Transfer Learning of Convolutional Neural Networks for Texture Synthesis and Visual Recognition in Artistic Images

PhD Defense

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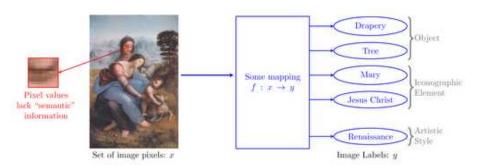




Image Representation

How to obtain "good" image representations for image analysis and image synthesis?

• Central problem in computer vision

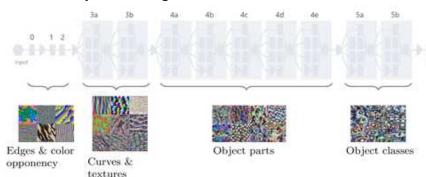


 Transfer Learning of the parameters of a model f trained with supervised methods



Convolutional Neural Network (CNN)

- Feed-forward artificial neural network
- Use of convolutions
- Trained by stochastic gradient descent



- The CNN learns powerful internal representations during training
- Given an input image, one can extract these internal representations



Introduction to Transfer learning

<u>Definition:</u> Training a machine learning algorithm on a particular task while using knowledge the algorithm has already learned on a previous and related task.



Different Transfer Learning Approaches of CNNs



Figure: Convolutional Neural Network InceptionV1 model [Szegedy et al., 2015]

- Off-the-shelf Feature Extraction [Donahue et al., 2014]
- Fine-Tuning [Girshick et al., 2014]
- Training from scratch the same architecture

Off-the-shelf Feature Extraction





Pretrained on ImageNet

New

Used by us for:

- Weakly Supervised Object Detection task
- Classification
- Texture Synthesis

Fine-Tuning



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Training from scratch



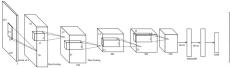
Random initialization

Used for:

Classification



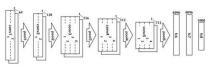
Improvements of the CNN architectures



(a) AlexNet architecture, 8 layers [Krizhevsky et al., 2012]



(c) InceptionV1 architecture, 22 layers [Szegedy et al., 2015]



(b) VGG19 architecture 19 layers [Simonyan and Zisserman, 2015]

(d) ResNet 152 architecture, 152 layers [He et al., 2015]

Contributions

Weakly Supervised Learning:

• Reduce the need for annotations: use only image level labels

Transfer Learning:

Evaluate the impact of fine-tuning for artworks databases

Texture Synthesis:

 Preserve long-range organization of texture and improve the quality of high resolution synthesis



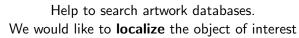
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Detection in Artworks

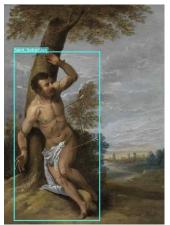
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Motivation







Saint Sebastian



Motivation II

- Use only image level annotation → Weakly supervised setup
- Fast → No Fine Tuning
- Recognize new classes (not available in photography)







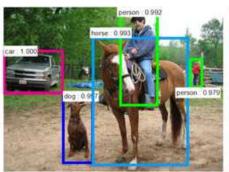


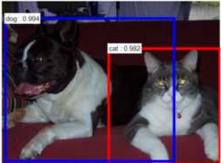
Figure: Example images from our IconArt database, for the Saint Sebastian category.



Transfer of a CNN

Use a Faster R-CNN network [Ren et al., 2015] **pre-trained on photography** as an off-the-shelf features extractor

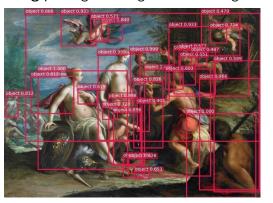






Multiple Instance Learning

To solve this weakly supervised problem, we use the **Multiple Instance Learning** paradigm → Regions of an image = bag of elements



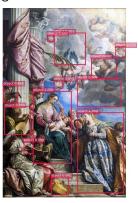
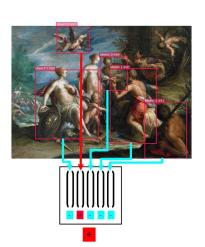


Figure: Some of the regions of interest generated by the region proposal part (RPN) of Faster R-CNN.

Multiple Instance Learning





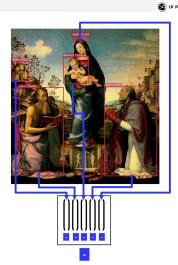
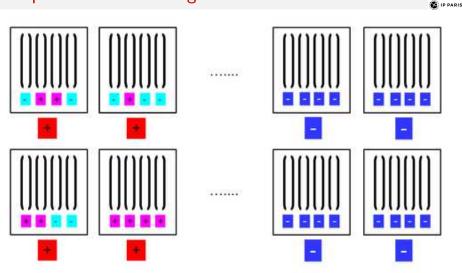


Figure: Illustration of positive and negative sets of detections (bounding boxes) for the angel category.



Multiple Instance Learning



How to find the positive vectors in each positive bag?



How to choose the right region?

- Classical MIL classifier: mi-SVM and MI-SVM [Andrews et al., 2003]
- Weakly Fine-Tuning the whole CNN: WSDDN, SPN and PCL [Bilen and Vedaldi, 2016, Zhu et al., 2017, Tang et al., 2018]
- Use the highest objectness score region:
 MAX [Crowley and Zisserman, 2016] and MAXA [Our]
- Use extra data from other domains: DT+ PL [Inoue et al., 2018]



Our Model: MI-max, a linear model

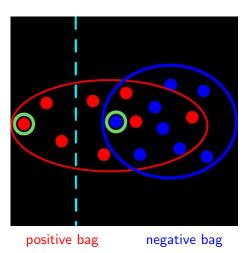
For each image i, we have: $\left\{X_{i,k}\right\}_{\{1...K\}} \quad \text{feature vectors} \\ y_i = \pm 1 \quad \text{a label} \\ \text{We look for } w \in \mathbb{R}^M, \ b \in \mathbb{R} \text{ minimizing:} \\$

$$\mathcal{L}(w,b) = \sum_{i=1}^{N} \frac{-y_i}{n_{y_i}} Tanh \left\{ \max_{k \in \{1..K\}} \left(w^T X_{i,k} + b \right) \right\} \underbrace{+C * \|w\|^2}_{\text{regularisation term}}$$
(1)

Simplified version of MI-SVM [Andrews et al., 2003] Can be seen as a neural network without hidden layer [Zhou and Zhang, 2002]

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Our Model: MI-max



- positive instance
- negative instance
- Instance used during training step

From MIL to WSOD

Use the objectness score $s_{i,k}$ of each Region of Interest.

$$\mathcal{L}^{s}(w,b) = \sum_{i=1}^{N} \frac{-y_{i}}{n_{y_{i}}} Tanh \left\{ \max_{k \in \{1..K\}} \left(\left(\mathbf{s}_{i,k} + \epsilon \right) \left(w^{T} X_{i,k} + b \right) \right) \right\} + C * ||w||^{2}$$

$$(2)$$

With $\epsilon \geq 0$.

We do r restarts, and select the best couple (w^*, b^*) .

Test time score for a region x:

$$S(x) = Tanh\{(s(x) + \epsilon) (w^{*T}x + b^{*})\}$$
(3)

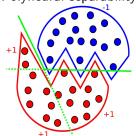


Polyhedral MI-max model

Learn r hyperplanes in parallel:

$$f_{w} = \sum_{i=1}^{N} \frac{-y_{i}}{n_{y_{i}}} Tanh \left\{ \max_{k \in \{1...K\}} \left(s_{i,k} + \epsilon \right) \max_{j \in \{1...r\}} \left(\left(W_{j}^{T} X_{i,k} + b_{j} \right) \right) \right\}$$
(4)

Polyhedral separability





Detection evaluation on Artistic Datasets



Watercolor2k



[Inoue et al., 2018]



Clipart1k



PeopleArt [Westlake et al., 2016]



CASPA paintings



IconArt

[Thomas and Kovashka, 2018] [Our]

Figure: Example images from the 6 art datasets used for evaluating the weakly supervised object detection.

Detection evaluation on Artistic Datasets II

Table: Detection Mean Average Precision (%) with an IoU \geq 0.5. Comparison on six art datasets of the proposed MI-max and Polyhedral MI-max methods to alternative approaches. The semi-supervised method is highlighted in green. The best weakly supervised method compared to others is highlighted in red.

Network	Method	Model	People-Art	Watercolor2k	Clipart1k	Comic2k	CASPA paintings	IconArt
SSD	Semi-supervised with DA	DT+PL	•	54.3*	46.0*	54.3*	•	•
VGG16-IM	Weakly	WSDDN	•	12.7	4.4	12.7	•	•
	supervised	SPN	10.0	7.1	3.8	1.2	0.7	7.7
	fine-tuning	PCL	3.4	0.0	1.2	0.0	0.0	5.9
RES- 152- COCO	Off-the-shelf Features extraction	MAX	25.9	34.3	16.9	11.9	9.8	3.7
		MAXA [Our]	48.9	43.9	22.0	19.8	14.6	12.0
		MI-SVM	13.3	21.8	19.3	13.0	2.5	4.0
		mi-SVM	5.6	5.3	6.2	4.6	1.2	2.8
		MI-max [Our]	55.5 ± 1.0	49.5 ± 0.9	38.4 ± 0.8	27.0 ± 0.8	16.2 ± 0.4	12.0 ± 0.9
		Polyhedral MI-max [Our]	58.3 ± 1.2	46.6 ± 1.3	30.5 ± 2.3	23.3 ± 1.6	14.4 ± 0.7	13.0 ± 2.2

Successful detections on CASPA paintings

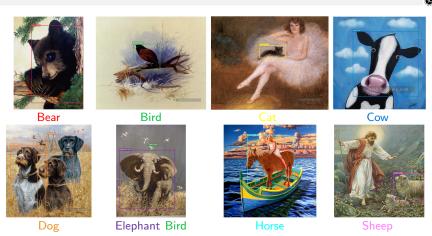


Figure: Successful examples of animal detection using Polyhedral MI-max on CASPA paintings test set (there is no "person" class in the training set). We only show boxes whose scores are over 0.75, except for the elephant image.

Successful detections on IconArt dataset











Jesus Child

Mary

Saint Sebastian

Crucifixion

Figure: Successful examples of detection of iconographic characters using Polyhedral MI-max on IconArt test set. We only show boxes whose scores are over 0.75.

Failure examples I

Discriminative elements
 Without score



Saint Sebastian Nudity

Failure examples I



Discriminative elements Without score



With score



Saint Sebastian Nudity

Failure examples II

Group of objects Nudity



Failure examples II

Group of objects Nudity



 Missing mode Angel score: -0.573



Failure examples II

Group of objects
 Nudity



Missing mode
Angel score: -0.573



Confusing images
 Jesus Child Nudity



Conclusion

Conclusion:

- Good results on a difficult task
- Fast solution
- The learned classifier can be transferred between modalities

Future Work:

- WSOD supervised by a classification network
- Improve the diversity of the detectors in the polyhedral case
- Using deep features learned on art dataset
- Automatic analysis of the spatial composition of artworks



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Motivation

Transfer Learning of Deep Learning model trained on natural images has become a de facto method for art analysis applications:

- Replica [Seguin, 2018] for visual similarity search
- Oxford Painting Search [Crowley et al., 2018] for semantics recognition of arbitrary objects
- Style, artist or genre recognition [Lecoutre et al., 2017, Strezoski and Worring, 2017, Cetinic et al., 2018, Chen and Yang, 2019, Deng et al., 2020]

What are the effects of transfer learning for artistic images ?

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Early Renaissance

Impressionism

Ukiyo-e

Pop Art

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Plane

Sheep

Cow

Train

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Crucifixion | Mary



Saint Sebastian



Mary | Jesus Child | Angel



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Feature Visualization



Figure: One individual channel is highlighted in orange.

- Feature Visualization by Optimization
- Maximal Activation Images



Feature Visualization by Optimization

Synthesize an image by maximizing the channel activation: "Optimized Image"

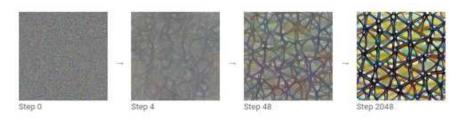


Figure: Feature Visualization by Optimization [Olah et al., 2017].

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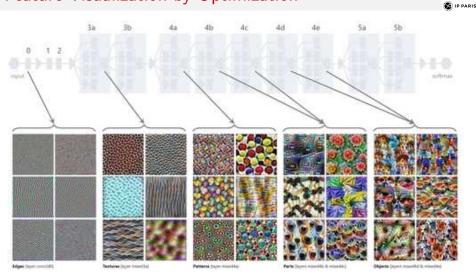


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Maximal Activation Images

We look at the images with the maximal activation for a particular channel.



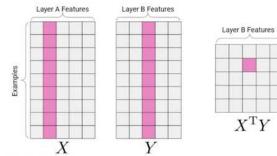
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Compute the class entropy and the overlapping ratio (before and after fine-tuning)

Networks comparison

A feature similarity index named Centered Kernel Alignment (CKA) [Cortes et al., 2012, Kornblith et al., 2019]: normalized sum of the squared dot products (similarity) between features.

$$CKA = \frac{\|X^{T}Y\|_{F}^{2}}{\|X^{T}X\|_{F} \|Y^{T}Y\|_{F}}$$
 (5)



Layer A Features

Performances of the different transfer methods

Method		Top-3	Top-5
Off-the-shelf Feature extraction with InceptionV1 pretrained on ImageNet	30.95	58.71	74.10
Fine-Tuning of InceptionV1 pretrained on ImageNet		82.25	91.06
InceptionV1 trained from scratch		73.44	84.67

Table: Top-k accuracies (%) on RASTA dataset [Lecoutre et al., 2017] for different methods.

Similar results in [Cetinic et al., 2018, Sabatelli et al., 2018]

InceptionV1



Low-level layers are not modified.

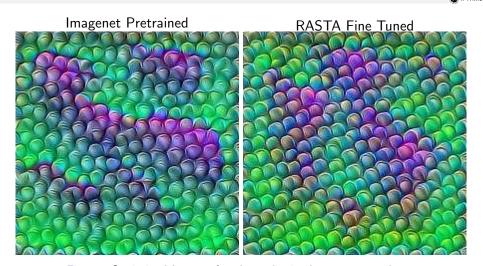
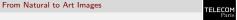


Figure: Optimized Images for channel mixed3a_3x3_pre_relu:12



Some detectors are already useful.



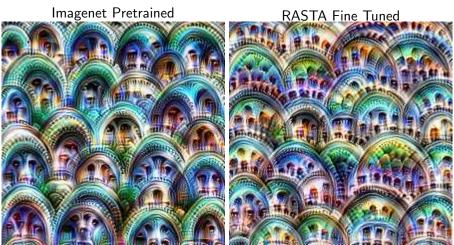


Figure: Optimized Images for channel mixed4b_3x3_bottleneck_pre_relu:35



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Figure: Maximal Activation Examples for channel mixed4b_3x3_bottleneck_pre_relu:35

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Figure: Optimized Images for channel mixed4c_3x3 _bottleneck_pre_relu:78

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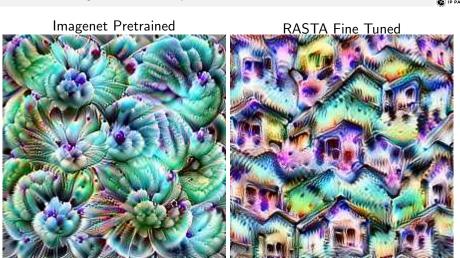


Figure: Optimized Images for channel mixed4d_3x3_pre_relu:52

Mid-level layers are adapted to the new dataset.



Imagenet Pretrained













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Figure: Maximal Activation Examples for channel mixed4d_pool_reduce_pre_relu:63

The learned features have a high variability.

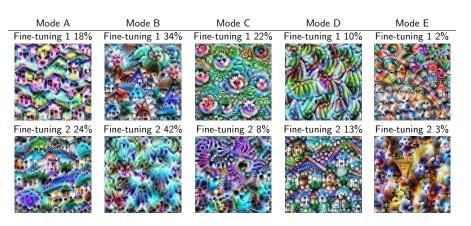


Figure: Same channel with different training (mixed4d_3x3_pre_relu:52), the overlapping ratio is displayed in %. Each mode corresponds to a different set of hyperparameters.

High-level layers cluster images of the same class.



Figure: Optimized Images for channel mixed5b_pool _reduce_pre_relu:92.



High-level layers cluster images of the same class.

Imagenet Pretrained



Realism 17% Post-Impressionism 10% Neoclassicism 10%

RASTA Fine Tuned





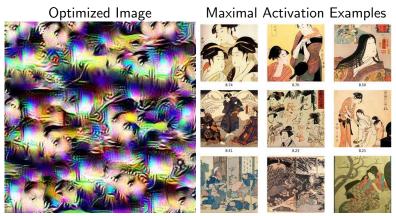


Ukiyo-e 82 % Northern_Renaissance 14 % Early_Renaissance 3 %

Figure: Maximal Activation Examples for channel mixed5b_pool_reduce_pre_relu:92 with the Top 100 composition.

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The feature visualization is less interpretable with a training from scratch.



Top 100 Composition: Magic_Realism 78% | Ukiyo-e 22%

Figure: Optimized Image and Maximal Activation Examples for channel mixed4:16 for a model trained from scratch.

Changes in the fine-tuned model.

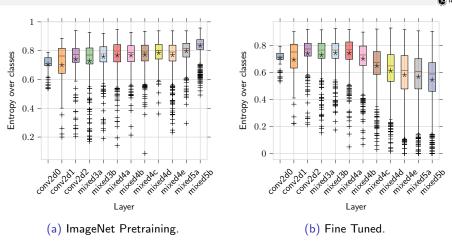


Figure: Boxplots of Entropy over classes on the top 100 maximal activation images for the model fine-tuned on RASTA. For each box, the horizontal line corresponds to the average result and the star to the median.

Feature Similarity between networks.

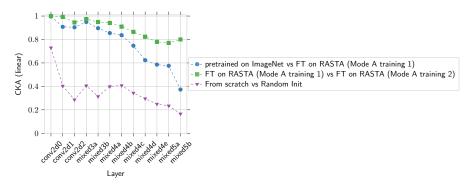


Figure: CKA (defined in eq. 5) computed on RASTA test set for different models trained or fine-tuned on RASTA train set.

From One Art dataset to another.

Table: Mean Average Precision on:

- Paintings [Crowley and Zisserman, 2014]
- IconArt

Method		IconArt
Fine-Tuning of InceptionV1 pretrained on ImageNet	0.65	0.59
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Table: Mean CKA between the model pretained on ImageNet and the one fine-tuned on Paintings [Crowley and Zisserman, 2014] or IconArt.

mean CKA of a pair of nets		IconArt
Pretrained on ImageNet & FT on small art dataset	0.91	0.90
Pretrained on ImageNet $\&$ FT on RASTA $+$ FT on small dataset	0.76	0.73

Some detectors may be adapted to the IconArt dataset.



Figure: Optimized Images for channel mixed4c_3x3_bottleneck_pre_relu:78.

Conclusion

Conclusion:

- Fine Tuning an ImageNet pretrained model provides better results then other transfer methods
- Pretraining on ImageNet plus Artistic dataset may help for art analysis application
- Feature Visualization helps to understand what happens during fine-tuning

Future work:

- Use other architectures
- Use models pre-trained on different large scale natural images dataset
- Work on larger art datasets
 [Wilber et al., 2017, Strezoski and Worning, 2018]





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Texture Synthesis

<u>Definition:</u> Given a reference texture, texture synthesis aims at producing more texture images which are "visually similar" to the reference.

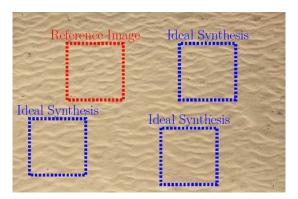
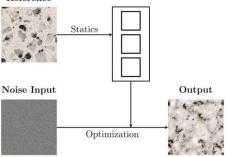


Figure: Examplar of a reference texture with ideal synthesis.



Texture Synthesis with CNNs [Gatys et al., 2015b]











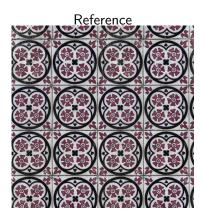


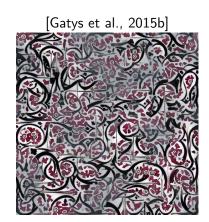
Motivation

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Limitations of [Gatys et al., 2015b]:

• Large scale regularity especially in high resolution image







Texture Model

<u>Texture features:</u> Given an exemplar texture $I \in \mathbb{R}^N$, we compute the m_l feature maps $f_p^l \in \mathbb{R}^{h_l \times w_l}$ of the l-th layer of a VGG19 **pretrained** on ImageNet

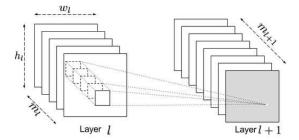


Figure: Illustration of a single l layer in a CNN.

Texture Model

We are looking for \tilde{I} which minimizes the following cost function:

$$\mathcal{L}(I,\tilde{I}) = \sum_{l=1}^{L} \omega_l \|G^l - \tilde{G}^l\|_{\mathcal{F}}^2$$
 (6)

with G^l the correlation matrix (i.e. Gram matrix) of the m_l feature maps of the layer l: $G^l_{p,q} = \frac{1}{N_r^2} \langle f^l_p | f^l_q \rangle$ [Gatys et al., 2015b]

The synthesis is computed by **gradient descent** by back-propagation through the CNN.



with p, q denote the index of feature map corresponding to the filter.

Improvements of the method

- Speed Up the synthesis:
 - Feed forward generators
 [Ulyanov et al., 2016, Ulyanov et al., 2017, Risser, 2020]
 - GAN [Jetchev et al., 2016, Darzi et al., 2020]
- Add a corrective term to the loss function:

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{Gram} + \beta \mathcal{L}_{corrective}$$

- Spectrum constraints [Liu et al., 2016]
- Shift correlation [Berger and Memisevic, 2017]
- Multiple constraints (total variation, autocorrelation, extended correlation) [Sendik and Cohen-Or, 2017]
- Histogram matching [Risser et al., 2017, Heitz et al., 2020, Risser, 2020]
- High resolution images
 - Gaussian Pyramid [Snelgrove, 2017]





Multi-resolution strategy



Figure: Illustration of synthesis results at K different scales, named **MRInit**.

Classical idea presented in e.g.

[Kwatra et al., 2005, Risser et al., 2017, Galerne et al., 2018, Risser, 2020]. Alternative multi-resolution framework:

[Heeger and Bergen, 1995, Portilla and Simoncelli, 2000, Snelgrove, 2017].



Spectrum Transferring [Liu et al., 2016]

We impose the spectrum (modulus of the Fourier transform) of I to \tilde{I} by adding this term to the loss function:

$$\mathcal{L}_{spe} = \frac{1}{2N} \||\mathcal{F}(\tilde{I})| - |\mathcal{F}(I)|\|^2, \tag{7}$$

Used by [Galerne et al., 2011, Tartavel et al., 2015].



Autocorrelation of the feature maps

We replace the Gram Matrix by the autocorrelation of each of the feature map p. We impose the squared modulus of the Fourier Transform (equivalent to the autocorrelation):

$$A_p^l = \frac{1}{N_l^2} | \mathcal{F}(f_p^l) |^2$$
 (8)



Idea inspired by [Portilla and Simoncelli, 2000]



Parameters Setup

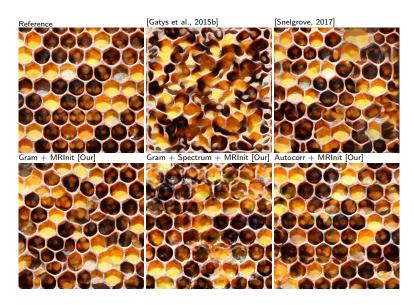
For the experiments, all the images are of size 1024×1024 . We will compare different methods:

- [Gatys et al., 2015b]
- Multi-resolution strategy of [Snelgrove, 2017]
- Gram with our multi-resolution strategy (MRInit)
- Gram + Spectrum Image [Liu et al., 2016] with our multi-resolution strategy
- Autocorrelation with our multi-resolution strategy

With K = 2 for our method and K = 3 for [Snelgrove, 2017].

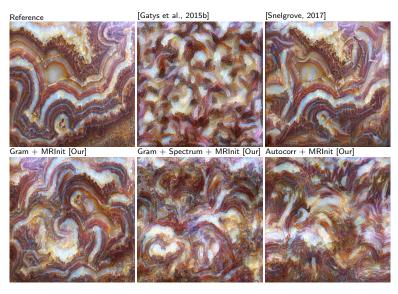






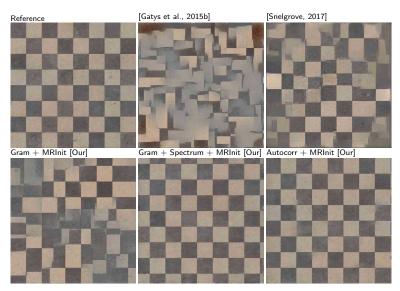






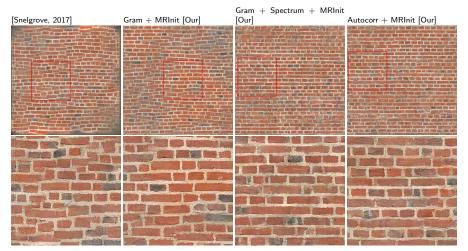




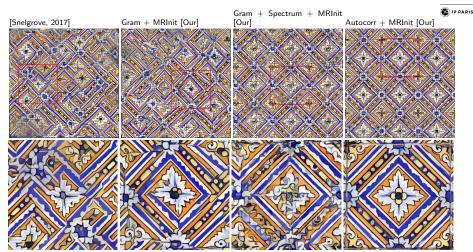






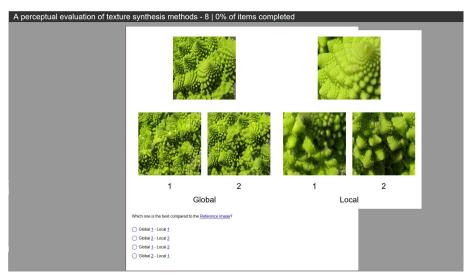




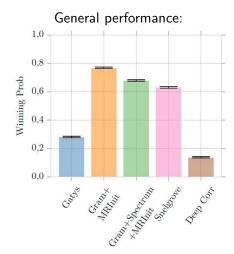


Perceptual Test



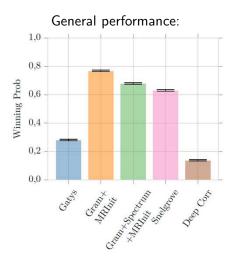


Perceptual Test Results

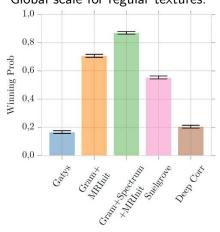




Perceptual Test Results



Global scale for regular textures:





Conclusion

- We propose a simple way to synthesise high definition images based on [Gatys et al., 2015b]
- The results are improved with new designs of the loss function

Future Work:

- Using CNN trained with a multi-resolution strategy [van Noord and Postma, 2017]
- Looking for the minimal set of parameters needed
- Design of an adaptive loss function

Conclusion

- Introduction
- Multiple Instance Model for Weakly Supervised Object Detection in Artworks
- 3 Analyzing CNNs trained for Art classification tasks
- 4 Texture Synthesis with CNNs
- Conclusion



Conclusion

Contributions

- Illustration of the use of deep features for art analysis and texture synthesis
- Fast and effective multiple instance model for weakly supervised objects detection
- Better understanding of fine-tuning for art application
- Model for Long-range organization preservation in texture synthesis
- Publications: 1 ECCV workshop, 1 ICPR workshop, 1 DHNord, 2 journals under review



Thank you for your attention.





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