

SyncDiffusion: Coherent Montage via Synchronized Joint Diffusions

“A photo of a city skyline at night”



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Text-to-Image Diffusion Models

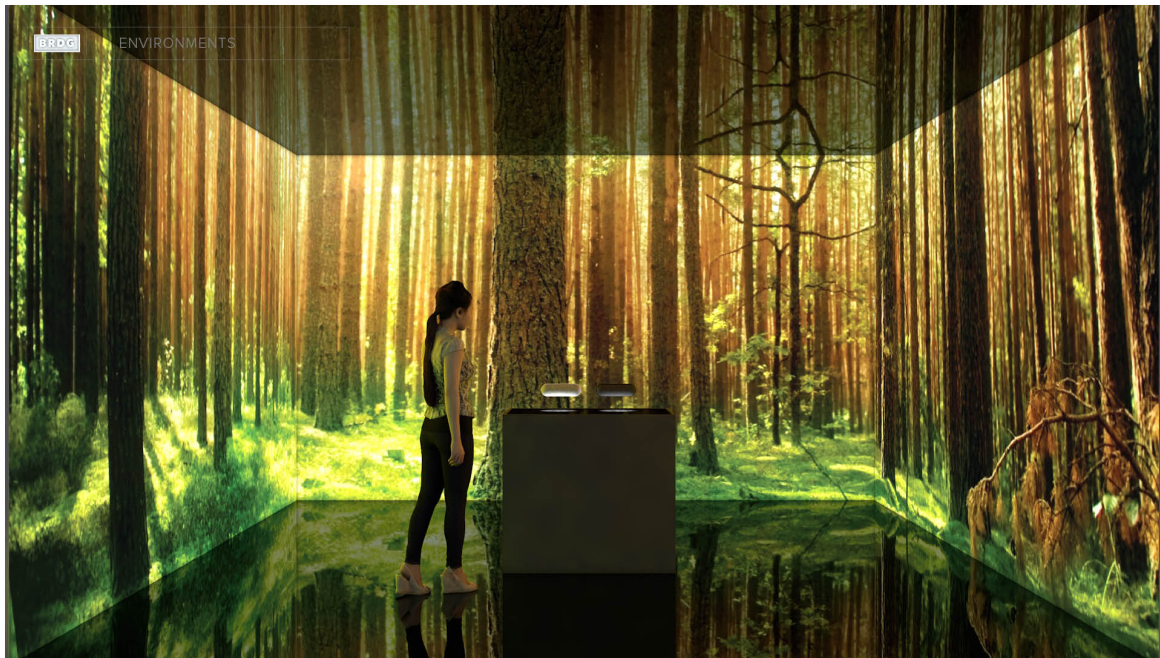
Pretrained text-to-image diffusion models are limited to generating images of **certain sizes**.



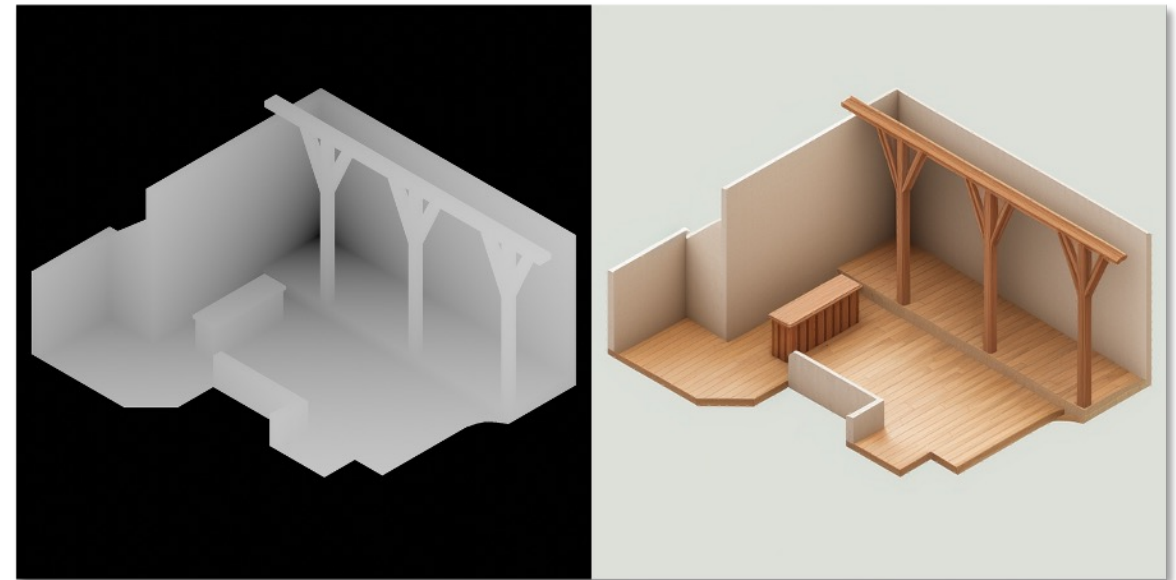
Stable Diffusion (Stability AI)

Needs for Arbitrary-Size Generation

There are growing demands for generating **arbitrary-size** images in downstream applications such as Virtual Reality and texture generation.



Virtual Reality (VR) Environment¹



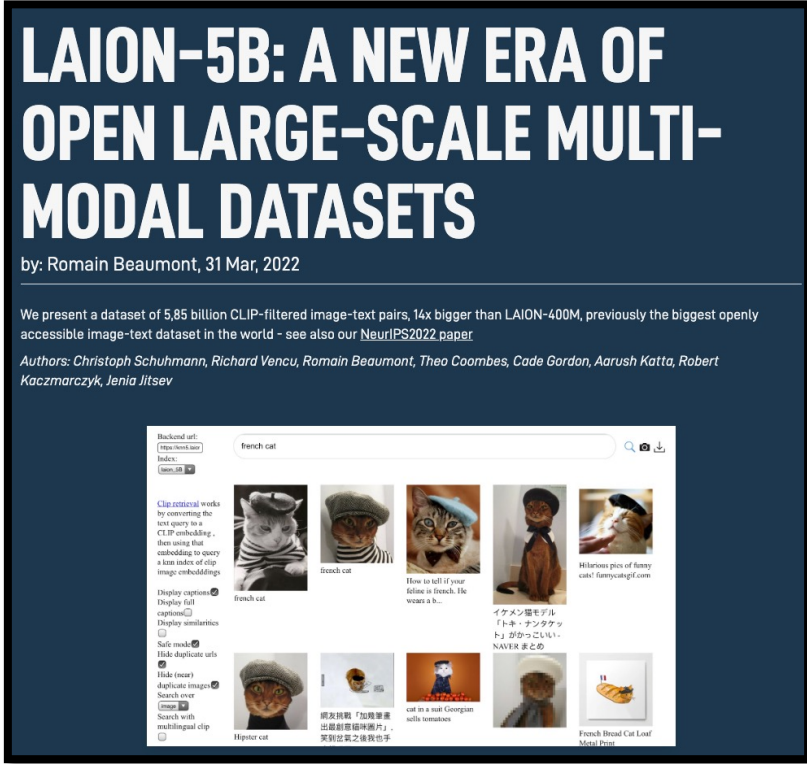
Generating textures for 3D objects²

¹ <https://brdg.co/vr-room/>

² <https://medium.com/@mattzq/stable-diffusion-controlnet-texture-projection-workflow-with-blender-8dac4b7154c2>

Expensive Data Acquisition & Training

Training diffusion models for **different image sizes** would cost substantial time and computing resources.



LAION-5B: A NEW ERA OF OPEN LARGE-SCALE MULTI-MODAL DATASETS
by: Romain Beaumont, 31 Mar, 2022

We present a dataset of 5,85 billion CLIP-filtered image-text pairs, 14x bigger than LAION-400M, previously the biggest openly accessible image-text dataset in the world - see also our [NeurIPS2022 paper](#)

Authors: *Christoph Schuhmann, Richard Vencu, Romain Beaumont, Theo Coombes, Cade Gordan, Arush Katta, Robert Kaczmarczyk, Jenia Jitsev*

Backend url: [https://laion.ai](#)
Index: [\(open in JS\)](#)

Clip retrieval works by converting the text query into a CLIP embedding, then using that embedding to query a kmn index of clip image embeddings

Display captions
Display full captions
Display similarities
Safe mode
Hide duplicate urls
Hide (near) duplicate images
Search over
Search with multilingual clip

Search: french cat

Results:

- french cat
- How to tell if your feline is french. He wears a b...
- イケメン猫モデル「トネ・タンタケッ」とがカッコいい - NAVER まとめ
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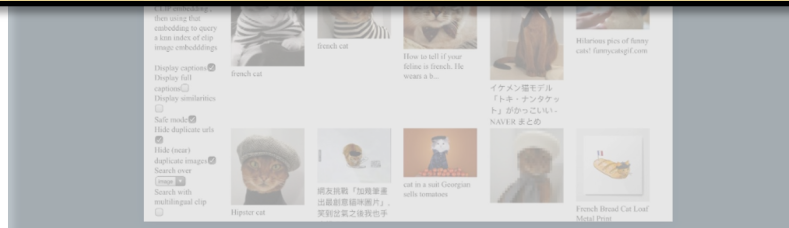
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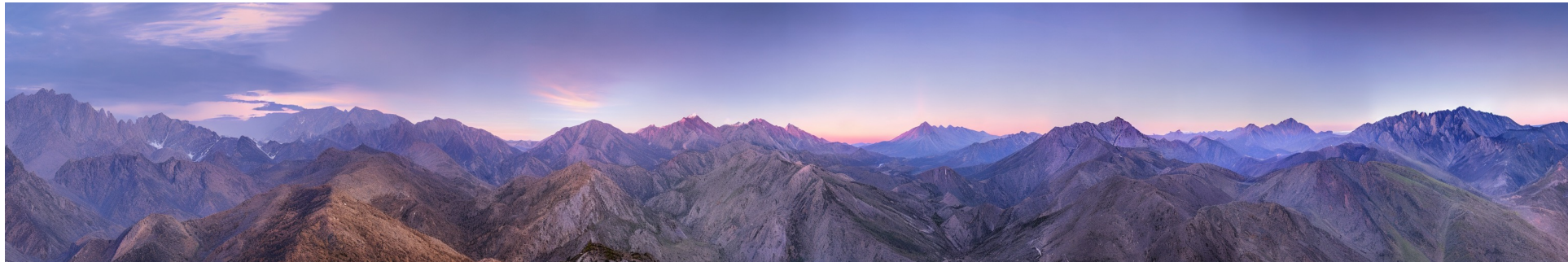
Zero-shot generation of arbitrary-size images
with **pretrained** diffusion models.



LAION-5B

Image as Montage

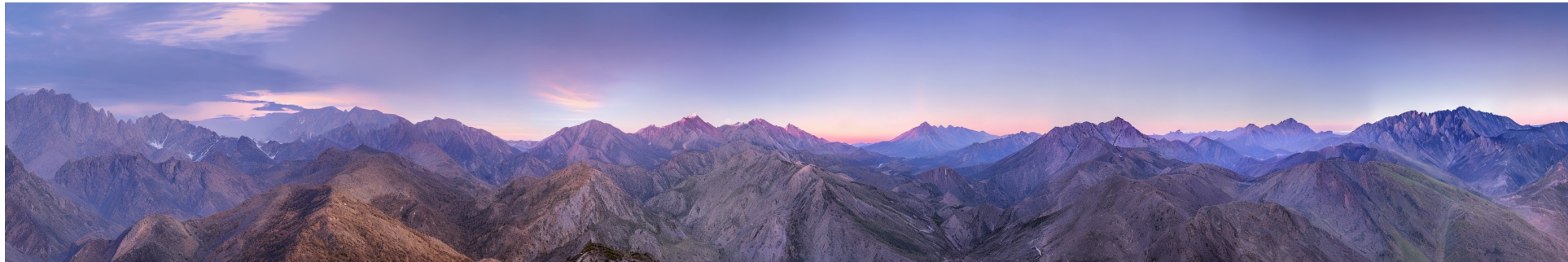
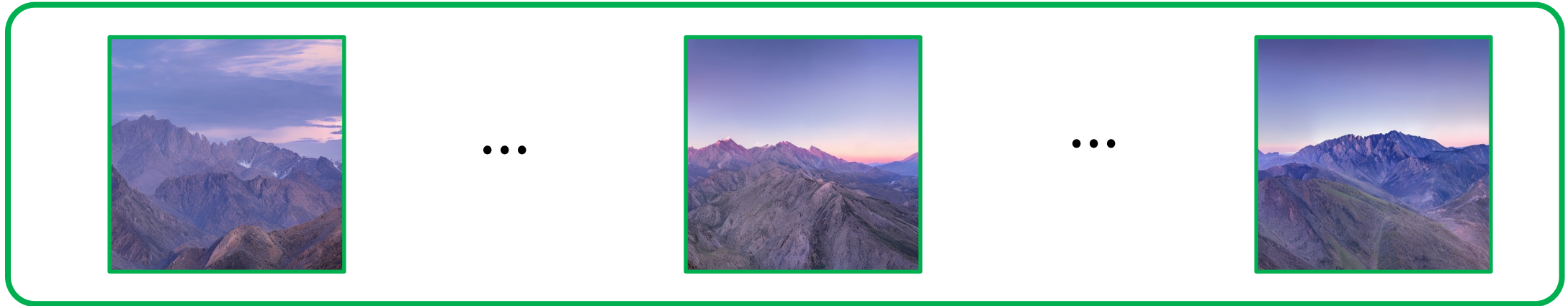
Any **arbitrary-size** image is a composition of multiple **fixed-size** images.



"A photo of a mountain range at twilight"

Image as Montage

Fixed-size images can be generated with pretrained models.



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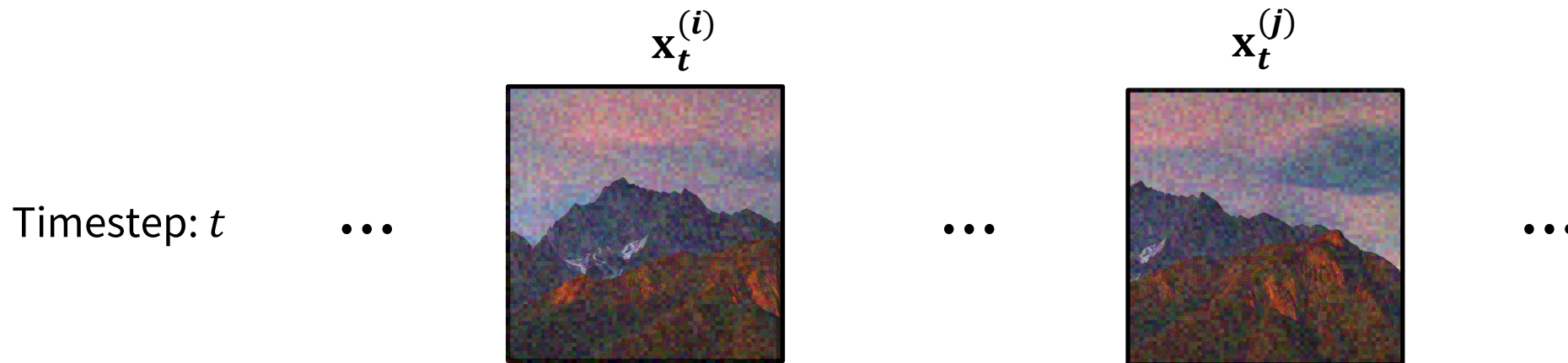
Image Extrapolation [Blended Latent Diffusion, Avrahami et al.]

Sequentially extrapolating images often results in **visible seams** and **repetitive contents**.



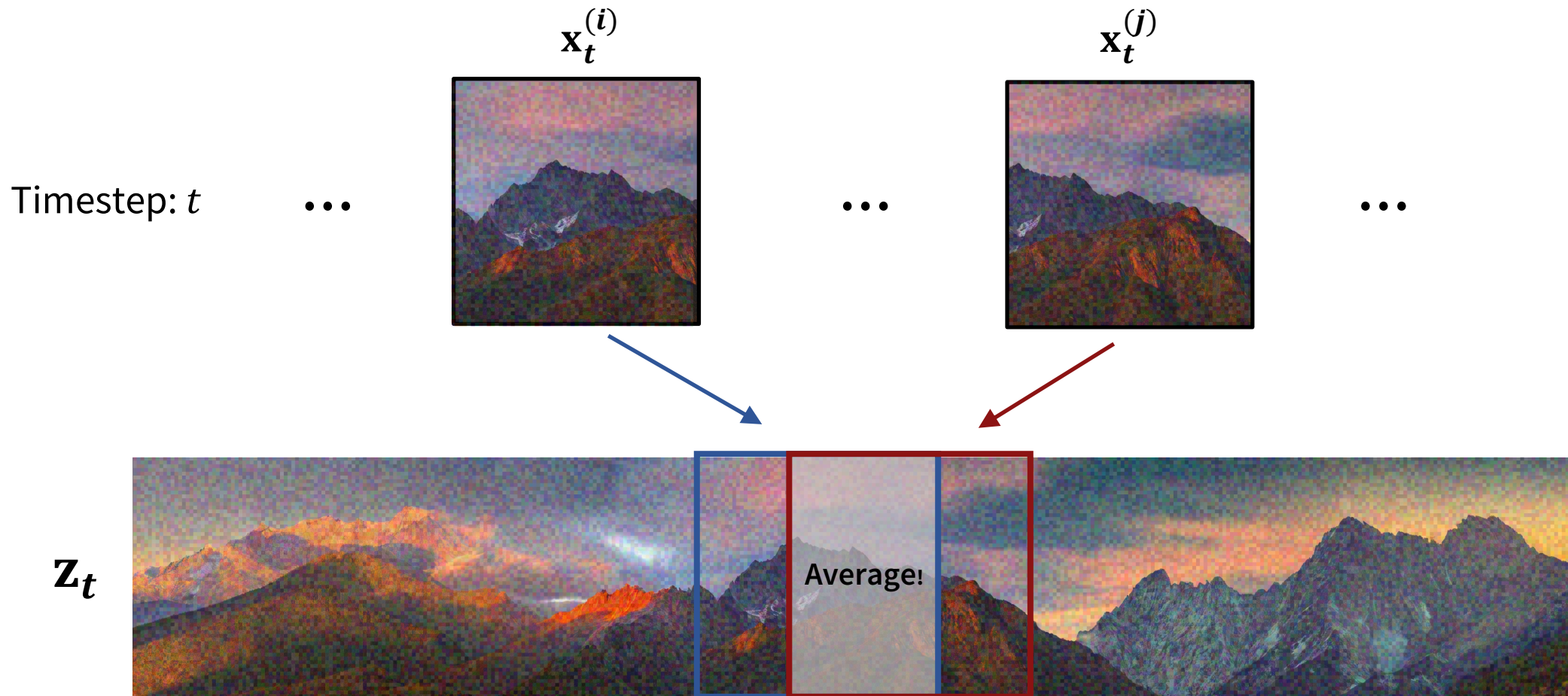
Joint Diffusion [MultiDiffusion, Bar-Tal *et al.*]

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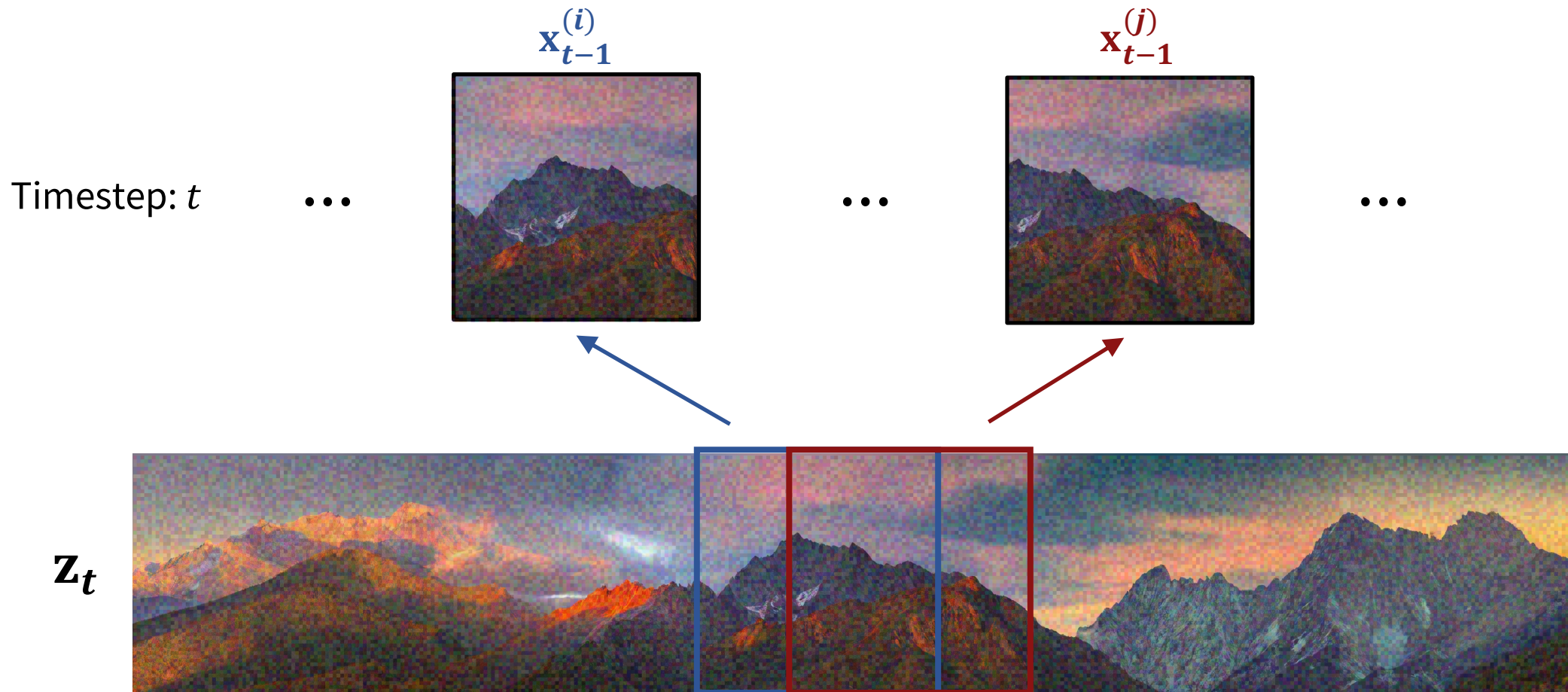
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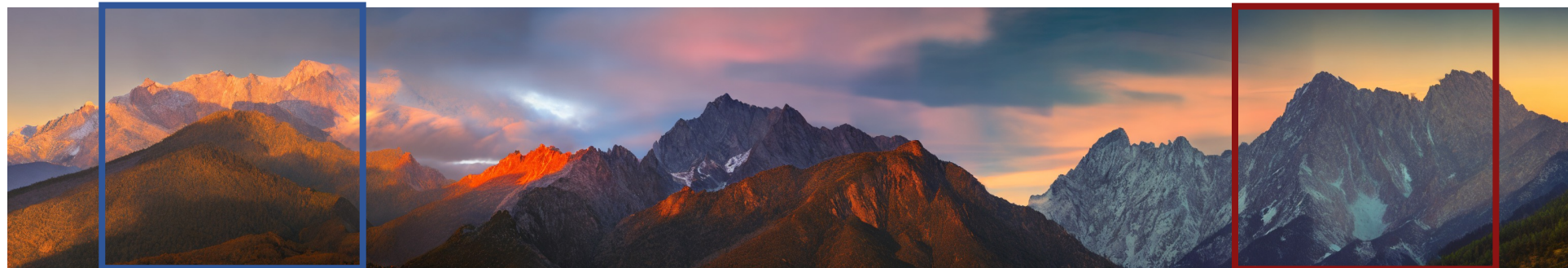
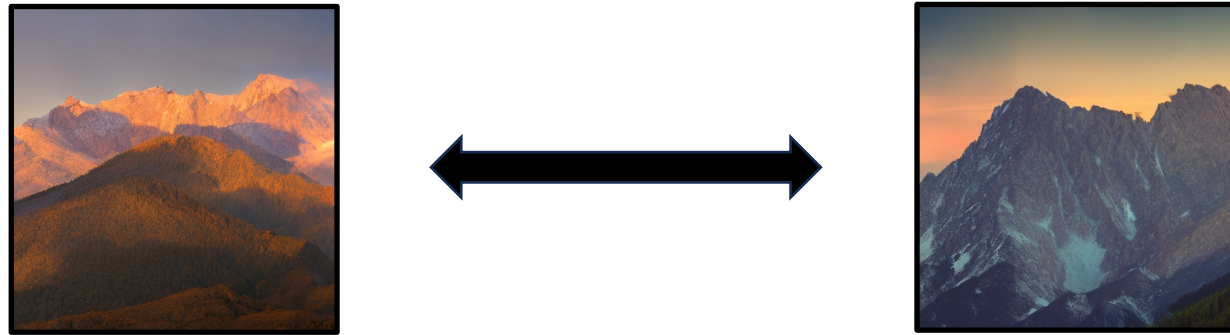
Crop the full latent to obtain the latent for each window.



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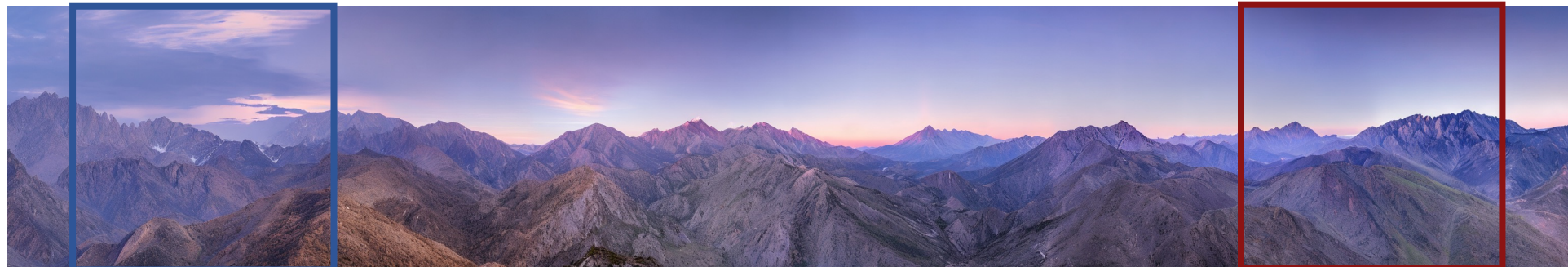
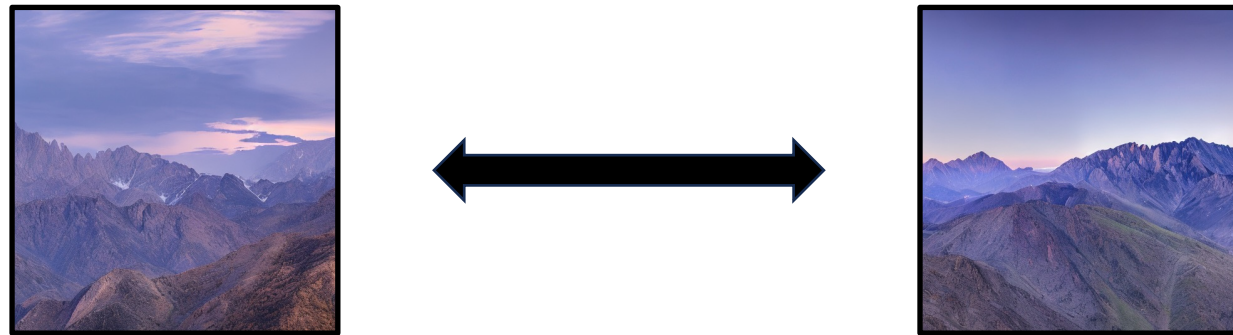
The final output is **not coherent**.



"A photo of a mountain range at twilight"

SyncDiffusion: **Synchronized** Joint Diffusions

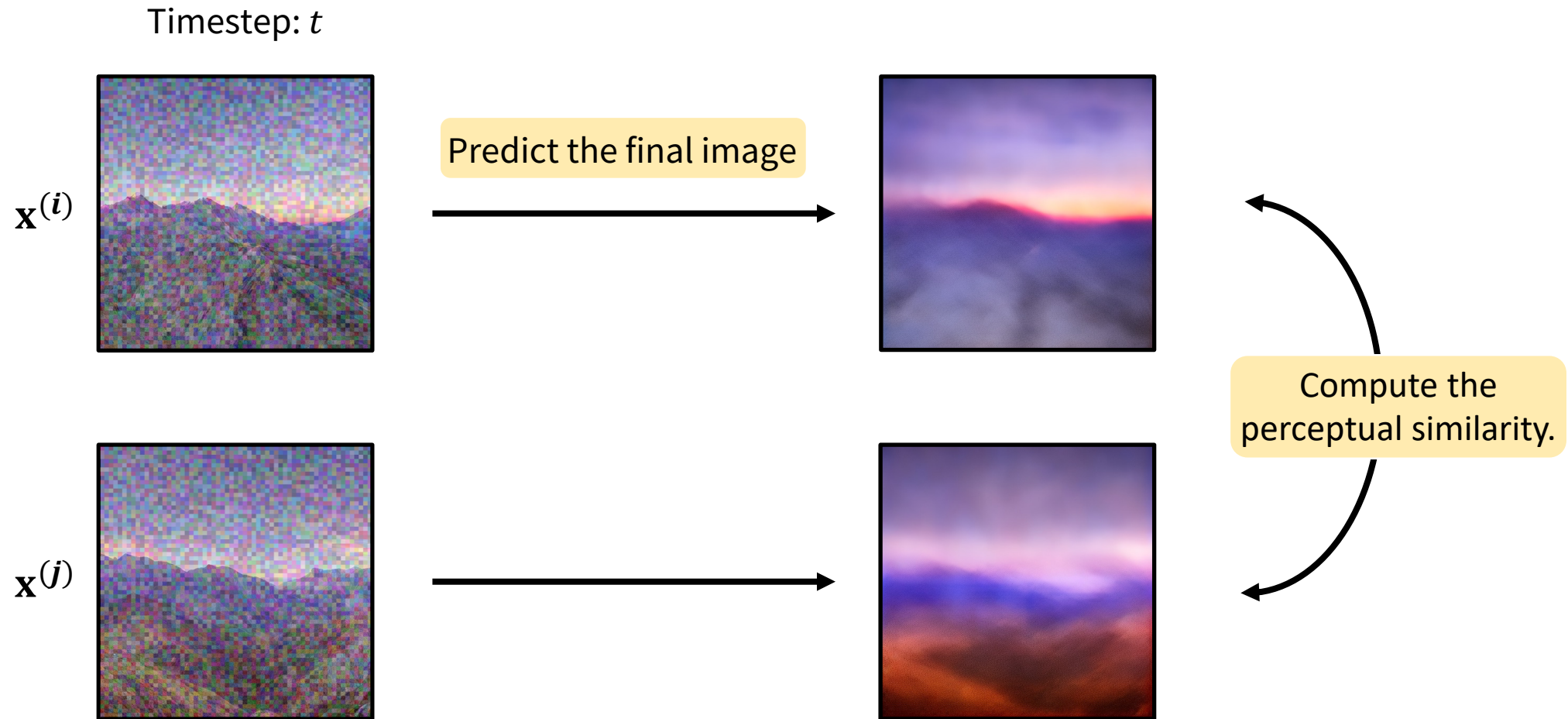
Generate perceptually coherent images in arbitrary sizes.



"A photo of a mountain range at twilight"

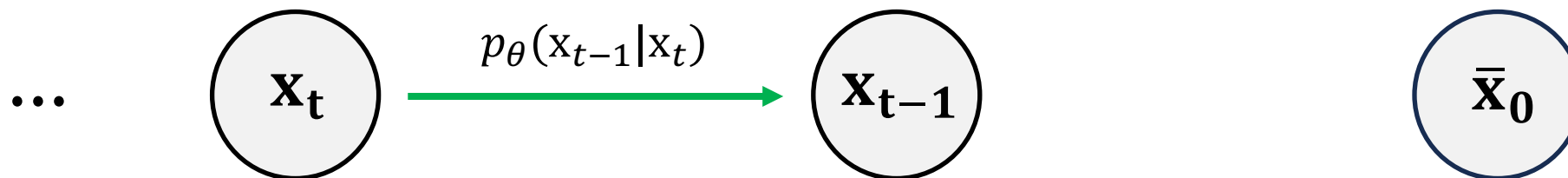
Key Idea

Compute the coherence **in advance** based on **foreseen** output images.



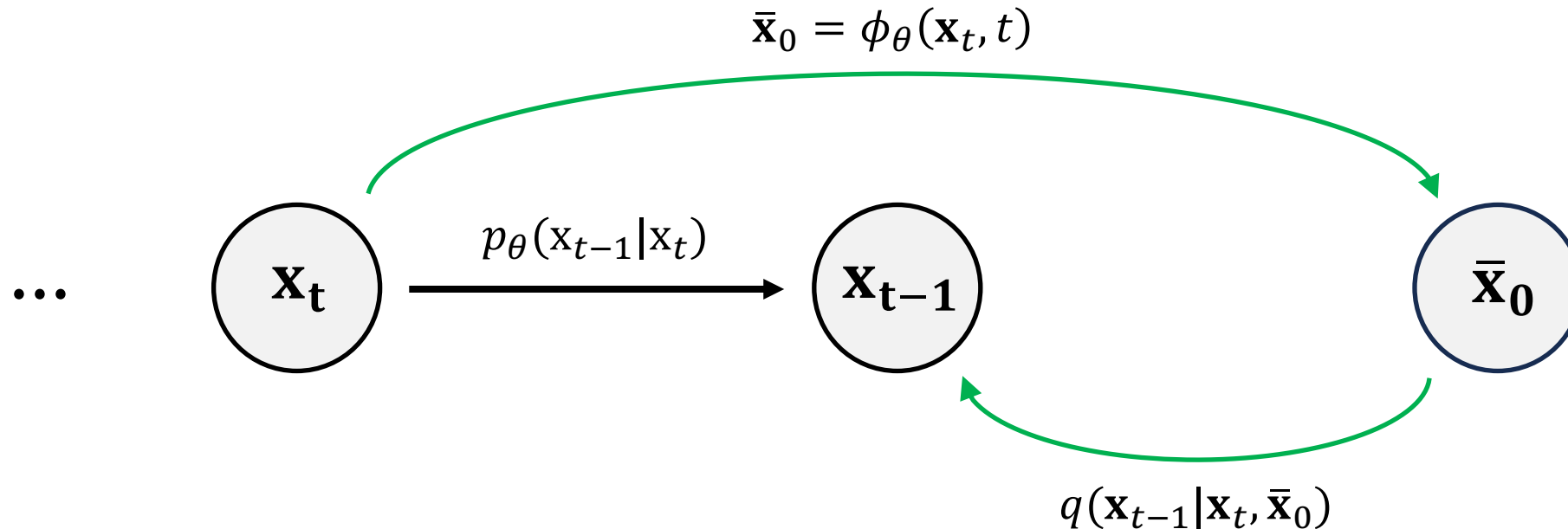
Background: DDIM [Denoising Diffusion Implicit Models]

Transition from \mathbf{x}_t to \mathbf{x}_{t-1} is conditioned on both \mathbf{x}_t and $\bar{\mathbf{x}}_0$, where $\bar{\mathbf{x}}_0$ is the **predicted denoised output** given \mathbf{x}_t and timestep t .



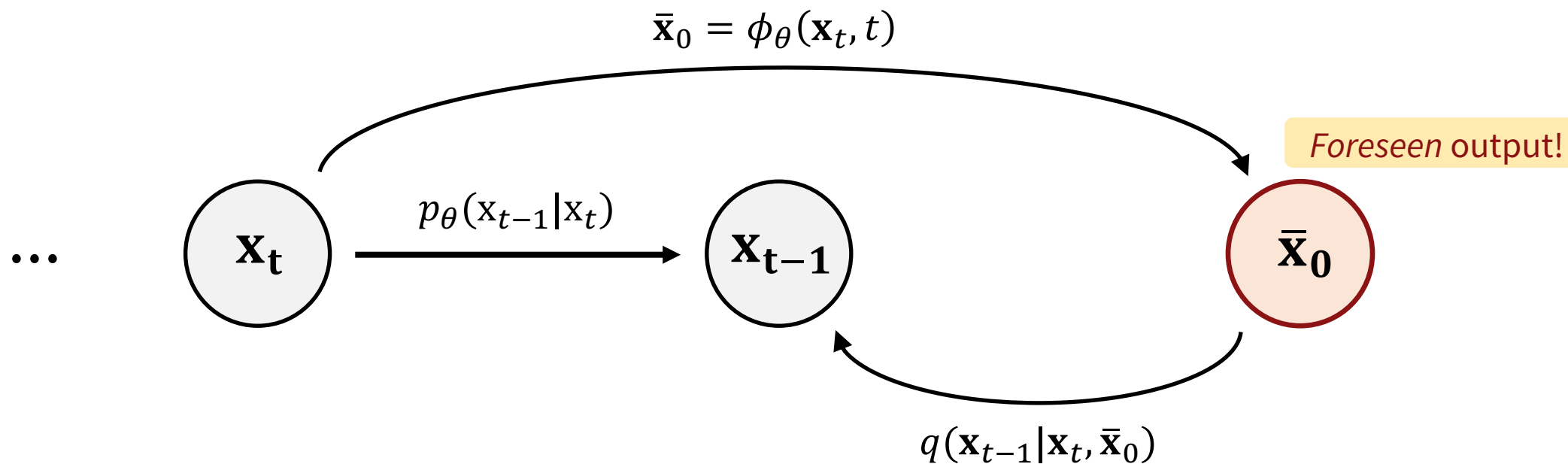
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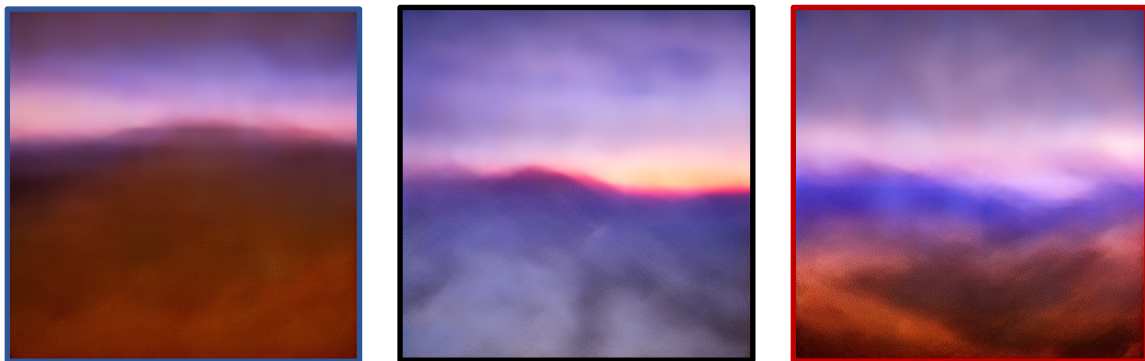


Observation

Perceptual similarity loss (i.e. LPIPS¹) across **foreseen** images is aligned with that of the **final** images.

Foreseen outputs (\bar{x}_0)

$$L = 0.542 > L = 0.350$$



Final outputs (x_0)

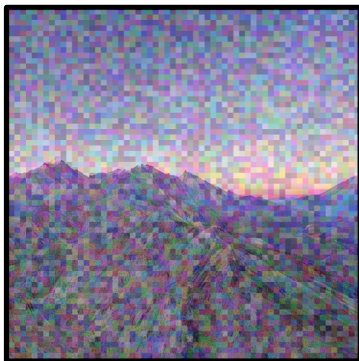
$$L = 0.591 > L = 0.370$$



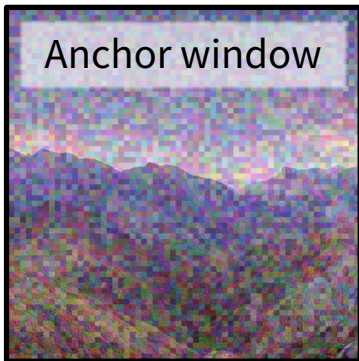
SyncDiffusion

Timestep: t

$\mathbf{x}_t^{(i)}$



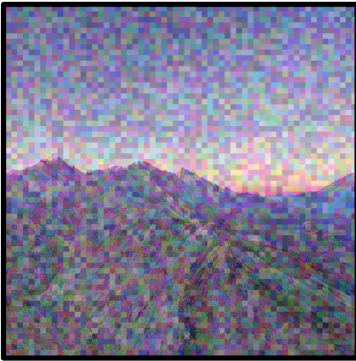
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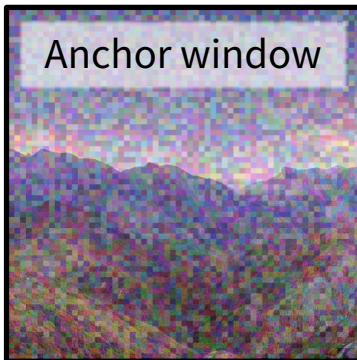
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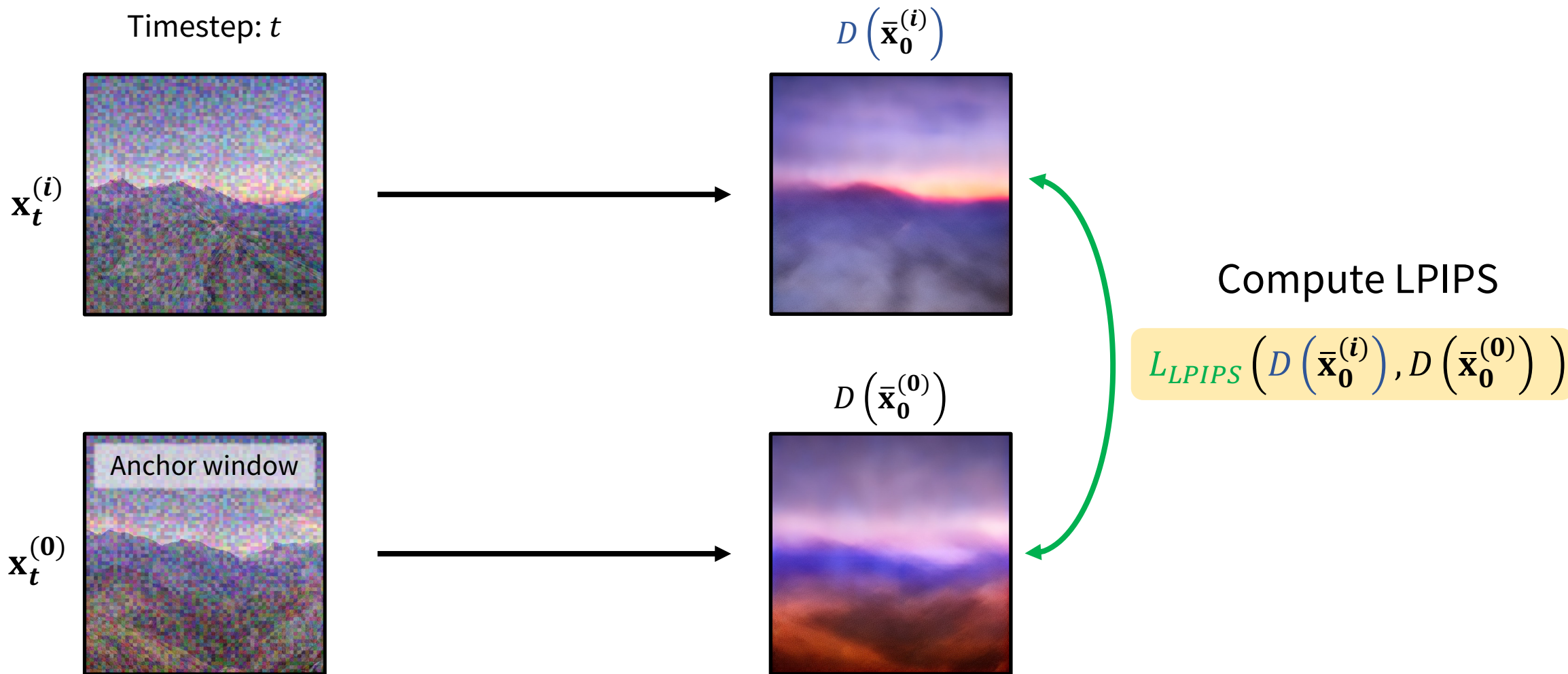
(1) Predict foreseen output: $\bar{\mathbf{x}}_0^{(i)} = \phi_\theta(\mathbf{x}_t^{(i)}, t)$

(2) Decode latent to image: $D(\bar{\mathbf{x}}_0^{(i)})$

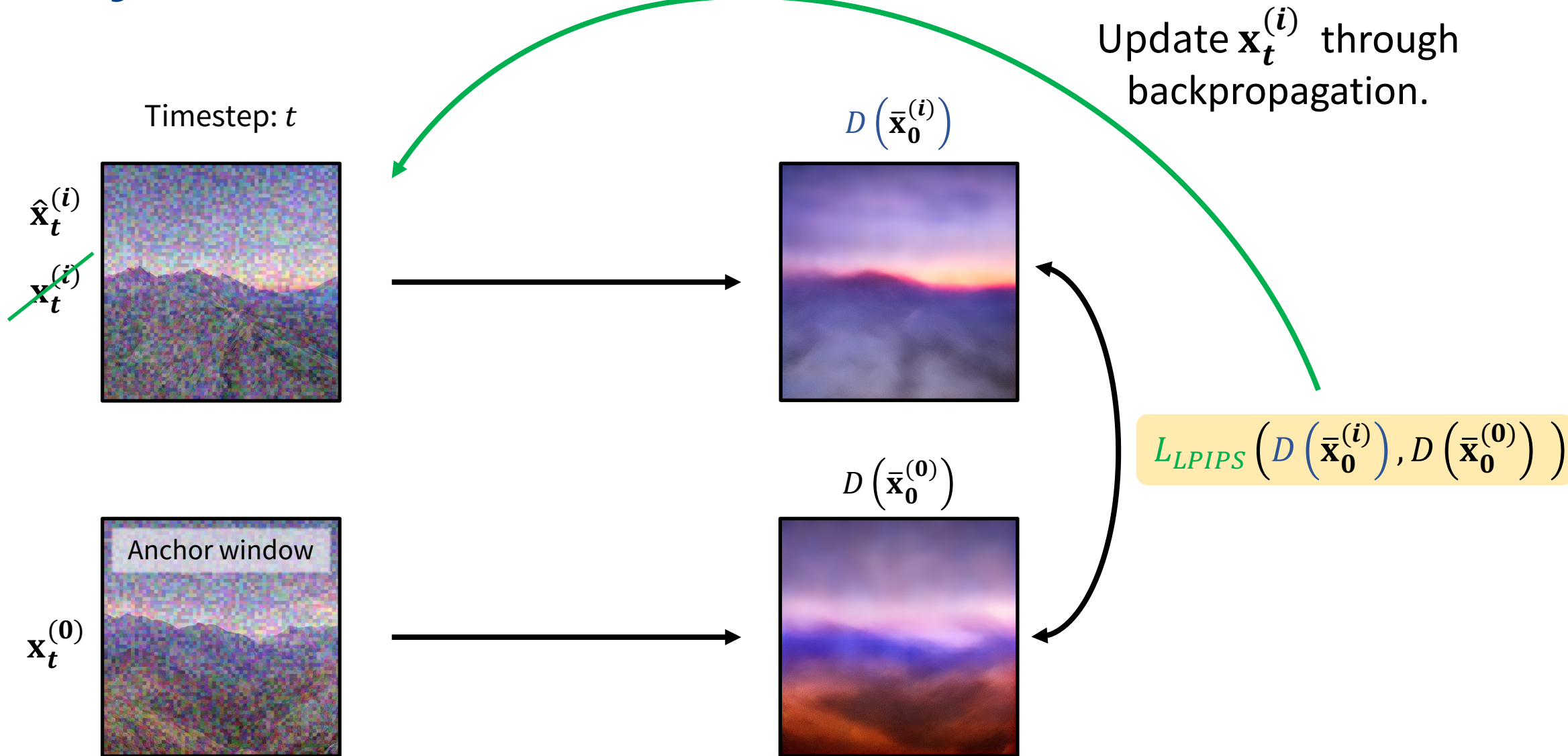
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Qualitative Results: Text-to-Panorama

MultiDiffusion (Bar-Tal et al.)



SyncDiffusion (Ours)



“Skyline of New York City”

Qualitative Results: Text-to-Panorama

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“A photo of a rock concert”

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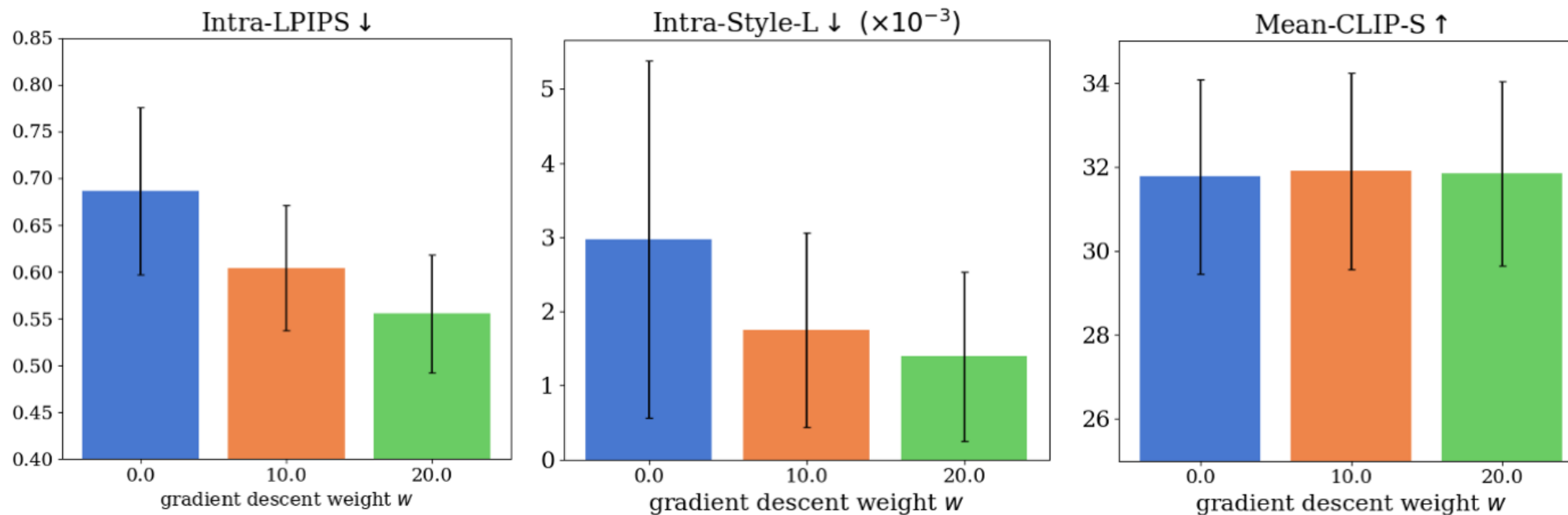
SyncDiffusion (Ours)



“An illustration of a beach in La La Land style”

Quantitative Results

Coherence (LPIPS¹, Style Loss²) is improved while preserving the **prompt compatibility** (CLIP-S³) as the gradient descent weight w increases.



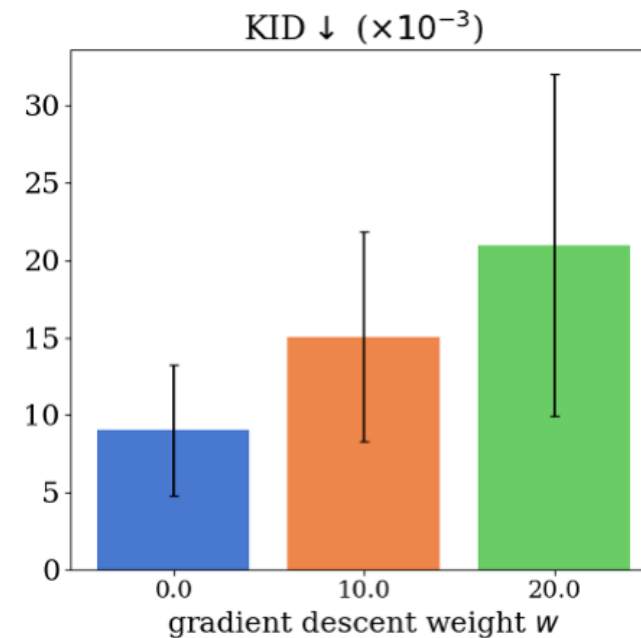
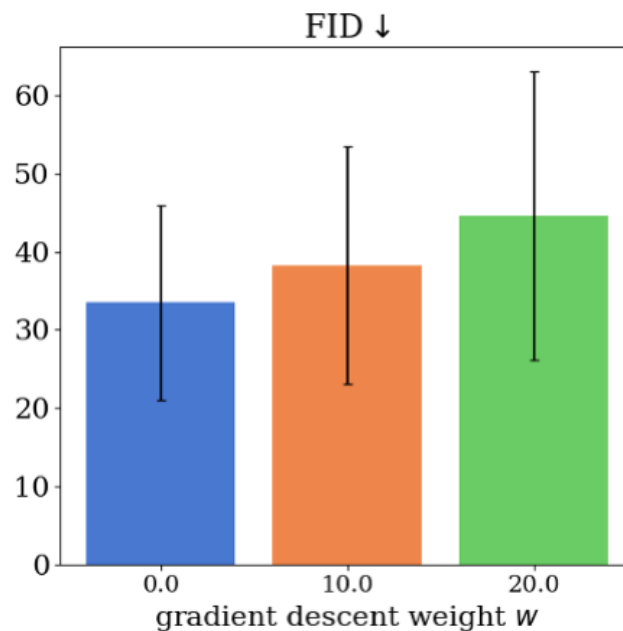
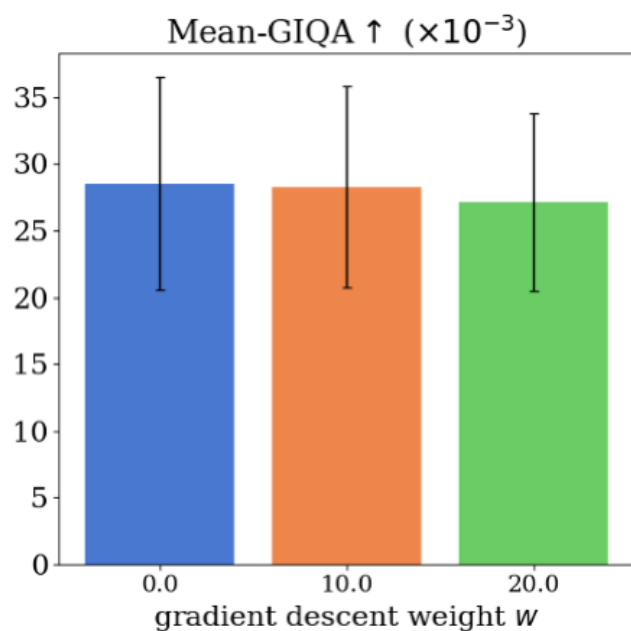
¹ Zhang et al., The Unreasonable Effectiveness of Deep Features as a Perceptual Metric, CVPR 2018.

² Gatys et al., Image style transfer using convolutional neural networks, CVPR 2016.

³ Hessel et al., CLIPScore: A Reference-free Evaluation Metric for Image Captioning, EMNLP 2021.

Quantitative Results

Fidelity (GIQA¹) is preserved, while **diversity** (FID²,KID³) is slightly compromised as the gradient descent weight w increases.



¹ Gu et al., GIQA: Generated Image Quality Assessment, ECCV 2020.

² Heusel et al., GANs Trained by a Two Time-Scale Update Rule Converge to a Local Nash Equilibrium, NeurIPS 2018.

³ Bińkowski et al., Demystifying MMD GANs, ICLR 2018.

User Study

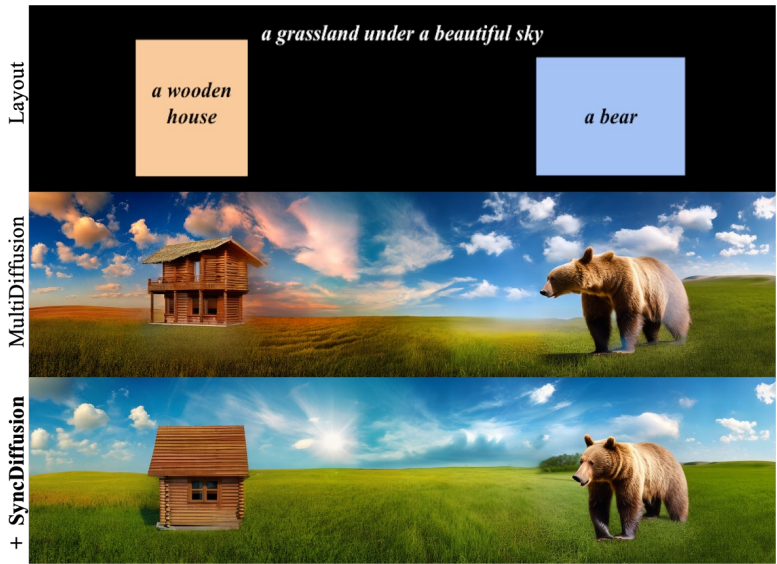
SyncDiffusion was preferred over the baseline for questions about coherence, image quality and prompt compatibility.

	Coherence (%)	Image Quality (%)	Prompt Compatibility (%)
MultiDiffusion ¹	33.65	42.81	40.50
SyncDiffusion (Ours)	66.35	57.19	59.50

¹ Bar-Tal et al., MultiDiffusion: Fusing Diffusion Paths for Controlled Image Generation, ICML 2023.

Plug-and-Play Applications

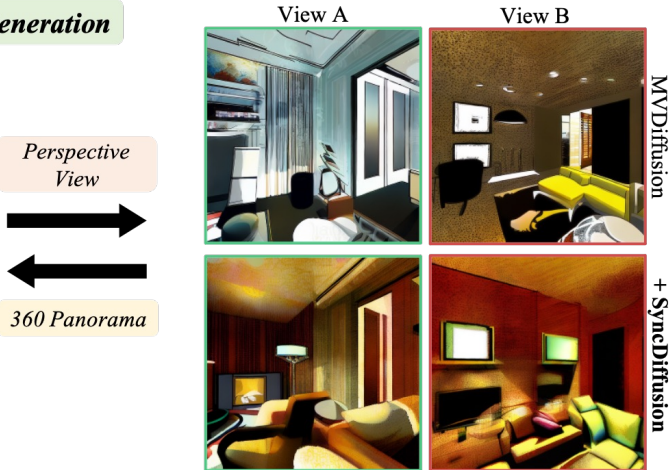
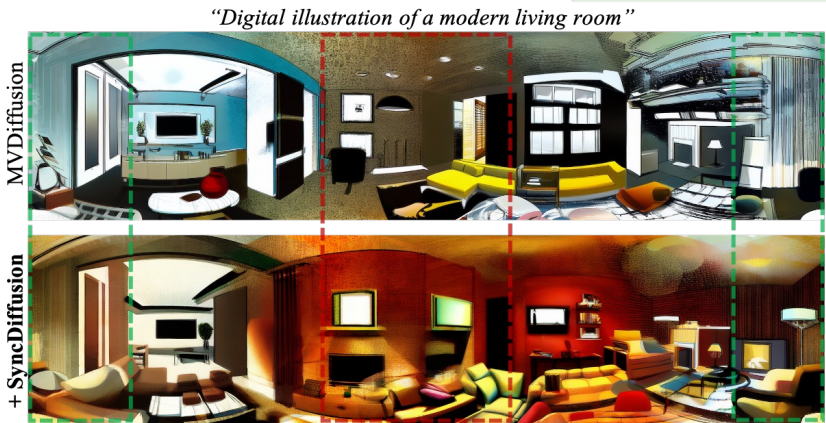
Layout-Guided Image Generation



Conditional Image Generation



360-degree Panorama Generation



Bar-Tal et al., MultiDiffusion, ICML 2023.
 Zhang et al., ControlNet, ICCV 2023.
 Tang et al., MVDiffusion, NeurIPS 2023.

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Project Page: <https://syncdiffusion.github.io/>



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