

Internal Learning for Satellite Image Super-Resolution

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Fun Fact

- I came here by foot
- 1 minute
- 19 metres
- Spectacular views



Navigation app interface showing a route to 'Via Galileo Galilei, 1, 00044 Frascati RM' via unnamed roads, with a 1-minute walk and 19m distance.

Best 1 min 1 min 1 min

Your location

Via Galileo Galilei, 1, 00044 Frascati RM

Add destination

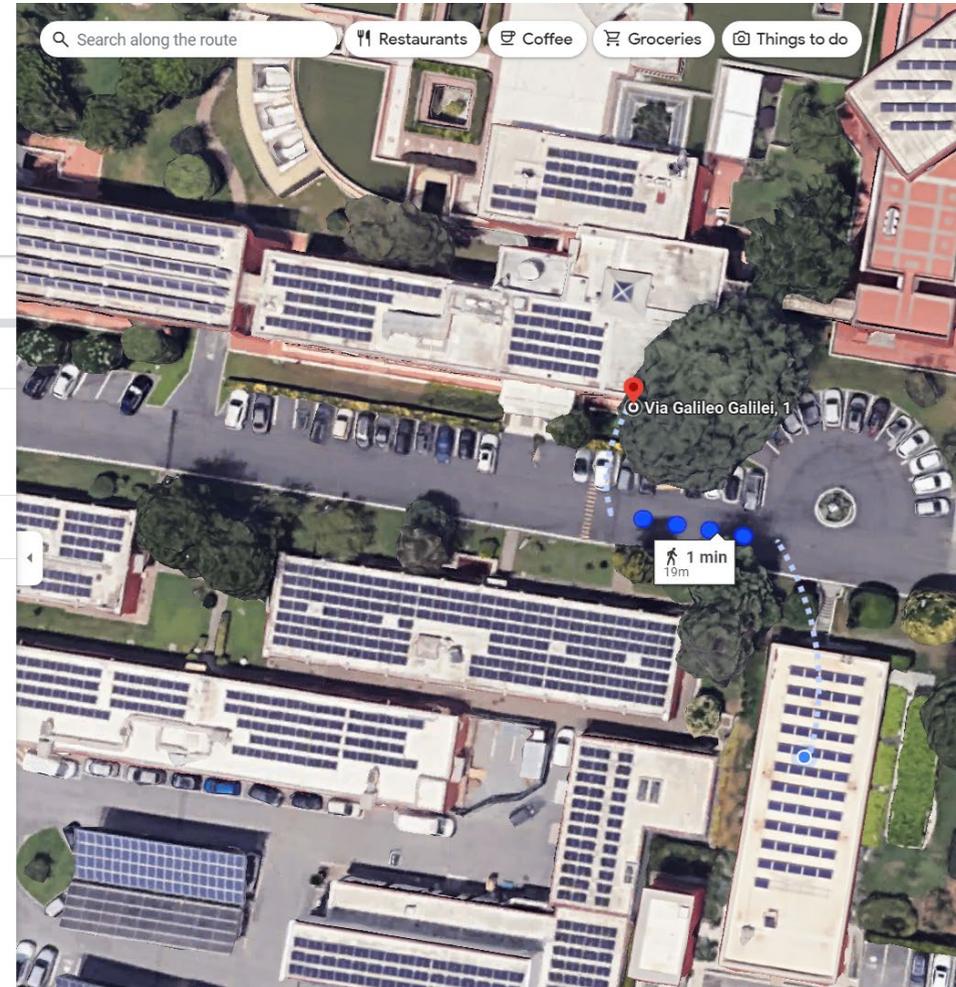
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via unnamed roads 1 min 19 m

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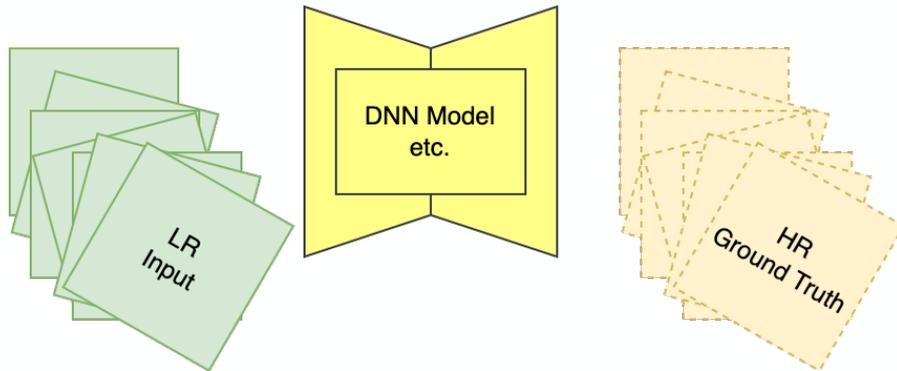
Mostly flat



- Alternative mode of deep learning
- Unlike conventional (external) learning, the priors are extracted from the inference sample
- **Topology can be defined “on the spot”**

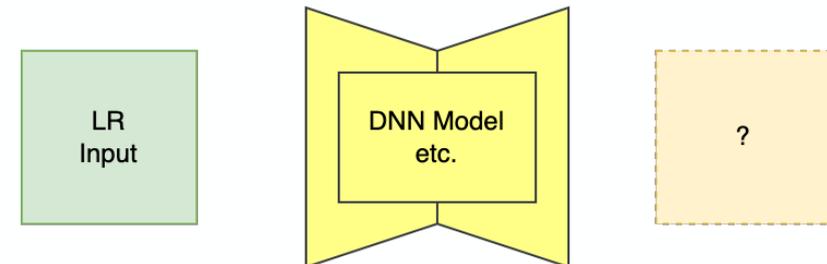
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Internal Learning

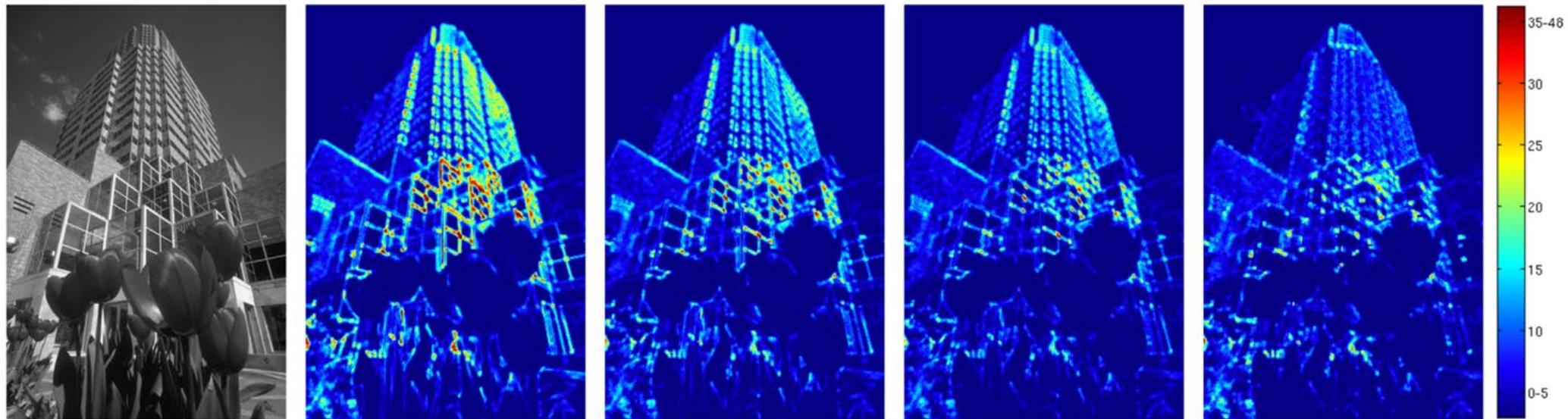
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- Why should it work at all for super-resolution?
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S. B. D. Glasner and M. Irani. “*Super-Resolution from a Single Image*” (ICCV, 2009)

M. Zontak and M. Irani. “*Internal Statistics of a Single Natural Image*” (CVPR, 2011)



(a) Input Image (b) Ext. DB - 5 imgs. (c) Ext. DB - 40 imgs. (d) Ext. DB - 200 imgs. (e) Internally (Error values)

Figure 4. **External vs. Internal “Expressiveness”**. Errors induced by replacing each patch from the input image with its most similar patch found in: (b)-(d) an external database of 5, 40, 200 images, vs. (e) internally, within the input image (excluding the patch itself and its immediate local vicinity). Red signifies high errors, blue signifies low errors. Patches obtain lower error internally than externally.

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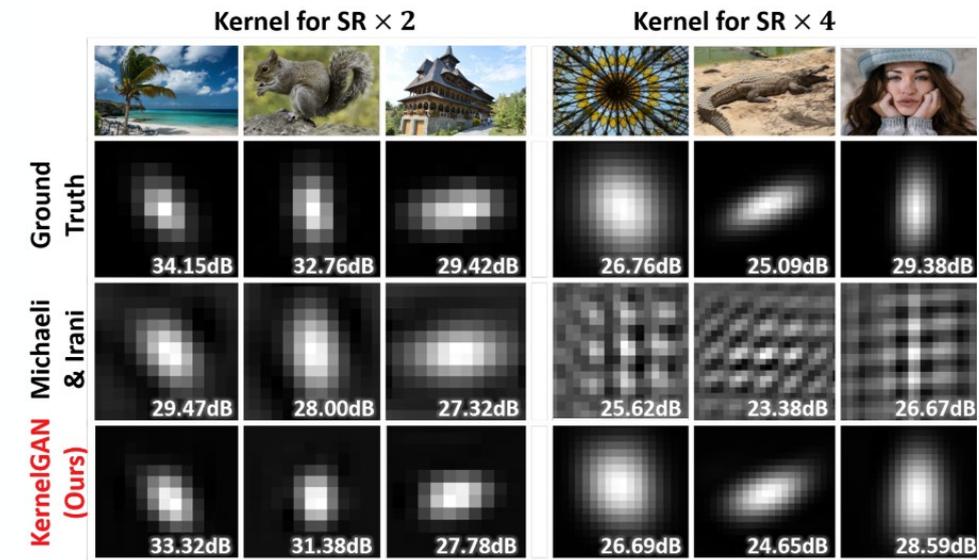
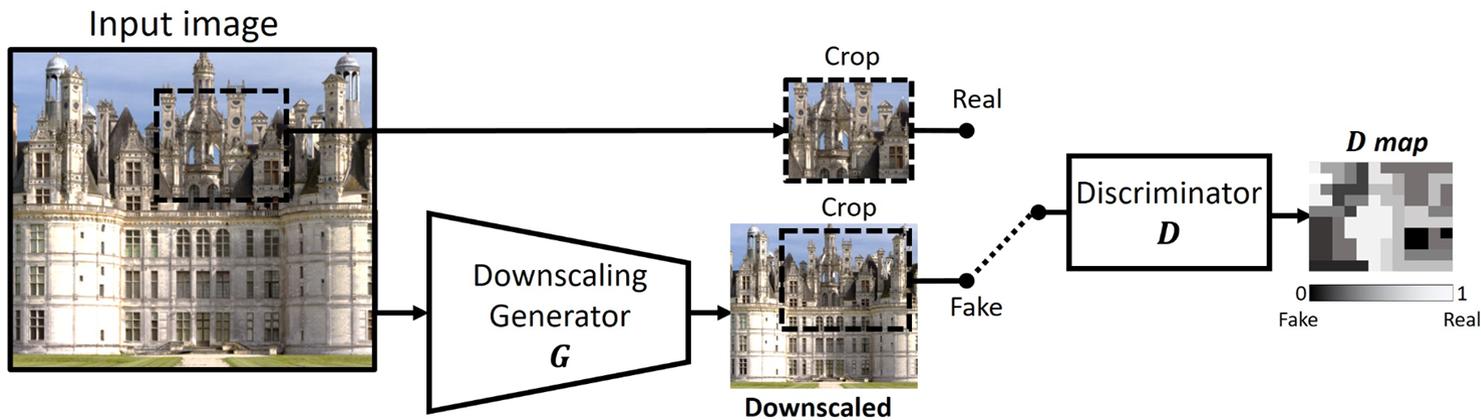
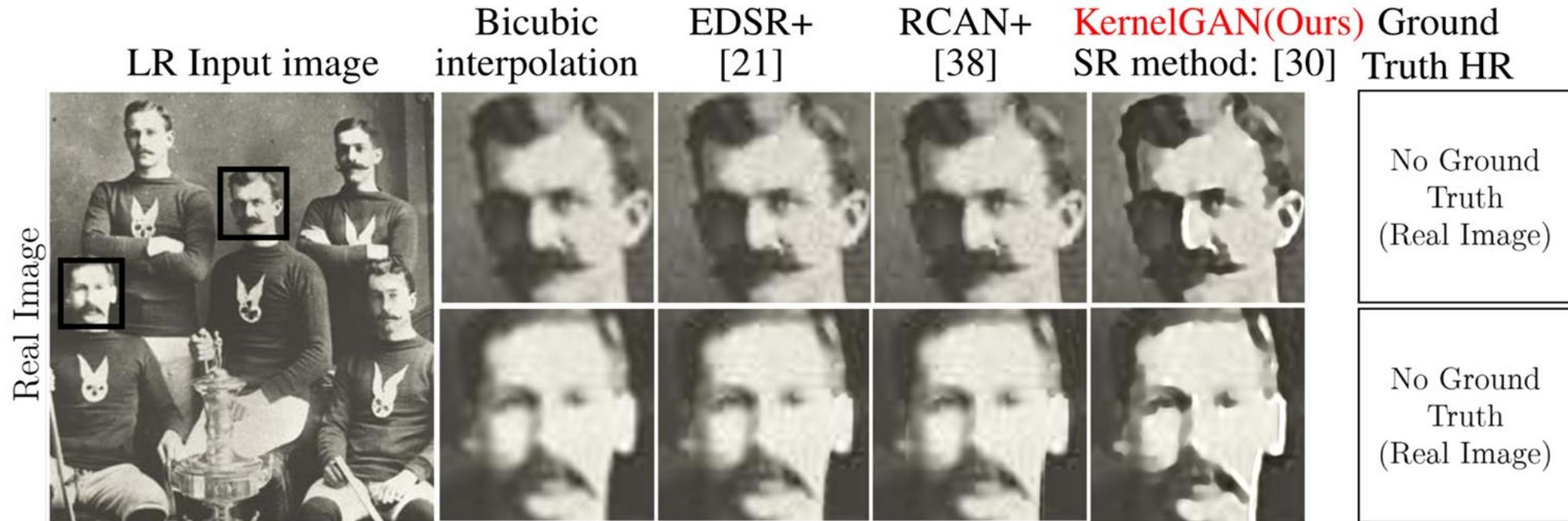


Figure 2: **KernelGAN**: The patch GAN trains on patches of a single input image (real). D tries to distinguish real patches from those generated by G (fake). G learns to downscale $X2$ the image while fooling D i.e. maintaining the same distribution of patches. Both networks are fully convolutional, which in the case of images implies that each pixel in the output is a result of a specific receptive field (i.e. patch) in the input.

Internal Learning for Super-Resolution

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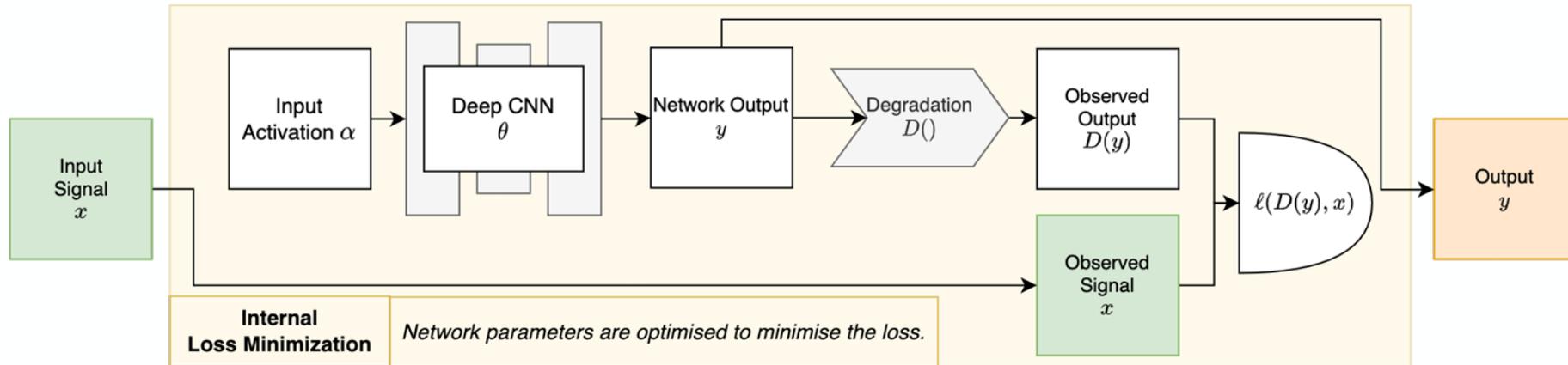
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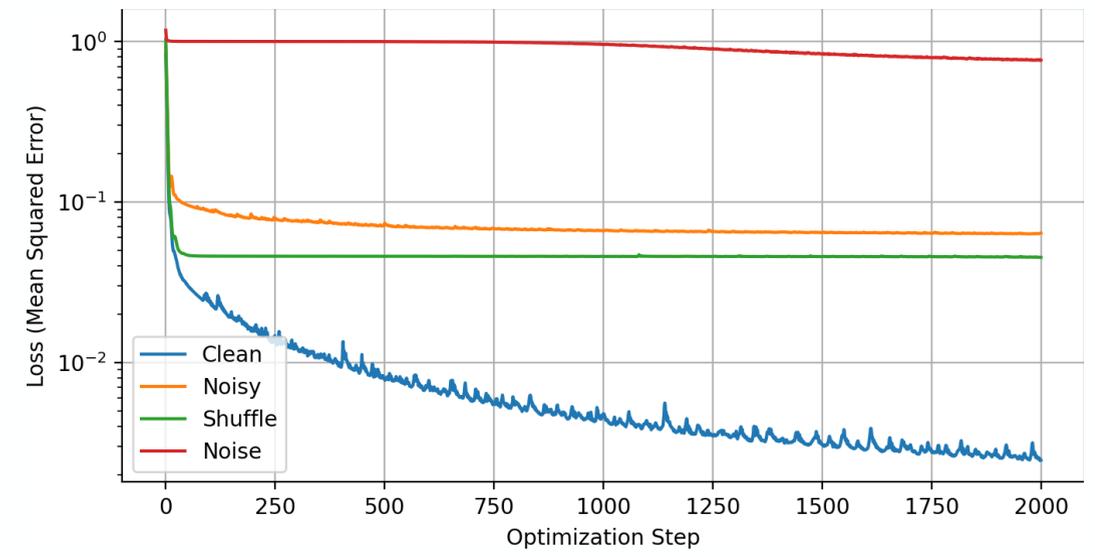
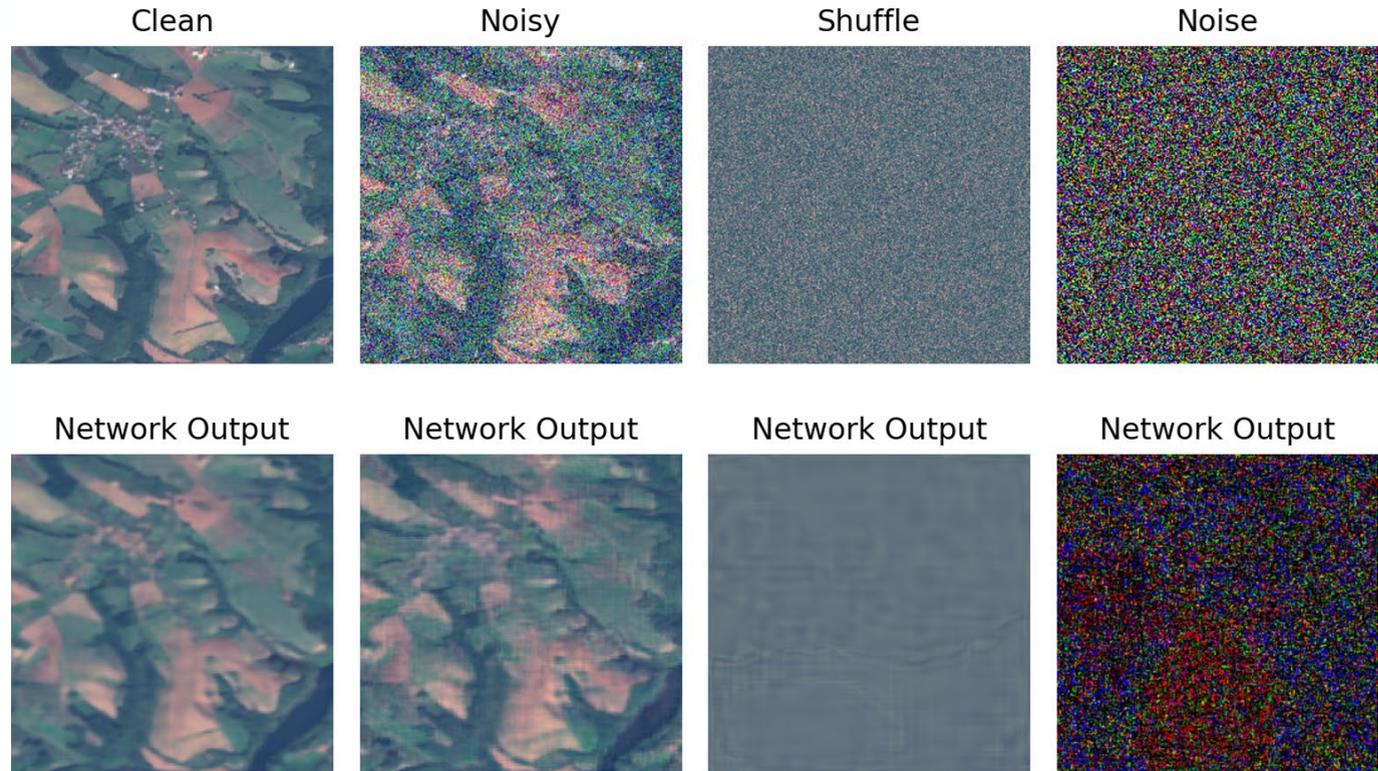
- The power of “deep convolutions” prior

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- Natural impedance of DNNs to unstructured data can be observed
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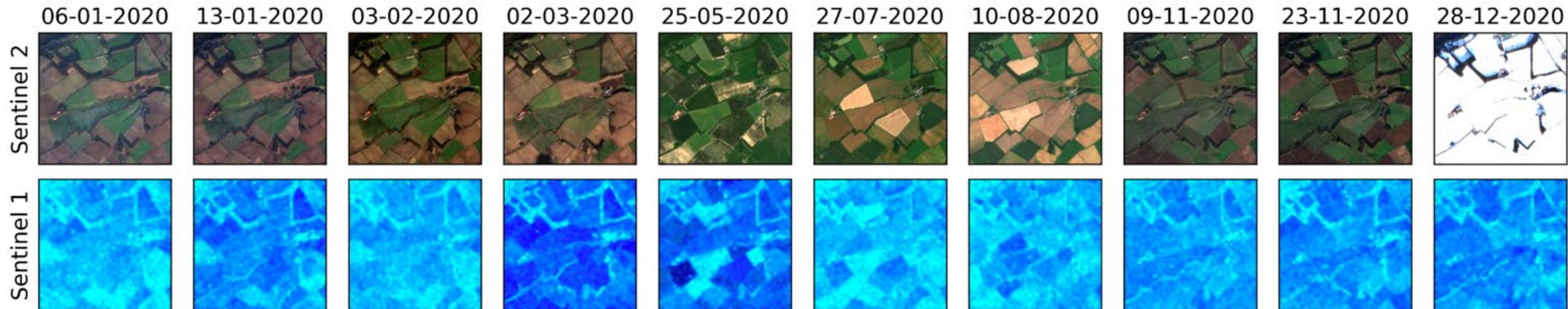


Internal Super-Resolution

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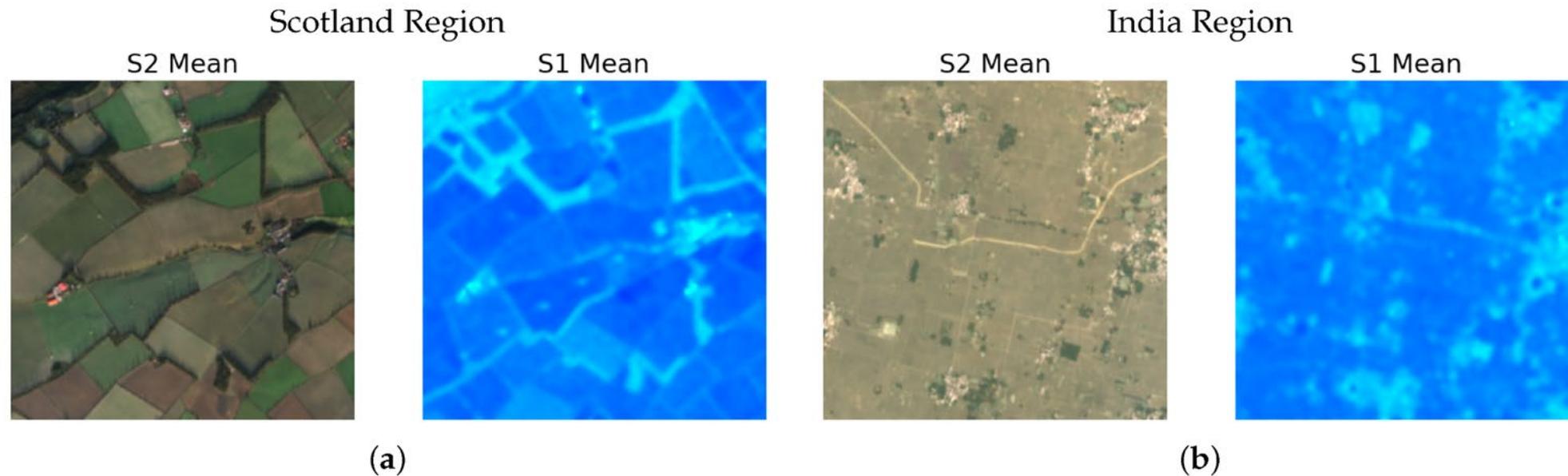
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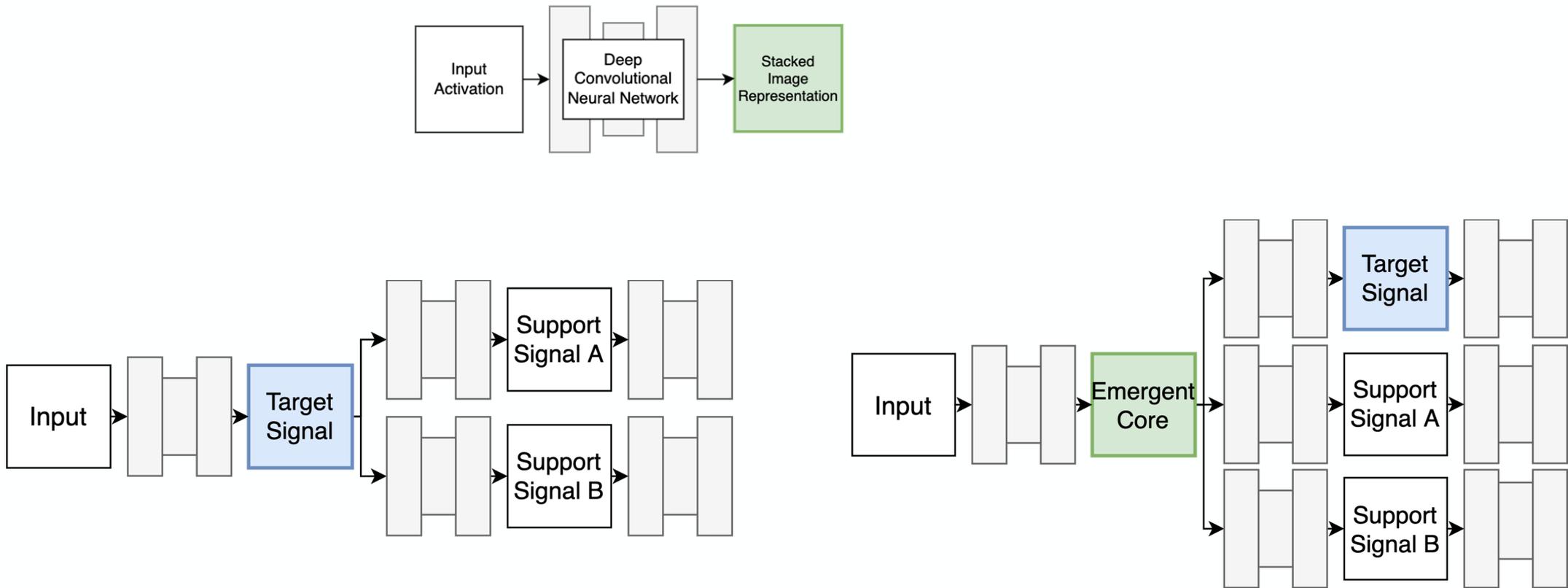
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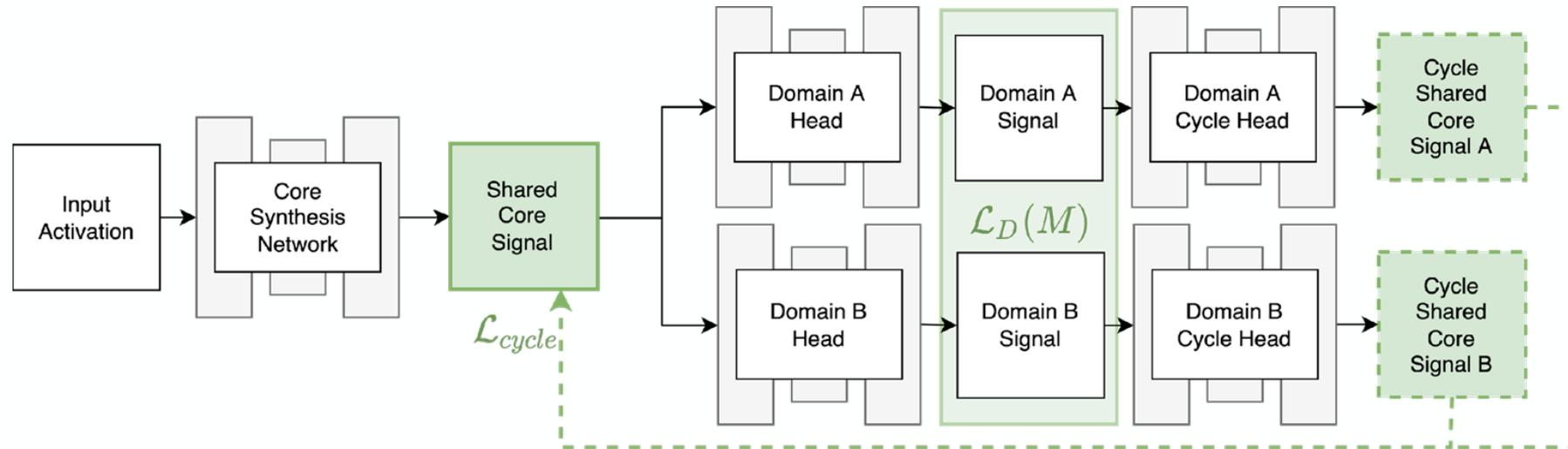


Multi-modal Convolutional Parameterisation Network

- Expansion to Deep Image Prior to handle spatially aligned multi-modal samples
- Includes additional local adjustment heads to handle disparities between domains

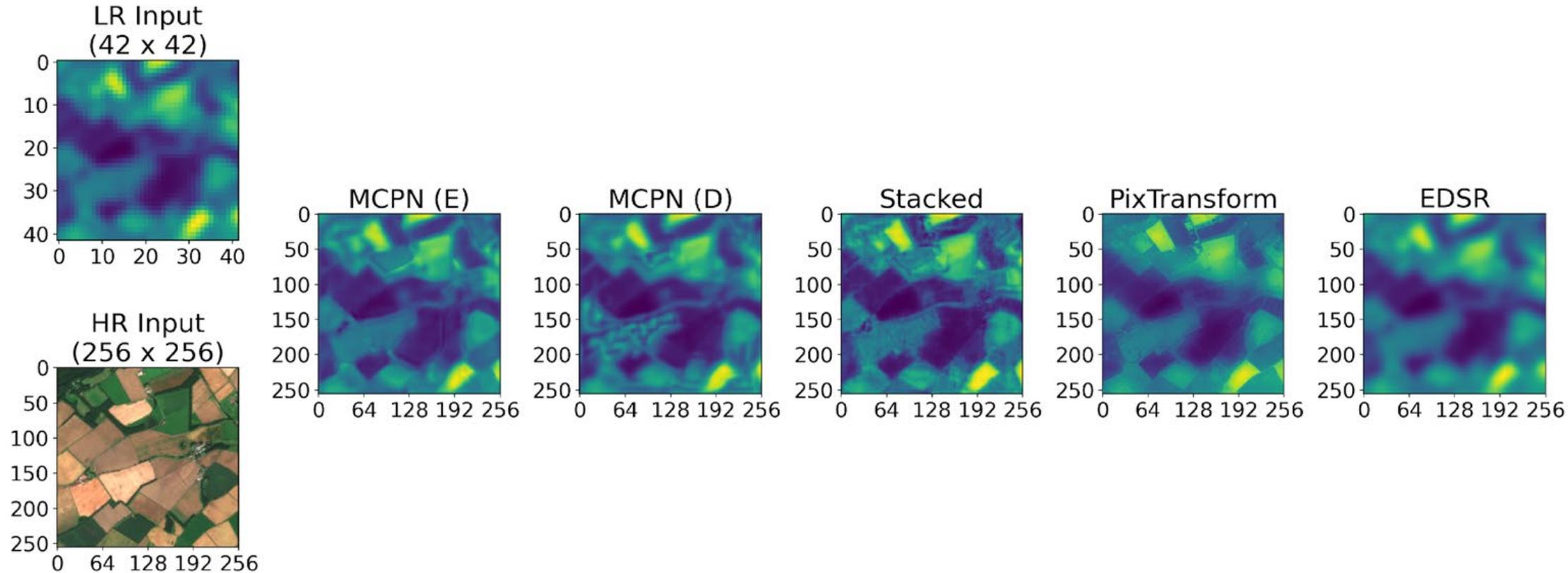


- Loss include domain-specific losses as well as cyclic constraints



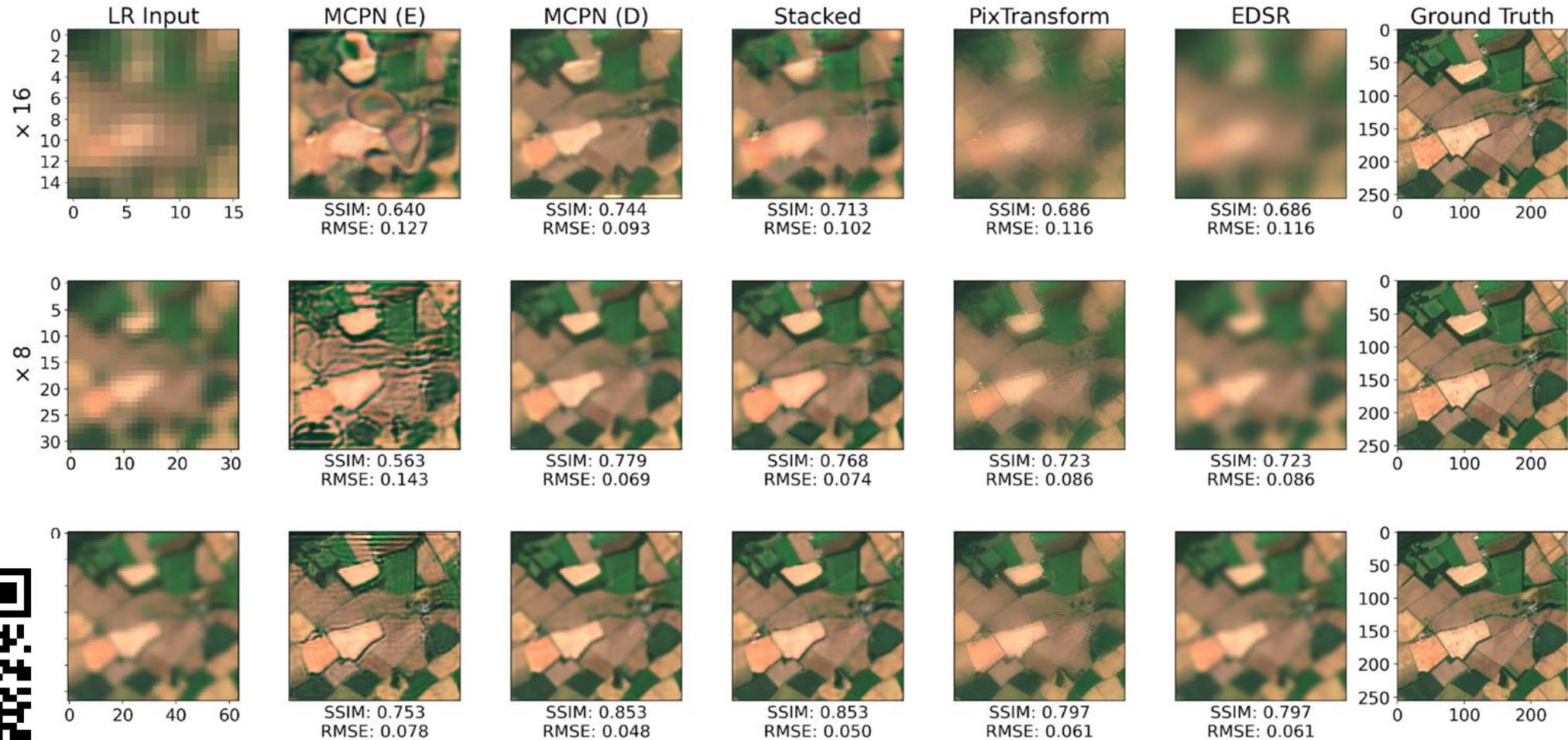
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- Example: upsample the 60 m SWIR band of Sentinel-2 with RGB bands used as reference



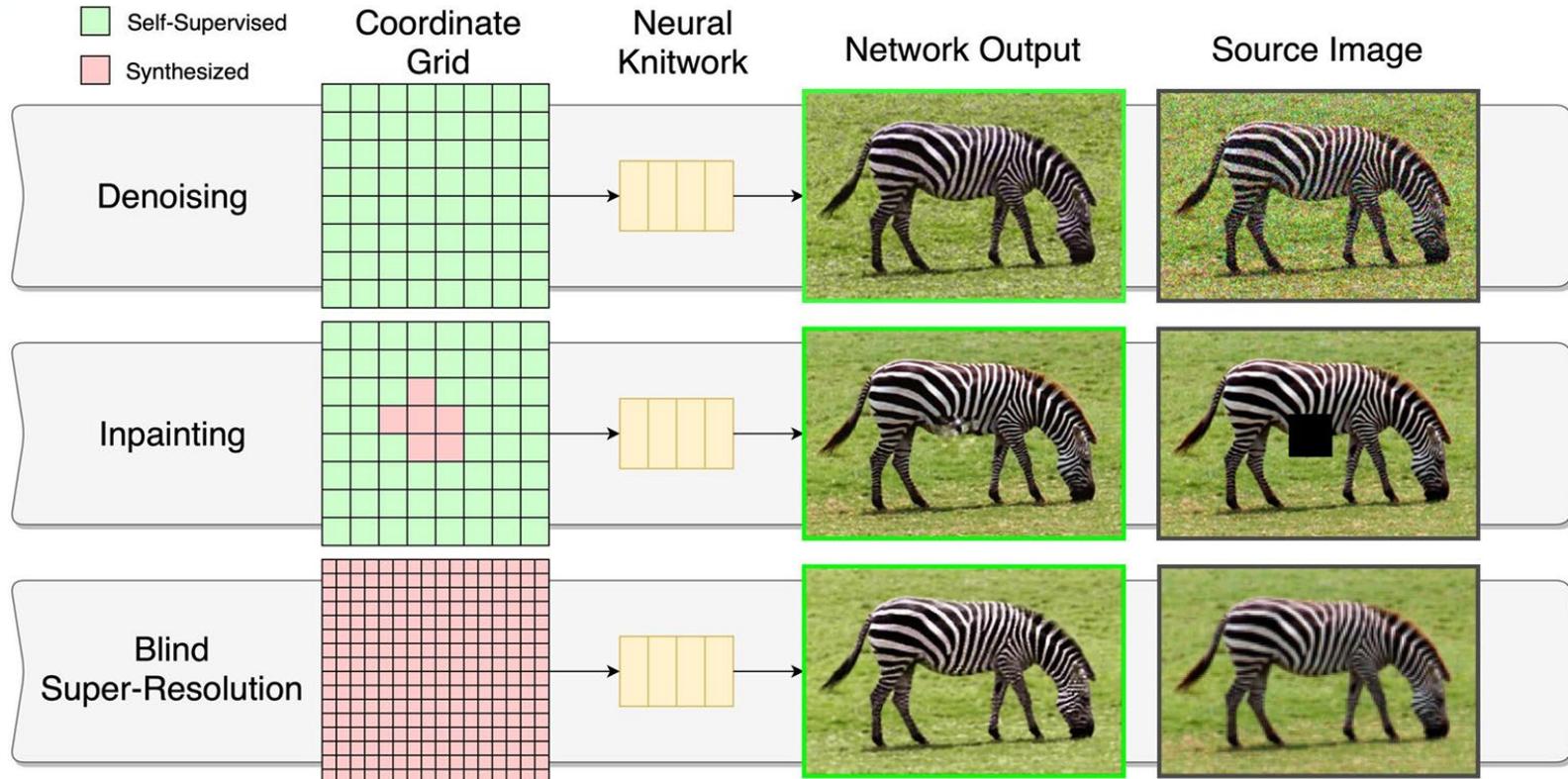
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- RGB bands based on historical optical mean

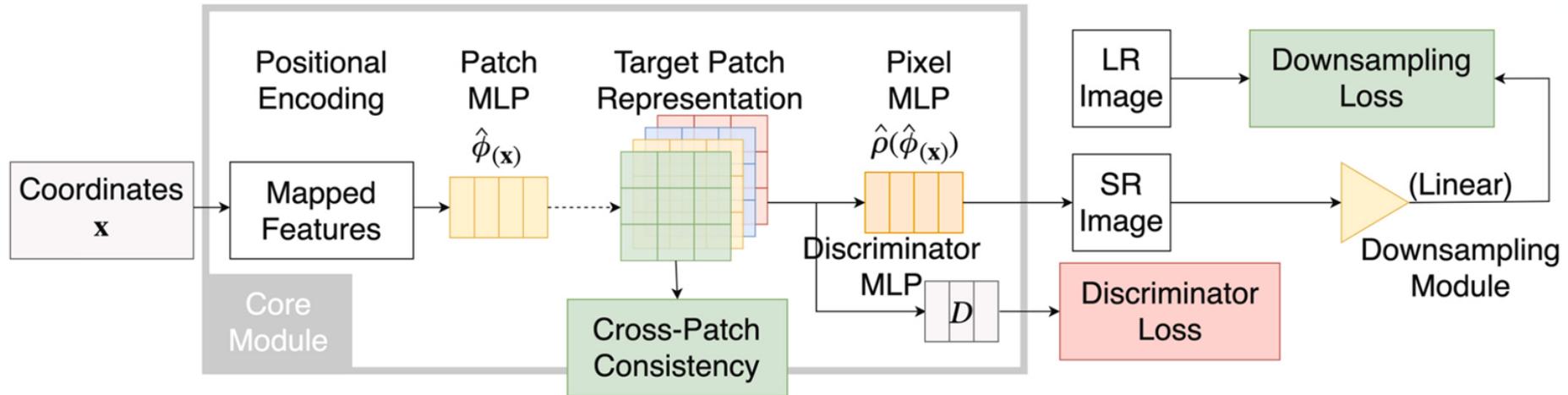


- Flexible model for internal learning based on **Neural Implicit Representations**
- A tiny network is used to map from coordinate space to colour space

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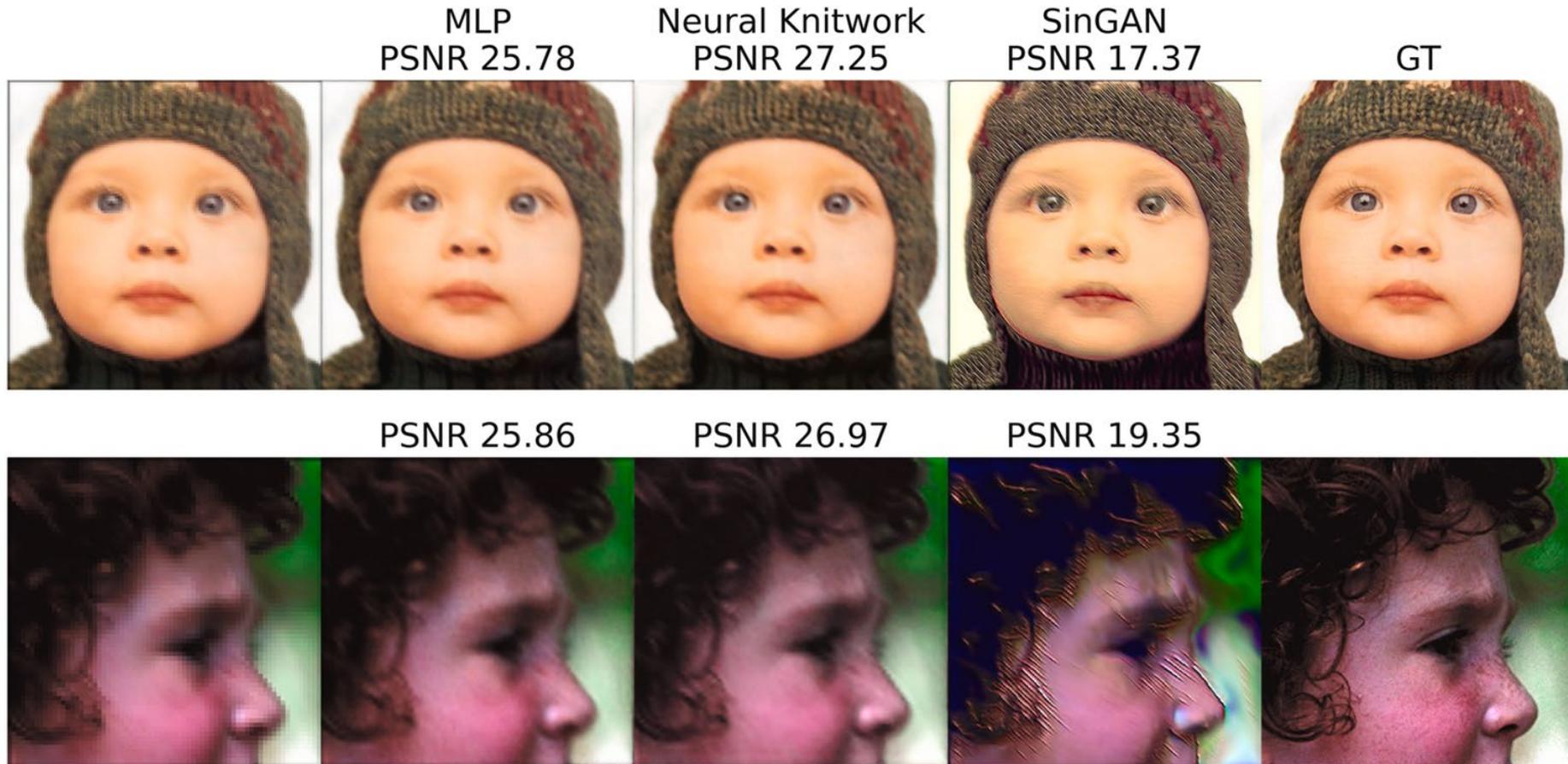


- Combination of:
 - NIR (Neural Implicit Representation)
 - Adversarial Patch Loss
 - Deep Linear Approximation of the Kernel
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- Internal learning with adversarial losses can often lead to artefacts - neural implicit representation can provide the right foundation for internal adversarial losses as in Neural Knitworks

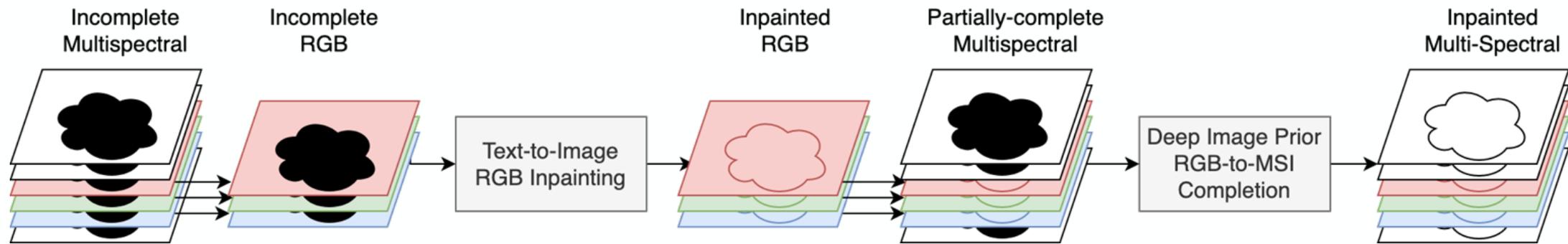
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Internal Learning for Modality Transfer (ZS RGB-2-MSI)

- Internal learning for zero-shot model prediction transfer
- Transfer RGB predictions to MSI in a zero-shot manner

Czerkawski & Tachtatzis “Exploring the Capability of Text-to-Image Diffusion Models With Structural Edge Guidance for Multispectral Satellite Image Inpainting” (IEEE GRSL 2024)



- Alternative learning paradigm
- Advantages
 - Flexible problem definition (topology, conditions etc.)
 - No large-scale training costs
 - No large-scale dataset required
- Disadvantages
 - Slower inference (mostly a few mins per image)
 - No data prior
- Future prospects
 - Can we push the conventional models to make better use of the information that already exists in the sample?*