
Information Acquisition and Distributions of Functions with Deep Generative Models

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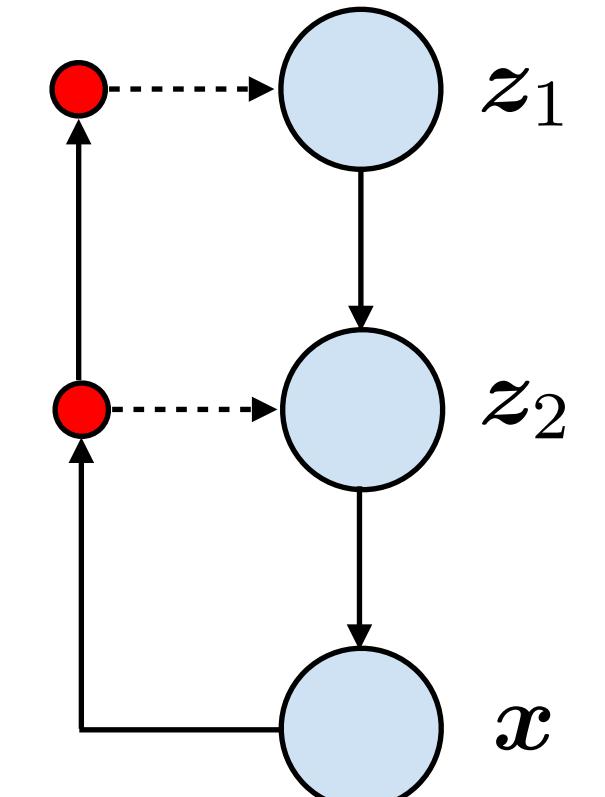
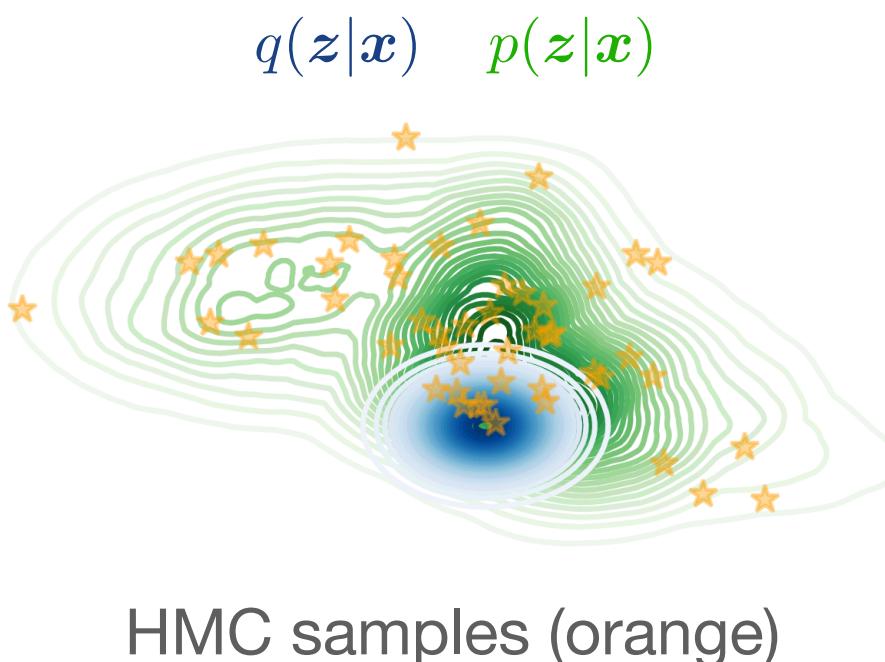
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Introduction

Research Questions: Part I

- One-layered VAEs approximate inference can be improved via Markov Chain Monte Carlo [1-4].
 1. Could we leverage MCMC methods for Hierarchical VAEs?
 2. If so, could we improve incomplete data handling with MCMC?

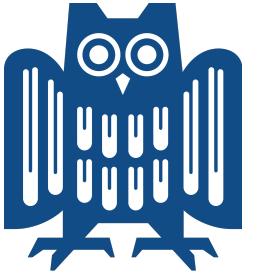
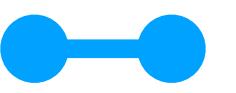


[1] Campbell et al., 2019

[2] Caterini et al., 2018

[3] Salimans et al., 2018

[4] Ruiz et al., 2021



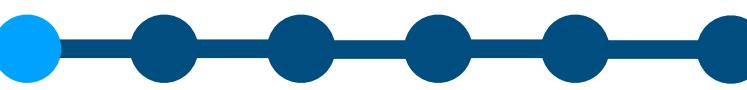
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Research Questions: Part II

- VAEs are successful in generating structured data.
 1. Could we generate non-structured data via **functions** [5,6] using a VAE framework?
 2. Can we encode weights of a Neural Network?

[5] Dupont et at., 2022

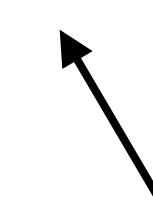
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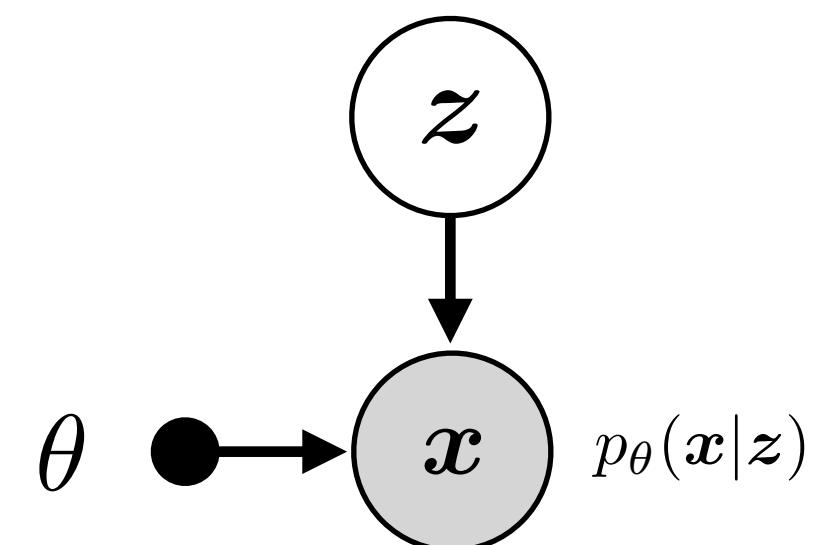
Definition^[7]

- Generative, explicit density models with intractable marginal log-likelihood.

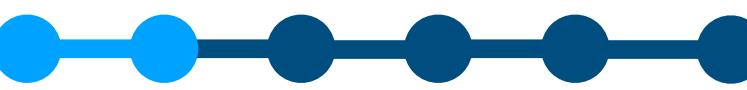
$$p(\mathbf{x}) = \int p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{z}) d\mathbf{z} = \int p_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{z})p(\mathbf{z}) d\mathbf{z}$$


- **Intractable**, due to the complexity added by the NNs.
- Posterior distribution:

$$p(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x}) = \frac{p_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{z})p(\mathbf{z})}{\underline{p_{\theta}(\mathbf{x})}}$$



^[7] Kingma et al., 2013



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Amortised Variational Inference (I)

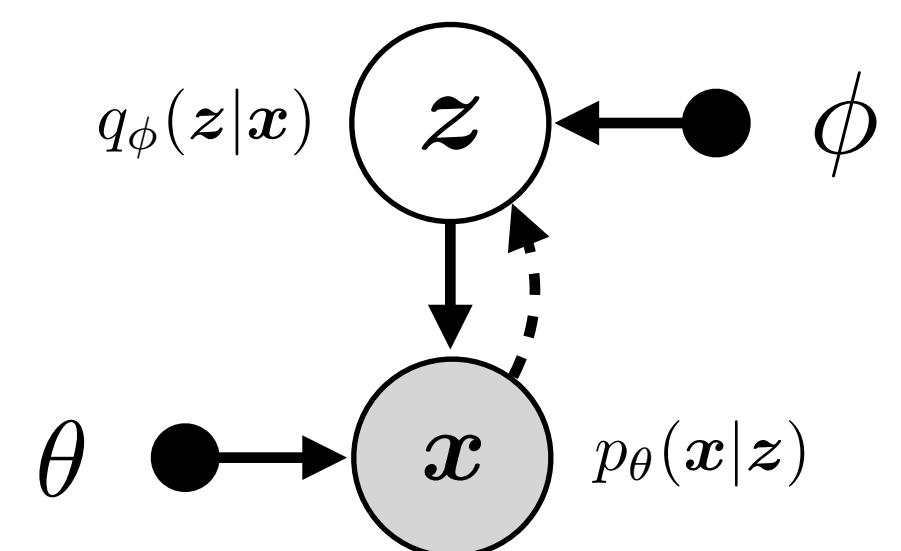
- Learn a **Gaussian** approximation of the posterior using observed data by minimizing

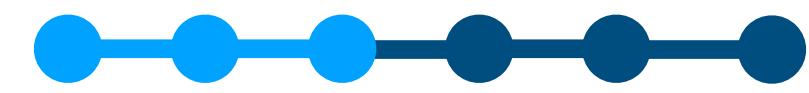
$$D_{KL} (q_\phi(z|x) || p(z|x))$$

- Which is equivalent to maximizing

$$\mathcal{L}(x) = \mathbb{E}_{q_\phi(z|x)} \log \frac{p_\theta(x, z)}{q_\phi(z|x)},$$

named **Evidence Lower Bound (ELBO)**.





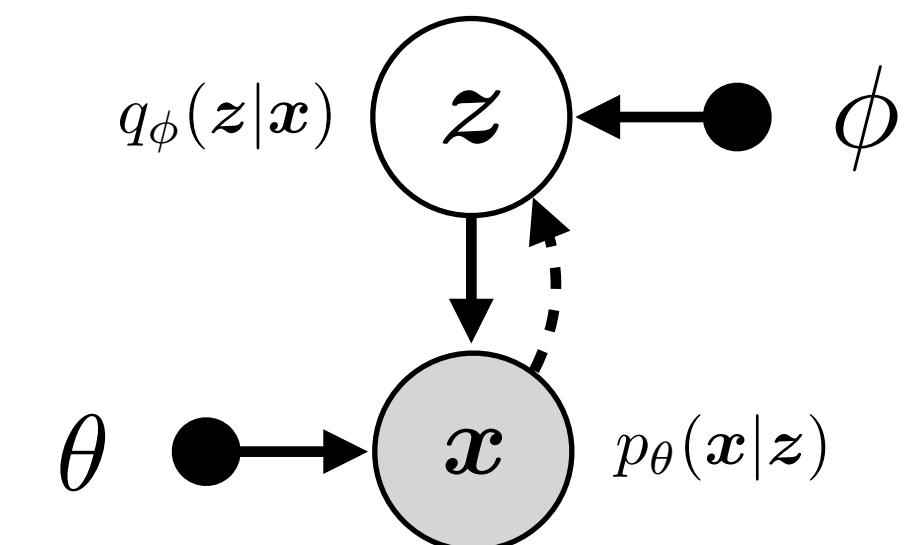
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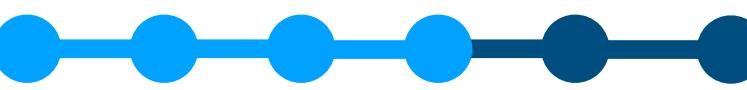
Amortised Variational Inference (I)

The ELBO is typically expressed as

$$\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbb{E}_{q_\phi(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x})} \log p_\theta(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{z}) - D_{KL}(q_\phi(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x}) || p(\mathbf{z}))$$







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Amortised Variational Inference (II)

- First **reconstruction** term requires an MC estimator:

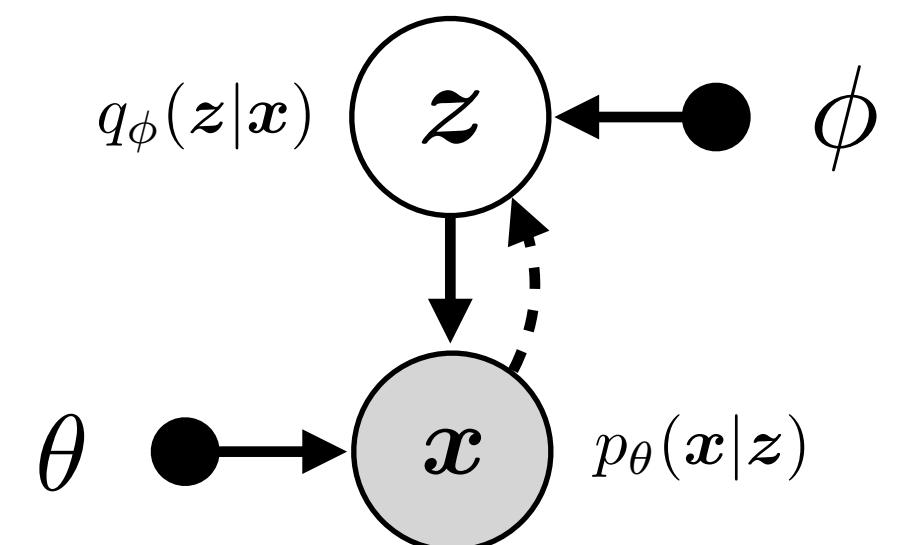
$$\hat{\mathcal{L}}(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{S} \sum_{i=1}^S \left(\log p_\theta(\mathbf{x} | \mathbf{z}^{(s)}) \right) - D_{KL}(q_\phi(\mathbf{z} | \mathbf{x}) \| p(\mathbf{z}))$$

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$$\mathbf{z}^{(s)} = f_\mu(\mathbf{x}) + f_\sigma(\mathbf{x}) \cdot \epsilon^{(s)}$$
$$\epsilon^{(s)} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I})$$

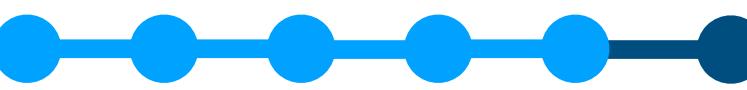
Reparameterization trick^[7]

Works reasonably good even for $S=1$



- Second **regularization** term can be computed in close form.

^[7] Kingma et al., 2013



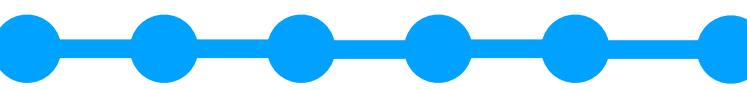
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Training

For each batch of B samples:

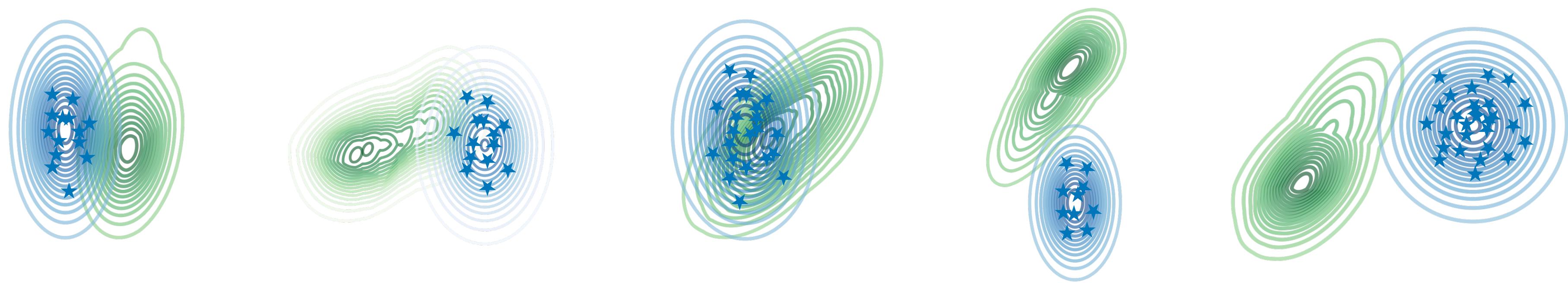
1. Encode to the parameters of the approximate posteriors $q_\phi(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x}_i)$.
2. Draw a sample from each $q_\phi(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x}_i)$.
3. Optimization step on θ and ϕ .

$$\nabla_{(\theta, \phi)} \left(\frac{1}{B} \sum_{i=1}^B (\log p_\theta(\mathbf{x}_i | \mathbf{z}) - D_{KL}(q_\phi(\mathbf{z} | \mathbf{x}_i) \| p(\mathbf{z}))) \right)$$



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Approximate Inference



$$q(z|x) \quad p(z|x)$$

- Can we get better samples that follow the green contour?

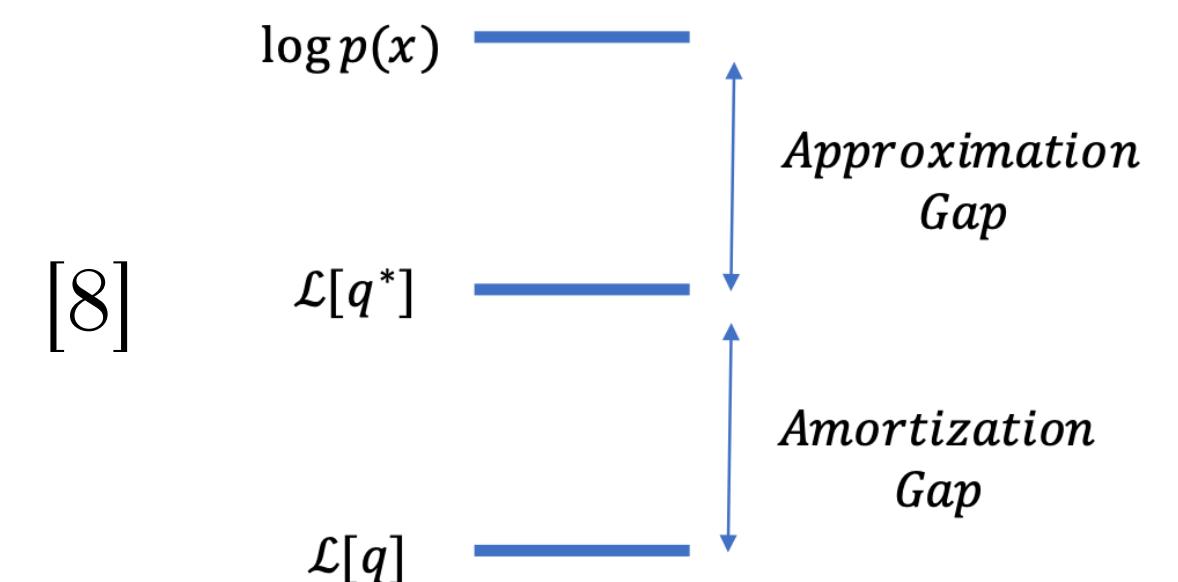
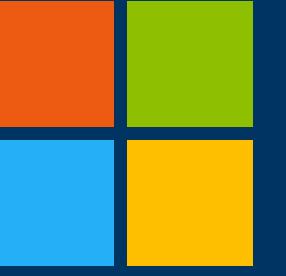


Figure 1. Gaps in Inference

[8] Cremer et al., 2018



Part I

Missing Data Imputation and Acquisition with Deep Hierarchical Models and Hamiltonian Monte Carlo

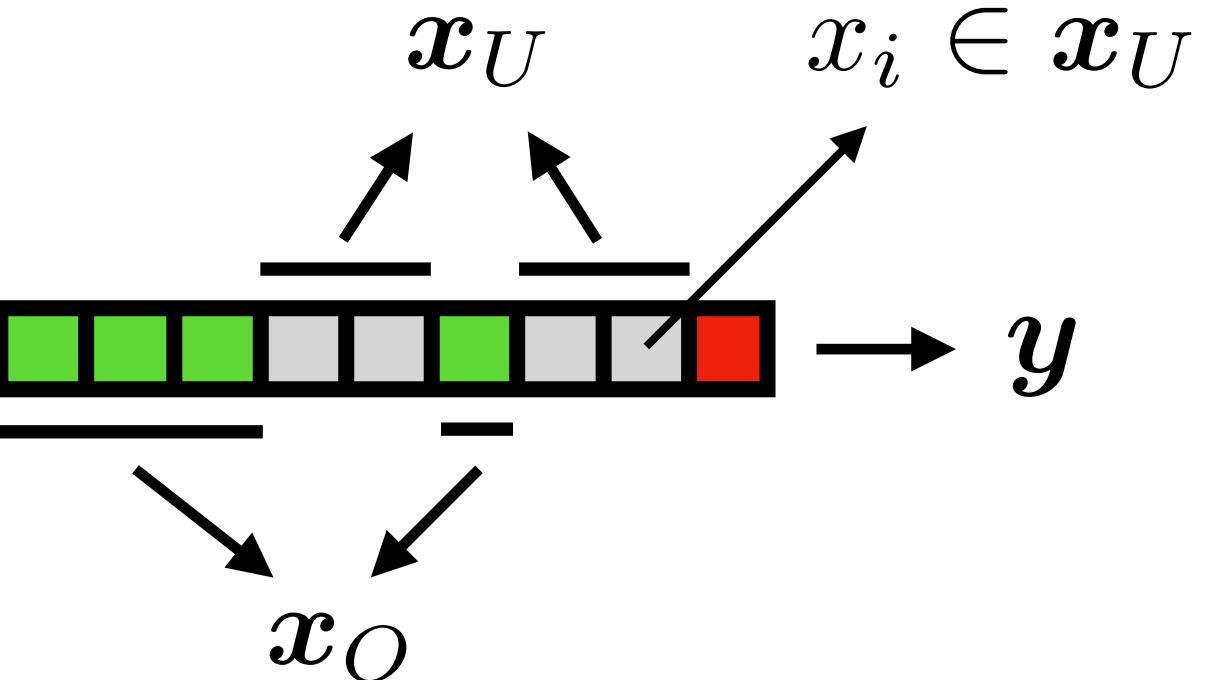


Challenges

Enhance information acquisition with VAEs

- Discovery of high-value information.
- Bayesian reward function [9] as an expected gain of information:

$$R(i, \mathbf{x}_O) = \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{x}_i \sim p(\mathbf{x}_i | \mathbf{x}_O)} D_{\text{KL}} [p(\mathbf{y} | \mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_O) || p(\mathbf{y} | \mathbf{x}_O)]$$



[9] Bernardo et al., 1979



Challenges

Enhance information acquisition with VAEs

- Approximated in [10,11] by transforming the reward into the latent space:

$$\hat{R}(i, \mathbf{x}_o) = \mathbb{E}_{\hat{p}(\mathbf{x}_i|\mathbf{x}_o)} D_{KL} [q(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_o) || q(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x}_o)] - \\ \mathbb{E}_{\hat{p}(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{x}_i|\mathbf{x}_o)} D_{KL} [q(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_o) || q(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{x}_o)]$$

- These methods are based on **Gaussian** approximations of the true posterior.

[10] Ma et al., 2018 [11] Ma et al., 2020



Challenges

Improve missing data imputation with VAEs

- Imputation under a VAE framework [10-13]:

$$p(\mathbf{x}_U | \mathbf{x}_O) = \mathbb{E}_{p(\mathbf{z} | \mathbf{x}_O)}[p(\mathbf{x}_U | \mathbf{z})] \approx \mathbb{E}_{q(\mathbf{z} | \mathbf{x}_O)}[p(\mathbf{x}_U | \mathbf{z})]$$

- Also based on **Gaussian** approximations of the true posterior.

[10] Ma et al., 2018

[11] Ma et al., 2020

[12] Nazabal et al., 2020

[13] Mattei et al., 2020

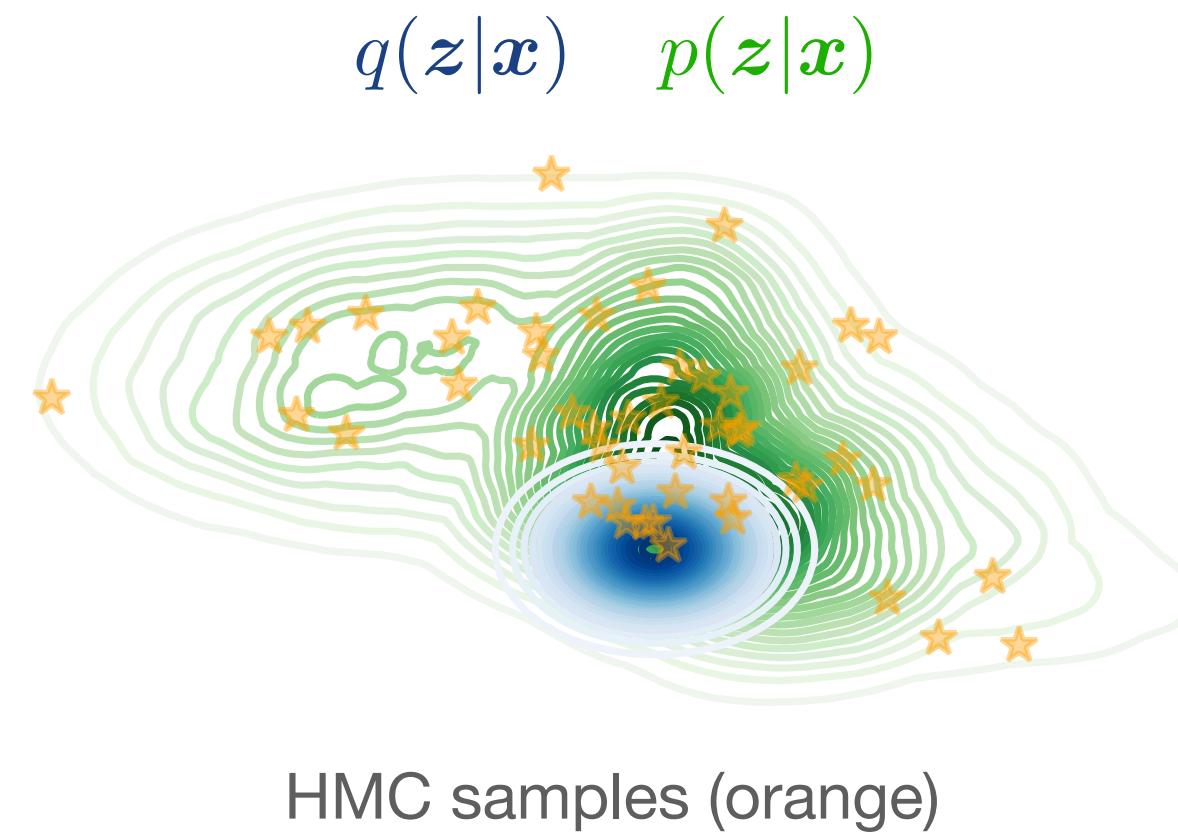


Challenges

Sampling-based methods for incomplete data related tasks



Expectations over the intractable posterior should leverage a well-designed MCMC approximation method when compared to a Gaussian-based approximation.



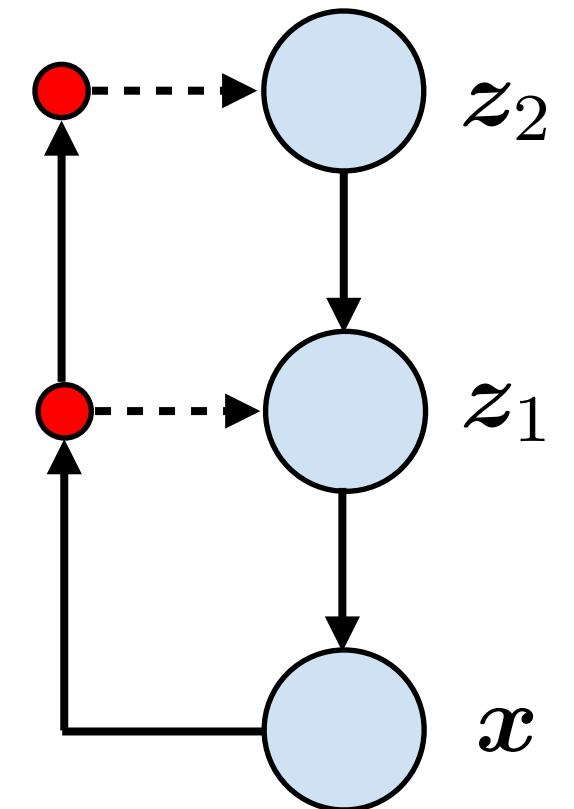
- Imputation:** $p(\mathbf{x}_U|\mathbf{x}_O) \approx \mathbb{E}_{q^{(T)}(\boldsymbol{\epsilon}|\mathbf{x}_O)}[p(\mathbf{x}_U|\boldsymbol{\epsilon})]$.
- Prediction:** $p(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{x}_O) \approx \mathbb{E}_{q^{(T)}(\boldsymbol{\epsilon}|\mathbf{x}_O)}[p(\mathbf{y}|\boldsymbol{\epsilon}, \mathbf{x}_O, \hat{\mathbf{x}}_U)]$.
- Sampling-based active learning.**



Challenges Hierarchical VAEs

- Hierarchical VAEs are successful at increasing flexibility.

$$p(\mathbf{z}_L) \prod_{l=1}^{L-1} p(\mathbf{z}_l | \mathbf{z}_{l+1})$$



- The hierarchy allows for modelling:
 - Abstract to specific generative factors.
 - Global to local generative factors.



[14] Child, 2020

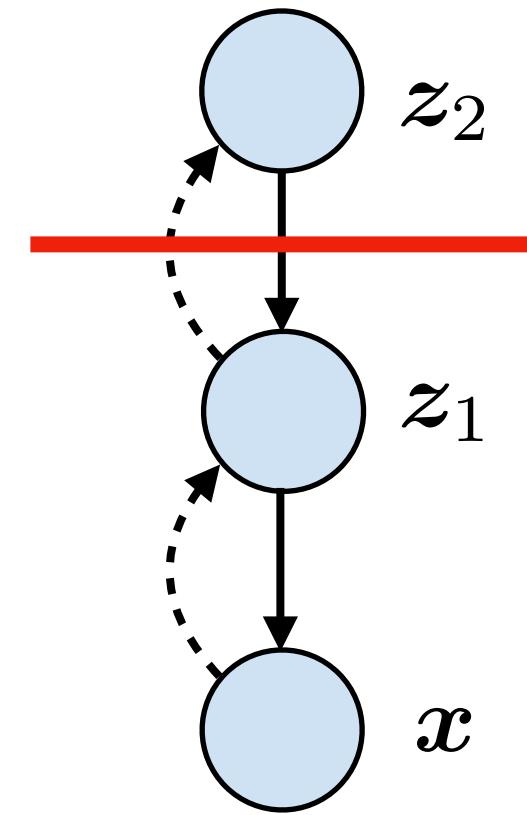


Challenges Hierarchical VAEs

- **Delicate inference** (posterior collapse).

$$ELBO(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbb{E}_{Q(\mathbf{z}_1, \mathbf{z}_2 | \mathbf{x})} \left[\ln p(\mathbf{x} | \mathbf{z}_1) - KL[q(\mathbf{z}_1 | \mathbf{x}) || p(\mathbf{z}_1 | \mathbf{z}_2)] - KL[q(\mathbf{z}_2 | \mathbf{z}_1) || p(\mathbf{z}_2)] \right]$$

$$q(\mathbf{z}_2 | \mathbf{z}_1) \approx p(\mathbf{z}_2) \approx \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$$

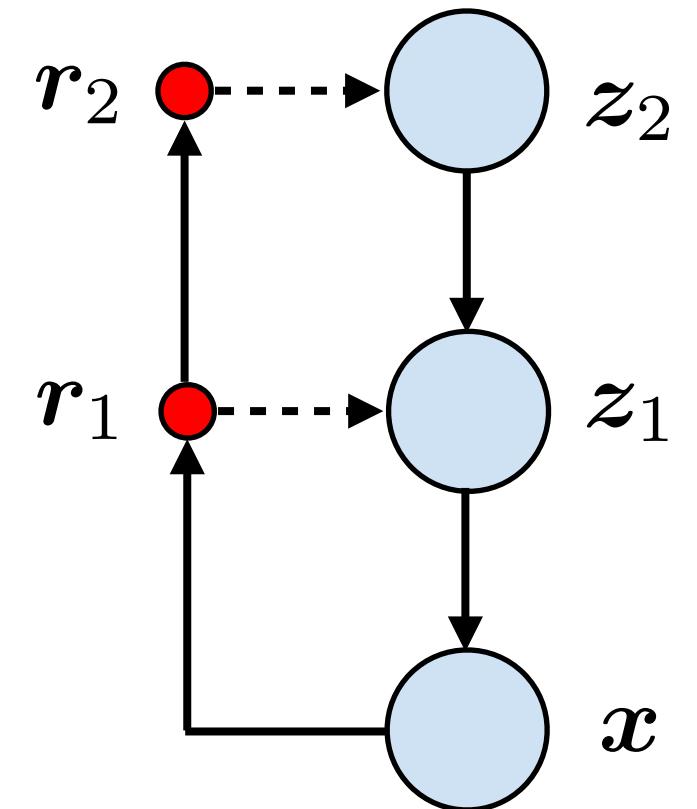




Challenges Hierarchical VAEs

- **Solution:** top-down inference.

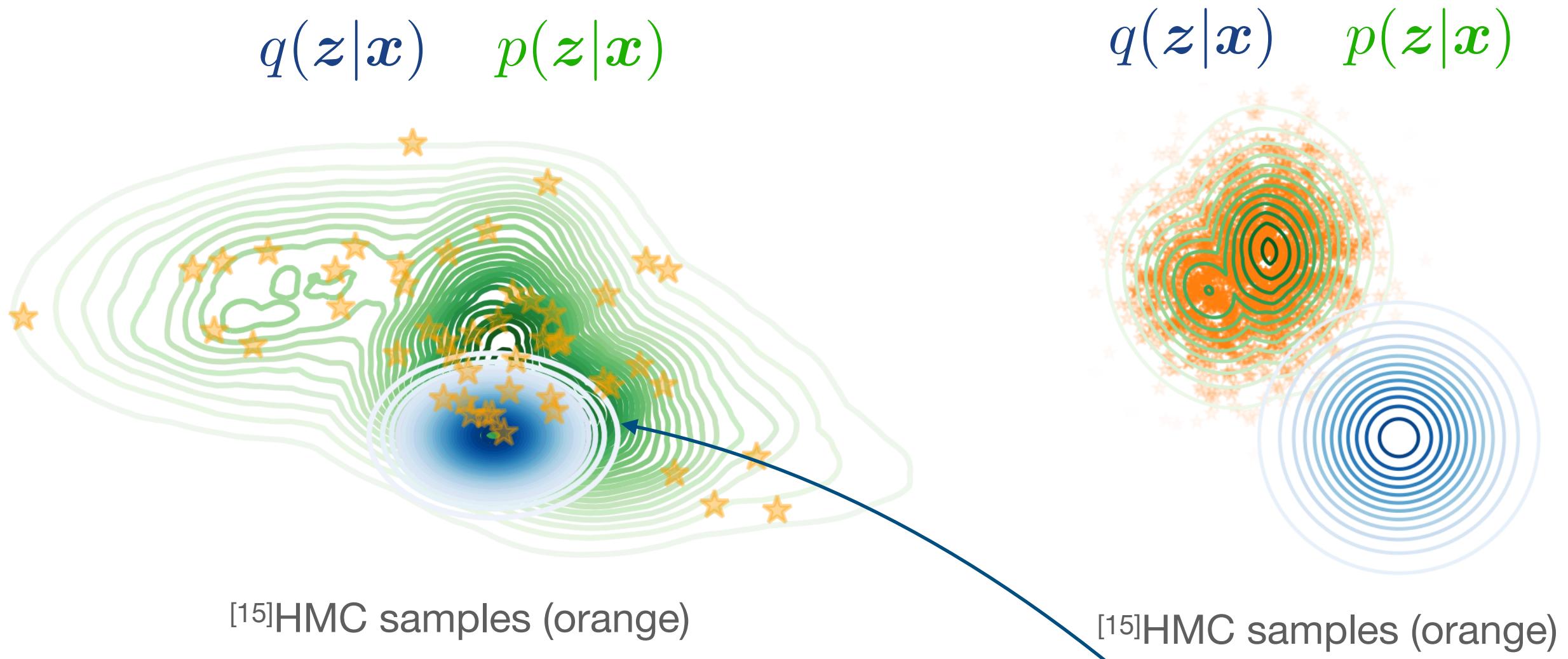
$$Q(\mathbf{z}_1, \mathbf{z}_2 | \mathbf{x}) = q(\mathbf{z}_1 | \mathbf{z}_2, \mathbf{x})q(\mathbf{z}_2 | \mathbf{x}).$$



- ✓ Posterior collapse is relaxed.
- ◆ Inference bias worsens with latent dimensionality.



Challenges MCMC for improving inference in VAEs



$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{x}; \theta, \phi) &= \mathbb{E}_{q_\phi(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x})} [\log p_\theta(\mathbf{x} \mid \mathbf{z})] - D_{KL} (q_\phi(\mathbf{z} \mid \mathbf{x}) \| p(\mathbf{z})) \\ &\approx \frac{1}{S} \sum_{s=1}^S \log p_\theta(\mathbf{x} \mid \mathbf{z}^{(s)}) - D_{KL} (q_\phi(\mathbf{z} \mid \mathbf{x}) \| p(\mathbf{z}))\end{aligned}$$

[15] Peis et al., 2021



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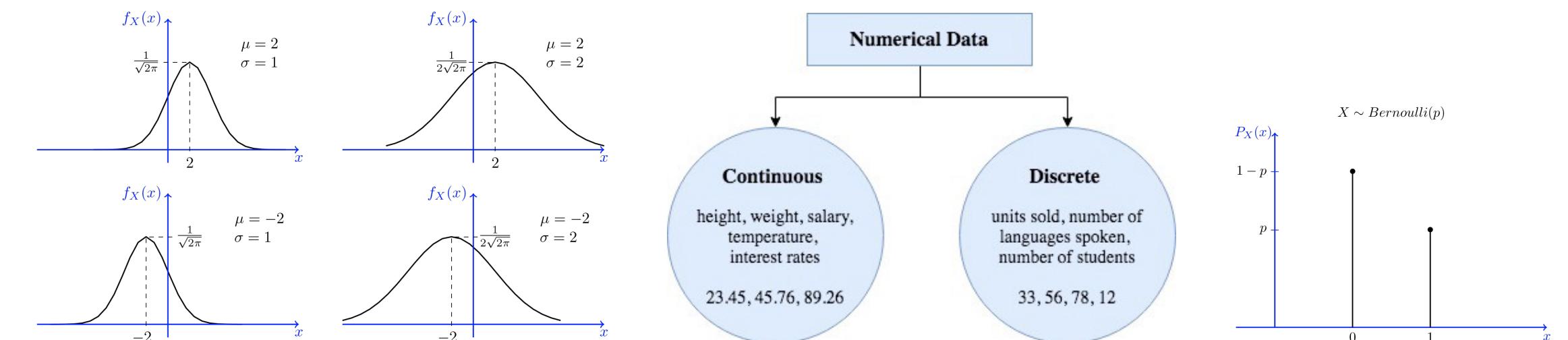
Handling partial heterogeneous data

- Factorization over dimensions^[10-13]:

$$\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbb{E}_{q_\phi(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x})} \left[\sum_{d=1}^D \mathbb{I}(x_d \in \mathbf{x}_O) \log p_\theta(x_d|\mathbf{z}) \right] - D_{KL}(q_\phi(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x}_O)||p(\mathbf{z}))$$

- Naïve approach for heterogeneous^[12,13]: use a different likelihood per dimension.

- **Problem:** imbalanced likelihoods.

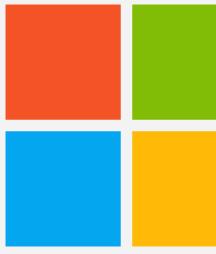


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Challenges

Handling partial heterogeneous data

- **Solution^[11]:** learn first D marginal VAEs (θ_d, γ_d) :

$$\mathcal{L}_d(x_d; \{\theta_d, \gamma_d\}) = \mathbb{I}(x_d \in \mathbf{x}_o) \mathbb{E}_{q_{\gamma_d}(z_d|x_d)} \log \frac{p_{\theta_d}(x_d, z_d)}{q_{\gamma_d}(z_d|x_d)}$$

and a joint dependency VAE (θ, ϕ) on the marginally encoded data:

$$\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{z}) = \mathbb{E}_{q_{\phi}(\mathbf{h}|\mathbf{z})} \left[\sum_{d=1}^D \mathbb{I}(z_d \in \mathbf{z}_O) \mathbb{E}_{q_{\gamma_d}(z_d|x_d)} [\log p_{\theta}(z_d|\mathbf{h})] \right] - D_{KL}(q_{\phi}(\mathbf{h}|\mathbf{z}_O) || p(\mathbf{h}))$$

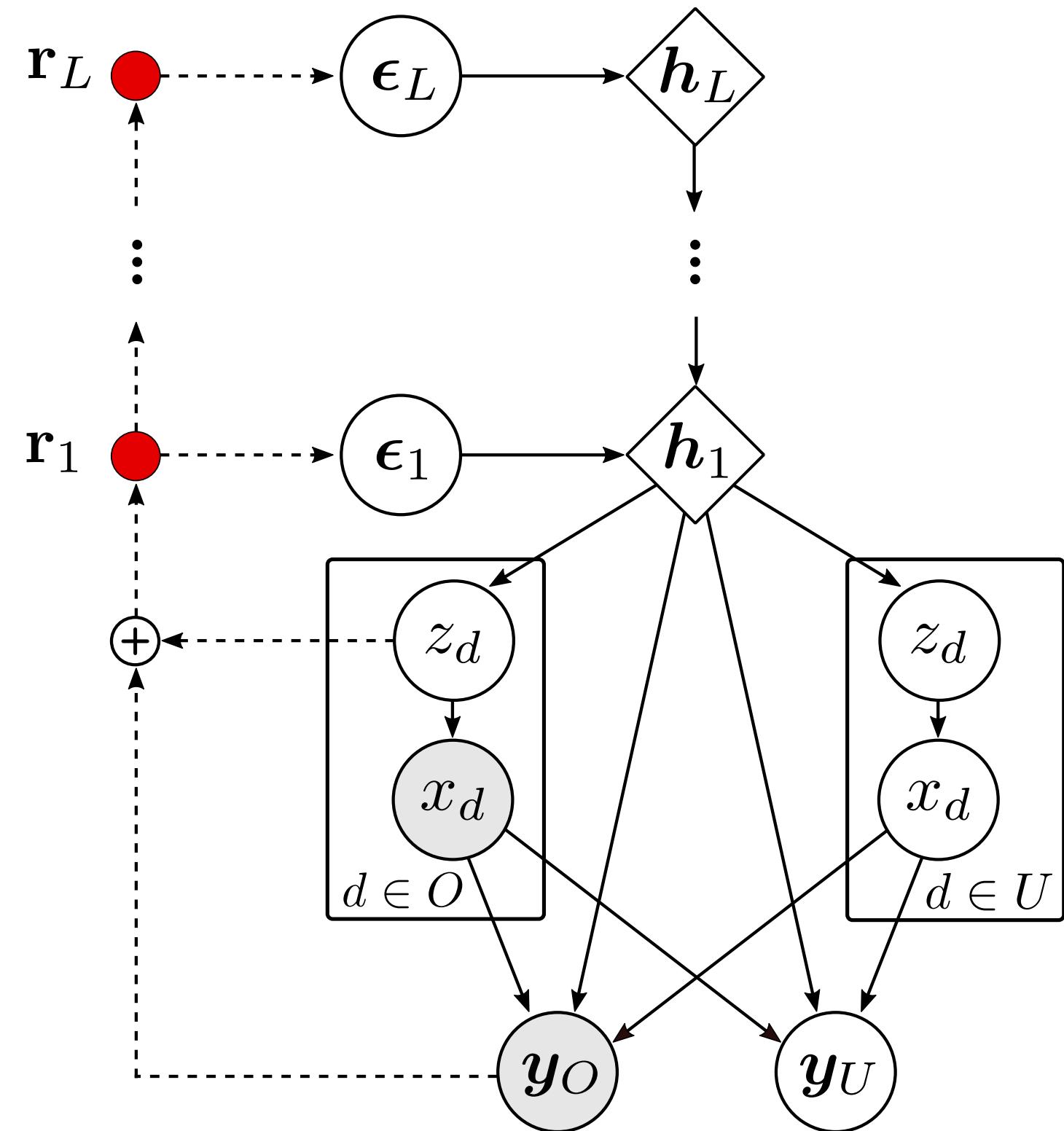
- Interdependencies between heterogenous variables are better captured by the dependency VAE.

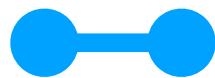
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Contributions

Hierarchical Hamiltonian VAE for mixed-type incomplete data (HH-VAEM)

- Increased flexibility by using hierarchical latent space.
- Improved inference by means of automatically tuned HMC.
- Reparameterization for well-posed HMC on relaxed posterior.
- Heterogeneous data handling.
- More accurate imputation and prediction.
- More effective information acquisition.





Contributions (II)

Sampling-based method for active information acquisition

- Sampling-based estimator [16] of the Mutual Information:

$$\begin{aligned} R(i, \mathbf{x}_O) &= D_{\text{KL}} [p(\mathbf{y}, x_i | \mathbf{x}_O) || p(\mathbf{y} | \mathbf{x}_O)p(x_i | \mathbf{x}_O)] = \mathcal{I}(\mathbf{y}; x_i | \mathbf{x}_O) = \\ &= \iint_{x_i, \mathbf{y}} p_{x_i, \mathbf{y} | \mathbf{x}_O}(x_i, \mathbf{y} | \mathbf{x}_O) \log \left(\frac{p_{x_i, \mathbf{y} | \mathbf{x}_O}(x_i, \mathbf{y} | \mathbf{x}_O)}{p_{x_i | \mathbf{x}_O}(x_i | \mathbf{x}_O)p_{\mathbf{y} | \mathbf{x}_O}(\mathbf{y} | \mathbf{x}_O)} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\hat{I}(\mathbf{y}; x_i | \mathbf{x}_O) \approx \sum_{ij} p_{x_i, \mathbf{y} | \mathbf{x}_O}(i, j) \log \frac{p_{x_i, \mathbf{y} | \mathbf{x}_O}(i, j)}{p_{x_i | \mathbf{x}_O}(i)p_{\mathbf{y} | \mathbf{x}_O}(j)}$$

- ✓ Avoids the Gaussian approximation
- ✓ Efficient, easy parallelization.

[16] Kraskov et al., 2004



Method

Hamiltonian Monte Carlo

- Sample from complex distributions via unnormalised targets
 1. Phase and momentum space

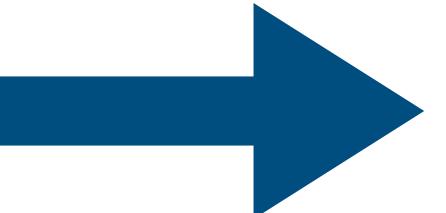
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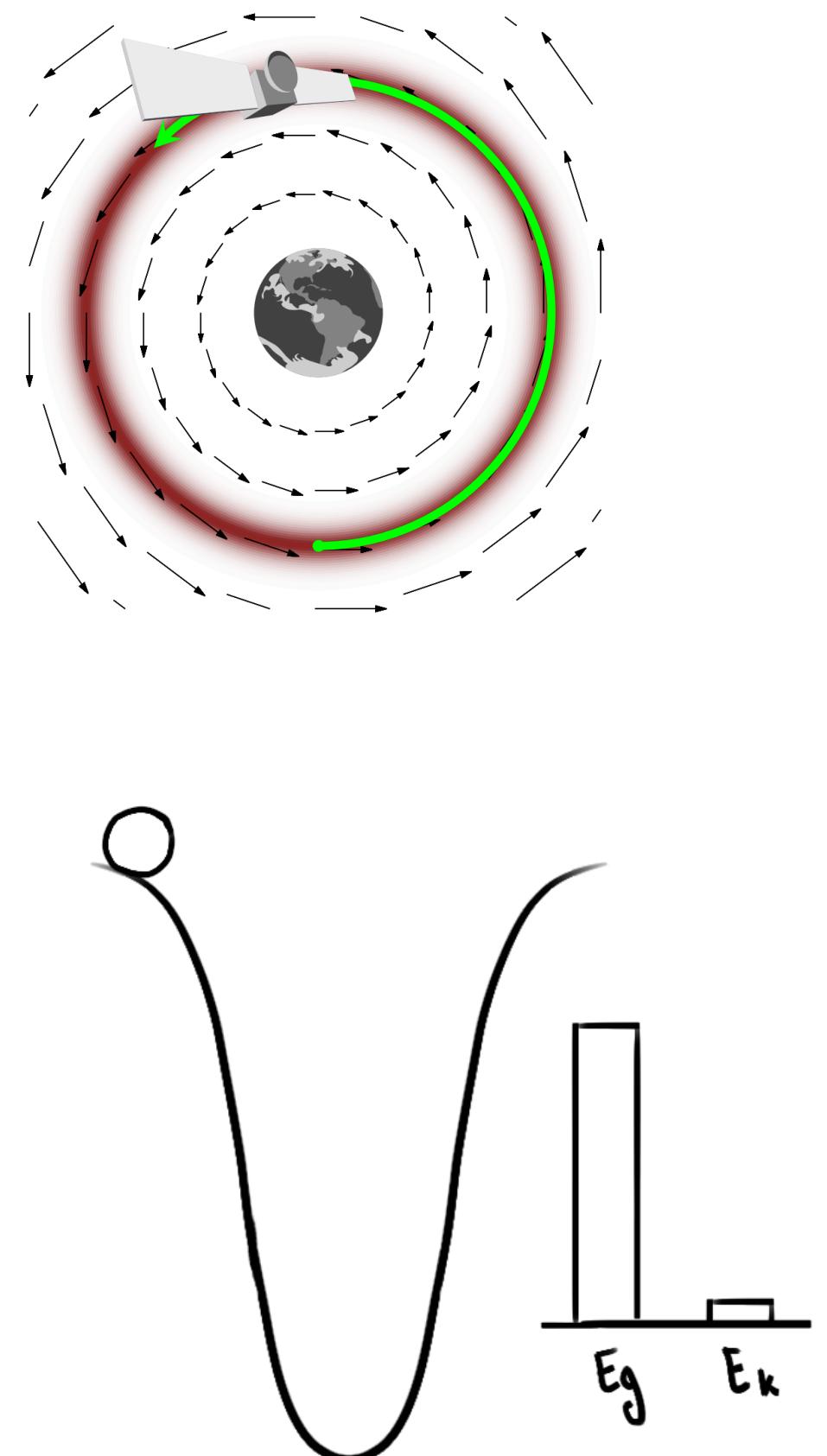
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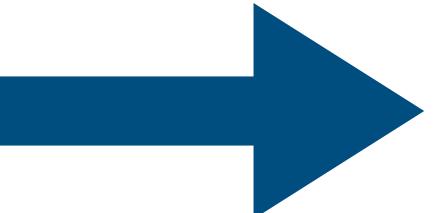
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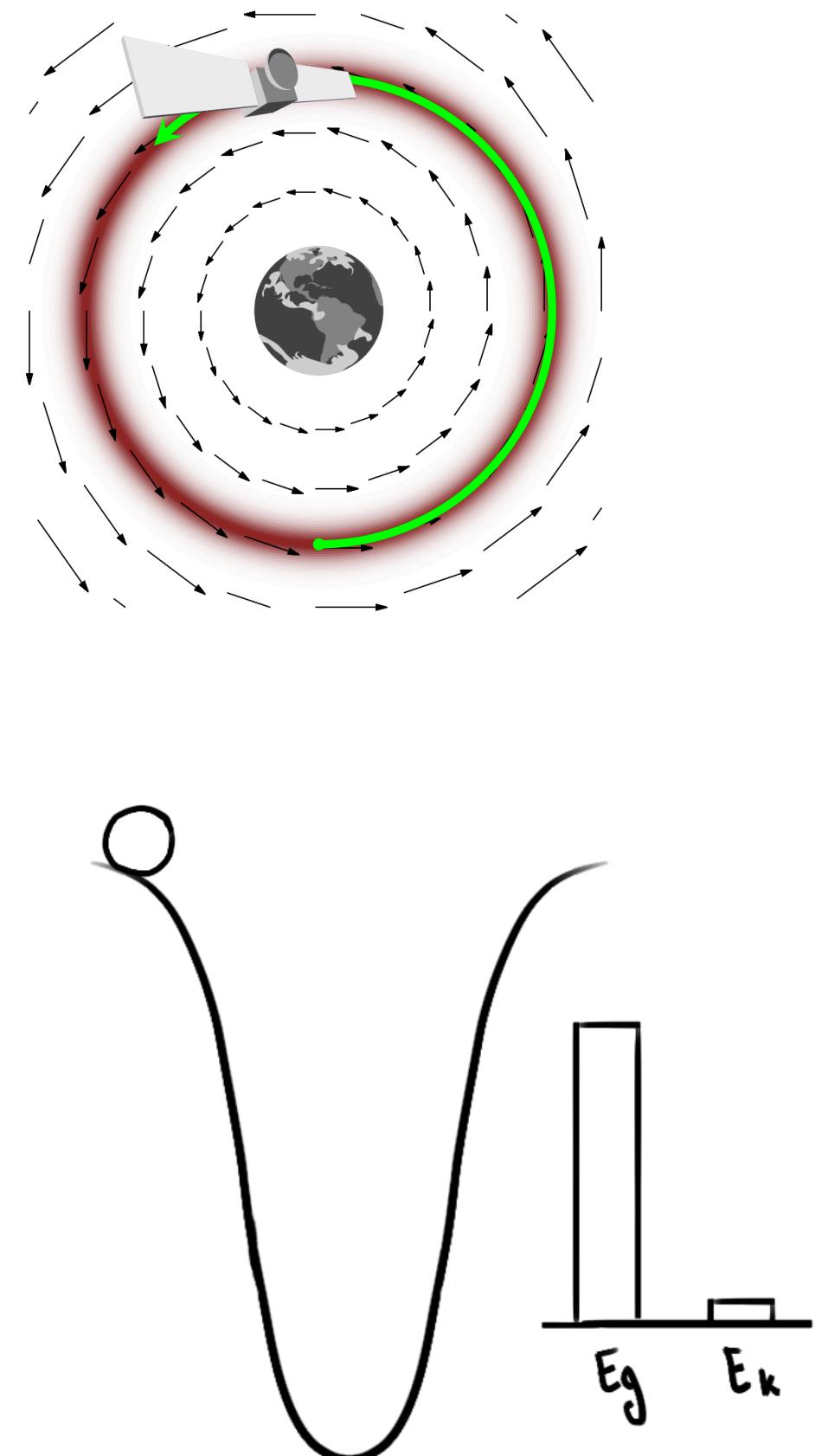
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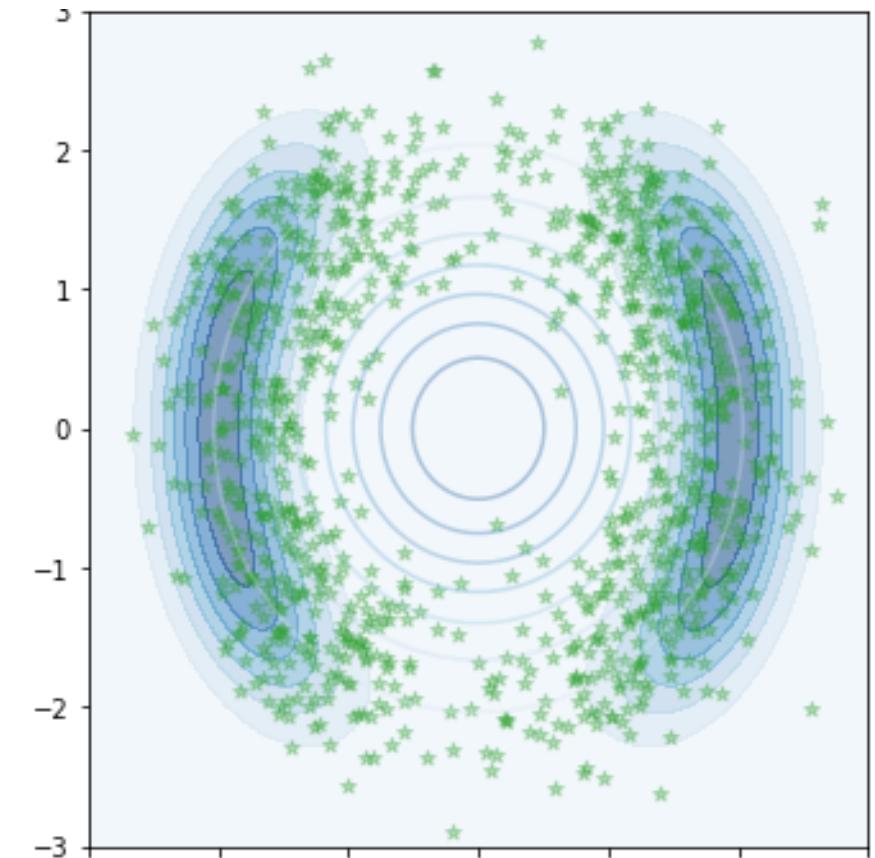
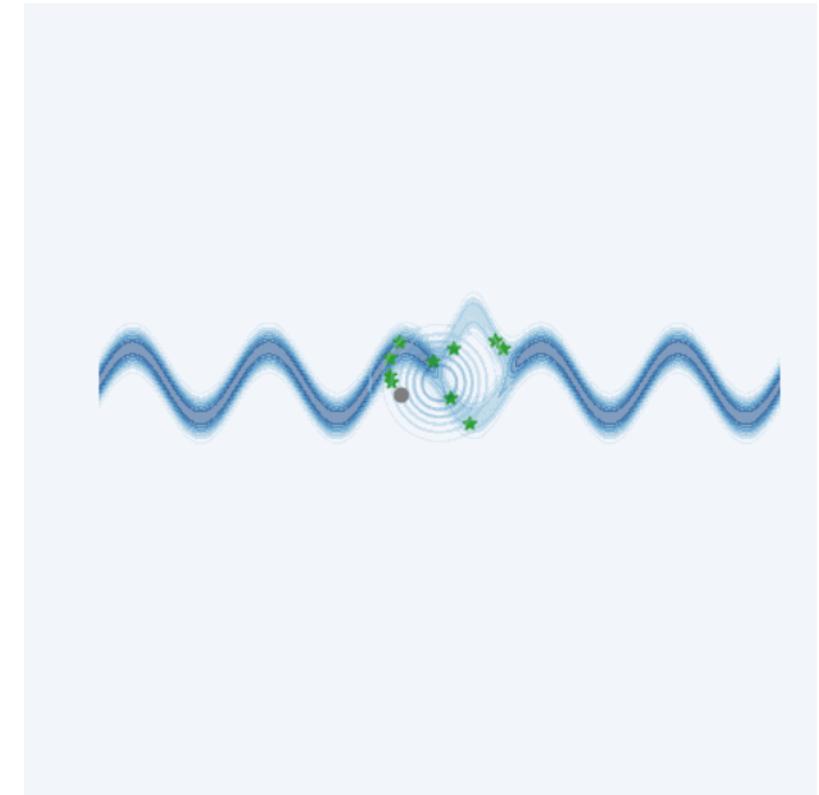
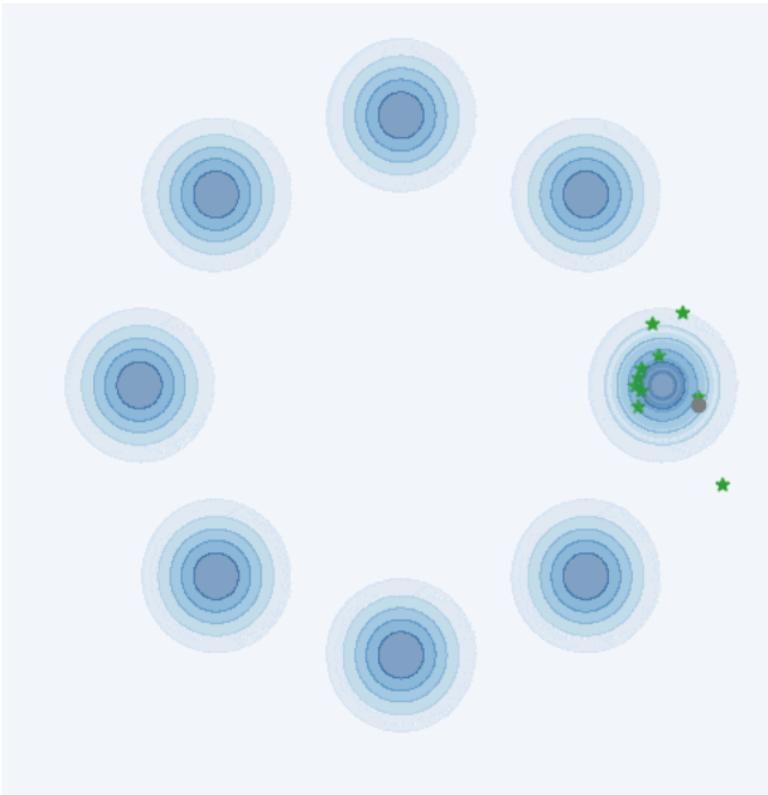
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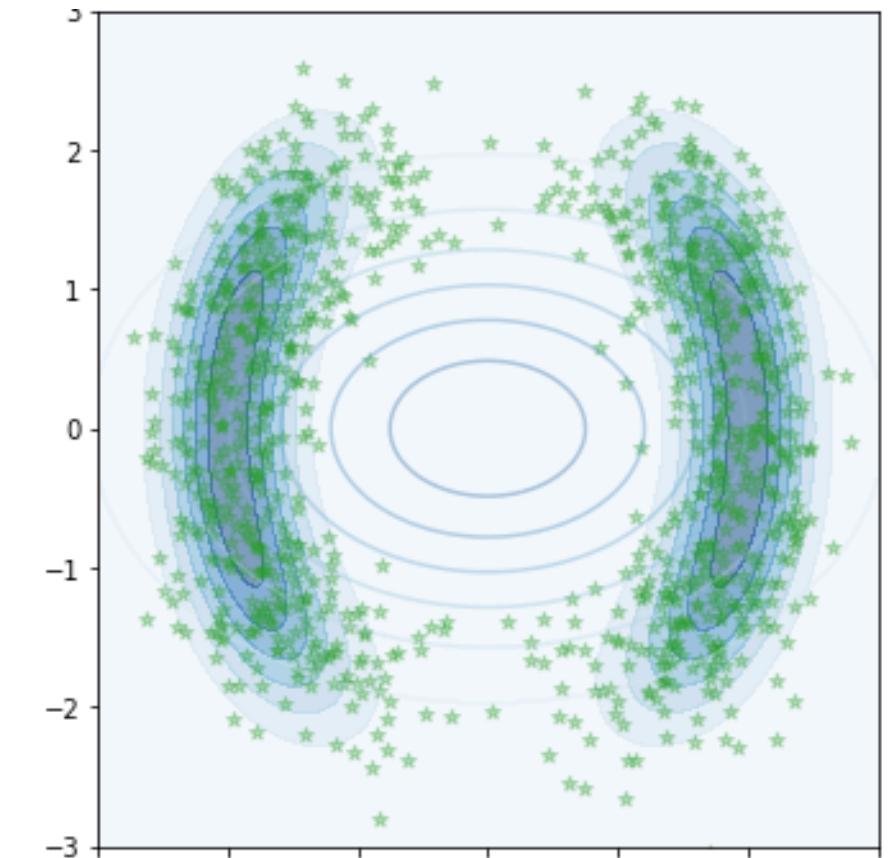
- Discrete trajectories (*chains*) of T updates, ending in:

$$q^{(T)}(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x}) \approx p(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{x})$$

- Target: true posterior density.
- Needed:
 - 1. Good initial proposal (encoder).
 - 2. Well-defined hyperparameters.



Random hyperparameters



Tuned hyperparameters



Method

HMC Hyperparameter tuning [1]

- Tuning the **hyperparameters** via Variational Inference:

$$\phi^* = \operatorname{argmax}_{\phi} \mathbb{E}_{q_{\phi}^{(T)}(\mathbf{z})} [\log p^*(\mathbf{z})] + H[q_{\phi}^{(T)}(\mathbf{z})]$$

- Add an **inflation** parameter for scaling the proposal [17]

$$s^* = \operatorname{argmin}_s \text{SKSD}(\mathbf{z}^{(T)}, \nabla_{\mathbf{z}} \log p^*(\mathbf{z}))$$

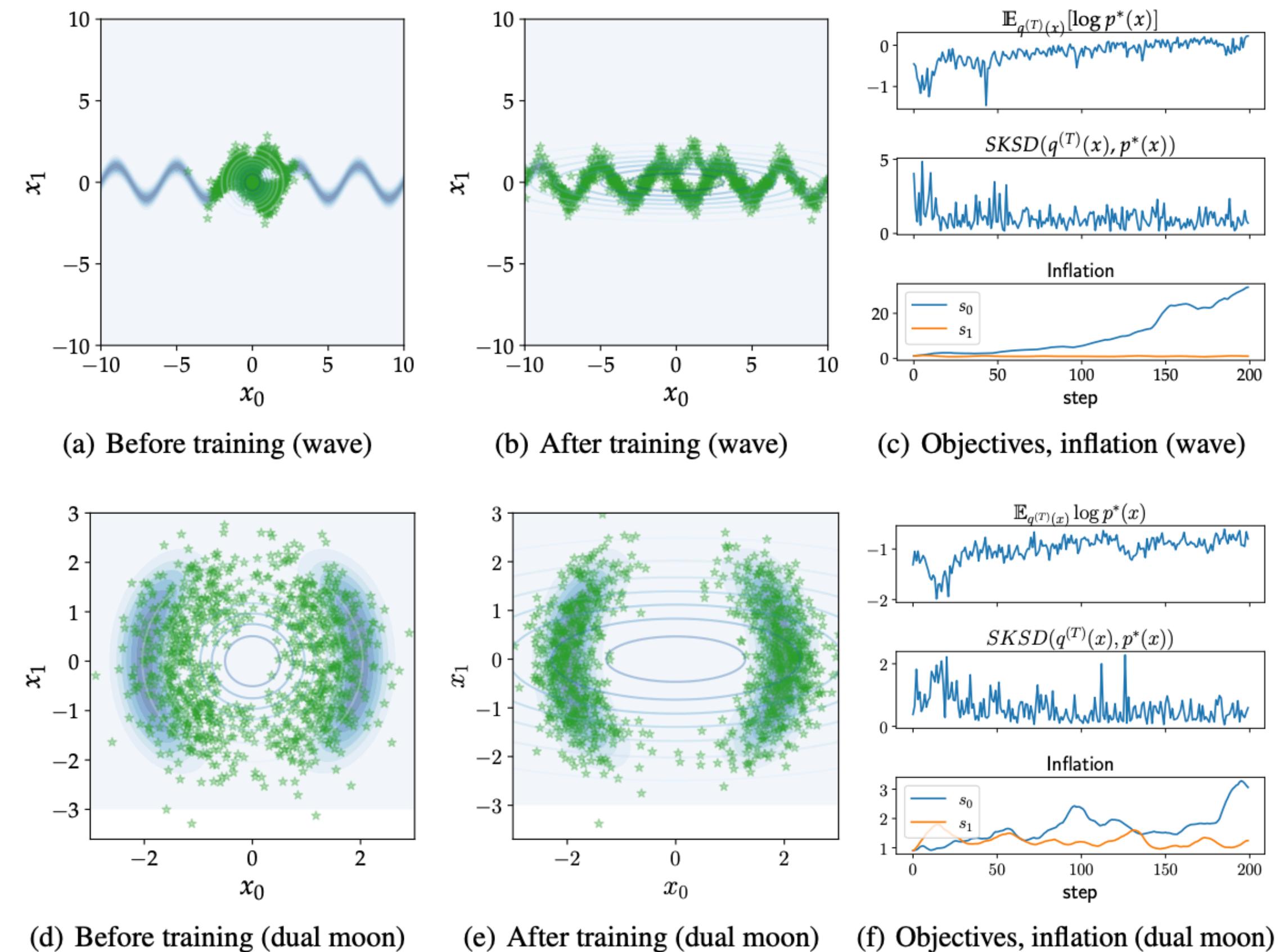
- Code available at:



<https://github.com/ipeis/HMCTuning>

[1] Campbell et al., 2021

[17] Gong et al., 2020





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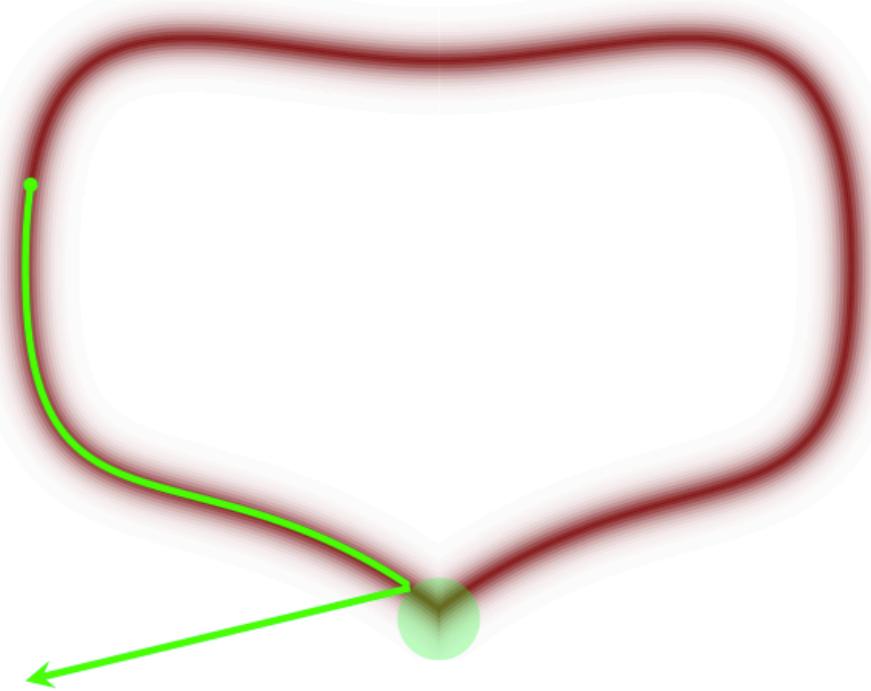
HMC is ill-posed for Hierarchical VAEs

- Hierarchical dependencies lead to **huge gradients** [18, 19]

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- Samples can diverge due to integrator overflow issues.

[18] Betancourt et al., 2017

[19] Betancourt et al., 2015



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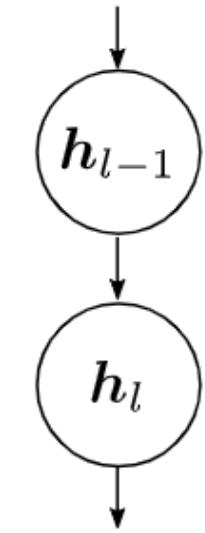
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- **Solution:**

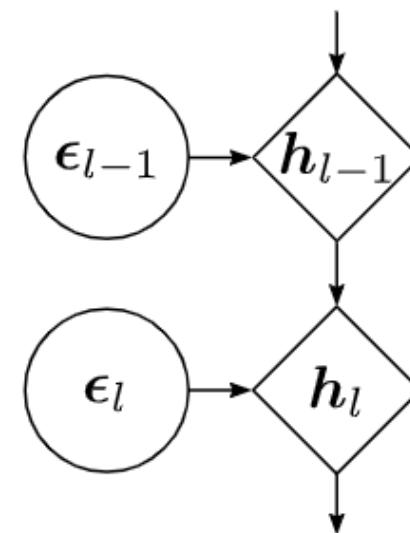
- ✓ Reparameterization for relaxed posterior:

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NNs with parameters $\theta_{\mu_l} \rightarrow f_{\mu_l}$, $\theta_{\sigma_l} \rightarrow f_{\sigma_l}$



(a) AR hierarchy



(b) Reparameterization



Method

III-posed for HMC

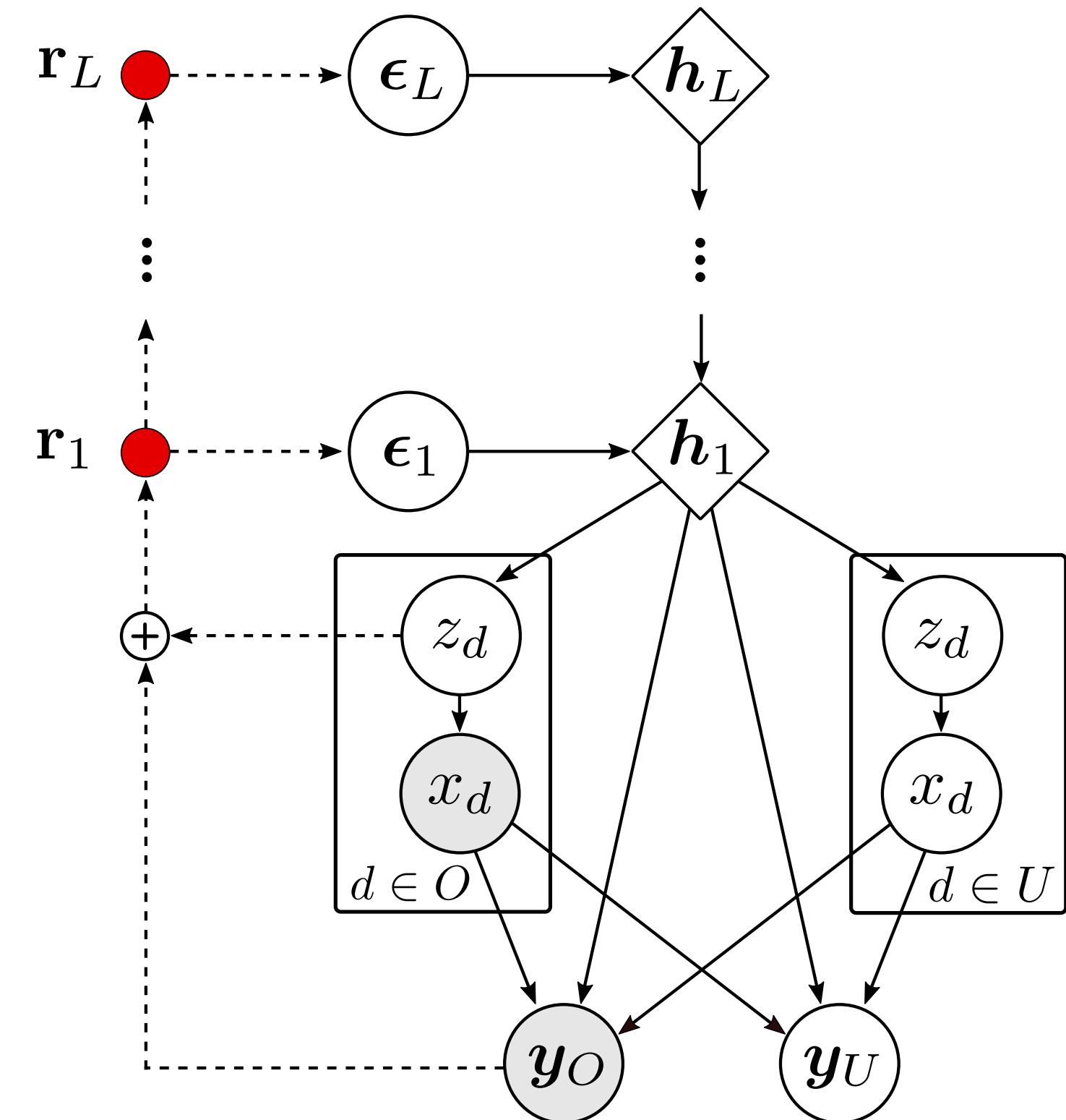
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- ✓ Perform inference on $\boldsymbol{\epsilon} = \{\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_1, \dots, \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_L\}$ with standard Gaussian prior.





Method

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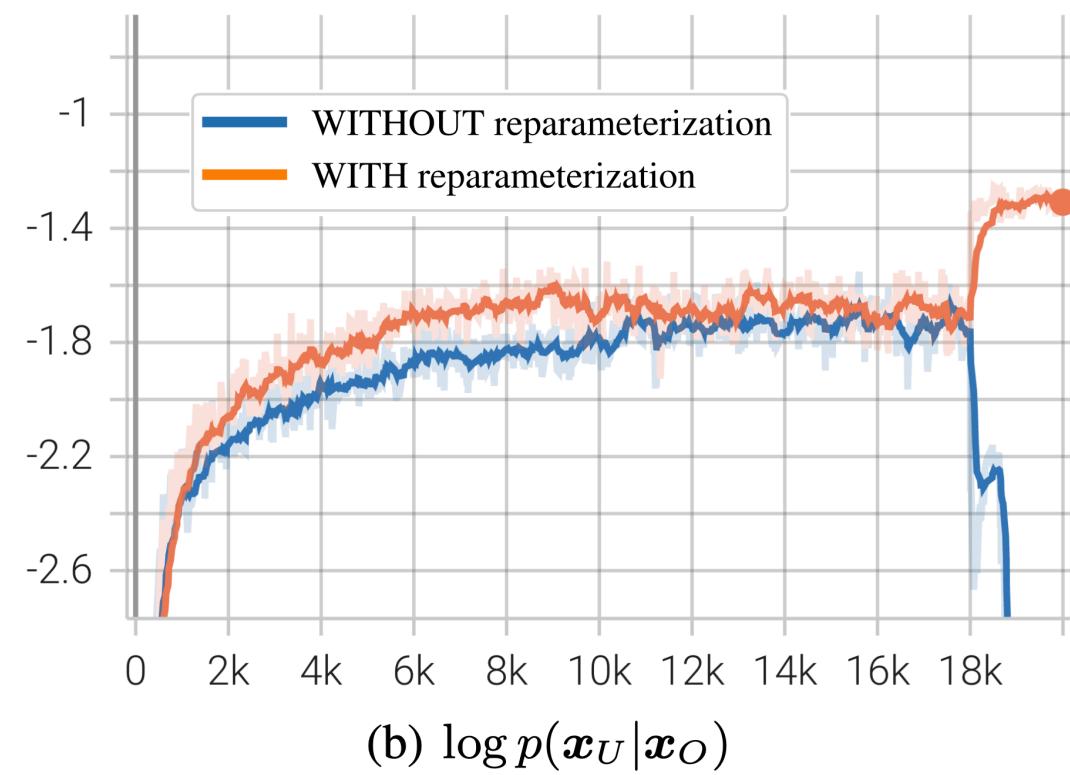
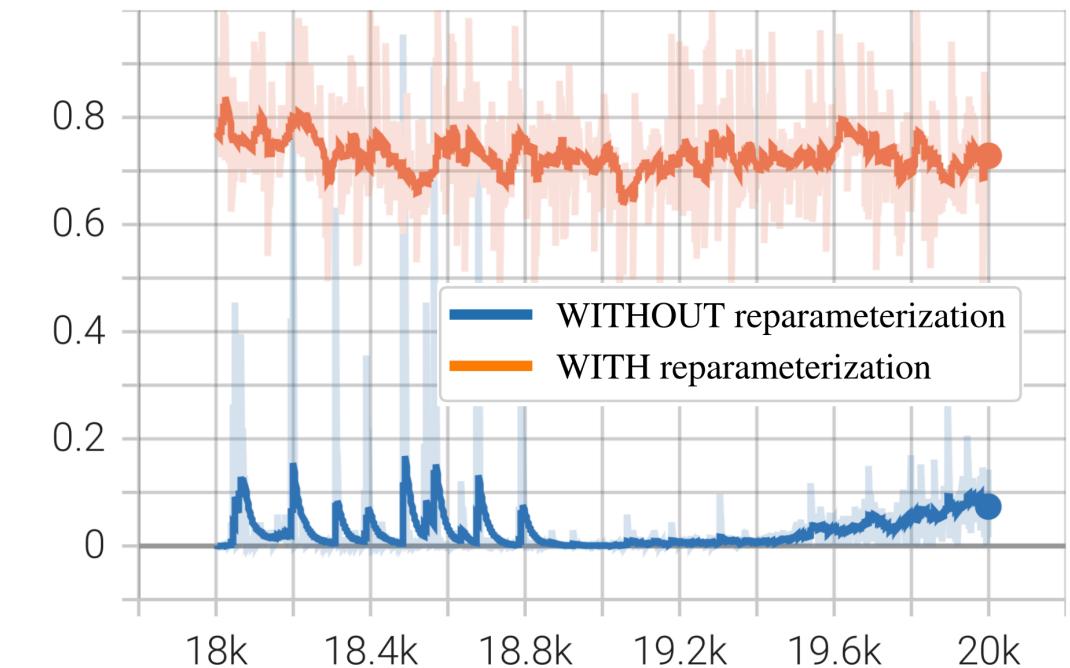
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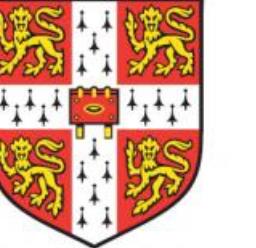
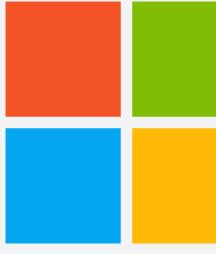
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- ✓ Perform inference on $\boldsymbol{\epsilon} = \{\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_1, \dots, \boldsymbol{\epsilon}_1\}$ with standard Gaussian prior.
- ✓ No need to increase complexity of the HMC method.





Method

Optimization algorithm

Algorithm 1 Training algorithm for HH-VAEM

Input: data $(\mathbf{x}_O^{(1:N)}, \mathbf{y}_O^{(1:N)})$, steps: T_d, T_{VI}, T_{HMC}

Parameters: $\gamma, \theta, \psi, \phi, s$

STAGE 1: MARGINAL VAEs

for $d = 1$ **to** D **do**

 Initialize marginal VAE $\{\theta_d, \gamma_d\}$

for $t = 1$ **to** T_d **do**

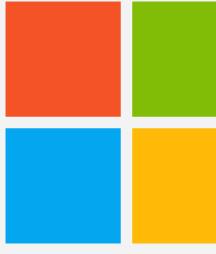
$\gamma_d^{t+1}, \theta_d^{t+1} \leftarrow \text{Adam}_{\gamma_d^t, \theta_d^t}(\mathcal{L}_d)$

end for

end for

- 1. Train marginal VAEs using:

$$\mathcal{L}_d(x_d; \{\theta_d, \gamma_d\}) = \mathbb{I}(x_d \in \mathbf{x}_O) \mathbb{E}_{q_{\gamma_d}(z_d | x_d)} \log \frac{p_{\theta_d}(x_d, z_d)}{q_{\gamma_d}(z_d | x_d)}$$



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STAGE 2: DEPENDENCY VAE

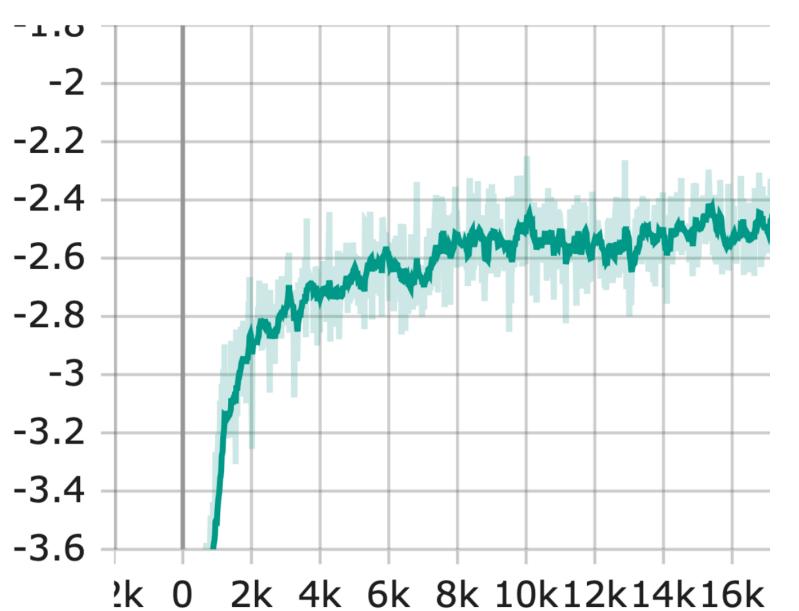
for $t = 1$ to T_{VAE} **do**

$\theta^{t+1}, \psi^{t+1} \leftarrow \text{Adam}_{\theta^t, \psi^t}(\mathcal{L}_{VI})$

end for

- 2. Training Hierarchical VAE using the ELBO:

$$\mathcal{L}_{VI}(\mathbf{x}_O, \mathbf{y}_O; \{\theta, \psi\}) = \mathbb{E}_{q_\psi} [\log p_\theta(\mathbf{z}_O | \mathbf{h}_1) + \log p_\theta(\mathbf{y}_O | \hat{\mathbf{x}}, \mathbf{h}_1)] - \sum_{l=1}^L D_{KL}(q_\psi(\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_l | \mathbf{x}_O, \mathbf{y}_O) \| p(\boldsymbol{\epsilon}_l))$$



(a) $\log p(\mathbf{x}_U | \mathbf{x}_O)$



Method

Optimization algorithm

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end for

end for

STAGE 2: DEPENDENCY VAE

for $t = 1$ to T_{VAE} **do**

$\theta^{t+1}, \psi^{t+1} \leftarrow \text{Adam}_{\theta^t, \psi^t}(\mathcal{L}_{VI})$

end for

STAGE 3: JOINTLY OPTIMIZING VAE + HMC

for $t = 1$ to T_{HMC} **do**

$\psi^{t+1} \leftarrow \text{Adam}_{\psi^t}(\mathcal{L}_{VI})$

$\theta^{t+1}, \phi^{t+1} \leftarrow \text{Adam}_{\theta^t, \phi^t}(\mathcal{L}_{HMC})$

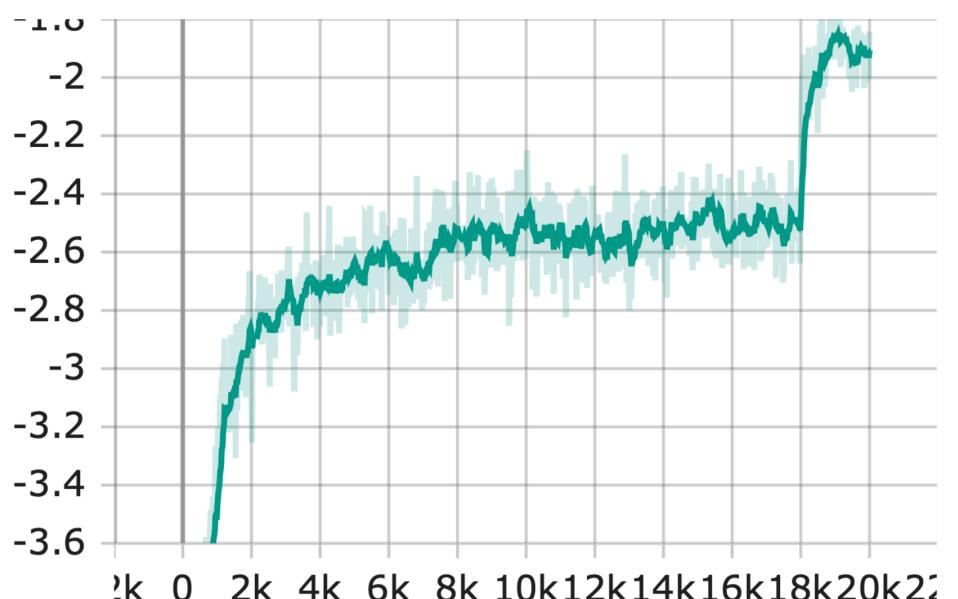
$s^{t+1} \leftarrow \text{Adam}_{s^t}(\mathcal{L}_{SKSD})$

end for

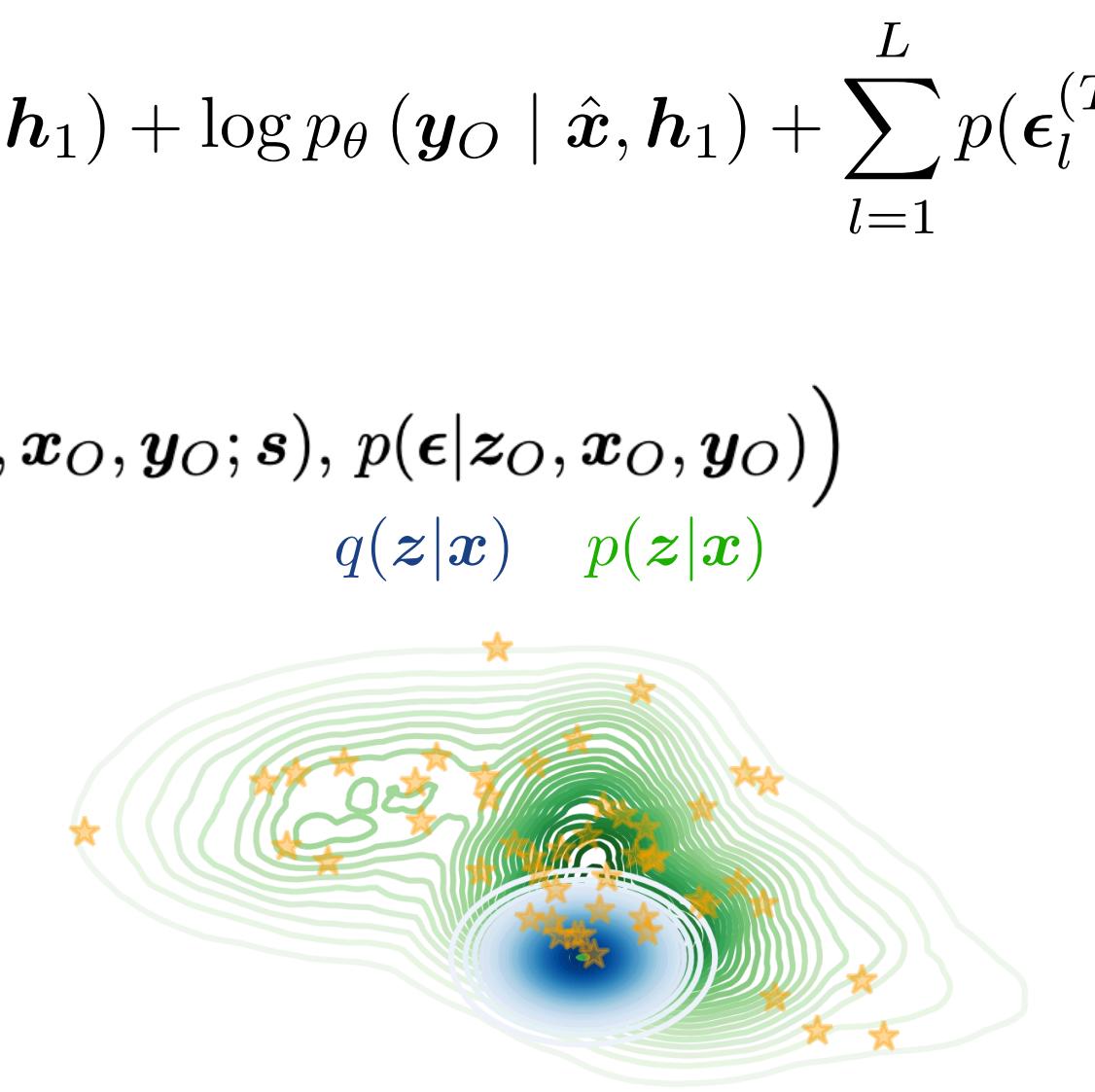
3. Train a) encoder using ELBO, b) HMC hyperparams, decoder and predictor parameters using HMC objective and c) scale using SKSD.

$$\mathcal{L}_{HMC} (\mathbf{z}_O, \mathbf{y}_O; \{\theta, \psi, \phi\}) = \mathbb{E}_{q_\phi^{(T)}(\epsilon)} [\log p_\theta (\mathbf{z}_O | \mathbf{h}_1) + \log p_\theta (\mathbf{y}_O | \hat{\mathbf{x}}, \mathbf{h}_1) + \sum_{l=1}^L p(\epsilon_l^{(T)})]$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{SKSD}(\mathbf{x}_O, \mathbf{y}_O; \mathbf{s}) = \text{SKSD} \left(q_\phi^{(T)}(\epsilon | \mathbf{z}_O, \mathbf{x}_O, \mathbf{y}_O; \mathbf{s}), p(\epsilon | \mathbf{z}_O, \mathbf{x}_O, \mathbf{y}_O) \right)$$



(a) $\log p(\mathbf{x}_U | \mathbf{x}_O)$



2HMC samples (orange)



Experiments

Set up

- **HH-VAEM** with 2 layers of latent variables.
- Baseline models:
 1. **VAEM**: Gaussian-based, 1 layer.
 2. **MIWAEM**: Gaussian-based, 1 layer, importance weighted.
 3. **HMC-VAEM**: HMC-based, 1 layer.
 4. **H-VAEM**: Gaussian-based, 2 layers.
- **Training**: missing features and target with a probability sampled from $U(0.01, 0.99)$ each batch.
- **Test**: 50% missing features, fully-missing target.



Experiments

Missing data imputation and target prediction

$$\log p(\mathbf{x}_U | \mathbf{x}_O) = \log \mathbb{E}_{\epsilon \sim q^{(T)}(\epsilon | \mathbf{x}_O)} [p(\mathbf{x}_U | \epsilon)] \approx \log \frac{1}{k} \sum_i^k p(\mathbf{x}_U | \epsilon_i)$$

	Bank	Insurance	Avocado	Naval	Yatch	Diabetes	Concrete	Wine	Energy	Boston
VAEM	2.84 ± 0.07	1.81 ± 0.03	1.89 ± 0.01	0.55 ± 0.05	3.15 ± 0.28	2.78 ± 0.16	2.45 ± 0.26	3.01 ± 0.61	2.09 ± 0.10	2.01 ± 0.23
MIWAEM	2.74 ± 0.05	1.88 ± 0.04	1.92 ± 0.04	0.57 ± 0.03	2.66 ± 0.11	2.55 ± 0.09	2.34 ± 0.51	2.76 ± 0.48	2.06 ± 0.14	1.94 ± 0.23
H-VAEM	2.82 ± 0.06	1.80 ± 0.04	1.89 ± 0.01	0.48 ± 0.06	3.06 ± 0.31	2.74 ± 0.09	2.42 ± 0.21	2.85 ± 0.56	1.72 ± 0.11	1.89 ± 0.24
HMC-VAEM	2.69 ± 0.05	1.77 ± 0.06	1.89 ± 0.02	0.49 ± 0.07	2.21 ± 0.24	2.72 ± 0.20	2.28 ± 0.29	2.83 ± 0.46	1.73 ± 0.05	1.83 ± 0.16
HH-VAEM	2.63 ± 0.04	1.75 ± 0.03	1.88 ± 0.05	0.40 ± 0.05	2.47 ± 0.27	2.54 ± 0.13	2.28 ± 0.09	1.90 ± 0.17	1.71 ± 0.04	1.83 ± 0.11

Table 1: Test negative log likelihood of the unobserved features for our model and baselines.

$$\log p(\mathbf{y} | \mathbf{x}_O) = \log \mathbb{E}_{\epsilon \sim q^{(T)}(\epsilon | \mathbf{x}_O)} [p(\mathbf{y} | \epsilon)] \approx \log \frac{1}{k} \sum_i^k p(\mathbf{y} | \epsilon_i),$$

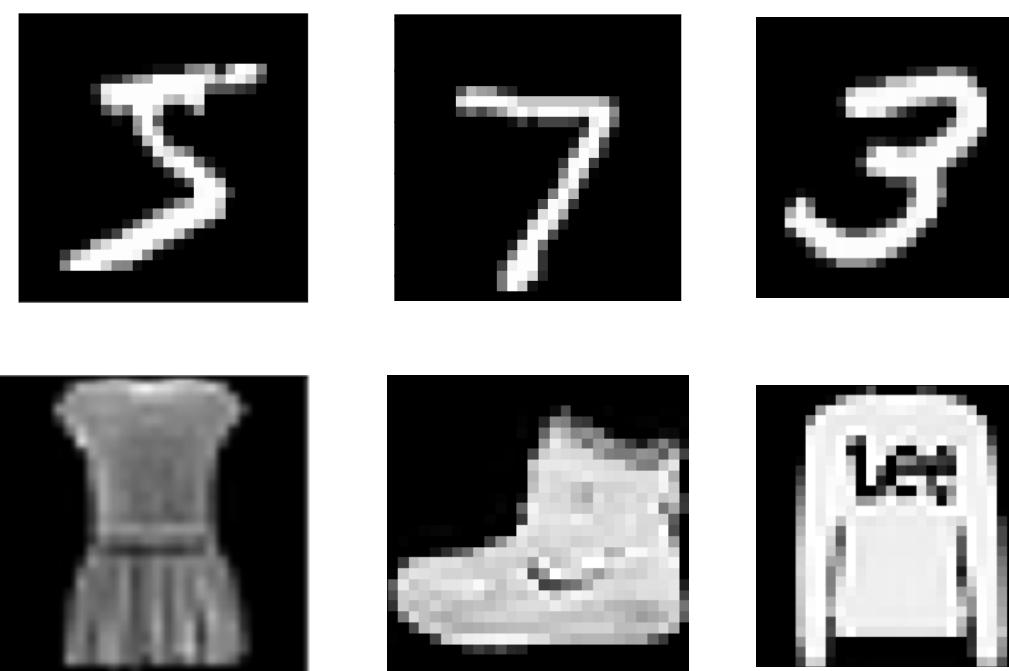
	Bank	Insurance	Avocado	Naval	Yatch	Diabetes	Concrete	Wine	Energy	Boston
VAEM	0.56 ± 0.06	1.20 ± 0.03	1.18 ± 0.02	2.69 ± 0.01	0.61 ± 0.02	1.59 ± 0.19	1.07 ± 0.09	0.28 ± 0.09	0.61 ± 0.14	0.85 ± 0.21
MIWAEM	0.51 ± 0.03	1.15 ± 0.03	1.15 ± 0.03	2.70 ± 0.01	0.60 ± 0.03	1.36 ± 0.10	0.95 ± 0.22	0.28 ± 0.13	0.54 ± 0.12	0.80 ± 0.21
H-VAEM	0.50 ± 0.03	1.06 ± 0.02	1.18 ± 0.02	2.68 ± 0.01	0.60 ± 0.02	1.71 ± 0.14	1.02 ± 0.09	0.26 ± 0.11	0.46 ± 0.14	0.90 ± 0.22
HMC-VAEM	0.52 ± 0.02	1.00 ± 0.03	1.12 ± 0.03	2.71 ± 0.01	0.52 ± 0.15	1.55 ± 0.29	0.95 ± 0.26	0.28 ± 0.09	0.41 ± 0.07	0.71 ± 0.13
HH-VAEM	0.49 ± 0.03	0.93 ± 0.06	1.10 ± 0.01	2.62 ± 0.01	0.56 ± 0.02	1.38 ± 0.18	0.95 ± 0.08	0.20 ± 0.04	0.32 ± 0.05	0.55 ± 0.04

Table 2: Test negative log likelihood of the predicted target for our model and baselines.



Experiments

(MNIST datasets)



	VAE	MIWAE	H-VAE	HMC-VAE	HH-VAE
MNIST	0.124 ± 0.001	0.121 ± 0.001	0.119 ± 0.001	0.101 ± 0.004	0.094 ± 0.003
F-MNIST	0.162 ± 0.002	0.160 ± 0.002	0.156 ± 0.002	0.150 ± 0.002	0.144 ± 0.002

Table 3: Test negative log likelihood of the unobserved features for the MNIST datasets.

	VAE	MIWAE	H-VAE	HMC-VAE	HH-VAE
MNIST	0.153 ± 0.009	0.151 ± 0.007	0.146 ± 0.006	0.067 ± 0.007	0.056 ± 0.019
F-MNIST	0.501 ± 0.012	0.496 ± 0.008	0.494 ± 0.007	0.357 ± 0.060	0.337 ± 0.069

Table 4: Test negative log likelihood of the predicted target for the MNIST datasets.

	VAE	MIWAE	H-VAE	HMC-VAE	HH-VAE
MNIST	0.953 ± 0.004	0.953 ± 0.003	0.953 ± 0.003	0.978 ± 0.003	0.981 ± 0.005
F-MNIST	0.824 ± 0.005	0.824 ± 0.004	0.824 ± 0.004	0.869 ± 0.015	0.876 ± 0.017

Table 5: Test accuracy of the predicted digits for the MNIST datasets.



Experiments

Sequential Active Information Acquisition (SAIA)

- Sequentially acquiring high-value information by selecting features that maximize **our proposed sampling-based reward**:

$$\hat{I}(\mathbf{y}; \mathbf{x}_i \mid \mathbf{x}_O) \approx \sum_{ij} p_{x_i, \mathbf{y} | \mathbf{x}_O}(i, j) \log \frac{p_{x_i, \mathbf{y} | \mathbf{x}_O}(i, j)}{p_{x_i | \mathbf{x}_O}(i)p_{\mathbf{y} | \mathbf{x}_O}(j)}$$

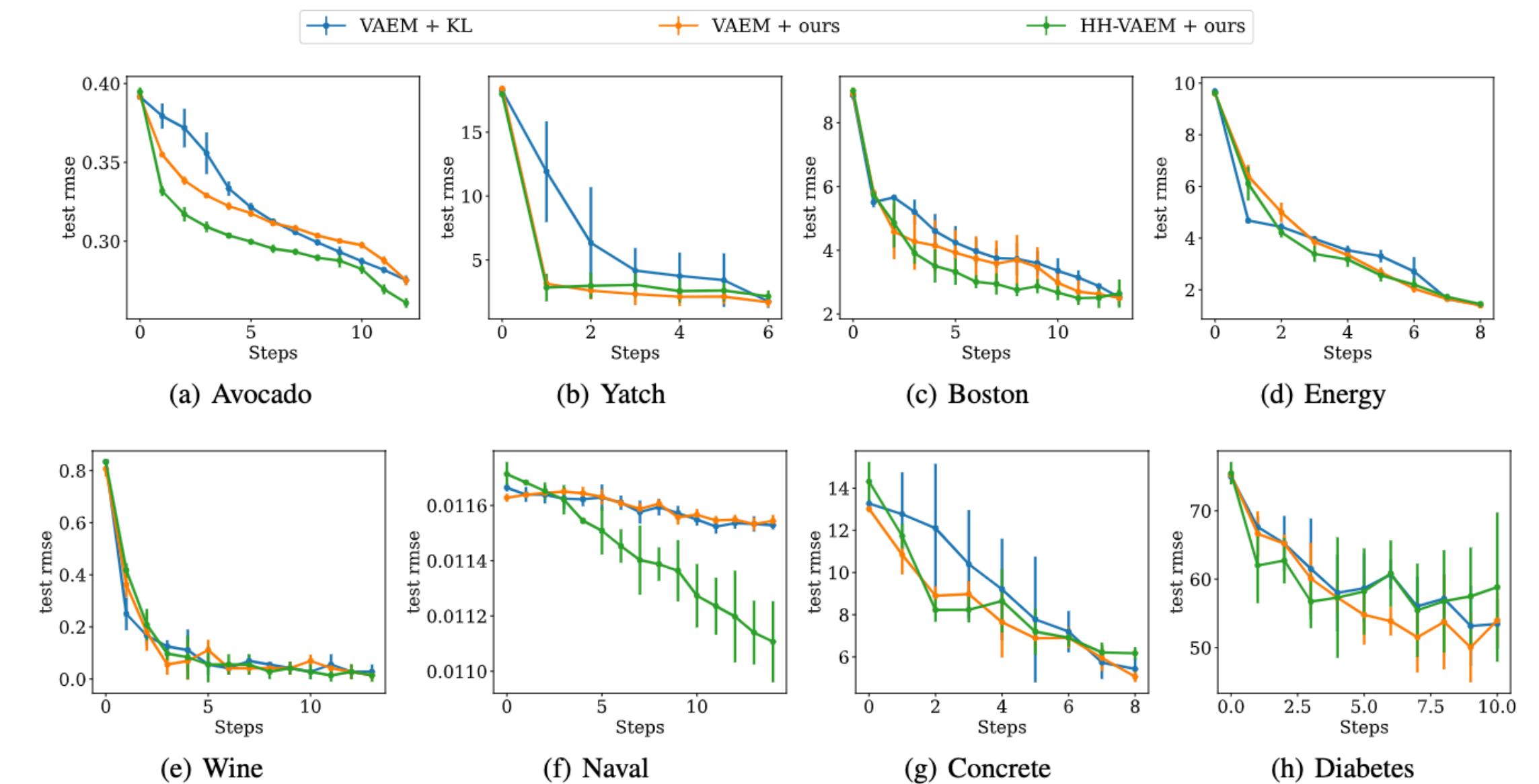


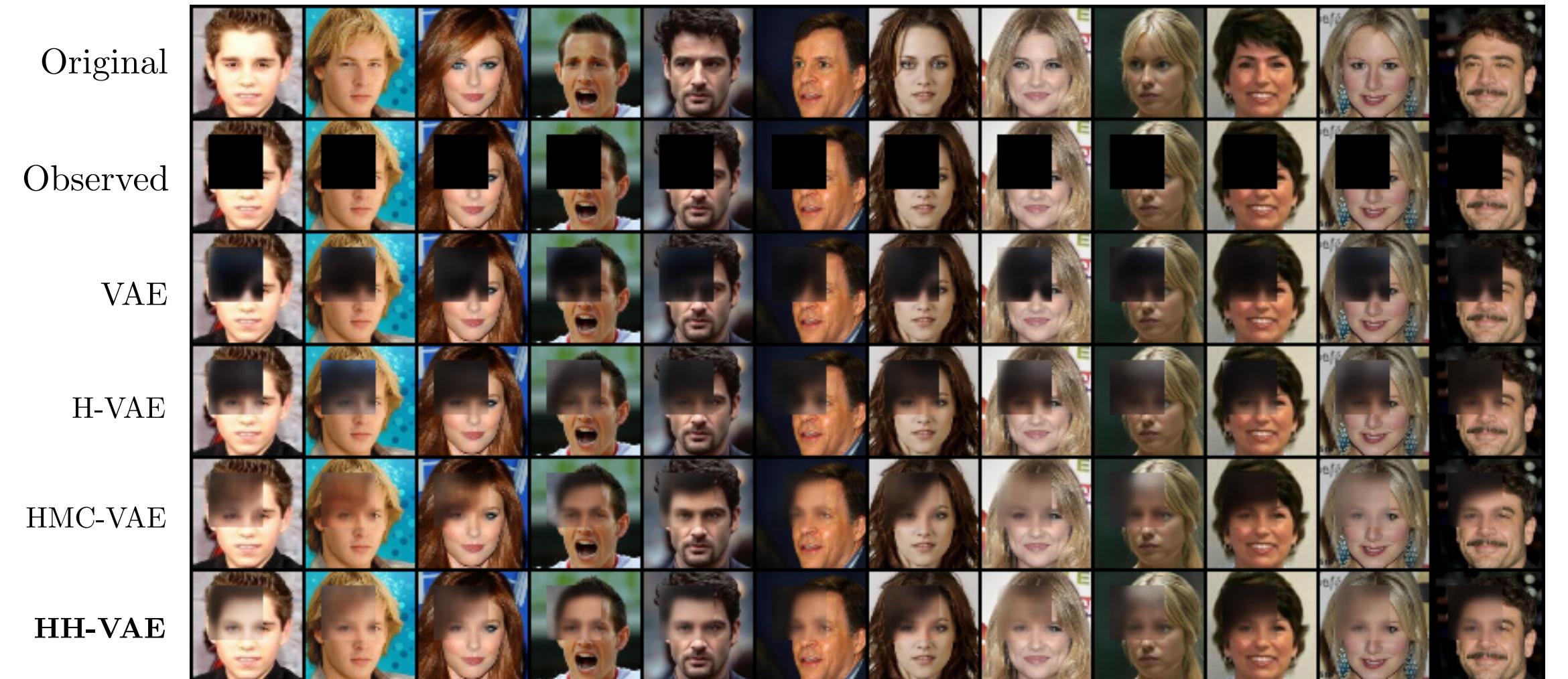
Figure 5: SAIA metric curves. Horizontal axis shows acquisition steps (number of discovered features). Vertical axis is the RMSE.



Experiments

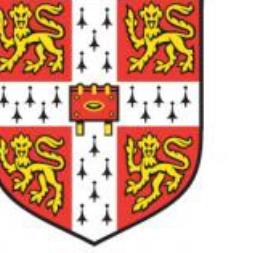
Conditional image inpainting

1. Encode to $q_{\phi}^{(0)}(\epsilon | z_O, x_O, y_O)$
2. Using HMC, sample from $q_{\phi}^{(T)}(\epsilon | z_O, x_O, y_O)$
3. Decode to $p(x_U | \epsilon^{(T)})$



Conclusion

- We presented:
 1. **HH-VAEM**: novel Hierarchical VAE improved with HMC with automatic hyperparameter optimization.
 2. Novel **sampling-based technique** based on the Mutual Information estimation for efficient information acquisition.
- Based on the provided experiments, we demonstrate that our methods:
 - ✓ Improve approximate inference in hierarchical VAEs wrt to the Gaussian approximation.
 - ✓ Improve missing data imputation task.
 - ✓ Improve prediction task.
 - ✓ Improve active information acquisition task.



Further details

Missing Data Imputation and Acquisition with Deep Hierarchical Models and Hamiltonian Monte Carlo

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Part II

Variational Mixture of HyperGenerators for

Learning Distributions over Functions



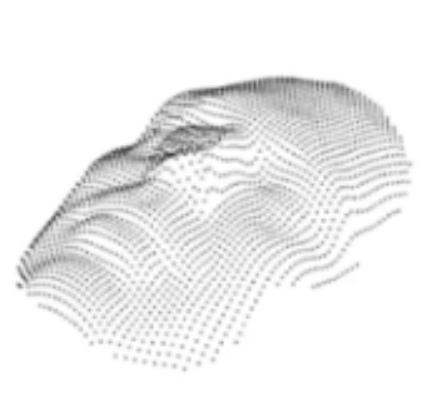
Motivation

- We typically deal with discretized versions of data that are continuous in nature.

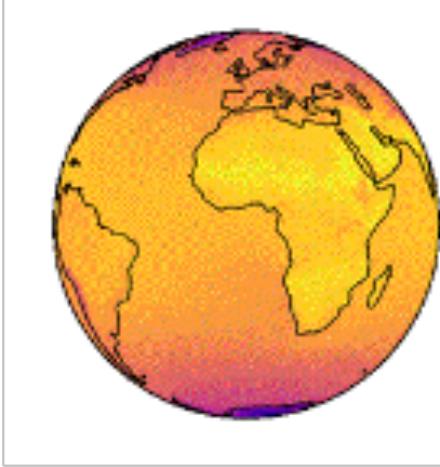
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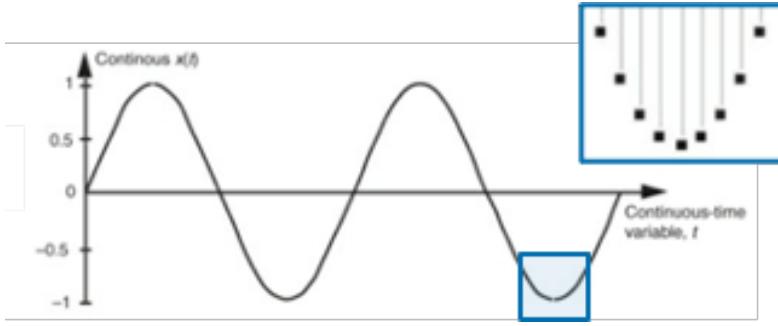
3D Images



Polar data



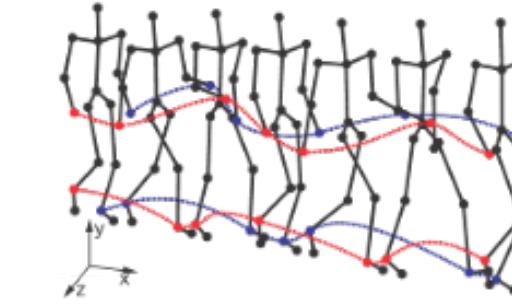
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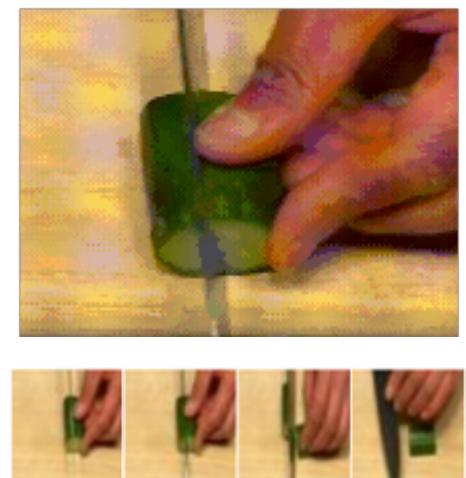
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Motion sequences



Video



Spatial

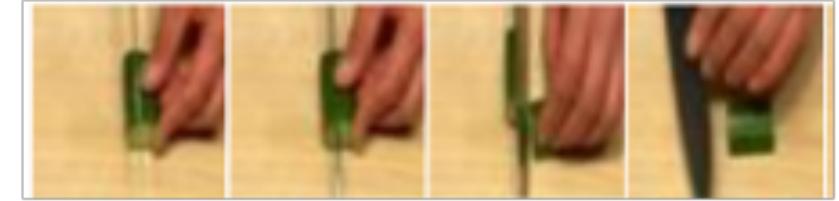
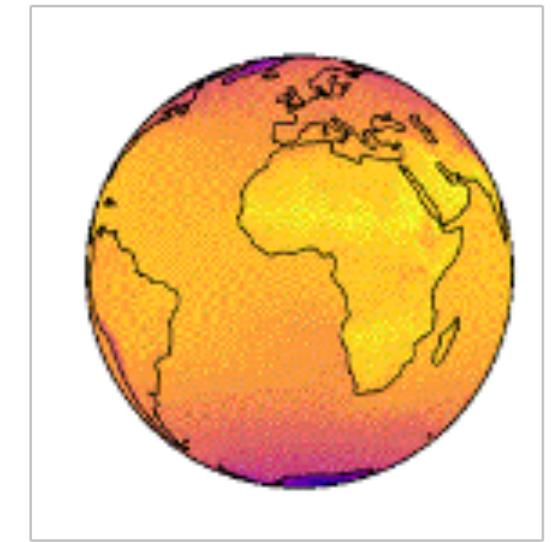
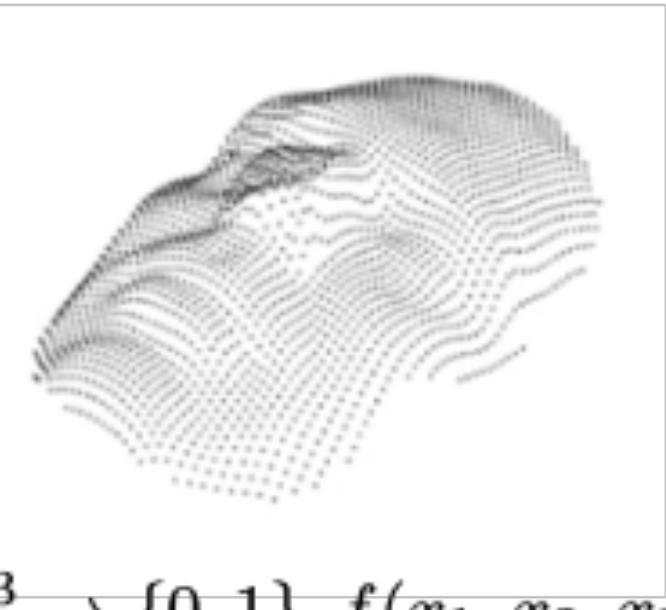
Temporal

Spatio-temporal



Motivation

- Data can be expressed as a function over continuous coordinate systems.

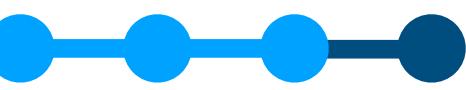


$$f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3, f(x_1, x_2) = (r, g, b)$$

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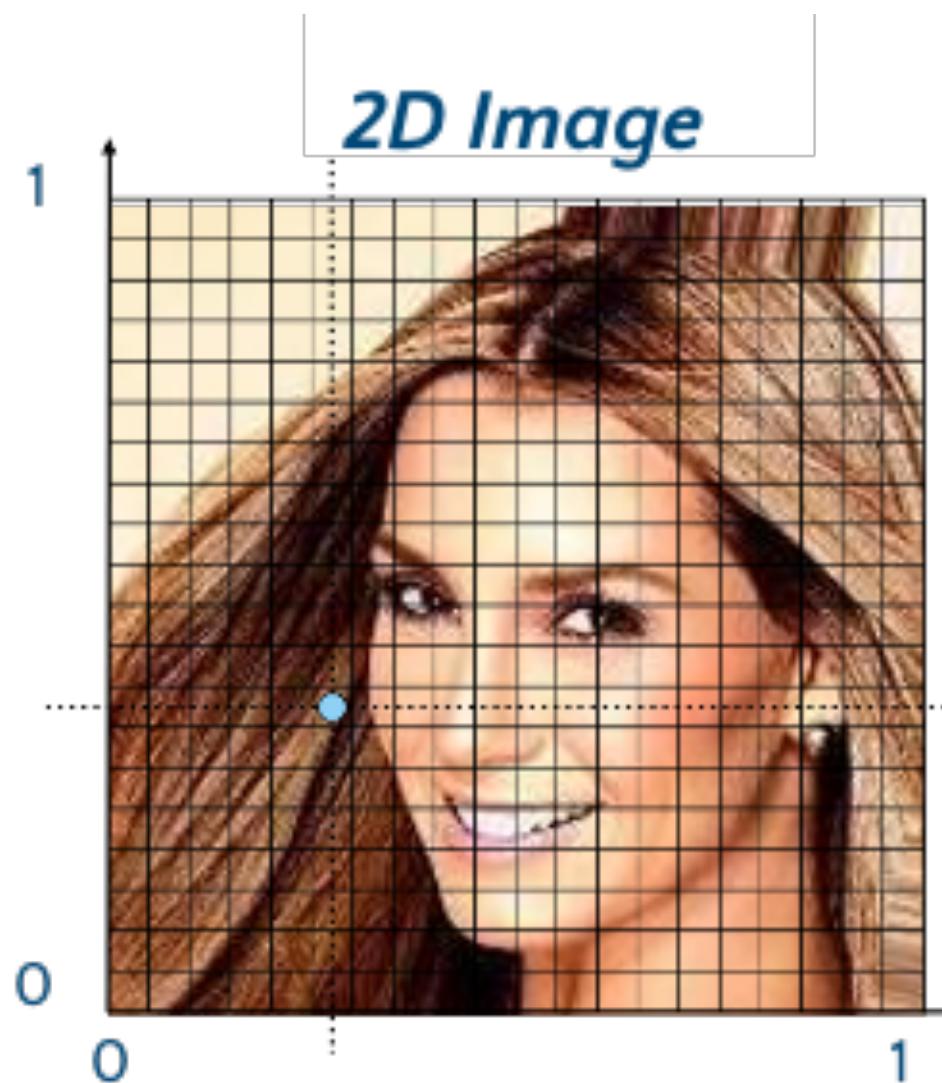
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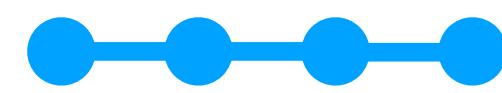


Motivation

- Focusing on images:



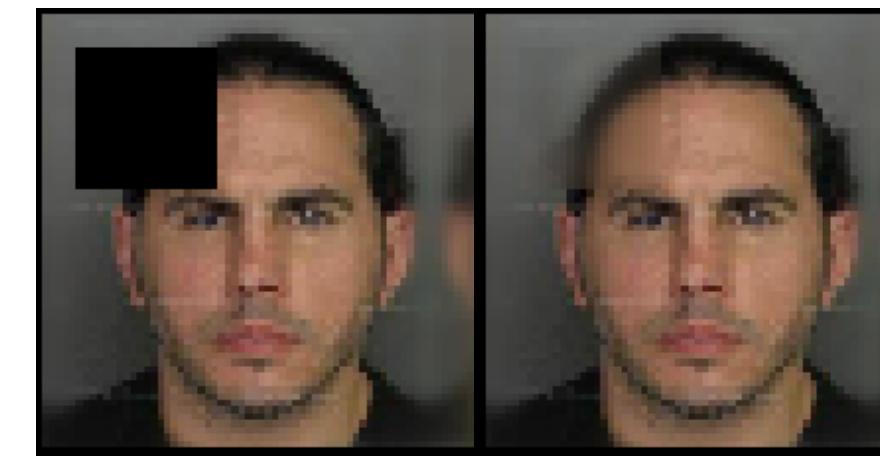
- Each pixel is now a pair $\{\mathbf{x}_d, \mathbf{y}_d\}$ where $\mathbf{x}_d \in \mathbb{R}^2$, $\mathbf{y}_d \in \mathbb{R}^3$
- Full image is a pair of sets $\mathbf{X} = \{\mathbf{x}_d\}_{d=1}^D$, $\mathbf{Y}_d = \{\mathbf{y}_d\}_{d=1}^D$
- Generator function $f : \mathbf{X} \rightarrow \mathbf{Y}$ creates this specific image with the mapping $f(\mathbf{x}_d) = \mathbf{y}_d$, $d \in [1, \dots, D]$



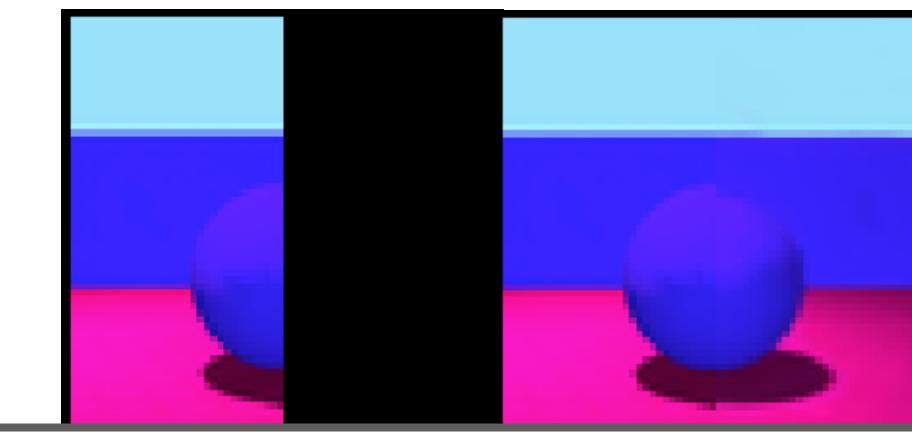
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- This approach will easily allow for:

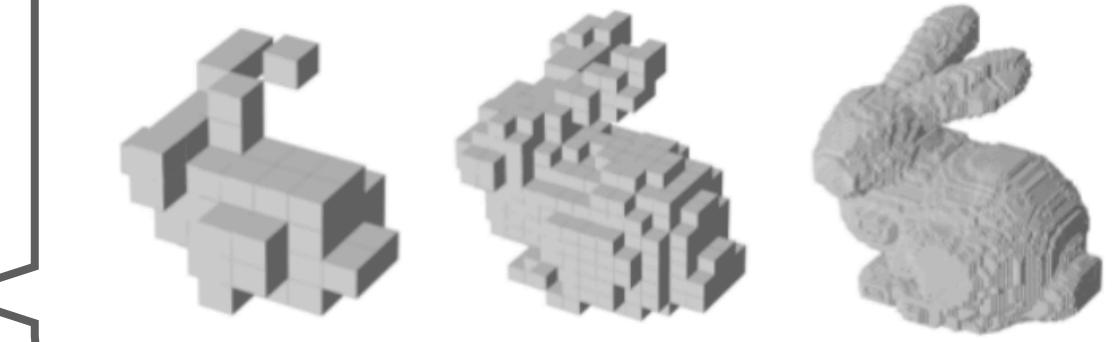
Inpainting [6,7]



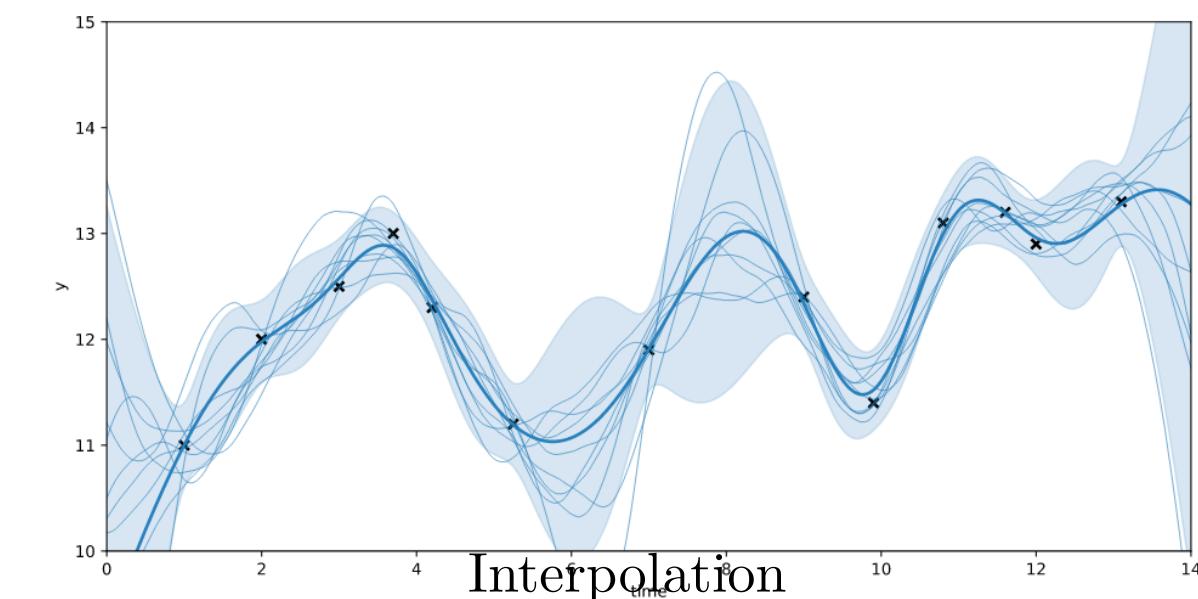
Outpainting [6,7]

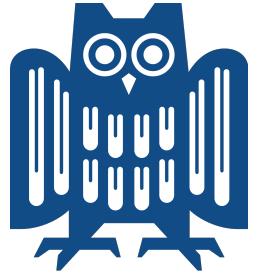
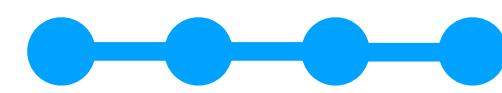


Superresolution [6,7]



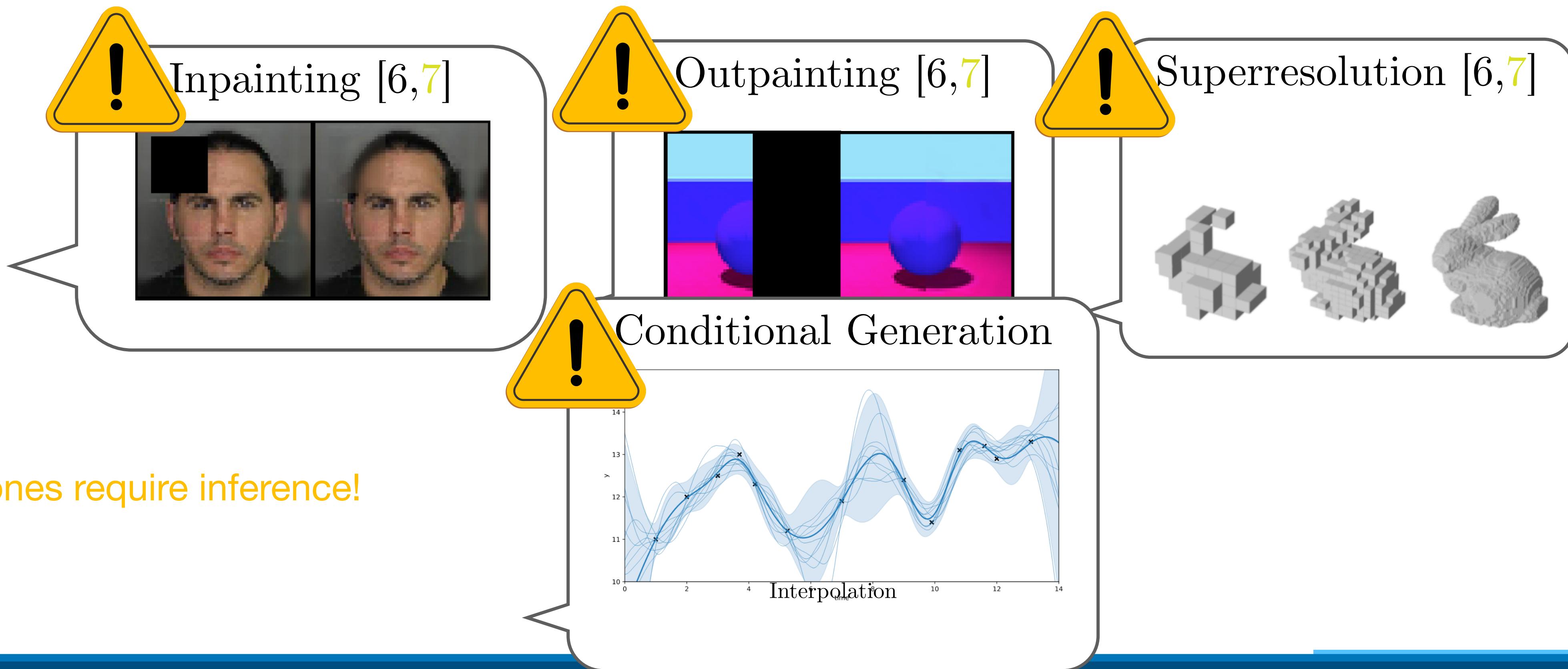
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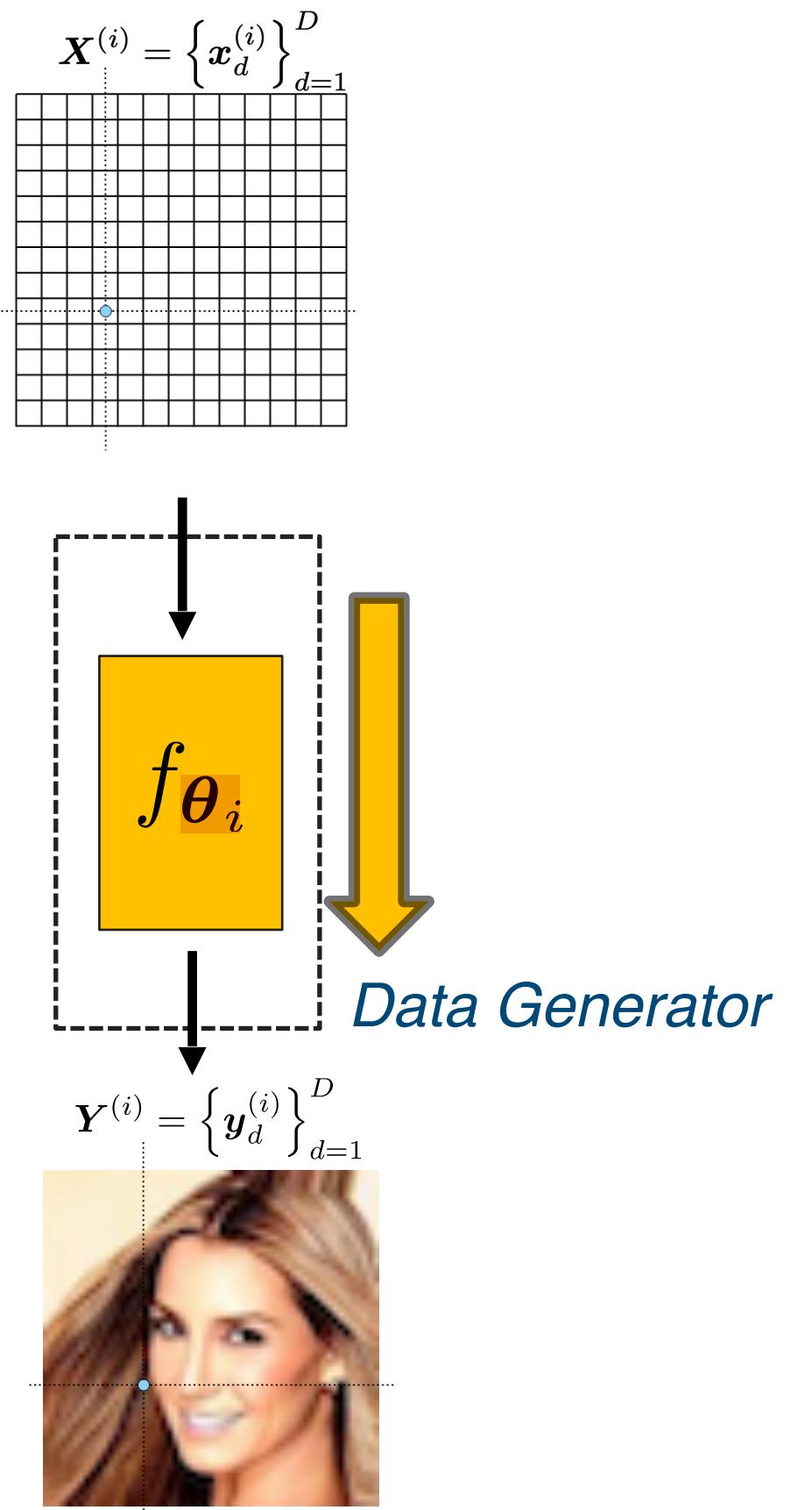
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Implicit Neural Representations

INRs [20-22]



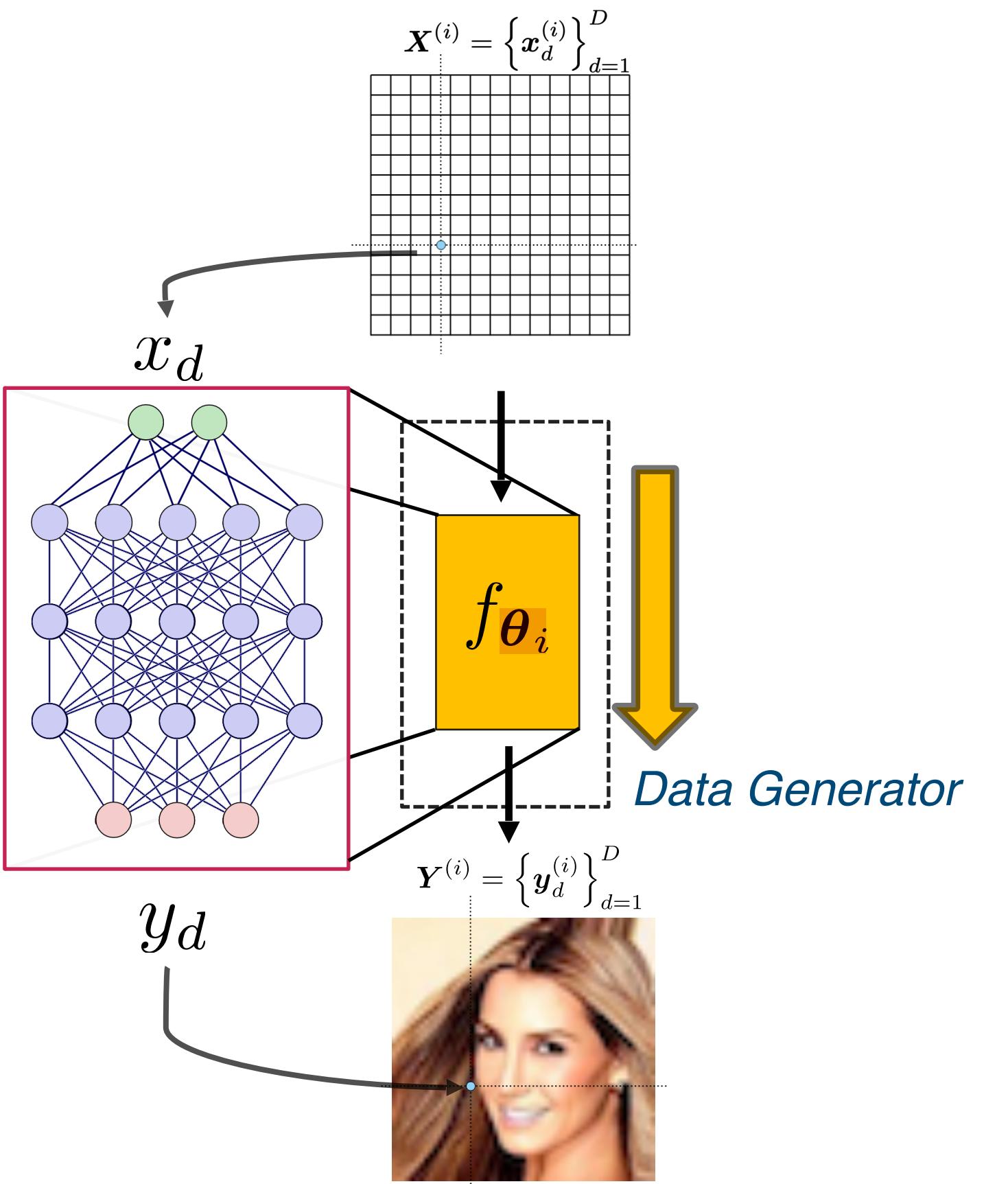
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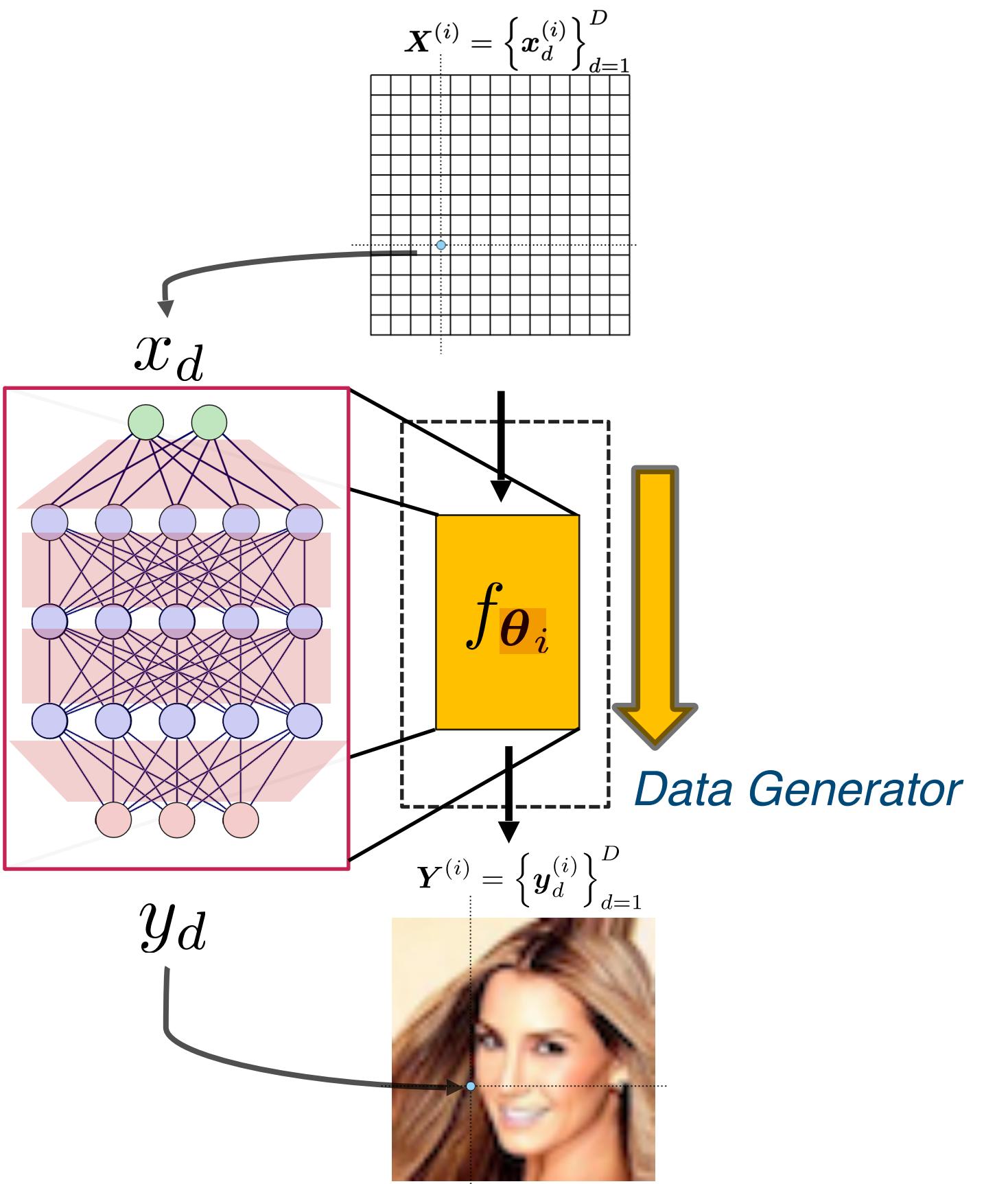
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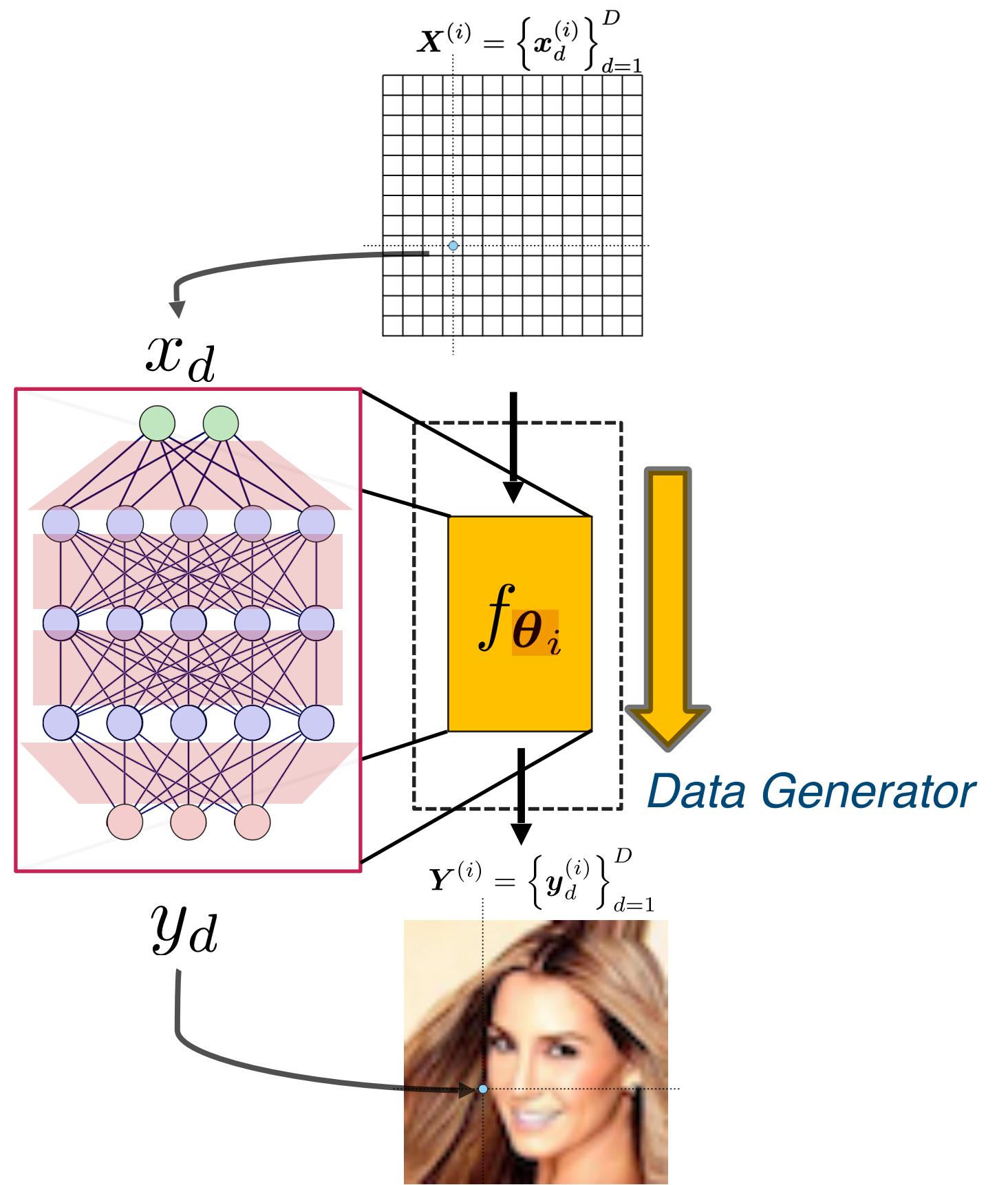
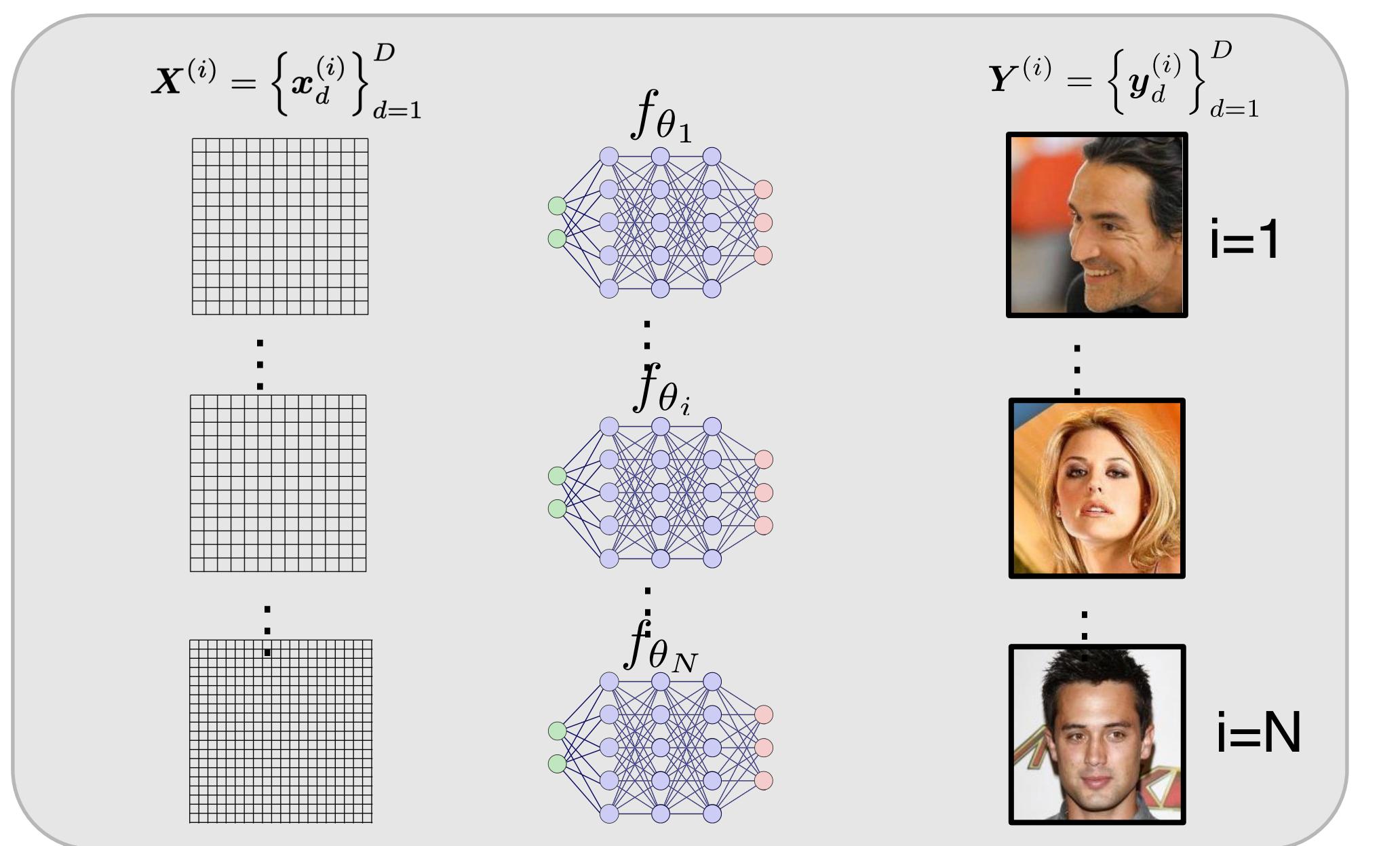
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Implicit Neural Representations

INRs [20-22]

- Learning distributions functions within a VAE framework.

Data generator f_{θ_i} is unique to each image



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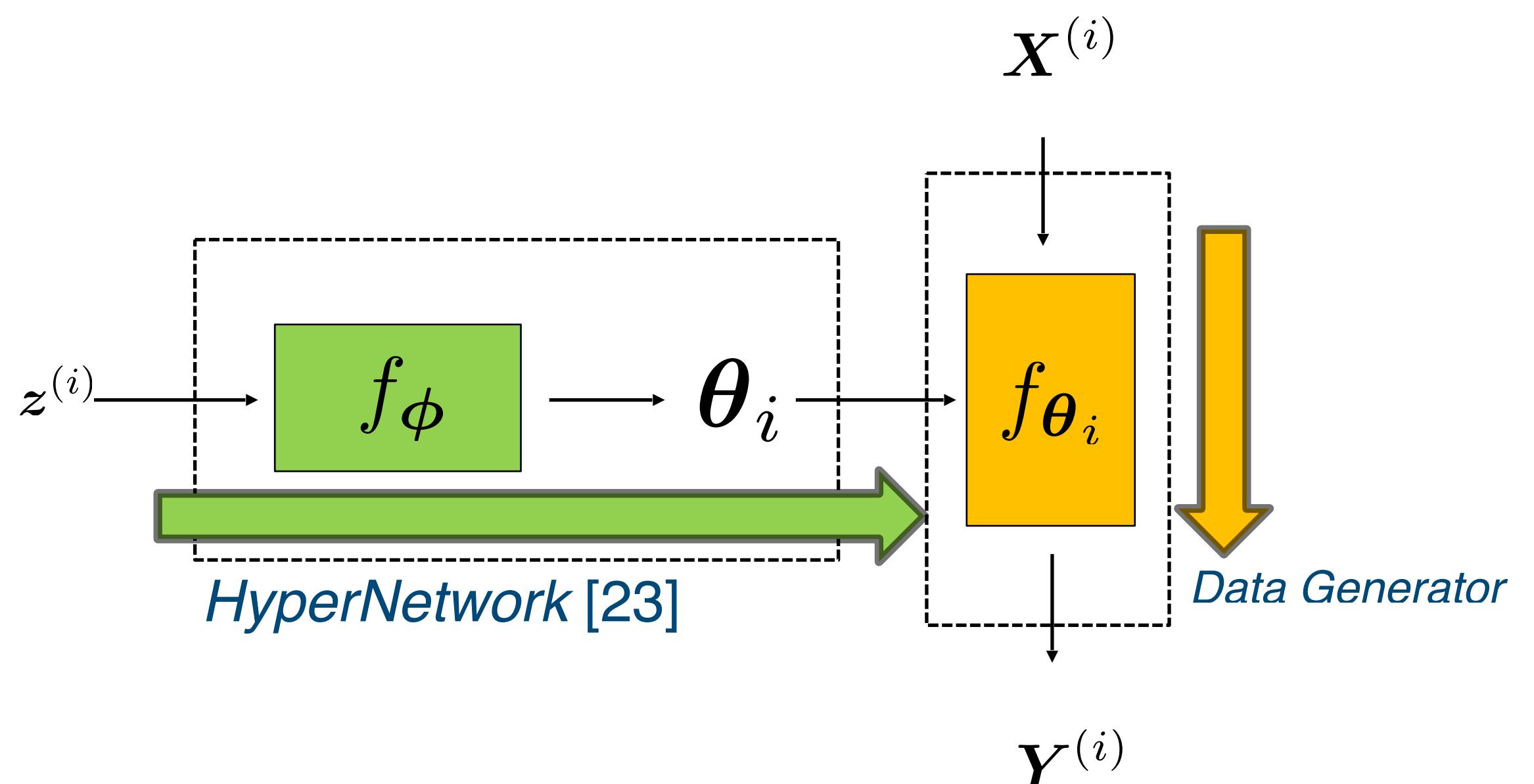
Deep Generative Models of INRs

How to scale to large datasets?

How to map a latent representation to an INR?



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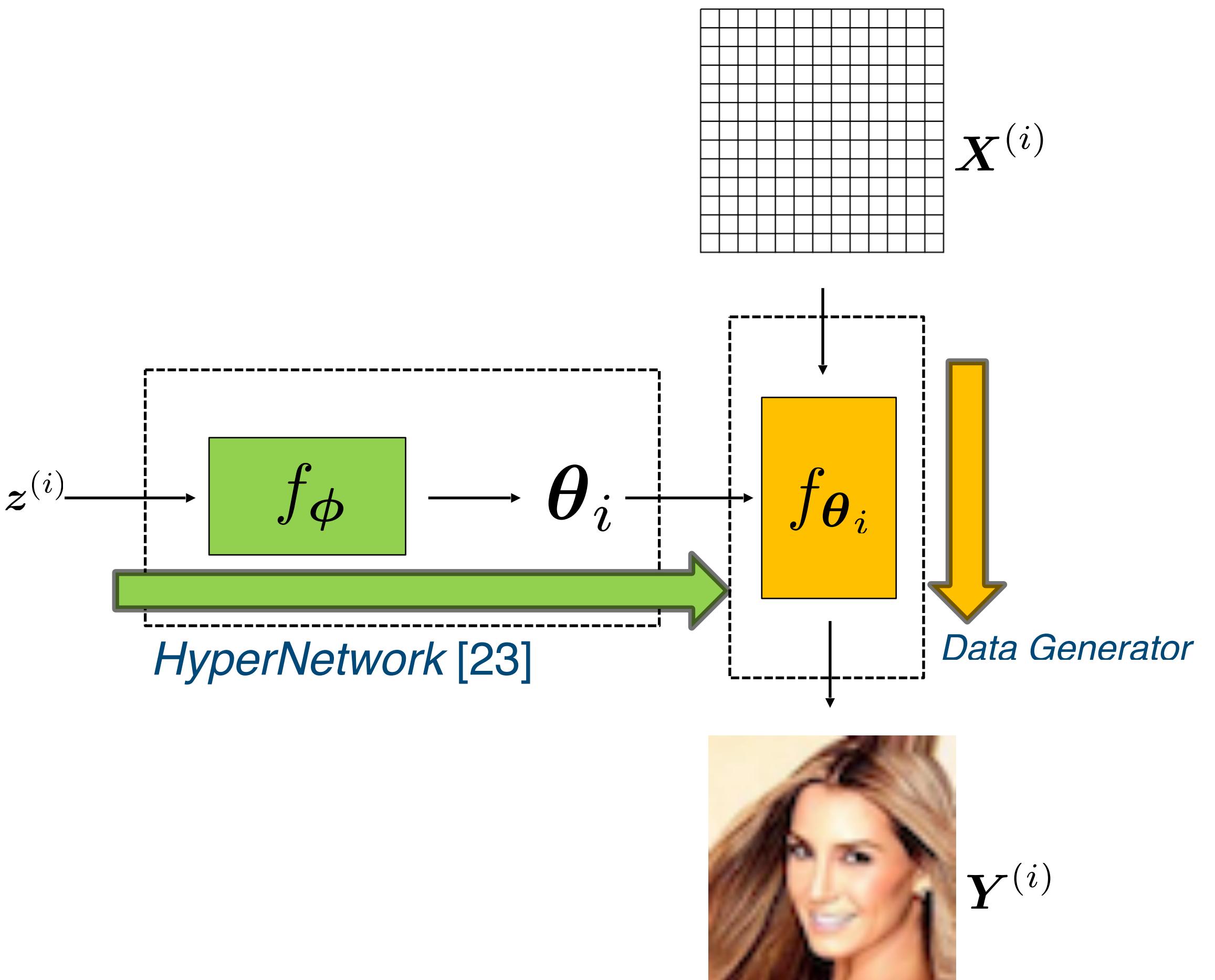


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Deep Generative Models of INRs

Have $z^{(i)}$, a summary representation of image.

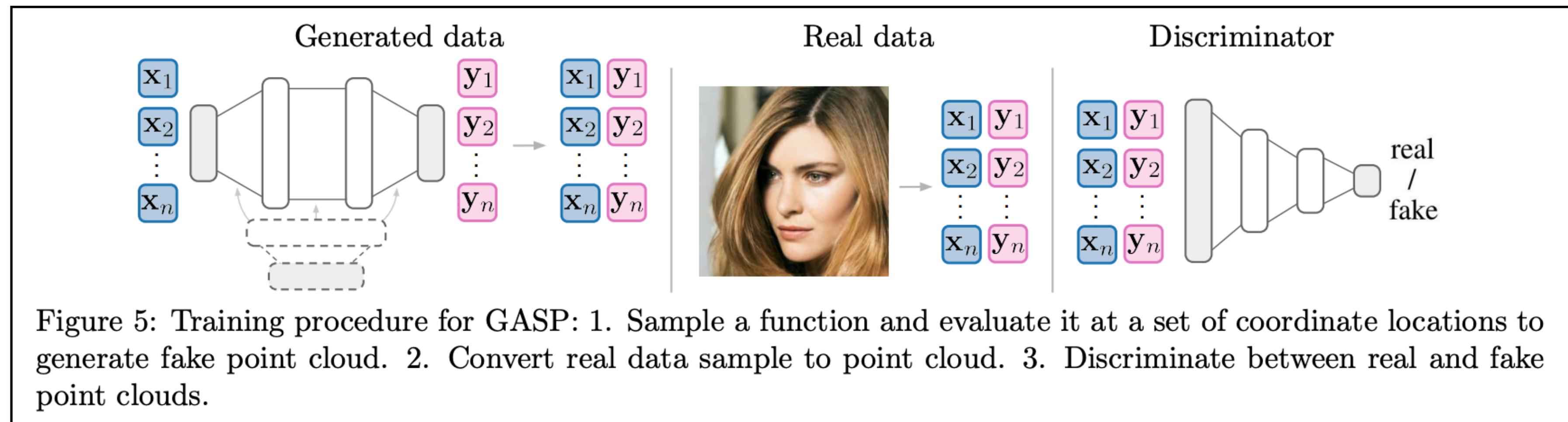


[23] Ha et al., 2017

Previous work

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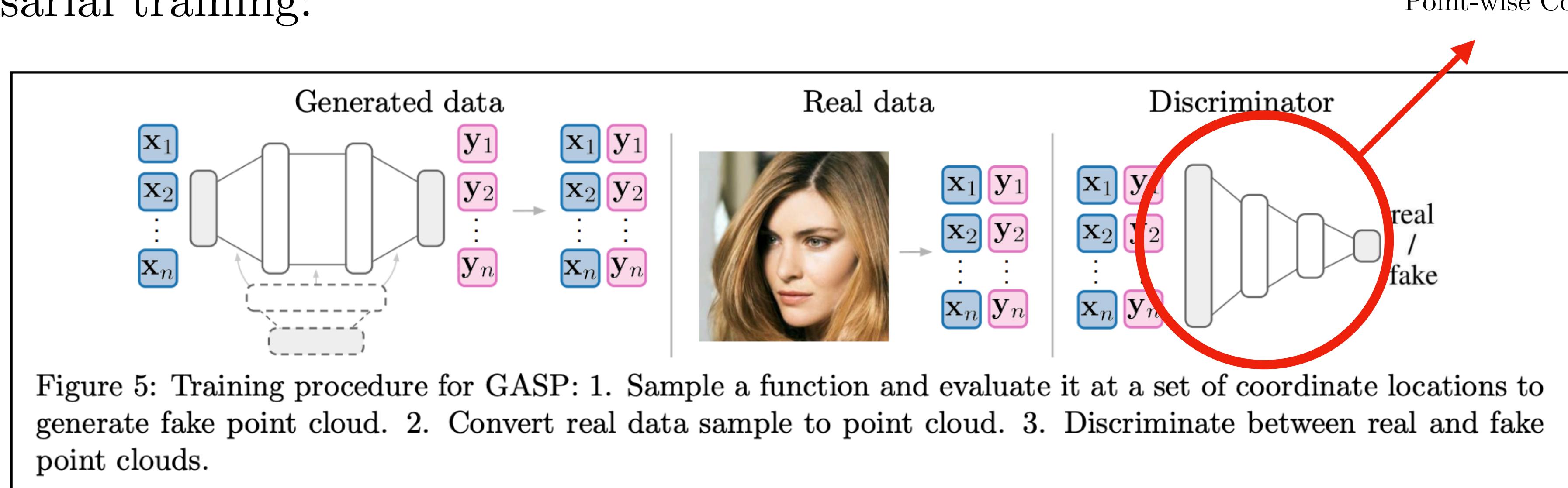
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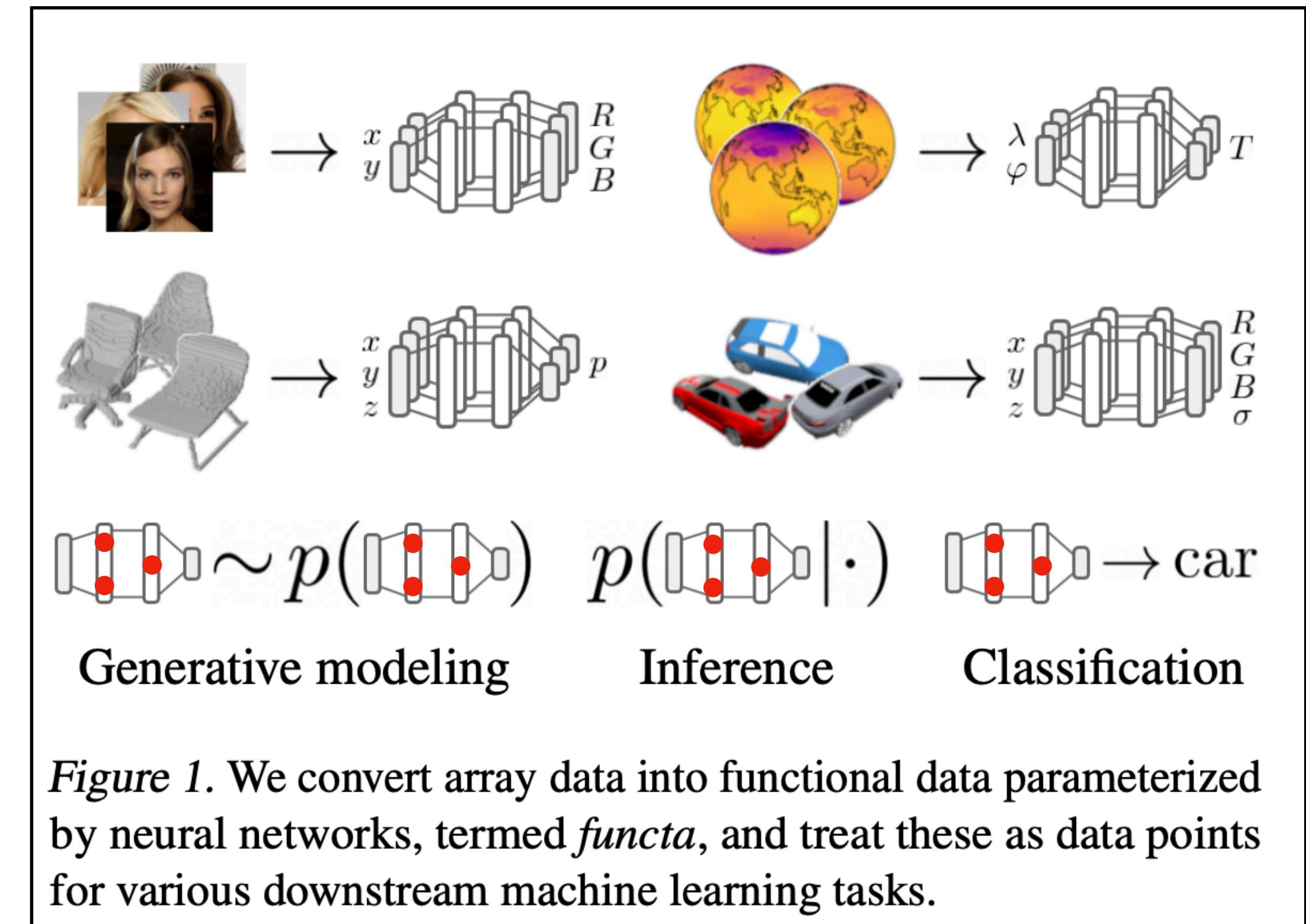


Previous work

Functas^[6]

- Decoupled training:
 1. Fit an INR per datapoint using SIREN^[20] and **modulation vectors**, named **functas**.
 2. Train any generative model on the functa dataset of vectors.

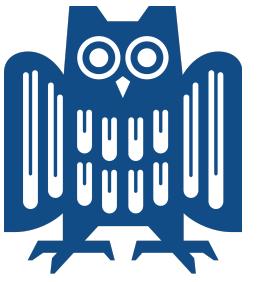
✖ Computationally expensive inference.



^[6] Dupont et al., 2022

^[20] Sitzmann et al., 2020

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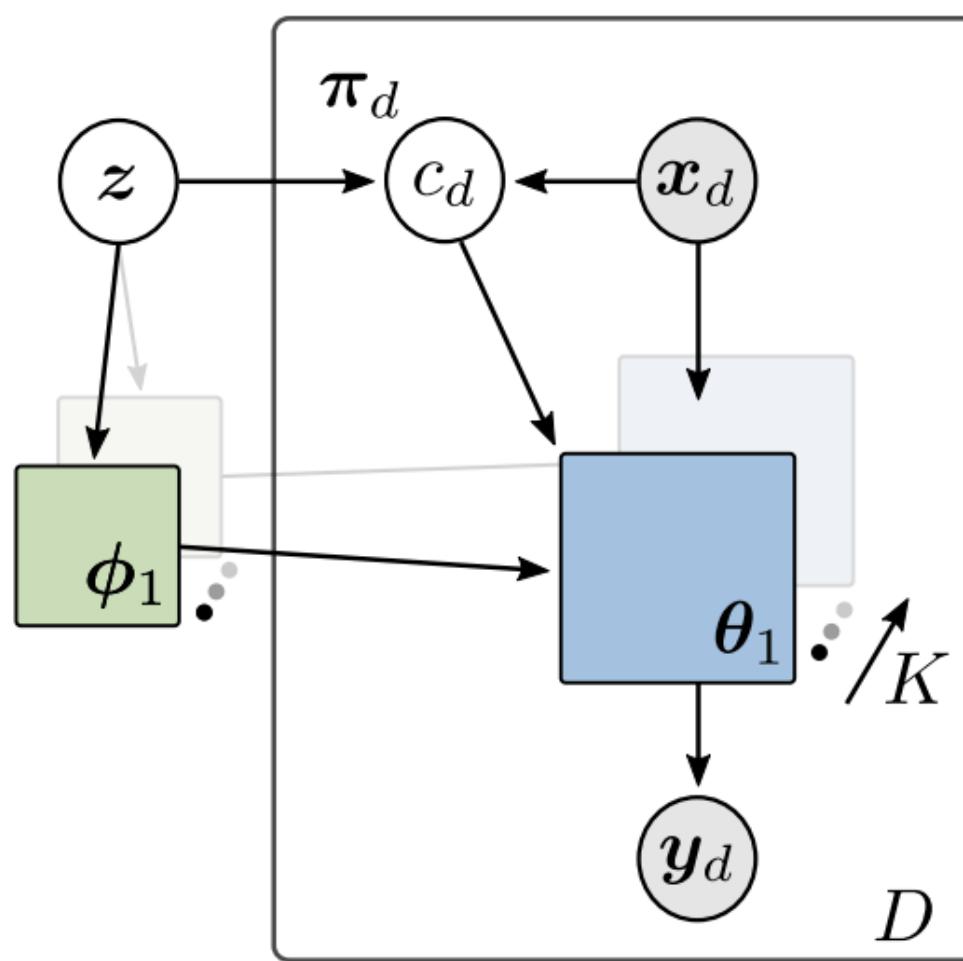
How to infer the latent representation \mathbf{z} ?

$$q_{\gamma}(\mathbf{z}|\mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{X}) \quad p_{\psi}(\mathbf{z})$$

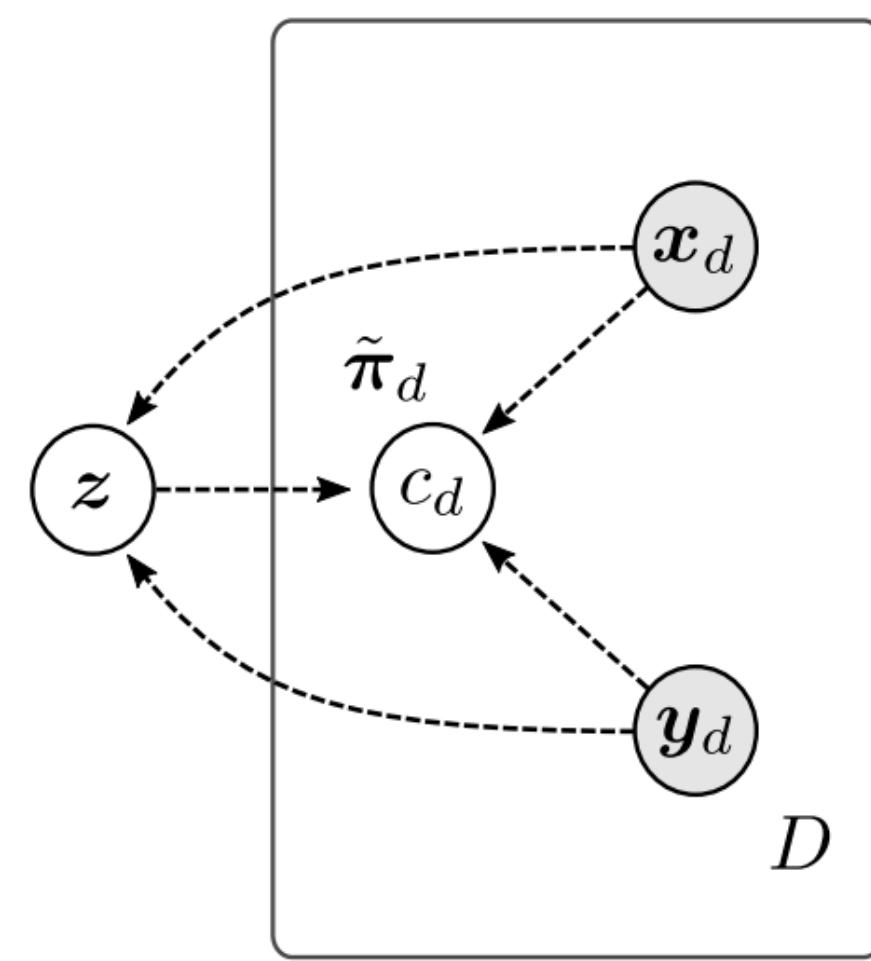
Proposed method: VAMoH

Variational Mixture of HyperGenerators

■ HyperNetwork ■ Data generator



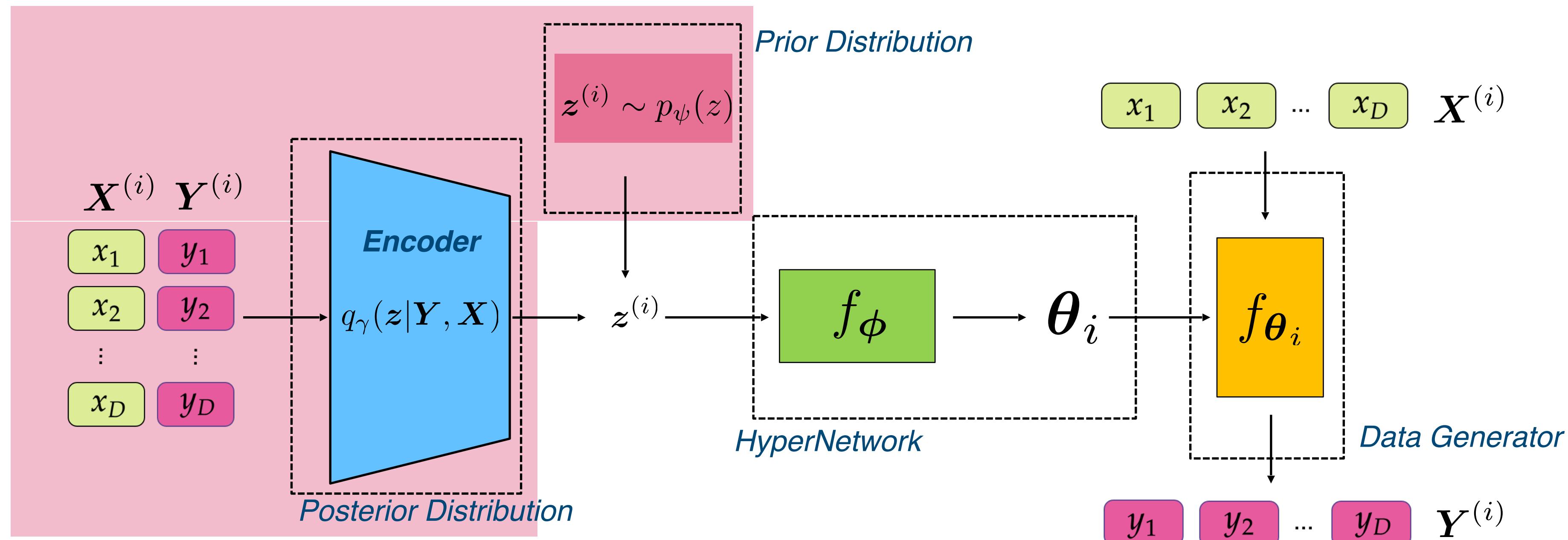
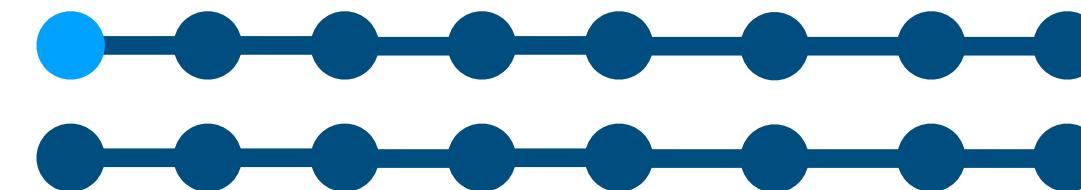
(a) Generative model



(b) Inference model

VAMoH

Encoder

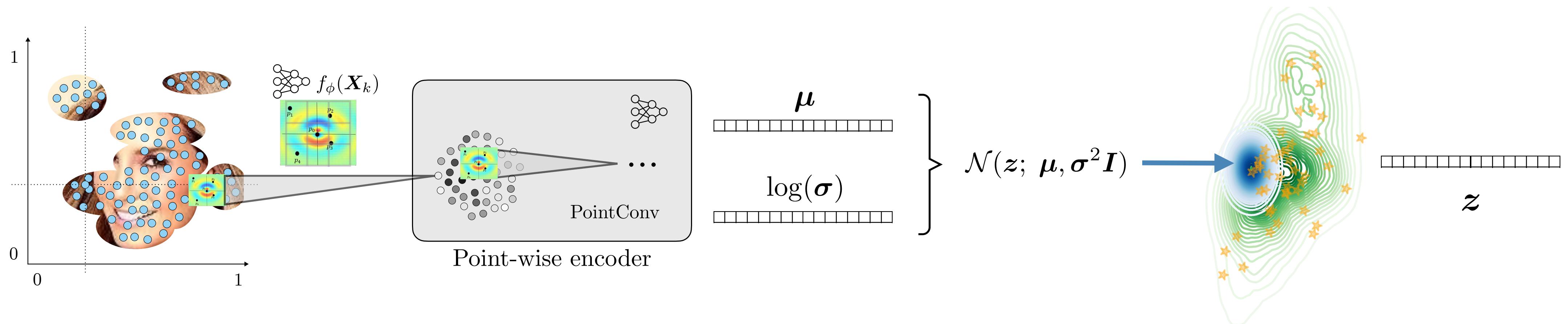


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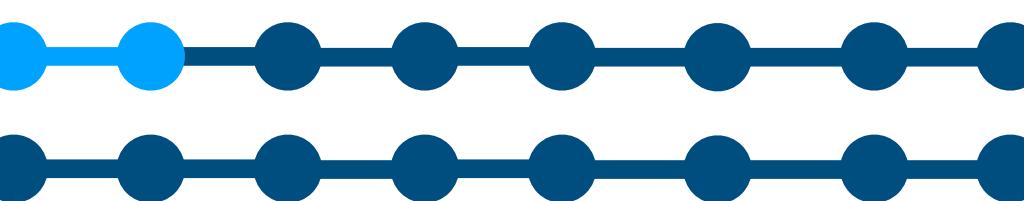
VAMoH

Encoder

- PointConv^[21] encoder for point clouds.

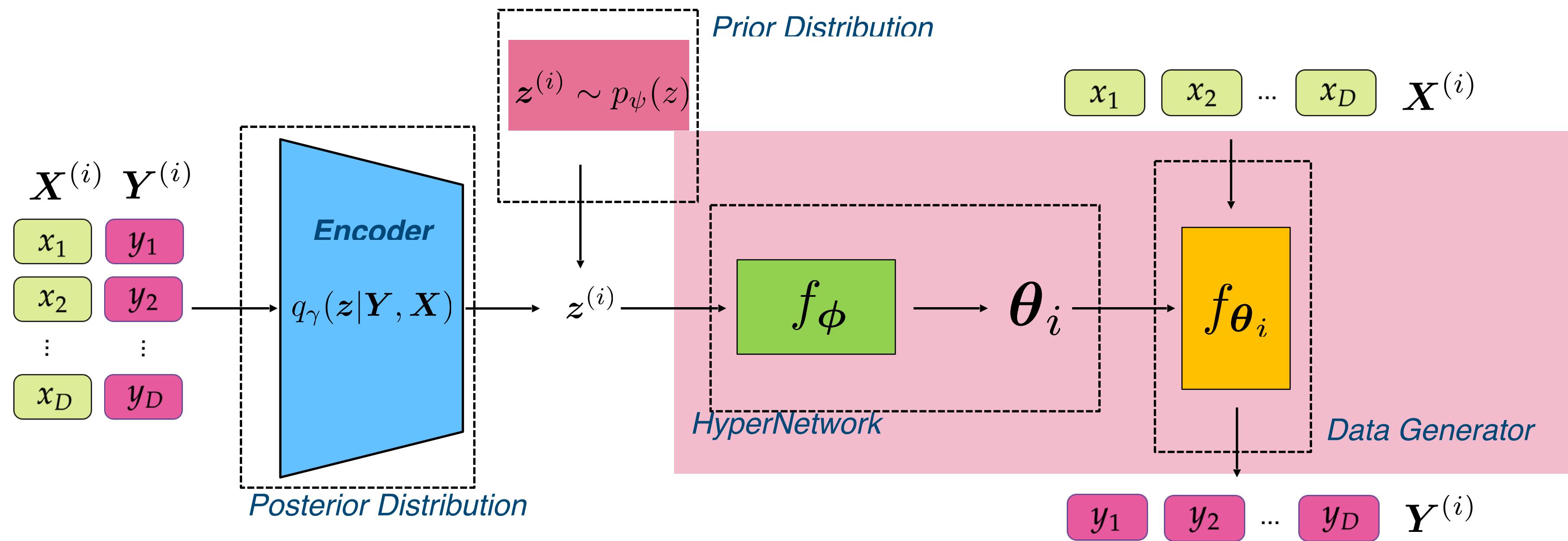
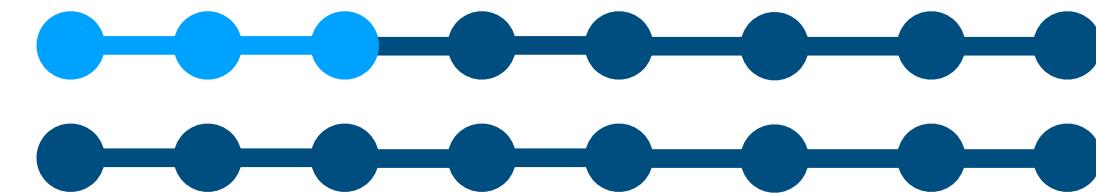


^[21] Wu et al., 2019



VAMoH

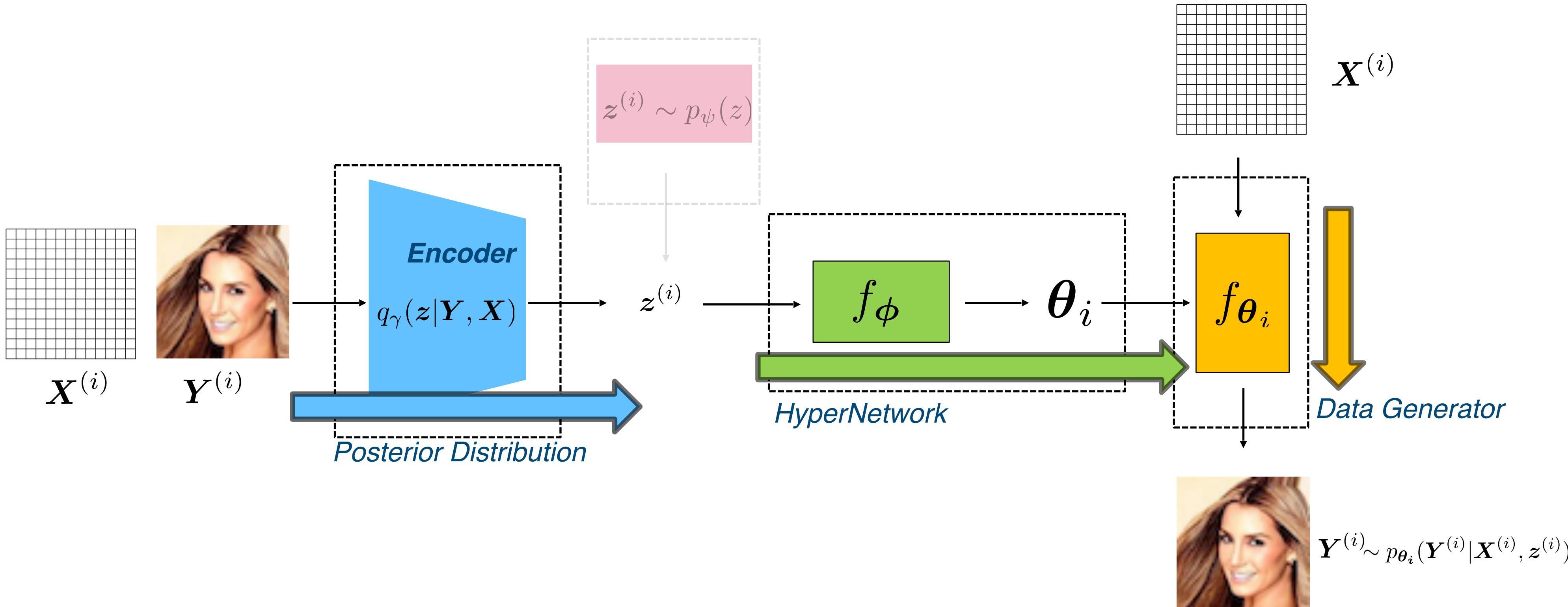
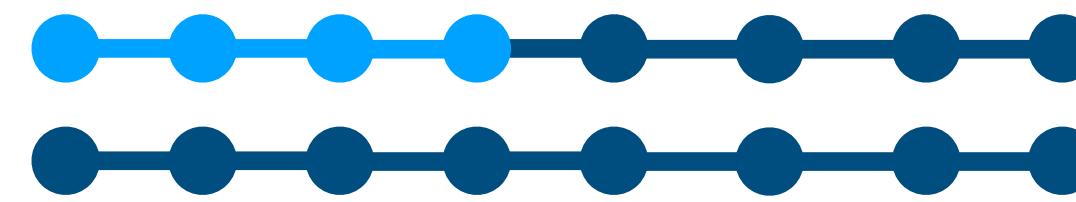
Decoder



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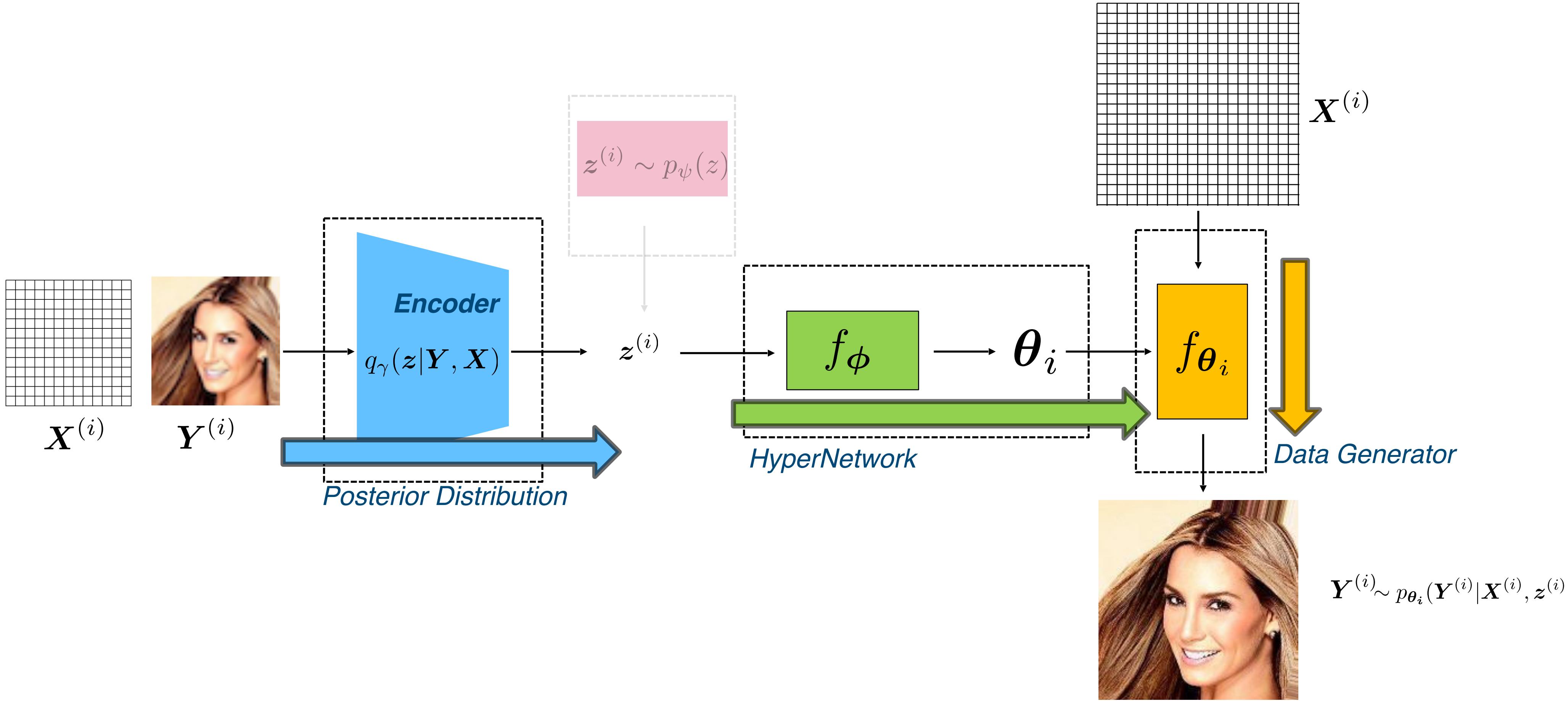
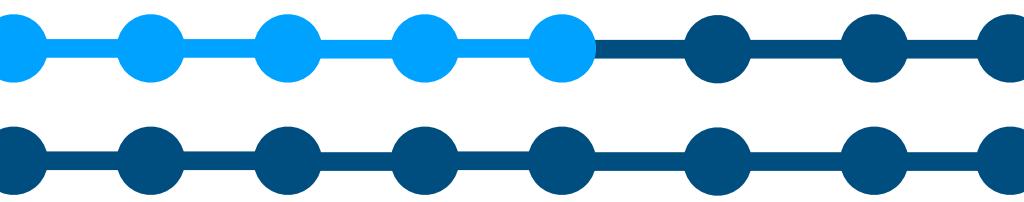
VAMoH

Reconstruction



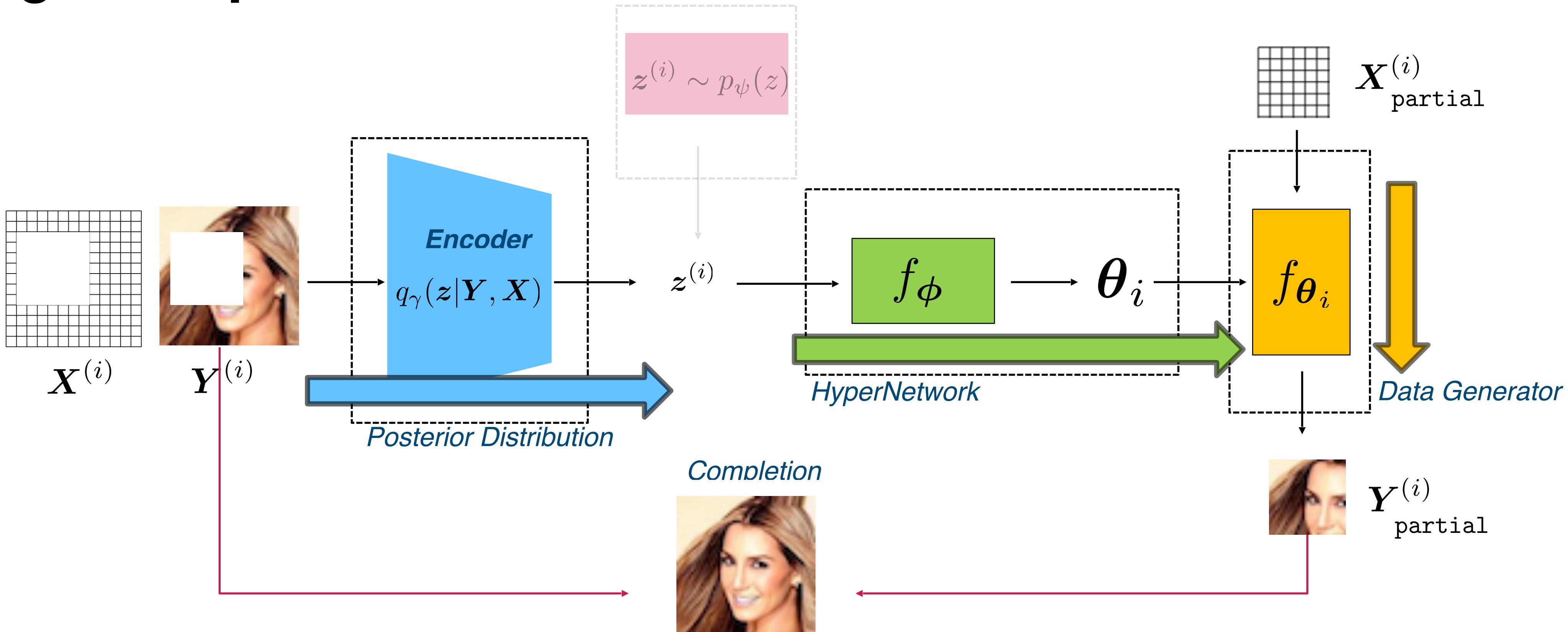
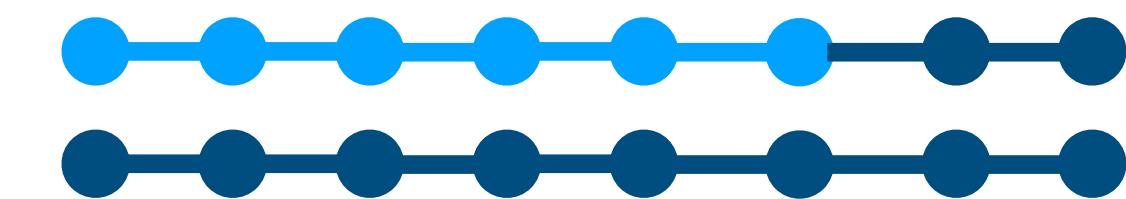
VAMoH

Super Resolution



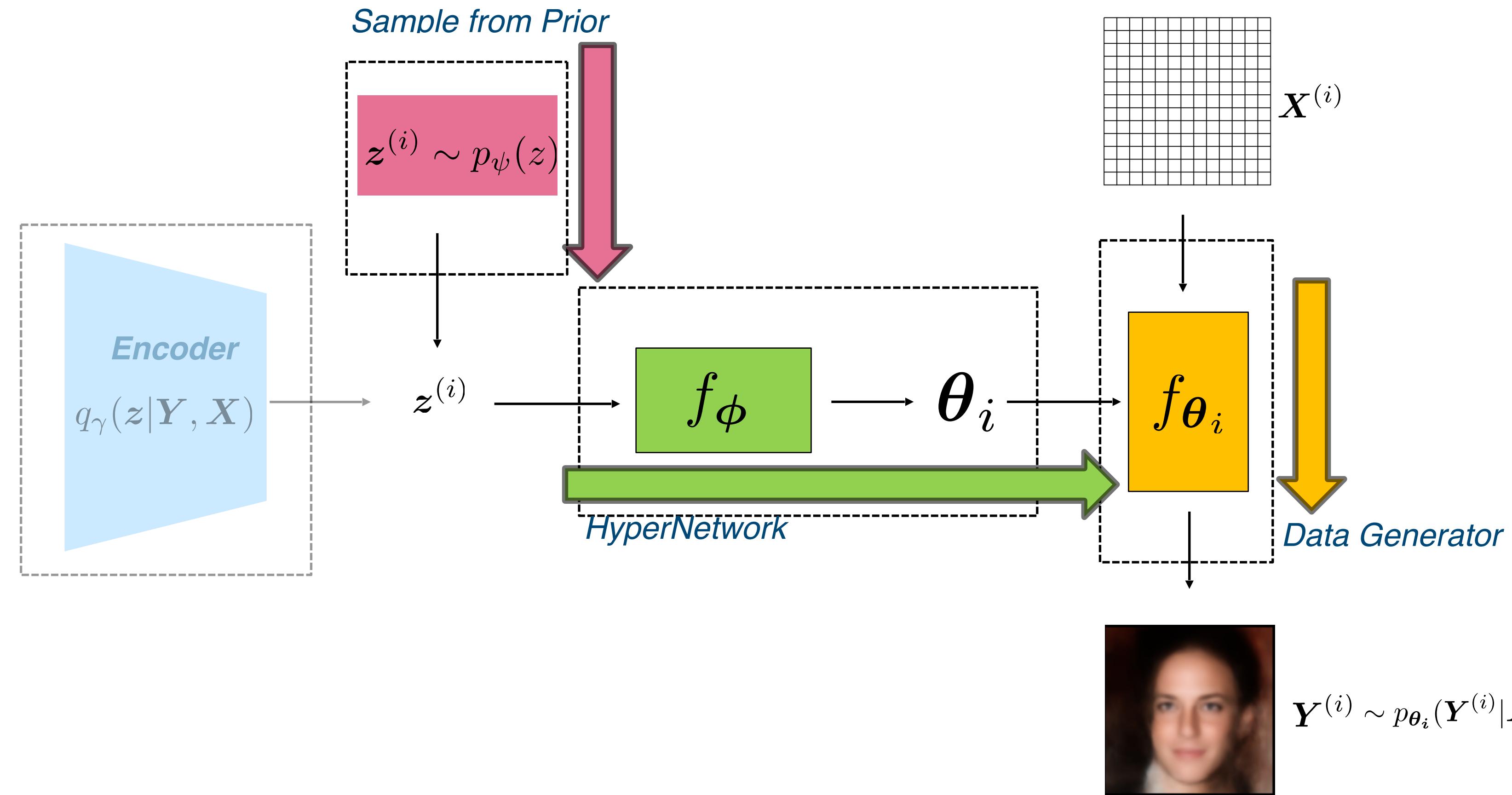
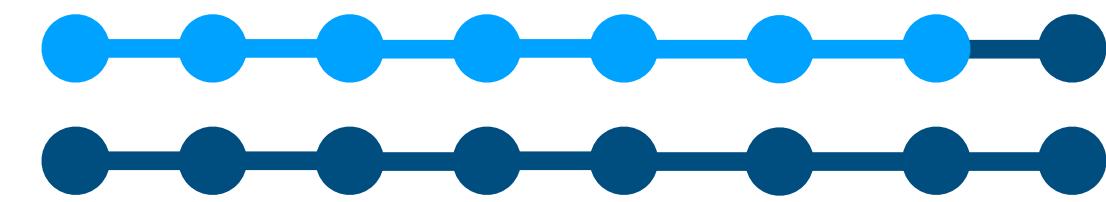
VAMoH

Image Completion



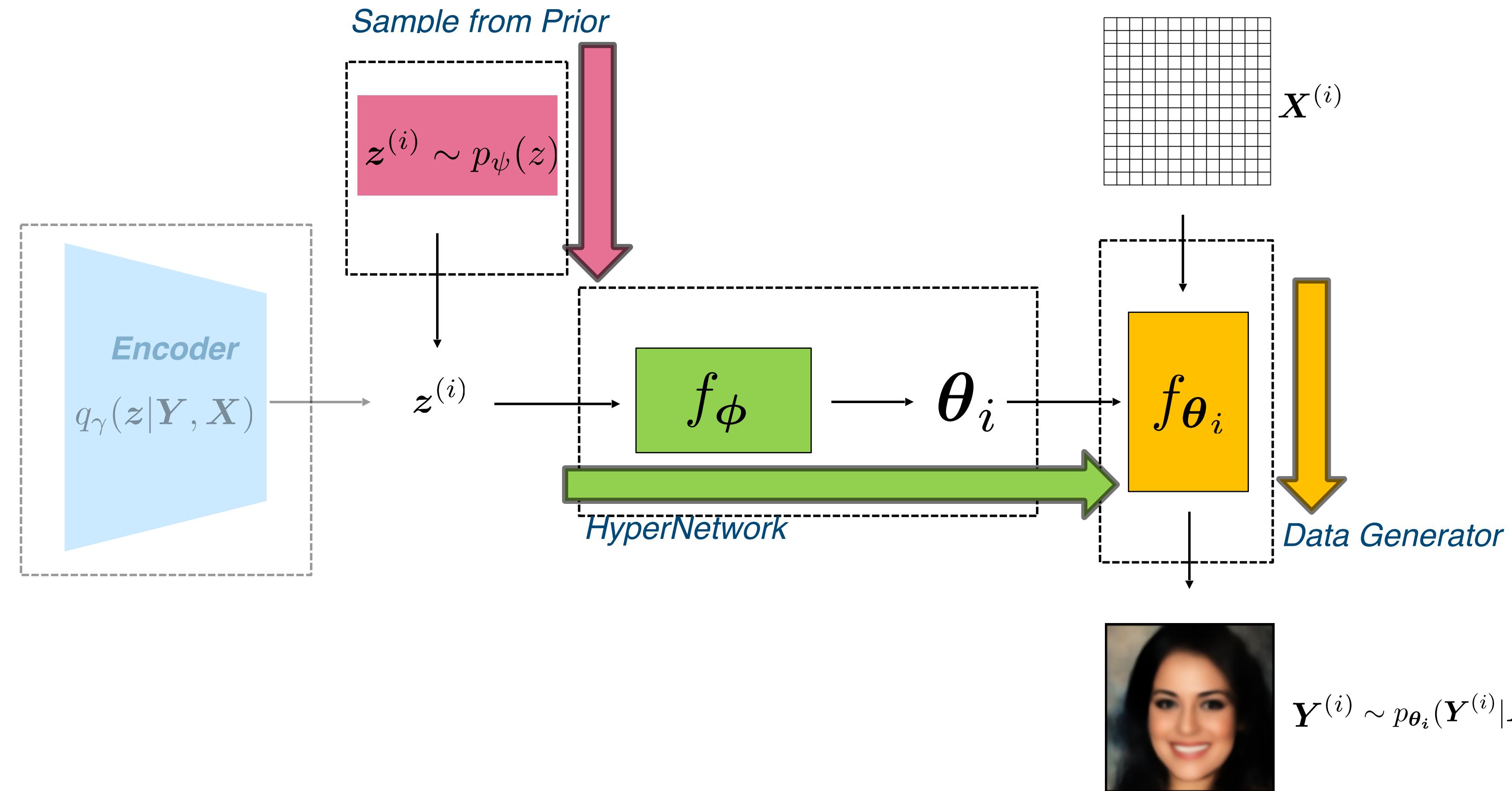
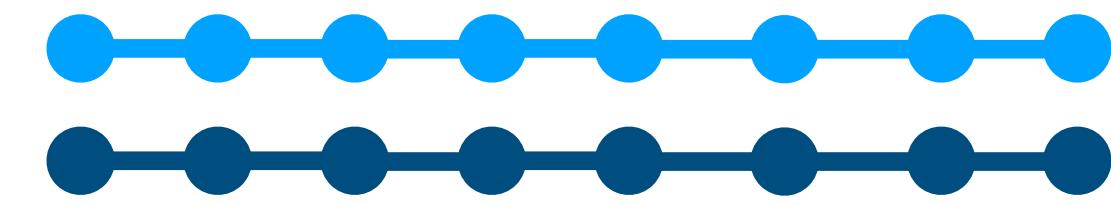
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Image Generation



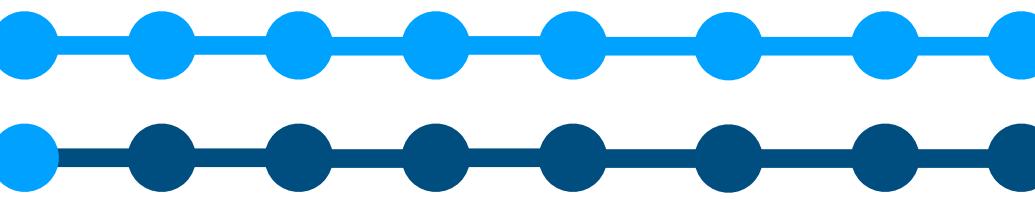
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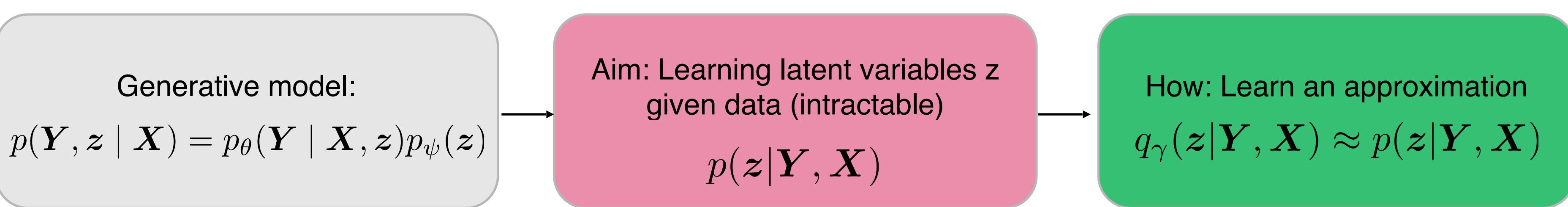
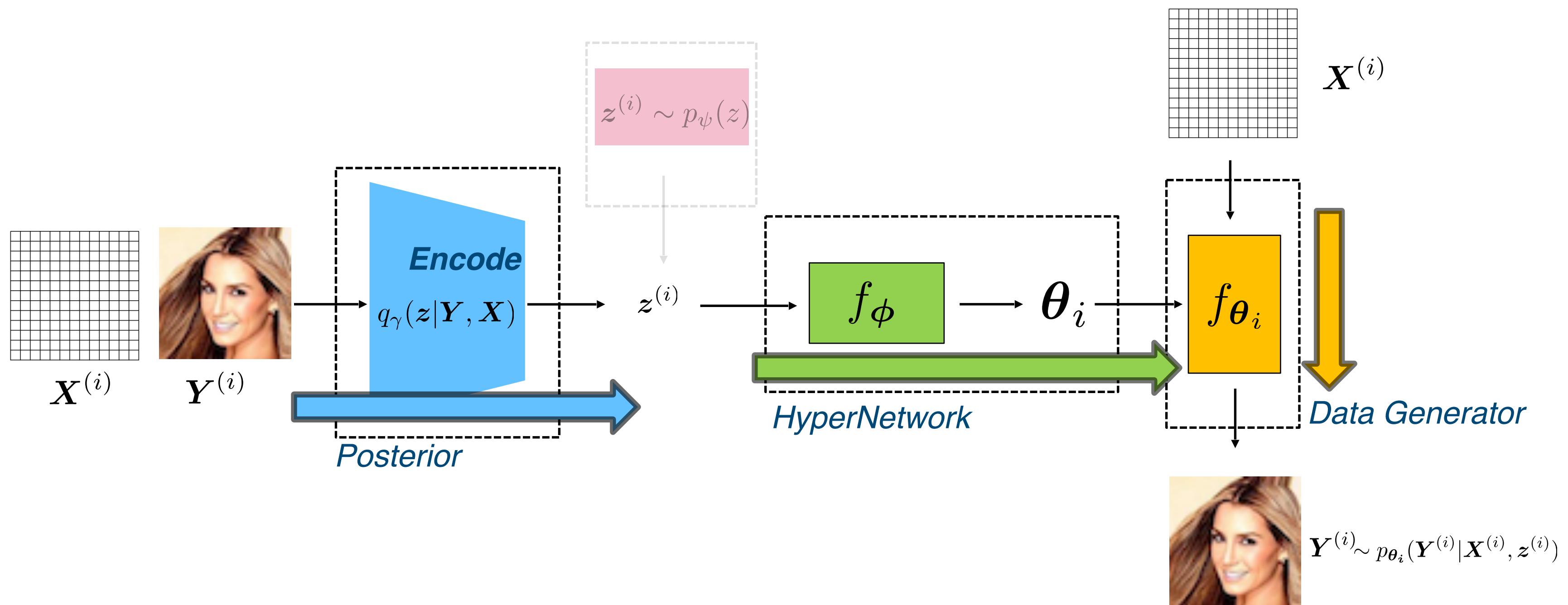
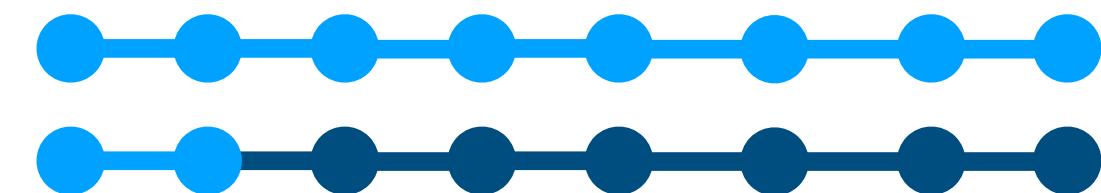
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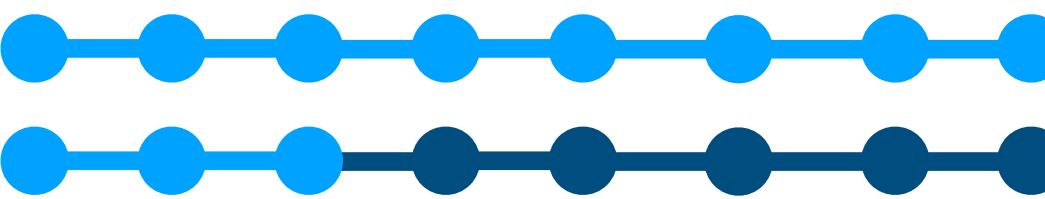


How to learn all these steps end-to-end from data?

VAMoH

Optimization





VAMoH

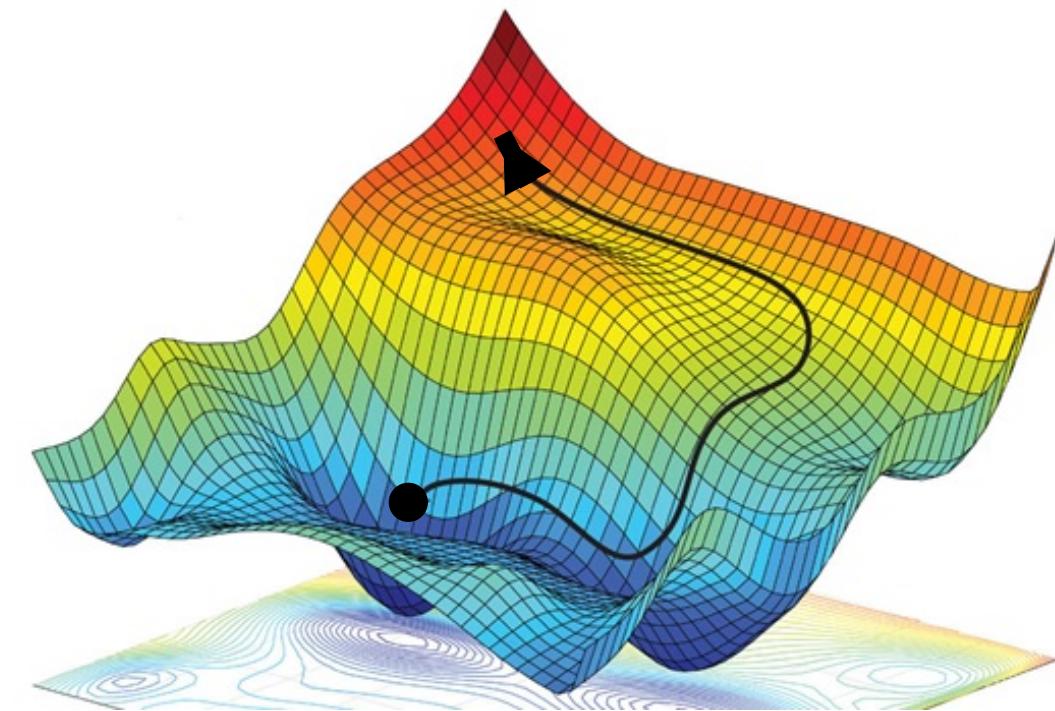
Optimization

- For a single data sample (\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y})

$$\max_{\phi, \gamma} \mathcal{L}(\phi, \gamma; \mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{X}) = \underbrace{\max_{\phi, \gamma} \mathbb{E}_{q_\gamma(z|\mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{X})} [\log p_\theta(\mathbf{Y} | \mathbf{X}, z)]}_{\text{Reconstruction}} - \underbrace{D_{KL}(q_\gamma(z|\mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{X}) || p_\psi(z))}_{\text{Regularization}}$$

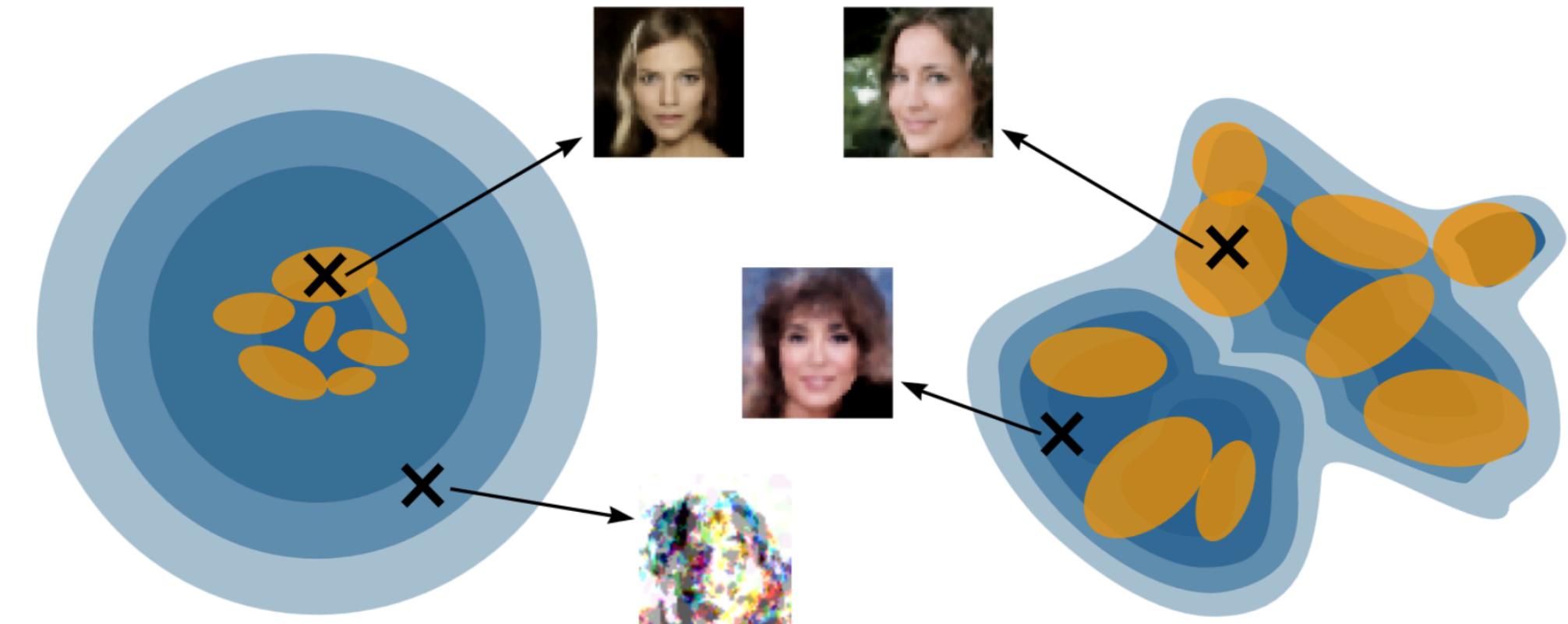
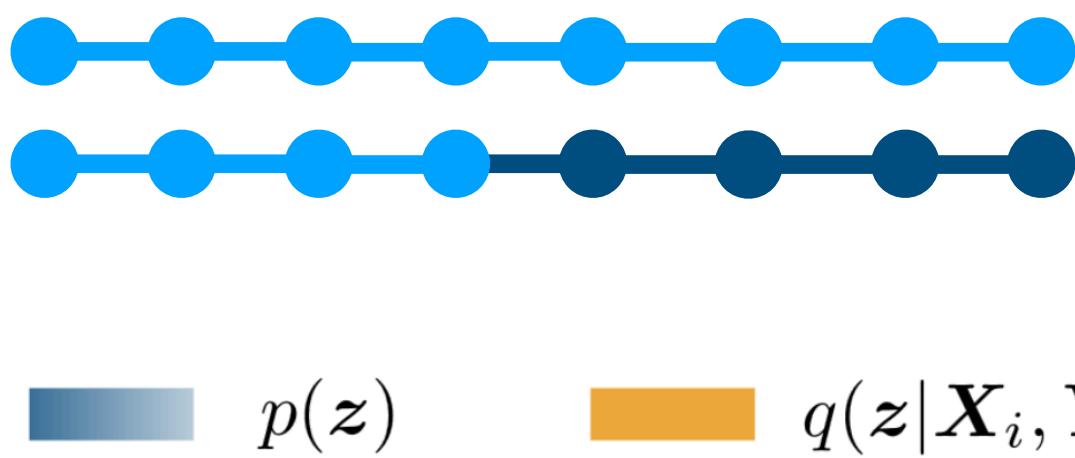
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$$\max_{\phi, \gamma} \sum_{i=1}^N \mathcal{L}(\phi, \gamma; \mathbf{Y}^{(i)}, \mathbf{X}^{(i)})$$



VAMoH

'Holes' problem



Regularization Term:

$$\min_{\gamma} D_{KL}(q_{\gamma}(z | \mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{X}) \| p_{\psi}(z))$$

We need to align the approximate posterior with the prior.

$$p_{\psi}(z) \quad q_{\gamma}(z)$$

Problem:

If the prior is too simple, it hinders generation quality.

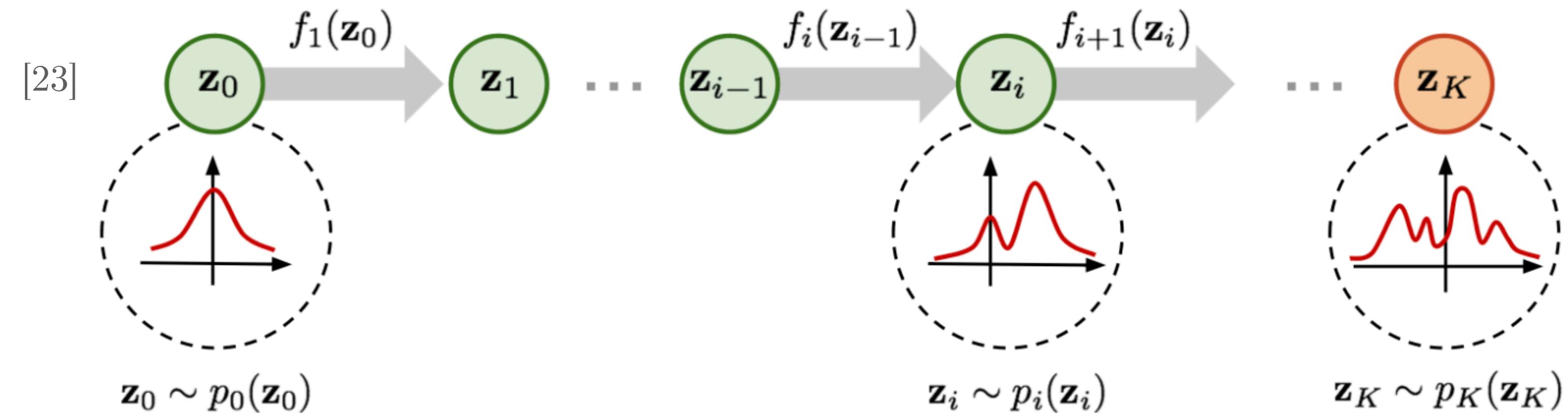
Solution:

Learn a more complex $p_{\psi}(z)$

$$\min_{\gamma, \psi} D_{KL}(q_{\gamma}(z | \mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{X}) \| p_{\psi}(z))$$

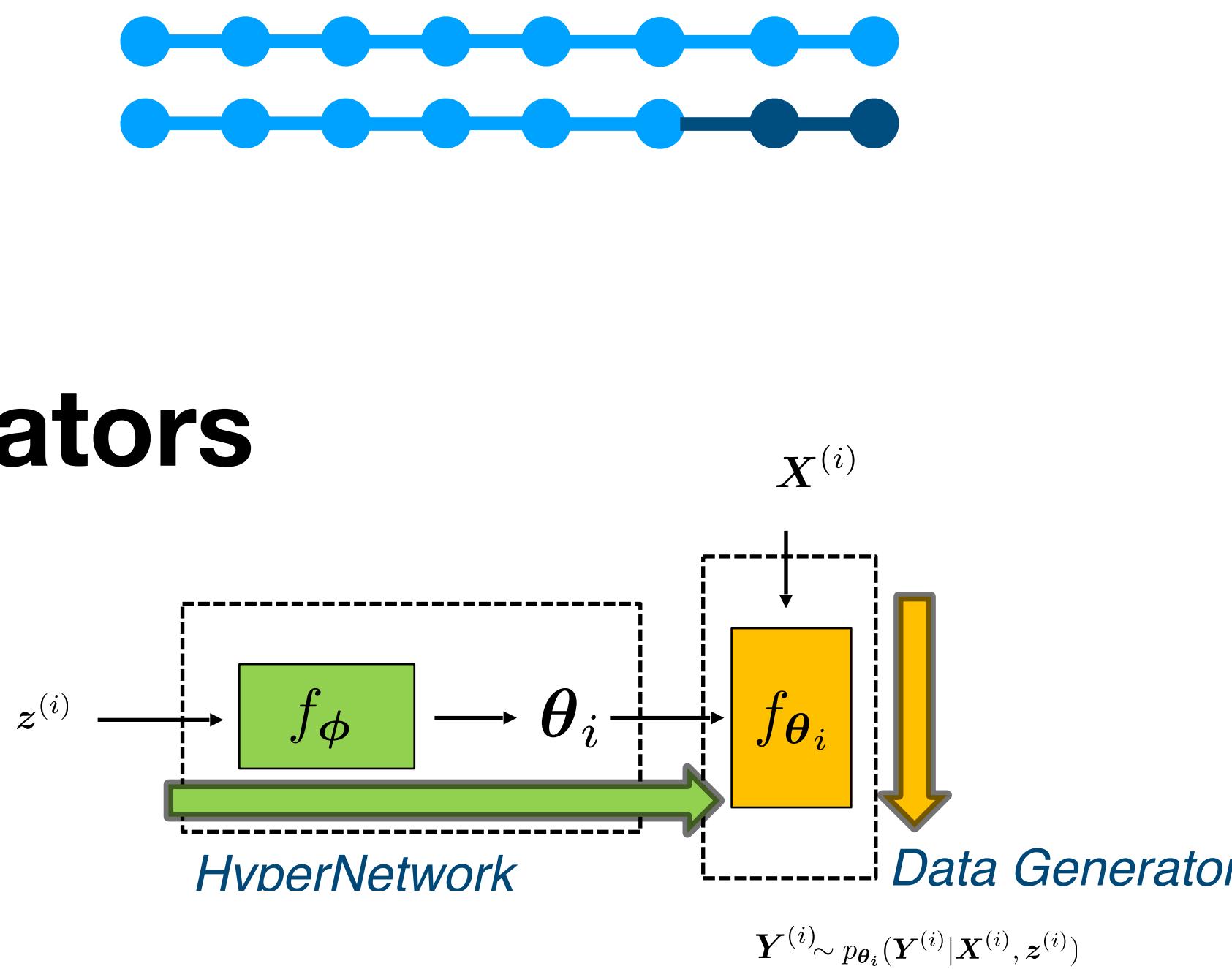
Flow-based prior

- More expressive prior using RealNVP (Real-valued, Non-Volume Preserving) Flow.

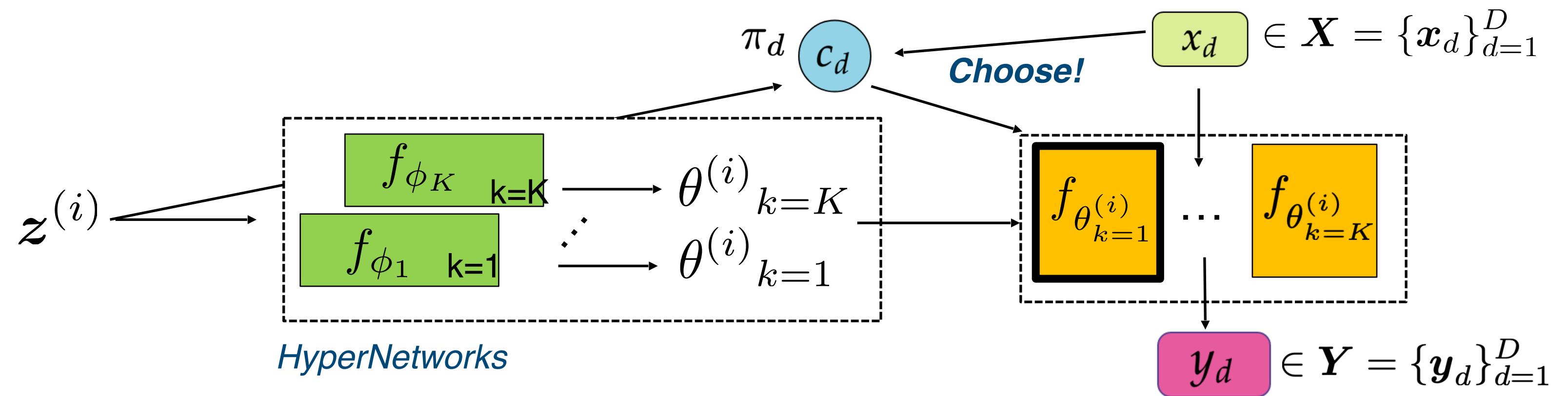


$$\mathbf{z}^{(i)} \sim p_\psi(\mathbf{z})$$

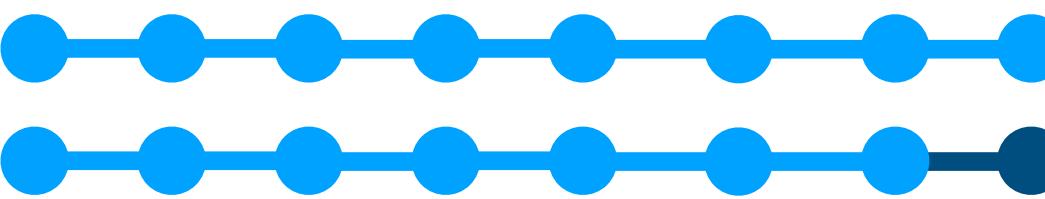
Mixture of HyperGenerators



Single HyperGenerator



Mixture of HyperGenerators

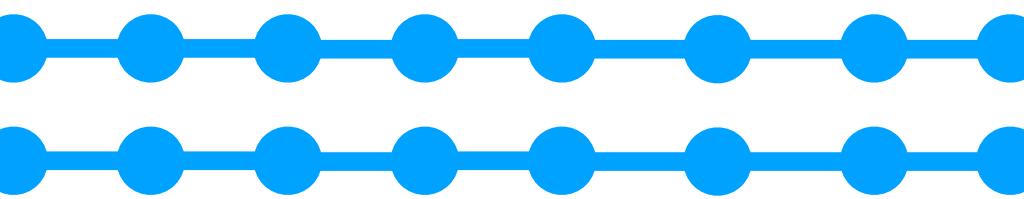


VAMoH

Mixture of HyperGenerators



Image Reconstruction with Mixture of HyperGenerators



VAMoH

ELBO

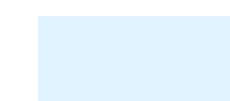
- For a single data sample (\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y})

$$\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{X}; \psi, \phi, \gamma) = \sum_{d=1}^D \mathbb{E}_{q_{\gamma_z}(\mathbf{z} | \mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{X})} \left[\sum_{k=1}^K \log p_{\theta_k} (\mathbf{y}_d | \mathbf{x}_d) \cdot \pi_{dk} \right] - D_{KL}(q_{\gamma_z}(\mathbf{z} | \mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}) \| p_{\psi_z}(\mathbf{z}))$$

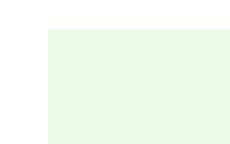
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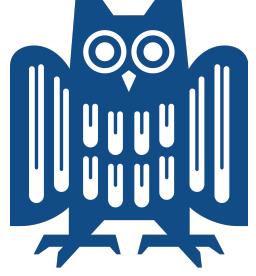
Reconstruction the features of the observed pixels



KL of the continuous latent variable



KL of the discrete latent variable





Experiments

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VaMoH (ours)	VAE-based	Single optimization	Forward Pass	Forward pass 

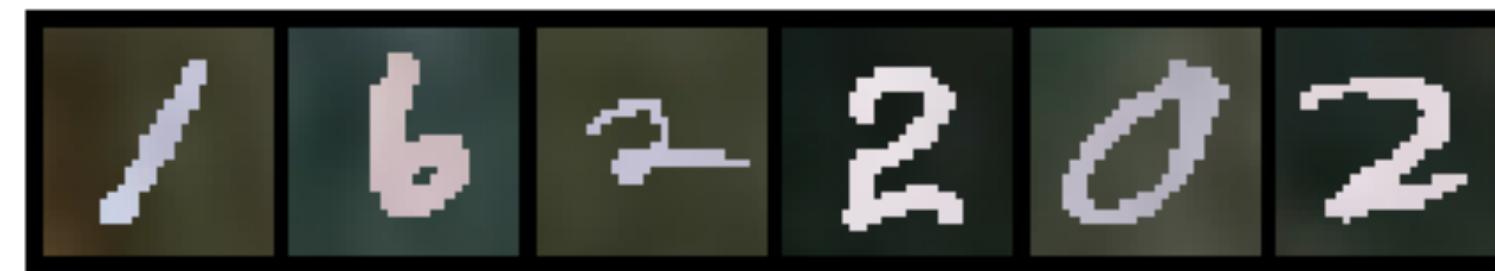
VAMoH provides a probabilistic generative model that is efficient, robust, and expressive for modeling distribution over functions.



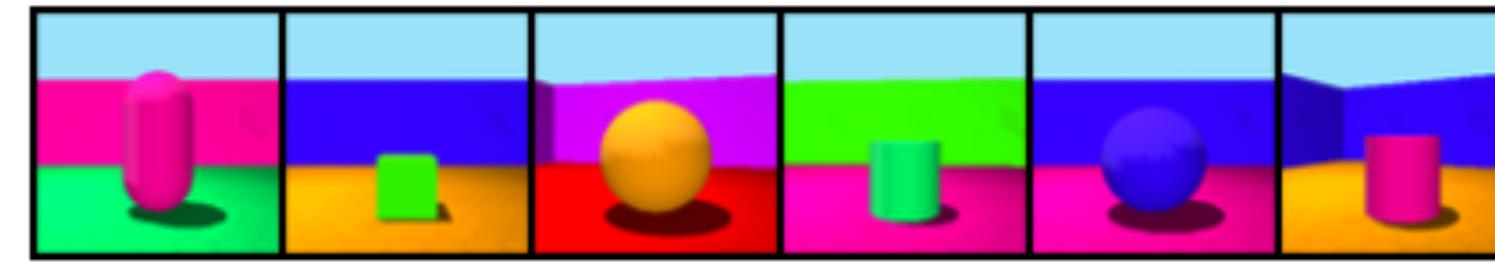
Experiments

Datasets

PolyMNIST
(28x28)



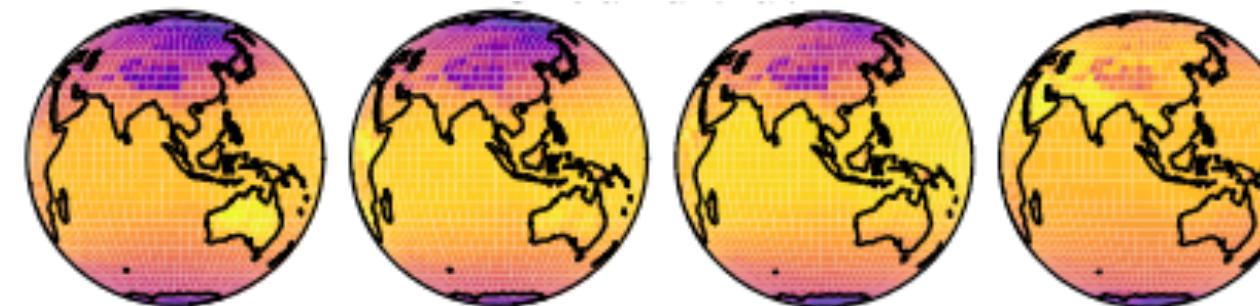
Shapes3D (64x64)



CelebA-HQ (64x64)



ERA5 (Polar)



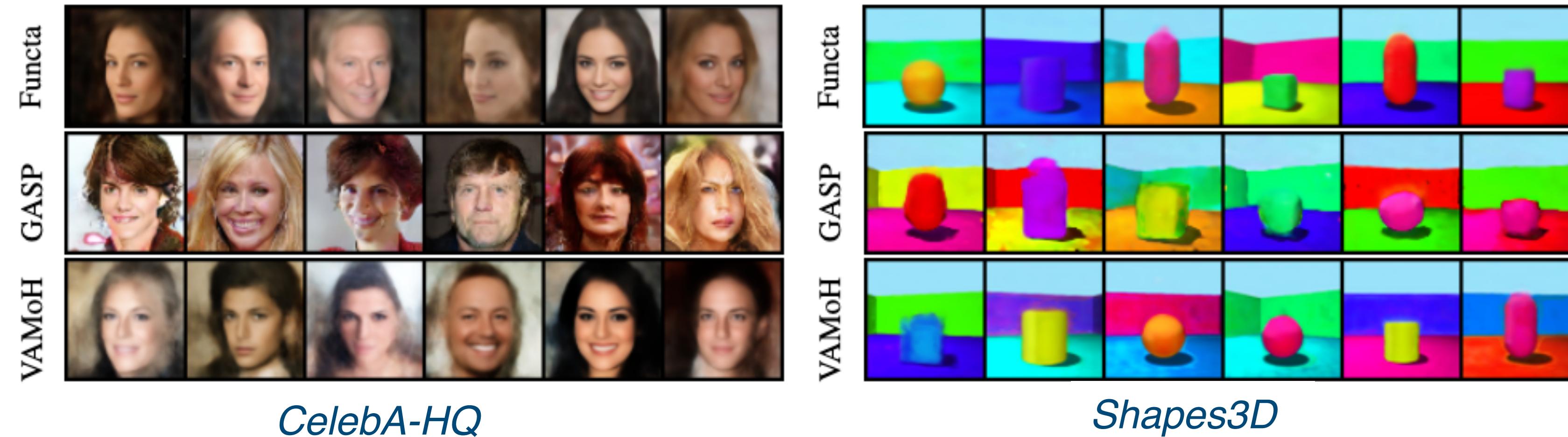
ShapeNET (Voxels)





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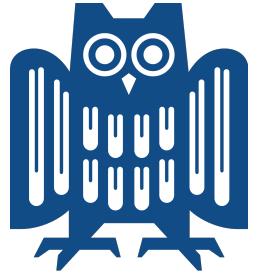
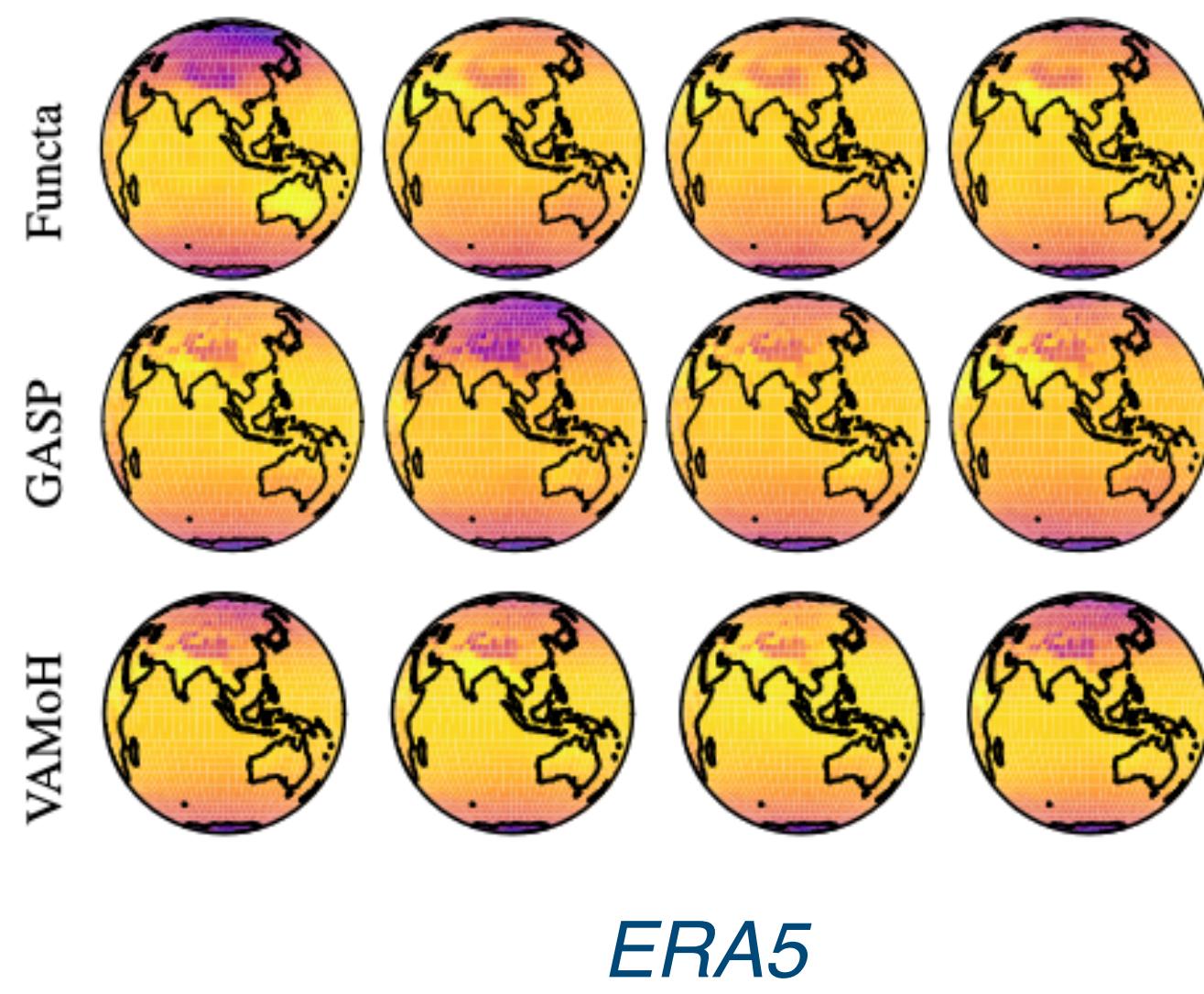
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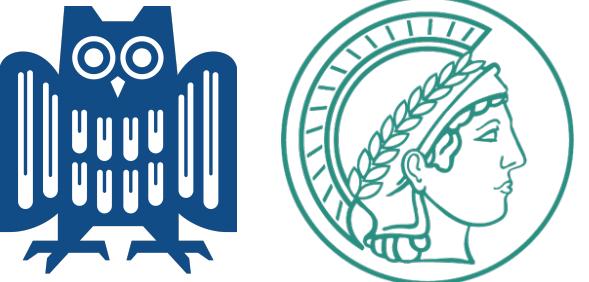




Experiments

Generation





Experiments

Reconstructions

The figure displays a 4x6 grid of portrait images. The columns represent different individuals, and the rows represent different stages or datasets:

- Row 1: Ground truth** (Top row)
- Row 2: Reconstruction** (Second row from top)
- Row 3: Super-reconstruction** (Third row from top)
- Row 4: CELEBA HQ** (Bottom row)

On the far left of each row, there is a vertical color bar consisting of five colored squares: red, green, blue, cyan, and magenta.



Experiments

Inference times

Table 2: Comparison of inference time (seconds) for reconstruction task of VaMoH and Functa. On the right-most two columns, we show the speed improvement of VaMoH compared to Functa (3) which is trained with 3 gradient steps as suggested in the original paper [Dupont et al., 2022b] and Functa (10) which is trained with 10 gradient step to obtain the results of Functa depicted in Figures 16,17. Please note that these experiments are run on the same GPU device.

Dataset	Model Inference Time (secs)			Speed Improvement	
	VaMoH	Functa (3)	Functa (10)	vs. Functa (3)	vs. Functa (10)
POLYMNIST	0.00453	0.01648	0.05108	x 3.64	x 11.28
SHAPES3D	0.00536	0.01759	0.05480	x 3.28	x 10.22
CELEBA HQ	0.00757	0.01733	0.05381	x 2.29	x 7.11
ERA5	0.00745	0.01899	0.05932	x 2.55	x 7.96
SHAPENET	0.00689	0.02095	0.06576	x 3.04	x 9.54

Reconstruction

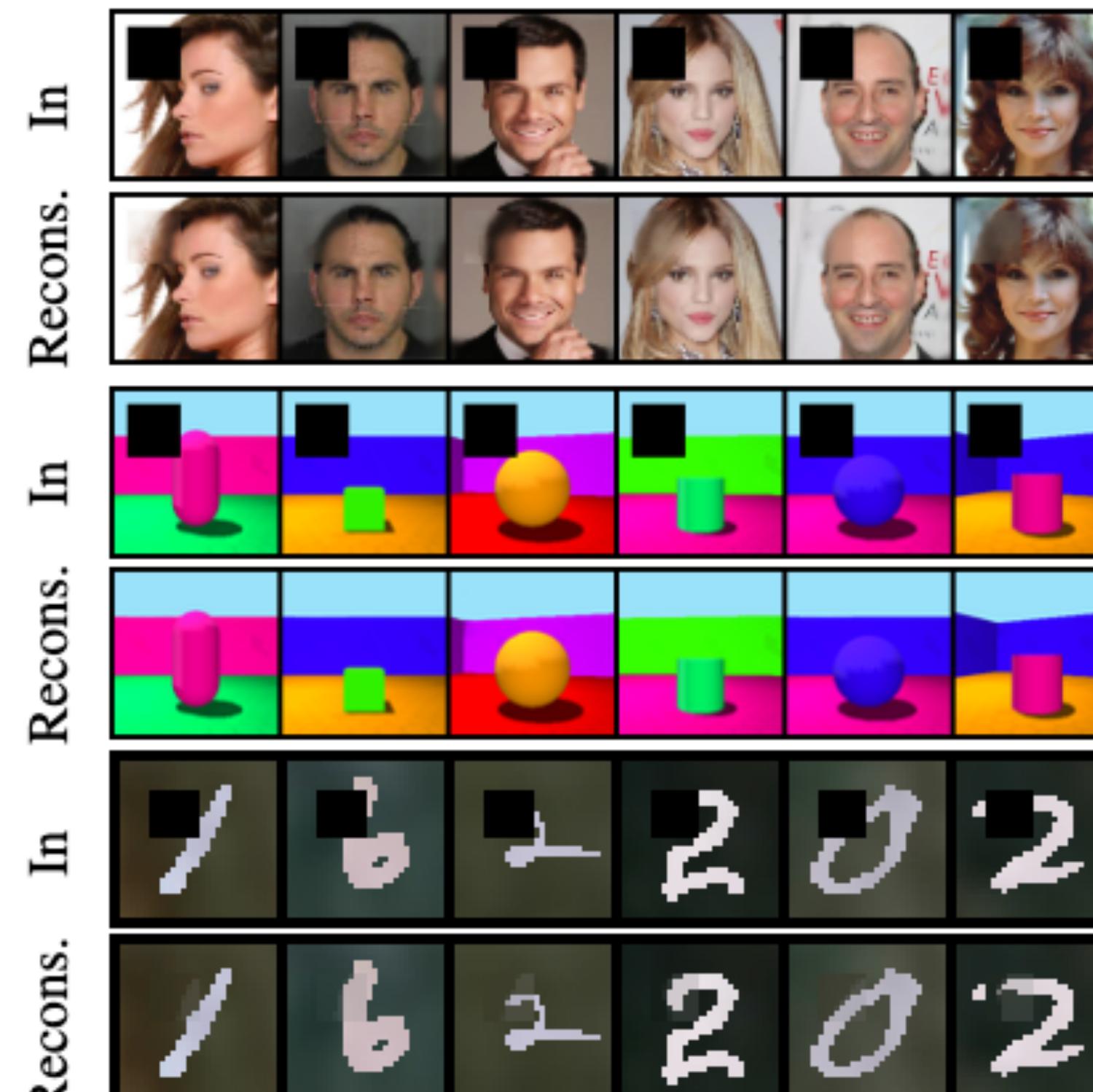
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CELEBA HQ	0.00833	0.01729	0.05377	x 2.08	x 6.46
ERA5	0.00790	0.01997	0.06030	x 2.53	x 7.63
SHAPENET	0.01440	0.02089	0.06569	x 1.45	x 4.56

Super-reconstruction

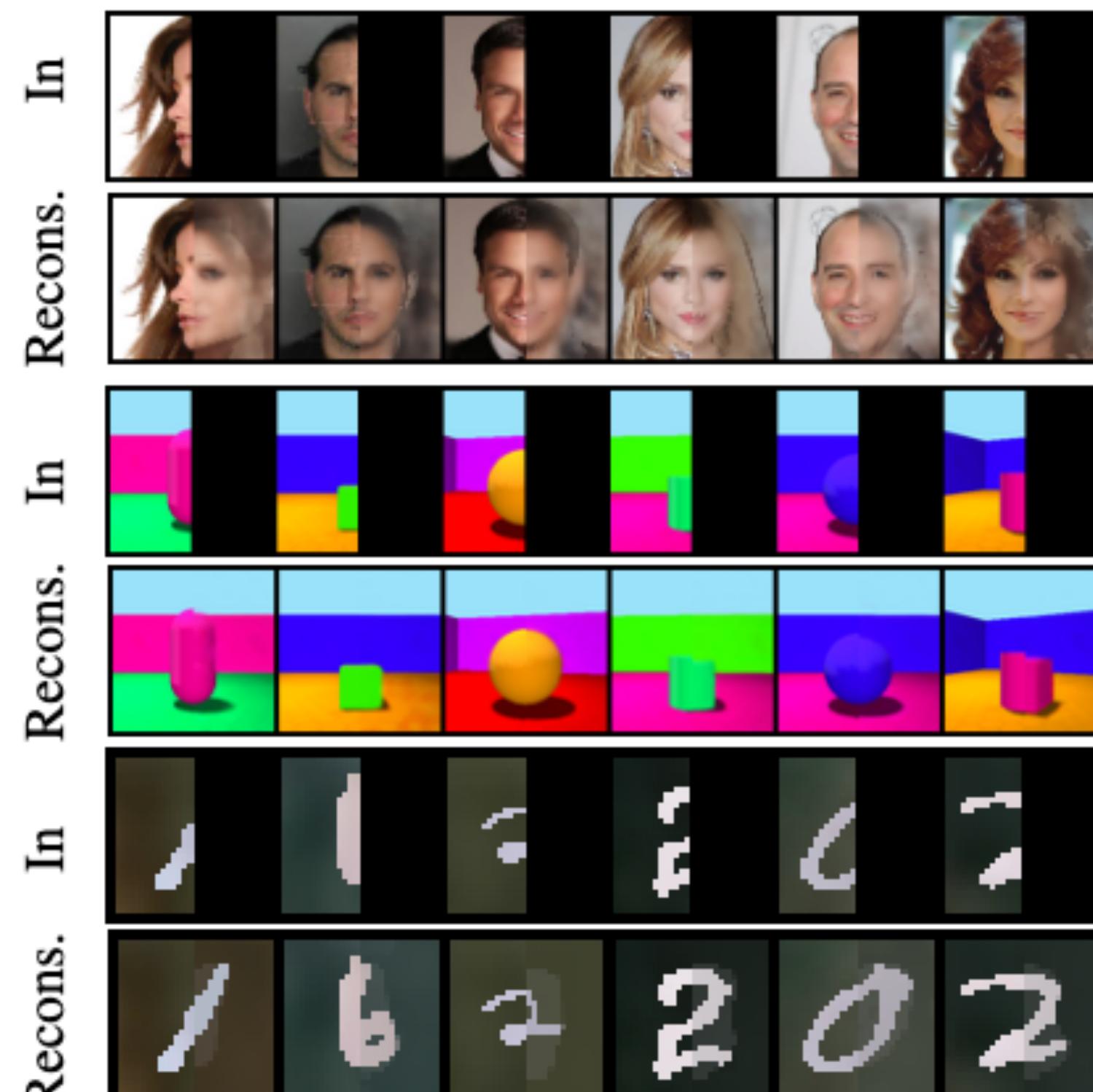


Experiments

Image completion



Missing a patch (in-painting)



Missing half of the image

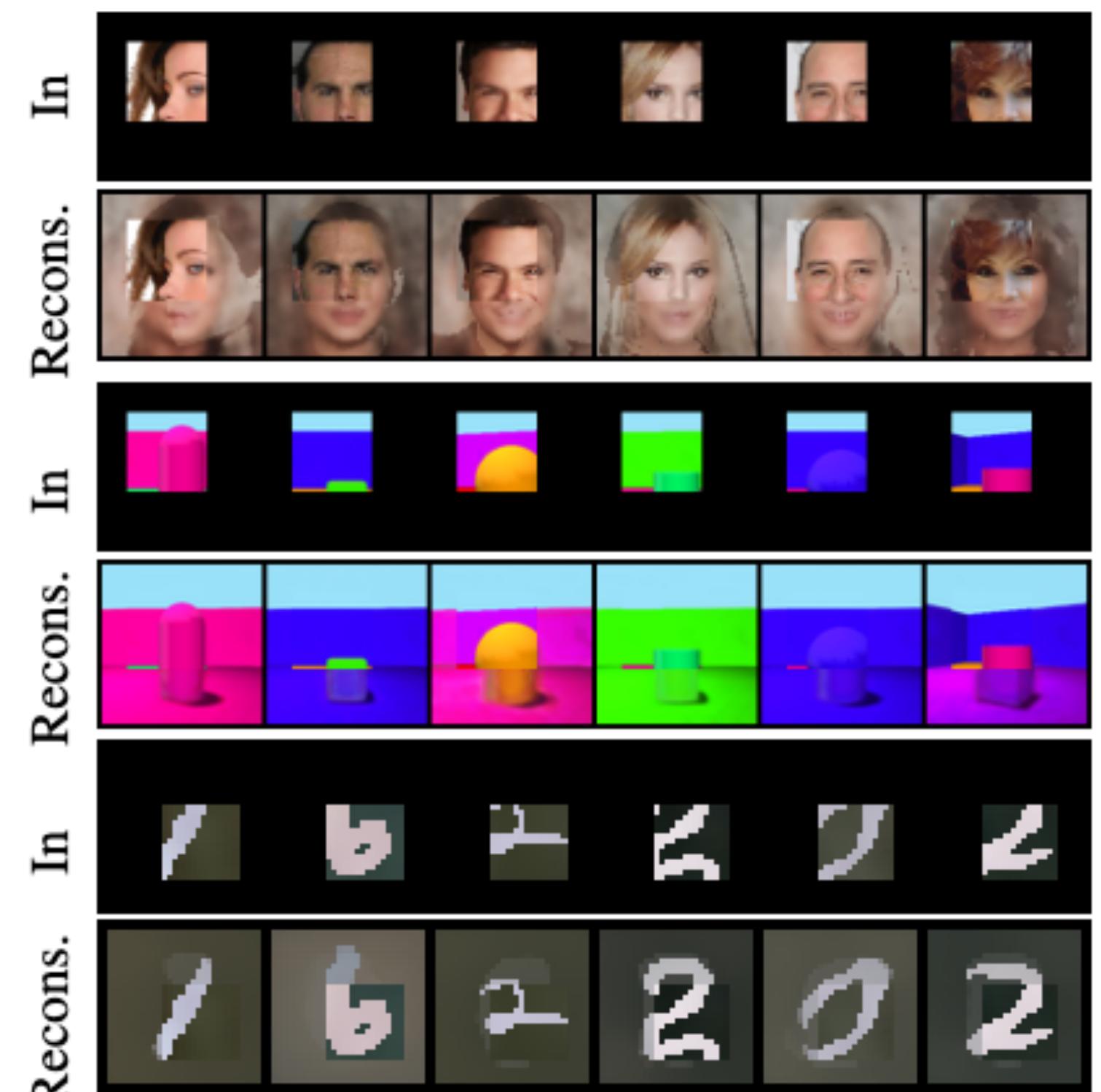


Image out-painting

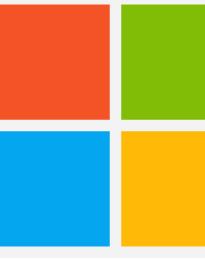
Conclusion

Thanks to learning distributions of functions, our proposed VAMoH can easily perform:

- Generation.
- Reconstruction.
- Conditional generation.
- Super resolution (interpolation).

While being:

- ✓ Robust to partially observed data.
- ✓ Expressive for generating high-quality data.
- ✓ Efficient in terms of inference.



Further details

VARIATIONAL MIXTURE OF HYPERGENERATORS FOR LEARNING DISTRIBUTIONS OVER FUNCTIONS

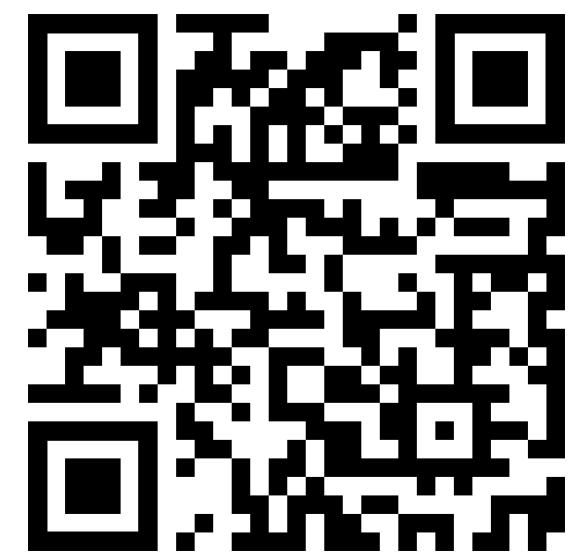
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