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# Generative Fractional Diffusion Models

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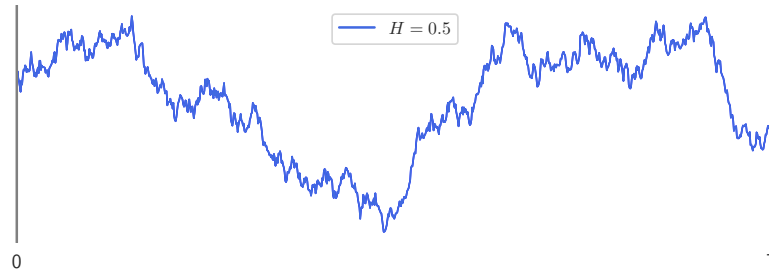
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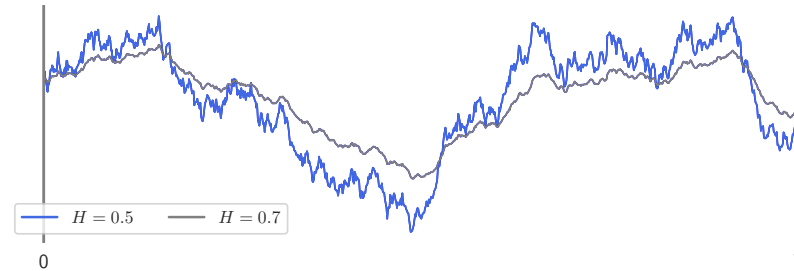


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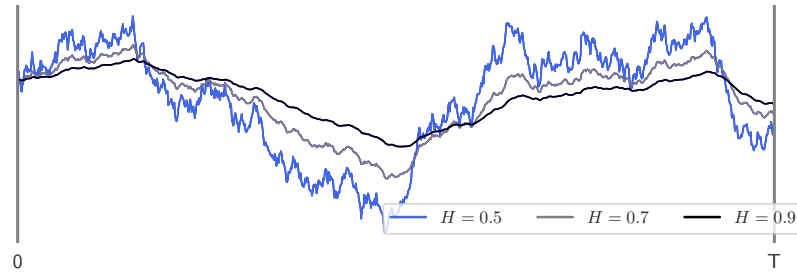


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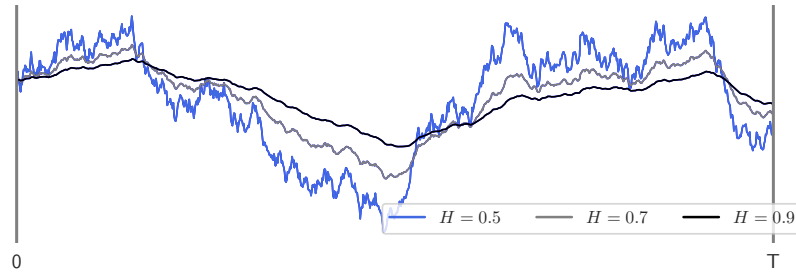


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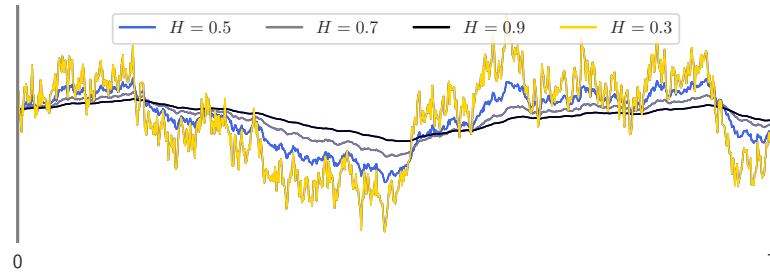
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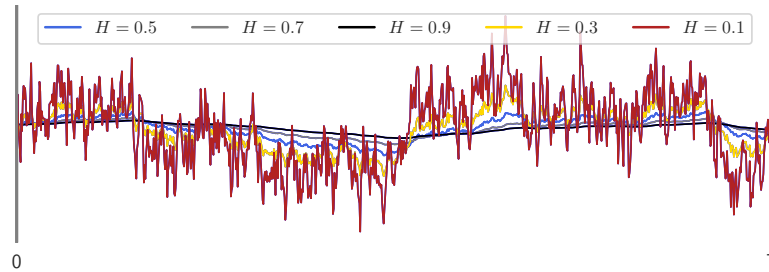
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⇒ No Markov property or Kolmogorov equations (Fokker-Planck) to derive the reverse-time model

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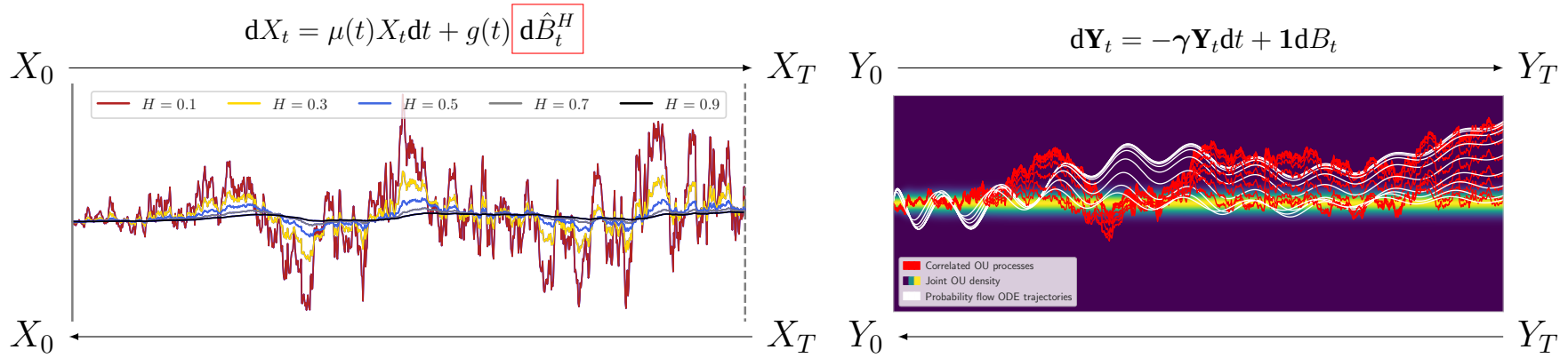
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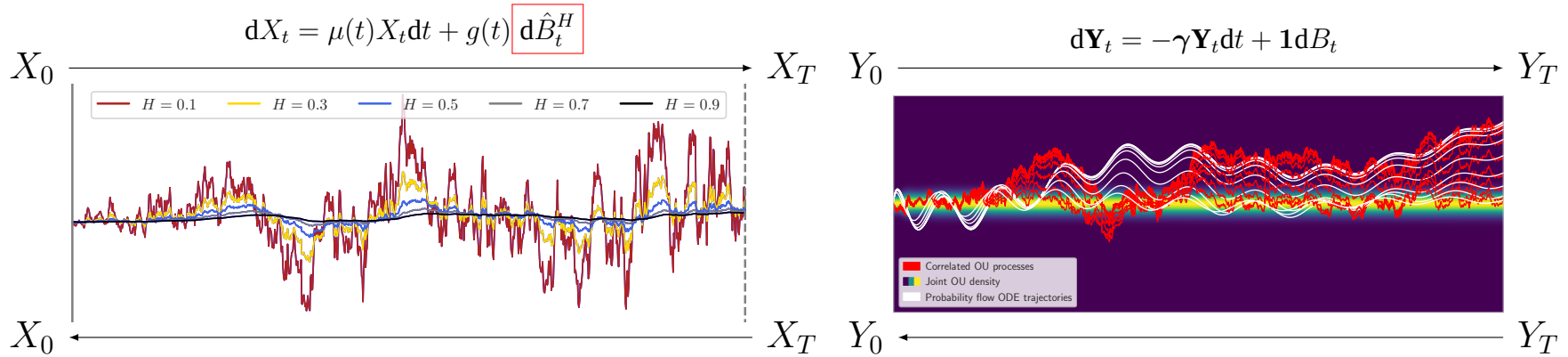
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# Forward Dynamics



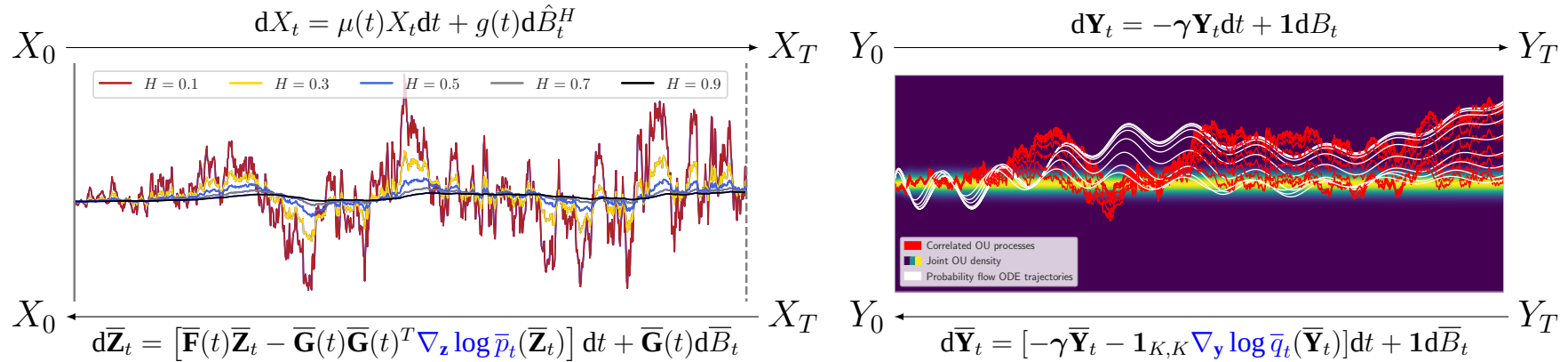
# Forward Dynamics



$$X_t | x_0 = c(t) \left( x_0 + \int_0^t \alpha(t, s) dB_s \right) \sim \mathcal{N}(c(t)x_0, c^2(t)\sigma^2(t))$$



# A Diffusion Model Driven by MA-fBM - The Reverse Process



$$\nabla_{\mathbf{z}} \log p_t(\mathbf{Z}_t) = \dots?$$

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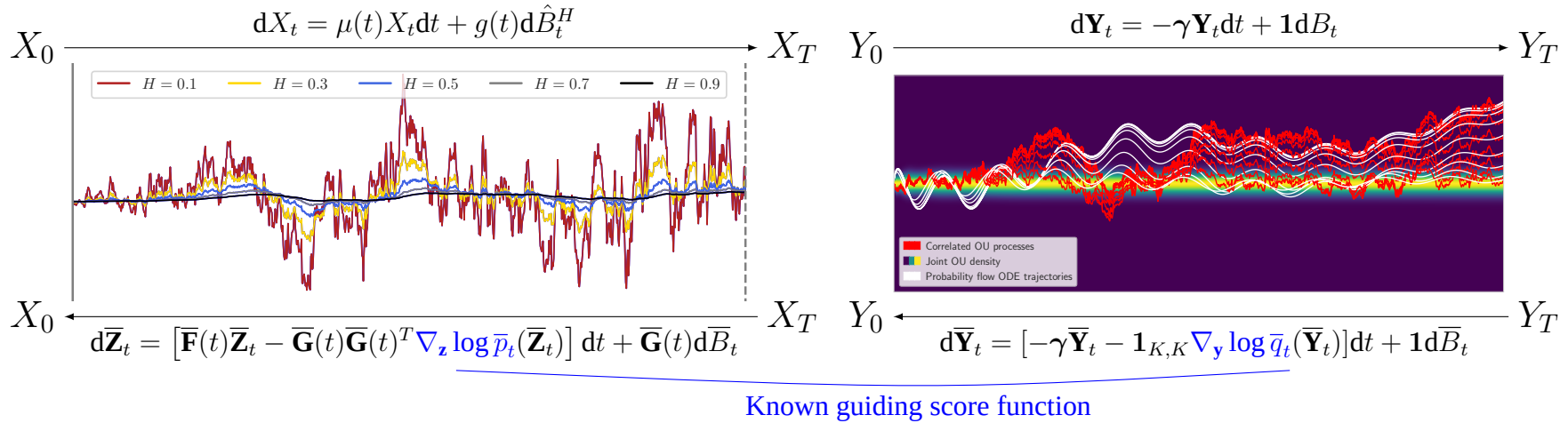
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Assume that  $s_\theta$  is optimal w.r.t. the augmented score matching loss  $\mathcal{L}$  in (12). The score model

$$S_\theta(\mathbf{Z}_t, t) := \left( s_\theta(\mathbf{X}_t - \sum_k \eta_t^k \mathbf{Y}_t^k, t), -\eta_t^1 s_\theta(\mathbf{X}_t - \sum_k \eta_t^k \mathbf{Y}_t^k, t), \dots, -\eta_t^K s_\theta(\mathbf{X}_t - \sum_k \eta_t^k \mathbf{Y}_t^k, t) \right)$$

yields the optimal  $L^2(\mathbb{P})$  approximation of  $\nabla_{\mathbf{z}} \log p_t(\mathbf{Z}_t)$ .

# A Score-based Model Driven by MA-fBM - The Reverse Process



$$\nabla_{\mathbf{z}} \log p_t(\mathbf{Z}_t) \approx S_{\theta}(\mathbf{Z}_t, t) + \nabla_{\mathbf{z}} \log q_t(\mathbf{Y}_t^{[K]}), \quad \mathbf{Y}_t^{[K]} := (Y_t^1, \dots, Y_t^K)$$

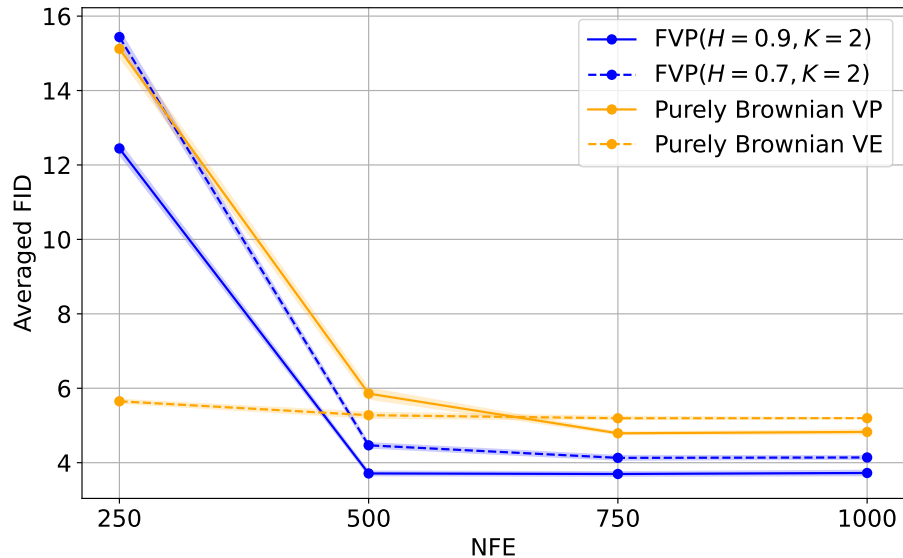
# Results: Different Hurst Indices

MNIST	FID ↓	VS <sub>p</sub> ↑
<b>BM driven</b>		
VE (retrained)	10.82	24.20
VP (retrained)	1.44	23.64
<b>MA-fBM driven</b>		
FVP( $H = 0.9, K = 3$ )	<b>0.72</b>	24.18
FVP( $H = 0.7, K = 3$ )	0.86	24.39
FVP( $H = 0.9, K = 4$ )	1.22	<b>24.76</b>

CIFAR10	FID ↓	VS <sub>p</sub> ↑
<b>BM driven</b>		
VE (retrained)	5.20	3.42
VP (retrained)	4.85	3.28
<b>MA-fBM driven</b>		
FVP( $H = 0.9, K = 1$ )	4.79	3.53
FVP( $H = 0.7, K = 2$ )	4.17	3.35
FVP( $H = 0.9, K = 2$ )	<b>3.77</b>	<b>3.60</b>

Conditional image generation on (LHS) MNIST and (RHS) CIFAR10.

# Results: Number of Function Evaluations (NFEs)



Averaged FID on CIFAR10 over three rounds of sampling plotted across different NFEs.

# Results: Class-wise performance

Metric	Dynamics	airplane	automobile	bird	cat	deer	dog	frog	horse	ship	truck
FID ↓	VP	15.29	12.06	14.08	18.08	10.68	16.92	16.48	12.49	10.74	10.57
	FVP( $H = 0.7, K = 2$ )	14.67	9.55	<b>14.02</b>	16.97	11.05	17.14	16.43	10.97	<b>9.91</b>	8.81
	FVP( $H = 0.9, K = 2$ )	<b>14.37</b>	<b>8.94</b>	14.18	<b>16.38</b>	<b>10.52</b>	<b>16.76</b>	<b>15.37</b>	<b>10.28</b>	10.04	<b>8.76</b>
Recall ↑	VP	0.6814	0.6186	0.6860	0.6466	0.7002	0.6730	0.6758	0.6392	0.6468	0.5982
	FVP( $H = 0.7, K = 2$ )	0.6838	0.6436	0.6870	0.6712	0.7140	0.6844	0.6922	0.6764	0.6550	0.6508
	FVP( $H = 0.9, K = 2$ )	<b>0.7038</b>	<b>0.6614</b>	<b>0.7188</b>	<b>0.6842</b>	<b>0.7284</b>	<b>0.7096</b>	<b>0.7104</b>	<b>0.6806</b>	<b>0.6772</b>	<b>0.6852</b>

Class-wise image quality and class-wise distribution coverage on CIFAR10.

# Conclusion

- We propose to use MA-fBM as the driving noise process for your diffusion models
- A score model that matches the dimensionality of the data suffices
- We achieve higher image quality, improved pixel-wise diversity and better distribution coverage



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