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Multi-subject Open-set Personalization in Video Generation

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Overview

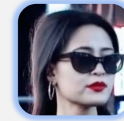
Text-to-Video Model

"A woman rides a dinosaur on a field."



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Overview



"A **man** and a **woman** discuss something in a **meeting room**."



"A **woman** in a **suit** sits in a **living room** and drinks tea."



"A **rocket** launches from the **Moon's** surface with a **UFO** behind."



"A **man** pets a **dog** on a **bridge**."



"A **man** pets a **dog** on **desert**."

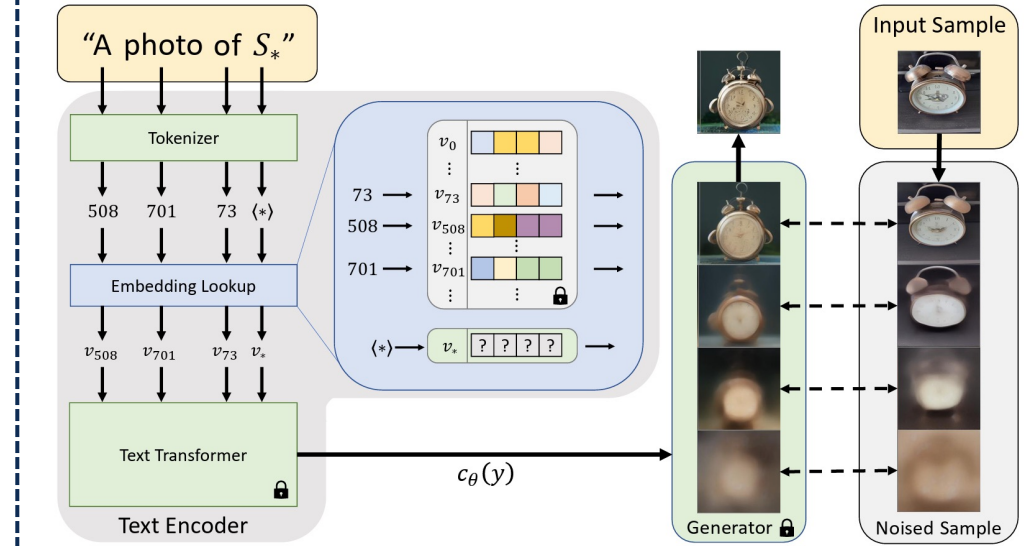


"A **man** pets a **dog** on the **Moon's** surface."

Previous Methods

[Optimization-based Methods] Optimize a text token representing a new concept

Textual Inversion^[1]

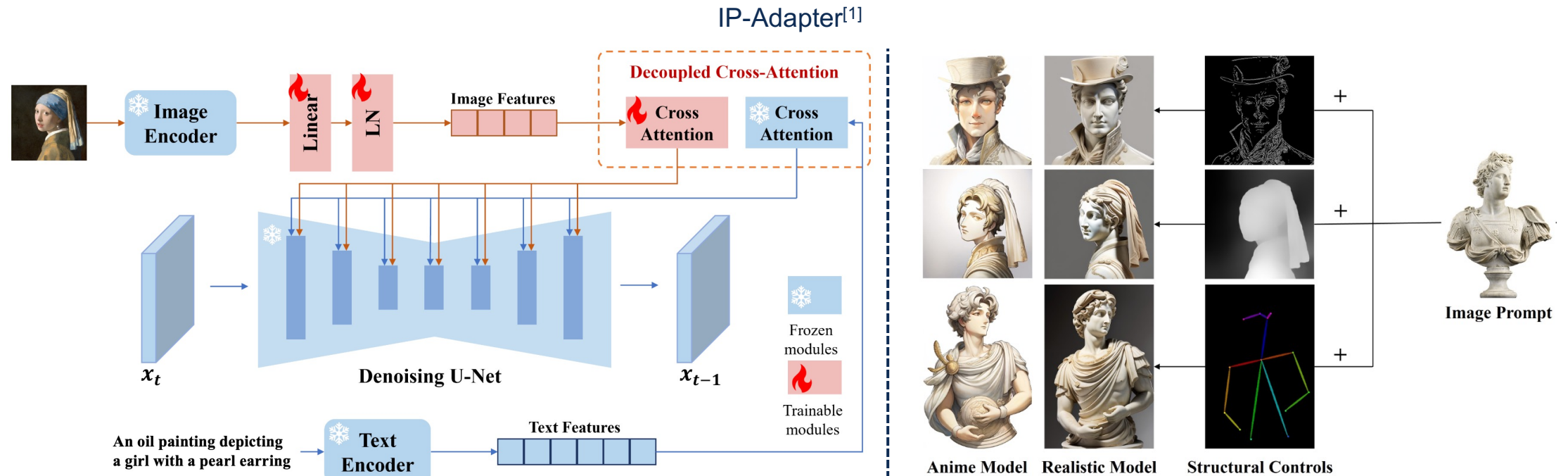


Other optimization-based methods: DreamBooth^[2], Custom Diffusion^[3]

[Drawback] Require time-consuming optimization to adapt a new concept.

Previous Methods

[Encoder-based Methods] Generate image/video using the embeddings of reference images as conditions



Other encoder-based methods: InstanceBooth^[2], VideoBooth^[3]

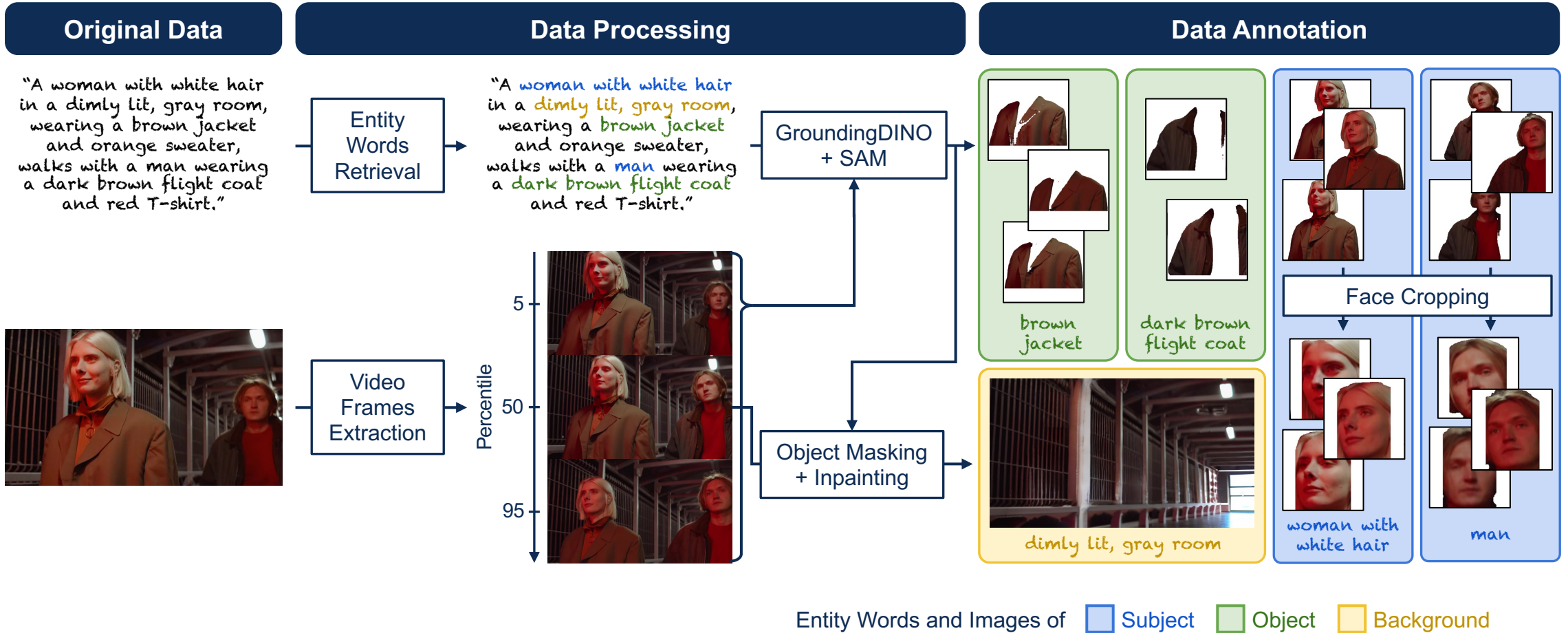
We also adopt the encoder-based method to eliminate expensive test-time optimization and further extend it to more generic personalization.

[1] Hu Ye, et al. IP-Adapter: Text Compatible Image Prompt Adapter for Text-to-Image Diffusion Models. *Arxiv preprint*, 2023.

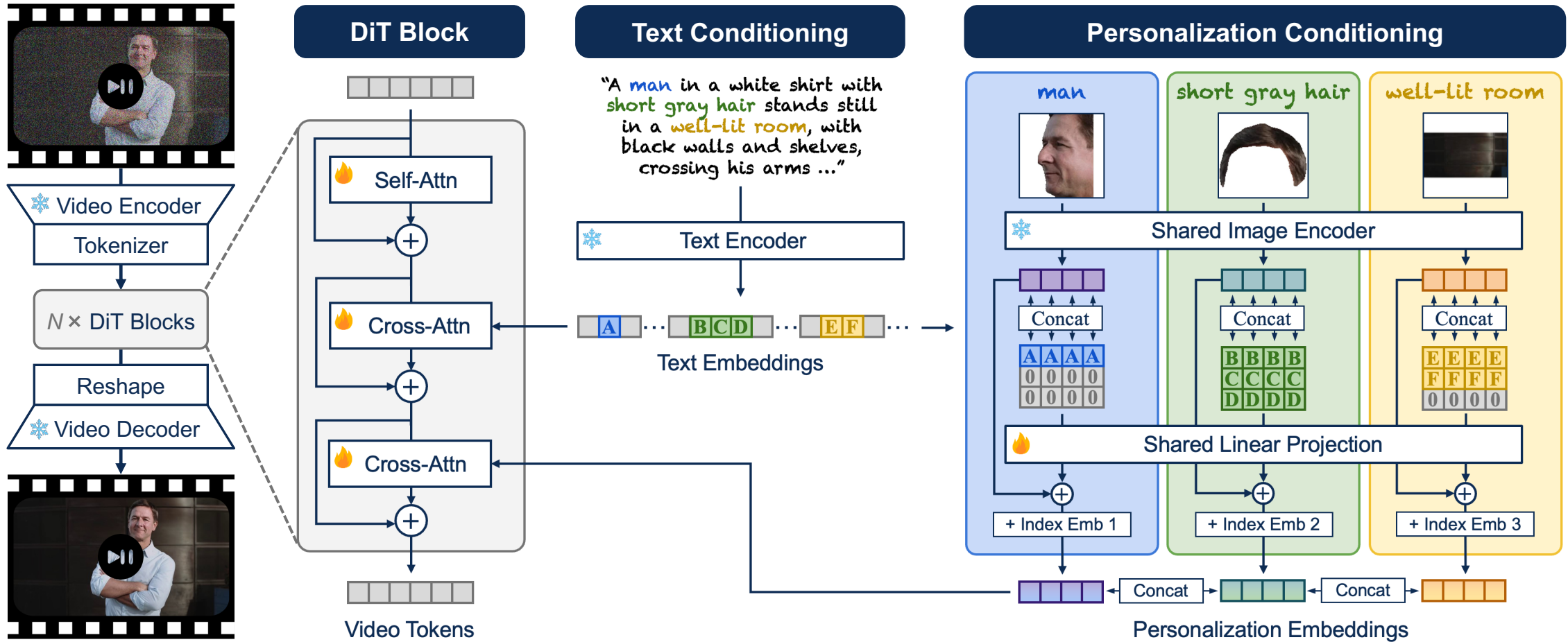
[2] Jing Shi, et al. InstantBooth: Personalized Text-to-Image Generation without Test-Time Finetuning. In *CVPR*, 2024.

[3] Yuming Jiang, et al. VideoBooth: Diffusion-based Video Generation with Image Prompts. In *CVPR*, 2024.

Methodology: Dataset



Methodology: Model



Methodology: Reducing Model Overfitting

Copy-and-Paste Issue



Reference Image



IP-Adapter^[1]

Model Overfitting

If the reference image is high-resolution, the model generates a large subject close to the camera.



Downscaling +
Gaussian blurring

If the reference image is cropped, the model places the subject at the edge, causing it to be cropped by the video boundary.



Random crop

The model often replicates the subject's pose and lighting conditions from the reference image.



Color jittering +
Brightness adjustment

If multiple reference images represent the same subject with similar poses, the model produces a subject with minimal motion.



Random horizontal flip +
Image shearing & rotation

Benchmark: *MSRVTT-Personalization*

Video Sample



[Source] MSR-VTT dataset^[1]

Personalization Annotations

"A man in a blue cap leads a horse through a cloudy, forested area."



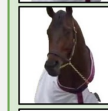
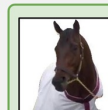
Face Cropping



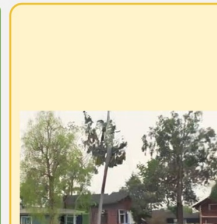
man



blue cap



horse



cloudy, forested area

Evaluation Metrics

- Text similarity^[2]
- Video similarity^[3]
- Subject similarity
- Face similarity
- Dynamic degree^[4]



Check the benchmark!

[1] Jun Xu, et al. MSR-VTT: A Large Video Description Dataset for Bridging Video and Language. In *CVPR*, 2016.

[2] Chenfei Wu, et al. GODIVA: Generating Open-Domain Videos from nAtural Descriptions. *Arxiv preprint*, 2021.

[3] Rinon Gal, et al. An Image is Worth One Word: Personalizing Text-to-Image Generation using Textual Inversion. In *ICLR*, 2023.

[4] Ziqi Huang, et al. VBench: Comprehensive Benchmark Suite for Video Generative Models. In *CVPR*, 2024.

Experiments: Comparisons with SOTA

Comparisons for the Subject Mode of *MSRVTT-Personalization*

Method	Reference Images		Text-S \uparrow	Vid-S \uparrow	Sub-S \uparrow	Dync-D \uparrow
	Subject	Background				
ELITE*[¹]	single	X	0.245	0.620	0.359	-
VideoBooth[²]	single	X	0.222	0.612	0.395	0.448
DreamVideo[³]	single	X	0.261	0.611	0.310	0.311
Video Alchemist	single	X	0.269	0.732	0.617	0.466
DreamVideo[³]	multiple	X	0.253	0.604	0.256	0.303
Video Alchemist	multiple	X	0.268	0.743	0.626	0.473
Video Alchemist	multiple	✓	0.254	0.780	0.570	0.506

*For text-to-image models, outputs are treated as single-frame videos without evaluating temporal quality.

"A bearded man in gray clothes brushes a brown horse with a blue brush in a stable filled with boxes [...]."



ELITE[¹]



VideoBooth[²]



DreamVideo[³]



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Ground Truth

Experiments: Comparisons with SOTA

Comparison for the Face Mode of *MSRVTT-Personalization*

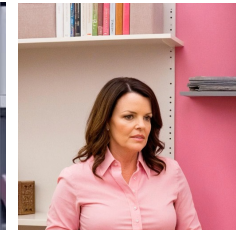
Method	Reference Images	Text-S \uparrow	Vid-S \uparrow	Face-S \uparrow	Dync-D \uparrow
	Face Crop				
IP-Adapter*[¹]	single	0.251	0.648	0.269	-
PhotoMaker*[²]	single	0.278	0.569	0.189	-
Magic-Me[³]	single	0.251	0.602	0.135	0.418
Video Alchemist	single	0.273	0.687	0.382	0.424
PhotoMaker*[²]	multiple	0.275	0.582	0.216	-
Magic-Me[³]	multiple	0.248	0.618	0.153	0.385
Video Alchemist	multiple	0.272	0.694	0.411	0.402

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"A woman in a room with white, red, and gray walls and a gray shelf talks while wearing a pink shirt."



IP-Adapter[¹]



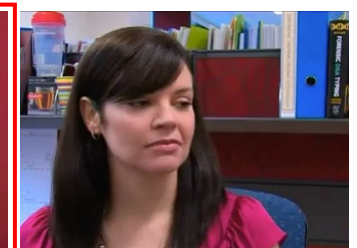
PhotoMaker[²]



Magic-Me[³]



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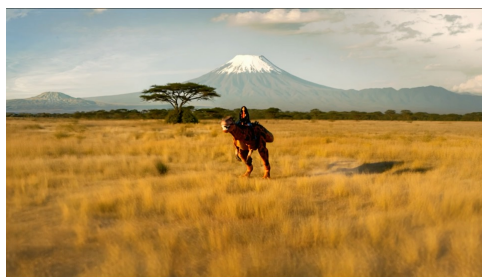
Experiments: Comparisons with SOTA

User Preference Study for the Subject / Face mode of *MSRVTT-Personalization*

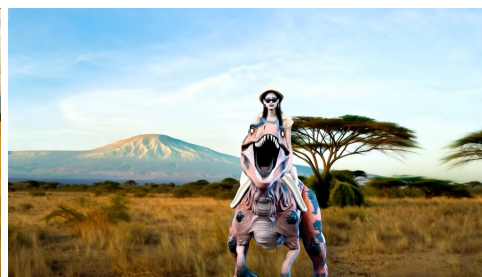
Method	Preference Ratio↑		Method	Preference Ratio↑	
	Quality	Fidelity		Quality	Fidelity
ELITE	2.7%	0.6%	IP-Adapter	10.4%	20.2%
VideoBooth	0.3%	0.8%	PhotoMaker	37.5%	7.4%
DreamVideo	0.5%	0.5%	Magic-Me	4.4%	4.0%
Video Alchemist	96.5%	98.1%	Video Alchemist	47.6%	68.4%

Experiments: Comparisons with Pika^[1]

"A woman rides a dinosaur on the field."



Pika 2.1



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"A woman in a suit sits in the living room and drinks tea."

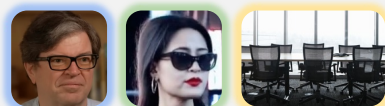


Pika 2.1



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"A man and a woman discuss something in a meeting room."

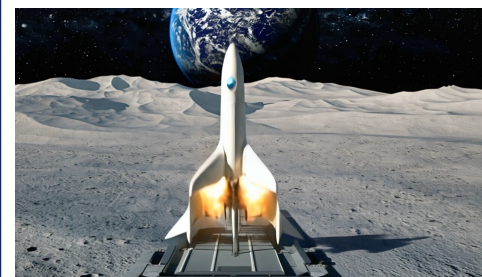


Pika 2.1



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"A rocket launches from the Moon's surface with a UFO behind."



Pika 2.1



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Experiments: Ablation Study

Method	Image Encoder	Use Word Token	Image Augmentations	Text-S↑	Vid-S↑	Sub-S↑	Dync-D↑
Use CLIP	CLIP ^[1]	X	X	0.269	0.768	0.569	0.552
No word token	DINOv2 ^[2]	X	X	0.256	0.790	0.566	0.569
No augmentation	DINOv2 ^[2]	X	X	0.251	0.781	0.609	0.506
Video Alchemist	DINOv2 ^[2]	✓	✓	0.257	0.790	0.600	0.570

"A **woman** smiles and looks at a dog on a beach with waves lapping."



Use CLIP



No word token



No augmentation



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Project Page



Github

