

Meta-learning Sparse Implicit Neural Representations

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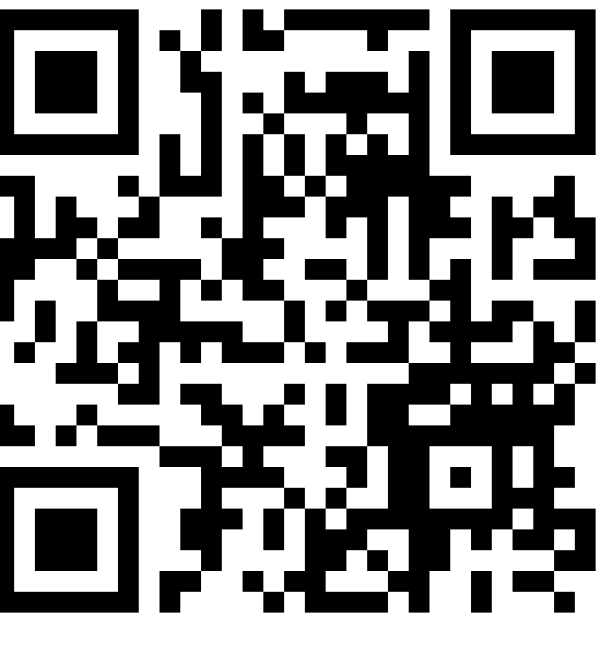
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Summary. **Implicit Neural Representation** (INR) is a new paradigm to represent each data point as a neural net. We propose a compute efficient meta-learning method to train **sparse INRs** of a dataset.



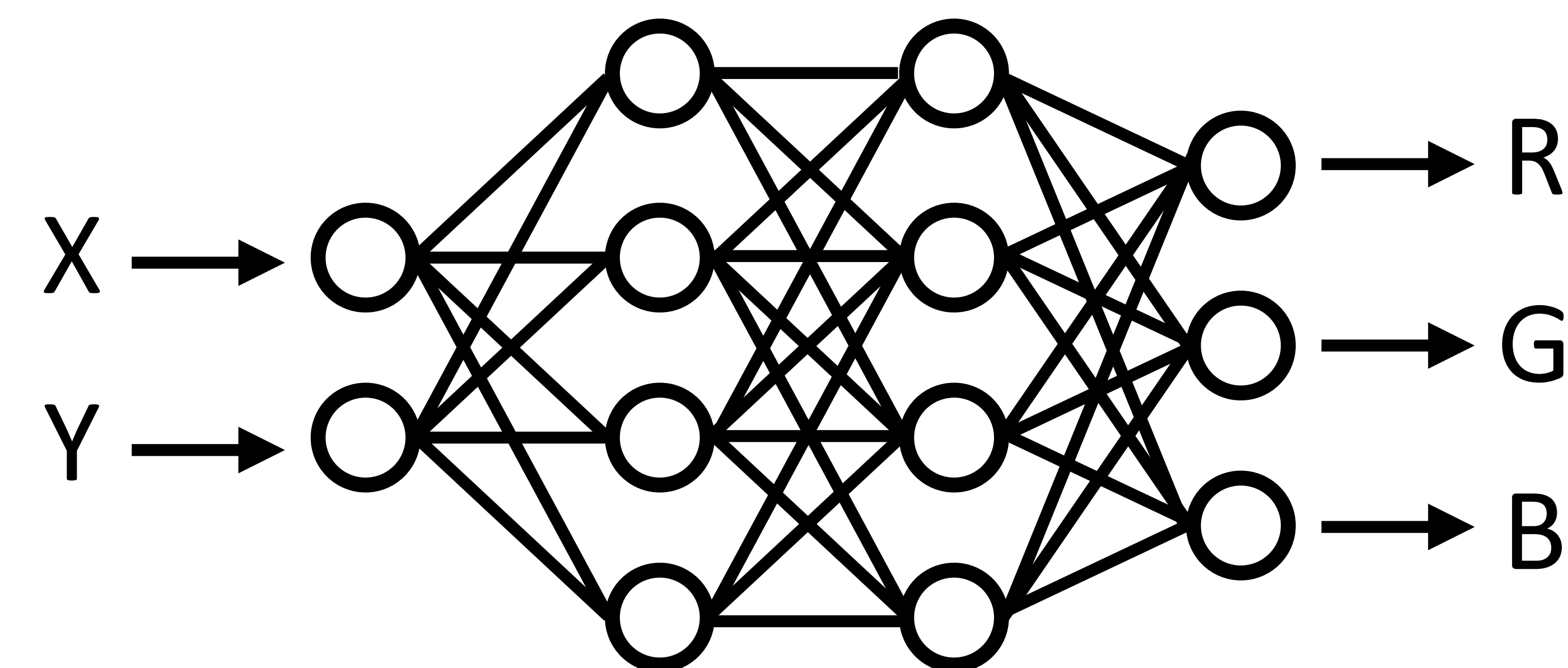
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Background

INR represents each data as a neural network approximating coordinate-to-signal mappings. For instance, an RGB image can be represented by a function $f_{\theta} : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$



INRs became popular, as it has several practical advantages over classical methods (e.g., pixels).

Challenge: Scalability

If we want to represent a large-scale dataset, we need a huge **computation & storage** capacity.

Q. Can we efficiently train **Sparse INRs** for a large number of data?

≈ How can we efficiently train sparse models for multiple related datasets?

Framework

We formulate this problem as learning a good “**Sparse Initial INR**” which requires small training budget to fit each data.

Formally, we can write as

$$\min_{\theta^{(0)}} \min_{\substack{M \in \{0,1\}^d \\ \|M\|_0 \leq \kappa}} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^N \mathcal{L}_j(M \odot \theta^{(t)}(T_j, \theta^{(0)}))$$

Here, $(M, \theta^{(0)})$ is the mask & initial parameter, $\theta^{(t)}(T_j, \theta^{(0)})$ denote a t -step SGD-updated $\theta^{(0)}$ to fit the image T_j , and \mathcal{L}_j denotes the loss with respect to the image T_j .

Method: Meta-Sparse INR

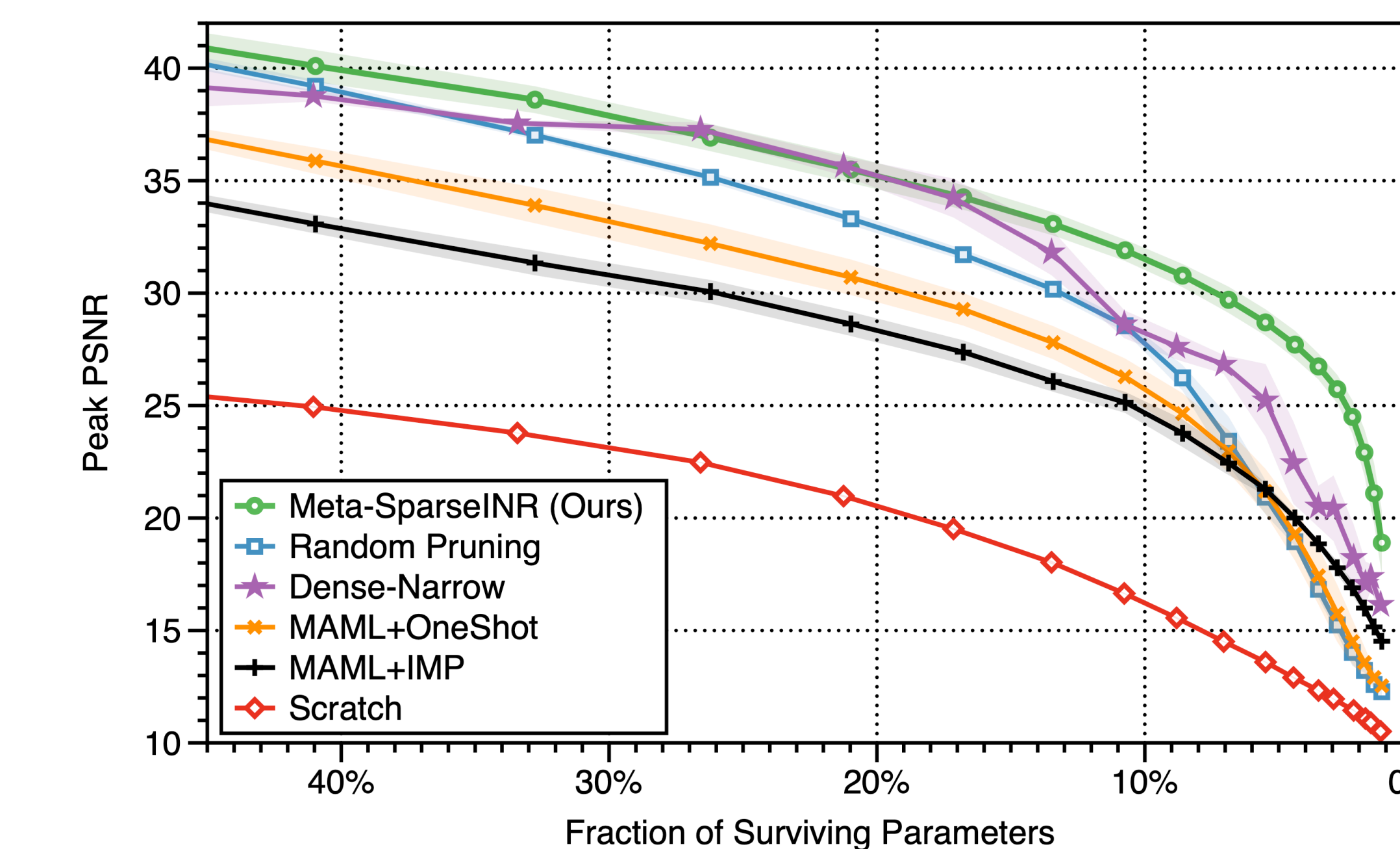
We propose using a three-step procedure.

1. Train an initialized INR over a set of images using a **meta-learning** algorithm (e.g., MAML).
2. Prune a fraction of surviving weights using the **magnitude-based pruning**.
3. **Retrain** the INR, and go back to 2 (if needed)

*Note: Pruning-at-initialization methods didn't outperform dense-narrow baselines, even for a single image case.

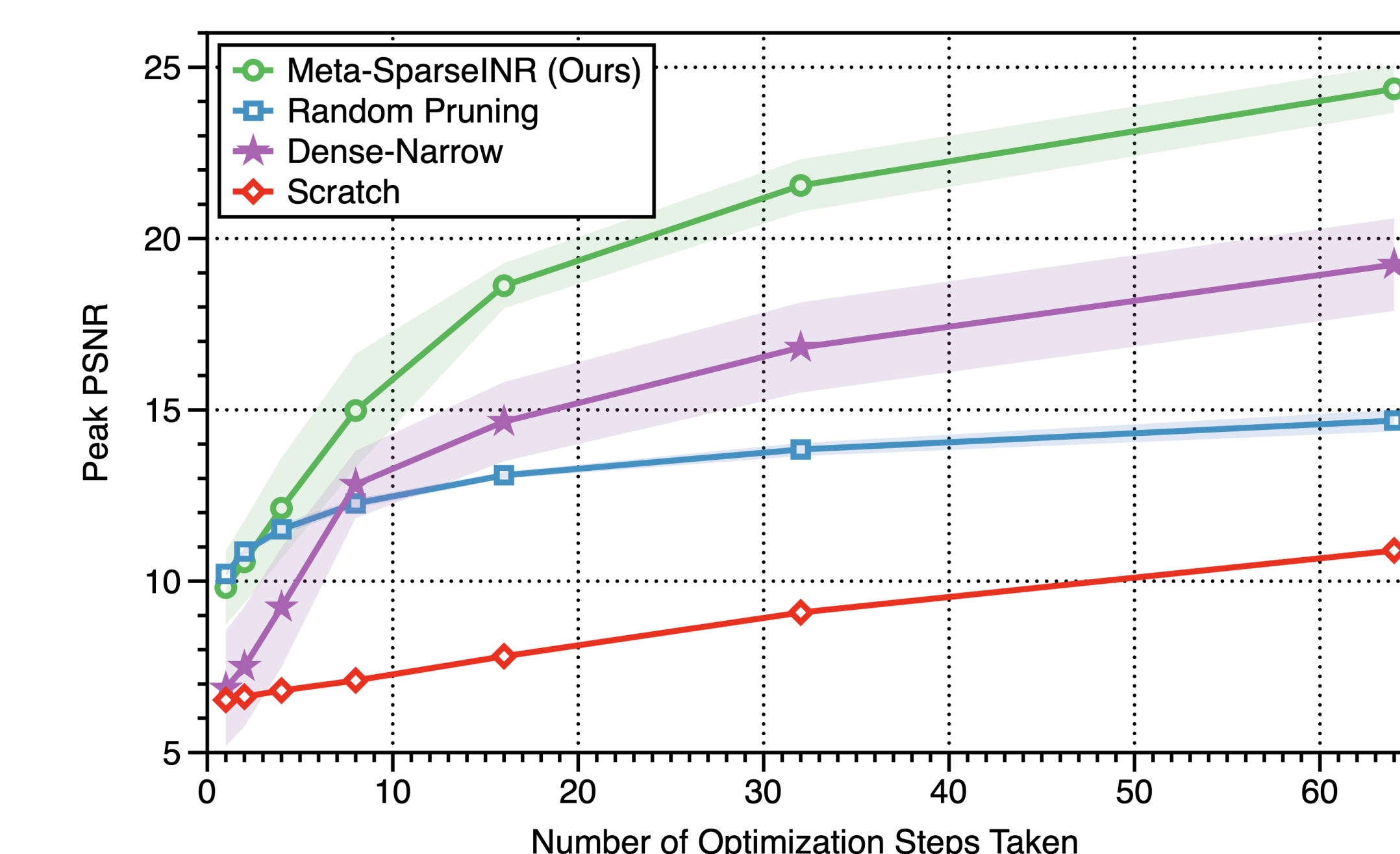
Experiment

Our method outperforms dense-narrow baselines when given a fixed fine-tuning budget.

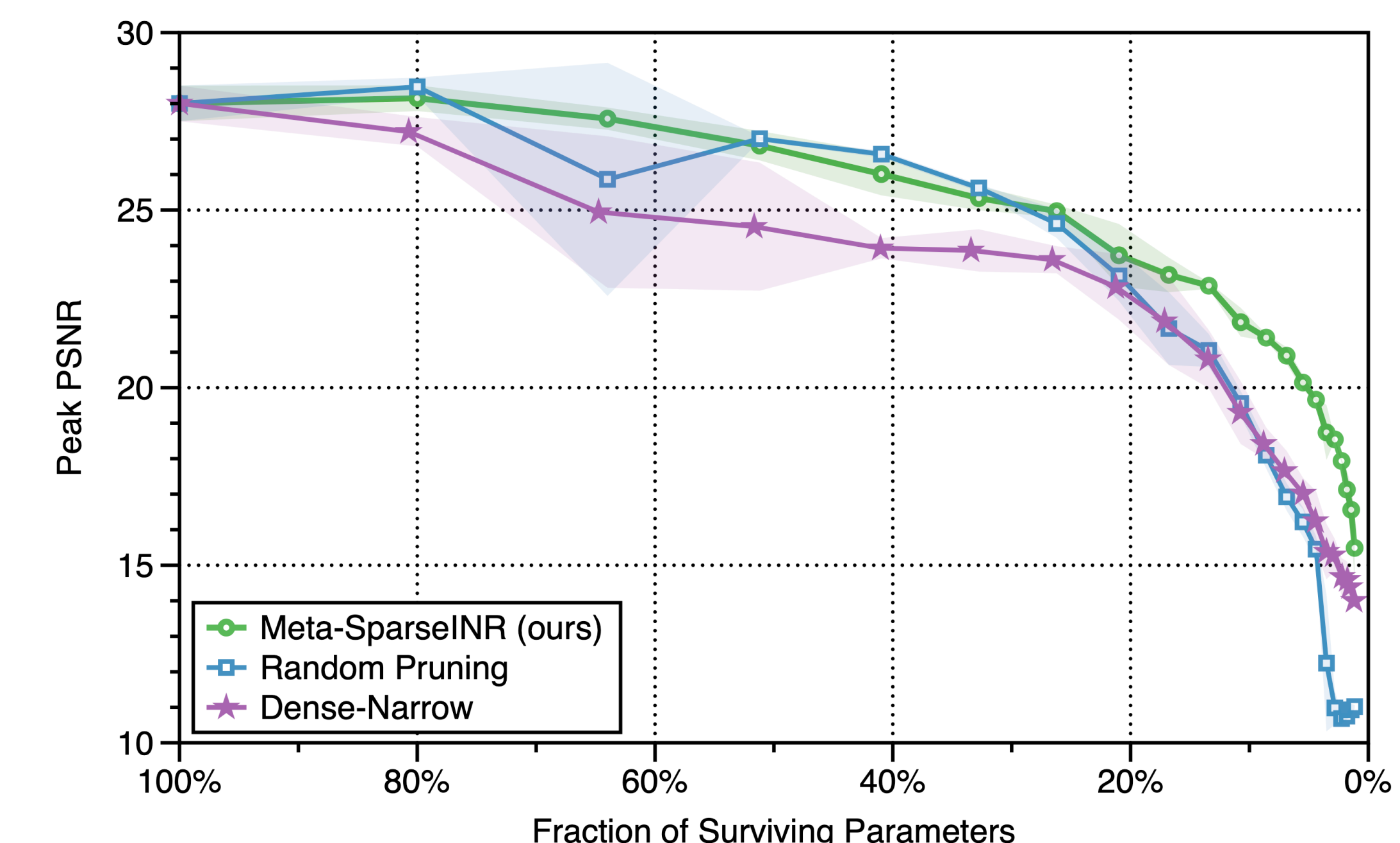


Dataset	Method	PSNR	#Params
CelebA	Meta-SparseINR (Ours)	27.71	8,704
CelebA	Random Pruning	26.25	17,000
CelebA	Dense-Narrow	27.68	17,708
Imagenette	Meta-SparseINR (Ours)	25.74	8,704
Imagenette	Random Pruning	24.09	17,000
Imagenette	Dense-Narrow	24.76	14,212
SDF	Meta-SparseINR (Ours)	49.92	8,704
SDF	Random Pruning	47.48	17,000
SDF	Dense-Narrow	44.61	26,978

SIREN on CelebA, Imagenette and SDF, when one use 100 SGD steps for fitting.



PSNR vs. number of optimization step



Two-step optimization

