

# Towards more Controllable Text-to-Image Generation

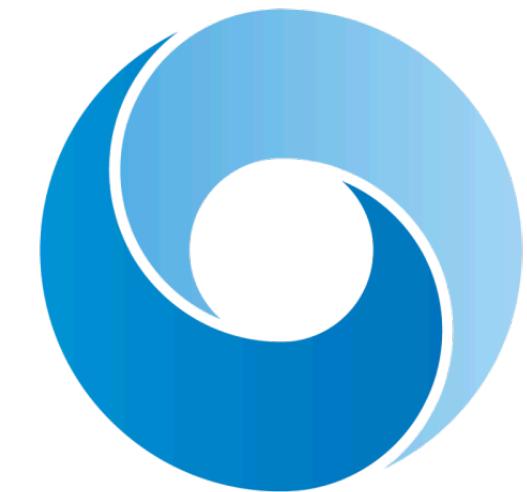


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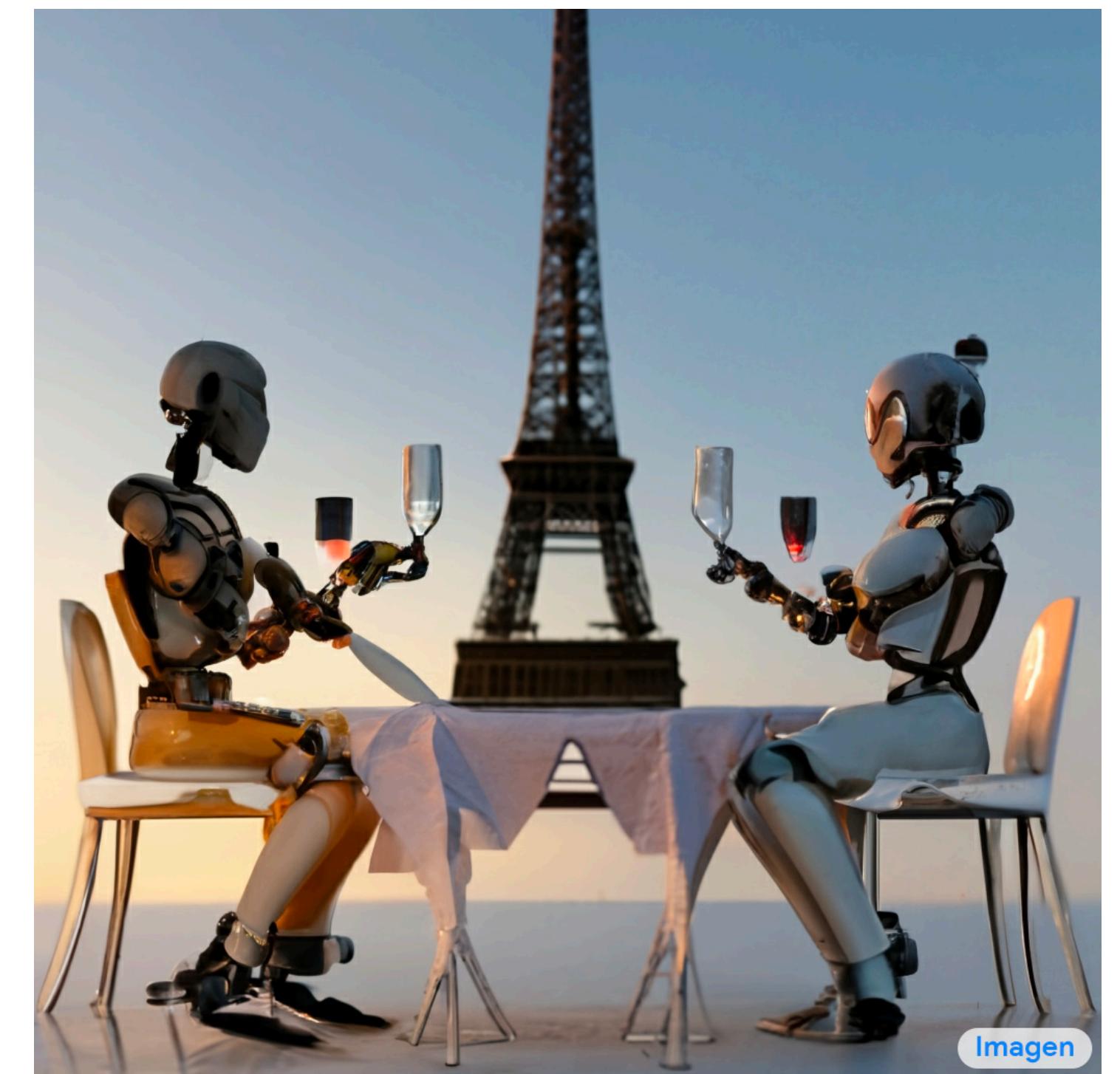
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# Background and Motivation

## Text-to-Image Generation

- Text-to-Image Generation has achieved great success
  - Text-image alignment is high
  - Images are creative
  - Resolution is also high
- However, it's only controlled by text
  - Text is known to be ambiguous
  - Subject, Pose, Background, View, etc



A Robo couple fine dining with Eiffel tower in the background.

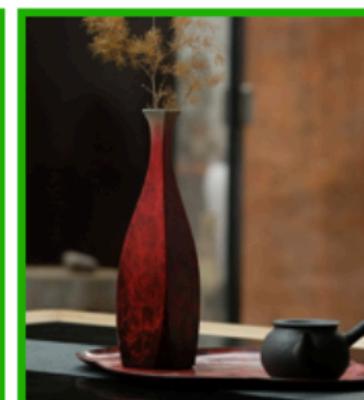
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## Controllability in Text-to-Image Generation

- How can we control the model to generate a specific subject
  - Subject-Level Control
    - A specific dog or a specific person in different scenarios.
- How can we control the model to generate a specific subject in a specific scene
  - Background Control
    - A specific scene like a garden, a yard, etc.

# Subject-Level Control

Input images



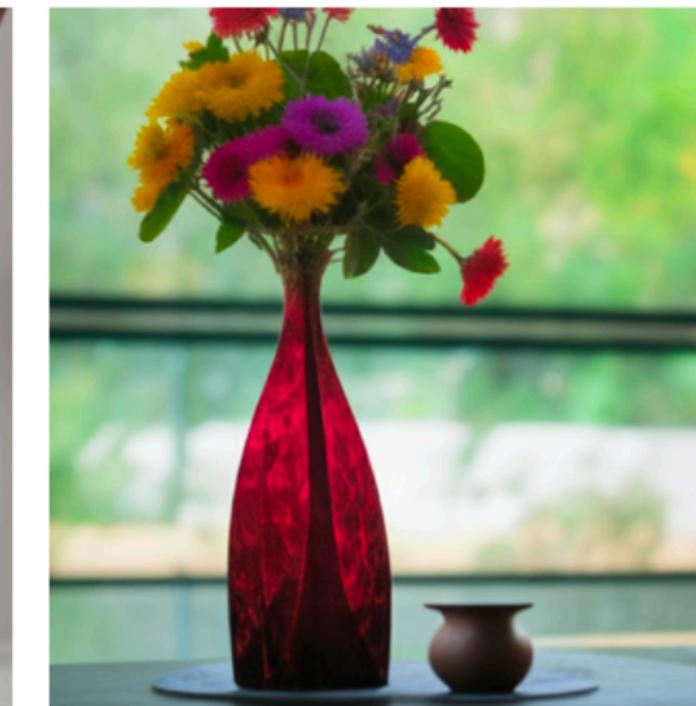
A [V] vase buried  
in the sands



Two [V] vases  
on a table



Milk poured into  
a [V] vase



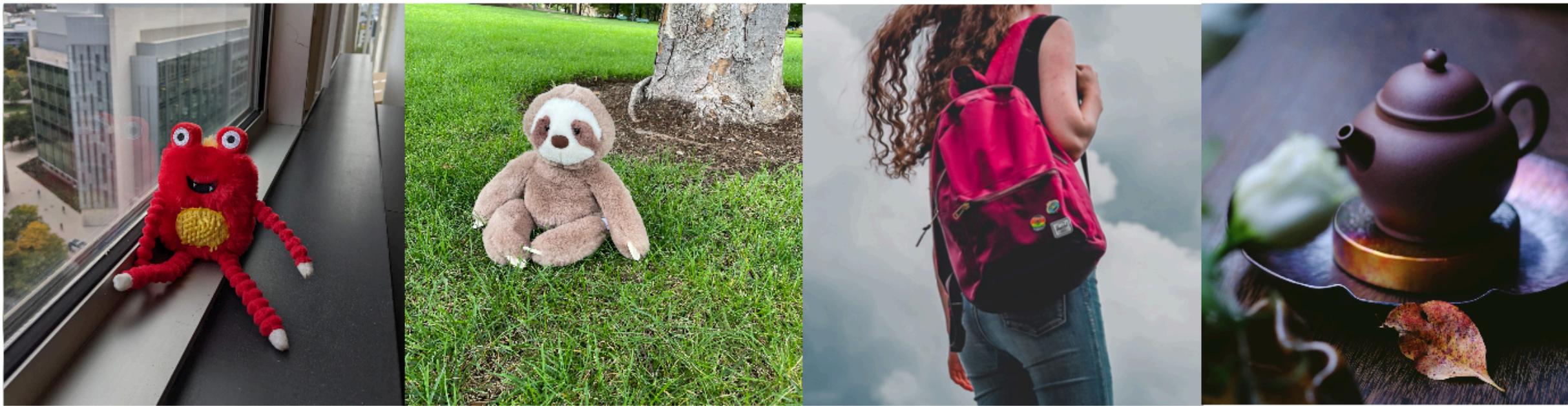
A [V] vase with a  
colorful flower bouquet



A [V] vase in the ocean

# Subject and Background-Level Control

Subject



Background



Output

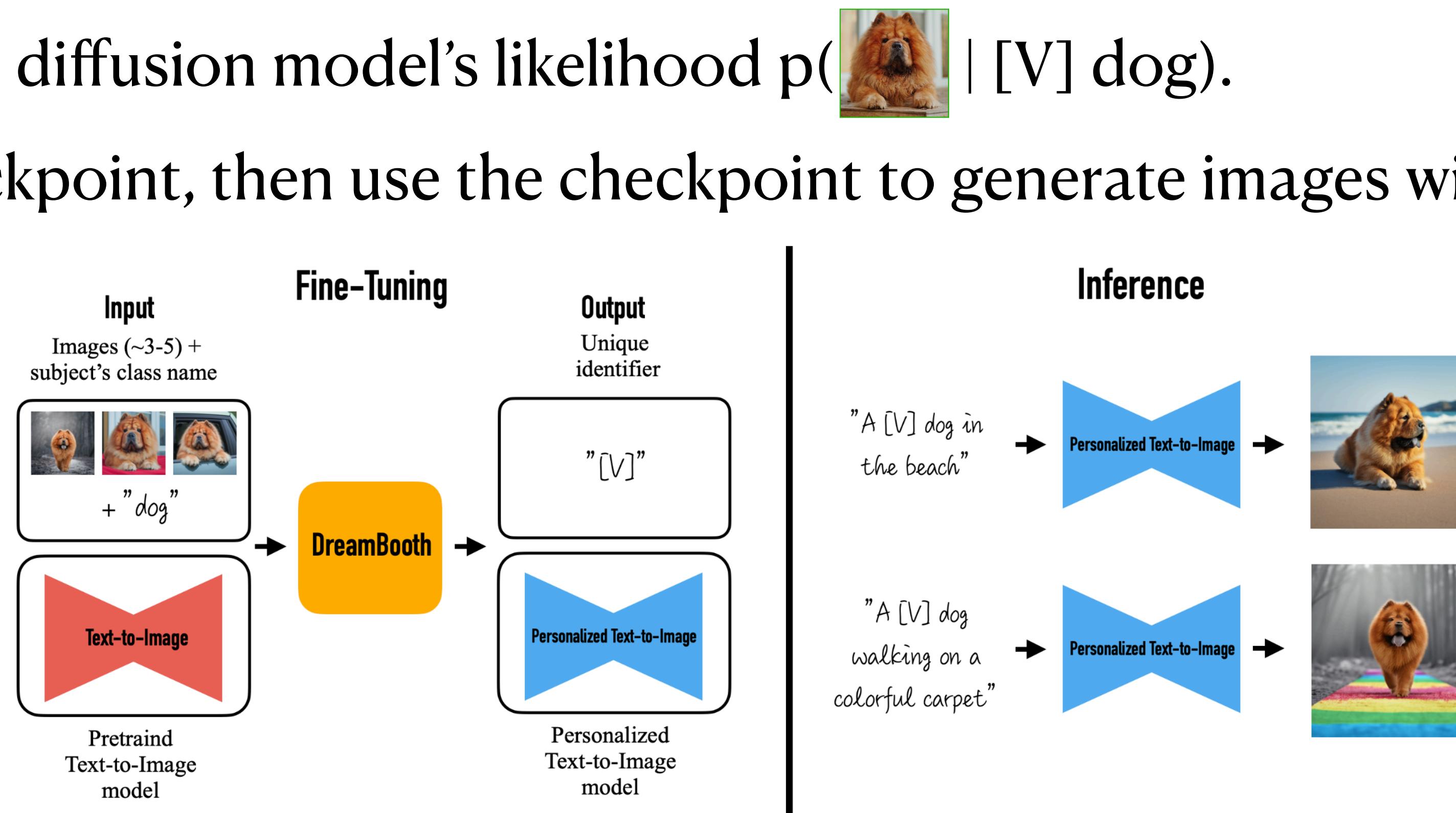


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# DreamBooth: Fine Tuning Text-to-Image Diffusion Models

- Finetune on 3-5 images regarding the subjects for 1000 steps.
- Maximize the diffusion model's likelihood  $p(\text{dog} | [V])$ .
- Save the checkpoint, then use the checkpoint to generate images with [V].

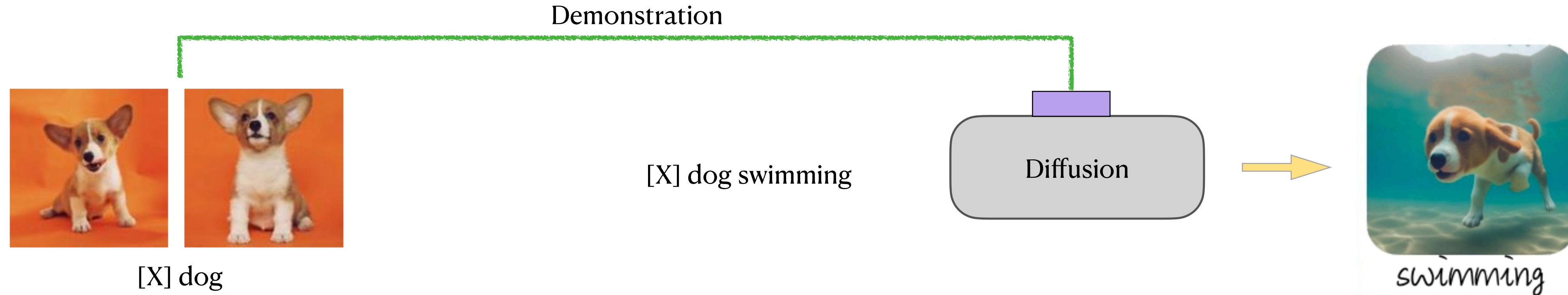


# DreamBooth: Fine Tuning Text-to-Image Diffusion Models

- It requires fine-tuning the model
  - It consumes a lot of time. Normally 5-10 minutes to generate 1 image, which is 50x slower than normal text-to-image generation.
  - Saving one checkpoint per subject requires lots of disk space.
  - Therefore, this approach cannot scale up

# In-Context Learning for Subject-Driven image generation

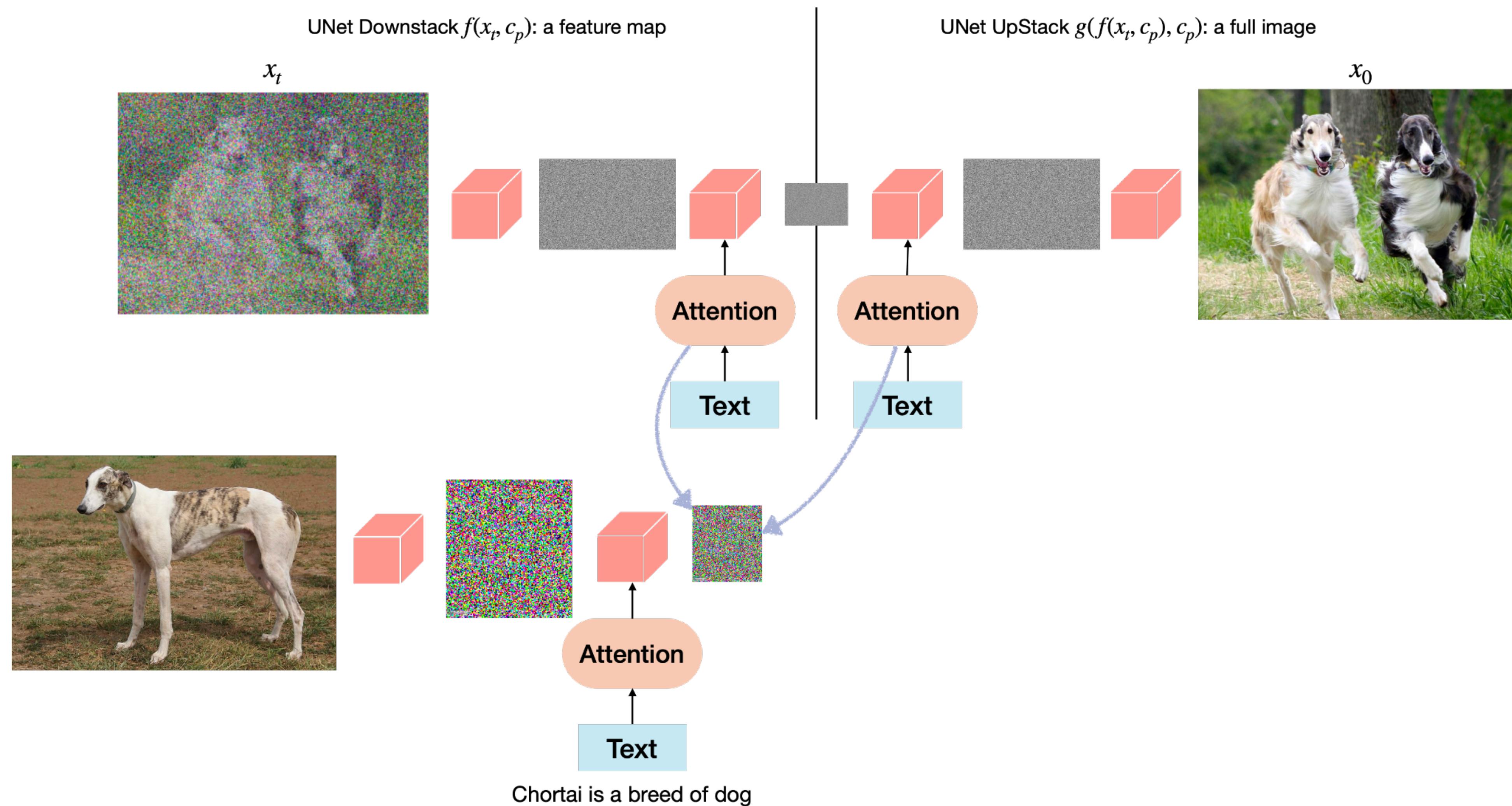
- Can we avoid fine-tuning?
- A single model to ace it all:
  - In-context demonstration without gradient descent.
  - Adapt to any subject quickly within 30 seconds.



# What do we need to achieve In-Context Learning?

- We need to change the diffusion model architecture
  - The current architecture only supports image input
  - The model needs to attend to demonstration of multiple (image, text) pairs
- We also need to construct new dataset to train the model
  - $((\text{subject image}_1, \text{subject image}_2, \dots, \text{subject text}) \Rightarrow (\text{new text}, \text{new image}))$
  - The diffusion model attends to these subject and generalize it to new scenario

# Architecture: Adding additional attention layer



# Dataset: how can we obtain such data?

- Desired format
  - $(text\_1, Image\_1), (text\_2, image\_2), \dots (text_t, image_t)$ , where these group of image-text pairs share the same subject.
- Challenge
  - However, such data does not exist on the web!
  - The existing dataset consists of standalone (image, text) pairs.

# Web Image-Text Data Clustering

- Clustering
  - We group (image, text) pairs based on their URLs
    - We assume (image, text) pairs mined from the same URL are more likely to contain the same subject, like Amazon shopping site, etc.
    - We filter the groups based on the inter-image similarity to remove the low-quality clusters containing highly different images.
- Re-Annotating Text Caption
  - The crawled alt text is noisy, we group these images to generate caption jointly

# How is the clustered data quality?



A limousine parked in a parking lot

A couple of birds standing in the water



A gold cross with diamonds

A pair of shorts



A pair of sneakers



A dirty picture of a window seal

# How is the clustered data quality?

- The data quality is reasonably good
  - The grouped images are mostly about a single subject
  - If not, it's mostly about the same type of subject.
- Can we use the clustered dataset to train the model?



A limousine parked in a parking lot



A limousine in a parking lot

# How well does the trained model work?

- We train the first version to train our model
  - The model does not view the text prompt
  - Only copy-paste demonstration
- Reason:
  - The target and demonstrations images are too similar
  - The model falls into a copy-paste local optima

# How can we make it better?

- Make the target (image, text) highly different from the demonstration!



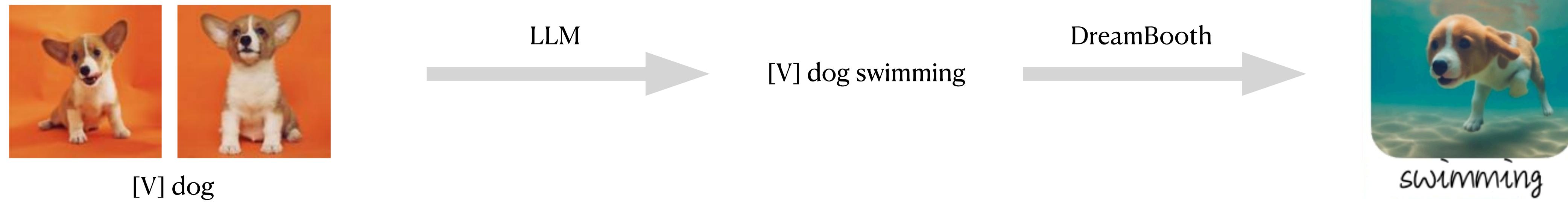
A pair of shorts



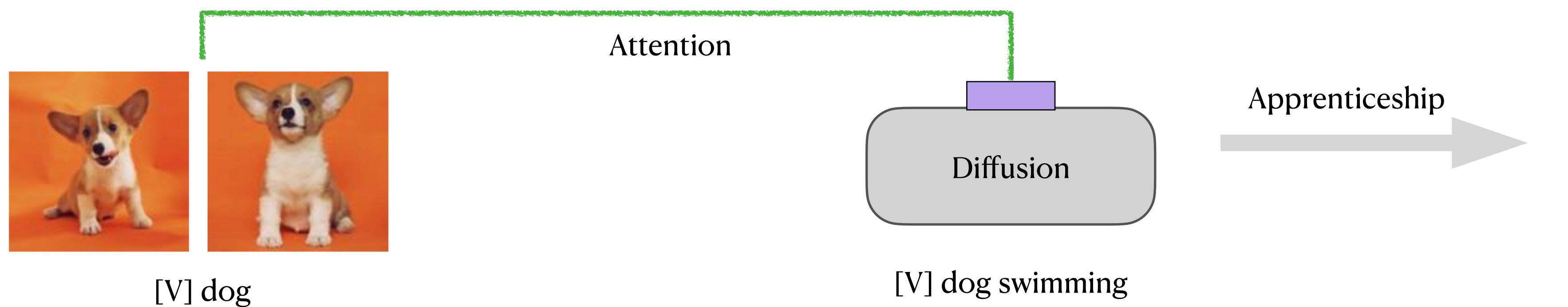
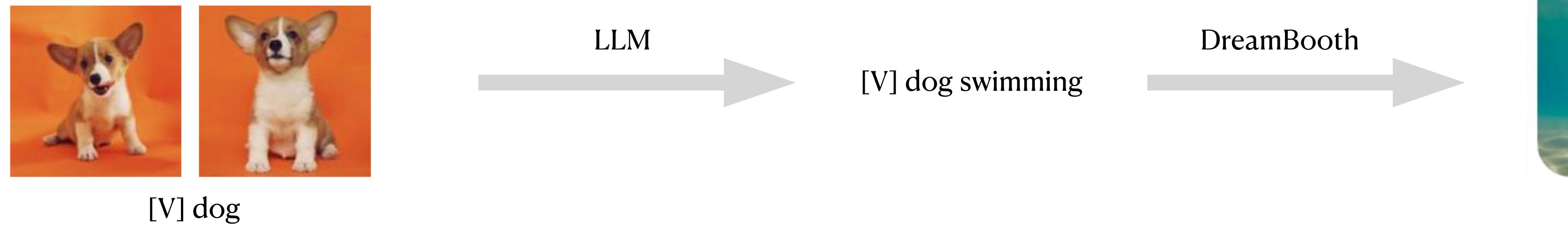
A man wearing a pair of shorts

- How can we obtain such diverse target (image, text) pair?
  - Use LLM to imagine a new prompt
  - Then use DreamBooth to fine-tune on the demonstration and then generate.

# Apprenticeship Learning



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- DreamBooth as the experts to demonstrate the output
  - We have 2M subjects, i.e. 2M DreamBooth experts
  - Parallelized Training, each takes 5 minutes
  - We use 800 v4 TPUs and run for 1-2 week to store all the DreamBooth outputs
  - Once and for all
- The apprentice model (SuTI) follows the DreamBooth experts
  - Distill from millions of experts!

# Training Details

- We use the synthesized data to train the apprentice model for 1 day
  - The apprentice model learns surprisingly fast
- Skillset of the apprentice model:
  - Stylization: changing the style of the subject
  - Recontextualization: changing the scene of the subject
  - Multi-View synthesis: changing the view perspective of the subject
  - Attribute Modification: changing the color, textual, emotion, etc of the subject
  - Compositional: Stylization + Recontextualization

# Model Outputs

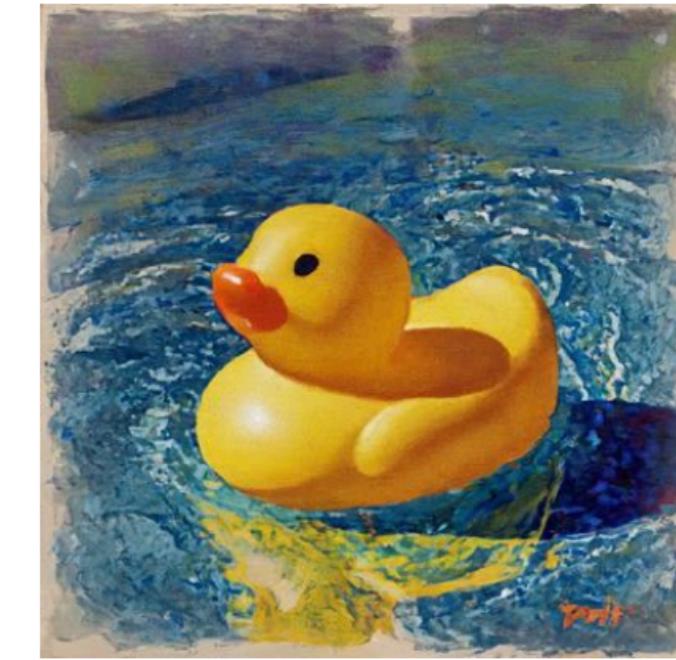
A duck toy



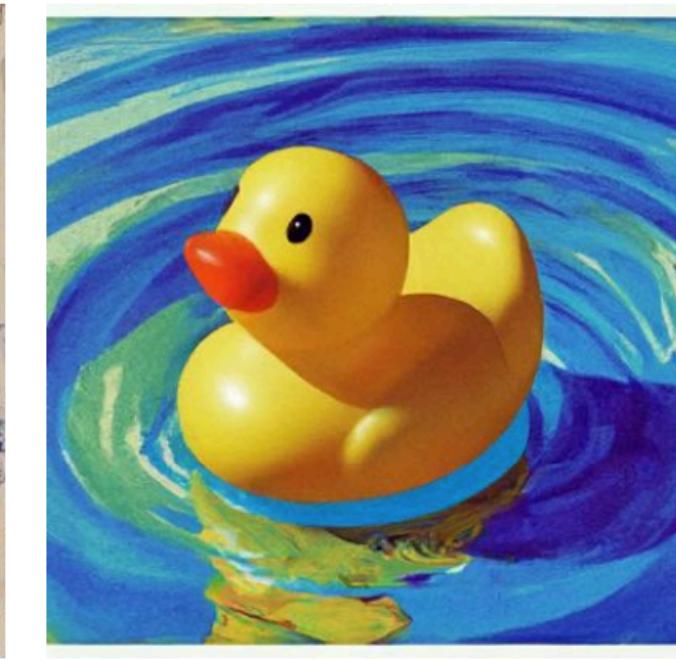
Pablo Picasso



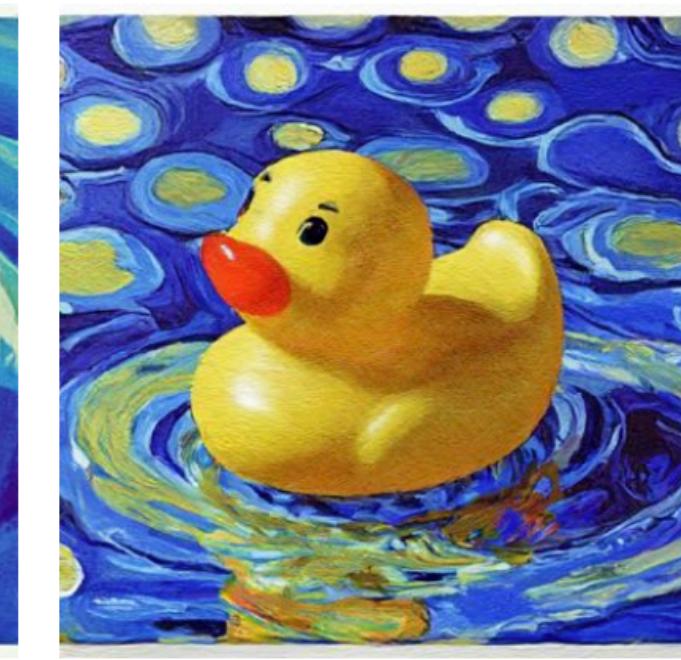
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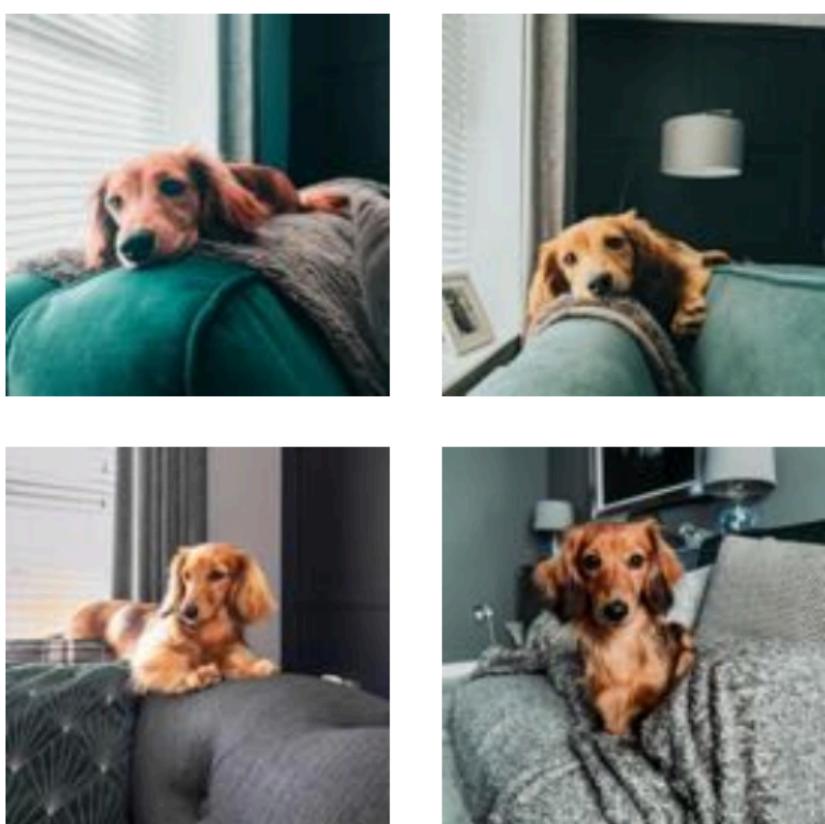
Rene Magritte



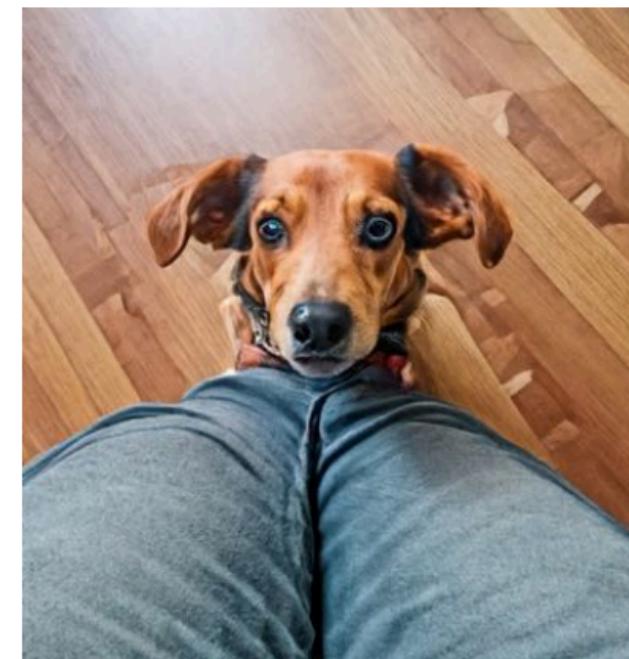
Vincent van Gogh



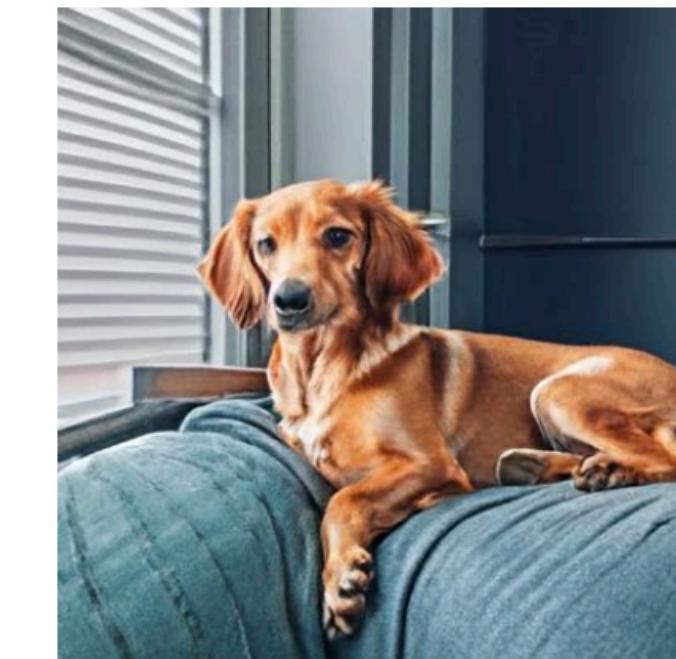
A dog



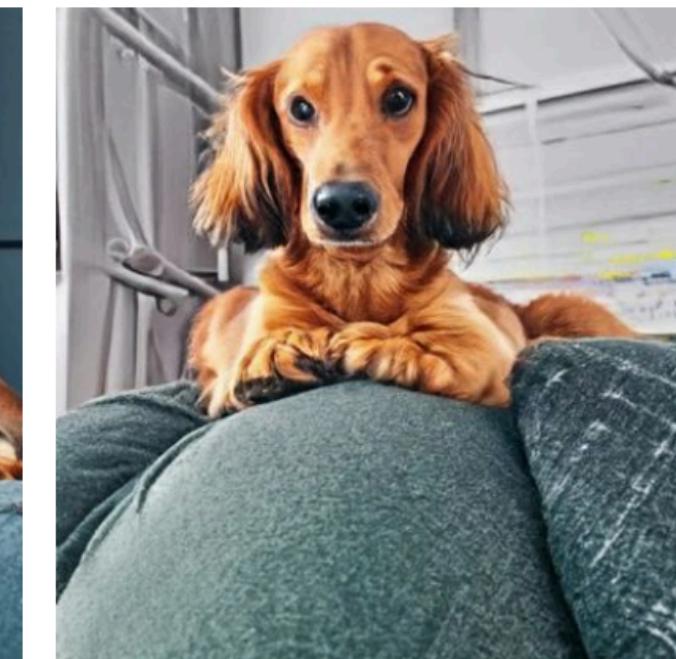
Top-down view



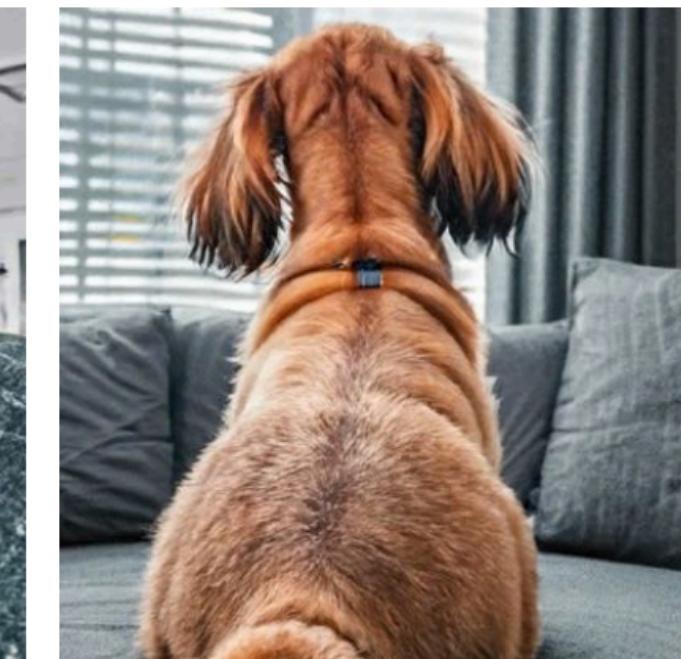
Side view



Bottom view

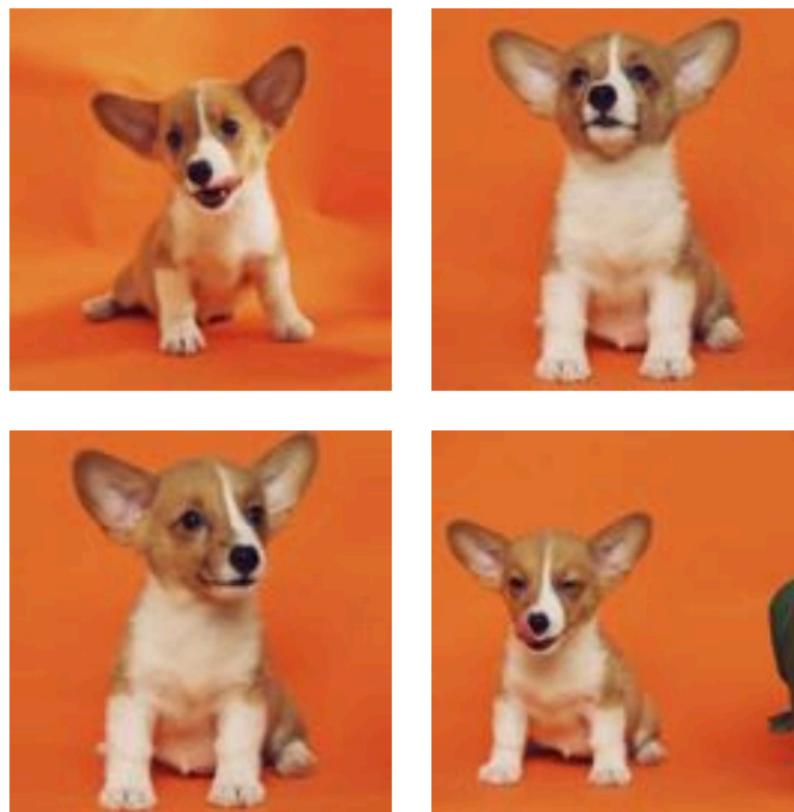


Back view



# Model Outputs

A dog



Depressed



Joyous



Sleepy



Screaming



A monster toy



Blue



Green



Purple



Pink



# Model Outputs



# Compositional Model Outputs

wolf plushie



... playfully chasing a fox plushie.

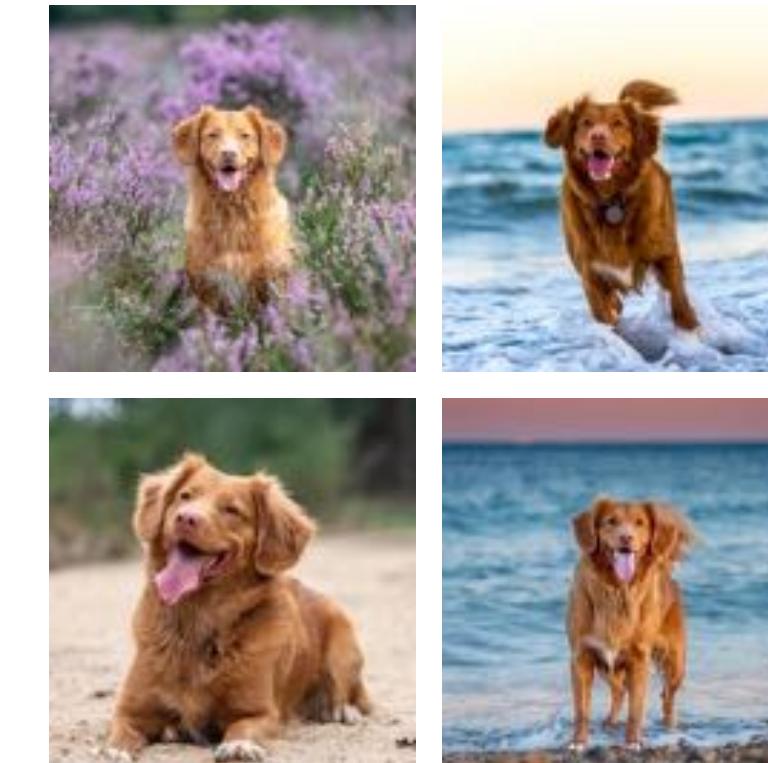


... playfully chasing a fox plushie **through a whimsical forest.**

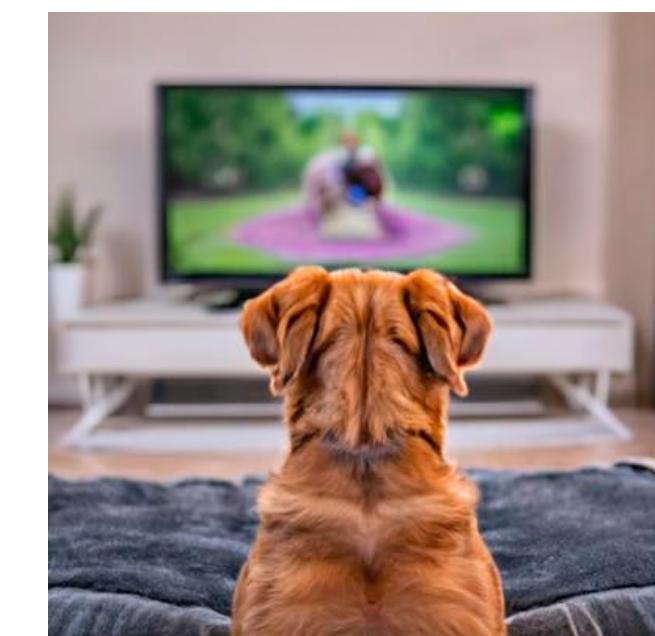


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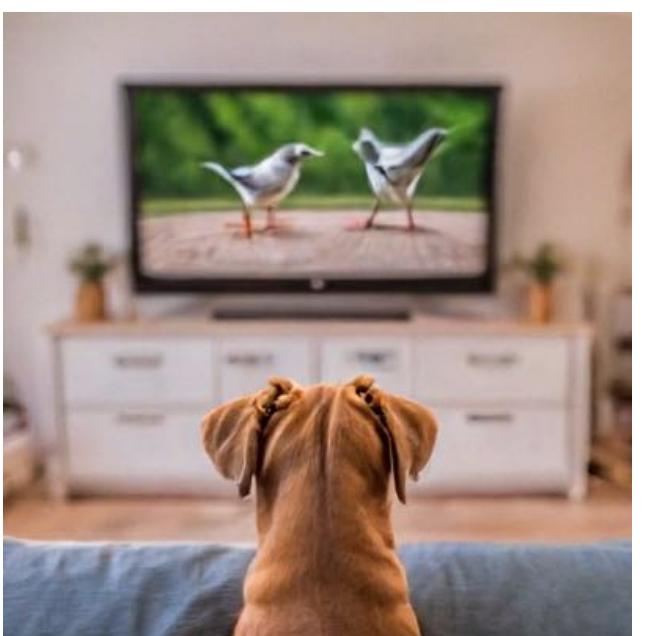
canine dog



a back view of ... watching a TV show.



a back view of ... watching a TV show **about birds.**

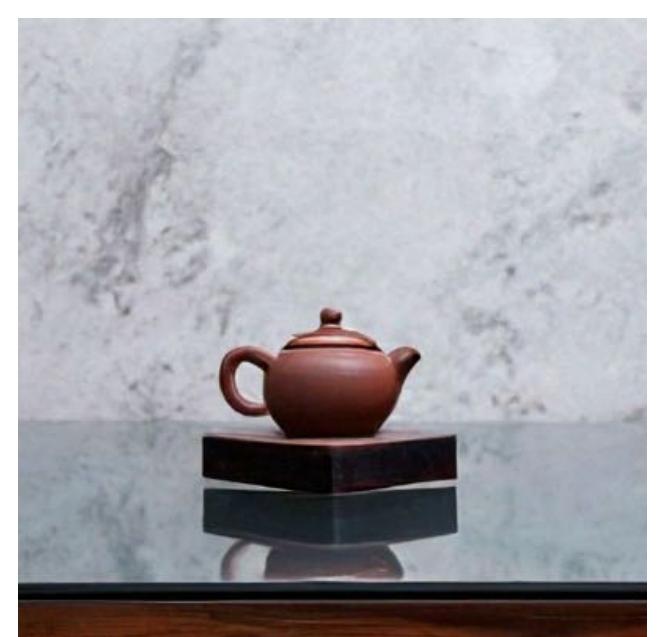


**Re-Context** → **Re-Context + Editing**

clay teapot



... sitting on a glass table.

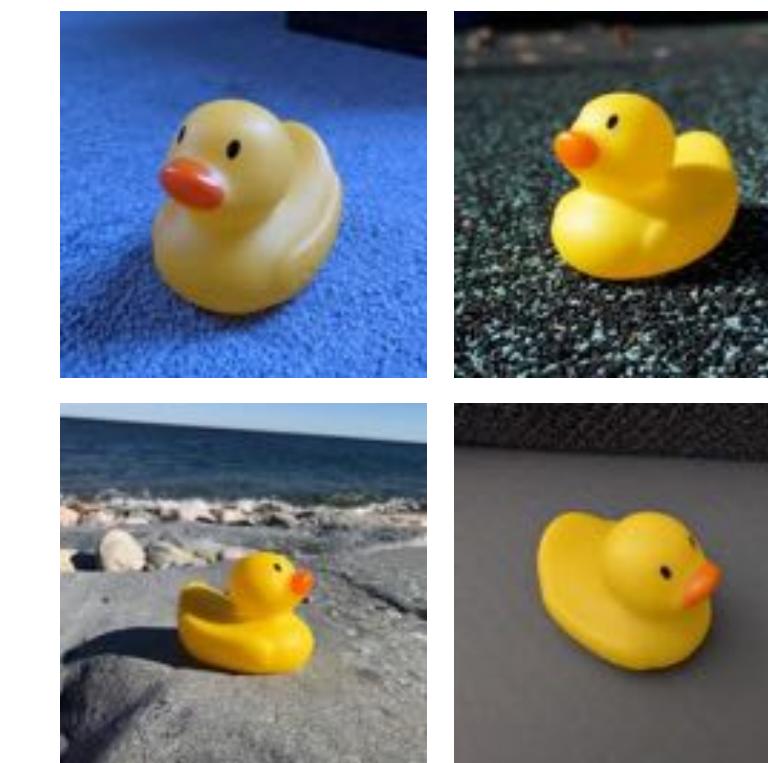


... sitting on a glass table, surrounded by delicate porcelain teacups.

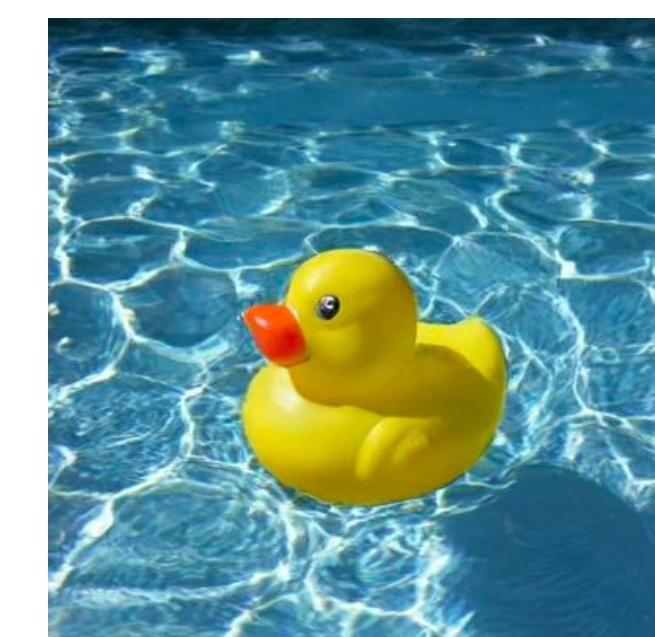


**Re-Context** → **Re-Context + Accessorize**

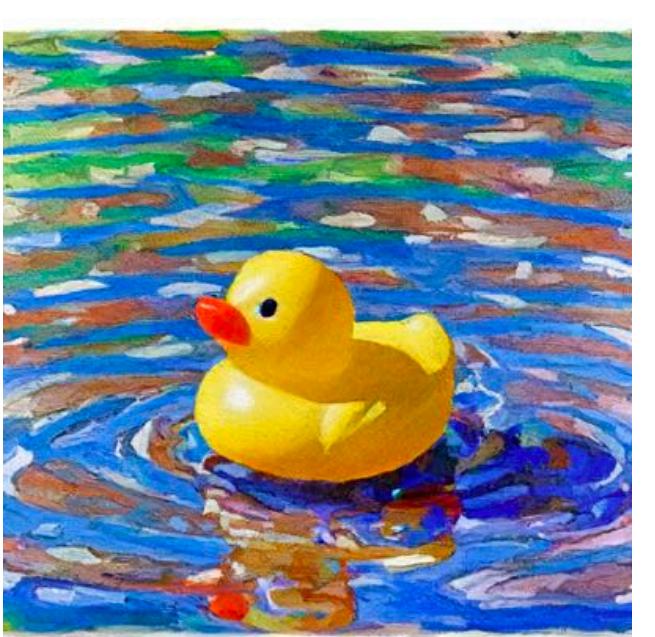
duck toy



... in the water.



a **Claude Monet** styled painting of ... in the water.



**Re-Context** → **Re-Context + Style Transfer**

# Human Evaluation

- We collect 220 prompts regarding 30 different subjects.
- We feed the (subject image, text) -> (prompt, ?) to different models for generation

Methods	Backbone	Space	Time	Subject ↑	Text ↑	Photorealism ↑	Overall ↑
Models requiring test-time tuning							
Textual Inversion [10]	SD [25]	\$	30 mins	0.22	0.64	0.90	0.14
Null-Text Inversion [19]	Imagen [28]	\$\$	5 mins	0.20	0.46	0.70	0.10
Imagic [15]	Imagen [28]	\$\$\$\$	70 mins	0.78	0.34	0.68	0.28
DreamBooth [27]	SD [25]	\$\$\$	6 mins	0.74	0.53	0.85	0.47
DreamBooth [27]	Imagen [28]	\$\$\$	10 mins	0.88	0.82	<b>0.98</b>	0.77
InstructPix2Pix [4]	SD [25]	-	10 secs	0.14	0.46	0.42	0.10
Re-Imagen [6]	Imagen [28]	-	20 secs	0.70	0.65	0.64	0.42
Ours: SuTI	Imagen [28]	-	30 secs	<b>0.90</b>	<b>0.90</b>	0.92	<b>0.82</b>

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# Background Control

Subject



Background

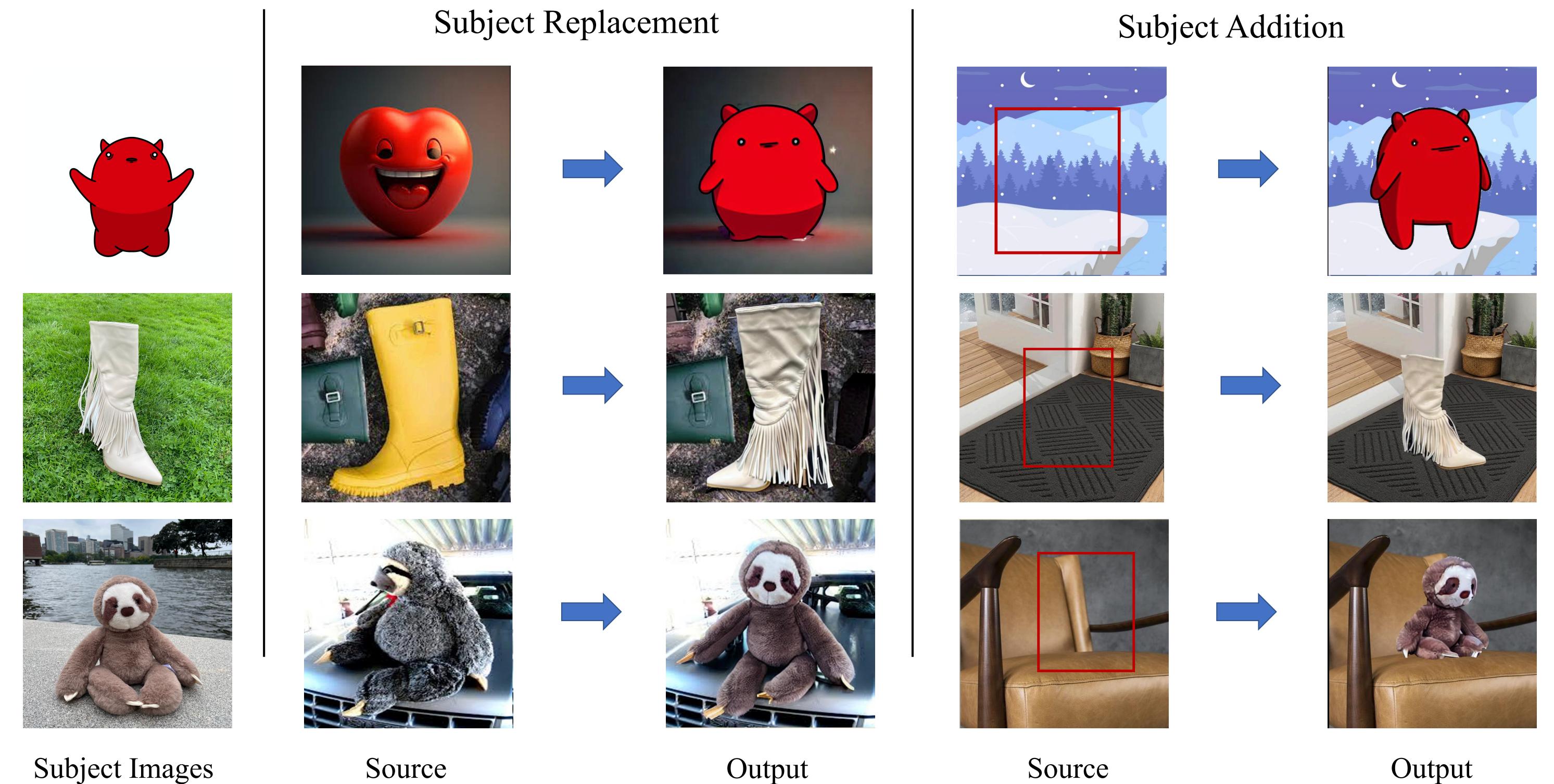


Output



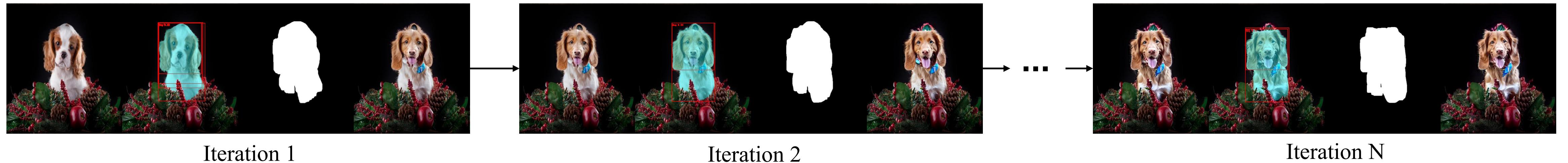
# Task Definition

- Subject Replacement
  - Replace the subject in the source image with the customised subject
- Subject Addition
  - Add the customised subject to the designated position in a given background



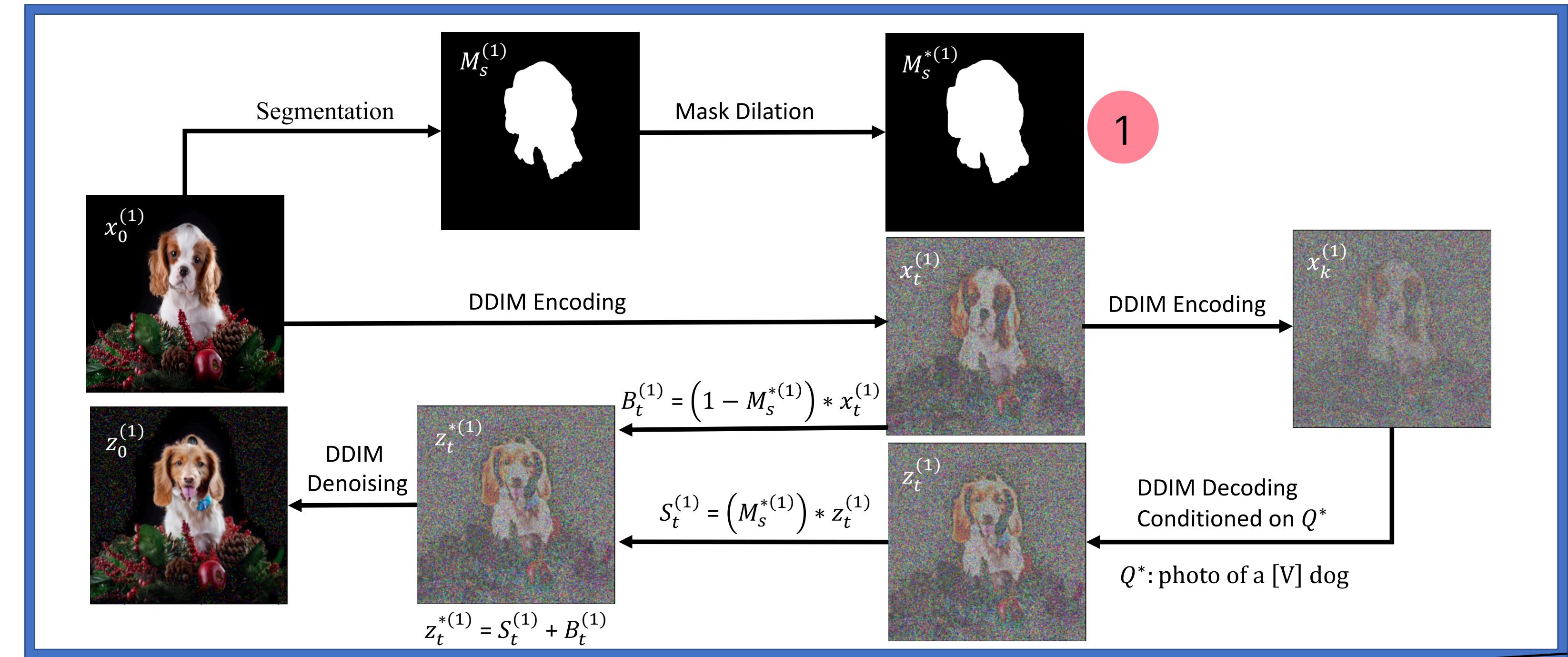
# Iterative Mask-based In-painting

- Challenges
  - How to replace the subject differs dramatically from the target subject?
  - How to blend the added subject naturally in the designated environment?
- Solution:
  - Iterative generation: Gradual adaptation to the customized subject



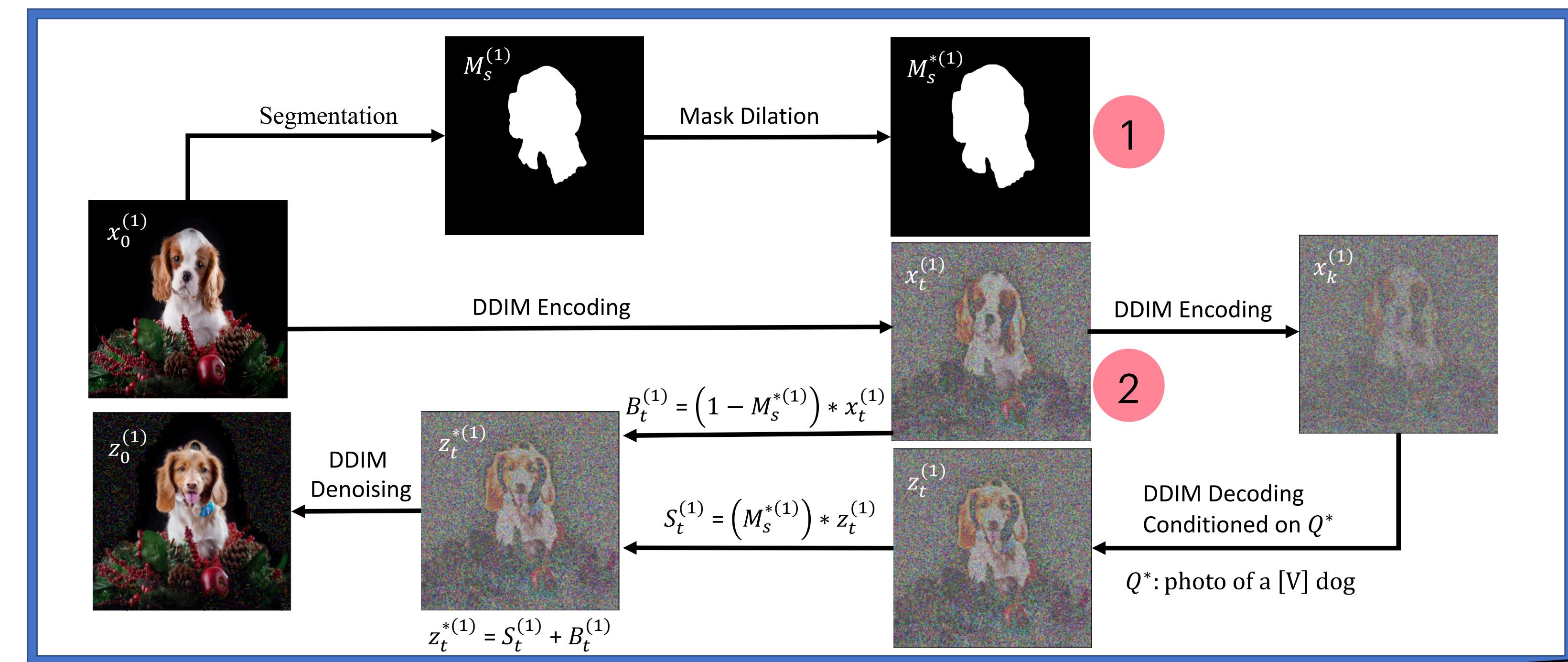
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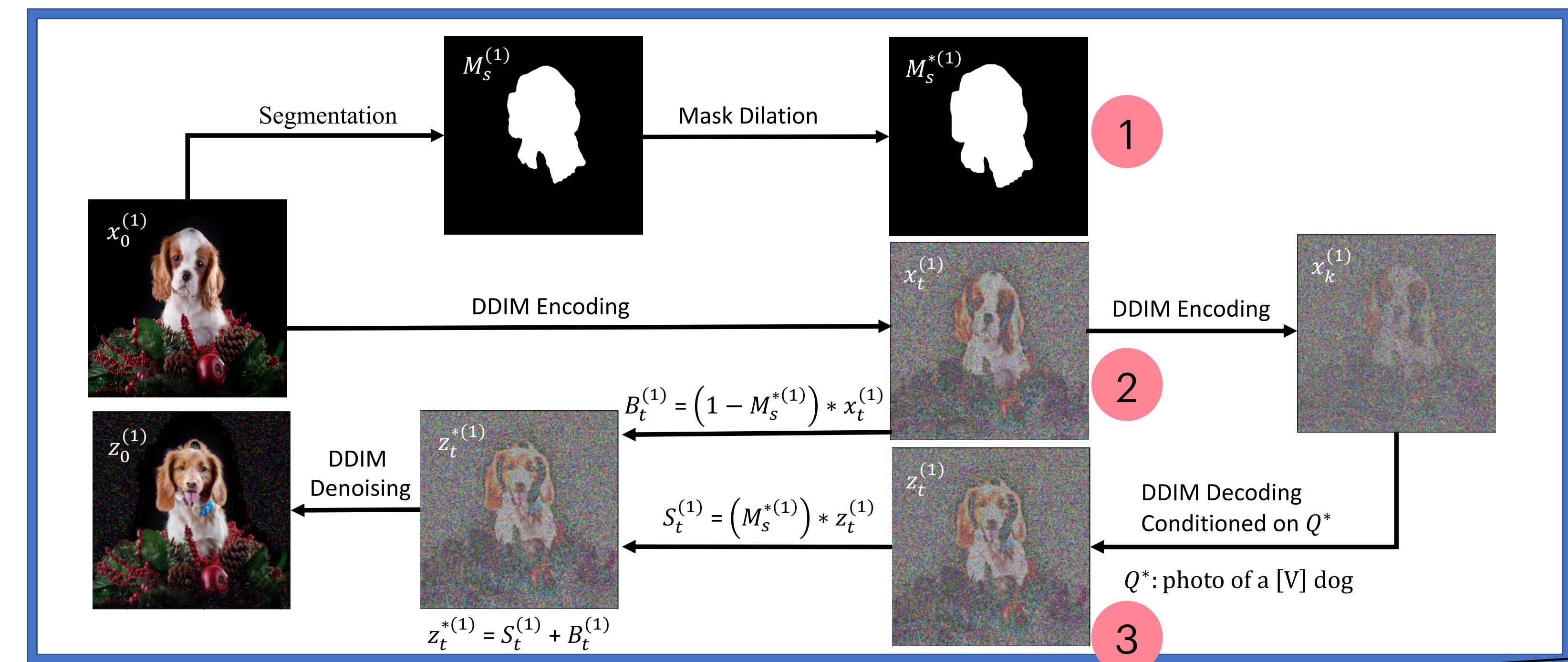
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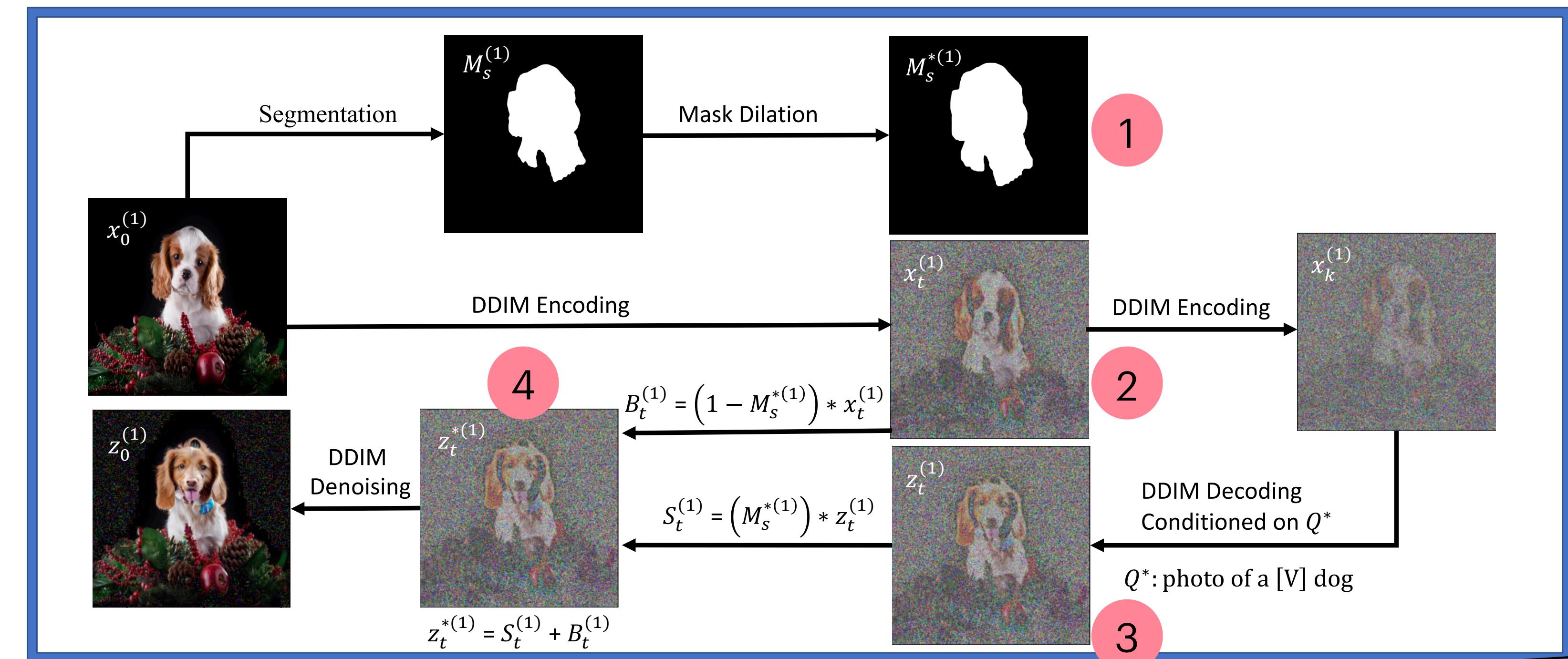
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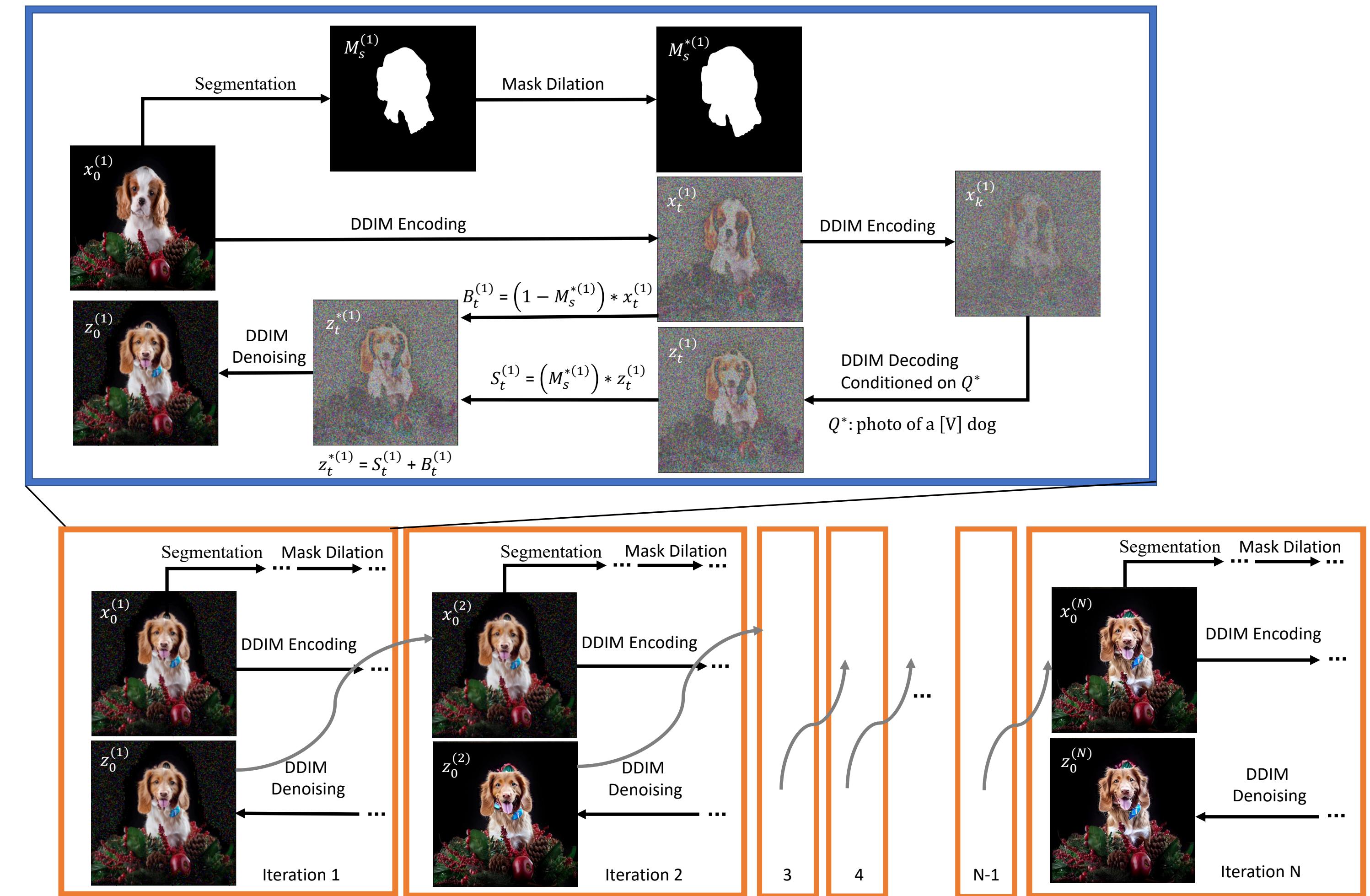
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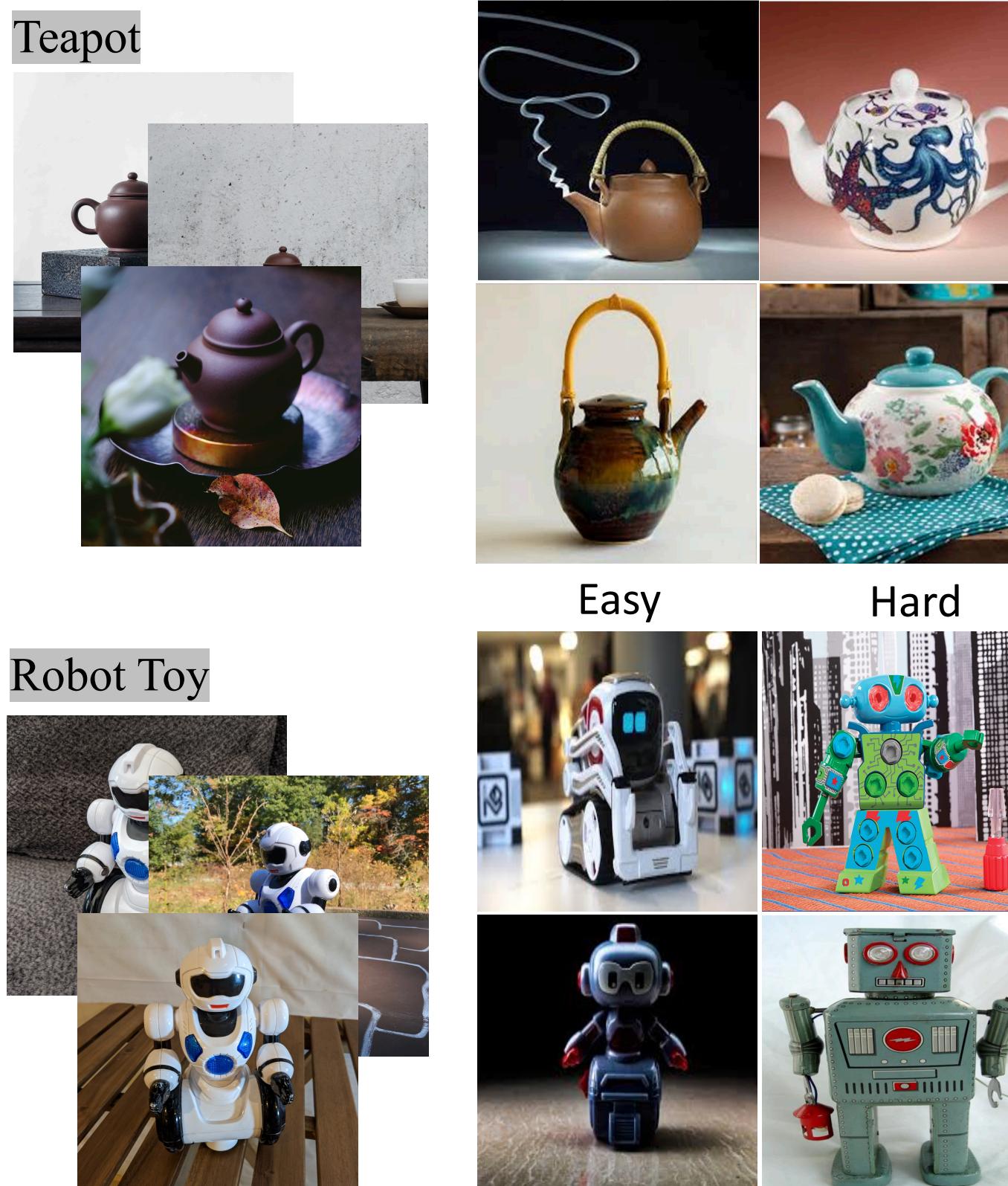
- Iterative Generation
  - The output of the current iteration is fed to the next iteration as the input
  - Easy examples: one iteration is enough
  - Hard examples: longer iterations



# Dataset Curation

- DreamEditBench:
  - Manually collect 220 images of 22 subjects for each task
  - Easy and hard division based on difference

Subject Replacement



Subject Addition



# Experimental Results

- Human evaluation result on curated dataset

Method	Initialization	Subject↑	Background↑	Realistic↑	Overall↑
Subject Replacement					
DreamBooth	-	0.543	0.0	<b>0.707</b>	0.072
Customized-DiffEdit	-	0.21	<b>0.828</b>	0.668	0.488
CopyPaste	COPY	<b>1.00</b>	0.148	0.123	0.263
DreamEditor (1)	COPY	0.778	0.407	0.52	0.548
DreamEditor (5)	COPY	0.817	0.505	0.54	0.606
DreamEditor (1)	-	0.532	0.760	0.557	0.608
DreamEditor (5)	-	0.630	0.800	0.582	<b>0.664</b>
Subject Addition					
DreamBooth	-	0.477	0.0	<b>0.635</b>	0.067
Customized-DiffEdit	GLIGEN	0.288	0.302	0.252	0.280
CopyPaste	COPY	<b>0.983</b>	<b>1.0</b>	0.033	0.319
DreamEditor (1)	COPY	0.635	0.978	0.265	0.548
DreamEditor (5)	COPY	0.633	0.973	0.393	0.623
DreamEditor (1)	GLIGEN	0.287	0.99	0.427	0.495
DreamEditor (5)	GLIGEN	0.478	0.972	0.528	<b>0.626</b>

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# Diverse Image Editing Tasks

- Subject-driven Image Generation [DreamBooth, [SuTI](#)]
  - Given reference image of a subject -> target image containing the subject
- Text-guided Image Editing [Imagic, Prompt2Prompt, InstructP2P]
  - Given an image and an instruction -> target image following the instruction
- Subject-driven Image Editing [[DreamEdit](#)]
  - Given a subject and image -> target image containing the subject and background
- Style-guided Image Generation [StyleDrop]
  - Given a style reference and a source image -> target image with the given style
- Control-guided Image Generation [ControlNet]
  - Given a keypoint, bbox, pose, layout -> target image following these signal
- Compositional multi-subject-driven Image Generation [Custom Diffusion]
  - Given reference of multiple subjects -> target image containing all of the input subjects

# Standardized Image Editing Model Evaluation

- There are huge amount of image editing models
  - All the evaluation is done differently
  - The code and data are dispersed everywhere
  - It's hard to keep track of all the model performance, etc
- We plan to host a platform for **Holistic Image Editing Evaluation**
  - Comile a set of evaluation tasks, hire human raters
  - Standaridize the input formats
  - Continuously update the Benchmark (Like lmsys and HELM)

# Instruction-tuned Foundation model

- Currently, specific model is designed for specific task.
  - It's hard to maintain so many individual models
- Can we compile all these skills into a single model?
  - We plan to develop FLAN-type instruction-tuned Image manipulation model
  - By training on a large set of image manipulation task, we hope it can generalize to new tasks
- One difficulty now is that we need to have better foundation vision-language models
  - Encoding interleaved images and text
  - Better architecture than UNet to digest these diverse instruction inputs

*Thank You!*