# Generative Al for Music and Audio

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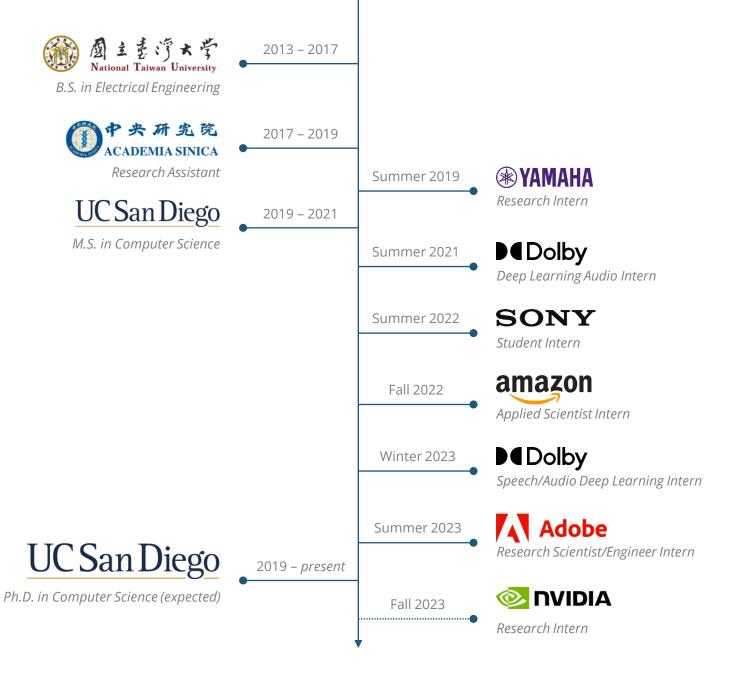
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# About me

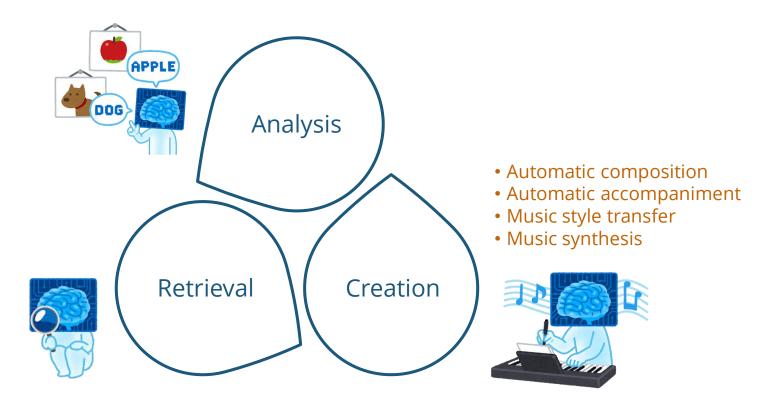


Hi, I'm Herman.
I do Al x Music research.
I love music and movies!



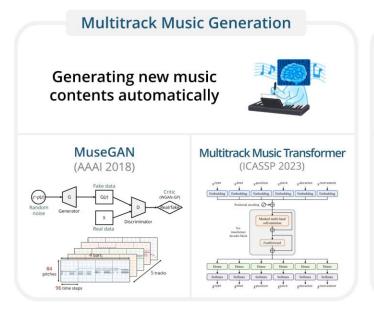
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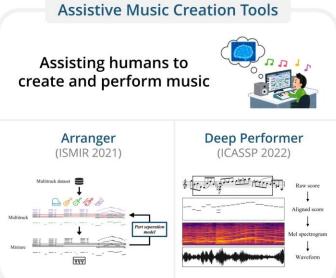
• "Intelligent ways to analyze, retrieve and create music" (Yang 2018)



# My Research









# About me

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a female cat engineer making an electric chip in a classroom

Music



a cat playing heavy metal



CS

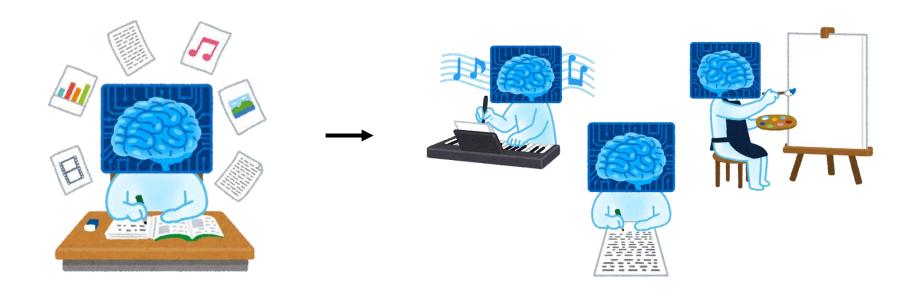


a cat engineer debugging on laptop

# Introduction

# What is Generative Al?

- Generative Al is Al capable of generating text, images, or other media.
  - Learns the patterns and structure of their input training data
  - Generates new data that has similar characteristics



# Generative AI for Visual Arts

#### Al made a magazine cover



(Source: Cosmopolitan)

#### Al won an art contest



(Source: CNN Business)

#### Al won a photography contest



(Source: CNN)

# Landscape of Generative Al



#### Where is all the money going in generative AI?

Distribution of generative AI funding, Q3'22 - Q2'23

#### **Generative interfaces**

\$2,690M | 23 deals



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# Types of Audio



**Sound effects** 

#### Speech



#### Music







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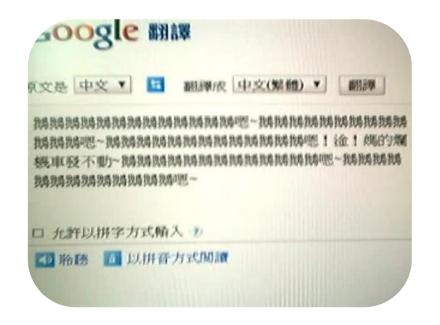


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# Generative Al for Speech

Text-to-Speech



**Voice Cloning** 



# Generative Al for Music

**Prompt**: relaxing and smooth jazz played in a stylish cafe

**Prompt**: delightful country music with acoustic guitars

**Prompt**: cinematic and suspenseful orchestral music













# Generative AI for Sound Effects

**Text-to-audio Synthesis** 

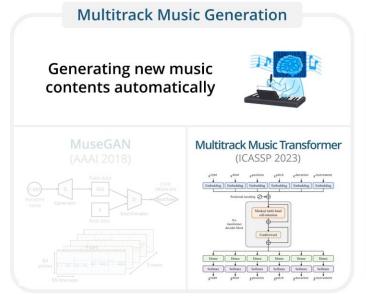


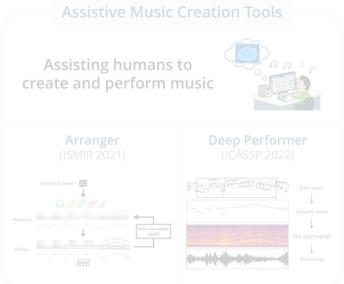
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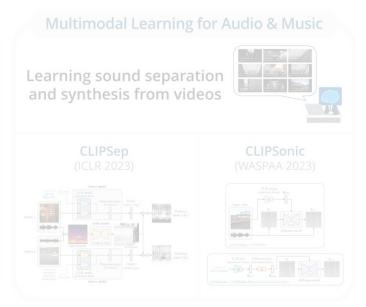


# My Research











# Multitrack Music Transformer

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# Overview

#### Generate orchestral music

- of diverse instruments
- using a new compact representation
- with a multi-dimensional transformer





(Source: Vienna Mozart Orchestra)



# Related Work (Transformers for Music Generation)

| Model          | Multitrack   | Instrument control | Compound tokens | Generative modeling |
|----------------|--------------|--------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| REMI [5]       |              |                    |                 | $\checkmark$        |
| MMM [10]       | $\checkmark$ |                    |                 | $\checkmark$        |
| CP [6]         |              |                    | $\checkmark$    | $\checkmark$        |
| MusicBERT [15] | ✓            |                    | $\checkmark$    |                     |
| FIGARO [11]    | ✓            |                    |                 | ✓                   |
| MMT (ours)     | <b>√</b>     | <b>√</b>           | <b>√</b>        | ✓                   |

| Longor sampl    |             | Average sample length (sec) |             |
|-----------------|-------------|-----------------------------|-------------|
| Longer samples! | otes per se | (notes per se               |             |
| Longor samples! | <u>5.66</u> | <u>5.66</u>                 | <u>5.66</u> |
|                 | 3.58        | 3.58                        | 59 3.58     |

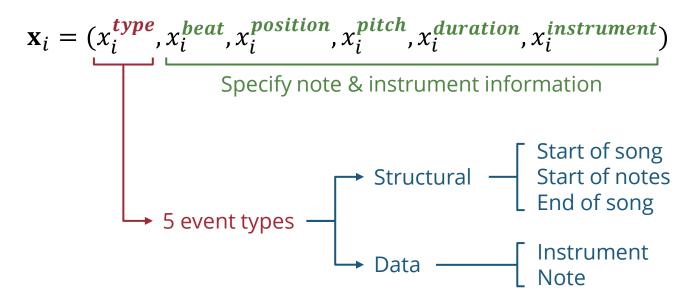
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# Representation

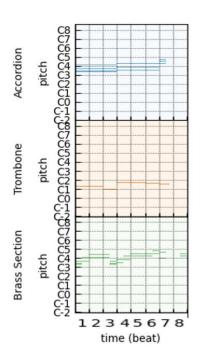
• We represent a music piece as a sequence of events

$$\mathbf{x} = (\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n)$$

• Each event  $x_i$  is encoded as



# Representation (An Example)



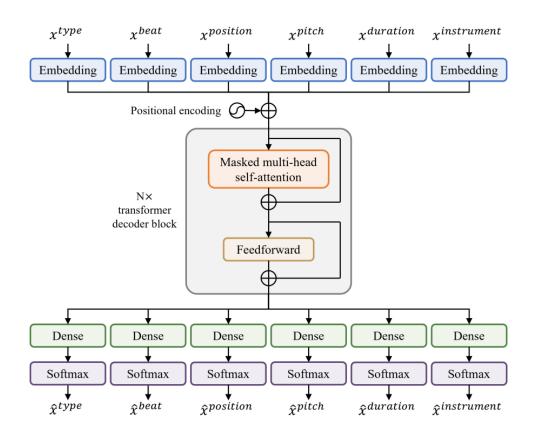
#### Structural events

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Start of song
                        Instrument: accordion
                  15)
                  36)
                        Instrument: trombone
                                               Instrument events
                  39)
                        Instrument: brasses
                        Start of notes
                                                   pitch=E2, duration=48, instrument=trombone
                        Note: beat=1, position=1,
                        Note: beat=1, position=1,
                                                   pitch=E4, duration=12, instrument=brasses
                        Note: beat=1, position=1,
                                                   pitch=E4, duration=72, instrument=accordion
                        Note: beat=1, position=1,
                                                   pitch=G4, duration=12, instrument=brasses
                                                  pitch=G4, duration=72, instrument=accordion
          68, 17, 15)
                        Note: beat=1, position=1,
                                                   pitch=C5, duration=72, instrument=accordion
                        Note: beat=1, position=1,
       1, 73, 17, 15)
                        Note: beat=1, position=13, pitch=G4, duration=12, instrument=brasses
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(3, 2, 1, 73, 12, 39)
                        Note: beat=2, position=1,
                                                  pitch=C5, duration=36, instrument=brasses
                        Note: beat=2, position=1,
                                                  pitch=E5, duration=36, instrument=brasses
(3, 2, 1, 77, 12, 39)
(4, 0,
       0, 0,
                        End of song
```

Note events

# Multitrack Music Transformer

- A multi-dimensional decoder-only transformer model
  - Predict six fields at the same time
- Trained autoregressively
  - Predict the next event given past events



# Three Sampling Modes

#### **Unconditional generation**

Input

```
Input

(0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0)

Start of song

(1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 15)

Instrument: accordion

(1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 36)

Instrument: trombone

(1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 39)

Instrument: brasses

(2, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0)

Start of notes

(3, 1, 1, 41, 15, 36)

Note: beat=1, position=1, pitch=E2, duration=48, instrument=trombone

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...

(4, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0)

End of song
```

Only need to train ONE model!

#### Instrument-informed generation

# Input (0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0) (1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 15) (1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 36) (1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 36) (1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 38) (1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 39) (1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 39) (1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0) (2, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0) (3, 1, 1, 41, 15, 36) (3, 1, 1, 65, 4, 39) (3, 1, 1, 65, 17, 15) (3, 1, 1, 68, 4, 39) (3, 1, 1, 68, 4, 39) (3, 1, 1, 68, 17, 15) (3, 1, 1, 68, 17, 15) (3, 1, 1, 68, 17, 15) (3, 1, 1, 68, 17, 15) (3, 1, 1, 68, 17, 15) (3, 1, 1, 68, 17, 15) (3, 1, 1, 73, 17, 15) (3, 1, 1, 73, 17, 15) (3, 1, 13, 73, 4, 39) (3, 1, 13, 73, 4, 39) (3, 1, 13, 73, 4, 39) (3, 1, 13, 73, 4, 39) (3, 1, 13, 73, 4, 39) (3, 1, 13, 73, 4, 39) (3, 1, 17, 71, 12, 39) (3, 1, 17, 71, 12, 39) (3, 1, 17, 71, 12, 39) (4, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0) Start of song Instrument: accordion Instrument: trombone Instrument: brasses Note: beat=1, position=1, pitch=E4, duration=48, instrument=trombone Instrument=brasses (3, 1, 1, 65, 4, 39) (3, 1, 1, 65, 4, 39) (3, 1, 1, 65, 4, 39) (3, 1, 1, 73, 17, 15) (3, 1, 13, 73, 4, 39) (3, 1, 13, 73, 4, 39) (3, 2, 1, 73, 12, 39) (3, 2, 1, 73, 12, 39) (4, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0) Start of song Start of song

#### N-beat continuation

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           0, 0, 15)
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                       Instrument: trombone
                       Instrument: brasses
                       Start of notes
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# Experimental Setup

#### Data

- Symbolic Orchestral Database (SOD) (Crestel et al., 2017)
  - 5,743 songs, 357 hours
- Temporal resolution: 12 time steps per quarter note
- 80% training, 10% validation, 10% test
- Data augmentation
  - Randomly shift for -5~6 semitones
  - Randomly select a starting beat

#### **Model & Training**

- 6 transformer decoder blocks
- 8 attention heads
- Model dimension: 512
- Sequence length: 1024
- Maximum number of beats: 256
- Maximum training steps: 200,000

# **Example Results**

Unconditional generation



Instrument-informed generation



church-organ, viola, contrabass, strings, voices, horn, oboe 4-beat continuation



Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's Eine kleine Nachtmusik



More audio samples



salu133445.github.io/mmt/

# Subjective Listening Test Results

2.6x/3.5x longer

generated samples

(within the same sequence length)

|                                      | Number of                     | Average sample                  | Inference speed       | Subjective listening test results               |   |   |   |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|---|---|---|---|
| parameters                           | length (sec)                  | (notes per second)              | Coherence             | Richness  | Arrangement   | Overall   |   |
| MMM [10]<br>REMI+ [11]<br>MMT (ours) | 19.81 M<br>20.72 M<br>19.94 M | 38.69<br>28.69<br><b>100.42</b> | 5.66<br>3.58<br>11.79 | $3.48 \pm 0.35$ $3.90 \pm 0.52$ $3.55 \pm 0.46$ | $3.05 \pm 0.38$<br>$3.74 \pm 0.21$<br>$3.53 \pm 0.35$ | $3.28 \pm 0.37$ $3.74 \pm 0.44$ $3.40 \pm 0.44$ | $3.17 \pm 0.43$ $3.77 \pm 0.41$ $3.33 \pm 0.47$ |
|                                      |                               |                                 |                       |   |   |   |   |

2.1x/3.3x faster

inference speed

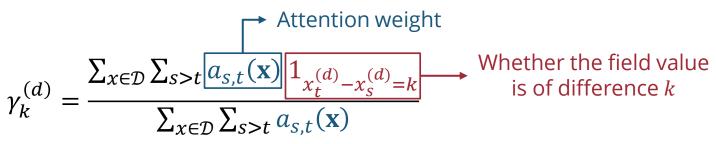
Higher quality than MMM

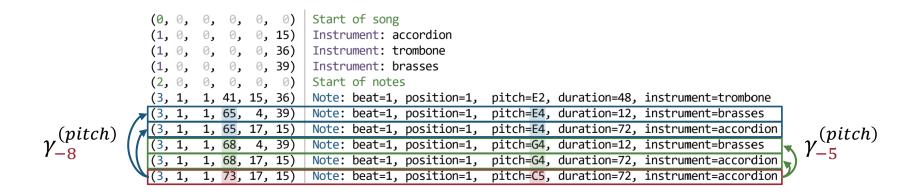
Lower quality than REMI+

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Biased towards difference that occurred more frequently!

Mean relative attention gain for a field d:

$$\tilde{\gamma}_k^{(d)} = \gamma_k^{(d)} - \frac{\sum_{x \in \mathcal{D}} \sum_{s > t} \mathbf{1}_{x_t^{(d)} - x_s^{(d)} = k}}{\sum_{x \in \mathcal{D}} \sum_{s > t} \mathbf{1}_{\mathbf{1}}}$$

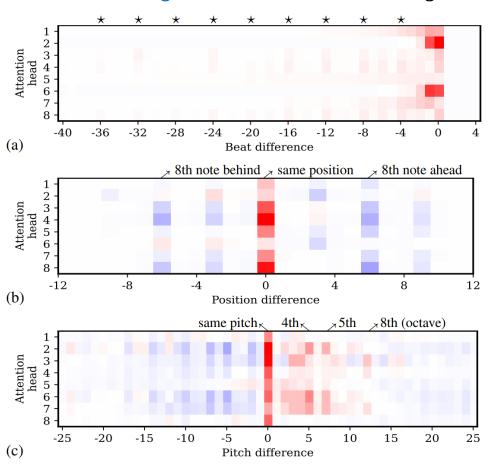
Assuming a uniform attention matrix

### Musical Self-attention

The MMT model attends more to notes

- that are 4N beats away in the past
- that have the same position as the current note (A note on beat attends more to a note on beat; a note off beat attends more to a note off beat.)
- that has a pitch in an octave above which forms a consonant interval
- → MMT learns a relative self-attention for certain aspects of music, specifically, beat, position and pitch.

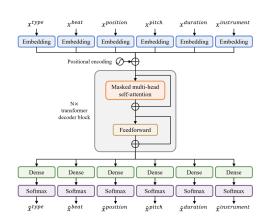
#### Positive and negative mean relative attention gain



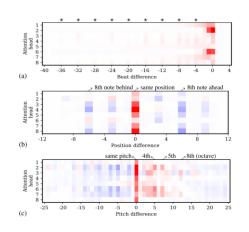
# Summary

- Proposed an efficient representation and model for multitrack music generation
- Presented the first systematic analysis of musical self-attention

#### **Multitrack Music Transformer**



#### **Musical Self-attention**



Paper: arxiv.org/abs/2207.06983

Demo: <a href="mailto:salu133445.github.io/mmt/">salu133445.github.io/mmt/</a>

Code: github.com/salu133445/mmt





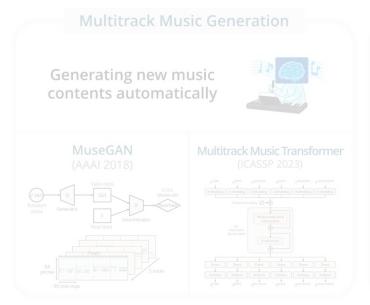


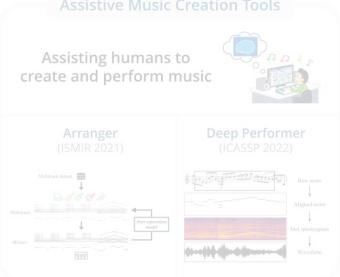




# My Research











# CLIPSonic: Text-to-Audio Synthesis with Unlabeled Videos and Pretrained Language-Vision Models

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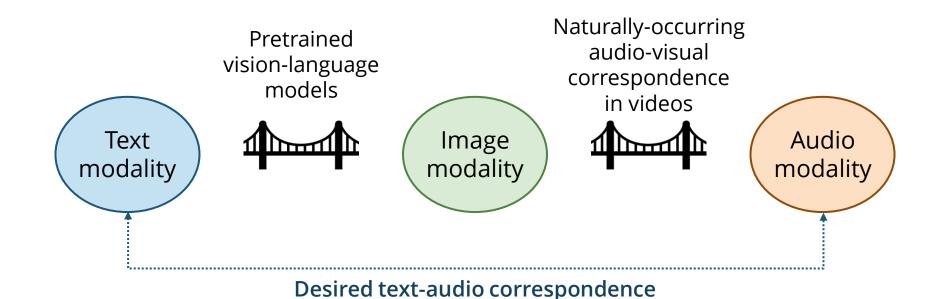






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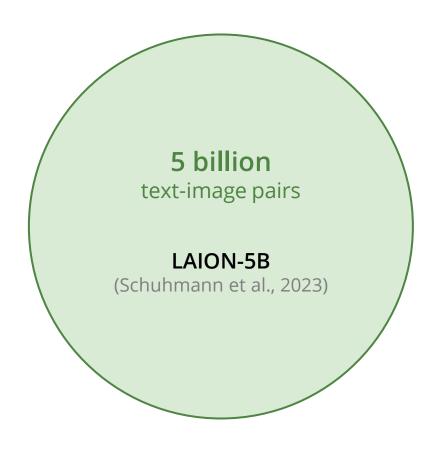
# Leveraging the Visual Domain as a Bridge



No text-audio pairs required!

Scalable to large video datasets!

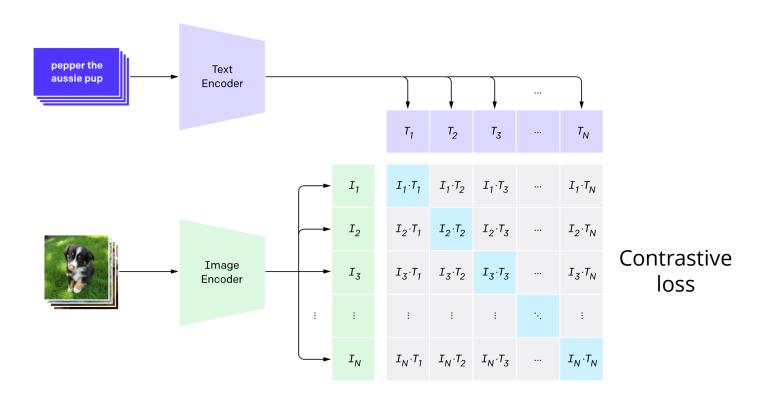
# Why NOT Text-audio Pairs?



# VouTube videos! 500 hours of videos uploaded per minute 0.6 million text-audio pairs LAION-Audio-630K (Wu et al., 2023)

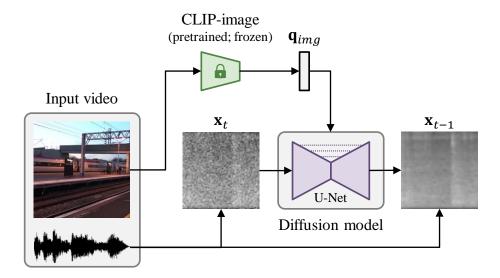
# **CLIP** (Contrastive Language-Image Pretraining)

Learned a shared embedding space for images and texts via contrastive learning



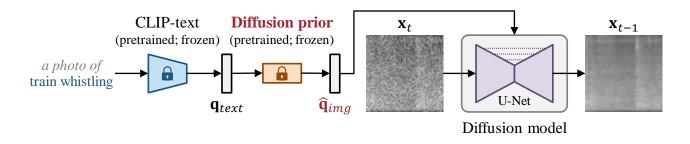
# CLIPSonic – Training

- We train the model to perform image-to-audio synthesis
  - Encode a video frame using a pretrained CLIP-image encoder (Radford et al., 2021)

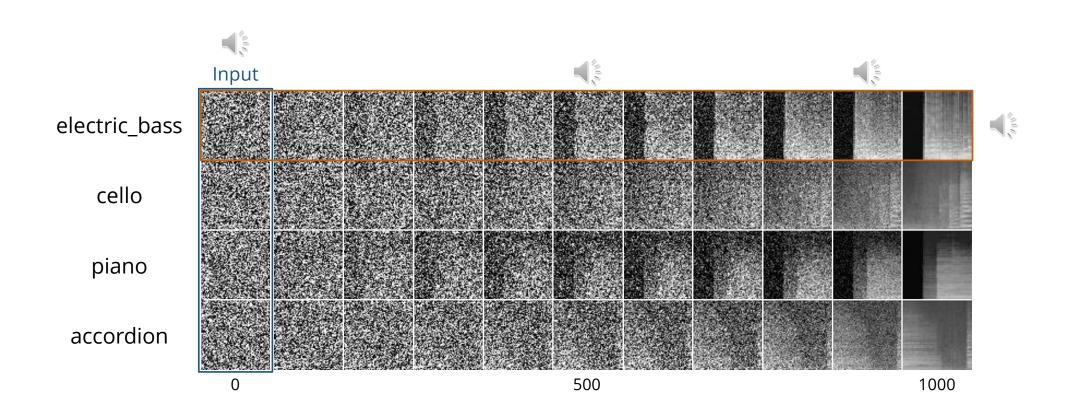


### CLIPSonic - Inference

- We use a pretrained diffusion prior model (Ramesh et al., 2022)
  - To generate a CLIP-image embedding given a CLIP-text embedding



# CLIPSonic – Inference Examples



### Data

**MUSIC** 

(Zhao et al., 2018)

**VGGSound** 

(Chen et al., 2020)



Violin



Acoustic guitar



Accordion



Hedge trimmer running



Dog bow-wow



Bird chirping, tweeting

Music instrument playing videos

Noisy videos with diverse sounds

# Text-to-Audio Synthesis Demo



| Rapping | Sea waves | Smoke detector beeping | Playing table<br>tennis | Thunder | Playing violin<br>fiddle |
|---------|-----------|------------------------|-------------------------|---------|--------------------------|
|         |           |                        |                         |         |                          |

## Subjective Listening Test (text-to-audio synthesis)

- CLIPSonic-PD with a pretrained diffusion prior model performs significantly better
  - than its counterpart without a diffusion prior model (CLIPSonic-ZS)
  - in terms of fidelity on both datasets
  - in terms of relevance on MUSIC

Table 3: Listening test results for text-to-audio synthesis (MOS).

| Model        | VGG                               | Sound           | MUSIC                             |                 |  |
|--------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|--|
| Widdei       | Fidelity                          | Relevance       | Fidelity                          | Relevance       |  |
| CLIPSonic-ZS |                                   |                 |                                   |                 |  |
| CLIPSonic-PD | $\textbf{3.04} \pm \textbf{0.20}$ | $2.86 \pm 0.25$ | $\textbf{3.67} \pm \textbf{0.18}$ | $3.91 \pm 0.24$ |  |
| Ground truth | $3.78 \pm 0.19$                   | $3.54 \pm 0.29$ | $3.90 \pm 0.17$                   | $4.34 \pm 0.18$ |  |

Significant performance improvement

## Image-to-Audio Synthesis Demo (out-of-distribution)



Demo





Im2wav (Sheffer & Adi, 2023)

SpecVQGAN (lashin & Rahtu, 2021)





























Im2wav (Sheffer & Adi, 2023)

SpecVQGAN (lashin & Rahtu, 2021)

























## Subjective Listening Test (image-to-audio synthesis)

- CLIPSonic-IQ significantly outperforms im2wav and SpecVQGAN in audio fidelity
- CLIPSonic-IQ significantly outperforms SpecVQGAN in text-audio relevance
- CLIPSonic-IQ is competitive against im2wav in text-audio relevance

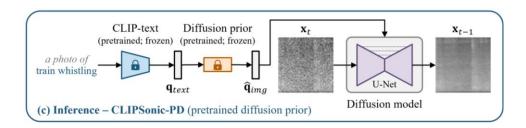
Table 4: Listening test results for image-to-audio synthesis (MOS).

| Model                        | Fidelity                          | Relevance                         |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| CLIPSonic-IQ (image-queried) | $\textbf{3.29} \pm \textbf{0.16}$ | $3.80 \pm 0.19$                   |
| SpecVQGAN [20]               | $2.15 \pm 0.17$                   | $2.54 \pm 0.23$                   |
| im2wav [21]                  | $2.19 \pm 0.15$                   | $\textbf{3.90} \pm \textbf{0.22}$ |

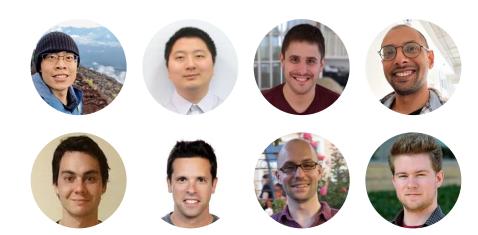
State-of-the-art image-to-audio performance!

## Summary

- Proposed a new text-to-audio synthesis model that requires *no* text-audio pairs
- CLIPSonic-PD achieves good performance in objective and subjective evaluations
- CLIPSonic-IQ achieves state-of-the-art performance in image-to-audio synthesis



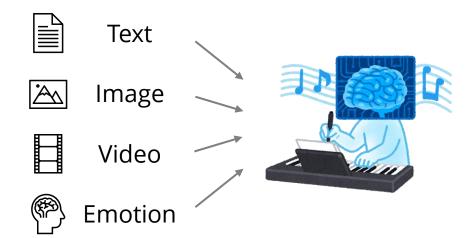
Paper: <u>arxiv.org/abs/2306.09635</u> Demo: salu133445.github.io/clipsonic



# Future of Generative Al

# Challenges

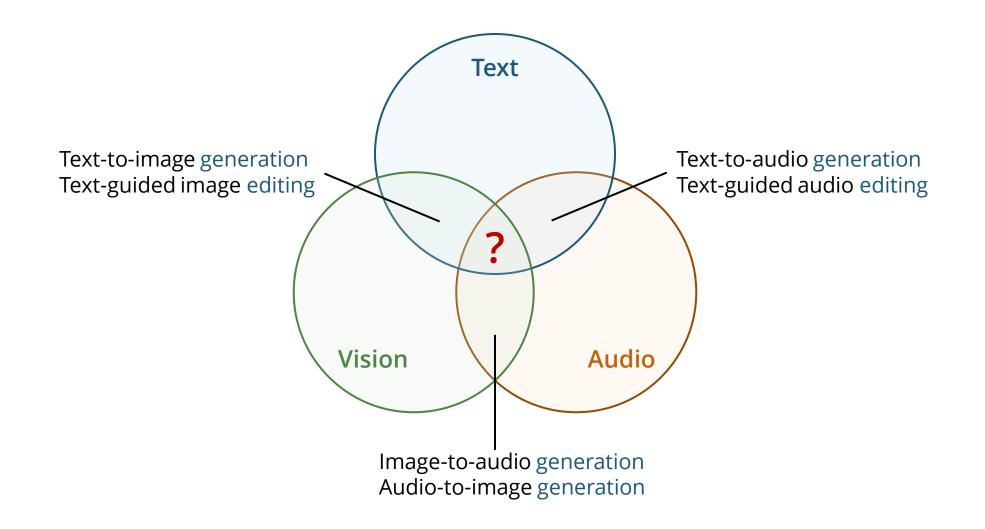
#### Multimodality



#### **Usability**



### Multimodal Generative Al



# Multimodal generative AI for Ads



Video Runway Gen-2

Music MusicGen



## Multimodal generative AI for Films



Visuals **Midjourney** 

Video **Runway** 

Narration (script) ChatGPT

Narration (voice) **ElevenLabs** 

Sound effects Audiocraft



### Generative AI for News



Generate an audio in Science Fiction theme: Mars News reporting that Humans send light-speed probe to Alpha Centauri. Start with news anchor, followed by a reporter interviewing a chief engineer from an organization that built this probe, founded by United Earth and Mars Government, and end with the news anchor again.

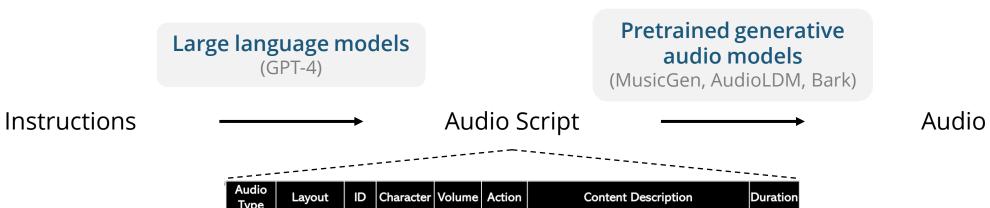
Script **GPT-4** 

Music **MusicGen** 

Narration **Bark** 

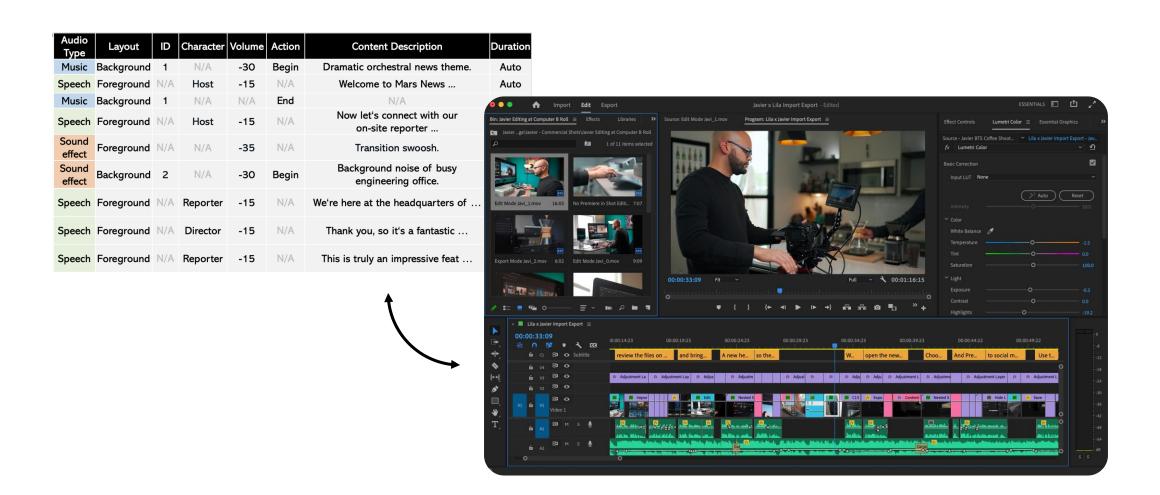
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| Audio<br>Type | Layout     | ID  | Character | Volume | Action | Content Description                            | Duration |
|---------------|------------|-----|-----------|--------|--------|--|----------|
| Music         | Background | 1   | N/A       | -30    | Begin  | Dramatic orchestral news theme.                | Auto     |
| Speech        | Foreground | N/A | Host      | -15    | N/A    | Welcome to Mars News                           | Auto     |
| Music         | Background | 1   | N/A       | N/A    | End    | N/A  | Auto     |
| Speech        | Foreground | N/A | Host      | -15    | N/A    | Now let's connect with our<br>on-site reporter | Auto     |
| Sound effect  | Foreground | N/A | N/A       | -35    | N/A    | Transition swoosh.                             | 1        |
| Sound effect  | Background | 2   | N/A       | -30    | Begin  | Background noise of busy engineering office.   | Auto     |
| Speech        | Foreground | N/A | Reporter  | -15    | N/A    | We're here at the headquarters of              | Auto     |
| Speech        | Foreground | N/A | Director  | -15    | N/A    | Thank you, so it's a fantastic                 | Auto     |
| Speech        | Foreground | N/A | Reporter  | -15    | N/A    | This is truly an impressive feat               | Auto     |

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# Acknowledgements



























