

# Learning Sound Separation and Synthesis from Videos using Pretrained Language-vision Models

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# My Research

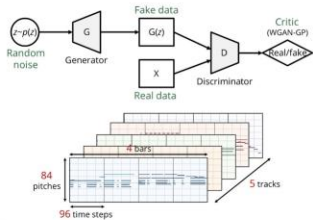


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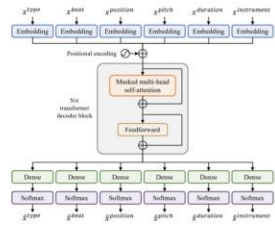
Generating new music contents automatically



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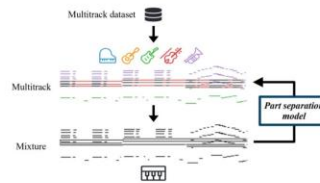


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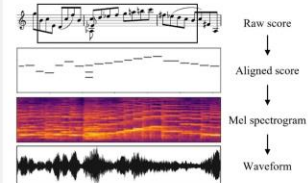
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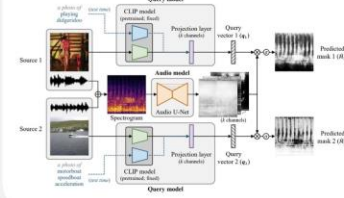


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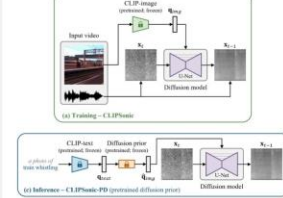
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### CLIPsonic (WASPAA 2023)



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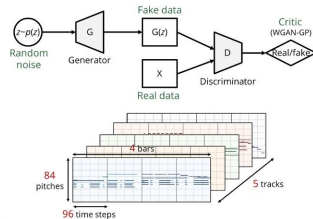


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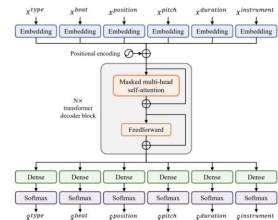
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Featured in  
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Pop music generation

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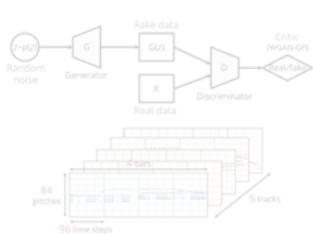
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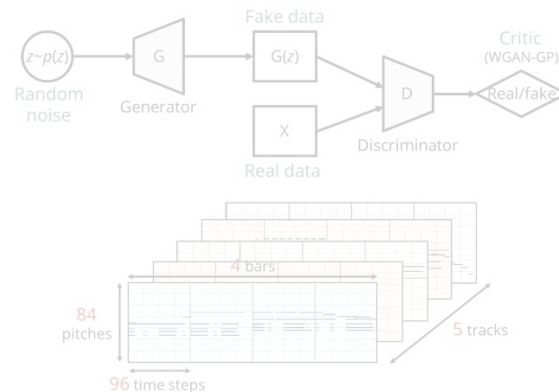
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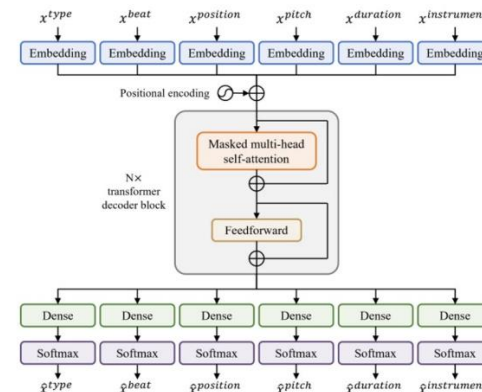


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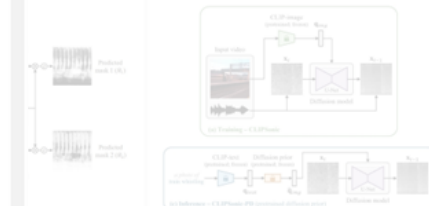


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Separation from videos

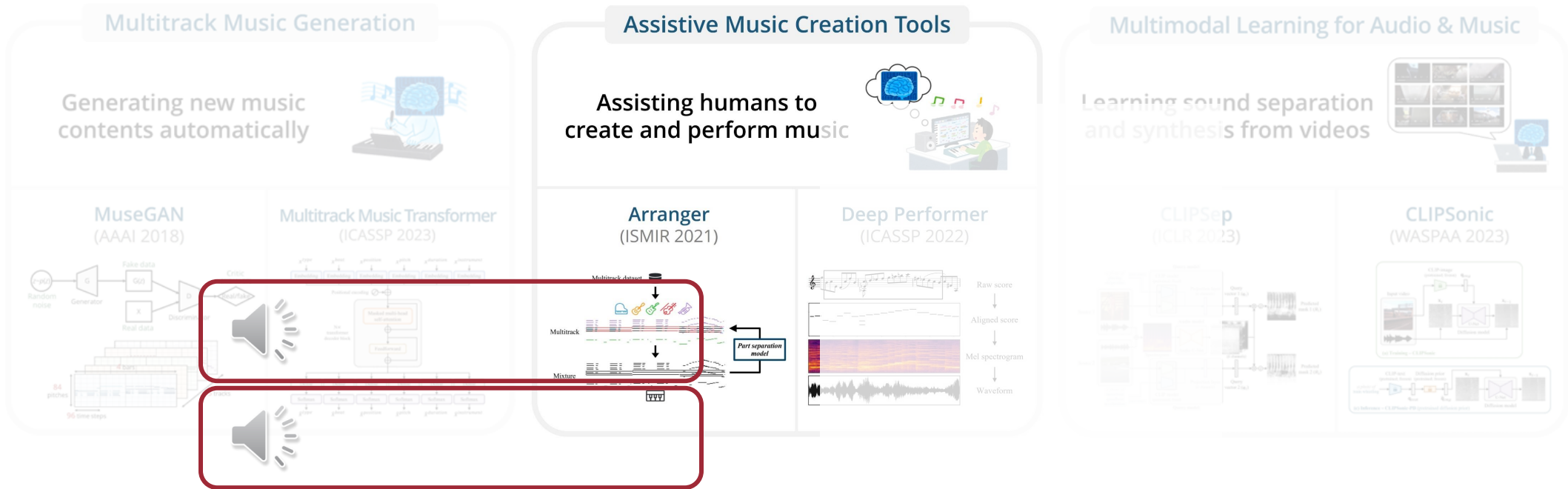


CLIPsonic (WASPAA 2023)



Orchestral music generation

# My Research



**Automatic instrumentation**

# My Research

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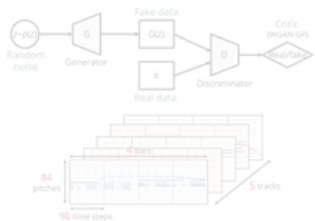
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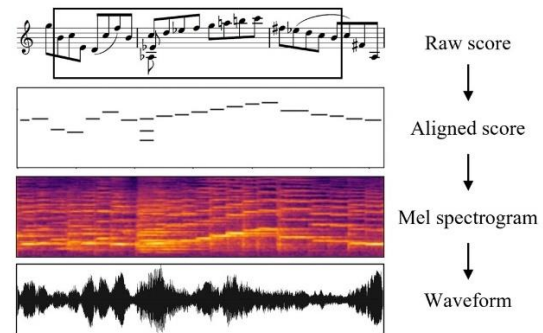


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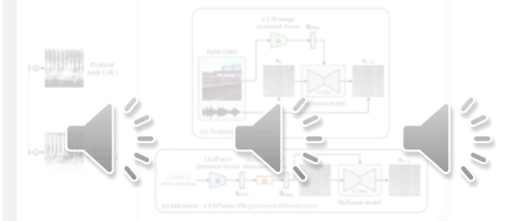
Score-to-audio synthesis

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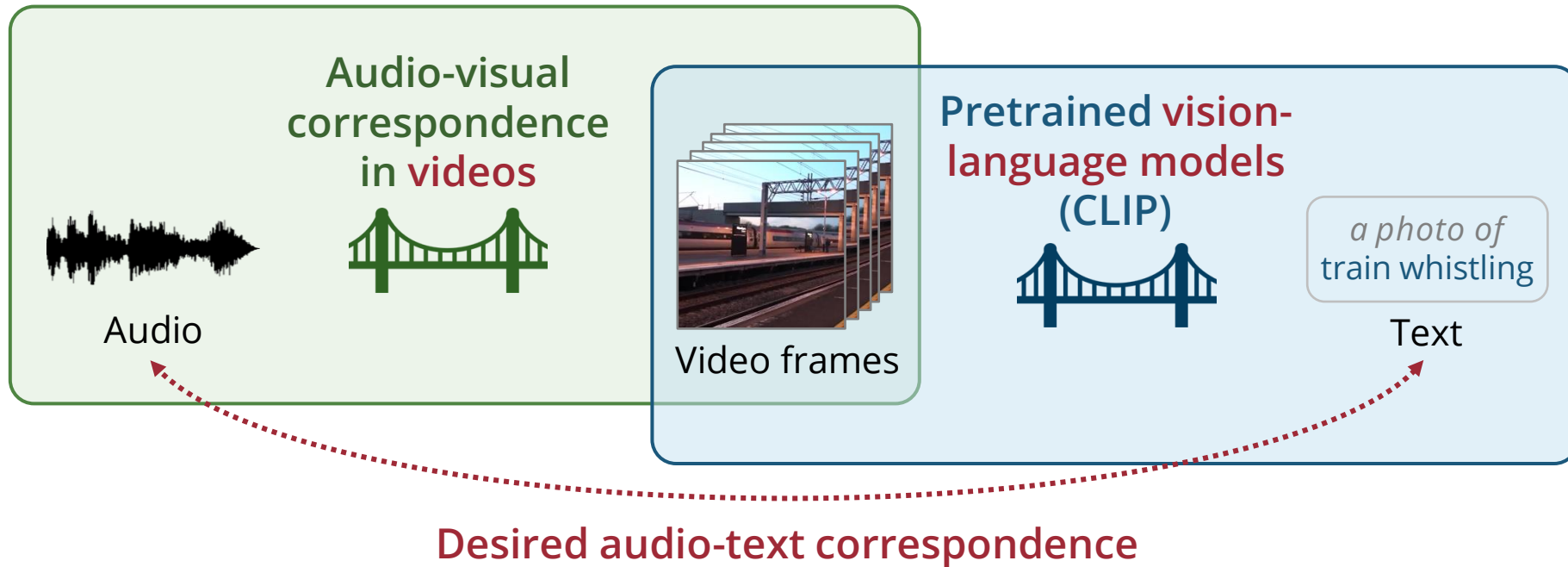
Text-queried  
sound separation

Text-to-audio  
synthesis



# Introduction

# 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

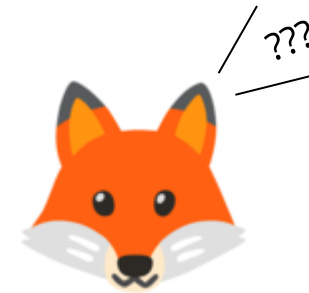
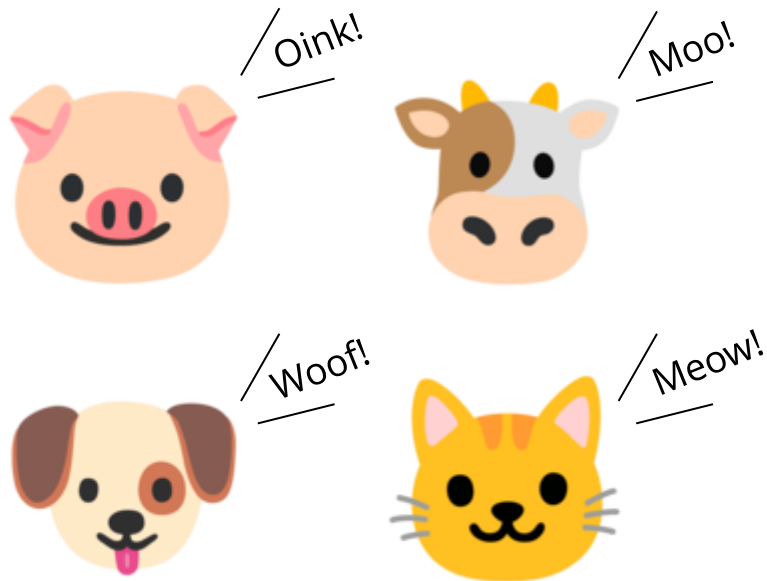
**LAION-Audio-630K**  
(Wu et al., 2023)

**YouTube videos!**

500 hours of videos  
uploaded per minute

# Learning Sounds from Videos

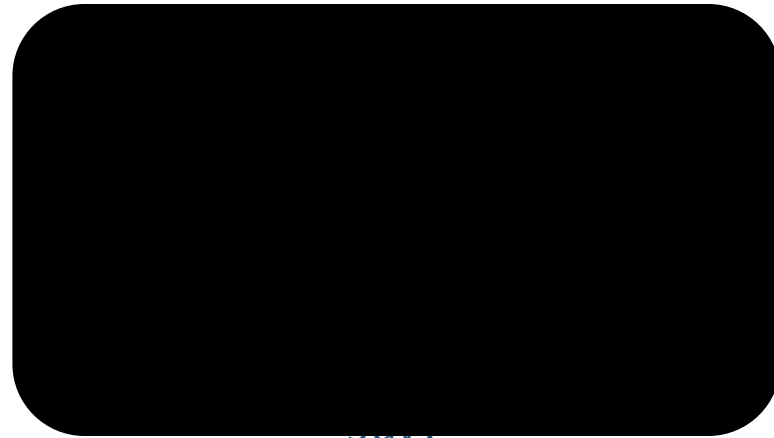
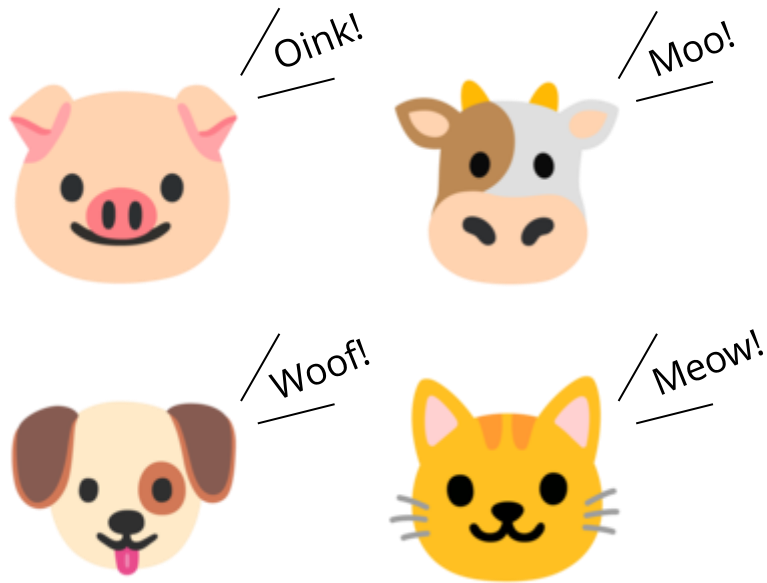
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- Can machines learn to synthesize sounds from watching *noisy videos*?



What does the fox say?

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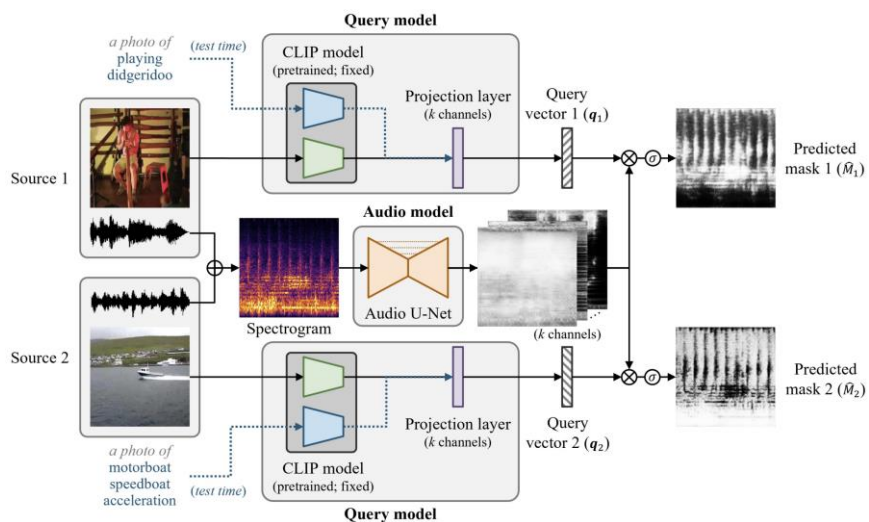


# Overview

## CLIPSep

(Dong et al., ICLR 2023)

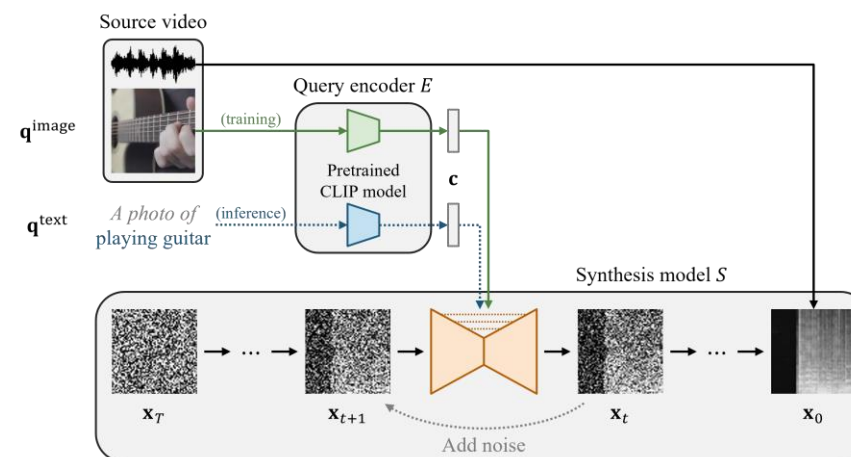
For text-queried sound separation



## CLIPSonic

(Dong et al., WASPAA 2023)

For text-to-audio synthesis





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

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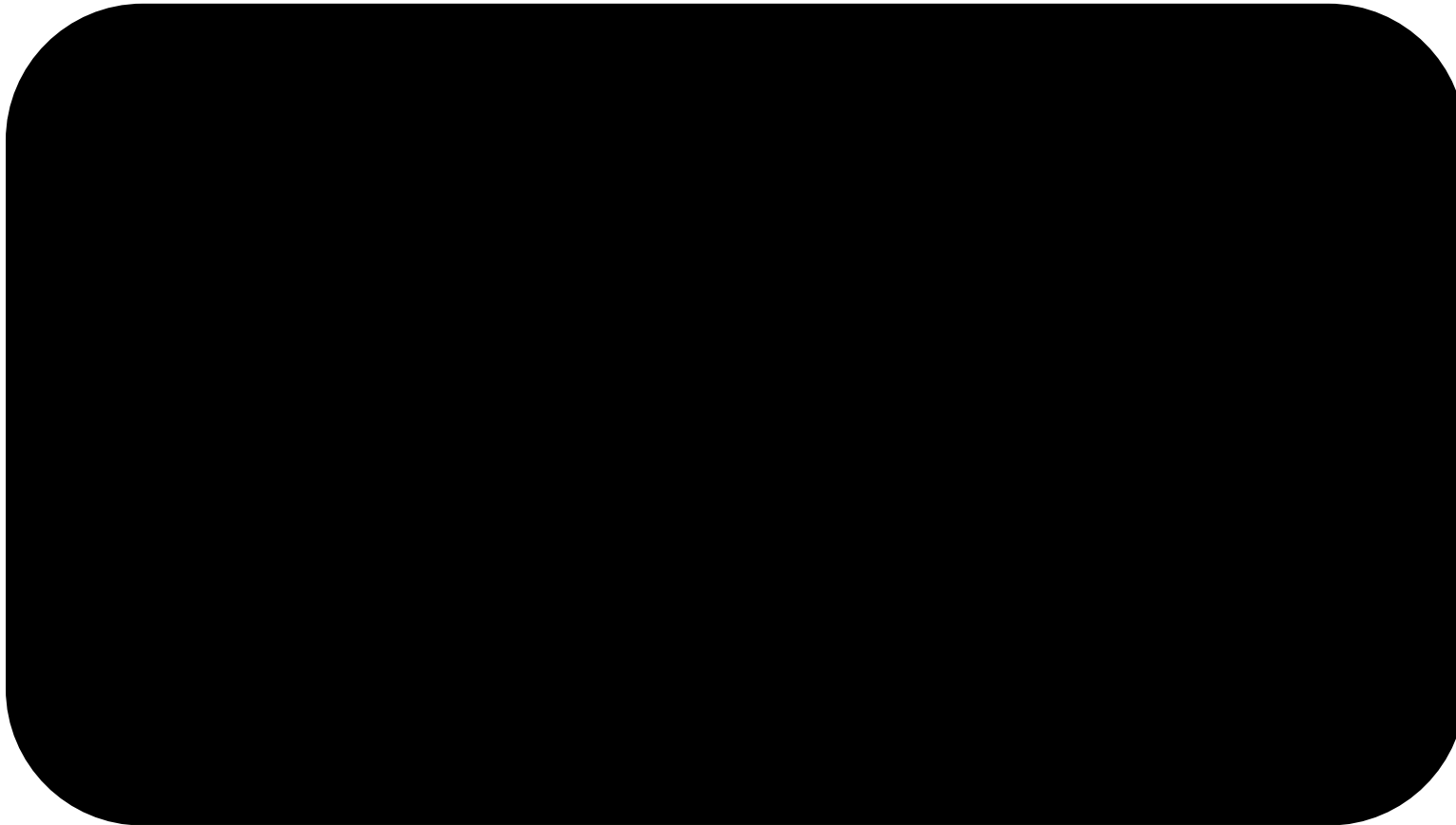
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# Overview – Text-queried Sound Separation



More samples

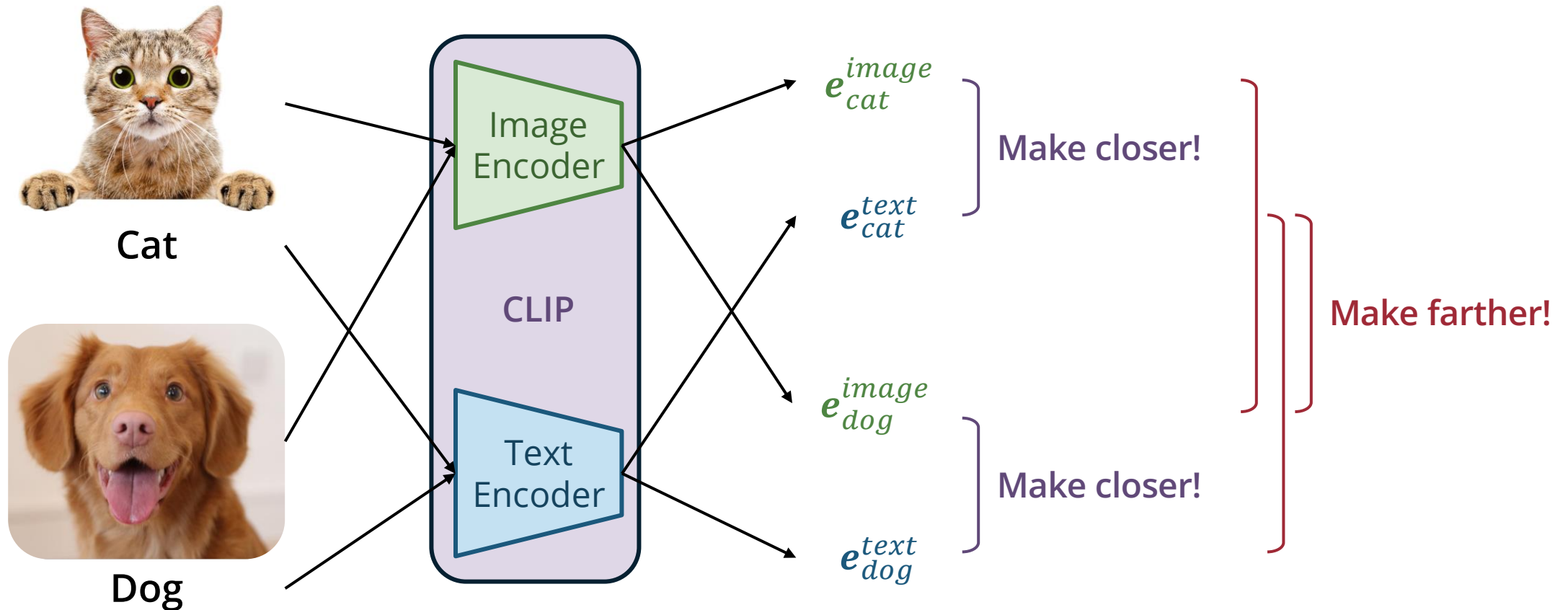


[salu133445.github.io/clipsep](https://salu133445.github.io/clipsep)

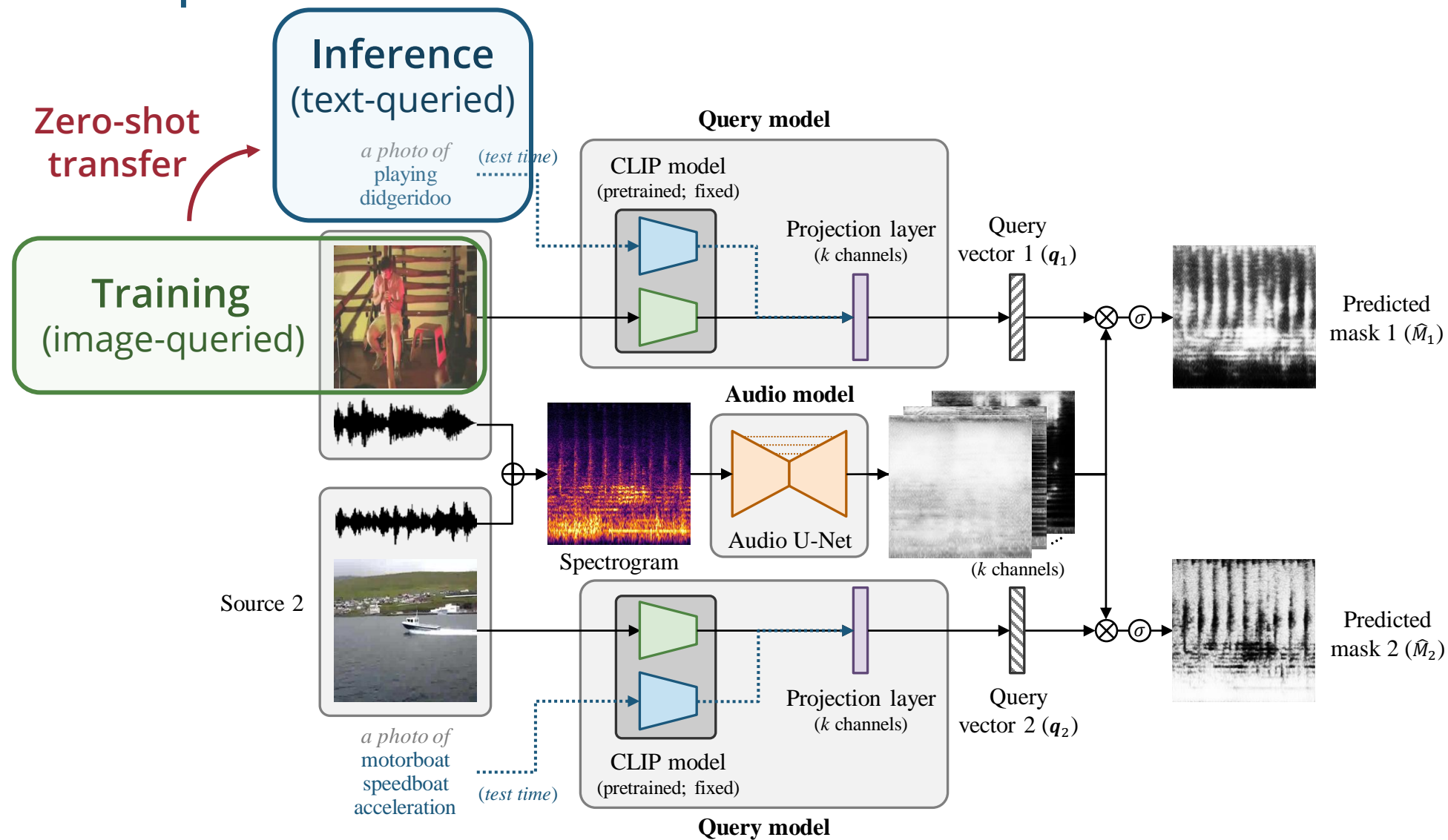


# CLIP (Contrastive Language-Image Pretraining)

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



# CLIPSep



# Data

## MUSIC

(Zhao et al., 2018)



Violin



Acoustic guitar



Accordion

## Music instrument playing videos

(1,055 videos, 21 instruments)

## VGGSound

(Chen et al., 2020)



Hedge trimmer  
running



Dog bow-wow



Bird chirping,  
tweeting

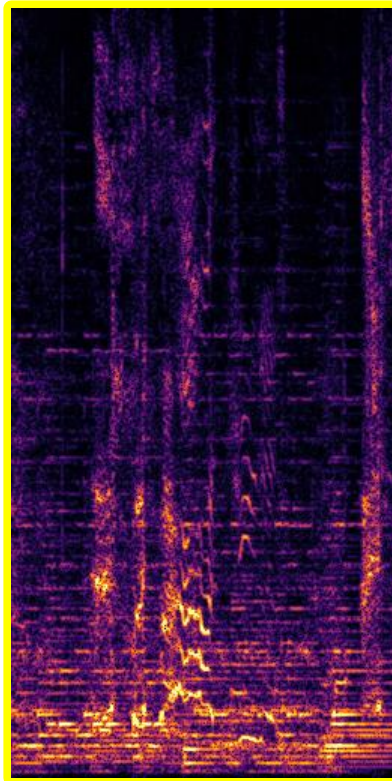
## Noisy videos with diverse sounds

(172K videos, 310 classes)

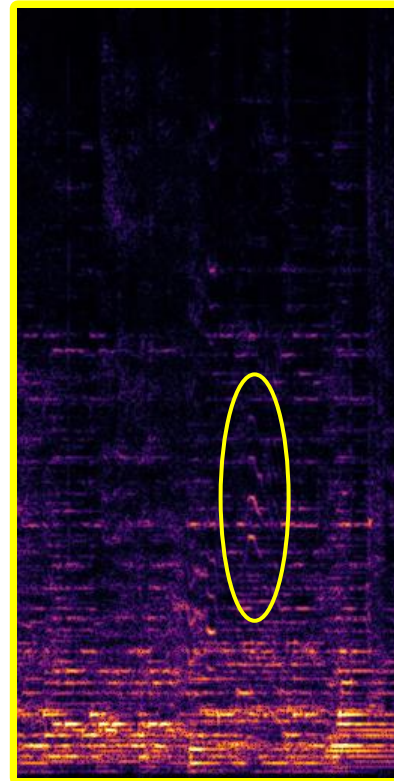
# Demo – CLIPSep

Query: *"playing harpsichord"*

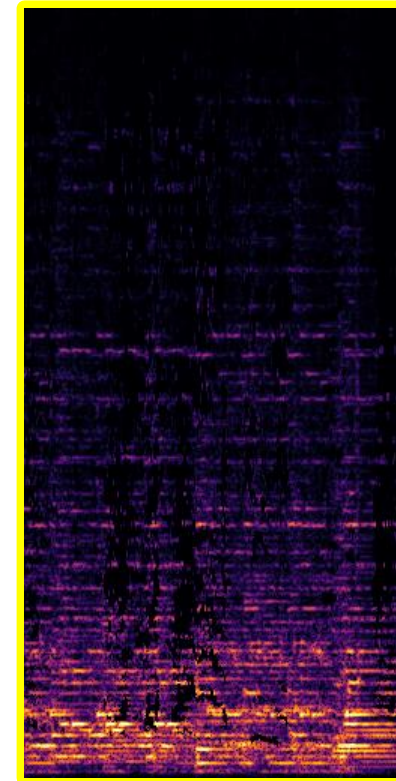
Mixture



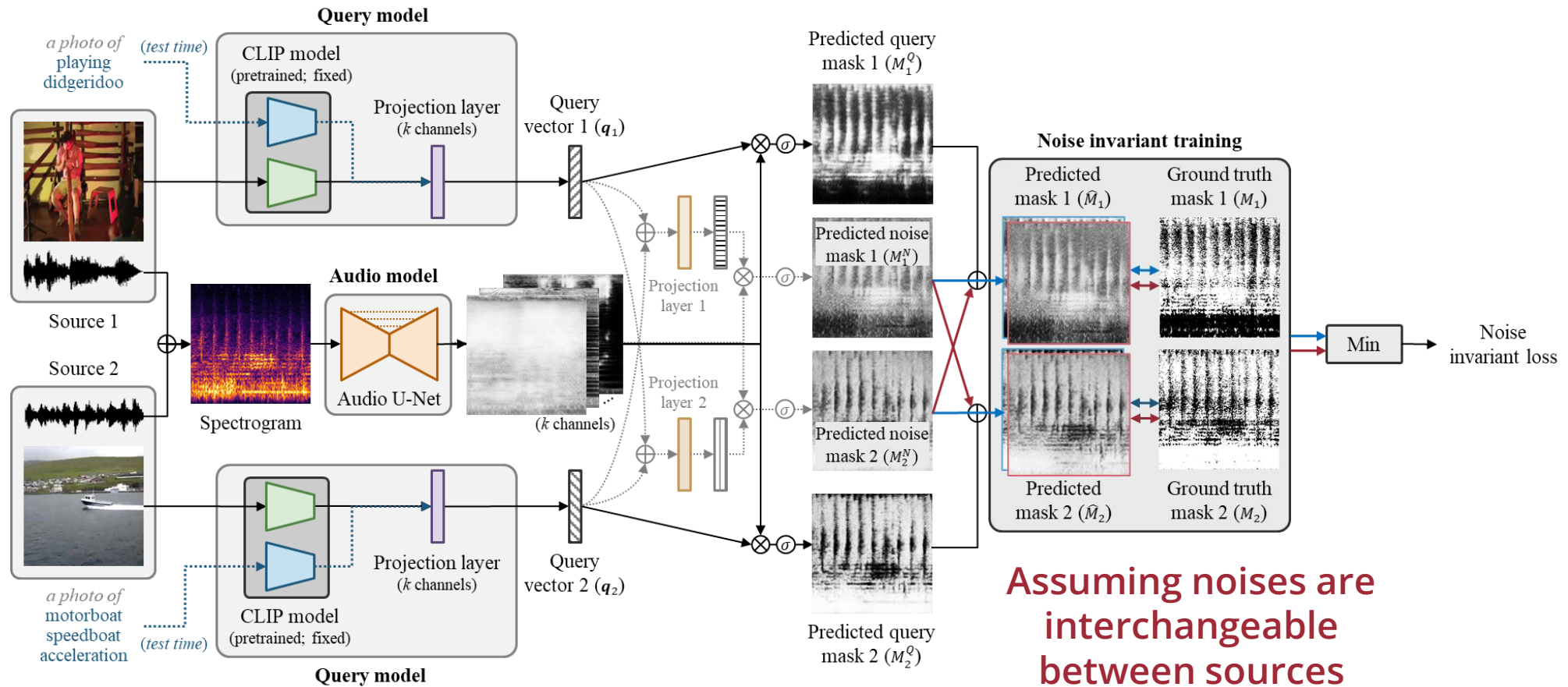
CLIPSep



Ground truth



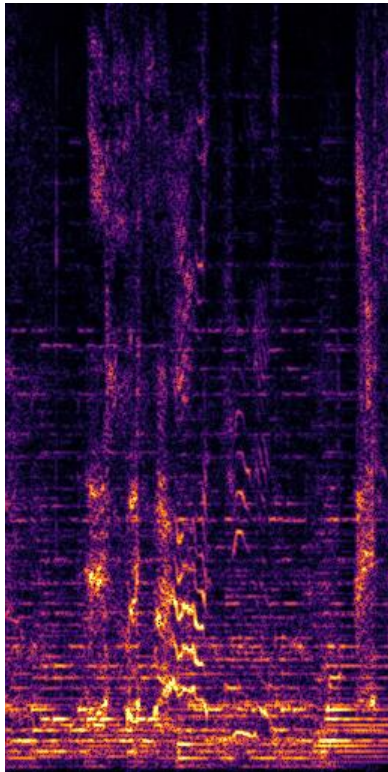
# Noise Invariant Training (NIT)



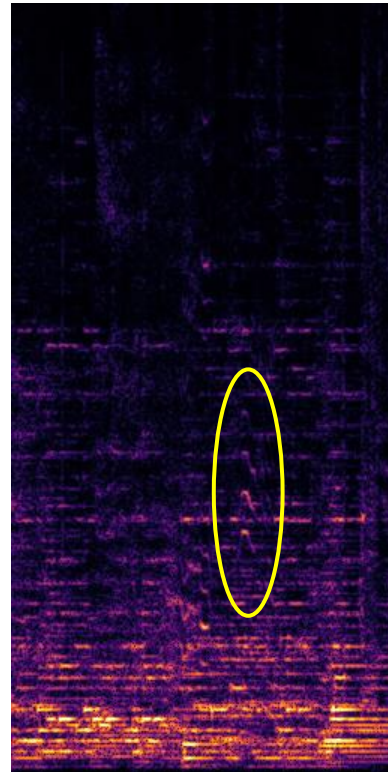
# Demo – CLIPSep-NIT

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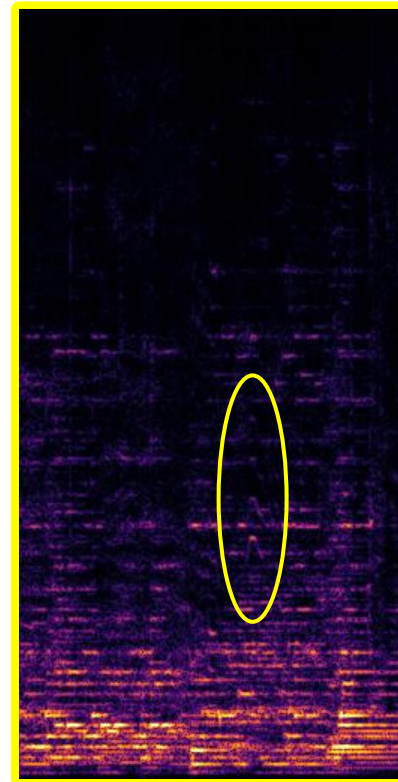
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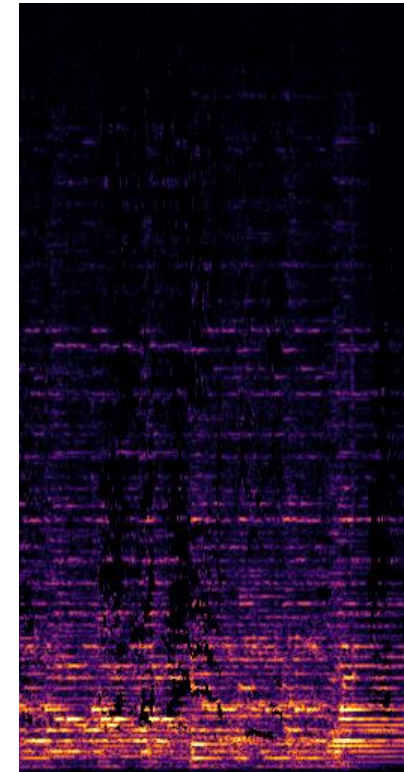
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CLIPSep-NIT



Ground truth



# Quantitative Results

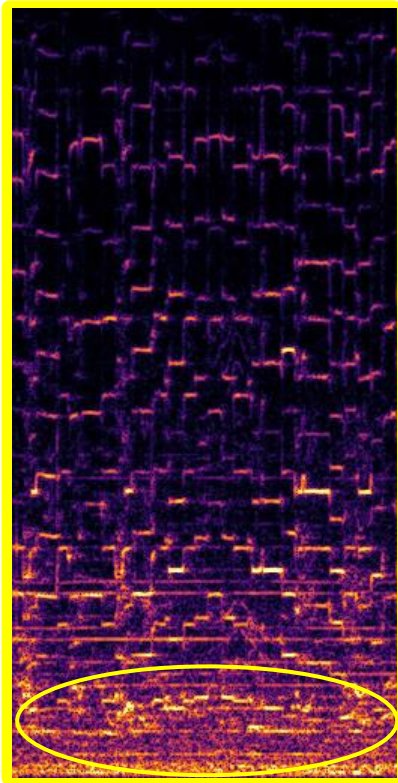
Model	Unlabeled data	Post-proc. free	MUSIC <sup>+</sup>		VGGSound-Clean <sup>+</sup>	
			Mean SDR	Median SDR	Mean SDR	Median SDR
Mixture	-	-	4.49 ± 1.41	2.04	-0.77 ± 1.31	-0.84
<b>Text-queried models</b>						
CLIPSep	✓	✓	9.71 ± 1.21	8.73	2.76 ± 1.00	<b>3.95</b>
CLIPSep-NIT	✓	✓	<b>10.27 ± 1.04</b>	<b>10.02</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!

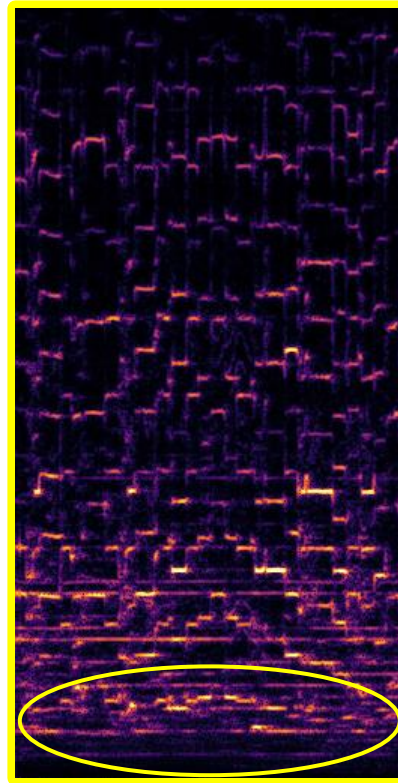
# Demo – Noise Removal

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**

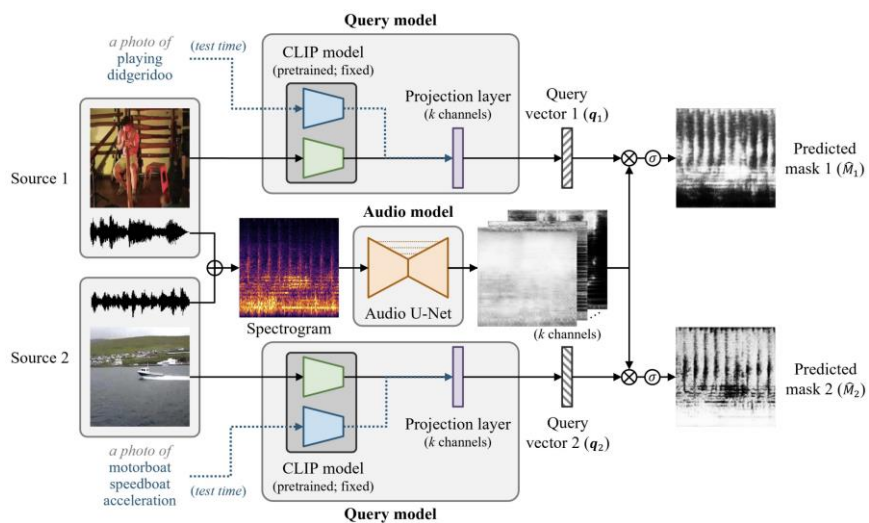
Paper: [arxiv.org/abs/2212.07065](https://arxiv.org/abs/2212.07065)  
Demo: [sony.github.io/CLIPSep/](https://sony.github.io/CLIPSep/)  
Code: [github.com/sony/CLIPSep](https://github.com/sony/CLIPSep)

# Overview

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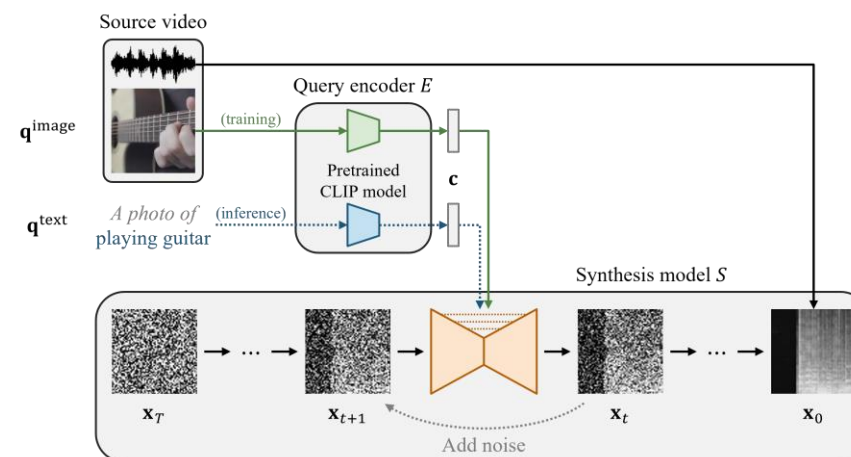
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For text-to-audio synthesis

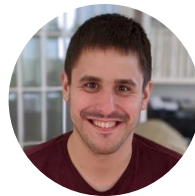


# CLIPSonic: Text-to-Audio Synthesis with Unlabeled Videos and Pretrained Language-Vision Models

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# Overview – Text-to-Audio Synthesis

(These samples are generated by our proposed model.)

More samples



[salu133445.github.io/clipsonic](https://salu133445.github.io/clipsonic)

# Prior Work – Text-to-Audio Synthesis

- Diffsound (Yang et al., 2023)
- AudioGen (Kreuk et al., 2023)
- AudioLDM (Liu et al., 2023)
- Make-An-Audio (Huang et al., 2023)
- Noise2Music (Huang et al., 2023)
- MusicLM (Agostinelli et al., 2023)



All rely on large amounts of  
**text-audio training pairs**

Can we learn text-to-audio synthesis  
***without using any text-audio pairs?***

Yang et al., "Diffsound: Discrete Diffusion Model for Text-to-sound Generation," *TASLP*, 2022.

Kreuk et al., "AudioGen: Textually Guided Audio Generation," *ICLR*, 2023.

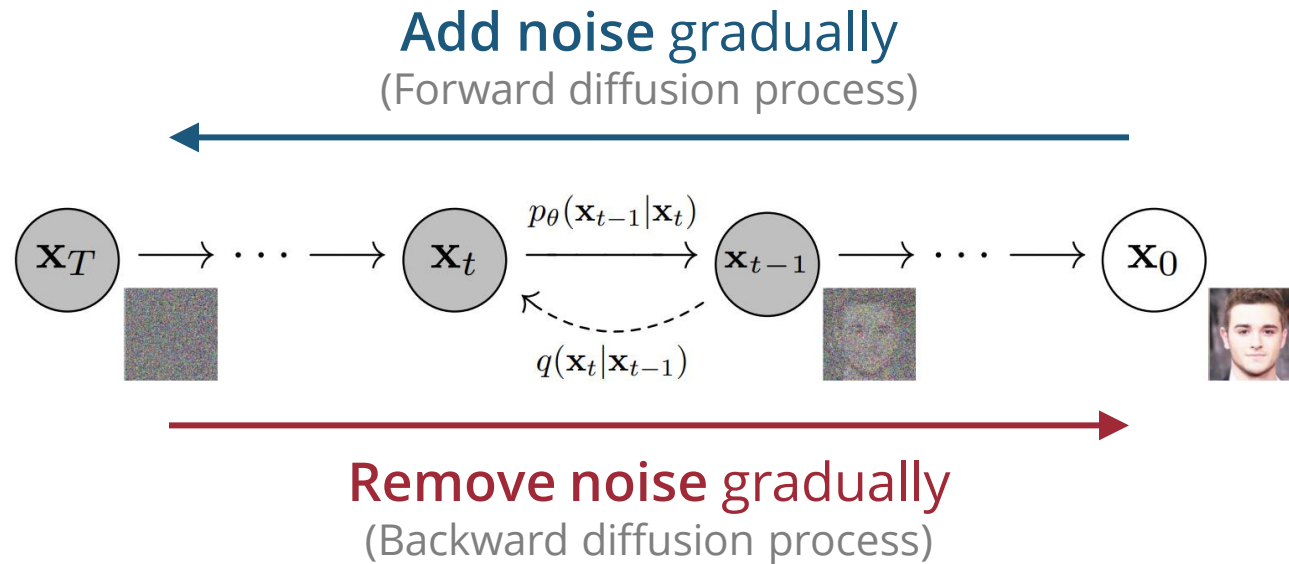
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Huang et al., "Make-An-Audio: Text-To-Audio Generation with Prompt-Enhanced Diffusion Models," *ICML*, 2023.

Huang et al., "Noise2Music: Text-conditioned Music Generation with Diffusion Models," *arXiv preprint arXiv:2302.03917*, 2023.

Agostinelli et al., "MusicLM: Generating Music From Text," *arXiv preprint arXiv:2302.03917*, 2023.

# Diffusion Model

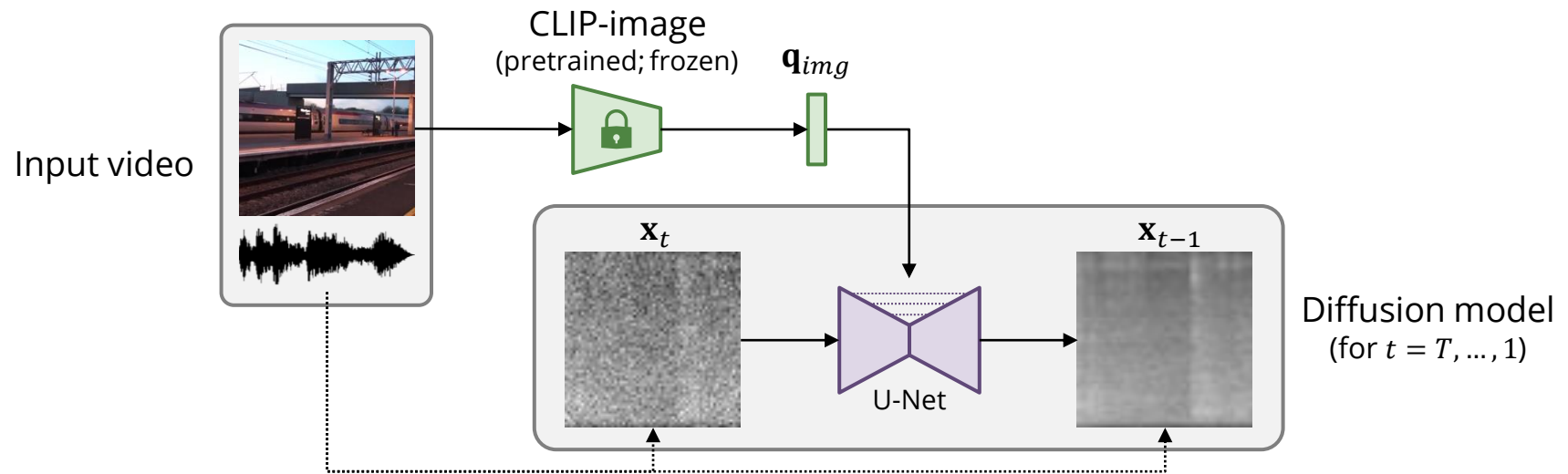


Input



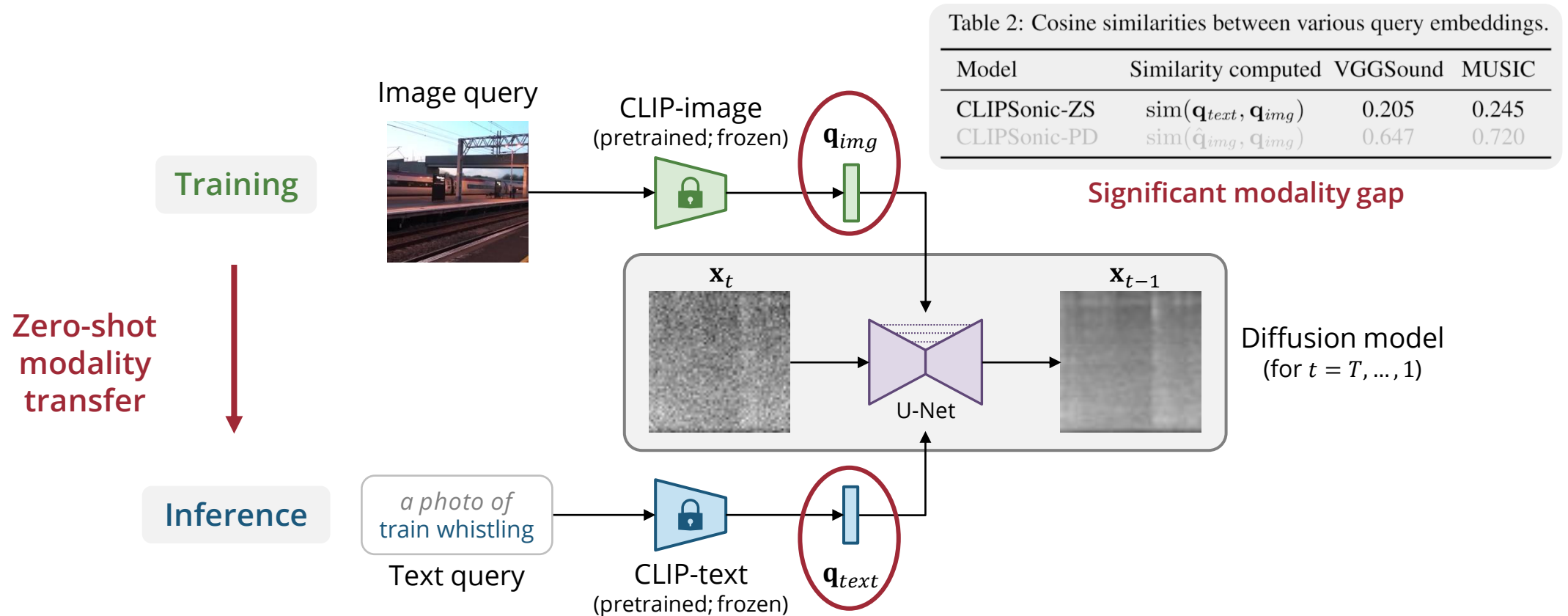
# Training – Image-queried

- We train an image-to-audio synthesis model using a diffusion model on mel spectrograms and a pretrained CLIP-image encoder



# Inference – Zero-shot Modality Transfer (CLIPSonic-ZS)

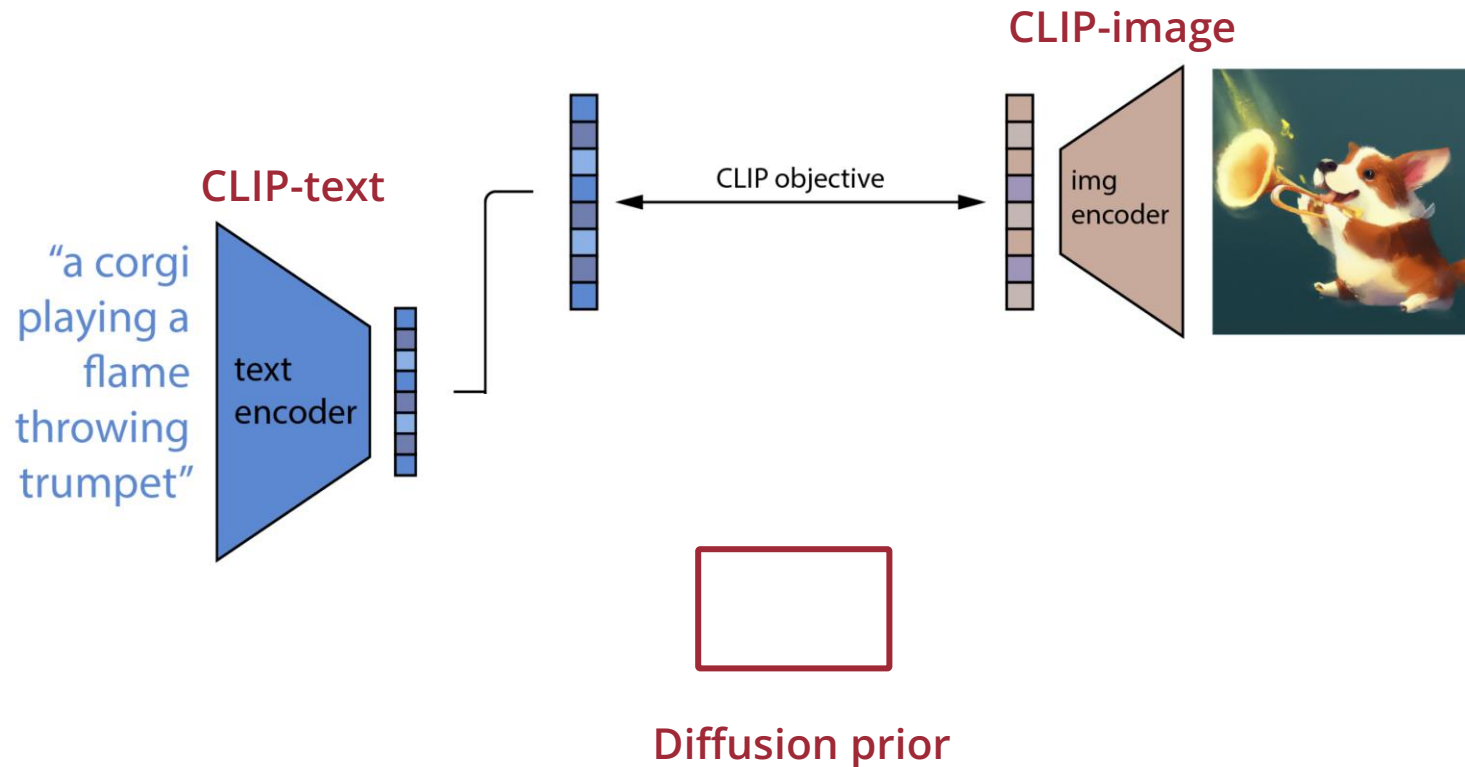
- We first explore using a pretrained CLIP-text encoder directly





# How to overcome this modality gap?

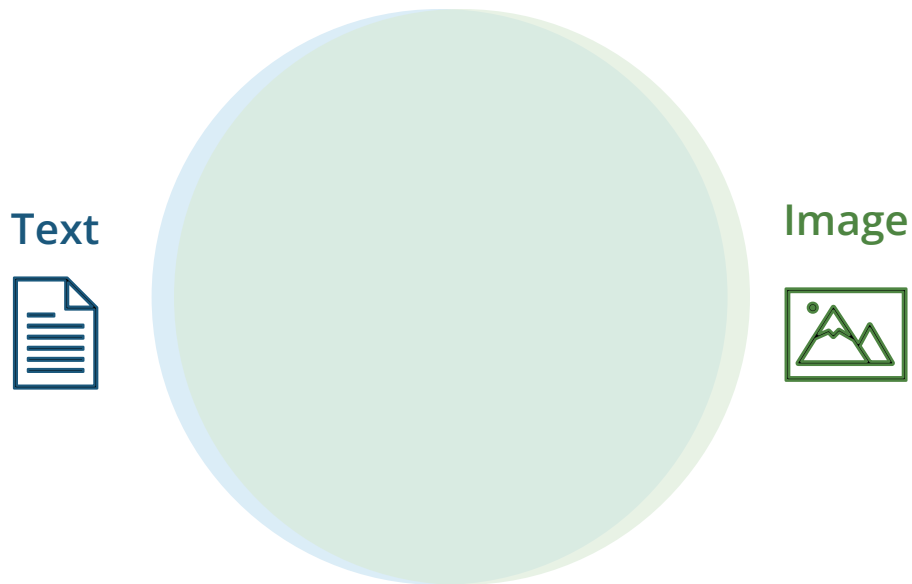
- We leverage a pretrained diffusion prior model (Ramesh et al., 2022)



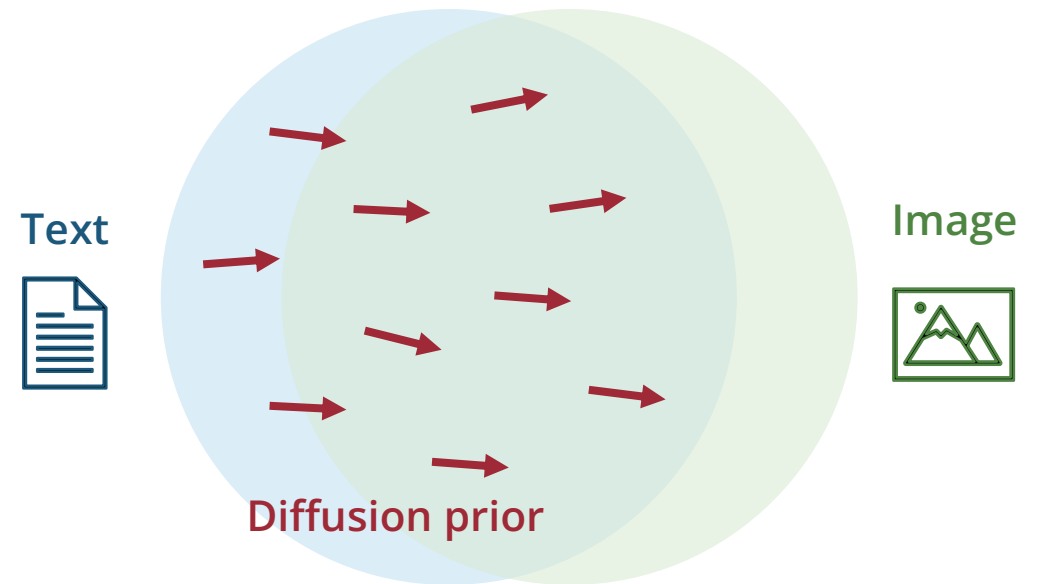
# Diffusion Prior (Ramesh et al., 2022)

CLIP embedding spaces

Ideal case

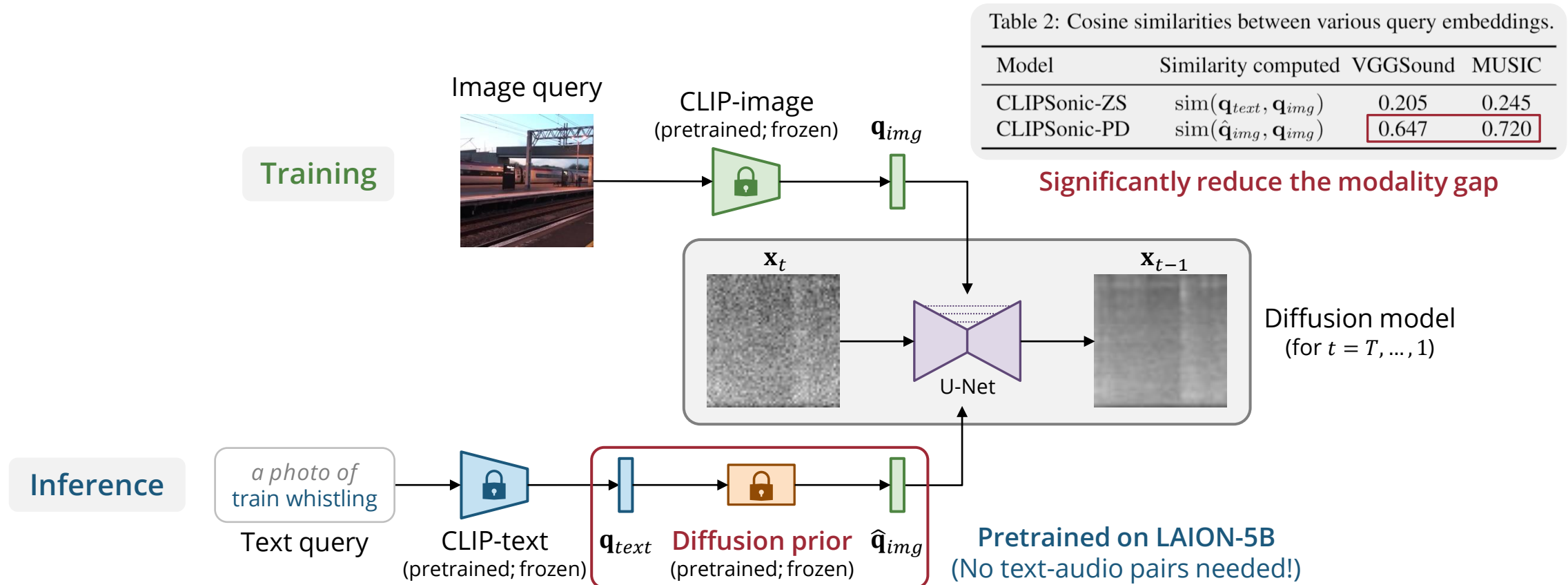


In practice



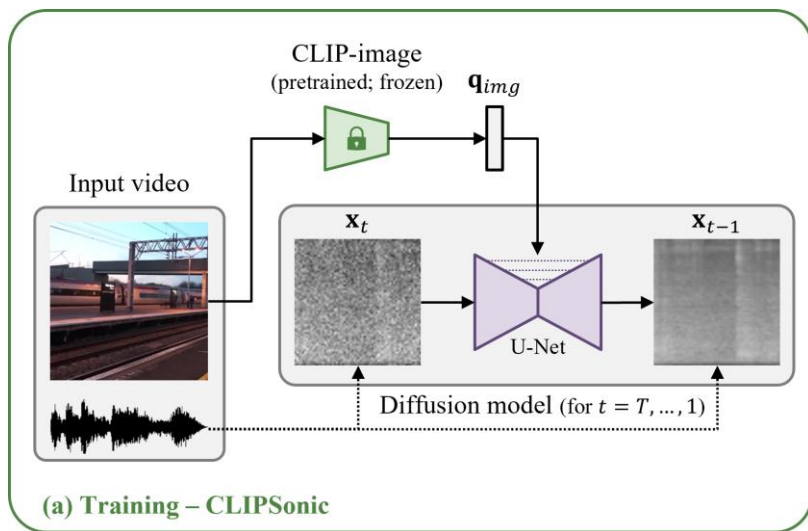
# Inference – Pretrained Diffusion Prior (CLIPSonic-PD)

- We then explore using a pretrained diffusion prior model (Ramesh et al., 2022)



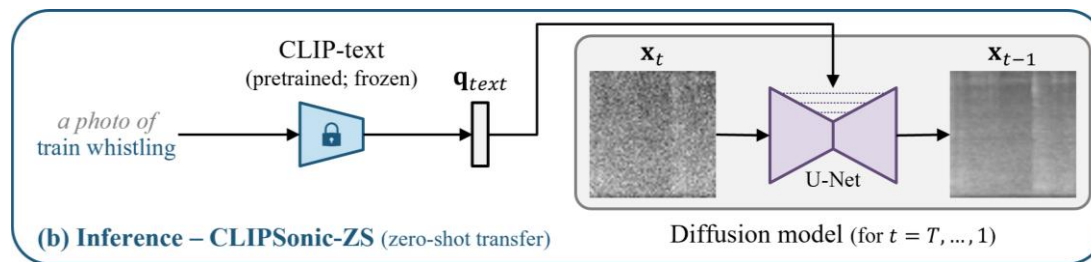
# Recap

## Training

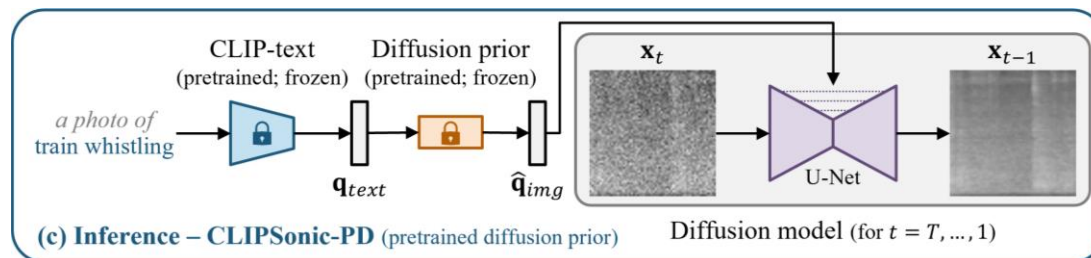


**CLIP Sonic-IQ**  
(image-queried)

## Inference



**CLIP Sonic-ZS**  
(zero-shot transfer)



**CLIP Sonic-PD**  
(pretrained diffusion prior)

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# Examples of VGGSound



pheasant crowing



railroad car, train wagon

# Implementation Details

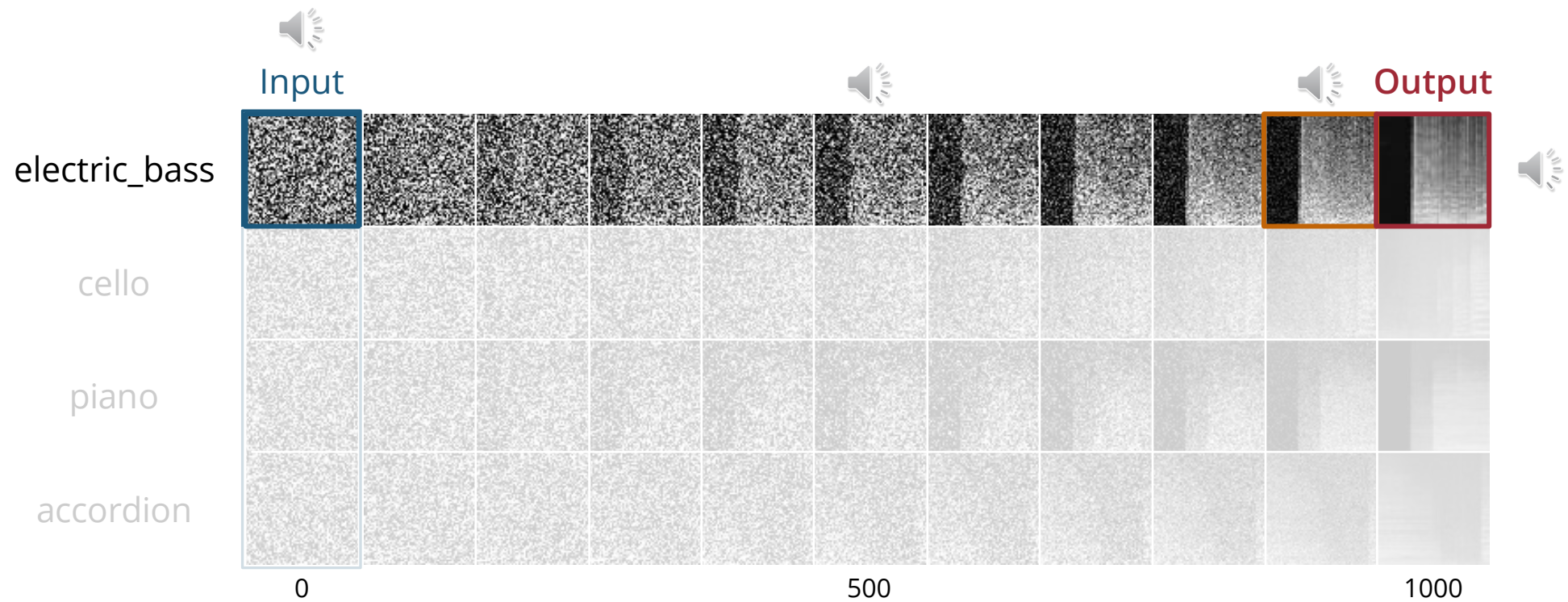
## Mel spectrogram configuration

- Sampling rate: 16 kHz
- Hop size: 512
- FFT filter size: 2048
- 64 mel bands
- Inverted back to waveforms using **BigVGAN** (Lee et al., 2023)

## Diffusion model

- Based on **Improved DDPM** (Nichol and Dhariwal, 2019)
- Diffusion steps:
  - Training: 4000
  - Inference: 1000
- Training iterations
  - MUSIC: 200K (1 day on 2 RTX 2080 Tis)
  - VGGSound: 500K (2 days on 2 RTX 2080 Tis)

# Inference – Examples





# Text-to-Audio Synthesis – Demo

Rapping



Sea waves



Thunder



Smoke detector beeping









Playing table tennis



Playing violin fiddle



# Text-to-Audio Synthesis – Demo

	Rapping	Sea waves	Playing table tennis
CLIPsonic-ZS (zero-shot modality transfer)			
CLIPsonic-PD (pretrained diffusion prior)			

The pretrained diffusion prior model improves the text-audio relevance.

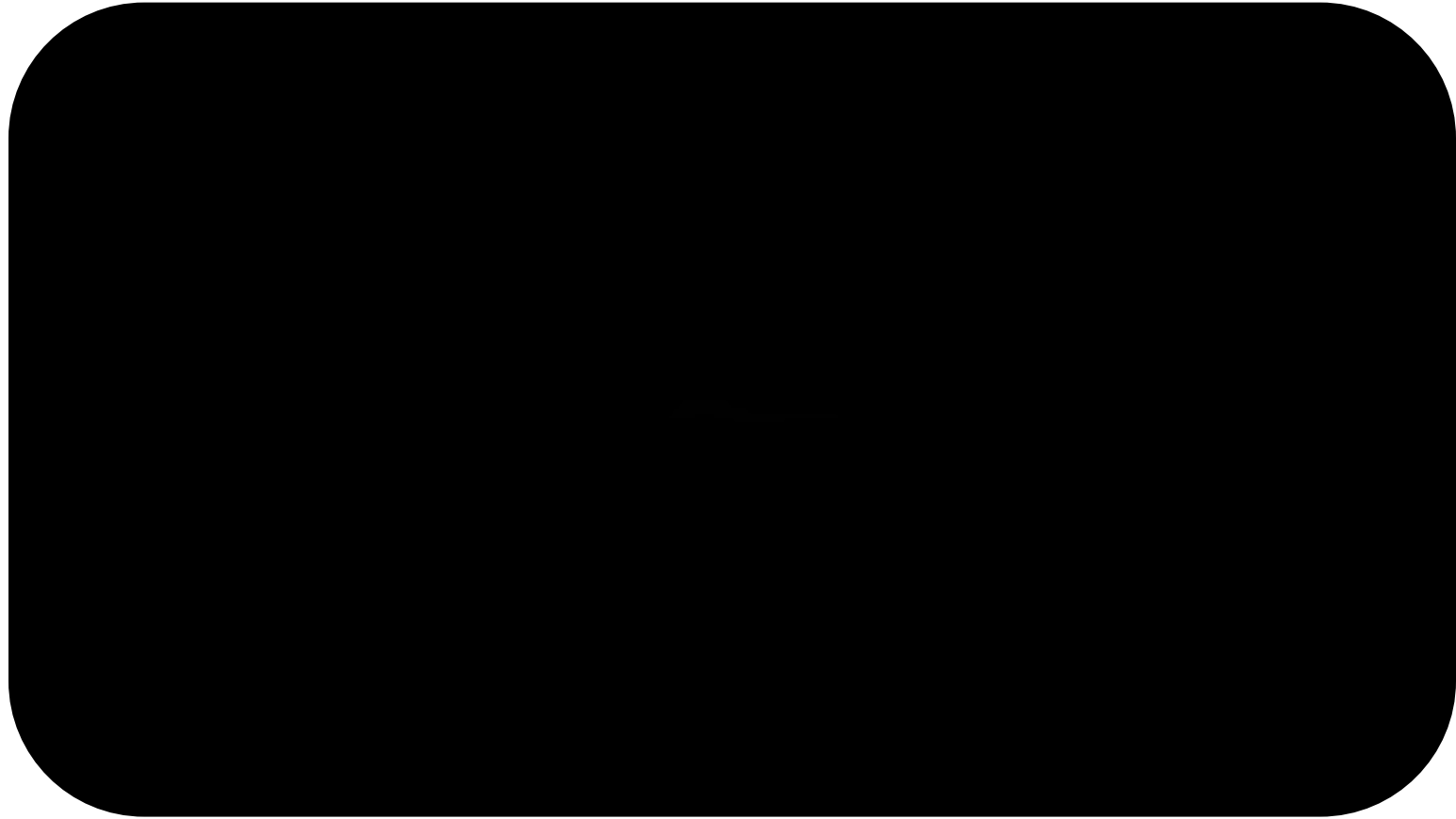
# Text-to-Audio Synthesis – Listening Test

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 – Demo (Out-of-distribution)



CLIPsonic-IQ  
(ours)



Im2wav  
(Sheffer & Adi, 2023)



SpecVQGAN  
(Iashin & Rahtu, 2021)



Our proposed method generates **clearer audio than two existing models!**

# 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!

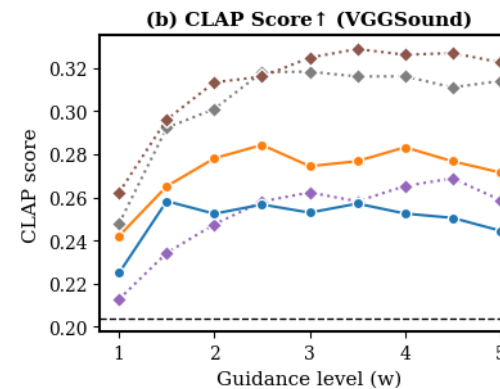
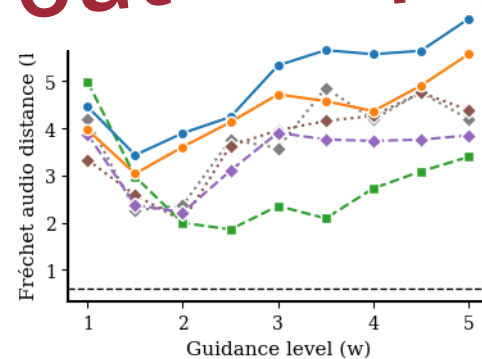
# Objective Evaluation Metrics

- Evaluated with Fréchet audio distance (FAD) and CLAP score

Table 1: Evaluation results on VGGSound and MUSIC datasets, evaluated at  $w = 1.5$ .

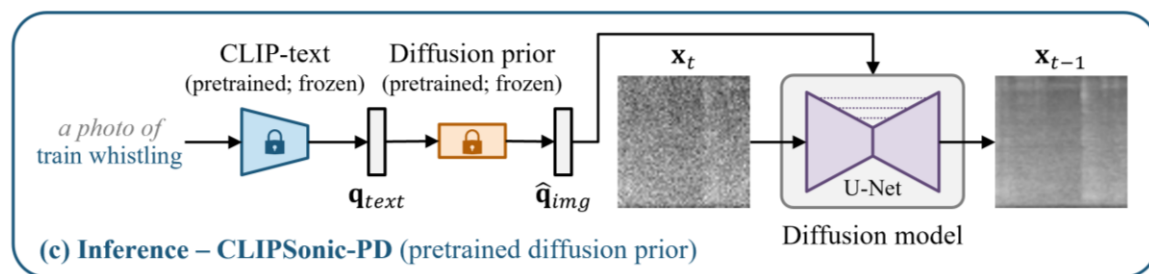
Model	Without text-audio pairs	Query modality		VGGSound		MUSIC	
		Training	Inference	FAD ↓	CLAP score ↑	FAD ↓	CLAP score ↑
CLIPSonic-IQ (image-queried)	-	Image	Image	2.97	-	4.71	-
CLIPSonic-ZS (zero-shot modality transfer)	✓	Image	Text	3.43	0.258	19.30	0.284
CLIPSonic-PD (pretrained diffusion prior)	✓	Image	Text	3.04	0.265	13.51	0.254
CLIPSonic-SD (supervised diffusion prior)	✗	Image	Text	2.37	0.234	12.13	0.200
CLIP-TTA	✗	Text	Text	2.26	0.200	-	-
CLAP-TTA	✗	Text	Text	-	-	-	-
BigVGAN mel spectrogram reconstruction	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Check out our paper for more results!

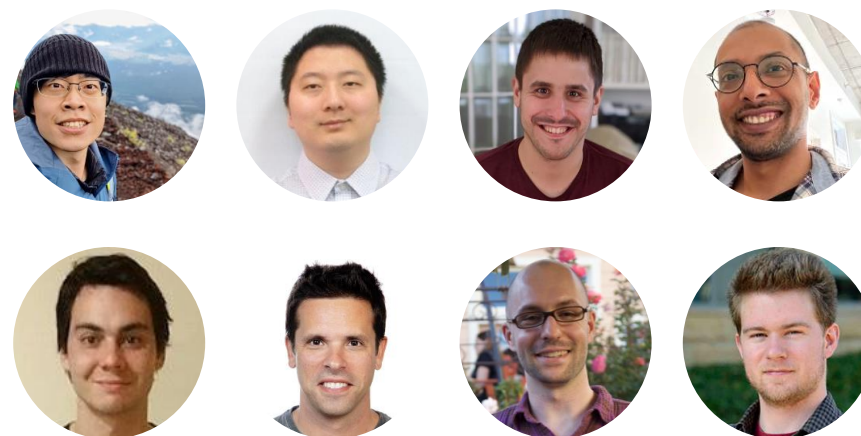


# Summary

- 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



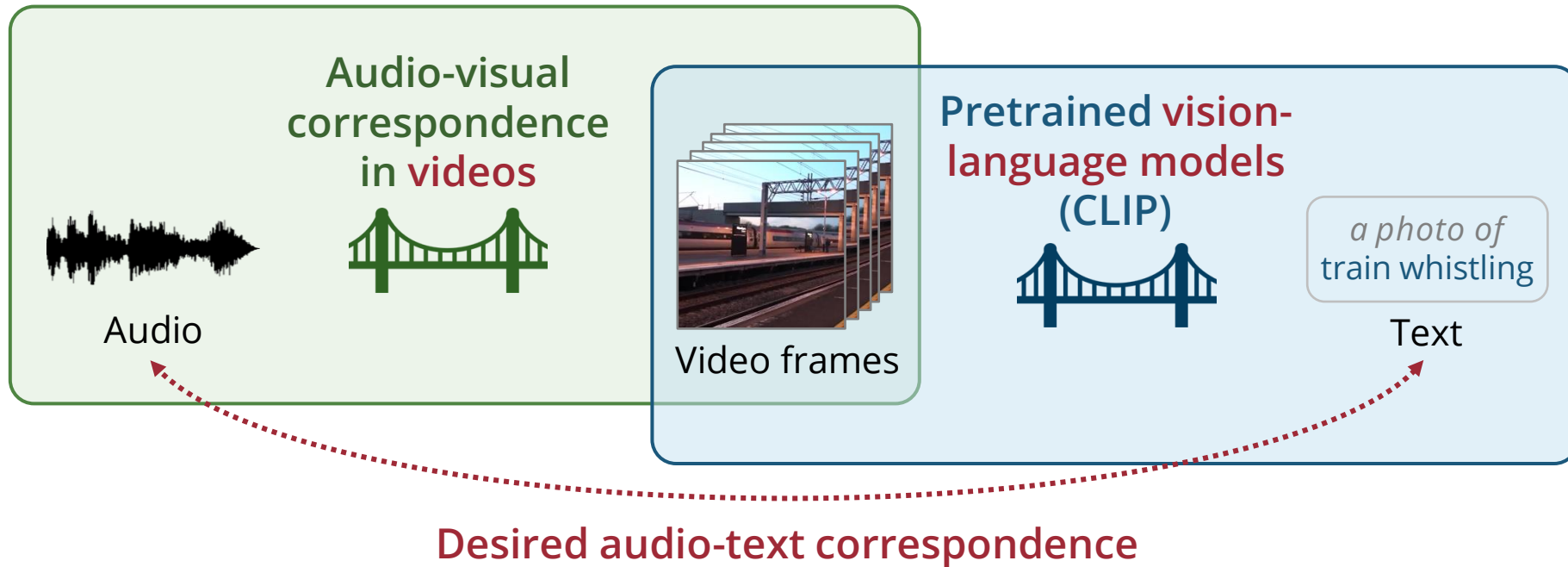
Paper: [arxiv.org/abs/2306.09635](https://arxiv.org/abs/2306.09635)  
Demo: [salu133445.github.io/clipsonic](https://salu133445.github.io/clipsonic)





# Conclusion

# Leveraging the Visual Domain as a Bridge



No text-audio pairs required!

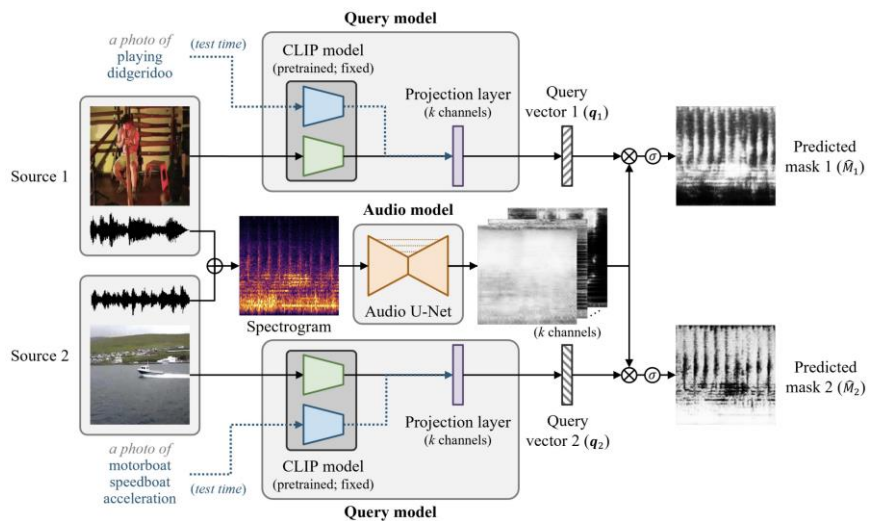
Scalable to large video datasets!

# Overview

## CLIPSep

(Dong et al., ICLR 2023)

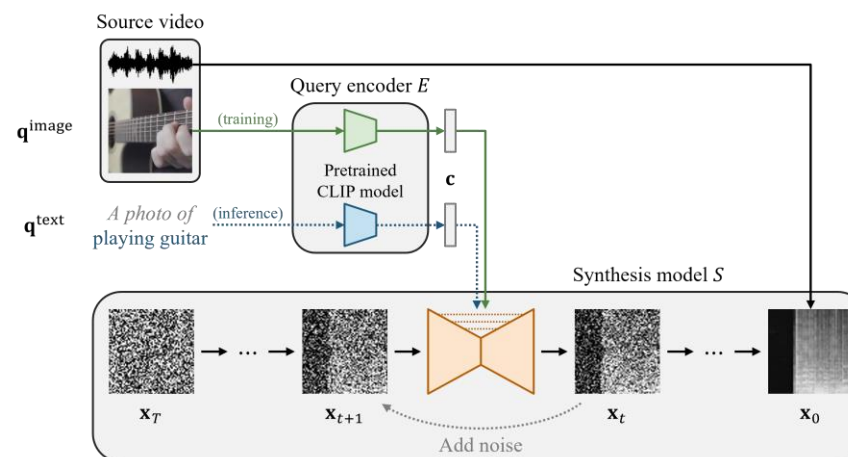
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For text-to-audio synthesis



## Limitations & Future Work

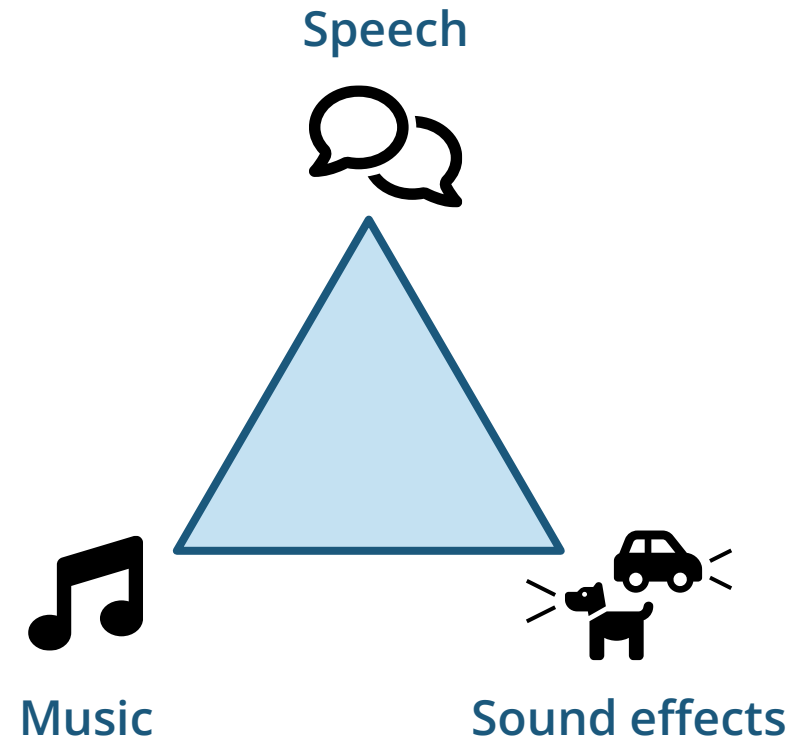
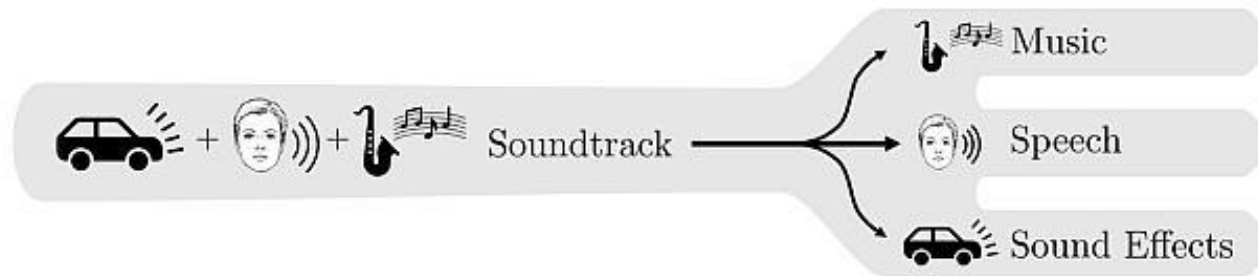
- Off-screen sounds occur frequently in videos
- Cannot handle purely audio-specific queries
- Can we enable compositional prompts?
- Scale up to larger video datasets!

# Future Directions

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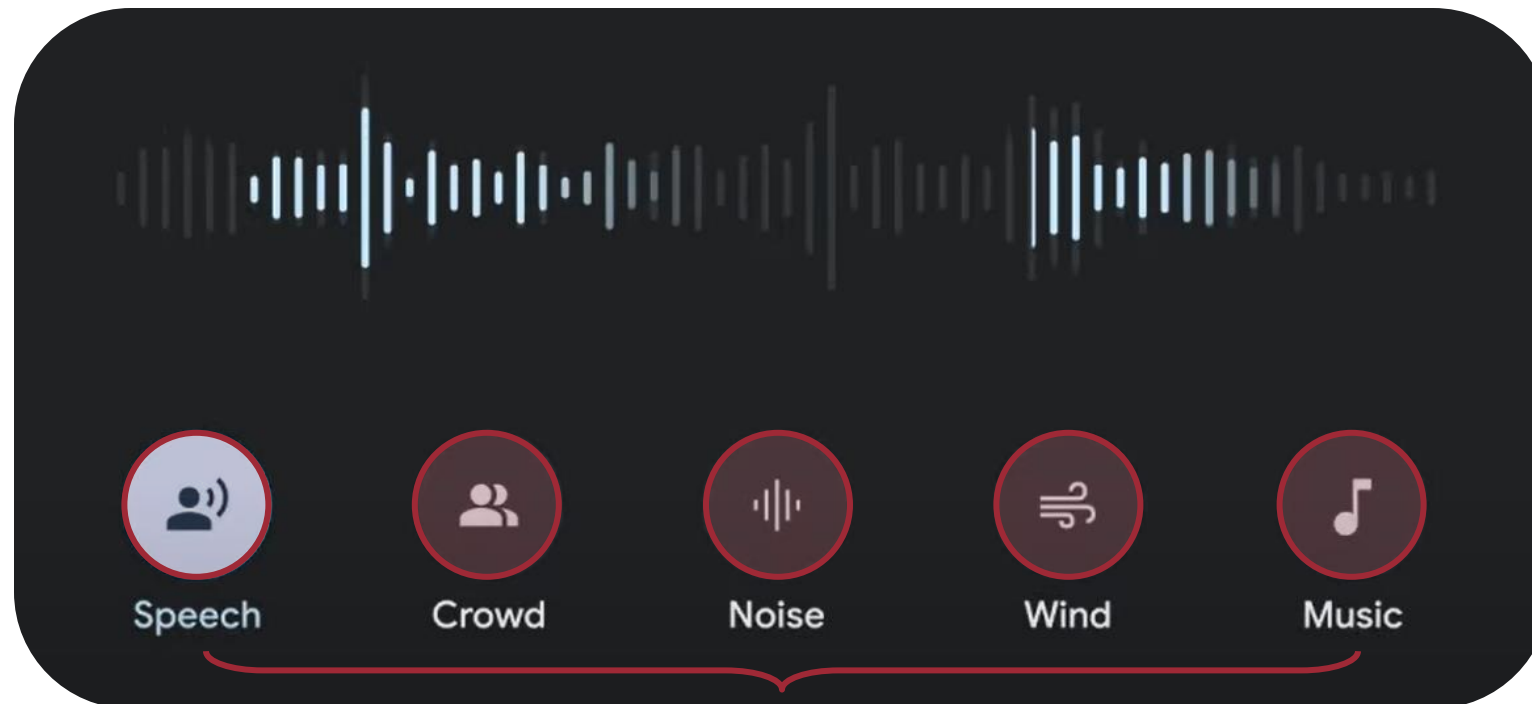
- Audio-visual sound separation
- Multimodal generative AI

# Cocktail Fork Problem



# Sound Separation in Practice

Google's Audio Magic Eraser



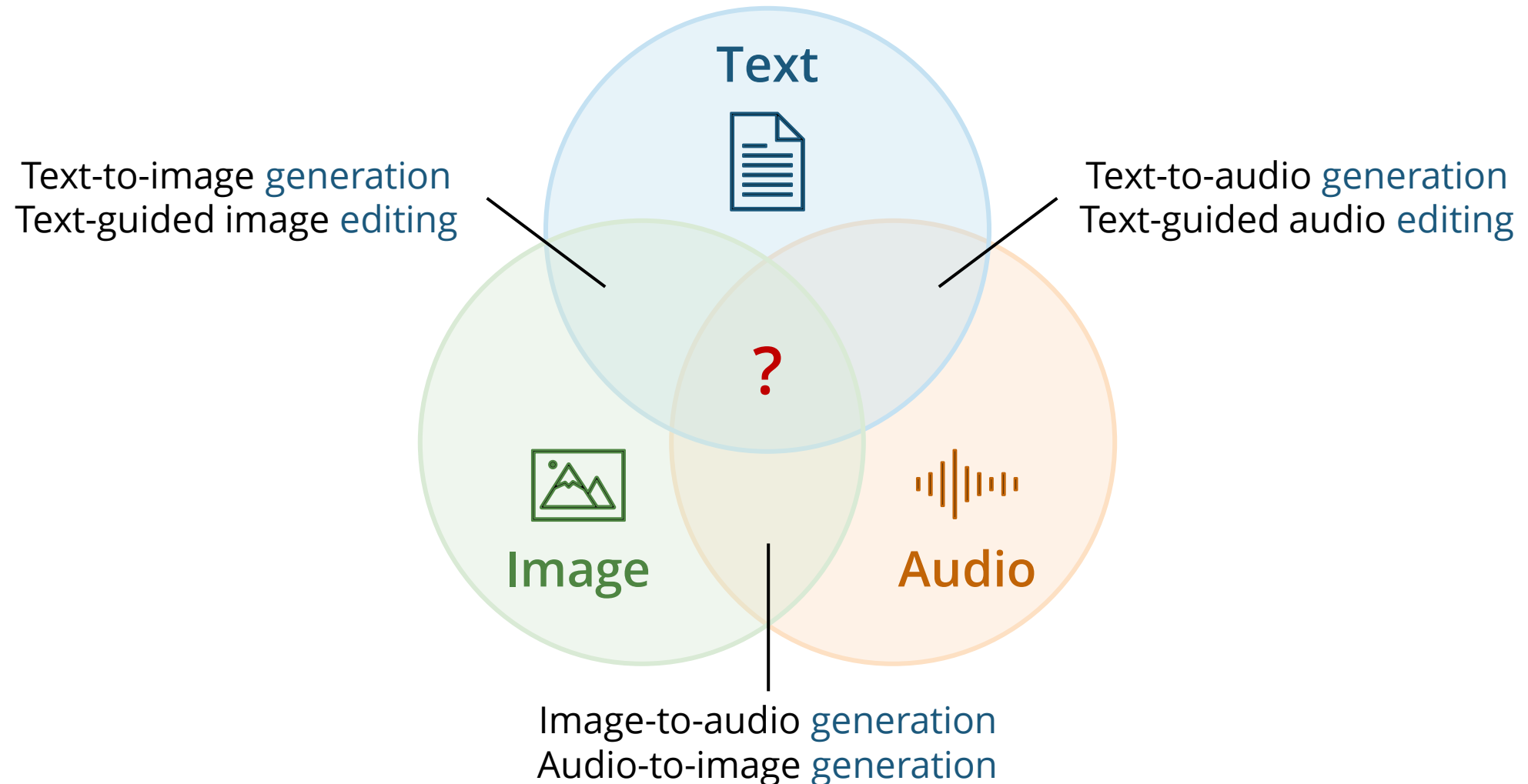
**Predefined categories**



# Audio-visual Sound Separation for Audio Remixing



# Multimodal Generative AI





*Mumbai, the city of dreams.*



# Multimodal Generative AI for **Films**



Visuals **Midjourney**

Video **Runway**

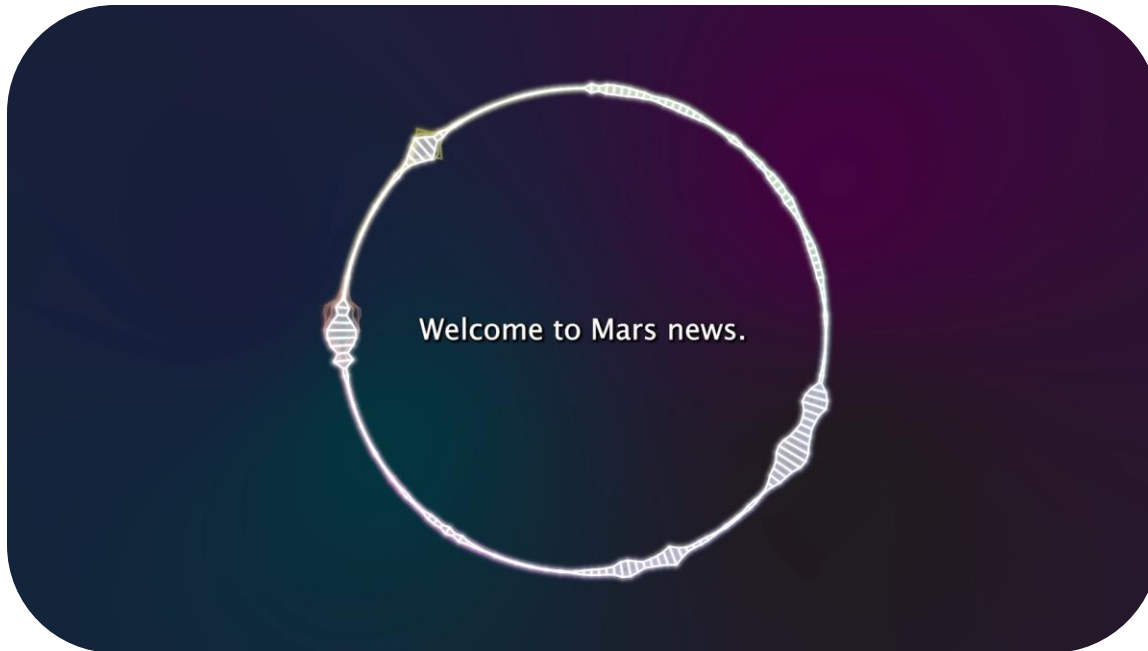
Narration (script) **ChatGPT**

Narration (voice) **ElevenLabs**

Sound effects **Audiocraft**



# Multimodal 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 Multimodal Generative AI

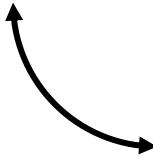
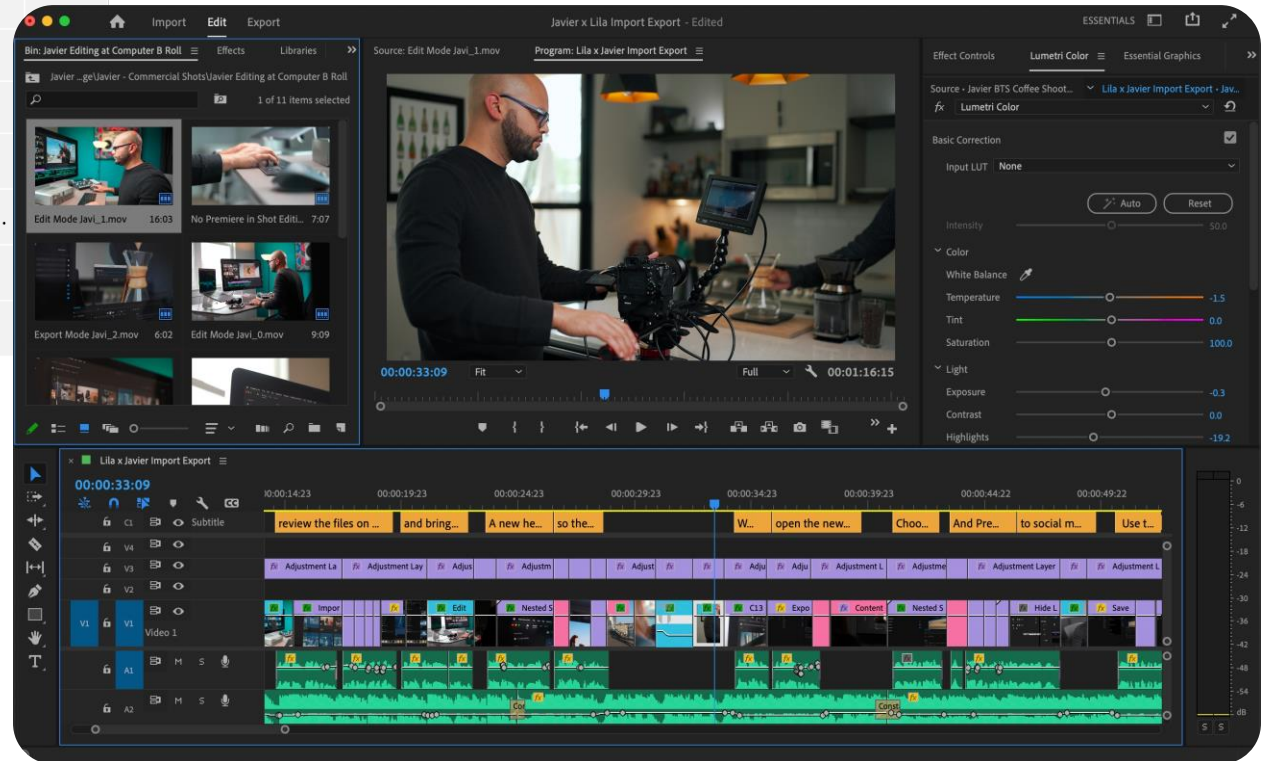


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Speech	Foreground	N/A	Host	-15	N/A	Welcome to Mars News ...	Auto
Music	Background	1	N/A	N/A	End	N/A	Auto
Speech	Foreground	N/A	Host	-15	N/A	Now let's connect with our on-site reporter ...	Auto
Sound effect	Foreground	N/A	N/A	-35	N/A	Transition swoosh.	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
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Interactable intermediate outputs

# Controllable Multimodal Generative AI

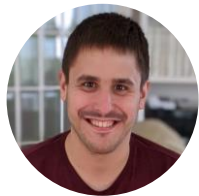
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Integration into professional creative workflow



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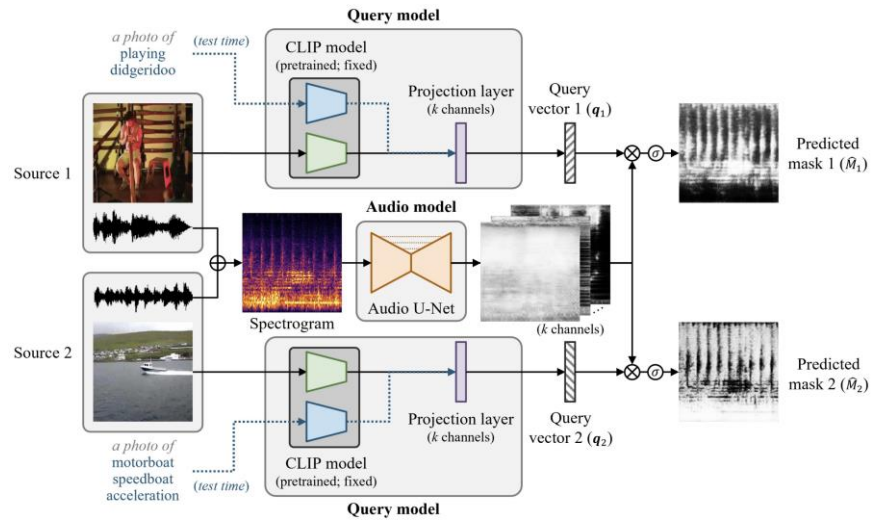


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