### Hierarchical Text-Conditional Image Generation with CLIP Latents

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# **Background/Motivation**

### Text to Image Generation

"an espresso machine that makes coffee from human souls, artstation"

"panda mad scientist mixing sparkling chemicals, artstation"

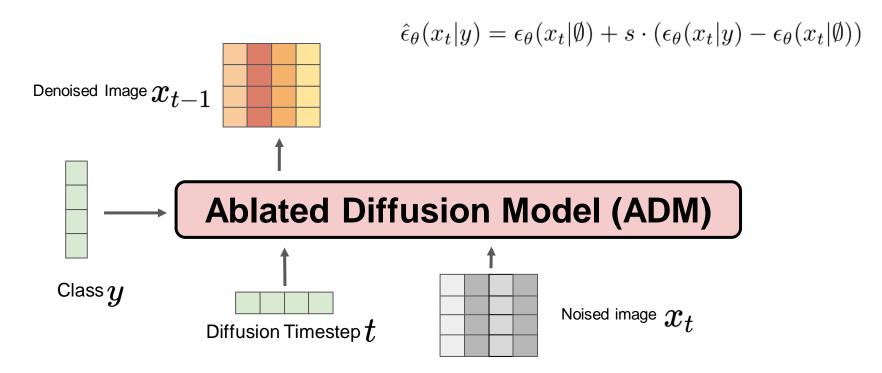
"a corgi's head depicted as an explosion of a nebula"



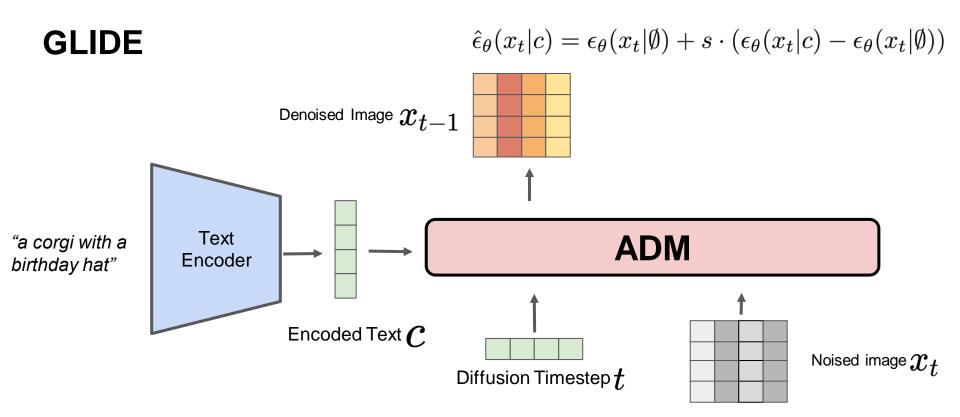




### **Conditioned Diffusion Model**

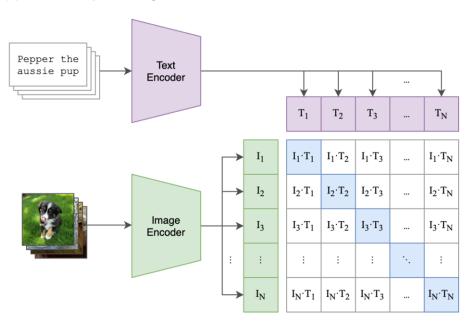


Dhariwal, Prafulla, and Alexander Nichol. "Diffusion models beat gans on image synthesis." *Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems* 34 (2021): 8780-8794.

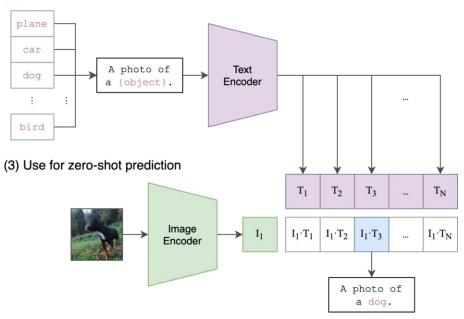


### **CLIP**

#### (1) Contrastive pre-training



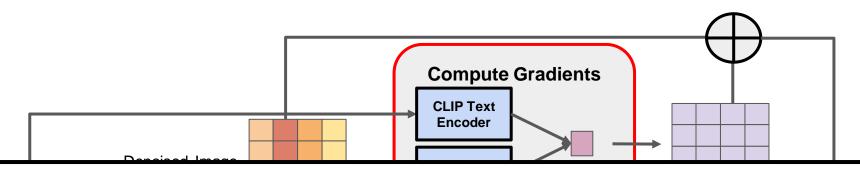
#### (2) Create dataset classifier from label text



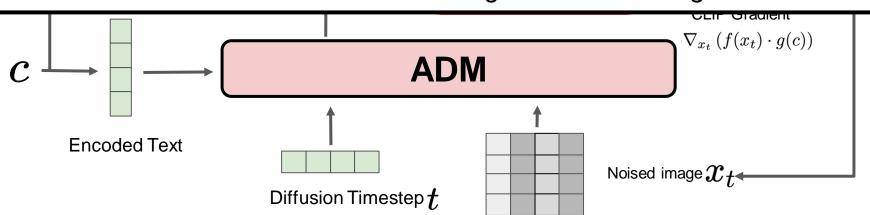
Radford, Alec, et al. "Learning transferable visual models from natural language supervision." *International conference on machine learning*. PMLR, 2021.

### **CLIP Guided Diffusion Model**

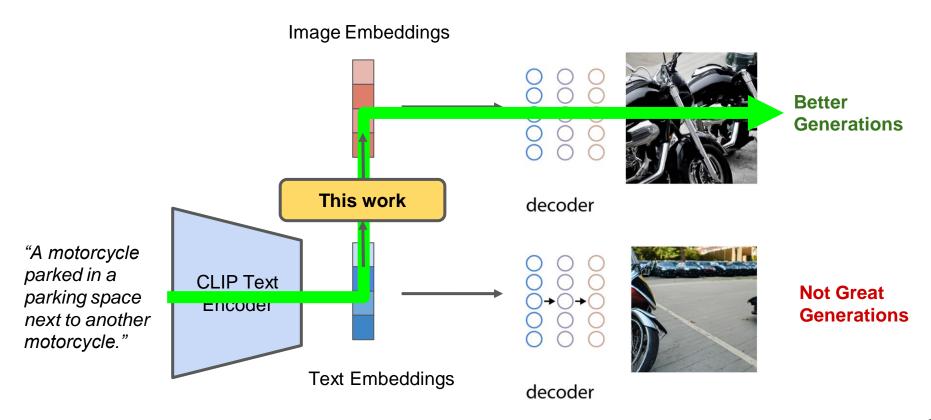
 $\hat{\mu}_{\theta}(x_t|c) = \mu_{\theta}(x_t|c) + s \cdot \Sigma_{\theta}(x_t|c) \nabla_{x_t} (f(x_t) \cdot g(c))$ 



#### from GLIDE: classifier-free guidance > CLIP guidance



### How use CLIP more effectively to improve generations?



# Method

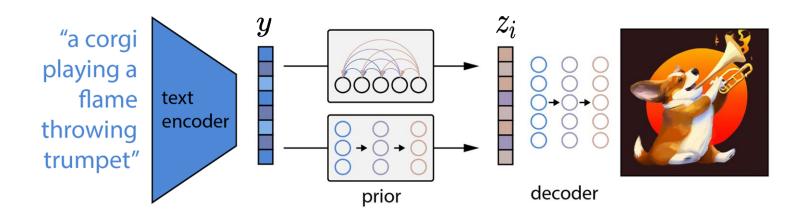
### unCLIP/DALL-E-2 architecture

#### Prior

Given CLIP Text encoder output (text embedding) y, generate corresponding Image
Embedding  $z_i$ 

#### Decoder

 $\circ$  Produces the image from Image embedding  $z_i$ 



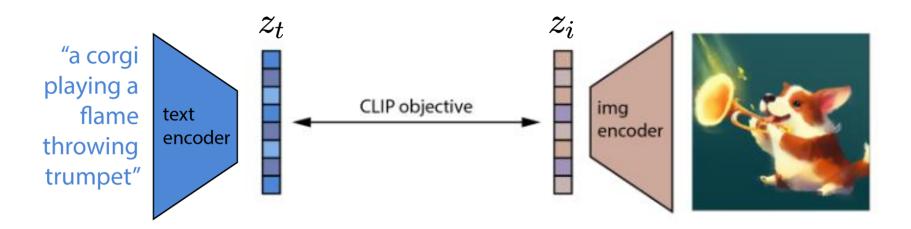
#### **Prior**

- Autoregressive (AR) prior:
  - AR models predict a sequence of data on a previous data sequence
  - Use a transformer to predict Image embedding sequence from the Text embedding sequence.
- Diffusion prior:
  - Diffusion model on CLIP Image Embedding
  - o Input:
    - Encoded text
    - CLIP text embedding
    - Timestep
    - Noised CLIP Image Embedding

### **Diffusion Prior** CLIP Image embeddings $z_i$ **Transformer** SAME **Diffusion Timestep** Denoised CLIP 2 t-1image embeddings **Transformer** Encoded Text C **CLIP Text embeddings** Noised CLIP image embeddings $z_t$ Diffusion Timestep t

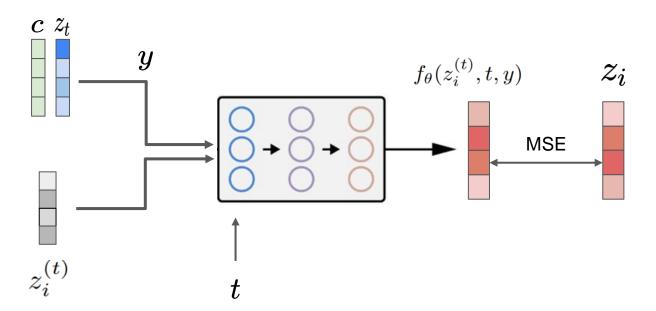
### **Training**

Using CLIP to get input and ground-truth while training the prior.



### **Training Loss**

$$L_{\text{prior}} = \mathbb{E}_{t \sim [1,T], z_i^{(t)} \sim q_t} \left[ \| f_{\theta}(z_i^{(t)}, t, y) - z_i \|^2 \right]$$

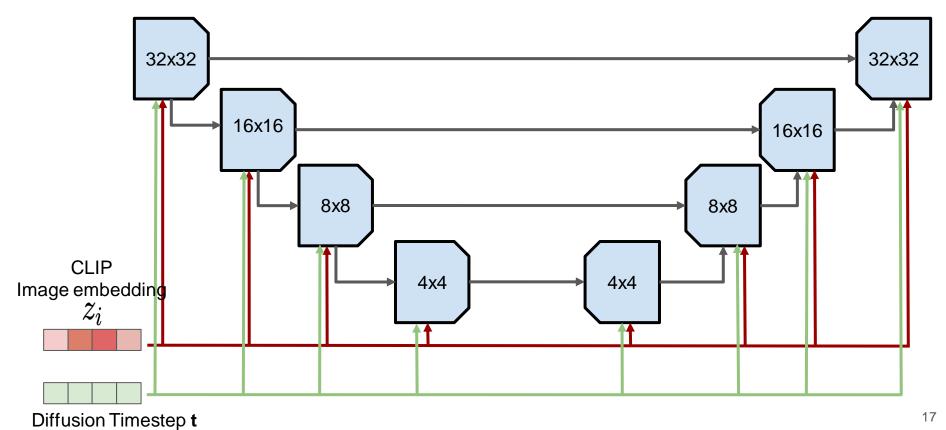


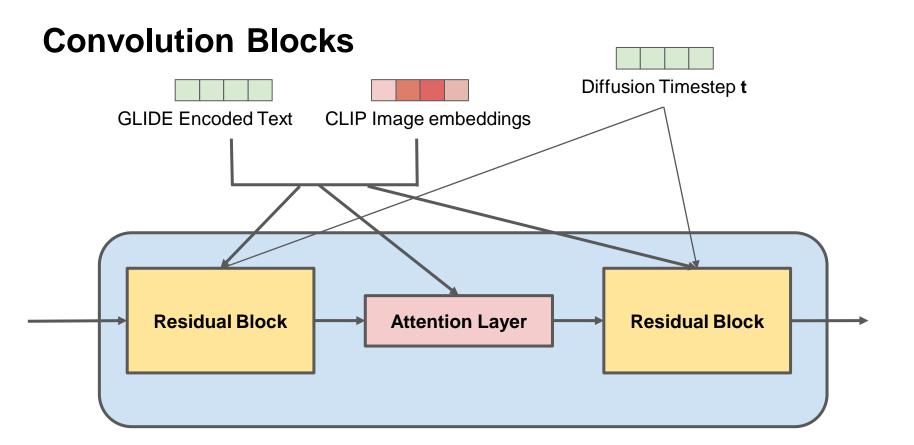
 $<sup>^*</sup>$   ${m {\mathcal Y}}$  is the combination of encoded text  ${m {\mathcal C}}$  and CLIP Text Embedding  ${m {\mathcal Z}} t$ 

### **Decoder**

- Diffusion model based on GLIDE
  - GLIDE uses a transformer to embedding the input text
  - Dall-E-2 put CLIP embedding into the process
- Upsampler
  - Used to generate higher-resolution Images
  - No conditioning, and no guidance

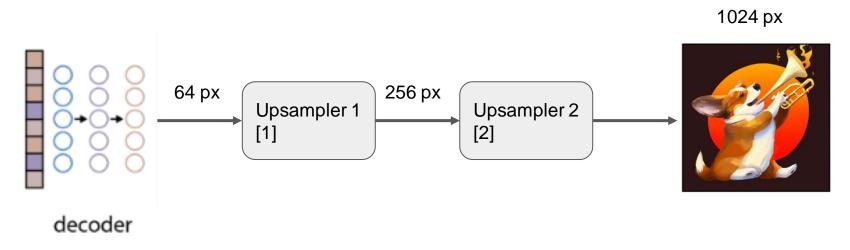
### **Decoder U-Net detail**





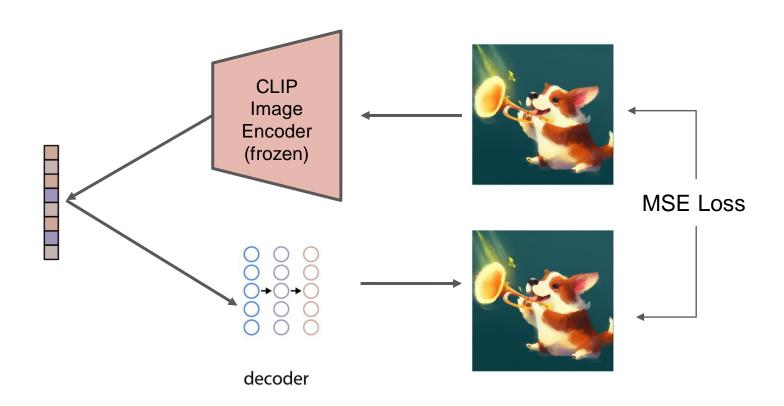
### Upsampler

2 unconditional off-the-shelf upsamplers to create images in higher resolution



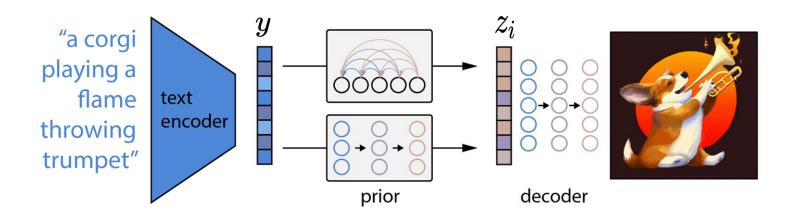
- [1] Alex Nichol and Prafulla Dhariwal. Improved Denoising Diffusion Probabilistic Models. arXiv:2102.09672, 2021.
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### Training the decoder with CLIP encoder



### Inference

- Prior
  - $\circ$  Convert the CLIP Text Embedding to CLIP Image Embedding  ${oldsymbol{z}}$
- Decoder
  - $\circ$  Produces the image from Image embedding z and optionally with text embedding y.



# **Image Manipulations**

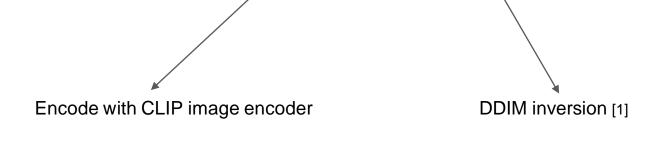
# What is Latent space

#### Interpolation in Latent Space





Bipartite latent representation (  $z_i$  ,  $X_t$  )



### Variation

Input Image:



Fix  $oldsymbol{z_i}_{ extstyle Vary} X_t$ 

Generation:



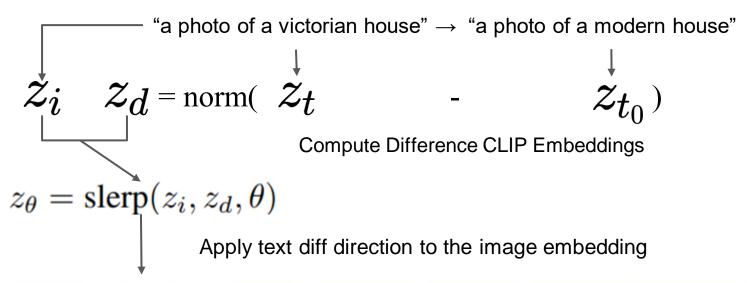
# Interpolation



Modify image embedding:

$$z_{i_{\theta}} = \operatorname{slerp}(z_{i_1}, z_{i_2}, \theta)$$

### Text Diff





# Typographic Attacks

### Attack:

# Clip Image Prediction:

Generation Image Embedding:



Granny Smith: 100% iPod: 0% Pizza: 0%



Granny Smith: 0.02% iPod: 99.98% Pizza: 0%



Granny Smith: 94.33% iPod: 0% Pizza: 5.66%







### **Text-to-Image Generation Analysis**

# Why the prior matters?

Condition decoder on captions alone

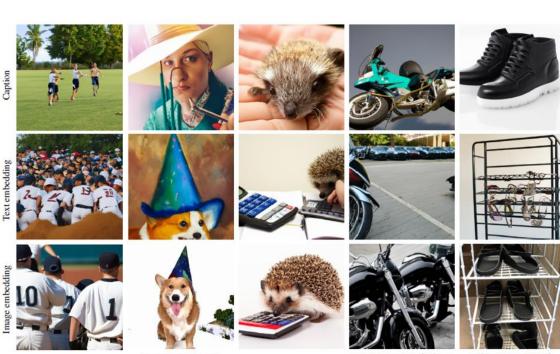


Condition decoder on Caption + text embedding impersonating image embeddings



Prior + CLIP image embedding





"A group of baseball players is crowded at the mound."

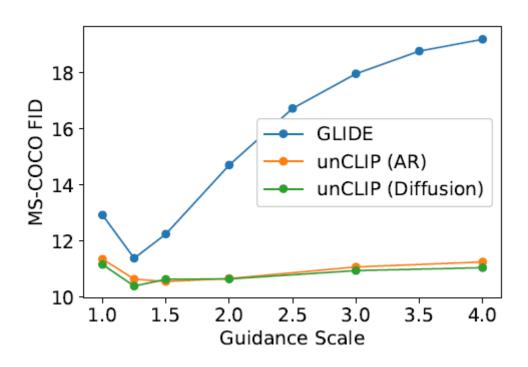
"an oil painting of a corgi wearing a party hat"

"a hedgehog using a calculator"

"A motorcycle parked in a parking space next to another motorcycle."

"This wire metal rack holds several pairs of shoes and sandals"

### MS COCO FID SCORE



# GLIDE vs unCLIP (MS-COCO)

MS-COCO - standard evaluation:

Zero-shot FID score 10.39 - beats GLIDE & DALL-E in MS-COCO

Model	FID	Zero-shot FID	Zero-shot FID (filt)
AttnGAN (Xu et al., 2017)	35.49		
DM-GAN (Zhu et al., 2019)	32.64		
DF-GAN (Tao et al., 2020)	21.42		
DM-GAN + CL (Ye et al., 2021)	20.79		
XMC-GAN (Zhang et al., 2021)	9.33		
LAFITE (Zhou et al., 2021)	8.12		
Make-A-Scene (Gafni et al., 2022)	7.55		
DALL-E (Ramesh et al., 2021)		$\sim 28$	
LAFITE (Zhou et al., 2021)		26.94	
GLIDE (Nichol et al., 2021)		12.24	12.89
Make-A-Scene (Gafni et al., 2022)			11.84
unCLIP (AR prior)		10.63	11.08
unCLIP (Diffusion prior)		10.39	10.87

# GLIDE vs unCLIP (Human Evaluations)

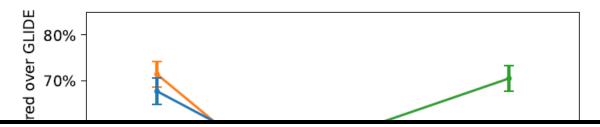
FID not always in agreement with human evaluation

Photorealism → winner: GLIDE - by **small** margin; 48.9%CI

Caption Similarity → winner: GLIDE - by **small** margin; 45.3%Cl

Sample Diversity (4 x 4 grid) → winner: unCLIP stack by wide margin; 70.5%CI

### Diversity-Fidelity Trade-off with Guidance



### unCLIP has better diversity and relatively good fidelity

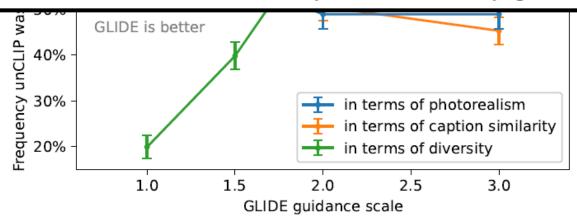


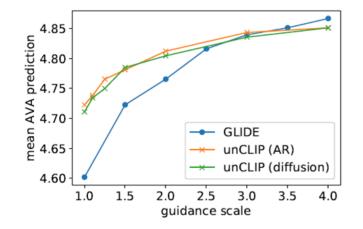
Image aesthetics improved for both unCLIP and GLIDE

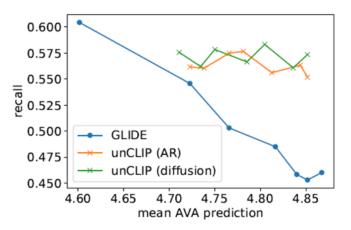
### GLIDE vs unCLIP



#### Result:

- Guidance improves GLIDE, and CLIP decoder (negative effect on CLIP prior)
- GLIDE sacrifices Recall for aesthetic quality improvement, unCLIP does not

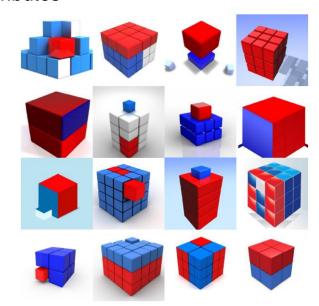




# Limitation of the model

### **Attribute Binding**

- Suffer prompt where it must bind two separate objects (cubes) to two separate attributes (colors).
- Reconstructions mix up objects and attributes



"a red cube on top of a blue cube".

### **Coherent Text**



A sign that says deep learning

### Complex Scene



### Conclusion

- Image embedding creates better generation than text embeddings.
- CLIP embedding Z<sub>i</sub> holds image content information; meanwhile X<sub>t</sub> holds the style of image generation.
- Diffusion prior (Text-to-Image embeddings) increases the fidelity of image generation.
- unCLIP has limitations with attribute binding, text generation, and complex scenes.