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# PMA-Diffusion: A Physics-guided Mask Aware Diffusion Framework for Traffic State Estimation from Sparse Observations

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## Abstract

High-resolution Traffic State Estimation (TSE) is a foundational key research topic for building efficient, safe, reliable, and resilient transportation and mobility systems in smart cities. It can be used for various Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) applications such as Advanced Transportation Management Systems (ATMS) and Advanced Traveler Information Systems (ATIS). Yet, in practice, urban sensing infrastructures for the transportation and mobility systems, such as loop detectors and probe vehicles, provide data that is sparse, noisy, and unevenly distributed across city networks, limiting their utility for real-time decision-making and long-term planning. We present PMA-Diffusion, a Physics-guided Mask-Aware Diffusion framework designed to reconstruct high-resolution traffic state from incomplete, sparse, noisy observations. PMA-Diffusion learns a mask-aware diffusion prior directly from sparse urban sensing data and employs an iterative posterior sampling that alternates denoising, observation replacement, and physics-guided projection step. On the I-24 MOTION dataset with only 5% sensor coverage, PMA-Diffusion outperformed physics-agnostic baselines and achieved nearly the performance of fully supervised models. By enabling accurate, high-resolution traffic state estimation in data-sparse environments, this work demonstrates how state-of-the-art AI methodologies can be applied to enhance the scalability and robustness of urban transportation and mobility systems. More broadly, our approach highlights a path toward applying physics-guided generative AI to other smart-city applications, such as energy grids, water distribution, and environmental monitoring, where sparse data remains a critical challenge but high-resolution information is essential for reliable, resilient, and sustainable smart city applications.

## 1 Introduction

Accurate, high-resolution traffic states underpin smart-city mobility analytics and operations. It can support both ATMS (e.g., ramp metering [1], variable speed limit [2], coordinated traffic signal control [3], and incident detection [4]) and ATIS (e.g., travel time reliability measures [5], dynamic route pre-trip planning [6], and en-route traveler advisories [7, 8]). Yet urban mobility sensing (loop detectors, probes) is sparse, noisy, and unevenly distributed [9, 10]. Camera networks can yield dense ground truth for research, but are costly to deploy broadly [11]. This sensing gap motivates Traffic State Estimation (TSE).

TSE aims to infer missing states from sparse, noisy measurements. Classical model-driven approaches leverage macroscopic flow theory (e.g., LWR and variants of this idea [12, 13, 14, 9]), but suffer when the chosen model or calibration mismatches reality. Purely data-driven estimators (ARIMA / PGM / k-NN / GAN / Flow / VAE) [15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21] can learn rich correlations but often lack

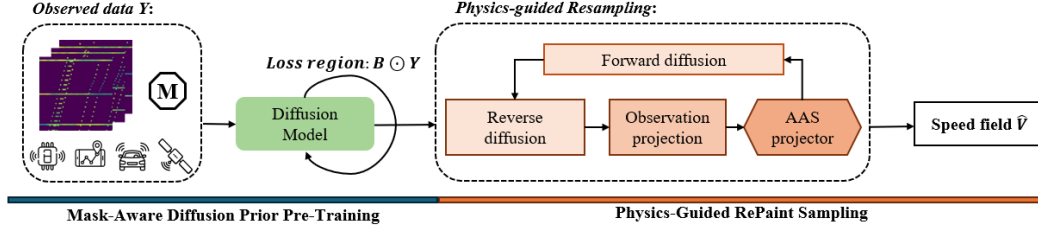


Figure 1: Overview of PMA-Diffusion.

interpretability and require a large amount of representative historical data. Hybrid physics-guided methods embed domain knowledge into learning [22, 23, 24, 25], improving data efficiency, yet they still face how to encode physics robustly while remaining flexible to changing sensing patterns.

Recently, diffusion models have emerged as powerful priors for conditional generation [26]. In TSE, one line treats diffusion as probabilistic inference tools [27, 28, 29]; this is effective but typically assumes fixed or predefined missingness. A second, more flexible line learns a prior first and conditions at inference via posterior sampling [30, 31, 32]. However, (i) training such priors usually requires fully observed data, which are scarce in transportation, and (ii) conditioning without physics can yield reconstructions that conflict with established traffic flow theory.

We address both issues with **PMA-Diffusion**, a physics-guided, mask-aware framework. It learns a mask-aware prior directly from incomplete data with a double-mask strategy inspired by Ambient Diffusion [33], and performs posterior sampling that alternates reverse diffusion, observation projection, and a physics projector that enforces kinematic-wave coherence without altering measurements. These two components jointly enable PMA-Diffusion to reconstruct high-resolution traffic states from sparse and heterogeneous measurements while preserving fundamental traffic flow principles.

## 2 Methodology

We develop **PMA-Diffusion**, a two-stage framework designed to reconstruct high-resolution spatiotemporal traffic states from sparse, heterogeneous, and noisy measurements, overview see Figure 1.

### 2.1 Problem Setting

We discretize a freeway segment into  $S$  spatial cells and  $T$  time steps, yielding a normalized speed field  $\mathbf{V} \in [0, 1]^{S \times T}$ . A binary mask  $\mathbf{M} \in \{0, 1\}^{S \times T}$  indicates visible entries from fixed loop detectors (fixed spatial pattern) and probe vehicles (stochastic spatiotemporal pattern). We assume negligible probe latency and absorb low-frequency bias into the observation noise; the task is to infer the unobserved entries of  $\hat{\mathbf{V}}$  from  $(\mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{M})$ , where  $\mathbf{Y}$  is observed noisy speed field.

### 2.2 Mask-Aware Diffusion Prior

Standard DDPMs [26] presume fully observed training data. We instead adopt a *mask-aware Ambient Diffusion* strategy [33]: each training sample is paired with its visibility mask and corrupted with Gaussian noise; the denoiser receives  $(\mathbf{Y}_t, t, \mathbf{M})$  and predicts the injected noise only where data are visible. Concretely, with the usual variance schedule and noise-prediction parameterization,

$$\mathcal{L}(\theta) = \mathbb{E}[\lambda(t) \|\mathbf{M} \odot (h_\theta(\mathbf{Y}_t, t, \mathbf{M}) - \boldsymbol{\eta})\|_F^2], \quad (1)$$

which trains a prior  $p_\theta(\mathbf{V})$  that captures spatiotemporal structure despite incomplete supervision. Here the denoiser  $h_\theta(\cdot)$  is trained to predict the injected noise  $\boldsymbol{\eta}$ ,  $\lambda(t)$  re-weights time steps according to the signal-to-noise ratio,  $\odot$  is element-wise (Hadamard) product, and the Frobenius norm  $\|\cdot\|_F$  sums squared errors over  $\mathbf{M}_{s,t} = 1$ .

**Double-mask for spatial generalization.** When some cells are *always* observed (e.g., near detectors), the network risks overfitting their neighborhood and neglecting persistently invisible regions. We therefore introduce a *double-mask* scheme: for each sample we draw an auxiliary mask  $\mathbf{B}$

(Bernoulli with small hide probability  $p_{\text{hide}}$  or from the empirical mask distribution) and define the loss region by  $\tilde{\mathbf{M}} = \mathbf{B} \odot \mathbf{M}$ . This ensures that *every* cell occasionally contributes to the loss, improving spatial generalization without requiring fully observed ground truth.

### 2.3 Physics-Guided RePaint Sampling

At inference, we approximate the posterior with a RePaint-style loop [30] that alternates three steps:

1. **Reverse diffusion** (toward the learned prior):  $\tilde{\mathbf{Z}}_t = g_\theta(\mathbf{Z}_{t+1}, t+1)$ .
2. **Observation projection** (exact fidelity on  $\mathbf{M}=1$ ):  $\hat{\mathbf{Z}}_t = \mathbf{Y} \odot \mathbf{M} + \tilde{\mathbf{Z}}_t \odot (1 - \mathbf{M})$ .
3. **Physics projection** (coherence on  $\mathbf{M}=0$ ):  $\mathbf{Z}_t = P_{\text{phys}}(\hat{\mathbf{Z}}_t, \mathbf{M})$ .

Optionally, a forward jump is inserted as in RePaint to improve mixing. The observation projection guarantees measurement consistency; the physics projector modifies *only* unobserved entries:

$$P_{\text{phys}}(\mathbf{V}, \mathbf{M}) \odot \mathbf{M} = \mathbf{V} \odot \mathbf{M} \quad (\text{mask-invariance}). \quad (2)$$

**Mask-invariant physics projector.** We use a lightweight *Adaptive Anisotropic Smoothing* (AAS) operator guided by traffic characteristics. Let  $V_s$  be an anisotropically smoothed surrogate that blends kernels aligned with free-flow and congested wave slopes; let  $R \approx \partial_t V + c \partial_x V$  be a small first-order transport residual. The update on the missing subspace is

$$\mathbf{V} \leftarrow \text{clip}\left(\mathbf{V} - \alpha_{\text{smooth}}(\mathbf{V} - V_s) - \alpha_{\text{char}}R, 0, 1\right) \text{ on } (1 - \mathbf{M}), \quad (3)$$

which encourages kinematic-wave coherence without requiring density/flow labels or altering observed values. In practice, AAS is no learned parameters at test time once its few hyperparameters are set, and it composes modularity with other projectors if richer physics become available.

## 3 Experimental Evaluation

We evaluate **PMA-Diffusion** on the I-24 MOTION dataset, focusing on two questions: **RQ1**: How much prior quality is lost when training on incomplete speed fields? **RQ2**: Can RePaint resampling and physics guidance recover this loss under sparse sensing?

### 3.1 Dataset and Observation Models

I-24 MOTION provides full-resolution traffic states over 4.2 miles of freeway with near-complete coverage from 276 cameras [11]. Trajectories are rasterized into  $S=64$  spatial cells ( $\Delta x = 200\text{ft}$ ) and  $T=64$  time slices ( $\Delta t = 5\text{s}$ ). We synthetically mask the ground truth to simulate loop detectors (5–50% of rows visible) and probe vehicles (Poisson rate  $\lambda = 0, 5, 15, 25$ ).

### 3.2 Evaluation Metrics and Models

We report performance on unobserved pixels using: (1) **Masked-MSE ( $2 \times 2$ )** for low-frequency fidelity; (2) **Sobel-MSE** for edge sharpness; (3) **LPIPS** for perceptual similarity [34].

We compare three training schemes: *Full-obs*, *Single-mask*, and *Double-mask*. For sampling, we test *Ambient one-shot*, *RePaint* [30], and *RePaint + AAS projector*.

### 3.3 Results

**Upper bound (Full-obs).** With 5% rows and  $\lambda=0$ , Ambient attains Masked-MSE 0.0945; a single RePaint pass reduces it to 0.0612, and adding physics guidance lowers it further to  $\sim 0.018$  (Table 2). This shows posterior resampling and lightweight physics are beneficial even with a strong prior.

**Single-mask.** Training strictly on visible pixels can collapse in persistently unseen regions: at 5% rows,  $\lambda=0$ , Ambient has Masked-MSE  $> 27$  and LPIPS  $\approx 1.004$ . RePaint alone may over-extrapolate, but *RePaint+Physics* stabilizes sampling and narrows the gap to *Full-obs* (within  $\sim 0.035$ ), see Fig. 2.

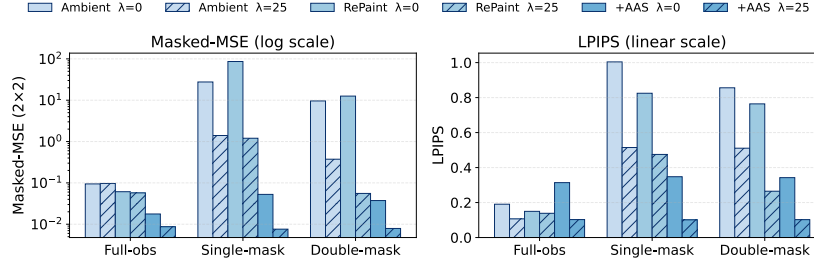


Figure 2: Comparison across training and sampling schemes under extreme sparsity (row= 5%,  $\lambda \in \{0, 25\}$ ).

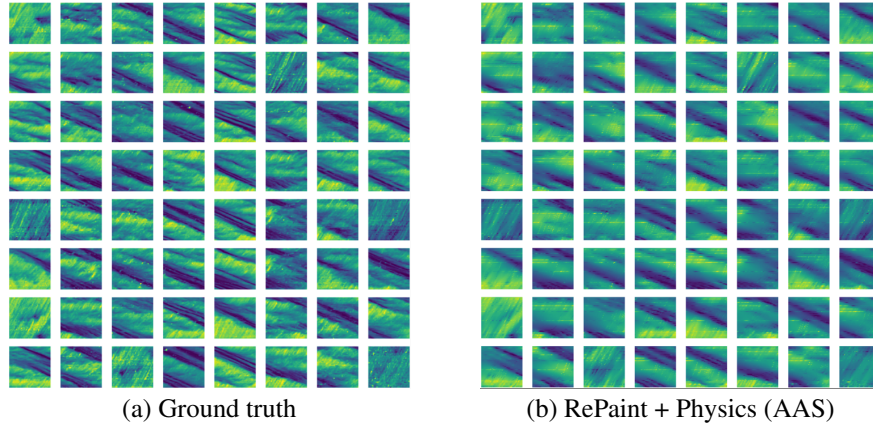


Figure 3: Qualitative comparison under *Double-mask* (row= 25%,  $\lambda=15$ ).

**Double-mask.** Randomly hiding some always-visible cells during training markedly improves robustness. In the worst case (5% rows,  $\lambda=0$ ) it is an order of magnitude better than *Single-mask* and only 0.0197 above *Full-obs*; gains also hold for LPIPS/Sobel-MSE. At 5% rows,  $\lambda=25$ , *Single-mask+RePaint+Physics* can slightly edge out *Double-mask*, suggesting aggressive random hiding is less critical if every pixel is occasionally observed historically.

**Sampler and physics trends.** Across all settings (48 combinations in Table 2): (i) *RePaint* outperforms one-shot Ambient, especially with stronger priors; (ii) the AAS projector never degrades metrics and typically reduces both Masked-MSE and Sobel-MSE; (iii) benefits are largest under extreme sparsity (5% rows), where physics guidance sharpens fronts and removes structural artifacts. With a near-optimal *Full-obs* prior, physics may slightly smooth very high-frequency details (Sobel-MSE marginally higher) while preserving perceptual quality.

**Qualitative.** Fig. 3 compares *Double-mask + RePaint+Physics* (row= 25%,  $\lambda=15$ ) with ground truth. Reconstructions preserve macroscopic wave propagation and regime transitions in unobserved regions; very fine-scale details are naturally attenuated by posterior regularization.

## 4 Conclusion

We presented **PMA-Diffusion**, a physics-guided, mask-aware diffusion framework for high-resolution Traffic State Estimation under sparse, noisy, and uneven urban sensing. On the I-24 MOTION dataset with only 5% sensor coverage, PMA-Diffusion outperforms physics-agnostic baselines and approaches the accuracy of fully supervised models. By enabling accurate high-resolution estimates in data-sparse settings, the approach supports scalable and robust ITS operations in smart cities and points toward applying physics-guided generative AI to other urban infrastructures. Limitations include assumptions on time alignment and low-frequency bias; future work will relax these assumptions and profile runtime, energy, and real-time latency across sparsity regimes to facilitate city-scale deployment.

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## A Methodology Details

### A.1 Notation and Observation Model

We discretize the corridor into  $S$  spatial cells and  $T$  time steps. The latent, normalized speed field is  $\mathbf{V} \in [0, 1]^{S \times T}$ . Our observed data comes from two asynchronous sources: loop detectors and probe vehicles. Their spatial-temporal coverage is illustrated in Figure 4.

- **Loop detectors.** Loop detectors are fixed-point sensors installed at selected highway segments. Their observations follow a static spatial pattern and are represented by a binary mask:  $\mathbf{M}^{(\ell)} \in \{0, 1\}^{S \times T}$ , where  $\mathbf{M}^{(\ell)} = 1$  indicates an observed entry. Measurement noise is modeled as  $\varepsilon^{(\ell)} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma_\ell^2)$ .
- **Probe vehicles.** Probe vehicle data are generated from moving vehicles equipped with GPS or other communication devices. Unlike loop detectors, probe vehicle data exhibit a stochastic sampling pattern across space and time, represented by  $\mathbf{M}^{(p)} \in \{0, 1\}^{S \times T}$ . Measurement noise is modeled as  $\varepsilon^{(p)} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma_p^2)$ .

Here, the combined observation mask is defined as  $\mathbf{M} = \mathbf{M}^{(\ell)} \vee \mathbf{M}^{(p)}$ , where  $\vee$  denotes the element-wise logical OR. In typical highway monitoring scenarios, the coverage ratio  $\rho = \|\mathbf{M}\|_0 / (ST)$  is very small, satisfying  $\rho \ll 1$ . Incorporating a possible GPS latency  $\tau$ , the observation operator is written as:

$$\mathcal{O}_\rho(\mathbf{V}) = \mathbf{M}^{(\ell)} \odot (\mathbf{V} + b^{(\ell)} + \varepsilon^{(\ell)}) + \mathbf{M}^{(p)} \odot (\mathbf{V} \circ \mathbf{S}_{-\tau} + b^{(p)} + \varepsilon^{(p)}), \quad (4)$$

where  $\odot$  denotes the element-wise product,  $b^{(a)}$  denotes a *slowly varying bias term specific to sensor  $a$*  that is smooth in spatiotemporal and small in magnitude relative to the dynamic range,  $\mathbf{S}_{-\tau}$  shifts time backward by the random GPS latency  $\tau$ .

#### A.1.1 Empirical Evidence and Assumptions

Recent physics-informed and data-driven TSE studies typically assume that probe latency is negligible relative to the aggregation interval and that low-frequency sensor biases can be absorbed into the observation noise without explicit modeling[22, 35, 10]. Hence we adopt:

**Assumption 1** (Negligible latency). *We assume  $\tau = 0$  with probability one; probe vehicle data are effectively time-aligned with loop detector data.*

**Assumption 2** (Bounded low-frequency drift). *Any smooth bias from sensor  $a$ ,  $b^{(a)}$ , is  $L_b$ -Lipschitz with  $\|b^{(a)}\|_\infty \leq \delta$ . We absorb  $b^{(a)}$  into  $\varepsilon^{(a)}$ ; thus  $\mathbb{E}[\varepsilon^{(a)} | \mathbf{V}] = \mathbf{0}$  and the induced score bias is  $O(\delta)$ .*

**Remark 1.** *Write the (single-source) conditional log-likelihood as*

$$\log p(Y | V) = \log p_\eta(Y - V - b^{(a)}). \quad (5)$$

Since  $b^{(a)}$  is Lipschitz-continuous and small in amplitude ( $\|b^{(a)}\|_\infty \leq \delta$ ), a first-order Taylor expansion around  $b^{(a)} = 0$  gives

$$\log p_\eta(Y - V - b^{(a)}) = \log p_\eta(Y - V) - \nabla_y \log p_\eta(Y - V)^T b^{(a)} + O(\delta^2). \quad (6)$$

Differentiating with respect to  $\mathbf{V}$  (to obtain the score) shows that the true score is shifted by at most  $O(\delta)$ , because  $\|\nabla_y \log p_\eta\|$  is bounded under the sub-Gaussian noise model. Hence replacing  $(Y - V - b^{(a)})$  by  $(Y - V)$  introduces only a vanishing  $O(\delta)$  bias in the masked score estimator. The constant  $L_b$  controls spatial/temporal smoothness (frequency content), whereas  $\delta$  controls its amplitude; we do not assume they are equal ( $L_b = \delta$ ), only that  $\delta$  is sufficiently small for the expansion to hold.

Under Assumptions 1-2, we set  $\tau = 0$  and drop  $\mathbf{S}_{-\tau}$  (both sources share the same Eulerian frame). We thus absorb  $b^{(a)}$  into the zero-mean noise term, which perturbs  $\mathbb{E}[\varepsilon^{(a)} | \mathbf{V}]$  only by  $O(\|b^{(a)}\|_\infty)$ ,



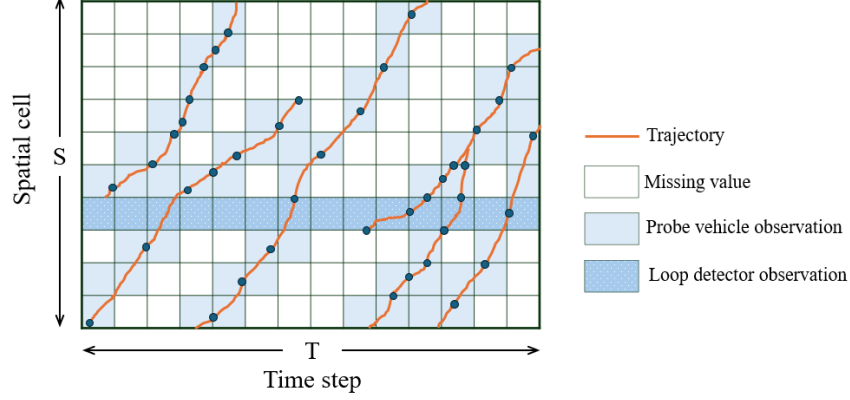


Figure 4: Matrix representation of traffic state variables collected from probe vehicles and loop detectors.

leaving the masked score matching objective unbiased up to a vanishing  $O(\delta)$  term. Under these assumptions, the observation model simplifies to

$$\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{M}^{(\ell)} \odot (\mathbf{V} + \boldsymbol{\epsilon}^{(\ell)}) + \mathbf{M}^{(p)} \odot (\mathbf{V} + \boldsymbol{\epsilon}^{(p)}), \quad (7)$$

which remains statistically equivalent for training and inference in our diffusion framework. To ensure unbiased estimation under masking conditions, we introduce the following assumptions:

**Assumption 3** (Noise conditional independence). *Given the latent speed field  $\mathbf{V}$ , loop detector and probe vehicle noise fields are independent:  $\boldsymbol{\epsilon}^{(\ell)} \perp\!\!\!\perp \boldsymbol{\epsilon}^{(p)} \mid \mathbf{V}$ . Consequently the joint likelihood factorizes over sources.*

**Assumption 4** (Masking missing-at-random (MAR)). *Given  $\mathbf{V}$  the mask process is independent of the noise,  $\mathbf{M}^{(a)} \perp\!\!\!\perp \boldsymbol{\epsilon}^{(a)} \mid \mathbf{V}$ . Hence, the masked denoising loss used in diffusion training remains an unbiased estimator of the true score field.*

These assumptions guarantee that the masked denoising loss used in our training procedure is an unbiased proxy for the true score function.

## A.2 Mask-Aware Ambient Diffusion Prior

### Background: Diffusion Models

Diffusion models [26] are a class of likelihood-based generative models that have demonstrated state-of-the-art performance in image and spatio-temporal data generation. They define a two-phase stochastic process: a *forward diffusion process*, which gradually perturbs a clean sample by adding Gaussian noise, and a *reverse denoising process*, which learns to invert this corruption and recover the original data distribution.

**Forward process.** Given  $\mathbf{x}_0 \sim q(\mathbf{x}_0)$ , the forward process constructs a Markov chain

$$q(\mathbf{x}_t | \mathbf{x}_{t-1}) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_t; \sqrt{1 - \beta_t} \mathbf{x}_{t-1}, \beta_t \mathbf{I}), \quad t = 1, \dots, T, \quad (8)$$

where  $\{\beta_t\}$  is a variance schedule. This admits a closed-form for any  $t$ :

$$\mathbf{x}_t = \sqrt{\bar{\alpha}_t} \mathbf{x}_0 + \sqrt{1 - \bar{\alpha}_t} \boldsymbol{\epsilon}, \quad \bar{\alpha}_t = \prod_{s=1}^t (1 - \beta_s), \quad \boldsymbol{\epsilon} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I}). \quad (9)$$

**Reverse process and training.** To generate new samples, the model learns a reverse process

$$p_\theta(\mathbf{x}_{t-1} | \mathbf{x}_t) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_{t-1}; \boldsymbol{\mu}_\theta(\mathbf{x}_t, t), \sigma_t^2 \mathbf{I}), \quad (10)$$

where  $\mu_\theta$  is computed from the predicted noise  $\varepsilon_\theta$ . The training objective minimizes

$$\mathcal{L}(\theta) = \mathbb{E}_{t, \mathbf{x}_0, \varepsilon} [\|\varepsilon - \varepsilon_\theta(\sqrt{\alpha_t} \mathbf{x}_0 + \sqrt{1 - \alpha_t} \varepsilon, t)\|^2]. \quad (11)$$

This generative framework is attractive for highway monitoring because it captures high-dimensional spatiotemporal correlations and provides a principled way to sample from a Bayesian posterior.

### A.2.1 Sampling Objective: Bayesian Target Posterior

Under the working assumptions stated in the previous section, the observation model reduces to

$$\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{M} \odot (\mathbf{V} + \varepsilon), \quad \varepsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}). \quad (12)$$

Given  $\mathbf{Y}$  and  $\mathbf{M}$ , our inferential goal is to draw samples from the posterior distribution:

$$p(\mathbf{V} | \mathbf{Y}) \propto \underbrace{\mathbf{1}[\mathbf{V} \in \mathcal{P}_{\text{phys}}]}_{\text{physics surrogate}} \times \underbrace{p_\theta(\mathbf{V})}_{\text{mask-aware diffusion prior}} \times \underbrace{\exp\left[-\frac{\|(\mathbf{V} \odot \mathbf{M}) - \mathbf{Y}\|_F^2}{2\sigma^2}\right]}_{\text{masked likelihood}}, \quad (13)$$

where  $p_\theta(\mathbf{V})$  is the pre-trained mask-aware prior learned from historical data and  $\mathcal{P}_{\text{phys}}$  is the image of the projection operator  $P_{\text{phys}}$ .

**Remark 2.** Bayes' rule factorizes the posterior as

$$p(\mathbf{V} | \mathbf{Y}) \propto p(\mathbf{Y} | \mathbf{V}) p(\mathbf{V}). \quad (14)$$

Because the noise acts only on visible pixels, the likelihood becomes:

$$p(\mathbf{Y} | \mathbf{V}) = \prod_{(s,t): M_{s,t}=1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi} \sigma} \exp\left[-\frac{(Y_{s,t} - V_{s,t})^2}{2\sigma^2}\right], \quad (15)$$

which is exactly the exponential term in (13). This masked likelihood enforces perfect agreement with the measurements on the support of  $\mathbf{M}$  while leaving unobserved entries unconstrained. To inject prior knowledge, we multiply by the data-driven prior  $p_\theta(\mathbf{V})$  and by the indicator  $\mathbf{1}[\mathbf{V} \in \mathcal{P}_{\text{phys}}]$ , which restricts the support to speed fields that satisfy the surrogate-physics constraints. Combining these three factors yields Eq. (13).

To sample from Eq. (13), we need to introduce a *Mask-Aware Ambient Diffusion Prior* and a *Physics-Guided RePaint Sampler* that trains a diffusion prior from sparsely observed speed fields and approximates this posterior by alternating reverse diffusion, observation projection, and physics projection.

### A.2.2 Forward corruption

Let  $\mathbf{Y}_0 = \mathbf{M} \odot (\mathbf{V} + \varepsilon)$  be the partially observed speed field. We apply the VP SDE

$$d\mathbf{Y}_t = -\frac{1}{2}\beta(t) \mathbf{Y}_t dt + \sqrt{\beta(t)} d\mathbf{W}_t, \quad (16)$$

with linear  $\beta(t)$  so that

$$\mathbf{Y}_t = \sqrt{\alpha(t)} \mathbf{Y}_0 + \sqrt{1 - \alpha(t)} \boldsymbol{\eta}, \quad \alpha(t) = \exp\left(-\int_0^t \beta(s) ds\right), \quad \boldsymbol{\eta} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I}). \quad (17)$$

### A.2.3 Masked score matching

A mask-aware denoiser  $h_\theta(\cdot)$  predicts the injected noise *only on visible entries*:

$$\mathcal{L}(\theta) = \mathbb{E}[\lambda(t) \|\mathbf{M} \odot (h_\theta(\mathbf{Y}_t, t, \mathbf{M}) - \boldsymbol{\eta})\|_F^2], \quad \lambda(t) = \frac{\alpha(t)}{1 - \alpha(t)}. \quad (18)$$

With noise-prediction parameterization, the (conditional) score is approximated by

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{Y}_t} \log p_t(\mathbf{Y}_t) \approx -\frac{1}{\sigma_t} h_\theta(\mathbf{Y}_t, t, \mathbf{M}). \quad (19)$$

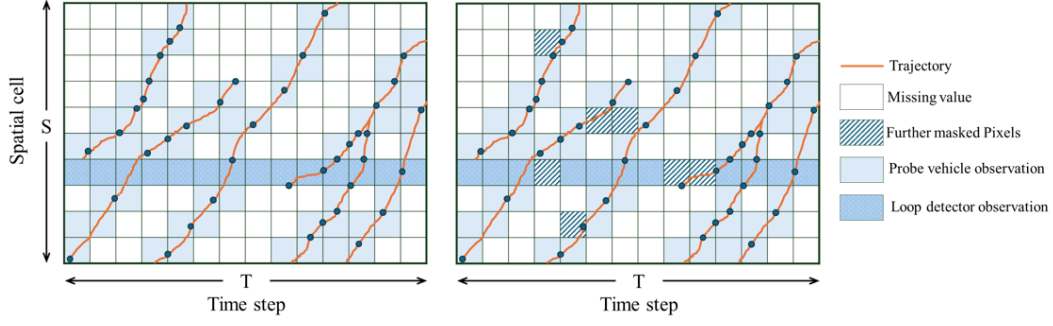


Figure 5: Illustration of the double-mask strategy. Left: original observed data under the single-mask scheme, reflecting actual sparse sensor coverage. Right: the same frame with further masked pixels, simulating the observation pattern under the double-mask scheme.

#### 331 A.2.4 Mask-selection strategies

332 Observation masks are heterogeneous: some pixels (e.g., near fixed detectors) are almost always  
 333 visible, while others remain persistently hidden. To account for this, we consider two complementary  
 334 training schemes summarized in Table 1.

335 In the *single-mask* strategy, the true sensor mask  $\mathbf{M}$  is left untouched; the network is therefore  
 336 penalized only on *truly known* pixels. This works well when probe-vehicle coverage is dense  
 337 and roughly random. Under such conditions every spatial-temporal position is observed at least  
 338 occasionally. In the *double-mask* strategy, when the overall visibility ratio  $\rho = \|\mathbf{M}\|_0 / (ST)$  is  
 339 high, we draw the auxiliary mask  $\mathbf{B}$  from the empirical mask distribution  $\pi(\mathbf{M})$  captured in the raw  
 340 data. When  $\rho$  is low, we instead sample  $\mathbf{B}$  from a Bernoulli distribution with parameter  $p_{\text{extra}}$ , so  
 341 that *every* coordinate is occasionally masked and therefore contributes to the loss. In practice we  
 342 use  $p_{\text{extra}} = 0.05$ , which improves interpolation near fixed loop locations while incurring negligible  
 343 additional variance, see Figure 5.

#### 344 A.2.5 Unbiasedness under MAR

345 **Proposition A.1** (Masked score unbiasedness). *Under Assumptions (Noise conditional independence)*  
 346 *and (MAR), and with bounded/small drift absorbed into noise, the masked objective above is an*  
 347 *unbiased estimator of the conditional score on unobserved entries given the observed ones, up to*  
 348  *$O(\delta)$  from the small drift.*

349 *Sketch.* Because  $\mathbf{M} \perp\!\!\!\perp \varepsilon \mid \mathbf{V}$  and the noise acts only where  $\mathbf{M}=1$ , the masked log-likelihood  
 350 factorizes over visible entries. The gradient w.r.t.  $\mathbf{Y}_t$  equals the conditional score on the visible set;  
 351 the MAR assumption makes the empirical masked average an unbiased estimator of the population  
 352 objective. Smooth, bounded bias  $b^{(a)}$  perturbs the score by  $O(\|b^{(a)}\|_\infty) = O(\delta)$  via a first-order  
 353 Taylor expansion around zero drift (details in the main text).  $\square$

Table 1: Mask-selection strategies for training the ambient diffusion prior.

Strategy	Cells kept	Regions contributing to loss	When to prefer
Single mask	$\mathbf{M}_{s,t} = 1$	$\mathbf{M}$	All pixels have non-zero probability of being observed.
Double mask	$\mathbf{M}_{s,t} = 1$	$\tilde{\mathbf{M}} = \mathbf{B} \odot \mathbf{M}$	Some cells are <i>always</i> invisible (e.g. fixed loop detectors)

### 354 A.3 Surrogate Physics Posterior and RePaint Sampling

355 Our target distribution is the *surrogate physics posterior*

$$p(\mathbf{V} \mid \mathbf{Y}) \propto \underbrace{\mathbf{1}[\mathbf{V} \in \mathcal{P}_{\text{phys}}]}_{\text{surrogate physics}} \times \underbrace{p_{\theta}(\mathbf{V})}_{\text{mask-aware prior}} \times \underbrace{\exp\left[-\frac{\|\mathbf{M} \odot (\mathbf{V} - \mathbf{Y})\|_F^2}{2\sigma^2}\right]}_{\text{masked likelihood}}. \quad (20)$$

356 **Algorithm A.1 (Physics-guided RePaint).** Initialize  $\mathbf{Z}_T \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I})$ ; for  $t = T - 1 \rightarrow 0$ :

- 357 1. **Reverse (denoise):**  $\tilde{\mathbf{Z}}_t \leftarrow g_{\theta}(\mathbf{Z}_{t+1}, t + 1)$ .
- 358 2. **Observation projection:**  $\hat{\mathbf{Z}}_t \leftarrow \mathbf{Y} \odot \mathbf{M} + \tilde{\mathbf{Z}}_t \odot (1 - \mathbf{M})$ .
- 359 3. **Physics projection:**  $\bar{\mathbf{Z}}_t \leftarrow P_{\text{phys}}(\hat{\mathbf{Z}}_t, \mathbf{M})$ .
- 360 4. (Optional) *Forward jump:*  $\mathbf{Z}_t \leftarrow f_j(\bar{\mathbf{Z}}_t, t)$  (as in RePaint) to improve mixing.

361 Repeat to obtain i.i.d. posterior samples  $\{\mathbf{Z}_0^{(n)}\}$ .

362 **Proposition A.2** (Exact data fidelity at all steps). *If  $P_{\text{phys}}$  is mask-invariant, i.e.*

$$P_{\text{phys}}(\mathbf{V}, \mathbf{M}) \odot \mathbf{M} = \mathbf{V} \odot \mathbf{M}, \quad (21)$$

363 *then every iterate after Step 2 (and hence after Step 3) satisfies  $\mathbf{Z}_t \odot \mathbf{M} = \mathbf{Y} \odot \mathbf{M}$ .*

364 If  $P_{\text{phys}}$  coincides with a proximal map of a convex physics penalty  $\varphi(\cdot)$  on the missing set, Algo-  
 365 rithm A.1 resembles an alternating stochastic proximal sampler for  $-\log p_{\theta}$  plus data and physics  
 366 terms; our AAS projector is a stable, local surrogate of such a proximal step.

### 367 A.4 Physics Projector: Adaptive Anisotropic Smoothing (AAS)

#### 368 A.4.1 Construction

369 The current instantiation of  $P_{\text{phys}}$  employs an *Adaptive Anisotropic Smoothing* (AAS) operator,  
 370 which extends the Generalized Adaptive Smoothing Method (GASM) [9] into a mask-aware and  
 371 diffusion-compatible form. Unlike full conservation enforcement, which is infeasible under speed-  
 372 only observations, AAS acts as a local regularizer that promotes physically plausible structures in  
 373 unobserved regions while preserving exact fidelity on measured cells, see Algorithm 1.

#### 374 A.4.2 Stability and non-expansiveness

375 **Lemma A.1** (1-Lipschitz on the missing subspace). *If the convolution kernels are  $\ell_1$ -normalized*  
 376 *and  $0 \leq \alpha_{\text{smooth}} \leq 1$ ,  $0 \leq \alpha_{\text{char}} \leq \bar{\alpha}$  with  $\bar{\alpha}$  sufficiently small, then  $P_{\text{phys}}(\cdot, \mathbf{M})$  is non-expansive on*  
 377  *$\{\mathbf{Z} : \mathbf{Z} \odot \mathbf{M} = \mathbf{0}\}$ .*

378 *Sketch.* Anisotropic convolution with normalized kernels has operator norm  $\leq 1$  (Young’s inequality).  
 379 The first term is a convex combination of  $V$  and  $V_s$  on  $(1 - \mathbf{M})$ , hence contractive when  $\alpha_{\text{smooth}} \in$   
 380  $[0, 1]$ . The transport residual is a local first-order finite-difference operator; choosing  $\alpha_{\text{char}}$  small makes  
 381 the composite map non-expansive. Mask-invariance is immediate because updates are multiplied by  
 382  $(1 - \mathbf{M})$ .  $\square$

383 **Practical tip.** Use  $\alpha_{\text{char}}$  at least an order of magnitude smaller than  $\alpha_{\text{smooth}}$  to ensure numerical  
 384 damping of high-frequency artifacts while preserving wave alignment.

## 385 B Appendix: Experimental Details

386 We conduct a comprehensive empirical evaluation to assess the effectiveness of **PMA-Diffusion**. The  
 387 experiments are structured around two central research questions, each corresponding to two stages  
 388 in the methodology:

389 **RQ1 – Prior quality:** *How much accuracy is lost when the diffusion prior is pretrained on incom-*  
 390 *plete speed fields rather than on fully observed data?*

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**Algorithm 1 AAS Projector: Physics-guided Mask-invariant Update**

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**Require:** Speed field  $V \in [0, 1]^{S \times T}$ ; mask  $\mathbf{M} \in \{0, 1\}^{S \times T}$ ; physical parameters  $(v_{\text{thr}}, \beta, c_{\text{free}}^{\text{phys}}, c_{\text{cong}}^{\text{phys}})$ ; smoothing weights  $(\alpha_{\text{smooth}}, \alpha_{\text{char}})$ ; kernel stds  $(\sigma_{\text{par}}, \sigma_t)$ .

**Ensure:** Updated field  $P_{\text{phys}}(V, \mathbf{M})$ .

1: Compute soft regime gate:

$$p_{\text{free}} \leftarrow 0.5(1 + \tanh((V - v_{\text{thr}})/\beta))$$

2: Convert characteristic speeds to grid units:  $c_{\text{free}} \leftarrow c_{\text{free}}^{\text{phys}} \Delta t / \Delta x$ ;  $c_{\text{cong}} \leftarrow c_{\text{cong}}^{\text{phys}} \Delta t / \Delta x$

3: Build two anisotropic Gaussian kernels  $K_{c_{\text{free}}}, K_{c_{\text{cong}}}$  aligned with slopes  $c_{\text{free}}, c_{\text{cong}}$  (normalized).

4: Apply separable convolution:  $V_f \leftarrow K_{c_{\text{free}}} * V$ ,  $V_c \leftarrow K_{c_{\text{cong}}} * V$

5: Compute blended surrogate:  $V_s \leftarrow p_{\text{free}} \odot V_f + (1 - p_{\text{free}}) \odot V_c$

6: **Step 1 (smooth relax):**  $V^{(1)} \leftarrow V - \alpha_{\text{smooth}}(V - V_s) \odot (1 - \mathbf{M})$

7: **if** transport correction enabled **then**

8:   Compute local speed  $c_{\text{loc}} \leftarrow p_{\text{free}} c_{\text{free}} + (1 - p_{\text{free}}) c_{\text{cong}}$

9:   Compute residual:  $R \leftarrow (V_{s,t}^{(1)} - V_{s,t-1}^{(1)}) + c_{\text{loc}}(V_{s,t}^{(1)} - V_{s-1,t}^{(1)})$

10: **Step 2 (residual update):**  $V^{(2)} \leftarrow V^{(1)} - \alpha_{\text{char}} R \odot (1 - \mathbf{M})$

11: **else**

12:    $V^{(2)} \leftarrow V^{(1)}$

13: **end if**

14: Clip to valid range:  $V^{(2)} \leftarrow \text{clip}(V^{(2)}, 0, 1)$

15: **return**  $P_{\text{phys}}(V, \mathbf{M}) = V^{(2)}$ 

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391 **RQ2 – Sampling guidance:** *Given a fixed prior, how much of that loss can be recovered by (i)*  
392 *the RePaint resampling loop and (ii) the physics-guided projector under varying sensing*  
393 *sparsity?*

394 The proposed method in this study consists of three components: training a diffusion prior directly  
395 from sparse observations, applying an iterative resampling strategy during inference, and enforcing  
396 physical consistency through a physics-guided projection step. **RQ1** evaluates whether the prior  
397 trained under sparse supervision can achieve performance comparable to a model trained on fully  
398 observed data. A positive result would indicate that high-quality priors can be learned without  
399 full supervision. **RQ2** then investigates whether the proposed sampling strategy, including RePaint-  
400 style resampling and physics-guided projection, can effectively compensate for prior limitations  
401 by generating physically consistent, high-fidelity traffic state reconstructions under sparse and  
402 heterogeneous observations.

## 403 B.1 Dataset and Pre-processing

404 The study corridor corresponds to the Tennessee Department of Transportation’s I-24 Mobility  
405 Technology Interstate Observation Network (I-24 MOTION) data [11]. I-24 MOTION data captured  
406 by 276 pole-mounted high-resolution traffic cameras that provide seamless coverage of approximately  
407 4.2 miles along the I-24 highway corridor near Nashville, TN. In our data, trajectories are rasterized  
408 into speed fields on a fixed Eulerian grid of  $S = 64$  cells ( $\Delta x = 200\text{ft}$ ), four lanes, and  $T = 64$  time  
409 slices ( $\Delta t = 5$  s). Figure 6 shows random samples from the dataset.

410 Although I-24 MOTION is camera-based rather than loop-detector-based, it offers two decisive  
411 advantages for this study. First, its near-complete spatial and temporal coverage yields a "ground-  
412 truth" speed field, which allows us to mask the data synthetically and evaluate reconstruction error at  
413 every hidden cell—something impossible with legacy loop-detector archives, where the true state is  
414 itself unobserved. Second, the trajectory data include natural traffic variability, lane changes, and  
415 congestion waves that would be under sampled by typical loop-detector and probe-vehicle networks.  
416 By repeatedly sub-sampling I-24 MOTION to match realistic detector layouts and probe trajectories,  
417 we can test PMA-Diffusion under precisely controlled sparsity levels while still benchmarking against  
418 a fully observed baseline.

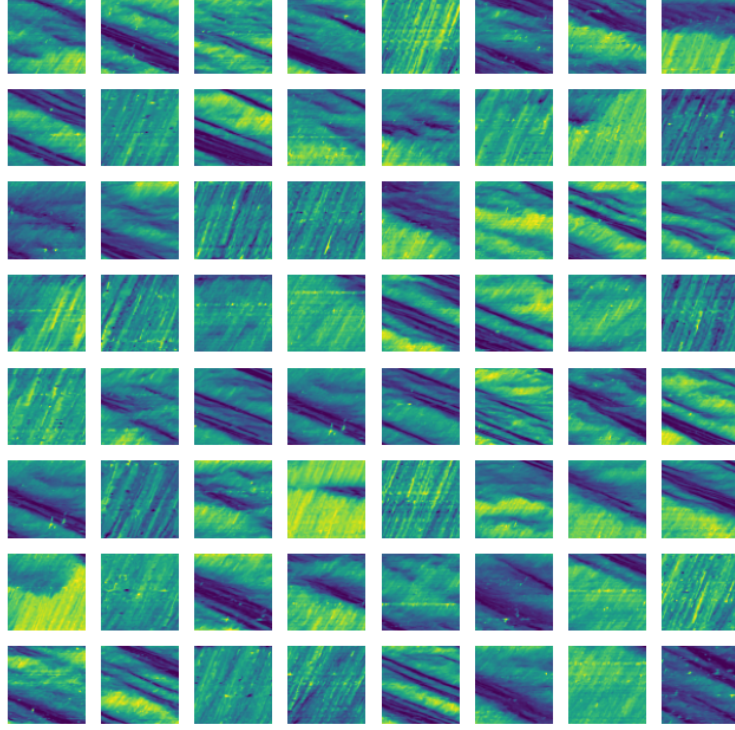


Figure 6: Random speed field samples from I-24 MOTION dataset.

### 419 B.1.1 Observation Models

420 We collect synthetic observation ( $\mathbf{Y}$ ) and mask ( $\mathbf{M}$ ) pairs based on the ground-truth speed field ( $\mathbf{V}$ )  
 421 to simulate the real-world scenarios. Our masks have two components:

- 422 • **Loop detectors mask:** In practice, the Loop detectors are fixed in a specific location. We  
 423 generate a fixed Loop detector mask  $\mathbf{M}^{(l)}$  and mask 5%, 15%, 25%, 50% of the row data as  
 424 observed data  $\mathbf{M}^{(l)} \odot \mathbf{V}$ .
- 425 • **Probe vehicles mask:** To simulate probe vehicles data, we randomly draw the number of  
 426 probe vehicles for the current speed slice from a Poisson distribution  $N_{\text{seed}} \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda_{\text{seed}})$ .  
 427 Each vehicle receives a random entry time  $t_0^{(j)} \in \{0, \dots, 63\}$ , so the set of starting points is  
 428  $(t_0^{(j)}, s_0^{(j)})$ , where  $j = 1, \dots, N_{\text{seed}}$ . Based on the starting point and the speed information,  
 429 we can generate the probe vehicles' trajectory. In our experiments, we tried  $\lambda = 0, 5, 15, 25$   
 430 respectively.

431 Building on Assumption 1 and Assumption 2 in methodology, we resample the probe vehicle trajectory  
 432 directly on the Eulerian grid. The resulting synthetic detectors, therefore, deliver observations that  
 433 are perfectly aligned with the computational lattice, which removes the interpolation artifacts and  
 434 timing offsets that would otherwise arise when irregular GPS pings are mapped onto a coarser grid.  
 435 Figure 7 shows the original speed field and three derived observation masks: (b) induced by sparse  
 436 loop detectors, (c) from resampled probe vehicle trajectories, and (d) from their union.

### 437 B.2 Evaluation Metrics

438 The reconstruction performance is measured only on the unobserved pixels using three complementary  
 439 criteria following [36]:

- 440 1. **Masked-MSE ( $2 \times 2$ ):** the mean squared error computed after  $2 \times 2$  average pooling step,  
 441 capturing low-frequency fidelity.

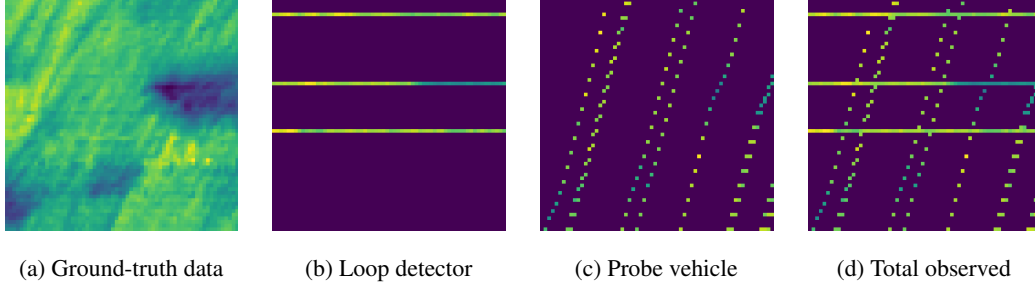


Figure 7: Observation Patterns from Loop detectors and Probe vehicles.

2. **Sobel-MSE:** the MSE between Sobel edge maps of the estimate and ground truth, emphasizing high-frequency structure.
3. **LPIPS:** the Learned Perceptual Image Patch Similarity score (AlexNet backbone), accounting for perceptual closeness [34].

Together, these metrics provide a balanced view of numerical accuracy, edge sharpness, and visual realism on the unobserved regions.

### B.3 Models

The three training and sampling schemes introduced below are structured specifically to isolate the contributions of the prior and the sampling mechanism with respect to RQ1 and RQ2, respectively.

#### B.3.1 Pretraining Scheme

We evaluate three training schemes designed to isolate the effects of supervision.

- **Full-obs** The network trained by fully latent speed field data  $\mathbf{V}$ ; the value of **Full-obs** represents the upper bound, showing how well the DDPM architecture alone can fit fully observed data.
- **Single-mask** Each training sample is corrupted by its own visibility mask, exactly mirroring realistic loop detectors + probe vehicles coverage. The model therefore learns only from genuinely observed pixels.
- **Double-mask** On top of the true visibility map we apply an additional mask (see Table 1). Hiding even "always visible" rows encourages the network to reason about persistently unseen locations and improves robustness when some cells are never measured in practice.

All three variants share the same UNet backbone, which is the most widely used backbone neural network structure for diffusion models [37, 26]. Specifically, our UNet backbone is configured with one input channel, 64 base feature channels, three resolution levels with channel multipliers of (1, 2, 4) and 4-head linear attention in the bottleneck. We use a linear  $\beta$ -schedule with  $T=500$  steps ( $\beta_0 = 10^{-4}$ ,  $\beta_T = 2 \times 10^{-2}$ ) and the Huber loss ( $\delta = 1$ ), which is numerically more stable than  $\ell_2$ . We train for ten epochs (roughly  $1.8 \times 10^3$  iterations) using Adam ( $\text{lr} = 5 \times 10^{-4}$ , batch = 250). The model training time is around 15 minutes of GPU time.

#### B.3.2 Sampling Scheme

Using a prior from Pretraining stage, we compare three inference pipelines:

1. **Ambient one-shot.** a single unconditional reverse trajectory with real time data consistency.
2. **RePaint [30].** It iteratively alternates  $j=1$  forward and one reverse step, repeating  $r=250$  times every 100 iterations ( $\eta=0.9$ , keep some randomness) to better mix the conditional and unconditional paths.
3. **RePaint + physics projector (AAS).** We embed the AAS projector into every reverse step, which nudges missing pixels toward first-order traffic consistency while leaving observations unchanged.

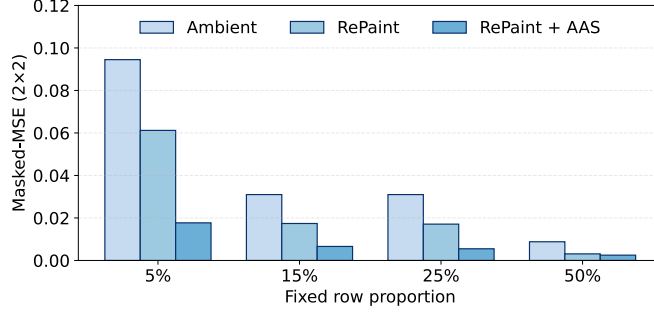


Figure 8: Masked-MSE across samplers based on Full-obs model ( $\lambda = 0$ ).

The  $\beta$ -schedule and timestep ( $T=500$ ) are shared with Pretraining stage. RePaint uses the same U-Net to predict  $\epsilon_\theta$ ; the physics projector is *parameter-free* at test time once the hyper-parameters are fixed.

## B.4 Experimental Results

Tables 2 reports LPIPS, Masked-MSE, and Sobel-MSE for every combination of training mode, observation density (row-mask: 5%  $\rightarrow$  50%), probe intensity ( $\lambda : 0 \rightarrow 25$ ), and sampler (Ambient, RePaint, RePaint + AAS). To interpret these results correctly, we clarify how visibility is defined across different models. In the **Full-obs model**, the network is trained on fully observed (ground-truth) speed fields, and the reported row visibility and  $\lambda$  values apply only during the *sampling stage*. In contrast, for the **Single-mask** and **Double-mask models**, both training and sampling are conducted under the same partial observation regime; thus, the specified row and  $\lambda$  values reflect the *entire modeling pipeline*. This distinction is essential when comparing performance across models, as it represents the impact of training-time supervision quality versus inference-time robustness to observation sparsity.

### B.4.1 Full-obs model

The Full-obs model sets the upper bound. With only 5% fixed rows and no probe vehicles, it already reconstructs the unobserved 95% of the grid with a masked MSE of 0.0945 (Ambient) and pushes the error below 0.0612 after a single RePaint pass (Figure 8). Adding the physics projector reduces the residual again by roughly a factor of three, indicating that, even when a perfect prior is available, posterior resampling and physical nudging remain beneficial.

### B.4.2 Single-mask model

In contrast, the Single-mask prior suffers whenever parts of the grid are not visible during training. Under the same 5% row available and  $\lambda = 0$  setting, the raw Ambient reconstruction yields a MSE above 27 and an LPIPS of 1.004; RePaint without physics can even amplify this instability because large swaths of the field are extrapolated from virtually no context. Once AAS is inserted, however, the error decreases to only 0.035 worse than the Full-obs and significantly better than the unprojected RePaint result (Figure 2). The takeaway is that an expressive but incompletely trained prior is salvageable if the sampler is endowed with a lightweight physics corrector.

### B.4.3 Double-mask model

In Figure 2, the Double-mask model closes most of the gap while keeping the training set identical to Single-mask model. Even the worst case (5% rows,  $\lambda = 0$ ) is still an order of magnitude better than its Single-mask counterpart and only 0.0197 worse than the fully supervised Full-obs model. The improvement is consistent in perceptual space and high-frequency structure as well. Interestingly, in the case of Row=5%,  $\lambda = 25$ , the Masked-MSE of Single-mask model using repaint+AAS is even outperforms Double-mask model, suggesting that if all pixels have non-zero probability of being observed in historic data, Single-mask model can be a good training scheme.



#### 514 B.4.4 Sampler Effect and Physics Guidance

515 Across all models and visibility settings, we observe three consistent trends regarding the impact of  
516 posterior sampling. First, iterative refinement via RePaint consistently improves over the one-shot  
517 Ambient pass, especially when the underlying prior is expressive, namely, in the Full-obs and Double-  
518 mask settings. Second, physics guidance through the AAS projector never degrades performance;  
519 in all 48 test cases (Table 2), it either improves or preserves LPIPS, Masked-MSE, and Sobel-MSE  
520 scores. Third, the benefit of physics-guided sampling is amplified under sparse observations: while  
521 RePaint and AAS offer marginal improvements under 50% row visibility, their impact is substantial  
522 when only 5% of rows are visible, particularly in sharpening traffic fronts and correcting structural  
523 artifacts.

524 The edge-based Sobel metric further highlights the effect of physics guidance on fine-scale recon-  
525 struction. Even when Masked-MSE is already low, AAS consistently reduces Sobel-MSE in the  
526 Single- and Double-mask models, indicating that it enhances stop-and-go boundaries rather than  
527 applying global smoothing. However, an exception arises when the prior is trained on fully observed  
528 data: in this regime, RePaint and AAS may slightly blur high-frequency features, yielding higher  
529 Sobel-MSE than the Ambient baseline. This suggests that when the prior is already close to optimal,  
530 further physics corrections may inadvertently attenuate sharp details.

#### 531 B.4.5 Research Questions Revisited

532 **RQ1: How much does prior quality matter?** Our results indicate that the learned prior’s quality  
533 is strongly influenced by the training supervision regime. In the Single-mask model, predictions  
534 from Ambient frequently collapse in unobserved regions, and RePaint may over-extrapolate. These  
535 pathologies are largely mitigated under the Double-mask model, which introduces randomized  
536 dropout to increase spatial generalization. Hence, *prior quality is highly sensitive to the visibility*  
537 *pattern at training time*. A partially supervised prior can match a fully supervised one only if (i)  
538 every region is observed at least occasionally, or (ii) aggressive random masking is introduced during  
539 training to improve robustness.

540 **RQ2: How much does posterior sampling help?** Posterior sampling mechanisms are critical across  
541 all settings. RePaint yields consistent improvements over Ambient one-shot sampling, validating  
542 the value of iterative resampling. The AAS projector further enhances performance or leaves it  
543 unchanged across all cases. Notably, the benefit is most pronounced under sparse observations (e.g.,  
544 5% row visibility), where physics-guided sampling not only improves reconstruction metrics but also  
545 sharpens spatiotemporal structures. However, in the fully supervised setting, these enhancements  
546 may introduce over-smoothing, slightly degrading edge fidelity. Thus, while posterior sampling is  
547 generally beneficial, its effects are modulated by the supervision regime and observation density.

#### 548 B.4.6 Qualitative Illustration

549 Figure 3 compares the RePaint + AAS reconstruction against the ground truth under the Double-  
550 mask model with 25% row visibility and probe intensity  $\lambda = 15$ . While the generated speed field  
551 appears smoother and lacks certain fine-grained variations present in the ground truth, its overall  
552 spatiotemporal structure remains consistent and physically coherent. This suggests that the model  
553 effectively captures macroscopic traffic patterns, even if some high-frequency details are attenuated  
554 during sampling.

Table 2: Quantitative results for three models (lower is better).

Mode	Row	$\lambda$	LPIPS			Masked-MSE ( $2 \times 2$ )			Sobel-MSE		
			Ambient	RePaint	+AAS	Ambient	RePaint	+AAS	Ambient	RePaint	+AAS
Full-obs	5%	0	0.1905	0.1497	0.3139	0.0945	0.0612	0.0177	0.0017	0.0017	0.0022
		5	0.1346	0.0970	0.1811	0.0402	0.0198	0.0105	0.0014	0.0014	0.0019
		15	0.1185	0.1212	0.1295	0.0471	0.0358	0.0085	0.0014	0.0017	0.0018
		25	0.1067	0.1386	0.1026	0.0968	0.0573	0.0087	0.0020	0.0022	0.0017
	15%	0	0.0622	0.0508	0.0861	0.0310	0.0174	0.0066	0.0014	0.0013	0.0016
		5	0.3540	0.2115	0.0659	0.2580	0.0913	0.0058	0.0689	0.0136	0.0016
		15	0.0843	0.0480	0.0514	0.0492	0.0148	0.0053	0.0015	0.0013	0.0014
		25	0.1053	0.0554	0.0451	0.0686	0.0200	0.0053	0.0016	0.0013	0.0014
	25%	0	0.0804	0.0628	0.1089	0.0310	0.0171	0.0055	0.0014	0.0014	0.0017
		5	0.1115	0.0833	0.0752	0.0501	0.0217	0.0043	0.0014	0.0016	0.0015
		15	0.1294	0.0625	0.0563	0.0666	0.0128	0.0035	0.0017	0.0017	0.0014
		25	0.1732	0.1481	0.0495	0.2213	0.0668	0.0035	0.0185	0.0042	0.0013
	50%	0	0.0112	0.0053	0.0173	0.0088	0.0031	0.0025	0.0006	0.0005	0.0007
		5	0.0150	0.0064	0.0128	0.0126	0.0040	0.0024	0.0006	0.0005	0.0006
		15	0.0103	0.0054	0.0101	0.0071	0.0026	0.0024	0.0005	0.0004	0.0006
		25	0.0131	0.0047	0.0090	0.0136	0.0029	0.0024	0.0007	0.0004	0.0005
Single-mask	5%	0	1.0040	0.8248	0.3477	27.6183	86.3606	0.0527	6.3083	4.8671	0.00190
		5	0.5620	0.3803	0.1798	0.2823	0.0691	0.0114	1.0646	0.1182	0.00190
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