Zero Shot Super Resolution

[Paper]

- There is no prior training or examples. Internal recurrences of information in the image itself is used for training CNN(internal self-supervision)
- They claim that the 3x3 or 5x5 like small patches in the image repeat themselves.(internal patch recurrence) Same structures with different scales can be found in the image.
- For single input image, there are some LR-HR samples generated from itself.

$$I \downarrow s \rightarrow I : input\,image \quad s : scale\,factor$$

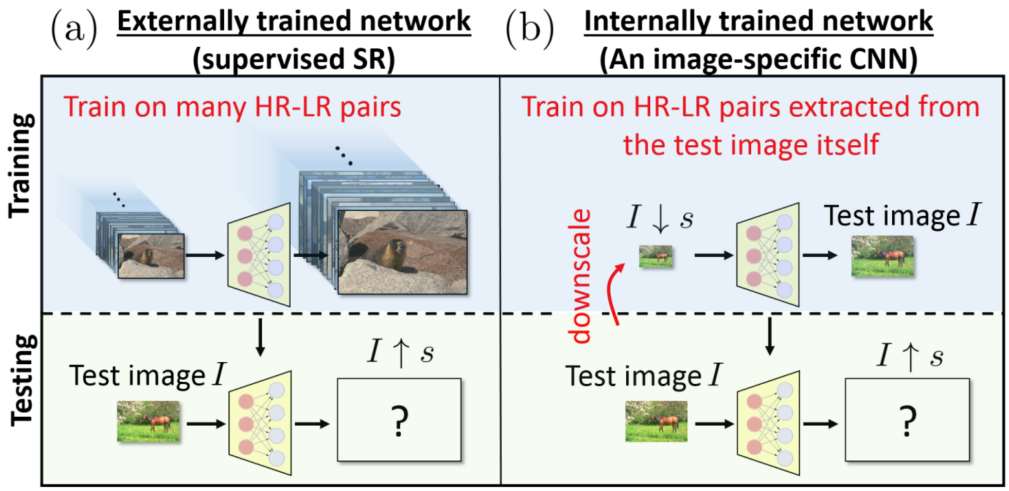

Figure 4: **Image-Specific CNN – "Zero-Shot" SR.** *(a) Externally-supervised SR CNNs are pre-trained on large external databases of images. The resulting very deep network is then applied to the test image I. (b) Our proposed method (ZSSR): a small image-specific CNN is trained on examples extracted internally, from the test image itself. It learns how to recover the test image I from its coarser resolutions. The resulting self-supervised network is then applied to the LR image I to produce its HR output.*

- Input image I is divided into some patches. $I_{patch} \downarrow s$ is generated. The dataset becomes $\{(I_{downscaled}, I_{patch})\}$.$I_{patch}$ becomes ground truth and I_{patch} becomes input for the network.

- Rotation in 4 direction and mirroring in 2 direction are added to enrich dataset by x8.
- Gradually increased scale factors added to system. $(s_1, s_2, \cdots, s_m = s)$ For each scale factor s_i , (HR_i, LR) pair added to dataset.
- A non-linear downscaling kernel can improve the result.
- Adding noise to LR samples make network more robust and network learns only correlated informations.
- It took 54 sec for single image(independent from image size) at single scale factor on a Tesla K80 GPU. If gradually scale factor with 6 intermediate scales is used, it took 5 mins. Final SR image generation is negligible.
- Project Website for samples