Reenact Anything: Semantic Video Motion Transfer Using Motion-Textual Inversion

Supplementary Material

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A Broader Impact and Ethics

To the best of our knowledge, our method is the first that can reenact a wide array of objects and motions given a target image and motion reference video without training domain-specific models. We believe this represents a significant advancement in controllable video generation, as our approach can address multiple existing domain-specific scenarios within a single framework and even facilitate entirely new applications. That said, we acknowledge the potential for misuse of reenactment methods like ours, such as creating realistic deepfakes or videos depicting individuals or objects performing specified, potentially inappropriate actions. We strongly condemn such misuse and advocate for implementing safety mechanisms and procedures in real-world applications. Additionally, we support ongoing research into detecting fake videos to mitigate these risks.

For legal reasons, we cannot show images or videos from public data sets in the paper without individuals' written consents. For the qualitative evaluation, we therefore use motion reference videos and target images from internal data sets as well as target images generated with Stable Diffusion XL [Podell et al. 2024].

B Extended Related Work

In this section, we provide an extended description of related work for interested readers.

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B.1 Domain-Specific Reenactment

Reenactment has been a significant research area, but much of the focus has been on domain-specific approaches like face reenactment [Drobyshev et al. 2022; Guo et al. 2024b; Hsu et al. 2022; Li et al. 2023; Nirkin et al. 2019; Wang et al. 2021] and human full-body motion transfer [Chan et al. 2019; Hu 2024; Karras et al. 2023; Ma et al. 2024a; Tu et al. 2024a,b; Wang et al. 2024a; Yang et al. 2020; Zhu et al. 2024; Zuo et al. 2024]. While these methods perform well, their architectures and training data are tailored to specific domains, making it challenging to adapt them for use across multiple domains.

B.2 Keypoint-Based Motion Transfer

Keypoint-based motion transfer has been a popular approach in reenactment, spanning both domain-specific and more general methods. Many techniques extract keypoints using pre-trained, domainspecific landmark detectors [Chan et al. 2019; Hsu et al. 2022; Hu 2024; Ma et al. 2024a; Ni et al. 2023; Nirkin et al. 2019; Tu et al. 2024a; Yang et al. 2020; Zuo et al. 2024], which limits their applicability to specific object categories like human bodies or faces. To move toward general motion transfer, other approaches learn keypoints in an unsupervised manner [Drobyshev et al. 2022; Guo et al. 2024b; Siarohin et al. 2019, 2021; Tanveer et al. 2024; Wang et al. 2021; Zhao and Zhang 2022]. Although this strategy increases flexibility, it still typically requires a separate model per domain, making it impractical for applications involving diverse object types.

Several methods first find meaningful common keypoints and then warp features [Ni et al. 2023; Siarohin et al. 2019, 2021; Zhao and Zhang 2022] or latents [Tanveer et al. 2024] to transfer motion from the driving to the target object. However, such warping becomes nontrivial in the presence of 3D rotations, and methods like AnaMoDiff [Tanveer et al. 2024] are thus limited to flat 2D motions. JOKR [Mokady et al. 2022], while not relying on explicit warping, also focuses on relatively planar 2D motions and requires an affine alignment between the target and the driving video. Crucially, both JOKR and AnaMoDiff require a target video to learn target object motions, whereas our method works well even with a single target image by leveraging motion priors from a pre-trained image-to-video model.

Keypoint-based approaches also face challenges when applied to unseen domains or extreme cross-domain transfers (e.g., from animal to inanimate object). While recent advances in deep features from diffusion models [Hedlin et al. 2023; Luo et al. 2023; Tang et al. 2023; Zhang et al. 2024a, 2023a] have made it easier to find

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correspondences between points across different images, a more fundamental problem remains: where to place keypoints in the first place to meaningfully capture motion. This becomes especially difficult for hand-crafted motions or for motion transfers with large structural differences between objects (e.g., Fig. 7), where there may be no obvious semantically meaningful anchors. To address these challenges, we propose using an implicit motion representation instead of relying on explicit keypoints. We show that priors from pre-trained diffusion models can be used more directly, rather than only as a tool to find keypoint correspondences.

B.3 Video Generation

Following the rise of text-to-image diffusion models [Ramesh et al. 2022; Rombach et al. 2022; Saharia et al. 2022], video generation models have also greatly improved in quality in recent years. Many text-to-video methods start with a pre-trained text-to-image model and inflate it by adding and training temporal convolution and attention blocks after each corresponding spatial block [Bar-Tal et al. 2024; Blattmann et al. 2023b; Guo et al. 2024a; Wang et al. 2023b]. Similarly, many image-to-video diffusion models use a pre-trained text-to-image [Zhang et al. 2023c] or text-to-video [Blattmann et al. 2023a] model as a starting point. They then adapt the model to the image-to-video task by conditioning the model on the image, e.g., by adding [Zhang et al. 2023c] or concatenating [Blattmann et al. 2023a] it to the noisy input. The text embedding input from the pre-trained model is either kept [Zhang et al. 2023c] or replaced with an image embedding input [Blattmann et al. 2023a]. Recently, video generation models [Brooks et al. 2024; Kong et al. 2024; Yang et al. 2025] based on diffusion transformers [Peebles and Xie 2023] have gained significant popularity. While training a custom video generation model provides the most freedom in terms of design choices, it is very expensive in terms of computation and data. Even fine-tuning video models requires substantial resources, so we decided to use a pre-trained diffusion model, Stable Video Diffusion [Blattmann et al. 2023a], and keep it frozen. Additionally, we aim for our method to be applicable to a wide range of motions and subjects. In contrast, approaches that involve training the model often focus on a single type of motion, such as human full-body motion [Hu 2024; Ma et al. 2024a].

B.4 Video Motion Editing with Explicit Motions

B.4.1 Based on Sparse Control Signals. In theory, the motion of all video generation models that have a text input can simply be controlled by text [Dai et al. 2023; Li et al. 2024b; Molad et al. 2023; Yan et al. 2023], but this approach struggles with complex motions in practice. For more precise spatial control, recent methods use bounding boxes, either with training [Li et al. 2024b; Wang et al. 2024e] or without [Chen et al. 2024; Jain et al. 2024; Ma et al. 2024b], and trajectories [Chen et al. 2023a; Geng et al. 2024; Li et al. 2024c, 2025; Mou et al. 2024; Niu et al. 2024; Qiu et al. 2024; Wu et al. 2024b; Yin et al. 2023; Zhou et al. 2024], but they rely on consistent spatial alignment for effective motion transfer. Similarly, keypoints are another option for describing motions [Gu et al. 2024; Niu et al. 2024; Tanveer et al. 2024], but they suffer from the challenges outlined in Section B.1. Additionally, some methods focus specifically on

camera motions [Bahmani et al. 2024; Cheong et al. 2024; He et al. 2024; Hou et al. 2024; Hu et al. 2024; Xu et al. 2024; Zheng et al. 2024] or combine camera and bounding box motions [Wang et al. 2024c; Wu et al. 2024c; Yang et al. 2024]. However, all these approaches are either limited to simple motions or require significant effort to specify complex ones. For instance, a bounding box can specify an object's location (e.g., a person) but not the detailed motion within it (e.g., doing jumping jacks). Modeling complex motion with part-based boxes or trajectories [Li et al. 2024c] quickly becomes impractical, especially if a precise temporal alignment to a reference motion is desired.

B.4.2 Based on Dense Control Signals. Dense control signals, such as motion vectors [Wang et al. 2024d], 3D tracking videos [Gu et al. 2025], warped noise [Burgert et al. 2025], and depth maps [Chen et al. 2023b; Wang et al. 2024d; Zhang et al. 2024b] allow for a more precise motion specification. However, using them for general motion transfer is challenging because they also encode information about image and object structure. This can result in unnatural motions when there is a mismatch between the structures of the target image and the reference video as shown in MotionCtrl [Wang et al. 2024c].

B.5 Video Motion Editing with Implicit Motions

This subsection covers methods for implicitly representing and transferring motion from a reference video. We thereby focus on the two main paradigms: fine-tuning approaches, which encode motion into model weights, and inversion-then-generation methods, which capture motion in model features and attention maps. Additionally, some techniques integrate elements of both paradigms.

When the layout of the subjects in the reference and generated videos match, a given transfer can be seen as either changing the appearance to match the target image or altering the motion to match the reference video. Our focus is on motion transfer where the layouts do not align, a less explored area in the literature, as discussed in Section B.5.3.

B.5.1 Fine-Tuning. Many fine-tuning methods are inspired by image customization techniques like DreamBooth [Ruiz et al. 2023] and LoRA [Hu et al. 2022]. Loosely speaking, the idea is to fine-tune the parts of the model responsible for motion but avoid training the parts responsible for appearance. Tune-A-Video [Wu et al. 2023] inflates a text-to-image model by adding spatio-temporal attention and only trains some parts of the attention layers. Similarly, Materzyńska et al. [2024] only fine-tune parts of the model and further focus the training more on earlier denoising steps to emphasize learning the general motion rather than fine appearance details. MotionDirector [Zhao et al. 2024] proposes a dual-path LoRA architecture and an appearance-debiased temporal loss to disentangle appearance from motion. Similarly, DreamVideo [Wei et al. 2024], MotionCrafter [Zhang et al. 2023b], Customize-A-Video [Ren et al. 2024], and CustomTTT [Bi et al. 2025] have separate branches for appearance and motion. CustomTTT [Bi et al. 2025] further proposes a test-time training method to improve the results when combing the appearance and motion information. VMC [Jeong et al. 2024] adapts temporal attention layers using a motion distillation strategy

with residual vectors between consecutive noisy latent frames as the motion reference.

Fine-tuning a model carries the risk of appearance leakage, which is why many of the aforementioned methods focus on preventing it. We find that using an image-to-video model instead of a text-tovideo model largely avoids these problems. LAMP [Wu et al. 2024a] is the most similar method to ours in that sense, but they adapt a pre-trained text-to-image model to the image-to-video task and fine-tune it only briefly. In contrast, we employ a pre-trained, largescale image-to-video model to leverage stronger priors for better generalization.

B.5.2 Inversion-then-Generation. The inversion-then-generation framework, initially developed for image editing [Hertz et al. 2023; Parmar et al. 2023; Tumanyan et al. 2023], involves first inverting a reference video into "noise" using methods like DDIM [Song et al. 2020] to enable reconstruction through backward diffusion. Thereby, features such as self-attention maps are extracted from the reference video and then injected into the diffusion process of the video being generated. These features either directly replace existing features [Tumanyan et al. 2023] or are incorporated into a loss function [Parmar et al. 2023], ensuring the generated video has a similar structure. Numerous methods have been proposed within this framework for video appearance editing [Bai et al. 2024; Ceylan et al. 2023; Gever et al. 2024; Harsha et al. 2024; Liu et al. 2024; Meral et al. 2024; Wang et al. 2023a; Yang et al. 2023; Zhao et al. 2023] and video motion editing [Bai et al. 2024; Yatim et al. 2023], mainly differing in their inversion techniques and feature choices.

The methods mentioned above face several inherent issues in motion transfer tasks. Most notably, they often assume or enforce that the features of the reference and target videos are identical, which leads to problems when generating videos with different geometries or spatial layouts. Some methods attempt to address this by collapsing the spatial dimension of features before using them in a loss [Yatim et al. 2023], but they still typically produce motions with similar directions in pixel space. This limits control and diversity and can produce less natural results. Furthermore, these approaches require tuning numerous hyperparameters (choice of feature, layers, time steps) and necessitate inverting the video, which is challenging for high guidance scales [Mokady et al. 2023] and when using few time steps [Garibi et al. 2024].

Another recent line of work [Ling et al. 2024; Pondaven et al. 2024; Xiao et al. 2024] extracts features from a reference video in line with the inversion-then-generation framework but without inversion. While these approaches bypass the costly inversion process, they still suffer from issues related to primarily replicating the spatial rather than semantic motion.

B.5.3 With Different Spatial Layout. To avoid being restricted to the layout of a single motion reference video, some methods use multiple motion videos [Materzyńska et al. 2024; Wei et al. 2024; Wu et al. 2024a; Zhao et al. 2024]. However, our goal is to transfer motion with precise temporal alignment to the reference video. This would require multiple temporally-aligned videos, which are often impractical to obtain. Additionally, many motion editing methods with spatial variations [Li et al. 2024a; Materzyńska et al. 2024; Ren et al. 2024; Wang et al. 2024b] use text to define the subject's

appearance instead of an image, resulting in videos that only roughly match the input image. The concurrent work by Wang et al. [2024b] is most similar to ours as it keeps the model frozen and learns a motion embedding like we do, but it also suffers from the above limitation.

C Implementation Details

C.1 High-Level Overview of the Implementation

To aid in reproducibility, we list the main steps of our method's implementation below:

- [Only once] Take pre-trained Stable Video Diffusion (SVD) [Blattmann et al. 2023a] and adapt code to inflate motion-text embedding and cross-attention. See high-level description in the method section of the main paper and details in Section C.4.
- (2) Initialize motion-text embedding of shape $(F + 1) \times N \times d$. See Section C.2.
- (3) Repeat until convergence:
 - Load same *F* frames of reference video in data loader for each iteration.
 - Augment data. See Section C.2.
 - Input noisy version of frames, motion-text embedding, and other inputs into SVD.
 - Apply loss to update motion-text embedding.
- (4) Save motion-text embedding.
- (5) For all target images:
 - Input learned motion-text embedding along with new target image to inflated SVD during inference to generate video with motion from reference video.

C.2 Hyperparameters

Our implementation builds up on the diffusers implementation [von Platen et al. 2022] of Stable Video Diffusion (SVD) [Blattmann et al. 2023a]. We use the default parameters of the 14-frame version of SVD (e.g., micro-conditionings) unless specified otherwise. Like SVD, we generally employ a classifier-free guidance [Ho and Salimans 2021] scale that increases linearly from 1 to 3 across the frame axis. For the motion visualization (unconditional image input), however, we use a higher scale, i.e., increasing linearly from 1 to 10, to improve the visibility of the objects. We initialize the F = 14sets of N = 5 tokens for the spatial cross-attention with the CLIP image embedding token of each corresponding frame and the N = 5tokens for the temporal cross-attention with the mean of the CLIP image embedding tokens across all frames. We additionally add Gaussian noise $\mathcal{N}(0, 0.1)$ to the combined motion-text embedding during initialization. In our experience, the initialization does not affect the results significantly, so other initializations are equally reasonable. During optimization, we always pick the same F frames of a given video and apply the same spatial and color augmentations to all frames.¹ Since most of the video motion is determined in noisy diffusion steps, we shift the noise schedule towards higher noise values (from $P_{\text{mean}} = 1.0$, $P_{\text{std}} = 1.6$ to $P_{\text{mean}} = 2.8$, $P_{\text{std}} = 1.6$ where log $\sigma \sim \mathcal{N}(P_{\text{mean}}, P_{\text{std}}^2)$ to speed up the optimization. We use

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Adam [Kingma and Ba 2015] with a learning rate of 10^{-2} for 1000 iterations with a batch size of 1.

C.3 Hardware Requirements and Runtime

The optimization for a motion reference video with a resolution of 1024×576 takes around 55 GB of GPU memory and around one hour on an NVIDIA Tesla A100 (80 GB) GPU. The inference takes less than one minute per video. While the peak memory usage was measured at 55 GB on the A100, we have also successfully run the method on a 48 GB RTX A6000 GPU. Our current implementation has not been optimized extensively for memory efficiency or runtime, and further engineering could reduce the resource requirements.

C.4 Motion-Text Embedding and Cross-Attention Inflation

This section provides more implementation details for the motiontext embedding and cross-attention inflation described in the main paper. Fig. 1 shows the spatial and temporal cross-attention layers of the default Stable Video Diffusion (SVD) [Blattmann et al. 2023a] and our inflated version along with their tensor dimensions.

The image embedding of the default SVD consists of a single token and has dimensions $B \times 1 \times d$, where B is the batch size (in our implementation typically 1 when optimizing the motion-text embedding and 2 during inference because of classifier-free guidance) and d is the CLIP [Radford et al. 2021] embedding dimension. For spatial cross-attention, the image embedding is broadcast to dimensions $(B * F) \times 1 \times d$, i.e., the same token is used for all F frames. This results in an attention map M of dimensions $(B * F) \times (H_i * W_i) \times 1$ where H_i and W_i are the spatial heights and widths respectively, and C_i is the number of channels of level *i* of the diffusion model. Notably, due to the softmax operation and the last dimension being 1, every value of the attention map is 1. This means that each spatial location attends 100% to the single token. Similarly, for temporal cross-attention, the image embedding is broadcast from dimensions of $B \times 1 \times d$ to dimensions $(B * H_i * W_i) \times 1 \times d$, eventually leading to an attention map M of dimensions $(B * H_i * W_i) \times F \times 1$ where every value is 1. Having only one token thus leads to a degenerate case of the cross-attention where Attention(Q, K, V) = V (broadcasted) and many of the components (e.g., queries and keys) have no effect on the result.

C.4.1 Multiple Tokens. To avoid the above degenerate case and instead be able to dynamically attend to different tokens, we extend the token dimension from 1 to N where N is a hyperparameter. For spatial cross-attention, this results in an attention map M of dimensions $(B * F) \times (H_i * W_i) \times N$ where, in general, each spatial location has different values \neq 1 for the N different tokens. Similarly, the temporal cross-attention map M has dimensions $(B * H_i * W_i) \times F \times N$ with values \neq 1. Since SVD was pre-trained using multiple text embedding tokens as input, the code can already handle multiple tokens, so mainly the initialization of the motion-text embedding as well as some input dimensions have to be adapted slightly.

C.4.2 Different Tokens per Frame. As explained in the main paper, we propose to learn different sets of tokens per frame for the *spatial* cross-attention to obtain a higher temporal granularity of the motion. The default SVD implementation broadcasts the embedding from

dimensions $B \times N \times d$ across all frames to $(B*F) \times N \times d$ (where N = 1 originally). We instead learn a larger spatial motion-text embedding of dimensions $B \times F \times N \times d$ and reshape it to $(B*F) \times N \times d$. We keep the dimensions of the temporal motion-text embedding at $B \times N \times d$ and learn it separately. Therefore, the dimensions of the combined spatial and temporal motion-text embedding is $B \times (F + 1) \times N \times d$.

C.4.3 Analogy. To give an intuitive analogy for our motion-text embedding inflation, think of building a house. Instead of using a single tool for every part of the house, it is more efficient to have N different tools depending on the spatial location on a given floor—like a hammer for the floor and a drill for the wall. Moreover, each of the F floors of the house might need a different set of tools. For example, the roof requires different tools compared to the walls. Similarly, in our approach, we use multiple tokens to handle different aspects of the motion.

D Motion-Text Embedding Analysis

SVD was pre-trained as a text-to-video model and dropped the image (latent) input for some percentage of training iterations for classifier-free guidance [Ho and Salimans 2021]. We find that SVD can produce somewhat reasonable videos with the image (latent) input zeroed out and only the CLIP [Radford et al. 2021] image embedding as input, especially if we increase the classifier-free guidance scale (e.g., to 10). We can use this to visualize our learned motion-text embedding with an unconditional appearance.

Fig. 2 shows motion visualizations of our motion-text embedding for a "jumping jacks" motion after different numbers of optimization iterations and the generated videos for a given target image side-byside. Starting around iteration 500, a person doing a "jumping jacks" motion can be seen in the visualizations. Beyond 1000 iterations, the motion visualizations become more abstract, but the generated motions in the conditional case remain of high quality. Notably, the appearance and position of the people do not match those of the motion reference video (from Fig. 3). Furthermore, the position of the people is different in the conditional and unconditional videos, but all videos have a similar semantic motion. This demonstrates that our motion-text embedding neither encodes the appearance nor the exact spatial positioning of the objects extensively, likely for reasons described in the motivation section of the main paper.

E Applicability to Other Video Diffusion Models

We believe our approach should generalize to other architectures, including ones based on transformers, as long as the image-tovideo model mainly extracts appearance from the image input and motion from text/image embeddings. This appears to hold for HunyuanVideo-I2V [Kong et al. 2024]; when we repeated the experiment from observation 1 of the main paper, the horse remained white despite the text input specifying a "pink" horse. For video models with full spatio-temporal attention (e.g., HunyuanVideo-I2V), rather than SVD's separate spatial and temporal attention, it remains to be investigated whether inflating the motion-text embedding to have different tokens per frame is strictly necessary for good performance, as it was for SVD.



(a) Default SVD [Blattmann et al. 2023a]: Since the image embedding e has only one token, the softmax operation causes all entries of the cross-attention maps to be 1. Therefore, the section highlighted in yellow simplifies to a broadcasted version of the value vector of that token.



(b) Inflated SVD [Blattmann et al. 2023a] (Ours): We use *N* tokens instead of 1, so the model now dynamically attends to different tokens depending on the spatial and temporal location. Additionally, we use different sets of tokens per frame for the spatial cross-attention instead of broadcasting the same tokens to all frames.

Fig. 1. Technical diagrams of the motion-text embedding and cross-attention inflation showing the dimensions of the features of the spatial and temporal cross-attention blocks. The changes between the default SVD [Blattmann et al. 2023a] and our inflated version are shown in red font. B = batch size, F = number of frames, C = number of channels, H = height, W = width, d = embedding dimension, d_a = attention dimension, N = token dimension, W_Q = query weight matrix, W_K = key weight matrix, W_V = value weight matrix, Q = queries, K = keys, V = values, FC = fully connected layer. For simplicity, the multiple attention heads and block level i indices are not shown.



Fig. 2. Motion visualization. We generate videos using our optimized motion-text embedding for a "jumping jacks" motion (reference from Fig. 3) both with the image input (conditional) and without (unconditional) after a different number of optimization iterations. Note how the appearance of the unconditional generations differs from the motion reference video and varies with different seeds. Further observe that our method effectively generates similar semantic motions without needing or enforcing spatial alignment.

F Additional Evaluation

F.1 Additional Information for the Compared Methods

F.1.1 Choice of Compared Methods. To the best of our knowledge, our method is the first to tackle the general motion transfer task in the image-to-video setting. As a result, there are no direct competitor methods. Instead, we evaluate the most closely related general methods, (which were originally designed for slightly different tasks) on our problem. We considered the three most similar classes of methodology and compared our method with a representative of each class:

- Image-to-video model with explicit, dense motion representation: VideoComposer [Wang et al. 2024d]
- (2) Image-to-video model with implicit motion representation: MotionClone [Ling et al. 2024] (our method falls into this category)
- (3) Text-to-video model with implicit motion representation: MotionDirector [Zhao et al. 2024]

Methods within each class tend to have certain inherent drawbacks in common. Specifically, methods based on explicit, dense motion representations (class (1)) transfer spatial but not semantic motion and may leak the reference video's structure; and methods based on text-to-video models (class (3)) do not directly take a target image input, compromising the preservation of the target's appearance and layout. We believe that comparing to one method from each class is sufficient to demonstrate the types of artifacts, as adding more methods would not address the inherent limitations shared within the class.

Additional practical considerations: The following related methods did not have corresponding code publicly available at the time of writing: Diffusion as Shader [Gu et al. 2025] (class (1)), Go-With-The-Flow [Burgert et al. 2025] (class (1)), GenVideo [Harsha et al. 2024], and CustomTTT [Bi et al. 2025] (class (3)). The following methods are computationally infeasible given the size of our evaluation data set and our computational resources available: LAMP [Wu et al. 2024a] (class (2), \approx 14 GPU hours per reference video), and DreamVideo [Wei et al. 2024] (class (3), \approx 1 GPU hours per motion reference video and \approx 2 GPU hours per target image).

Furthermore, we do not compare to methods using explicit, sparse motion representations (see Section B.4.1) because it is unclear how to automatically extract sparse motion inputs from motion reference video. We also do not compare to methods based on text-to-video models without learned appearance [Materzyńska et al. 2024; Wang et al. 2024b; Yatim et al. 2023; Zhang et al. 2023b] because defining appearance solely through text is insufficient to accurately preserve the target image appearance.

F.1.2 Implementation Details. We used the official implementations for all compared methods and followed their installation and usage instructions closely. For the methods requiring a text input, we manually captioned images and videos for the qualitative evaluation. We initially tried several image and video captioning methods, but their captions all led to worse results than manual captions that follow the captions used in the papers more closely. For the quantitative evaluation, we used the corresponding caption from the Something-Something V2 data set [Goyal et al. 2017].

F.2 Additional Qualitative Comparisons to Baseline

Fig. 3 compares our method with the Stable Video Diffusion (SVD) [Blattmann et al. 2023a] baseline for multiple motions and seeds. It further visualizes our motion-text embeddings and SVD's image embeddings with unconditional appearances. While this is not a fair comparison—since SVD does not incorporate the motion reference video—the goal is to analyze and better understand the capabilities of both methods.

As expected, SVD's generated results generally do not follow the reference motions. In rare cases, the motion does match somewhat, likely because the expected motion of the target image is similar

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Fig. 3. Comparison to Stable Video Diffusion [Blattmann et al. 2023a] baseline. We compare our method to Stable Video Diffusion (SVD) for multiple motions and seeds. While SVD often fails to align with the motion reference and is highly influenced by the seed, our motion-text embedding guides the model to generate videos with matching motion, minimizing variations caused by the seed.

to reference motion, as seen in the horse/dog example. However, close inspection reveals that the gaits of the generated videos do differ and that the dog's tail wiggles in the third example. Our method's motion-text embeddings seem to capture the motion of the reference videos well, i.e., replacing the image embedding of the target image with the motion-text embedding leads to successful motion transfers for all three seeds. In our method, different seeds produce varying artifacts (e.g., arms for the jumping jacks example) while maintaining largely consistent motions. For the horse/dog example, our method generates videos where the motion closely follows the horse's gait, as explored further in Fig. 7.

Generating results with an unconditional appearance, i.e., where the image (latent) input is zeroed out, provides insight into the information encoded in the embeddings. However, note that the visualization is not always easily interpretable, depending on the motion, the optimization iteration, and the seed. SVD uses the CLIP [Radford et al. 2021] image embedding of the target image, resulting in videos that depict characters semantically similar to those in the target image. The motions vary with the seed and do not consistently align with those in videos generated with the image (latent) condition. In contrast, our method uses the motion-text embeddings optimized on the motion reference video. While the exact appearance (e.g., colors) varies with the seed, the object types seem to resemble those of the motion reference video. This may stem from initializing the motion-text embedding with image embeddings extracted from the motion reference video. The encoding of object types in the motiontext embedding may also explain the occasional structure leakage noted in the limitations section.

Results generated with SVD frequently exhibit significant artifacts (e.g., first two seeds for the jumping jacks example) and appearance changes (e.g., last two seeds for the yawning example). As our method builds on SVD's frozen weights, we inherit some of SVD's issues, as described in the limitations section. However, by conditioning the model on a reference motion, our results tend to appear more realistic and contain fewer artifacts. We hypothesize that this improvement arises because the model leverages the provided (realistic) motion rather than needing to hallucinate it from scratch, simplifying the overall task. Additionally, SVD often generates static objects with moving cameras in our experience. We suggest that motion transfer methods, like ours, can help generate more natural and diverse motions.

F.3 Additional Qualitative Comparisons to State-of-the-Art Methods

To further demonstrate the effectiveness of our method in transferring semantic motion from a reference video to target images, we generated videos using state-of-the-art competing methods for the same examples presented in the main paper. These results, covering a range of motion types and complexities, are provided in Fig. 4 and Fig. 5. As before, competing methods suffer from problems inherent to their class of methods. Stable Video Diffusion [Blattmann et al. 2023a], lacking a motion input, typically fails to follow the reference motion. VideoComposer [Wang et al. 2024d], an image-to-video method with dense motion inputs, struggles when the reference video's motions are not aligned with the input image. In such cases, the method applies the spatial but not semantic motion, leading to either unwanted background movement or the foreground object morphing into the spatial position where the motion occurs in the reference video. MotionDirector [Zhao et al. 2024], based on a text-to-video model, cannot directly use the target image as input and must instead learn its appearance. As a result, the generated videos often deviate in appearance and spatial layout from the target image. Reenact Anything: Semantic Video Motion Transfer Using Motion-Textual Inversion – Supplementary Material 🔹 9

		Walking unsteadily	Waddling towards the camera					
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Fig. 4. Qualitative evaluation for additional examples (1/2). We compare our method to SVD = Stable Video Diffusion [Blattmann et al. 2023a] (baseline, no motion input), VC = VideoComposer [Wang et al. 2024d], MC = MotionClone [Ling et al. 2024], and MD = MotionDirector [Zhao et al. 2024] for four different motions and target images.



Fig. 5. Qualitative evaluation for additional examples (2/2). We compare our method to SVD = Stable Video Diffusion [Blattmann et al. 2023a] (baseline, no motion input), VC = VideoComposer [Wang et al. 2024d], MC = MotionClone [Ling et al. 2024], and MD = MotionDirector [Zhao et al. 2024] for four different motions and target images.

Tab	le 1.	Ouantitative eva	luation d	lata. List c	of video IDs	from t	he Somethin	g-Somethin	g V2 d	lata set [Goval	et al. 2017	lused	in our c	iuantitative eva	luation.
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Class ID: Label	Video ID for Motion Reference Video: Video IDs for Target Images
0: Approaching something with your camera	31416: 174027, 49364, 179191, 58108, 219270, 124642, 18253, 112846, 75372, 201968
23: Letting something roll down a slanted surface	97908 : 220450, 22070, 46282, 136926, 216643, 109913, 137160, 69704, 19903, 86892
27: Lifting something up completely without letting it drop down	144105: 181548, 167709, 81608, 132100, 167837, 46057, 158390, 41755, 93247, 106014
32: Moving away from something with your camera	121394: 3201, 100064, 35438, 44298, 123636, 4328, 178356, 76980, 71173, 33210
36: Moving something and something away from each other	51295: 4443, 88084, 76718, 132951, 49285, 43627, 45186, 18456, 18788, 142654
37: Moving something and something closer to each other	87711: 180193, 137350, 39979, 150128, 10055, 16205, 208340, 97632, 94171, 99258
41: Moving something away from the camera	207150: 205156, 108506, 139808, 44794, 68922, 197965, 201362, 153856, 21809, 211202
44: Moving something towards the camera	160529: 145447, 30260, 118270, 10405, 66666, 154312, 157137, 106357, 164212, 176798
92: Pulling two ends of something so that it separates into two pieces	187909: 162071, 51196, 87892, 11780, 75398, 148274, 113149, 177507, 47061, 28237
165: Turning the camera downwards while filming something	169117: 120585, 131318, 68372, 104829, 162135, 124382, 108641, 98914, 197549, 213899

Table 2. Quantitative evaluation aggregated by motion category (camera/object). As in the main paper, we compare our method to Stable Video Diffusion [Blattmann et al. 2023a] (baseline, no motion input), VideoComposer [Wang et al. 2024d], MotionClone [Ling et al. 2024], and MotionDirector [Zhao et al. 2024]. The first value in each cell corresponds to camera motions and the second to object motions. The best performing method per column is marked in bold.

Method	Image Appearance Preservation				Overall			
	CLIP-Avg ↑	CLIP-1st ↑	User rank \downarrow	Acc-Top-1 ↑	Acc-Top-5 ↑	Cos-Sim ↑	User rank ↓	User rank \downarrow
Stable Video Diffusion	0.837/0.849	0.842/0.857	1.215/1.378	4%/2%	4%/6%	0.398/0.342	4.689/3.733	3.311/2.333
VideoComposer	0.713/0.726	0.853/0.860	3.867/3.704	64%/24%	82%/42%	0.575/0.419	2.941/3.119	3.407/3.696
MotionClone	0.610/0.664	0.881 /0.890	4.778/4.393	48%/26%	80%/44%	0.555/0.491	3.215/3.059	4.385/4.015
MotionDirector	0.738/0.762	0.752/0.774	3.185/3.859	38%/24%	58%/58%	0.545/0.501	3.067/2.733	2.785/3.333
Ours	0.745/0.813	0.873/0.894	1.956/1.667	72%/36%	86%/66%	0.785/0.606	1.089/2.356	1.111/1.622

F.4 Additional Information for the Quantitative Evaluation We selected the action classes from the Something-Something V2 data set [Goyal et al. 2017] according to the following criteria:

- All interacting objects typically appear in the start frame.
- The action is typically long enough, so that it appears in most of the frames.
- The class is sufficiently different from other classes.

We then extracted the first 11 examples of the given class (with some manual filtering in case the above criteria is not met) and took the first video as motion reference video and the first frames of the other 10 for the target images. Table 1 lists the final class IDs and video IDs used.

The 10 action classes used in our evaluation can be grouped into two categories: five involving camera motion (IDs: 0, 32, 41, 44, 165) and five involving object motion (IDs: 23, 27, 36, 37, 92). Table 2 provides the quantitative results from the main paper, aggregated by motion category. We observe that image appearance preservation is generally worse for camera motions. This is likely because strong camera movements cause significant changes in the visual content. In contrast, video motion fidelity is typically higher for camera motions, possibly because the movements are more uniform and linear, and spatial alignment between the motion reference video and target image is less critical. As a result, methods that mostly transfer spatial rather than semantic motion (e.g., VideoComposer [Wang et al. 2024d]) can still perform well for camera motions.

Our method consistently outperforms all compared methods across both motion categories in terms of video motion fidelity. Notably, for object motions, the advantage over MotionDirector [Zhao et al. 2024] is even more pronounced than the mean user rank suggests: our method was selected as the best in 58% of comparisons, compared to only 22% for MotionDirector. The relatively high mean rank of our method can be attributed to occasional failure cases (further discussed in Section I) which greatly affect the average. In terms of appearance preservation, Stable Video Diffusion (SVD) [Blattmann et al. 2023a] slightly outperforms our approach, though this may be because SVD often produces very limited motion, making it easier to maintain the appearance of the input image. When considering the overall user preference, our method shows a substantial lead: it was voted best among the five compared methods in 90% of the evaluations for camera motions and 65% for object motions. Notably, for object motions, Stable Video Diffusion, despite lacking any motion input, was voted best in 33% of cases, while all other methods combined accounted for just 2%. We believe this can be explained as follows: when our method succeeds, it significantly outperforms all other methods; when it fails, e.g., due to challenging motion reference videos or target images, SVD's conservative, low-motion outputs tend to be the most visually coherent and thus the preferred choice.

G Additional Ablation Study Results

In the main paper, we show results for different settings of the motion-text embedding size for one motion. In Fig. 6, we show two more examples for this ablation. As previously stated, the biggest performance improvement can be seen between rows 2 and 3 for each example, i.e., once there are *different tokens per frame*. Note that the differences for the horse/dog example are best seen in the attached videos. While the dog is always moving to the right, the

Table 3. Quantitative results for our ablation. Here, we compare various settings for the dimensions of the motion-text embedding. Table (a) shows the overall scores aggregated over all motion categories, whereas (b) shows the scores aggregated by the motion category of the motion reference videos, where the first value in each cell corresponds to camera motions and the second to object motions. The best performing method per column is marked in bold.

		(a) Overall					
Method	Image Appeara	ance Preservation	Video Motion Fidelity				
	CLIP-Avg ↑	CLIP-1st ↑	Acc-Top-1 ↑	Acc-Top-5 ↑	Cos-Sim ↑		
Ours $(F' = 1, N = 1)$	0.788	0.875	44%	62%	0.619		
Ours $(F' = 1, N = 15)$	0.785	0.878	44%	65%	0.637		
Ours $(F' = 15, N = 1)$	0.776	0.883	52%	77%	0.704		
Ours $(F' = 15, N = 15)$	0.776	0.886	56%	77%	0.705		
Ours ($F' = 15, N = 5$, Default)	0.779	0.884	54%	76%	0.696		

(b) By motion category (camera/object)						
Method	Image Appear	ance Preservation	Vid	eo Motion Fide	lity	
	CLIP-Avg ↑	CLIP-1st ↑	Acc-Top-1 ↑	Acc-Top-5 ↑	Cos-Sim ↑	
Ours $(F' = 1, N = 1)$	0.755/0.821	0.865/0.885	64%/24%	76%/48%	0.722/0.516	
Ours $(F' = 1, N = 15)$	0.754/0.817	0.874 /0.881	70%/18%	82%/48%	0.758/0.517	
Ours $(F' = 15, N = 1)$	0.743/0.810	0.872/0.894	74%/30%	86%/68%	0.807/0.600	
Ours ($F' = 15, N = 15$)	0.740/0.813	0.874/0.899	78% /34%	86%/68%	0.810 /0.601	
Ours ($F' = 15, N = 5$, Default)	0.745/0.813	0.873/0.894	72%/ 36%	86% /66%	0.785/ 0.606	



Fig. 6. Ablation with additional examples. Inflating the motion-text embedding, by having more tokens N or by having different tokens for each frame (where F' = F + 1 = 15), greatly improves the motion transfer.

speed and style of the gait does not match the reference for the first two rows.

To quantitatively evaluate the settings of the motion-text embedding size, we followed the same protocol as for the quantitative evaluation in the main paper. The results are listed in Table 3 and align well with our observations. Whereas the image appearance preservation is similar throughout, the motion fidelity improves slightly as we increase the token dimension N (when F' = 1) and significantly once we use *different tokens per frame* (F' = 15). If F' = 15, the embedding dimension *N* does not seem to affect the results much for the tested reference motion videos. In addition to the results aggregated over all evaluation videos in Table 3a, we provide results aggregated by the motion category (camera/object) of the motion reference videos in Table 3b. The results suggest that our proposed motion-text embedding inflation improves the performance for camera and object motions alike.

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Fig. 7. Motion style transfer. Our learned motion-text embeddings do not only store the rough motion category but also the style of the motion. Here, we apply two different gaits to the same target image: a horse trot (smooth) and a canter (rocking). The resulting videos for the cartoon dog are not only showing the dog moving, but their motions also closely match the motion reference video's gait style. Furthermore, the extreme cross-domain examples with the boat, car, and cereal box show that the essence of the motion style is preserved even across completely different objects.



Fig. 8. Semantic motion transfer. Our learned motion-text embeddings store the semantic motion (animal moving in the direction it is facing and moving its head down) rather than the spatial motion (animal moving from right to left and left part is going down). This can be seen in the above example where we apply the same learned motion-text embedding to a flipped input image, and our method produces semantically similar results.

H Additional Results

Fig. 7 shows that our method does not only apply the rough motion category but also its style, even in difficult cases where the domains differ vastly, e.g., transferring the motion of a horse to a cereal box. Furthermore, these examples demonstrate that our method can transfer joint subject and camera motion. Fig. 8 demonstrates that our method transfers the same semantic rather than spatial motion by applying the same learned motion to a flipped target image. Fig. 9 shows additional results of our method, where we apply the same optimized motion to different target images to showcase our method's impressive cross-domain capabilities and temporal alignment. Lastly, Fig. 10 transfers the same four camera motions to four different target images in a grid, demonstrating the robustness of our method for camera motions.



Fig. 9. Additional results. Our learned motion-text embeddings can be applied to multiple target images, resulting in semantically similar motions.

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Fig. 10. Camera motion grid. Our learned motion-text embeddings handle camera motions robustly, enabling us to apply a given motion to various target images and various motions to a given target image. The results are best seen in the project website.

I Failure Rate Analysis

As is common practice in diffusion-based video generation, we sampled multiple outputs per input and selected the best for display. Quantifying failure rates is difficult, as success can be subjective and depends heavily on the complexity of the motion. Table 2 shows metrics broken down by motion category. The Acc-Top-1 metric reports the percentage of videos correctly classified by an action recognition model [Tong et al. 2022] and can loosely be interpreted as a success rate for the semantic motion transfer (independent of visual artifacts). Our method achieves much higher accuracy for camera motions (72%) than for object motions (36%). It is worth noting that the main challenge in the quantitative evaluation on Something-Something V2 [Goyal et al. 2017] stems from the domain gap between the motion reference video and the target image-e.g., transferring a toy car rolling down a book to a pen rolling down a rock-rather than the motion complexity itself. In contrast, our qualitative experiments explored more complex motions to better test the limits of our method, and thus had higher failure rates: approximately 1 in 10 motions resulted in good motion transfers for more than half of the tested target images. To give a more intuitive sense of when our method succeeds or fails, we list motion categories based on how reliably they could typically be transferred in Table 4.

In our experiments, we observed that the reconstruction quality of the motion reference video, i.e., applying the optimized motiontext embedding to the first frame of the motion reference video, is a strong indicator of the final motion transfer performance. If the model fails to reconstruct the reference video accurately, it suggests that the optimized motion-text embedding does not effectively capture the semantics of the motion. In such cases, applying the same embedding to a different target image typically also fails. This issue is illustrated in Fig. 11, where the reconstructed video collapses the person into a blob-like shape rather than depicting a realistic forward roll. The same collapse occurs when transferring the motion to a different target image. One contributing factor may be the use of a simple mean-squared error loss, which can lead to pixels being placed in roughly the correct spatial positions, even if the resulting motion does not semantically match the reference. Another potential reason for failure is that some motions may be out-of-domain for the pre-trained Stable Video Diffusion [Blattmann et al. 2023a]. Since our approach optimizes only the input motion-text embedding without fine-tuning the model itself, it is challenging to capture entirely novel or complex motion types that the model has not seen during training. To mitigate these issues, we encourage future work to explore more semantically meaningful loss functions, regularize the embedding to remain closer to the original CLIP [Radford et al. 2021] space, or adopt recent video diffusion models with stronger motion understanding, such as VideoJAM [Chefer et al. 2025].

Table 4. Summary of motion types by performance.

Performance	Motion Types
Motions good Quality good	Camera motions: bird's-eye panning/zooming/rotation, panoramas, smooth drone flights, object tracking Common head motions: nodding, facial expressions (surprise, yawning, opening mouth) Some full-body motions: walking (human to human, four-legged to four-legged), jumping jacks Handcrafted motions with small domain gap: colliding/passing circles of similar shapes/colors
Motions good/okay Quality bad	 Fast motions: boxing, fast running animals (left/right limb confusion) Head motions with drastic appearance changes: frontal-to-profile rotations, extremely wide mouth openings, revealing teeth from closed mouth Some full-body motions: jumping forward far, walking into jump, karate kicks Handcrafted motions where target object has many details: texture-free bouncing ball transferred to soccer ball with many patches, stick figure to detailed human / two-legged animal
Motions bad	Fine-grained motions: tongue movement, eyebrow raises, small/distant actions Emerging objects: hand entering frame Large domain gap: human face motions to minimalistic cartoon or ostrich, human to kangaroo, bouncing ball to landscape scene with sun Complex full-body motions: running into forward roll, handstands, swinging arm punch, yoga/stretching



Fig. 11. Failure case with poor reconstruction. When the optimized motion-text embedding fails to accurately reconstruct the reference motion, the subsequent transfer to a new target typically fails as well.

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