

# A Probabilistic Deep Image Prior for Computational Tomography

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## A brief primer on inverse problems

forward model

$$y_\delta = A\mathbf{x} + \eta$$

measurement data

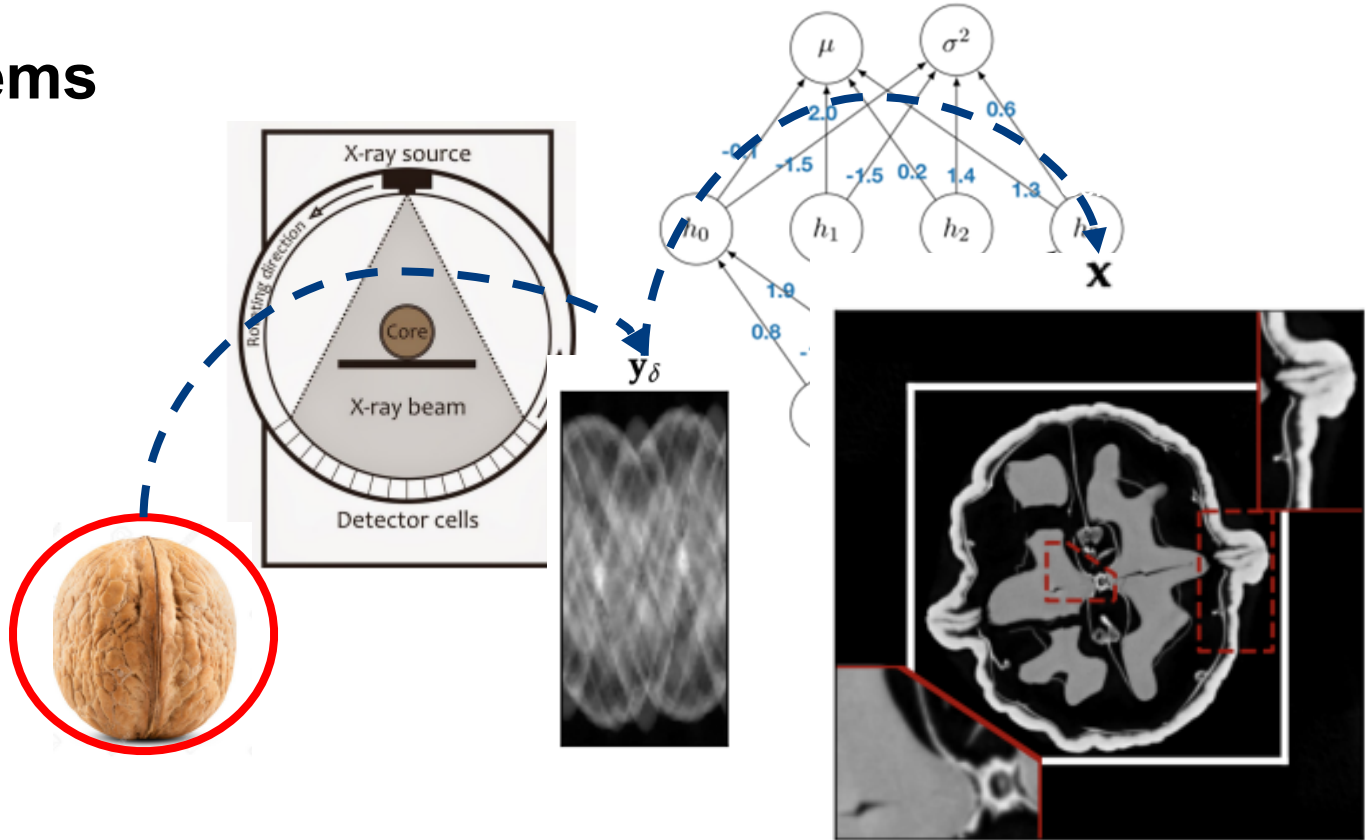
noise

### retrieving the unknown

$$\min_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{X}} \{l(\mathbf{x}) := d(A\mathbf{x}, y_\delta) + \lambda r(\mathbf{x})\}$$

### exploiting a priori knowledge

$$TV(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i,j} |X_{i,j} - X_{i+1,j}| + \sum_{i,j} |X_{i,j} - X_{i,j+1}|$$



Can we design a **neural Bayesian** prior to solve this task?



## A Bayesian approach to quantify uncertainty

in the **Bayesian framework**, instead of finding a **single** best image, the posterior distribution,

model evidence

prior beliefs

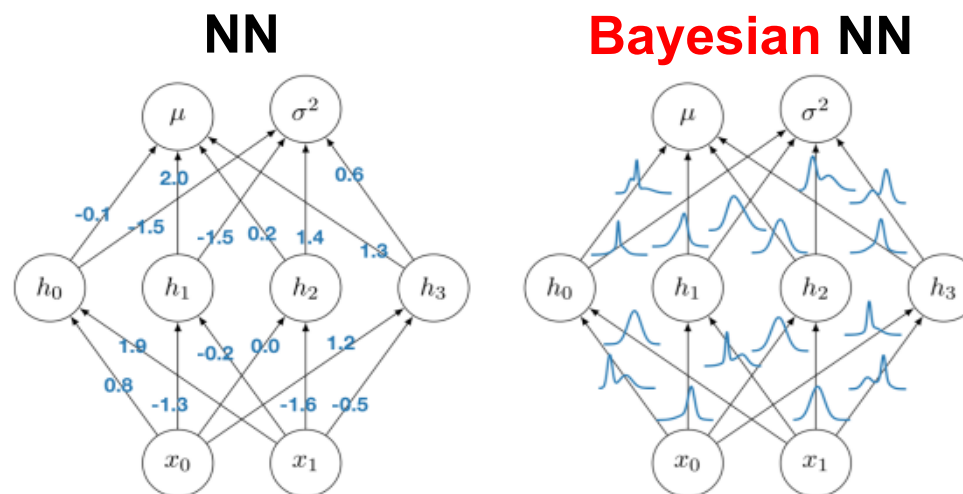
$$p(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{y}_\delta) = p(\mathbf{y}_\delta)^{-1} p(\mathbf{y}_\delta|\mathbf{x}) p(\mathbf{x}),$$

objective hyperparameters optimization

**scores** every image according to their **agreement** with the **observation** and the **prior belief**, and the **discrepancy** among these solutions acts as an **estimate of uncertainty**

## Tools for modelling uncertainty in deep learning

1. **Place** a prior distribution over NN parameters
2. **Define** some likelihood function to characterize the agreement of the NN function with the observations
3. **Update** the weight distribution using Bayes' rule





## The Laplace approximation

1. Train the neural network (find a mode)

$$\theta^* \in \operatorname{argmin}_{\theta \in \mathbb{R}^{d_\theta}} \left\{ \mathbb{1}(\mathcal{D}; \theta) := \sum_{i=1}^N \underbrace{d(\mathbf{x}^i, \mathbf{x}_*; \theta)} + \underbrace{r(\theta)} \right\}$$

$-\log p(\mathbf{x}^i | \mathbf{f}(A^\dagger \mathbf{y}_\delta^i; \theta)) - \log p(\theta)$

2. Approximate the (intractable) posterior distribution over the NN parameters

$$p(\theta | \mathcal{D}) \approx q(\theta) := \mathcal{N}(\theta; \theta^*, \Sigma_\theta), \quad \text{with} \quad \Sigma_\theta = - [\nabla_{\theta}^2 \mathbb{1}(\mathcal{D}; \theta)_{\theta=\theta^*}]^{-1}$$

3. Further... approximate

$$q_{\text{GGN}}(\theta) := \mathcal{N} \left( \theta; \theta^*, \left( J(A^\dagger \mathbf{y}_\delta; \theta)^\top \Lambda(A^\dagger \mathbf{y}_\delta; \mathbf{f}(\theta)) J(A^\dagger \mathbf{y}_\delta; \theta) + S_0^{-1} \right)_{\theta=\theta^*}^{-1} \right)$$

... further approximate ...

# The linearized Laplace method

A Gaussian can be a **very poor approximation** to the NN's posterior distribution ... yet **experimentally** it is a **very good** for a linear model

## 1. Linearization of the underlying BNN

Jacobian acts as **basis expansion**

$$h(\theta^*) := f(A^\dagger y_\delta; \theta^*) + \underbrace{J(A^\dagger y_\delta; \theta^*)}_{\text{Jacobian acts as basis expansion}}(\theta - \theta^*)$$

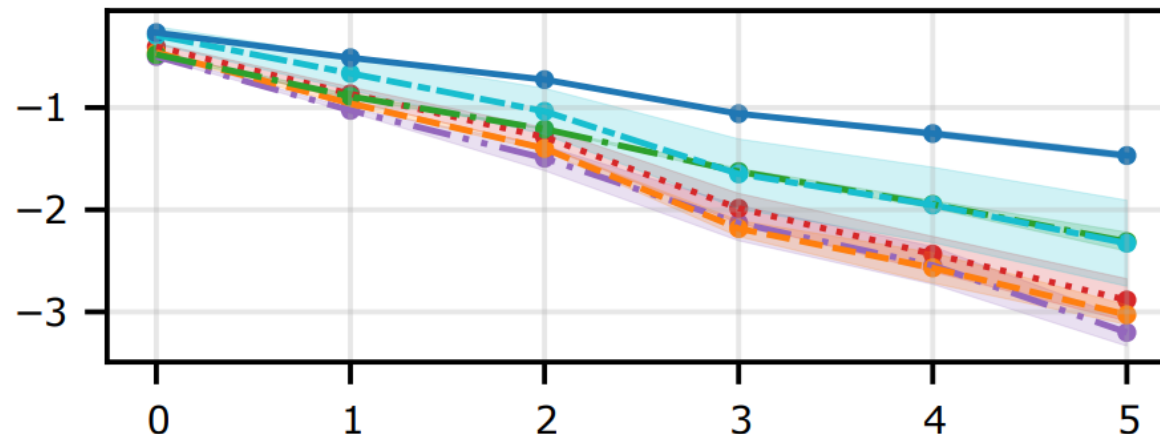
inducing a (GP) deep image prior

$$\mathbf{x} \sim \mathcal{N}(h(\mathbf{0}), \underbrace{J \Sigma_\theta(\ell, \sigma_\theta^2) J^\top}_{\text{Jacobian acts as basis expansion}})$$

we can now perform approximate inference in the **GP model** or solve it in **closed-form** for regression!

(Immer, 2021)

Image classification under **distribution shift**



### Model:

ResNet-18 with **11M** weights

### Inference:

Lin Laplace Subnetwork  
(Daxberger et. al. 2021)

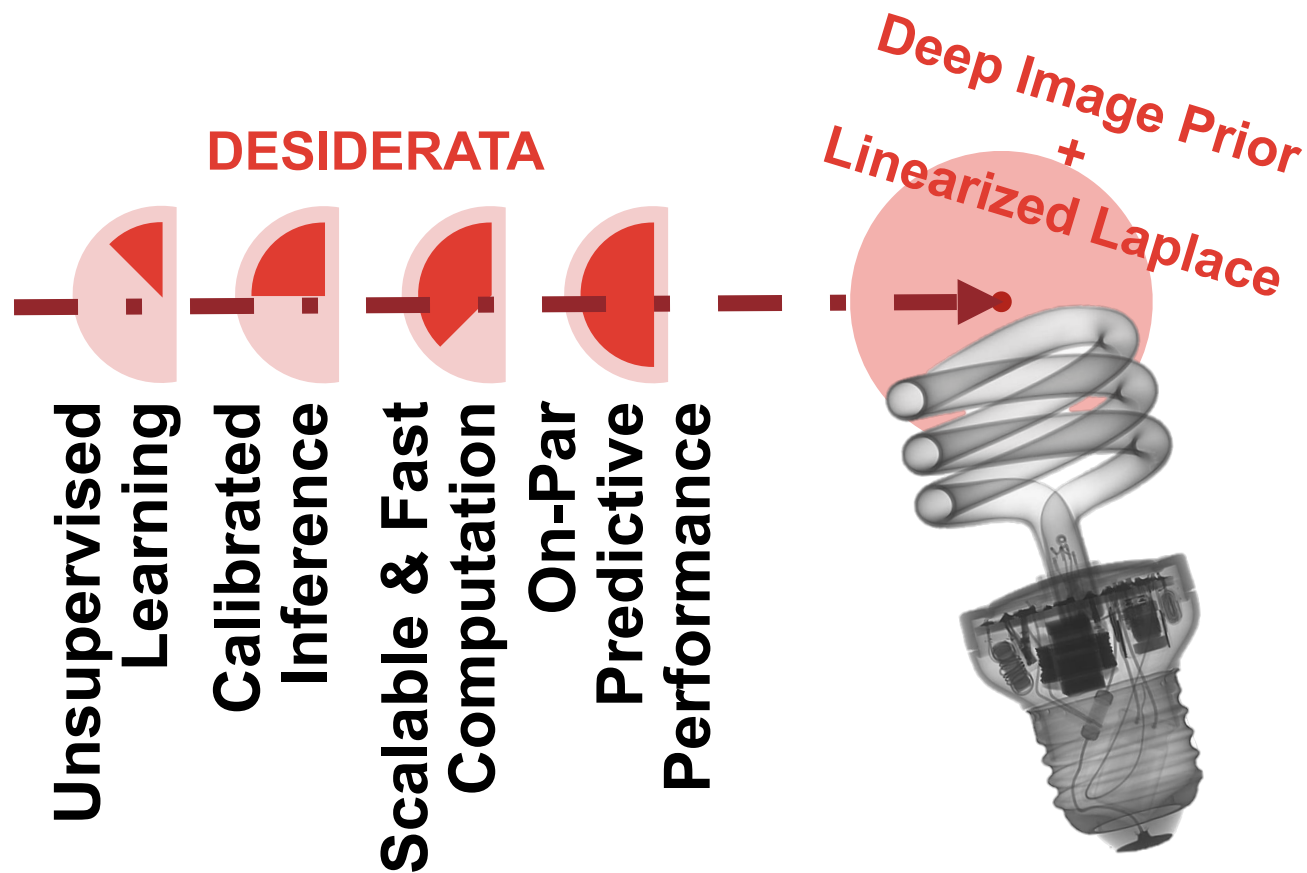
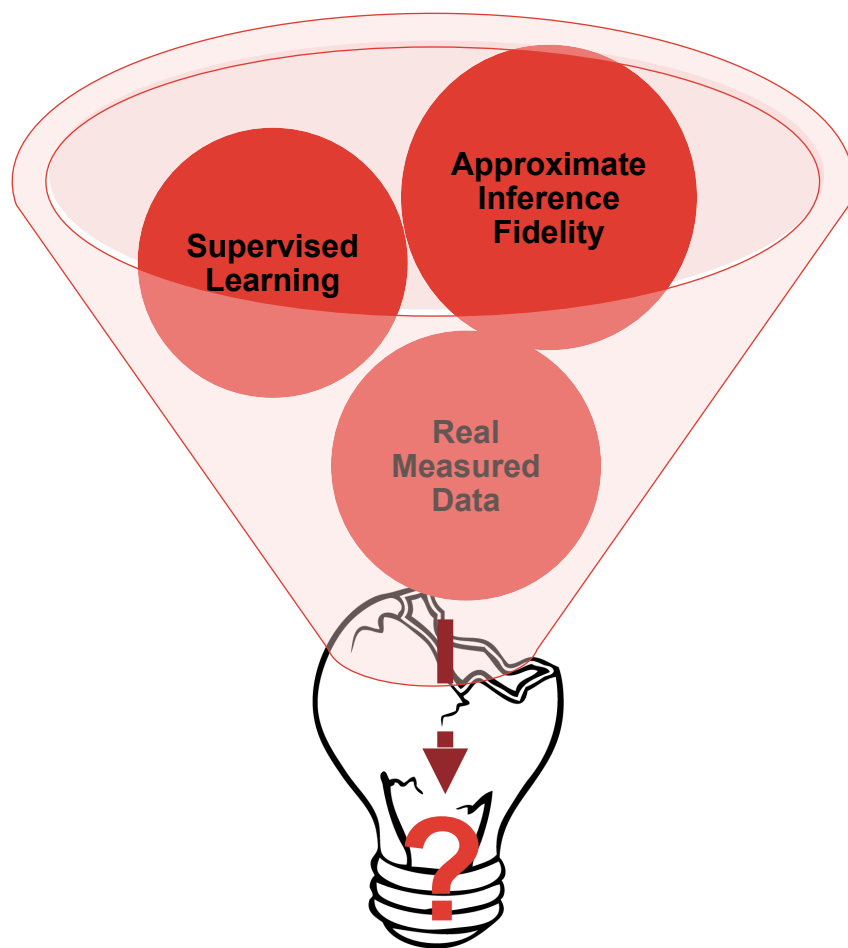
### Baselines:

- MAP
- Diagonal Laplace
- MC Dropout (Gal 2016)
- Deep Ensembles (Lakshminarayanan 2017)
- SWAG (Maddox 2019)

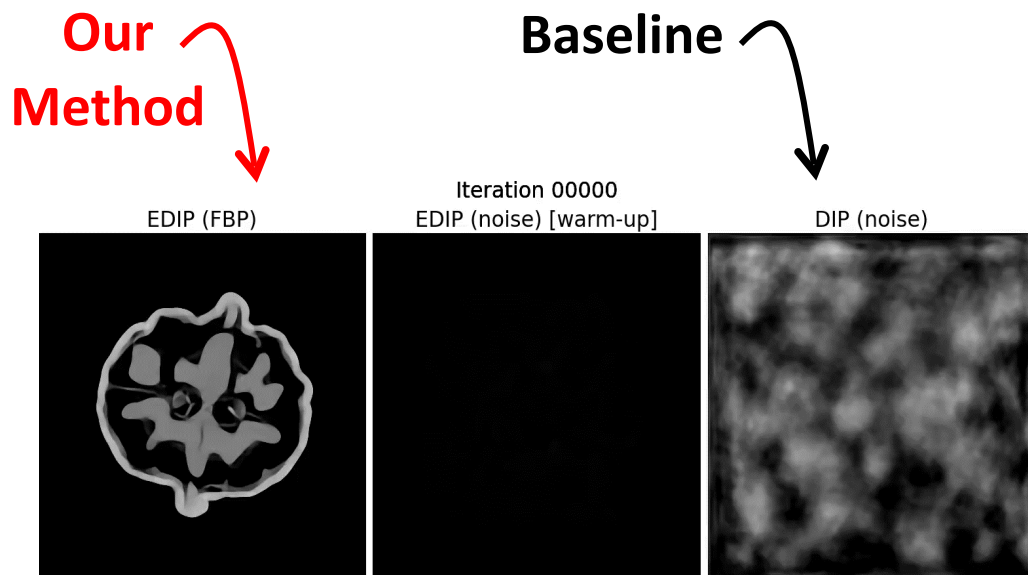
“Bayesian Deep Learning via Subnetwork Inference”



## The deep image prior for inverse problems



# Rethinking DIP – is DIP in need of a good education ?



**Stage 1:** Supervised pretraining on synthetic training data

$$\theta_s^* \in \operatorname{argmin}_{\theta \in \mathbb{R}^{d_\theta}} \left\{ \mathcal{L}_s(\theta) := \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \|f(A^\dagger y_\delta^i; \theta) - x^i\|_2^2 \right\}$$

**Stage 2:** Unsupervised fine-tuning on real measurement

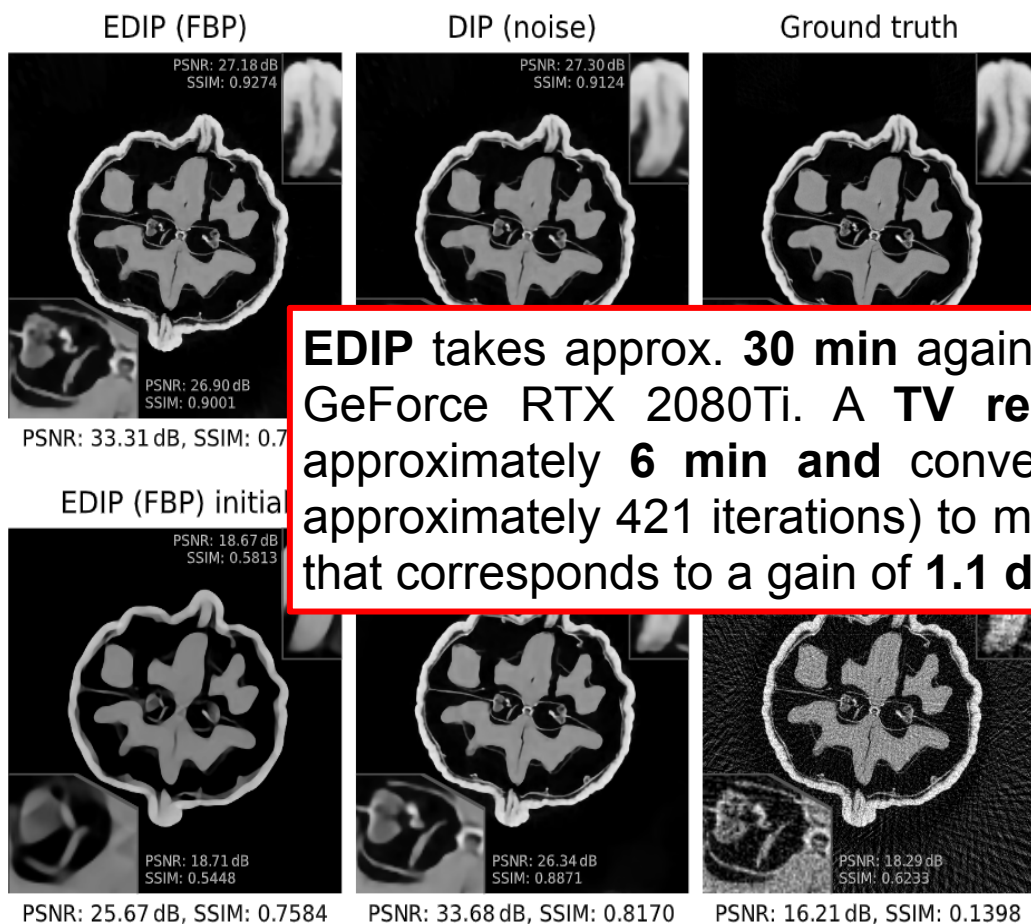
$$\theta_t^* \in \operatorname{argmin}_{\theta \in \mathbb{R}^{d_\theta}} \left\{ \mathcal{L}_t(\theta) := \|A f(\mathbf{z}; \theta) - y_\delta\|_2^2 + \lambda \operatorname{TV}(f(\mathbf{z}; \theta)) \right\},$$

$$\mathbf{x}^* = f(\mathbf{z}; \theta_t^*),$$

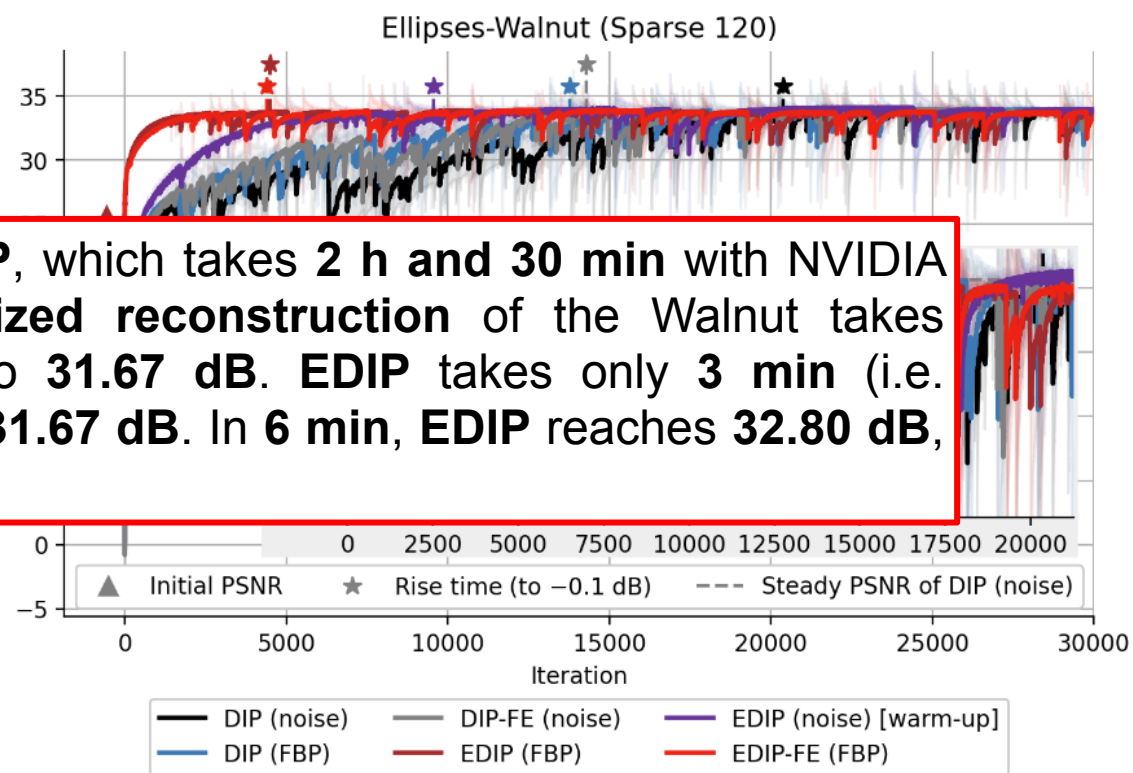
Can be interpreted as a MAP objective given a prior that constrains reconstructions to be the output of a U-net and have low TV



# Reconstructing the Walnut data



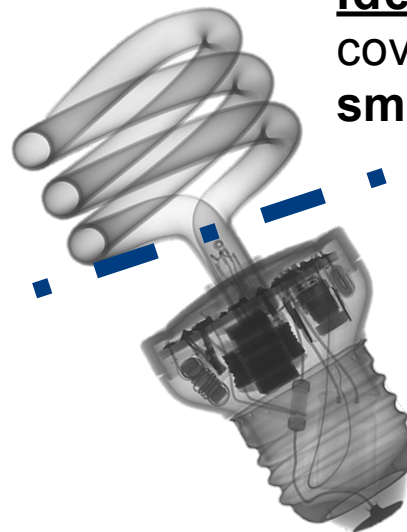
**EDIP takes approx. 30 min against DIP, which takes 2 h and 30 min with NVIDIA GeForce RTX 2080Ti. A TV regularized reconstruction of the Walnut takes approximately 6 min and converge to 31.67 dB. EDIP takes only 3 min (i.e. approximately 421 iterations) to match 31.67 dB. In 6 min, EDIP reaches 32.80 dB, that corresponds to a gain of 1.1 dB.**



## Building a probabilistic deep image prior

1. **Train** (educated) U-net with “standard objective”
2. **Build** Bayesian hierarchical model

**Idea:** build surrogate prior with a covariance kernel that **enforces TV smoothness**



$$y_\delta | \theta \sim \mathcal{N}(y_\delta; A\mathbf{h}(\theta), \sigma_y^2 \mathbf{I}),$$

$$\theta | \ell \sim \mathcal{N}(\theta; \mathbf{0}, \Sigma_\theta(\ell, \sigma_\theta^2)), \quad \ell \sim p(\ell)$$

$$p(\ell) = \prod_{d=1}^D p(\ell_d) = \prod_{d=1}^D \text{Exp}(\lambda \kappa_d) \left| \frac{\partial \kappa_d}{\partial \ell_d} \right|,$$

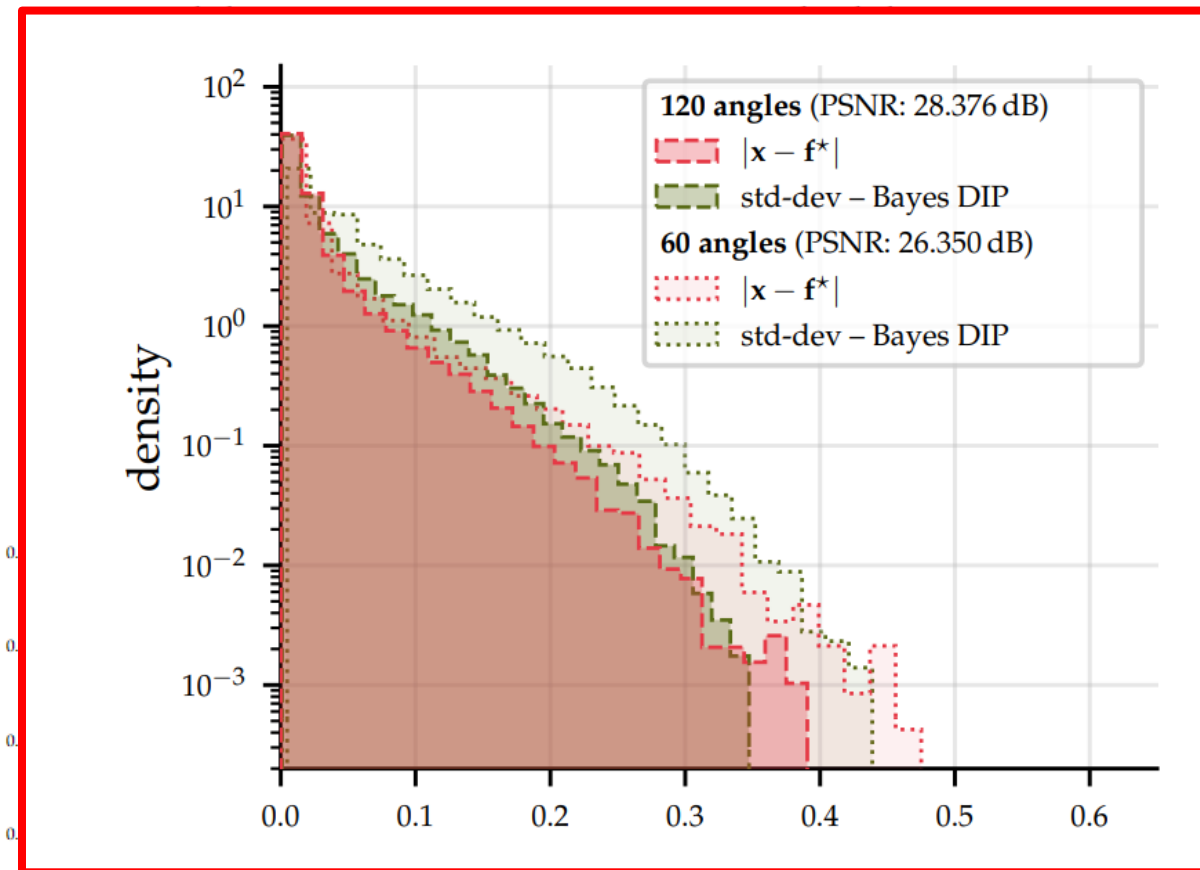
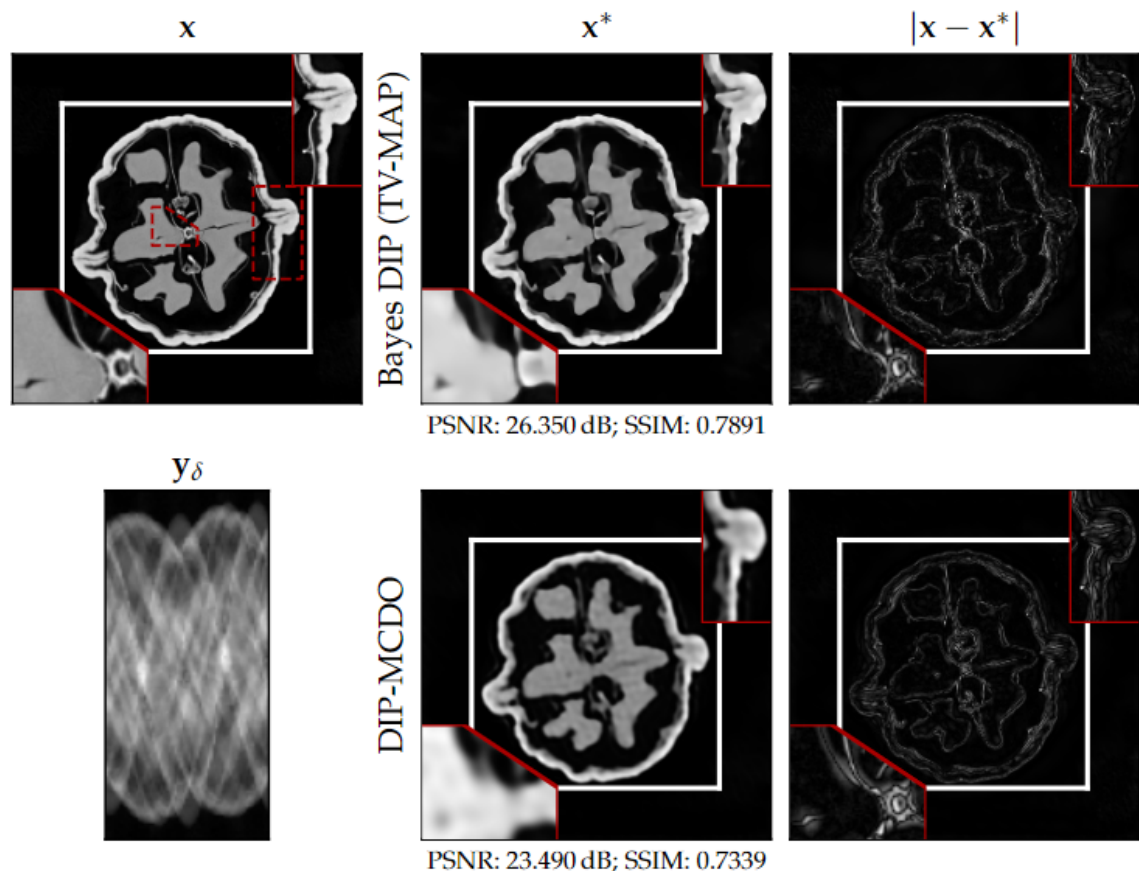
with  $\kappa_d := \mathbb{E}_{p(\theta_d | \ell_d; \sigma_d^2)} \prod_{i=1, i \neq d}^D \delta(\theta_i) [\text{TV}(\mathbf{h}(\theta))]$

3. **Optimize** hyperparameters with **marginal likelihood**
4. **Predict (UQ)!**

	wall-clock time
DIP optim. w/ pretraining	7m
Hyperparam. optim. with CG	7h:50m
Assemble $\Sigma_{yy}$	2h:30m
Draw $k$ posterior samples (without CG)	16m ( $k = 2^{10}$ )

# Probabilistic DIP for high resolution CT

Our method remains well-calibrated in this setting!





## Summary/Contributions

1. **Designing** a tractable Bayesian prior over reconstructed images mimicking the TV
2. **Combining** such a prior with the linearized Laplace method to obtain more calibrated uncertainty estimates than existing DIP approaches
3. **Proposing** an efficient implementation of the method.

## Relevant literature

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**Thank you for listening**



## Appendix

### $\mu$ CT Measurement Data

- Cone-beam measurements using 3 source positions
- 1200 equidistant angles over  $[0, 360^\circ)$
- Reduce geometry to 2D volume slice, selecting a subset of measurement pixels
- Assemble forward operator as a sparse matrix for image resolution  $(501 \text{ px})^2$  from given geometry
- Sparse-view task: reconstruct from 120 (or 60) angles (10x/ 20x subs.)
- Ground truth publicly available

