A. PnF Sampling Details and Hyper-Parameters

We broadly adopt the geometric annealing schedule and hyper-parameters of annealed Langevin dynamics introduced in Song & Ermon (2019) and elaborated upon in Song & Ermon (2020). For both the PixelCNN++ and WaveNet models, we found that we needed additional intermediate noise levels to generate quality samples. We also found that good sample quality using these models required a smaller learning rate and mixing for more iterations than previous work (Song & Ermon, 2019; Jayaram & Thickstun, 2020). We speculate that the need for more levels of annealing and slower mixing could be a attributable to the autoregressive model parameterization, because also required a finer annealing and mixing schedule for the WaveNet models. Detailed hyper-parameters for the PixelCNN++ and WaveNet experiments are presented in Appendix B and C respectively.

Previous work makes the empirical observation that gradients of a noisy model $p_{\sigma}(\mathbf{x})$ are inverse-proportional to the variance of the noise: $\mathbb{E} \|\nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \log p_{\sigma}(\mathbf{x}^{(t)})\|^2 \propto 1/\sigma^2$ (Song & Ermon, 2019). This motivates the choice of learning rate $\eta \propto \sigma^2$. The empirical scale of the gradients is conjectured in Jayaram & Thickstun (2020) to be a consequence of "severe non-smoothness of the noiseless model $p(\mathbf{x})$." That work goes on to show that, if $p(\mathbf{x})$ were a Dirac spike, then exact inverse-proportionality of the gradients would hold in expectation. For the discretized autoregressive models discussed in this work, the noiseless distribution $p(\mathbf{x})$ is genuinely a mixture of Dirac spikes, and so the analysis in Jayaram & Thickstun (2020) applies without caveats to these models and justifies the choice $\eta \propto \sigma^2$ (the precise constant of proportionality remains application dependent, and discussed in the experimental details sections).

B. PixelCNN++ Experimental Details

Our visual sampling experiments are performed using a PixelCNN++ model $p(\mathbf{x})$ trained on CIFAR-10. Specifically, we used a public implementation of PixelCNN++ written by Lucas Caccia, available at:

https://github.com/pclucas14/pixel-cnn-pp.

We used the pre-trained weights for this model shared by Lucas Caccia (at the link above) with a reported test-set log loss of 2.95 bits per dimension. For the models $p_{\sigma}(\mathbf{x})$, we fine-tuned the pre-trained model for 10 epochs at each noise level σ^2 . We adopt the geometric annealing schedule proposed in Song & Ermon (2019) for annealing σ^2 , beginning at $\sigma_1 = 1.0$ and ending at $\sigma_L = 0.01$ using L = 19 noise levels. This is double the number of noise levels used in previous work (Song & Ermon, 2019; Jayaram & Thickstun, 2020). We also found that sample quality improved using a smaller learning rate and mixing for more iterations than reported in previous work. For conditional sampling tasks, we set $\delta = 3e - 06$ and T = 300 in contrast to $\delta = 2e - 05$ and T = 100 used in previous work. In wall-clock time, we find that conditional PixelCNN++ sampling tasks require approximately 60 minutes to generate a batch of 16 samples using a 1080Ti GPU.

C. WaveNet Experimental Details

Our audio sampling experiments are performed using a WaveNet model $p(\mathbf{x})$ trained on both the VCTK and Supra Piano datasets. We used the public implementation of Wavenet written by Ryuichi Yamamoto available at:

https://github.com/r9y9/wavenet_vocoder.

For all audio experiments, where data is encoded between $\{0..255\}$, we use L = 15 noise levels geometrically spaced between $\sigma = 175.9$ and $\sigma = 0.15$. The same noise levels are also used for the sampling speed and quality results presented in Figures 2 and 3. For all experiments, the number of Langevin steps per noise level is T = 256, except for Figure 2 where this parameter is varied to highlight changes in likelihood. The learning rate multiper $\delta = 0.05$ is used for all experiments. The Markov window w is based on the underlying architecture. When training the fine-tuned noise models, all training hyperparameters are kept the same as the original WaveNet implementation. For the WaveNet implementation used in this paper, this is 6, 139 samples which is roughly 0.3 seconds at a 22kHz sample rate Please refer to the WaveNet paper or the public WaveNet implementation for training details.

As discussed in the WaveNet paper (van den Oord et al., 2016a), 8-bit μ -law encoding results in a higher fidelity representation of audio than 8-bit linear encoding. For most experiments, the observation constraint y = g(x) is still linear even under a μ -law encoding of x. However, for source separation, the constraint $y = x_1 + x_2$ is no longer linear under μ -law encoding. Consequently, we use an 8-bit linear encoding of x for source separation experiments to avoid a change of variables calculation. To facilitate a fair comparison, all ground truths and baselines shown in the demos use the corresponding μ -law or linear 8-bit encoding.

In the source separation experiments, all mixtures were created with 1/2 gain on each source component. Due to the natural variation of loudness in the training datasets, we find that our model generalizes to mixtures without exactly 1/2 gain on each source. The real life source separation result on the project website shows that we can separate a mixture in the wild when we have no information about the relative loudness of each component.

D. Additional PixelCNN++ Sampling Results

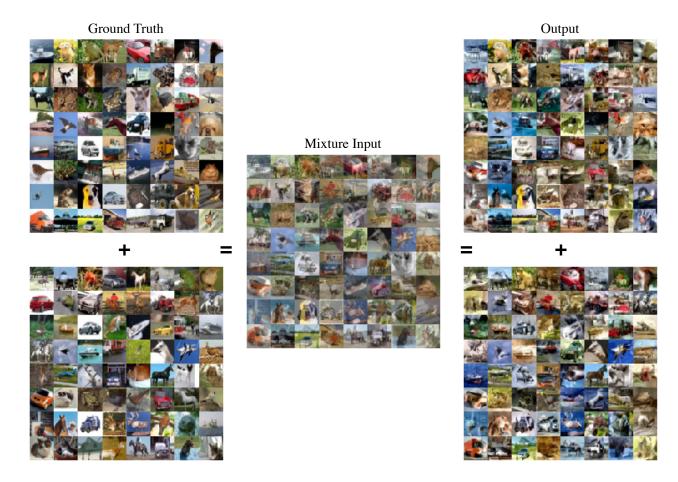


Figure 5. Additional uncurated results of PnF source separation (Section 4.4) for mixtures of CIFAR-10 test-set images using a PixelCNN++ prior trained on CIFAR-10.



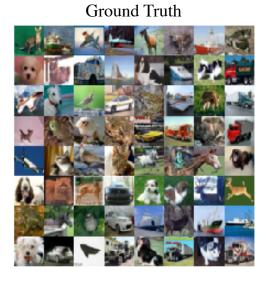
Down-Sampled Input



Output



Figure 6. Additional uncurated results of PnF super-resolution (Section 4.5) applied to down-sampled CIFAR-10 test-set images using a PixelCNN++ prior trained on CIFAR-10.



Masked Input



Output



Figure 7. Additional uncurated results of PnF inpainting (Section 4.6) applied to masked CIFAR-10 test-set images using a PixelCNN++ prior trained on CIFAR-10.