

# Deep Generative Prior

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# Papers

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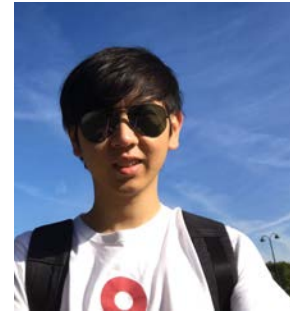
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## **GLEAN: Generative Latent Bank for Large-Factor Image Super-Resolution**

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# Image Priors

$$\min_x \underbrace{E(x; x_0)}_{\text{data term}} + \underbrace{R(x)}_{\text{image prior}}$$



Total variation – denoise  
(Rudin et al. Physica D)

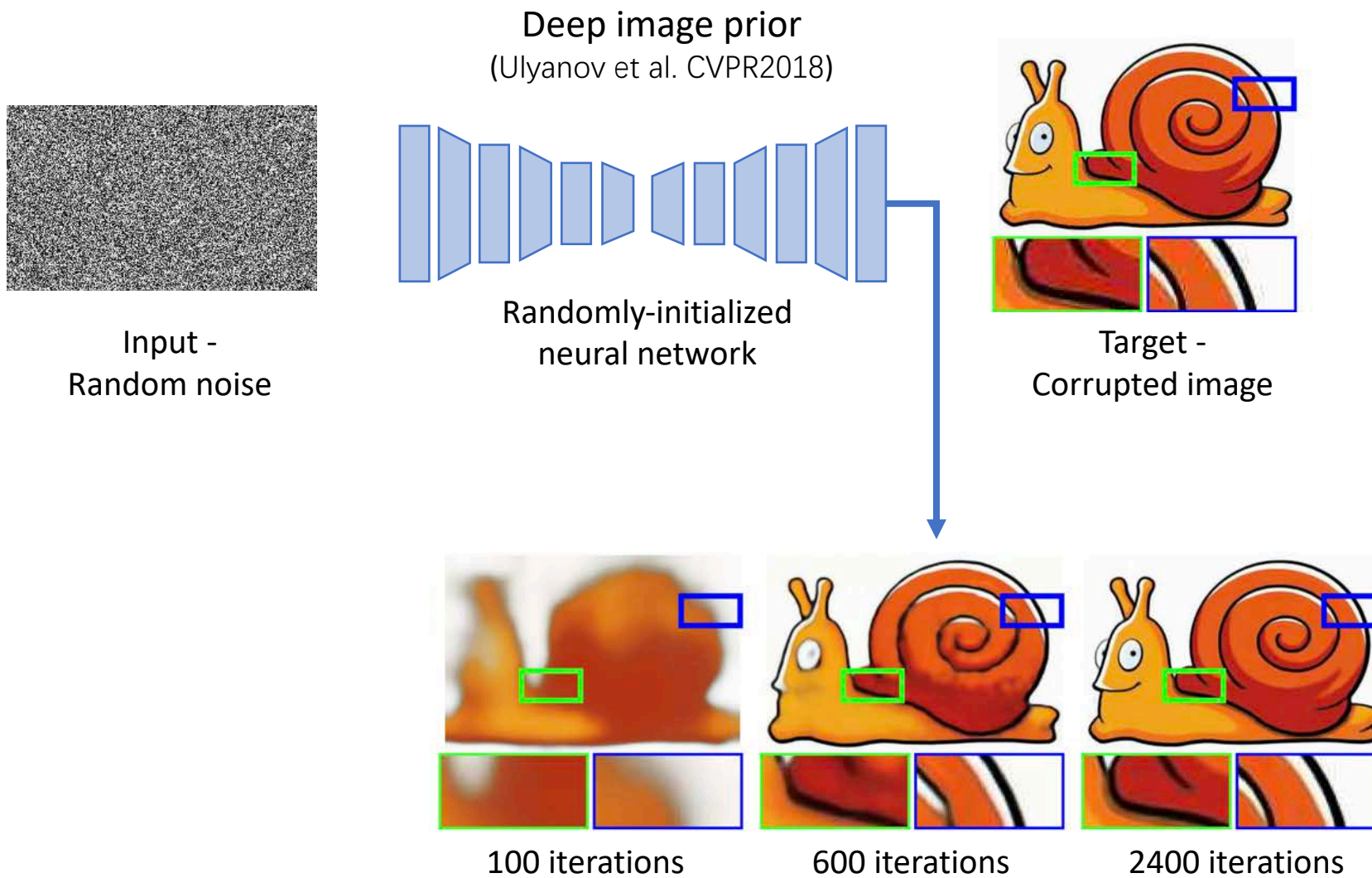


Dark channel prior – dehaze  
(He et al. CVPR2009)



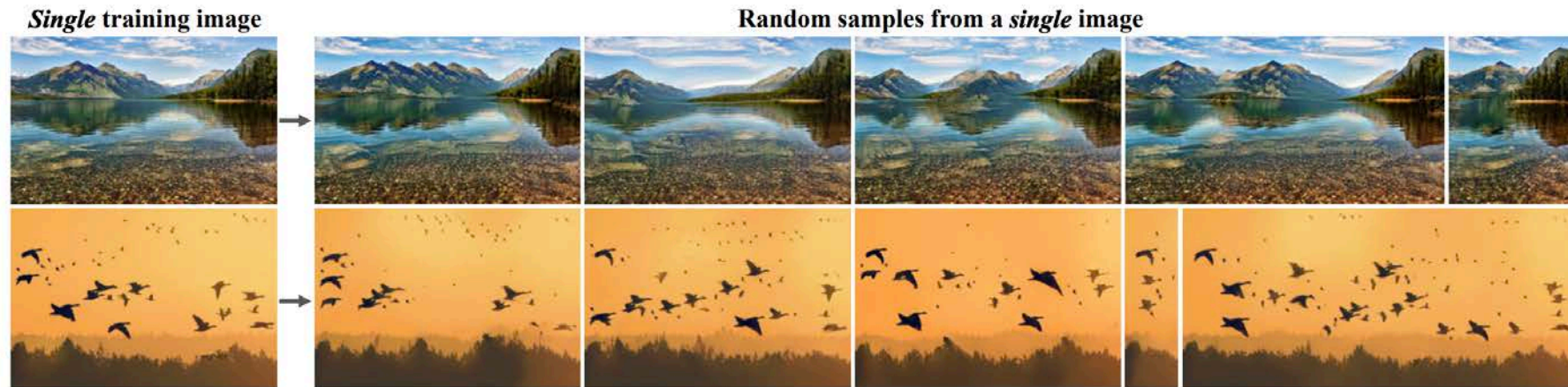
MRF – pixel correlation  
(Roth et al. CVPR2005)

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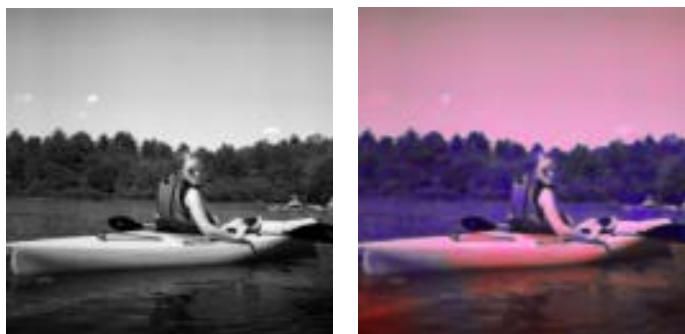
SinGAN

(T. Rott Shaham et al. ICCV2019)

# Deep Image Prior

*CNN and GAN are trained from a single image of interest from scratch*

*Limited access to image statistics beyond the input image*

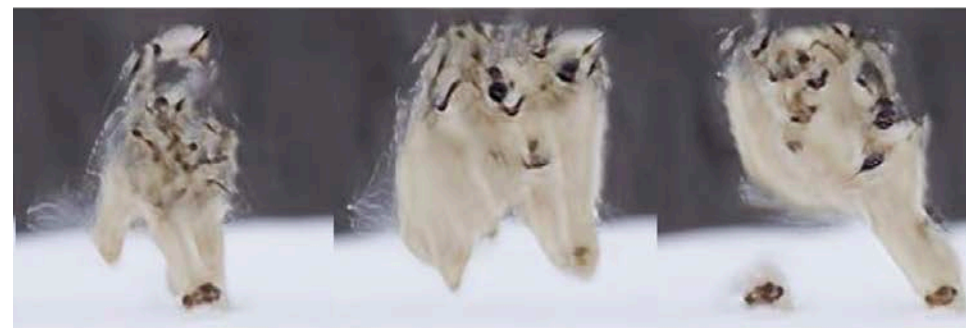


Deep image prior  
(Ulyanov et al. CVPR2018)

Target



Random jittering



SinGAN  
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# Deep Generative Prior



Can we leverage a GAN trained on large-scale natural images for richer priors beyond a single image?

GAN is a good approximator for natural image manifold.

## Challenges

- Cope with arbitrary images from different tasks with distinctly different natures
- Produce sharp and faithful images obeying the natural image manifold



# Applications

## Colorization



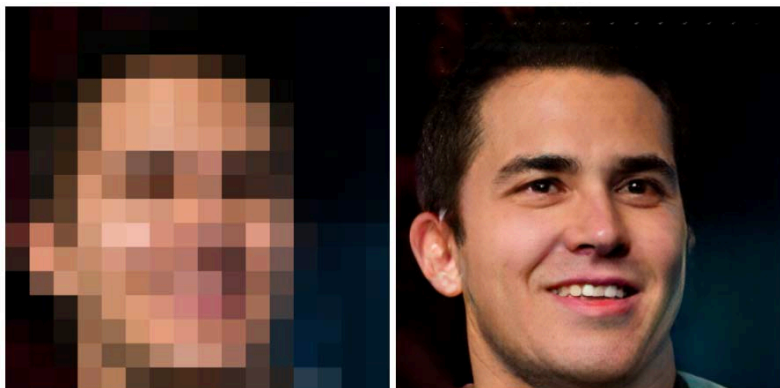
## Inpainting



## Super-resolution



# Applications



Low-Resolution

Super-Resolution



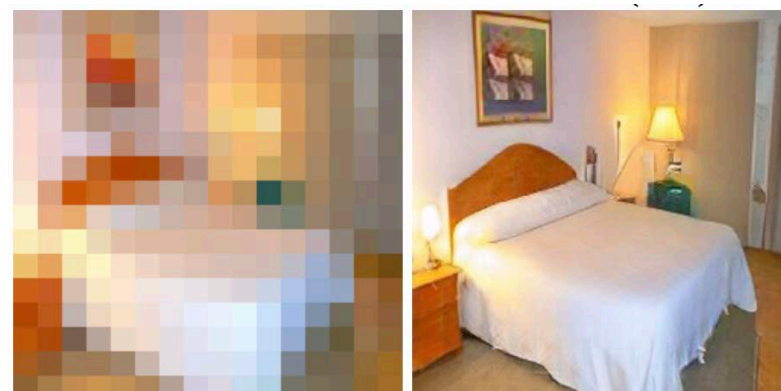
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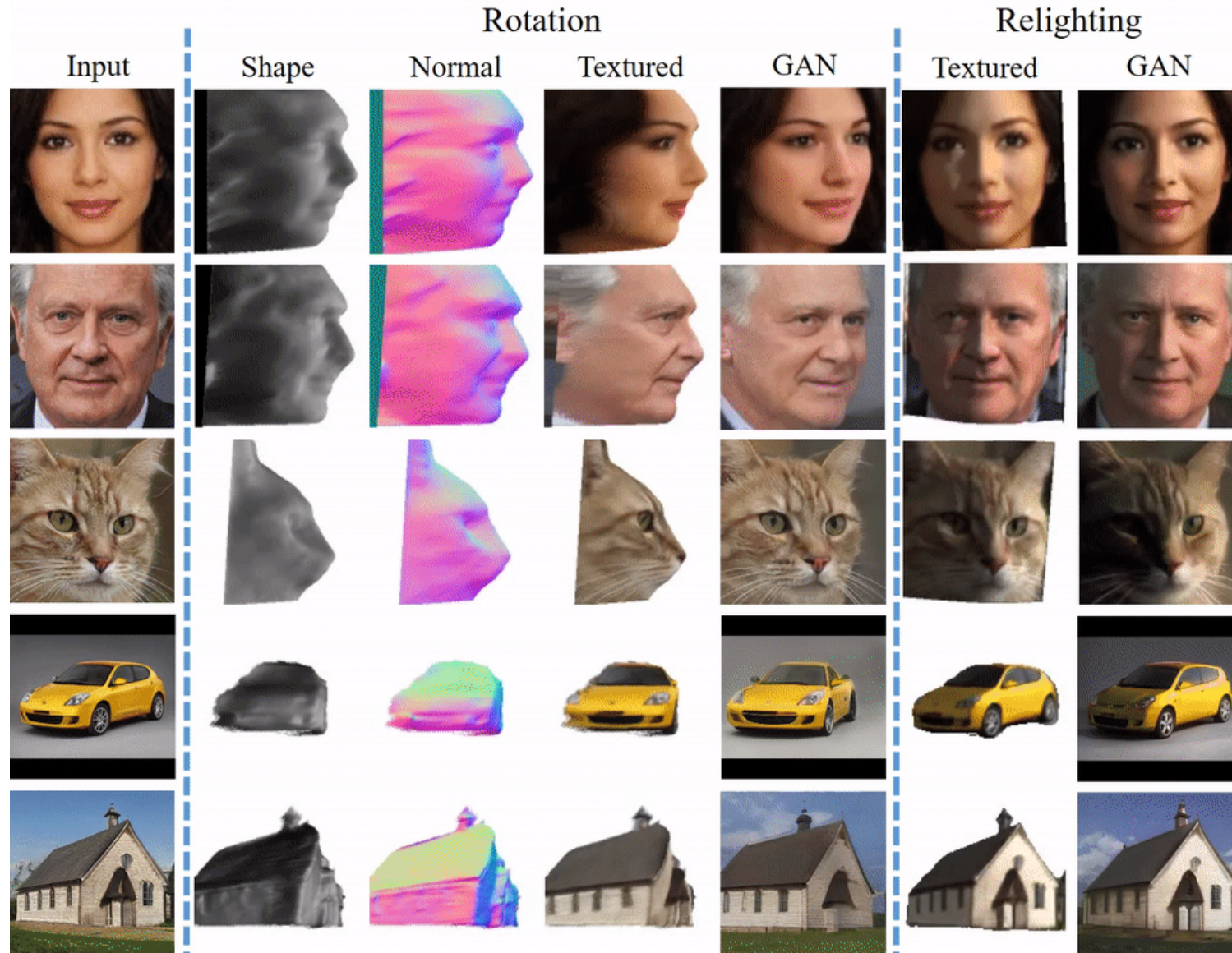


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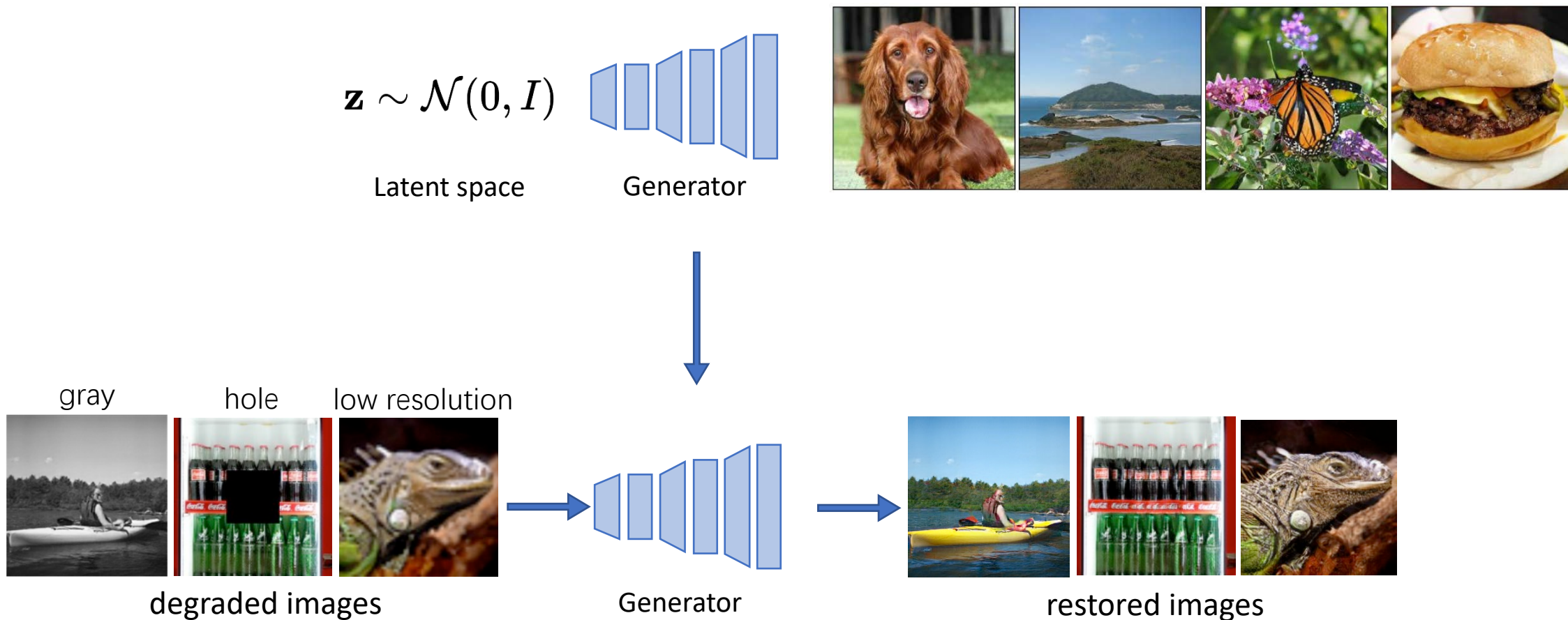


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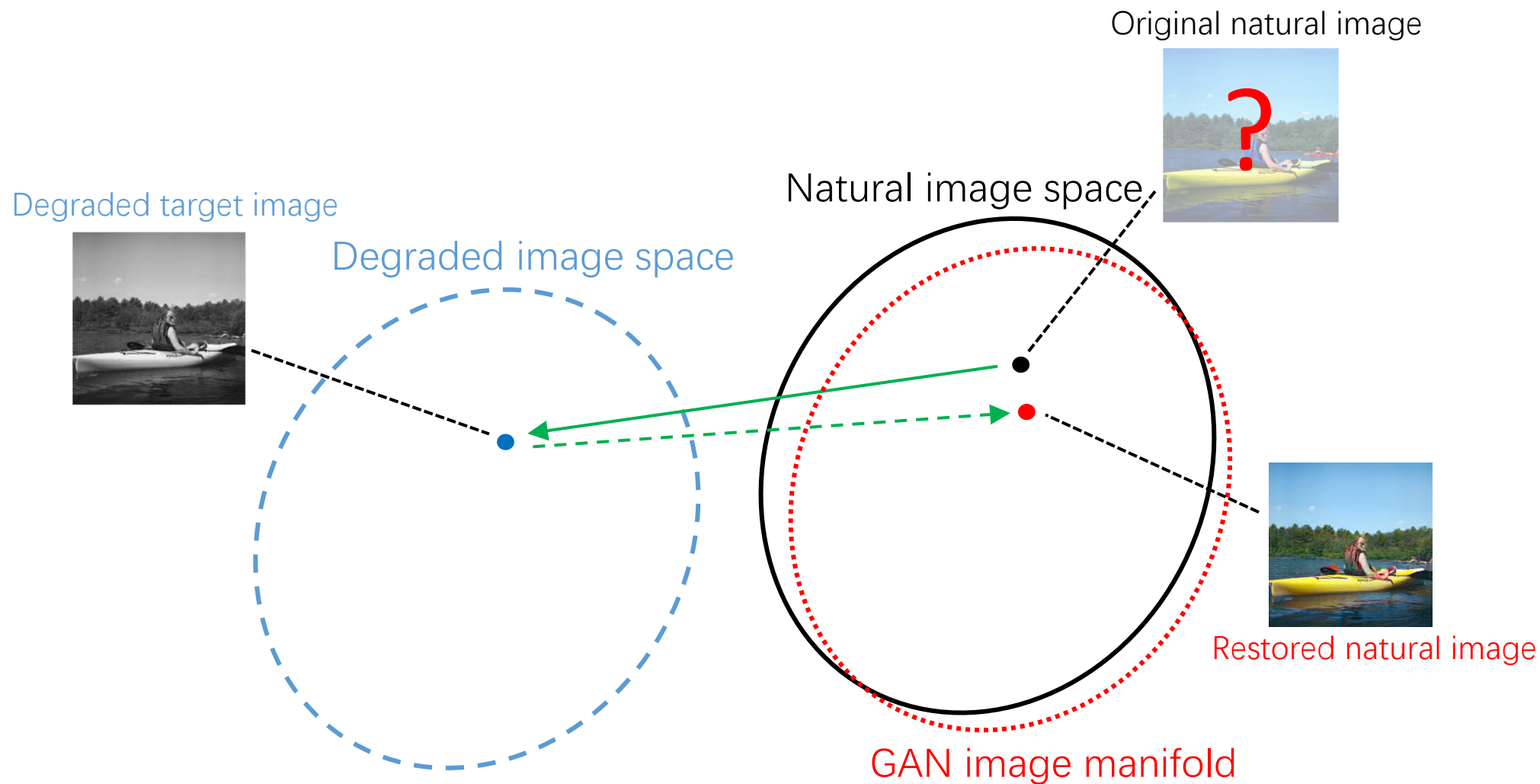
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# Motivation

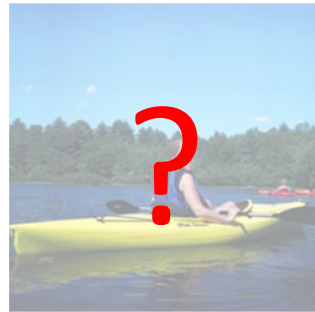
Our goal: exploit generic image prior of pretrained GAN



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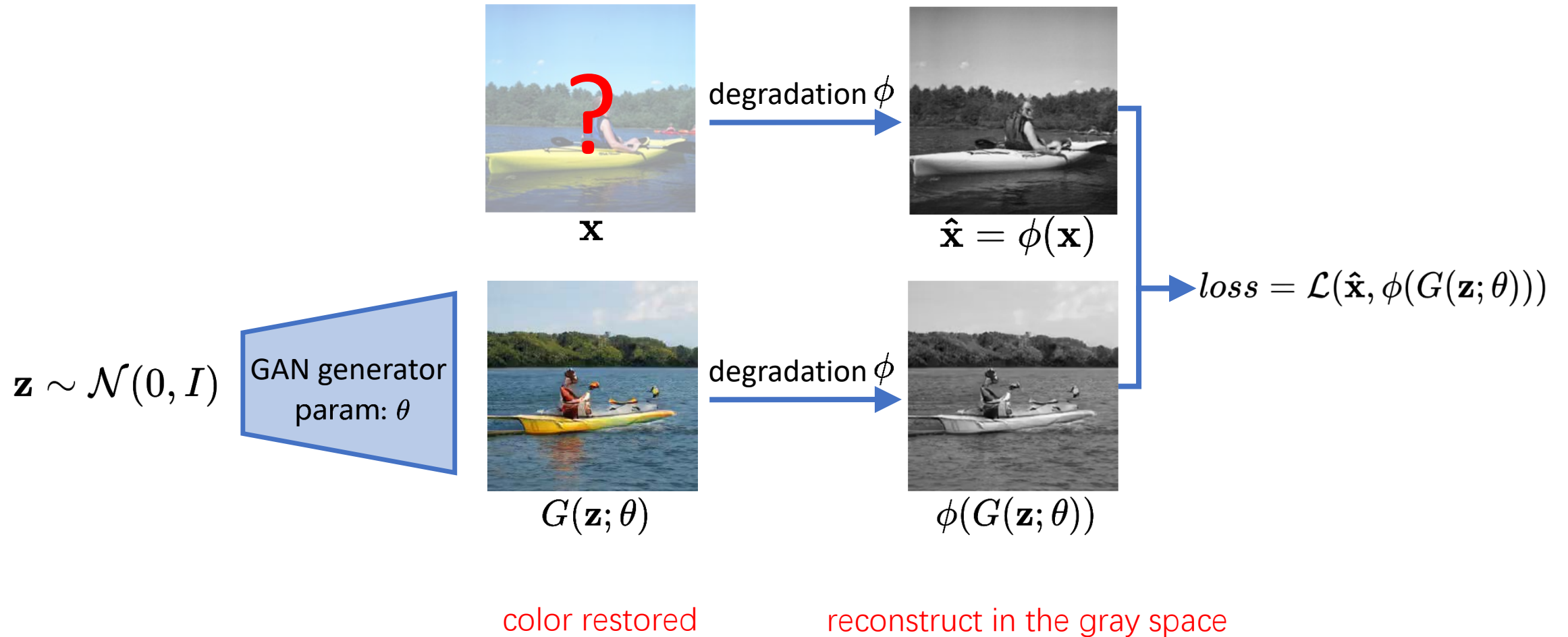
$\mathbf{x}$

degradation  $\phi$



$\hat{\mathbf{x}} = \phi(\mathbf{x})$

# Deep Generative Prior



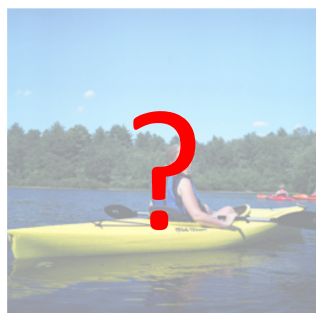
# Challenges of GAN-Inversion

Conventional GAN-Inversion:

Optimize

$$\mathbf{z} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I})$$

GAN generator  
param:  $\theta$



$\mathbf{x}$

degradation  $\phi$



$\hat{\mathbf{x}} = \phi(\mathbf{x})$



$G(\mathbf{z}; \theta)$

degradation  $\phi$



$\phi(G(\mathbf{z}; \theta))$

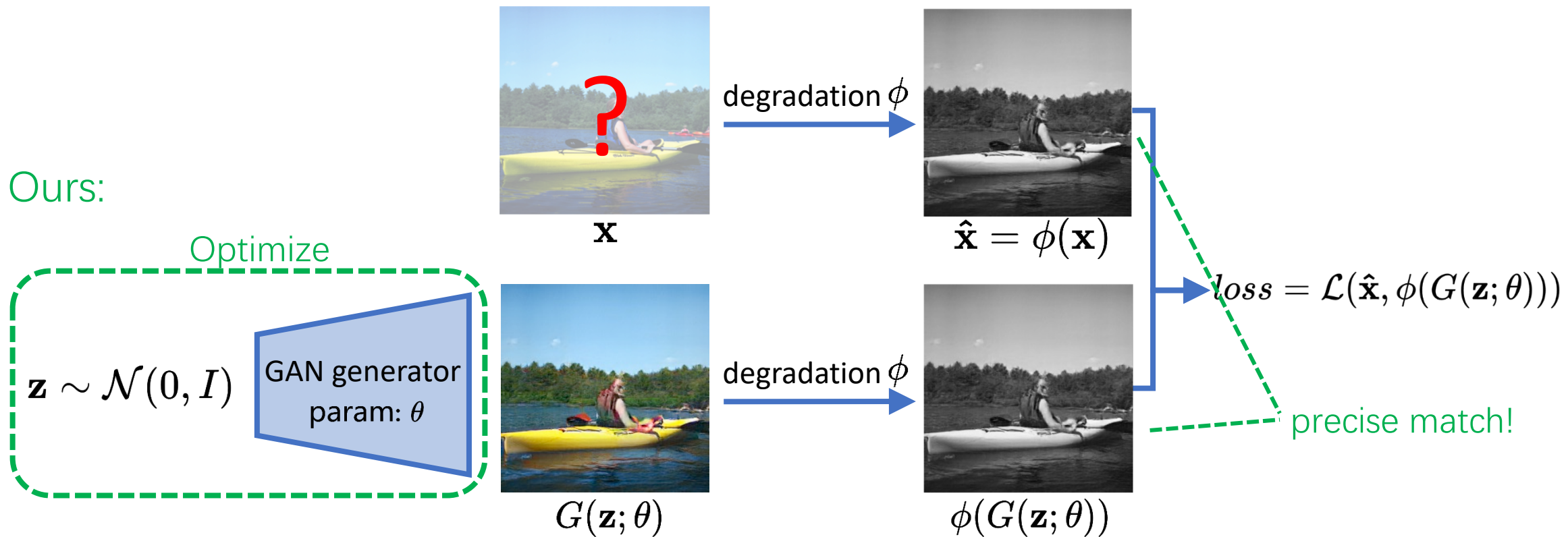
loss =  $\mathcal{L}(\hat{\mathbf{x}}, \phi(G(\mathbf{z}; \theta)))$

mismatch

$$\mathbf{z}^* = \operatorname{argmin}_{\mathbf{z} \in \mathbb{R}^d} \mathcal{L}(\hat{\mathbf{x}}, \phi(G(\mathbf{z}; \theta)))$$

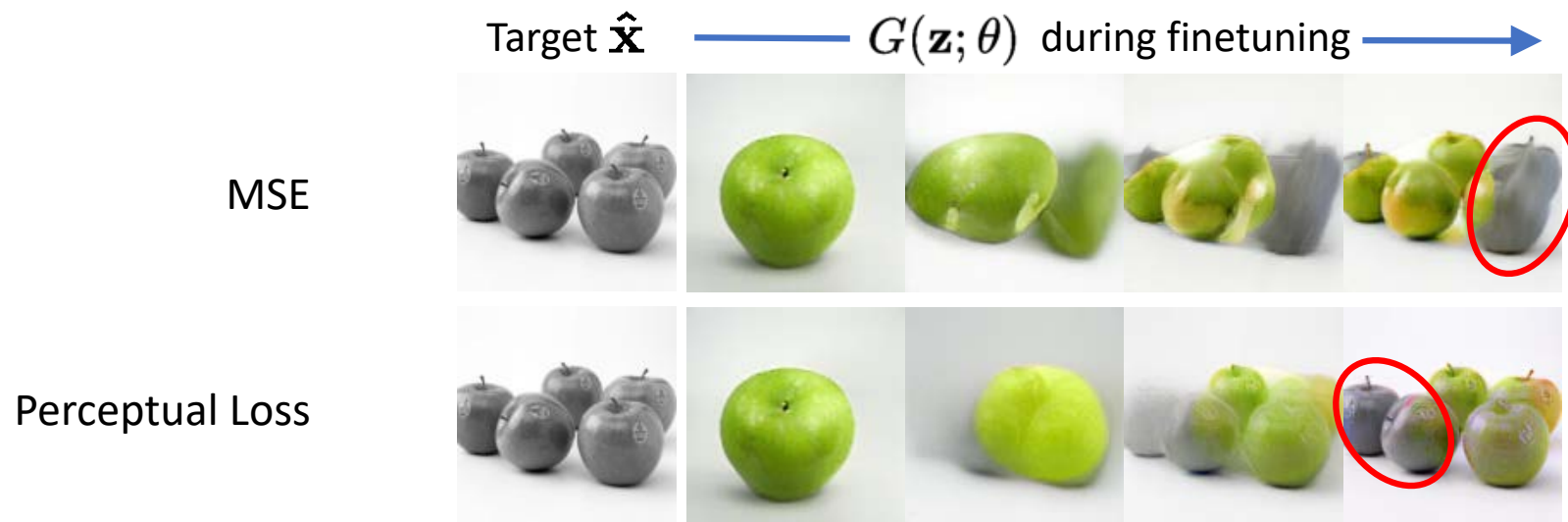


# Solution 1: Relax the Generator for GAN-Inversion



$$\theta^*, \mathbf{z}^* = \operatorname{argmin}_{\theta, \mathbf{z}} \mathcal{L}(\hat{\mathbf{x}}, \phi(G(\mathbf{z}; \theta))) \quad (\text{Relaxed GAN-inversion})$$

# Conventional Loss



# Solution 2: Discriminator Feature-Matching Loss

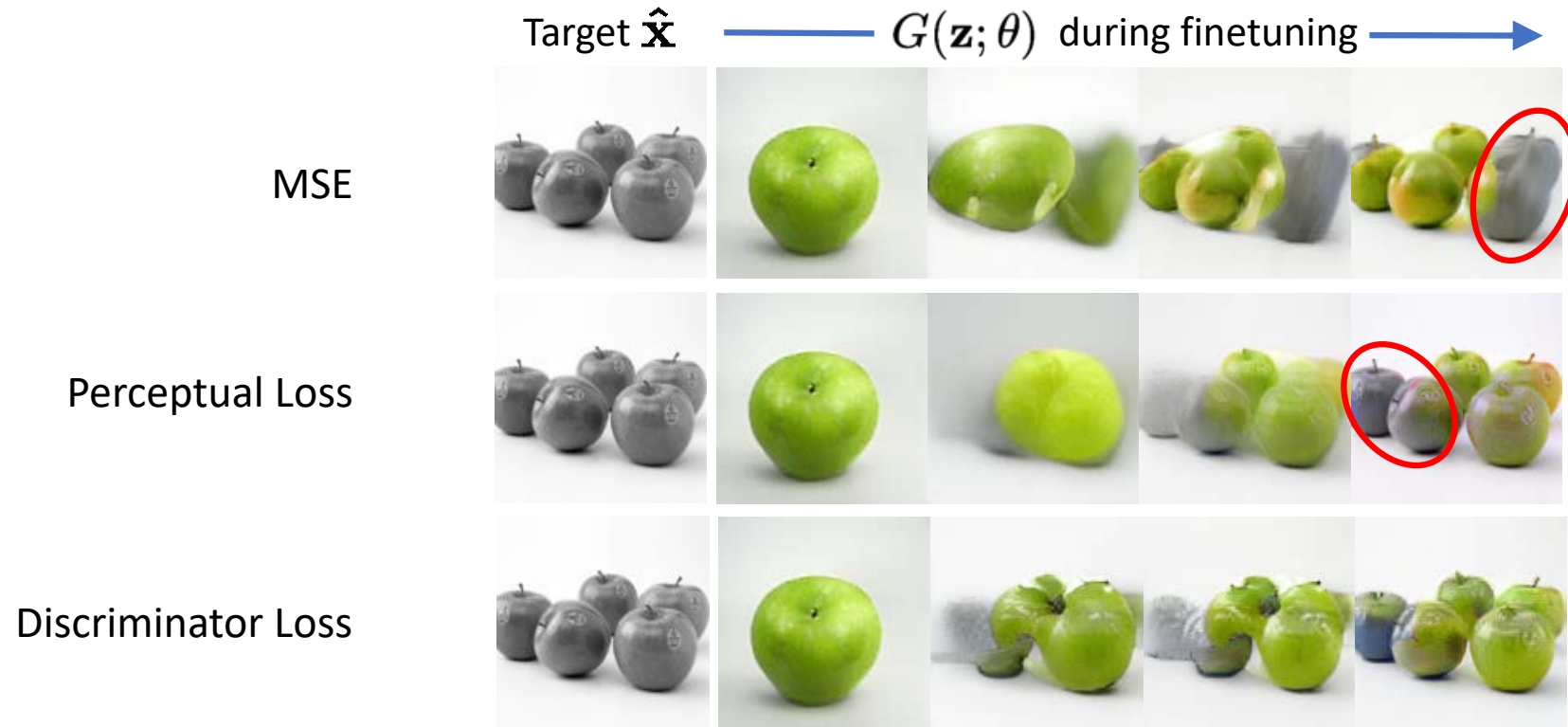


L1 distance in the discriminator feature space:

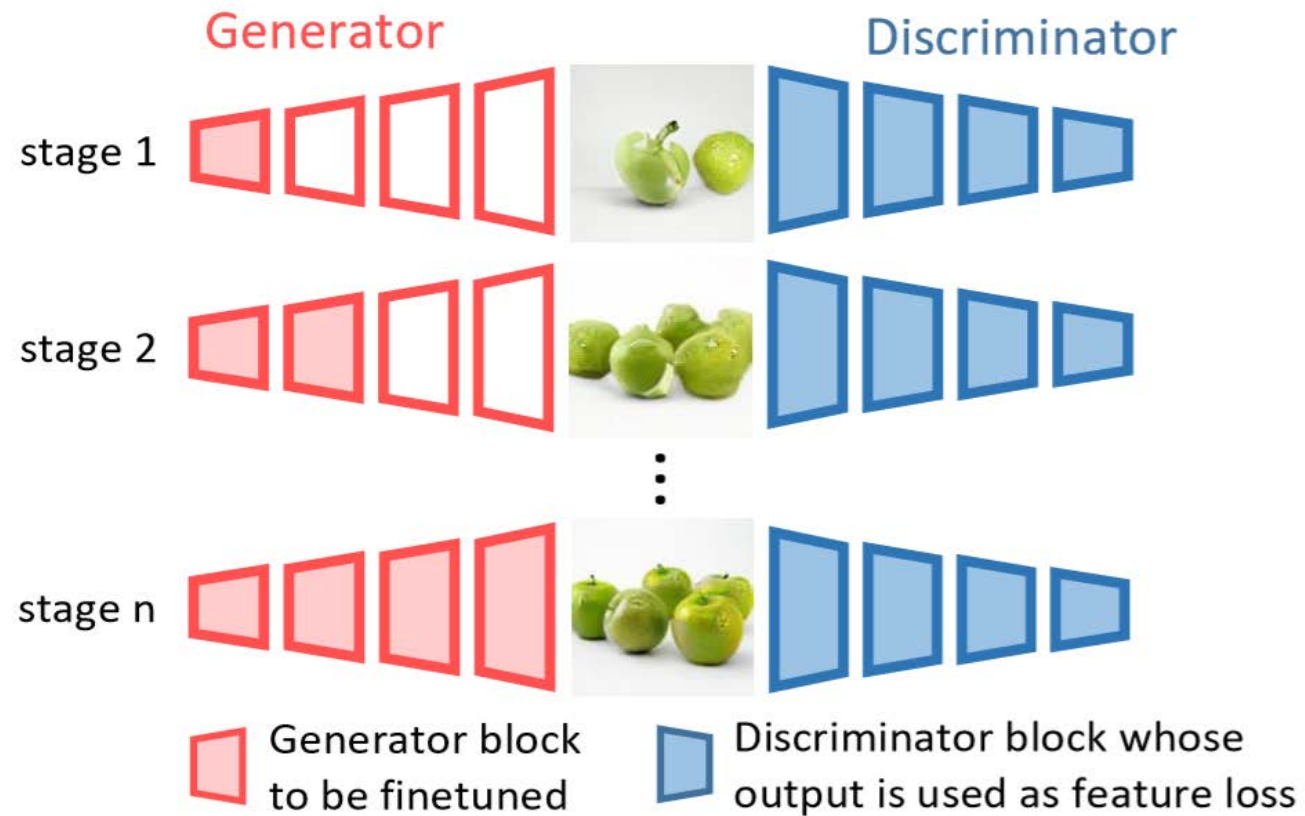
$$\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2) = \sum_{i \in \mathcal{I}} \|D(\mathbf{x}_1, i), D(\mathbf{x}_2, i)\|_1$$

$D(\mathbf{x}, i)$  returns the feature of  $\mathbf{x}$  at the  $i$ 'th block of the discriminator.

# Conventional Loss



# Solution 3: Progressive Reconstruction



# Conventional Loss

Target  $\hat{\mathbf{x}}$  ———  $G(\mathbf{z}; \theta)$  during finetuning ———>

MSE



Perceptual Loss



Discriminator Loss



Discriminator Loss  
+  
Progressive Reconstruction





# Applications

Degradation transform  $\phi(\mathbf{x})$  for different tasks:

Colorization:  $\phi(\mathbf{x}) = 0.2989\mathbf{x}_r + 0.5870\mathbf{x}_g + 0.1140\mathbf{x}_b$

Inpainting:  $\phi(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x} \odot \mathbf{m}$      $\mathbf{m}$  is inpainting mask

Super-resolution:  $\phi(\mathbf{x})$  is Lanczos downsampling operator

Model: BigGAN trained on ImageNet training set (Brock et al. ICLR2018)

Evaluation: ImageNet validation set

# Application: Image Restoration

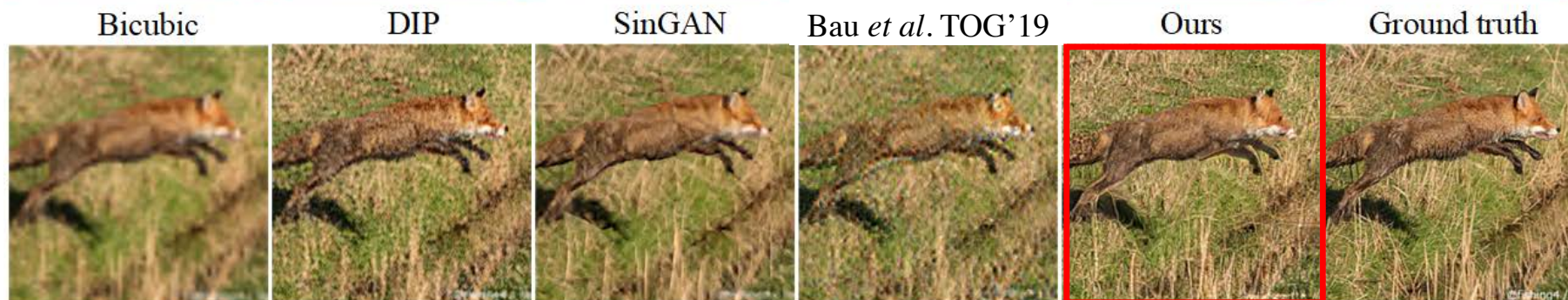
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# Demo: Image Restoration

## Colorization



## Inpainting



## Super-resolution



# Generalization to non-ImageNet Images



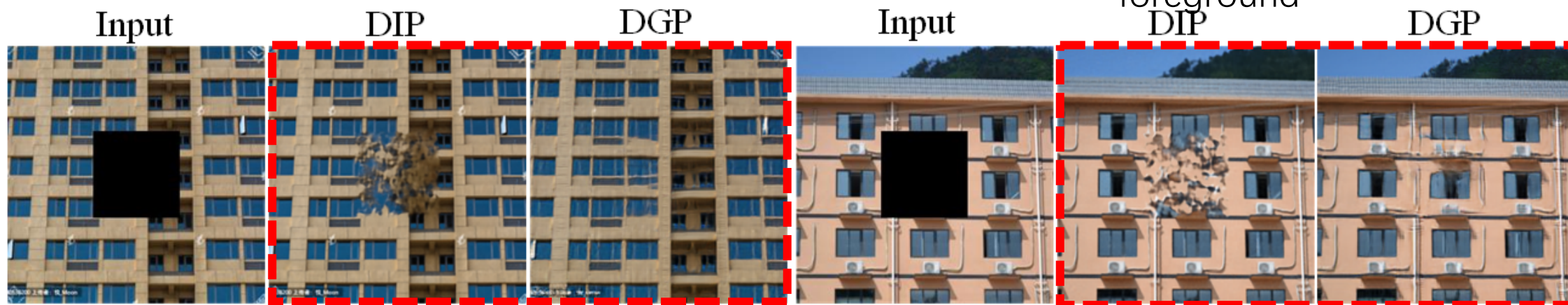
(a) Raccoon



(b) Places



(c) No foreground



(d) Windows

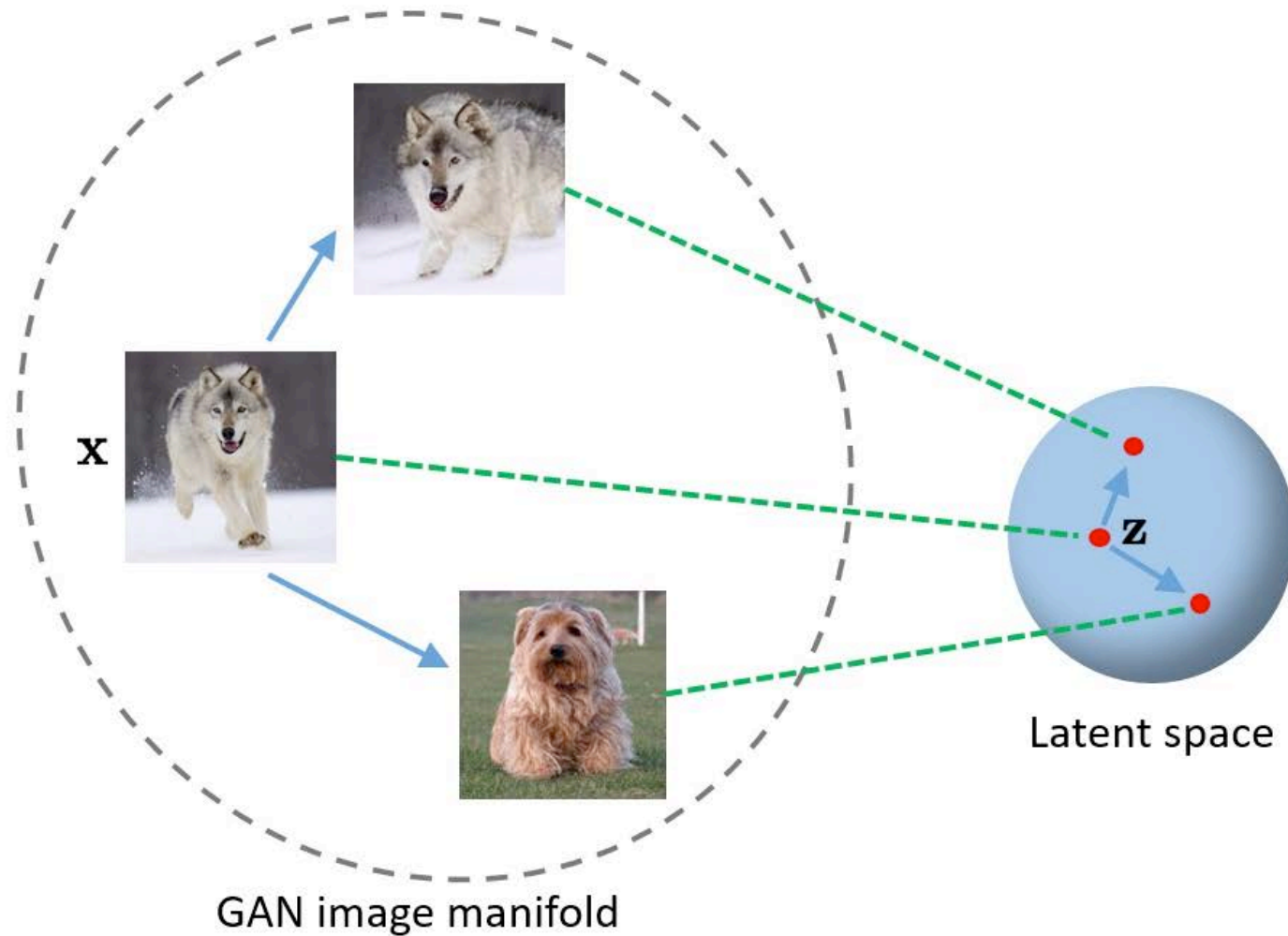


# Flexibility of DGP



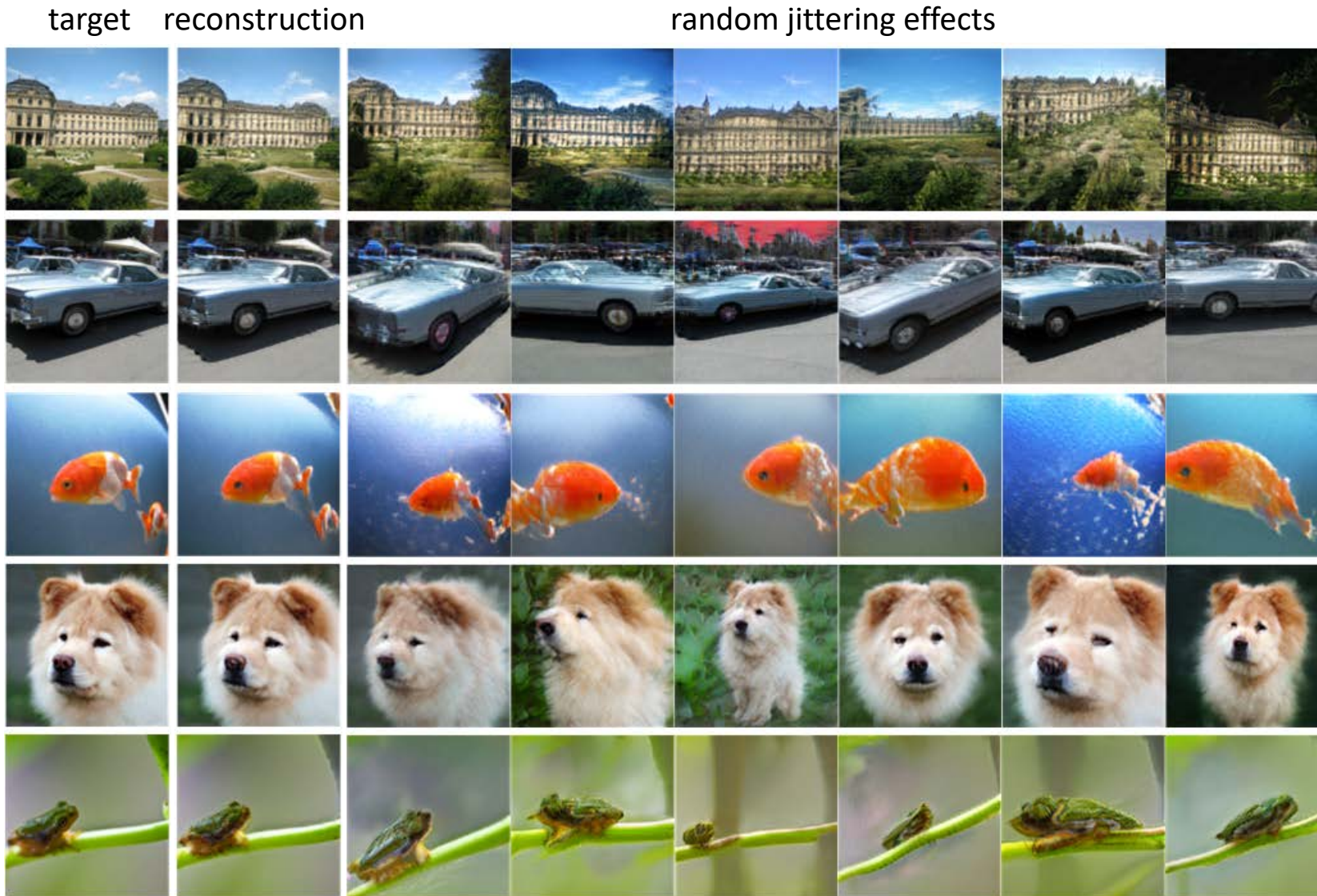
Hybrid restoration

# Application: Image Manipulation

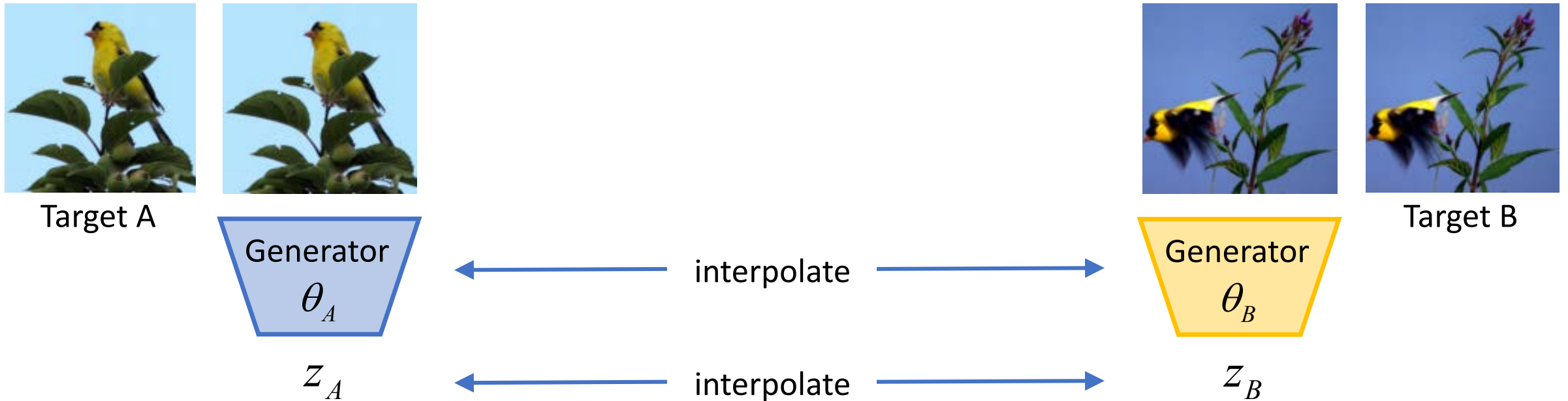




# Application: Random Jittering



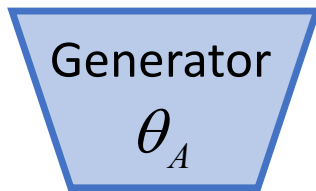
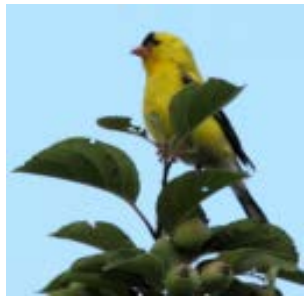
# Application: Image Morphing



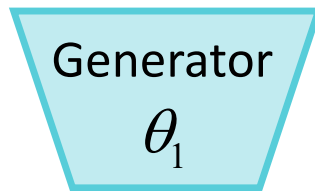
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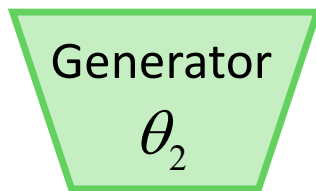
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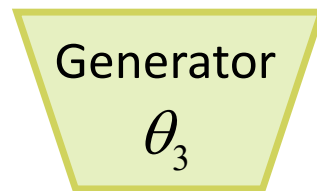
$z_A$



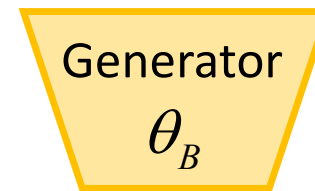
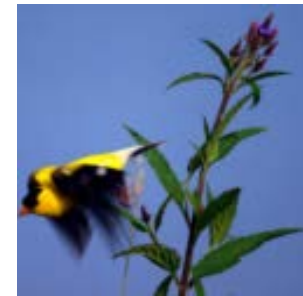
$z_1$



$z_2$



$z_3$



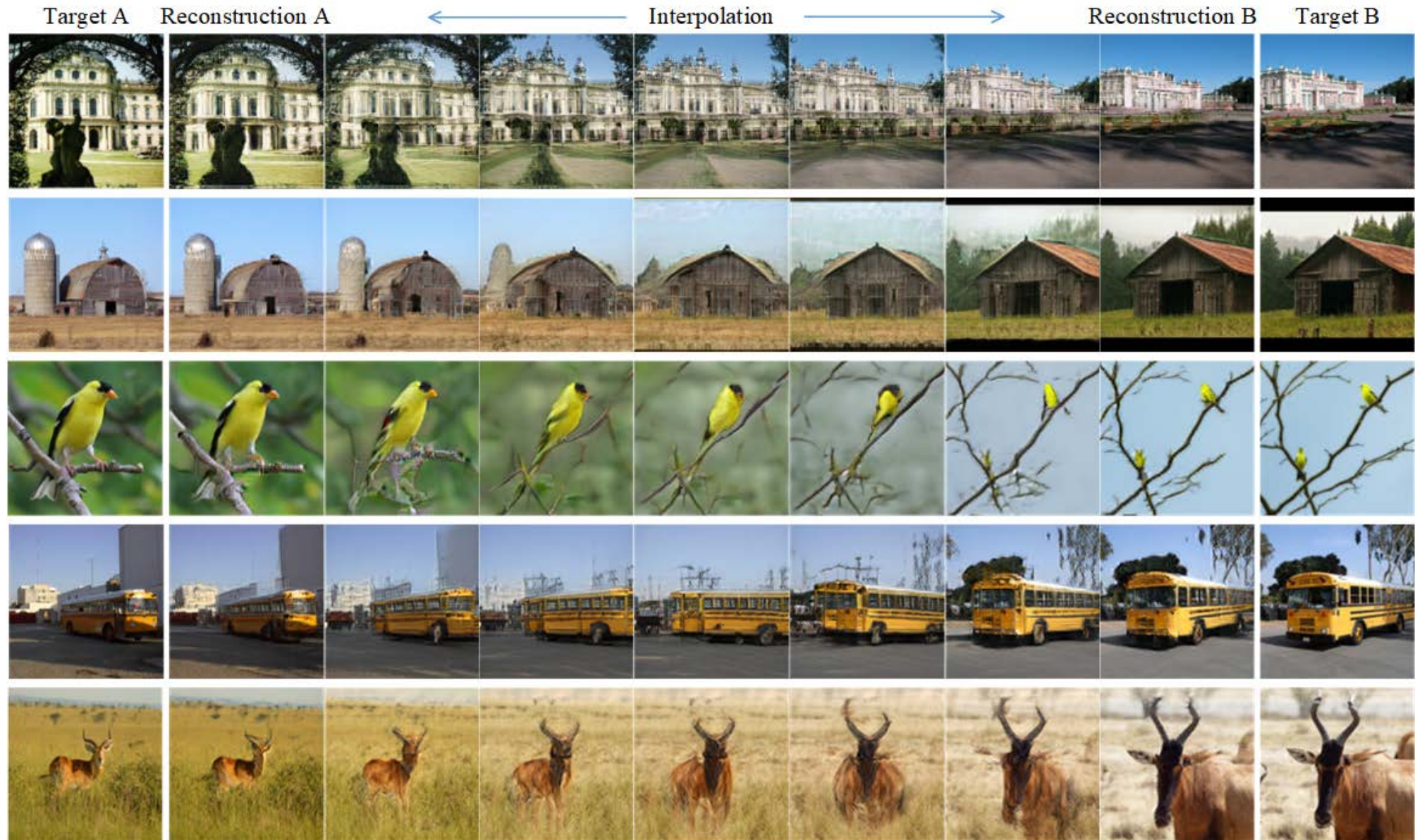
$z_B$



Target B

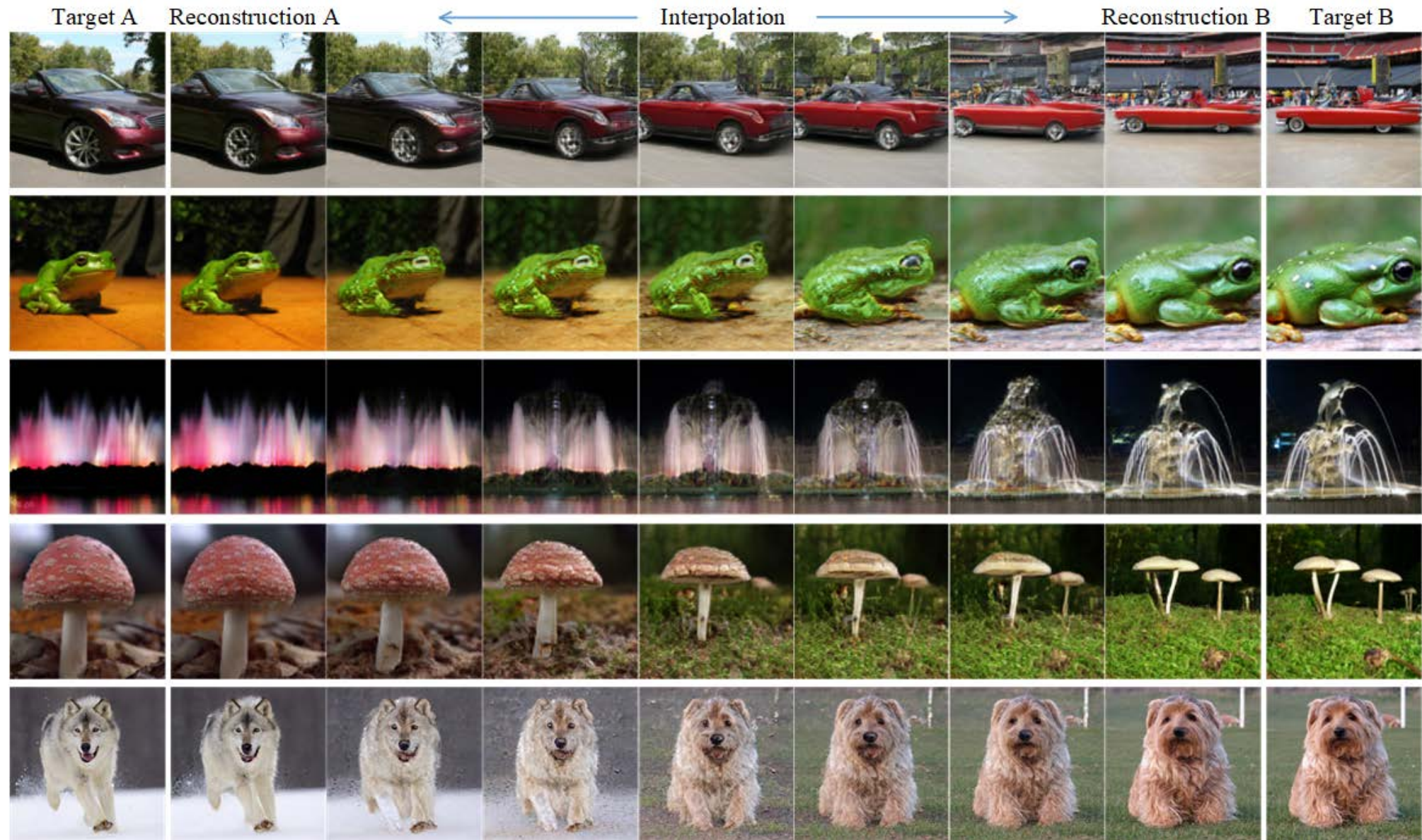


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# Improved GAN Inversion

Relaxed GAN Inversion

$$\theta^*, \mathbf{z}^* = \operatorname{argmin}_{\theta, \mathbf{z}} \mathcal{L}(\hat{\mathbf{x}}, \phi(G(\mathbf{z}; \theta)))$$

Reconstruction strategies

- Feature matching loss from the coupled discriminator
- Progressive reconstruction

Optimization is conducted in an iterative manner for each image at runtime.

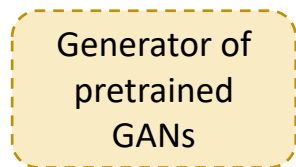
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## GAN Inversion



Need to solve an expensive optimization problem

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## Encoder-Decoder Structure

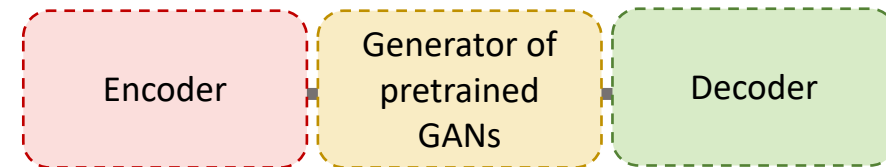


A common architecture

It is typically trained from scratch using a combined objective function consisting of a fidelity term and an adversarial loss

The generator is responsible for both capturing the natural image characteristics and maintaining the fidelity to the ground-truth. This inevitably limit its capability of approximating the natural image manifold.

## Encoder-Bank-Decoder Structure



Lifts the burden of learning both fidelity and texture generation simultaneously

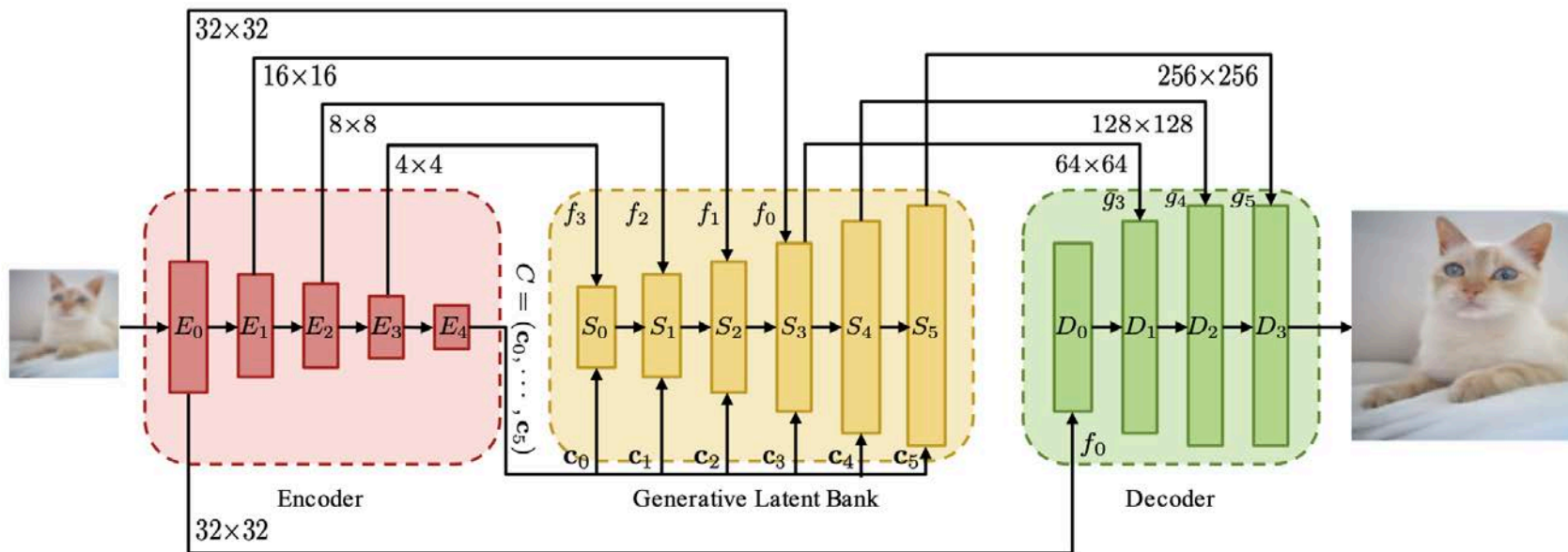
Does not involve image-specific optimization at runtime

Needs a single forward pass to perform image restoration

Inspired by the classic notion of dictionary but exploit GAN as a more effective way for storing priors

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Condition the bank by passing both the latent vectors and **multi-resolution convolutional features** from the encoder to achieve high-fidelity results. Symmetrically, **multi-resolution cues** need to be passed from the bank to the decoder.

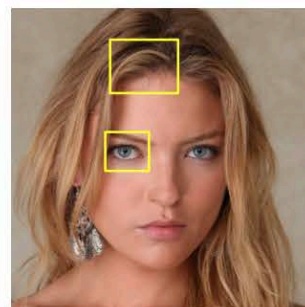
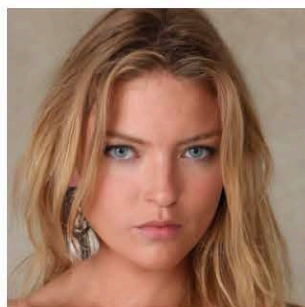
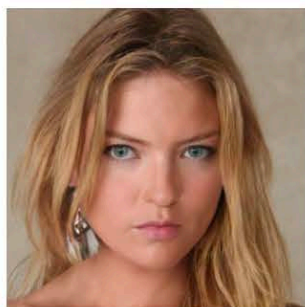
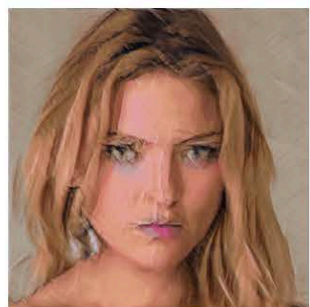
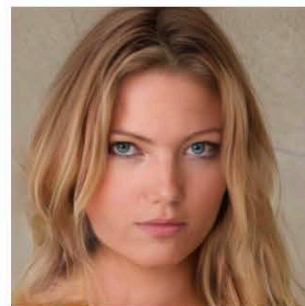
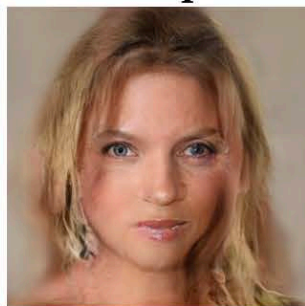
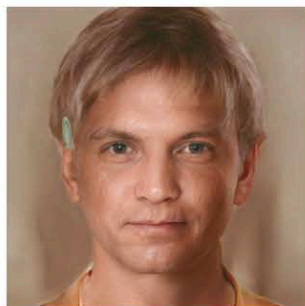
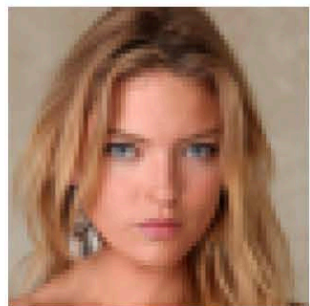
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LR

PULSE

mGANprior

DGP



SinGAN

ESRGAN+

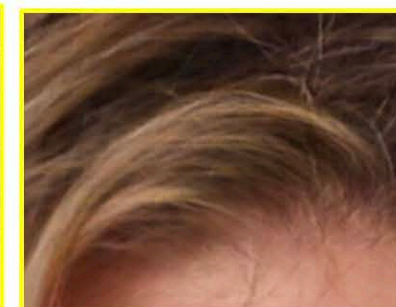
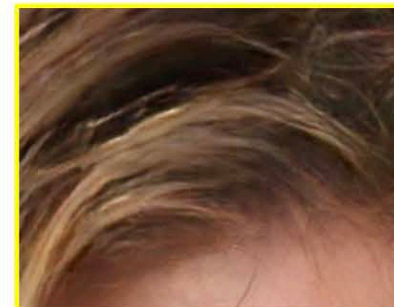
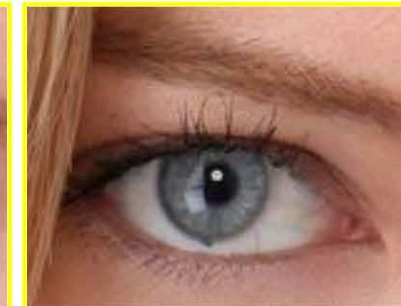
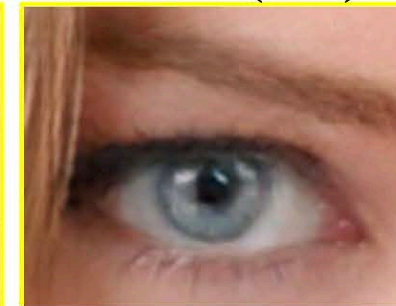
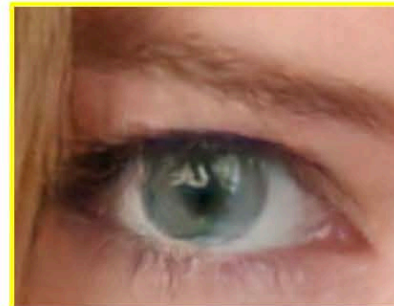
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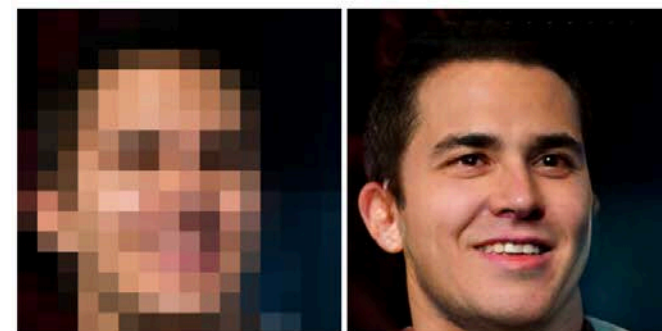
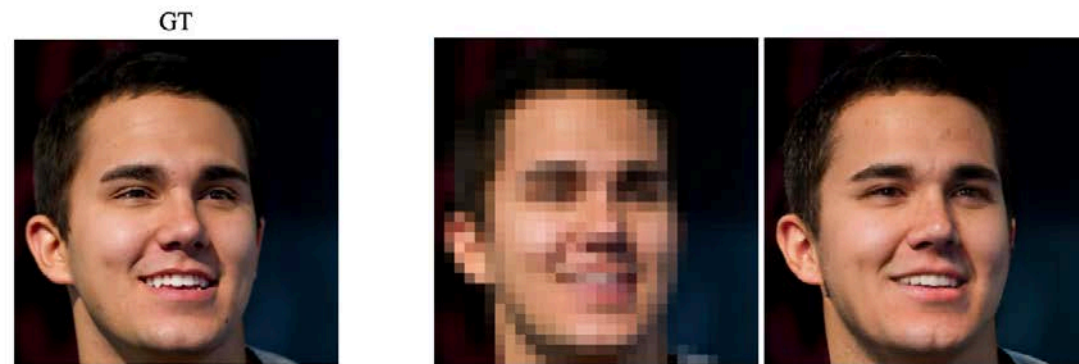
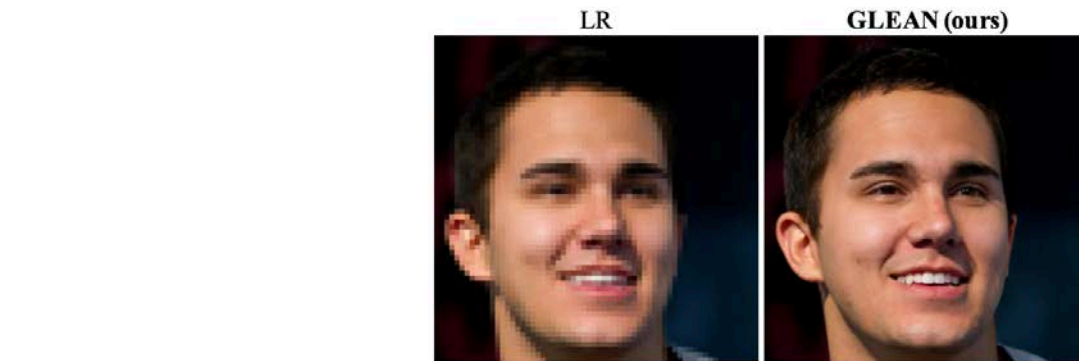
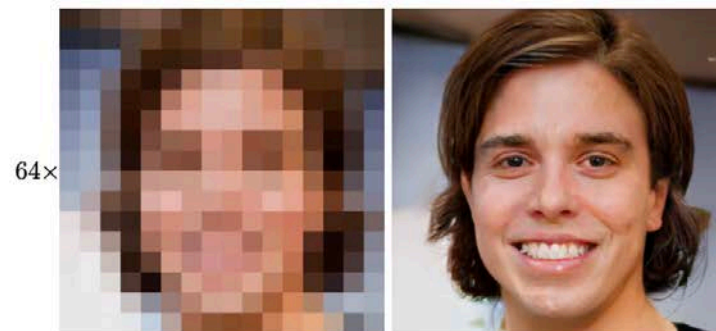
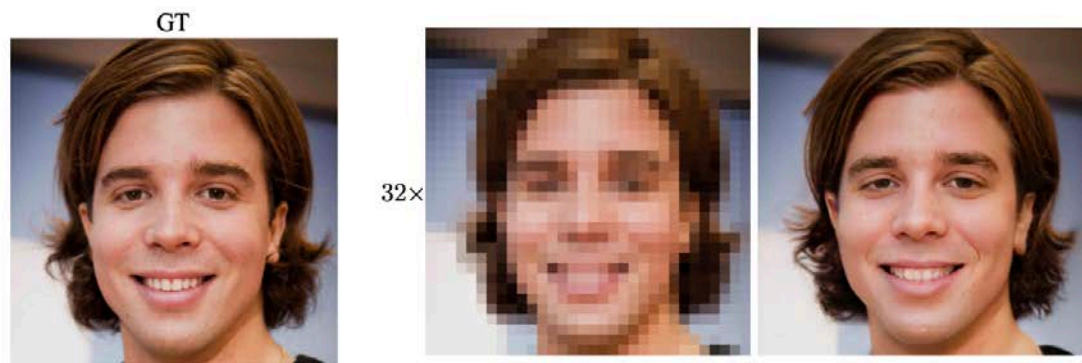
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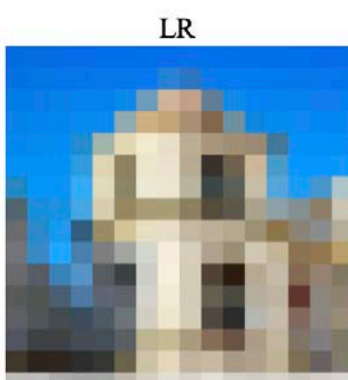
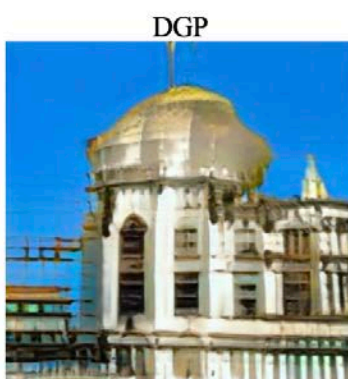
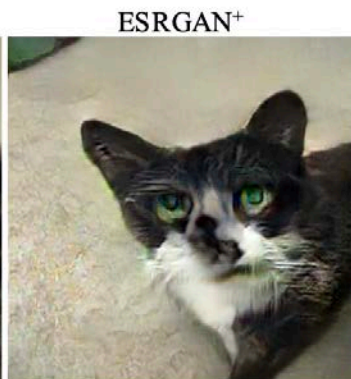




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Pretrained GANs can be exploited in many ways

- GAN inversion
- Encoder-bank-decoder

More results on

<https://ckkelvinchan.github.io/projects/GLEAN>



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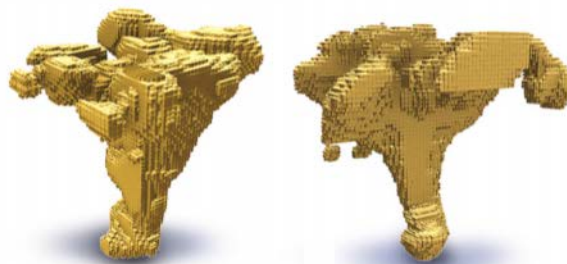


# Prior Work

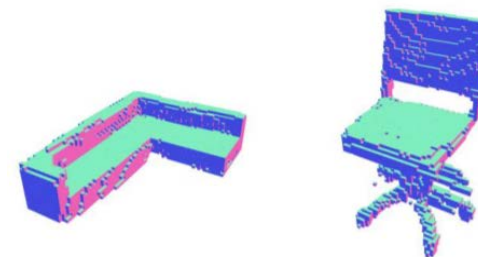
Learning 3D GANs from 2D images: *Need explicit 3D representation for GANs*



Generative3D  
(Szabo et al. 2019)



PlatonicGAN  
(Henzler et al. ICCV2019)



Inverse Graphics GAN  
(Lunz et al. 2020)

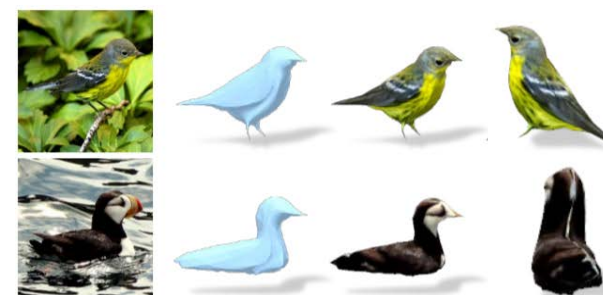
Unsupervised 3D Shape Learning: *Rely on the symmetry assumption on shapes*



Unsup3d  
(Wu et al. CVPR2020)



U-CMR  
(Goel et al. ECCV2020)



UMR  
(Li et al. ECCV2020)

# Do 2D GANs Model 3D geometry?

Natural images are projections of 3D objects on a 2D image plane.

An ideal 2D image manifold (e.g., GAN) should capture 3D geometric properties.

The following example shows that there is a direction in the GAN image manifold that corresponds to viewpoint variation.

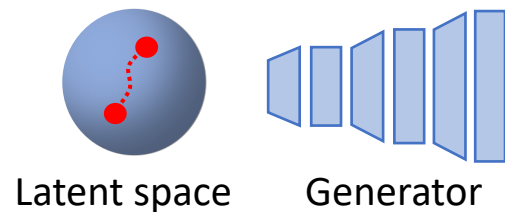


Image space

# Can we Make Use of such Variations?

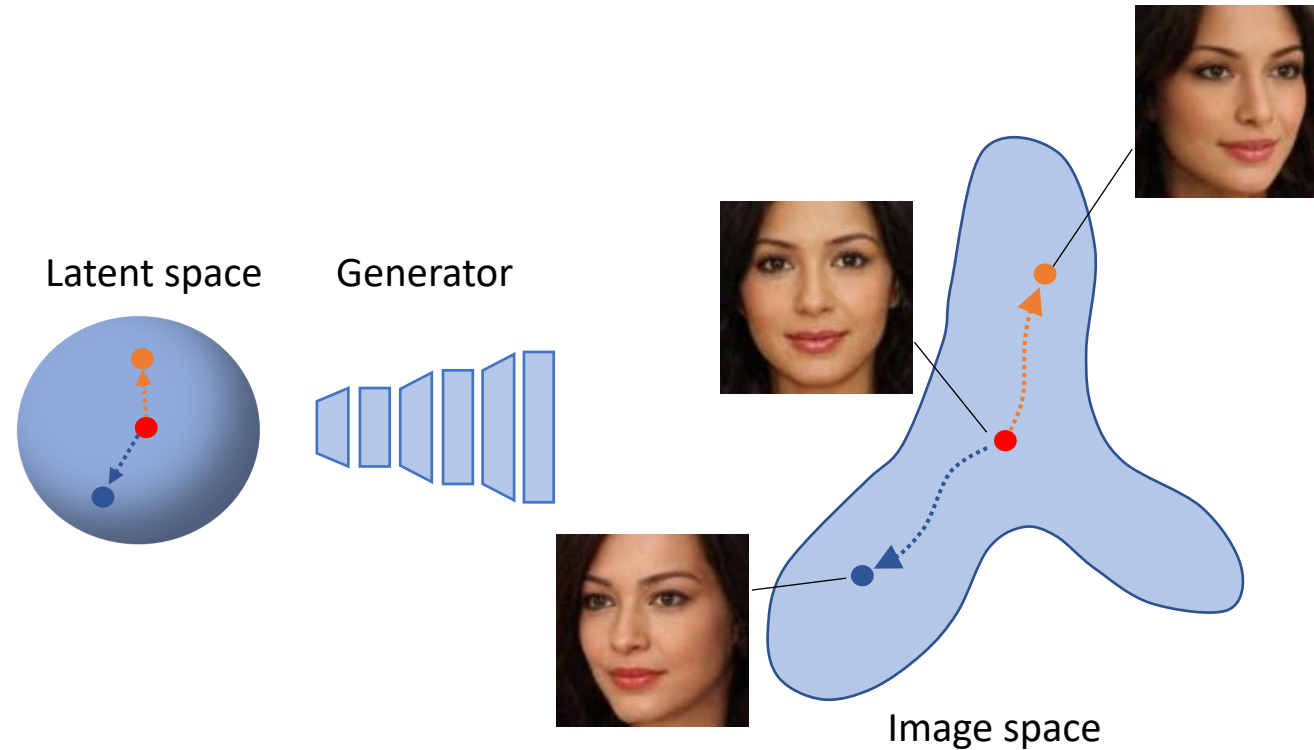
Can we make use of such variations for 3D reconstruction?

If we have multiple **viewpoint** and **lighting** variations of the same instance, we can infer its 3D structure.

**Let's create these variations** by exploiting the image manifold captured by 2D GANs!



# Challenge



It is non-trivial to find **well-disentangled latent directions** that control viewpoint and lighting variations in an unsupervised manner.



# Our Solution

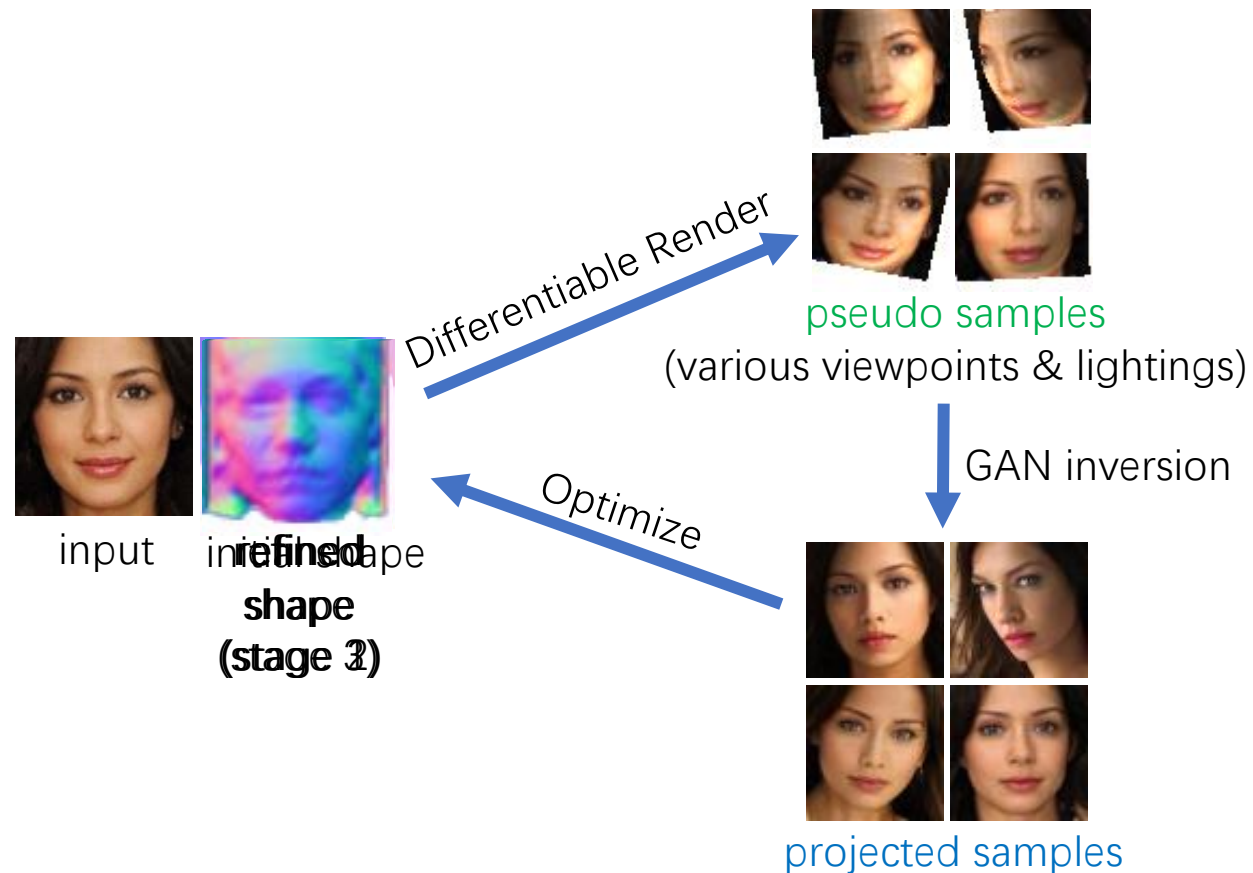
**Idea 1:** Many objects such as faces and cars, a **convex shape prior like ellipsoid** could provide a hint on the change of their viewpoints and lighting conditions



**Idea 2:** Use GAN inversion constrained by this prior to “find” the latent directions.

# Steps

- Initialize the shape with ellipsoid.
- Render '*pseudo samples*' with different viewpoints and lighting conditions.
- GAN inversion is applied to these samples to obtain the '*projected samples*'
- '*Projected samples*' are used as the ground truth of the rendering process to optimize the 3D shape.
- Iterative training to progressively refine the shape.



# Methodology

## Step1:

Initialize shape with ellipsoid.  
Optimize albedo network  $A$ .

## Step2:

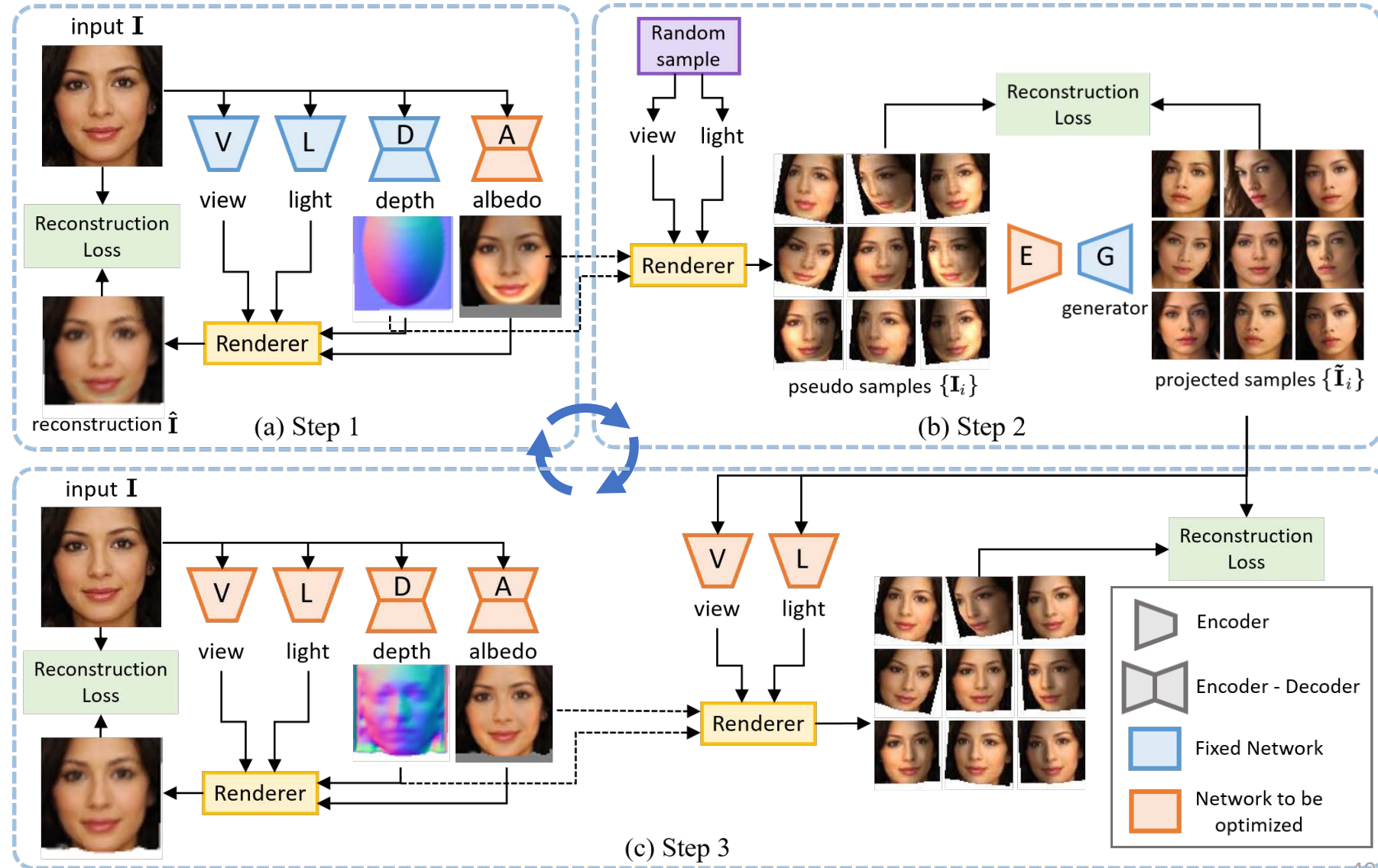
Render 'pseudo samples' with various viewpoints & lightings.  
Perform GAN inversion to the pseudo samples to obtain the 'projected samples'.

Optimize latent encoder  $E$ .

## Step3:

Reconstruct 'projected samples' with shared depth & albedo and independent view & light.

Optimize network  $V, L, D, A$ .



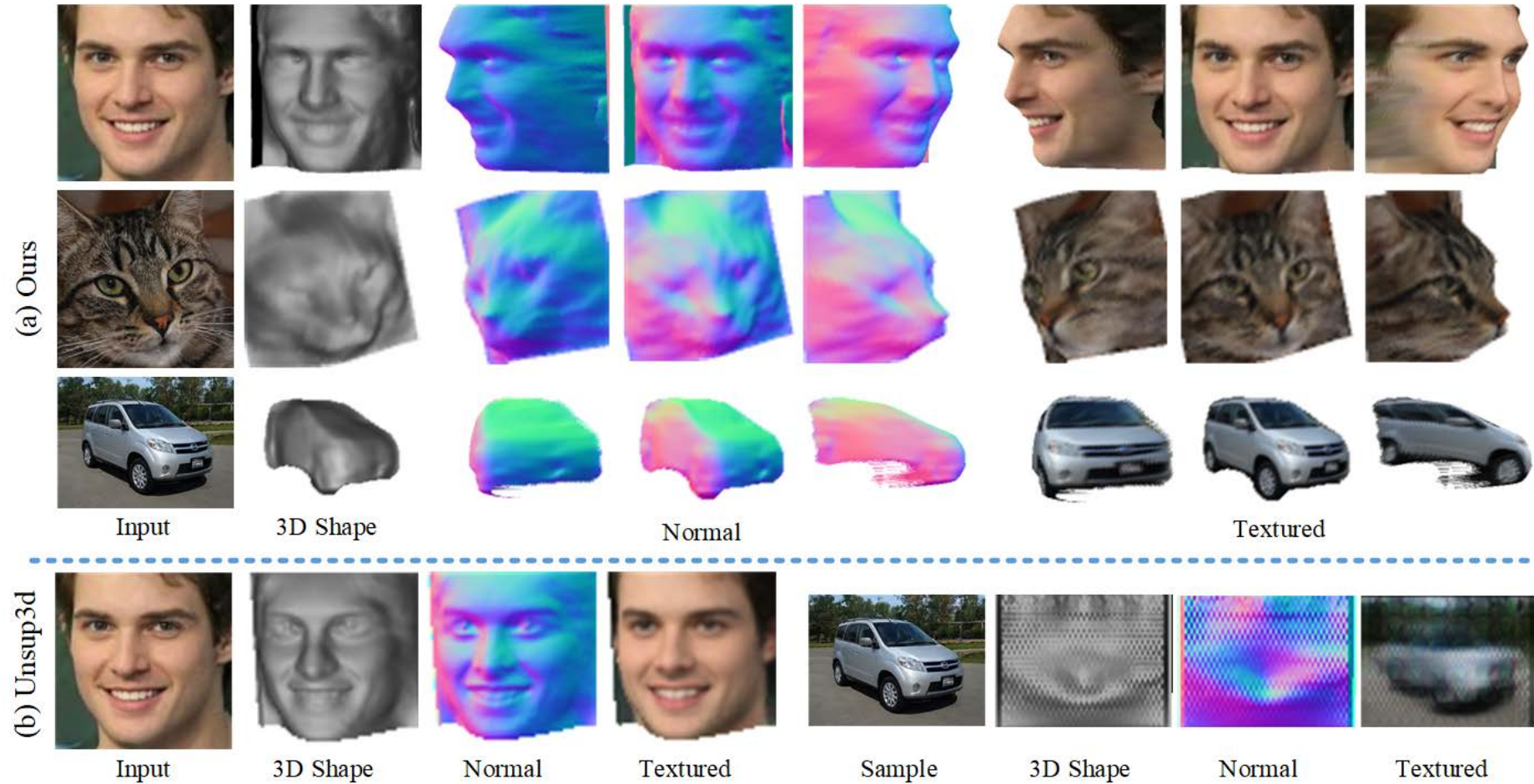
# 3D Reconstruction Results

Without any 2D keypoint or 3D annotations

Unsupervised 3D shape reconstruction from unconstrained 2D images

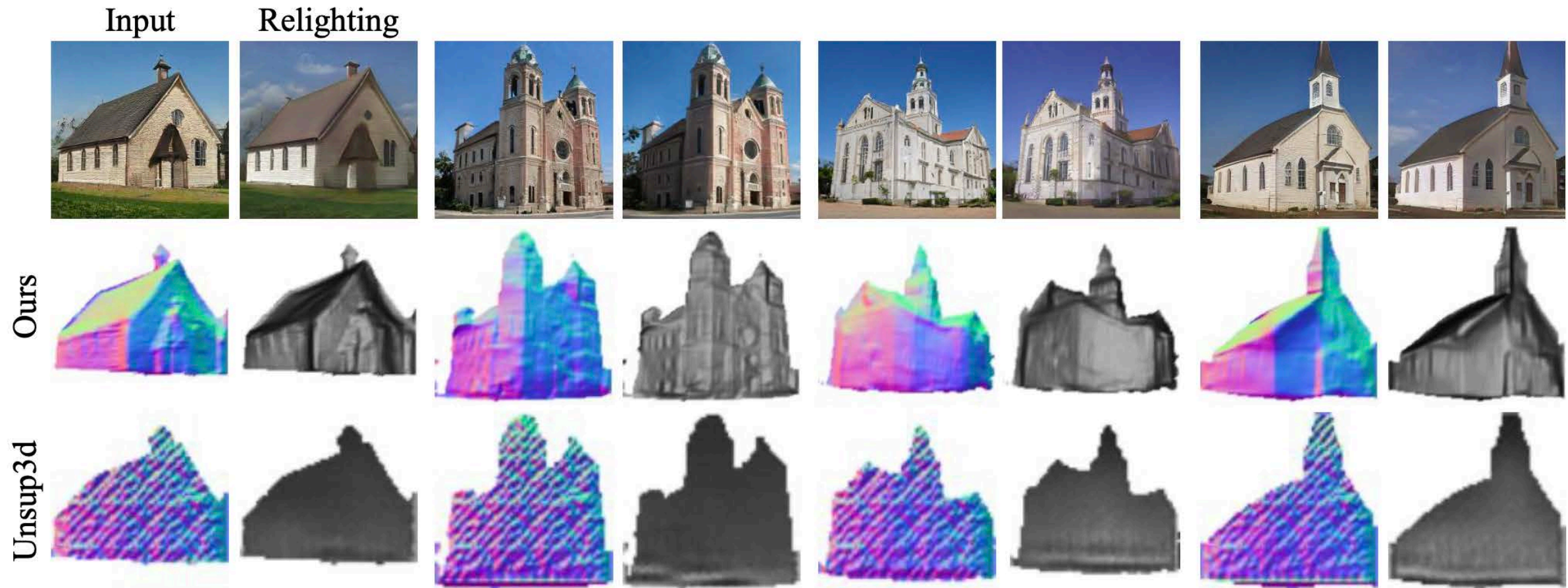
Without symmetry assumption

Work on many object categories such as human faces, cars, buildings, etc.

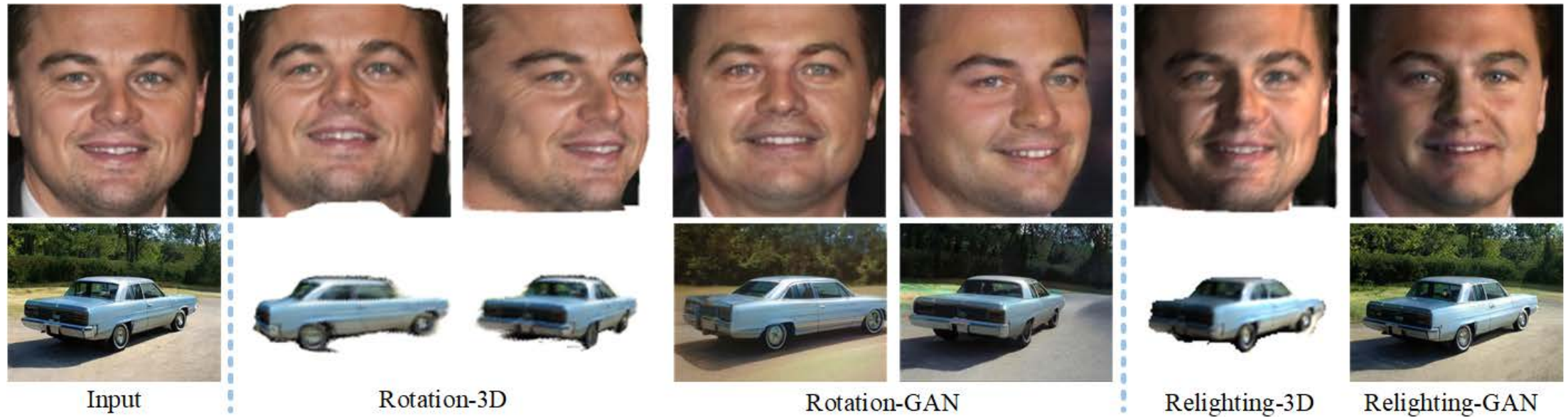




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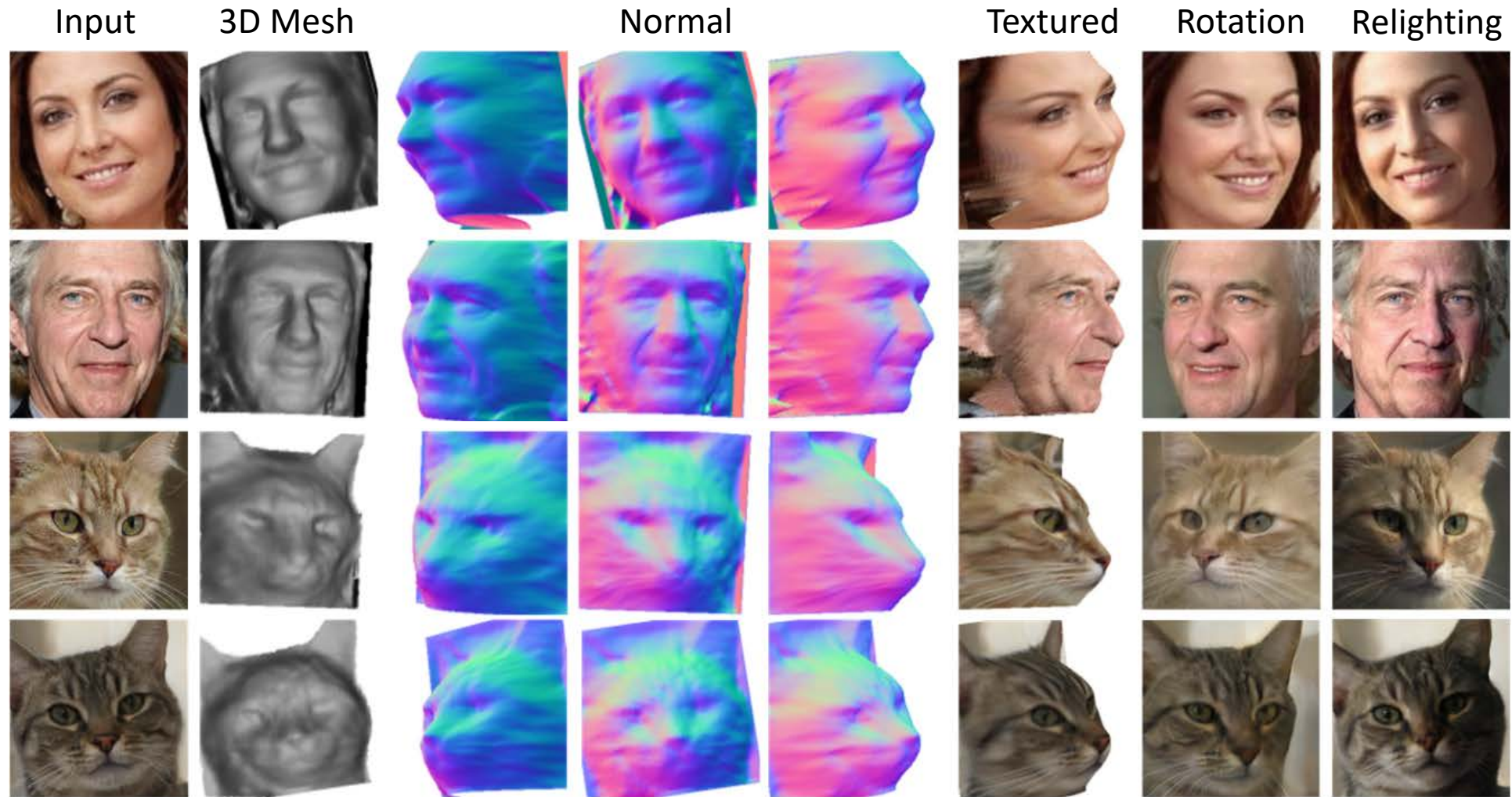
# 3D-aware Image Manipulation



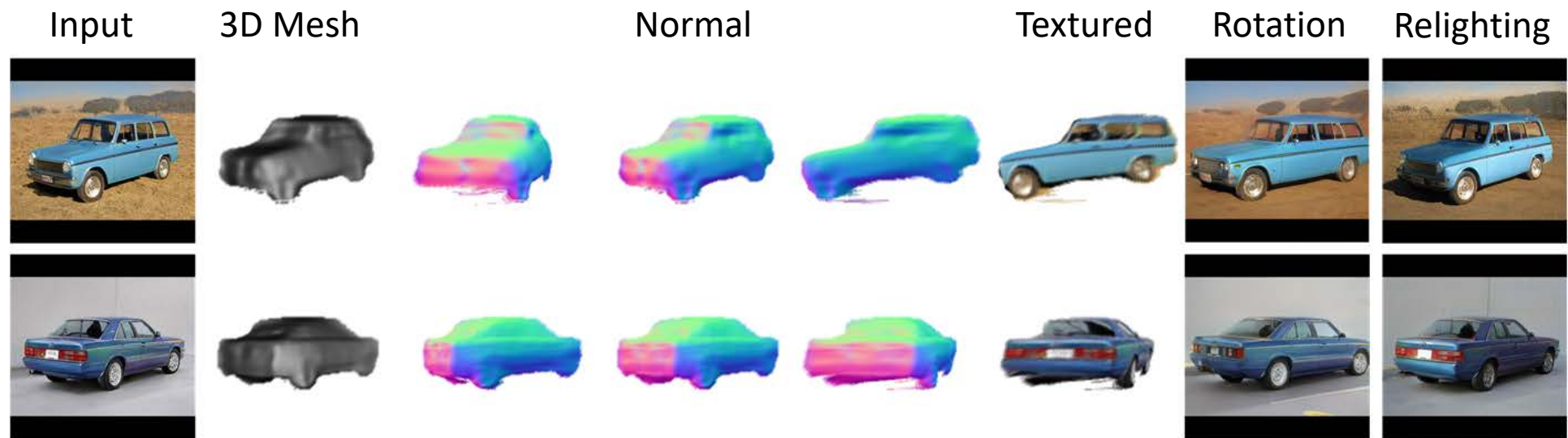
- Effect-3D: Rendered using the reconstructed 3D shape and albedo.
- Effect-GAN: Obtained by performing GAN inversion to “Effect-3D” using the trained encoder  $E$ .



# More Results

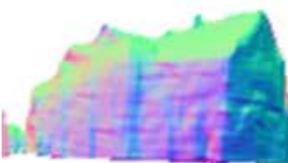
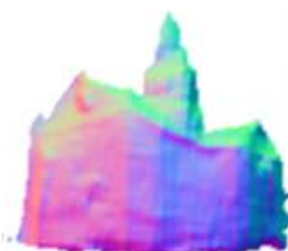


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Input

3D mesh

Normal

Relighting

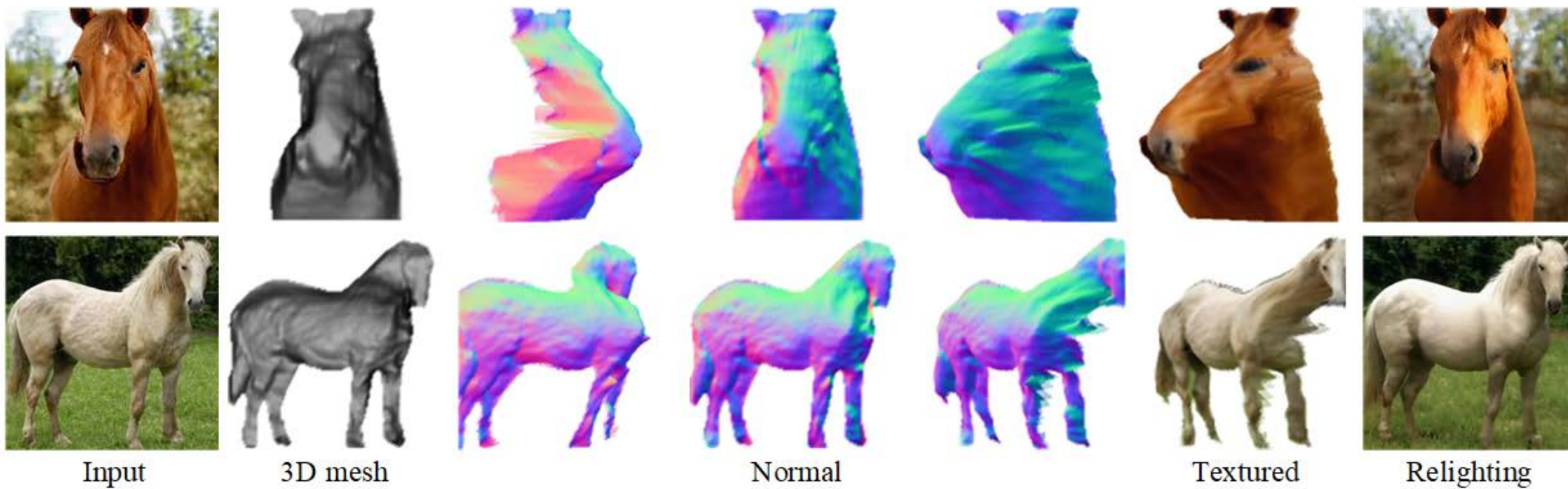
Input

3D mesh

Normal

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# Summary

## **A GAN generator trained on massive natural images**

- Can be used as a generic image prior for many image restoration and manipulation tasks
- Inherently captures the underlying 3D geometry of objects

## **We show approaches**

- Restore the missing information of a degraded image by progressively reconstructing it under the discriminator metric
- Use GAN as a latent bank for single forward pass restoration
- Shape-from-GAN i.e., recovering 3D shape from unconstrained 2D images without relying on the symmetry assumption or external 3D models