TutoAI: a Cross-domain Framework for AI-assisted Mixed-media Tutorial Creation on Physical Tasks

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How-to videos earn the **most attention** of any content category on YouTube, even more than music clips or gaming

Think with Google

Google/Ipsos, U.S., Video Mobile Diary (n of 18,219 total video occasions), 2017.

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Make pancakes



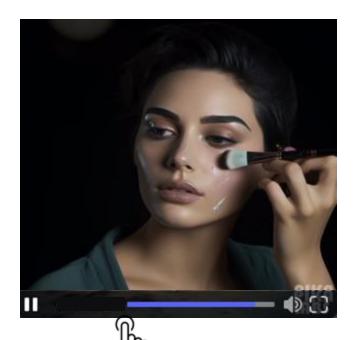
Apply makeup



Repair cars

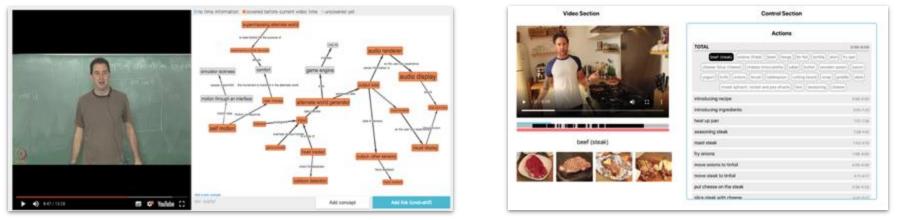


Pain points of watching how-to videos



Lack of information overview

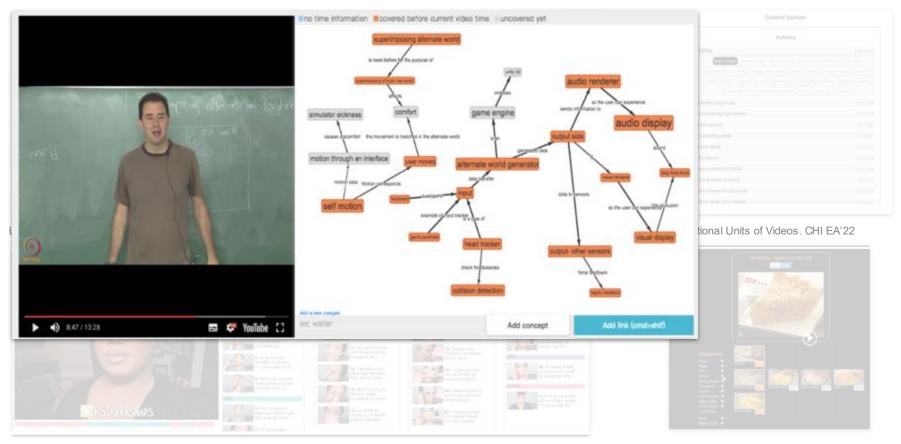
Timeline scrubbing is imprecise & tedious



Liu et al. ConceptScape: Collaborative concept mapping for video learning. CHI'18; Yang et al. Improving Video Interfaces by Presenting Informational Units of Videos. CHI EA'22



Truong et al. Automatic generation of two-level hierarchical tutorials from instructional makeup videos. CHI'21; Nawhal et al. VideoWhiz: Non-Linear Interactive Overviews for Recipe Videos. GI'19



Video Section



Liu et al. ConceptScape: Collaborative concept mapping fo



Control Section				
Actions				
TOTAL	0:00-8:09			
tool (stock) (onions third) (bow) (tongs) (tin foil) (tortila) (dish) (try	pan			
(cheese (blue cheese) (cheese (mozzarella) (salad) (butter) (wooden spoon	spoon			
(yogurt) (knile) (onions) (brush) (tablespoon) (cutting board) (wrap) (griddle	e) plate			
$\left(mixed spinach, rocket and pea shoots \right) \left(fork \right) \left(seasoning \right) \left(cheese \right)$				
introducing recipe	0.09-0.50			
introducing ingredients	0.55-120			
heat up pan	121-128			
seasoning steak	125-141			
roast steak	1.42-4.10			
fry onions	158-4:00			
move onions to tinfoil	4:00-4:09			
move steak to tinfoil	435-432			
put cheese on the steak	426-433			
slice steak with cheese	4.47.511			

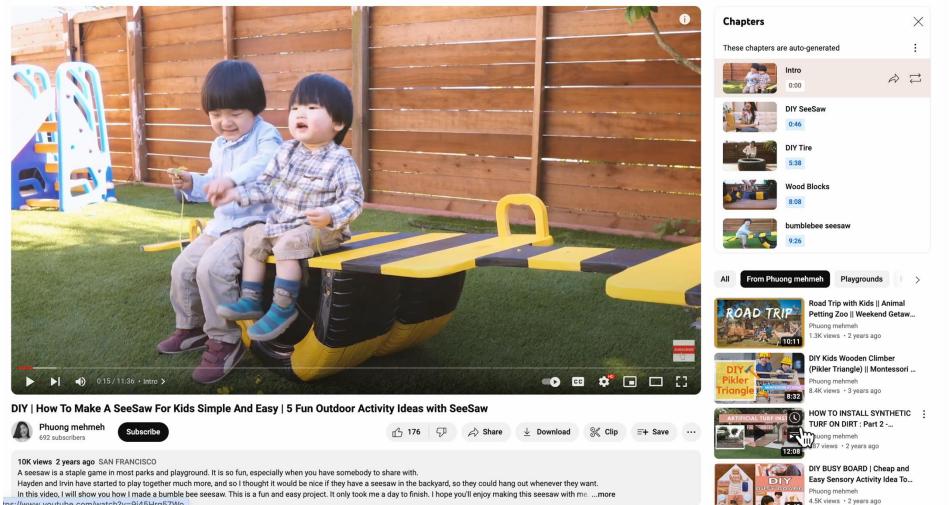
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Auto-generated mixed-media tutorials are of low-quality



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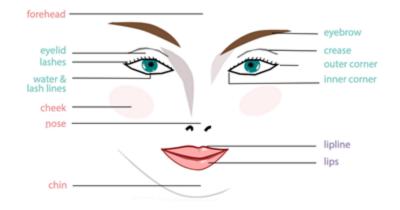
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tps://www.youtube.com/watch?y=9i45Hrg57Wo

Creating high-quality tutorials require domain knowledge

For makeup tutorials, cluster steps by facial parts





EYES



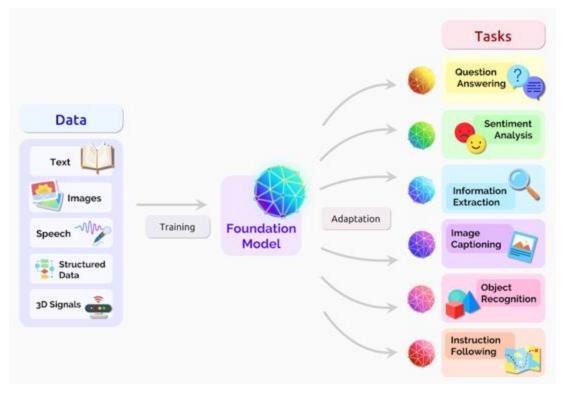
25. I'm going to use this browsing my benefit. And I'm ...

LIPS



26. I'm going to take lip land cream corset by Samantha. And ...

AI presents opportunities to create cross-domain tutorials



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- How to **identify, evaluate,** and **select** models to create crossdomain mixed-media tutorials?
- How to design **user interfaces** to refine AI-generated mixed-media tutorials?

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Things You'll Need





	Hose
~	Roof cement
	Chisel
	Hammer

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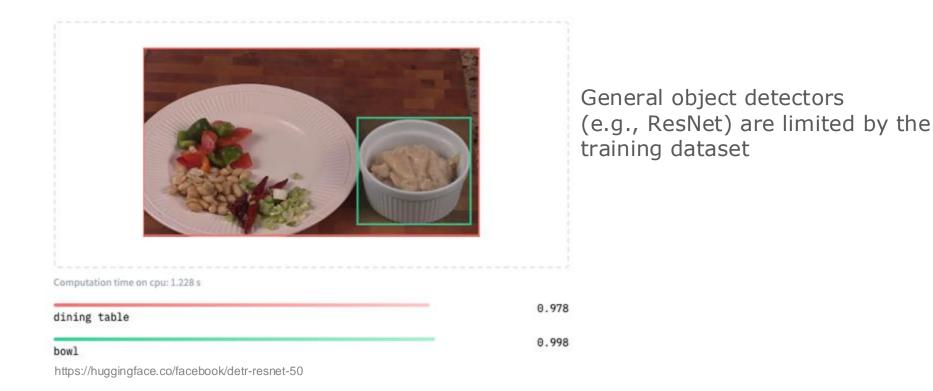
How to extract "chicken breast" from text and images?

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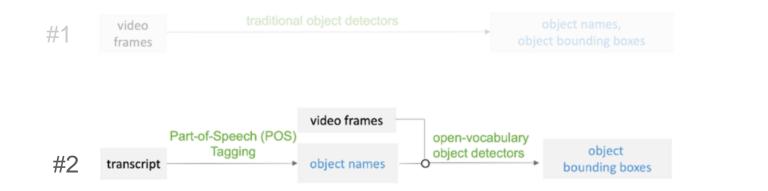
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Pipeline #1: general object detectors



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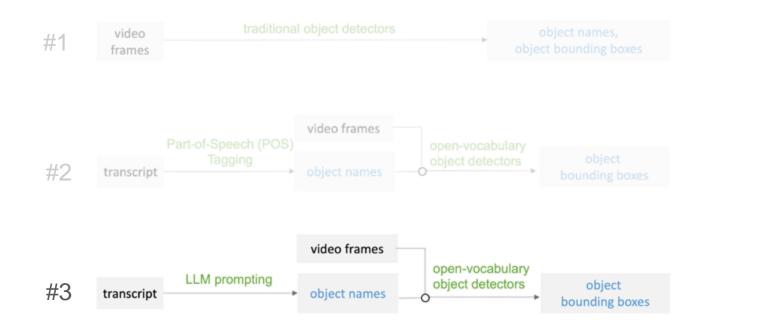
Pipeline #2: part-of-speech tagging

input: "...here are the ingredients...this is the boneless skinless chicken breast thinly slice like this..."

Output (only keep nouns): "ingredients", "chicken", "breast"

https://github.com/flairNLP/flair

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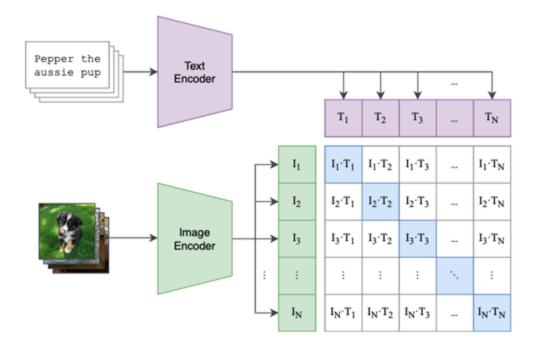
Pipeline #3: large language model (LLM) prompting

Input: the entire transcript

Prompt: "Identify the ingredients in this tutorial"

Output: "Boneless skinless chicken breast", ...

Pipeline #3: detect objects given text labels



Radford et al. "Learning transferable visual models from natural language supervision." ICML 2021

Pipeline #3: open-vocabulary object detection



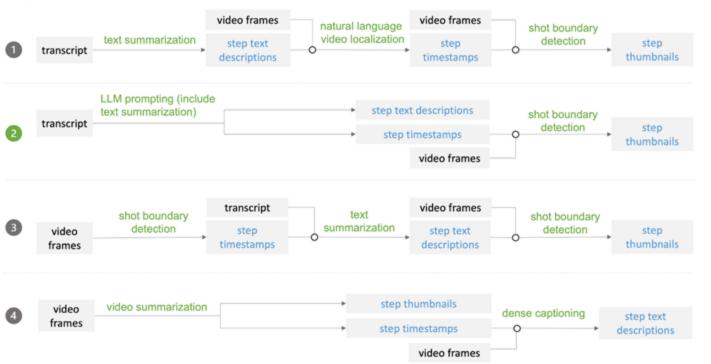
Labels extracted by LLM:

- Boneless skinless chicken breast
- Chopped green pepper
- Roasted peanuts
- Red chili
- Green onions

Li et al. "Grounded language-image pre-training." CVPR 2022

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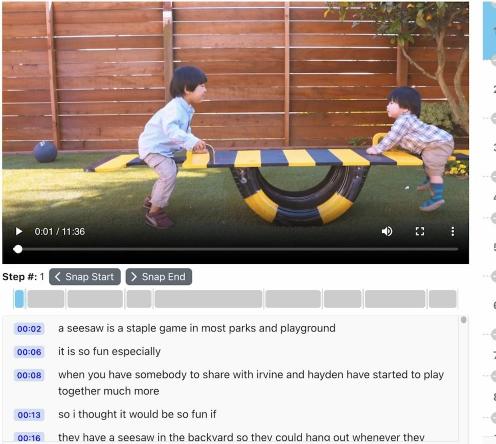
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Metrics:

- □ Objective:
 - □ F1 scores
 - □ ROUGE scores
 - □ Temporal Intersection over Union (tIOU)
- □ Subjective:
 - □ correction efforts required from humans

IDENTIFY STEPS > CHOOSE THUMBNAILS > SELECT OBJECTS > CROP OBJECTS > BUILD DEPENDENCIES

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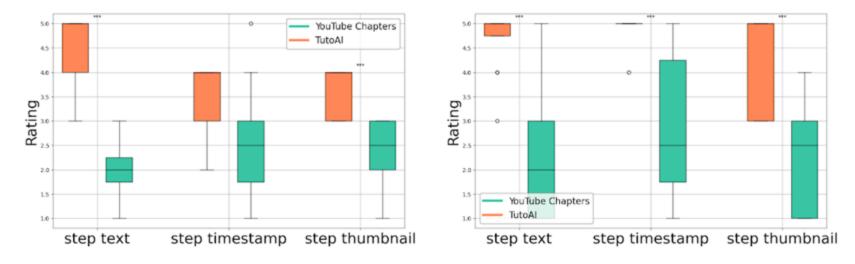


00:01 - 00:19	Introduction to the project and purpose of creating a bumblebee seesaw	8
00:20 - 01:22	Gathering materials including a used tire and plywood board	
01:33 - 02:54	Measuring and marking the board for the curved seating areas	
02:55 - 03:38	Cutting and sanding the board] 🚫
03:39 - 06:31	Painting the board with black and yellow stripes using painter's tape	
06:32 - 08:02	Cutting the tire in half and priming and painting it with black and yellow stripes	
08:03 - 09:06	Creating wood blocks to attach the tire to the board	
09:07 - 10:46	Attaching the tire and handles to the board] 🚫
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Instructions

TutoAI vs. YouTube Chapters

TutoAI components received higher ratings than **YouTube** Chapters (**N=12**)



Component quality **before editing**

Component usefulness after editing

YouTuber's testimonial

"I think this is a great tool. I like this a lot...this is giving me the ability to do a lot more, especially creating the **flow charts** ...viewers would get a lot out of this as opposed to just a regular chapter..."



SevenFortyOne Radios and Repairs

SevenFortyOne · 43.1K subscribers · 590 videor

Iam Radio demonstration and repair with some Chevy Suburban and home repairs mixed i... 🔉

witter.com/SevenFortyOneB and 1 more link



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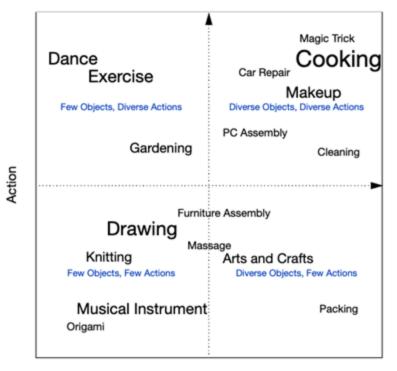
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Leverage strong models for cross-modal enhancement

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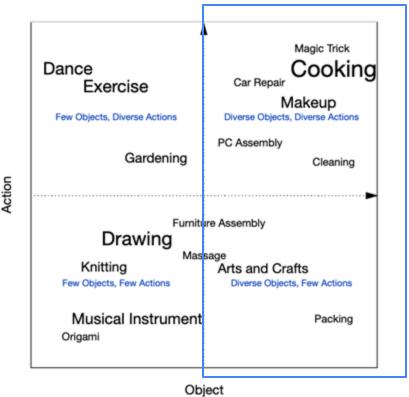
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Object

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