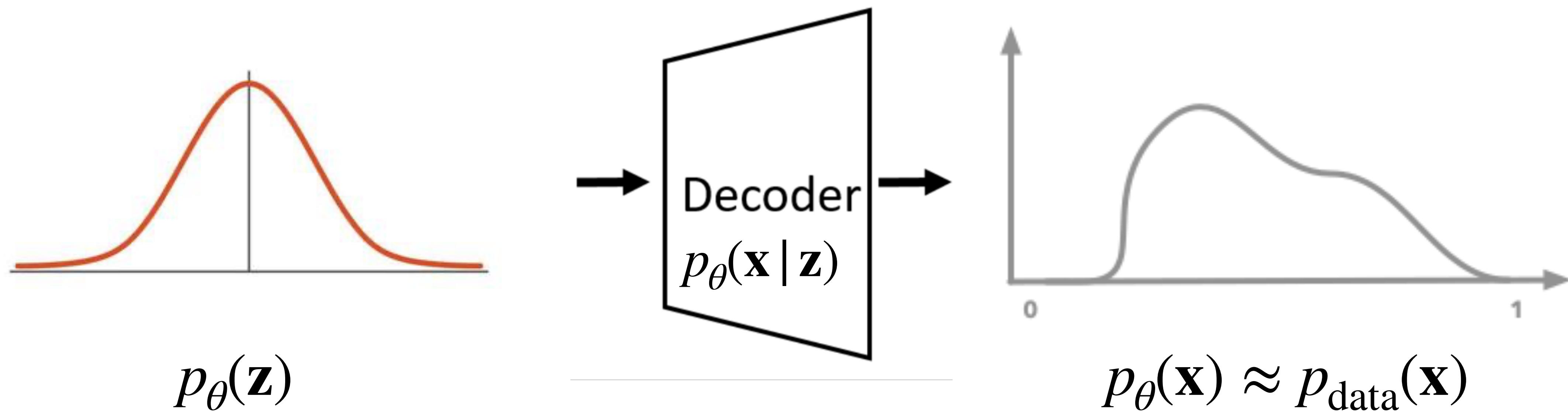


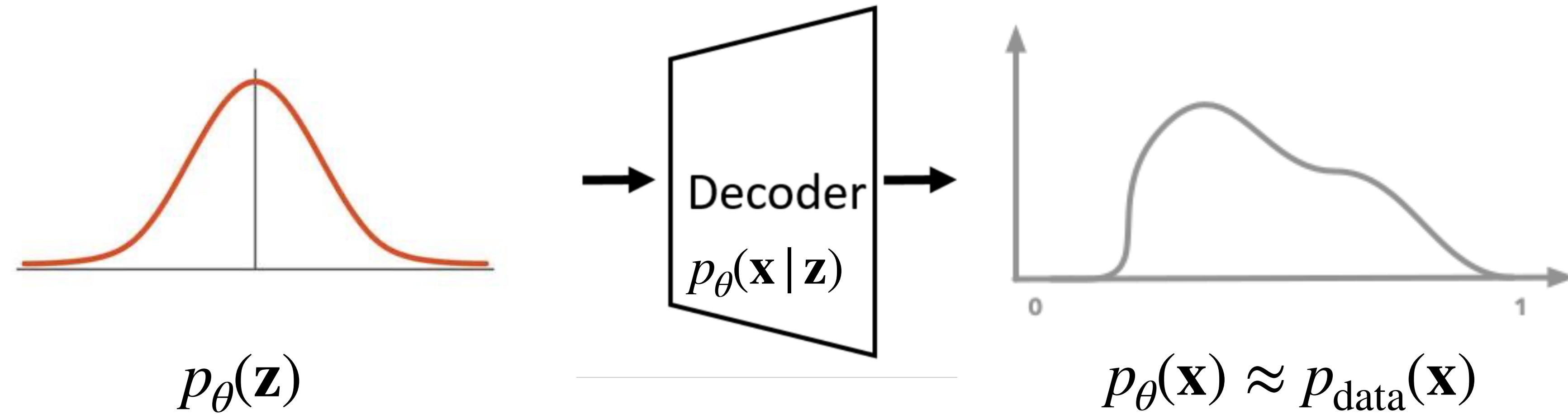
# **20. Generative Models (cont'd)**

**EECE454 Introduction to  
Machine Learning Systems**

# Recap: Variational Autoencoder

- Train a decoder and a distribution such that if we send in a distribution, we get a data-generating distribution.
  - For simplicity, we select  $\theta$  so that  $p_\theta(\mathbf{z})$  is  $\mathcal{N}(0, I_k)$ .





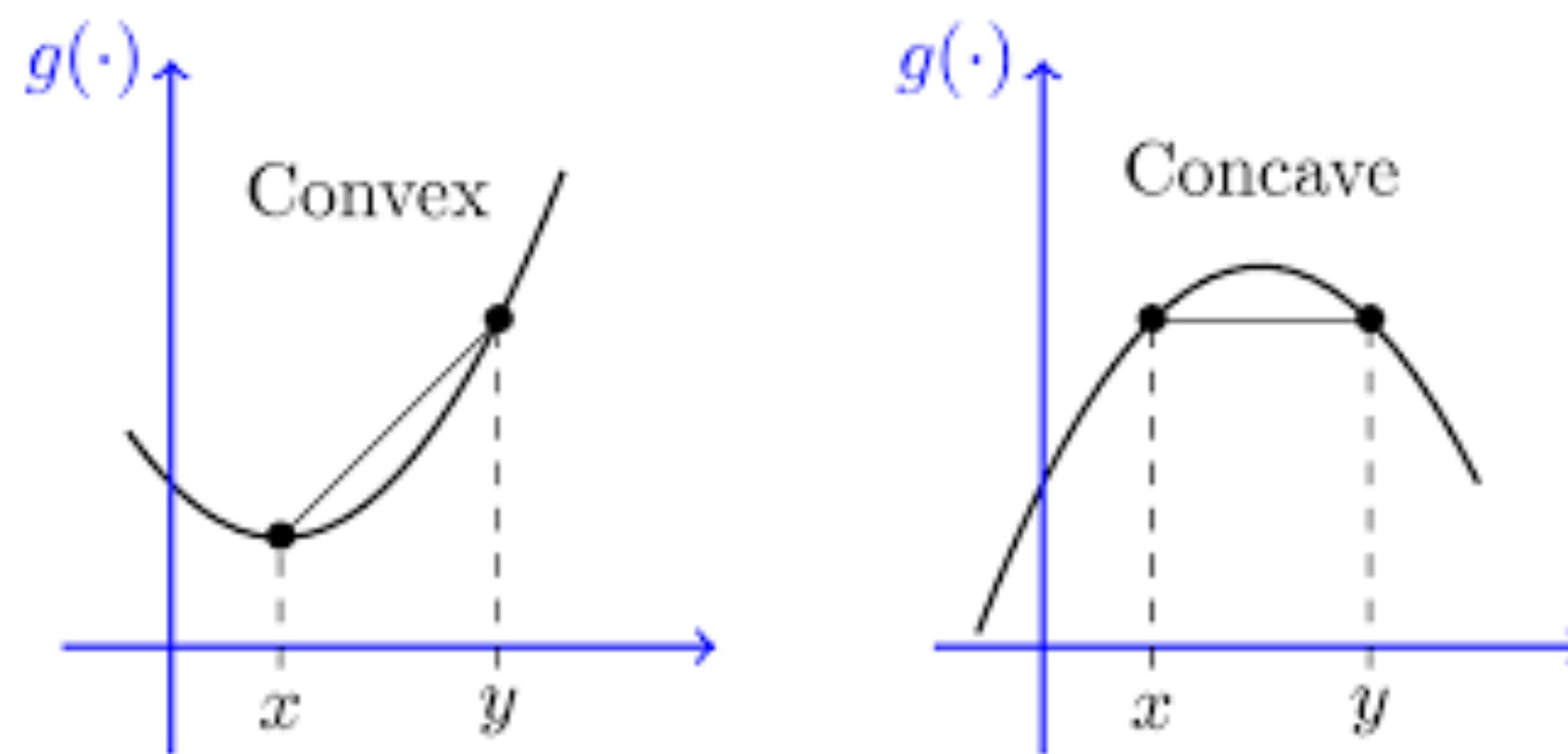
- Similar to Naïve Bayes, we want to optimize the log probability
$$\max_{\theta} \sum_{i=1}^n \log p_\theta(\mathbf{x}_i)$$
- Unfortunately, computing the marginal distribution is intractible:

$$p_\theta(\mathbf{x}_i) = \int p_\theta(\mathbf{x}_i \mid \mathbf{z}) p_\theta(\mathbf{z}) \, d\mathbf{z}$$

# Idea: Evidence Lower bound

- **Idea.** We maximize the **lower bound** of  $p_\theta(\mathbf{x})$ , not itself.
- **Tool.** Jensen's inequality
  - For a concave function  $f(\cdot)$ , we have

$$\mathbb{E}[f(X)] \leq f(\mathbb{E}[X])$$



- Compute the lower bound, for some **arbitrary**  $q_\phi(\mathbf{z})$

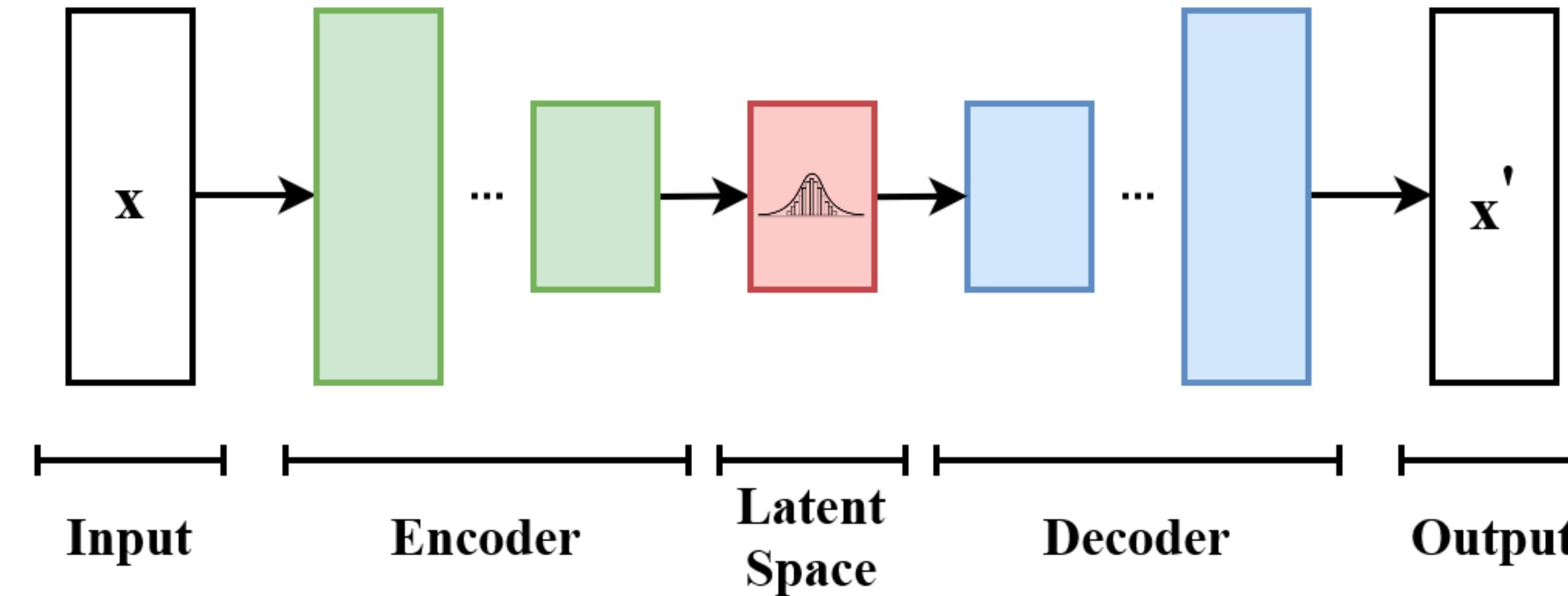
$$\begin{aligned}
 \log p_\theta(\mathbf{x}) &= \log \int p_\theta(\mathbf{z}) p_\theta(\mathbf{x} \mid \mathbf{z}) d\mathbf{z} \\
 &= \log \int q_\phi(\mathbf{z}) \frac{p_\theta(\mathbf{z})}{q_\phi(\mathbf{z})} p_\theta(\mathbf{x} \mid \mathbf{z}) d\mathbf{z} \quad (\text{any } q_\phi \text{ works; take max}) \\
 &\geq \int q_\phi(\mathbf{z}) \cdot \log \left[ \frac{p_\theta(\mathbf{z})}{q_\phi(\mathbf{z})} p_\theta(\mathbf{x} \mid \mathbf{z}) \right] d\mathbf{z} \quad (\text{Jensen's ineq.}) \\
 &= -D(q_\phi(\mathbf{z}) \| p_\theta(\mathbf{z})) + \mathbb{E}_{q_\phi} [\log p_\theta(\mathbf{x} \mid \mathbf{z})]
 \end{aligned}$$

- The optimal  $q_\phi(\mathbf{z})$  may depend on  $\mathbf{x}$ ... thus write as  $q_\phi(\mathbf{z} \mid \mathbf{x})$

- Thus, we have

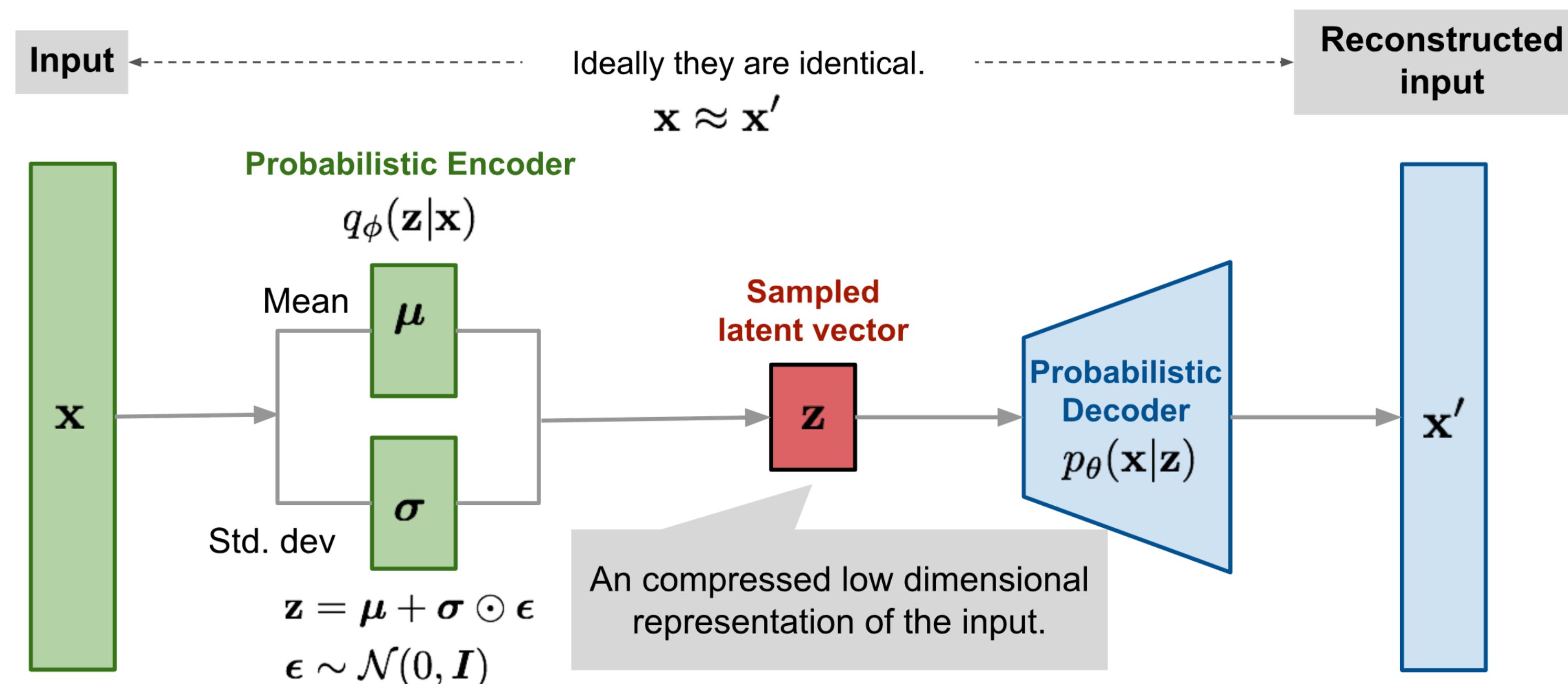
$$\max_{\theta} \log p_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}_i) \geq \max_{\theta} \max_{\phi} \left( -D(q_{\phi}(\mathbf{z} | \mathbf{x}_i) \| p_{\theta}(\mathbf{z})) + \mathbb{E}_{q_{\phi}(\cdot | \mathbf{x}_i)} [\log p_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}_i | \mathbf{z})] \right)$$

- In VAE, we jointly train a probabilistic encoder that expresses  $q_{\phi}(\mathbf{z} | \mathbf{x}_i)$ 
  - **Question.** How to implement a probabilistic function?



# Idea: Reparameterization Trick

- **Idea.** We model  $q_\phi(\mathbf{z} \mid \mathbf{x})$  as a conditional Gaussian  $\mathcal{N}(\mu_{\mathbf{x}}, \sigma_{\mathbf{x}}^2)$ , and let the function learn  $\mu_{\mathbf{x}}, \sigma_{\mathbf{x}}$  instead.



- Now, look at the optimization problem

$$\max_{\theta} \max_{\phi} \left( -D(q_{\phi}(\mathbf{z} \mid \mathbf{x}_i) \| p_{\theta}(\mathbf{z})) + \mathbb{E}_{q_{\phi}(\cdot \mid \mathbf{x}_i)} [\log p_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}_i \mid \mathbf{z})] \right)$$

- Second term.** If we model with

$$p_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}_i \mid \mathbf{z}) = \mathcal{N}(f_{\theta}(\mathbf{z}), \eta \cdot I_d),$$

then this is equivalent to

$$-\mathbb{E}_{q_{\phi}(\cdot \mid \mathbf{x}_i)} \left[ \frac{1}{2\eta} \|\mathbf{x}_i - f_{\theta}(\mathbf{z}_i)\|^2 \right] + \text{const.}$$

(i.e., simply use the squared loss!)

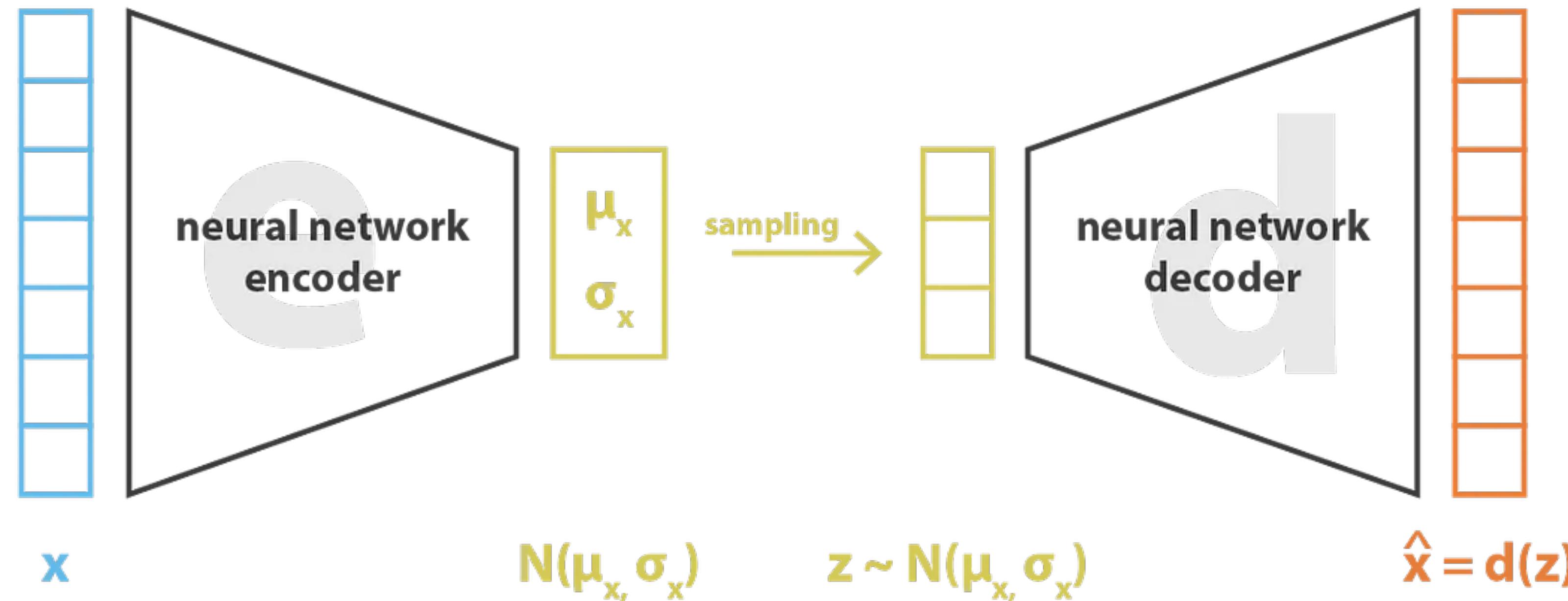
$$\max_{\theta} \max_{\phi} \left( -D(q_{\phi}(\mathbf{z} | \mathbf{x}_i) \| p_{\theta}(\mathbf{z})) - \frac{1}{2\eta} \mathbb{E}_{q_{\phi}(\cdot | \mathbf{x}_i)} [\|\mathbf{x}_i - f(\mathbf{z}_i)\|^2] \right)$$

- **First term.** If we use the Gaussian encoder

$$q_{\phi} = \mathcal{N}(\mu_{\mathbf{x}_i}, \sigma_{\mathbf{x}_i} \cdot I_k),$$

then this is nothing but squared regularizers on  $\mu, \sigma$ !

(check by yourself)



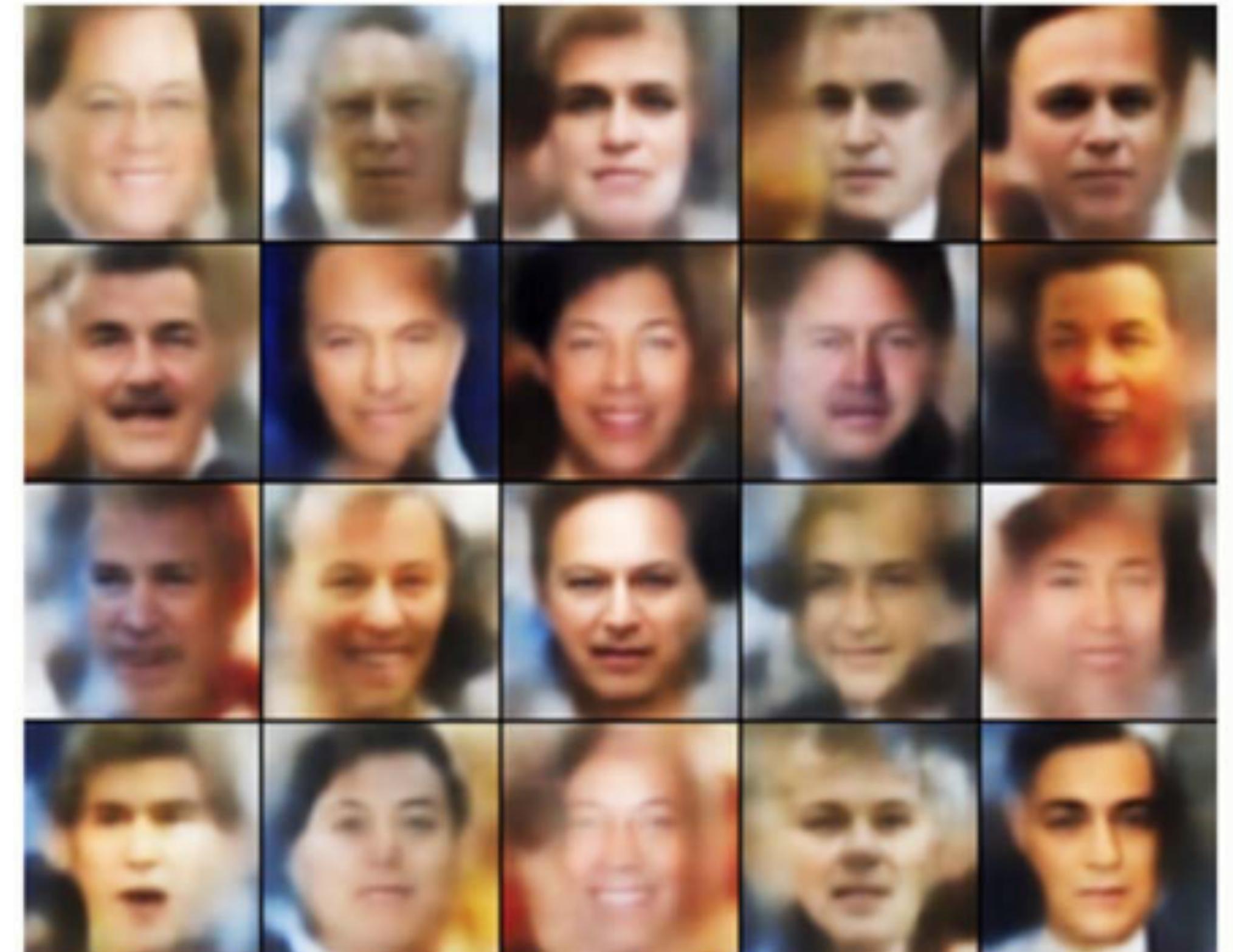
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$$\text{loss} = \|x - \hat{x}\|^2 + \text{KL}[N(\mu_x, \sigma_x), N(0, I)] = \|x - d(z)\|^2 + \text{KL}[N(\mu_x, \sigma_x), N(0, I)]$$

## data manifold for 2-d z

A horizontal double-headed arrow, pointing both left and right, used to indicate a range or a comparison between two values.

z<sub>2</sub>





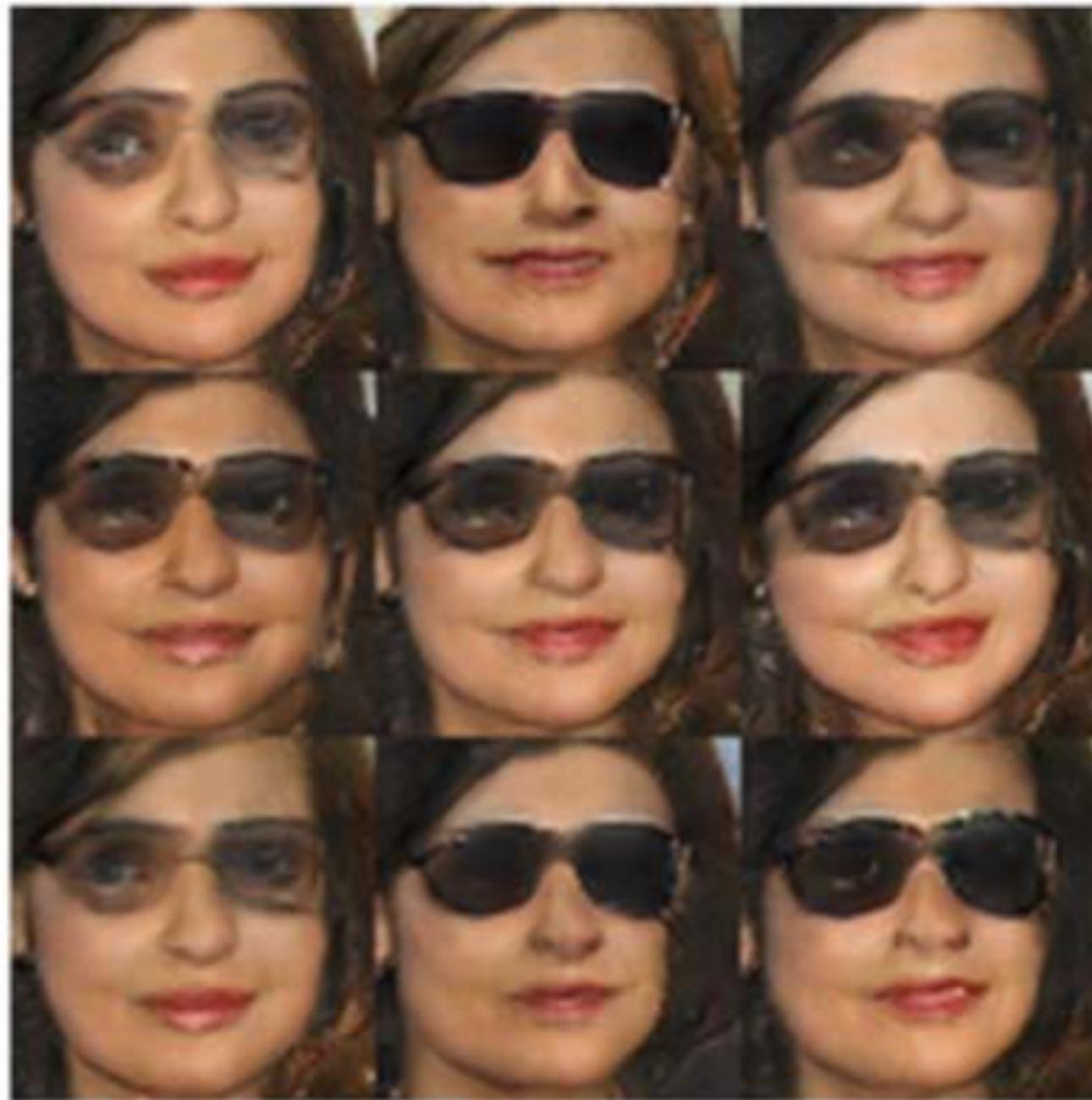
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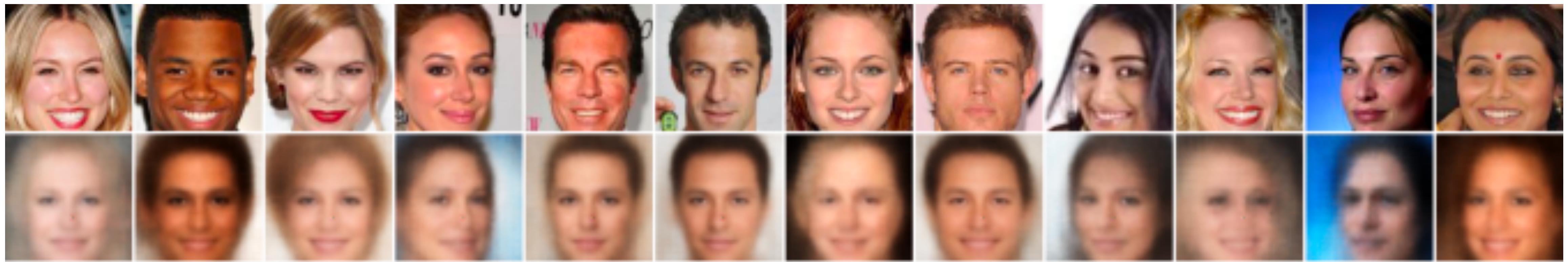


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# Generative Adversarial Nets

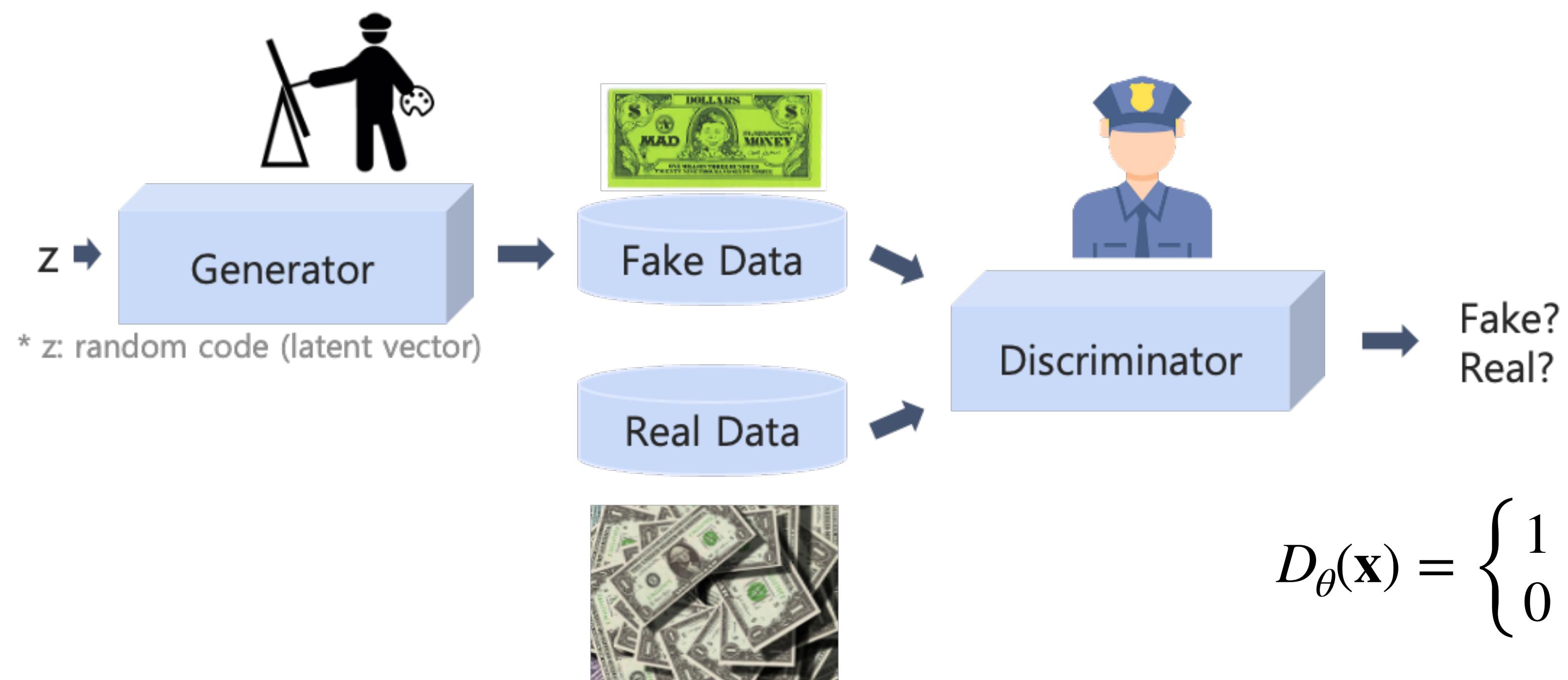
# Limitations of VAE

- VAE often produces blurry images
  - Clearly distinguishable from real images...



# Generative Adversarial Nets

- **Idea.** View generative process as a two-player game
  - **Generator.** Tries to fool the discriminator
  - **Discriminator.** Tries to distinguish the real / fake images.



# Generative Adversarial Nets

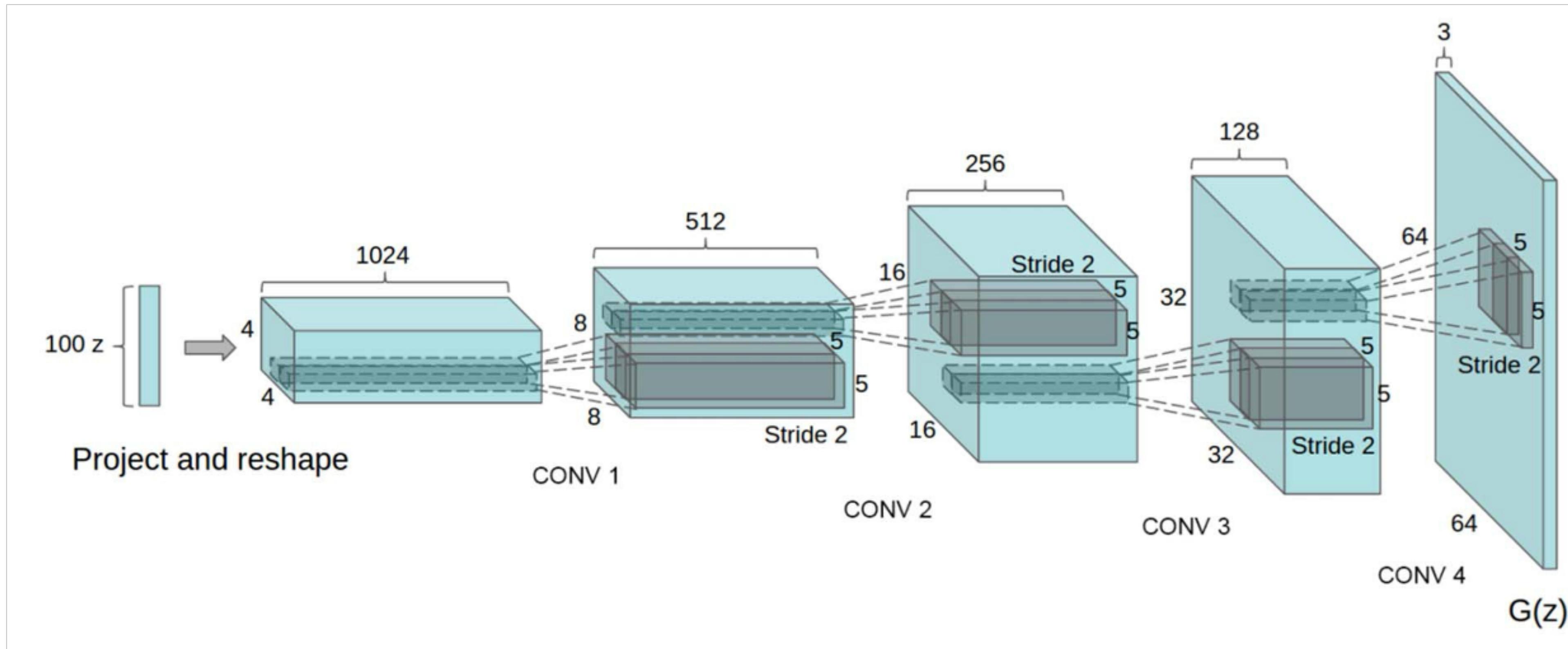
- **Training.** Jointly train the Generator and Discriminator
  - **Objective.** Minimax function

$$\min_{\theta_g} \max_{\theta_d} \left[ \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{x} \sim p_{\text{data}}} [\log D_{\theta_d}(\mathbf{x})] + \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{z} \sim p(z)} [\log(1 - D_{\theta_d} \circ G_{\theta_g}(\mathbf{z}))] \right]$$

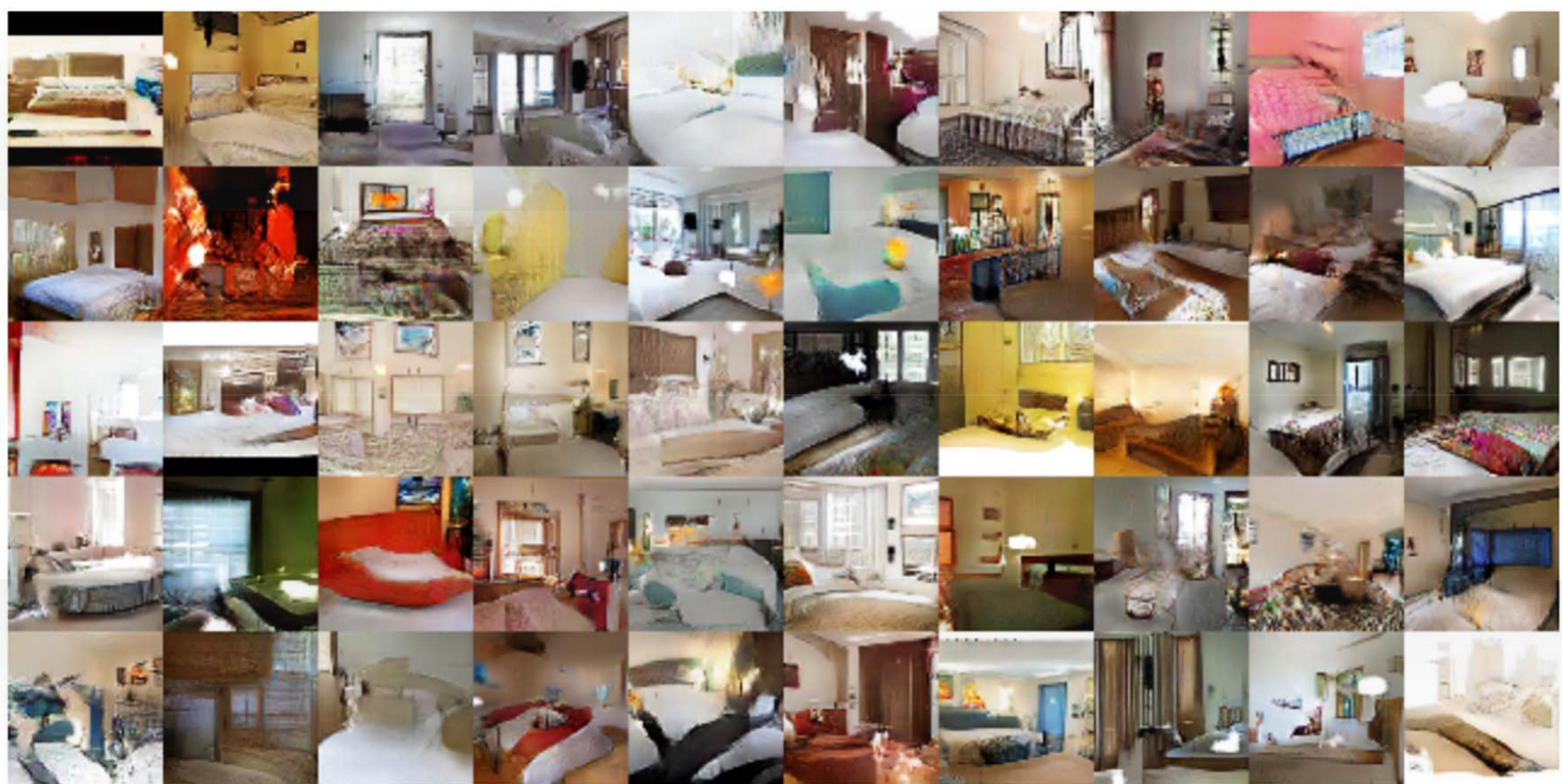
Discriminator declares  
real image to be real      Discriminator declares  
fake image to be fake

- Discriminator outputs likelihood of being real

# Architecture: Generator



# Sharper Images



# Interpolating between images

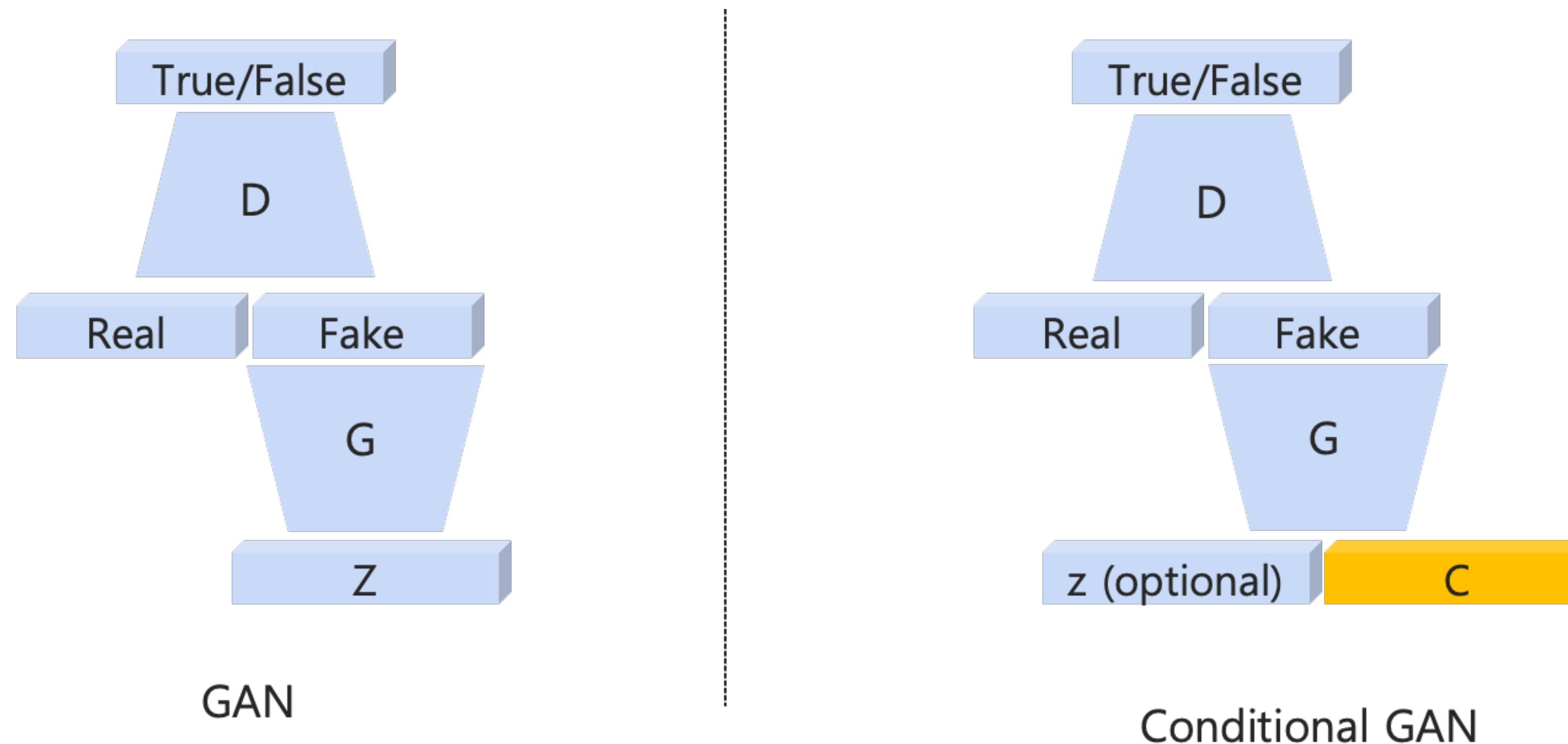


# BigGAN

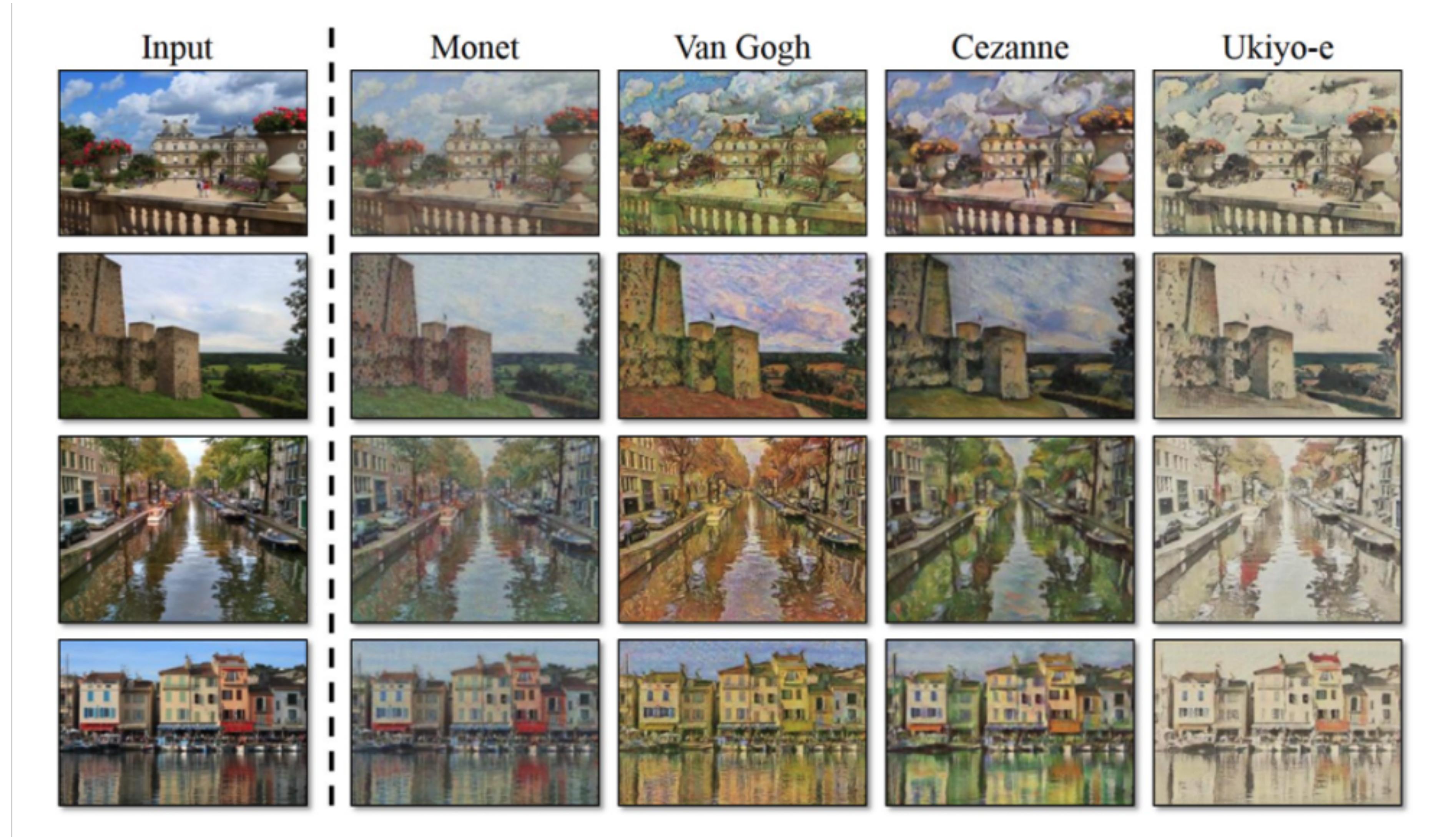


# Conditional GAN

- We add class/text information to the latent code, to generate realistic images under specific conditions

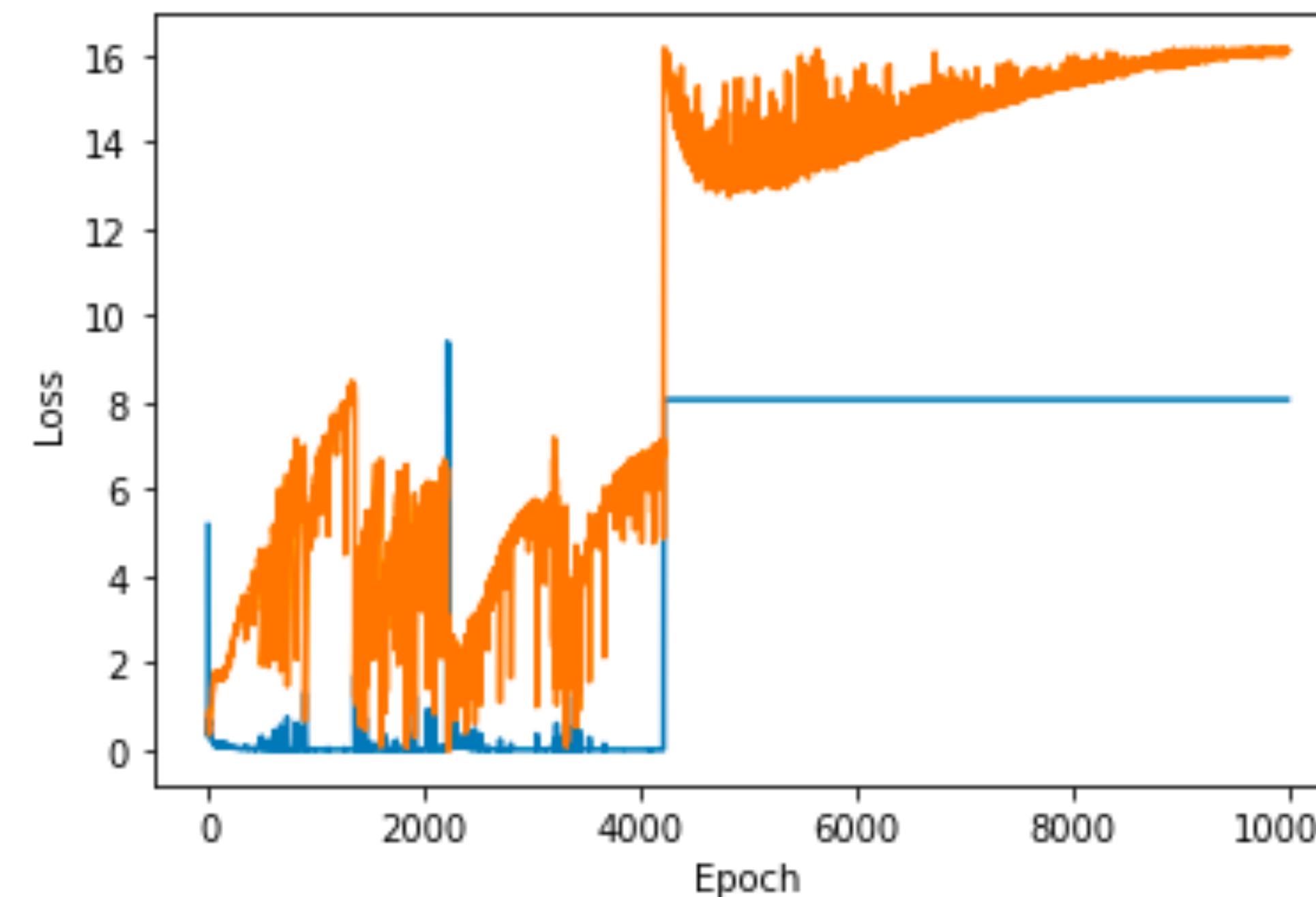


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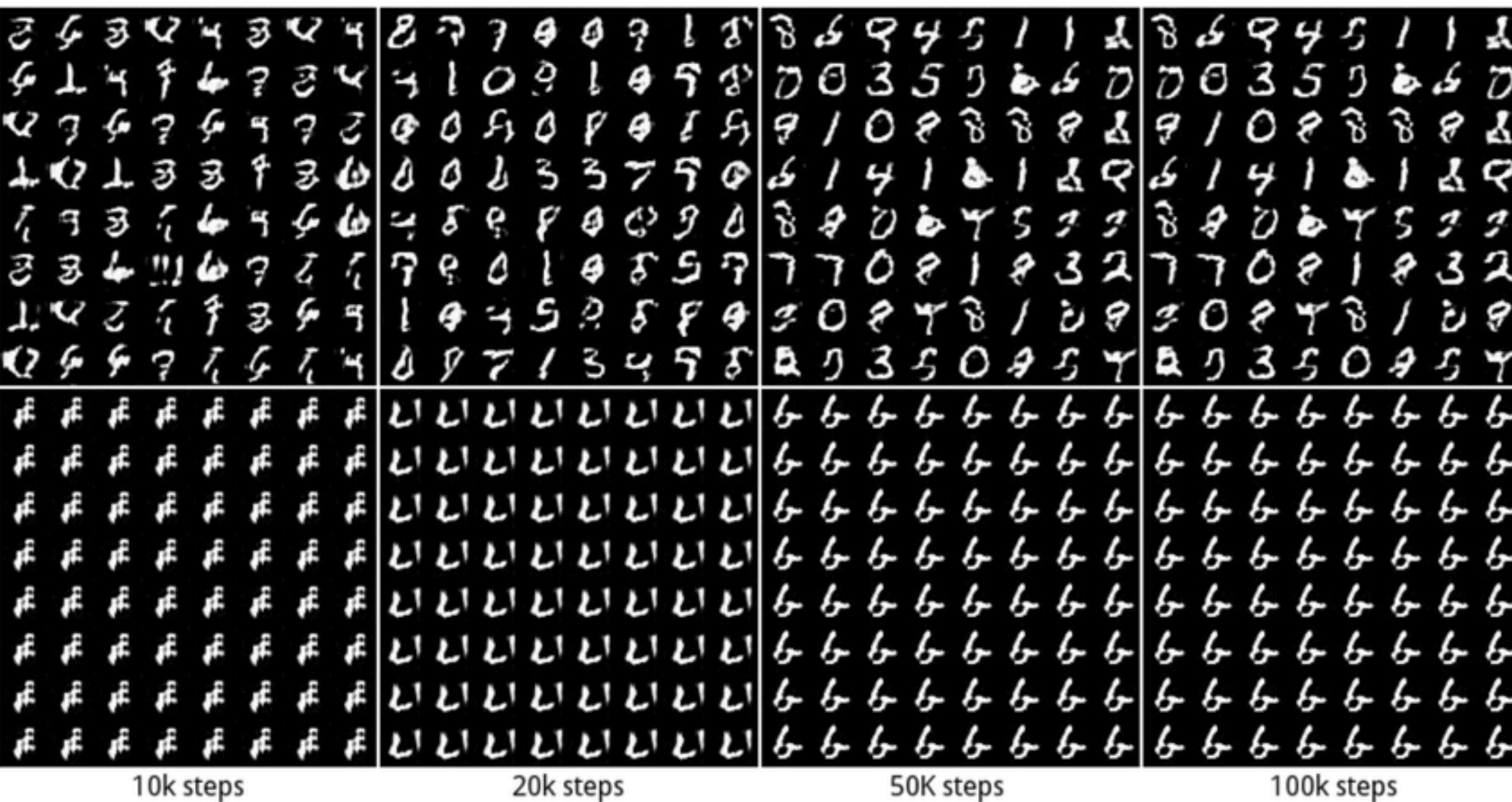
# Pitfalls

- Training GANs are known to be very unstable—
  - If discriminator works too well, generator cannot learn
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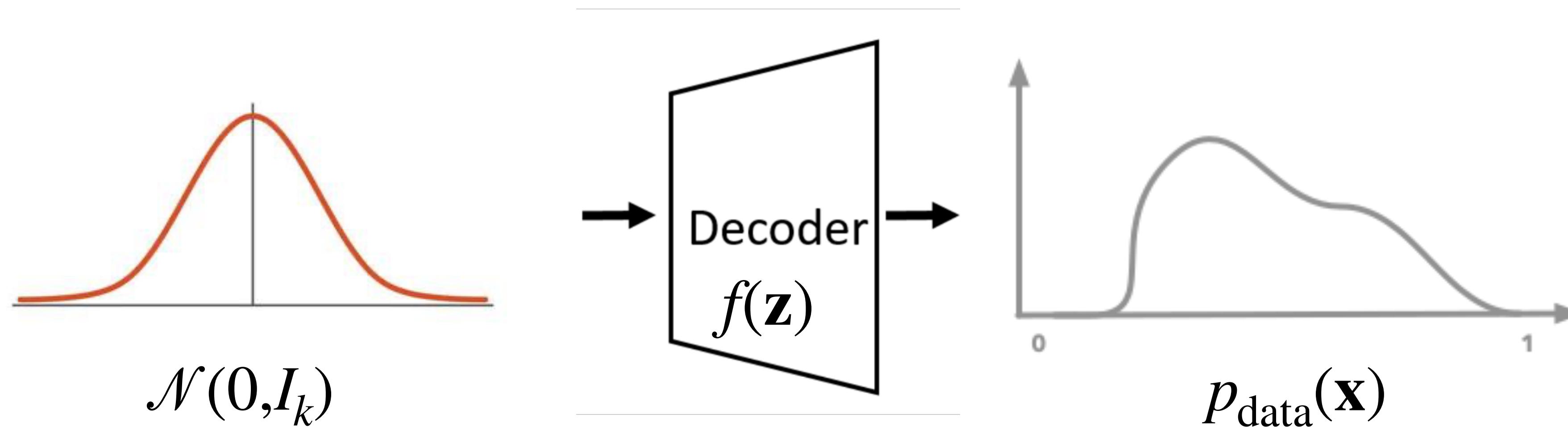
- Very easy to resort to not-too-diverse solutions  
(called mode collapse)



# Diffusion Models

# Motivation

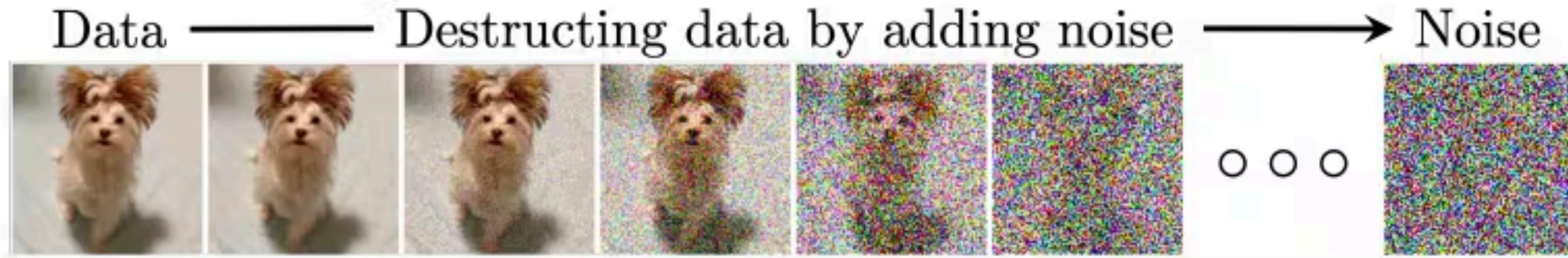
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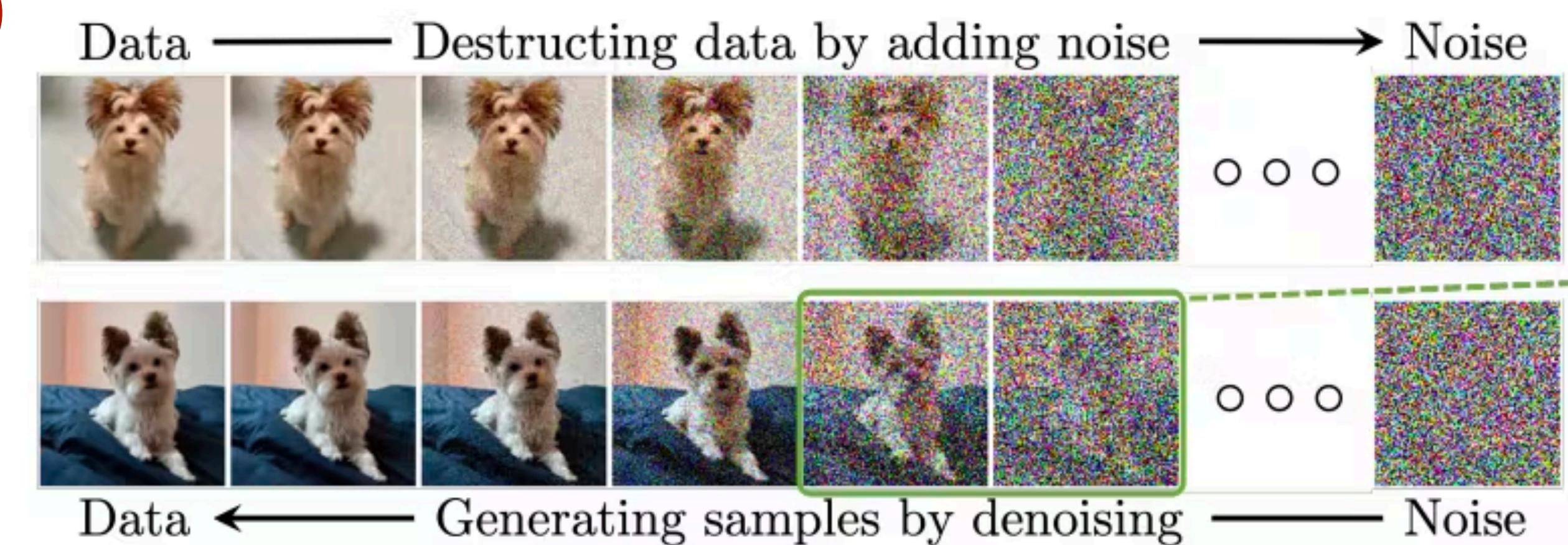


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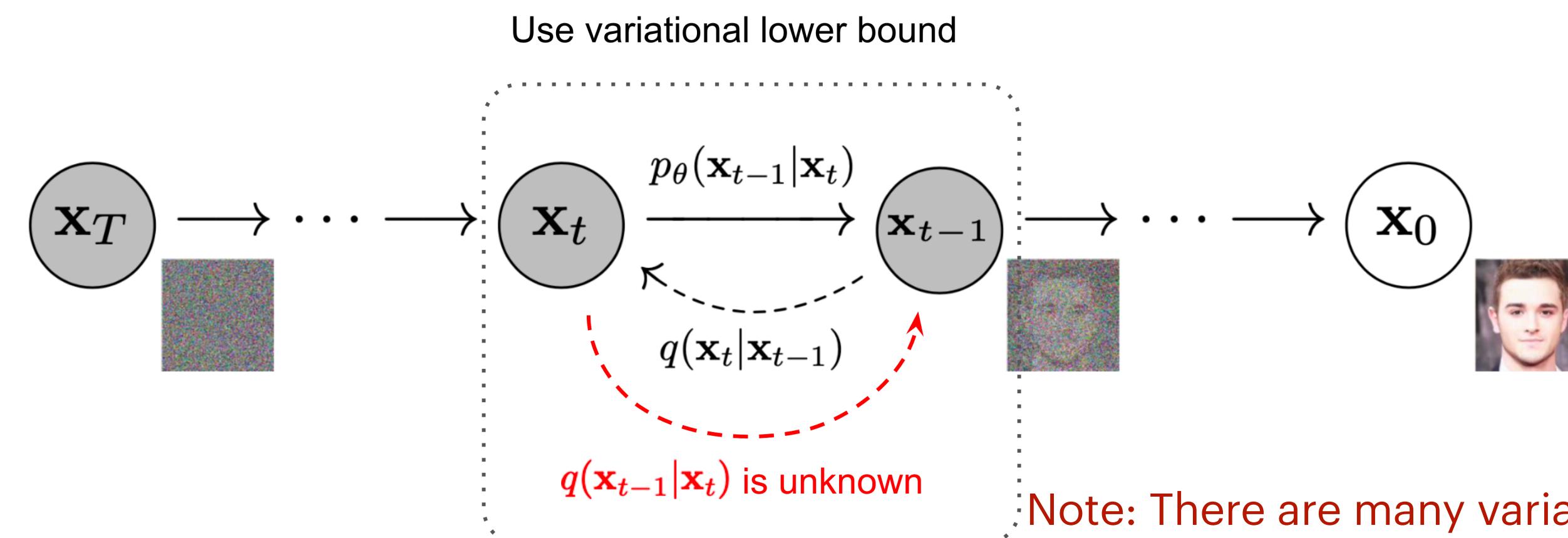
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- **Idea.** Why don't we train a function that can invert this process?  
**(Note: we can use the ELBO again)**



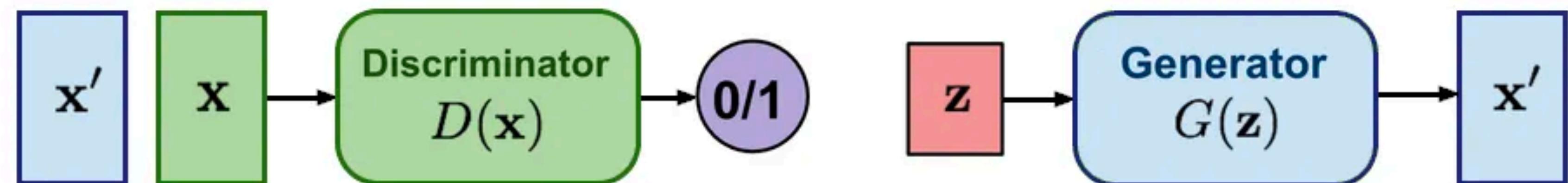
# Training

- **Repeat four steps until convergence.**
  - Sample an image  $\mathbf{x}_0$  from the dataset.
  - Sample some time interval  $t \in \text{Unif}(\{1, \dots, T\})$
  - Sample a noise  $\epsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \mathbf{I})$
  - Train a function to minimize  $\|\mathbf{x}_0 - f(\sqrt{\bar{\alpha}_t} \mathbf{x}_0 + \sqrt{1 - \bar{\alpha}_t} \epsilon; t)\|^2$

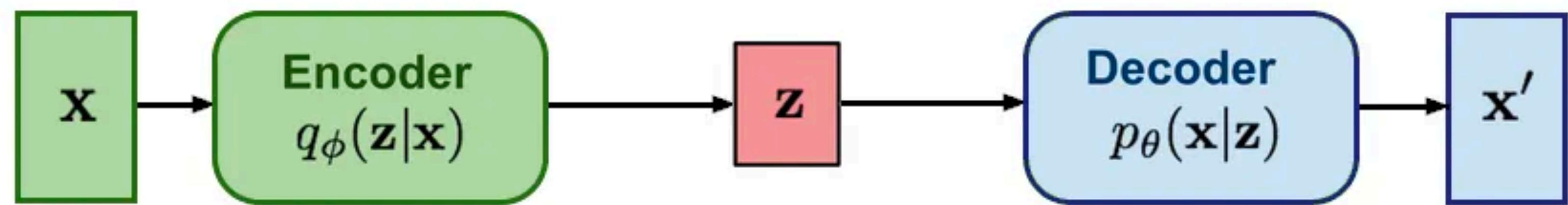


Note: There are many variants, e.g., DDPM, DDIM  
see <https://lilianweng.github.io/posts/2021-07-11-diffusion-models/>

**GAN:** Adversarial training



**VAE:** maximize variational lower bound

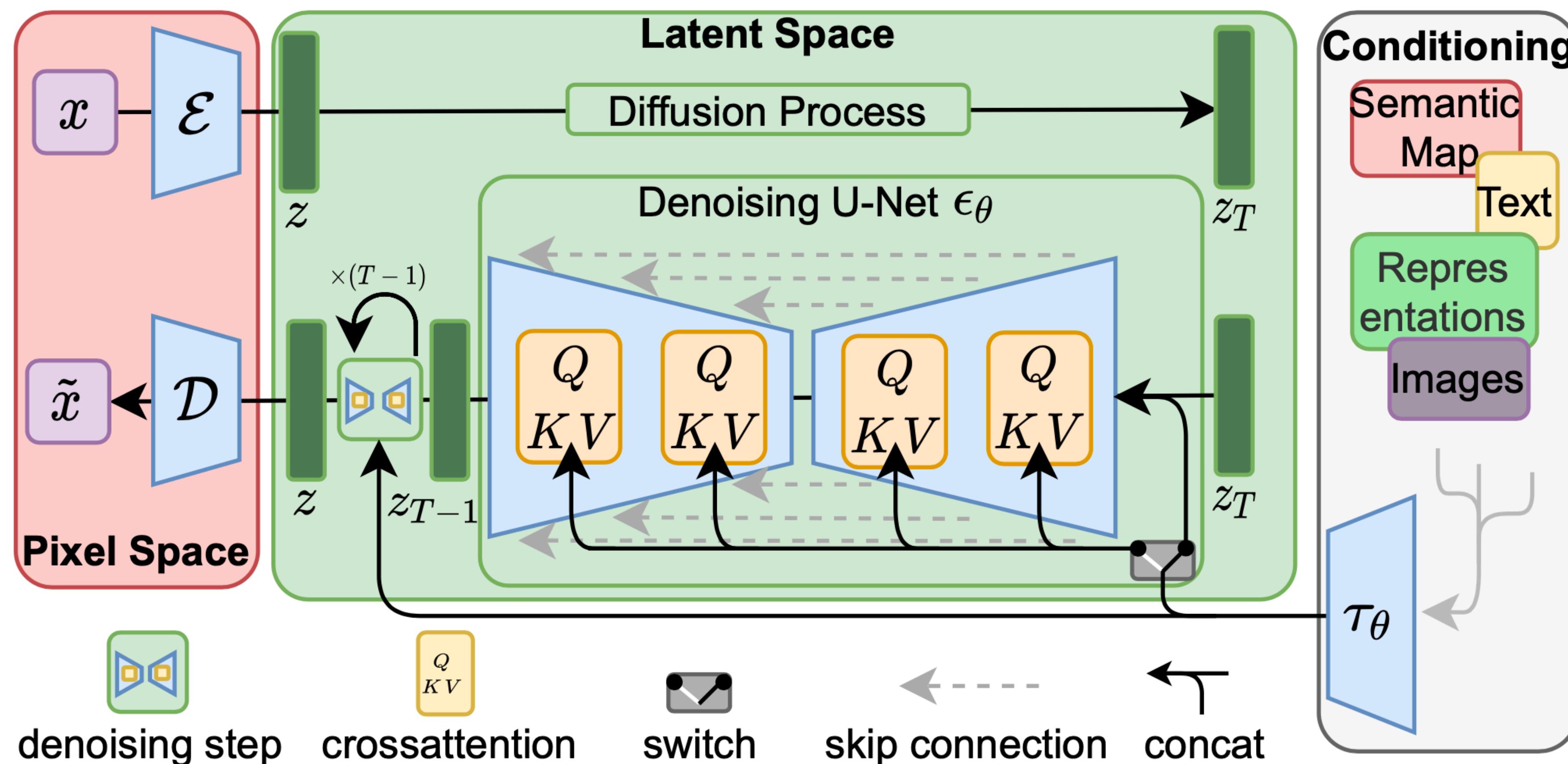


**Diffusion models:**  
Gradually add Gaussian noise and then reverse



# Latent Diffusion

- We do the diffusion process inside some latent space.



# More references

- For simple implementations:
  - <https://huggingface.co/blog/annotated-diffusion>
- For mathematical details:
  - <https://lilianweng.github.io/posts/2021-07-11-diffusion-models/>

# Cheers

- Next up. Transformer Basics