### Transfer Learning of CNNs for Texture Synthesis and Visual Recognition in Artistic Images LASTIG Seminar

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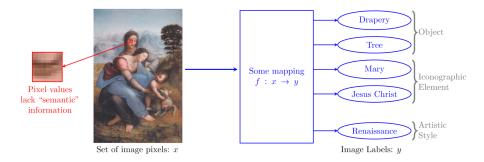
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#### Image Representation

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

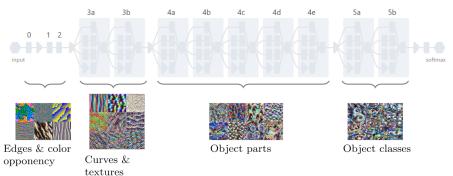
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### Convolutional Neural Network (CNN)

- 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

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#### 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.

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#### 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

Used by us for:

- Weakly Supervised Object Detection task
- Classification
- Texture Synthesis

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#### Fine-Tuning



Pretrained on ImageNet

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#### Used for:

• Classification

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#### Training from scratch



#### Random initialization

#### Used for:

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# Multiple Instance Model for Weakly Supervised Object Detection in Artworks



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#### Weakly Supervised Object Detection Task Definition

#### Classification



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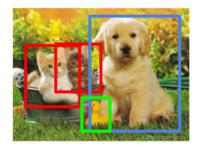
#### Weakly Supervised Object Detection Task Definition

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## **Object Detection**



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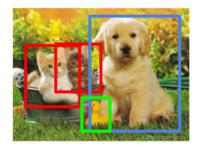
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#### Weakly Supervised Object Detection Task Definition

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## **Object Detection**



## CAT CAT, DOG, DUCK Weakly Supervised Object Detection : only image level

annotation during training

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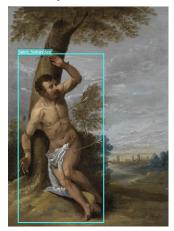
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#### Motivation

Help to search artwork databases. We would like to **localize** the object of interest





#### Saint Sebastian

## Saint Sebastian

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#### 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.

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#### 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



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#### Multiple Instance Learning

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

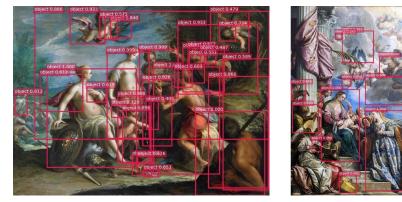
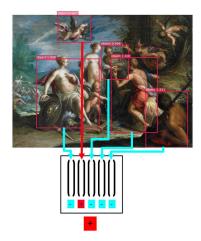


Figure: Some of the regions of interest generated by the region proposal part (RPN) of Faster R-CNN.

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#### Multiple Instance Learning



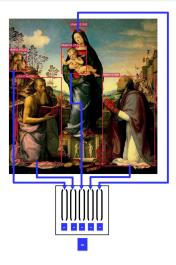
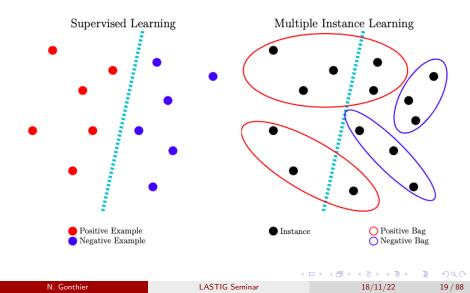


Figure: Illustration of positive and negative sets of detections (bounding boxes) for the *angel* category.

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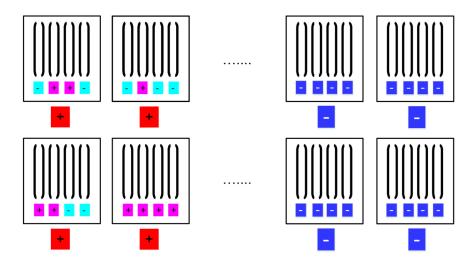
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#### Multiple Instance Learning



How to find the positive vectors in each positive bag?

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#### 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]

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#### Our Model: MI-max, a linear model

For each image *i*, we have:  

$$\{X_{i,k}\}_{\{1..K\}}$$
feature vectors  
 $y_i = \pm 1$  a label  
We look for  $w \in \mathbb{R}^M$ ,  $b \in \mathbb{R}$  minimizing:

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

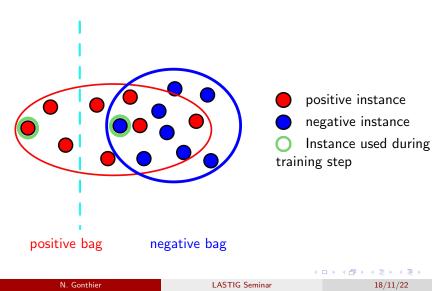
Simplified version of MI-SVM [Andrews et al., 2003] Can be seen as a neural network without hidden layer [Zhou and Zhang, 2002]

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#### Our Model: MI-max



#### From MIL to WSOD

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

$$\mathcal{L}^{s}(w,b) = \sum_{i=1}^{N} \frac{-y_{i}}{n_{y_{i}}} \operatorname{Tanh}\left\{\max_{k \in \{1..K\}} \left( \left( s_{i,k} + \epsilon \right) \left( w^{T} X_{i,k} + b \right) \right) \right\} + C * ||w||^{2}$$
(2)
$$\text{Vith } \epsilon > 0.$$

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

Test time score for a region x:

$$S(x) = Tanh\{(s(x) + \epsilon) (w^{\star T}x + b^{\star})\}$$
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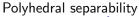
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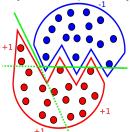
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#### Polyhedral MI-max model

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)





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#### Detection evaluation on Artistic Datasets



Watercolor2k





Comic2k [Inoue et al., 2018]





Clipart1k



PeopleArtCASPA paintingsIconArt[Westlake et al., 2016][Thomas and Kovashka, 2018][Our]Figure: Example images from the 6 art datasets used for evaluating the weakly<br/>supervised object detection.Image: Case of the case o

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#### 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	lconArt
SSD	Semi-supervised with DA	DT+PL	•	54.3*	46.0*	54.3	•	•
	Weakly	WSDDN	•	12.7	4.4	12.7	•	•
VGG16-IM	supervised	SPN	10.0	7.1	3.8	1.2	0.7	7.7
fine-tuning	fine-tuning	PCL	3.4	0.0	1.2	0.0	0.0	5.9
RES- Off-the-shelf 152- Features COCO 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
	extraction	MI-max [Our]	55.5 ± 1.0	49.5 ± 0.9	38.4 ± 0.8	<b>27.0</b> ± 0.8	16.2 ± 0.4	$12.0 \pm 0.9$
		Polyhedral MI-max [Our]	58.3 ± 1.2	$46.6 \pm 1.3$	$30.5 \pm 2.3$	$23.3 \pm 1.6$	$14.4 \pm 0.7$	13.0 ± 2.2

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#### Successful detections on CASPA paintings

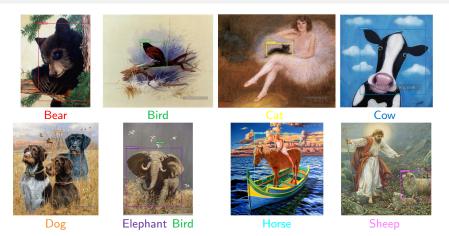


Figure: Successful examples of animal detection using Polyhedral MI-max on CASPA paintings test set (there is no "person" class in the training set). We only show boxes whose scores are over 0.75, except for the elephant image.

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#### Successful detections on IconArt dataset



Jesus Child

Mary

Saint Sebastian

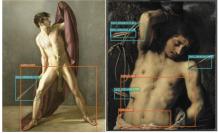
Crucifixion

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.

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#### Failure examples I

## Discriminative elements Without score



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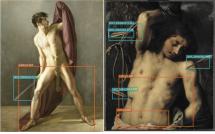
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#### With score



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#### Failure examples II

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#### Failure examples II

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• Missing mode Angel score: -0.573



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#### Experiments

## Failure examples II

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• Missing mode Angel score: -0.573



• Confusing images Jesus Child Nudity



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# Cross Modalities Knowledge Transfer

Table: Mean AP (%) at  $IuO \ge 0.5$  for the common classes between the source and target sets with the Polyhedral MI-max model. The results in parentheses, is the mean performance obtained by learning the detection on the same set (modality).

Target set	PeopleArt	Watercolor2k	Comic2k	Clipart1k	CASPA paintings
PeopleArt	-	60.0 (59.2)	42.1 (39.5)	54.3 (55.4)	/
Watercolor2k	56.0 (57.3)	-	23.1 (24.1)	11.2 (24.6)	13.8 (18.3)
Comic2k	48.9 (57.3)	42.4 (46.6)	-	7.2 (24.6)	12.5 (18.3)
Clipart1k	52.0 (57.3)	36.7 (46.6)	19.6 (24.1)	-	7.7 (13.6)
CASPA paintings	/	27.5 (39.0)	9.9 (18.1)	4.2 (12.5)	-

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# Conclusion

Conclusion:

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

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# Analyzing CNNs trained for Art classification tasks

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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

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IconArt	Object classification	7	5955	50%



Crucifixion | Mary



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Mary |Jesus Child | Angel



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## Performances of the different transfer methods

Method	Top-1	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	55.18	82.25	91.06
InceptionV1 trained from scratch	45.29	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]

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#### From Natural to Art Images

### Feature Visualization

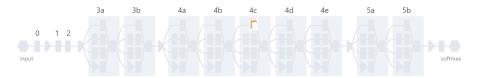


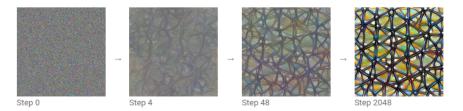
Figure: One individual channel is highlighted in orange.

- Feature Visualization by Optimization
- Maximal Activation Images

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# 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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### Feature Visualization by Optimization

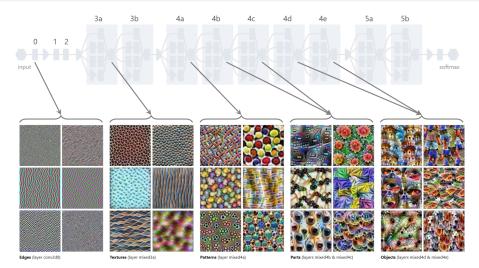


Figure: Feature Visualization by Optimization [Olah et al., 2017].

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## Low-level layers are not modified.

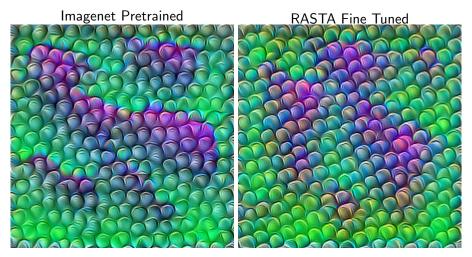


Figure: Optimized Images for channel mixed3a\_3x3\_pre\_relu:12

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### Some detectors are already useful.

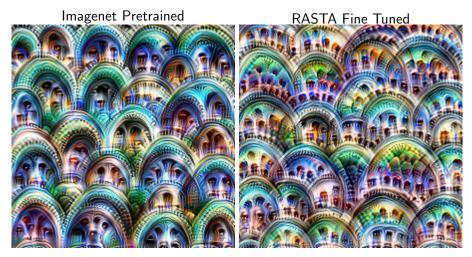


Figure: Optimized Images for channel mixed4b\_3x3\_bottleneck\_pre\_relu:35

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### Some detectors are already useful.



#### Imagenet Pretrained



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#### RASTA Fine Tuned







787.40



Figure: Maximal Activation Examples for channel mixed4b\_3x3\_bottleneck\_pre\_relu:35

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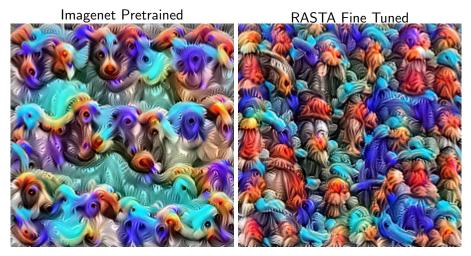


Figure: Optimized Images for channel mixed4c\_3x3 \_bottleneck\_pre\_relu:78

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283.24

Imagenet Pretrained



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#### **RASTA** Fine Tuned









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Figure: Maximal Activation Examples for channel mixed4c\_3x3 \_bottleneck\_pre\_relu:78

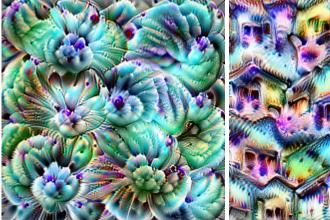
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#### Imagenet Pretrained



#### **RASTA Fine Tuned**

Figure: Optimized Images for channel mixed4d\_3x3\_pre\_relu:52

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#### Imagenet Pretrained











**RASTA** Fine Tuned



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Figure: Maximal Activation Examples for channel mixed4d\_pool\_reduce\_pre\_relu:63

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### The learned features have a high variability.

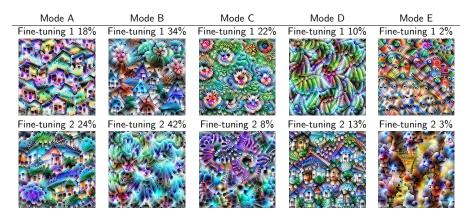


Figure: Same channel with different training (mixed4d\_3x3\_pre\_relu:52), the overlapping ratio is displayed in %. Each mode corresponds to a different set of hyperparameters.

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### High-level layers cluster images of the same class.

Imagenet Pretrained



RASTA Fine Tuned

Figure: Optimized Images for channel mixed5b\_pool \_reduce\_pre\_relu:92.

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### High-level layers cluster images of the same class.

#### Imagenet Pretrained





















47.34



39.54

38.27



36.75











Realism 17% Post-Impressionism 10% Neoclassicism 10%

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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### **RASTA Fine Tuned**

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

**Optimized Image** 

#### Maximal Activation Examples

















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. ヘロト 人間ト 人間ト 人間ト

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### Maximal Activation Images

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



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

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### Changes in the fine-tuned model.

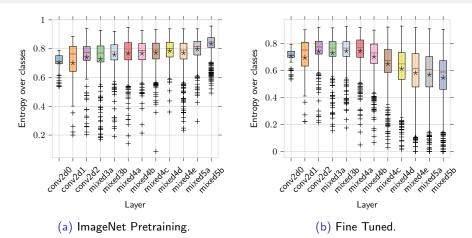


Figure: Boxplots of Entropy over classes on the top 100 maximal activation images for the model fine-tuned on RASTA. For each box, the horizontal line corresponds to the average result and the star to the median.

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### Overlapping ratio before and after the fine-tuning.

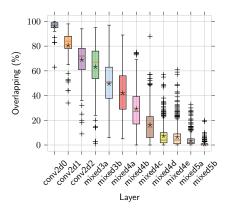


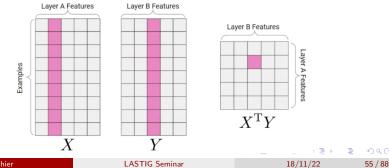
Figure: Boxplots of the overlapping ratio metrics on the top 100 maximal activation images before and after the fine-tuning on RASTA. For each box, the horizontal orange line corresponds to the average result and the star to the median. The crosses are outliers (i.e. points outside 1.5 times the interquartile range).

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### 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.

$$CKA = \frac{\|X^{\mathrm{T}} Y\|_{\mathrm{F}}^{2}}{\|X^{\mathrm{T}} X\|_{\mathrm{F}} \|Y^{\mathrm{T}} Y\|_{\mathrm{F}}}$$
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### Feature Similarity between networks.

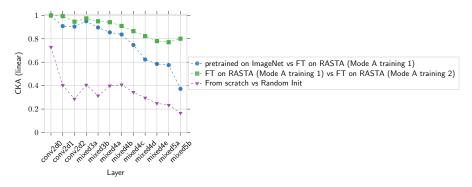


Figure: CKA (defined in eq. 5) computed on RASTA test set for different models trained or fine-tuned on RASTA train set.

• The fine-tuning will make converge the high level layers to a given neighborhood

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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

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### Some detectors may be adapted to the IconArt dataset.



Figure: Optimized Images for channel mixed4c\_3x3\_bottleneck\_pre\_relu:78.

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## 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

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# Texture Synthesis with CNNs

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#### Motivation

### Texture Image



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## Texture Synthesis with exemplar

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

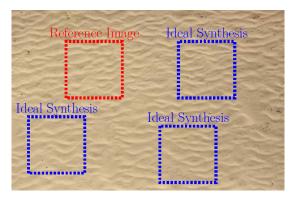
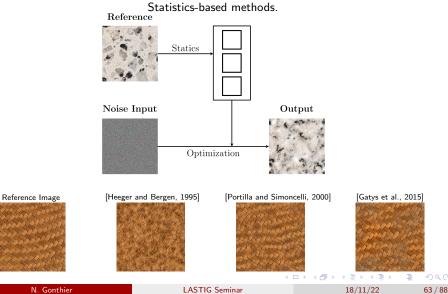


Figure: Examplar of a reference texture with ideal synthesis.

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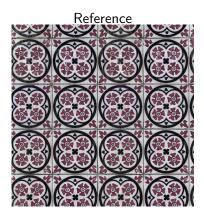
# Texture Synthesis with CNNs [Gatys et al., 2015]

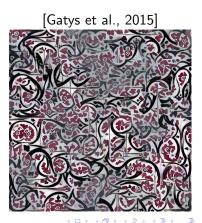


# Motivation

Limitations of [Gatys et al., 2015]:

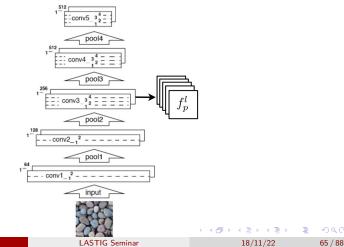
- Large scale regularity especially in high resolution image
- How to model an image





### Texture Model [Gatys et al., 2015]

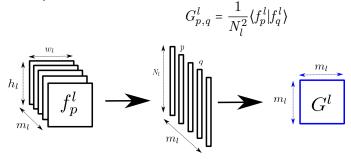
<u>Texture features</u>: Given an exemplar texture  $I \in \mathbb{R}^N$ , we compute the  $m_l$  feature maps  $f_p^l \in \mathbb{R}^{h_l \times w_l}$  of the *l*-th layer of a VGG19 **pretrained** on ImageNet



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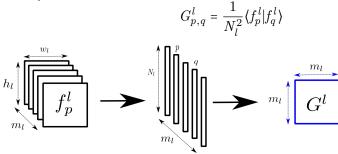
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We synthesis  $\tilde{I}$  by minimizing :

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

by gradient descent with back-propagation through the CNN.

## Improvements of the method

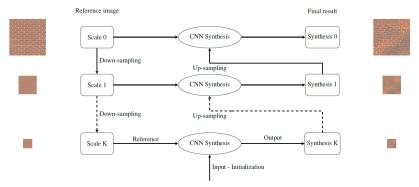
- Speed Up the synthesis:
  - Feed forward generators [Ulyanov et al., 2016, Ulyanov et al., 2017, Risser, 2020]
  - GAN [Jetchev et al., 2016, Darzi et al., 2020]
- Add a corrective term to the loss function:

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

- 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]

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### Multi-resolution strategy



White Noise

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].

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# 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:

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

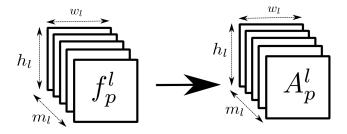
Used by [Galerne et al., 2011, Tartavel et al., 2015].

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### 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]

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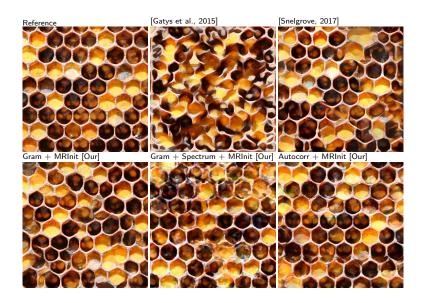
#### Results

# Parameters Setup

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

- [Gatys et al., 2015]
- 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].

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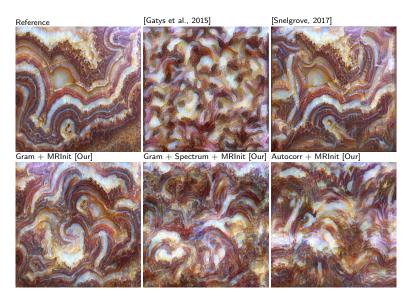
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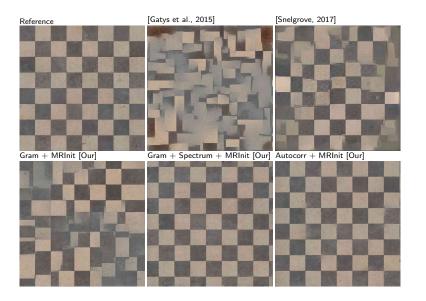
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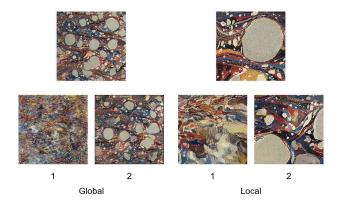


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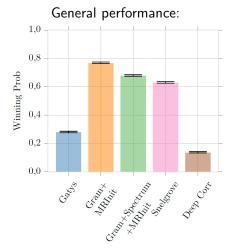
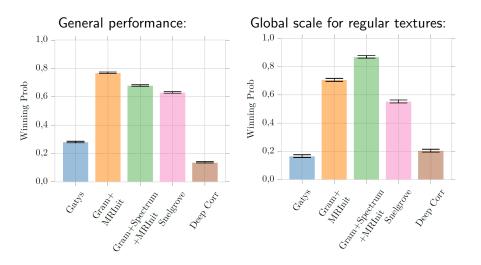


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## Conclusion

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

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