



# GANs and Diffusion Models

Exploring Advanced Techniques in Generative AI.

# Presentation Agenda

**1** Introduction  
Generative Models

**2** GANs  
Architecture, working, advantages, and challenges.

**3** Diffusion Models  
Concept, mechanism, and applications.

**4** Comparative Analysis  
GANs vs. Diffusion Models.



# What Are Generative Models?

- Generate new data resembling a given dataset.

## Types:

### VAEs

Learn probabilistic mappings from data to latent space.

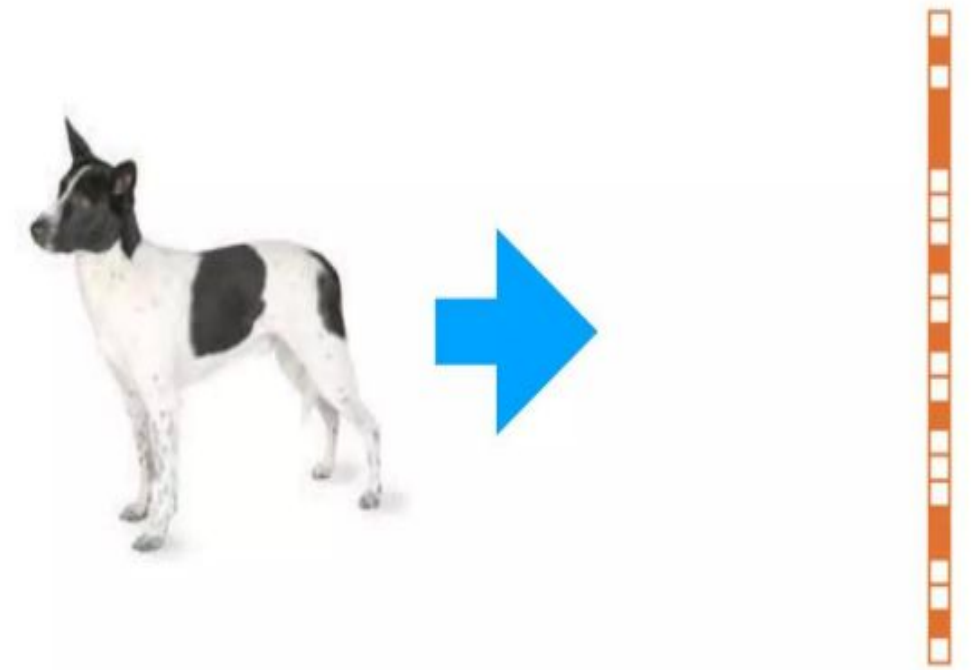
### GANs

Adversarial training between generator and discriminator.

### Diffusion Models:

Generate data by reversing a diffusion process

## Generative model



$N = nxn$  grayscale image

Unrolled N-dim vector

Problem is generating an N-dim vector that represents a “dog”



# Understanding GANs



## Generator

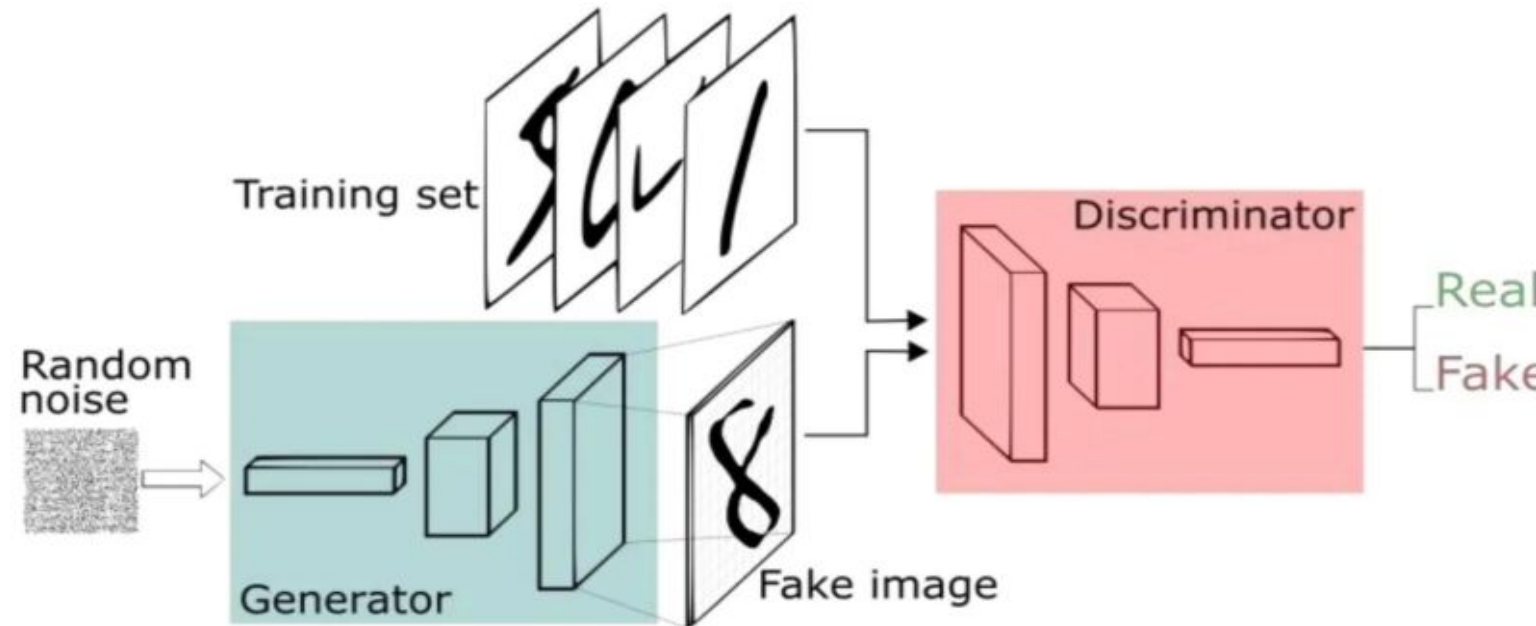
Creates synthetic data mimicking real data.

## Discriminator

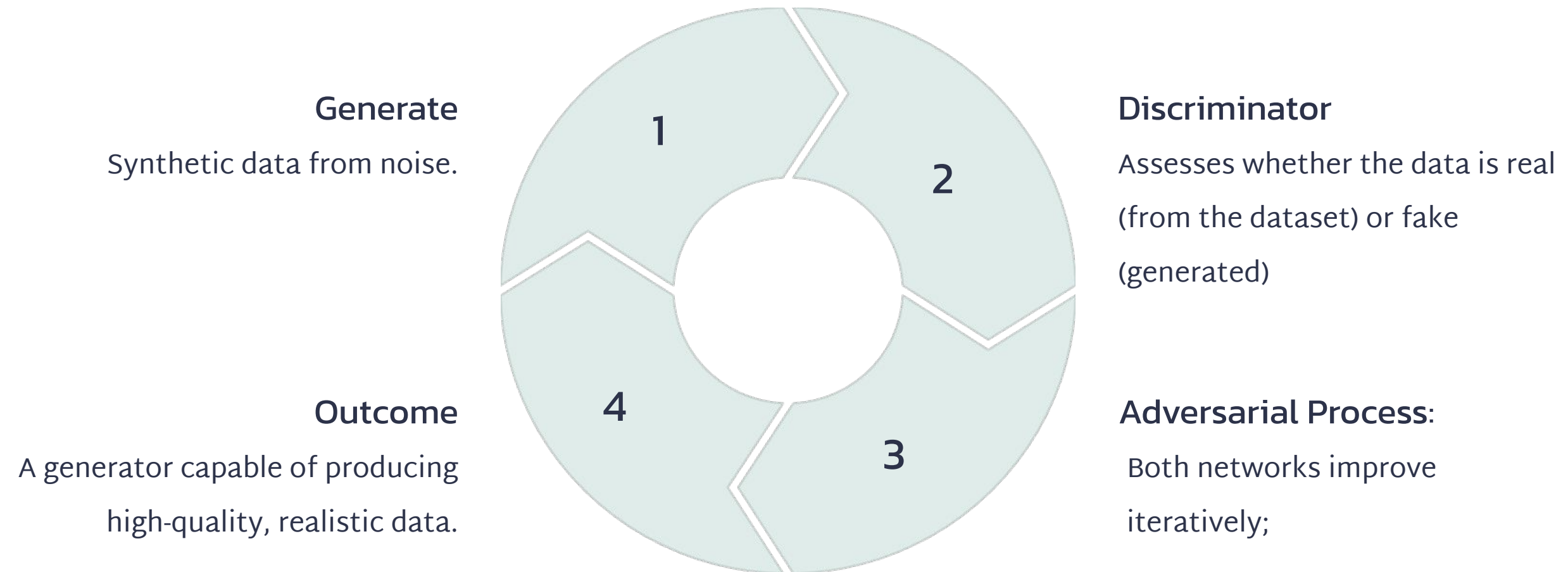
Distinguishes between real and generated data.

## Training

Generator produces data that fools the discriminator.



# How GANs Work:



# How GANs Work:

## Generator

generate new  
instances of data



## Discriminator

evaluates the authenticity  
of the generated data



Images of the  
Training set



# Discriminator Learning:

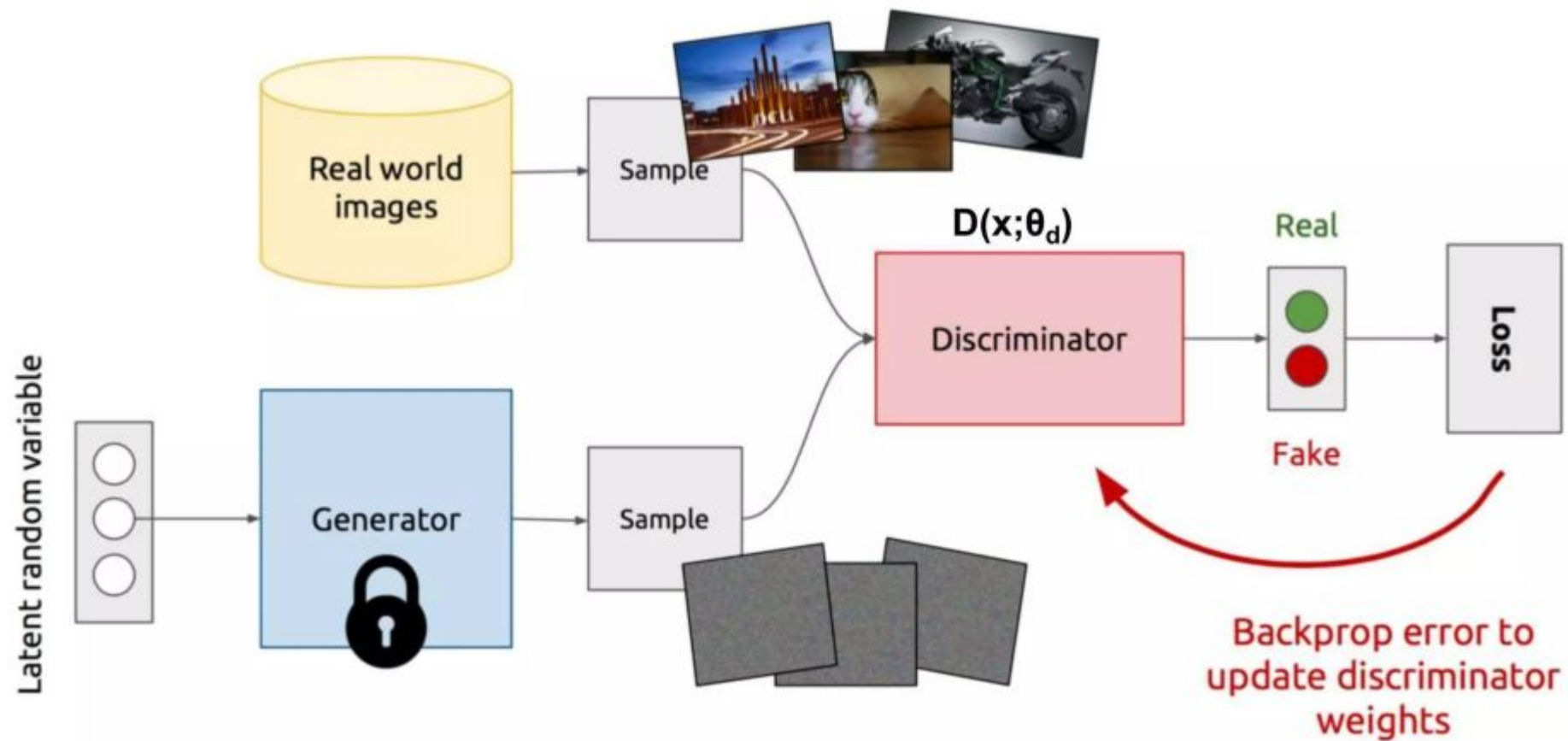
- Need to predict “1” for “true” images, and “0” for “fake” images
- So the loss function (negative of log loss) for the discriminator is

$$\mathbf{v}' = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \left[ \log D(\mathbf{x}^{(i)}) + \log (1 - D(G(\mathbf{z}^{(i)}))) \right]$$

- We want to maximize this loss function. In other words, perform **gradient ascent** as

$$\theta_d \leftarrow \theta_d + \eta \Delta V'(\theta_d)$$

# Discriminator Learning:





# Generator Learning:

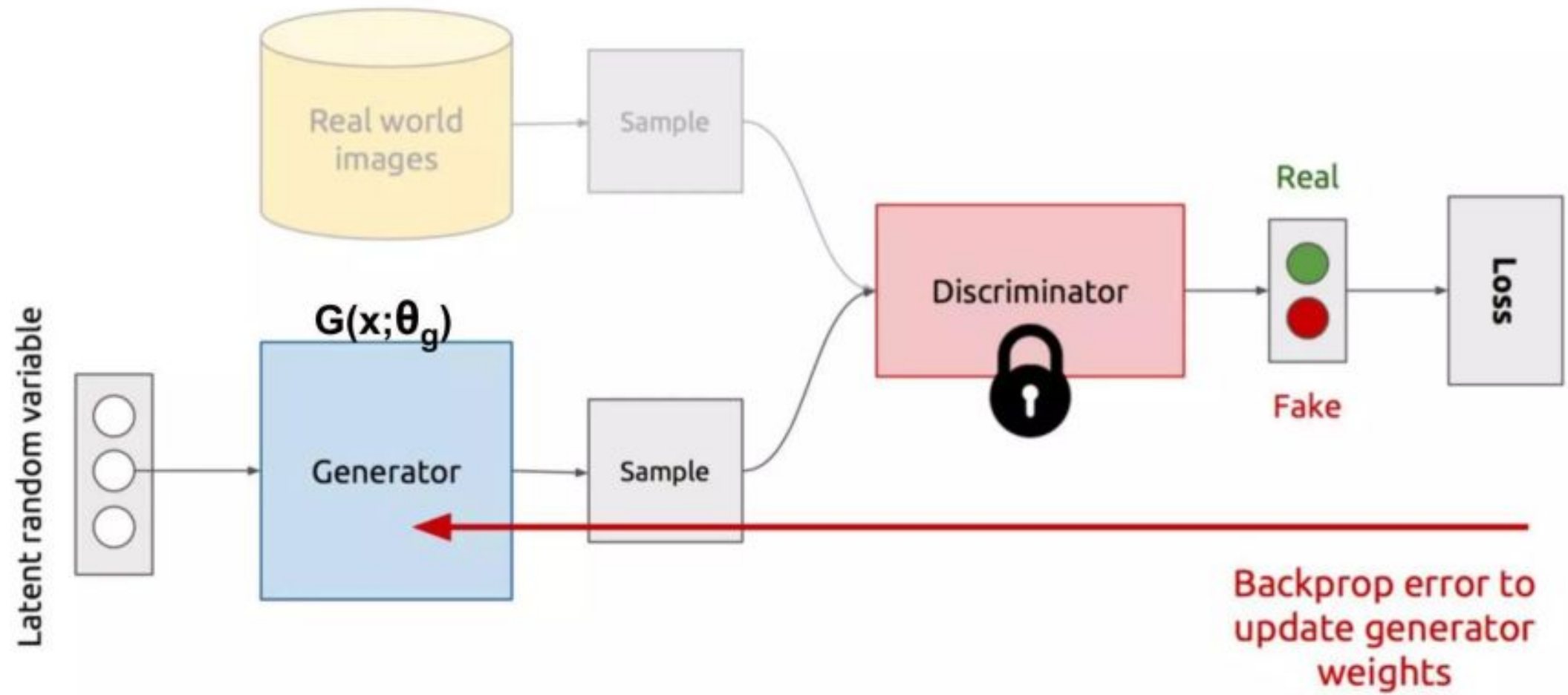
- Generator needs to fool the discriminator.
- It needs the discriminator to output “1” for “fake” images.
- So the loss function (log loss) for the generator is

$$\mathbf{v}' = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^m \log \left( 1 - D \left( G \left( \mathbf{z}^{(i)} \right) \right) \right)$$

- We want to minimize this loss function. In other words, perform **gradient descent** as

$$\theta_g \leftarrow \theta_g - \eta \Delta V'(\theta_g)$$

# Generator Learning:



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# GANs in a Nutshell:





# GANs: Advantages & Challenges

## Advantages

- High-quality data generation
- Versatility across various data types (images, text, etc.).

## Challenges

- Training instability due to the adversarial setup.
- Mode collapse, where the generator produces limited variations.
- Difficulty in evaluating model performance objectively

## Generating Anime Faces using GAN



50,000 iterations

# Introduction to Diffusion Models

## Concept

Generate data by learning to reverse a diffusion process that adds noise to data

## Process:

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### Forward Diffusion

Gradually add noise to data, destroying structure.

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### Reverse Diffusion

Learn to reconstruct data by reversing the noise addition, generating new samples.

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# How Diffusion Models Work

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## Data Preprocessing

Clean and prepare data for training.

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## Forward Diffusion

Introduce noise incrementally to the data, creating a sequence of noisy data points.

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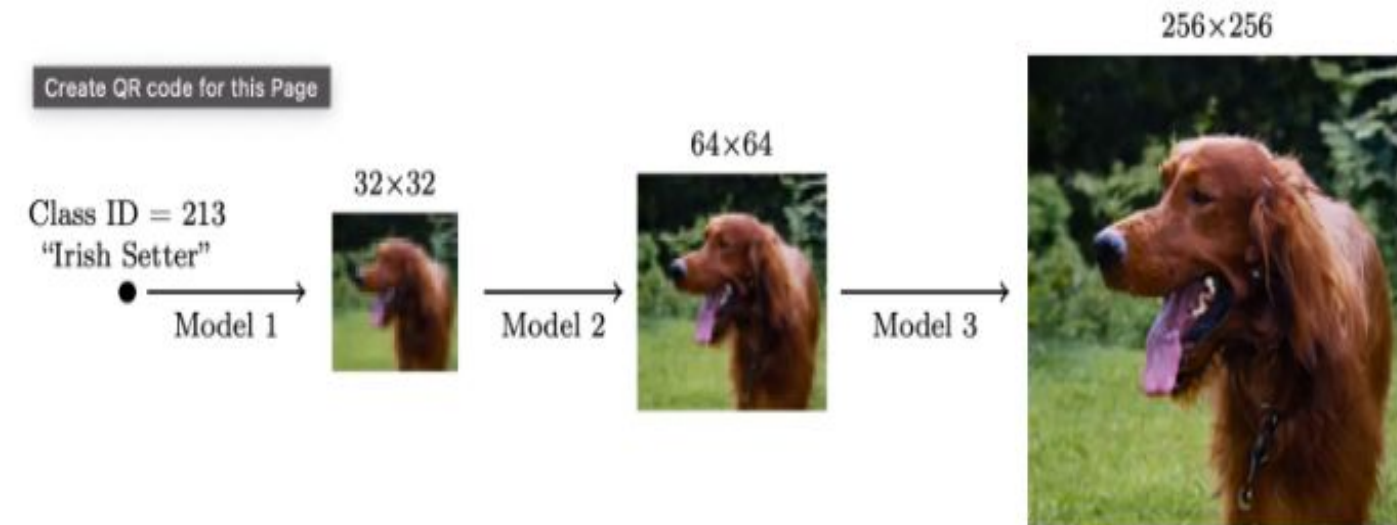
## Reverse Diffusion

Train a model to reconstruct original data from noisy versions, effectively learning the data distribution.

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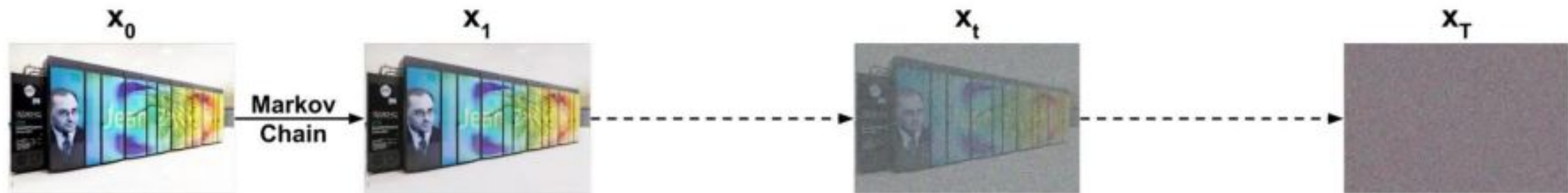
## Generation

Sampling from the learned distribution to produce new data instances.



*A cascaded diffusion model comprising a base model and two super-resolution models.*

# Forward diffusion process:



This process will add noise to any image gradually

$0 \leq t \leq T$  ;  $T$  is a hyperparameter



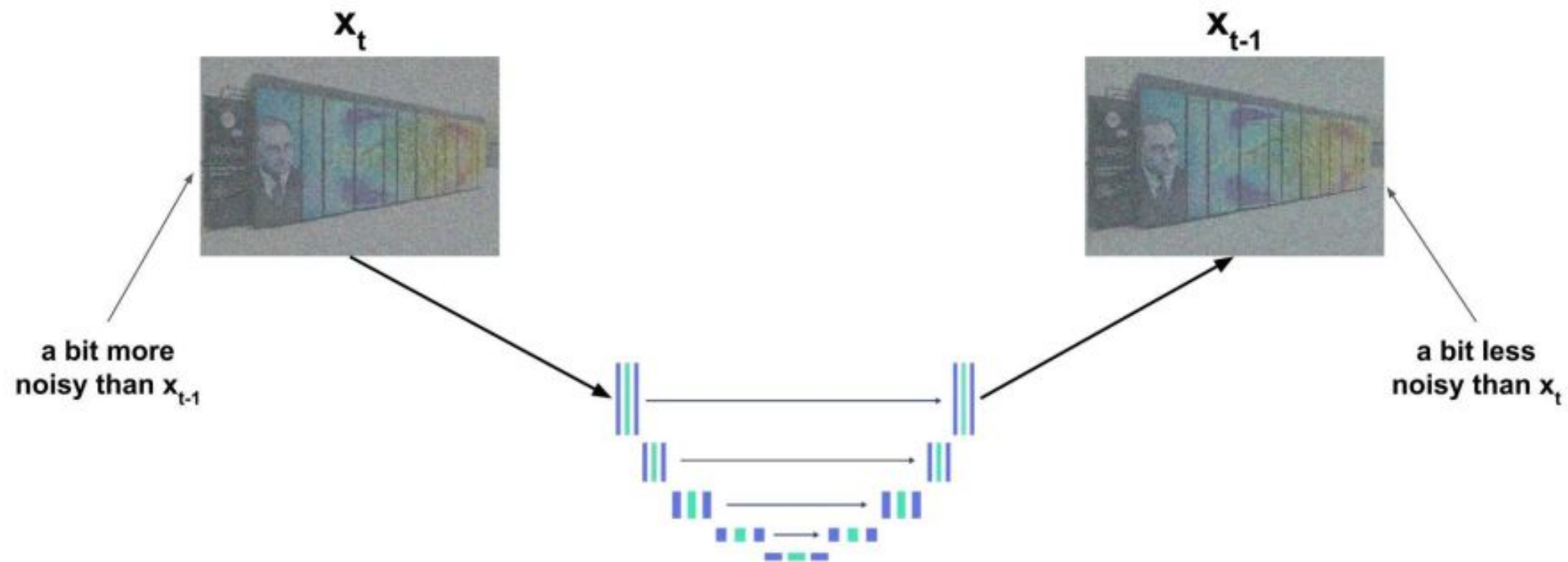
# Forward diffusion process:



Examples of images at different times  $t$

Here we choose  $T=1000$ , but it can be different values (it's an hyperparameter)

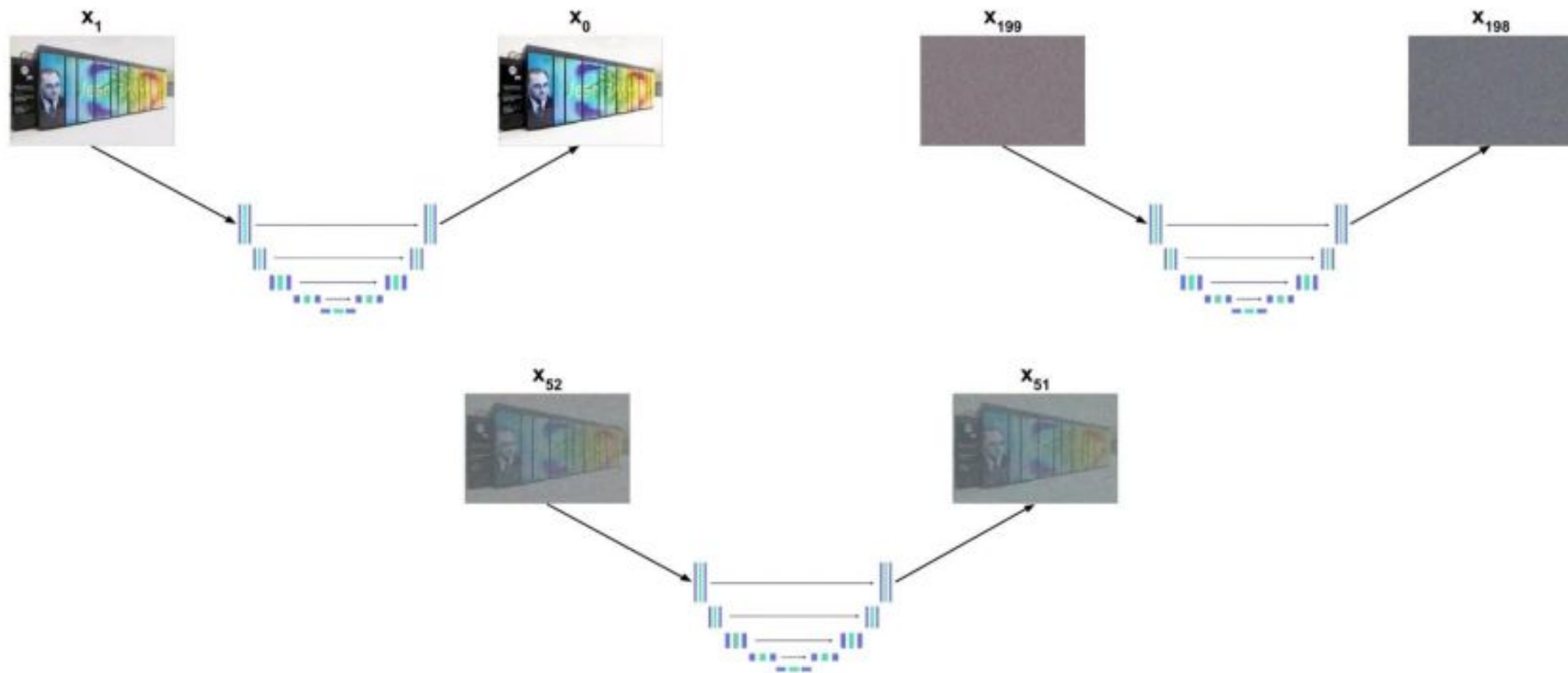
# Reverse diffusion process:



We train a model to predict  $x_{t-1}$  from  $x_t$

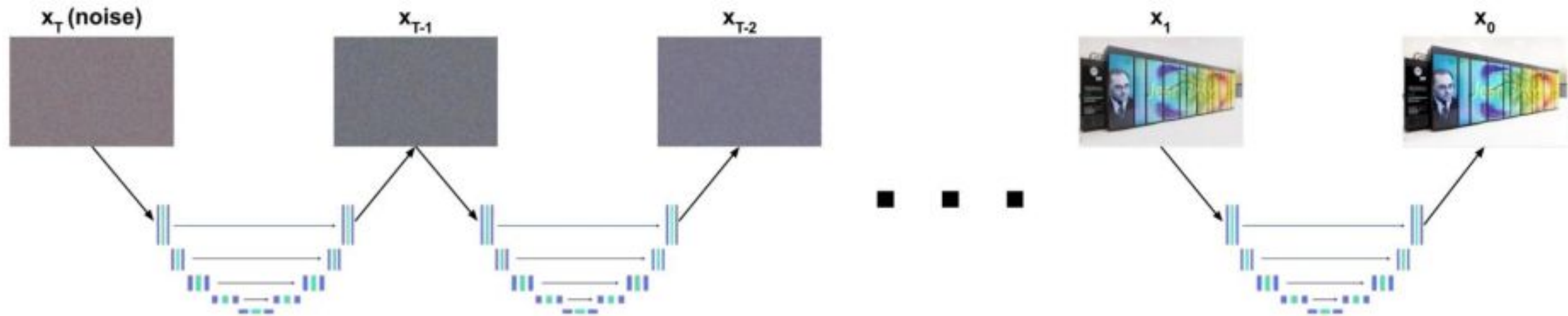
$x_0$  is any image from the dataset

# Reverse diffusion process:



The same model must predict every  $x_{t-1}$  from  $x_t$

# Sampling process:



From a random noise we can generate an image



# Stable

## Diffusion:

- Concept

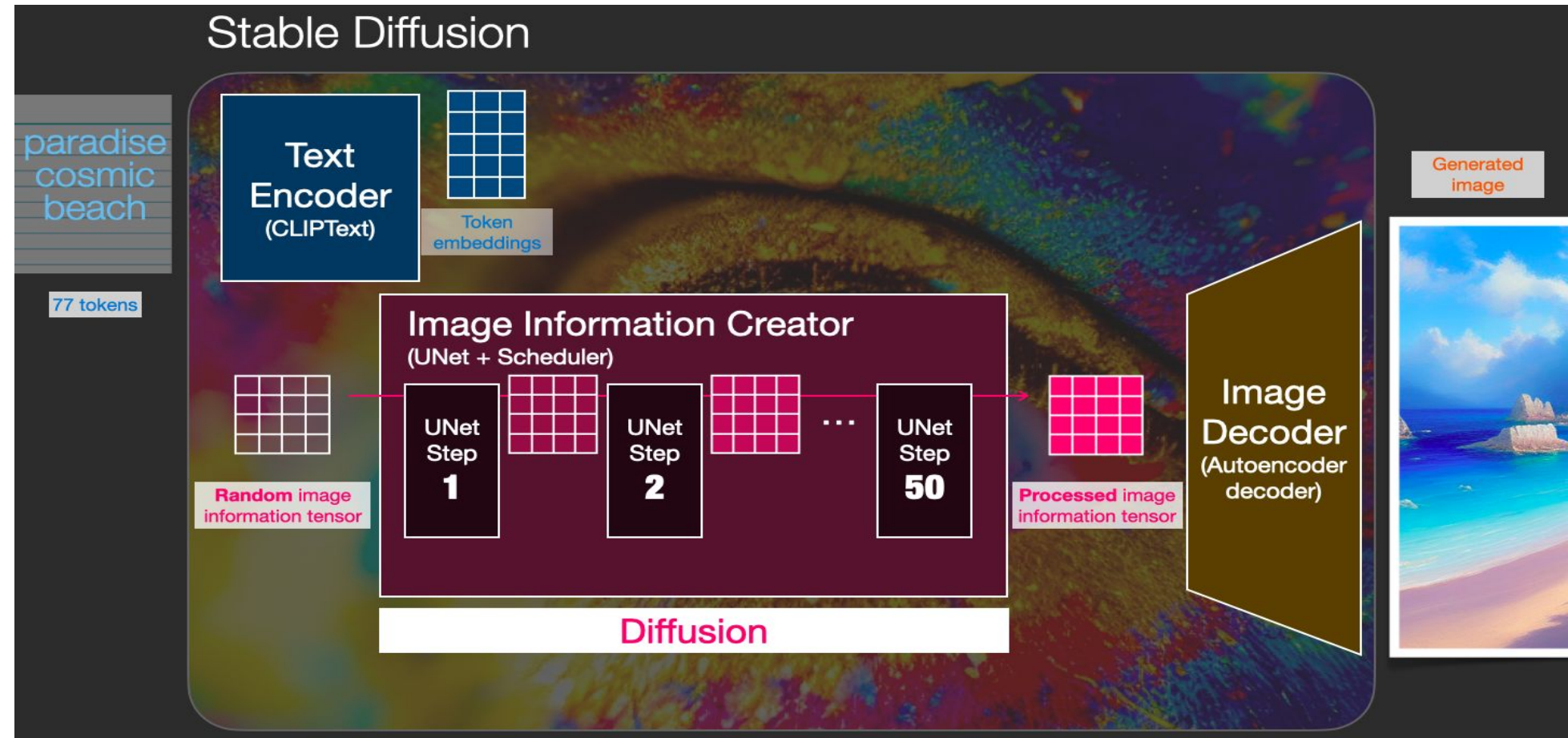
A powerful generative model that creates images from text descriptions.

- Text-to-Image Generation:

Transforms natural language inputs into realistic images by reversing a diffusion process.

- Latent Space Representation

Operates in a compressed latent space to reduce computational complexity while maintaining high image quality.



# Popular diffusion tools:

## DALL-E 2:

Developed by OpenAI, DALL-E 2 is known for highly detailed and creative images from textual descriptions. It uses advanced diffusion techniques to produce images that are both imaginative and realistic, making it a popular tool in creative and artistic applications.





# Popular diffusion tools:

## DALL-E 3:

DALL-E 3 is the latest version of OpenAI image generation models and is a huge advancement over DALL-E 2. The most notable change is that this latest version isn't just an app but is integrated into ChatGPT. It also stands out with its image generation quality.

Even with the same prompt, DALL-E 3 delivers significant improvements over DALL-E 2.



DALL-E 2  
"An expressive oil painting of a basketball player dunking, depicted as an explosion of a nebula."



DALL-E 3

# Popular diffusion tools:

## SORA:

Sora's the latest model by OpenAI, and it's a game-changer. The AI community has been waiting for this drop since it's the first-ever text-to-video model by OpenAI. Sora can make 1080p videos in any resolution up to a minute long, and the videos it creates are scarily realistic.





# Applications of Diffusion Models



Image Generation



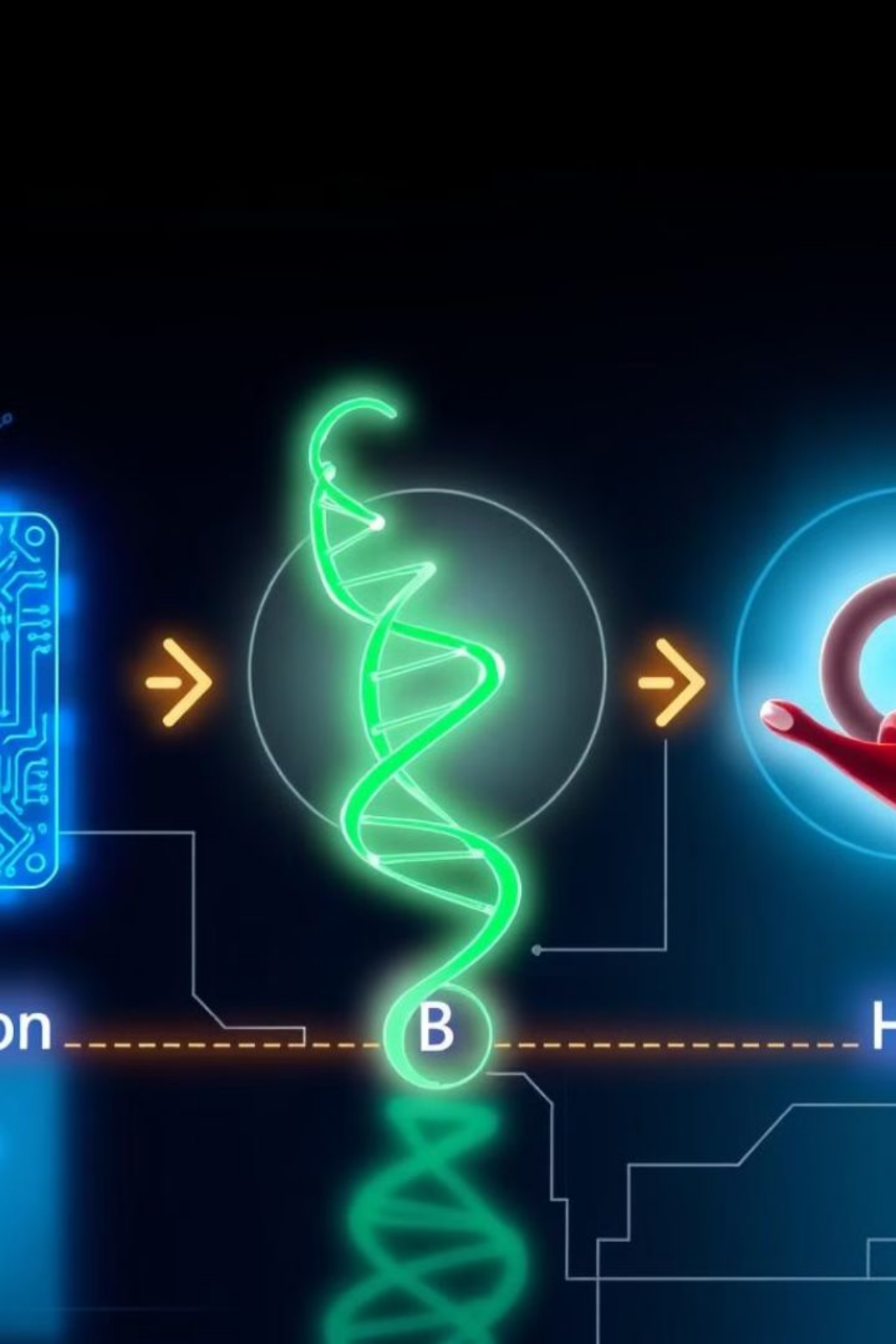
Audio Synthesis



Data  
Augmentation



Anomaly  
Detection



# GANs vs. Diffusion Models

Training Stability	GANs: Prone to instability.	Diffusion: More stable.
Sample Quality	GANs: High quality, mode collapse.	Diffusion: Diverse, high-fidelity.
Computational Efficiency	GANs: Faster sampling.	Diffusion: Slower sampling.