



Maximum Likelihood Training of Implicit Nonlinear Diffusion Models

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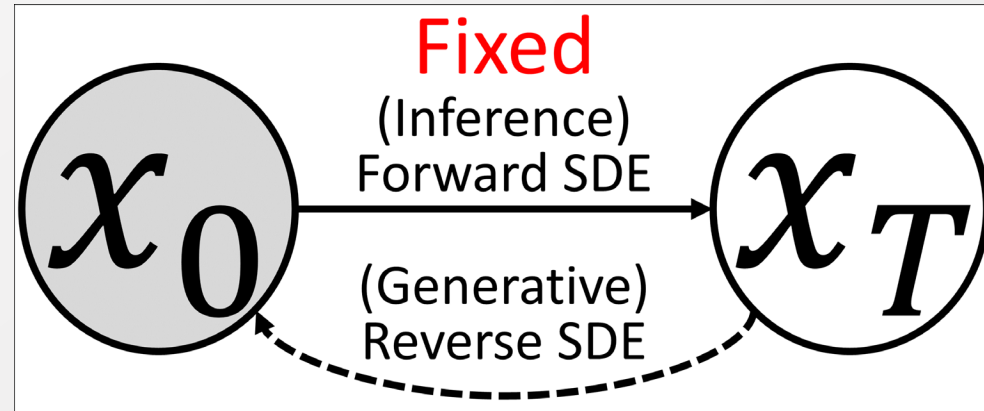
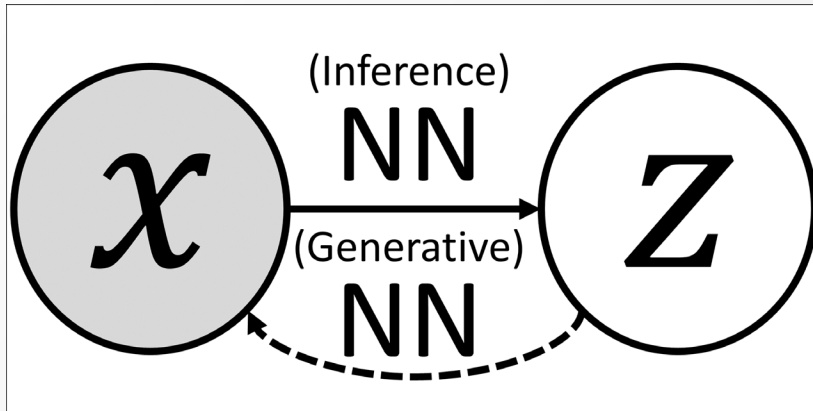


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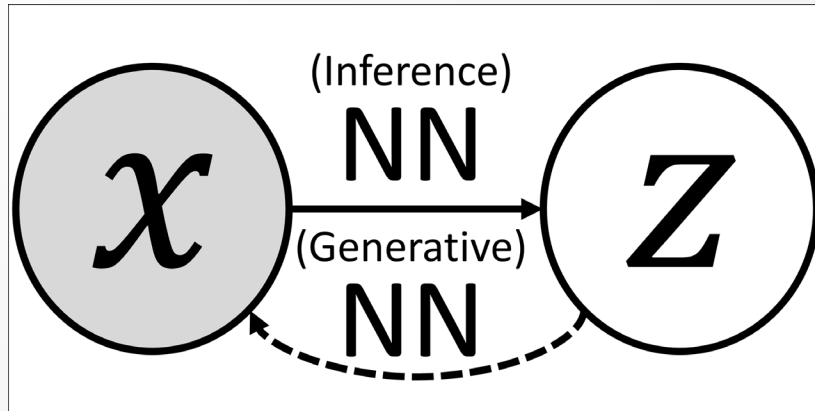
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	Discrete Diffusion	Continuous Diffusion
Linear	NCSN/DDPM	NCSN++/DDPM++
Semi-Linear	SBP	-
Fully Nonlinear	DiffFlow	INDM

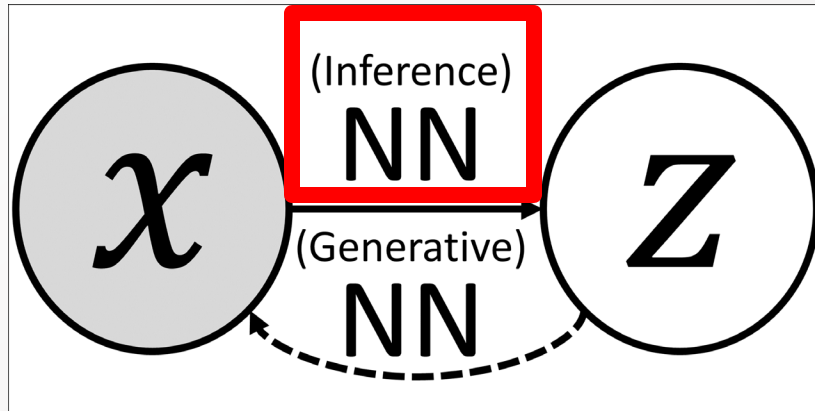
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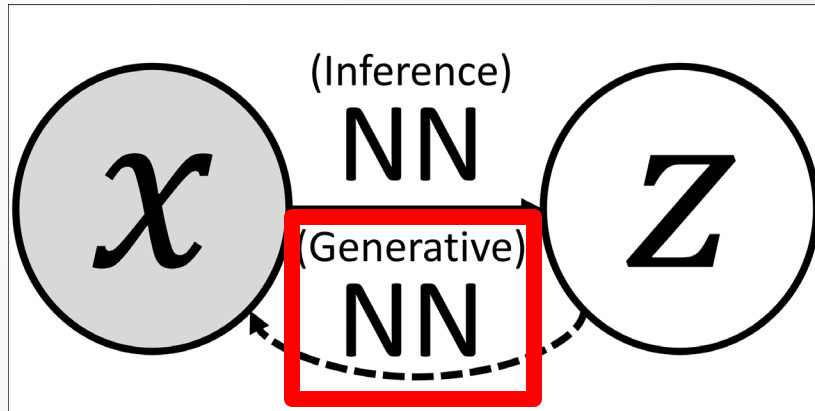
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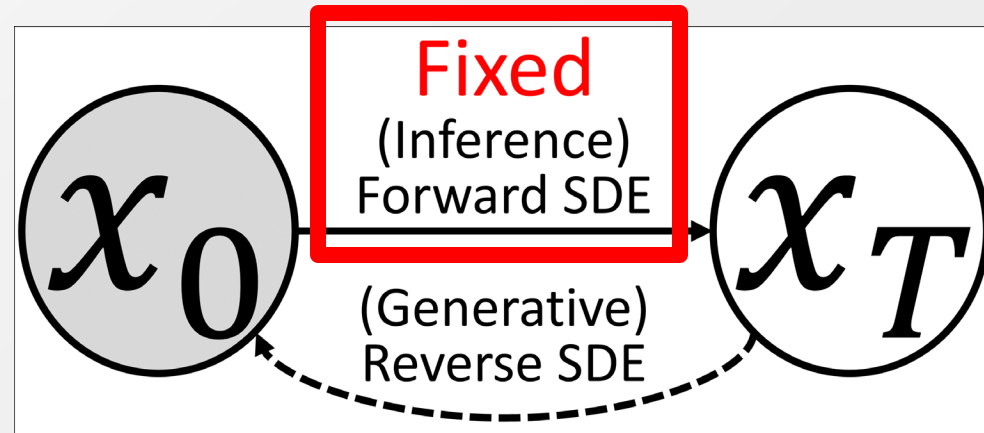
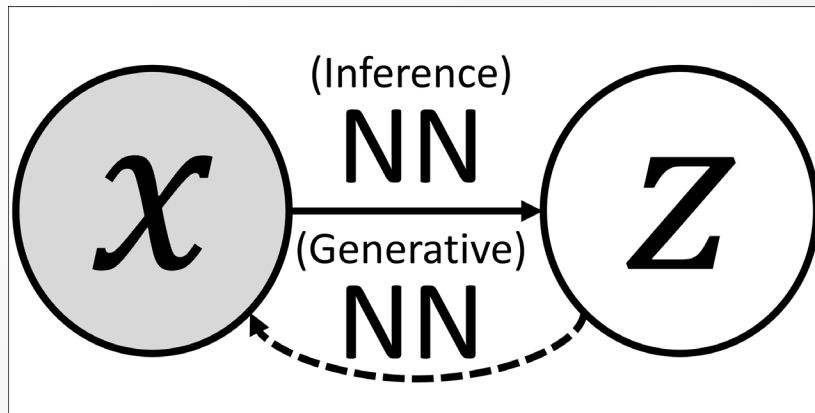
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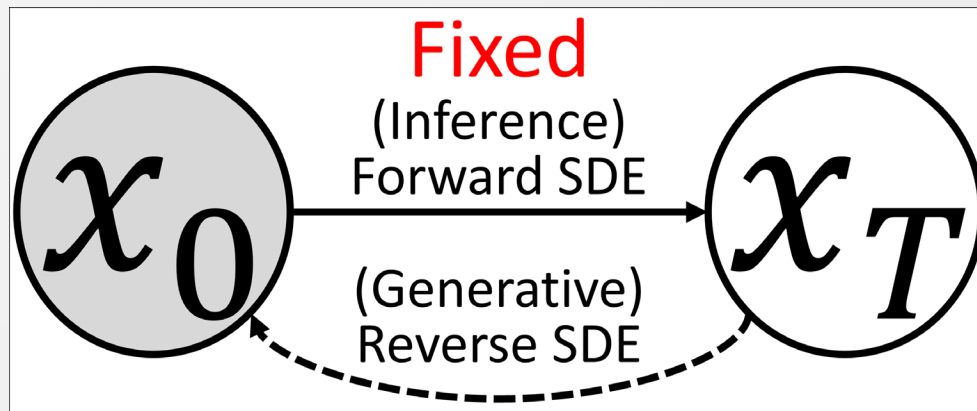
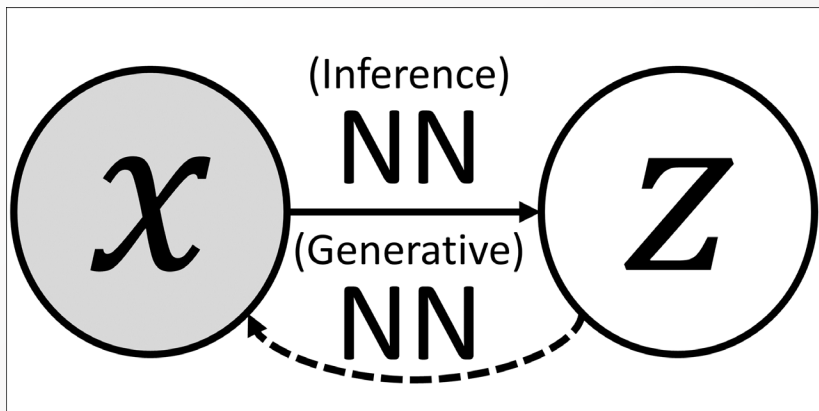
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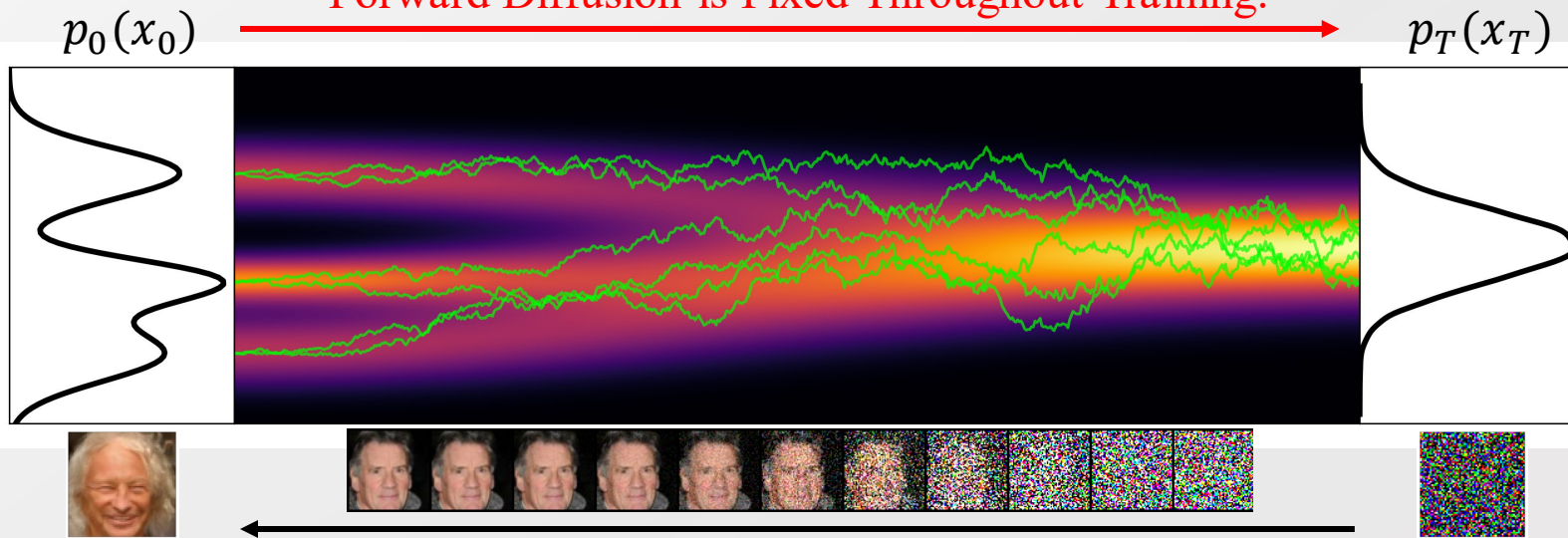
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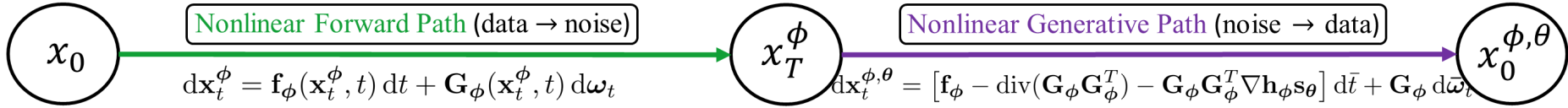
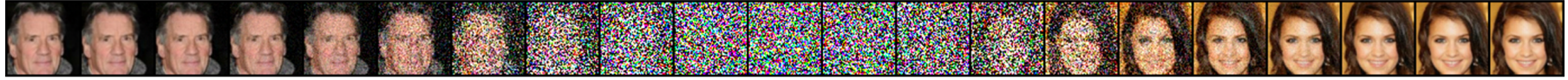
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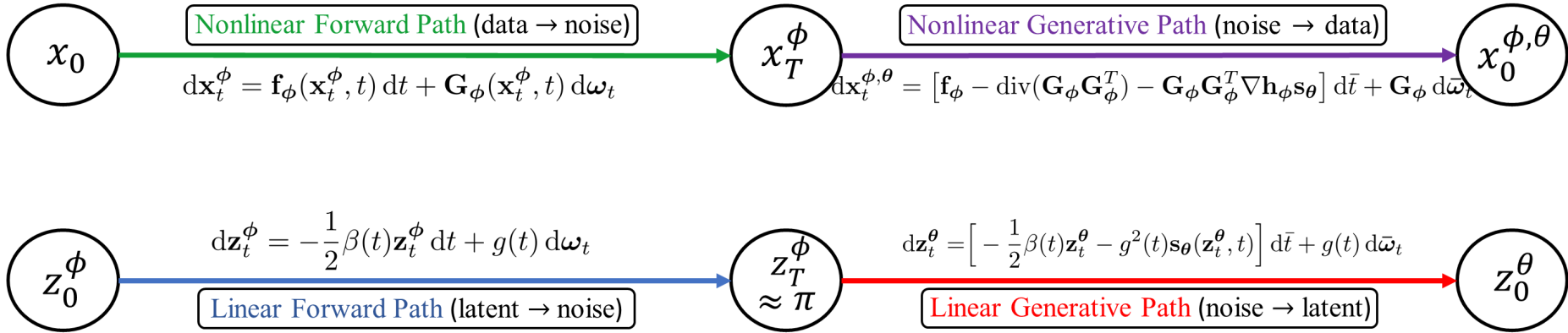
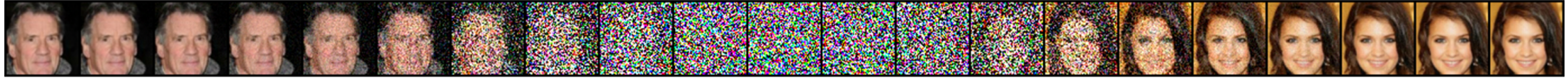


Reverse & Generative Diffusion



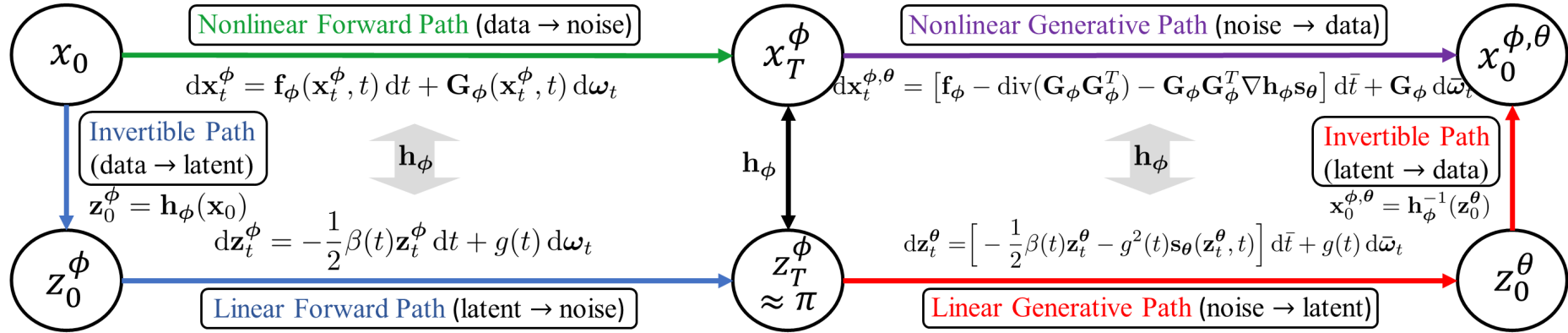
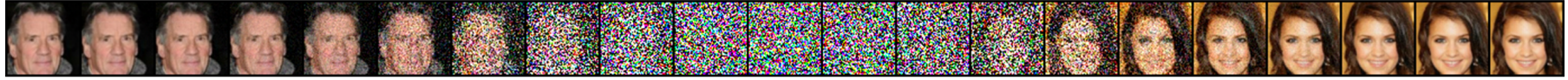
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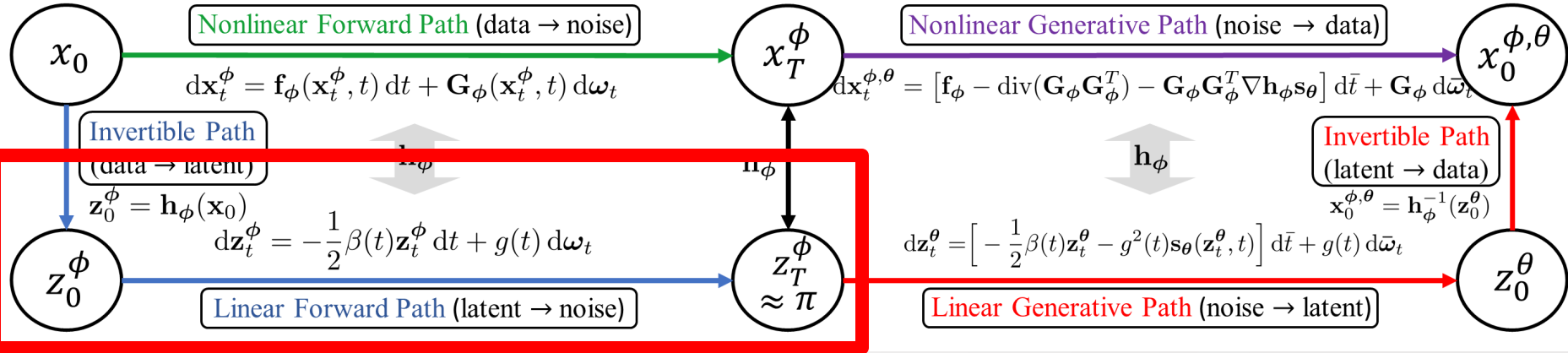
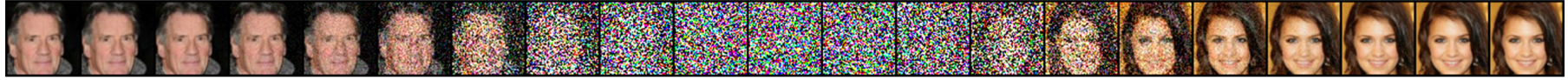
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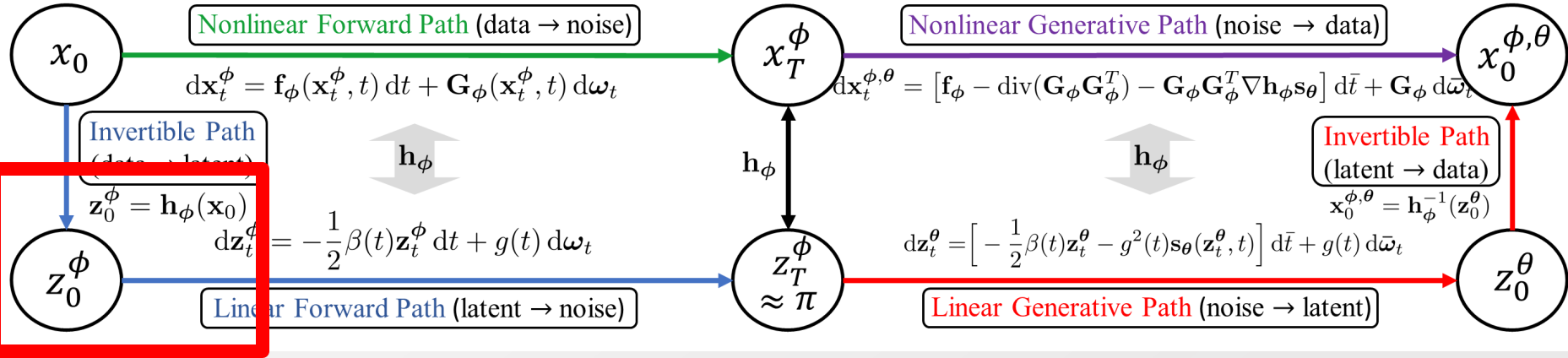
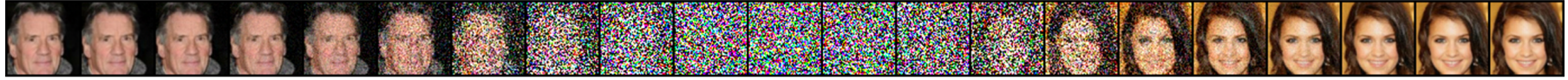
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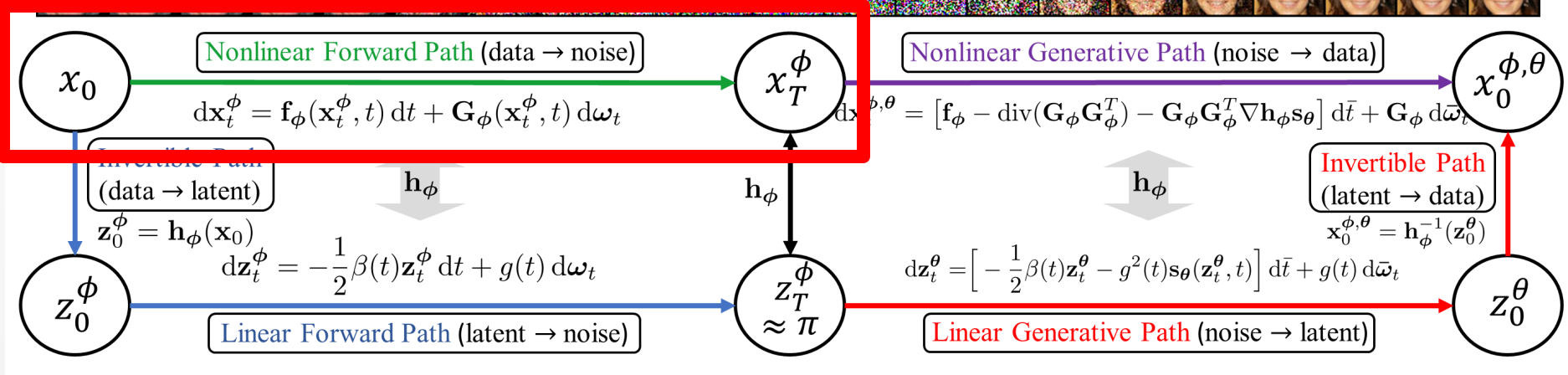
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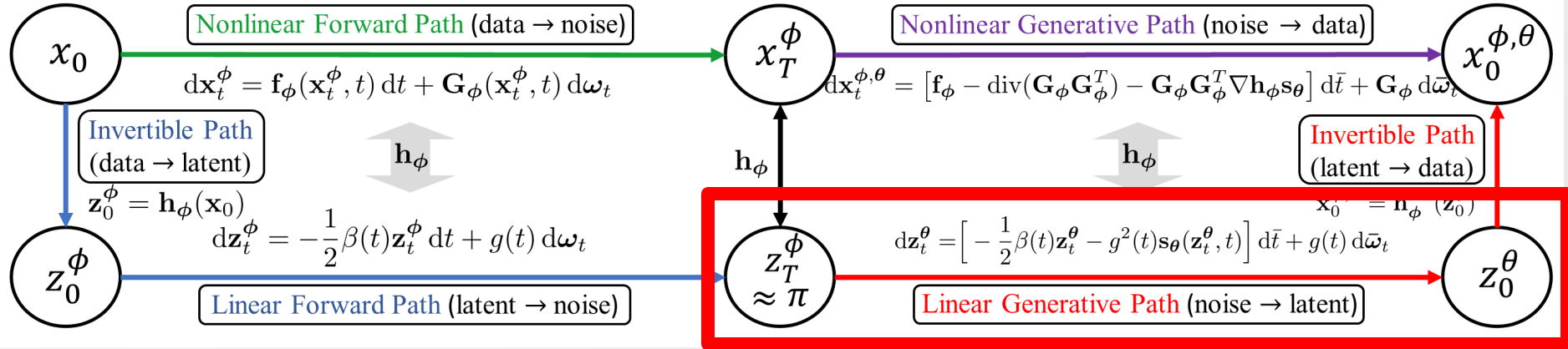
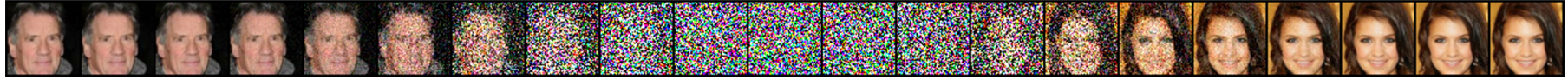
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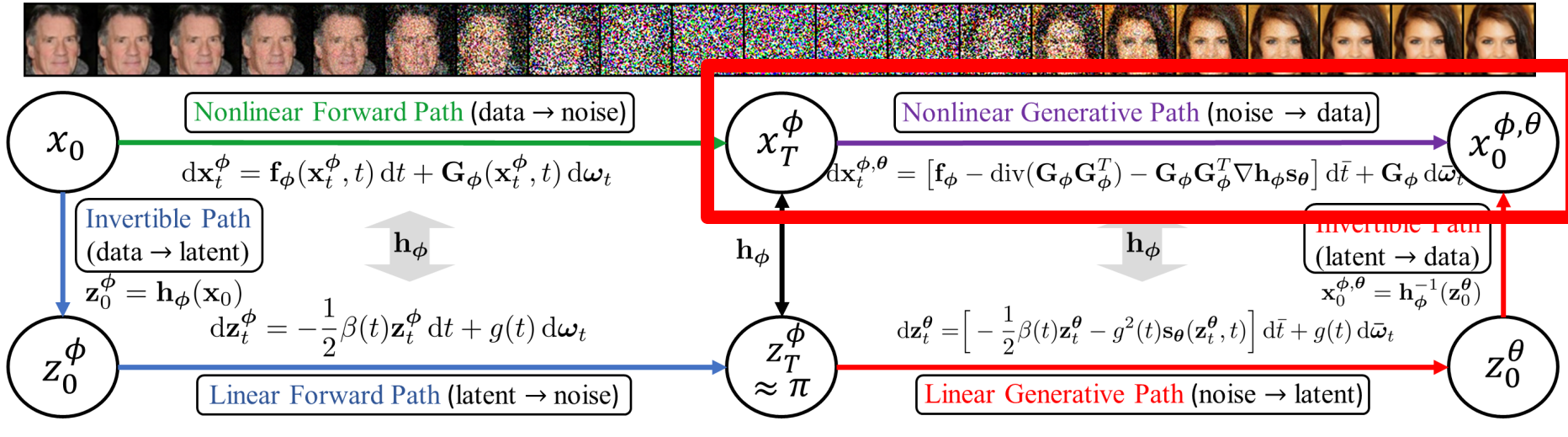
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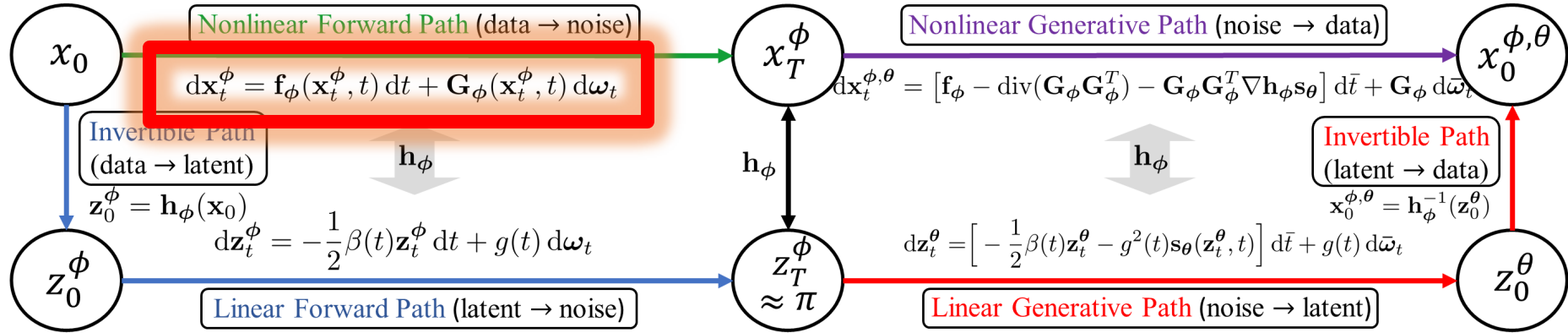
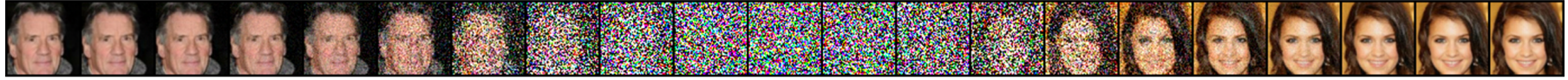
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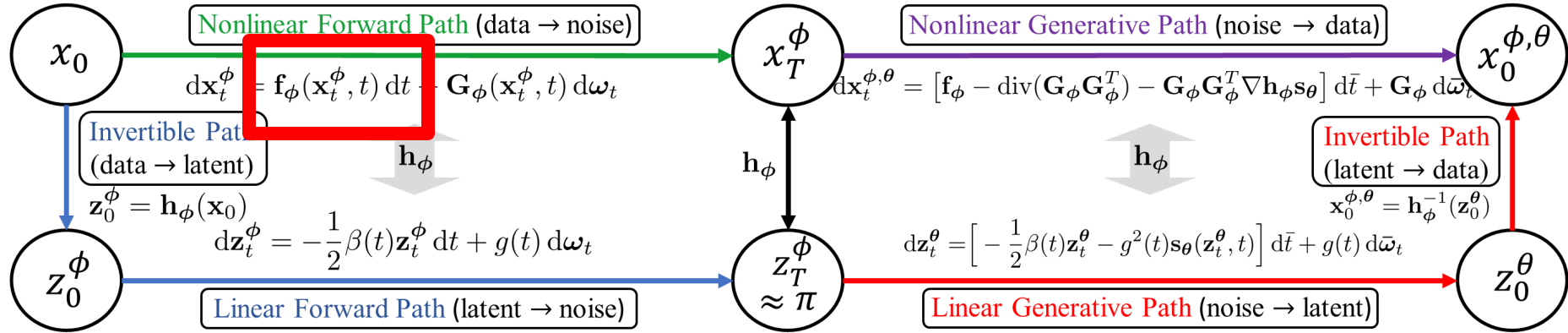
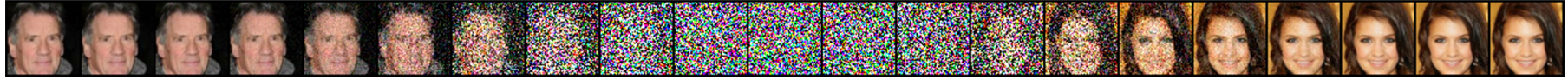


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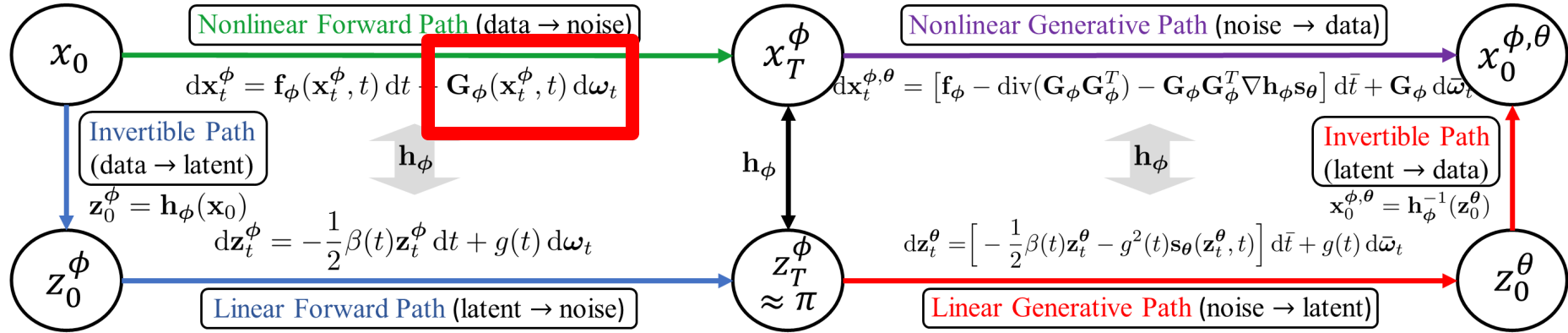
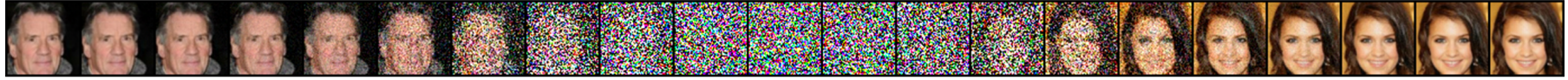


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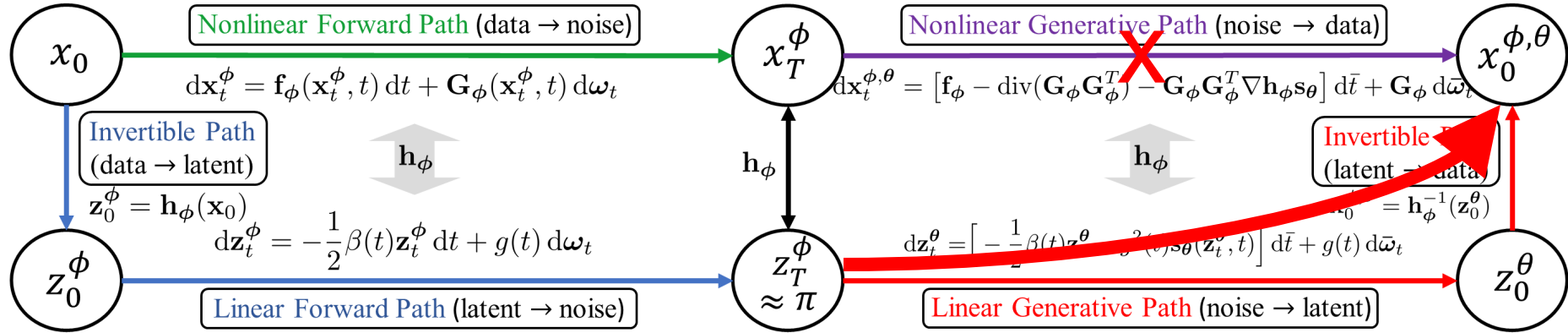
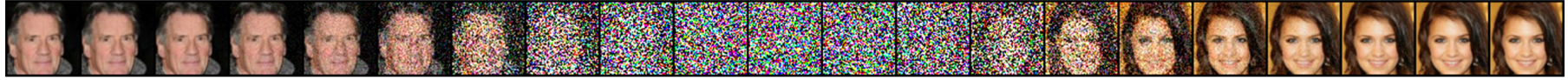


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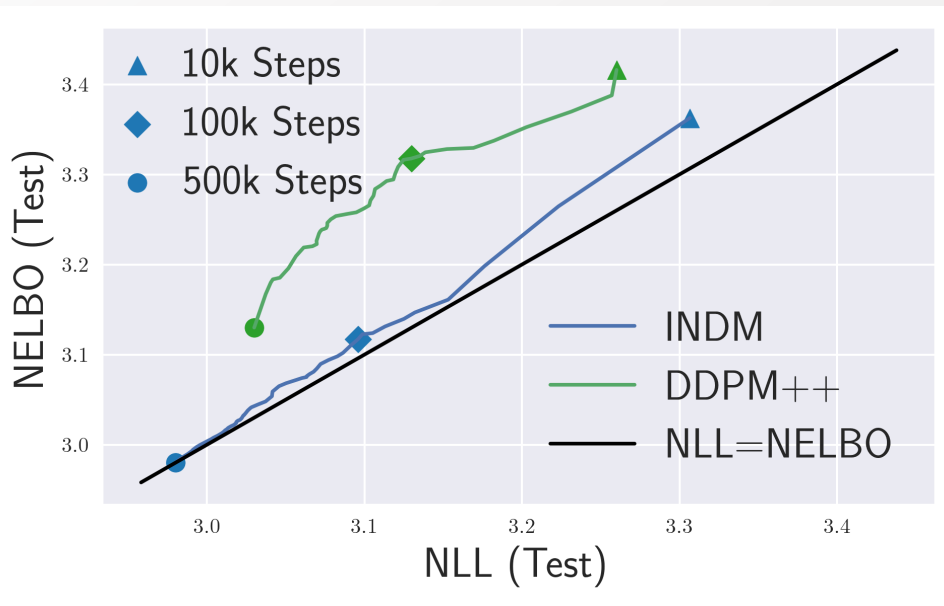


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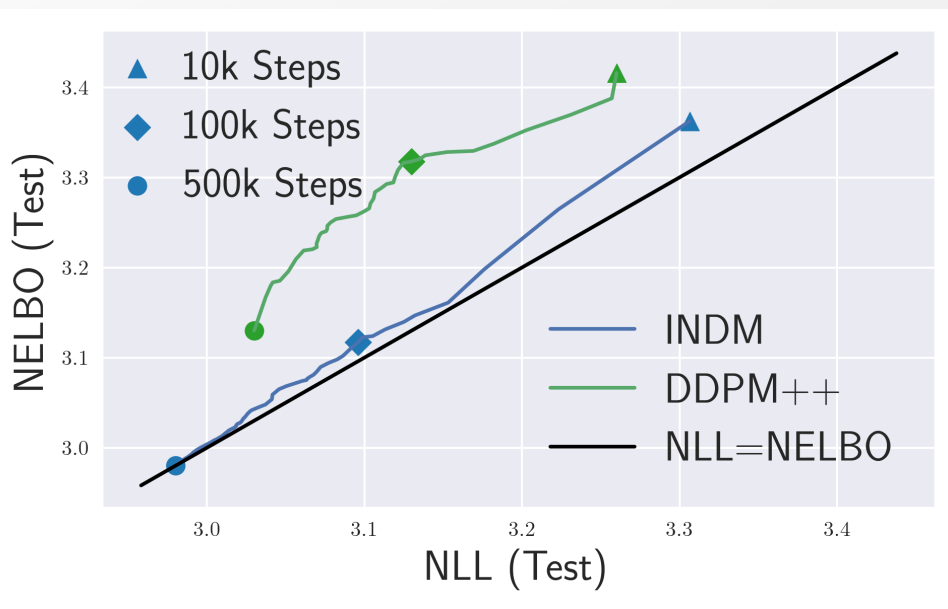
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- INDM is the first continuous fully nonlinear diffusion model
 1. INDM training is fast
 2. INDM training is MLE
 3. INDM sampling is robust
 4. INDM enables image-to-image translation

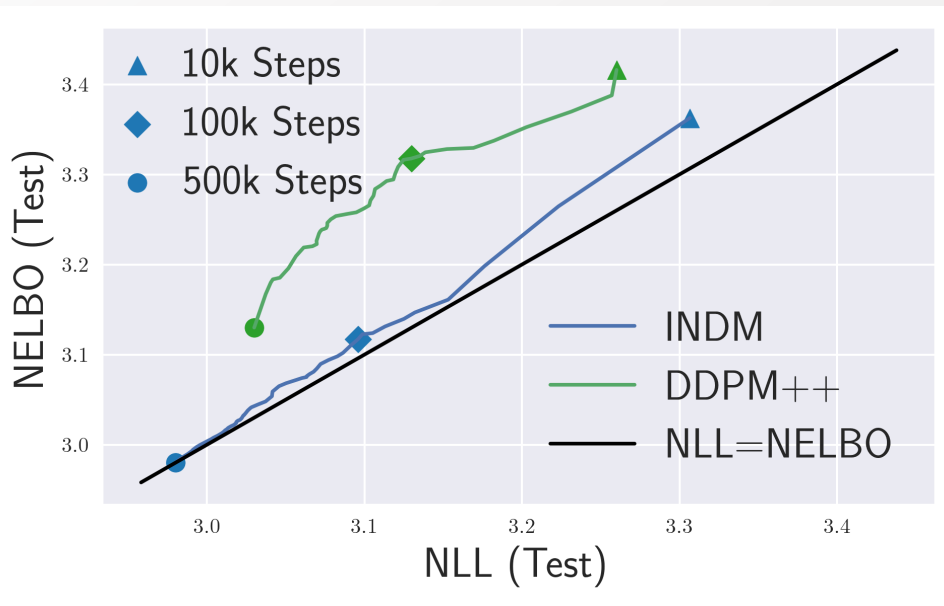


The learning curve of INDM is strictly under that of DDPM

Fast Training

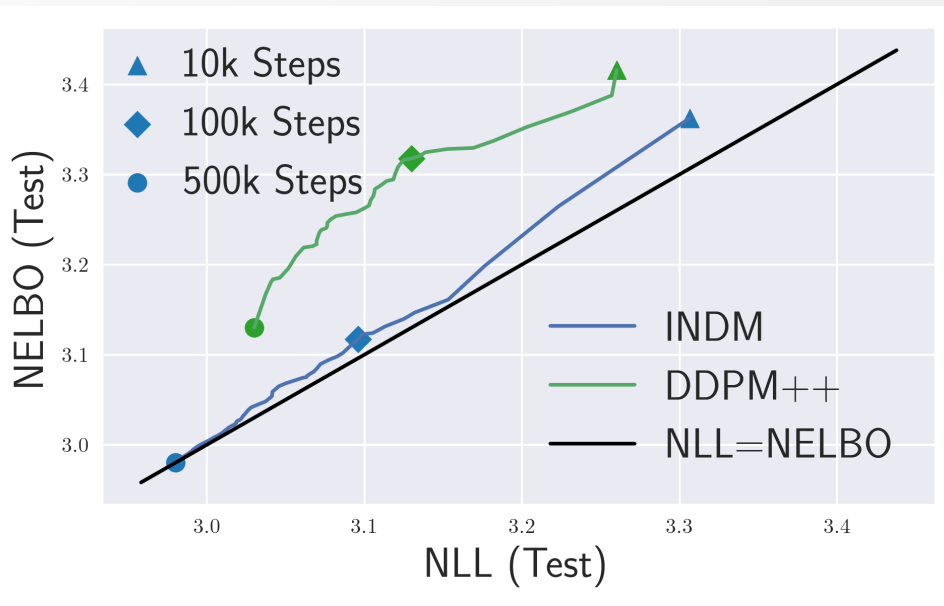


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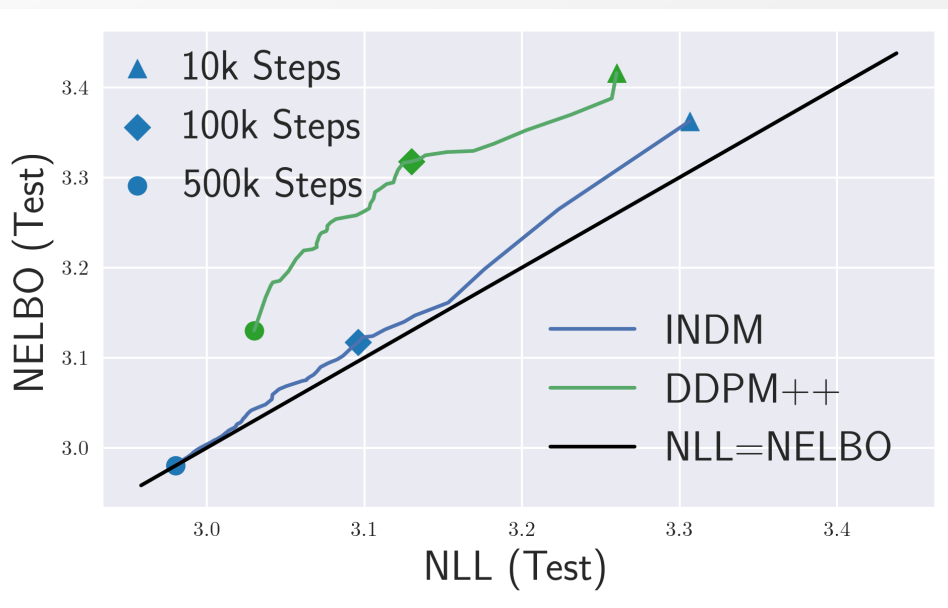
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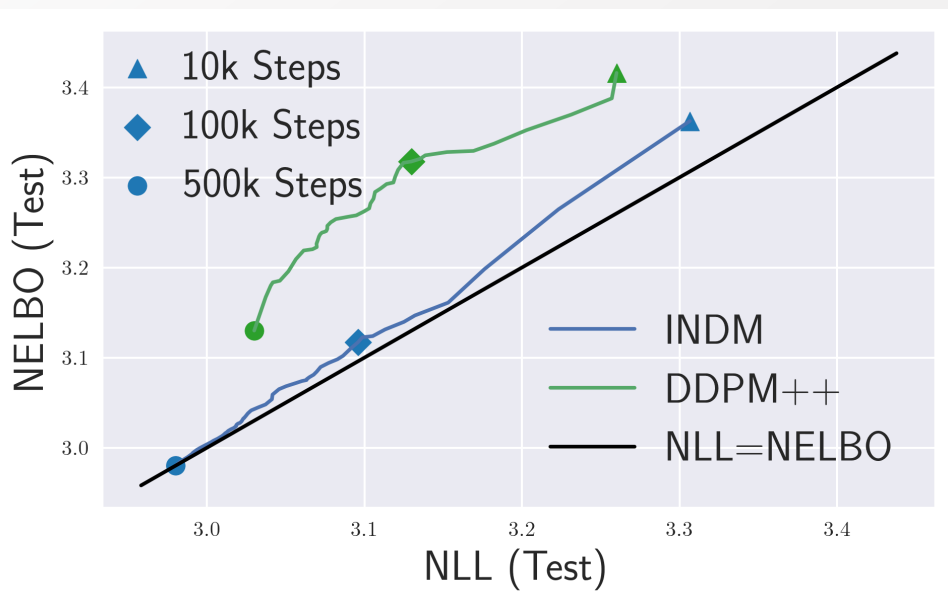


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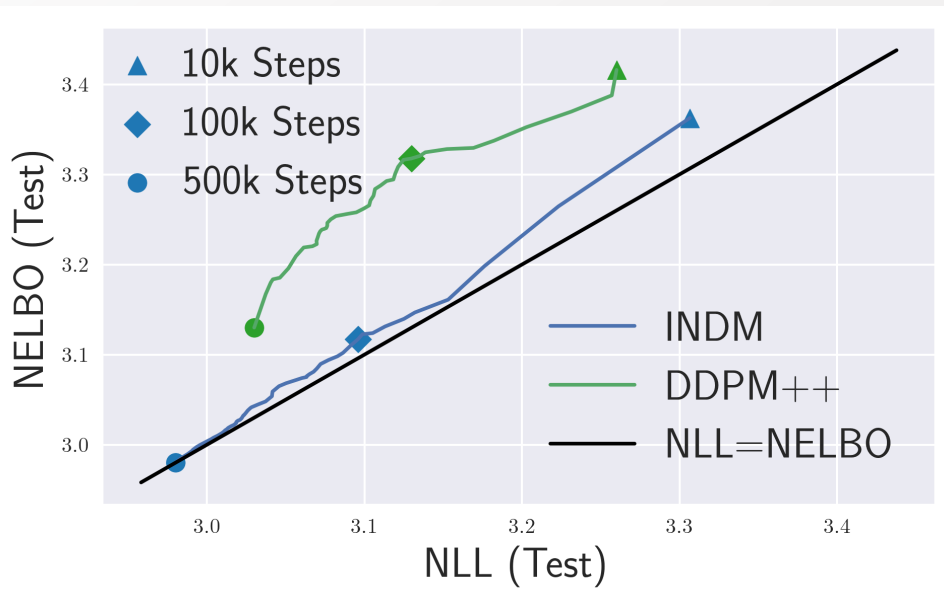


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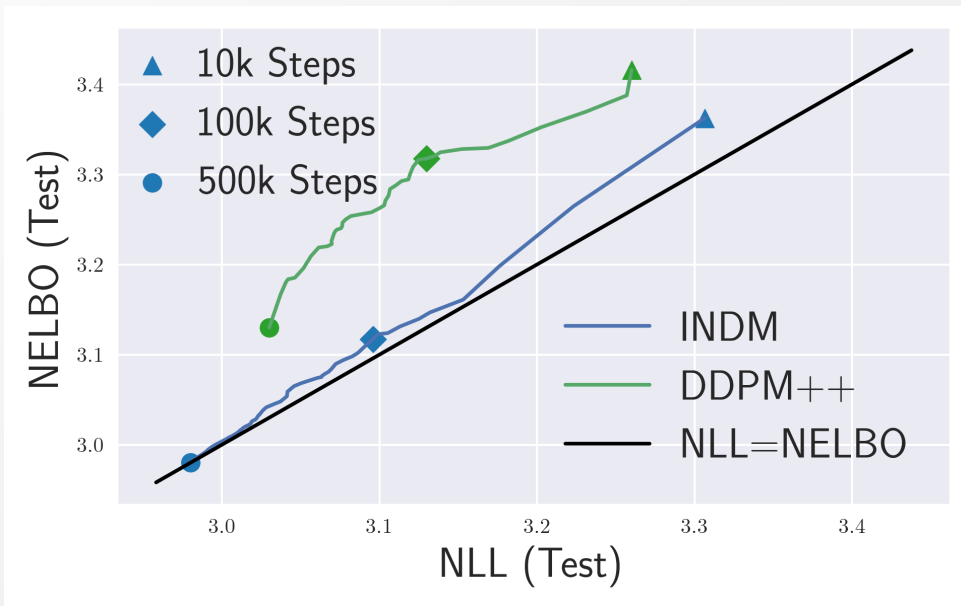


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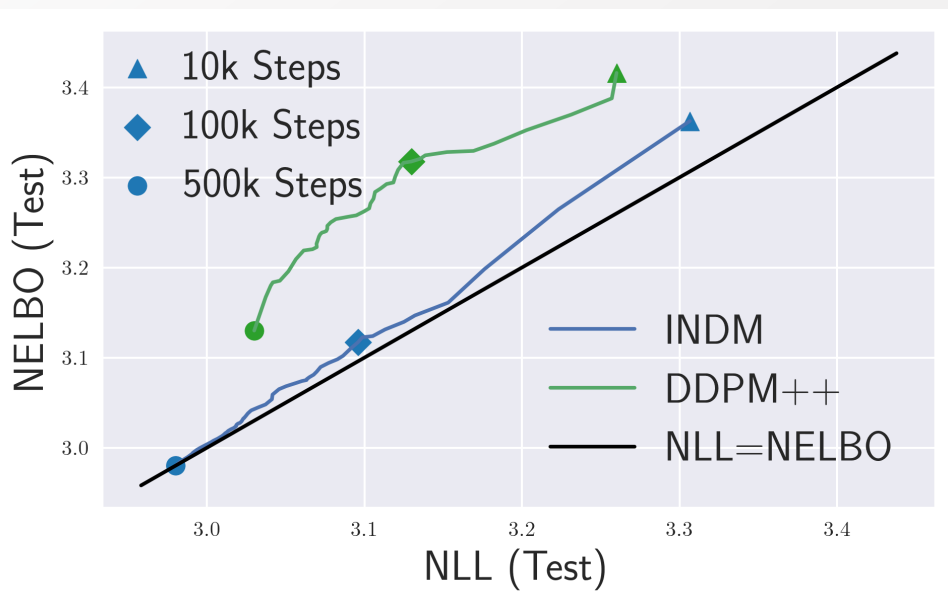
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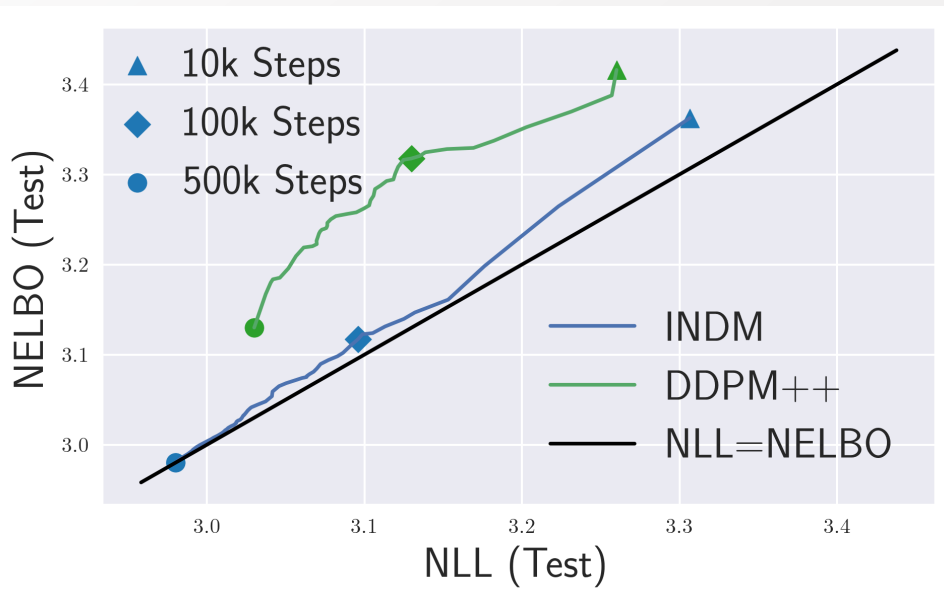
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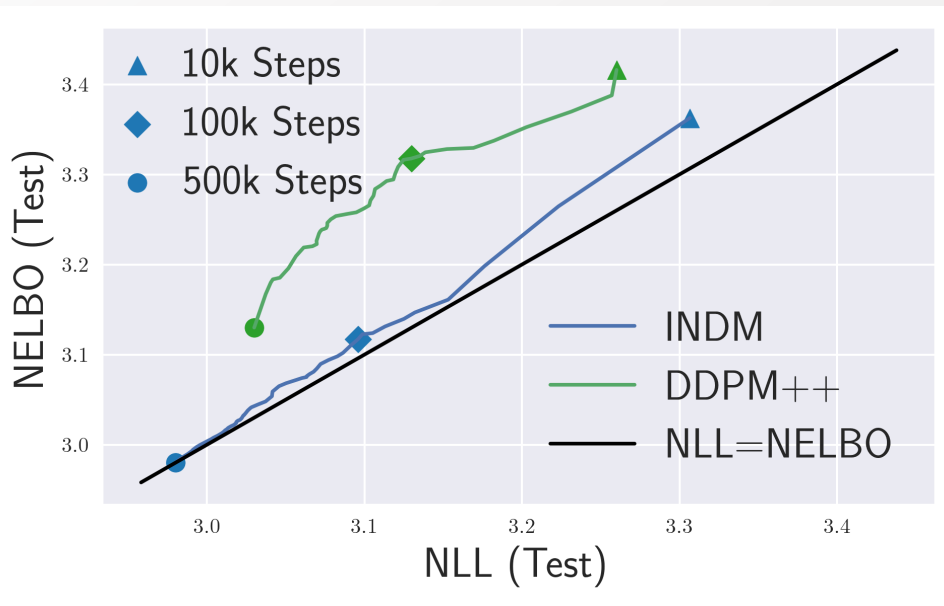
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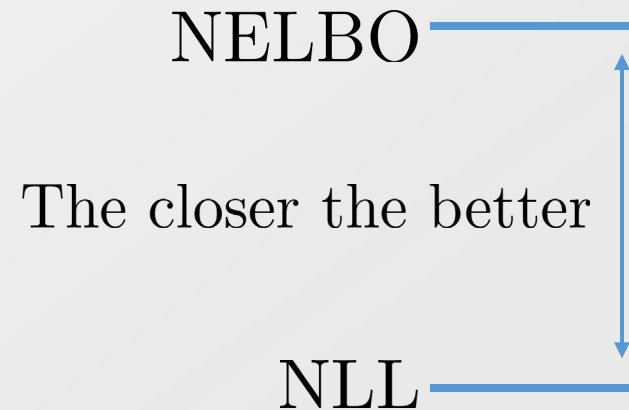
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NELBO

The closer the better

NLL



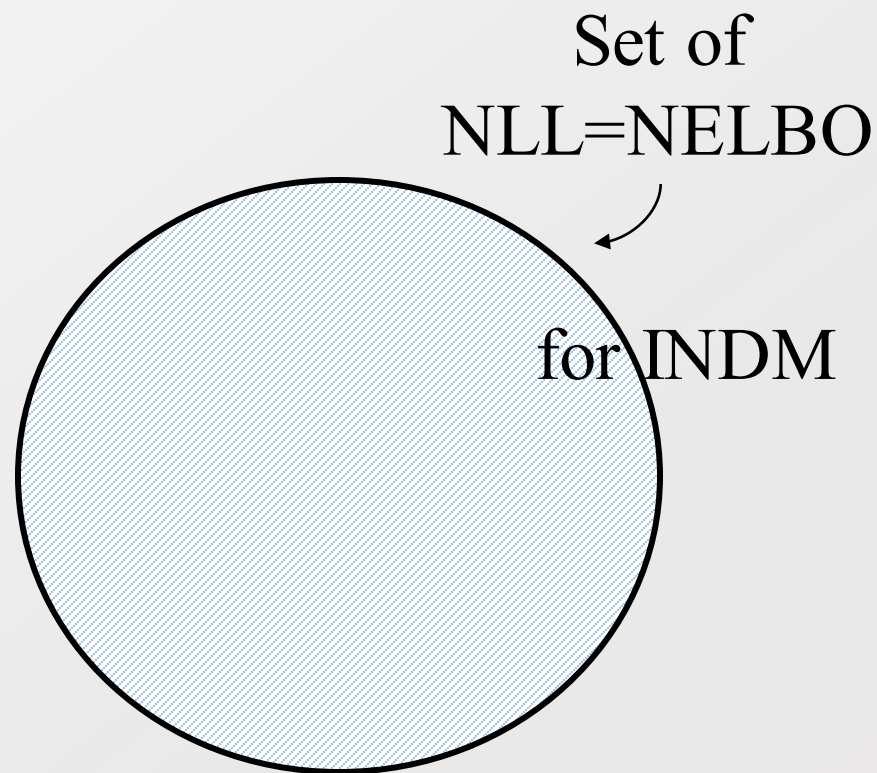
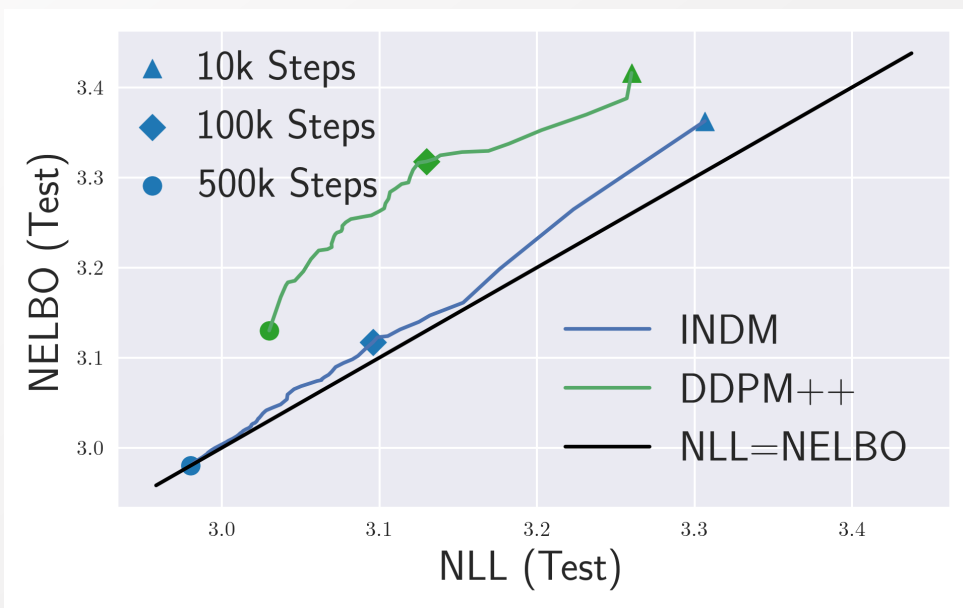
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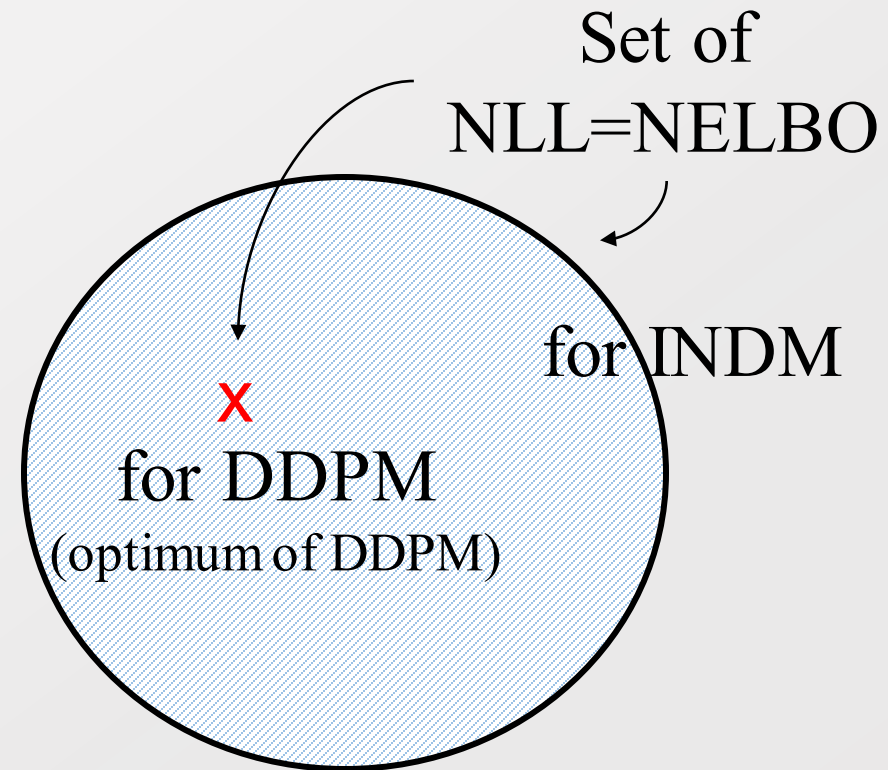
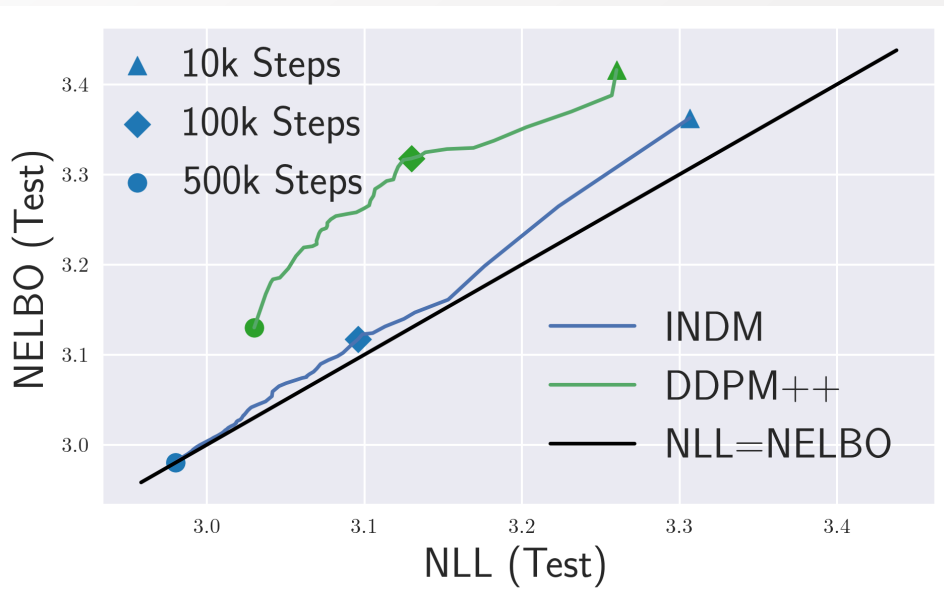
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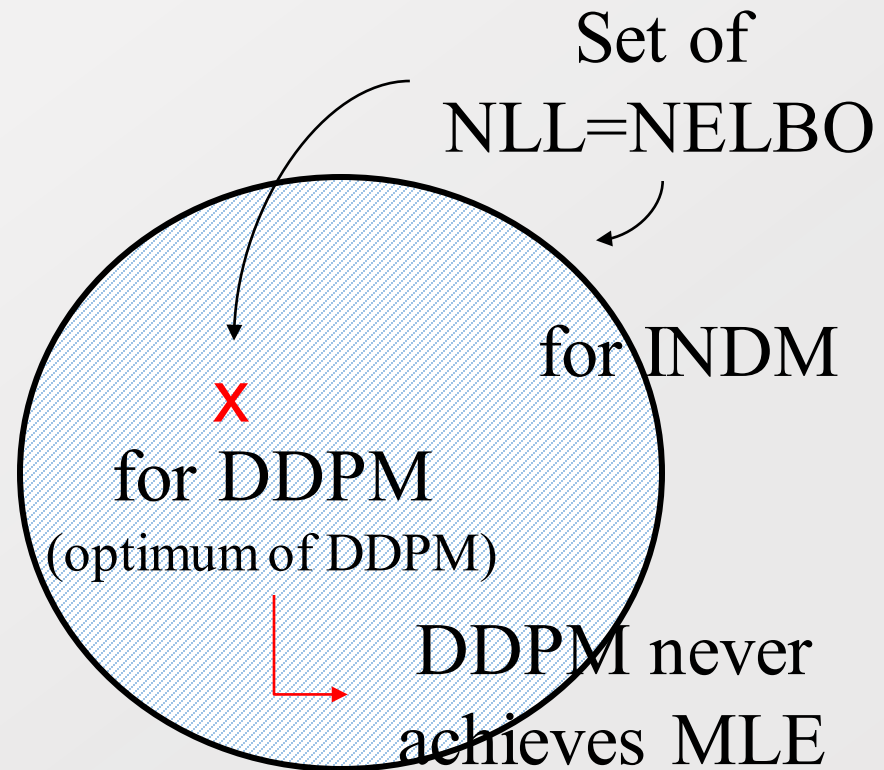
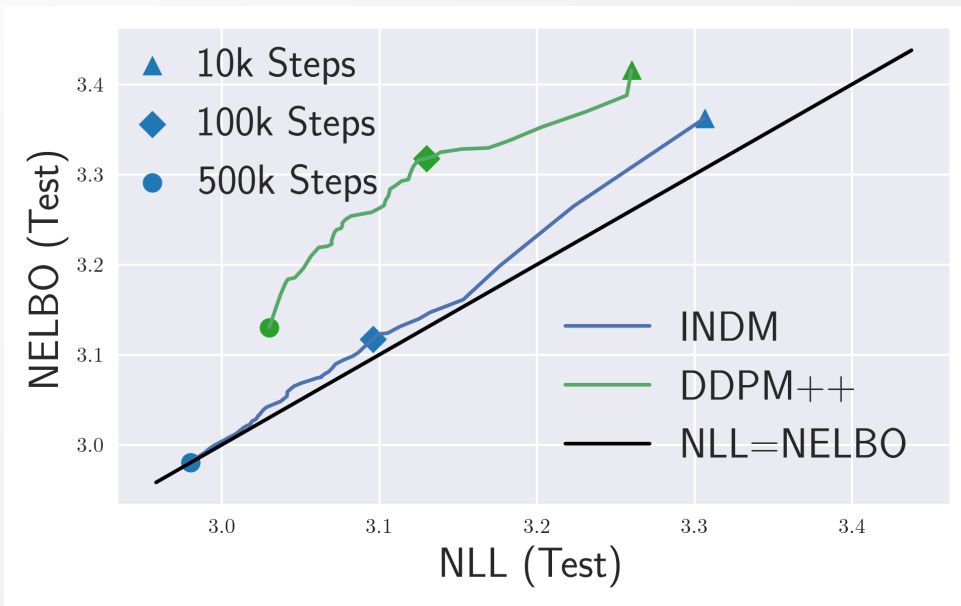
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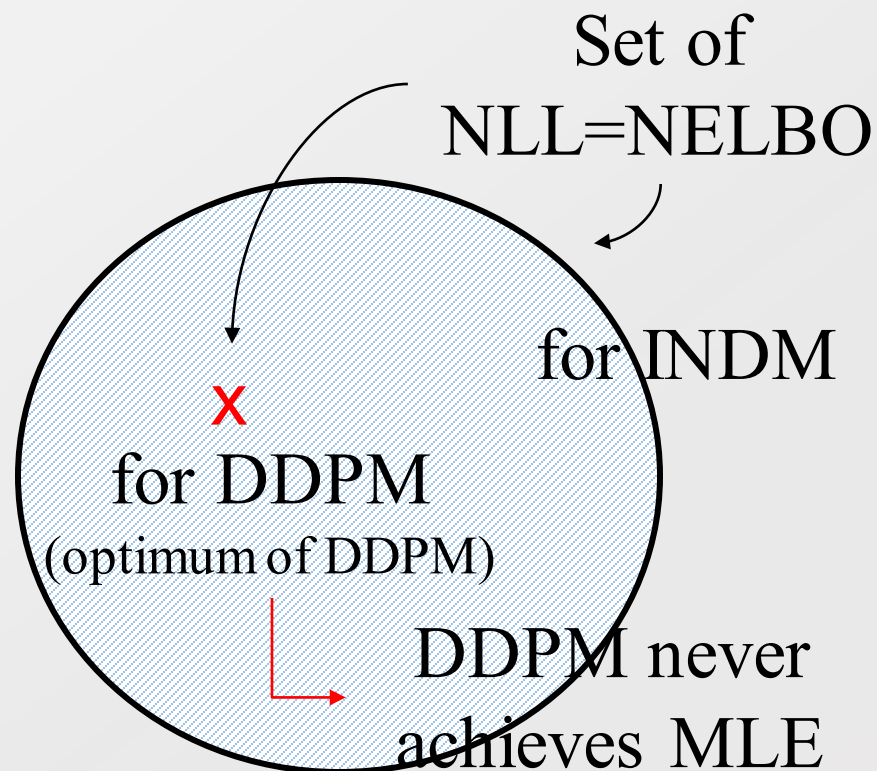
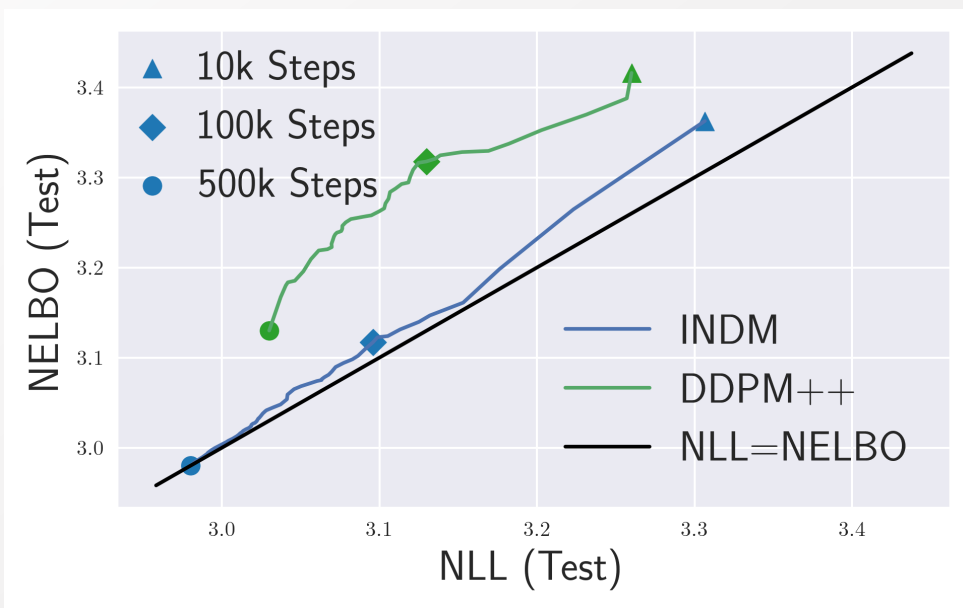
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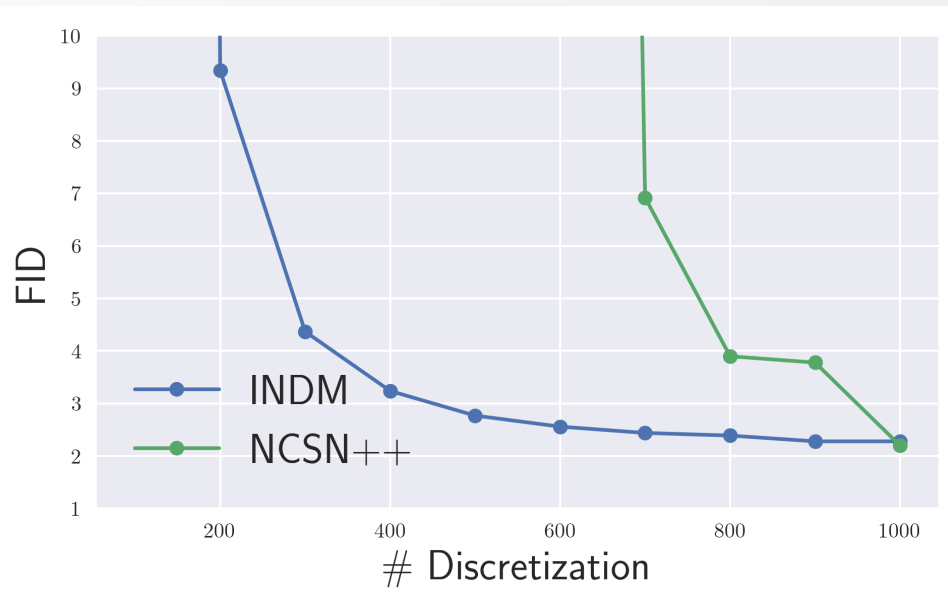
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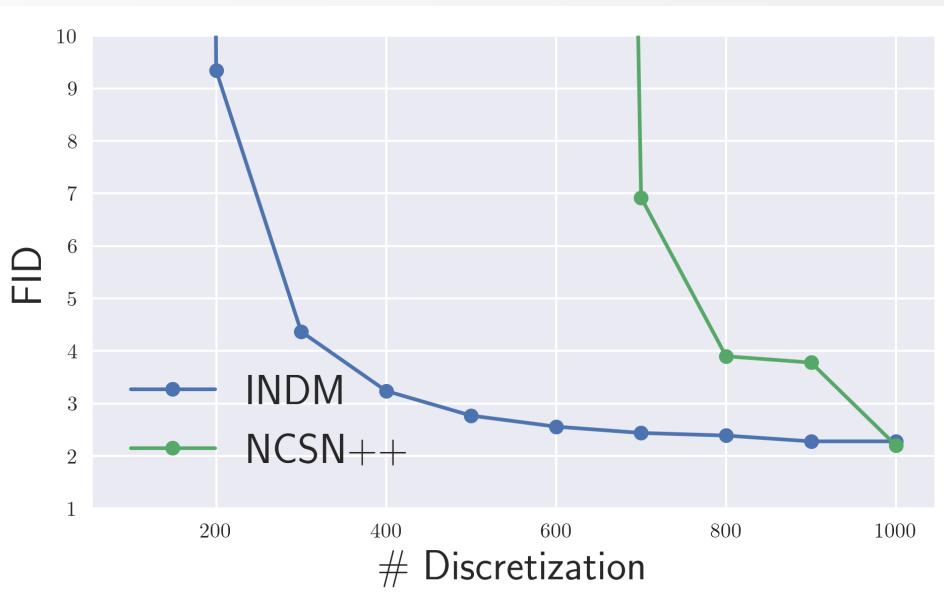


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The sample quality of INDM is robust on the number of discretization steps

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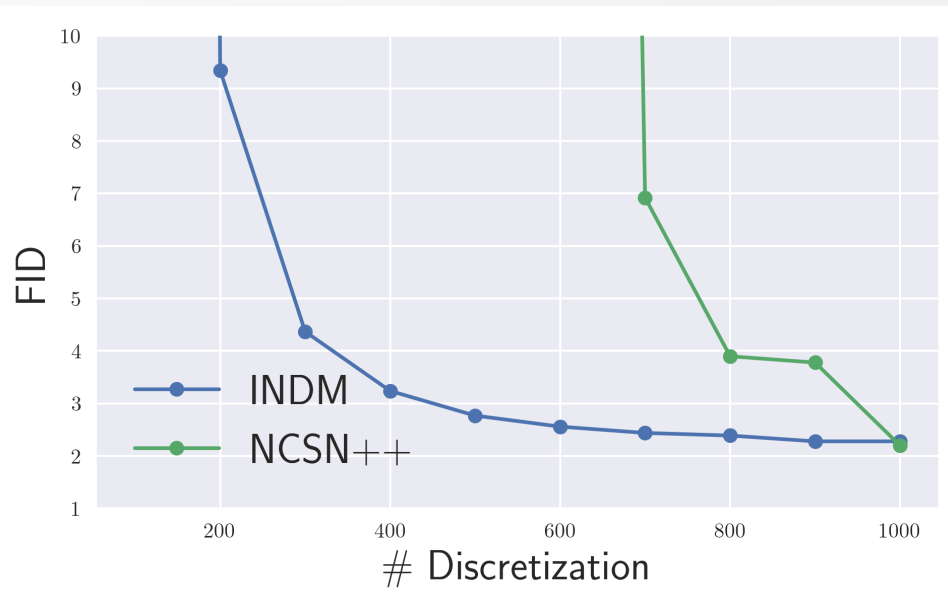
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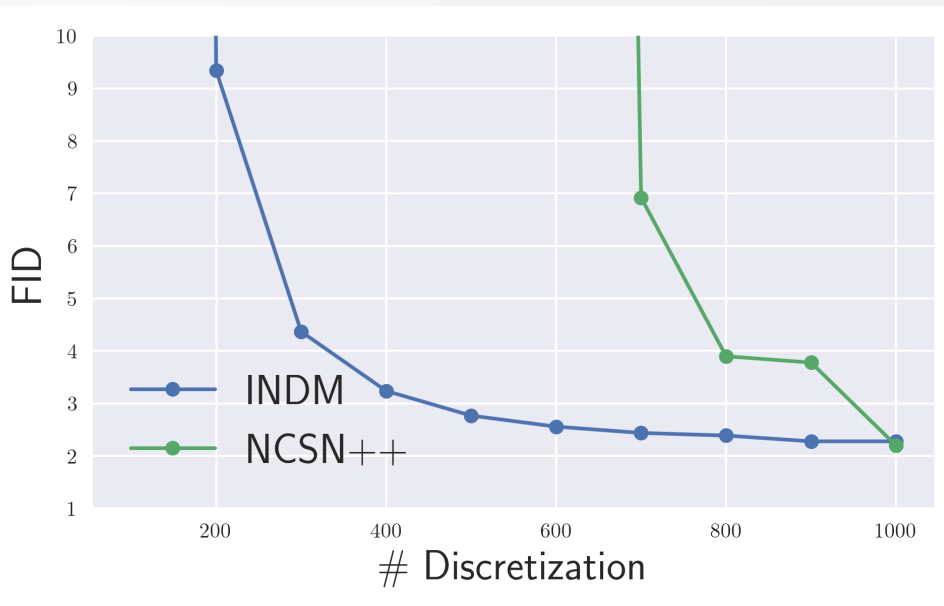
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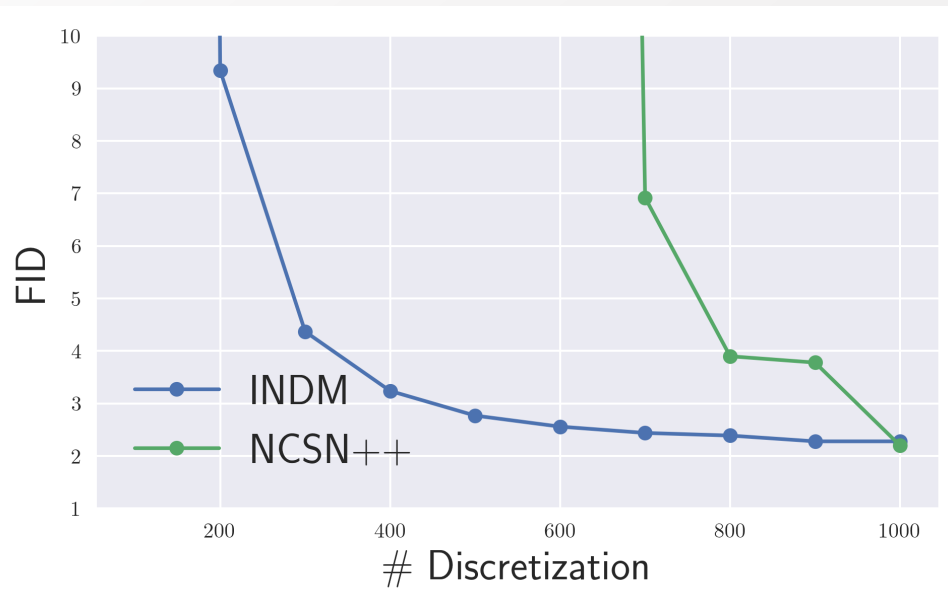
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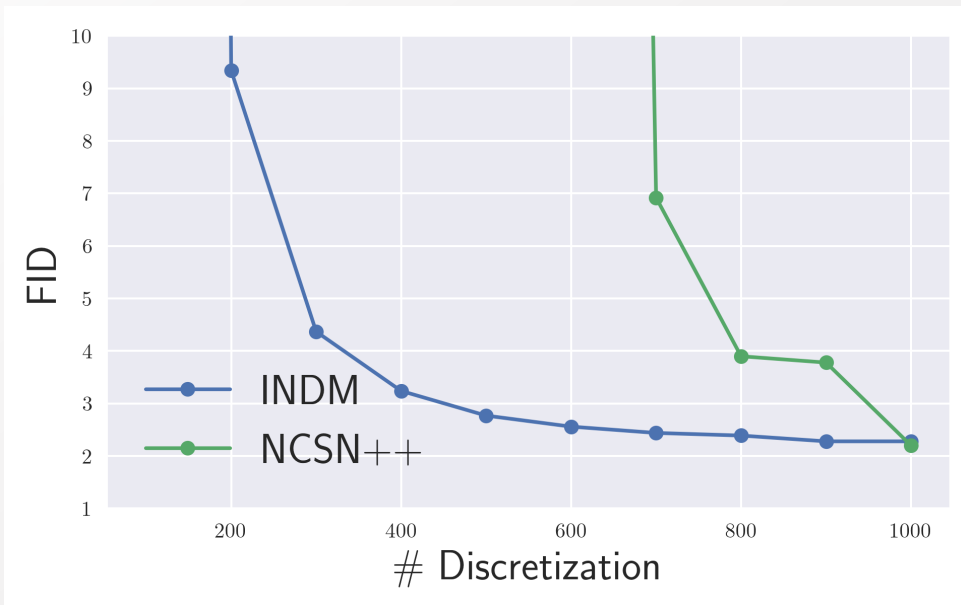
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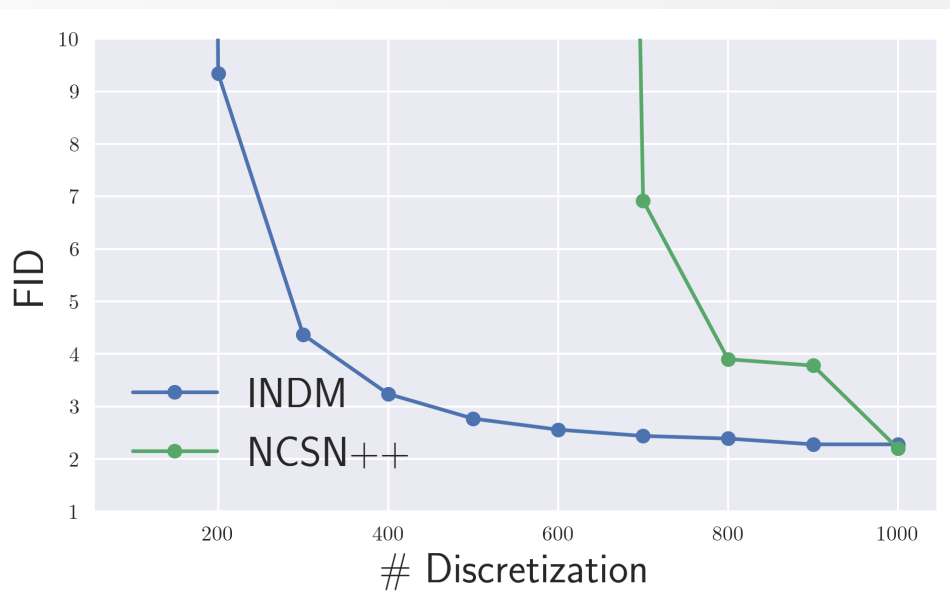
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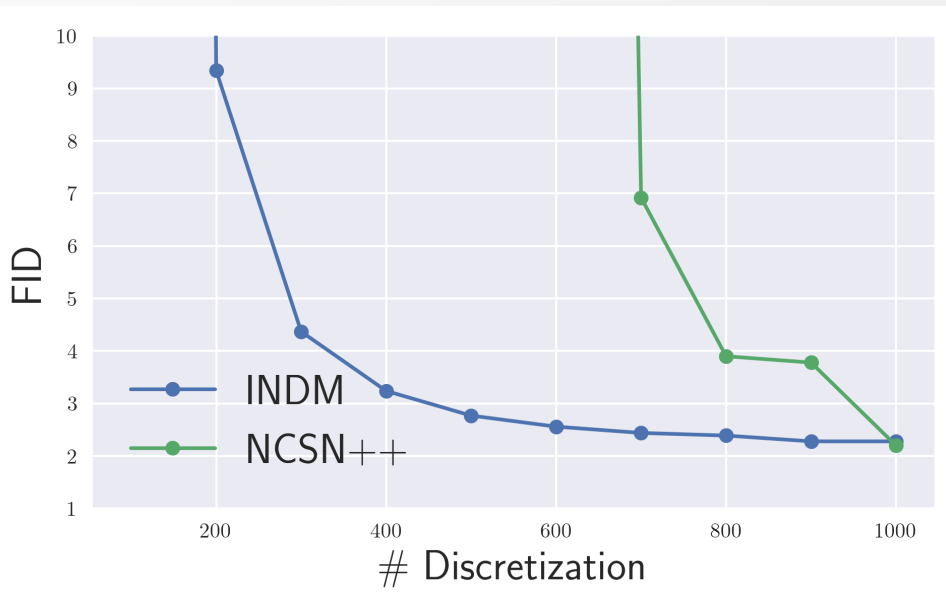
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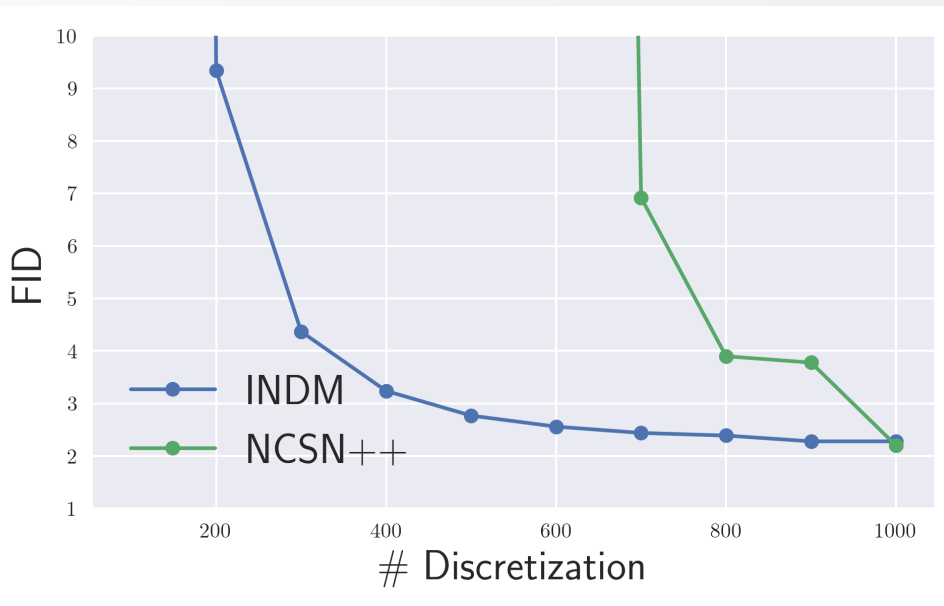


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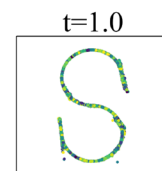
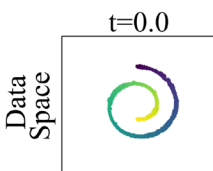
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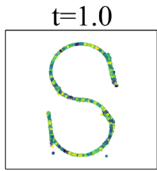
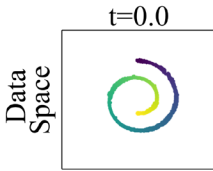
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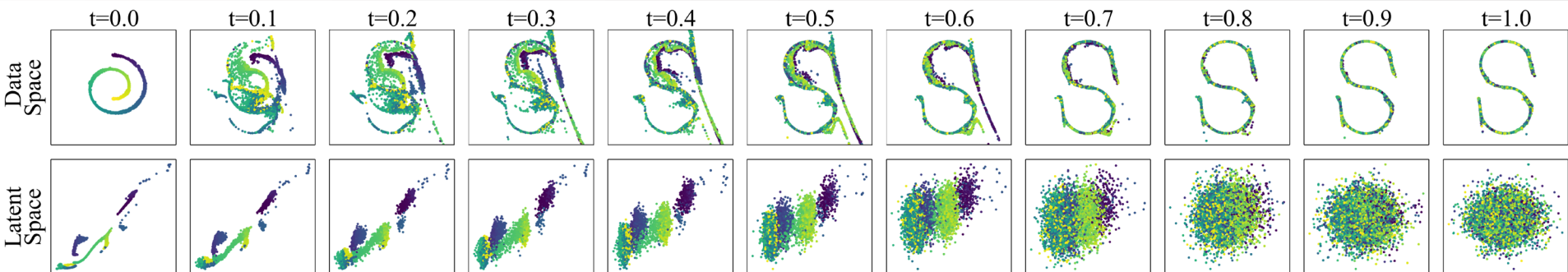
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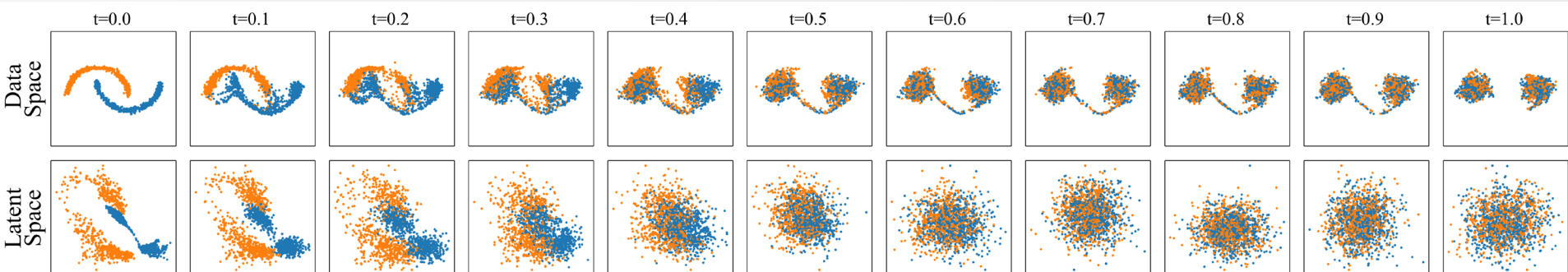
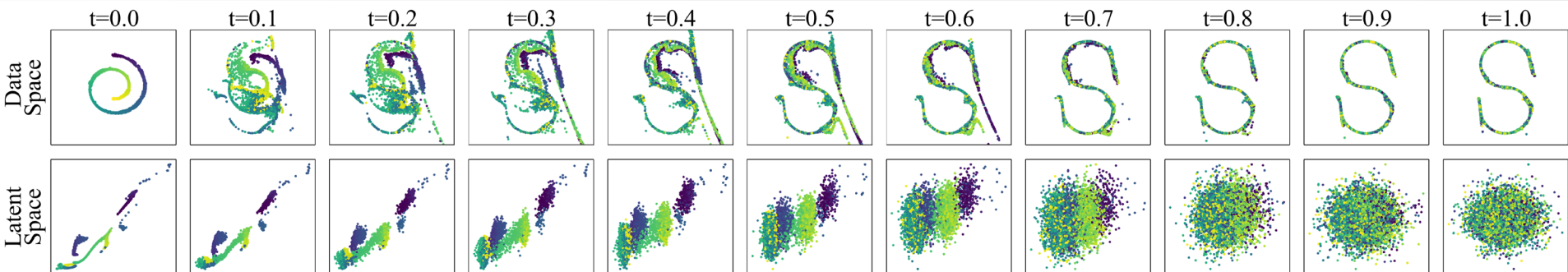
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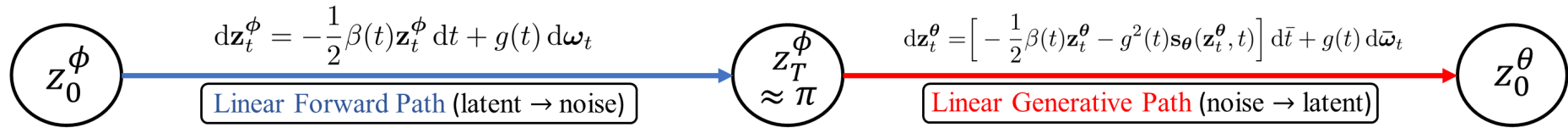
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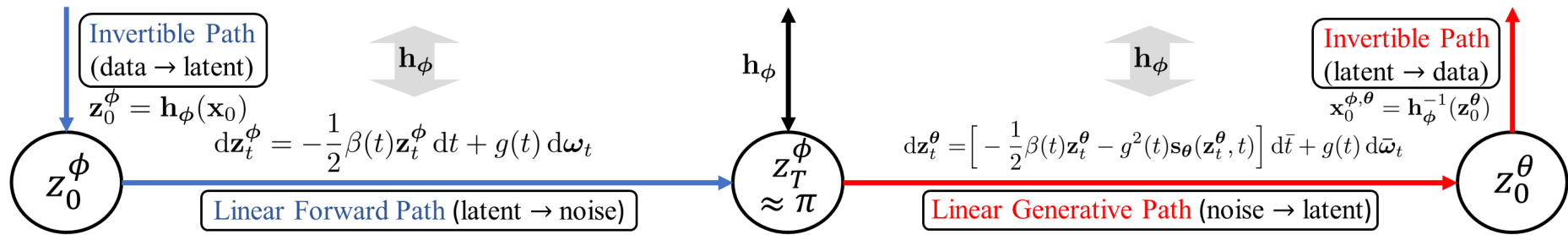
INDM is a **Nonlinear** Diffusion Model

- The motivation of nonlinear diffusion in high-dimensional dataset is not sufficient.
- The invertible transformation is modeled by a flow network, which is the speed/performance bottleneck after all.
- The destined variable of INDM is not a standard Gaussian in general, and this difference could arise a qualitatively different behavior.
- The nonlinearity is purely subject to the optimization, and the behavior of the trained forward diffusion is not investigated or controllable, so far.
- The drift and volatility coefficients are highly entangled with a flow model of which flexibility is potentially limited.
- The scope of nonlinearity needs to be examined more clearly.
- The nonlinear diffusion has not been tested for the higher-dimensional dataset, such as ImageNet-256.
- The flow seems not take any role other than colorization, and further research on the role of flow network remains.
- The model works better with the pre-training of linear diffusions.
- The further analysis on why INDM fails to converge, if we use Glow-based flows instead of ResNet-based flows, is left.
- Whether or not the essential input information is retained longer than the linear diffusion with INDM to make it use in the meaningful latent extraction.

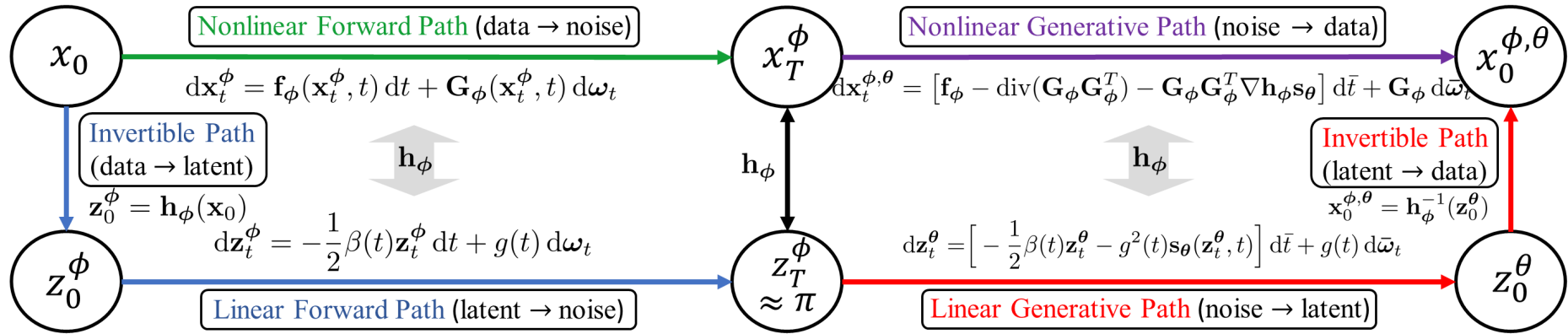
Thank you



Linear Diffusion on **Latent** Space



Linear Diffusion on **Latent Space** + *Invertible* Transformation



Nonlinear Diffusion on **Data** Space =
Linear Diffusion on **Latent** Space + *Invertible* Transformation