



# A Versatile Diffusion Transformer with Mixture of Noise Levels for Audiovisual Generation

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# Motivation

- Recent years have witnessed a remarkable surge in the development and exploration of multimodal diffusion models. Prominent examples include text-to-image (T2I), text-to-video (T2V).

Imagen 3<sup>[1]</sup>



*"Photographic portrait of a real life dragon resting peacefully in a zoo, curled in a zoo, curled up next to its pet sheep. Cinematic movie still, high quality DSLR photo"*

Veo<sup>[2]</sup>



*"A lone cowboy rides his horse across an open plain at beautiful sunset, soft light, warm colors"*

[1] Imagen 3 Team, Google. "Imagen 3", arXiv 2024, <https://deepmind.google/technologies/imagen-3>

[2] Google DeepMind. "Veo", <https://deepmind.google/technologies/veo>

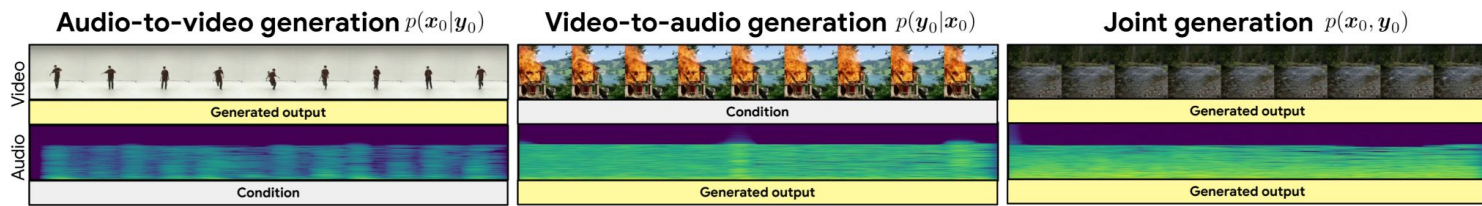
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- Despite notable advancements, **generating sequences across multiple modalities, like video and audio**, remains **challenging** and is an open research area.
- Such capability would enable creating realistic, expressive, and controllable multimedia content, while also fostering cross-modal understanding of temporal signals.



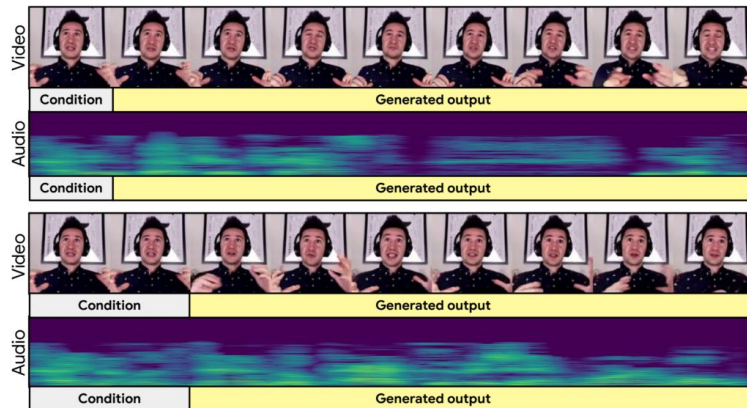
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- Training diffusion models for audiovisual sequences allows for a range of generation tasks by learning conditional distributions of **various input-output combinations of the two modalities**.
- Training separate models for each variation is **expensive and impractical**.



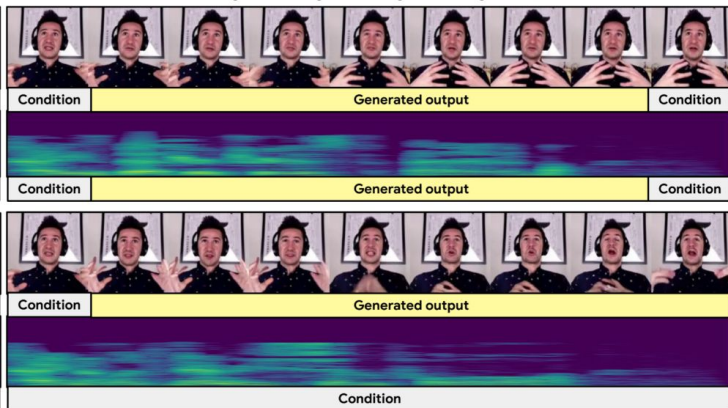
**Audiovisual continuation with variable input durations**

$$p(x_0^{(n_c+1:N)}, y_0^{(n_c+1:N)} | x_0^{(1:n_c)}, y_0^{(1:n_c)})$$



**Multimodal interpolation tasks with variable settings**

$$p(x_0^{(n \in \mathcal{N}_1^c)}, y_0^{(n \in \mathcal{N}_2^c)} | x_0^{(n \in \mathcal{N}_1)}, y_0^{(n \in \mathcal{N}_2)})$$

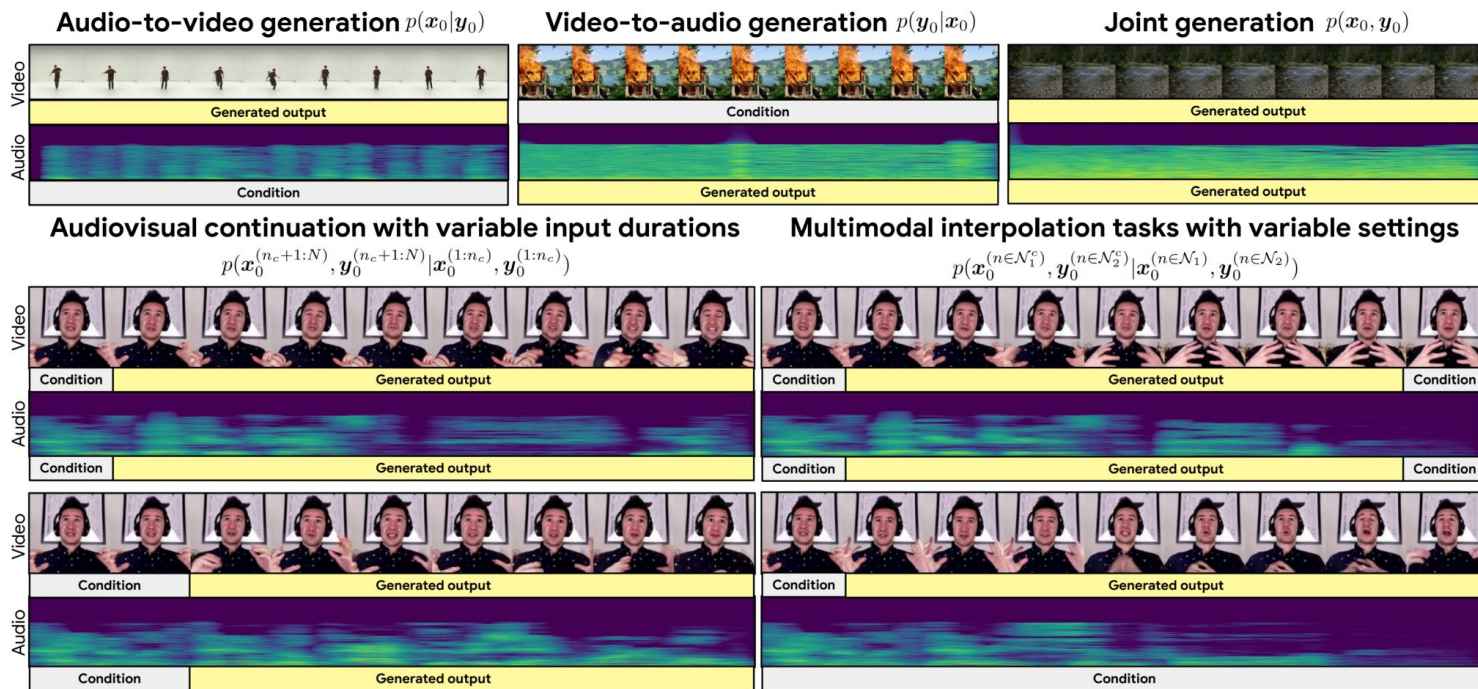






# MoNL & AVDiT

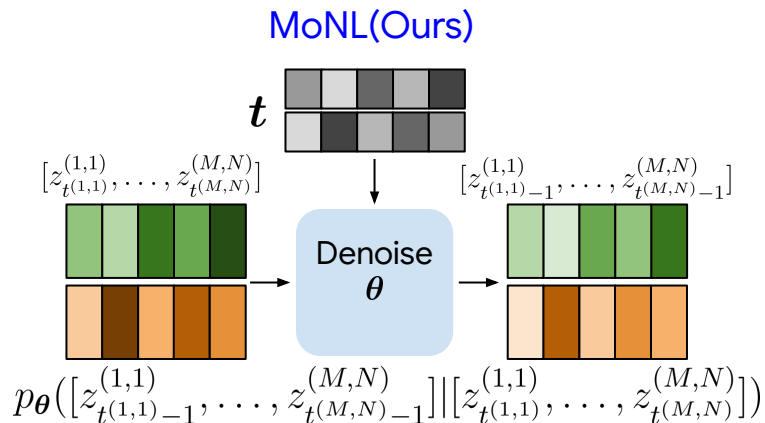
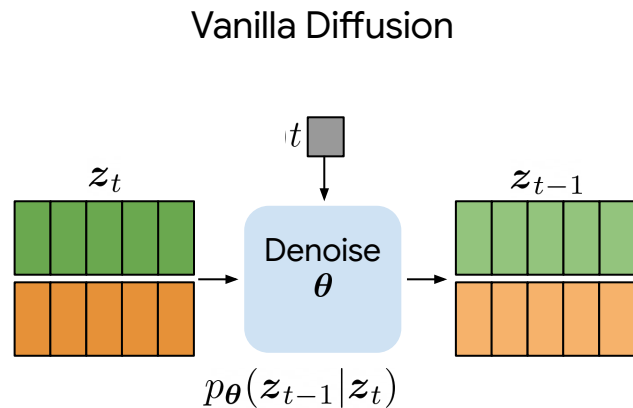
- Our method lets a single model handle **diverse audio-video generation tasks**, creating **temporally consistent** audio-video sequences and saving training time and resource.



# Mixture of Noise Levels (MoNL)

- Our goal is now to learn a **general transition matrix between the various modalities and time-segments** at each step:

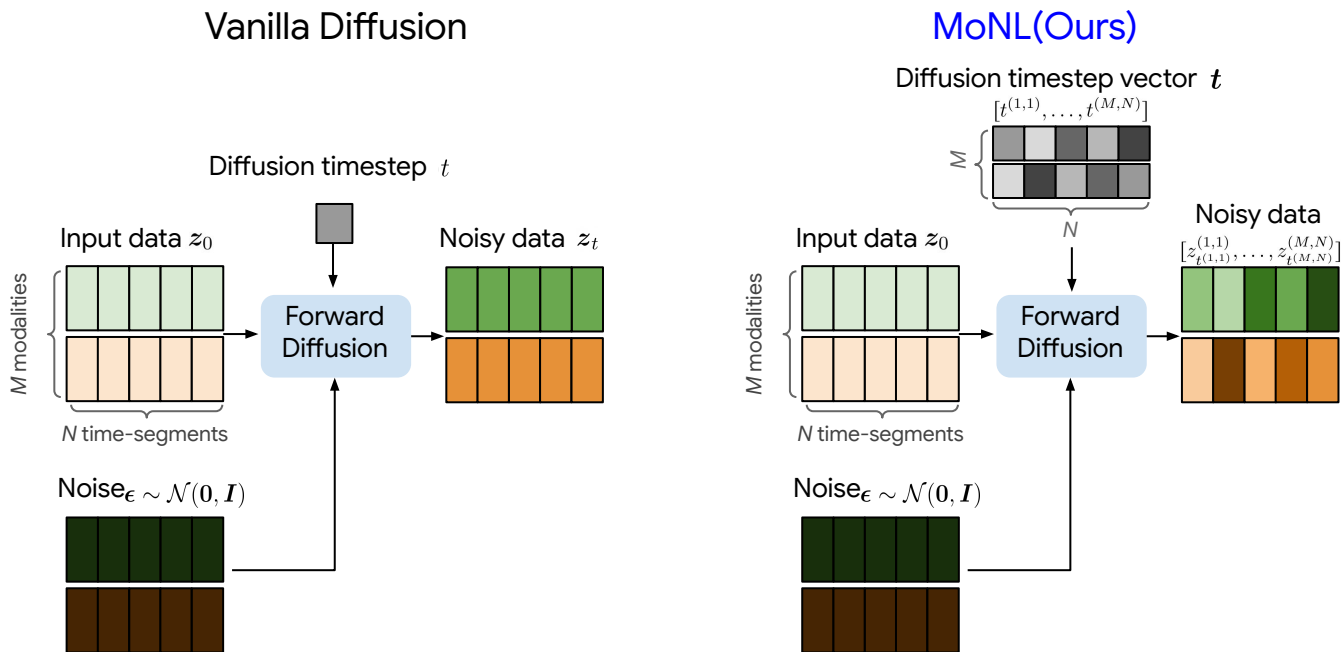
$$p_{\theta}([z_{t(1,1)-1}^{(1,1)}, \dots, z_{t(M,N)-1}^{(M,N)}] | [z_{t(1,1)}^{(1,1)}, \dots, z_{t(M,N)}^{(M,N)}])$$



# Mixture of Noise Levels (MoNL)

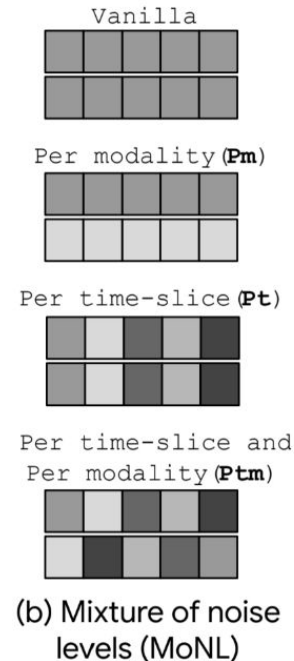
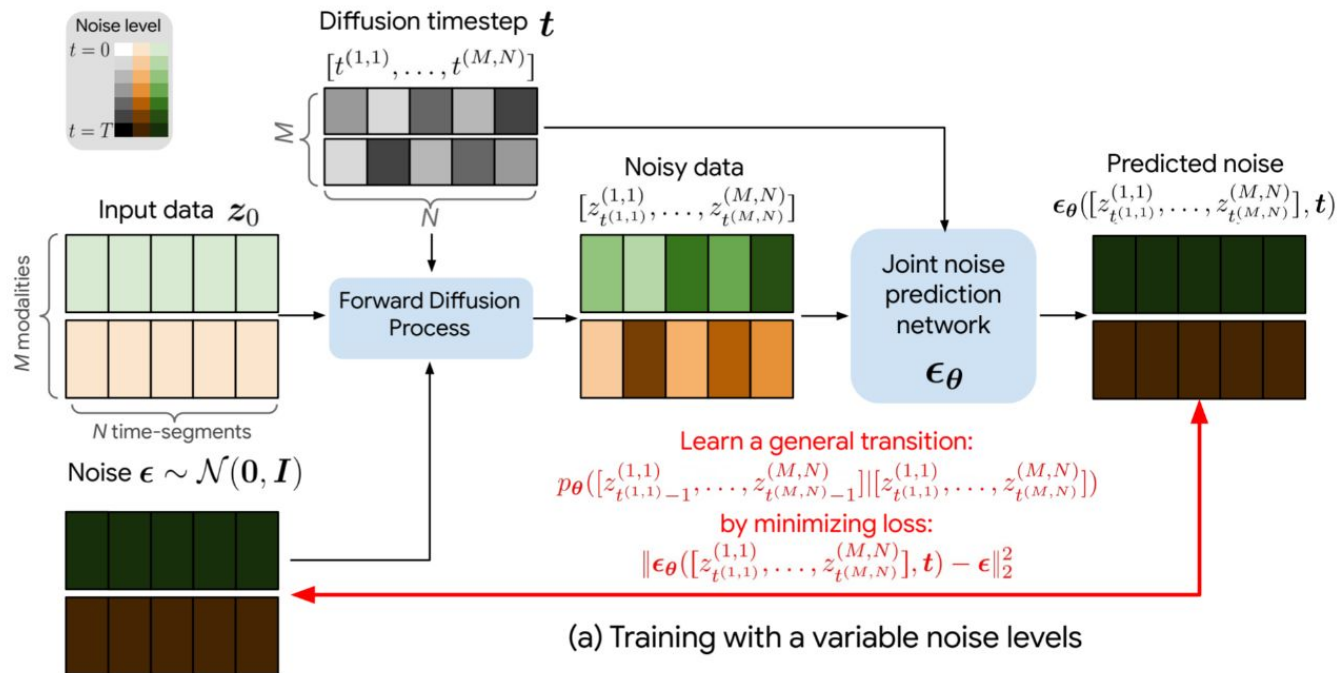
- During the **forward diffusion**, we can add variable level of noise to each element of input data as :

$$z_{t(m,n)}^{(m,n)} = \sqrt{\bar{\alpha}_{t(m,n)}} z_0^{(m,n)} + \sqrt{1 - \bar{\alpha}_{t(m,n)}} \epsilon^{(m,n)}$$

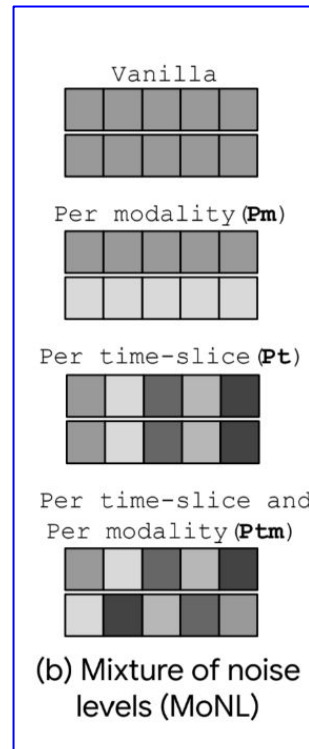
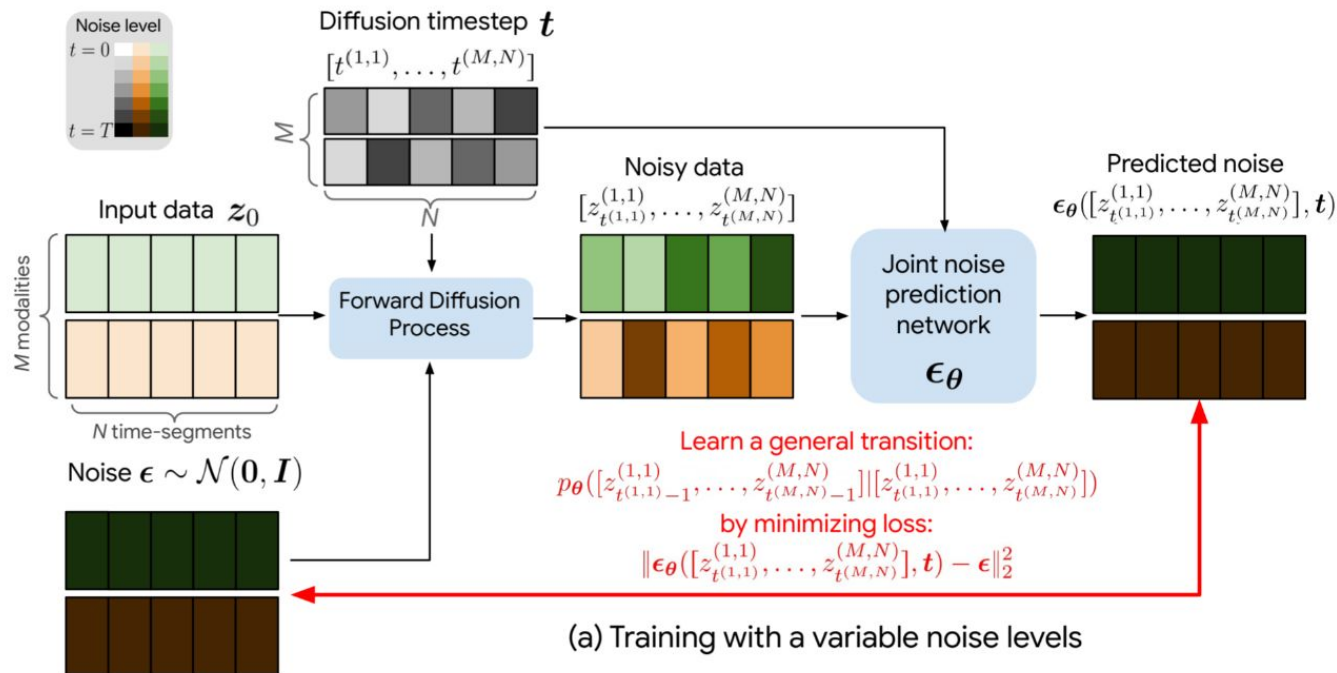




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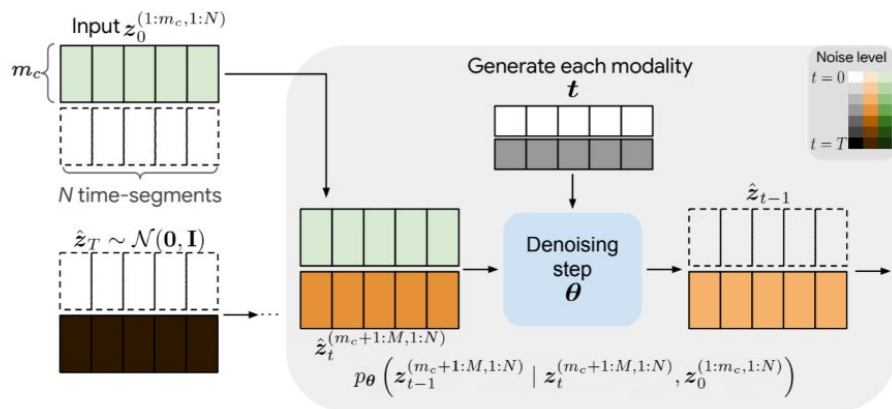


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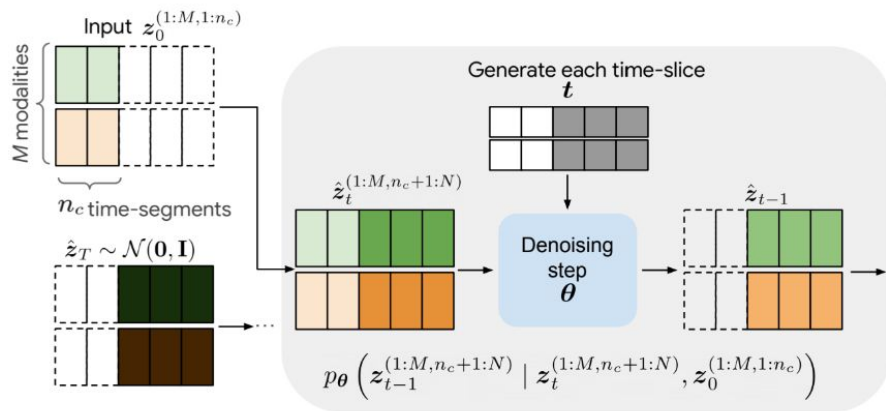


# Mixture of Noise Levels (MoNL) - Conditional Inference

- We achieve **arbitrary conditional distributions** by selectively injecting inputs during inference based on the task specification
  - Clean inputs  $\rightarrow$  conditional portions with  $t^{(m,n)} = 0$
  - Noisy inputs  $\rightarrow$  generating desired portions with the current diffusion step  $t^{(m,n)} = t$

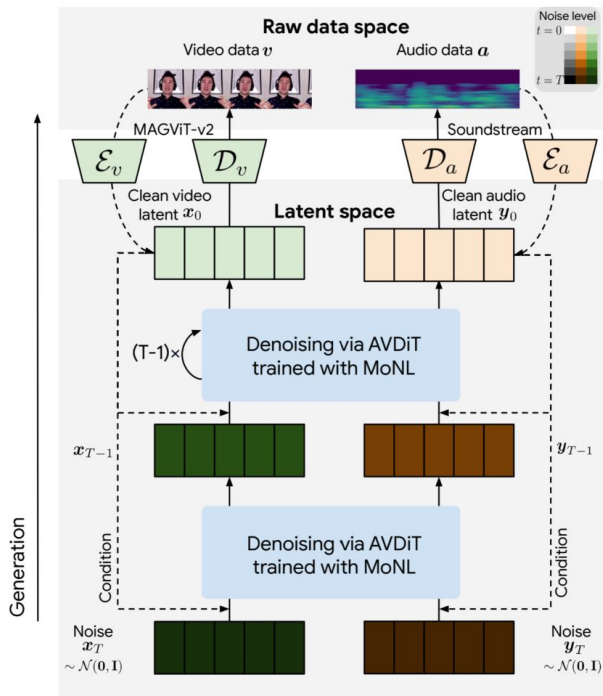


(a) Conditioning across modalities: cross-modal generation

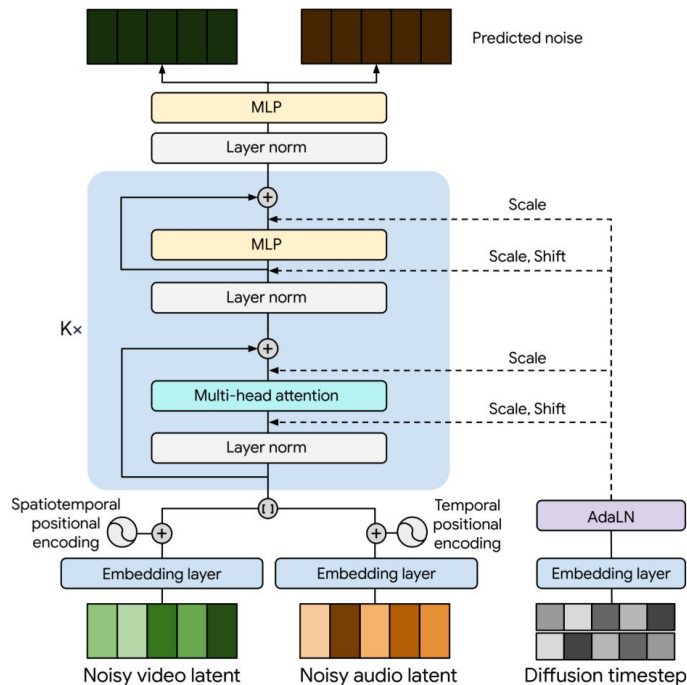


(b) Conditioning across time-segments: multimodal interpolation

# Audiovisual Latent Diffusion Transformer (AVDiT)

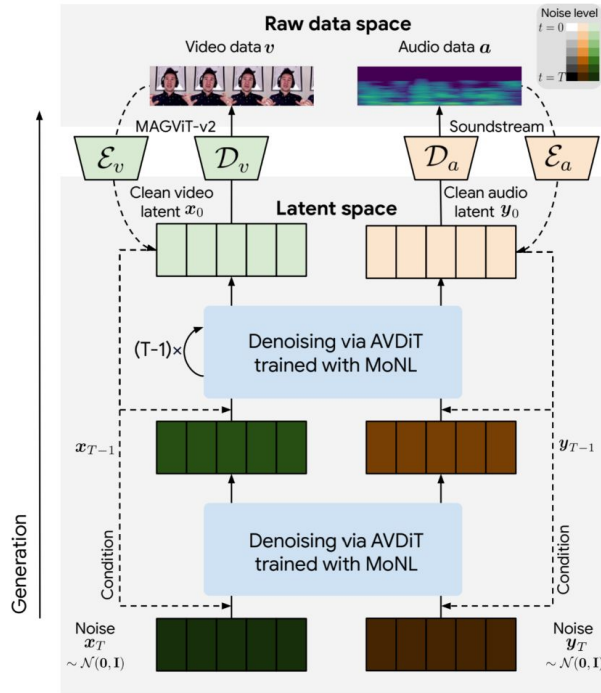


(a) Latent diffusion with mixture of noise levels (MoNL) and audiovisual diffusion transformer (AVDiT)



(b) Audio-video diffusion transformer (AVDiT)

# Audiovisual Latent Diffusion Transformer (AVDiT)



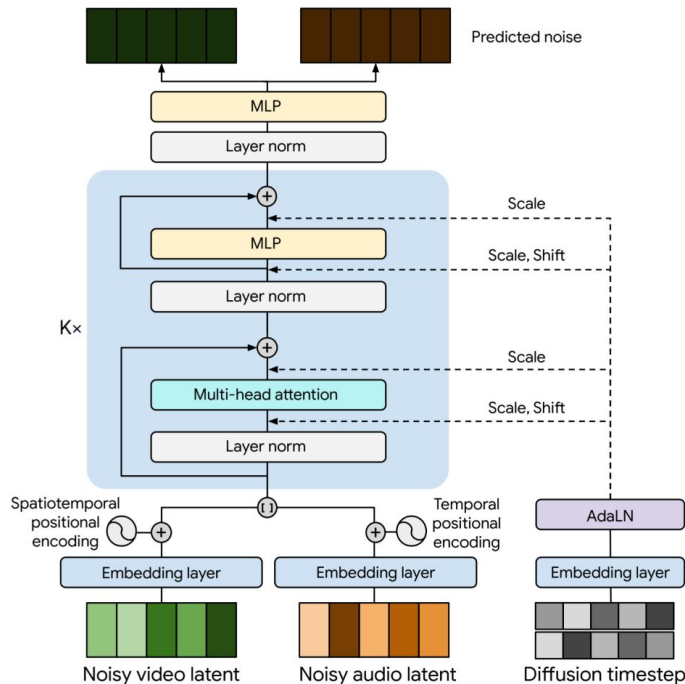
(a) Latent diffusion with mixture of noise levels (MoNL) and audiovisual diffusion transformer (AVDiT)

- We implement MoNL in the low-dimensional latent space learned by the [MAGViT-v2<sup>\[1\]</sup>](#) for video and the [SoundStream<sup>\[2\]</sup>](#) for audio.
- Importantly, the temporal structure in these latent representations enables us to apply variable noise levels.

[1] Yu et al. "Language Model Beats Diffusion--Tokenizer is Key to Visual Generation." arXiv 2023

[2] Zeghidour et al. "Soundstream: An end-to-end neural audio codec." T-ASLP 2021

# Audiovisual Latent Diffusion Transformer (AVDiT)



(b) Audio-video diffusion transformer (AVDiT)

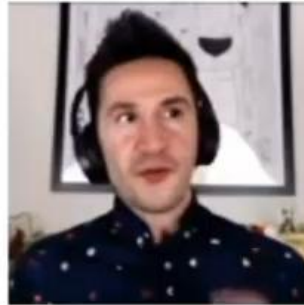
- We also introduce a transformer-based network for joint noise prediction.
- Transformers are a natural fit for multimodal generation as they can
  - efficiently integrate **multiple modalities**<sup>[1]</sup> and their interactions,
  - capture intricate **spatiotemporal dependencies**<sup>[2]</sup>,
  - have shown **impressive video generation**<sup>[3]</sup> capabilities.

[1] Georgescu, Mariana-Iuliana, et al. "Audiovisual masked autoencoders." *CVPR 2023*  
[2] Zhou, Luowei, et al. "Unified vision-language pre-training for image captioning and vqa." *AAA 2020*  
[3] Gupta, Agrim, et al. "Photorealistic video generation with diffusion models." *arXiv 2023*



# Demo of our Model Trained on Monologue Dataset

Audio Video Continuation



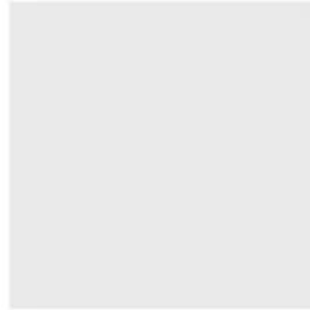
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# Demo of our Model Trained on Landscape

Unconditioned



AUDIO

NO INPUT

VIDEO

NO INPUT

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# Demo of our Model Trained on AIST++

Audio Video Continuation



Audiovisual demos



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# Effectiveness of MoNL - Quantitative Comparison

- On average across all tasks, [AVDiT trained with MoNL outperforms all baselines](#), demonstrating its versatility to learn diverse conditional distributions.

Table 1: Comparison of AVDiT trained with mixture of noise levels (MoNL) on the Monologues dataset for unconditional joint generation (Joint), cross-modal (A2V, V2A) and multimodal interpolation (AV-inpaint, AV-continue) tasks. FAD = 2.7 and FVD = 3.3 for groundtruth autoencoder reconstructions of the inputs. Fréchet metrics estimated with N=25k.

Setting / Task	Joint		A2V	V2A	AV-inpaint		AV-continue		Average	
	FAD ↓	FVD ↓	FVD ↓	FAD ↓	FAD ↓	FVD ↓	FAD ↓	FVD ↓	FAD ↓	FVD ↓
Conditional (task-specific)	7.1	<b>63.6</b>	49.4	11.5	5.3	15.9	7.4	12.1	7.8	35.3
Per modality	7.0	84.4	<b>34.1</b>	<b>4.7</b>	6.2	213.6	4.5	92.1	5.6	106.1
Vanilla	7.1	<b>63.6</b>	53.3	8.1	8.1	226.8	6.1	140.8	7.4	121.1
<b>MoNL (Ours)</b>	<b>6.4</b>	77.6	40.2	5.3	<b>4.6</b>	<b>11.8</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>8.8</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>34.6</b>
					Ablations					
Per time-segment	6.6	96.3	124.5	12.1	5.1	28.2	5.0	72.3	7.2	80.3
Per time-segment Per modality	7.0	84.5	52.5	5.9	5.4	22.9	4.8	61.2	5.7	55.3
Pt/Pm/Ptm	9.0	90.1	43.1	5.1	5.2	13.4	4.1	16.9	5.9	40.9

# Effectiveness of MoNL - User Study

- Pairwise Mann-Whitney U tests were conducted with Bonferroni correction for multiple comparisons to assess statistical difference.
- Across all axes (AV-quality, AV-alignment, Person consistency), raters preferred samples generated from MoNL over that of Vanilla or Per-modality (Pm) approaches.

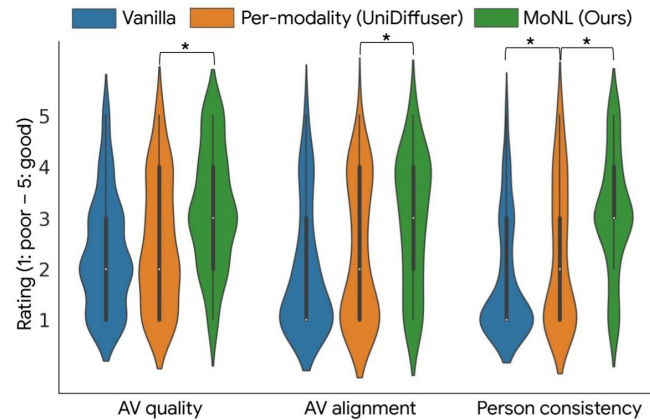


Figure 8: Comparative analysis across AVDiT models from the user study on AV quality, AV alignment and person consistency. The \* indicates statistically significant pairwise difference at  $p < 0.01$  after multiple correction.

# Comparison with MM-Diffusion

- MM-Diffusion (MMD)<sup>[1]</sup>
  - The sole published work with a released model that tackles both audio and video generation within a single model.
  - While a direct comparison between U-Nets and our transformer architecture is inherently challenging due to their distinct design principles, we show that **MoNL AVDiT surpasses this strong U-Net baseline.**
- On Landscape dataset

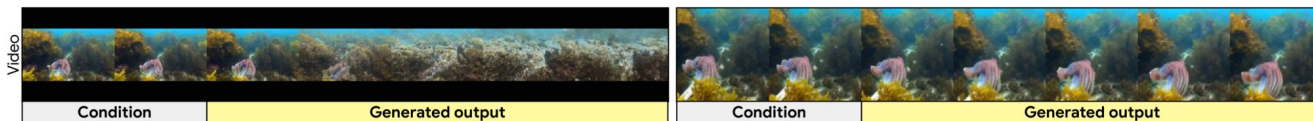


Figure 2: Comparing conditional inference for AV-continuation for MM-Diffusion (left) and Ours (right) on Landscape dataset. Our approach excels at generating temporally consistent sequences.

- On AIST++ dataset

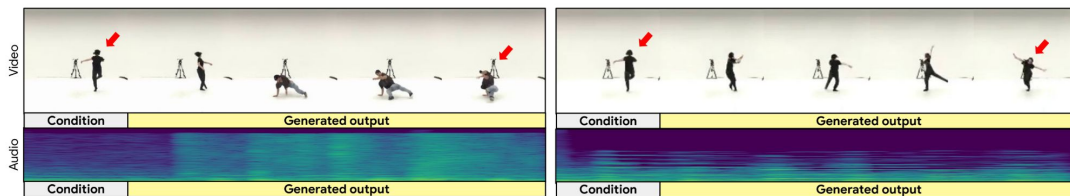


Figure 7: Unlike MM-Diffusion (left) where clothes and appearance is altered in the continuation (red arrow), our AVDiT with MoNL (right) maintains subject consistency in the AIST++ dataset.



# Comparison with MM-Diffusion - Quantitative & User Study

- MoNL AVDiT outperformed MMD in terms of the **FAD and FVD metrics** across all tasks on the AIST++ and Landscape datasets.
- On the Landscape dataset, **AV-align** results demonstrate that our model achieves better alignment compared to MMD.
- Our MoNL AVDiT outperformed MMD in **user studies** overall.

Table 2: Quantitative comparison between our AVDiT with MoNL and MM-Diffusion (MMD).

Task	Method	AIST++			Landscape			
		FAD ↓	FVD ↓	KVD ↓	FAD ↓	FVD ↓	KVD ↓	AV align ↑
Reconstruction		0.90	11.72	0.96	0.76	16.41	-0.25	0.60
A2V	MMD	-	184.45	33.91	-	238.33	15.14	0.54
	Ours	-	<b>38.04</b>	<b>5.27</b>	-	<b>86.79</b>	<b>4.30</b>	<b>0.57</b>
V2A	MMD	13.30	-	-	13.60	-	-	0.50
	Ours	<b>1.11</b>	-	-	<b>0.78</b>	-	-	<b>0.51</b>

Table 3: User study of comparison between our model and MM-Diffusion (MMD) on the AIST++ dataset.

	Preference of ours over MMD		
	AV align	AV quality	Person consistency
AV-continue	0.69	0.71	0.93
A2V	0.77	0.61	0.75
V2A	0.61	0.49	0.60
Joint	0.74	0.72	0.81

# Conclusion

- We propose a unified approach for multimodal diffusion using a [mixture of noise levels \(MoNL\)](#) for generating and manipulating sequences across modalities and time.
- This empowers a [single model](#) to handle [diverse tasks](#) like audio-video continuation, interpolation, and cross-modal generation.
- We show that an [audiovisual latent diffusion transformer \(AVDiT\)](#) trained with MoNL achieves state-of-the-art performance in audiovisual-sequence generation, providing new opportunities for expressive and controllable multimedia content creation.

## Future works

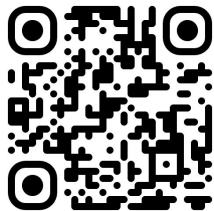
- Our measures on subject consistency and synchrony of gestures and vocal tone were qualitative. [Quantitative metrics](#) to capture these joint spaces are part of our future work.
- We are also working on [super-resolution systems](#) to address visual quality and [text conditioning](#) to further optimize speech quality.



# Thank you.

Poster: Session 5, Dec. 13(Fri) 11:00 AM

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