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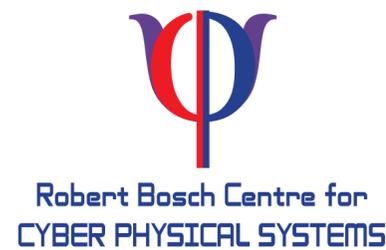
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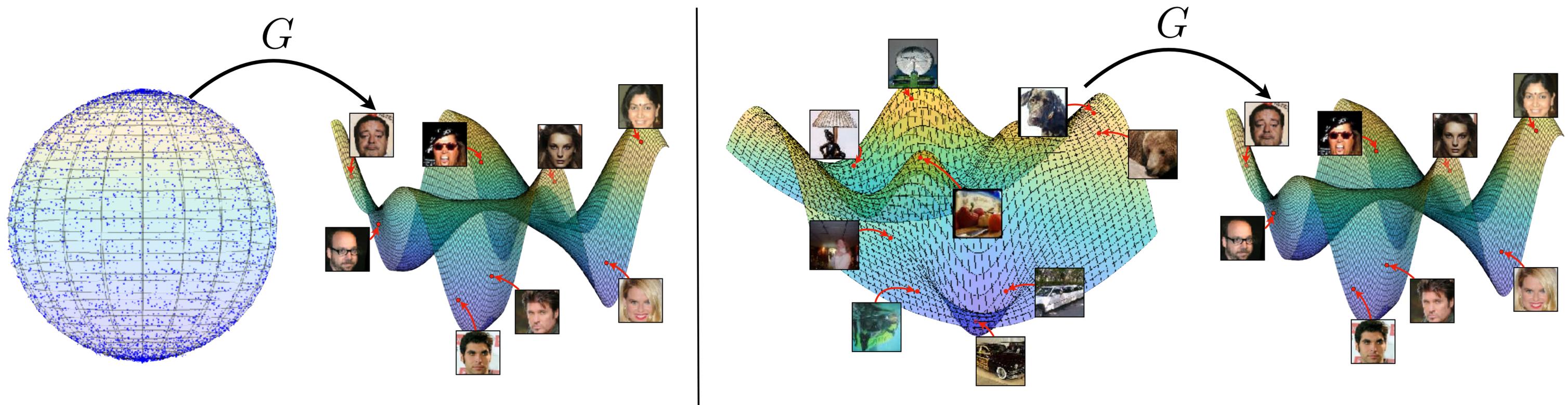
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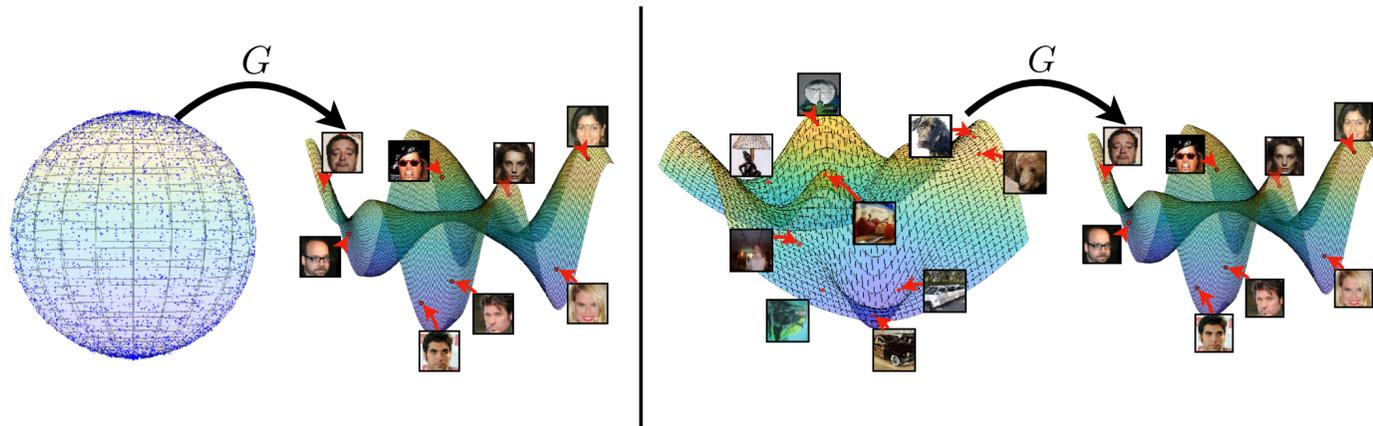
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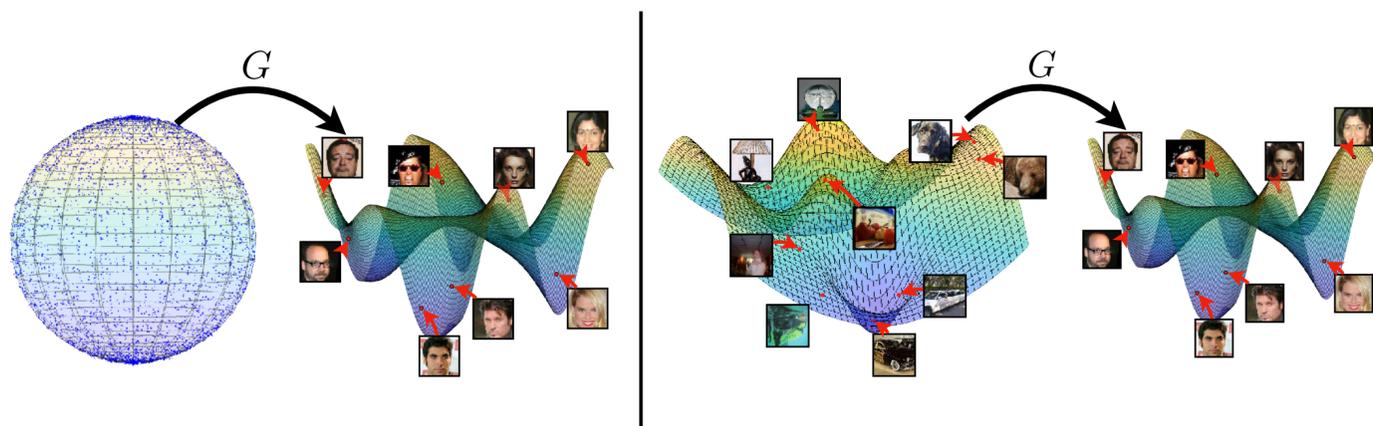
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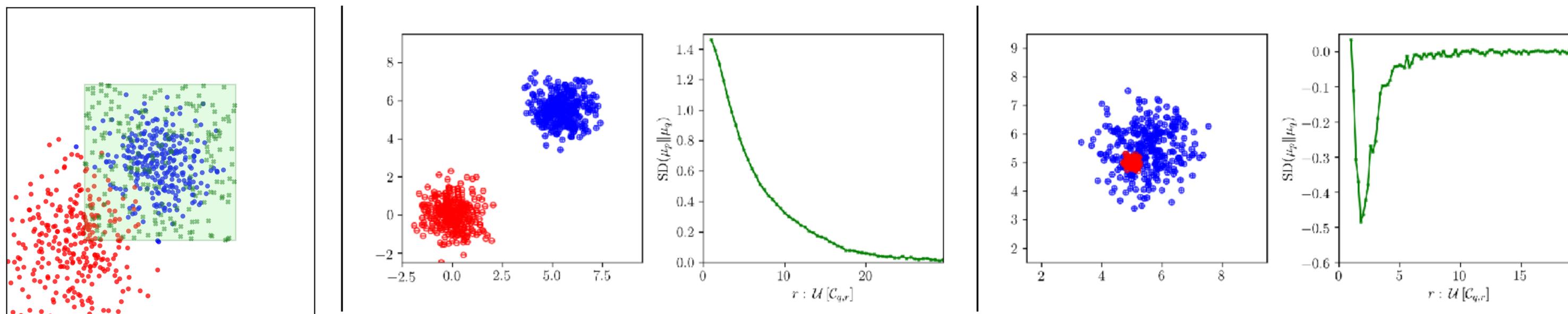


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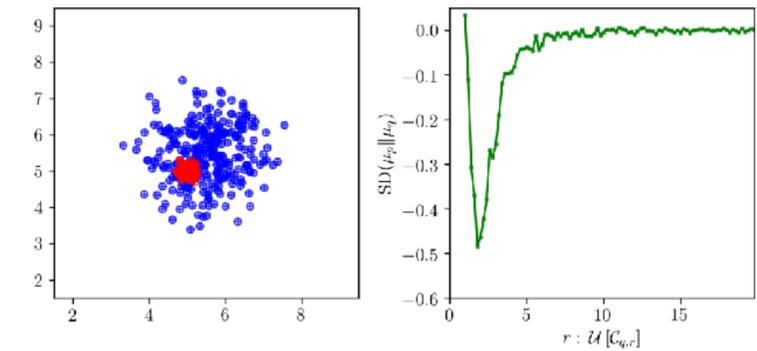
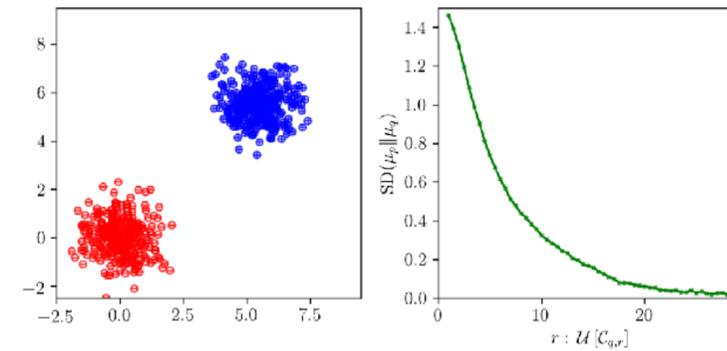
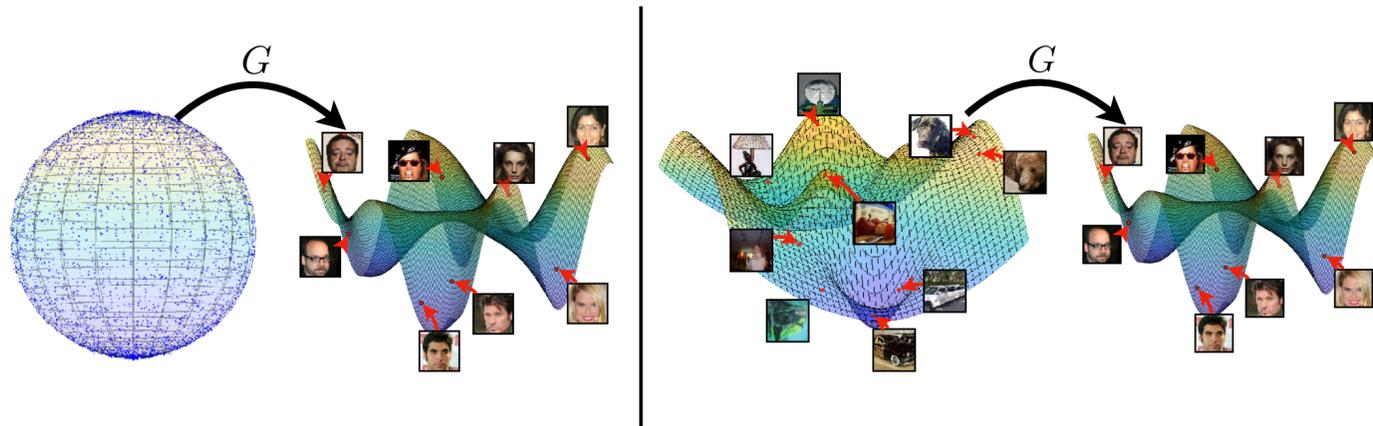
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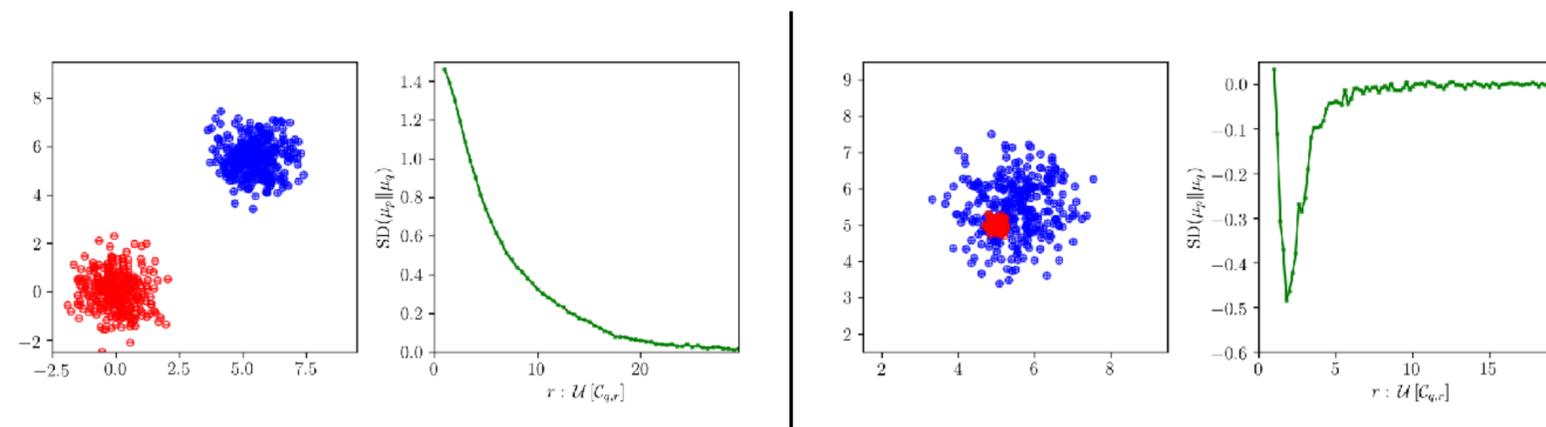
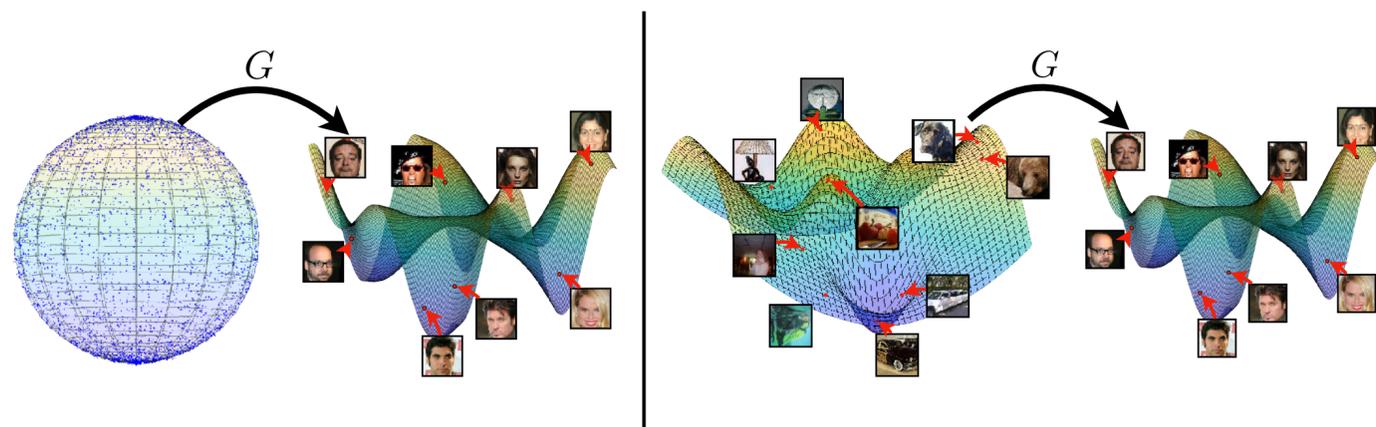
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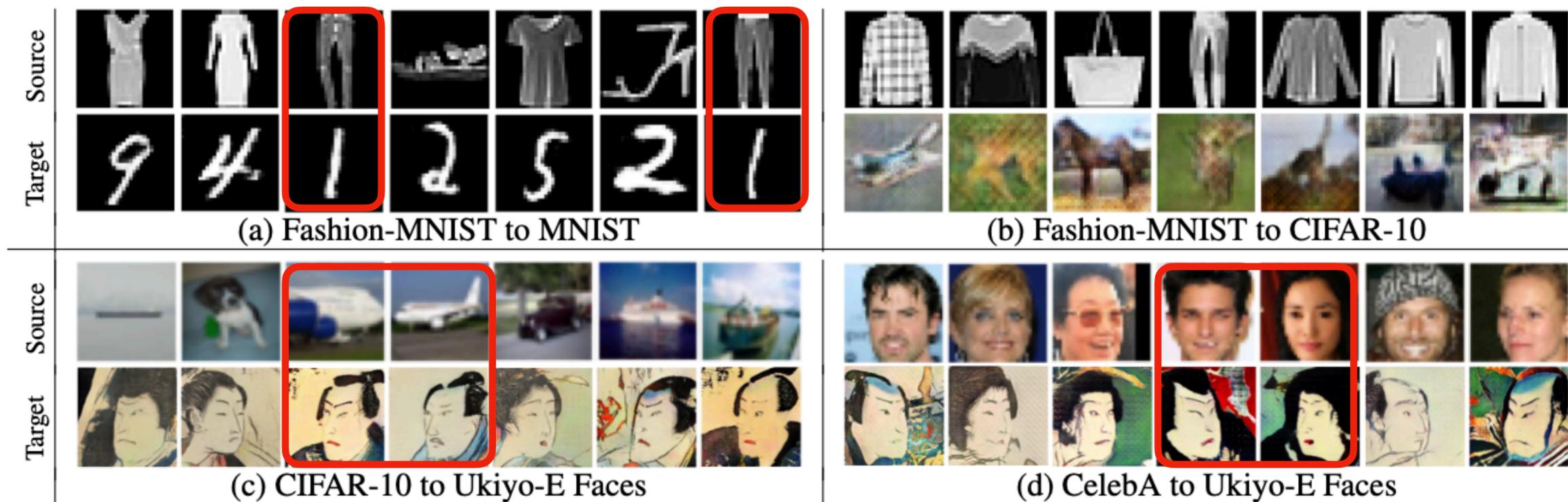
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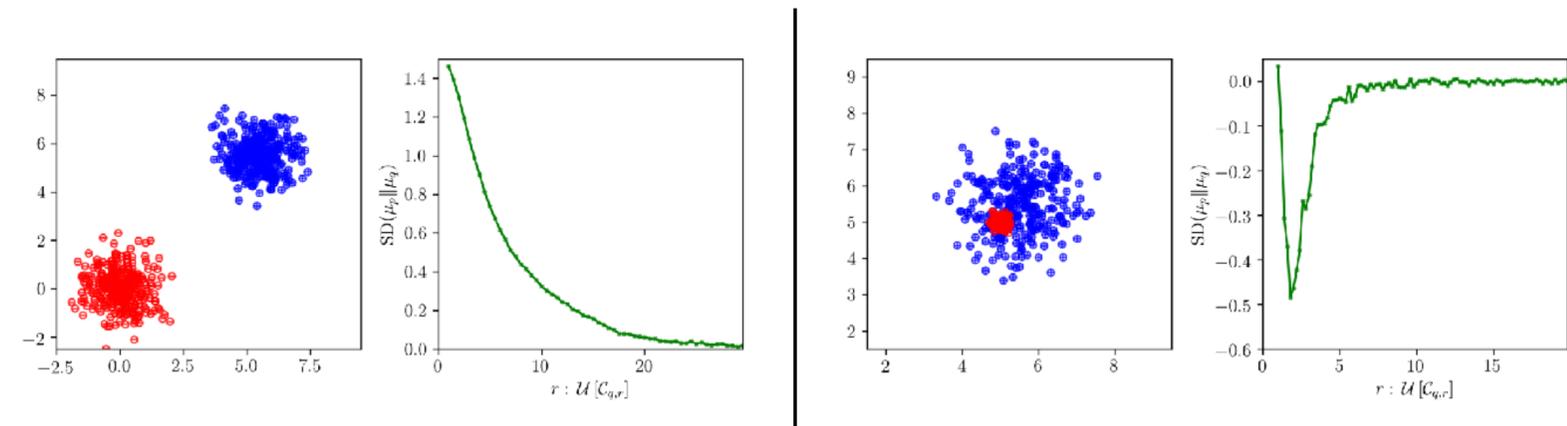
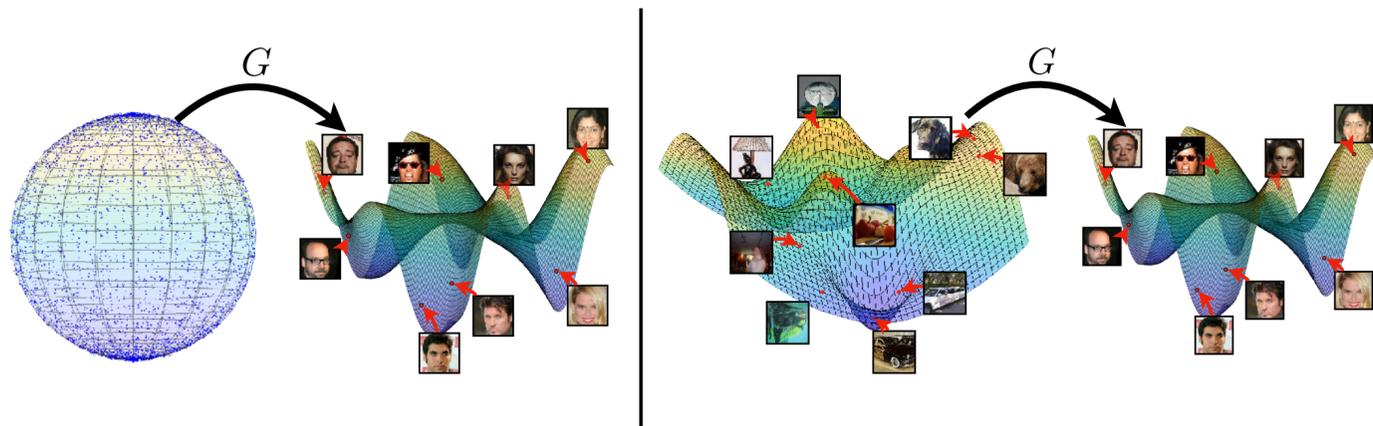
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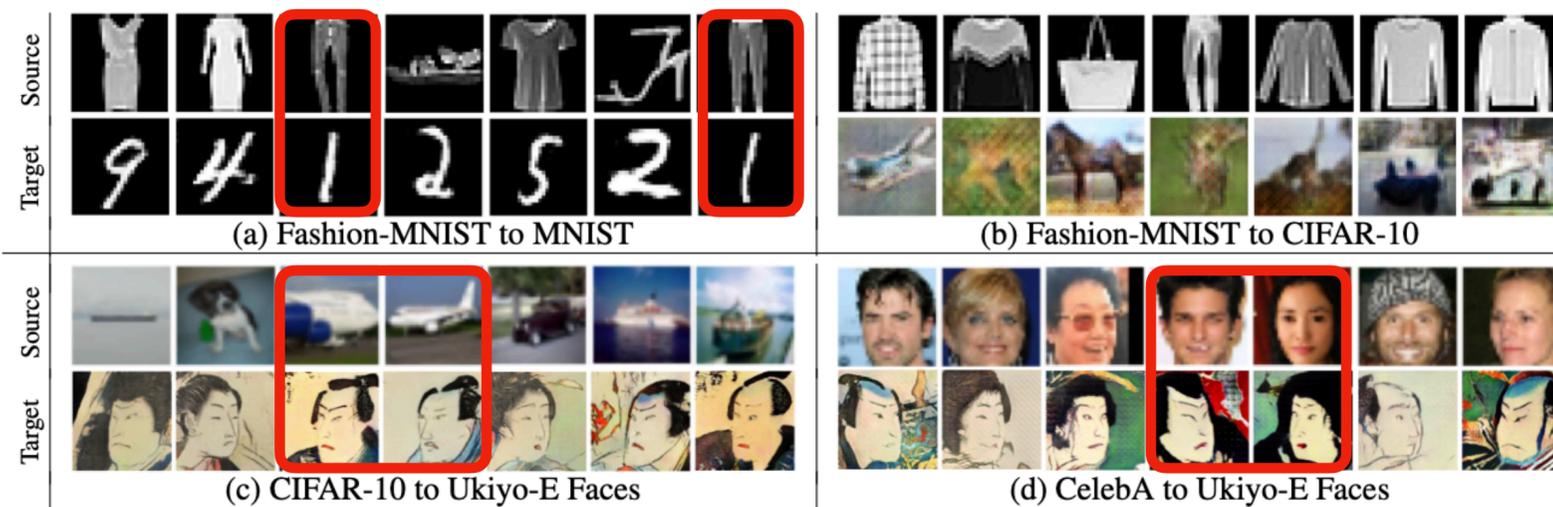
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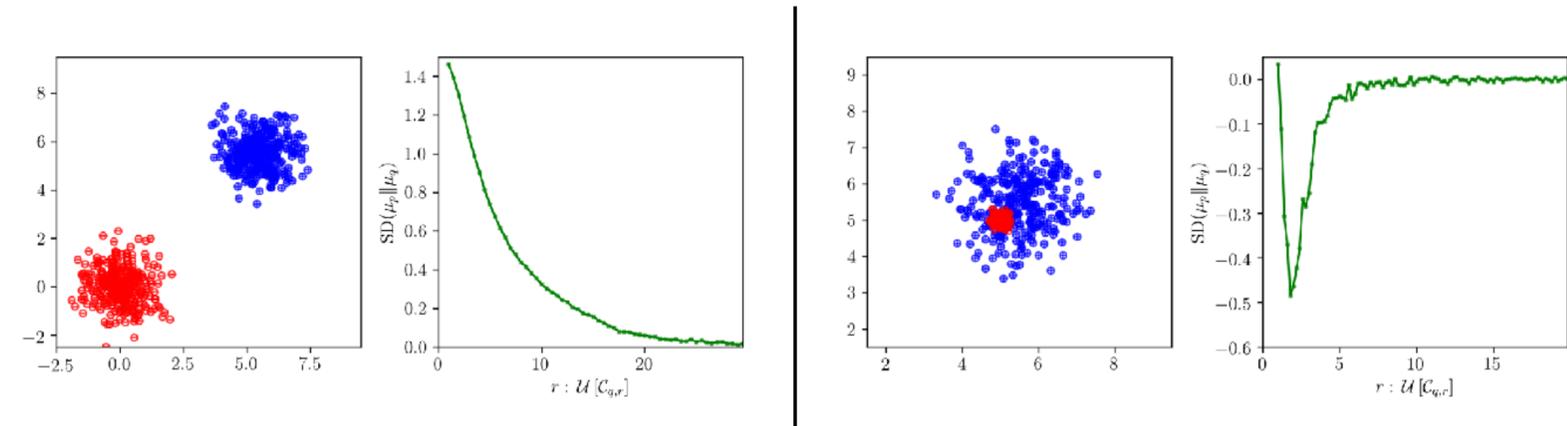
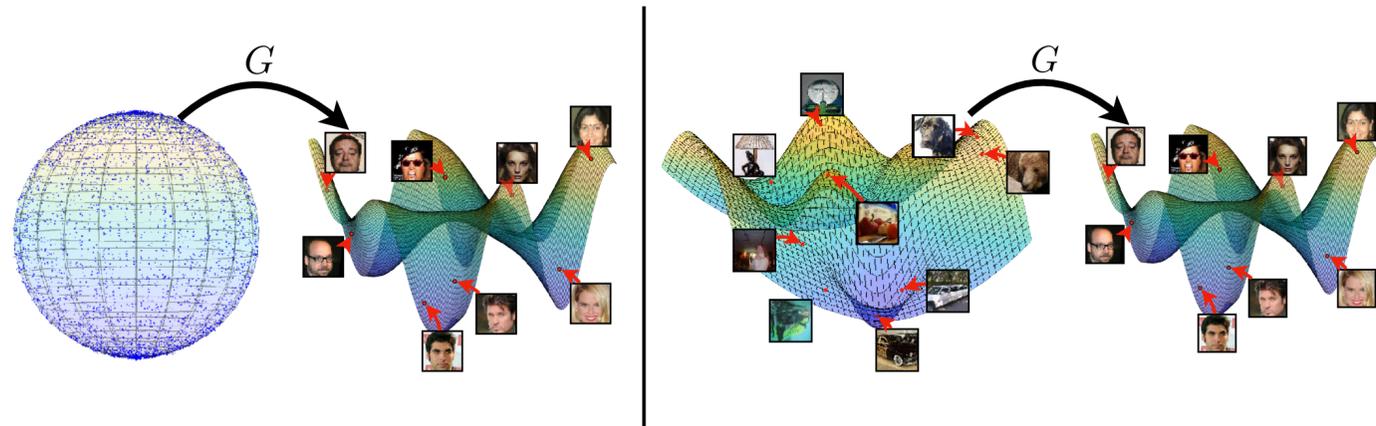
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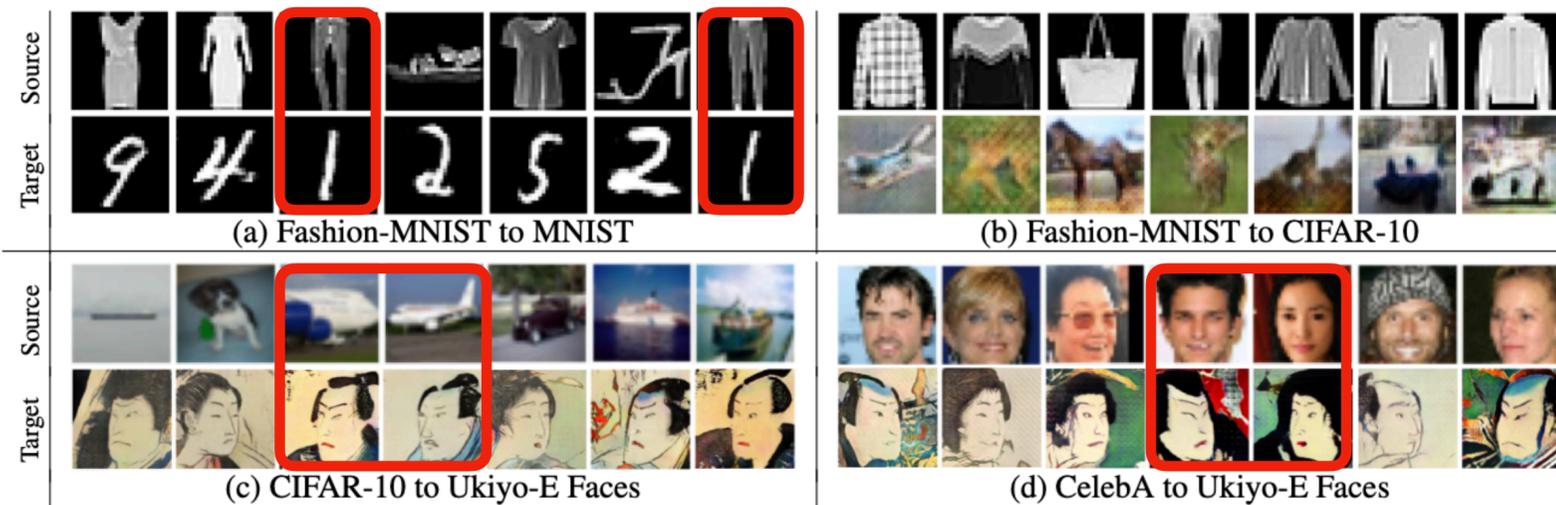
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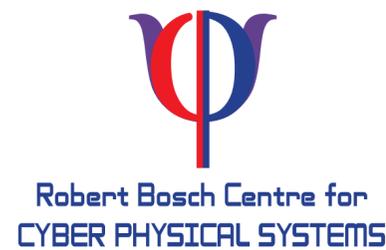
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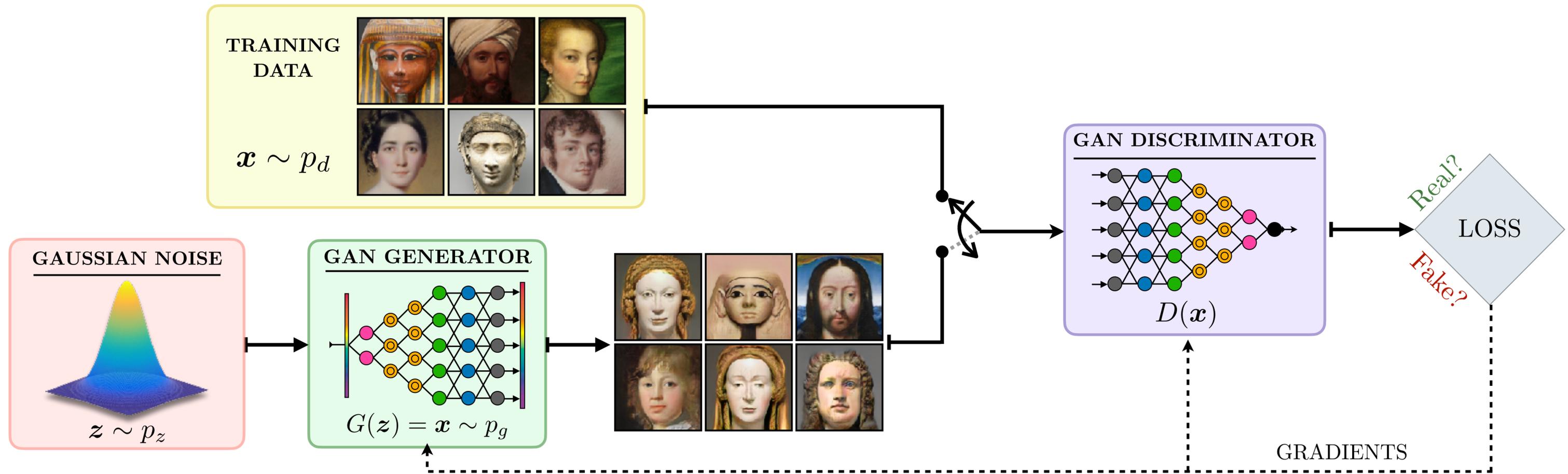
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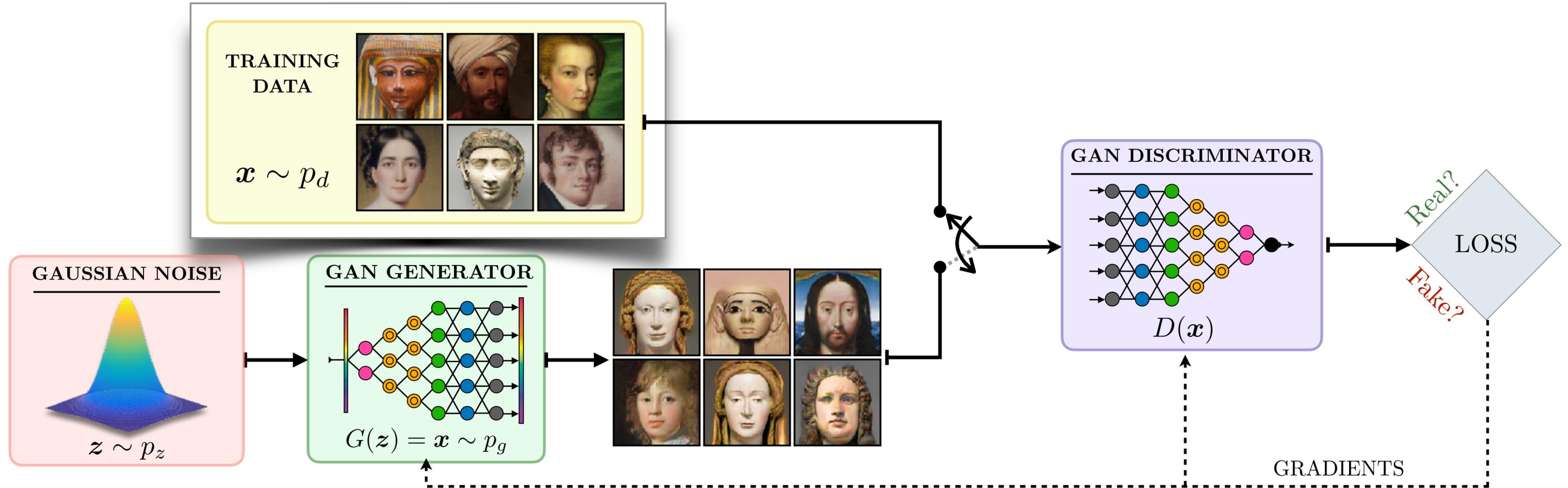
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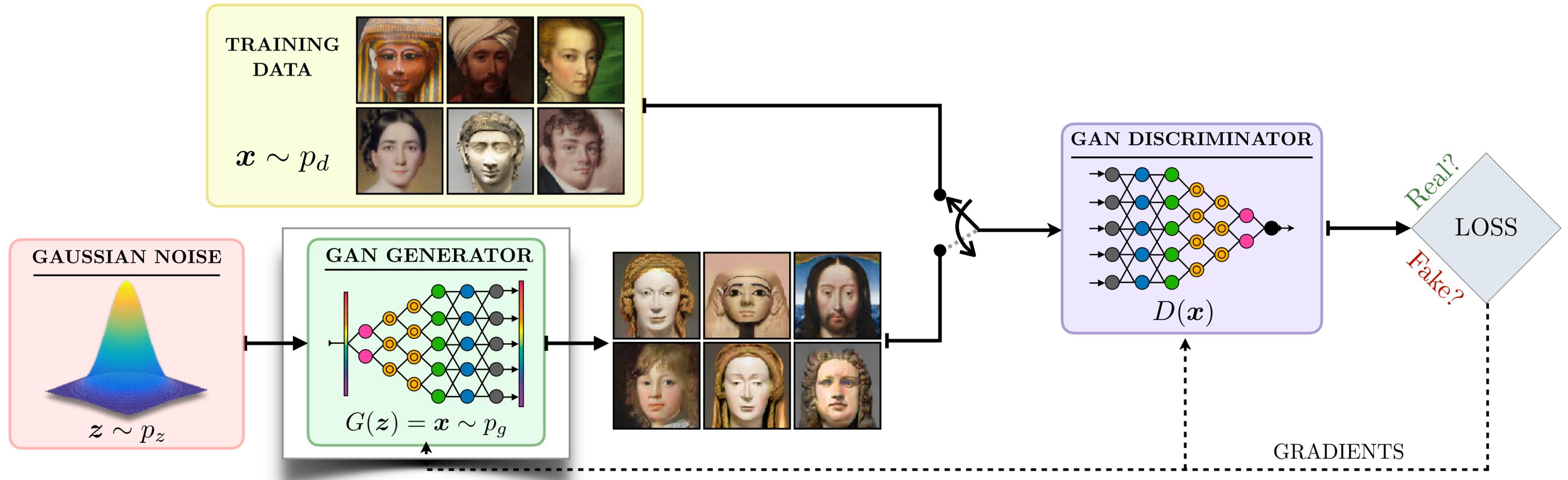


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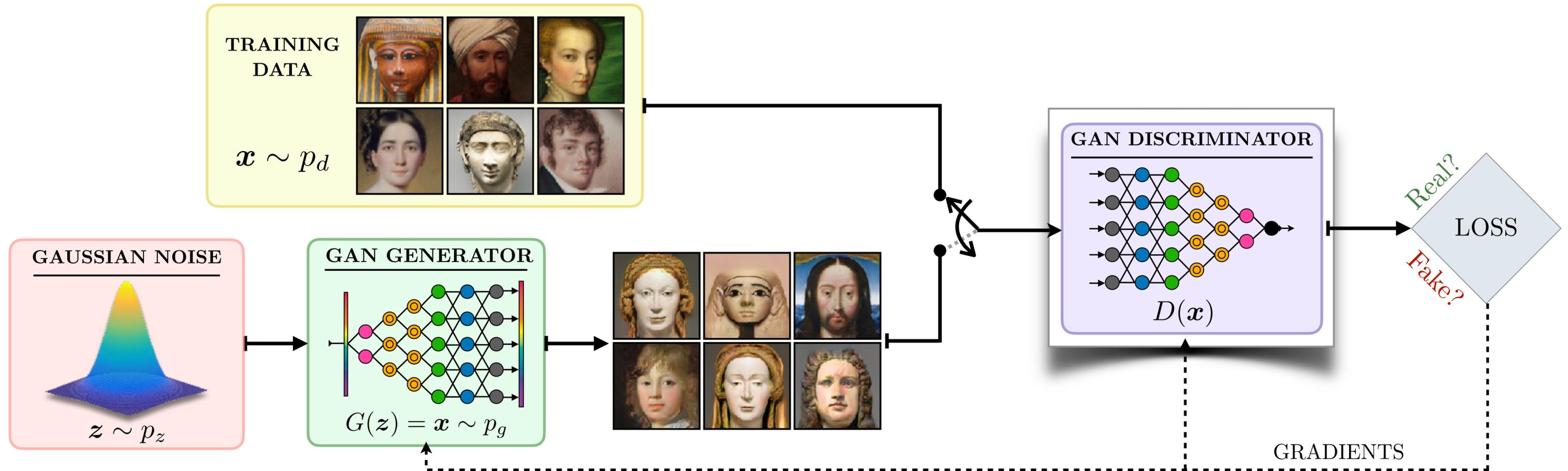


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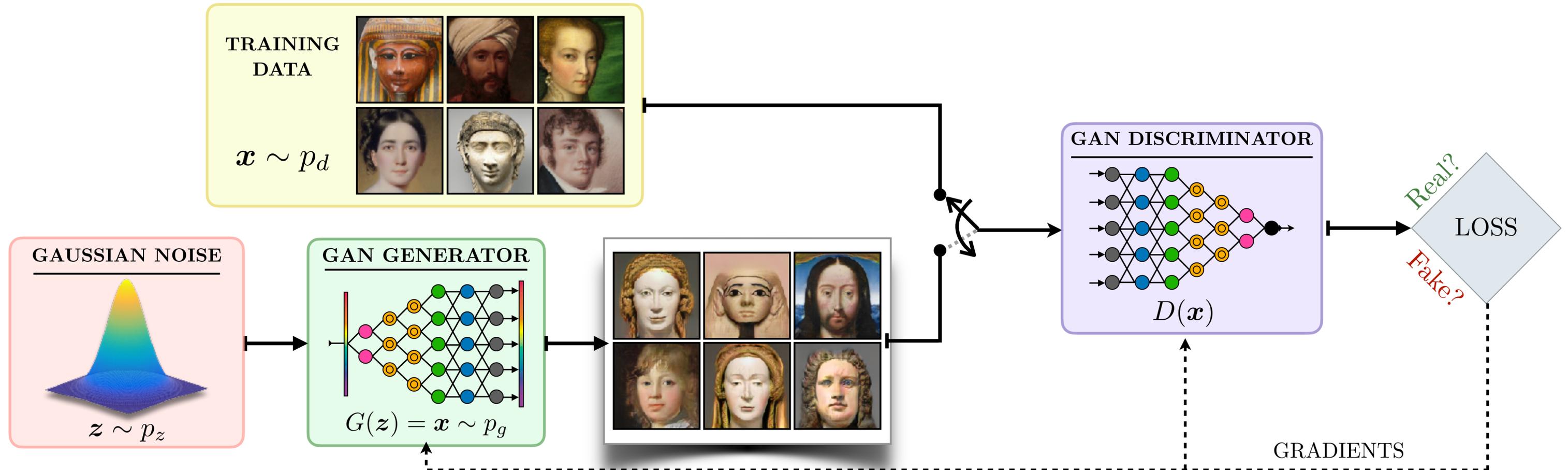


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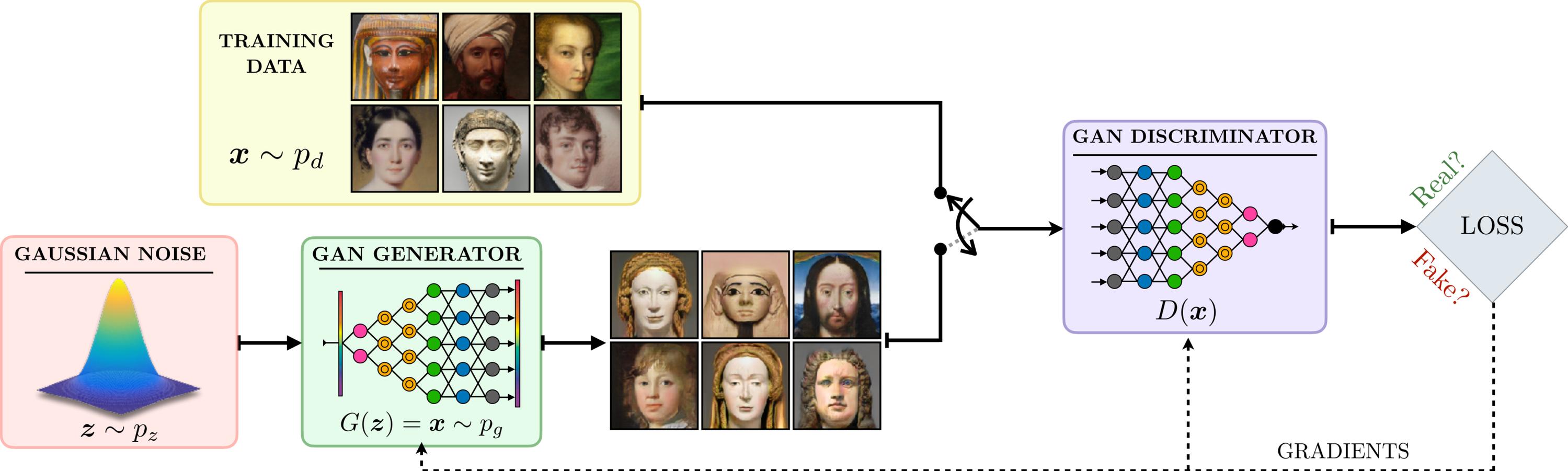


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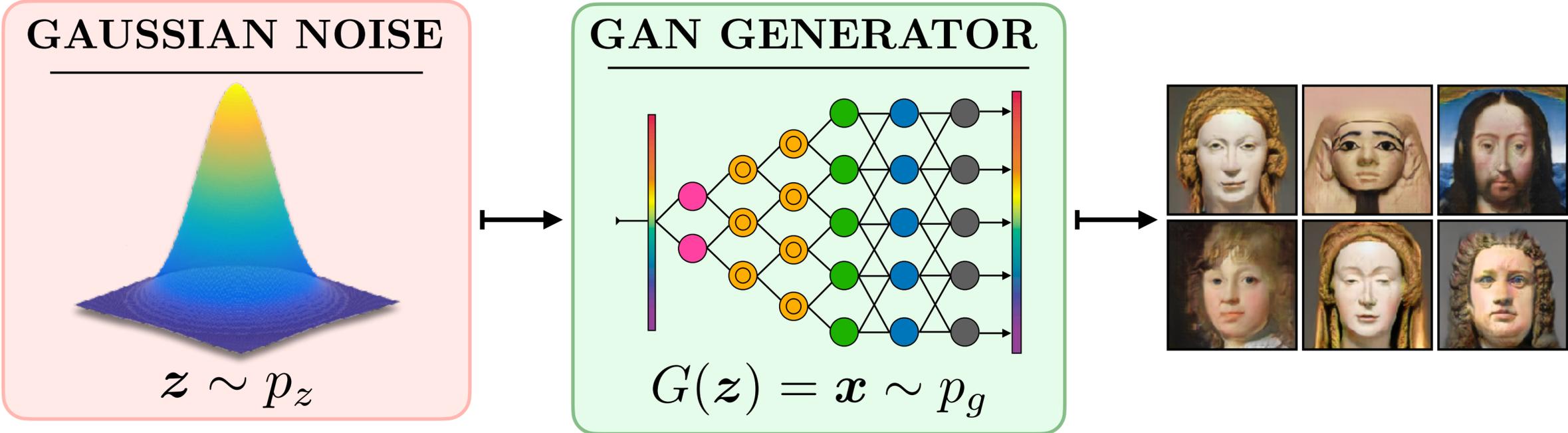
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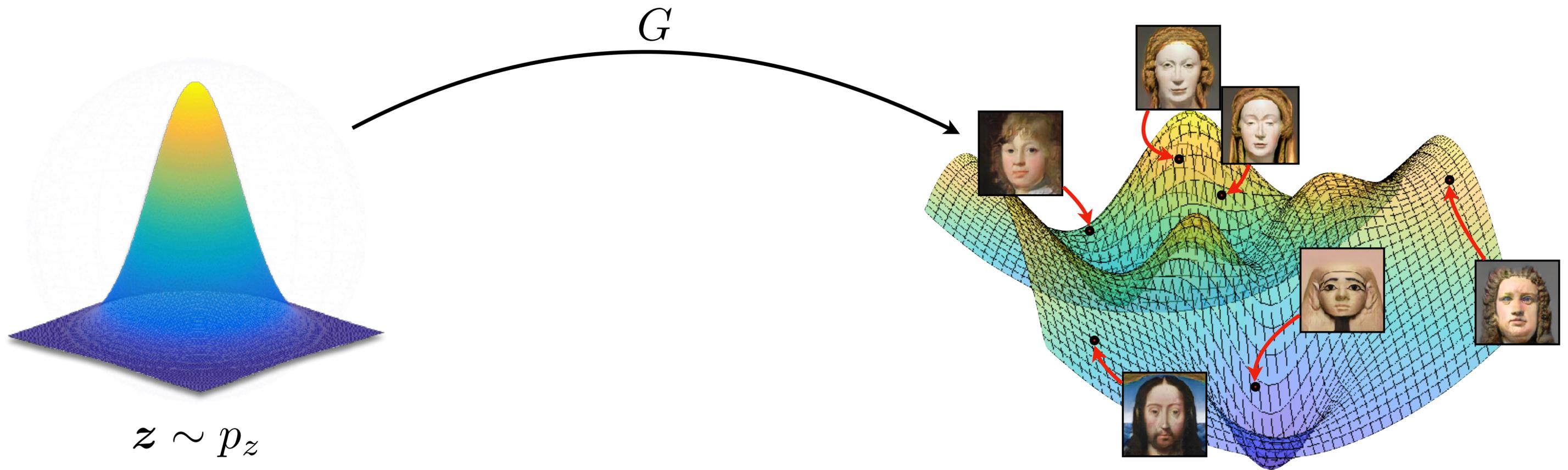
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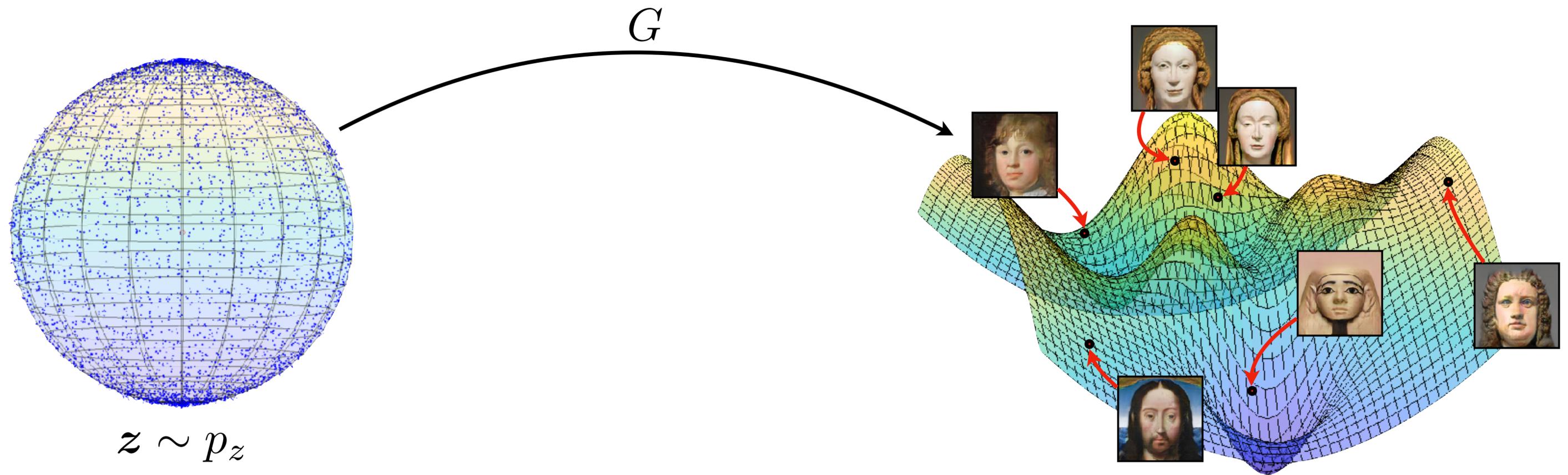
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- Image-to-image translation GANs<sup>[6–10]</sup> require *some form of* {semantic, pairwise, feature-level} consistency between inputs and outputs.



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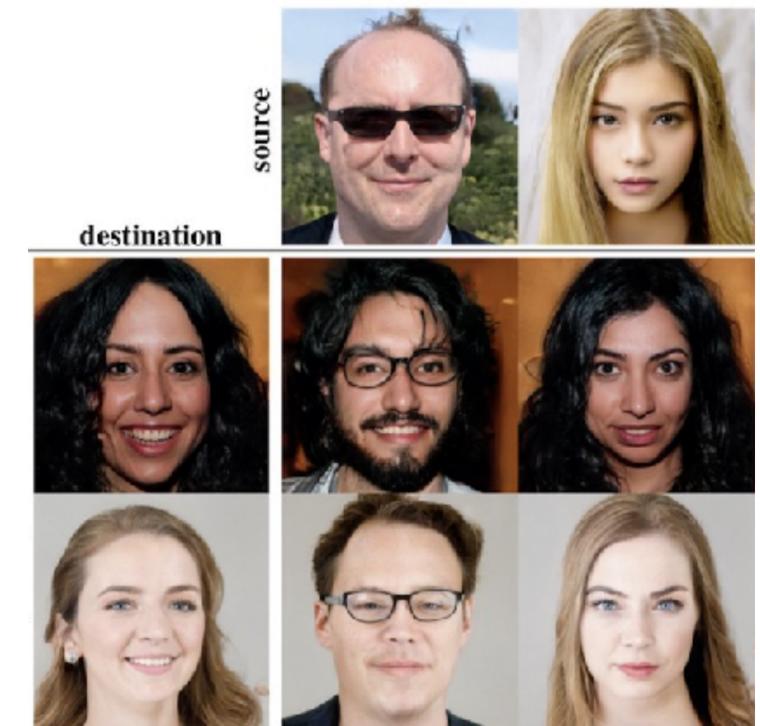
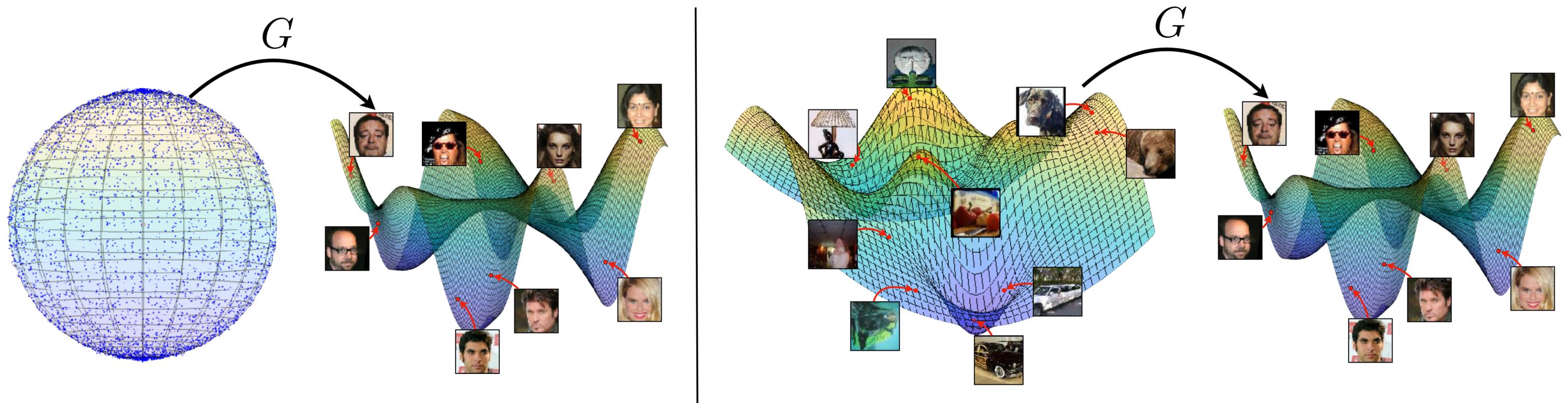


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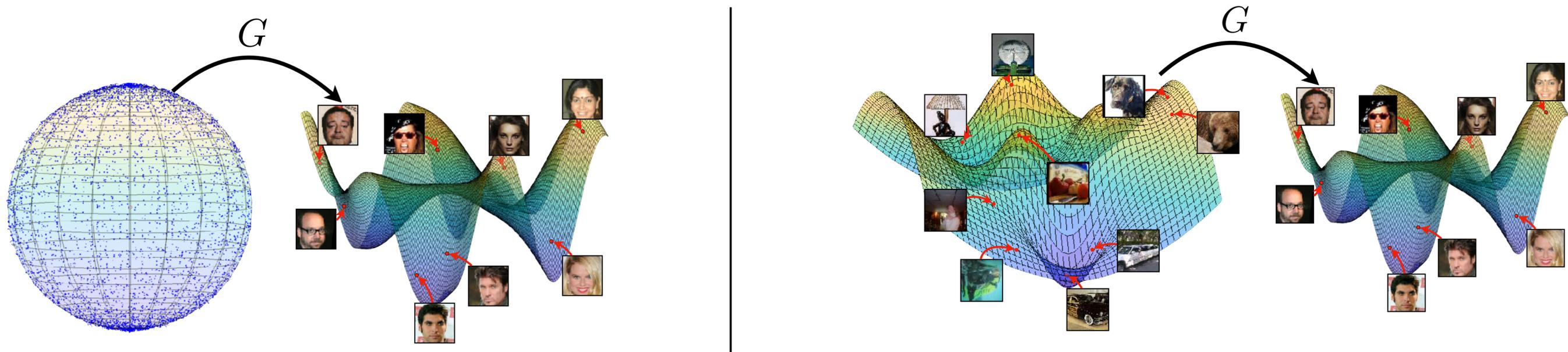
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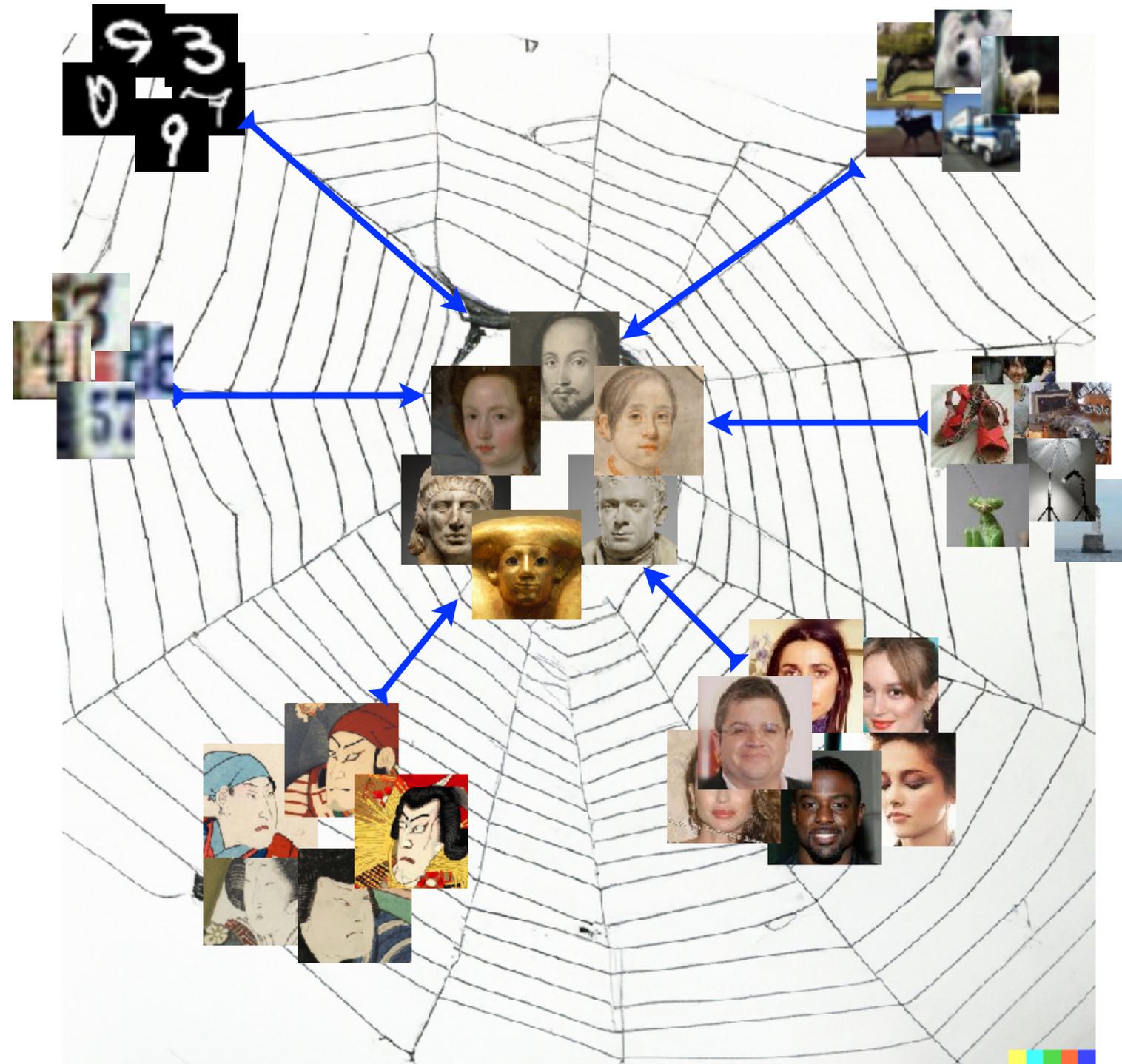
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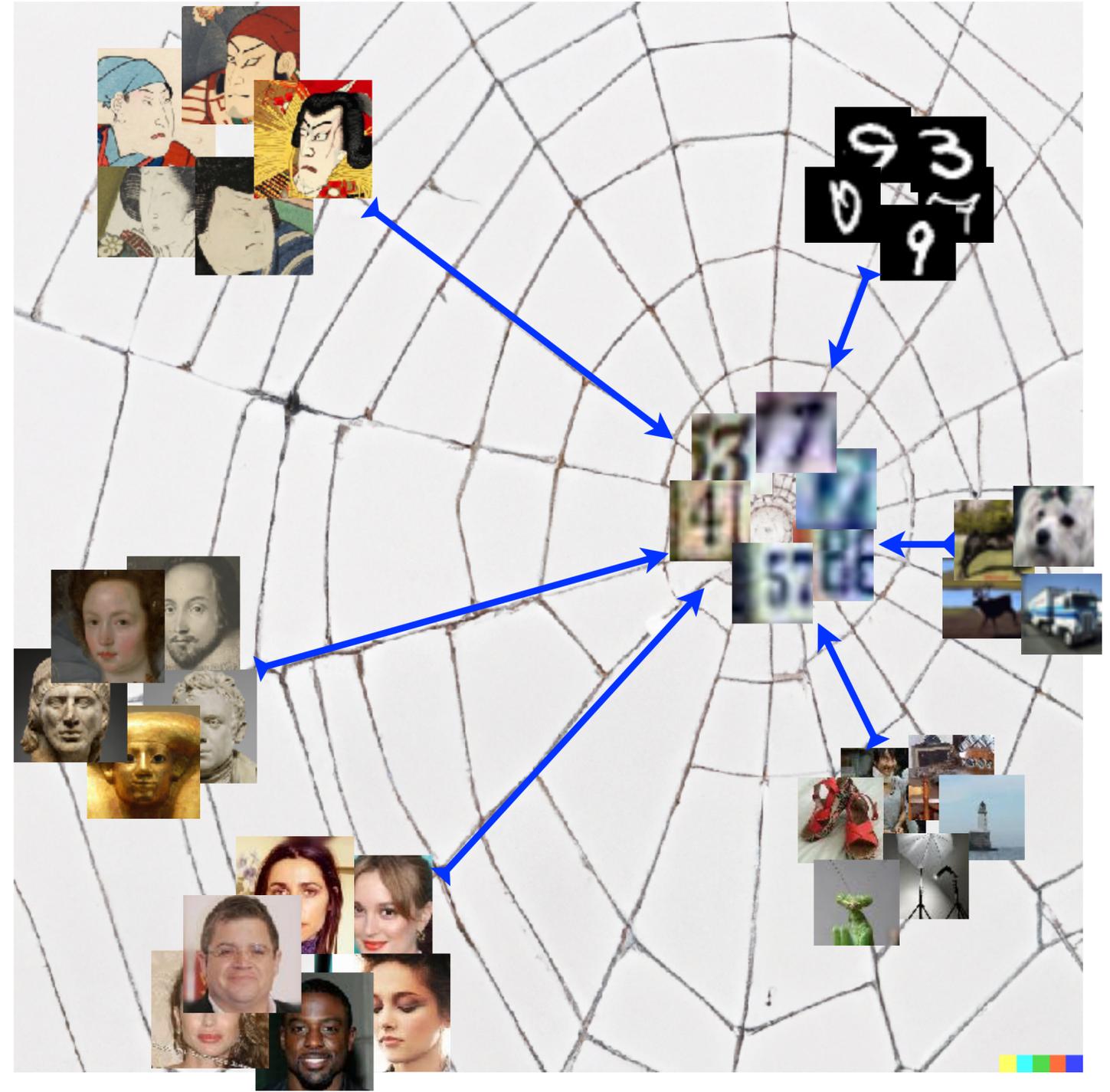
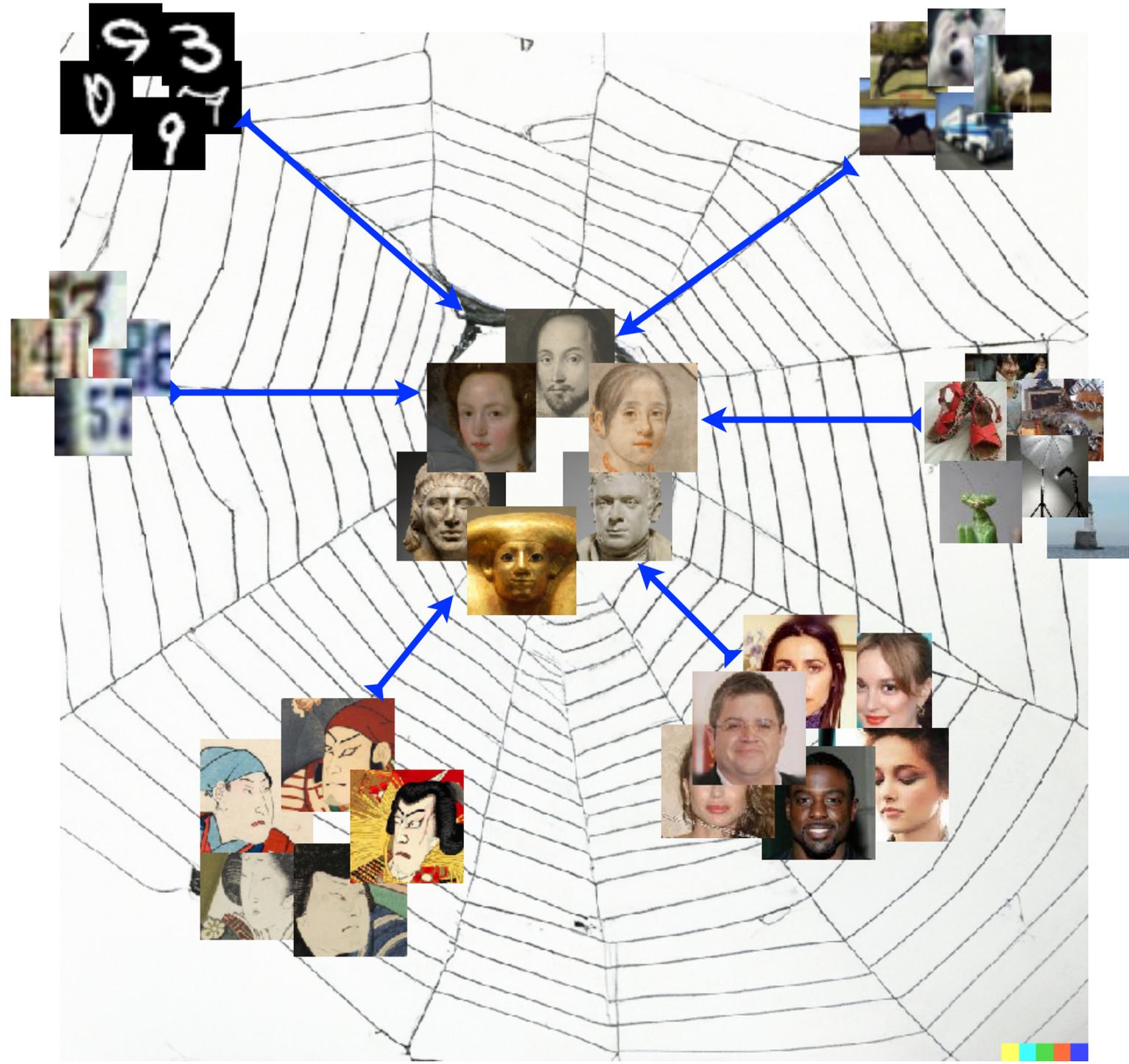


- How do we identify these *friendly neighborhood* datasets?

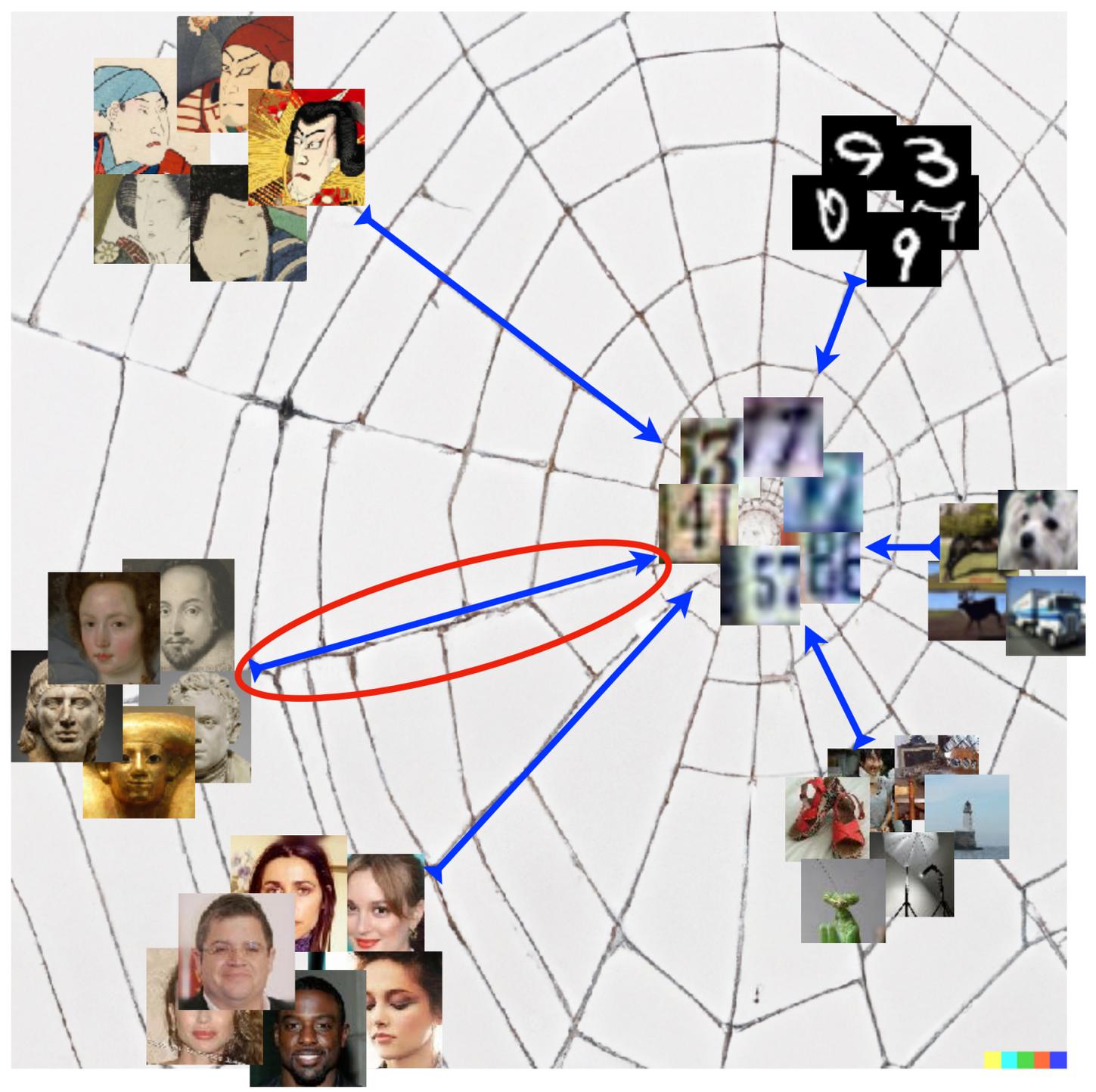
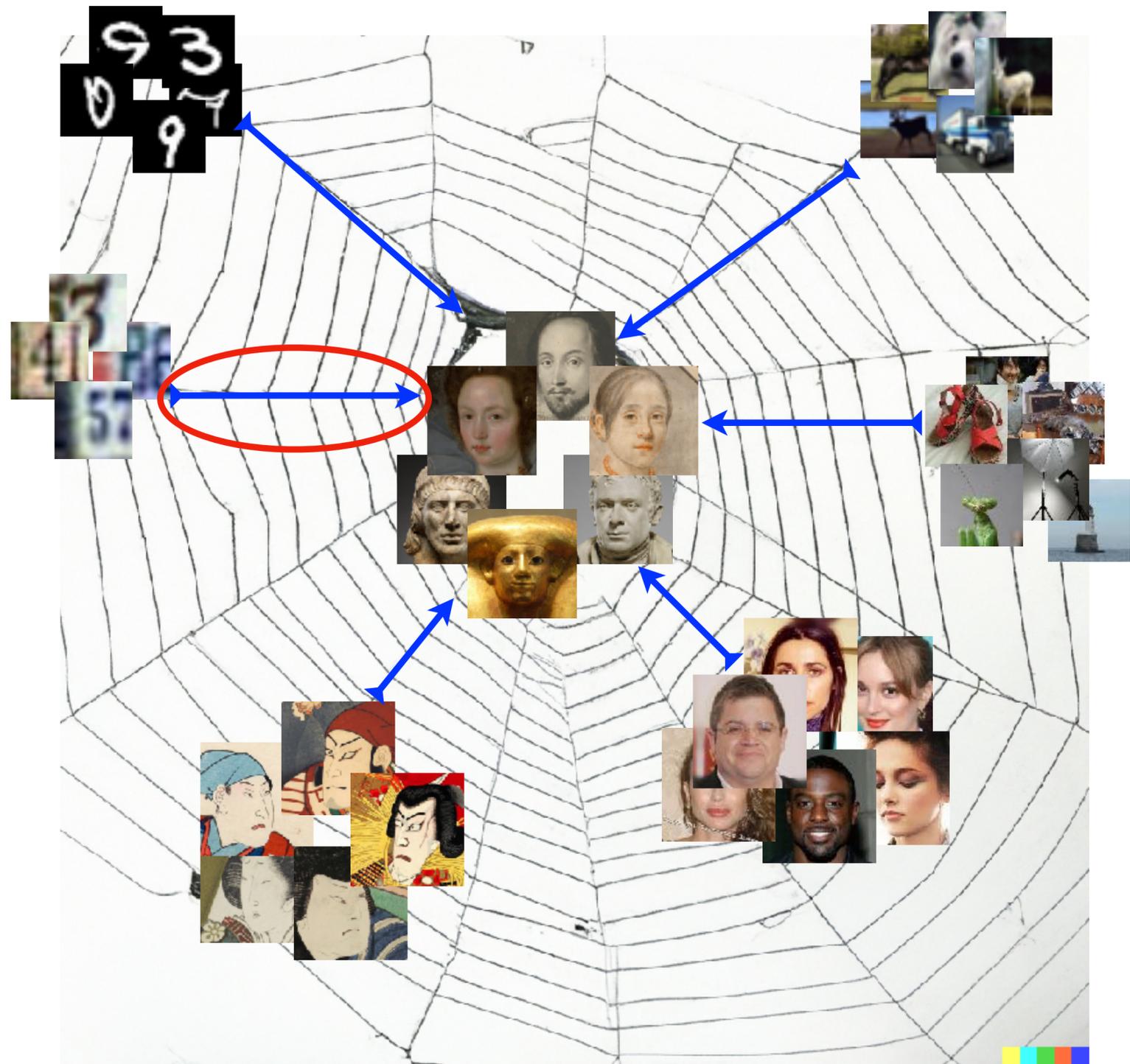
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- The recently proposed Poly-LSGAN<sup>[11]</sup> discriminator can be used as a distance measure!

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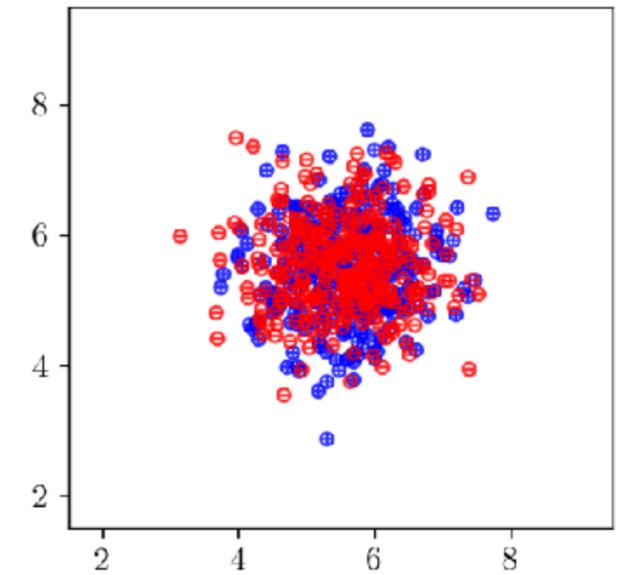
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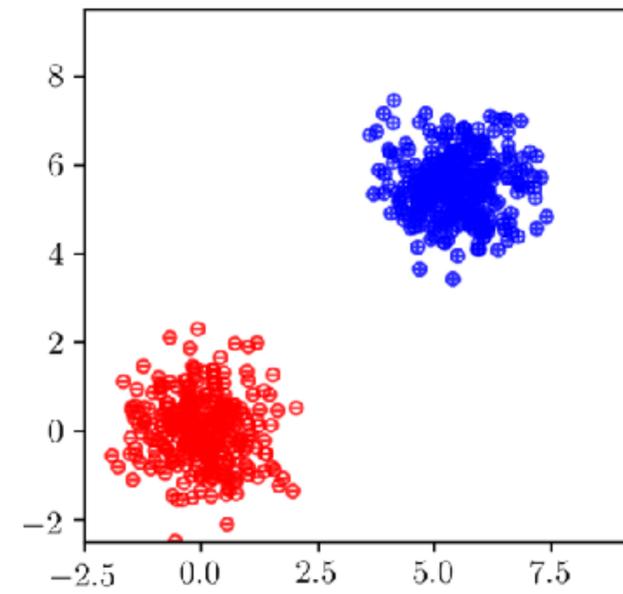
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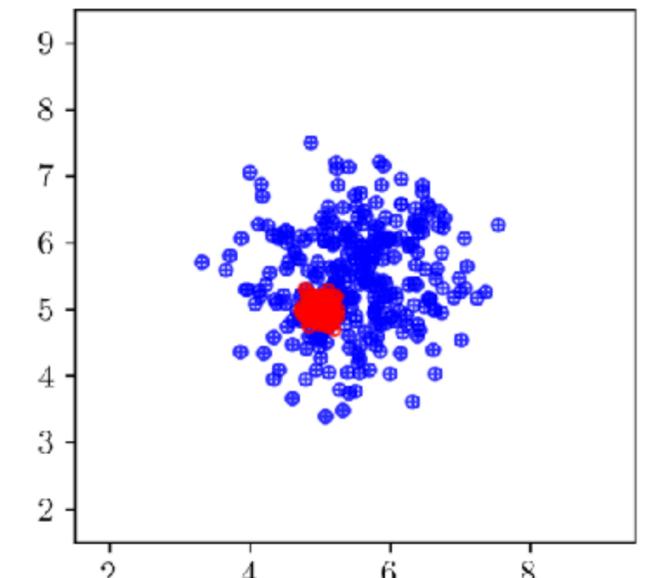
- $D_p^*(\mathbf{x})$  has promising properties!
- Consider a test point  $\mathbf{x}$  drawn from  $p_d$ :
  - (a) If  $p_g = p_d$ , we have  $D_p^*(\mathbf{x}) = 0, \forall \mathbf{x}$ .
  - (b) If  $p_g$  is far from  $p_d$ ,  $D_p^*(\mathbf{x}) > 0$ .
  - (c) If  $p_g$  has *mode-collapsed*,  $D_p^*(\mathbf{x}) < 0$ .



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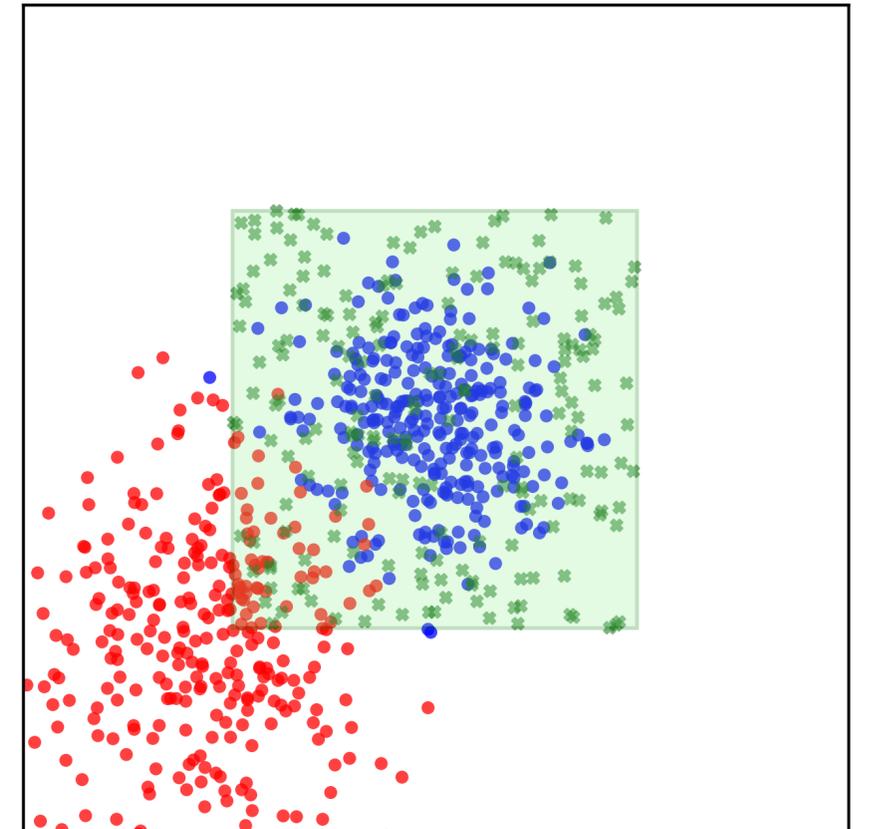
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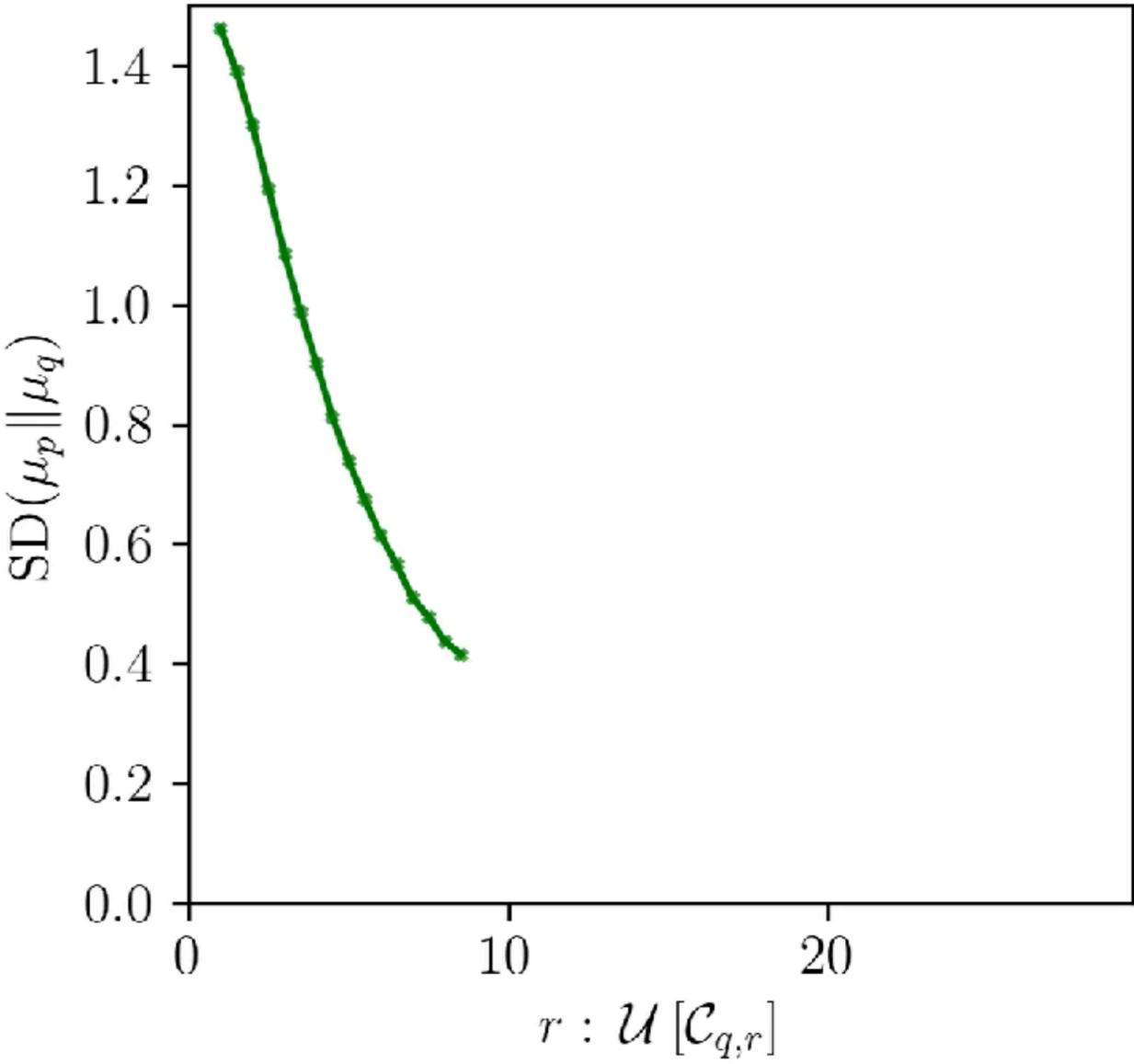
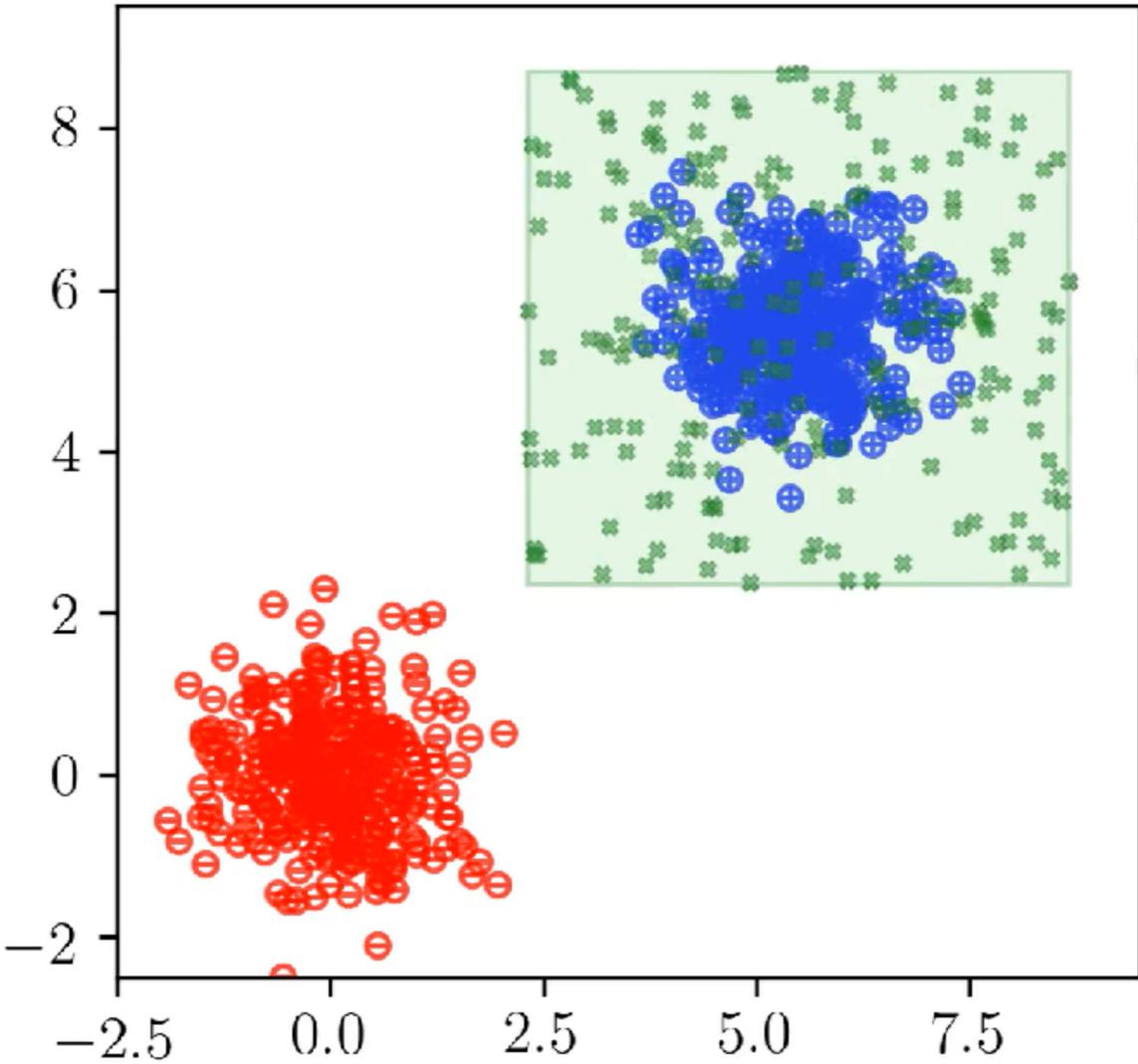
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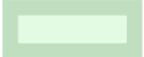
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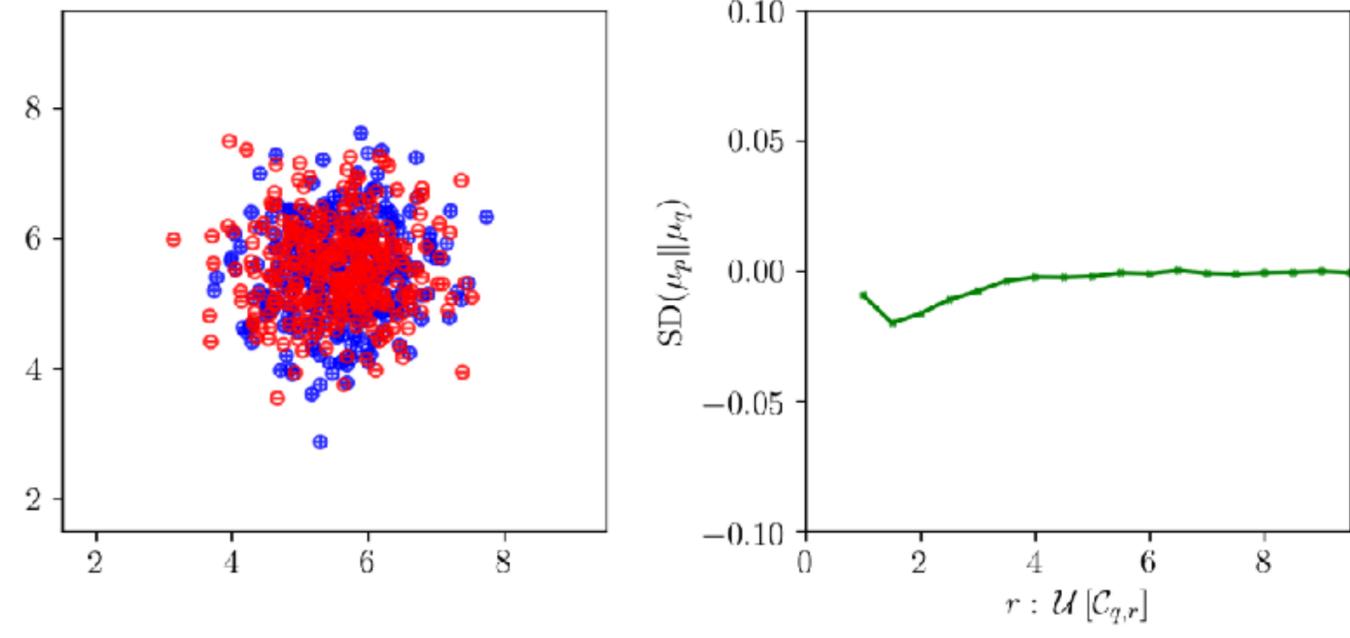
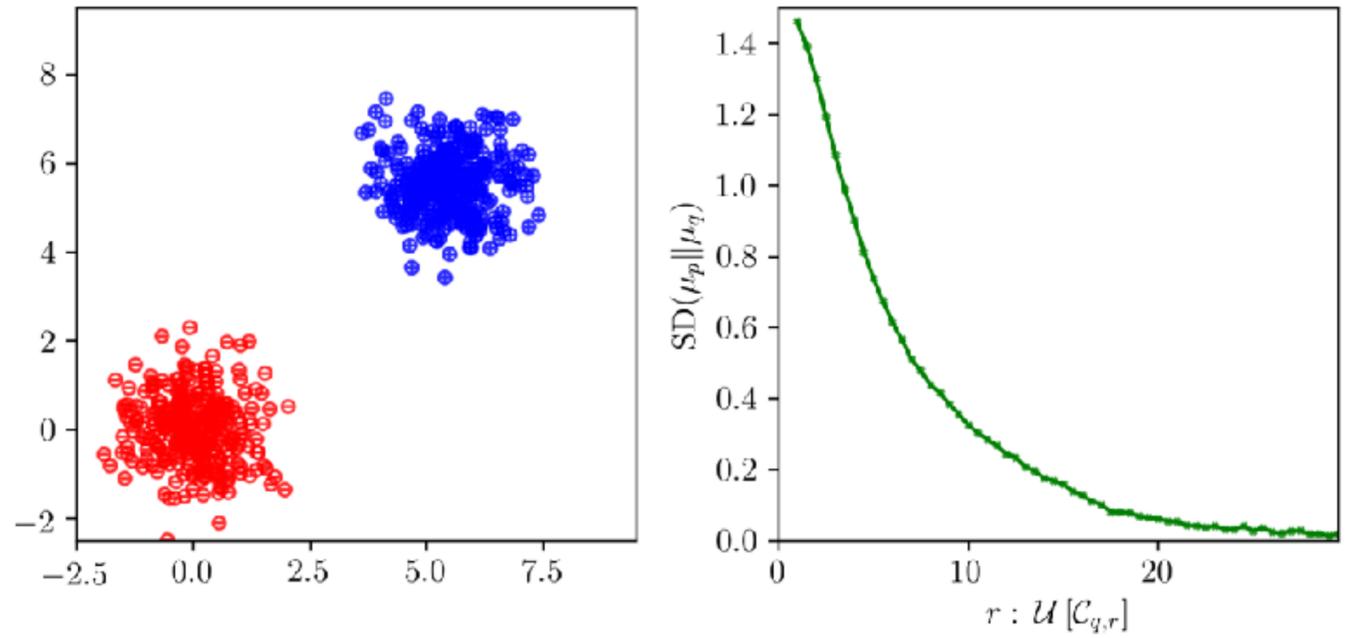
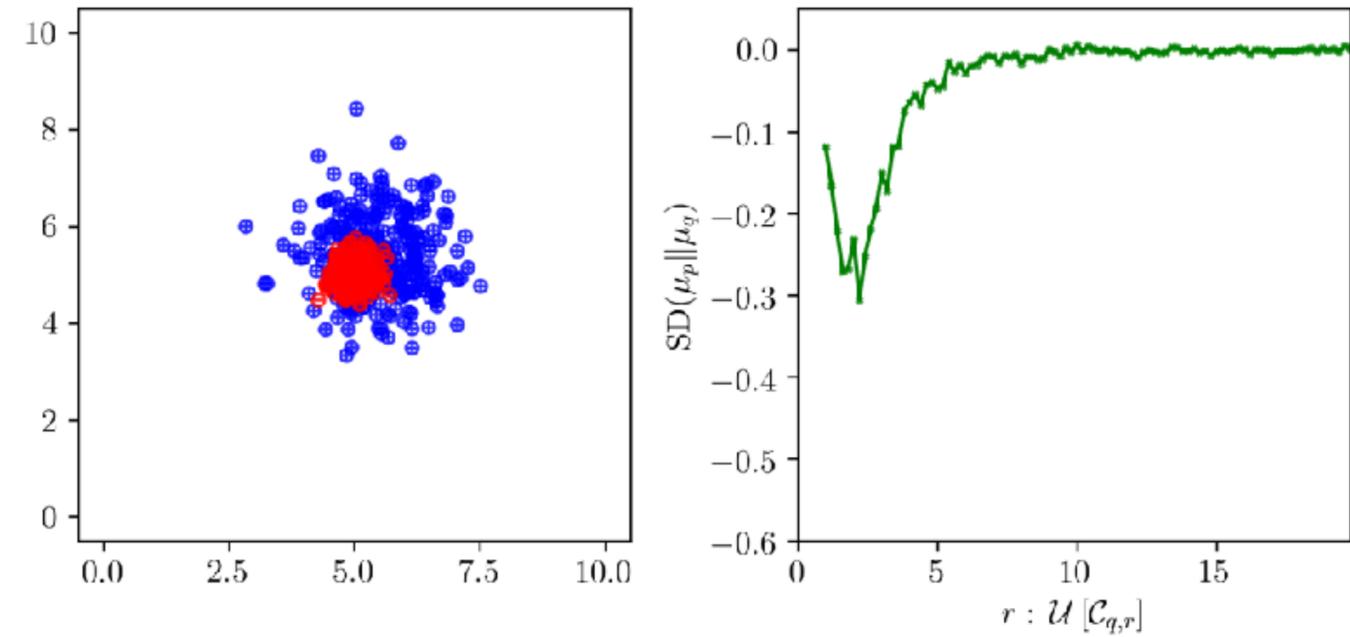
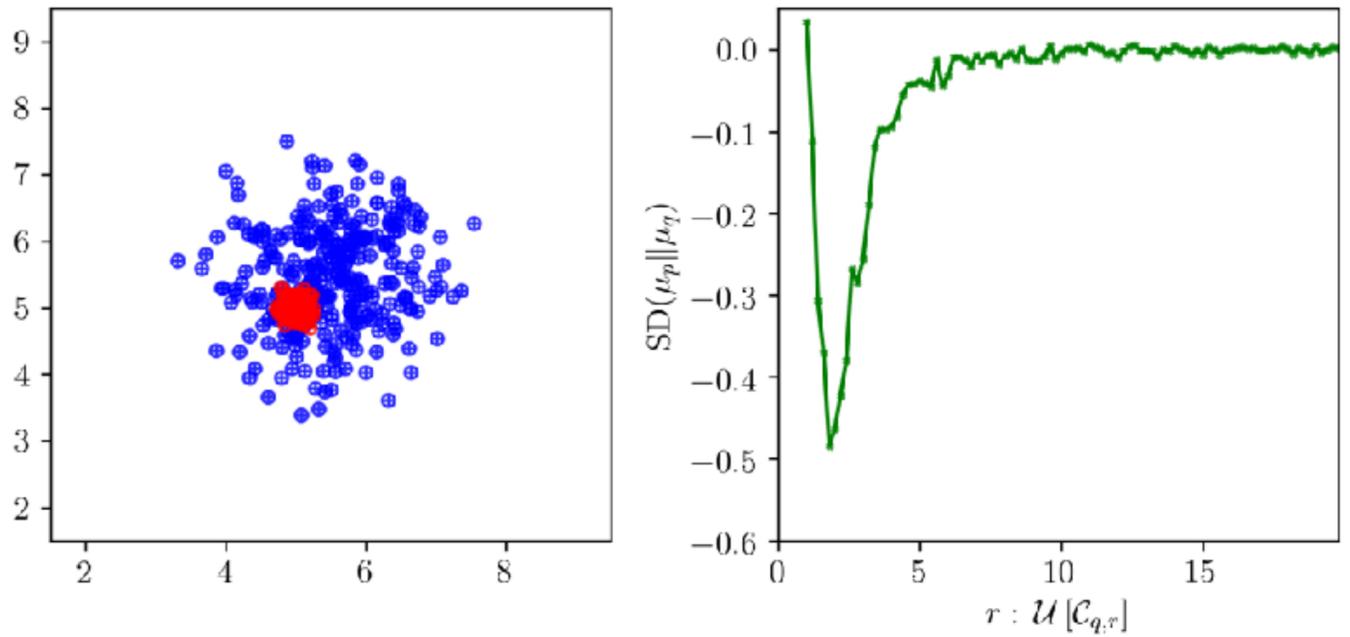


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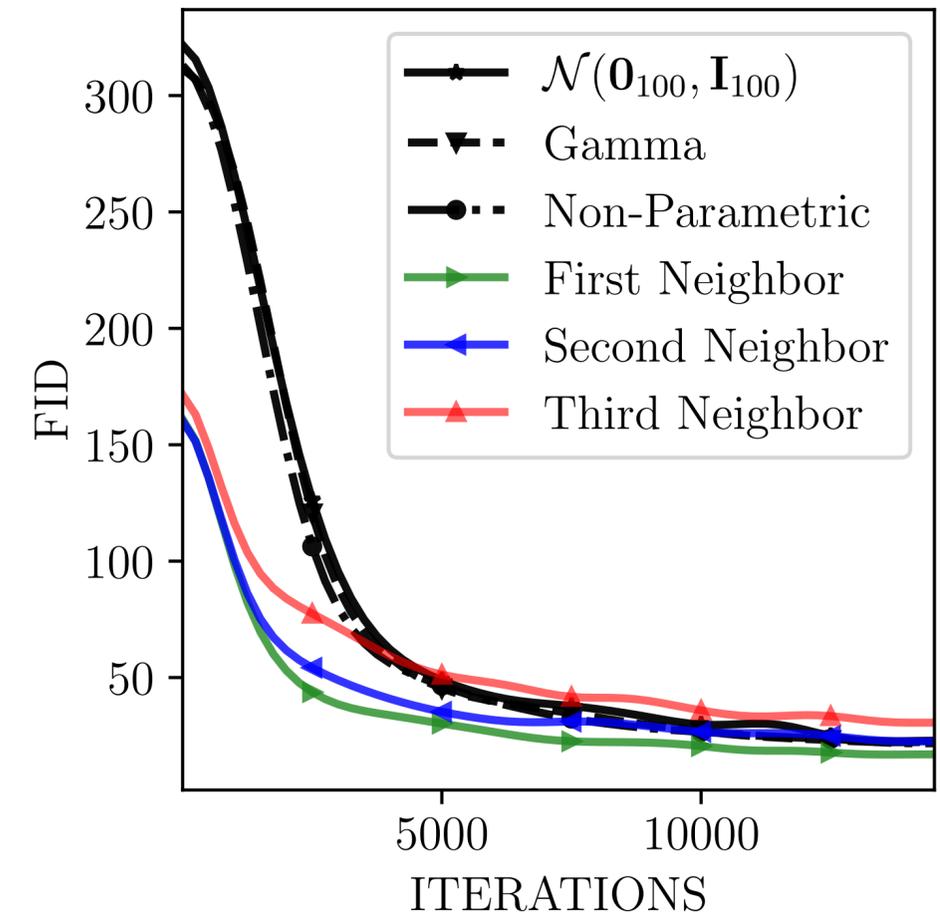
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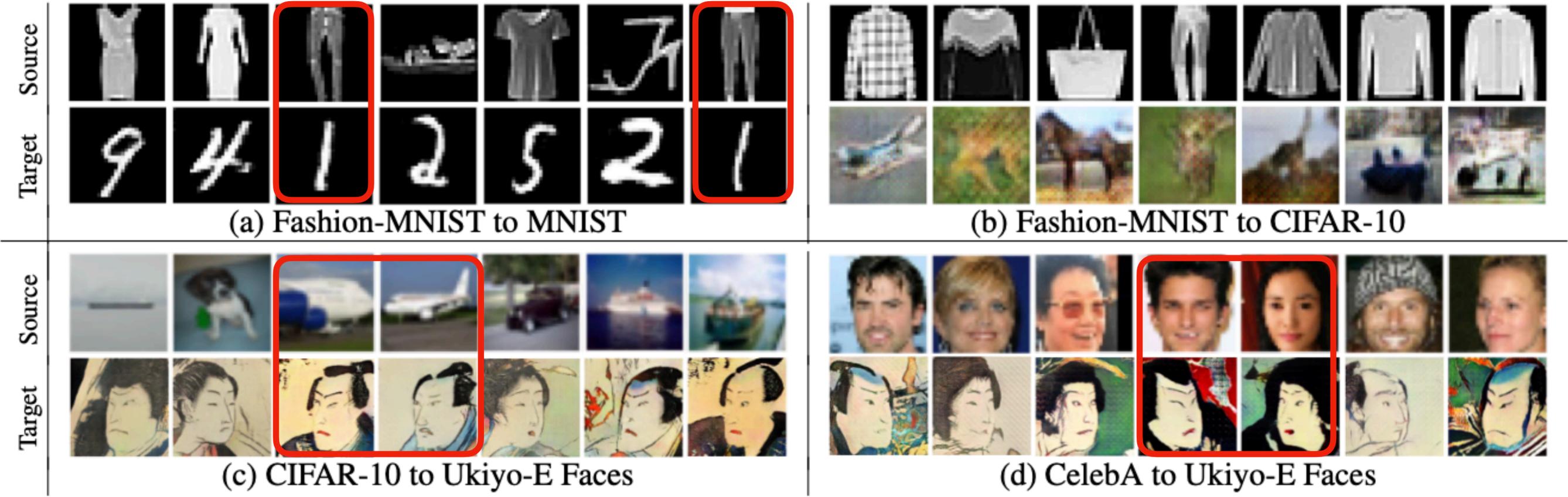
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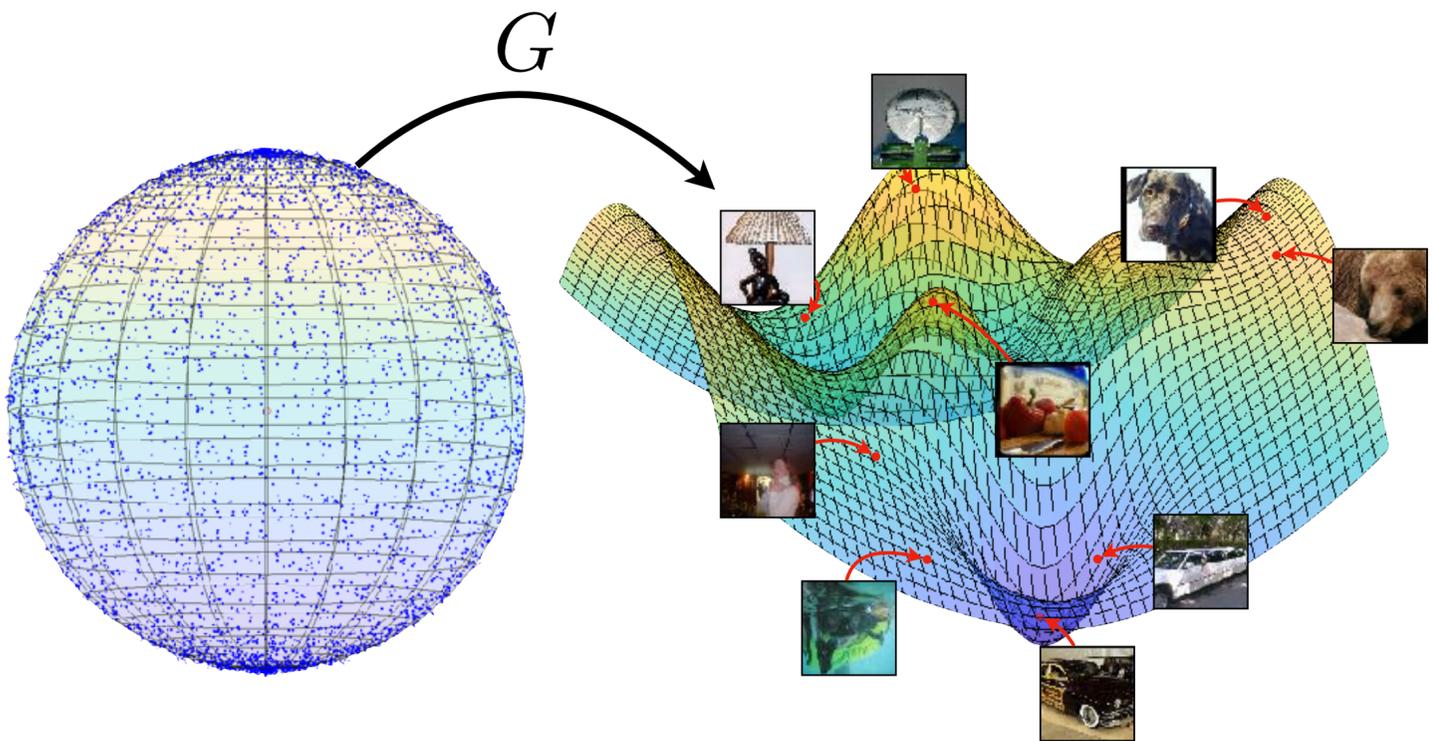
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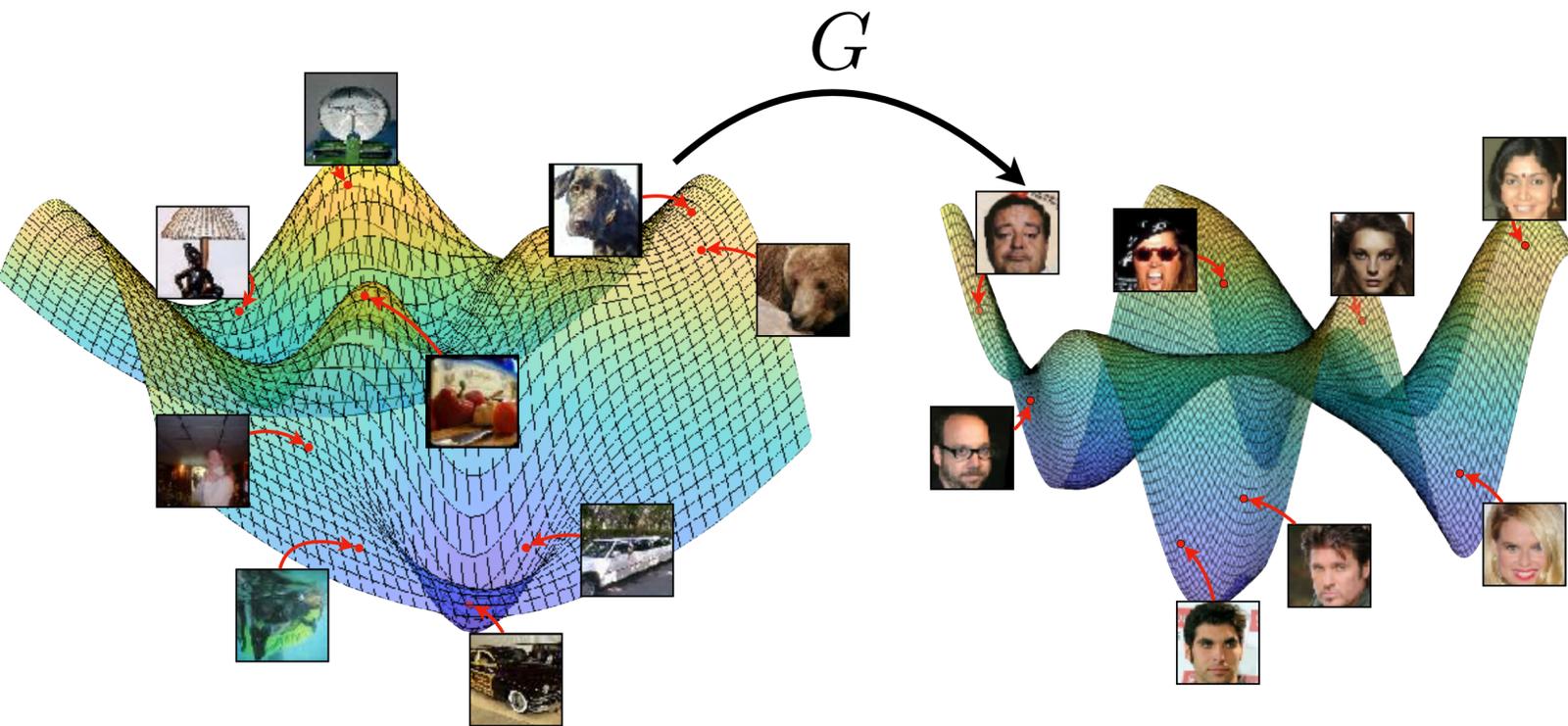


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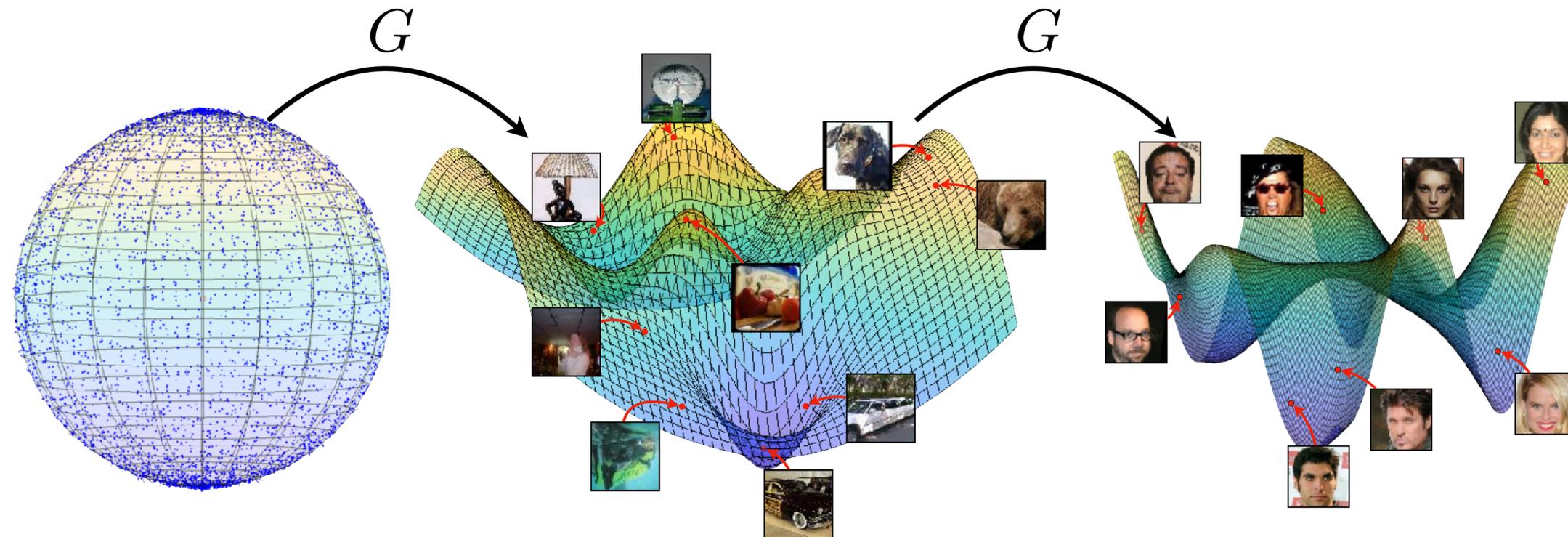
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Pre-trained Stage-I GAN

Stage-II Spider GAN



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Spider StyleGAN3-T (Ours)	–	AFHQ-Dogs	5000	6.29	1.64
StyleGAN2-ADA	FFHQ	Gaussian	5000	3.55	0.35
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StyleGAN2-ADA	AFHQ-Dogs	Gaussian	5000	3.47*	0.37*
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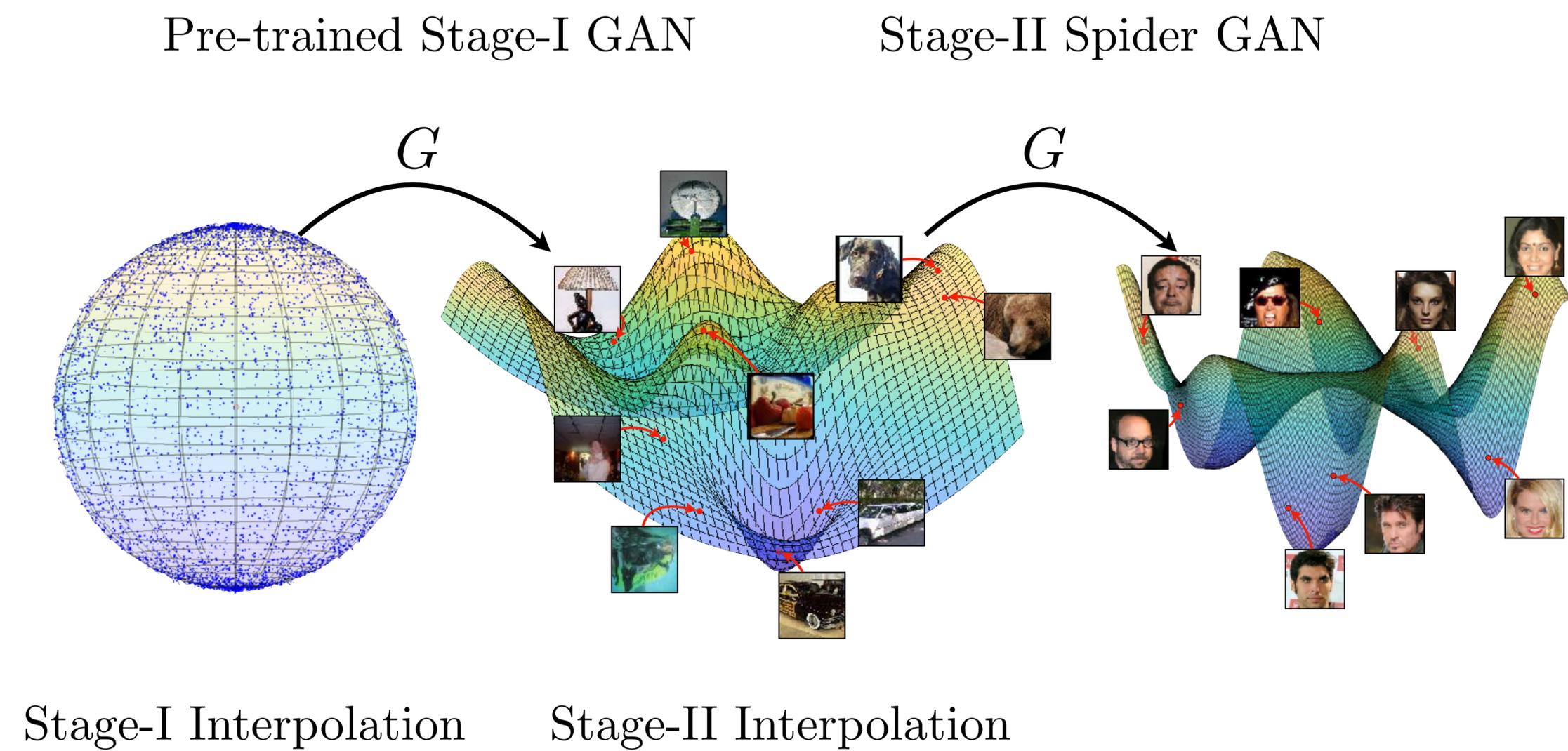
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PGGAN	Gaussian	69.03	0.0762	85.74	0.0123
Spider PGGAN (Ours)	TinyImageNet	57.63	0.0161	45.32	0.0063
StyleGAN2*	Gaussian	56.74	0.0159	65.74	0.0350
StyleGAN2-ADA*	Gaussian	26.74	0.0109	18.75	<b>0.0023</b>
Spider StyleGAN2 (Ours)	TinyImageNet	<b>20.44</b>	<b>0.0059</b>	<b>15.60</b>	<u>0.0026</u>
Spider StyleGAN2 (Ours)	AFHQ-Dogs	32.59	0.0269	29.82	0.0019

Table. Performance of FFHQ

Architecture	Input	FID	KID	CSID <sub>m</sub>
StyleGAN2-ADA	Gaussian	2.70†	$0.906 \times 10^{-3}$	2.65
StyleGAN3-T	Gaussian	2.79†	$1.031 \times 10^{-3}$	2.95
StyleGAN-XL	Gaussian	<b>2.02†</b>	<b><math>0.287 \times 10^{-3}</math></b>	3.94
Spider StyleGAN2-ADA (Ours)	TinyImageNet	<u>2.45</u>	$0.915 \times 10^{-3}$	<b>1.99</b>
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<sup>[12]</sup>Karras et al., ICLR, 2018; <sup>[13]</sup>Karras et al., CVPR, 2021; <sup>[14]</sup>Karras et al., NeurIPS 2022

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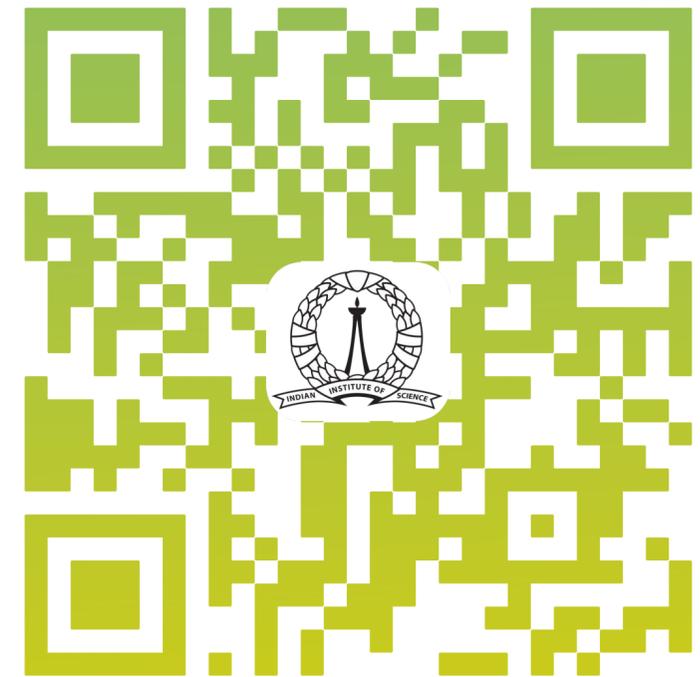
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