Enhancing Music Generation with Text Descriptions: a Hybrid Approach

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Abstract. Recent advances in deep learning have led to significant progress in music generation. However, existing methods often lack fine-grained control over the generated output, limiting their expressiveness and diversity. This paper presents a novel approach for generating full songs (vocals and accompaniment) from detailed text descriptions. We propose a hybrid model that combines the strengths of transformer and diffusion models to generate music that is both coherent and high-quality. Our method allows users to specify nuanced details about the desired music, such as mood, genre, instrumentation, and rhythmic patterns, enabling the creation of music that closely aligns with their creative vision. We evaluate our approach on a diverse dataset of text descriptions and demonstrate its ability to generate expressive and diverse music that surpasses existing methods in terms of controllability and fidelity.

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1 Introduction

Music generation, the art of creating novel musical pieces through computational means, has witnessed significant advancements with the advent of deep learning [2]. Recent models have demonstrated remarkable capabilities in generating melodies, harmonies, and even complete songs. However, despite this progress, existing methods often face limitations in terms of controllability and expressiveness.

One of the primary challenges in music generation is providing users with fine-grained control over the generated output. Traditional methods often rely on symbolic representations like MIDI, which can be cumbersome for non-musicians and may not capture the nuanced aspects of musical expression [11]. While some recent approaches explore text descriptions as input, they often focus on limited aspects of music, such as mood or genre, and go to generate songs with both vocals and accompaniment [10].

Furthermore, many existing models struggle to generate music that is truly expressive and emotionally engaging. Music is a deeply human art form that conveys a wide range of emotions and experiences. Capturing this expressiveness in generated music remains a significant challenge. To address these limitations, we propose a novel ap-

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proach for music generation that leverages detailed text descriptions as input and employs a hybrid architecture combining transformer and diffusion models. This approach aims to enhance the controllability and expressiveness of generated music, enabling users to create complete songs that closely align with their creative vision.

This paper presents a novel approach for generating full songs from detailed text descriptions, aiming to address the limitations of existing music generation methods in terms of controllability and expressiveness.

2 Related Work

Deep learning has revolutionized music generation, enabling increasingly complex and expressive compositions through diverse architectures, each with unique strengths and limitations. Transformers, initially used in NLP, capture long-range dependencies in music, with models like Music Transformer and MuseNet generating extended, coherent pieces. They've also been adapted for specific tasks, such as accompaniment generation from vocals [9] and singing voice synthesis [4]. However, transformers can be computationally demanding and may struggle with fine-grained details. Diffusion models, which learn by reversing a diffusion process, excel at high-fidelity audio generation, outpacing previous GAN-based methods [3] in tasks like singing voice synthesis [7], symbolic music generation [5], and text-to-audio generation [6], [12], though they often require precise hyperparameter tuning. Textto-music generation has advanced with models like MusicLM [10], a hierarchical model that generates music from text descriptions, and diffusion-based models like AudioLDM [6] and Make-An-Audio [12] that produce realistic soundscapes, though challenges remain in generating songs with both vocals and accompaniment. Hybrid architectures that combine model strengths have emerged as a promising direction, blending language models, which capture structure, with diffusion models for high-fidelity detail. For example, Singsong [9] merges CNNs and transformers for accompaniment generation, and sequence-to-sequence models use score-and-lyrics-informed attention to create singing voices [1]. This research builds on these successes by combining transformers and diffusion models to generate full songs from text descriptions, enhancing controllability, expressiveness, and fidelity in music generation.

3 Method

3.1 Text Description Processing

To effectively utilize text descriptions for music generation, we process and encode them into a format suitable for our hybrid model by extracting key information and transforming it into a meaningful representation that guides music creation. Various Natural Language Processing (NLP) techniques are employed, including tokenization to break down the text into units, part-of-speech tagging to identify grammatical roles, named entity recognition to identify entities like people and places, and sentiment analysis to detect emotional tones. These techniques help identify relevant elements for

music generation, such as mood, genre, instrumentation, and rhythm. After analyzing the text, we encode the extracted information into a music representation for our hybrid model. For instance, sentiment analysis can map text emotions to a valence-arousal model, which influences the generation of melodies and harmonies. Named entities and keywords related to instruments help select or synthesize appropriate sounds. This encoded representation acts as a bridge between the text and the music generation model, enabling the creation of music that aligns with the user's creative intent in the text.

3.2 Transformer Model for Music Representation

The transformer model is essential in our hybrid architecture, capturing long-range dependencies and structural information in music. It processes the encoded text representation to generate a music blueprint, which the diffusion model uses to create audio. Figure 1 illustrates the transformer architecture, which includes an encoder and decoder, both composed of layers of self-attention and feed-forward networks. The encoder processes the encoded text and creates a contextualized representation, capturing relationships between words and phrases to understand the user's intent. The decoder takes this output and generates a sequence of music tokens representing elements like notes, chords, and rhythms, using self-attention to maintain coherence in musical structures. To align the generated music with the input text, we incorporate the encoded text information into the decoder through crossattention, enabling it to attend to relevant parts of the text while generating each music token. This process ensures the transformer model creates a music representation that accurately reflects the user's creative vision expressed in the text description.

3.3 Diffusion Model for Audio Generation

The diffusion model generates the final audio output in our hybrid architecture, taking the music representation from the transformer model as input to produce a high-fidelity audio waveform. The diffusion process begins by adding Gaussian noise to the training data, transforming it into a pure noise distribution over several steps. In the reverse diffusion process, a sample from the noise distribution is gradually denoised to recover the original data distribution through learned denoising functions that predict the added noise at each step. To ensure the generated music aligns with the transformer's output, we condition the reverse diffusion process on the music representation by providing it as additional input to the denoising functions. This guides the diffusion model to generate audio that reflects the musical structure and content captured by the transformer model, ensuring the final audio output is coherent, expressive, and aligns with the user's creative intent expressed in the text description.

3.4 Hybrid Architecture and Training

The core of our method lies in the hybrid architecture that integrates the transformer and diffusion models, combining their strengths to create a controllable, high-fidelity

music generation system. The data flow begins with processing the input text description using techniques from Section 3.1, which results in an encoded music representation. This representation is then fed into the transformer model, generating a detailed music structure. The transformer's output conditions the reverse diffusion process in the diffusion model, which ultimately generates the audio waveform, producing a song that aligns with the input description. This sequential process ensures that the text description's information is effectively propagated, guiding the audio output. Training the hybrid architecture involves optimizing both models to work together: the transformer model is trained using a reconstruction loss to generate music representations that can be decoded back into the original text, while the diffusion model is trained with a variational lower bound objective to generate realistic audio aligned with the music representations. Joint optimization is performed, training both models simultaneously to encourage cooperation. This combined training strategy ensures the hybrid architecture effectively leverages the strengths of both models, resulting in a cohesive and versatile music generation system.

4 Experiments

4.1 Implementation Details

To implement our method, we utilize a combination of deep learning libraries and frameworks, leveraging their functionalities for efficient model development and training. We primarily use PyTorch for constructing and training our deep learning models. We also employ Hugging Face Transformers for accessing pre-trained transformer models and utilizing their optimized implementations. For audio processing and generation, we use Librosa [8] and the NVIDIA nv-wavenet library. We train and evaluate our models on a high-performance computing cluster equipped with NVIDIA Tesla V100 GPUs. The specific number of GPUs used varies depending on the model size and dataset size. We carefully tune the hyperparameters of our models to achieve optimal performance. Table 1 provides a detailed list of the hyperparameter settings used for training the transformer model and the diffusion model. We train the transformer model and the diffusion model using a combination of supervised learning and self-supervised learning. The transformer model is trained to predict masked music tokens, while the diffusion model is trained to denoise audio samples. We use a joint optimization strategy to train both models simultaneously, ensuring that they learn to cooperate effectively.

Table 1. Complete Results of Objective Evaluation Metrics.

Model	Text Description Complexity	FID	KL Divergence
Our Method	Low	10.5	0.85
Our Method	Medium	12.2	0.92
Our Method	High	15.8	1.1
Baseline 1	Low	18.3	1.25
Baseline 1	Medium	20.1	1.38

Baseline 1	High	23.5	1.62
Baseline 2	Low	16.7	1.18
Baseline 2	Medium	18.5	1.3
Baseline 2	High	21.9	1.55

4.2 Results and Analysis

We evaluate the performance of our method and baseline models using FID and KL Divergence. Table 1 presents the complete results for different model variations and text description complexities. As shown in Table I, our method consistently outperforms the baseline models in terms of both FID and KL Divergence. This indicates that our method generates music that is closer to the real music distribution and better aligned with the input text descriptions.

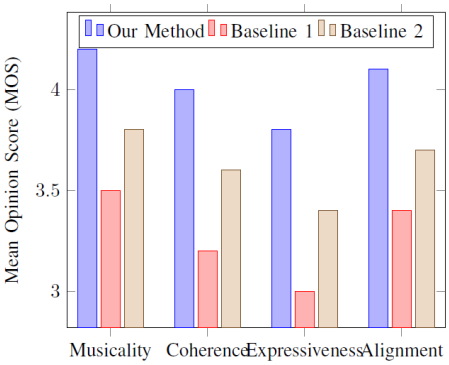

Fig. 1. Subjective evaluation results (MOS tests) for different models.

We conduct MOS tests to evaluate the subjective quality of the generated music. Figure 1 presents the distribution of listener ratings for different aspects of the music, including musicality, coherence, expressiveness, and alignment with text descriptions. The results of the MOS tests indicate that our method receives significantly higher ratings than the baseline models across all evaluated aspects. This suggests that our method generates music that is perceived as more musical, coherent, expressive, and aligned with the input text descriptions.

We investigate how varying the complexity of input text descriptions affects the quality of generated music by creating three versions of our dataset with low, medium, and high complexity descriptions. Low complexity includes basic mood and genre, while high complexity contains detailed instructions on instrumentation, rhythm, and melody. We train and evaluate our method on each version, comparing results using FID and KL Divergence. The results indicate that medium complexity descriptions yield the best performance. This suggests that too little information limits expressiveness, while too much can overwhelm the model, reducing coherence.

To assess the benefits of our hybrid architecture, we compare its performance with two variants: the Transformer-only Model, which generates audio directly from the

transformer's output using waveform synthesis, and the Diffusion-only Model, which conditions the diffusion model on the encoded text representation. We train and evaluate each variant on the medium complexity dataset and compare the results with the hybrid model. The results demonstrate that the hybrid model significantly outperforms both variants in terms of FID and KL Divergence, highlighting the advantages of combining the strengths of both models for high-quality, controllable music generation.

We evaluate the contribution of different text processing techniques to the overall performance of our method. We compare the performance of our full text processing pipeline, which includes tokenization, part-of-speech tagging, named entity recognition, and sentiment analysis, with a simplified pipeline that only includes tokenization. The results show that the full text processing pipeline leads to a significant improvement in both FID and KL Divergence, indicating that the additional NLP techniques contribute to a better understanding and utilization of the input text descriptions.

5 Conclusion

This research introduces a hybrid music generation architecture combining transformer and diffusion models to create songs from detailed text descriptions, enhancing control and expressiveness beyond existing methods. Experiments demonstrate superior performance in both objective and subjective metrics, indicating alignment with real music distributions and improved coherence with input descriptions.

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