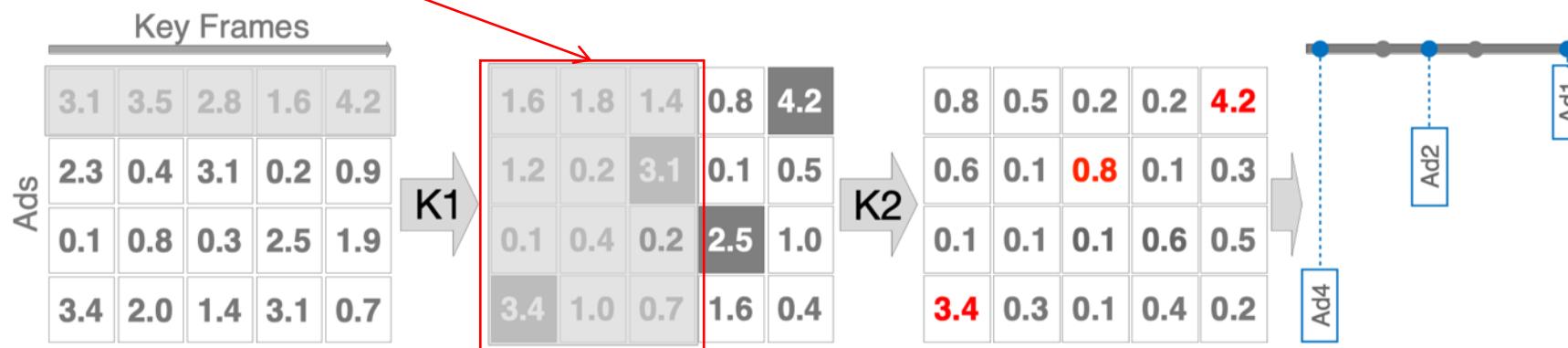
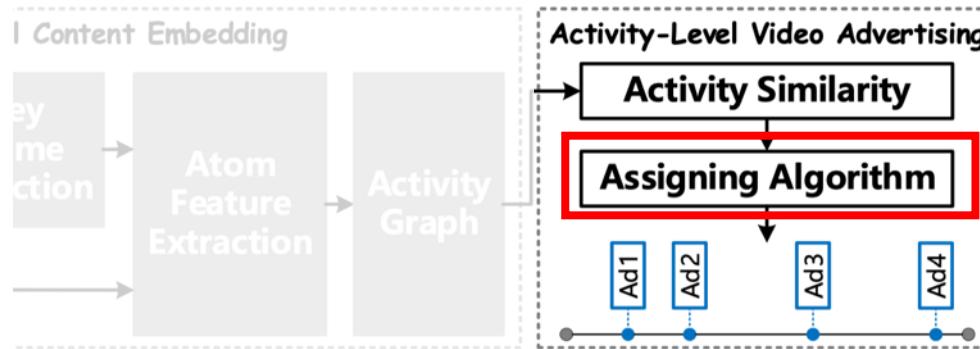
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K2: Avoiding successive ads within short interval.

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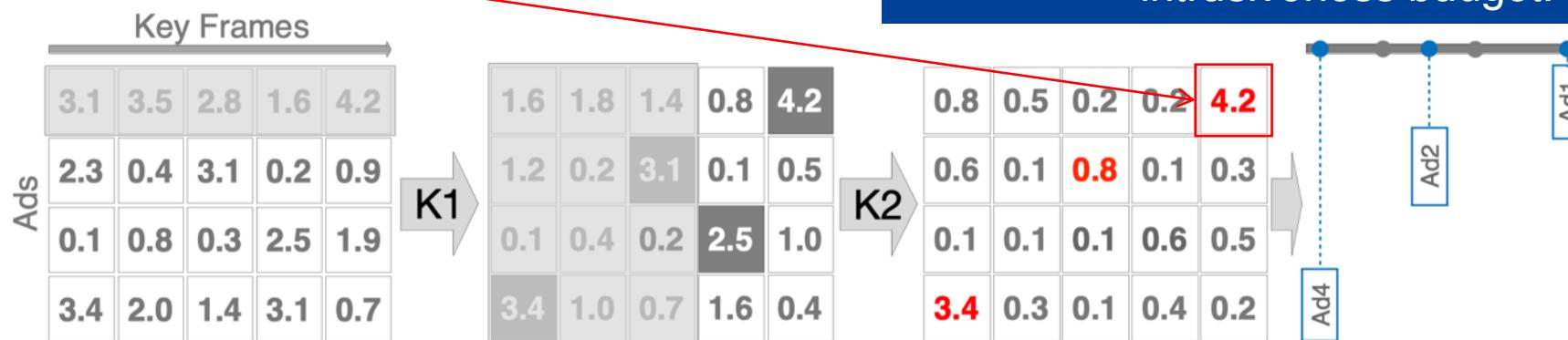
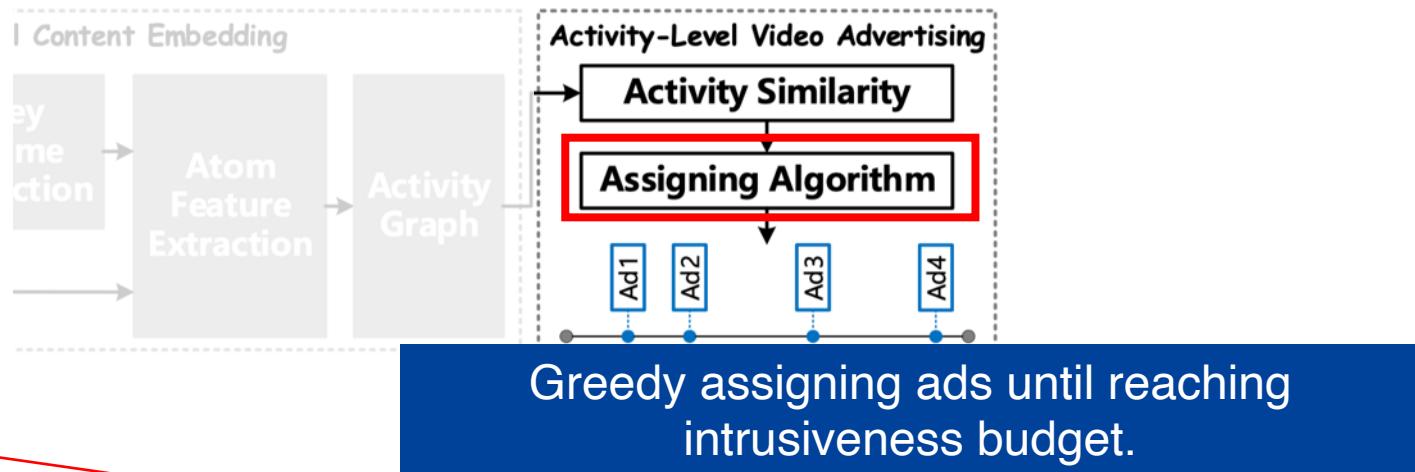
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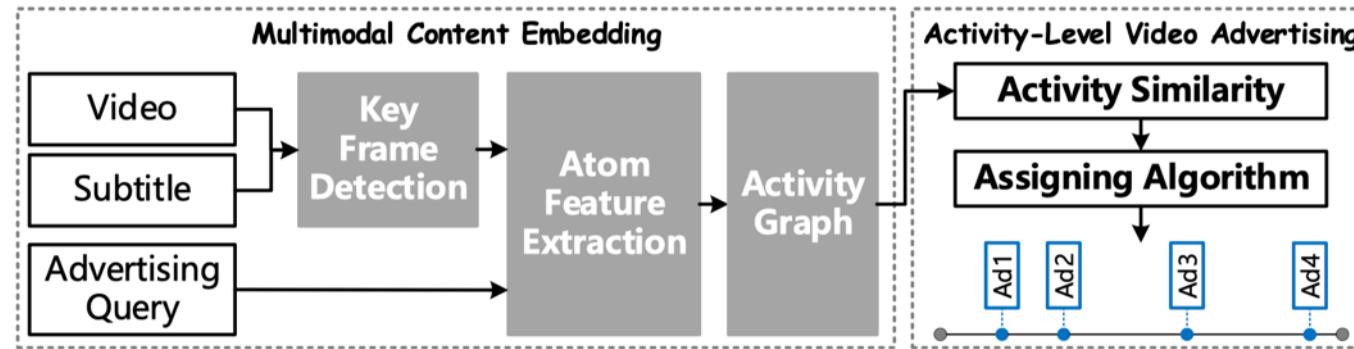


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## ActVA: Extensibility



No need for activity-level labelled training data.

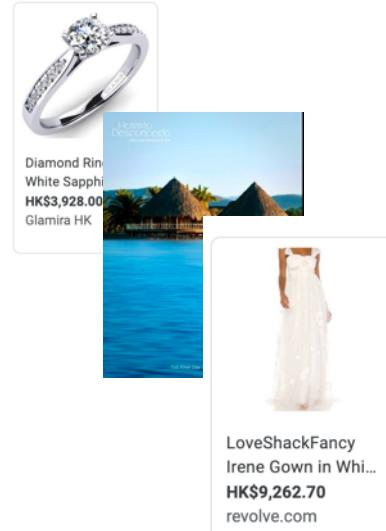
Video Data



&

Will you [marry] me?

Ads Query



Activity Graph Representation

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# Evaluation



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## Experiment Setup

140 Videos

100X



10X



30X

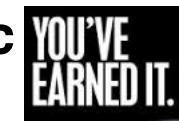


150 Real Ads Needs

Vehicle



Electronic



Food and Beverage



Cosmetic



Clothing



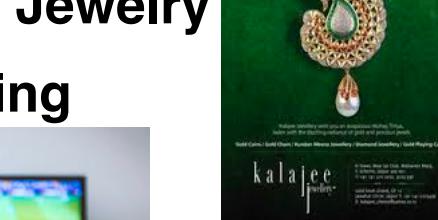
Estate Household



Sell Household Appliances  
[www.advertisingkit.com](http://www.advertisingkit.com)



beats headphones



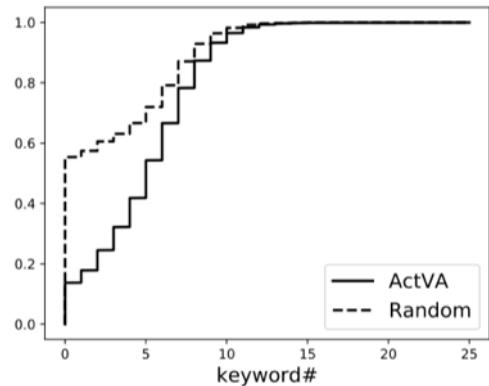
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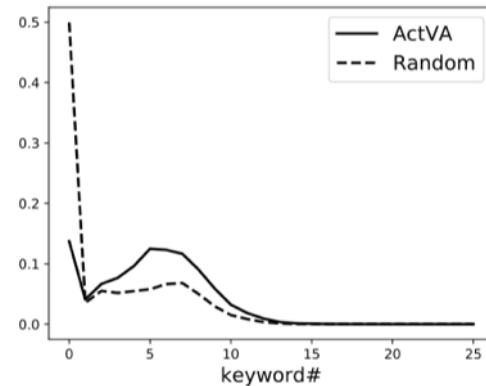
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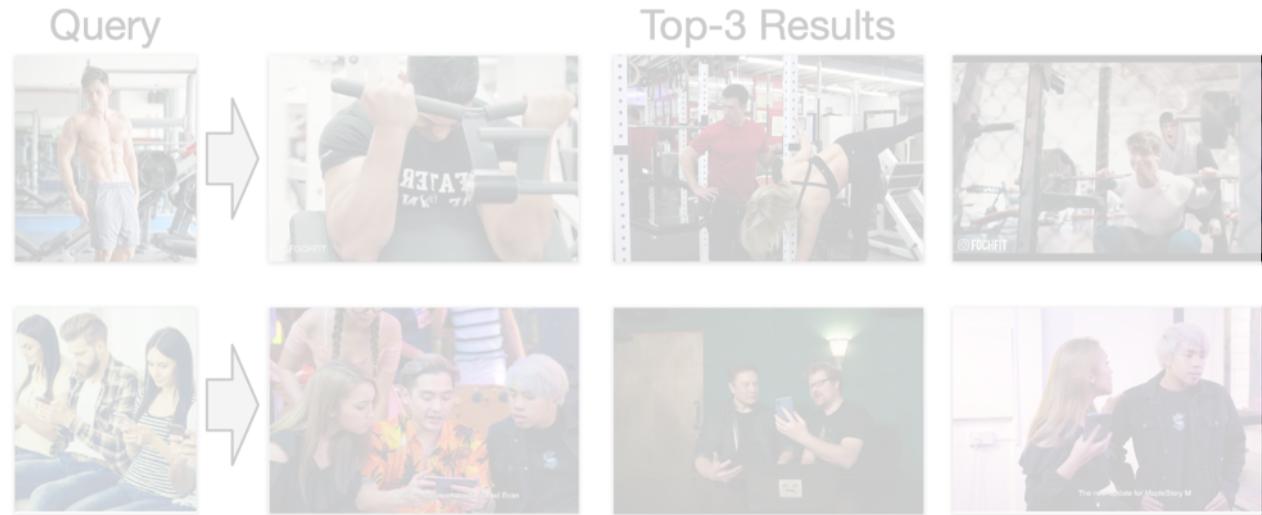
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(b) Keyword# distribution.



Richer Textual  
Information

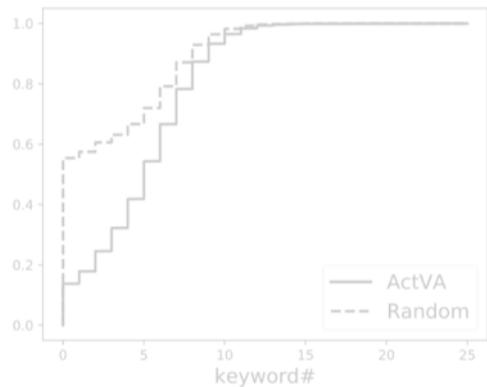
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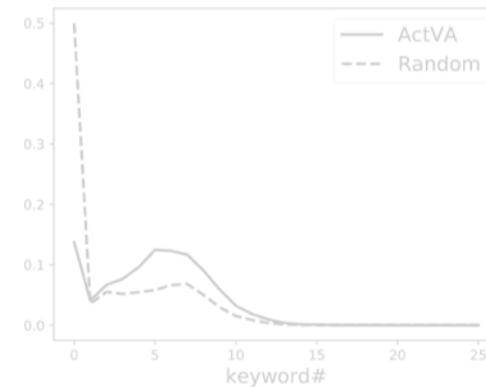


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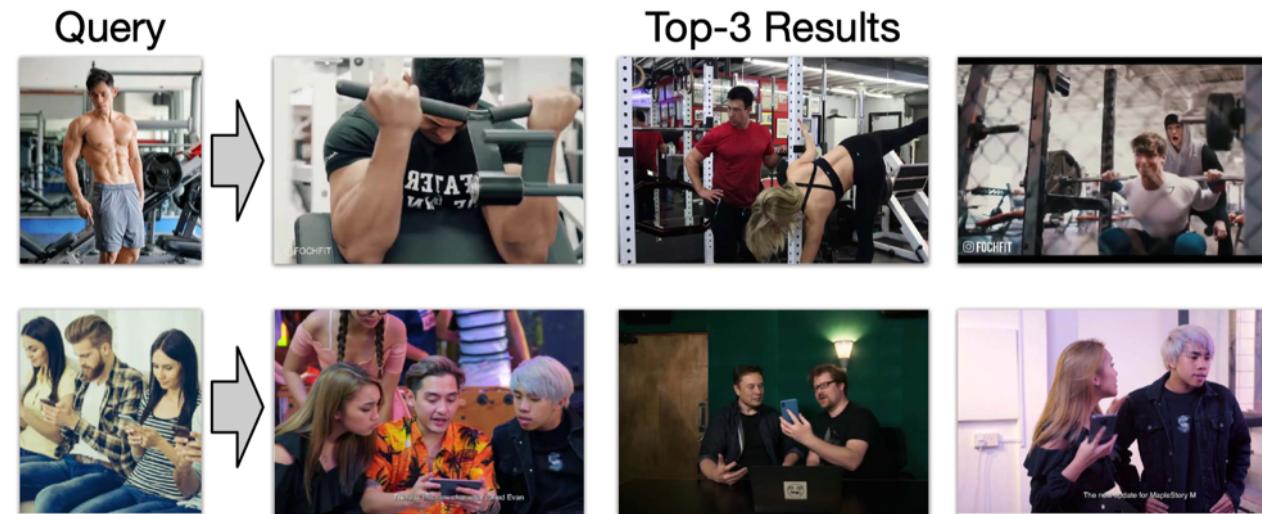
## Advertising Position Retrieval



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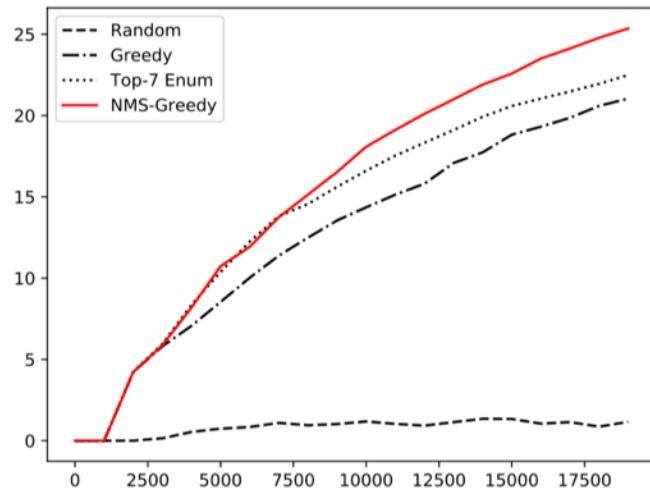
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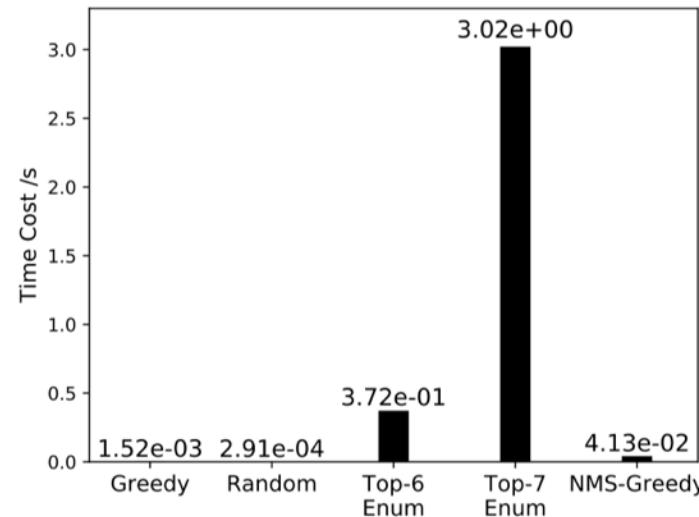
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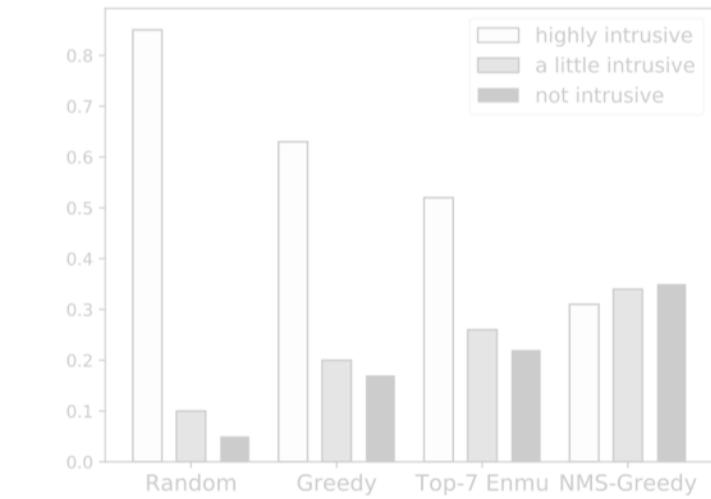
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Highest Value



(b) Average Time Cost

Low Cost



(c) Subject Intrusiveness Evaluation

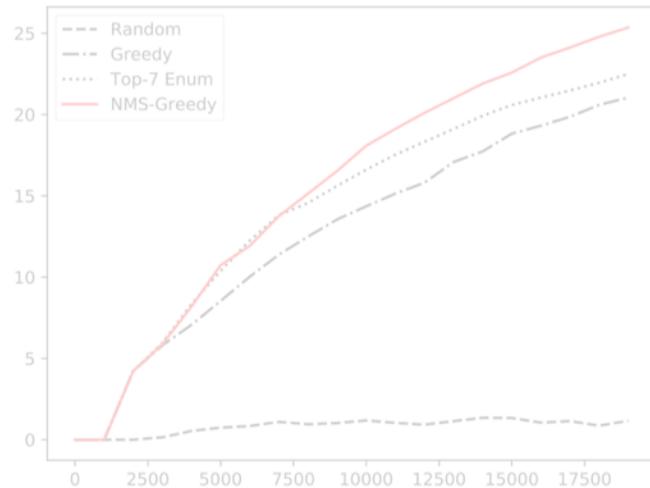
User Friendly

# Evaluation



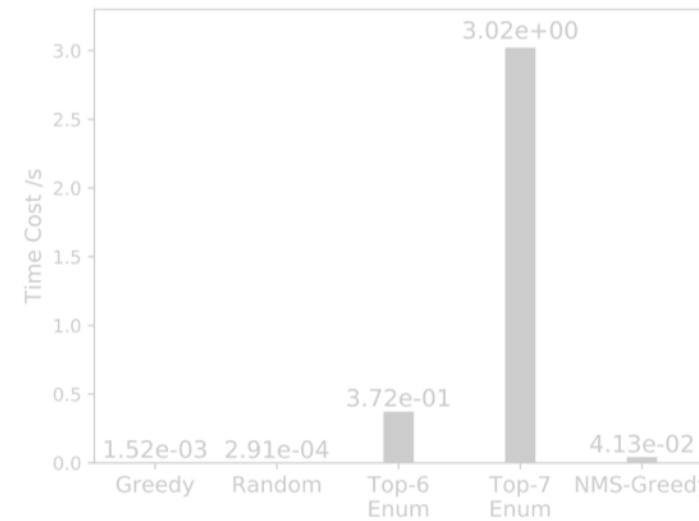
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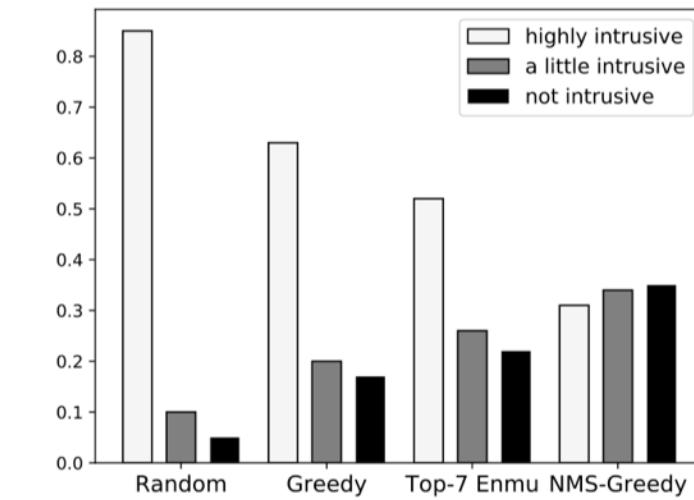
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# Take-Home Message



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Based on **atom features** and **activity-graph representation**, we can implement an efficient and scalable activity-level video advertising system.

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