

Maximum Entropy Models for Texture Synthesis

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By-example Texture Synthesis

Notation:

- $\Omega \subset \mathbb{Z}^2$ finite discrete rectangle.
- Image $x : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$
 $x(i) = (x_R(i), x_G(i), x_B(i))$
- π probability distribution on \mathbb{R}^d , $d = 3|\Omega|$
(stationary random field).



Goal:

- Estimate a distribution π from an exemplar image x_0 .
- Sample π .

Parametric Texture Synthesis

- Suppose that we have a family of statistical measurements (“features”)

$$f = (f_k)_{1 \leq k \leq p} : \mathbb{R}^d \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^p$$

that captures the “perceptual aspect” of the texture.

- We want to design a random field X on Ω such that

$$\mathbb{E}[f(X)] = f(x_0) \quad (\text{macrocanonical model}).$$

or even

$$f(X) = f(x_0) \quad \text{a.s.} \quad (\text{microcanonical model}).$$

- We also need a model which is “as random as possible”
→ maximum entropy principle

Different Models for Different Statistics

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- Sparse convolution, spectrum painting [Lewis, 1984]
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Red: Microcanonical models

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Motivation

Why studying macrocanonical models?

- It is one principled formulation of by-example texture synthesis.
- Link with the *modified* Julesz conjecture (1981):

*"It seems that only the first-order statistics
of these textons [non-linear features] have perceptual significance."*

- Helps to better understand the chosen statistics/features.
- Connections with nice results on MCMC and stochastic optimization.

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Entropy

Let \mathcal{P} be the set of probability distributions on \mathbb{R}^d .

Let μ be a reference probability measure on \mathbb{R}^d (e.g. $\mu(dx) \propto e^{-J(x)}dx$ where $J(x) = \frac{\varepsilon}{2}\|x\|^2$)

The entropy $H : \mathcal{P} \rightarrow [-\infty, +\infty)$ (w.r.t. μ) is defined by

$$\forall \pi \in \mathcal{P}, \quad H(\pi) = \begin{cases} - \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \log \left(\frac{d\pi}{d\mu}(x) \right) \frac{d\pi}{d\mu}(x) \mu(dx) & \text{if } \frac{d\pi}{d\mu} \text{ exists} \\ -\infty & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}.$$

Notice that

- $H(\pi) = -\text{KL}(\pi|\mu)$
- H is strictly concave.

Macrocanonical/Microcanonical Models

Definition

Let $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^d$ be the exemplar texture and $f : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^p$ measurable.

- A **microcanonical** model associated with x_0 for the statistics f (with reference measure μ) is a probability distribution $\pi \in \mathcal{P}$ that solves

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over all $\pi \in \mathcal{P}$ such that $X \sim \pi \Rightarrow f(X) = f(x_0)$ a.s.

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Maximum Entropy Principle

For $\theta \in \mathbb{R}^p$, if $e^{-\theta \cdot f} \in L^1(\mu)$, we define

$$\pi_\theta(dx) = \frac{1}{Z(\theta)} e^{-\theta \cdot f(x)} \mu(dx) = p_\theta(x) \mu(dx) \quad \text{where} \quad Z(\theta) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} e^{-\theta \cdot f(x)} \mu(dx).$$

Theorem (De Bortoli, Desolneux, Galerne, Leclaire, 2019)

Assume that

- a) $\forall \theta \in \mathbb{R}^p, \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} e^{\|\theta\| \|f(x)\|} \mu(dx) < \infty,$
- b) $\forall \theta \in \mathbb{R}^p, \mu(\{x \in \mathbb{R}^d \mid \theta \cdot f(x) < \theta \cdot f(x_0)\}) > 0.$

Then there exists $\theta_* \in \mathbb{R}^p$ such that π_{θ_*} is a macrocanonical model associated with x_0 for the statistics f . Besides, θ_* is a solution to the convex minimization problem

$$\operatorname{Argmin}_{\theta \in \mathbb{R}^p} \left(\theta \cdot f(x_0) + \log Z(\theta) \right) = \operatorname{Argmin}_{\theta \in \mathbb{R}^p} \log \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} e^{-\theta \cdot (f(x) - f(x_0))} \mu(dx) \right).$$

Proof: solving for θ_*

The parameter θ_* can be found by maximum-likelihood.

$$L(\theta) = \log p_\theta(x_0) = -\theta \cdot f(x_0) - \log Z(\theta).$$

Notice that

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \theta_k} = -f_k(x_0) - \frac{1}{Z(\theta)} \frac{\partial Z}{\partial \theta_k} = -f_k(x_0) + \frac{1}{Z(\theta)} \int_{\mathbb{R}^\Omega} f_k(x) e^{-\theta \cdot f(x)} \mu(dx) = -f_k(x_0) + \mathbb{E}_{\pi_\theta}[f_k(X)].$$

In other words,

$$\nabla L(\theta) = \mathbb{E}_{\pi_\theta}[f(X)] - f(x_0).$$

Similarly,

$$\nabla^2 L(\theta) = -\mathbb{E}_{\pi_\theta} \left[(f(X) - \mathbb{E}_{\pi_\theta}[f(X)])(f(X) - \mathbb{E}_{\pi_\theta}[f(X)])^T \right] = -\text{Cov}_{\pi_\theta}(f(X))$$

$-L$ is a smooth convex function that can be minimized with gradient descent.

Model Estimation

A Monte-Carlo method is used to estimate the gradient

$$\nabla L(\theta) = \mathbb{E}_{\pi_\theta} [f(X)] - f(x_0)$$

Algorithm: Estimate θ from exemplar image x_0

- Compute observed statistics $f(x_0)$.
- Initialize $\theta \leftarrow 0$, $x \leftarrow 0$.
- For $n = 1, \dots, N$,
 - $x \leftarrow \text{Sample}(\pi_\theta)$
 - Compute estimated statistics $f(x)$.
 - Update $\theta \leftarrow \theta + \delta_n(f(x) - f(x_0))$
- Return θ .

After N iterations, we get a synthesized image x .

Exponential Models for Textures

- Stationary Gaussian model

Assume for simplicity that $x(i) \in \mathbb{R}$ for all $i \in \Omega$ (graylevel images).

→ Let us consider $f(x) = (\bar{x}, x * \tilde{x})$ with

$$\bar{x} = \frac{1}{|\Omega|} \sum_{i \in \Omega} x(i) \quad \text{and} \quad \forall i \in \Omega, \quad x * \tilde{x}(i) = \sum_{i' \in \Omega} x(i')x(i + i').$$

→ Then the associated macrocanonical model reads as

$$\pi_\theta(dx) = \frac{1}{Z(\theta)} \exp \left(-\theta_0 \bar{x} - \sum_{i, i' \in \Omega} \theta(i)x(i')x(i + i') - \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \|x\|^2 \right) dx.$$

Remark: If (k_j) is a bank of *linear* filters and

$$f_{j, j'}(x) = \frac{1}{|\Omega|} \sum_{i \in \Omega} k_j * x * \widetilde{k_{j'} * x}(i),$$

then the associated macrocanonical model is still a Gaussian distribution.

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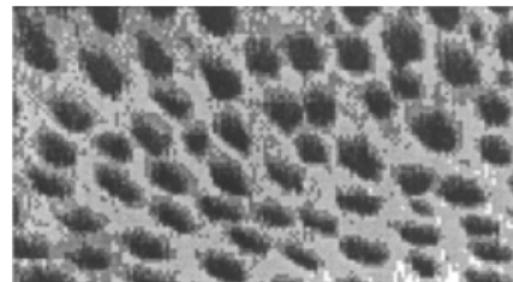
- Original FRAME Model [Zhu, Wu, Mumford, 1998]

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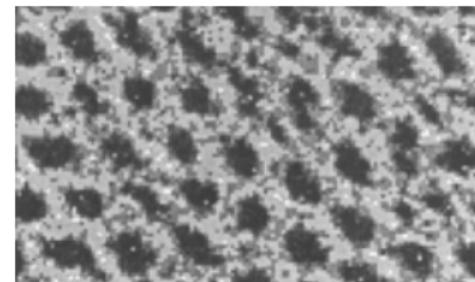
→ The features extract quantized responses of a set of linear (intensity, Laplacian of Gaussian, Gabor) and non-linear filters (modulus of Gabor):

$$f_{j,\alpha}(x) = \frac{1}{|\Omega|} \sum_{i \in \Omega} \mathbf{1}_{B_j^\alpha}(F_j * x(i))$$

where F_j is a filter and B_j^α are histogram bins.



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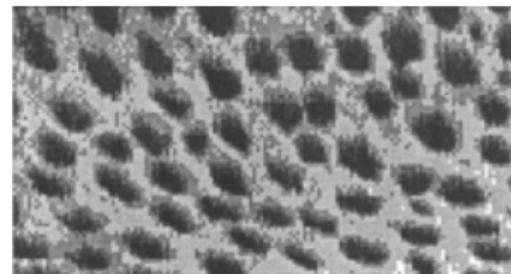
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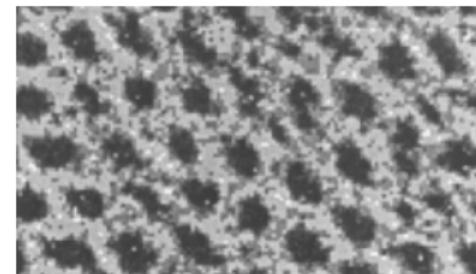
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- Here, μ is the uniform distribution on $\{0, \dots, 7\}^{\Omega}$.
- FRAME model is limited to quantized images (8 greylevels)
- Synthesizing the FRAME model relies on Gibbs sampling.
- A greedy procedure selects a small subset of filters (≈ 6)



Original



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- DeepFRAME: Model using CNN [Lu, Zhu, Wu, 2016]

→ The features extract responses to a given layer of a **pre-learned** convolutional neural network (CNN)

$$f_k(x) = \frac{1}{|\Omega|} \sum_{i \in \Omega} \mathcal{F}_k(x)(i)$$

where $(\mathcal{F}_k(x))_{1 \leq k \leq p}$ is the response at one particular layer of a CNN.



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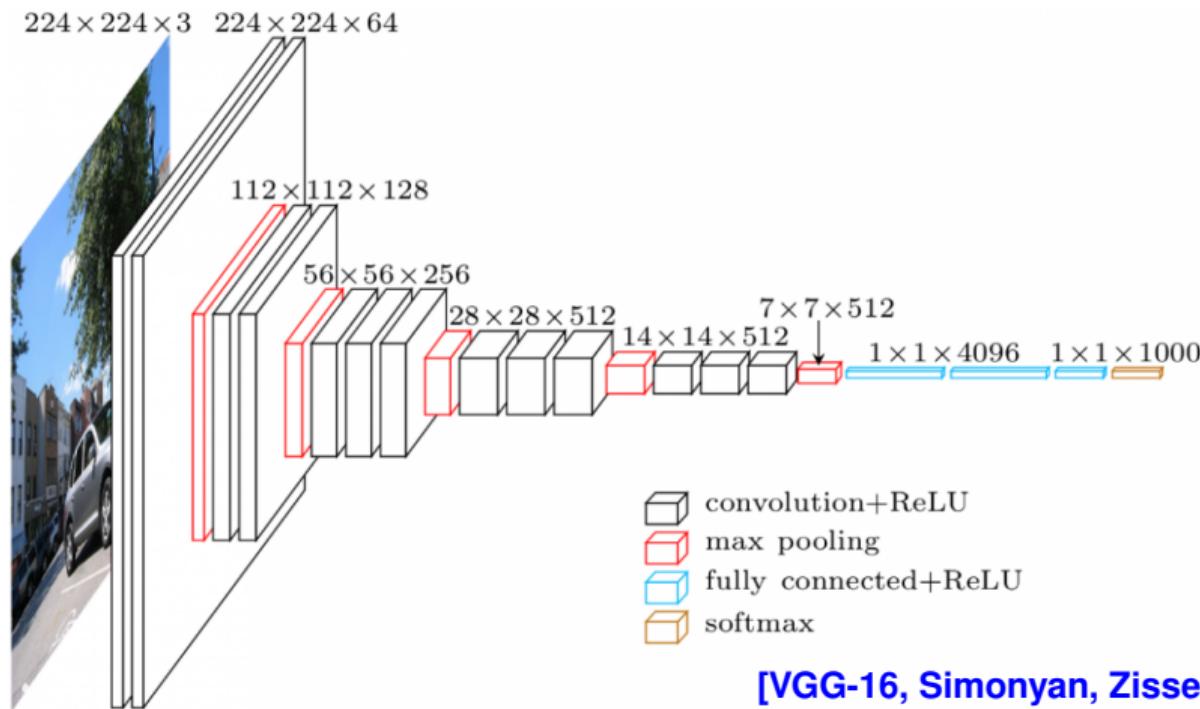
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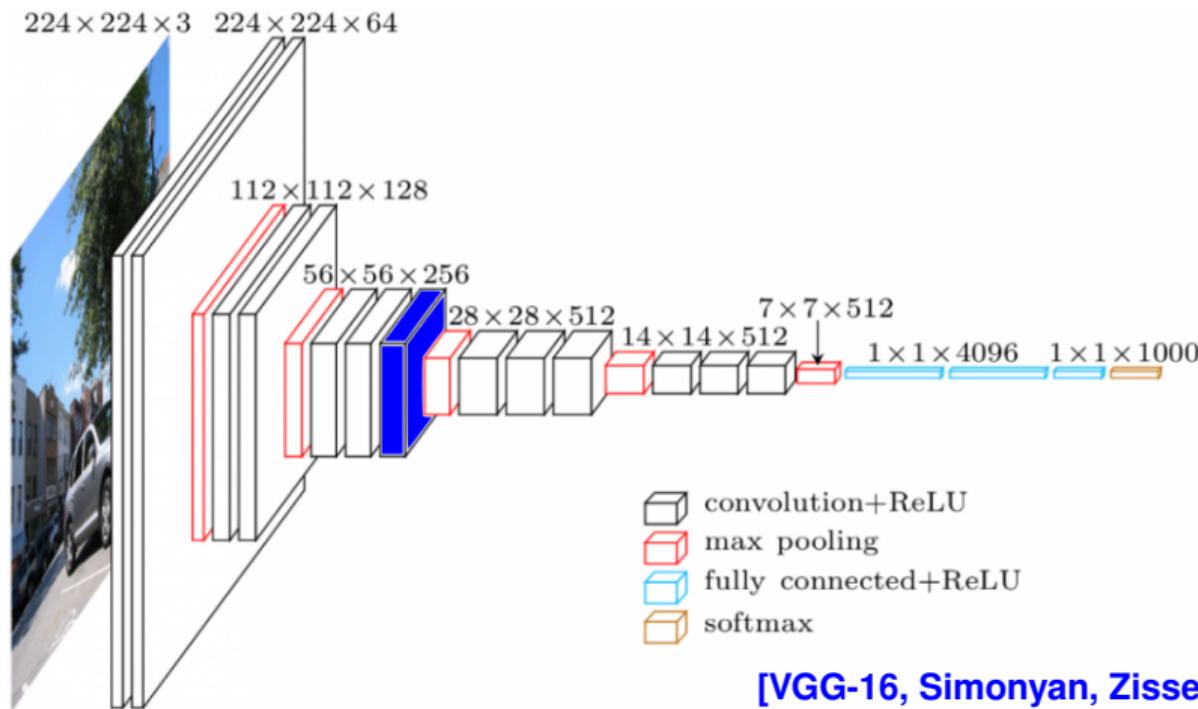
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Neural Network Features

Let us consider

$$\forall x \in \mathbb{R}^d, \quad \mathcal{F}(x) = (\mathcal{F}_1(x), \dots, \mathcal{F}_p(x)) \in \prod_{k=1}^p \mathbb{R}^{d_k}$$

where $\mathcal{F}_k(x)$ is one response to a layer of a CNN with a non-linear unit $\varphi \in \mathcal{C}^1(\mathbb{R})$.

More precisely,

$$\mathcal{F}_j(x) = (\varphi \circ A_j \circ \varphi \circ A_{j-1} \circ \dots \circ \varphi \circ A_1)(x)$$

where $A_j : \mathbb{R}^{n_j} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n_{j+1}}$ is linear, and φ is applied on each component.

Example: for a convolutional neural network,

$$A_j(y) = k_j * y$$

where $k_j : \Omega_j \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n_{j+1} \times n_j}$ is a matrix convolution kernel.

Neural Network Features

We define

$$f(x) = \left(\sum_{i=1}^{d_1} \mathcal{F}_1(x)(i), \dots, \sum_{i=1}^{d_p} \mathcal{F}_p(x)(i) \right).$$

The corresponding macrocanonical model is stationary (because of the spatial summation).

Proposition (De Bortoli, Desolneux, Galerne, Leclaire, 2019)

Let $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^d$ and assume that $df(x_0)$ has rank $\min(d, p) = p$.

Assume that $\varphi \in \mathcal{C}^1(\mathbb{R})$ and that

$$\exists c > 0, \forall x \in \mathbb{R}, \quad |\varphi(x)| \leq c(1 + |x|).$$

Then the maximum entropy principle holds with $J(x) = \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \|x\|^2$ for any $\varepsilon > 0$.

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How to sample π_θ ?

Let

$$V(x, \theta) = \theta \cdot (f(x) - f(x_0)) + J(x) \quad \text{so that} \quad \pi_\theta(x) \propto e^{-V(x, \theta)} dx.$$

We consider the **Langevin dynamics**

$$X_{n+1} = X_n - \gamma_{n+1} \nabla_x V(X_n, \theta) + \sqrt{2\gamma_{n+1}} Z_n$$

where

- (Z_n) is a collection of independent normalized Gaussian white noises
- $\gamma_n \geq 0$ is a sequence of step sizes

Equivalently, (X_n) is a inhomogeneous Markov chain with kernel

$$R_{\gamma_n}(x, \cdot) = \mathcal{N}(x - \gamma_n \nabla_x V(x, \theta), 2\gamma_n).$$

Theorem (Durmus, Moulines, 2016)

Under some hypotheses on V , and if $\sum \gamma_n = +\infty$ and $\sum \gamma_n^2 < \infty$, we have

$$X_n \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{(d)} \pi_\theta$$

Sampling a GMM with Langevin Dynamics

A brief video interlude.

Combined Dynamics

We can now approximate $\nabla L(\theta)$ with a Langevin-based MCMC method.

→ Stochastic Optimization with Unadjusted Langevin (SOUL)

SOUL algorithm

Initialization: $X_0^0 \in \mathbb{R}^d$.

$$X_{k+1}^n = X_k^n - \gamma_{n+1} \nabla_x V(X_k^n, \theta_n) + \sqrt{2\gamma_{n+1}} Z_{k+1}^n$$

for $k = 0, \dots, m_n - 1$, with $Z_{k+1}^n \sim \mathcal{N}(0, I)$

$$\theta_{n+1} = \text{Proj}_{\Theta} \left(\theta_n - \frac{\delta_{n+1}}{m_n} \sum_{k=1}^{m_n} \nabla_{\theta} V(X_k^n, \theta_n) \right)$$

$$X_0^{n+1} = X_{m_n}^n$$

where Θ is a closed convex set of \mathbb{R}^d .

Convergence of SOUL algorithm

Notice that $-L$ is convex, \mathcal{C}^1 with Lipschitz gradient on Θ compact.

Theorem (De Bortoli, Durmus, Pereyra, Fernandez Vidal, 2019)

Assume that

1. Θ is a convex compact set of \mathbb{R}^p .
2. J, f_1, \dots, f_p are differentiable on \mathbb{R}^d with Lipschitz gradients.
3. There exist $\eta, c, M > 0$ such that $\forall \theta \in \Theta, \forall x \in \mathbb{R}^d, \langle \nabla_x V(x, \theta), x \rangle \geq \eta \|x\|^2 \mathbf{1}_{|x|>M} - c$.
4. $(\delta_n), (\gamma_n)$ are non-increasing positive with δ_0, γ_0 sufficiently small and

$$\sum \delta_n = +\infty, \quad \sum \delta_{n+1} \sqrt{\gamma_n} < \infty, \quad \sum \frac{\delta_{n+1}}{m_n \gamma_n} < \infty.$$

Then $\theta_n \rightarrow \theta_* \in \text{Argmin}(-L)$ almost surely and in L^1 .

NB: f may be non-convex (e.g. with differentiable neural networks).

Link with Microcanonical Model

For $V(x, \theta) = \theta \cdot (f(x) - f(x_0)) + J(x)$ and $J(x) = \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \|x\|^2$, the update reads

$$\begin{aligned} X_{k+1}^n &= X_k^n - \gamma_{n+1} \sum_{j=1}^p \theta_{n,j} \nabla f_j(X_k^n) - \gamma_{n+1} \nabla J(X_k^n) + \sqrt{2\gamma_n} Z_{k+1}^n \\ &= X_k^n - \gamma_{n+1} df(X_k^n)^T \cdot \theta_n - \gamma_{n+1} \varepsilon X_k^n + \sqrt{2\gamma_n} Z_{k+1}^n. \\ \theta_{n+1} &= \theta_n - \frac{\delta_{n+1}}{m_n} \sum_{k=1}^{m_n} (f(X_k^n) - f(x_0)) \end{aligned}$$

Taking $m_n = 1$, $\delta_n = 1$, $\gamma_{n+1} = \frac{1}{n}$, $\varepsilon = 0$, $\theta_0 = 0$, and removing the noise we get

$$X_{n+1} = X_n - df(X_n)^T \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} f(X_k) - f(x_0) \right).$$

We get back a momentum-like gradient method to minimize $\Phi(x) = \|f(x) - f(x_0)\|_2^2$.

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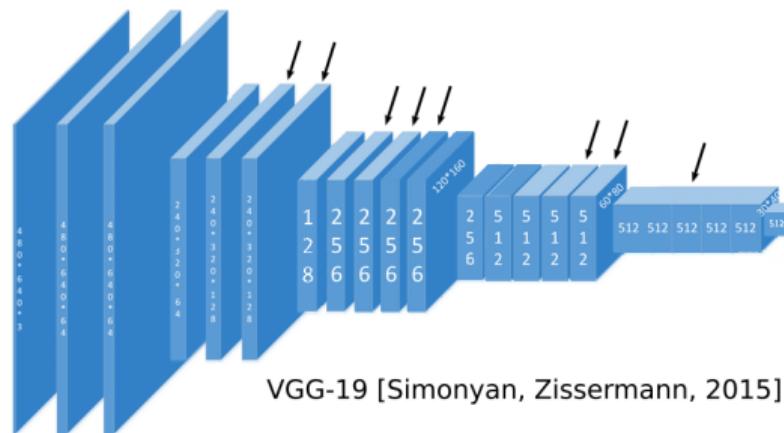
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Experimental setup

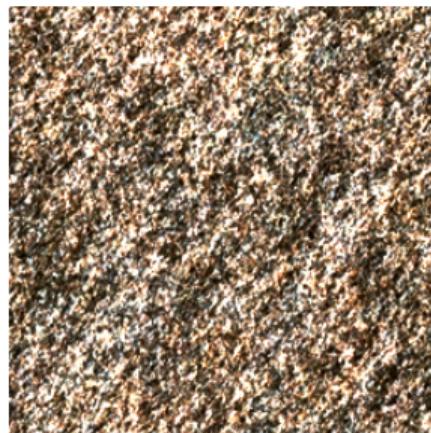
- $f(x)$: spatially averaged responses to *differentiable* VGG-19 at layers 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 11, 12, 14.
- Initialization: Gaussian random field with correct second-order statistics.
- $\delta_n = \mathcal{O}(\frac{1}{n})$, $\gamma_n = \mathcal{O}(\frac{1}{n})$, $m_n = 1$
- $\varepsilon = 0.1$ i.e. $\mu(dx) \propto e^{-0.05\|x\|^2}$
- $\Theta = \mathbb{R}^p$ (no projection)
- The color distribution is reimposed afterwards.



Synthesis Results



Original (256 × 256)



Initialization (Gaussian)



After 5000 iterations

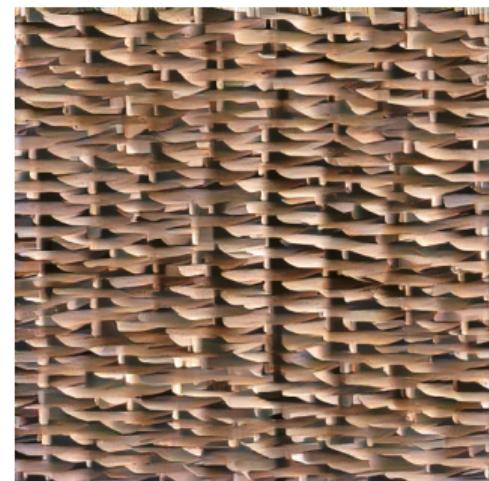
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Original (512×512)



Initialization (Gaussian)



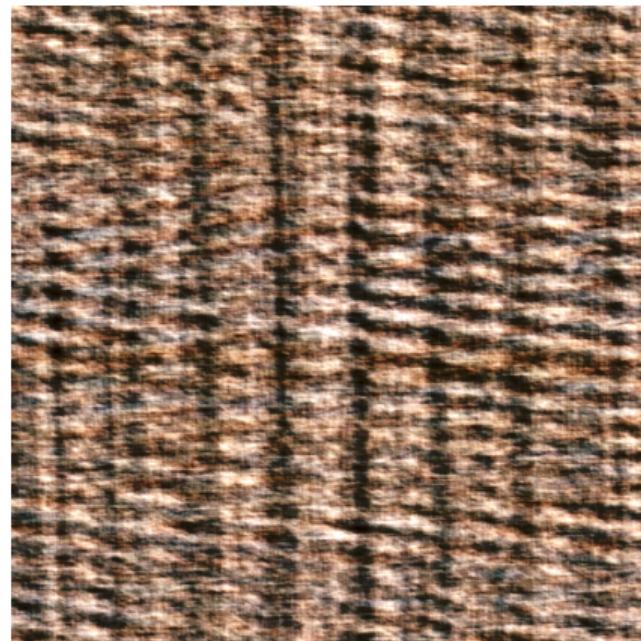
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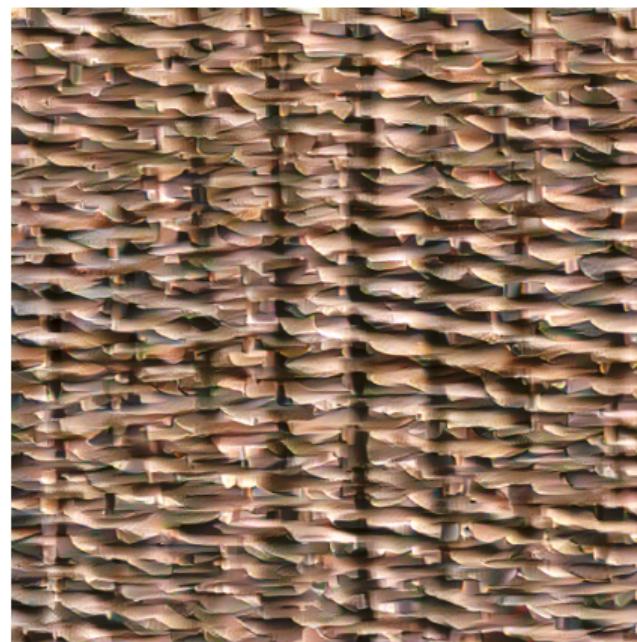
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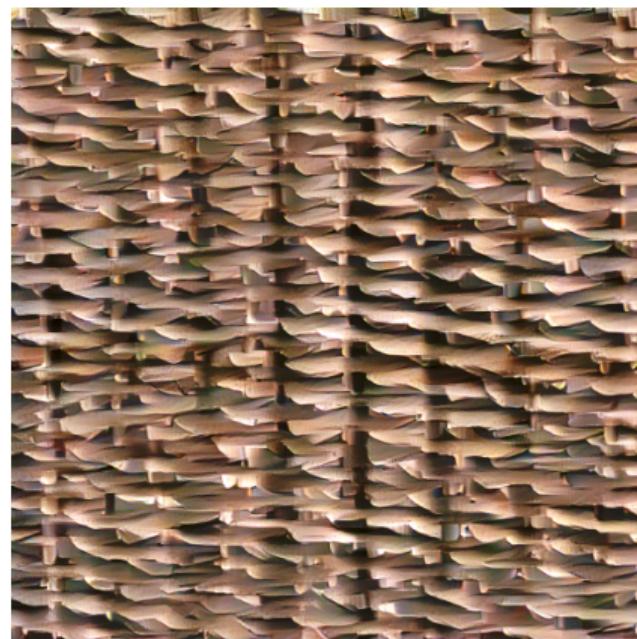
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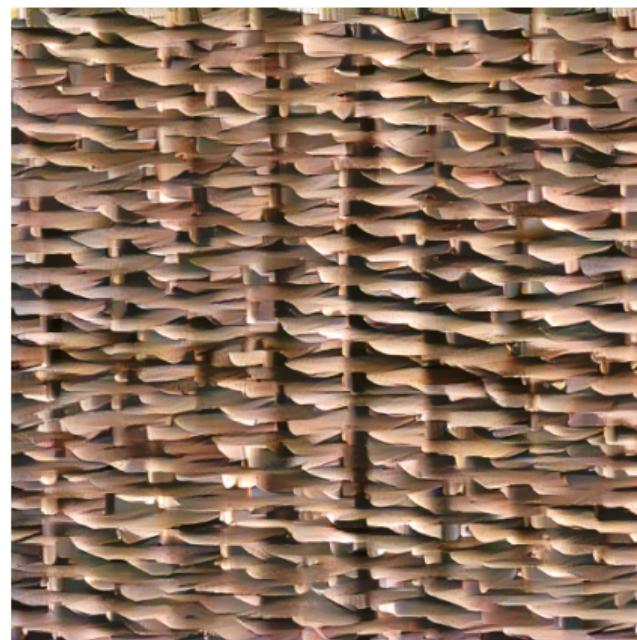
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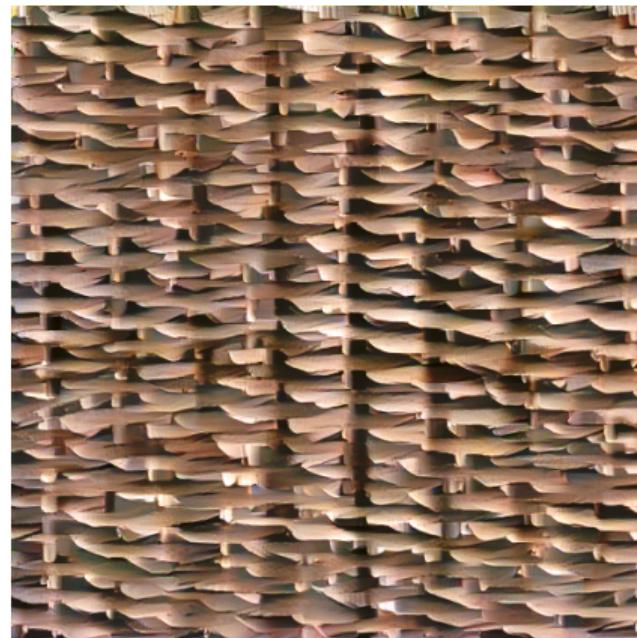
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Iteration 300

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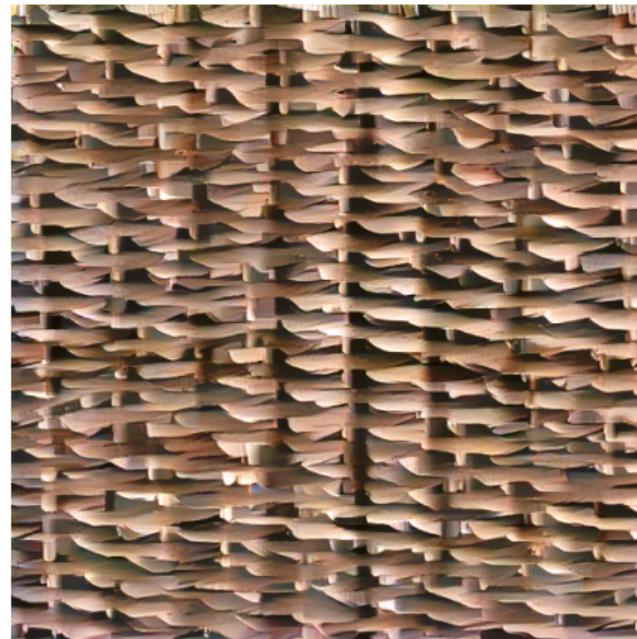
Iteration 400

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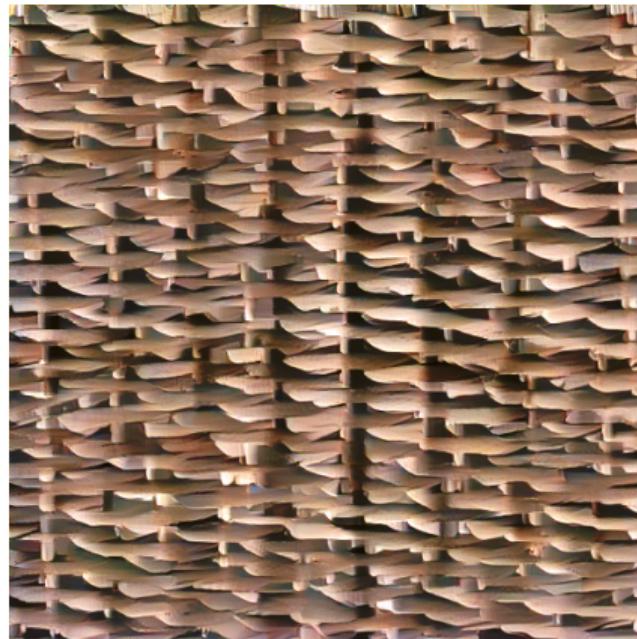
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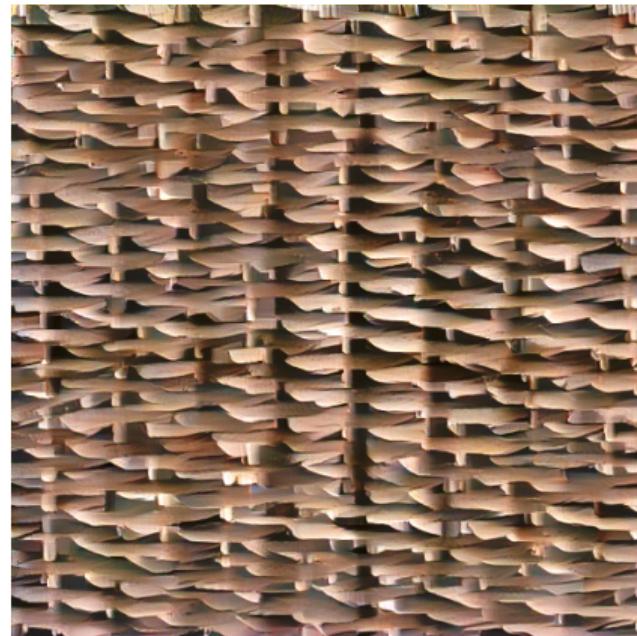
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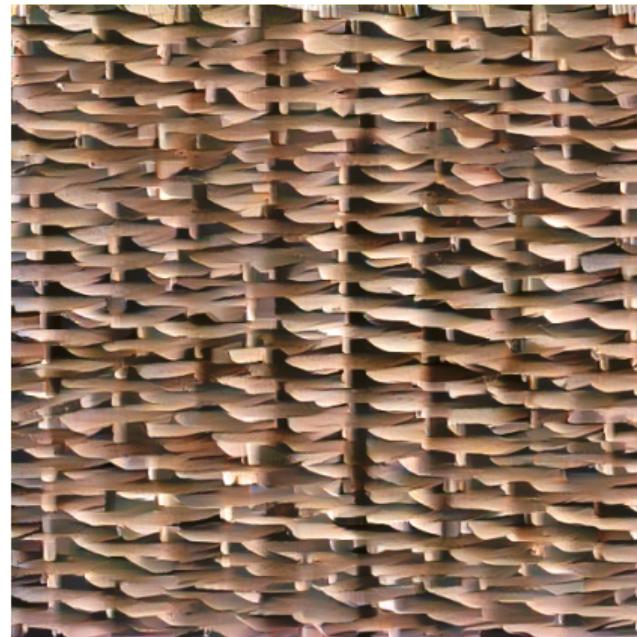
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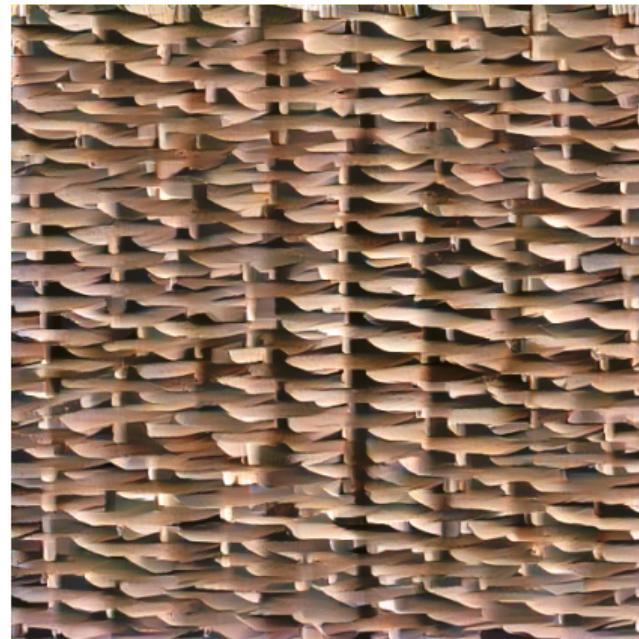
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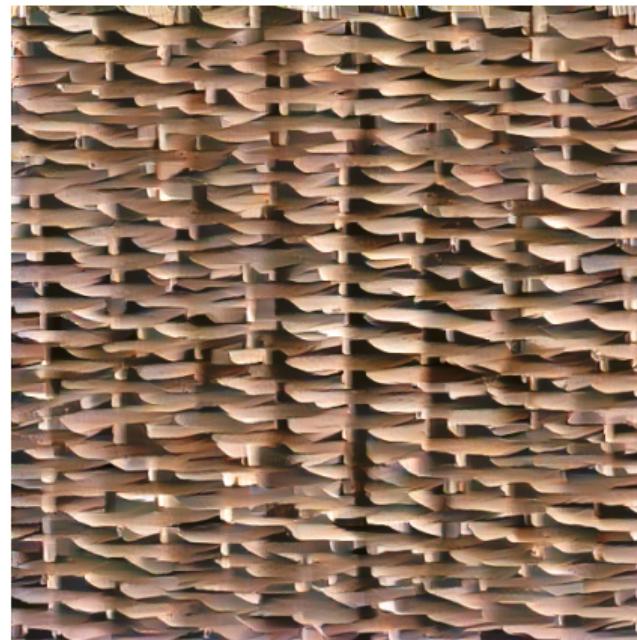
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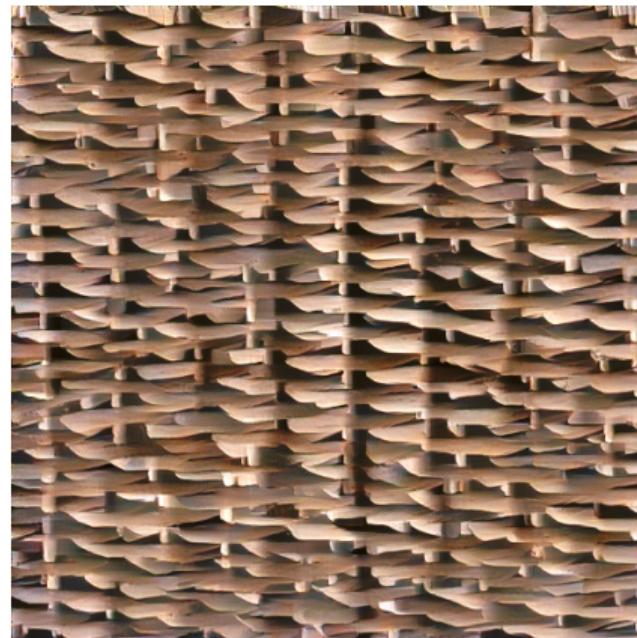
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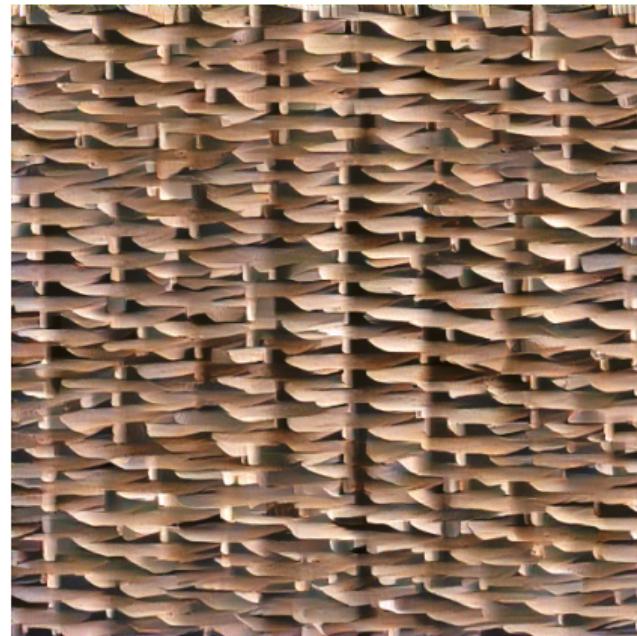
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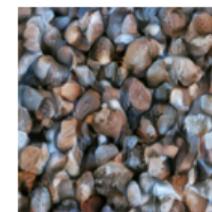
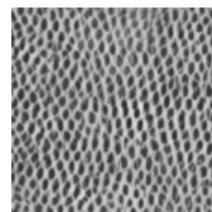
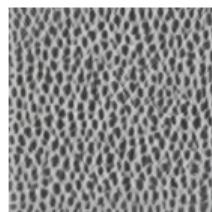
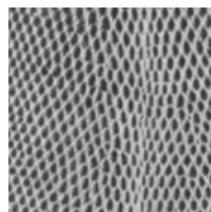
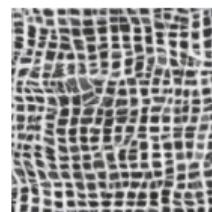
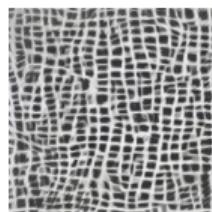
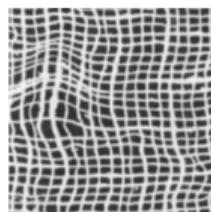
Visual Results
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Empirical Convergence



Iteration 4000

Comparison with DeepFrame



Original

DeepFrame
[Lu et al.]

Our result

Original

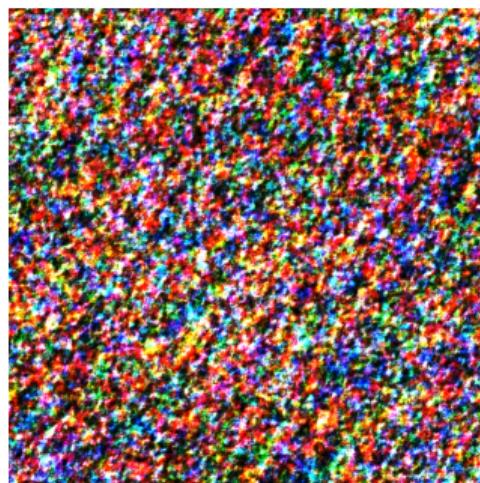
DeepFrame
[Lu et al.]

Our result

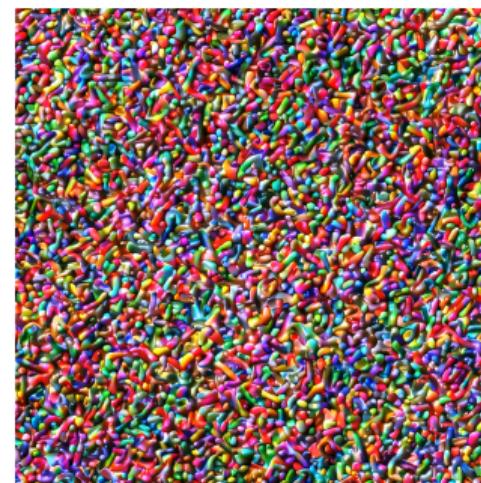
Synthesis Results



Original (512 × 512)



Initialization (Gaussian)

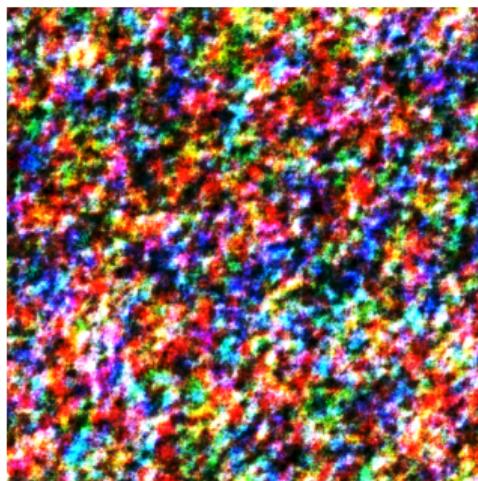


After 5000 iterations

Synthesis Results



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Exponential Models
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Langevin Dynamics and SOUL algorithm
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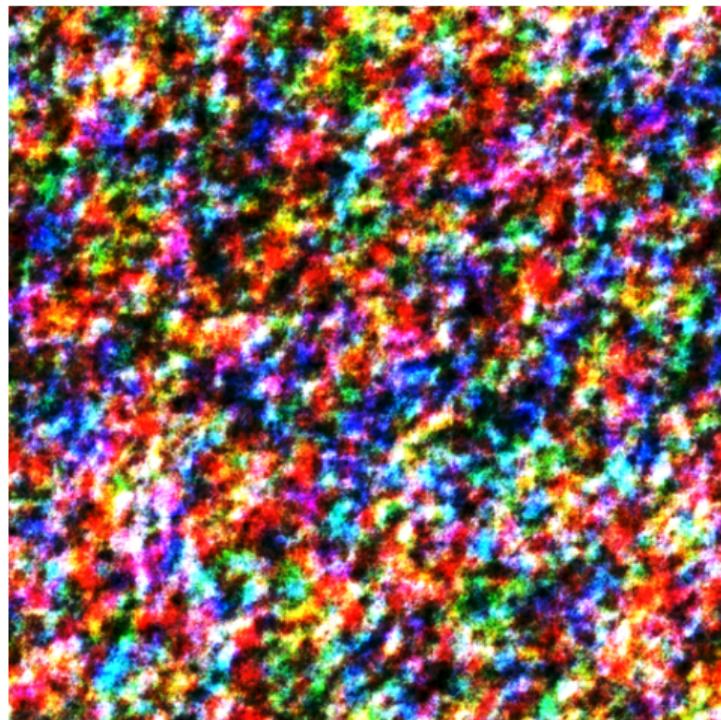
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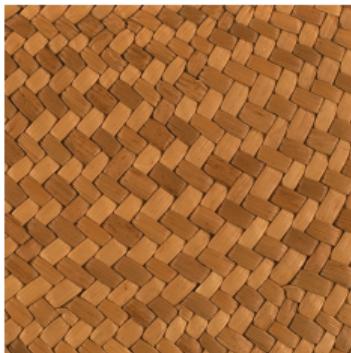
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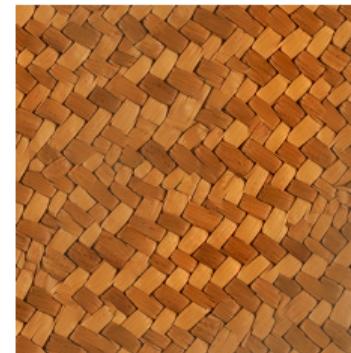
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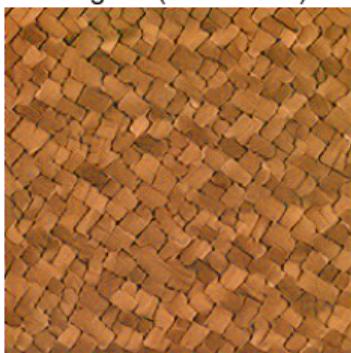
Original (512 × 512)



[Galerne et al.]



[Gatys et al.]



DeepFrame [Lu et al.]
(resolution /2)



Our Result



GAN [Jetchev et al.]

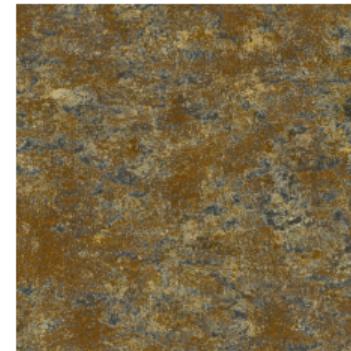
Comparison



Original



[Galerne et al.]



[Gatys et al.]



[Portilla & Simoncelli]



Our result

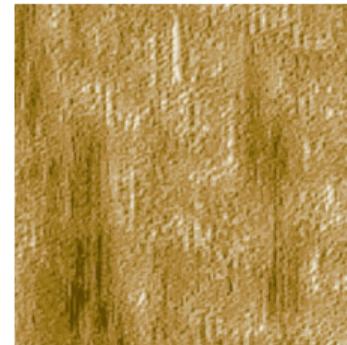


SGAN [Jetchev et al.]

Comparison



Original



[Galerne et al.]



[Gatys et al.]



[Portilla & Simoncelli]



Our result



SGAN [Jetchev et al.]

Conclusion - Perspectives

- Langevin sampling allows to design a generalization of FRAME
 - with a continuous state-space
 - only needs to differentiate the features (Auto-Diff)
- Provably convergent sampling and estimation algorithms (under hypotheses).
- Able to synthesize textures using VGG features (although mixing time is large).
- A model with only 2560 parameters.

PERSPECTIVES

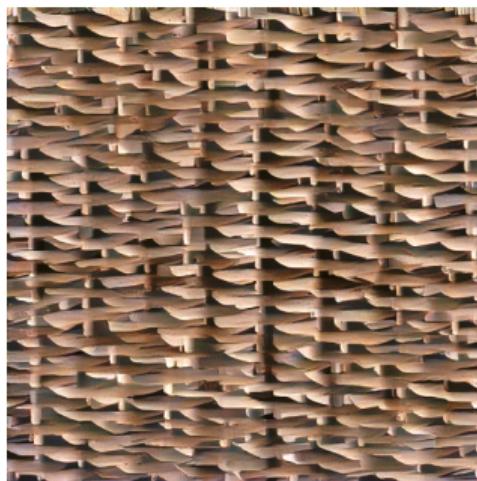
- Can we handle non-differentiable features?
- Include other statistics (wavelets, scattering, etc).
- Microcanonical and macrocanonical models asymptotically coincide when $\Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}^2$?

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

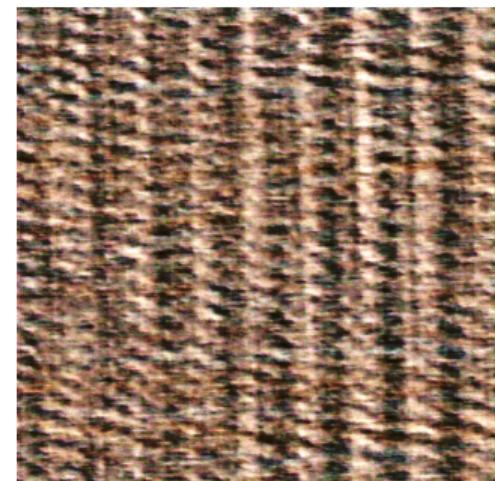
Randomly Weighted Network



Original (512×512)

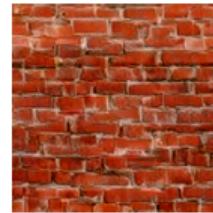
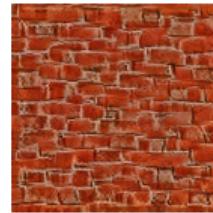
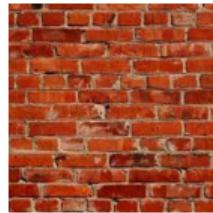
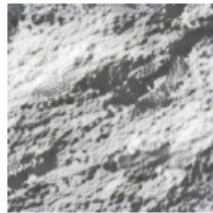
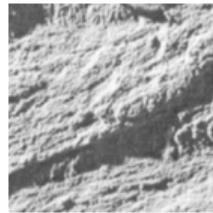
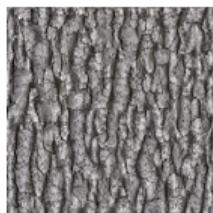


With VGG19



With Random weights

Comparison with DeepFrame



Original

DeepFrame
[Lu et al.]

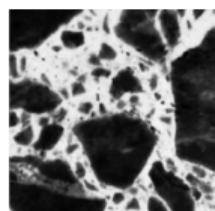
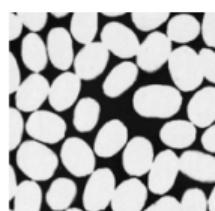
Our result

Original

DeepFrame
[Lu et al.]

Our result

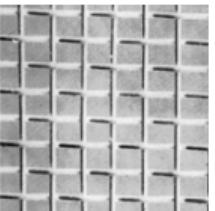
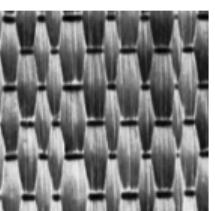
Comparison with Scattering



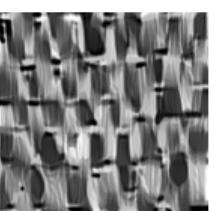
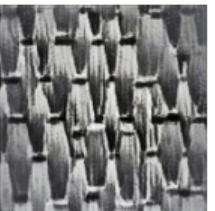
Original

Scattering
[Bruna & Mallat]

Our result

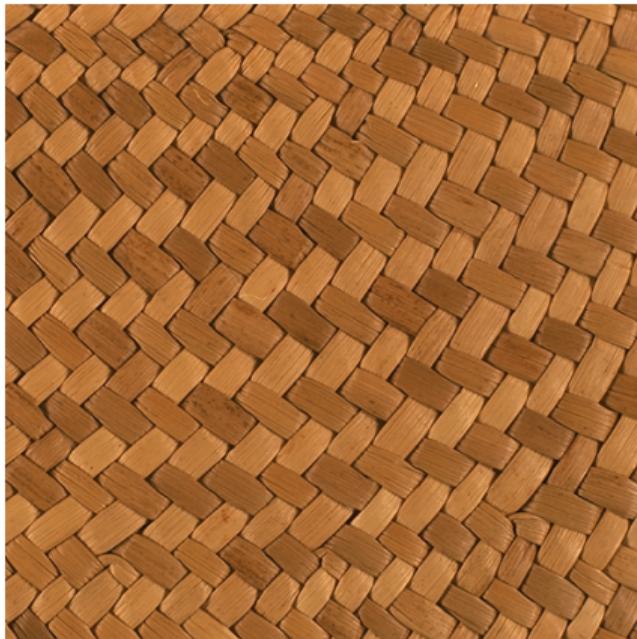


Original

Scattering
[Bruna & Mallat]

Our result

Comparison



Original

Comparison



DeepFrame [[Lu et al.](#)] (warning : reduced resolution)

Comparison



Our Result

Comparison



[Gatys et al.]

Comparison

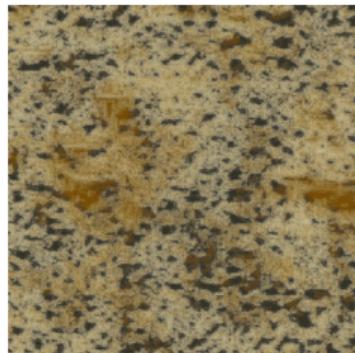


GAN [Jetchev et al.]

Comparison



Original



[Galerne et al.]



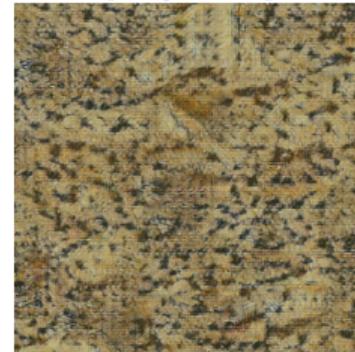
[Gatys et al.]



[Portilla & Simoncelli]



Our result



SGAN [Jetchev et al.]

Comparison



Original



[Galerne et al.]



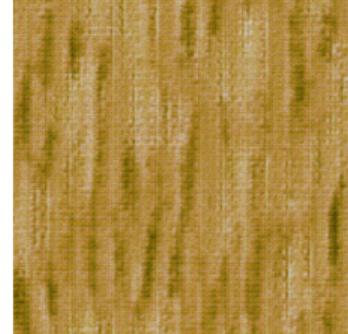
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Our result



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