

# Structure-Aware Manipulation of Images and Videos

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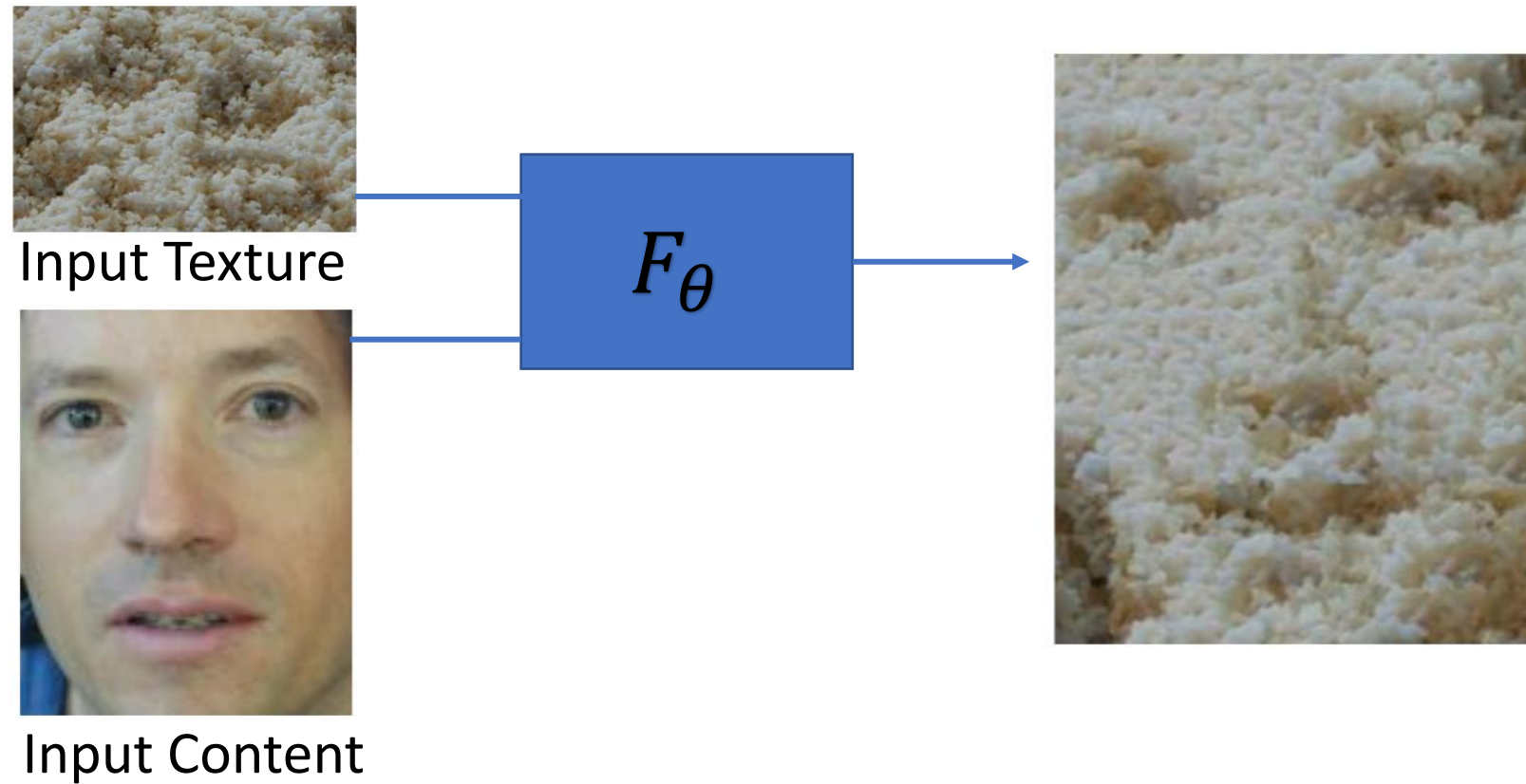
# What is a natural image?

Intelligent machines must **understand** perceived content

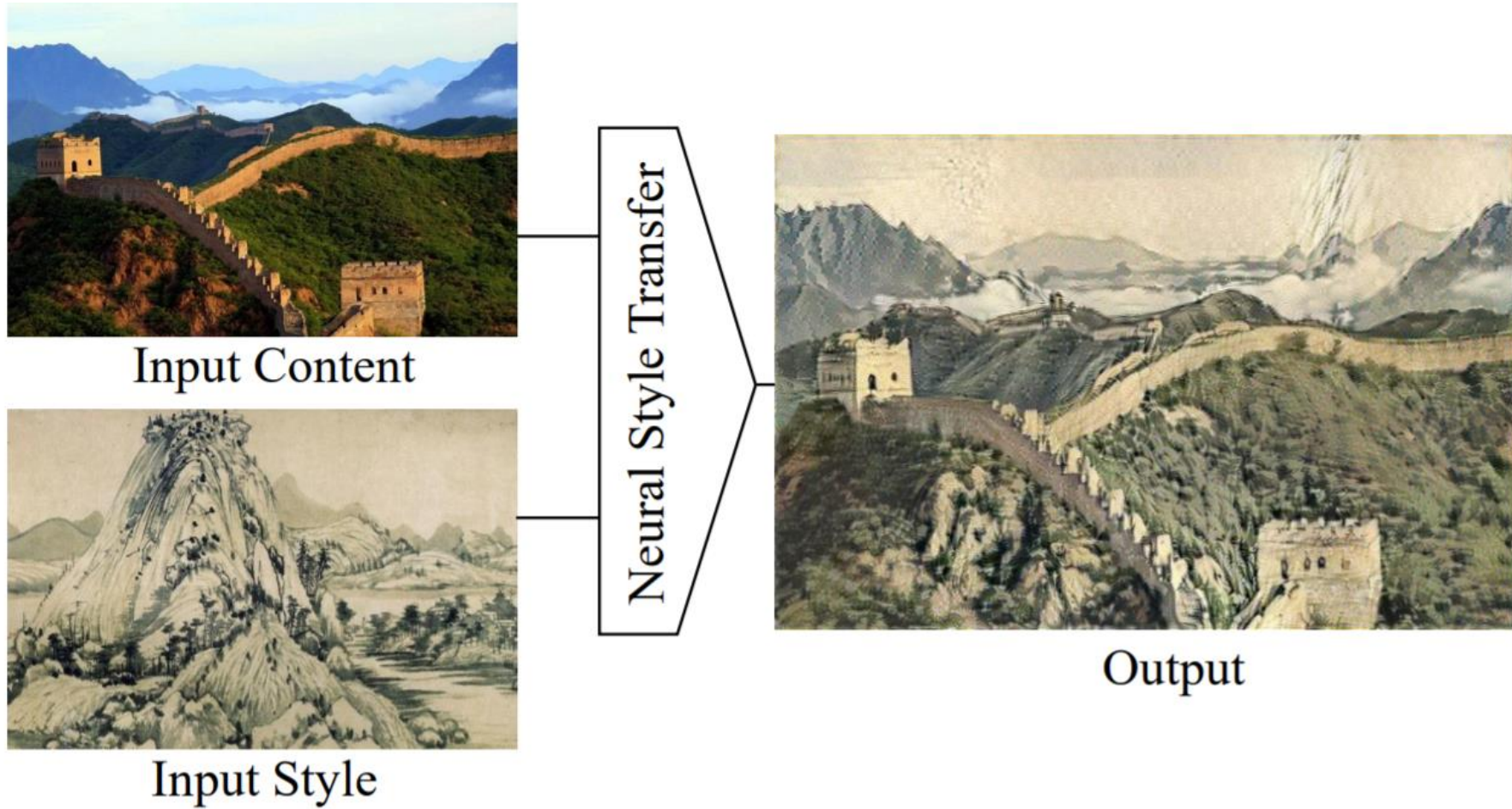


**Understanding by creating/manipulating:**  
“What I cannot create, I do not understand”  
(Richard Feynman)

# Manipulating Texture



# Manipulating Style





# Image to Image Translation

1.  $F_\theta(x)$  preserves the **structure** of objects of  $x$
2.  $F_\theta(x)$  belongs to  $Y$ 's distribution (changes **style**)

$x \in X$



$F_\theta$

$F_\theta$

$F_\theta(x) \in Y$



CycleGAN, Zhu et al., ICCV 2017  
DistanceGAN, Benaim et al., NeurIPS 2017  
MUNIT, Huang et al., ECCV 2018  
Many more...

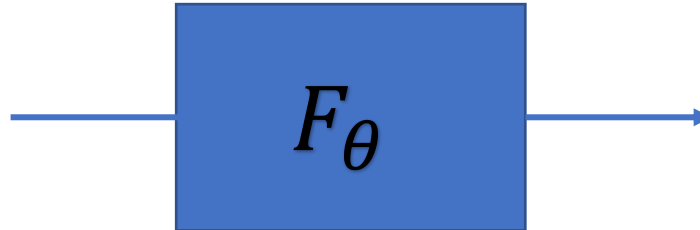
# Manipulating Structure



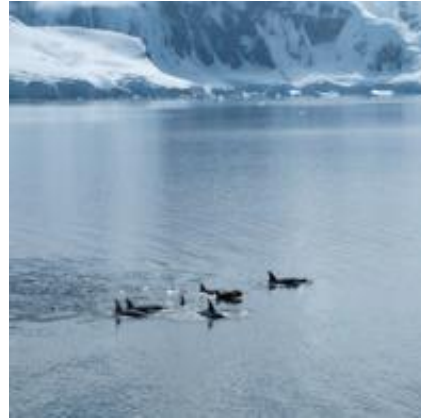
Target



Source Structure



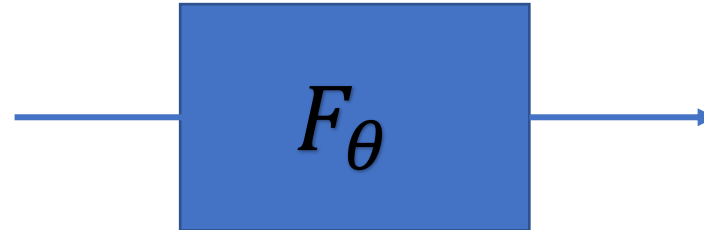
# Manipulating Structure



Target



Source Structure



# Applications

Architecture



Video games



Movies



Advertising



AR/VR



Autonomous Driving Simulations

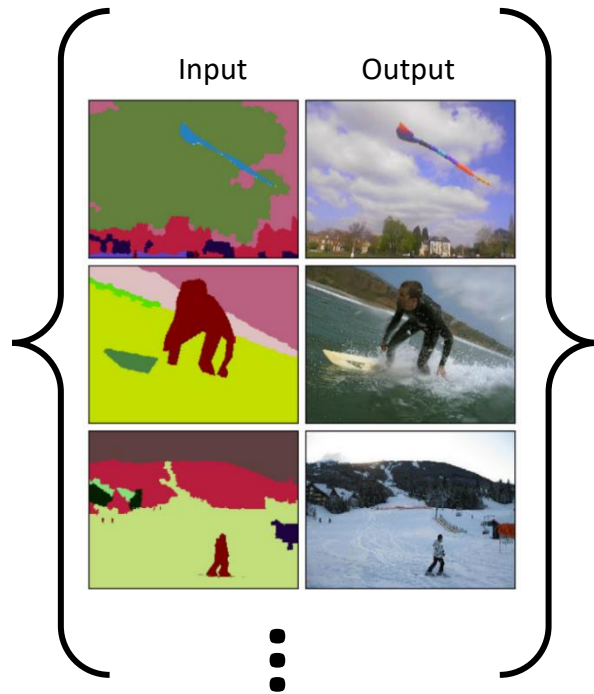




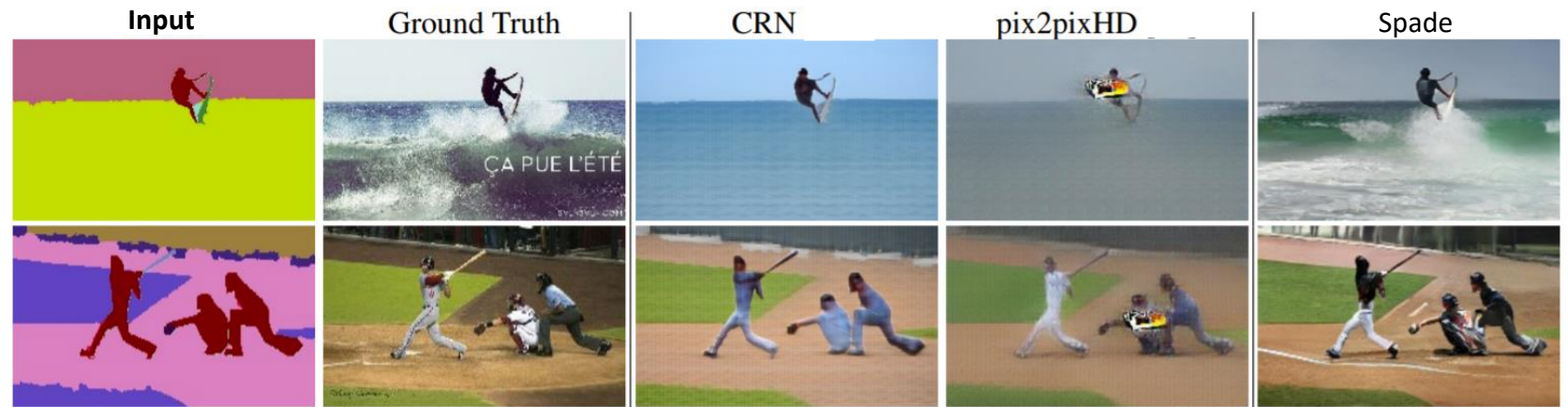
# Multi-Image Approaches

# Supervised (Paired) Setting

Train



Test



# Unsupervised (Unpaired) Setting

**A**



Faces without glasses

**B**



Faces with glasses



# Control Structure of Generated Faces (Transfer Glasses)

Common



Separate



# Domain Intersection and Domain Difference

**S. Benaim**, M. Khaitov, T. Galanti, L. Wolf. ICCV 2019.

Given two visual domains, disentangle the  
**separate (domain specific)** information and  
**common (domain invariant)** information.

See also: Emerging Disentanglement in Auto-Encoder Based Unsupervised Image Content Transfer. ICLR 2019.  
O. Press, T. Galanti, **S. Benaim**, L. Wolf

# Unsupervised Content Transfer

**A**



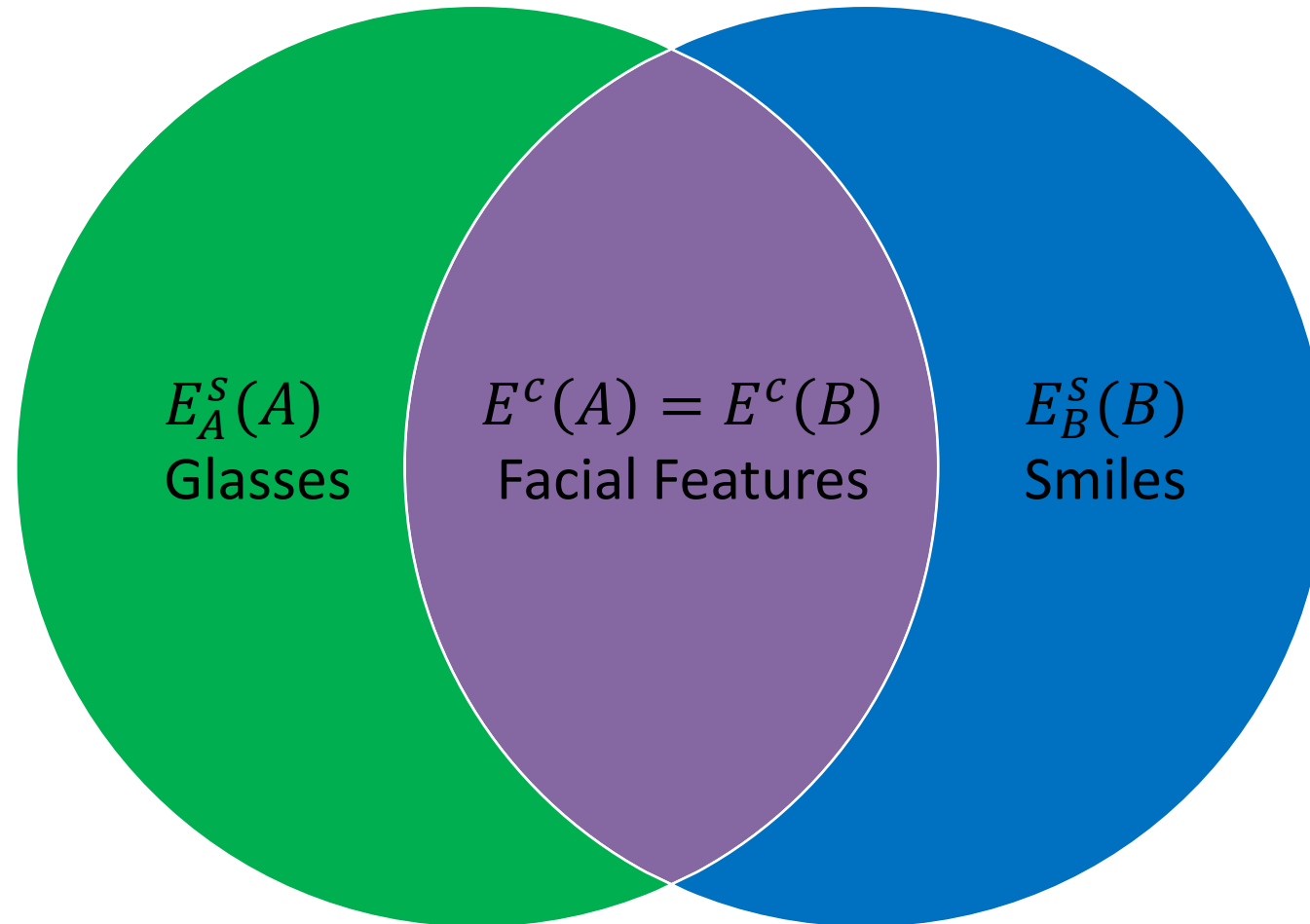
Non-smiling faces with glasses

**B**



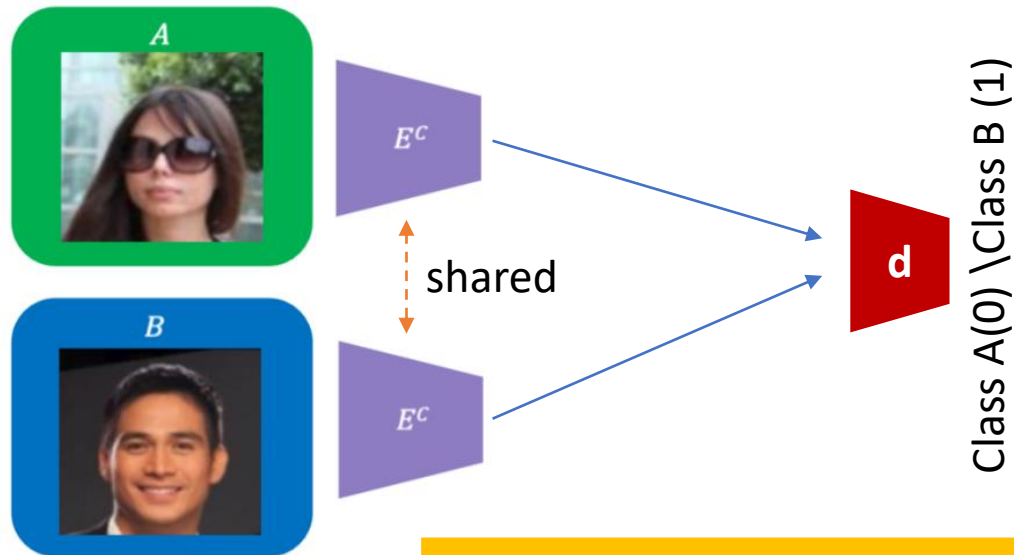
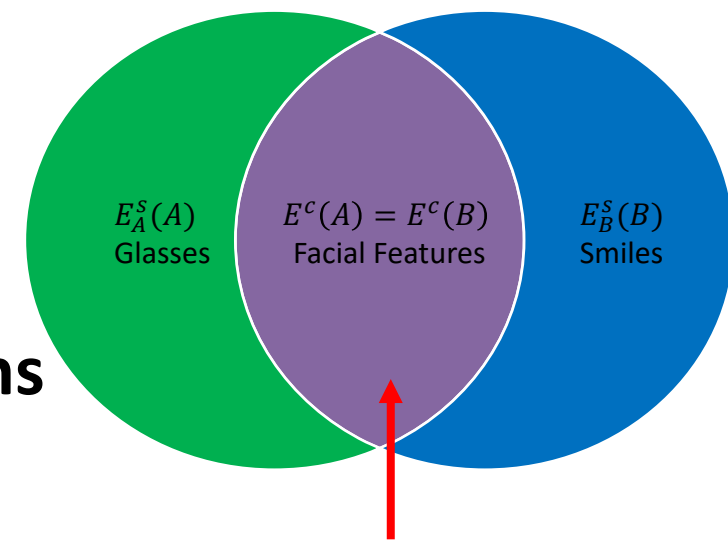
Smiling faces without glasses

1. "Common" latent space,  $E^c(A) = E^c(B)$ . The space of **common facial features**.
2. "Separate" latent space for domain A,  $E_A^S(A)$ . The **space of glasses**.
3. "Separate" latent space for domain B,  $E_B^S(B)$ . The **space of smiles**.



# The "common" Loss

Ensures  $E_c$  encodes information common to both domains



Discriminator  $d$  attempts to separate distributions (classify to correct label):

$$\frac{1}{m_1} \sum_{i=1}^{m_1} l(d(E^c(a_i)), 0) + \frac{1}{m_2} \sum_{j=1}^{m_2} l(d(E^c(b_j)), 1)$$

Encoder  $E_c$  attempts to match distributions of  $E^c(A)$  and  $E^c(B)$ :

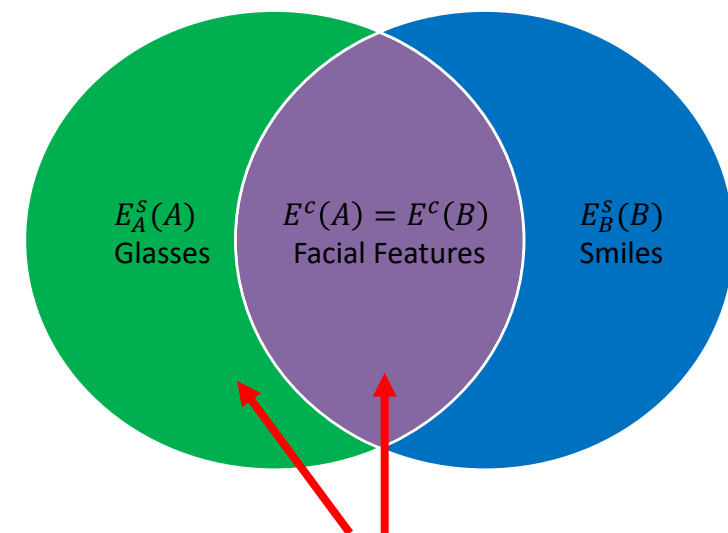
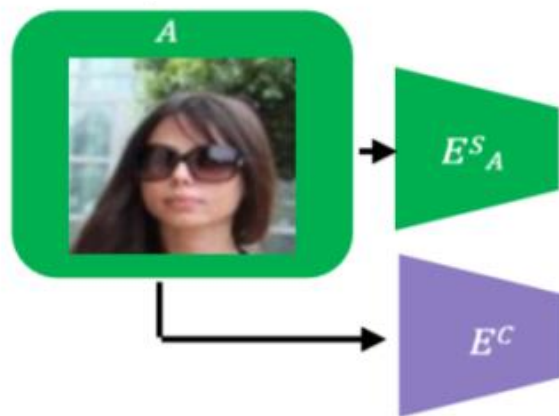
**d can encode zero information**

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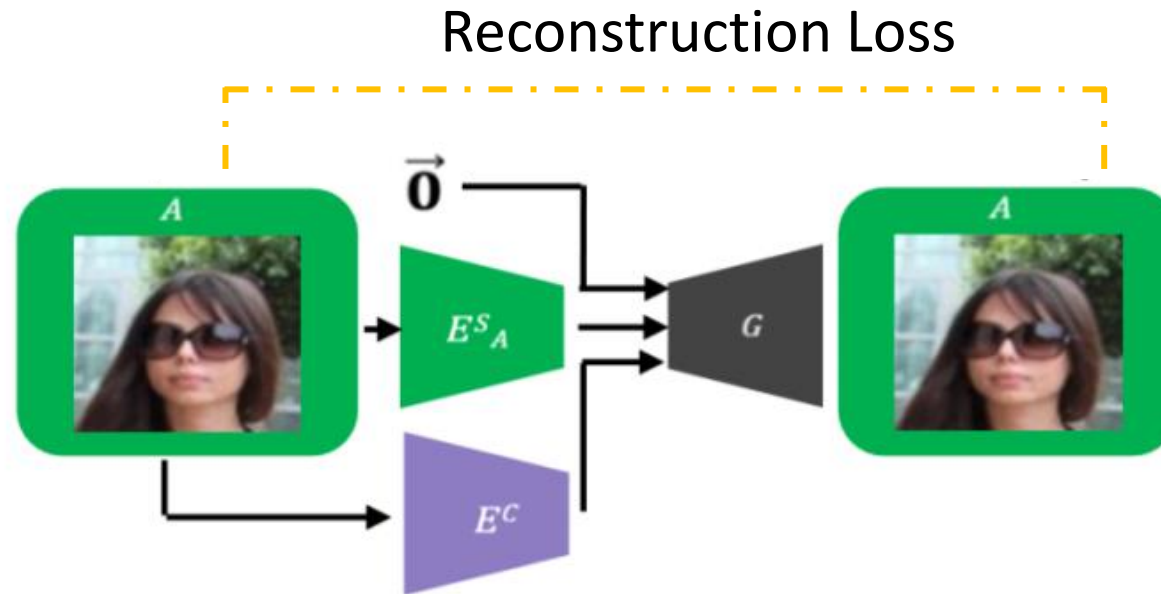
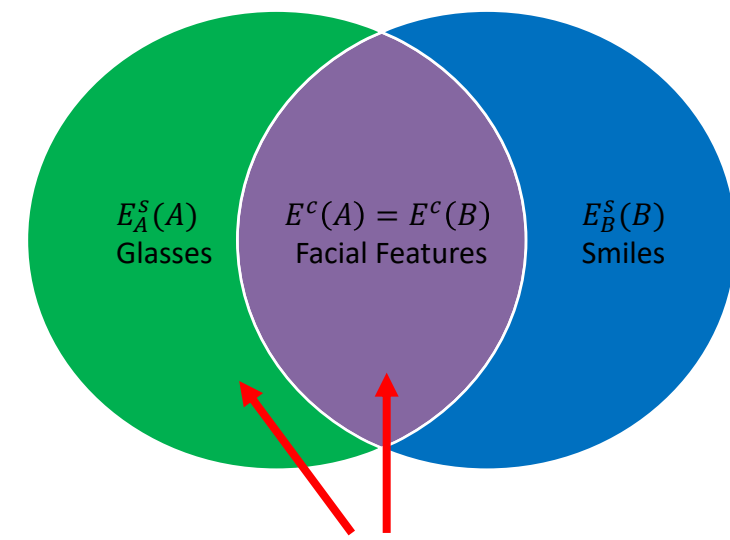
# Reconstruction Losses

Ensures the “common” and  
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the information in A



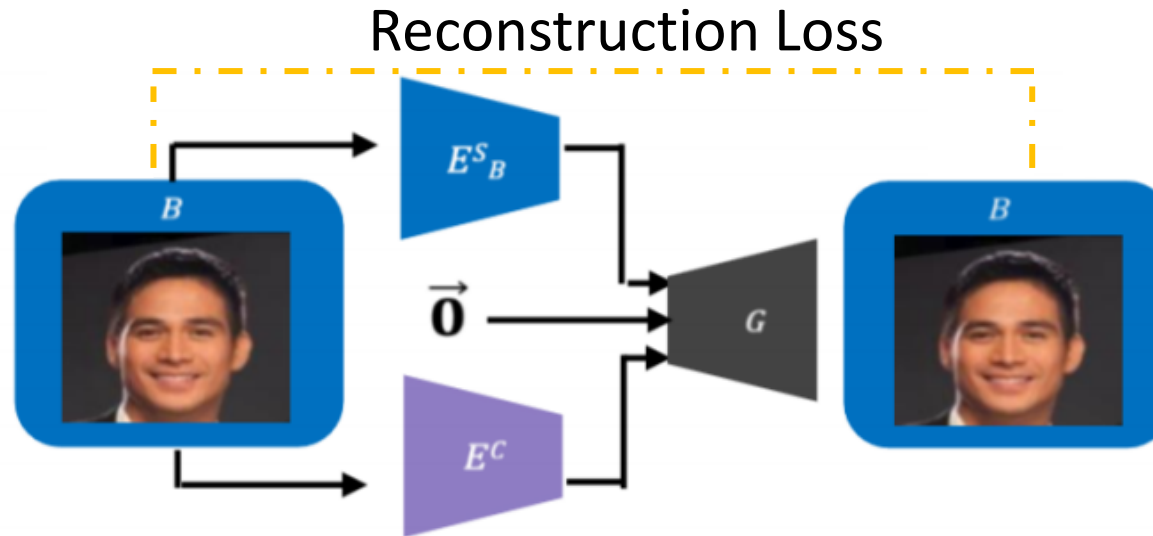
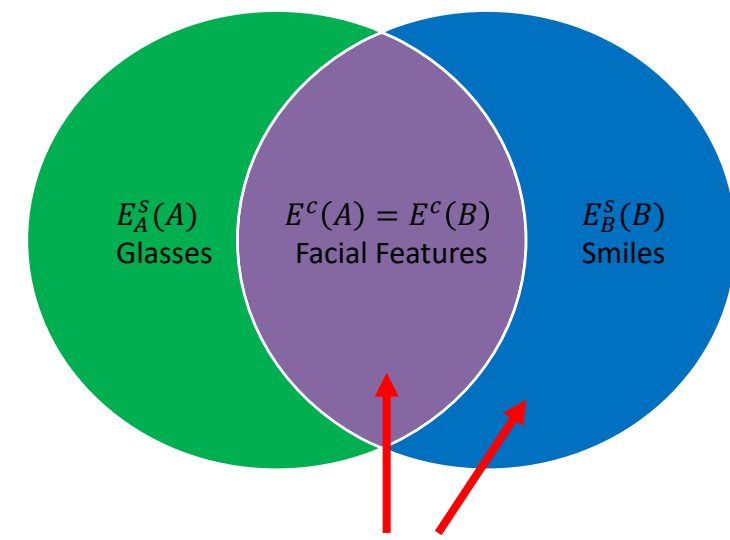
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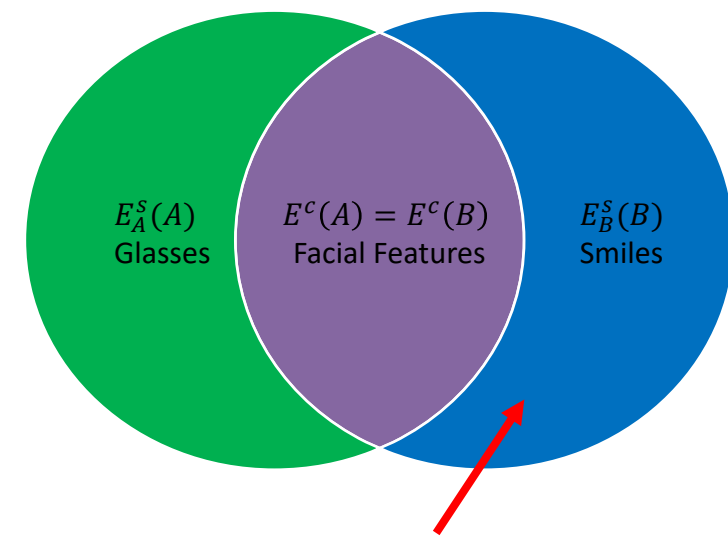
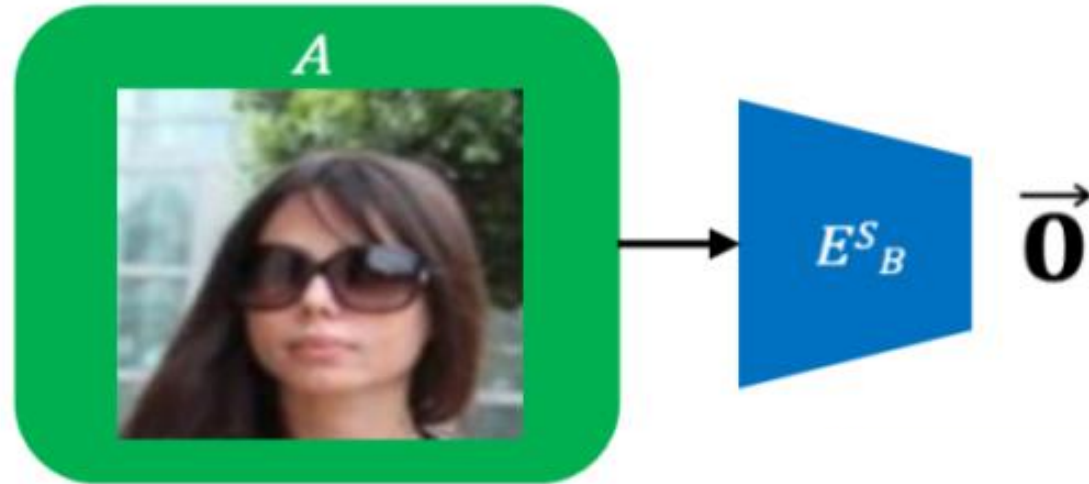


$E_A^S$  ( $E_B^S$ ) can encode all the information of A (B)

# "Zero" Loss

Ensures the separate encoder of B does not encode information about A

$$\mathcal{L}_{zero}^B := \frac{1}{m_1} \sum_{i=1}^{m_1} \|E_B^s(a_i)\|_1$$

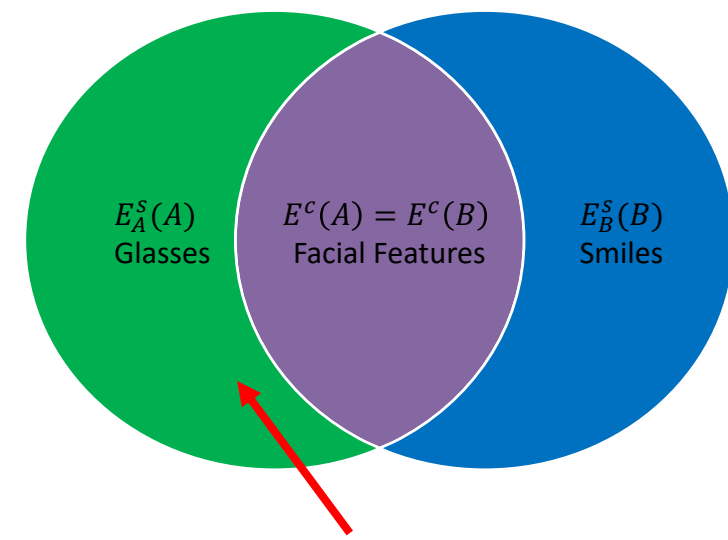
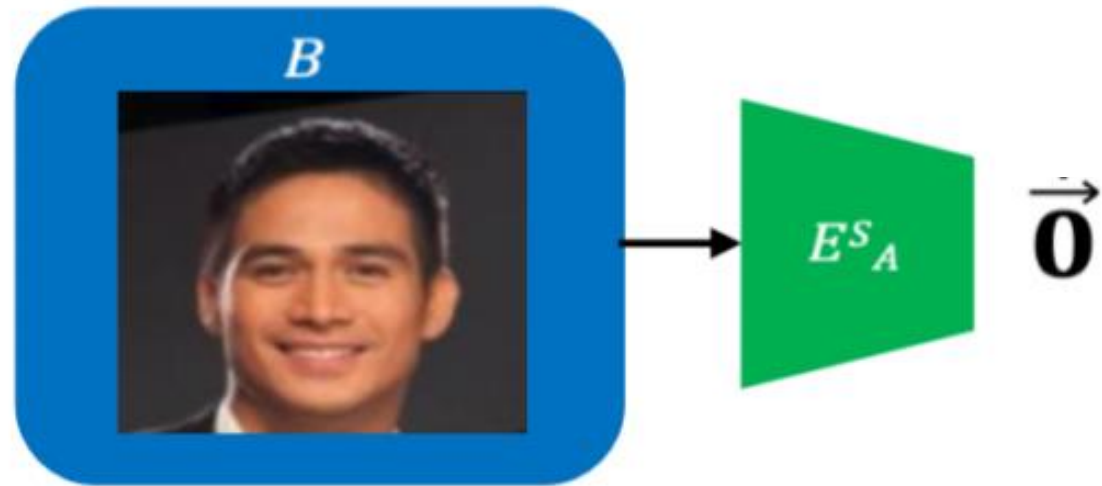







# "Zero" Loss

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$$\mathcal{L}_{zero}^A := \frac{1}{m_2} \sum_{j=1}^{m_2} \|E_A^s(b_j)\|_1$$

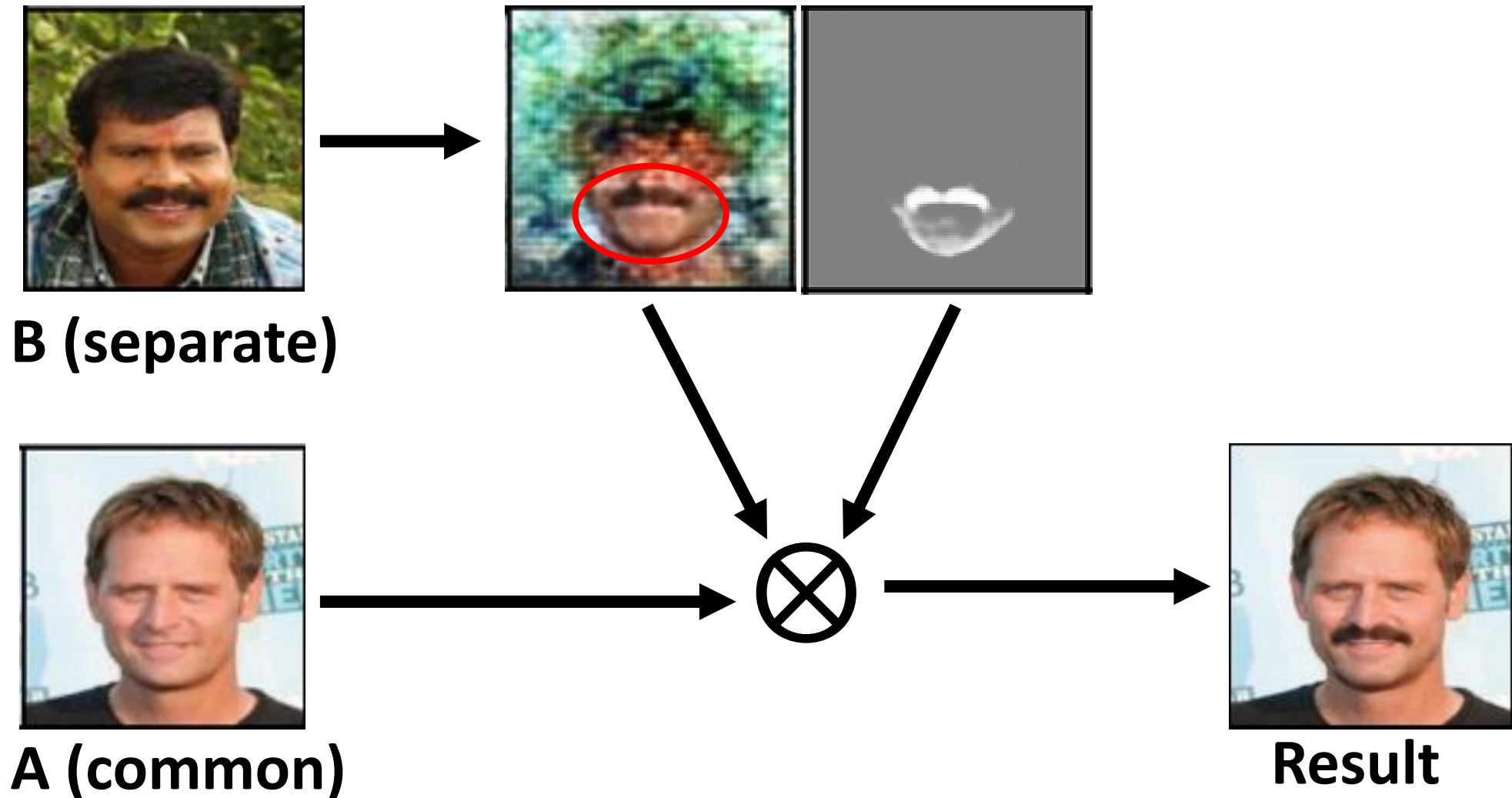


$$G \left( E_c(c), E_A^S(a), E_B^S(b) \right) \longrightarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{c's face} \\ \text{a's glasses} \\ \text{b's smile} \end{array}$$

<u>c's face</u>	<u>a's glasses</u>	<u>b's smile</u>
$G \left( E_c \left( \img alt="Face of a man" data-bbox="279 453 353 573" \right), E_A^S \left( \img alt="Glasses of a man" data-bbox="470 453 535 567" \right), 0 \right)$	$\longrightarrow$	
$G \left( E_c \left( \img alt="Face of a woman" data-bbox="280 618 342 732" \right), E_A^S \left( \img alt="Glasses of a man" data-bbox="470 618 535 732" \right), 0 \right)$	$\longrightarrow$	
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# Masked Based Unsupervised Content Transfer

R. Mokady, **S. Benaim**, L. Wolf, A. Bermano. ICLR 2020.



Common

Source

Glasses



Separate



# Two Attributes

1<sup>st</sup>

2<sup>nd</sup>



# Attribute removal

**Input**



**Result**



**Facial Hair Removal**

**Input**



**Result**



**Smile Removal**

# Out of Domain Manipulation





# Weakly-Supervised Segmentation



Table 5: Mean and SD IoU for the two hair segmentation benchmarks.

Method	Women's hair	Men's hair
Ours	$0.77 \pm 0.15$	$0.77 \pm 0.13$
Press et al.	$0.67 \pm 0.13$	$0.58 \pm 0.11$
Ahn & Kwak.	$0.54 \pm 0.10$	$0.52 \pm 0.10$
CAM	$0.43 \pm 0.09$	$0.56 \pm 0.07$

GT

Ours

Press  
et al.

Ahn et  
al.

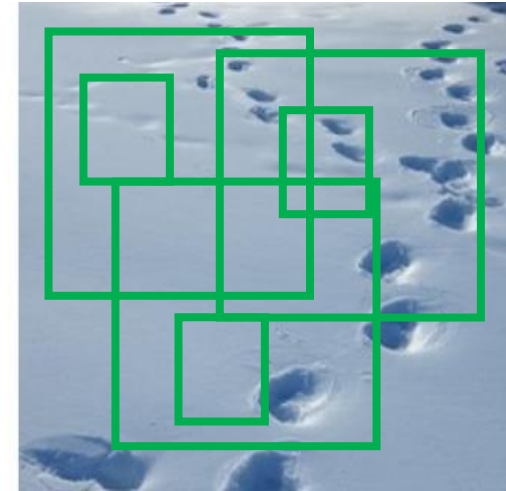
CAM

# Patch-Based Approaches

## Multi-Image Distribution



## Multi-Scale Patch Distribution



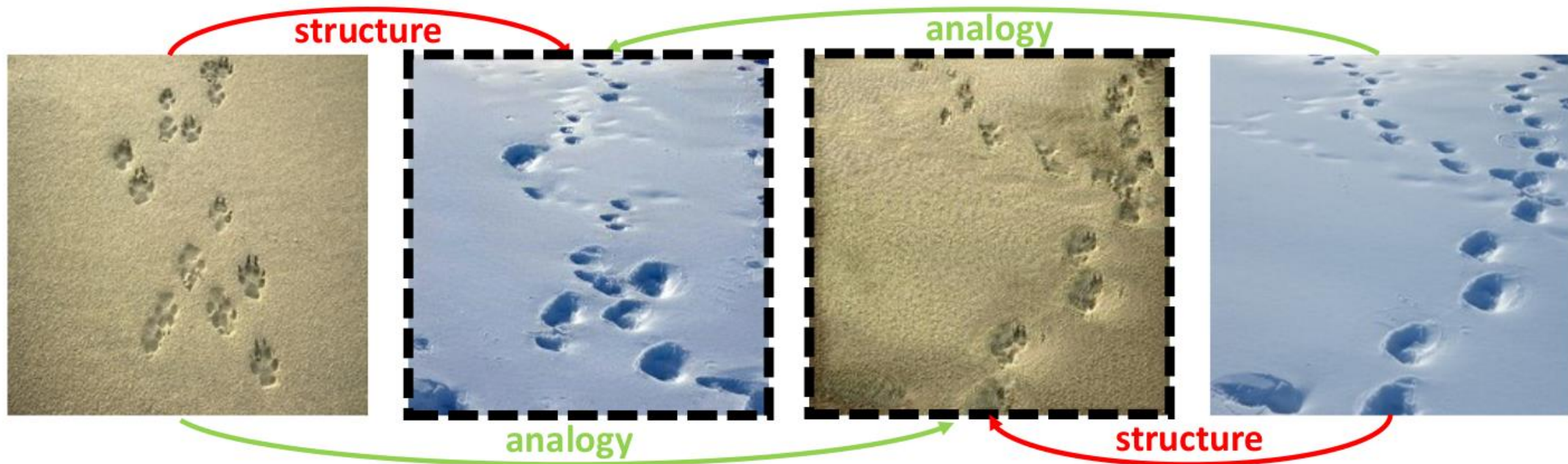


# Structural-analysis from a **Single Image Pair**

**S. Benaim\***, R. Mokady\*, A. Bermano, D Cohen-Or, L. Wolf. CGF 2020. (\*Equal contribution)



Generate an image which is **aligned** to the source image but depicts **structure** from a target image



# Structural Analogy

Target



Source

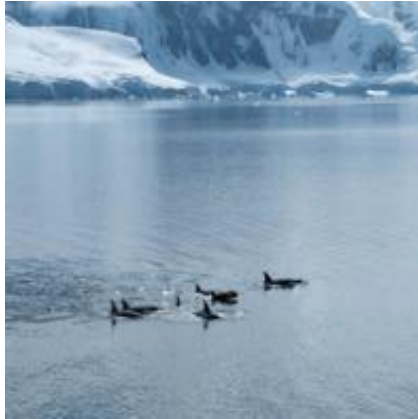


Output



# Structural Analogy

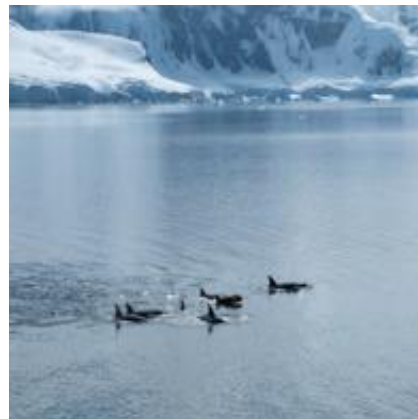
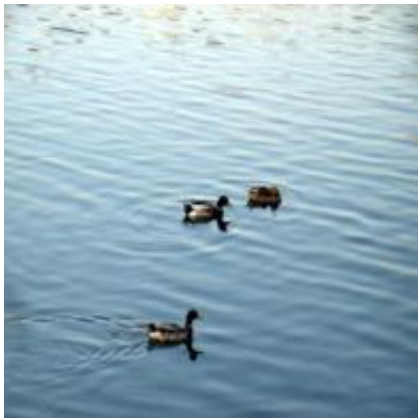
Target



Source



Output





# Structural Analogy

Target



Source



Output





# Style Transfer

Style



Content



Result



# Deep Image Analogy

Style



Content

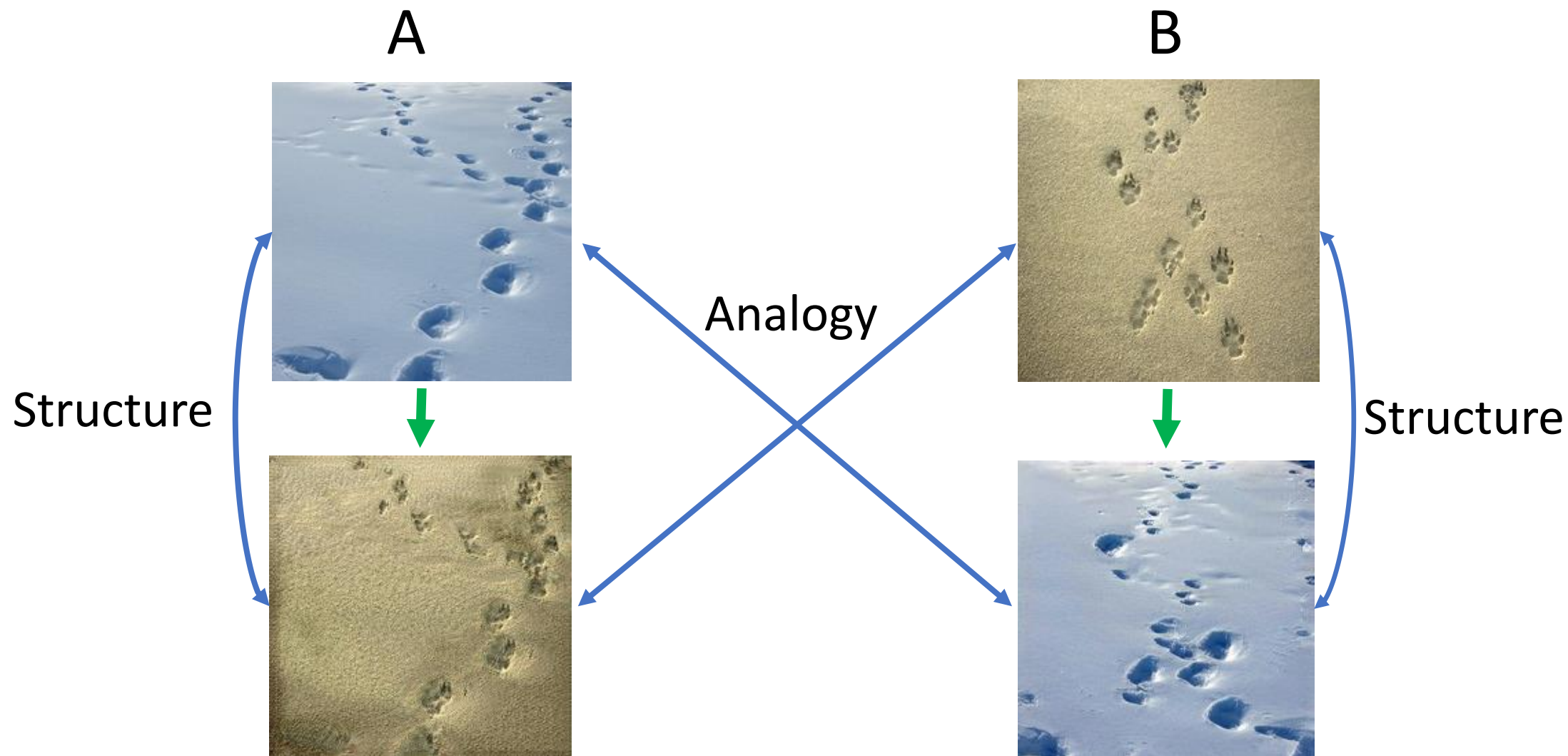


Result



Cannot Change Object Shape

# Structural Analogy



# Motivation

A



B



# Motivation

A

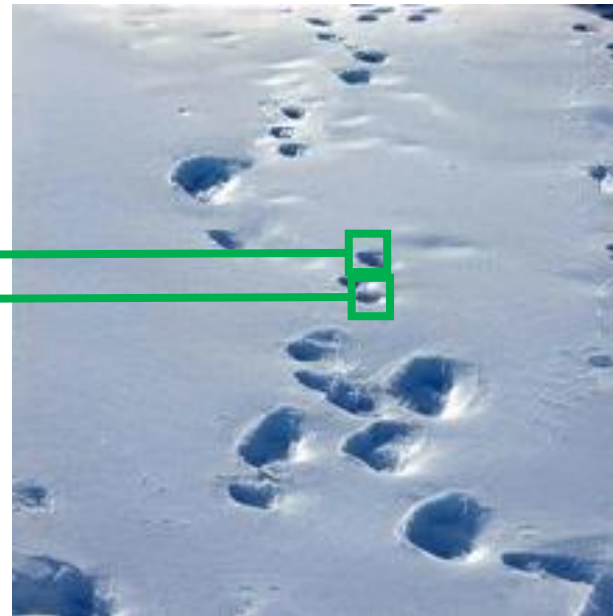
B



# Motivation

A

B





# Proposed Hierarchical Approach

Coarsest scale:

Large Patches

$\bar{a}^0$  (Unconditional)  
 $\overline{ab}^0$  (Conditional)

LEVEL = 0



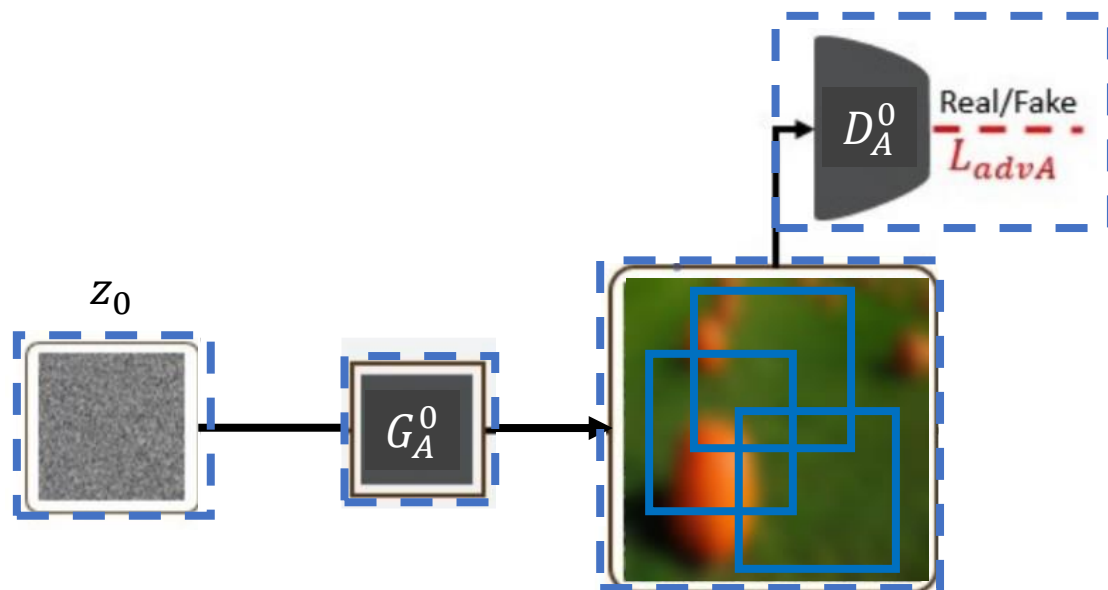
Finest scale:

Small Patches

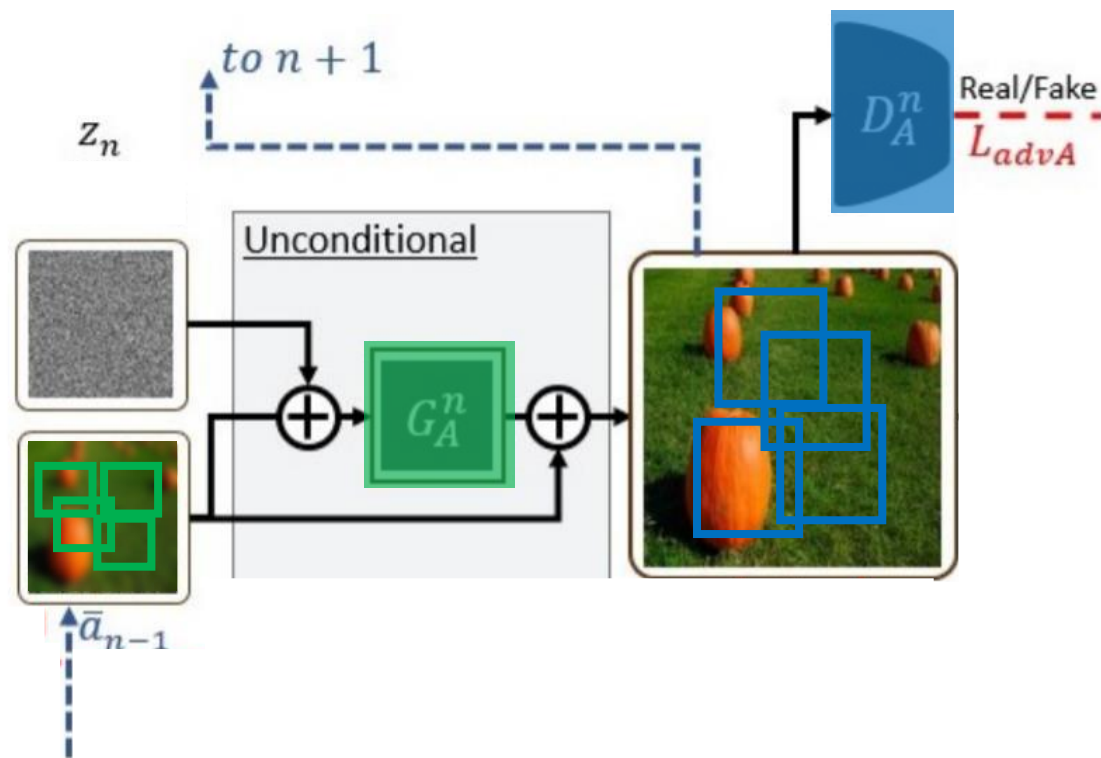
$\bar{a}^N$  (Unconditional)  
 $\overline{ab}^N$  (Conditional)

LEVEL =  $N$

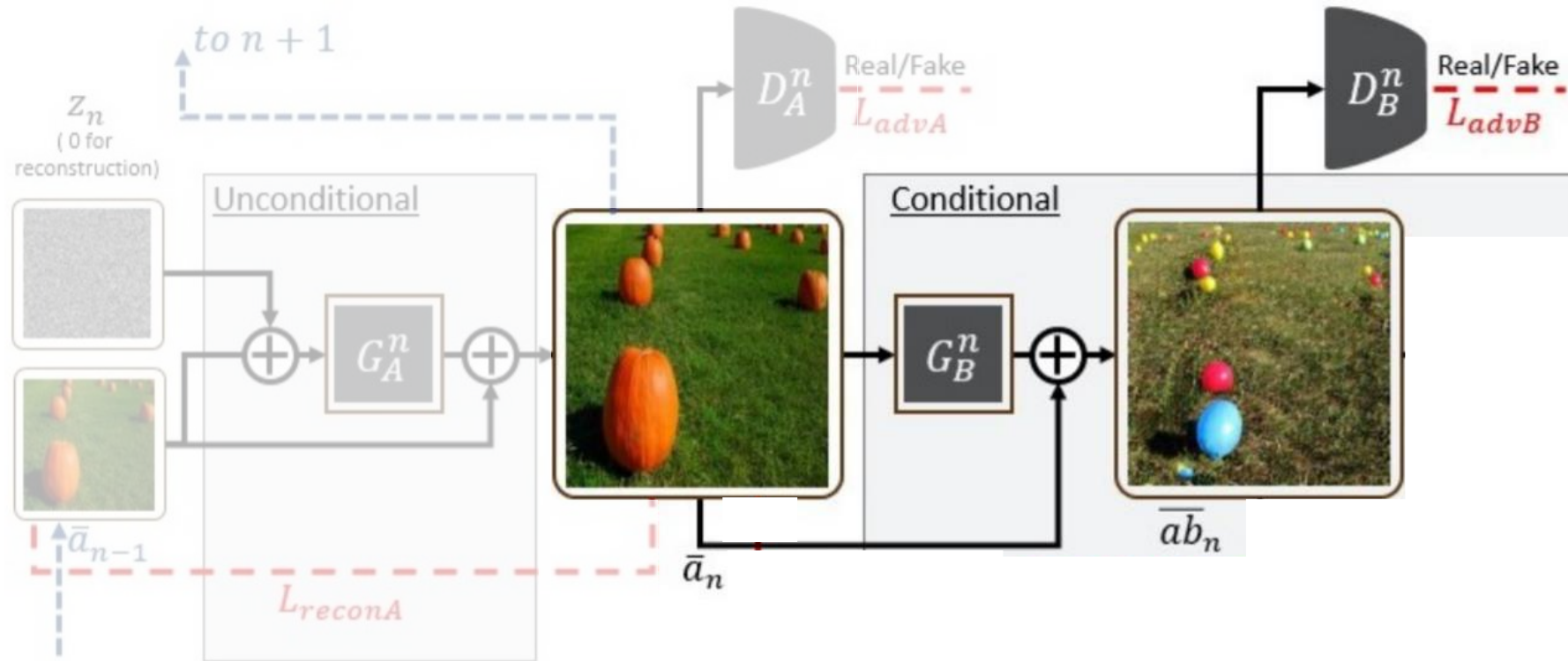
# Unconditional Generation (Level 0)



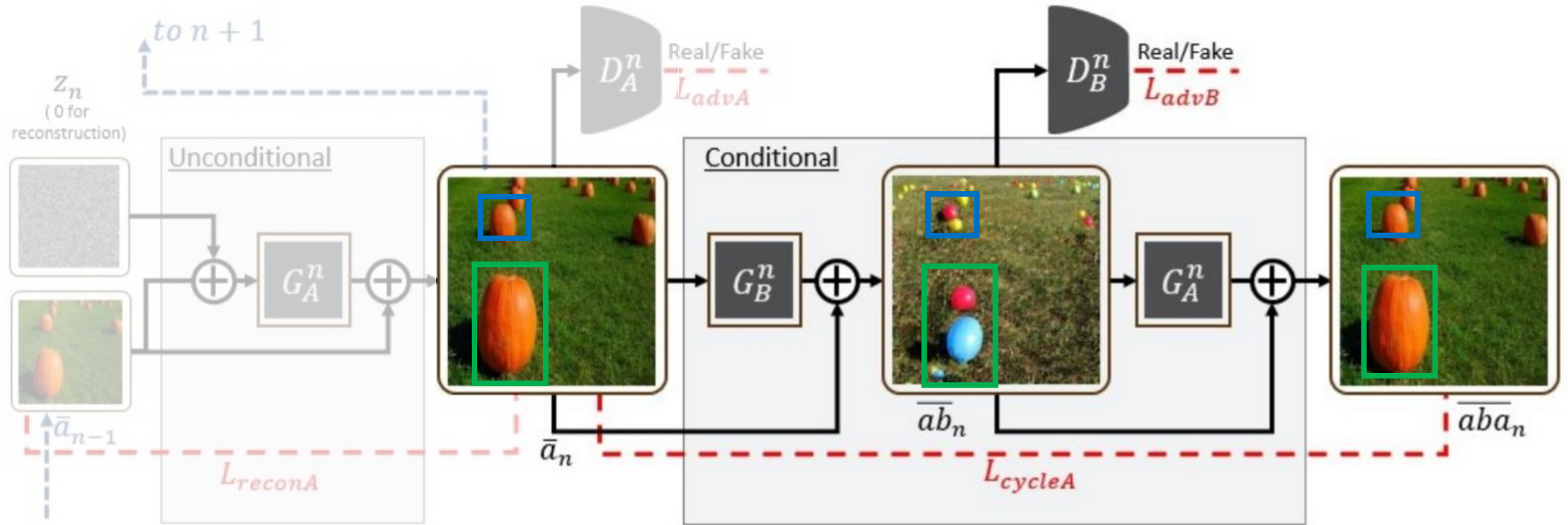
# Unconditional Generation (Level n)



# Conditional Generation (Level n)

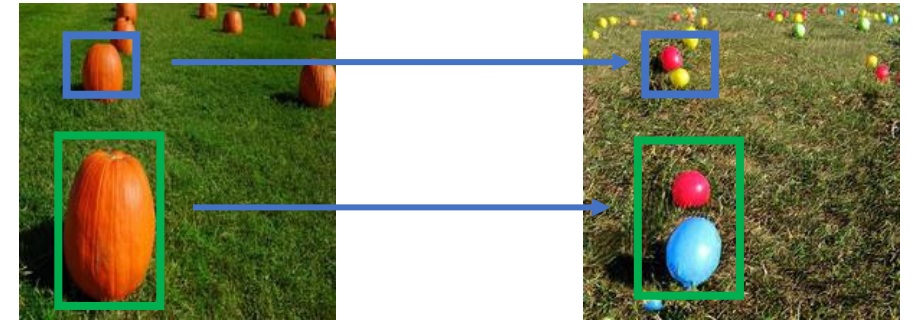
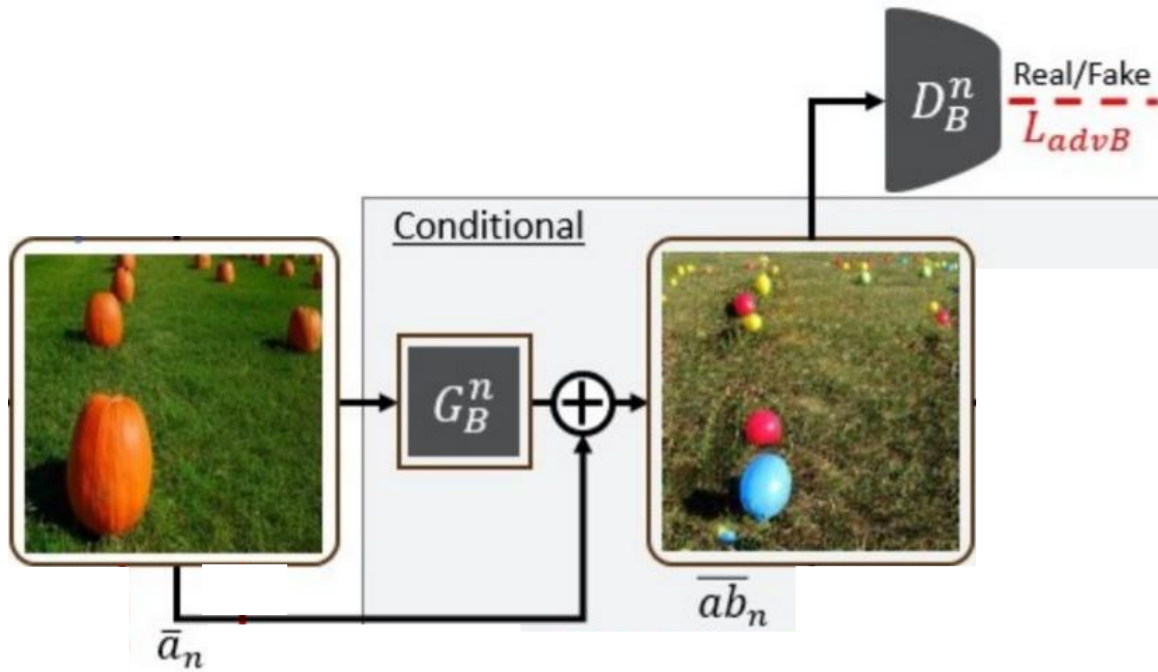


# Conditional Generation (Level n)





# Coarse and Mid Scales: Residual Training



Target

Source

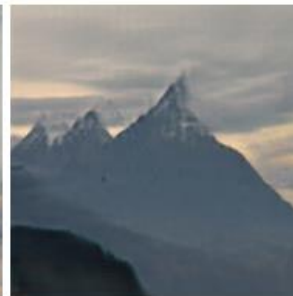
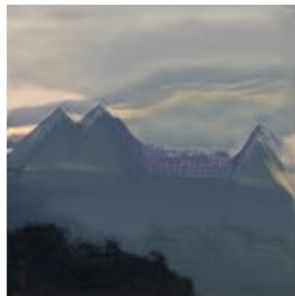
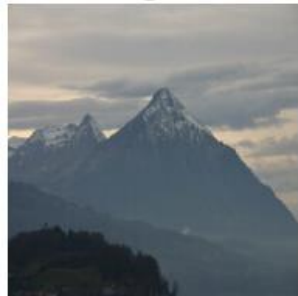
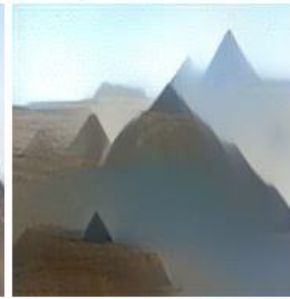
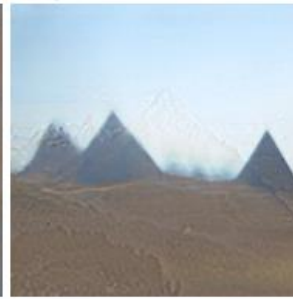
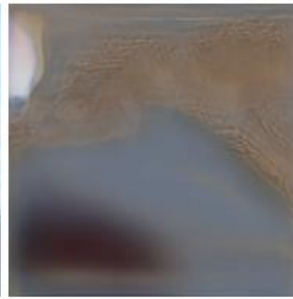
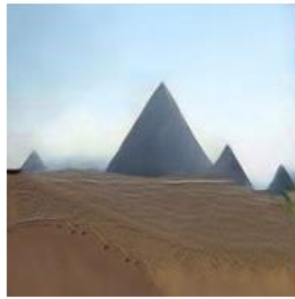
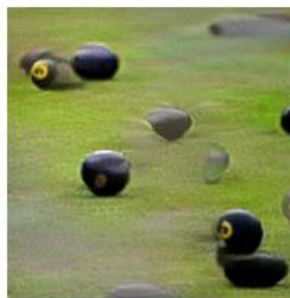
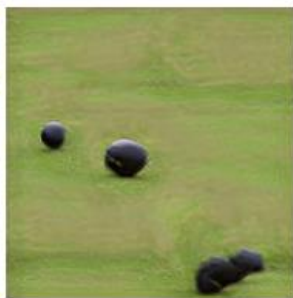
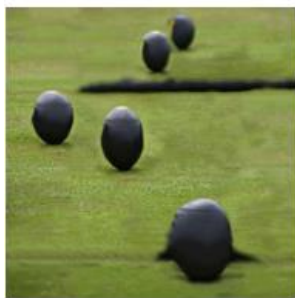
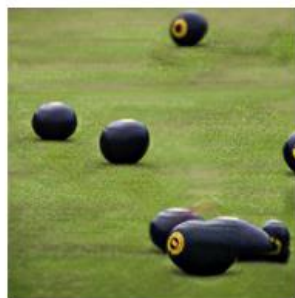
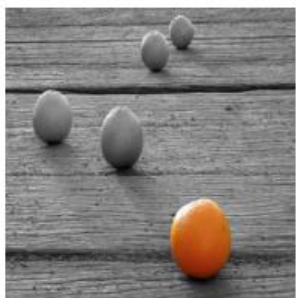
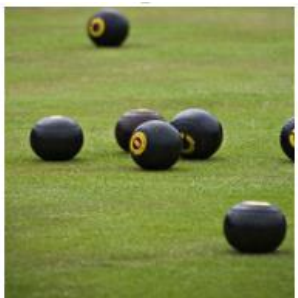
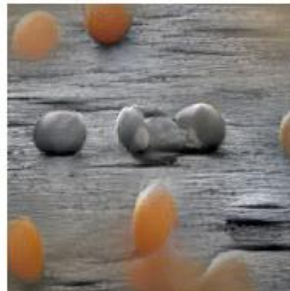
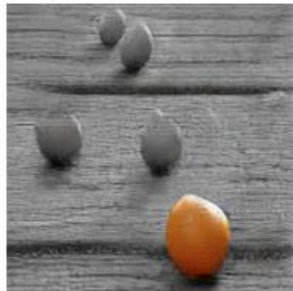
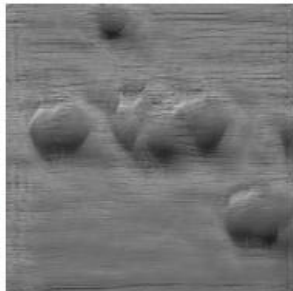
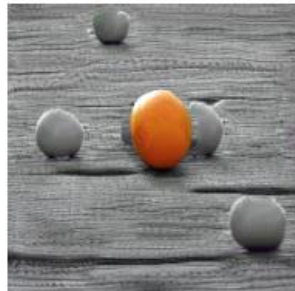
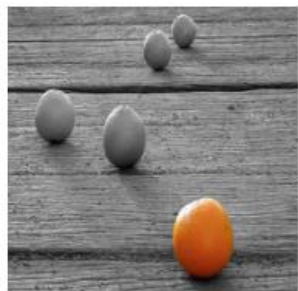
Ours

DIA

SinGAN

Cycle

Style



# Multiple Class Types

Input



Output





# Paint to Image

Input

Sketch

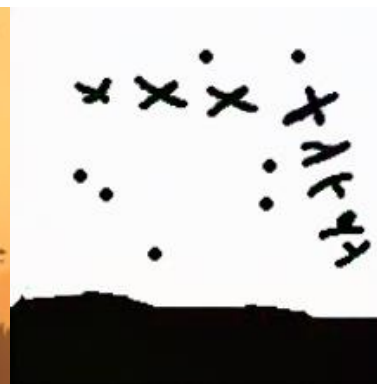
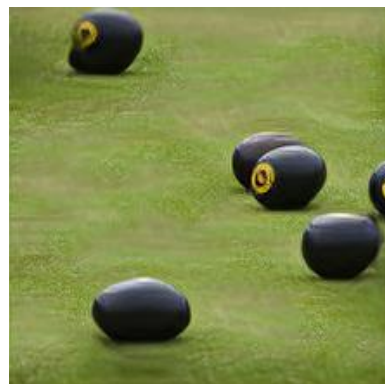
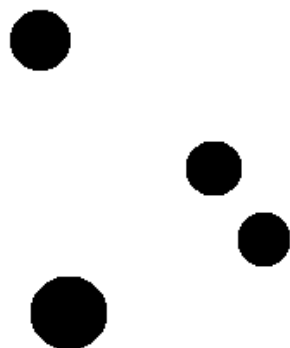
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Input

Sketch

Ours





# Video Generation



# Structure Manipulation for **Videos**

# Hierarchical Patch VAE-GAN: Generating Diverse Videos from a **Single Sample**

S. Gur\*, **S. Benaim\***, L. Wolf. NeurIPS 2020 (\*Equal contribution)

Real



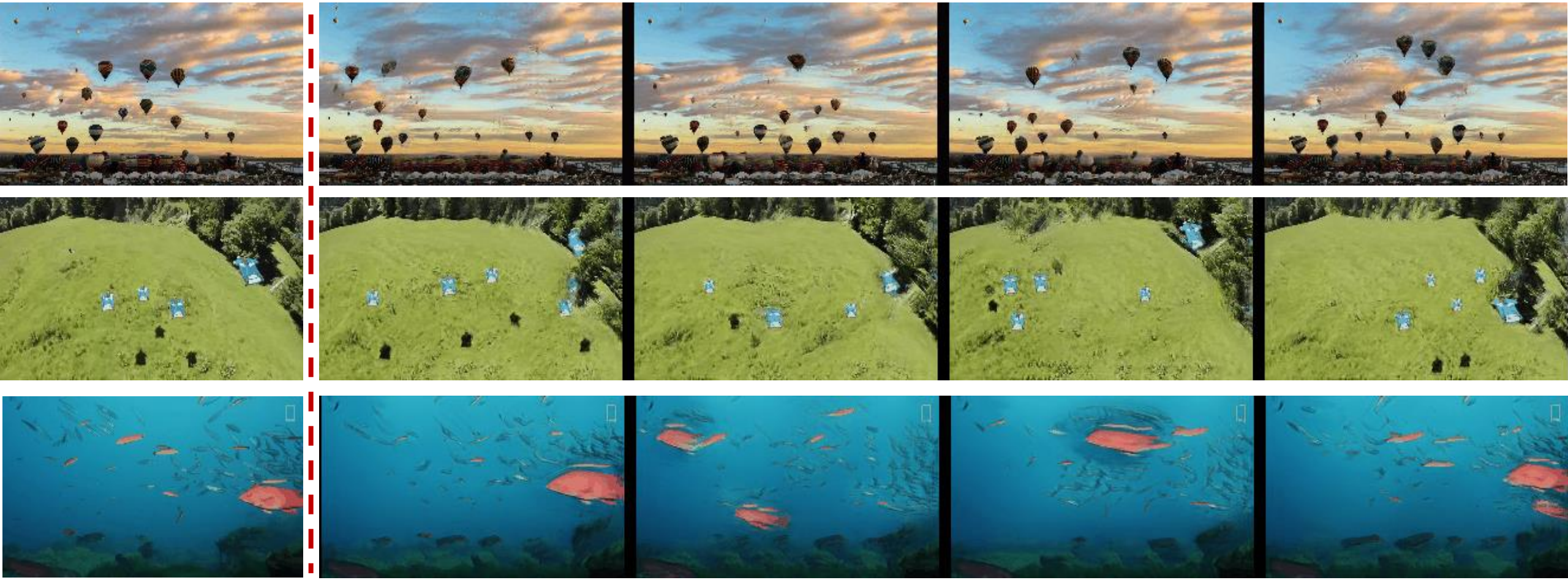


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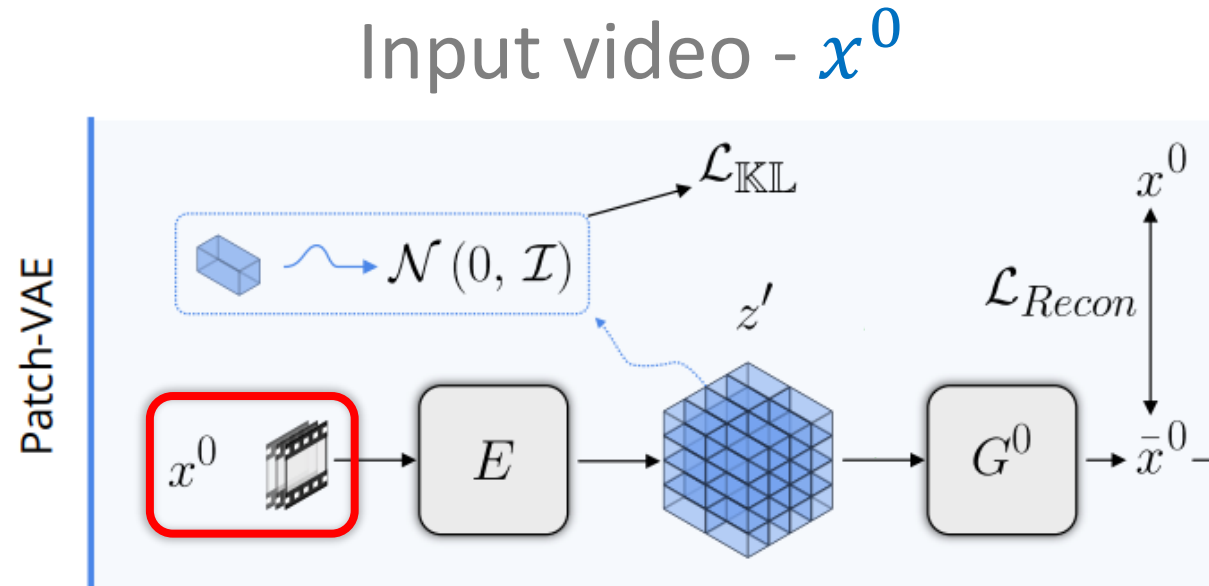
Real

Generated Samples (13 Frames)



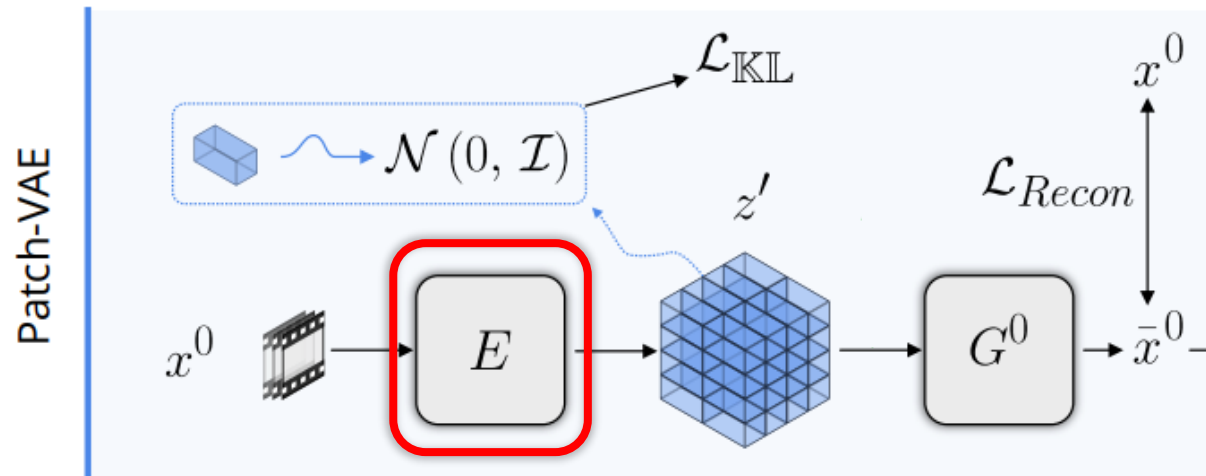


# Proposed Approach: Patch VAE

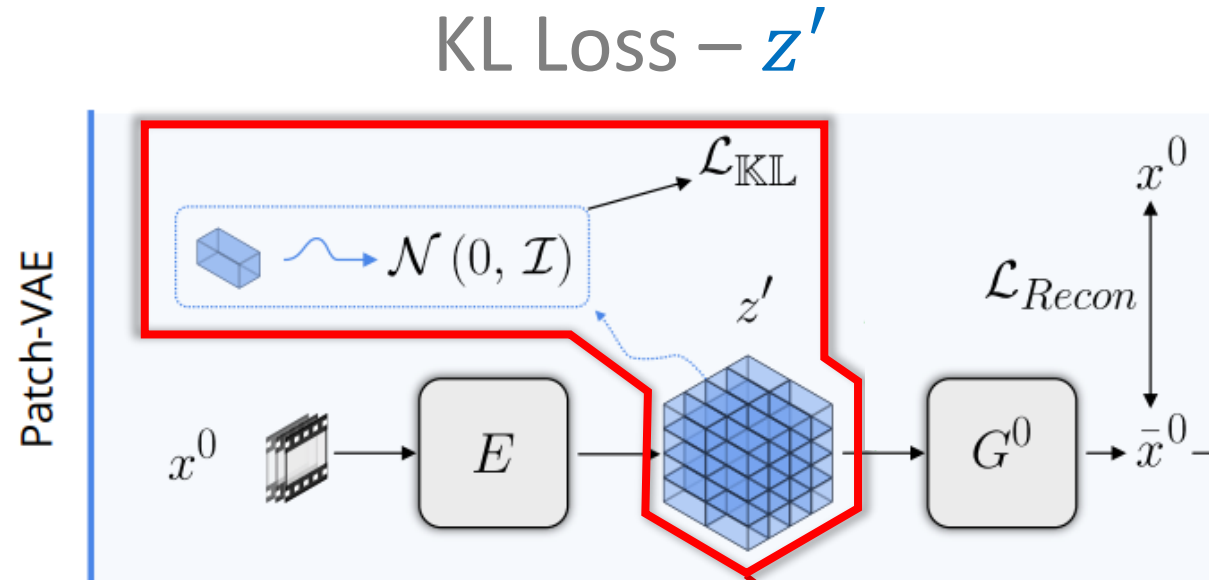


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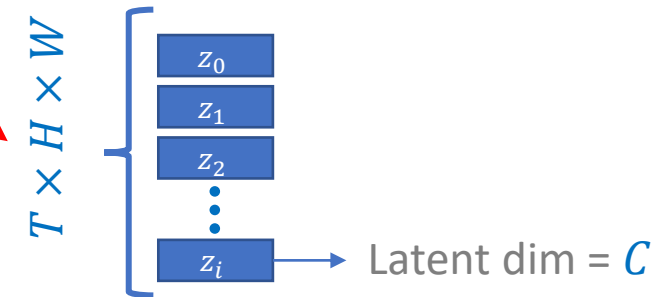
Encoder –  $E(x^0)$



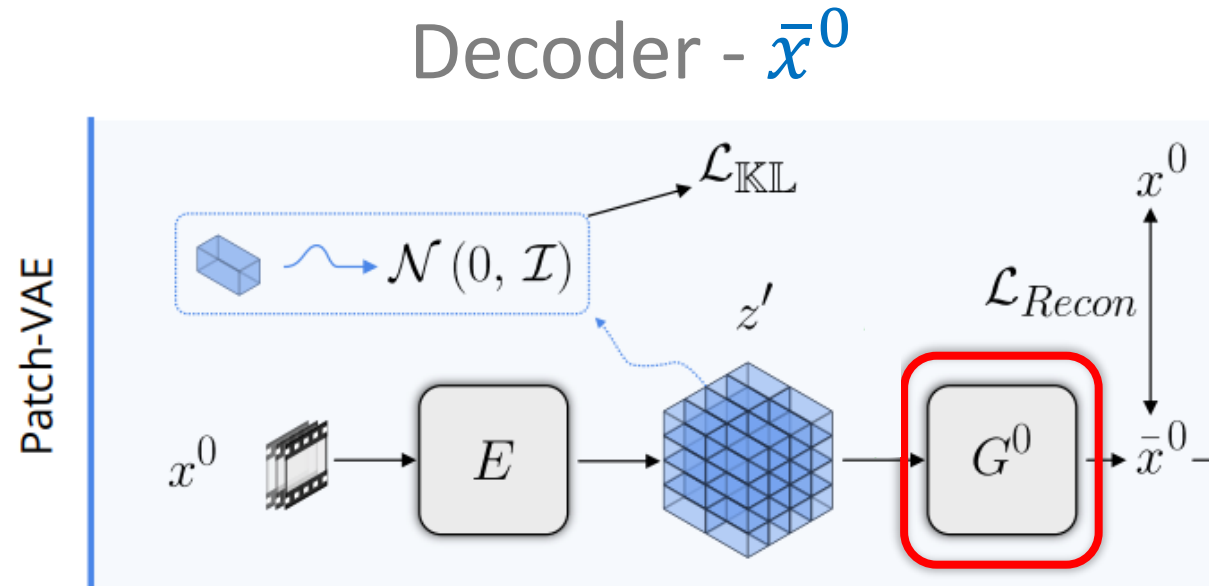
# Proposed Approach: Patch VAE



Each feature  $z_i, i = [1 \dots K], K = T \times H \times W$ ,  
in the latent space is associated with a patch  $\omega_i$

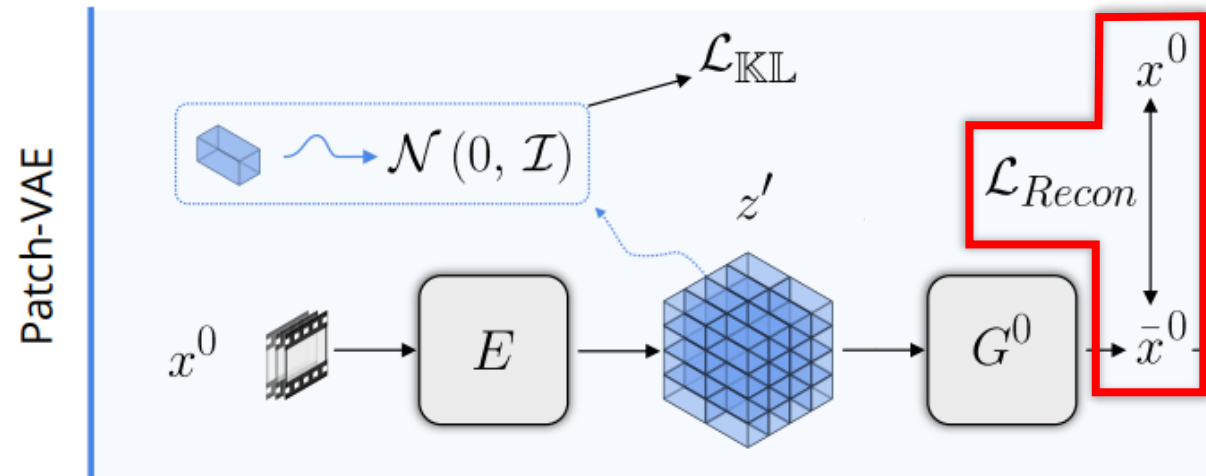


# Proposed Approach: Patch VAE



# Proposed Approach: Patch VAE

Reconstruction loss





# Proposed Approach: Hierarchical Patch VAE

Coarsest scale:  
**Low** resolution  
and frame rate

$x^0$  (Real)  
 $\bar{x}^0$  (Generated)

LEVEL = 0

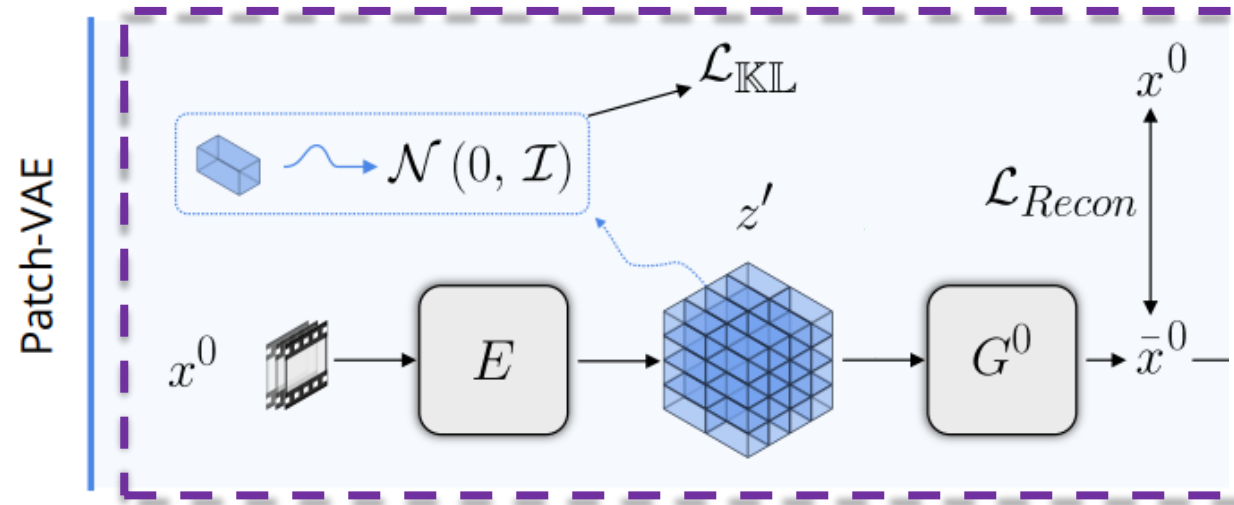


Finest scale:  
**High** resolution  
and frame rate

$x^N$  (Real)  
 $\bar{x}^N$  (Generated)

LEVEL =  $N$

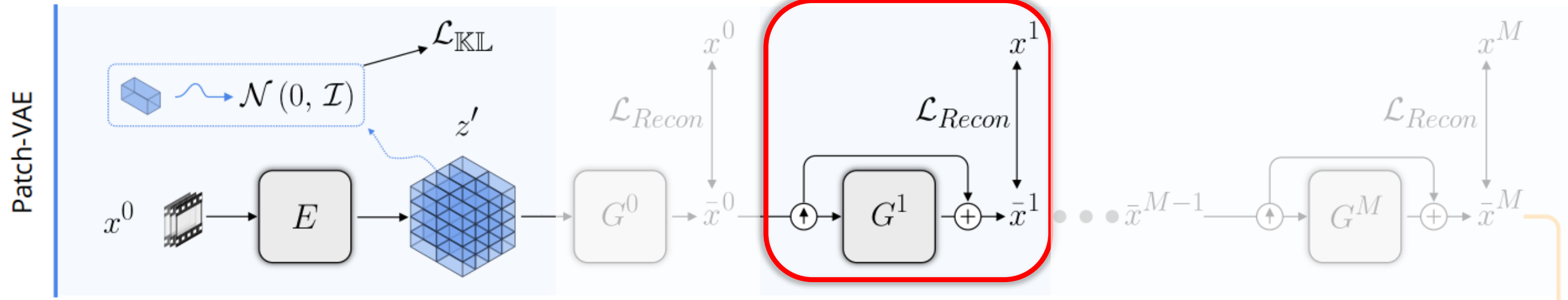
# Proposed Approach: Hierarchical Patch VAE



LEVEL = 0

# Proposed Approach: Hierarchical Patch VAE

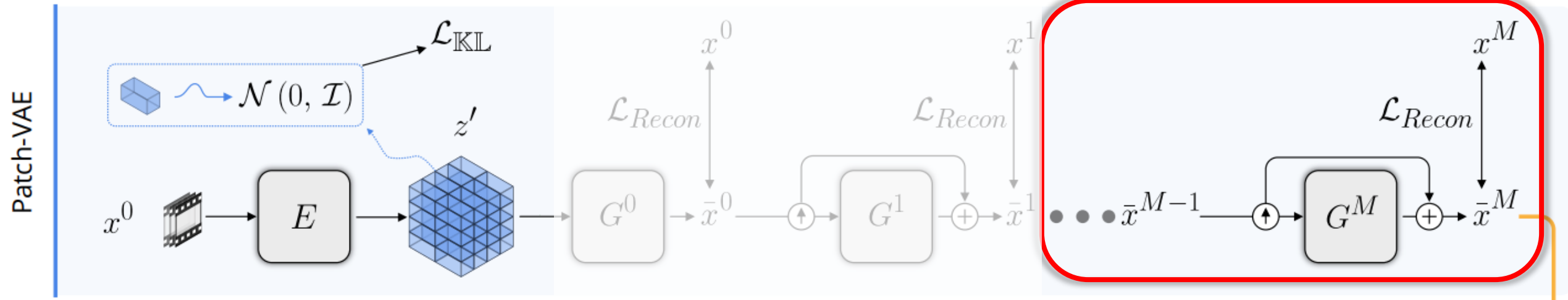
Up-sampling block -  $\bar{x}^1$



LEVEL = 1

# Proposed Approach: Hierarchical Patch VAE

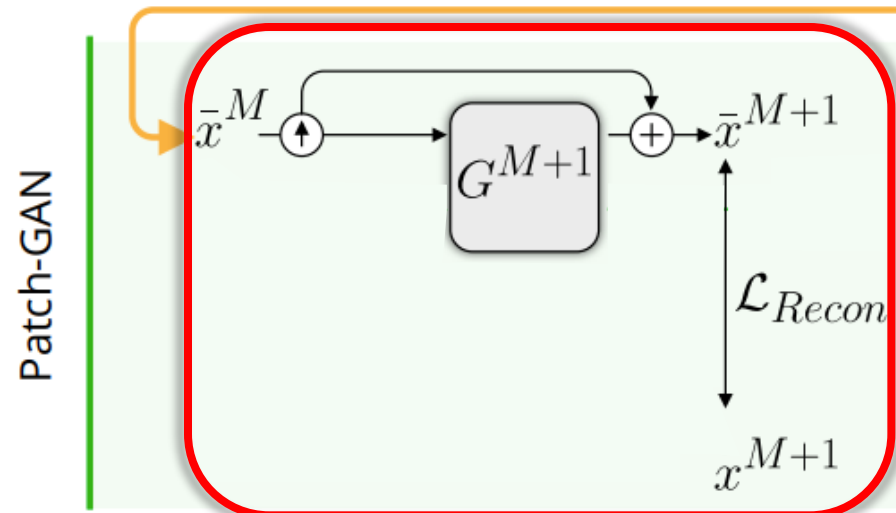
Hierarchical up-sampling up to  $\bar{x}^M$



LEVEL  $\leq M$

# Proposed Approach: Hierarchical Patch VAE GAN

Up-sampling block  $\bar{x}^{M+1}$

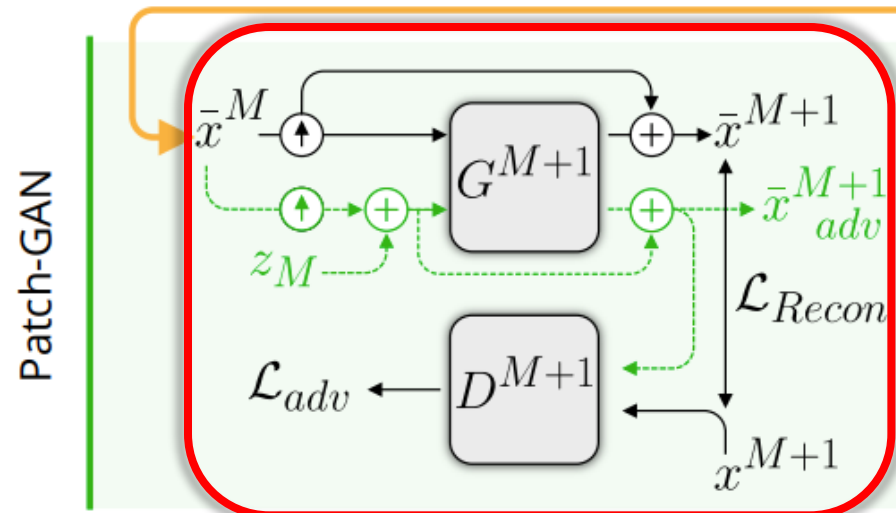


LEVEL =  $M + 1$



# Proposed Approach: Hierarchical Patch VAE GAN

Adversarial training

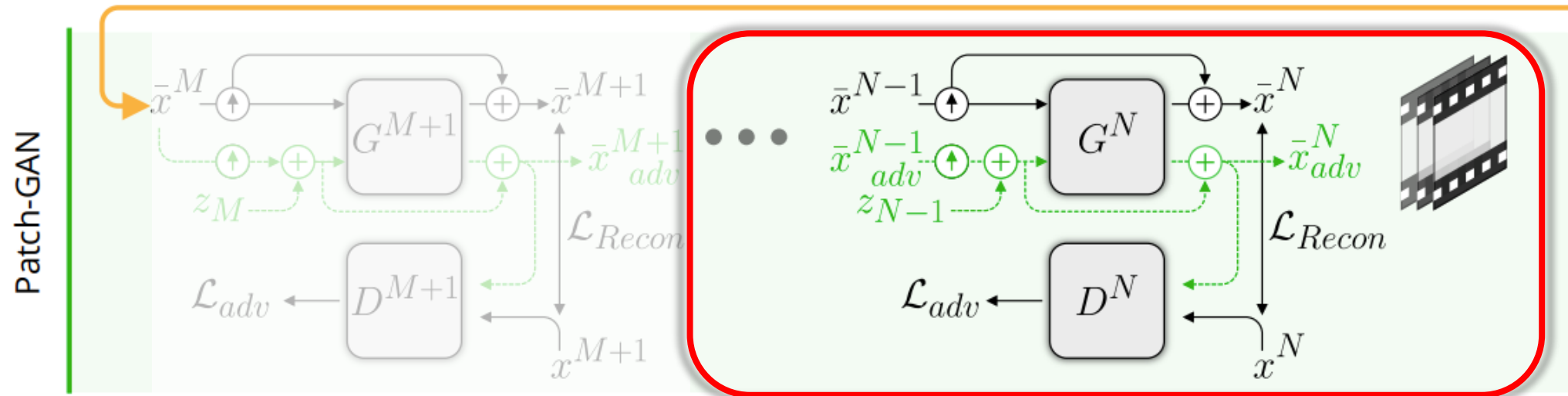


Added noise  $z_M$

LEVEL =  $M + 1$

# Proposed Approach: Hierarchical Patch VAE GAN

Hierarchical up-sampling up to final resolution  $\bar{x}^N$



$$M + 1 < \text{LEVEL} \leq N$$

# Effect of Number of patch-VAE levels

Training Video



9 Levels Total

1 p-VAE – 8 p-GAN



8 p-VAE – 1 p-GAN



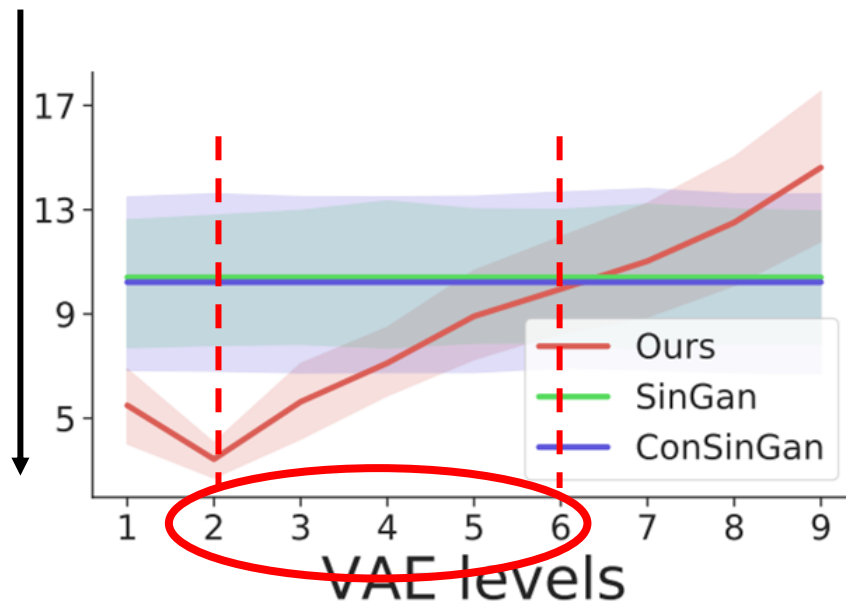
3 p-VAE – 6 p-GAN



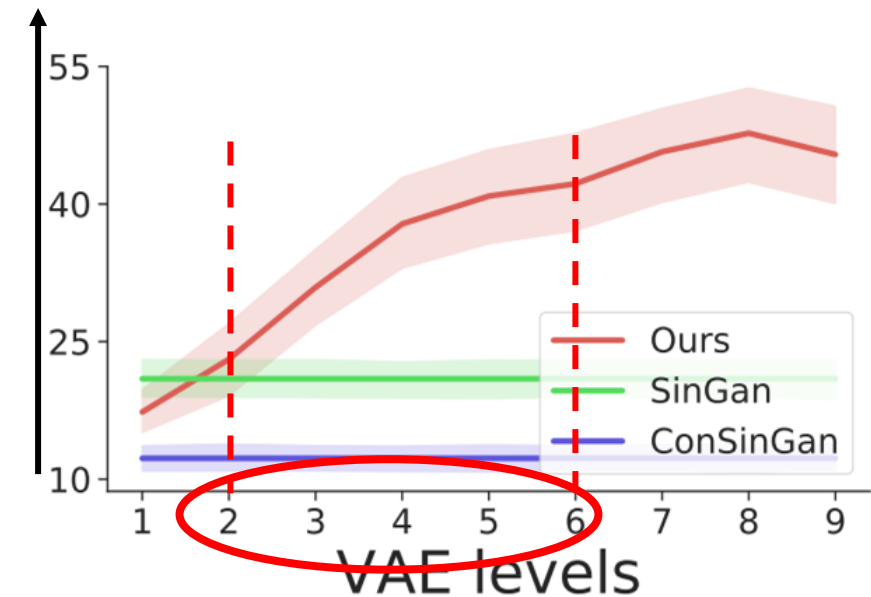
# Effect of Number of patch-VAE levels

Total of 9 layers

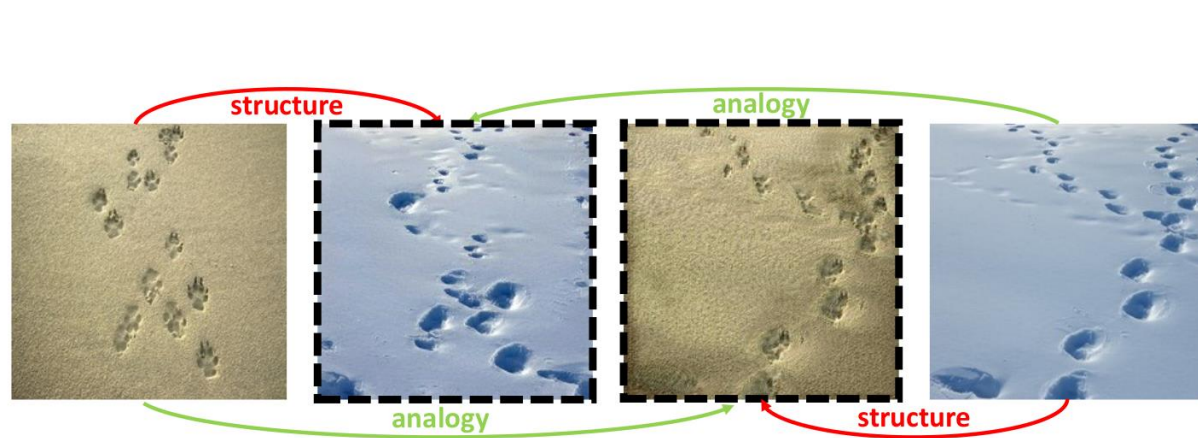
Quality  
(Lower is Better)



Diversity  
(Higher is Better)







## Part II: Manipulating Structure Understanding Structure





# SpeedNet: Learning the Speediness in Videos

**S. Benaim**, A. Ephrat, O. Lang, I. Mosseri, W. T. Freeman, M. Rubinstein, M. Irani, T. Dekel.  
CVPR 2020.

Slower



Normal speed



Faster



<https://speednet-cvpr20.github.io/>

# Automatically predict “speediness”

Uniform Speed Up (2x)



Adaptive speed up (2x)



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Other Applications:

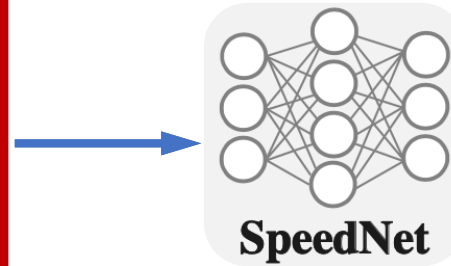
- Self-supervised action recognition
- Video retrieval

# Training SpeedNet

Self-supervised  
training



Input video



Sped Up

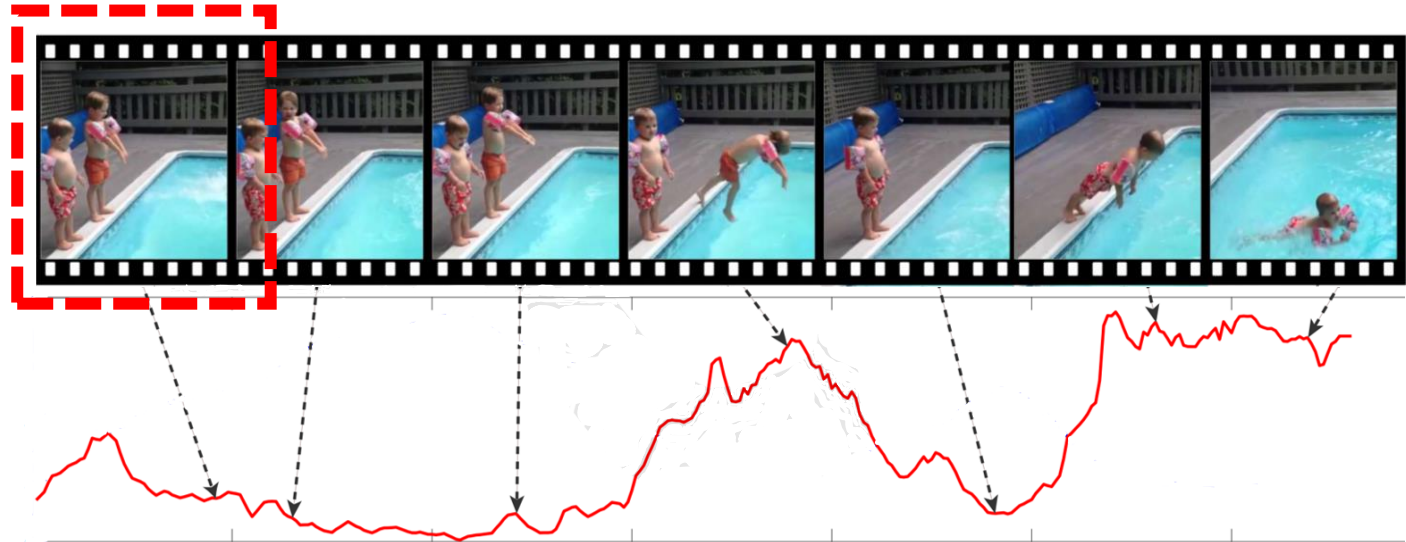
- Spatial augmentations
- Temporal augmentations
- Same-batch training

# Adaptive video speedup

Inference on full  
**sped-up** video

Sped-up

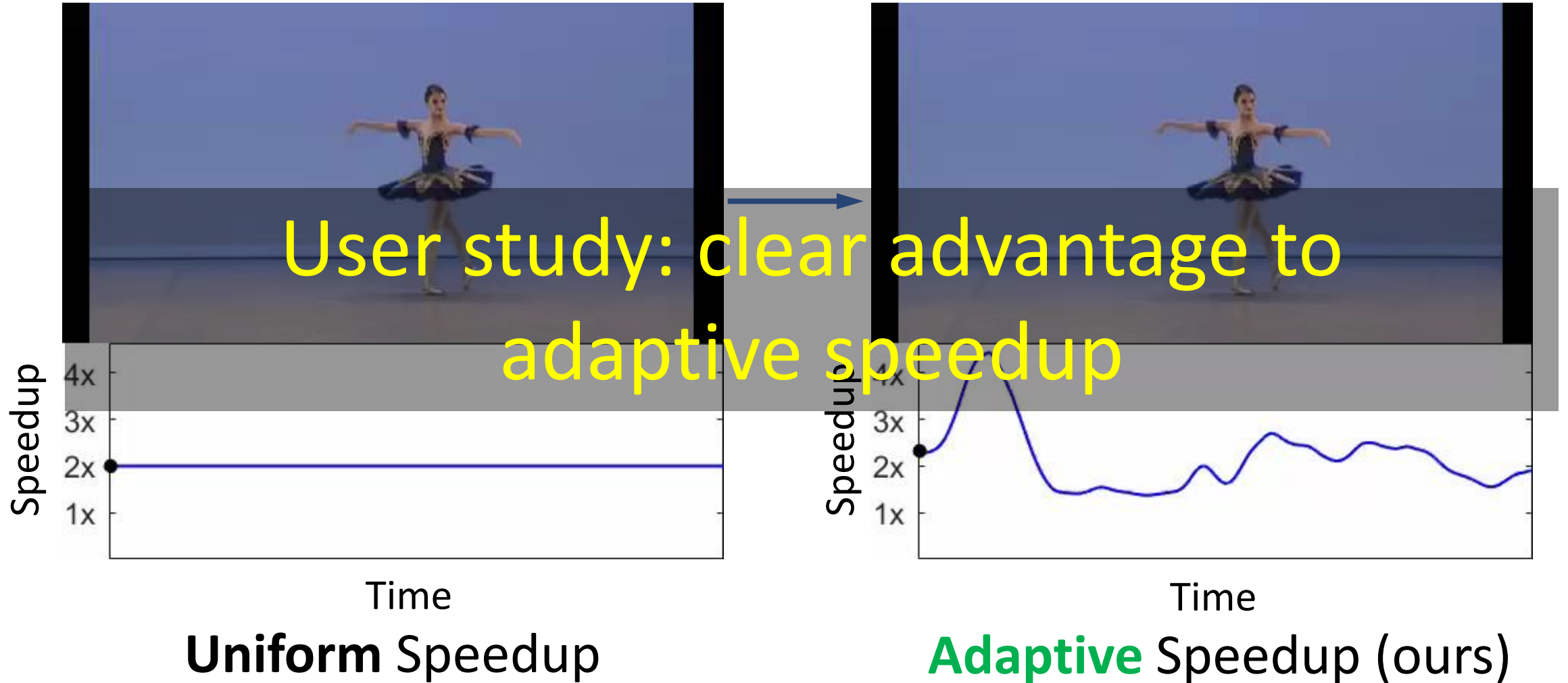
Normal speed



# Adaptive video speedup

Total time =  $\frac{1}{2}$  input time

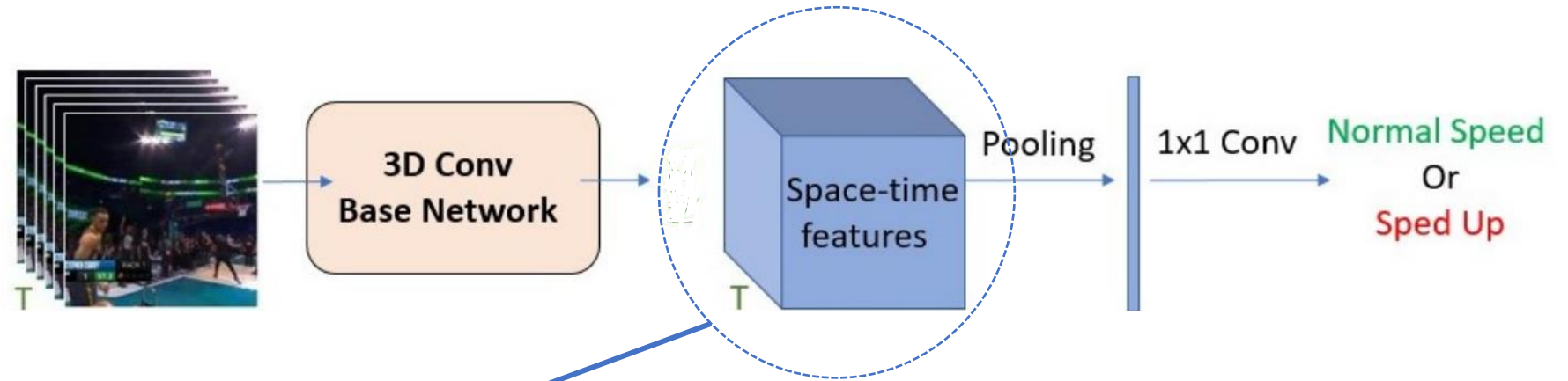
Total time =  $\frac{1}{2}$  input time





# Other self supervised tasks

Train SpeedNet



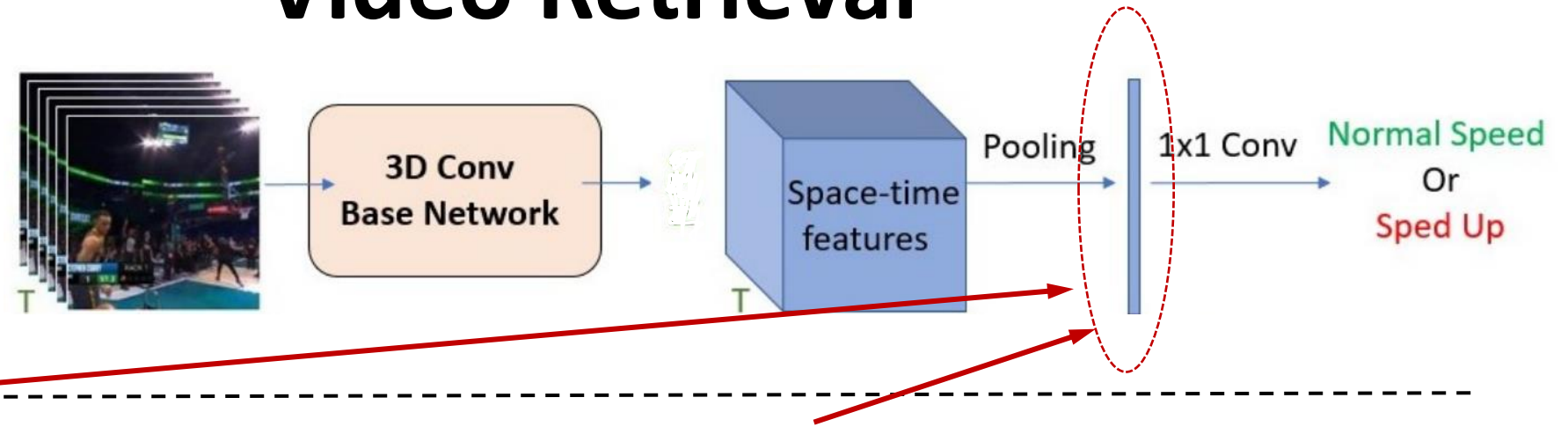
## Self Supervised Action Recognition

Method	Initialization Architecture	Supervised accuracy	
		UCF101	HMDB51
Random init	S3D-G	73.8	46.4
ImageNet inflated	S3D-G	86.6	57.7
Kinetics supervised	S3D-G	96.8	74.5
CubicPuzzle [19]	3D-ResNet18	65.8	33.7
Order [40]	R(2+1)D	72.4	30.9
DPC [13]	3D-ResNet34	75.7	35.7
AoT [38]	T-CAM	79.4	-
SpeedNet (Ours)	S3D-G	81.1	48.8
Random init	I3D	47.9	29.6
SpeedNet (Ours)	I3D	66.7	43.7

# Other self supervised tasks:

## Video Retrieval

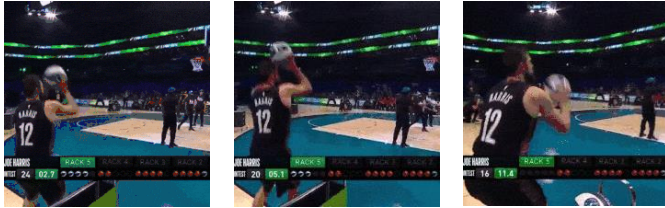
Train SpeedNet



Query



Retrieved top-3 results (Within)



Query



Retrieved top-3 results (Across)



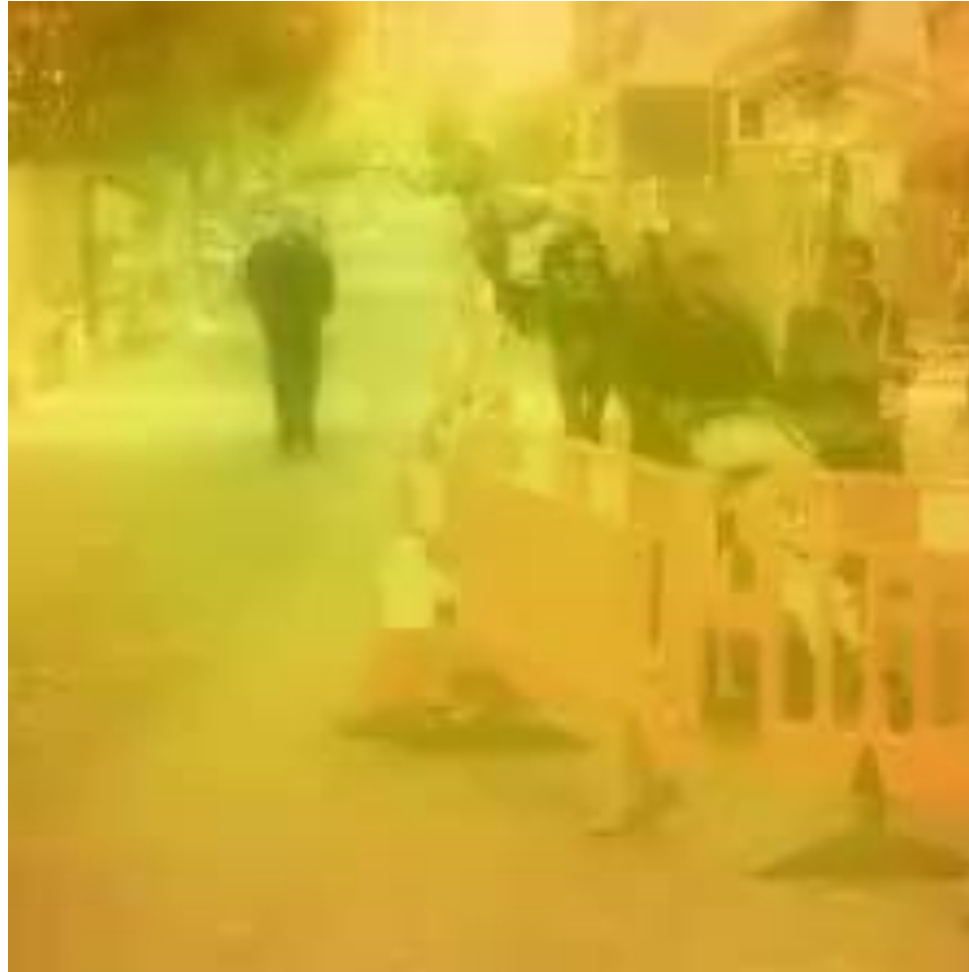
“Memory Eleven”: An artistic video by Bill Newsinger:  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=djylS0Wi\\_lo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=djylS0Wi_lo)



# Spatio-Temporal Visualizations

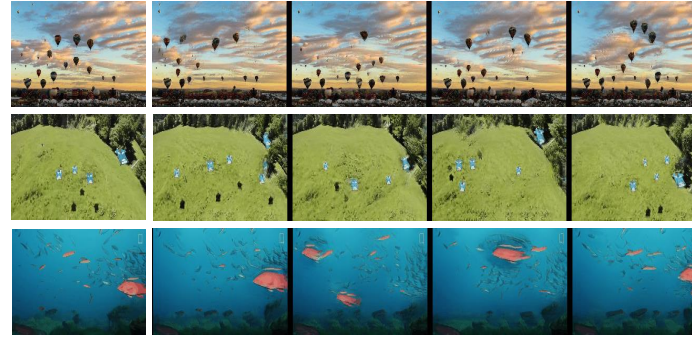
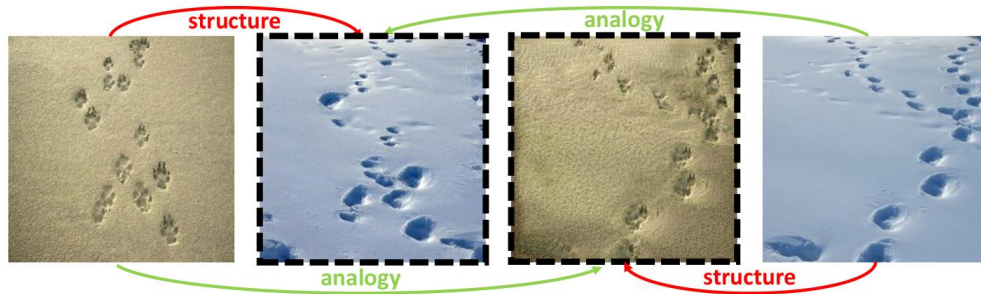
blue/green =  
normal speed

yellow/orange =  
slowed down

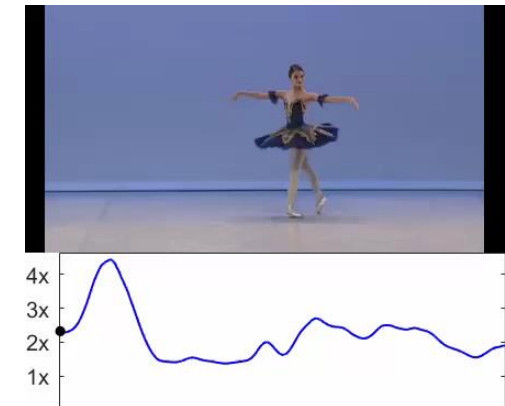
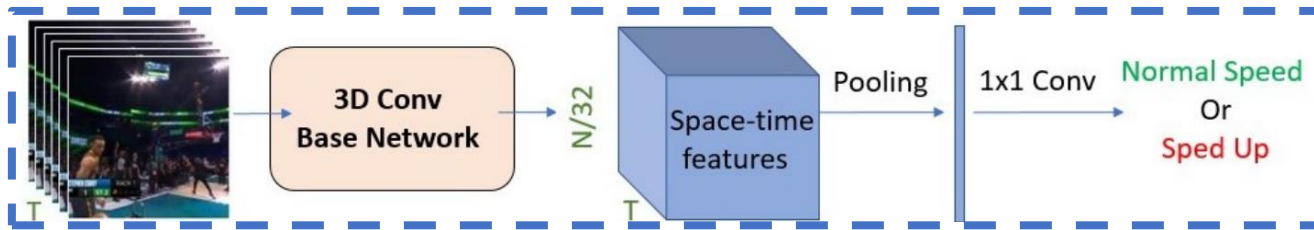




# Part I: Manipulating Structure



# Part II: Manipulating by Understanding Structure





## Part III: Structure Preserving Manipulation

# Permuted AdaIN: Reducing the Bias Towards Global Statistics in Image Classification

O. Nuriel, **S. Benaim**, L. Wolf. CVPR 2021.

Style



Content



Result

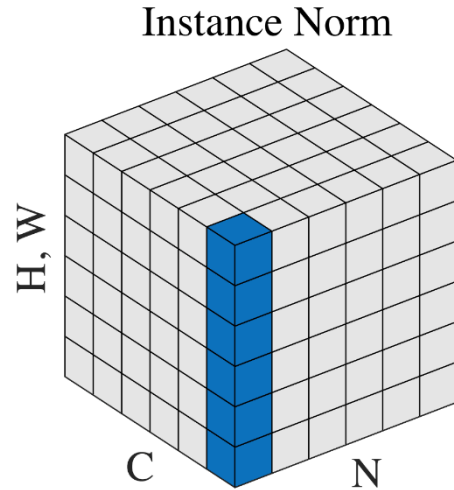


# Structure Preserving Transformation

- $a \in \mathbb{R}^{C \times H \times W}$  and  $b \in \mathbb{R}^{C \times H \times W}$  be the activations of some encoder  $E$  applied on images  $I_a$  and  $I_b$  respectively.



# Instance Normalization




$$b = E(\text{image})$$



$$IN(b)_{chw} = \left( \frac{b_{chw} - \mu_c(b)}{\sigma_c(b)} \right)$$

# Adaptive Instance Normalization

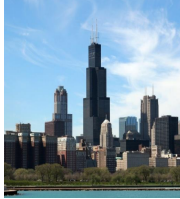
$$a = E(\text{img})$$
An abstract painting with a complex, layered composition. It features a mix of warm colors like reds, oranges, and yellows, along with cooler tones of blues and greys. The brushstrokes are visible and expressive, creating a sense of movement and depth. The overall effect is one of a rich, textured visual experience.

$$b = E(\text{img})$$
A photograph of the Chicago skyline, featuring several prominent skyscrapers, including the Willis Tower. The buildings are set against a clear blue sky with some light clouds. In the foreground, there is a body of water, likely Lake Michigan, and a line of green trees along the shore.

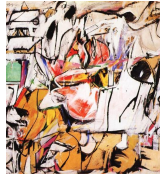
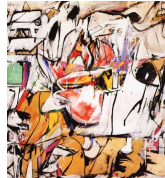
$$AdaIN(a, b)_{chw} = \sigma_c(a) \left( \frac{b_{chw} - \mu_c(b)}{\sigma_c(b)} \right) + \mu_c(a)$$



# Adaptive Instance Normalization

Global Statistics  Global Statistics

$$AdaIN(a, b)_{chw} = \underbrace{\sigma_c(a)}_{\text{Structure}} \left( \frac{b_{chw} - \mu_c(b)}{\sigma_c(b)} \right) + \underbrace{\mu_c(a)}_{\text{Structure}}$$

 Structure 

- AdaIN **swaps the global statistics** of  $a$  to those of  $b$
- $\mu$  and  $\sigma$  represent the **global statistics** of an image (such as brightness, contrast, lighting, global color changes and global texture)
- **Structure** represents information relating to shape of objects

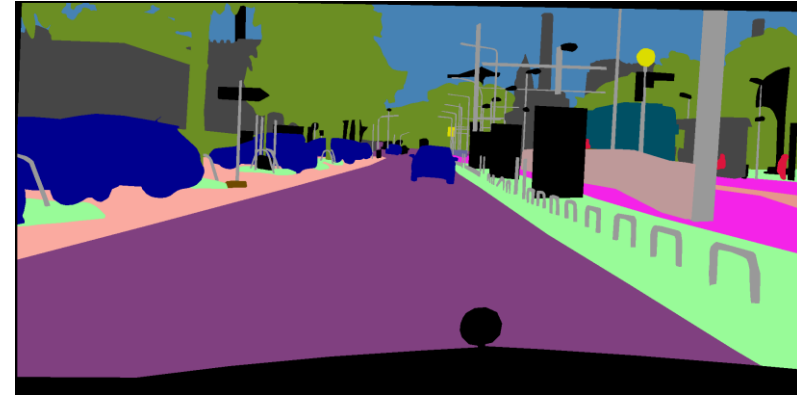
# Domain Adaptation

Supervised training on source domain and unsupervised on target domain

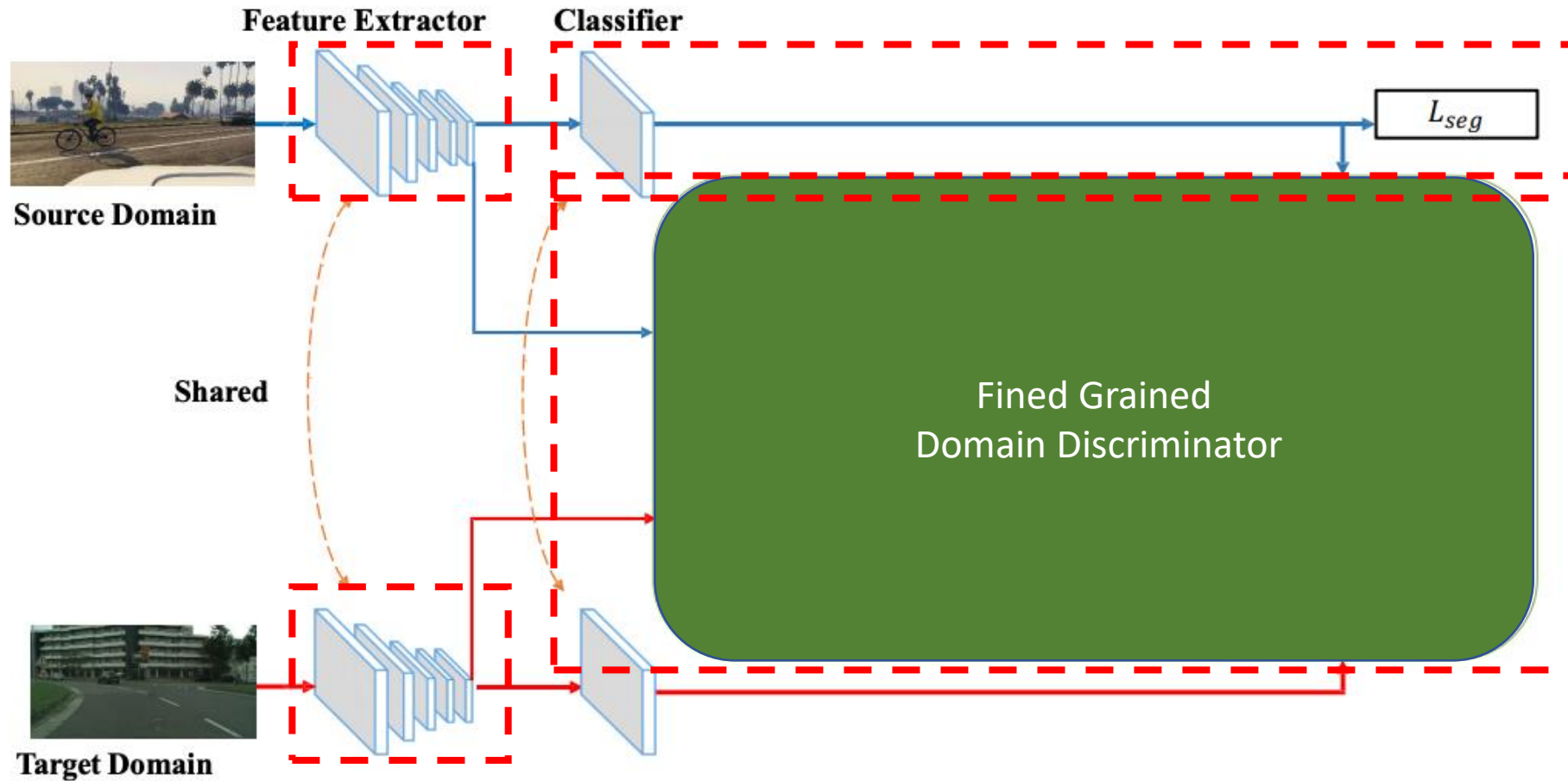
Source: GTAV



Target: Cityscapes

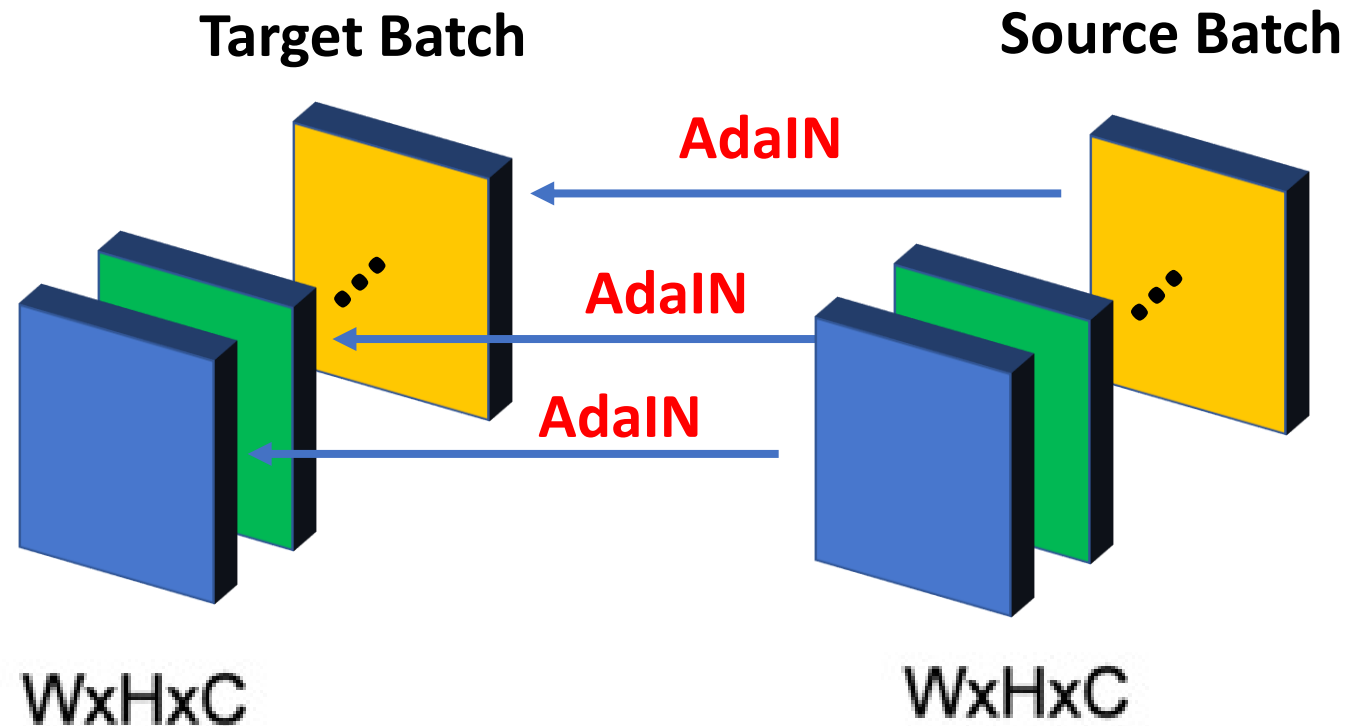


# Domain Adaptation

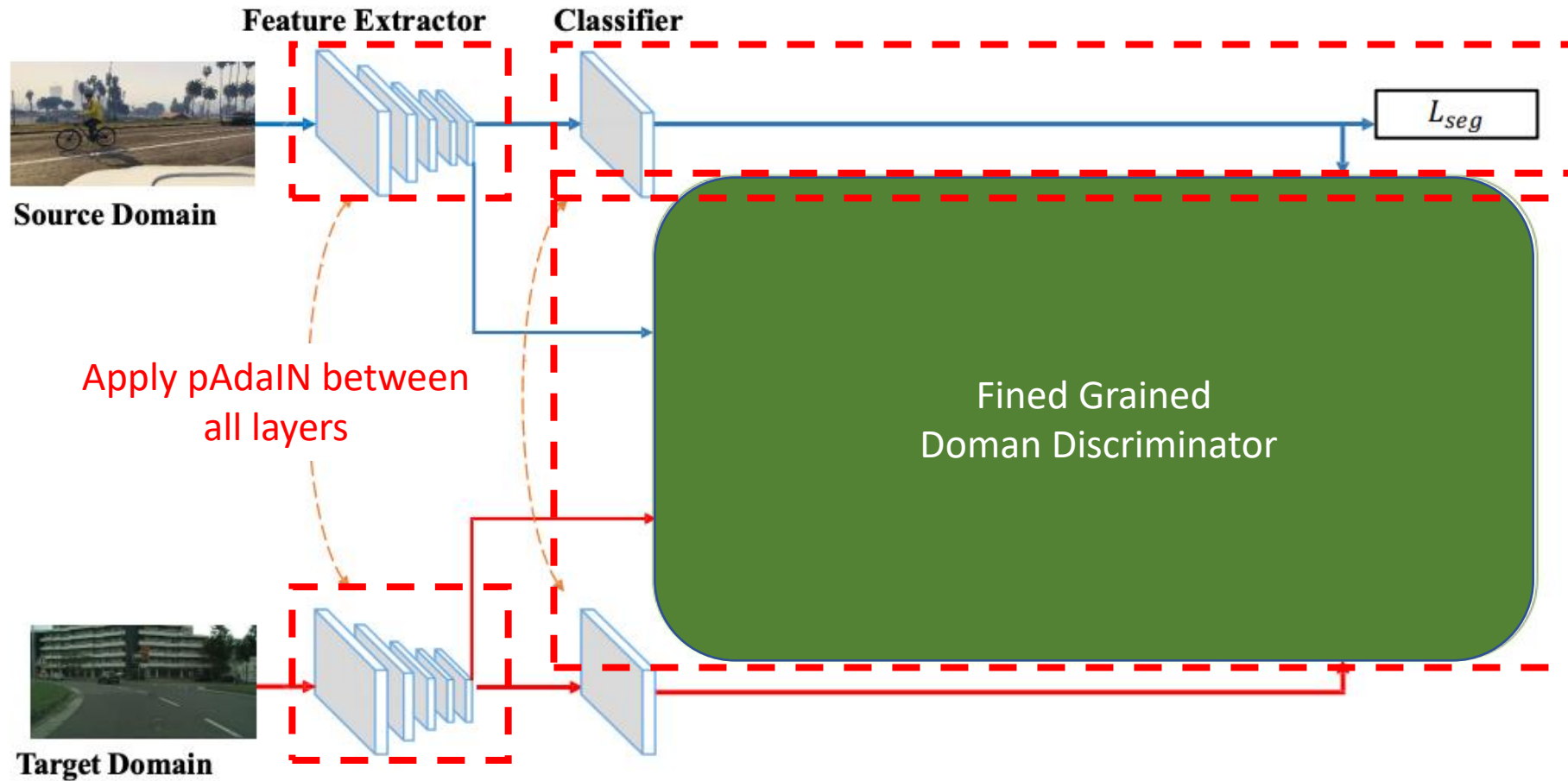


# Domain Adaptation

- **Swap global statistics of target features with those of source features** by applying AdaIN with probability  $p$ .
- Apply at every layer of the feature extractor.



# Domain Adaptation



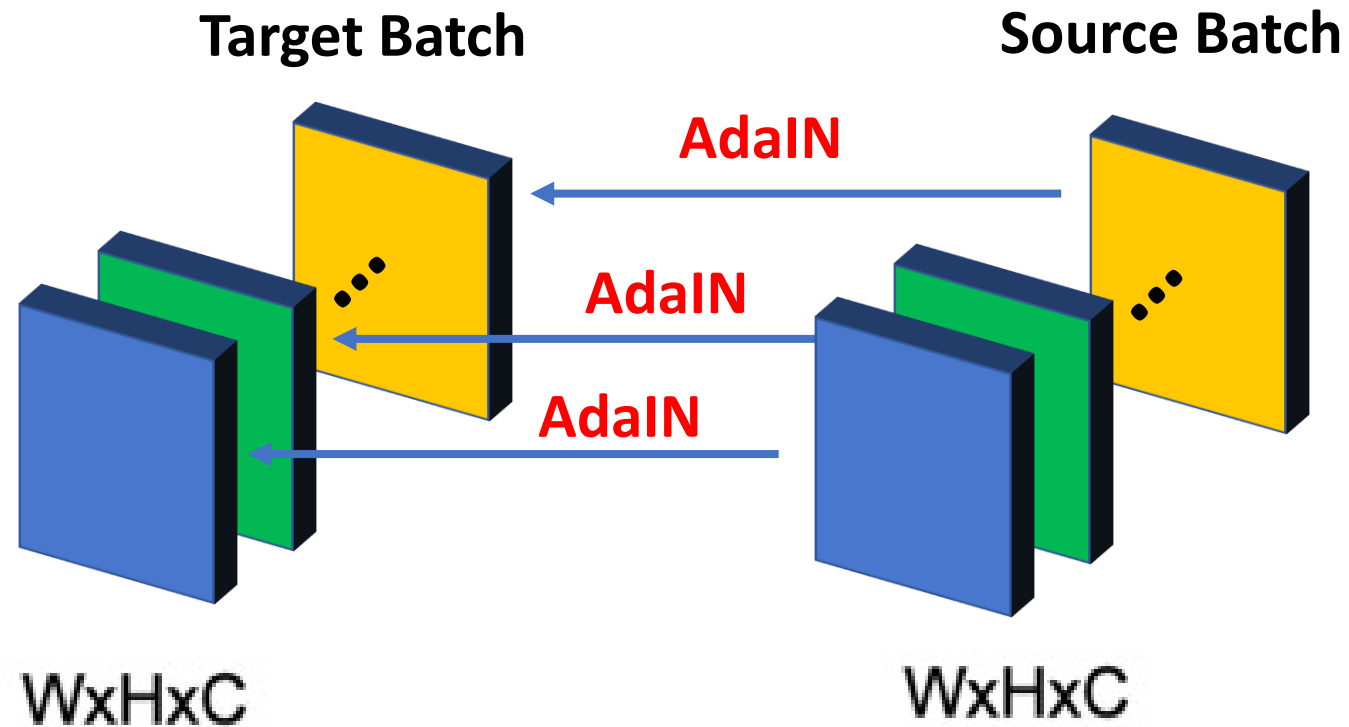


# Domain Adaptation

GTAV to Cityscapes

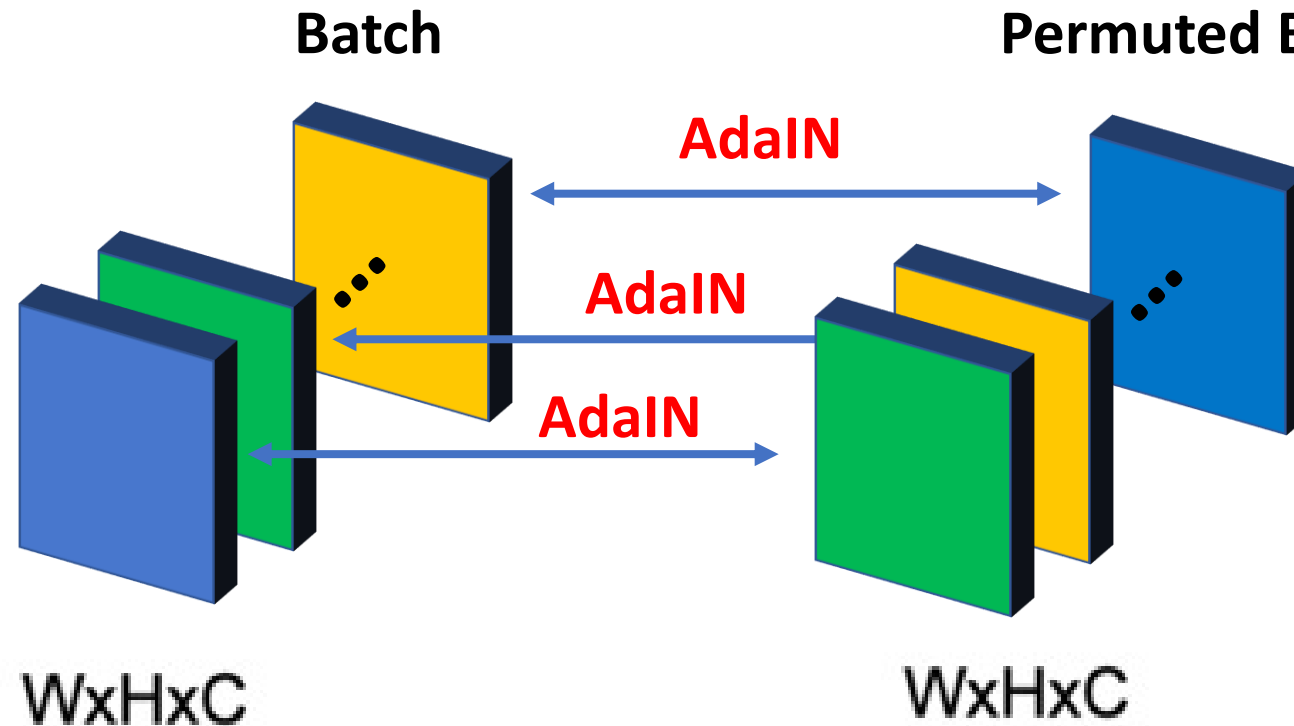
AdaptSegNet [35]	86.5	36.0	79.9	23.4	23.3	23.9	35.2	14.8	83.4	33.3	75.6	58.5	27.6	73.7	32.5	35.4	3.9	30.1	28.1	42.4
SIBAN [28]	88.5	35.4	79.5	26.3	24.3	28.5	32.5	18.3	81.2	40.0	76.5	58.1	25.8	82.6	30.3	34.4	3.4	21.6	21.5	42.6
CLAN [29]	87.0	27.1	79.6	27.3	23.3	28.3	<b>35.5</b>	24.2	83.6	27.4	74.2	58.6	28.0	76.2	33.1	36.7	6.7	31.9	31.4	43.2
AdaptPatch [36]	92.3	51.9	82.1	29.2	25.1	24.5	33.8	<b>33.0</b>	82.4	32.8	82.2	58.6	27.2	84.3	33.4	46.3	2.2	29.5	32.3	46.5
ADVENT [38]	89.4	33.1	81.0	26.6	26.8	27.2	33.5	24.7	83.9	36.7	78.8	58.7	30.5	84.8	38.5	44.5	1.7	31.6	32.4	45.5
FADA [40]	92.5	47.5	85.1	37.6	<b>32.8</b>	<b>33.4</b>	33.8	18.4	85.3	37.7	83.5	63.2	<b>39.7</b>	87.5	32.9	47.8	1.6	34.9	<b>39.5</b>	49.2
FADA [40] + pAdaIN	<b>93.3</b>	<b>55.7</b>	<b>85.6</b>	<b>38.3</b>	29.6	31.2	34.2	17.8	<b>86.2</b>	<b>41.0</b>	<b>88.8</b>	<b>65.1</b>	37.1	<b>87.6</b>	<b>45.9</b>	<b>55.1</b>	15.1	<b>39.4</b>	31.1	<b>51.5</b>

# Domain Adaptation



# Image Classification

Swap global statistics between every two elements in the batch



# Image Classification

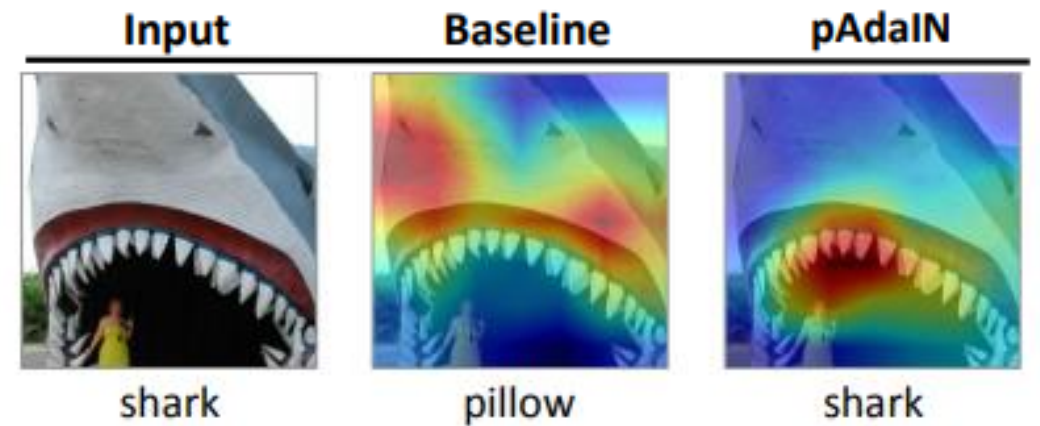
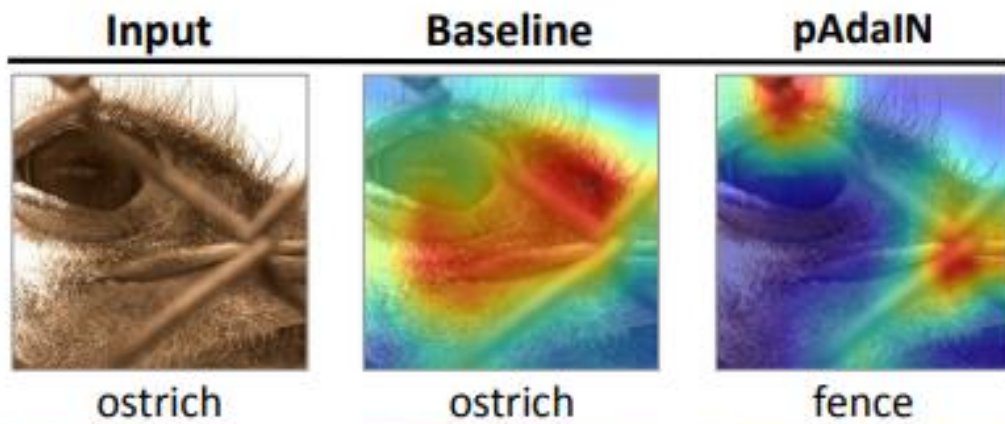
ImageNet

Method	Architecture	Top-1 Accuracy	Top-5 Accuracy
Baseline	ResNet50	77.1	93.63
pAdaIN	ResNet50	<b>77.7</b>	<b>93.93</b>
Baseline	ResNet101	78.13	93.71
pAdaIN	ResNet101	<b>78.8</b>	<b>94.35</b>
Baseline	ResNet152	78.31	94.06
pAdaIN	ResNet152	<b>79.13</b>	<b>94.64</b>

Cifar100

Method	Architecture	CIFAR 100
Baseline	PyramidNet	83.49
pAdaIN	PyramidNet	<b>84.17</b>
Baseline	ResNet18	76.13
pAdaIN	ResNet18	<b>77.82</b>
Baseline	ResNet50	78.22
pAdaIN	ResNet50	<b>79.03</b>

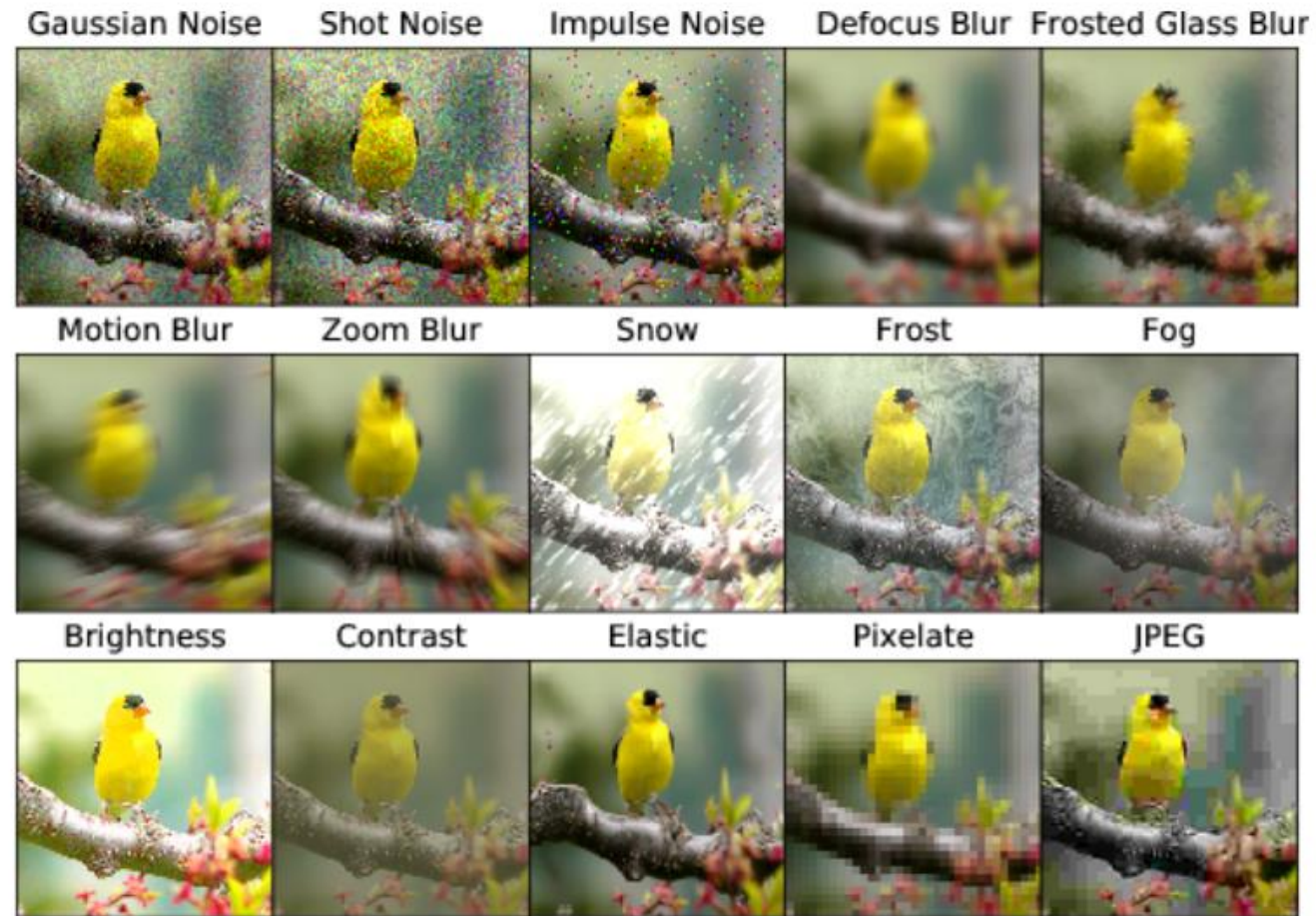
# Image Classification





# Robustness Towards Corruption

ImageNet-C



# Robustness Towards Corruption

CIFAR100-C

	Baseline	Cutout [8]	Mixup [43]	CutMix [43]	Auto- Augment [7]	Adversarial Training [30]	Augmix [18]	pAdaIN+ Augmix
DenseNet-BC	59.3	59.6	55.4	59.2	53.9	55.2	38.9	<b>37.5</b>
ResNext-29	53.4	54.6	51.4	54.1	51.3	54.4	34.4	<b>31.6</b>

## Category Wise Breakdown

Dataset	Network	Architecture	E	mCE	Noise			Blur			Weather				Digital				
					Gauss.	Shot	Impulse	Defocus	Glass	Motion	Zoom	Snow	Frost	Fog	Bright	Contrast	Elastic	Pixel	JPEG
INet-C	Baseline	ResNet50	22.9	76.7	80	82	83	75	89	78	80	78	75	66	57	71	85	77	77
INet-C	pAdaIN	ResNet50	<b>22.3</b>	<b>72.8</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>71</b>
C100-C	Augmix [18]	DenseNet-BC	24.2	38.9	60	51	41	27	55	31	29	36	39	35	28	37	33	39	41
C100-C	Augmix+pAdaIN	DenseNet-BC	<b>22.2</b>	<b>37.5</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>40</b>
C100-C	Augmix [18]	ResNext-29	21.0	34.4	<b>56</b>	<b>48</b>	32	23	<b>49</b>	27	25	32	35	32	24	32	30	34	37
C100-C	Augmix+pAdaIN	ResNext-29	<b>17.3</b>	<b>31.6</b>	58	<b>48</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>20</b>	54	<b>23</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>36</b>

## Manipulating Structure

- Multi-sample approaches
- Structural analogies
- Novel videos of similar structure

## Manipulating by Understanding Structure

- Speed up videos “gracefully” using “speed” as supervision

## Structure Preserving Manipulation

- Image classification and domain adaptation

**Structure** is Key to **Image Understanding**

**Demonstrate** using **Structure Aware Manipulation**

### Next?

- 3D-aware structure manipulation
- Manipulating multiple objects in videos
- Functional relationships: A person riding a bike vs a person beside a bike

Thank You! Questions?