# VISION APPLICATIONS:

# SUPER-RESOLUTION

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- Overview of Deep Learning
  - Supervised Unsupervised
- Deep super-resolution
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    - Face hallucination
  - 2-D image super-resolution (generic images)
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# DEEP LEARNING APPLICATIONS



### State-of-the-Art CNNs (Supervised, Image Classification)

- We called those CNNs trained in supervision way are "backbone " or "baseline" nets
- SOTA now
  - High-performance
    - ResNet
    - Wide-ResNet
    - ResNeSt
    - Swin-Transformer
    - CoAtNet [2021 late]
  - High-efficiency
    - MobileNet v3
    - EfficientNet v2
    - CSPNet (MIT!!)
- Anti-aliasing CNNs ICML19





#### Computer Vision Applications (Supervised)



#### Slide credit: CS231n, Stanford



#### Unsupervised Deep Learning

- How to generate an image with good quality?
  - Generative adversarial network (GAN)



Goodfellow, Ian, et al. "Generative adversarial nets." Advances in neural information processing systems. 2014.



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# **IMAGE SUPER-RESOLUTION**



#### Super Resolution

- Restore High-Resolution(HR) image(or video) from Low-Resolution(LR) image(or video)
- According to the number of input LR images, SR can be classified SISR or MISR
- Efficient & Popular
- Single Image Super Resolution



Super Resolution





#### Single Image Super Resolution

- Restore High-Resolution(HR) image(or video) from Low-Resolution(LR) image(or video)
- Ill-Posed Problem.. (Regular Inverse Problem) → We can't have ground truth from LR image
  - Multiple results!!











- Interpolation-based Single
  Image Super Resolution
  - In image upscaling task, bicubic or bilinear or Lanczos interpolation is usually used.
  - Fast, easy.. but low quality..



Super Resolution





- Single Image Super Resolution algorithms
  - Interpolation-based method
  - Reconstruction-based method
  - (Deep) Learning-based method



### **Applications of Super Resolution**

- Satellite image processing
- Medical image processing
- Multimedia Industry and Video Enhancement





Fig 1: SR for satellite image [22]



Fig 2: SR in Medical Imaging [23]









AI Technology UHD(3840x2160)

Reference: "Super Resolution Applications in Modern Digital Image Processing", 2016 IJCA



- First Deep Learning architecture for Single Image Super Resolution
- SRCNN(2014) three-layer CNN, MSE Loss, Early upsampling
- Compared to traditional methods, it shows excellent performance.



Figure 2: Sketch of the SRCNN architecture.





- Efficient Single Image Super Resolution
- FSRCNN(2016), ESPCN(2016)
- Use Late Upsampling with deconvolution or sub-pixel convolutional layer



#### Inefficient in Memory, FLOPS

Figure 2: Sketch of the SRCNN architecture.

Reference: "Image Super-Resolution Using Deep Convolutional Networks", 2014 ECCV



- FSRCNN(Fast Super-Resolution Convolutional Neural Network)
  - Use Deconvolution layer instead of preprocessing(upsampling)
  - Faster and more accurate than SRCNN





From SRCNN to FSRCNN

Reference: "Accelerating the Super-Resolution Convolutional Neural Network", 2016 ECCV



- ESPCN(Real-Time Single Image and Video Super-Resolution Using an Efficient Sub-Pixel
  - Convolutional Neural Network)
  - Use sub-pixel convolutional layer (pixel shuffler or depth\_to\_space)
  - This sub-pixel convolutional layer is used in recent SR models



Figure 1. The proposed efficient sub-pixel convolutional neural network (ESPCN), with two convolution layers for feature maps extraction, and a sub-pixel convolution layer that aggregates the feature maps from LR space and builds the SR image in a single step.

class Net(on Module).
<pre>definit(self, upscale_factor):</pre>
<pre>super(Net, self)init()</pre>
<pre>self.conv1 = nn.Conv2d(1, 64, (5, 5), (1, 1), (2, 2))</pre>
<pre>self.conv2 = nn.Conv2d(64, 64, (3, 3), (1, 1), (1, 1))</pre>
<pre>self.conv3 = nn.Conv2d(64, 32, (3, 3), (1, 1), (1, 1))</pre>
<pre>self.conv4 = nn.Conv2d(32, 1 * (upscale_factor ** 2), (3, 3), (1, 1), (1, 1))</pre>
<pre>self.pixel_shuffle = nn.PixelShuffle(upscale_factor)</pre>
<pre>def forward(self, x):</pre>
<pre>x = F.tanh(self.conv1(x))</pre>
<pre>x = F.tanh(self.conv2(x))</pre>
<pre>x = F.tanh(self.conv3(x))</pre>
<pre>x = F.sigmoid(self.pixel_shuffle(self.conv4(x)))</pre>

return x

Reference: "Real-Time Single Image and Video Super-Resolution Using an Efficient Sub-Pixel Convolutional Neural Network", 2016 CVPR Code: https://github.com/leftthomas/ESPCN



- Deeper Networks for Super-Resolution
  - SRCNN, FSRCNN, ESPCN are shallow network → Why not deep network?
  - Failed to train deeper models.. → Use shallow network → how to use deeper network?



Fig. 9. Deeper structure does not always lead to better results.

Reference: "Image Super-Resolution Using Deep Convolutional Networks", 2014 ECCV



- VDSR(Accurate Image Super-Resolution Using Very Deep Convolutional Networks)
  - VGG based deeper model(20-layer) for Super-Resolution → large receptive field
  - Residual learning & High learning rate with gradient clipping
- MSE Loss, Early upsampling



Reference: "Accurate Image Super-Resolution Using Very Deep Convolutional Networks", 2016 CVPR

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[	Epoch	10	20	40	80	
ſ	Residual	36.74	36.87	36.91	36.93	
	Non-Residual	30.33	33.59	36.26	36.42	
[	Difference	6.41	3.28	0.65	0.52	
	(b)	Initial lear	ning rate	0.01		
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[	Residual	36.31	36.46	36.52	36.52	
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- Deeper Networks for Super-Resolution after VDSR
  - DRCN(Deeply-recursive Convolutional network), 2016 CVPR
  - SRResNet, 2017 CVPR
  - DRRN(Deep Recursive Residual Network), 2017 CVPR



Reference: "Deep Learning for Single Image Super-Resolution: A Brief Review", 2018 IEEE Transactions on Multimedia (TMM)



- Deeper Networks for Super-Resolution after VDSR
  - EDSR, MDSR (Enhanced Deep Residual Network, Multi Scale EDSR), 2017 CVPRW
  - DenseSR, 2017 CVPR
  - MemNet, 2017 CVPR



Reference: "Deep Learning for Single Image Super-Resolution: A Brief Review", 2018 IEEE Transactions on Multimedia (TMM)



- Generative Adversarial Network(GAN) for Super-Resolution
  - SRGAN(Photo-Realistic Single Image Super-Resolution Using a Generative Adversarial Network)
  - First GAN-based SR Model, MSE Loss → Blurry Output → GAN loss + Content loss = Perceptual loss



Reference: "Photo-Realistic Single Image Super-Resolution Using a Generative Adversarial Network", 2017 CVPR



- Photo-Realistic Single Image Super-Resolution Using a Generative Adversarial Network
  - MSE Loss  $\rightarrow$  Blurry Output  $\rightarrow$  GAN loss + Content loss = Perceptual loss
  - Replace MSE loss to VGG loss (used in style transfer) and add adversarial loss



Reference: "Photo-Realistic Single Image Super-Resolution Using a Generative Adversarial Network", 2017 CVPR



- Generative Adversarial Network(GAN) for Super-Resolution
  - SRGAN, EnhanceNet, SRFeat, ESRGAN



Reference: "A Deep Journey into Super-resolution: A survey", 2019 arXiv



#### The SOTA so far (HANet, ECCV 2020)



Bring the "attention" module to the generator



# WHAT'S NEXT?

Finding the issues in current SRs



### Some Issues for Super Resolution

- Loss function
  - Propose a various loss function methods in Image Restoration task
  - Report the best result when using mixed loss with MS-SSIM loss + l1 loss

$$\mathcal{L}^{\text{Mix}} = \alpha \cdot \mathcal{L}^{\text{MS-SSIM}} + (1 - \alpha) \cdot G_{\sigma_G^M} \cdot \mathcal{L}^{\ell_1}, \qquad (14)$$



Reference: "Loss Functions for Image Restoration with Neural Networks", 2016 IEEE TCI



#### Some Issues for Super Resolution

- GAN Loss achieves a high visual quality
- L1/SSIM losses achieves a high fidelity
- However, we don't have a metric that can consider both of them
- We show that one of the critical problem in loss functions is "resolution-aware" information
  - Feature distance does not fit "resolution"
    - Good quality != High resolution
      - E.g., defocused sample/background?



### Some Issues for Super Resolution

- How about the structured image super-resolution?
  - Face hallucination



- How about multilinear super-resolution
  - E.g. Hyperspectral data



Hsu, Chih-Chung, et al. "Sigan: Siamese generative adversarial network for identity-preserving face hallucination." IEEE Transactions on Image Processing 28.12 (2019): 6225-6236.



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# IDENTITY-PRESERVING FACE HALLUCINATION

ICIP 18, IEEE Transactions on Image Processing (TIP), Dec. 2019.



### Traditional Face Hallucination



Bicubic SR Amazing but identity unrecognizable!

### We achieve







HR



LR

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#### Face Hallucination



$$\mathbf{I} \cong \mathbf{P} \ \boldsymbol{\alpha} = \mathbf{R}$$
$$\boldsymbol{\alpha}^* = ((\mathbf{P}_L)^{\mathrm{T}} \cdot \mathbf{P}_L)^{-1} \cdot (\mathbf{P}_L)^{\mathrm{T}} \cdot \mathbf{I}_L$$

Dictionary

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### Learning to Hallucinating Face

- Traditional approach
  - Dictionary learning by PCA, NMF, ONMF,...etc
- Deep learning-based approach
  - End-to-end architecture
    - Input low-resolution face image, out high-resolution face image directly.
- Deep neural network has different structures
  - CNN-based (Convolutional neural network)
    - Upsampling layer upscales input signal
  - GAN-based (Generative adversarial network)
    - High quality result
    - May result in identity-unrecognizable



#### **GAN-based Face Hallucination**

- Pros:
  - High visual quality of the reconstructed image
- Cons:
  - May be identity-unrecognizable


### **Our Goal**

- High visual quality reconstruction
  - Even in extreme low-resolution inputs
- Identity-recognizable reconstruction
  - As similar to the ground truth as possible



Interpolation LR HR



High visual quality only



Identity-recognizable & high visual quality

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## **Our Solution**

#### Key idea

- Label embedding
  - Use the label information to fine-tune the generator
  - Identity-recognizable reconstruction
- We propose "Siamese GAN" (SiGAN)
  - Label information will guide the "generator" how to obtain both high-visual quality and identity-recognizable result
  - Partial label information needs only



## The Proposed SiGAN



HR pair



## The Loss Function of The Proposed SiGAN

Loss function for our generator

$$\min_{G} \max_{D} V(D,G) = E_D \left[ \log D(\mathbf{x}_1^{HR}) \right] + E_G \left[ \log \left( 1 - D(G(\mathbf{x}_1^{LR})) \right) \right] + E_C \left[ G(\mathbf{x}_1^{LR}), G(\mathbf{x}_2^{LR}) \right],$$

- subject to  $\|y^{HR} y^{SR}\|_1 < \epsilon$
- SR result: G(x<sup>LR</sup>)
- *E<sub>C</sub>* represents contrastive loss





## Contrastive Loss for SiGAN

- If we directly minimize Ew(X1, X2)
  - The energy and the loss can be made zero by simply making Gw(X1) a constant function
  - We don't want to see that
- By adding a contrastive term
  - The loss function can be

CNN's parameters

The same or not (0/1)

Partial loss function for a genuine pair

Partial loss function for an impostor pair

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## Test Stage of The Proposed SiGAN



#### A simple forward process



## Experiment Settings

- LR: 8x8
- HR: 32x32 (4x upscaling factor)
- #Identities of training set: 10,575
- #Training images: 491,131
- #Test images: 3,283
- Face recognition engine: FACENET (State-of-the-art)



## Subjective Result (8x8→32x32)

Face hallucination: Identity-recognizable reconstruction





## Subjective Result ( $16x16 \rightarrow 64x64$ )





## **Objective Results**

Method	Top-1	Top-5	Top-10
HR $(32 \times 32)$	30.4%	51.2%	59.6%
LR $(8 \times 8)$	10.7%	19.5%	33.1%
Bicubic	10.8%	20.1%	34.4%
DFCG [11]	9.3%	17.7%	21.4%
UR-DGN [9]	9.9%	18.6%	22.7%
DCGAN [22]	4.6%	10.9%	16.8%
PRSR [25]	10.8%	18.8%	24.4%
SR-GAN [15]	8.8%	11.1%	19.4%
Wavelet-SRNet [17]	12.8%	20.2%	30.3%
SiGAN (ResNet)	15.8%	27.5%	40.4%
SiGAN (DenseNet)	15.1%	26.8%	40.3%





Method	Top-1	Top-5	Top-10	
HR $(64 \times 64)$	36.8%	55.9%	63.8%	
LR $(16 \times 16)$	12.4%	27.4%	37.1%	
Bicubic	11.6%	27.5%	37.6%	
DFCG [11]	9.6%	23.7%	34.8%	
UR-DGN [9]	12.2%	29.0%	38.7%	
DCGAN [22]	9.3%	24.9%	33.9%	
PRSR [25]	13.3%	29.7%	40.1%	
SR-GAN [15]	11.6%	23.2%	36.3%	
Wavelet-SRNet [17]	12.0%	25.5%	38.8%	
SiGAN (ResNet)	17.9%	32.9%	48.1%	
SiGAN (DenseNet)	18.3%	33.5%	50.0%	



# Objective Result (8x8)



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## Summary of Our SiGAN

#### Contributions

- Label information is embedded in the generator of GAN
  - A Guider for the generator
- High visual quality and identity-recognizable reconstruction
- Faster hallucination process





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# RESOLUTION-AWARE ADVERSARIAL LEARNING

IEEE SAM 2020, Oral



## GAN based Super Resolution





## GAN based Super Resolution



Not for measuring the features of the HR and LR



## Resolution Aware feature Network (RAN)

















## Couple Adversarial Training (CAT)





#### **Network Structure**

RAN / Discriminator (VGG16)

- Generator (DRSR)
  - Hswish -> Swish





# RESULTS



## **Objective Quality Comparison**

#### TABLE I

#### PERFORMANCE COMPARISON AMONG THE DIFFERENT SR METHODS EVALUATED ON SET5 [9], BSD100, [11] AND URBAN100 [9].

Method	Set5		BSD100		Urban100	
	PSNR	SSIM	PSNR	SSIM	PSNR	SSIM
MSRResNet [15]	30.28	0.864	26.27	0.712	24.62	0.766
ESRGAN [15]	29.06	0.814	25.57	0.682	24.15	0.712
DRSR [6]	29.18	0.823	25.86	0.705	24.22	0.726
<b>RESSR</b> [17]	30.11	0.860	26.22	0.709	24.65	0.766
Baseline (ours)	29.25	0.858	27.76	0.779	24.99	0.802
Proposed	29.66	0.848	26.51	0.723	24.54	0.759



# Subjective Quality Comparison





# Subjective Quality Comparison





Bicubic



DRSR [15]



RESSR [17]



Ours



ESRGAN [15]



GT



# Subjective Quality Comparison





Bicubic



DRSR [15]



RESSR [17]



Ours



ESRGAN [15]



GT



## Conclusion

- Resolution Aware feature Network (RAN)
  - Get the resolution-aware information to the deep neural network
- Combined contrastive loss to learn the discriminative features to "Resolution"
- Excellent both visual and objective quality of the reconstructed images



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## Hyperspectral Image (HSI)



[Metha'18] N. Mehta et al., "Single-Cell Analysis Using Hyperspectral Imaging Modalities," ASME Journal of Biomechanical Engineering, vol.140, Feb, 2018



## What issues in HSI

#### Storage requirement:

 Hyperspectral data contains abundant spectral information but also need more storage device

#### Data throughput:

 Transmit whole hyperspectral data is redundant, our lightweight encoder achieve low sampling rate (1%)

#### We provide

- Compress HIS (efficient transmission) first + super-resolution (recover signal) in ground station.
- Our SR (Super Resolution)-aware decoder reconstructs the hyperspectral data well only with 1% information as input



## Introduction





# Proposed HCSN

# Hyperspectral Compression Super-resolution Network Consider "spectral" and "spatial" info





## Lightweight Encoder





## Lightweight Encoder



Only use three  $3 \times 3$  kernel conv layers


## SR-aware Decoder





## Dense Residual Block (DRB)





### **SR-aware Decoder**





- We train the proposed HCSN with 2,537 sub-image sized of 256×256×172
- 2,537 sub-images acquired by AVIRIS sensor:
- 102 images for city areas (C-type)
- 1,870 images for mountain areas (M-type)
- 272 images for farm/grass areas (F-type)
- 293 images for lake/coastline areas (L-type)
- Randomly selected 90%, 10% for training set and testing set

Aviris Data Portal. [Online]. Available: https://aviris.jpl.nasa.gov/dataportal/.



- Spectral compressive acquisition (SpeCA) [Martín'16]
- Spatial/spectral compressed encoder (SPACE) [Lin'20]
- Locally similar sparsity-based hyperspectral unmixing compressive sensing (LSS) [Zhang'16]
- Compressive sensing via joint tensor Tucker decomposition and weighted 3-D total variation regularization (TenTV) [Wang'17]

<sup>[</sup>Martín'16] G. Martín and J. M. Bioucas-Dias, "Hyperspectral blind reconstruction from random spectral projections," IEEE Journal of Selected Topics in Applied Earth Observations and Remote Sensing, vol. 9, no. 6, pp. 2390–2399, June 2016. [Lin'20] C.-H. Lin, J. M. Bioucas, T.-H. Lin, Y.-C. Lin, and C.-H. Kao, "A new hyperspectral compressed sensing method for efficient satellite communications," in Proceedings of the 11th IEEE Sensor Array and Multichannel Signal Processing Workshop (SAM), Hangzhou, China, Jun. 2020. (Special Session: Unsupervised Computing and Large-Scale Optimization for Multi-dimensional Data Processing)

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- (Spatial quality) PSNR (dB) Peak Signal-to-Noise Ratio
- (Global quality) RMSE (degree) Root Mean Square Error
- General Quality) SAM (degree) Spectral Angle Mapper

Test Set	C-type	M-type	F-type	L-type
Method	$PSNR\uparrow / RMSE\downarrow / SAM\downarrow$			
SPACE	24.129/613.661/7.207	29.161/140.415/3.743	29.674/64.151/3.121	27.727/209.757/4.446
SpeCA	9.299/784.867/42.863	15.377/234.735/21.510	11.701/407.530/33.036	14.024/225.772/22.006
TenTV	20.208/570.255/26.247	18.533/260.221/22.972	20.401/248.994/18.714	18.824/314.248/25.523
LSS	7.002/615.037/48.546	0.427/232.486/57.256	3.848/259.960/50.781	2.380/341.429/55.669
HyperCSI-LSS	25.078/278.263/8.704	26.146/51.421/4.907	25.943/82.299/5.732	25.897/83.626/5.779
HCSN (ours)	34.274/65.120/2.016	33.729/30.620/1.631	35.908/17.408/1.380	35.566/21.558/1.408
HCSN (C)	34.551/62.437/1.862	30.260/50.947/3.584	34.267/19.361/1.908	33.463/24.162/2.187
HCSN (M)	33.188/78.269/2.731	33.752/30.652/1.595	35.327/18.978/1.550	34.567/27.795/1.801
HCSN (F)	32.834/77.508/2.718	30.074/68.014/4.873	35.750/17.657/1.357	33.137/29.138/2.339
HCSN (L)	33.666/70.175/2.272	31.806/39.403/2.538	34.541/20.117/1.770	34.972/22.456/1.528





(a) Ground Truth



(b) HCSN SAM: **2.958** 



(c) SPACE SAM: 6.019



(d) LSS SAM: 59.563



(e) TenTV SAM: 26.258



(f) SpeCA SAM: 27.787



# Conclusion in HIS SR

- A new deep neural network for HSI compression/reconstruction
- Fast compression by the lightweight encoder
- An efficient decoder which decode the spatial and spectral super-resolution



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## Summary

- Single image super-resolution still remains several issues to be overcome
  - Good metric beyond GAN loss
    - Visual quality vs math equation
  - Different types of images have different requirements
    - Network architecture design
    - Applications
  - Finding a good prior for super-resolution always works
    - Such as "face hallucination"