

# Looks Too Good To Be True: Analysis of Hallucinations in Generative Restoration Models

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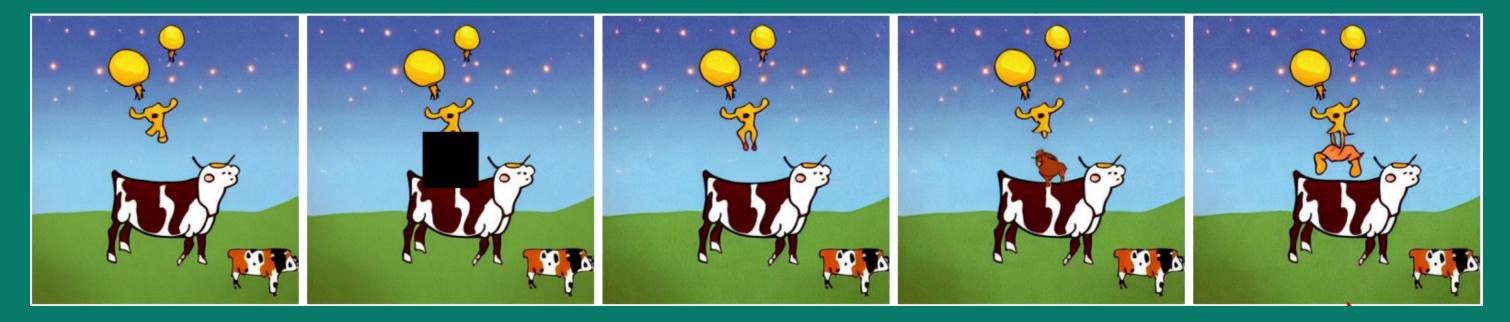


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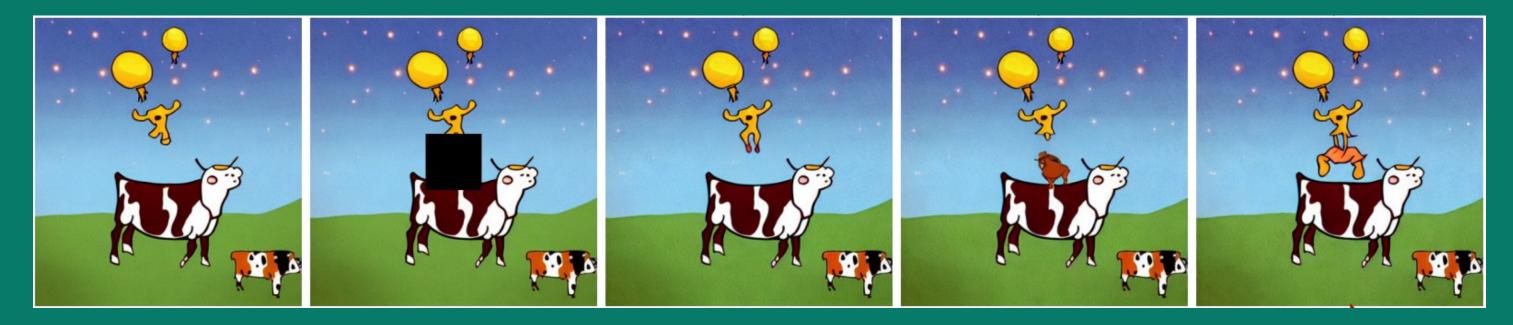


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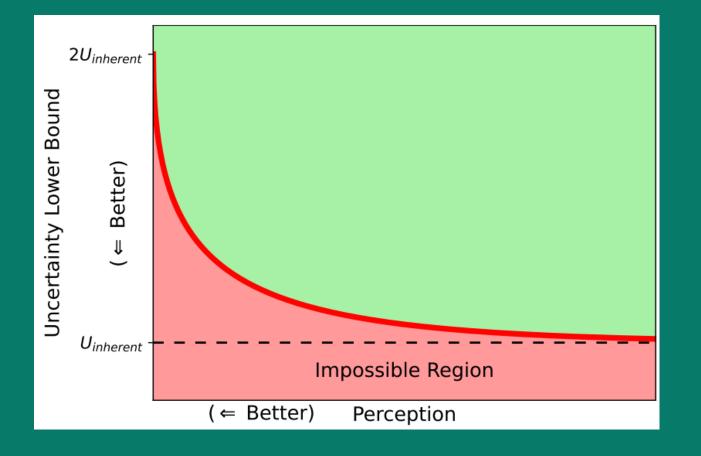
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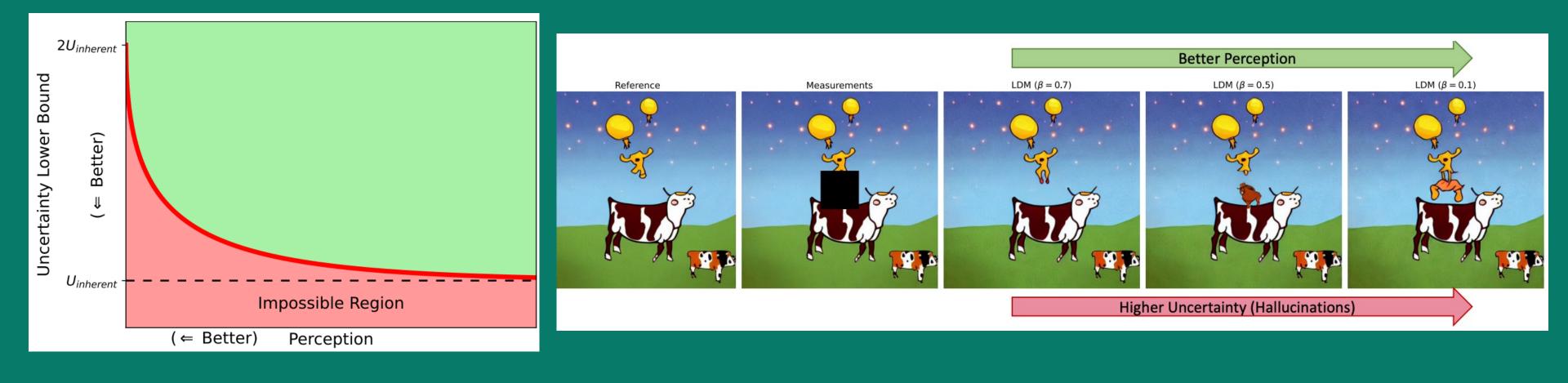


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In words, the minimal attainable uncertainty for models achieving perceptual quality of at least P.

Perception  $D_{\nu}(X, \hat{X}|Y)$  - divergence between the true and estimated distributions.

Uncertainty  $N(\hat{X} - X|Y)$  - entropy power of the estimation error given the observation information.

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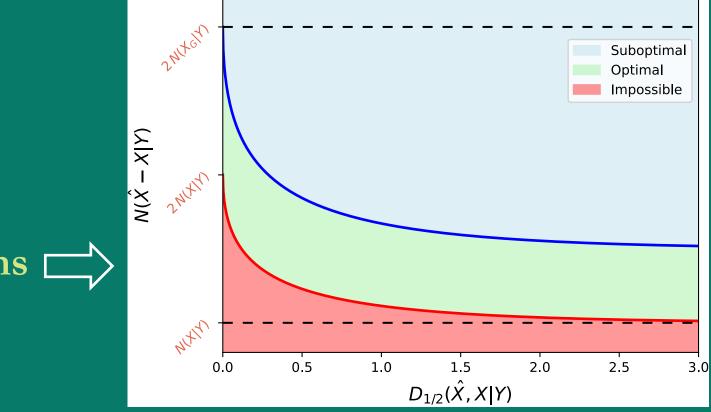
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- For Rényi divergence,  $1 \le \eta(P) \le 2$  is a convex function, • categorizing algorithms into 3 distinct performance domains

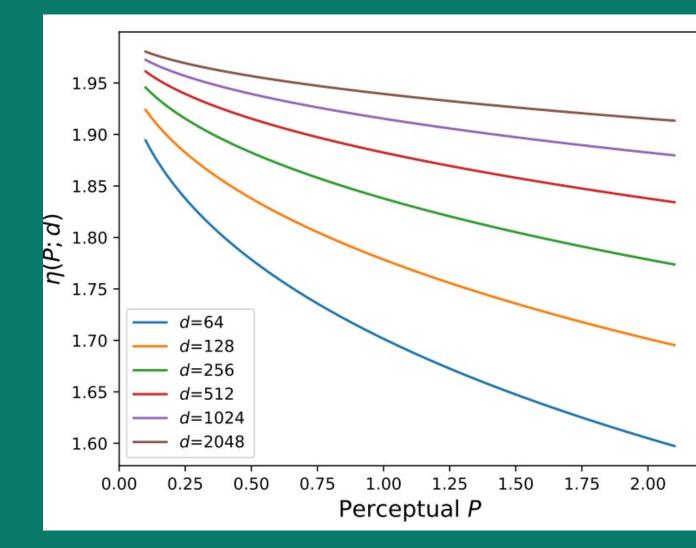
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**Uncertainty-Perception Plane** 



# Impact of Dimensionality

The tradeoff intensifies in higher dimensions! So minor improvements in perceptual quality leads to dramatic increase in uncertainty



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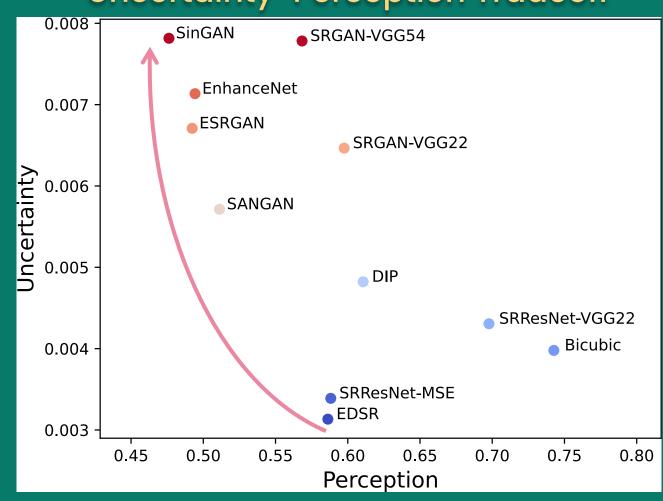
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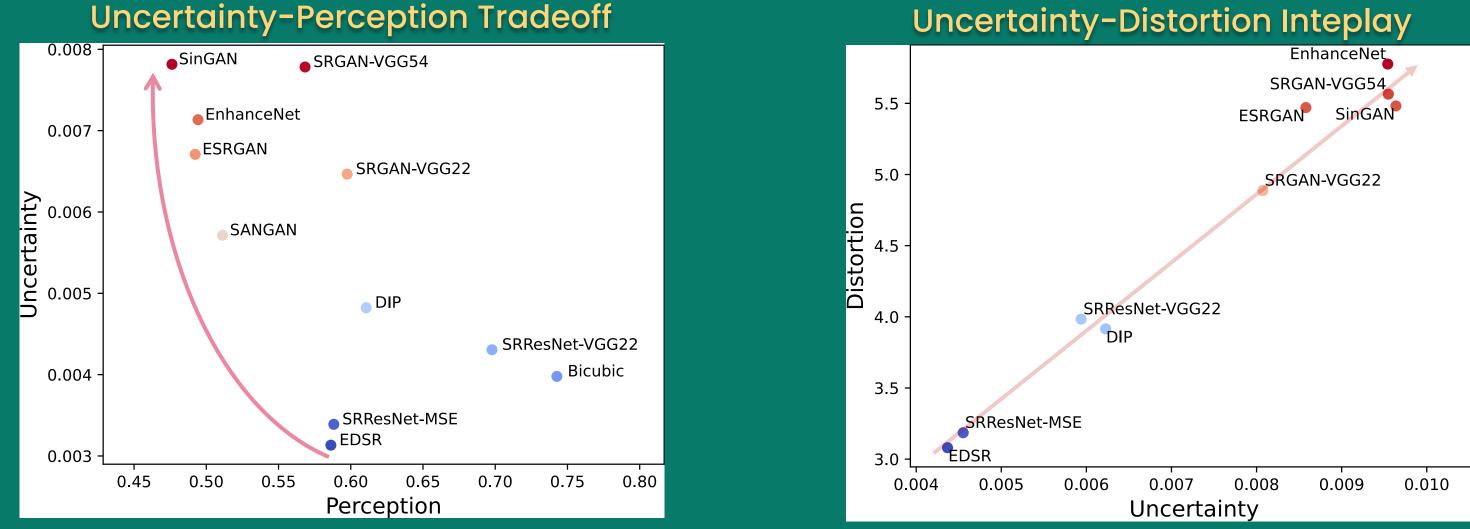
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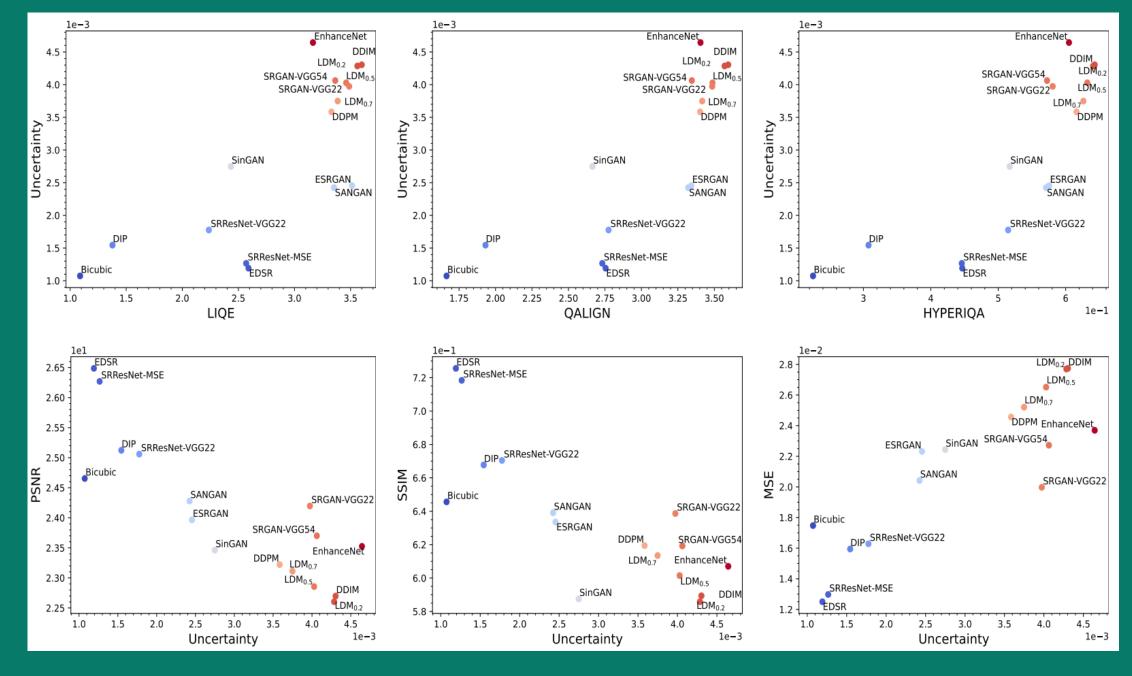
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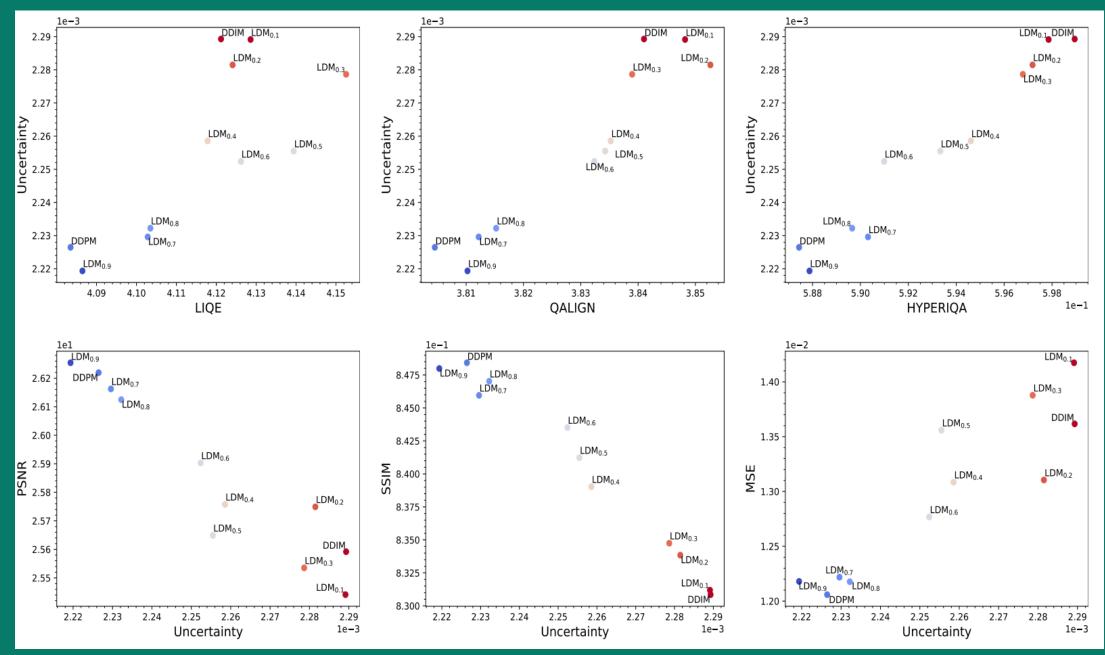


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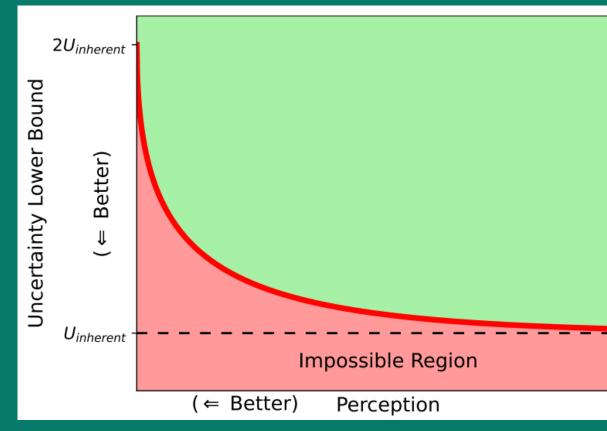
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Raising awareness of this tradeoff is crucial for promoting safety and reliability over purely perceptual.







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