

1 Rebuttal

2 1.1 Formatting

3 We received some constructive feedback on how we can improve the formatting of our paper including
4 the arrangement of figures, the removing of citations within the abstract, and repositioning of some
5 subsections for more literary flow. To address these concerns, we rid of all citations in the abstract and
6 made proofreading edits throughout the paper. Furthermore, we consolidate the related works section
7 into short paragraphs as opposed to many subsections. We also move some of our extraneous figures
8 to the appendix in order to make the contents of the report more concise. For better understanding
9 of our methodology, we provide pseudo code instead of raw Python code that details our training
10 algorithms used for each technique utilized. We specifically rearrange subsections describing the
11 experimental results of the Tune-A-Video technique to be adjacent in order to promote continuity of
12 content (Section 5).

13 1.2 Paper Contents

14 We first address the requests we received about our background on Denoising Diffusion Probabilistic
15 Models (DDPMs). We believe that the technique description is an important element to keep in
16 this paper as-is due to the fundamental importance of the idea with regards to the entire paper as
17 a whole. Most of the techniques mentioned in Section 3 such as Tune-A-Video, Control-A-Video,
18 ControlNet, Uni-ControlNet, and StableVideo all base their methodology on the basic principle of the
19 DDPM. Since our work seeks to experiment with these techniques and extend them, we believe the
20 background information on DDPMs to be paramount to this paper even if the concepts are already
21 well-known.

22 Some feedback we received for our paper pertains to mentioning experimentation with the Tune-A-
23 Video technique with a Stable Diffusion 2.1 model as well as mentioning unreleased models such as
24 Stable Diffusion 3 and SORA as possible areas of study and experimentation. While the criticism is
25 against including such statements, we believe that because this paper has evolved into an overall study
26 of generative text-to-video model architecture, it would be imperative to include such information
27 within the report. Since we aim for this paper to provide an overview of all experimentation efforts
28 made to evolve the techniques mentioned in Section 3, it would be reasonable for us to mention all
29 the methods experimented with.

30 A large portion of the criticism received is regarding the lack of novelty of the techniques proposed
31 within this paper. The paper, as it currently stands, only serves as an overview of existing methods
32 of generating coherent text-to-video models, with some achieving output controlled by additional
33 conditions while others achieving consistency of foreground and background objects across frames.
34 We also mention all attempted efforts of training a neural network model that is capable of achieving
35 both qualities at the same time. Throughout the semester, we encountered issues with getting our
36 base methods working, having a consistent research direction, and coming up with something truly
37 novel. When we explored new research objectives, we realized that there were already similar
38 works detailing the same approach. We then read the related literature to understand the respective
39 methodology and attempt to propose some new research objective to see if would could implement
40 an improvement. As we discovered more existing works, it became challenging to understand the
41 new methodologies, and as a result we spent a significant amount of time further reviewing literature
42 rather than running experiments. We then eventually reached a point where we decided it was better
43 to thoroughly investigate existing methods rather than coming up with a completely new approach.
44 Specifically, our challenges can be listed in chronological order:

- 45 • We first decide to develop a novel architecture that generate videos with consistent scenery.
- 46 • We realize this has already been done by the Tune-A-Video technique. We respond by
47 developing a novel method of adding conditional control to the output of a text-to-video
48 model to further stabilize background and foreground objects.
- 49 • We realize this has already been done by the Control-A-Video and Neural Layered Atlas
50 techniques. We respond by developing novel improvements that make training consistent
51 text-to-image models more efficiently by borrowing ideas from the Uni-ControlNet method.
- 52 • As the deadline came closer, we realized we no longer had the time to understand all related
53 literature. We decided to conduct experiments with our baseline techniques instead.

54 • However, based on feedback we were able to produce some additional results using both
55 some suggested methods as well as methods we did not have time for prior. These new
56 additions can be found highlighted in the results section below.

57 Due to these difficulties, our paper evolved to become more of a report of our process in investigating
58 the various state of the art methods as well as details about all of the approaches we attempted based
59 on this knowledge. Overall, while we acknowledge that this paper does not demonstrate amazing
60 quantitative results, we believe that the insights gained from our investigation are valuable and do
61 demonstrate several potential novel approaches to video generation.

62 **1.3 Experimentation and Approaches**

63 We received several comments questioning the rationale of some of our approaches and experiments.
64 While we believe we have already explained our choices for choosing methods like Uni-ControlNet
65 and NLA, we acknowledge that due to the organization of the paper as mentioned earlier it may have
66 been unclear where these explanations are. So, we have made sure to more clearly state motivations
67 and emphasize our experimentation choices.

68 Additionally, many comments suggested that we test some of the approaches we listed in further
69 works such as optical flow and frame interpolation. While we did test some of these methods prior
70 to the initial submission (but omitted results do to lack thereof), in response to this feedback we ran
71 additional experiments testing different combinations of new methods. The two most promising
72 results are highlighted in a new portion of the results section.

73 Next, we received several comments inquiring about our rationale for choosing Neural Layered
74 Atlases as an approach, as well as questioning why the experiment failed. First, as mentioned in
75 the related works section as well as our approaches section, we picked NLA as a potential solution
76 due to its proven ability to preserve high spatio-temporal consistency in video editing applications.
77 A primary problem we identified in current video generation is the lack of consistency of output
78 especially when there are occluded objects present. The NLA technique excels in this application
79 specifically, because by separating the objects in the video into independent layer representations, the
80 model is able to alter the motion of specific objects without changing that of others unrealistically.
81 As for a potential further explanation for the failure of our experimentation with NLA, we still
82 believe it is mostly due to computational efficiency. Given sufficient compute, we would implement
83 NLA video generation in a similar way to the Uni-ControlNet implementation we used. Create a
84 simplified version of a neural atlas based off of the initial frame, then generate subsequent frames
85 while minimizing deviation from previous atlas layers.

86 Finally, to address the lack of quantifiable or tangible results, we believe that unfortunately our chosen
87 area of video generation is very challenging to achieve quantifiable good results in primarily due
88 to constraints such as computing power. We did consider standard metrics such as FVD and CLIP
89 scores. However, we realize that these results likely would not be significant, since throughout our
90 experimentation we have not been able to produce videos longer than 5 seconds or over 30 frames
91 per second. As such, low scores on metrics would not be very accurate to the actual quality of our
92 results since it would be uncertain whether the cause was just due to our lack of resources and time.

Investigation of Methods to Improve Generative Video Consistency and Control

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Abstract

93 With the rise of Generative AI, recent improvements in diffusion techniques have
94 been developed to generate art contextually accurate to user input. However, video
95 output from Stable Diffusion models still seem to have sudden differences between
96 neighboring frames and can be easily differentiated from videos taken in real life
97 at times. Subjects and background environments in generated videos are prone to
98 suddenly shifting appearance, making the video more identifiable as a result of
99 AI generation. In particular, we found that even state-of-the art video generation
100 and editing models struggled when occlusion was present. We propose a project
101 to find a solution to improve the smoothness and consistency of video generation
102 network output by using various approaches such as ControlNet and neural layered
103 atlases. Additionally, we intend to combine newer concepts like Uni-ControlNet
104 with existing text to video models in order to enable even better control of video
105 results.

106 2 Introduction

107 Using diffusion models like Stable Diffusion, users can create videos from input text, images, or
108 videos. Each frame of the output video is generated independently using the diffusion model, which
109 results in slight differences between frames. Current methods to improve the smoothness of diffusion
110 generated videos rely on techniques focusing on pixel motion information [7] or Recurrent All-Pairs
111 Field Transforms (RAFT) for optical flow [13].

112 These methods show good results when applied to generate videos, but are inefficient because they
113 often require per-pixel calculations and additional processing. Current generative video systems
114 already struggle from computational limits; e.g. generating a 10 second video at just 20 fps would
115 involve using diffusion text-to-image to create over 200 images. Even top open source text to video
116 models like VideoCrafter [3] took over 10 minutes to generate a 2 second video (running on one
117 RTX A4000 GPU). Earlier works like ControlNet [15] have been proven to allow much finer control
118 over text-to-image generation, and don't add much to the runtime complexity since they can be
119 pre-trained for various controls (like edges or depth for example). We hope to use implementations
120 of pre-trained ControlNets such as Uni-ControlNet to allow better control over the various objects of
121 a scene without calculating pixel motion every frame.

122 Additionally, several state-of-the-art generative video editing frameworks have employed techniques
123 to effectively separate the objects and background of a scene. This also involves pre-trained models
124 that break apart the frames of a video, and demonstrate strong ability to preserve spatio-temporal
125 consistency across the video despite edits to the appearance of the frames.

126 Taking inspiration from these previous methods, we aim incorporate them in video generation
 127 architecture itself. In applying these methods in this novel way, we hope to further improve control
 128 and consistency of AI-generated videos while improving efficiency at the same time.

129 3 Related Works

130 **Tune-A-Video** is an approach that creates a T2V model by fine-tuning an existing T2I diffusion
 131 model [14]. This method continues to train pretrained T2I models with an additional spatial-temporal
 132 attention mechanism using structural guidance. As a result, videos generated from the final result
 133 can have temporal consistency without having to train a model from a large video dataset. **Control-**
 134 **A-Video** expands upon Tune-A-Video by adding control to the outputs generated by T2V models
 135 [4]. This technique aims to generate videos based on a sequence of control maps (depths, soft-
 136 edges, normals, segmentation masks, etc). Furthermore, this model uses two motion-adaptive noise
 137 initialization strategies to incorporate motion priors and a first-frame conditioned controller to include
 138 content priors. Resulting videos show an increased foreground and background consistency between
 139 frames.

140 **ControlNet** is a neural network architecture that enables the addition of conditioning controls to
 141 existing text-to-image diffusion models [15]. They can be trained on various spatial conditions such
 142 as Canny edges, segmentation maps, depths, and more. The ControlNet structure is applied to each
 143 encoder level in the U-net of the diffusion model to control the output of the model. **Uni-ControlNet**
 144 expands upon the ControlNet by handling different conditions within one single model and by
 145 supporting composable control [16]. This method utilizes a multi-scale condition injection strategy
 146 instead of injecting singular conditions directly into input noise. This technique proves superior to
 147 using N different ControlNets on N separate conditions since the Uni-ControlNet only uses local and
 148 global adapters, reducing the number of times the model needs to be fine-tuned to a constant value of
 149 two.

150 **Neural Layered Atlases (NLA)** is a method that unwraps an input video into a set of layered 2D
 151 atlases [10]. Each atlas is a representation of the appearance of an object or background throughout
 152 an entire video. This technique uses coordinate-based MLPs to map pixels into an atlas space,
 153 which are then optimized against reconstruction and regularization losses in order to preserve the
 154 integrity/realism of the video. By separating objects into separate interpretable layers, NLA allows
 155 users to make edits to the entire video by simply altering a single atlas. This method has been shown
 156 to improve temporal consistency as well as occlusion performance in video editing. **Text2LIVE** and
 157 **StableVideo** are both video editing frameworks that leverage pre-trained neural layered atlases of
 158 videos in order to produce consistent edits. While Text2LIVE uses only NLA to ensure consistency
 159 [1], StableVideo takes it one step further and utilizes an inter-frame propagation mechanism based on
 160 ControlNet in order to further preserve object consistency [2]. However, both of these frameworks
 161 require separately trained NLAs and an existing video.

162 4 Methodology

163 4.1 Preliminaries

164 **Denosing Diffusion Probabilistic Models (DDPMs)** is a generative technique that is trained
 165 on reversing a fixed forward Markov Chain x_1, \dots, x_T [6]. Assuming an image data distribution
 166 $x_0 \sim q(x_0)$, the Markov transition $q(x_t|x_{t-1})$ is defined as a Gaussian distribution:

$$q(x_t|x_{t-1}) \sim \mathcal{N}(\sqrt{1 - \beta_t}x_{t-1}, \beta_t\mathbb{I}), \quad t = 1, \dots, T \quad (1)$$

167 where $\beta_t \in (0, 1)$ is the variance schedule. As a consequence:

$$q(x_t|x_0) \sim \mathcal{N}(\sqrt{(1 - \beta_t)\dots(1 - \beta_1)}x_0, (\beta_t)\dots(\beta_1)\mathbb{I}), \quad t = 1, \dots, T \quad (2)$$

$$q(x_{t-1}|x_t, x_0) \sim \mathcal{N}(\hat{\mu}_t(x_t, x_0), \hat{\beta}_t\mathbb{I}), \quad t = 1, \dots, T \quad (3)$$

168 where

$$\hat{\mu}_t(x_t, x_0) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - \beta_t}} \left(x_t - \frac{\beta_t}{\sqrt{1 - ((1 - \beta_1) \dots (1 - \beta_t))}} \epsilon \right) \quad (4)$$

169 and

$$\hat{\beta}_t = \frac{1 - ((1 - \beta_1) \dots (1 - \beta_{t-1}))}{1 - ((1 - \beta_1) \dots (1 - \beta_t))} \beta_t \quad (5)$$

170 and

$$\epsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \mathbb{I}) \quad (6)$$

171 due to the Markov Property and Bayes’ Rule. DDPMs accomplish this reversal at each step with a
172 transition defined as:

$$p_\theta(x_{t-1}, x_t) \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_\theta(x_t, t), \delta_t^2 \mathbb{I}), \quad t = 1, \dots, T \quad (7)$$

173 where μ_θ is the denoising autoencoder, with learnable parameters θ , trained so that the reverse process
174 is as close to possible to the forward process with the objective:

$$\min_{\theta} \mathbb{E}_{x, \epsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \mathbb{I}), t} \left[\frac{1}{2\delta_t^2} \|\hat{\mu}_t(x_t, x_0) - \mu_\theta(x_t, t)\|^2 \right] \quad (8)$$

175 as derived by maximizing the variational lower bound of the log-likelihood optimization which has a
176 term representing the KL-divergence between Gaussian distributions.

177 **Latent Diffusion Models (LDMs)** are newly introduced variants of DDPMs that use the same
178 technique as described above within the latent space of an autoencoder [12]. The concept of LDMs is
179 best described as two-fold. The first of which is an autoencoder optimized to minimize patch-wise
180 loss on a large dataset of images with an encoder to compress input images into latent space and a
181 decoder to reconstruct latent variables back to the approximate original input. The second part is a
182 DDPM trained to denoise added to sampled values in the latent space.

183 4.2 Preliminary Work

184 In order to understand the state-of-the-art space for the area of video generation, we began by
185 collecting the top text/image to video generation and video editing models to our knowledge (that
186 offered public code bases). Initially, inspired by discussions about transformers and attention methods
187 like (SWIN [9]), we aimed to improve consistency by augmenting the attention modules of the
188 video models. In order to preserve a realistic transition between frames, we attempted to apply a
189 shifted-window attention method between adjacent frames. However, a deeper dive into the code
190 of these models revealed that some projects like Tune-A-Video and Control-A-Video had already
191 implemented novel spatio-temporal attention modules that add time as a third dimension to create
192 even more consistent video frames. Realizing this, we pivoted to finding novel applications or
193 combinations of some of the most well-performing methods, aiming to achieve the benefits of all of
194 these methods within one model.

195 4.3 Approaches

196 Throughout our investigation of novel methods to further improve video generation, we converged on
197 two primary approaches. First, we experimented with applying the foundational ControlNet method
198 (which adds controls to text-to-image generation) to video generation. This involved extensive testing
199 of existing works that use this method in order to understand how the ControlNet architecture fits into
200 the process of video generation. Second, we explored existing video editing models that generally aim
201 to isolate various objects in a scene in order to preserve spatio-temporal consistency throughout the
202 editing process. We tested various ways of incorporating these techniques into the video generation

203 process itself in order to create a self-contained video generation framework that can achieve high
204 consistency and control without post processing or external plug-ins.

205 **Uni-ControlNet for video generation**

206 The first off-the-shelf model we experimented with was Tune-A-Video [14]. This work fine tuned
207 existing text-to-image models in order to convert them into text-to-video. Notably, Tune-A-Video
208 utilizes a 3D U-Net that allows for more consistent results through applying a spatio-temporal
209 attention mechanism. We first aimed to modify the Tune-A-Video pipeline in order to integrate
210 existing ControlNet implementations, and therefore benefit from the consistency of Tune-A-Video
211 while improving the control provided by ControlNet.

212 Through further literature review, we discovered Control-A-Video, which already incorporates
213 ControlNet-like controls into a text-to-video generation model. They utilize a 3D ControlNet pipeline
214 to apply the control maps across not only the individual frames but also across time. Thus, instead of
215 trying to recreate Control-A-Video using Tune-A-Video we decided to instead try to improve upon
216 Control-A-Video by leveraging the multi-control ability of Uni-ControlNet [16]. Uni-ControlNet
217 enables composable multi-control by using local and global adapter representations to add many
218 controls without impacting the efficiency of the process significantly. Using this method, we can
219 apply multiple controls that improve consistency and realism at the same time. For example, we
220 can use both Canny edge maps and Midas depth maps at the same time to ensure objects in the
221 generated video not only follow a realistic movement pattern (using edges) but also don't morph into
222 the background (depth).

223 **We choose to focus our approach on incorporating Uni-ControlNet because of its potential to improve**
224 **both consistency and quality simultaneously without increasing complexity significantly.**

225 **Neural Layered Atlases (NLA)**

226 Through our investigation of the video editing system StableVideo [2], we learned about the concept
227 of Neural Layered Atlases [10]. NLA can be pre-trained on the frames of a video in order to create
228 atlas representations of the background and each foreground object respectively. NLA uses multi-
229 layer perceptron networks to map pixels from pixel-space into atlas space. The atlas serves as a single
230 representation of a "layer" or an object over all frames in the video. Particularly of interest to us, the
231 training of an NLA representation uses a rigidity loss term to encourage pixel mappings to be locally
232 rigid in 2D atlas space (through a Jacobian matrix of mapping M at each pixel p):

$$J_M = [M(p_x) - M(p)M(p_y) - M(p)] \in \mathbb{R}^{2 \times 2} \quad (9)$$

233 where

$$p_x = (x + \Delta, y, t), p_y = (x, y + \Delta, t) \quad (10)$$

234 This rigidity in atlas space encourages better spatio-temporal consistency when frames are changed
235 through the editing process, which allows changes to a single atlas layer to be automatically applied
236 to the entire video. Inspired by this, we hope to incorporate atlas rigidity loss between frames during
237 generation itself. By creating an atlas representation on the first frame, we could enforce a similar
238 rigidity loss function to subsequent frames in order to discourage unrealistic perturbations.

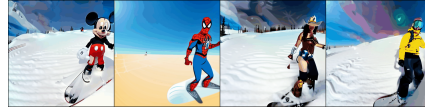
239 **5 Experimental Results**

240 **5.1 Tune-A-Video Testing**

241 First, we tested the base functionality of Tune-A-Video in order to better understand the framework.
242 We utilized the model to generate videos of various characters skiing in different art styles as shown
243 in Figure 1. Then, we created a ComfyUI workflow that generates control maps for each frame of
244 these videos, which resulted in Figure 2.



(a) Results after 100 epochs.



(b) Results after 500 epochs.

Figure 1: After feeding Tune-A-Video with a video of a man skiing, we generate videos of various characters skiing in different artstyles using different prompts. The prompts in order from left to right are: "mickey mouse is skiing on the snow", "spider man is skiing on the beach, cartoon style", "wonder woman, wearing a cowboy hat, is skiing", and "a man, wearing pink clothes, is skiing at sunset"

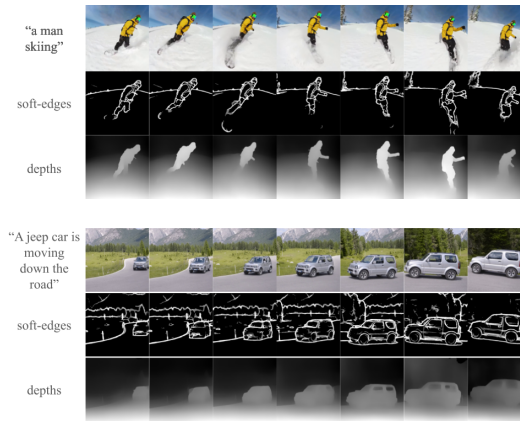


Figure 2: We generate control maps such as soft-edges and depths from sample videos to better control the Tune-A-Video model.

245 5.2 Additional results with Tune-A-Video (using SD 2.1)

246 During our testing of Tune-A-Video, we decided to try using Stable Diffusion 2.1 (as opposed to 2.0
 247 which we used for our earlier results). However, when we ran the exact same prompt experiment of
 248 different characters skiing, we got extremely blurry results (see Figure 3).

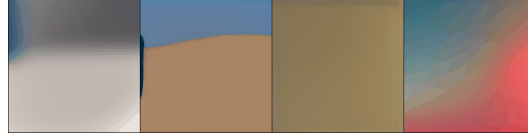
249 This was an interesting and unexpected result, because we could not understand why the new Stable
 250 Diffusion would cause this to fail. However, through further investigation we noticed that SDv2.1 has
 251 a new depth-guided control system that generates images based off the Midas depth map of the image
 252 input [11]. This component may make it harder for Tune-A-Video to fine-tune SDv2.1 to create a
 253 text-to-video model since it does not come with SDv2.1 in the form of a separate ControlNet. We also
 254 tried using the UNet3DConditionModel class from the latest version of the HuggingFace diffusers
 255 library, but ran into issues since the base diffusion model of SDv2.1 only fits to 2D U-Nets. It doesn't
 256 have the extra layer to support the temporal dimension.

257 5.3 Uni-ControlNet for Video Generation

258 In order to leverage incorporate Uni-ControlNet into video generation, we took inspiration from the
 259 inference module of VideoCrafter and modified the Uni-ControlNet code to create the frames of a
 260 video. Our first approach utilized the edge and depth maps of an existing video (a car turning on a

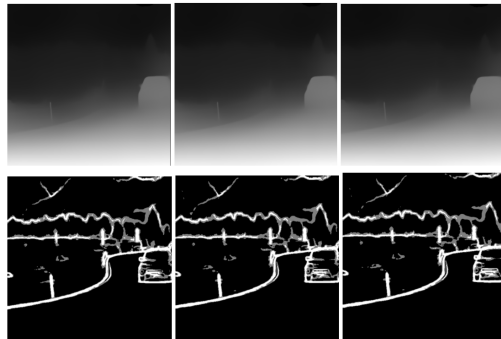


(a) Results after 100 epochs.



(b) Results after 500 epochs.

Figure 3: After fine-tuning a SDv2.1 model with Tune-A-Video, we generate videos of characters skiing in different styles with different prompts. The prompts from left to right are: "mickey mouse is skiing on the snow", "spider man is skiing on the beach, cartoon style", "wonder woman, wearing a cowboy hat, is skiing", "a man, wearing pink clothes, is skiing at sunset"



(a) "Control maps"

Figure 4: Edge and depth maps from car video.

261 road) in the form of a list of maps for each frame in the video. Then, during the generation of each
 262 subsequent frame, we use Uni-ControlNet to control the image generated using the two control maps
 263 of the corresponding original frame as shown in the following code: Appendix A. A sample of the
 264 edge and depth maps are shown in Figure 4

265 Using these control maps, we successfully generated a video using the prompt "jeep driving in the
 266 snow", which resulted in the following video Figure 5(three frames shown):

267 We were able to generate an output that adheres to not only the edges but also the depth of the original
 268 controls. This created a smooth motion of the car, although the background still had some significant



Figure 5: Video created using both edge/depth maps of existing frames



Figure 6: Video created using "true" generation



Figure 7: Video generated using edge map interpolation

269 fluctuations. While the ControlNet can control major features of the frames, we expect that this is
 270 because the network is not detailed enough to prevent small fluctuations between the edges. Therefore,
 271 the background still suffers from the same issue of inconsistency. We believe that in the future if we
 272 combine this framework with some methods like control interpolation or optical flow, we can create
 273 a smoother result while maintaining this improved control.

274 Next, in order to allow for a truly new video to be created, we first use the controls (edges and depth)
 275 of the previous frame to generate each subsequent frame. This created a result that did demonstrate
 276 decent consistency, but because each subsequent frame was restricted to the controls of the previous,
 277 there was no movement of the car in the video as shown in Figure 6

278 In order to try and facilitate more variation between frames while keeping consistency, many combi-
 279 nations of controls. The following two proved to be the most promising.

280 First, we use the edge maps of two consecutive frames and calculate an interpolation between them.
 281 With this method we hope to allow the subject to have slight movement, without sacrificing the
 282 smoothness of the frames. This produced a result that showed noticeably improved motion, using the
 283 prompt "dog running in the snow" in 7.

284 Second, we use a combination of content maps and optical flow. We remove any depth or edge
 285 controls and use the content of the previous frame as the content control for the next frame to allow
 286 more movement. To mitigate unrealistic perturbations between frames we apply optical flow from the
 287 OpenCV Python package to estimate realistic changes per pixel. Results show potential with very
 288 dynamic movement while maintaining some consistency. The figure below shows generation using
 289 the prompt "car driving on a road". 8



Figure 8: Video generated using content control and optical flow

290 5.4 NLA for Video Generation

291 As mentioned earlier, we intended to train atlas layers based on initial frames then use rigidity loss to
292 encourage consistency of subsequent frames. However, we were unable to produce any significant
293 results due to computational issues. Atlas layer representations typically require long pre-training
294 times on entire videos, and doing so during runtime in our testing was too much for a single GPU to
295 handle. We attempted to use the DistributedDataParallel wrapper to split the model across two GPUs
296 (see appendix for code), but faced too many difficulties in the implementation to continue.

297 6 Further Work & Conclusions

298 6.1 Conclusions

299 Overall, through our investigation into the drawbacks and advantages of different video generation
300 and editing approaches, we identified several key weaknesses and areas in need of improvement. First,
301 since video generation relies on diffusion-based models to create each frame, it becomes difficult to
302 control exactly how the entire video looks visually. In particular, we want to make sure that input
303 controls like depth, edges, and text will be reflected consistently throughout the entire video. In
304 order to improve performance in this regard, we showed the potential of using the Uni-ControlNet
305 framework to allow for accurate and composable control of video generation. Next, we acknowledged
306 the challenge of using pre-trained video editing methods like Neural Atlas Layers for improving
307 consistency of video generation. While these methods work very well when editing an existing video,
308 because we are creating new frames in real time, we don't have access to the over-arching pixel
309 knowledge across the entire video that we need to calculate more consistent and rigid representations.
310 Finally, we identified some drawbacks of the state-of-the art Stable Diffusion version 2.1 in it's lack
311 of a 3-dimensional condition model.

312 6.2 Further Work

313 As we look to the future, we seek to further improve the quality of our Uni-ControlNet-based
314 generation results by implementing 3D spatio-temporal attention architecture as well as other methods
315 to allow for more flexibility between frames. We would also like to continue to experiment with the
316 viability of using Neural Layered Atlases to generate video, perhaps with access to stronger computing
317 power or better implemented multi-GPU models. Additionally, with the exciting announcement of
318 new video generation models like SORA [8] and Stable Diffusion 3 [5], we hope to investigate and
319 learn how these works might address some of the aforementioned shortcomings of current video
320 generation methods. SORA utilizes latent spacetime patches along with a diffusion transformer block
321 and conditioning using GPT-4 and CLIP in order to generates its video frames. We would be excited
322 to investigate how these spacetime patches function to improve the spatio-temporal consistency of
323 the resulting video. Stable Diffusion 3 also utilizes a diffusion transformer but foregoes the patching
324 method, so it would be interesting to compare the results of these two models to determine whether
325 the spacetime patching has a significant impact.

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364 **A Appendix / supplemental material**

365 **Implementations**

366 **Initial Uni-ControlNet video pseudo code**

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367 edge_images = edges of every frame in the control video
368 depth_images = depth map of every frame in the control video
369
370 frames = []
371 initialize seed
372
373 for i in range(num_frames):
374     samples = generate sample using DDIM sampler constrained by edge and depth map
375     seed += i
376     frame = samples[0]
377     frames.append(frame)
378
379 frames = torch.stack(frames, dim=0) // stack frames into video
380

```

381 **Uni-ControlNet video modified for "true" generation**

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382
383 prev_frame = initial_frame
384 initialize seed
385 frames = []
386
387 for i in range(num_frames):
388     get canny edges of previous frame
389     get midas depth of previous frame
390
391     samples = generate sample using DDIM sampler constrained by edge and depth map
392     seed += i
393     frame = samples[0]
394     frames.append(frame)
395     prev_frame = frame
396
397 frames = torch.stack(frames, dim=0) // stack frames into video
398

```

399 Interpolating between edge maps

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400
401 def interpolate_edge_maps(prev_map, curr_map, curr_idx, n_frames):
402     t = curr_idx / (n_frames - 1) # Interpolation factor between 0 and 1
403     interpolated_edge_map = cv2.addWeighted(prev_map, 1 -
404 t, curr_map, t, 0)
405     return interpolated_edge_map
406
407 use interpolated edge map to guide next frame
408

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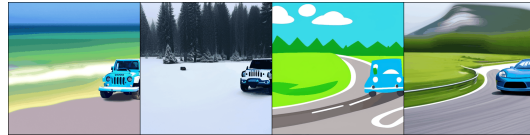
409 Using DistributedDataParallel

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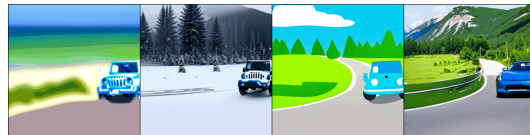
410     def forward(self, x):
411         def stem(x):
412             for conv, bn in [(self.conv1, self.bn1), (self.conv2, self.bn2), (self.conv3, self.bn3)]:
413                 x = self.relu(bn(conv(x)))
414             x = self.avgpool(x)
415             return x
416
417         x = x.type(self.conv1.weight.dtype)
418         x = stem(x)
419
420         # Split the model across two GPUs
421         x1 = x[:, :, :x.shape[2] // 2, :].contiguous().to('cuda:0')
422         x2 = x[:, :, x.shape[2] // 2:, :].contiguous().to('cuda:1')
423
424         x1 = self.layer1(x1)
425         x1 = self.layer2(x1)
426         x2 = self.layer3(x2)
427         x2 = self.layer4(x2)
428
429         # Concatenate the results from the two GPUs
430         x = torch.cat((x1, x2), dim=2)
431         x = self.attnpool(x)
432
433     return x

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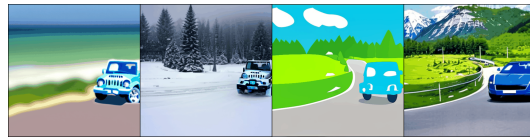
434 Additional Figures



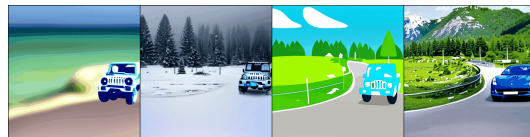
(a) Results after 100 epochs.



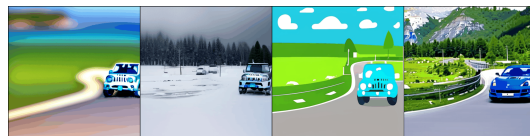
(b) Results after 200 epochs.



(c) Results after 300 epochs.

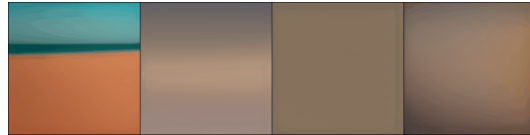


(d) Results after 400 epochs.



(e) Results after 500 epochs.

Figure 9: After feeding Tune-A-Video with a video of a jeep car turning, we generate videos of various cars turning in different artstyles and backgrounds using different prompts. The prompts in order from left to right are: "a jeep car is moving on the beach", "a jeep car is moving on the snow", "a jeep car is moving on the road, cartoon style", and "a sports car is moving on the road"



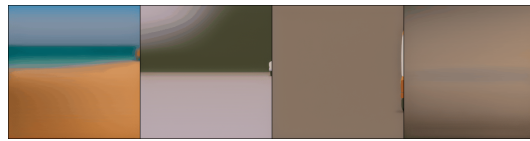
(a) Results after 100 epochs.



(b) Results after 200 epochs.



(c) Results after 300 epochs.



(d) Results after 400 epochs.



(e) Results after 500 epochs.

Figure 10: After fine-tuning a SDv2.1 model with Tune-A-Video, we generate videos of various cars turning in different artstyles and backgrounds using different prompts. The prompts in order from left to right are: "a jeep car is moving on the beach", "a jeep car is moving on the snow", "a jeep car is moving on the road, cartoon style", and "a sports car is moving on the road"