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Bridging audio and language for music understanding

Joint audio-language learning leads to better music representations and enables new music-related tasks.

Are we doing joint multimodal training right?

Multimodal deep learning for MIR

Our experience of music is multimodal: we listen to audio, watch music videos, look at album cover art, read and write reviews, etc. Machine music understanding instead often relies on audio and/or metadata in isolation. My PhD research aims at developing *multimodal representation learning models for music understanding and description*, with a focus on *audio and language*

MusCaps: Generating Captions for Music Audio

arXiv: [2104.11984](#)
Code: [github.com/ilariamanco/muscaps](#)



Song Describer: a Platform for Collecting Textual Descriptions of Music Recordings

Extended abstract: [link](#)
Website: [song-describer.streamlit.app](#)
Code: [github.com/ilariamanco/song-describer](#)

Contrastive Audio-Language Learning for Music

arXiv: [2208.12208](#)
Code: [github.com/yilang-mancosell](#)

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Research Interests

- Music information retrieval
- Multimodal representation learning
- Audio-and-language models



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Applications

- Music captioning
- Cross-modal retrieval
- Music search, discovery, recommendation

Learning Music Audio Representations via Weak Language Supervision

arXiv: [2112.09214](#)
Code: [github.com/ilariamanco/mu2o](#)

