

# Generative Diffusion Prior for Unified Image Restoration and Enhancement

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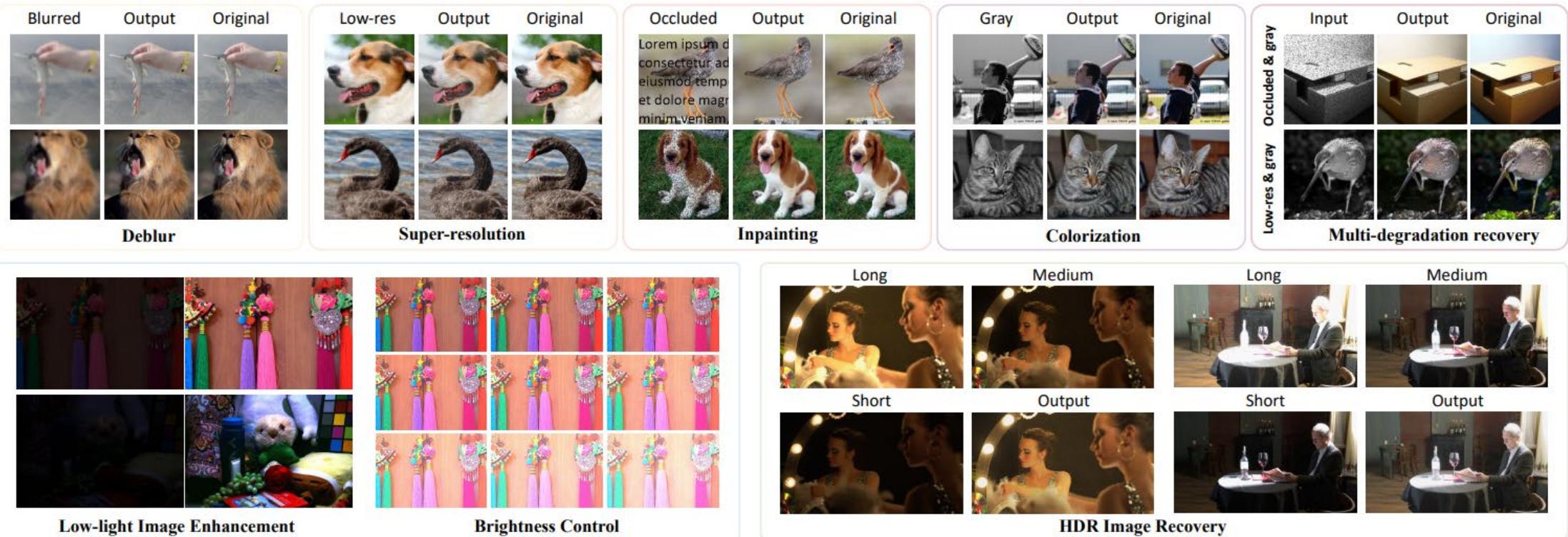
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## Unified image restoration



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## Restoration methods

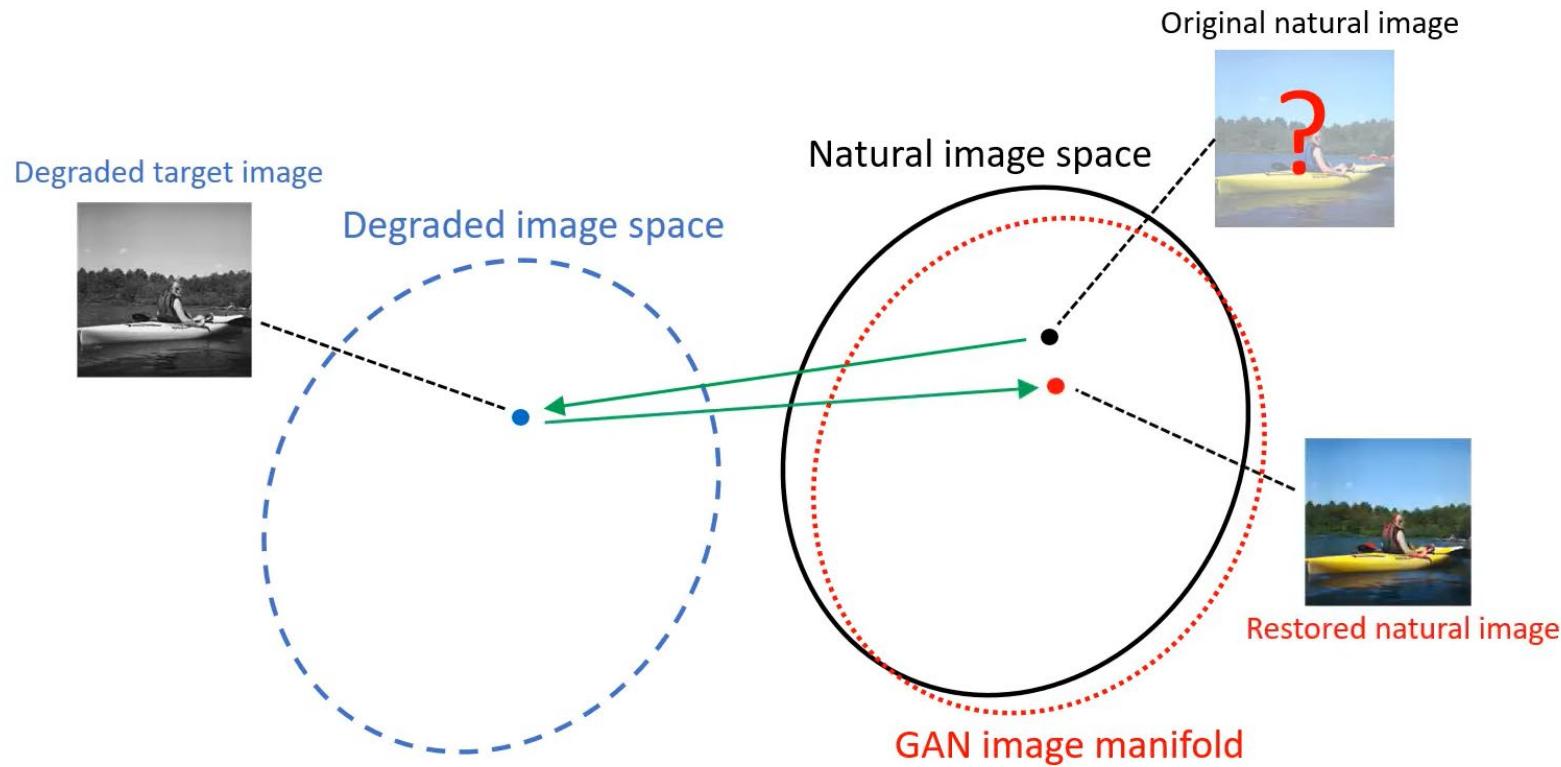
- Supervised training of neural networks
  - suffer to generalize with multiple complex degradation
- Unsupervised generative prior
  - GAN
  - DDPM

Learn rich knowledge of real-world scenes

# Background: DGP

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Motivation: exploit generic image prior of GAN

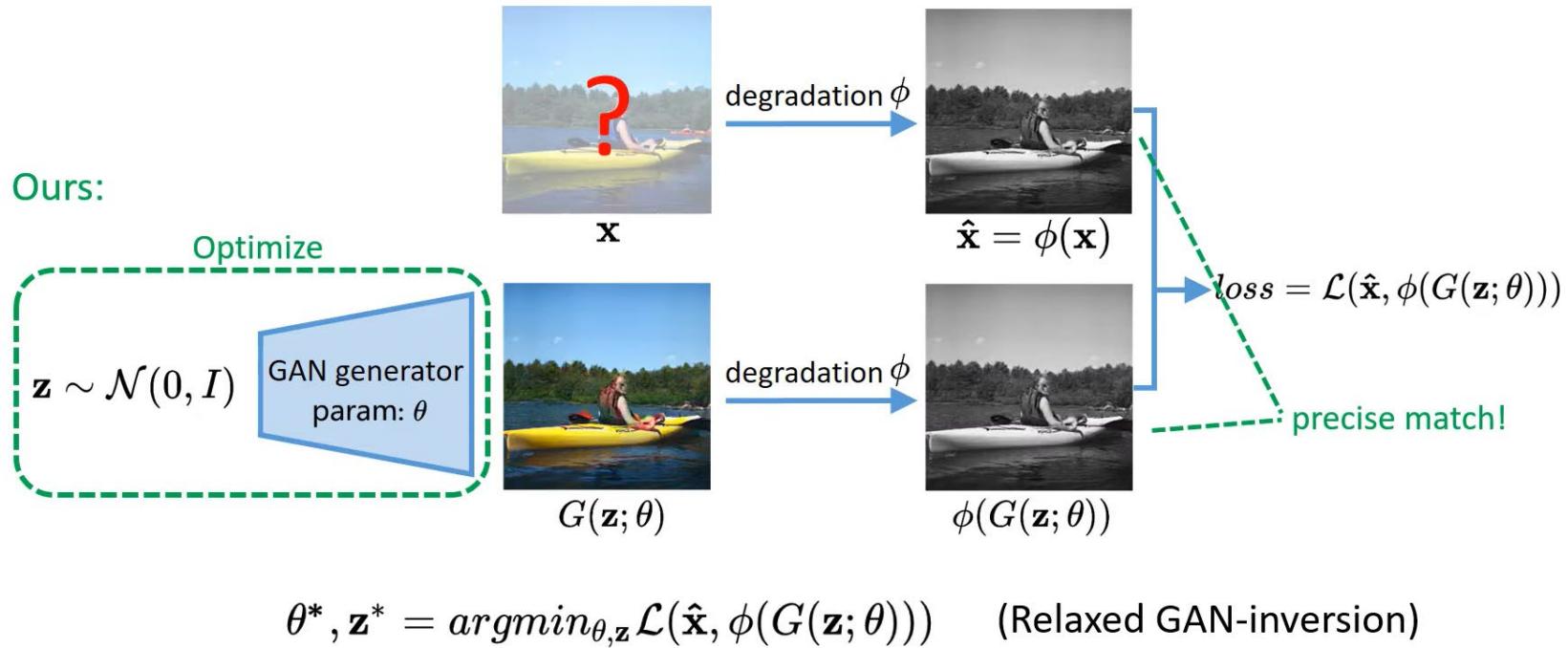


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## Degradation Alignment

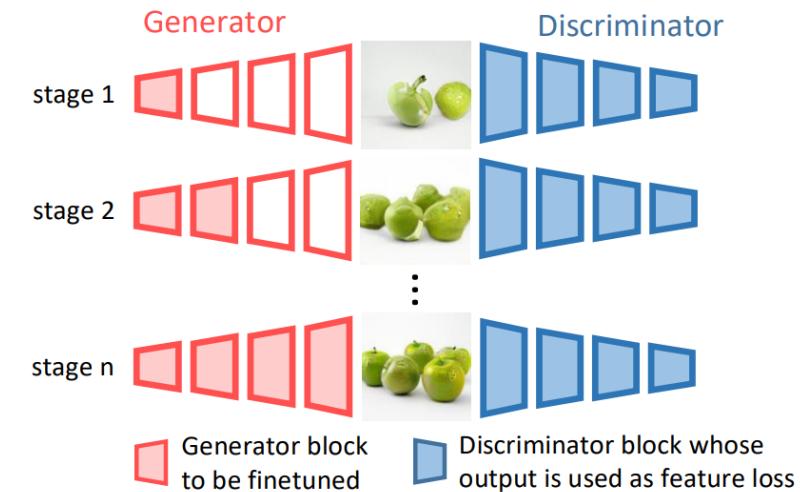


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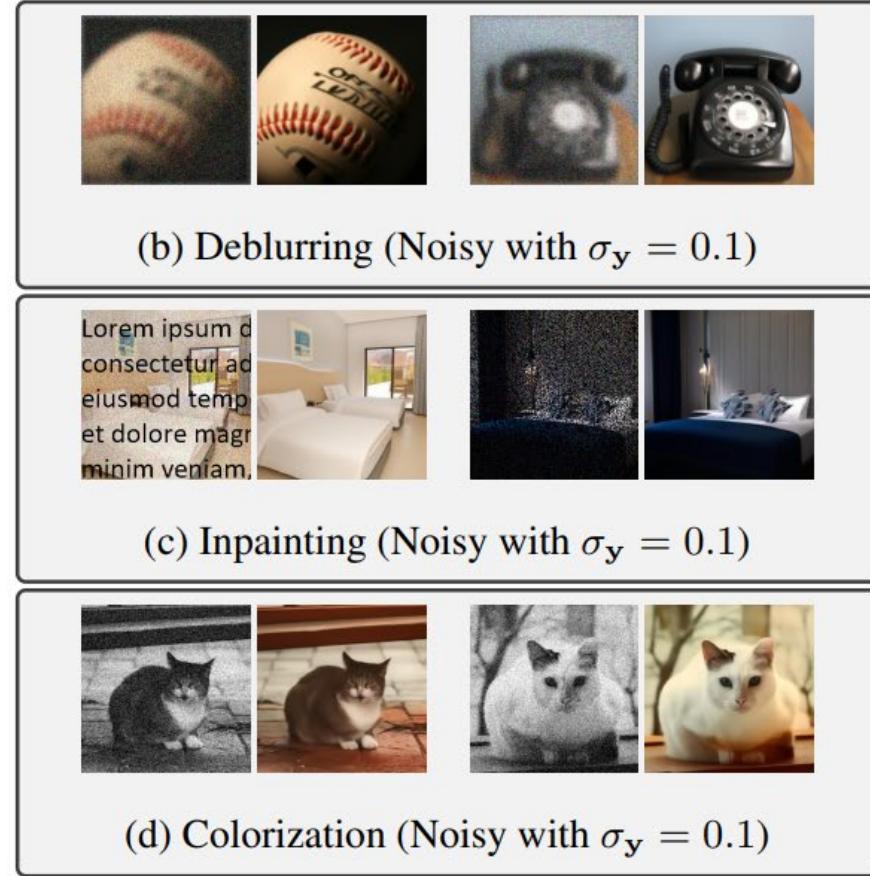
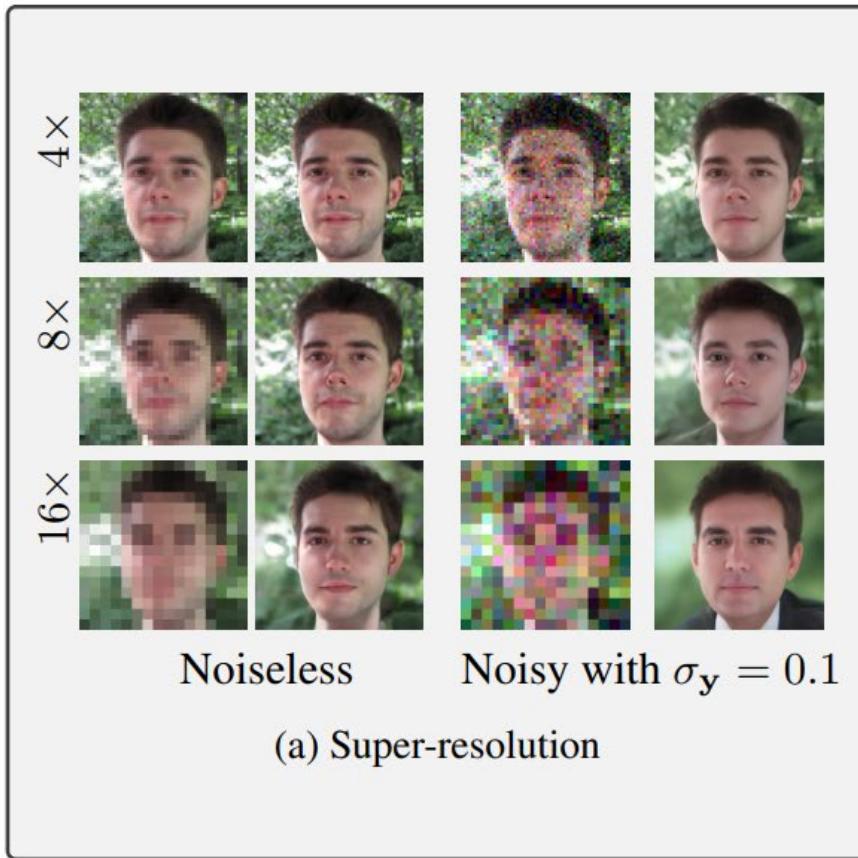
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- Iteratively optimization: time consuming
- Degradation model should be derivative
- GAN is not the best generative model currently



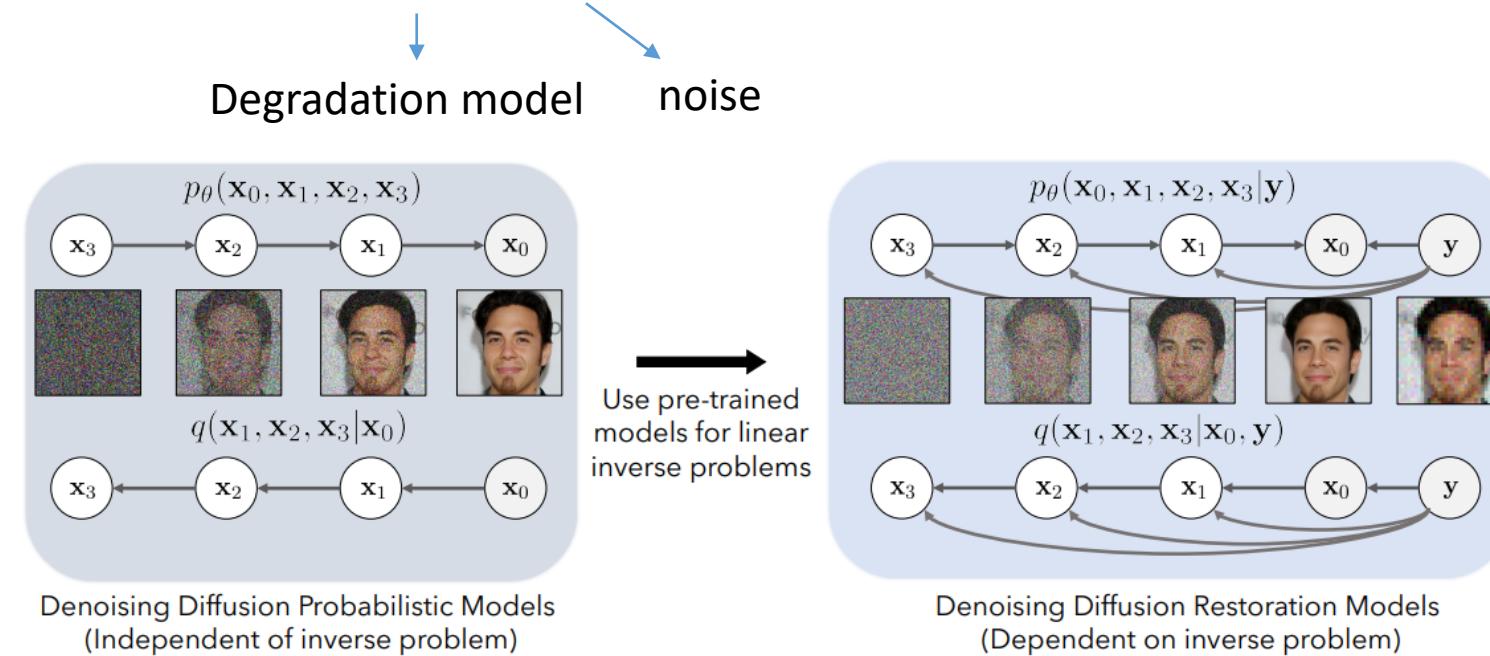
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Linear inverse problems:  $y = Hx + z$



Define a proper distribution of  $\bar{q}(x_t | x_0, y)$  and  $p_\theta(x_t | x_{t+1}, y)$  to meet the requirements of origin DDPM

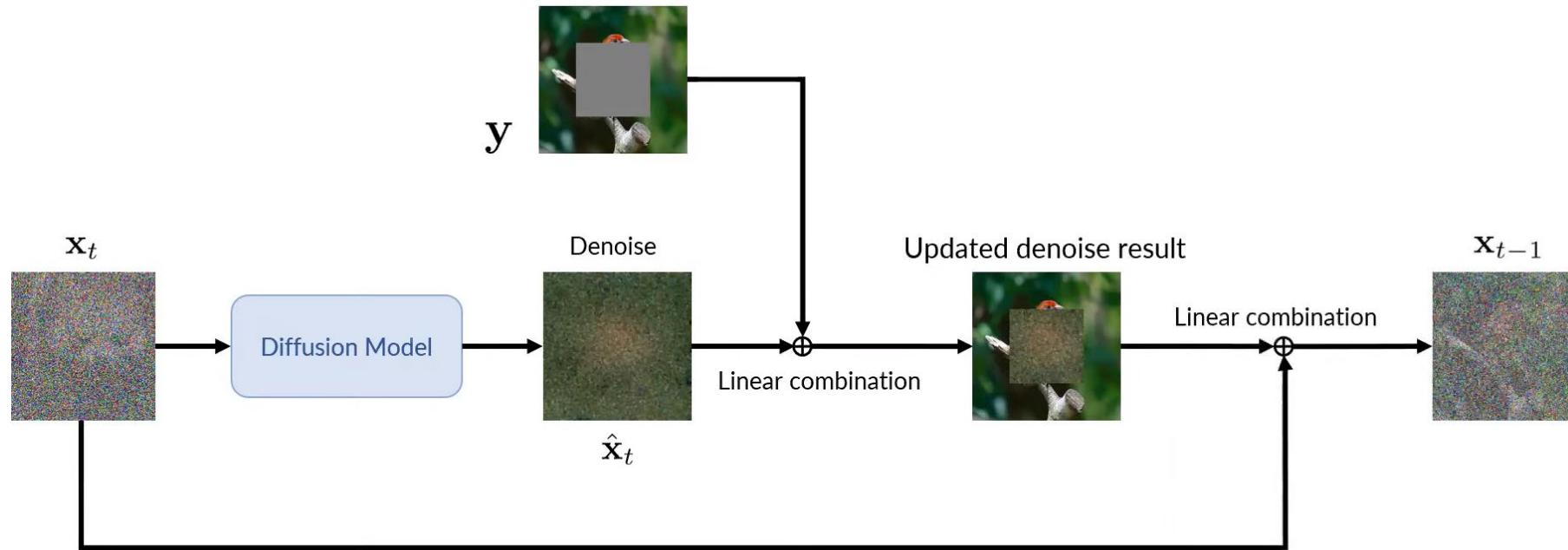
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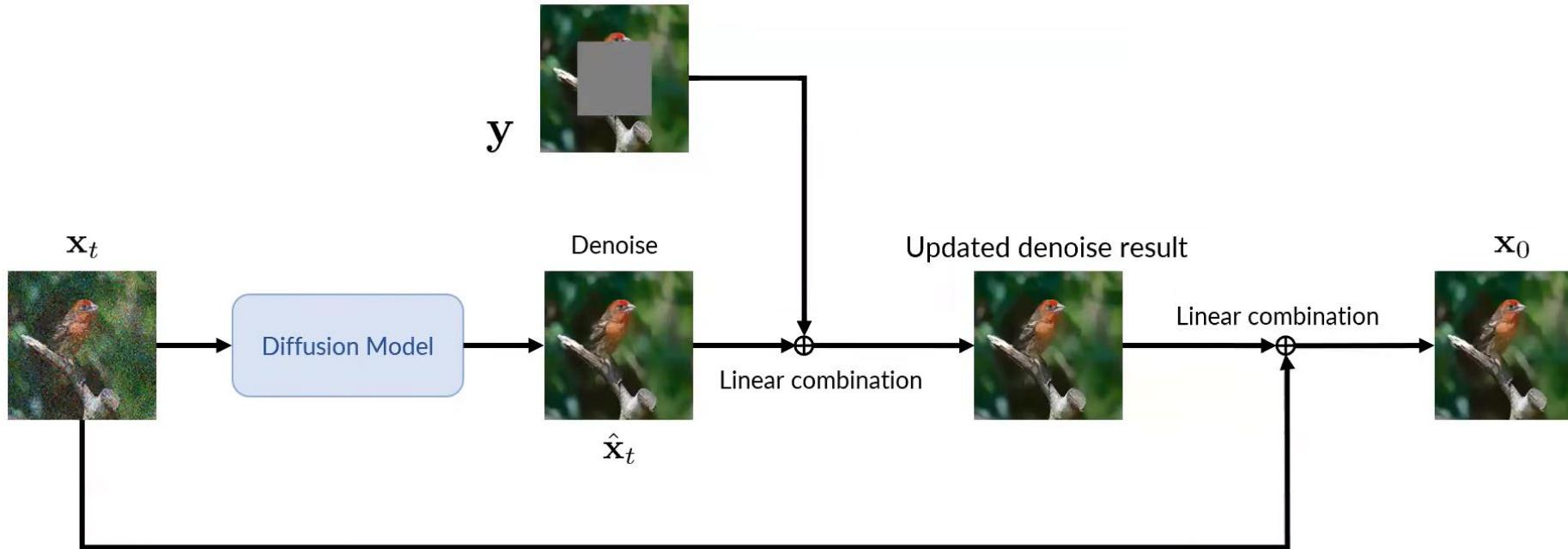
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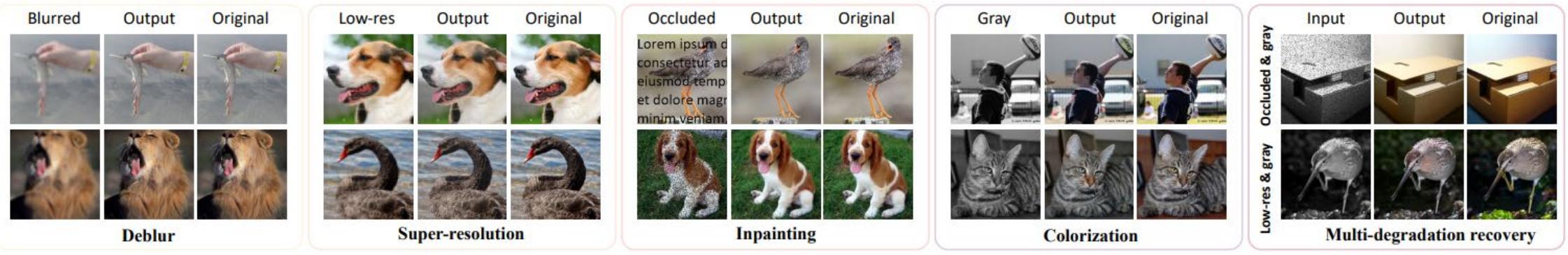
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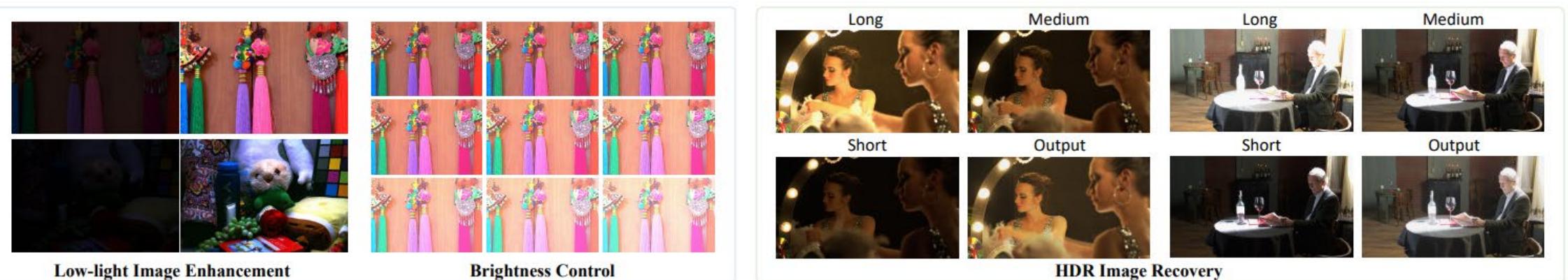
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## Linear and Multi-linear inverse problems



## Non-linear inverse and blind degradation problems



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- DGP, DDRM are limited in specific degradation models
- We want to explore the generative prior thoroughly with unified restoration tasks

Methods	DGP [62]	DDRM [32]	GDP (Ours)
Prior	GAN	DDPM	DDPM
Linear	✓	✓	✓
Non-linear	✗	✗	✓
Blind	✗	✗	✓

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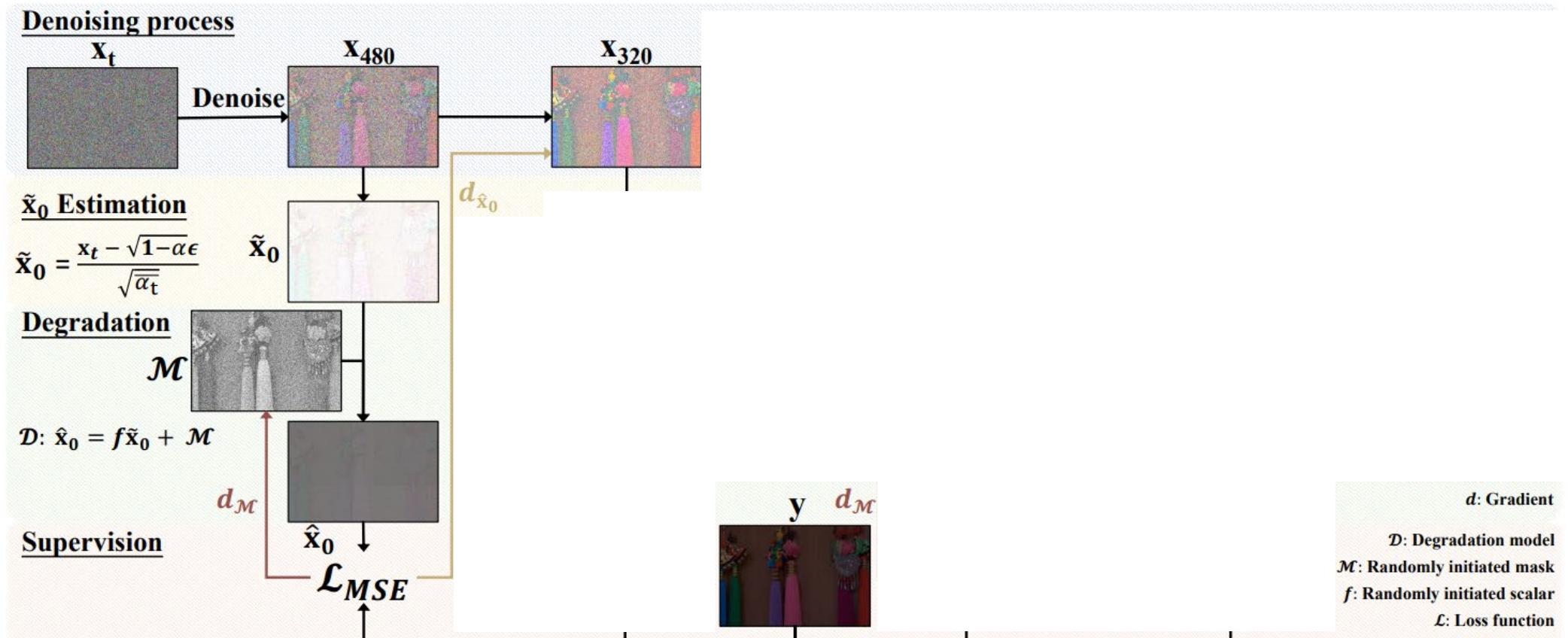
Similar to DGP: Degradation Alignment

Use intermediate  $\tilde{x}_0$  to regularize the generation process



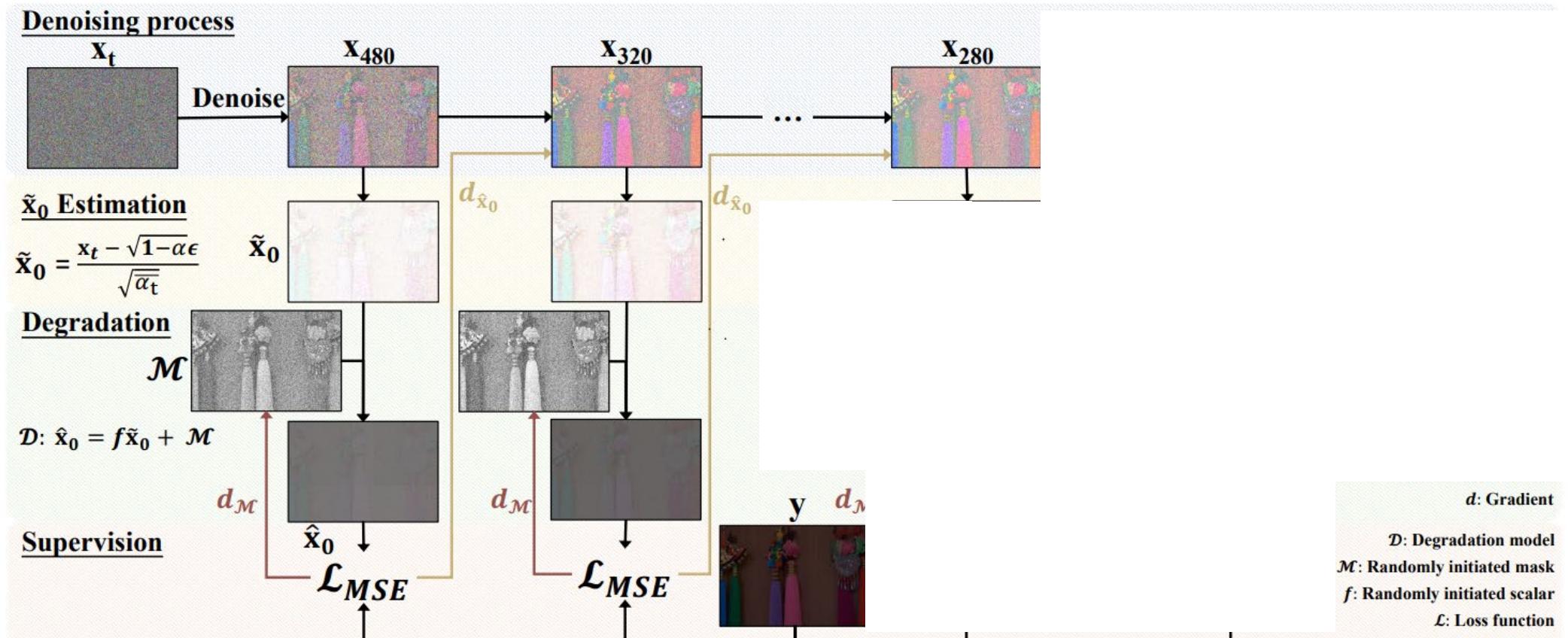
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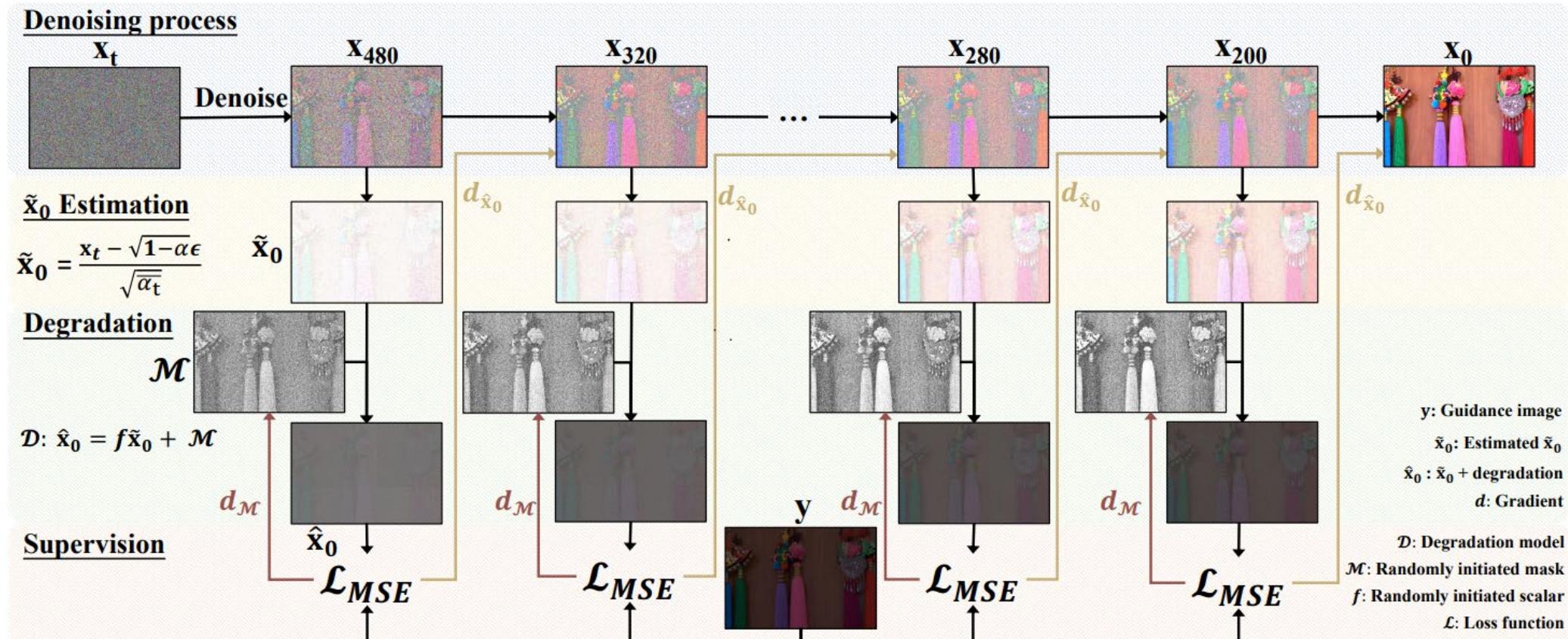
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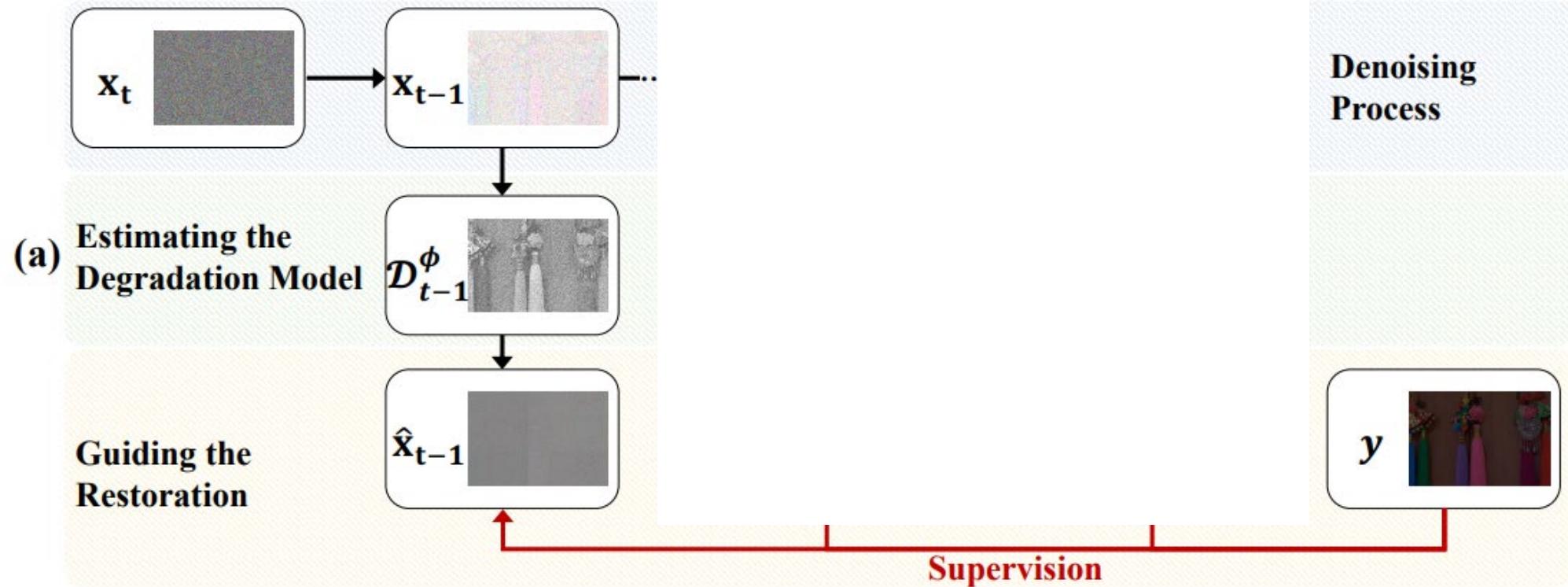
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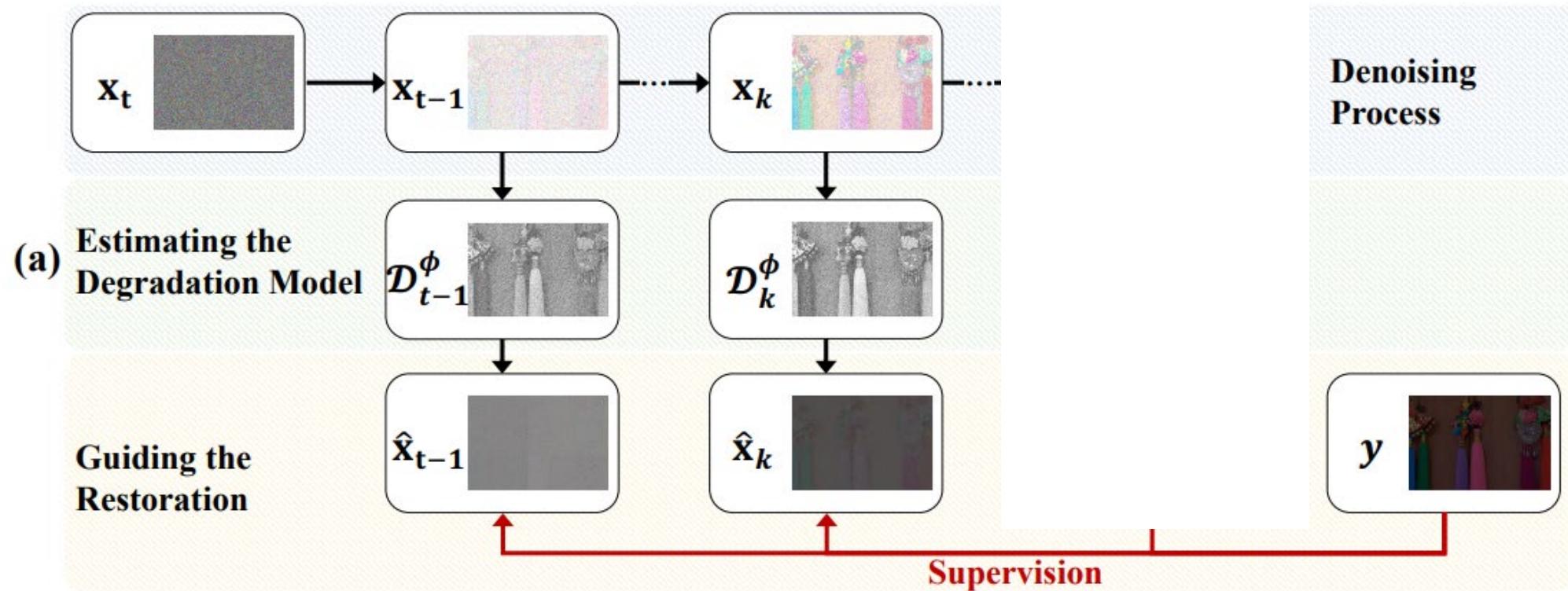


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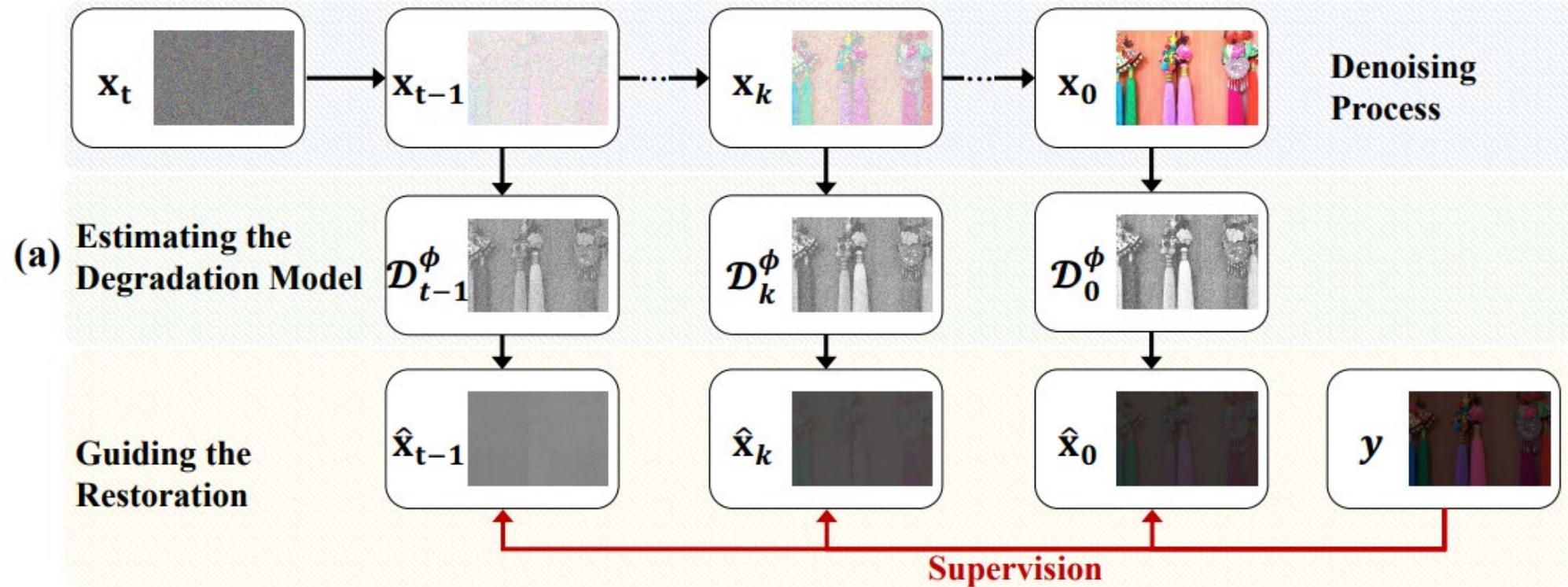
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# GDP: Method

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DDPM denoising probability:

$$\begin{aligned}\log p_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}_{t-1} | \mathbf{x}_t) &= \log(p_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}_{t-1} | \mathbf{x}_t)) \\ &\approx \log p(\mathbf{r})\end{aligned}$$

Where  $\mathbf{r} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{r}; \mu_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}_t, t), \Sigma)$

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Conditional denoising probability[\*]:

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Posterior probability definition:

$$p(\mathbf{y} | \mathbf{x}_t) = \frac{1}{Z} \exp(-[\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{D}(\mathbf{x}_t), \mathbf{y}) + \lambda \mathcal{Q}(\mathbf{x}_t)])$$

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Reconstruction loss      Quality Enhancement loss

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# GDP- $x_0$

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Calculate loss by “pseudo-clean” image  $\tilde{x}_0$

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**Algorithm 2: GDP- $x_0$ :** Conditioner guided diffusion sampling on  $\tilde{x}_0$ , given a diffusion model  $(\mu_\theta(\mathbf{x}_t), \Sigma_\theta(\mathbf{x}_t))$ , corrupted image conditioner  $\mathbf{y}$ .

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**Input:** Corrupted image  $\mathbf{y}$ , gradient scale  $s$ , degradation model  $\mathcal{D}_\phi$  with randomly initiated parameters  $\phi$ , learning rate  $l$  for optimizable degradation model, distance measure  $\mathcal{L}$ , optional quality enhancement loss  $\mathcal{Q}$ , quality enhancement scale  $\lambda$ .

**Output:** Output image  $\mathbf{x}_0$  conditioned on  $\mathbf{y}$

Sample  $\mathbf{x}_T$  from  $\mathcal{N}(0, \mathbf{I})$

**for**  $t$  from  $T$  to  $1$  **do**

$$\mu, \Sigma = \mu_\theta(\mathbf{x}_t), \Sigma_\theta(\mathbf{x}_t)$$

$$\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_0 = \frac{\mathbf{x}_t}{\sqrt{\bar{\alpha}_t}} - \frac{\sqrt{1-\bar{\alpha}_t} \epsilon_\theta(\mathbf{x}_t, t)}{\sqrt{\bar{\alpha}_t}}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\phi, \tilde{\mathbf{x}}_0}^{total} = \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{y}, \mathcal{D}_\phi(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_0)) + \mathcal{Q}(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_0)$$

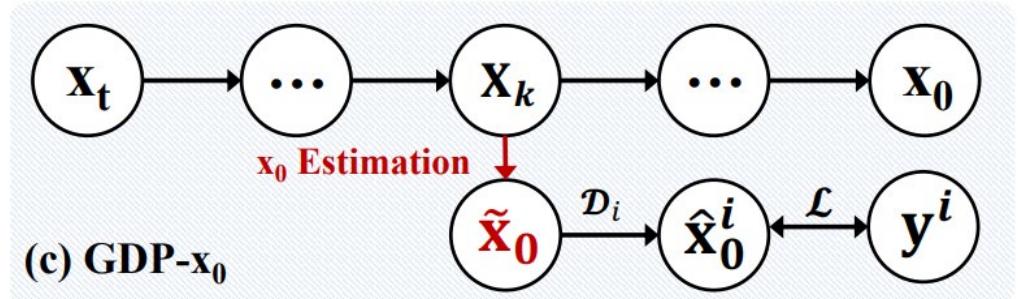
$$\phi \leftarrow \phi - l \nabla_\phi \mathcal{L}_{\phi, \tilde{\mathbf{x}}_0}^{total}$$

$$\text{Sample } \mathbf{x}_{t-1} \text{ by } \mathcal{N}(\mu + s \nabla_{\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_0} \mathcal{L}_{\phi, \tilde{\mathbf{x}}_0}^{total}, \Sigma)$$

**end**

**return**  $\mathbf{x}_0$

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$$\mathbf{x}_t = \sqrt{\bar{\alpha}_t} \mathbf{x}_0 + \sqrt{1 - \bar{\alpha}_t} \boldsymbol{\epsilon}$$

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# GDP: LOSS

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- Reconstruction Loss:
  - MSE, SSIM...

$$p(\mathbf{y} \mid \mathbf{x}_t) = \frac{1}{Z} \exp(-[s\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{D}(\mathbf{x}_t), \mathbf{y}) + \lambda\mathcal{Q}(\mathbf{x}_t)])$$

Reconstruction loss

Quality Enhancement loss

- Quality Enhancement Loss (options for each task)

- Exposure Control Loss:  $L_{\text{exp}} = \frac{1}{U} \sum_{k=1}^U |R_k - E|$

- Color Constancy Loss:  $L_{\text{col}} = \sum_{\forall(m,n) \in \varepsilon} (Y^m - Y^n)^2, \varepsilon = \{(R,G), (R,B), (G,B)\}$

- Illumination Smoothness Loss:  $L_{tv\mathcal{M}} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N \sum_{c \in \xi} (|\nabla_h \mathcal{M}_n^c| + |\nabla_v \mathcal{M}_n^c|)^2, \xi = \{R, G, B\}$

- Maybe some good IQA metrics, all of them are adopted from ZeroDCE\*

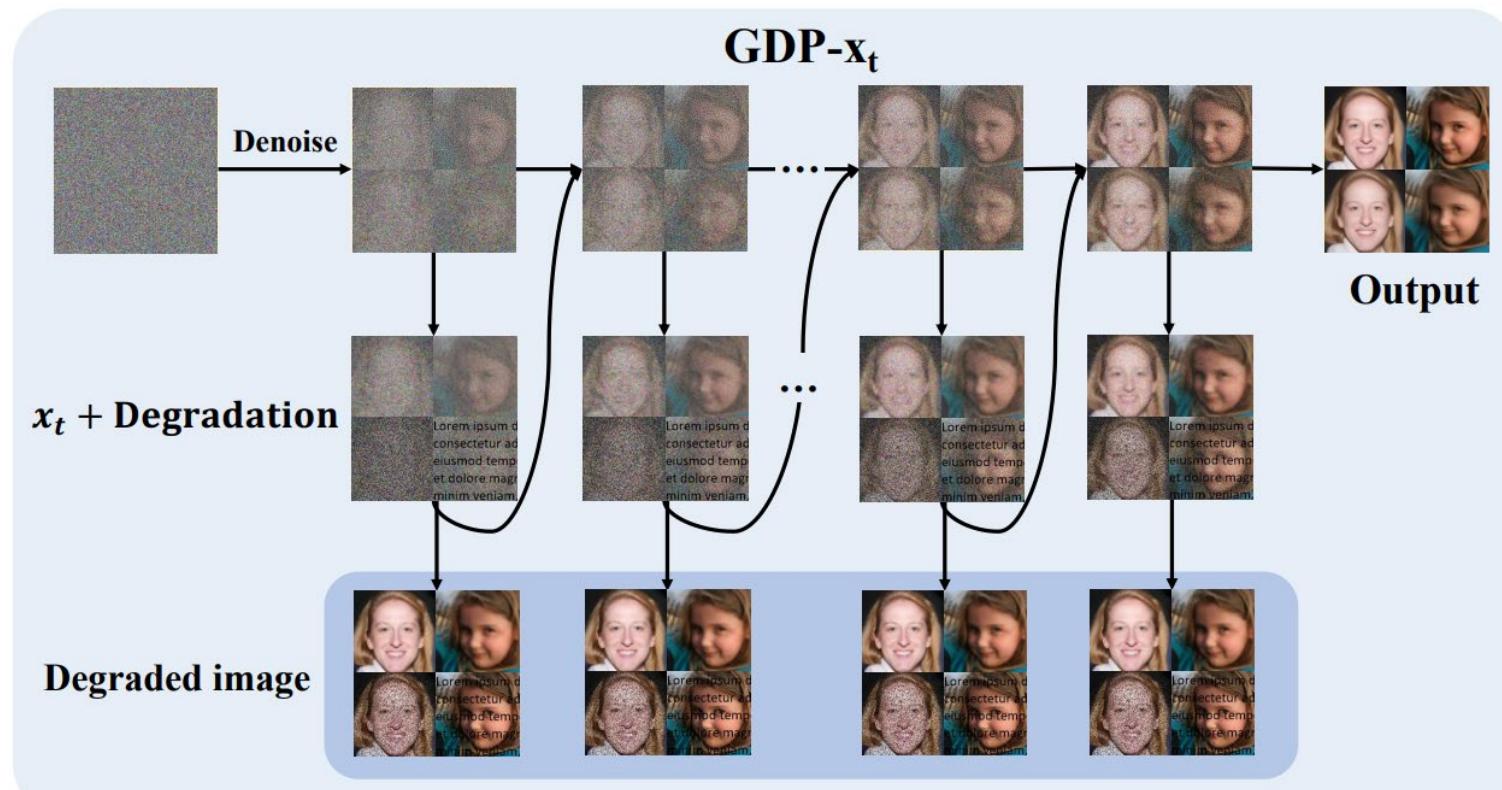
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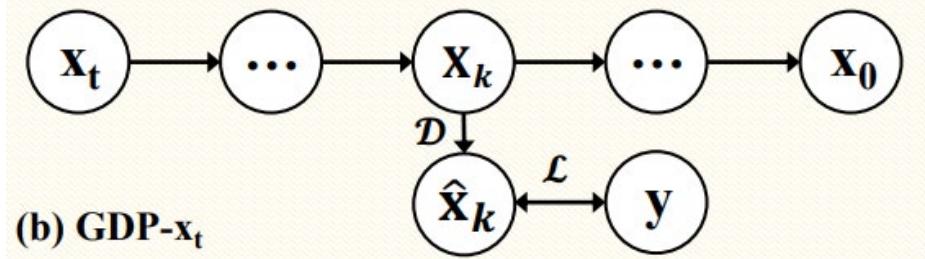
# Experiments: Another Variant

Add regularization on  $x_t$ , not on  $\tilde{x}_0$



# GDP- $x_t$

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**Algorithm 1:** GDP- $x_t$  with fixed degradation model: Conditioner guided diffusion sampling on  $\mathbf{x}_t$ , given a diffusion model  $(\mu_\theta(\mathbf{x}_t), \Sigma_\theta(\mathbf{x}_t))$ , corrupted image conditioner  $\mathbf{y}$ .

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Sample  $\mathbf{x}_{t-1}$  by  $\mathcal{N}(\mu + s \nabla_{\mathbf{x}_t} \mathcal{L}_{\mathbf{x}_t}^{total}, \Sigma)$

**end**

**return**  $\mathbf{x}_0$

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$$\log p(\mathbf{y} | \mathbf{x}_t) = -\log Z - s\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{D}(\mathbf{x}_t), \mathbf{y}) - \lambda\mathcal{Q}(\mathbf{x}_t)$$

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{x}_t} \log p(\mathbf{y} | \mathbf{x}_t) = -s\nabla_{\mathbf{x}_t} \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{D}(\mathbf{x}_t), \mathbf{y}) - \lambda\nabla_{\mathbf{x}_t} \mathcal{Q}(\mathbf{x}_t).$$

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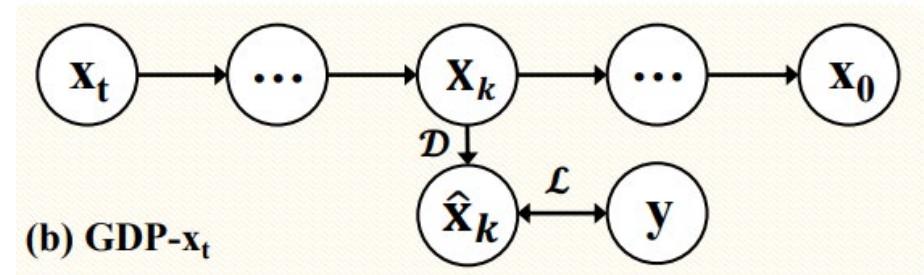
# GDP- $x_t$

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A naive MSE loss or perceptual loss will make  $x_t$  deviate from its original noise magnitude and do harm to the generation.



**Low-res    GDP- $x_t$     GDP- $x_0$     Original**



$x_k$ : noisy image  
with a specific  
noise magnitude

$y$  : corrupted image  
with no noise or  
noises of different  
magnitude

# Experiments

## Qualitative comparison on colorization

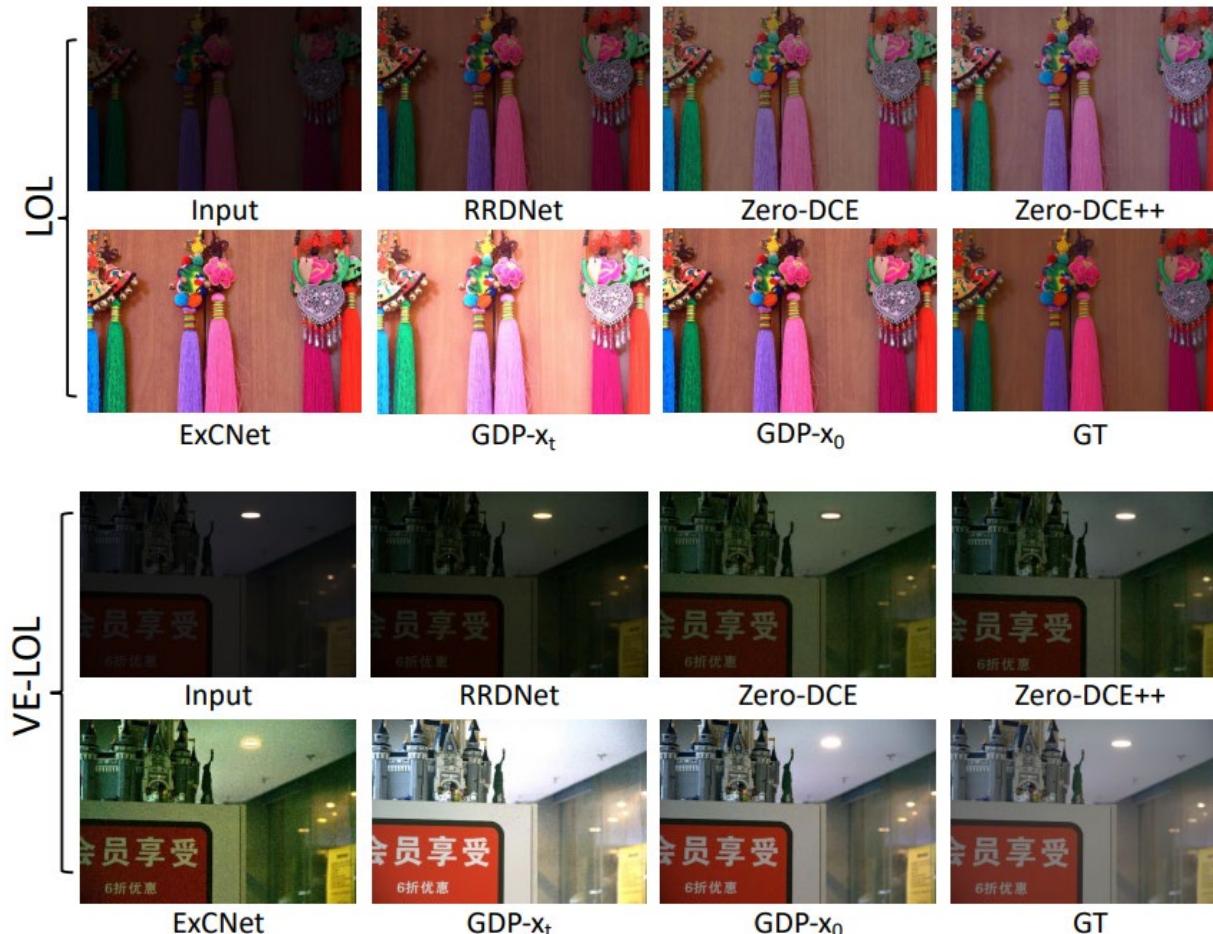


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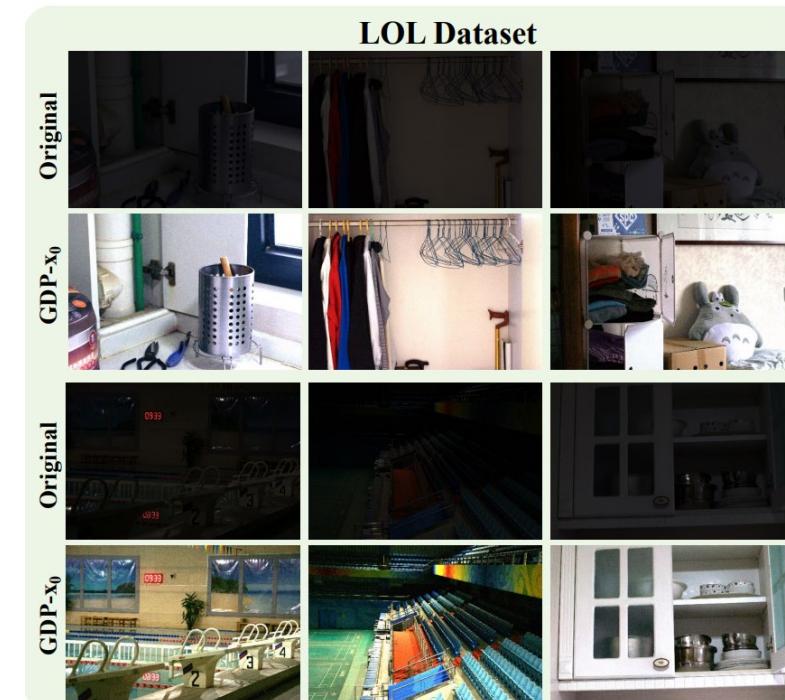
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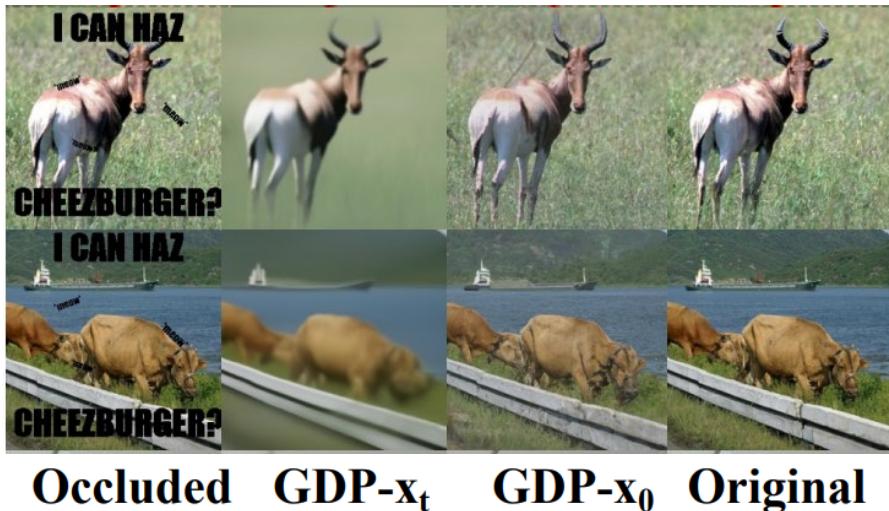
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Qualitative comparison of inpainting task



GDP- $x_t$  may generate blurry images

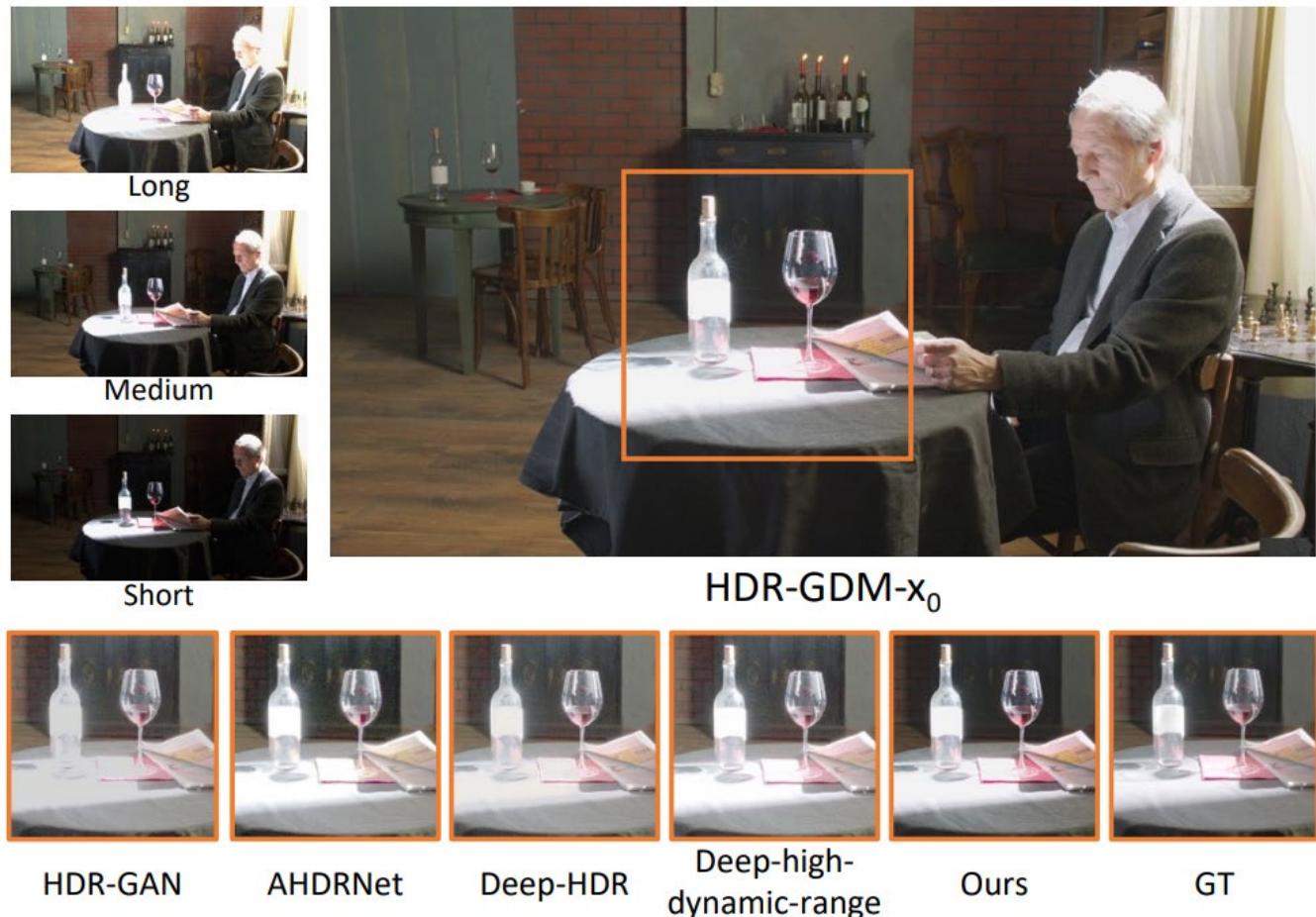
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## Qualitative comparison on HDR Recovery task

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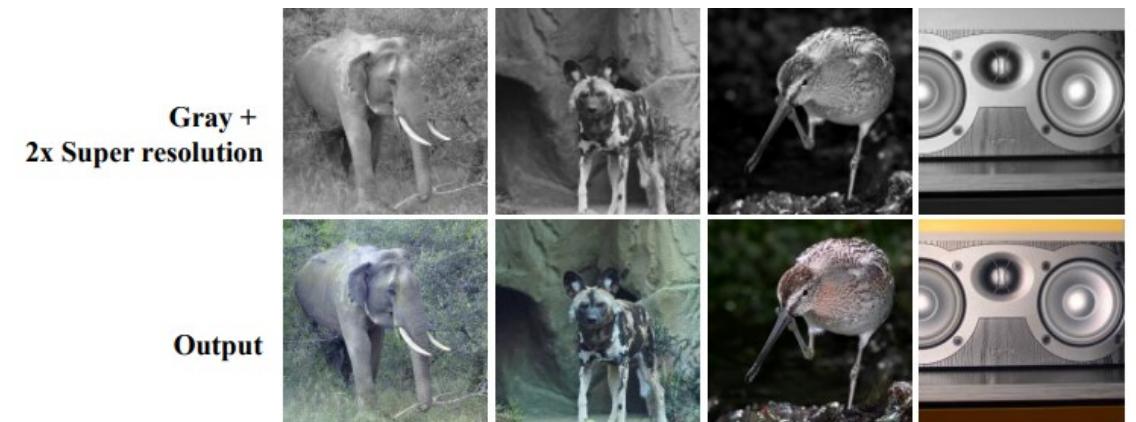
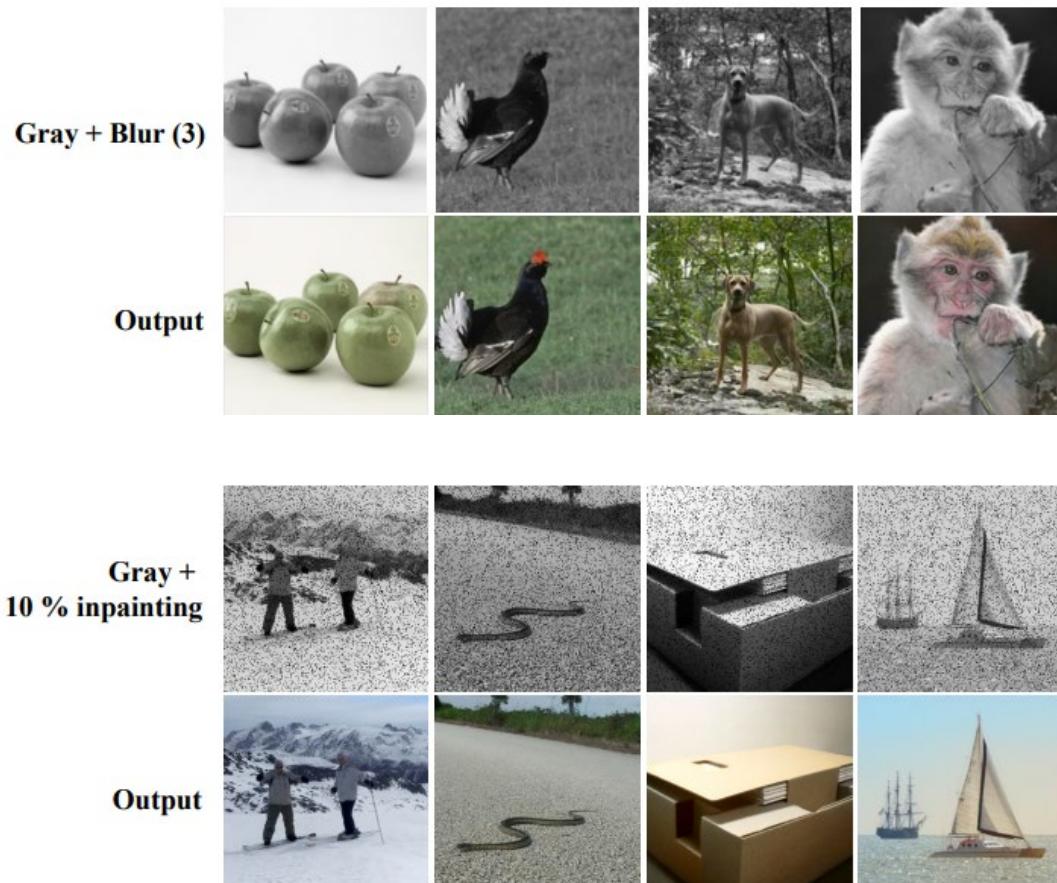
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## Qualitative comparison on Multi-degradation tasks



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## Quantitative comparison of linear image restoration tasks on ImageNet 1k

Method	4× Super-resolution				Deblur				25% Inpainting				Colorization			
	PSNR ↑	SSIM ↑	Consistency ↓	FID ↓	PSNR ↑	SSIM ↑	Consistency ↓	FID ↓	PSNR ↑	SSIM ↑	Consistency ↓	FID ↓	PSNR ↑	SSIM ↑	Consistency ↓	FID ↓
DGP [62]	21.65	0.56	158.74	152.85	26.00	0.54	475.10	136.53	27.59	0.82	414.60	60.65	18.42	0.71	305.59	94.59
SNIPS [33]	22.38	0.66	21.38	154.43	24.73	0.69	60.11	17.11	17.55	0.74	587.90	103.50	-	-	-	-
RED [69]	24.18	0.71	27.57	98.30	21.30	0.58	63.20	69.55	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DDRM [32]	<b>26.53</b>	<b>0.78</b>	19.39	40.75	<b>35.64</b>	<b>0.98</b>	50.24	4.78	34.28	0.95	<b>4.08</b>	24.09	<b>22.12</b>	0.91	37.33	47.05
GDP- $x_t$	24.27	0.67	80.32	64.67	25.86	0.75	54.08	5.00	31.06	0.93	8.80	20.24	21.30	0.86	75.24	66.43
GDP- $x_0$	24.42	0.68	<b>6.49</b>	<b>38.24</b>	25.98	0.75	<b>41.27</b>	<b>2.44</b>	<b>34.40</b>	<b>0.96</b>	5.29	<b>16.58</b>	21.41	<b>0.92</b>	<b>36.92</b>	<b>37.60</b>

Low psnr/ssim, high FID

GDP- $x_0$  performs well than GDP- $x_t$

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## Quantitative comparison of image enlighten task

Learning	Methods	LOL [88]					VE-LOL-L [47]					LoLi-Phone [41]	
		PSNR↑	SSIM↑	FID↓	LOE↓	PI↓	PSNR↑	SSIM↑	FID↓	LOE↓	PI↓	LOE↓	PI↓
Supervised learning	LLNet [50]	17.91	0.76	169.20	384.21	4.10	17.38	0.73	124.98	291.59	5.54	343.34	5.36
	LightenNet [43]	10.29	0.45	90.91	273.21	7.09	13.26	0.57	82.26	199.45	7.29	500.22	6.63
	Retinex-Net [88]	17.24	0.55	129.99	513.28	8.63	16.41	0.64	135.20	421.41	8.62	542.29	8.23
	MBLLEN [52]	17.90	0.77	122.69	175.10	8.39	15.95	0.70	105.74	114.91	7.45	137.34	6.46
	KinD [104]	17.57	0.82	74.52	377.59	7.41	18.07	0.78	80.12	253.79	7.51	265.47	6.84
	KinD++ [102]	17.60	0.80	100.15	712.12	7.96	16.80	0.74	101.23	421.97	7.98	382.51	7.71
	TBFEN [51]	17.25	0.83	90.59	367.66	8.29	18.91	0.81	91.30	276.65	8.02	214.30	7.34
	DSLR [46]	14.98	0.67	183.92	272.68	7.09	15.70	0.68	124.80	271.63	7.27	281.25	6.99
Unsupervised learning	EnlightenGAN [29]	17.44	0.74	82.60	379.23	8.78	17.45	0.75	86.51	311.85	8.27	373.41	7.26
Self-supervised learning	DRBN [92]	15.15	0.52	94.96	692.99	5.53	18.47	0.78	88.10	268.70	6.15	285.06	5.31
Zero-shot learning	ExCNet [99]	16.04	0.62	111.18	220.38	8.70	16.20	0.66	115.24	225.15	8.62	359.96	7.95
	Zero-DCE [23]	14.91	0.70	81.11	245.54	8.84	17.84	0.73	85.72	194.10	8.12	214.30	7.34
	Zero-DCE++ [42]	14.86	0.62	86.22	302.06	7.08	16.12	0.45	86.96	313.50	7.92	308.15	7.18
	RRDNet [106]	11.37	0.53	89.09	127.22	8.17	13.99	0.58	83.41	94.23	7.36	92.73	7.20
	GDP- $x_t$	7.32	0.57	238.92	364.15	8.26	9.45	0.50	152.68	194.49	7.12	508.73	8.06
	GDP- $x_0$	13.93	0.63	75.16	110.39	6.47	13.04	0.55	78.74	79.08	6.47	75.29	6.35

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- Image restoration -> conditional generation
- Tackle the linear inverse, non-linear and blind problems.
- Use intermediate  $\tilde{x}_0$  to regularize the generation process
  - Easy but effective way to insert the condition

Thanks for listening!