

# **Interpreting Deep Generative Models for Interactive AI Content Creation**

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# Progress for Image Generation

2014



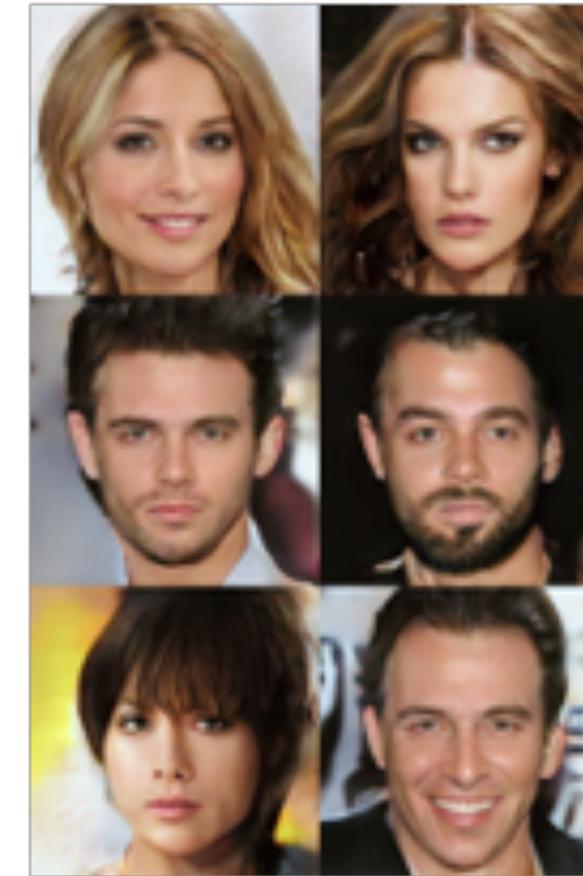
GAN

2015



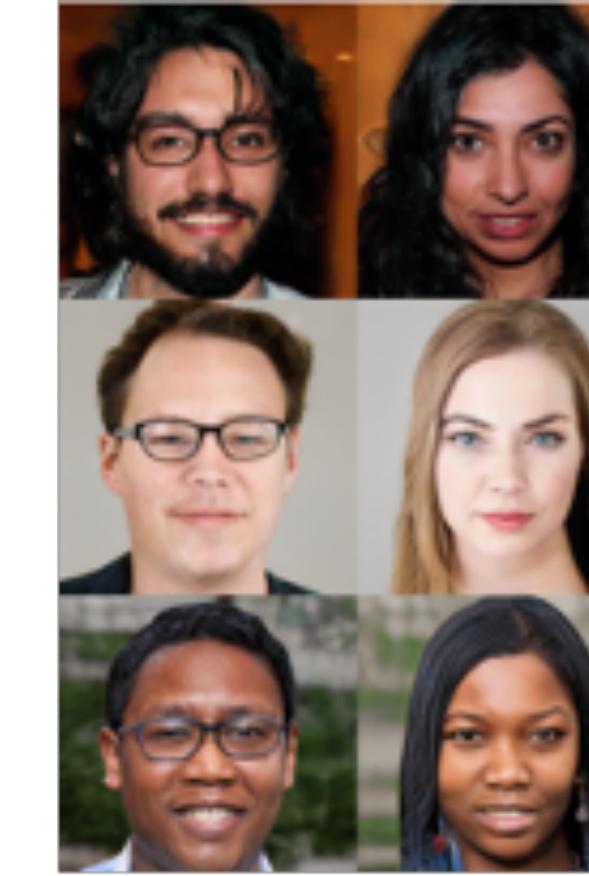
DCGAN

2017



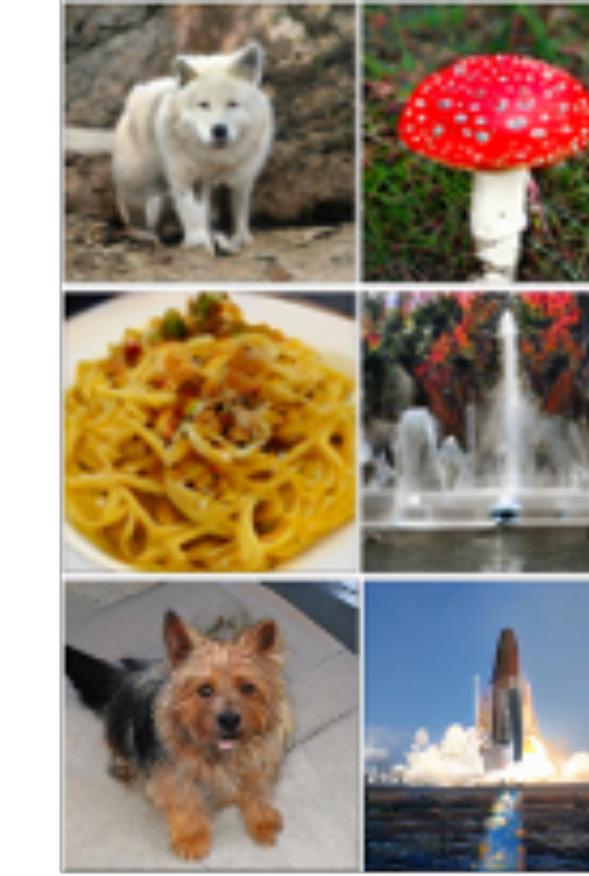
PG-GAN

2018



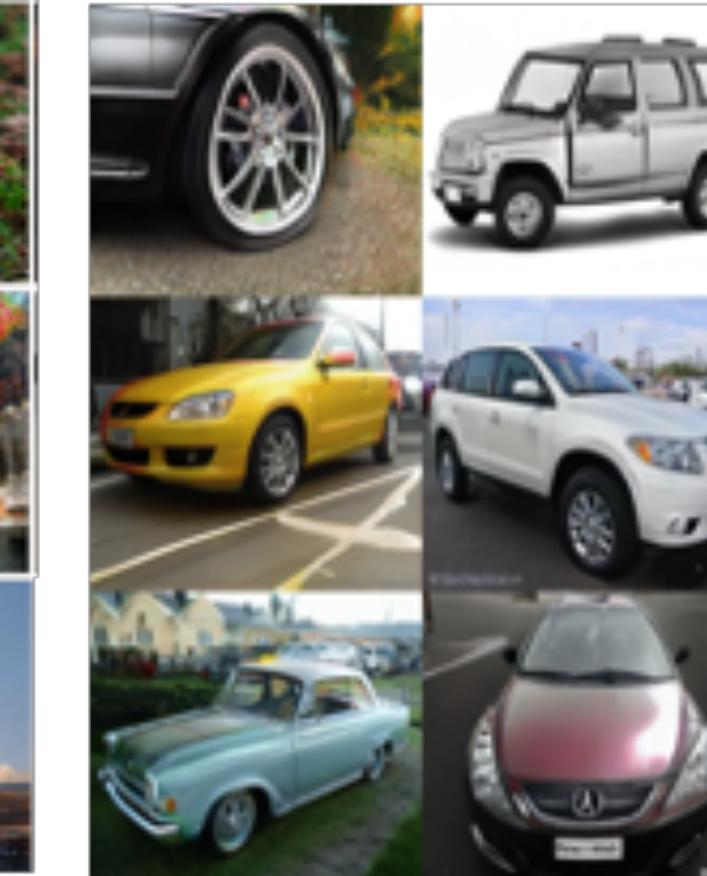
StyleGAN

2018



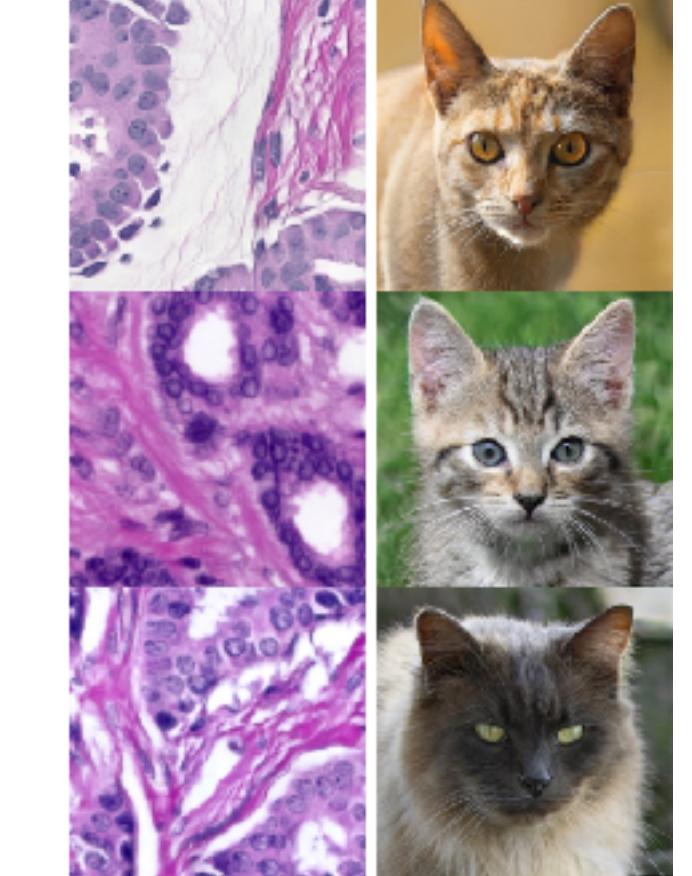
BigGAN

2019



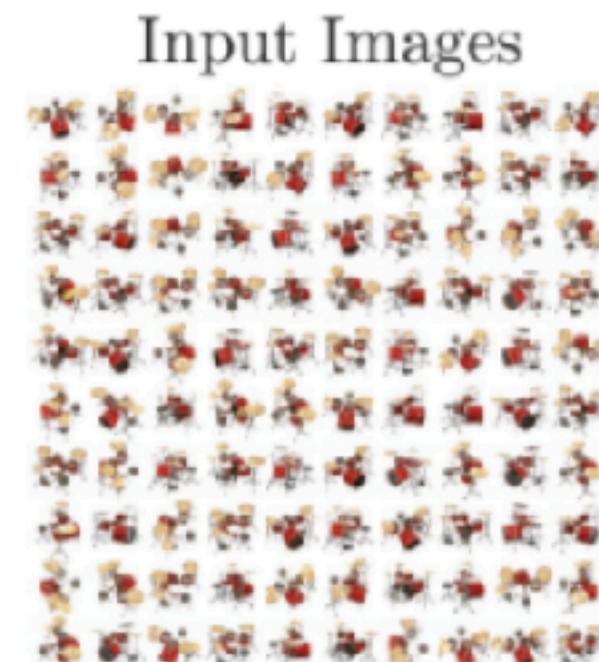
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2020

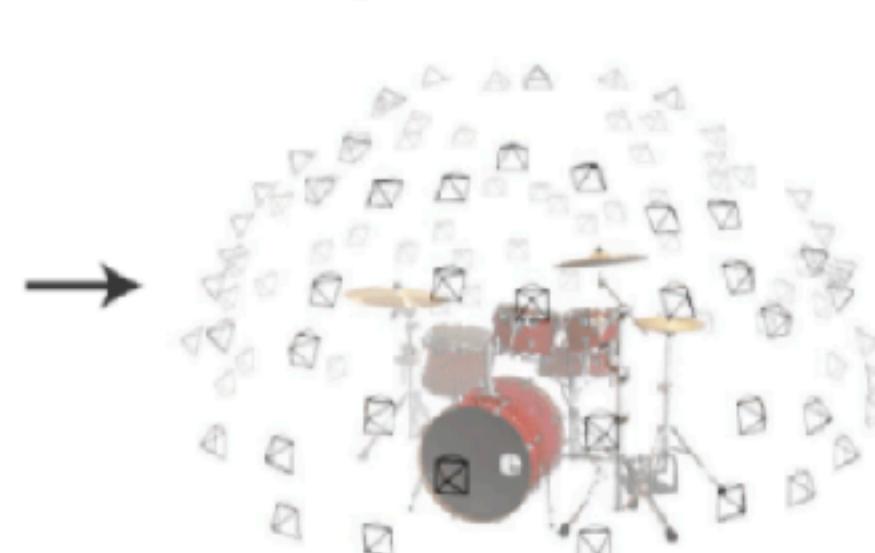


StyleGAN-ADA

2020: NeRF (Neural Radiance Fields)



Optimize NeRF



Render new views

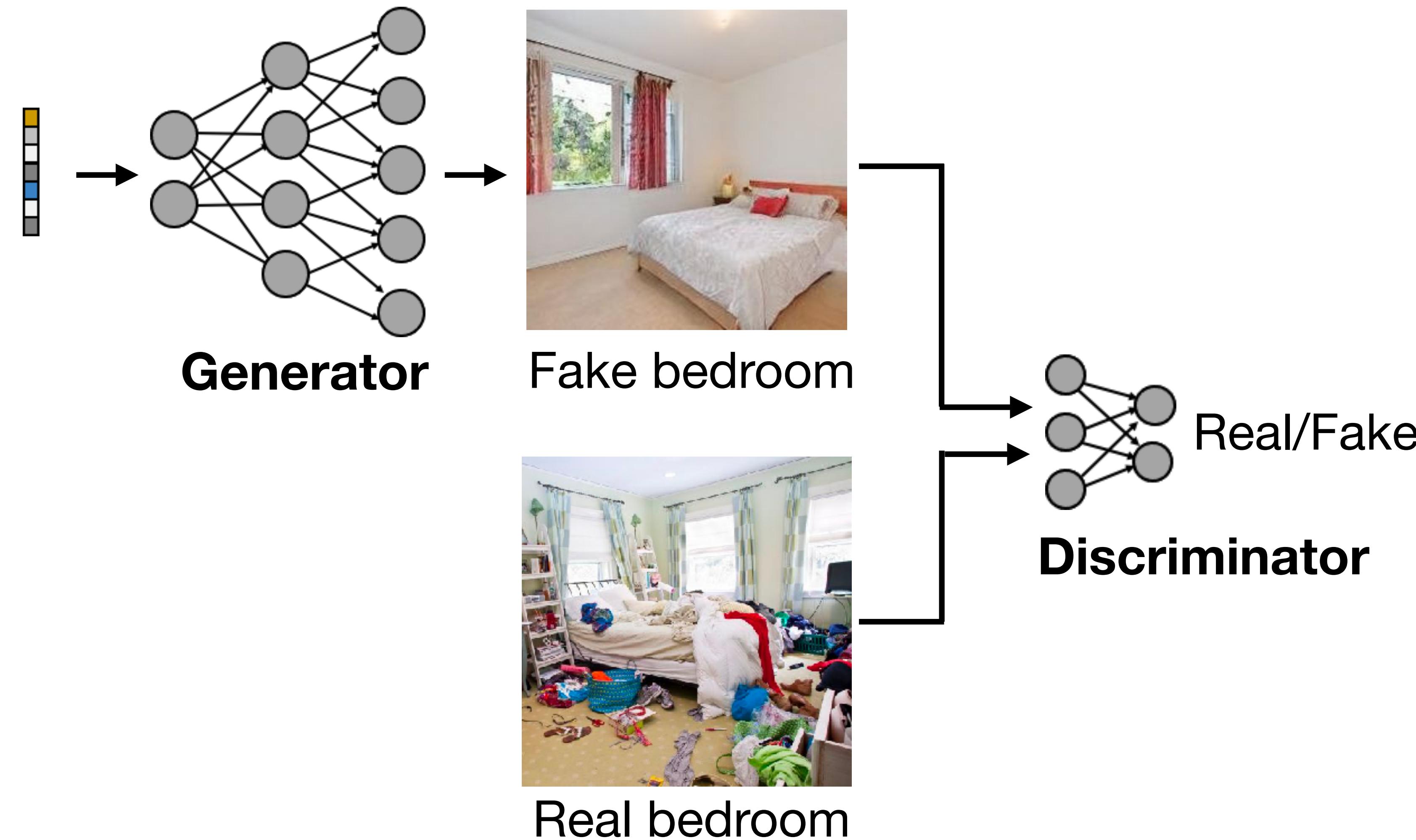


2021: OpenAI DALLE (VQ-VAE)  
Arm chair in shape of avocado

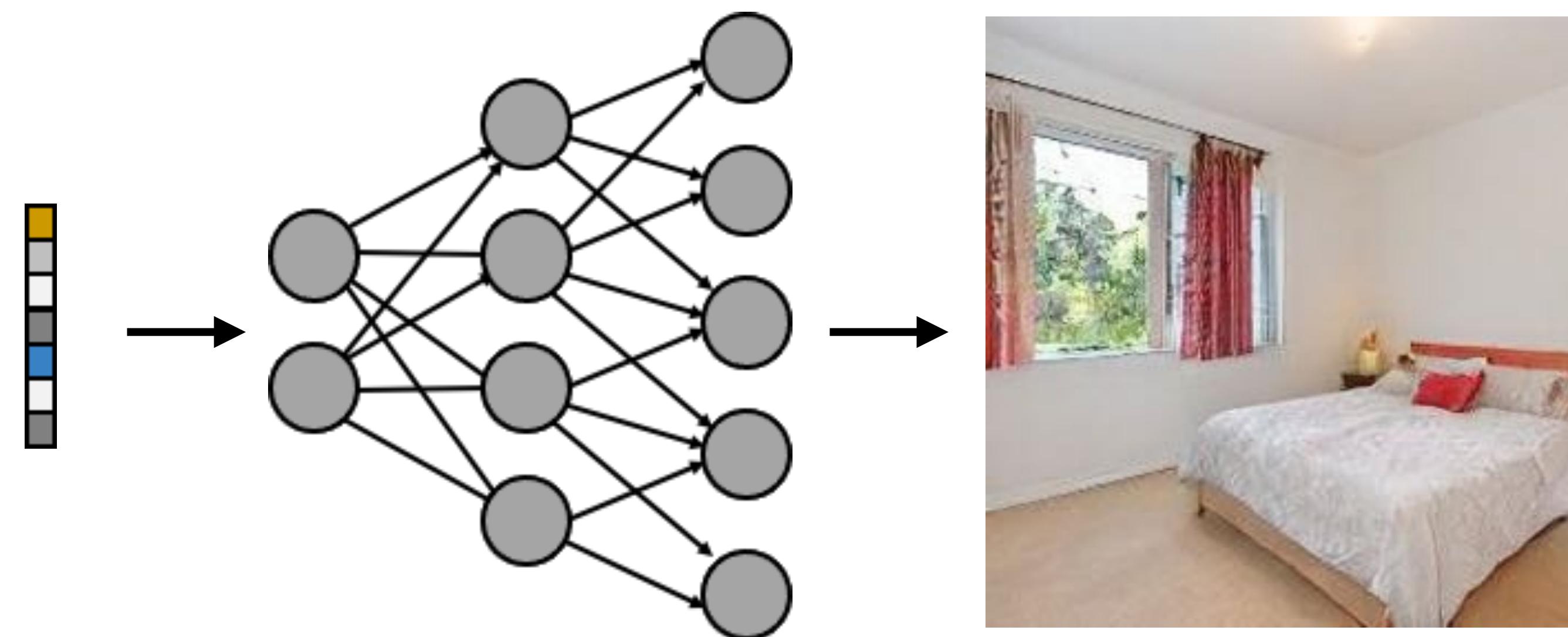


# Generative Adversarial Networks (GANs)

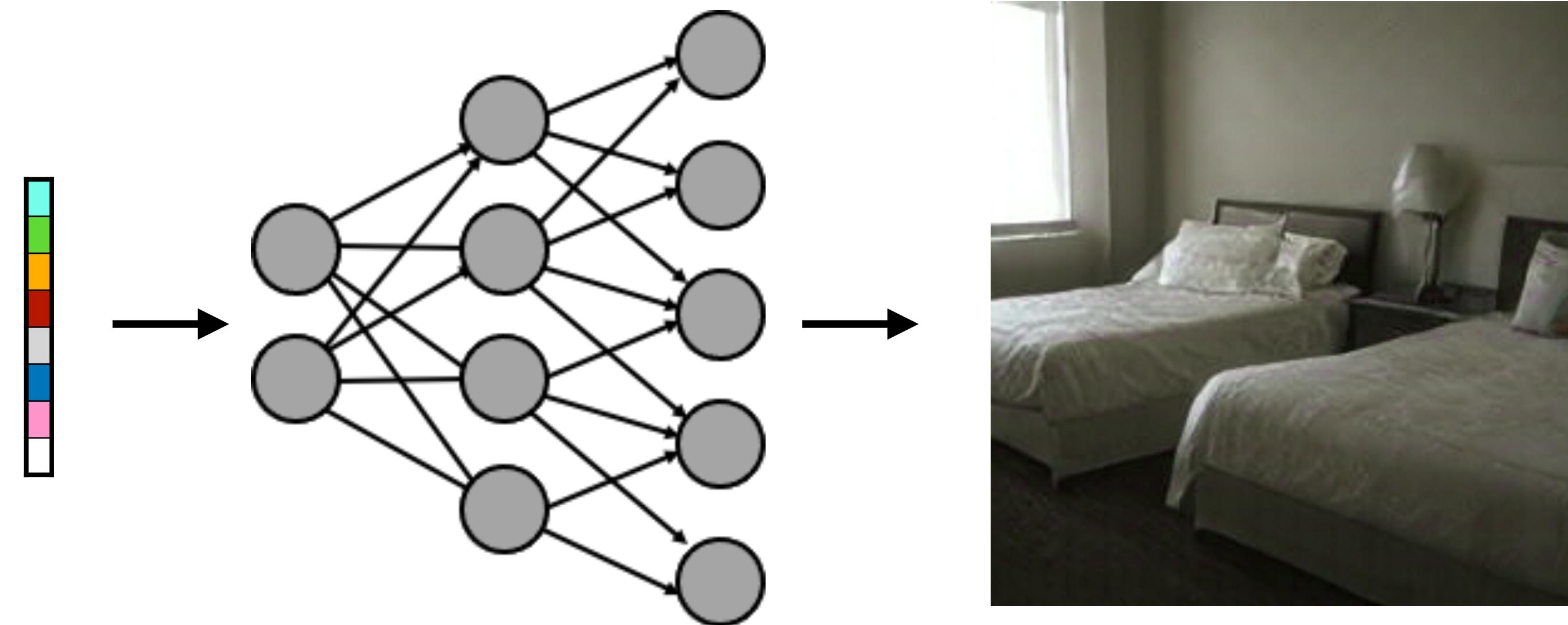
## Adversarial Training



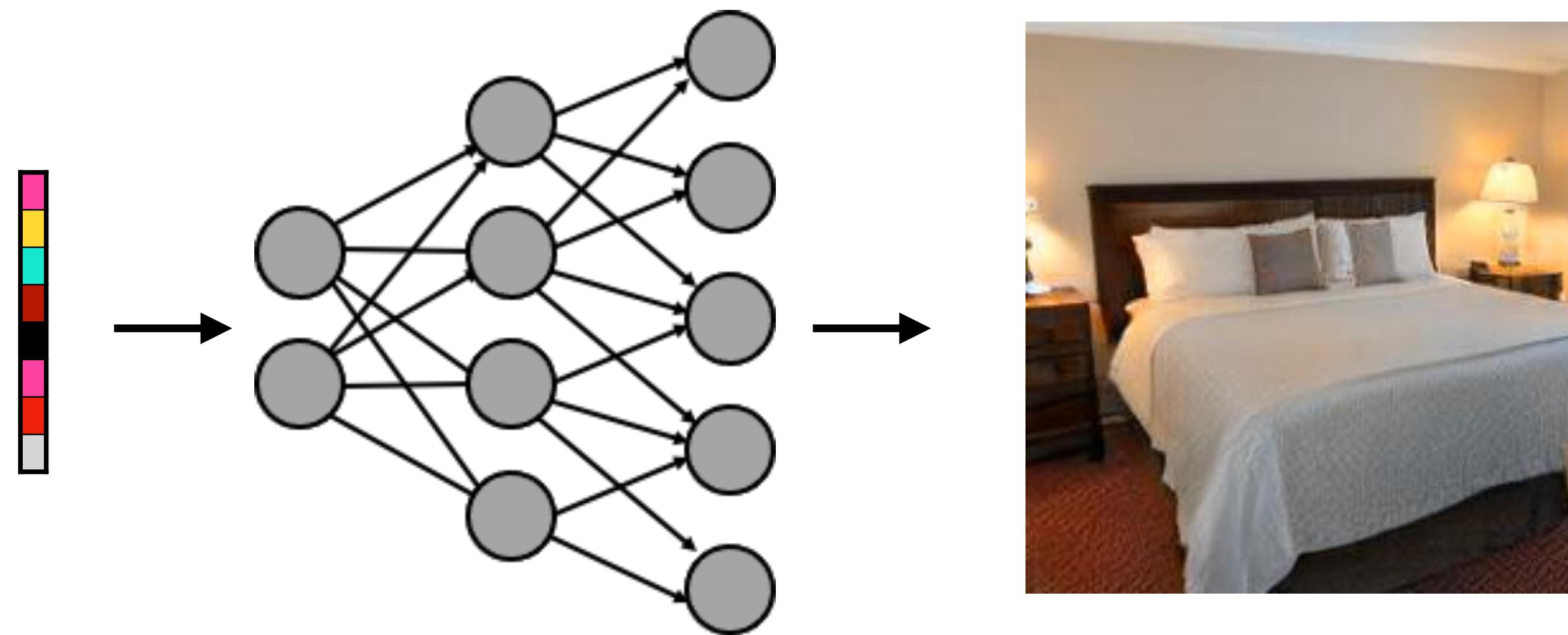
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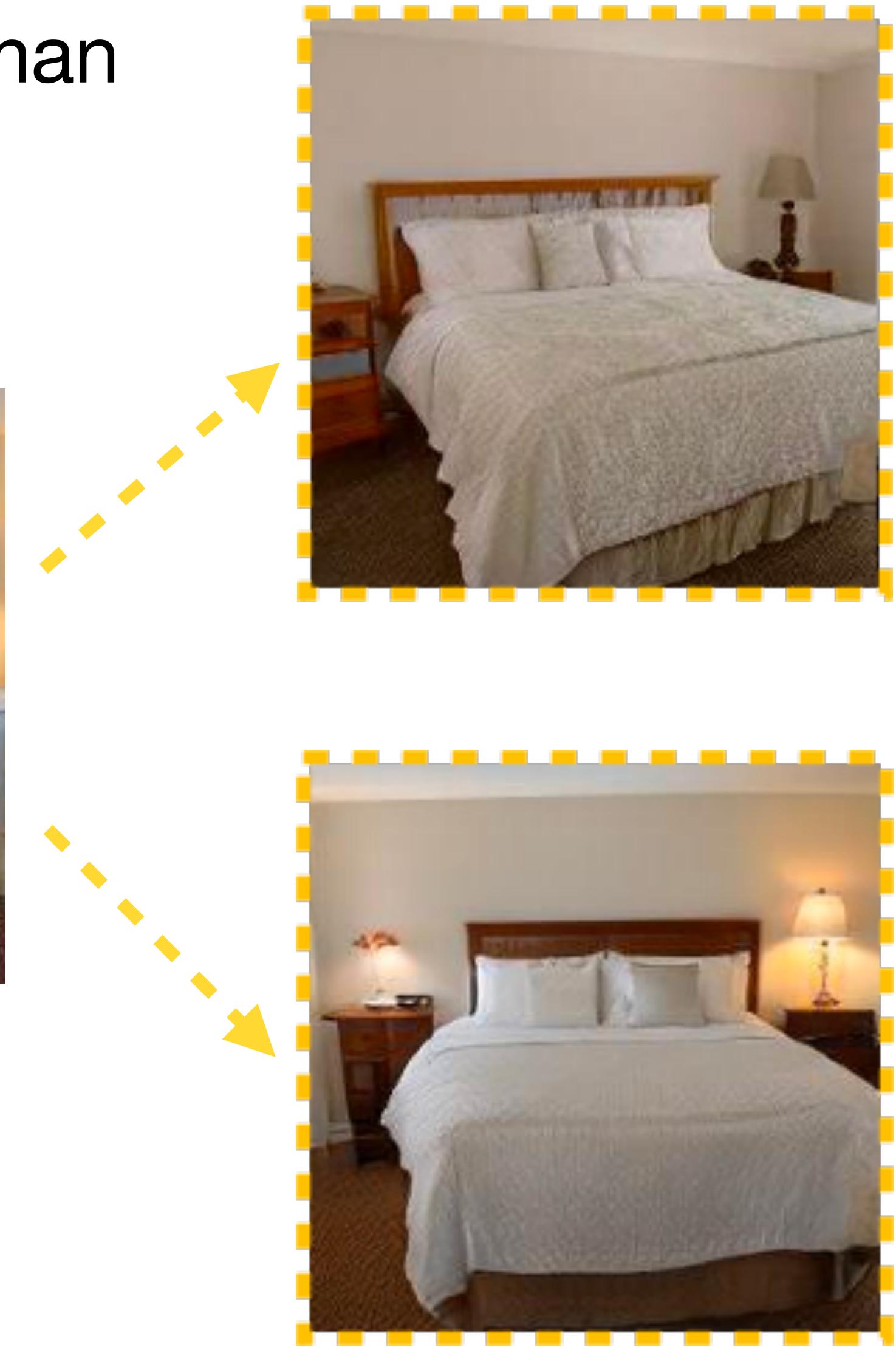
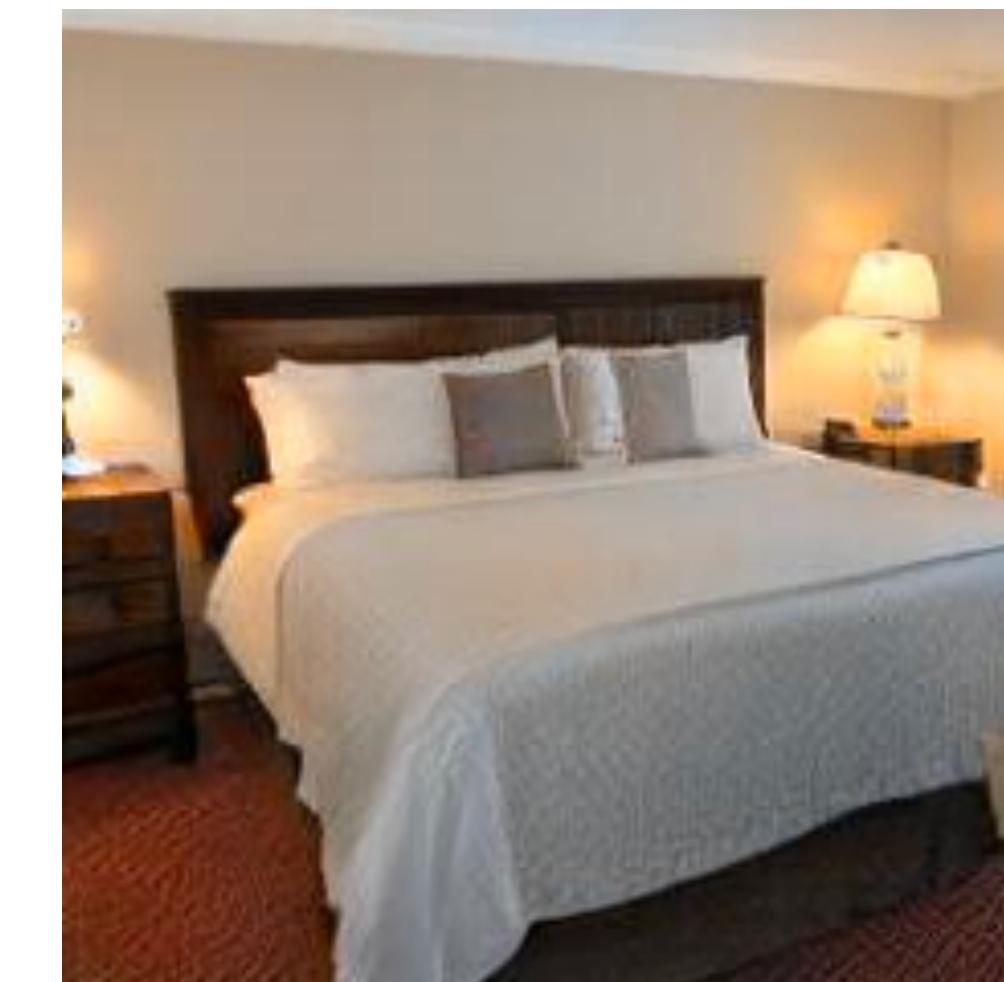
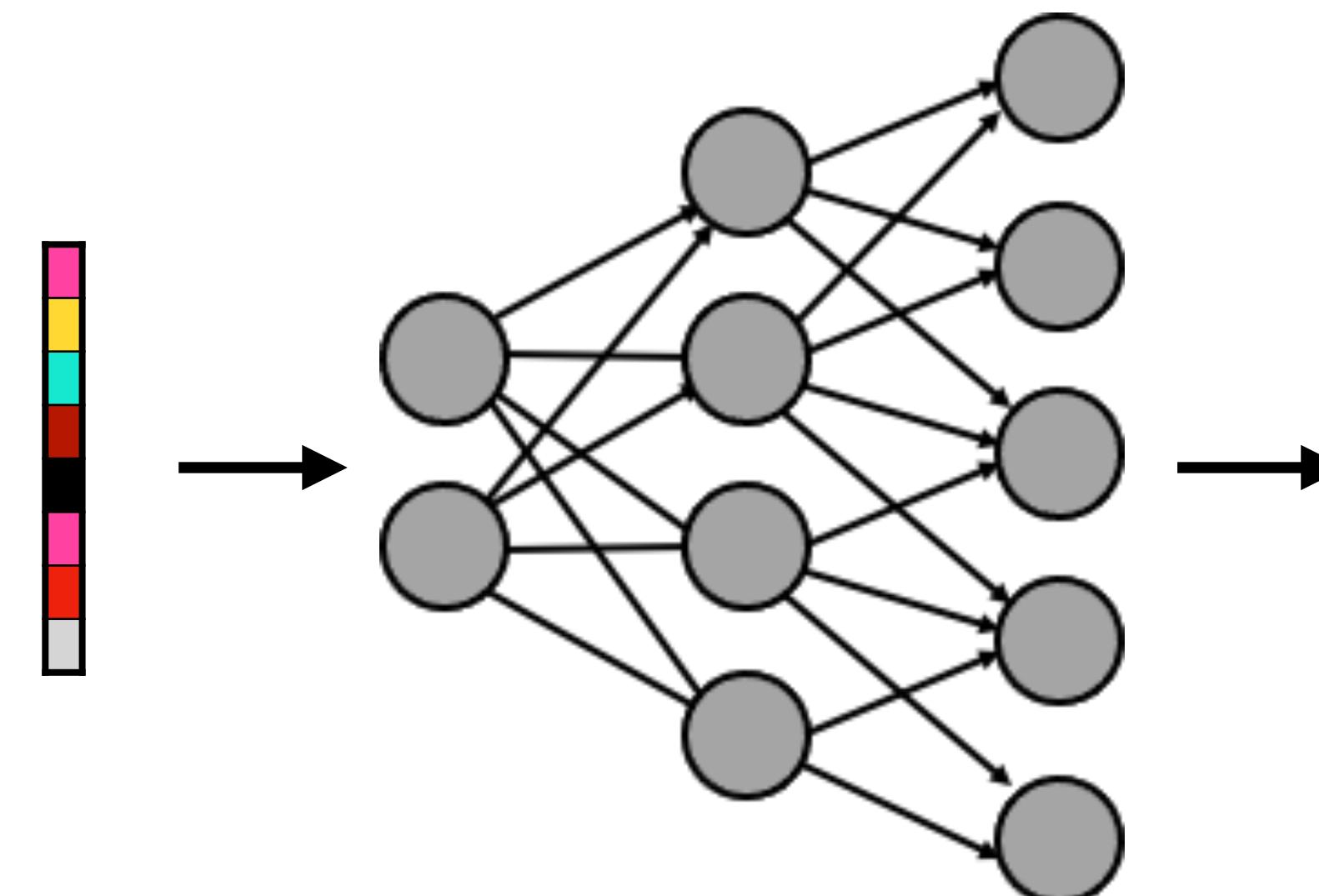


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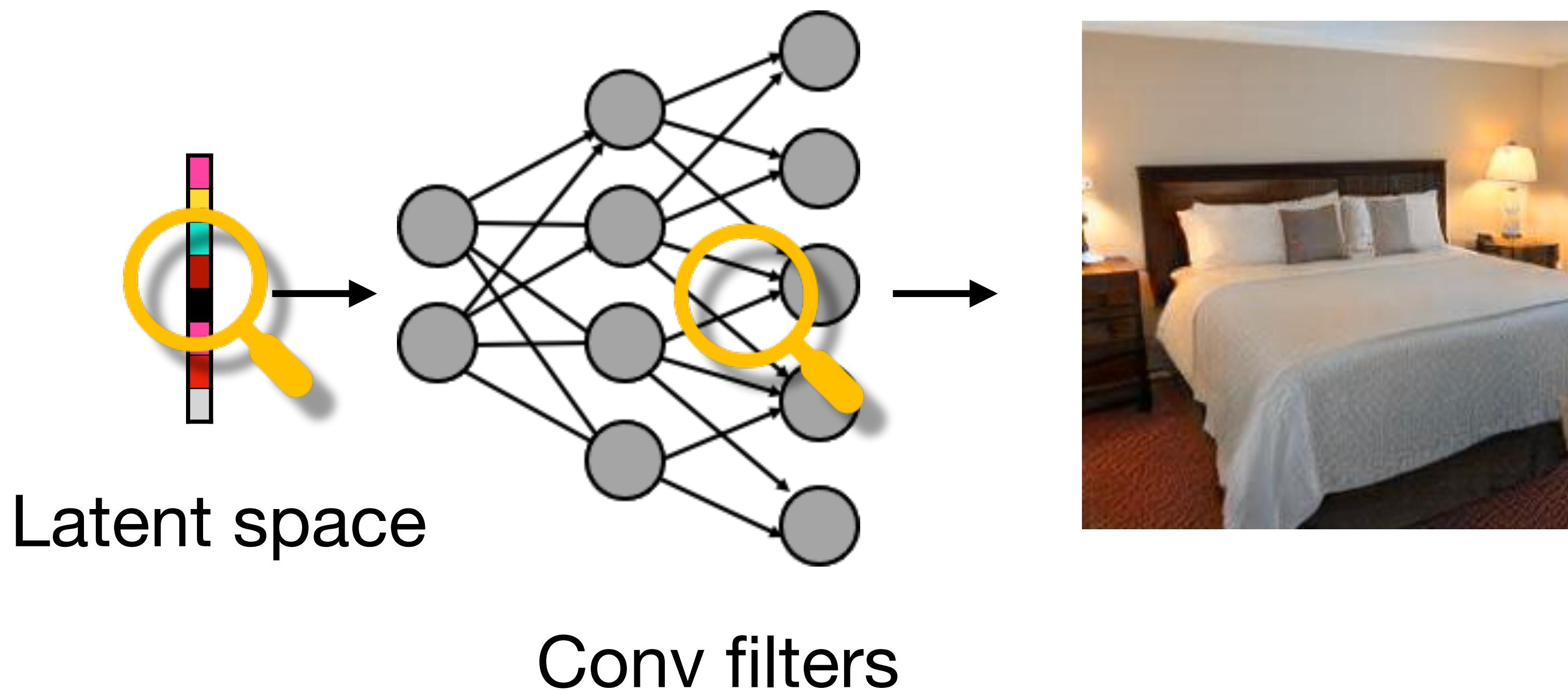


# How to Steer Neural Image Generation?

- Interpret the generative representations with human understandable concepts
- Put human in the loop of AI content creation



# Deep Generative Representations



# Interpretation Approaches

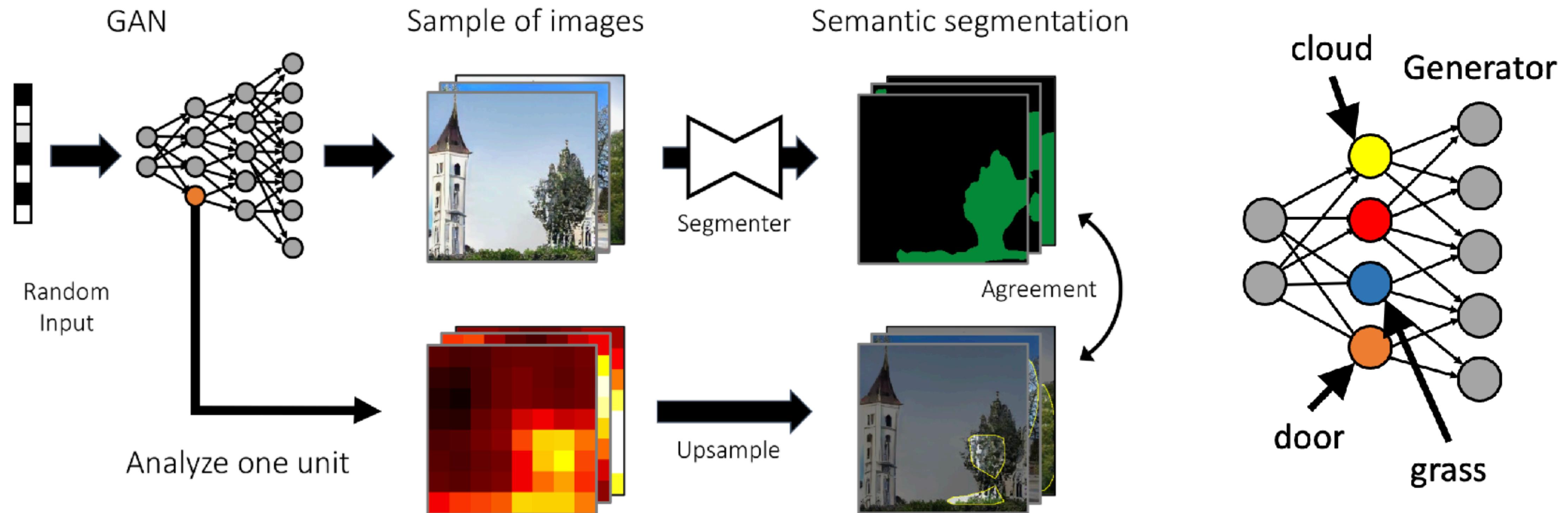
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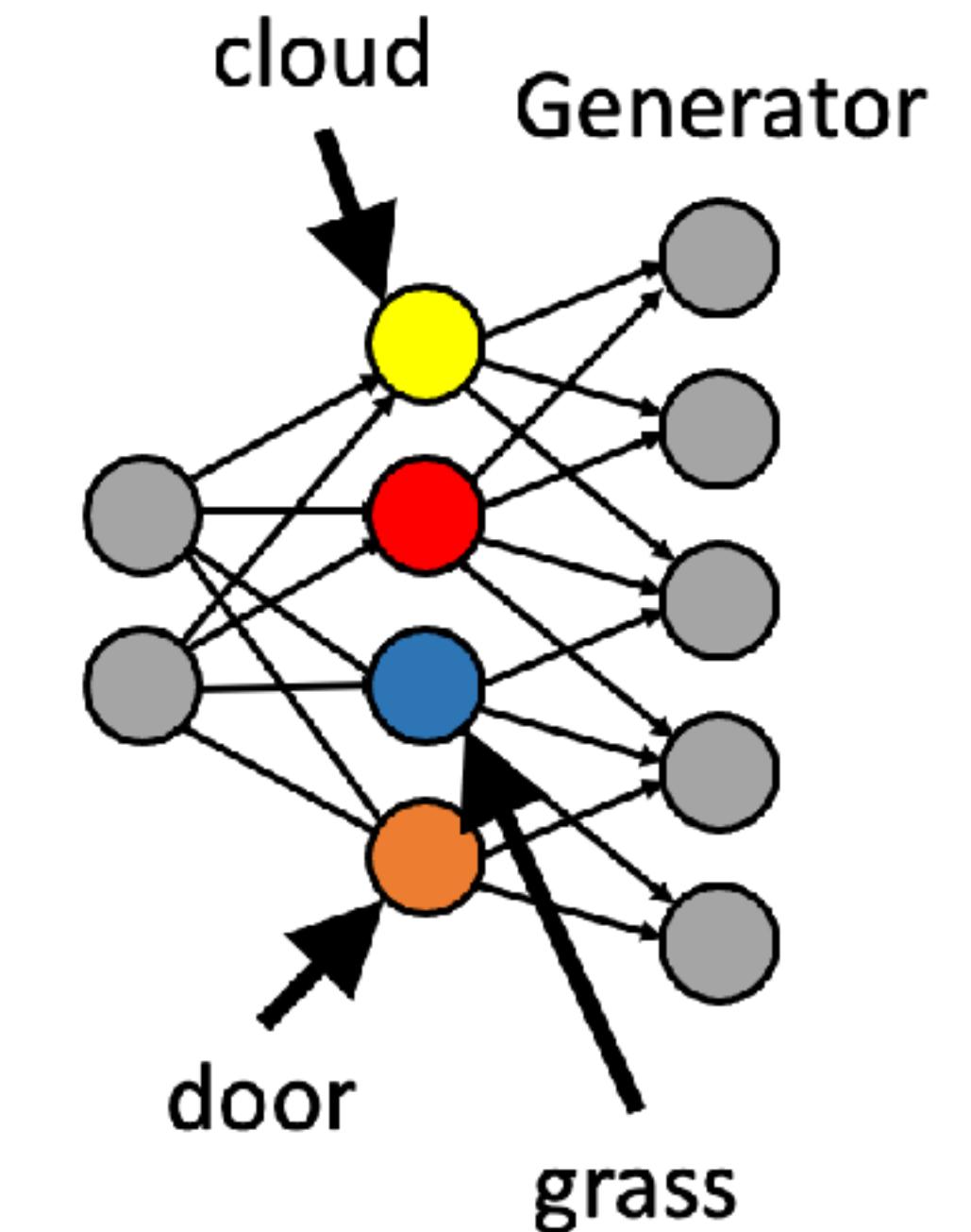
# Supervised Approach

## GAN Dissection: Aligning semantic segmentation with GAN feature map

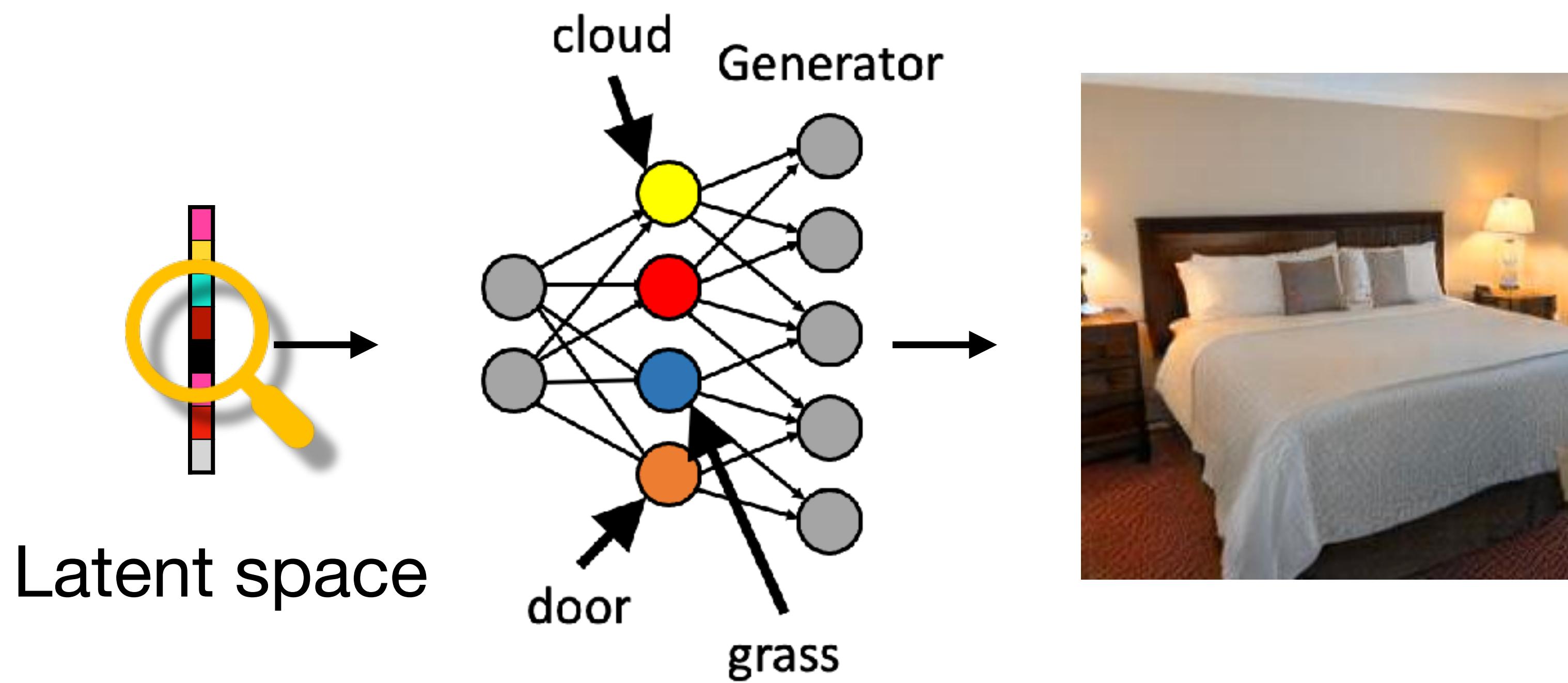


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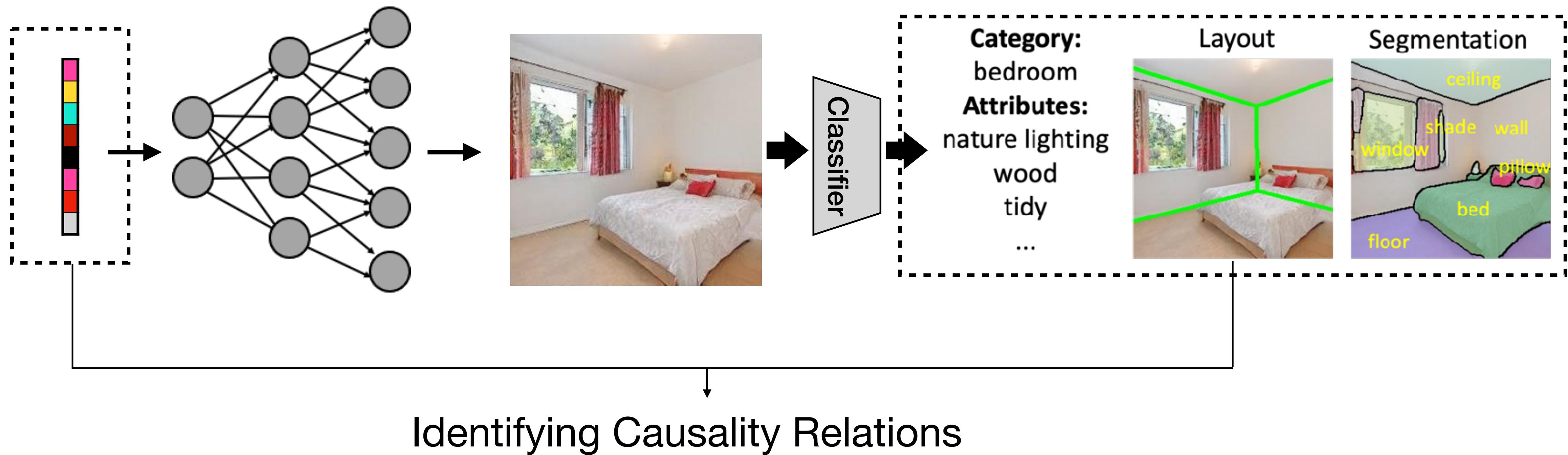


# Representations of GAN's Generator



# Supervised Approach

## Probing latent space with linear classifier



# Identifying Causality Relations

Latent Space

$$z_k \sim \mathcal{N}(0, I)$$

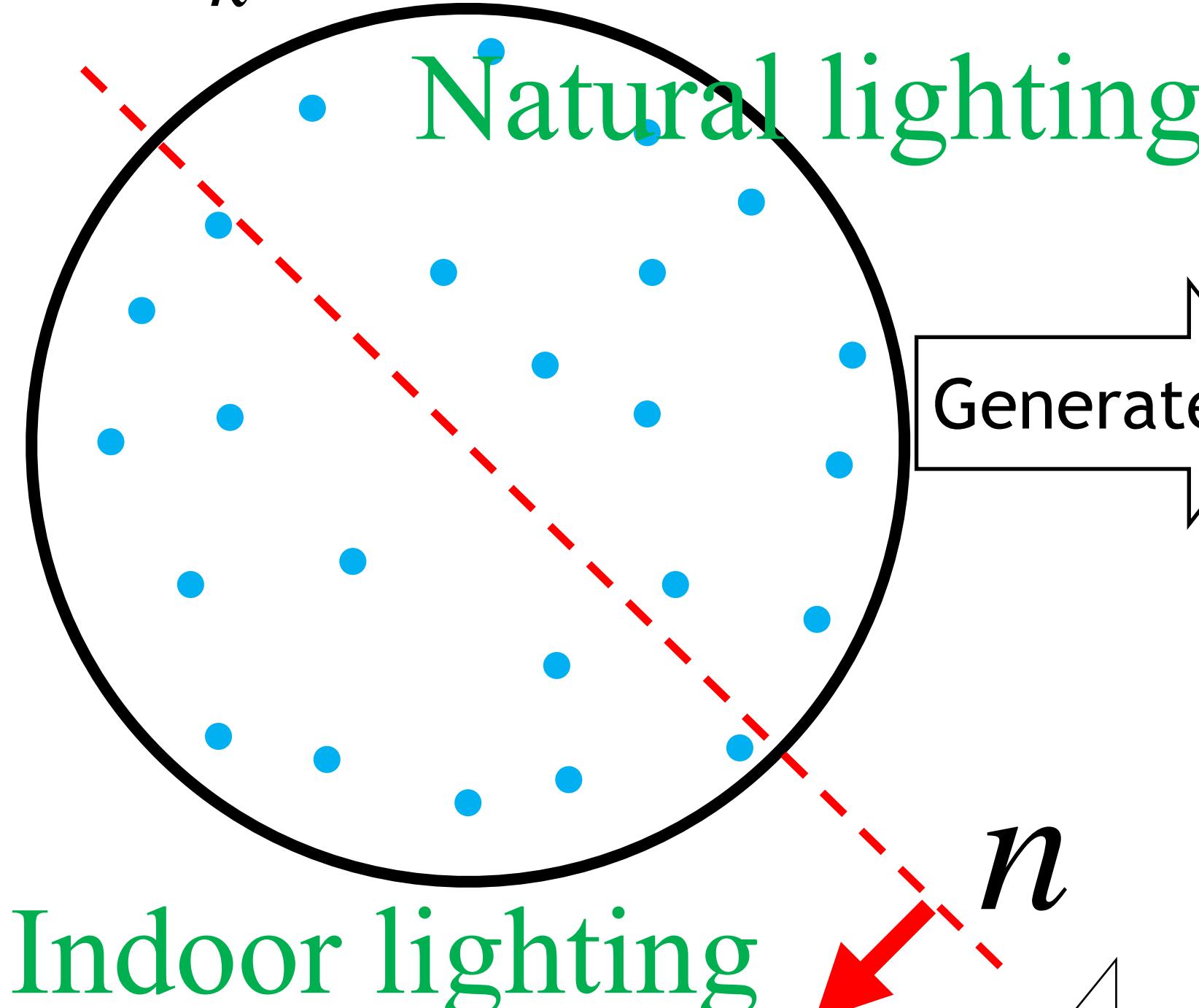
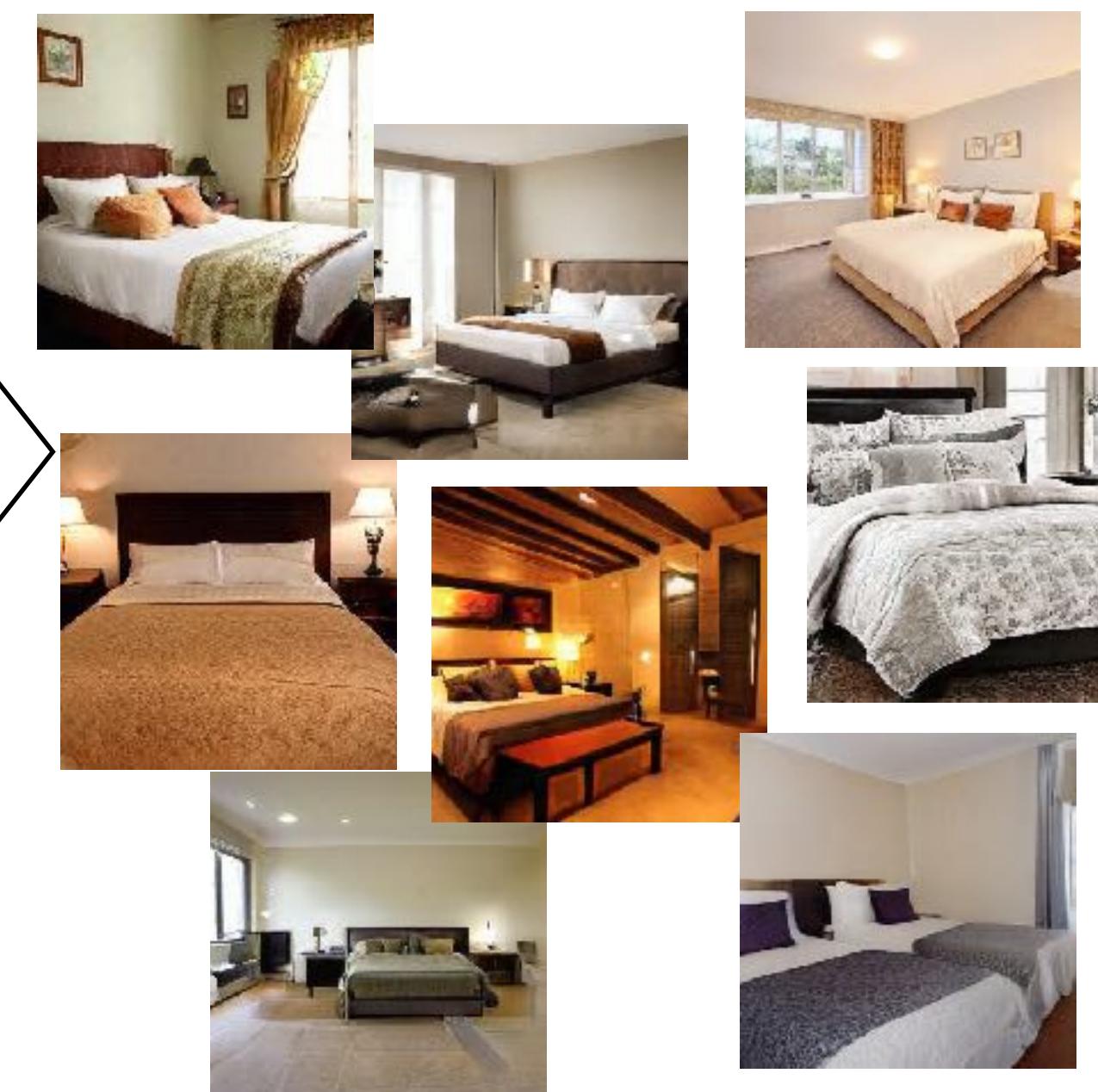


Image Space

$$x_k = G(z_k)$$

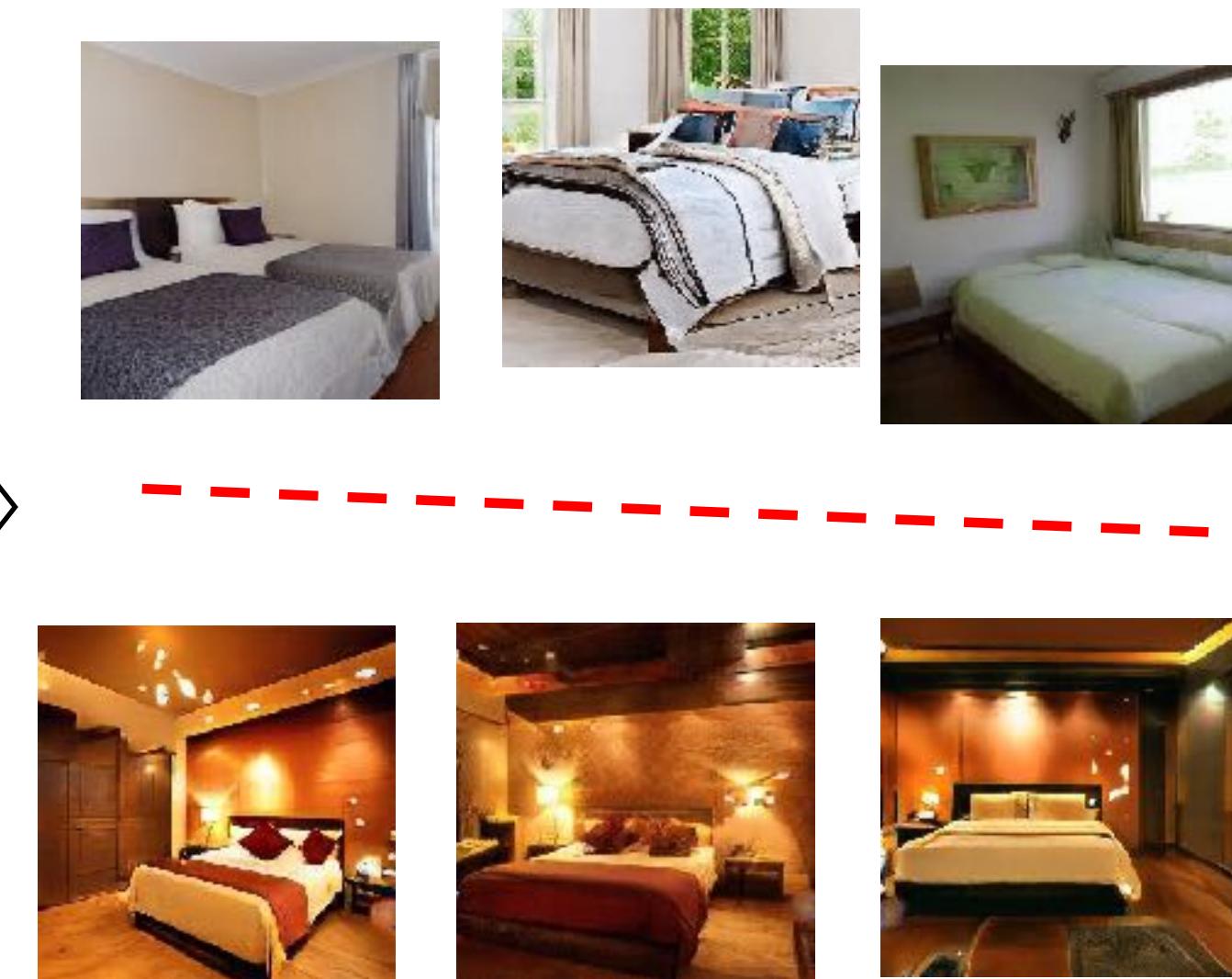


Generate

Predict

Attribute Space

$$a_k = F(x_k)$$

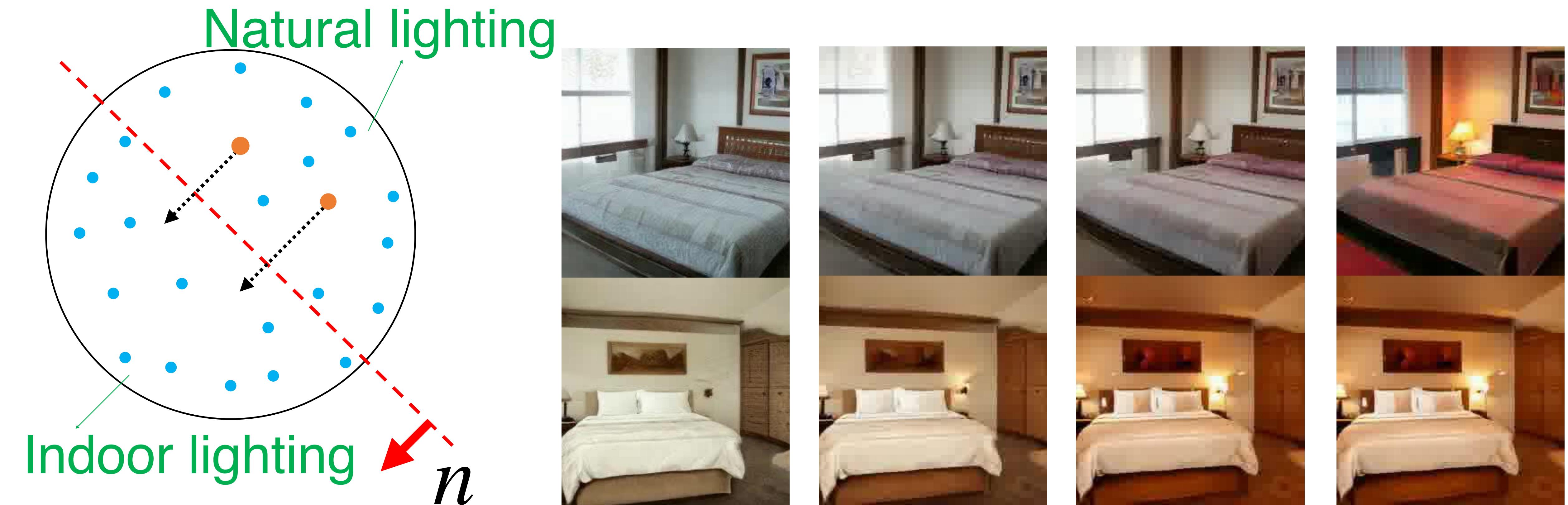


Train a linear discriminative boundary

Counterfactual  
Verification:

$$\Delta a = \frac{1}{K} \sum_{k=1}^K \max(F(G(z_k + n)) - F(G(z_k)), 0)$$

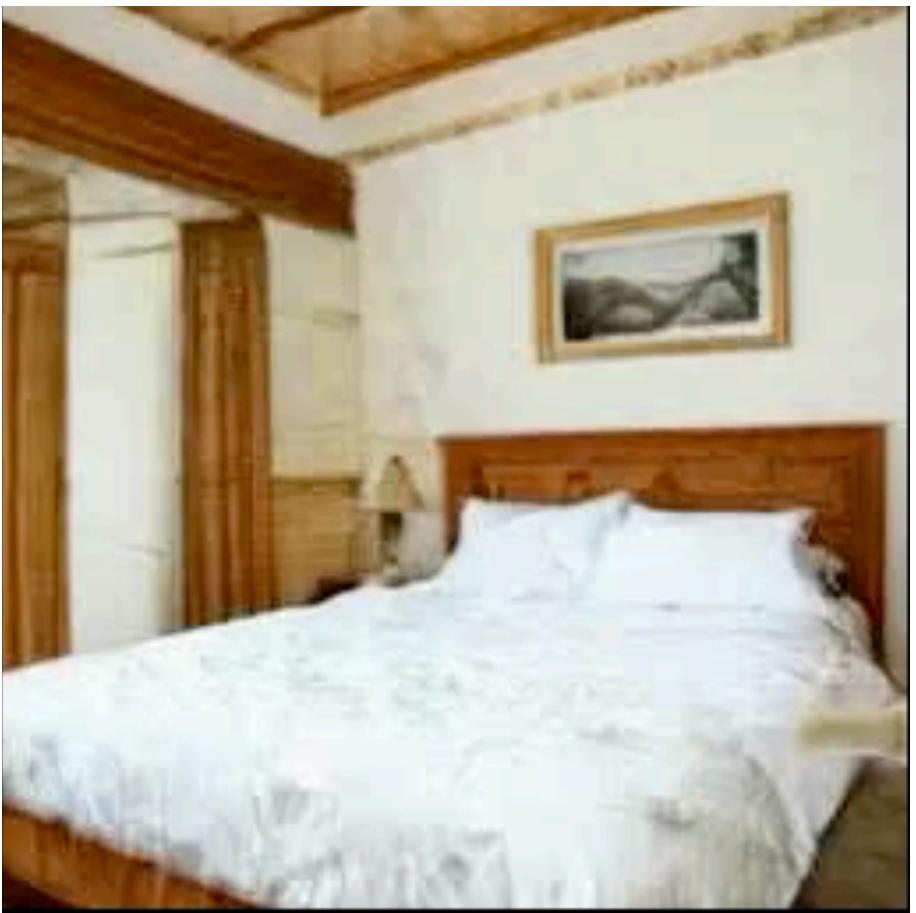
# Linear Manipulation on Latent Code



$$G(z_k) \xrightarrow{\text{-----}} G(z_k + \lambda n)$$

# Steering Generative Model

## Changing Indoor lighting



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## Adding clouds



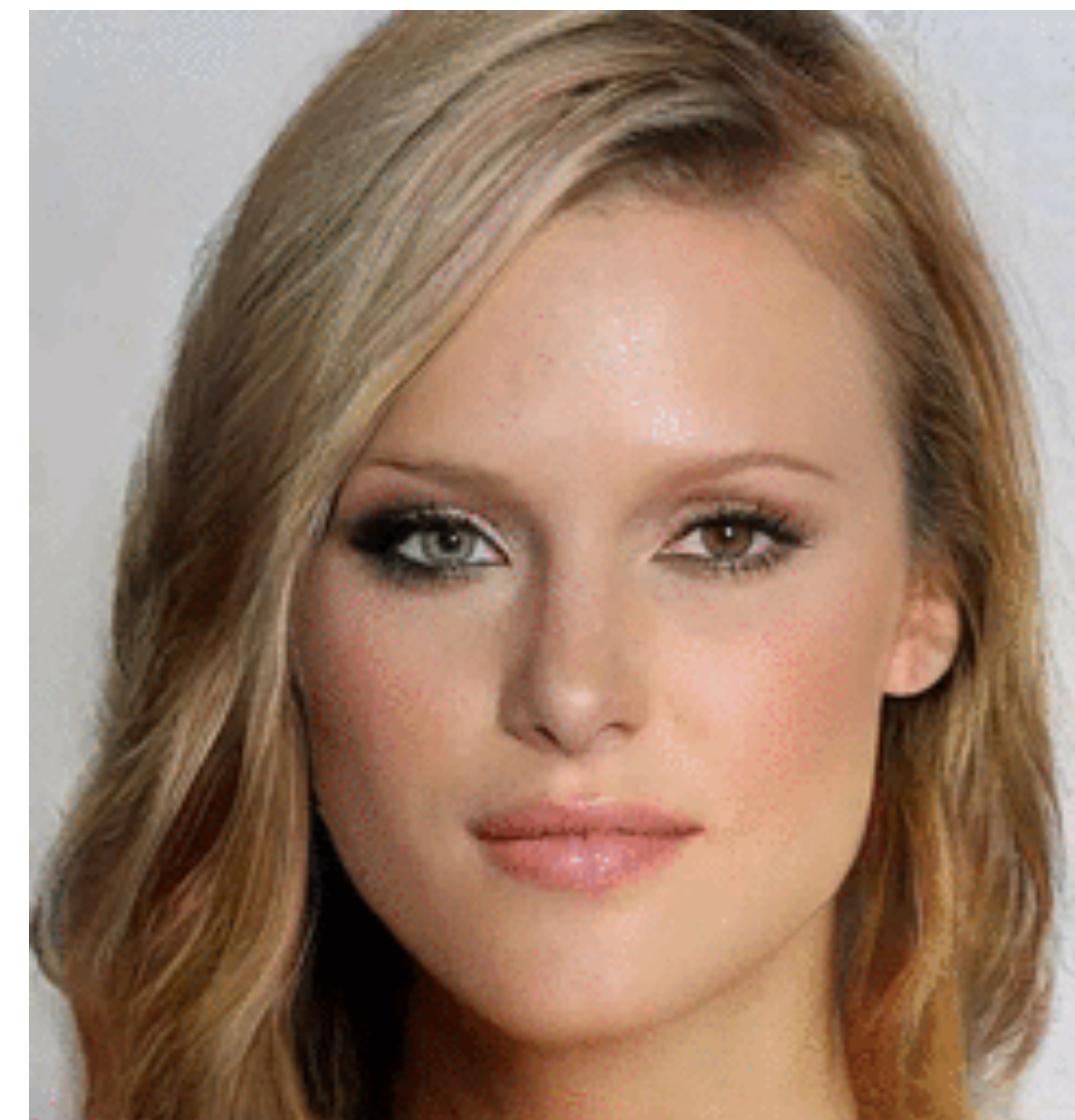
# Supervised Approach

**InterFaceGAN: Probing latent space of face GAN with linear classifier**

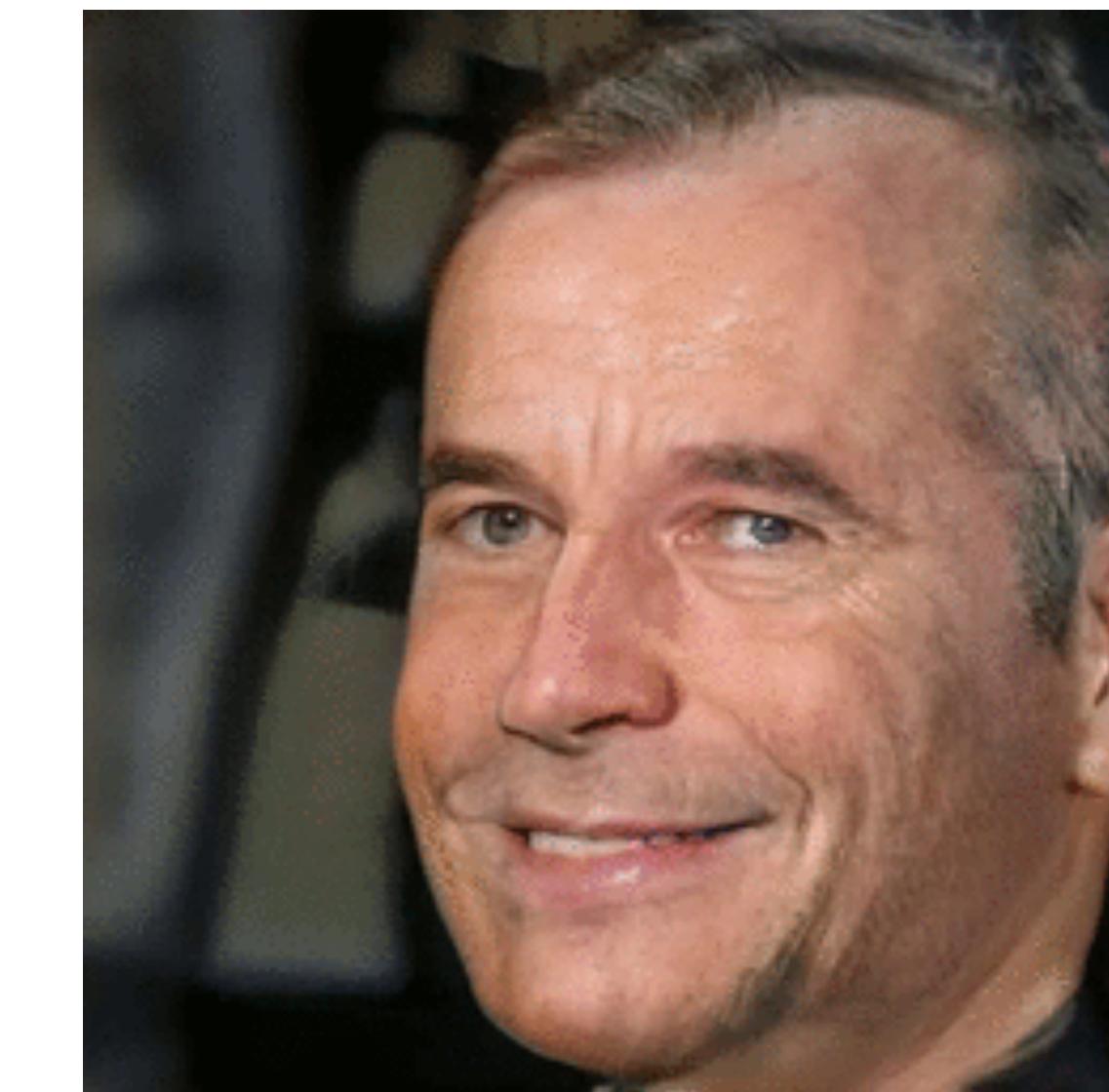
Age



Gender



Pose



Artifact



# Supervised Approach

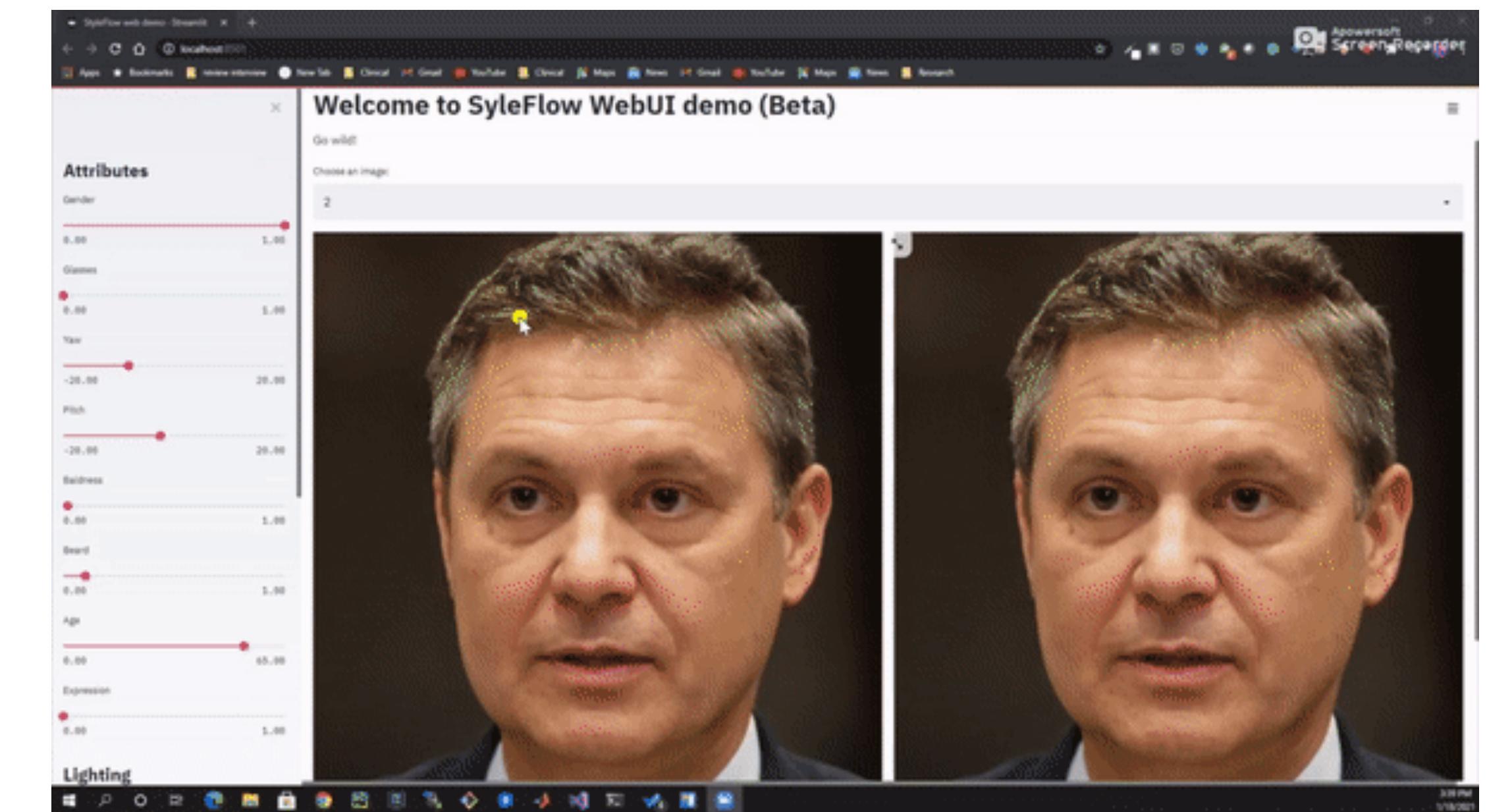
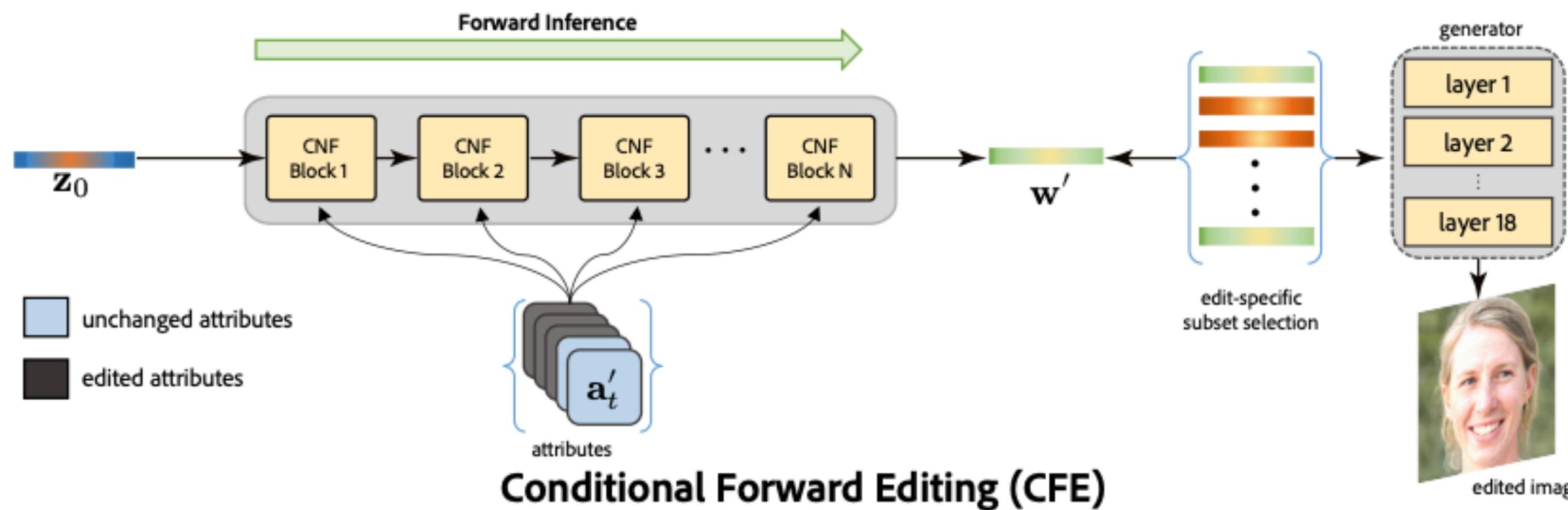
## StyleFlow: StyleGAN + flow-based conditional model

- Previous work assumes the linear manipulation model:

$$I' = G(w + \lambda n_a), w = F(z), z \sim \mathcal{N}(0,1)$$

- StyleFlow: Replace the MLP with an invertible flow model conditioned on attributes

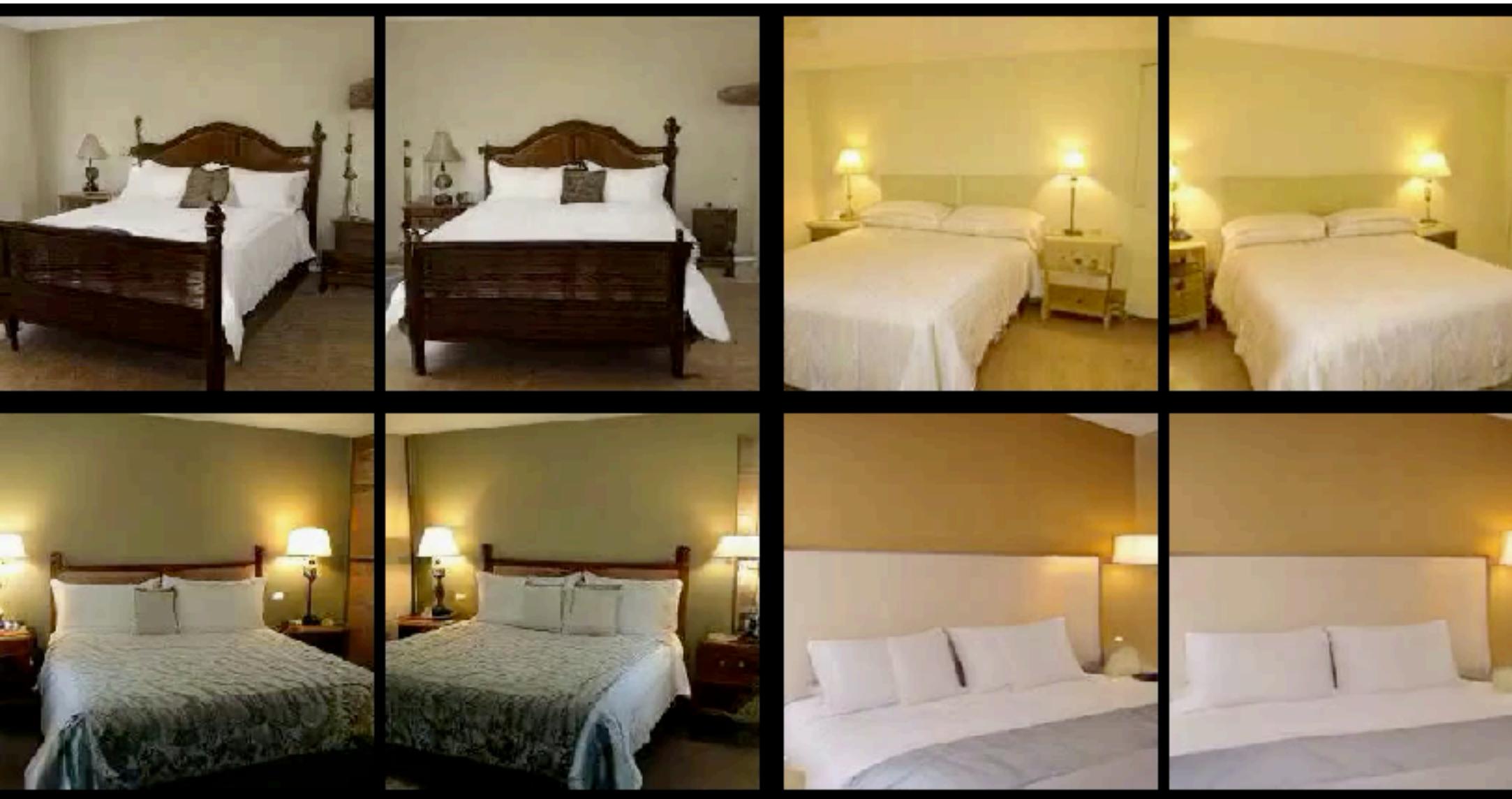
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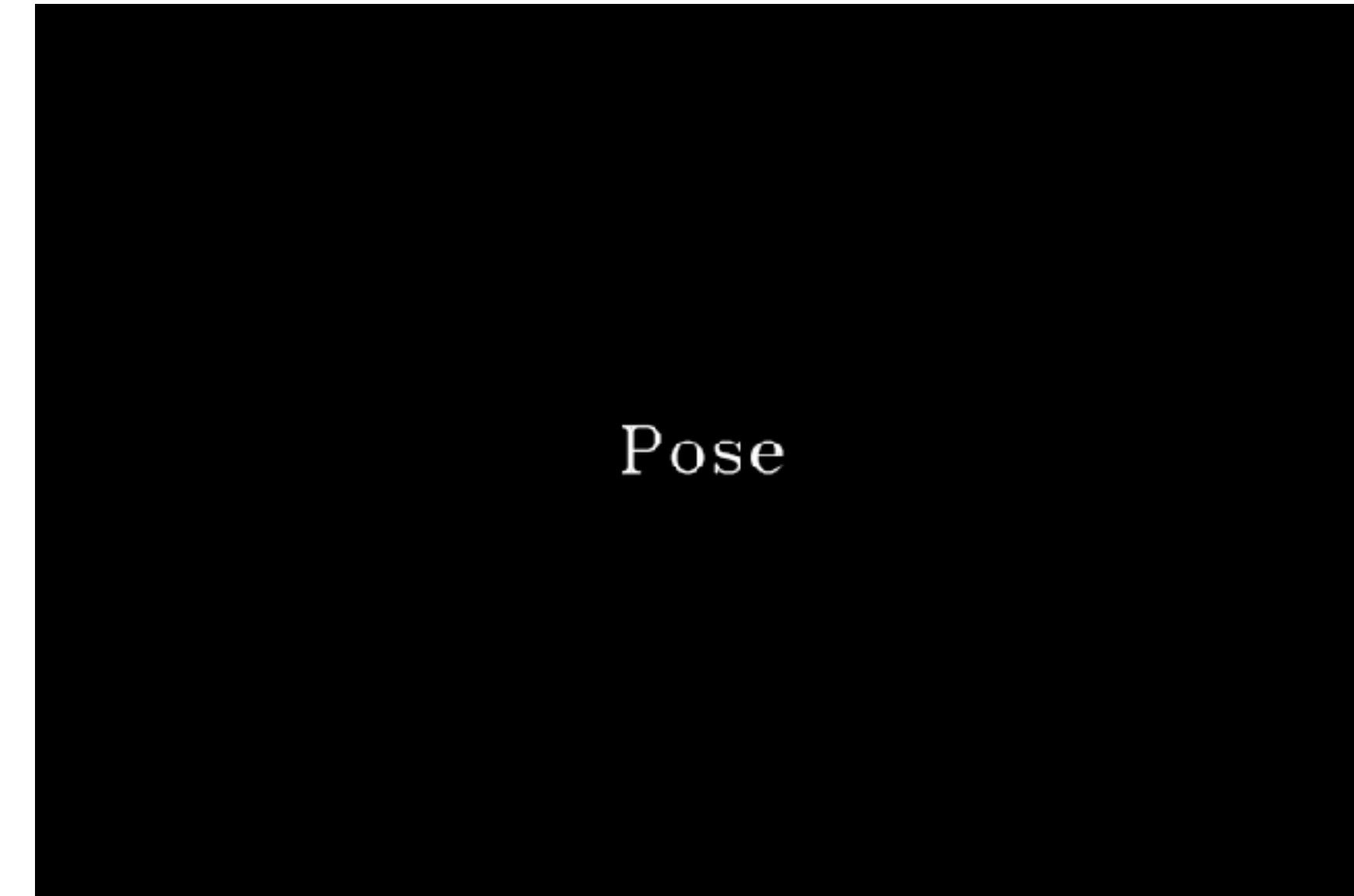
# Supervised Approach

Does 3D structure emerge from 2D image generation?

Changing scene view (Yang et al, IJCV)



Changing face pose (Shen et al, CVPR'20)

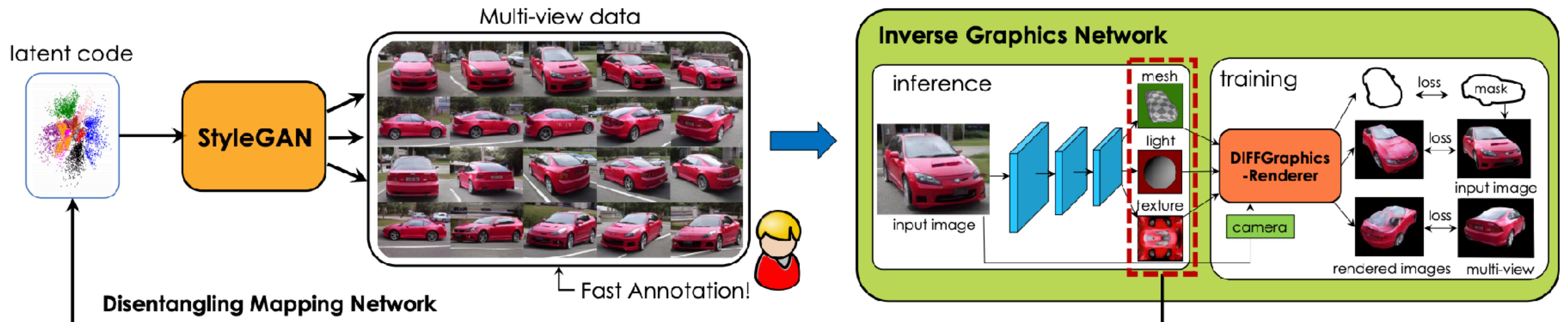


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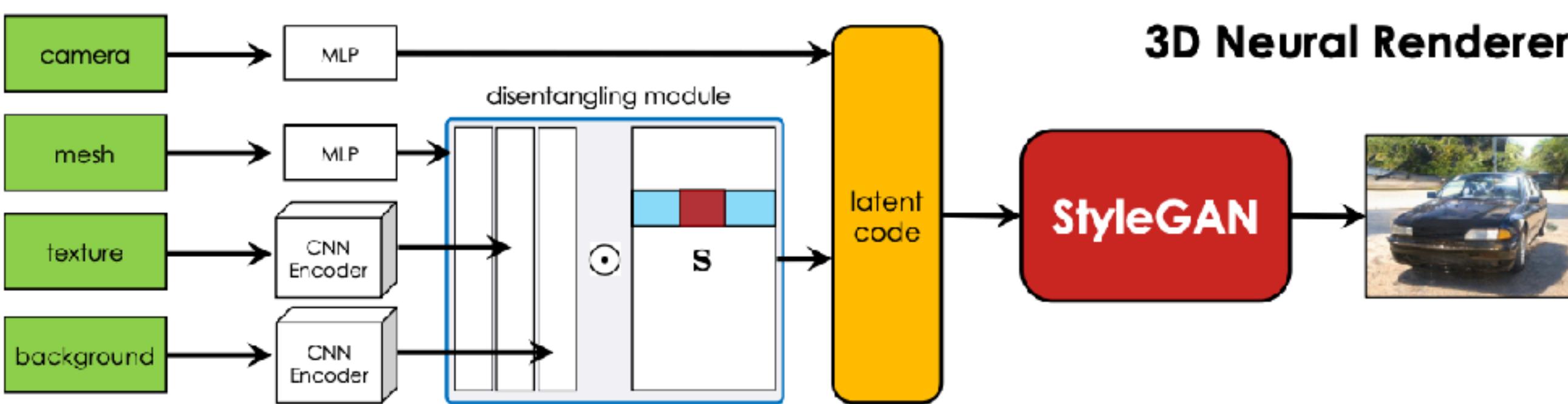
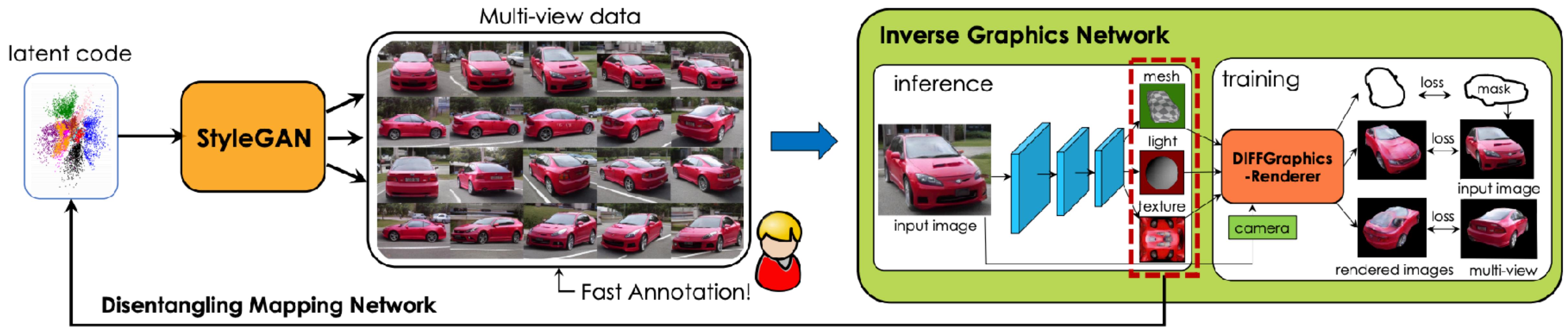
## Parsing 3D Information from 2D Image Generator

Differentiable rendering for inverse graphics and interpretable 3D rendering

1. Use multi-view synthetic data to train inverse graphics network
2. Use trained inverse graphics net to train mapping network



# Supervised Approach Parsing 3D Information from 2D Image Generator



Controllable output

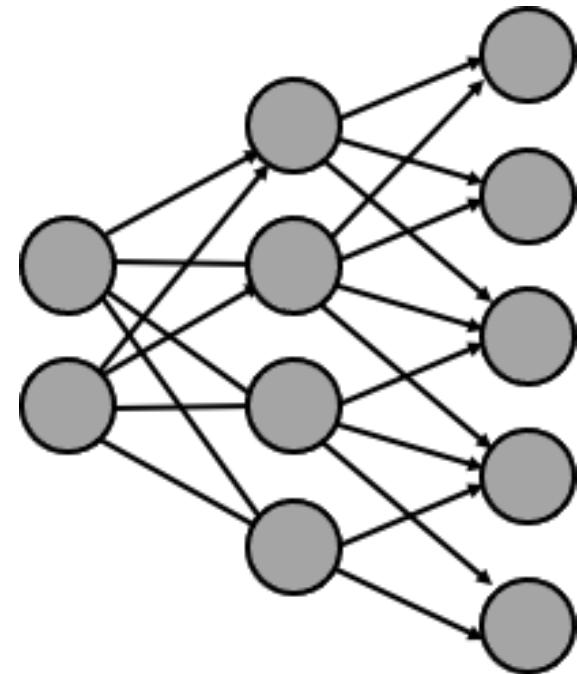
# Challenges for Supervised Approach

- How to expand the annotated dictionary size?
- How to further disentangle the relevant attributes?
- How to align latent space with image region attributes?

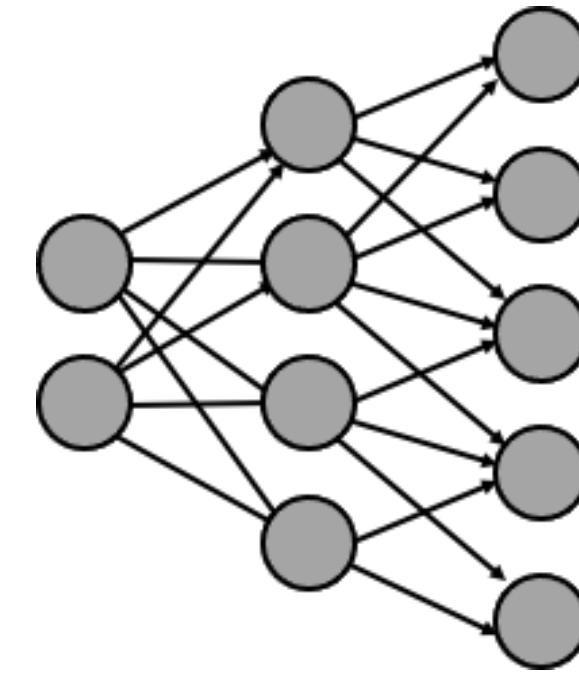
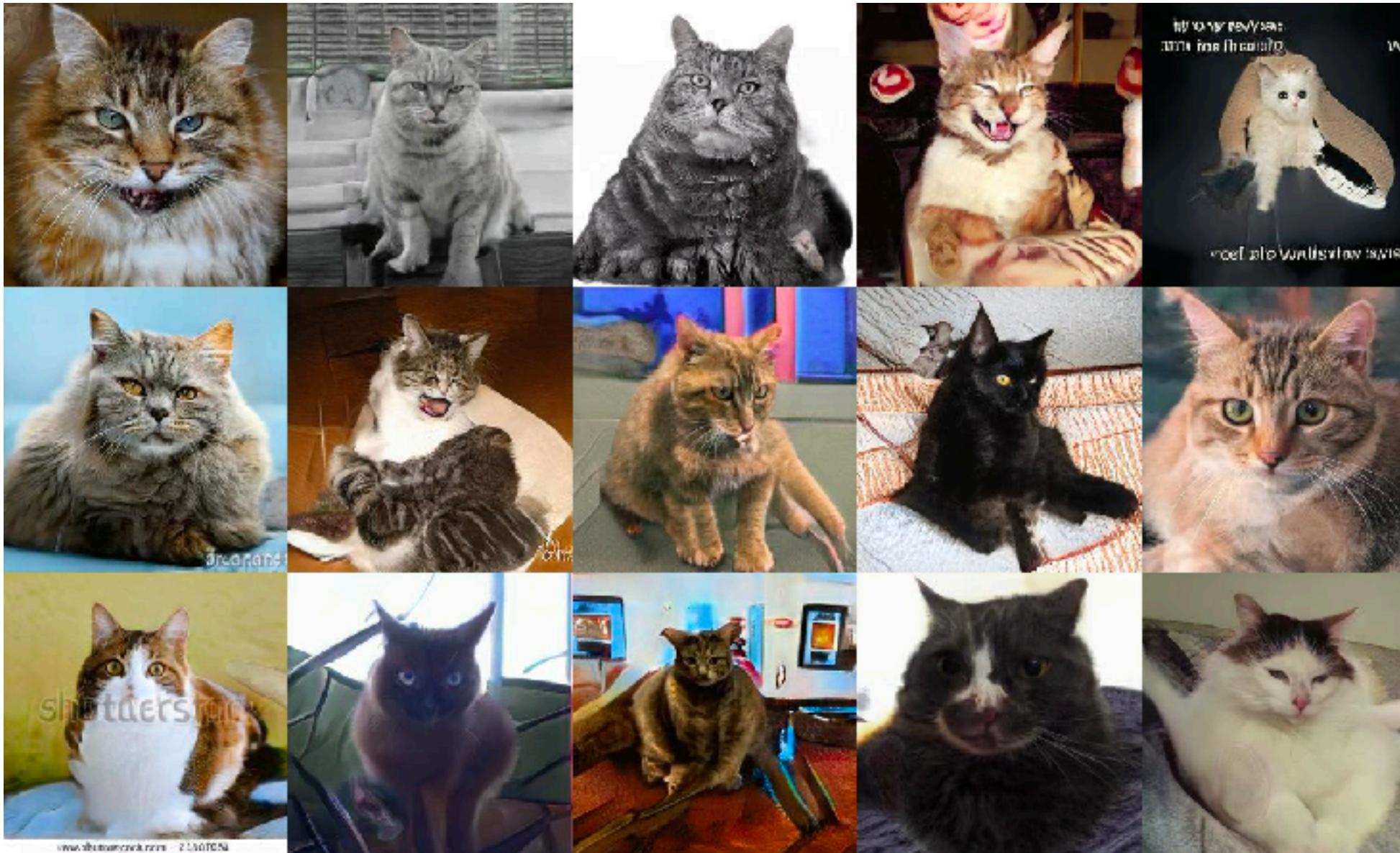
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# Unsupervised Approach



Generative model  
for cats

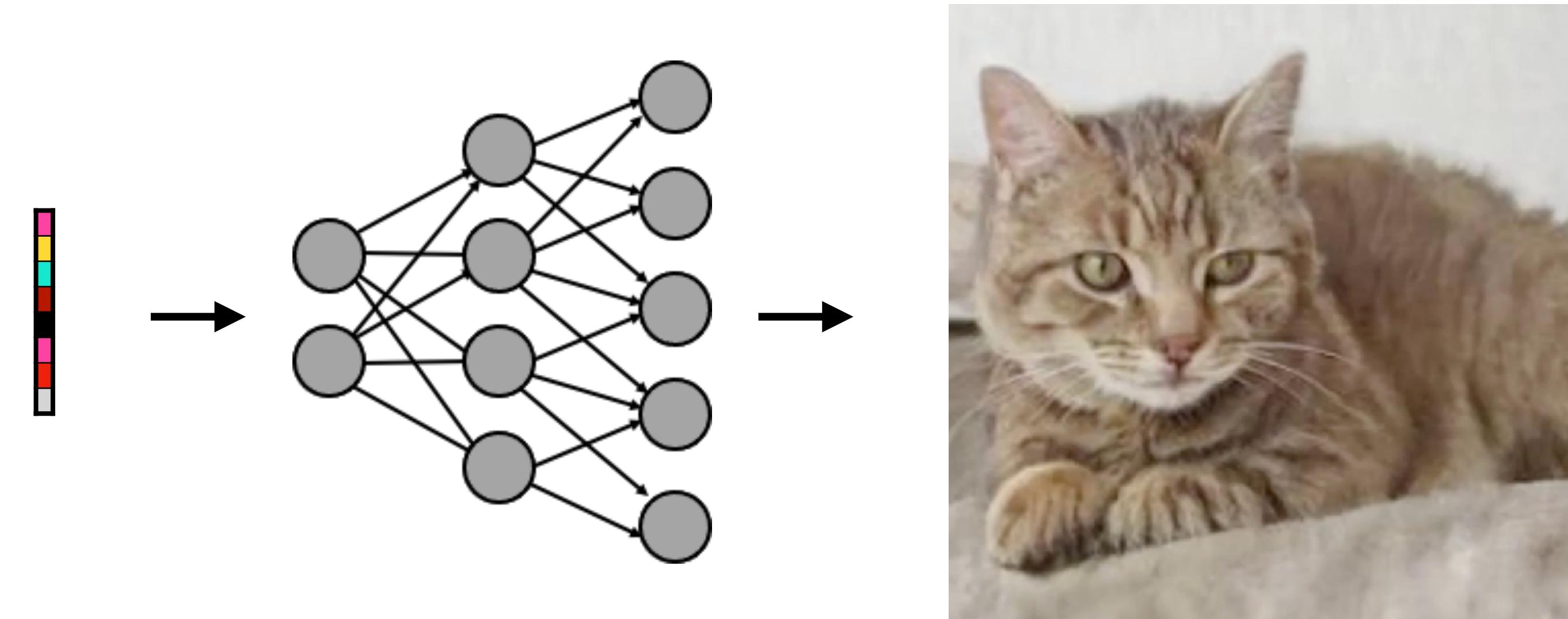


Generative model  
for cartoons



# Unsupervised Approach

**SeFa: Closed-form factorization of latent space in GANs**



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## SeFa: Closed-form factorization of latent space in GANs

Intermediate activation:

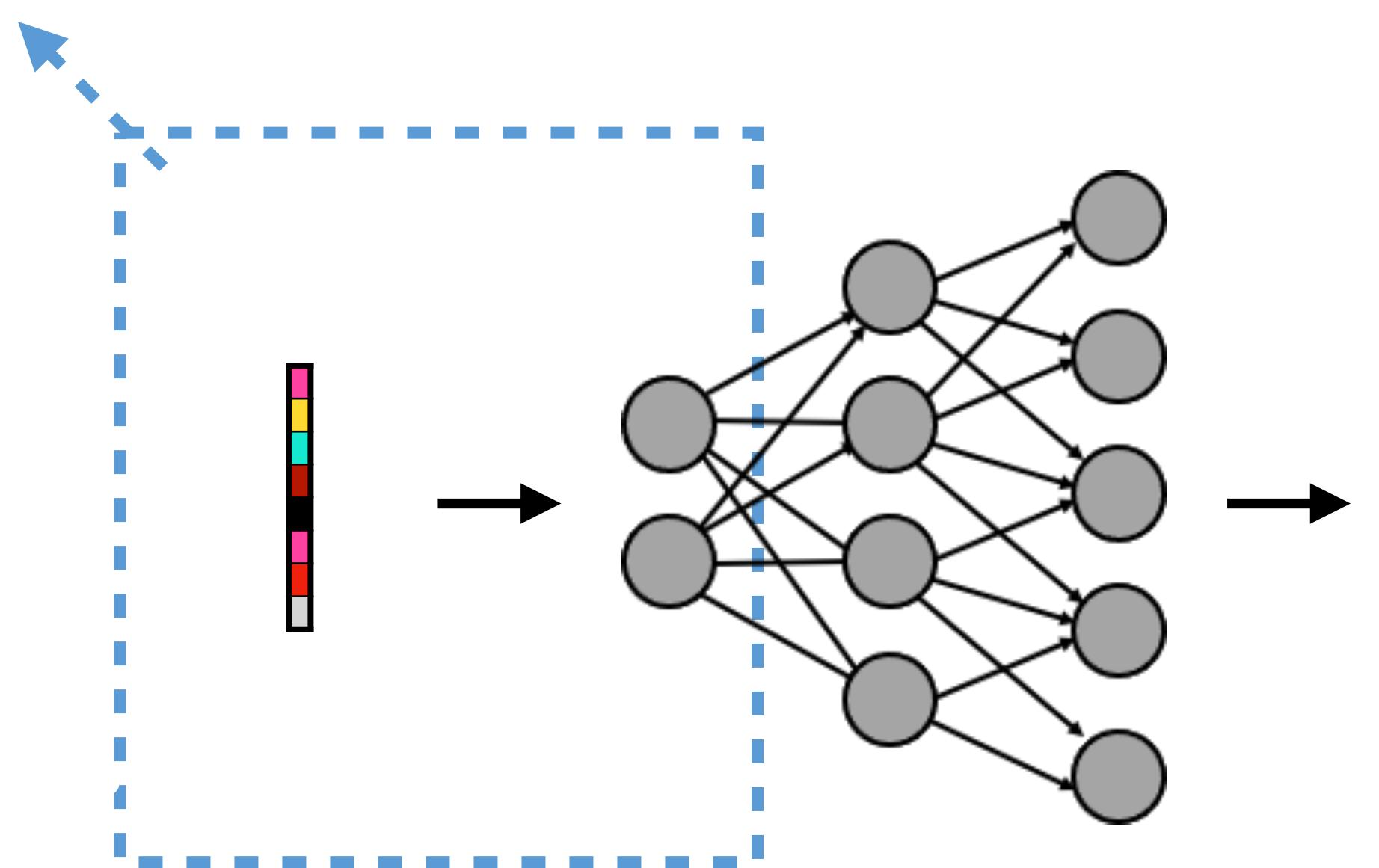
$$G_1(z) \triangleq y = Az + b$$

Feature difference  
after editing:

$$\Delta y = G_1(z + \lambda n) - G_1(z) = \lambda An$$

Objective: to maximize  
variation of the difference

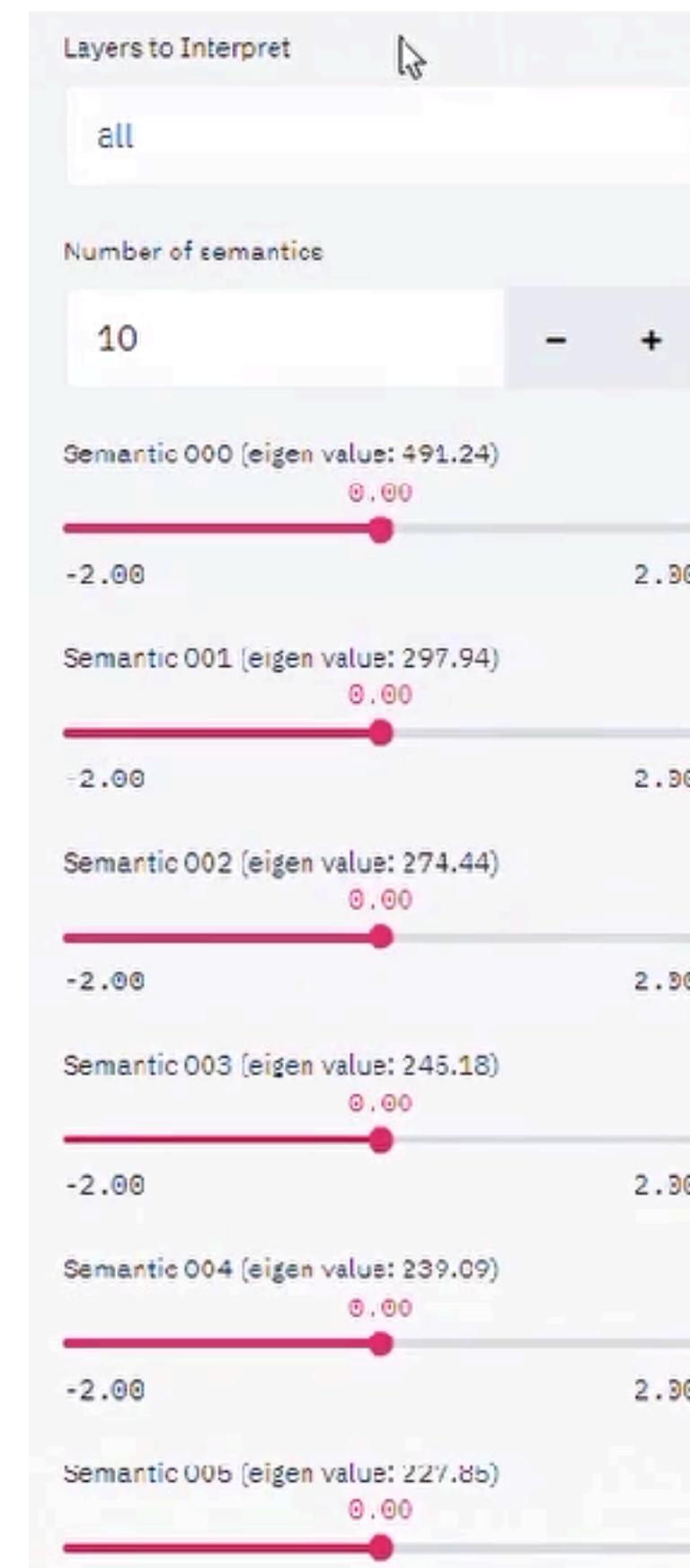
$$n^* = \operatorname{argmax}_{\{n \in R^d: n^T n = 1\}} \|An\|_2^2$$



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## SeFa: Closed-form factorization of latent space in GANs

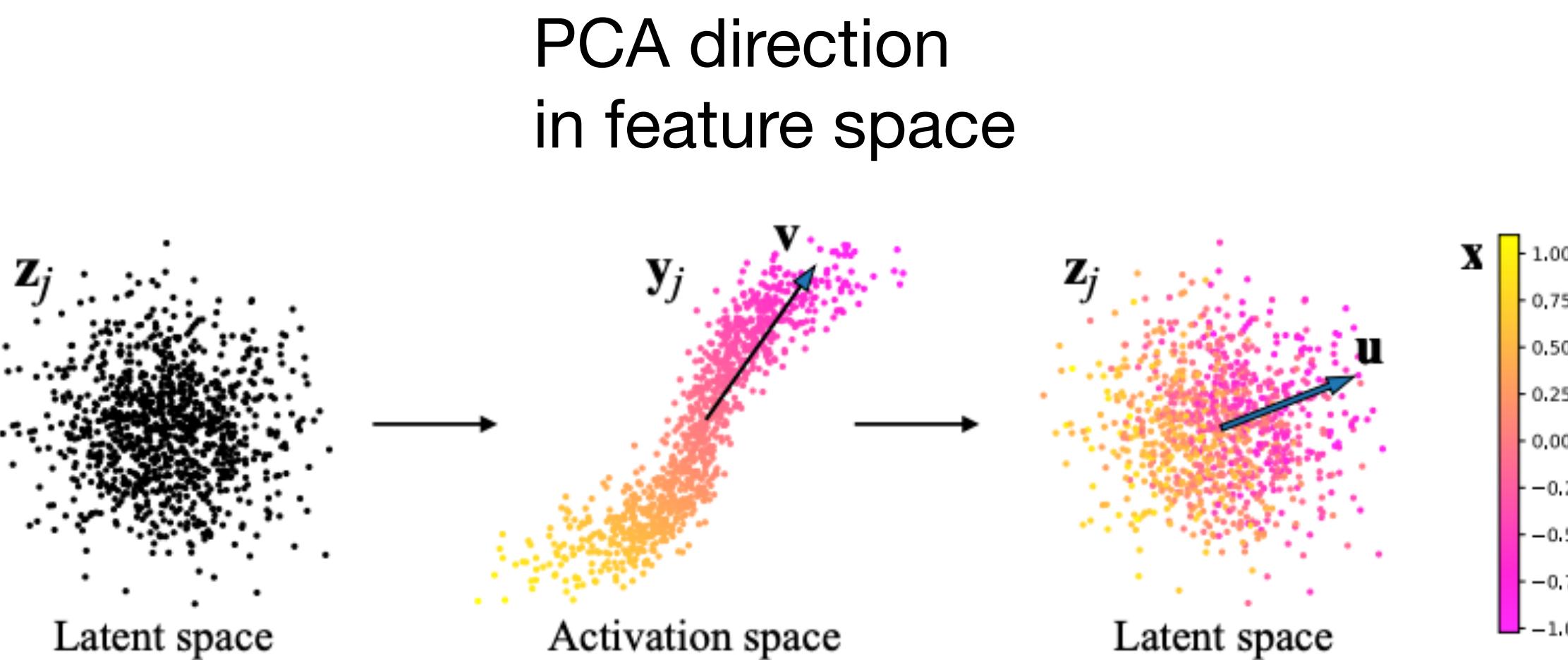
Human-in-the-loop  
AI content creation



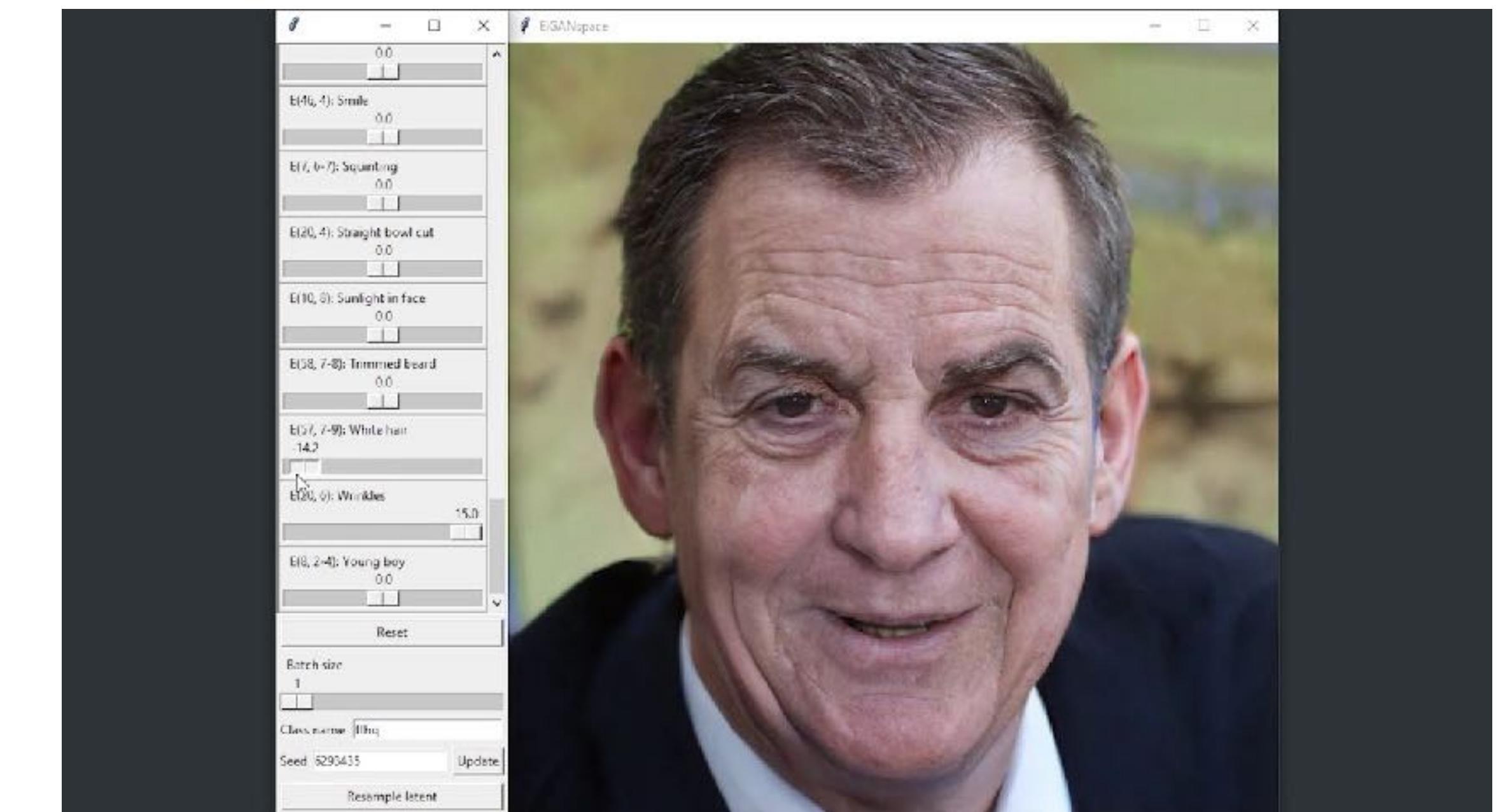
<https://genforce.github.io/sefa>

# Unsupervised Approach

## GANspace: PCA applied to the latent space of StyleGAN



Regression from PCA  
direction in latent space



# Unsupervised Approach

**Hessian Penalty: A weak prior for unsupervised disentanglement.**

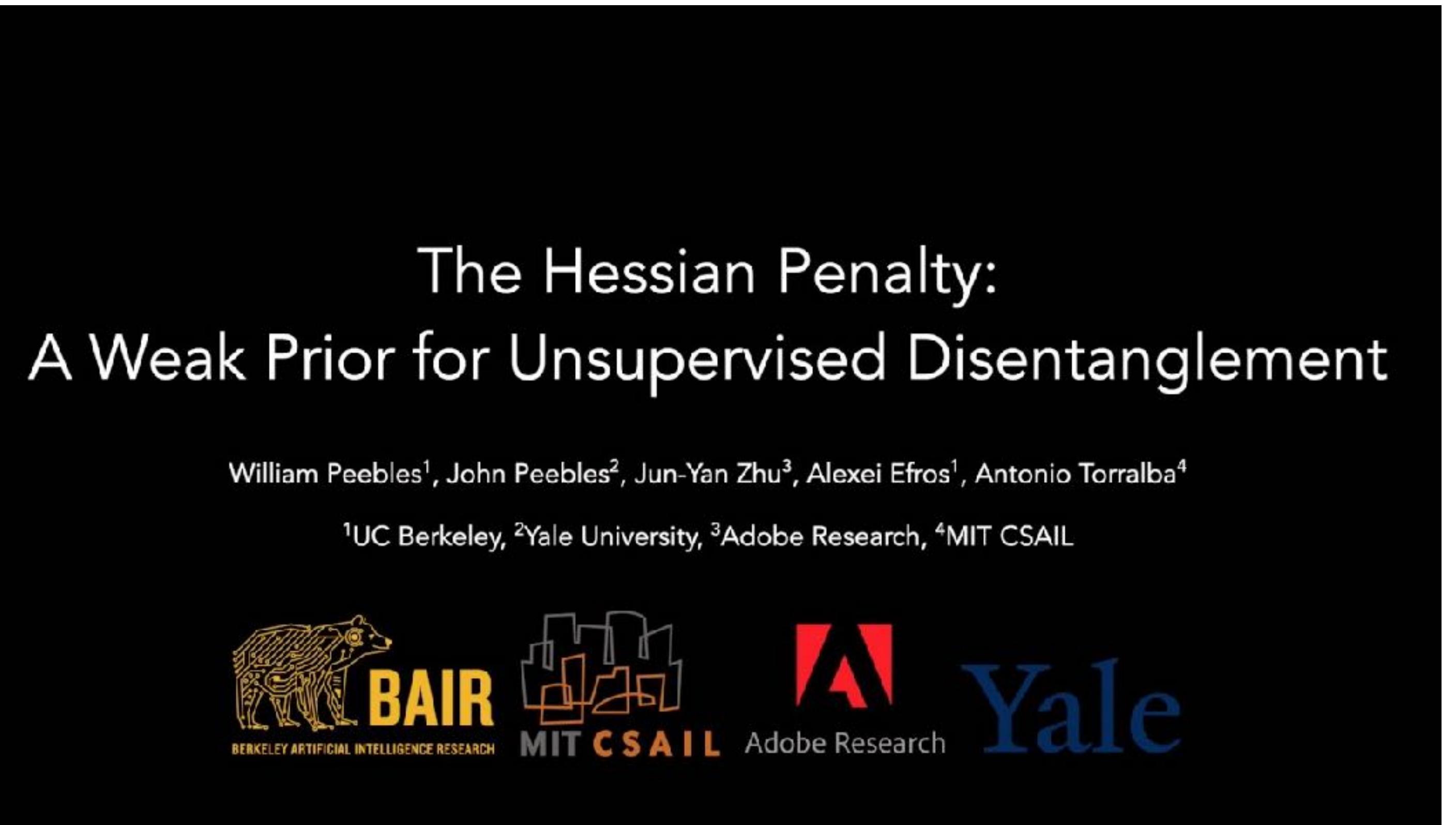
$$I = G(z)$$

Hessian Matrix:

$$H_{ij} = \frac{\partial^2 G}{\partial z_i \partial z_j} = \frac{\partial}{\partial z_j} \left( \frac{\partial G}{\partial z_i} \right) = 0.$$

Hessian penalty in training:

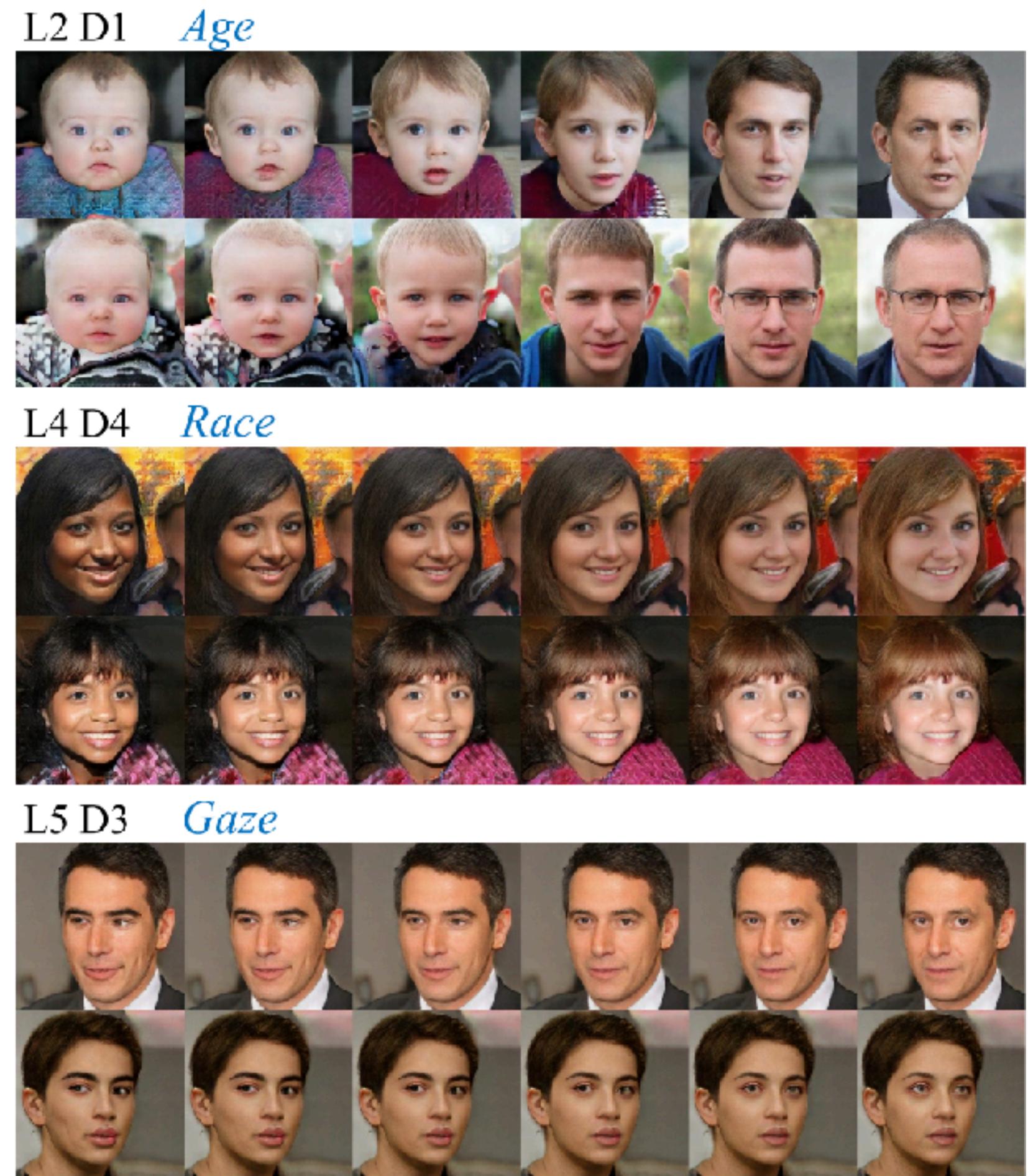
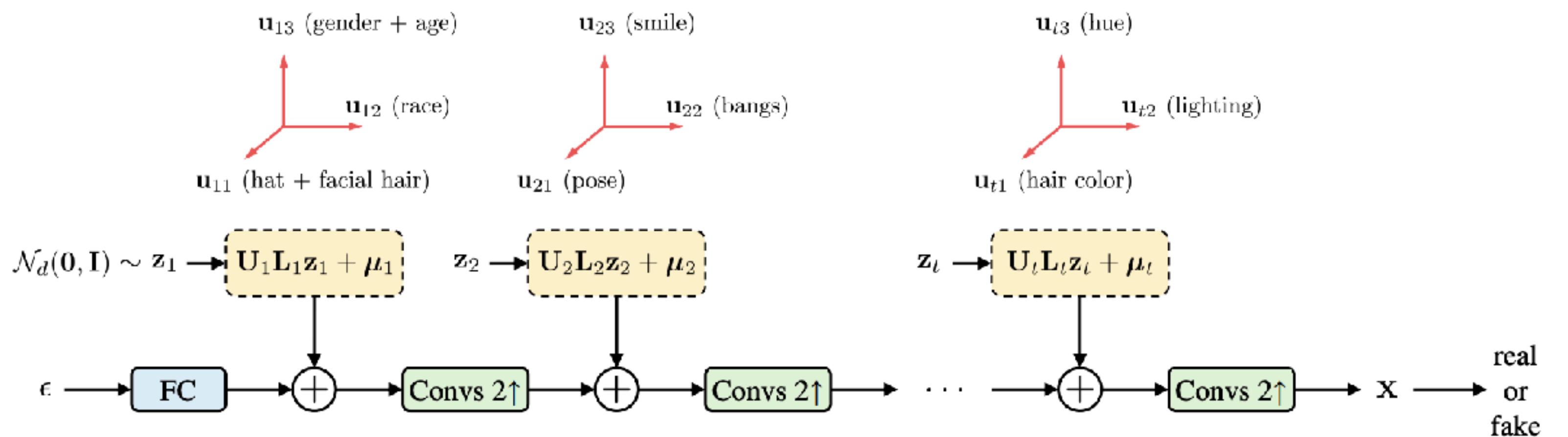
$$\mathcal{L}_H(G) = \sum_{i=1}^{|z|} \sum_{j \neq i}^{|z|} H_{ij}^2.$$



# Unsupervised Approach

## EigenGAN: Layer-Wise Eigen-Learning for GANs

Design inductive bias of disentanglement in the generator:



# Challenges for Unsupervised Approach

- How to evaluate the results?
- How to annotate each disentangled dimensions?
- How to improve the disentanglement in GAN training?

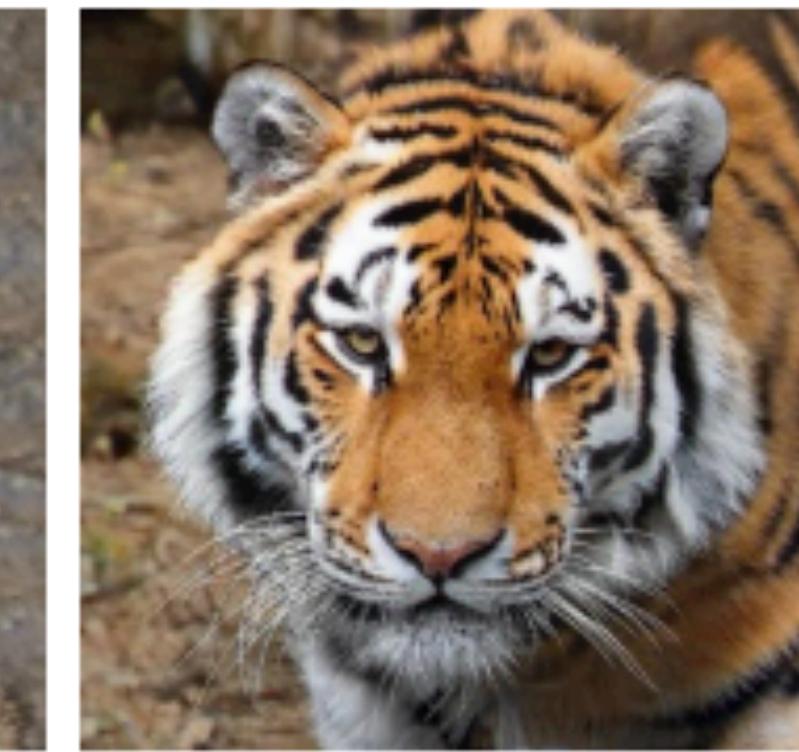
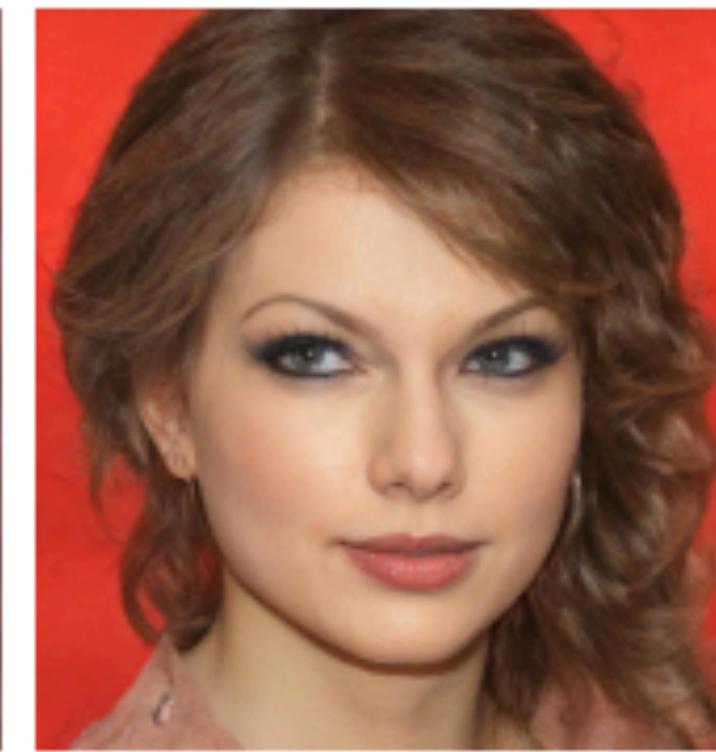
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Text input:

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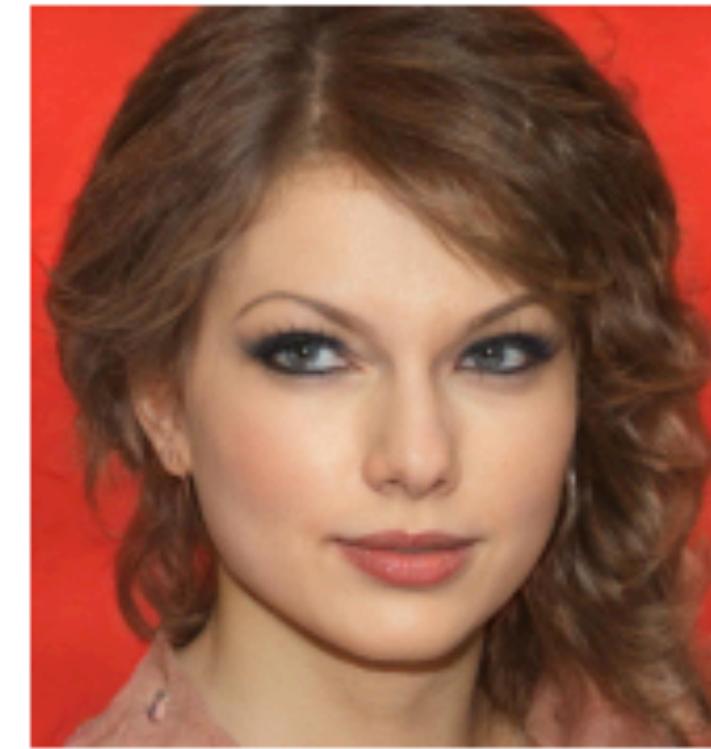
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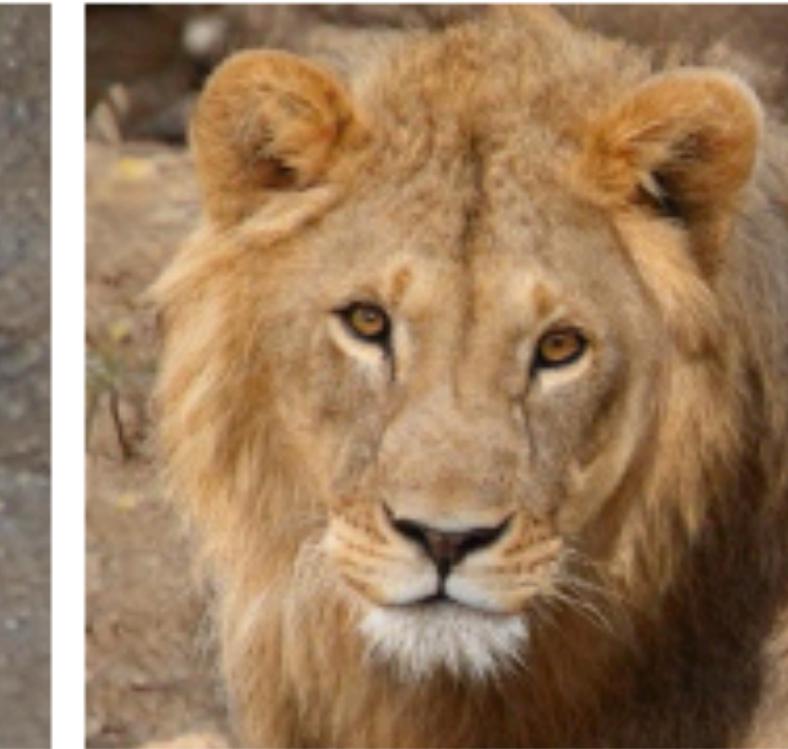
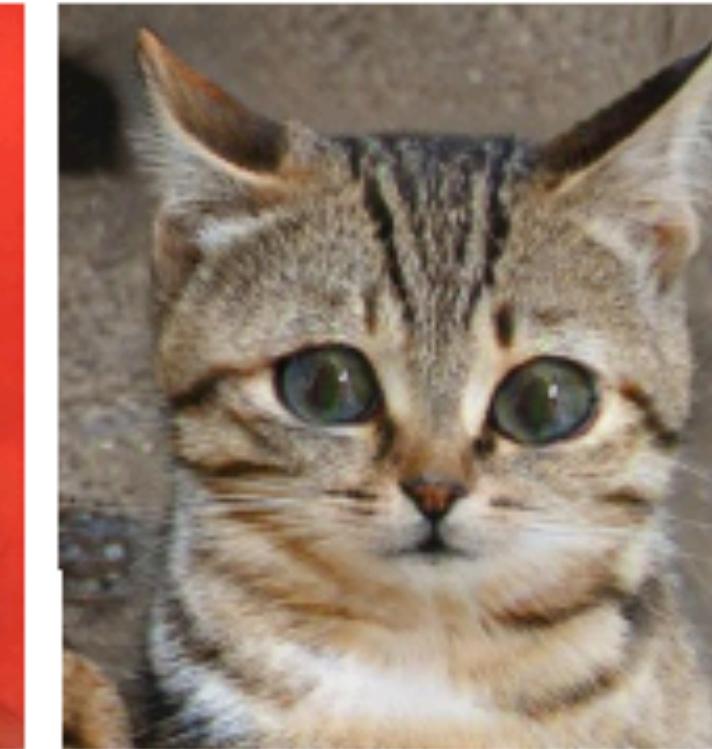
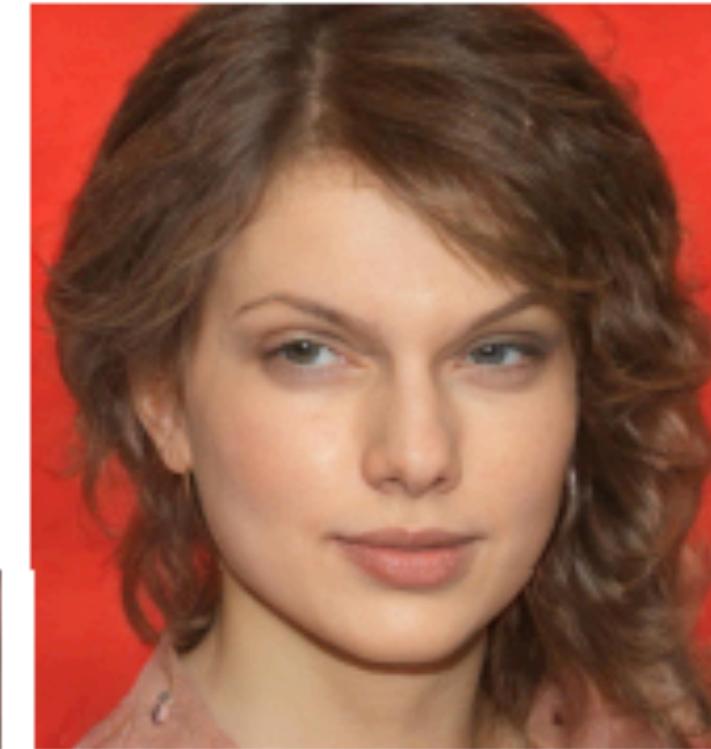
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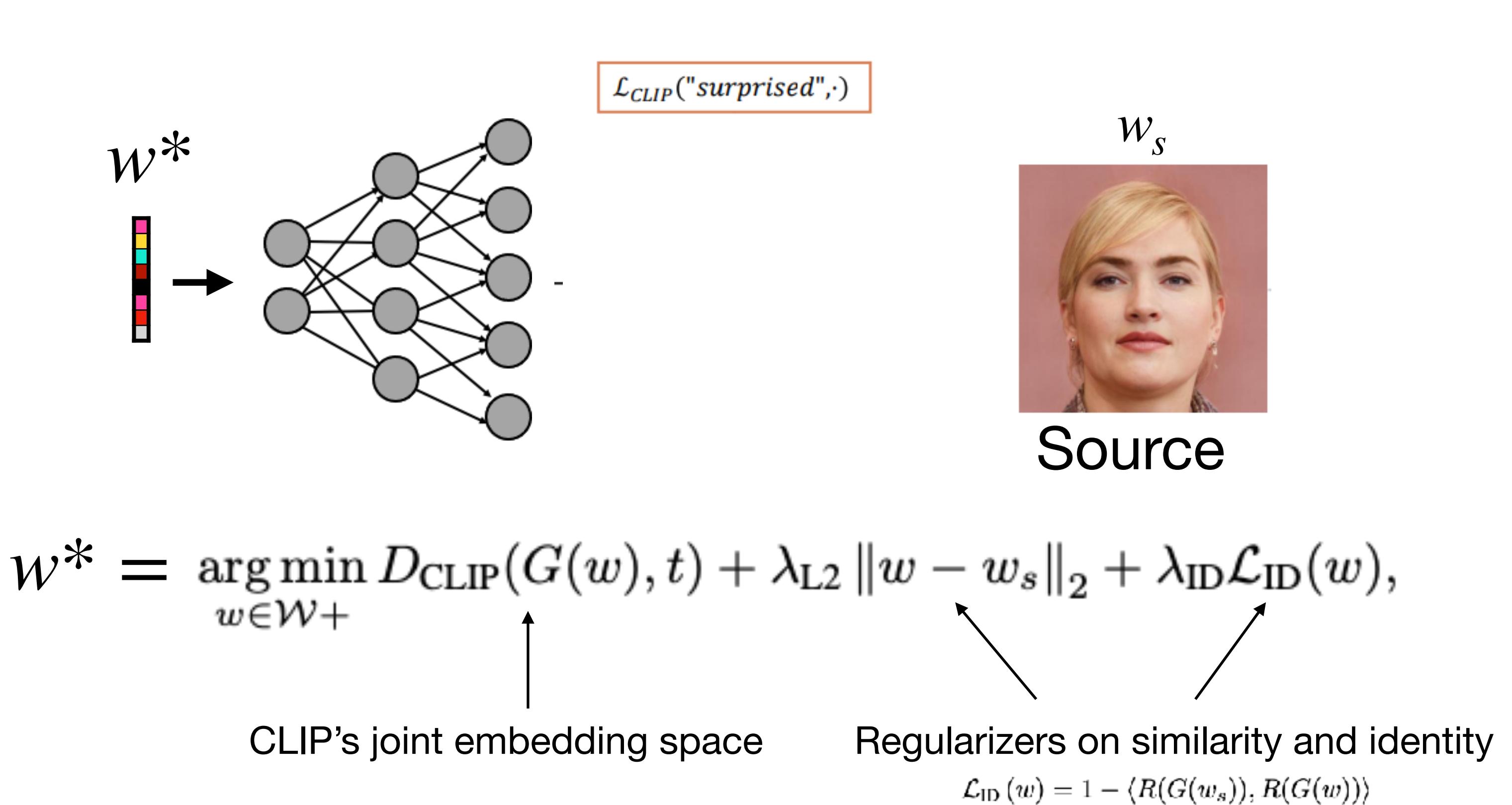
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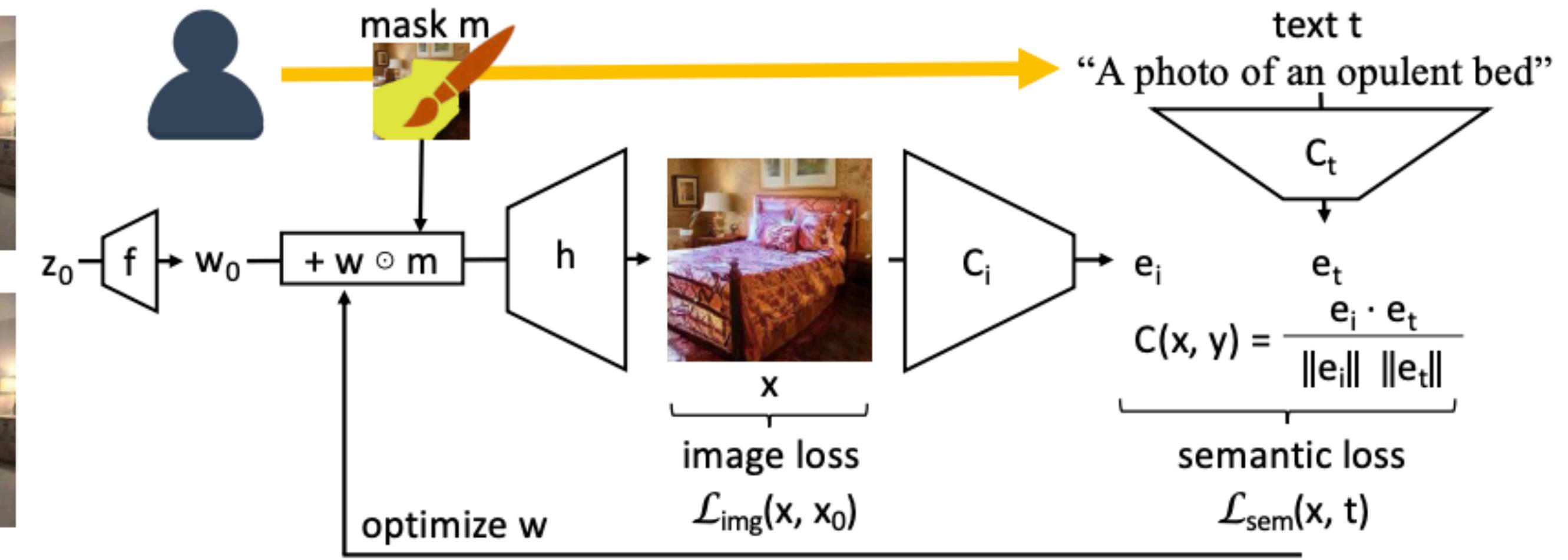
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- Contrastive Language-Image Pre-training (CLIP): pretrained model from 400 million image-text pairs: <https://github.com/openai/CLIP>



# Zero-Shot Approach

## Paint by Word: CLIP + Region-based StyleGAN inversion



# Zero-Shot Approach

## Massive data-driven OpenAI DALL.E

**12-billion parameter model trained on 250 million text-images pairs from the internet**

1. Train a discrete variational autoencoder (dVAE)
2. Train an autoregressive transformer to model the joint distribution of text and image tokens



(a) a tapir made of accordion.  
a tapir with the texture of an  
accordion.

(b) an illustration of a baby  
hedgehog in a christmas  
sweater walking a dog

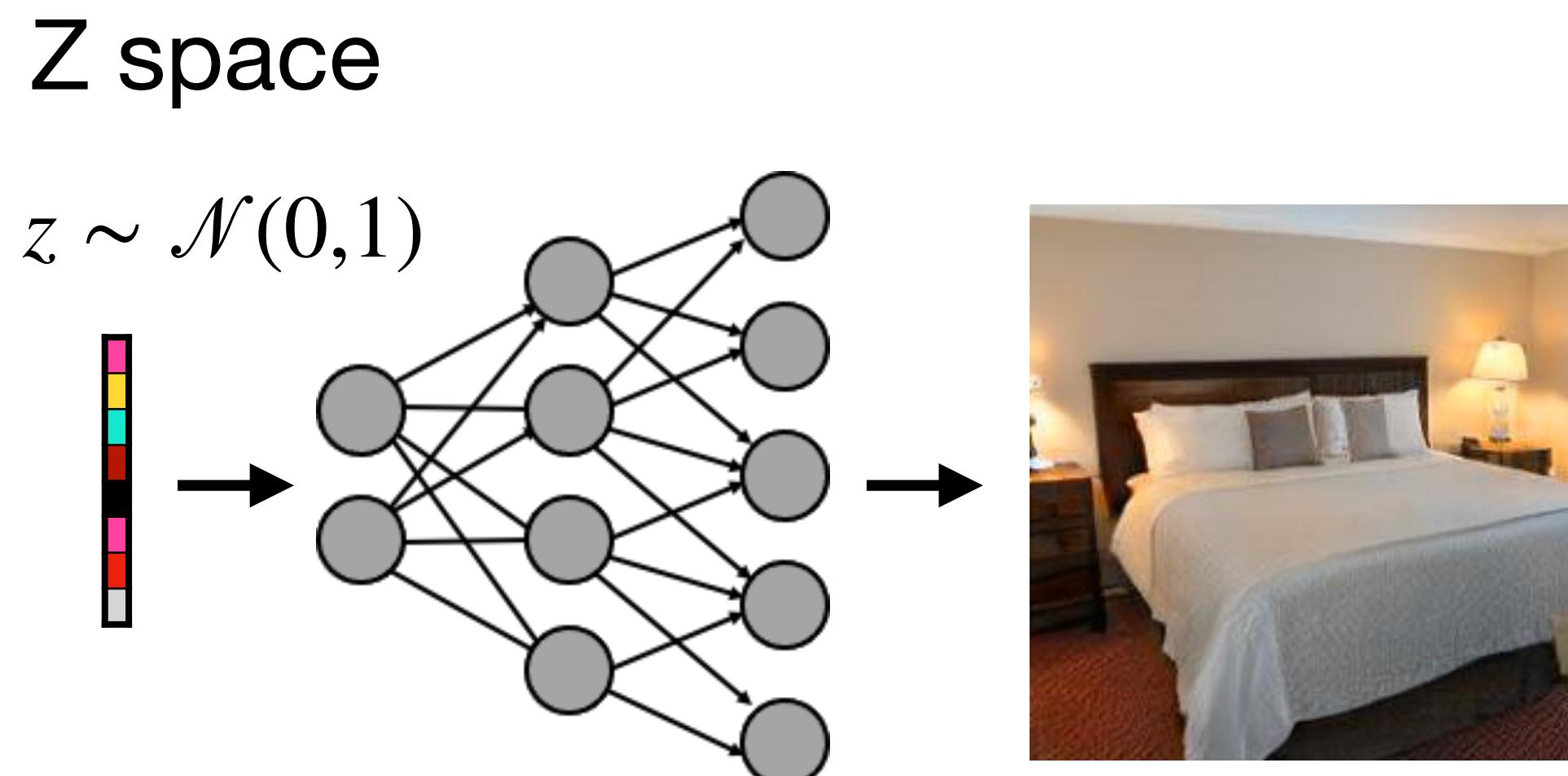
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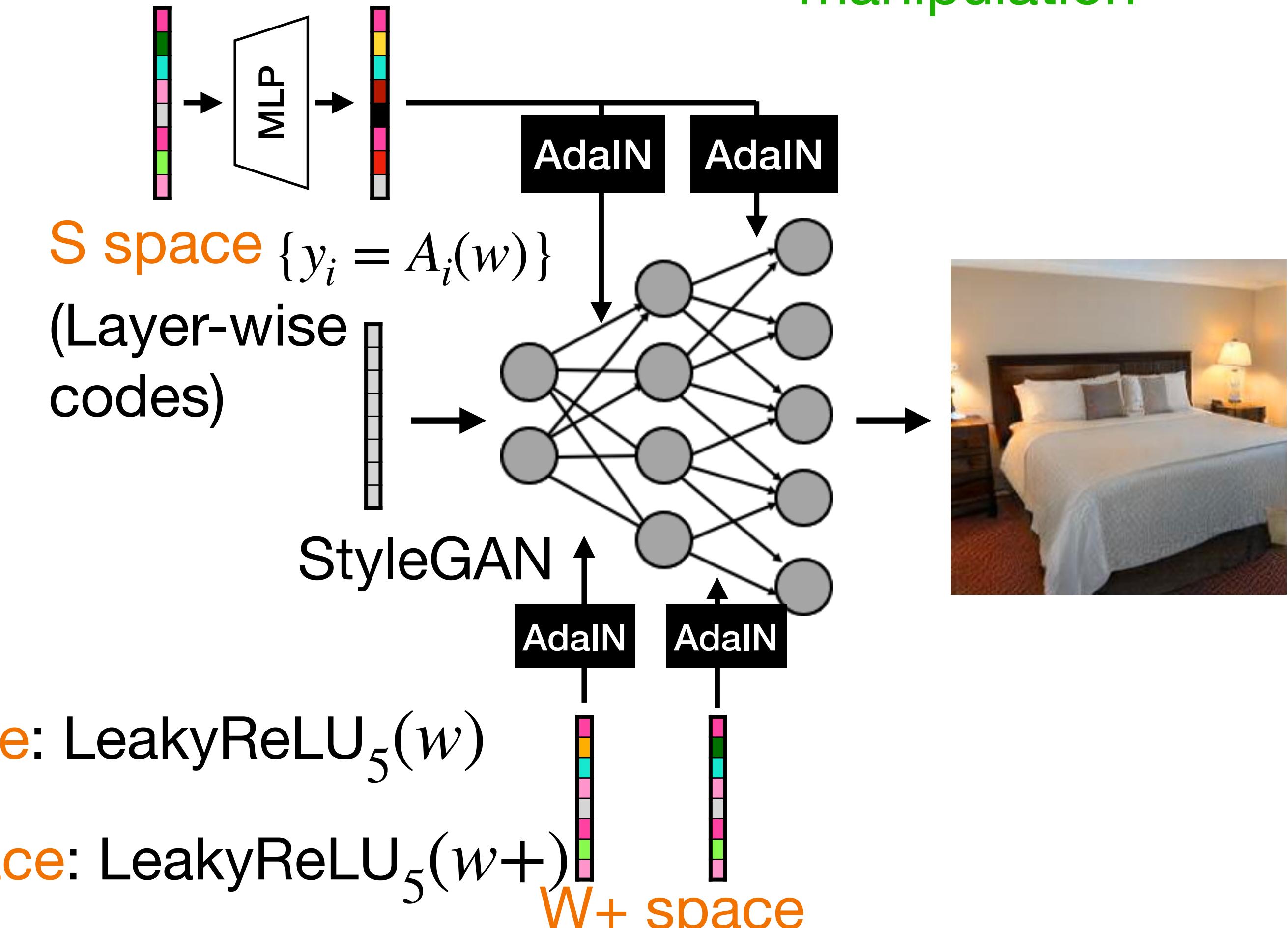
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Z space, W space, StyleSpace (S space), W+ space, P/P+ space



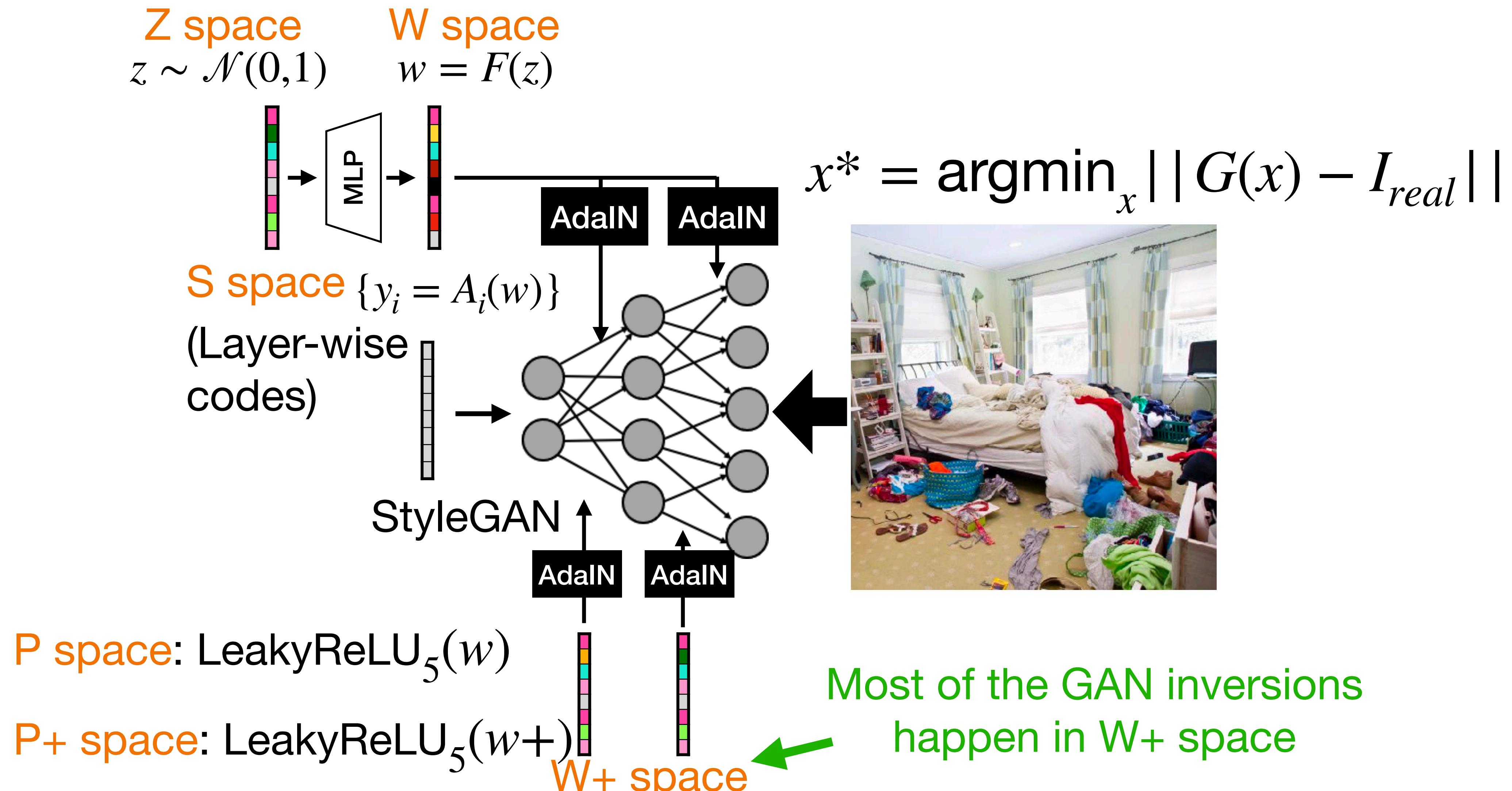
Z space      W space       $w = F(z)$  ←  
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Most of the linear manipulation

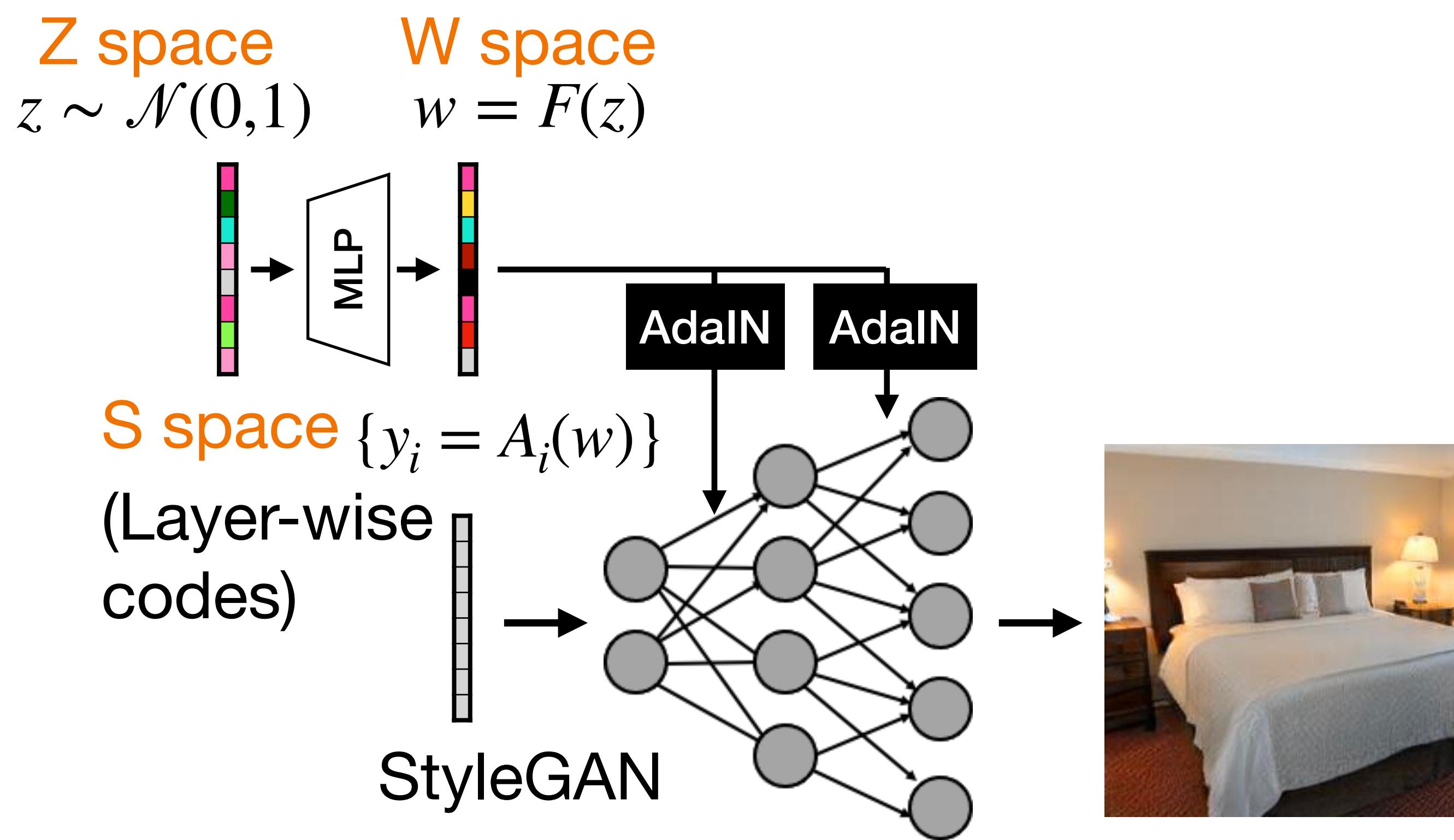


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# Which latent space is more disentangled?



Reconstruction Error (Xu et al. CVPR'21)

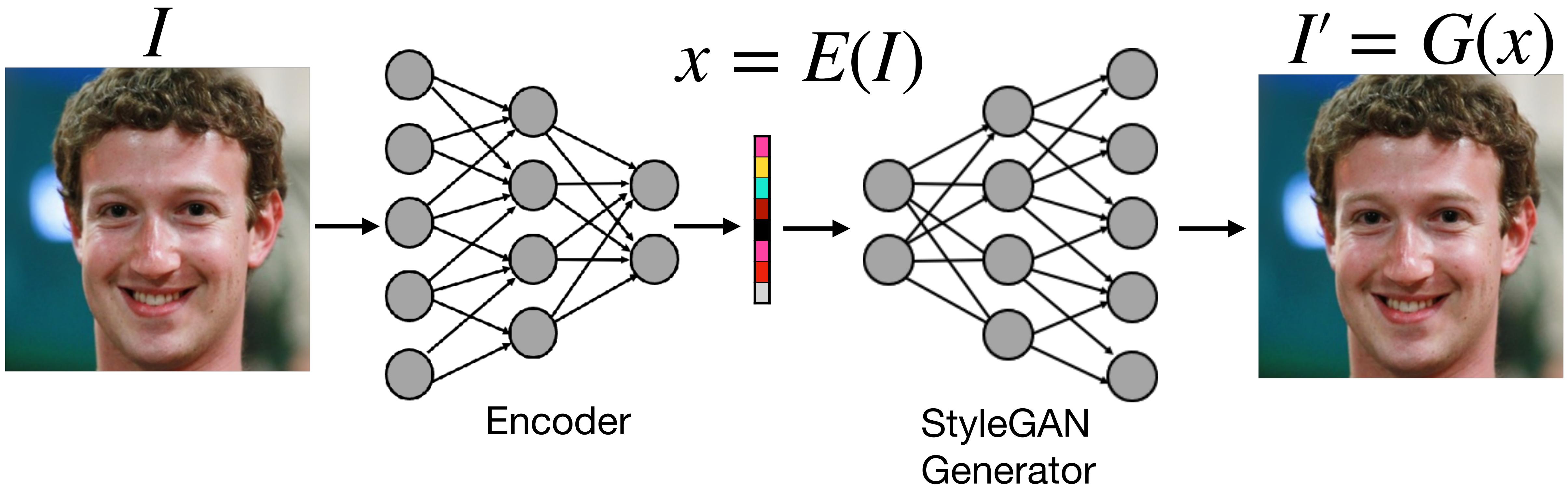
Space	MSE	FID
W space	0.0601	22.24
S space	<b>0.0464</b>	<b>18.48</b>

Disentanglement (Wu et al. CVPR'21)

Space	Disentanglement
Z space	0.31
W space	0.54
S space	<b>0.75</b>

# Encoding Real Image into StyleGAN space

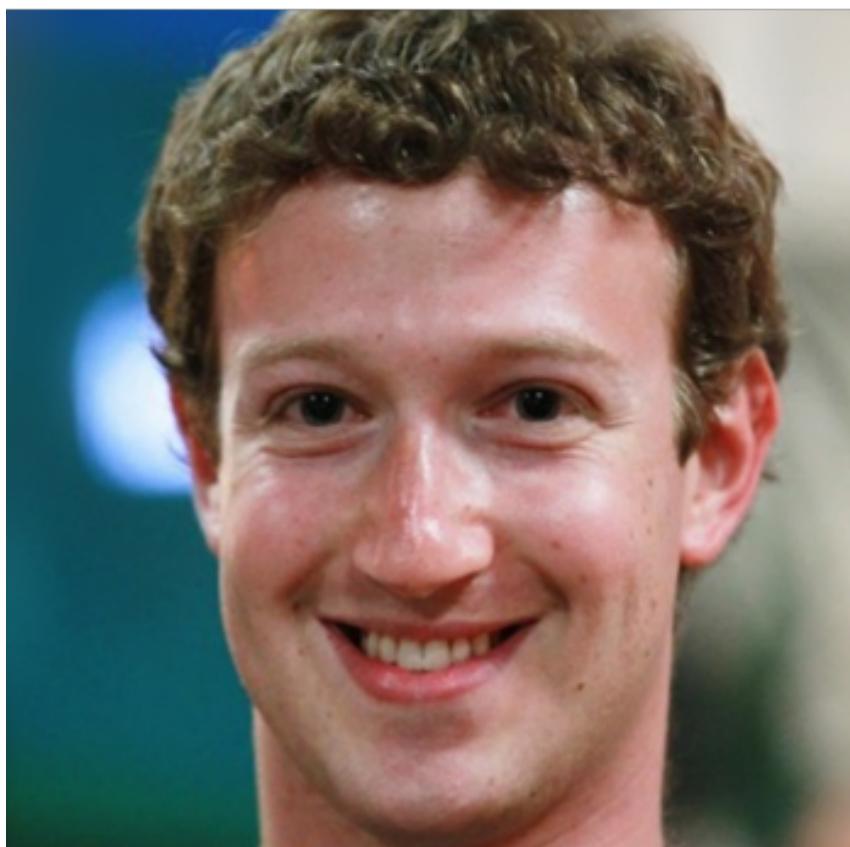
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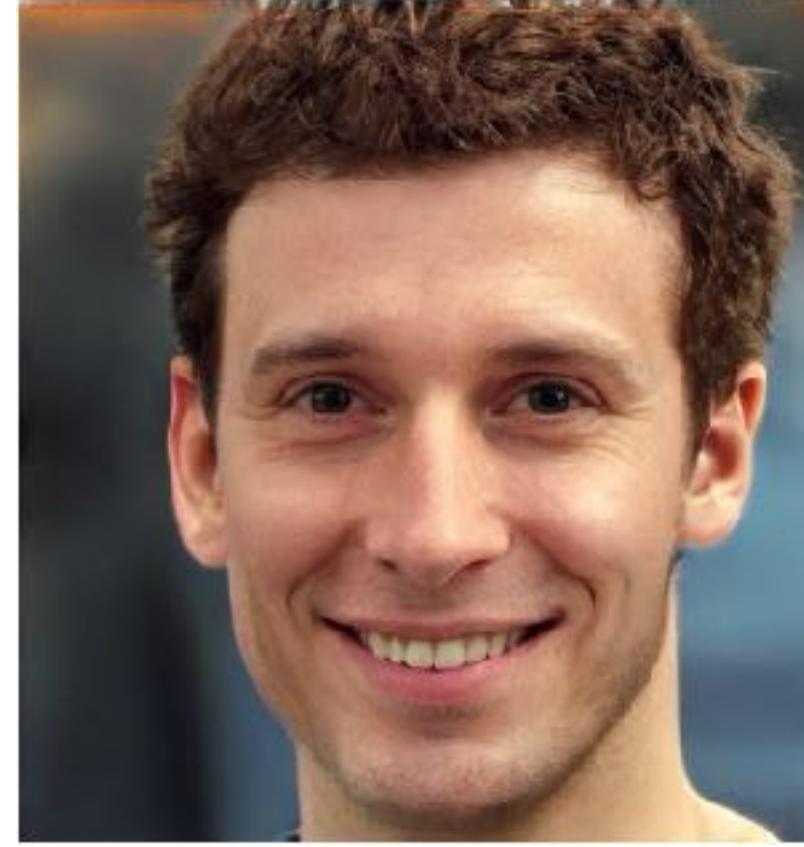
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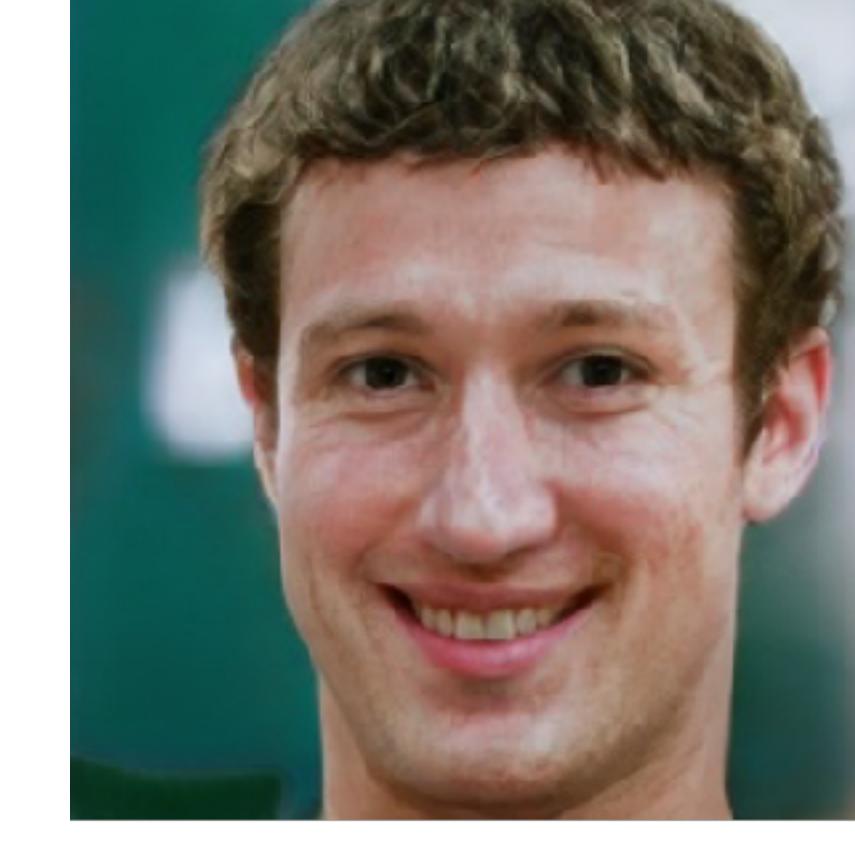
W+ space  
(ALAE, CVPR'20)



W+ space  
(IDinvert, ECCV'20)



S space  
(GH-feat, CVPR'21)



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# Generative Image Prior

## Applying the pretrained GAN model to image processing tasks

GAN inversion:

$$x^* = \operatorname{argmin}_x \|G(x) - I\|$$

Colorization:

$$x^* = \operatorname{argmin}_x \| \text{rgb2gray}(G(x)) - I_{gray} \|$$

Super-resolution:

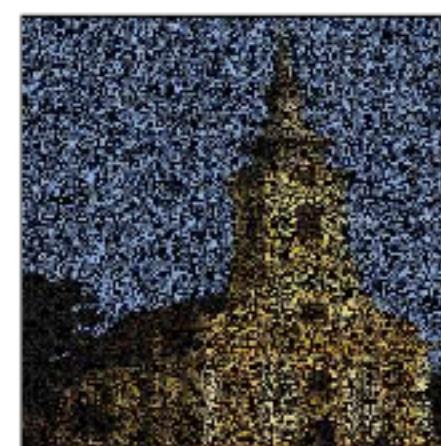
$$x^* = \operatorname{argmin}_x \| \text{down}(G(x)) - I_{small} \|$$



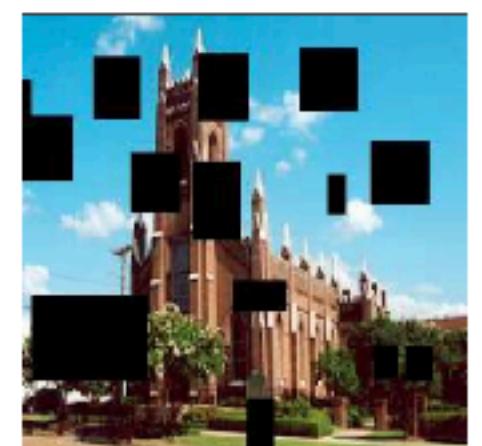
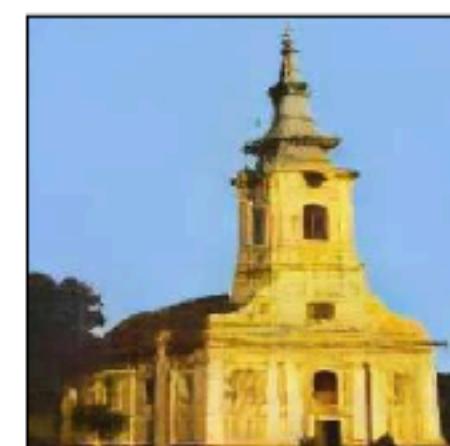
(a) Image Reconstruction



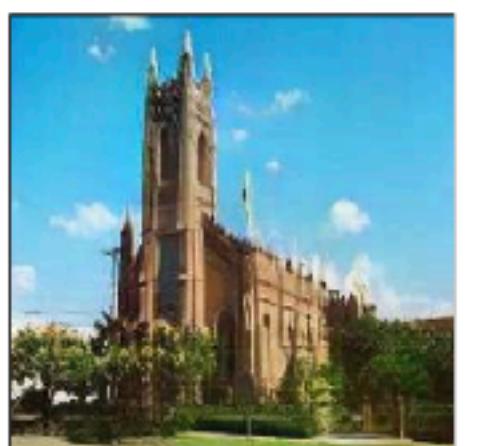
(b) Image Colorization



(d) Image Denoising

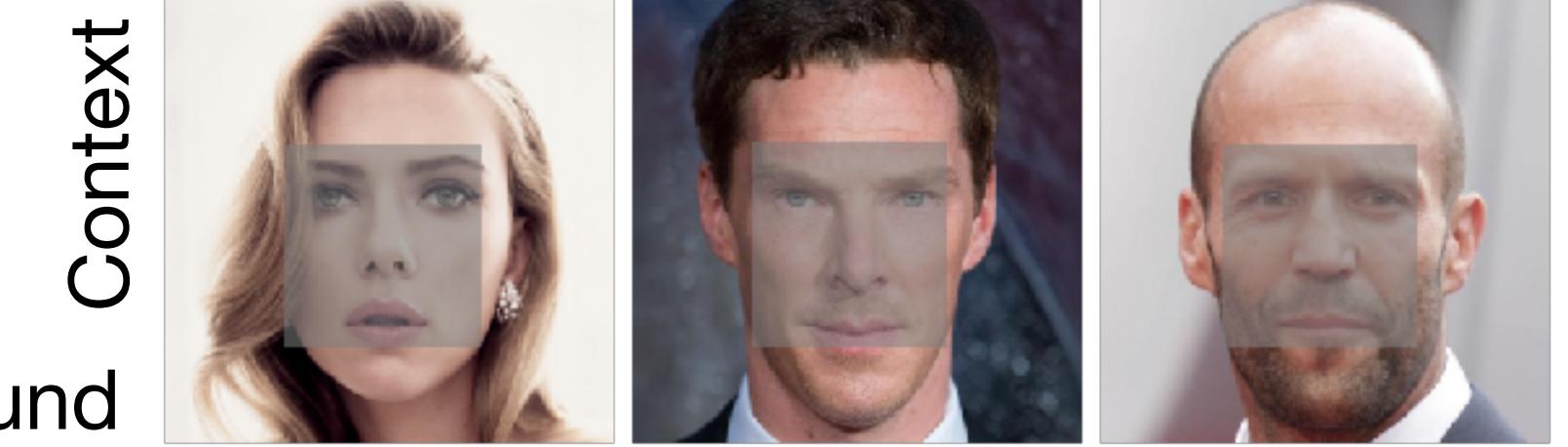


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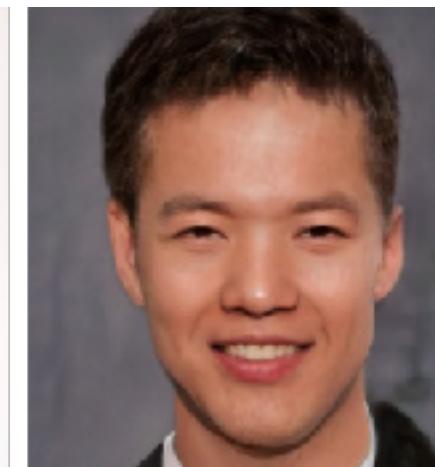
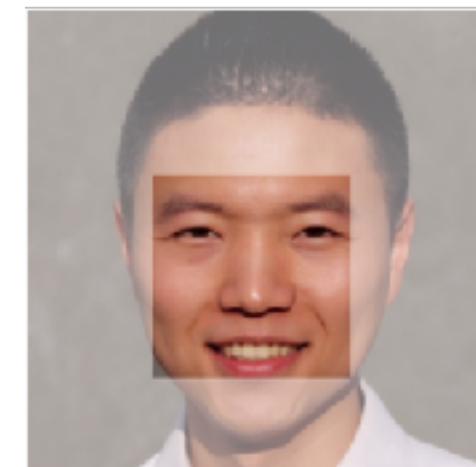


Masked optimization

$$x^* = \operatorname{argmin}_x \| m \cdot G(x) - m \cdot I_{context} \|$$

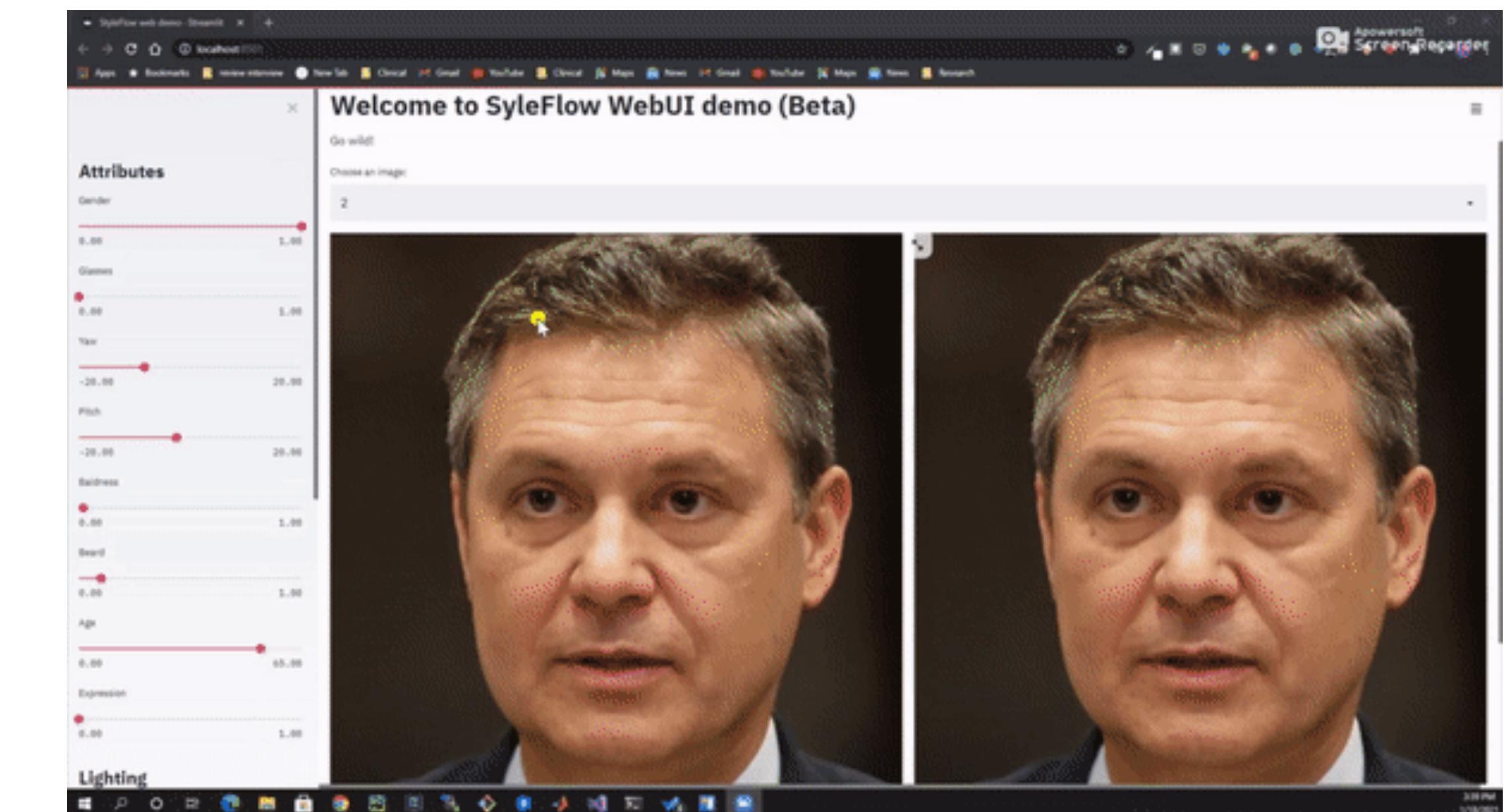
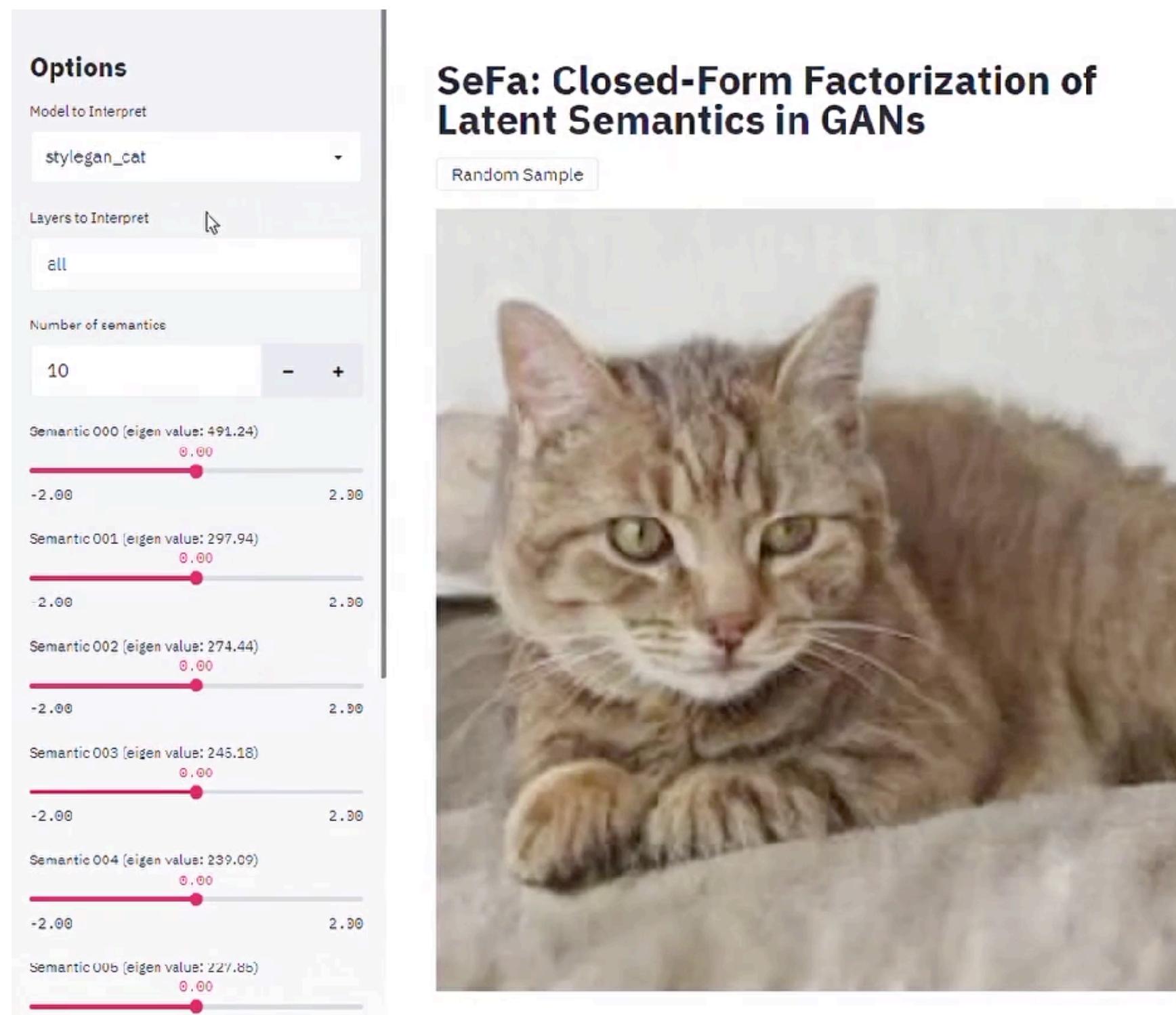


Foreground



# Summary

Interpreting generative models facilitates interactive content creation and human-AI collaboration.



Please refer to the recent survey paper on GAN Inversion: <https://arxiv.org/pdf/2101.05278.pdf>