

# Patches and Attention for Image Editing

Séminaire IMAGE - GREYC

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# A Patch-based Algorithm for Single Image Generation

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## Single Image Generation

*"Generate diverse image samples,  
visually similar to a reference im-  
age but nonetheless different."*



SinGAN's results [1]

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[1] Shaham, Dekel, and Michaeli, "Singan: Learning a Generative Model from a Single Natural Image", 2019.

# Challenges

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## Visual fidelity

- similar structure
- similar details



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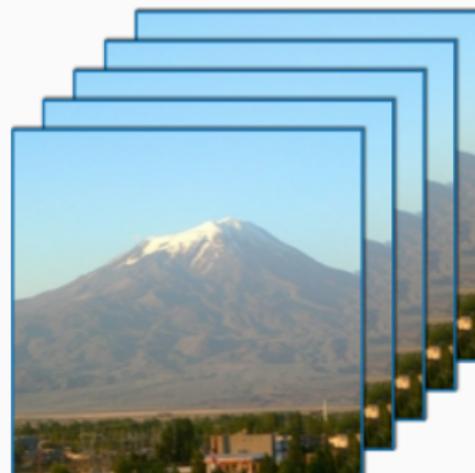
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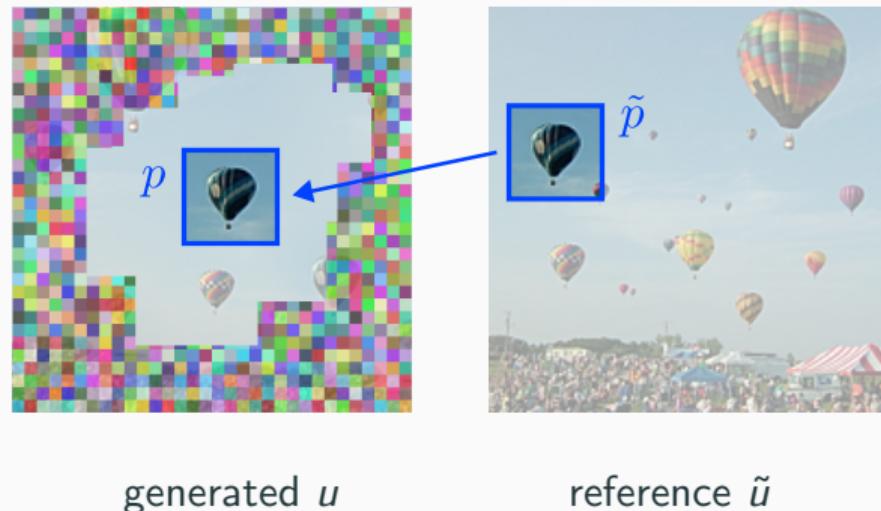
## Diversity

- varied samples



## Patch-based algorithm

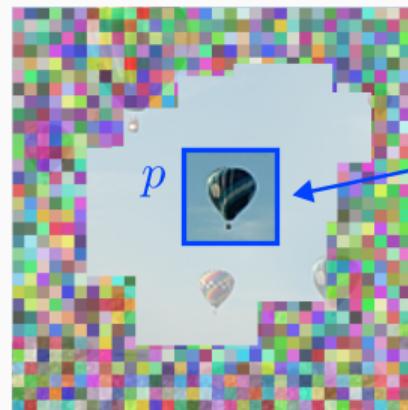
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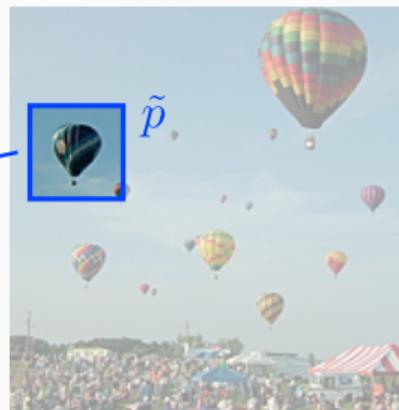
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[2] Kwatra et al., "Texture Optimization for Example-Based Synthesis", 2005.

## Patch-based algorithm



generated  $u$



reference  $\tilde{u}$

Minimize energy of Kwatra et al. [2]:

$$E(u) = \sum_{p \in u} \min_{\tilde{p} \in \tilde{u}} \|p - \tilde{p}\|_2^2$$

with patch  $p, \tilde{p} \in \mathbb{R}^{11 \times 11 \times 3}$

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## Energy minimization

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Nearest Neighbor (NN) mapping

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Alternate minimizations on  $u, \phi$

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[3] Barnes et al., “PatchMatch”, 2009.

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**optimization over  $u$  - Reconstruction**

$$\min_u \sum_{p \in u} \|p - \phi(p)\|_2^2 \quad (2)$$

Least-squares problem

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[3] Barnes et al., “PatchMatch”, 2009.

## Multiscale

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Energy minimized at multiple scales

- Gaussian pyramid of factor  $2^L$
- coarse-to-fine synthesis

$$u_L \rightarrow u_{L-1} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow u_0$$



## Initialization from noise

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Reference



3 scales

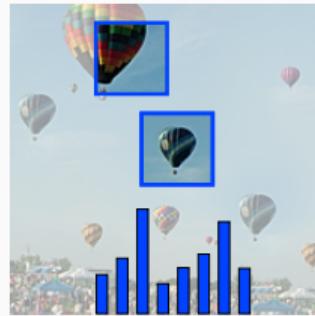


4 scales

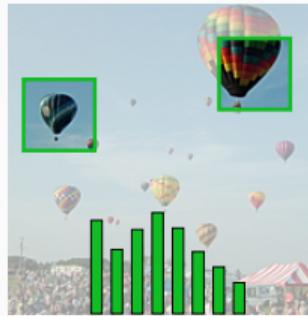


5 scales

# Optimal Transport



generated  $u$

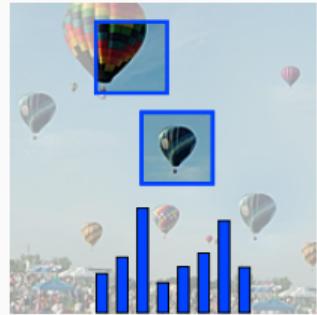


reference  $\tilde{u}$

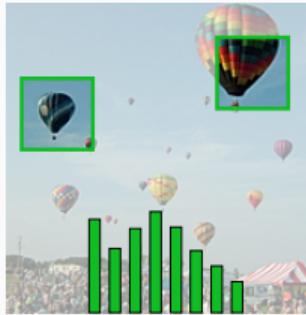
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[4] Houdard et al., "Wasserstein Generative Models for Patch-Based Texture Synthesis", 2021.

# Optimal Transport



generated  $u$



reference  $\tilde{u}$

Minimize Wasserstein-2 distance between patch distributions of  $u$  and  $\tilde{u}$  [4]

$$OT(u) = \max_{\beta} \sum_{p \in u} \min_{\tilde{p} \in \tilde{u}} (\|p - \tilde{p}\|_2^2 - \beta_{\tilde{p}}) + \sum_{\tilde{p} \in \tilde{u}} \beta_{\tilde{p}}$$

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# Optimal Transport (OT)

Optimal transport energy minimization:

- computationally expensive steps
- multiscale

## Strategy

1. First  $\ell$  levels with Optimal Transport
2. Next  $L - \ell$  levels with simple energy



# Algorithms

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## PSin

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```
u ← rand()
for s = L, ..., 0 do
    u ← rescale(u, scale = s)
    for i = 1, ..., 10 do
         $\phi$  ← NN-Mapping(u,  $\tilde{u}$ )
        u ← Reconstruction( $\phi$ ,  $\tilde{u}$ )
    end for
end for
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## PSinOT

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u ← OTSolver(u, [L, ..., L −  $\ell$ ])
for s = L −  $\ell$ , ..., 0 do
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# Results

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Reference



SinGAN



PSin



PSinOT



## Patch originality

Reference



SinGAN



PSinOT



## Quantitative metrics

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Fidelity: Single Image Fréchet Inception Distance (SIFID), Optimal Transport cost

Diversity: Average pixelwise standard deviation for N images generated

Algorithm	SIFID ↓	Optimal Transport ↓	Diversity ↑
SinGAN	0.12	1.34	0.34
PSin	0.45	0.94	<b>0.62</b>
PSinOT	<b>0.06</b>	<b>0.36</b>	0.53

Average metrics for 50 samples for images from Places50. **best**, *second best*.

## Conclusion

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Patch-based algorithm for single image generation

- + no learning
- + good quality in seconds
- + choice between diversity and fidelity
- limited originality

Code:  [github.com/ncherel/psin](https://github.com/ncherel/psin)

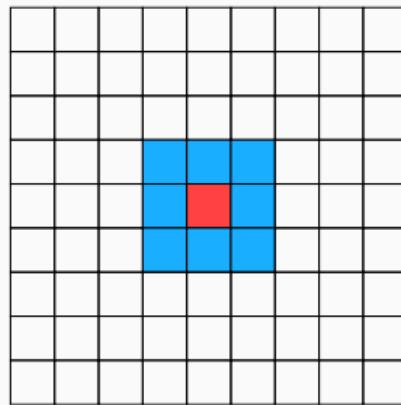
## Patch-based Stochastic Attention

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## Non-local operations

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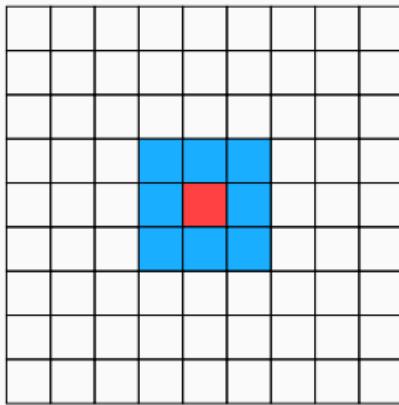
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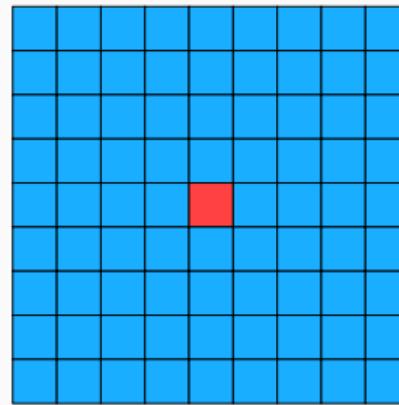
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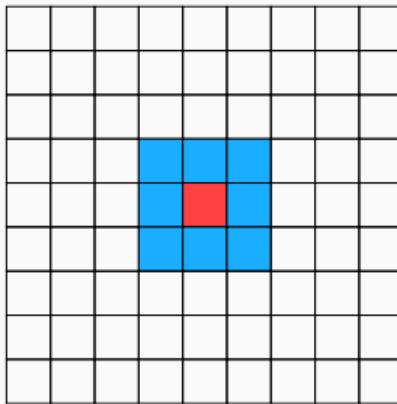
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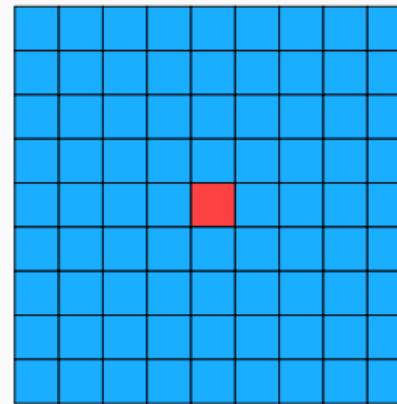
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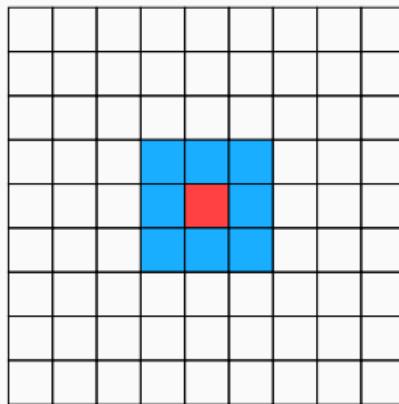


$$f(x, y) = \sum_{i=-k}^k \sum_{j=-k}^k w_{i,j} \cdot u_{x-i, y-j}$$

## Non-local operations

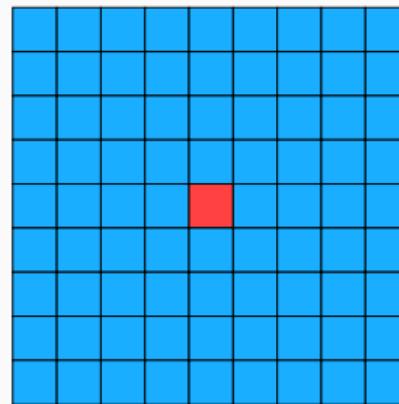
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Local convolution



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Non-local operation



$$f(x, y) = \sum_{x'} \sum_{y'} s(u_{x,y}, u_{x',y'}) \cdot u_{x',y'}$$

## The Attention framework

### Full Attention [5]

Queries  $Q \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times d}$ , keys  $K \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times d}$ , values  $V \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times d'}$ :

$$\forall i \in [1, n], \text{Attention}(q_i, K, V) = \frac{1}{C_i} \sum_{j=1}^n e^{\langle q_i, k_j \rangle} v_j$$

$$\text{Attention}(Q, K, V) = \text{softmax}(QK^T)V$$

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### Complexity for $n$ elements (pixels, patches, ...)

- Computational complexity:  $\mathcal{O}(n^2d)$
- Memory complexity:  $\mathcal{O}(n^2)$ ;  $n = 256^2$  requires 16GB of RAM

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## Efficient attention

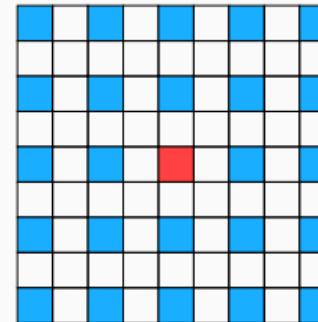
Linear approximation of softmax:

$$\text{softmax}(QK^T)V \approx \phi(Q)\psi(K)^TV$$

Linear Transformer [6], Performer [7]

Subsampling the key set  $K$ :

- strided pattern
- local neighborhood [8]



strided subsampling pattern

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[6] Katharopoulos et al., "Transformers Are RNNs: Fast Autoregressive Transformers with Linear Attention", 2020.

[7] Choromanski et al., "Rethinking Attention with Performers", 2020.

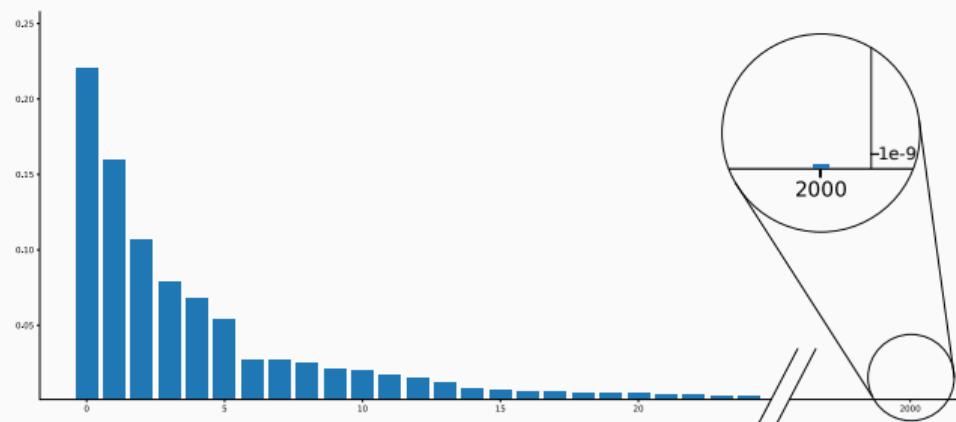
[8] Parmar et al., "Image Transformer", 2018.

## The Attention framework

Going back to the attention equation:

$$\forall i \in [1, n], \text{Attention}(q_i, K, V) = \frac{1}{C_i} \sum_{j=1}^n e^{\langle q_i, k_j \rangle} v_j \quad \text{where} \quad C_i = \sum_{j=1}^n e^{\langle q_i, k_j \rangle}$$

Finite and small amount of non-negligible weight terms



Decreasing weights in attention after normalization

## Sparse attention

Sparse attention using the nearest neighbor

$$\text{Attention}(Q, K, V) = \text{softmax}(QK^T)V \approx AV$$

where  $A_{i,j} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \psi(i) = j \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$  and  $\psi(i) = \arg \max_{j \in \{1, \dots, n\}} \langle q_i, k_j \rangle$

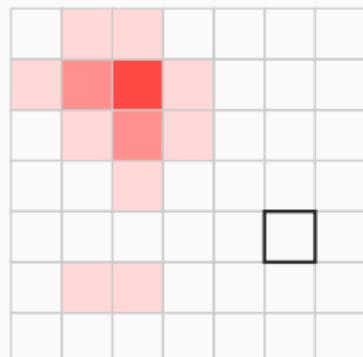
Efficient algorithms for nearest neighbor search: KD-Trees, LSH [9], PatchMatch

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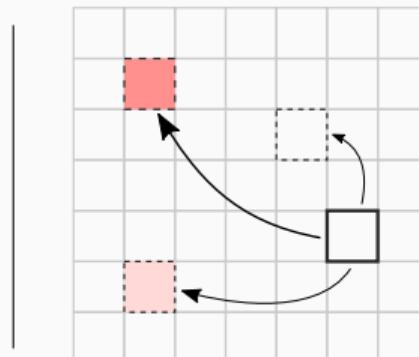
[9] Kitaev, Kaiser, and Levskaya, “Reformer”, 2020.

## Patch-based Stochastic Attention Layer

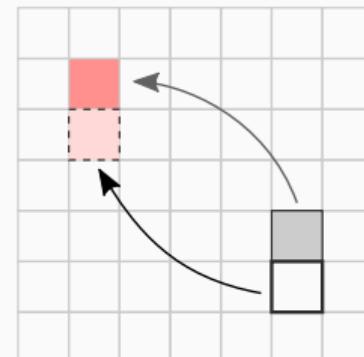
Approximate  $\psi$  using parallel PatchMatch [10]



(a)



(b)



(c)

$\mathcal{O}(n)$  memory complexity and  $\mathcal{O}(nd \log n)$  computational complexity vs  $\mathcal{O}(n^2)$  and  $\mathcal{O}(n^2d)$  for Full Attention.

[10] Barnes et al., "PatchMatch", 2009.

## Differentiability

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PatchMatch is not differentiable with respect to all variables as a pseudo-argmax.

$$\text{Attention}(Q, K, V) = AV \quad \text{where} \quad A_{i,j} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \psi(i) = j \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$A$  depends on  $Q, K$  but not its entries. 2 solutions:

- K Nearest Neighbors (KNN)
- Neighbors aggregation

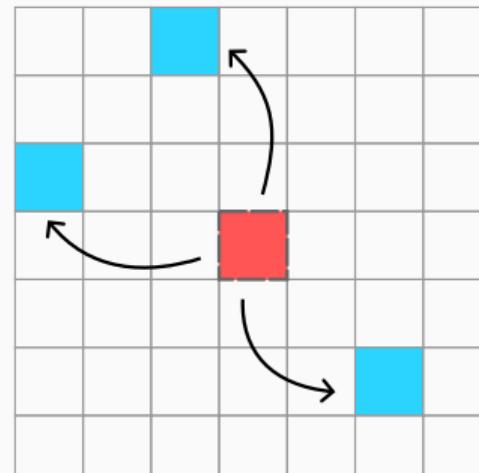
## Differentiability with KNN

We consider the set of nearest neighbors of element  $\psi(i)$  to construct the matrix of similarities  $S$ :

$$S_{i,j} = \begin{cases} \langle Q_i, K_j \rangle & \text{if } j \in \psi(i) \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

The matrix  $A$  is then obtained by normalization of the rows:

$$A = \text{softmax}(S)$$

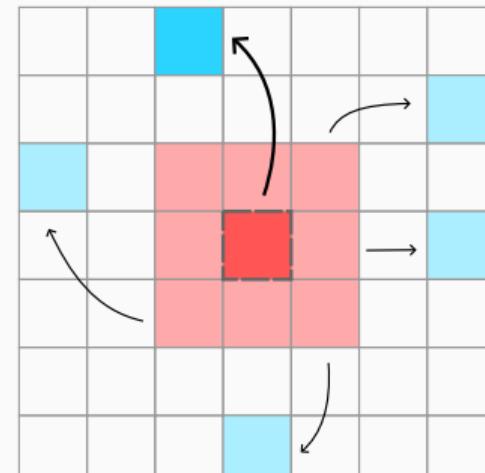


## Differentiability with aggregation

We use the neighbors' neighbors.  $\mathcal{N}_i$  is the set of spatial neighbors of  $i$ .

$$S_{i,j} = \begin{cases} \langle Q_{i'}, K_{j'} \rangle & \text{if } \begin{cases} i' \in \mathcal{N}_i \text{ and } j' \in \psi(i') \\ \text{and } i' - i = j' - j \end{cases} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

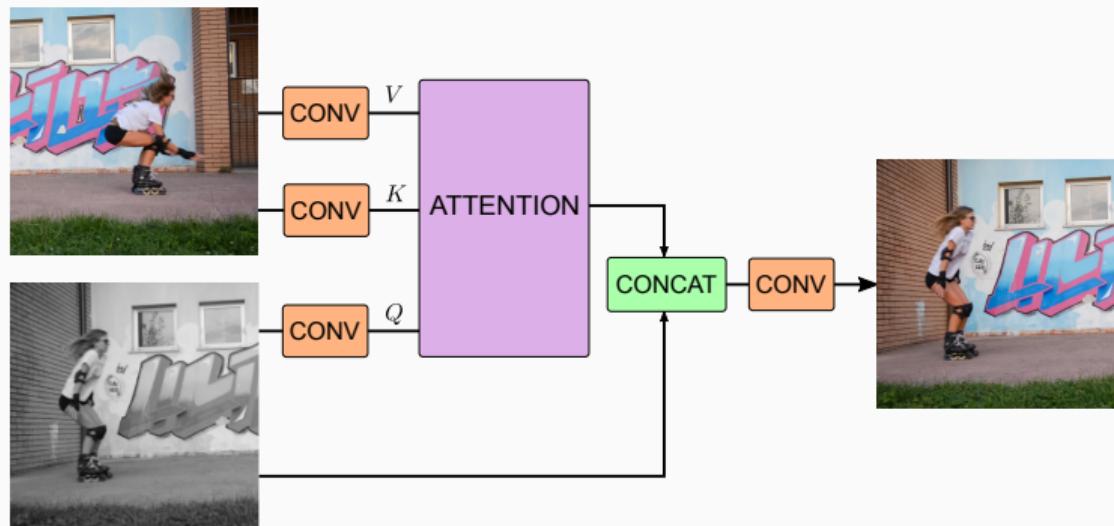
The matrix  $S$  is then normalized along the rows.



Neighbors aggregation

# Colorization task

Guided image colorization



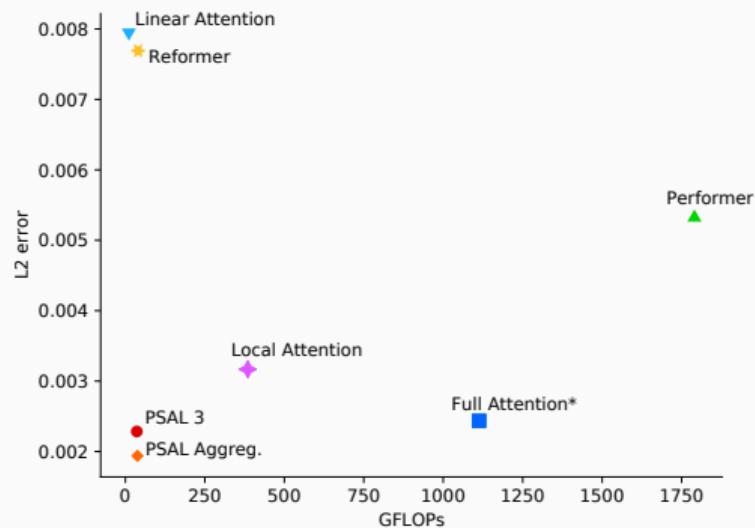
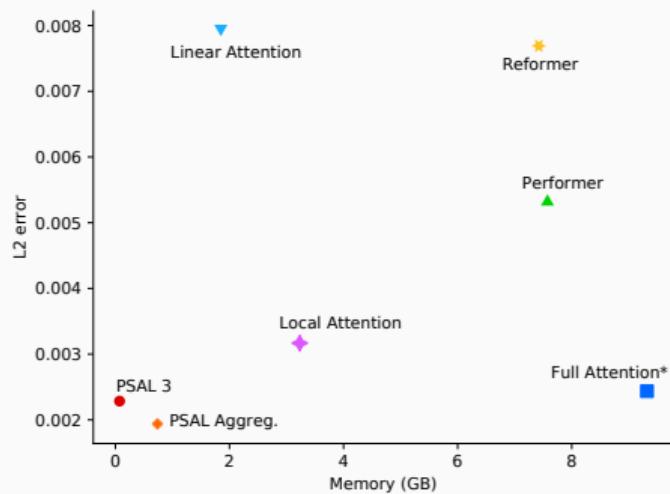
## PSAL differentiability

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Experiments confirm that PSAL with 1 neighbor is not differentiable end-to-end.

Attention Method	$\ell_2$ loss
PSAL 1	0.0083
PSAL 3	0.0023
PSAL Aggreg.	0.0019

## Colorization results



Performance vs computational constraints (memory and GFLOPs) on the colorization task

## Inpainting task

Comparison with ContextualAttention[11],  
using PSAL:

- similar inpainting metrics
- high resolution inpainting

Attention	$\ell_1$ loss ↓	$\ell_2$ loss ↓	SSIM ↑
Contextual	11.8%	3.6%	53.7
PSAL (ours)	<b>11.6%</b>	<b>3.6%</b>	<b>54.1</b>

Average inpainting metrics on Places2  
validation set.



2700x3300 image inpainted using PSAL

[11] Yu et al., “Generative Image Inpainting with Contextual Attention”, 2018.

## Conclusion

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### Patch-based attention

- + very low memory
- + scales to high resolution images and videos
- cannot approximate high entropy attention

Code:  [github.com/ncherel/psal](https://github.com/ncherel/psal)

Full text: <https://arxiv.org/abs/2202.03163>

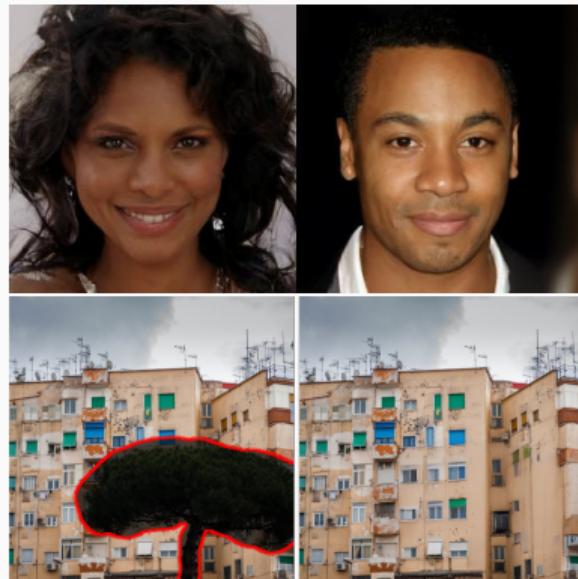
## **Current work**

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## Diffusion

Diffusion is state-of-the-art for conditional and unconditional image generation:

- text-to-image
- super-resolution
- inpainting



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[10] Ho, Jain, and Abbeel, "Denoising Diffusion Probabilistic Models", 2020.

[11] Rombach et al., "High-Resolution Image Synthesis With Latent Diffusion Models", 2022.

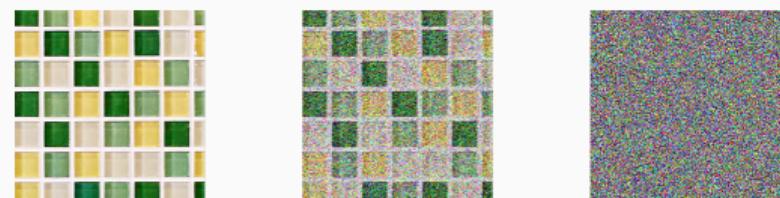
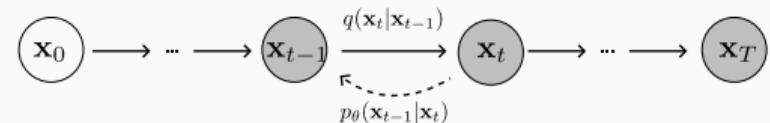
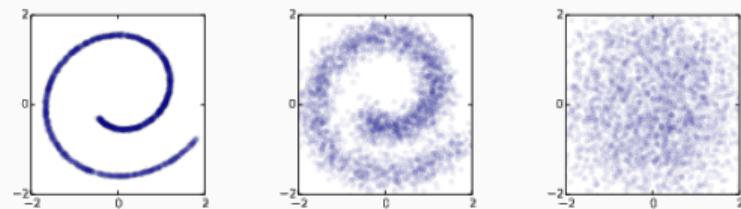
# Diffusion : quick introduction

Modeling complex data distributions  
through:

- forward process:  $q(x_t | x_{t-1})$
- learned backward process  $p_\theta(x_{t-1} | x_t)$

Training by denoising:

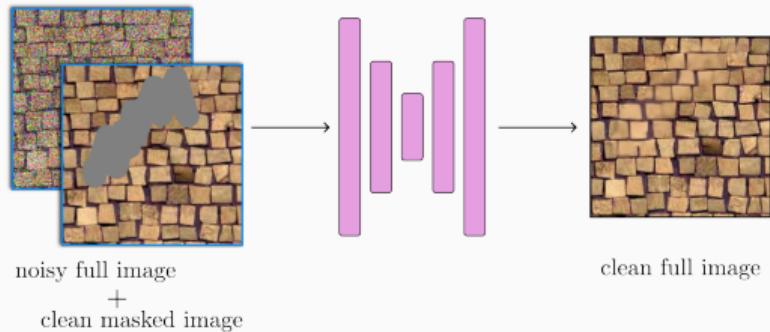
$$\mathcal{L}(\theta) = \mathbb{E}_{x,\epsilon} [\|x - f_\theta(x + \epsilon)\|^2]$$



## Current inpainting experiments

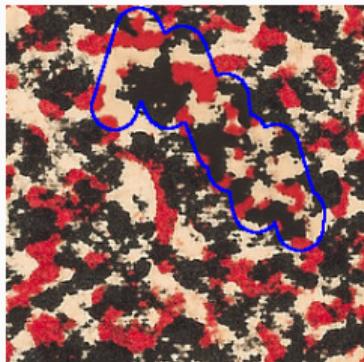
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- Training on a single texture
- Tiny model: 160k parameters
- 20-min training

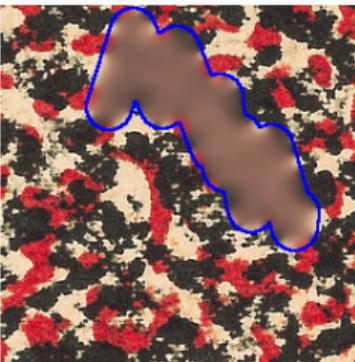


## First results

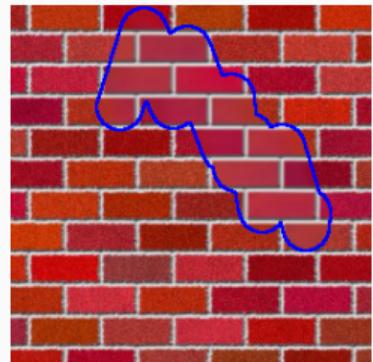
Diffusion



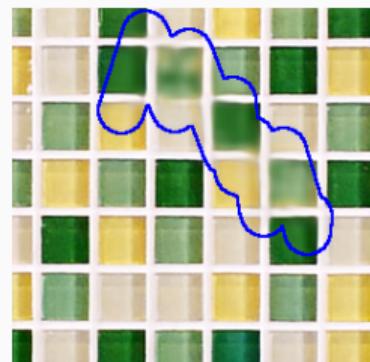
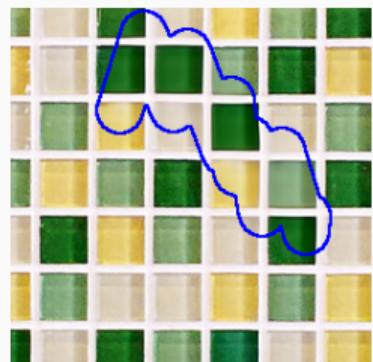
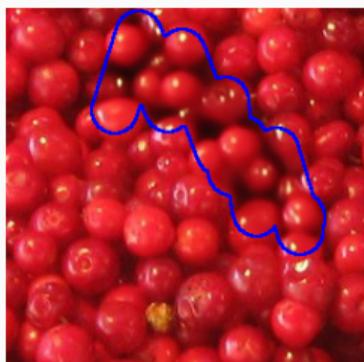
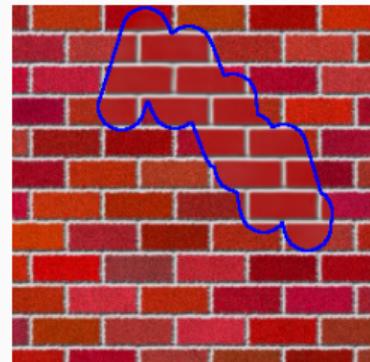
Direct inpainting



Diffusion



Direct inpainting



## Questions

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## PSAL for super-resolution

For single-image super-resolution, Cross-Scale attention [12] can be efficiently approximated with PSAL as indicated by similar PSNR scores on the Urban 100 dataset.

Attention Method	Zoom x2	Zoom x3	Zoom x4
Cross-Scale Attention	33.383	29.123	27.288
PSAL	33.375	29.112	27.184

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[12] Mei et al., “Image Super-Resolution With Cross-Scale Non-Local Attention and Exhaustive Self-Exemplars Mining”, June 2020.

## Diffusion, denoising and score-matching

Score-matching [13] is about learning the score of the data distribution:  $\nabla \log p$ . For a data point  $x$ , and a gaussian noise  $\epsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma I)$ :

$$y = x + \epsilon$$

Tweedie's formula says that the MMSE denoiser  $D$  verifies:

$$\nabla_y \log p(y) = \frac{1}{\sigma^2} (D(y) - y)$$

Through denoising, we have access to the (smoothed) log-likelihood / score.

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[13] Song and Ermon, "Generative Modeling by Estimating Gradients of the Data Distribution", 2019.

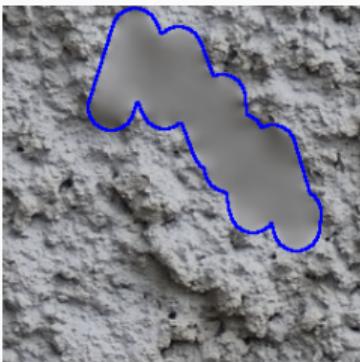
[13] Rombach et al., "High-Resolution Image Synthesis With Latent Diffusion Models", 2022.

## Diffusion - Additional Results

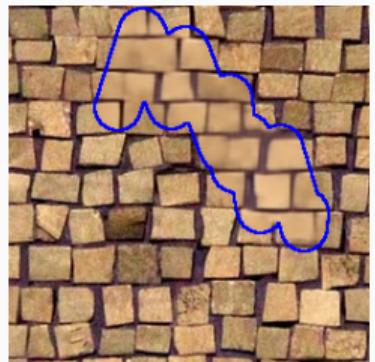
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