



Image Generation using Continuous Filter Atoms

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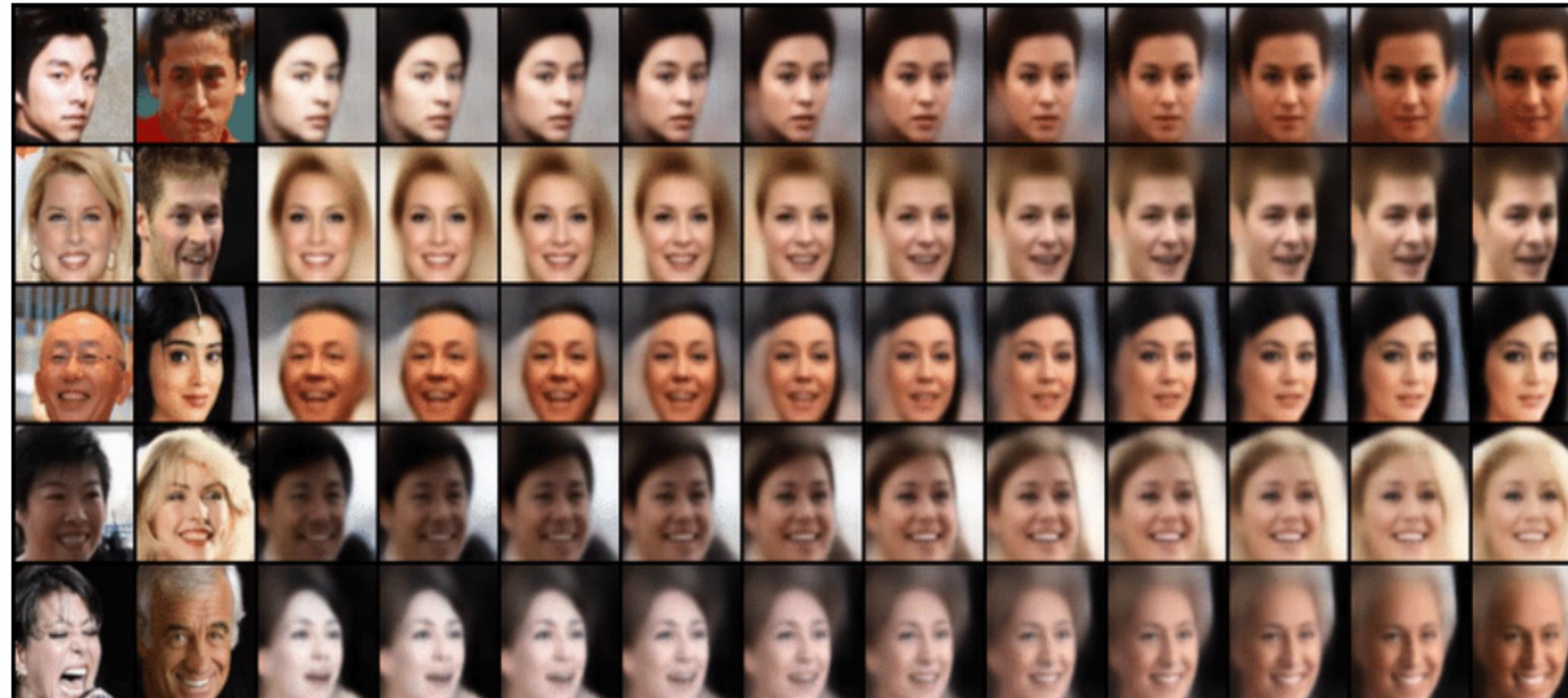
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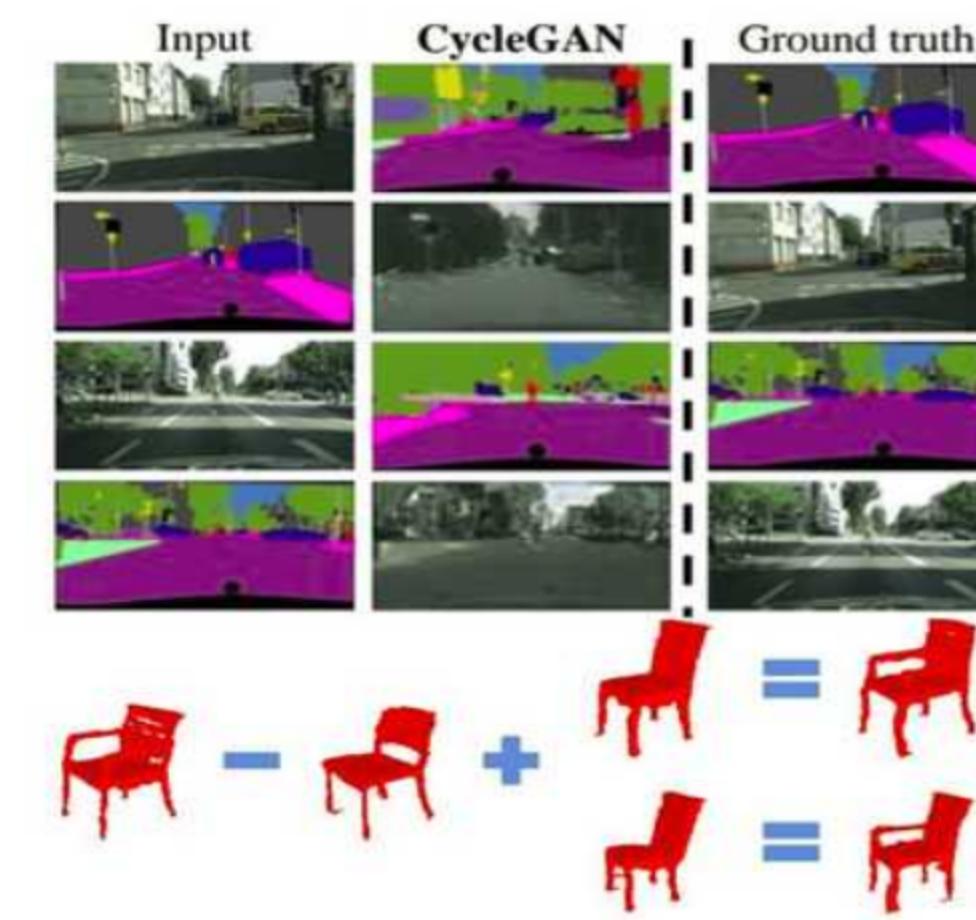
01 Introduction

Conditional Image Generation

- Conditional image generation has been widely studied in recent years due to their wide applications including image segmentation, style transfer, image inpainting, image super-resolution, image registration, and image synthesis
- Despite extensive research and application in these fields, limited progress has been made on conditional image generation using continuous or closely spaced labels due to difficulties pointed out in



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Limitation of Image Generation and Diversity

- It remains challenging to encourage generation diversity, especially without heavy supervision, while maintaining output fidelity.
- explicit regularizations inevitably introduce additional hyperparameters, and sub-optimal hyperparameters can often cause either poor diversity or noticeable sacrifices in terms of generation quality and the correspondence to the input condition
- This direction is mainly restricted by the prohibitive cost of both modeling and sampling of the very high-dimensional space of convolutional filters in modern image generative networks



- The observation that a convolutional filter can be well approximated by a linear combination of low-dimensional filter atoms.
- Significantly reduces the cost of both parameter modeling and sampling. In this way, each sampling of the modeled parameter subspace results in one deterministic transformation from the input condition to the desirable target domain, and the diverse outputs are achieved by sampling multiple times.

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Limitation of Low Dimensional Subspace Filters

- First, this method is sensitive to network configurations, and mode collapse, which results in a point estimation to the subspace of parameter, can often be observed.
- This method is incapable of modeling a continuous space, so that gradual changes to the generated parameters cannot be obtained by simply interpolating samples; and such discontinuity will be further propagated to the output



- We adopt a subspace view to convolutional filters by performing atom-coefficients decomposition
- Then we further model the filter subspace using neural ordinary differential equation (ODE), so that we are able to produce a continuous series of filter samples at arbitrarily fine resolution.



Neural Ordinary Differential Equation
Ricky T. Q, Yulia Rubanova, Jesse Bettencourt, David Duvenaud ,NeurIPS,2018

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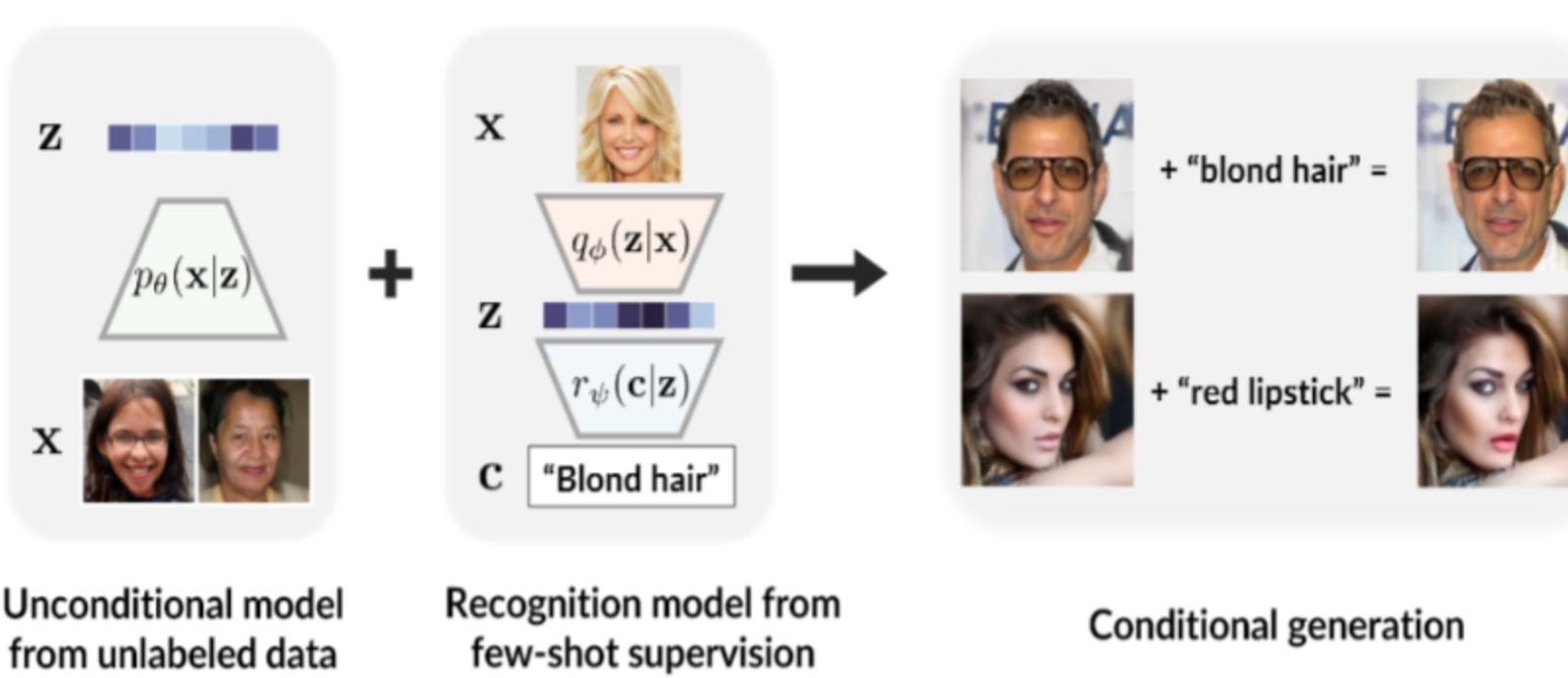
- Continuous image synthesis that covers a wide range of gradually varying appearance with high fidelity and accurate correspondence to the input condition.
- Sequential image synthesis with explicitly specified starting and ending points to allow flexible appearance manipulation without heavy supervisions
- Interpolation of generated image appearance at arbitrarily fine resolution.
- An effective approach for generating images conditioned on continuous labels.

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Related Work - image generation

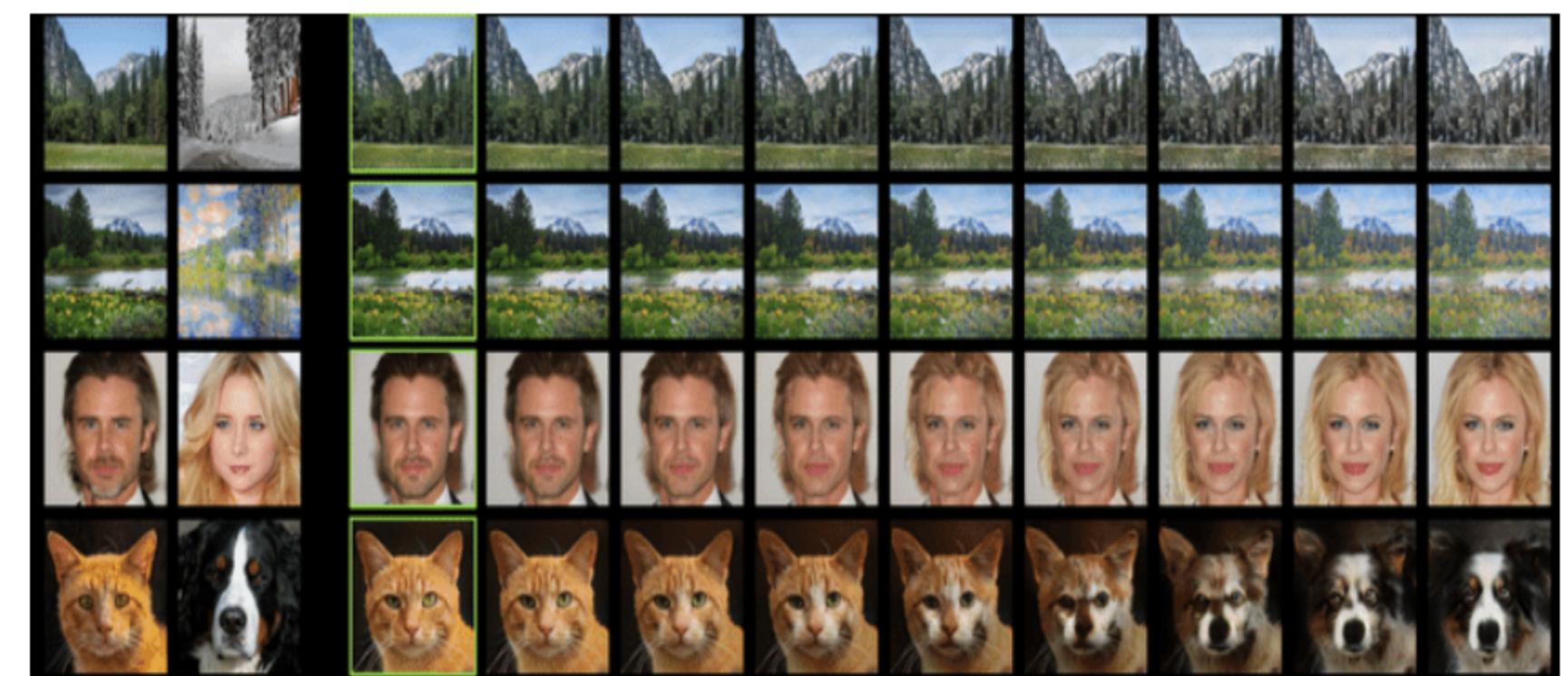
<Conditional image generation>

Recently, conditional image generation with condition on continuous labels has attract attention, and new training schemes are proposed to improve continuous conditional image generation. From the perspective of the dynamic of parameter subspace, our method provides a simple yet effective solution.



<Continuous image translation>

continuous image translation that aims to generate intermediate images between the source and the target image is not yet widely studied. Previous works have manipulated the attribute vectors either by interpolation or linear transformations to control the latent space

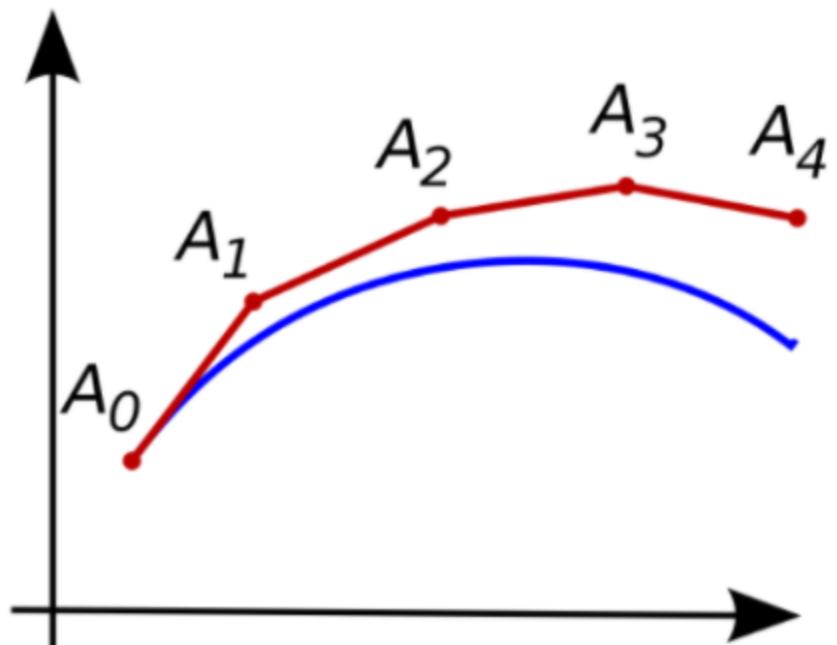


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Continuous Filter Atoms - Neural ODE

- Neural ordinary differential equations (ODEs) are introduced as an approach to interpret the neural network as a system of ODEs, where each ODE represents the underlying dynamics of the hidden elements
- Neural ODEs model a latent state $\mathbf{z}(t_s)$ as $\mathbf{z}(t_s) = \mathbf{z}(t_0) + \int_{t_0}^{t_s} f(\mathbf{z}(t), t; \theta) dt$, where $\frac{d\mathbf{z}(t)}{dt} = f(\mathbf{z}(t), t; \theta)$ is modeled as a neural network parametrized by θ . Then, the latent state at an arbitrary point t_s can be obtained as

<Euler's Method>



<t-th layer output \mathbf{h}_t in Neural Network>

$$\mathbf{h}_t = \mathbf{h}_{t-1} + F(\mathbf{h}_{t-1}) \text{ - Resnet}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{a}_t \\ \mathbf{x}_{t+1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{a}_{t-1} \\ \mathbf{x}_t \end{bmatrix} + F \left(\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{a}_{t-1} \\ \mathbf{x}_t \end{bmatrix} \right) \text{ - RNN}$$

<Runge-Kutta Method>

$$y_{n+1} = y_n + h \sum_{i=1}^s b_i k_i$$

$$\mathbf{z}(t_s) = \text{ODESolve}(\mathbf{z}(t_0), f, (t_0, t_s), \theta),$$

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Continuous Filter Atoms - Convolutional Filter Decomposition

- Directly modeling the space of high-dimensional convolutional filters in an image generation network is practically prohibitive in terms of both computation and parameter scale
- Inspired by the observation that a convolutional filter can be well-approximated as a linear combination of filter bases - achieve efficient training and modeling of gradual changes in conditional image generations.

$$F = AD$$

<Convolutional Filter Decomposition>

$$\mathcal{D}(t_s) = \mathcal{T}(t_s; \mathcal{D}(t_0), \theta) = \mathcal{D}(t_0) + \int_{t_0}^{t_s} f(\mathcal{D}(t), t; \theta) dt.$$

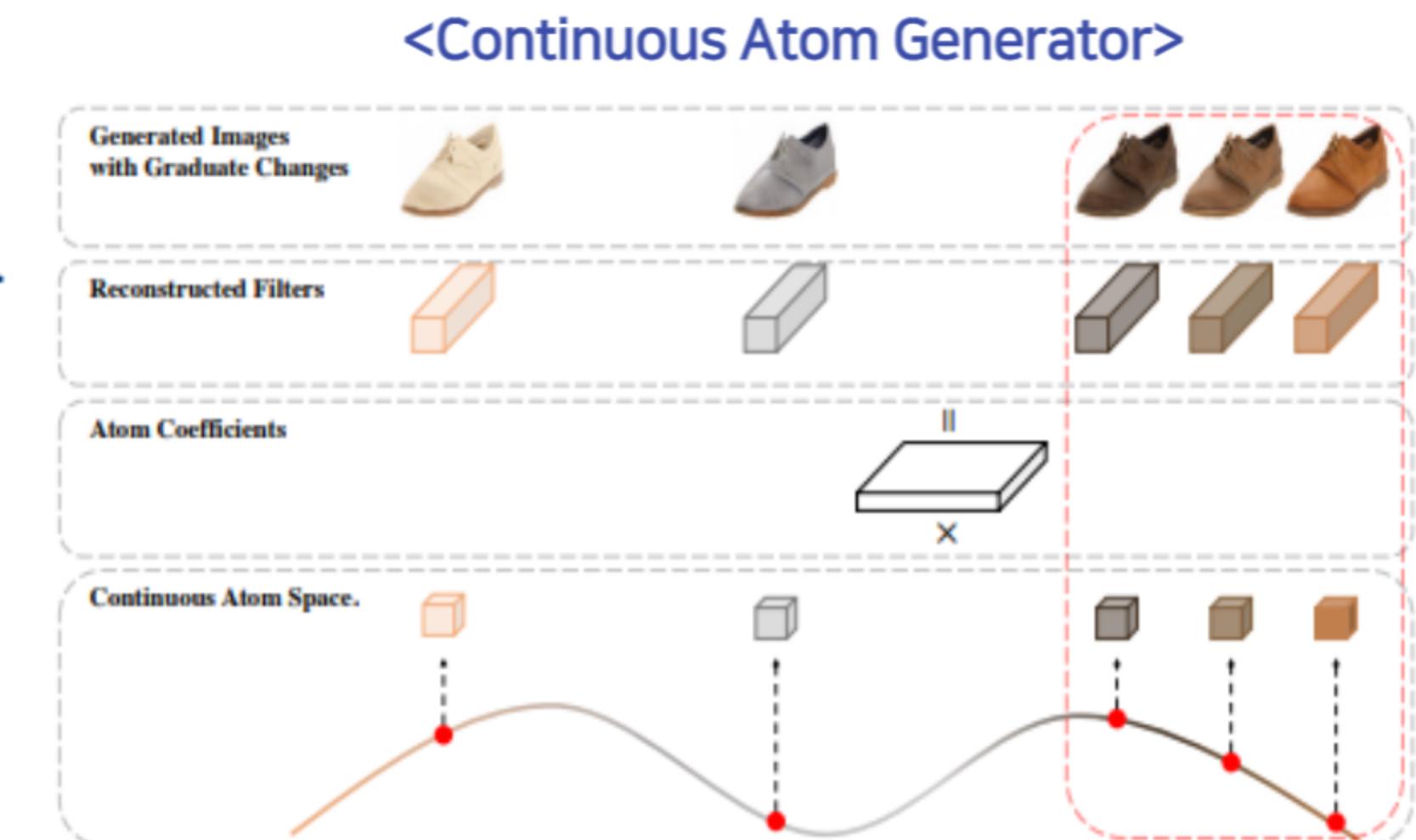
$$\frac{d\mathcal{D}(t)}{dt} = f(\mathcal{D}(t), t; \theta).$$

F = A I by I-sized convolutional filter

A = The filter subspace coefficients.

D = decompose the filter over a set of m atoms
(respective atoms)

Tau = continuous atom Generator



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Continuous Atom Generation for Smooth Appearance Modeling

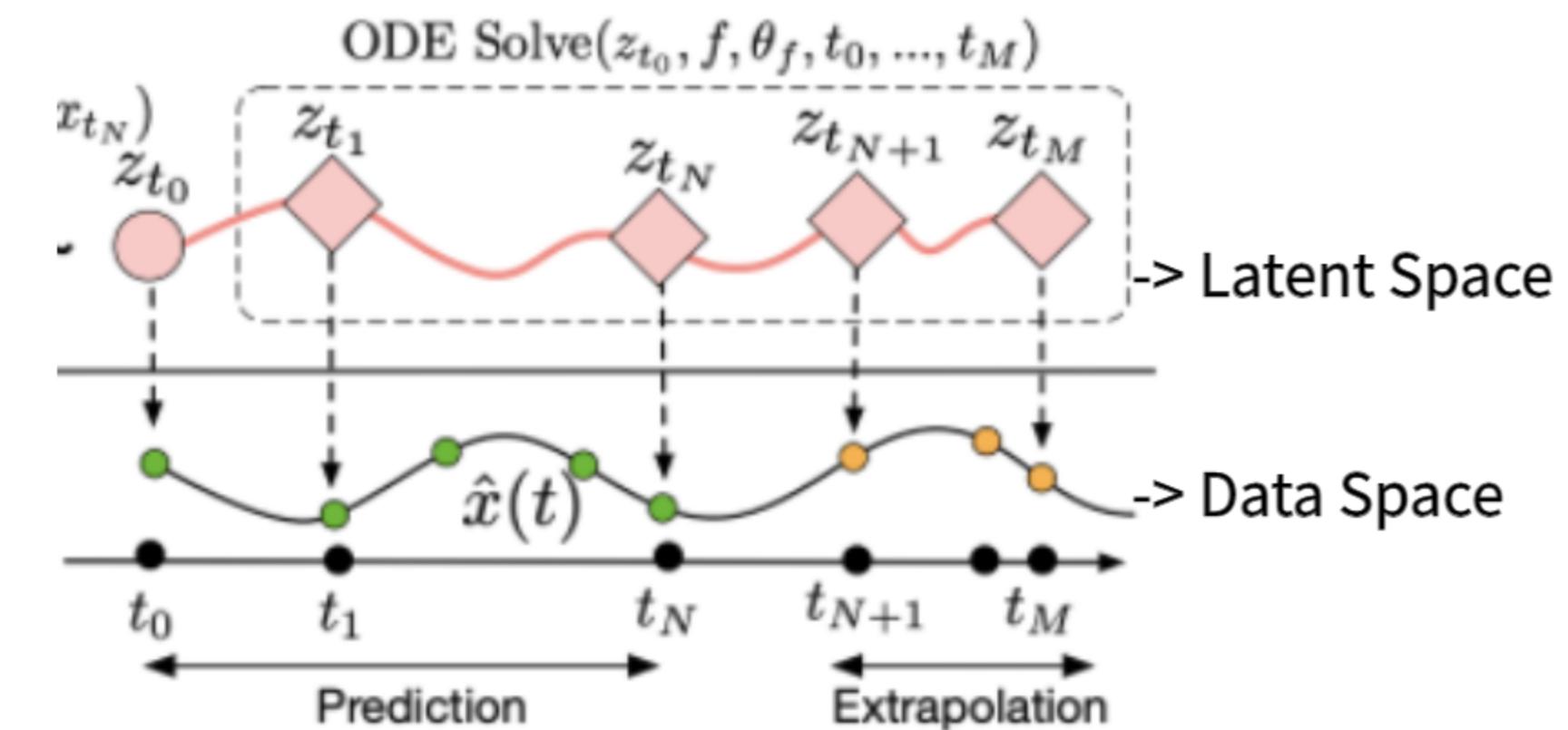
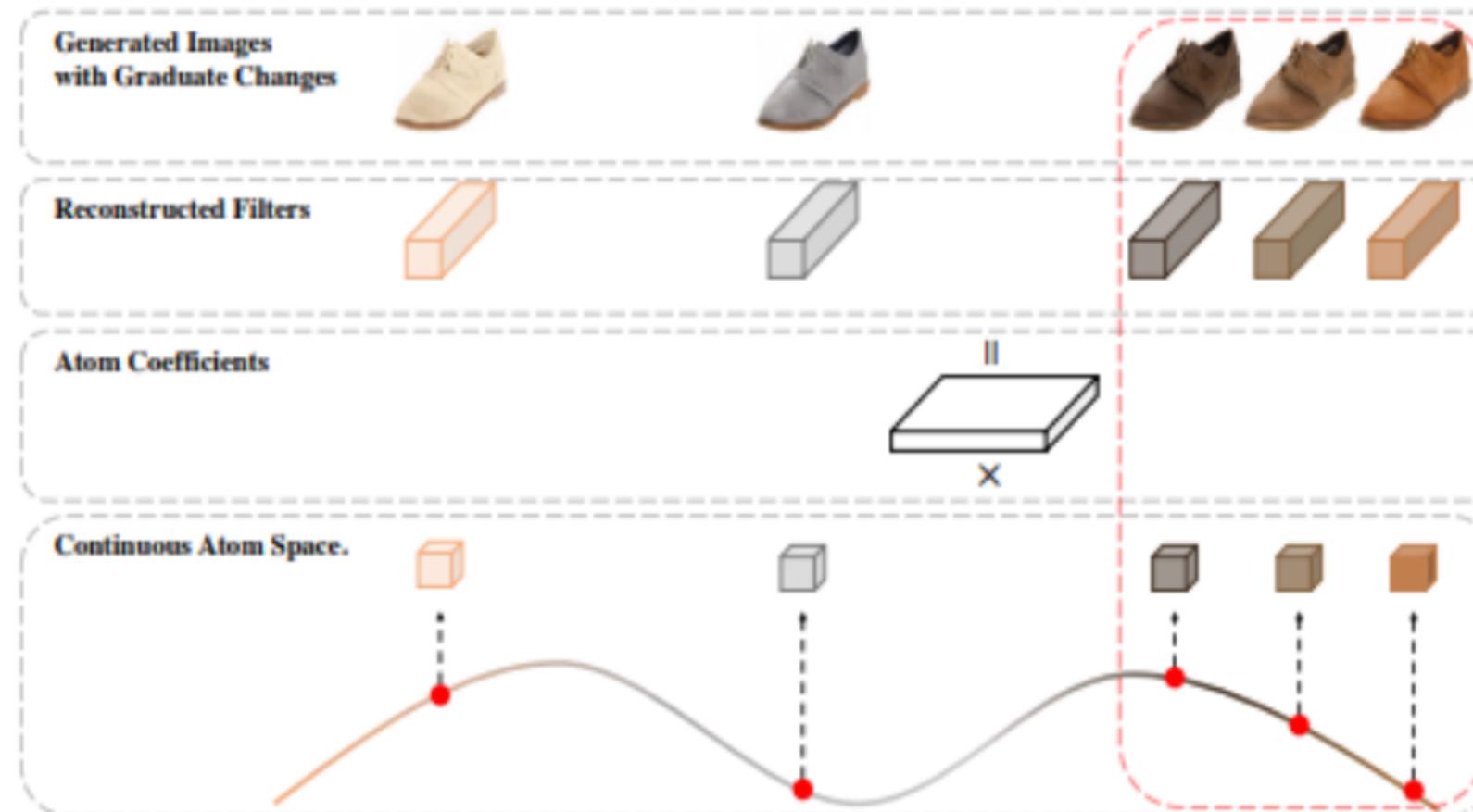
- we target for modeling gradual changes in generated images with respect to continuous input conditions. input conditions to the corresponding output with parameters instantiated from an underlying continuous space, which subsequently leads to generated images with gradual changes

$$X^i(u) = \mathcal{F}^i(X^{i-1}, \mathbf{D}^i; \mathbf{A}^i) = \sigma\left(\sum_{k=1}^m \mathbf{A}_k^i \langle X^{i-1}, \mathbf{D}^{i,k} \rangle_{N_u} + b^i\right),$$

$X(u)$ = Given an input image

N_u = local Euclidean grid centered at u

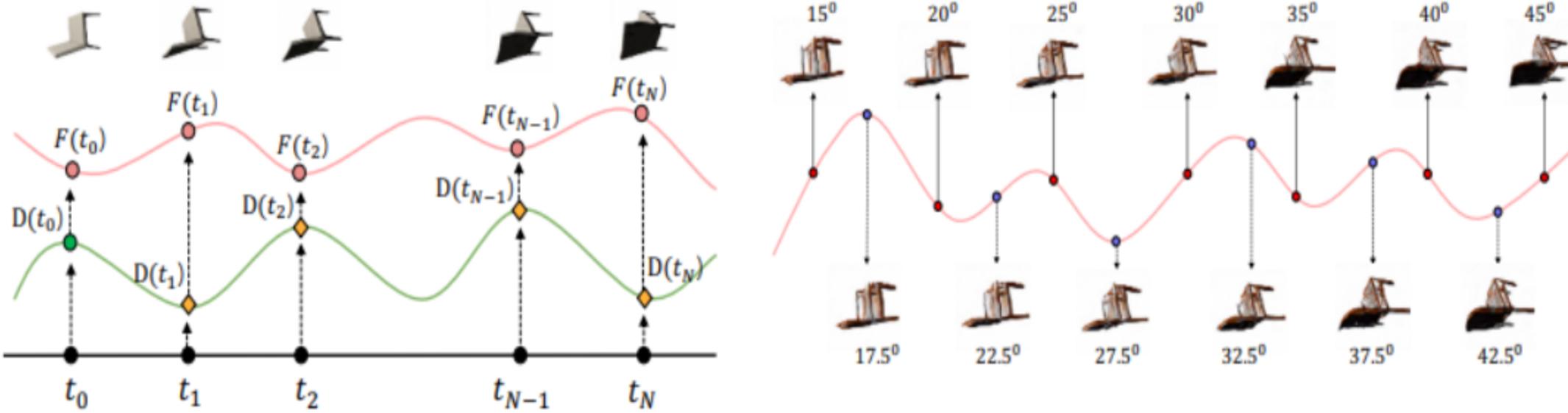
\mathcal{F}^i = The i -th layer function



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Theorem 1. Suppose \mathbf{D}_1^i and \mathbf{D}_2^i are two continuously generated atoms, (i.e., $\exists M > 0$, $\|\mathbf{D}_1^i - \mathbf{D}_2^i\|_2 \leq M|t_1 - t_2|$), and assume the activation function σ is non-expansive which holds for ReLU, then \mathcal{F}^i is continuous in \mathbf{D}^i ,

$$\|X_1^i - X_2^i\|_2 \leq (\|\mathbf{A}^i\|_2 \lambda) \sqrt{|\mathcal{U}|} \cdot \|(\mathbf{D}_1^i - \mathbf{D}_2^i)\|_2, \quad \text{with } \lambda = \sup_{u \in \mathcal{U}} \|X^{i-1}\|_{2,N_u}, \quad (5)$$

in which $X_1^i = \mathcal{F}^i(X^{i-1}, \mathbf{D}_1^i; \mathbf{A}^i)$, $X_2^i = \mathcal{F}^i(X^{i-1}, \mathbf{D}_2^i; \mathbf{A}^i)$ are outputs correspond to two atoms.

Proof. The proof is provided in the Appendix.

Ending point of the ODE integral

1) explicitly given to strictly control the behavior of continuous dynamics

2) stochastically sampled from a prior distribution, e.g., Uniform distribution or Gaussian distribution, to enhance the diversity of the generated images.

Then, proposed method is much more straight-forward than the previous conditional GAN methods

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Conditional image generation with continuous atoms

- Conditional on images

$$\min_{\mathbb{G}} \max_{\mathbb{D}} \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{D}, \mathbb{G}) = \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{x} \sim p(\mathbf{x}), \mathbf{y} \sim p(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{x})} [\log (\mathbb{D}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}))] + \\ \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{x} \sim p(\mathbf{x}), t \sim \text{Uniform}(t_0, t-1)} \left[\log \left(1 - \mathbb{D}\left(\mathbf{x}, \mathbb{G}_{\phi, \theta, \mathcal{D}_0}(\mathbf{x}; \mathcal{T}(t; \mathcal{D}_0, \theta))\right) \right) \right],$$

→ empirical distribution $p(x)$
aims at $p(y|x)$
Time Series -> Unif(t0,t-1)

- Conditional on labels

$$\min_{\mathbb{G}} \max_{\mathbb{D}} \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{D}, \mathbb{G}) = \mathbb{E}_{x \sim p(x), \mathbf{y} \sim p(\mathbf{y}|x)} [\log (\mathbb{D}(x, \mathbf{y}))] + \\ \mathbb{E}_{x \sim p(x), \mathbf{z} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \mathbf{I})} \left[\log \left(1 - \mathbb{D}\left(x, \mathbb{G}_{\phi, \theta, \mathcal{D}_0}(\mathbf{z}; \mathcal{T}(\alpha x; \mathcal{D}_0, \theta))\right) \right) \right].$$

→ input vector, randomness by $\mathcal{N}(0, I)$
alpha = predefined scalar, linearly scales the input continuous label

- Conditional on both images and labels

$$\min_{\mathbb{G}} \max_{\mathbb{D}} \mathcal{L}(\mathbb{D}, \mathbb{G}) = \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{x} \sim p(\mathbf{x}), \mathbf{y} \sim p(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{x}, x)} [\log (\mathbb{D}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}))] + \\ \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{x} \sim p(\mathbf{x}), x \sim p(x)} \left[\log \left(1 - \mathbb{D}\left(\mathbf{x}, \mathbb{G}_{\phi, \theta, \mathcal{D}_0}(\mathbf{x}; \mathcal{T}(\alpha x; \mathcal{D}_0, \theta))\right) \right) \right].$$

→ None of them can adopt continuous raw labels
→ the first work to present gradually changing both images and continuous labels.

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Figure 4: Continuous image-to-image translation. The network is trained without any auxiliary loss functions or regularizations. From top to bottom, the image to image translation tasks are: nights \rightarrow days, edges \rightarrow handbags, and edges \rightarrow shoes.

Table 1: Quantitative results on image generation conditional on images only.

Methods	Labels \rightarrow Facedee		Map \rightarrow Satellite		Night \rightarrow Day		Edge \rightarrow Shoe		Edge \rightarrow Handbag	
	LPIPS \uparrow	FID \downarrow	LPIPS \uparrow	FID \downarrow	LPIPS \uparrow	FID \downarrow	LPIPS \uparrow	FID \downarrow	LPIPS \uparrow	FID \downarrow
BicycleGAN	0.1413	98.85	0.1150	145.78	0.103	120.63	0.139	72.49	0.184	96.28
MSGAN	0.1894	92.84	0.2189	152.43	0.176	107.90	0.167	60.28	0.228	89.96
BasisGAN	0.2648	88.70	0.2417	35.54	0.184	102.56	0.242	64.17	0.350	88.76
Ours	0.2274	87.75	0.2217	55.76	0.170	106.95	0.237	61.55	0.361	85.57

learned perceptual image patch similarity (LPIPS)

1) focused on human visual perception and perceptual distance metrics

2) L2, Euclidean distance, PSNR measure assume pixel-wise independence so that not proper to evaluate structured outputs like images.

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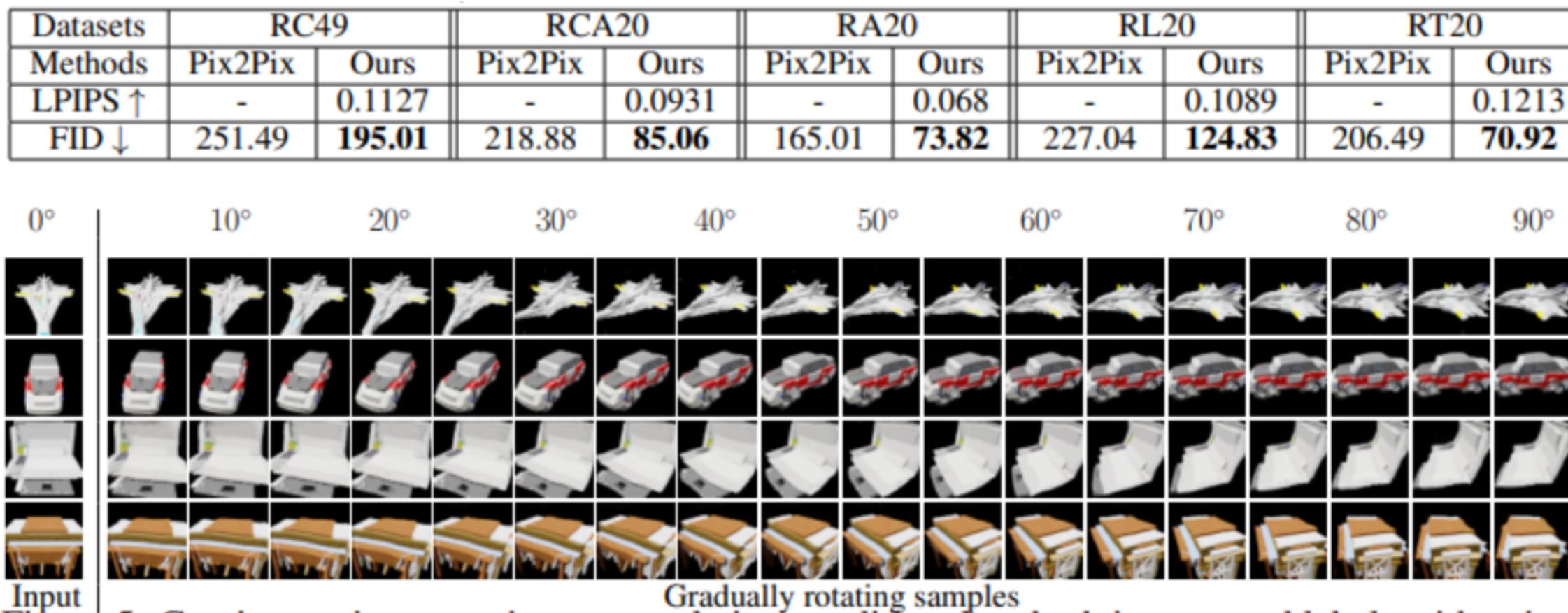


Figure 5: Continuous image-to-image translation conditional on both images and labels with paired samples. From top to bottom, the trained datasets are: RA-20, RCA-20, RL-20, and RT-20. The generated images of all datasets rotate from a degree 0.1 to 89.9 at the interval of 5 degree, along the yaw axis. All models are trained with Pix2Pix by plugging in our continuous atom generator.

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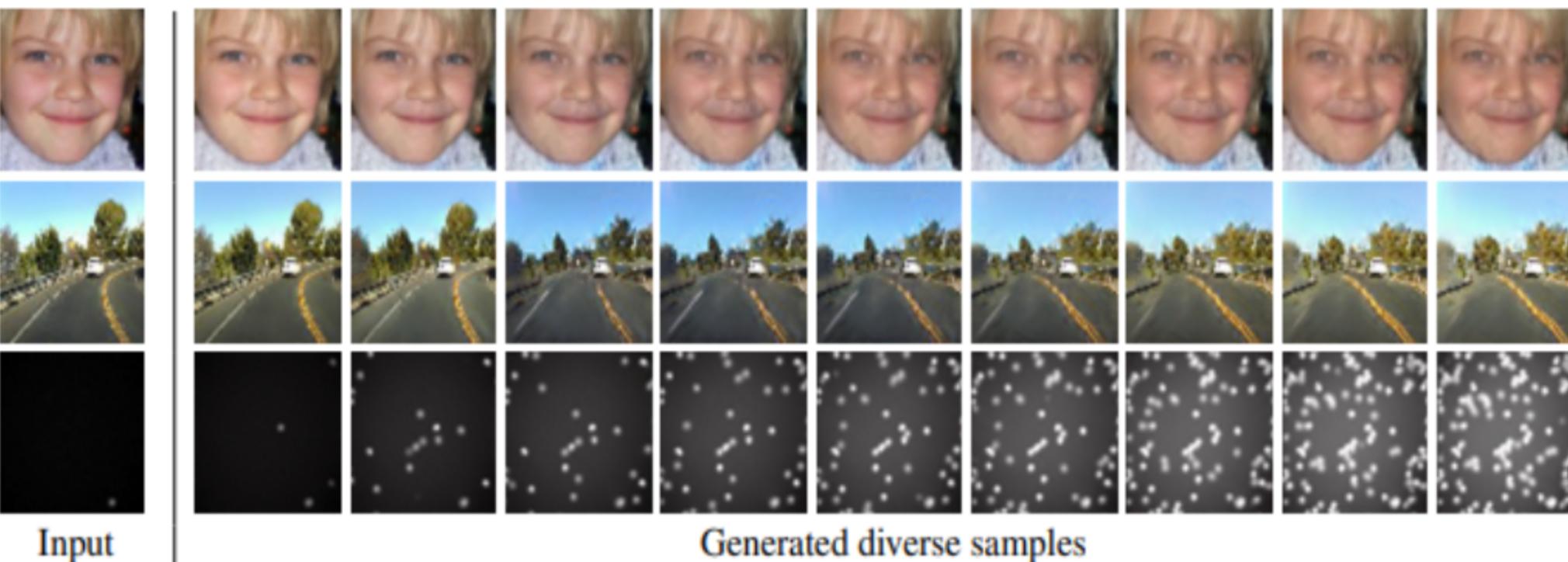


Figure 6: Continuous image-to-image translation conditional on both image and labels with unpaired samples. From top to bottom, the datasets are: UTKFace (young → old), SteeringAngle (steering angle at -80° → steering angle at 80°), and Cell200 (one cell → two-hundred cells). All models are trained with CycleGAN by plugging in our continuous atom generator.

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- Continuous image-to-image translation conditional on regression labels
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Dataset	UTKFace		
	cGAN	CcGAN	Ours
Intra-FID ↓	4.516	0.425	0.432
NIQE ↓	2.315	1.725	1.749
Diversity ↑	0.254	1.298	1.321
Label Score ↓	11.087	7.452	7.399

Figure 7: Continuous image generation conditional on regression labels. From left to right, each column are images generated with the same atoms sampled from the continuous atom space and model the appearance of face at a particular age from 0 to 60. By fixing z in (7), each row shows the graduate appearance changes w.r.t. continuously sampled atoms.

04 Conclusion

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- we presented both theoretically and empirically that, continuous dynamics of convolutional filters can be effectively modeled in the filter subspace by neural ordinary differential equation, to subsequently achieve conditional image generation with graduate appearance changes
- The introduced continuous filter atom generation enables continuous image generation conditional on images, labels, or both.
- We demonstrated its effectiveness using both superior quantitative and qualitative results.