

# Hypergraph Multi-modal Large Language Model: Exploiting EEG and Eye-tracking Modalities to Evaluate Heterogeneous Responses for Video Understanding

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## Abstract

Understanding of video creativity and content often varies among individuals, with differences in focal points and cognitive levels across different ages, experiences, and genders. There is currently a lack of research in this area, and most existing benchmarks suffer from several drawbacks: 1) a limited number of modalities and answers with restrictive length; 2) the content and scenarios within the videos are excessively monotonous, transmitting allegories and emotions that are overly simplistic. To bridge the gap to real-world applications, we introduce a large-scale *Subjective Response Indicators for Advertisement Videos dataset*, namely *SRI-ADV*. Specifically, we collected real changes in Electroencephalographic (EEG) and eye-tracking regions from different demographics while they viewed identical video content. Utilizing this multi-modal dataset, we developed tasks and protocols to analyze and evaluate the extent of cognitive understanding of video content among different users. Along with the dataset, we designed a *Hypergraph Multi-modal Large Language Model (HMLLM)* to explore the associations among different demographics, video elements, EEG and eye-tracking indicators. *HMLLM* could bridge semantic gaps across rich modalities and integrate information beyond different modalities to perform logical reasoning. Extensive experimental evaluations on *SRI-ADV* and other additional video-based generative performance benchmarks demonstrate the effectiveness of our method. The codes and dataset will be released at <https://github.com/mininglamp-MLLM/HMLLM>.

## 1. Introduction

With the advancement of Large Language Models (LLMs) [69] and Multi-modal Large Language Models [11, 31, 43,

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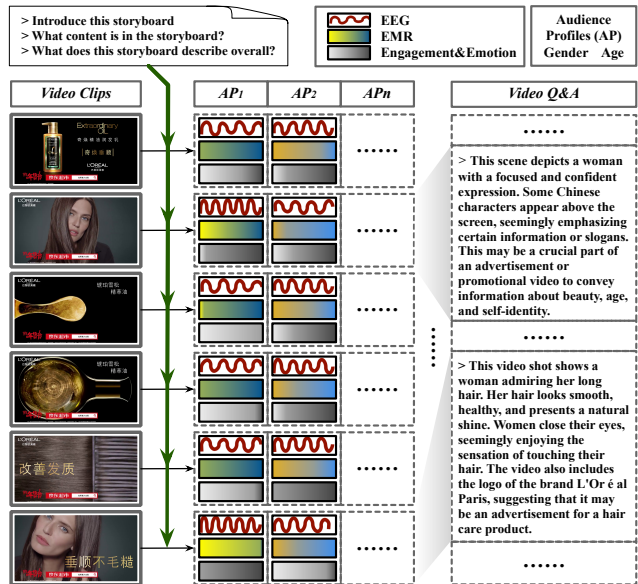


Figure 1. Our proposed Subjective Response Indicators for Advertisement Videos (SRI-ADV) dataset. Real-time signals captured by electroencephalographic (EEG) and eye-tracking devices reveal that Audience Profiles (AP) of varying genders and ages exhibit distinct engagements, emotions, and eye motion ratios (EMR) when exposed to various scenes and elements within the same advertisement video.

44], the field of video understanding has entered a new era. The advanced logical reasoning abilities of multi-modal LLMs facilitate a thorough analysis of explicit elements within videos. Moreover, these models can deduce the underlying implicit content of these explicit factors, leveraging the knowledge and experience acquired by LLMs. Existing benchmarks for video content question-and-answering, such as [30, 50, 72, 72, 76], provide a rich set of instruction labels. Alternatively, they exhibit several deficiencies as illustrated in Table 1: 1) the video content itself is overly simplistic, often only involving objective,

Table 1. Comparison of existing VideoQ&A datasets with ours (OE: open-ended, MC: multiple-choice, AP: Audience Profiles).

Datasets	Video source	Q&A generation	Q&A tasks	Modality	Videos	Q&A pairs	AvgAnsLen	MedScene
MSVD-QA [72]	MSVD	Auto	OE	Video	1,970	50,505	1.0	2
MSRVTT-QA [72]	MSRVTT	Auto	OE	Video	10,000	<b>243,680</b>	1.0	3
TGIF-QA [30]	TGIF	Auto&Human	OE & MC	Frame/Video	<b>56,720</b>	103,919	1.5	1
ActivityNet-QA [76]	ActivityNet	Human	OE	Video	5,800	58,000	1.3	7
Video-ChatGPT [50]	ActivityNet	Auto&Human	OE	Video	200	2,994	51.0	6
SRI-ADV-QA (ours)	Custom	Auto&Human	MC & OE	<b>Video/EEG/EMR/AP</b>	498	178,547	<b>99.6</b>	<b>11</b>

explicit factors, which does not support the exploration of deeper levels of video creativity and implicit factors. We utilize the **MedScene** metric to evaluate this issue, where **MedScene** denotes the median number of scene across all videos in the dataset. A higher number of scenes indicates greater complexity in video content; 2) the number of modalities included in these datasets are limited, generally confined to videos and frames; 3) the instruction labels concerning the length of answers are restricted to certain predetermined options, failing to assess the divergent and analytical abilities of LLMs. We utilize the **AvgAnsLen** to evaluate this issue, where **AvgAnsLen** represents the average text length of the answer portion across all Q&A pairs in the dataset. To address the issues mentioned above, we have prepared an extensive collection of content-rich advertisement videos, accompanied by a more comprehensive set of modality labels.

In the burgeoning field of cognitive neuroscience, the exploration of how individuals perceive and interpret video content has opened new avenues for understanding the intricate interplay between brain activity and media interaction [64]. Recent advancements in multi-modal data analysis have underscored the importance of leveraging diverse physiological signals to gain insights into the cognitive and emotional states of viewers [35]. Among these, Electroencephalographic (EEG) signals with their high temporal resolution, provide a direct measure of brain activity [56], capturing the nuanced and dynamic changes in cognitive states as individuals engage with video content. These signals embody the electrical manifestations of the brain’s complex neural dynamics, offering insights into the emotional and cognitive processes underpinning video content interpretation [55].

Inspired by the aforementioned context, we have utilized EEG and eye-tracking apparatus to collect and record the EEG and eye movement responses of individuals across various ages, genders, and professions while watching the same advertisement video. We aggregated this information into modality labels, introducing a novel, large-scale benchmark: the Subjective Response Indicators for Advertisement Videos dataset, namely **SRI-ADV**. As illustrated in Figure 1, our proposed dataset captures the subjective reactions of individuals watching videos through EEG and eye-tracking devices, fills the gaps in the video understand-

ing domain regarding the assessment of video appeal and implicit factors. How to effectively leveraging these multi-modal labels to uncover the latent associations among the modalities becomes the cornerstone for addressing deeper challenges in video understanding.

Graph-based methodologies exhibit superiority in exploring the associations among features, particularly hypergraphs, extending beyond traditional graph theory, offer a powerful framework for representing complex relationships in data [6]. In the context of video content analysis, hypergraphs can encapsulate the intricate associations among video elements, EEG signals, and eye-tracking data, allowing for the modeling of higher-order interactions that are not capturable through simple pairwise connections.

Utilizing the multi-modal information of the SRI-ADV dataset, coupled with the superiority of constructing associative features through hypergraph, we proposed a Hypergraph Multi-modal Large Language Model (**HMLLM**), integrating information from disparate modalities to perform logical reasoning and semantic analysis. By leveraging the rich information encoded in video content, along with EEG and eye-tracking data, HMLLM can bridge semantic gaps across modalities, offering a comprehensive understanding of the cognitive processes involved in video content interpretation.

The main contributions can be summarized as follows:

1. Introduction of a novel large-scale benchmark dataset: the Subjective Response Indicators for Advertisement Videos (SRI-ADV) dataset, a large-scale benchmark that captures real-time EEG and eye-tracking data from a diverse demographic while they watch advertisement videos. This dataset fills a significant gap in the field of video understanding by providing rich modality information and a comprehensive set of question-and-answer (Q&A) pairs that allow for the assessment of video creativity and implicit factors.
2. Development of the Hypergraph Multi-modal Large Language Model (HMLLM): we have developed a novel HMLLM that leverages the complex relationships among video elements, EEG signals, and eye-tracking data encapsulated in hypergraphs.
3. Extensive experimental evaluations demonstrating our method’s effectiveness: through rigorous experimental evaluations conducted on the SRI-ADV dataset and addi-

tional video Q&A datasets, we have demonstrated the effectiveness of our HMLLM.

## 2. Background

### 2.1. Video Understanding

Video understanding aims to create algorithms that allow machines to interpret videos with the same expertise as humans. Meanwhile, video emotion recognition [42][54][81] emphasizes the interplay between the emotions conveyed by the video and the viewer responses, collectively forming a critical component of video understanding. Most existing works focus on modeling objective and tangible visual properties of videos [16], particularly in action recognition [3, 7, 10, 17, 19, 20, 51, 58, 66, 68] and temporal action localization/detection [18, 46, 83]. However, the need for content recommendation systems has spurred research into subjective and intangible aspects (e.g. the appeal and memorability of content [14]), where various semantically rich information are considered [5, 13, 52, 82].

Compared with the above work, we present a new large-scale dataset filled with content-rich advertisement videos. This dataset includes a wider range of labels that cover both tangible and intangible aspects of content. Leveraging this dataset, we introduce an advanced hypergraph multi-modal large language model. This model is designed to simultaneously process various modalities, enabling it to conduct logical reasoning and perform in-depth semantic analysis of video content.

### 2.2. EEG-Based Emotion Recognition

Electroencephalography (EEG) signals provide detailed insights into brain activity related to emotions, offering spatial information on specific brain regions involved [8]. The Arousal-Valence model [57] is a key framework for classifying emotions along two dimensions. Xiaolin et al [60] explored various features to enhance the emotion recognition model. However, there’s a shift towards deep learning due to the limitations of machine learning. The dynamical graph convolutional neural network (DGCNN) [59] was proposed to learn discriminative EEG features and interrelationships among EEG channels. Some works have moved towards multi-modal learning for robust results in EEG signal recognition tasks, such as integrating physiological signals in the multi-modal framework to enhance emotion recognition accuracy [71] and employing proper windowing and channel selection to avoid relying on the full length of EEG and EOG signals for classification [9]. Furthermore, advancements in neuromorphic computing led to the use of Spiking Neural Networks (SNN) [49] for classifying spatiotemporal EEG data with lower computational requirements [33].

### 2.3. Multi-modal Large Language Models

Multi-modal Large Language Models (MLLMs), primarily serving as vision-language models, transform images or videos into texts. These models are mainly divided into two categories: traditional large-scale pretraining [37, 38, 65] and instruction tuning using pre-trained LLMs [47, 75, 84]. The first category comprises models that blend a visual encoder with a language model, either developed from scratch or based on pre-existing models, possibly including a trainable module to bridge the two modalities. Utilizing auto-regressive loss for text generation, these models are training on extensive image-text datasets, including image-text pairs [28, 37, 38, 65] and image-text sequence instances [2]. The second category, drawing inspiration from instruction-tuning techniques used in MLLMs [1, 53], incorporates instruction-following data to enhance MLLMs’ zero- and few-shot learning abilities [15, 47, 75, 84]. A notable example is LLaVA [47], which employs a simple projection matrix to link a pre-trained visual encoder with an LLM, focusing initially on pre-training for feature alignment before comprehensive end-to-end fine-tuning. Some other works extend to video understanding by connecting video encoders to MLLMs [39, 45, 74, 78]. In addition to models that focus on combining images or videos with text, there are projects that incorporate even more types of data, like speech, audio, and sensor information [25, 61, 70, 77].

### 2.4. Hypergraph Learning

A hypergraph includes vertices and hyperedges, where hyperedges can connect multiple vertices. This structure is more adaptable and effective for representing complex relationships in data than traditional graphs [24]. Methods for creating hypergraphs fall into two groups: explicit and implicit. Explicit methods directly use the data structure to form hyperedges, like connecting vertices with shared attributes [27, 32]. Implicit methods, however, infer hyperedges from data without clear high-order links, utilizing approaches based on distance [22] or representations [48, 67]. Unlike static structures, some methods allow for hypergraph structure optimization, adjusting it during the learning phase. This involves adaptively changing weights on hyperedges [23] or sub-hypergraphs [80] to improve learning outcomes. Recent advancements have introduced deep hypergraph representation learning, a new approach that mainly divides into spectral [21, 73] and spatial [4, 26] categories based on how hypergraph convolution operator is defined.

## 3. SRI-RAV Dataset

In this section, we present the Subjective Response Indicators for Advertisement Videos (SRI-ADV) dataset. The SRI-ADV dataset not only focuses on the Objectivity Task

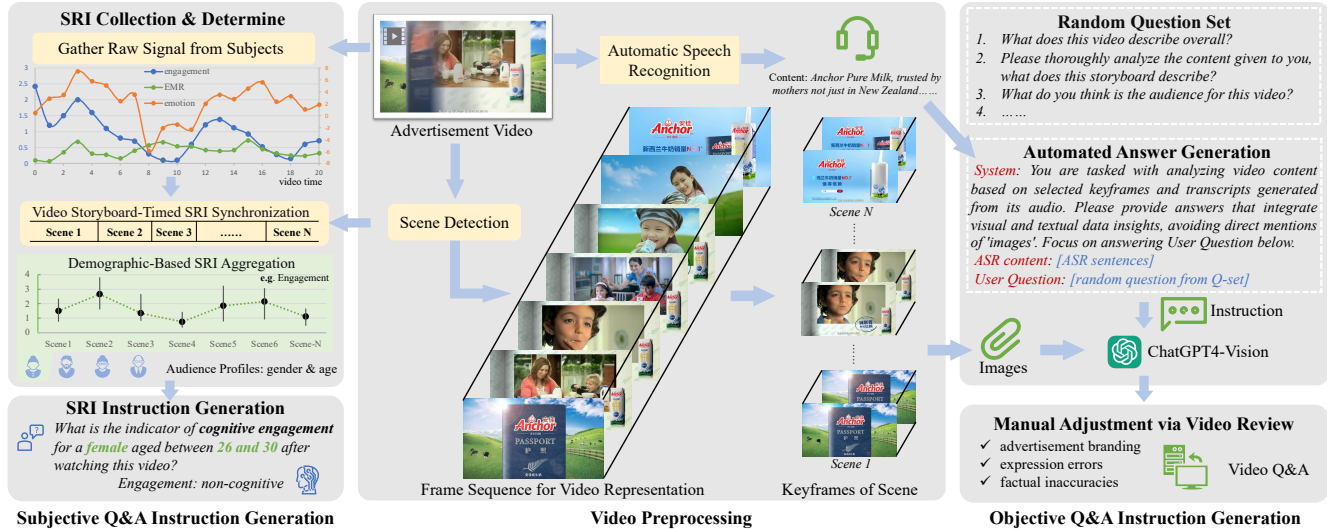


Figure 2. Generation pipeline of SRI-ADV dataset. The left side of this figure illustrates the process of SRI data collection, computation, and amalgamation. This involves acquiring raw signals from subjects, processing signals by video scenes, and pooling data from subjects with similar demographic profiles to obtain aggregated subjective response indicators and instruction for language models. The middle section depicts the video preprocessing with Frame Sequence for Video Representation (FSVR) by scene detection and Automatic Speech Recognition (ASR) for videos. On the right side, we present our proposed semi-automated video Q&A generation process, which leverages both video storyboarding from FSVR and dialogue text from ASR. This integration enriches video content comprehension, thereby facilitating both Subjectivity and Objectivity Tasks.

typically found in traditional video Q&A datasets but also meticulously collects subjective indices to enhance the richness. It encompasses a wide array of advertisement videos across different industries. To capture a diverse set of responses, we enlisted participants from various cities throughout Mainland China. These participants are equipped with EEG devices, enabling us to monitor their brainwave activities and eye motion ratios (EMR) in real-time while watching the advertisements. The collected data is subsequently analyzed to establish a benchmark for the classification of brainwave and EMR responses, which is elaborated in Sections 3.1 and 3.2.

Additionally, the SRI-ADV dataset includes an extensive video Q&A section to provide objective insights into the ads, facilitating model training and subjective index assessment. The task definition and protocol of our dataset are outlined in Section 3.3 and 3.4.

### 3.1. Frame Sequence for Video Representation

The SRI-ADV dataset features Chinese advertising videos from diverse fields such as food and beverages, household items, consumer electronics, cultural tourism, software, and automobiles. It comprises 498 curated landscape videos sourced from online platforms and TV commercial ads, each running for 15-30 seconds.

In this study, we introduce the Frame Sequence for Video Representation (**FSVR**) strategy to preprocess advertisement videos, as depicted in the middle part of Fig-

ure 2. We enhance the video scene sensitivity by integrating the AdaptiveDetector<sup>1</sup> for FSVR with specific parameters: `adaptive_threshold = 2`, `min_scene_len = 10`, `window_width = 2`. In the case of advertisement videos with frequent scene changes, the scene detection algorithm captures more information compared to average frame capture methods. Moreover, it is invaluable in minimizing redundant frames in videos primarily composed of static scenes.

By employing FSVR, we are able to deconstruct the temporal sequence of advertisement video frames, achieving capabilities including modality signal alignment, video content understanding, and semi-automated Q&A instruction generation.

### 3.2. Subjectivity: SRI Collection & Classification

We developed a sophisticated system for collecting subjective indicators. Each participant watches a series of advertisement videos using the device described in the appendix. During this process, we synchronously gather EEG and eye-tracking data, along with anonymized demographic details. Our study includes over 4,600 participants, ensuring a wide demographic representation. The diverse participant base spans white-collar workers, civil servants, students, and freelancers across various age groups and income brackets.

<sup>1</sup><https://www.scenedetect.com/>



The raw EEG signals are characterized by parameters such as  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2 \dots \beta_2, \beta_3$  [34, 36], which is detailed in the appendix. Given the unique demands of advertisement video analysis, we pinpointed two pivotal EEG metrics: engagement and emotion, as delineated by Equation 1 and Equation 2, respectively.

$$EN_t = (\beta_2 + \beta_3) / (\alpha_3 + \alpha_2 + \beta_2 + \beta_3), \quad (1)$$

$$EM_t = (\alpha_3 - \alpha_2) / (\alpha_3 + \alpha_2) \times 100, \quad (2)$$

where  $EN_t$  and  $EM_t$  represent the engagement and emotion of the individual user at the sampling moment, respectively. Furthermore, we tracked eye movement data, defining the Eye Movement Ratio ( $EMR_t$ ) as the proportion of time the participant’s gaze fixates on the display relative to the total video duration.

The SRI Collection & Determine workflow, depicted on the left of Figure 2, captures sub-second high-frequency raw signals data. To align with video content’s scene-based evolution, Video Storyboard-Timed SRI Synchronization was adopted, producing time-averaged and participant-specific SRIs. Demographic characteristics then grouped these SRIs into units of 5-20 same-gender participants with a maximum age difference of 5 years, such as {female, <20}, {male, 26-30}, and {female, 46-50}, as Demographic-Based SRI Aggregation in Equation 3.

$$\bar{X} = \frac{1}{P \cdot N} \sum_{i=1}^P \sum_{j=1}^N X_{p_i, t_j}, \forall p_i \in [AP], \forall t_j \in [t_1, t_2], \quad (3)$$

where  $X_{p_i, t_j}$  denotes the original Subjective Response Indicators such as  $EN_t$ ,  $EM_t$ , and  $EMR_t$ . Each indicator associated with discrete values for participant  $p_i$  at specific timestamps  $t_j$ , where  $t_j$  signifies the effective sampling moment instances within the video storyboard timeframe from FSVR in Section 3.1.

For quantitative analysis, we meticulously examined data distribution across various Audience Profile segments. Engagement was categorized into two groups using the Leuven Engagement Scale (LES) and its distribution. Emotion and EMR indicators, which followed normal distributions, were divided into three equal categories. For detailed data distribution, refer to the appendix. The SRI Instruction Generation protocol is detailed in Table 2.

### 3.3. Objectivity: Semi-automated Generation

In addition to subjective indicators from Audience Profiles, we developed a semi-automated annotation pipeline for ChatGPT4-Vision (GPT4V) to obtain Objective Video Q&A, depicted in Figure 2. Although GPT4V cannot process videos, it supports multiple consecutive key-frames simultaneously. Based on FSVR in Video Preprocessing, we extracted middle frames from each shot as key-frames that

Table 2. Task and Protocol of SRI-ADV Dataset. In Task1, Protocol1 (**P1**) targets a broad audience. Protocol2 (**P2**), based on P1, contains SRI to Audience Profiles.

Task Name	1. Subjectivity	2. Objectivity
<b>Eva. Form</b>	Multi-classification	Text generation
<b>Train Video</b>	426	426
<b>Test Video</b>	72	72
<b>Train Q&amp;A</b>	145,107	5762
<b>Test Protocol</b>	P1 P2	–
<b>Test Q&amp;A</b>	2,640 26,724	954

effectively represent the entire video. During each invocation of GPT4V to automatically generate answers, questions are selected randomly from the Random Question Set to enhance the diversity of Q&A sessions, along with providing ASR text and FSVR key-frames. Lastly, annotators were carefully selected to manually refine objective Q&A instruction from Automated Answer Generation, addressing issues like advertisement branding, expression errors, and factual inaccuracies.

### 3.4. Data Overview, Tasks and Protocols

Based on the processing presented in Sections 3.2 and 3.3, SRI-ADV is categorized into subjectivity and objectivity tasks. The subjectivity task examines the SRI, whereas the objectivity task is dedicated to the qualitative analysis of video content and audience perception. As shown in Table 2, we present the tasks, protocols, and instructions associated with the SRI-ADV dataset.

Task 1, entitled **Subjectivity**, is formulated as a classification task, aimed at examining the influence of video content and user characteristics on the SRI. We develop two experimental protocols to guide this investigation. The first protocol (**P1**) is designed to assess the SRI ability of a broad audience, involving the analysis of average responses across different videos. This approach is relatively straightforward. The second protocol (**P2**) introduces a layer of complexity by focusing on the SRI discernment of particular user demographics. This necessitates a comprehensive examination of how response patterns fluctuate among diverse user cohorts.

Task 2, designated as **Objectivity**, mirrors the video Q&A tasks prevalent in prior datasets, as described in Section 3.3. Building on the method outlined in [50], this study conducts a supervised analysis of the answers generated, assessing their accuracy and allocating scores. This approach is designed to objectively ascertain the narrative coherence of the advertisement content and its efficacy in captivating the target audiences.

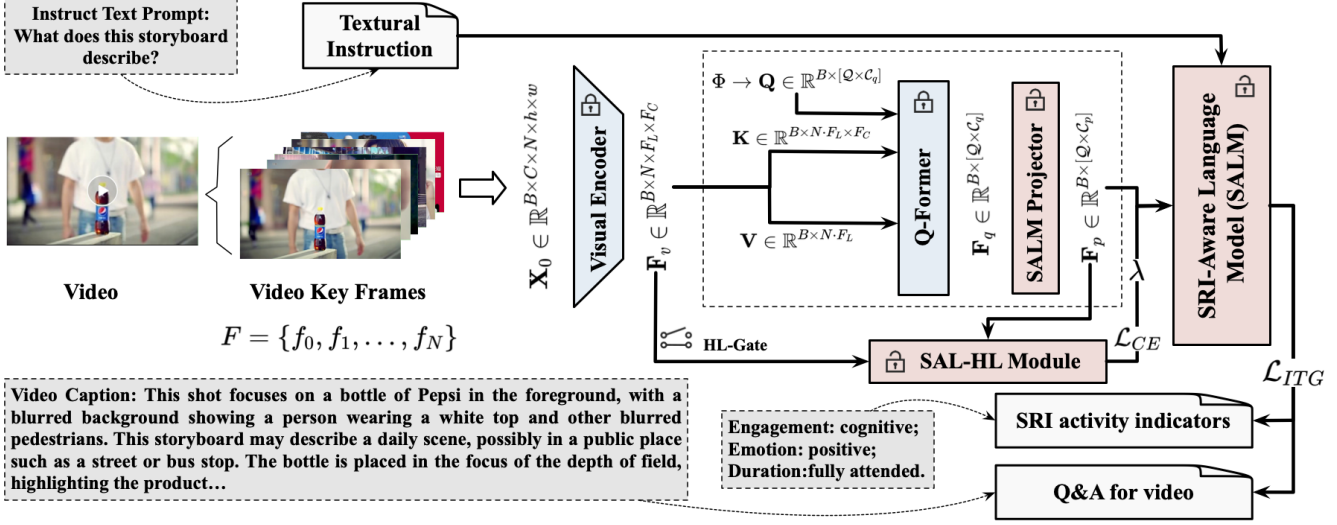


Figure 3. Overview of the Hypergraph Multi-modal Large Language Model (HMLLM). The architecture comprises a suite of pre-trained models, including a “Visual Encoder”, “Q-Former”, and the “SRI-Aware Language Model (SALM)”, which are initially frozen and subsequently fine-tuned through strategic training procedures. More importantly, our model incorporates a designed “SRI-Aware Language Hypergraph Learning (SAL-HL)” module that is trained de novo via a combined loss function. During inference, the HMLLM generates SRI and Q&A responses tailored to the video content, thereby providing a deeper level of engagement and comprehension.

## 4. Method

This section elaborates on the Hypergraph Multi-modal Large Language Model (HMLLM), an approach designed to intelligently process video clips and textual prompts for generating contextually relevant text, including Subjective Response Indicators (SRI). Central to our methodology are several key components as depicted in Figure 3: Visual Encoder, Query Former (Q-Former), SALM Projector, SRI-Aware Language Model (SALM), and SAL-HL Module. All components mentioned above synergistically orchestrated across two primary phases: SALM Warm-Up and SAL-HL Fine-Tuning, as depicted in our model architecture (refer to Figure 3). The pseudocode in the appendix illustrates the detailed training process.

### 4.1. SALM Warm Up

We begin by detailing the initial stage. The approach ingests brief video clips and corresponding textual prompts, extracting key frames from the videos using a predefined, static extraction strategy, which can be either random or uniformly distributed. These key frames are represented as  $F = \{f_0, f_1, \dots, f_N\}$ , with  $N$  signifying the number of extracted frames. These key frames are then pre-processed to form the initial data matrix, denoted by  $X_0 \in \mathbb{R}^{B \times C \times N \times h \times w}$ , where  $B$ ,  $C$ ,  $N$ ,  $h$ , and  $w$  correspond to the batch size, color channels (RGB), the number of keyframes, and the resized dimensions of the frames, respectively. The initial data matrix  $X_0$  is fed into a pre-trained visual encoder to yield initial visual representations, expressed as

$F_v \in \mathbb{R}^{B \times N \times F_L \times F_C}$ , with  $F_L$  and  $F_C$  representing the length and channels of features, respectively.

During the first training phase, the “Hypergraph Learning Gate (HL-Gate)” remains inactive while the Q-Former and SALM are warmed up. The visual features  $F_v$  are then input into the frozen Q-Former as the Key ( $K \in \mathbb{R}^{B \times (N \times F_L) \times F_C}$ ) and Value ( $V \in \mathbb{R}^{B \times (N \times F_L)}$ ) for the attention mechanism. The Query in the Q-Former is initialized as either a random or null set, represented by  $Q \in \mathbb{R}^{B \times (Q \times C_q)}$ , where  $Q \times C_q$  are the predefined hyperparameters for the length and channels of the query. Subsequently, we introduce an “SALM Projector”, a multi-layer perceptron that follows the Q-Former, capable of reshaping the data and introducing additional learning parameters into the model. The output of projector is denoted as  $F_p \in \mathbb{R}^{B \times (Q \times C_p)}$ , with  $C_p$  being another predefined hyperparameter. The SRI-Aware Language Model (SALM) is then engaged, taking the output of the SALM Projector ( $F_p$ ) and the corresponding textual instructions as inputs during the initial warm-up training stage. The SALM is trained using the Image-grounded Text Generation (ITG) loss function [38] ( $\mathcal{L}_{ITG}$ ), which instructs the Q-Former to generate text conditioned on the input images. The goal of the ITG loss is to minimize the difference between the generated caption  $\hat{Y}_{qa} \leftarrow \text{SALM}(F_p, T)$  and the ground-truth caption  $Y_{gt}$ . This is typically achieved using a cross-entropy loss computed over the words or tokens in the caption. The

ITG loss function can be mathematically represented as:

$$\mathcal{L}_{ITG} = - \sum \left( \log \mathbb{P}(\mathbf{Y}_{gt_i} | \mathbf{Y}_{gt_1}, \dots, \mathbf{Y}_{gt_{i-1}}, \mathbf{F}_v) \right) \quad (4)$$

where  $\mathbb{P}(\mathbf{Y}_{gt_i} | \mathbf{Y}_{gt_1}, \dots, \mathbf{Y}_{gt_{i-1}}, \mathbf{F}_v)$  denotes the probability of generating the  $i$ -th word in the caption given the previous words and the visual features extracted from the image. The summation encompasses all words or tokens in the ground-truth caption.

In our approach, we integrate specific strategies from BLIP2 [38] to address the limitation of Q-Former architecture on direct interactions between the image encoder and text tokens. Following the aforementioned training procedure, the SALM Projector and SALM are adequately warmed up, preparing them for subsequent fine-tuning optimization.

## 4.2. SAL-HL Fine-tune

In the subsequent fine-tuning phase, the hypergraph learning gate (HL-Gate) is activated, and the hypergraph learning module (SAL-HL) undergoes training in tandem with the fine-tuning of the SRI-Aware Language Model (SALM). As delineated in Figure 3, the SAL-HL module receives the initial visual features ( $\mathbf{F}_v$ ) and the representations of the projected frames ( $\mathbf{F}_p$ ) produced by the warmed SALM Projector as inputs.

The SAL-HL module initiates the process by merging these two feature sets (i.e.,  $\mathbf{F}_p, \mathbf{F}_v$ ) and then pooling them to generate frame-level representations ( $\mathbf{F}_{frame.level}$ ). This process is formulated as:

$$\mathbf{F}_{frame.level} = \text{Pool}(\text{Feature\_Mixer}(\mathbf{F}_p, \mathbf{F}_v)). \quad (5)$$

The *Feature Mixer* denotes the mixing operation between two feature matrices, which can be implemented as a multi-layer perceptron (MLP). Each frame, denoted as  $f_i$  for  $i \in [0, N]$ , is considered a vertex ( $\mathcal{V}$ ) within the hypergraph structure ( $\mathcal{G}$ ), which facilitates the establishment of high-order relationships among the frames. The construction of the hypergraph entails the application of a clustering algorithm that links frames with similar latent visual features. After constructing the hypergraph, we proceed to train the Hypergraph Neural Network (HGNN) [21] in parallel with the Structured Attention Layer Mechanism (SALM). This process is mathematically formulated as follows:

$$\tilde{\mathcal{Y}}_{sri} = \sigma \left( \mathbf{D}_v^{-1/2} \mathbf{H} \mathbf{W} \mathbf{D}_e^{-1} \mathbf{H}^\top \mathbf{D}_v^{-1/2} \cdot \mathbf{F}_{frame.level} \cdot \Theta \right), \quad (6)$$

where  $\tilde{\mathcal{Y}}_{sri}$  represents the predicted output from the SALM-enhanced HGNN, and  $\sigma$  denotes a non-linear activation function, which introduces the necessary non-linearity into the model for capturing complex patterns.  $\mathbf{D}_e \in \mathbb{R}^{E \times E}$ ,

$\mathbf{D}_v \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N}$ , and  $\mathbf{W} \in \mathbb{R}^{E \times E}$  denote the diagonal degree matrix of hyperedges, the degree matrix of vertices, and weight matrix of hyperedges, respectively.  $\mathbf{H} \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times E}$  signifies the incidence matrix that connects hyperedges to their constituent vertices.  $\sigma(\cdot)$  denotes the nonlinear activation function (e.g., LeakyReLU( $\cdot$ )).  $\Theta$  is a diagonal matrix representing the learnable parameters updated by the *Cross-Entropy* loss function in the fine-tuning loop. It functions similarly to a multilayer perceptron (MLP) layer. Finally,  $\mathbf{F}_{frame.level}$  represents the input feature vectors associated with the vertices of the hypergraph. By employing this formulation, we effectively leverage the structural complexity of the hypergraph to enhance the learning capabilities of the HGNN, enabling it to capture and utilize the intricate relationships inherent within the data. This joint training regimen integrates two loss functions: the Cross-Entropy loss ( $\mathcal{L}_{CE}$ ) and the Image-grounded Text Generation (ITG) loss from the prior stage. The combined loss function is expressed as:

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{ITG} + \lambda \cdot \mathcal{L}_{CE}, \quad (7)$$

where  $\lambda$  is a hyperparameter that balances the influence of the Cross-Entropy loss and the ITG loss on the overall optimization process. This composite loss function ensures that the model not only generates text that is grounded in the visual content but also adheres to the learned high-order relationships within the hypergraph structure. This enhances the model’s capability to capture intricate interactions and dependencies among video frames.

## 5. Experiment

**Metrics.** In our study, the Subjectivity Task of SRI-ADV is structured in a multiple-choice question (MC) format. To evaluate its performance, we employ Accuracy (Acc) and F1 score as our metrics. For the zero-shot evaluation of the Subjectivity Task, we have devised a unique prompt, with detailed information provided in the appendix. The subsequent task, named Objectivity, involves open-ended (OE) text generation. For its evaluation, we introduce evaluation measures [50] based on assessments using GPT-3.5 Turbo.

**Implementation Details.** We employ UMT-L [41] as the visual encoder and Vicuna-7B-v0 [12] as the base model for the SRI-Aware Language Model (SALM). Following the methodology of BLIP2 [38], QFormer is configured with 64 queries. Throughout both the inference and training phases, we adhere to the FSVR strategy detailed in Section 3.1, which involves representing each video with 8 key frames. Further details of hypergraph construction can be found in the appendix.

Table 3. Results of different models on Subjectivity task (Engagement, Emotion, and EMR Duration). Using the Frame Sequence for Video Representation (FSVR) strategy is denoted by a "△".

Models	Protocol	Settings	Engagement (2 classes)		Emotion (3 classes)		EMR Duration (3 classes)	
			Acc	F1	Acc	F1	Acc	F1
Random	P1	—	50.44	49.93	32.30	26.26	35.01	32.10
	P2	—	50.14	50.00	33.13	33.03	33.52	33.18
GPT4V <sup>△</sup> [1]	P1	Zero-shot	58.57	71.95	52.46	50.67	49.94	53.43
	P2	Zero-shot	45.62	61.53	36.40	43.65	39.39	47.04
Gemini-pro-vision <sup>△</sup> [63]	P1	Zero-shot	59.89	73.70	17.66	20.00	46.40	47.96
	P2	Zero-shot	46.16	63.31	30.56	43.10	36.20	43.96
Video-LLaVA [45]	P1	Zero-shot	60.06	74.50	61.39	71.30	45.26	57.48
	P2	Zero-shot	46.38	61.38	31.04	42.71	31.56	49.30
Video-LLaVA [45]	P1	Finetune	66.29	66.85	72.33	81.94	61.05	61.80
	P2	Finetune	52.58	52.69	38.62	44.72	41.28	50.84
Video-Chat2 [40]	P1	Finetune	75.34	76.95	71.36	75.78	57.39	60.80
	P2	Finetune	60.06	60.02	39.66	40.24	44.06	45.51
HMLLM (Ours)	P1	Finetune	<b>78.41</b>	<b>79.26</b>	<b>78.41</b>	<b>84.83</b>	<b>62.05</b>	<b>62.43</b>
	P2	Finetune	<b>64.43</b>	<b>64.65</b>	<b>43.20</b>	<b>48.84</b>	<b>51.96</b>	<b>56.24</b>

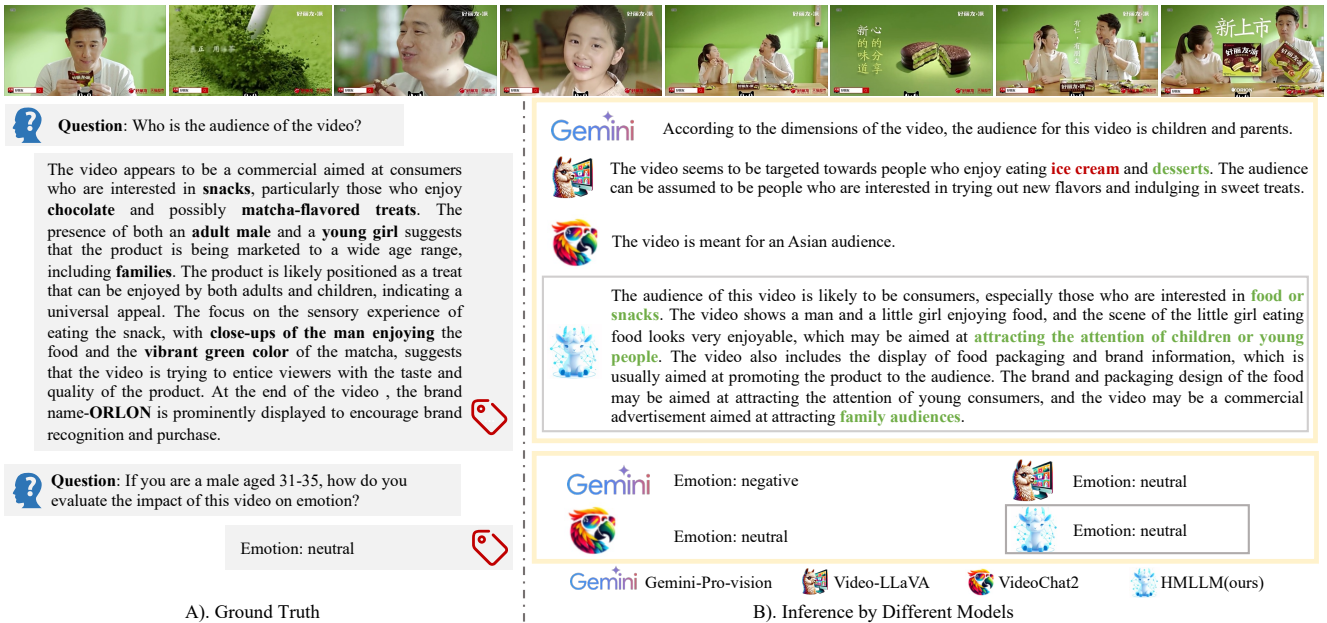


Figure 4. Qualitative analysis of SRI-ADV. Green signifies accurate descriptions, while red denotes incorrect responses.

## 5.1. Intra Testing

### 5.1.1 Intra Testing on SRI-ADV

As described in Section 3.4, we have designed two tasks on the collected SRI-ADV dataset, namely Subjectivity and Objectivity.

**Subjectivity task.** In this task, two protocols are encompassed, *i.e.*, P1, and P2. As shown in Table 3, we present our proposed method HMLLM alongside those from renowned MLLMs such as Gemini-pro-vision, GPT4V, Video-LLaVA, and Video-Chat2. The results, observed

from top to bottom, indicate:

1) For zero-shot inference, GPT4V and Video-LLaVA significantly outperformed the random across-the-board. Gemini-pro-vision underperformed the Random baseline in predicting the accuracy of Engagement and Emotion. Video-Chat2’s failure to follow instructions made it difficult to obtain meaningful results. The settings and prompts of zero-shot inference can be found in the appendix.

2) Upon fine-tuning the models with the SRI-ADV dataset, we observed notable improvements in performance for both Video-LLaVA and Video-Chat2 across both P1 and P2, compared to their initial zero-shot configurations.



Table 4. Comparative performance of different models on the Objectivity task. Using the FSVR strategy is denoted by a "△". The underline of GPT4V denotes the upper bound. We compute the Accuracy (Acc) and VideoChatGPT-Score (Score) [50] of the proposed method HMLLM and other compared state-of-the-art methods on testing data.

Models	Settings	Acc	Score [50]
GPT4V <sup>△</sup>	Zero-shot	<u>84.80</u>	<u>3.99</u>
Gemini-pro-vision <sup>△</sup>	Zero-shot	27.15	2.35
Video-LLaVA [45]	Zero-shot	15.20	2.06
Video-Chat2 [40]	Zero-shot	21.80	2.11
Video-LLaVA [45]	Finetune	44.76	3.03
Video-Chat2 [40]	Finetune	49.27	3.12
<b>HMLLM (Ours)</b>	Finetune	<b>50.52</b>	<b>3.13</b>

Table 5. Results of video conversation benchmark [50]. CI: Correctness of Information, DO: Detail Orientation, CU: Contextual Understanding, TU: Temporal Understanding, C: Consistency.

Models	CI	DO	CU	TU	C	Avg.
Video LLaMA [78]	1.96	2.18	2.16	1.82	1.79	1.98
Video Chat [39]	2.23	2.50	2.53	1.94	2.24	2.29
LLaMA Adapter [79]	2.03	2.32	2.30	1.98	2.15	2.16
Video-ChatGPT [50]	2.40	2.52	2.62	1.98	2.37	2.38
Video-Chat2 [40]	3.02	<b>2.88</b>	3.51	<b>2.66</b>	2.81	2.98
<b>HMLLM (Ours)</b>	<b>3.12</b>	2.86	<b>3.52</b>	2.61	<b>2.91</b>	<b>2.99</b>

Table 6. Results of  $\lambda$  on Procotol2 of the Subjectivity Task.

$\lambda$	Engagement		Emotion		EMR	
	ACC	F1	ACC	F1	ACC	F1
<b>0.0</b>	60.06	60.02	39.66	40.24	44.06	45.51
<b>0.05</b>	62.69	63.66	42.62	42.46	52.22	54.78
<b>0.1</b>	<b>64.43</b>	<b>64.65</b>	<b>43.20</b>	<b>48.84</b>	<b>51.96</b>	<b>56.24</b>
<b>0.2</b>	62.38	63.28	38.06	39.79	50.57	50.56
<b>0.5</b>	60.86	60.83	40.17	42.34	50.89	52.47

Moreover, our proposed HMLLM demonstrated the most substantial advancements, consistently outperforming other state-of-the-art methods across all evaluated metrics and protocols.

In detail, within Protocol 1, HMLLM surpassed the leading benchmarks in the categories of Engagement (2 classes), Emotion (3 classes), and EMR Duration (3 classes). The improvements were remarkable, showing enhancements in (accuracy, F1) scores by (3.07, 2.31), (6.08, 2.89), and (1.00, 0.63), respectively. These results underscored the efficacy of our method in accurately capturing and analyzing both engagement and emotional dynamics, as well as predicting EMR duration with high precision. For Protocol 2, the superiority of HMLLM is equally evident. Again, it outshined the best-existing benchmarks in Engagement (2 classes), Emotion (3 classes), and EMR Duration (3 classes), with enhancements in (accuracy, F1) scores by

(4.37, 1.34), (3.54, 4.12), and (7.90, 5.40), respectively. These findings highlight the robustness and adaptability of our model across different protocols, further establishing its potential for widespread applicability in real-world scenarios.

**Objectivity Task.** In the exploration of the objectivity task, as detailed in Section 3.3, we meticulously refined the ground truth (GT) by manually correcting annotations initially provided by GPT4V. This meticulous process contributed to the notably high zero-shot inference capabilities observed for GPT4V. Given that Gemini-pro-vision and GPT4V inherently lack support for video inputs, we integrated Frame Sequence Video Representation (FSVR) technology to bridge this gap. This adaptation endowed both models with the ability to process video inputs, thus expanding their applicability across a wider range of tasks. As shown in Table 4, GTP4V became the upper bound in a zero-shot setting because we semi-automatically utilized it for labeling, as described in Section 3.3. When the narrative shifts upon the fine-tuning of our models with the SRI-ADV dataset. Both Video-LLaVA and Video-Chat2 showcased substantial enhancements in their performance metrics, surpassing their initial zero-shot configurations. This improvement highlights the transformative impact of targeted training on model efficacy. Notably, our proposed HMLLM method emerged as a formidable contender, eclipsing other models in performance across the board. Specifically, HMLLM outperformed the best baseline, Video-Chat2, in terms of accuracy and the Score [50] by 1.25 and 0.01, respectively.

The results not only validate the effectiveness of fine-tuning with the SRI-ADV dataset but also emphasize that our HMLLM method sets a new benchmark in model performance.

### 5.1.2 Intra Testing on Video Conversation Benchmark

To further validate the performance of HMLLM, we conducted experiments on other video-based generative performance benchmarks. Following the setup of Video-ChatGPT[50], we present the performance of our proposed HMLLM, detailed in the last row of Table 5. Experimental results demonstrate that the HMLLM effectively enhances both Contextual Understanding and Consistency. Given the HMLLM did not overemphasize temporal details, a slight decrease in Temporal Understanding was observed.

## 5.2. Ablation Study

**Effect of  $\lambda$ .** In the course of training HMLLM, a series of ablation studies were carried out on the  $\lambda$  in Equation 7, the results of which are detailed in Table 6. The integration of the SAL-HL Module significantly bolstered the model’s proficiency in capturing subjective metrics, culmi-

nating in optimal performance at a  $\lambda$  value of 0.1. Beyond this threshold, any further increase in  $\lambda$  resulted in a slight decrease in performance, likely due to an overemphasis on SAL-HL features at the expense of the SALM’s inferential capabilities. Despite this, HMLLM consistently surpasses the baseline model ( $\lambda = 0.0$ ) in terms of inference strength, demonstrating the beneficial impact of the hypergraph integration on the model’s overall performance.

### 5.3. Analysis and Visualization

We further present a qualitative comparison in Figure 6. HMLLM demonstrates an enhanced ability to generate longer and more comprehensive responses for Objectivity Tasks. This improvement can be attributed to the longer average context length of our dataset, which facilitates a deeper understanding of video content by enabling detailed analysis of advertising plots and visual elements. More detailed qualitative analyses are available in the appendix.

## 6. Conclusion

In this paper, we released a large-scale SRI-ADV dataset with two challenging tasks. We hope it will push cutting-edge research in video understanding. Besides, we proposed a novel HMLLM approach that enhances the language model by constructing a hypergraph feature space across modalities, thereby providing semantically richer associative features. Finally, we conducted a comprehensive set of experiments on both SRI-ADV and other video-based generative datasets, verifying the significance of the proposed dataset and method.

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## A. Analysis of EEG Raw Signal

Electroencephalography (EEG) stands as a pivotal method for recording the electrical activity of the brain. This is achieved through the placement of electrodes across the scalp, shown in Figure 5, to detect electrical signals from neurons. These signals are instrumental in delineating the brain’s activity patterns across various cognitive states, providing deep insights into how the brain orchestrates complex psychological emotions and cognitive processes.

EEG signals are characterized by multiple frequency bands, among which Alpha and Beta waves are paramount, each corresponding to distinct functional states of the brain [34, 36, 62]. We categorize different EEG bands according to the following frequency definitions:

- Alpha Waves (8–13 Hz) are emblematic of the brain’s state of relaxation and idleness. They are further categorized into three sub-bands based on their frequency range. 1) Alpha1 (8–8.9 Hz): This band is predominant when an individual is in a relaxed state with closed eyes, marking the onset of relaxation. 2) Alpha2 (9–10.9 Hz): These waves are more pronounced when the individual is relaxed yet maintains a level of alertness. 3) Alpha3 (11–12.9 Hz): This band appears as the brain relaxes further while remaining somewhat awake.
- Beta waves (13–30 Hz) are integral to the brain’s alertness, focused attention, and cognitive processing. 1) Beta1 (13–18 Hz): Associated with mild cognitive activities and focused attention, like reading or simple thought processes. 2) Beta2 (18–22 Hz): These waves intensify during complex cognitive tasks such as problem-solving and decision-making. 3) Beta3 (22–30 Hz): This range signifies highly focused attention and rapid cognitive processing, indicative of active information processing.

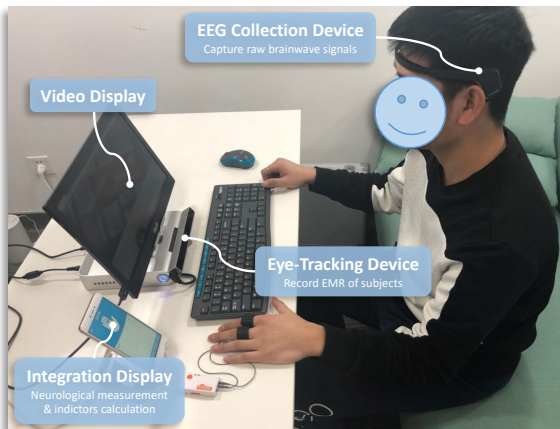


Figure 5. Equipment for Collecting Subjective Responses of SRI-ADV dataset. During data acquisition, participants wear an EEG Device, facing a Video Display, with an Eye-Tracking Device below to monitor gaze. Video durations and subjective responses are recorded on an Integration Display for analysis.

Table 7. Categories & Distribution of Subjectivity Task

Task	Engagement	Emotion	EMR
Cls-1	non-cognitive [0, 1) prop. 55.0%	negative ( $-\infty, -6$ ) prop. 29.7%	not attended [0, 0.45) prop. 29.3%
Cls-2	cognitive [1, $+\infty$ ) prop. 45.0%	neutral ( $-6, 6$ ) prop. 39.0%	partially attended [0.45, 0.6) prop. 41.6%
Cls-3	–	positive ( $6, +\infty$ ) prop. 31.2%	fully attended [0.6, $+\infty$ ) prop. 29.0%
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In this research, we analyze EEG signals and eye movement metrics to capture authentic subjective feedback from diverse demographic groups in response to advertisements. The SRI-ADV dataset, derived from raw signals and specific frequency bands, aids in improving the understanding of videos, especially those related to advertising.

## B. Data distribution of Subjectivity Task in SRI-ADV

We initiate our analysis by performing a comprehensive histogram distribution assessment of Engagement, Emotion, and EMR indicators, anchored to Audience Profiles benchmarks. As delineated in Table 7, the concluding row graphically encapsulates the distribution of each evaluated SRI. The table’s initial three rows delineate each category’s designation, value range, and the proportion of data attributed to the corresponding category. For instance, the Engagement indicator is bifurcated into two categories: the first, termed “non-cognitive,” spans a value range from 0 to 1 (non-inclusive), with 55.0% of observations classified under this category.

Leveraging the statistical insights derived, we proceed to discretize the extant SRI values into distinct categories, thereby facilitating the structuring of the Subjectivity Task associated with SRI-ADV.

## C. Method Algorithm and Training Hyperparameters

We introduce the Hypergraph Multimodal Large Language Model (HMLLM), a novel approach designed to integrate and process multi-modal data, taking into full account both subjective and objective elements to comprehend advertising videos. Our training procedure is detailed in Algorithm 1. The method is grounded in the utilization of hypergraphs and large language model to effectively handle complex relationships within and across modalities.

We divide the training process into the following stages and adapt appropriate training hyperparameters, as shown in Table 8.

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**Algorithm 1: HMLLM: Hypergraph Multi-modal Large Language Model**

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**Input** : Video Key Frames  $F = \{f_0, f_1, \dots, f_N\}$ ,  
Textual Prompts  $T$ ,  
Ground Truth  $\mathbf{Y}_{gt}$ ,  
Warm Up Epoch  $E_0$ ,  
Fine-tune Epoch  $E_1$ ,

**Initialization:**  $\mathbf{X}_0 \leftarrow \text{Pre\_process}(F_v)$   
 $\mathbf{F}_v \leftarrow \text{Visual\_Encoder}(\mathbf{X}_0)$   
 $\text{SALM} \leftarrow \text{Initialize\_SALM}(\mathbf{F}_v, T)$   
 $\text{HL-Gate} \leftarrow \text{OFF}$   
 $\mathbf{Q} \leftarrow \text{Initialize\_Query}()$

// Stage I: SALM Warm Up

- 1 for  $i \leftarrow 1$  to  $E_0$  do
- 2    $\mathbf{K}, \mathbf{V} \leftarrow \text{QFormer}(\mathbf{F}_v)$
- 3    $\mathbf{F}_p \leftarrow \text{SALM\_Projector}(\mathbf{F}_v, \mathbf{K}, \mathbf{V})$
- 4    $\text{SALM} \leftarrow \text{SALM\_Train}(\text{SALM}, \mathbf{F}_p, T)$
- 5    $\tilde{\mathcal{Y}}_{qa} \leftarrow \text{SALM}(\mathbf{F}_p, T)$
- 6    $\mathcal{L}_{ITG} \leftarrow \text{ITG\_Loss}(\tilde{\mathcal{Y}}_{qa}, \mathbf{Y}_{gt})$
- 7    $\text{SALM\_Optimizer}(\mathcal{L}_{ITG})$

// Stage II: SAL-HL Fine-tuning

- 8  $\text{HL-Gate} \leftarrow \text{SRI\_Contained}(T)$  // Set  
HL-Gate ON.
- 9 for  $i \leftarrow 1$  to  $E_1$  do
- 10    $\mathbf{F}_{pv} \leftarrow \text{Feature\_Mixer}(\mathbf{F}_p, \mathbf{F}_v)$
- 11    $\mathbf{F}_{frame.level} \leftarrow \text{Pool}(\mathbf{F}_{pv})$
- 12    $\mathcal{G} \leftarrow \text{Construct\_Hypergraph}(\mathbf{F}_{frame.level}, \mathcal{R})$
- 13    $\tilde{\mathcal{Y}}_{sri} \leftarrow \text{HGNN}(\mathcal{G}, \mathbf{F}_{frame.level})$
- 14    $\mathcal{L}_{CE} \leftarrow \text{Cross\_Entropy}(\tilde{\mathcal{Y}}_{sri}, \mathcal{Y}_{sri})$   
//  $\mathcal{L}_{ITG}$  is obtained same with  
the stage I
- 15    $\mathcal{L} \leftarrow \text{Combined\_Loss}(\mathcal{L}_{ITG}, \mathcal{L}_{CE}, \lambda)$
- 16    $\text{Joint\_Optimizer}(\text{SALM}, \text{HGNN}, \mathcal{L})$

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### C.1. Initialization for Model Parameters

The process begins with the extraction of key frames from the input video, which are then pre-processed to standardize the input format. These initial visual features are encoded using a visual encoder, producing a set of feature vectors. Simultaneously, textual prompts are prepared for processing. A query set is initialized, marking the starting point for our model’s learning process.

### C.2. Stage I: SALM Warm Up

Stage I is dedicated to the training of the SRI-Aware Language Model (SALM), with the goal of enhancing its capabilities in language generation and reasoning inference. In this stage, visual features are converted into key-value pairs using a query-former mechanism, essential for the attention processes. These features are then fed through the SALM projector, which enriches the model’s understanding by integrating textual prompts.

The training of SALM spans 10 epochs, as detailed in Table 8, with a particular focus on minimizing the Image-Text Grounding (ITG) loss. This step is crucial for ensuring that the model’s outputs are in alignment with the ground truth, thereby optimizing performance.

### C.3. Stage II: SAL-HL Fine-tuning

Stage II shifts the focus to fine-tuning the SRI-Aware Language Hypergraph Learning (SAL-HL) component, with the objective of enhancing the model’s capability to mimic the subjective perceptual capacities of the brain. After completing the initial warm-up phase, the model enters the fine-tuning stage, marked by the activation of the Hypergraph Learning (HL) gate. This process enriches the model’s multi-modal context by combining these features into a pooled frame-level representation. This representation then forms the foundation for constructing a hypergraph that captures the intricate interconnections among data points.

Following the construction of the hypergraph, a Hypergraph Neural Network (HGNN) is employed to process the hypergraph structure, allowing the model to leverage the complex connections present within the data. The output generated by the HGNN is fine-tuned using Cross-Entropy loss along with the Image-Text Grounding (ITG) loss emphasized during the warm-up phase. This amalgamation of loss functions serves as a directive for the optimization process, targeting both the SRI-Aware Language Model (SALM) and the HGNN components. This strategic approach ensures a unified and coherent learning experience throughout the two distinct stages of the model’s training, fostering a comprehensive understanding and adaptation to the intricacies of the data.

Following [40], we incorporate Low-Rank Adaptation (LoRA) [29] modules into the SALM with a configuration of rank 16, an alpha value of 32, and a dropout rate of 0.1 during Stage II. Within the HGNN, it is imperative to adjust the input based on pooled frame-level representation, setting the Number of Vertices and Hyperedges to  $8 \times 98$  and the Channel of Vertex Representation to 1024. For the hypergraph’s internal configuration, we adhere to the commonly used settings as illustrated in the Table 8, ensuring a balance between training effectiveness and model size.

Table 8. Training Hyperparameters for different stages.

config	Stage1	Stage2
	SALM Warm Up	SAL-HL Fine-tune
input frame	8	
input resolution	224	
max text length	512	
optimizer	AdamW	
optimizer momentum	$\beta_1, \beta_2 = 0.9, 0.999$	
weight decay	0.02	
learning rate schedule	cosine decay	
learning rate	1e-4	2e-5
batch size	128	64
warmup epochs	0.5	1
total epochs	10	20
$\lambda$ of $\mathcal{L}$	0	0.1
augmentation	flip, MultiScaleCrop [0.5, 1]	
Vertices number of Hypergraph	-	8*98
Hyperedges number of Hypergraph	-	8*98
Channel of Vertex representation	-	1024
K of hypergraph construction	-	3, 4, 5
Average out-degree of vertices	-	12.5
In-degree of hyperedges	-	3, 4, 5

#### C.4. Summary

HMLLM stands as a comprehensive framework that leverages the strengths of hypergraph structures and multi-modal data integration. Through its two-stage training process, it achieves a deep understanding of the relationships within and across modalities, paving the way for advanced applications in multi-modal data processing and generation.

#### D. Computational Complexity and Resource Utilization of HMLLM

We have recorded the training time on eight A100 GPUs, each with 40GB of memory, and the inference time on a single A100 GPU with the same specifications. Our proposed HMLLM is generally on par with other models supporting video multi-modalities in terms of parameter count, training time, and inference time.

Table 9. Comparative Analysis of Model Parameters

Model	Video-Chat2	HMLLM (Ours)
Total Parameters (Billions)	7.2	7.2
Training Time (H/Epoch)	13.5	14.3
Inference Time (s/Video)	6.2	6.2
ACC on Task2	49.27	50.52

#### E. Zero-shot Prompt for Subjectivity Task

For the subjectivity task, we conducted Zero-shot inference on commercial and open-source models. During this pro-

cess, we tested various Prompts<sup>2 3</sup> to enable reasoning by the language models. The Prompts we selected are as follows.

*As an AI model simulating EEG indicator analysis, your task is to systematically evaluate a user's feelings after viewing video or frames content using the provided EEG indicators: Cognitive Engagement (CE), Emotional Recognition (ER), and Eye Movement Ratio (EMR).*

*Effective analysis requires detailed video content information themes, narrative structure, visual and auditory elements and viewer attributes, including age, gender, preferences, and experiences. You will integrate the EEG indicators' definitions and probabilities to deduce the viewer's cognitive engagement, emotional response, and attention level.*

*This involves assessing how video elements may attract or repel the viewer, grounded in psychological principles and media consumption research. But you don't need to output the reasoning process, only the final result.*

##### 1. Cognitive Engagement (CE) Definitions:

- A. Non-Cognition:(55% probability)The viewer shows minimal interest or understanding, resulting in low EEG activity.

- B. Cognition:(45% probability)The viewer understands and relates to the video, evidenced by increased EEG activity.

##### 2. Emotional Recognition (ER) Definitions:

- A. Negative:(30% probability)Dislikes certain video elements (e.g., conflict, unappealing objects).

- B. Neutral:(40% probability)Feels indifferent towards the video content (e.g., mundane tasks).

- C. Positive:(30% probability)Experiences enjoyment or excitement (e.g., appealing scenes).

##### 3. Eye Movement Ratio (EMR) Definitions:

- A. Not Attended:(30% probability)Viewing ratio  $\leq 0.45$ , possibly due to unattractive visuals or cognitive dissonance.

- B. Partially Attended:(40% probability)Viewing ratio between 0.45 and 0.6, suggesting some attractive elements.

- C. Fully Attended:(30% probability)Viewing ratio  $> 0.6$ , indicating high appeal and mood enhancement.

*Please ensure your analysis follows this format with no additional output:*

CE: B;

ER: B;

EMR: C

<sup>2</sup><https://clickup.com/blog/ai-prompt-templates/>

<sup>3</sup><https://www.zdnet.com/article/how-to-write-better-chatgpt-prompts-in-5-steps/>





**Question:** What does this video describe overall?

This video usually appears in the context of family and warm atmosphere, and may describe a warm scene of a family during winter, especially during **new years or holidays**. The video may showcase emotional communication among family members, such as the interaction between children and parents, grandmother and granddaughter, and the happy moments of family gatherings. The presentation of the product (possibly **milk or dairy products**) indicates that the video may be a **commercial advertisement** aimed at conveying the connection between the product and family health and happiness. The tail of the video may display the product brand and New Year's greetings, giving people a warm and peaceful feeling. The entire video may emphasize the warmth of family reunion and the joy of holiday moments.

**Question:** Please assess the engagement indicator after watching the video.

Engagement: cognitive

**Question:** If you are a **male aged 36 to 40**, how would your EMR duration change after watching this video?

EMR duration: fully attended

**Question:** After watching the video, what sort of trend may emerge in a **31 to 35-year-old woman's** EMR duration?

EMR duration: partially attended

**Gemini** This video shows a young boy looking out his window at the snow falling. He is smiling and appears to be happy. The video is set in a rural area, and the boy is wearing a traditional Chinese outfit. The video is likely intended to **evoke a sense of nostalgia and happiness**.

This video showcases a family enjoying a **snowy** day together, with scenes of a boy drinking **milk**, a woman drinking from a carton, and a man and woman drinking from a glass. The video also features a family enjoying a meal together at a table.

This video depicts a **celebration** of a holiday.

This video looks like a **commercial advertisement**. The video may showcase different scenes of a family enjoying **milk**, emphasizing the importance of milk in family life and the joy of family gatherings. The video may also include scenes of family members celebrating holidays or special occasions, such as the **New Year**, and may include product displays and brand information. Overall, the video aims to convey the **warmth** of family, the joy of holiday celebrations, and the role of milk in enhancing these beautiful moments.

	Engagement: cognitive		Engagement: non-cognitive
	Engagement: cognitive		Engagement: cognitive
	EMR duration: partially attended		EMR duration: partially attended
	EMR duration: fully attended		EMR duration: fully attended
	EMR duration: partially attended		EMR duration: partially attended
	EMR duration: fully attended		EMR duration: partially attended



**Question:** What is the main audience for this video advertisement?

This video seems to be an **advertisement** that uses a comparison between a motorcycle rider and a desert camel, as well as some dramatic filming techniques, to attract the audience's attention. The motorcycle rider in the video seems to be exploring and traveling in a harsh desert environment. Finally, the advertisement showcases the product - a bottle of **functional beverage**, combined with slogans and visual elements - to convey that the product can enhance the endurance and physical function of motorcycle riders in extreme challenging environments, supporting users to achieve better results. Overall, this advertisement aims to showcase the advantages and characteristics of its product by highlighting themes of **adventure and endurance**.

**Question:** In terms of 31 to 35-year-old women, what is the typical performance they exhibit in the area of emotion post-video viewing?

emotion: neutral

**Gemini** Based on the video's dimensions, the main audience for this video advertisement is likely to be people who are **interested in traveling to or learning about the Gobi Desert**. The video is shot in a documentary style, and it provides a lot of information about the camels and the people who live in the desert. The video is also very visually appealing, and it is likely to make viewers want to learn more about the Gobi Desert.

The main audience for this video advertisement is likely people who enjoy adventure and exploration, as well as those who appreciate the beauty of nature and the thrill of **traveling on a motorcycle**. The video showcases the excitement and freedom of exploring the world on a motorcycle, and the adrenaline rush of traveling through different terrains.

The primary target audience for this advertisement is the Chinese audience.

This video advertisement is mainly aimed at outdoor adventure enthusiasts. The video shows a motorcycle rider and a camel, as well as a close-up of a bottle of product, which may be a **beverage or energy drink**. The video may emphasize the **vitality and adventure** of the product, and may be promoting a certain energy drink or other beverage that can provide energy or is related to motorcycle riding. The video may also emphasize the connection between the product and the lifestyle of motorcycle riders, aiming to attract this target audience.

	emotion: neutral		emotion: neutral
	emotion: positive		emotion: neutral

**Gemini** Gemini-Pro-vision Video-LLaVA VideoChat2 HMLLM(ours)

A). Ground Truth B). Inference by Different Models

Figure 6. More qualitative analysis of SRI-ADV. Green signifies accurate descriptions, while red denotes incorrect or hallucinatory responses.

Finally, analyze the specified question without ex- traneous , focusing on the indicators' specific index

*based on probabilities.*

{[The Question in Test Set]}

It is worth noting that to prevent the model from overfitting to specific choices, we randomized the options and tested them three times, taking the average result as the conclusive outcome.

## **F. Visualization and Qualitative Analysis**

In the realm of advertising, the use of metaphors, scenic portrayals, and related content is prevalent. Our SRI-ADV dataset is meticulously crafted to support both subjective and objective analyses, thereby offering a comprehensive understanding of video advertising content. It uniquely bridges the gap between these analyses, with objective comprehension bolstering subjective interpretation. This fusion enables the exploration of qualitative aspects such as Engagement, Emotion, and Eye Movement Ratio (EMR) across various demographics.

As shown in Figure 6, Part A showcases the SRI-ADV’s ground truth, distinguished by its detailed annotations and extensive response lengths. Meanwhile, Part B delineates a comparative analysis among the outputs generated by the Gemini-Pro-vision, Video-LLaVA, and VideoChat2 models against our HMLLM.

For instance, an energy drink advertisement as shown in the bottom of Figure 6, HMLLM uniquely captures both the overt (a motorcycle rider and a camel) and the covert (the product’s essence of vitality and adventure) elements of the advertisement. This comprehensive analysis extends to the advertisement’s main audience, design principles, visual narratives, and product attributes, showcasing our model’s superior capability in extracting and interpreting complex thematic elements.