

# 453 Appendix

## 454 A Proofs of Main Theoretical Results

455 In this section, we provide proofs of our main results. We define below some crucial notations  
 456 which we will use throughout. We use  $\text{ODE}(\dots)$  to denote the backwards ODE under exact score  
 457  $\nabla \log p_t(x)$ . More specifically, given any  $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$  and  $s > r > 0$ , let  $x_t$  denote the solution to the  
 458 following ODE:

$$dx_t = -t\nabla \log p_t(x_t)dt. \quad (5)$$

459  $\text{ODE}(x, s \rightarrow r)$  is defined as "the value of  $x_r$  when initialized at  $x_s = x$ ". It will also be useful to  
 460 consider a "time-discretized ODE with drift  $ts_\theta(x, t)$ ": let  $\delta$  denote the discretization step size and let  
 461  $k$  denote any integer. Let  $\delta$  denote a step size, let  $\bar{x}_t$  denote the solution to

$$d\bar{x}_t = -ts_\theta(x_{k\delta}, k\delta)dt, \quad (6)$$

462 where for any  $t$ ,  $k$  is the unique integer such that  $t \in ((k-1)\delta, k\delta]$ . We verify that the dynamics of  
 463 Eq. (6) is equivalent to the following discrete-time dynamics for  $t = k\delta, k \in \mathbb{Z}$ :

$$\bar{x}_{(k-1)\delta} = \bar{x}_{k\delta} - \frac{1}{2} \left( ((k-1)\delta)^2 - (k\delta)^2 \right) s_\theta(x_{k\delta}, k\delta).$$

464 We similarly denote the value of  $\bar{x}_r$  when initialized at  $\bar{x}_s = x$  as  $\text{ODE}_\theta(x, s \rightarrow r)$ . Analogously, we  
 465 let  $\text{SDE}(x, s \rightarrow r)$  and  $\text{SDE}_\theta(x, s \rightarrow r)$  denote solutions to

$$\begin{aligned} dy_t &= -2t\nabla \log p_t(y_t)dt + \sqrt{2t}dB_t \\ d\bar{y}_t &= -2ts_\theta(\bar{y}_t, t)dt + \sqrt{2t}dB_t \end{aligned}$$

466 respectively. Finally, we will define the  $\text{Restart}_\theta$  process as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} (\text{Restart}_\theta \text{ forward process}) \quad x_{t_{\max}}^{i+1} &= x_{t_{\min}}^i + \varepsilon_{t_{\min} \rightarrow t_{\max}}^i \\ (\text{Restart}_\theta \text{ backward process}) \quad x_{t_{\min}}^{i+1} &= \text{ODE}_\theta(x_{t_{\max}}^{i+1}, t_{\max} \rightarrow t_{\min}), \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

467 where  $\varepsilon_{t_{\min} \rightarrow t_{\max}}^i \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, (t_{\max}^2 - t_{\min}^2) \mathbf{I})$ . We use  $\text{Restart}_\theta(x, K)$  to denote  $x_{t_{\min}}^K$  in the above  
 468 processes, initialized at  $x_{t_{\min}}^0 = x$ . In various theorems, we will refer to a function  $Q(r) : \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow$   
 469  $[0, 1/2)$ , defined as the Gaussian tail probability  $Q(r) = \Pr(a \geq r)$  for  $a \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$ .

### 470 A.1 Main Result

471 **Theorem 3.** [Formal version of Theorem 1] Let  $t_{\max}$  be the initial noise level. Let the initial random  
 472 variables  $\bar{x}_{t_{\max}} = \bar{y}_{t_{\max}}$ , and

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{x}_{t_{\min}} &= \text{ODE}_\theta(\bar{x}_{t_{\max}}, t_{\max} \rightarrow t_{\min}) \\ \bar{y}_{t_{\min}} &= \text{SDE}_\theta(\bar{y}_{t_{\max}}, t_{\max} \rightarrow t_{\min}), \end{aligned}$$

473 Let  $p_t$  denote the true population distribution at noise level  $t$ . Let  $p_t^{\text{ODE}_\theta}, p_t^{\text{SDE}_\theta}$  denote the distributions  
 474 for  $x_t, y_t$  respectively. Assume that for all  $x, y, s, t$ ,  $s_\theta(x, t)$  satisfies  $\|ts_\theta(x, t) - ts_\theta(x, s)\| \leq$   
 475  $L_0|s - t|$ ,  $\|ts_\theta(x, t)\| \leq L_1$ ,  $\|ts_\theta(x, t) - ts_\theta(y, t)\| \leq L_2\|x - y\|$ , and the approximation error  
 476  $\|ts_\theta(x, t) - t\nabla \log p_t(x)\| \leq \epsilon_{\text{approx}}$ . Assume in addition that  $\forall t \in [t_{\min}, t_{\max}]$ ,  $\|x_t\| < B/2$  for any  
 477  $x_t$  in the support of  $p_t$ ,  $p_t^{\text{ODE}_\theta}$  or  $p_t^{\text{SDE}_\theta}$ , and  $K \leq \frac{C}{L_2(t_{\max} - t_{\min})}$  for some universal constant  $C$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} W_1(p_{t_{\min}}^{\text{ODE}_\theta}, p_{t_{\min}}) &\leq B \cdot \text{TV}(p_{t_{\max}}^{\text{ODE}_\theta}, p_{t_{\max}}) \\ &\quad + e^{L_2(t_{\max} - t_{\min})} \cdot (\delta(L_2L_1 + L_0) + \epsilon_{\text{approx}})(t_{\max} - t_{\min}) \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

$$\begin{aligned} W_1(p_{t_{\min}}^{\text{SDE}_\theta}, p_{t_{\min}}) &\leq B \cdot \left( 1 - \lambda e^{-BL_1/t_{\min} - L_1^2 t_{\max}^2 / t_{\min}^2} \right) \text{TV}(p_{t_{\max}}^{\text{SDE}_\theta}, p_{t_{\max}}) \\ &\quad + e^{2L_2(t_{\max} - t_{\min})} \left( \epsilon_{\text{approx}} + \delta L_0 + L_2 \left( \delta L_1 + \sqrt{2\delta t_{\max}} \right) \right) (t_{\max} - t_{\min}) \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

478 where  $\lambda := 2Q\left(\frac{B}{2\sqrt{t_{\max}^2 - t_{\min}^2}}\right)$ .

479 *Proof.* Let us define  $x_{t_{\max}} \sim p_{t_{\max}}$ , and let  $x_{t_{\min}} = \text{ODE}(x_{t_{\max}}, t_{\max} \rightarrow t_{\min})$ . We verify that  $x_{t_{\min}}$   
480 has density  $p_{t_{\min}}$ . Let us also define  $\hat{x}_{t_{\min}} = \text{ODE}_{\theta}(x_{t_{\max}}, t_{\max} \rightarrow t_{\min})$ . We would like to bound  
481 the Wasserstein distance between  $\bar{x}_{t_{\min}}$  and  $x_{t_{\min}}$  (i.e.,  $p_{t_{\min}}^{\text{ODE}_{\theta}}$  and  $p_{t_{\min}}$ ), by the following triangular  
482 inequality:

$$W_1(\bar{x}_{t_{\min}}, x_{t_{\min}}) \leq W_1(\bar{x}_{t_{\min}}, \hat{x}_{t_{\min}}) + W_1(\hat{x}_{t_{\min}}, x_{t_{\min}}) \quad (10)$$

483 By Lemma 2, we know that

$$\|\hat{x}_{t_{\min}} - x_{t_{\min}}\| \leq e^{(t_{\max} - t_{\min})L_2} (\delta(L_2L_1 + L_0) + \epsilon_{\text{approx}}) (t_{\max} - t_{\min}),$$

484 where we use the fact that  $\|\hat{x}_{t_{\max}} - x_{t_{\max}}\| = 0$ . Thus we immediately have

$$W_1(\hat{x}_{t_{\min}}, x_{t_{\min}}) \leq e^{(t_{\max} - t_{\min})L_2} (\delta(L_2L_1 + L_0) + \epsilon_{\text{approx}}) (t_{\max} - t_{\min}) \quad (11)$$

485 On the other hand,

$$\begin{aligned} W_1(\hat{x}_{t_{\min}}, \bar{x}_{t_{\min}}) &\leq B \cdot TV(\hat{x}_{t_{\min}}, \bar{x}_{t_{\min}}) \\ &\leq B \cdot TV(\hat{x}_{t_{\max}}, \bar{x}_{t_{\max}}) \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

486 where the last equality is due to the data-processing inequality. Combining Eq. (11), Eq. (12) and the  
487 triangular inequality Eq. (10), we arrive at the upper bound for ODE (Eq. (8)). The upper bound for  
488 SDE (Eq. (9)) shares a similar proof approach. First, let  $y_{t_{\max}} \sim p_{t_{\max}}$ . Let  $\hat{y}_{t_{\min}} = \text{SDE}_{\theta}(y_{t_{\max}}, t_{\max} \rightarrow$   
489  $t_{\min})$ . By Lemma 5,

$$TV(\hat{y}_{t_{\min}}, \bar{y}_{t_{\min}}) \leq \left(1 - 2Q \left( \frac{B}{2\sqrt{t_{\max}^2 - t_{\min}^2}} \right) \cdot e^{-BL_1/t_{\min} - L_1^2 t_{\max}^2/t_{\min}^2} \right) \cdot TV(\hat{y}_{t_{\max}}, \bar{y}_{t_{\max}})$$

490 On the other hand, by Lemma 4,

$$\mathbb{E}[\|\hat{y}_{t_{\min}} - y_{t_{\min}}\|] \leq e^{2L_2(t_{\max} - t_{\min})} (\epsilon_{\text{approx}} + \delta L_0 + L_2 (\delta L_1 + \sqrt{2\delta dt_{\max}})) (t_{\max} - t_{\min}).$$

491 The SDE triangular upper bound on  $W_1(\bar{y}_{t_{\min}}, y_{t_{\min}})$  follows by multiplying the first inequality by  $B$  (to  
492 bound  $W_1(\bar{y}_{t_{\min}}, \hat{y}_{t_{\min}})$ ) and then adding the second inequality (to bound  $W_1(y_{t_{\min}}, \hat{y}_{t_{\min}})$ ). Notice  
493 that by definition,  $TV(\hat{y}_{t_{\max}}, \bar{y}_{t_{\max}}) = TV(y_{t_{\max}}, \bar{y}_{t_{\max}})$ . Finally, because of the assumption that  
494  $K \leq \frac{C}{L_2(t_{\max} - t_{\min})}$  for some universal constant, we summarize the second term in the Eq. (8) and  
495 Eq. (9) into the big  $O$  in the informal version Theorem 1.  $\square$

496 **Theorem 4.** [Formal version of Theorem 2] Consider the same setting as Theorem 3. Let  $p_{t_{\min}}^{\text{Restart}_{\theta}, i}$   
497 denote the distributions after  $i^{\text{th}}$  Restart iteration, i.e., the distribution of  $\bar{x}_{t_{\min}}^i = \text{Restart}_{\theta}(\bar{x}_{t_{\min}}^0, i)$ .  
498 Given initial  $\bar{x}_{t_{\max}}^0 \sim p_{t_{\max}}^{\text{Restart}, 0}$ , let  $\bar{x}_{t_{\min}}^0 = \text{ODE}_{\theta}(\bar{x}_{t_{\max}}^0, t_{\max} \rightarrow t_{\min})$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} W_1(p_{t_{\min}}^{\text{Restart}_{\theta}, K}, p_{t_{\min}}) &\leq \underbrace{B \cdot (1 - \lambda)^K TV(p_{t_{\max}}^{\text{Restart}, 0}, p_{t_{\max}})}_{\text{upper bound on contracted error}} \\ &\quad + \underbrace{e^{(K+1)L_2(t_{\max} - t_{\min})} (K+1) (\delta(L_2L_1 + L_0) + \epsilon_{\text{approx}}) (t_{\max} - t_{\min})}_{\text{upper bound on additional sampling error}} \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

499 where  $\lambda = 2Q \left( \frac{B}{2\sqrt{t_{\max}^2 - t_{\min}^2}} \right)$ .

500 *Proof.* Let  $x_{t_{\max}}^0 \sim p_{t_{\max}}$ . Let  $x_{t_{\min}}^K = \text{Restart}(x_{t_{\min}}^0, K)$ . We verify that  $x_{t_{\min}}^K$  has density  $p_{t_{\min}}$ . Let us  
501 also define  $\hat{x}_{t_{\min}}^0 = \text{ODE}_{\theta}(x_{t_{\max}}^0, t_{\max} \rightarrow t_{\min})$  and  $\hat{x}_{t_{\min}}^K = \text{Restart}_{\theta}(\hat{x}_{t_{\min}}^0, K)$ .

502 By Lemma 1,

$$\begin{aligned} TV(\bar{x}_{t_{\min}}^K, \hat{x}_{t_{\min}}^K) &\leq \left(1 - 2Q \left( \frac{B}{2\sqrt{t_{\max}^2 - t_{\min}^2}} \right) \right)^K TV(\bar{x}_{t_{\min}}^0, \hat{x}_{t_{\min}}^0) \\ &\leq \left(1 - 2Q \left( \frac{B}{2\sqrt{t_{\max}^2 - t_{\min}^2}} \right) \right)^K TV(\bar{x}_{t_{\max}}^0, \hat{x}_{t_{\max}}^0) \\ &= \left(1 - 2Q \left( \frac{B}{2\sqrt{t_{\max}^2 - t_{\min}^2}} \right) \right)^K TV(\bar{x}_{t_{\max}}^0, x_{t_{\max}}^0) \end{aligned}$$

503 The second inequality holds by data processing inequality. The above can be used to bound the  
 504 1-Wasserstein distance as follows:

$$W_1(\bar{x}_{t_{\min}}^K, \hat{x}_{t_{\min}}^K) \leq B \cdot TV(\bar{x}_{t_{\min}}^K, \hat{x}_{t_{\min}}^K) \leq \left(1 - 2Q \left(\frac{B}{2\sqrt{t_{\max}^2 - t_{\min}^2}}\right)\right)^K TV(\bar{x}_{t_{\max}}^0, x_{t_{\max}}^0) \quad (14)$$

505 On the other hand, using Lemma 3,

$$W_1(x_{t_{\min}}^K, \hat{x}_{t_{\min}}^K) \leq \|x_{t_{\min}}^K - \hat{x}_{t_{\min}}^K\| \leq e^{(K+1)L_2(t_{\max} - t_{\min})} (K+1) (\delta(L_2L_1 + L_0) + \epsilon_{approx}) (t_{\max} - t_{\min}) \quad (15)$$

506 We arrive at the result by combining the two bounds above (Eq. (14), Eq. (15)) with the following  
 507 triangular inequality,

$$W_1(\bar{x}_{t_{\min}}^K, x_{t_{\min}}^K) \leq W_1(\bar{x}_{t_{\min}}^K, \hat{x}_{t_{\min}}^K) + W_1(\hat{x}_{t_{\min}}^K, x_{t_{\min}}^K)$$

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## 509 A.2 Mixing under Restart with exact ODE

510 **Lemma 1.** Consider the same setup as Theorem 4. Consider the  $\text{Restart}_\theta$  process defined in  
 511 equation 7. Let

$$\begin{aligned} x_{t_{\min}}^i &= \text{Restart}_\theta(x_{t_{\min}}^0, i) \\ y_{t_{\min}}^i &= \text{Restart}_\theta(y_{t_{\min}}^0, i). \end{aligned}$$

512 Let  $p_t^{\text{Restart}_\theta(i)}$  and  $q_t^{\text{Restart}_\theta(i)}$  denote the densities of  $x_t^i$  and  $y_t^i$  respectively. Then

$$TV\left(p_{t_{\min}}^{\text{Restart}_\theta(K)}, q_{t_{\min}}^{\text{Restart}_\theta(K)}\right) \leq (1 - \lambda)^K TV\left(p_{t_{\min}}^{\text{Restart}_\theta(0)}, q_{t_{\min}}^{\text{Restart}_\theta(0)}\right),$$

513 where  $\lambda = 2Q \left(\frac{B}{2\sqrt{t_{\max}^2 - t_{\min}^2}}\right)$ .

514 *Proof.* Conditioned on  $x_{t_{\min}}^i, y_{t_{\min}}^i$ , let  $x_{t_{\max}}^{i+1} = x_{t_{\min}}^i + \sqrt{t_{\max}^2 - t_{\min}^2} \xi_i^x$  and  $y_{t_{\max}}^{i+1} = y_{t_{\min}}^i +$   
 515  $\sqrt{t_{\max}^2 - t_{\min}^2} \xi_i^y$ . We now define a coupling between  $x_{t_{\min}}^{i+1}$  and  $y_{t_{\min}}^{i+1}$  by specifying the joint dis-  
 516 tribution over  $\xi_i^x$  and  $\xi_i^y$ .

517 If  $x_{t_{\min}}^i = y_{t_{\min}}^i$ , let  $\xi_i^x = \xi_i^y$ , so that  $x_{t_{\min}}^{i+1} = y_{t_{\min}}^{i+1}$ . On the other hand, if  $x_{t_{\min}}^i \neq y_{t_{\min}}^i$ , let  $x_{t_{\max}}^{i+1}$  and  $y_{t_{\max}}^{i+1}$   
 518 be coupled as described in the proof of Lemma 7, with  $x' = x_{t_{\max}}^{i+1}, y' = y_{t_{\max}}^{i+1}, \sigma = \sqrt{t_{\max}^2 - t_{\min}^2}$ .  
 519 Under this coupling, we verify that,

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{E} [\mathbb{1} \{x_{t_{\min}}^{i+1} \neq y_{t_{\min}}^{i+1}\}] \\ & \leq \mathbb{E} [\mathbb{1} \{x_{t_{\max}}^{i+1} \neq y_{t_{\max}}^{i+1}\}] \\ & \leq \mathbb{E} \left[ \left(1 - 2Q \left(\frac{\|x_{t_{\min}}^i - y_{t_{\min}}^i\|}{2\sqrt{t_{\max}^2 - t_{\min}^2}}\right)\right) \mathbb{1} \{x_{t_{\min}}^i \neq y_{t_{\min}}^i\} \right] \\ & \leq \left(1 - 2Q \left(\frac{B}{2\sqrt{t_{\max}^2 - t_{\min}^2}}\right)\right) \mathbb{E} [\mathbb{1} \{x_{t_{\min}}^i \neq y_{t_{\min}}^i\}]. \end{aligned}$$

520 Applying the above recursively,

$$\mathbb{E} [\mathbb{1} \{x_{t_{\min}}^K \neq y_{t_{\min}}^K\}] \leq \left(1 - 2Q \left(\frac{B}{2\sqrt{t_{\max}^2 - t_{\min}^2}}\right)\right)^K \mathbb{E} [\mathbb{1} \{x_{t_{\min}}^0 \neq y_{t_{\min}}^0\}].$$

521 The conclusion follows by noticing that  $TV\left(p_{t_{\min}}^{\text{Restart}_\theta(K)}, q_{t_{\min}}^{\text{Restart}_\theta(K)}\right) \leq Pr(x_{t_{\min}}^K \neq y_{t_{\min}}^K) =$   
 522  $\mathbb{E} [\mathbb{1} \{x_{t_{\min}}^K \neq y_{t_{\min}}^K\}]$ , and by selecting the initial coupling so that  $Pr(x_{t_{\min}}^0 \neq y_{t_{\min}}^0) =$   
 523  $TV\left(p_{t_{\min}}^{\text{Restart}_\theta(0)}, q_{t_{\min}}^{\text{Restart}_\theta(0)}\right)$ . □

524 **A.3  $W_1$  discretization bound**

525 **Lemma 2** (Discretization bound for ODE). *Let  $x_{t_{\min}} = ODE(x_{t_{\max}}, t_{\max} \rightarrow t_{\min})$  and let  $\bar{x}_{t_{\min}} =$   
526  $ODE_\theta(\bar{x}_{t_{\max}}, t_{\max} \rightarrow t_{\min})$ . Assume that for all  $x, y, s, t$ ,  $s_\theta(x, t)$  satisfies  $\|ts_\theta(x, t) - ts_\theta(y, t)\| \leq$   
527  $L_0|s - t|$ ,  $\|ts_\theta(x, t)\| \leq L_1$  and  $\|ts_\theta(x, t) - ts_\theta(y, t)\| \leq L_2\|x - y\|$ . Then*

$$\|x_{t_{\min}} - \bar{x}_{t_{\min}}\| \leq e^{(t_{\max} - t_{\min})L_2} (\|x_{t_{\max}} - \bar{x}_{t_{\max}}\| + (\delta(L_2L_1 + L_0) + \epsilon_{approx})(t_{\max} - t_{\min}))$$

528 *Proof.* Consider some fixed arbitrary  $k$ , and recall that  $\delta$  is the step size. Recall that by definition of  
529 ODE and  $ODE_\theta$ , for  $t \in ((k-1)\delta, k\delta]$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} dx_t &= -t\nabla \log p_t(x_t)dt \\ d\bar{x}_t &= -ts_\theta(\bar{x}_{k\delta}, k\delta)dt. \end{aligned}$$

530 For  $t \in [t_{\min}, t_{\max}]$ , let us define a time-reversed process  $x_t^\leftarrow := x_{-t}$ . Let  $v(x, t) := \nabla \log p_{-t}(x)$ .  
531 Then for  $t \in [-t_{\max}, -t_{\min}]$

$$dx_t^\leftarrow = tv(x_t^\leftarrow, t)ds.$$

532 Similarly, define  $\bar{x}_t^\leftarrow := \bar{x}_{-t}$  and  $\bar{v}(x, t) := s_\theta(x, -t)$ . It follows that

$$d\bar{x}_t^\leftarrow = t\bar{v}(\bar{x}_{k\delta}^\leftarrow, k\delta)ds,$$

533 where  $k$  is the unique (negative) integer satisfying  $t \in [k\delta, (k+1)\delta)$ . Following these definitions,

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{d}{dt} \|x_t^\leftarrow - \bar{x}_t^\leftarrow\| \\ & \leq \|tv(x_t^\leftarrow, t) - t\bar{v}(\bar{x}_t^\leftarrow, t)\| \\ & \quad + \|t\bar{v}(\bar{x}_t^\leftarrow, t) - t\bar{v}(\bar{x}_t^\leftarrow, k\delta)\| \\ & \quad + \|t\bar{v}(\bar{x}_t^\leftarrow, k\delta) - t\bar{v}(\bar{x}_{k\delta}^\leftarrow, k\delta)\| \\ & \leq \epsilon_{approx} + L_2\|x_t^\leftarrow - \bar{x}_t^\leftarrow\| + \delta L_0 + L_2\|\bar{x}_t^\leftarrow - \bar{x}_{k\delta}^\leftarrow\| \\ & \leq \epsilon_{approx} + L_2\|x_t^\leftarrow - \bar{x}_t^\leftarrow\| + \delta L_0 + \delta L_2L_1. \end{aligned}$$

534 Applying Gronwall's Lemma over the interval  $t \in [-t_{\max}, -t_{\min}]$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & \|x_{t_{\min}} - \bar{x}_{t_{\min}}\| \\ & = \|x_{-t_{\min}}^\leftarrow - \bar{x}_{-t_{\min}}^\leftarrow\| \\ & \leq e^{L_2(t_{\max} - t_{\min})} (\|x_{-t_{\max}}^\leftarrow - \bar{x}_{-t_{\max}}^\leftarrow\| + (\epsilon_{approx} + \delta L_0 + \delta L_2L_1)(t_{\max} - t_{\min})) \\ & = e^{L_2(t_{\max} - t_{\min})} (\|x_{t_{\max}} - \bar{x}_{t_{\max}}\| + (\epsilon_{approx} + \delta L_0 + \delta L_2L_1)(t_{\max} - t_{\min})). \end{aligned}$$

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536 **Lemma 3.** *Given initial  $x_{t_{\max}}^0$ , let  $x_{t_{\min}}^0 = ODE(x_{t_{\max}}^0, t_{\max} \rightarrow t_{\min})$ , and let  $\hat{x}_{t_{\min}}^0 =$   
537  $ODE_\theta(x_{t_{\max}}^0, t_{\max} \rightarrow t_{\min})$ . We further denote the variables after  $K$  Restart iterations as  $x_{t_{\min}}^K =$   
538  $Restart(x_{t_{\min}}^0, K)$  and  $\hat{x}_{t_{\min}}^K = Restart_\theta(\hat{x}_{t_{\min}}^0, K)$ , with true field and learned field respectively. Then  
539 there exists a coupling between  $x_{t_{\min}}^K$  and  $\hat{x}_{t_{\min}}^K$  such that*

$$\|x_{t_{\min}}^K - \hat{x}_{t_{\min}}^K\| \leq e^{(K+1)L_2(t_{\max} - t_{\min})} (K+1) (\delta(L_2L_1 + L_0) + \epsilon_{approx})(t_{\max} - t_{\min}).$$

540 *Proof.* We will couple  $x_{t_{\min}}^i$  and  $\hat{x}_{t_{\min}}^i$  by using the same noise  $\varepsilon_{t_{\min} \rightarrow t_{\max}}^i$  in the Restart forward process  
541 for  $i = 0 \dots K-1$  (see Eq. (7)). For any  $i$ , let us also define  $y_{t_{\min}}^{i,j} := Restart_\theta(x_{t_{\min}}^i, j-i)$ , and this  
542 process uses the same noise  $\varepsilon_{t_{\min} \rightarrow t_{\max}}^i$  as previous ones. From this definition,  $y_{t_{\min}}^{K,K} = x_{t_{\min}}^K$ . We can  
543 thus bound

$$\|x_{t_{\min}}^K, \hat{x}_{t_{\min}}^K\| \leq \|y_{t_{\min}}^{0,K} - \hat{x}_{t_{\min}}^K\| + \sum_{i=0}^{K-1} \|y_{t_{\min}}^{i,K} - y_{t_{\min}}^{i+1,K}\| \quad (16)$$

544 Using the assumption that  $ts_\theta(\cdot, t)$  is  $L_2$  Lipschitz,

$$\begin{aligned} & \left\| y_{t_{\min}}^{0,i+1} - \hat{x}_{t_{\min}}^{i+1} \right\| \\ &= \left\| \text{ODE}_\theta(y_{t_{\max}}^{0,i}, t_{\max} \rightarrow t_{\min}) - \text{ODE}_\theta(\hat{x}_{t_{\max}}^i, t_{\max} \rightarrow t_{\min}) \right\| \\ &\leq e^{L_2(t_{\max}-t_{\min})} \left\| y_{t_{\max}}^{0,i} - \hat{x}_{t_{\max}}^i \right\| \\ &= e^{L_2(t_{\max}-t_{\min})} \left\| y_{t_{\min}}^{0,i} - \hat{x}_{t_{\min}}^i \right\|, \end{aligned}$$

545 where the last equality is because we add the same additive Gaussian noise  $\varepsilon_{t_{\min} \rightarrow t_{\max}}^i$  to  $y_{t_{\min}}^{0,i}$  and  $\hat{x}_{t_{\min}}^i$   
546 in the Restart forward process. Applying the above recursively, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \left\| y_{t_{\min}}^{0,K} - \hat{x}_{t_{\min}}^K \right\| &\leq e^{KL_2(t_{\max}-t_{\min})} \left\| y_{t_{\min}}^{0,0} - \hat{x}_{t_{\min}}^0 \right\| \\ &\leq e^{KL_2(t_{\max}-t_{\min})} \left\| x_{t_{\min}}^0 - \hat{x}_{t_{\min}}^0 \right\| \\ &\leq e^{(K+1)L_2(t_{\max}-t_{\min})} (\delta(L_2L_1 + L_0) + \epsilon_{approx})(t_{\max} - t_{\min}), \end{aligned} \quad (17)$$

547 where the last line follows by Lemma 2 when setting  $x_{t_{\max}} = \bar{x}_{t_{\max}}$ . We will now bound

548  $\left\| y_{t_{\min}}^{i,K} - y_{t_{\min}}^{i+1,K} \right\|$  for some  $i \leq K$ . It follows from definition that

$$\begin{aligned} y_{t_{\min}}^{i,i+1} &= \text{ODE}_\theta(x_{t_{\max}}^i, t_{\max} \rightarrow t_{\min}) \\ y_{t_{\min}}^{i+1,i+1} &= x_{t_{\min}}^{i+1} = \text{ODE}(x_{t_{\max}}^i, t_{\max} \rightarrow t_{\min}). \end{aligned}$$

549 By Lemma 2,

$$\left\| y_{t_{\min}}^{i,i+1} - y_{t_{\min}}^{i+1,i+1} \right\| \leq e^{L_2(t_{\max}-t_{\min})} (\delta(L_2L_1 + L_0) + \epsilon_{approx})(t_{\max} - t_{\min})$$

550 For the remaining steps from  $i + 2 \dots K$ , both  $y^{i,\cdot}$  and  $y^{i+1,\cdot}$  evolve with  $\text{ODE}_\theta$  in each step. Again  
551 using the assumption that  $ts_\theta(\cdot, t)$  is  $L_2$  Lipschitz,

$$\left\| y_{t_{\min}}^{i,K} - y_{t_{\min}}^{i+1,K} \right\| \leq e^{(K-i)L_2(t_{\max}-t_{\min})} (\delta(L_2L_1 + L_0) + \epsilon_{approx})(t_{\max} - t_{\min})$$

552 Summing the above for  $i = 0 \dots K - 1$ , and combining with Eq. (16) and Eq. (17) gives

$$\left\| x_{t_{\min}}^K - \hat{x}_{t_{\min}}^K \right\| \leq e^{(K+1)L_2(t_{\max}-t_{\min})} (K+1) (\delta(L_2L_1 + L_0) + \epsilon_{approx})(t_{\max} - t_{\min}).$$

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554 **Lemma 4.** Consider the same setup as Theorem 3. Let  $x_{t_{\min}} = \text{SDE}(x_{t_{\max}}, t_{\max} \rightarrow t_{\min})$  and let  
555  $\bar{x}_{t_{\min}} = \text{SDE}(\bar{x}_{t_{\max}}, t_{\max} \rightarrow t_{\min})$ . Then there exists a coupling between  $x_t$  and  $\bar{x}_t$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E} \left[ \left\| x_{t_{\min}} - \bar{x}_{t_{\min}} \right\| \right] &\leq e^{2L_2(t_{\max}-t_{\min})} \mathbb{E} \left[ \left\| x_{t_{\max}} - \bar{x}_{t_{\max}} \right\| \right] \\ &\quad + e^{2L_2(t_{\max}-t_{\min})} \left( \epsilon_{approx} + \delta L_0 + L_2 \left( \delta L_1 + \sqrt{2\delta dt_{\max}} \right) \right) (t_{\max} - t_{\min}) \end{aligned}$$

556 *Proof.* Consider some fixed arbitrary  $k$ , and recall that  $\delta$  is the stepsize. By definition of SDE and  
557  $\text{SDE}_\theta$ , for  $t \in ((k-1)\delta, k\delta]$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} dx_t &= -2t \nabla \log p_t(x_t) dt + \sqrt{2t} dB_t \\ d\bar{x}_t &= -2ts_\theta(\bar{x}_{k\delta}, k\delta) dt + \sqrt{2t} dB_t. \end{aligned}$$

558 Let us define a coupling between  $x_t$  and  $\bar{x}_t$  by identifying their respective Brownian motions. It  
559 will be convenient to define the time-reversed processes  $x_t^\leftarrow := x_{-t}$ , and  $\bar{x}_t^\leftarrow := \bar{x}_{-t}$ , along with  
560  $v(x, t) := \nabla \log p_{-t}(x)$  and  $\bar{v}(x, t) := s_\theta(x, -t)$ . Then there exists a Brownian motion  $B_t^\leftarrow$ , such  
561 that for  $t \in [-t_{\max}, -t_{\min}]$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} dx_t^\leftarrow &= -2tv(x_t^\leftarrow, t) dt + \sqrt{-2t} dB_t^\leftarrow \\ d\bar{x}_t^\leftarrow &= -2t\bar{v}(\bar{x}_{k\delta}^\leftarrow, k\delta) dt + \sqrt{-2t} dB_t^\leftarrow \\ \Rightarrow d(x_t^\leftarrow - \bar{x}_t^\leftarrow) &= -2t(v(x_t^\leftarrow, t) - \bar{v}(\bar{x}_{k\delta}^\leftarrow, k\delta)) dt, \end{aligned}$$

562 where  $k$  is the unique negative integer such that  $t \in [k\delta, (k+1)\delta)$ . Thus

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{d}{dt} \mathbb{E} [\|x_t^{\leftarrow} - \bar{x}_t^{\leftarrow}\|] \\
& \leq 2 \left( \mathbb{E} [\|tv(x_t^{\leftarrow}, t) - t\bar{v}(x_t^{\leftarrow}, t)\|] + \mathbb{E} [\|t\bar{v}(x_t^{\leftarrow}, t) - t\bar{v}(\bar{x}_t^{\leftarrow}, t)\|] \right) \\
& \quad + 2 \left( \mathbb{E} [\|t\bar{v}(\bar{x}_t^{\leftarrow}, t) - t\bar{v}(\bar{x}_t^{\leftarrow}, k\delta)\|] + \mathbb{E} [\|t\bar{v}(\bar{x}_t^{\leftarrow}, k\delta) - t\bar{v}(\bar{x}_{k\delta}^{\leftarrow}, k\delta)\|] \right) \\
& \leq 2(\epsilon_{approx} + L_2 \mathbb{E} [\|x_t^{\leftarrow} - \bar{x}_t^{\leftarrow}\|] + \delta L_0 + L_2 \mathbb{E} [\|\bar{x}_t^{\leftarrow} - \bar{x}_{k\delta}^{\leftarrow}\|]) \\
& \leq 2 \left( \epsilon_{approx} + L_2 \mathbb{E} [\|x_t^{\leftarrow} - \bar{x}_t^{\leftarrow}\|] + \delta L_0 + L_2 \left( \delta L_1 + \sqrt{2\delta dt_{\max}} \right) \right).
\end{aligned}$$

563 By Gronwall's Lemma,

$$\begin{aligned}
& \mathbb{E} [\|x_{t_{\min}} - \bar{x}_{t_{\min}}\|] \\
& = \mathbb{E} [\|x_{-t_{\min}}^{\leftarrow} - \bar{x}_{-t_{\min}}^{\leftarrow}\|] \\
& \leq e^{2L_2(t_{\max} - t_{\min})} \left( \mathbb{E} [\|x_{-t_{\max}}^{\leftarrow} - \bar{x}_{-t_{\max}}^{\leftarrow}\|] + \left( \epsilon_{approx} + \delta L_0 + L_2 \left( \delta L_1 + \sqrt{2\delta dt_{\max}} \right) \right) (t_{\max} - t_{\min}) \right) \\
& = e^{2L_2(t_{\max} - t_{\min})} \left( \mathbb{E} [\|x_{t_{\max}} - \bar{x}_{t_{\max}}\|] + \left( \epsilon_{approx} + \delta L_0 + L_2 \left( \delta L_1 + \sqrt{2\delta dt_{\max}} \right) \right) (t_{\max} - t_{\min}) \right)
\end{aligned}$$

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#### 565 A.4 Mixing Bounds

566 **Lemma 5.** Consider the same setup as Theorem 3. Assume that  $\delta \leq t_{\min}$ . Let

$$\begin{aligned}
x_{t_{\min}} &= SDE_{\theta}(x_{t_{\max}}, t_{\max} \rightarrow t_{\min}) \\
y_{t_{\min}} &= SDE_{\theta}(y_{t_{\max}}, t_{\max} \rightarrow t_{\min}).
\end{aligned}$$

567 Then there exists a coupling between  $x_s$  and  $y_s$  such that

$$TV(x_{t_{\min}}, y_{t_{\min}}) \leq \left( 1 - 2Q \left( \frac{B}{2\sqrt{t_{\max}^2 - t_{\min}^2}} \right) \cdot e^{-BL_1/t_{\min} - L_1^2 t_{\max}^2 / t_{\min}^2} \right) TV(x_{t_{\max}}, y_{t_{\max}})$$

568 *Proof.* We will construct a coupling between  $x_t$  and  $y_t$ . First, let  $(x_{t_{\max}}, y_{t_{\max}})$  be sampled from the  
569 optimal TV coupling, i.e.,  $Pr(x_{t_{\max}} \neq y_{t_{\max}}) = \frac{1}{2} TV(x_{t_{\max}}, y_{t_{\max}})$ . Recall that by definition of  $SDE_{\theta}$ ,  
570 for  $t \in ((k-1)\delta, k\delta]$ ,

$$dx_t = -2ts_{\theta}(x_{k\delta}, k\delta)dt + \sqrt{2t}dB_t.$$

571 Let us define a time-rescaled version of  $x_t$ :  $\bar{x}_t := x_{t^2}$ . We verify that

$$d\bar{x}_t = -s_{\theta}(\bar{x}_{(k\delta)^2}, k\delta)dt + dB_t,$$

572 where  $k$  is the unique integer satisfying  $t \in [((k-1)\delta)^2, k^2\delta^2)$ . Next, we define the time-reversed  
573 process  $\bar{x}_t^{\leftarrow} := \bar{x}_{-t}$ , and let  $v(x, t) := s_{\theta}(x, -t)$ . We verify that there exists a Brownian motion  $B_t^x$   
574 such that, for  $t \in [-t_{\max}^2, -t_{\min}^2]$ ,

$$d\bar{x}_t^{\leftarrow} = v_t^x dt + dB_t^x,$$

575 where  $v_t^x = s_{\theta}(\bar{x}_{-(k\delta)^2}^{\leftarrow}, -k\delta)$ , where  $k$  is the unique positive integer satisfying  $-t \in (((k-1)\delta)^2, (k\delta)^2)$ . Let  $d\bar{y}_t^{\leftarrow} = v_t^y dt + dB_t^y$ , be defined analogously. For any positive integer  $k$  and for  
576 any  $t \in [-(k\delta)^2, -((k-1)\delta)^2)$ , let us define  
577

$$z_t = \bar{x}_{-k^2\delta^2}^{\leftarrow} - \bar{y}_{-k^2\delta^2}^{\leftarrow} + (2k-1)\delta^2 \left( v_{-(k\delta)^2}^x - v_{-(k\delta)^2}^y \right) + \left( B_t^x - B_{-(k\delta)^2}^x \right) - \left( B_t^y - B_{-(k\delta)^2}^y \right).$$

578 Let  $\gamma_t := \frac{z_t}{\|z_t\|}$ . We will now define a coupling between  $dB_t^x$  and  $dB_t^y$  as

$$dB_t^y = (I - 2\mathbb{1}\{t \leq \tau\}\gamma_t\gamma_t^T) dB_t^x,$$

579 where  $\mathbb{1}\{\cdot\}$  denotes the indicator function, i.e.  $\mathbb{1}\{t \leq \tau\} = 1$  if  $t \leq \tau$ , and  $\tau$  is a stopping time given  
580 by the first hitting time of  $z_t = 0$ . Let  $r_t := \|z_t\|$ . Consider some  $t \in (-i^2\delta^2, -(i-1)^2\delta^2)$ , and  
581 Let  $j := \frac{t_{\max}}{\delta}$  (assume w.l.o.g that this is an integer), then

$$\begin{aligned} r_t - r_{-t_{\max}^2} &\leq \sum_{k=i}^j (2k-1)\delta^2 \left\| (v_{-(k\delta)^2}^x - v_{-(k\delta)^2}^y) \right\| + \int_{-t_{\max}^2}^t \mathbb{1}\{t \leq \tau\} 2dB_s^1 \\ &\leq \sum_{k=i}^j (k^2 - (k-1)^2) \delta^2 2L_1 / (t_{\min}) + \int_{-t_{\max}^2}^t \mathbb{1}\{t \leq \tau\} 2dB_t^1 \\ &= \int_{-t_{\max}^2}^{-(i-1)\delta^2} \frac{2L_1}{t_{\min}} ds + \int_{-t_{\max}^2}^t \mathbb{1}\{t \leq \tau\} 2dB_s^1, \end{aligned}$$

582 where  $dB_s^1 = \langle \gamma_t, dB_s^x - dB_s^y \rangle$  is a 1-dimensional Brownian motion. We also verify that

$$\begin{aligned} r_{-t_{\max}^2} &= \|z_{-t_{\max}^2}\| \\ &= \left\| \bar{x}_{-t_{\max}^2}^{\leftarrow} - \bar{y}_{-t_{\max}^2}^{\leftarrow} + (2j-1)\delta^2 (v_{-t_{\max}^2}^x - v_{-t_{\max}^2}^y) + (B_t^x - B_{-t_{\max}^2}^x) - (B_t^y - B_{-t_{\max}^2}^y) \right\| \\ &\leq \left\| \bar{x}_{-t_{\max}^2}^{\leftarrow} + (2j-1)\delta^2 v_{-t_{\max}^2}^x + (B_{-(j-1)^2\delta^2}^x - B_{-t_{\max}^2}^x) \right\| \\ &\quad + \left\| \bar{y}_{-t_{\max}^2}^{\leftarrow} + (2j-1)\delta^2 v_{-t_{\max}^2}^y + (B_{-(j-1)^2\delta^2}^y - B_t^y + B_t^x - B_{-t_{\max}^2}^y) \right\| \leq B \end{aligned}$$

583 where the third relation is by adding and subtracting  $B_{-(j-1)^2\delta^2}^x - B_t^x$  and using triangle inequality.

584 The fourth relation is by noticing that  $\bar{x}_{-t_{\max}^2}^{\leftarrow} + (2j-1)\delta^2 v_{-t_{\max}^2}^x + (B_{-(j-1)^2\delta^2}^x - B_{-t_{\max}^2}^x) =$

585  $\bar{x}_{-(j-1)^2\delta^2}^{\leftarrow}$  and that  $\bar{y}_{-t_{\max}^2}^{\leftarrow} + (2j-1)\delta^2 v_{-t_{\max}^2}^y + (B_{-(j-1)^2\delta^2}^y - B_t^y + B_t^x - B_{-t_{\max}^2}^y) \stackrel{d}{=} \bar{y}_{-(j-1)^2\delta^2}^{\leftarrow}$ ,

586 and then using our assumption in the theorem statement that all processes are supported on a ball of  
587 radius  $B/2$ .

588 We now define a process  $s_t$  defined by  $ds_t = 2L_1/t_{\min}dt + 2dB_t^1$ , initialized at  $s_{-t_{\max}^2} = B \geq r_{-t_{\max}^2}$ .

589 We can verify that, up to time  $\tau$ ,  $r_t \leq s_t$  with probability 1. Let  $\tau'$  denote the first-hitting time of  $s_t$   
590 to 0, then  $\tau \leq \tau'$  with probability 1. Thus

$$Pr(\tau \leq -t_{\min}^2) \geq Pr(\tau' \leq -t_{\min}^2) \geq 2Q \left( \frac{B}{2\sqrt{t_{\max}^2 - t_{\min}^2}} \right) \cdot e^{-BL_1/t_{\min} - L_1^2 t_{\max}^2 / t_{\min}^2}$$

591 where we apply Lemma 6. The proof follows by noticing that, if  $\tau \leq -t_{\min}^2$ , then  $x_{t_{\min}} = y_{t_{\min}}$ . This

592 is because if  $\tau \in [-(k-1)^2\delta^2, -k^2\delta^2]$ , then  $\bar{x}_{-(k-1)^2\delta^2}^{\leftarrow} = \bar{y}_{-(k-1)^2\delta^2}^{\leftarrow}$ , and thus  $\bar{x}_t^{\leftarrow} = \bar{y}_t^{\leftarrow}$  for all

593  $t \geq -(k-1)^2\delta^2$ , in particular, at  $t = -t_{\min}^2$ .

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□

595 **Lemma 6.** Consider the stochastic process

$$dr_t = dB_t^1 + cdt.$$

596 Assume that  $r_0 \leq B/2$ . Let  $\tau$  denote the hitting time for  $r_t = 0$ . Then for any  $T \in \mathbb{R}^+$ ,

$$Pr(\tau \leq T) \geq 2Q \left( \frac{B}{2\sqrt{T}} \right) \cdot e^{-ac - \frac{c^2 T}{2}},$$

597 where  $Q$  is the tail probability of a standard Gaussian defined in Definition 1.

598 *Proof.* We will use the following facts in our proof:

599 1. For  $x \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2)$ ,  $Pr(x > r) = \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 - \operatorname{erf} \left( \frac{r}{\sqrt{2}\sigma} \right) \right) = \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{erfc} \left( \frac{r}{\sqrt{2}\sigma} \right)$ .

600 2.  $\int_0^T \frac{a \exp\left(-\frac{a^2}{2t}\right)}{\sqrt{2\pi t^3}} dt = \operatorname{erfc} \left( \frac{a}{\sqrt{2T}} \right) = 2Pr(\mathcal{N}(0, T) > a) = 2Q \left( \frac{a}{\sqrt{T}} \right)$  by definition of  $Q$ .

601 Let  $dr_t = dB_t^1 + cdt$ , with  $r_0 = a$ . The density of the hitting time  $\tau$  is given by

$$p(\tau = t) = f(a, c, t) = \frac{a \exp\left(-\frac{(a+ct)^2}{2t}\right)}{\sqrt{2\pi t^3}}. \quad (18)$$

602 (see e.g. [3]). From item 2 above,

$$\int_0^T f(a, 0, t) dt = 2Q\left(\frac{a}{\sqrt{T}}\right).$$

603 In the case of a general  $c \neq 0$ , we can bound  $\frac{(a+ct)^2}{2t} = \frac{a^2}{2t} + ac + \frac{c^2 t}{2}$ . Consequently,

$$f(a, c, t) \geq f(a, 0, t) \cdot e^{-ac - \frac{c^2 t}{2}}.$$

604 Therefore,

$$\Pr(\tau \leq T) = \int_0^T f(a, c, t) dt \geq \int_0^T f(a, 0, t) dt e^{-c} = 2Q\left(\frac{B}{2\sqrt{T}}\right) \cdot e^{-ac - \frac{c^2 T}{2}}.$$

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## 606 A.5 TV Overlap

607 **Definition 1.** Let  $x$  be sampled from standard normal distribution  $\mathcal{N}(0, 1)$ . We define the Gaussian  
608 tail probability  $Q(a) := \Pr(x \geq a)$ .

609 **Lemma 7.** We verify that for any two random vectors  $\xi_x \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \sigma^2 \mathbf{I})$  and  $\xi_y \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \sigma^2 \mathbf{I})$ , each  
610 belonging to  $\mathbb{R}^d$ , the total variation distance between  $x' = x + \xi_x$  and  $y' = y + \xi_y$  is given by

$$TV(x', y') = 1 - 2Q(r) \leq 1 - \frac{2r}{r^2 + 1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-r^2/2},$$

611 where  $r = \frac{\|x-y\|}{2\sigma}$ , and  $Q(r) = \Pr(\xi \geq r)$ , when  $\xi \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$ .

612 *Proof.* Let  $\gamma := \frac{x-y}{\|x-y\|}$ . We decompose  $x', y'$  into the subspace/orthogonal space defined by  $\gamma$ :

$$\begin{aligned} x' &= x^\perp + \xi_x^\perp + x^\parallel + \xi_x^\parallel \\ y' &= y^\perp + \xi_y^\perp + y^\parallel + \xi_y^\parallel \end{aligned}$$

613 where we define

$$\begin{aligned} x^\parallel &:= \gamma \gamma^T x & x^\perp &:= x - x^\parallel \\ y^\parallel &:= \gamma \gamma^T y & y^\perp &:= y - y^\parallel \\ \xi_x^\parallel &:= \gamma \gamma^T \xi_x & \xi_x^\perp &:= \xi_x - \xi_x^\parallel \\ \xi_y^\parallel &:= \gamma \gamma^T \xi_y & \xi_y^\perp &:= \xi_y - \xi_y^\parallel \end{aligned}$$

614 We verify the independence  $\xi_x^\perp \perp \xi_x^\parallel$  and  $\xi_y^\perp \perp \xi_y^\parallel$  as they are orthogonal decompositions of the  
615 standard Gaussian. We will define a coupling between  $x'$  and  $y'$  by setting  $\xi_x^\perp = \xi_y^\perp$ . Under this  
616 coupling, we verify that

$$(x^\perp + \xi_x^\perp) - (y^\perp + \xi_y^\perp) = x - y - \gamma \gamma^T (x - y) = 0$$

617 Therefore,  $x' = y'$  if and only if  $x^\parallel + \xi_x^\parallel = y^\parallel + \xi_y^\parallel$ . Next, we draw  $(a, b)$  from the optimal coupling  
618 between  $\mathcal{N}(0, 1)$  and  $\mathcal{N}(\frac{\|x-y\|}{\sigma}, 1)$ . We verify that  $x^\parallel + \xi_x^\parallel$  and  $y^\parallel + \xi_y^\parallel$  both lie in the span of  
619  $\gamma$ . Thus it suffices to compare  $\langle \gamma, x^\parallel + \xi_x^\parallel \rangle$  and  $\langle \gamma, y^\parallel + \xi_y^\parallel \rangle$ . We verify that  $\langle \gamma, x^\parallel + \xi_x^\parallel \rangle =$

620  $\langle \gamma, y^\parallel \rangle + \langle \gamma, x^\parallel - y^\parallel \rangle + \langle \gamma, \xi_x^\parallel \rangle \sim \mathcal{N}(\langle \gamma, y^\parallel \rangle + \|x - y\|, \sigma^2) \stackrel{d}{=} \langle \gamma, y^\parallel \rangle + \sigma b$ . We similarly verify  
 621 that  $\langle \gamma, y^\parallel + \xi_y^\parallel \rangle = \langle \gamma, y^\parallel \rangle + \langle \gamma, \xi_y^\parallel \rangle \sim \mathcal{N}(\langle \gamma, y^\parallel \rangle, \sigma^2) \stackrel{d}{=} \langle \gamma, y^\parallel \rangle + \sigma a$ .  
 622 Thus  $TV(x', y') = TV(\sigma a, \sigma b) = 1 - 2Q\left(\frac{\|x - y\|}{2\sigma}\right)$ . The last inequality follows from

$$Pr(\mathcal{N}(0, 1) \geq r) \geq \frac{r}{r^2 + 1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-r^2/2}$$

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□

## 624 B More on Restart Algorithm

### 625 B.1 EDM Discretization Scheme

626 [13] proposes a discretization scheme for ODE given the starting  $t_{\max}$  and end time  $t_{\min}$ . Denote the  
 627 number of steps as  $N$ , then the EDM discretization scheme is:

$$t_{i < N} = \left( t_{\max}^\rho + \frac{i}{N-1} (t_{\min}^\rho - t_{\max}^\rho) \right)^\rho$$

628 with  $t_0 = t_{\max}$  and  $t_{N-1} = t_{\min}$ .  $\rho$  is a hyperparameter that determines the extent to which steps near  
 629  $t_{\min}$  are shortened. We adopt the value  $\rho = 7$  suggested by [13] in all of our experiments. We apply  
 630 the EDM scheme to create a time discretization in each Restart interval  $[t_{\max}, t_{\min}]$  in the Restart  
 631 backward process, as well as the main backward process between  $[0, T]$  (by additionally setting  
 632  $t_{\min} = 0.002$  and  $t_N = 0$  as in [13]). It is important to note that  $t_{\min}$  should be included within the  
 633 list of time steps in the main backward process to seamlessly incorporate the Restart interval into the  
 634 main backward process. We summarize the scheme as a function in Algorithm 1.

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**Algorithm 1** EDM\_Scheme( $t_{\min}, t_{\max}, N, \rho = 7$ )

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1: **return**  $\left\{ \left( t_{\max}^\rho + \frac{i}{N-1} (t_{\min}^\rho - t_{\max}^\rho) \right)^\rho \right\}_{i=0}^{N-1}$

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### 635 B.2 Restart Algorithm

636 We present the pseudocode for the Restart algorithm in Algorithm 2. In this pseudocode, we describe  
 637 a more general case that applies  $l$ -level Restarting strategy. For each Restart segment, we include  
 638 the number of steps in the Restart backward process  $N_{\text{Restart}}$ , the Restart interval  $[t_{\min}, t_{\max}]$  and the  
 639 number of Restart iteration  $K$ . We further denote the number of steps in the main backward process  
 640 as  $N_{\text{main}}$ . We use the EDM discretization scheme (Algorithm 1) to construct time steps for the main  
 641 backward process ( $t_0 = T, t_{N_{\text{main}}} = 0$ ) as well as the Restart backward process, when given the  
 642 starting/end time and the number of steps.

643 Although Heun’s 2<sup>nd</sup> order method [2] (Algorithm 3) is the default ODE solver in the pseudocode, it  
 644 can be substituted with other ODE solvers, such as Euler’s method or the DPM solver [16].

645 The provided pseudocode in Algorithm 2 is tailored specifically for diffusion models [13]. To  
 646 adapt Restart for other generative models like PFGM++ [28], we only need to modify the Gaussian  
 647 perturbation kernel in the Restart forward process (line 10 in Algorithm 2) to the one used in  
 648 PFGM++.

## 649 C Experimental Details

650 In this section, we discuss the configurations for different samplers in details. All the experiments are  
 651 conducted on eight NVIDIA A100 GPUs.

### 652 C.1 Configurations for Baselines

653 We select **Vanilla SDE** [23], **Improved SDE** [13], **Gonna Go Fast** [12] as SDE baselines and  
 654 the **Heun’s** 2<sup>nd</sup> order method [2] (Alg 3) as ODE baseline on standard benchmarks CIFAR-10 and

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**Algorithm 2** Restart sampling

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1: Input: Score network  $s_\theta$ , time steps in main backward process  $t_{i \in \{0, N_{\text{main}}\}}$ , Restart parameters  
    $\{(N_{\text{Restart},j}, K_j, t_{\text{min},j}, t_{\text{max},j})\}_{j=1}^l$   
2: Round  $t_{\text{min},j \in \{1,l\}}$  to its nearest neighbor in  $t_{i \in \{0, N_{\text{main}}\}}$   
3: Sample  $x_0 \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, T^2 \mathbf{I})$   
4: for  $i = 0 \dots N_{\text{main}} - 1$  do ▷ Main backward process  
5:    $x_{t_{i+1}} = \text{OneStep\_Heun}(s_\theta, t_i, t_{i+1})$  ▷ Running single step ODE  
6:   if  $\exists j \in \{1, \dots, l\}, t_{i+1} = t_{\text{min},j}$  then  
7:      $t_{\text{min}} = t_{\text{min},j}, t_{\text{max}} = t_{\text{max},j}, K = K_j, N_{\text{Restart}} = N_{\text{Restart},j}$   
8:      $x_{t_{\text{min}}}^0 = x_{t_{i+1}}$   
9:     for  $k = 0 \dots K - 1$  do ▷ Restart for  $K$  iterations  
10:       $\varepsilon_{t_{\text{min}} \rightarrow t_{\text{max}}} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, (t_{\text{max}}^2 - t_{\text{min}}^2) \mathbf{I})$   
11:       $x_{t_{\text{max}}}^{k+1} = x_{t_{\text{min}}}^k + \varepsilon_{t_{\text{min}} \rightarrow t_{\text{max}}}$  ▷ Restart forward process  
12:       $\{\bar{t}_m\}_{m=0}^{N_{\text{Restart}}-1} = \text{EDM\_Scheme}(t_{\text{min}}, t_{\text{max}}, N_{\text{Restart}})$   
13:      for  $m = 0 \dots N_{\text{Restart}} - 1$  do ▷ Restart backward process  
14:         $x_{\bar{t}_{m+1}}^{k+1} = \text{OneStep\_Heun}(s_\theta, \bar{t}_m, \bar{t}_{m+1})$   
15:      end for  
16:    end for  
17:  end if  
18: end for  
19: return  $x_{t_{N_{\text{main}}}}$ 
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**Algorithm 3** OneStep\_Heun( $s_\theta, x_{t_i}, t_i, t_{i+1}$ )

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1:  $d_i = t_i s_\theta(x_{t_i}, t_i)$   
2:  $x_{t_{i+1}} = x_{t_i} - (t_{i+1} - t_i) d_i$   
3: if  $t_{i+1} \neq 0$  then  
4:    $d'_i = t_{i+1} s_\theta(x_{t_{i+1}}, t_{i+1})$   
5:    $x_{t_{i+1}} = x_{t_i} - (t_{i+1} - t_i) (\frac{1}{2} d_i + \frac{1}{2} d'_i)$   
6: end if  
7: return  $x_{t_{i+1}}$ 
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655 ImageNet  $64 \times 64$ . We choose DDIM [22], Heun’s 2<sup>nd</sup> order method, and DDPM [9] for comparison  
656 on Stable Diffusion model.

657 Vanilla SDE denotes the reverse-time SDE sampler in [23]. For Improved SDE, we use the recom-  
658 mended dataset-specific hyperparameters (e.g.,  $S_{\text{max}}, S_{\text{min}}, S_{\text{churn}}$ ) in Table 5 of the EDM paper [13].  
659 They obtained these hyperparameters by grid search. Gonna Go Fast [12] applied an adaptive step  
660 size technique based on Vanilla SDE and we directly report the FID scores listed in [12] for Gonna  
661 Go Fast on CIFAR-10 (VP). For fair comparison, we use the EDM discretization scheme [13] for  
662 Vanilla SDE, Improved SDE, Heun as well as Restart.

663 We borrow the hyperparameters such as discretization scheme or initial noise scale on Stable Diffusion  
664 models in the diffuser<sup>2</sup> code repository. We directly use the DDIM and DDPM samplers implemented  
665 in the repo. We apply the same set of hyperparameters to Heun and Restart.

## 666 C.2 Configurations for Restart

667 We report the configurations for Restart for different models and NFE on standard benchmarks  
668 CIFAR-10 and ImageNet  $64 \times 64$ . The hyperparameters of Restart include the number of steps  
669 in the main backward process  $N_{\text{main}}$ , the number of steps in the Restart backward process  $N_{\text{Restart}}$ ,  
670 the Restart interval  $[t_{\text{min}}, t_{\text{max}}]$  and the number of Restart iteration  $K$ . In Table 3 (CIFAR-10, VP)  
671 we provide the quintuplet  $(N_{\text{main}}, N_{\text{Restart}}, t_{\text{min}}, t_{\text{max}}, K)$  for each experiment. Since we apply the  
672 multi-level Restart strategy for ImageNet  $64 \times 64$ , we provide  $N_{\text{main}}$  as well as a list of quadruple  
673  $\{(N_{\text{Restart},i}, K_i, t_{\text{min},i}, t_{\text{max},i})\}_{i=1}^l$  ( $l$  is the number of Restart interval depending on experiments) in  
674 Table 5. In order to integrate the Restart time interval to the main backward process, we round  $t_{\text{min},i}$

<sup>2</sup><https://github.com/huggingface/diffusers>

675 to its nearest neighbor in the time steps of main backward process, as shown in line 2 of Algorithm 2.  
 676 We apply Heun method for both main/backward process. The formula for NFE calculation is  
 677 
$$\text{NFE} = \underbrace{2 \cdot N_{\text{main}} - 1}_{\text{main backward process}} + \sum_{i=1}^l \underbrace{K_i}_{\text{number of repetitions}} \cdot \underbrace{(2 \cdot (N_{\text{Restart},i} - 1))}_{\text{per iteration in } i^{\text{th}} \text{ Restart interval}}$$
 in this case. Inspired by  
 678 [13], we inflate the additive noise in the Restart forward process by multiplying  $S_{\text{noise}} = 1.003$  on  
 679 ImageNet  $64 \times 64$ , to counteract the over-denoising tendency of neural networks. We also observe  
 680 that setting  $\gamma = 0.05$  in Algorithm 2 of EDM [13] would slightly boost the Restart performance on  
 681 ImageNet  $64 \times 64$  when  $t \in [0.01, 1]$ .

682 We further include the configurations for Restart on Stable Diffusion models in Table 10, with a  
 683 varying guidance weight  $w$ . Similar to ImageNet  $64 \times 64$ , we use multi-level Restart with a fixed  
 684 number of steps  $N_{\text{main}} = 30$  in the main backward process. We utilize the Euler method for the  
 685 main backward process and the Heun method for the Restart backward process, as our empirical  
 686 observations indicate that the Heun method doesn't yield significant improvements over the Euler  
 687 method, yet necessitates double the steps. The number of steps equals to  $N_{\text{main}} + \sum_{i=1}^l K_i \cdot (2 \cdot$   
 688  $(N_{\text{Restart},i} - 1))$  in this case. We set the total number of steps to 66, including main backward process  
 689 and Restart backward process.

690 Given the prohibitively large search space for each Restart quadruple, a comprehensive enumeration  
 691 of all possibilities is impractical due to computational limitations. Instead, we adjust the configuration  
 692 manually, guided by the heuristic that weaker/smaller models or more challenging tasks necessitate  
 693 a stronger Restart strength (e.g., larger  $K$ , wider Restart interval, etc). On average, we select the  
 694 best configuration from 5 sets for each experiment; these few trials have empirically outperformed  
 695 previous SDE/ODE samplers. We believe that developing a systematic approach for determining  
 696 Restart configurations could be of significant value in the future.

### 697 C.3 Pre-trained Models

698 For CIFAR-10 dataset, we use the pre-trained VP and EDM models from the EDM repository<sup>3</sup>, and  
 699 PFGM++ ( $D = 2048$ ) model from the PFGM++ repository<sup>4</sup>. For ImageNet  $64 \times 64$ , we borrow the  
 700 pre-trained EDM model from EDM repository as well.

### 701 C.4 Classifier-free Guidance

702 We follow the convention in [20], where each step in classifier-free guidance is as follows:

$$\tilde{s}_\theta(x, c, t) = w s_\theta(x, c, t) + (1 - w) s_\theta(x, t)$$

703 where  $c$  is the conditions, and  $s_\theta(x, c, t)/s_\theta(x, t)$  is the conditional/unconditional models, sharing  
 704 parameters. Increasing  $w$  would strengthen the effect of guidance, usually leading to a better text-image  
 705 alignment [20].

### 706 C.5 More on the Synthetic Experiment

#### 707 C.5.1 Discrete Dataset

708 We generate the underlying discrete dataset  $S$  with  $|S| = 2000$  as follows. Firstly, we sample 2000  
 709 points, denoted as  $S_1$ , from a mixture of two Gaussians in  $\mathbb{R}^4$ . Next, we project these points onto  $\mathbb{R}^{20}$ .  
 710 To ensure a variance of 1 on each dimension, we scale the coordinates accordingly. This setup aims  
 711 to simulate data points that primarily reside on a lower-dimensional manifold with multiple modes.

712 The specific details are as follows:  $S_1 \sim 0.3N(a, s^2I) + 0.7(-a, s^2I)$ , where  $a = (3, 3, 3, 3) \subset \mathbb{R}^4$   
 713 and  $s = 1$ . Then, we randomly select a projection matrix  $P \in \mathbb{R}^{20 \times 4}$ , where each entry is drawn  
 714 from  $N(0, 1)$ , and compute  $S_2 = PS_1$ . Finally, we scale each coordinate by a constant factor to  
 715 ensure a variance of 1.

<sup>3</sup><https://github.com/NVlabs/edm>

<sup>4</sup><https://github.com/Newbeeer/pfgmpp>

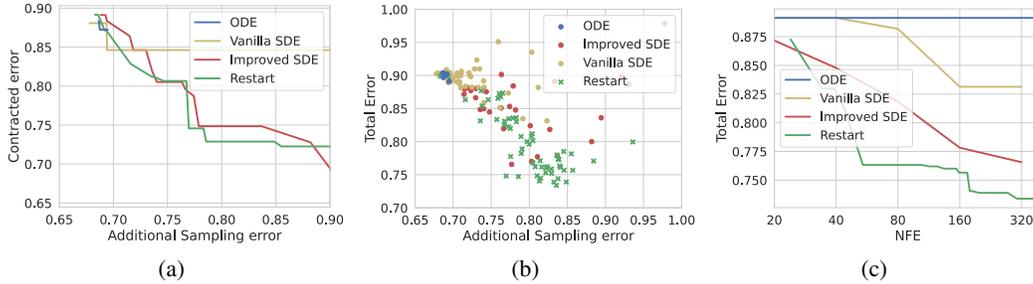


Figure 7: Comparison of additional sampling error versus (a) contracted error (plotting the Pareto frontier) and (b) total error (using a scatter plot). (c) Pareto frontier of NFE versus total error.

## 716 C.5.2 Model Architecture

717 We employ a common MLP architecture with a latent size of 64 to learn the score function. The  
 718 training method is adapted from [13], which includes the preconditioning technique and denoising  
 719 score-matching objective [25].

## 720 C.5.3 Varying Hyperparameters

721 To achieve the best trade-off between contracted error and additional sampling error, and optimize  
 722 the NFE versus FID (Fréchet Inception Distance) performance, we explore various hyperparameters.  
 723 [13] shows that the Vanilla SDE can be endowed with additional flexibility by varying the coefficient  
 724  $\beta(t)$  (Eq.(6) in [13]). Hence, regarding SDE, we consider NFE values from  $\{20, 40, 80, 160, 320\}$ ,  
 725 and multiply the original  $\beta(t) = \dot{\sigma}(t)/\sigma(t)$  [13] with values from  $\{0, 0.25, 0.5, 1, 1.5, 2, 4, 8\}$ . It  
 726 is important to note that larger NFE values do not lead to further performance improvements. For  
 727 restarts, we tried the following two settings: first we set the number of steps in Restart backward  
 728 process to 40 and vary the number of Restart iterations  $K$  in the range  $\{0, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35\}$ .  
 729 We also conduct a grid search with the number of Restart iterations  $K$  ranging from 5 to 25 and the  
 730 number of steps in Restart backward process varying from 2 to 7. For ODE, we experiment with the  
 731 number of steps set to  $\{20, 40, 80, 160, 320, 640\}$ .

732 Additionally, we conduct an experiment for Improved SDE in EDM. We try different values of  $S_{\text{churn}}$   
 733 in the range of  $\{0, 1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32, 48, 64\}$ . We also perform a grid search where the number of steps  
 734 ranged from 20 to 320 and  $S_{\text{churn}}$  takes values of  $[0.2 \times \text{steps}, 0.5 \times \text{steps}, 20, 60]$ . The plot combines  
 735 the results from SDE and is displayed in Figure 7.

736 To mitigate the impact of randomness, we collect the data by averaging the results from five runs with  
 737 the same hyperparameters. To compute the Wasserstein distance between two discrete distributions,  
 738 we use minimum weight matching.

## 739 C.5.4 Plotting the Pareto frontier

740 We generate the Pareto frontier plots as follows. For the additional sampling error versus contracted  
 741 error plot, we first sort all the data points based on their additional sampling error and then connect  
 742 the data points that represent prefix minimums of the contracted error. Similarly, for the NFE versus  
 743 FID plot, we sort the data points based on their NFE values and connect the points where the FID is a  
 744 prefix minimum.

## 745 D Extra Experimental Results

### 746 D.1 Numerical Results

747 In this section, we provide the corresponding numerical results of Fig. 3(a) and Fig. 3(b), in Ta-  
 748 ble 2, 3 (CIFAR-10 VP) and Table 4, 5 (ImageNet  $64 \times 64$  EDM), respectively. We also include  
 749 the performance of Vanilla SDE in those tables. For the evaluation, we compute the Fréchet dis-  
 750 tance between 50000 generated samples and the pre-computed statistics of CIFAR-10 and ImageNet  
 751  $64 \times 64$ . We follow the evaluation protocol in EDM [13] that calculates each FID scores three times  
 752 with different seeds and report the minimum.

753 We also provide the numerical results on the Stable Diffusion model [19], with a classifier guidance  
 754 weight  $w = 2, 3, 5, 8$  in Table 6, 7, 8, 9. As in [17], we report the zero-shot FID score on 5K random  
 755 prompts sampled from the COCO validation set. We evaluate CLIP score [6] with the open-sourced  
 756 ViT-g/14 [11], Aesthetic score by the more recent LAION-Aesthetics Predictor V2<sup>5</sup>. We average the  
 757 CLIP and Aesthetic scores over 5K generated samples. The number of function evaluations is two  
 758 times the sampling steps in Stable Diffusion model, since each sampling step involves the evaluation  
 759 of the conditional and unconditional model.

Table 2: CIFAR-10 sample quality (FID score) and number of function evaluations (NFE) on VP [23] for baselines

	NFE	FID
<i>ODE (Heun) [13]</i>	1023	2.90
	511	2.90
	255	2.90
	127	2.90
	63	2.89
	35	2.97
<i>Vanilla SDE [23]</i>	1024	2.79
	512	4.01
	256	4.79
	128	12.57
<i>Gonna Go Fast [12]</i>	1000	2.55
	329	2.70
	274	2.74
	179	2.59
	147	2.95
	49	72.29
<i>Improved SDE [13]</i>	1023	2.35
	511	2.37
	255	2.40
	127	2.58
	63	2.88
	35	3.45

Table 3: CIFAR-10 sample quality (FID score), number of function evaluations (NFE) and configurations on VP [23] for Restart

NFE	FID	Configuration
		$(N_{\text{main}}, N_{\text{Restart}, i}, K_i, t_{\text{min}, i}, t_{\text{max}, i})$
519	2.11	(20, 9, 30, 0.06, 0.20)
115	2.21	(18, 3, 20, 0.06, 0.30)
75	2.27	(18, 3, 10, 0.06, 0.30)
55	2.45	(18, 3, 5, 0.06, 0.30)
43	2.70	(18, 3, 2, 0.06, 0.30)

<sup>5</sup><https://github.com/christophschuhmann/improved-aesthetic-predictor>

Table 4: ImageNet  $64 \times 64$  sample quality (FID score) and number of function evaluations (NFE) on EDM [13] for baselines

	NFE	FID (50k)
<i>ODE (Heun)</i> [13]	1023	2.24
	511	2.24
	255	2.24
	127	2.25
	63	2.30
	35	2.46
<i>Vanilla SDE</i> [23]	1024	1.89
	512	3.38
	256	11.91
	128	59.71
<i>Improved SDE</i> [13]	1023	1.40
	511	1.45
	255	1.50
	127	1.75
	63	2.24
	35	2.97

Table 5: ImageNet  $64 \times 64$  sample quality (FID score), number of function evaluations (NFE) and configurations on EDM [13] for Restart

NFE	FID (50k)	Configuration $N_{\text{main}}, \{(N_{\text{Restart},i}, K_i, t_{\text{min},i}, t_{\text{max},i})\}_{i=1}^l$
623	1.36	36, {(10, 3, 19.35, 40.79),(10, 3, 1.09, 1.92), (7, 6, 0.59, 1.09), (7, 6, 0.30, 0.59), (7, 25, 0.06, 0.30)}
535	1.39	36, {(6, 1, 19.35, 40.79),(6, 1, 1.09, 1.92), (7, 6, 0.59, 1.09), (7, 6, 0.30, 0.59), (7, 25, 0.06, 0.30)}
385	1.41	36, {(3, 1, 19.35, 40.79),(6, 1, 1.09, 1.92), (6, 5, 0.59, 1.09), (6, 5, 0.30, 0.59), (6, 20, 0.06, 0.30)}
203	1.46	36, {(4, 1, 19.35, 40.79),(4, 1, 1.09, 1.92), (4, 5, 0.59, 1.09), (4, 5, 0.30, 0.59), (6, 6, 0.06, 0.30)}
165	1.51	18, {(3, 1, 19.35, 40.79),(4, 1, 1.09, 1.92), (4, 5, 0.59, 1.09), (4, 5, 0.30, 0.59), (4, 10, 0.06, 0.30)}
99	1.71	18, {(3, 1, 19.35, 40.79),(4, 1, 1.09, 1.92), (4, 4, 0.59, 1.09), (4, 1, 0.30, 0.59), (4, 4, 0.06, 0.30)}
67	1.95	18, {(5, 1, 19.35, 40.79),(5, 1, 1.09, 1.92), (5, 1, 0.59, 1.09), (5, 1, 0.06, 0.30)}
39	2.38	14, {(3, 1, 19.35, 40.79), (3, 1, 1.09, 1.92), (3, 1, 0.06, 0.30)}

Table 6: Numerical results on Stable Diffusion v1.5 with a classifier-free guidance weight  $w = 2$ 

	Steps	FID (5k) ↓	CLIP score ↑	Aesthetic score ↑
<i>DDIM</i> [22]	50	16.08	0.2905	5.13
	100	15.35	0.2920	5.15
<i>Heun</i>	51	18.80	0.2865	5.14
	101	18.21	0.2871	5.15
<i>DDPM</i> [9]	100	13.53	0.3012	5.20
	200	13.22	0.2999	5.19
<i>Restart</i>	66	13.16	0.2987	5.19

Table 7: Numerical results on Stable Diffusion v1.5 with a classifier-free guidance weight  $w = 3$ 

	Steps	FID (5k) ↓	CLIP score ↑	Aesthetic score ↑
<i>DDIM</i> [22]	50	14.28	0.3056	5.22
	100	14.30	0.3056	5.22
<i>Heun</i>	51	15.63	0.3022	5.20
	101	15.40	0.3026	5.21
<i>DDPM</i> [9]	100	15.72	0.3129	5.28
	200	15.13	0.3131	5.28
<i>Restart</i>	66	14.48	0.3079	5.25

Table 8: Numerical results on Stable Diffusion v1.5 with a classifier-free guidance weight  $w = 5$ 

	Steps	FID (5k) ↓	CLIP score ↑	Aesthetic score ↑
<i>DDIM</i> [22]	50	16.60	0.3154	5.31
	100	16.80	0.3157	5.31
<i>Heun</i>	51	16.26	0.3135	5.28
	101	16.38	0.3136	5.29
<i>DDPM</i> [9]	100	19.62	0.3197	5.36
	200	18.88	0.3200	5.35
<i>Restart</i>	66	16.21	0.3179	5.33

Table 9: Numerical results on Stable Diffusion v1.5 with a classifier-free guidance weight  $w = 8$ 

	Steps	FID (5k) ↓	CLIP score ↑	Aesthetic score ↑
<i>DDIM</i> [22]	50	19.83	0.3206	5.37
	100	19.82	0.3200	5.37
<i>Heun</i>	51	18.44	0.3186	5.35
	101	18.72	0.3185	5.36
<i>DDPM</i> [9]	100	22.58	0.3223	5.39
	200	21.67	0.3212	5.38
<i>Restart</i>	47	18.40	0.3228	5.41

## 760 D.2 Study on Adjusting $t_{\min}$

761 We also investigate the impact of varying  $t_{\min}$  when  $t_{\max} = t_{\min} + 0.3$ . Fig. ?? reveals that FID scores  
 762 achieve a minimum at a  $t_{\min}$  close to 0 on VP, indicating higher accumulated errors at the end of

Table 10: Restart (Steps=66) configurations on Stable Diffusion v1.5

$w$	Configuration $N_{\text{main}}, \{(N_{\text{Restart},i}, K_i, t_{\text{min},i}, t_{\text{max},i})\}_{i=1}^l$
2	30, $\{(5, 2, 1, 9), (5, 2, 5, 10)\}$
3	30, $\{(2, 10, 0.1, 3)\}$
5	30, $\{(2, 10, 0.1, 2)\}$
8	30, $\{(2, 10, 0.1, 2)\}$

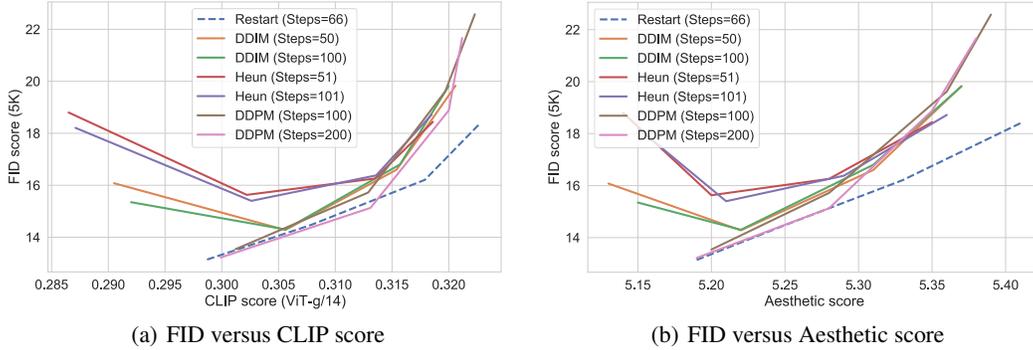


Figure 8: FID score versus (a) CLIP ViT-g/14 score and (b) Aesthetic score for text-to-image generation at  $512 \times 512$  resolution, using Stable Diffusion v1.5 with varying classifier-free guidance weight  $w = 2, 3, 5, 8$ .

763 sampling and poor neural estimations at small  $t$ . Note that the Restart interval 0.3 is about twice  
 764 the length of the one in Table 1 and Restart does not outperform the ODE baseline on EDM. This  
 765 suggests that, as a rule of thumb, we should apply greater Restart strength (e.g., larger  $K$ ,  $t_{\text{max}} - t_{\text{min}}$ )  
 766 for weaker or smaller architectures and vice versa.

## 767 E Extended Generated Images

768 In this section, we provide extended generated images by Restart, DDIM, Heun and DDPM on  
 769 text-to-image Stable Diffusion v1.5 model [19]. We showcase the samples of four sets of text prompts  
 770 in Fig. 10, Fig. 11, Fig. 12, Fig. 13, with a classifier-guidance weight  $w = 8$ .

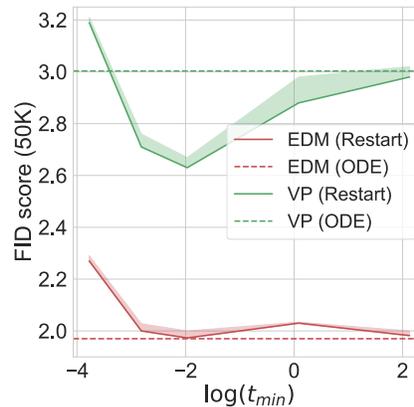
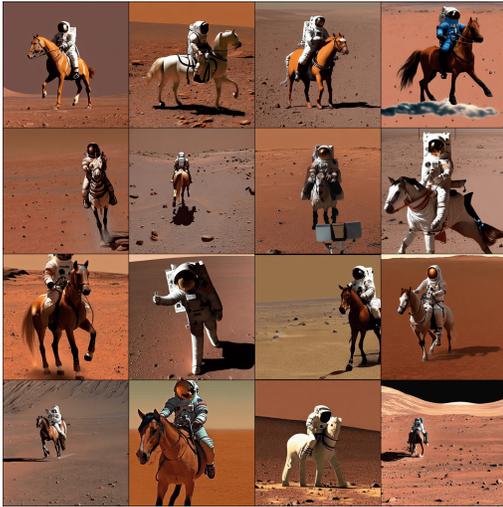


Figure 9: Adjusting  $t_{\text{min}}$  in Restart on VP/EDM



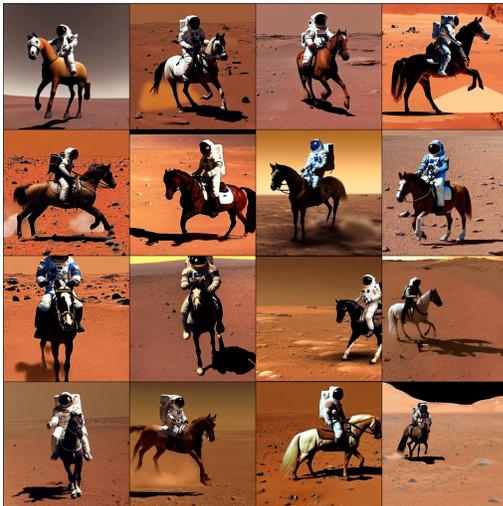
(a) Restart (Steps=66)



(b) DDIM (Steps=100)



(c) Heun (Steps=101)



(d) DDPM (Steps=100)

Figure 10: Generated images with text prompt="A photo of an astronaut riding a horse on mars" and  $w = 8$ .



Figure 11: Generated images with text prompt="A raccoon playing table tennis" and  $w = 8$ .

771 **F Broader Impact**

772 The field of deep generative models incorporating differential equations is rapidly evolving and holds  
 773 significant potential to shape our society. Nowadays, a multitude of photo-realistic images generated  
 774 by text-to-image Stable Diffusion models populate the internet. Our work introduces Restart, a novel  
 775 sampling algorithm that outperforms previous samplers for diffusion models and PFGM++. With  
 776 applications extending across diverse areas, the Restart sampling algorithm is especially suitable  
 777 for generation tasks demanding high quality and rapid speed. Yet, it is crucial to recognize that  
 778 the utilization of such algorithms can yield both positive and negative repercussions, contingent on  
 779 their specific applications. On the one hand, Restart sampling can facilitate the generation of highly  
 780 realistic images and audio samples, potentially advancing sectors such as entertainment, advertising,  
 781 and education. On the other hand, it could also be misused in *deepfake* technology, potentially leading  
 782 to social scams and misinformation. In light of these potential risks, further research is required to  
 783 develop robustness guarantees for generative models, ensuring their use aligns with ethical guidelines  
 784 and societal interests.



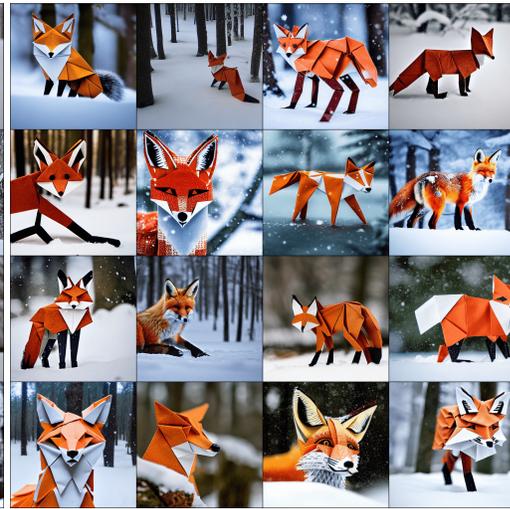
(a) Restart (Steps=66)



(b) DDIM (Steps=100)



(c) Heun (Steps=101)



(d) DDPM (Steps=100)

Figure 12: Generated images with text prompt="Intricate origami of a fox in a snowy forest" and  $w = 8$ .

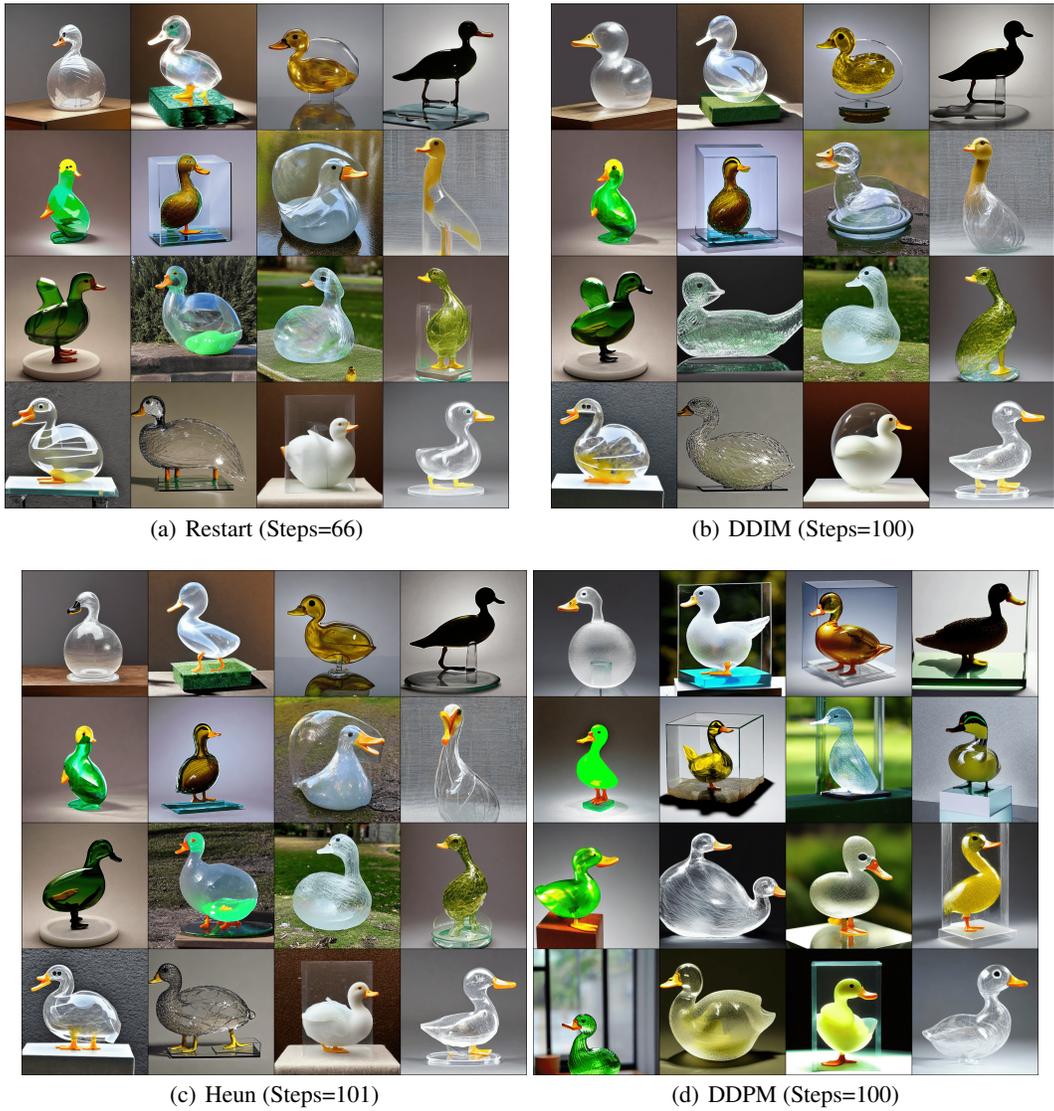


Figure 13: Generated images with text prompt="A transparent sculpture of a duck made out of glass" and  $w = 8$ .