

# RODS: Robust Optimization Inspired Diffusion Sampling for Detecting and Reducing Hallucination in Generative Models

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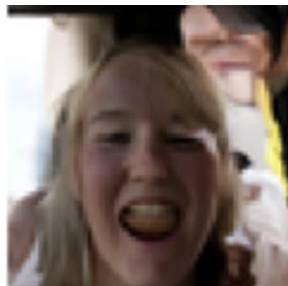
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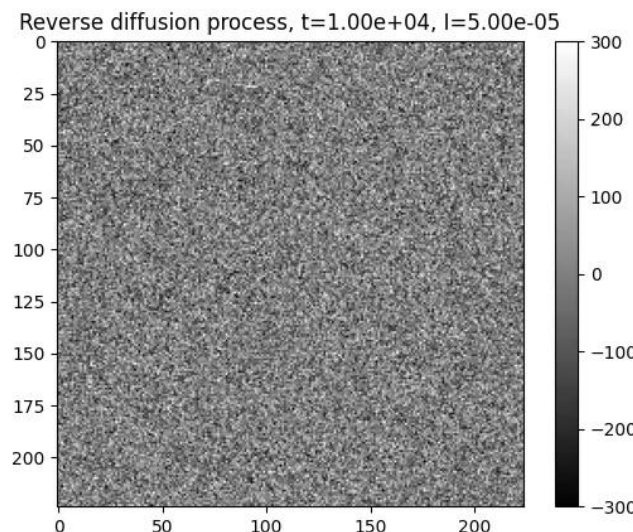
# Background and Motivation



- **Hallucination in Diffusion Model**



Handdiffuser,  
Narasimhaswamy, S et al.,  
CVPR 2024



## New AI tool generates realistic satellite images of future flooding

The method could help communities visualize and prepare for approaching storms.

Jennifer Chu | MIT News  
November 25, 2024



## Related Work

Fine-tuning

Filtering

heuristic modification

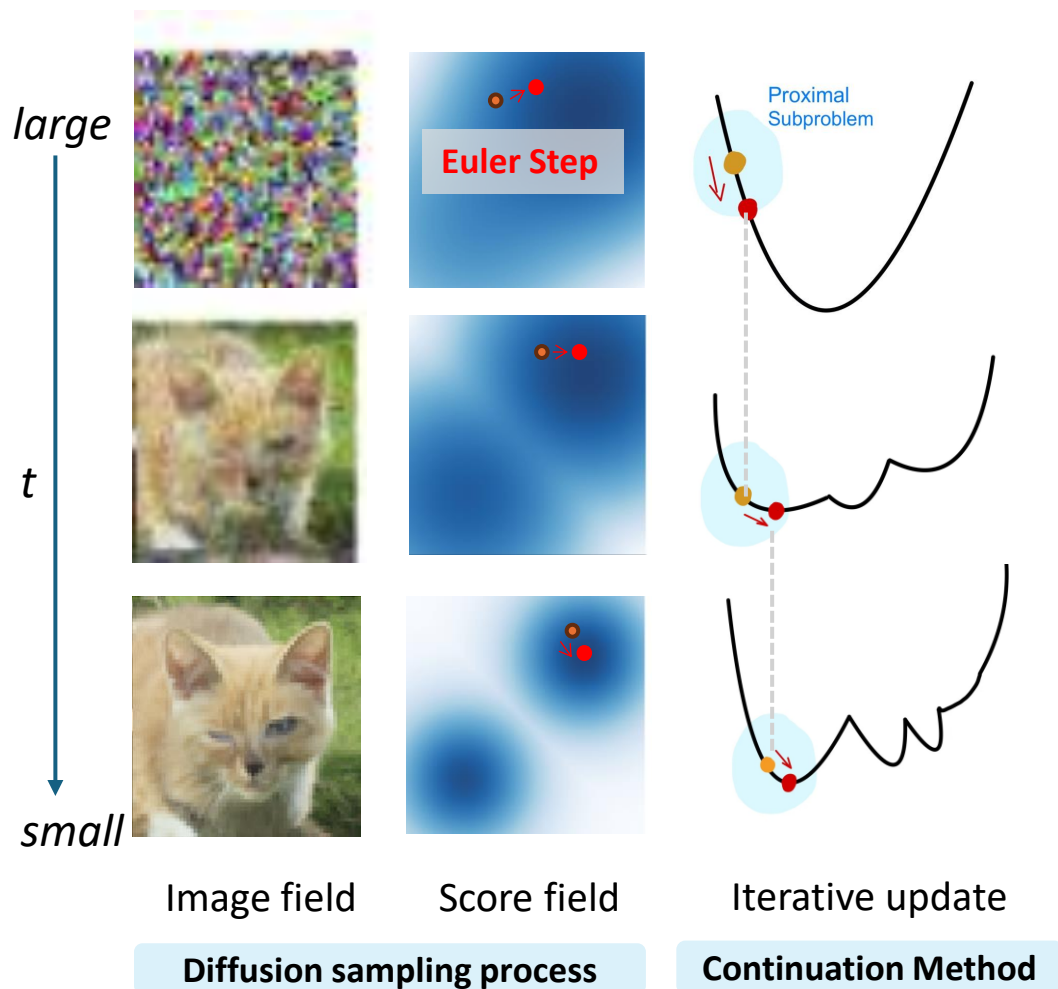
- **Limitation**

- Lack of theoretical guidance
- Lack of benchmark



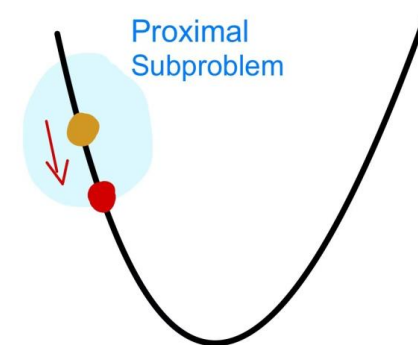
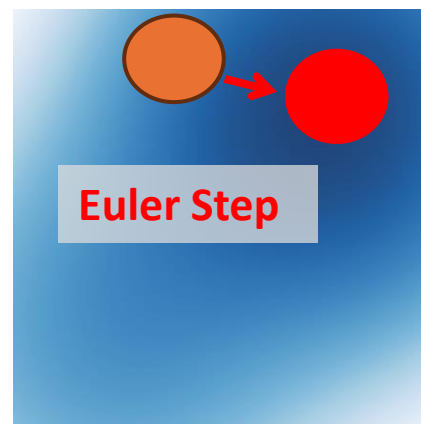
# Theory & Methods

# An Optimization View of Diffusion Sampling Process



Diffusion sampling via ODE = continuation method

Euler = One-Step Gradient = Proximal Update



Inspiration: Leveraging various optimization tools

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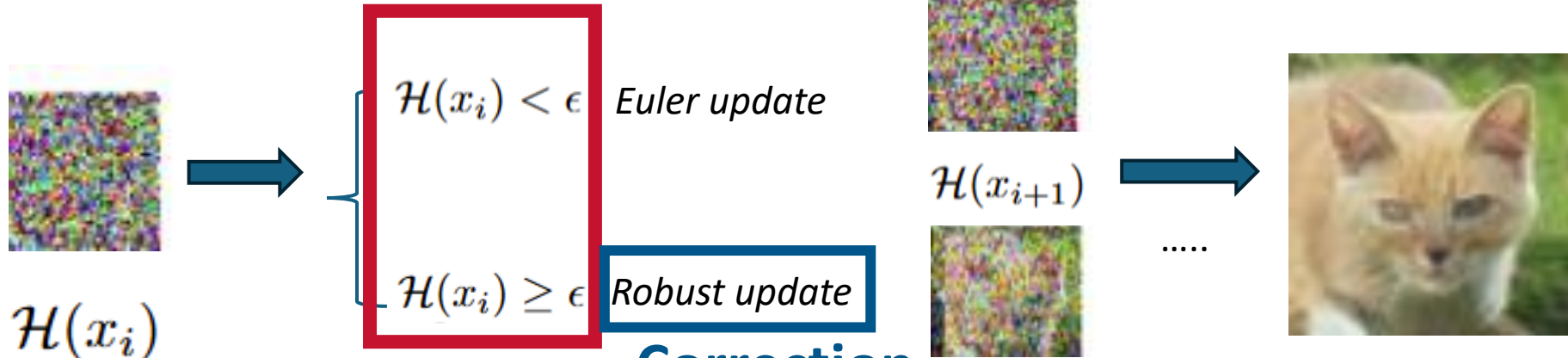
Uncertainty

Hallucination

Euler



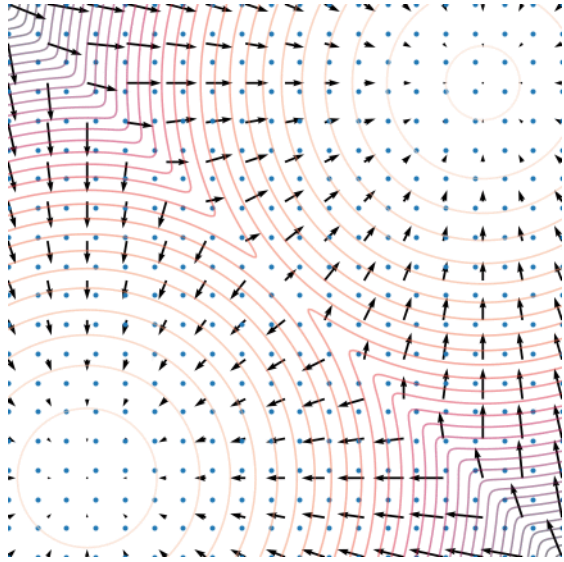
RODS



Time step  $i$



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**Low-density region**  
**Unstable score field**



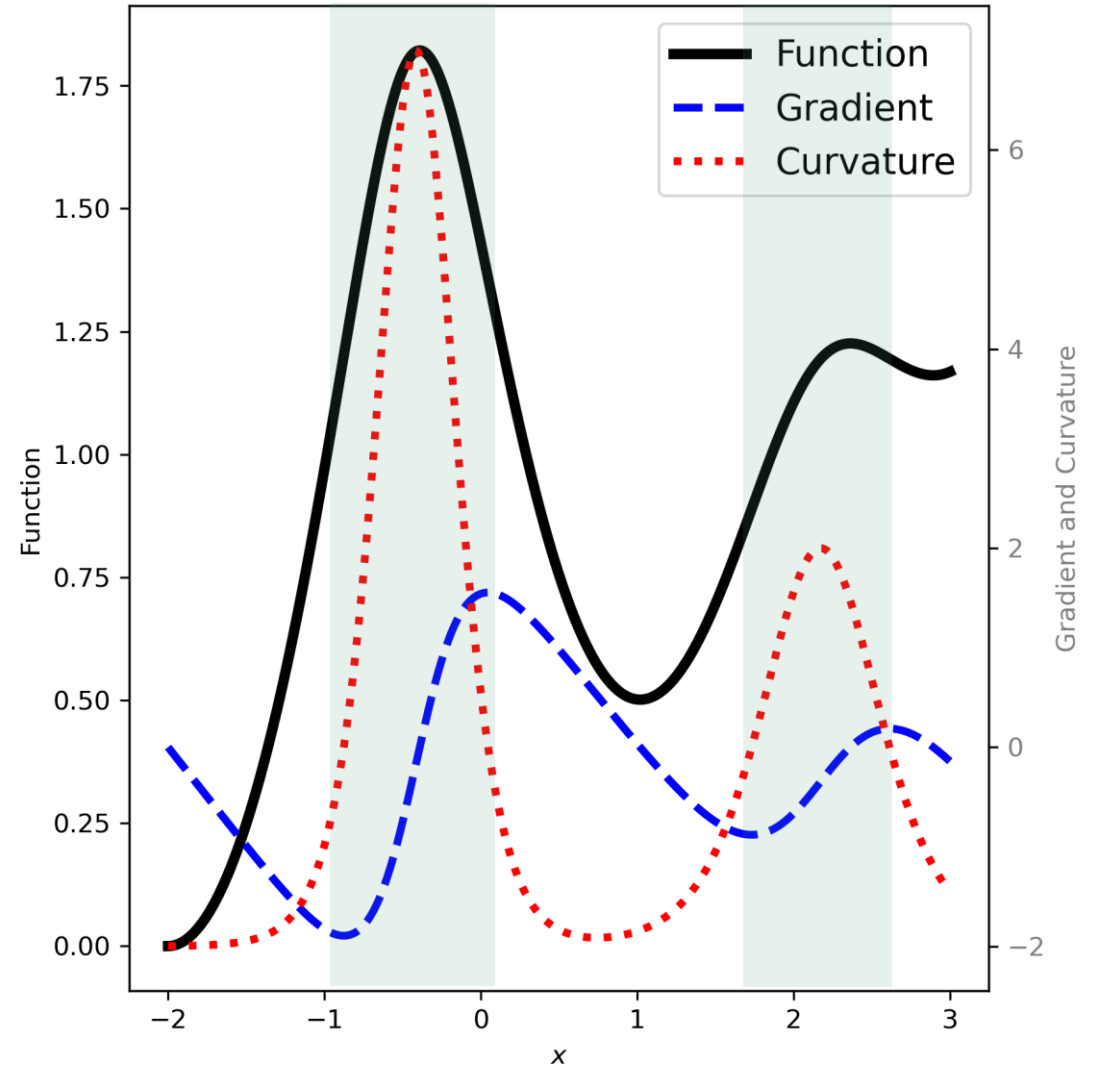
**Rapid gradient change**  
**High curvature**

- **Curvature Change Detection**

- Hallucination Index:

$$\mathcal{H}(x) = \|\nabla_x \|v(x + \delta)\| - \nabla_x \|v(x)\|\|,$$

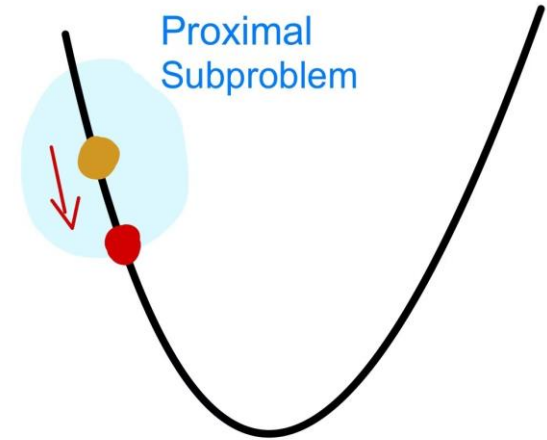
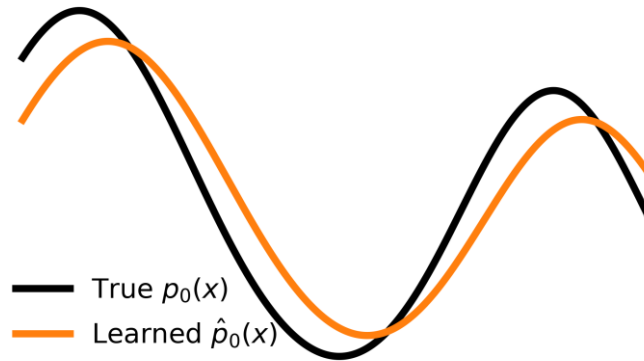
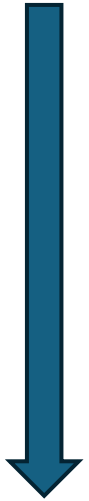
$$\delta = \arg \max_{\|\delta\|=\rho} \|v(x + \delta)\|,$$



# RODS: Robust Optimization inspired Diffusion Sampler

- Robust Sampling Process

$$\min_x f_t(x) \iff \min_x [-\log p_t(x)].$$



**Euler =  
One-Step Gradient =  
Proximal Update**

$$\min_x \max_{\hat{f}_t \in \mathcal{F}_t} \hat{f}_t(x) \iff \min_x \max_{\hat{p}_t \in \mathcal{P}_t} [-\log \hat{p}_t(x)]$$



# Experiments & Conclusion

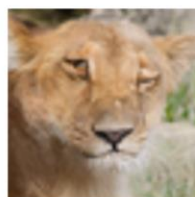


# Experiment Setting

- **Datasets:**

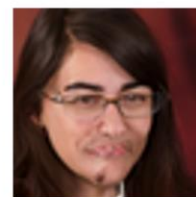
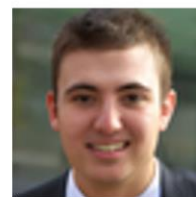
- AFHQ-v2
- FFHQ
- 11k-hands

- **Labeling by human**



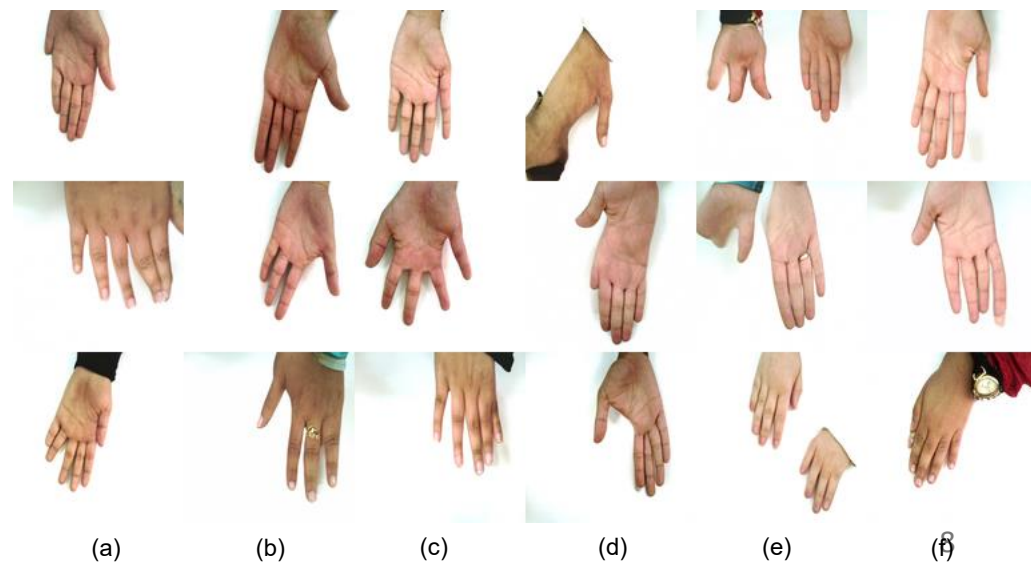
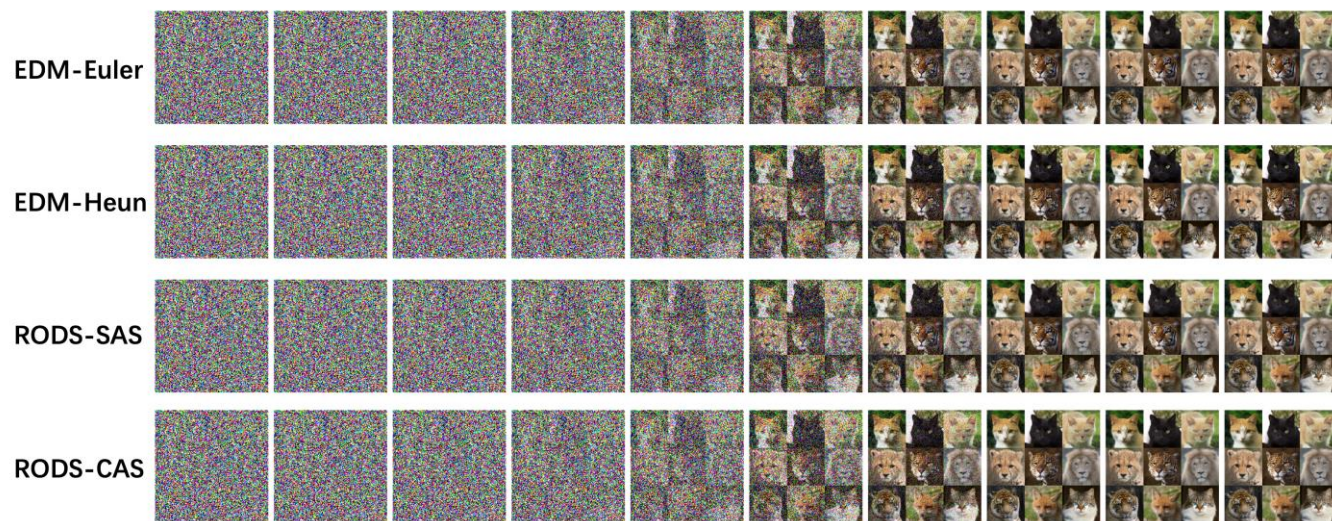
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# Experiment Results

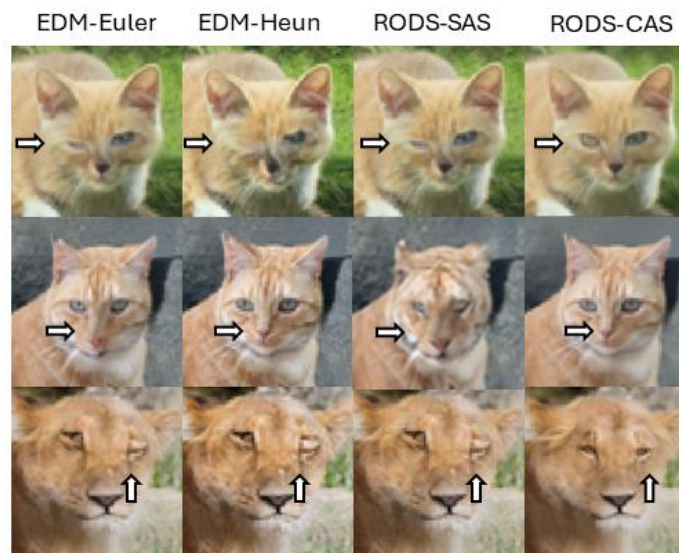
- **Effective Detection**

- Animal Face: 87.5%
- Human Face: 72.5%
- Hands: 96.6%

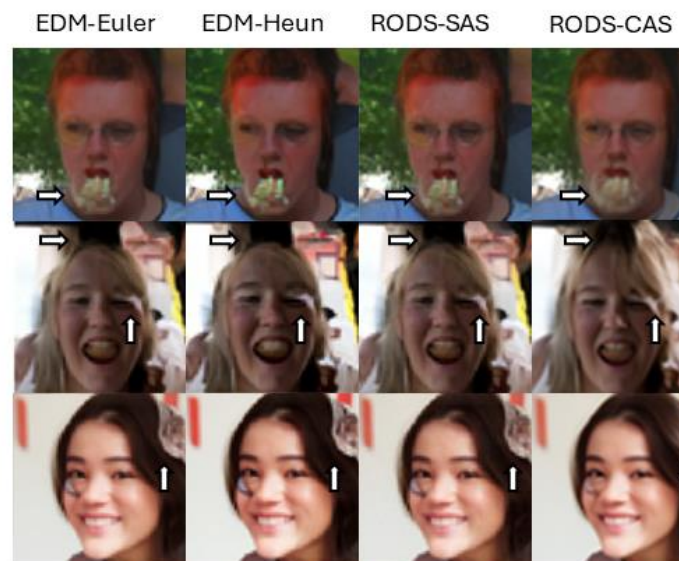
- **Reduces hallucination**

- Animal Face: 43%
- Human Face: 25%
- Hands: 27%

- **No new hallucinations introduced**



Labeled Ground Truth	Prediction	
	Predicted Normal	Predicted Hallucination
Labeled Normal	896	176 better: 7 same: 155 worse: 0 unclear: 14
Labeled Hallucination	1	7 better: 3 same: 4 worse: 0 unclear: 0



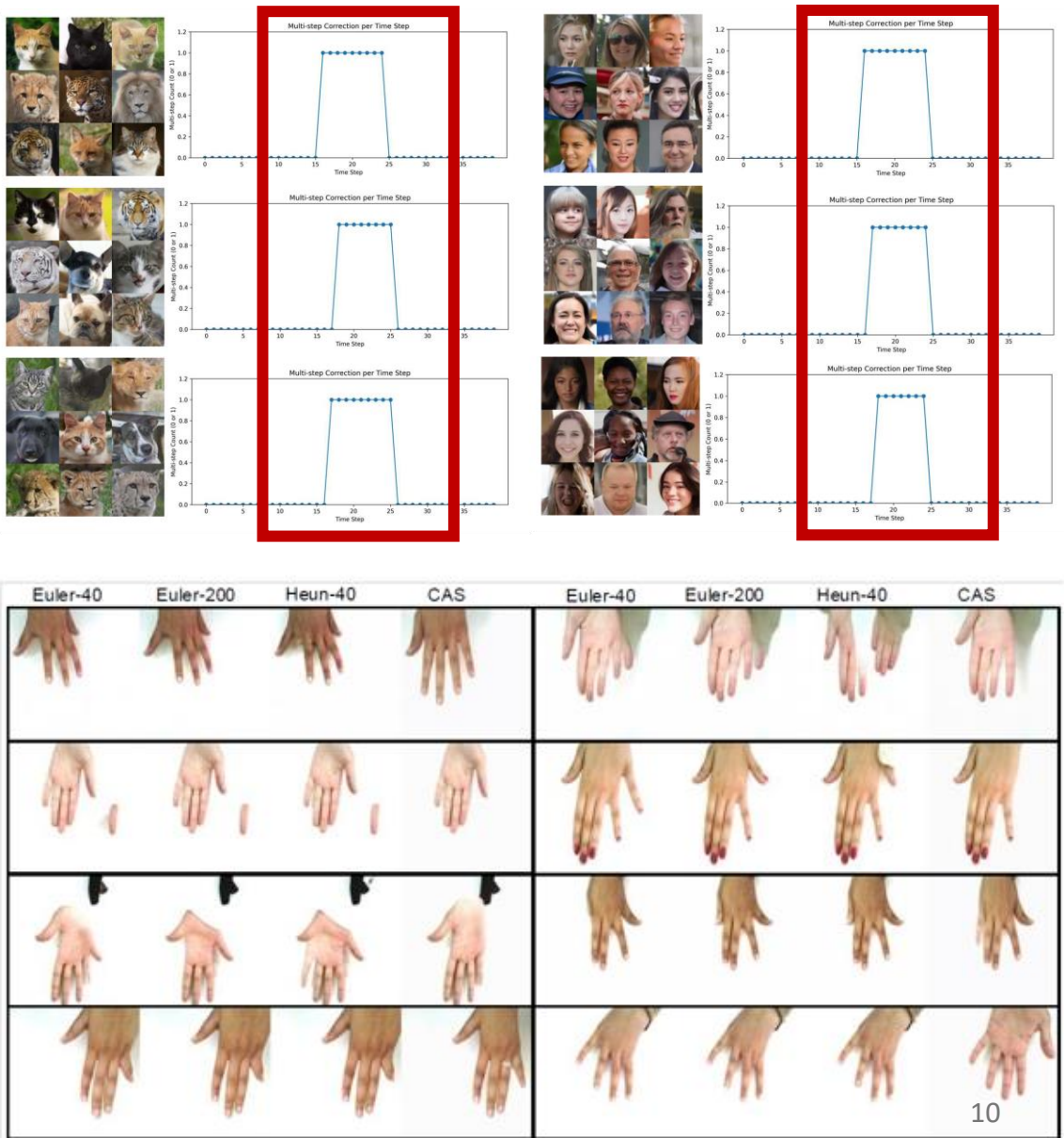
Labeled Ground Truth	Prediction	
	Predicted Normal	Predicted Hallucination
Labeled Normal	859	181 better: 4 same: 170 worse: 0 unclear: 7
Labeled Hallucination	11	29 better: 5 same: 24 worse: 0 unclear: 0



# Experiment Results

- Hallucination occur in the middle
- Keep Comparable Time

Metric	EDM-Euler	EDM-Heun	RODS-CAS
Hall.% ↓	19.4%	18.0%	<b>14.3%</b>
Correction % ↑	N/A	17.7%	<b>26.3%</b>
New Hall. % ↓	N/A	2.5%	<b>0.0%</b>
Time (s)	<b>2.71</b>	5.38	4.82



# Conclusion

