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# GAN Improvements

# Outline

- How GANs have improved
- State of the art methods for improving GANs performance



# GANs Over Time



**Ian Goodfellow**  
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4.5 years of GAN progress on face generation.

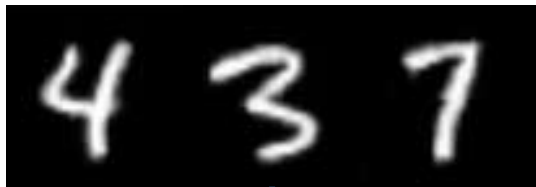
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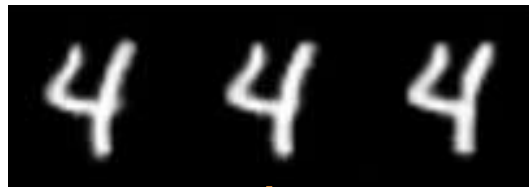
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# Main Improvements: (1) Stability



*High* standard  
deviation



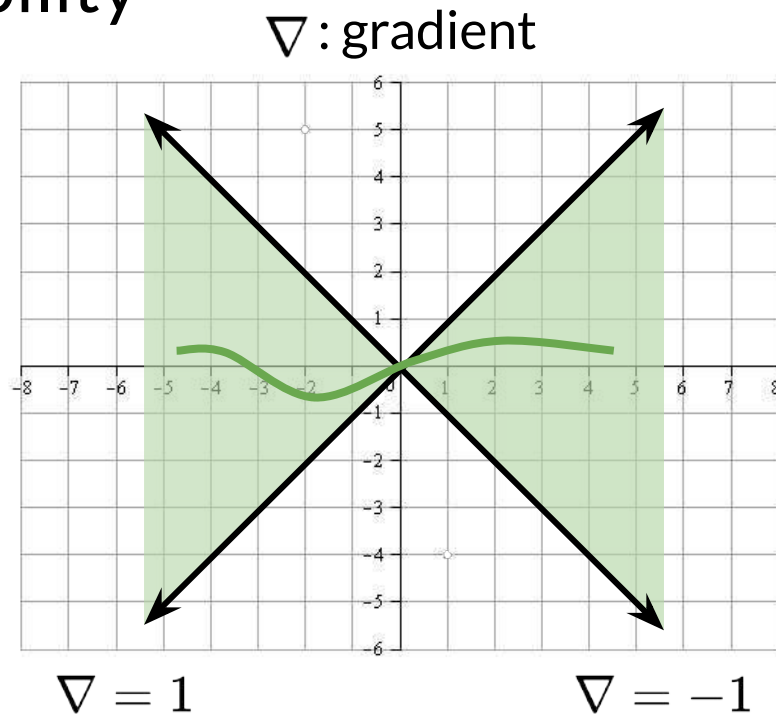
**Low** standard  
deviation

Use batch standard deviation to  
encourage diversity

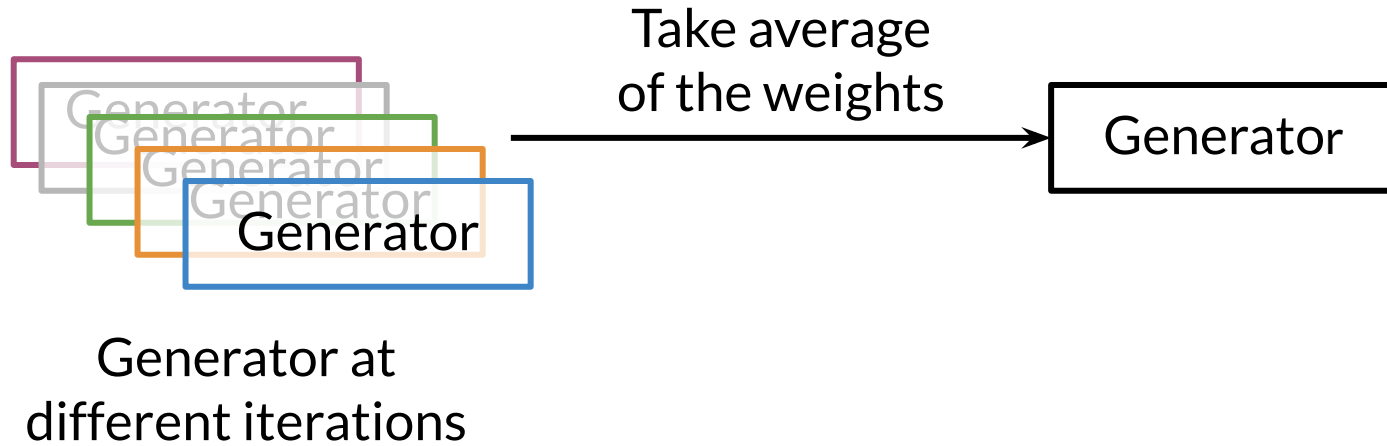
# Main Improvements: (1) Stability

Improve stability by enforcing  
1-Lipschitz continuity

E.g. **WGAN-GP** and **Spectral  
Normalization**



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No averaging

Exponential  
averaging

Use moving average for  
smoother results

Available from: <https://arxiv.org/abs/1806.04498v2>

# Main Improvements: (1) Stability



Progressive growing gradually trains  
GAN at increasing resolutions

Available from: <https://arxiv.org/abs/1710.10196>



## Main Improvements: (2) Capacity



Larger models can use  
higher resolution images

# Main Improvements: (3) Diversity



Available from: <https://github.com/NVlabs/stylegan>

# Summary

- GANs have improved because of:
  - Stability - longer training and better images
  - Capacity - larger models and higher resolution images
  - Diversity - increasing variety in generated images





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# StyleGAN Overview

# Outline

- StyleGAN achievements
- What styles are
- Introduction to StyleGAN architecture and components



# StyleGAN Goals

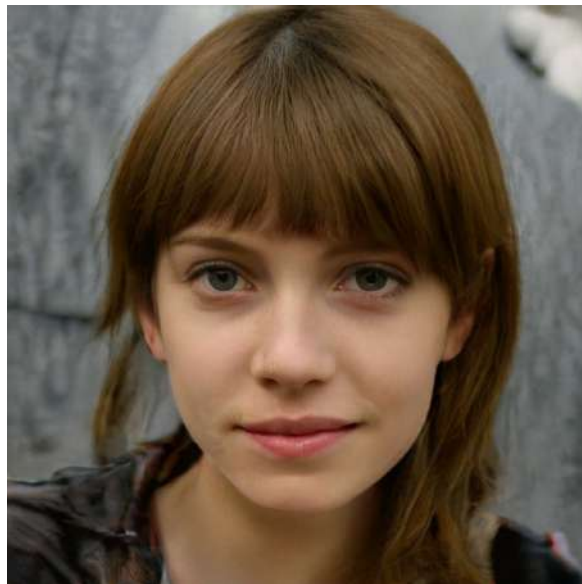
1. Greater **fidelity** on high-resolution images
2. Increased *diversity* of outputs
3. More control over image features



# Greater Fidelity



Not fooling anyone



I'm shook

(Left) Available from: <https://arxiv.org/abs/1406.2661>  
(Right) Available from: <https://github.com/NVlabs/stylegan>

# Increased Diversity



Available from: <https://arxiv.org/abs/1812.04948>



# Increased Diversity



# More Feature Control

Hair color/style →



← Glasses

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# Style in GANs

**Style** = variation in an  
image

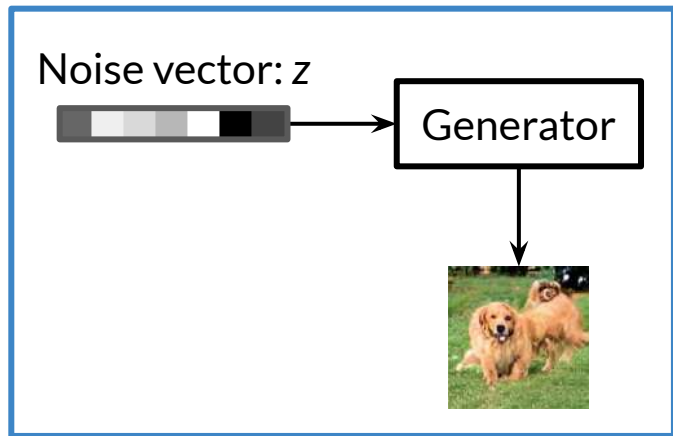
*Early* styles are *coarser* like  
face shape

*Later* styles are *finer* like  
hair wisps



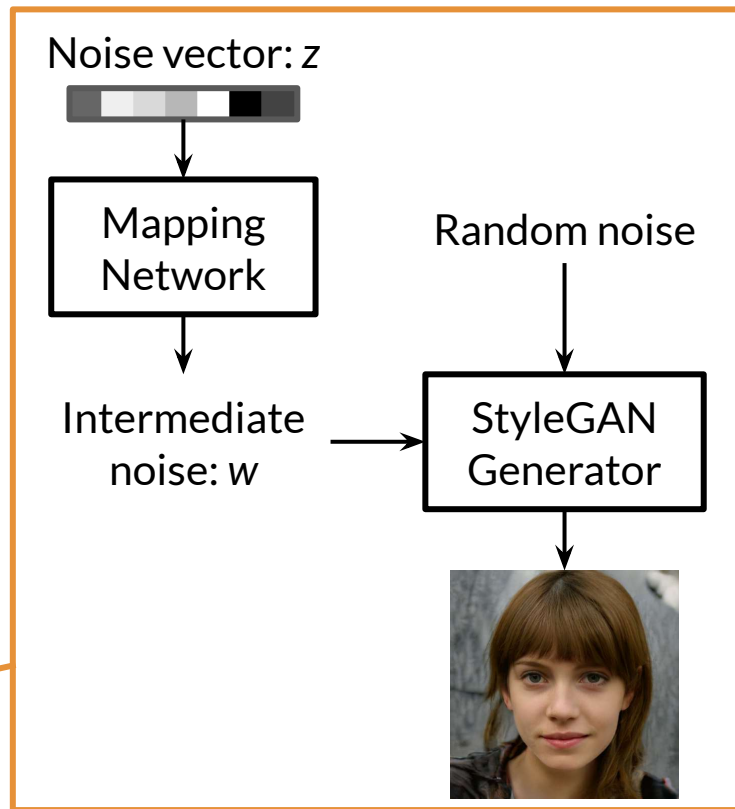
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# The Style-Based Generator

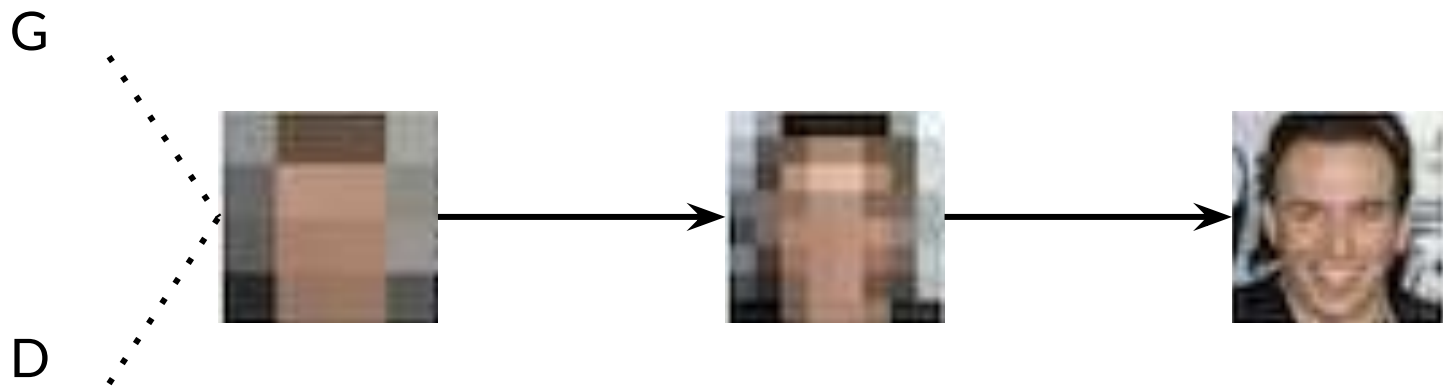


Traditional architecture

StyleGAN architecture



# Progressive Growing



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# Summary

- StyleGAN's **goals**:
  - Greater fidelity, increased diversity, improved control over features
- Style is any variation in the image
- **Main components** of StyleGAN:
  - Progressive growing
  - Noise mapping network
  - Adaptive instance normalization (AdaIN)





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# Progressive Growing

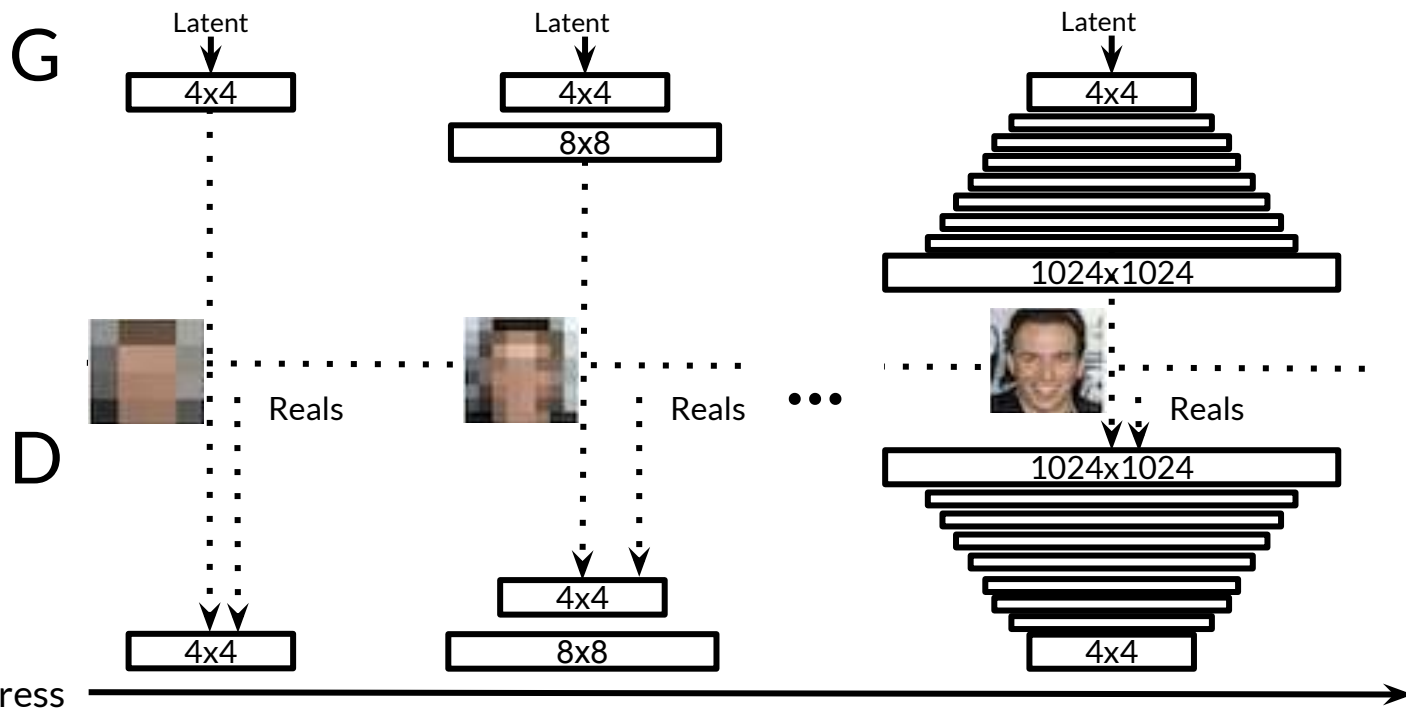
# Outline

- Progressive growing intuition and motivation
- How to implement it





# Progressive Growing



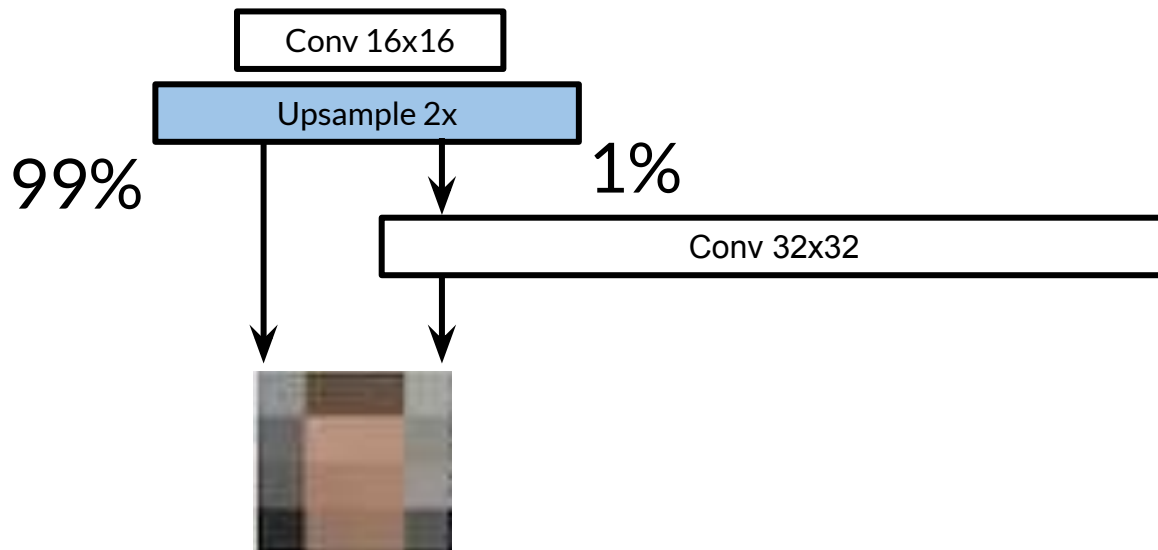
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# Progressive Growing in Action



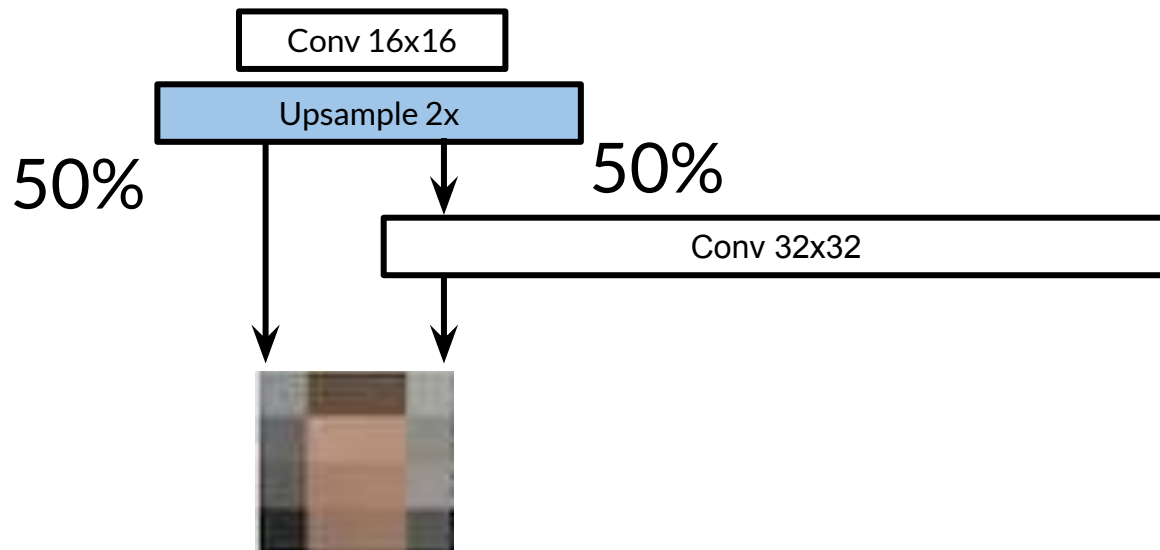
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# Progressive Growing: Generator



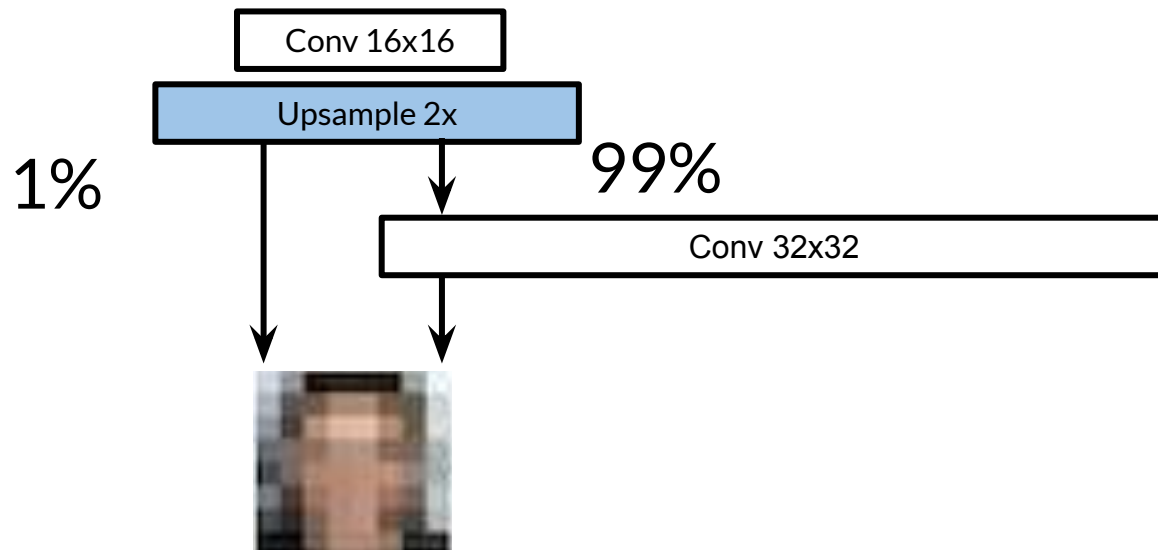
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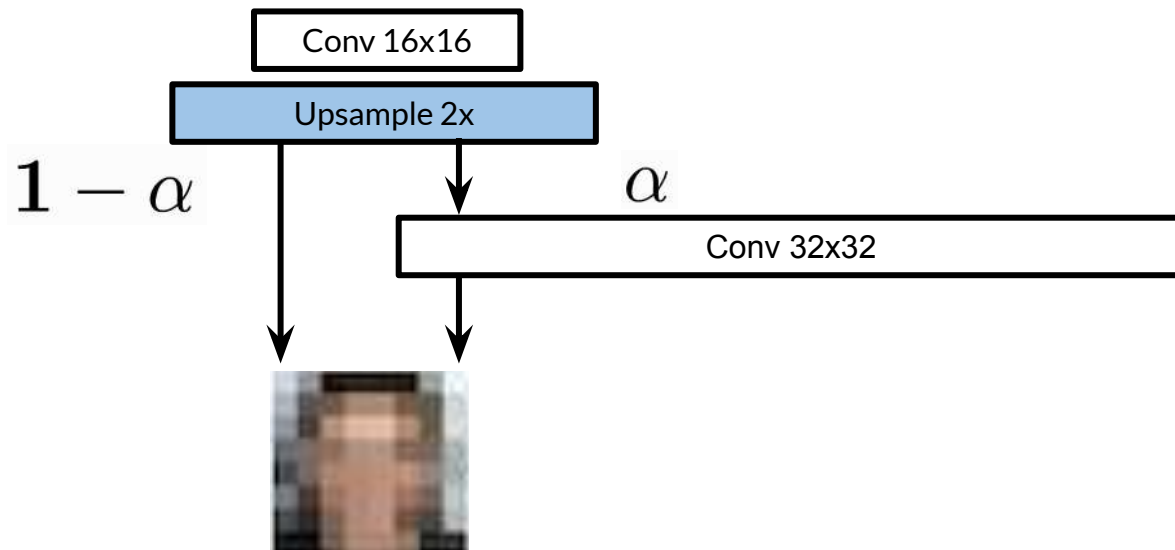
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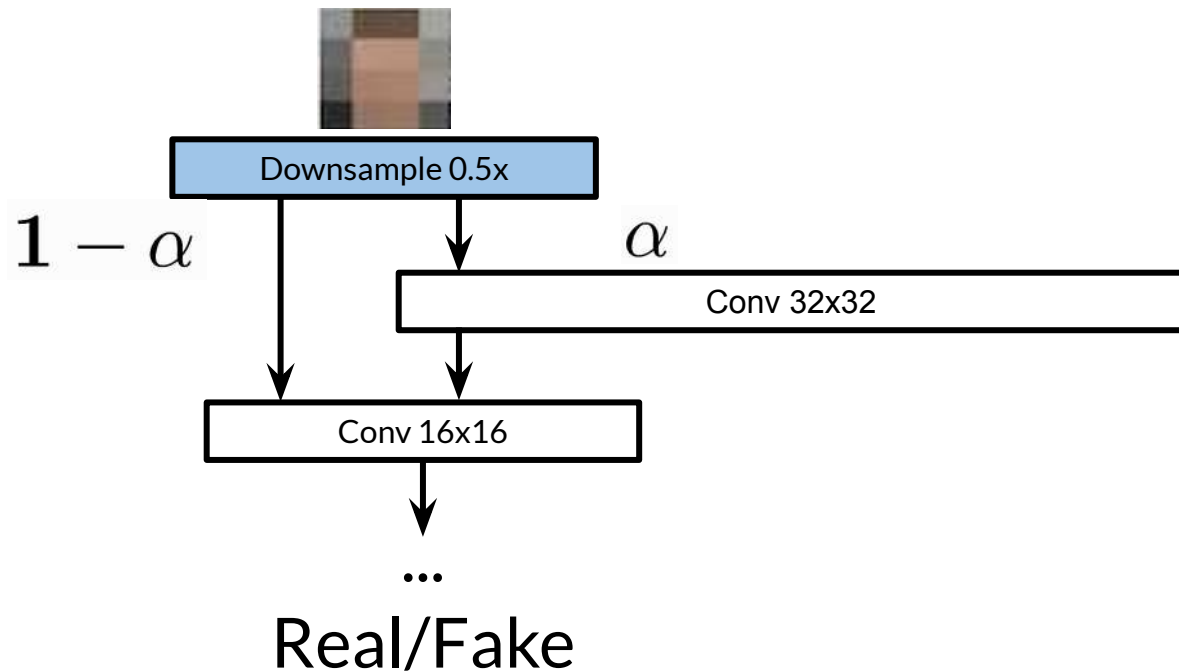
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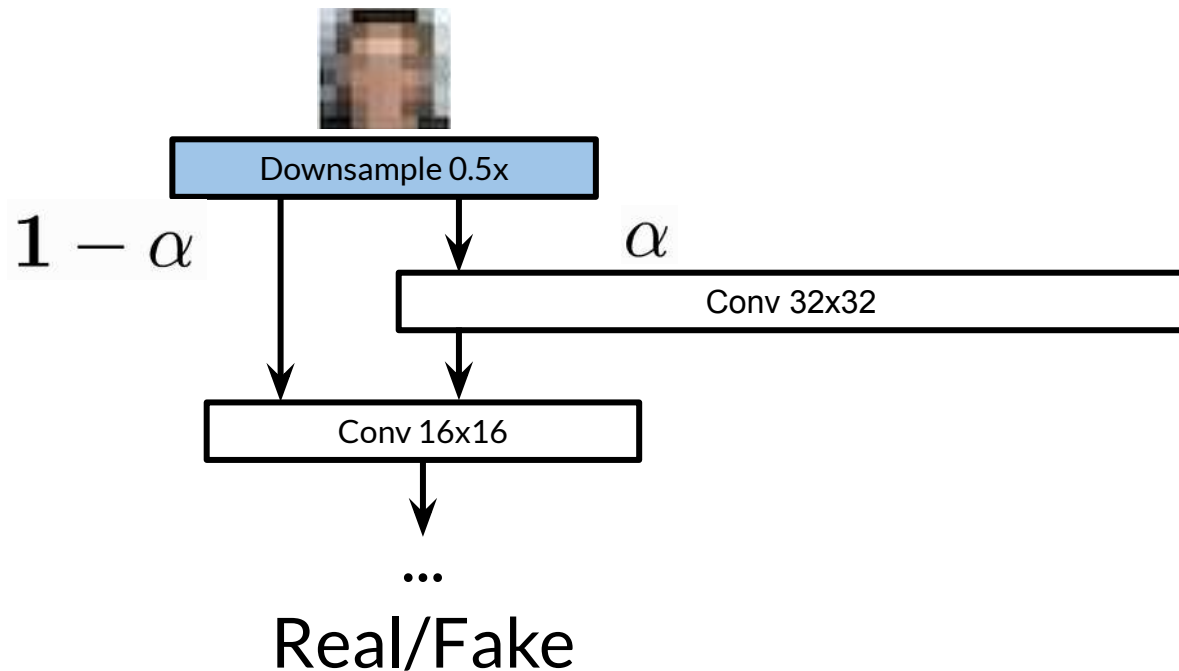
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# Progressive Growing: Discriminator



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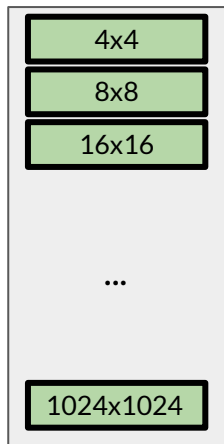
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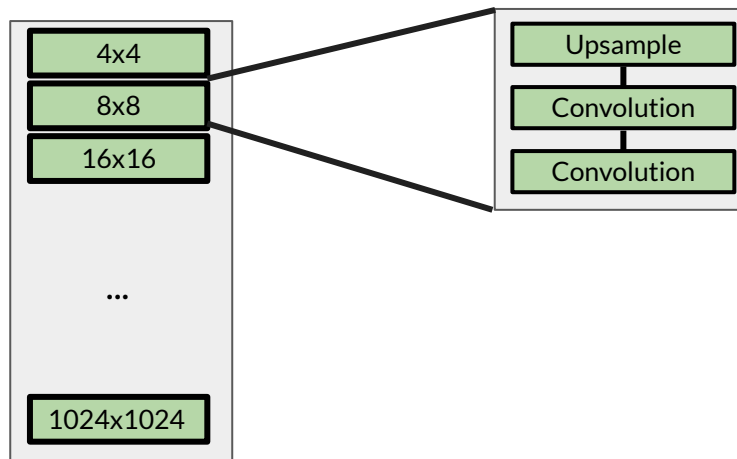


# Progressive Growing in Context



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# Summary

- Progressive growing gradually doubles image resolution
- Helps with faster, more stable training for higher resolutions





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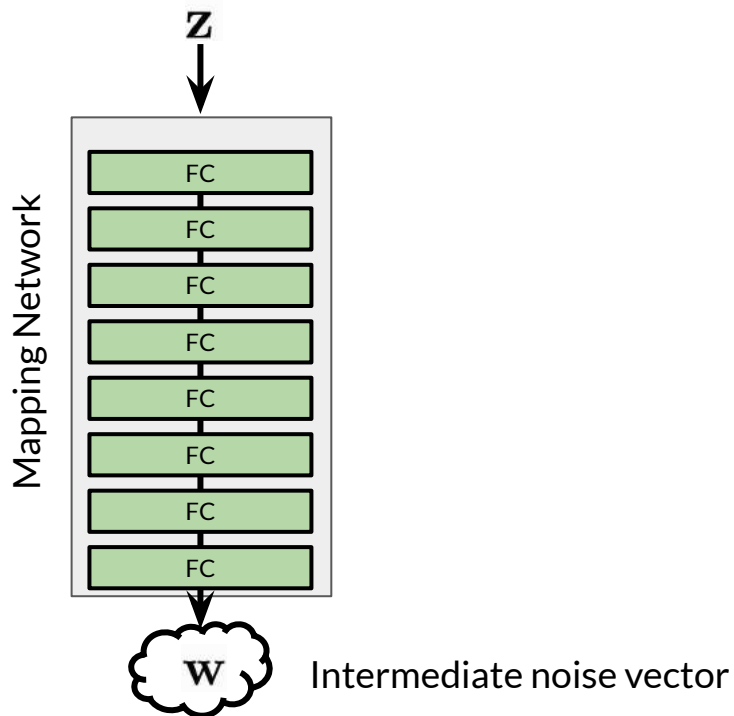
# Noise Mapping Network

# Outline

- Noise mapping network structure
- Motivation behind the noise mapping network
- Where its output  $\mathcal{W}$  goes

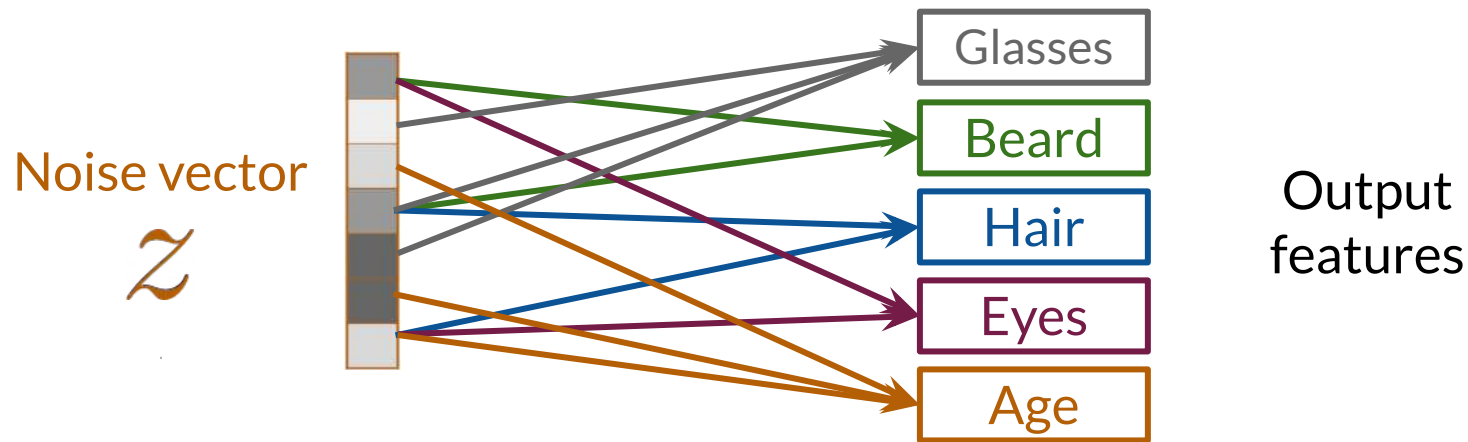


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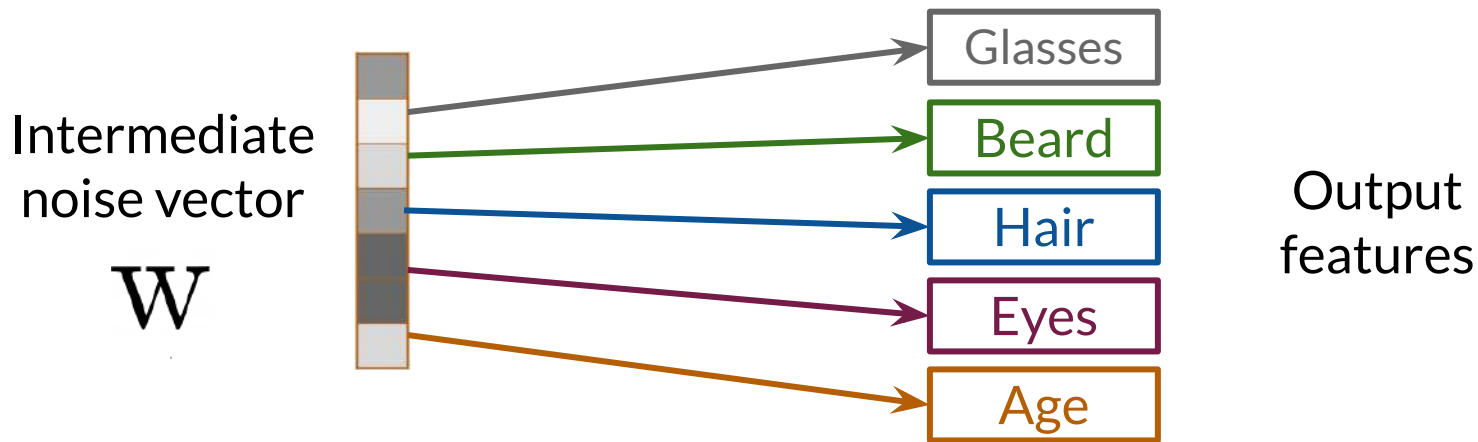
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# Remember: Z-Space Entanglement



Not possible to control single output features

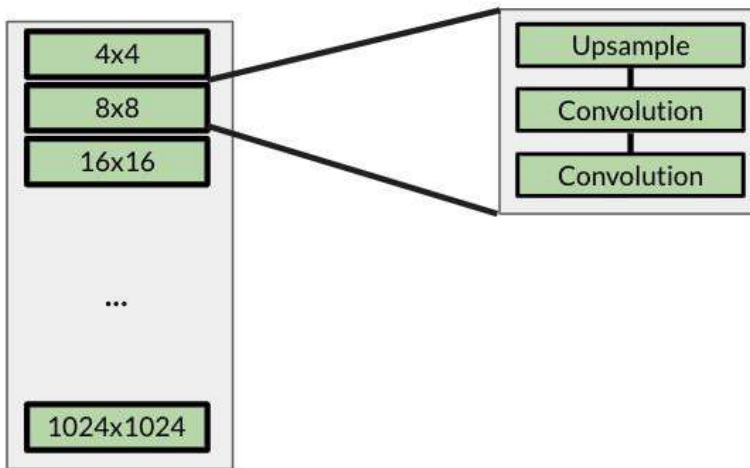
# W-Space: Less Entangled



More possible to control single output features

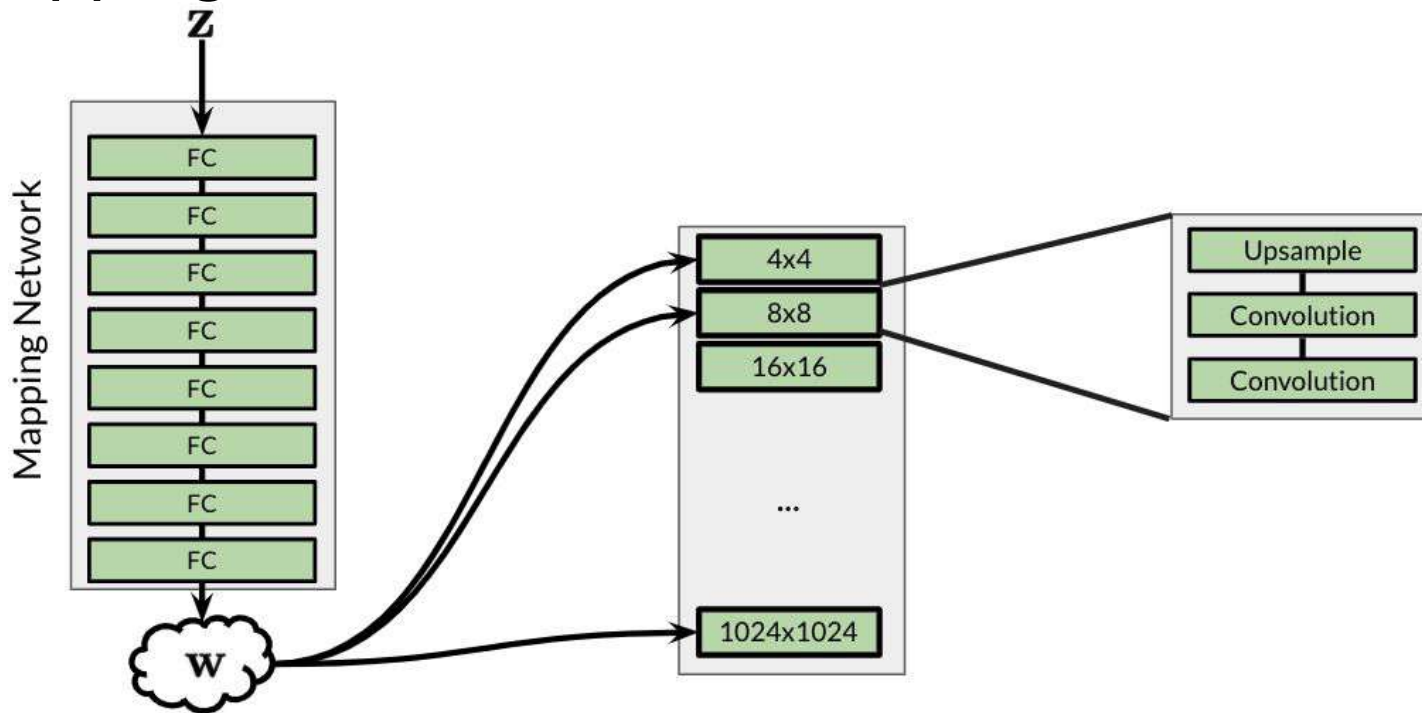


# Mapping Network in Context



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# Summary

- Noise mapping allows for a more disentangled noise space
- The intermediate noise vector  $\tilde{W}$  is used as input to the generator





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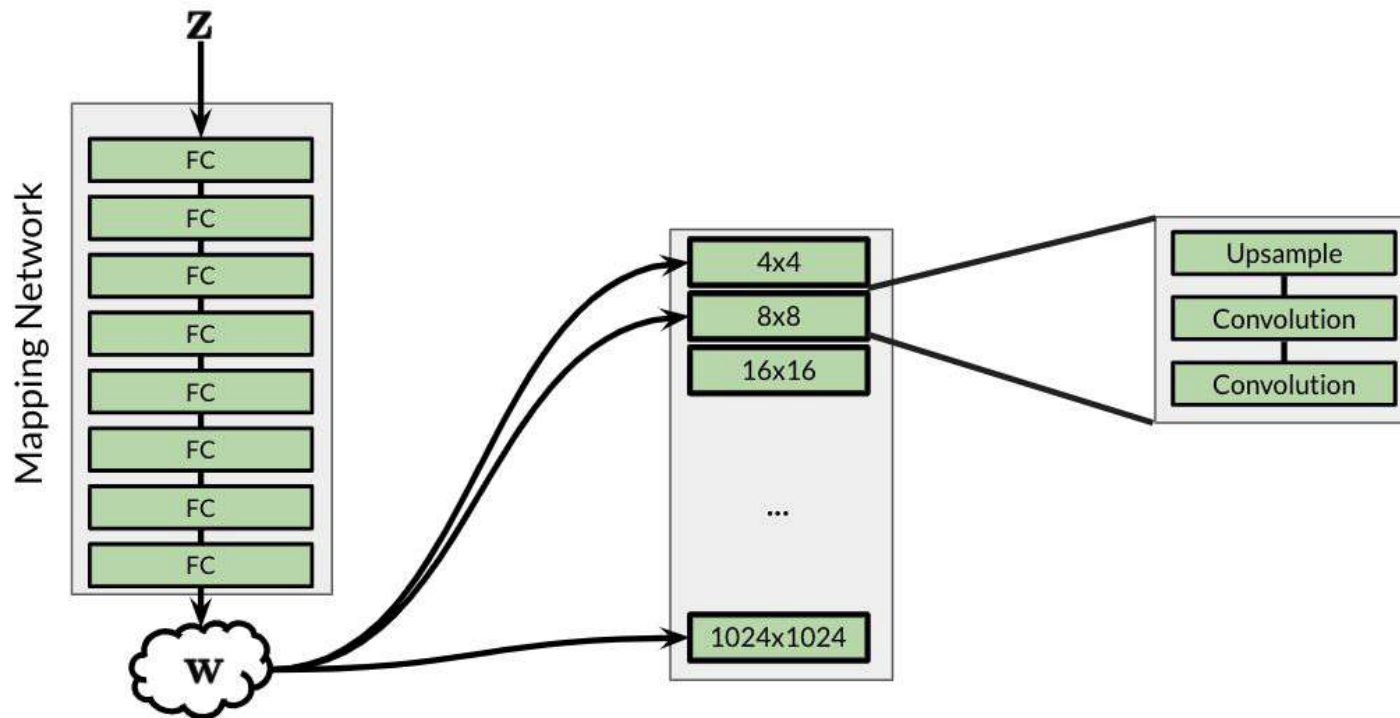
# Adaptive Instance Normalization (AdaIN)

# Outline

- Instance Normalization
- Adaptive Instance Normalization (AdaIN)
- Where and why AdaIN is used

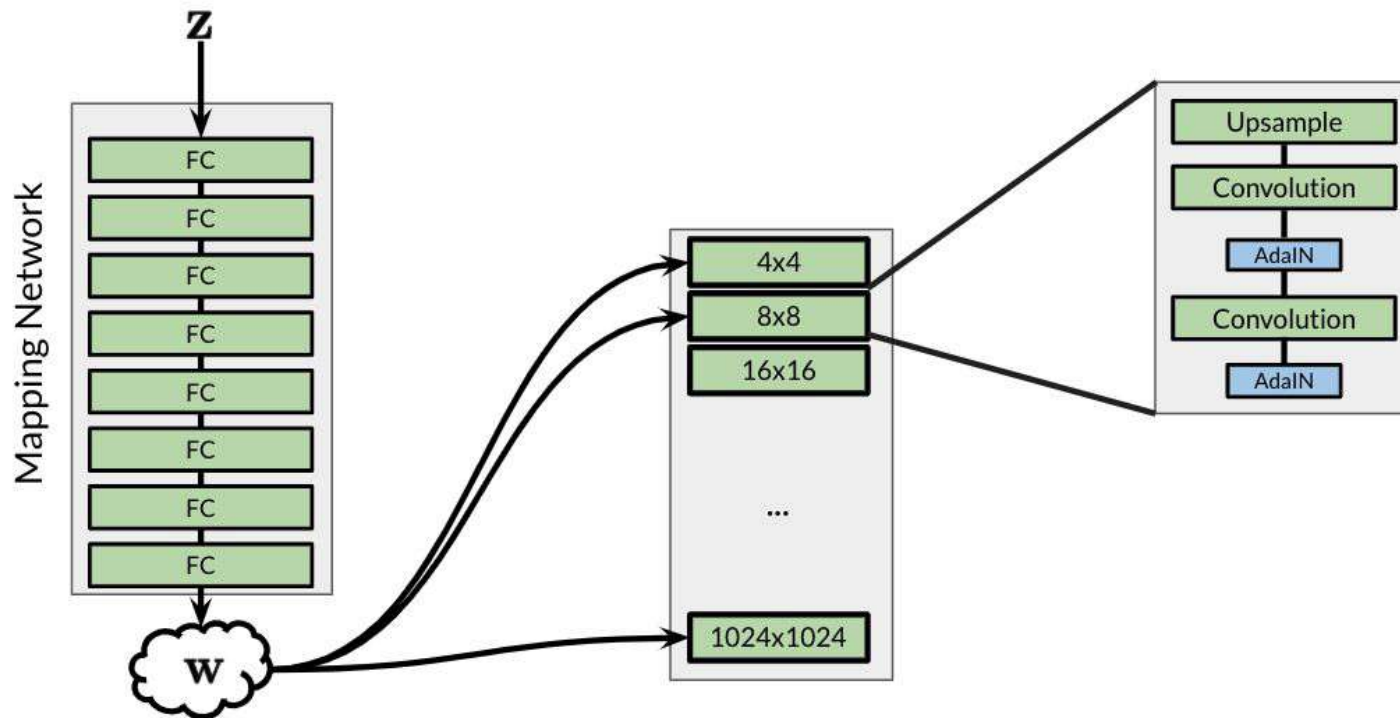


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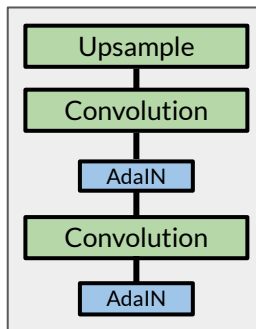
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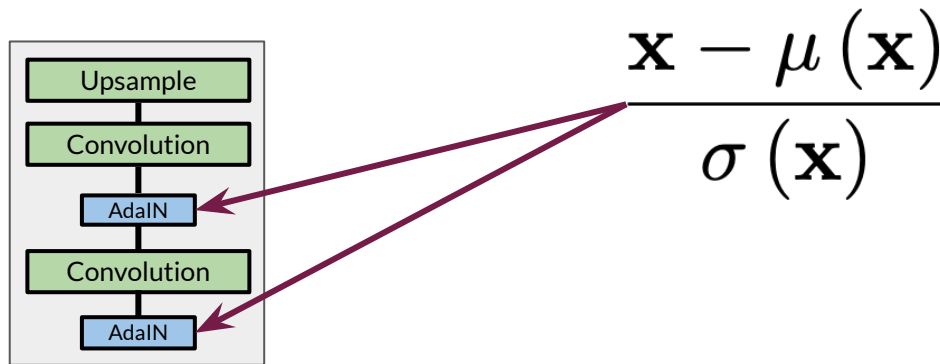
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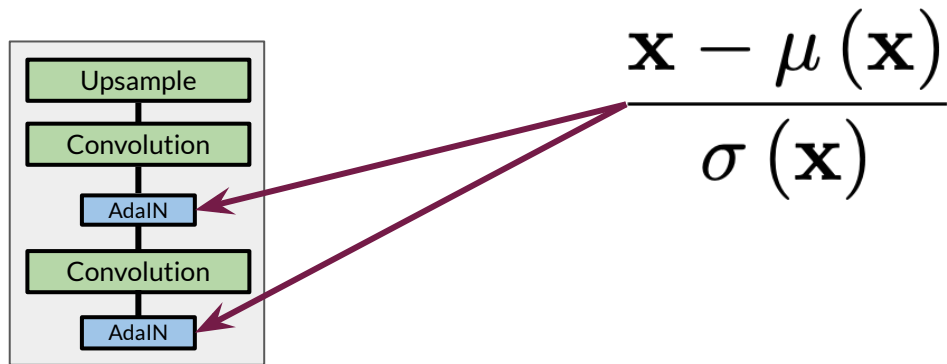


# AdaIN



Step 1: **Normalize** convolution outputs

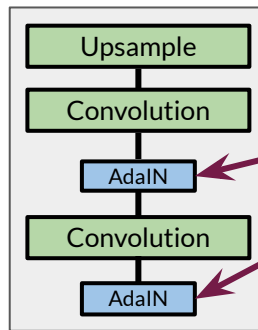
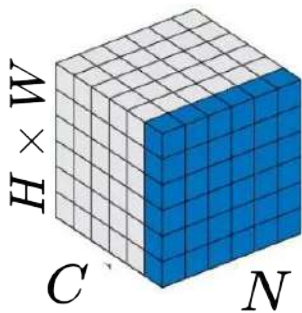
# AdaIN



Step 1: **Normalize** convolution outputs using **Instance Normalization**

# AdaIN

Batch norm



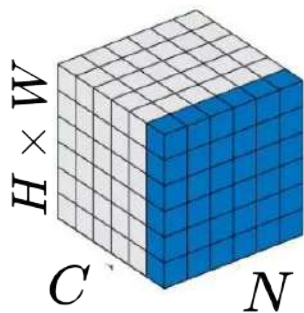
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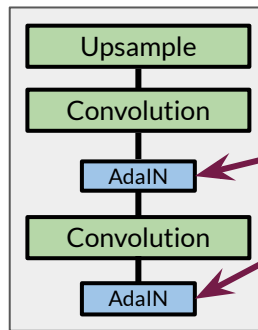
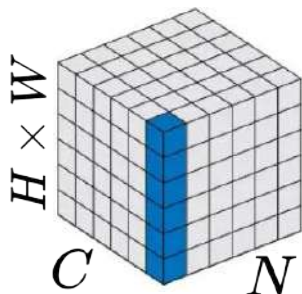
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Instance norm



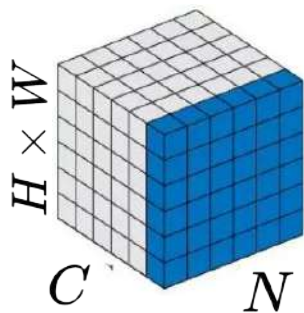
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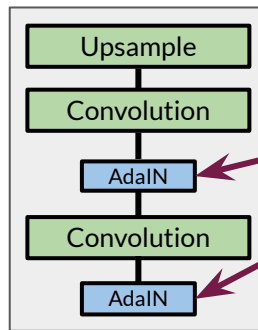
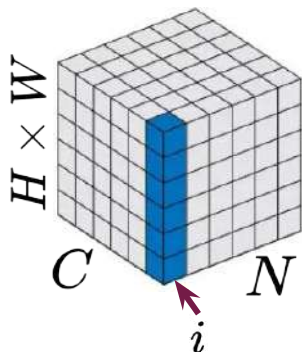
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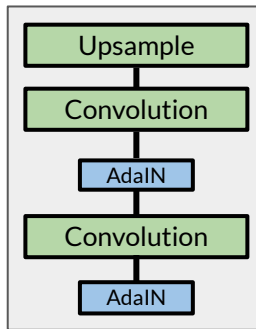


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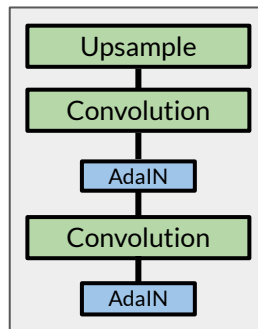
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Step 2: Apply **adaptive styles**

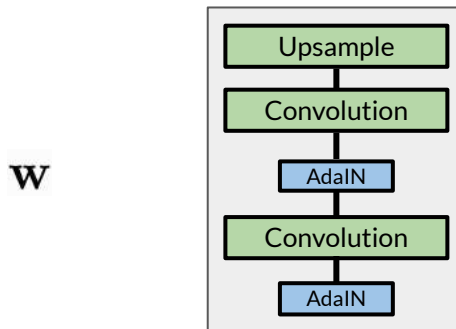
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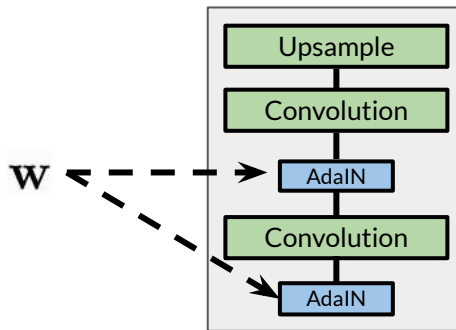
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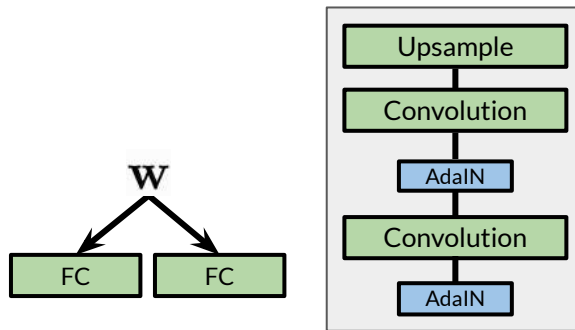


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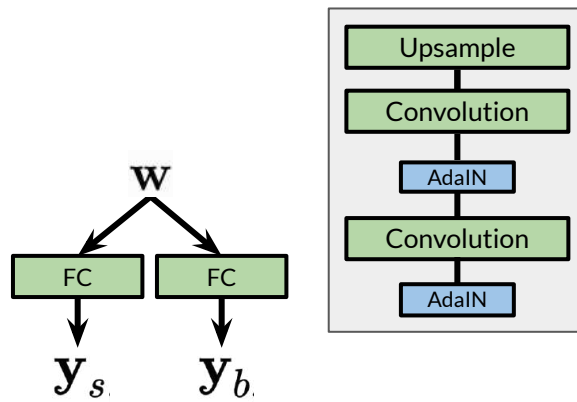
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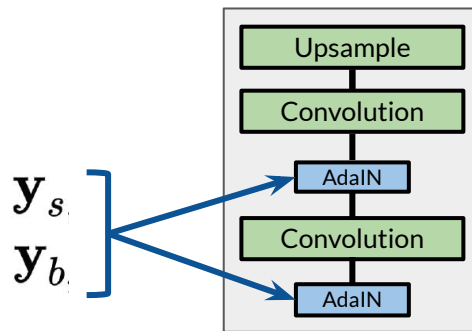
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# AdaIN

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Step 1: Instance normalization

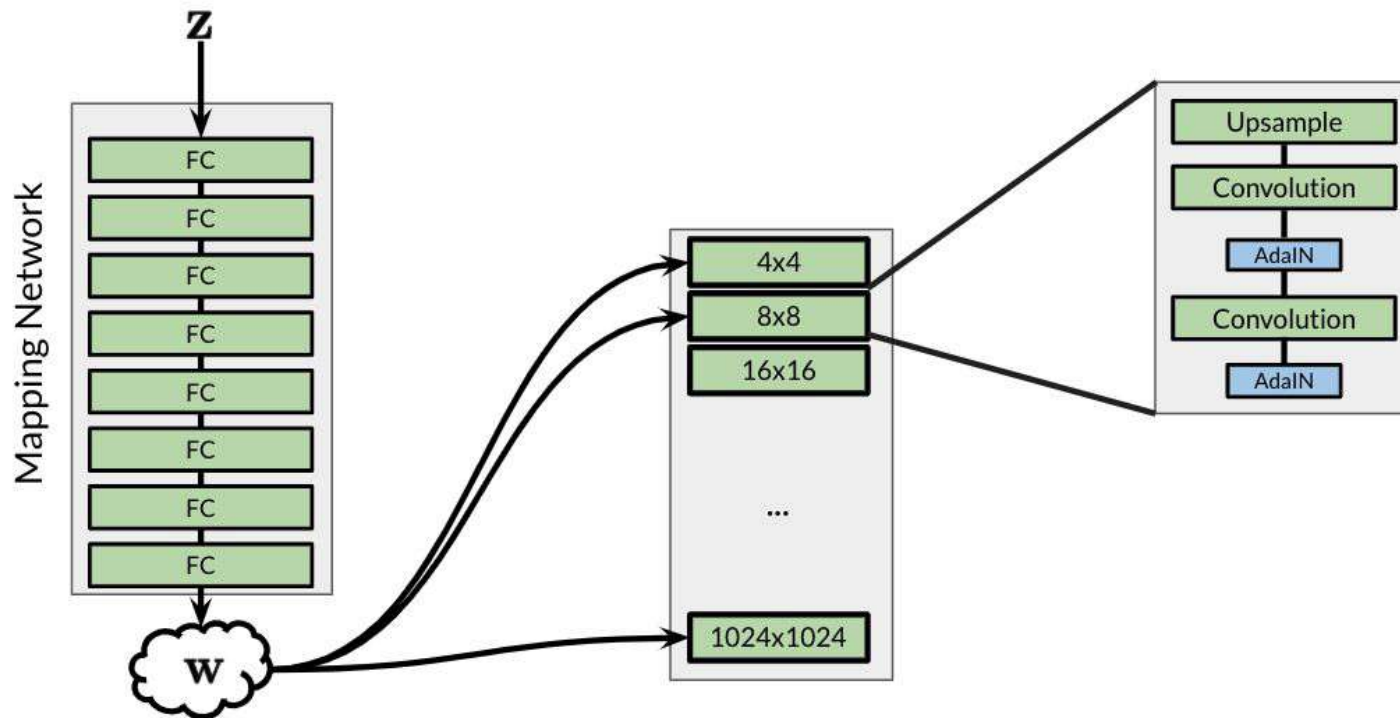
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Step 2: Adaptive styles

# AdaIN in Context



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# Summary

- AdaIN transfers style information onto the generated image from the intermediate noise vector  $W$
- Instance Normalization is used to normalize individual examples before apply style statistics from  $W$







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# Style Mixing & Stochastic Noise

# Outline

- Controlling coarse and fine styles with StyleGAN
- Style mixing for increased diversity during training/inference
- Stochastic noise for additional variation



# Style Mixing

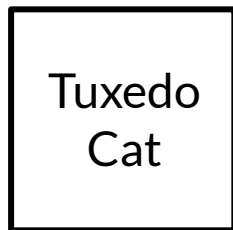
Tabby  
Cat



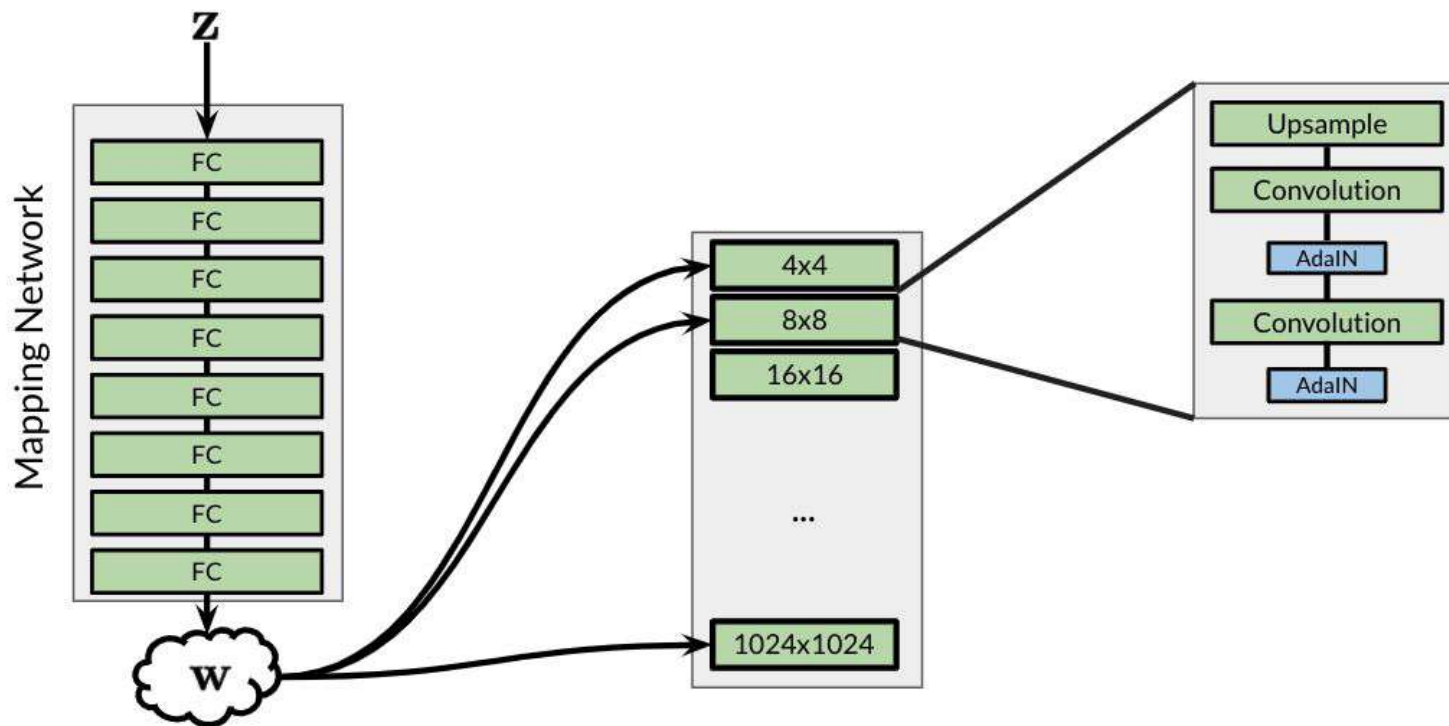
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# Style Mixing

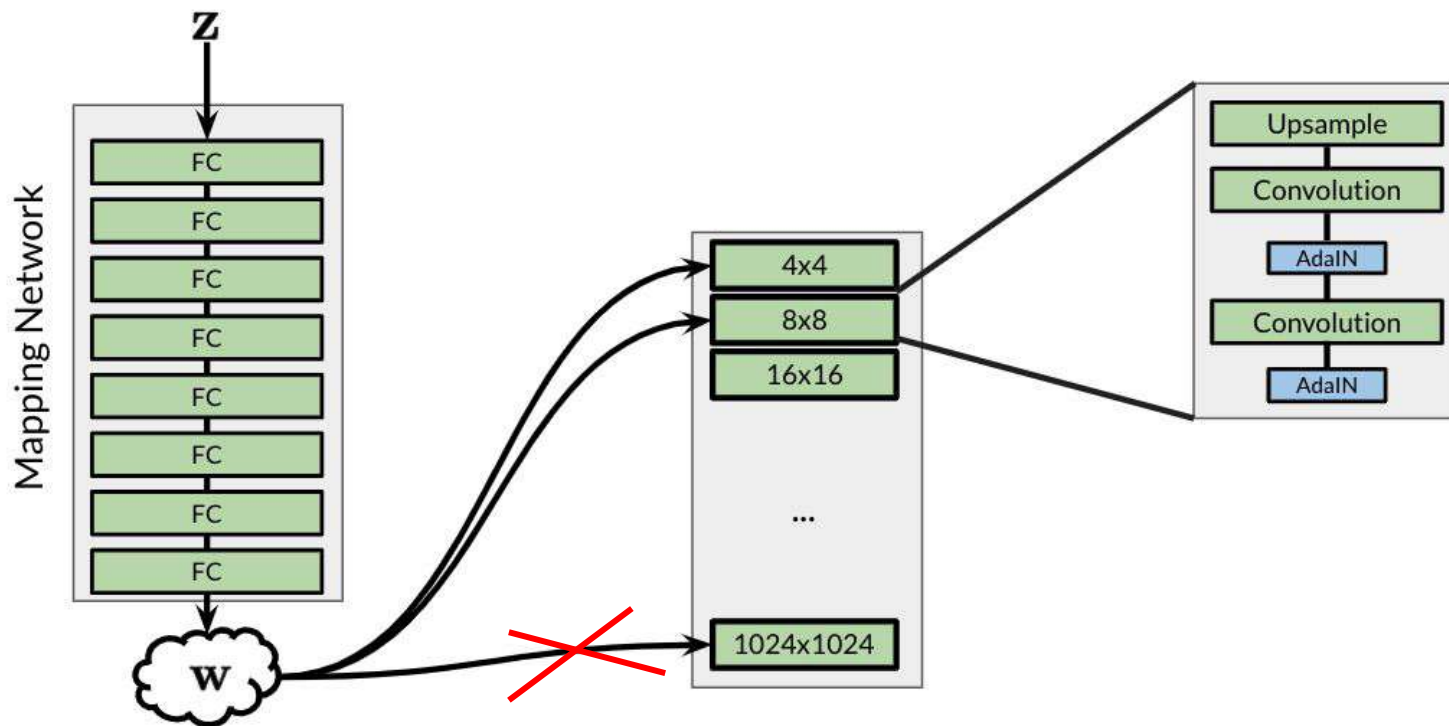


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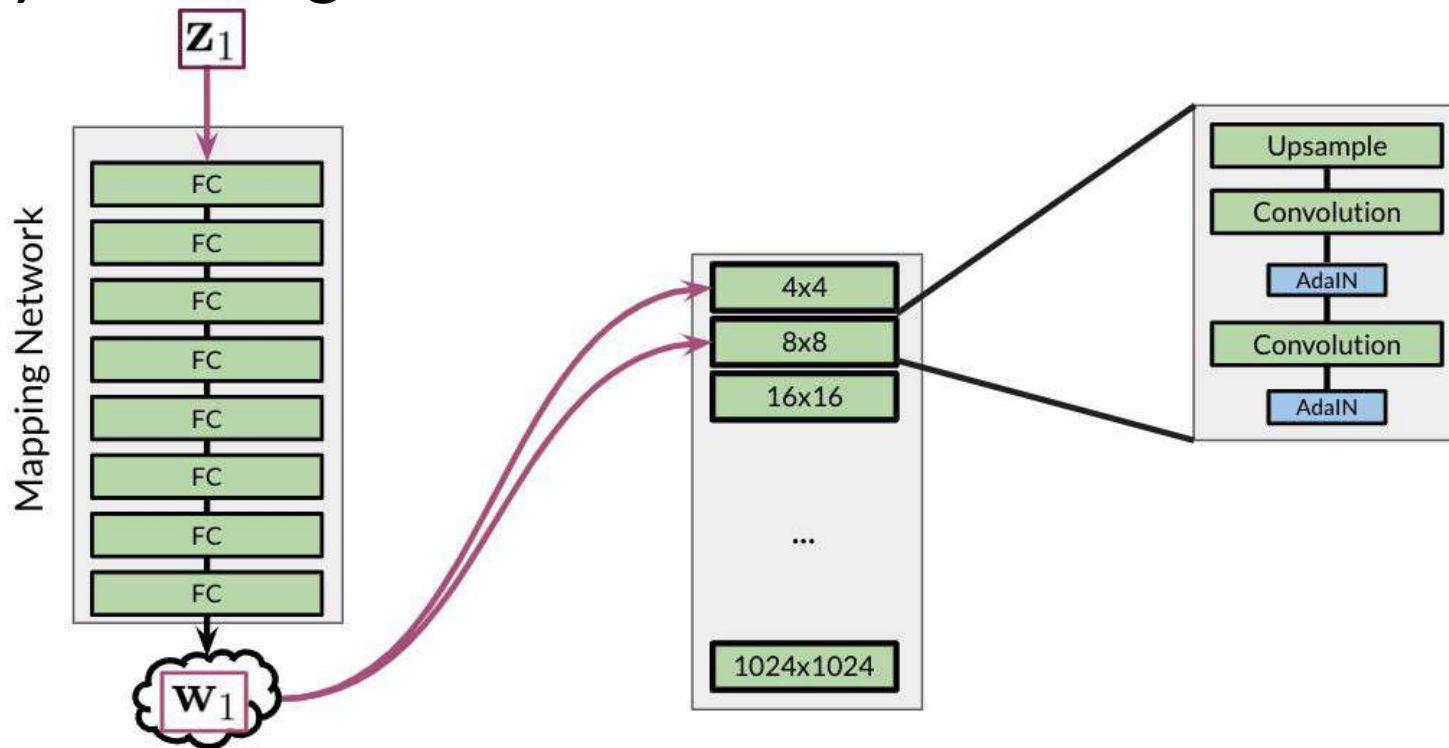
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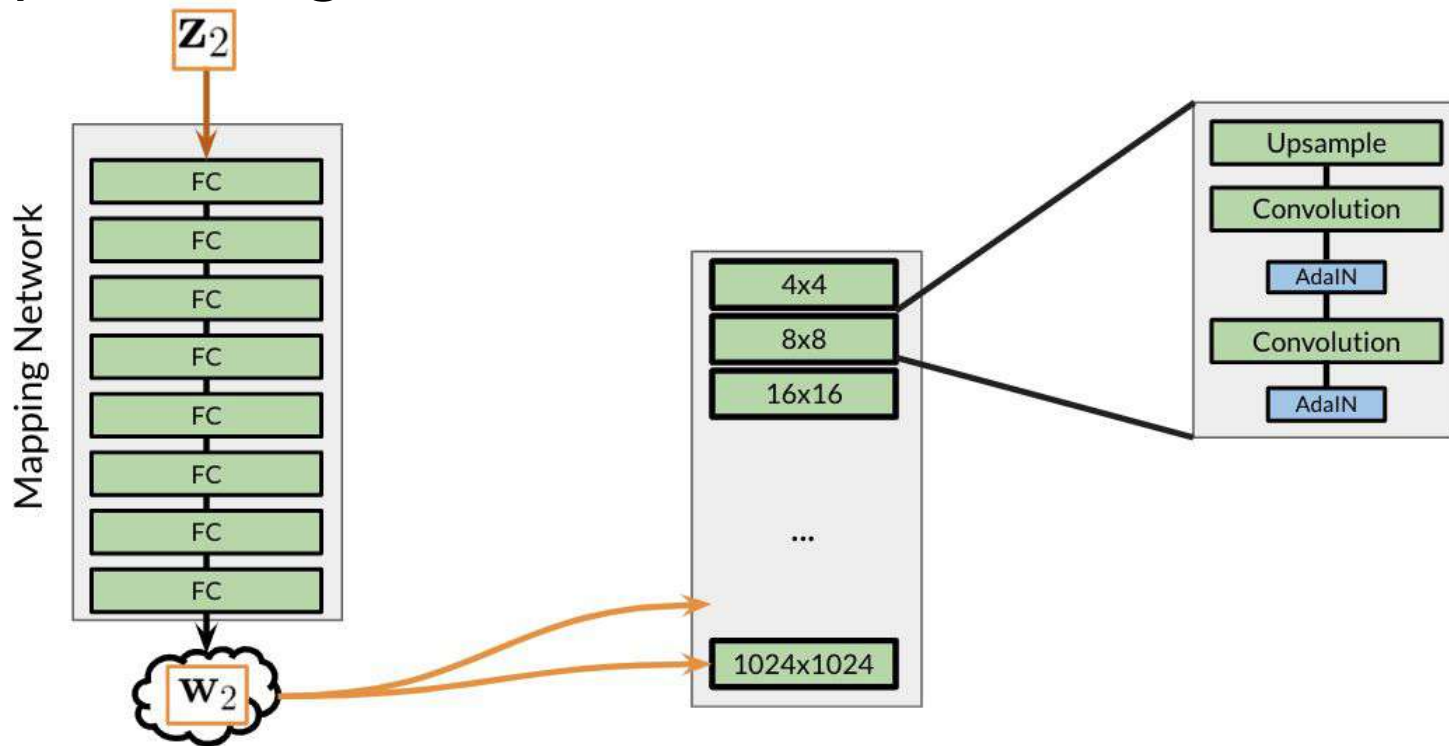
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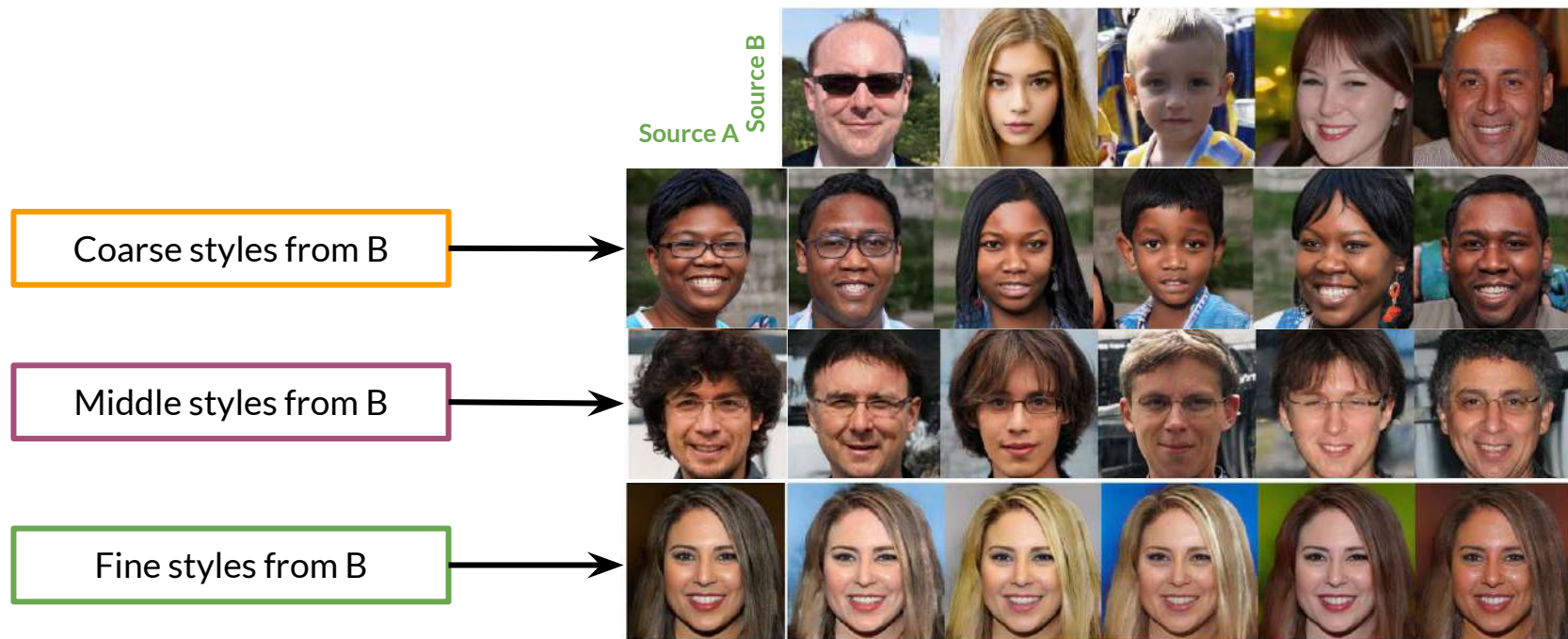
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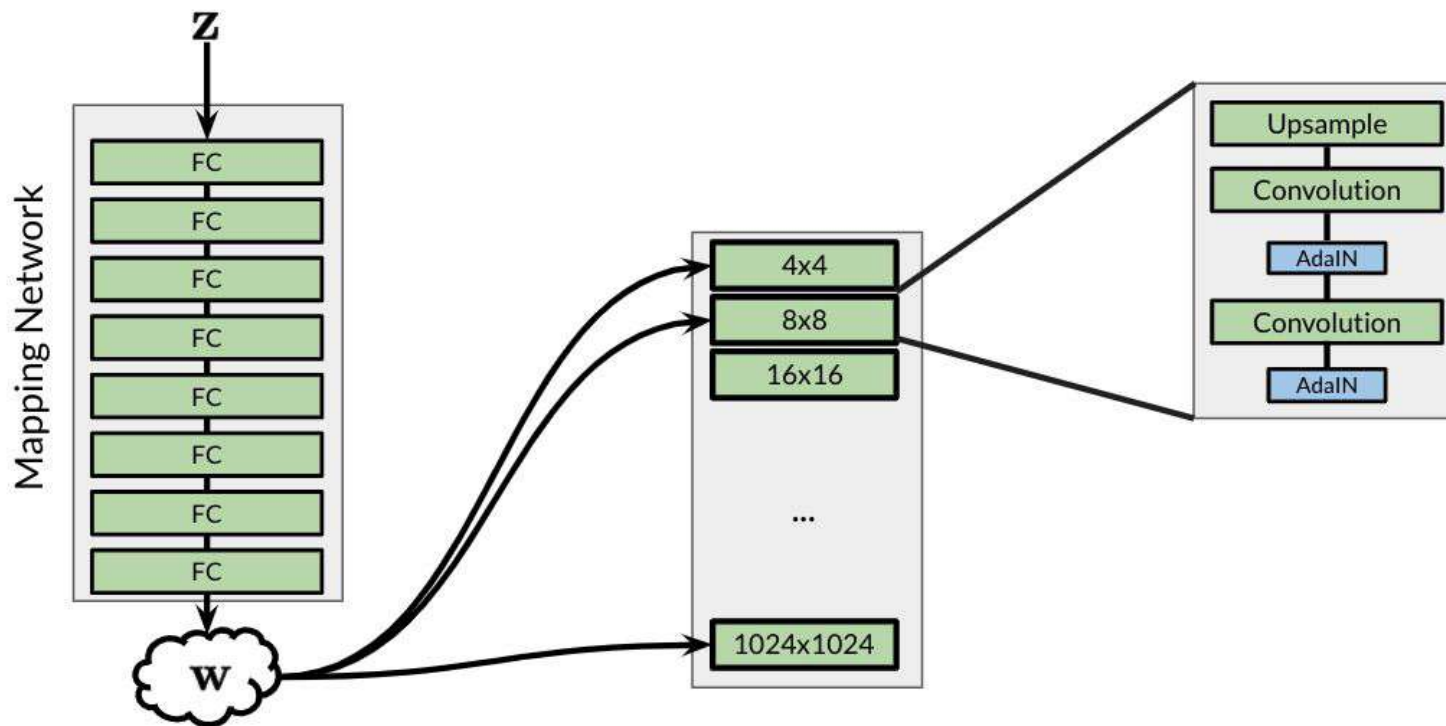
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Fine  
layers



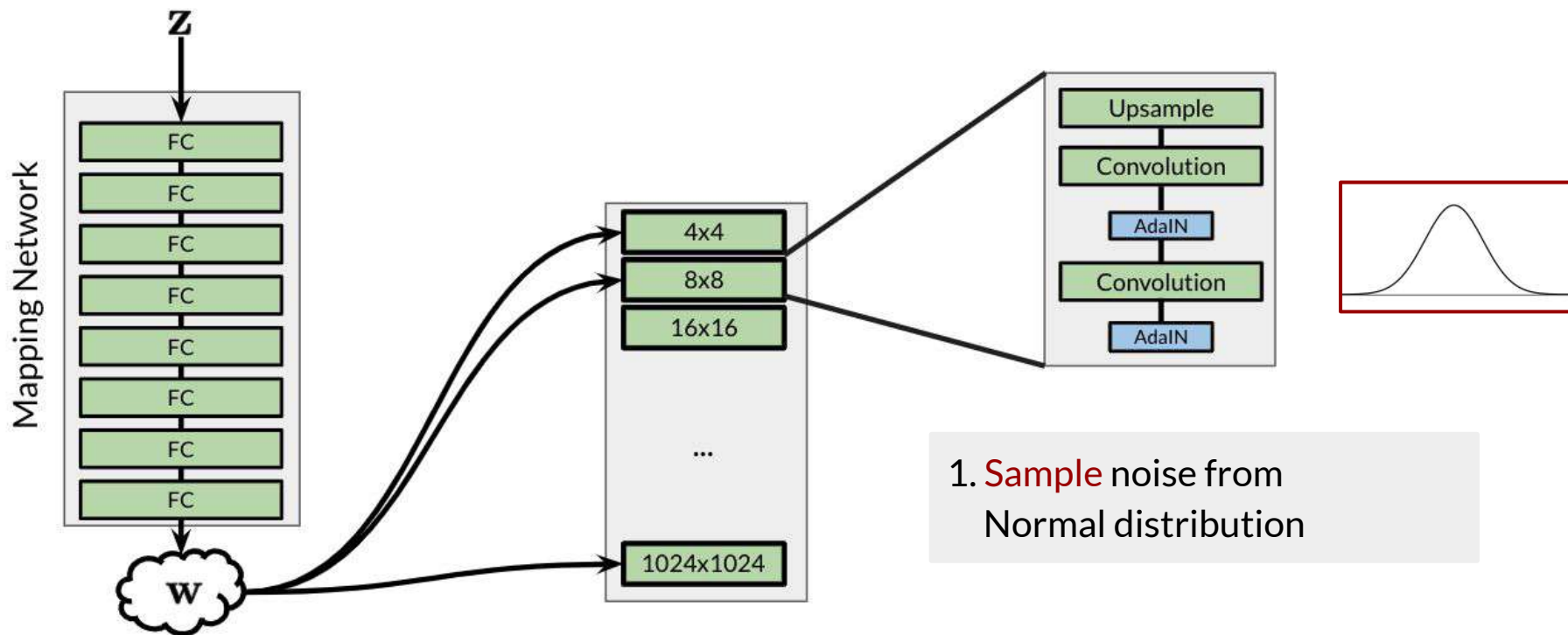
Coarse  
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# Stochastic Noise in Context

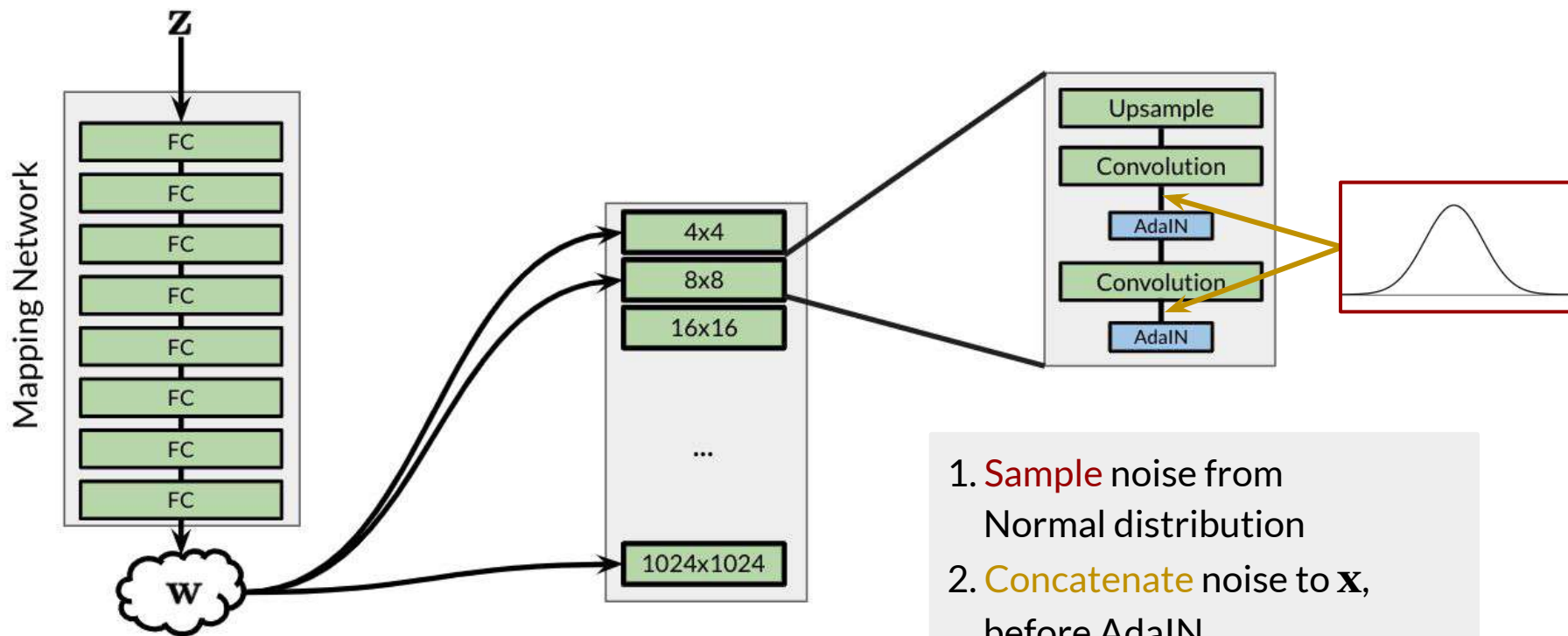


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# Stochastic Noise in Context



# Stochastic Noise in Context



1. **Sample** noise from Normal distribution
2. **Concatenate** noise to  $\mathbf{x}$ , before AdaIN

# Stochastic Variation

Small details: hair strands,  
wrinkles, etc.

Different extra noise values  
create stochastic variation



# Summary

- Style mixing increases diversity that the model sees during training
- Stochastic noise causes small variations to output
- Coarse or fineness depends where in the network style or noise is added
  - Earlier for coarser variation
  - Later for finer variation





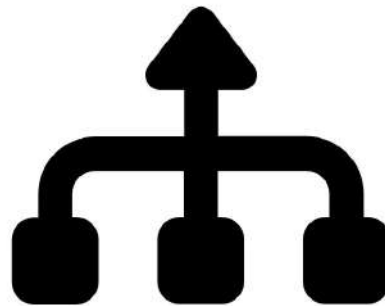
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# Putting It All Together

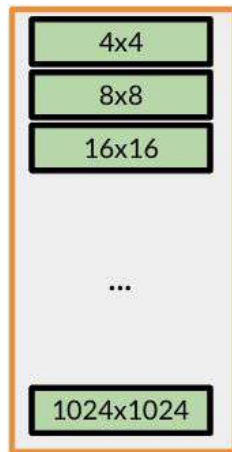


# Outline

- Putting all the StyleGAN components together!

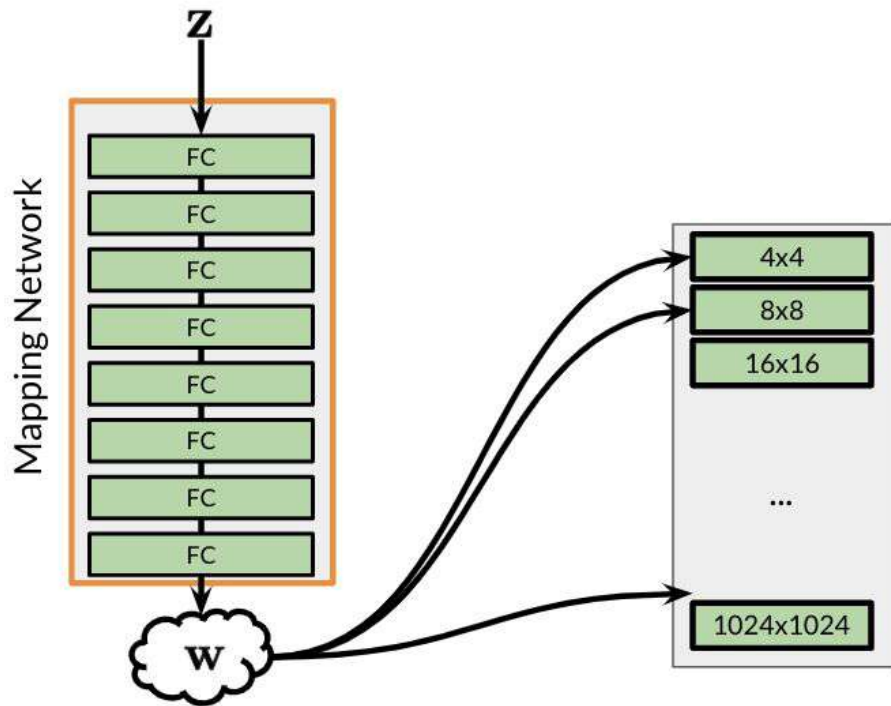


# StyleGAN Architecture: Progressive Growing



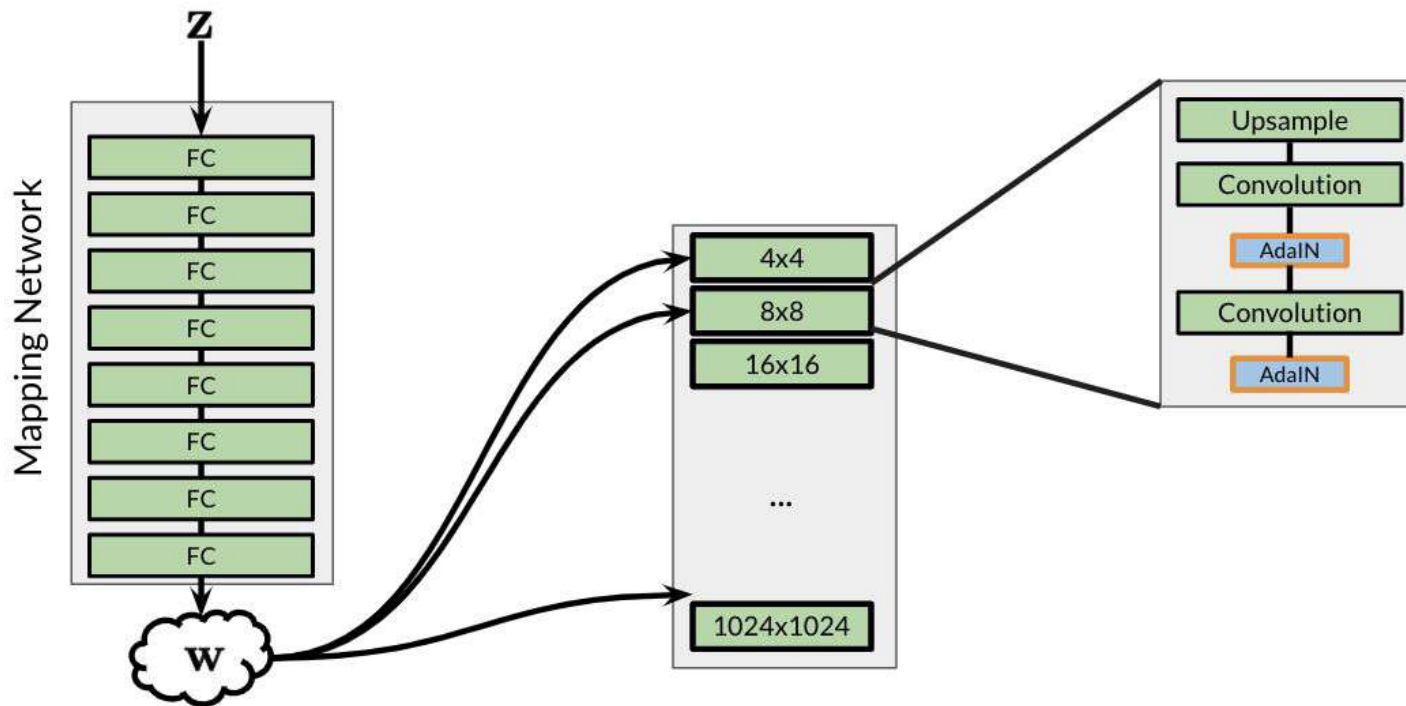
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# StyleGAN Architecture: Noise Mapping Network



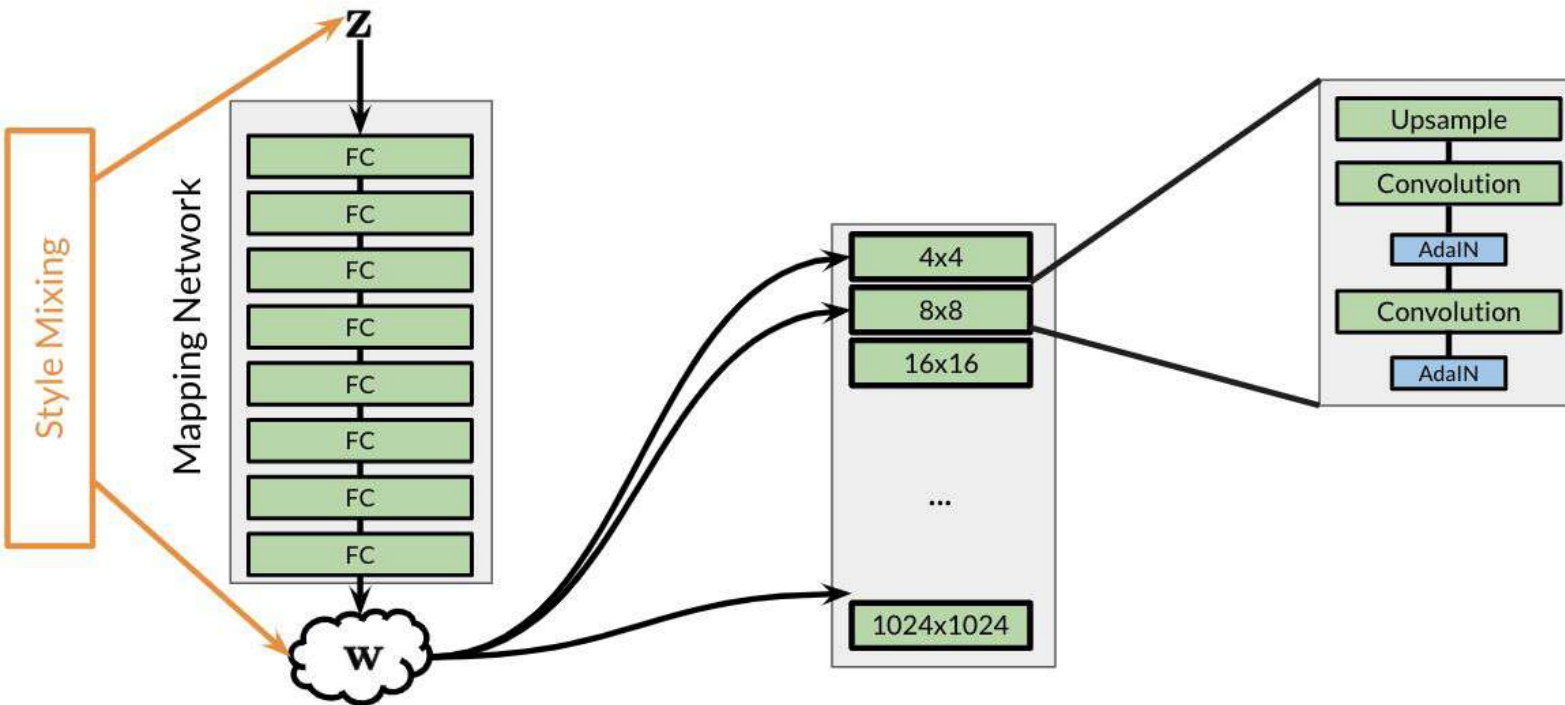
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# StyleGAN Architecture: AdaIN



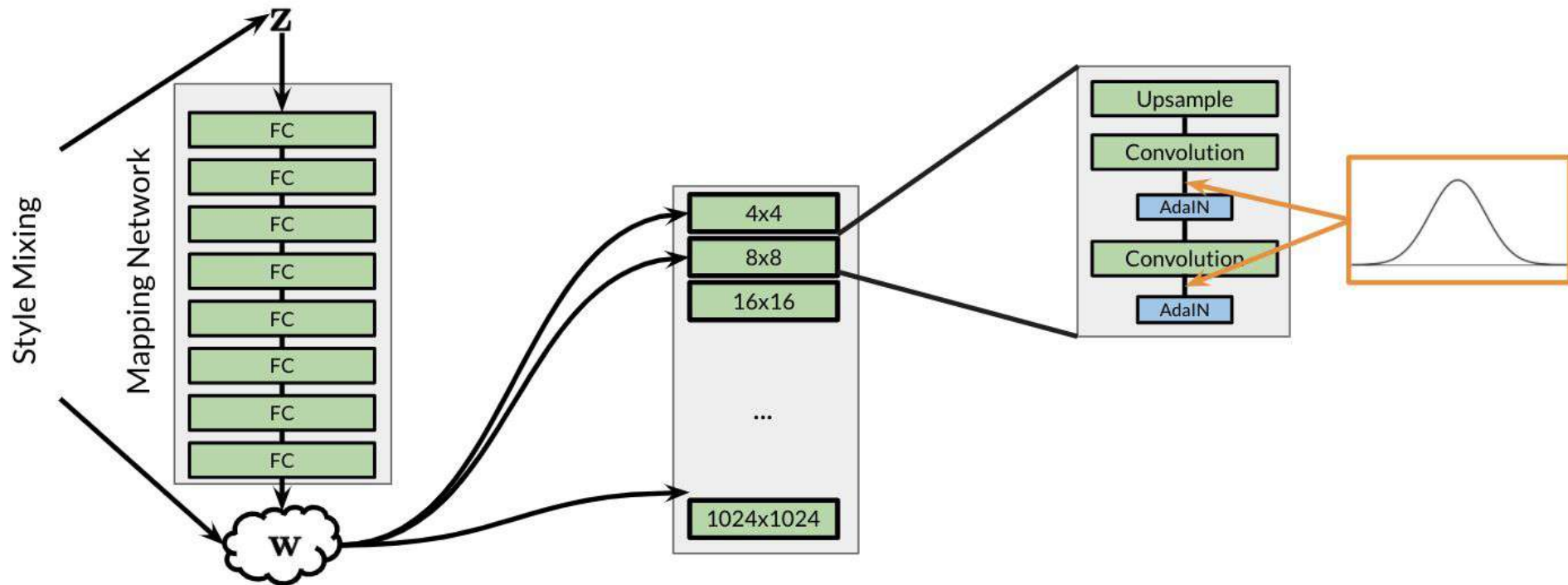
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# StyleGAN Architecture: Style Mixing



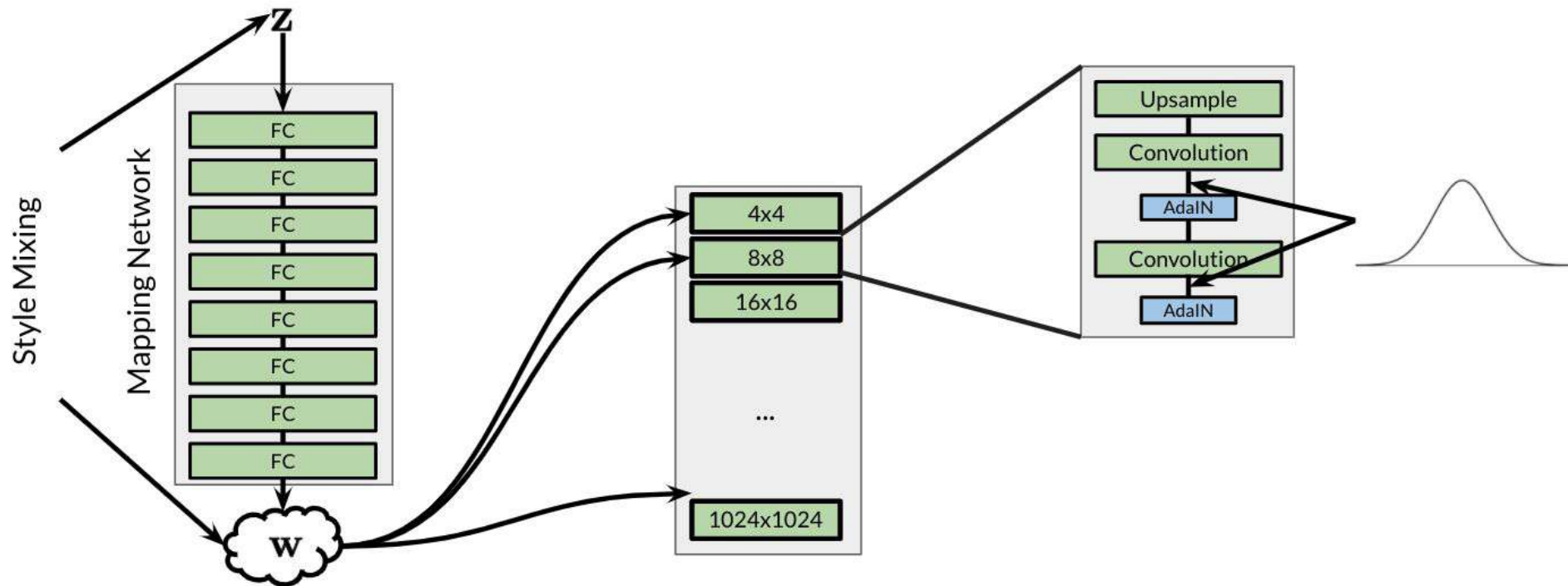
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# StyleGAN Architecture: Stochastic Noise



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# StyleGAN Architecture: That's a Wrap!



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# Summary

- Main components of StyleGAN:
  - Progressive Growing
  - Noise Mapping Network
  - AdaIN
  - Style Mixing
  - Stochastic Noise

