

# MLPatch: Scalable Local MLPs for Cosmological Inverse Problems

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Clean



Noisy



Image



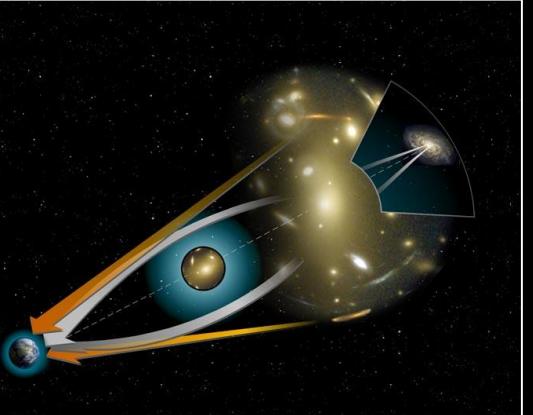
Sinogram



Image Denoising

Computed Tomography

Dark Matter Mapping



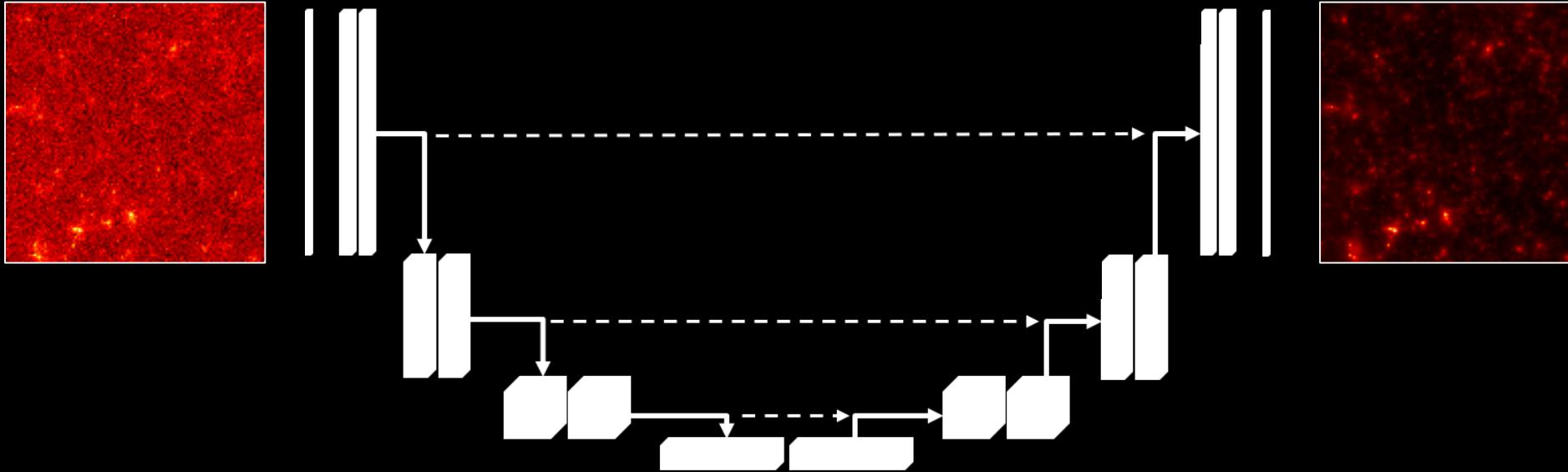
$$\mathbf{q} = \mathbf{Af} + \mathbf{n}$$

**q** Measurements

**f** Image of interest

**A** Forward operator

**n** Noise



U-Net: a multi-scale CNN

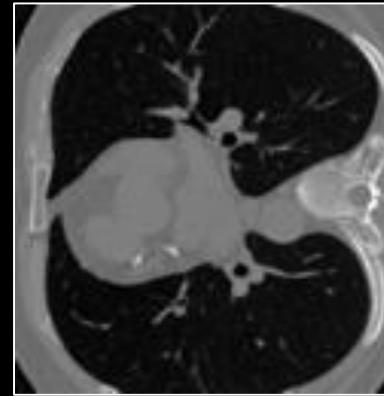
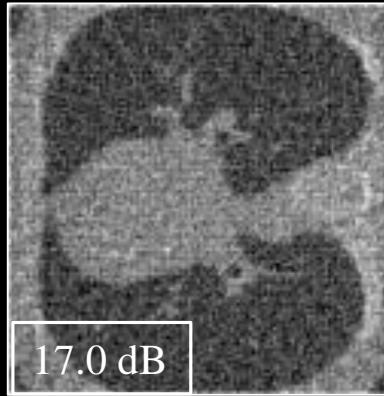
The network requires a **large** receptive field



Overfit the **large-scale** features;  
**Poor** generalization on out-of-distribution data

U-Net is trained on Chest data

In-distribution (chest)

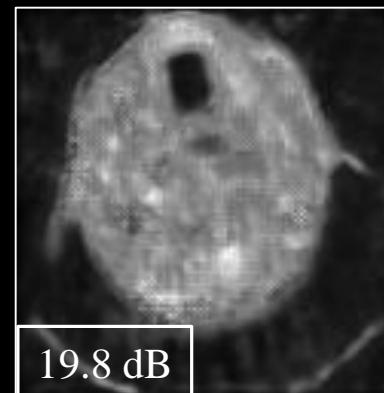
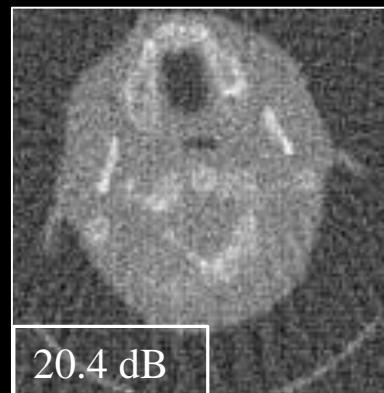


FBP

U-Net

GT

OOD (brain)

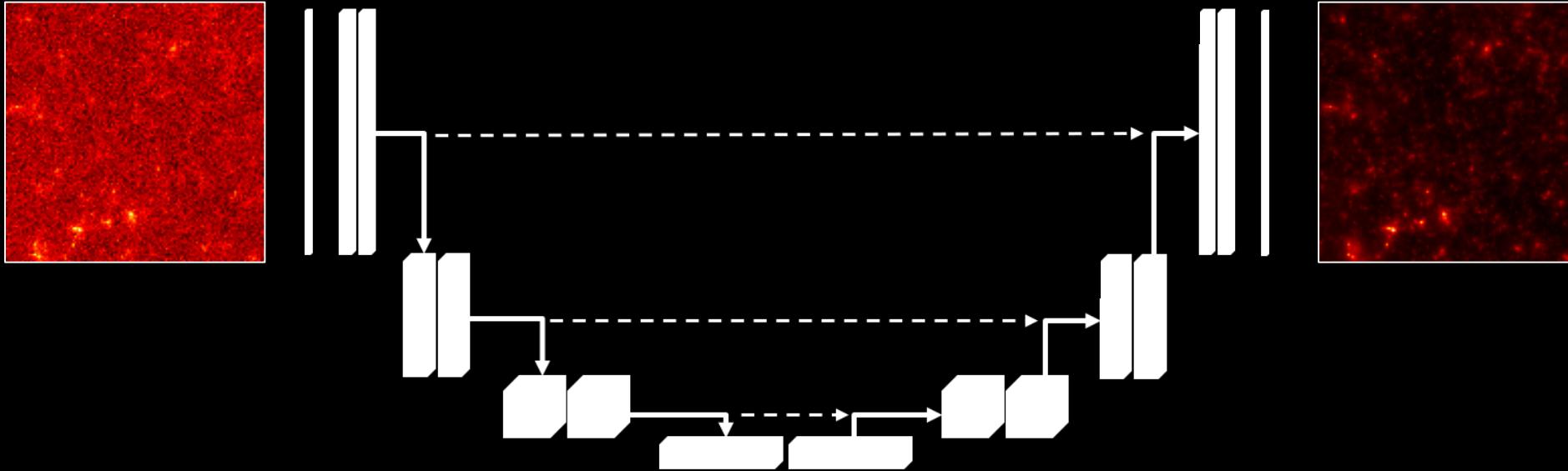


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Poor Generalization



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Memory **scales** with image resolution; 140 GB memory required for training on 2D  $1024 \times 1024$  images

Target Image

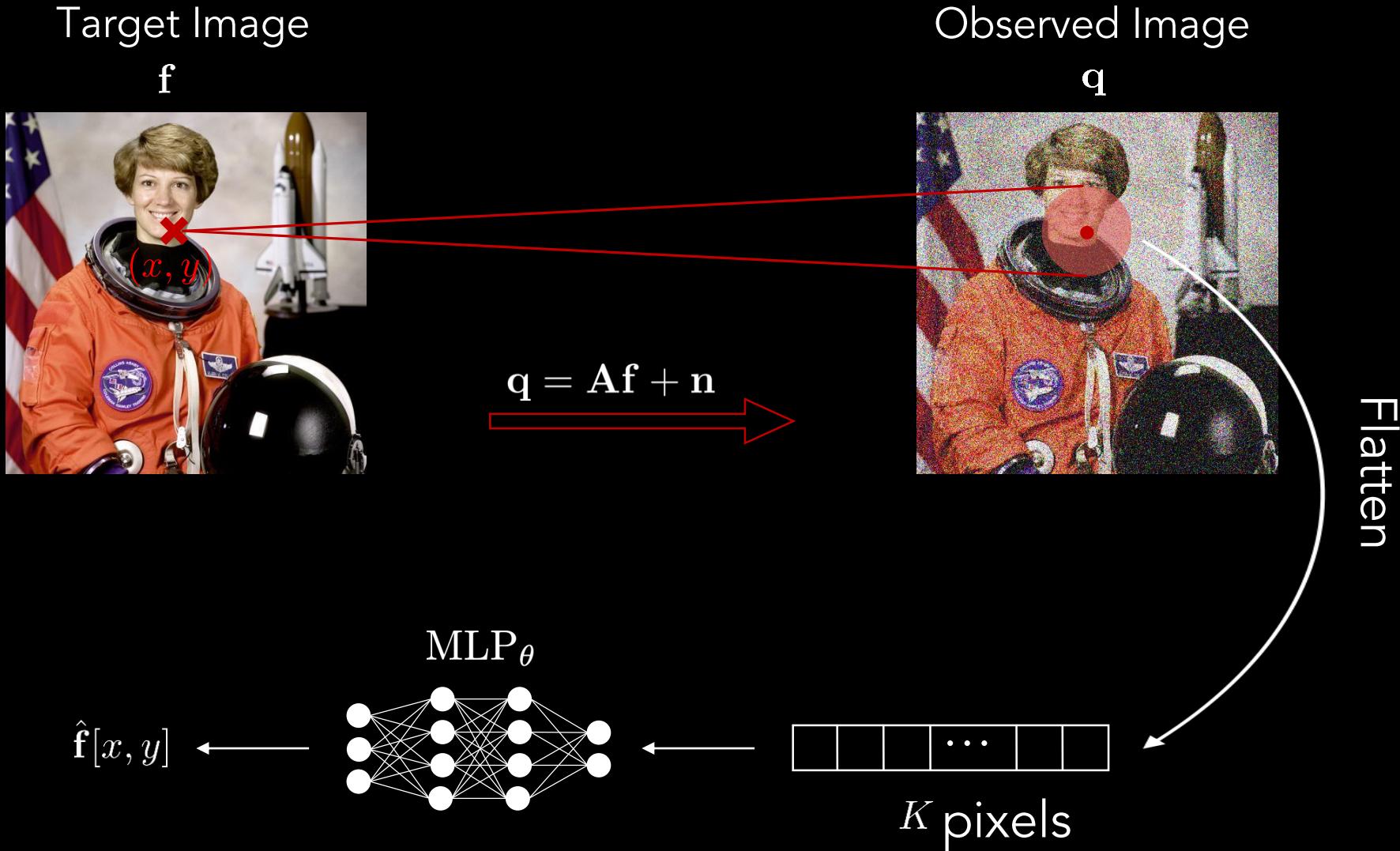
 $f$ 

Noisy Image

 $q$ 

$$q = Af + n$$





## Experiments: image denoising

In-distribution



17.2 dB



29.5 dB



29.6 dB



28.9 dB



29.2 dB



29.2 dB



GT

OOD



17.6 dB



27.5 dB



28.7 dB



21.8 dB

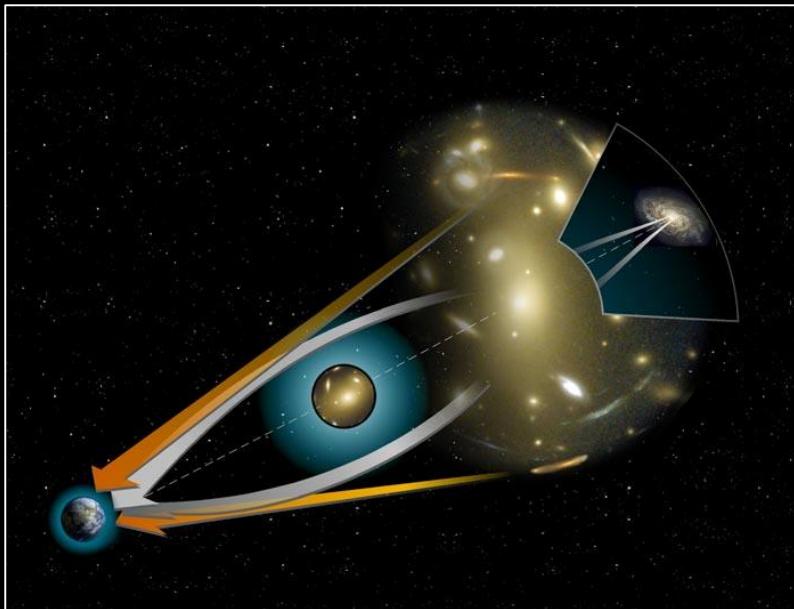


27.9 dB



28.1 dB





Gravitational Lensing

$$\gamma = \mathbf{A}\kappa + \mathbf{n}$$

$\gamma$  Shear Field (Observations)

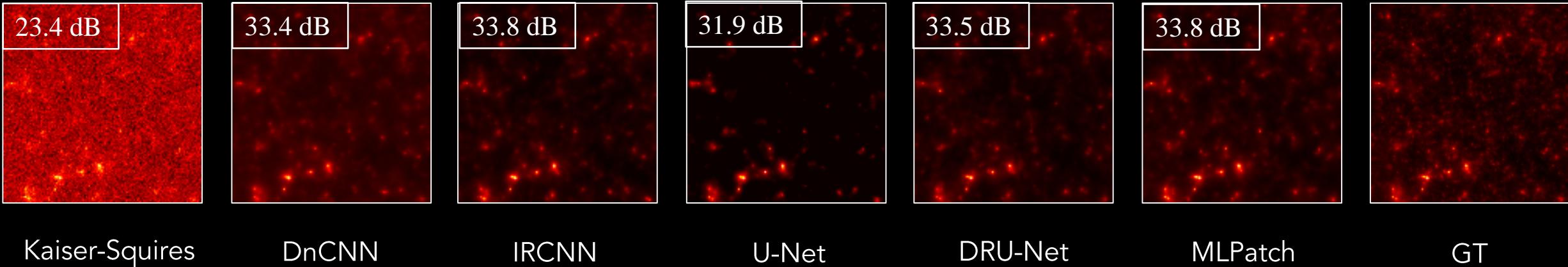
$\kappa$  Convergence Field (Target Image)

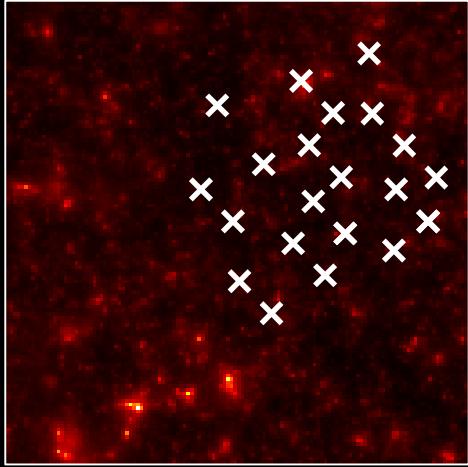
$A$  Convolutional Filter (Forward operator)

$n$  Noise

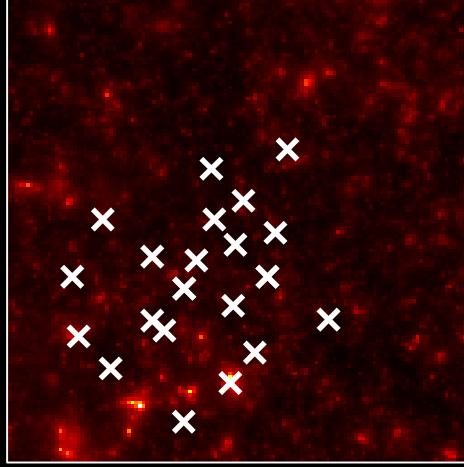
$$\kappa_{KS} = \mathbf{A}^{-1} \mathbf{A} \gamma = \kappa + \mathbf{A}^{-1} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{n} = \kappa + \tilde{\mathbf{n}}$$

Denoising with colored noise

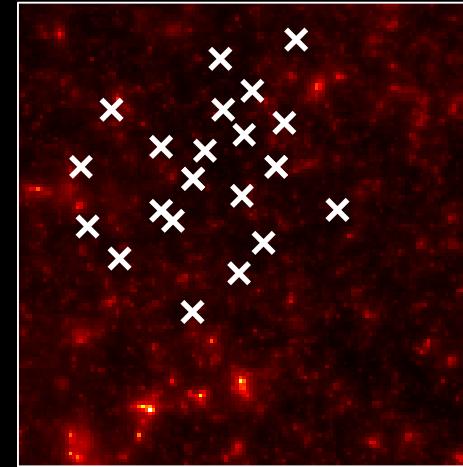




Iteration 1



Iteration 2

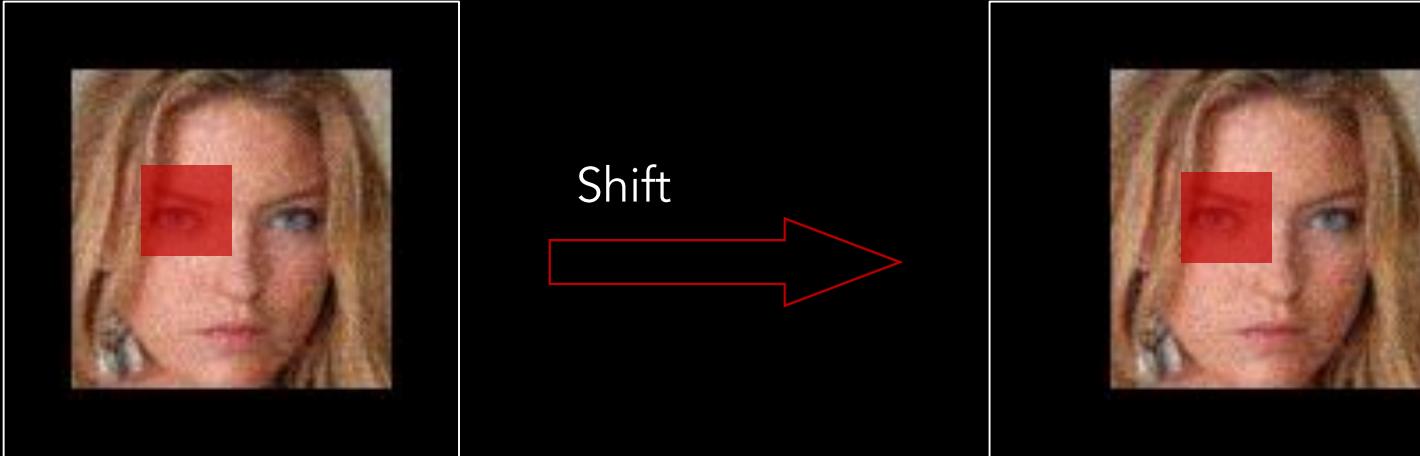


Iteration 3

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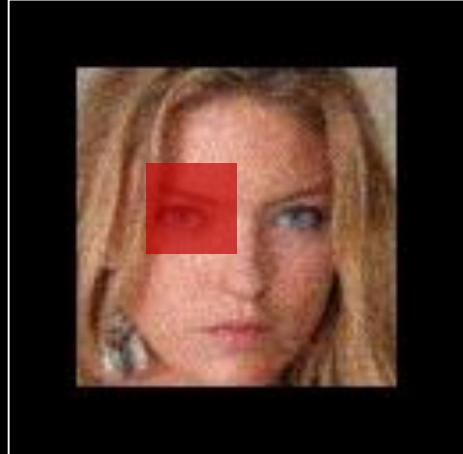
The required memory is almost independent from image resolution!

	Params	128 × 128	256 × 256	512 × 512	1024 × 1024
DnCNN (Zhang et al., 2017a)	3M	23GB / 200s	78GB / 1680s	> 80GB	> 80GB
IRCNN (Zhang et al., 2017b)	3M	16GB / 120s	55GB / 500s	> 80GB	> 80GB
U-Net (Ronneberger et al., 2015)	8M	6GB / 40s	16GB / 100s	60GB / 380s	> 80GB
DRU-Net (Zhang et al., 2021)	8M	7GB / 60s	22GB / 220s	79GB / 800s	> 80GB
MLPatch	3M	2GB / 60s	2GB / 80s	2GB / 120s	3GB / 260s

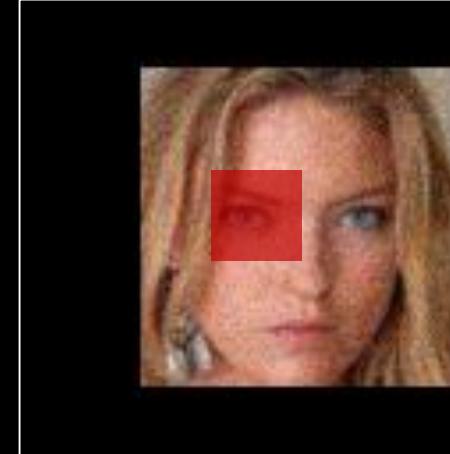


✓ Provably shift equivariant





Shift  

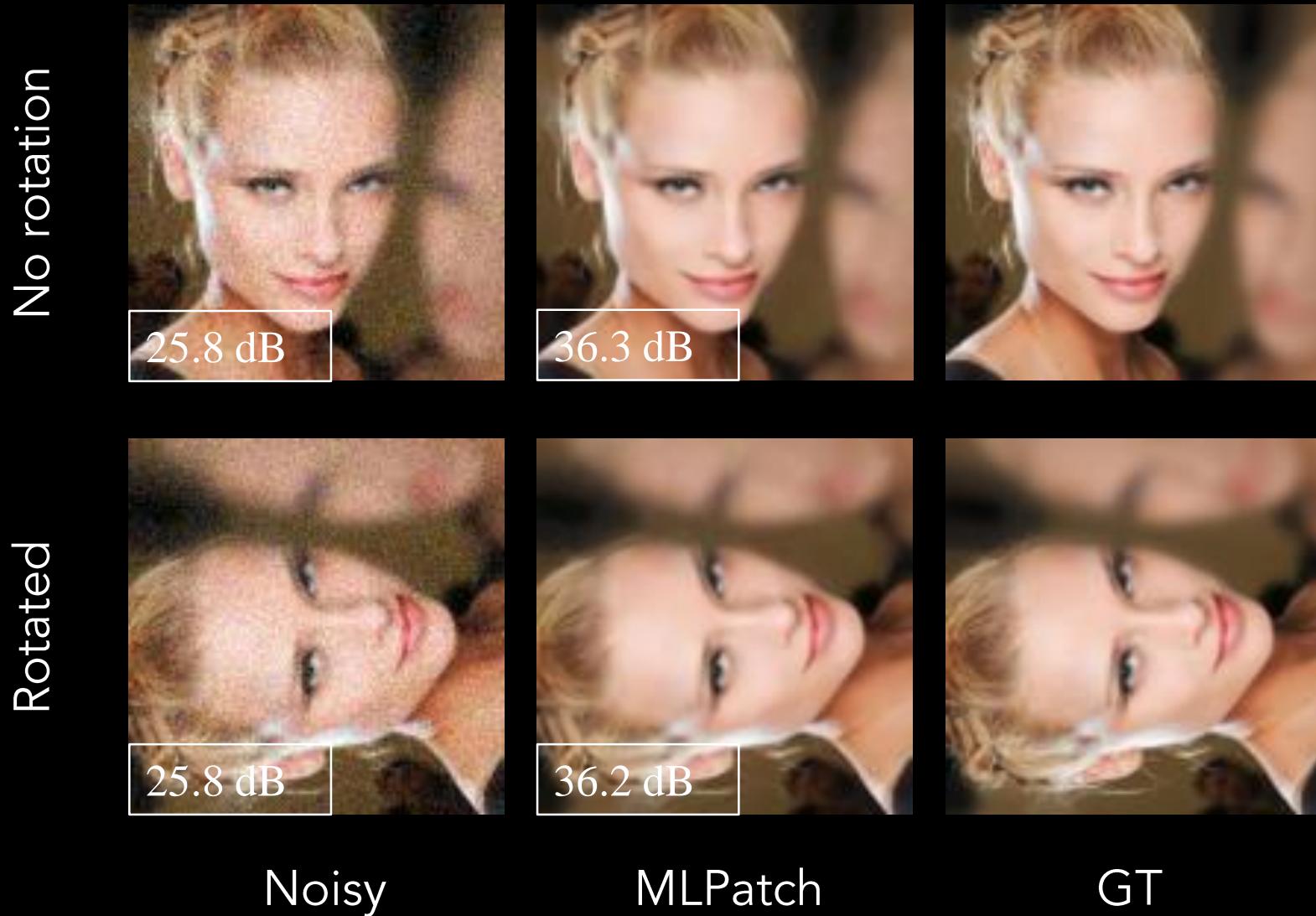



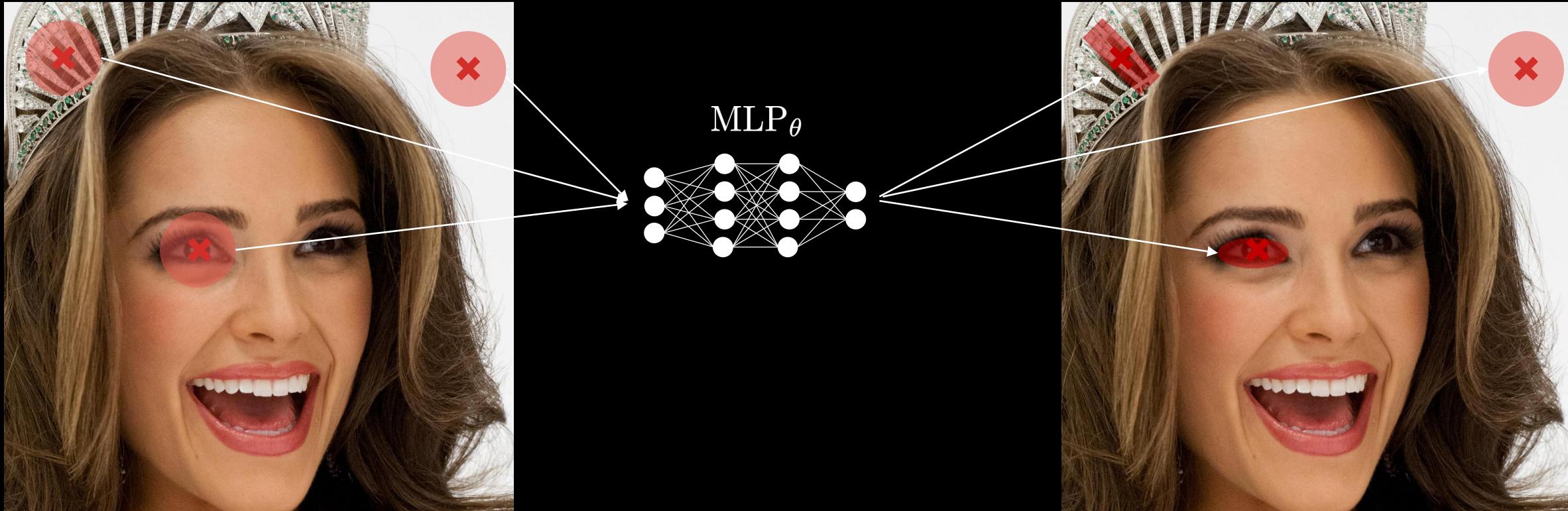
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Rotation  

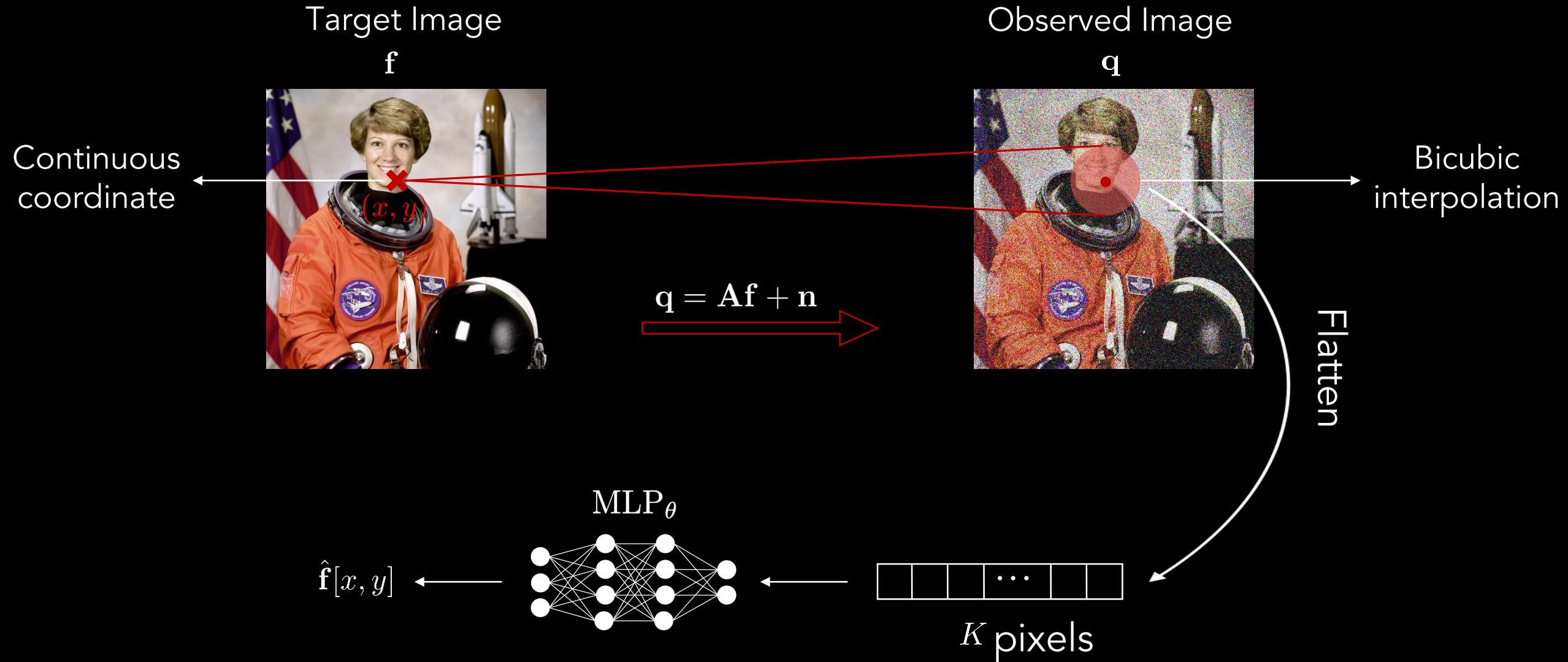






The learned patch deformations



## Experiments: super resolution

Bilinear



LIIF (1500K)



MLPatch (140K)



GT



256  $\times$  256 ( $\times 2$ )  
512  $\times$  512 ( $\times 4$ )  
1024  $\times$  1024 ( $\times 8$ )

$$\min_{\mathbf{f}} \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \|\mathbf{q} - \mathbf{Af}\|_2^2 + R(\mathbf{f})$$

$$\min_{\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{v}} \max_{\mathbf{u}} \left\{ \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \|\mathbf{q} - \mathbf{Af}\|_2^2 + R(\mathbf{v}) + \frac{1}{2\eta} \|\mathbf{f} - \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{u}\|_2^2 - \frac{1}{2\eta} \|\mathbf{u}\|_2^2 \right\}$$

$$\mathbf{f}_k = h(\mathbf{v}_{k-1} - \mathbf{u}_{k-1}; \alpha)$$

$$\mathbf{v}_k = \text{prox}_R(\mathbf{f}_k - \mathbf{u}_{k-1}; \eta)$$

$$\mathbf{u}_k = \mathbf{u}_{k-1} + (\mathbf{f}_k - \mathbf{v}_k)$$

$$\alpha = \frac{\sigma^2}{\eta}$$

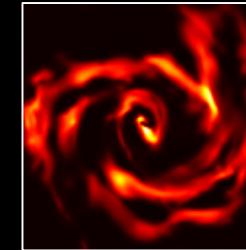
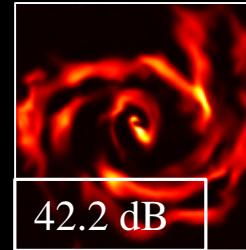
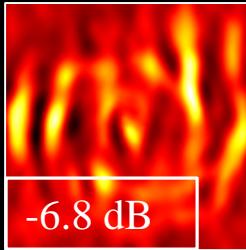
$$h(\mathbf{z}; \alpha) \triangleq (\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{A} + \alpha)^{-1} (\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{q} + \alpha \mathbf{z})$$

$$\text{prox}_R(\mathbf{z}; \eta) \triangleq \arg \min_{\mathbf{f}} \frac{1}{2\eta} \|\mathbf{f} - \mathbf{z}\|_2^2 + R(\mathbf{f})$$

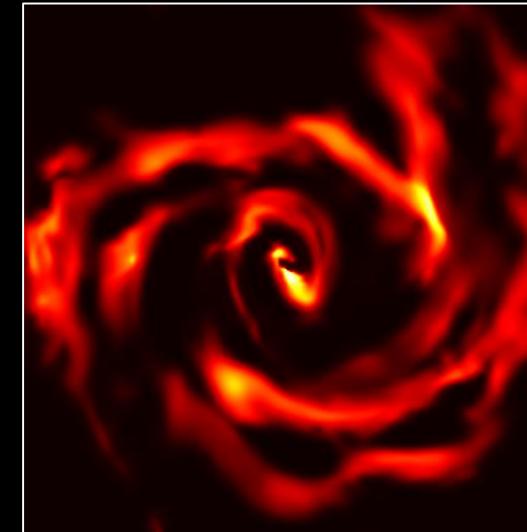
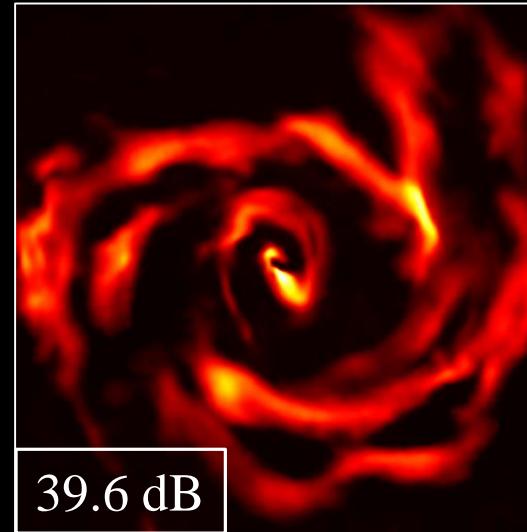
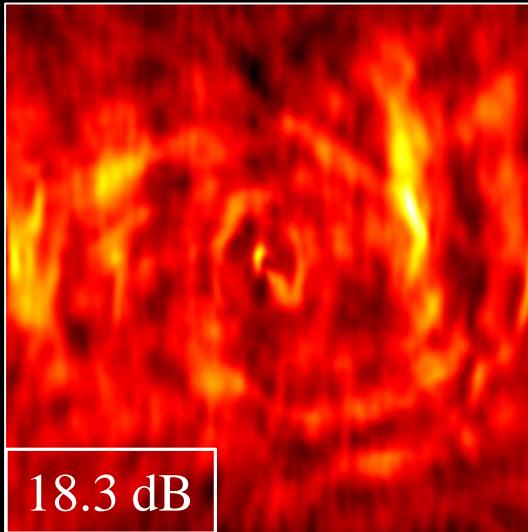
Can be replaced by a powerful pre-trained CNN denoiser

MLPatch denoiser is trained in resolution  $128 \times 128$

$128 \times 128$



$512 \times 512$

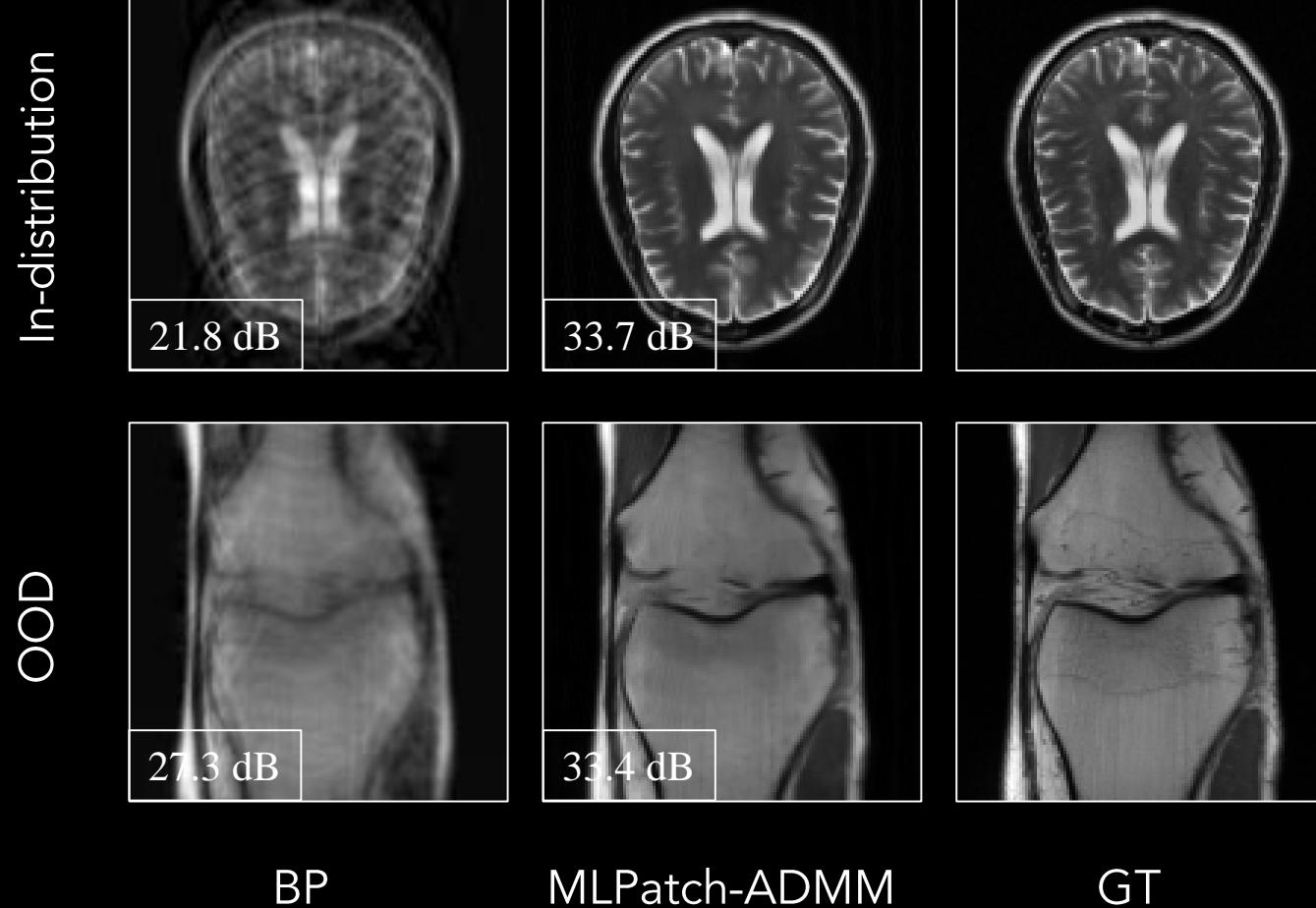


BP

MLPatch-ADMM

GT

MLPatch denoiser is trained on brain samples



MLPatch denoiser is trained in resolution  $128 \times 128$

In-distribution



Image Resolution:  $512 \times 512$

OOD



Masked

MLPatch-ADMM

GT

We introduced the notion of locality for solving imaging inverse problems,

- Strong generalization on out-of-distribution data
- The required memory is almost independent from image resolution
- The image can be recovered at any arbitrary continuous coordinate or resolution
- Can be applied to a variety of inverse problems

Thank you