



SC395: Image Generative Models in Computer Vision

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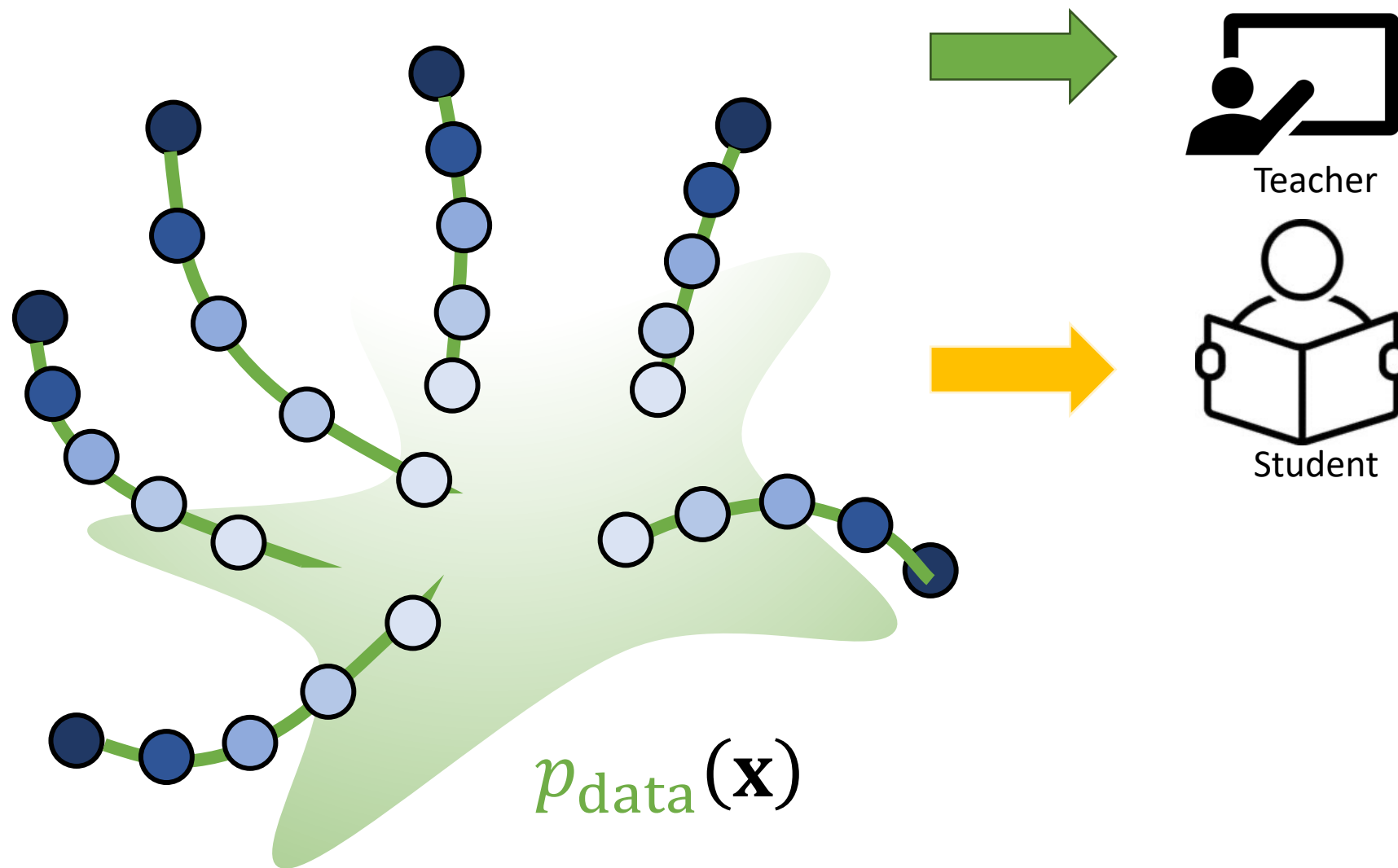


Diffusion Models

Controllable Image Synthesis Techniques, DiT architecture

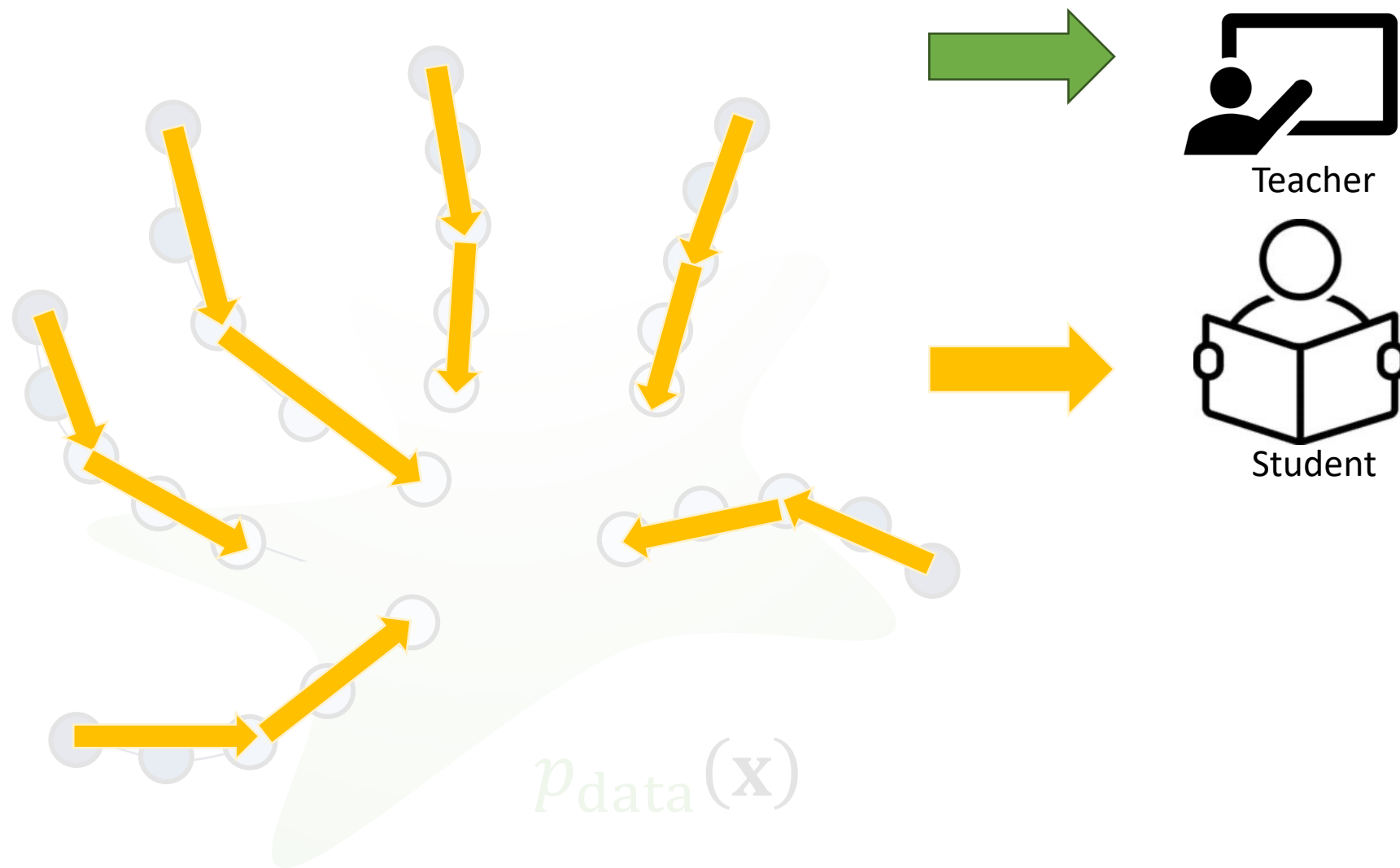


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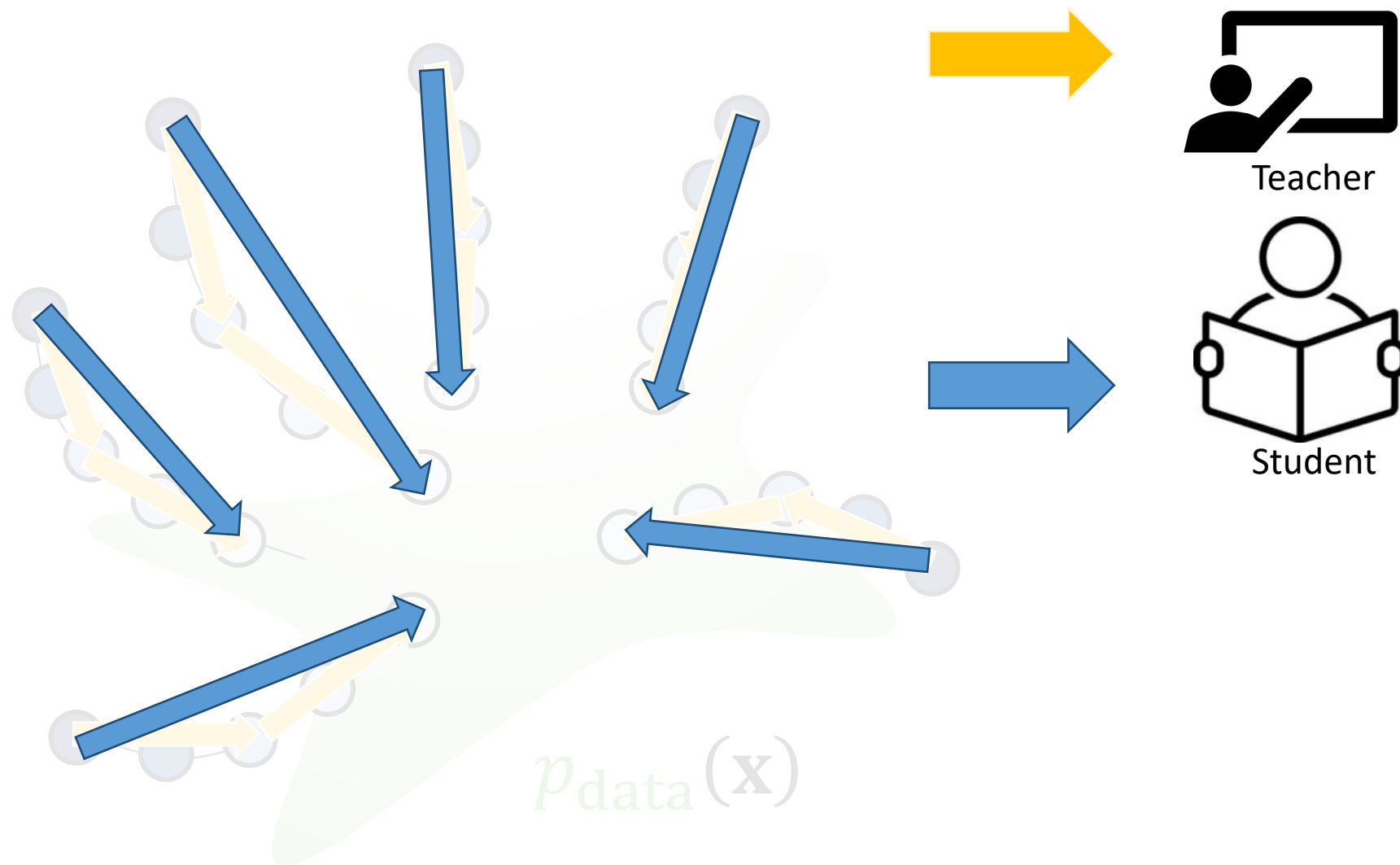


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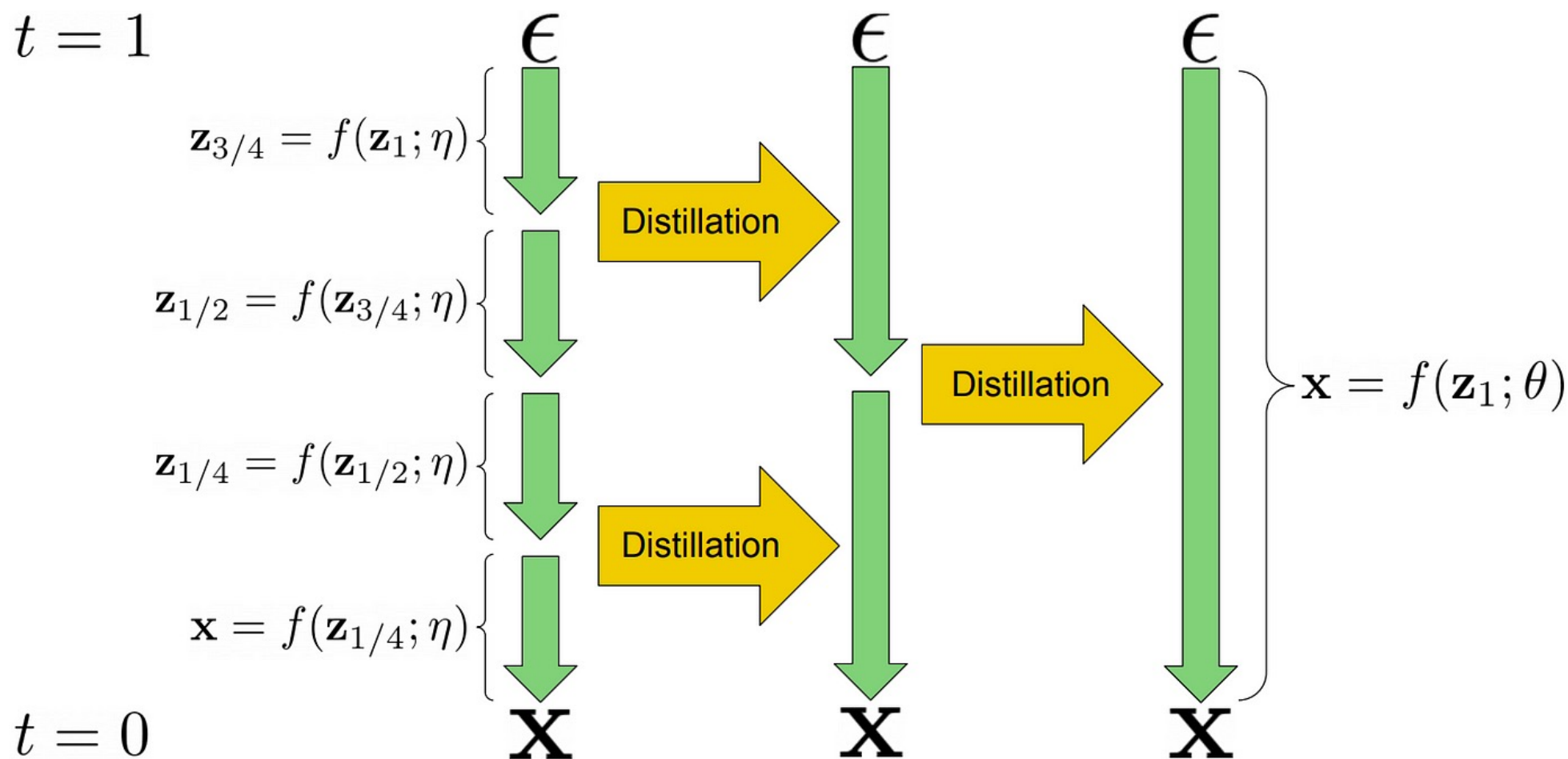




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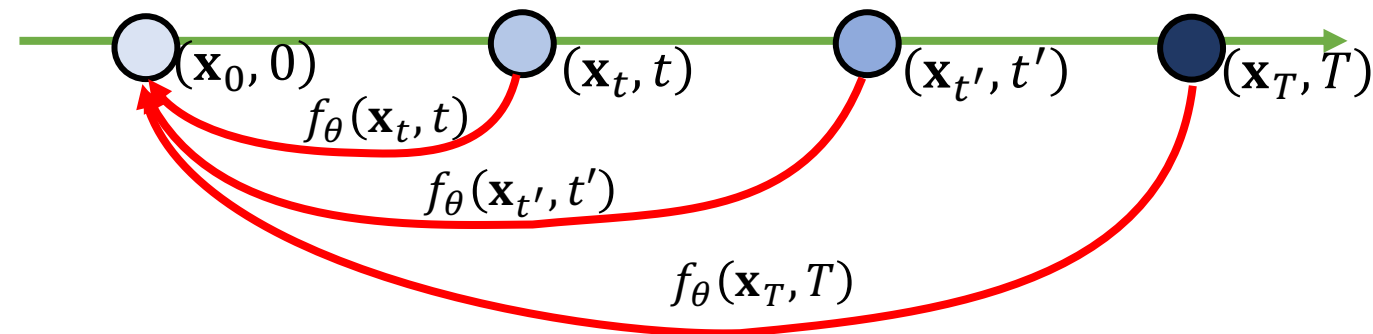
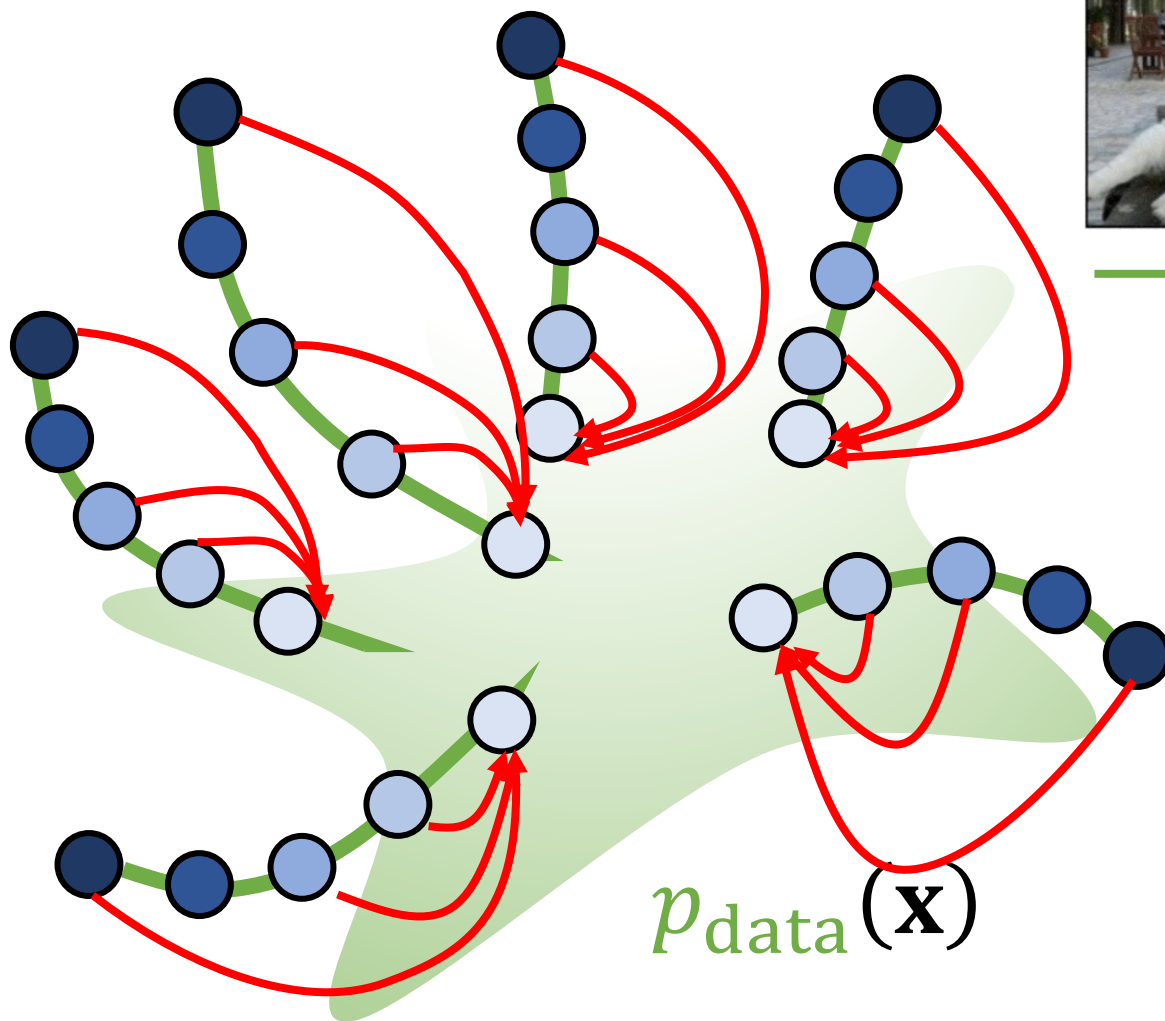
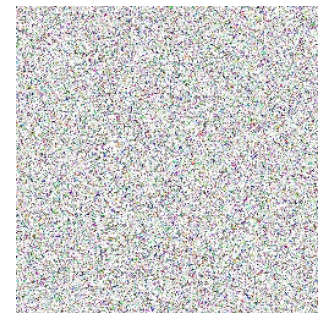
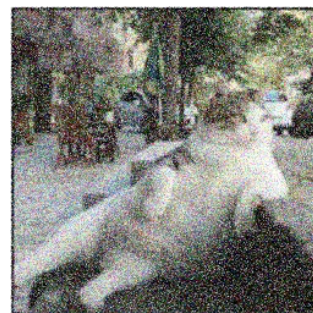


Progressive Distillation





Consistency Models



$$\min_{\theta} d\left(f_{EMA}(\mathbf{x}_t, t), f_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}_{t'}, t')\right)$$

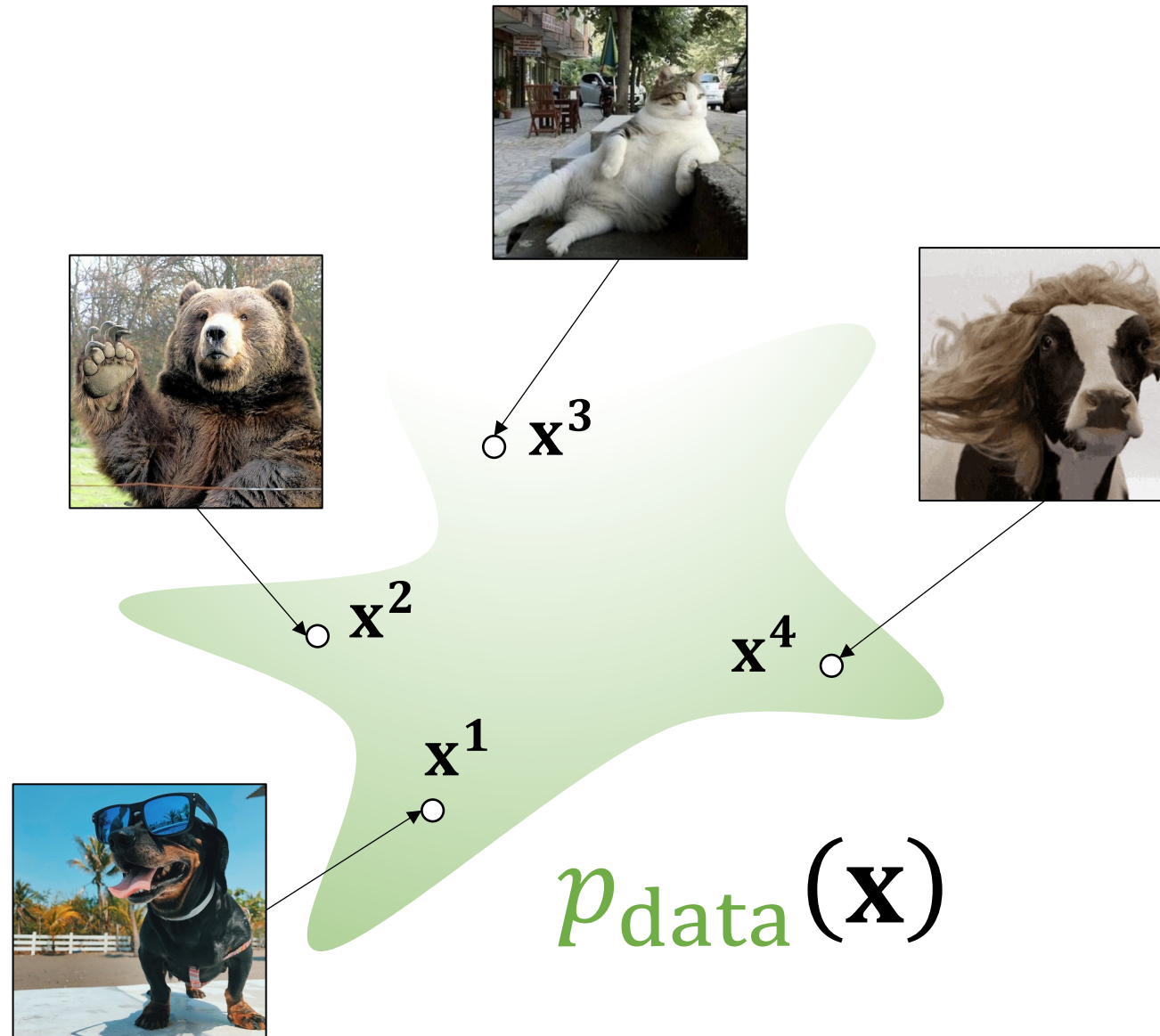
target network
(teacher)

online network
(student)



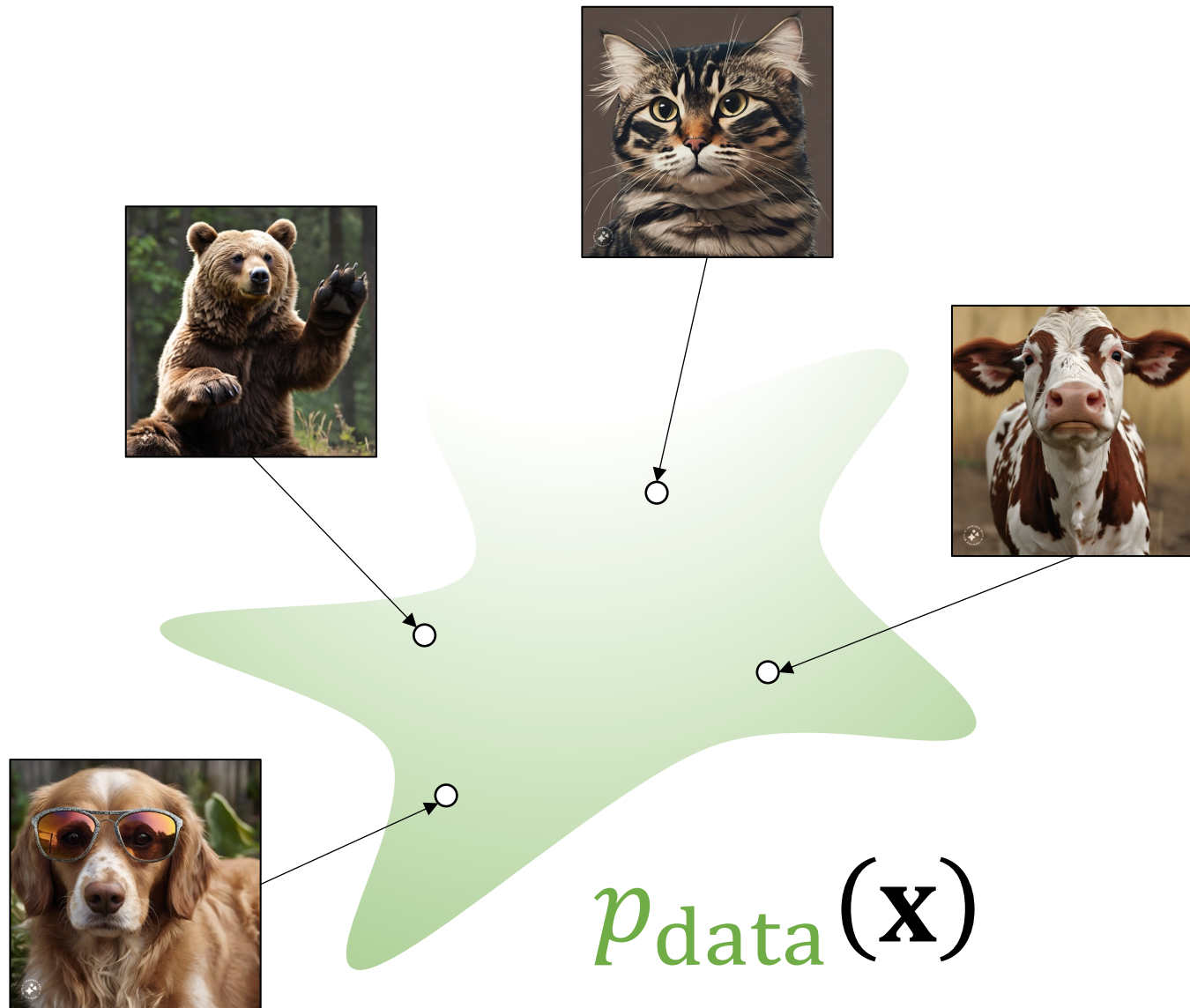
Flow Matching

Latest and the Best



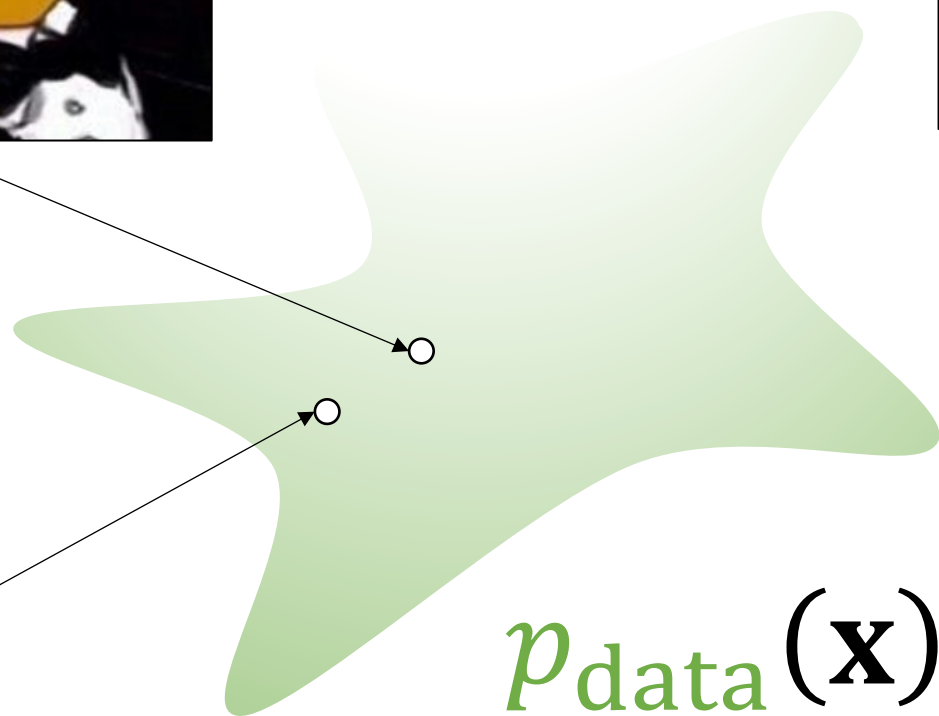
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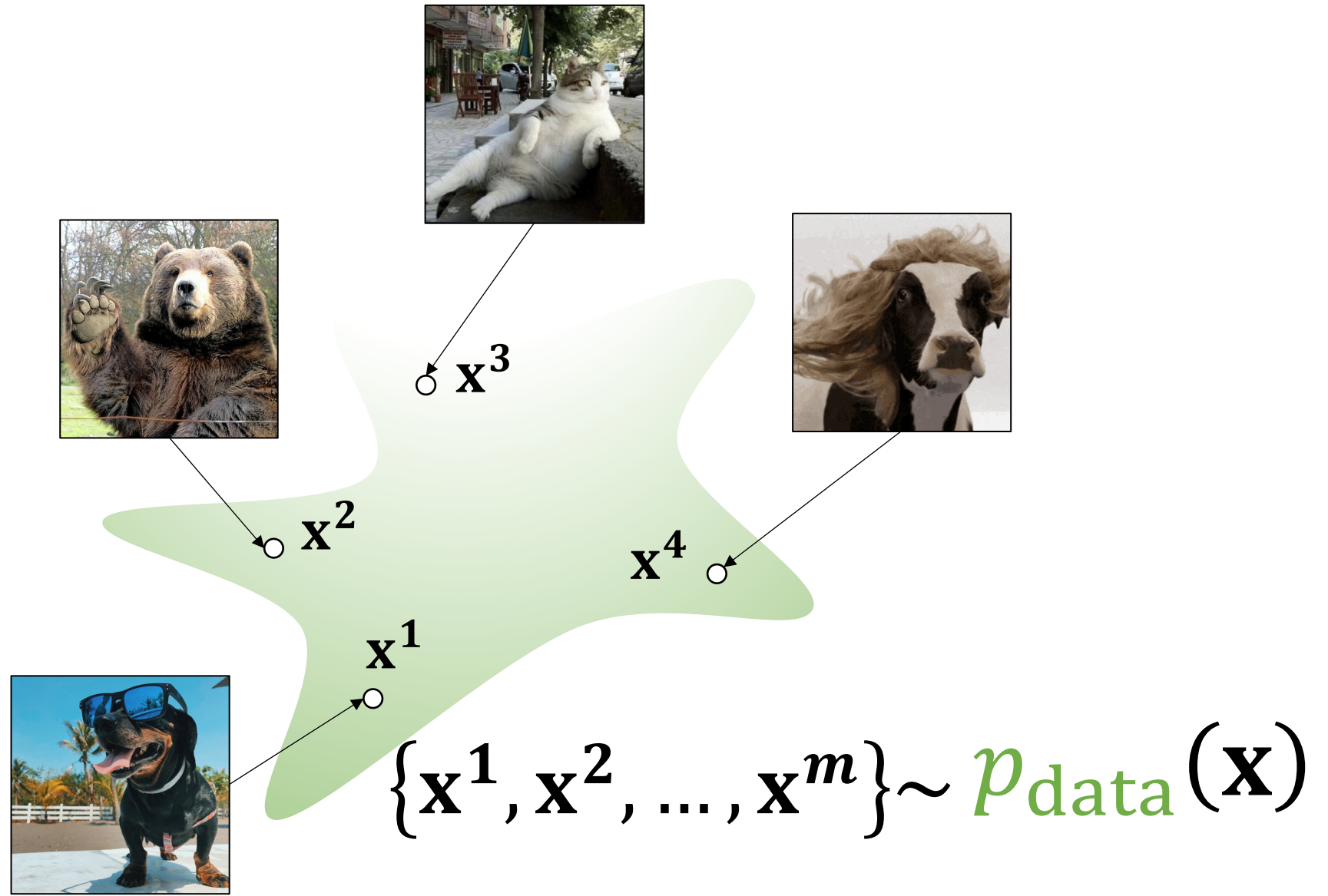
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$p_{\text{data}}(\mathbf{x})$

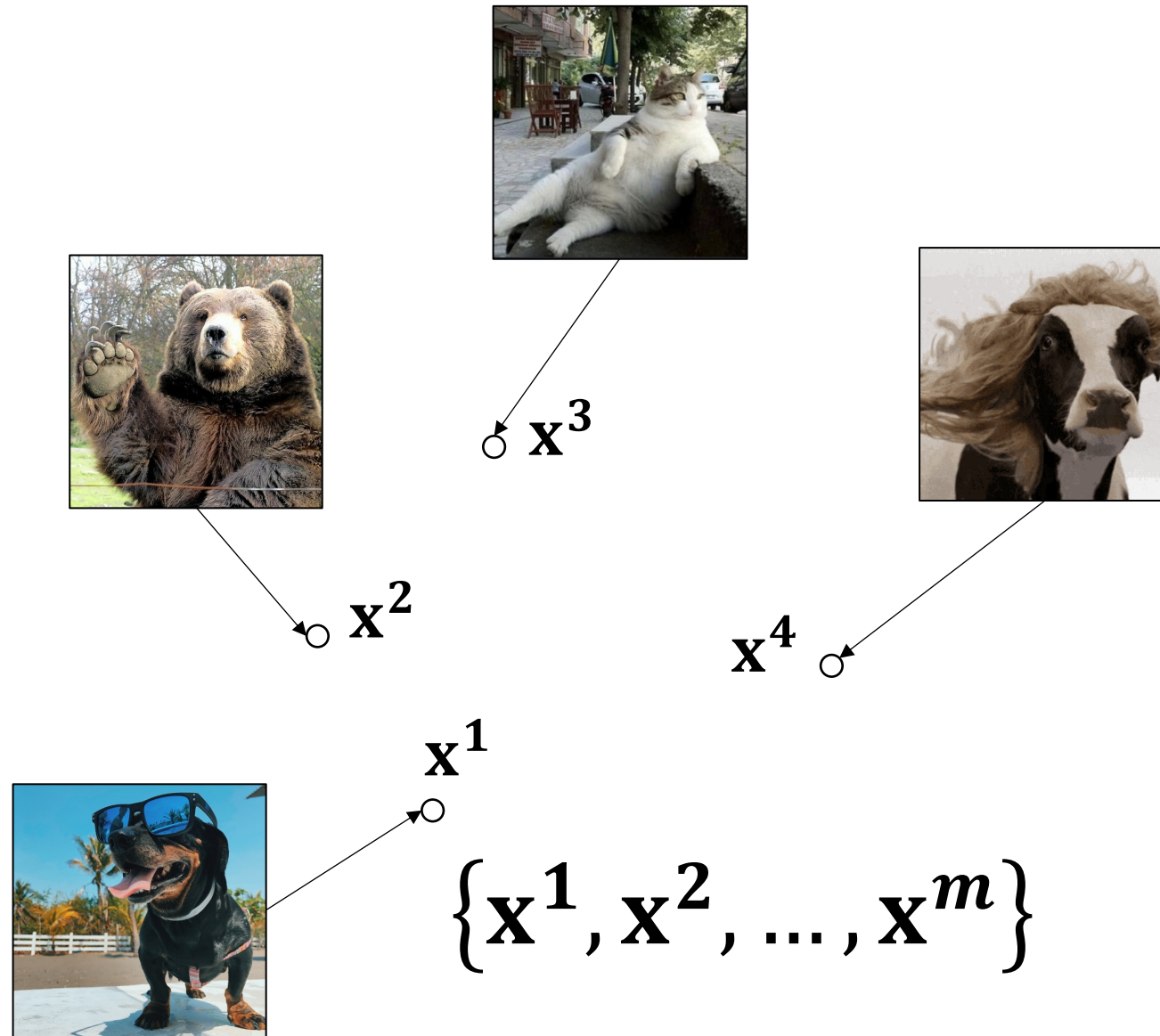
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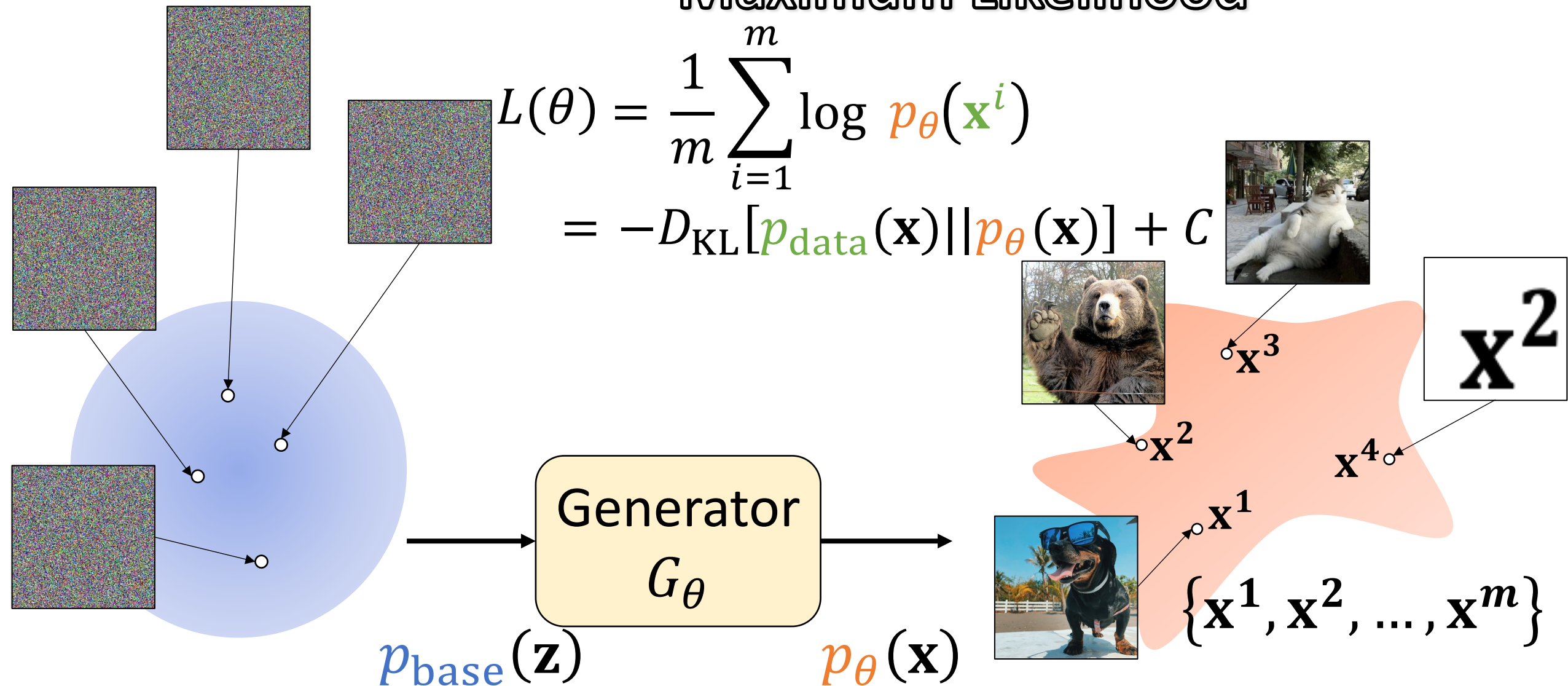
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Maximum Likelihood

$$L(\theta) = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \log p_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}^i)$$

$$= -D_{\text{KL}}[p_{\text{data}}(\mathbf{x}) || p_{\theta}(\mathbf{x})] + C$$

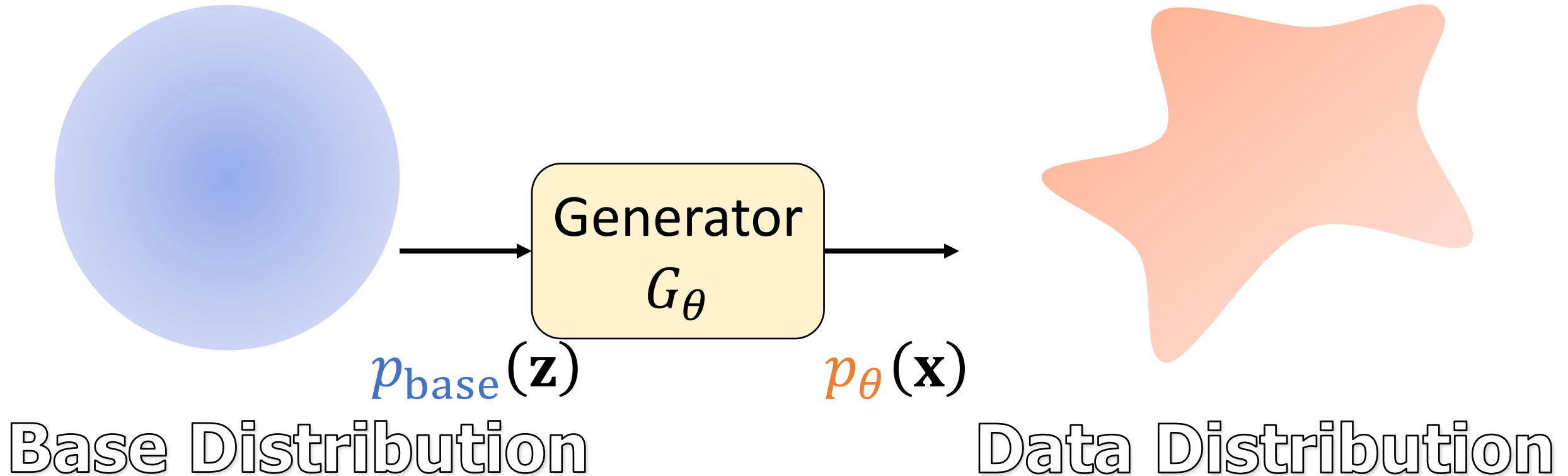


Base Distribution

Data Distribution

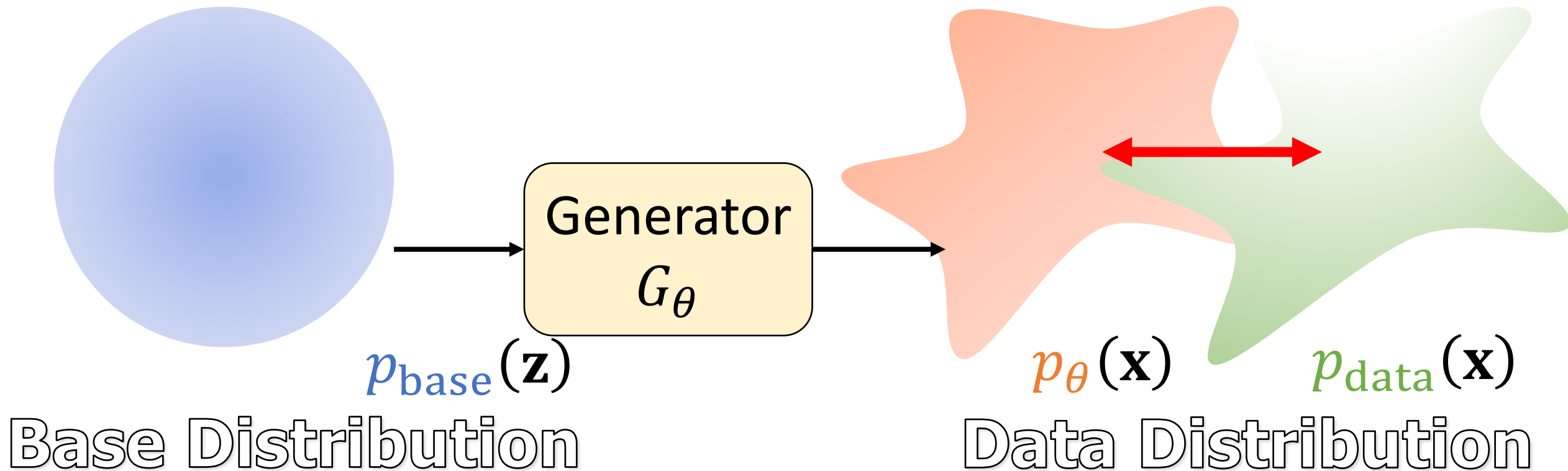
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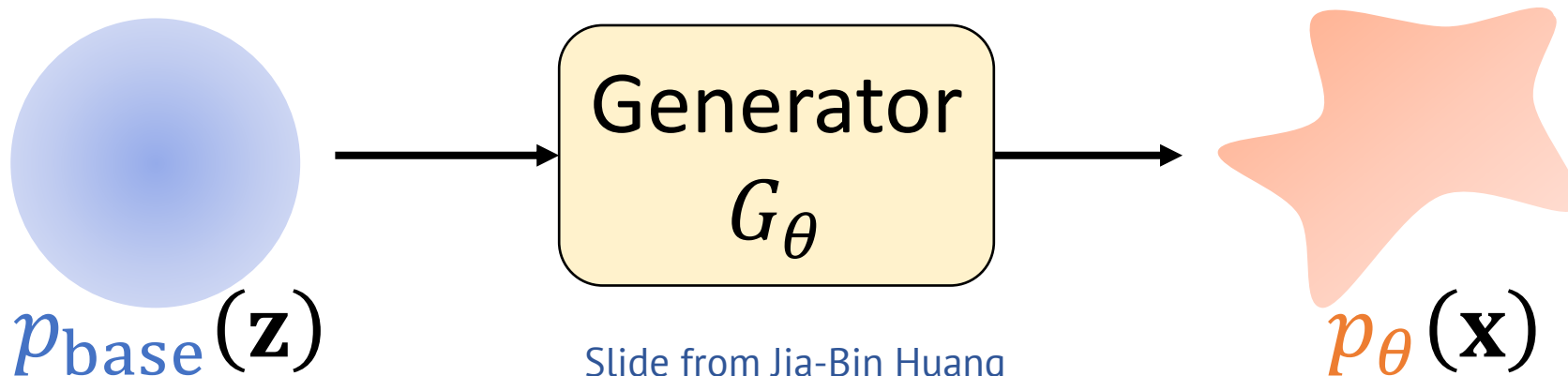
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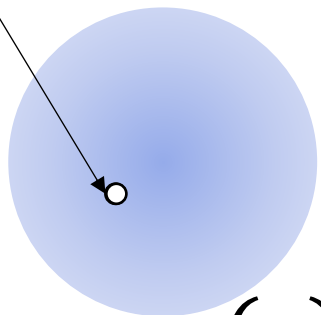
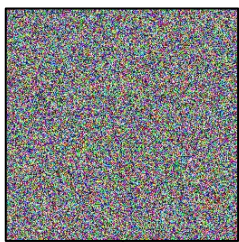


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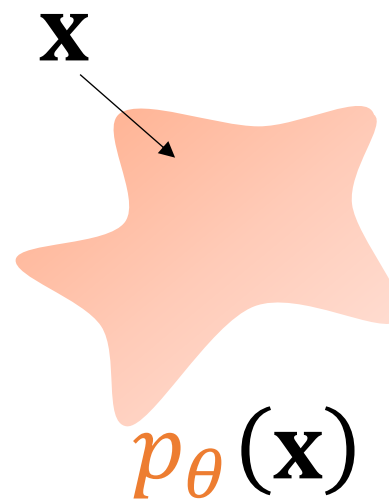
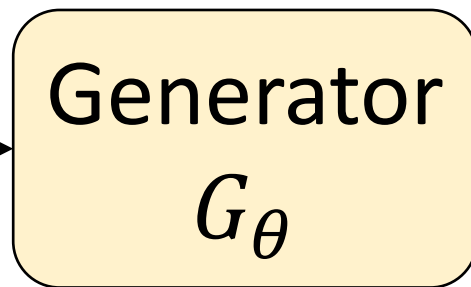
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$$\mathbf{x} = G_{\theta}(\mathbf{z})$$



$p_{\text{base}}(\mathbf{z})$

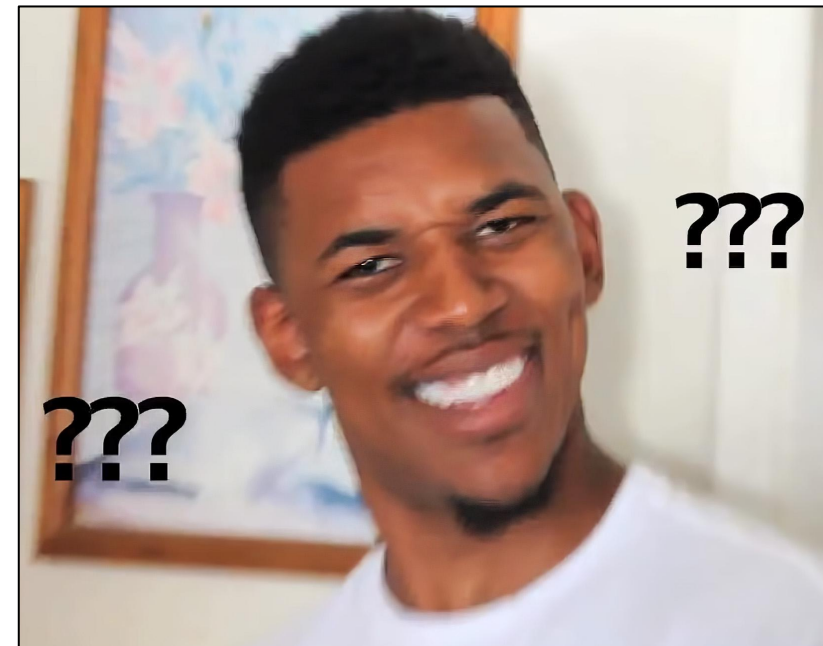


$\mathbf{x}$

$p_{\theta}(\mathbf{x})$

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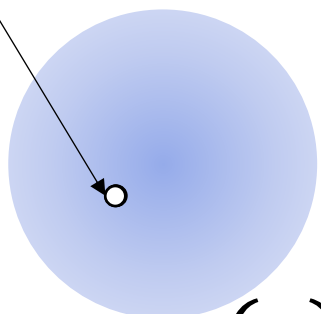
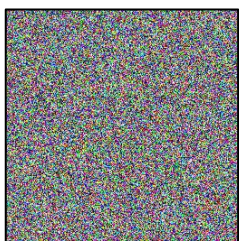


$$\mathbf{z} \sim p_{\text{base}}(\mathbf{z})$$

$$\mathbf{x} = G_{\theta}(\mathbf{z})$$

$$p_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}) = p_{\text{base}}(\mathbf{z})$$

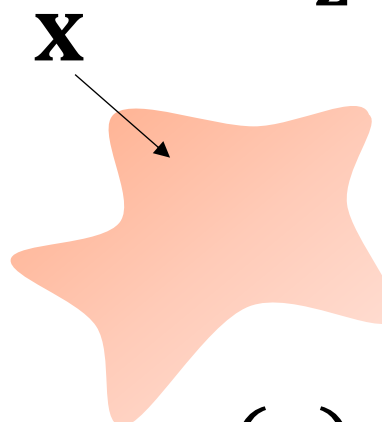
$$\mathbf{z} = G_{\theta}^{-1}(\mathbf{x})$$



$$p_{\text{base}}(\mathbf{z})$$

Generator

$$G_{\theta}$$

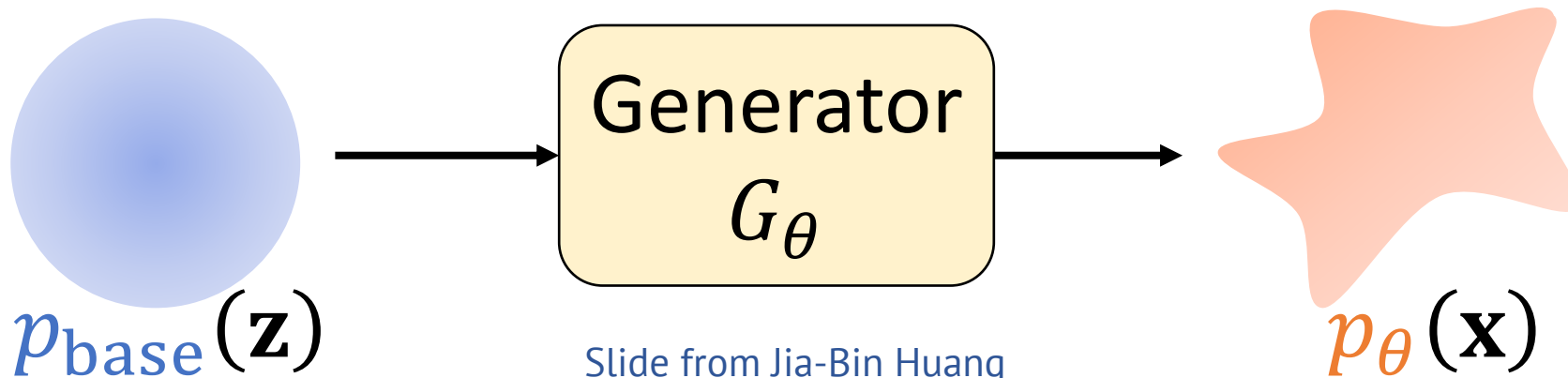


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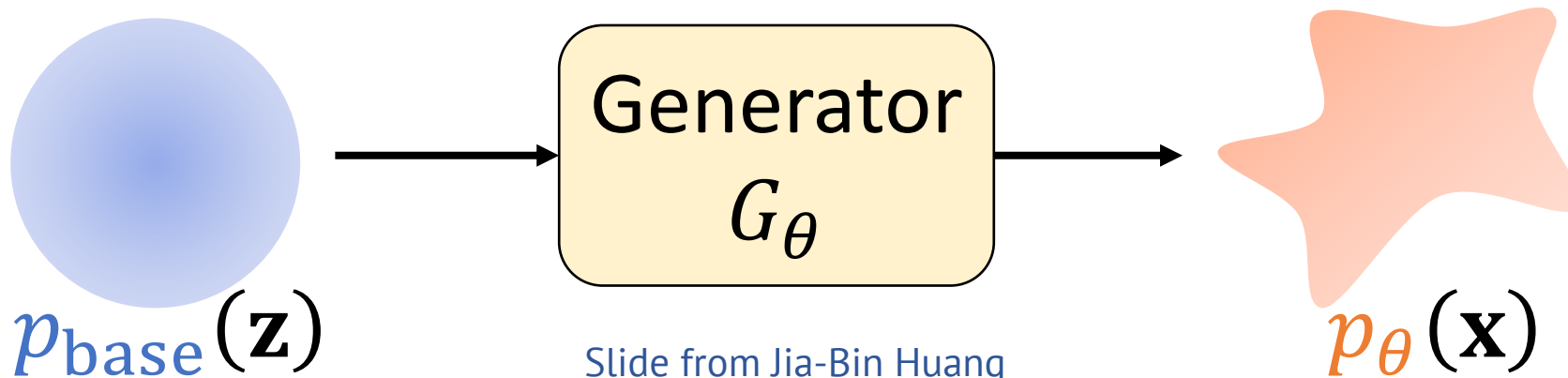
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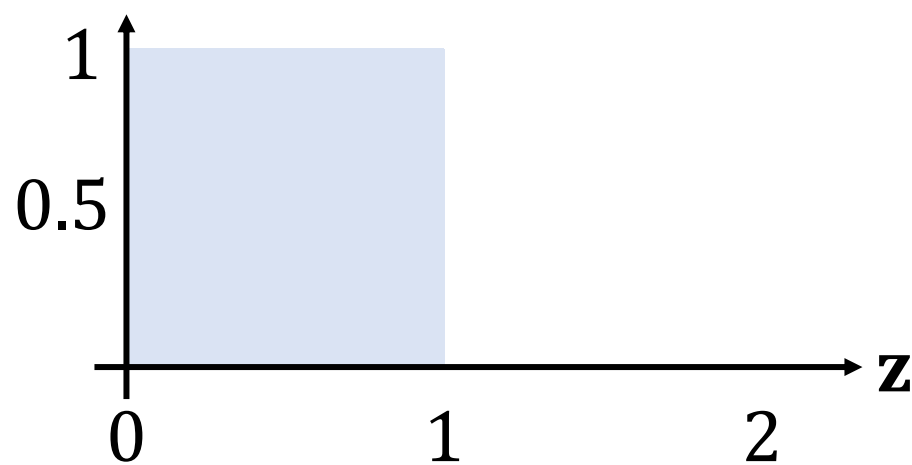


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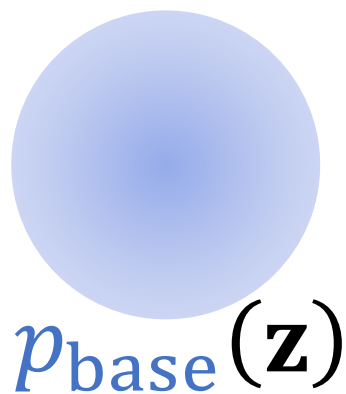
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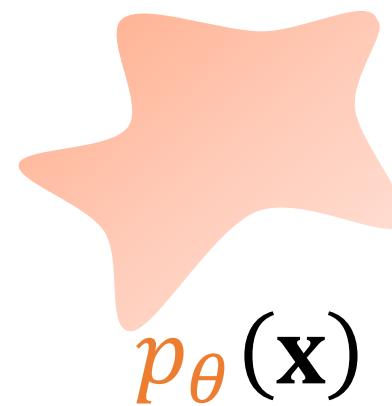


$$\mathbf{x} = 2\mathbf{z}$$

$$p(\mathbf{x})$$



Generator
 G_{θ}

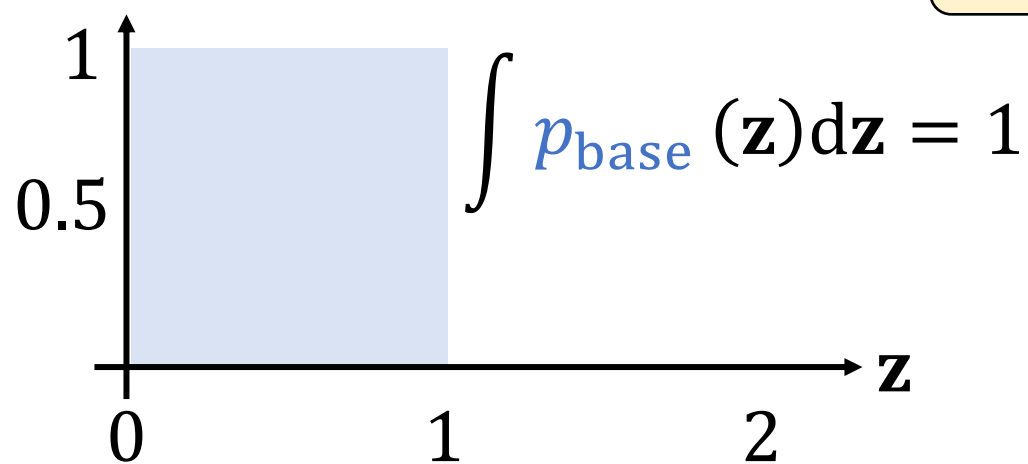


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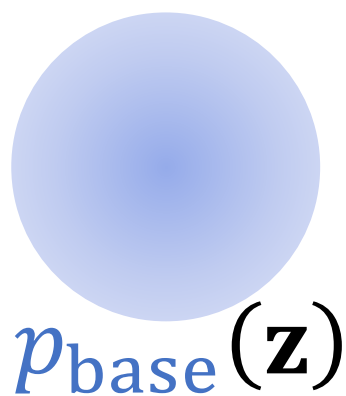
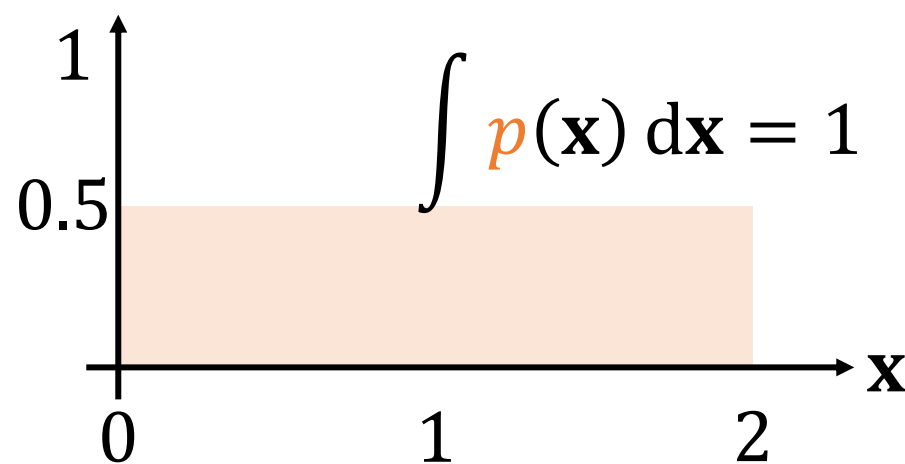
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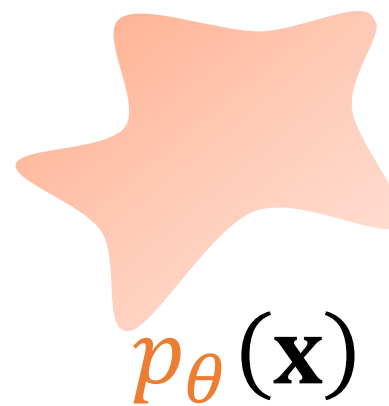


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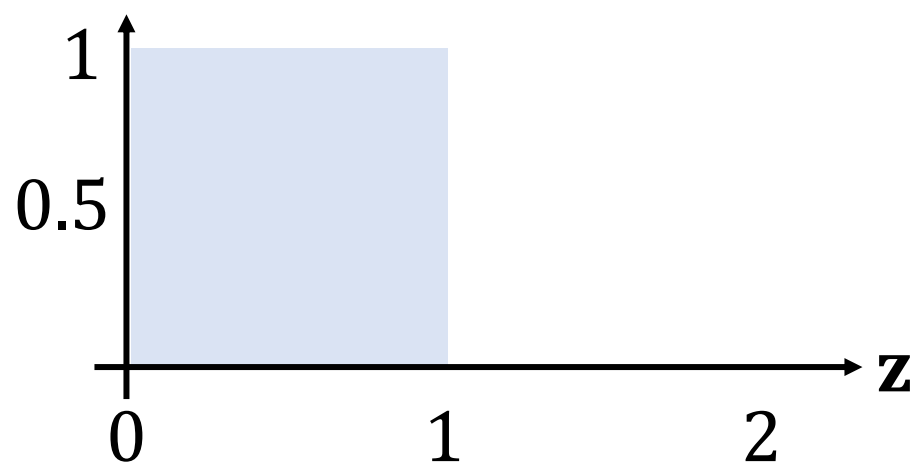
$$\mathbf{z} \sim p_{\text{base}}(\mathbf{z})$$

$$\mathbf{x} = G(\mathbf{z})$$

$$p(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{2} p_{\text{base}}(\mathbf{z})$$

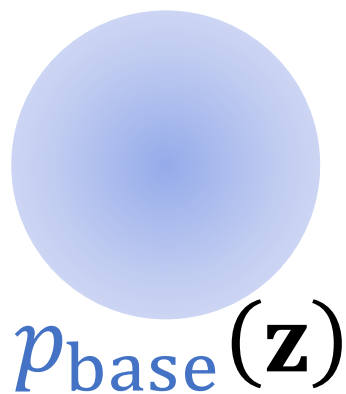
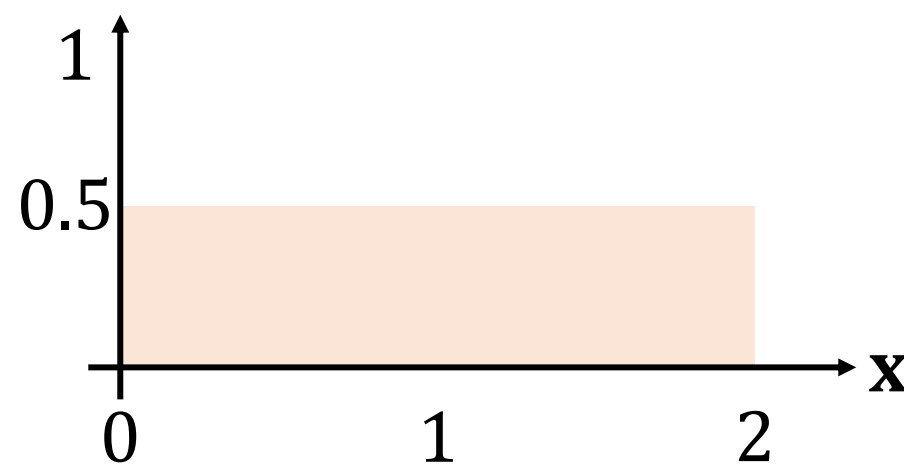
$$\mathbf{z} = G^{-1}(\mathbf{x})$$

$$p_{\text{base}}(\mathbf{z})$$

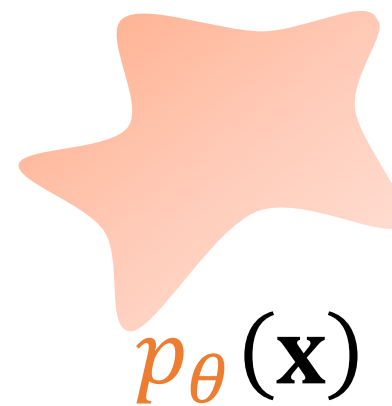


$$\mathbf{x} = 2\mathbf{z}$$

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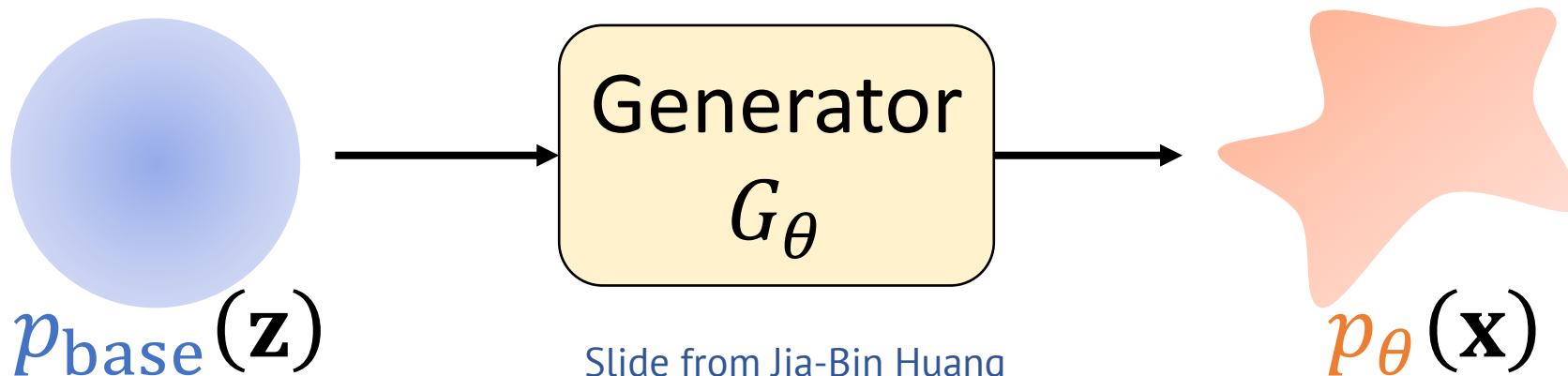
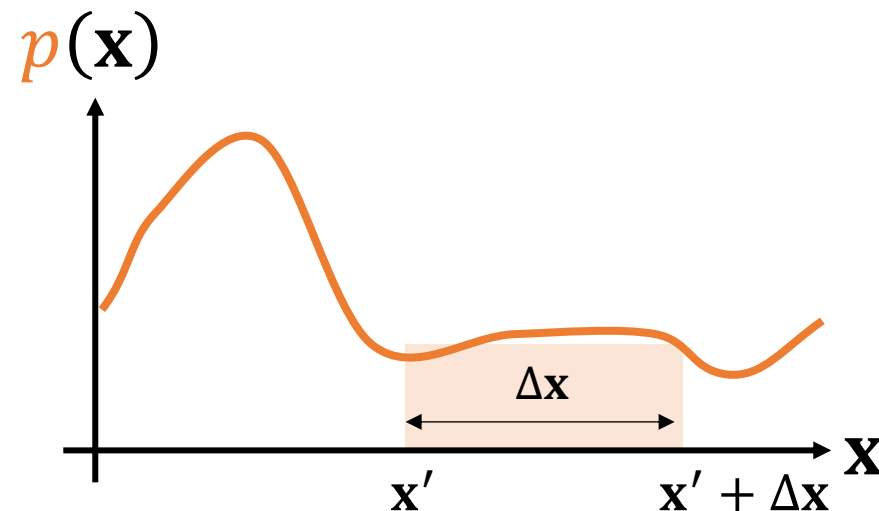
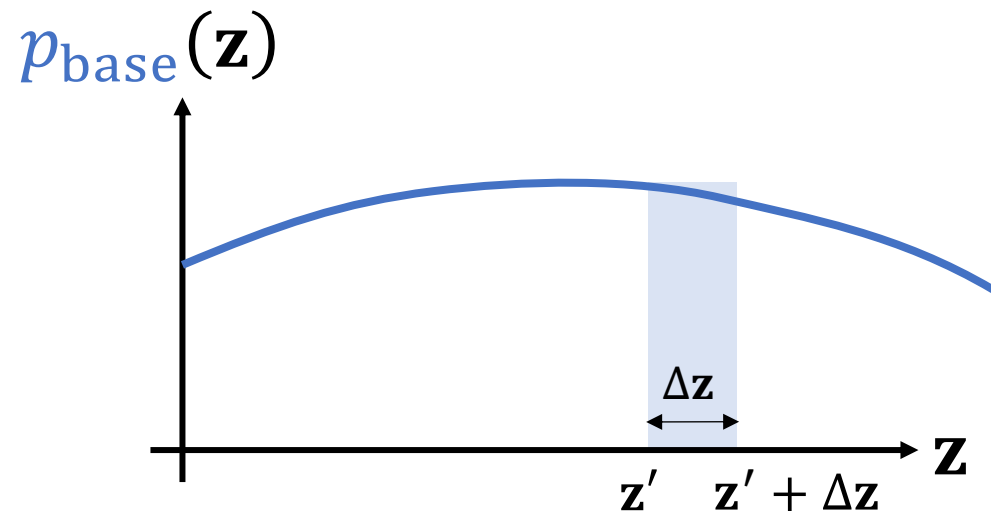
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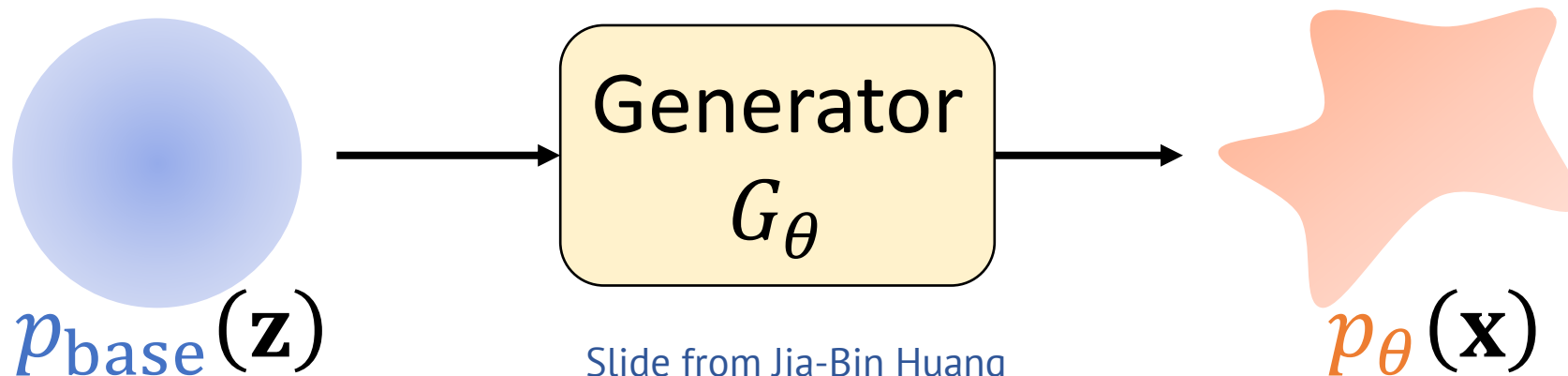
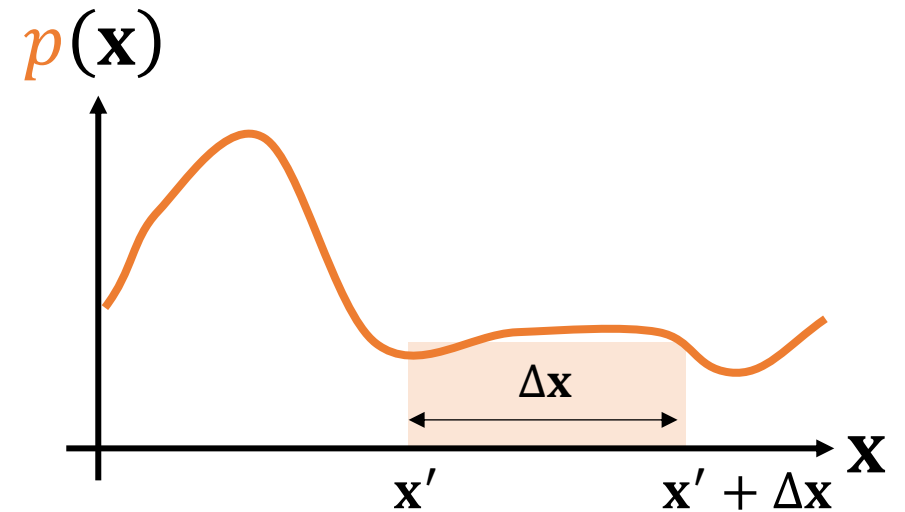
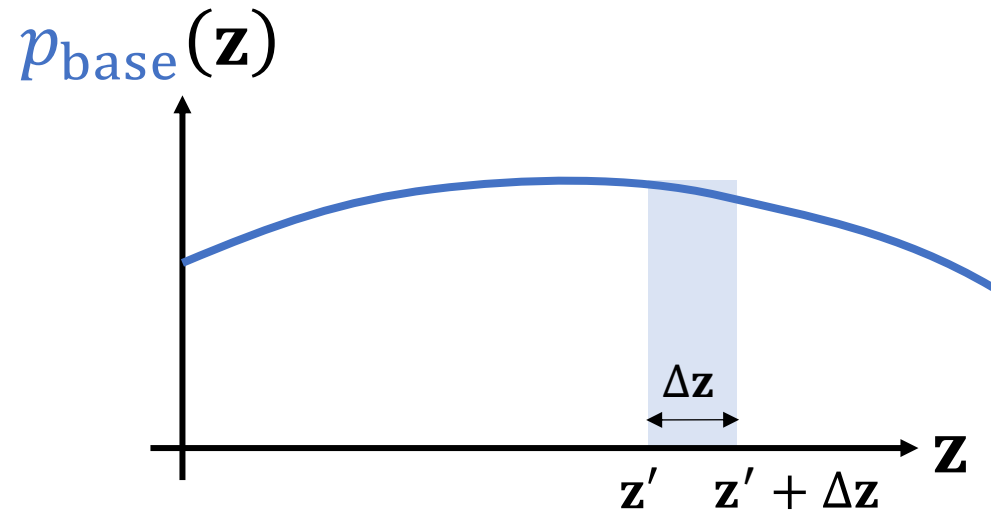
$$p(\mathbf{x}')\Delta\mathbf{x} = p_{\text{base}}(\mathbf{z}')\Delta\mathbf{z}$$



$$\mathbf{z} \sim p_{\text{base}}(\mathbf{z})$$

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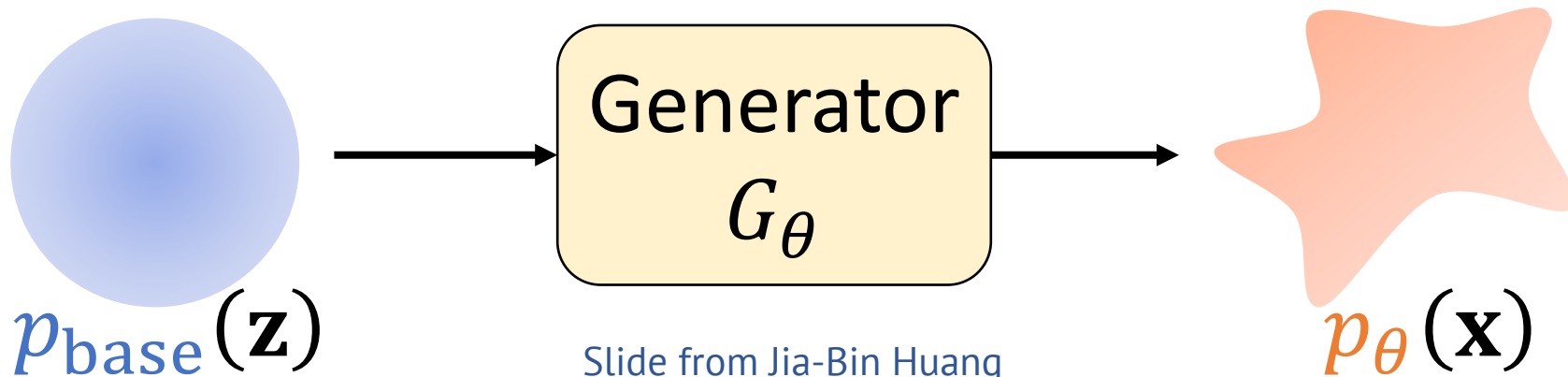
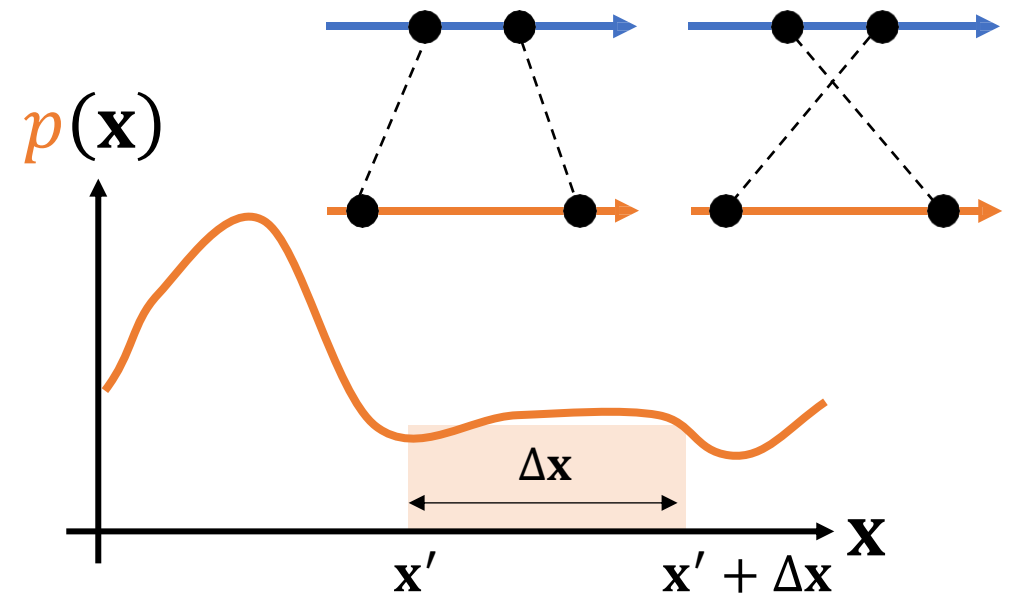
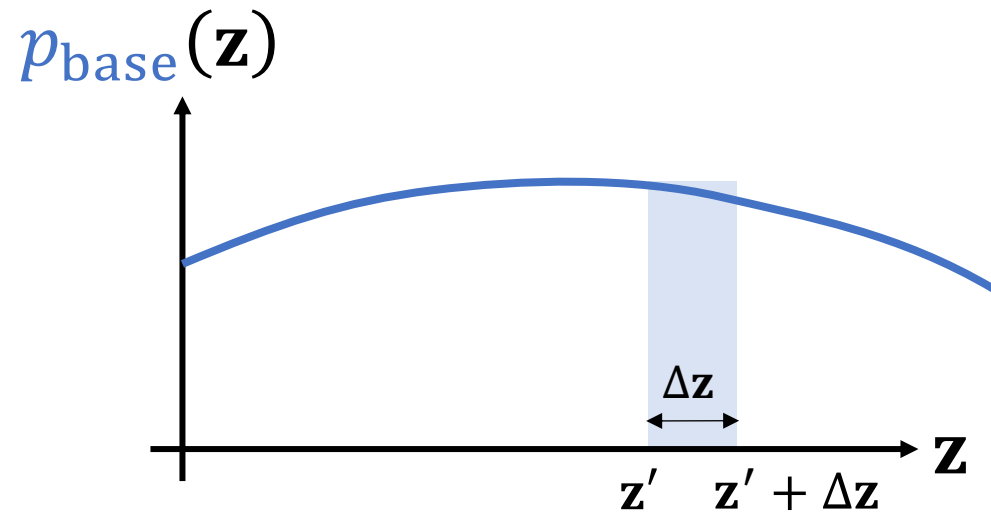
$$p(\mathbf{x}') = p_{\text{base}}(\mathbf{z}') \frac{\Delta \mathbf{z}}{\Delta \mathbf{x}}$$



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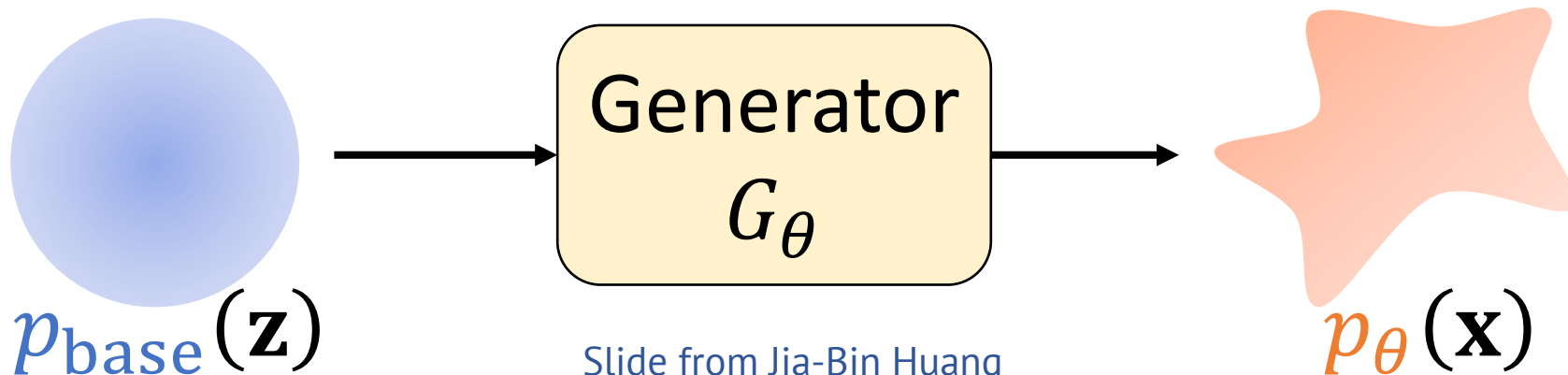
$$p(\mathbf{x}') = p_{\text{base}}(\mathbf{z}') \left| \frac{\partial \mathbf{z}}{\partial \mathbf{x}} \right|$$



$$\mathbf{z} \sim p_{\text{base}}(\mathbf{z}) \quad \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}_1 \\ \mathbf{x}_2 \end{bmatrix} = G \left(\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{z}_1 \\ \mathbf{z}_2 \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

Change-of-variable
Formula

$$p(\mathbf{x}') = p_{\text{base}}(\mathbf{z}') |\det[\mathbf{J}_{G^{-1}}]|$$



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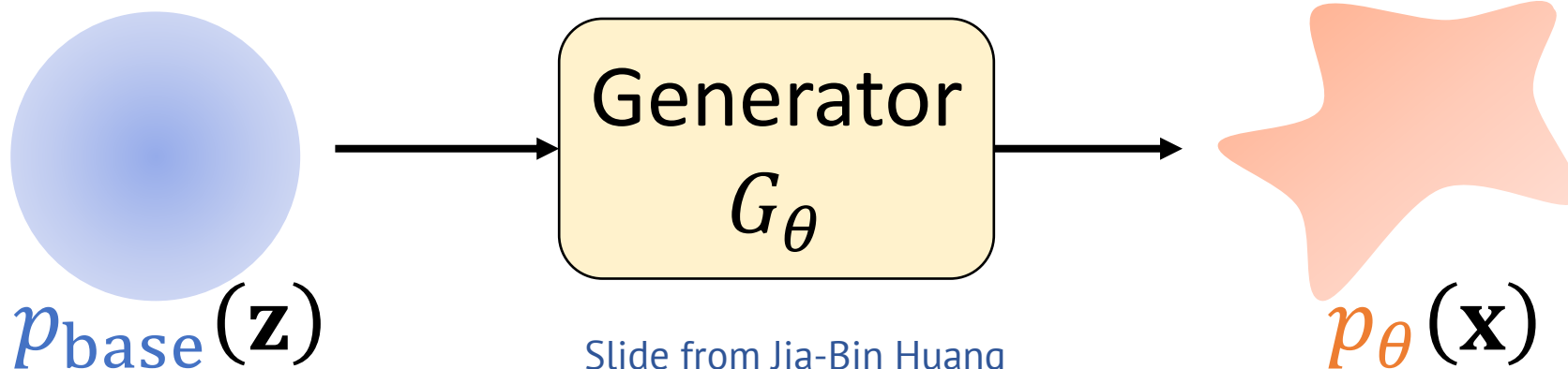
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G is invertible

$$\mathbf{z}^i = G^{-1}(\mathbf{x}^i)$$

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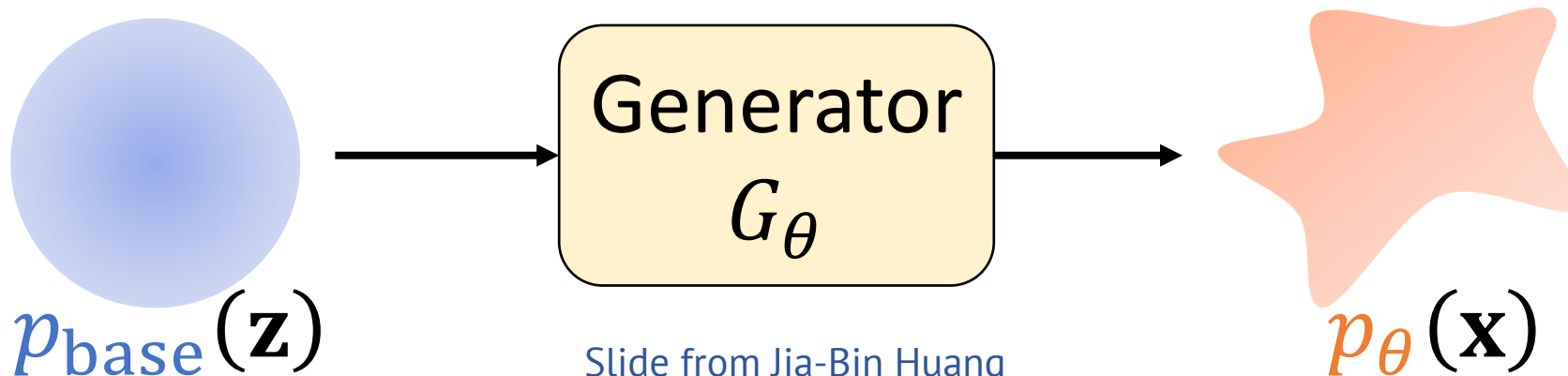
Can compute $|\det[\mathbf{J}_{G^{-1}}]|$



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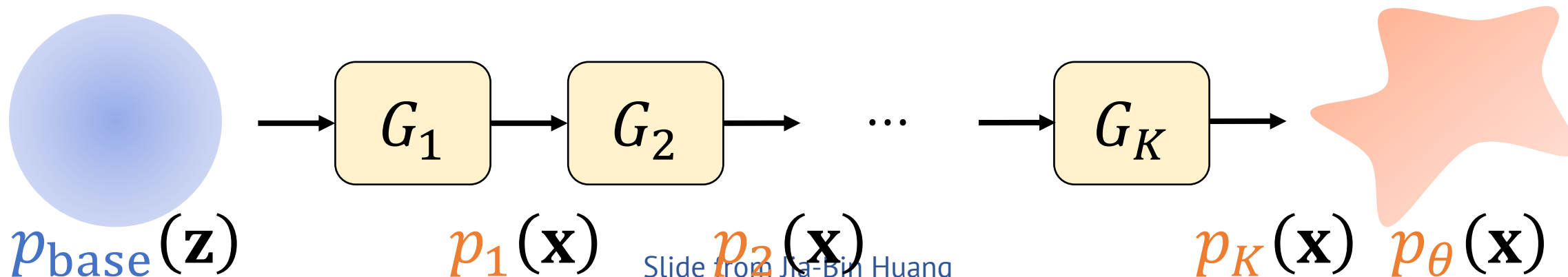
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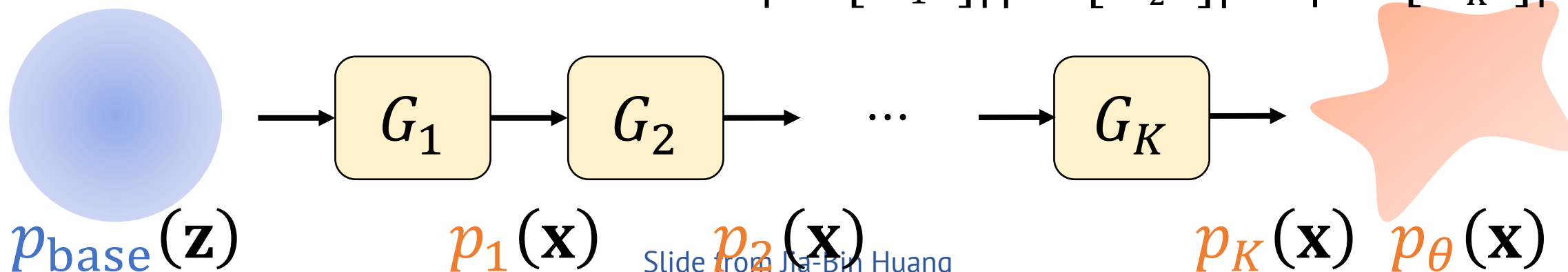
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$$p_1(\mathbf{x}^i) = p_{\text{base}}(\mathbf{z}^i) |\det[\mathbf{J}_{G_1^{-1}}]|$$

$$p_2(\mathbf{x}^i) = p_{\text{base}}(\mathbf{z}^i) |\det[\mathbf{J}_{G_1^{-1}}]| |\det[\mathbf{J}_{G_2^{-1}}]|$$

⋮

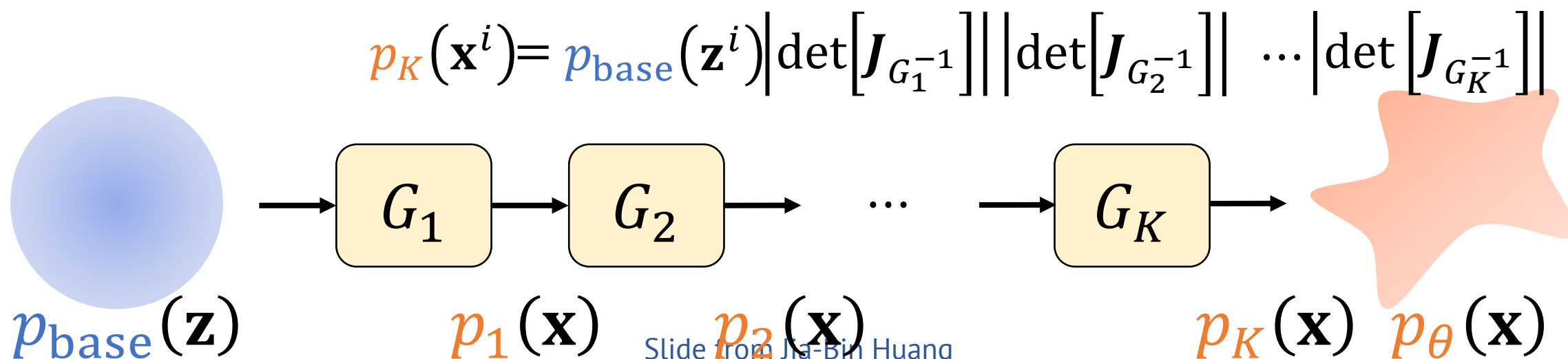
$$p_K(\mathbf{x}^i) = p_{\text{base}}(\mathbf{z}^i) |\det[\mathbf{J}_{G_1^{-1}}]| |\det[\mathbf{J}_{G_2^{-1}}]| \cdots |\det[\mathbf{J}_{G_K^{-1}}]|$$



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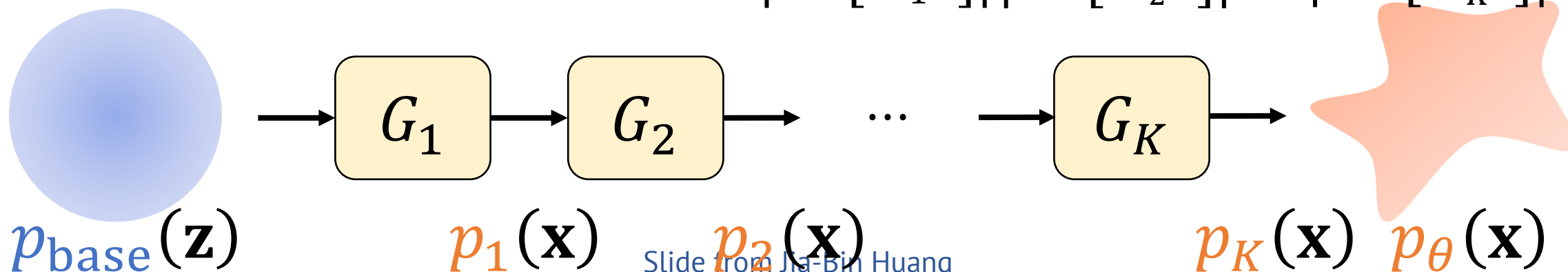
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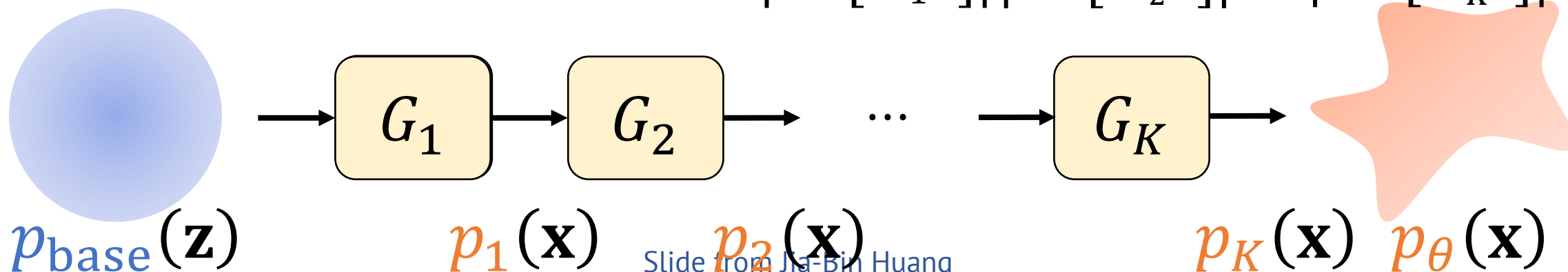
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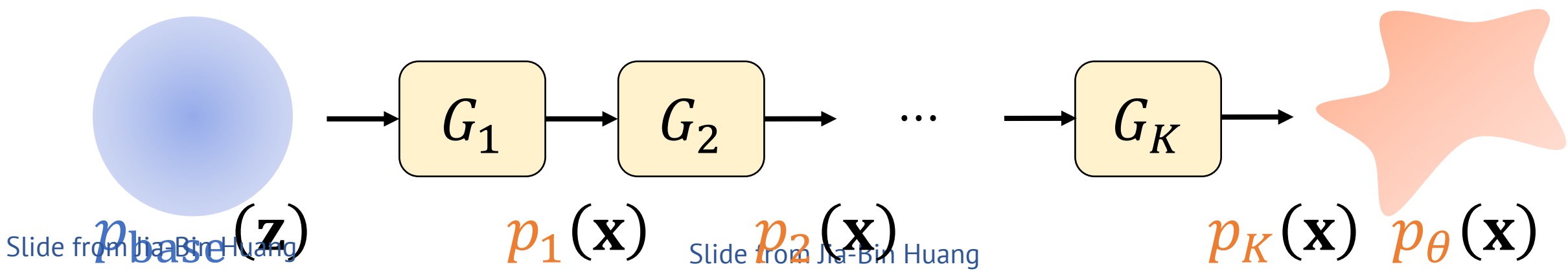
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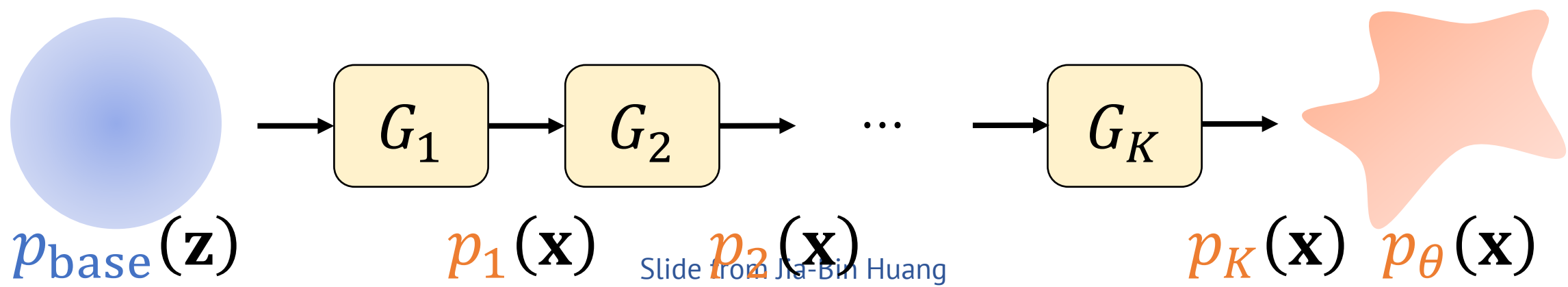
Residual flows

$$\mathbf{x}_{k+1} = \mathbf{x}_k + \delta u(\mathbf{x}_k)$$



Residual flows

$$\mathbf{x}_{k+1} - \mathbf{x}_k = \delta \, u(\mathbf{x}_k)$$



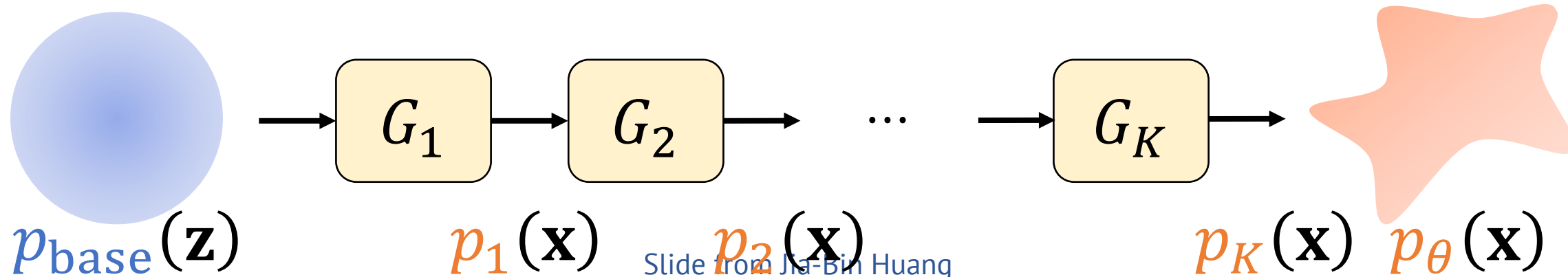
Residual flows

$$\frac{\mathbf{x}_{k+1} - \mathbf{x}_k}{\delta} = u(\mathbf{x}_k) \qquad \delta = 1/K \qquad K \rightarrow \infty$$

$$\frac{d\mathbf{x}_t}{dt} = u_t(\mathbf{x}_t)$$

Changes in position Vector field

Ordinary Differential Equation



Residual flows

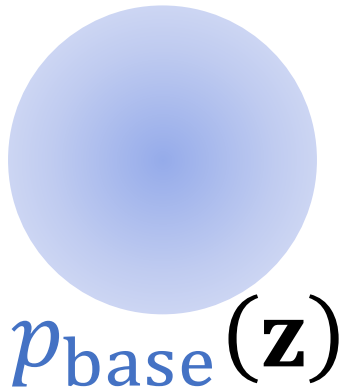
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$$\frac{d\mathbf{x}_t}{dt} = u_t(\mathbf{x}_t, \theta)$$

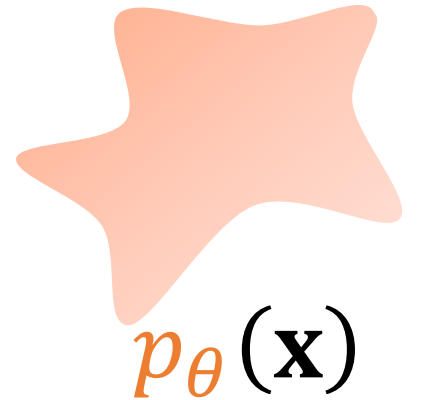
Changes in position Vector field

Neural Ordinary Differential Equation

$t = 0$



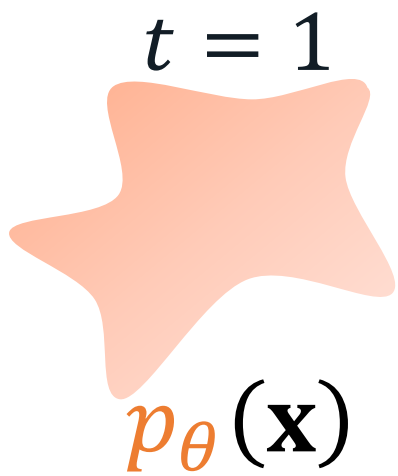
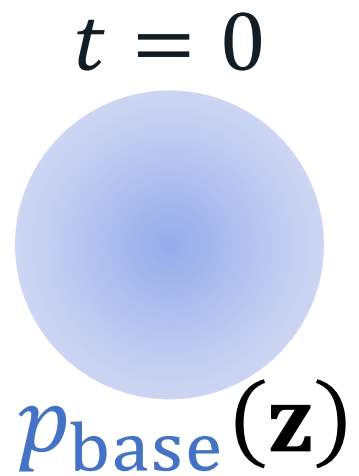
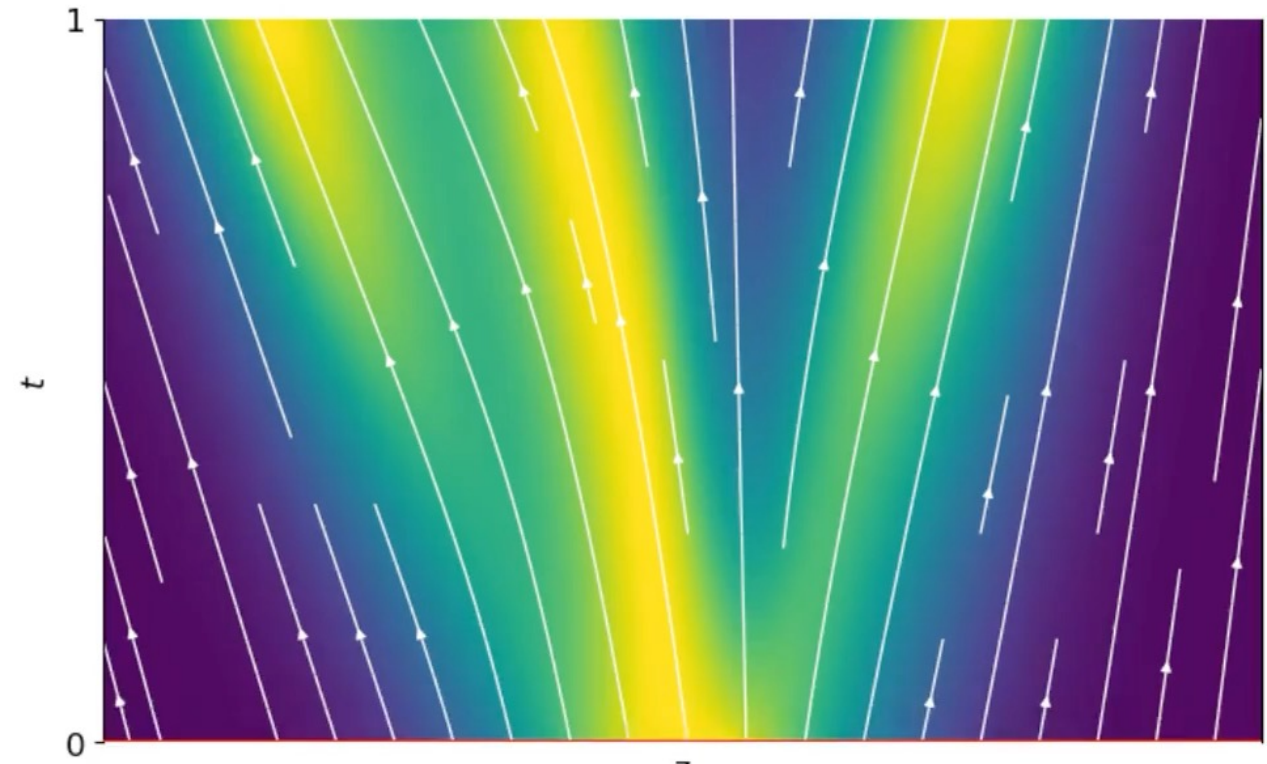
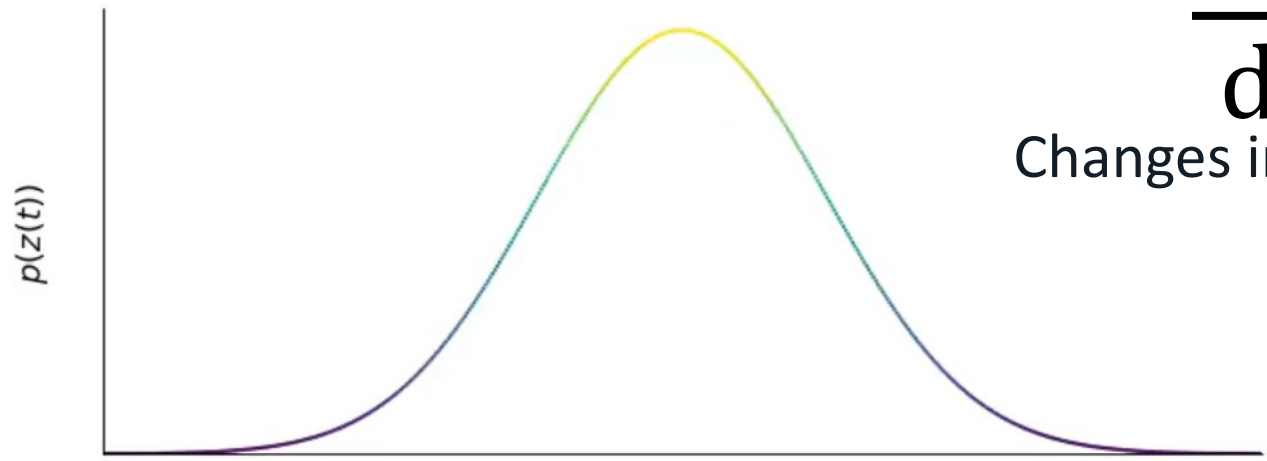
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Neural Ordinary Differential Equation

$$\frac{d\mathbf{x}_t}{dt} = \mathbf{u}_t(\mathbf{x}_t, \theta)$$

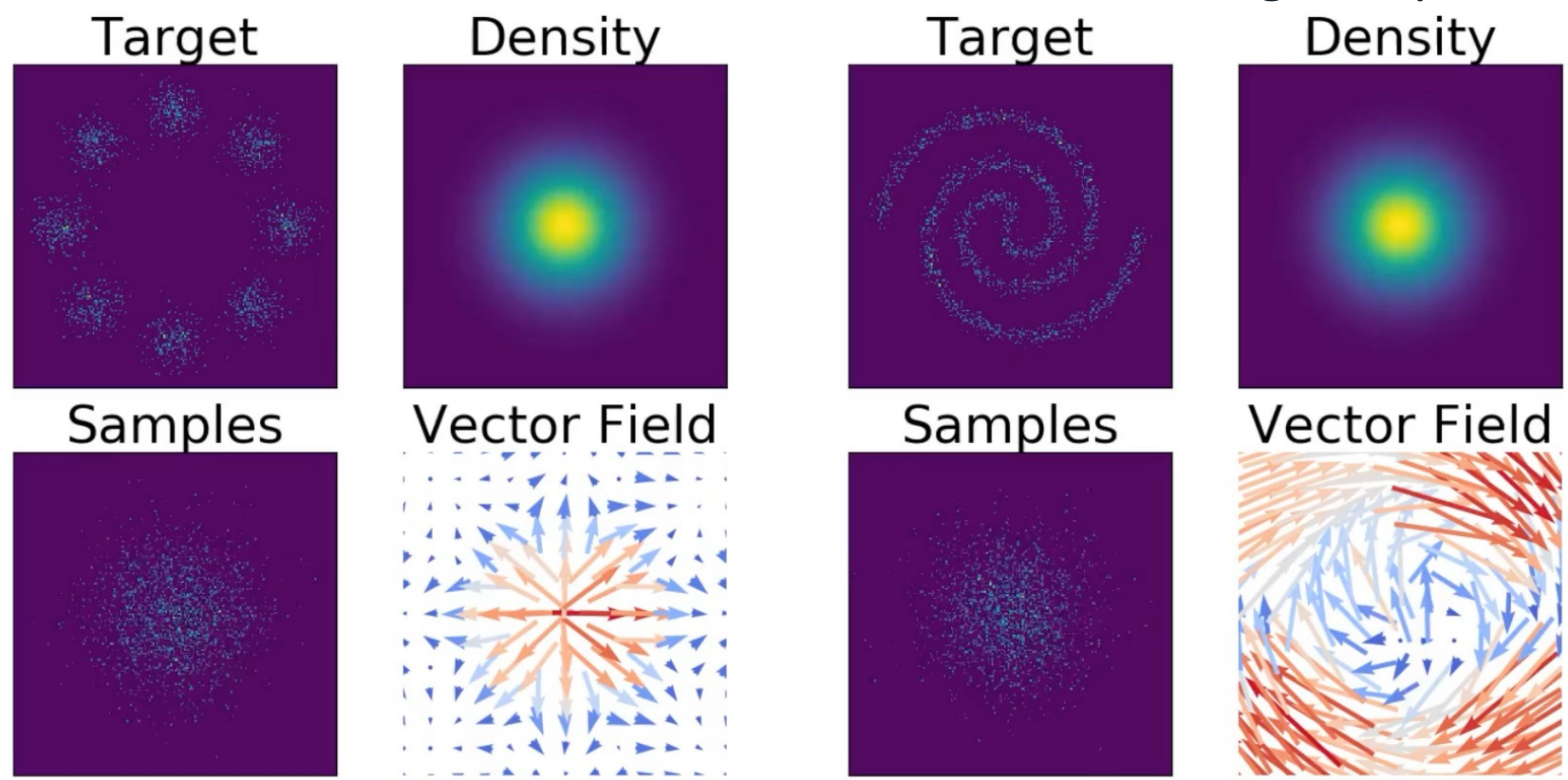
Changes in position Vector field



Neural Ordinary Differential Equation

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Changes in position Vector field



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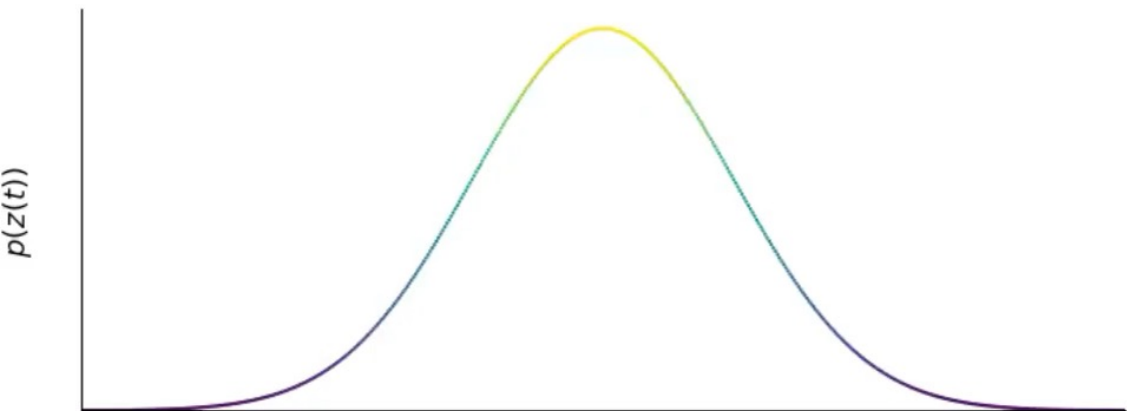
$p_{\text{base}}(\mathbf{z})$

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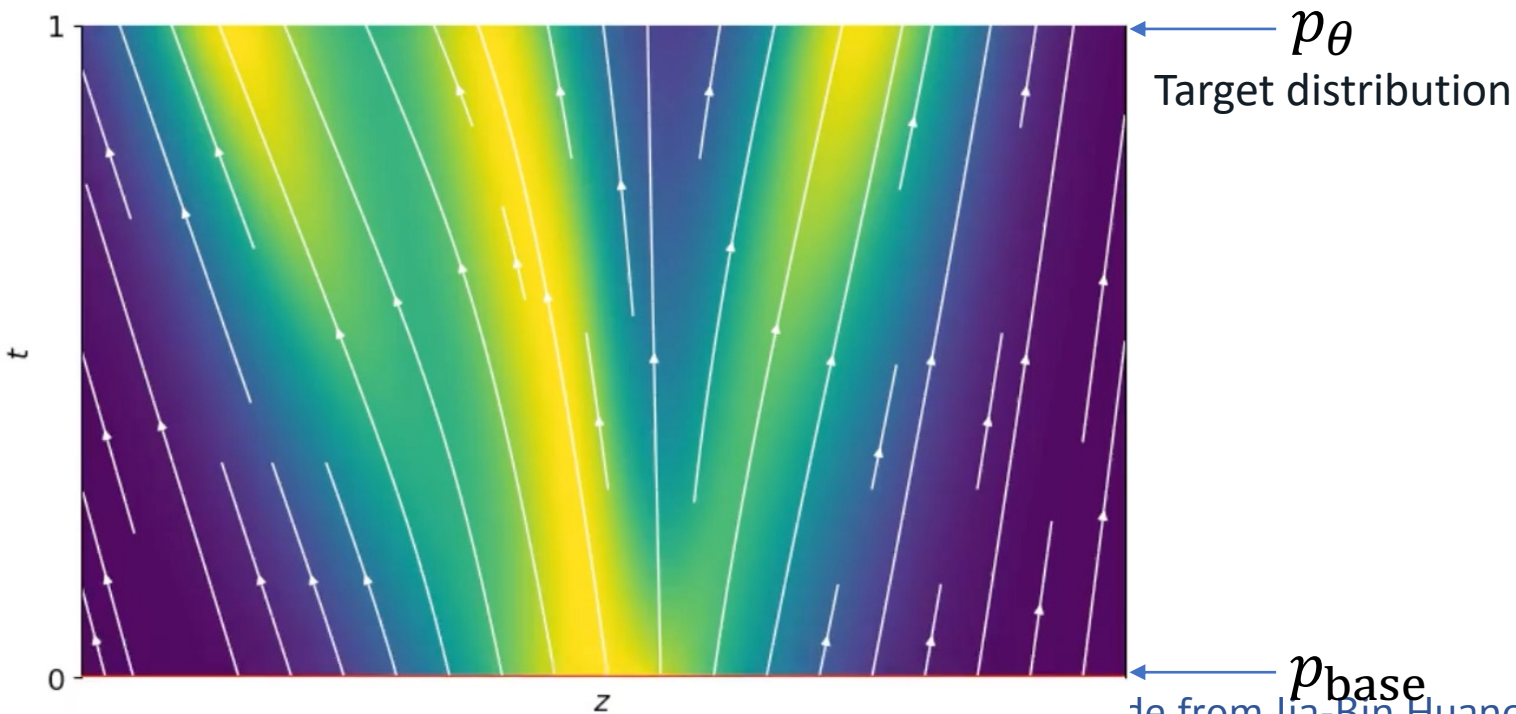
$p_{\theta}(\mathbf{x})$

Video credit: FFJORD

Continuity equation / Transport equation



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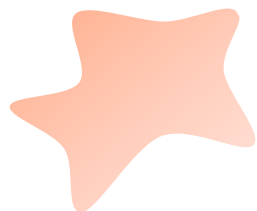
Probability path Neural network Vector field

$$p_0 = p_{\text{base}}(\mathbf{z})$$



We don't know

$$p_1 = p_{\theta}(\mathbf{x})$$



Probability path $p_t(\mathbf{x}_t)$

Vector field $u_t(\mathbf{x}_t)$

Flow matching (FM) objective

$$L_{\text{FM}} = \mathbb{E}_{t, \textcolor{green}{p}_t(\mathbf{x}_t)} [|| \textcolor{blue}{v}_t(\mathbf{x}_t, \theta) - \textcolor{blue}{u}_t(\mathbf{x}_t) ||_2^2]$$

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Probability path

$$\textcolor{green}{p}_t(\mathbf{x}_t) = \int \textcolor{green}{p}_t(\mathbf{x}_t | \mathbf{z}) \textcolor{blue}{q}(\mathbf{z}) d\mathbf{z}$$

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“just move toward $\mathbf{x}_1$ ”

$$u_t(\mathbf{x} | \mathbf{z}) = \frac{\mathbf{x}_1 - (1 - \sigma)\mathbf{x}}{1 - (1 - \sigma)t}$$



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$$\nabla_{\theta} L_{\text{FM}}(\theta) = \nabla_{\theta} L_{\text{CFM}}(\theta)$$



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Example 2: Independent coupling

Conditional distribution $\textcolor{blue}{q}(\mathbf{z}) = q(\mathbf{x}_0)q(\mathbf{x}_1)$

Conditional probability path $\textcolor{green}{p}_t(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{z}) = N(\mathbf{x}|t\mathbf{x}_1 + (1-t)\mathbf{x}_0, \sigma^2)$



Rectified flow
Stochastic interpolant

Indep. CFM [Tong et al. 2023]

Conditional Flow matching (CFM) objective

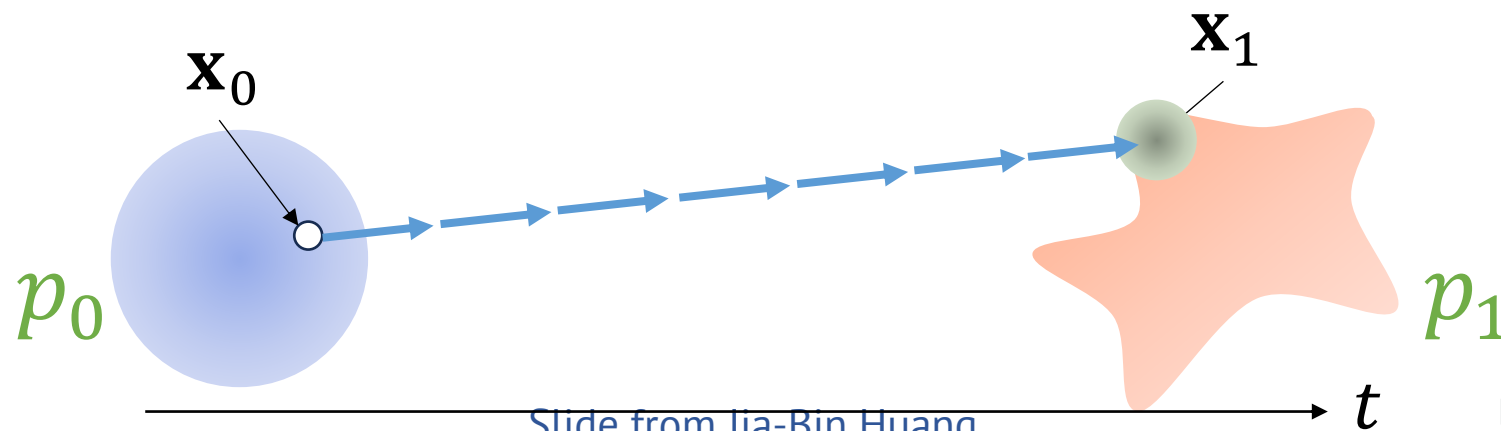
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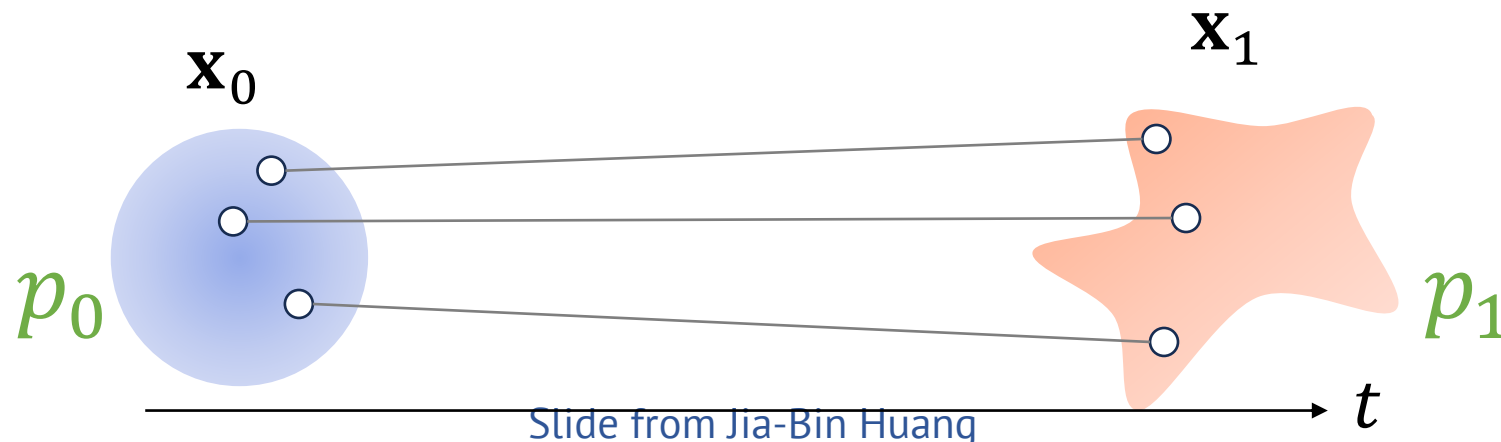
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Example 3: Optimal transport CFM

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Multisample FM
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Conditional Flow matching (CFM) objective

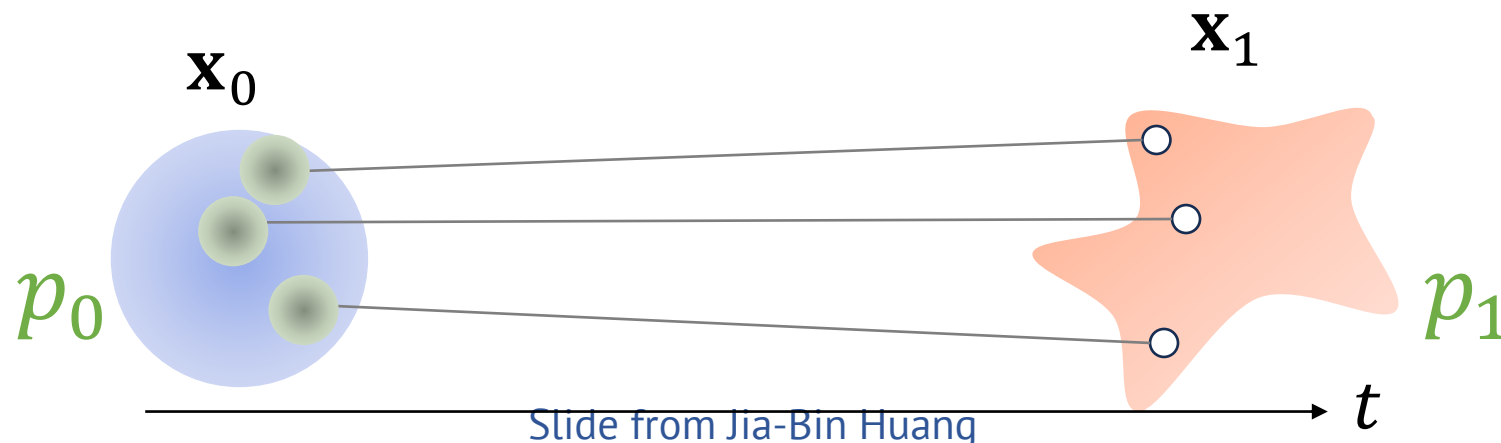
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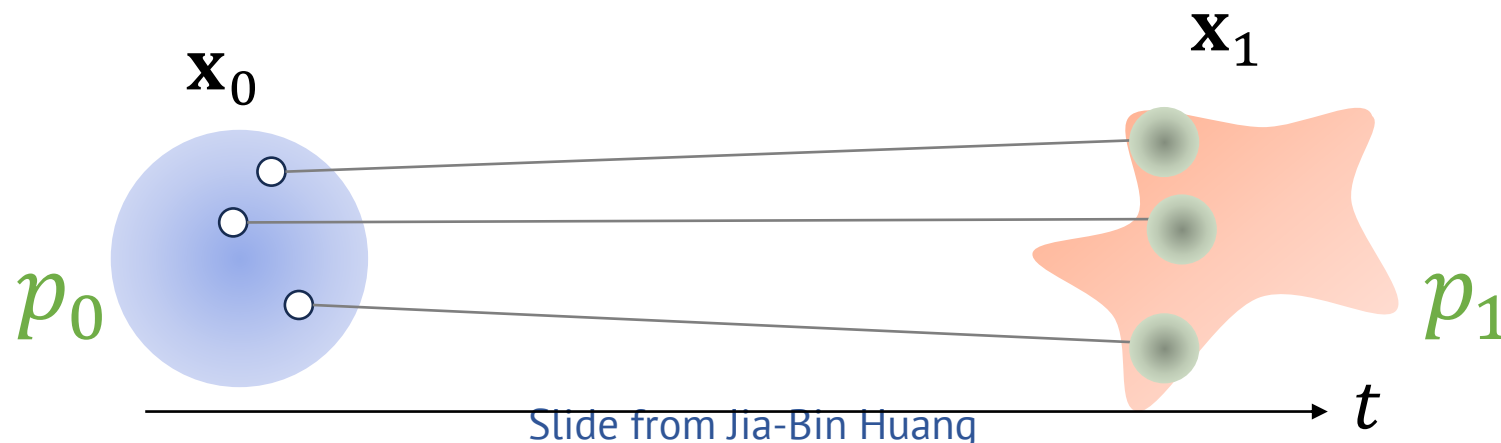
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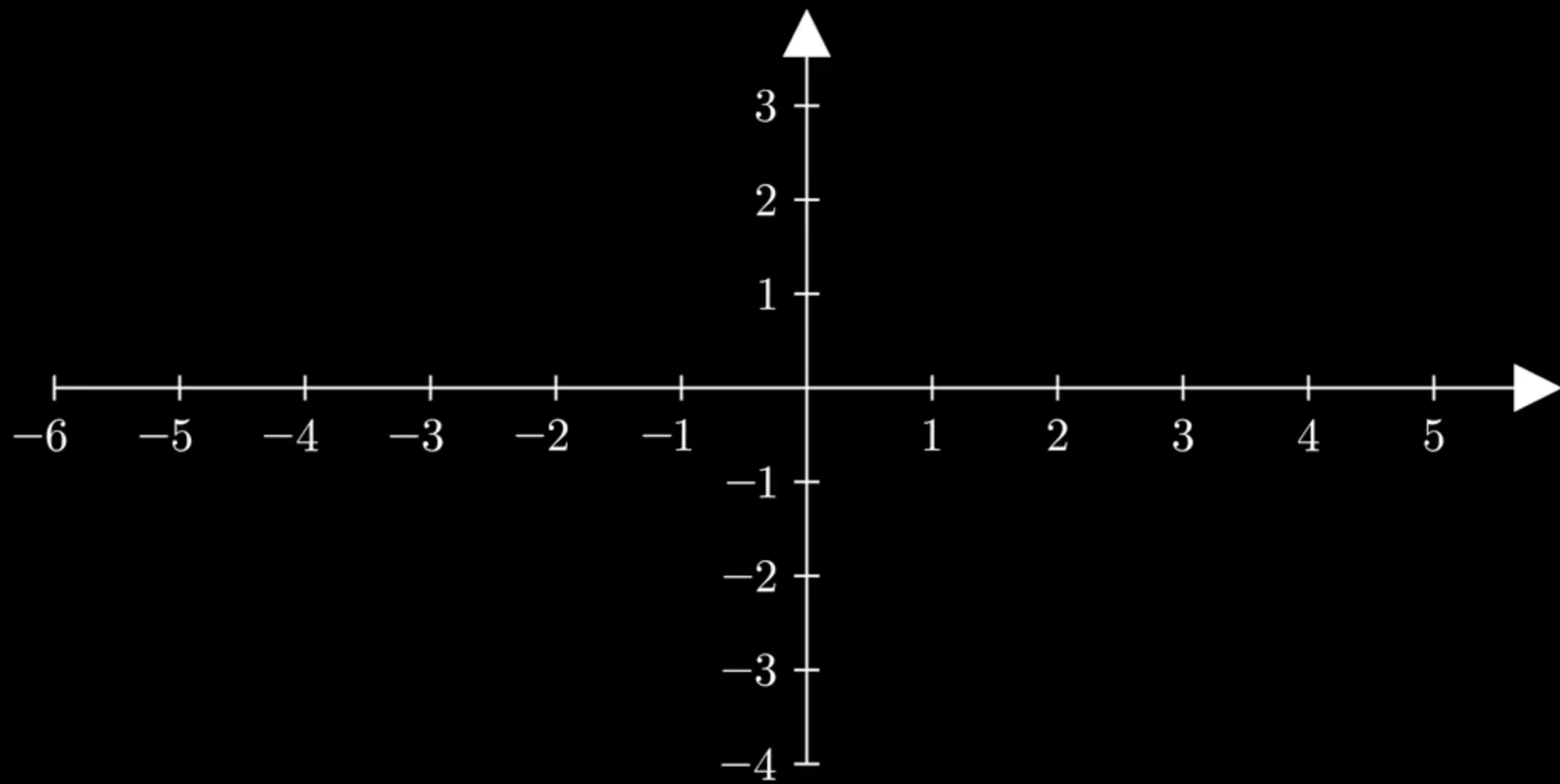


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Flow Matching in Action

credits: Jia-Bin Huang; Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=swKdn-qT47Q>



Flow Matching Dynamics

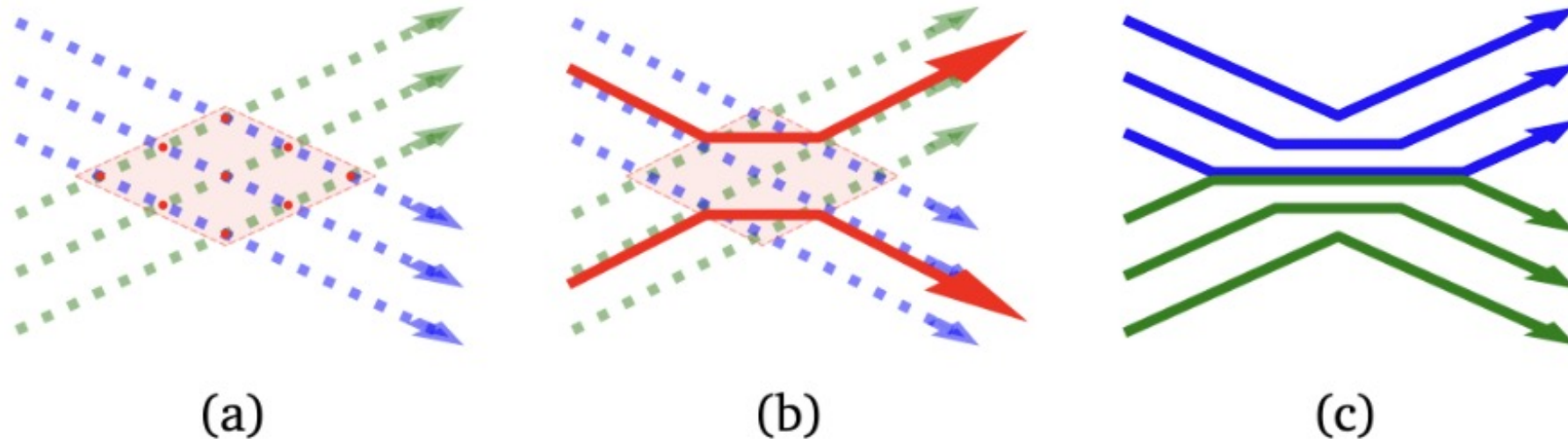
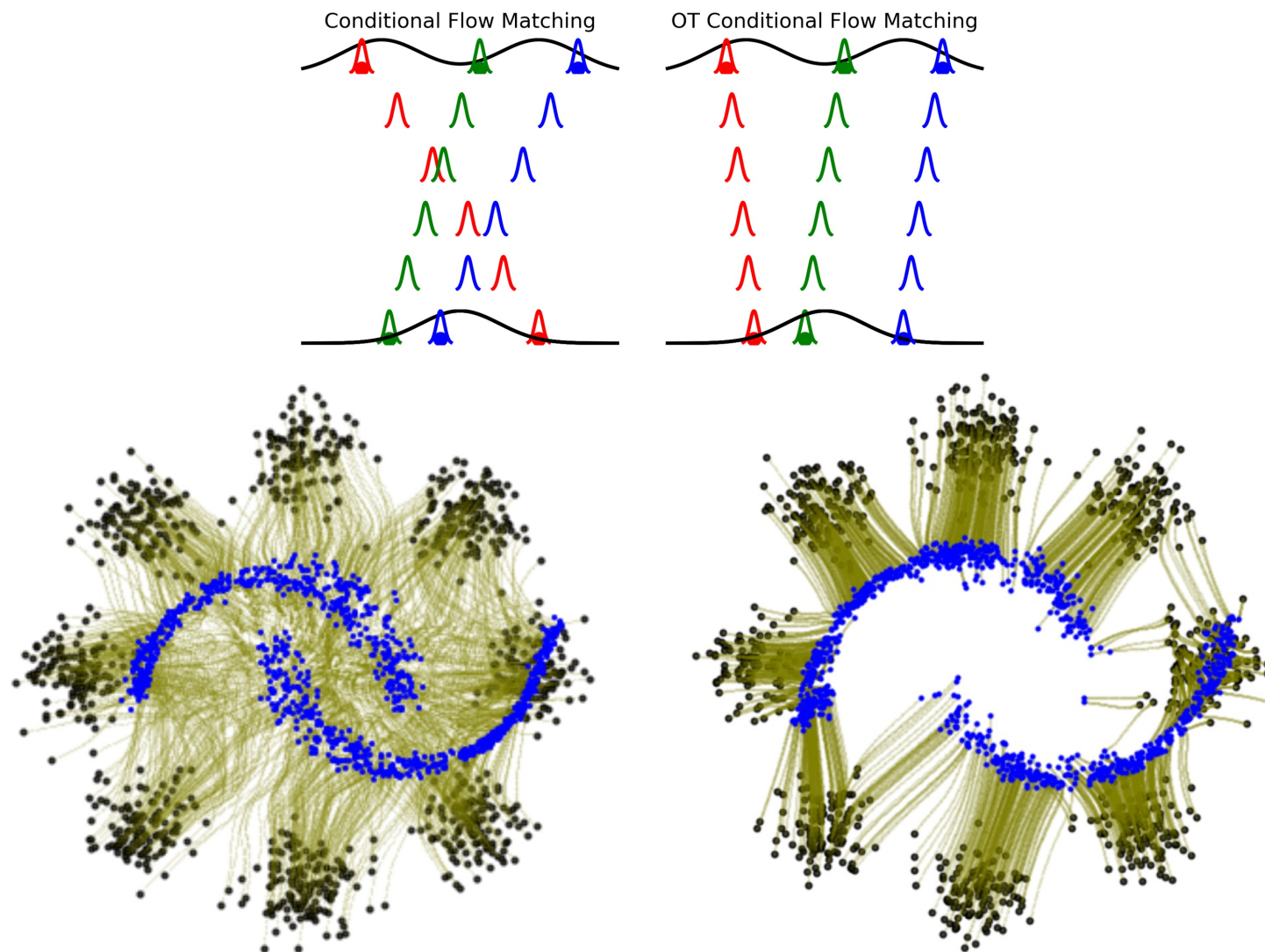


Figure 3. A close-up view of how rectification “rewires” interpolation trajectories. (a) Interpolation trajectories with intersections. (b) Averaged velocity directions at intersection points (red arrows). (c) Trajectories of the resulting rectified flow.

Source: <https://rectifiedflow.github.io/blog/2024/intro/>

Conditional Flow matching (CFM) objective

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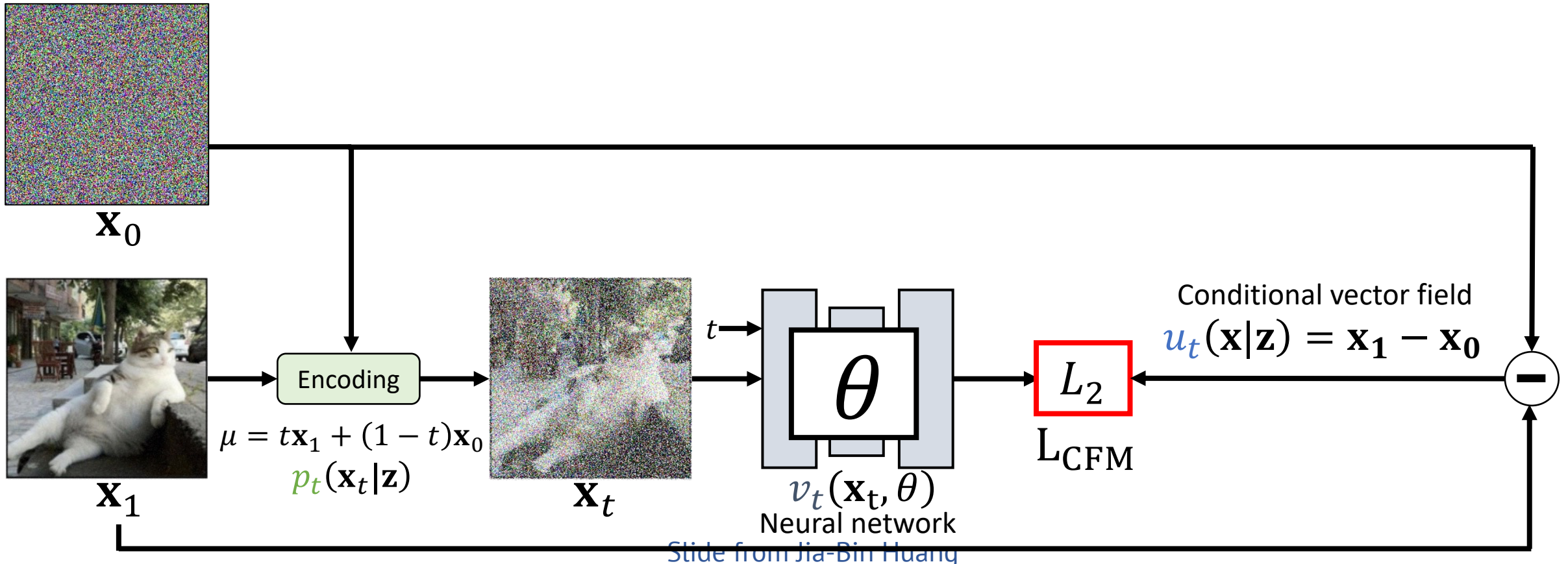


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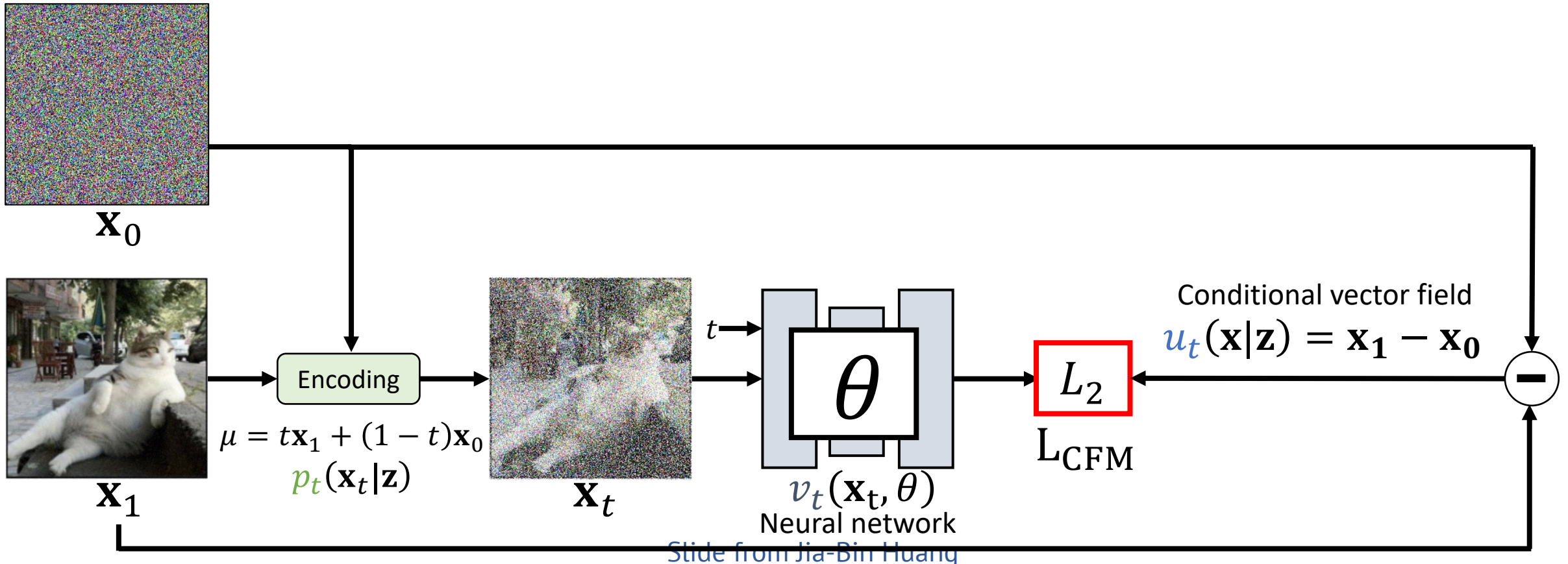


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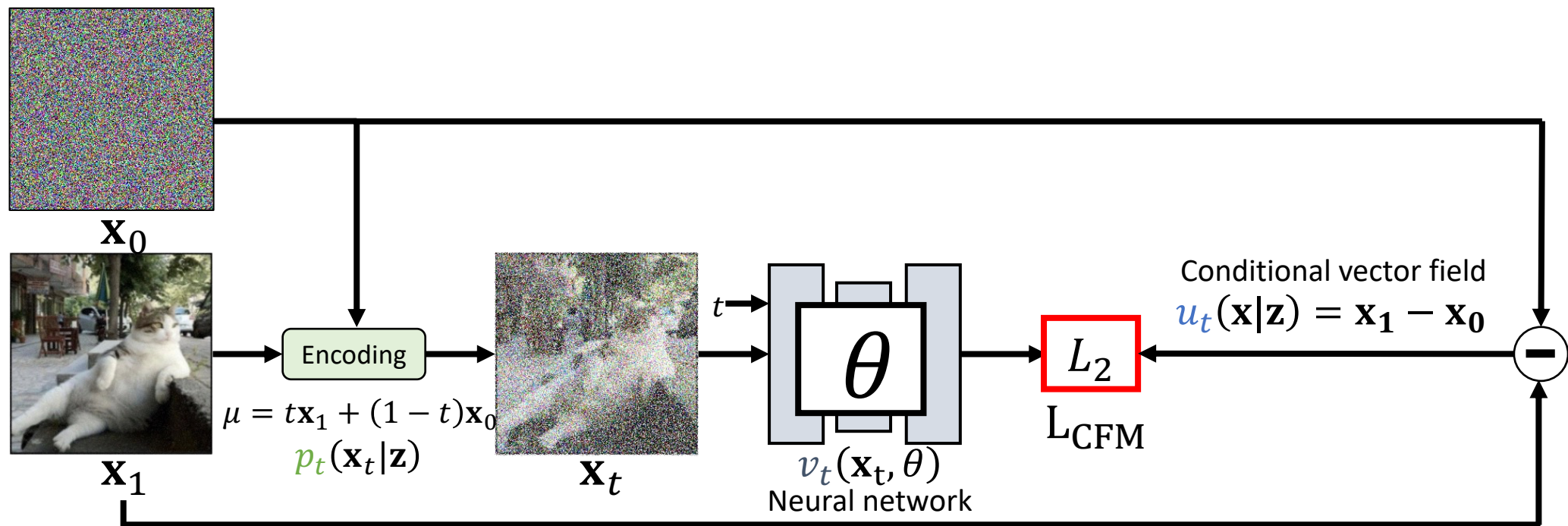
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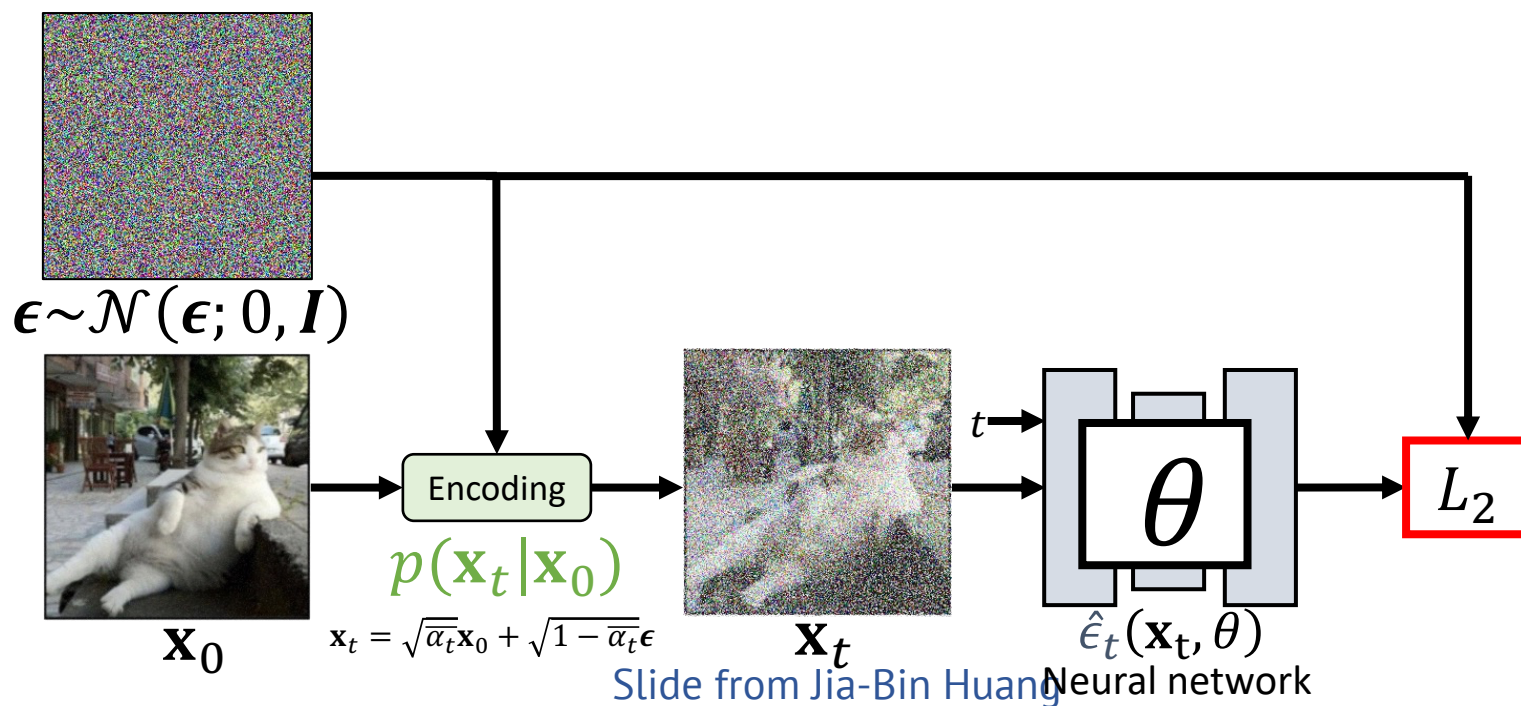
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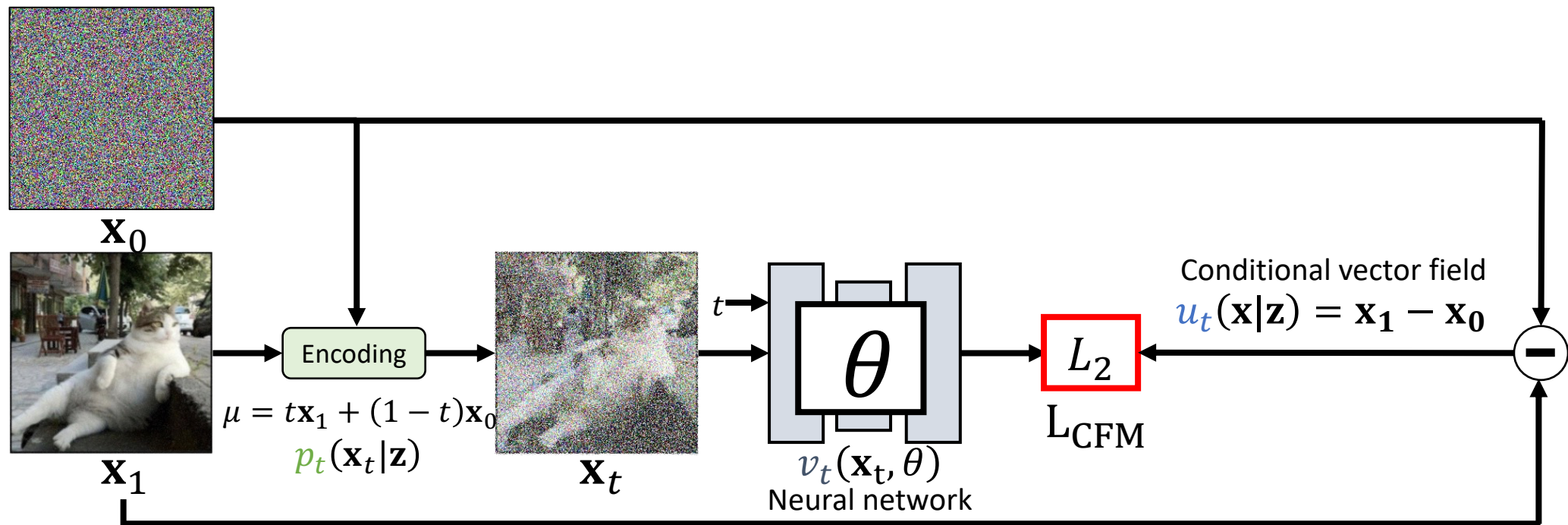
Flow matching



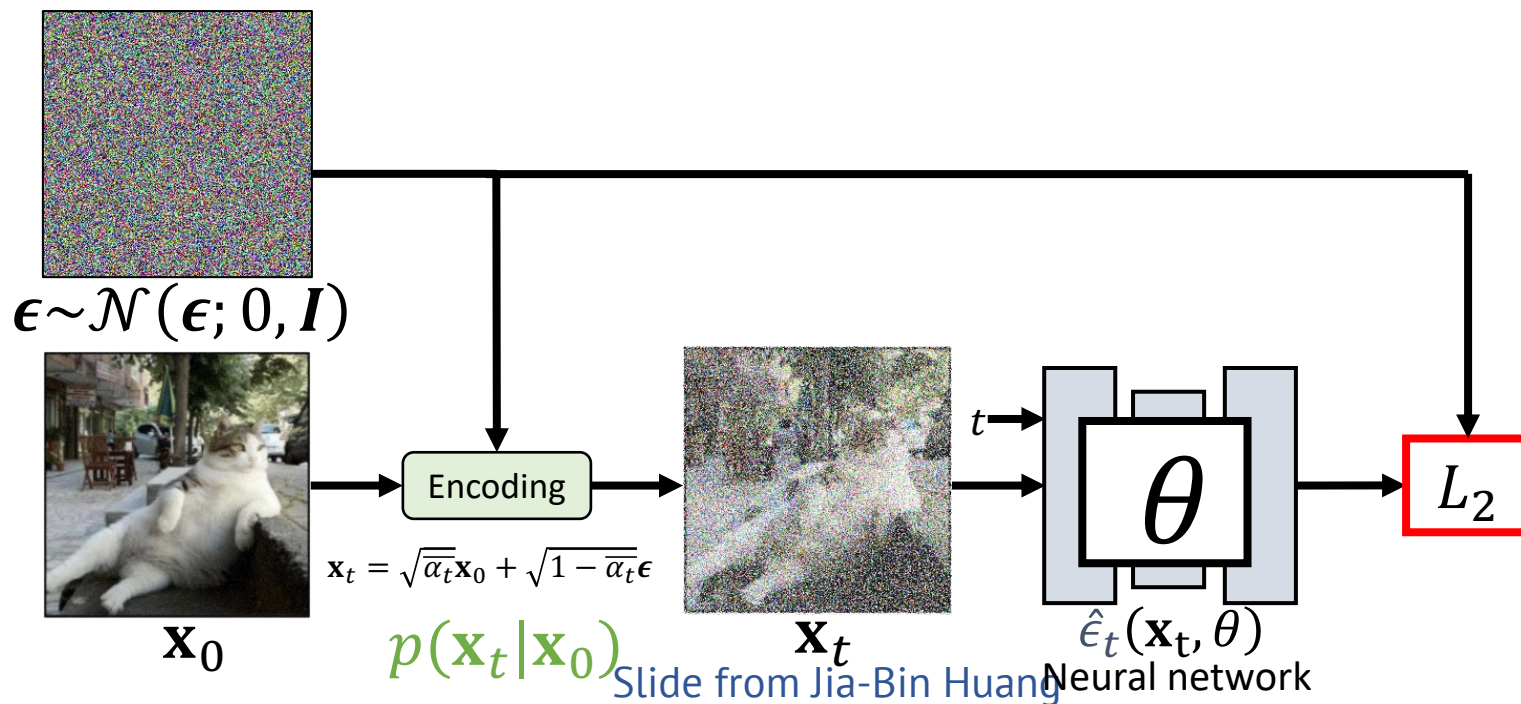
Diffusion



Flow matching



Diffusion





Connection between Diffusion and Flow matching

- Similar training objectives derived using different outputs from the network

Network Output	Formulation	MSE on Network Output
$\hat{\epsilon}$ -prediction	$\hat{\epsilon}$	$\ \hat{\epsilon} - \epsilon\ _2^2$
$\hat{\mathbf{x}}$ -prediction	$\hat{\mathbf{x}} = (\mathbf{z}_t - \sigma_t \hat{\epsilon}) / \alpha_t$	$\ \hat{\mathbf{x}} - \mathbf{x}\ _2^2 = e^{-\lambda} \ \hat{\epsilon} - \epsilon\ _2^2$
$\hat{\mathbf{v}}$ -prediction	$\hat{\mathbf{v}} = \alpha_t \hat{\epsilon} - \sigma_t \hat{\mathbf{x}}$	$\ \hat{\mathbf{v}} - \mathbf{v}\ _2^2 = \alpha_t^2 (e^{-\lambda} + 1)^2 \ \hat{\epsilon} - \epsilon\ _2^2$
$\hat{\mathbf{u}}$ -flow matching vector field	$\hat{\mathbf{u}} = \hat{\epsilon} - \hat{\mathbf{x}}$	$\ \hat{\mathbf{u}} - \mathbf{u}\ _2^2 = (e^{-\lambda/2} + 1)^2 \ \hat{\epsilon} - \epsilon\ _2^2$



Imagine you want to use your trained denoiser model to transform random noise into a datapoint. Recall that the DDIM update is given by $\mathbf{z}_s = \alpha_s \hat{\mathbf{x}} + \sigma_s \hat{\mathbf{e}}$. Interestingly, by rearranging terms it can be expressed in the following formulation, with respect to several sets of network outputs and reparametrizations:

$$\tilde{\mathbf{z}}_s = \tilde{\mathbf{z}}_t + \text{Network output} \cdot (\eta_s - \eta_t) \tag{5}$$

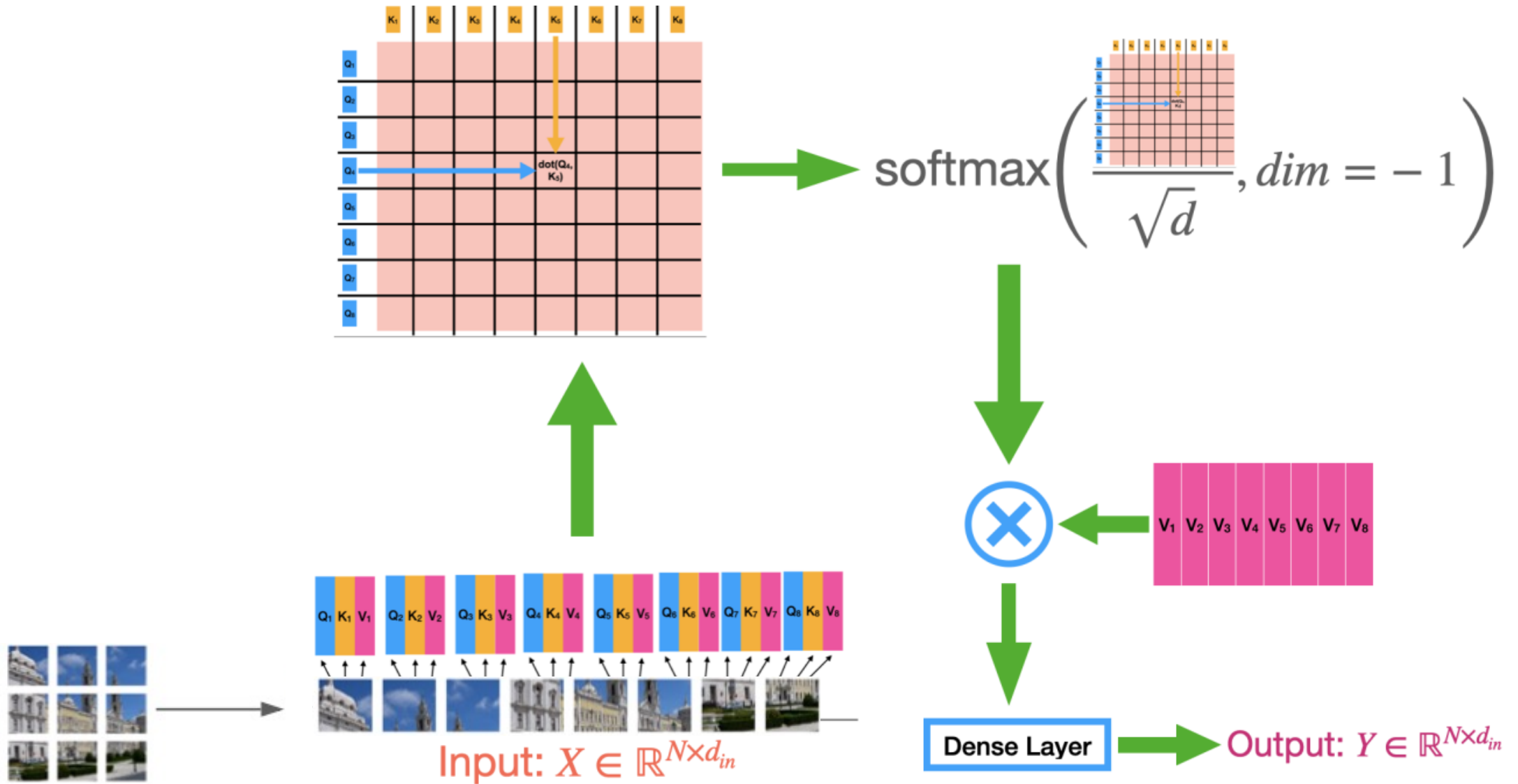
Network Output	Reparametrization
$\hat{\mathbf{x}}$ -prediction	$\tilde{\mathbf{z}}_t = \mathbf{z}_t / \sigma_t$ and $\eta_t = \alpha_t / \sigma_t$
$\hat{\mathbf{e}}$ -prediction	$\tilde{\mathbf{z}}_t = \mathbf{z}_t / \alpha_t$ and $\eta_t = \sigma_t / \alpha_t$
$\hat{\mathbf{u}}$ -flow matching vector field	$\tilde{\mathbf{z}}_t = \mathbf{z}_t / (\alpha_t + \sigma_t)$ and $\eta_t = \sigma_t / (\alpha_t + \sigma_t)$

Remember the flow matching update in Equation (4)? This should look similar. If we set the network output as $\hat{\mathbf{u}}$ in the last line and let $\alpha_t = 1 - t, \sigma_t = t$, we have $\tilde{\mathbf{z}}_t = \mathbf{z}_t$ and $\eta_t = t$, which is the flow matching update! More formally, the flow matching update is a Euler sampler of the sampling ODE (i.e., $d\mathbf{z}_t = \hat{\mathbf{u}}dt$), and with the flow matching noise schedule,

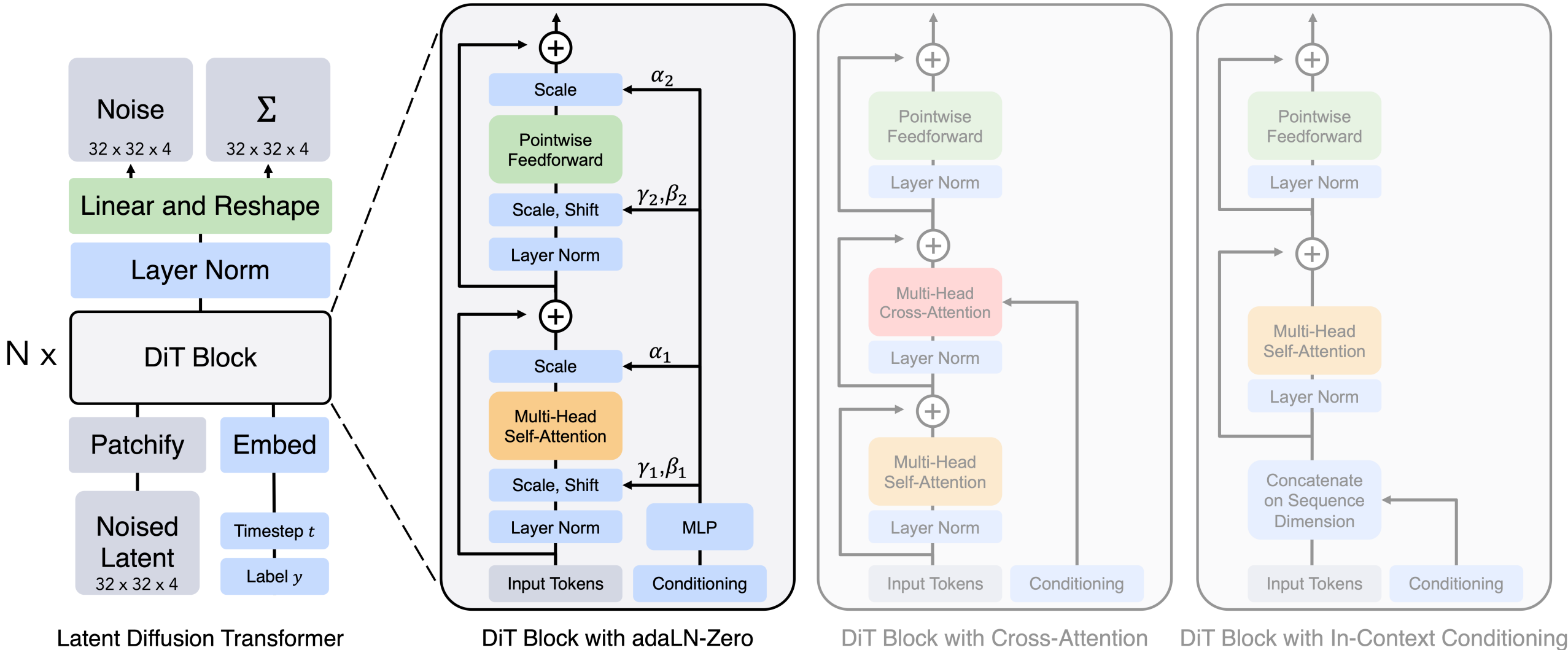


DiT Architecture

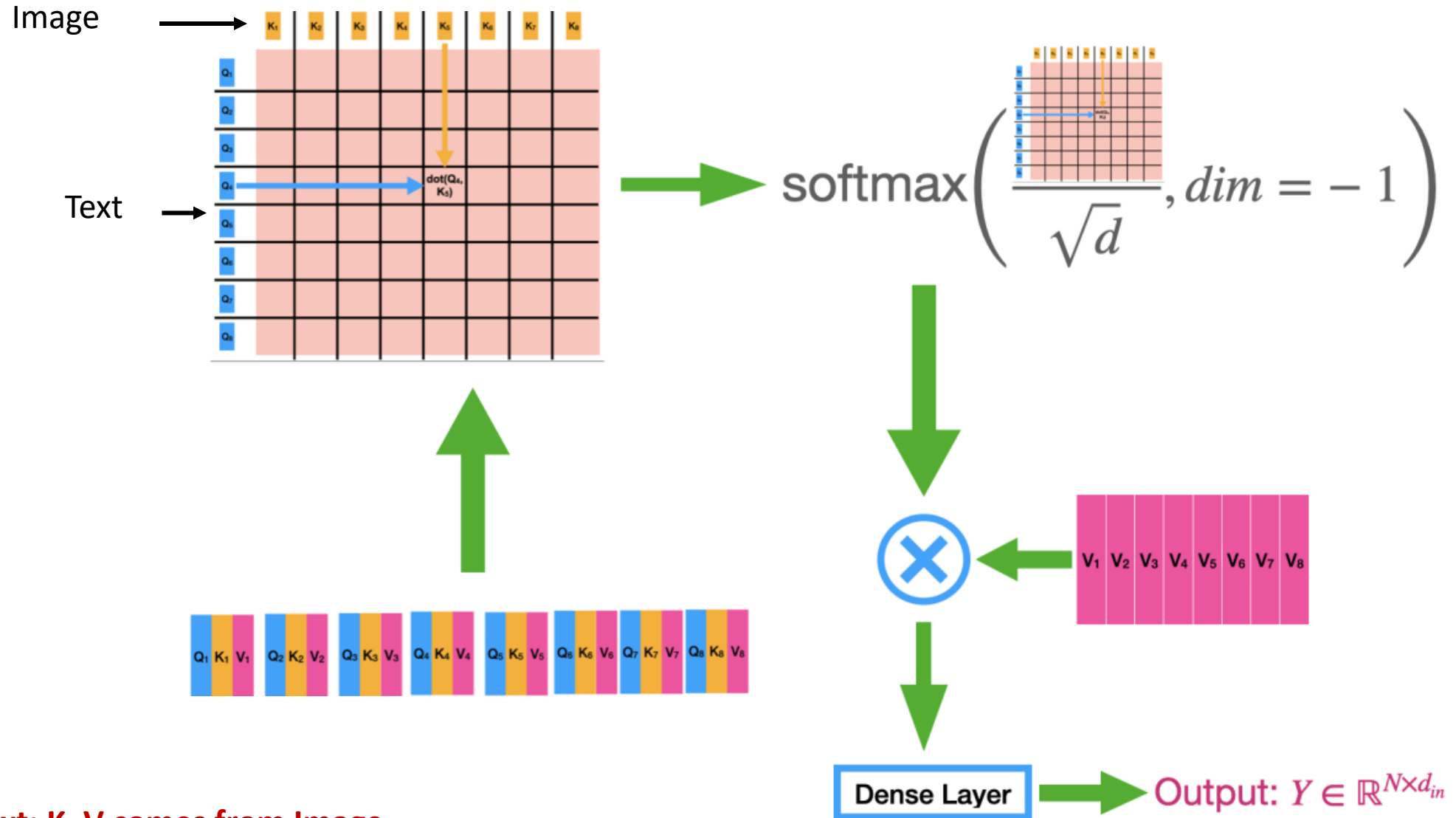
Attention Module



Diffusion Transformers Architecture (DiT)



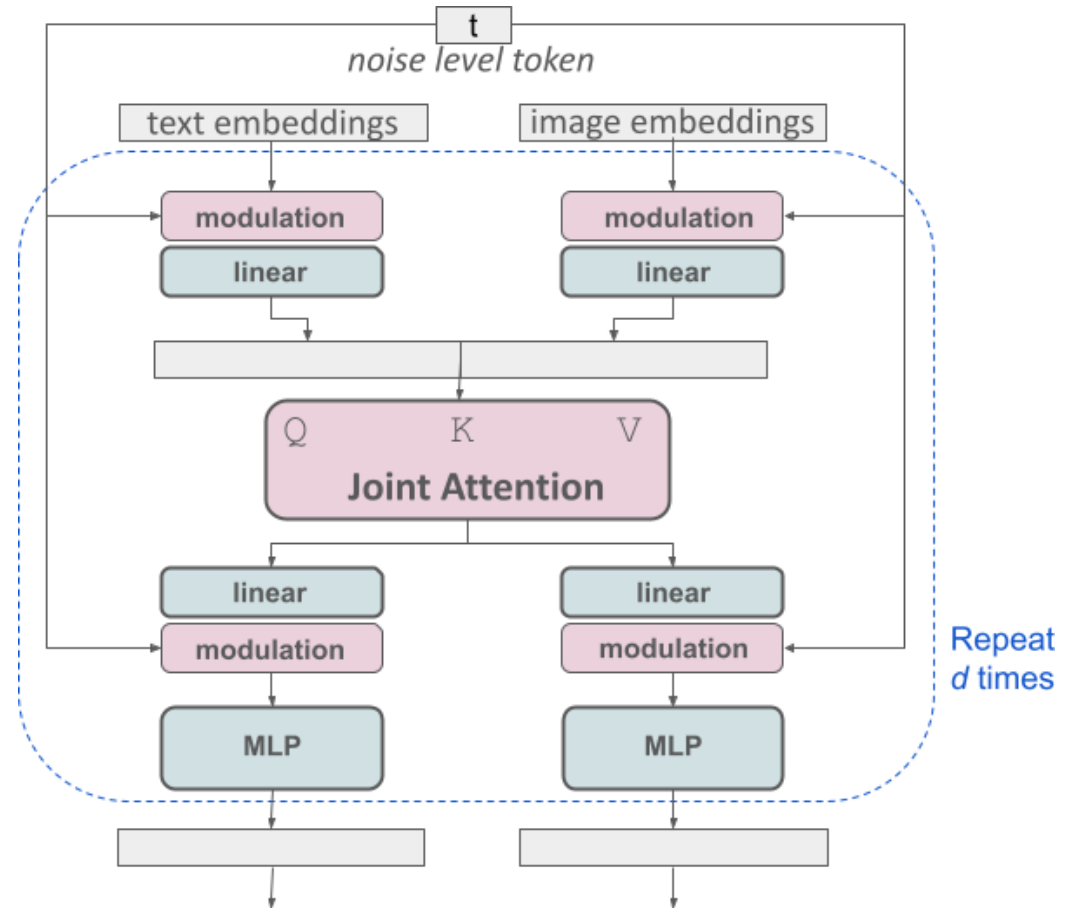
Cross Attention Module



Q comes from Text; K, V comes from Image

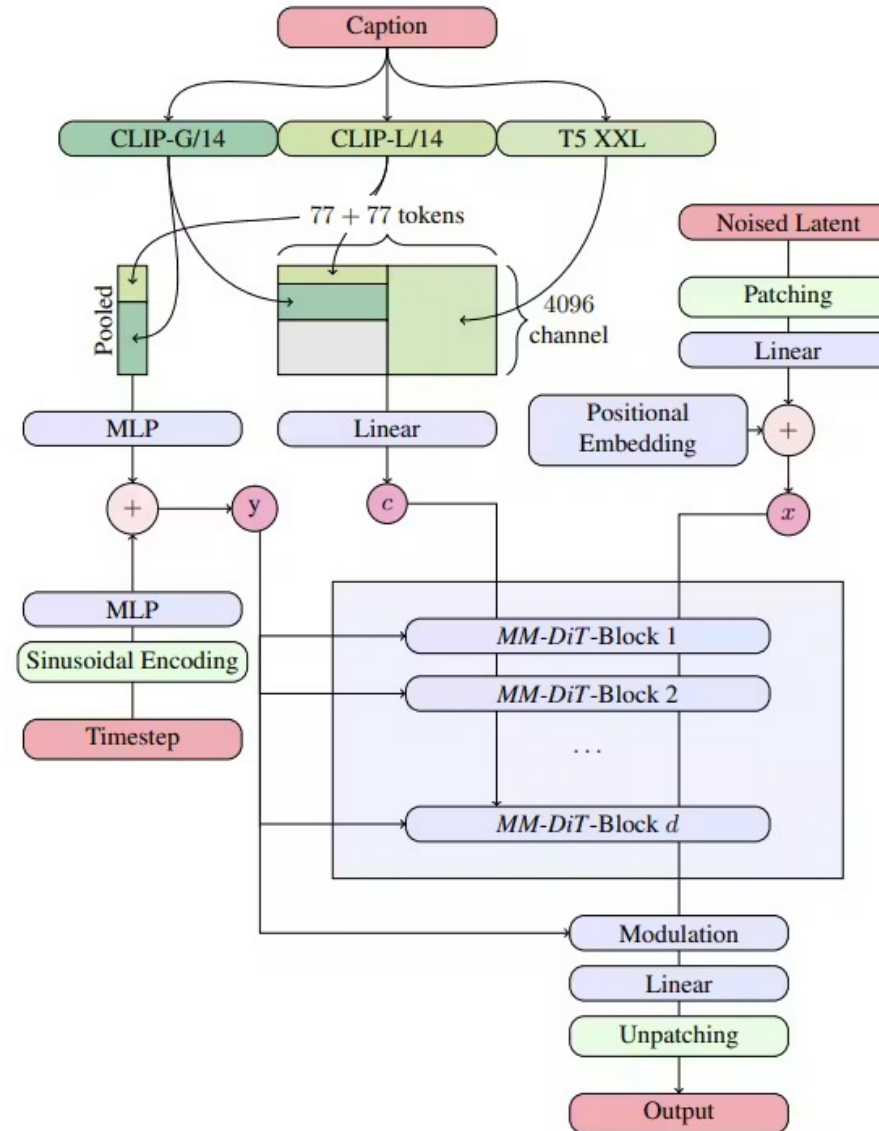
MMDiT architecture

- Separate paths for text and image tokens
- Both representations vary across the network



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MMDiT architecture in SD 3.5





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