

Video & Texture Synthesis



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Michel Gondry train video

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0S43lwBF0uM>

Weather Forecasting for Dummies™

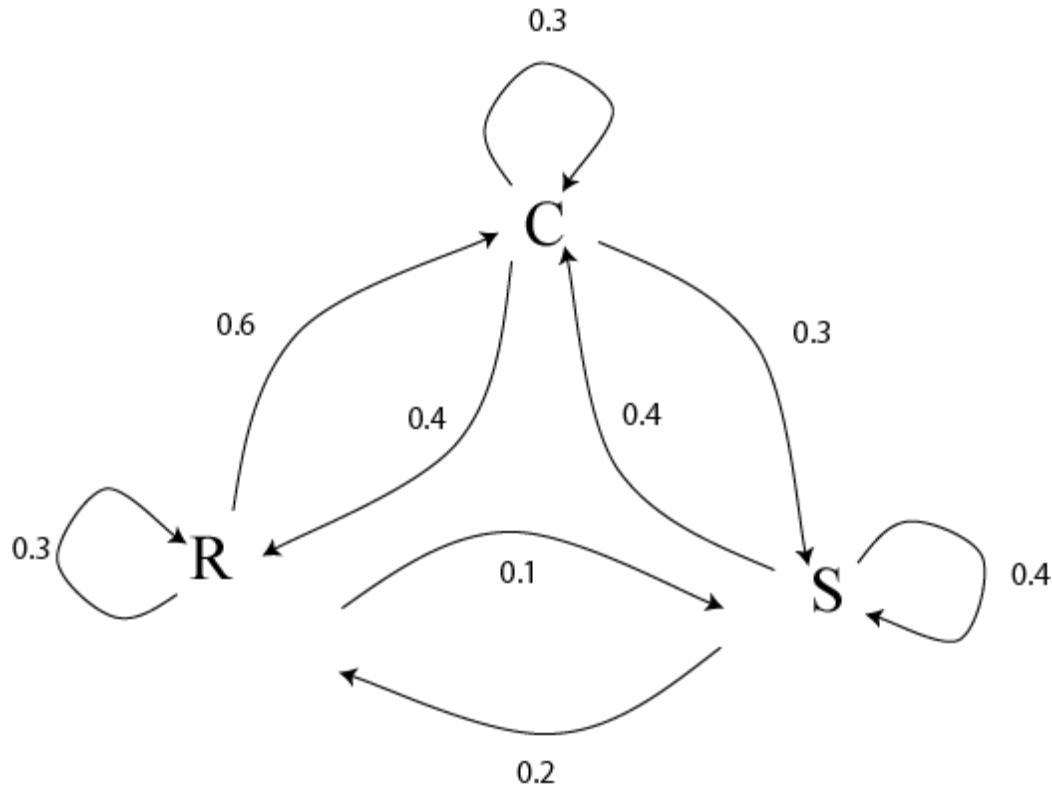
Let's predict weather:

- Given today's weather only, we want to know tomorrow's
- Suppose weather can only be {Sunny, Cloudy, Raining}

The “Weather Channel” algorithm:

- Over a long period of time, record:
 - How often S followed by R
 - How often S followed by S
 - Etc.
- Compute percentages for each state:
 - $P(R|S)$, $P(S|S)$, etc.
- Predict the state with highest probability!
- It's a Markov Chain

Markov Chain



$$\begin{pmatrix} 0.3 & 0.6 & 0.1 \\ 0.4 & 0.3 & 0.3 \\ 0.2 & 0.4 & 0.4 \end{pmatrix}$$

What if we know today and yestarday's weather?

Text Synthesis

[Shannon, '48] proposed a way to generate English-looking text using N-grams:

- Assume a generalized Markov model
- Use a large text to compute prob. distributions of each letter given N-1 previous letters
- Starting from a seed repeatedly sample this Markov chain to generate new letters
- Also works for whole words

WE NEED TO EAT CAKE

Mark V. Shaney (Bell Labs)

Results (using `alt.singles` corpus):

- *“As I've commented before, really relating to someone involves standing next to impossible.”*
- *“One morning I shot an elephant in my arms and kissed him.”*
- *“I spent an interesting evening recently with a grain of salt”*

Video Textures

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David Salesin

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Microsoft Research, Georgia Tech

Still photos



Video clips



Video textures



Problem statement



video clip



video texture

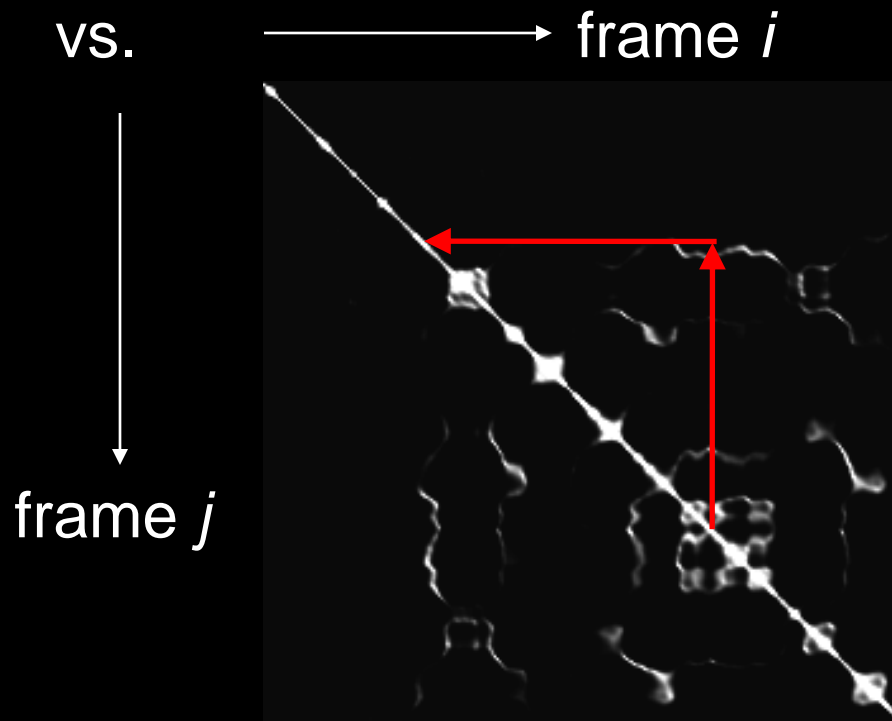
Our approach



- How do we find good transitions?

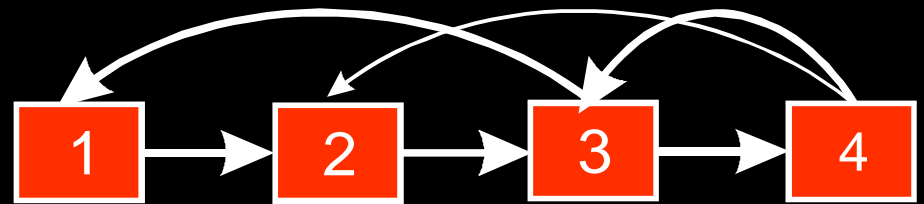
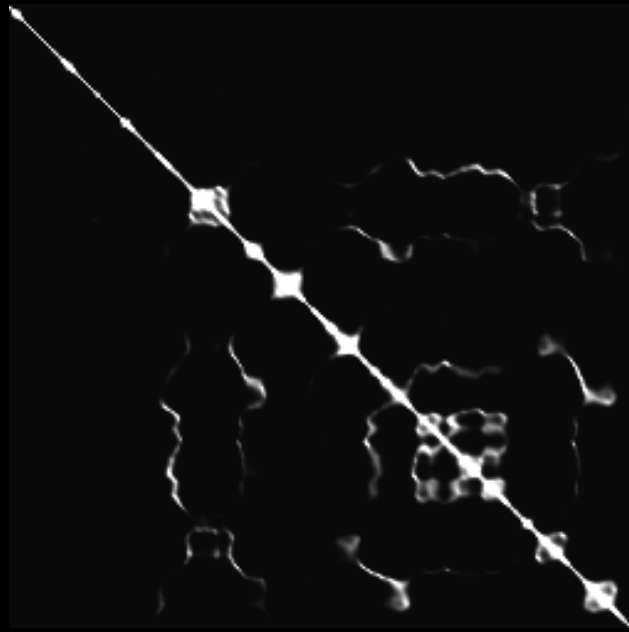
Finding good transitions

- Compute L_2 distance $D_{i,j}$ between all frames



Similar frames make good transitions

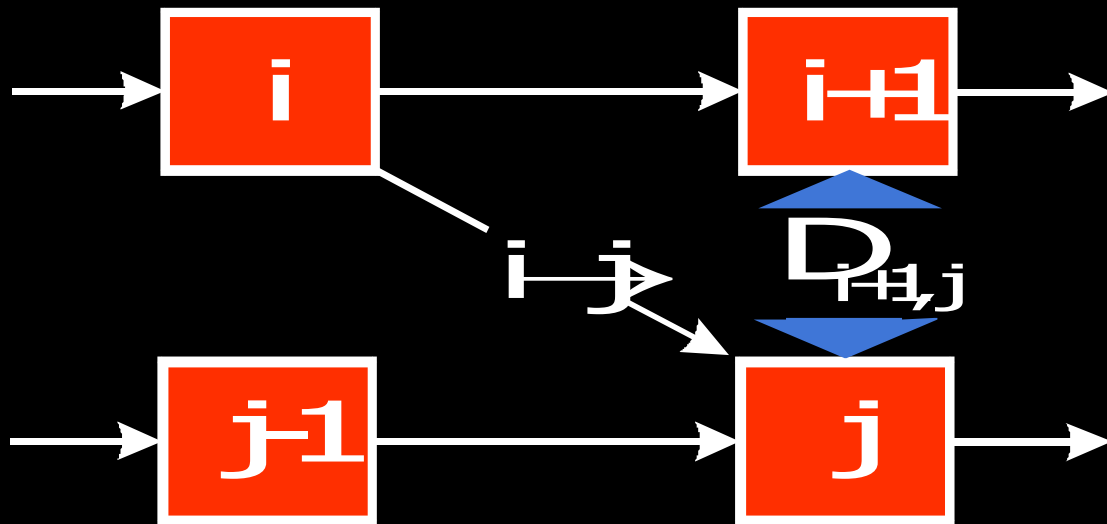
Markov chain representation



Similar frames make good transitions

Transition costs

- Transition from i to j if successor of i is similar to j
 - Cost function: $C_{i \rightarrow j} = D_{i+1, j}$



Transition probabilities

- Probability for transition $P_{i \rightarrow j}$ inversely related to cost:

- $P_{i \rightarrow j} \sim \exp (- C_{i \rightarrow j} / \sigma^2)$



high σ

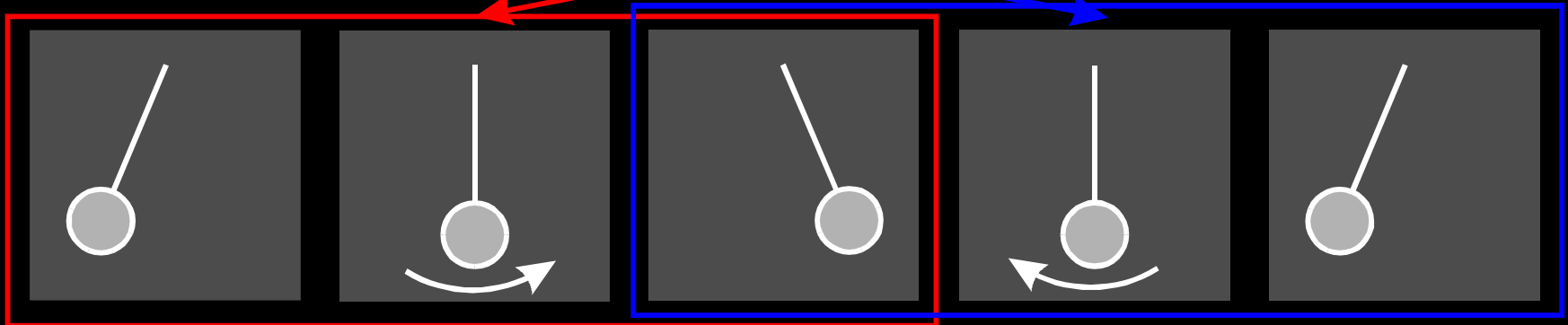
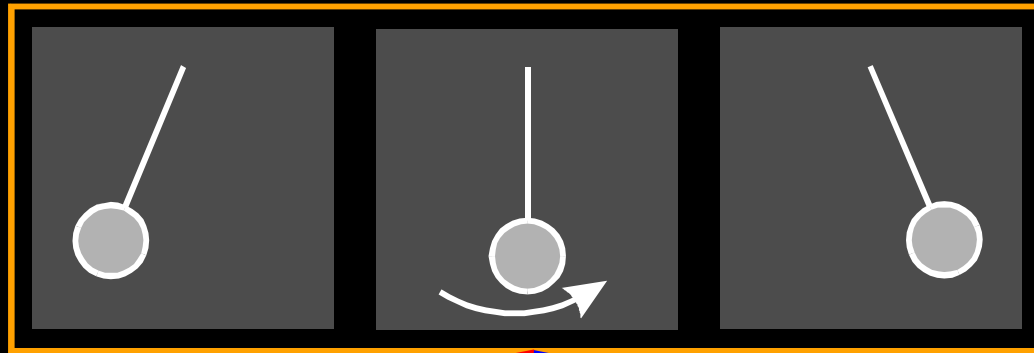


low σ

Preserving dynamics



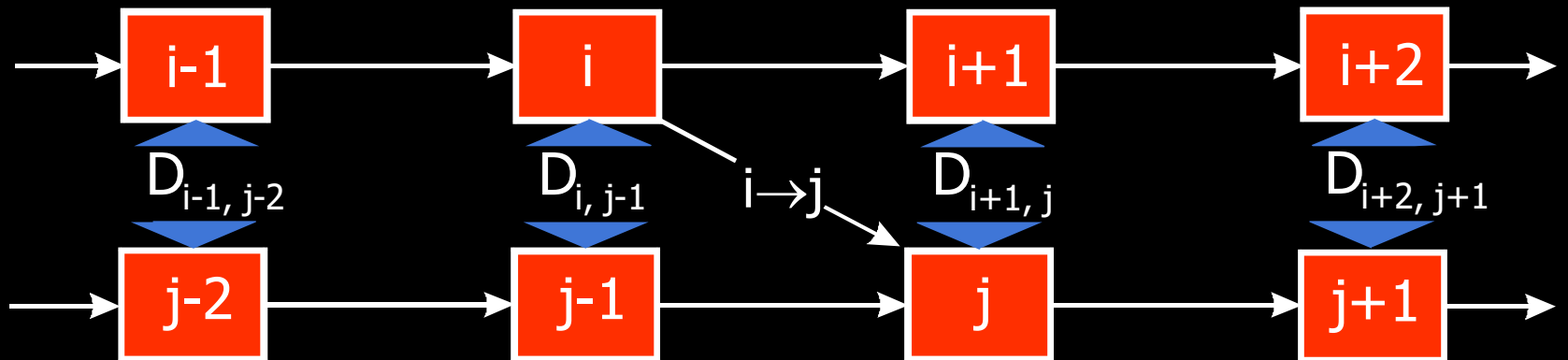
Preserving dynamics



Preserving dynamics

- Cost for transition $i \rightarrow j$

- $$C_{i \rightarrow j} = \sum_{k=-N}^{N-1} w_k D_{i+k+1, j+k}$$



Preserving dynamics – effect

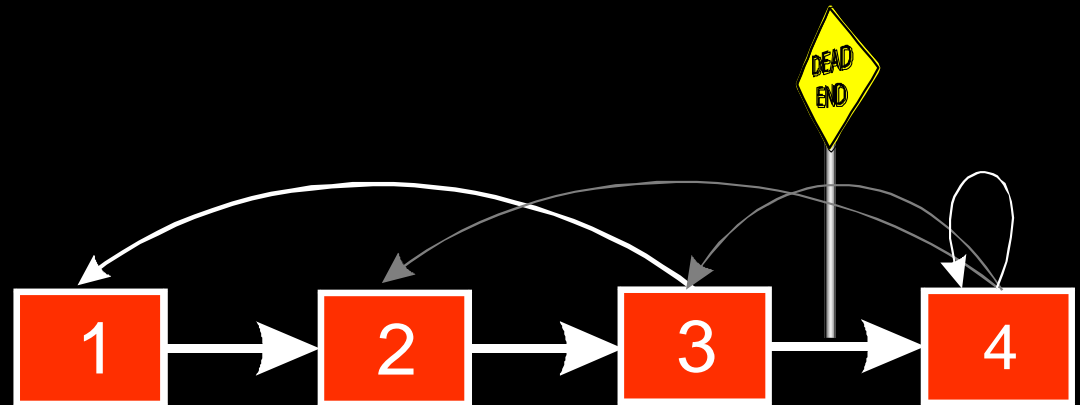
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Dead ends

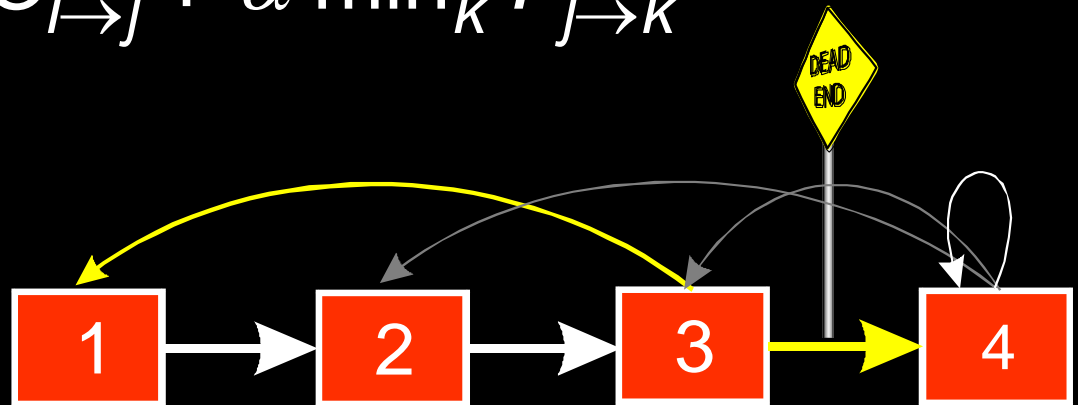
- No good transition at the end of sequence



Future cost

- Propagate future transition costs backward
- Iteratively compute new cost

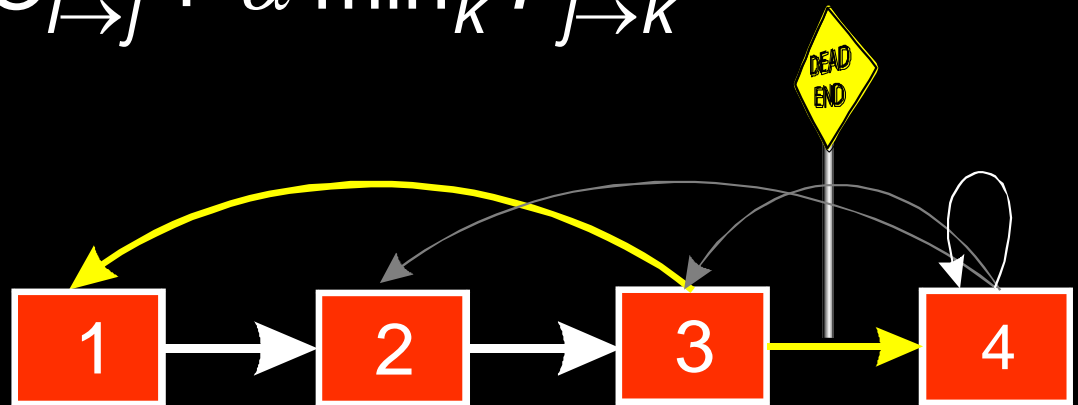
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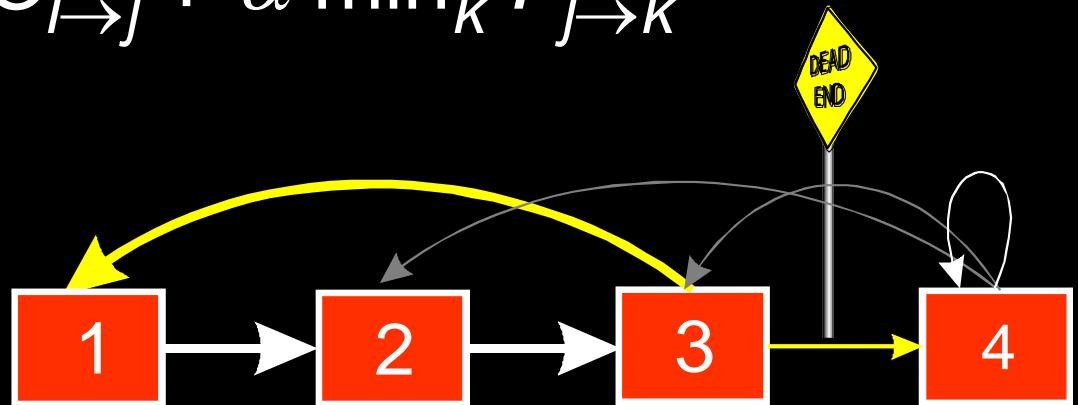
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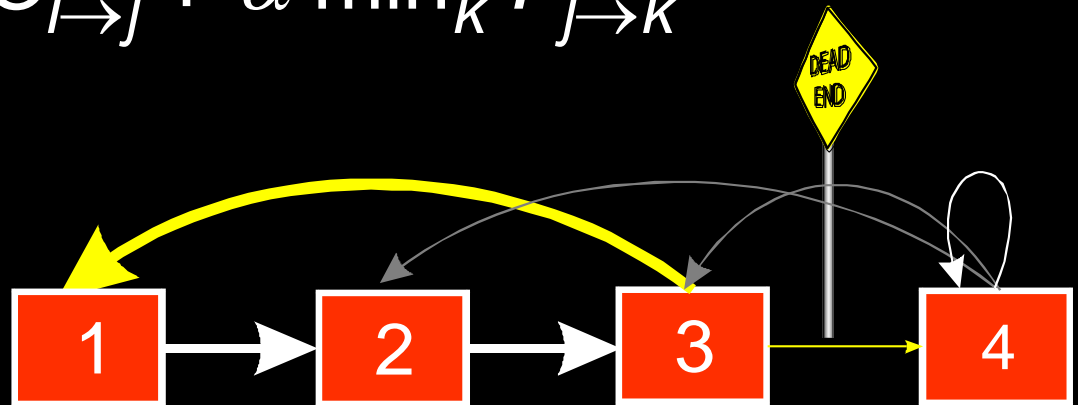
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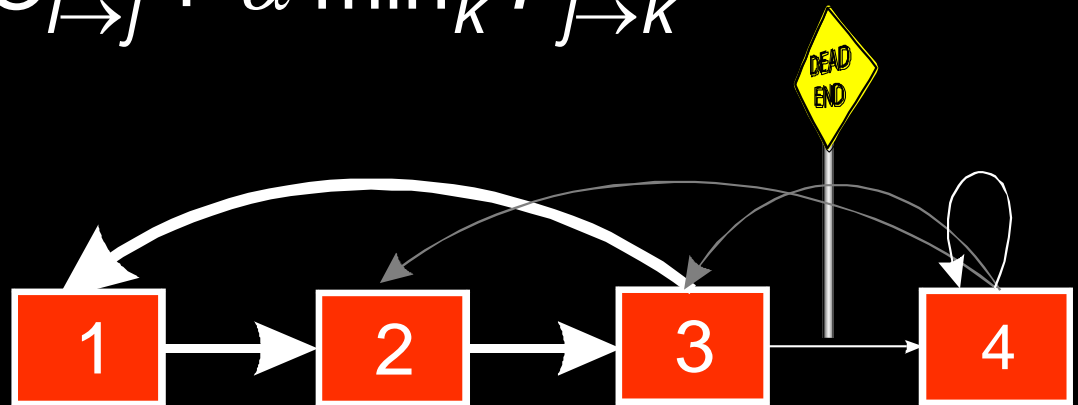


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- Q-learning



Final result



Finding good loops

- Alternative to random transitions
- Precompute set of loops up front



Video portrait



- c.f. Harry Potter

Region-based analysis

- Divide video up into regions



- Generate a video texture for each region

User-controlled video textures



slow



variable



fast

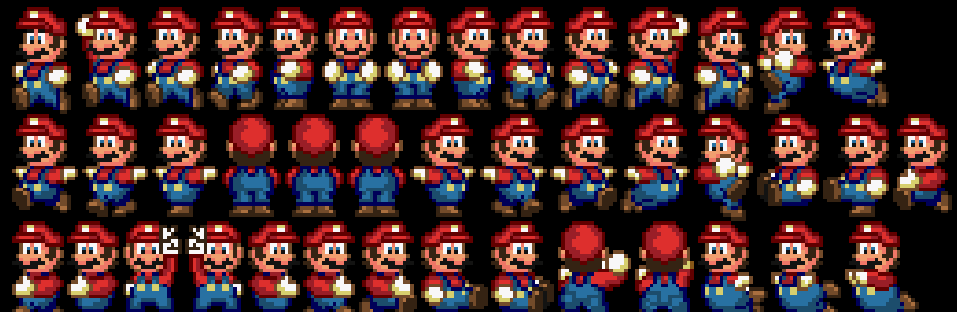
User selects target frame range

Video-based animation

- Like sprites
computer games
- Extract sprites
from real video
- Interactively control
desired motion



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Video sprite extraction

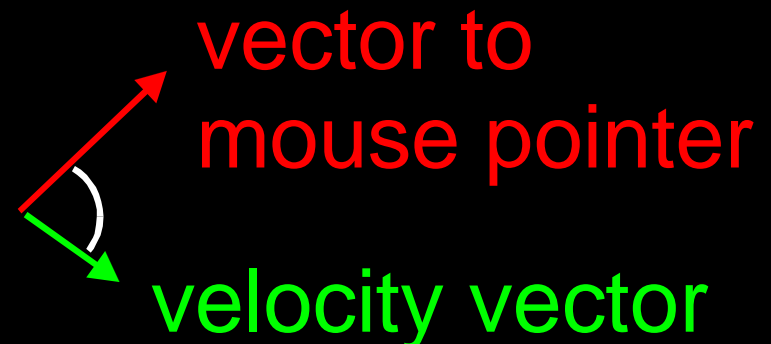


blue screen matting
and velocity estimation



Video sprite control

- Augmented transition cost:

$$C_{i \rightarrow j}^{\text{Animation}} = \alpha \underbrace{C_{i \rightarrow j}}_{\text{Similarity term}} + \beta \underbrace{\text{angle}}_{\text{Control term}}$$


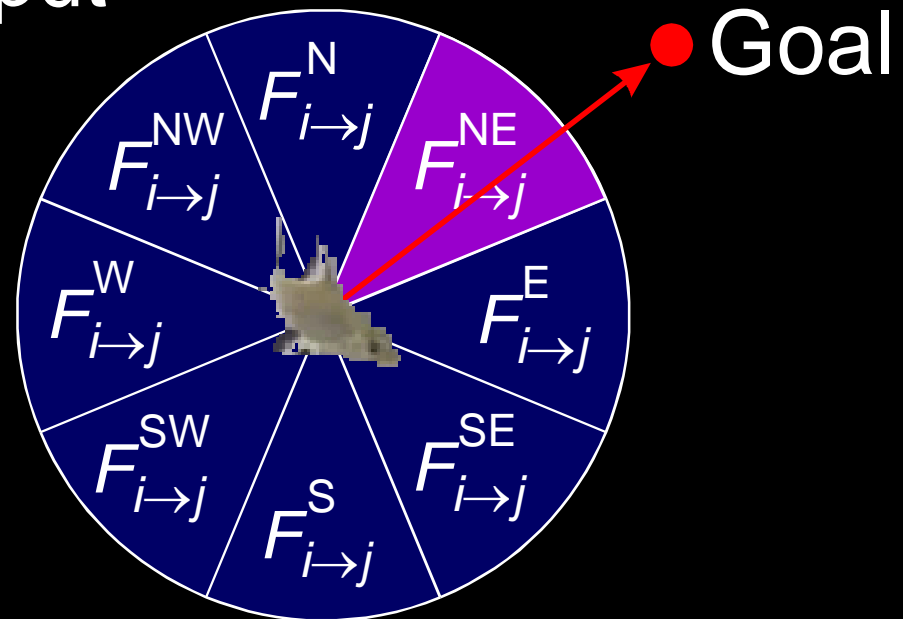
vector to mouse pointer

velocity vector

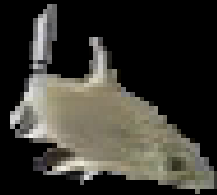
Video sprite control

- Need future cost computation
- Precompute future costs for a few angles.
- Switch between precomputed angles according to user input

- [GIT-GVU-00-11]



Interactive fish



Summary / Discussion

- Some things are relatively easy



Discussion

- Some are hard



“Amateur” by Lasse Gjertsen

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JzqumbhfxRo>

similar idea:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MsBMG-p1HDM&feature=share&list=PLFFD733D0FF425290>

Hyperlapse Videos

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wt_Y04xn84M

“Do As I Do” (ICCV 2003)

<https://youtu.be/UMJcpLIAwKg>

Texture

- Texture depicts spatially repeating patterns
- Many natural phenomena are textures



radishes



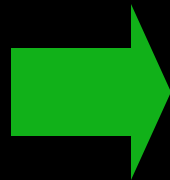
rocks



yogurt

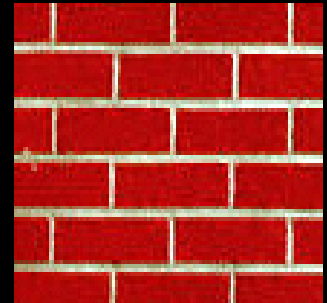
Texture Synthesis

- Goal of Texture Synthesis: create new samples of a given texture
- Many applications: virtual environments, hole-filling, texturing surfaces



The Challenge

- Need to model the whole spectrum: from repeated to stochastic texture



repeated

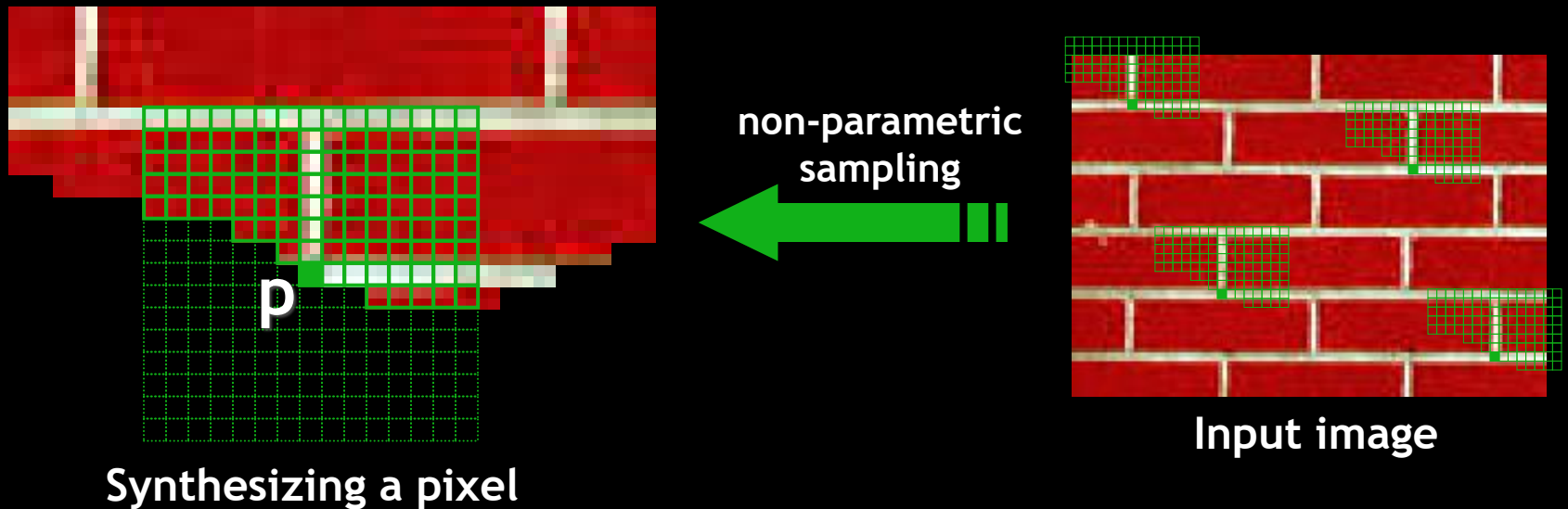


stochastic



Both?

Efros & Leung Algorithm

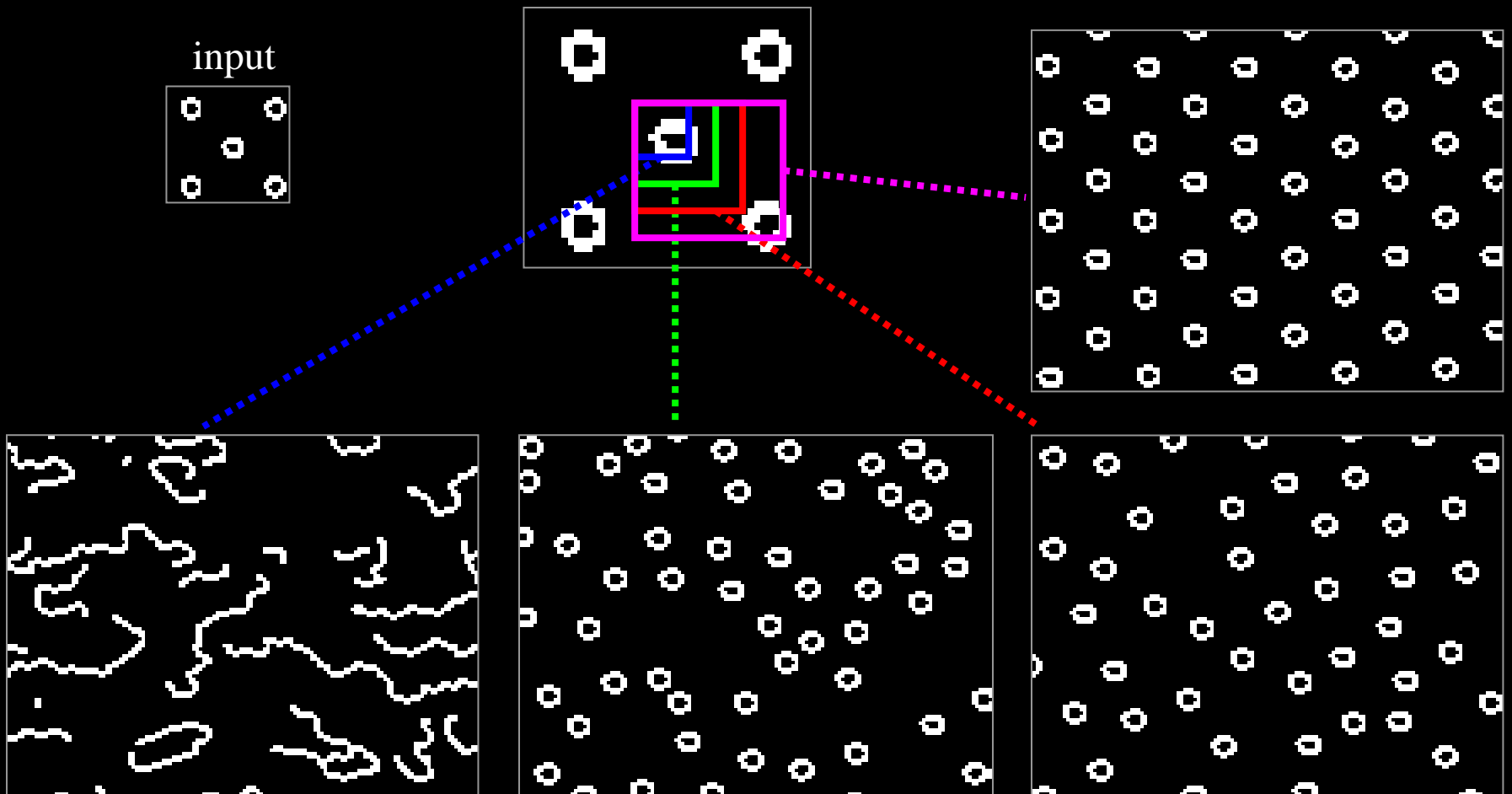


- Assuming Markov property, compute $P(\mathbf{p}|\mathbf{N}(\mathbf{p}))$
 - Building explicit probability tables infeasible
 - Instead, we *search the input image* for all similar neighborhoods — that's our pdf for \mathbf{p}
 - To sample from this pdf, just pick one match at random

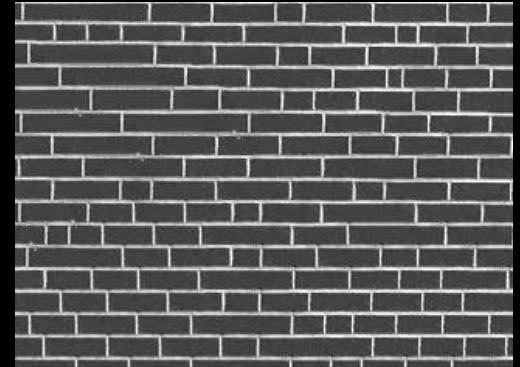
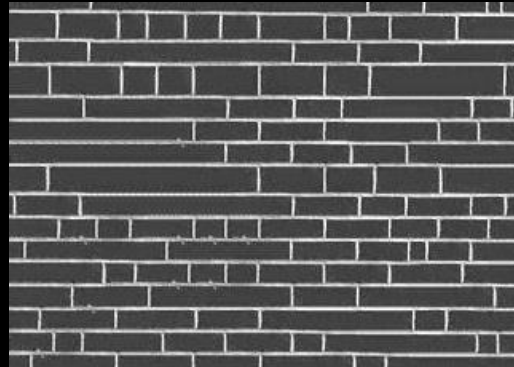
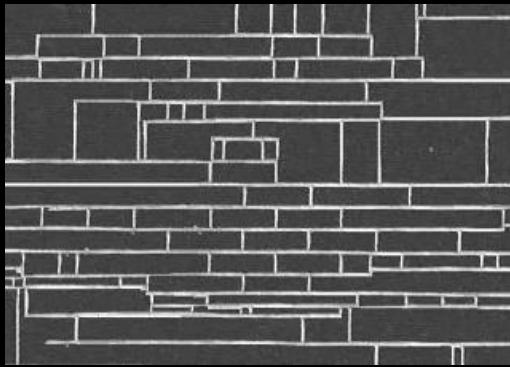
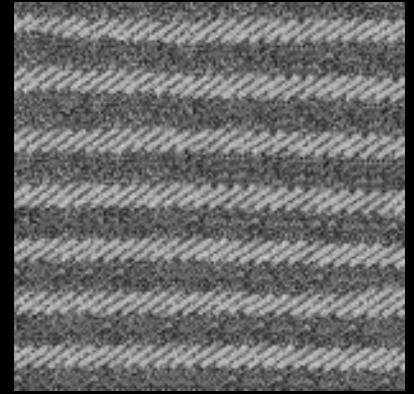
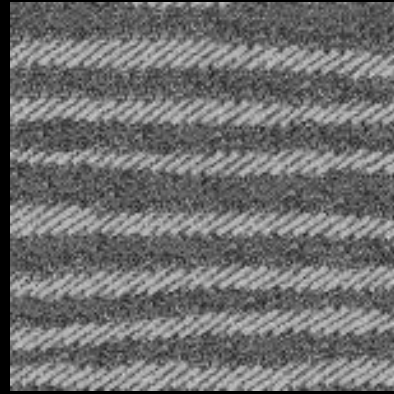
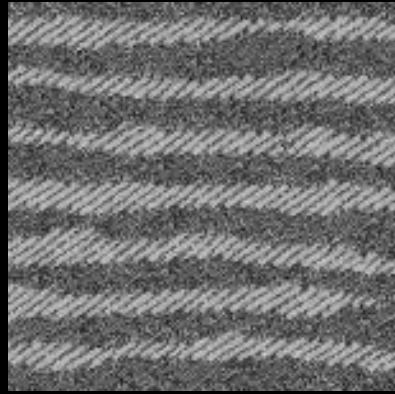
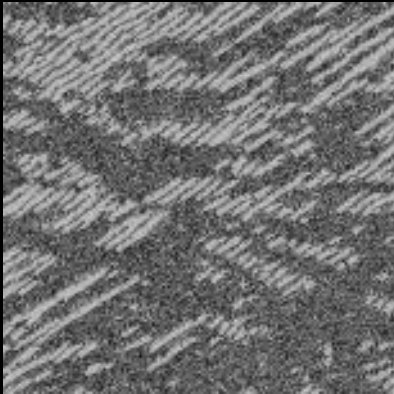
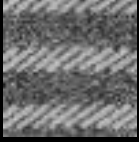
Some Details

- Growing is in “onion skin” order
 - Within each “layer”, pixels with most neighbors are synthesized first
 - If no close match can be found, the pixel is not synthesized until the end
- Using *Gaussian-weighted* SSD is very important
 - to make sure the new pixel agrees with its closest neighbors
 - Approximates reduction to a smaller neighborhood window if data is too sparse

Neighborhood Window



Varying Window Size

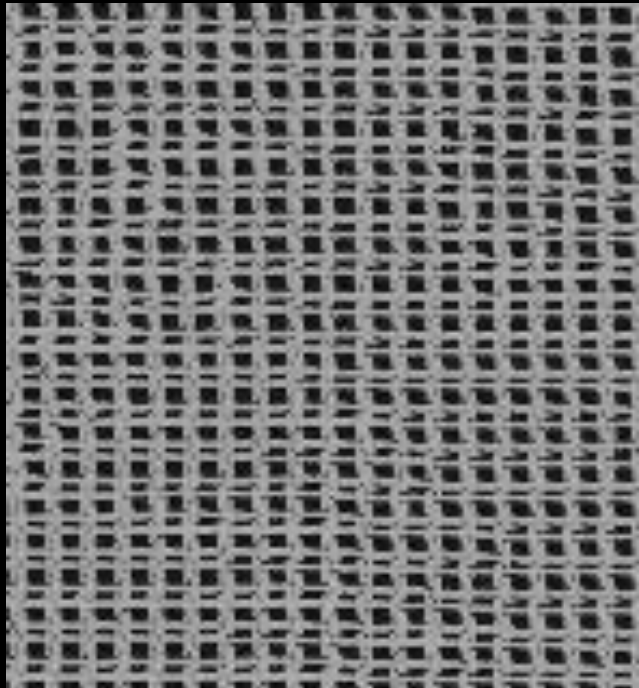
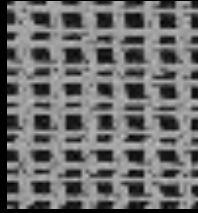


Increasing window size

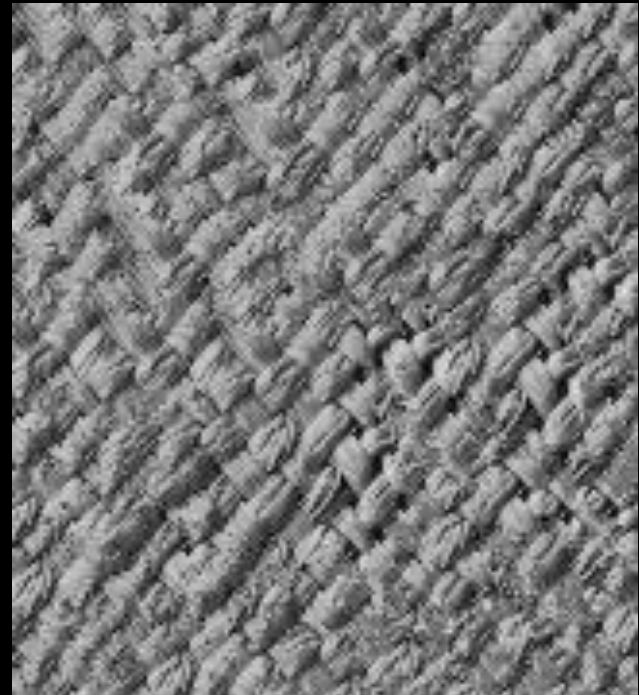


Synthesis Results

french canvas



rafia weave

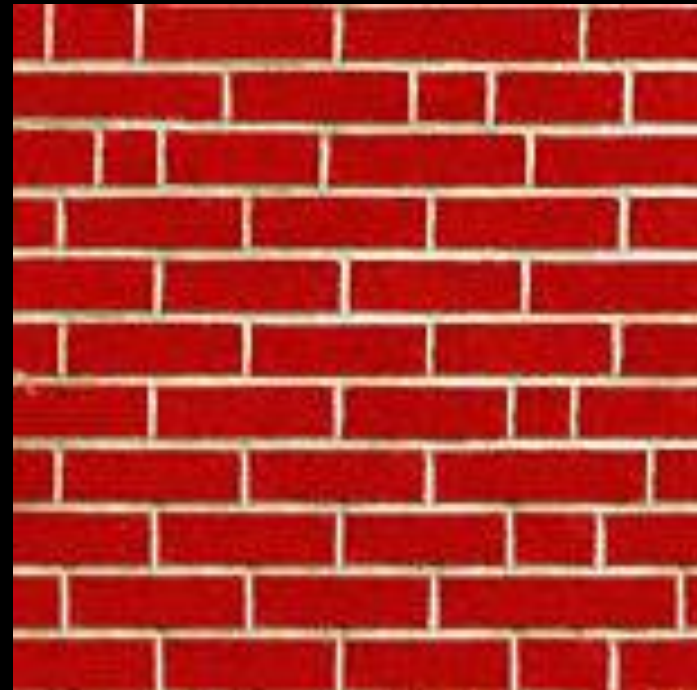
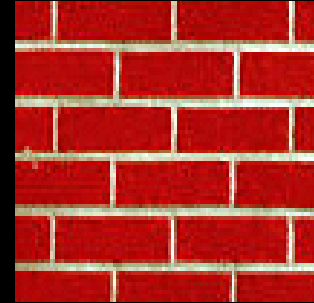


More Results

white bread

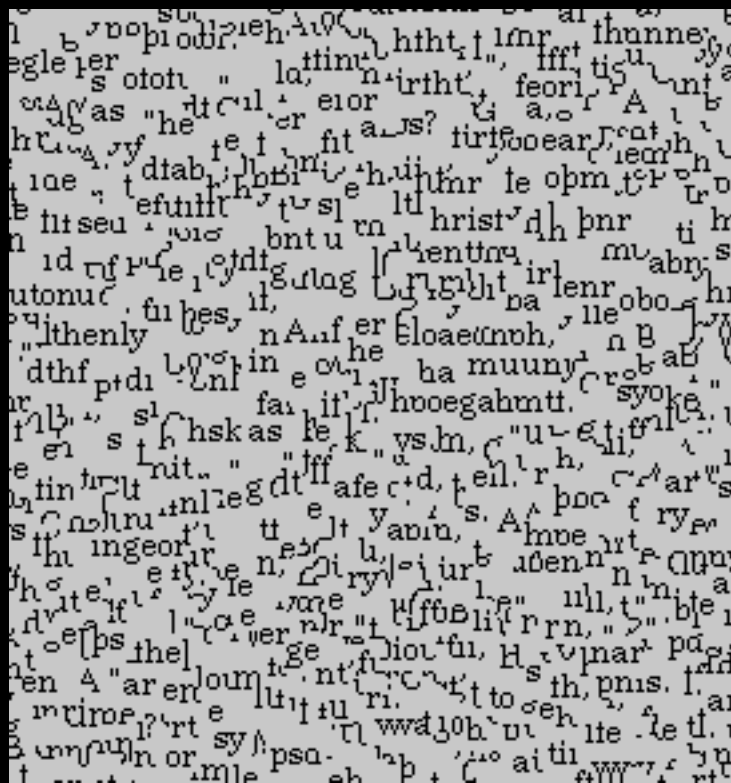


brick wall



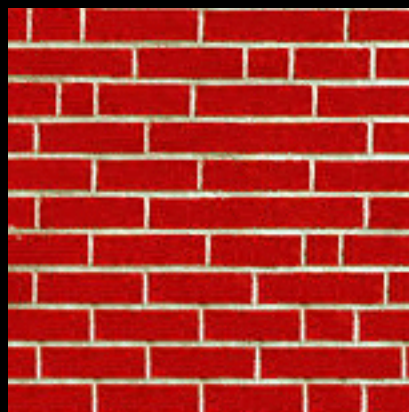
Homage to Shannon

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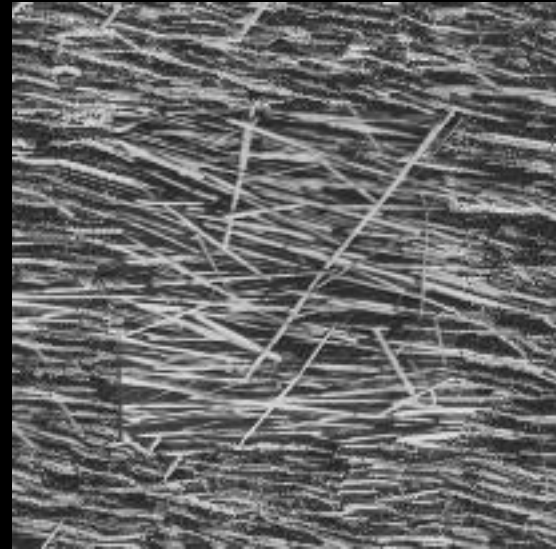
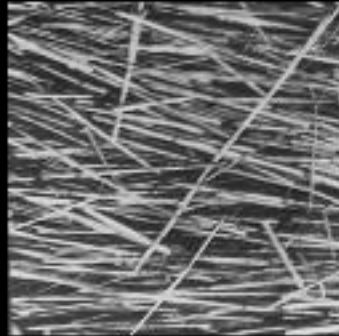


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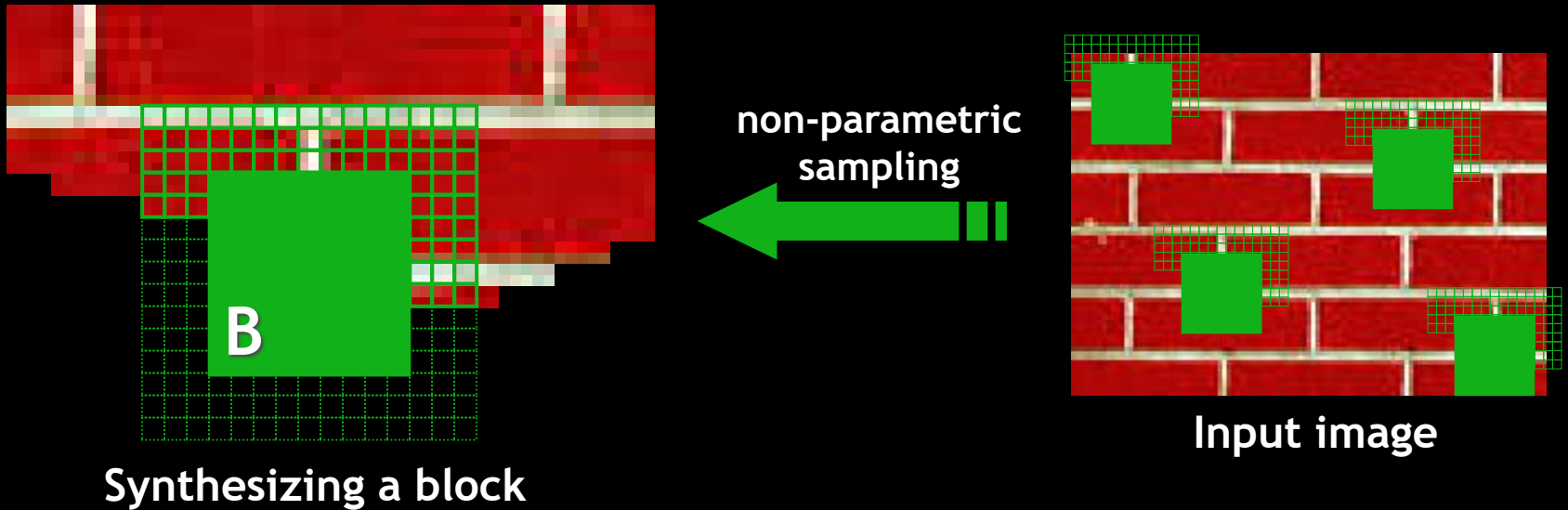
Extrapolation



Summary

- The Efros & Leung algorithm
 - Very simple
 - Surprisingly good results
 - Synthesis is easier than analysis!
 - ...but very slow

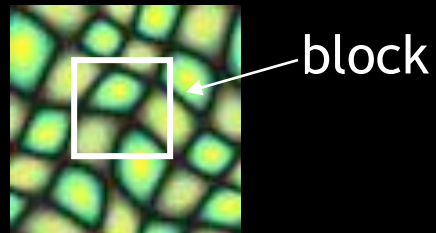
Image Quilting [Efros & Freeman]



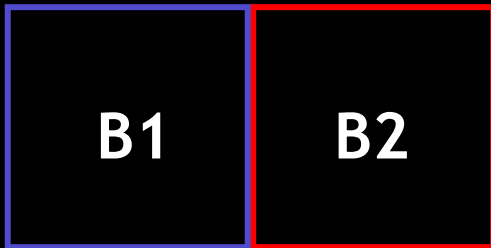
- Observation: neighbor pixels are highly correlated

Idea: unit of synthesis = block

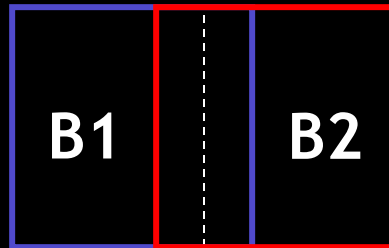
- Exactly the same but now we want $P(B|N(B))$
- Much faster: synthesize all pixels in a block at once
- Not the same as multi-scale!



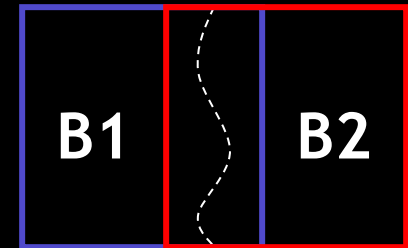
Input texture



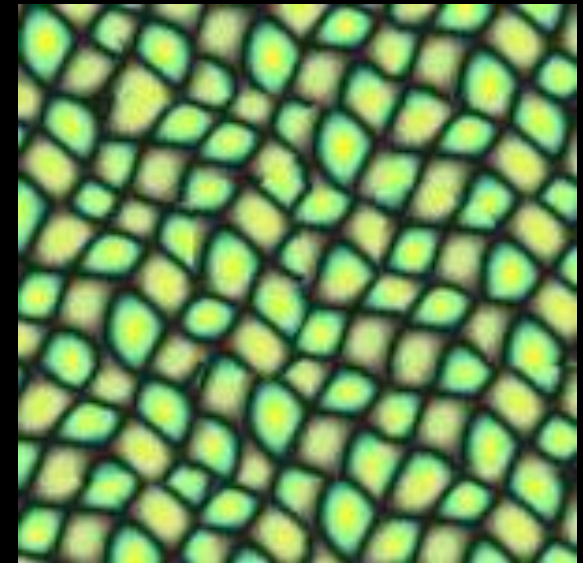
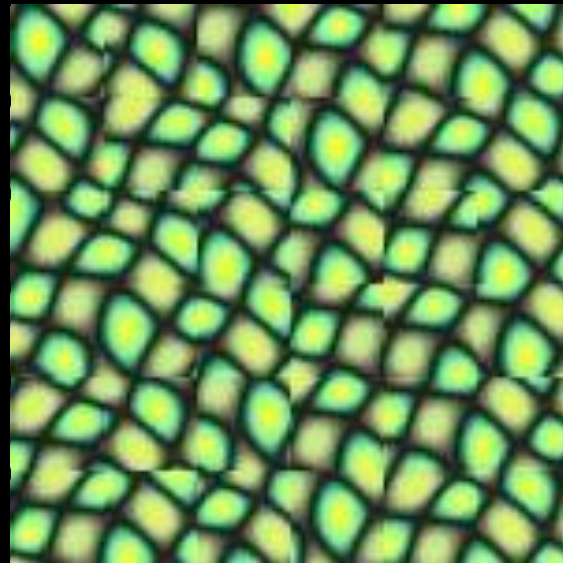
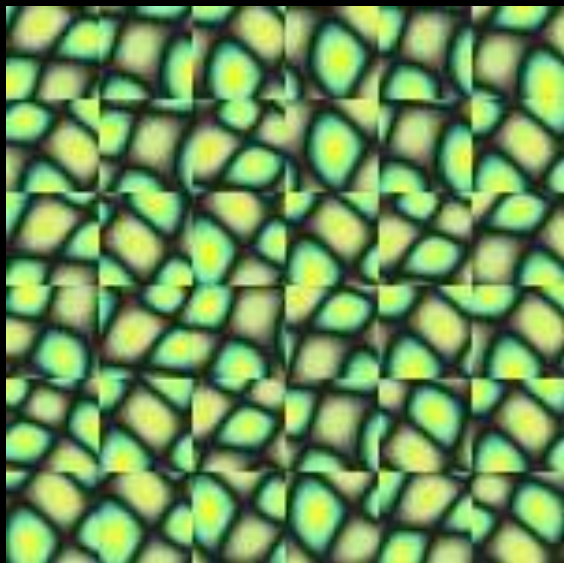
Random placement of blocks



Neighboring blocks constrained by overlap

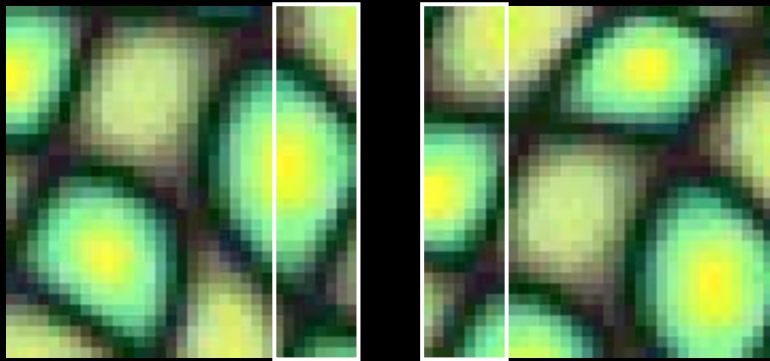


Minimal error boundary cut

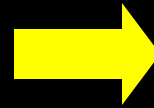
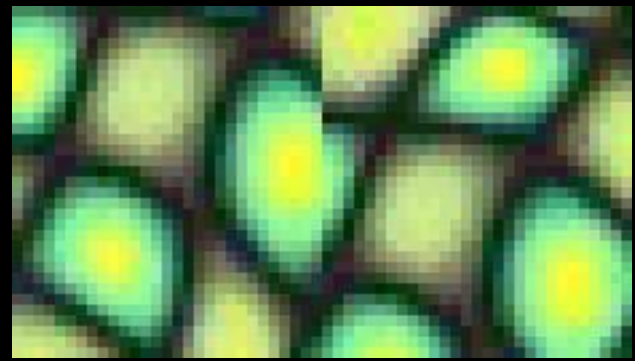


Minimal error boundary

overlapping blocks



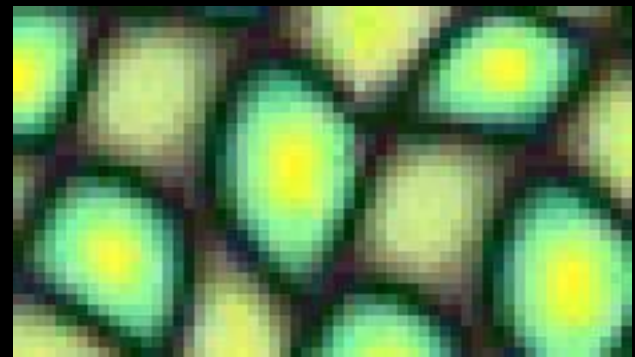
vertical boundary



$$\left[\begin{array}{c} \text{Block 1} \\ - \\ \text{Block 2} \end{array} \right]^2 = \text{Error Map}$$

The diagram shows two overlapping blocks of a cell image. A white minus sign is placed between them, and a large white bracket encloses the entire expression. To the right of the bracket is a large number '2'. This is followed by an equals sign and a vertical rectangular image showing a red jagged line on a grayscale background, representing the error map.

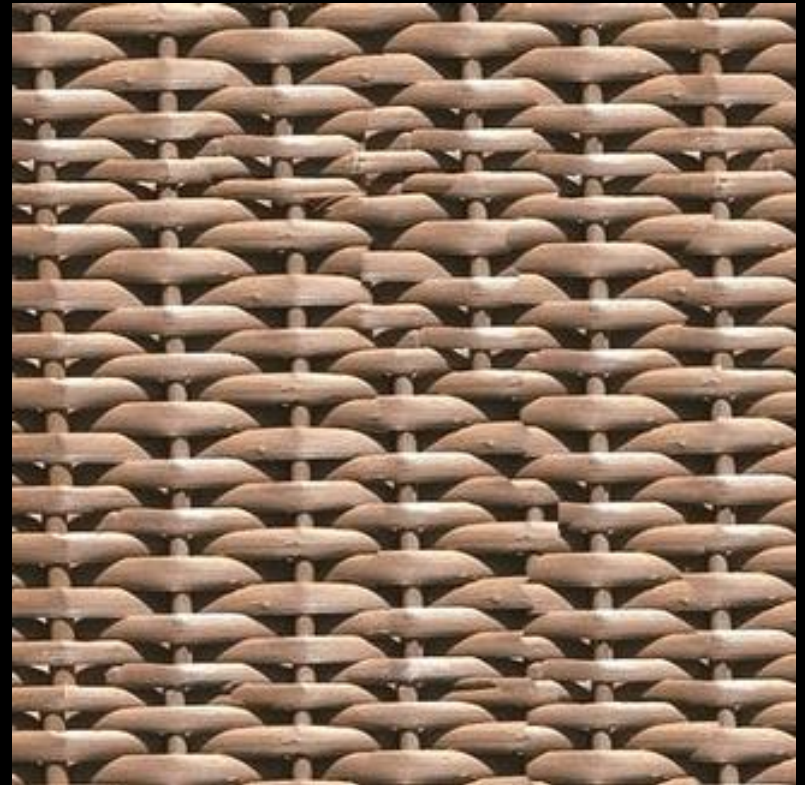
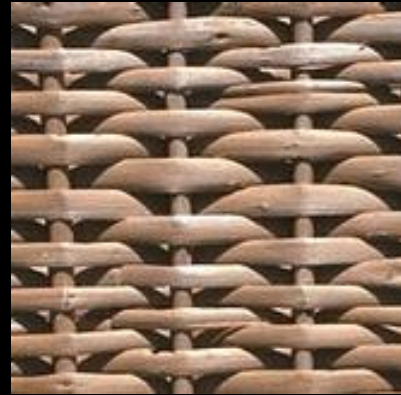
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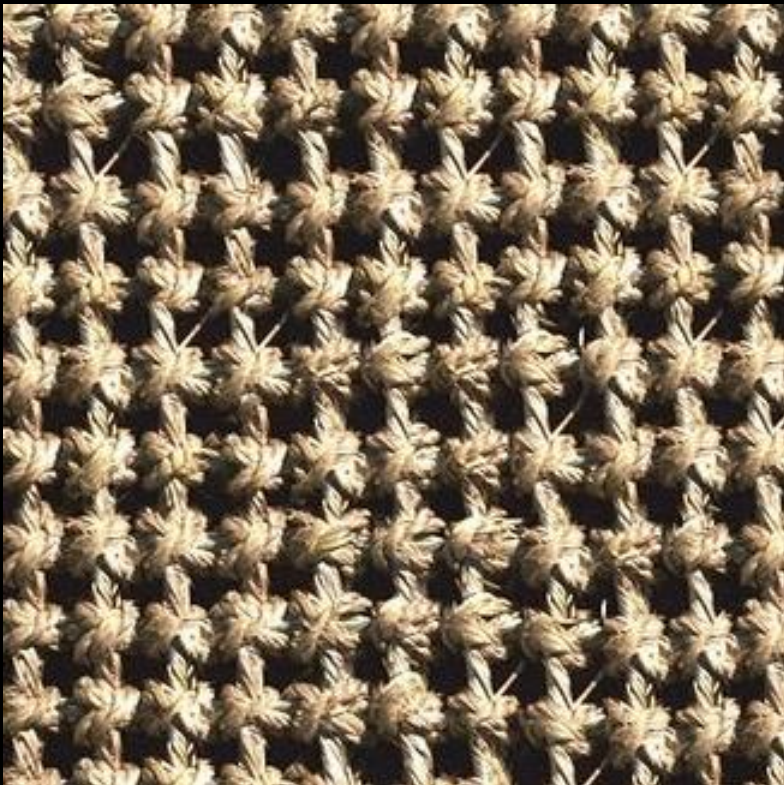


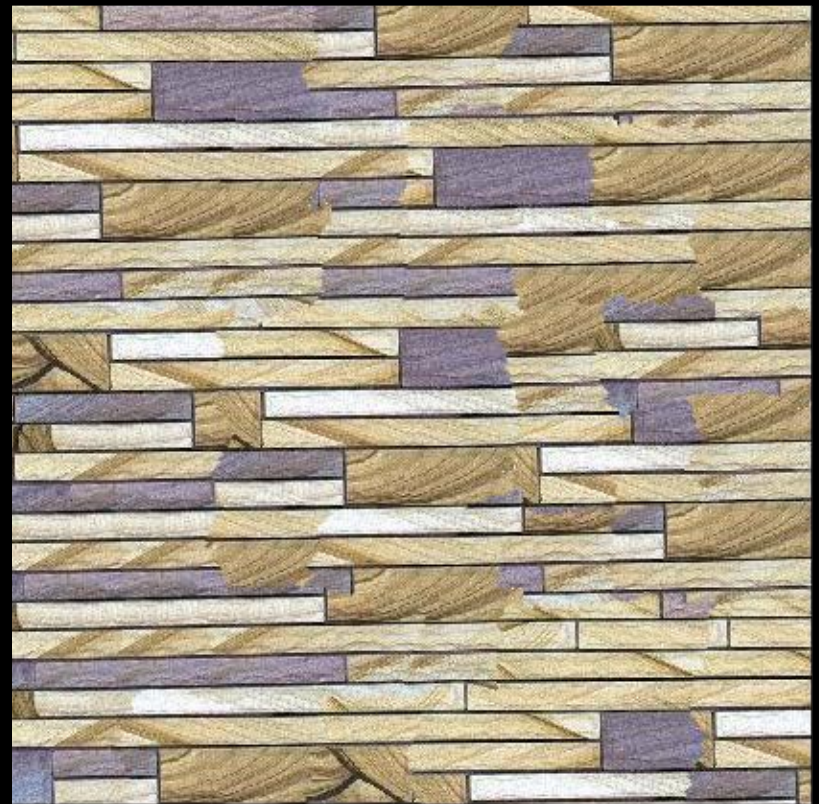
min. error boundary

Our Philosophy

- The “Corrupt Professor’s Algorithm”:
 - Plagiarize as much of the source image as you can
 - Then try to cover up the evidence
- Rationale:
 - Texture blocks are by definition correct samples of texture so problem only connecting them together

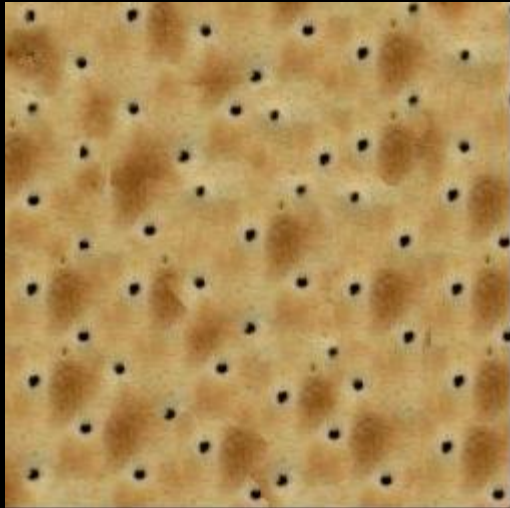
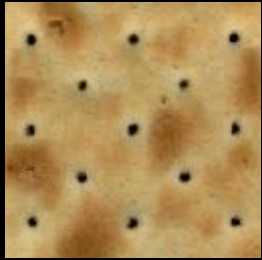






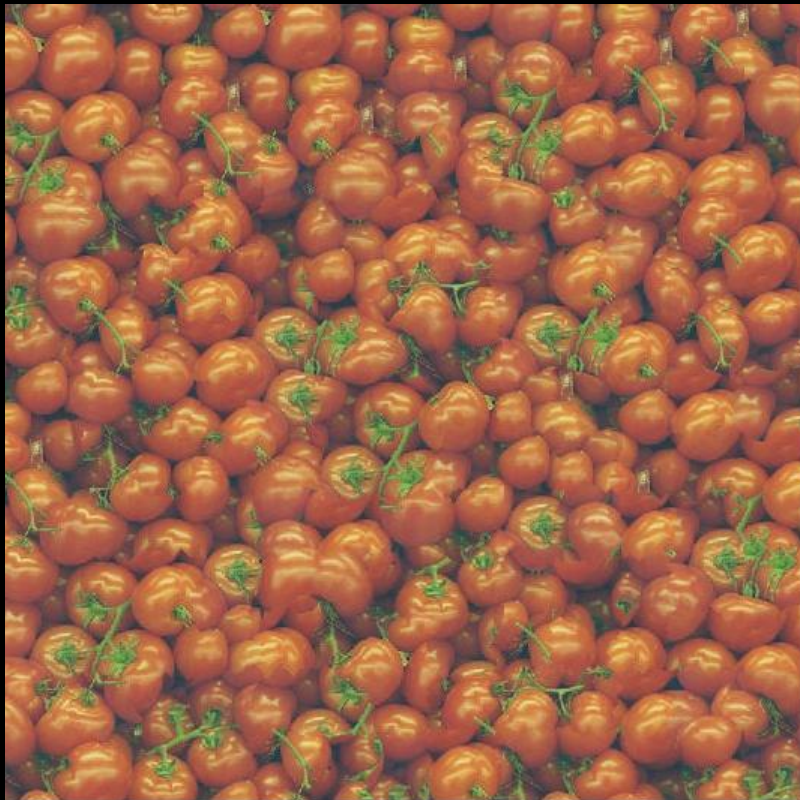








Failures (Chernobyl Harvest)



Application: Texture Transfer

- Try to explain one object with bits and pieces of another object:



Texture Transfer



Constraint



Texture sample



Texture Transfer

- Take the texture from one image and “paint” it onto another object



Same as texture synthesis, except an additional constraint:

1. Consistency of texture
2. Similarity to the image being “explained”



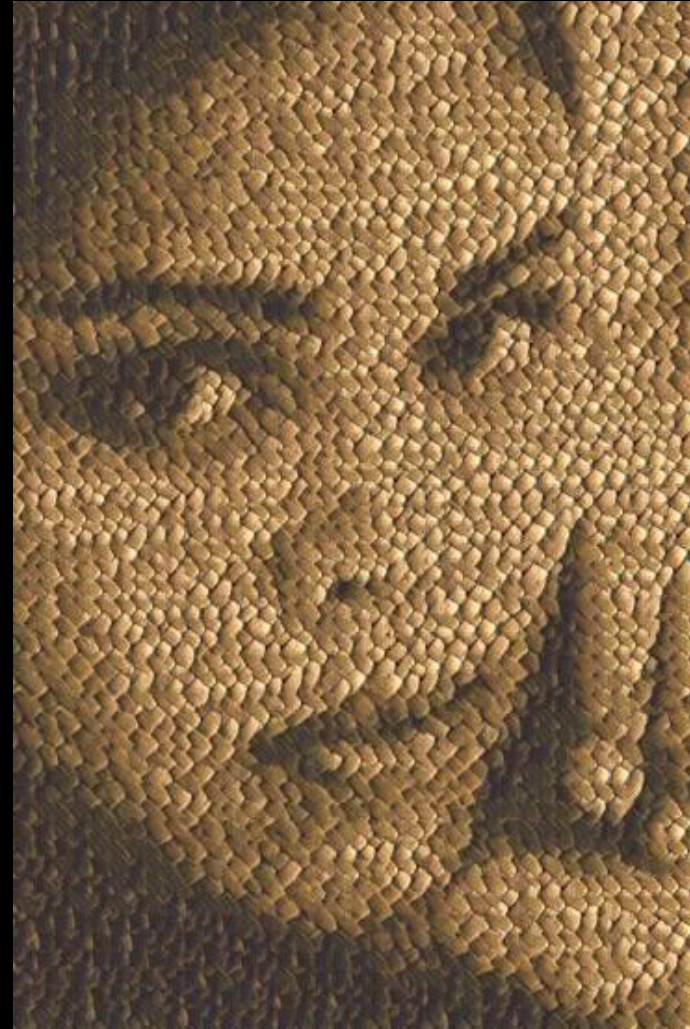


Image Analogies

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Image Analogies



A



A'



B



B'



Image Analogies

Goal: Process an image by example



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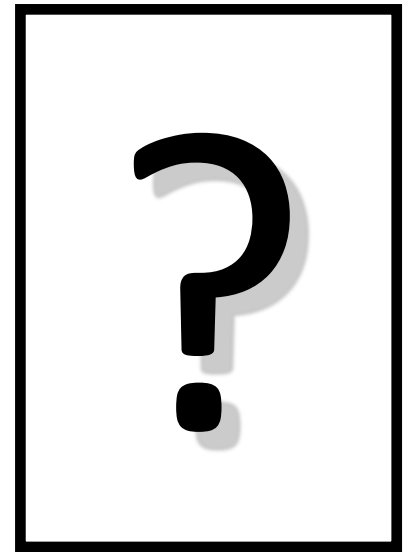
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Non-parametric sampling



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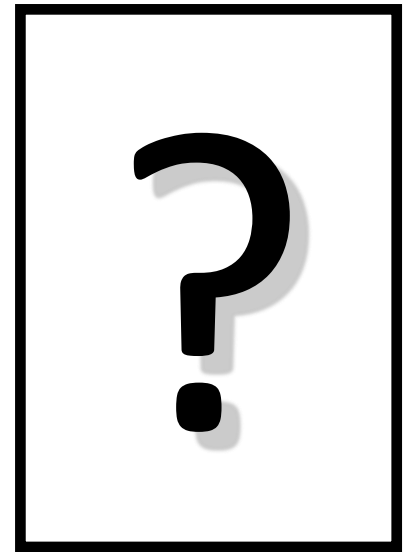
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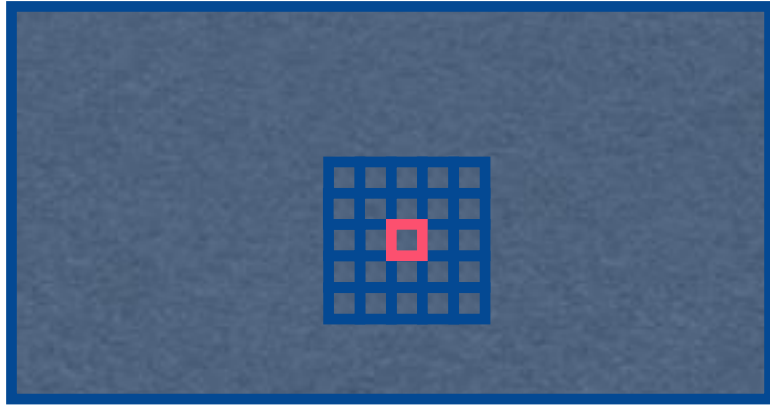


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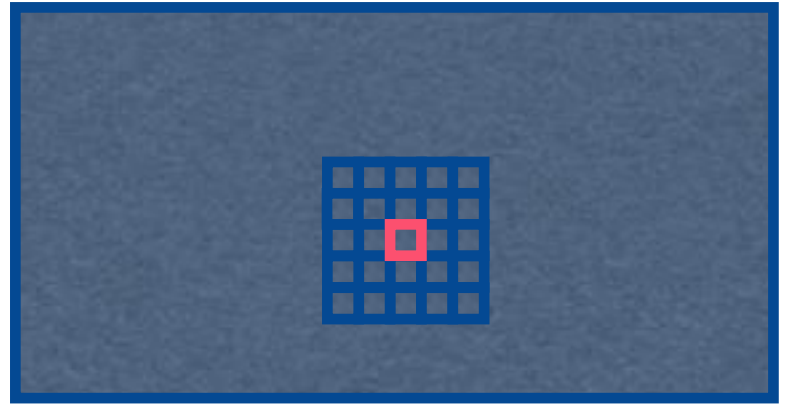


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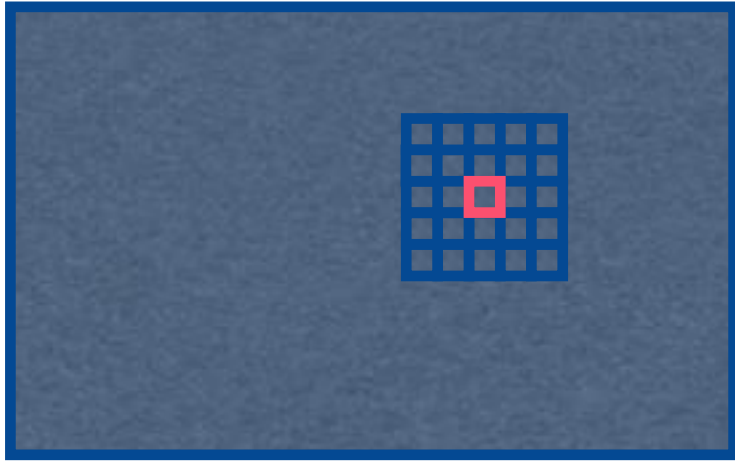
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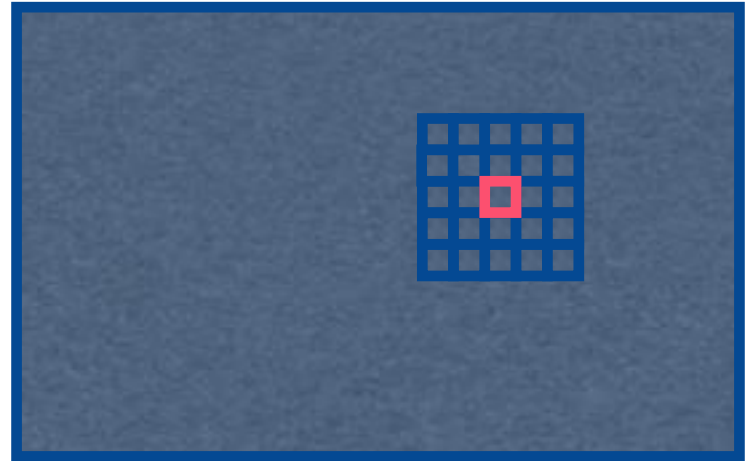
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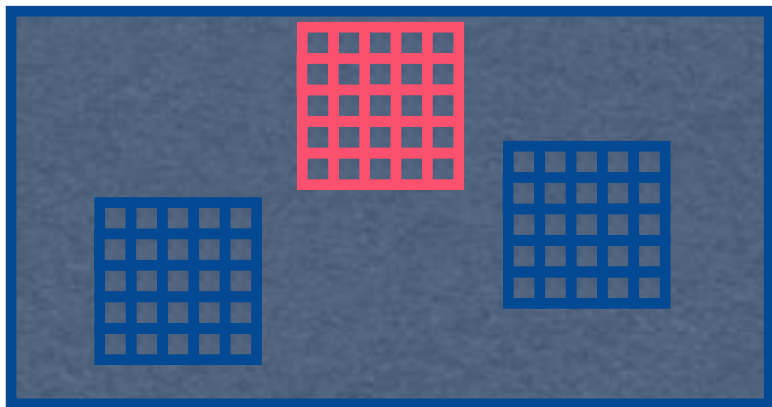


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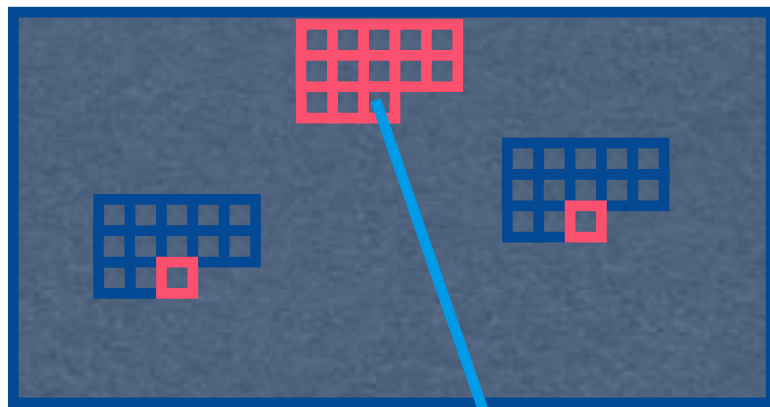
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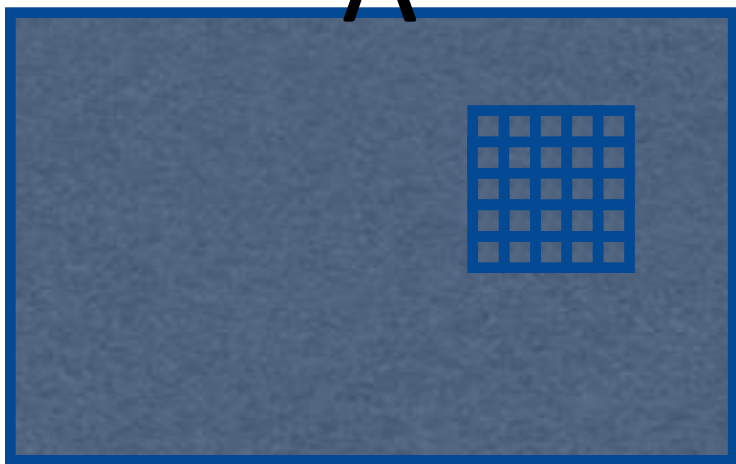
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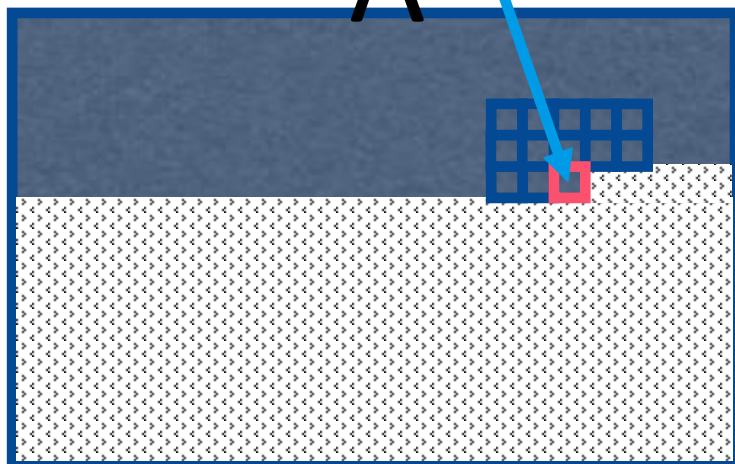
A



A'



B



B'

Blur Filter



Unfiltered source (A)



Filtered source (A')



Unfiltered target (B)

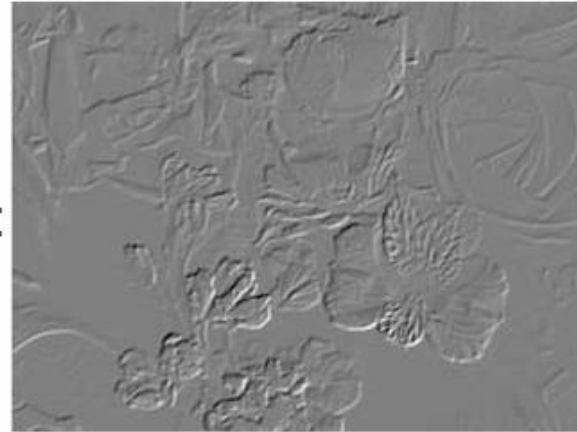


Filtered target (B')

Edge Filter



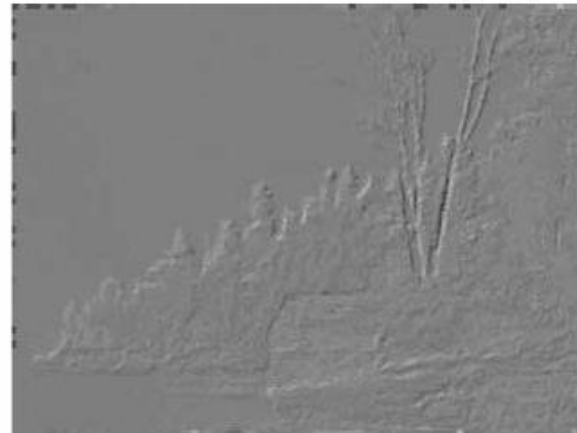
Unfiltered source (A)



Filtered source (A')



Unfiltered target (B)



Filtered target (B')

Artistic Filters



A



A'



B



B'

Colorization



Unfiltered source (A)



Filtered source (A')



Unfiltered target (B)



Filtered target (B')

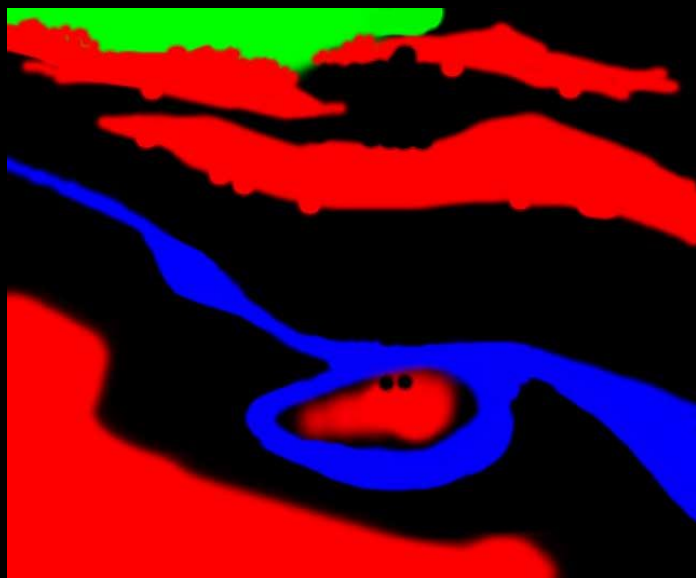
Texture-by-numbers



A



A'

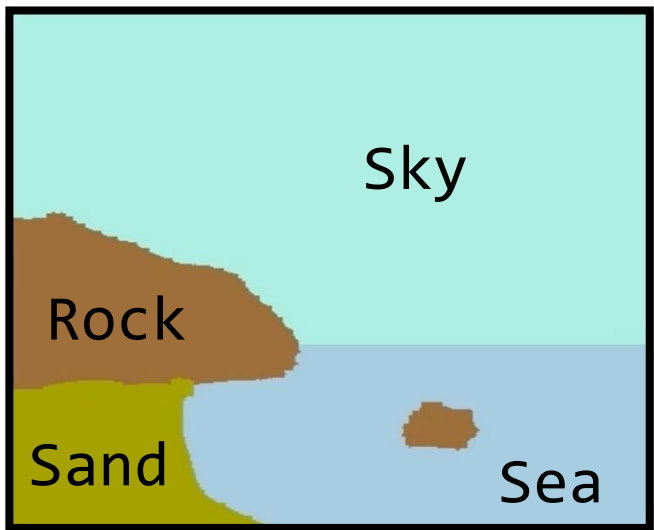


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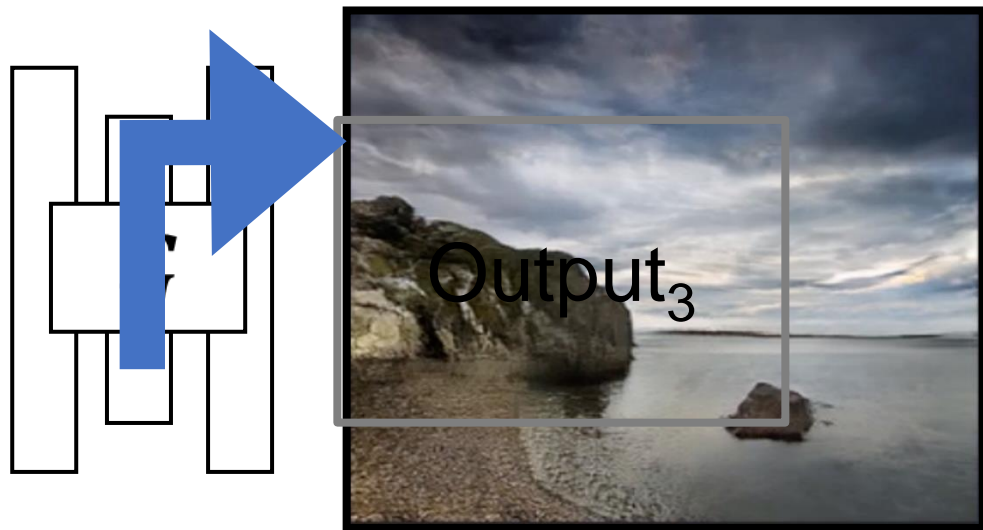


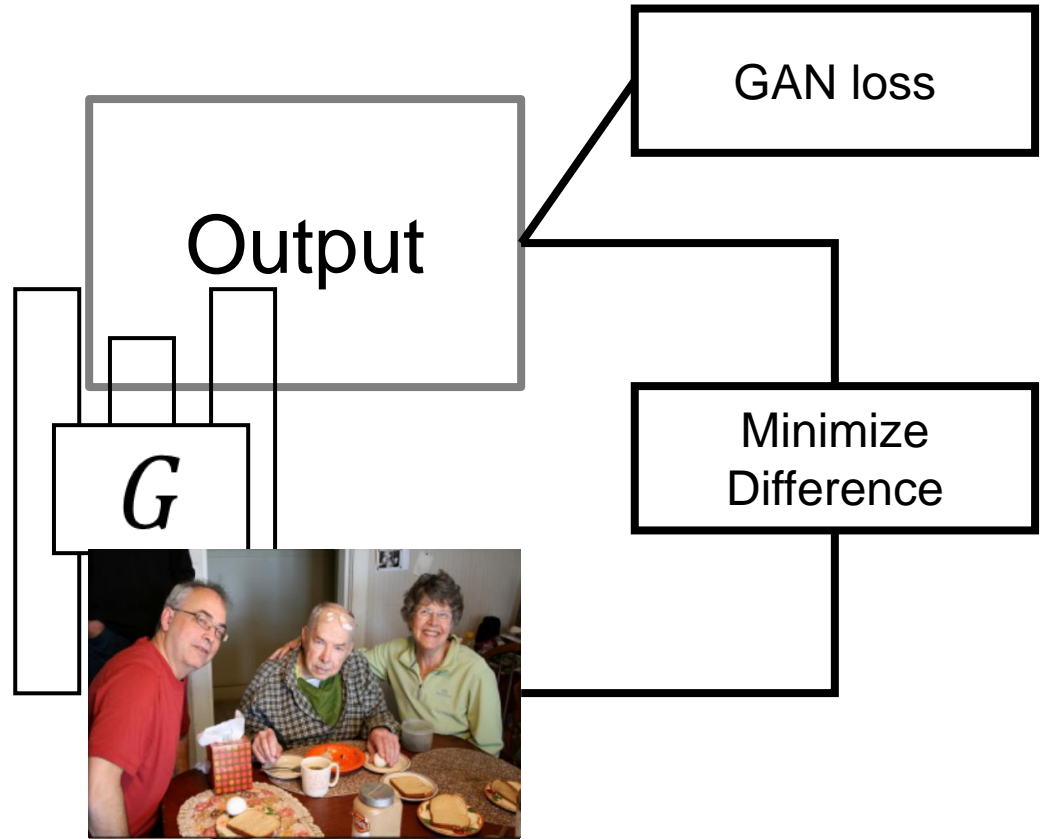
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Layout



Photo





pix2pix (Isola et al., CVPR 2017), pix2pixHD (Wang et al., CVPR 2018), SPADE (Park et al., CVPR 2019)

input



results



Results of pix2pixHD (Wang et al., CVPR 2018) on the Cityscapes dataset

input



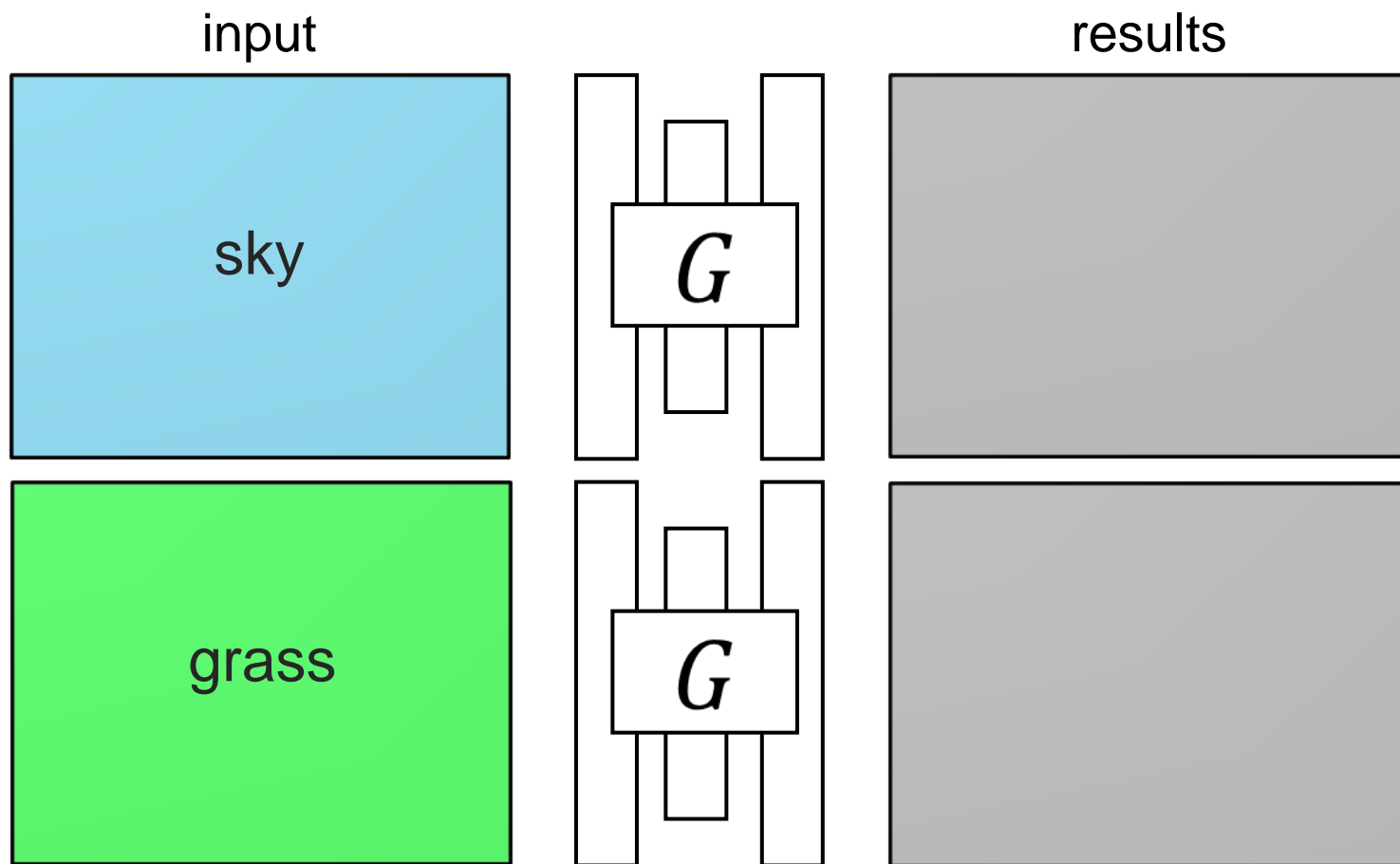
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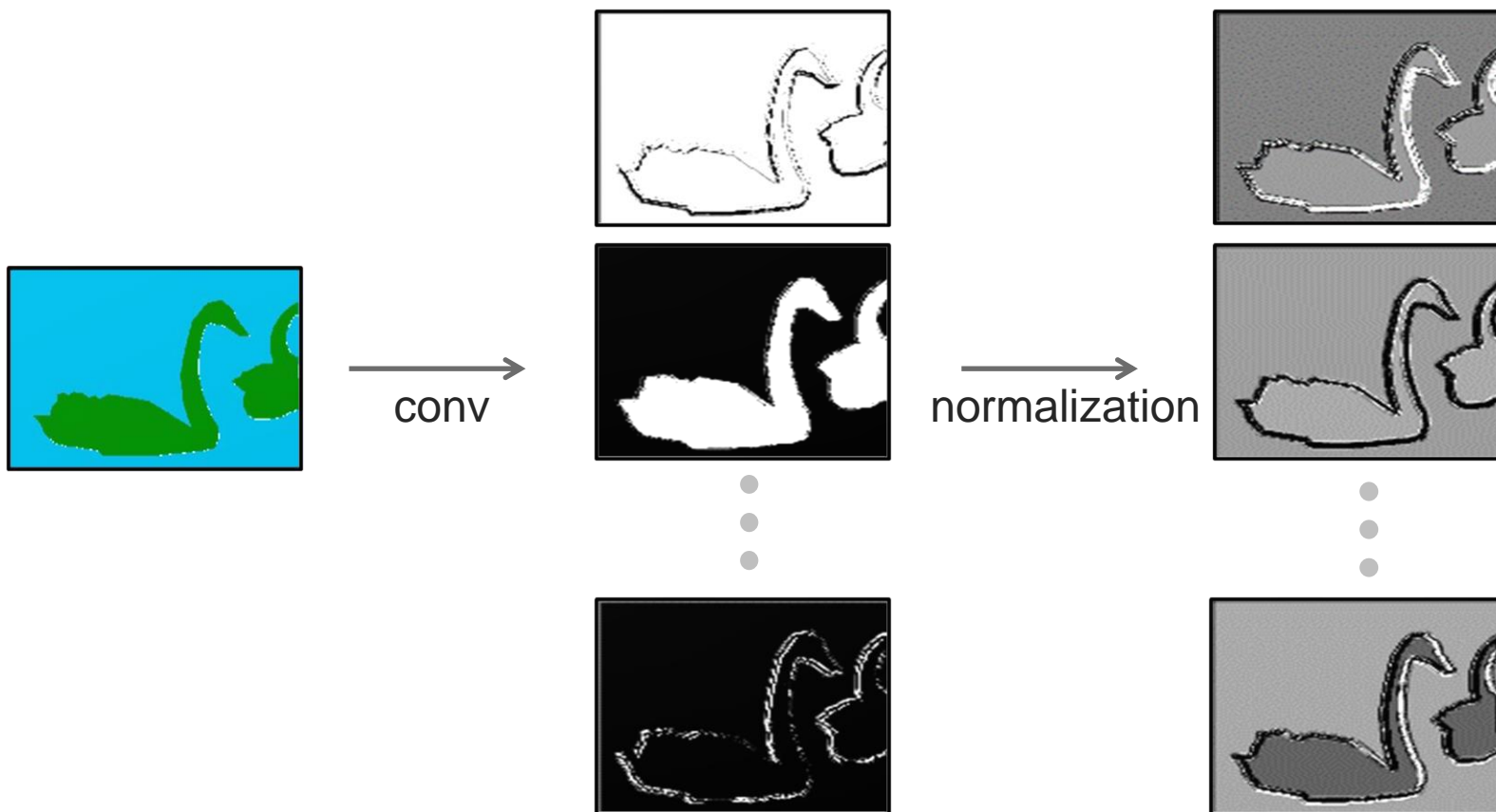


Results of pix2pixHD (Wang et al., CVPR 2018) on the **COCO-stuff dataset**

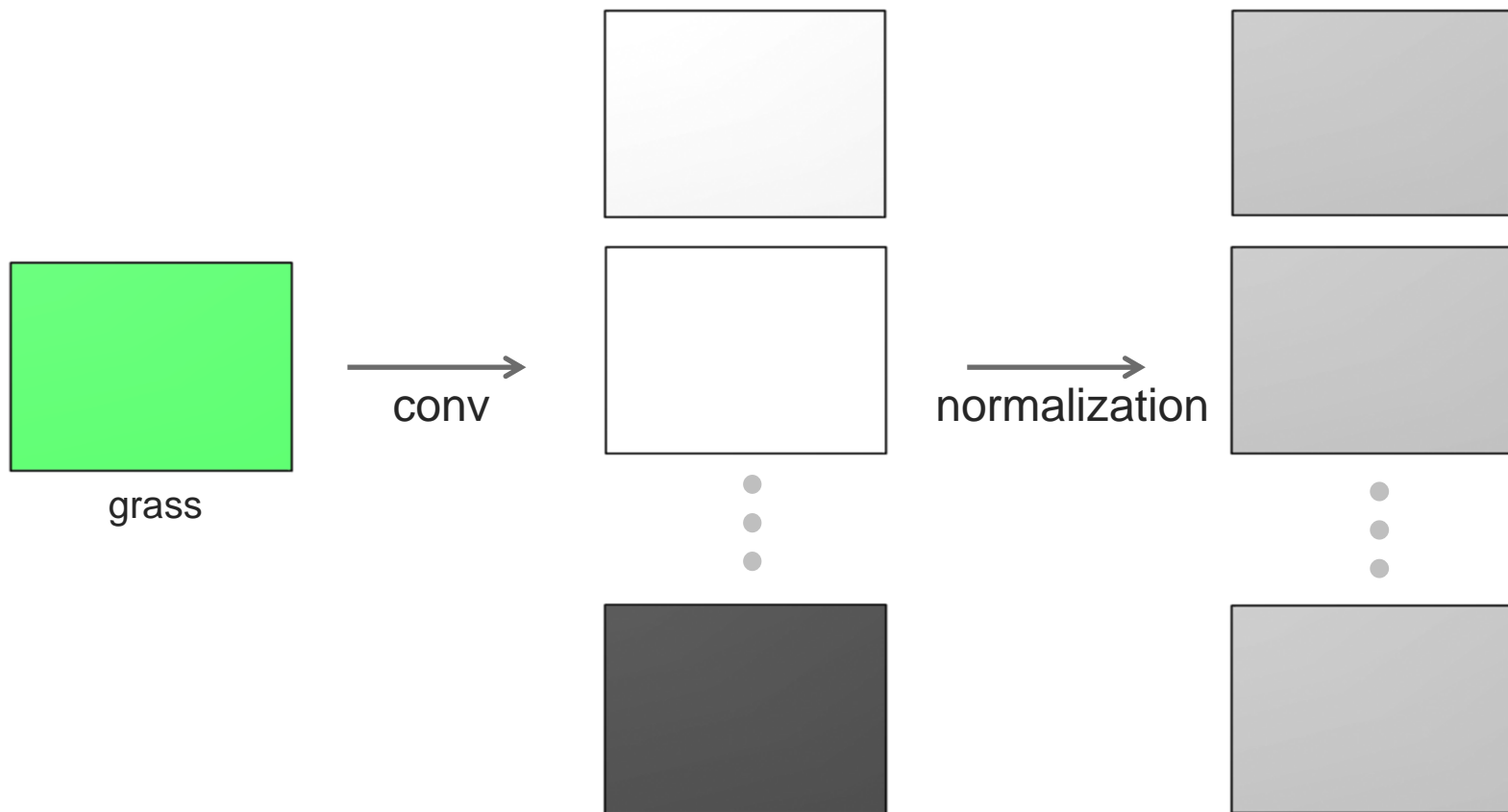


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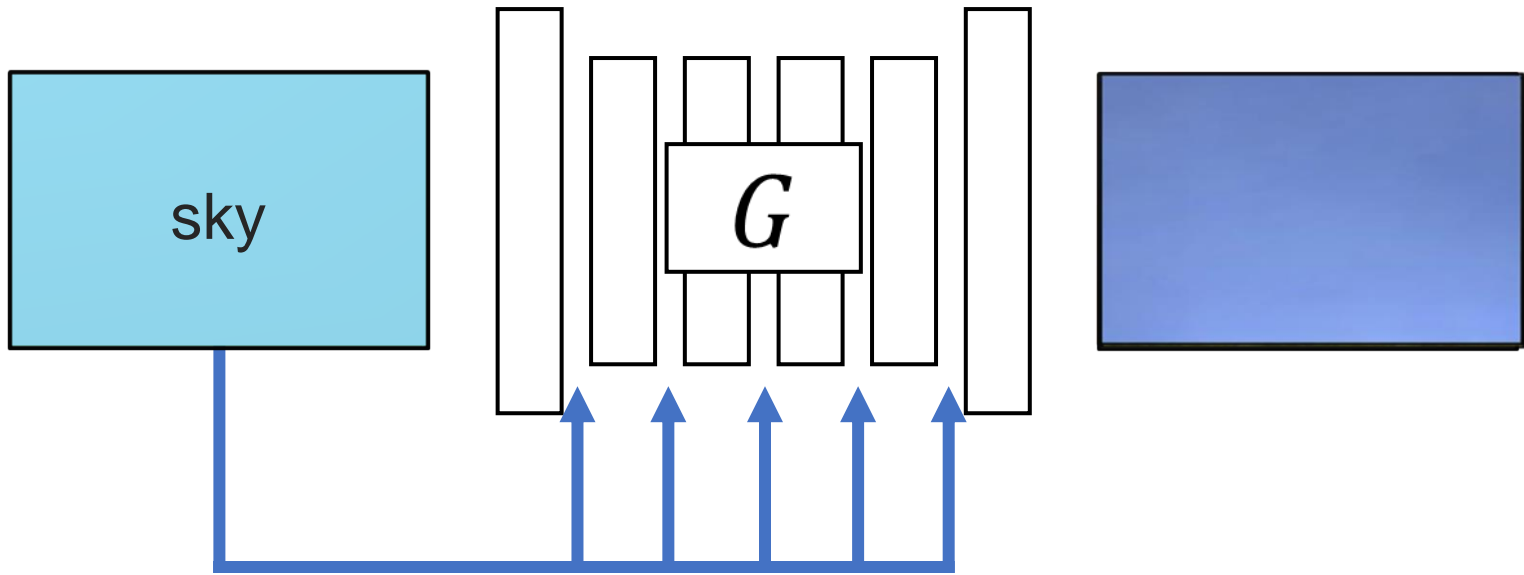
Problem with standard approaches



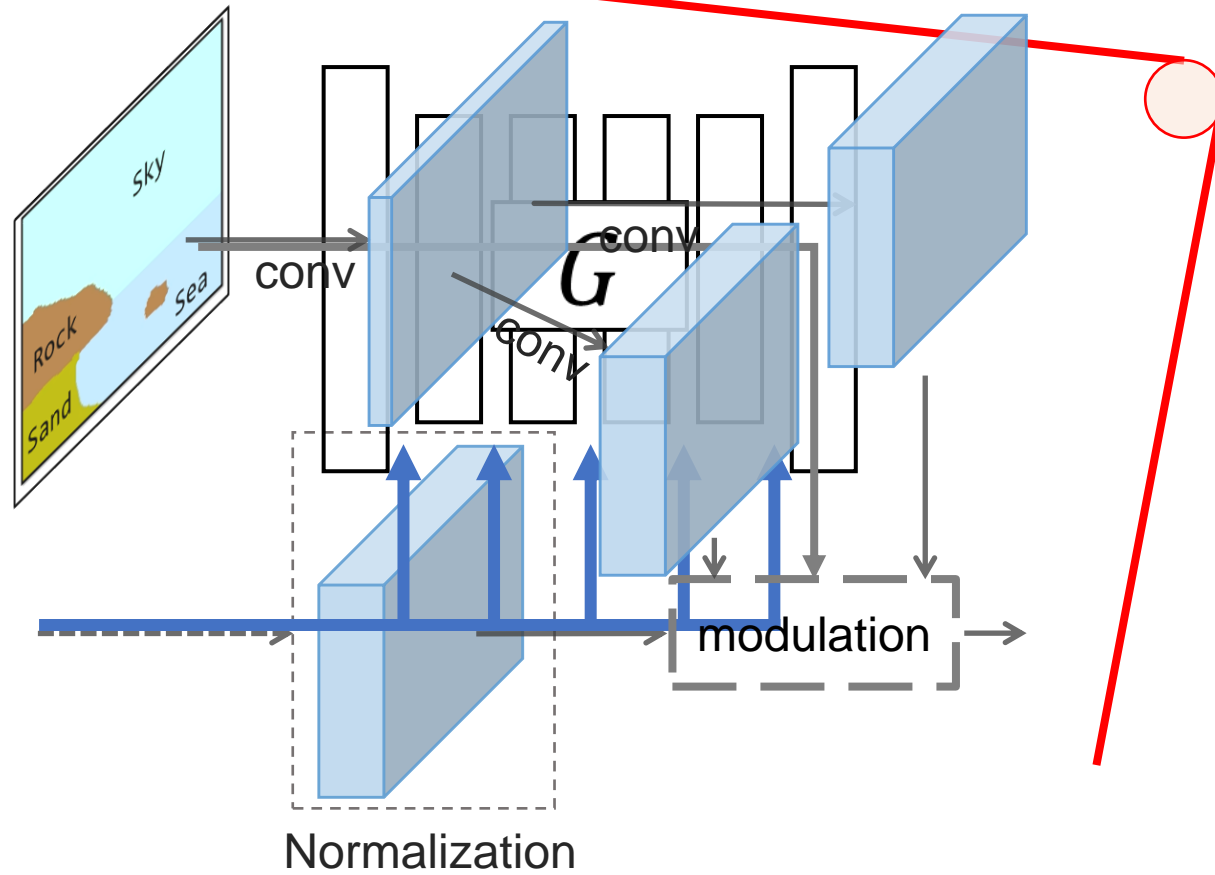
Problem with standard approaches



My simple fix



SPADE (SPatially Adaptive Denormalization. Park et al., CVPR2019)



input



SPADE (Ours)



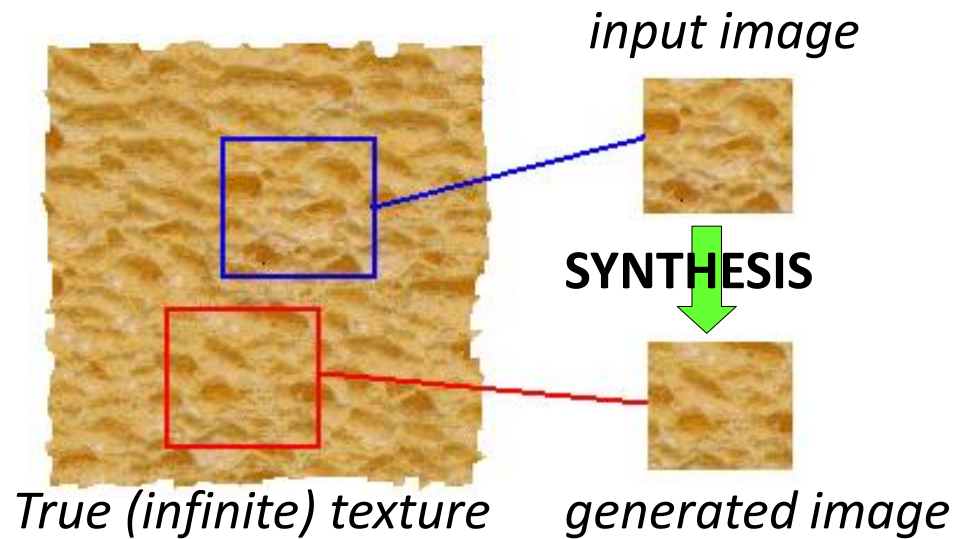
GAUGAN: SEMANTIC IMAGE SYNTHESIS WITH SPATIALLY ADAPTIVE NORMALIZATION



Taesung Park
University of California Berkeley

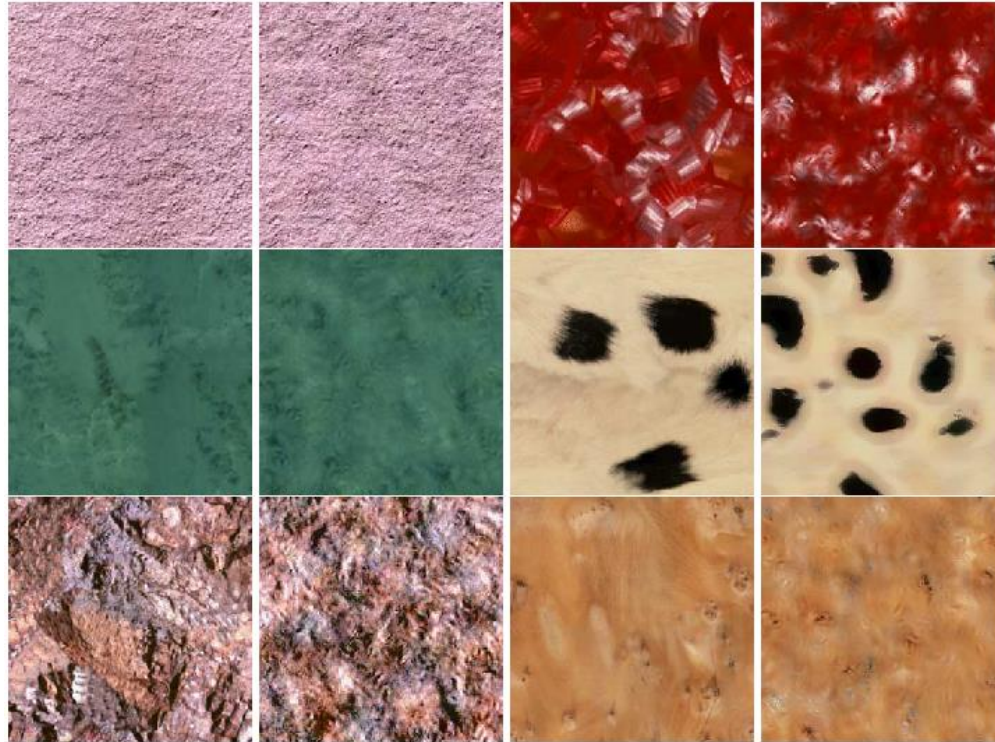
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Gavriil Klimov
NVIDIA

Parametric Texture Synthesis

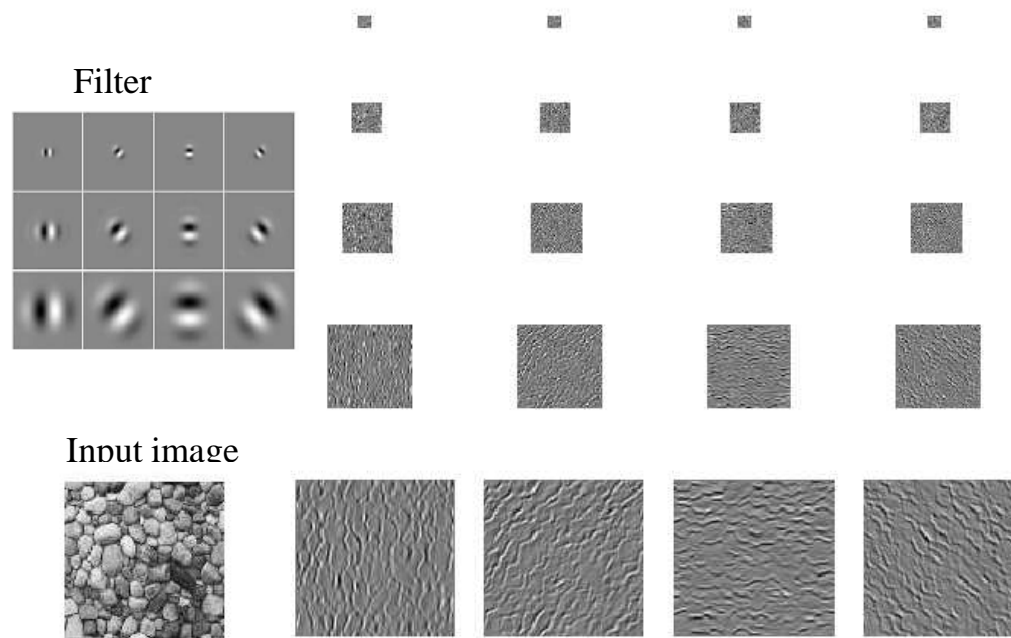


- Come up with a parametric generative model of the “infinite texture”

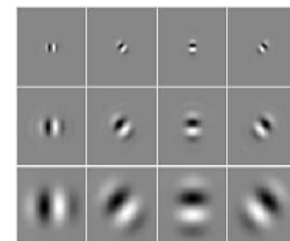
Heeger & Bergen, SIGGRAPH'95



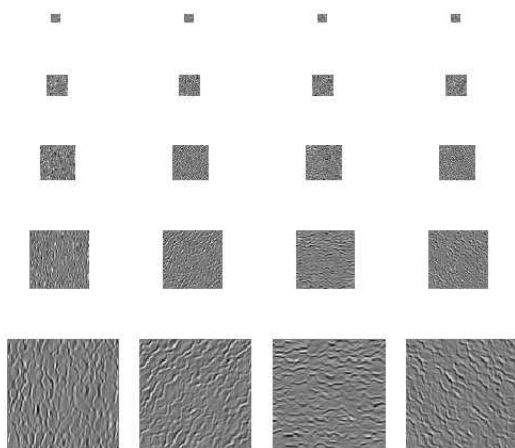
Multi-scale filter decomposition (steerable pyramid)



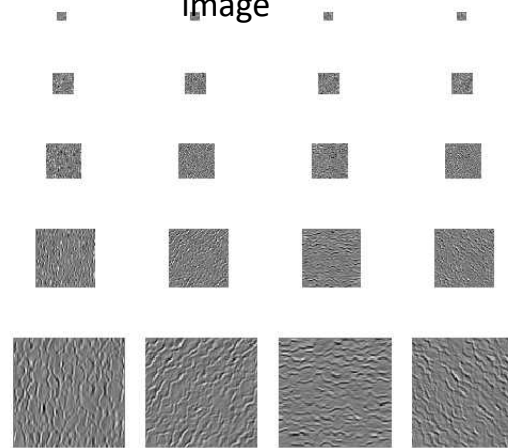
Step 1: Convolve with filterbank



input



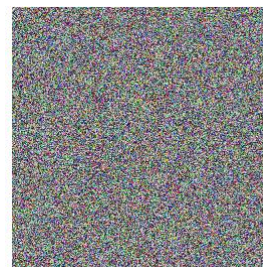
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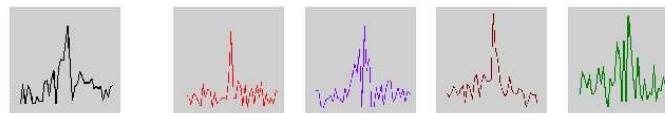
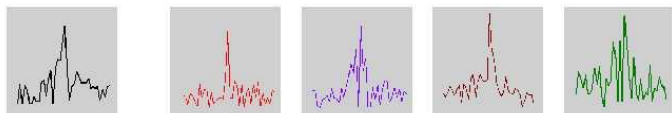
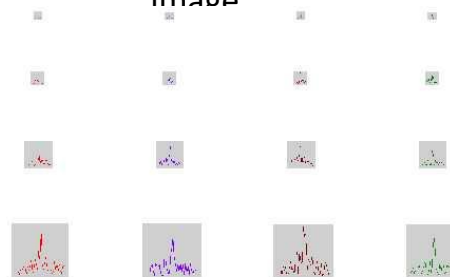
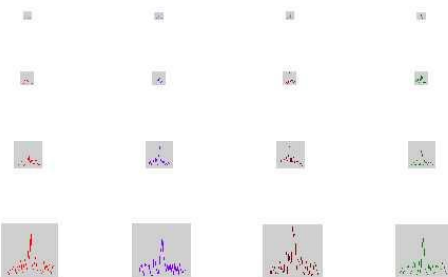
Step 2: match per-channel histograms



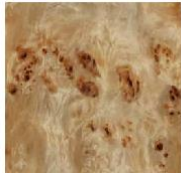
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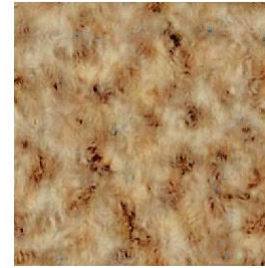
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Step 3: collapse pyramid and repeat!

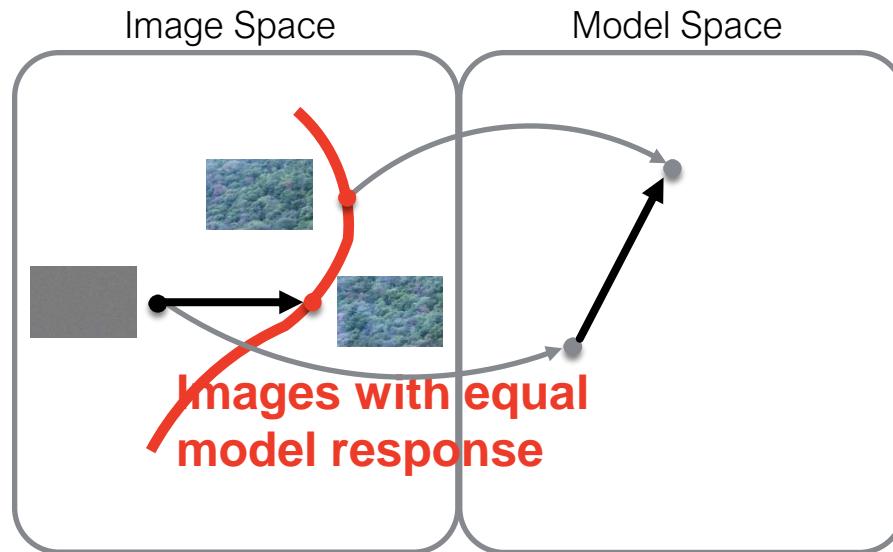


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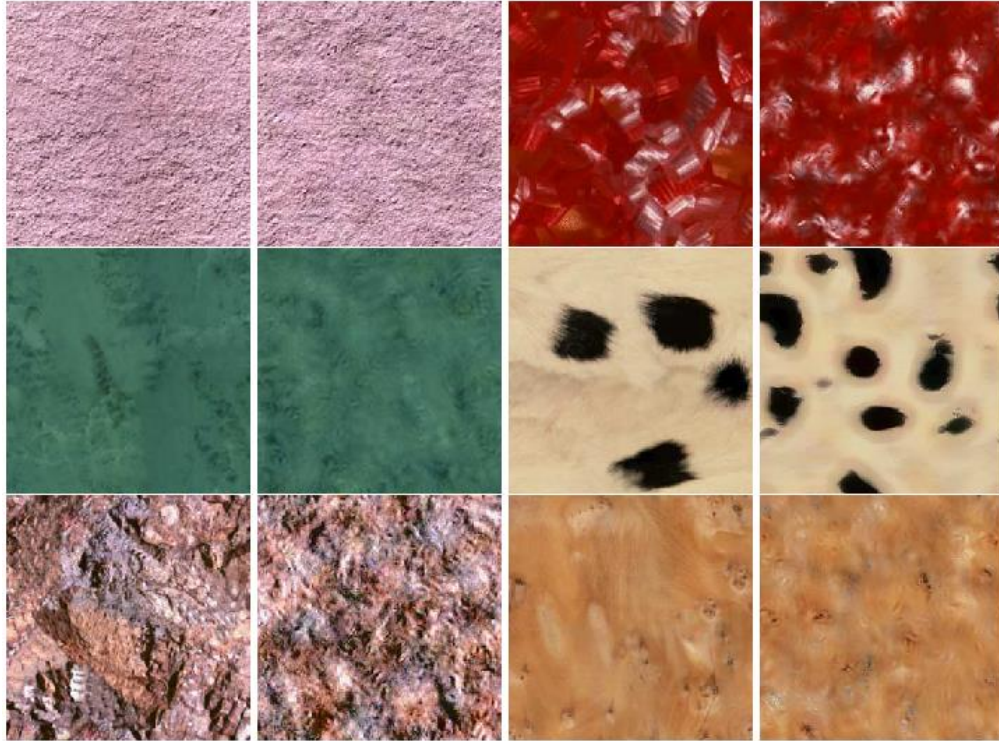


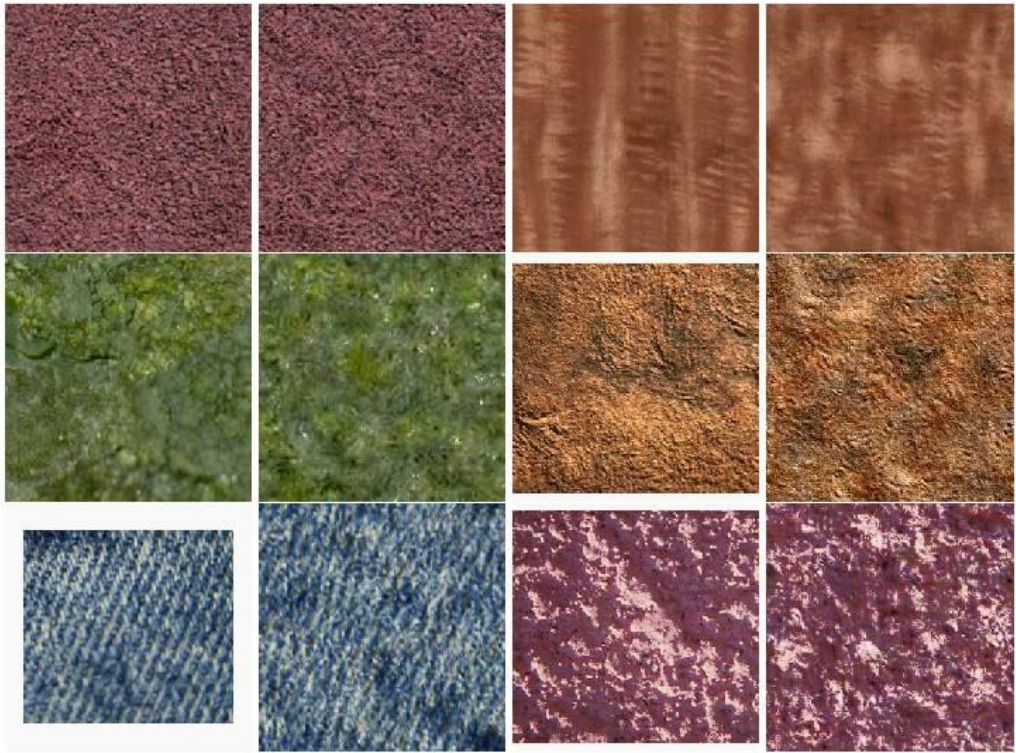
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Texture Synthesis



Slide by Portilla & Simoncelli (2000)





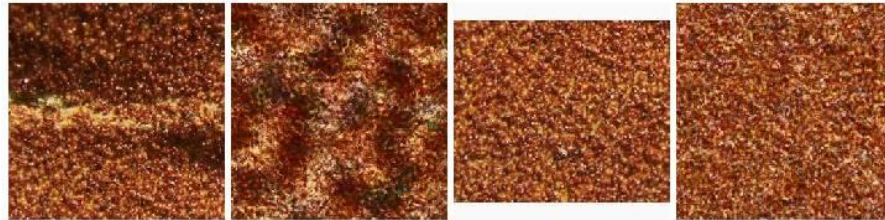


Figure 7: (Left pair) Inhomogeneous input texture produces blotchy synthetic texture. (Right pair) Homogenous input.

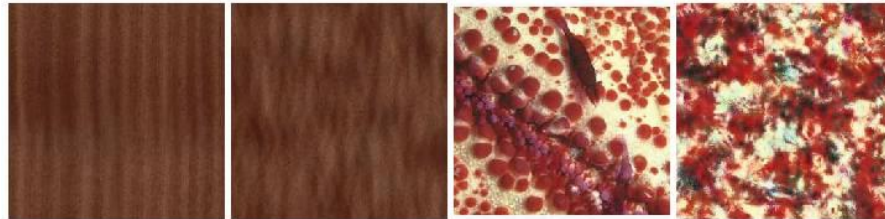


Figure 8: Examples of failures: wood grain and red coral.



Figure 9: More failures: hay and marble.

Simoncelli & Portilla '98+

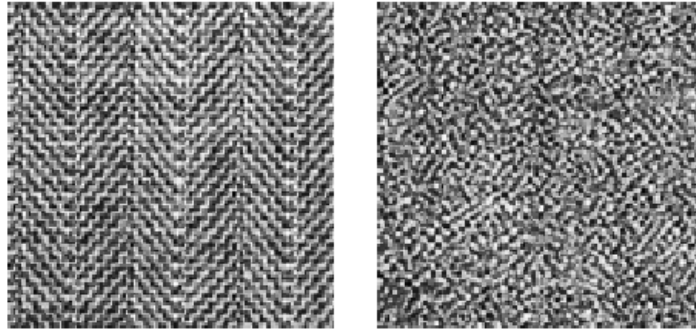
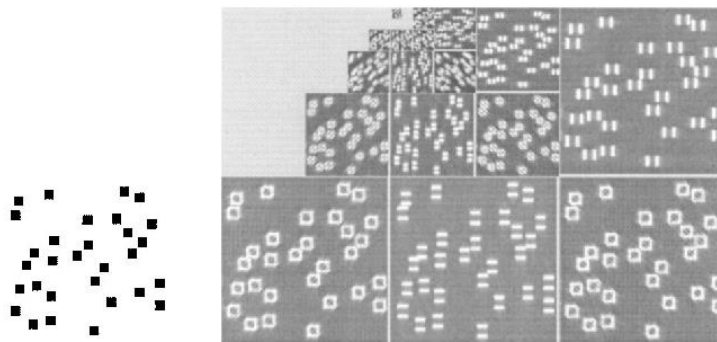


Figure 1. Textures with matching marginal statistics.

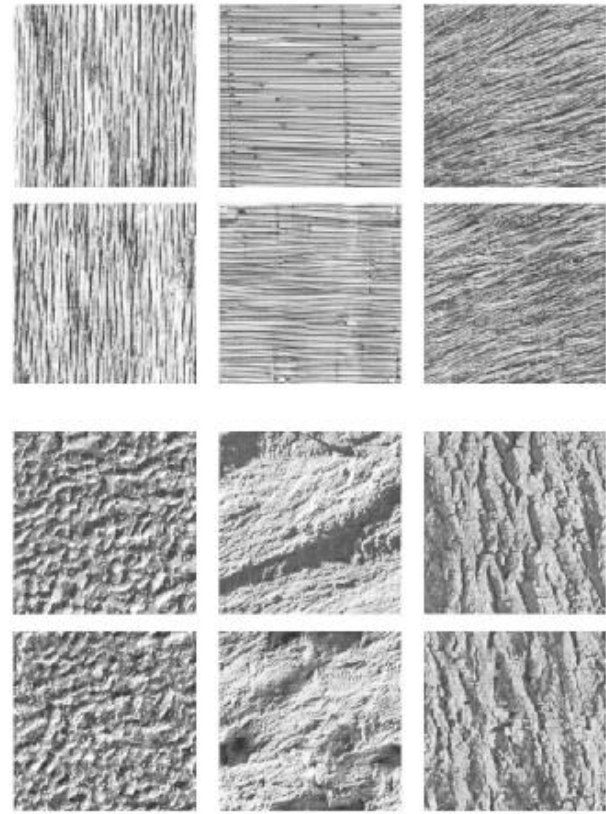
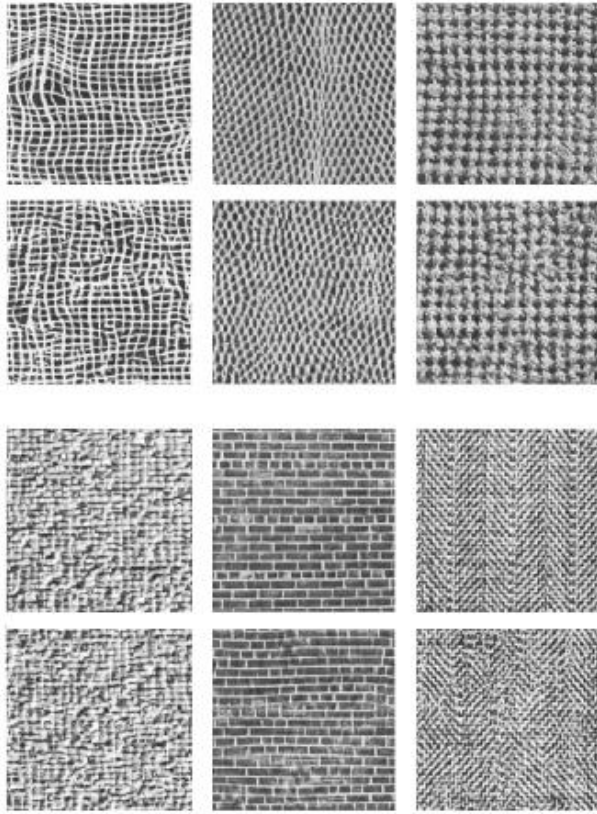
- Marginal statistics are not enough
- Neighboring filter responses are highly correlated
 - an edge at low-res will cause an edge at high-res
- Let's match 2nd order statistics too!

- J Portilla and E P Simoncelli. *A Parametric Texture Model based on Joint Statistics of Complex Wavelet Coefficients*. Int'l Journal of Computer Vision. 40(1):49-71, October, 2000.

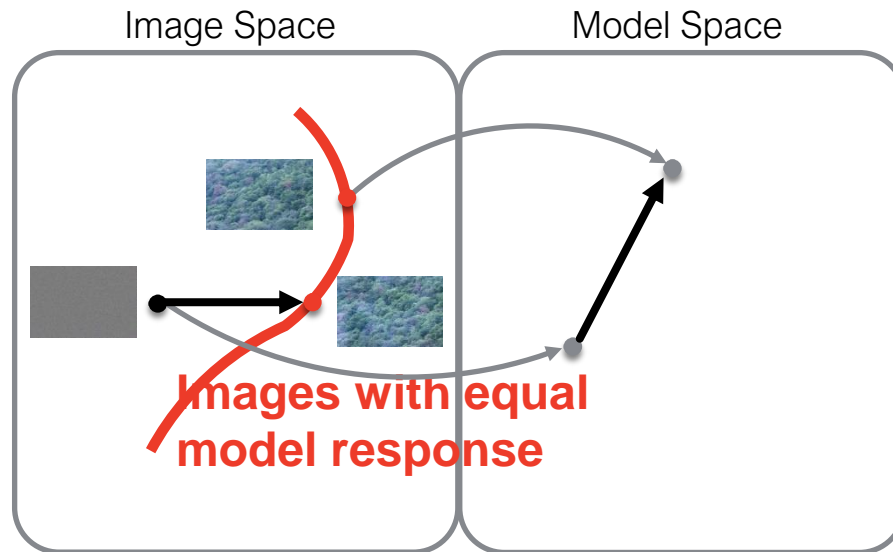
Simoncelli & Portilla '98+



- Match joint histograms of pairs of filter responses at adjacent spatial locations, orientations, and scales.
- Optimize using repeated projections onto statistical constraint surfaces

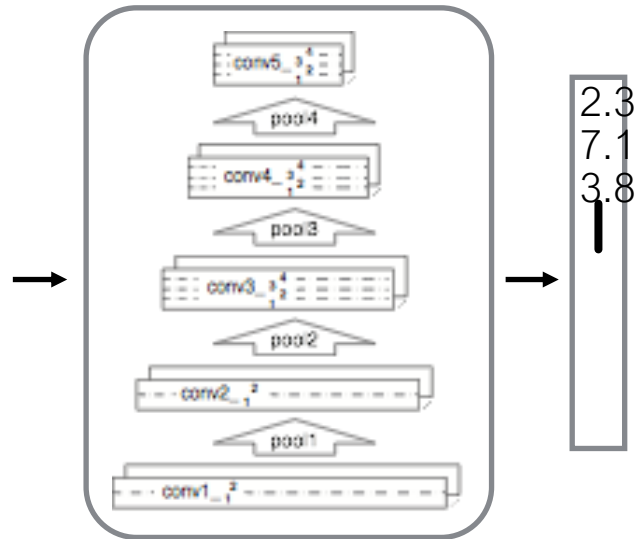
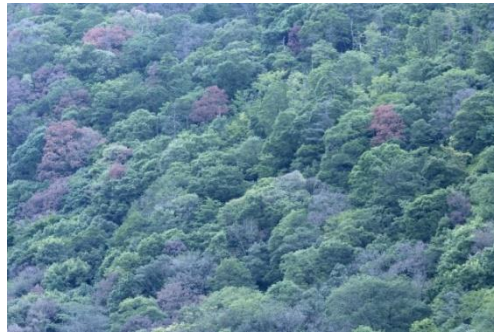


Texture Synthesis



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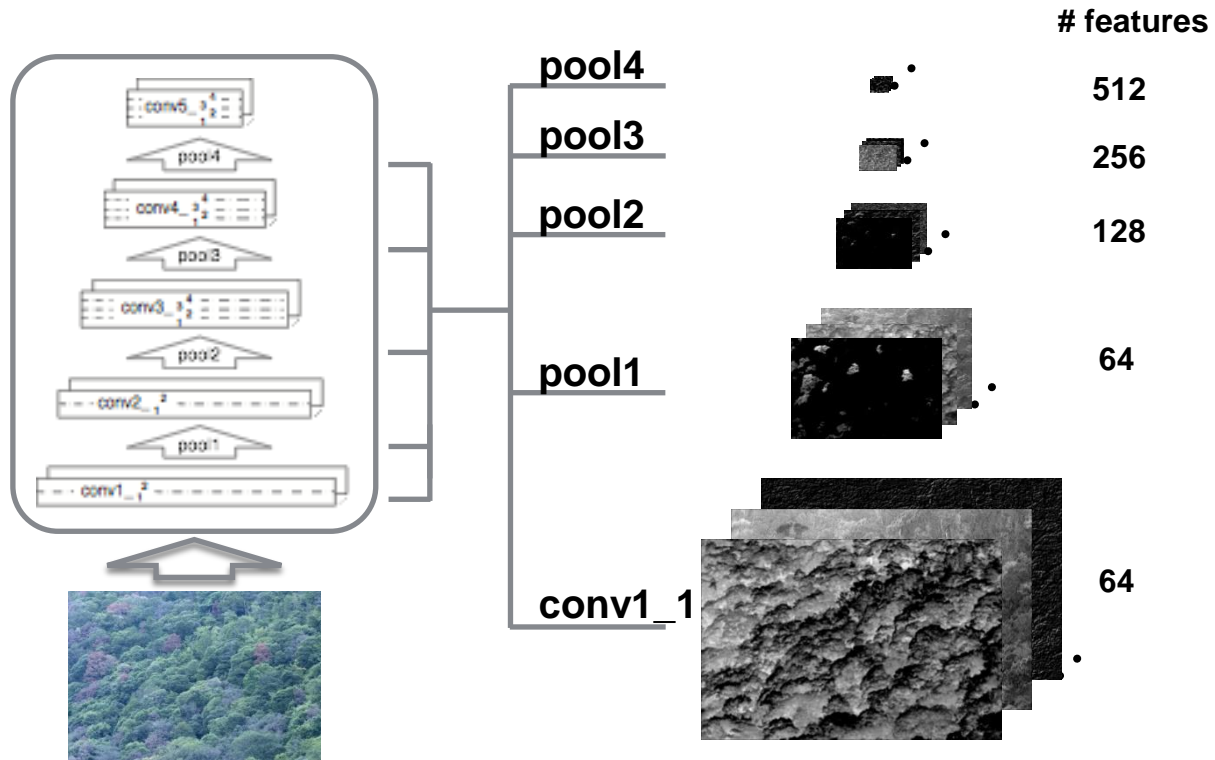
CNN as features



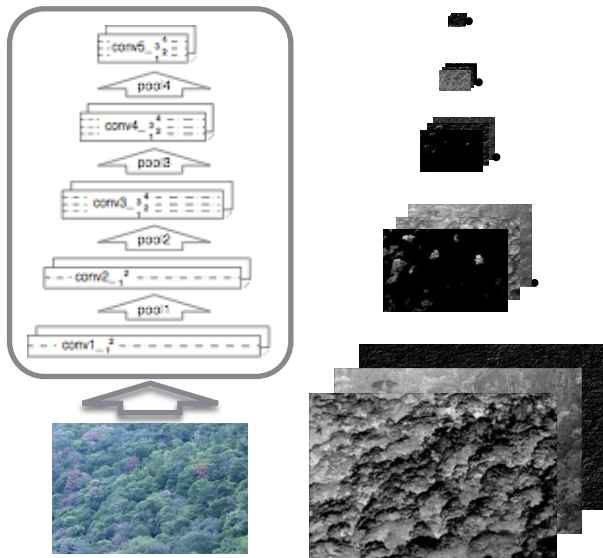
Convolutional Neural Network

Gatys et al. (NIPS 2015)

CNN - Multiscale Filter Bank



CNN - Texture Features



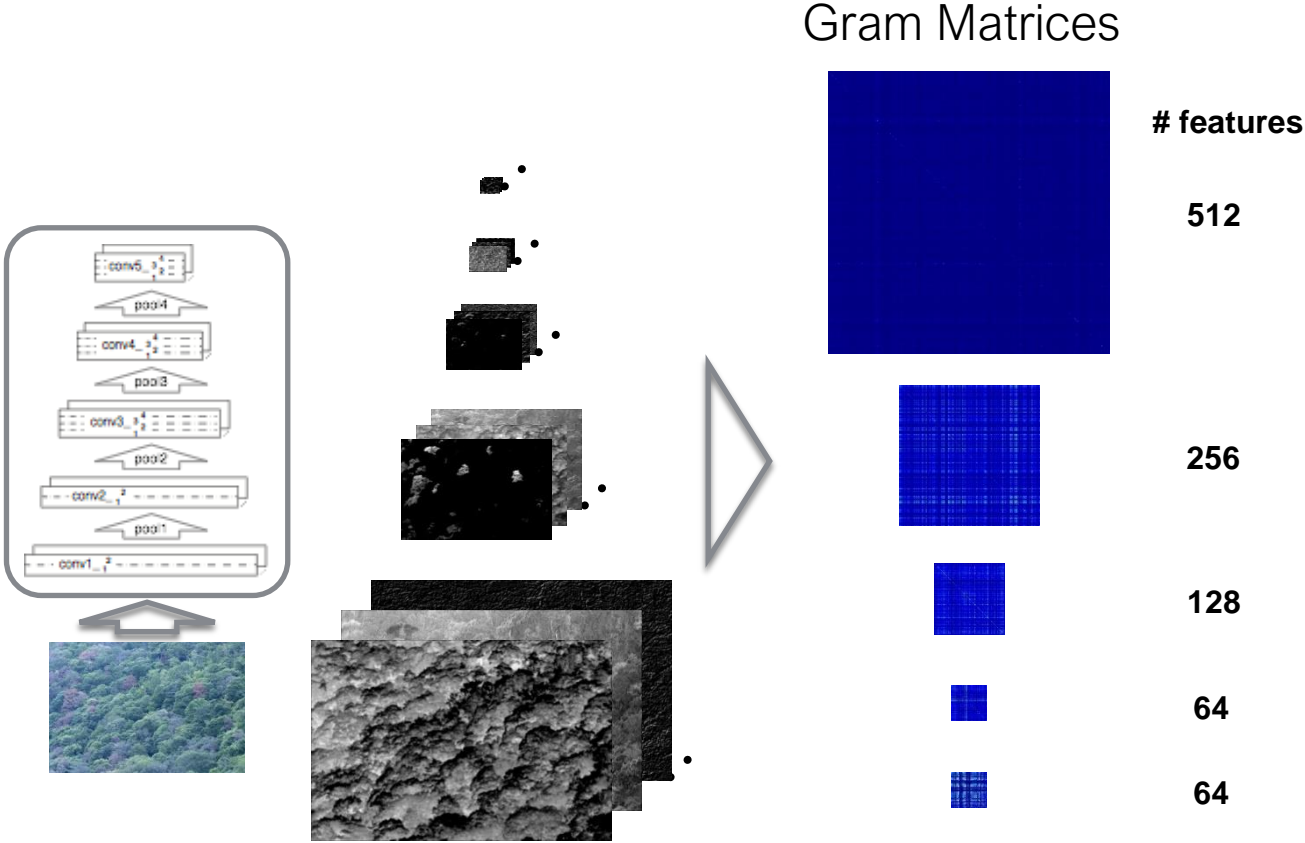
$$F = [\bar{f}_1, \bar{f}_2, \bar{f}_3, \dots, \bar{f}_N]^T$$

$$G = FF^T$$

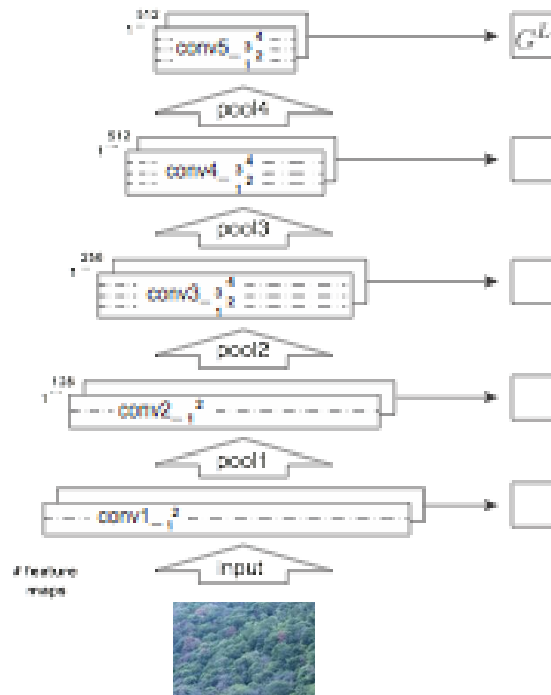
$$= \begin{pmatrix} \langle \bar{f}_1, \bar{f}_1 \rangle & \cdots & \langle \bar{f}_1, \bar{f}_N \rangle \\ \langle \bar{f}_2, \bar{f}_1 \rangle & & \vdots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \langle \bar{f}_N, \bar{f}_1 \rangle & \cdots & \langle \bar{f}_N, \bar{f}_N \rangle \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\langle \bar{f}_i, \bar{f}_j \rangle = \sum_k F_{ik} F_{jk}$$

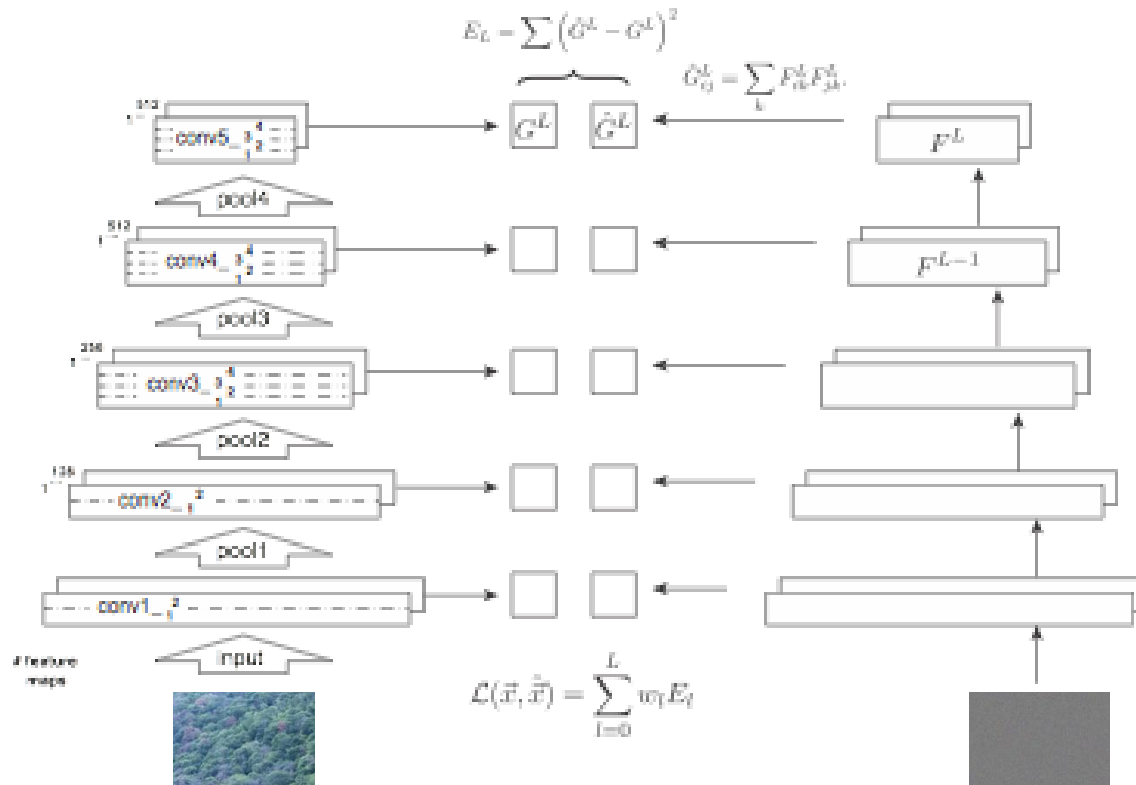
CNN - Texture Features



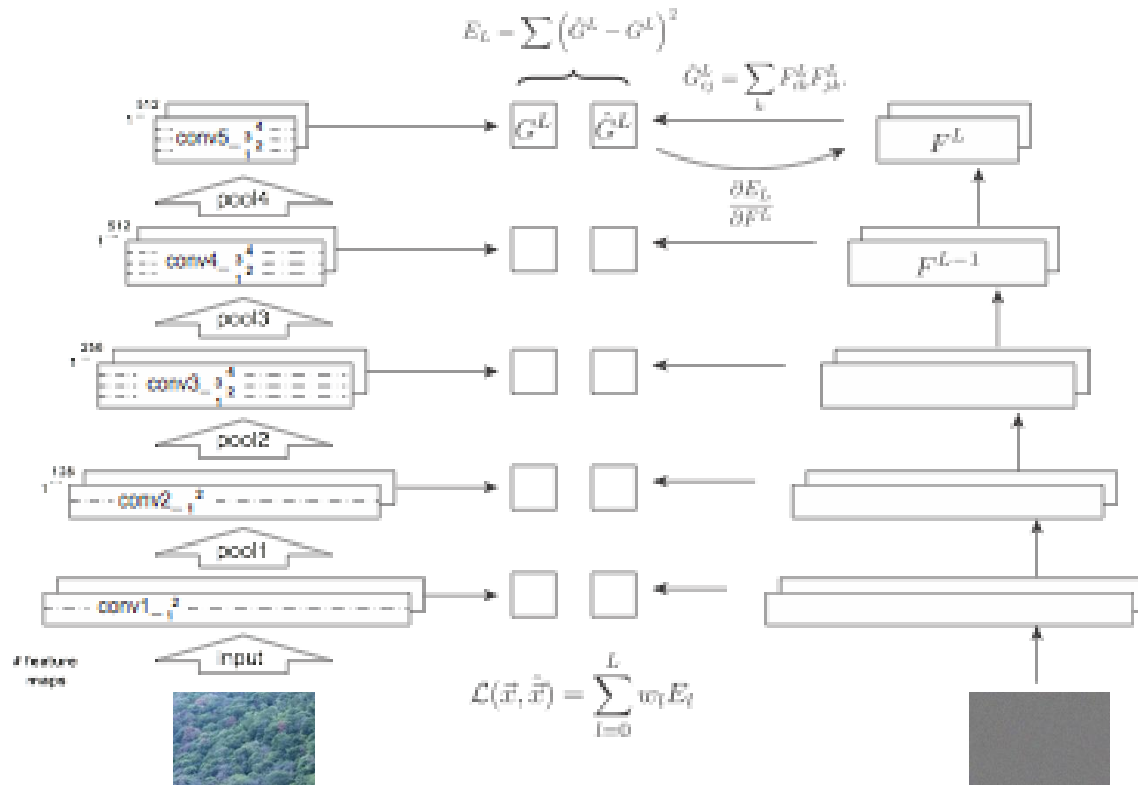
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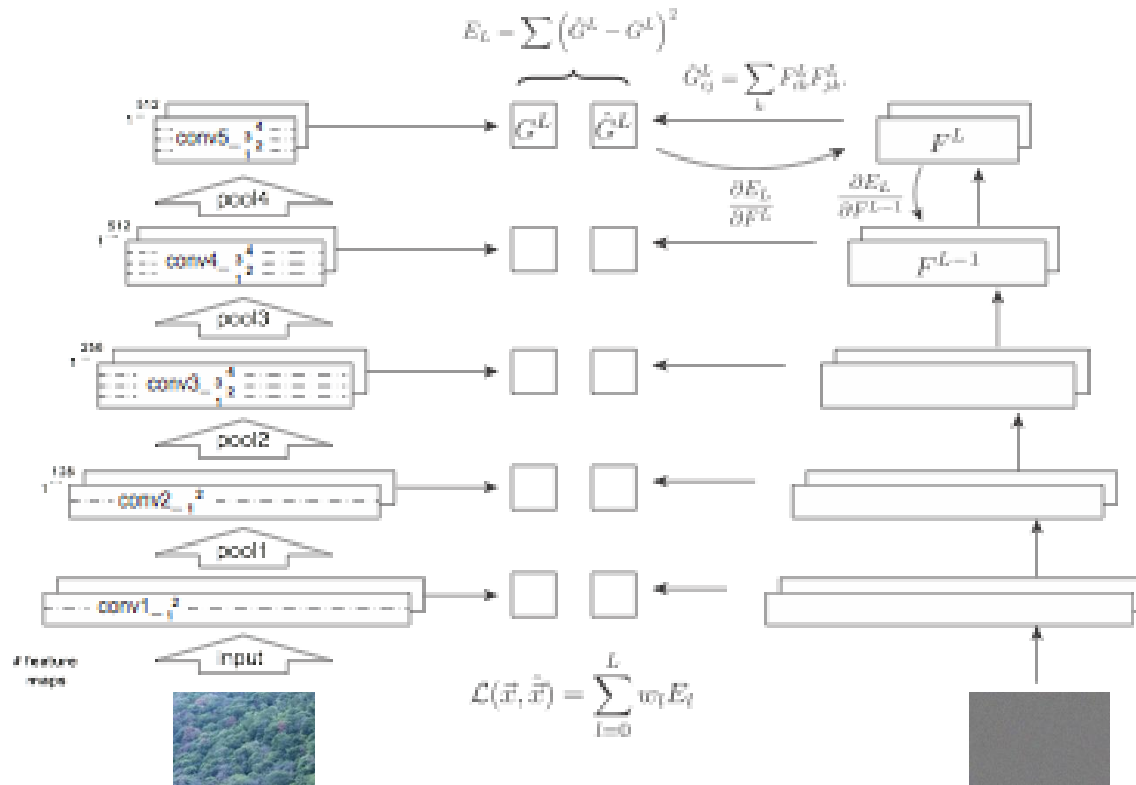
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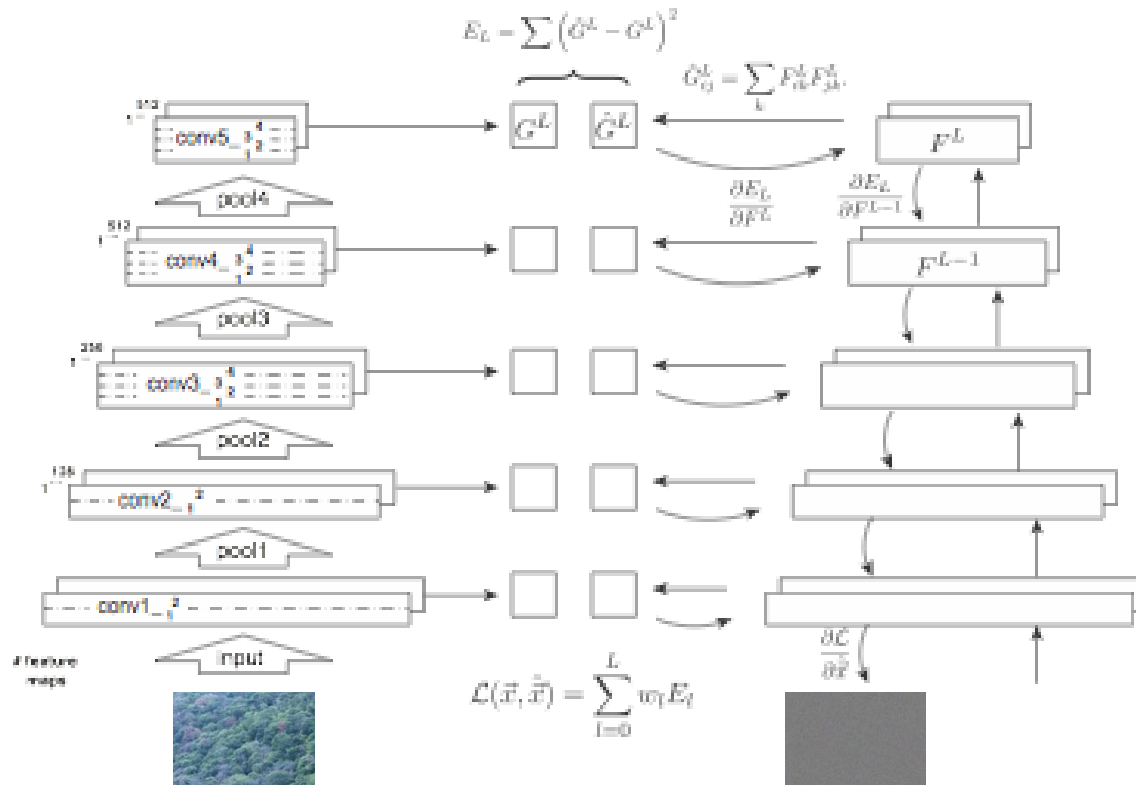
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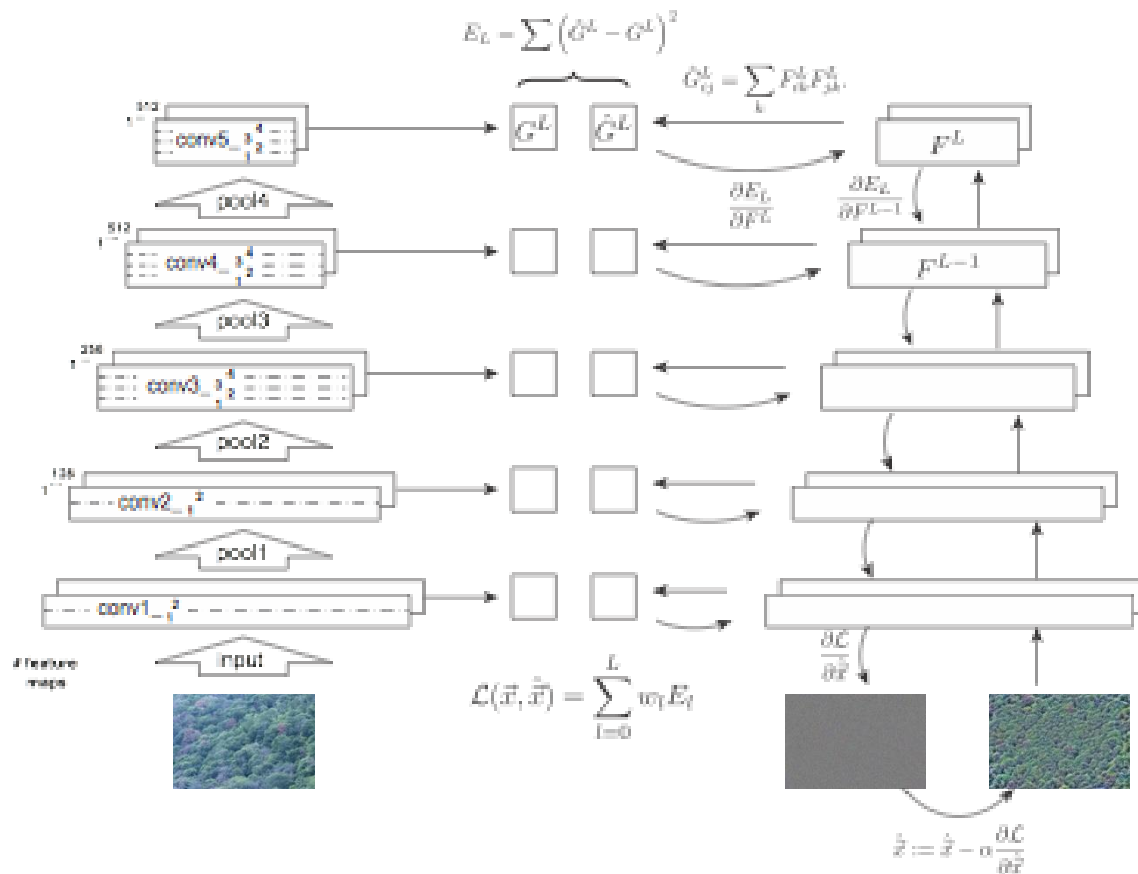
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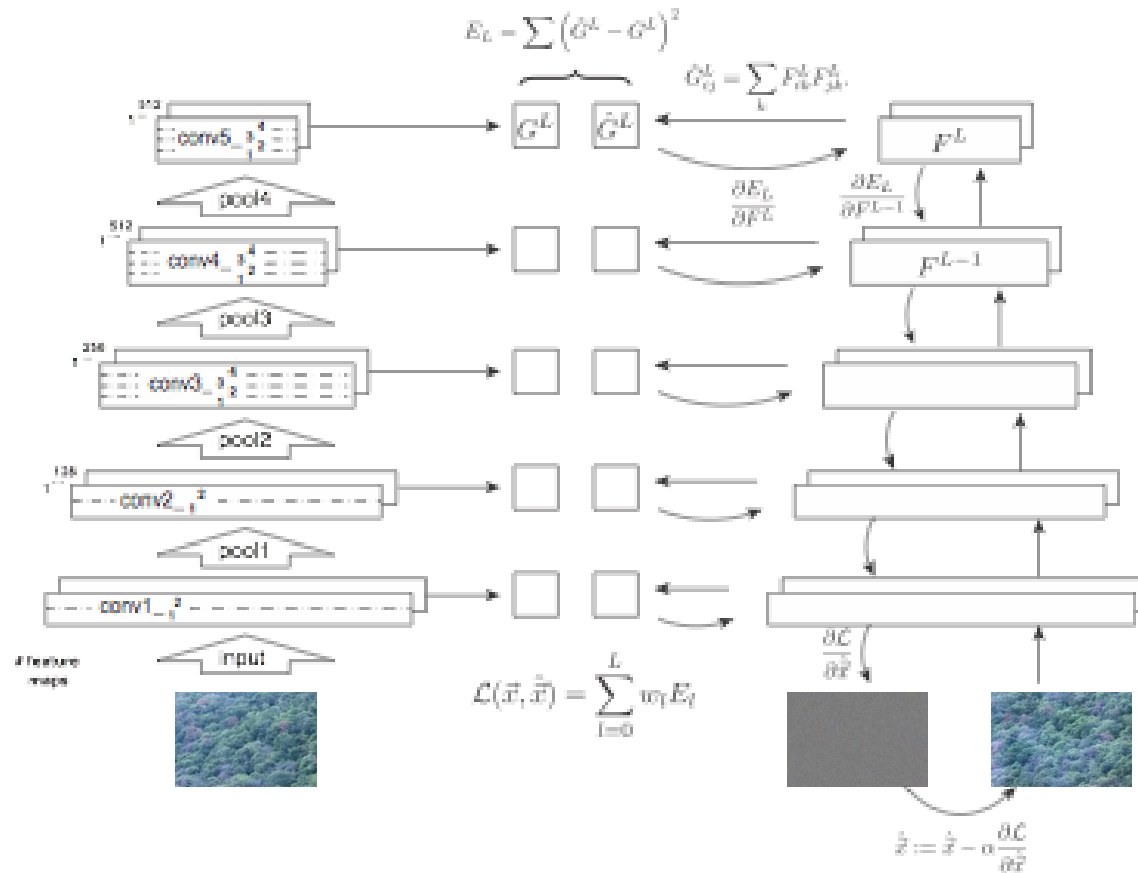
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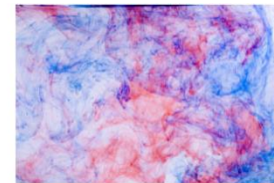
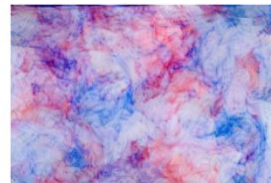
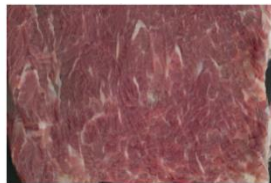
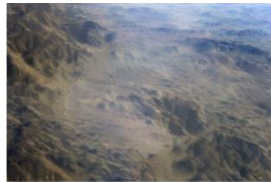
Texture Synthesis



Texture Synthesis



Test Julesz' Conjecture



Object Recognition is just Texture Recognition

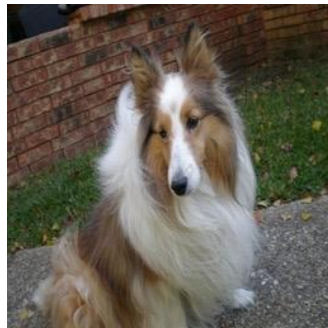


image X



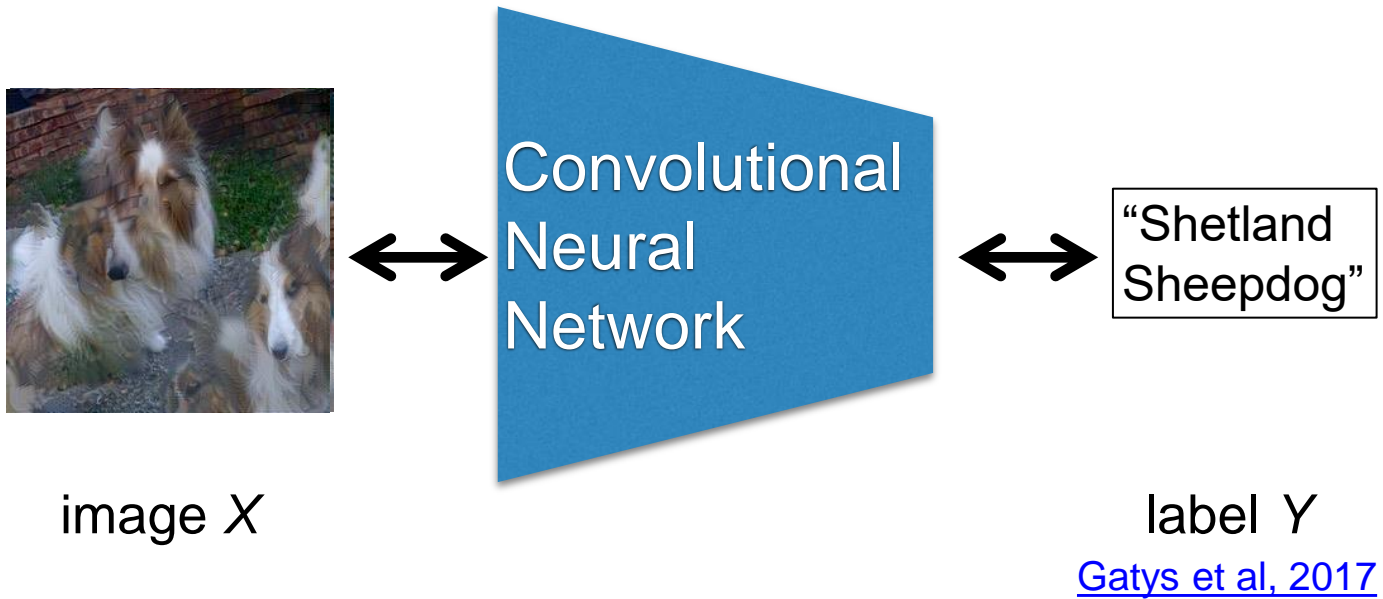
Convolutional
Neural
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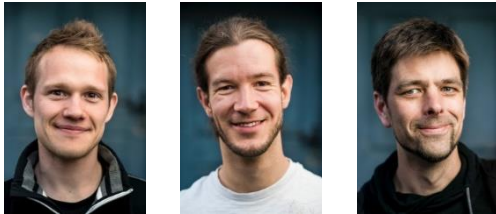
“Shetland
Sheepdog”

label Y

Object Recognition is just Texture Recognition



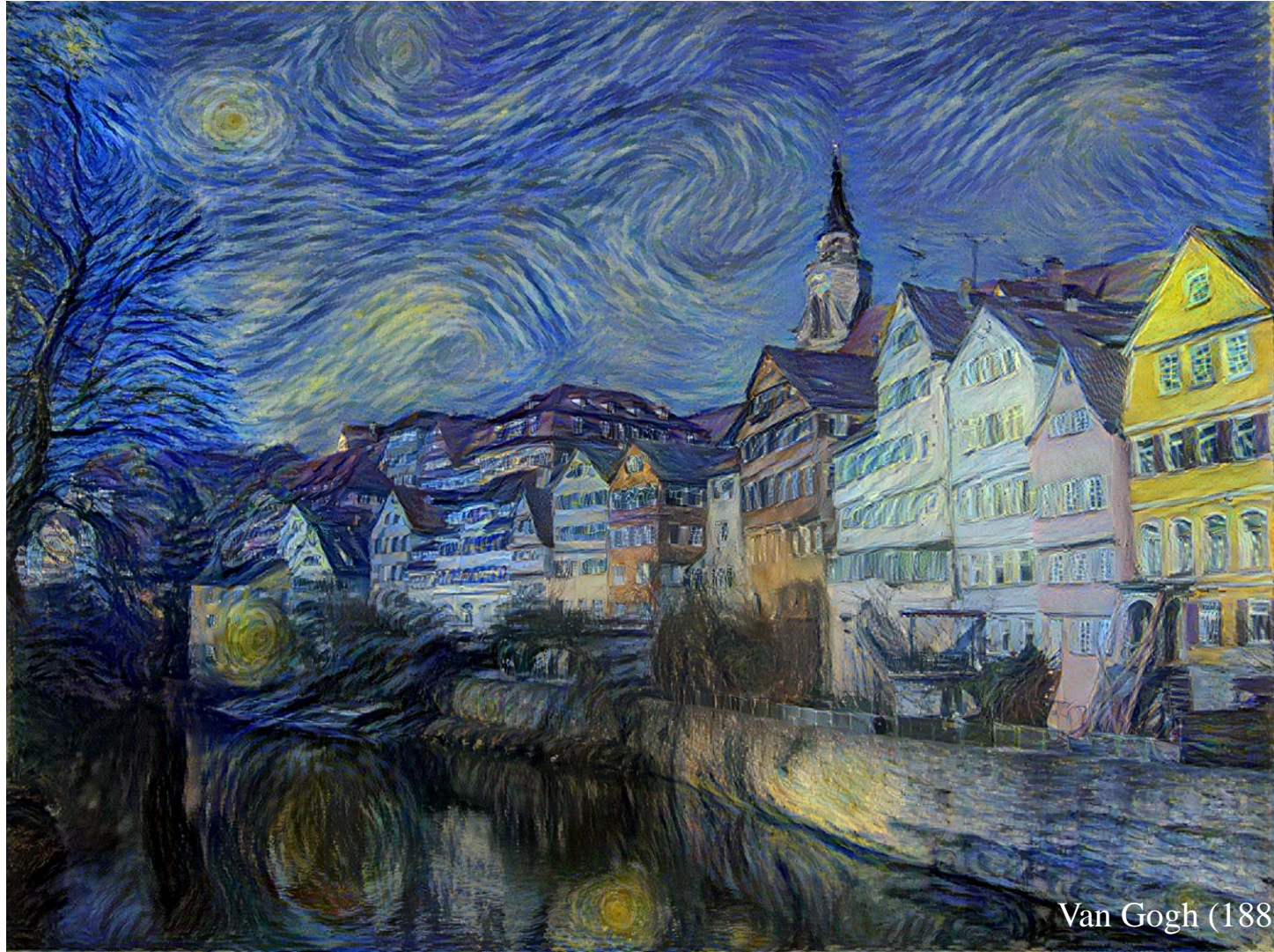
A Neural Algorithm of Artistic Style



Gatys, Ecker, Bethge (arXiv 2015)







Van Gogh (1888)



Picasso (1910)



Munch (1893)

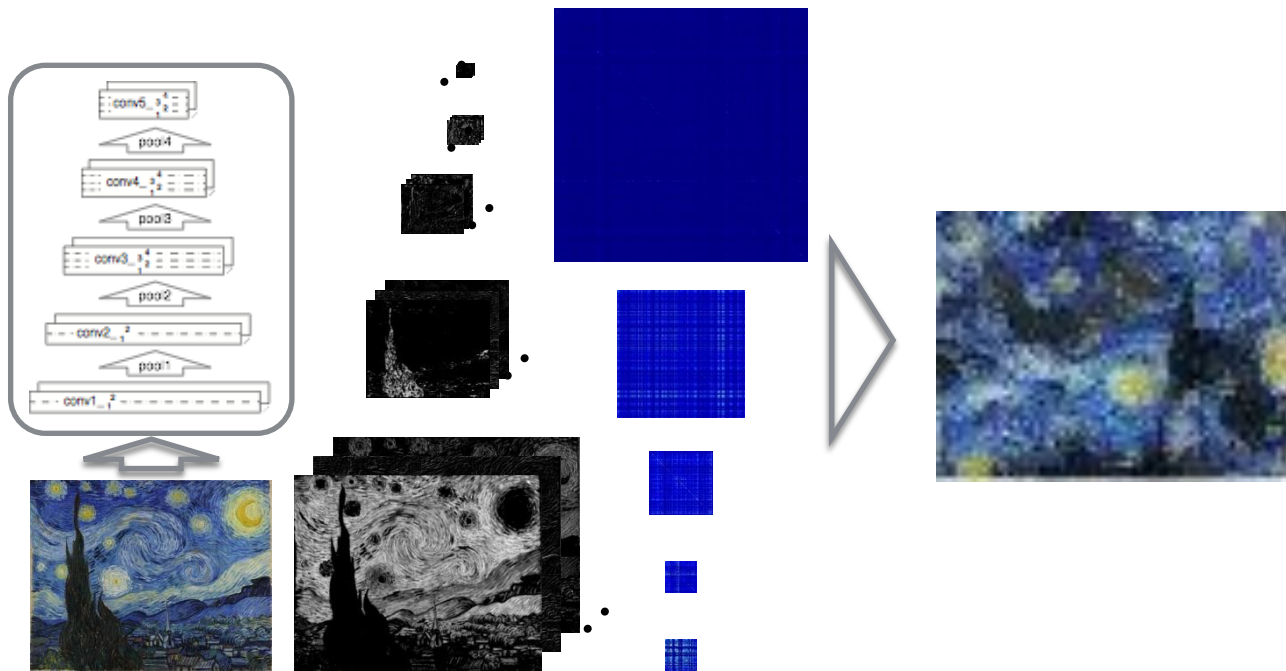


Turner (1805)



Kandinsky (1911)

CNN - Texture Synthesis

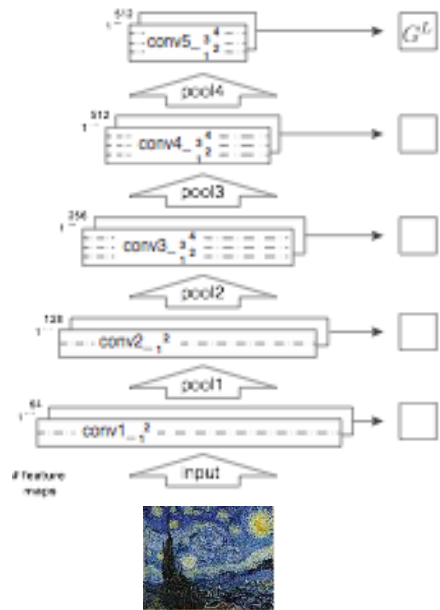


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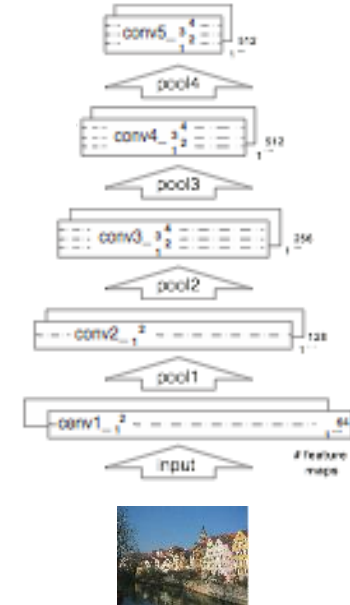
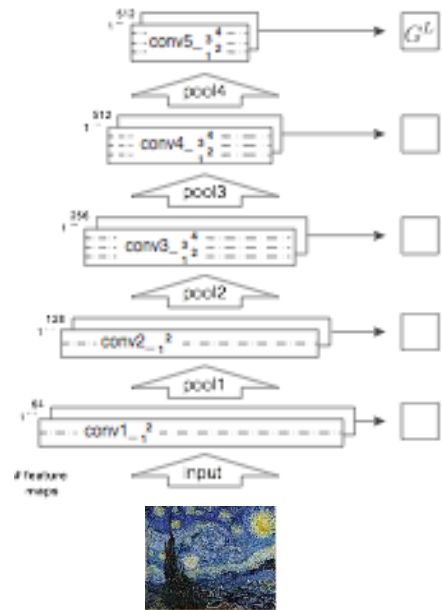
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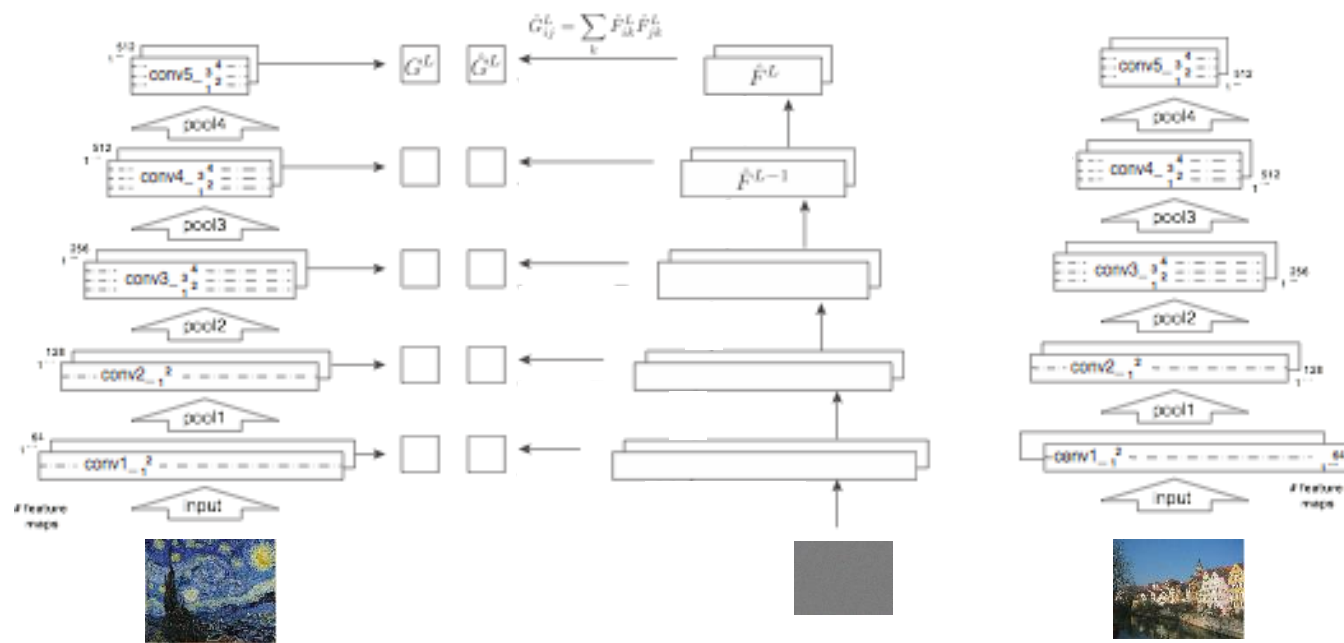
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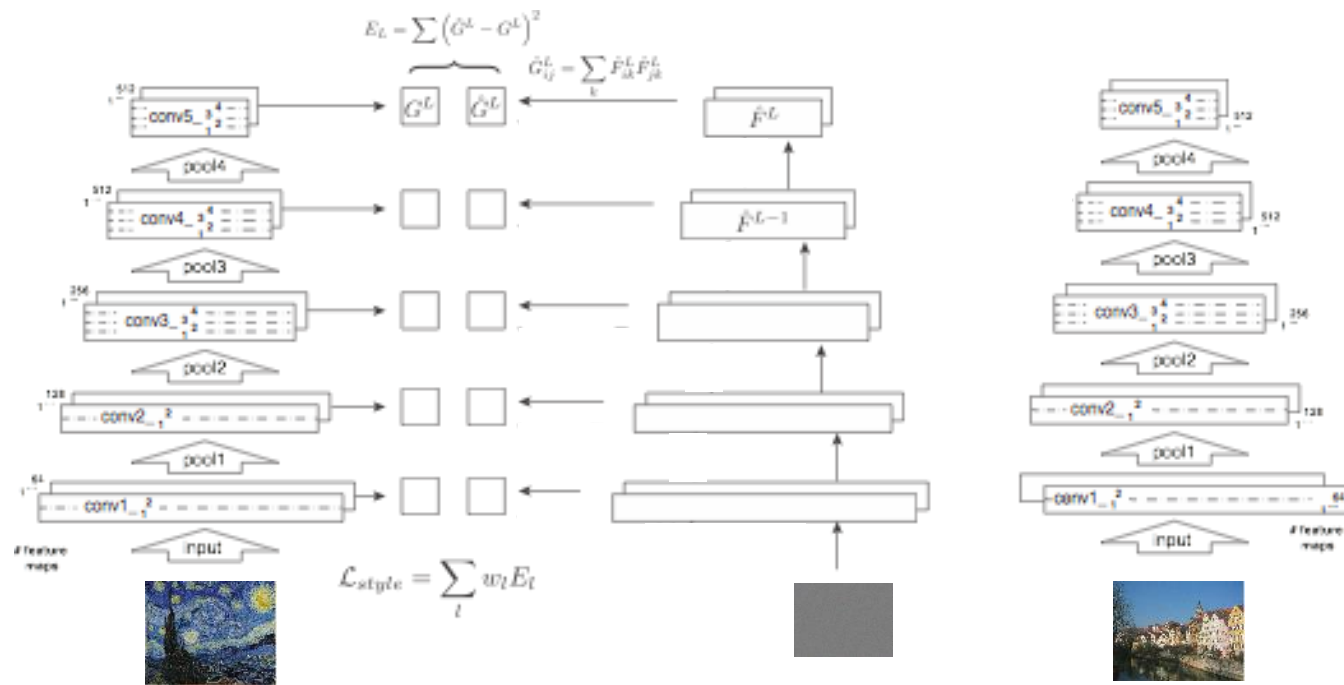
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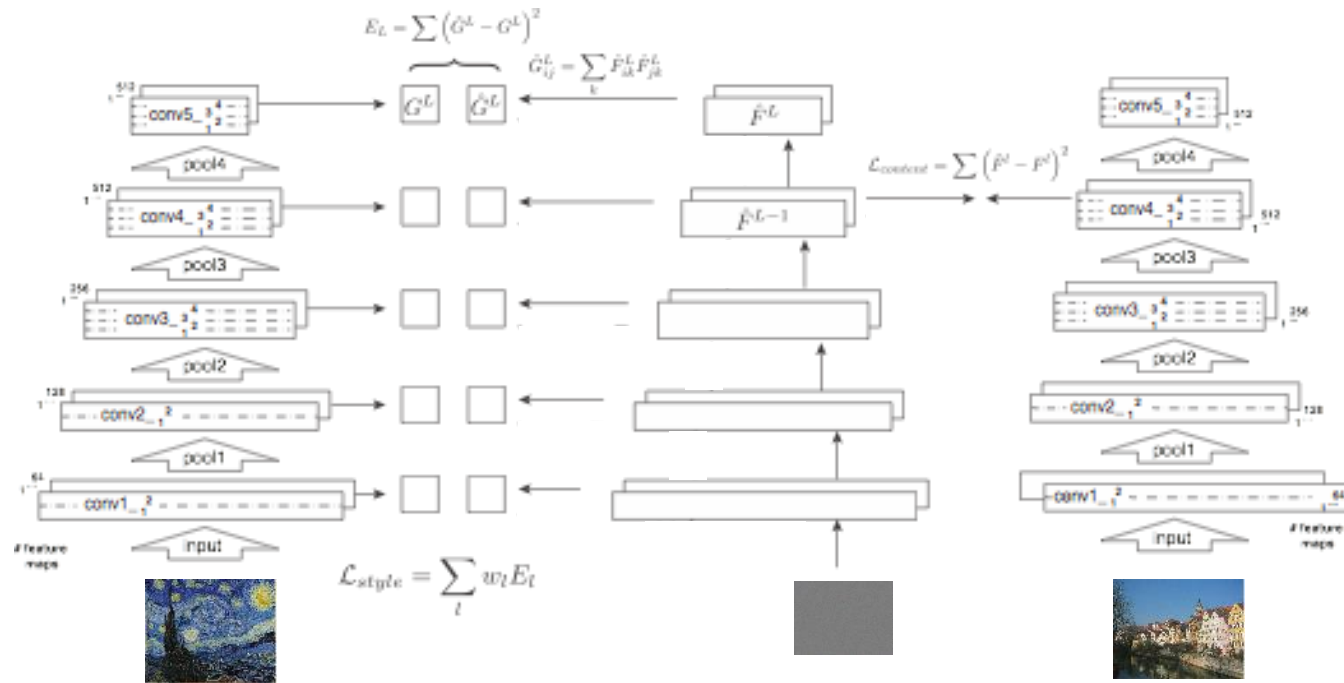
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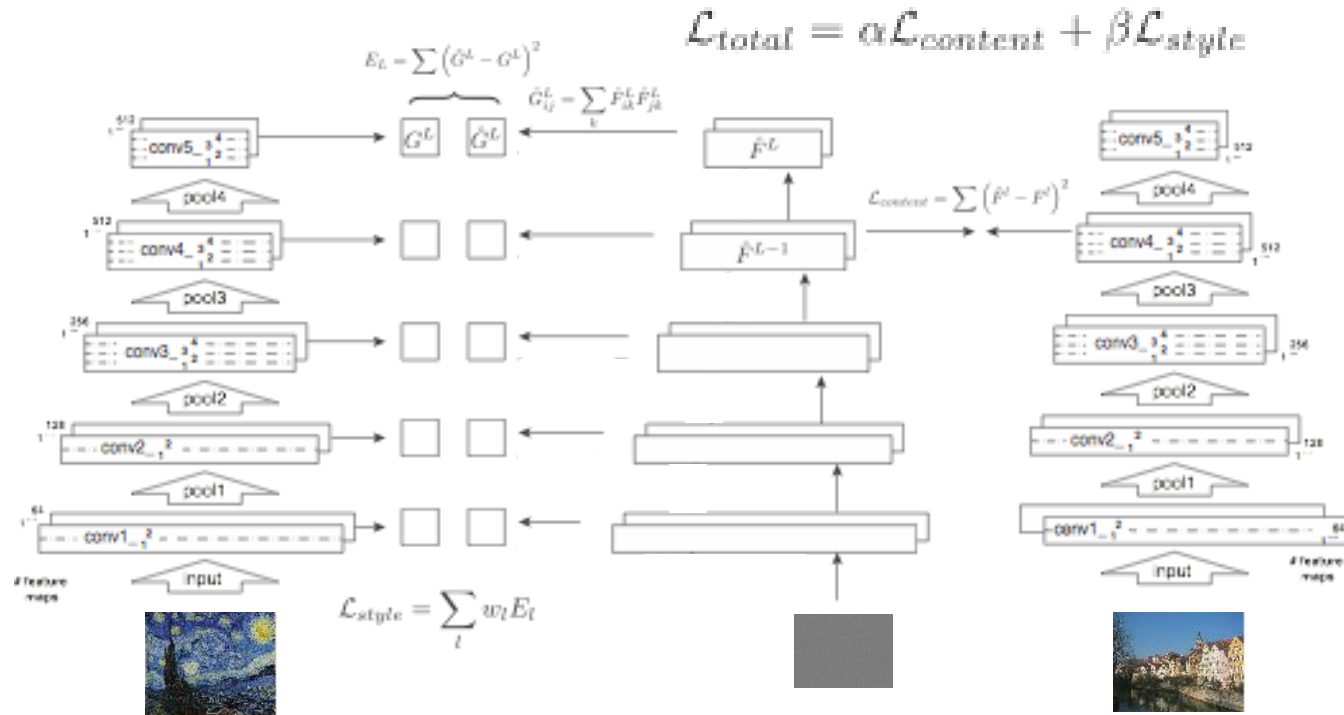
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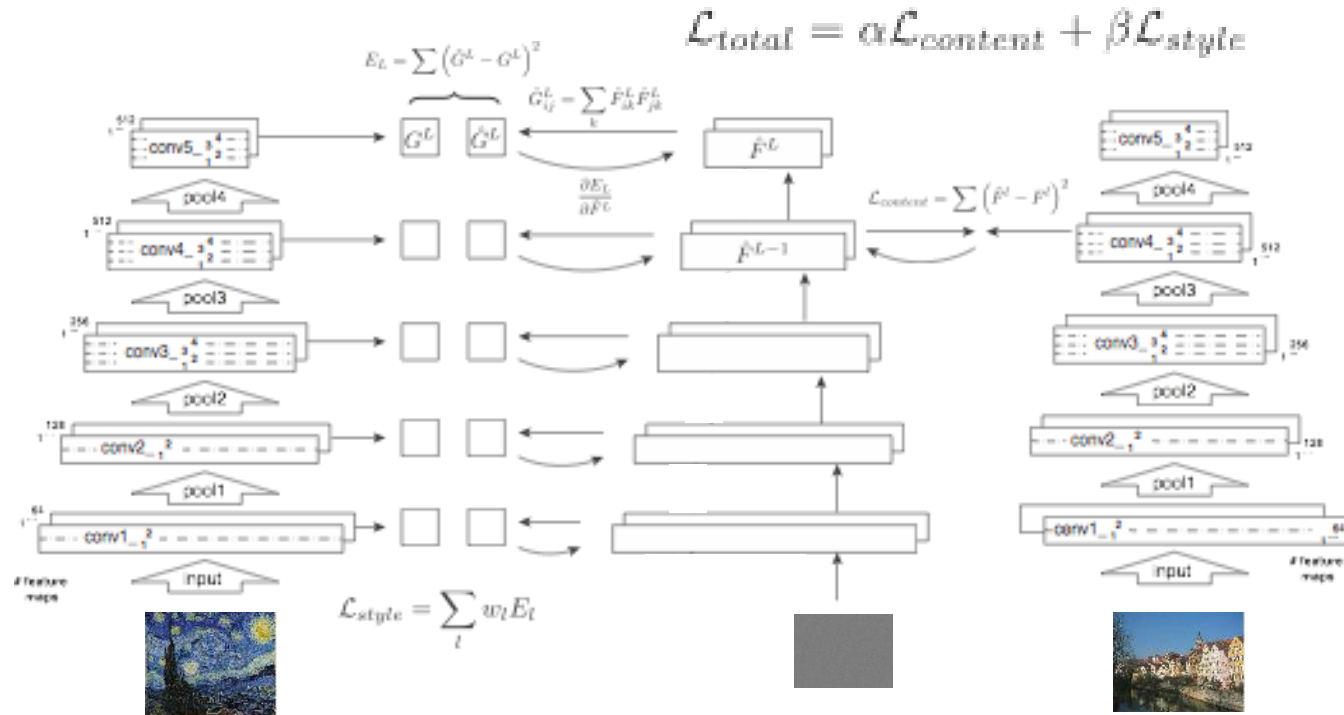
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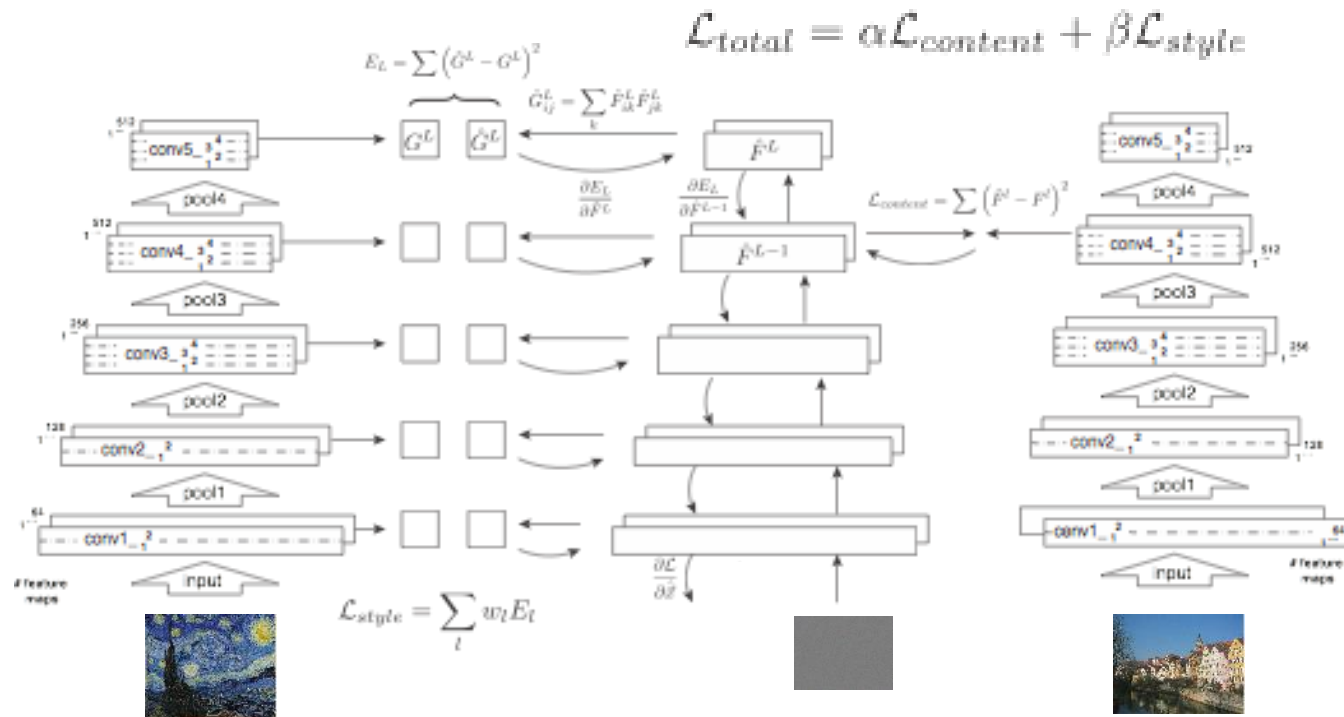
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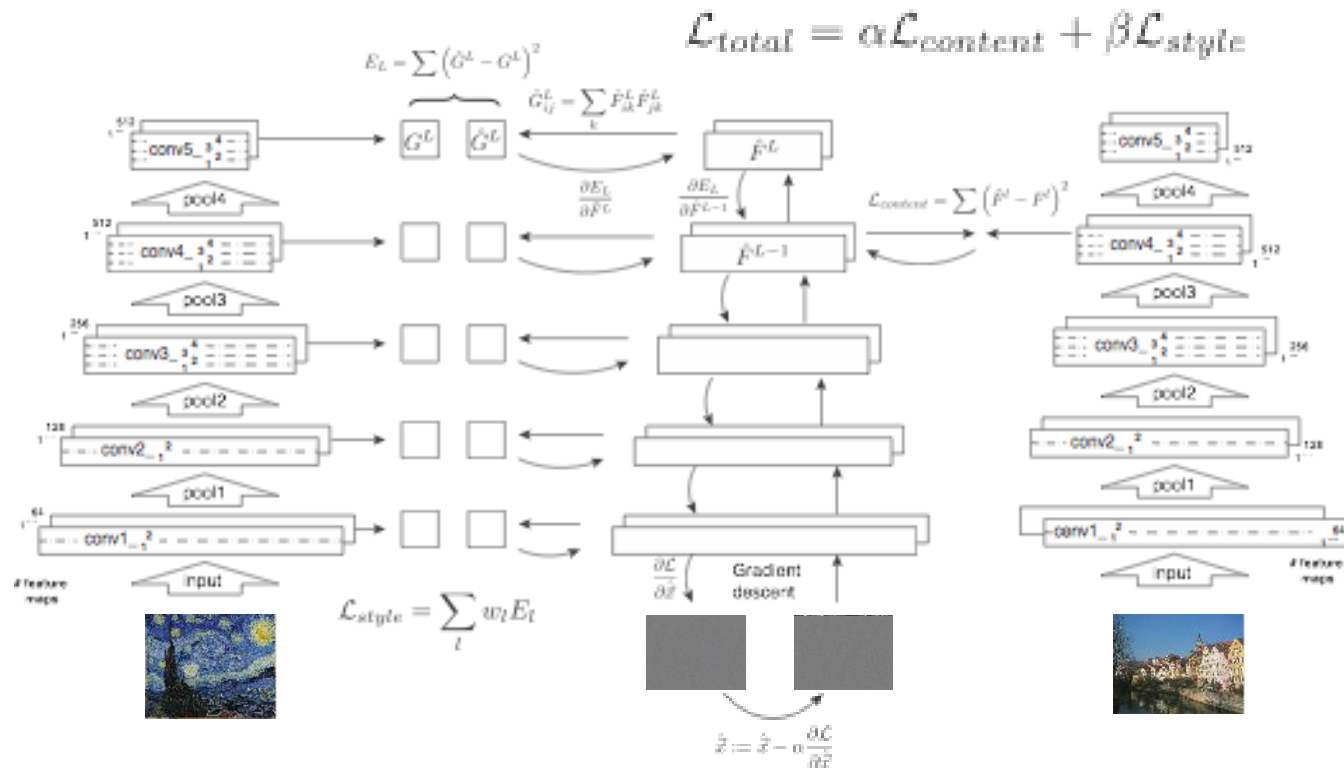
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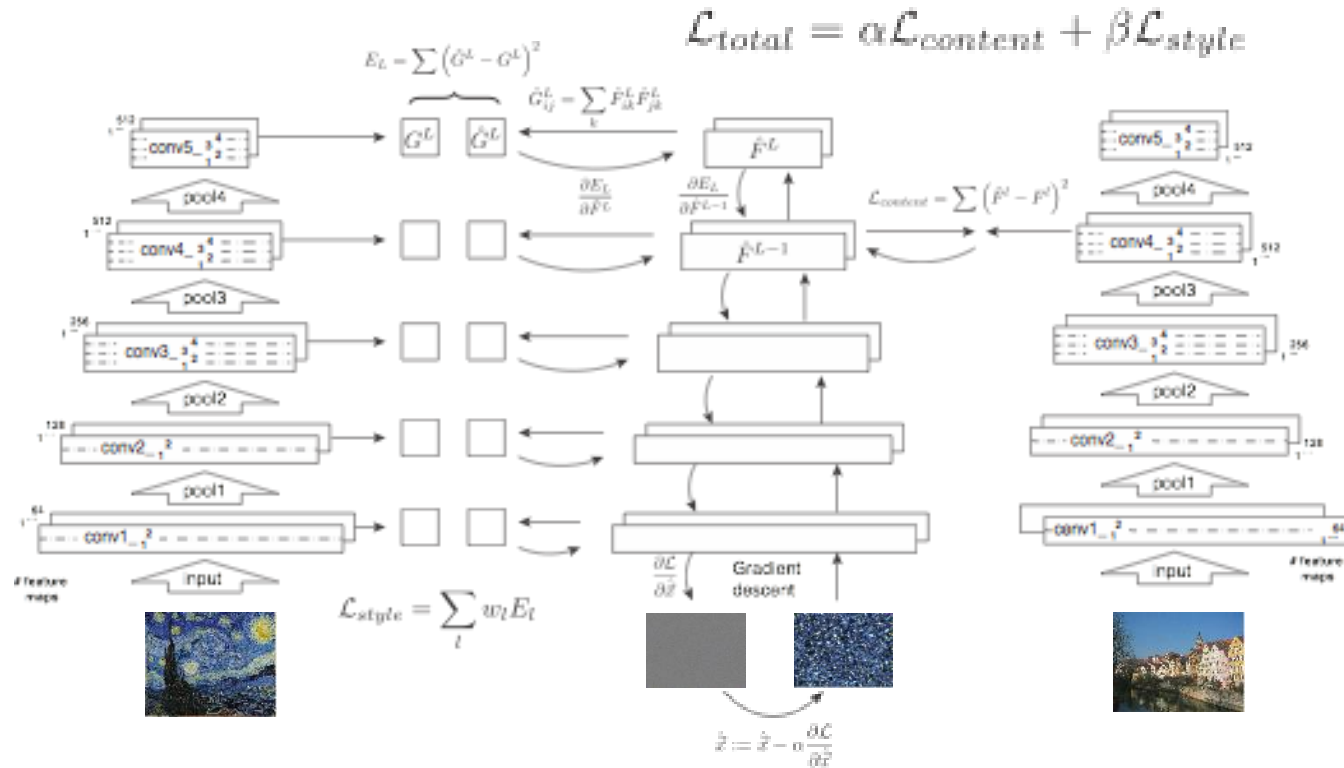
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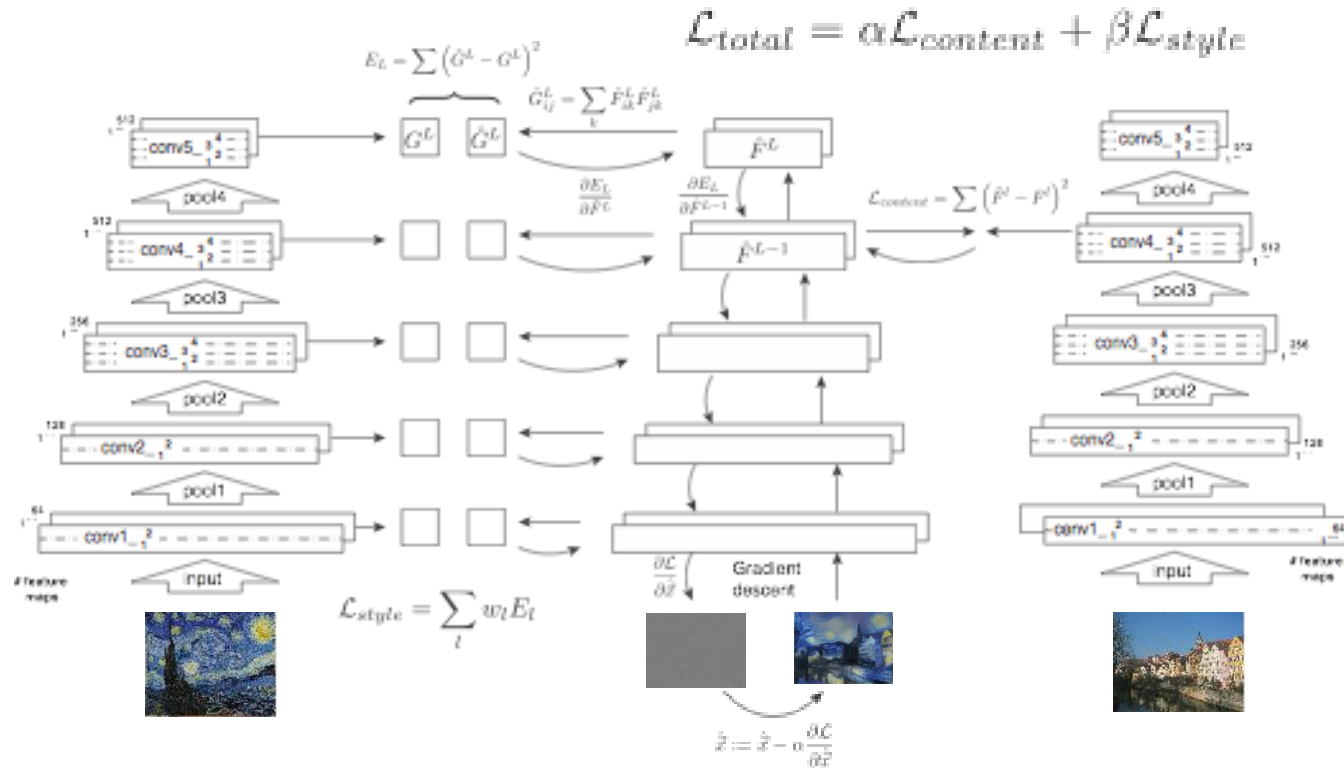
Artistic Style Transfer



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Artistic Style Transfer



Relative Weighting of Content and Style

1e-4



1e-3



1e-2



1e-1



Different Reconstruction Layers

Conv2_2

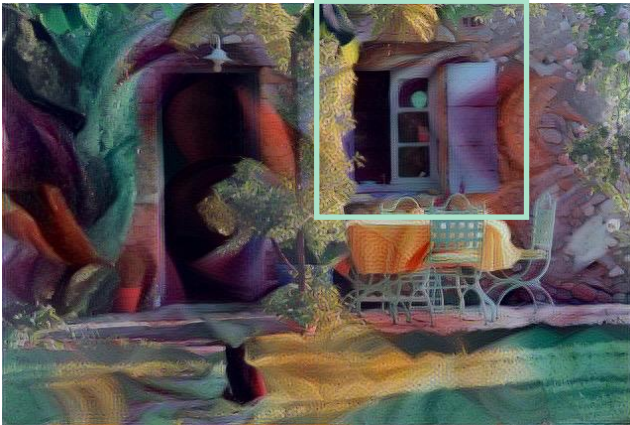


Conv4_2



Different Reconstruction Layers

Conv2_2



Conv4_2



Different Reconstruction Layers

Original



Conv2_2



Conv4_2



General Style Transfer

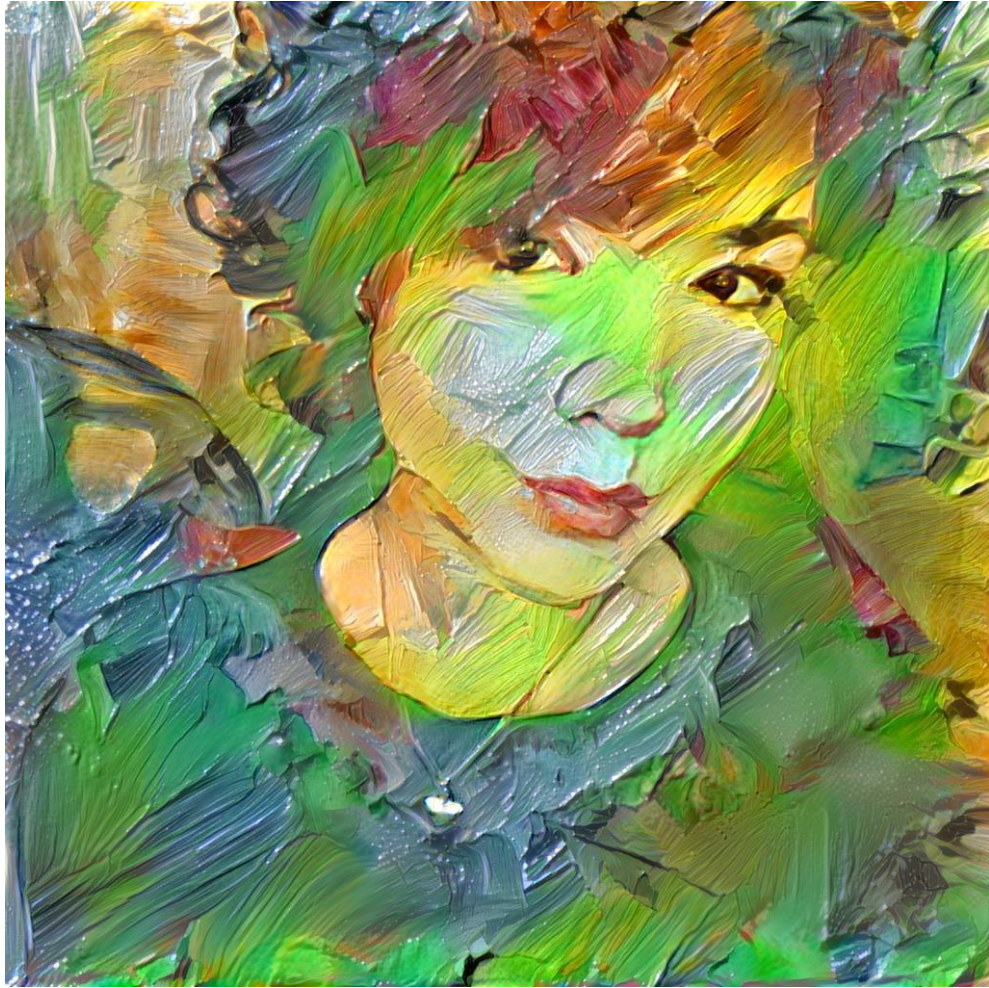


General Style Transfer





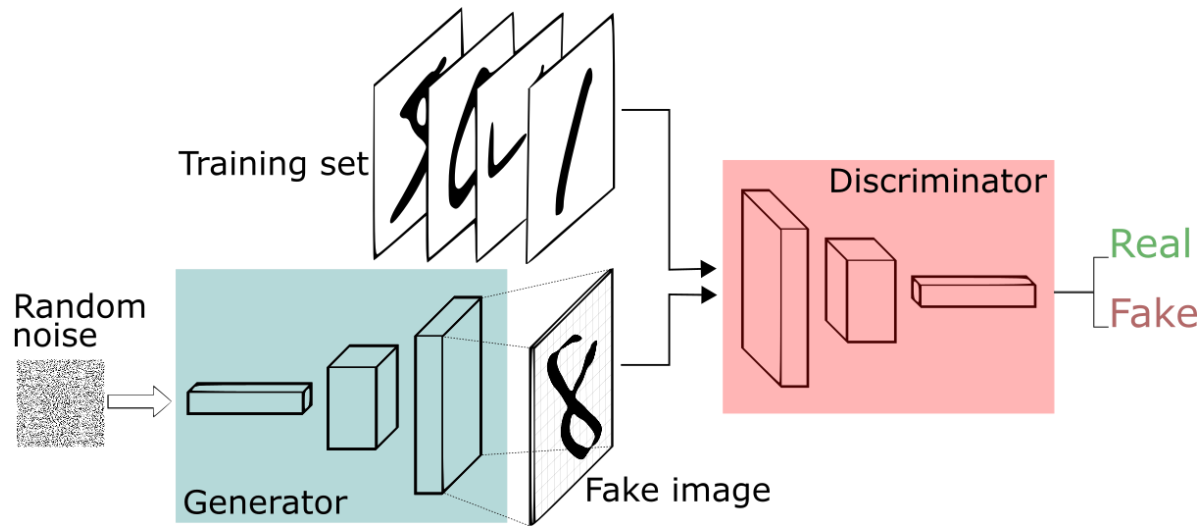








GANs as Texture Synthesis?



Conjecture: GANs might be learning the “right” features to match for natural images

