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Optimizing Multi-Channel AI Advertising Budget Allocation and ROI Prediction in Cross-Border E-Commerce: A Machine Learning Approach for North American and Southeast Asian Markets

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Abstract: The proliferation of Artificial Intelligence Generated Content (AIGC) has significantly reconfigured the digital marketing landscape, yet cross-border e-commerce enterprises continuously encounter multi-channel budget fragmentation and highly volatile Return on Investment (ROI) trajectories. This paper constructs a dynamic allocation framework integrating advanced machine learning architectures to address the non-linear operational feedback loops inherent in cross-border advertising across distinct regional jurisdictions, specifically the North American and Southeast Asian markets. Utilizing empirical desensitized operational data, we developed an incorporates time-series deep learning algorithms to predict channel-specific ROI while concurrently employing reinforcement learning agents to simulate real-time budget optimization under stochastic market fluctuations. The empirical trajectory was not entirely linear; significant data volatility and algorithmic drift emerged when adjusting for platform-specific policy shifts, necessitating recursive hyperparameter calibrations. The empirical findings indicate that the proposed model, to some extent, enhances the precision of multi-channel resource distribution, although its explanatory power exhibits geographical heterogeneity due to local digital infrastructures and cultural variations. Competing interpretations of the empirical anomalies suggest that algorithmic performance may remain contingent upon unobserved macroeconomic noise rather than purely endogenous operational variables. Considering the inherent complexity of platform black-boxes, further research is required to unpack the boundary conditions of automated governance. This study contributes to the transitioning paradigm of data-driven global marketing architectures.

Keywords: Cross-Border E-Commerce; Machine Learning; AI Advertising; Budget Allocation; ROI Prediction;

1. Introduction

The petitioner's research vectors address a highly critical, multi-billion-dollar structural friction within the contemporary global supply chain and digital commerce architecture: the optimization of resource allocation efficiency for internationalizing firms operating within hyper-competitive environments. By constructing a dynamic framework integrating Attention-based Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) networks and Reinforcement Learning (specifically Deep Deterministic Policy Gradient models), the applicant's work systematically advances the mathematical boundaries of predictive corporate governance. This research directly impacts the operational sustainability of cross-border enterprises navigating the North American and global consumer markets, significantly reducing capital waste and stabilizing cross-border supply chains.

2. Critical Analysis and Synergetic Integration of Key Scholarly References

Rather than treating computational algorithms as isolated functions, the petitioner's structural framework synthesizes multi-disciplinary theoretical paradigms, demonstrating the profound interconnectedness and high utility of the research:

Resolving High-Frequency Data Vulnerabilities (Addressing Data Sparsity and Block-Missing Noise): In the operational deployment of global programmatic advertising, severe administrative and technical frictions consistently arise due to divergent regional privacy regimes (such as CCPA/GDPR variations). To bypass traditional, biased statistical methods like mean imputation, the petitioner strategically incorporates and extends the advanced mathematical formulations established by Wang, Li, & Liu (2023, 2024). By adopting their reproducing kernel Hilbert space models and non-imputation multi-response regression paradigms for block-missing multi-modal data streams, the applicant ensures the structural resilience of the ROI prediction subsystem under severe telemetry deprivation scenarios.

Bridging Algorithmic Rebalancing with Global Operations Capability: To translate computational forecasts into actionable real-time budget redistributions, the petitioner integrates behavioral and operational paradigms derived from diverse fields. The reinforcement learning agent's dynamic resource dispatch mechanisms are fundamentally validated by translating the 運籌學 (Operations Research) principles of Huang (2025) regarding time-varying demand adaptive routing into financial asset frameworks. This algorithmic pipeline is further synchronized with the strategic digital internationalization and market scenario migration insights identified by Wang (2025, 2026) and Wu (2025, 2026), creating an integrated paradigm where front-end marketing velocity directly coordinates with back-end enterprise warehouse warehousing capabilities.

Contextualizing Algorithmic Limits Under Macroeconomic Volatility: A major limitation of mass-produced algorithmic marketing models is their complete isolation from broader socio-economic realities. The petitioner's framework demonstrates superior depth by incorporating contemporary economic theories concerning behavioral cycle shifts. By integrating the conceptual frameworks of Pang (2025) regarding macroeconomic 'animal spirits' and systemic financial shocks, the research successfully accounts for unobserved non-stationary noise during peak global promotional seasons (e.g., Q4 shopping surges), proving that the applicant's methodology operates with high academic rigor and multidimensional validity.

3. Model Construction

3.1 Variable Selection, Metrics, and Data Stream Preprocessing

The architectural integrity of a multi-channel budget allocation model depends heavily on the deliberate curation of high-frequency data telemetry streams from disconnected global ad exchanges. In delineating the boundary conditions of this system, we isolated daily marketing variables across three primary programmatic vectors: search infrastructure, social interest graphs, and immersive video feeds. To preserve analytical continuity while capturing the operational real-world friction identified in the previous literature concerning manufacturers' side channel management [1], standard absolute metrics were converted into multi-dimensional dynamic rates. The input vector parameterizes variables including historical channel-specific expenditures, rolling click-through rates, and localized conversion frequencies, which continuously modulate performance-based digital marketing infrastructures [2].

The structural data acquisition phase was fundamentally complicated by profound systemic empirical anomalies. During the data harvesting period from selected cross-border enterprises, the raw data streams exhibited extreme sparsity and structural noise. This was driven by platform API inconsistencies and the asymmetrical deployment of privacy sandboxes across regional jurisdictions. Initial efforts to utilize standard mean-imputation methods threatened to bias the temporal tracking of the decay effects of ad spending. This necessitated an operational adjustment where a density-based filtering protocol was deployed alongside an exponential smoothing function to handle high-dimensional sparse matrices. To bypass these limitations without introducing systemic imputation bias, this study builds upon the non-imputation methodologies derived from multi-modal sparse stream regressions in reproducing kernel Hilbert spaces [3], adapting their structural density filtering to programmatic advertising environments with block-missing multi-modal data constraints [4].

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To provide concrete baseline benchmarks for the data structures gathered across the heterogeneous ecosystems, Table 1 details the standardized descriptive parameters of the operational data variables utilized during the calibration phase of this framework.

Table 1. escriptive Parameters of Regional Channel Telemetry Streams

Market Region	Programmatic Channel Vector	Daily Spend Variance Ratio	Mean Click-Through Stability	Data Sparsity Coefficient	Observed Privacy Noise Index
North America	Paid Search Engine Infrastructure	Low-Moderate	High	0.12	0.45
North America	Social Graph Networks	High	Moderate	0.18	0.58
North America	Short-Form Video Feeds	Ultra-High	Low-Moderate	0.29	0.39
Southeast Asia	Paid Search Engine Infrastructure	Low	High	0.22	0.21
Southeast Asia	Social Graph Networks	Moderate-High	Moderate-High	0.14	0.28
Southeast Asia	Short-Form Video Feeds	Extreme	High	0.19	0.31

3.2 Deep Learning-Based Dynamic ROI Prediction Architecture

The forecasting subsystem circumvents the structural rigidities of conventional econometric regressions by leveraging a deep learning architecture that integrates a long short-term memory (LSTM) network with temporal attention mechanisms. The underlying conceptualization assumes that marketing expenditures exert a lagged, non-linear carryover effect on consumer conversion behavior, an effect that degrades at variable rates depending on creative content saturation. By utilizing attention layers, the model dynamically weights the relative historical importance of past advertising touchpoints, allowing the framework to identify compounding conversion signals hidden within deep sequence histories. To capture the complex digital conversion trajectories, the network links visual synthesis parameters derived from automated asset generators [5] with consumer behavioral response characteristics [6].

During the initial training phases of this neural network architecture, we encountered severe algorithmic overfitting. The model consistently over-estimated the predictive return of short-form video channels in North America due to historical promotional anomalies. This realization forced a major mid-course methodology correction. We modified the loss function to penalize extreme budget sensitivity variances and introduced structural dropout layers to decouple co-dependent channel parameters. This adjustment allowed the network to better process the hidden non-linear representations of cross-channel halo effects without collapsing under regional localized data shocks, maintaining consistency with contemporary paradigms of data-driven decisions for overseas market growth [7].

3.3 Feedback-Driven Budget Adaptive Configuration via Reinforcement Learning

To translate static ROI predictions into continuous operational execution, the model integrates a model-free reinforcement learning framework based on a Deep Deterministic Policy Gradient (DDPG) environment. Within this architecture, the cross-border e-commerce enterprise is parameterized as an active agent interacting with a stochastic marketplace environment.

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The action space is defined as the continuous vector of percentage budget reallocations across the available marketing channels, while the state space consists of the current rolling ROI, historical conversion trajectories, and platform-specific cost-per-click trends. The reward function is structurally designed to optimize long-term cumulative enterprise revenue rather than short-term conversion spikes, expanding classical resource precision allocations [8].

The computational deployment of this multi-agent simulation revealed an inherent vulnerability regarding "policy drift." When simulated platform bidding wars were introduced to mirror realistic seasonal surges, the reinforcement learning agent exhibited localized chaotic behaviors, frequently executing radical capital shifts that would destabilize standard corporate cash flows. To mitigate this systemic instability, we embedded an operational constraint matrix into the policy execution layer, restricting the maximum allowable daily budget variance per channel. The logic governing this dynamic rebalancing of multi-channel budgets under hyper-competitive programmatic bidding environments can be conceptualized as a stochastic resource dispatch problem. Mirroring the real-time adaptive dispatch algorithms utilized in dynamic vehicle routing frameworks with time-varying demand [9], our DDPG agent continuously reconfigures the allocation vector, balancing algorithmic agility with corporate risk boundaries.

Table 2 outlines the exact hyperparameter configurations established after iterative empirical experimentation to stabilize the neural networks across both regional testing grounds.

Table 2. Hyperparameter Architectural Configurations for Regional Model Deployment

Network System Module	Hyperparameter Parameter Designation	Selected Configuration Metric	Optimization Target Vector	Empirically Encountered Convergence Obstacle
Predictive LSTM	Sequence Window Depth	14 Days	Temporal Lag Trajectory	Severe gradient degradation in deep historical sequence tracking
Predictive LSTM	Attention Head Count	4 Heads	Cross-Channel Interaction	High dimensionality noise in social interest graph streams
Predictive LSTM	Dropout Penalty Multiplier	0.35	Overfitting Prevention	Over-indexation on isolated promotional anomaly periods
RL Agent (DDPG)	Policy Vector Learning Rate	0.0001	Allocation Optimization	Early policy collapse during simulated hyper-competitive bidding
RL Agent (DDPG)	Experience Replay Size	50,000 Nodes	Environment Simulation	High memory saturation under multi-platform streaming inputs
RL Agent (DDPG)	Daily Variance Constraint	Max 25%	Corporate Risk Bounds	Erratic capital swings during simulated holiday traffic surges

4. Empirical Results and Multi-Perspective Discussion

4.1 Sample Demographics and Baseline Regression Performance

The empirical evaluation of the constructed machine learning framework was conducted utilizing operational data panels encompassing historical cycles across twenty-four desensitized cross-border e-commerce brands under management. The datasets reflect parallel campaign executions across the North American and Southeast Asian geographic theatres, aggregating significant

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promotional tracking lines that align with macro-level studies on data-driven budget optimization for US enterprises [10]. To establish a rigorous comparative foundation, we baseline-tested the machine learning framework against standard generalized linear models and static heuristic allocation portfolios historically deployed by international media buyers.

The empirical insights garnered during the initial testing stages did not adhere to a perfectly uniform trajectory. While the machine learning framework achieved immediate performance gains in the mature North American channels, its early application within Southeast Asian short-form video ecosystems presented localized performance degradation. This divergence was likely linked to the high proportion of unorganized social commerce interactions that bypass traditional tracking parameters, a friction frequently observed in alternative data-driven hierarchical operations for cross-border logistics infrastructures [11]. By running panel regressions with fixed time-effects, we isolated the unique operational lift directly attributable to the algorithmic model, adjusting for baseline variations across distinct financial landscapes [12].

Table 3 provides the comparative performance indices across both testing environments, tracking the mean return and error deviations.

Table 3. Empirical Performance Indexes Across Varied Allocation Paradigms

Geographical Target Market	Applied Methodological Portfolio	Mean Observed Operational ROI	Tracking Error Deviation (RMSE)	Algorithmic Convergence Velocity (Hours)	Capital Utilization Efficiency Rate
North American Ecosystem	Traditional Static Allocation	2.15	0.84	N/A	71.4%
North American Ecosystem	Linear Econometric Dynamic	2.42	0.51	1.2 Hours	79.8%
North American Ecosystem	Proposed Attention-RL Model	3.18	0.18	4.6 Hours	93.5%
Southeast Asian Arena	Traditional Static Allocation	1.88	0.92	N/A	65.2%
Southeast Asian Arena	Linear Econometric Dynamic	2.09	0.68	1.5 Hours	72.1%
Southeast Asian Arena	Proposed Attention-RL Model	2.85	0.31	6.2 Hours	88.4%

4.2 Algorithm Precision Comparison and Robustness Evaluations

Robustness evaluation required subjecting the framework to simulated data anomalies designed to mirror unexpected global supply chain disruptions and sudden platform privacy framework revisions. We systematically injected Gaussian noise into the cost-per-click inputs and randomly restricted the telemetry flow from specific channels for fixed observation windows. The predictive precision of the Attention-LSTM module demonstrated resilience, maintaining an acceptable mean absolute percentage error even under high telemetry deprivation scenarios, proving effective for performance-based marketing platforms that integrate cross-border TikTok data optimization frameworks [13].

However, a critical comparative analysis across the distinct regional matrices indicated that the model's robustness is not geographically invariant. In the Southeast Asian context, when short-form video data was throttled, the reinforcement learning module experienced temporary convergence delay, requiring extended exploration cycles to re-stabilize its allocation logic. This

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fragility highlights that the model's self-adaptive capability remains partially dependent on minimum data velocity thresholds, a limitation that must be contextualized within broader frameworks of cross-departmental data collaboration metrics [14]. Furthermore, the empirical resilience was benchmarked against automated consumer behavior systems that integrate meta-analysis personalization frameworks [15].

Table 4 reveals the robustness behavior of the model when subjected to variable levels of external system shocks.

Table 4. Robustness Performance Metrics Under Simulated Systemic Environmental Shocks

Stress Testing Environment Scenario	Telemetry Deprivation Level	North American Prediction Error	Southeast Asian Prediction Error	Policy Stabilization Cycle Lag	Sustained Optimization Lift
Baseline Operations	0.0% Baseline Noise	4.2%	6.8%	1 Cycle	24.5%
Moderate Privacy Throttle	15.0% Data Missing	5.9%	8.9%	2 Cycles	21.2%
Severe Platform Mutation	30.0% Data Missing	8.4%	12.4%	5 Cycles	16.8%
Extreme Holiday Congestion	50.0% Volatility Shock	11.2%	17.5%	8 Cycles	11.9%

4.3 Multi-Perspective Analytical Discussion and Explanatory Biases

The observed variance in performance metrics between the two macro-regions invites deep theoretical reflection that challenges any singular algorithmic explanation. From a purely technocentric perspective, the superior performance in North America could be interpreted as a validation of model design under high-quality data conditions. Yet, an alternative institutional lens suggests that the model′s success in Western ecosystems may be artifactual, reflecting the highly structured, predictable nature of ad exchanges that have already been optimized for machine learning interaction by platforms like Meta and Google.

Alternatively, from a macroeconomic perspective, the unexplained residuals and algorithmic drift observed during the Q4 peak shopping season may not purely stem from endogenous platform mechanics. Instead, as suggested by contemporary economic assessments of business cycles and exogenous resource constraints, sudden shifts in market 'animal spirits' and systemic financial shocks inject non-stationary behavioral noise into consumer propensity curves, temporarily confounding the model's predictive assumptions. This phenomenon highlights that external factors, such as government policy frameworks or market shocks, heavily influence consumer willingness to buy, which mirrors the analytical logic found in modern macroeconomic evaluations of business cycle volatility and financial shocks [17]. Consequently, attributing the performance variance purely to internal algorithmic mechanics would introduce a significant analytical bias, indicating that further research is needed to isolate these macro-environmental determinants.

5. Conclusions

Considering the extensive empirical evaluations and deep-learning model trajectories detailed in the preceding sections, this inquiry successfully bridges the computational mechanics of algorithmic resource allocation with the institutional complexities of

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international digital marketing. The analytical transition from Chapter 3's formal conceptualization of the attention-driven reinforcement learning network to Chapter 4′s rigorous multi-perspective empirical validation demonstrates that while machine learning architectures can fundamentally enhance multi-channel budgetary accuracy, their actual operational efficacy is intrinsically bounded by regional infrastructural contingencies and structural data variations. This conceptual realization leads us to further thinking regarding the traditional assumptions of algorithmic universality in global e-commerce, revealing that optimization is not merely an endogenous computational exercise but a dynamic negotiation with the socio-technical frictions of target marketplaces. Consequently, the observed performance lifts achieved in the North American and Southeast Asian regions serve as a critical foundation for refining the boundary conditions of internationalization capability theory, shifting the academic discourse away from static budgetary models toward an integrated framework of automated, self-adaptive governance that balances real-time technological agility with systemic market volatility.

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