

# Diffusion Models for Visual Computing

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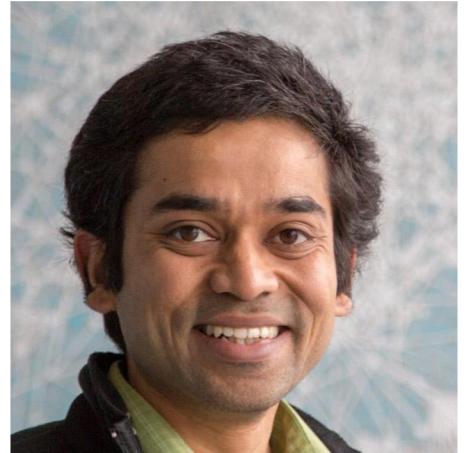


## Part 1: Introduction to Diffusion Models



[https://geometry.cs.ucl.ac.uk/courses/diffusion4VC\\_eg24/](https://geometry.cs.ucl.ac.uk/courses/diffusion4VC_eg24/)

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# Why do we need this Tutorial?

What are **diffusion model**?

What are the **design choices**?

**Controls** and **adaptation** in the context of Visual Computing

*Learn together*

# Related Materials

- Survey papers
- Past tutorials/courses
- Blogs and recorded videos

# Presentation Schedule

Introduction to Diffusion Models

Guidance and Conditioning Sampling

Attention

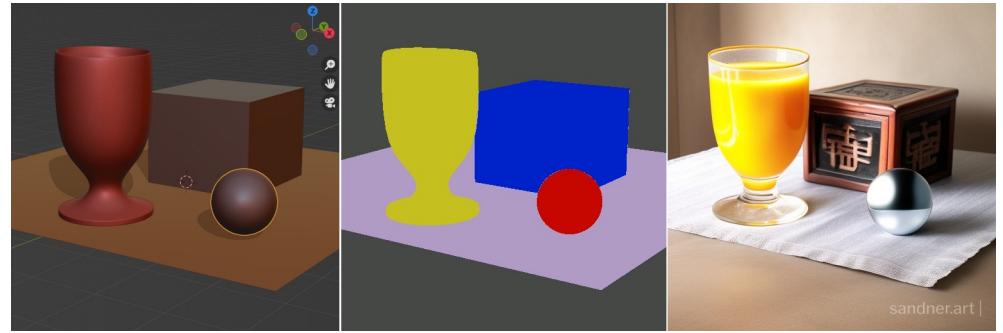
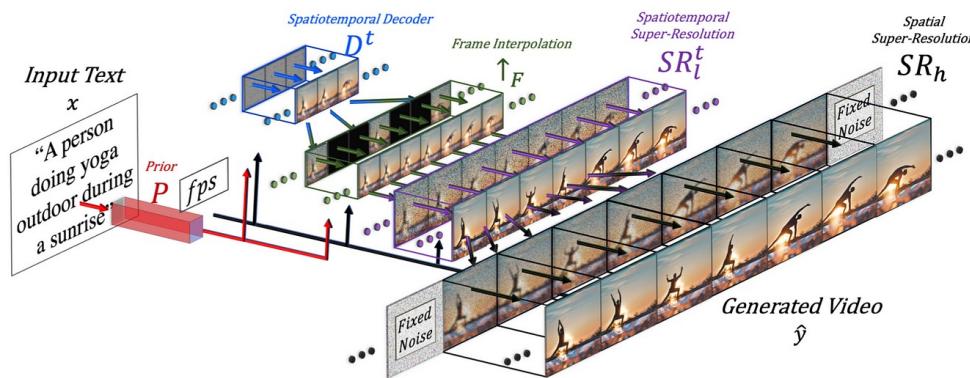
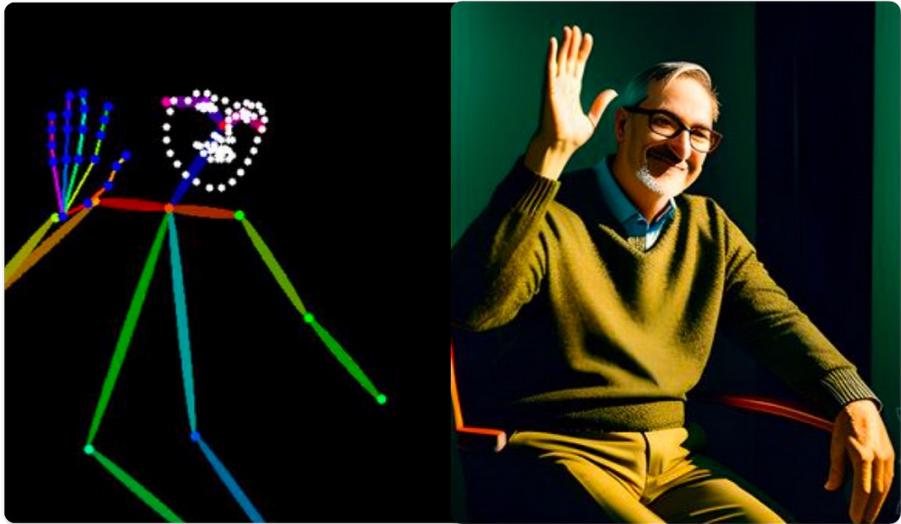
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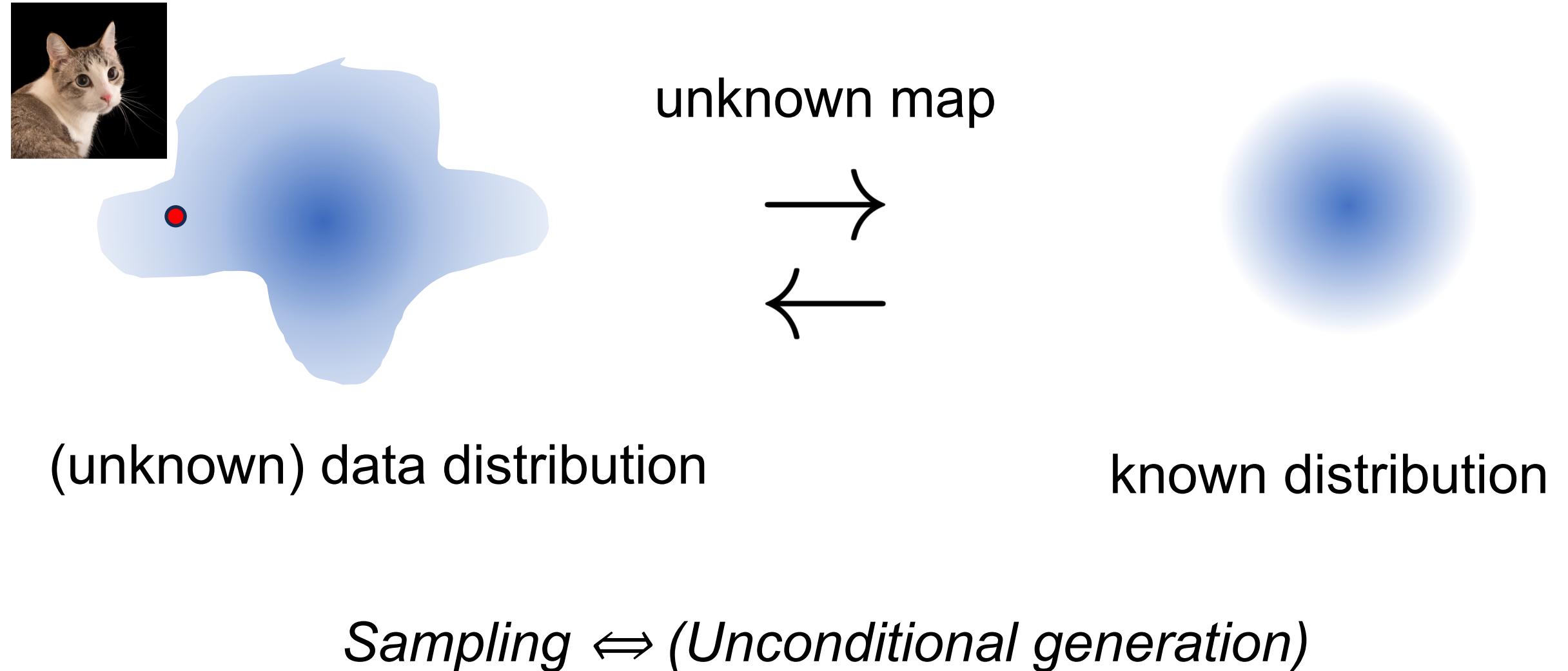
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# Applications



# What is a Diffusion Process?

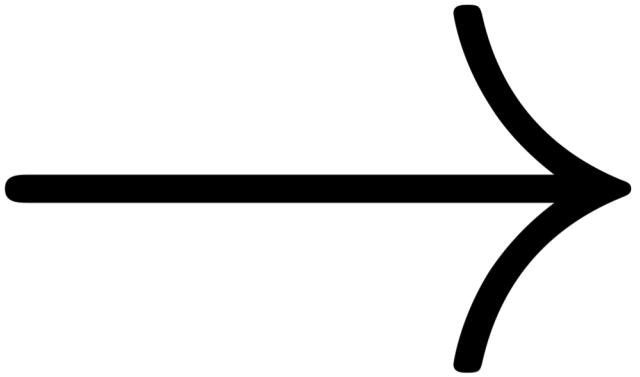


# Mapping between Distributions



$\mathbf{x}_0$

data  
distribution



$\mathbf{x}_T$

$\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbb{I})$

known  
distribution

# Gaussian (Normal) Distribution

- Uniquely defined by Mean and Variance

$$\mu, \Sigma$$

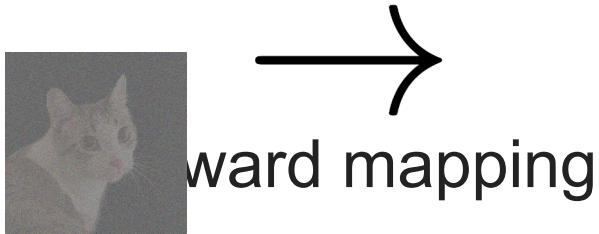
- Reparameterization ‘trick’

$$\mathcal{N}(\mu, \Sigma)$$

$$x \sim \mathcal{N}(0, I)$$

- Many results on combining Gaussian distributions

# Mapping in Many Steps



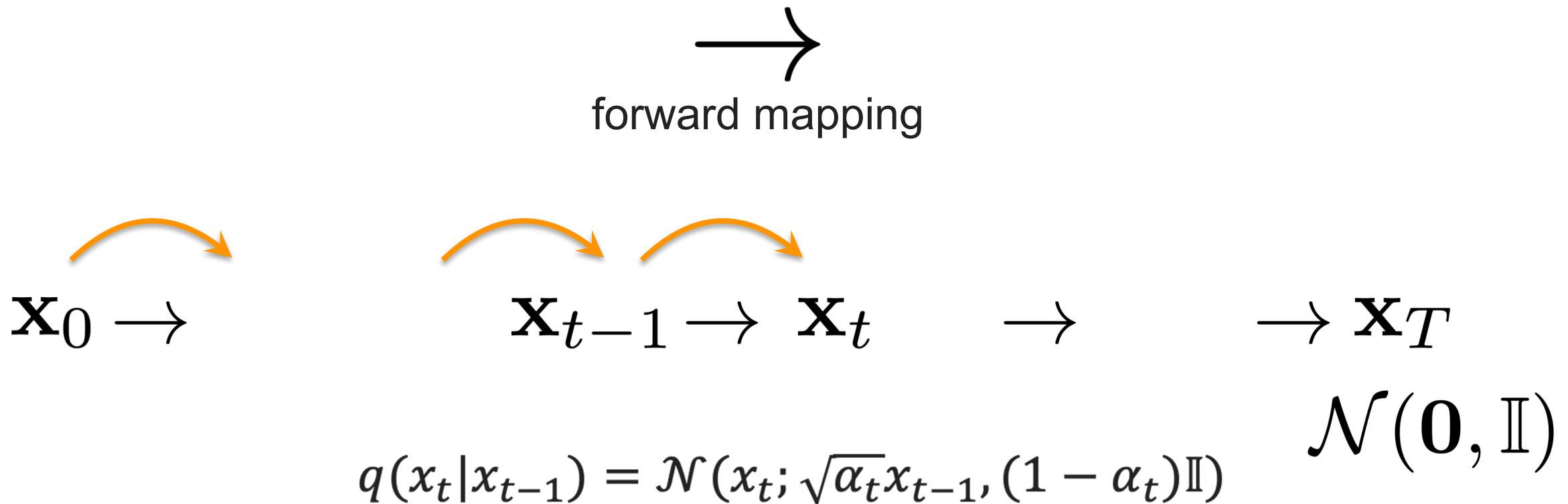
$\mathbf{x}_0 \rightarrow$

$\mathbf{x}_{t-1} \rightarrow \mathbf{x}_t \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow \mathbf{x}_T$

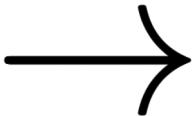
$\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbb{I})$

$$q(x_t | x_{t-1}) = \mathcal{N}(x_t; \sqrt{\alpha_t} x_{t-1}, (1 - \alpha_t) \mathbb{I})$$

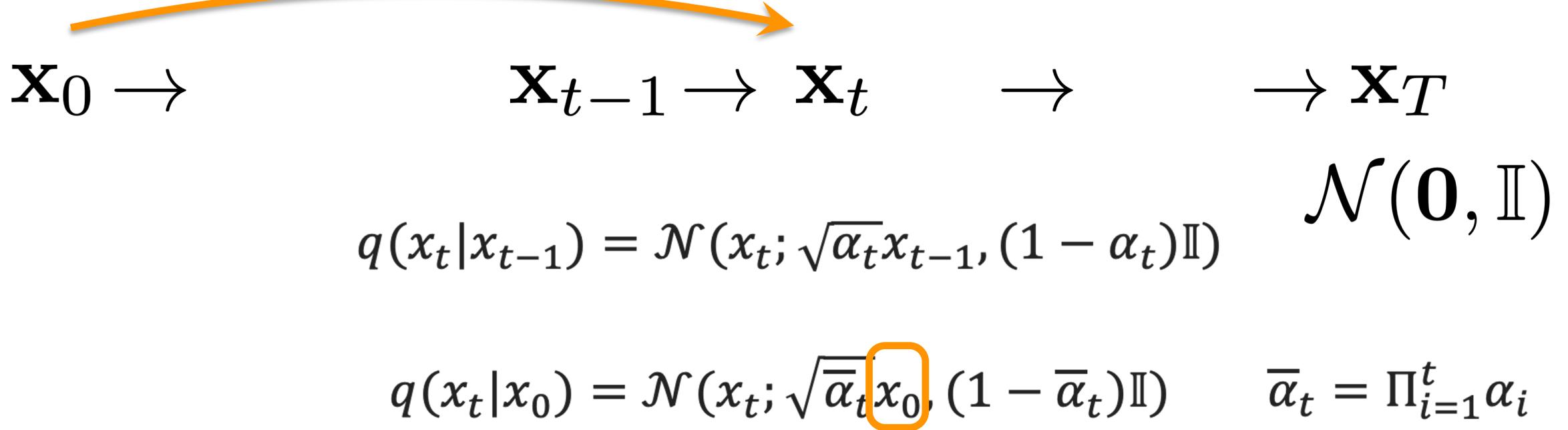
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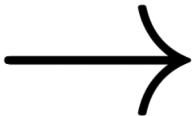
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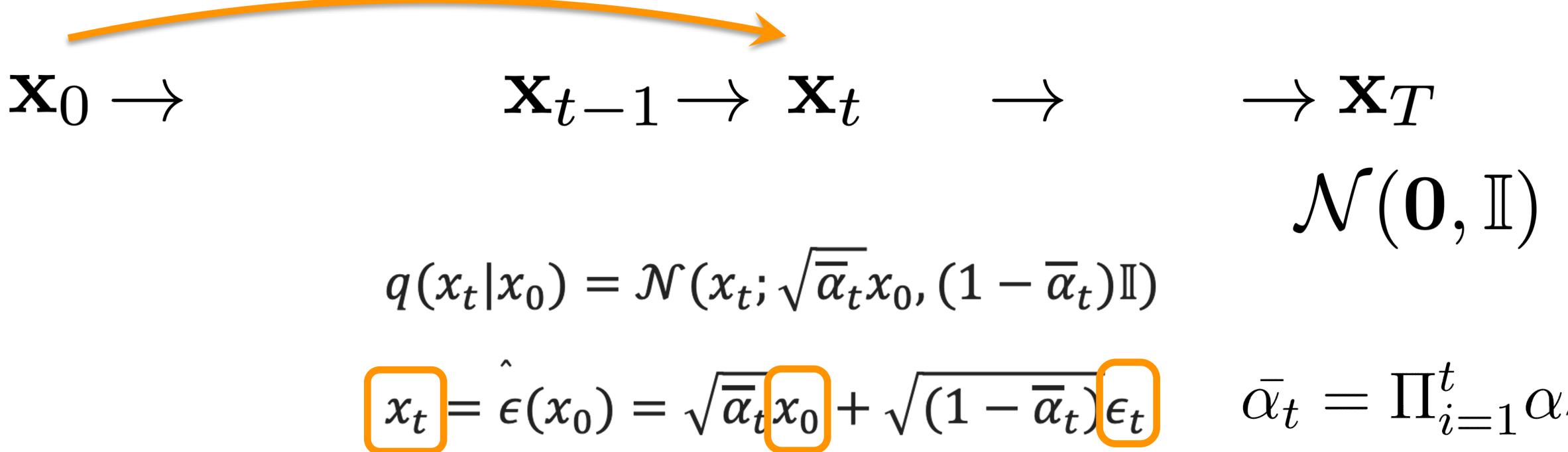
forward mapping



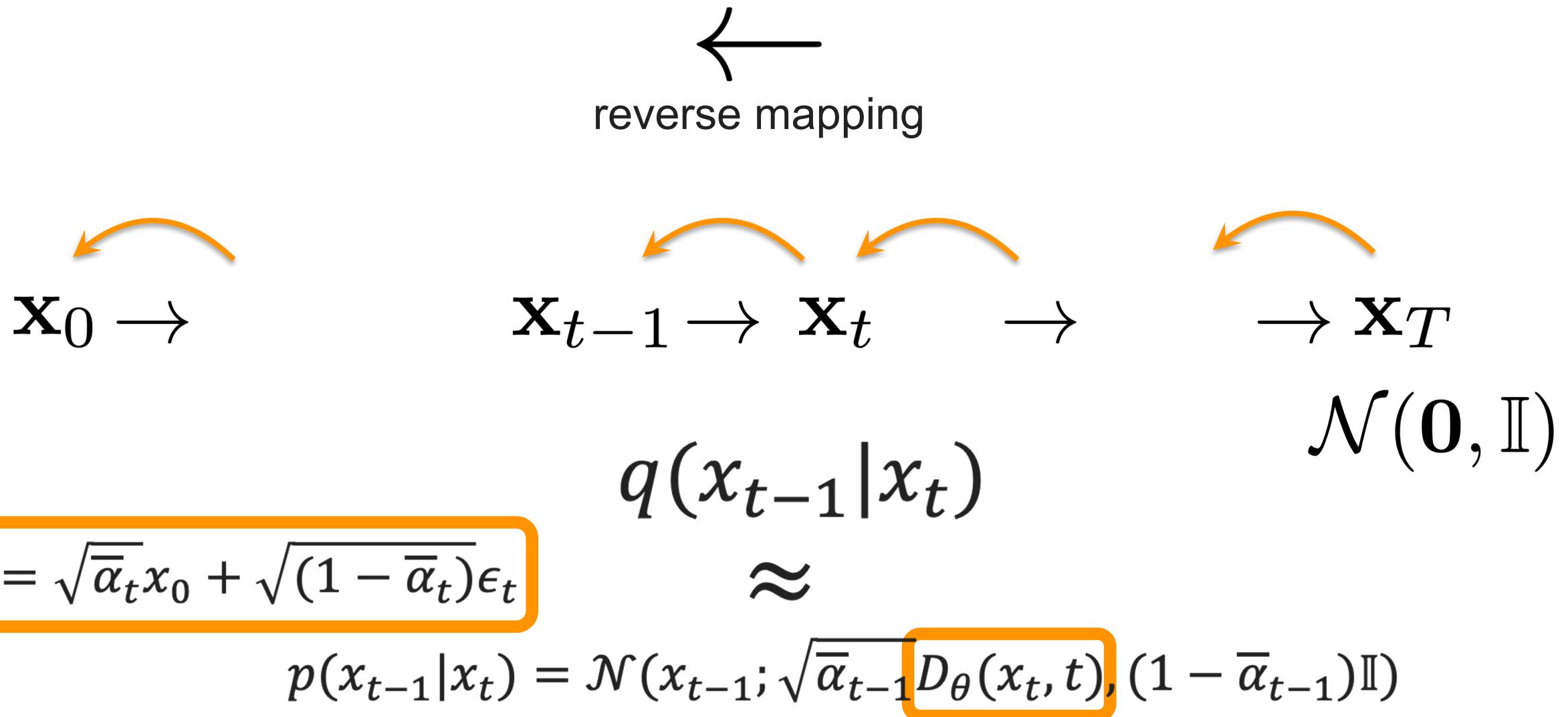
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forward mapping



# Generative Modeling: Sampling



# Loss Functions

$$\mathcal{L}_{simple}(\theta) = \mathbb{E}_{t,x_0,\epsilon} [C_t \| \epsilon_\theta(x_t, t) - \epsilon \|^2]$$

$$\mathcal{L}(\theta) = \mathbb{E}_{t,\epsilon,x_0} \left[ C_t \| \hat{D}_\theta(\epsilon_t(x_0), t) - x_0 \|^2 \right]$$

$$p(x_{t-1}|x_t) = \mathcal{N}(x_{t-1}; \sqrt{\bar{\alpha}_{t-1}} D_\theta(x_t, t), (1 - \bar{\alpha}_{t-1}) \mathbb{I})$$

# Algorithm (How to Train?)

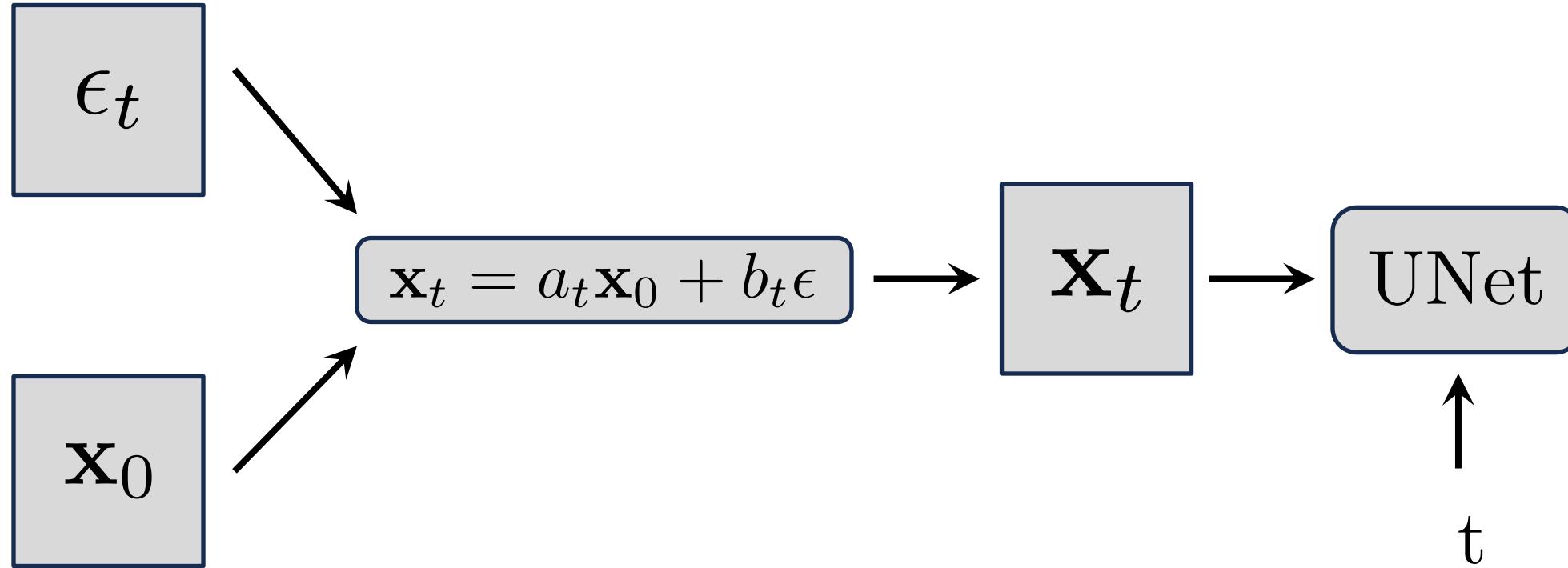
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## Algorithm 1 Training

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- 1: **repeat**
  - 2:    $\mathbf{x}_0 \sim q(\mathbf{x}_0)$
  - 3:    $t \sim \text{Uniform}(\{1, \dots, T\})$
  - 4:    $\boldsymbol{\epsilon} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I})$
  - 5:   Take gradient descent step on  
      
$$\nabla_{\theta} \left\| \boldsymbol{\epsilon} - \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_{\theta}(\sqrt{\bar{\alpha}_t} \mathbf{x}_0 + \sqrt{1 - \bar{\alpha}_t} \boldsymbol{\epsilon}, t) \right\|^2$$
  - 6: **until** converged
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# Training Loss



# Three Interpretations

- Predict Noise  $\epsilon_t$
- Predict clean image  $\mathbf{x}_0$
- Score-based optimization  $\nabla_{\mathbf{x}_t} \log p(\mathbf{x}_0) = -\frac{\epsilon}{\sqrt{1 - \bar{\alpha}_t}}$

*they are equivalent!!*

# Algorithm (How to Sample?)

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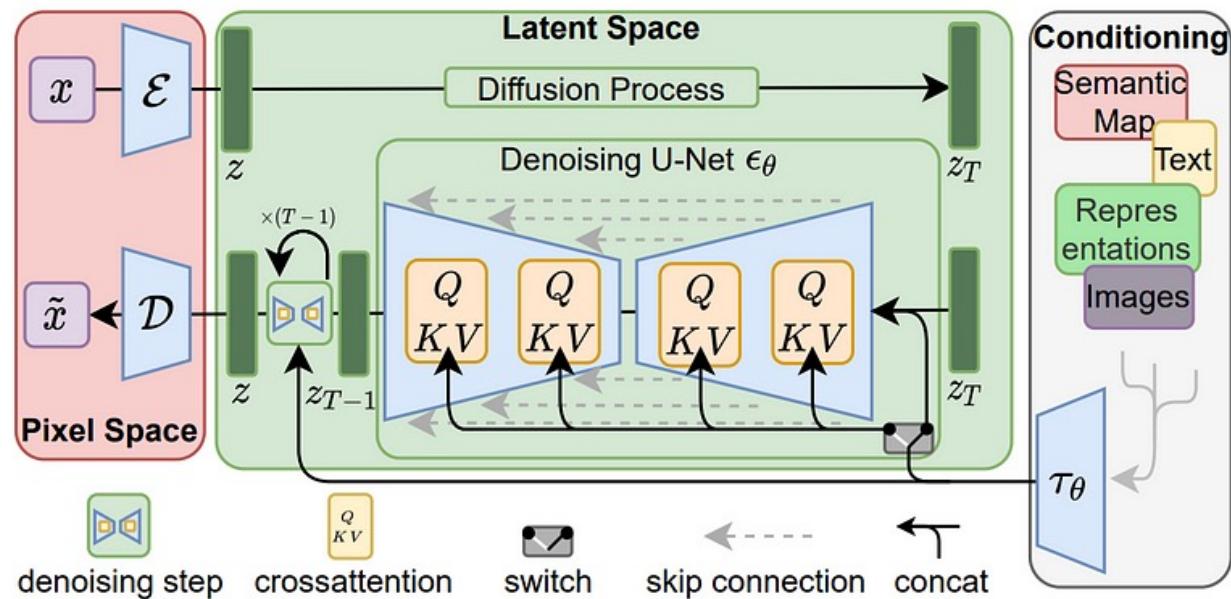
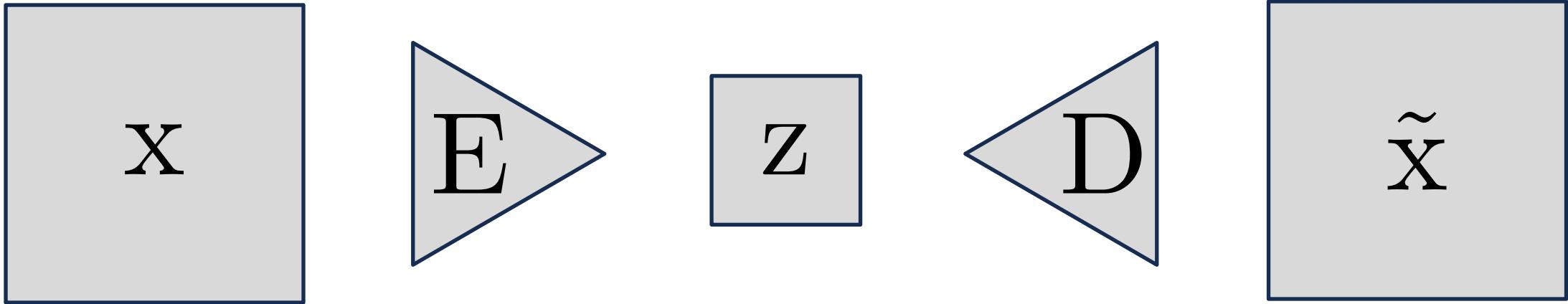
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- 1:  $\mathbf{x}_T \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I})$
- 2: **for**  $t = T, \dots, 1$  **do**
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- 5: **end for**
- 6: **return**  $\mathbf{x}_0$

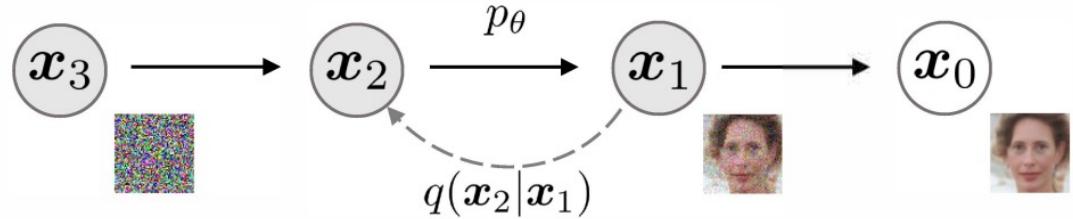
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# Latent Diffusion Model

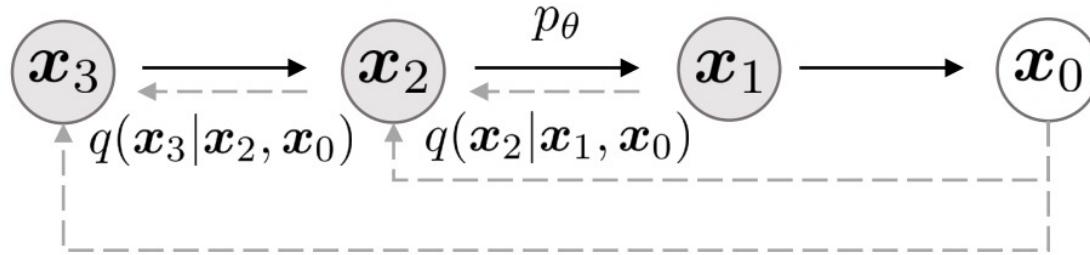


# DDPM vs DDIM

- DDPM: Markovian process



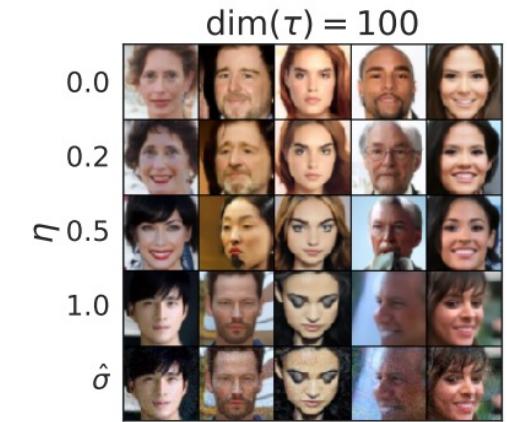
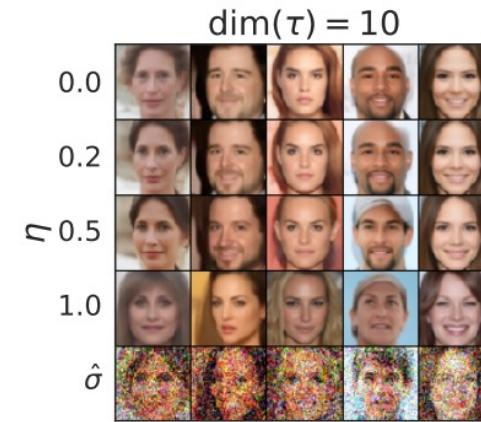
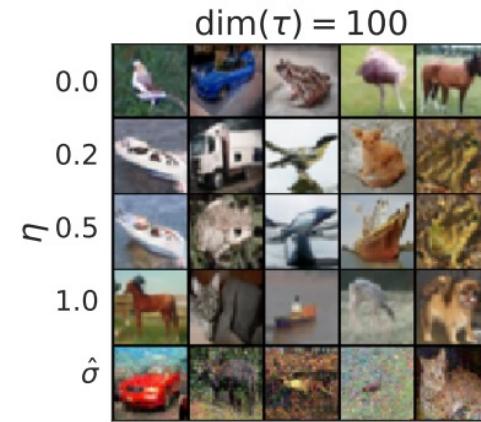
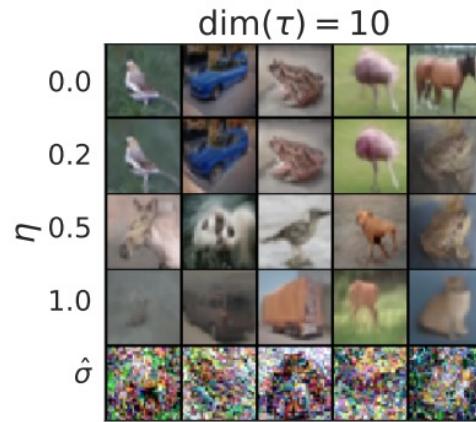
- DDIM: Non-Markovian process but 10-50x faster!!
  - Trained w/ pretrained DDPM diffusion



$$\mathbf{x}_{t-1} = \underbrace{\sqrt{\alpha_{t-1}} \left( \frac{\mathbf{x}_t - \sqrt{1-\alpha_t} \epsilon_\theta^{(t)}(\mathbf{x}_t)}{\sqrt{\alpha_t}} \right)}_{\text{"predicted } \mathbf{x}_0\text{"}} + \underbrace{\sqrt{1-\alpha_{t-1}-\sigma_t^2} \cdot \epsilon_\theta^{(t)}(\mathbf{x}_t)}_{\text{"direction pointing to } \mathbf{x}_t\text{"}} + \underbrace{\sigma_t \epsilon_t}_{\text{random noise}}$$

# DDPM vs DDIM

$S$	CIFAR10 ( $32 \times 32$ )					CelebA ( $64 \times 64$ )				
	10	20	50	100	1000	10	20	50	100	1000
0.0	<b>13.36</b>	<b>6.84</b>	<b>4.67</b>	<b>4.16</b>	4.04	<b>17.33</b>	<b>13.73</b>	<b>9.17</b>	<b>6.53</b>	3.51
0.2	14.04	7.11	4.77	4.25	4.09	17.66	14.11	9.51	6.79	3.64
0.5	16.66	8.35	5.25	4.46	4.29	19.86	16.06	11.01	8.09	4.28
1.0	41.07	18.36	8.01	5.78	4.73	33.12	26.03	18.48	13.93	5.98
$\hat{\sigma}$	367.43	133.37	32.72	9.99	<b>3.17</b>	299.71	183.83	71.71	45.20	<b>3.26</b>



# Summary so far

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