

Generative Models in Computer Vision

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Agenda

- Brief Theory of Generative Models
- Our work introduction
 - ZigMa: A DiT-style Zigzag Mamba Diffusion Model

Generative AI: New Era

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Here are two images showcasing the University of Calgary during winter, with snow-covered landscapes and gentle snowflakes adding to the serene atmosphere.



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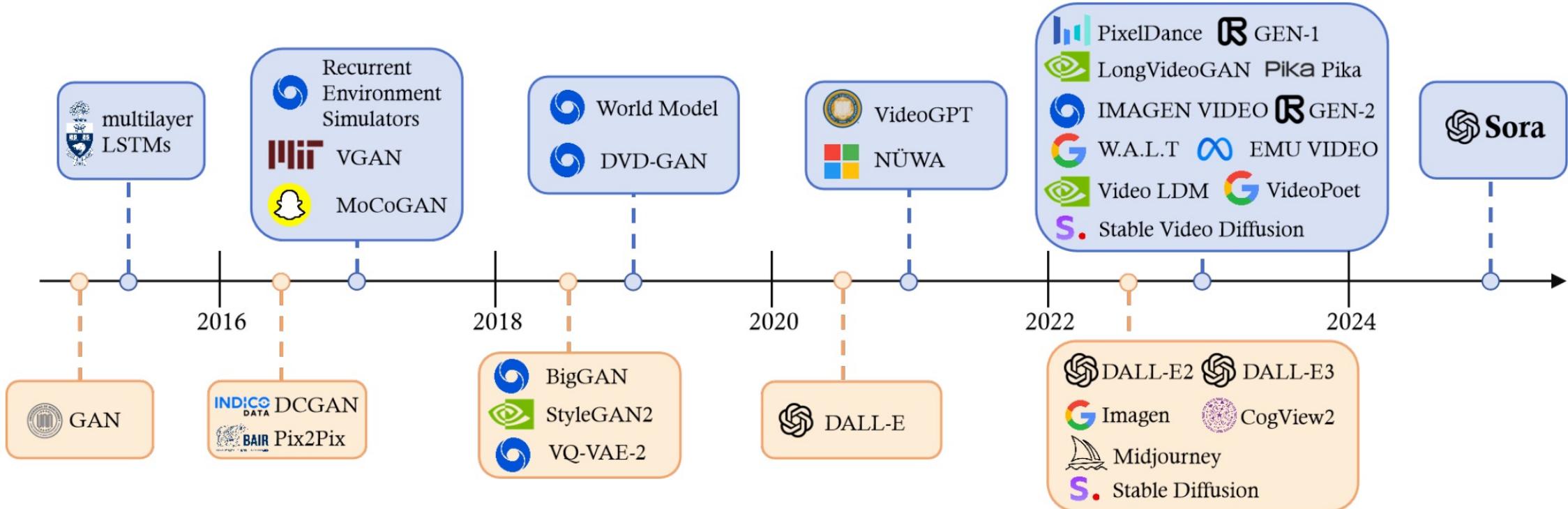


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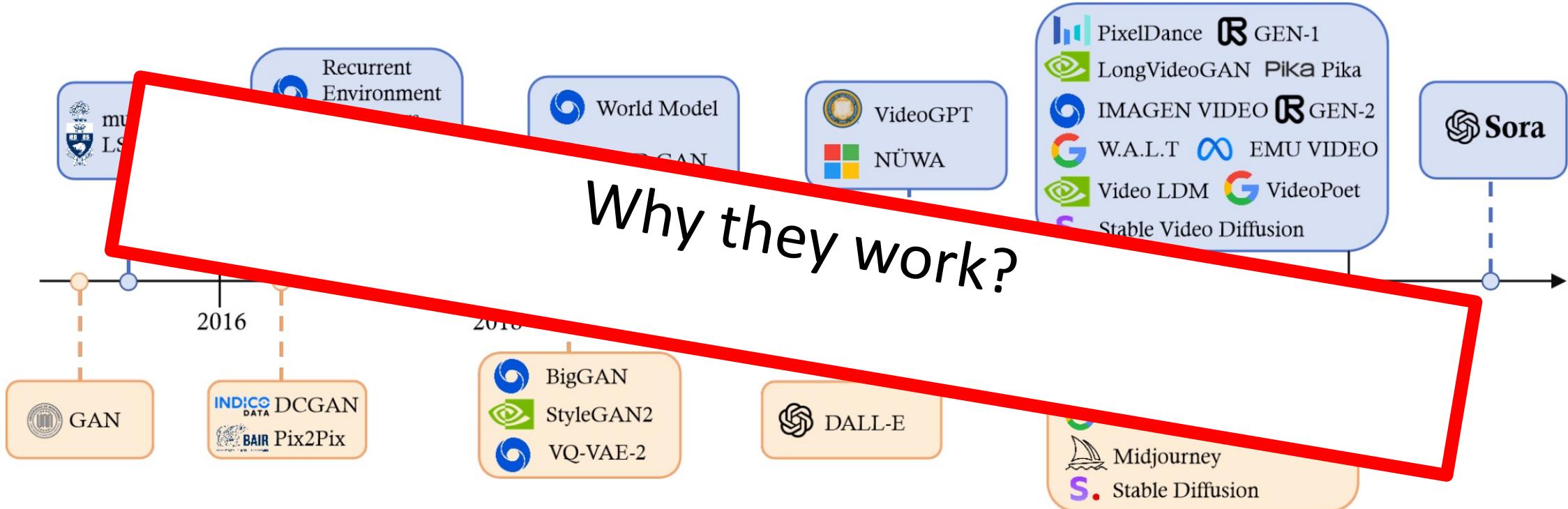


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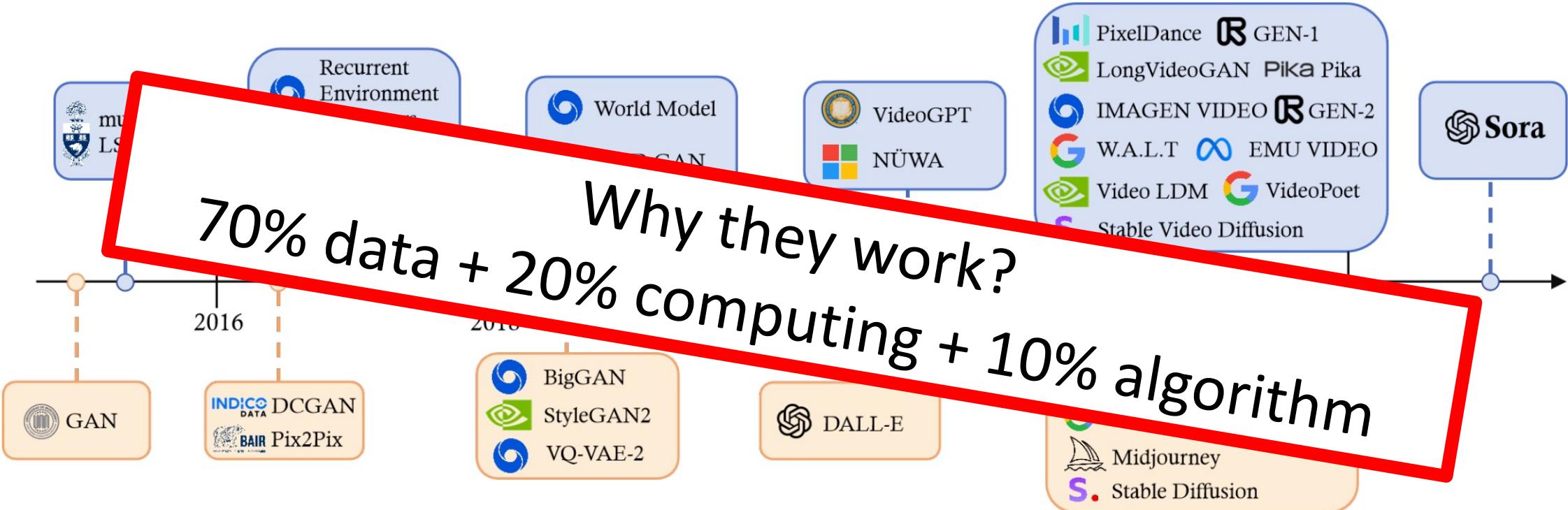


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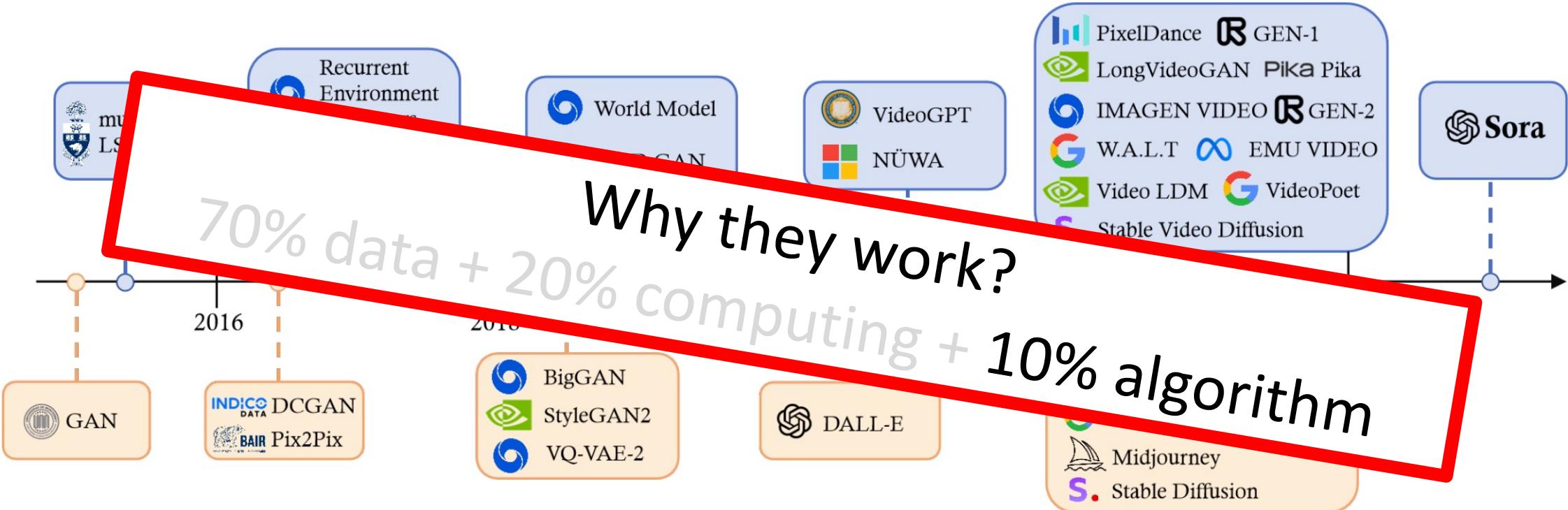
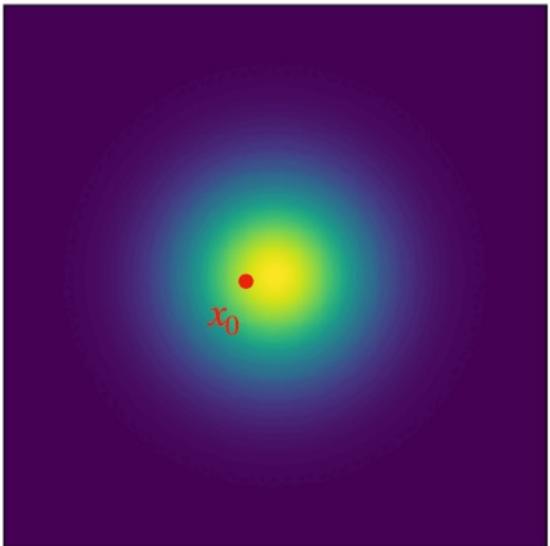


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Generative Models

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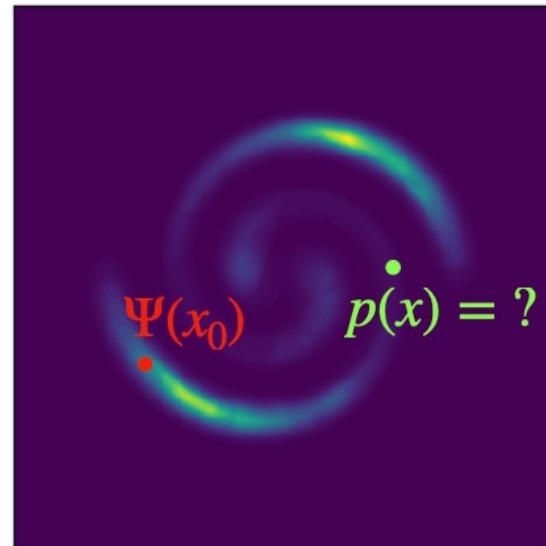
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$$x_0 \sim p$$

$$\Psi \rightarrow$$

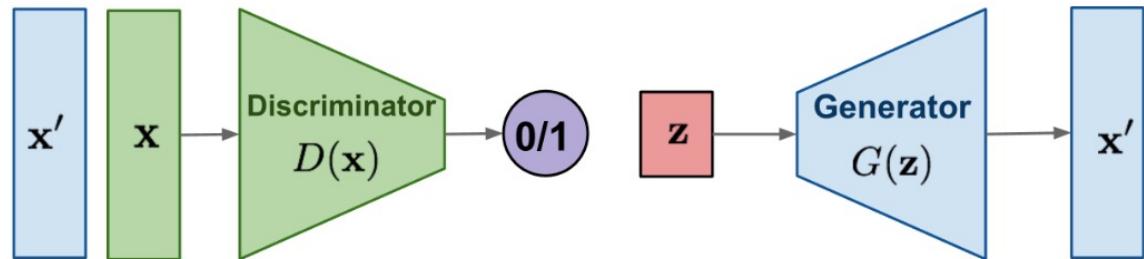
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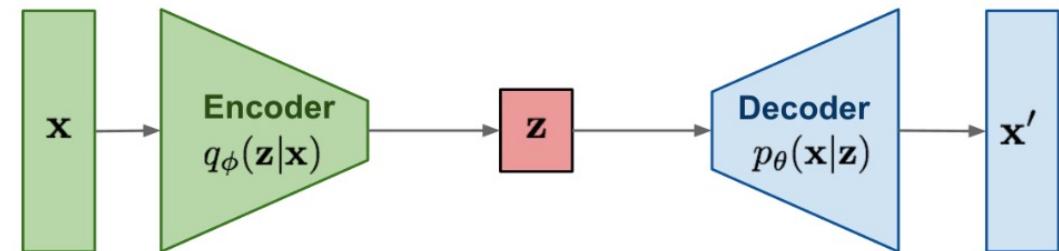
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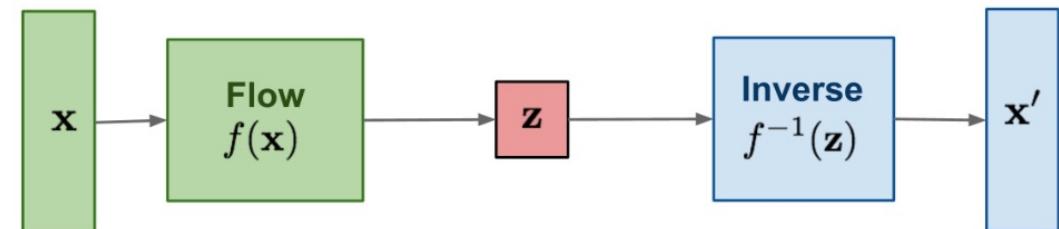
GAN: Adversarial training



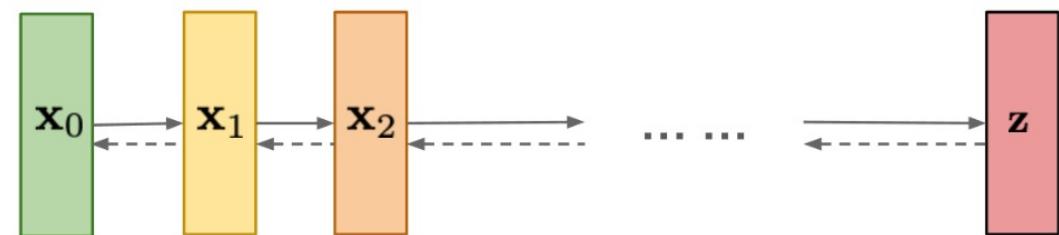
VAE: maximize variational lower bound



Flow-based models:
Invertible transform of distributions

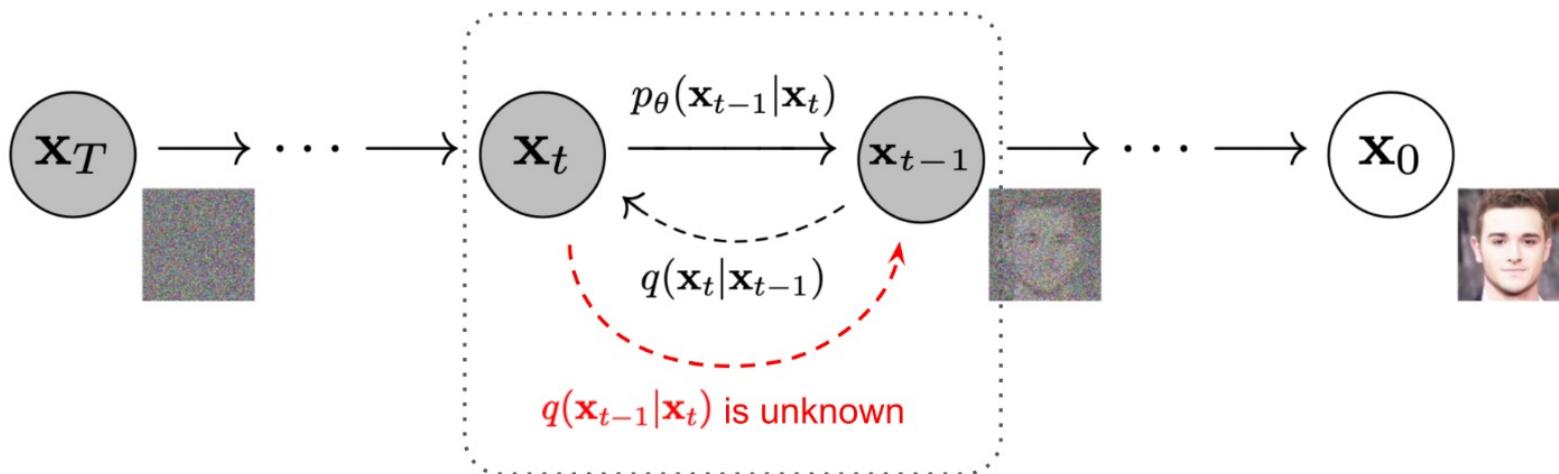


Diffusion models:
Gradually add Gaussian noise and then reverse



Diffusion Basics

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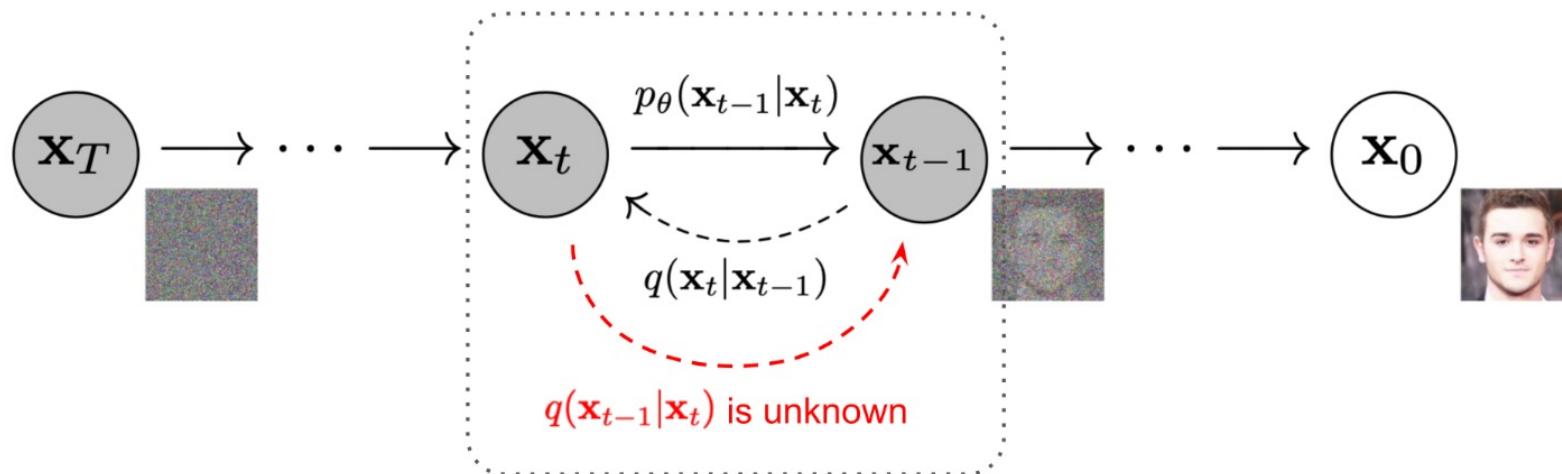


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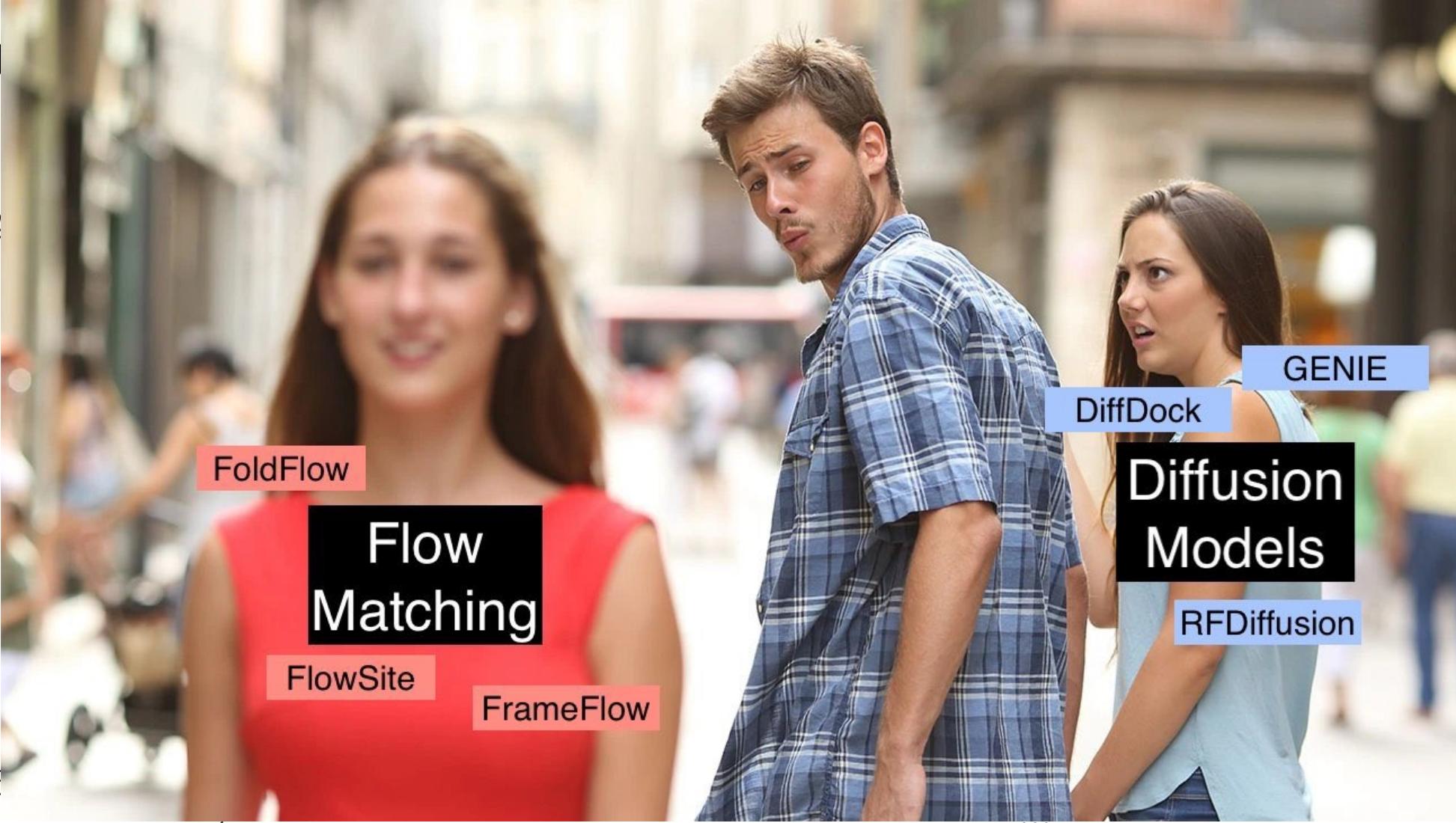
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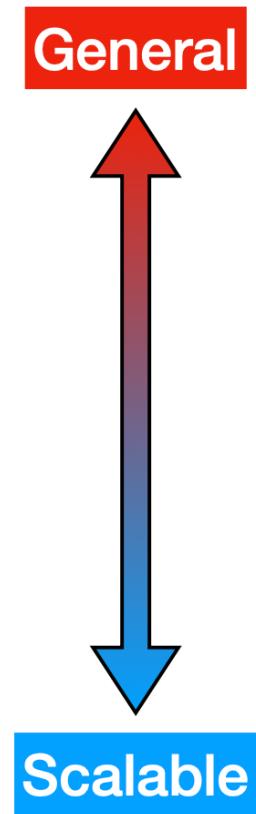


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Flow Matching Basics



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Flows

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Flow Matching

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Diffusion Models

Flow Matching: Tractable Loss

$$L_{\text{FM}}(q \| p_1) = \min \mathbb{E}_{t, p_t(x)} \| v_t(x) - u_t(x) \|^2$$

The gradients of losses coincide:

$$\nabla_{\theta} L_{\text{FM}} = \nabla_{\theta} L_{\text{CFM}}$$

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[L et al. 2022]

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Algorithm 2: Diffusion training.

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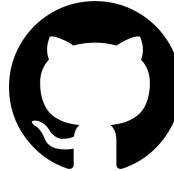
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Open questions:

- Ordinary Differential Equation or Stochastic Differential Equation?
 - Stochastic Interpolants: A Unifying Framework for Flows and Diffusions. Albergo et al.
 - Elucidating the Design Space of Diffusion-Based Generative Models, Karras et al, NeurIPS22.
 - Minimizing Trajectory Curvature of ODE-based Generative Models. Lee et al, ICML23
- Latent space or pixel space?
 - NeurIPS23 Tutorial:
 - Latent Diffusion Models: Is the Generative AI Revolution Happening in Latent Space?



ZigMa: A DiT-style Zigzag Mamba Diffusion Model

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Background

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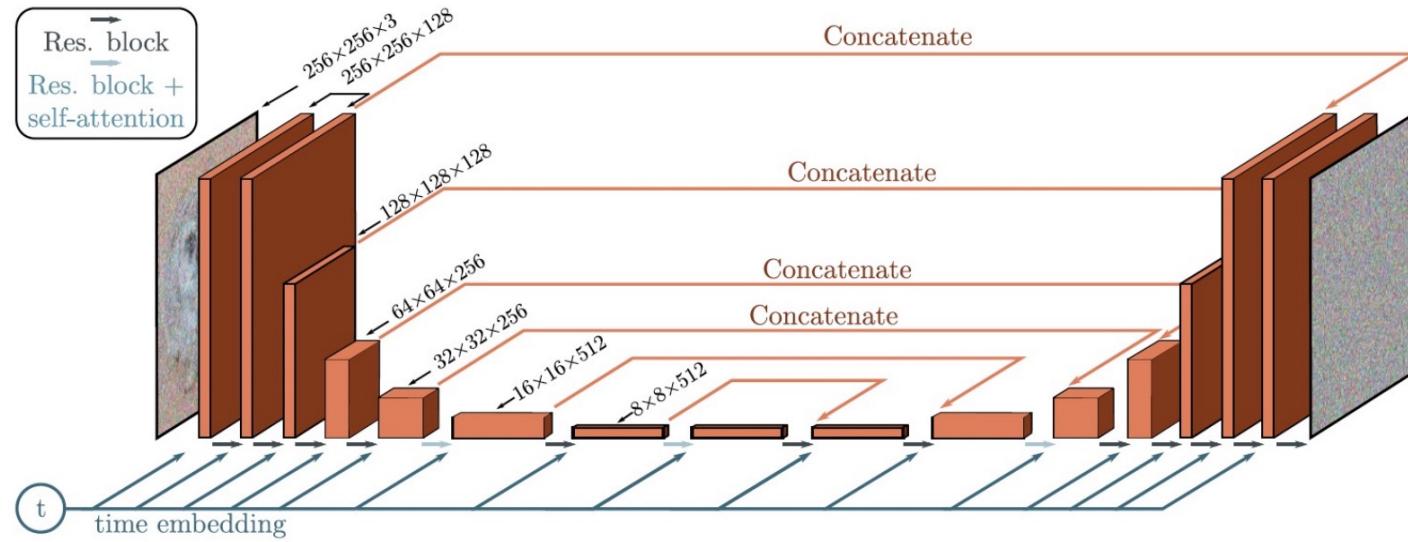
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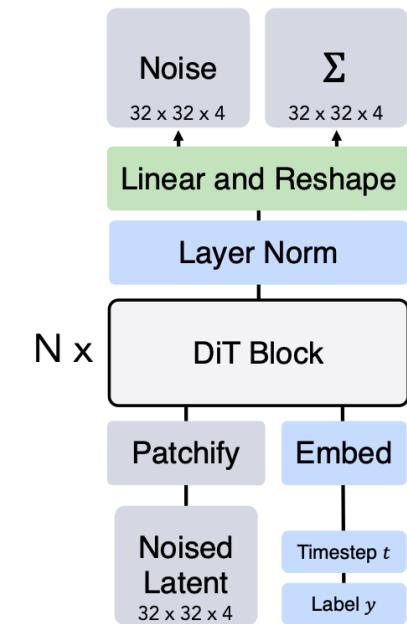
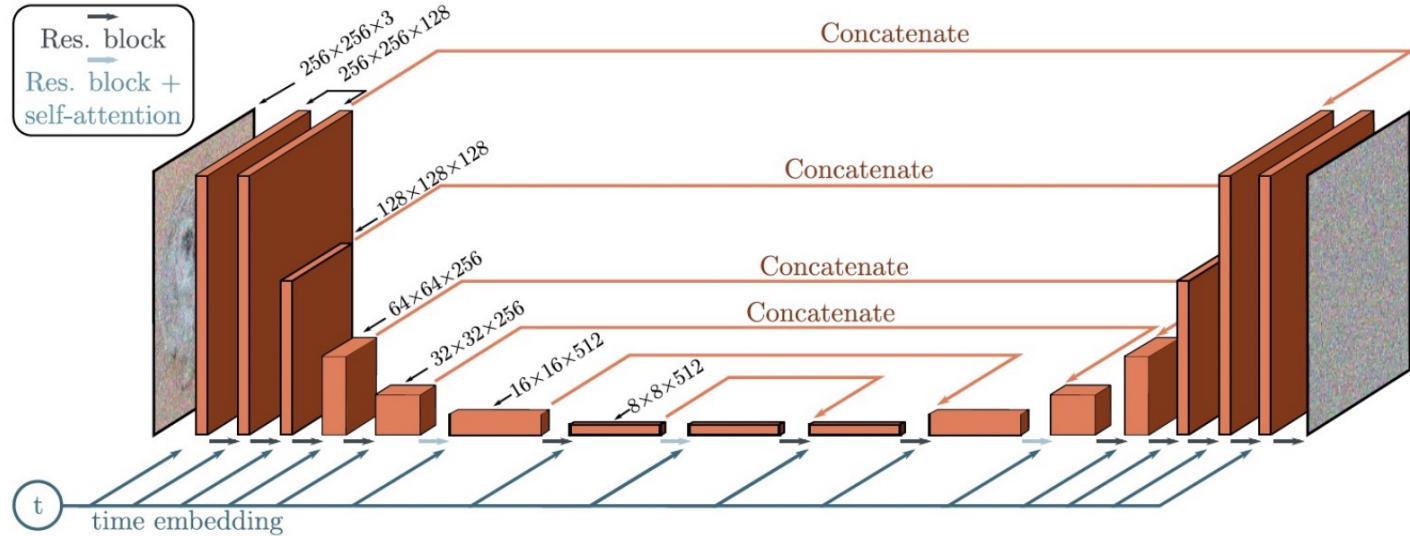
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Linear Complexity*

*New framework:
Stochastic Interpolant*

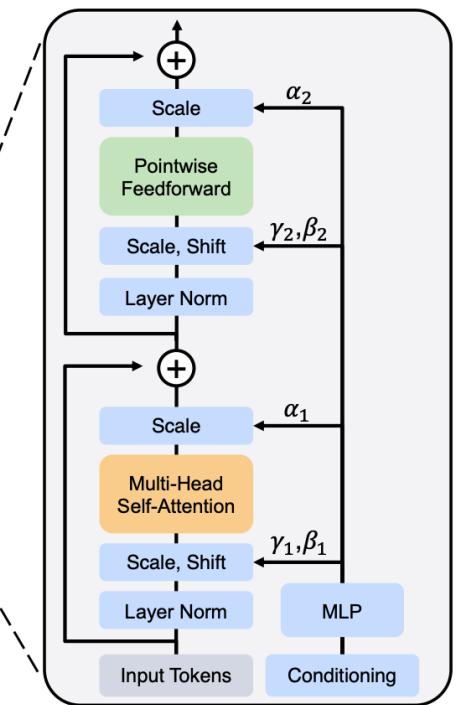
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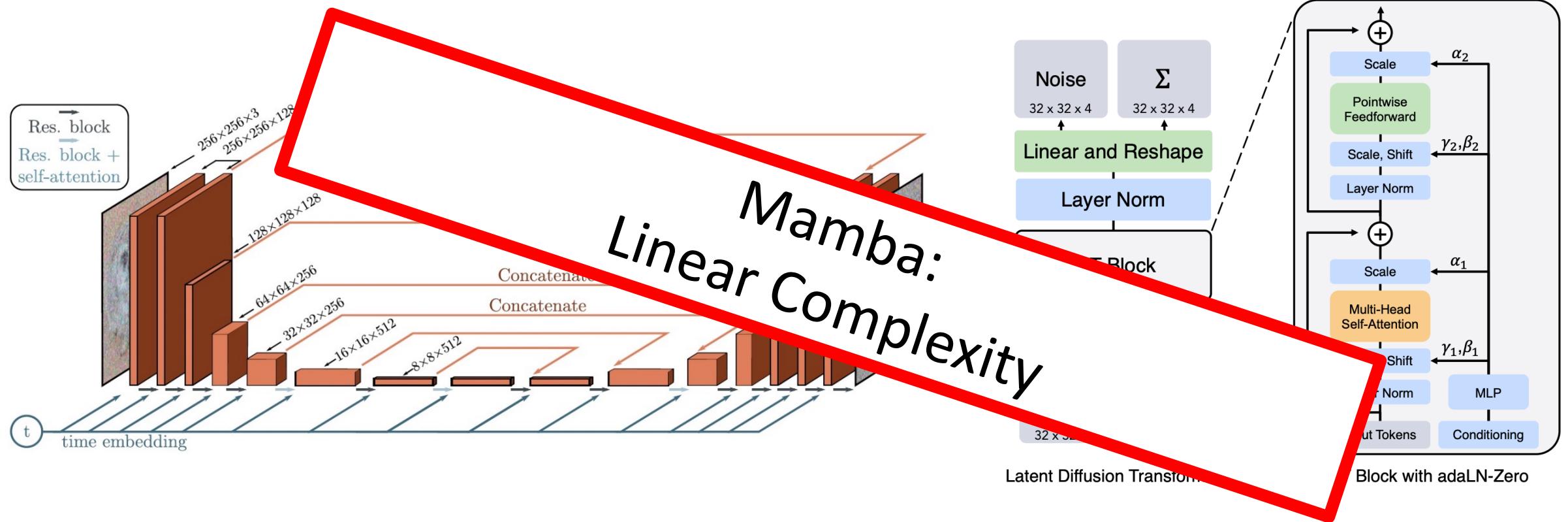


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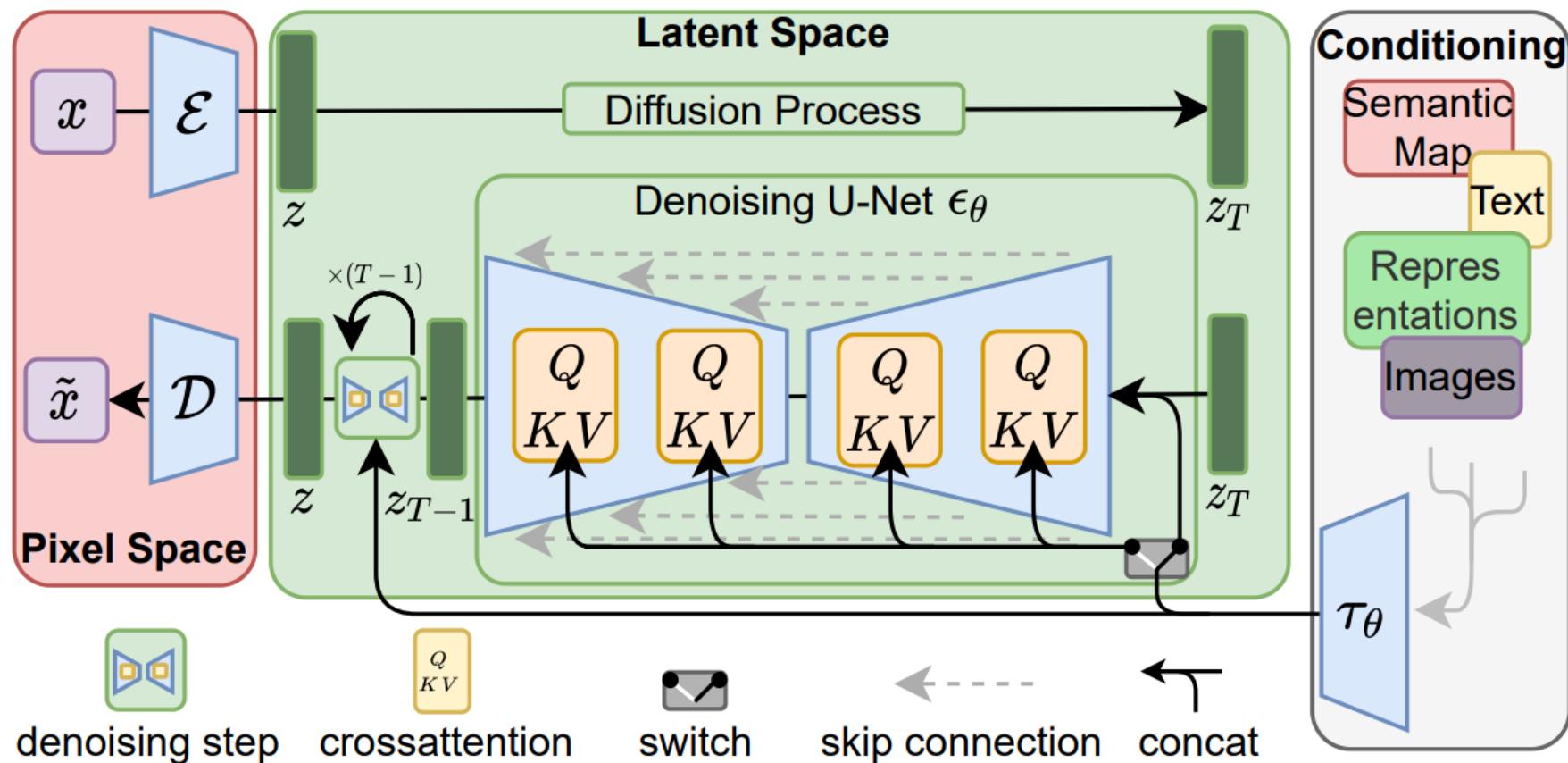


DiT Block with adaLN-Zero

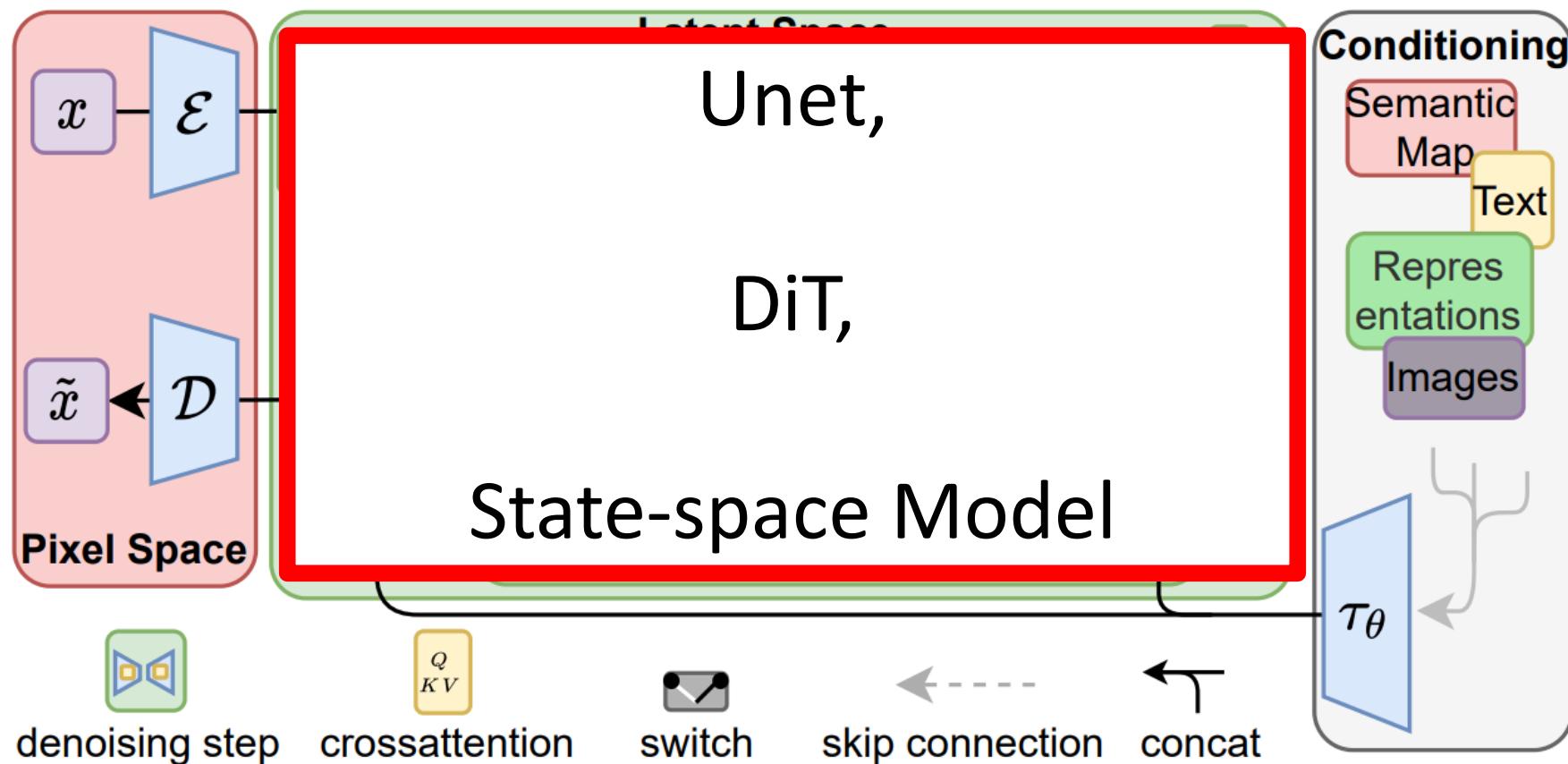
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Why State-Space Model?

- for image 256x256, latent space 4x32x32.
- What if we need to generate 10k x 10k image?
- What if we need to generate a 1k frames of videos?

Background: Mamba- a new State-Space Model

Selective State Space Model with Hardware-aware State Expansion

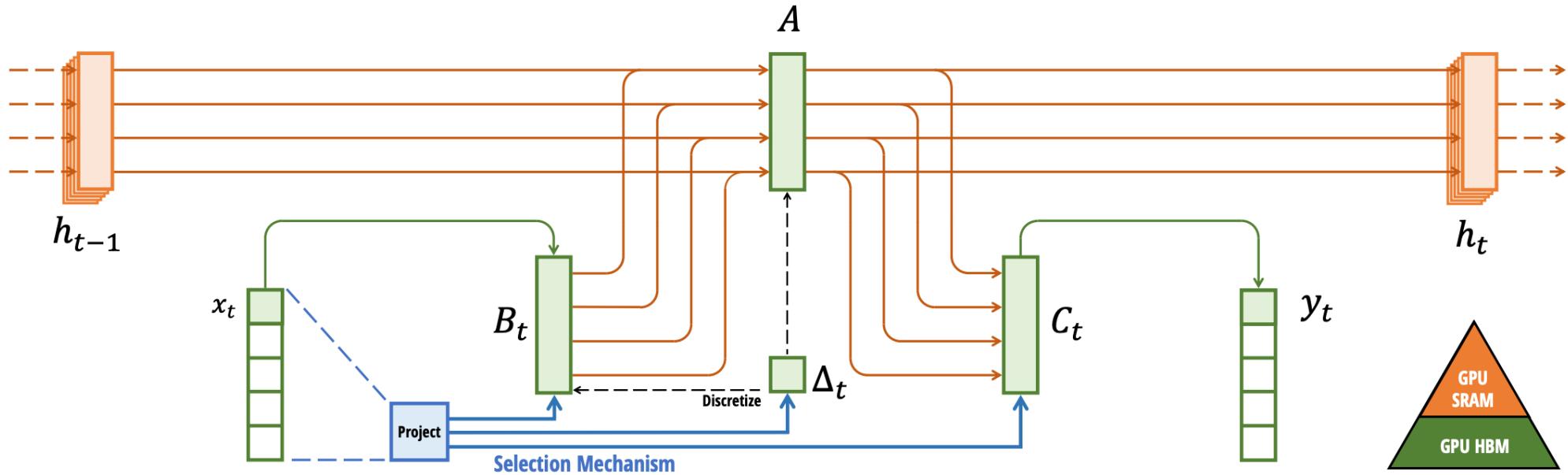
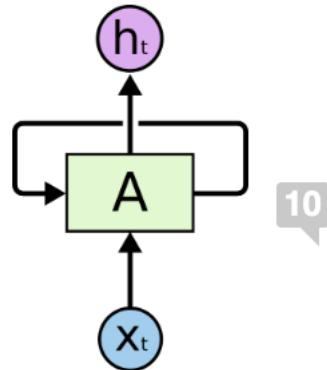
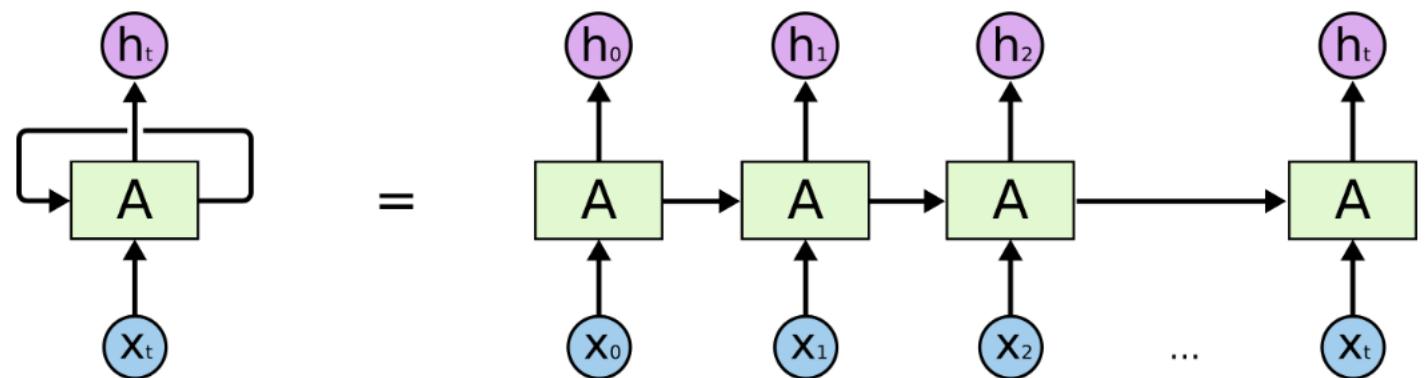


Figure 1: (Overview.) Structured SSMs independently map each channel (e.g. $D = 5$) of an input x to output y through a higher dimensional latent state h (e.g. $N = 4$). Prior SSMs avoid materializing this large effective state (DN , times batch size B and sequence length L) through clever alternate computation paths requiring time-invariance: the (Δ, A, B, C) parameters are constant across time. Our selection mechanism adds back input-dependent dynamics, which also requires a careful hardware-aware algorithm to only materialize the expanded states in more efficient levels of the GPU memory hierarchy.

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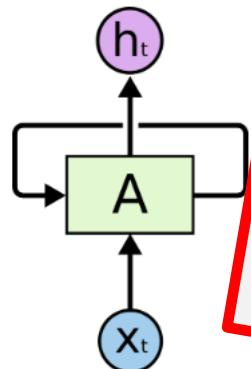


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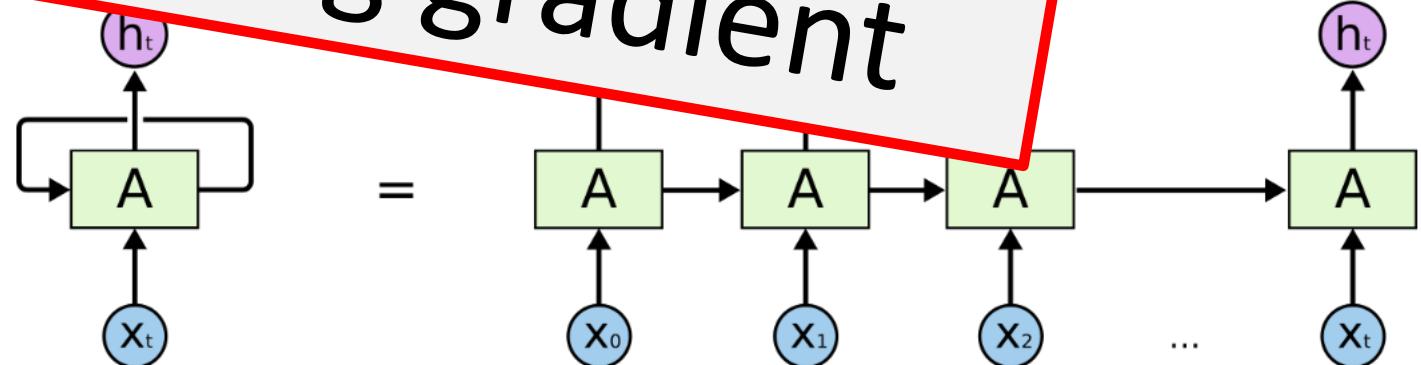
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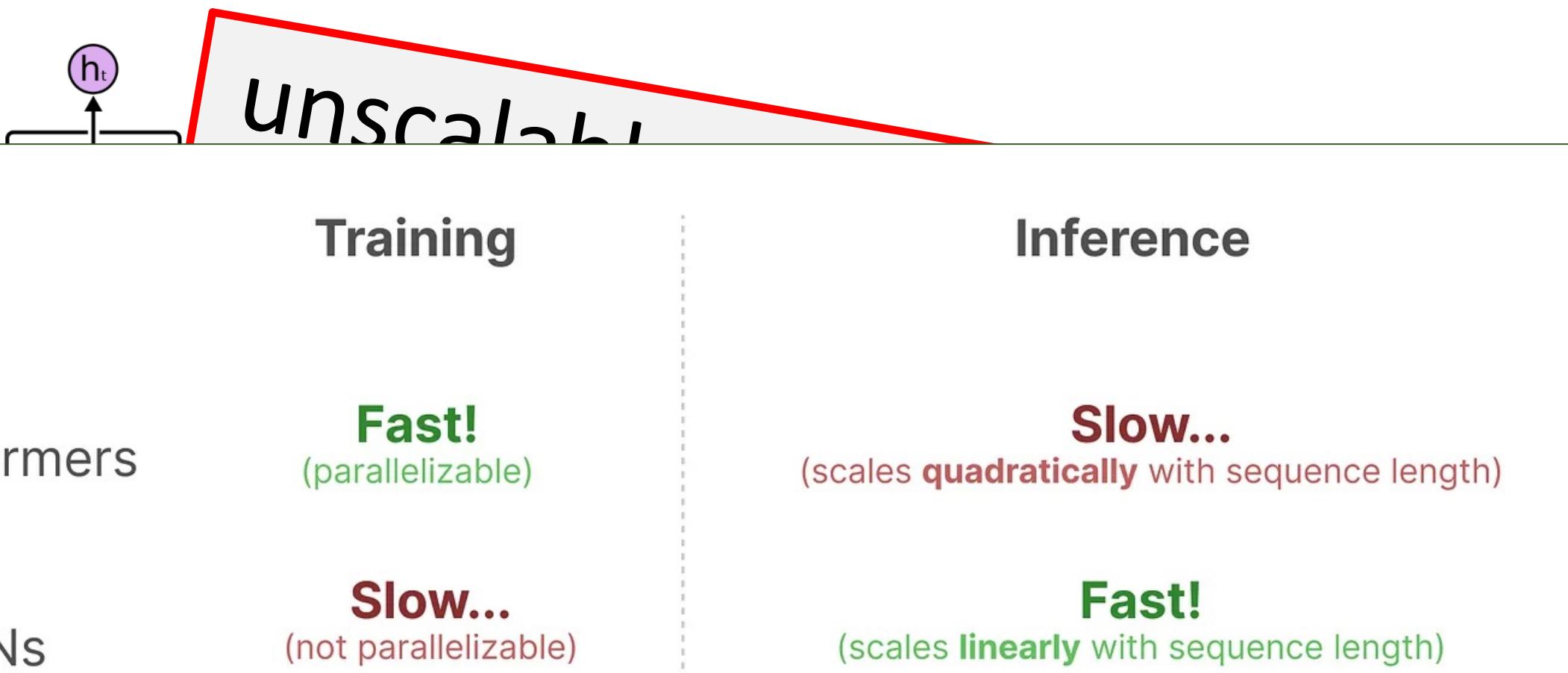
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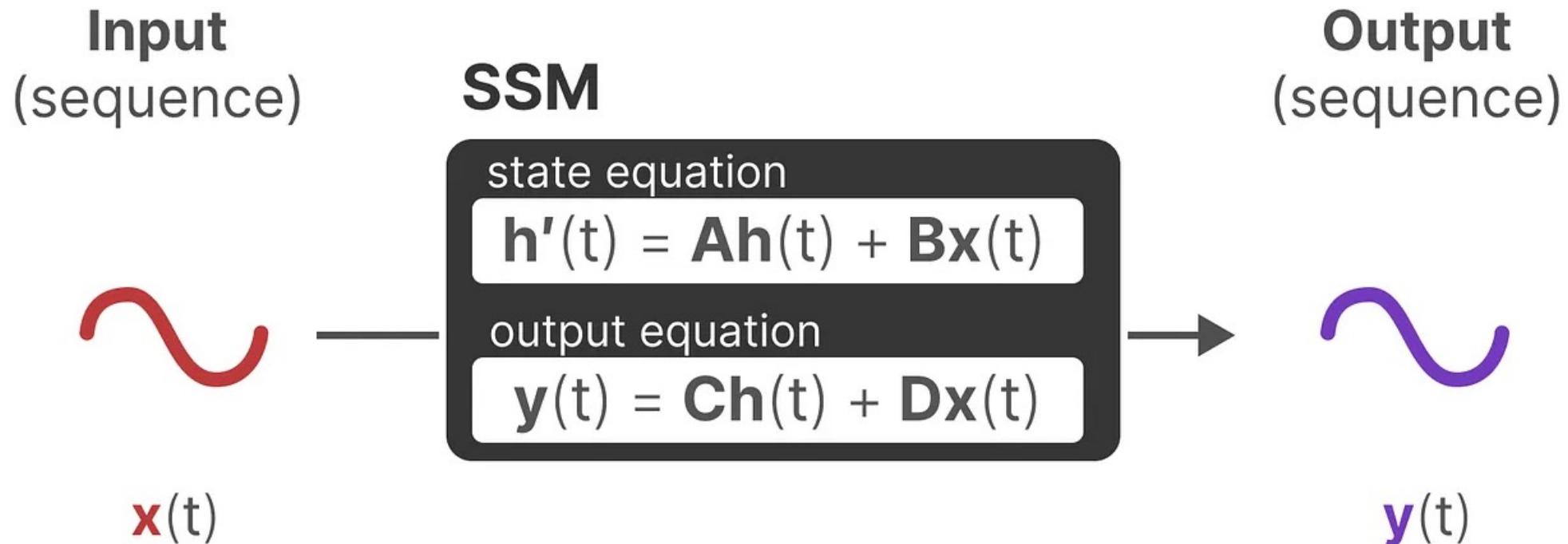


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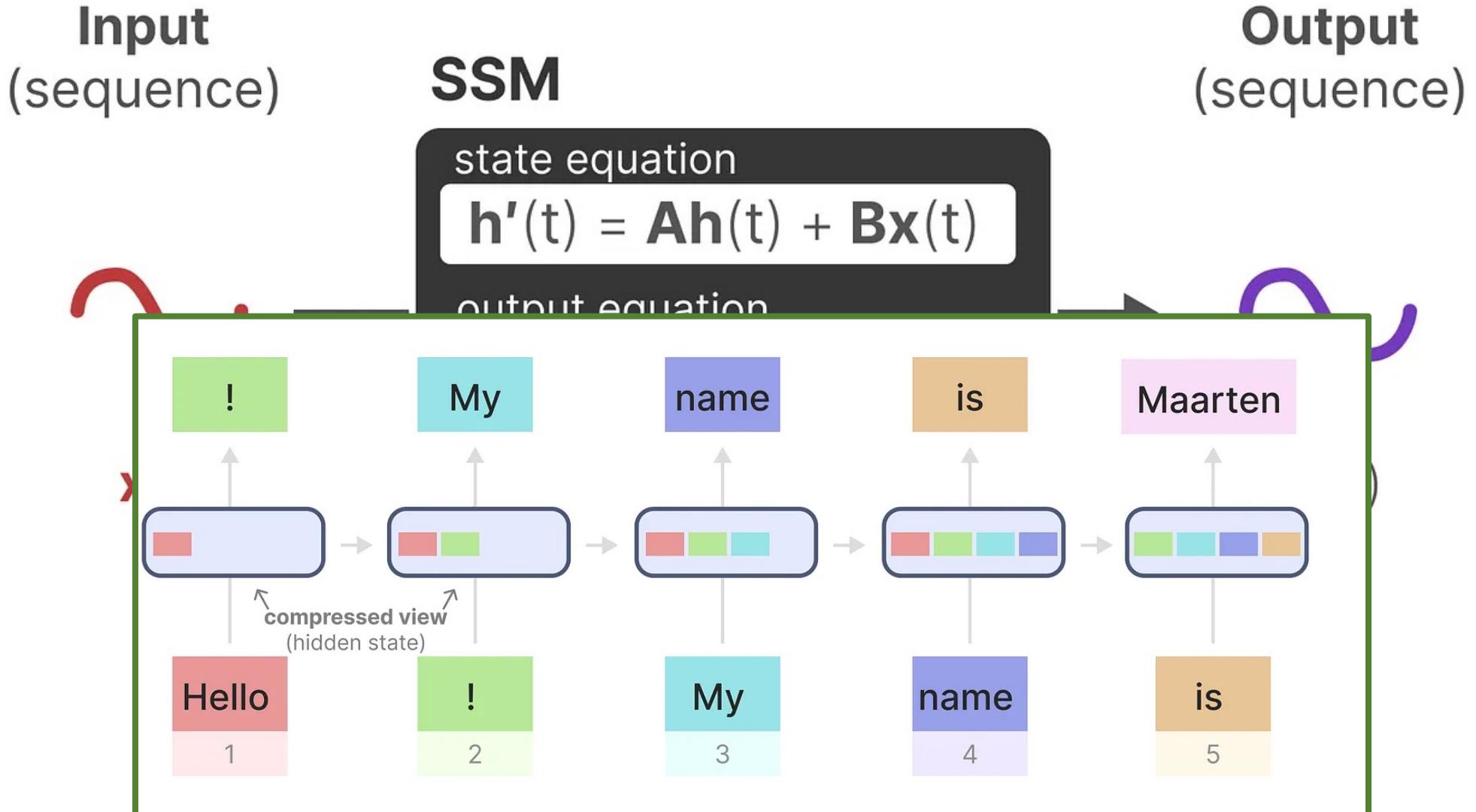
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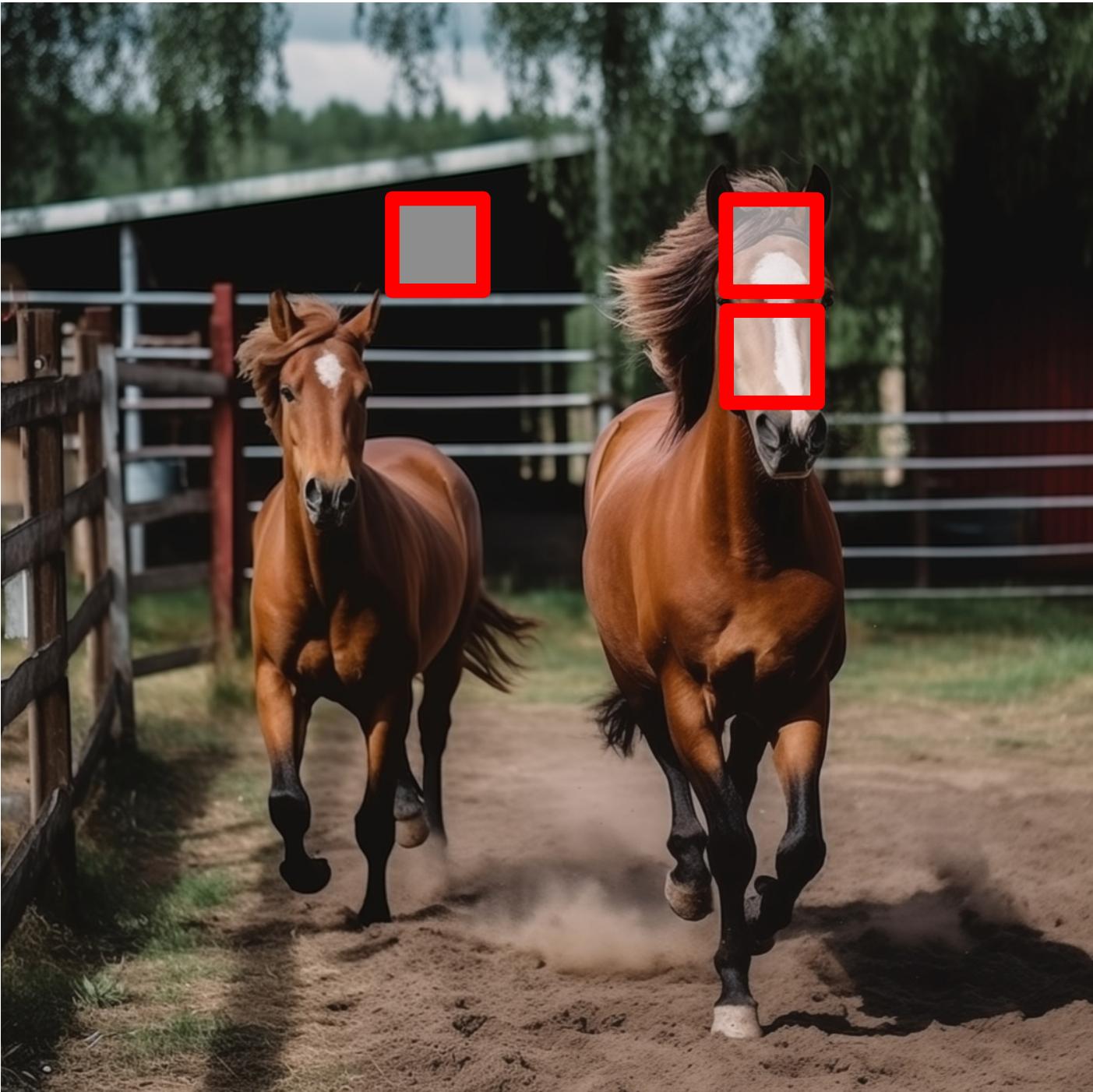


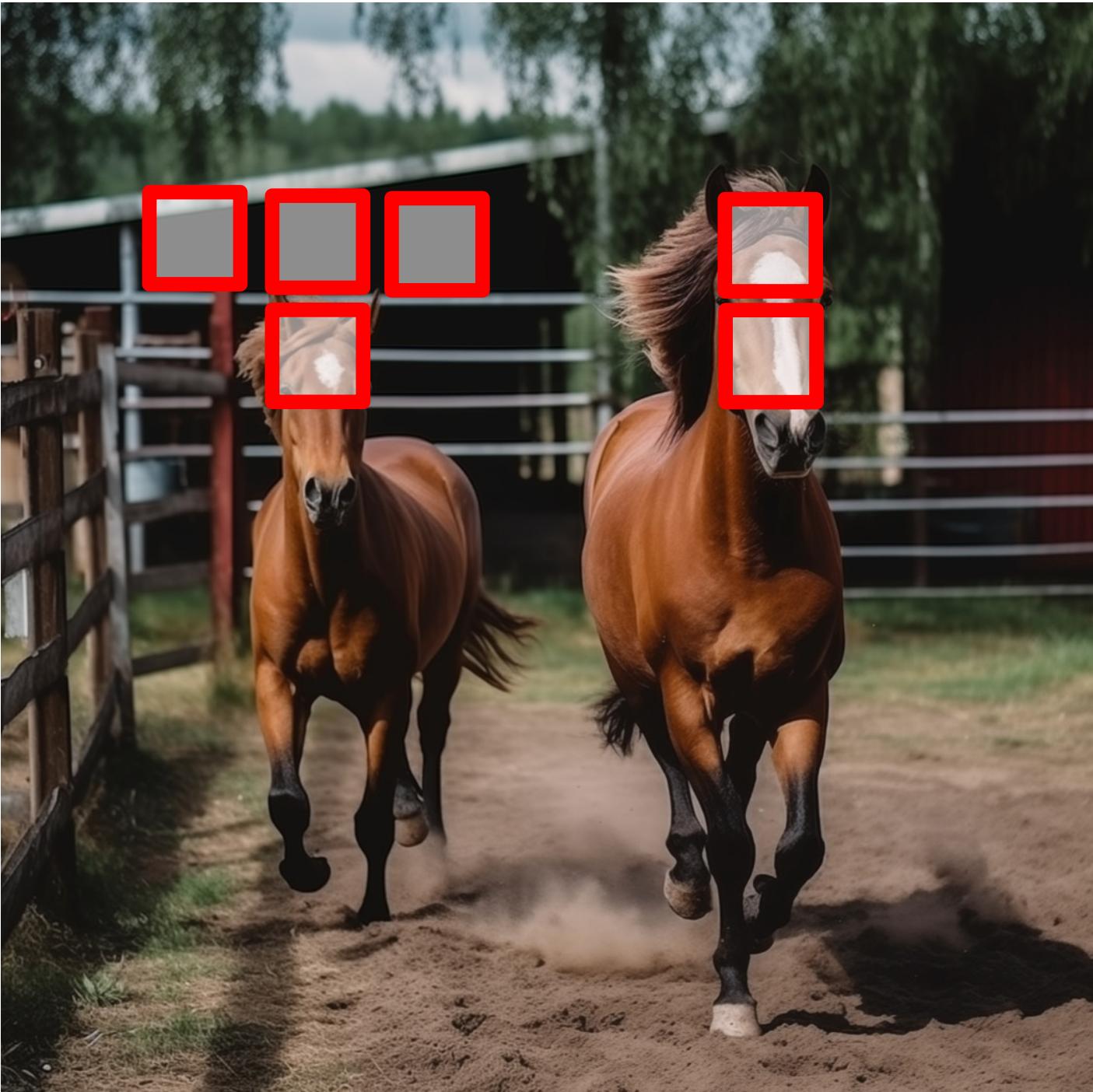
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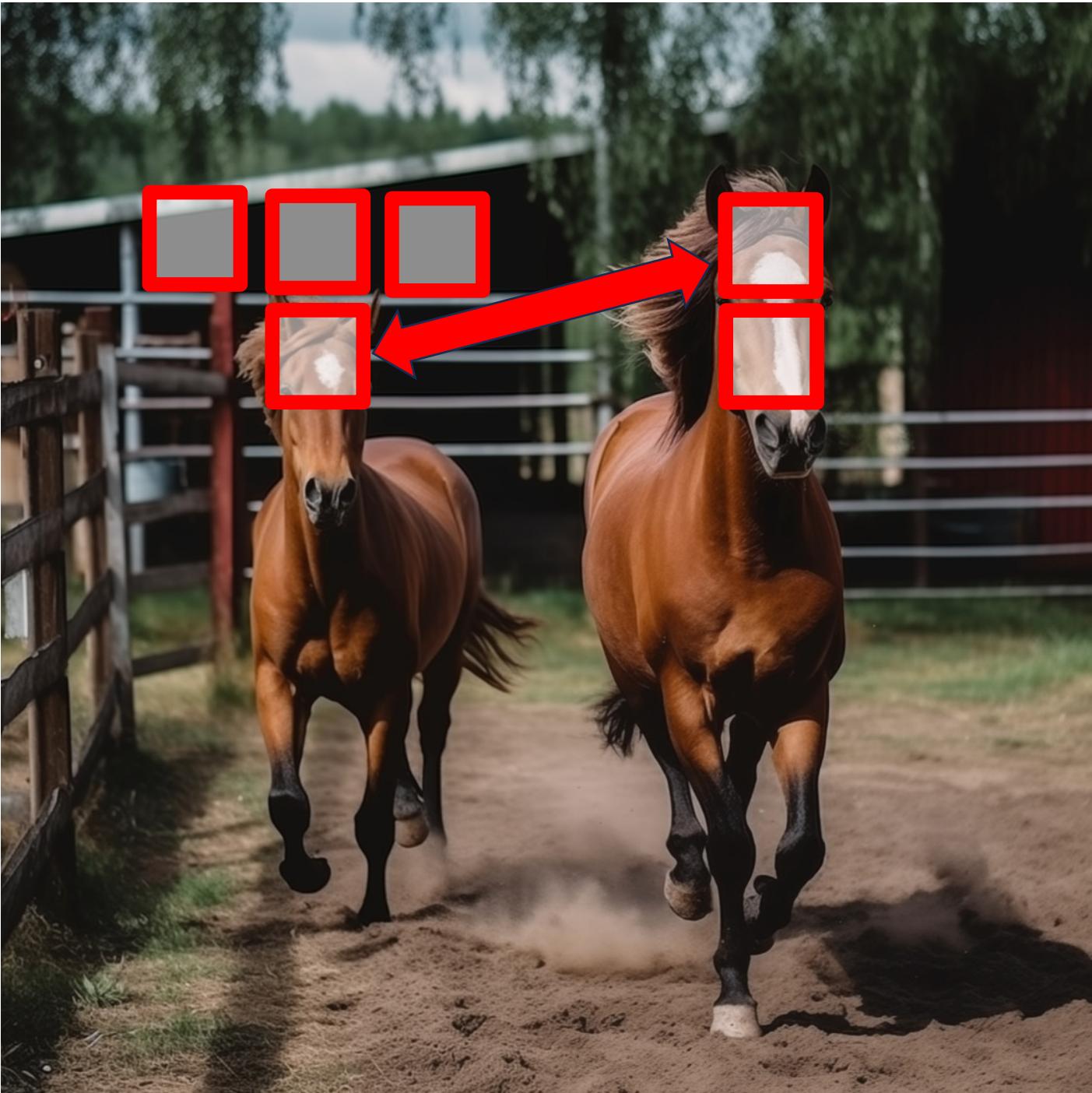


Challenges for State-Space Model

- State-space Model is similar to a Linear-RNN, so it's sensitive to the order of the token
- Neighbourhood tokens need to be semantically similar.
- Challenging to fuse various modalities e.g., image and text.

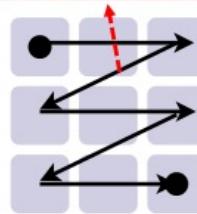




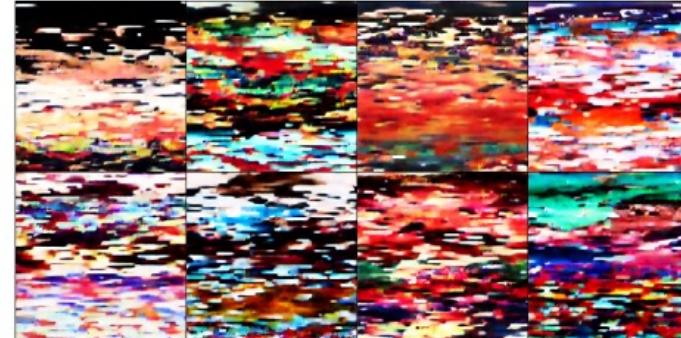


Our Solution

Continuity is broken



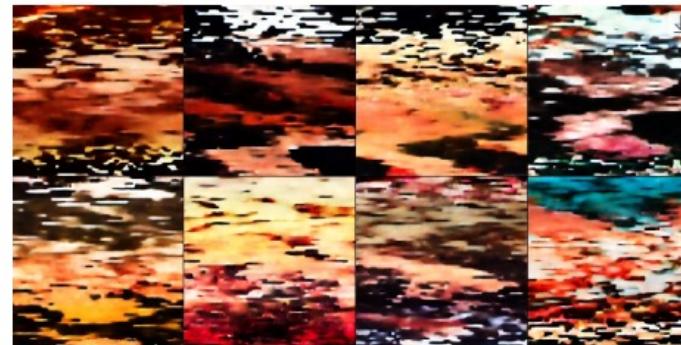
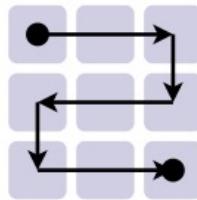
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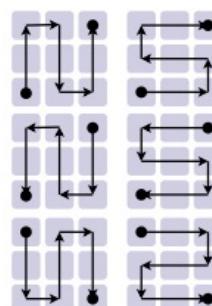
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Sweep without considering Spatial Continuity



Single Direction Zigzag Mamba



Multi Direction Zigzag Mamba

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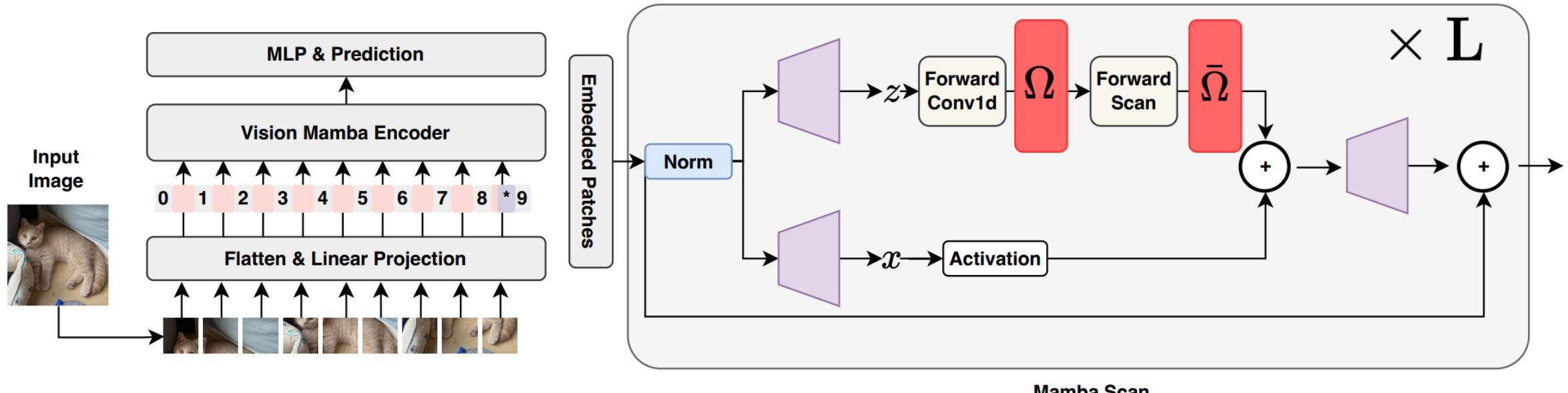


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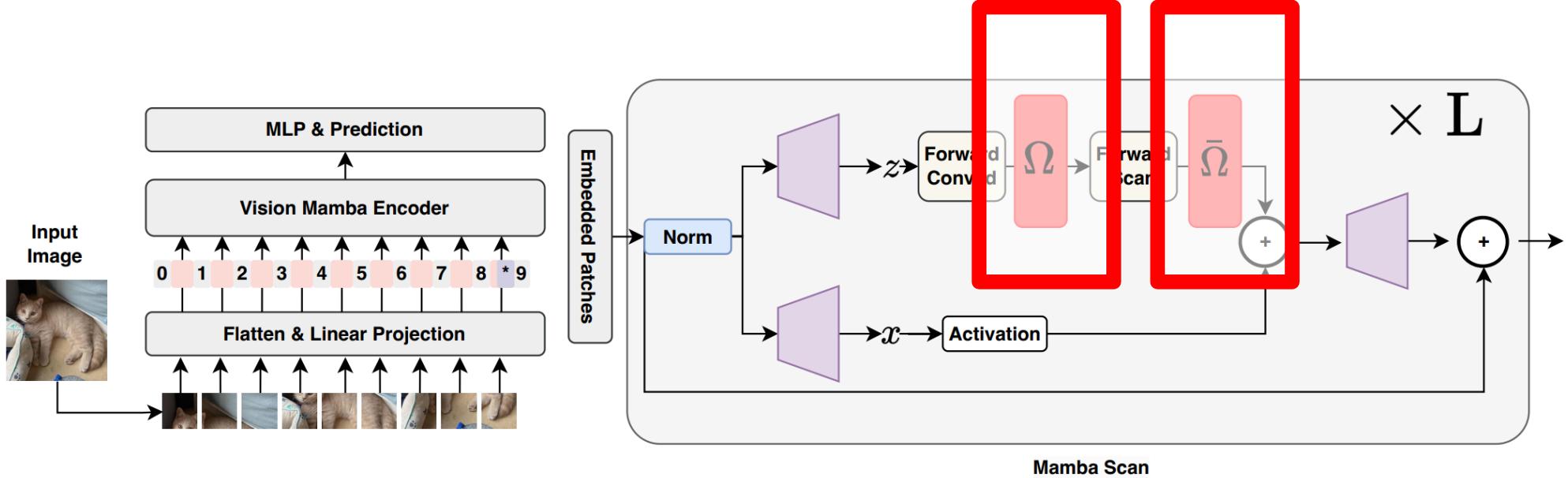
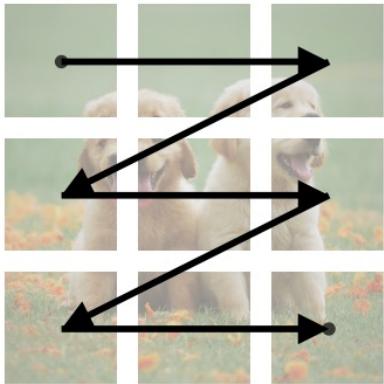
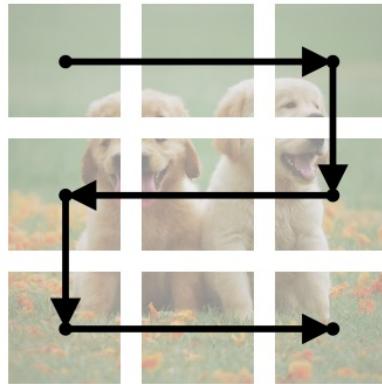


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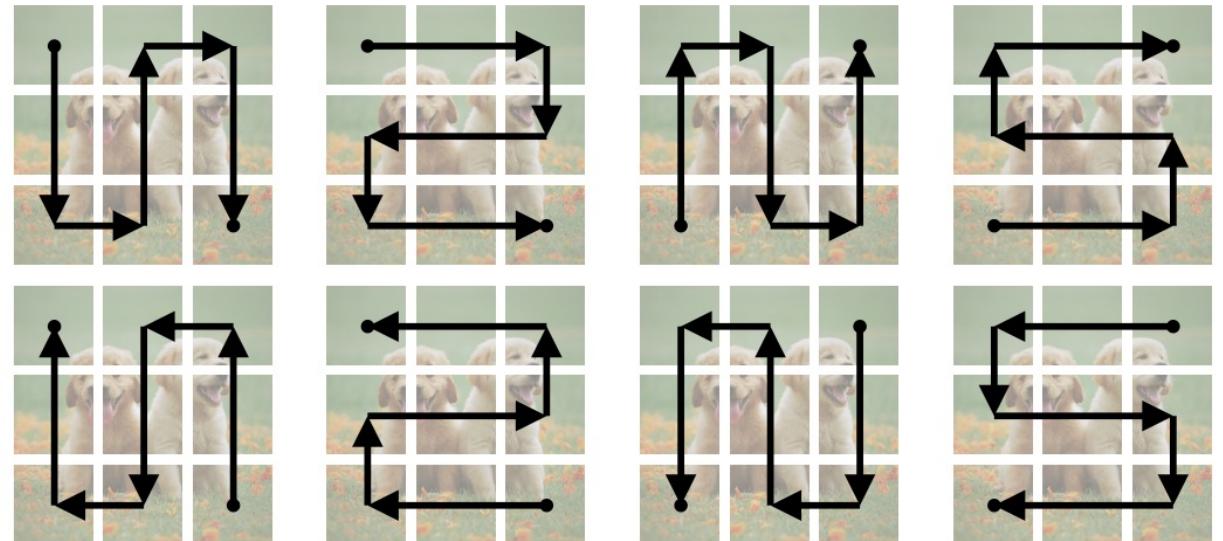
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(a) sweep-scan



(b) zigzag-scan



(c) zigzag-scan with 8 schemes

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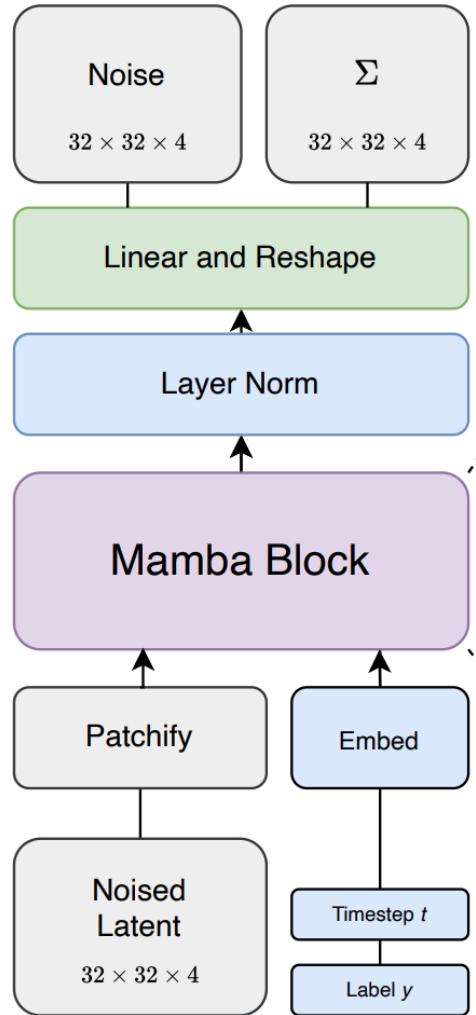


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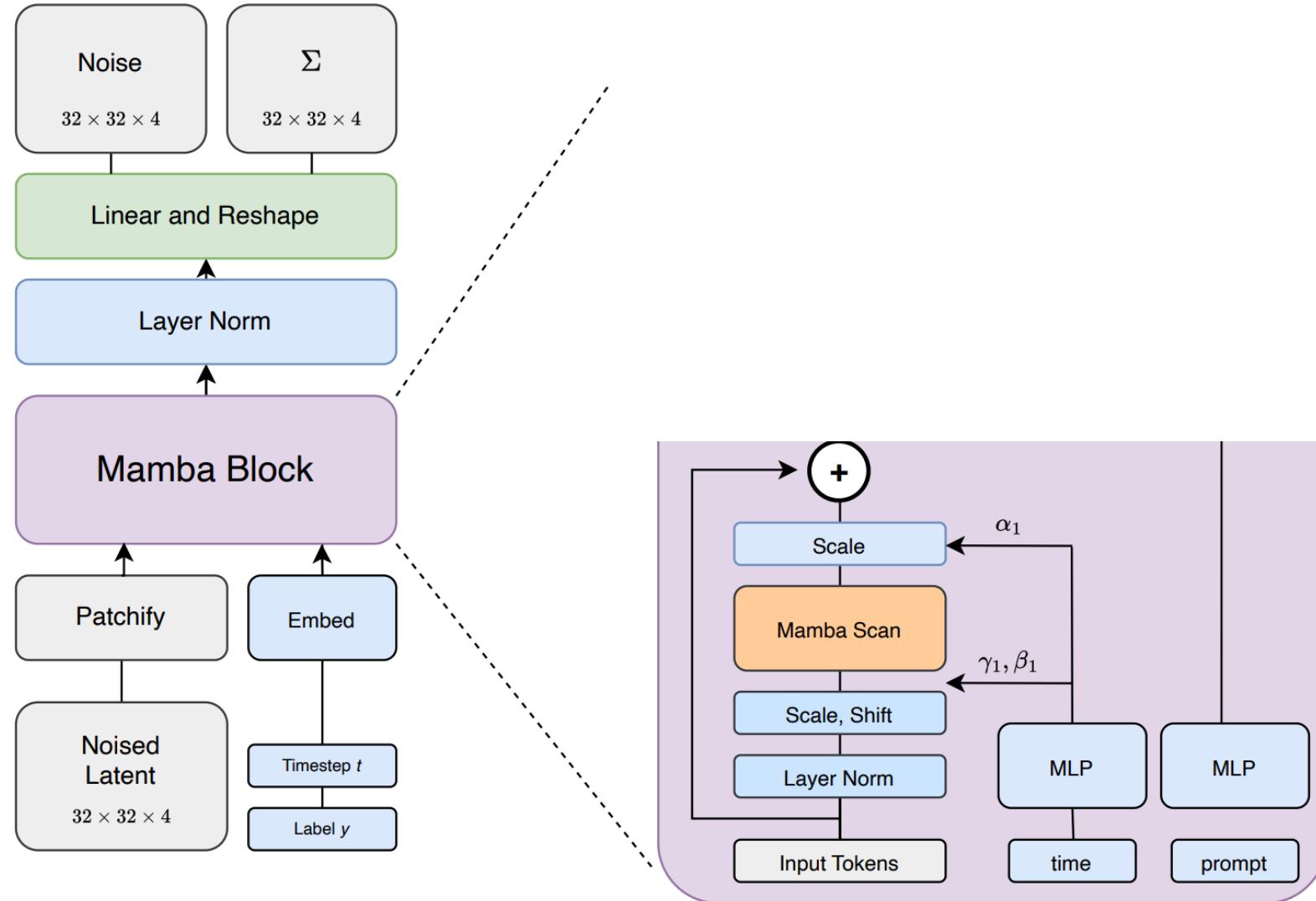
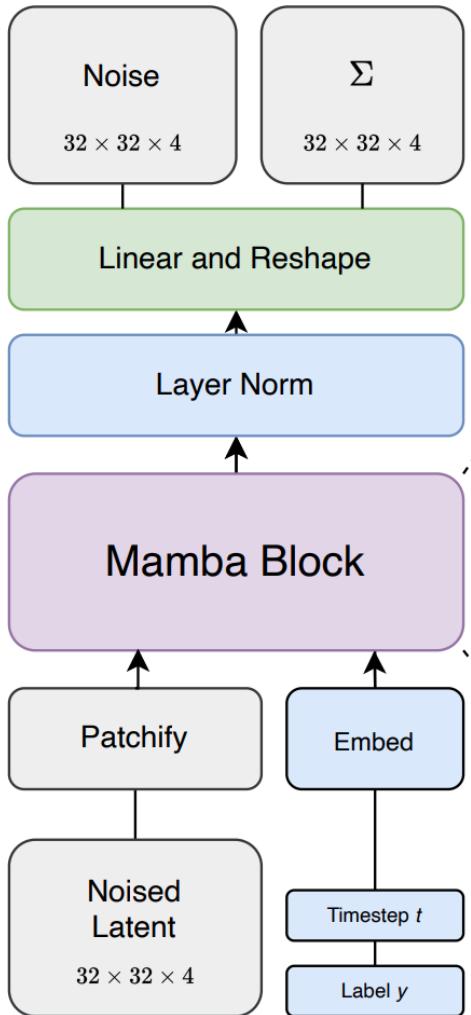


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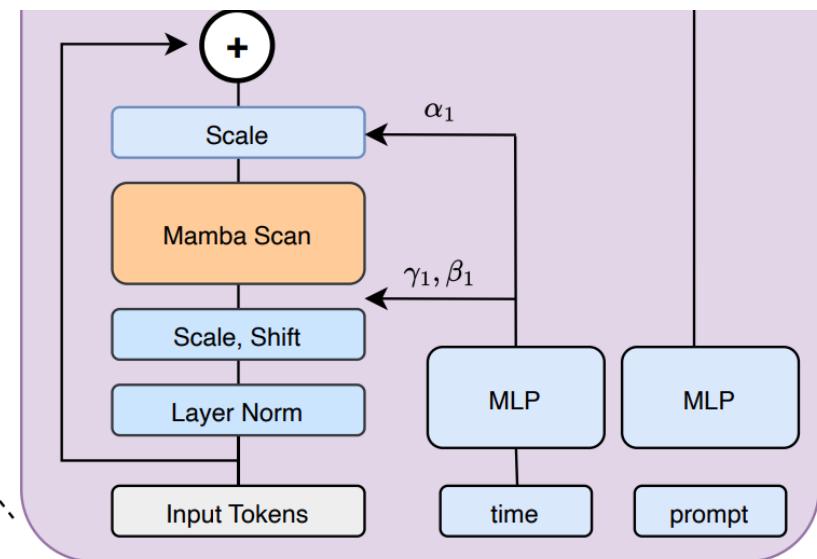


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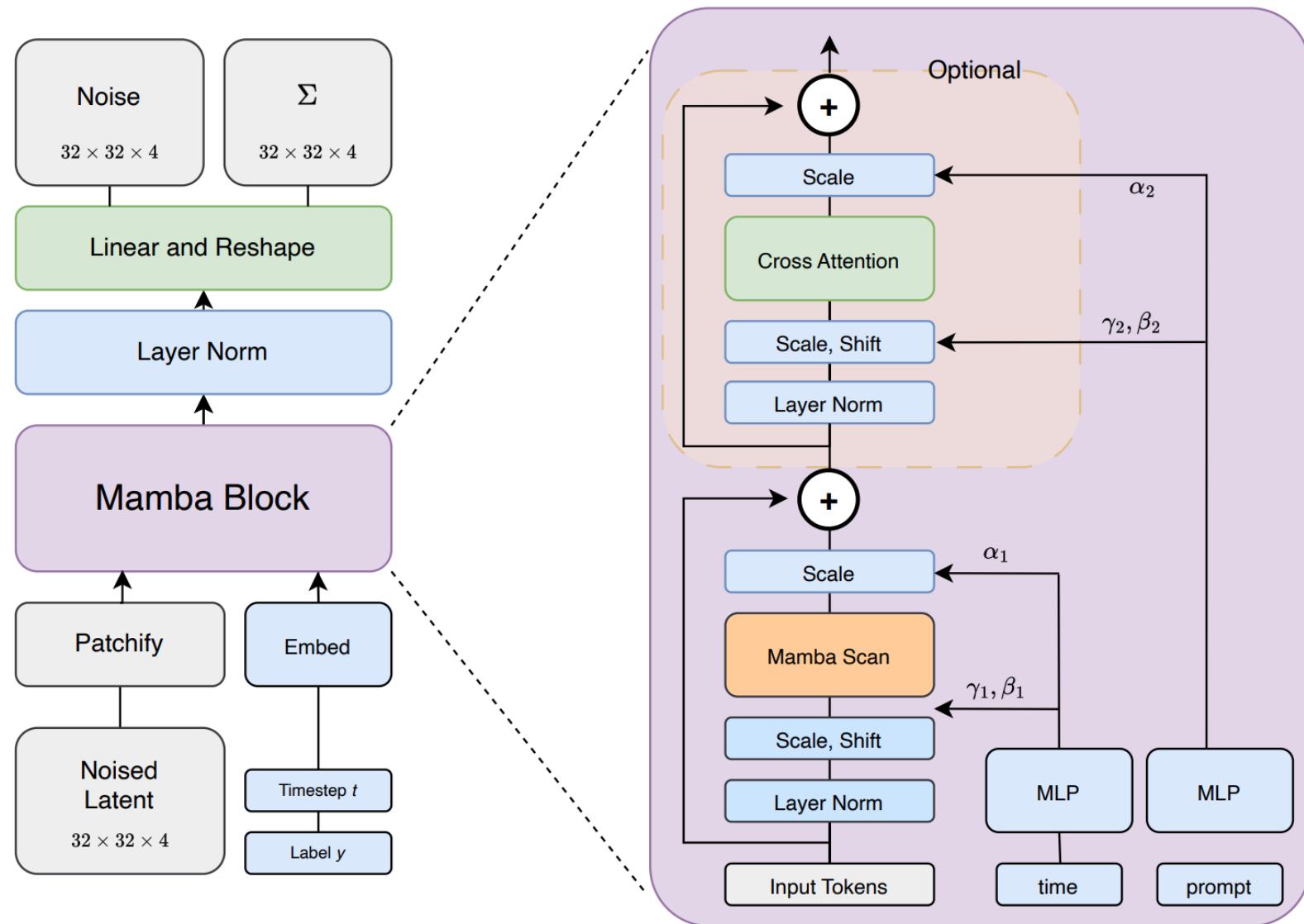
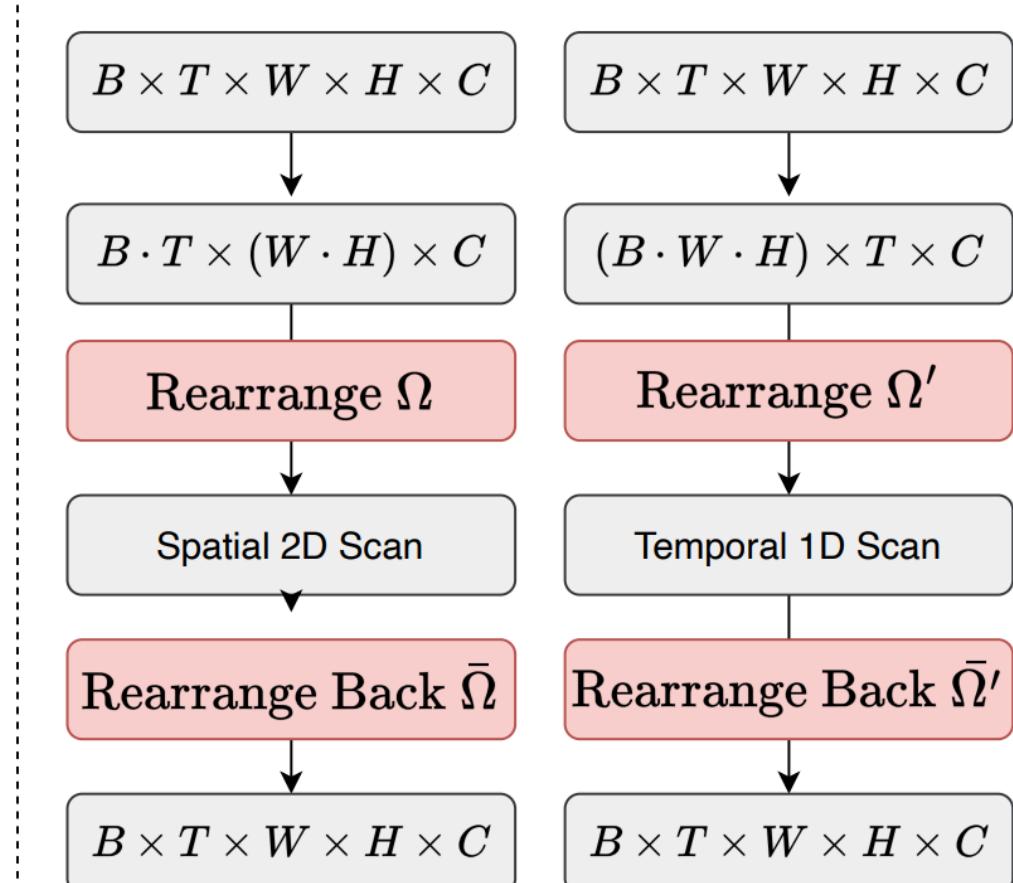
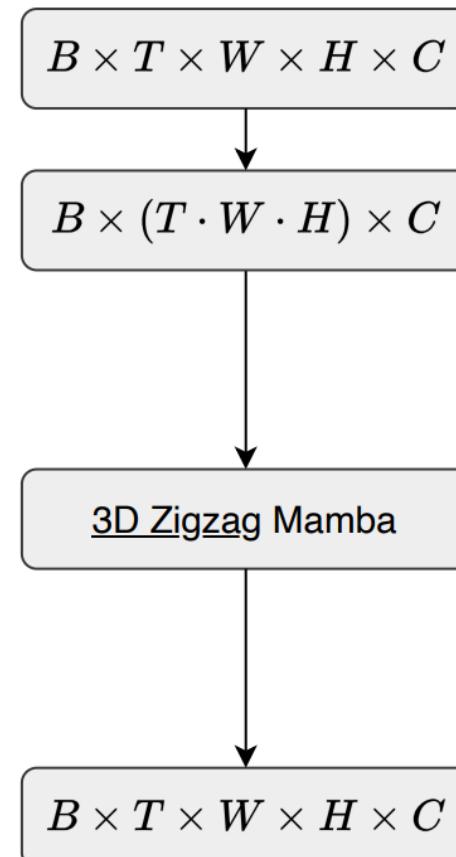
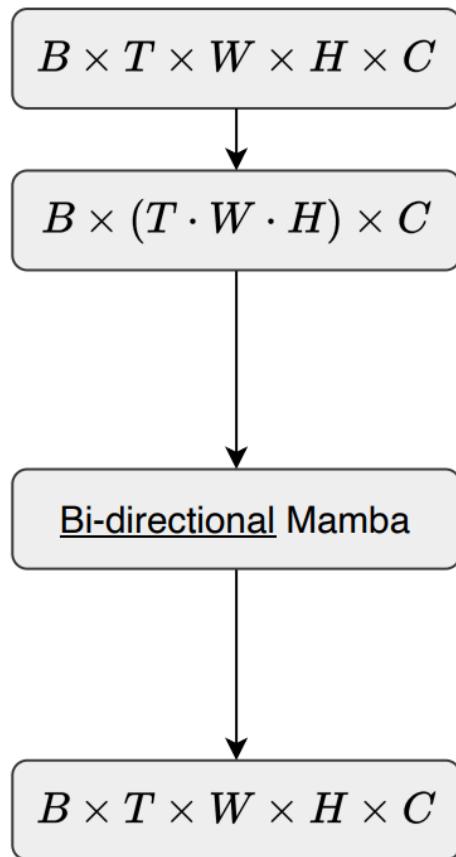


Figure 4: The Detail of our Zigzag Mamba block. The detail of Mamba Scan is shown in Figure 2. The condition can include a timestep and a text prompt. These are fed into an MLP, which separately modulates the Mamba scan for long sequence modeling and cross attention for multi-modal reasoning.

Generalizing to 3D video



(a). sweep-scan

(b). 3D zigzag-scan

(c). 2D zigzag scan + 1D normal scan

Diffusion Framework

$$\mathcal{L}_s(\theta) = \int_0^T \mathbb{E}[\|\sigma_t s_\theta(\mathbf{x}_t, t) + \boldsymbol{\epsilon}\|^2] dt. \quad (11)$$

$$\mathcal{L}_v(\theta) = \int_0^T \mathbb{E}[\|\mathbf{v}_\theta(\mathbf{x}_t, t) - \dot{\alpha}_t \mathbf{x}_* - \dot{\sigma}_t \boldsymbol{\epsilon}\|^2] dt, \quad (12)$$

where θ represents the Zigzag Mamba network that we described in the previous section, we adopt the linear path for training, due to its simplicity and relatively straight trajectory:

$$\alpha_t = 1 - t, \quad \sigma_t = t. \quad (13)$$

Diffusion Framework

Sampling based on vector v and score s . Following [3, 76], the time-dependent probability distribution $p_t(\mathbf{x})$ of \mathbf{x}_t also coincides with the distribution of the reverse-time SDE [6]:

$$d\mathbf{X}_t = v(\mathbf{X}_t, t)dt + \frac{1}{2}w_t s(\mathbf{X}_t, t)dt + \sqrt{w_t} d\bar{\mathbf{W}}_t, \quad (11)$$

where θ represents the Zigzag Mamba network that we discuss in the next section, we adopt the linear path for training, due to its simplicity and a straight trajectory:

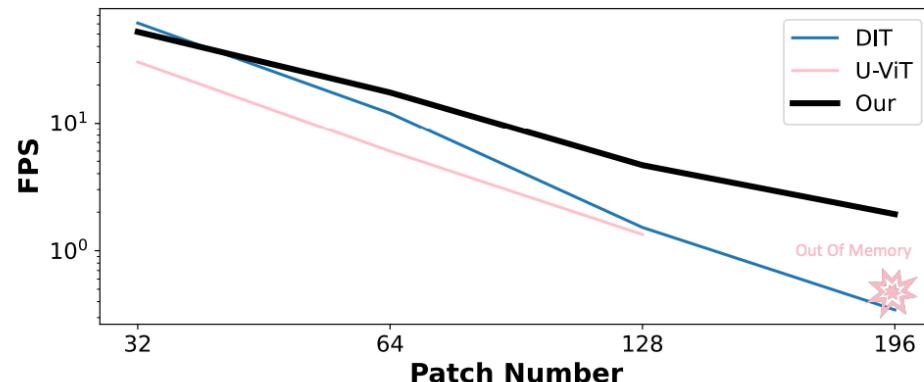
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Result

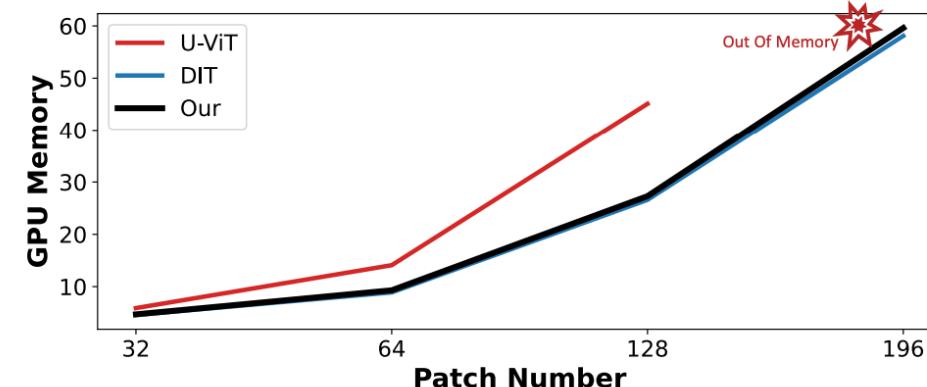
Table 1: Ablation of Scanning Scheme Number. We evaluate various zigzag scanning schemes. Starting from a simple “Sweep” baseline, we consistently observe improvements as more schemes are implemented.

	MultiModal-CelebA256			MultiModal-CelebA512		
	FID ^{5k}	FDD ^{5k}	KID ^{5k}	FID ^{5k}	FDD ^{5k}	KID ^{5k}
Sweep	158.1	75.9	0.169	162.3	103.2	0.203
Zigzag-1	65.7	47.8	0.051	121.0	78.0	0.113
Zigzag-2	54.7	45.5	0.041	96.0	59.5	0.079
Zigzag-8	45.5	26.4	0.011	34.9	29.5	0.023

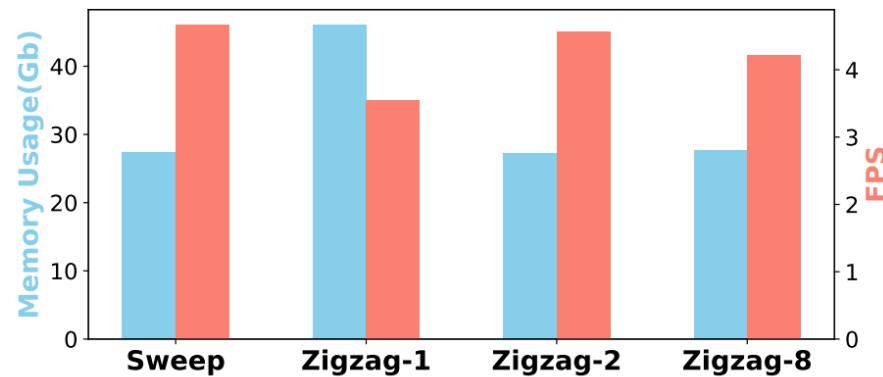
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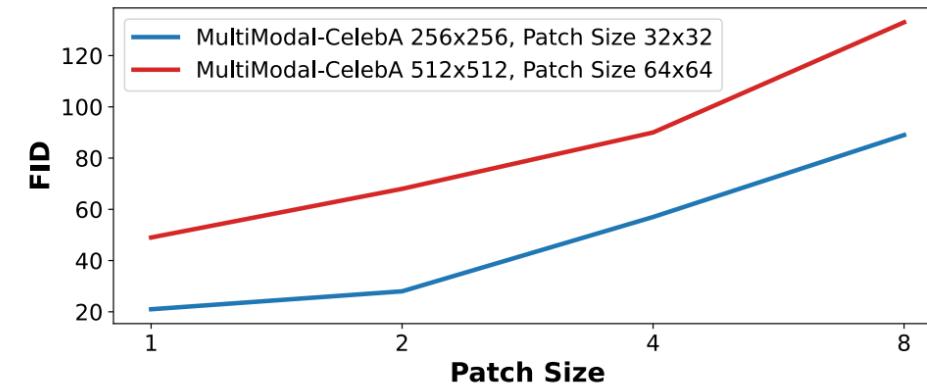
(a) FPS *v.s.* Patch Number.



(b) GPU Memory *v.s.* Patch Number.

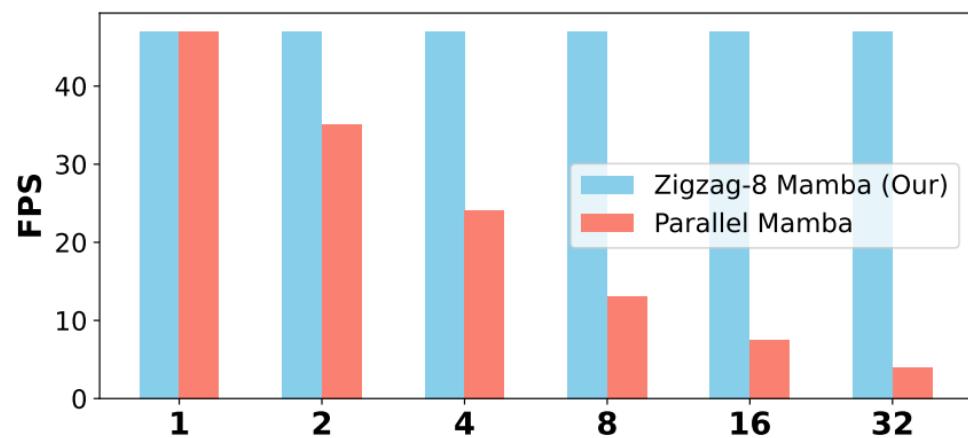


(c) GPU usage of variants of our method.

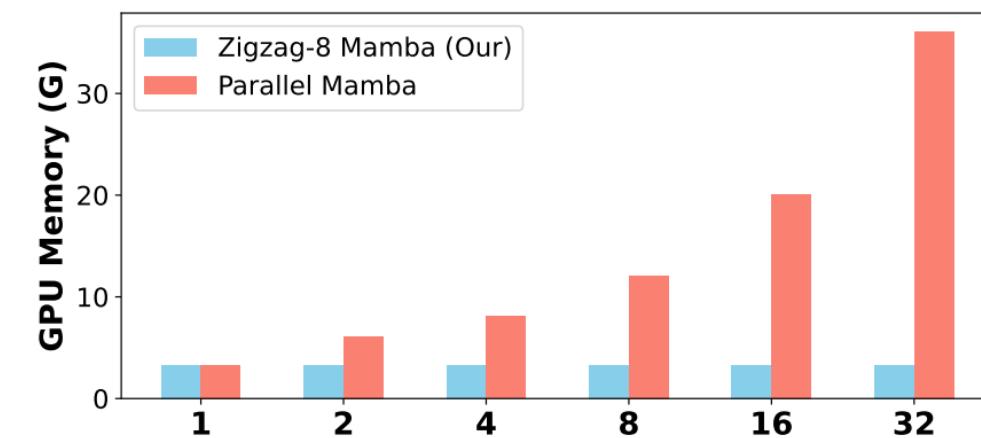


(d) FID *v.s.* Patch Size.

Result



(a) Order Receptive Field *v.s.* FPS.



(b) Order Receptive Field *v.s.* GPU Memory.

Figure 8: The ablation study about Order Receptive Field, FPS, GPU Memory.

Main results

Table 2: Main Results on MS-COCO dataset. Our method consistently outperforms the baseline and can achieve even better results when the training scale is increased.

Variants	FID ^{5k}
Sweep	195.1
Zigzag-1	73.1
Bidirection Mamba [96]	60.2
Zigzag-8	41.8
Zigzag-8 × 16GPU	33.8

Table 4: Video Scan Scheme on UCF101 dataset. Our method outperforms the baseline and can achieve even better results when the training scale is increased.

Method	Frame-FID ^{5k}	FVD ^{5k}
Bidirection Mamba [96] -4GPU	256.1	320.2
3D Zigzag Mamba -4GPU	238.1	282.3
Factorized 3D Zigzag Mamba -4GPU	216.1	210.2
Bidirection Mamba [96] -16GPU	146.2	201.1
Factorized 3D Zigzag Mamba -16GPU	121.2	140.1

Results

Position Embedding	Scan	FID ^{5k}
-	sweep2	21.33
-	zigzag8	14.27
Sinusoidal	sweep2	18.47
Sinusoidal	zigzag8	14.03
Learnable	sweep2	16.38
Learnable	zigzag8	13.32

Learnable PE is best

Scan-ORF	FID ^{5k}
hilbert-8	27.38
hilbert-2	61.67
zigzag-2	15.45
zigzag-8	13.32

Hilbert path is too complex to learn

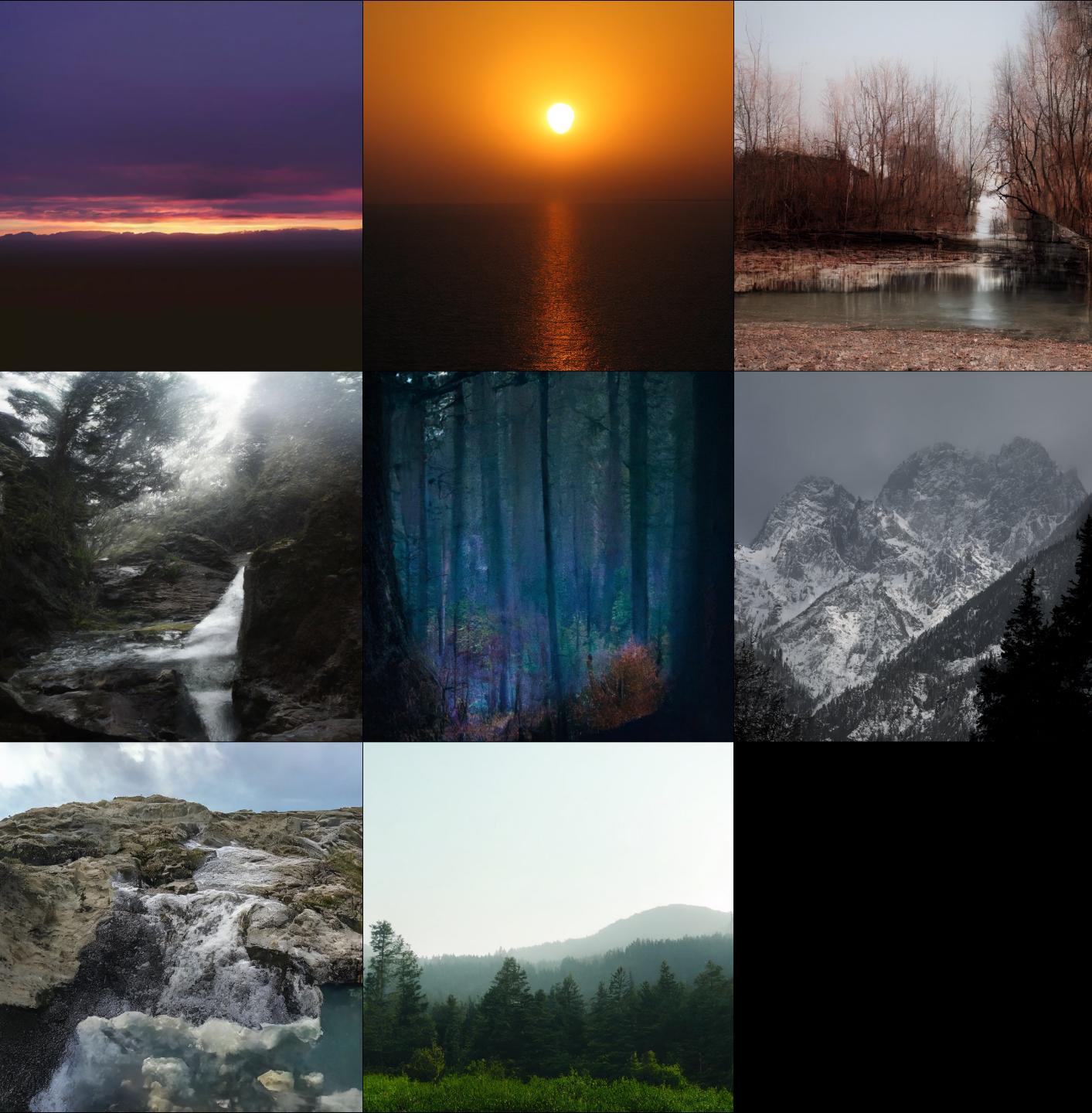
ORF of ZigZag	FID ^{5k}
sweep1	130.00
sweep2	16.38
zigma-2	15.45
4	13.46
6	13.42
8	13.32

Scan patch will saturate around 4. But we recommend to use 8, as there is no extra parameter and memory burden.

Visualization



Visualization



Conclusion

- A new *scalable* backbone: Mamba
- A *generalizable* framework: Stochastic Interpolant
- Generalized to 3D video





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