

# How to Continually Adapt Text-to-Image Diffusion Models for Flexible Customization? (NeurIPS 2024)

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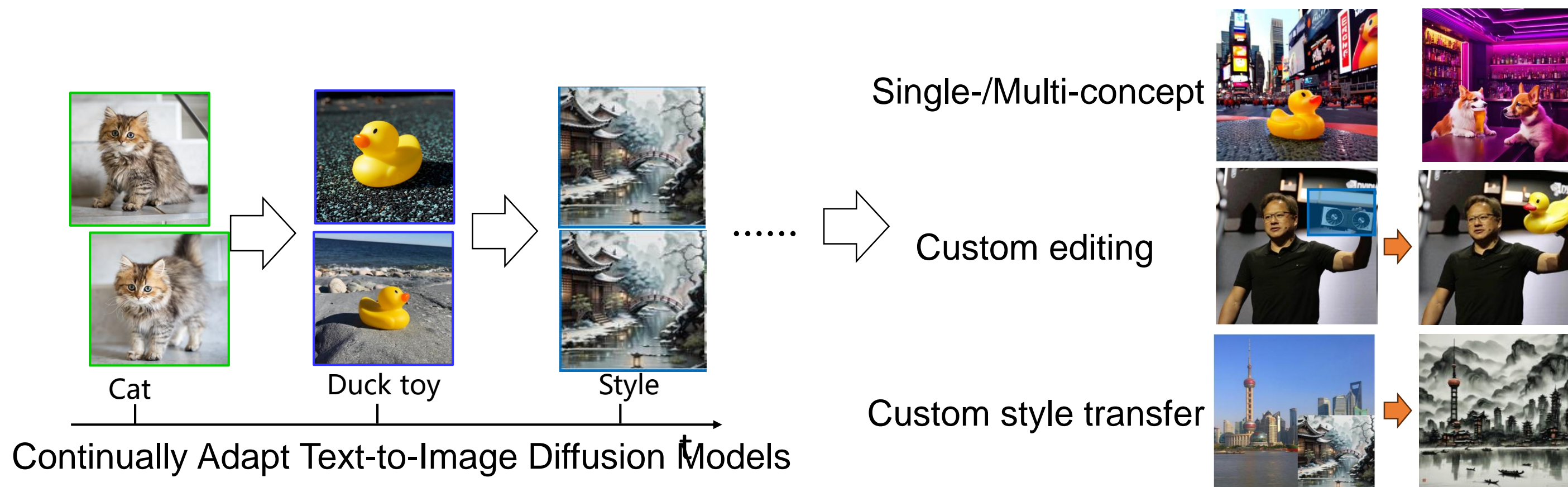
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## ◆ Background

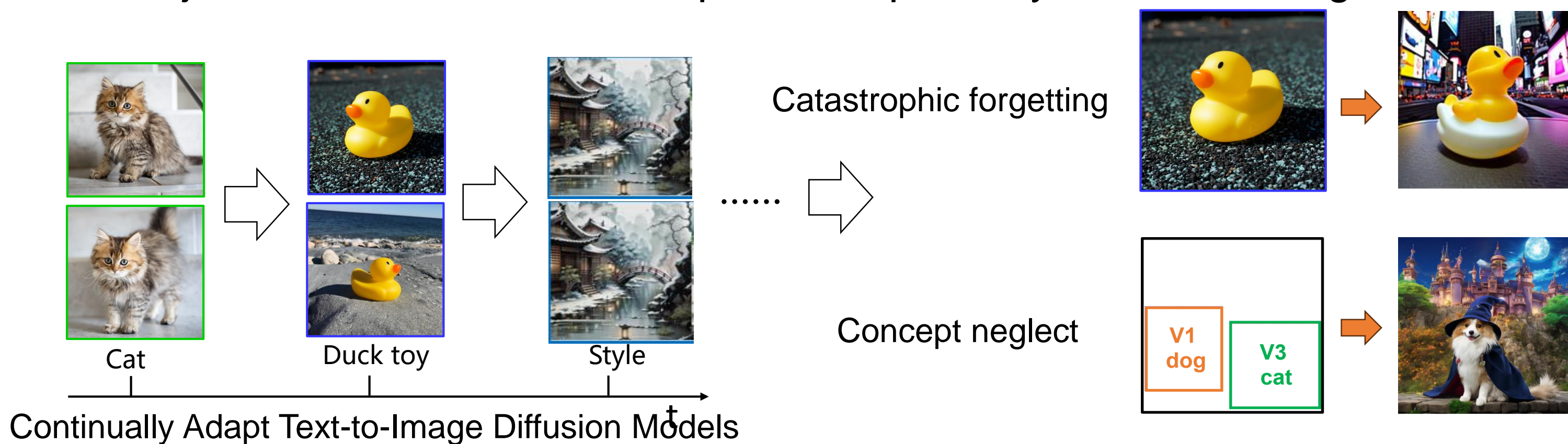
- Concept-Incremental Diffusion: **Continually synthesize** a series of new **personalized concepts** from user's own lives (i.e., pets, objects, style photos and human photos).
- Versatile concept customization: Consecutively synthesize **a sequence of new personalized concepts** for versatile customization (e.g., **multi-concept generation, style transfer and image editing**).





## ◆ Motivation

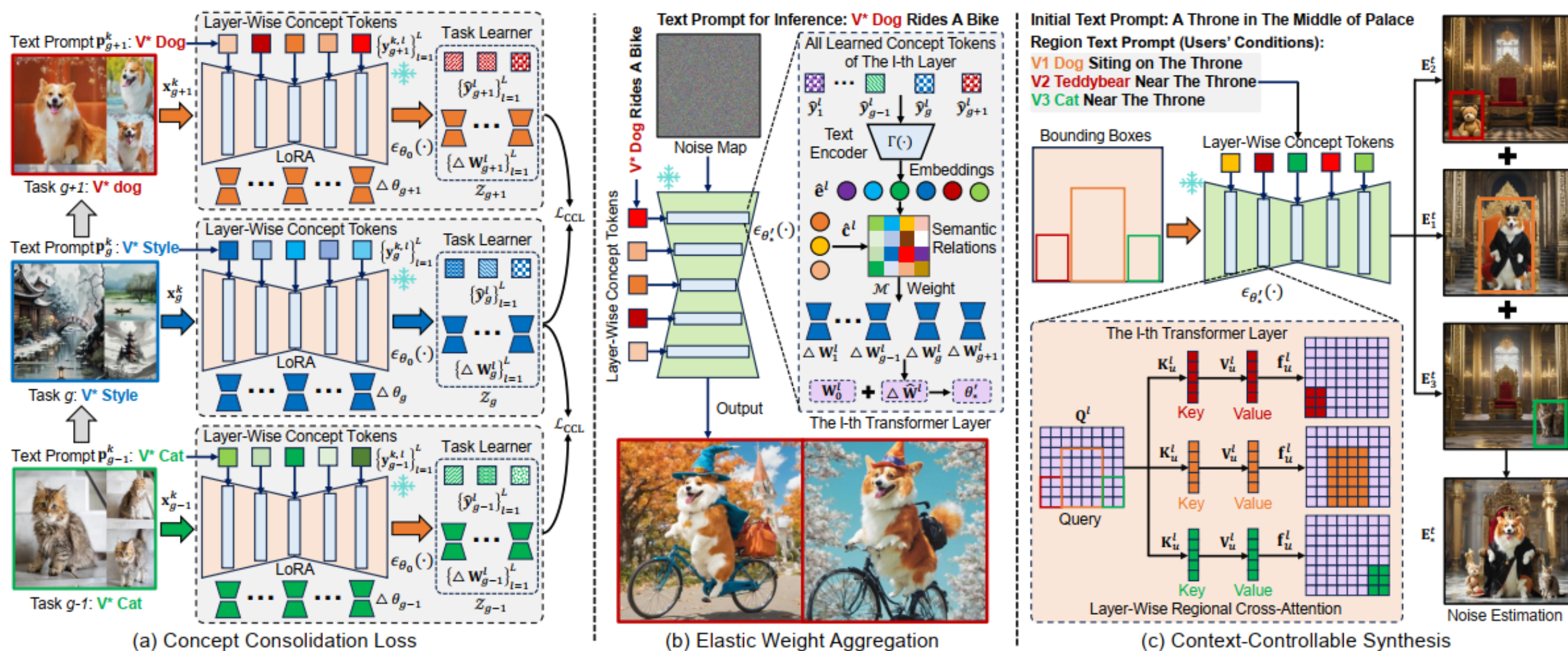
- Retain all lora weights associated with old concepts and then merge them, which may experience significant loss of individual attributes (i.e., **catastrophic forgetting**) for versatile customization.
- Current methods heavily suffer from **concept neglect** when users may wish to control the contexts and objects associated with multiple concepts in synthesized images.





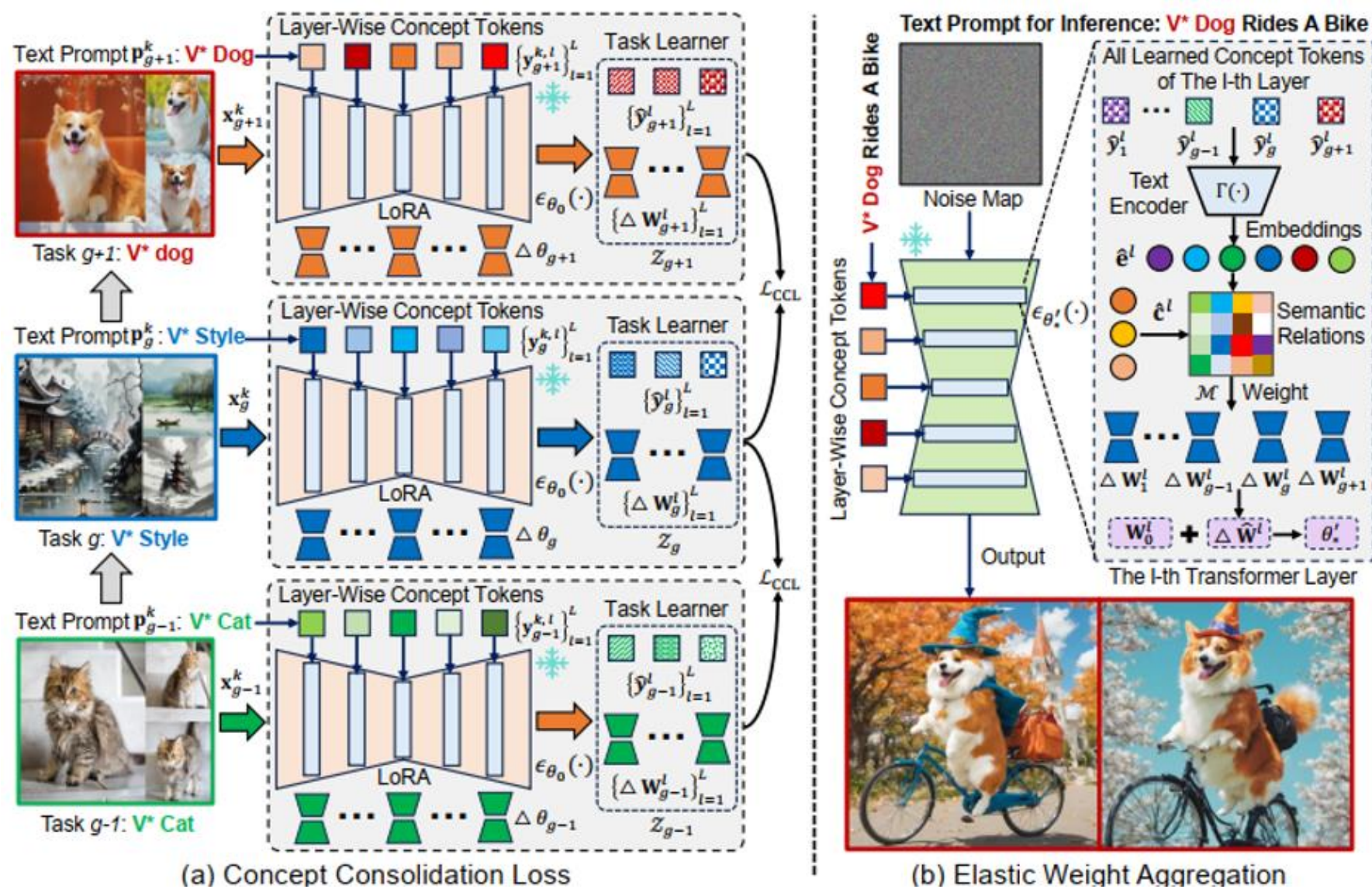
## Contributions:

- Develop a novel Concept-Incremental text-to-image Diffusion Model (CIDM) to **learn new personalized concepts continuously** for **versatile concept customization**.
- Devise a concept consolidation loss and an elastic weight aggregation module to mitigate the **catastrophic forgetting**.
- Develop a context-controllable synthesis strategy to tackle the **concept neglect**.





## Tackle catastrophic forgetting: Concept consolidation loss and elastic weight aggregation



1. In the  $g$ -th task, we devise an orthogonal subspace regularizer to constrain the low-rank weights of different customization tasks:

$$\Delta\theta_g = \{\Delta\mathbf{W}_g^l\}_{l=1}^L \quad \boxed{\Delta\mathbf{W}_g^l} = \mathbf{A}_g^l \mathbf{B}_g^l \quad \text{LoRA weights of } l\text{-th layers}$$

We perform the **orthogonal subspace regularizer** on the low-rank concept subspaces of different tasks:

$$\sum_{i=1}^{g-1} \sum_{l=1}^L \boxed{\mathbf{A}_i^l (\mathbf{A}_g^l)^\top} = 0. \quad \mathcal{R}_1 = \sum_{i=1}^{g-1} \sum_{l=1}^{\tilde{L}} \boxed{\mathbf{A}_i^l (\mathbf{A}_g^l)^\top}$$

2. After learning  $g$  tasks, we develop an **elastic weight aggregation (EWA)** module to adaptively merge them for versatile concept customization:

$$\mathcal{M} = \max(\hat{\mathbf{c}}^l \cdot (\hat{\mathbf{e}}^l)^\top), \quad \Delta\hat{\mathbf{W}}^l = \sum_{i=1}^g \boxed{\Delta\mathbf{W}_i^l} \psi(\mathcal{M})_i,$$

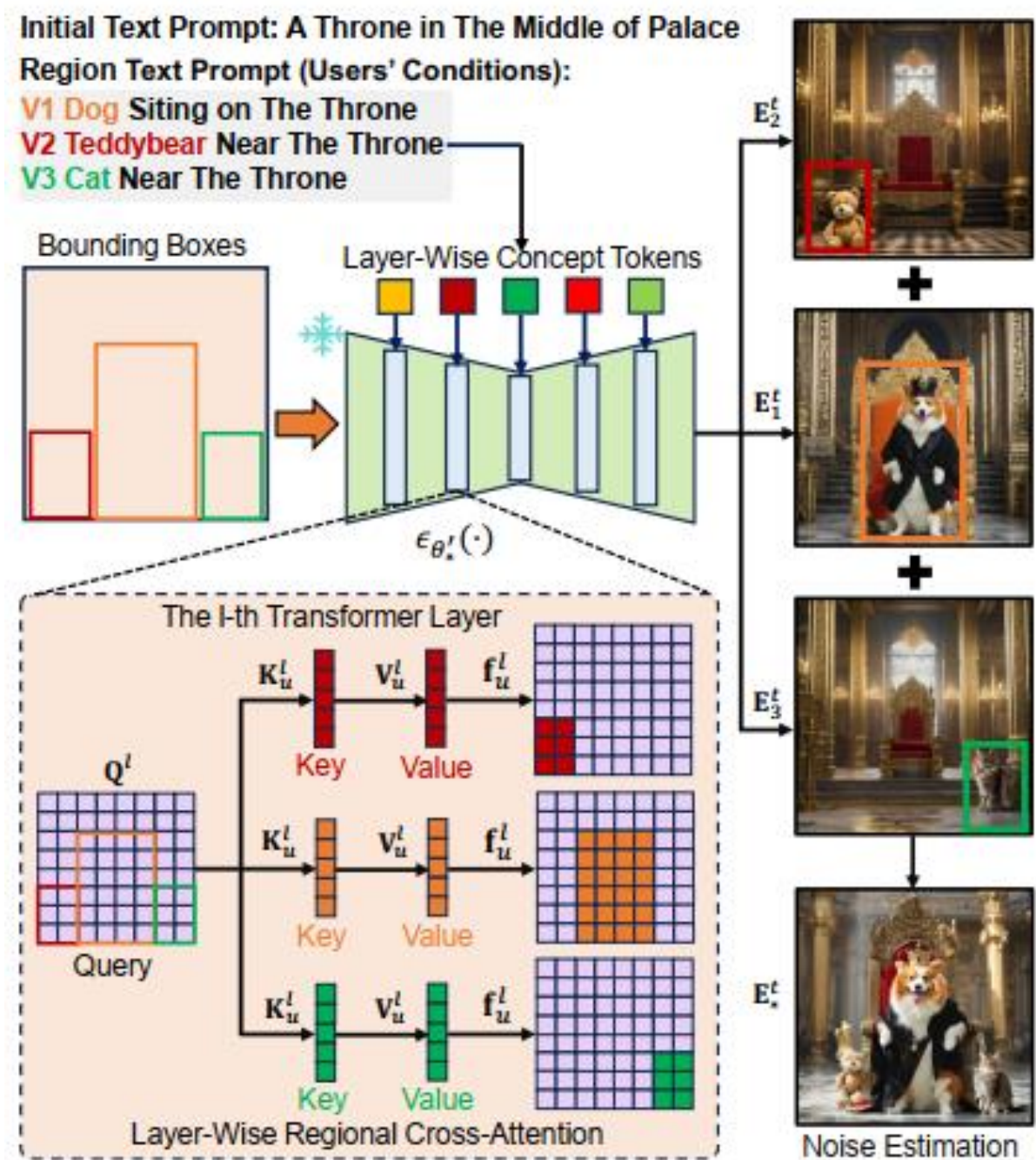
Layer-wise concept embeddings

Layer-wise text embeddings

All learned lora weights



## Tackle concept neglect : Context-controllable synthesis strategy



(c) Context-Controllable Synthesis

Current methods suffer **catastrophic neglect** when generating images of multi-concepts.

1. Perform layer-wise regional cross-attention between textual embedding and latent feature for  $i$ -th region:

$$Q^l = \Omega(\mathbf{f}^l \mathbf{w}_q \odot \hat{\mathbf{m}}_u^l) \quad \text{Region mask}$$

$$\mathbf{K}_u^l = \hat{\mathbf{c}}_u^l \mathbf{w}_k \in \mathbb{R}^{n_e \times d}$$

$$\mathbf{V}_u^l = \hat{\mathbf{c}}_u^l \mathbf{w}_v \in \mathbb{R}^{n_e \times d}$$

2. we aggregate  $U$  regional noise estimations to further address concept neglect.

$$\mathbf{E}_u^t = \epsilon_{\theta'_*}(\mathbf{z}_t | t) + s \cdot (\epsilon_{\theta'_*}(\mathbf{z}_t | [\hat{\mathbf{c}}_u, \hat{\mathbf{s}}_u], t) - \epsilon_{\theta'_*}(\mathbf{z}_t | t)),$$

Forward noise estimations

$$\mathbf{E}_*^t = \alpha \mathbf{E}^t + \sum_{u=1}^U (1 - \alpha) \mathbf{E}_u^t \odot \hat{\mathbf{m}}_u^L,$$

## ◆ Experiments: Concept-incremental settings

### Datasets:



### Single-concept:



### Multi-concept:





## ◆ Experiments: Concept-incremental settings

Qualitative Comparisons:

Achieve **2.0%~8.0%** improvement

Table 1: Comparisons (IA) of single-concept customization synthesized by SD-1.5 and SDXL.

Methods	SD-1.5 [40]											Avg.	SDXL [35]											Avg.
	V1	V2	V3	V4	V5	V6	V7	V8	V9	V10	V1		V2	V3	V4	V5	V6	V7	V8	V9	V10			
Finetuning	77.6	82.2	79.0	77.6	79.6	62.9	71.5	53.7	81.4	72.1	73.7	62.0	70.8	79.1	73.4	76.4	67.5	76.8	57.4	77.1	74.8	71.5		
EWC [20]	78.7	83.8	80.4	80.3	80.7	64.0	<b>76.5</b>	57.1	<b>84.4</b>	73.1	75.9	83.6	80.5	84.6	<b>80.8</b>	79.2	<b>70.1</b>	80.5	61.2	<b>79.5</b>	75.8	77.6		
LWF [26]	80.4	79.7	80.9	77.4	80.9	61.8	73.2	53.5	78.1	<b>74.7</b>	74.1	84.0	81.2	84.2	81.7	79.7	68.1	77.1	60.1	76.3	72.7	76.5		
LoRA-M [70]	80.0	84.2	79.1	76.5	82.7	65.7	70.1	54.7	79.5	74.1	74.6	82.6	79.9	84.5	80.1	80.9	57.8	77.0	54.0	71.8	74.0	74.3		
LoRA-C [70]	80.1	84.1	79.8	76.6	82.9	65.9	70.8	54.9	79.9	74.4	74.9	82.8	80.4	84.8	80.0	81.0	58.2	76.8	54.5	72.2	73.9	74.5		
CLoRA [46]	<b>83.2</b>	83.4	<b>81.1</b>	80.6	84.9	66.3	<b>76.2</b>	<b>58.1</b>	<b>83.0</b>	72.1	<b>76.9</b>	83.4	<b>81.3</b>	<b>85.8</b>	80.1	79.0	<b>70.4</b>	<b>81.2</b>	61.7	<b>78.5</b>	<b>76.7</b>	<b>77.8</b>		
L2DM [48]	78.7	<b>86.3</b>	76.6	<b>80.7</b>	<b>86.8</b>	<b>70.8</b>	70.0	<b>59.3</b>	77.7	74.1	76.1	<b>84.6</b>	79.5	81.9	75.5	<b>82.1</b>	69.2	80.9	<b>63.8</b>	77.0	76.4	77.1		
<b>CIDM (Ours)</b>	<b>83.6</b>	<b>86.4</b>	<b>82.9</b>	<b>80.8</b>	<b>86.5</b>	<b>69.5</b>	73.7	56.9	82.4	<b>75.9</b>	<b>78.0</b>	<b>87.1</b>	<b>82.1</b>	<b>88.5</b>	<b>84.9</b>	<b>85.8</b>	68.3	<b>82.0</b>	<b>62.4</b>	76.9	<b>76.6</b>	<b>79.5</b>		

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EWC [20]	67.1	77.5	72.7	77.9	<b>76.7</b>	<b>72.3</b>	74.2	72.0	66.0	70.4	72.7	71.4	79.8	72.8	84.4	79.5	73.9	76.7	77.0	78.3	77.6	77.1		
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RPY [27]	68.1	76.2	70.1	78.4	75.7	69.3	74.8	70.5	65.8	68.6	71.8	69.3	<b>81.0</b>	71.9	<b>87.3</b>	78.8	71.5	76.4	75.9	79.7	76.2	76.8		
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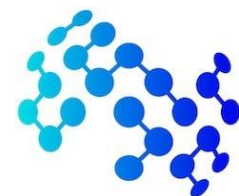




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