

# Generative AI for Music and Audio

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# About me



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# About me

EE



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



*Mumbai, the city of dreams.*



# Multimodal generative AI for **Films**



Visuals **Midjourney**

Video **Runway**

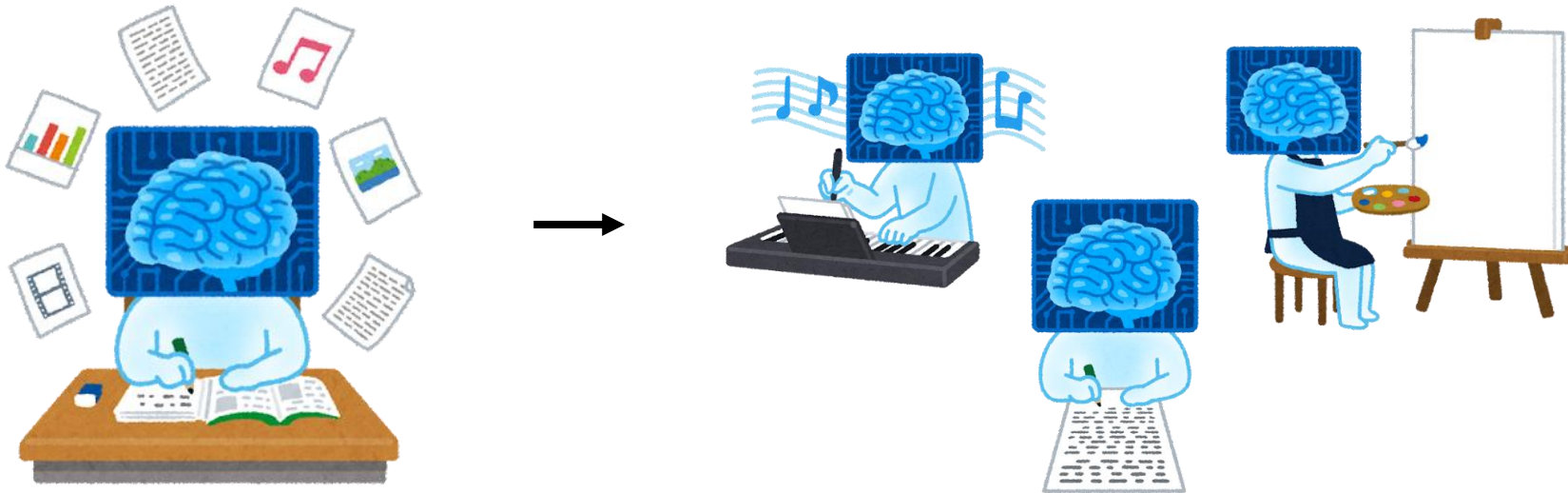
Narration (script) **ChatGPT**

Narration (voice) **ElevenLabs**

Sound effects **Audiocraft**

# What is Generative AI?

- Generative AI is AI capable of generating text, images, or other media.



# Generative AI for Visual Arts

## AI made a magazine cover



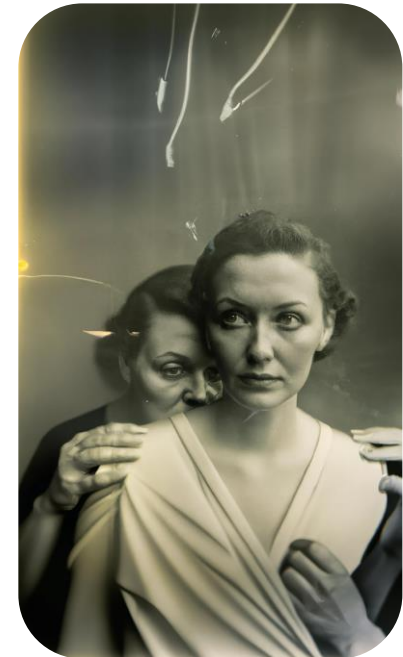
(Source: Cosmopolitan)

## AI won an art contest



(Source: CNN Business)

## AI won a photography contest



(Source: CNN)

Gloria Liu, "[The World's Smartest Artificial Intelligence Just Made Its First Magazine Cover](#)," *Cosmopolitan*, June 21, 2022.

Rachel Metz, "[AI won an art contest, and artists are furious](#)," *CNN Business*, September 3, 2022.

Lianne Kolirin, "[Artist rejects photo prize after AI-generated image wins award](#)," *CNN*, April 18, 2023.



# Types of Audio



## Speech



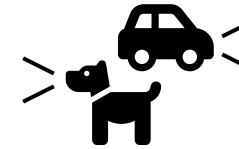
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## Music



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## Sound effects



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One Man Films, ["One Shot - WAR ACTION SHORT FILM," YouTube](#), September 11, 2022.

# Generative AI 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

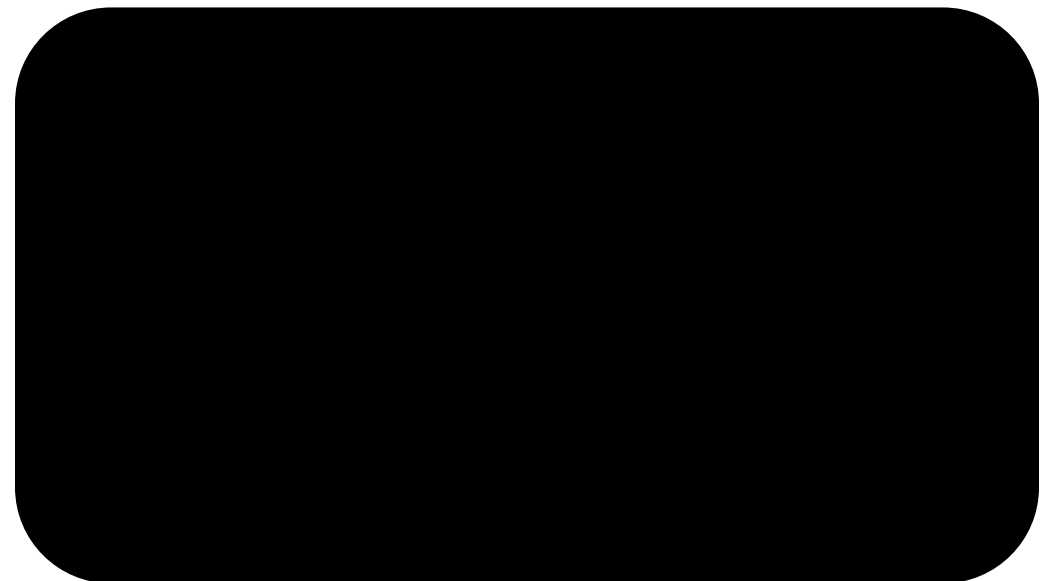


# Generative AI for Sound Effects

## Text-to-audio Synthesis

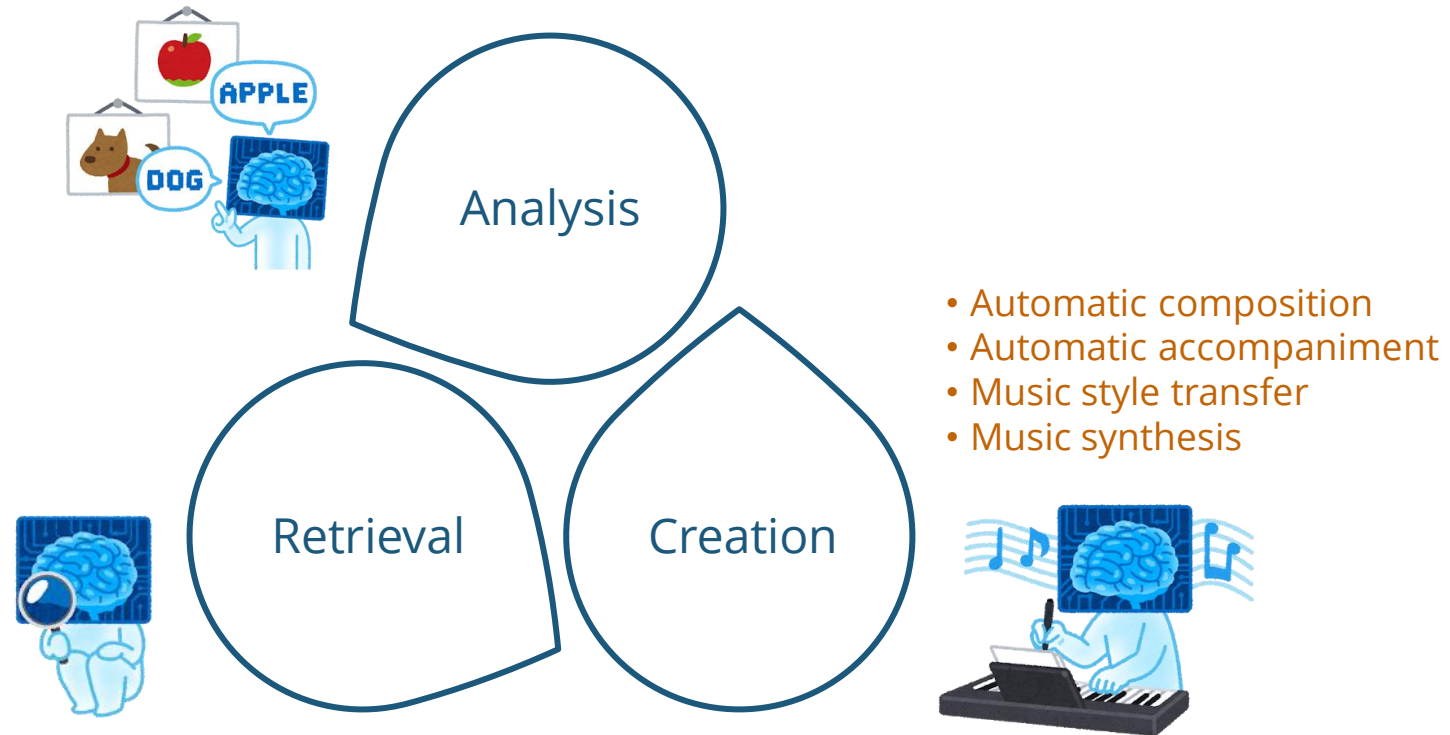


## Image-to-audio Synthesis



# Music Information Research (MIR)

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



# My Research

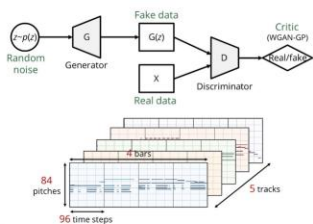


## Multitrack Music Generation

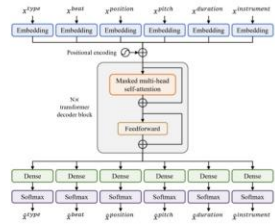
Generating new music contents automatically



### MuseGAN (AAAI 2018)



### Multitrack Music Transformer (ICASSP 2023)

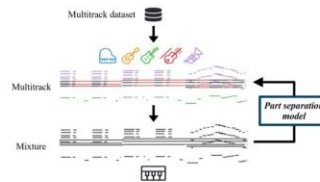


## Assistive Music Creation Tools

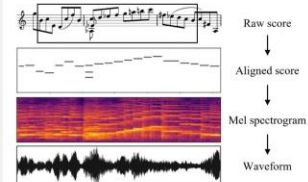
Assisting humans to create and perform music



### Arranger (ISMIR 2021)



### Deep Performer (ICASSP 2022)

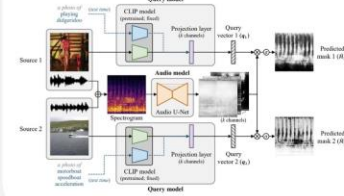


## Multimodal Learning for Audio & Music

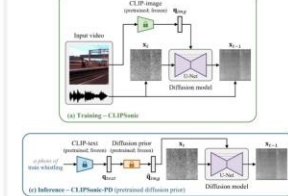
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### CLIPSep (ICLR 2023)



### CLIPsonic (WASPAA 2023)



# My Research



**Featured in  
Amazon AWS DeepComposer**

# My Research

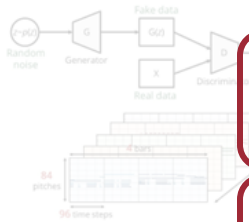


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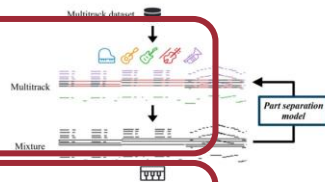


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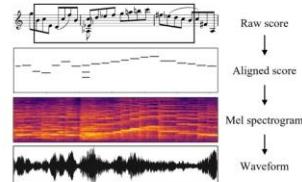
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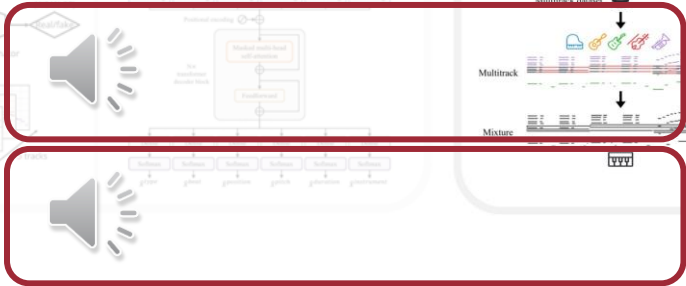
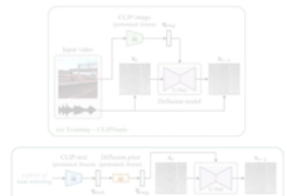
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CLIPSep (ICLR 2023)



CLIPSONIC (WASPAA 2023)



# My Research

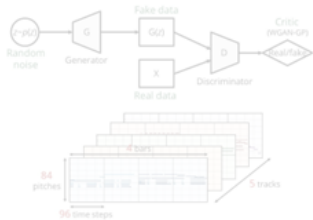


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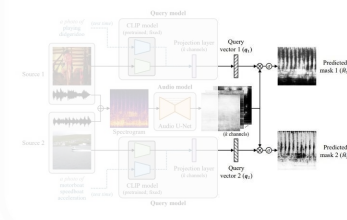


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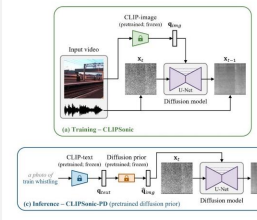
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### CLIPSep (ICLR 2023)



### CLIPSonic (WASPAA 2023)







# CLIPSep: Learning Text-queried Sound Separation with Noisy Unlabeled Videos

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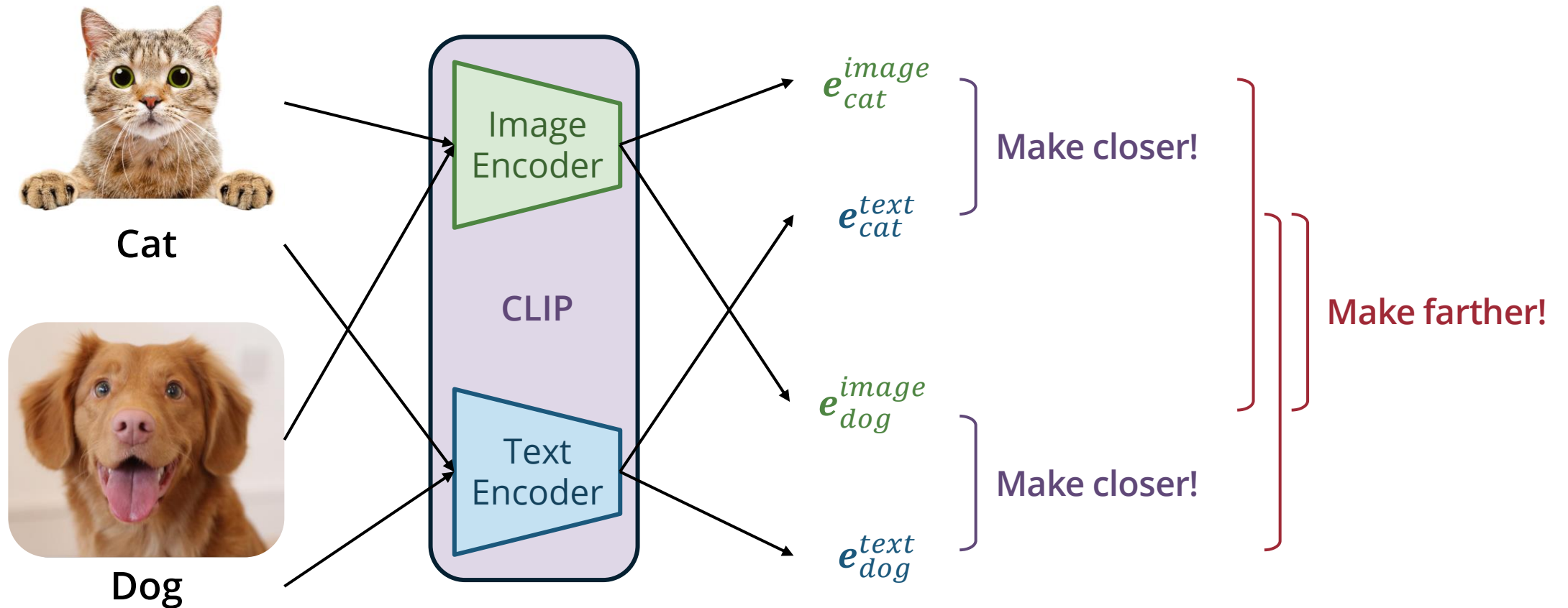


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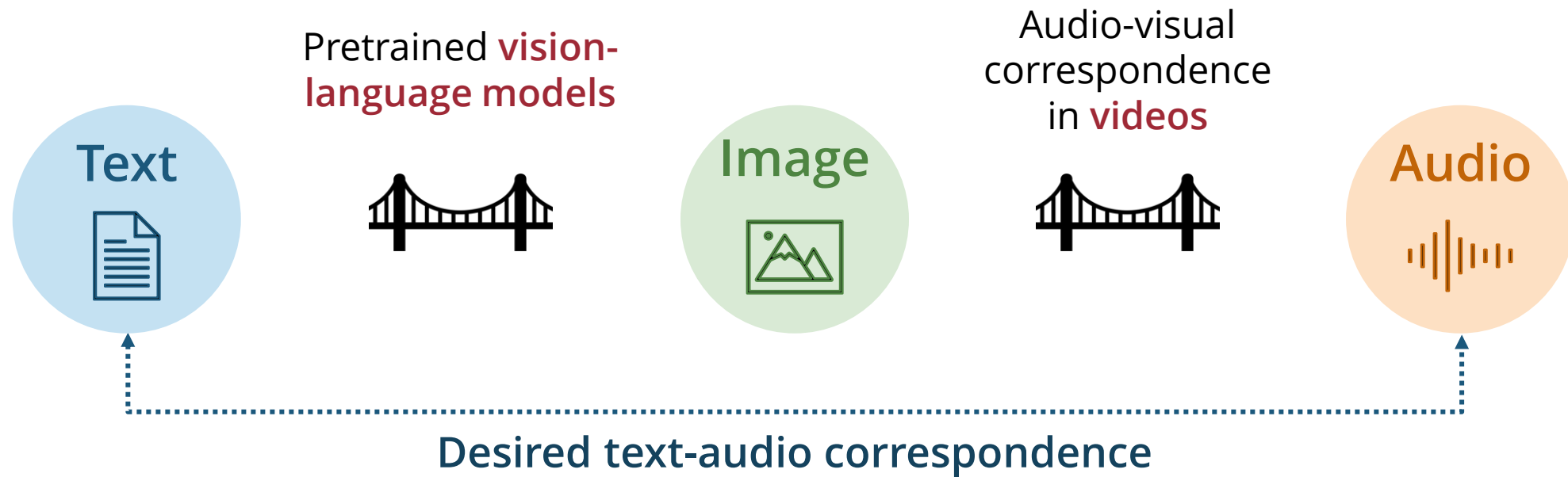
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# CLIP (Contrastive Language-Image Pretraining)

- Learn a **shared embedding space** for images and texts via *contrastive learning*



# Leveraging the Visual Domain as a Bridge



No text-audio pairs  
required!

Scalable to large  
video datasets!

# Why NOT Text-audio Pairs?

**5 billion**  
text-image pairs

**LAION-5B**  
(Schuhmann et al., 2023)

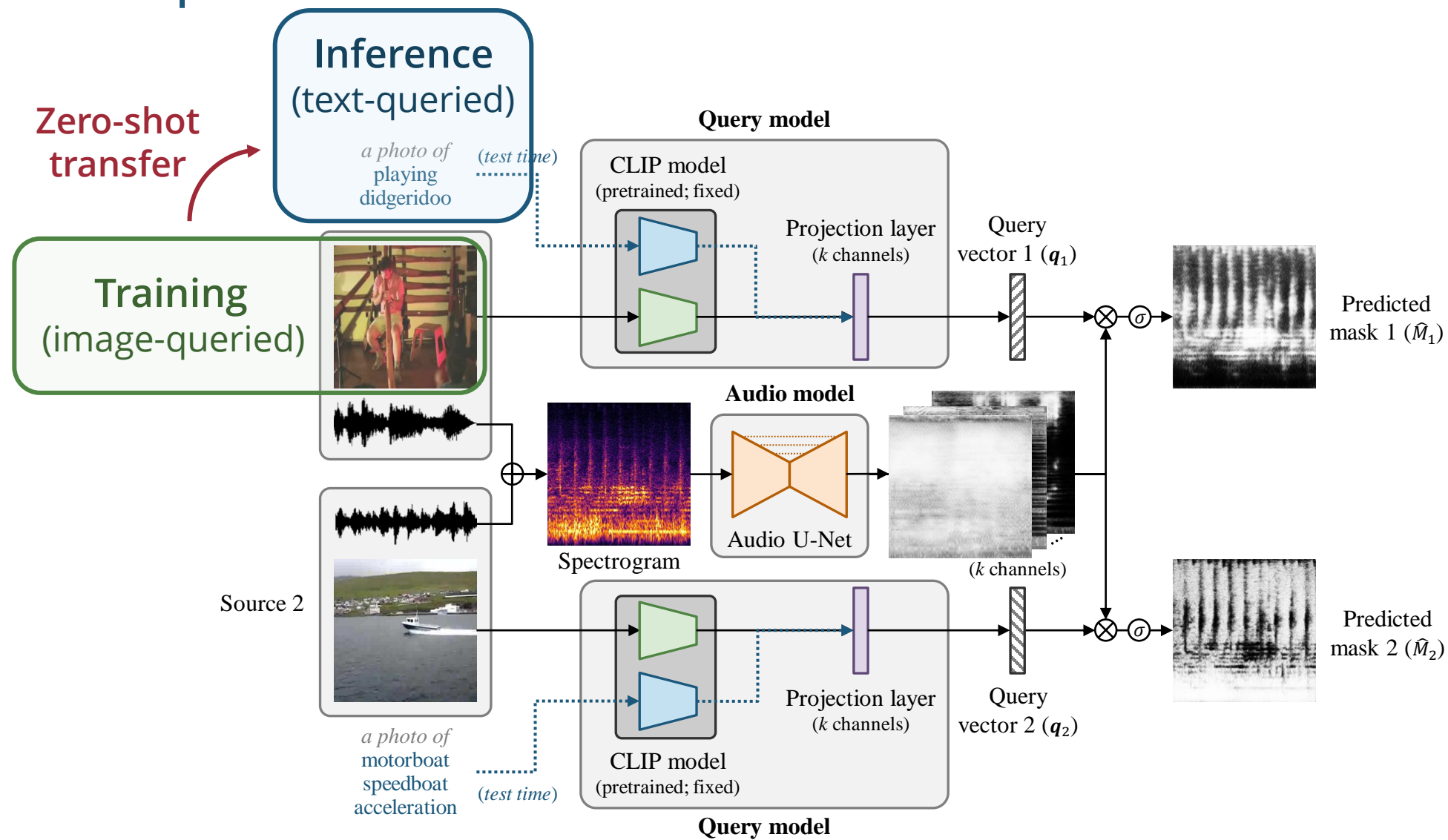
**0.6 million**  
text-audio pairs

**LAION-Audio-630K**  
(Wu et al., 2023)

**YouTube videos!**

500 hours of videos  
uploaded per minute

# CLIPSep



# Data

## MUSIC

(Zhao et al., 2018)



Violin



Acoustic guitar



Accordion

Music instrument playing videos

## VGGSound

(Chen et al., 2020)



Hedge trimmer  
running



Dog bow-wow



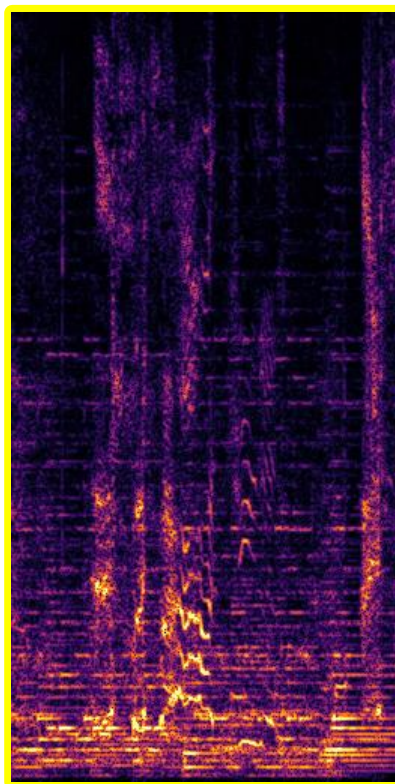
Bird chirping,  
tweeting

Noisy videos with diverse sounds

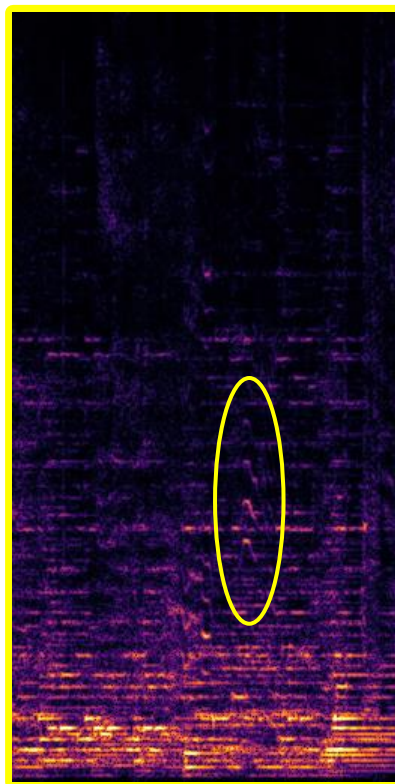
# Demo – CLIPSep

Query: *"playing harpsichord"*

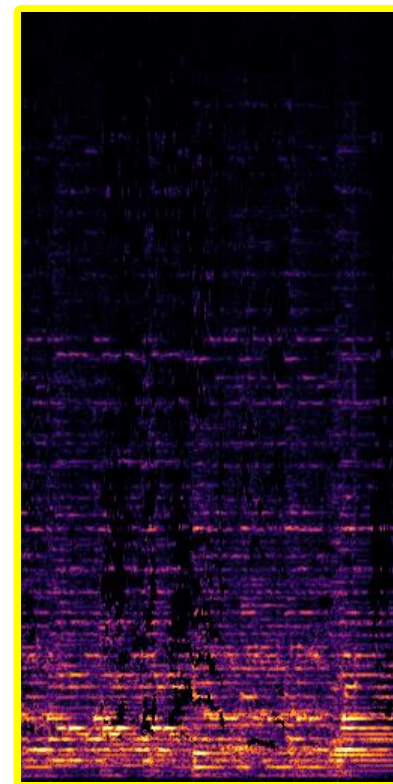
Mixture



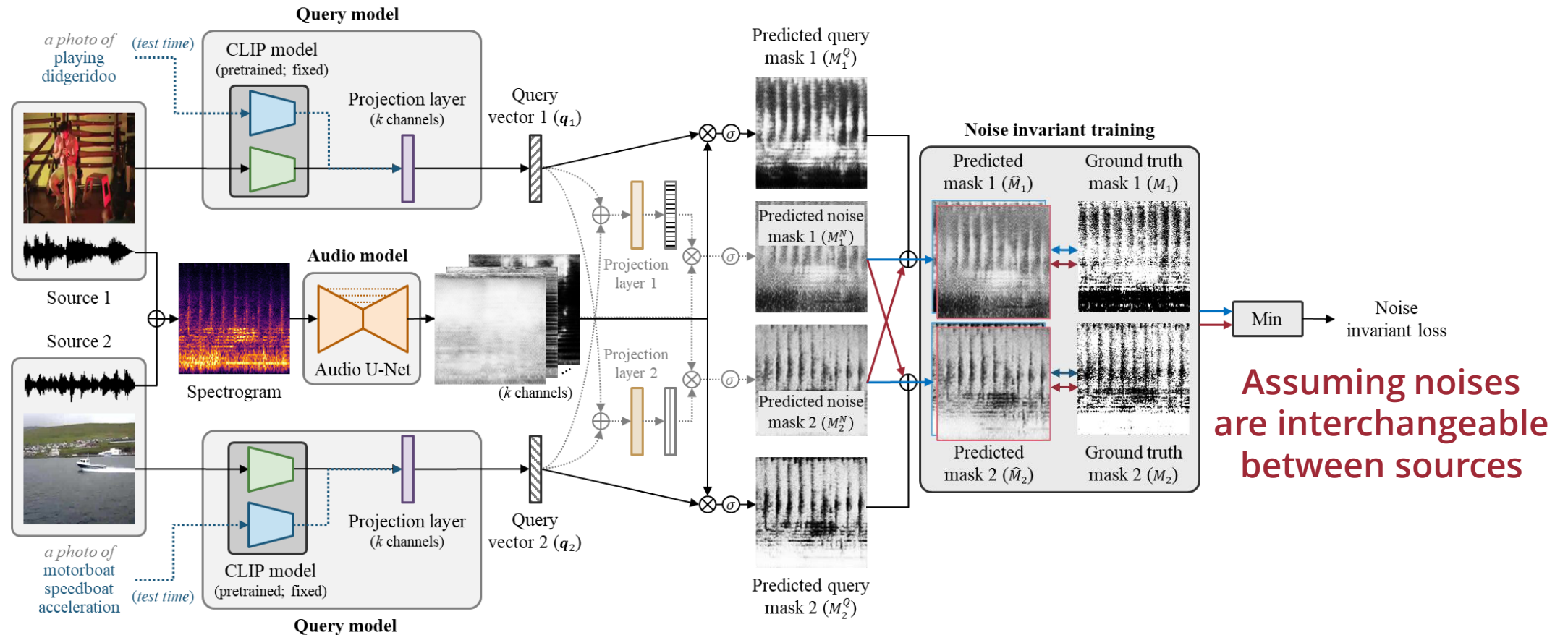
CLIPSep



Ground truth



# Noise Invariant Training (NIT)

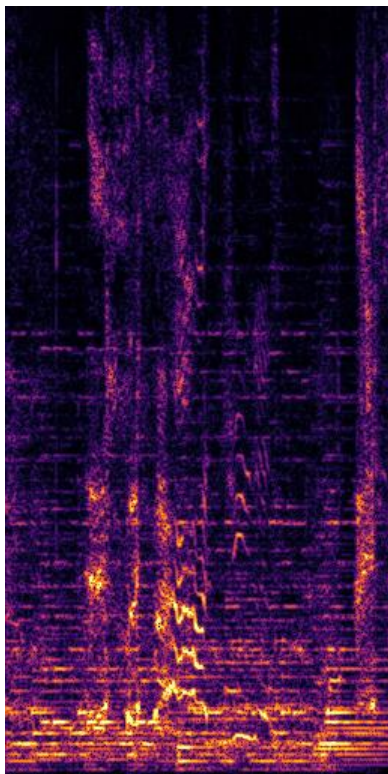




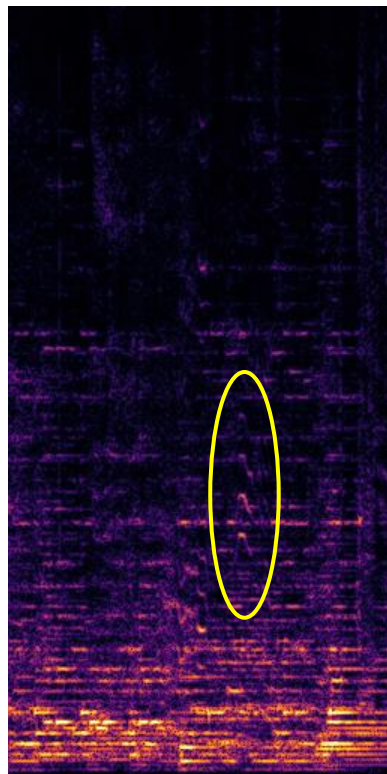
# Demo – CLIPSep-NIT

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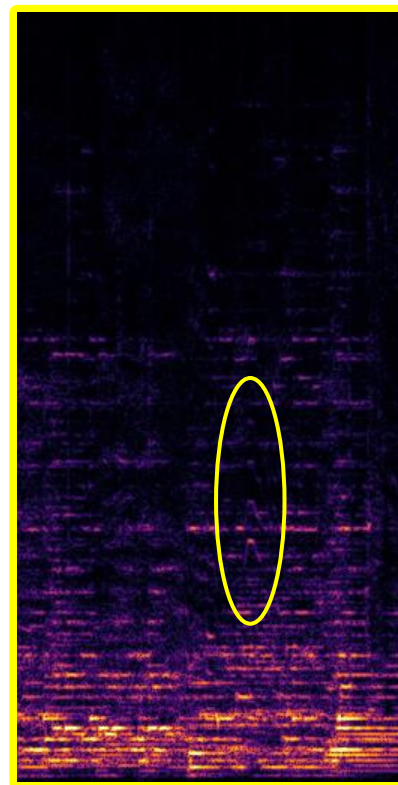
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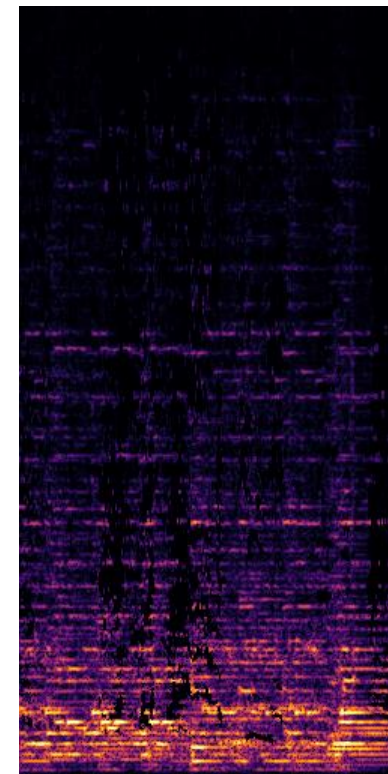
CLIPSep



CLIPSep-NIT



Ground truth



# Quantitative Results

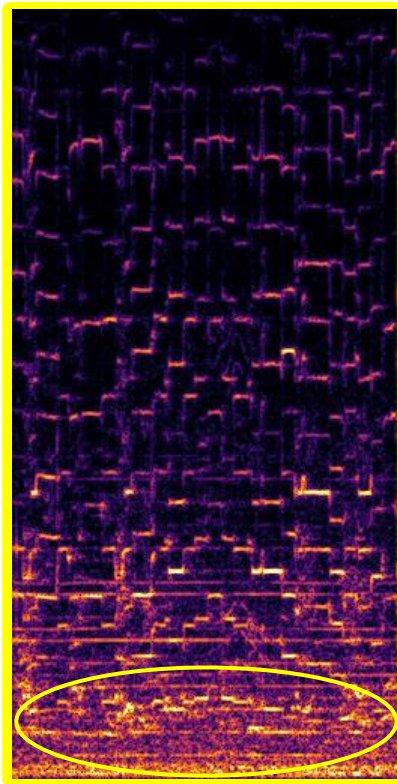
Model	Unlabeled data	Post-proc. free	MUSIC <sup>+</sup>		VGGSound-Clean <sup>+</sup>	
			Mean SDR	Median SDR	Mean SDR	Median SDR
Mixture	-	-	4.49 ± 1.41	2.04	-0.77 ± 1.31	-0.84
<b>Text-queried models</b>						
CLIPSep	✓	✓	9.71 ± 1.21	8.73	2.76 ± 1.00	<b>3.95</b>
CLIPSep-NIT	✓	✓	<b>10.27 ± 1.04</b>	<b>10.02</b>	<b>3.05 ± 0.73</b>	3.26
BERTSep		✓	4.67 ± 0.44	4.41	5.09 ± 0.80	5.49
CLIPSep-Text		✓	10.73 ± 0.99	9.93	5.49 ± 0.82	5.06

Significant performance improvement against the baseline!

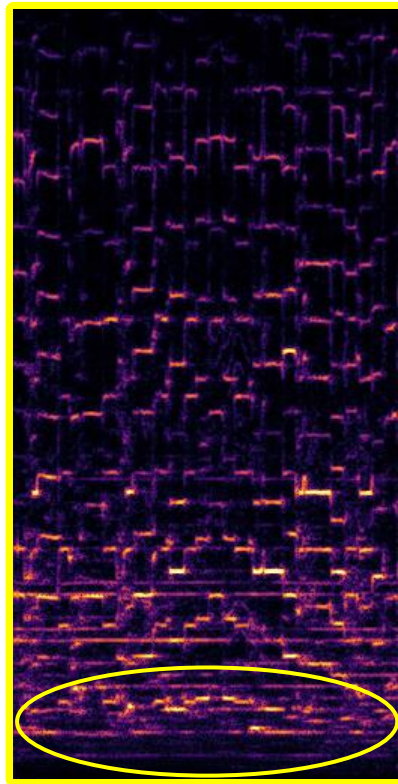
# Demo – Noise Removal

Query: *"playing bagpipe"*

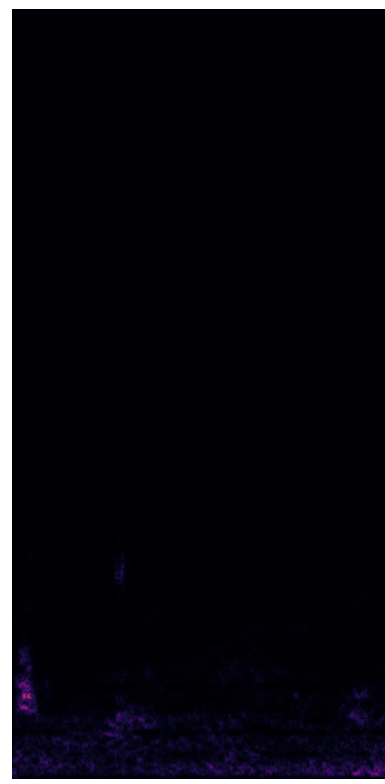
Mixture



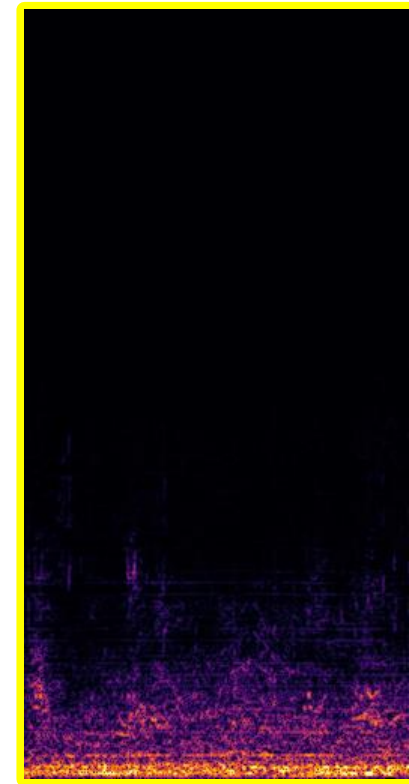
Prediction



Noise head 1



Noise head 2



# Summary

## CLIPSep

First text-queried universal sound separation model that can be trained **using only unlabeled videos**



## Noise Invariant Training

A new approach for training a query-based sound separation model with **noisy data in the wild**

Paper: [arxiv.org/abs/2212.07065](https://arxiv.org/abs/2212.07065)  
Demo: [sony.github.io/CLIPSep/](https://sony.github.io/CLIPSep/)  
Code: [github.com/sony/CLIPSep](https://github.com/sony/CLIPSep)

# My Research

## Multimodal Learning for Audio & Music

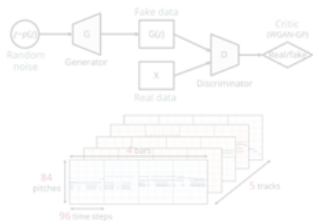
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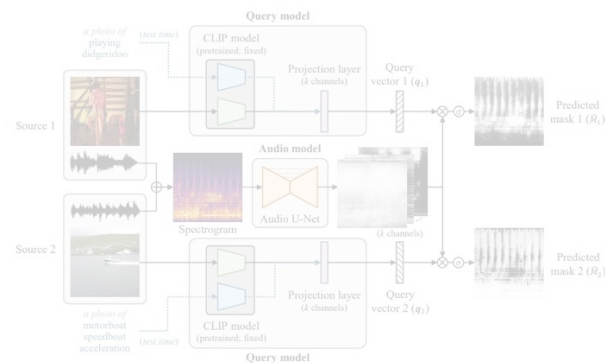
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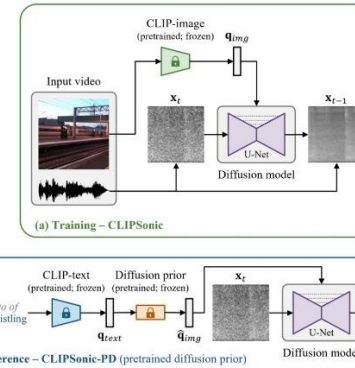


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CLIPSep (ICLR 2023)



CLIPSonic (WASPAA 2023)

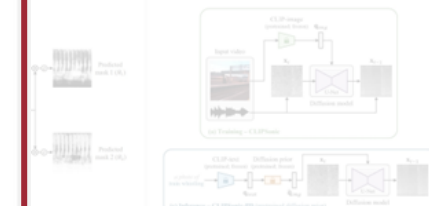


Learning for Audio & Music

separation from videos



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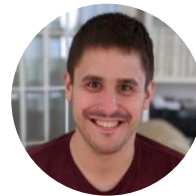


# CLIPSonic: Text-to-Audio Synthesis with Unlabeled Videos and Pretrained Language-Vision Models

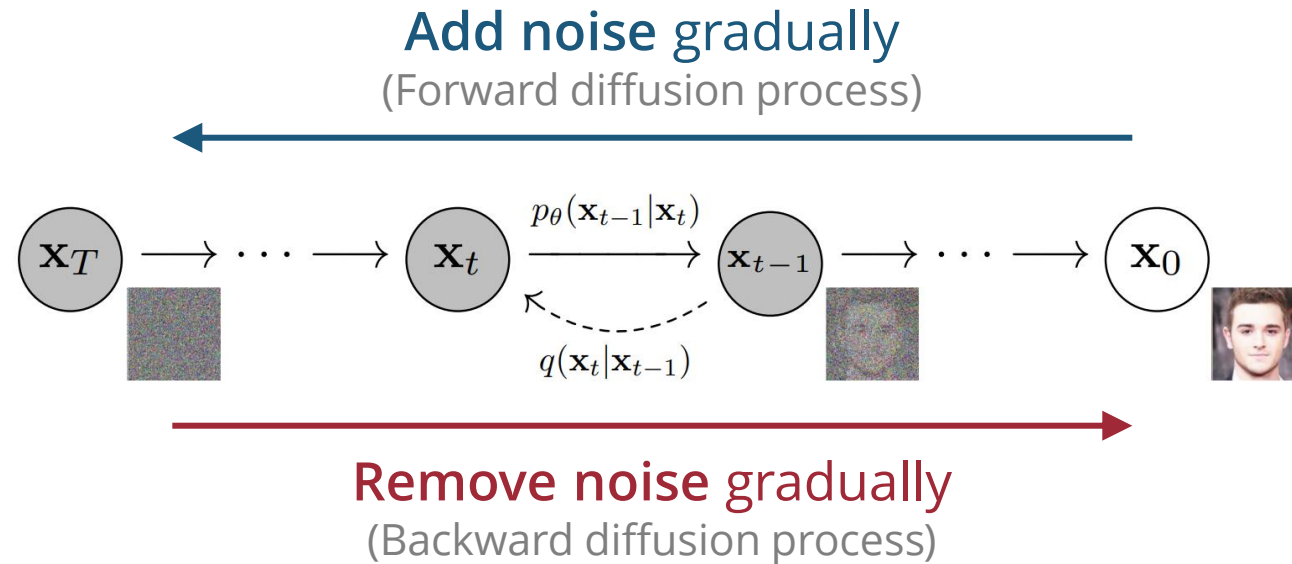
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# Diffusion model

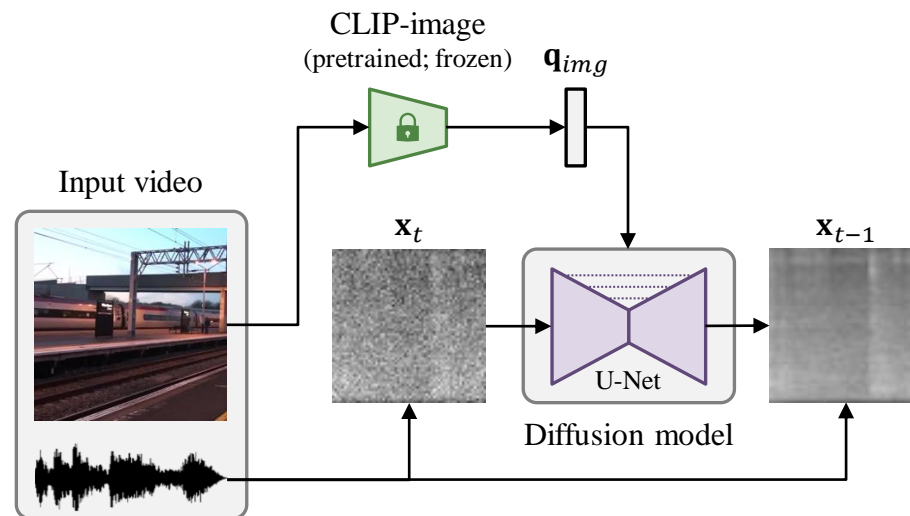


Input



# CLIP Sonic – Training (Image-queried)

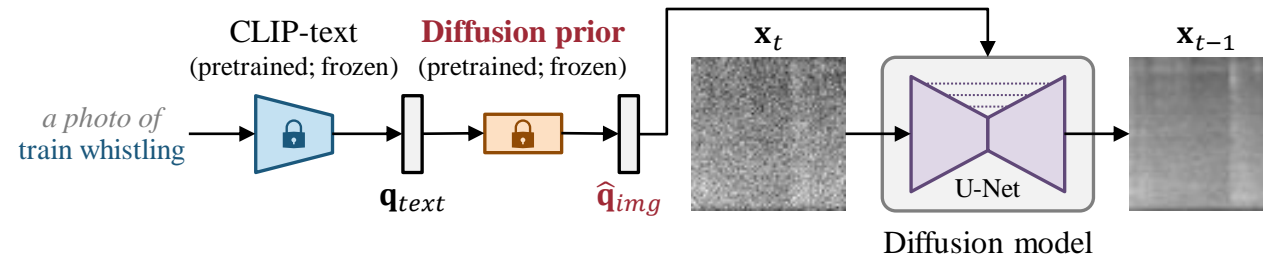
- We train the model to perform image-to-audio synthesis
  - Encode a video frame using a pretrained CLIP-image encoder (Radford et al., 2021)



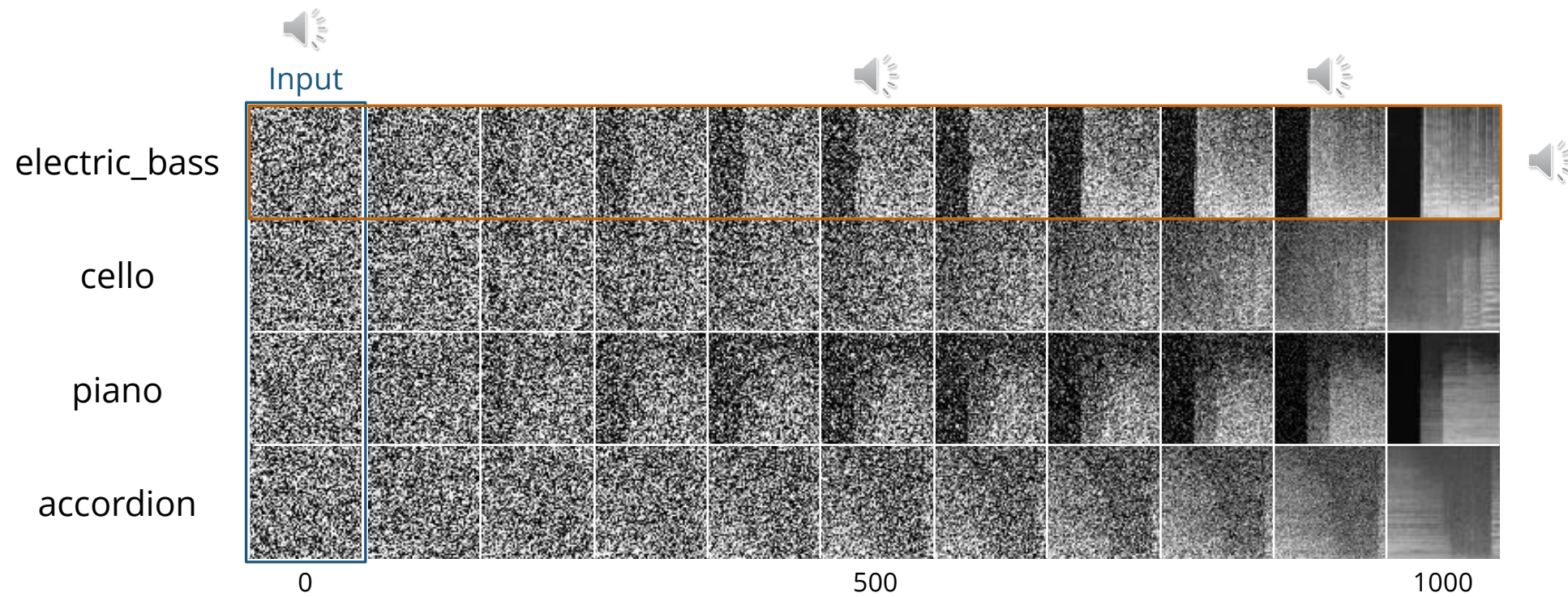


# CLIPsonic – Inference (Text-queried)

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



# CLIP Sonic – Inference Examples



# Data

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# Text-to-Audio Synthesis – Demo

Rapping



Sea waves



Thunder



Smoke detector beeping



Playing table tennis



Playing violin fiddle



# Text-to-Audio Synthesis – Listening Test

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

Model	VGGSound		MUSIC	
	Fidelity	Relevance	Fidelity	Relevance
CLIPSonic-ZS	$2.55 \pm 0.22$	$2.01 \pm 0.27$	$2.98 \pm 0.23$	$3.87 \pm 0.24$
CLIPSonic-PD	<b><math>3.04 \pm 0.20</math></b>	$2.86 \pm 0.25$	<b><math>3.67 \pm 0.18</math></b>	$3.91 \pm 0.24$
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** against the baseline!

# Image-to-Audio Synthesis – Demo (Out-of-distribution)



# Image-to-Audio Synthesis – Listening Test

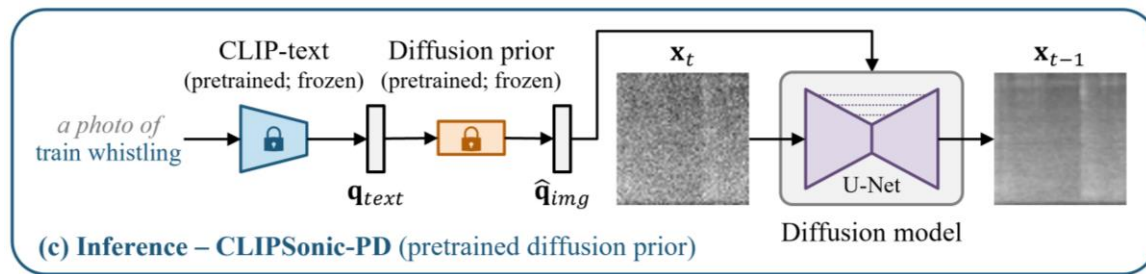
Table 4: Listening test results for image-to-audio synthesis (MOS).

Model	Fidelity	Relevance
CLIPsonic-IQ (image-queried)	<b>3.29 ± 0.16</b>	3.80 ± 0.19
SpecVQGAN [20]	2.15 ± 0.17	2.54 ± 0.23
im2wav [21]	2.19 ± 0.15	<b>3.90 ± 0.22</b>

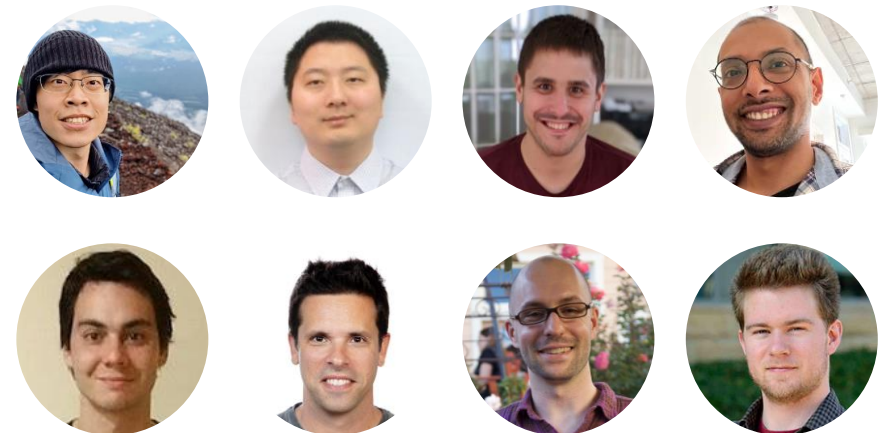
**State-of-the-art** image-to-audio performance!

# Summary

- Proposed a text-to-audio synthesis model that **requires no text-audio pairs**
- Achieves strong performance in objective and subjective evaluations
- Achieves state-of-the-art performance in image-to-audio synthesis



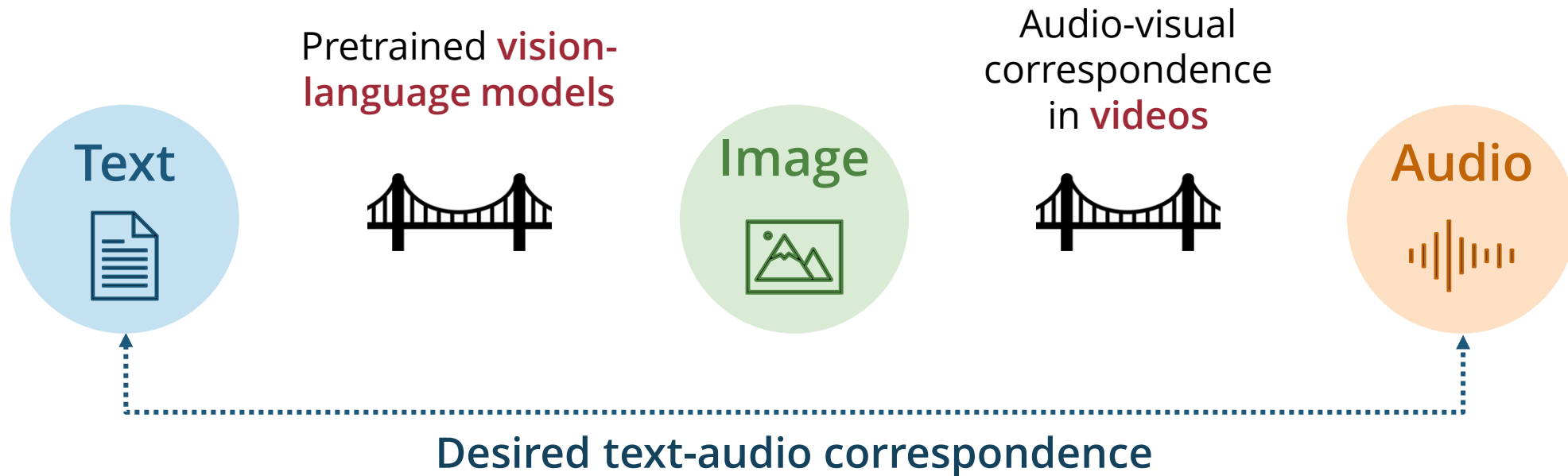
Paper: [arxiv.org/abs/2306.09635](https://arxiv.org/abs/2306.09635)  
Demo: [salu133445.github.io/clipsonic](https://salu133445.github.io/clipsonic)





# Conclusion

# Leveraging the Visual Domain as a Bridge

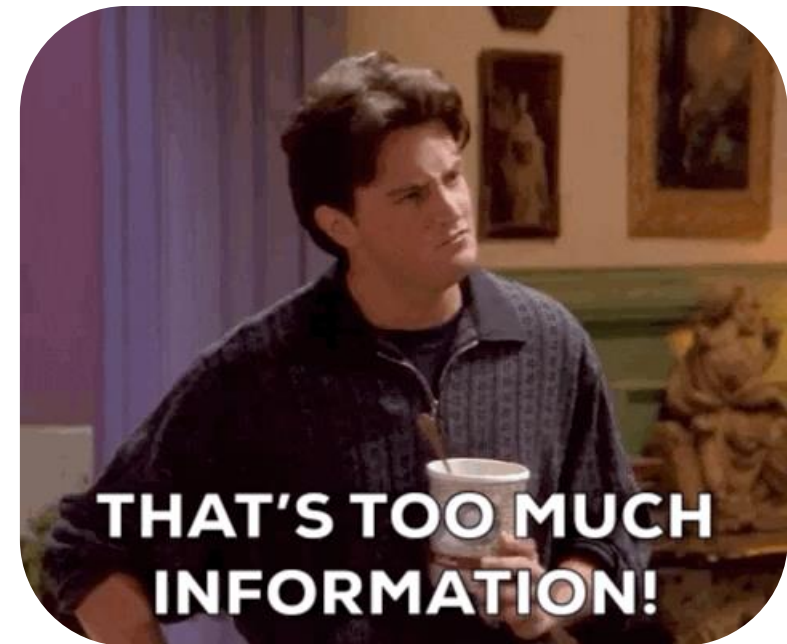


No text-audio pairs required!

Scalable to large video datasets!

# A Lot More to Learn from Videos

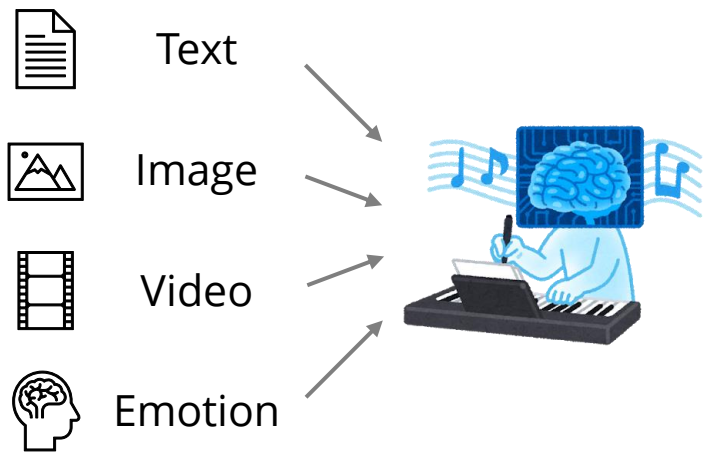
- Free audio-visual correspondence
- Rich context information
- Rich temporal dynamics



# Future Directions

# Challenges

## Multimodality



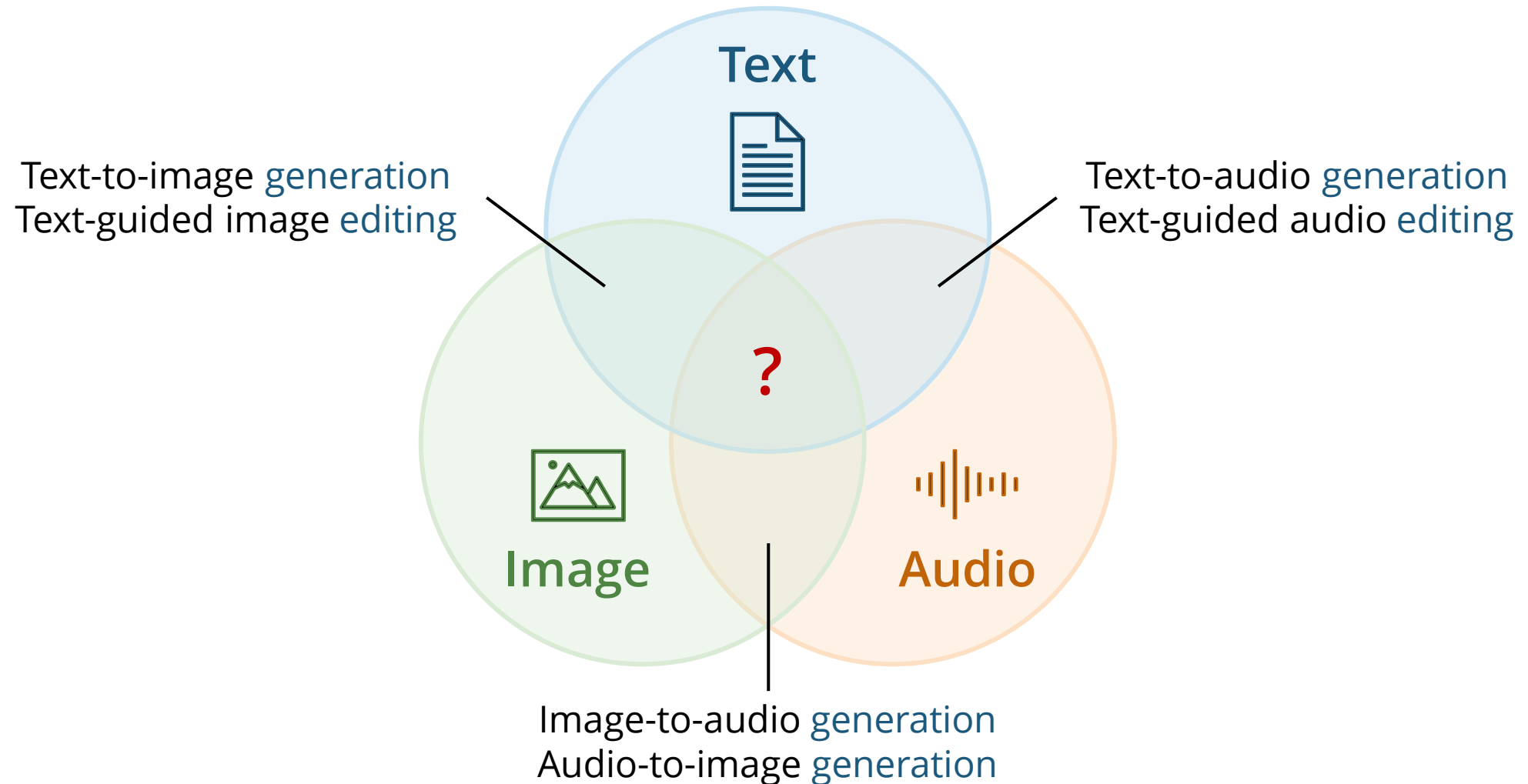
## Usability



## Licensing



# Multimodal Generative AI



# Multimodal generative AI for Ads



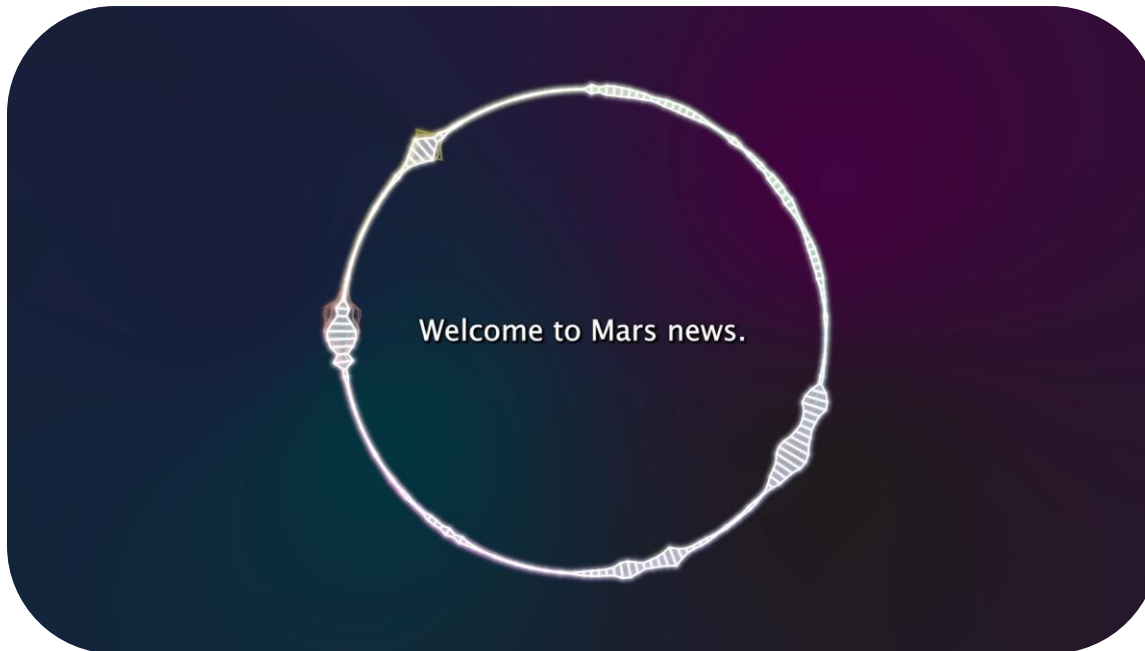
Video **Runway Gen-2**

Music **MusicGen**





# 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**

Sound effects **AudioLDM**



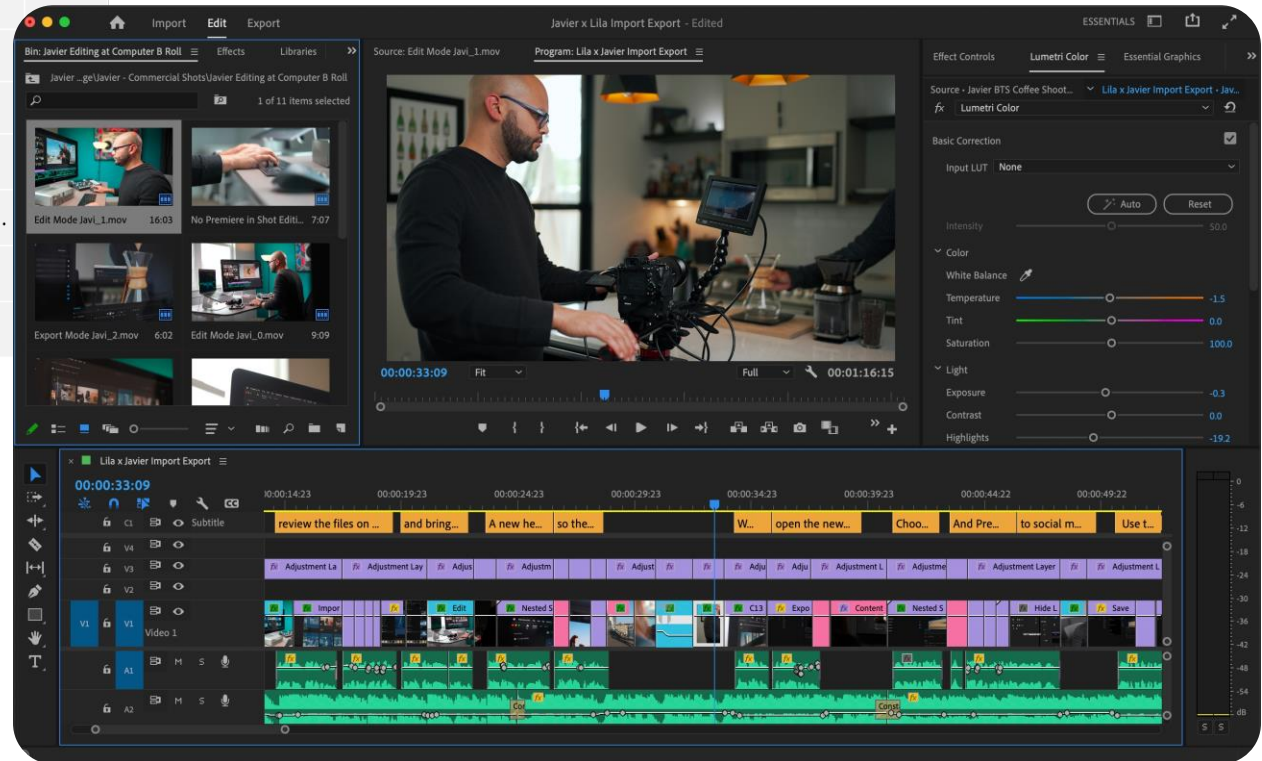
# Controllable Generative AI



Audio 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 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

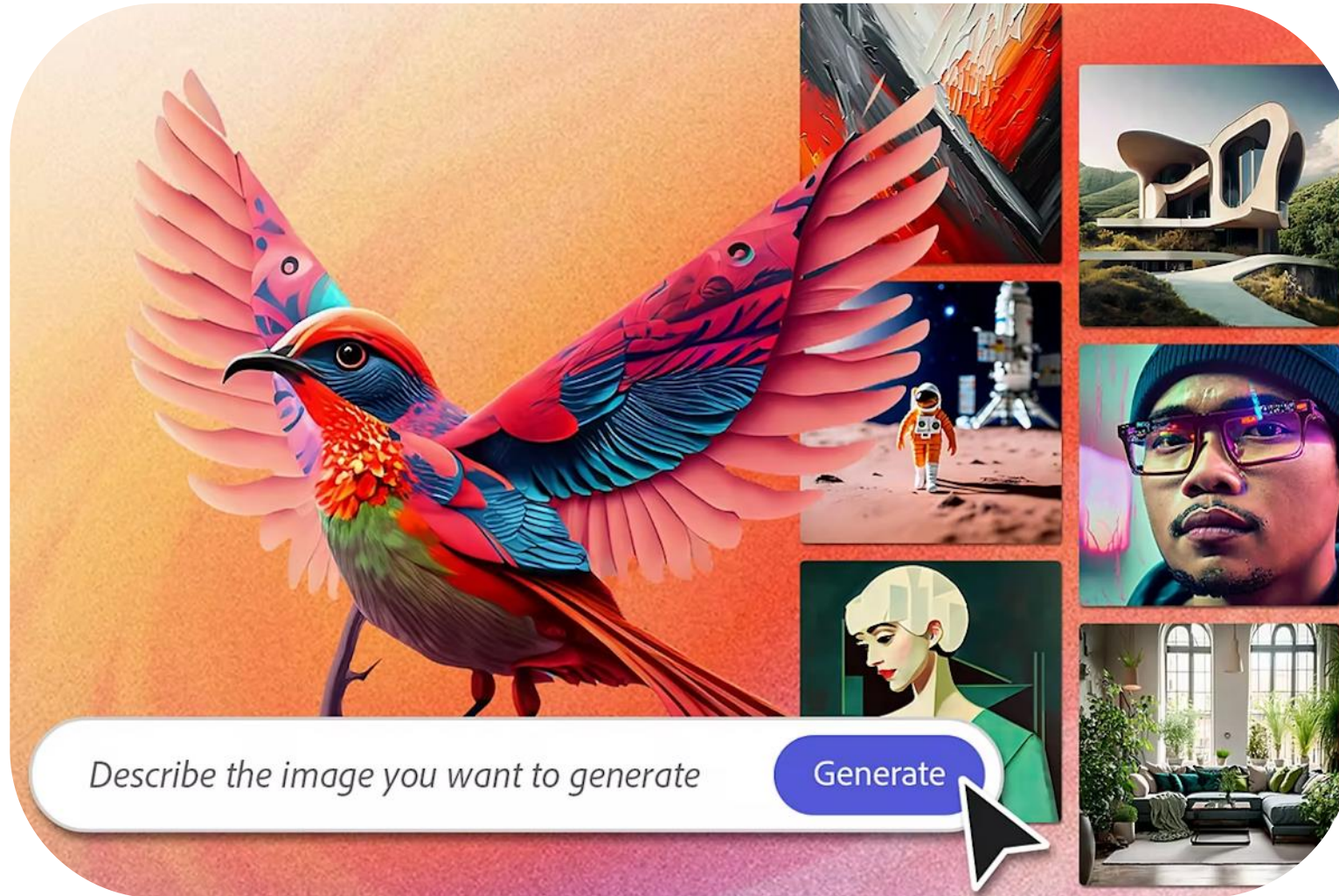
# Controllable Generative AI

Audio 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	
Speech	Foreground	N/A	Host	-15	N/A	Now let's connect with our on-site reporter ...	
Sound effect	Foreground	N/A	N/A	-35	N/A	Transition swoosh.	
Sound effect	Background	2	N/A	-30	Begin	Background noise of busy engineering office.	
Speech	Foreground	N/A	Reporter	-15	N/A	We're here at the headquarters of ...	
Speech	Foreground	N/A	Director	-15	N/A	Thank you, so it's a fantastic ...	
Speech	Foreground	N/A	Reporter	-15	N/A	This is truly an impressive feat ...	



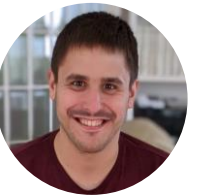
Integration into professional creative workflow

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