# Star-Shaped Denoising Diffusion Probabilistic Models

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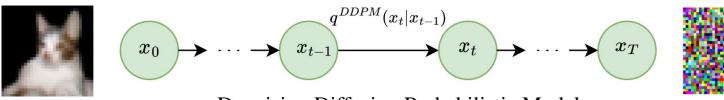
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## **DDPM**

The Gaussian DDPM (Ho et al., 2020) is defined as a forward (diffusion) process and a corresponding reverse (denoising) process DDPM. The forward process is defined as a Markov chain with Gaussian conditionals:

$$q^{\text{DDPM}}(x_{0:T}) = q(x_0) \prod_{t=1}^{T} q^{\text{DDPM}}(x_t | x_{t-1})$$
 (1)

$$q^{\text{DDPM}}(x_t|x_{t-1}) = \mathcal{N}\left(x_t; \sqrt{1-\beta_t}x_{t-1}, \beta_t \mathbf{I}\right) \quad (2)$$



Denoising Diffusion Probabilistic Models

## **DDPM**

Learnable reverse process follow a similar structure and constitutes a generative part of the model:

$$p_{\theta}^{\text{DDPM}}(x_{0:T}) = q^{\text{DDPM}}(x_T) \prod_{t=1}^{T} p_{\theta}^{\text{DDPM}}(x_{t-1}|x_t)$$
 (3)

$$p_{\theta}^{\text{DDPM}}(x_{t-1}|x_t) = \mathcal{N}\left(x_{t-1}; \mu_{\theta}(x_t, t), \Sigma_{\theta}(x_t, t)\right) \tag{4}$$

$$\mathcal{L}^{\text{DDPM}}(\theta) = \mathbb{E}_{q^{\text{DDPM}}} \left[ \log p_{\theta}^{\text{DDPM}}(x_0|x_1) - \right]$$
 (5)

$$-\sum_{t=2}^{T} D_{KL} \left( q^{\text{DDPM}}(x_{t-1}|x_t, x_0) \| p_{\theta}^{\text{DDPM}}(x_{t-1}|x_t) \right)$$
 (6)

$$\mathcal{L}^{\text{DDPM}}(\theta) \to \max_{\theta} \tag{7}$$

# Let's try to change noise in MC

$$x_0 \in \mathbb{M}, \ x_t \sim q^{\text{DDPM}}(x_t|x_0) \Rightarrow x_t \in \mathbb{M}$$

$$q^{\text{DDPM}}(x_t|x_{t-1}) = \{ x_{t-1} \in \mathbb{M} \Rightarrow x_t \in \mathbb{M} \}$$

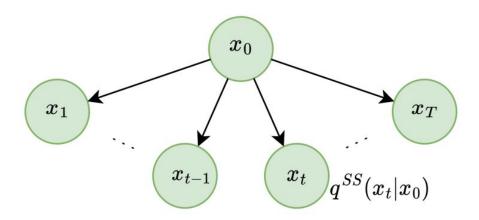
$$x_0 \in B_1(0): q^{\text{DDPM}}(x_t|x_{t-1}) \in vMF(...) \Rightarrow x_t \in B_1(0)$$

$$q^{\text{DDPM}}(x_{t-1}|x_t, x_0) = \frac{q^{\text{DDPM}}(x_t|x_{t-1})q^{\text{DDPM}}(x_{t-1}|x_0)}{q^{\text{DDPM}}(x_t|x_0)}$$

no analytical form of  $q^{\text{DDPM}}(x_t|x_0)$  for most  $q^{\text{DDPM}}(x_t|x_{t-1})$ 

# Star-Shaped (SS-DDPM)

$$q^{SS}(x_{0:T}) = q(x_0) \prod_{t=1}^{T} q^{SS}(x_t|x_0), \tag{8}$$



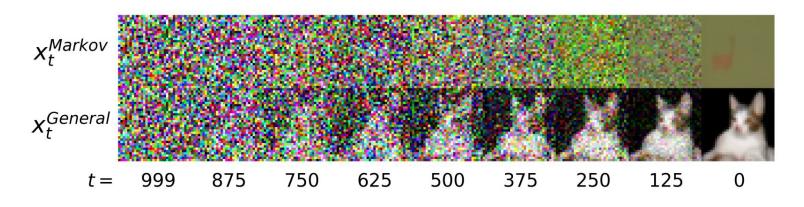
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 (9)

$$q^{SS}(x_{0:T}) = q^{SS}(x_T) \prod_{t=1}^{T} q^{SS}(x_{t-1}|x_{t:T})$$
 (10)



## Star-Shaped VLB

$$\mathcal{L}^{\text{SS}}(\theta) = \mathbb{E}_{q^{\text{SS}}(x_{0:T})} \log \frac{p_{\theta}^{\text{SS}}(x_{0:T})}{q^{\text{SS}}(x_{1:T}|x_{0})} = \mathbb{E}_{q^{\text{SS}}(x_{0:T})} \log \frac{p_{\theta}^{\text{SS}}(x_{0}|x_{1:T})p_{\theta}^{\text{SS}}(x_{T}) \prod_{t=2}^{T} p_{\theta}^{\text{SS}}(x_{t-1}|x_{t:T})}{\prod_{t=1}^{T} q^{\text{SS}}(x_{t}|x_{0})} = \mathbb{E}_{q^{\text{SS}}(x_{0}|x_{1:T})} \left[ \log p_{\theta}^{\text{SS}}(x_{0}|x_{1:T}) + \sum_{t=2}^{T} \log \frac{p_{\theta}^{\text{SS}}(x_{t-1}|x_{t:T})}{q^{\text{SS}}(x_{t-1}|x_{0})} + \log \frac{p_{\theta}^{\text{SS}}(x_{T}|x_{0})}{q^{\text{SS}}(x_{T}|x_{0})} \right] = \mathbb{E}_{q^{\text{SS}}(x_{0:T})} \left[ \log p_{\theta}^{\text{SS}}(x_{0}|x_{1:T}) - \sum_{t=2}^{T} D_{KL} \left( q^{\text{SS}}(x_{t-1}|x_{0}) \parallel p_{\theta}^{\text{SS}}(x_{t-1}|x_{t:T}) \right) \right] \tag{28}$$

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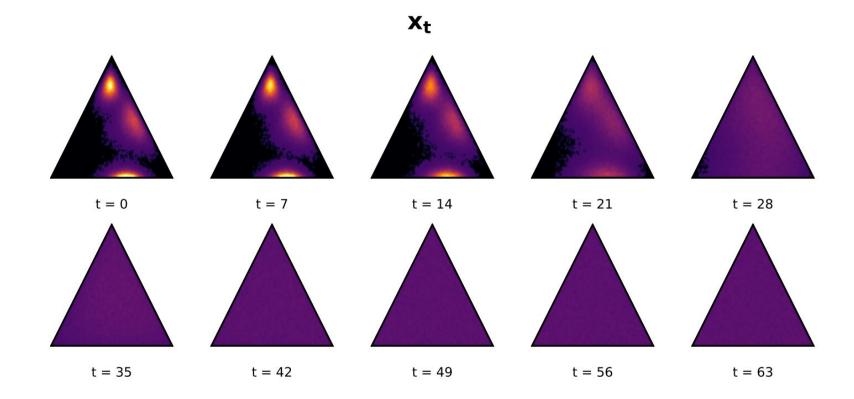
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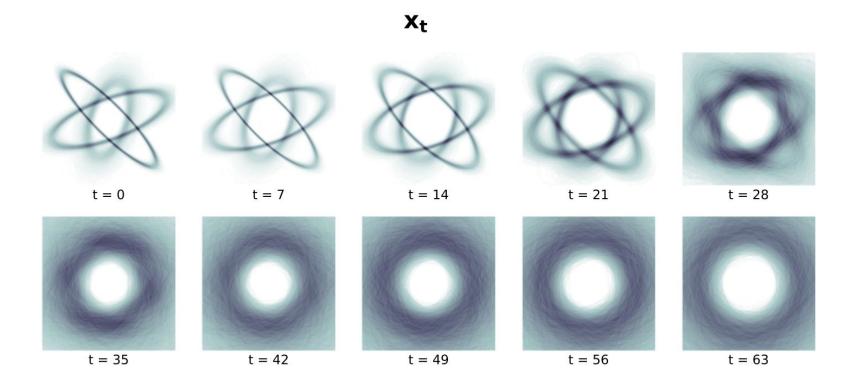
$$p_{\theta}^{\text{SS}}(x_{0:T}) = p_{\theta}^{\text{SS}}(x_T) \prod_{t=1}^{T} p_{\theta}^{\text{SS}}(x_{t-1}|x_{t:T})$$
 (11)

$$\mathcal{L}^{SS}(\theta) = \mathbb{E}_{q^{SS}} \left[ \log p_{\theta}(x_0|x_{1:T}) - \frac{1}{\sum_{t=2}^{T} D_{KL} \left( q^{SS}(x_{t-1}|x_0) \| p_{\theta}^{SS}(x_{t-1}|x_{t:T}) \right)} \right]$$
(12)

# Dirichlet



# Wishart

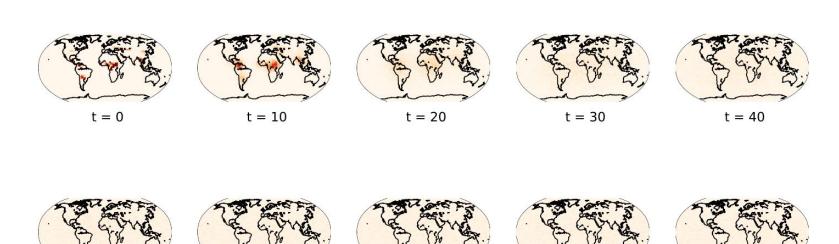


## von Mises-Fisher

t = 55

t = 70

### $\mathbf{x}_{\mathsf{t}}$



t = 80

t = 90

t = 99

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$$q^{SS}(x_{t-1}|x_{t:T}) = q^{SS}(x_{t-1}|G_t)$$
 (13)

# Efficient tail conditioning

#### **Theorem 1.** Given

$$q^{SS}(x_t|x_0) = h_t(x_t) \exp \left\{ \eta_t(x_0)^{\mathsf{T}} \mathcal{T}(x_t) - \Omega_t(x_0) \right\}$$
(14)  
$$\eta_t(x_0) = A_t f(x_0) + b_t$$
(15)  
$$G_t = \mathcal{G}_t(x_{t:T}) = \sum_{s=t}^T A_s^{\mathsf{T}} \mathcal{T}(x_s)$$
(16)

the following holds:

$$q^{SS}(x_{t-1}|x_{t:T}) = q^{SS}(x_{t-1}|G_t)$$
 (17)

Proof.

$$q^{\text{SS}}(x_{t}|x_{0}) = h_{t}(x_{t}) \exp\left\{\eta_{t}(x_{0})^{\mathsf{T}}\mathcal{T}(x_{t}) - \Omega_{t}(x_{0})\right\}$$

$$q^{\text{SS}}(x_{t-1}|x_{t:T}) = \int q^{\text{SS}}(x_{t-1}|x_{0})q^{\text{SS}}(x_{0}|x_{t:T})dx_{0} \qquad \boxed{\eta_{t}(x_{0}) = A_{t}f(x_{0}) + b_{t}} \tag{40}$$

$$q^{SS}(x_0|x_{t:T}) = \frac{q(x_0) \prod_{s=t}^T q^{SS}(x_s|x_0)}{q^{SS}(x_{t:T})} = \frac{q(x_0)}{q^{SS}(x_{t:T})} \left( \prod_{s=t}^T h_s(x_s) \right) \exp \left\{ \sum_{s=t}^T \left( \eta_s(x_0)^\mathsf{T} \mathcal{T}(x_s) - \Omega_s(x_0) \right) \right\} = (41)$$

$$= \frac{q(x_0)}{q^{SS}(x_{t:T})} \left( \prod_{s=t}^T h_s(x_s) \right) \exp \left\{ \sum_{s=t}^T \left( (A_s f(x_0) + b_s)^\mathsf{T} \mathcal{T}(x_s) - \Omega_s(x_0) \right) \right\} = \tag{42}$$

$$= \frac{q(x_0)}{q^{\text{SS}}(x_{t:T})} \left( \prod_{s=t}^{T} h_s(x_s) \right) \exp \left\{ f(x_0)^{\mathsf{T}} \sum_{s=t}^{T} A_s^{\mathsf{T}} \mathcal{T}(x_s) + \sum_{s=t}^{T} \left( b_s^{\mathsf{T}} \mathcal{T}(x_s) - \Omega_s(x_0) \right) \right\} =$$

$$q(x_0) \left( \frac{T}{T} \right) \left( \frac{T}{T} \right)$$

$$(43)$$

$$= \frac{q(x_0)}{q^{SS}(x_{t:T})} \left( \prod_{s=t}^T h_s(x_s) \right) \exp \left\{ f(x_0)^\mathsf{T} G_t + \sum_{s=t}^T \left( b_s^\mathsf{T} \mathcal{T}(x_s) - \Omega_s(x_0) \right) \right\} = \tag{44}$$

$$= \frac{q(x_0) \exp\left\{f(x_0)^\mathsf{T} G_t - \sum_{s=t}^T \Omega_s(x_0)\right\}}{\int q(x_0) \exp\left\{f(x_0)^\mathsf{T} G_t - \sum_{s=t}^T \Omega_s(x_0)\right\} dG_t} = q^{\mathrm{SS}}(x_0|G_t)$$
(45)

$$q^{SS}(x_{t-1}|x_{t:T}) = \int q^{SS}(x_{t-1}|x_0)q^{SS}(x_0|x_{t:T})dx_0 = \int q^{SS}(x_{t-1}|x_0)q^{SS}(x_0|G_t)dx_0 = q^{SS}(x_{t-1}|G_t)$$
(46)

# Training

$$p_{\theta}^{\text{SS}}(x_{t-1}|x_{t:T}) \approx q^{\text{SS}}(x_{t-1}|x_{t:T}) =$$

$$= \int q^{\text{SS}}(x_{t-1}|x_0)q^{\text{SS}}(x_0|x_{t:T})dx_0$$
(20)

### **Algorithm 1** SS-DDPM training

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repeat  x_0 \sim q(x_0) \\ t \sim \operatorname{Uniform}(1, \ldots, T) \\ x_{t:T} \sim q^{\operatorname{SS}}(x_{t:T}|x_0) \\ G_t = \sum_{s=t}^T A_s^\mathsf{T} \mathcal{T}(x_s) \\ \operatorname{Move along} \nabla_\theta \mathrm{KL}(q^{\operatorname{SS}}(x_{t-1}|x_0) \| p_\theta^{\operatorname{SS}}(x_{t-1}|G_t)) \\ \mathbf{until} \ \operatorname{Convergence}
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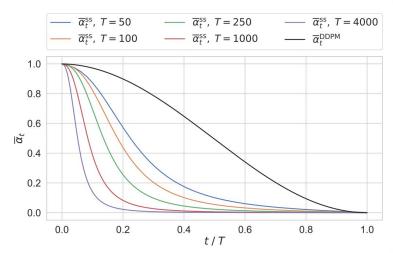
# Sampling

$$p_{\theta}^{SS}(x_{t-1}|x_{t:T}) = q^{SS}(x_{t-1}|x_0)|_{x_0 = x_{\theta}(\mathcal{G}_t(x_{t:T}), t)}$$
(21)

## **Algorithm 2** SS-DDPM sampling

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x_T \sim q^{	ext{SS}}(x_T)
G_T = A_T^{	extsf{T}} \mathcal{T}(x_T)
for t = T to 2 do
\tilde{x}_0 = x_{\theta}(G_t, t)
x_{t-1} \sim q^{	extsf{SS}}(x_{t-1}|x_0)|_{x_0 = \tilde{x}_0}
G_{t-1} = G_t + A_{t-1}^{	extsf{T}} \mathcal{T}(x_{t-1})
end for
x_0 \sim p_{\theta}^{	extsf{SS}}(x_0|G_1)
```

# Connection with DDPM



**Theorem 2.** Let  $\overline{\alpha}_t^{\text{DDPM}}$  define the noising schedule for a DDPM model (1–2) via  $\beta_t = (\overline{\alpha}_{t-1}^{\text{DDPM}} - \overline{\alpha}_t^{\text{DDPM}})/\overline{\alpha}_{t-1}^{\text{DDPM}}$ . Let  $q^{\text{SS}}(x_{0:T})$  be a Gaussian SS-DDPM forward process with the following noising schedule and tail statistic:

$$q^{\text{SS}}(x_t|x_0) = \mathcal{N}\left(x_t; \sqrt{\overline{\alpha}_t^{\text{SS}}} x_0, 1 - \overline{\alpha}_t^{\text{SS}}\right), \tag{22}$$

$$\mathcal{G}_t(x_{t:T}) = \frac{1 - \overline{\alpha}_t^{\text{DDPM}}}{\sqrt{\overline{\alpha}_t^{\text{DDPM}}}} \sum_{s=t}^T \frac{\sqrt{\overline{\alpha}_s^{\text{SS}}} x_s}{1 - \overline{\alpha}_s^{\text{SS}}}, \text{ where}$$
 (23)

$$\frac{\overline{\alpha}_t^{\text{SS}}}{1 - \overline{\alpha}_t^{\text{SS}}} = \frac{\overline{\alpha}_t^{\text{DDPM}}}{1 - \overline{\alpha}_t^{\text{DDPM}}} - \frac{\overline{\alpha}_{t+1}^{\text{DDPM}}}{1 - \overline{\alpha}_{t+1}^{\text{DDPM}}}.$$
 (24)

Then the tail statistic  $G_t$  follows a Gaussian DDPM noising process  $q^{\text{DDPM}}(x_{0:T})|_{x_{1:T}=G_{1:T}}$  defined by the schedule  $\overline{\alpha}_t^{\text{DDPM}}$ . Moreover, the corresponding reverse processes and VLB objectives are also equivalent.

## Beta SS-DDPM

$$q(x_t|x_0) = \text{Beta}(x_t; \alpha_t, \beta_t)$$

$$\alpha_t = 1 + \nu_t x_0$$

$$\beta_t = 1 + \nu_t (1 - x_0)$$

$$\eta_t(x_0) = \nu_t x_0, \mathcal{T}(x_t) = \log \frac{x_t}{1 - x_t}$$

$$\mathcal{G}_t(x_{t:T}) = \sum_{s=t}^{T} \nu_s \log \frac{x_s}{1 - x_s}$$

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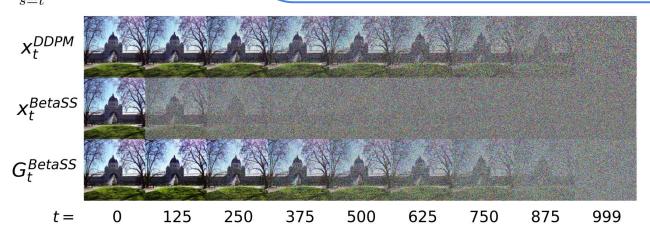
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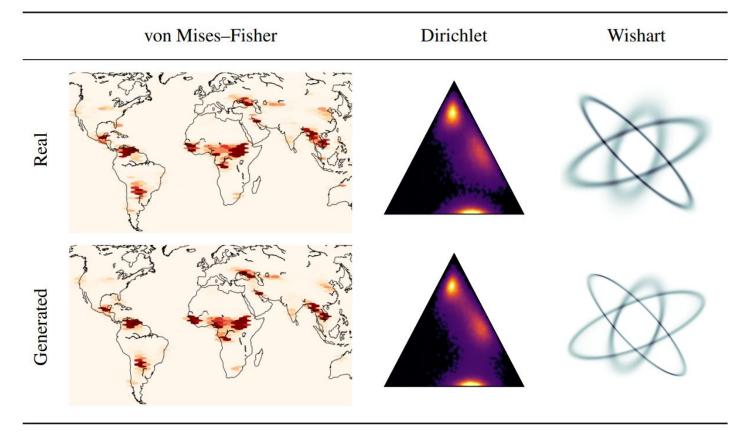
## Practical considerations

- 1. choosing the right schedule
- 2. implementing the sampler
- 3. reducing the number of steps

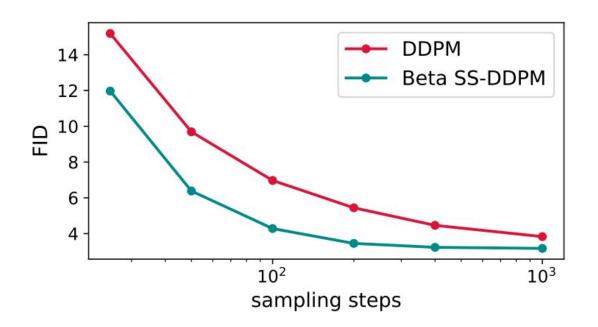
$$p_{\theta}^{SS}(x_{t_1:t_2}|G_{t_2}) = \prod_{t=t_1}^{t_2} q^{SS}(x_t|x_0)|_{x_0=x_{\theta}(G_t,t)} \approx \prod_{t=t_1}^{t_2} q^{SS}(x_t|x_0)|_{x_0=x_{\theta}(G_{t_2},t_2)}$$
(25)

- 4. time-dependent tail normalization
- 5. architectural choices

# Experiments



## Beta SS-DDPM vs DDPM



## Conclusion

#### SS-DDPM provided

- 1. approach for creating diffusion models with non-Gaussian noise
- 2. effective approach for Gaussian, Beta, Dirichlet, Categorical, von Mises, von Mises-Fisher, Gamma, Wishart distributions