

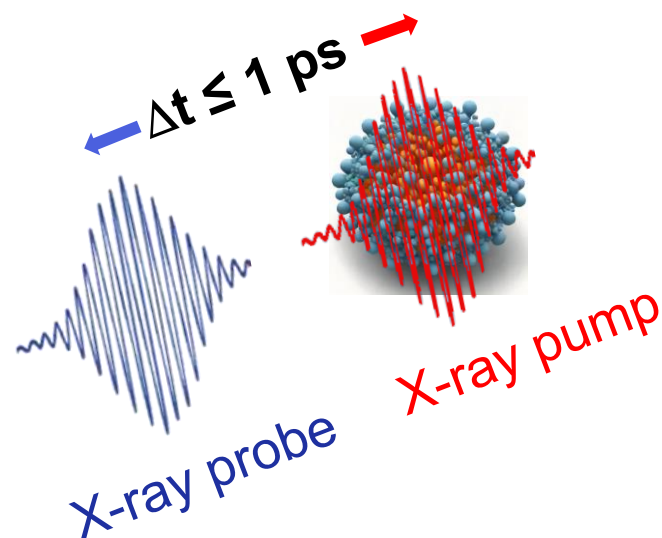
Neural networks for FEL diffraction image separation

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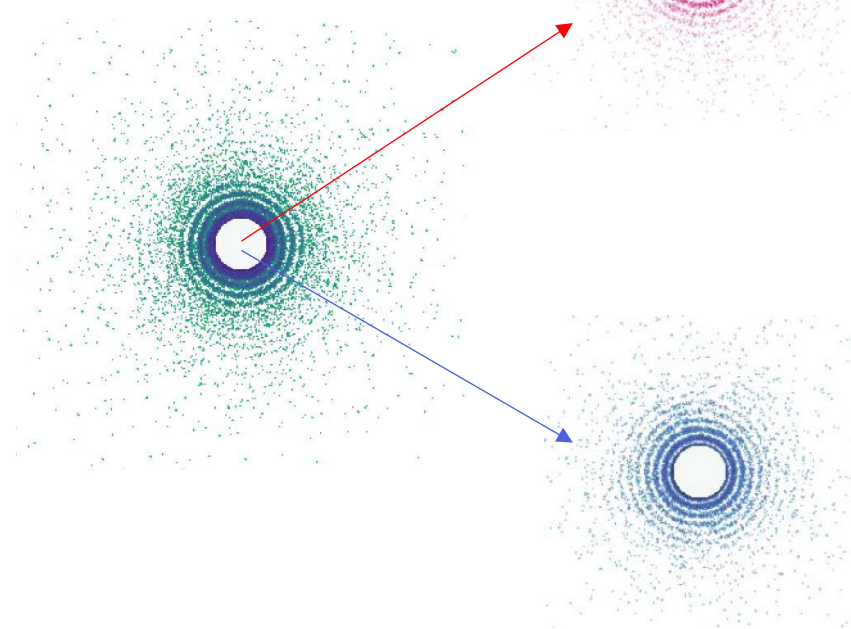
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Problem setting



Superimposed image
on detector



Pump CDI / initial state

Probe CDI / evolved state

Dataset available:

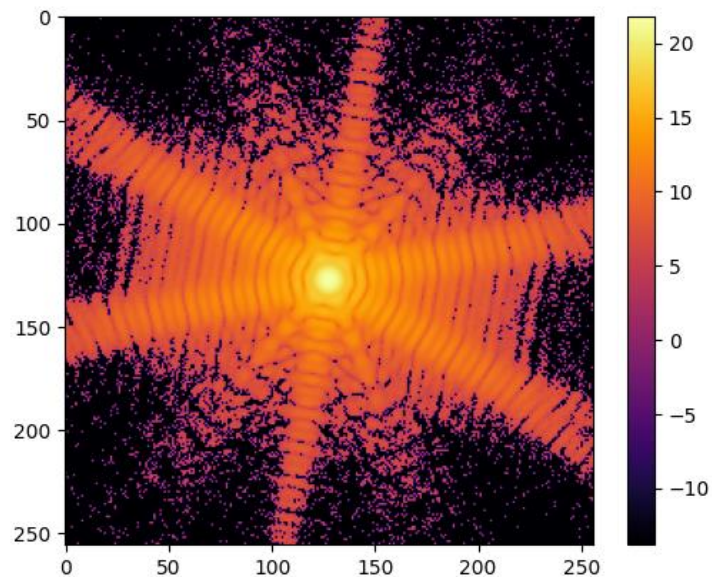
■ Pump

■ Superimposed images

Datasets are unpaired
No probe dataset

Challenge $\Rightarrow$ Separate superimposed images

Feed-forward CNN

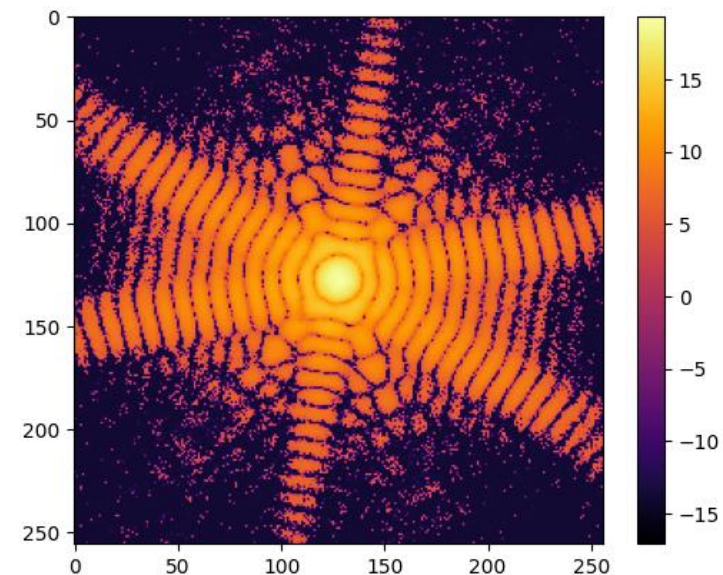


Mixture image



Possible likelihood:

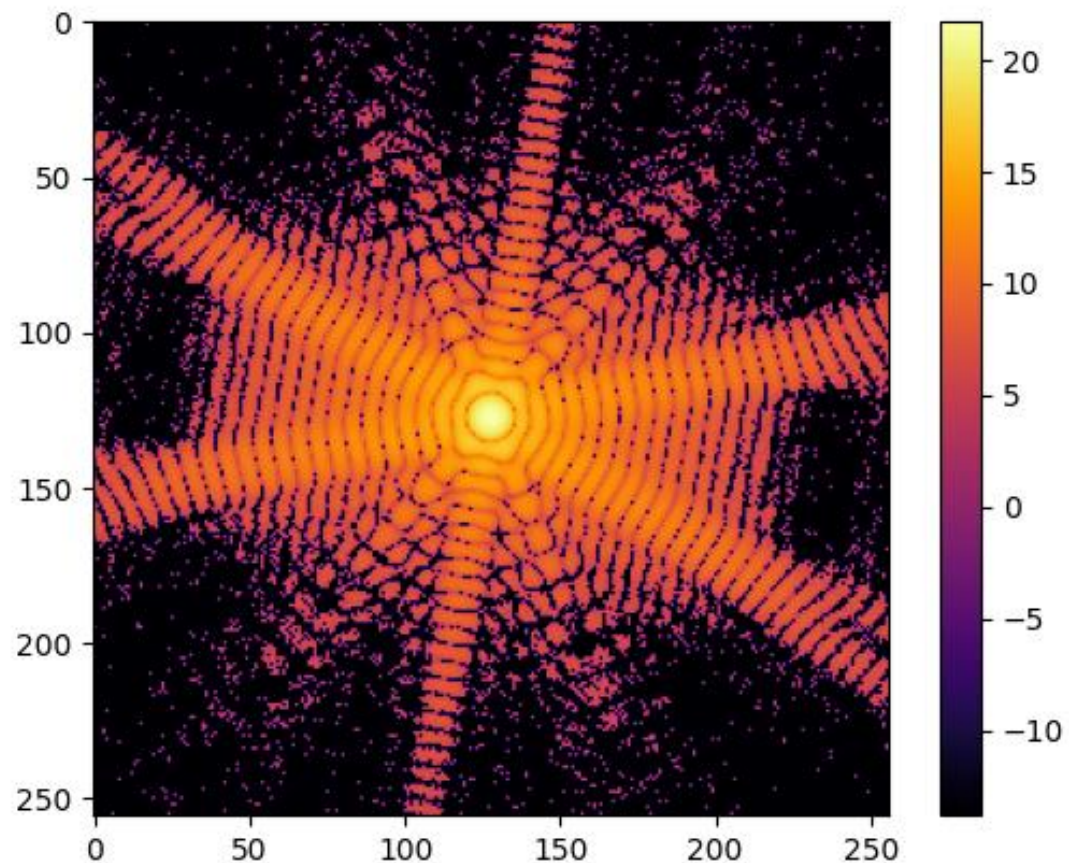
- Normal
- Poisson



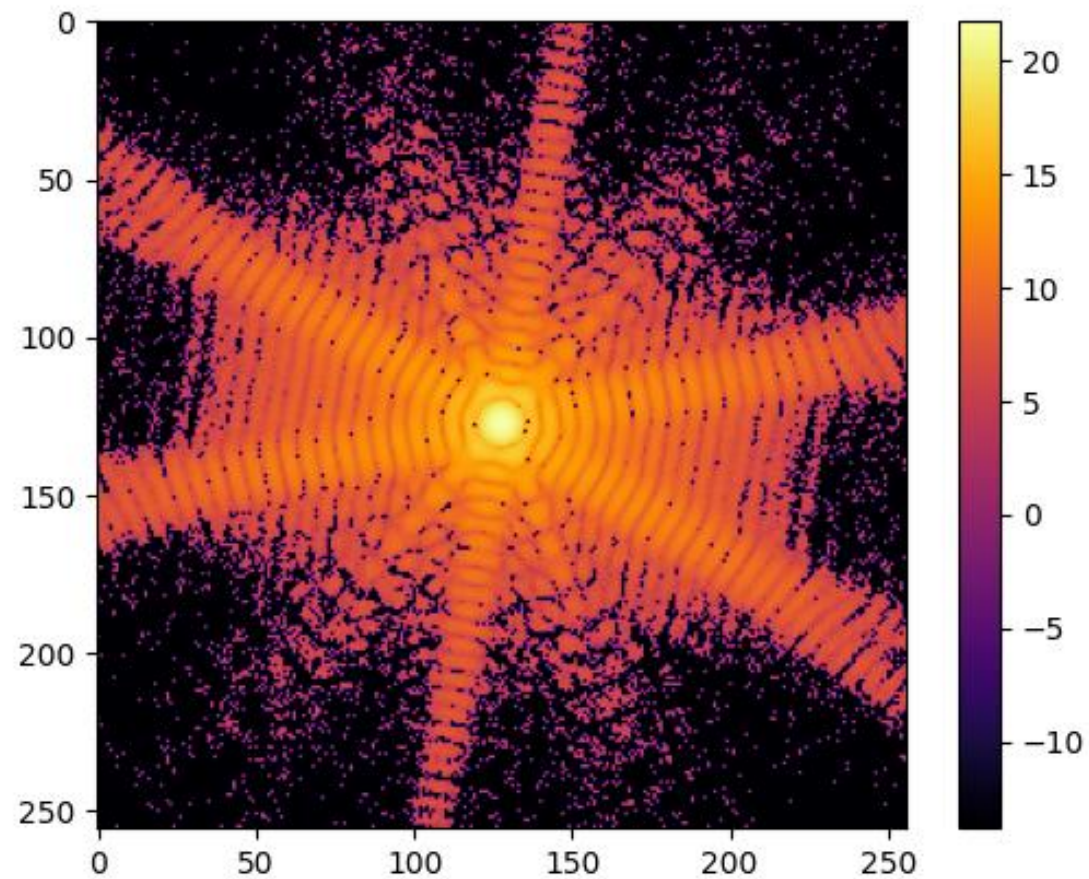
Pump image

**Trained with realistic pulse
simulations**

Probe U-Net Retrieval Results



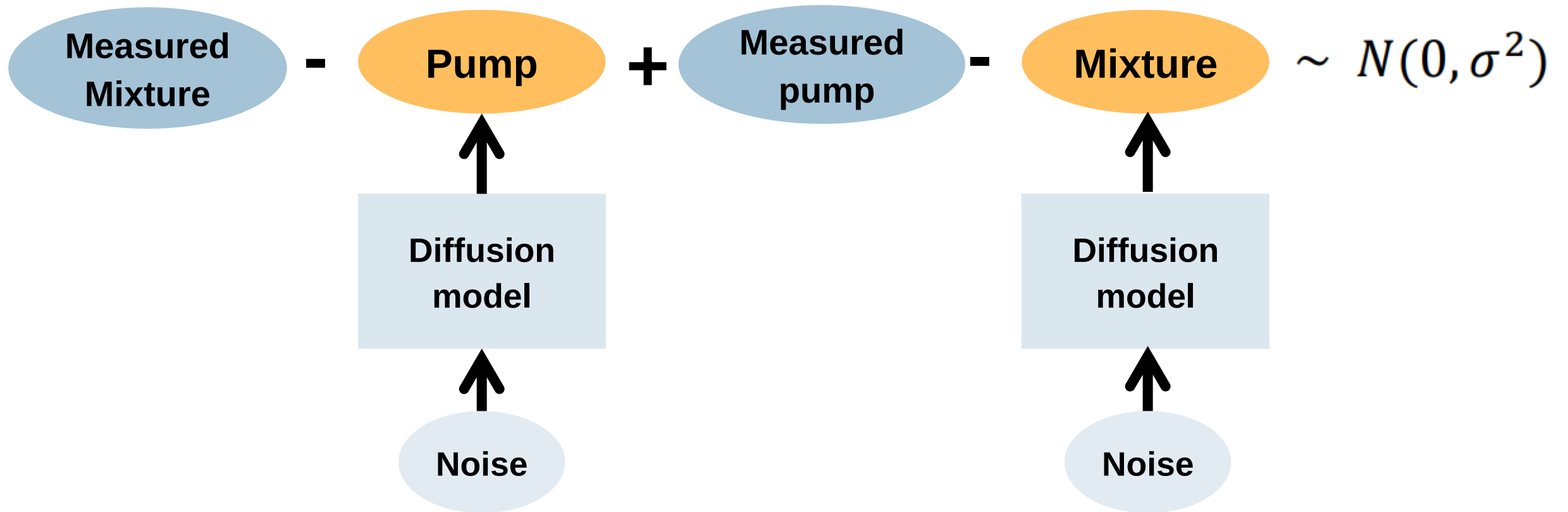
Ground Truth



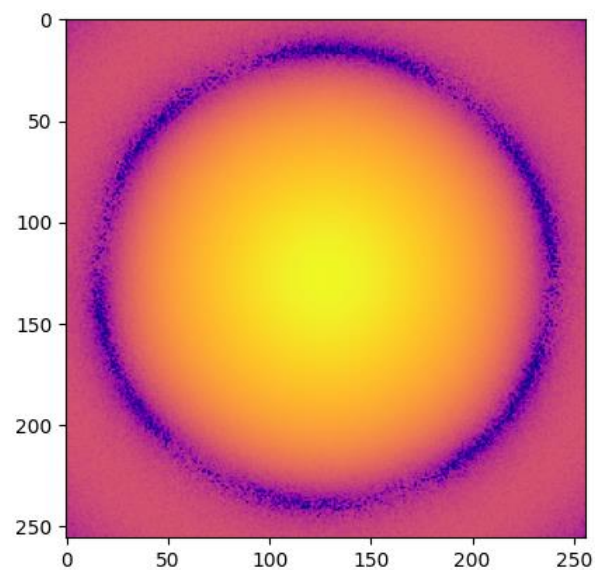
Retrieved probe

Diffusion model pipeline

How to handle missing pairing and unrealistic simulations?

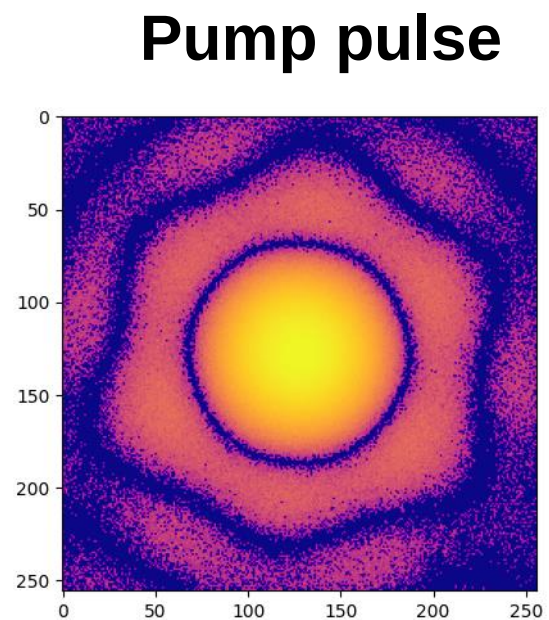


Diffusion Retrieval Results

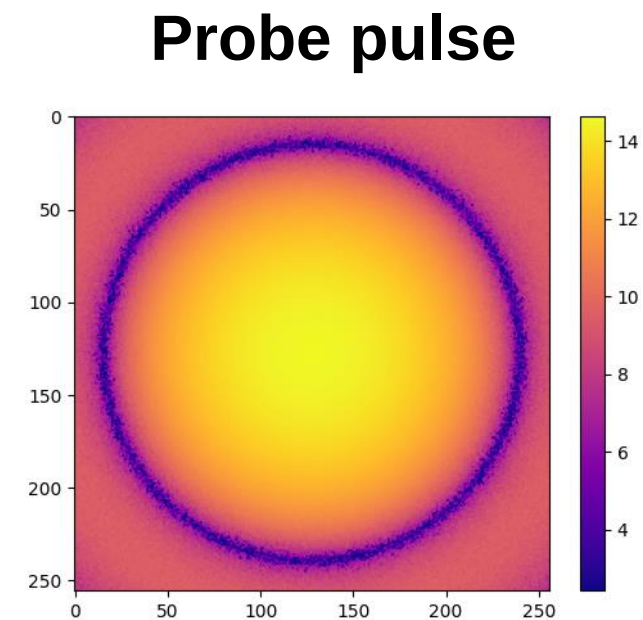


Mixture image

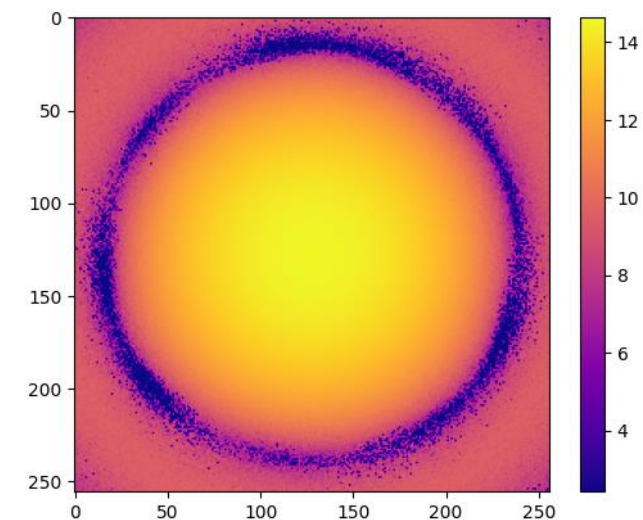
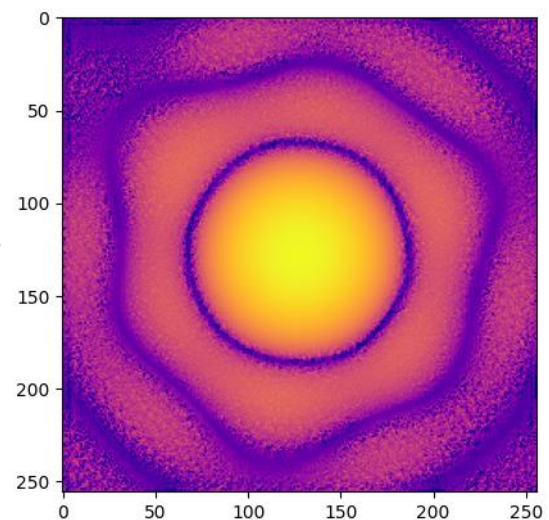
Ground Truth



Pump pulse



Probe pulse



Retrieved pulses

Summary and outlook

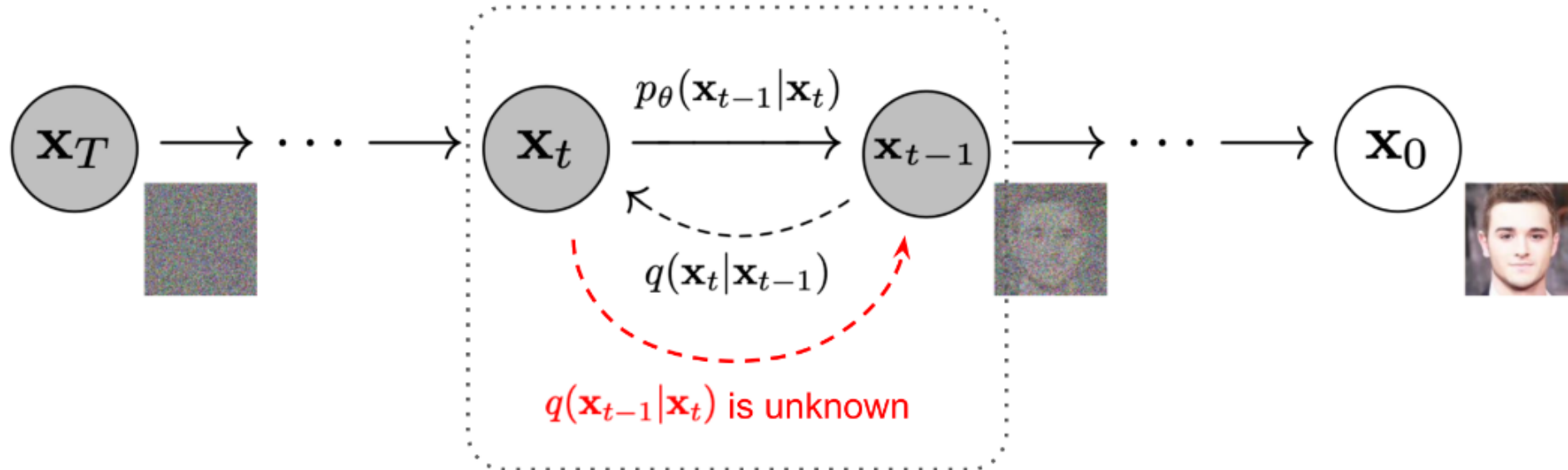
- Developed two strategies: feed-forward NN (validation) and diffusion model approach
- Results display high uncertainty around diffraction minima
- **Plans:** Improve loss function and preprocessing scheme

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Diffusion model



- Capable of modeling pump and mixture distributions
- We use U-Net model (5M params) to estimate the parameters of an unknown distribution
- It takes the noisified image and a timestamp to predict parameters

Guidance at timestep t : idea

- Train pump diffusion model and mixture diffusion model
- Compute probe pulse in two different ways
- Difference between these results is a Gaussian with zero mean
- Update conditional distribution parameters for samples at timestep $t - 1$