

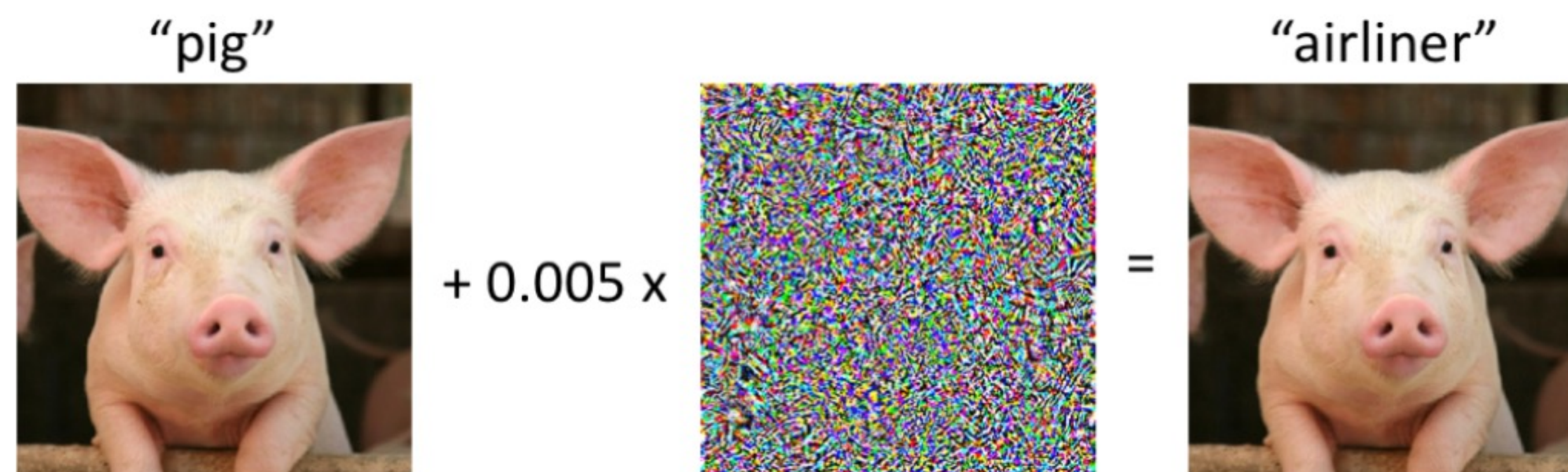
# Towards Effective Protection Against Diffusion-Based Mimicry Through Score Distillation

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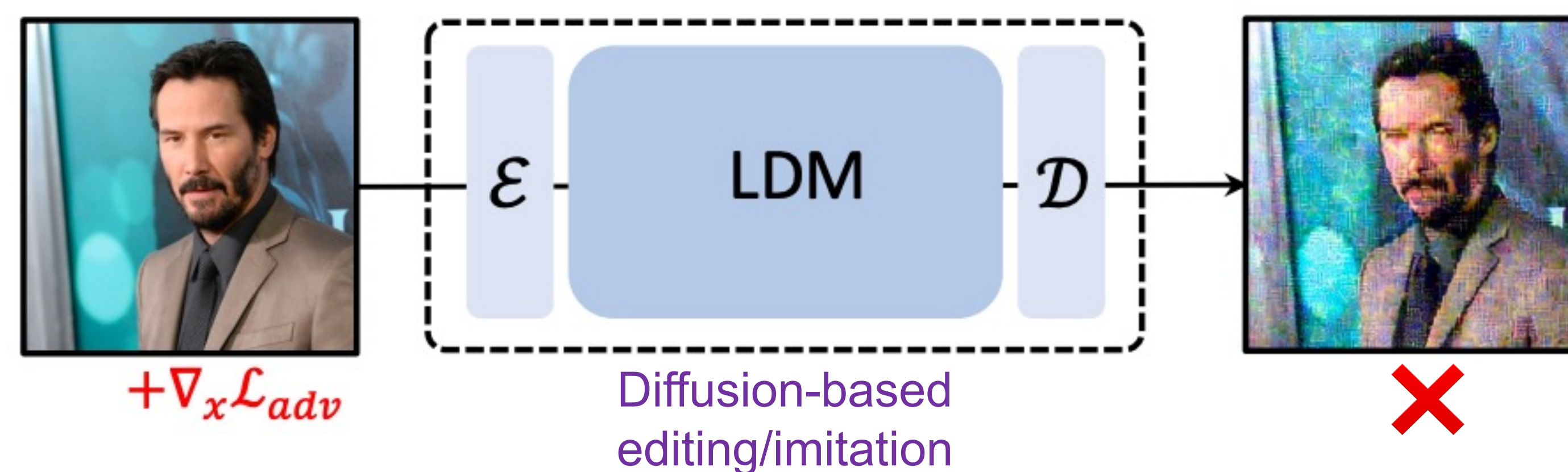
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## Background & Motivation

It is easy to fool a DNN by crafting adversarial perturbations:

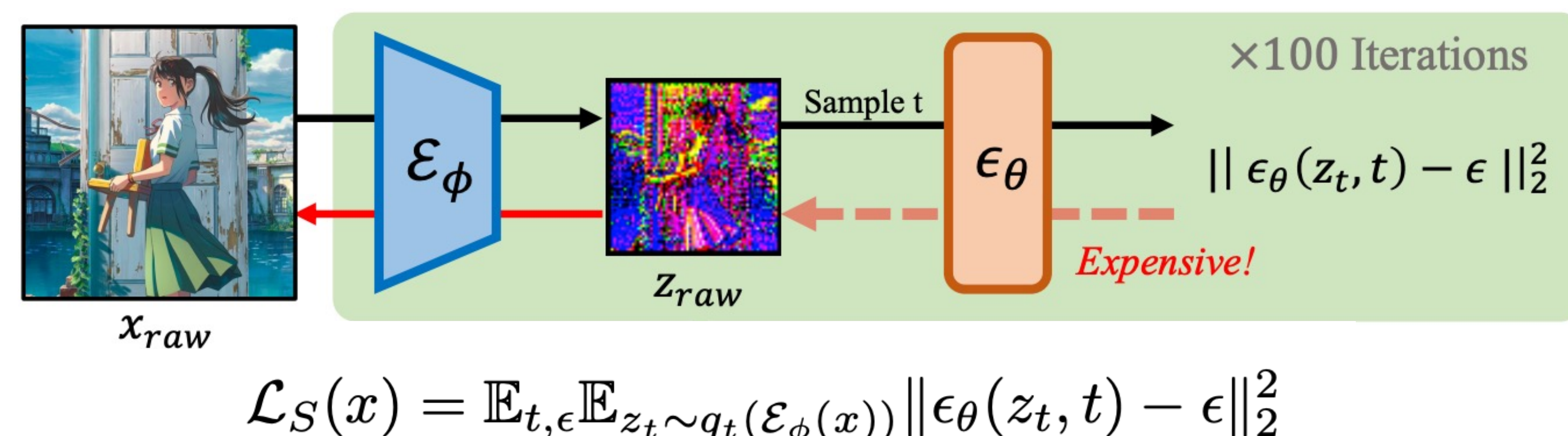


For **Diffusion Models** in the Latent Space (LDM), we can also craft such kind of adversarial perturbations:



This kind of perturbations can be used as potential **protection** to protect unauthorized images from being invaded.

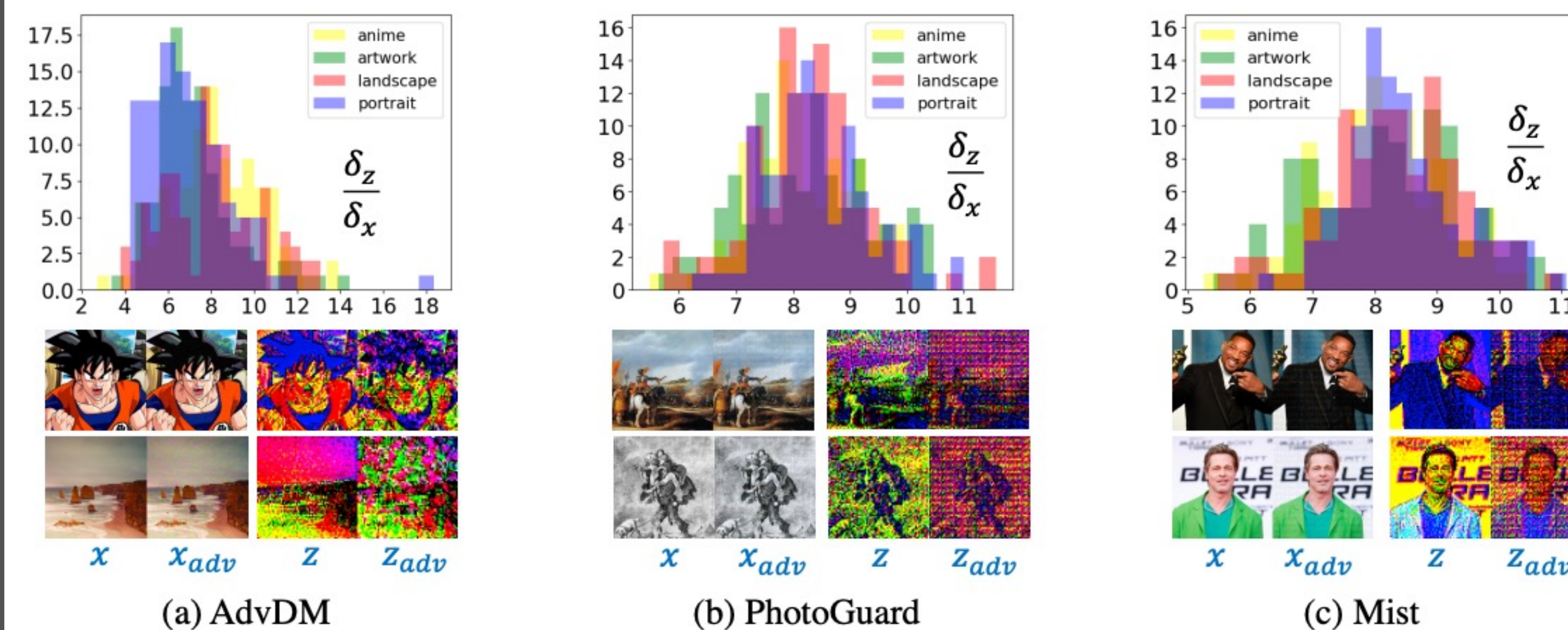
These perturbations are calculated using the gradient of input images over the diffusion loss, which is **expensive**:



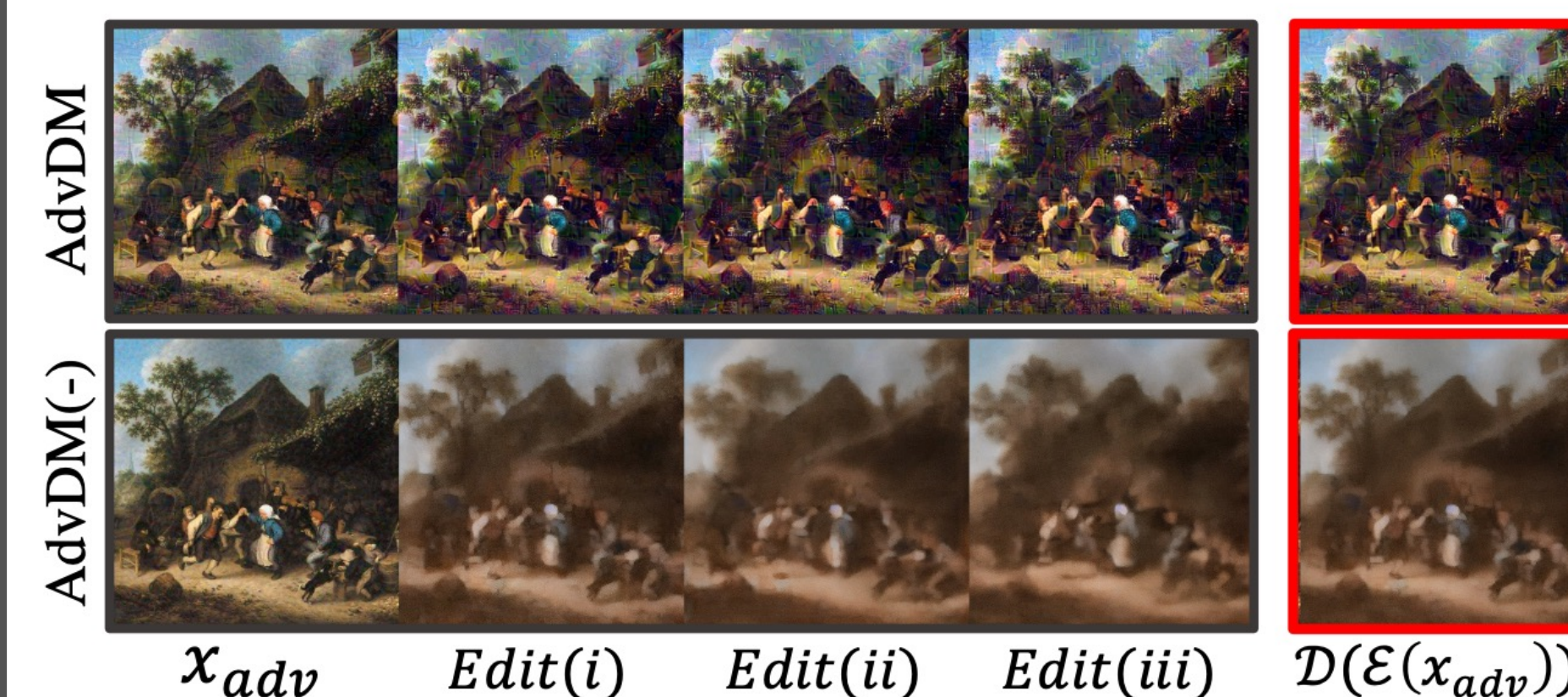
## Key Insights

**Our Key Insight: The Encoder is the Bottleneck**

➤ Clue (1): The perturbations in the **z-space** (latent) is much **larger**



➤ Clue (2): Perturbations in the z-space **reflects** the editing results



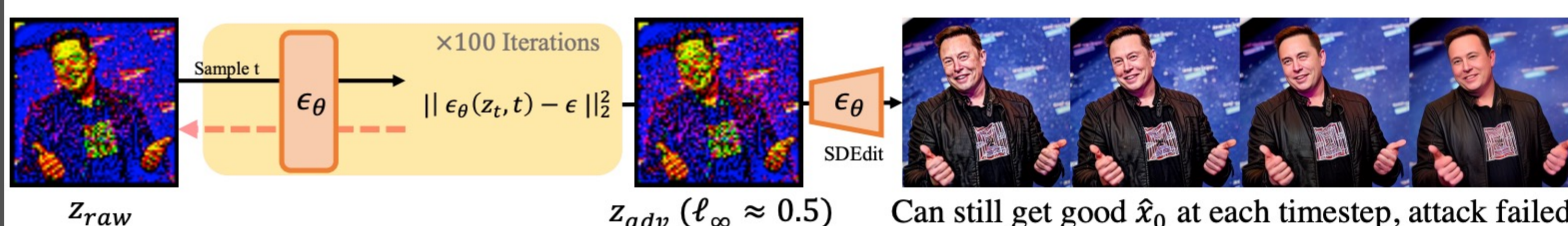
$x_{adv}$ : Attacked Image

$\mathcal{D}$ : Decoder of LDM

$\mathcal{E}$ : Encoder of LDM

Edit: Use LDM to Edit

➤ Clue (3): The **denoiser**  $\epsilon_\theta$  of a LDM is much more **robust**, we factorize the attack by attacking the input of denoiser:

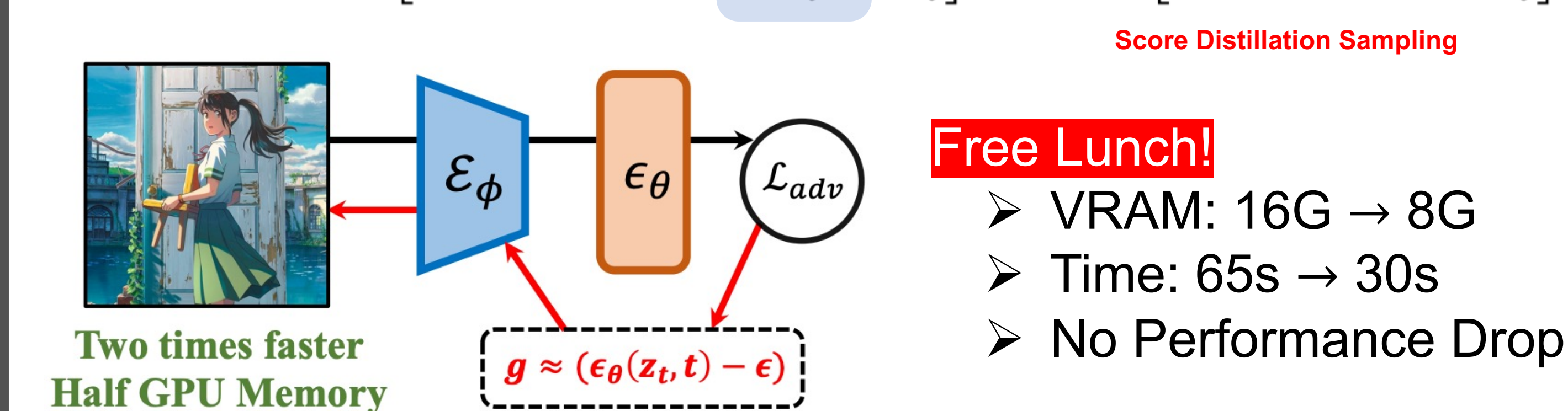


The fact is that: the **expensive** gradient of denoiser over inputs is weak and unstable, we can just omit that!

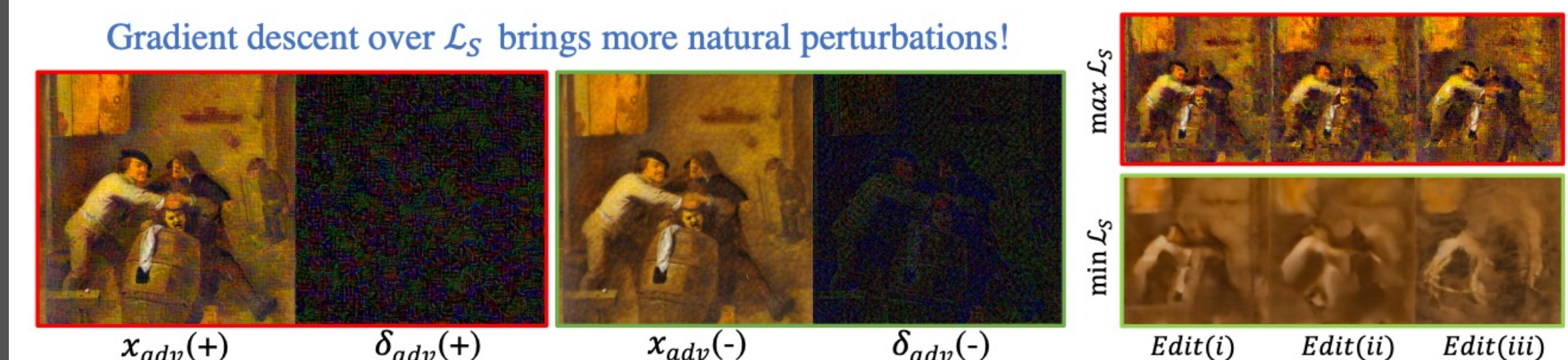
## Approaches

**Tool (1): Score Distillation Speedup**

$$\nabla_x \mathcal{L}_S(x) = \mathbb{E}_{t, \epsilon} \mathbb{E}_{z_t} \left[ \lambda(t) (\epsilon_\theta(z_t, t) - \epsilon) \frac{\partial \epsilon_\theta(z_t, t)}{\partial z_t} \frac{\partial z_t}{\partial x_t} \right] \approx \mathbb{E}_{t, \epsilon} \mathbb{E}_{z_t} \left[ \lambda(t) (\epsilon_\theta(z_t, t) - \epsilon) \frac{\partial z_t}{\partial x_t} \right]$$



**Tool (2): Use Gradient Descent to Generate  $x_{adv}$**



We surprisingly find that **using gradient descent** over the adversarial loss can also generate perturbations to fool the LDMs. This perturbations is more **stealthy and strong** protections results!

**Takeaway:** LDMs can be attacked because of the encoder is vulnerable, we propose more effective protections based on this insight, which enables more effective protection

- More **results** can be found in our paper and GitHub repo
- Feel free to contact me if you have further questions

