

# BitsFusion: 1.99 bits Weight Quantization of Diffusion Model

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# Text-to-Image Diffusion Model

## Stable Diffusion



# Challenge: Storage Size

 **Hugging Face**

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**agermanidis** Add non\_ema weights as variant (#170) 1d0c4eb

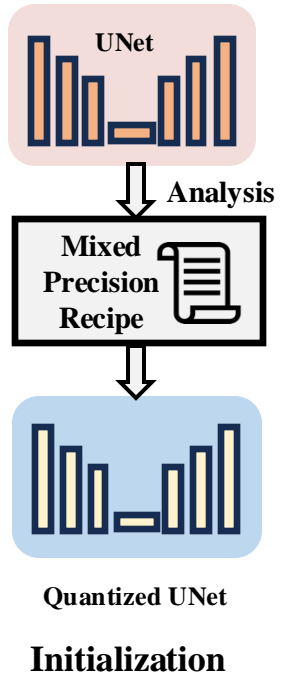
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# Quantization

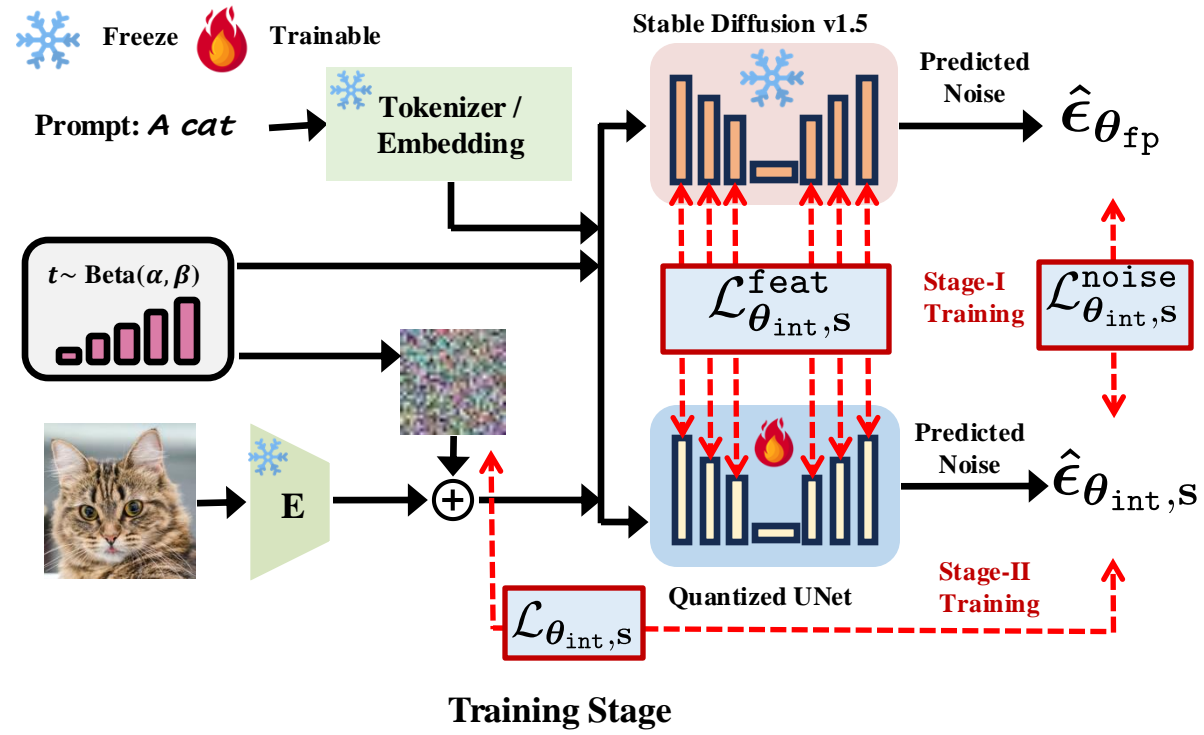
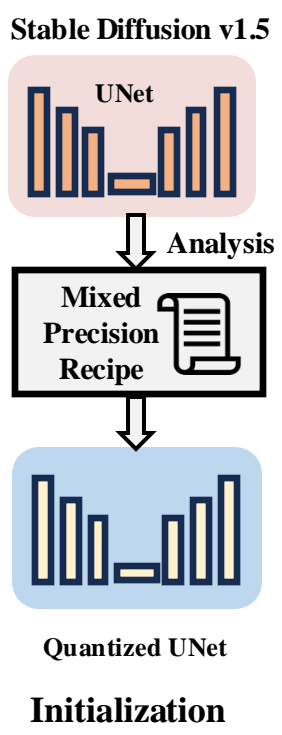
Our goal: Extremely Low-bit Text-to-Image Diffusion Model (i.e., **1.99 bits** UNet)

# Overview of BitsFusion Pipeline

Stable Diffusion v1.5

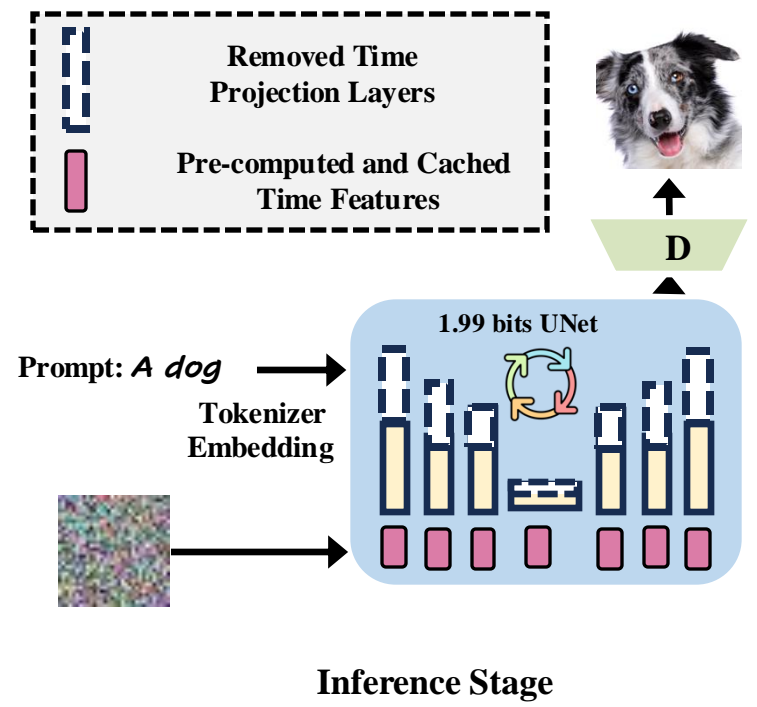
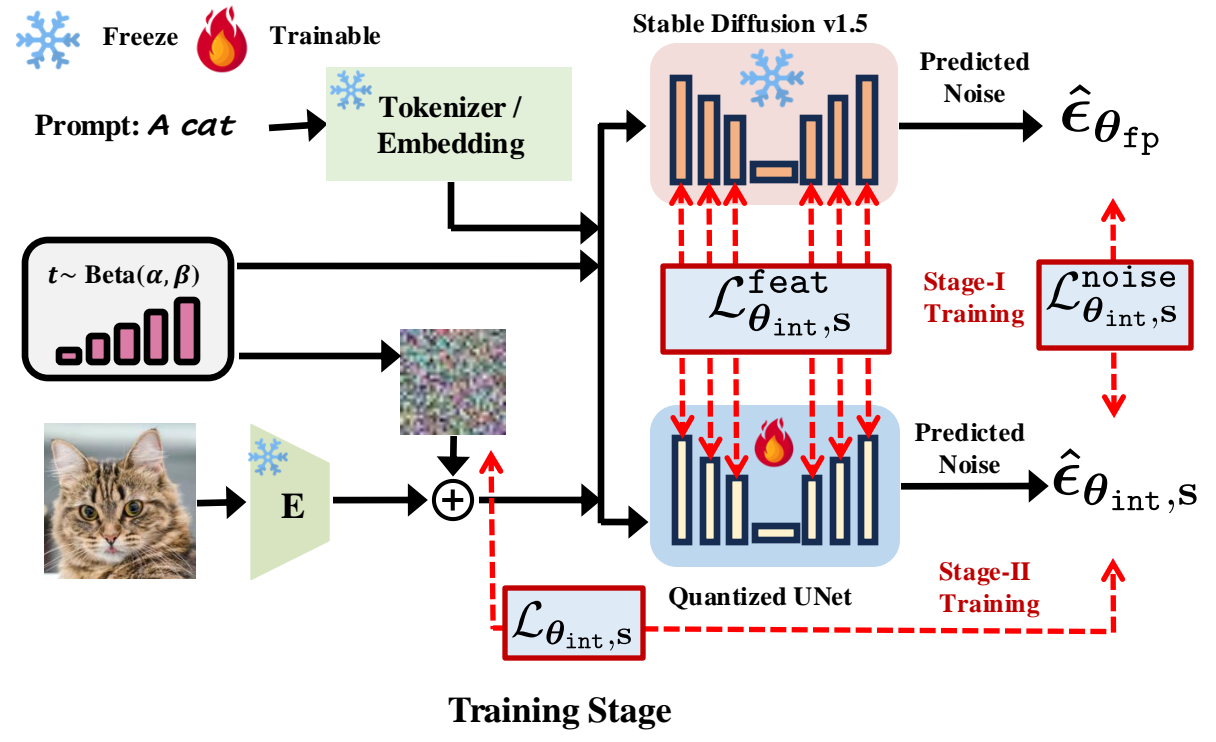
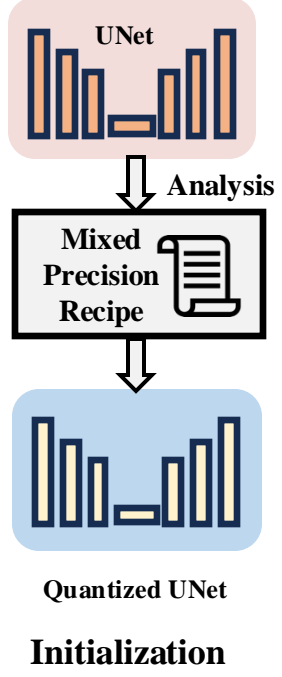


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## Stable Diffusion v1.5



# Outline

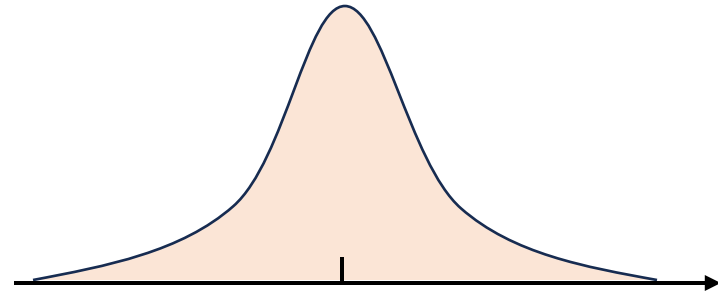
- Mixed Precision Strategy
  - Per-Layer Quantization Error Analysis
  - Deciding the Mixed Precision
- Training Extreme Low-bit Diffusion Model
  - Initialization Schemes
  - Two-stage Training Pipeline
- Results



# Mixed Precision Strategy

# Quantization

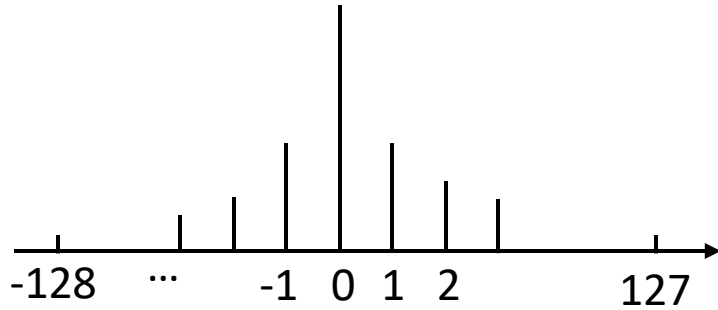
32 bits  
Floating-point Weights



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8 bits  
Integer Weights



Saving Storage Size

# Per-Layer Quantization Error

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Measure the impact when quantizing each layer:

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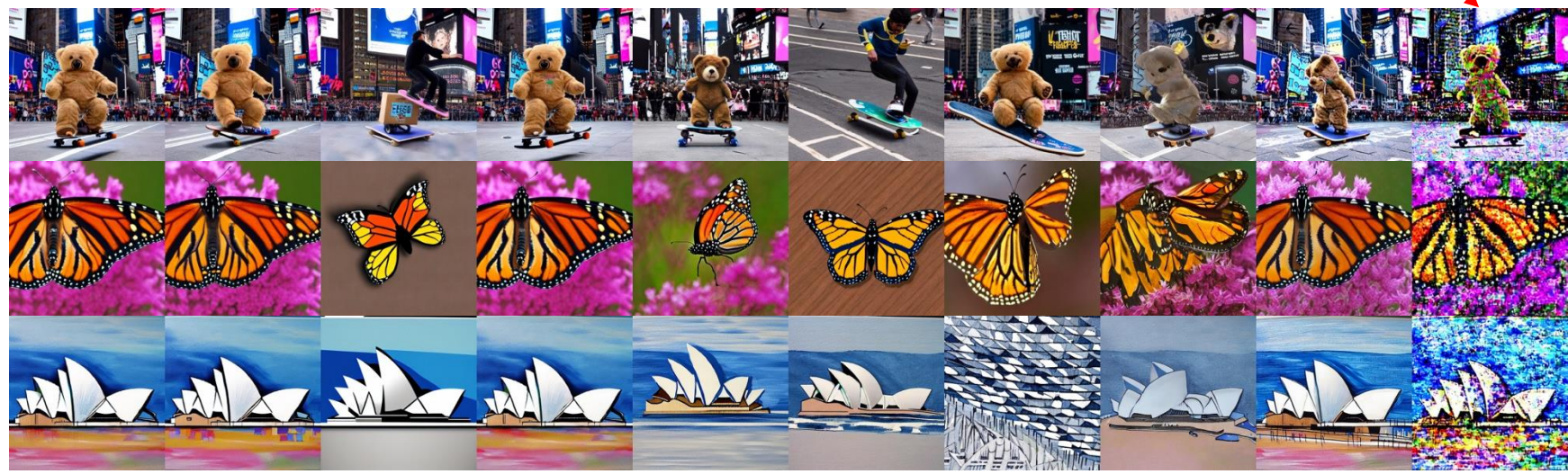
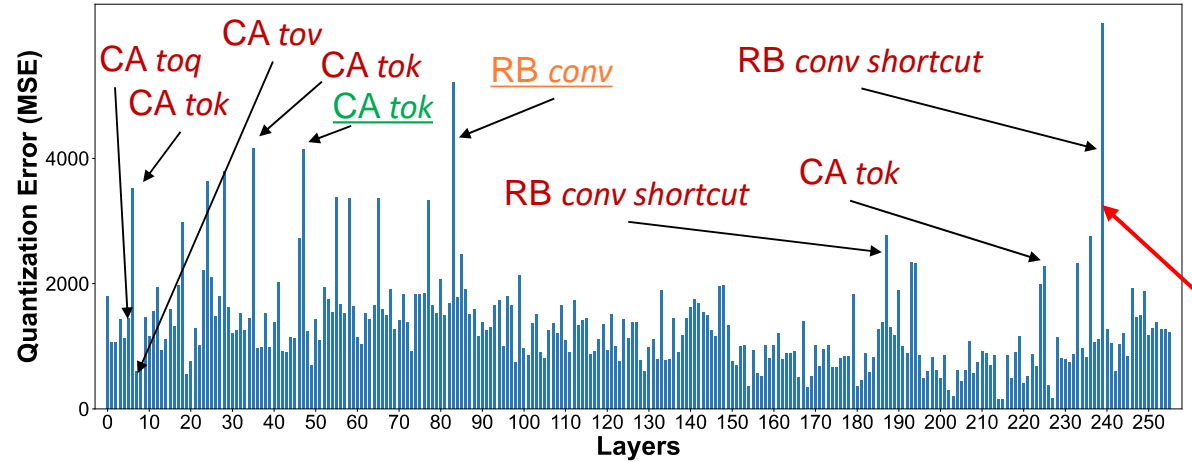
## Mixed Precision Precision

Measure the impact when quantizing each layer:

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- Generate images from quantized models
- Calculate the metrics compared to full-precision model: MSE, CLIP Score, PSNR, LPIPS

# Per-Layer Quantization Error

## Mixed Precision Precision



SD-v1.5    CA toq: Cross Attention Query Layer    CA tok: Cross Attention Key Layer    CA tov: Cross Attention Value Layer    CA tok    CA tok    RB conv: ResBlock Conv Layer    RB conv shortcut: ResBlock Conv Shortcut Layer    CA tok    **RB conv shortcut**

# Per-Layer Quantization Error

Which metrics should we use?

Pearson correlation (absolute value) between different metrics

	<b>MSE vs. PSNR</b>	<b>MSE vs. LPIPS</b>	<b>MSE vs. CLIP Score</b>
1 bit	0.870	0.984	0.733
2 bit	0.882	0.989	0.473
3 bit	0.869	0.991	0.535

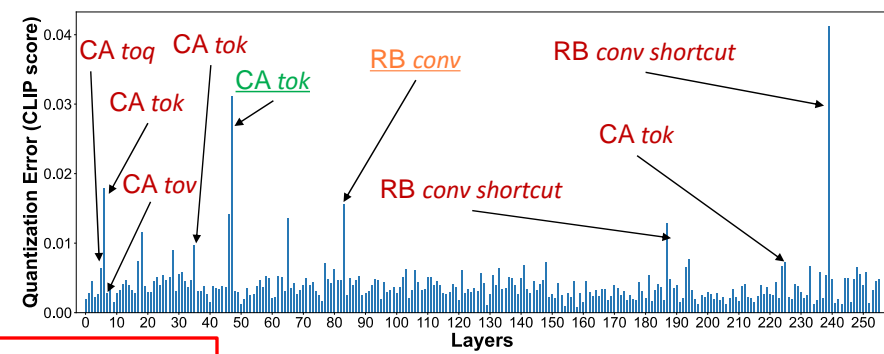
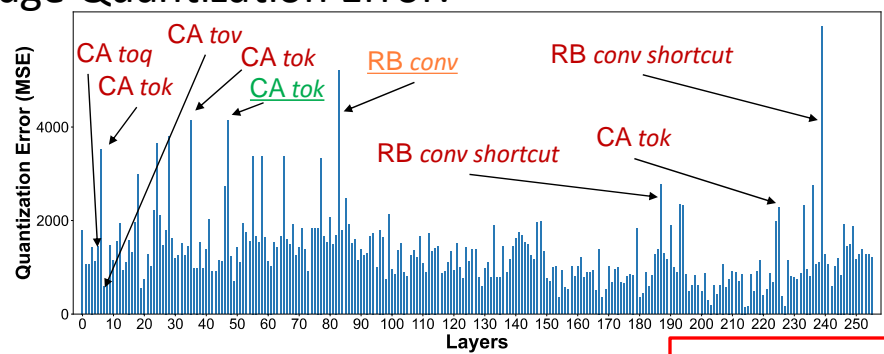
Observation 1: MSE, PSNR, and LPIPS show strong correlation and they correlate well with the visual perception of image quality.

Conclusion: We adopt MSE as our main quantitative metric to represent the PSNR and LPIPS.

# Per-Layer Quantization Error

## Which metrics should we use?

Average Quantization Error:



MSE: CA tok < RB conv  
CLIP Score drop: CA tok > RB conv

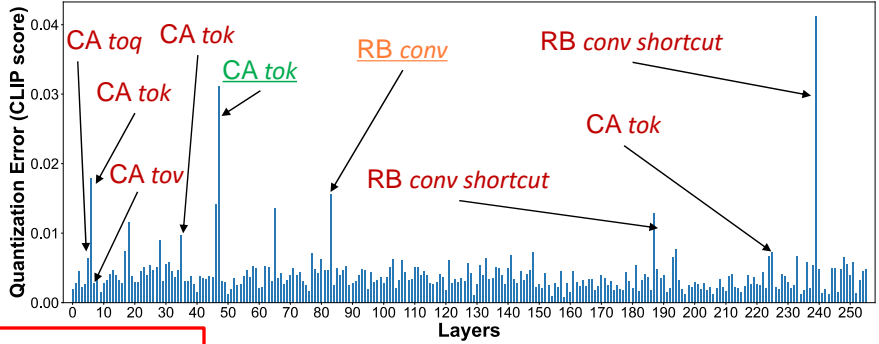
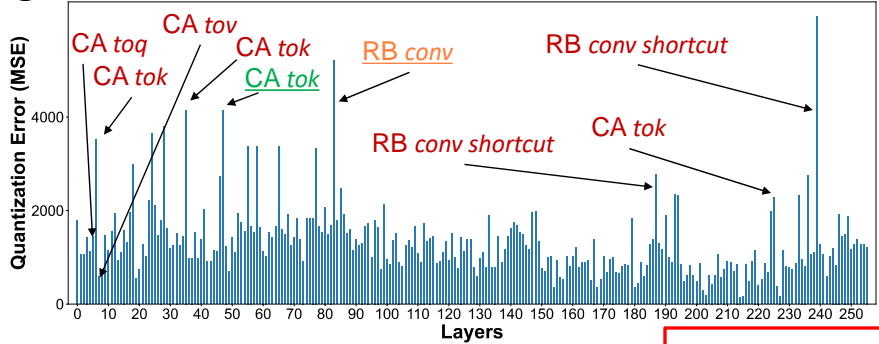
Observation 2: Although some layers show smaller MSE, they may experience larger semantic degradation, as reflected in larger CLIP score changes.



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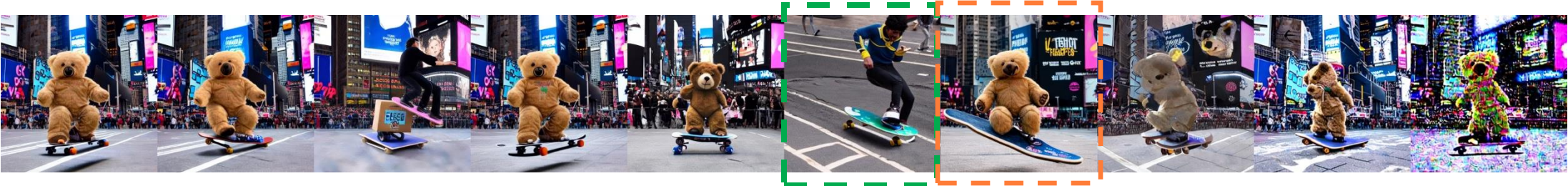
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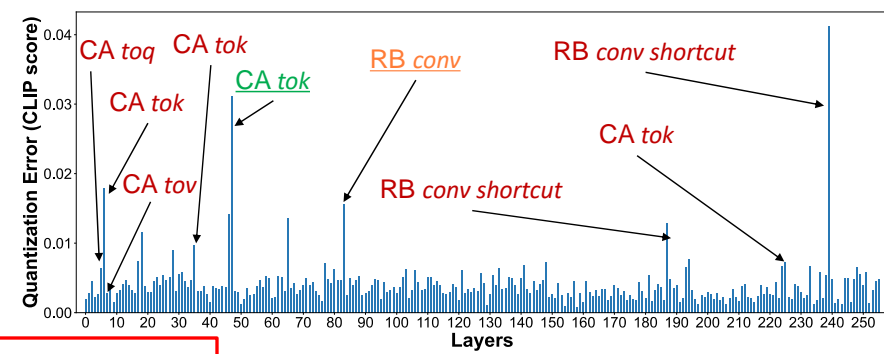
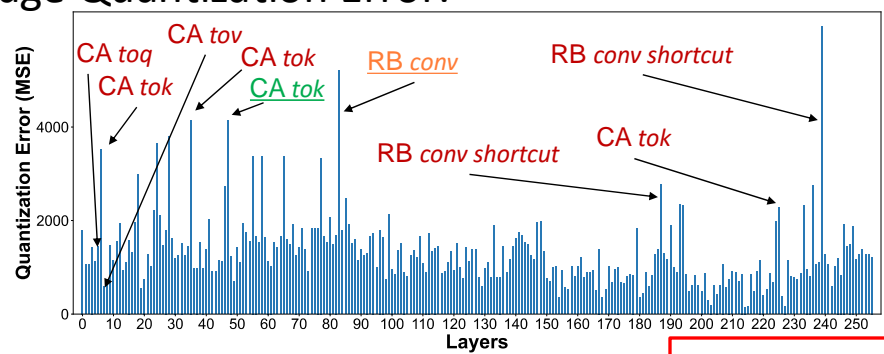


*A teddy bear on a skateboard in Times Square, doing tricks on a cardboard box ramp*

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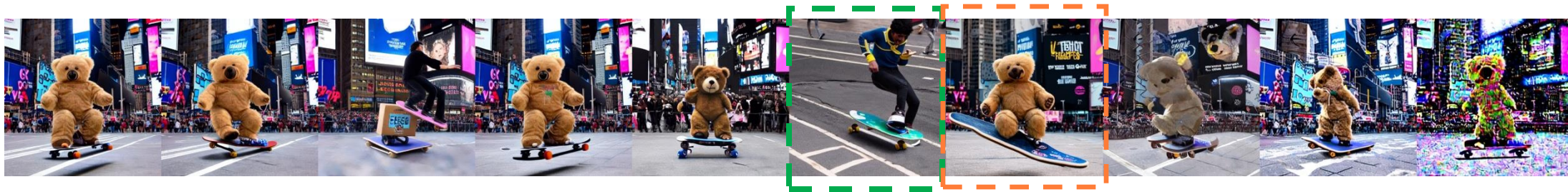
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Adopt CLIP score as our complementary quantitative metrics.

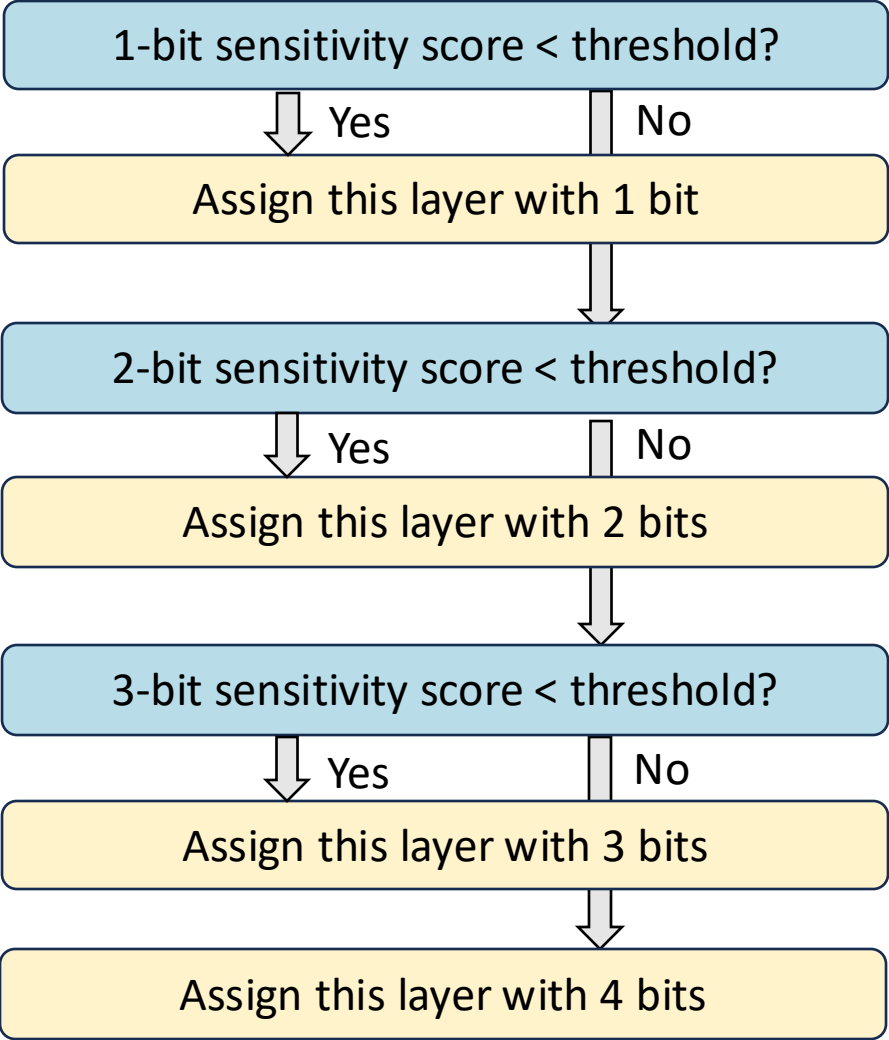
# Per-Layer Quantization Error

**Which metrics should we use?**

**Conclusion: MSE, CLIP Score**

# Deciding the Optimal Precision

1. Assign bits based on MSE (For one layer):



Sensitivity score

$$\mathcal{S}_{i,b} = M_{i,b} N_i^{-\eta}$$

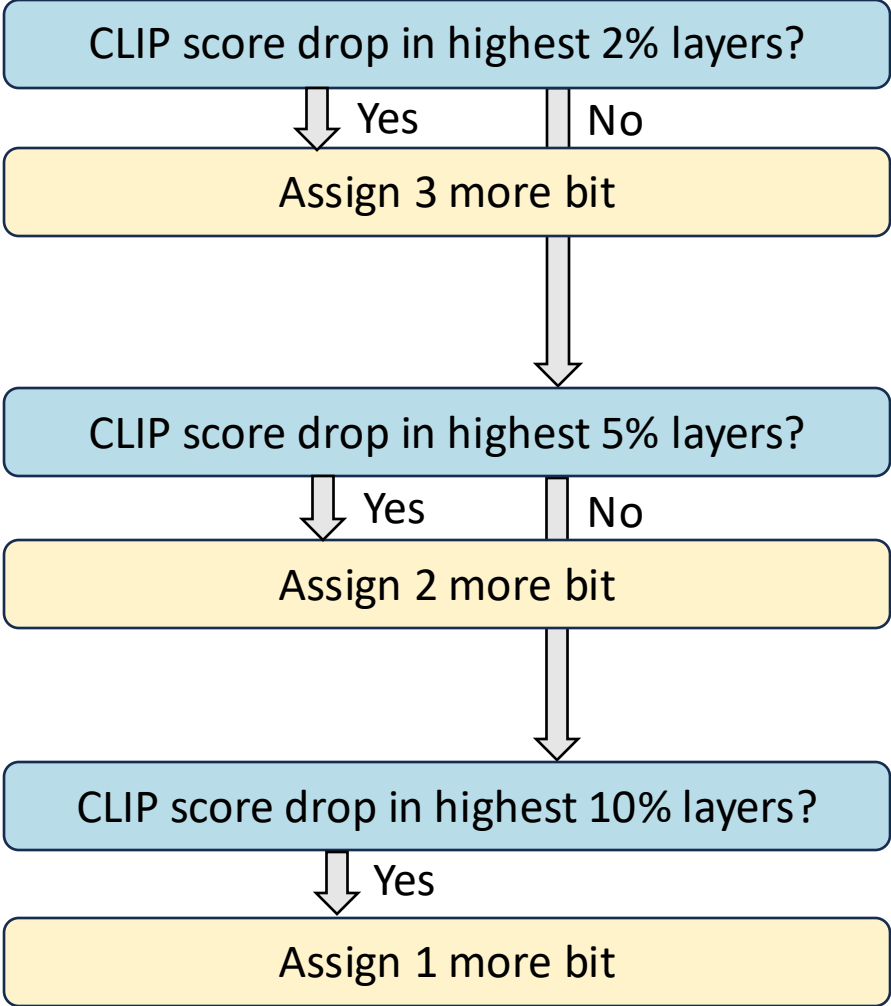
$M_{i,b}$  : MSE

$N_i$  : Parameter size

$\eta$  : Parameter size factor

# Deciding the Optimal Precision

2. Adjust bits based on CLIP scores (For one layer):

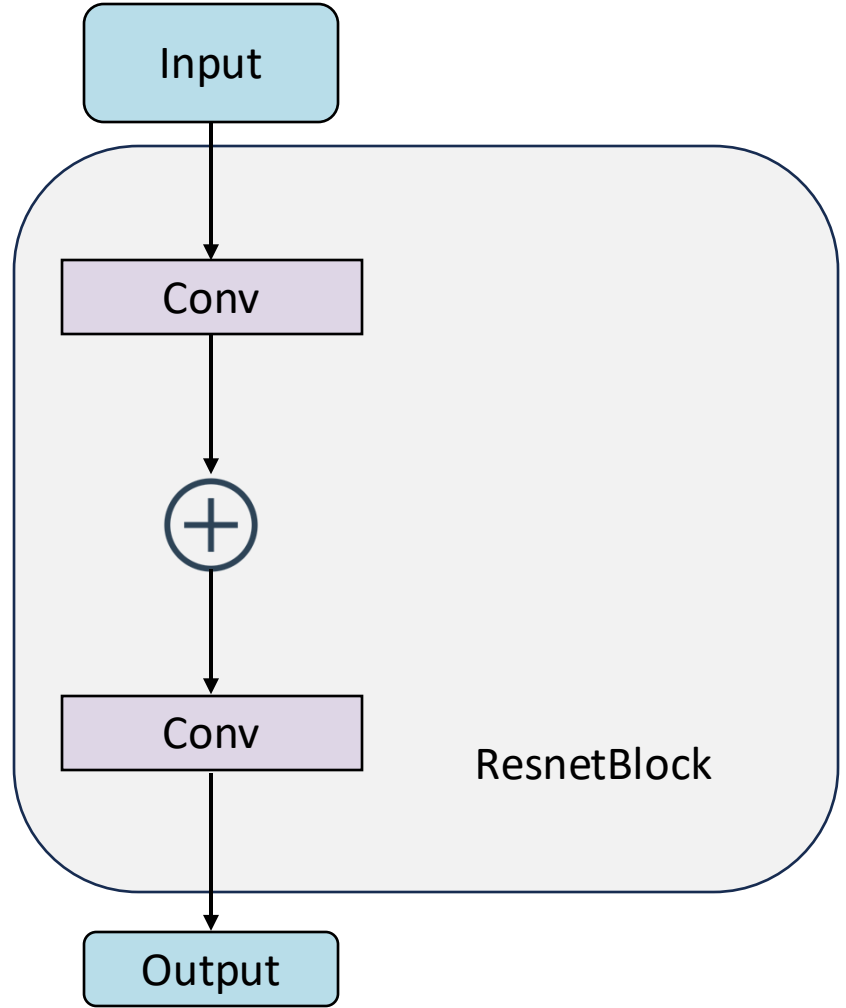


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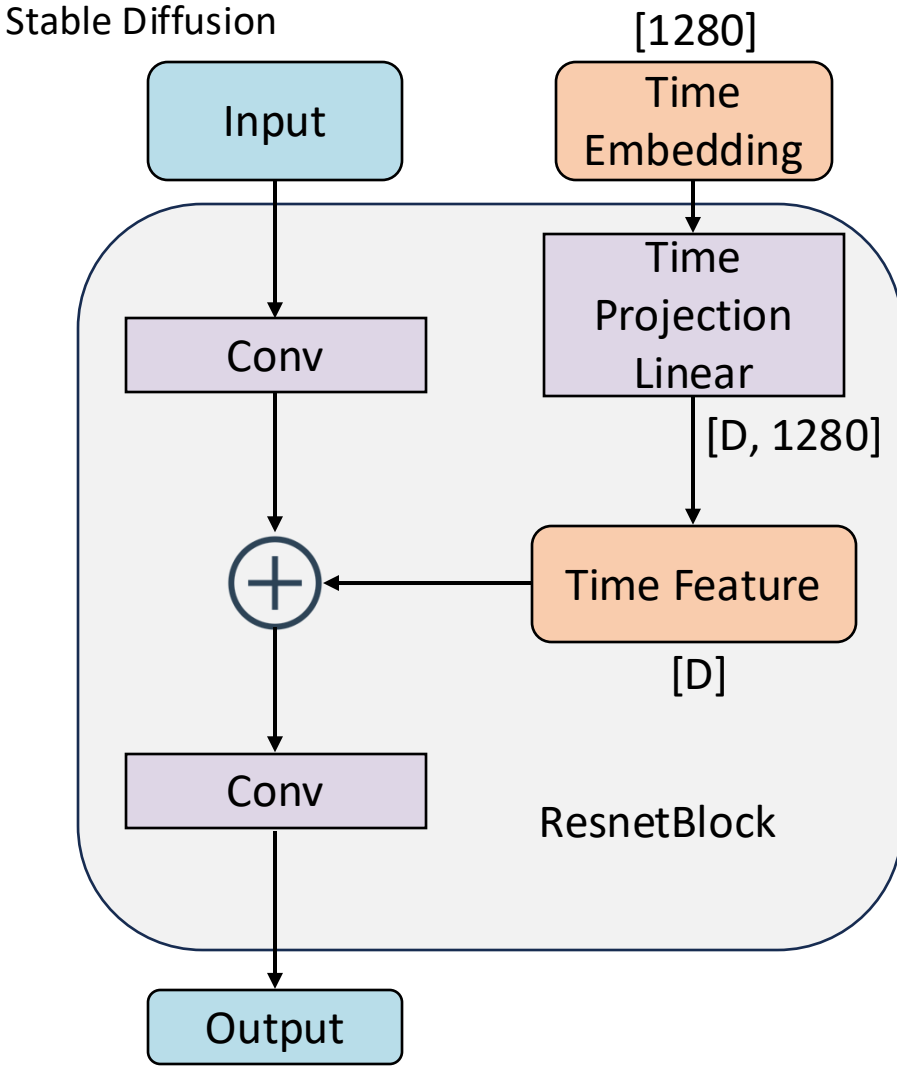
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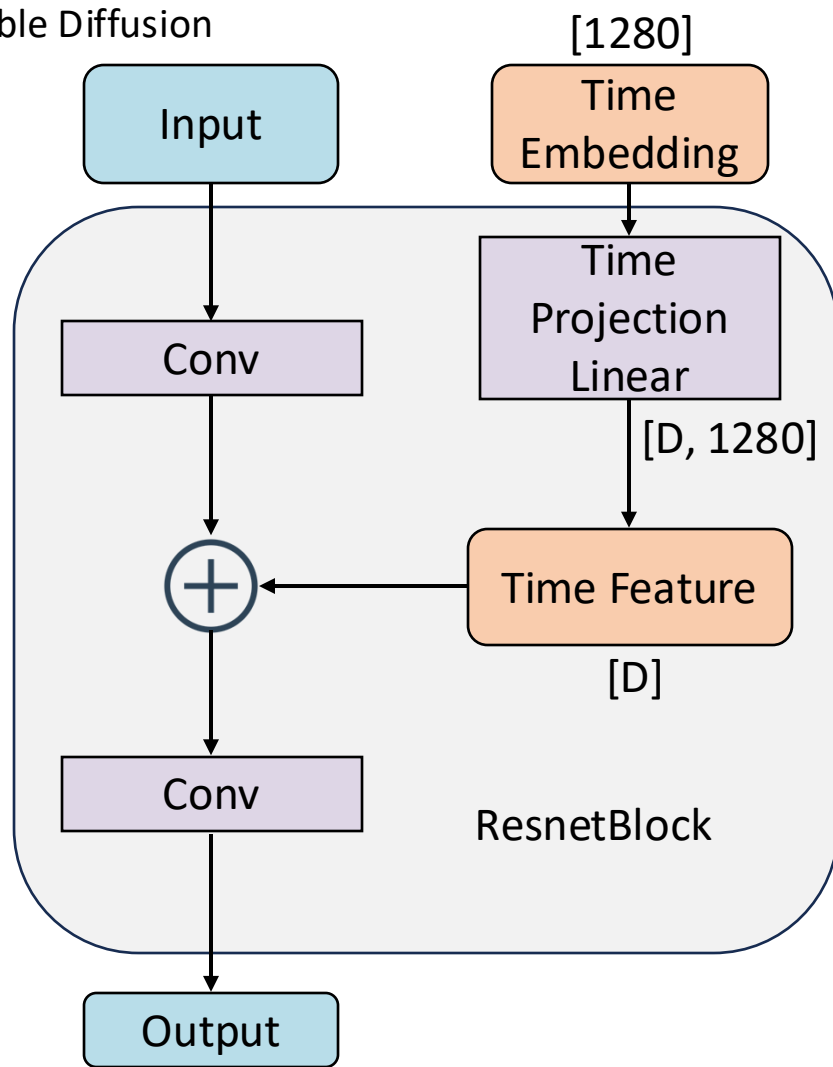




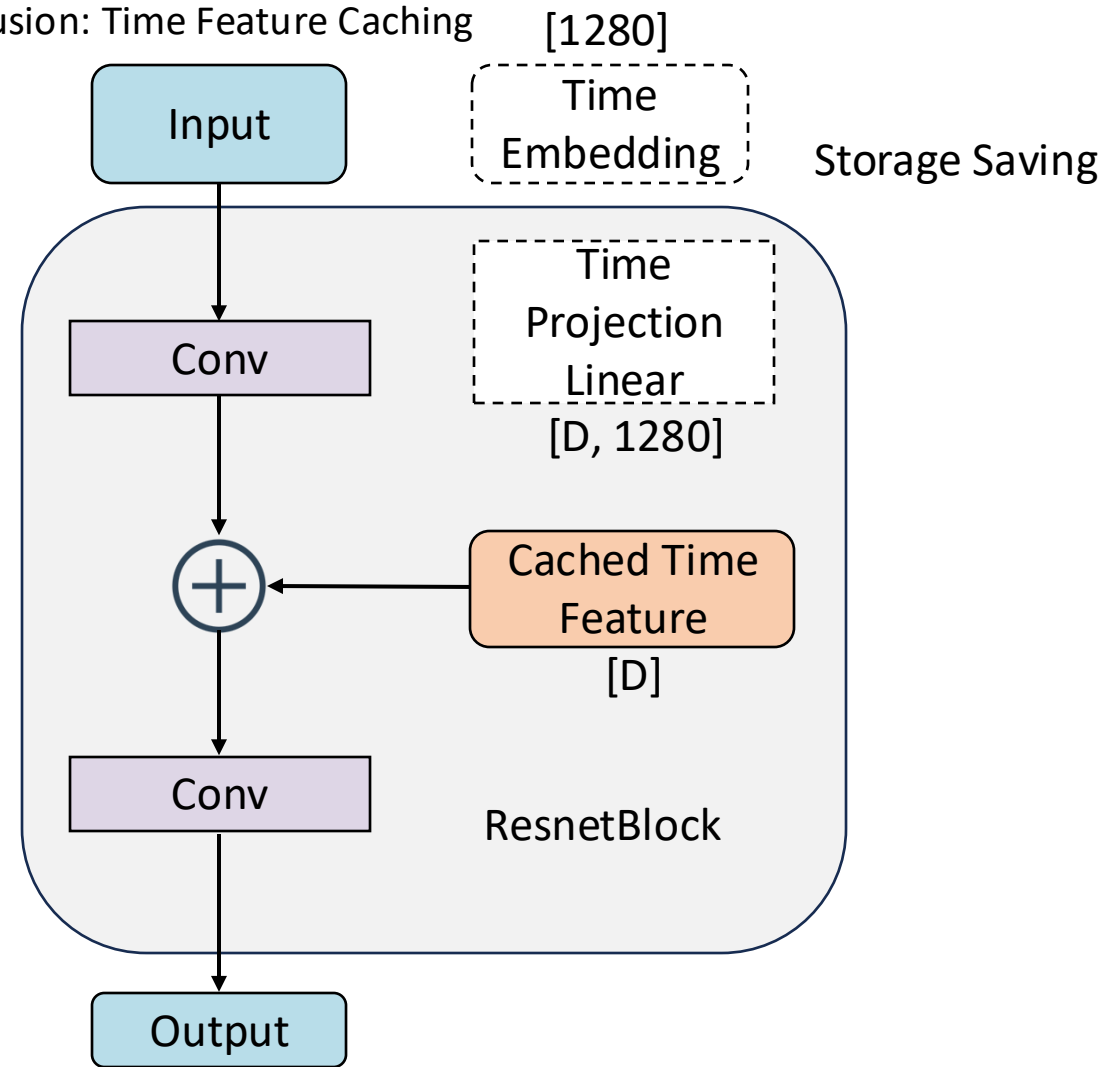
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BitsFusion: Time Feature Caching

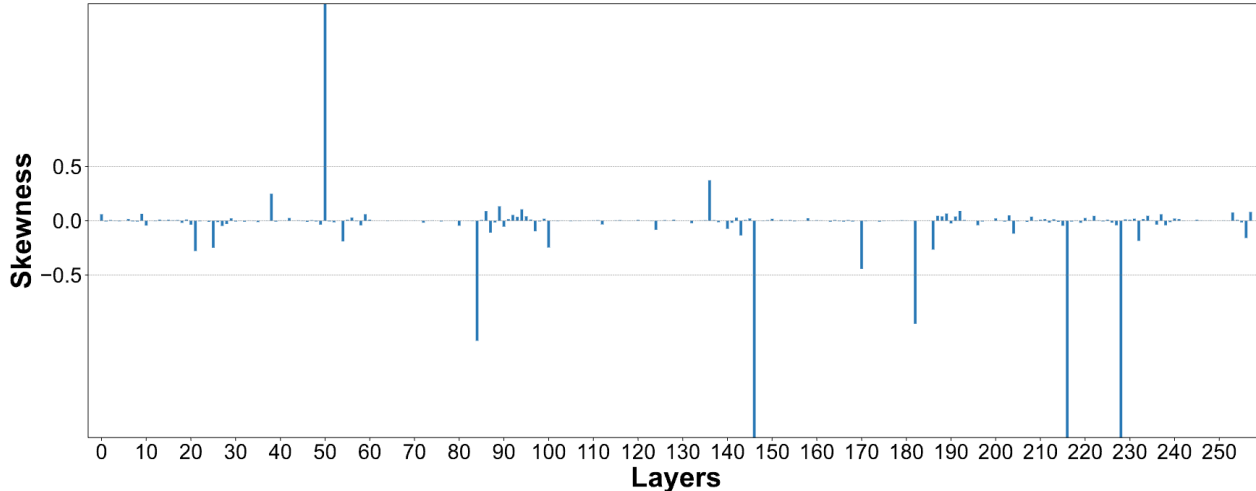
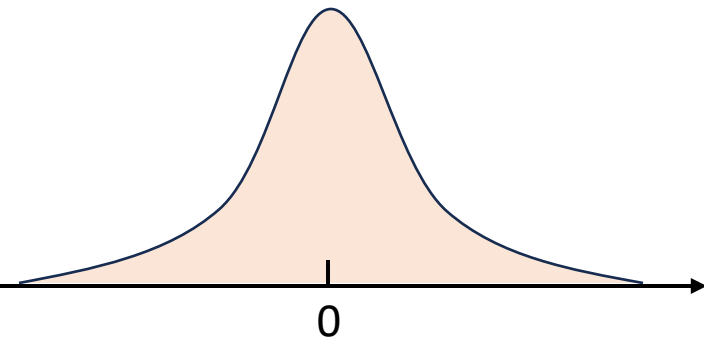


During inference stage, only caching T time features (T is the sampling steps,  $T \leq 50$  in stable diffusion).

# Initialization

## Adding Balance Integer

Is weight distribution symmetric in Stable Diffusion?



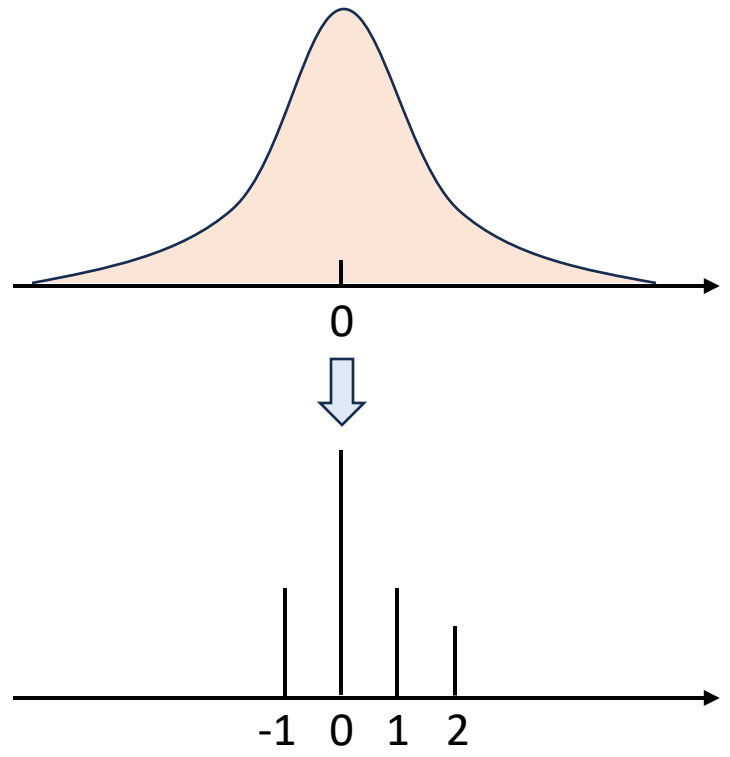
97% of layers exhibiting skewness between [-0.5, 0.5]

Weight Distribution of layers in Stable Diffusion is symmetric

# Initialization

## Adding Balance Integer

2-bit mapping

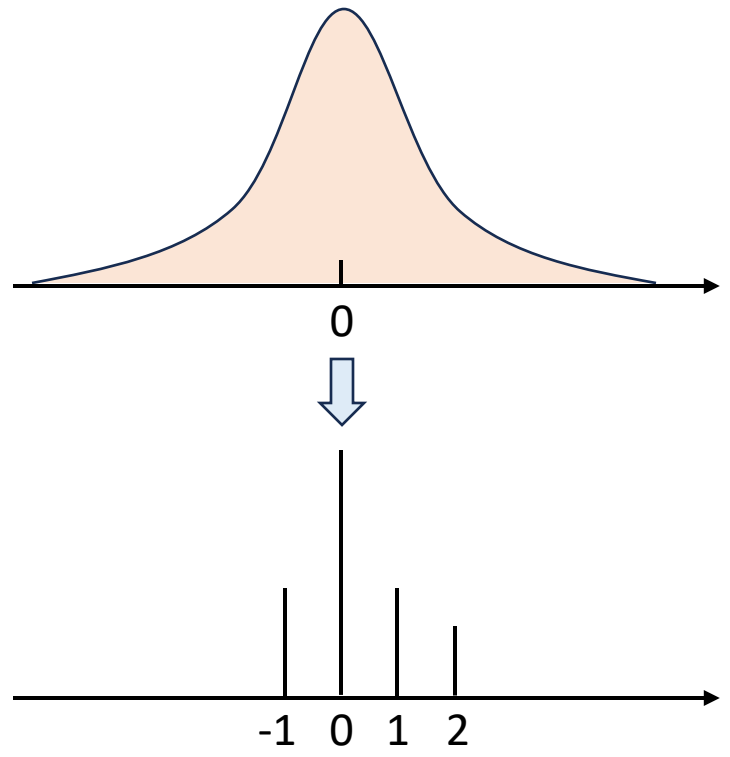


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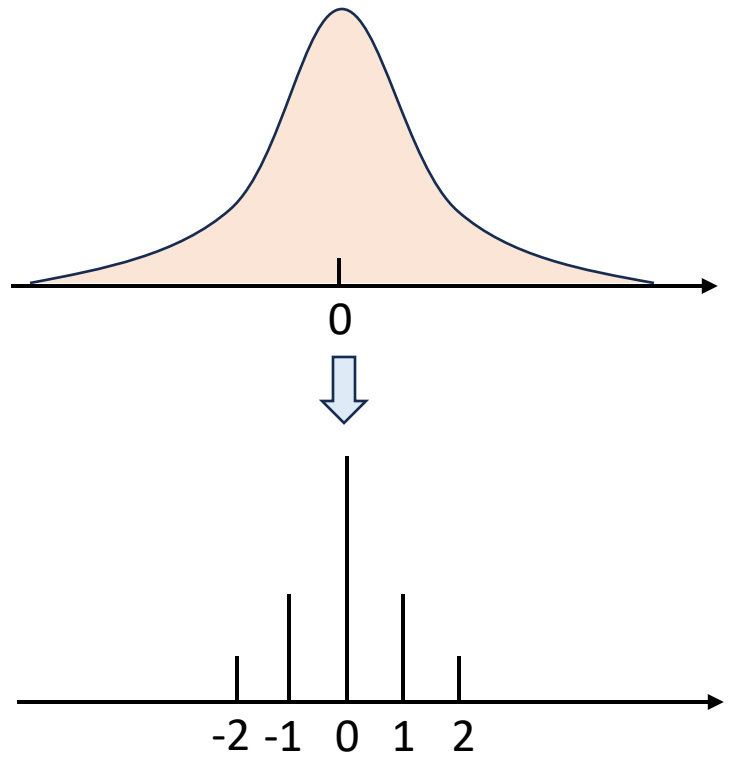


Unbalance in low-bit (e.g., 2 bits) quantization

Add one value



2-bit mapping



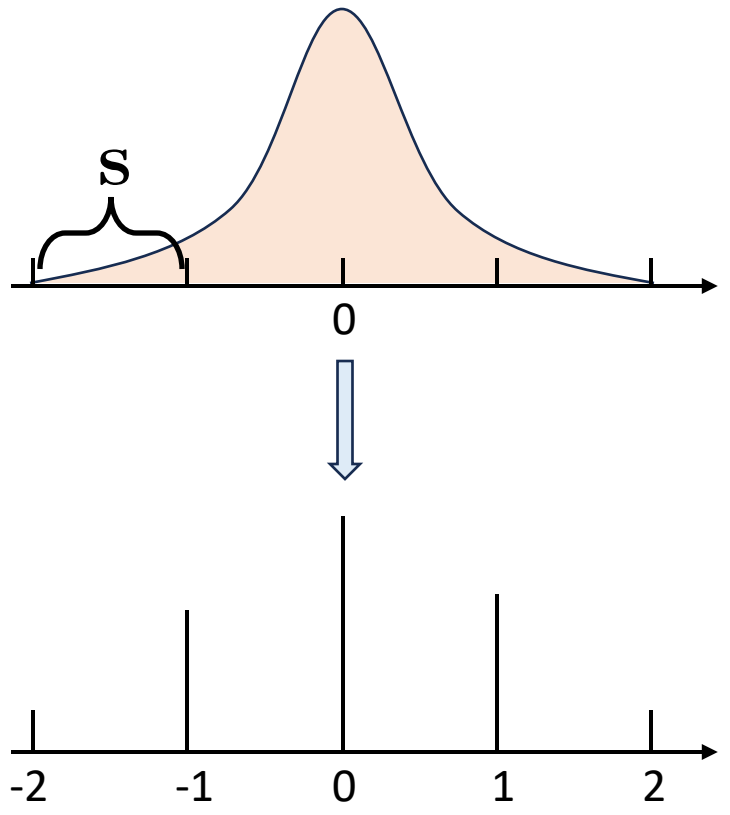
balanced values

# Initialization

## Scaling Factor Initialization via Alternating Optimization

2-bit mapping

Min-Max initialization mapping



Drawback:

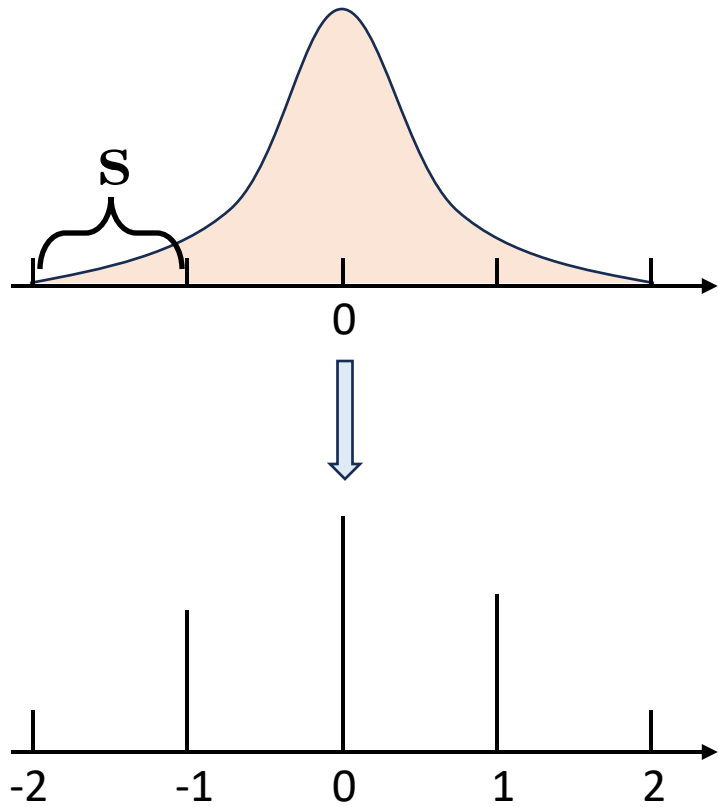
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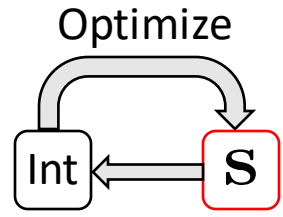
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Minimize Initial Quantization Error By **Updating Scaling Factor**

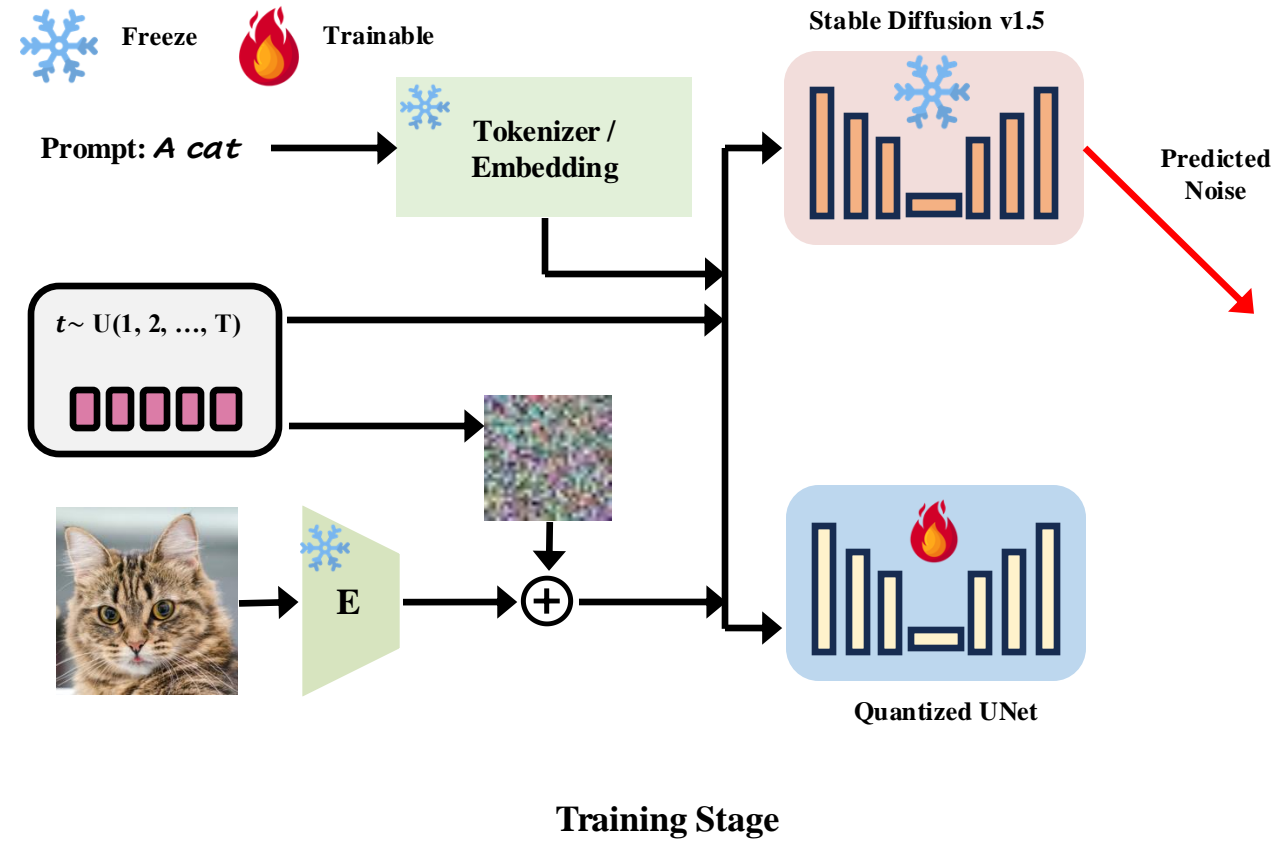


# Two-stage Training Pipeline

# Stage-I Training

## Loss Function

### CFG-aware Quantization Distillation

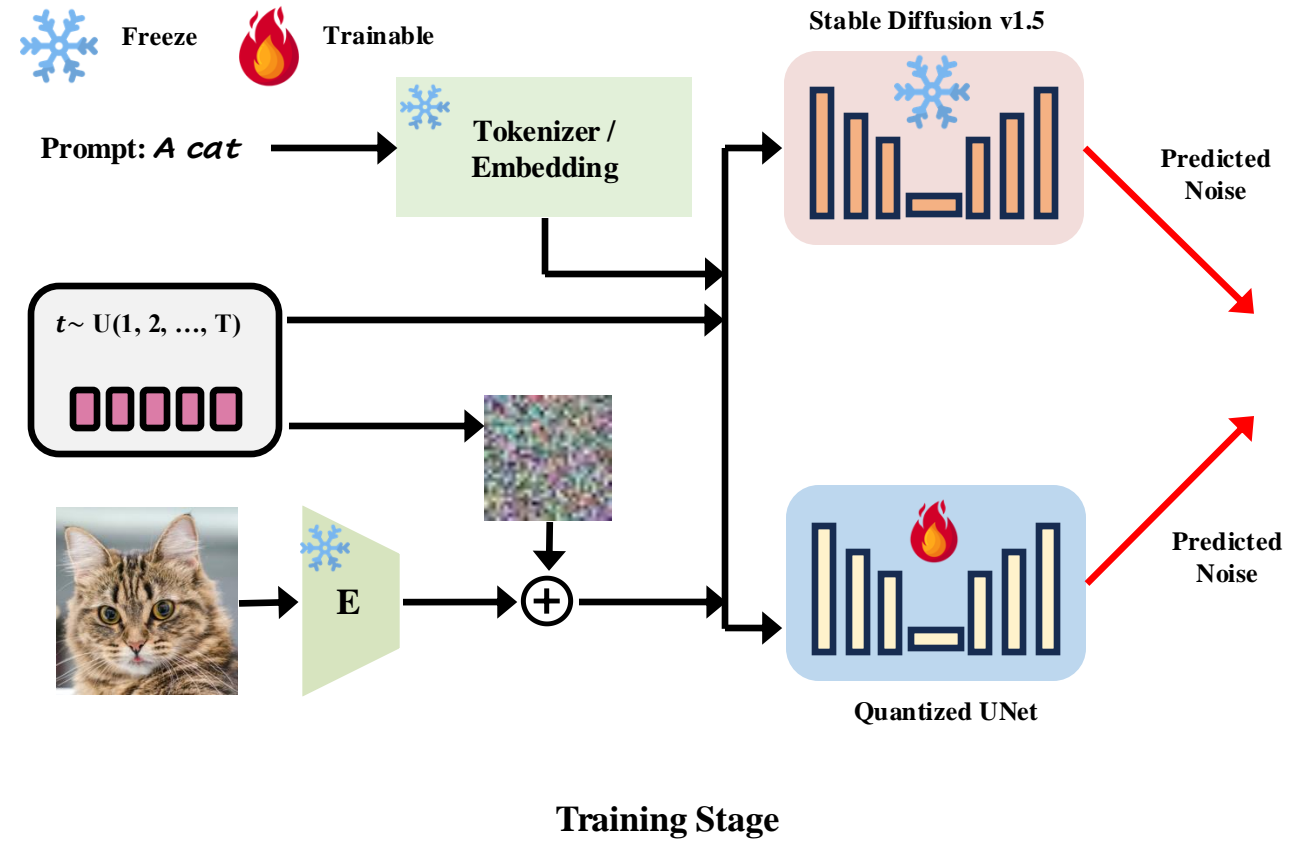




# Stage-I Training

## Loss Function

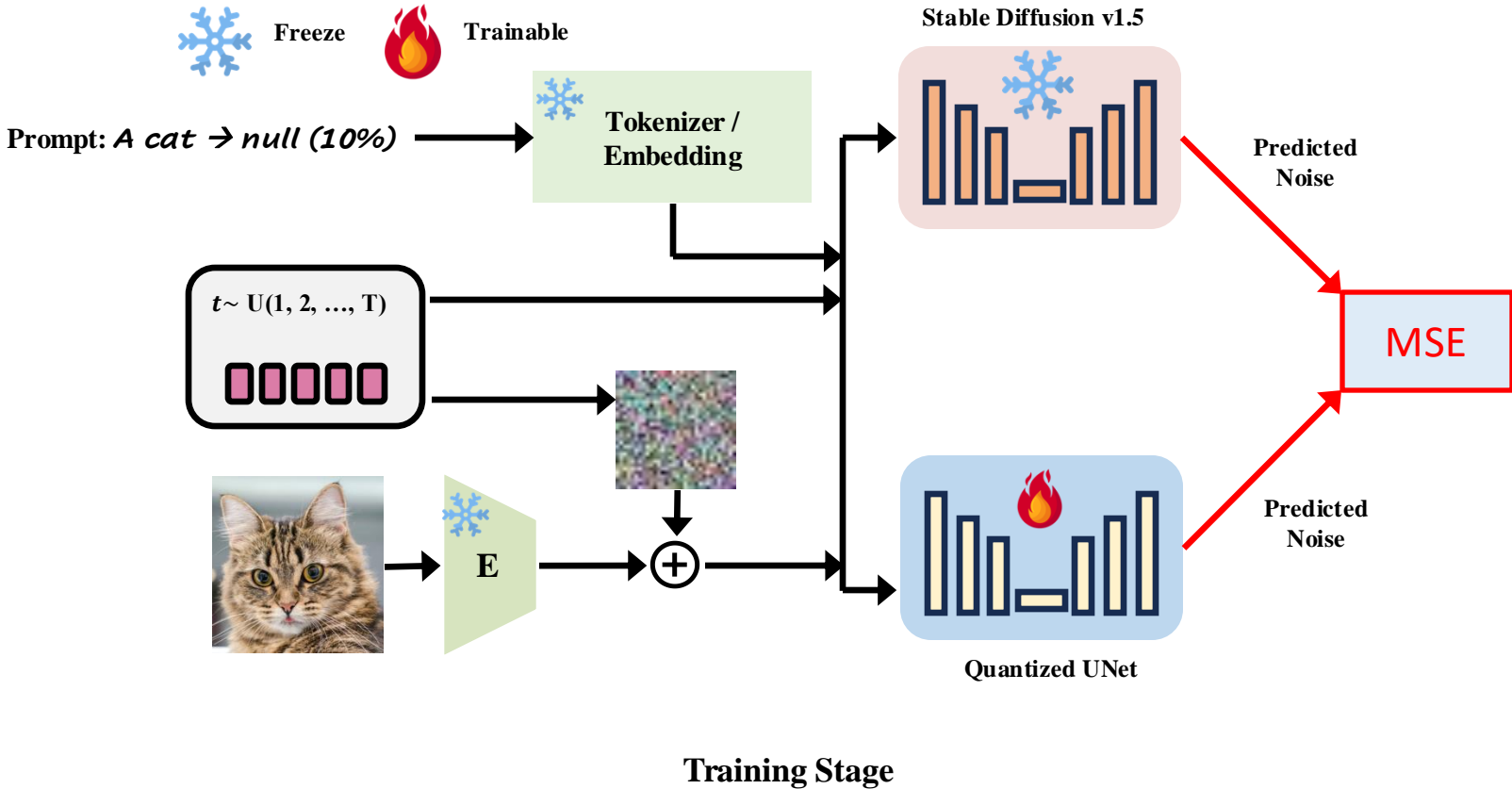
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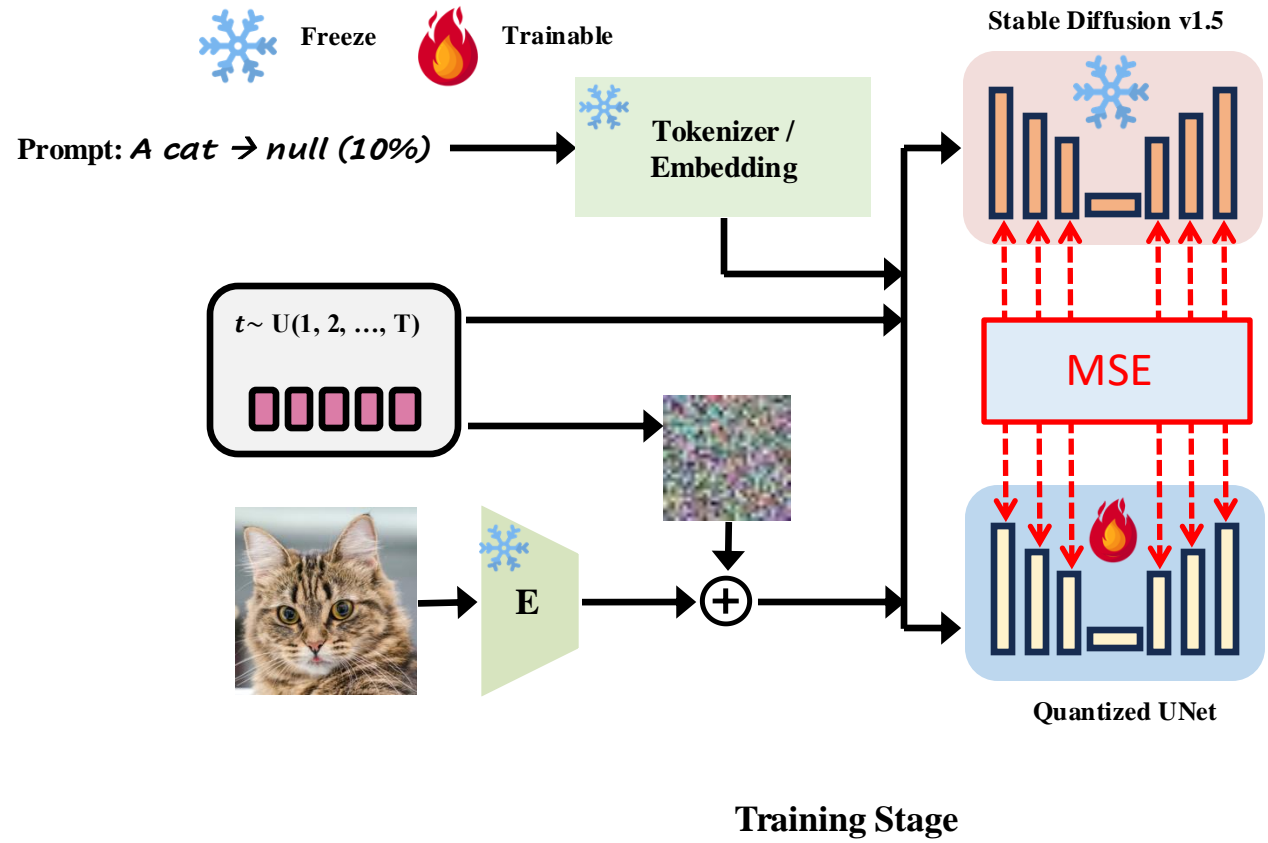
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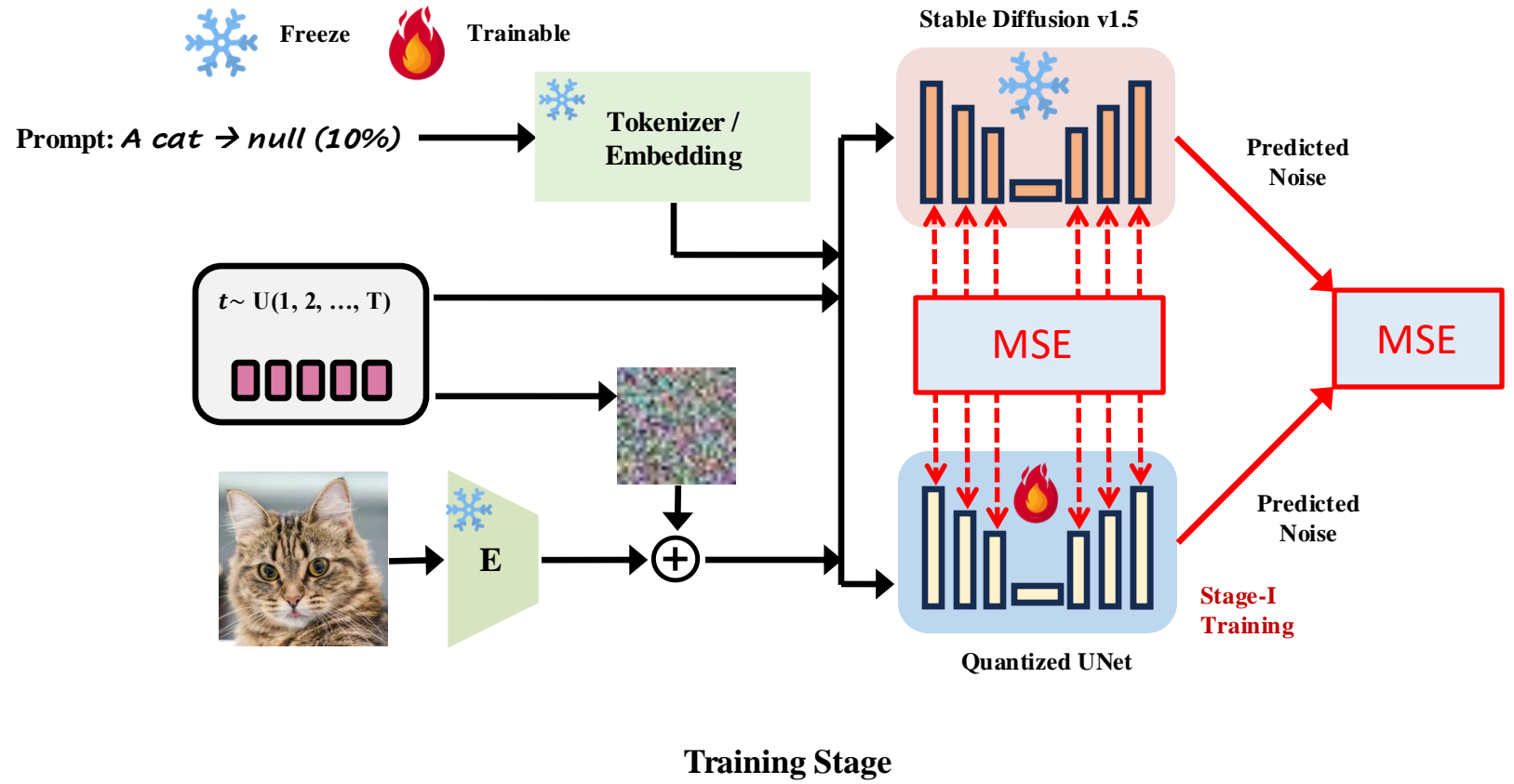
### Feature Distillation



# Stage-I Training

## Loss Function

### Overall Distillation

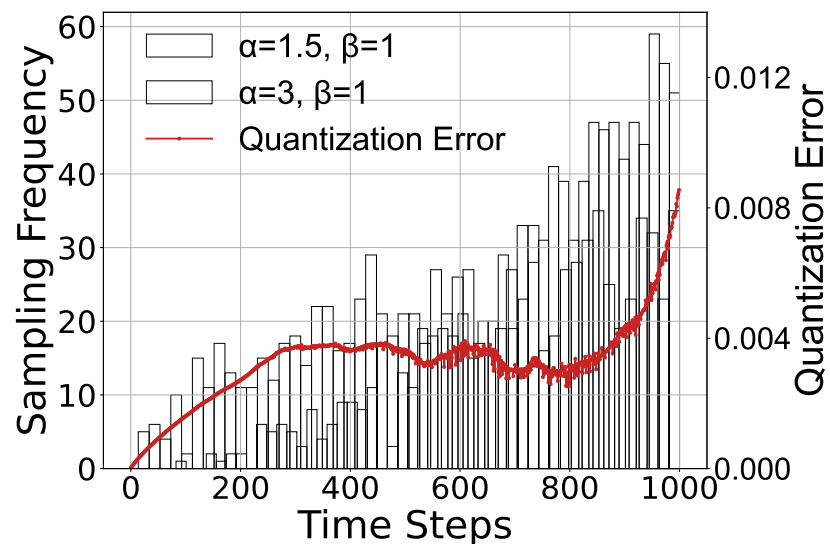


# Stage-I Training

## Quantization Error-aware Time Step Sampling

Motivation: Different Quantization Error at Different Time Steps

Quantization error of predicted latent features between quantized model and FP model



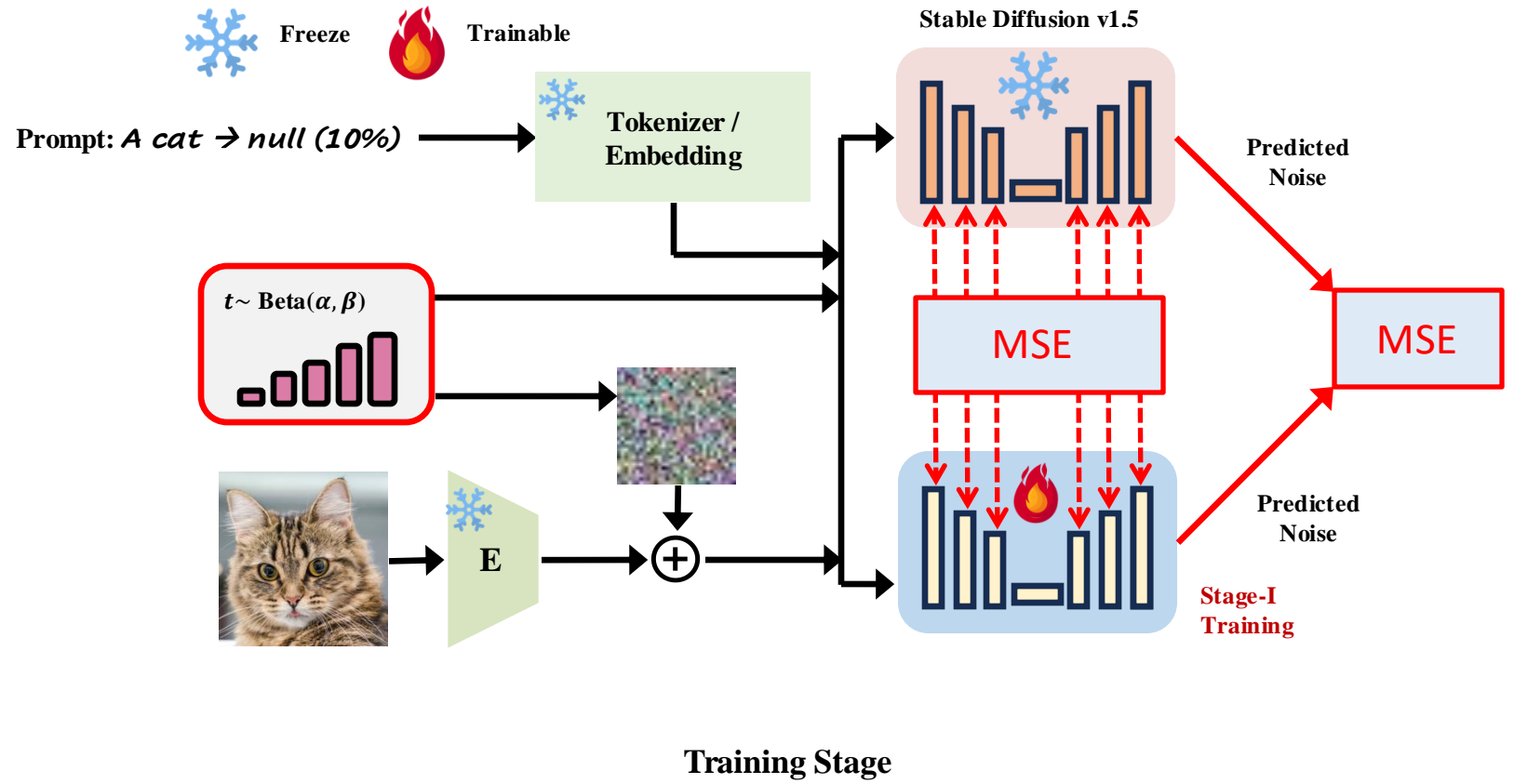
Observation: the quantization error keeps increasing as the time steps approach  $t = 999$ .

Solution: Sample more time steps exhibiting the larger quantization errors near  $t = 999$  by Beta distribution.

# Stage-I Training

## Loss Function

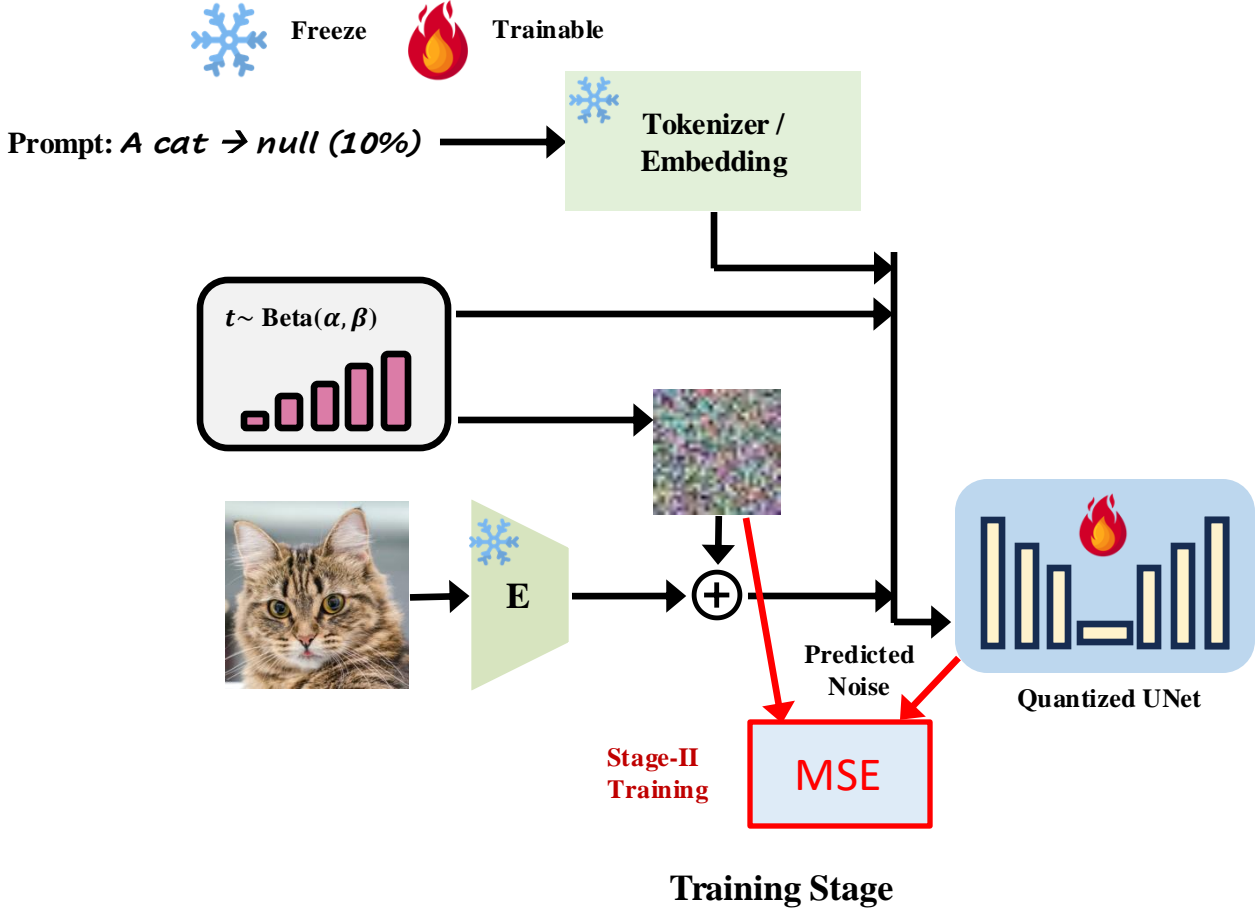
### Overall Distillation



# Stage-II Training

## Fine-tuning with Noise Prediction

### Stage-II Loss



# Results



# Results

## Generated Images

Sampler: PNDM  
Steps: 50  
Seed: 1024

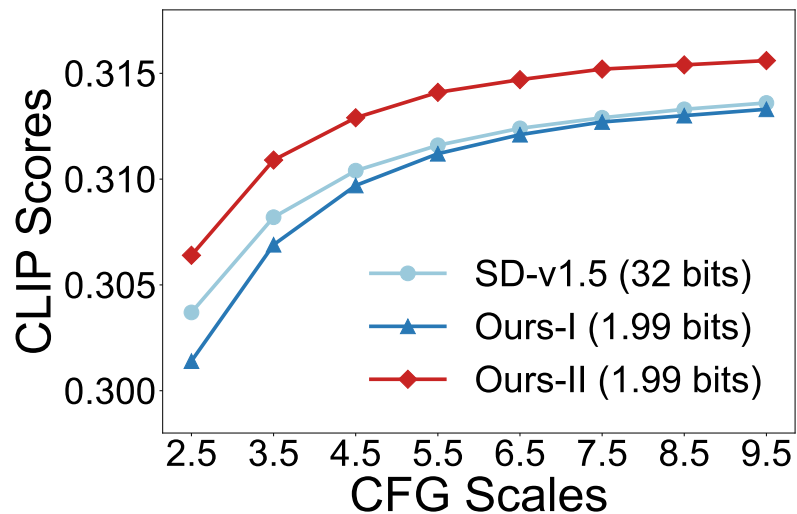
Stable Diffusion v1.5, 32 bits



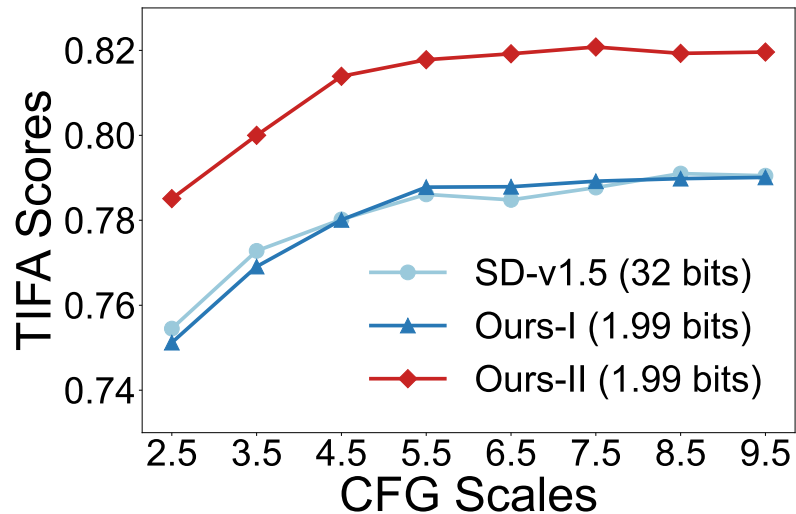
BitsFusion, 1.99 bits

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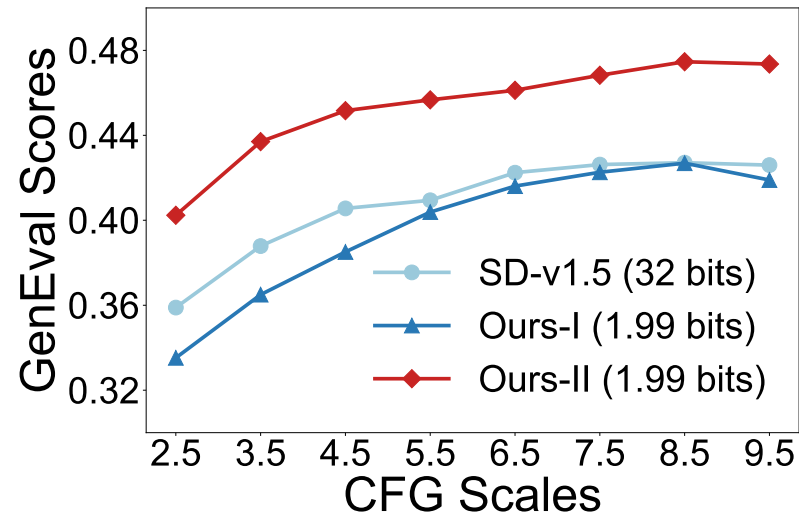
## Quantitative performance



CLIP Score on 30K MS-COCO.



TIFA Scores



GenEval Scores

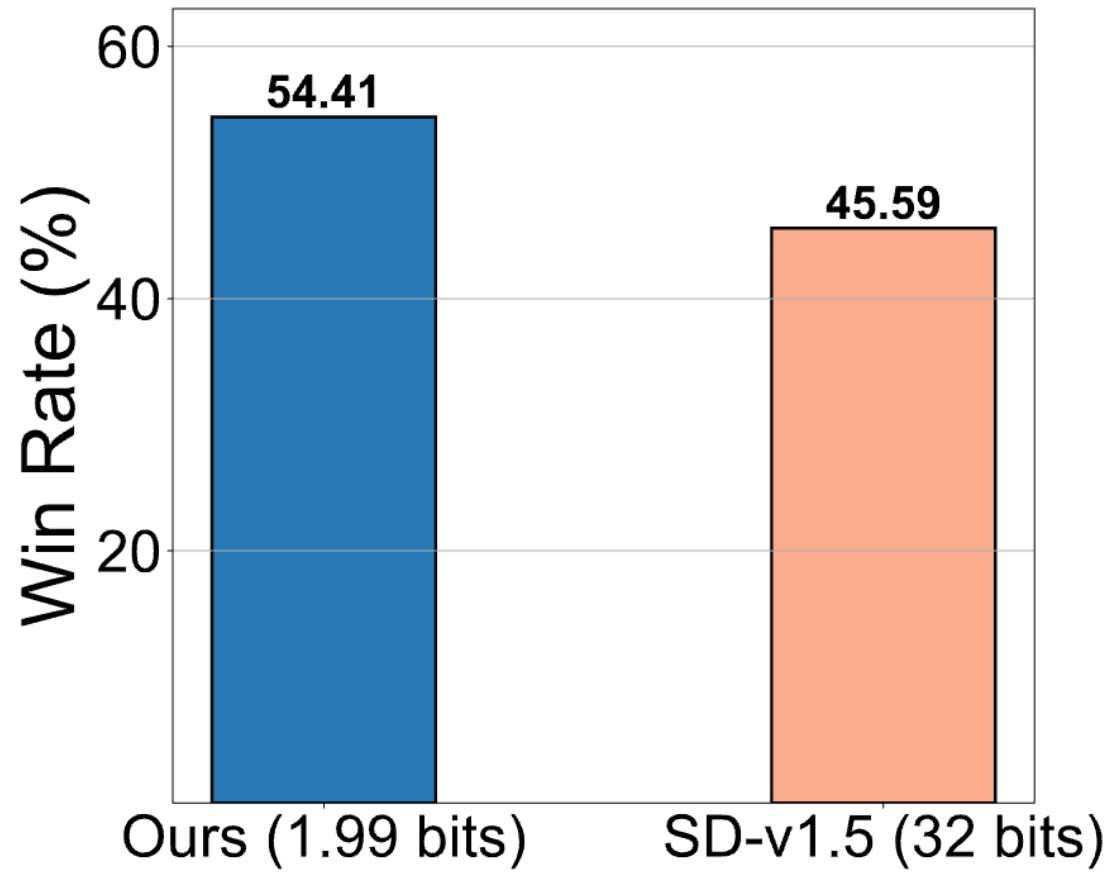
Ours-I: Stage-I training  
Ours-II: Stage-II training

BitsFusion consistently outperforms Stable Diffusion v1.5

# Results

## Human Evaluation

*Given a prompt, which image has better aesthetics and image-text alignment?*



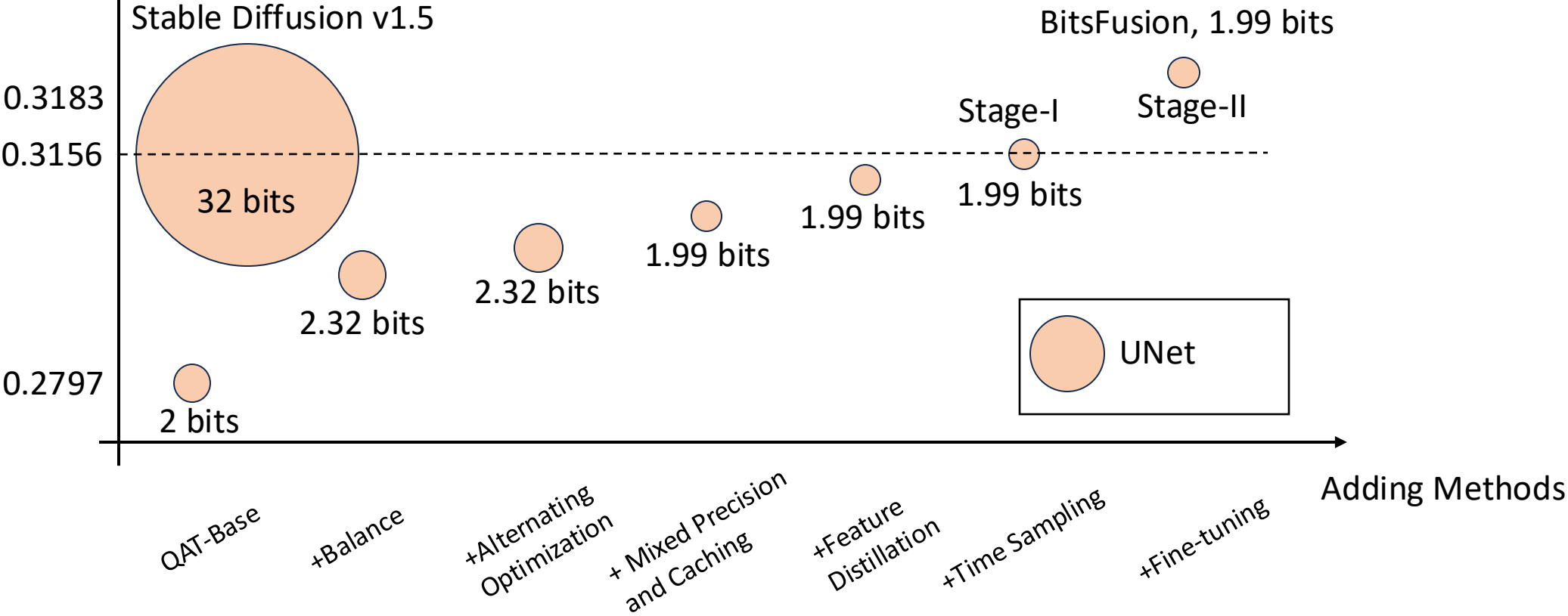
User preference of generated images from PartiPrompts (P2)

# Results

## Effect of each method

Average CLIP score across CFG scales 3.5, 5.5, 7.5, 9.5 on 1K PartiPrompts

Average CLIP score





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## More comparisons

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Thank you