



Generation of Synthetic Datasets in the Context of Computer Networks using Generative Adversarial Networks

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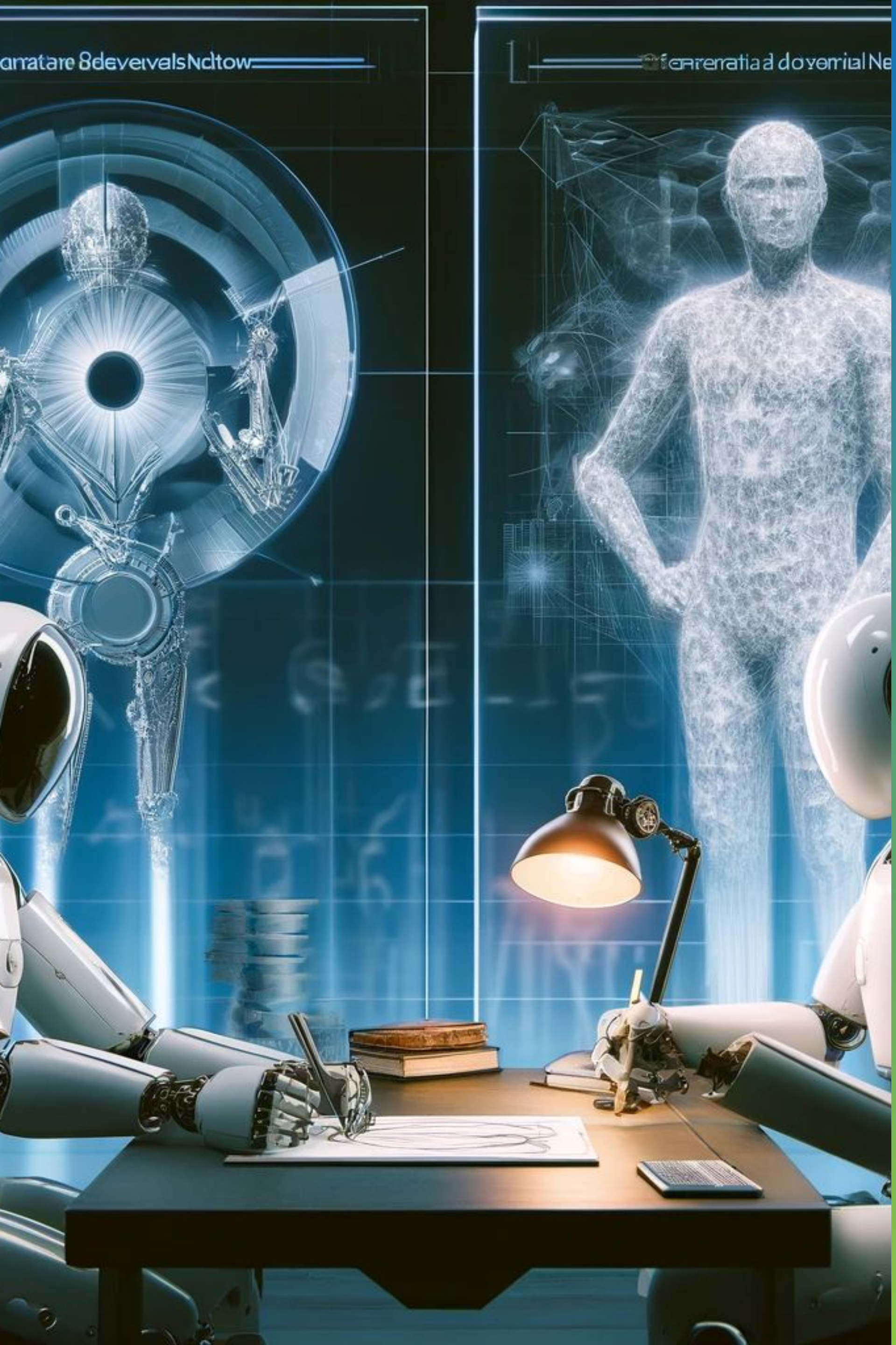
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Introduction

Motivation

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Why are datasets important for computer networks?

To understand applications with different demands (e.g., latency, throughput) and propose solutions (e.g, protocols)

What are the real/existing dataset limitations?

Little data available and privacy of companies and users is affected

Why use synthetic data in computer networks?

Existing datasets may be scarce or outdated - i.e., do not reflect existing applications' needs (e.g., TSN, 5G and beyond, video streaming)

Practical Applications of GANs

Introduction



- Generate synthetic data for machine learning model inputs
- Allocation for prediction or classification tasks
- Application in network simulations to maintain data privacy and enhance data quality

Introduction to Generative Artificial Intelligence

Introduction



Generative Artificial Intelligence: An Overview

- Encompasses algorithms and models capable of generating diverse data forms, including images, videos, text, and digital media.
- Has gained significant traction outside academic circles, largely due to advancements like ChatGPT, a Large Language Model (LLM).

Generative Adversarial Networks (GANs)

- Introduced primarily for image synthesis.
- Comprises two neural networks: the generator and the discriminator.
- Operates on game theory principles: the generator creates synthetic data, while the discriminator judges its authenticity.

Applications in Computer Networks

- Extension of GAN applications in computer networks, focusing on data synthesis and privacy.
- Utilization includes dataset augmentation, balancing, and simulation of complex data distributions.

So... can we generate synthetic network data?



Spoiler: yes



Fundamentals of Generative Adversarial Networks

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Fundamentals of Generative Adversarial Networks



- **Definition:** Machine learning framework consisting of two competing modules: the generator and the discriminator.
- **Function:** The generator creates synthetic data mimicking real data, while the discriminator learns to differentiate between the two.
- **Training Dynamics:** Both modules are trained adversarially until the discriminator cannot distinguish real from synthetic data.
- **Complexity:** The discriminator can be seen as employing supervised learning by using real data to train its judgment capabilities.

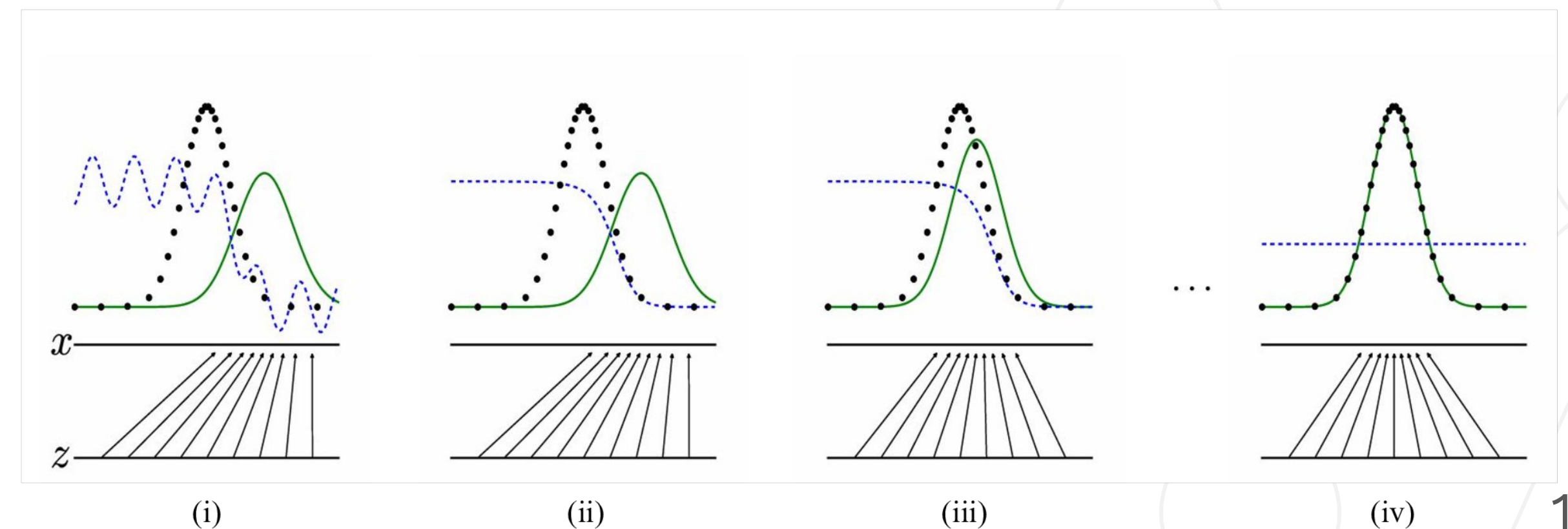
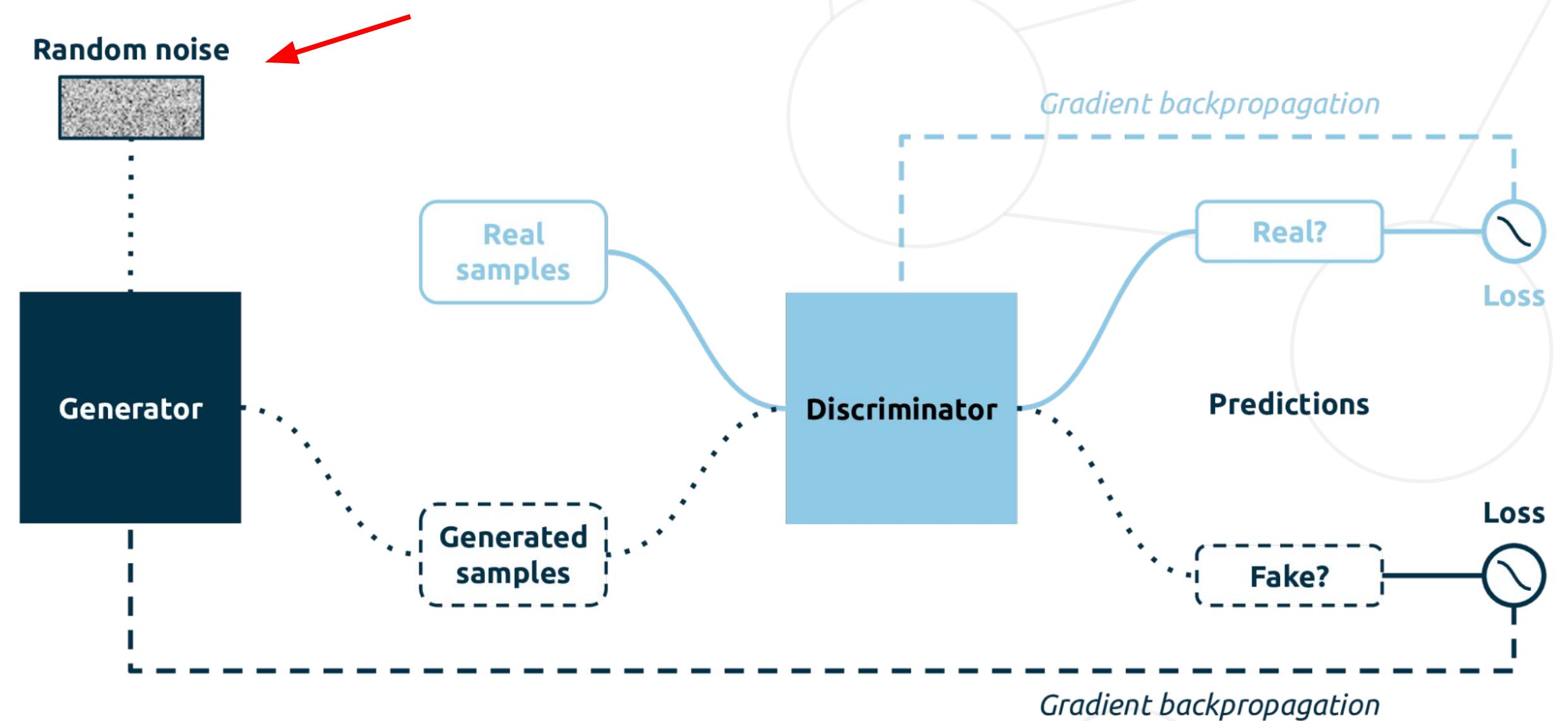
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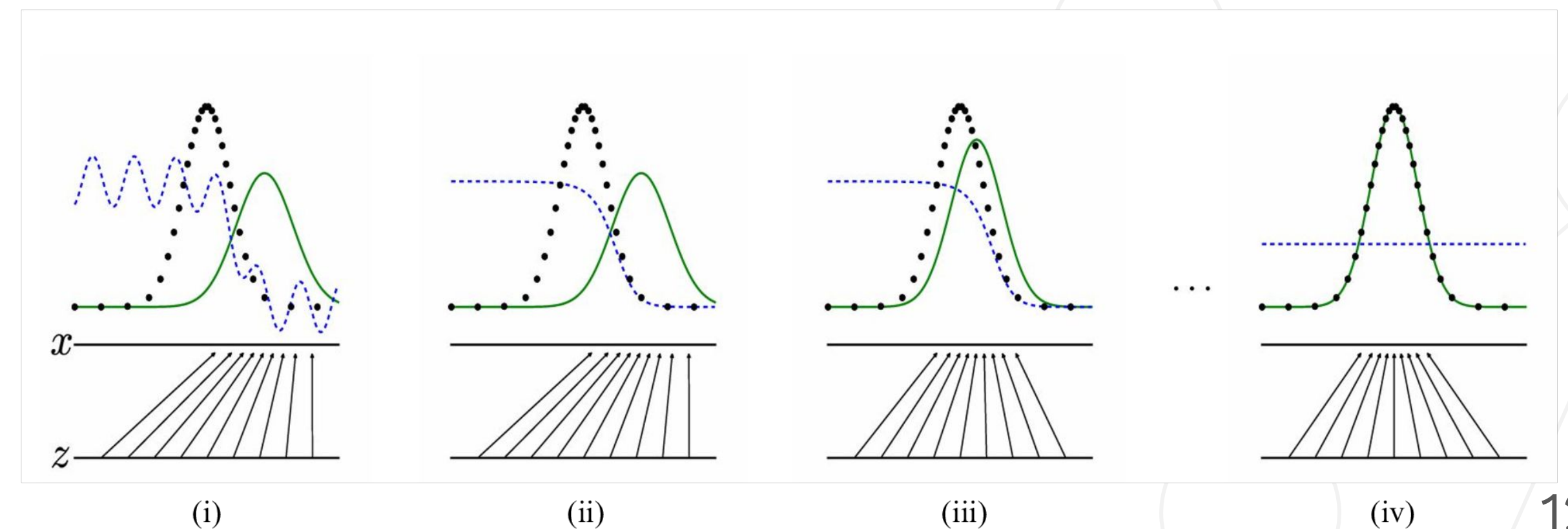
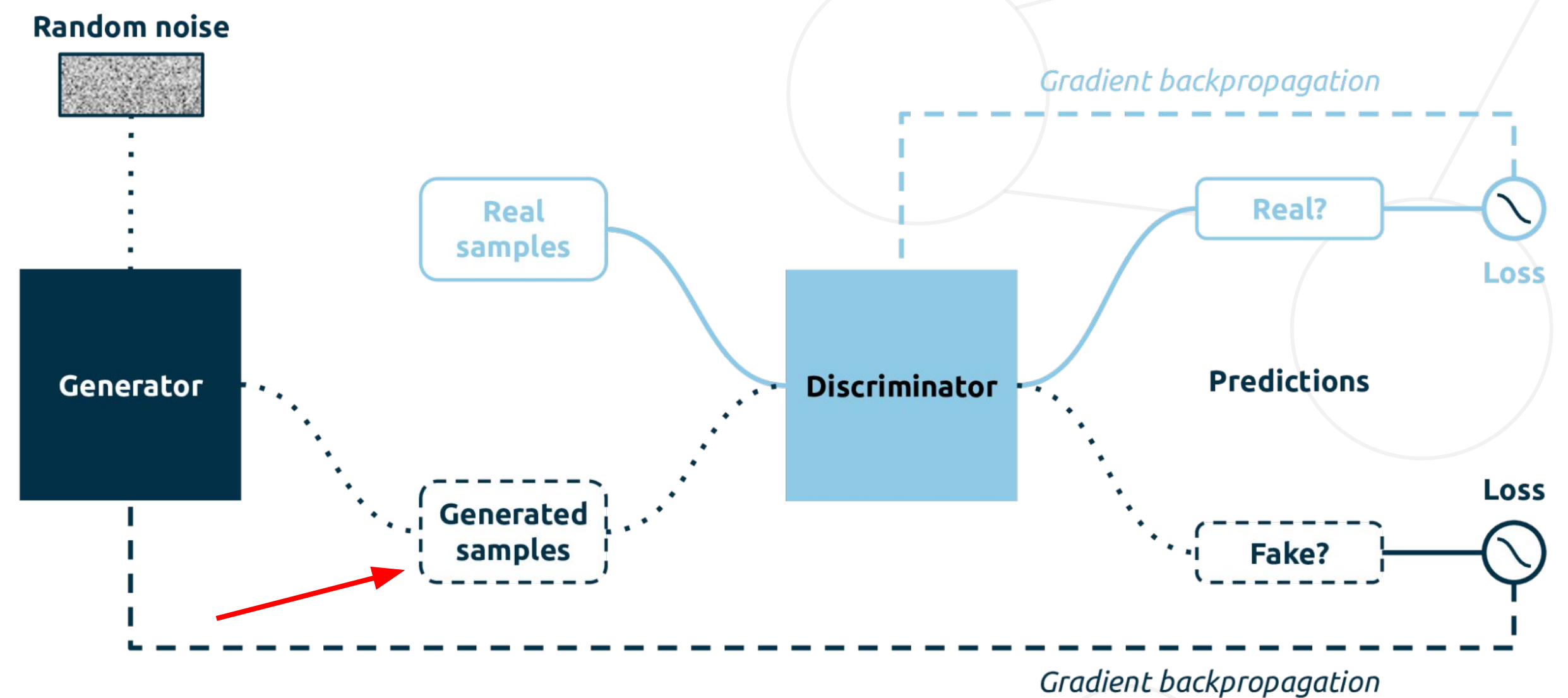
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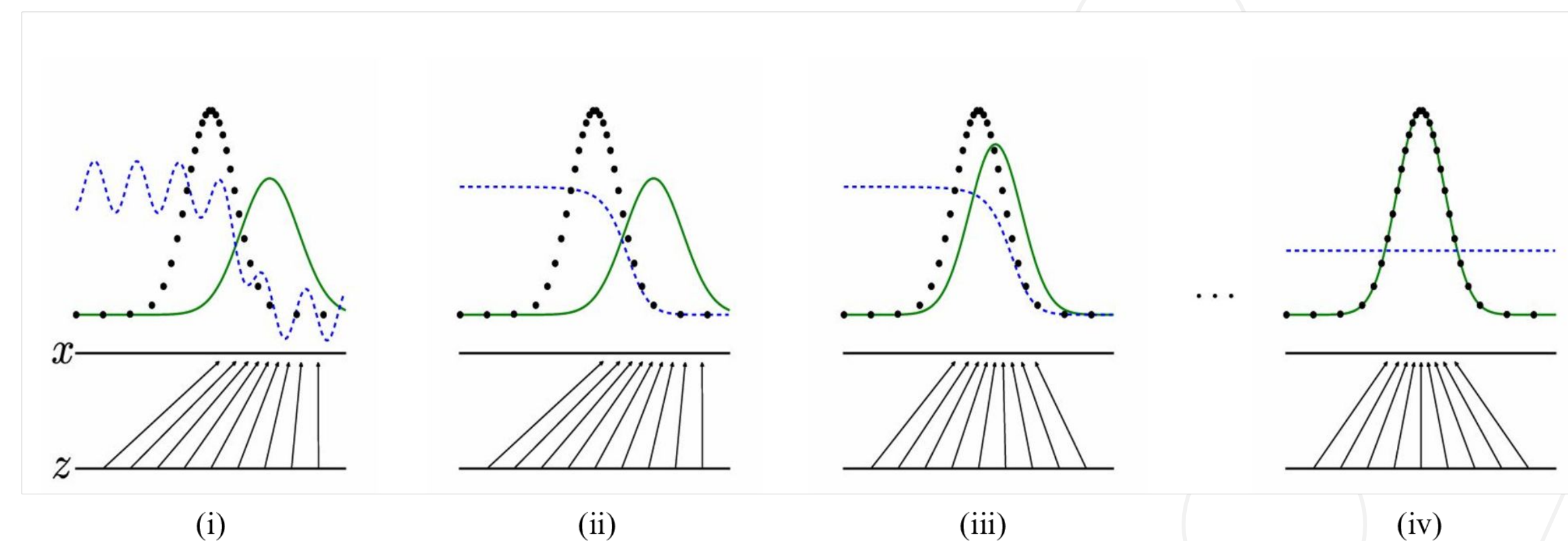
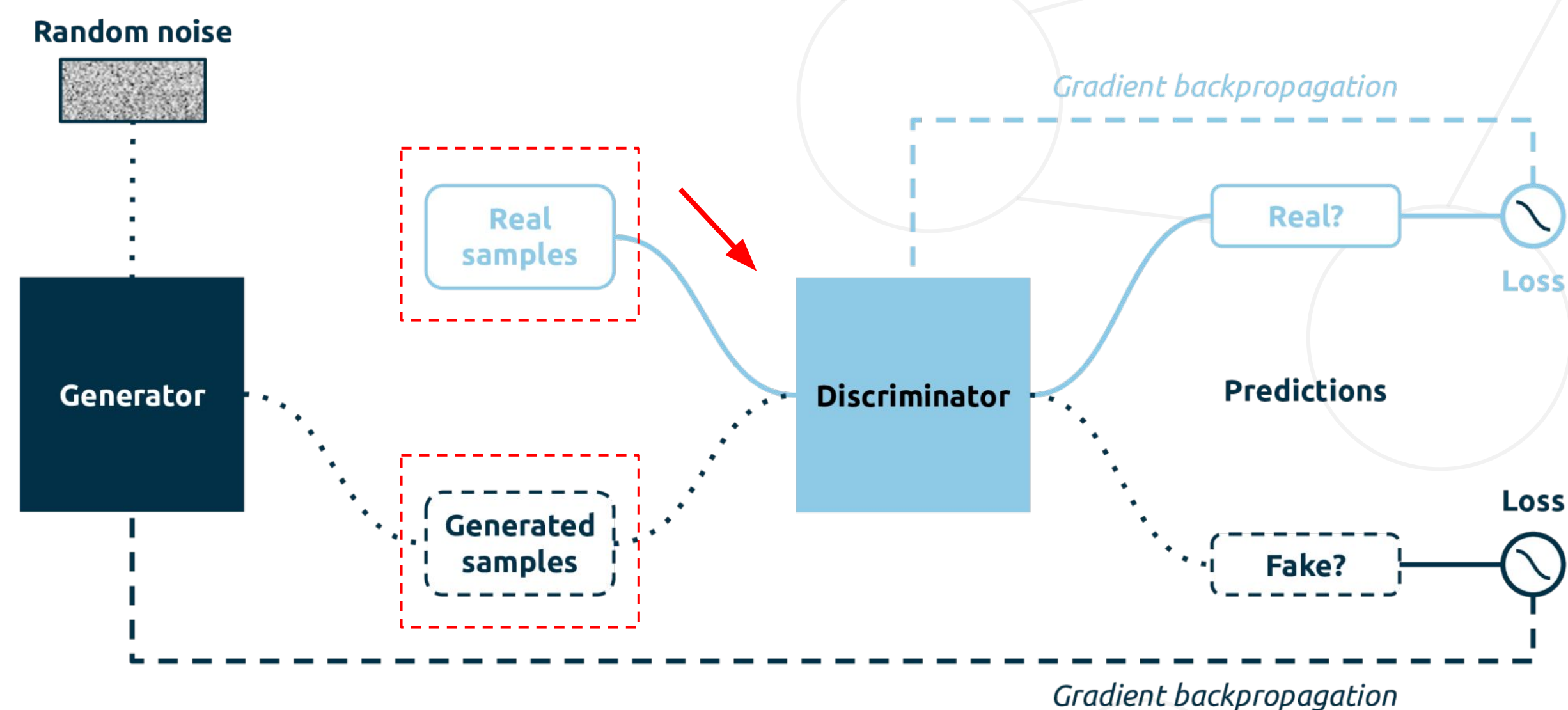
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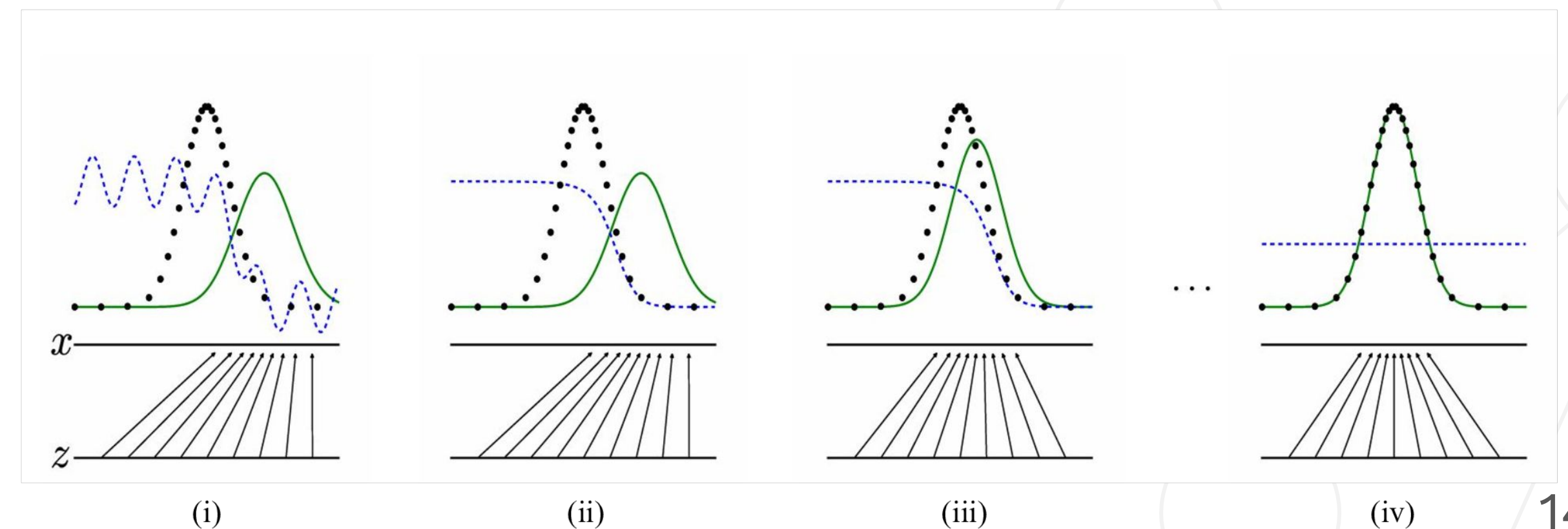
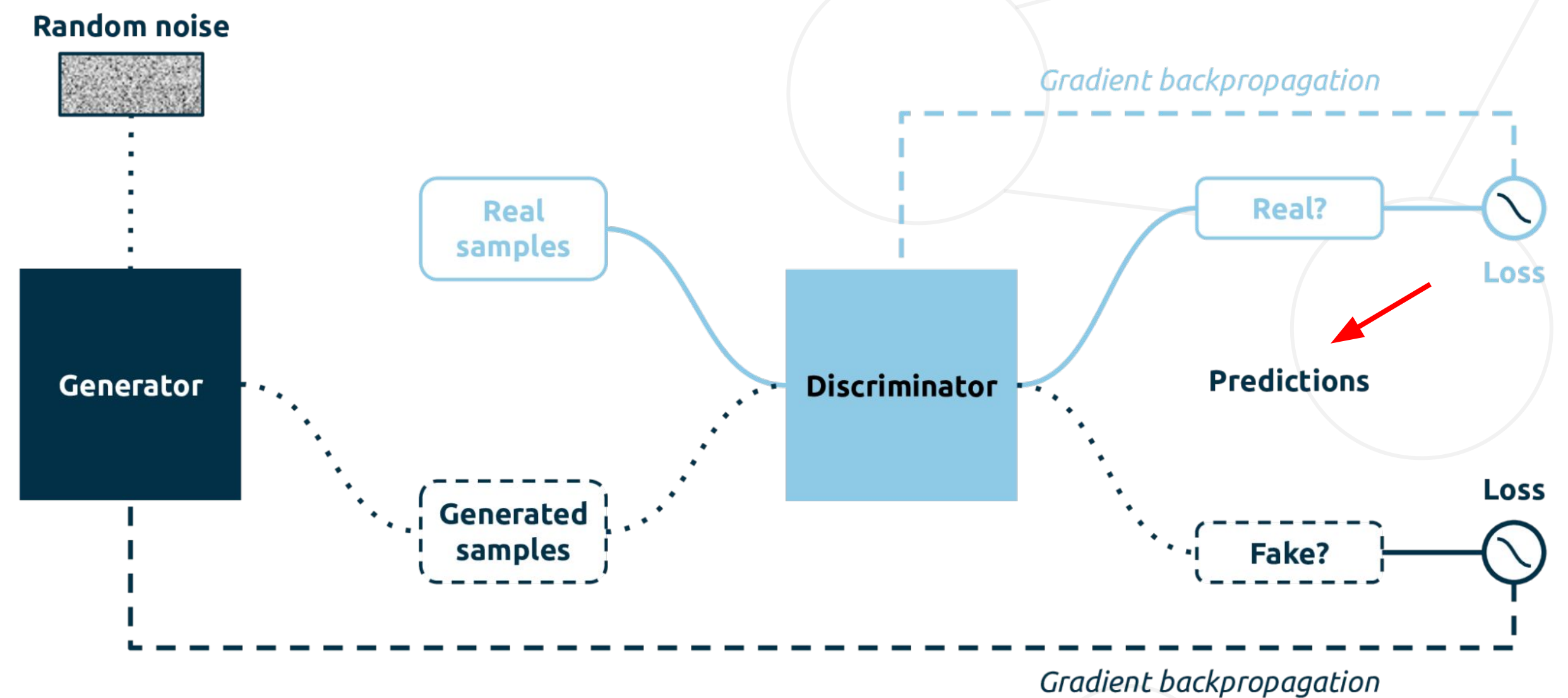
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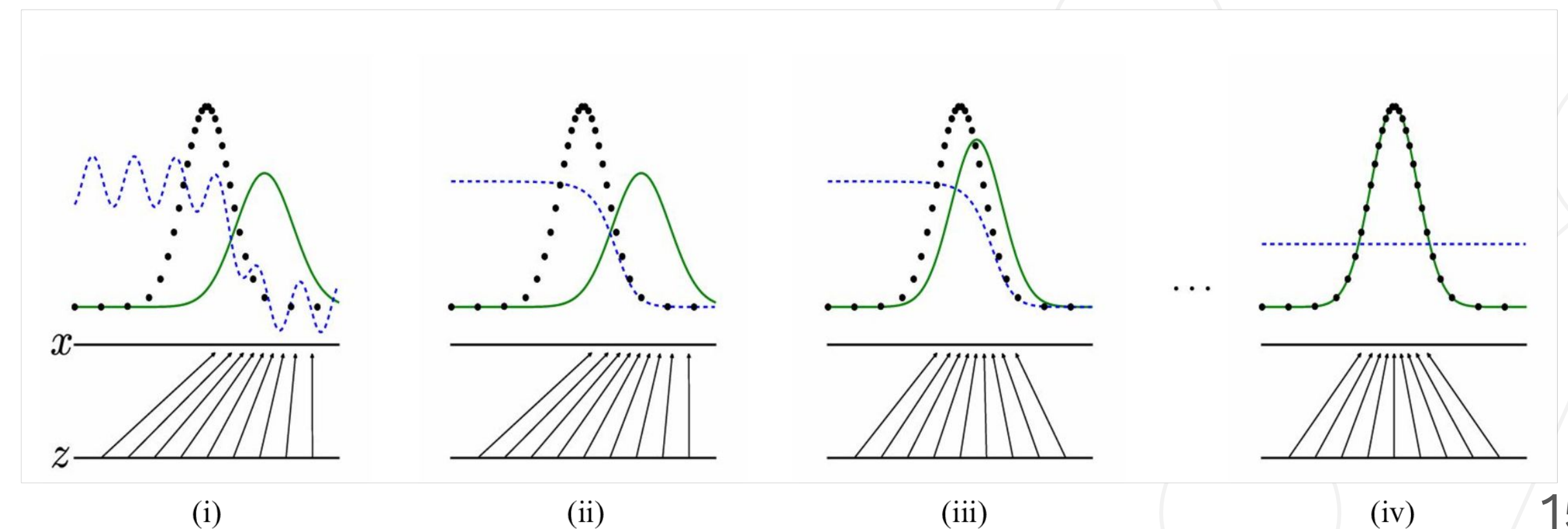
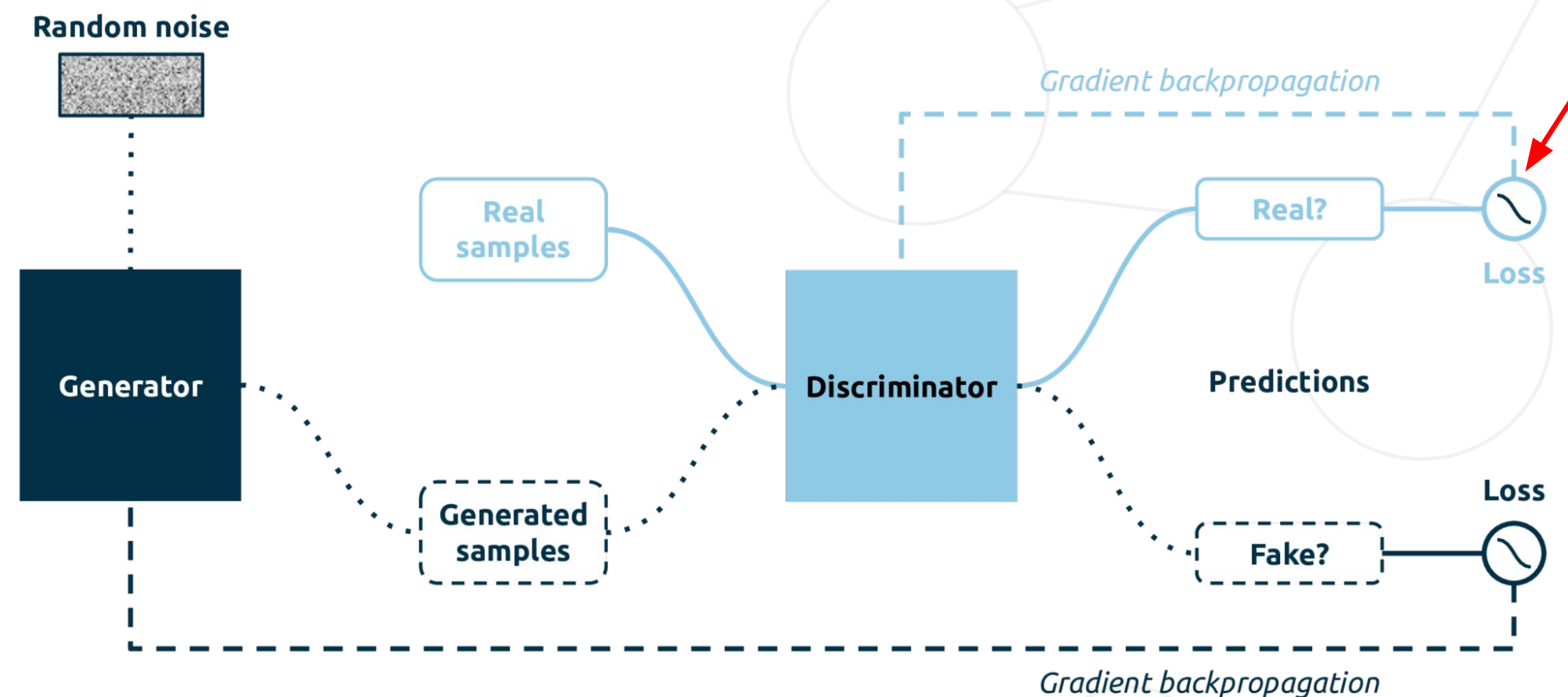
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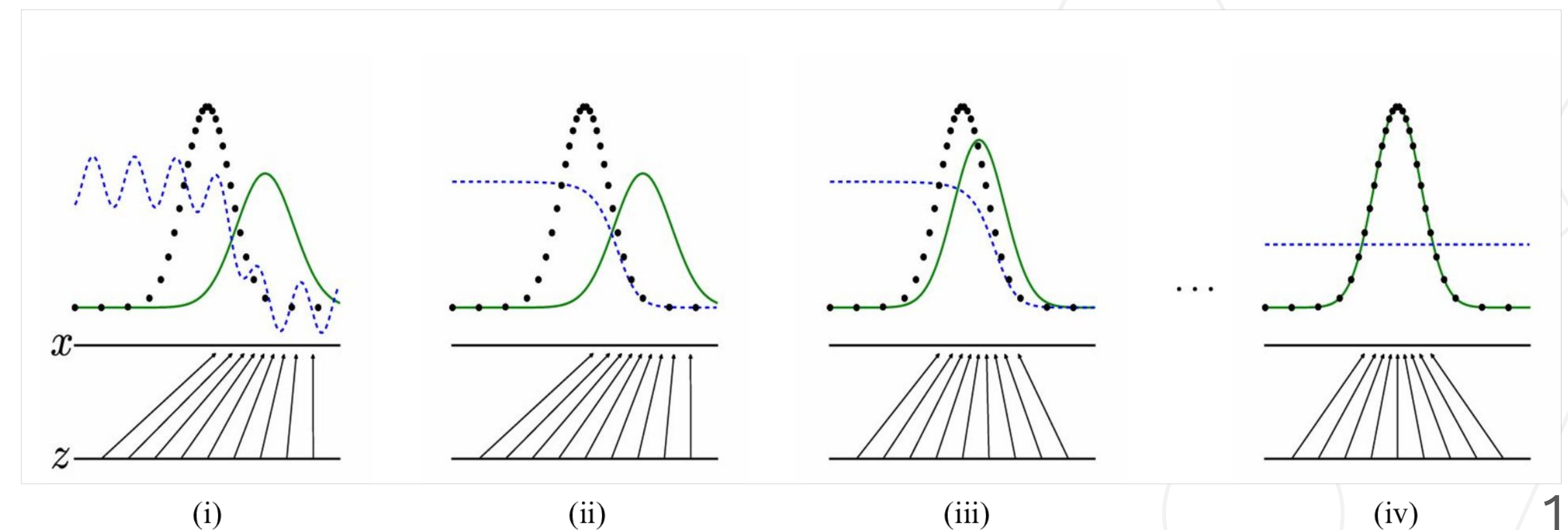
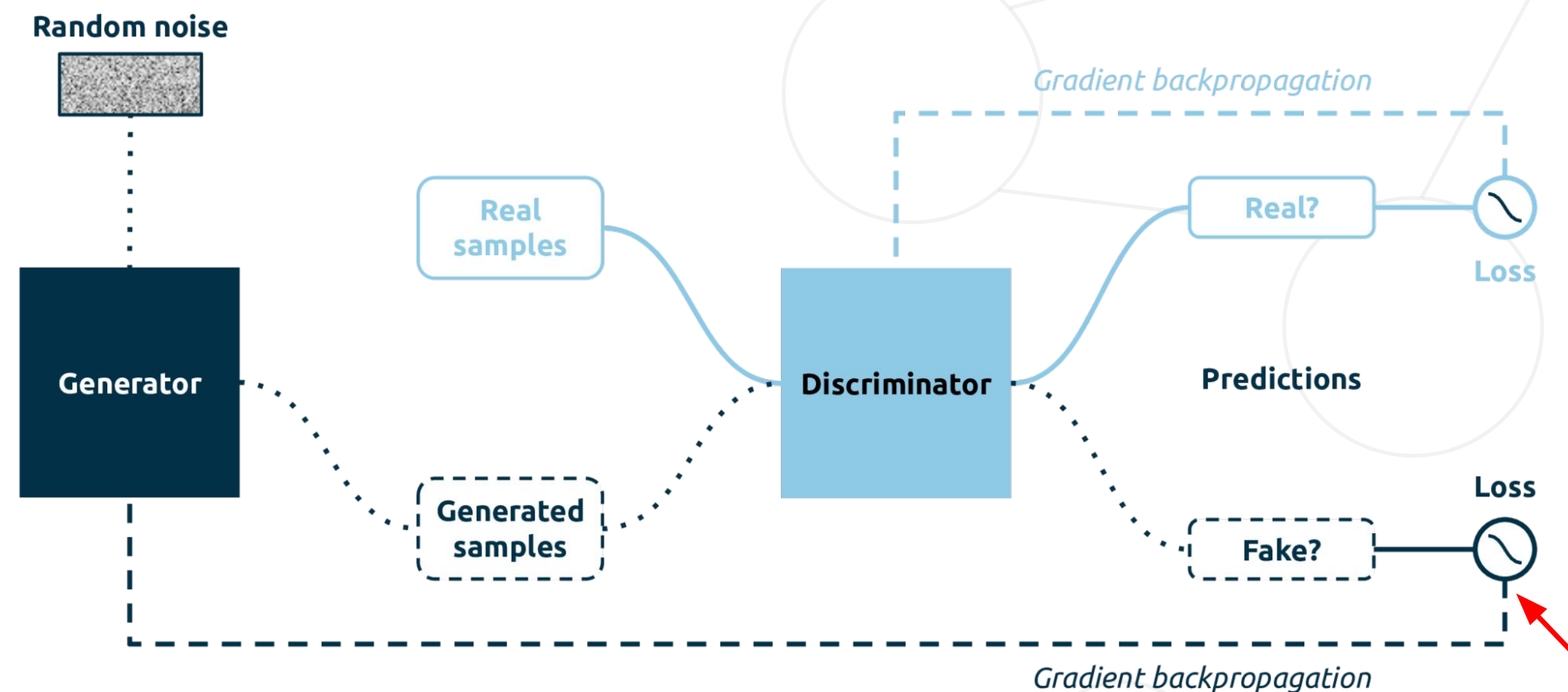
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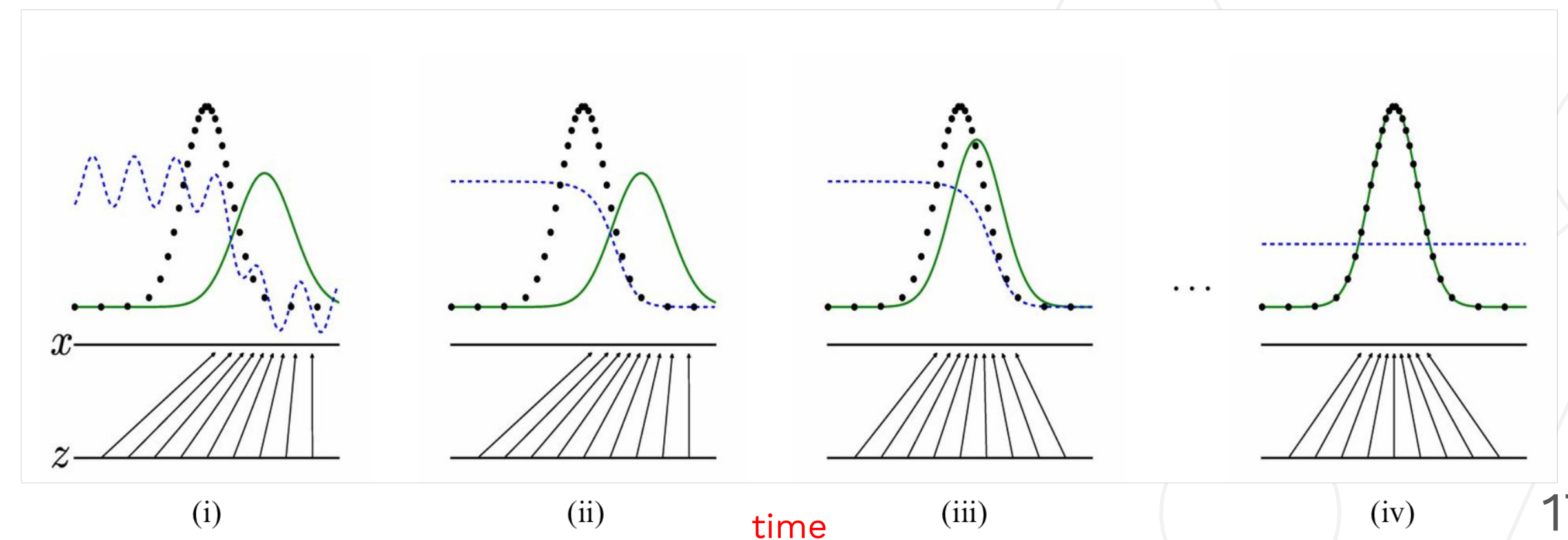
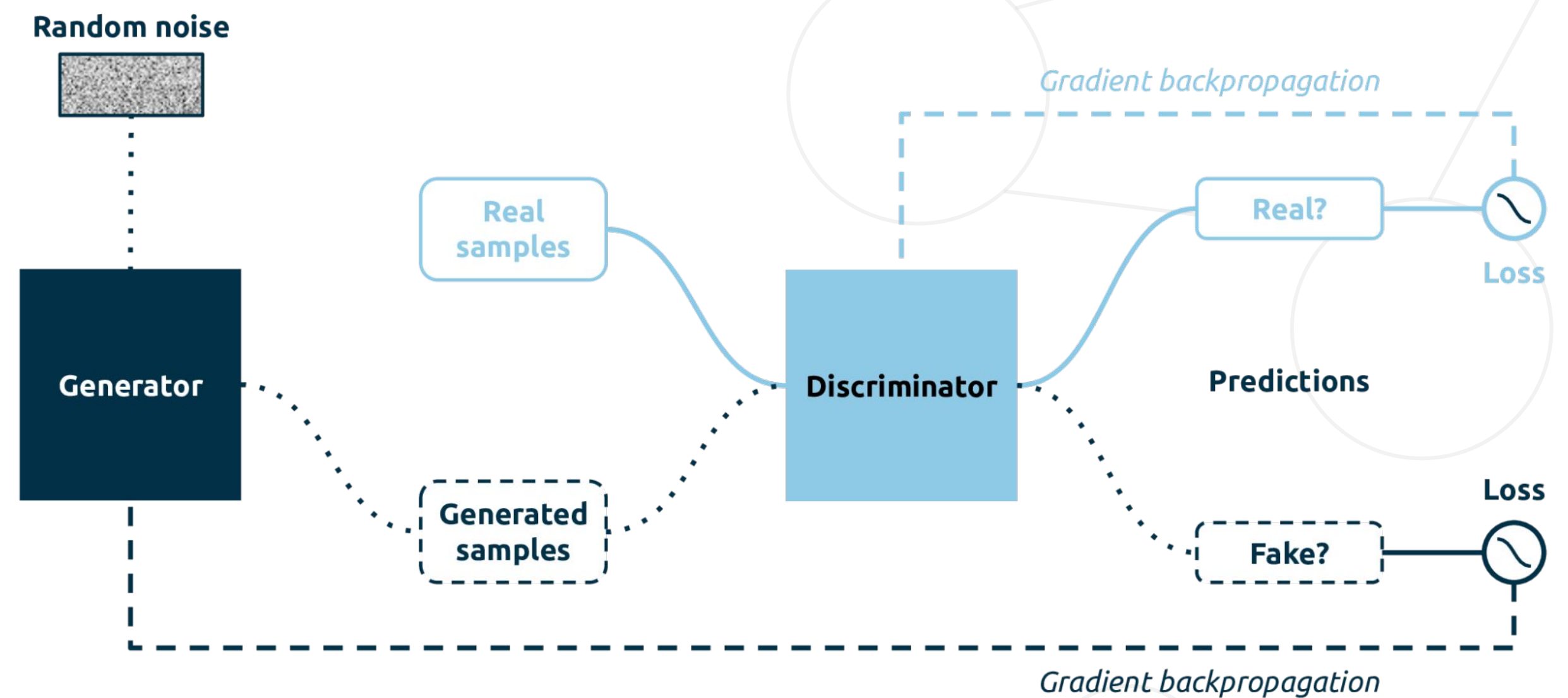
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7. During this process, we adjust the learned distribution to the training distribution



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- . How about the timing requirements?
 - Inter- (e.g., three-way-handshake) and intra-packet (e.g., type of service in TCP headers)

GANs with RL in Network Applications

Fundamentals of GANs



Joint Applications of GANs and RL

- **Potential Benefits:** Combining GANs' ability to generate realistic data with RL's optimization capabilities offers significant potential for enhancing network configurations and policies.
- **Sim-to-Real Discrepancy:** Addressing differences between simulated and real network data is crucial for practical applications.

Case Studies and Research

- **Automated Network Slicing:** Use of GANs for generating synthetic data to train RL models, improving the efficiency of network slicing and reducing simulation-to-real discrepancies.
- **Resource Management in Network:** Integrating deep RL with distributional modeling using GANs to manage resources efficiently.
- **Estimating Channel Coefficients:** Leveraging synthetic data generated by GANs to train RL algorithms for more accurate channel coefficient estimations.

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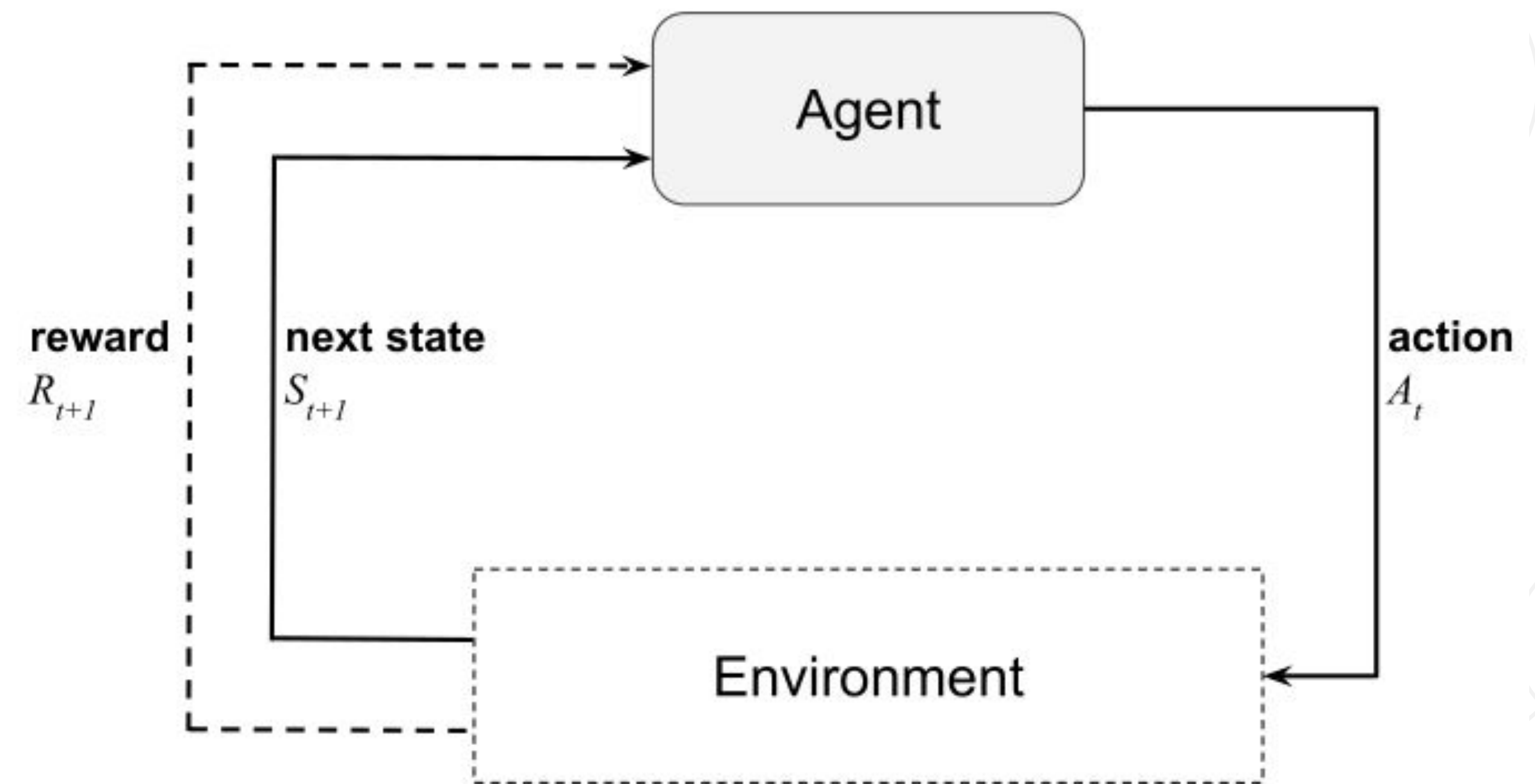
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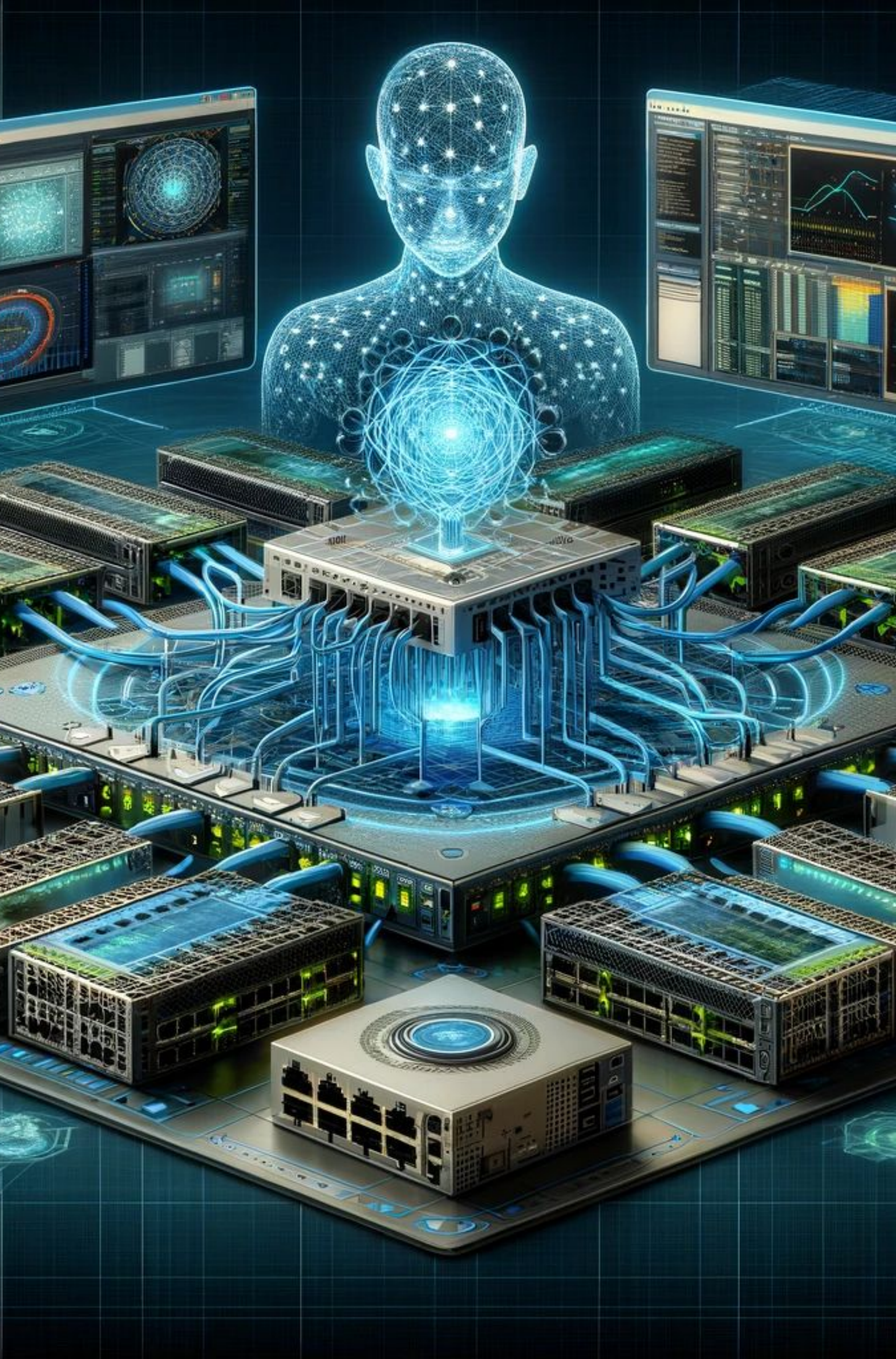


Agent-Environment Interaction in MDP (Markov decision process)

1. **Time Step Initiation:** At each specific time t .
2. **Action Taken:** The agent takes an action A .
3. **State Observation:** The agent observes the subsequent state S_{t+1} resulting from its action.
4. **Reward Assessment:** A reward value R_{t+1} is generated for each interaction, assessing the effectiveness of the action.

Objective: The process aims to maximize the reward value throughout the agent's training process, guiding the agent toward optimal decision-making.



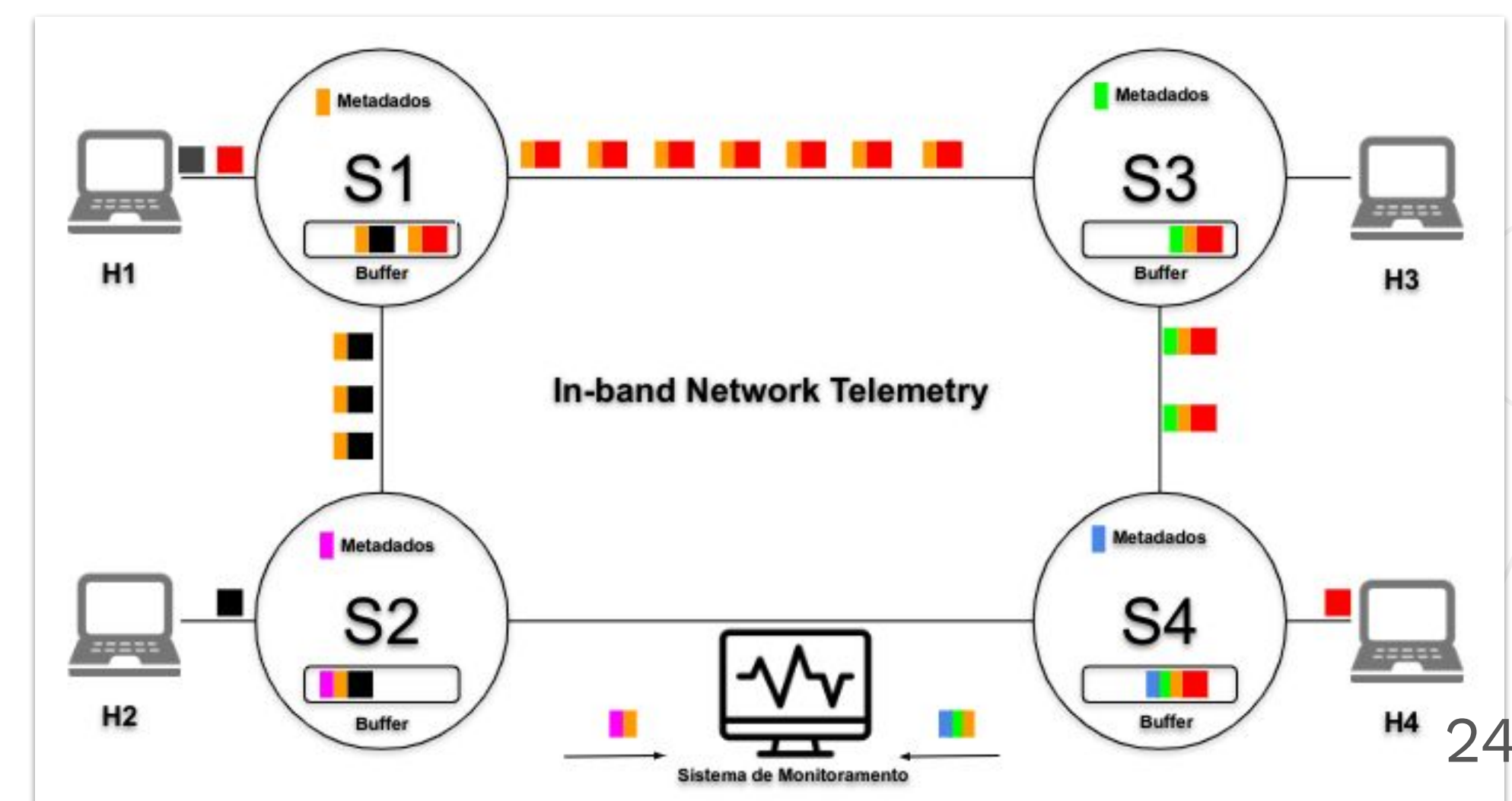
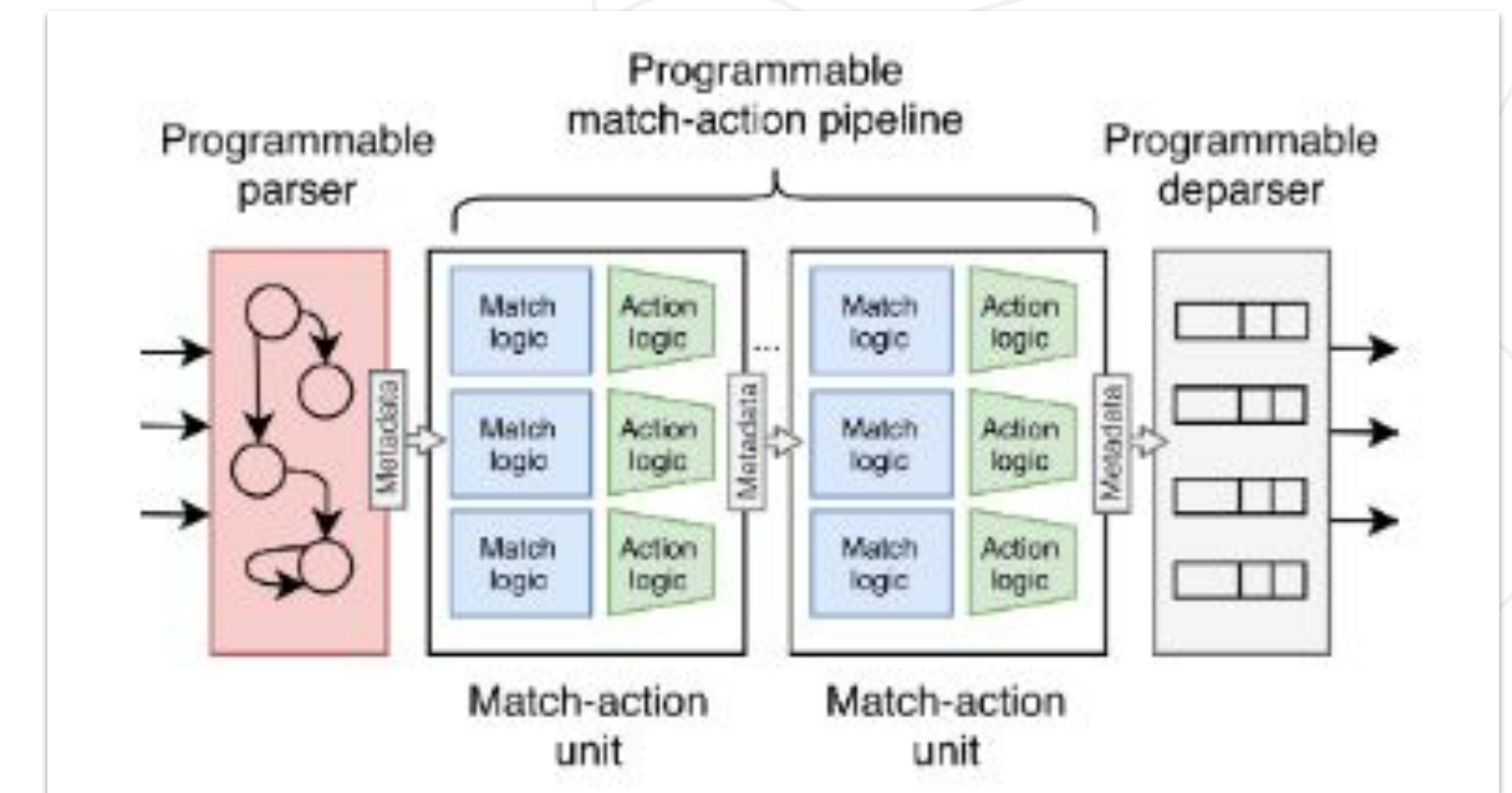


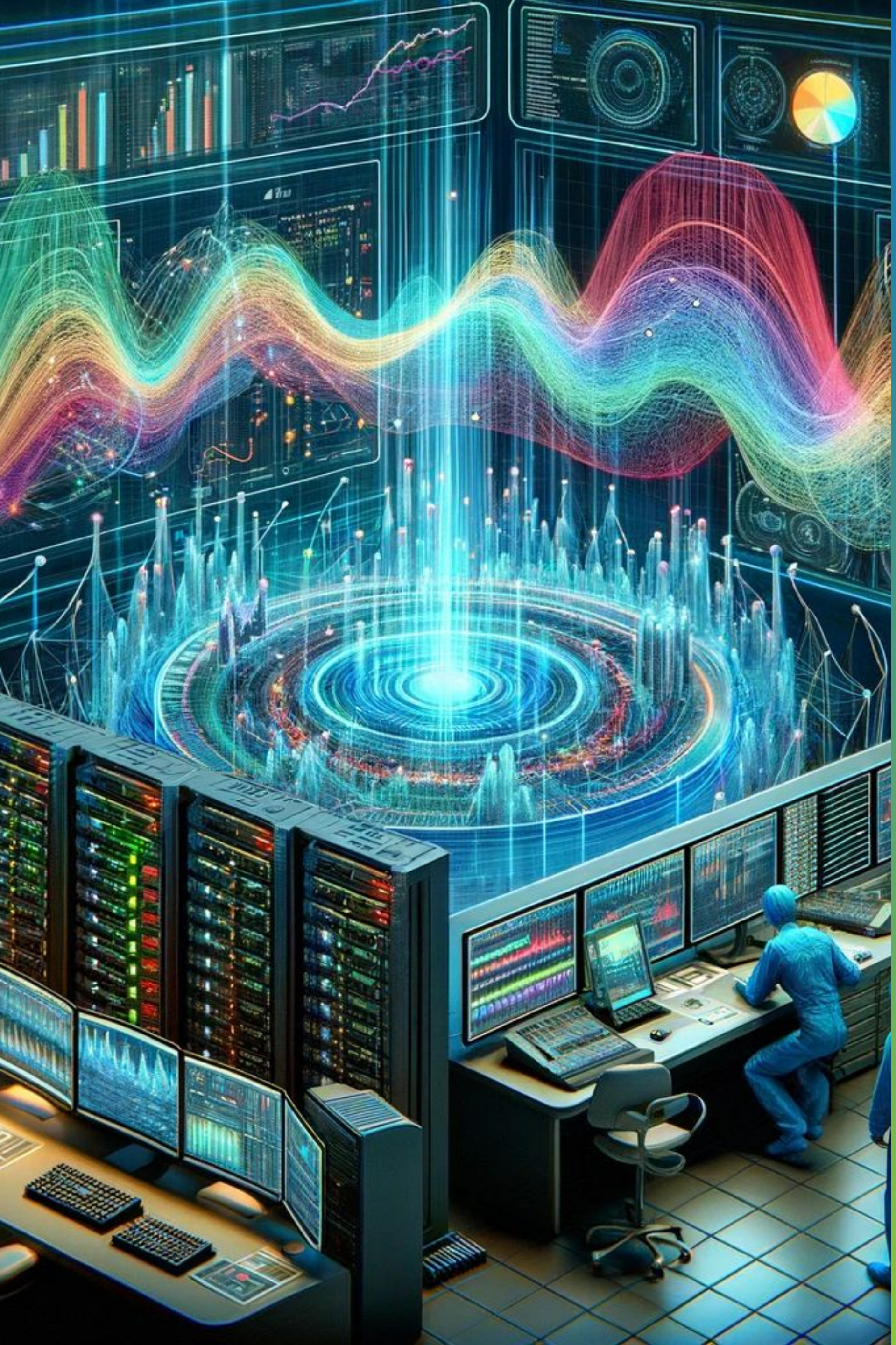
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- The data plane programmability facilitates the incorporation of intelligence during packet processing at the hardware's most proximate level, without the necessity for control plane intervention.
- Packets incorporate telemetry instructions within their header fields, facilitating the fine-grained collection and recording of network data.
- At each network hop along these paths, the data plane of the network devices employs telemetry instructions to facilitate the collection and inclusion of metadata within the packets as they traverse each node.

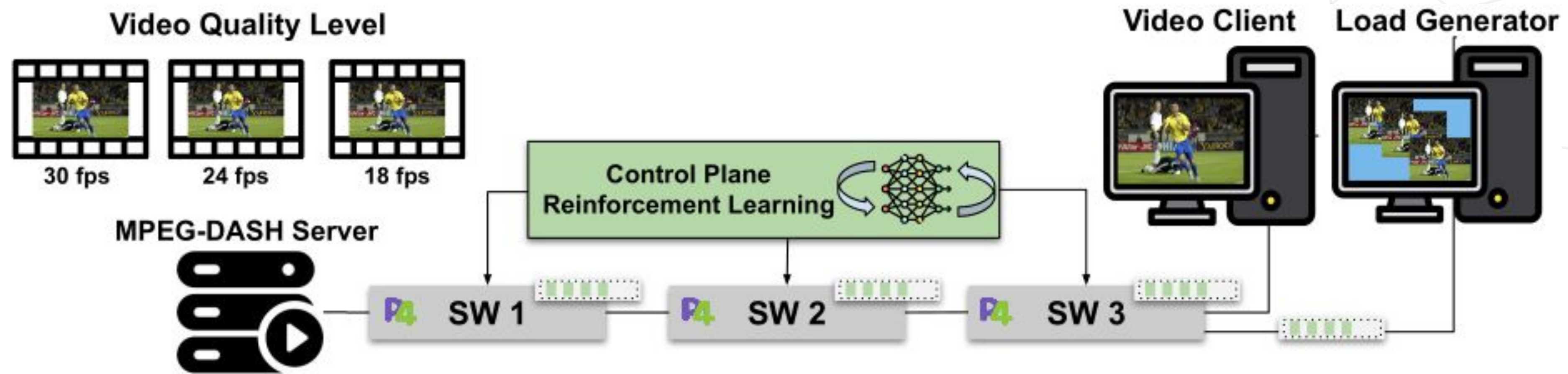




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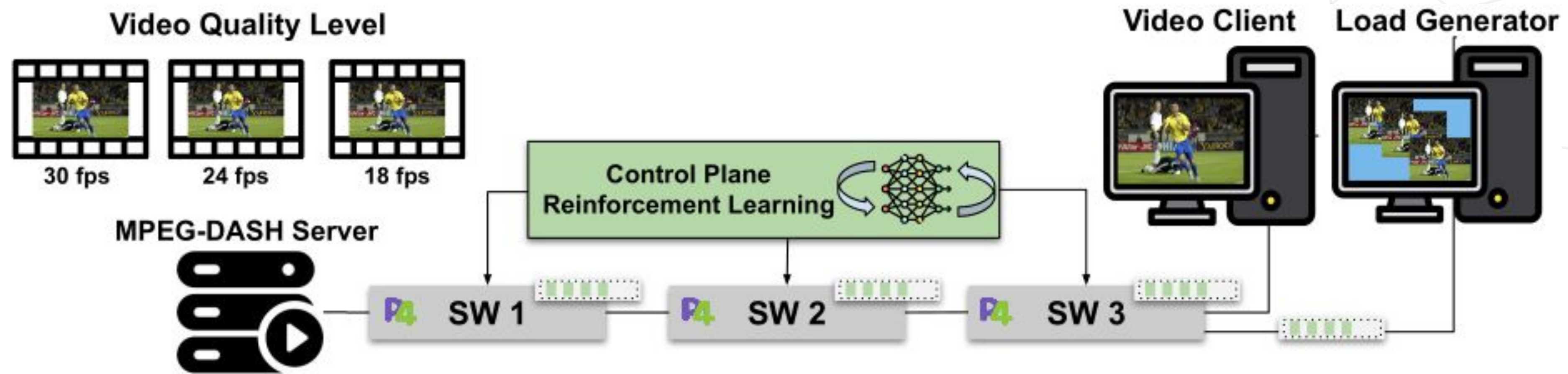


Infrastructure Overview

- **Setup Components:** Virtual machines interconnected via a P4 programmable data plane network.
- **Application Deployment:** CDN supporting MPEG-DASH for live streaming a soccer game.
- **Load Management:** WAVE, is versatile load generator used for orchestrating application instances over time.
- **Network Architecture:** Includes three programmable switches collecting INT telemetry data, complemented by a Video Client for metrics.

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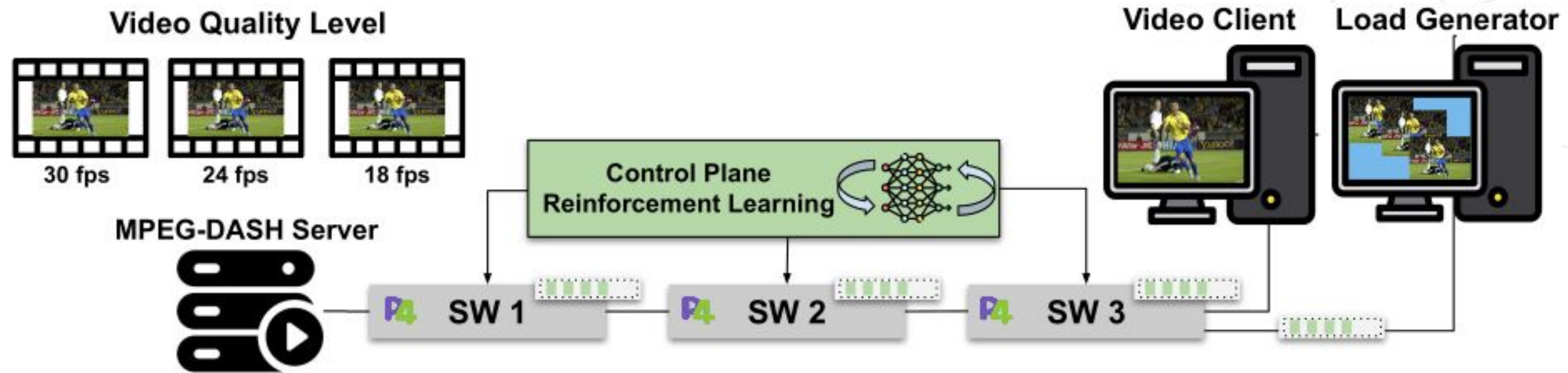


Role of RL Agent

- **Primary Function:** Operates as a data plane optimizer, managing queue sizes in switches to enhance user experience.
- **Goal:** Optimize resource utilization to improve network infrastructure efficiency.

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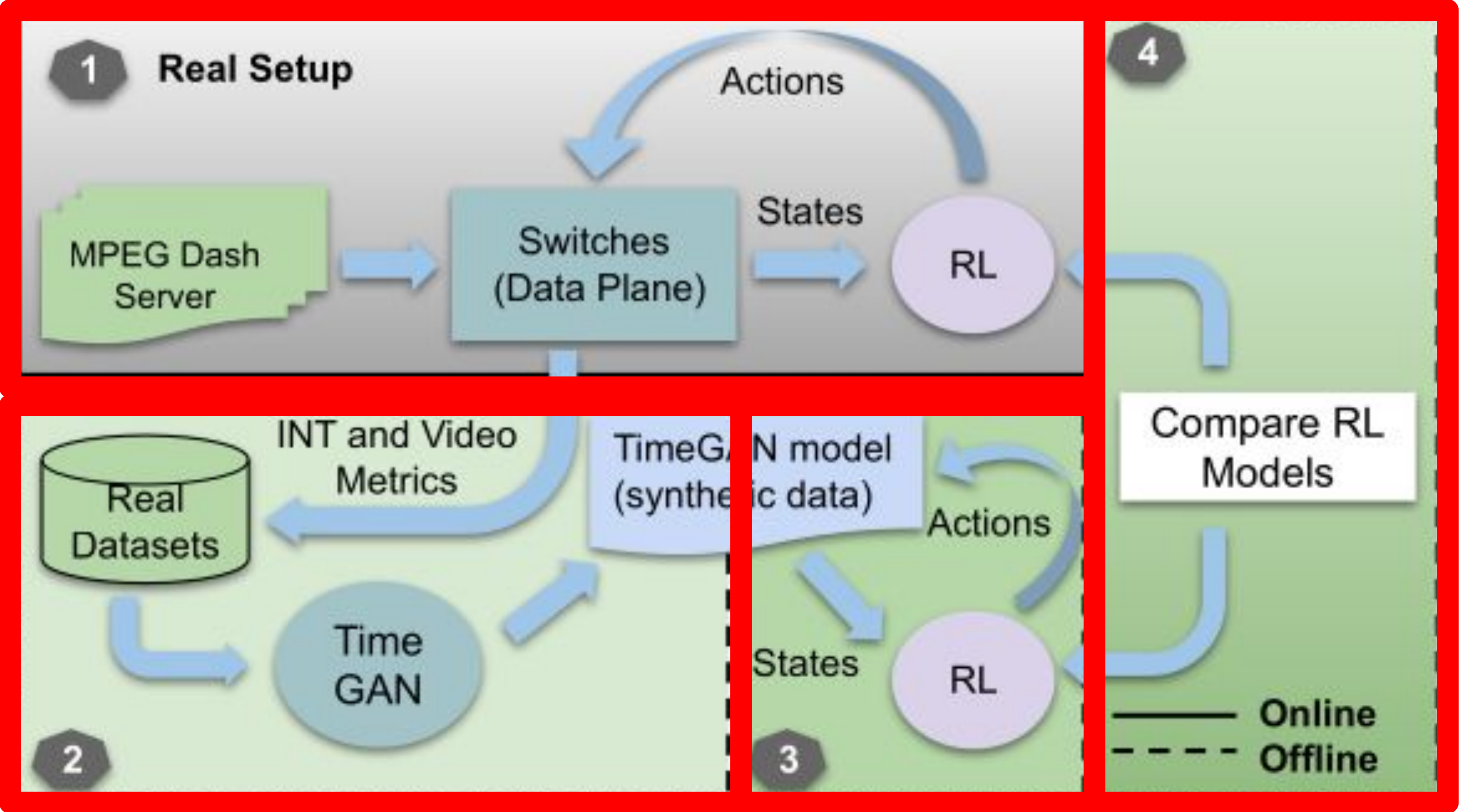


Data Plane Optimization

- **Challenges:** Gaining cooperation from network operators for experiments can be difficult.
- **Alternative Approach:** Use a GAN trained on real data as a simulator to train the RL agent without needing a real setup.

Methodology

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Training the RL Model

- **Real Setup:** RL agent trained using real data collected from the network.
- **Synthetic Scenario:** Offline training of the RL model using synthetic data from the TimeGAN to assess generalization capacity.

Importance of GAN in RL Training

- **Dataset Issues:** Original datasets may have imbalances, inadequacies, or erroneous values.
- **GAN Advantages:** Provides the ability to generate balanced, comprehensive data for diverse experimental scenarios.
- **Efficiency Comparison:** Evaluates the time efficiency of RL model training using synthetic versus real data.

Dataset Characterization

Generation of Telemetry Data



Dataset Composition

- **Video Metrics:** Frames per second (FPS), bitrate, buffer size.
- **Network Metrics:** Queue depth at packet queuing (Enq Qdepth), packet queuing duration in microseconds (Deq Timedelta), and queue depth at packet dequeuing (Deq Qdepth).

Experiments and Data Collection

- **Buffer Size Configurations:** Two experiments with switch buffer sizes set at 32 and 64 packets.
- **Data Merging and Filtering:** Datasets merged based on timestamps, filtering out higher 'Deq Timedelta' to focus on high-load conditions.

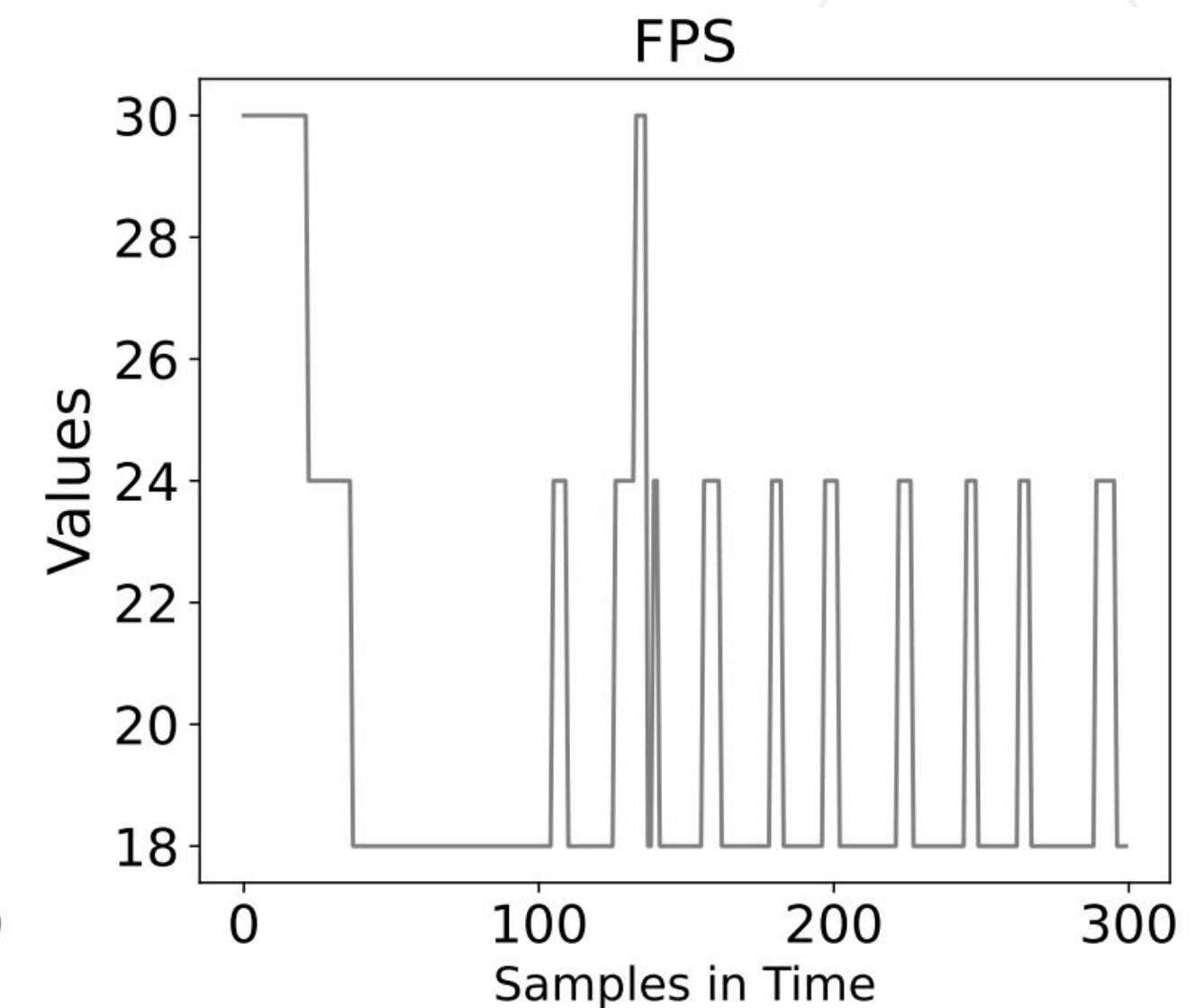
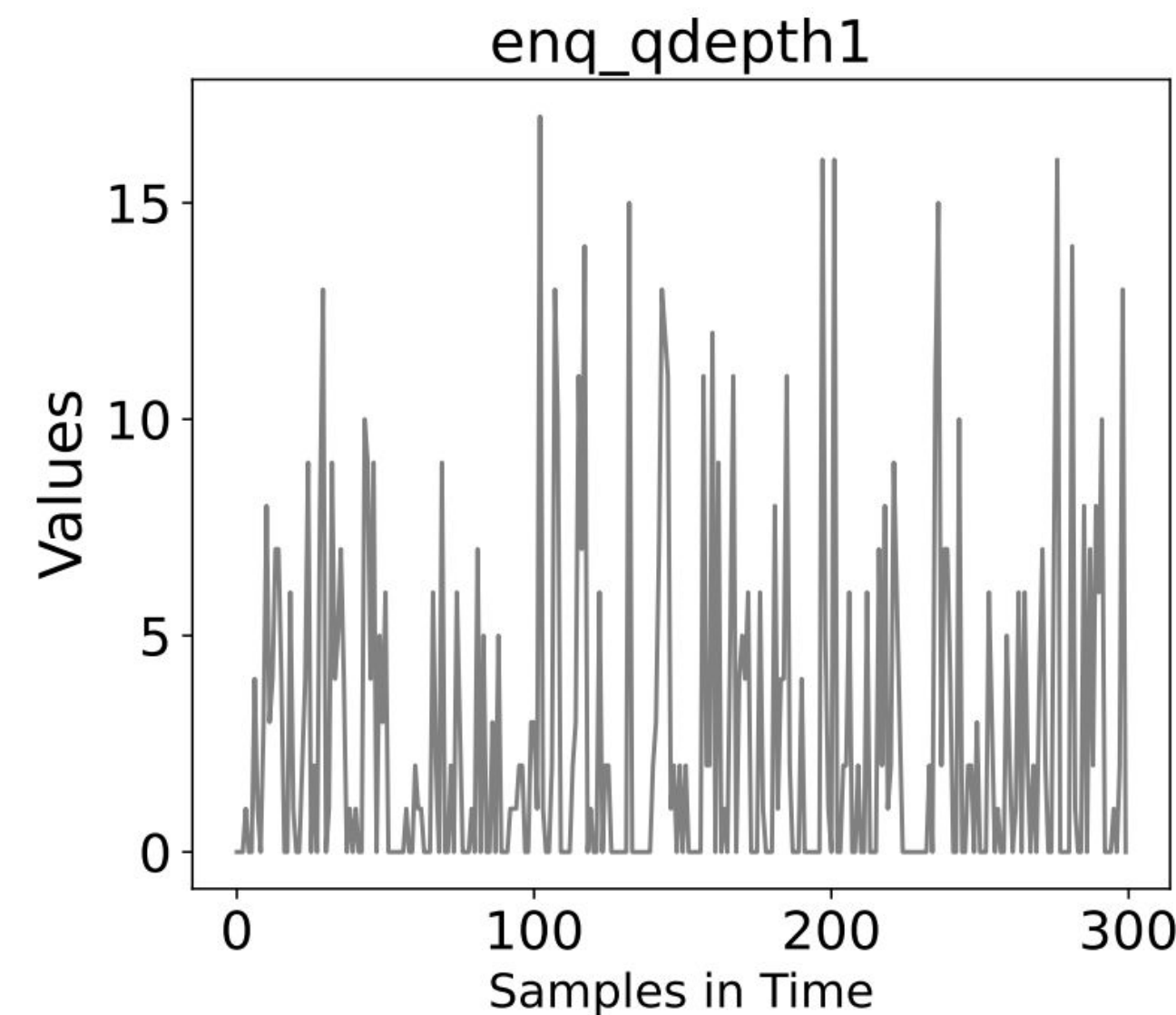
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Challenge of Non-Stationary Data

- **Non-Stationarity:** features within the Programmable Data Plane application exhibit non-stationary characteristics.
- **Visualization:** Non-stationarity visually demonstrated in the figure alongside.
- **Implication:** This nature complicates direct comparison between real telemetry data and synthetic data generated by GANs.



TimeGAN Training

Generation of Telemetry Data



Data Preprocessing

- **Steps:** Address missing data, remove outliers, and normalize data to prepare for effective training.

Hyperparameter Configuration

- **Importance:** Critical for optimizing the training regimen.
- **Parameters:** Sequence sizes, sequence length, number of hidden dimensions, batch size.

Hyperparameter Tuning

- **Method:** Empirical approach with iterative adjustments based on training outcomes and insights.
- **Challenges:** Identifying optimal settings due to the impact on model performance.

Model Selection

Generation of Telemetry Data



Lack of Consensus in Evaluating Synthetic Data Generated by GANs

- Highlighted in (Brophy, 2023), there is no agreed method to assess distributions created by GANs, specially for time series data.

Complexity with Non-Stationary Data

- Non-stationary time series show varying statistical properties over time, complicating traditional evaluation methods like KL divergence.
- Real data variability vs. synthetic data constancy can lead to misleading results when using traditional metrics.

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Developing a New Metric

Designed to assess the similarity between real and synthetic data distributions, focusing on statistical measures.

- **Metric Calculation:**

- **Interquartile Discrepancy:** Measures the difference in dispersion between real (X) and synthetic (y) datasets.
- **Median Difference:** Addresses positional differences between distributions.

$$\mathbf{M} = \sum_{n=1}^{n_feats} \left| [Q_3(X_n) - Q_1(X_n)] - [Q_3(y_n) - Q_1(y_n)] \right| + \left| [med(X_n) - med(y_n)] \right|$$

Hands on

Two Possibilities



GitHub

Generation of Telemetry Data



- Clone the following project from GitHub:
 - https://github.com/thiagocaproni/tutorial_timegan
- After cloning the project from GitHub, create the environment by running the following command (where 'environment.yml' is located)
 - `conda env create`
- Then, type the following command:
 - `conda activate ydata`

Google Colab

Generation of Telemetry Data



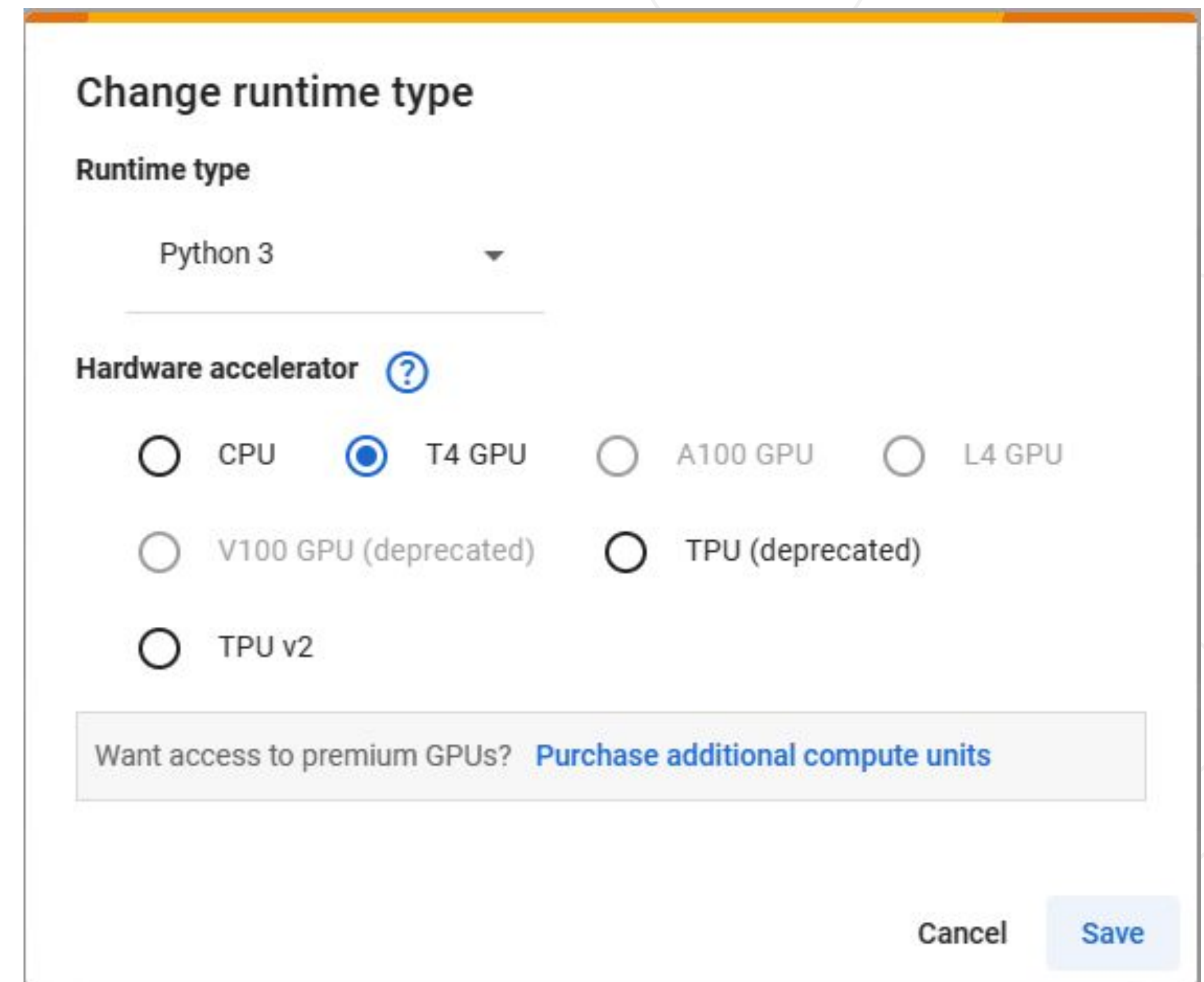
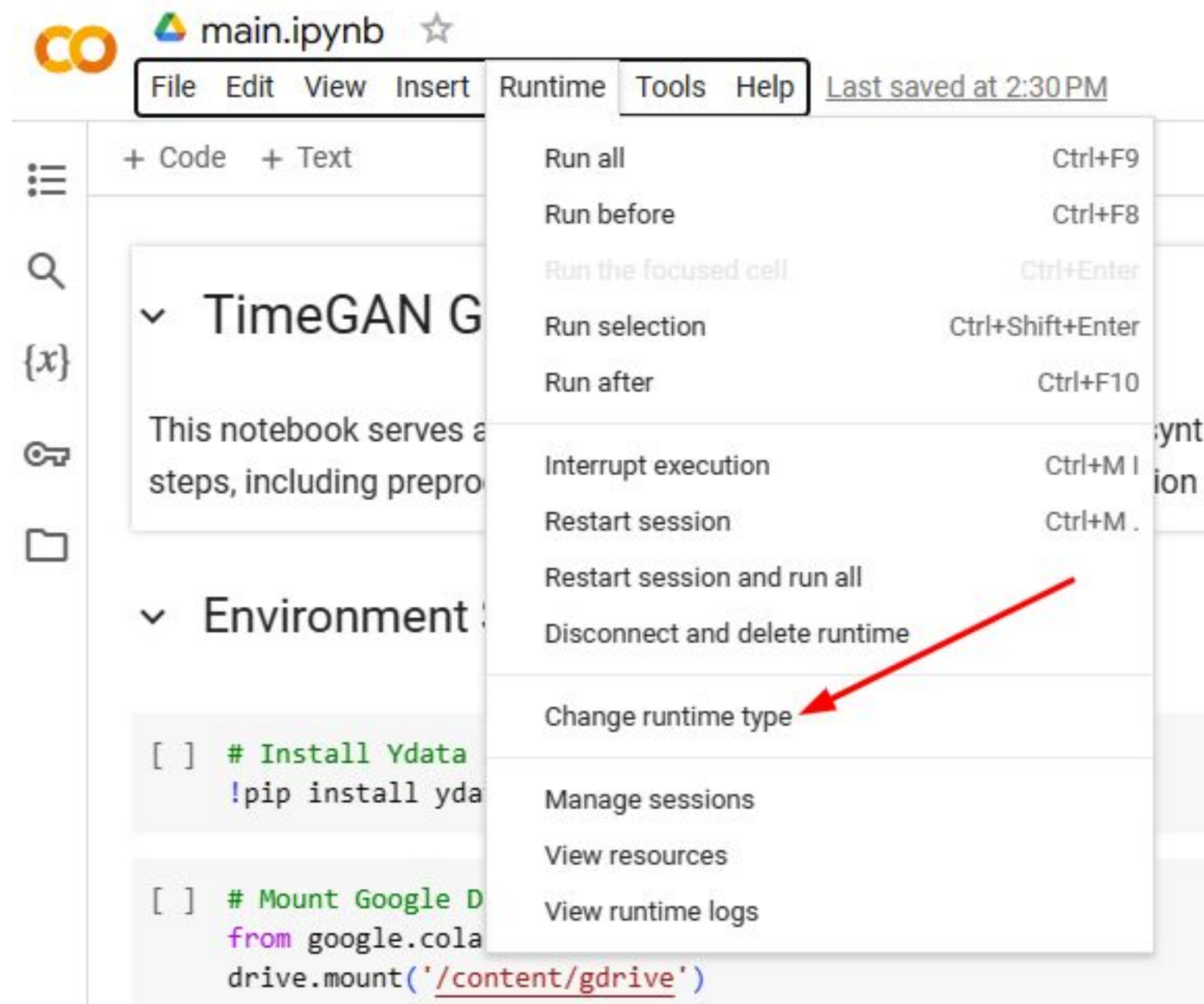
1. Download the zip file from the following link:
 - <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1kR0teCHU4Z2jCez75kcM61GArmP0CAfY/view?usp=sharing>
2. Unzip the file and upload the “tutorial” folder to the Google Drive root folder
 - All paths used in Python scripts and notebooks are executed considering that the “tutorial” folder is in the Google Drive root directory.
3. Navigate to the following folder
 - tutorial -> code -> timegan
4. Open the notebook:
 - main.ipynb

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5. Make sure, you are using a Python 3 session:



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6. The first part is compound with cells to setup the environment:

+ Código + Texto

TimeGAN Generation

This notebook serves as the primary workflow file for the TimeGAN synthetic data generation process. It enables us to execute all necessary steps, including preprocessing, training, data generation, and evaluation of the synthetic datasets.

Environment Setup

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Training the models

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Generate the synthetic data

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Evaluate the generated models

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Open main notebook

Generation of Telemetry Data



7. Run the cells to setup the environment in order to:
 - a. Install the ydata-synthetic module (probably you be asked to restart the session)
 - b. Mount the Google Drive folder
 - c. Access the “timegan” folder
 - d. Append the “data_process” folder where is located the script to preprocessing

Environment Setup

```
[ ] # Install Ydata Synthetic
!pip install ydata-synthetic==1.1.0
```

```
[ ] # Mount Google Drive folder
from google.colab import drive
drive.mount('/content/gdrive')
```

```
[ ] # Access the folder timegan
%cd /content/drive/MyDrive/tutorial/code/timegan
```

```
[ ] import sys
sys.path.append('../data_process/')
```


Parameters file

Generation of Telemetry Data



1. Open the file: (`code/timegan/params.py`)
 - a. The script has the `amount_of_models` variable
 - b. Its value is factored to define the values of the following hyperparameters:
 - `seq_len (i)`: the sequence length would be the size of the temporal window of each sequence used to train the model, that is, how many time steps (lines) each sequence contains.
 - `hidden_dim (j)`: Number of units or neurons in each hidden layer
 - `batch_size (k)`: The batch size determines how many temporal sequences (or how many data examples/lines) are included in a single batch for training.
 - c. The `fatNum` function in the script `model_utility.py` returns the values of `i`, `j` and `k` that is used in several other scripts to assign the hyperparameters variations for training, generating and evaluating models.

Preprocessing

(code/data_process/preprocess_data.py)

Generation of Telemetry Data



```
def loadDataSet(self, path_int, path_dash):
    # Load the INT and DASH datasets from specified paths
    df_int = pd.read_csv(path_int, sep = ',')
    df_dash = pd.read_csv(path_dash, sep = ';')

    # from milliseconds to seconds
    self.transformTimeStamp(df_dash)
    df_int = df_int.loc[df_int.groupby('timestamp')['deq_timedelta1'].idxmax()]

    # Set 'timestamp' as the index for the INT dataset
    df_int.set_index('timestamp', inplace=True)

    # Merge the INT and DASH datasets on their timestamp indices and reset the merged DataFrame's index
    self.dataset = pd.merge(df_int, df_dash, left_index=True, right_index=True).reset_index()
```


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```
def preProcessData(self, num_cols, cat_cols, random):
    # Fill missing values in numerical columns with their mean
    for i in num_cols:
        self.dataset[i].fillna(self.dataset[i].mean(), inplace=True)

    # Perform one-hot encoding if there are categorical columns
    if len(cat_cols) > 0:
        self.hotEncode()
        cat_cols = [0,1,2]

    # Create a copy of the dataset with only the processed columns
    self.processed_data = self.dataset[ num_cols + cat_cols ].copy()
    self.cat_cols = cat_cols
    self.num_cols = num_cols

    # Randomly shuffle the dataset if requested
    if random == True:
        idx = np.random.permutation(self.processed_data.index)
        self.processed_data = self.processed_data.reindex(idx)
```

Train

(code/timegan/train/timegan32.py)

Generation of Telemetry Data



```
def loadDp(random, outliers):
    dp = DataPre()

    #Loading and merging INT and DASH datasets
    dp.loadDataSet(path_int='.././.././datasets/log_INT_TD-32_100.csv',
                   path_dash='.././.././datasets/dash_TD-32_100.csv')

    #preprocessing data
    dp.preProcessData(params.num_cols, cat_cols=params.cat_cols, random=random)

    #removing columns with same values
    dp.removeSameValueAttributes()

    if outliers == False:
        dp.removeOutliers()

    #printing processed data
    dp.processed_data

    return dp
```


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```
def train(dp, seq_len, n_seq, hidden_dim, noise_dim, dim, batch_size, model, train_steps):
    learning_rate = 5e-4

    gan_args = ModelParameters(batch_size=batch_size,
                               lr=learning_rate,
                               noise_dim=noise_dim,
                               layers_dim=dim)

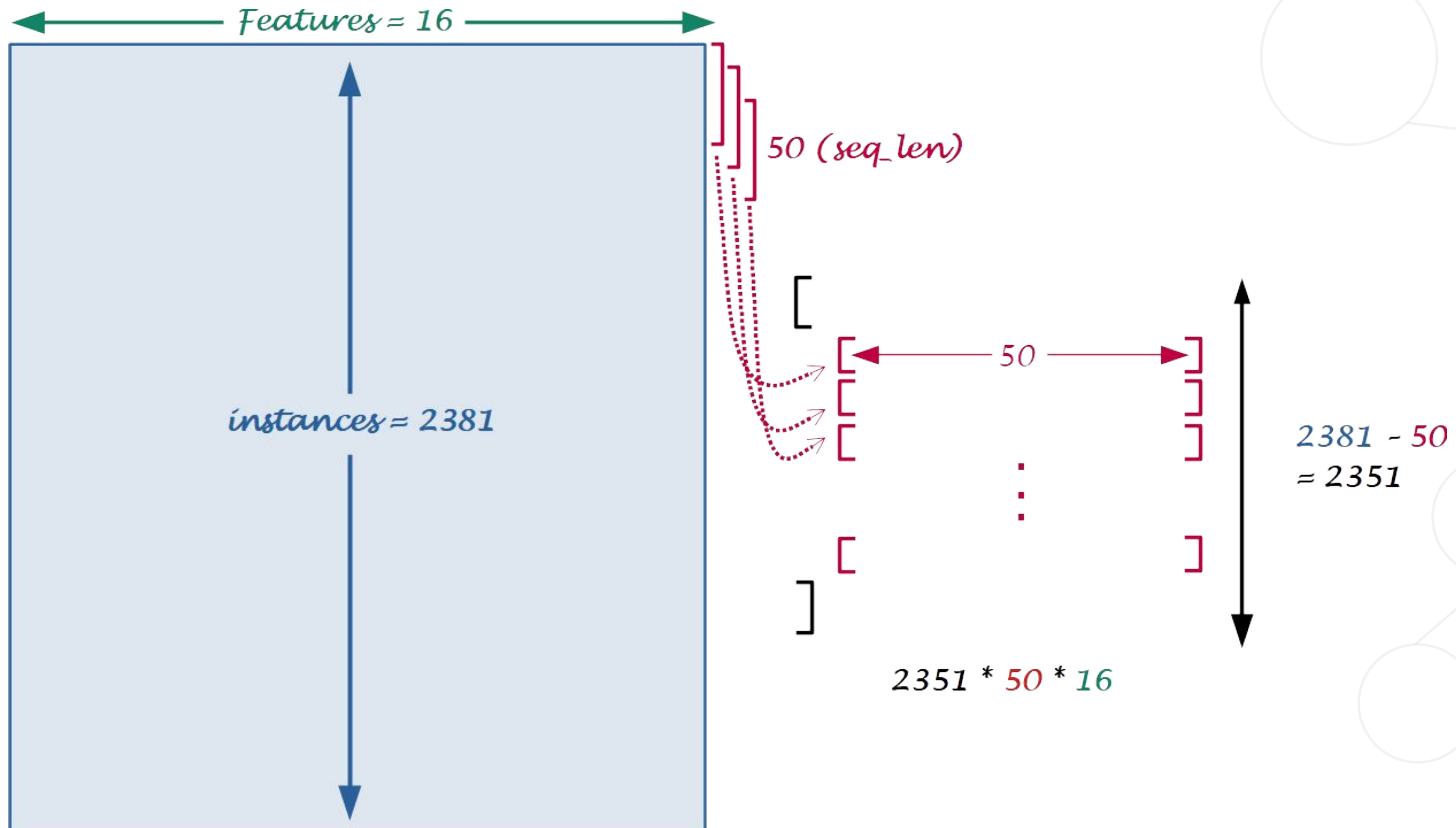
    #normalizing the data
    processed_data = real_data_loading(dp.processed_data.values, seq_len=seq_len)

    synth = TimeGAN(model_parameters=gan_args, hidden_dim=hidden_dim, seq_len=seq_len, n_seq=n_seq, gamma=1)
    synth.train(processed_data, train_steps=train_steps)
    synth.save(model)
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dp = loadDp(random=False, outliers=False)

iMax, jMax, kMax = ModelUtility.fatNum(params.amount_of_models) # Change the file params.py
print("\nNumber of models" + str(params.amount_of_models) + ' iMax: ' + str(iMax) + ' jMax: ' + str(jMax) + ' kMax: ' + str(kMax))

print("Num GPUs Available: ", len(tf.config.list_physical_devices('GPU')))

try:
    # Specify an valid GPU device
    with tf.device('/device:GPU:0'):
        for i in range(0,iMax):
            for j in range(0,jMax):
                for k in range(0,kMax):
                    train(dp,
                        seq_len=(50*(i)+50),
                        n_seq=params.merged_columns_len,
                        hidden_dim=(20*(j)+20),
                        noise_dim=32,
                        dim=128,
                        batch_size=(28*(k) + 100),
                        model=str('../saved_models/so32_seqlen_'+ str((50*(i) + 50)) + '_hidim_' + str(20*(j)+20) + '_batch_' + str(28*(k) + 100) + '.pk1'),
                        train_steps=params.train_steps)
except RuntimeError as e:
    print(e)
```

Data Generation

(code/timegan/data_generation/generate_synth_data.py)



Generation of Telemetry Data

```
def loadSynthData(model32, model64, number_of_windows):
    synth_32 = TimeGAN.load(model32)
    synth_data_32 = synth_32.sample(number_of_windows)

    synth_64 = TimeGAN.load(model64)
    synth_data_64 = synth_64.sample(number_of_windows)

    synth_data_32[:, :, 13:16][synth_data_32[:, :, 13:16] >= 0.5] = 1
    synth_data_32[:, :, 13:16][synth_data_32[:, :, 13:16] < 0.5] = 0
    synth_data_64[:, :, 13:16][synth_data_64[:, :, 13:16] >= 0.5] = 1
    synth_data_64[:, :, 13:16][synth_data_64[:, :, 13:16] < 0.5] = 0

    return synth_data_32, synth_data_64
```


Data Generation

(code/timegan/data_generation/generate_synth_data.py)



Generation of Telemetry Data

```
def loadRealData(dsint32, dsint64, dsdash32, dsdash64, num_cols, cat_cols, sample_size, random, outliers):
    dp32 = DataPre()
    dp32.loadDataSet(path_int=dsint32, path_dash=dsdash32)
    dp32.preProcessData(num_cols, cat_cols=cat_cols, random=random)
    if outliers == False:
        dp32.removeOutliers()

    real_data_32 = dp32.processed_data
    real_data_32 = real_data_32[0:sample_size].copy()
    real_data_32 = real_data_32.values

    #loading 64 bit buffer dataset
    dp64 = DataPre()
    dp64.loadDataSet(path_int=dsint64, path_dash=dsdash64)
    dp64.preProcessData(num_cols, cat_cols=cat_cols, random=random)
    if outliers == False:
        dp64.removeOutliers()

    real_data_64 = dp64.processed_data
    real_data_64 = real_data_64[0:sample_size].copy()
    real_data_64 = real_data_64.values

    return real_data_32, real_data_64
```

Data Generation

(code/timeegan/data_generation/generate_synth_data.py)



Generation of Telemetry Data

```
def getStatistics(data):
    median = np.median(data)
    percentile_25 = np.percentile(data, 25)
    percentile_75 = np.percentile(data, 75)

    return [percentile_25, median, percentile_75]

def genStatistics(real_32, synth_32, real_64, synth_64, sample_size, num_cols):
    dict = {}

    for j, col in enumerate(num_cols):
        dict[col] = [getStatistics(real_32[:,j][:sample_size]),
                    getStatistics(synth_32[:,j][:sample_size]),
                    getStatistics(real_64[:,j][:sample_size]),
                    getStatistics(synth_64[:,j][:sample_size])]

    return dict
```


Data Generation

(code/timeegan/data_generation/generate_synth_data.py)



Generation of Telemetry Data

```
def createDataSet(seq_len, data):
    lines = int(params.synth_sample_size/seq_len)
    dataset = np.zeros(lines * seq_len * params.merged_columns_len).reshape(lines*seq_len, params.merged_columns_len)

    for i in range(0,lines):
        for j in range(0, seq_len):
            dataset[(i*seq_len) + j] = data[i][j][:]

    return dataset
```

Data Generation

(code/timegan/data_generation/generate_synth_data.py)



Generation of Telemetry Data

```
def getMetrics(statistic_data):
    metric32 = (abs( (statistic_data[0][2] - statistic_data[0][0]) - (statistic_data[1][2] - statistic_data[1][0])) +
               abs( statistic_data[0][1] - statistic_data[1][1] ) )

    metric64 = (abs( (statistic_data[2][2] - statistic_data[2][0]) - (statistic_data[3][2] - statistic_data[3][0])) +
               abs( statistic_data[3][1] - statistic_data[2][1] ) )

    return metric32, metric64

def get_allfeatures_metrics(metrics, model_index, statistic_data):
    for j, col in enumerate(params.num_cols):
        metrics[0][model_index][j], metrics[1][model_index][j] = getMetrics(statistic_data.get(col))
```


Model Selection

code/timegan/evaluation/analyze_data_models.ipynb



Generation of Telemetry Data

```
def getFeaturesBestMetricsOfModels(models, metrics):
    sum32, sum64 = sumFeatureMetricsOfModels(models, metrics)

    index = np.argmin(sum32)
    model = getModelNameByIndex(index)
    #print('bestmodel_int32: ' + model + ' index: ' + str(index))
    best_32 = models.get(model)[0]

    index = np.argmin(sum64)
    model = getModelNameByIndex(index)
    #print('bestmodel_int64: ' + model + ' index: ' + str(index))
    best_64 = models.get(model)[0]

    index = np.argmax(sum32)
    model = getModelNameByIndex(index)
    #print('worst_int32: ' + model + ' index: ' + str(index))
    worst_32 = models.get(model)[0]

    index = np.argmax(sum64)
    model = getModelNameByIndex(index)
    #print('worst_int64: ' + model + ' index: ' + str(index))
    worst_64 = models.get(model)[0]

    return best_32, worst_32, best_64, worst_64
```

Model Selection

code/timegan/evaluation/analyze_data_models.ipynb

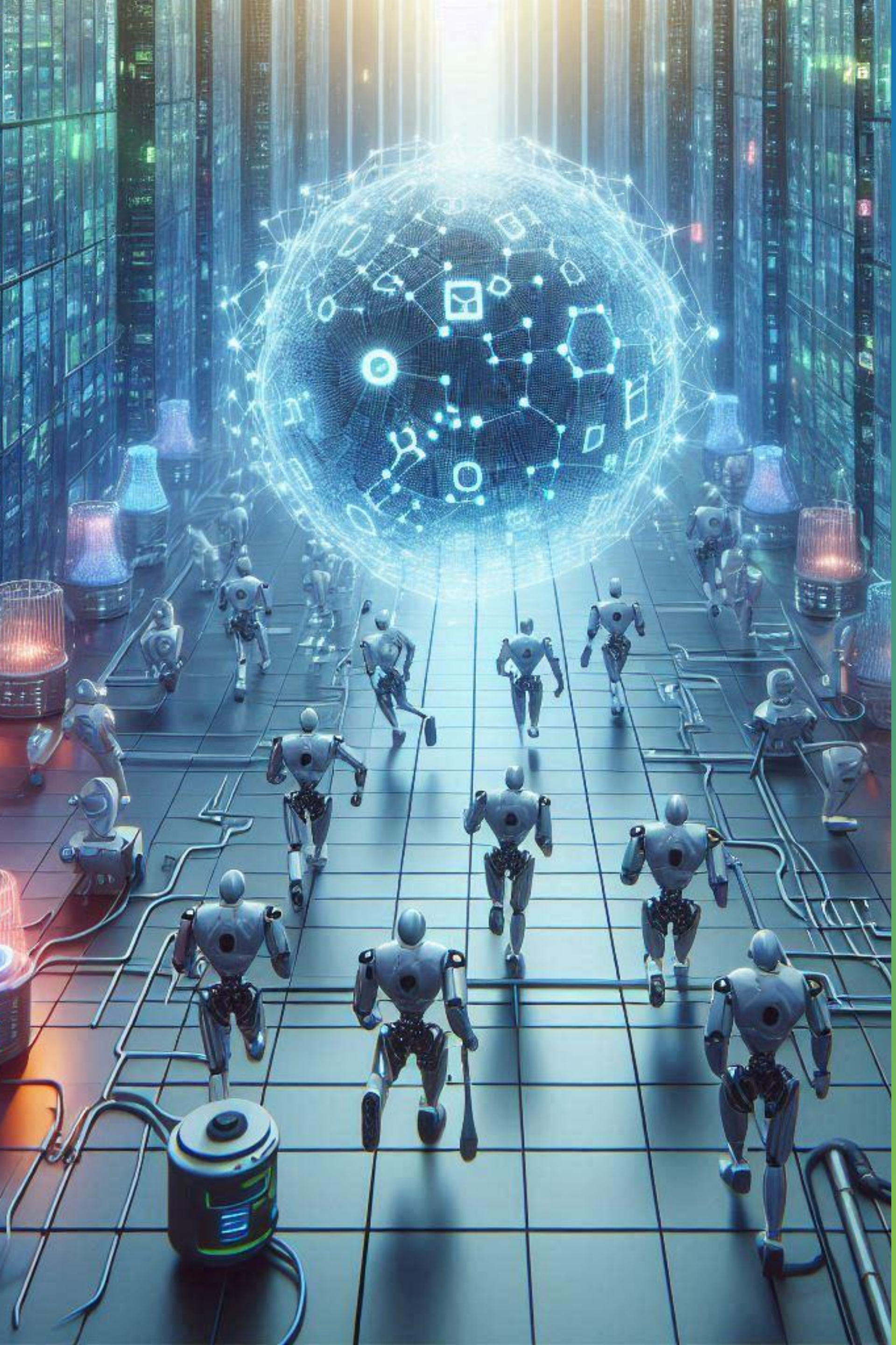
Generation of Telemetry Data



```
def sumFeatureMetricsOfModels(models, data_metrics):
    sum32 = np.zeros(len(models))
    sum64 = np.zeros(len(models))

    for i in range(len(models)):
        sum32[i] = sum(data_metrics[0,i,:])
        sum64[i] = sum(data_metrics[1,i,:])

    return sum32, sum64
```

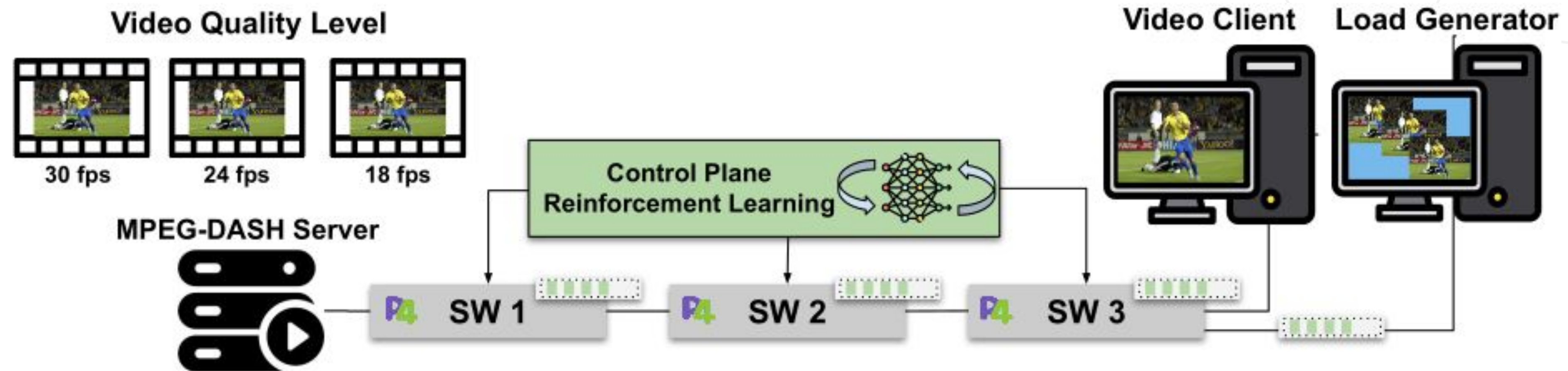
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Real setup



Challenges

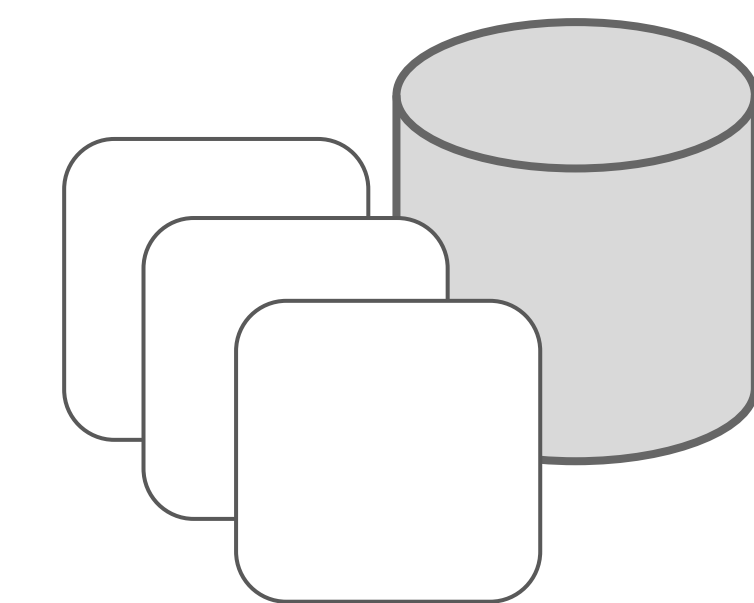
- The infrastructure requirements may not be feasible for a real setup;
- The agent training time depends on the video streaming duration.

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Possible solution



Synthetic data



INT metadata and
QoS metrics



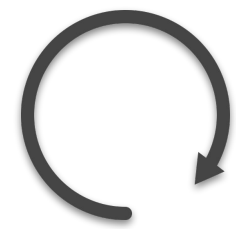
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How can we implement it?

Read INT metadata regarding the 32-bit and 64-bit queue sizes from their respective CSV files



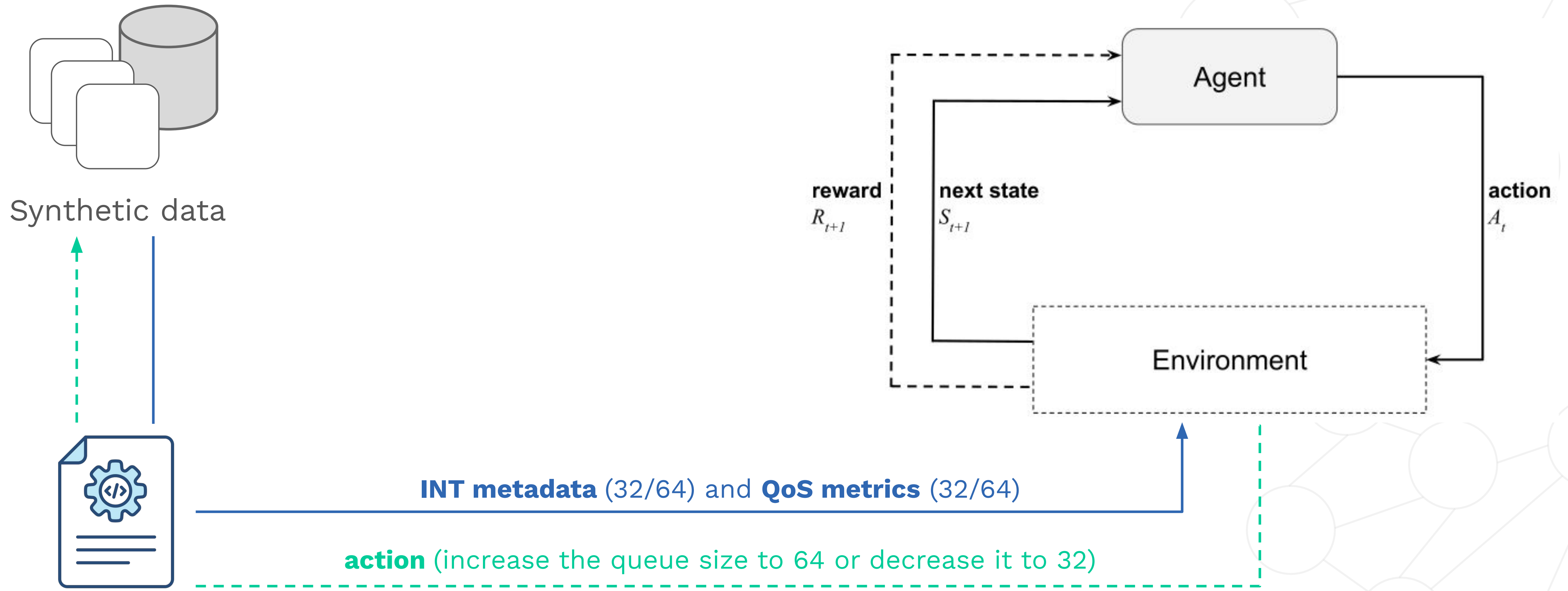
Join the data obtained in the previous step into a global dictionary

Send data to the RL Environment and store the transition in an experience replay buffer

Learn from experience

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Simulating the real network behavior



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Simulating the real network behavior

```
def readFile32():
    global sample32

    # Define the columns of interest
    cols = ['enq_qdepth1', 'deq_timedelta1', 'deq_qdepth1',
            'enq_qdepth2', 'deq_timedelta2', 'deq_qdepth2',
            'enq_qdepth3', 'deq_timedelta3', 'deq_qdepth3',
            'FPS', 'Buffer', 'CalcBitrate', 'ReportedBitrate']

    # Read the CSV file in chunks of 4 seconds
    for sample32 in pd.read_csv('synthetic_data/best_modelsum_32.csv', chunksize=4):
        # Select only the specified columns
        sample32 = sample32[cols]
        # Process the data using the 'jointoRL' function with TYPE_32
        jointoRL(sample32, TYPE_32)

# Start reading files in separate threads
thread64 = threading.Thread(target=readFile64)
thread64.start()

thread32 = threading.Thread(target=readFile32)
thread32.start()
```


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Simulating the real network behavior



```
def jointoRL(sample, t):
    global sampleJoin

    # Store the data sample in the global dictionary using the specified type 't'
    sampleJoin[t] = sample

    # If two data samples have been collected (INT and DASH metrics related to the 32 and 64 queue sizes),
    # call the 'sendtoRl' function
    if len(sampleJoin) == 2:
        sendtoRl(sampleJoin)
```

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receiveMetrics.py



Simulating the real network behavior

```
def sendtoRl(sample):
    global ddqn
    global env
    global experiment_id

    # Verify whether the agent has already taken actions
    if len(env.actions_history) == 0:
        # Determine the type of data sample and retrieve the DataFrame from the global dictionary accordingly
        if list(sample).index(0) == TYPE_32:
            df_INT = sample[TYPE_32].iloc[:, :9]
            df_dash = sample[TYPE_32].iloc[:, 9:12]
        else:
            df_INT = sample[TYPE_64].iloc[:, :9]
            df_dash = sample[TYPE_64].iloc[:, 9:12]
        # If the agent has already taken actions, verify which action was taken
    else:
        if env.actions_history[-1] == 0:
            df_INT = sample[TYPE_64].iloc[:, :9]
            df_dash = sample[TYPE_64].iloc[:, 9:12]
        else:
```


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receiveMetrics.py



Simulating the real network behavior

```
df_INT = sample[TYPE_32].iloc[:, :9]
df_dash = sample[TYPE_32].iloc[:, 9:12]

# Convert data to numpy arrays
current_state = df_INT.to_numpy()
dash_state = df_dash.to_numpy()

# Get state dimensionality
state_dim = df_INT.shape[1]

# Choose an action using epsilon-greedy policy
action = ddqn.epsilon_greedy_policy(current_state[FOURTH_SECOND].reshape(-1, state_dim))

# Take the chosen action and observe the next state, reward, and done flag
current_state, next_state, reward, done, _ = env.take_action(action, current_state, dash_state)

# If next state is available, memorize the transition and perform experience replay
if next_state is not None:
    print("next state received, memorizing transition")
```

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receiveMetrics.py

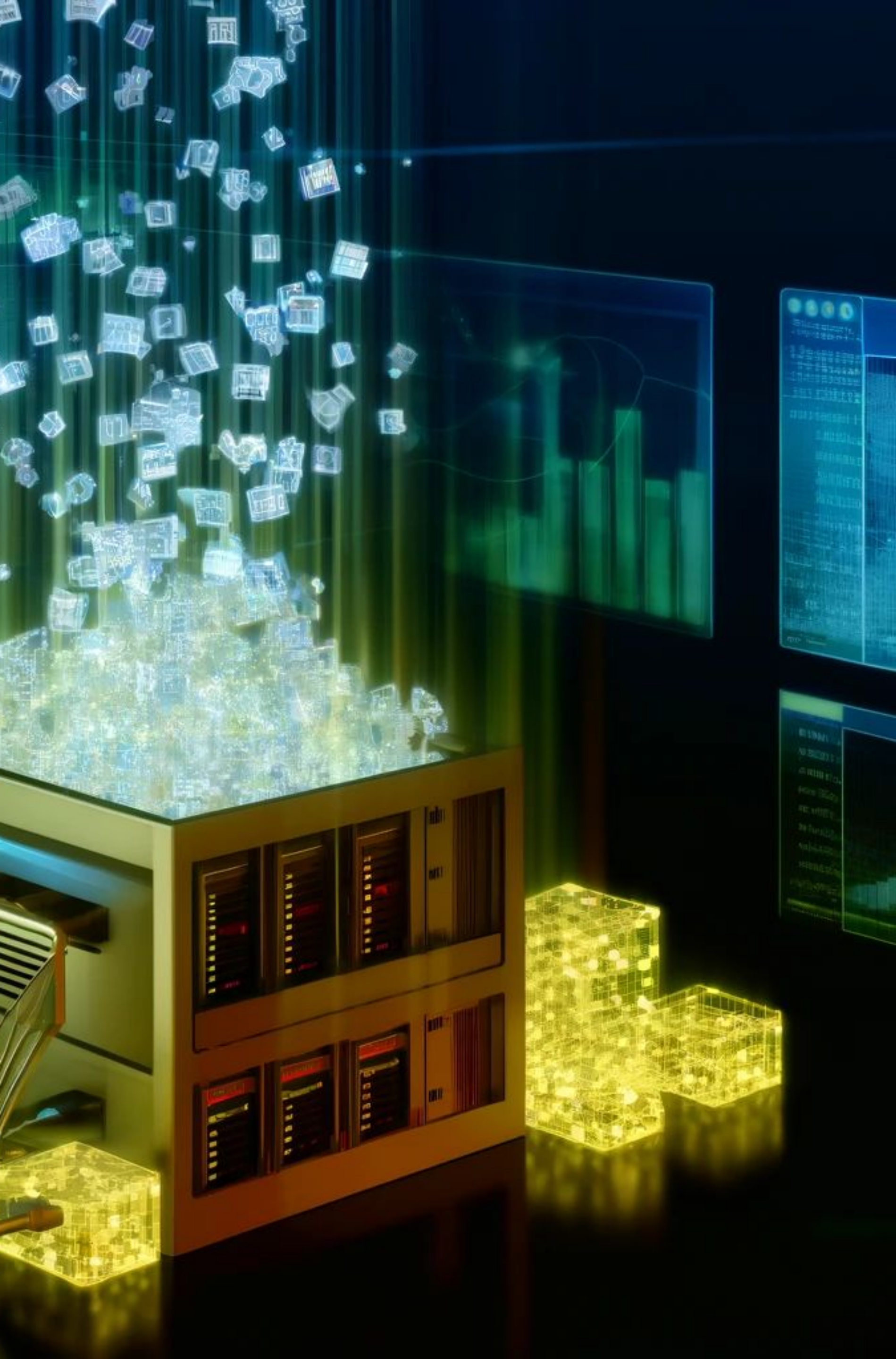
Simulating the real network behavior



```
ddqn.memorize_transition(current_state[FOURTH_SECOND],
                        env.actions_history[-2], # Action performed before reward calculation
                        reward,
                        next_state[FOURTH_SECOND],
                        0.0 if done else 1.0)

if ddqn.train:
    ddqn.experience_replay()

print("\n=====\n")
print("last action: {0} | reward: {1} | fps: {2} | "
      "Buffer size: {3}".format(
    env.actions_history[-1], env.reward_history[-1],
    env.fps_history[-1], env.buffer_size[-1]))
print("\n=====\n")
```

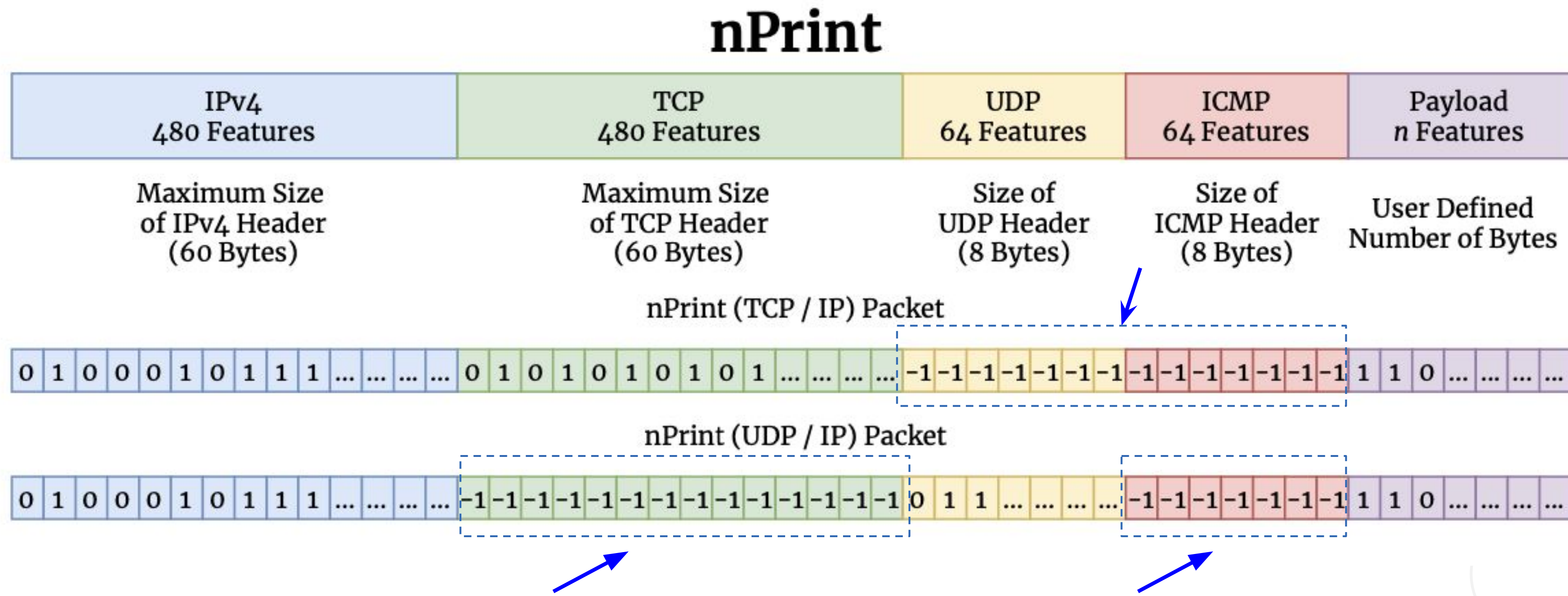
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NetDiffusion: Network Data Augmentation Through Protocol-Constrained Traffic Generation

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nPrint

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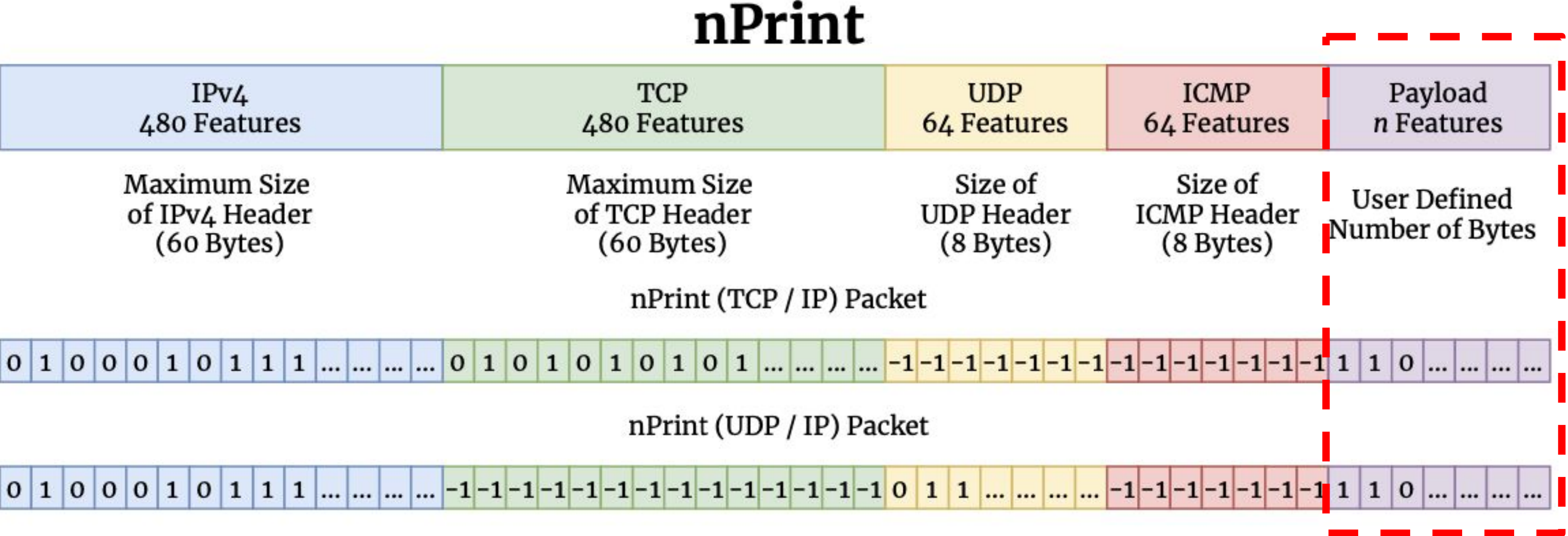


nPrint

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We can infer the payload length from header fields such as the IP "Total Length"

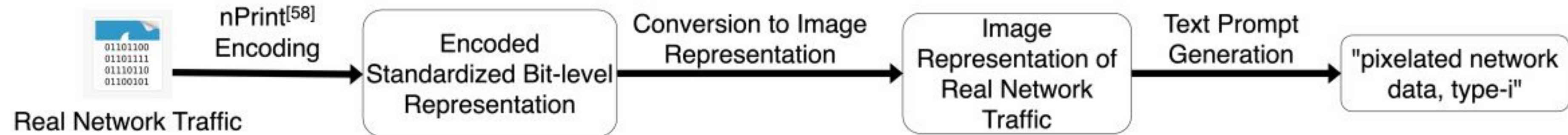


NetDiffusion: Workflow

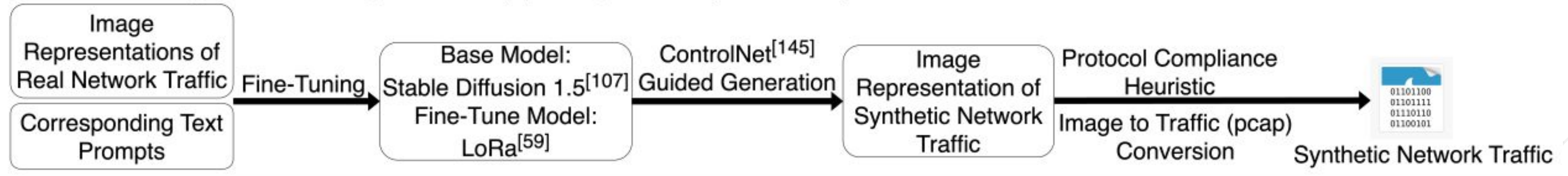
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(1) Network traffic to image conversion

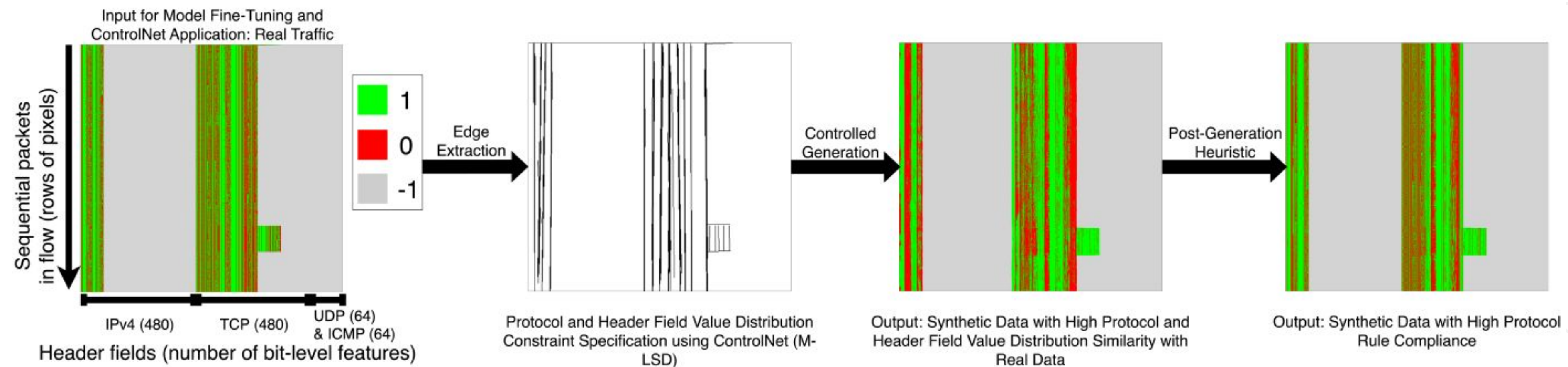


(2) Model fine-tuning and controlled generation + (3) Post-generation protocol compliance heuristic



NetDiffusion: Workflow (Example)

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Synthetic Amazon network traffic outputs: (1) Using ControlNet, it detects regions present in the original traffic and ensures protocol and header field value distribution conformance by generating within specified regions. (2) Applying a post-generation heuristic to refine field details for protocol conformance.

Hands on

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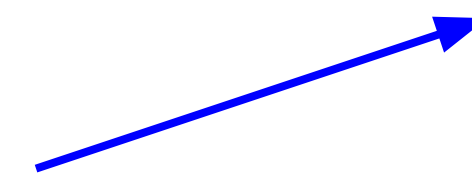
GitHub

https://github.com/arielgoes/NetDiffusion_Generator.git

The screenshot shows a GitHub repository page for "NetDiffusion: High-Fidelity Synthetic Network Traffic Generation". It includes a README link, a license icon, and a diagram of the generation process. The diagram shows a flow from "Input for Model Fine-Tuning and ControlNet Application: Real Traffic" (a heatmap of sequential packets) through "Edge Extraction" to "Protocol and Header Field Value Distribution Constraint Specification using ControlNet (M-LSD)", then through "Controlled Generation" to "Output: Synthetic Data with High Protocol and Header Field Value Distribution Similarity with Real Data", and finally through "Post-Generation Heuristics" to "Output: Synthetic Data with High Protocol Rule Compliance".

NetDiffusion tutorial

This tutorial is based on the [original guide steps](#) for generating PCAPs with [NetDiffusion](#).

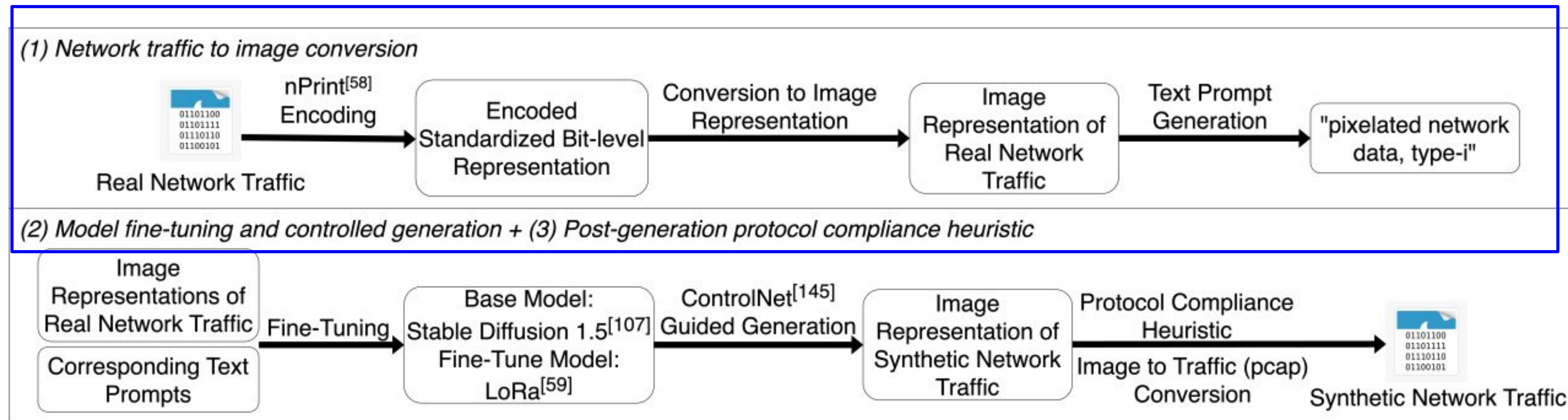


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Steps 1-4

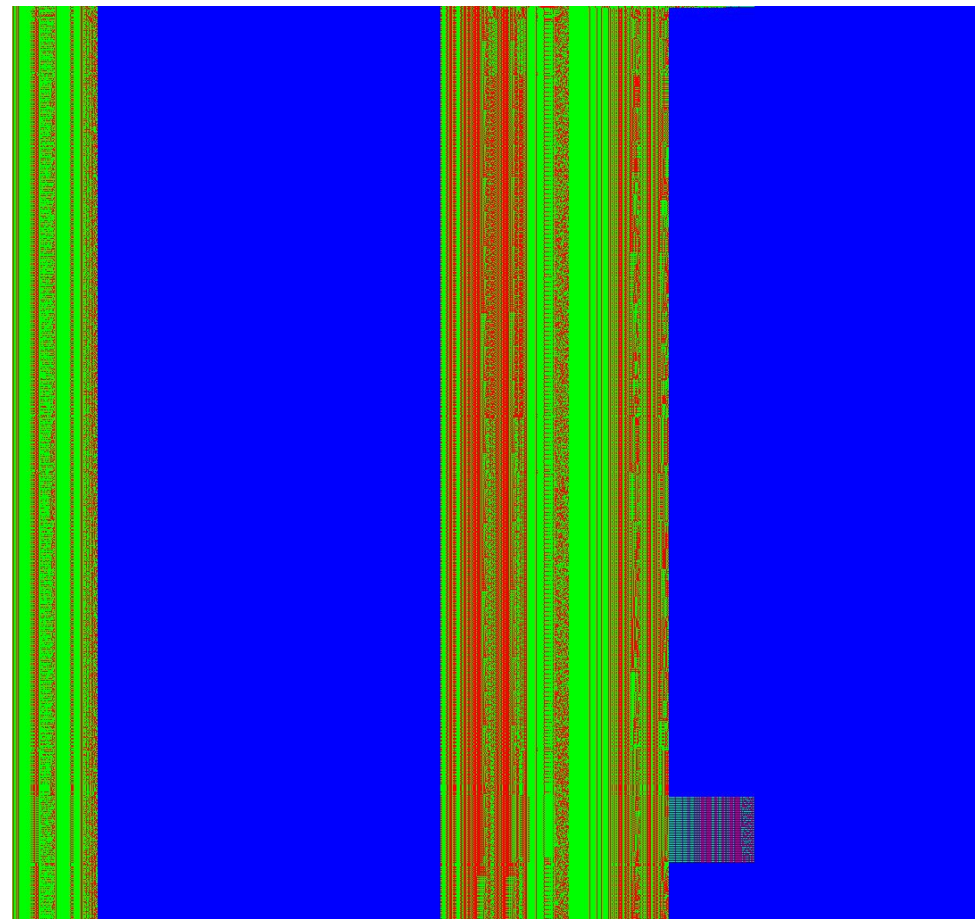


NetDiffusion: Main Steps

Generation of Synthetic Network Trace



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2. Accessing the GUI

```
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12:24:53-128552 INFO      Torch detected GPU: NVIDIA GeForce RTX 2080 Ti VRAM
11009 Arch (7, 5) Cores 68
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12:24:55-141001 INFO      headless: False
12:24:55-143411 INFO      Load CSS...
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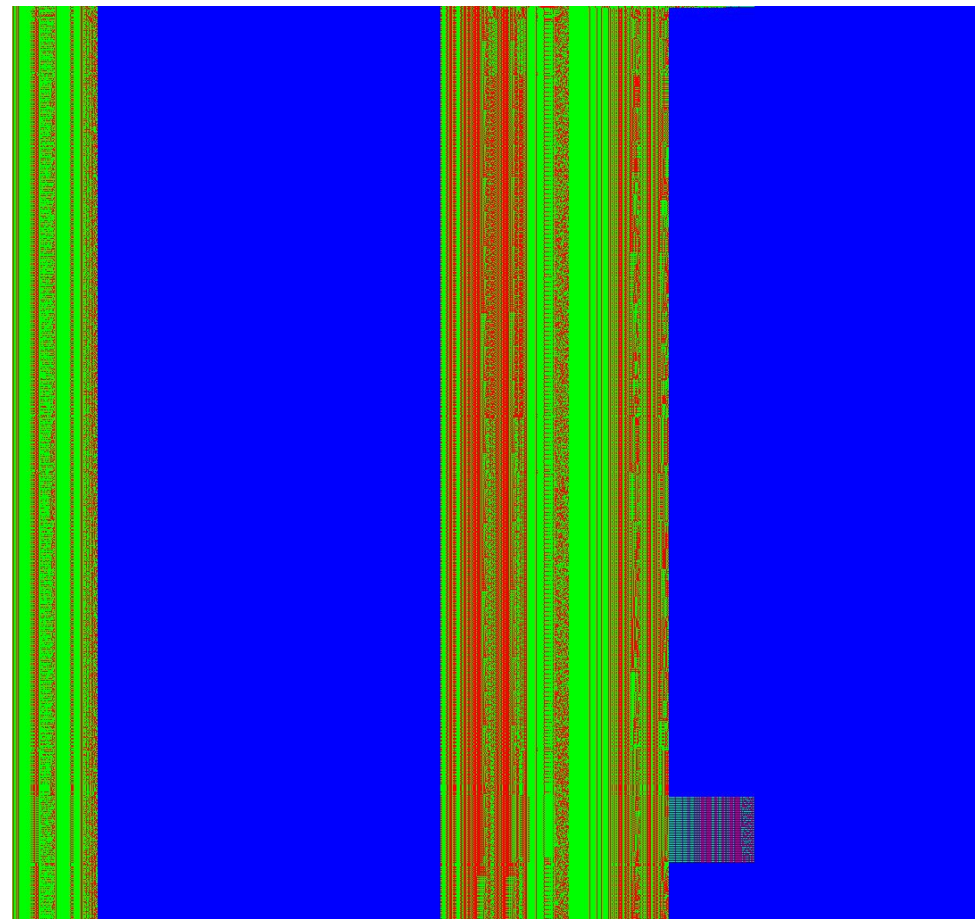
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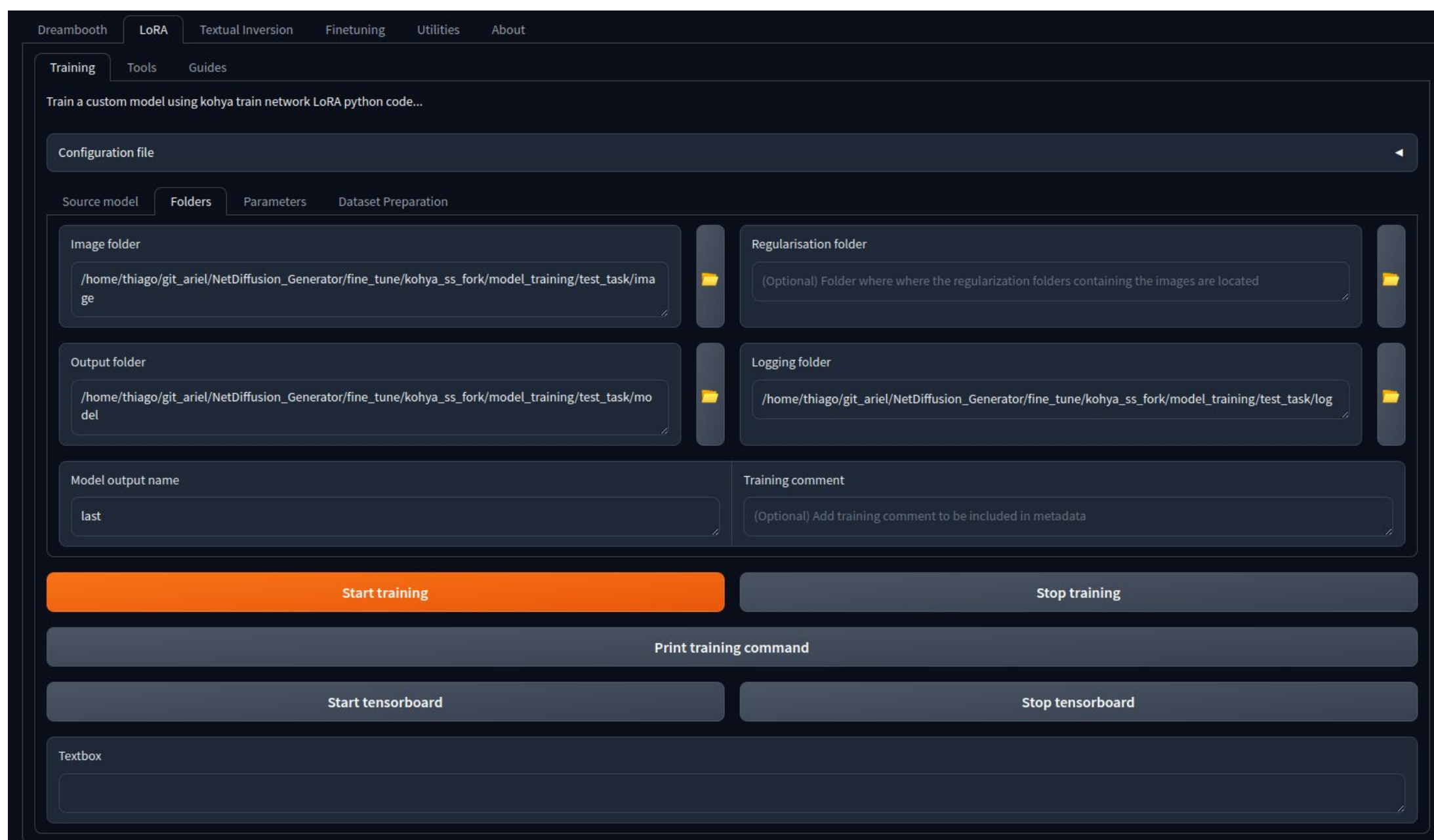
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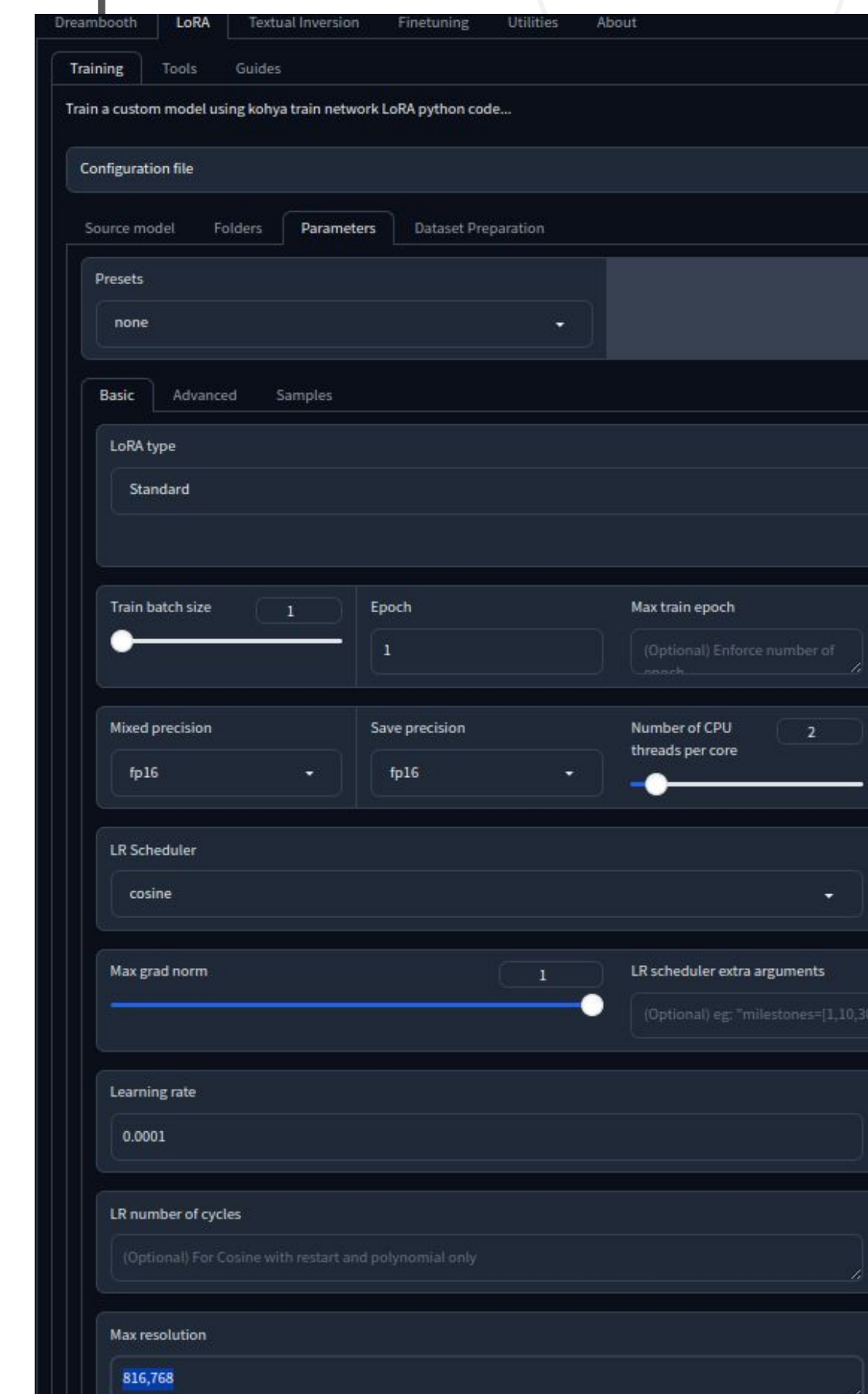
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3. Fine-tuning image/model/log paths



4. Set max resolution to 816x768 and enabling caption

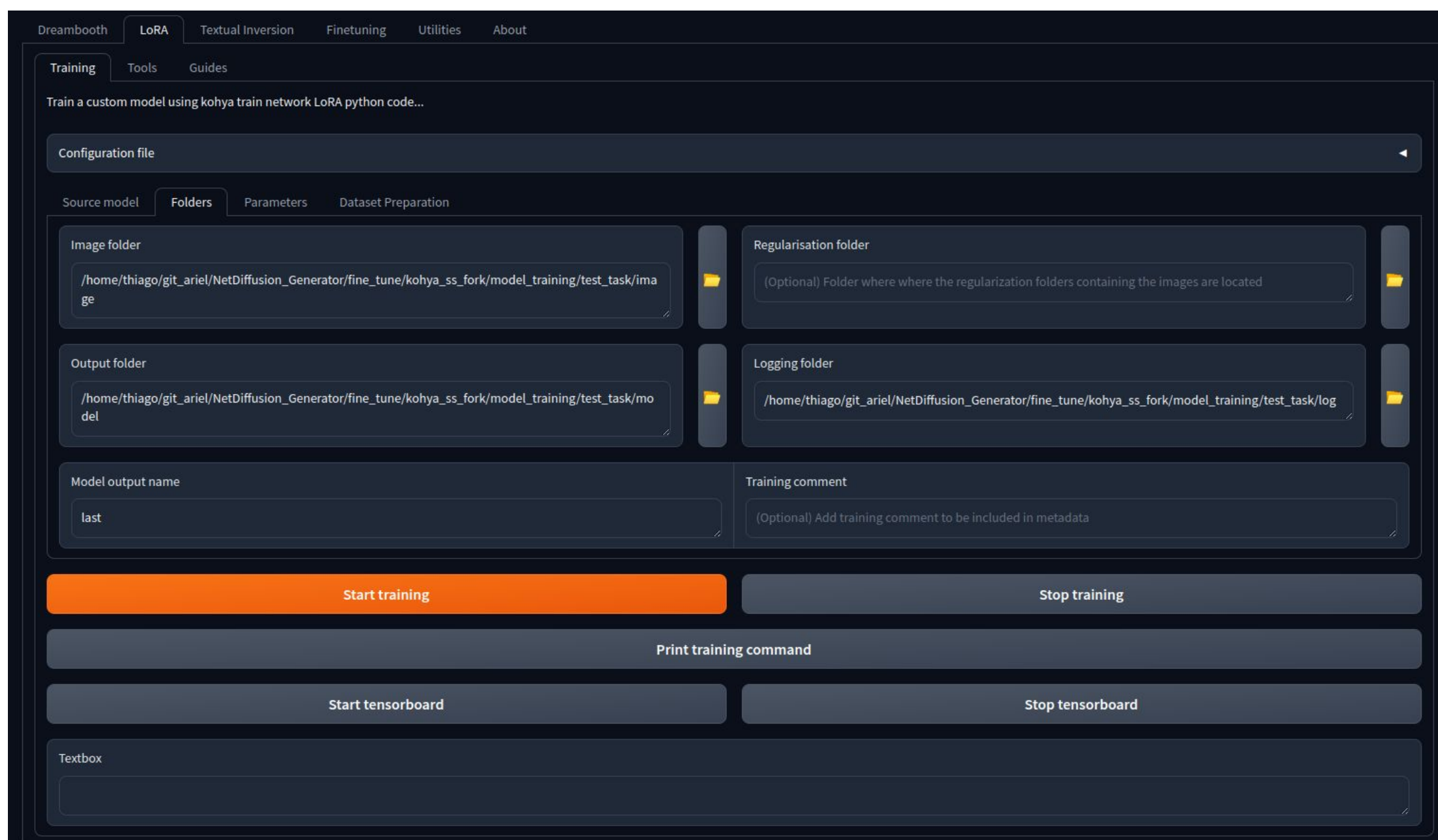


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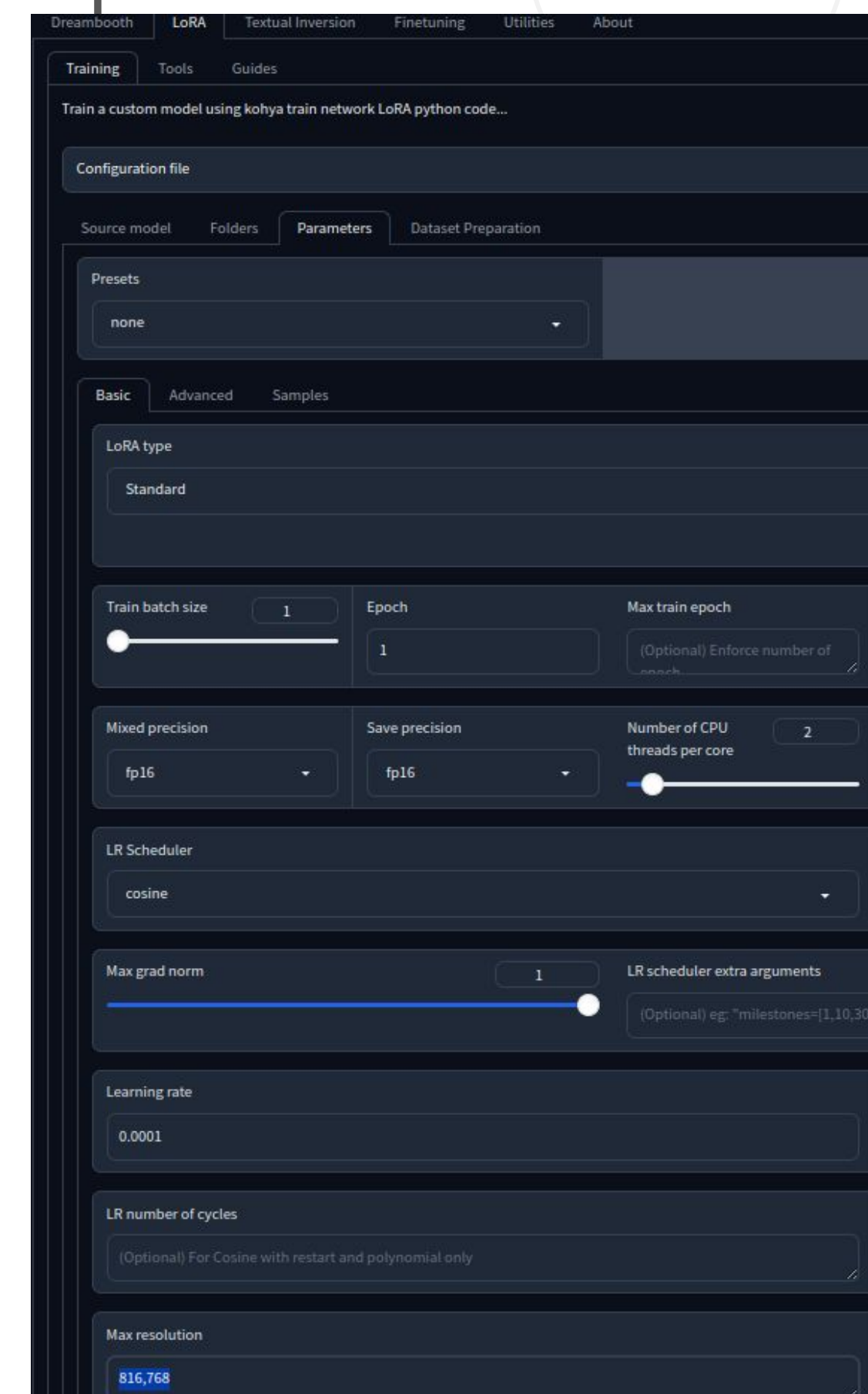
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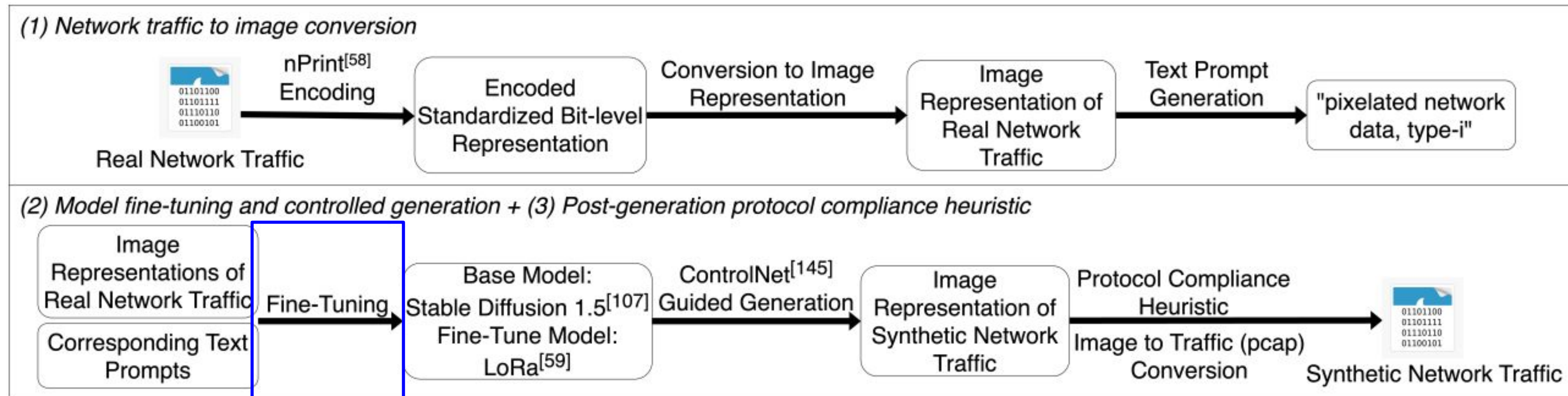


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NetDiffusion: Workflow

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Steps
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6. Showing the image caption

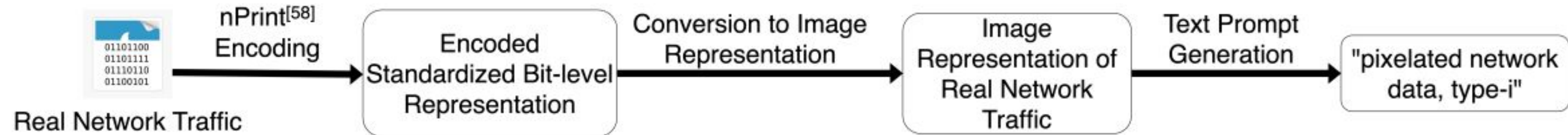
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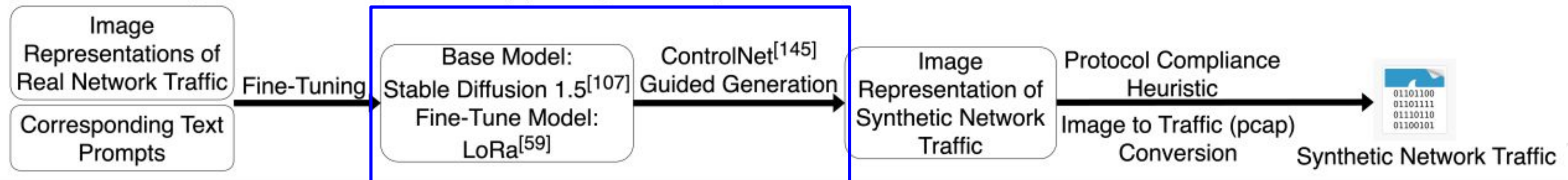
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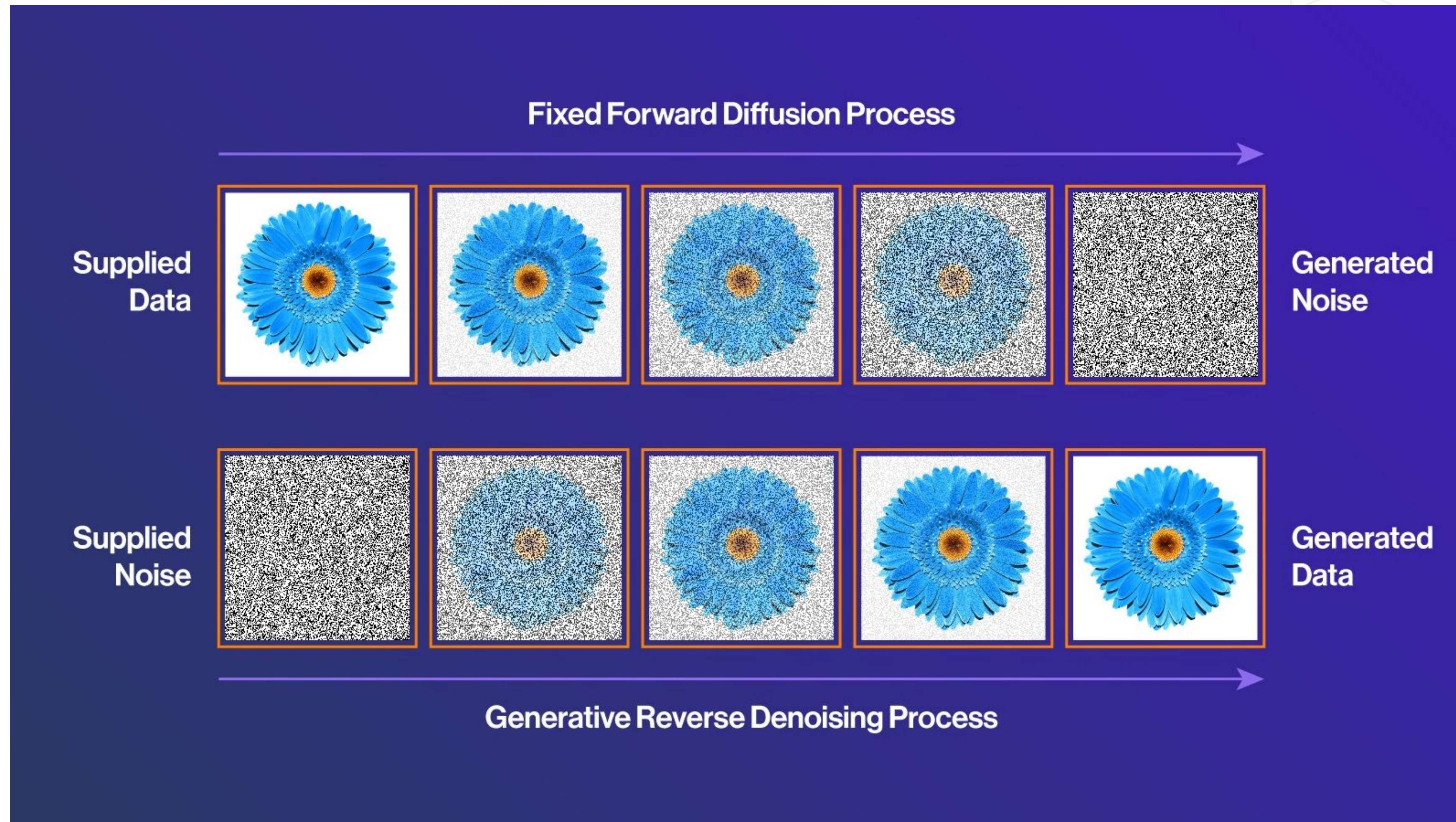
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Step
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What is a diffusion model (in Generative AIs)?

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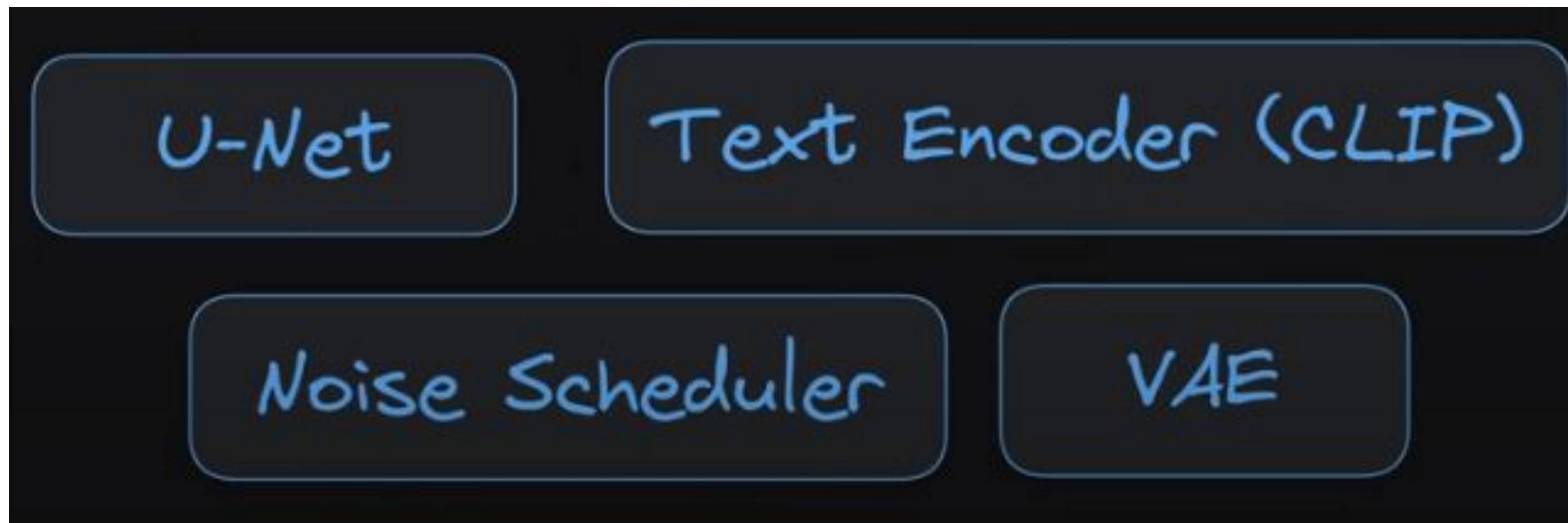


What is Stable Diffusion?

Generation of Synthetic Network Trace



Main components:

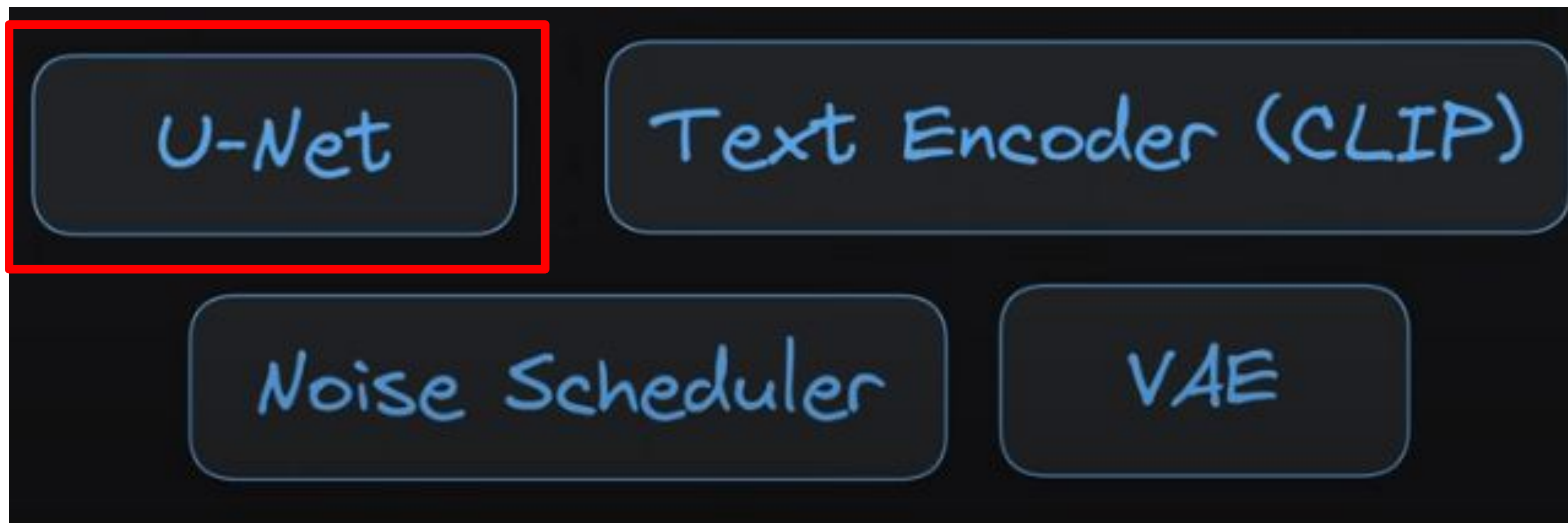


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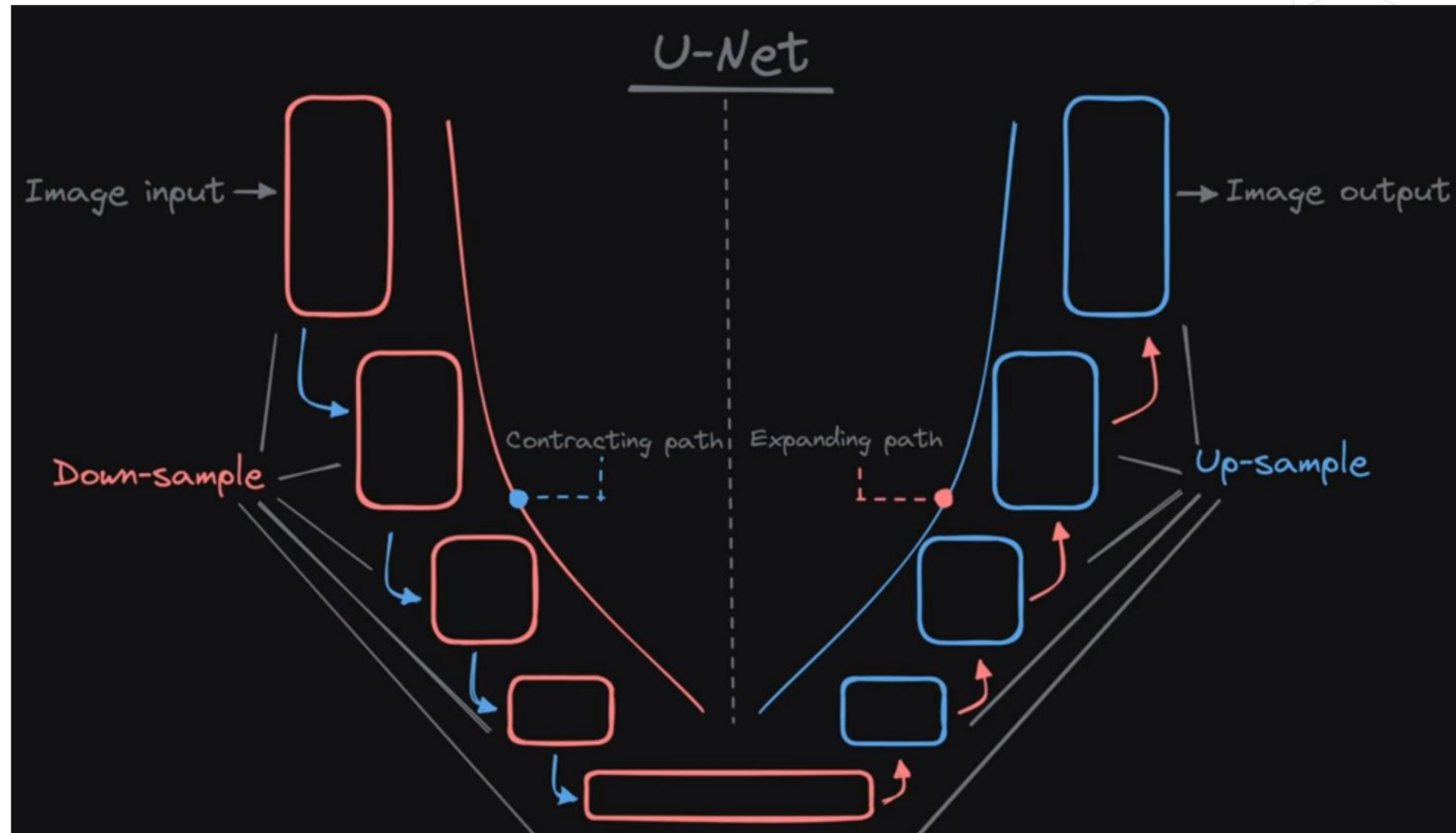


Main components:



Stable Diffusion: U-Net

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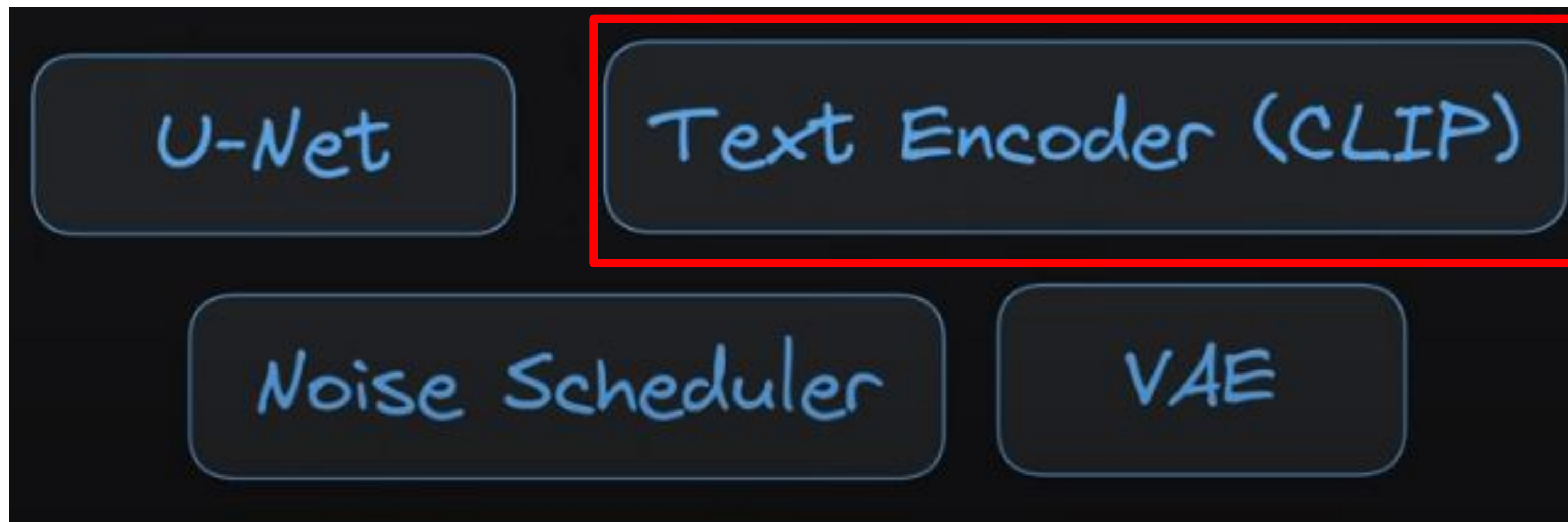


Stable Diffusion: Text Encoder (CLIP)

Generation of Synthetic Network Trace

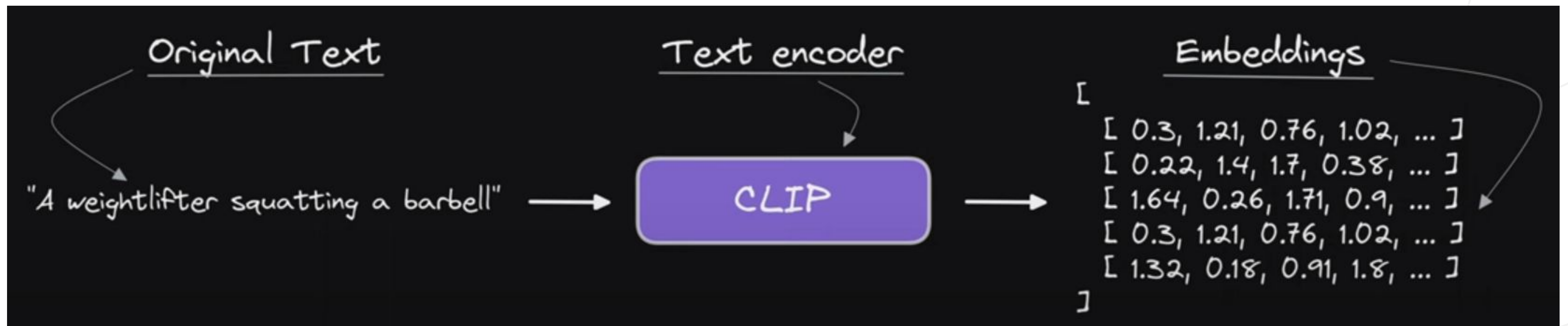


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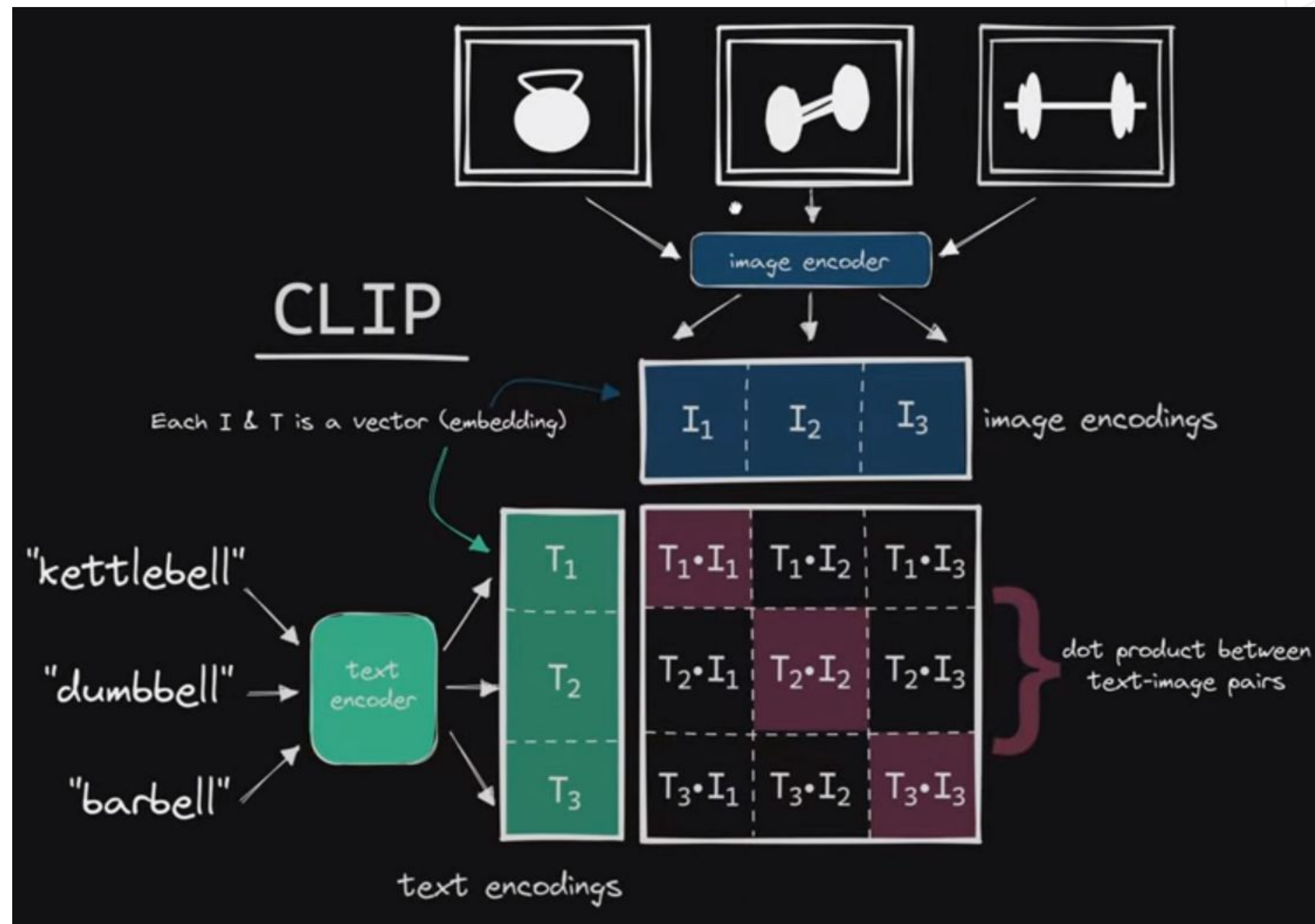
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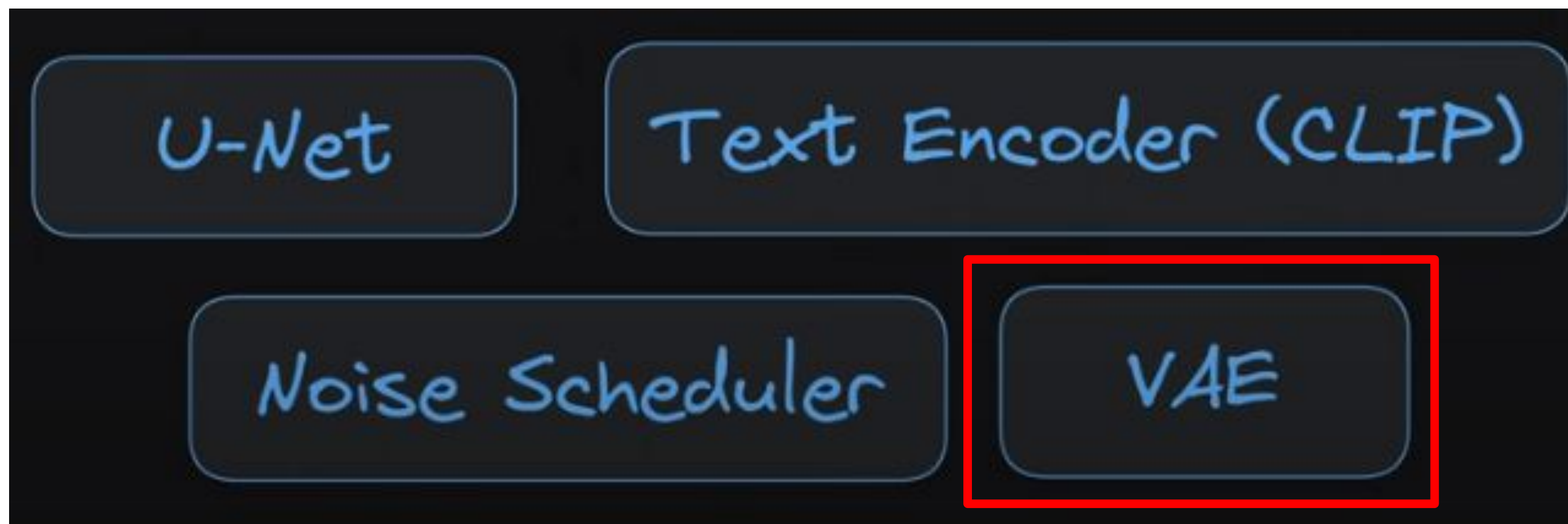


Stable Diffusion: Variational Autoencoder (VAE)

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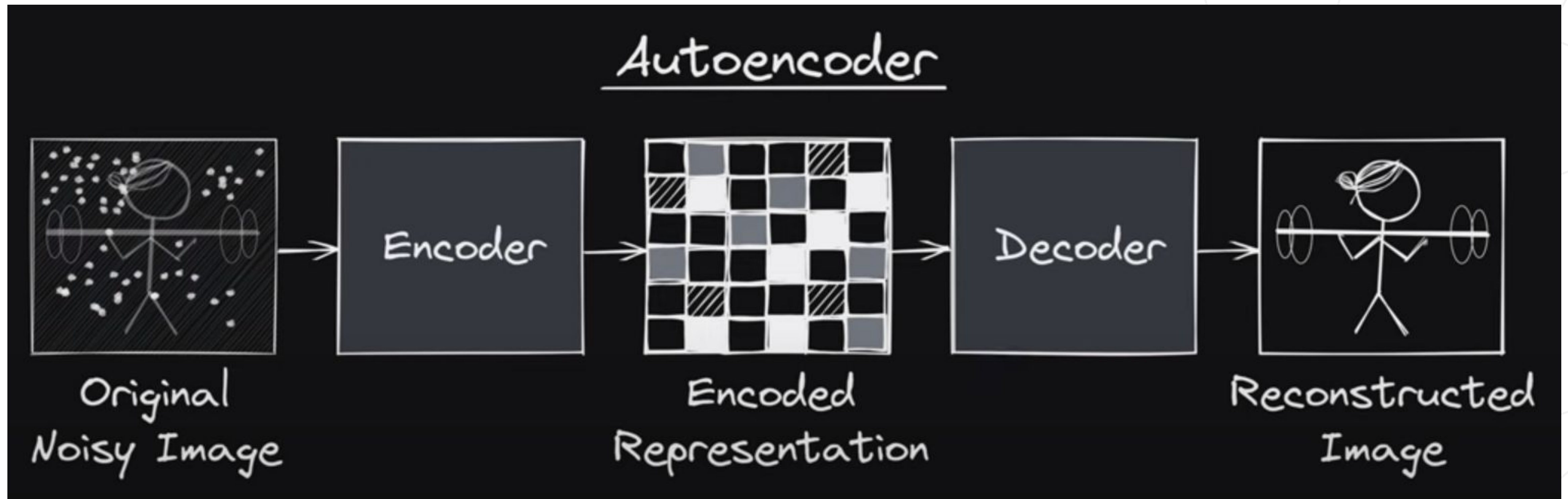


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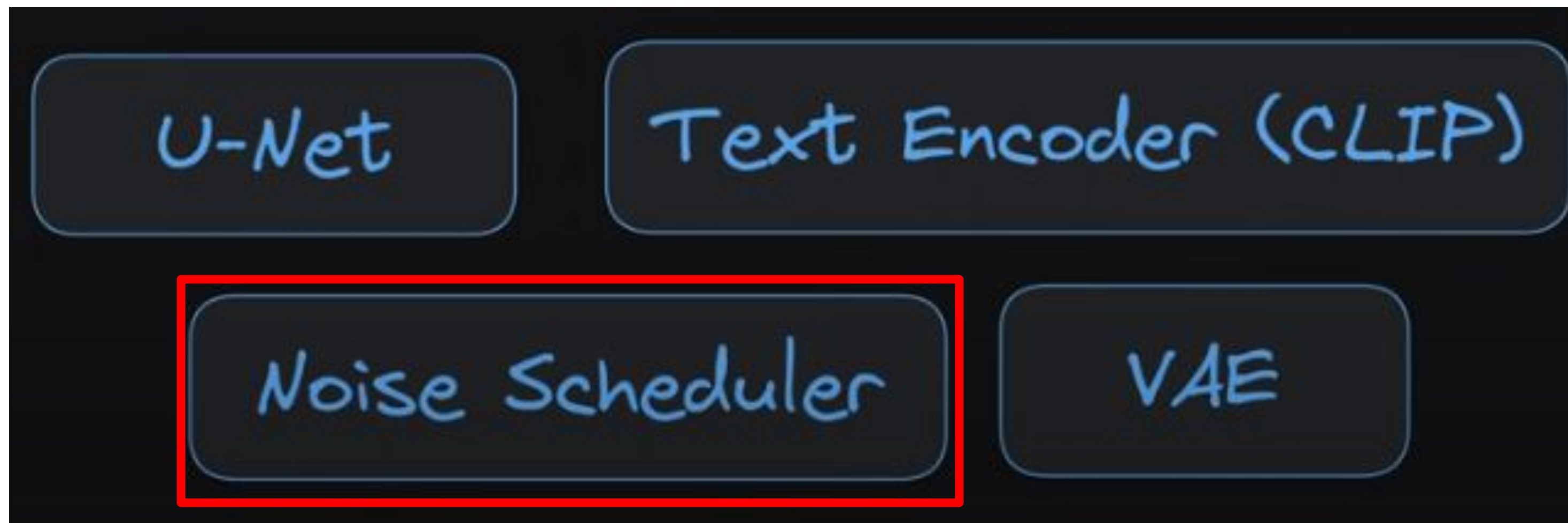


Stable Diffusion: Noise Scheduler

Generation of Synthetic Network Trace

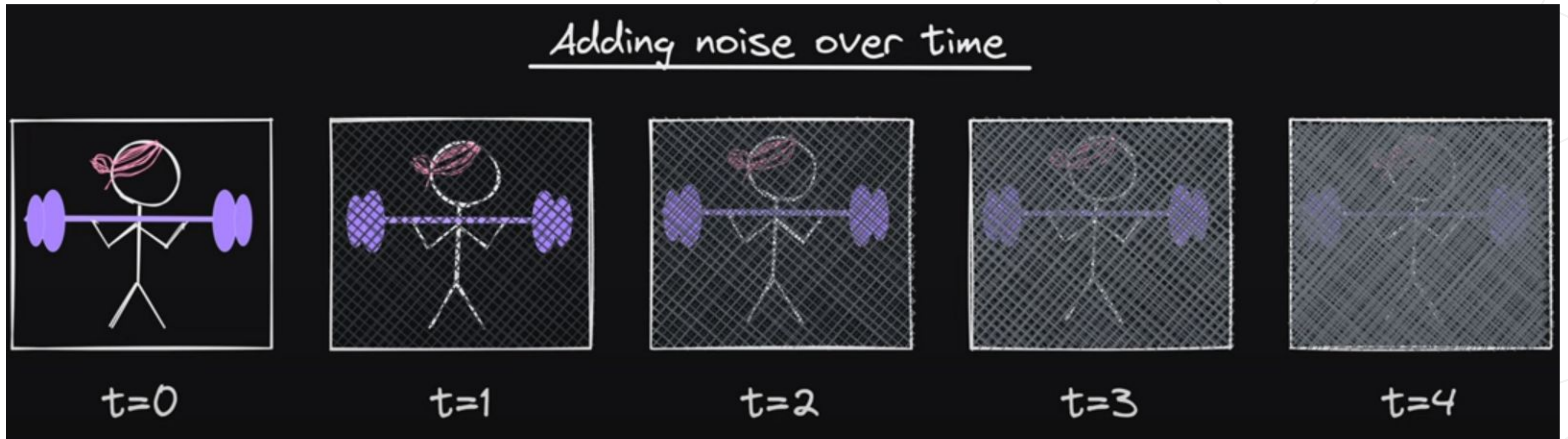


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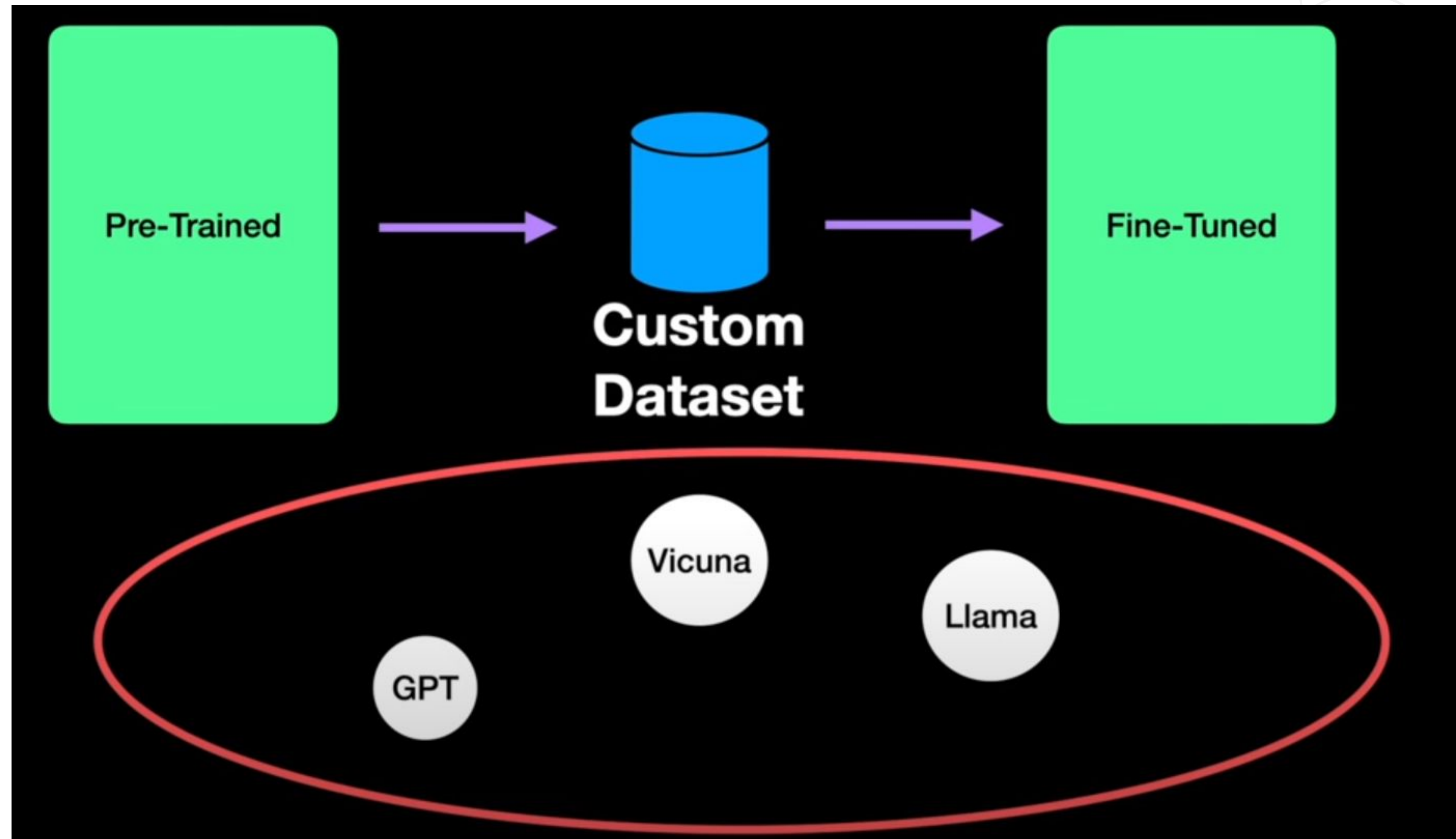
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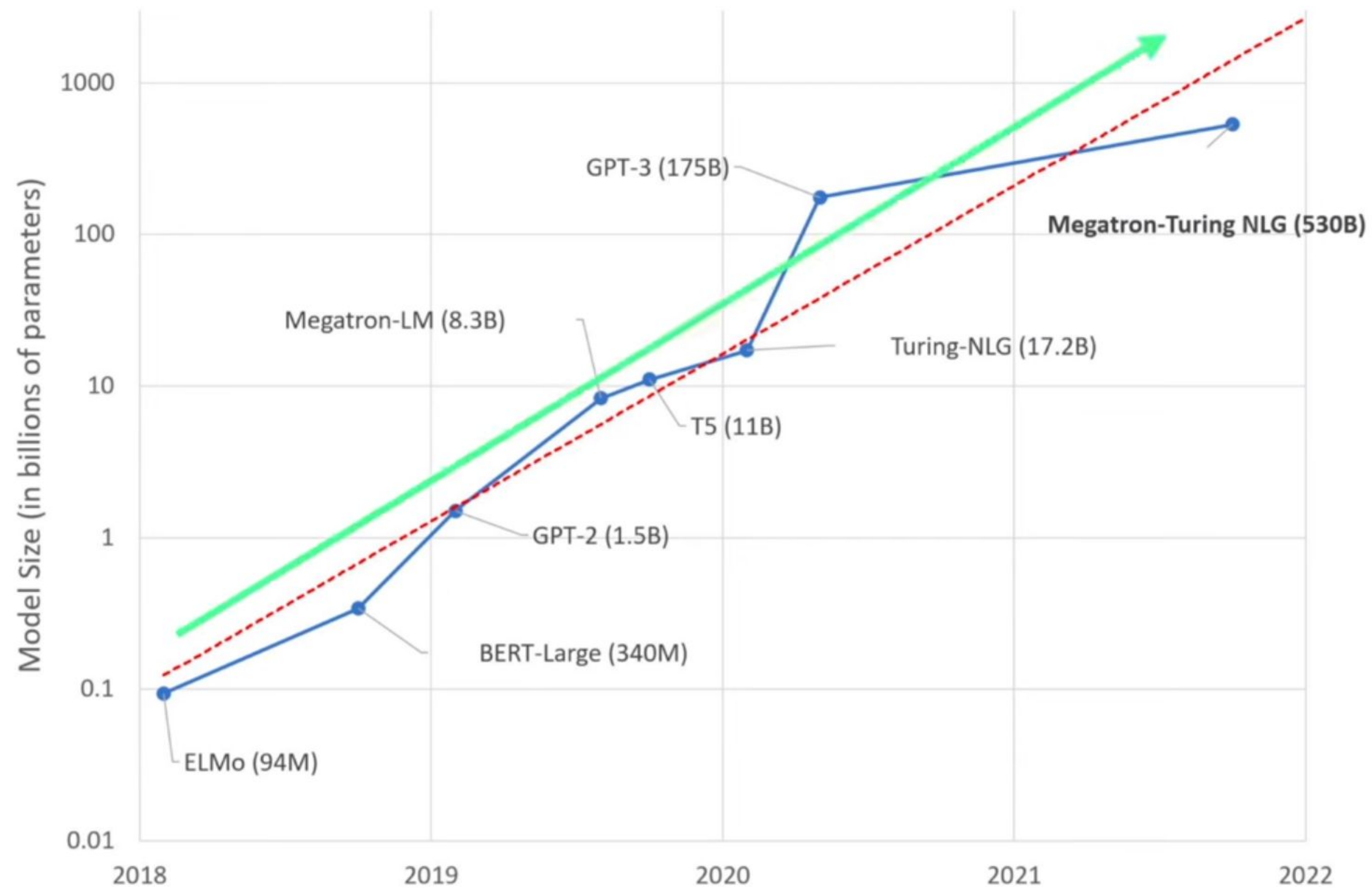
What is Low-Rank Adaptation (LoRa)?

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What is Low-Rank Adaptation (LoRa)?

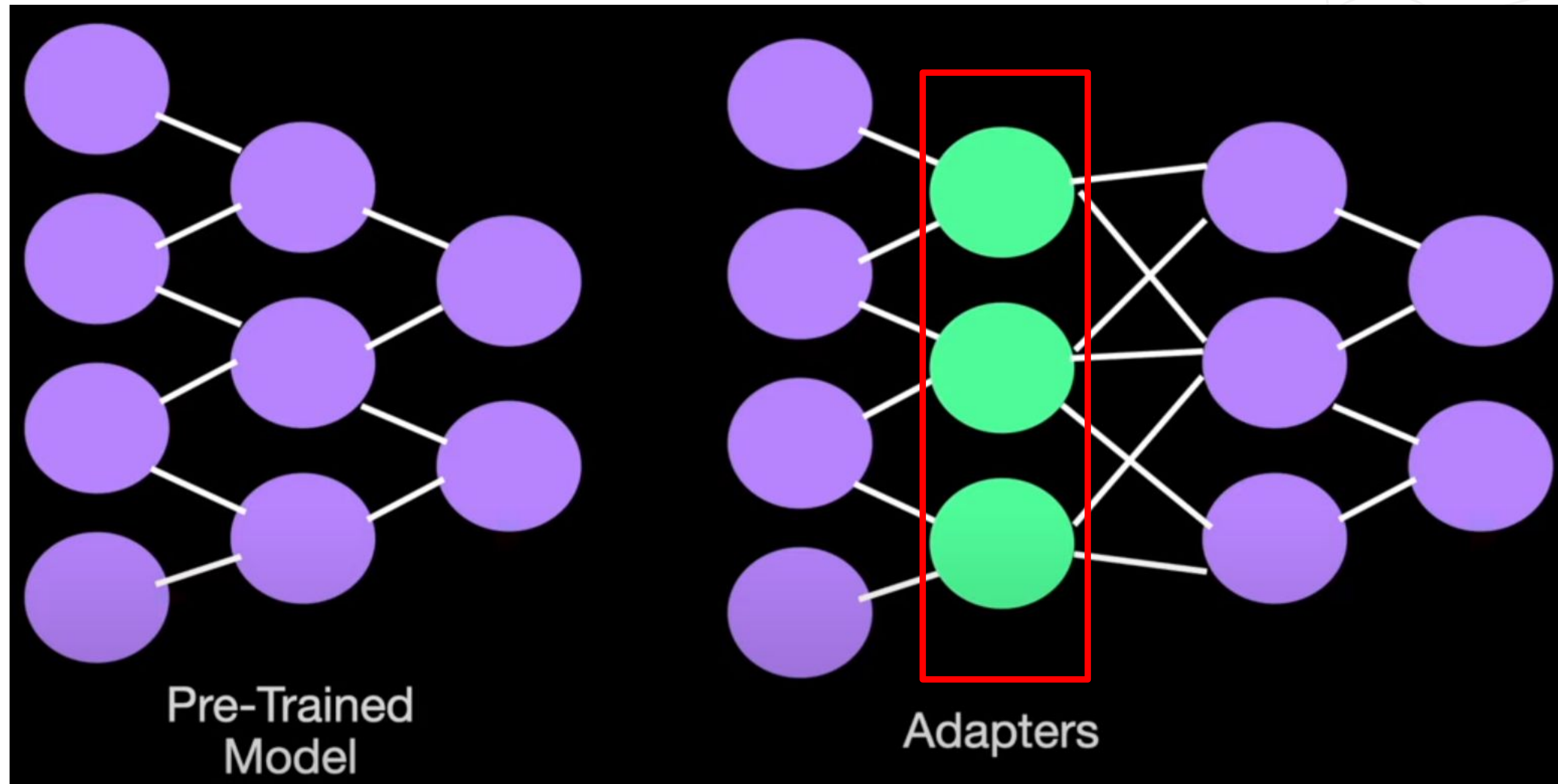
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source: <https://huggingface.co/blog/large-language-models>

LoRa is an adapter

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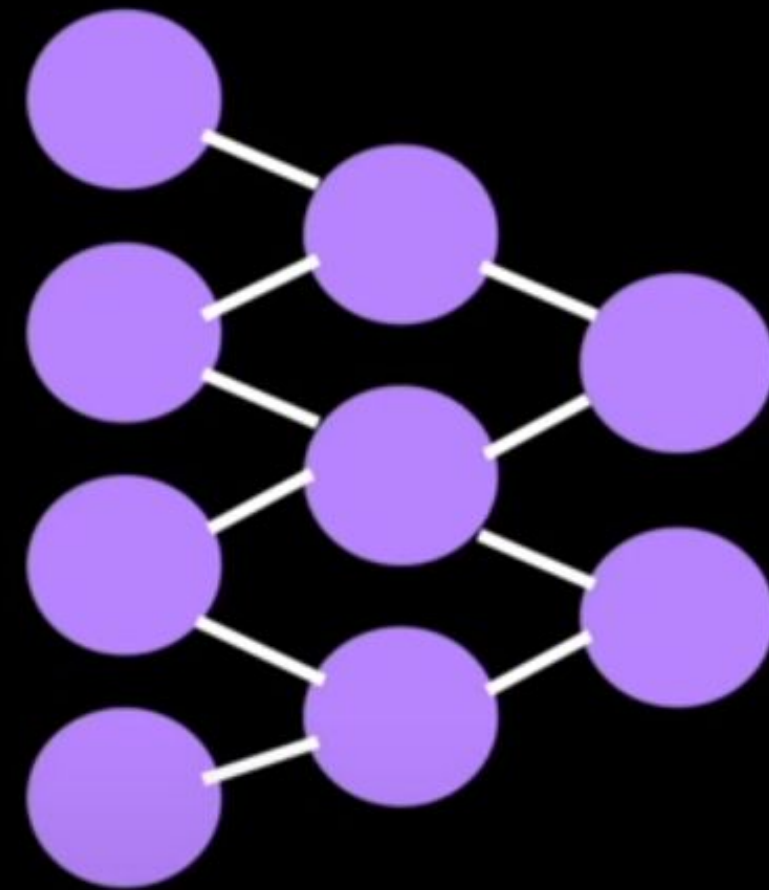
LoRa leverages low-rank (of a matrix)

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For instance, an 3x3 eye-matrix has rank 3, since all columns are independent

$$I_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



Rank

$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 20 & 1 \\ 4 & 40 & 2 \\ 6 & 60 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$	Rank = 1
$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 20 & 1 \\ 4 & 70 & 2 \\ 6 & 60 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$	Rank = 2

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Rank Decomposition

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 20 & 1 \\ 4 & 40 & 2 \\ 6 & 60 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 20 & 30 \end{bmatrix}$$

3×3 3×1 1×3

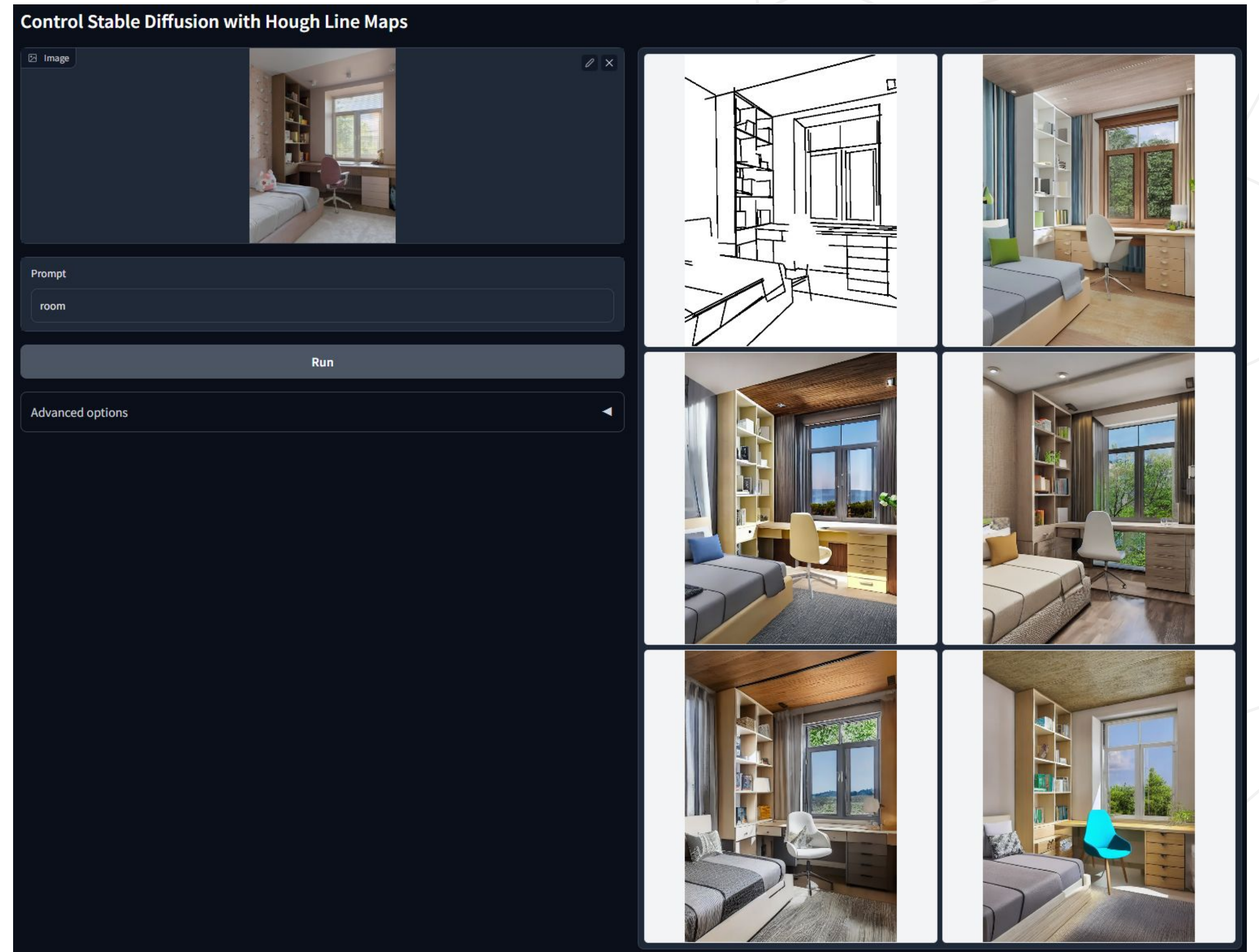
What is ControlNet?

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prompt: "room"

ControlNet with M-LSD Lines



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7. Installing ControlNet extension

Stable Diffusion checkpoint

v1-5-pruned-emaonly.safetensors [6ce0161689] ↻

txt2img img2img Extras PNG Info Checkpoint Merger Train Settings **Extensions**

Installed Available **Install from URL** Backup/Restore

URL for extension's git repository

<https://github.com/Mikubill/sd-webui-controlnet>

Specific branch name

Leave empty for default main branch

Local directory name

Leave empty for auto

Install

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8. Restarting WEB-UI and showing installed ControlNet extension

Extension	URL	Branch	Version	Date	Update
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SwinIR	built-in	None			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> canvas-zoom-and-pan	built-in	None			
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Negative prompt: (Press Ctrl+Enter to generate, Alt+Enter to skip, Esc to interrupt)

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10. Upscaling the final image from 816x768 to 1088x1024

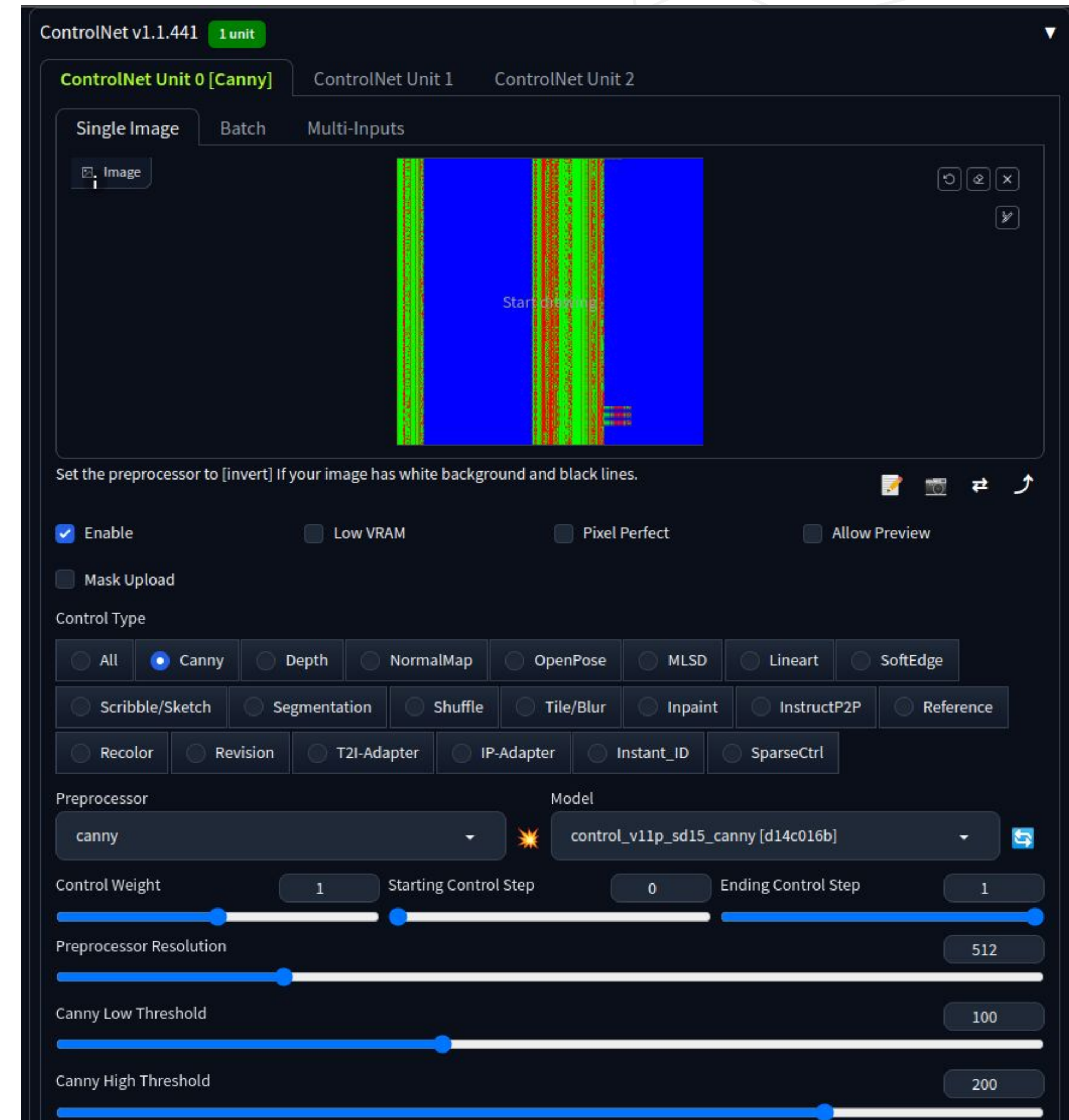
The screenshot displays the 'Generation' tab of the NetDiffusion interface. The 'Sampling method' is set to 'DPM++ 2M Karras' with 'Sampling steps' at 20. The 'Hires. fix' option is checked, showing a resolution change from 512x512 to 1088x1024. The 'Upscaler' is set to 'Latent', with 'Hires steps' at 0 and 'Denoising strength' at 0.7. The 'Upscale by' is set to 2, and the 'Resize width to' and 'Resize height to' are set to 1088 and 1024 respectively. The 'Refiner' is checked, using the checkpoint 'v1-5-pruned-emaonly.safetensors [6ce0161689]' with a 'Switch at' value of 0.8. The 'Width' and 'Height' are both set to 512, with 'Batch count' and 'Batch size' both at 1. The 'CFG Scale' is set to 7, and the 'Seed' is 1234. The 'ControlNet v1.1.441' section is visible at the bottom, with 'ControlNet Unit 0' selected and 'Single Image' mode active.

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11. Setting up ControlNet with Canny filter



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14. Visualizing the final image

Stable Diffusion checkpoint
v1-5-pruned-emaonly.safetensors [6ce0161689]

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pixelated network data, type-0 <lor>Addams:1> 8/75

Negative prompt
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Generate

Generation | Textual Inversion | Hypernetworks | Checkpoints | Lora

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Upscale by: 2 | Resize width to: 1088 | Resize height to: 1024

Refiner

Checkpoint: v1-5-pruned-emaonly.safetensors [6ce0161689] | Switch at: 0.8

Width: 512 | Batch count: 1

Height: 512 | Batch size: 1

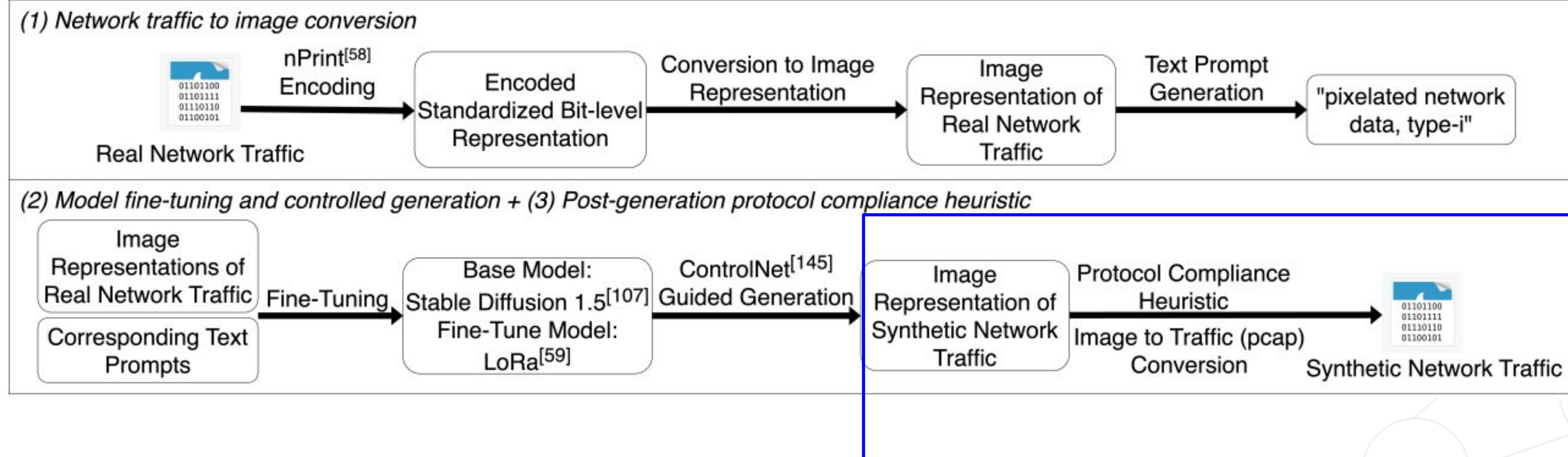
CFG Scale: 7

Seed: [input field]

Generated image: A pixelated network trace visualization showing a complex, colorful pattern of lines and nodes.

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Step
15-17

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15. Listing the final generated image

```
(venv) (base) thiago@ifsuldeminas-Z390-M-GAMING:~/git_ariel/NetDiffusion_Generator/fine_tune/sd-webui-fork/stable-diffusion-webui/output/txt2img-images/2024-03-26$ ls
00000-1234.png
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16. Post-processing the final image

```
(venv) (base) thiago@ifsuldeminas-Z390-M-GAMING:~/git_ariel/NetDiffusion_Generator/post-generation$ python3 color_processor.py && python3 img_to_nprint.py && python3 mass_reconstruction.py
1088
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../data/generated_nprint/00000-1234.nprint
../data/replayable_generated_pcaps/00000-1234.pcap
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s. Value '199.180.150.116' has dtype incompatible with int64, please explicitly cast to a compatible dtype first.
  generated_nprint.at[idx, 'src_ip'] = implementing_src_ip
tcp
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udp
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17. Testing the replayable PCAPs with tcpreplay

```
3:00:00.000000 IP 67.79.64.168.28917 > 199.180.150.116.44373: Flags [R.], seq 61:113, ack 0, win 608, options [sack 1 {1358143278:1389648685},unknown-36,sackOK[len 3],[bad opt]>
3:00:00.000000 IP 67.79.64.168.28917 > 199.180.150.116.44373: Flags [SR.], seq 2315281366:2315281430, ack 2938939350, win 1003, options [sack 1 {1358255916:1423268654},unknown-52,[bad opt]>
3:00:00.000000 IP 67.79.64.168.28917 > 199.180.150.116.44373: Flags [SRP.], seq 2315281430:2315281434, ack 2938939350, win 530, options [sack 1 {1358180911:1389647915},eol], length 4
3:00:00.000000 IP 67.79.64.168.28917 > 199.180.150.116.44373: Flags [SRP.], seq 2315281434:2315281494, ack 2938939350, win 547, options [sack 1 {1899314735:1389648171},eol], length 60
3:00:00.000000 IP 67.79.64.168.28917 > 199.180.150.116.44373: Flags [SR.], seq 2315281494:2315281554, ack 2938939350, win 768, options [sack 1 {1358255660:1372871470},sack 0 ,[bad opt]>
3:00:00.000000 IP 67.79.64.168.28917 > 199.180.150.116.44373: Flags [SR.], seq 2315281554, ack 2938939350, win 512, options [[bad opt]
3:00:00.000000 IP 199.180.150.116.44373 > 67.79.64.168.28917: Flags [R.], seq 45, ack 0, win 0, options [sack 1 {2522978159:1996660334},mss 416,eol], length 0
3:00:00.000000 IP 67.79.64.168.28917 > 199.180.150.116.44373: Flags [SR.], seq 2315281554, ack 2938939394, win 40, options [sack 1 {1362441987:1389648127},eol], length 0
3:00:00.000000 IP 67.79.64.168.28917 > 199.180.150.116.44373: Flags [.], ack 1, win 0, options [sack 1 {1899312896:1423268355},[bad opt]>
3:00:00.000000 IP 199.180.150.116.44373 > 67.79.64.168.28917: Flags [P.], seq 1:61, ack 0, win 640, options [sack 1 {2522978671:2013567724},eol], length 60
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3:00:00.000000 IP 67.79.64.168.28917 > 199.180.150.116.44373: Flags [SRP.UEW], seq 2315281618:2315281658, ack 2938939394, win 256, urg 0, options [[bad opt]
3:00:00.000000 IP 199.180.150.116.44373 > 67.79.64.168.28917: Flags [SRP.], seq 2938939454, ack 2315281618, win 256, options [sack 1 {2520881712:2046925615},eol], length 0
3:00:00.000000 IP 67.79.64.168.28917 > 199.180.150.116.44373: Flags [SR.], seq 2315281658, ack 2938939454, win 256, options [[bad opt]
3:00:00.000000 IP 199.180.150.116.44373 > 67.79.64.168.28917: Flags [SRP.], seq 2938939454:2938939514, ack 2315281658, win 120, options [sack 1 {2519832843:2013305607},eol], length 60
^C User interrupt...
sendpacket_abort
Actual: 2014 packets (246652 bytes) sent in 0.317695 seconds
Rated: 776379.8 Bps, 6.21 Mbps, 6339.41 pps
Flows: 2 flows, 6.29 fps, 4028 flow packets, 0 non-flow
Statistics for network device: eno1
  Successful packets:      2013
  Failed packets:         0
  Truncated packets:      0
  Retried packets (ENOBUFS): 0
  Retried packets (EAGAIN): 0
(venv) (base) thiago@ifsuldeminas-Z390-M-GAMING:~/git_ariel/NetDiffusion_Generator/data/replayable_generated_pcaps$ ^C
(venv) (base) thiago@ifsuldeminas-Z390-M-GAMING:~/git_ariel/NetDiffusion_Generator/data/replayable_generated_pcaps$ sudo tcpreplay --loop=0 --verbose -i eno1 00000-1234.pcap
```




Conclusions and future perspectives

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- **Role of Generative AIs:** Simulate complex network environments and generate high-fidelity synthetic data, enhancing training for RL algorithms and network management.
- **Evolution and Application:** Development from basic generative models to advanced GANs capable of producing realistic network traffic such as PCAP files.
- **Practical Use:** Generating synthetic time series data for network telemetry and training ML models, particularly valuable in privacy-sensitive applications.
- **Future Trends:** Integration of GANs with network management tasks, promising innovative solutions for dynamic, complex systems.
- **Research Opportunities:** Challenges in synthetic data generation, network simulation, and AI integration suggest significant potential for advancing network systems.

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