



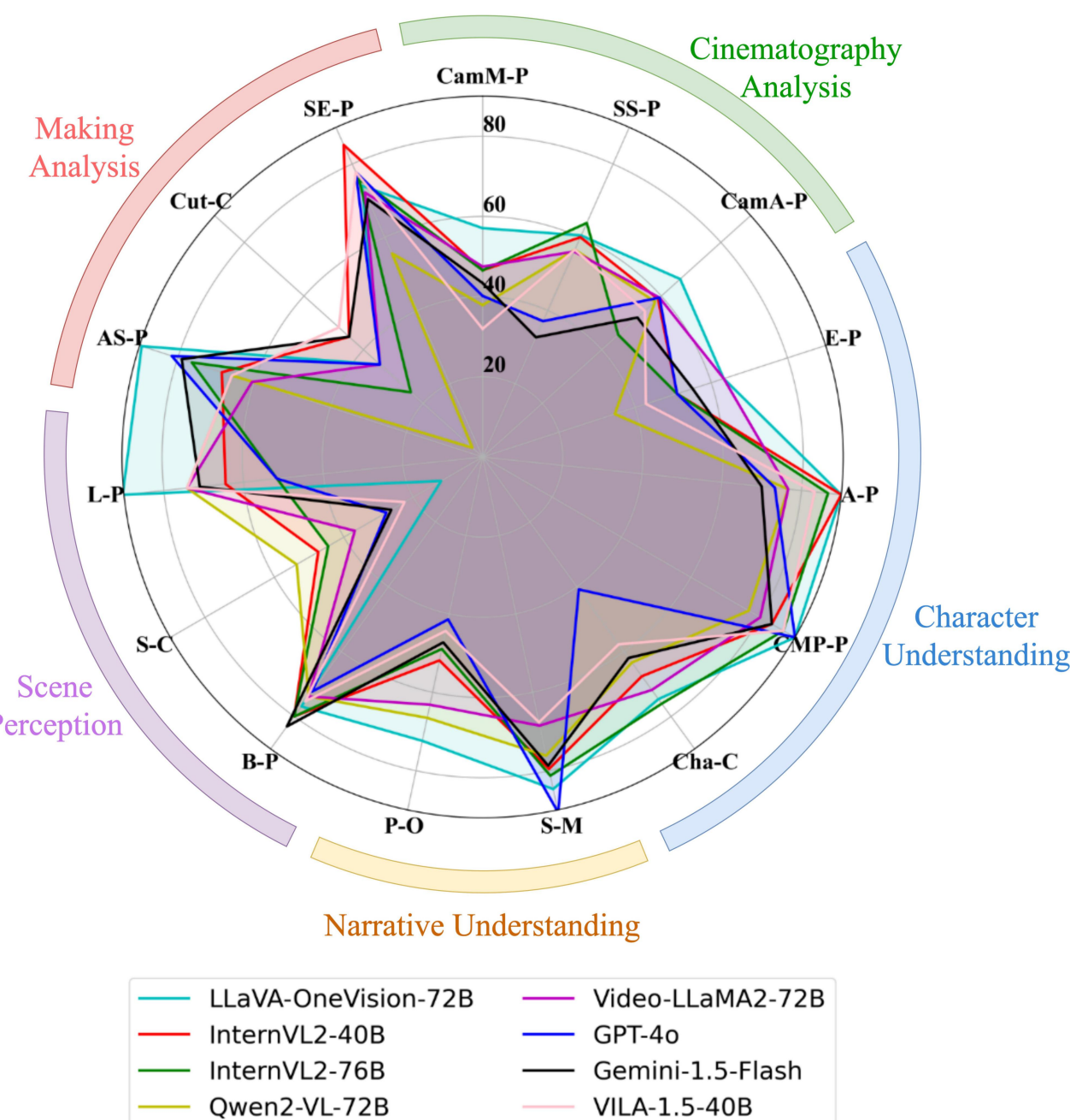
VidComposition: Can MLLMs Analyze Compositions in Compiled Video?

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Introduction

- We introduce VidComposition, a novel and high-quality benchmark for evaluating fine-grained video composition understanding in MLLMs.
- We comprehensively evaluate 33 MLLMs for video understanding with VidComposition. The results show the challenging nature of VidComposition and the substantial gap between MLLMs' and humans' capabilities in video composition understanding.
- We analyze the critical factors that influence the performance of MLLMs systematically, providing potential directions for model improvement and future advancements.

Benchmark	I/V	#Data	#Task	Compositional QA	Compiled Videos	Fine-Grained	Anno.
Winoground [49]	I	400	8	✓	-	✓	M
MME [11]	I	1.1k	14	✓	-	✓	M
MMBench [34]	I	1.7k	20	✓	-	✓	A+M
MMComposition [17]	I	4.3k	13	✓	-	✓	M
MSVD-QA [55]	V	504	5	✓	✓	✓	A
MSRVT-QA [55]	V	2.9k	5	✓	✓	✓	A
TGIF-QA [19]	V	9.6k	4	✓	✓	✓	A
TVQA [22]	V	2.2k	8	✓	✓	✓	A+M
ActivityNet-QA [59]	V	5.8k	4	✓	✓	✓	M
NExT-QA [54]	V	1k	8	✓	✓	✓	A
AutoEval-Video [6]	V	327	9	✓	✓	✓	A+M
Video-Bench [41]	V	5.9k	10	✓	✓	✓	A+M
LVBench [51]	V	500	6	✓	✓	✓	M
MVBench [26]	V	3.6k	20	✓	✓	✓	A+M
MovieChat-1k [45]	V	100	8	✓	✓	✓	M
TempCompass [33]	V	410	4	✓	✓	✓	M
Video-MME [13]	V	900	12	✓	✓	✓	M
VidComposition	V	982	15	✓	✓	✓	M



Cinematography Analysis

What kind of movements of camera are shown in this video?

A. zoom in, pan left B. pan right, pan down C. zoom out, pan left D. static shot, pan up

① Camera Movement Perception

Can you list the different camera angles shown in the video? ③ Camera Angle

A. low angle, bird's eye view B. low angle, worm's eye view C. bird's eye view, high angle D. low angle, over-shoulder

Character Understanding

Identify the emotion shown in the video. ④ Emotion Perception

A. fear B. sad C. surprise D. happiness

What actions can be seen in the video? ⑤ Action Perception

A. driving a vehicle B. running C. talking to someone D. all of the above

What kind of cloth is present in the video? ⑥ CMP (Costume, Makeup, and Props) Perception

A. coat B. skirt C. cargo pant D. caftan

Which kind of prop exists in the video?

A. hammer B. vehicle C. gun D. map

How many characters can be seen in the video?

A. 10 B. 4 C. 6 D. 12

⑦ Character Counting

Narrative Understanding

Which script corresponds with this video?

A. James looked angry at Anna in the submarine for ... B. A few days later, Rex's funeral was held ... C. Anna tried to open the safe and retrieve the nanomites bomb ... D. The Doctor orders his men to destroy the ice ...

⑧ Script Matching

(1) A Cobra troop attacked Duke, but Ripcord arrived and saved him. (2) Cobra troops destroyed the drill vehicle ... Based on the video, how should these events be sequenced?

A. (2)(3)(1)(5)(4) B. (3)(5)(4)(1)(2) C. (3)(5)(2)(4)(1) D. (3)(5)(4)(2)(1)

⑨ Plot Ordering

Scene Perception

What background is depicted in the video?

A. lakeside B. grassland C. wood D. snow-covered landscape

⑩ Background Perception

How many distinct scenes are present in the video? ⑪ Scene Counting

A. 14 B. 10 C. 8 D. 12

What is the lighting condition in the video? ⑫ Lighting Perception

A. high-key lighting, natural lighting B. low-key lighting, artificial lighting C. natural lighting, low-key lighting D. all of the above

Making Analysis

Can you identify the art style of this video?

A. Japanese Cel Anime B. 3D Rendered 2D Look C. 3D CG Animation D. American Cel Animation

⑬ Art Style Perception

What's the total number of cuts in the given video?

A. 9 B. 15 C. 3 D. 21

⑭ Cut Counting

What special effect is depicted in the video?

A. snow B. rain C. tornado D. explosion

⑮ Special Effect Perception

Main Results and Analysis

Method	Cinematography Analysis			Character Understanding				Narrative Underst.		Scene Perception			Making Analysis			Overall
	CamM-P	SS-P	CamA-P	E-P	A-P	CMP-P	Cha-C	S-M	P-O	B-P	S-C	L-P	AS-P	Cut-C	SE-P	
Human	84.1	85.4	80.0	82.6	92.3	92.9	94.1	97.0	97.5	94.4	80.2	81.8	85.7	87.5	94.7	86.26
LLaVA-OneVision-72B [24]	57.1	60.5	66.3	63.3	90.0	90.0	74.6	84.7	72.4	76.9	12.0	90.3	89.5	34.5	74.1	63.31
InternVL2-40B [7]	46.6	60.0	58.9	51.0	90.0	83.3	67.6	79.6	51.9	80.0	47.4	64.5	68.4	44.8	85.2	60.73
InternVL2-76B [7]	46.6	63.9	45.5	51.0	86.7	86.7	76.1	81.3	49.0	80.0	44.5	51.6	76.3	24.1	75.9	58.73
Qwen2-VL-72B [50]	37.9	56.6	57.9	34.7	76.7	76.7	63.4	76.2	66.5	73.8	53.6	74.2	65.8	3.4	55.6	58.68
Video-LLaMA2-72B [9]	47.5	56.1	59.4	63.3	76.7	80.0	71.8	68.5	63.2	73.8	36.8	74.2	60.5	34.5	72.2	58.62
InternVL2-8B [7]	55.3	56.6	59.4	44.9	80.0	83.3	59.2	67.2	40.6	78.5	32.5	64.5	52.6	31.0	72.2	54.63
GPT-4o [1]	40.2	37.1	59.4	51.0	73.3	90.0	40.8	90.6	41.4	72.3	27.8	51.6	81.6	34.5	77.8	52.93
Gemini-1.5-Flash [44]	43.4	32.7	52.0	55.1	70.0	48.4	62.0	78.7	47.3	83.1	26.3	71.0	78.9	44.8	70.4	52.40
VILA-1.5-40B [29]	32.0	56.6	54.5	42.9	83.3	86.7	57.7	67.7	44.4	75.4	22.5	74.2	65.8	48.3	77.8	51.23
GPT-4o mini [1]	33.8	49.8	50.5	49.0	80.0	90.0	31.0	79.6	41.4	66.2	26.8	61.3	76.3	20.7	79.6	50.23
Gemini-1.5-Pro [44]	33.8	51.7	51.5	51.0	73.3	80.0	70.4	47.7	36.4	73.8	37.3	71.0	84.2	58.6	75.9	49.36
Qwen2-VL-7B [50]	20.1	46.8	37.1	38.8	70.0	76.7	54.9	73.2	49.4	72.3	52.2	61.3	42.1	17.2	70.4	49.30
Oryx-7B [35]	34.7	54.1	57.4	57.1	80.0	73.3	66.2	48.5	34.7	73.8	41.6	61.3	39.5	20.7	66.7	48.77
Gemini-1.5-Flash-8B [44]	43.4	45.9	56.9	36.7	70.0	76.7	35.2	69.8	36.0	73.8	26.8	48.4	71.1	24.1	64.8	48.59
Video-LLaMA2.1 [9]	44.3	35.6	39.6	51.0	76.7	83.3	50.7	60.9	45.2	75.4	35.4	58.1	36.8	20.7	81.5	47.77
VideoChat2 [26]	24.2	58.0	42.1	44.9	66.7	83.3	60.6	62.6	27.6	73.8	55.0	35.5	50.0	10.3	59.3	47.36
InternVL2-26B [7]	33.3	47.8	39.6	55.1	76.7	83.3	56.3	68.9	33.9	76.9	25.4	45.2	34.2	41.4	75.9	46.42
LongVA [62]	24.7	41.0	48.0	40.8	70.0	73.3	42.3	51.9	32.2	72.3	42.6	48.4	52.6	34.5	70.4	43.73
MiniCPM-V2.6 [56]	28.3	43.4	43.6	53.1	73.3	80.0	50.7	59.1	23.0	75.4	22.0	71.0	57.9	20.7	72.2	42.49
InternVL2-4B [7]	27.4	42.9	26.2	32.7	66.7	73.3	49.3	60.4	28.0	78.5	41.6	35.5	44.7	10.3	72.2	41.68
Video-LLaMA2.1-AV [9]	27.4	45.9	38.6	55.1	73.3	76.7	47.9	46.4	30.1	81.5	25.8	45.2	34.2	34.5	83.3	41.50
VILA-1.5-8B [29]	31.5	40.0	37.6	51.0	63.3	66.7	40.8	40.9	26.8	70.8	37.8	41.9	60.5	44.8	59.3	40.21
GPT-4-turbo [1]	23.7	37.1	35.1	46.9	63.3	80.0	25.4	54.9	36.4	50.8	29.7	64.5	39.5	44.8	70.4	39.85
LongLLaVA [53]	28.3	37.1	27.2	24.5	60.0	56.7	54.9	48.1	32.6	61.5	38.3	41.9	26.3	24.1	66.7	38.45
Kangaroo [31]	29.2	42.0	24.3	30.6	56.7	66.7	57.7	31.5	26.8	67.7	47.8	61.3	21.1	6.9	55.6	37.10
InternVL2-2B [7]	23.7	24.4	24.8	36.7	76.7	63.3	53.5	48.9	21.8	80.0	40.2	29.0	47.4	6.9	83.3	36.75
LongVILA [29]	25.1	35.6	40.6	40.8	80.0	60.0	38.0	32.8	25.1	76.9	20.6	64.5	50.0	37.9	79.6	36.46
AuroraCap [5]	34.7	42.0	40.6	46.9	53.3	56.7	35.2	35.3	22.2	63.1	22.5	32.3	50.0	31.0	59.3	36.28
Qwen2-VL-2B [50]	21.0	29.3	25.2	30.6	63.3	70.0	42.3	50.6	23.8	67.7	37.3	74.2	34.2	24.1	63.0	36.16
Video-LLaMA2-7B [9]	25.1	29.3	23.3	30.6	70.0	66.7	40.8	31.5	26.4	72.3	40.2	29.0	44.7	27.6	66.7	34.35
VILA-1.5-3B [29]	20.1	32.7	38.1	51.0	53.3	46.7	31.0	26.4	10.5	72.3	35.4	32.3	36.8	10.3	83.3	31.95
Video-LLaVA [28]	26.5	25.9	38.1	32.7	53.3	40.0	25.4	26.8	23.0	55.4	30.1	38.7	21.1	51.7	51.9	31.07
Chat-UniVi [20]	25.1	31.7	30.2	30.6	53.3	30.0	22.5	26.4	24.3	29.2	21.1	32.3	34.2	44.8	40.7	28.02
InternVL2-1B [7]	24.7	24.9	22.8	22.4	46.7	33.3	22.5	26.4	26.8	30.8	30.6	22.6	23.7	34.5	29.6	26.61
RANDOM	26.0	25.8	25.3	24.3	23.7	23.7	24.8	25.0	25.3	27.4	24.4	20.3	24.7	25.2	28.7	25.33

Models	#frm	LLM size	Res.	CA	CU	NU	SP	MA	Overall
Chat-UniVi [20]; Video-LLaVA [28]; VideoChat2 [26]	8	7B	224	31.68	42.22	31.02	40.11	42.98	34.94
Chat-UniVi-v1.5 [20]; LongVA [62]; Video-LLaMA2 [9]			336	33.6 ^{+1.92}	48.89 ^{+6.67}	32.42 ^{+1.4}	44.26 ^{+4.15}	50.96 ^{+7.98}	38.04 ^{+3.1}
Video-LLaMA2.1 [9]; Video-LLaMA2.1-AV [9]			384	36.9 ^{+3.3}	55.28 ^{+6.39}	46.0 ^{+13.58}	43.11 ^{-1.15}	53.72 ^{+2.76}	43.7 ^{+5.66}
Chat-UniVi [20]; Video-LLaVA [28]; VideoChat2 [26]	16	7B	224	29.66	39.81	31.86	28.52	34.71	31.52
Chat-UniVi-v1.5 [20]; LongVA [62]; Video-LLaMA2 [9]			336	32.75 ^{+3.09}	49.07 ^{+9.26}	32.21 ^{+0.35}	44.92 ^{+16.4}	49.04 ^{+14.33}	37.67 ^{+6.15}
Video-LLaMA2.1 [9]; Video-LLaMA2.1-AV [9]			384	37.06 ^{+4.31}	57.22 ^{+8.15}	45.68 ^{+13.47}	43.44 ^{-1.48}	54.13 ^{+5.09}	43.96 ^{+6.29}
LongVA [62]; Video-LLaMA2 [9]	32	7B	336	31.39	46.67	35.26	44.26	53.72	37.98
Video-LLaMA2.1 [9]; Video-LLaMA2.1-AV [9]			384	38.5 ^{+7.11}	59.72 ^{+13.05}	45.47 ^{+10.21}	42.95 ^{-1.31}	54.55 ^{+0.83}	44.64 ^{+6.66}

Model	#frm	Res.	LLM size	Data volume	CA	CU	NU	SP	MA	Overall
Chat-UniVi [20]	8	224	7B	0.65M	25.56	34.44	23.37	25.9	36.36	26.73
VideoChat2 [26]				2M	39.46 ^{+13.9}	57.78 ^{+23.34}	44.84 ^{+21.47}	58.03 ^{+32.13}	50.41 ^{+14.05}	47.01 ^{+20.28}
Chat-UniVi-v1.5 [20]	8	336	7B	1.27M	37.38	47.78	26.53	37.38	46.28	36.11
LongVA [62]				1.32M	37.54 ^{+0.16}	51.67 ^{+3.89}	41.89 ^{+15.36}	49.51 ^{+12.13}	56.2 ^{+9.92}	43.73 ^{+7.62}
VILA-1.5 [29]	8	384	8B	1.21M	35.94	52.78	34.74	42.62	56.2	40.04
Video-LLaMA2.1-AV [9]			7B	3.35M	35.46 ^{-0.48}	52.78 ⁺⁰	37.05 ^{+3.31}	39.34 ^{-3.28}	58.68 ^{+2.48}	40.09 ^{+0.05}
Video-LLaMA2.1 [9]			7B	3.35M	38.34 ^{+2.88}	57.78 ^{+5.0}	54.95 ^{+17.9}	46.89 ^{+7.75}	48.76 ^{-9.92}	47.3 ^{+7.22}
Chat-UniVi [20]	16	224	7B	0.65M	24.92	32.22	23.37	24.92	38.84	26.26
VideoChat2 [26]				2M	39.3 ^{+14.38}	60.0 ^{+27.78}	44.84 ^{+21.47}	31.8 ^{+6.88}	26.45 ^{-12.39}	40.8 ^{+14.54}
Chat-UniVi-v1.5 [20]	16	336	7B	1.27M	34.5	48.89	25.89	40.98	42.98	35.4
LongVA [62]				1.32M	37.86 ^{+3.36}	51.11 ^{+2.22}	41.89 ^{+16.0}	47.87 ^{+6.89}	53.72 ^{+10.74}	43.32 ^{+7.92}
VILA-1.5 [29]	16	384	8B	1.21M	35.78	51.11	36.42	39.34	60.33	39.98
Video-LLaMA2.1-AV [9]			7B	3.35M	35.78 ⁺⁰	56.67 ^{+5.56}	36.42 ⁺⁰	40.0 ^{+0.66}	59.5 ^{-0.83}	40.62 ^{+0.64}
Video-LLaMA2.1 [9]			7B	3.35M	38.34 ^{+2.56}	57.78 ^{+1.11}	54.95 ^{+18.53}	46.89 ^{+6.89}	48.76 ^{-10.74}	47.3 ^{+6.68}
Kangaroo [31]	64	448	8B	2.94M	31.78	51.67	29.05	53.44	33.06	37.1
MiniCPM-V [56]				8.32M	38.19 ^{+6.39}	60.0 ^{+8.33}	40.84 ^{+11.79}	38.36 ^{-15.08}	55.37 ^{+22.31}	42.5 ^{+5.4}