

# Distilling Diffusion Models into Conditional GANs

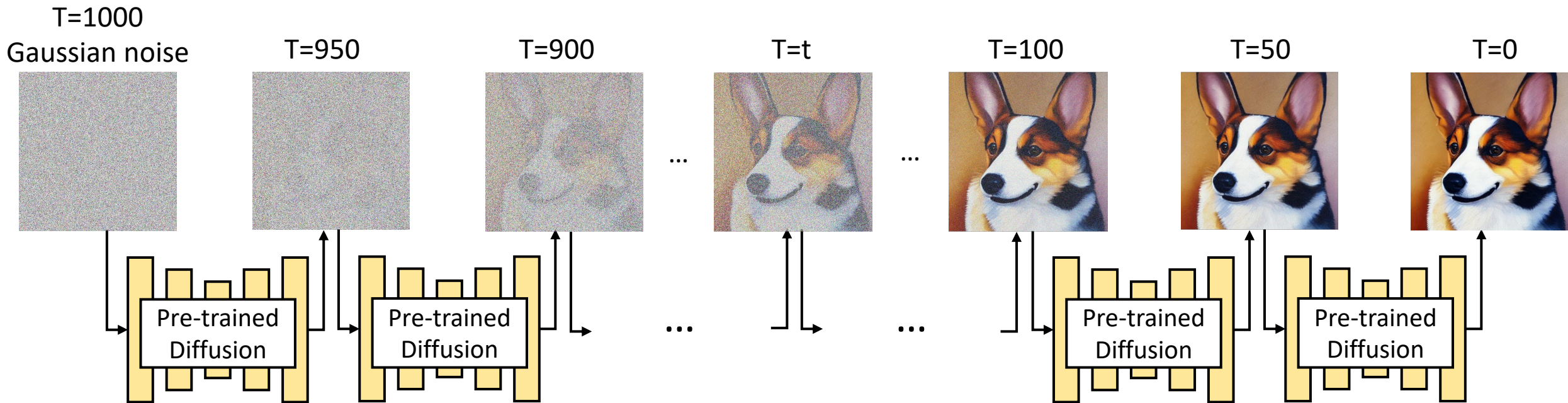
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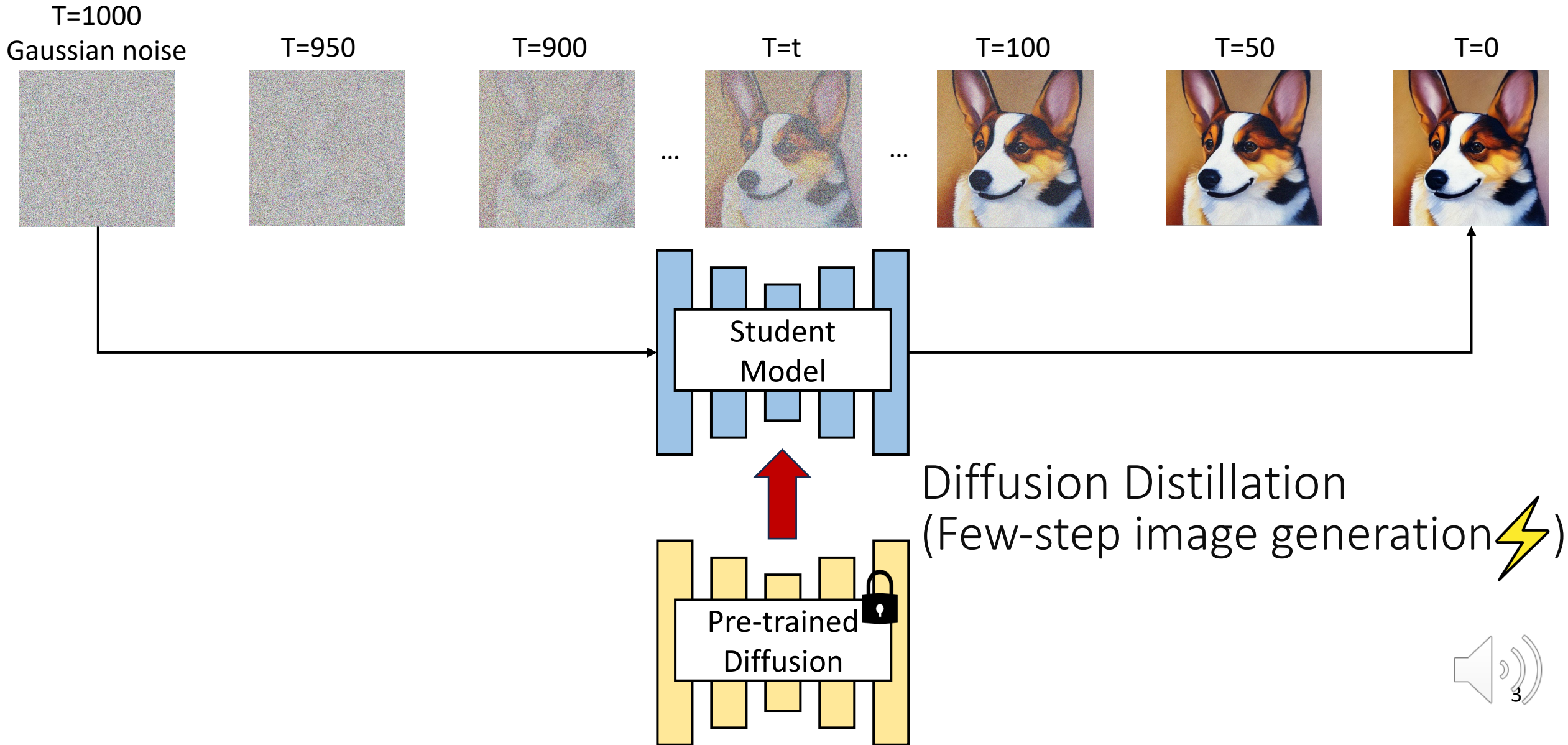
# What is diffusion model distillation



Requires 20~50 steps of denoising to generate a single image.



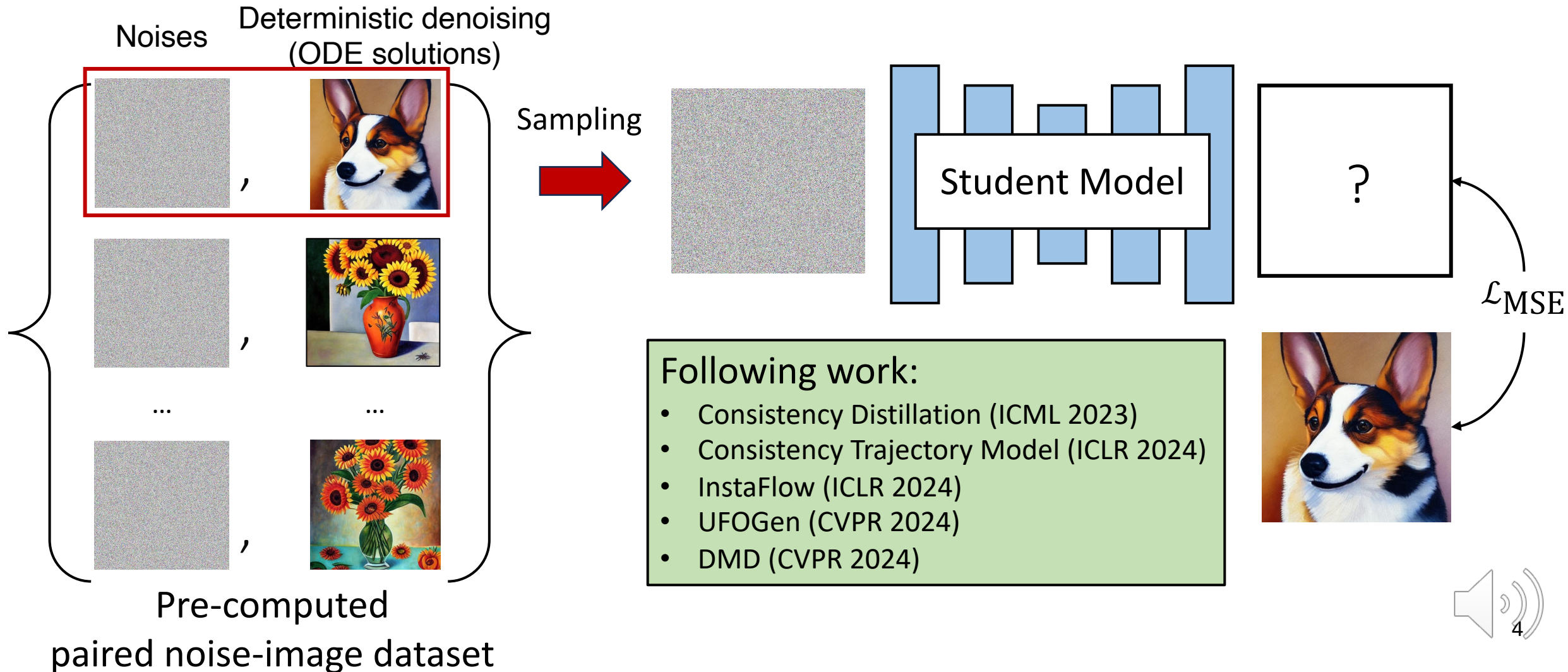
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# How can we distill a diffusion model?

Direct regression approach: Luhman et al., 2021.

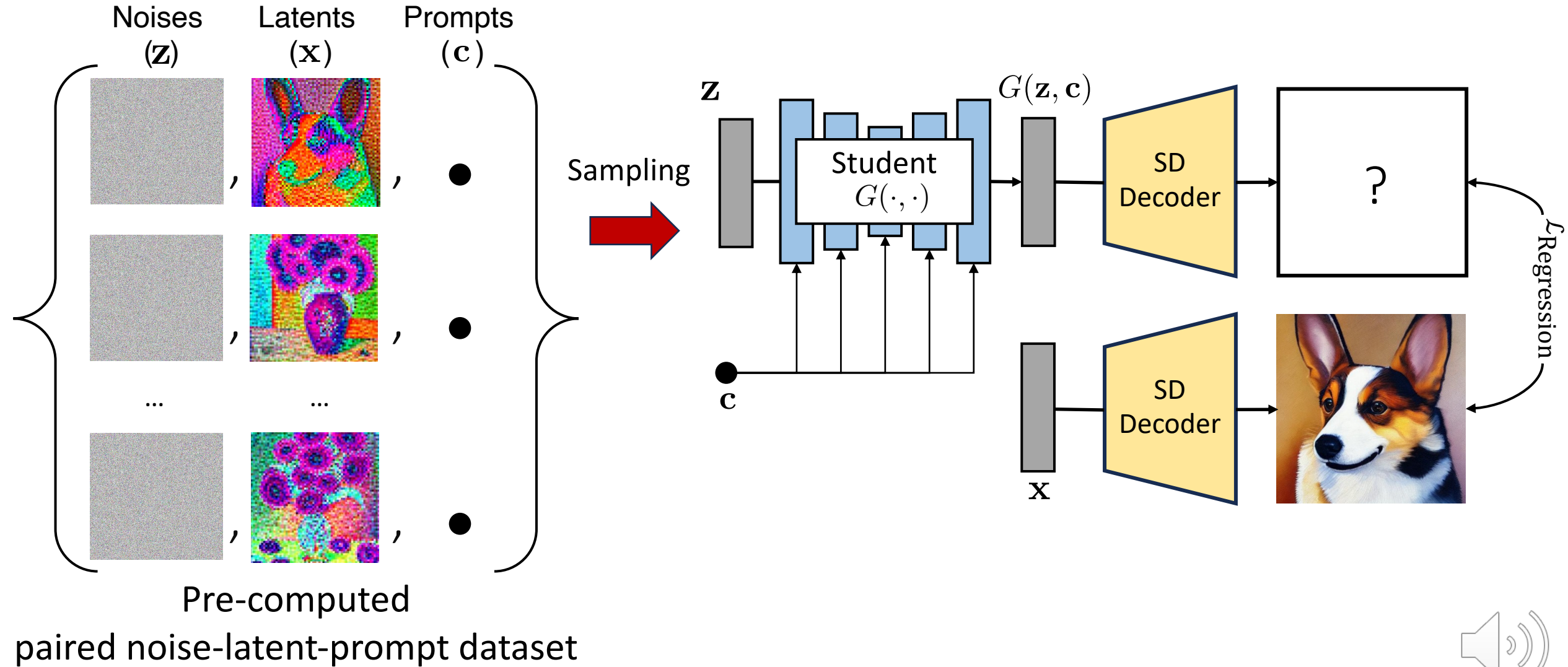




Is direct regression no longer not  
necessary?

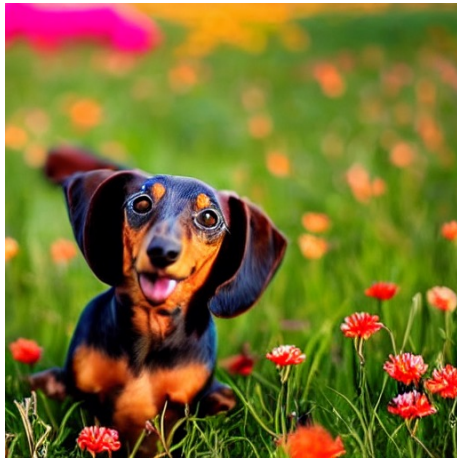


# Re-discovery of direct regression training

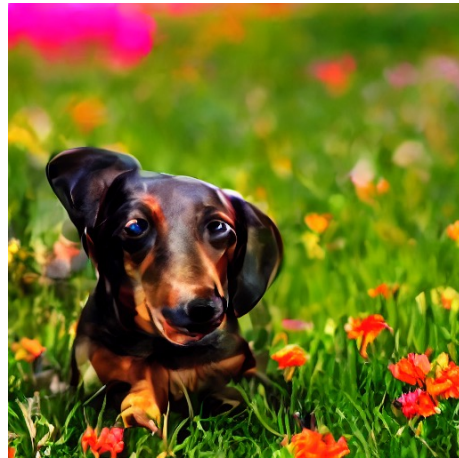


# Perceptual loss is what we need

Target



LPIPS Outputs



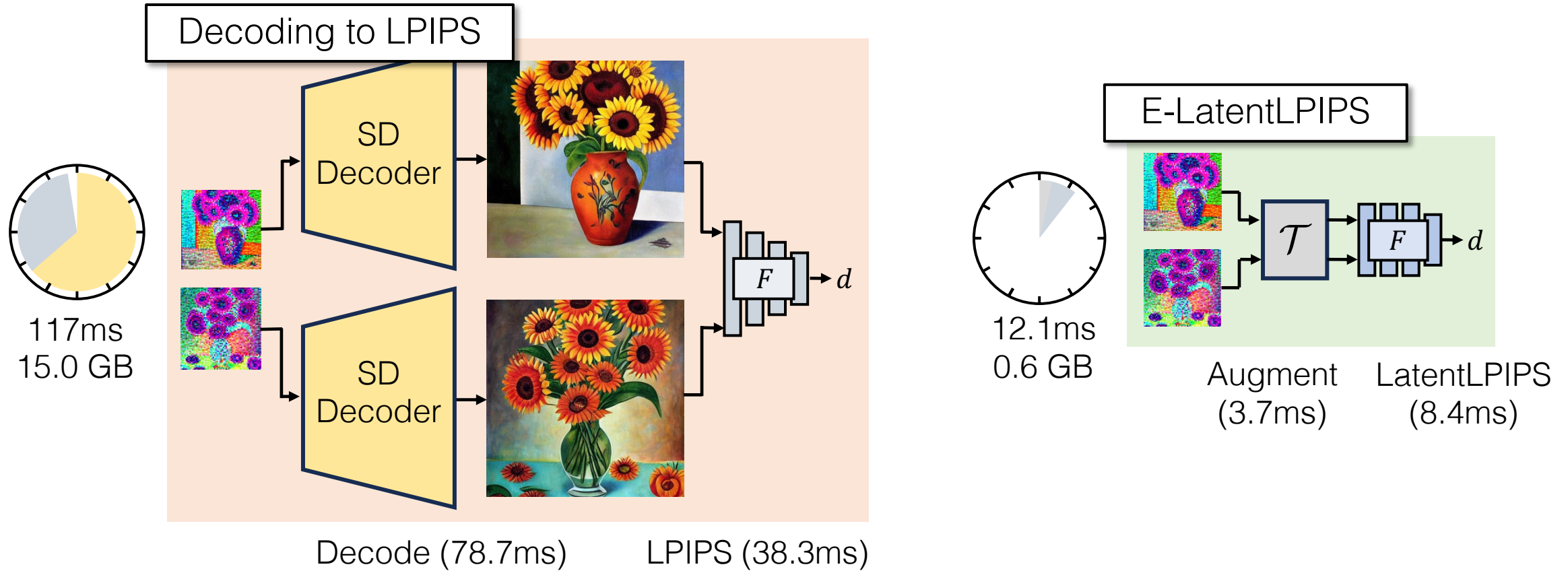
Loss function	img/sec	FID	CLIP-score
MSE	138.4	110.55	0.222
<b>LPIPS</b>	<b>40.0</b>	<b>25.94</b>	<b>0.288</b>

- 😊 Direct regression using LPIPS = Good
- 😭 Pixel-space LPIPS is expensive.
- 😭 Decoding can introduce errors in LPIPS.





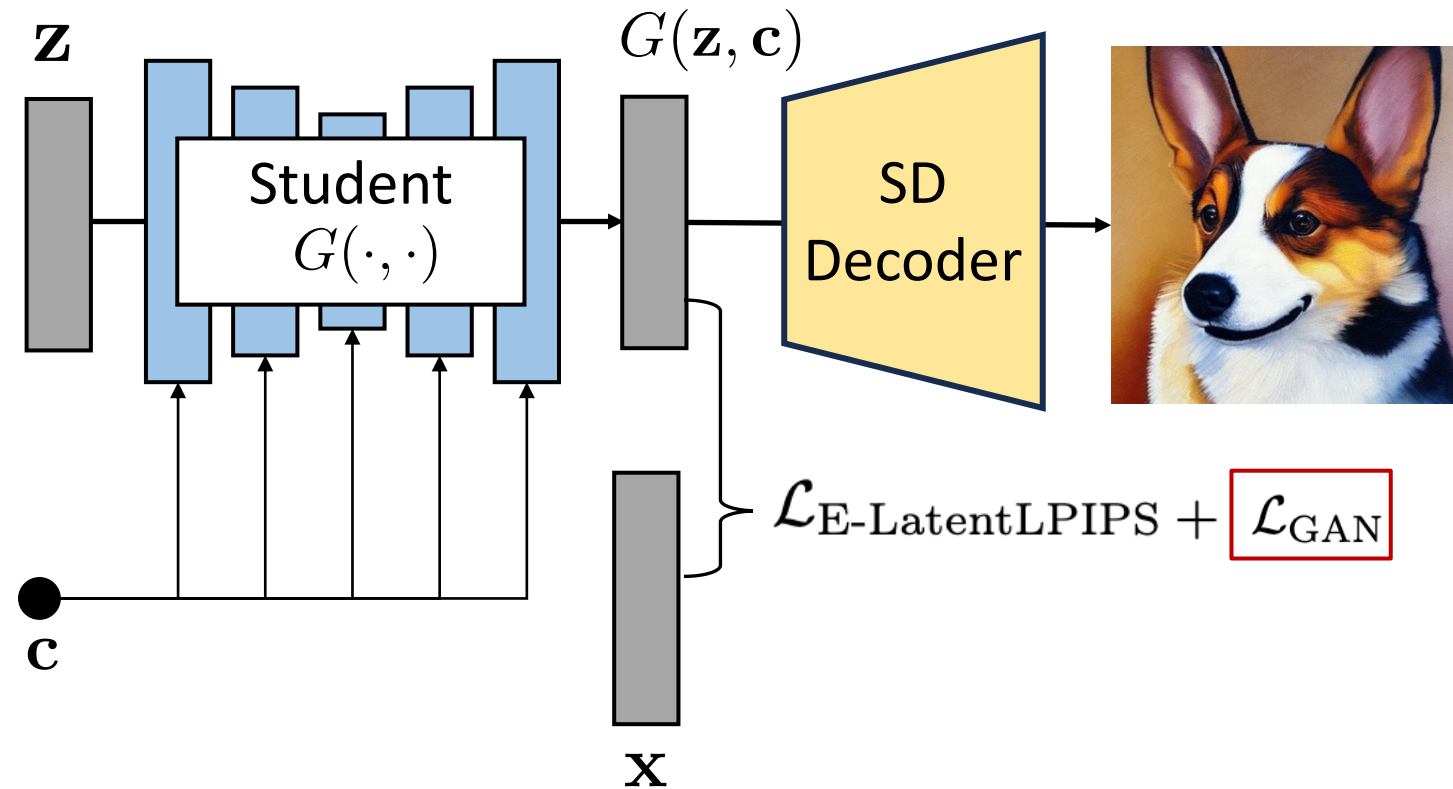
# E-LatentLPIPS for efficient LPIPS



9.7× speedup achieved with E-LatentLPIPS! ⚡



# View the distillation as image-to-image translation

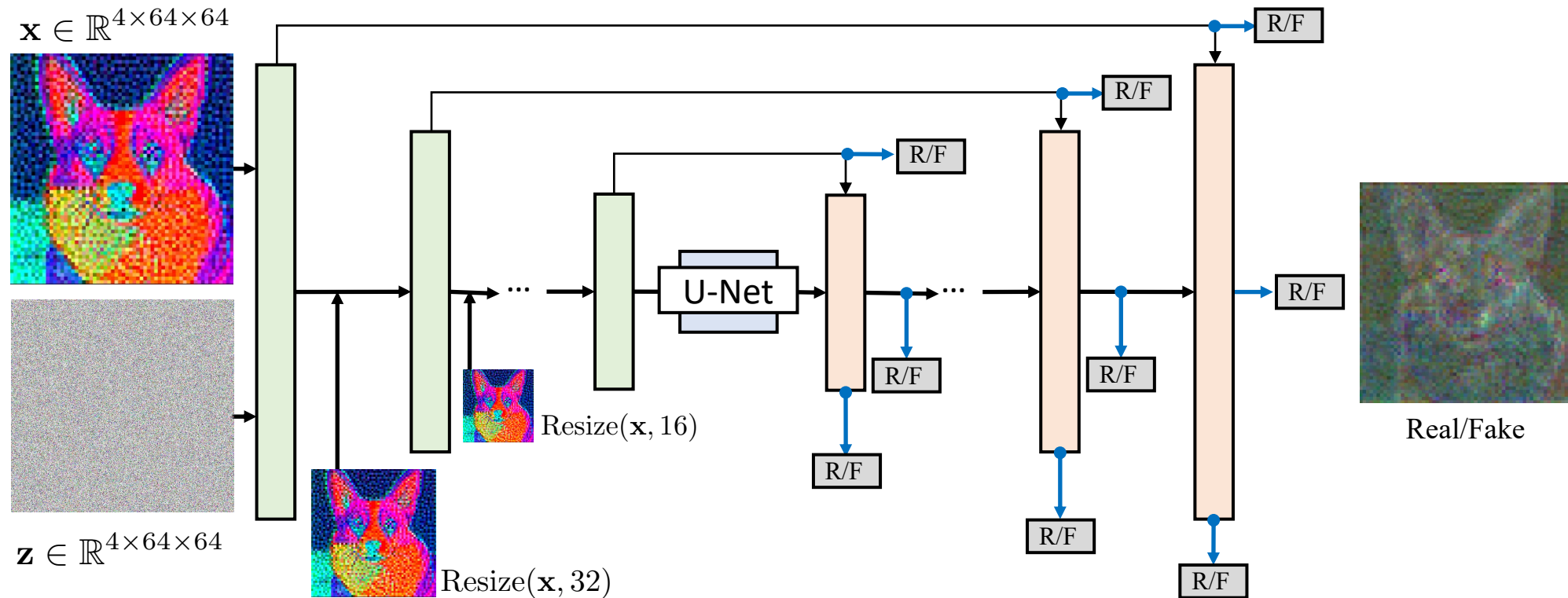


In practice, paired image translation yields better results when combined with conditional GAN losses.

(sources = **noise & prompt**, target = **ODE solution**)



# Pre-trained diffusion as a strong discriminator

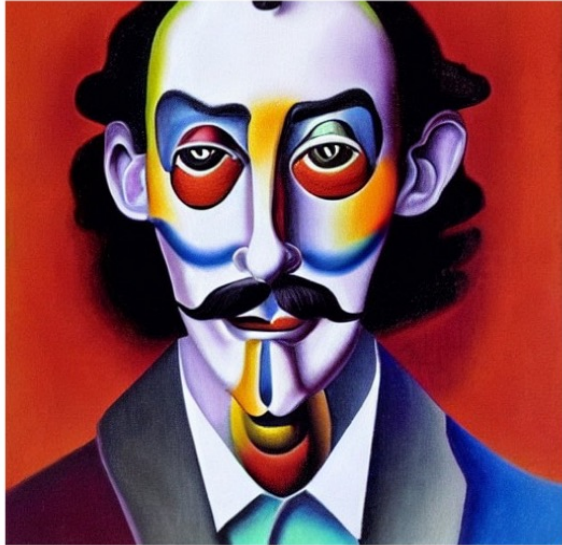


Multi-scale Input/output discriminator following GigaGAN.



# Visual comparison with previous models

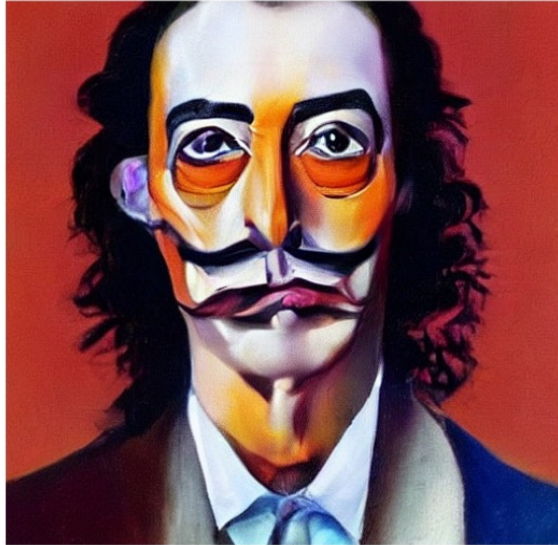
Stable Diffusion 1.5



GigaGAN



InstaFlow-0.9B



Diffusion2GAN





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SDXL-Turbo (arXiv Nov., 2023)



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