



# UniQode®

An integrated solution for secure authentication and traceability

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# Summary

1. Introduction to UniQode®
2. Research challenges

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## UniQode®

- Registered Product built in partnership with the Portuguese Mint
- 4 ISR projects since 2017
- 3 patents
- 6 publications

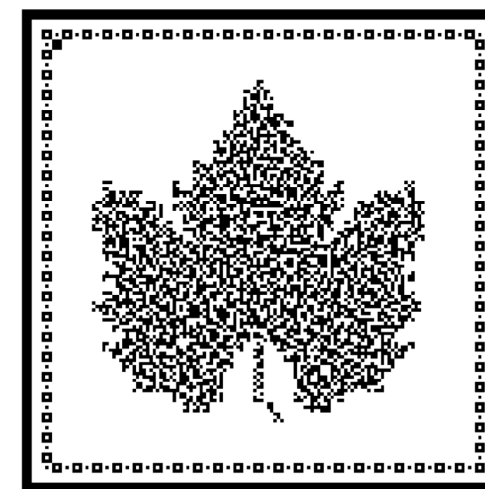
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UniQode® combines **three** technologies:

**PRINTED -  
GRAPHIC CODE**  
encodes a message

**HOLOGRAPHIC  
(OVD)**  
encodes a unique and  
irreproducible  
message

**GLITTER INKS**  
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Glitter particles

Graphic Code

Hologram



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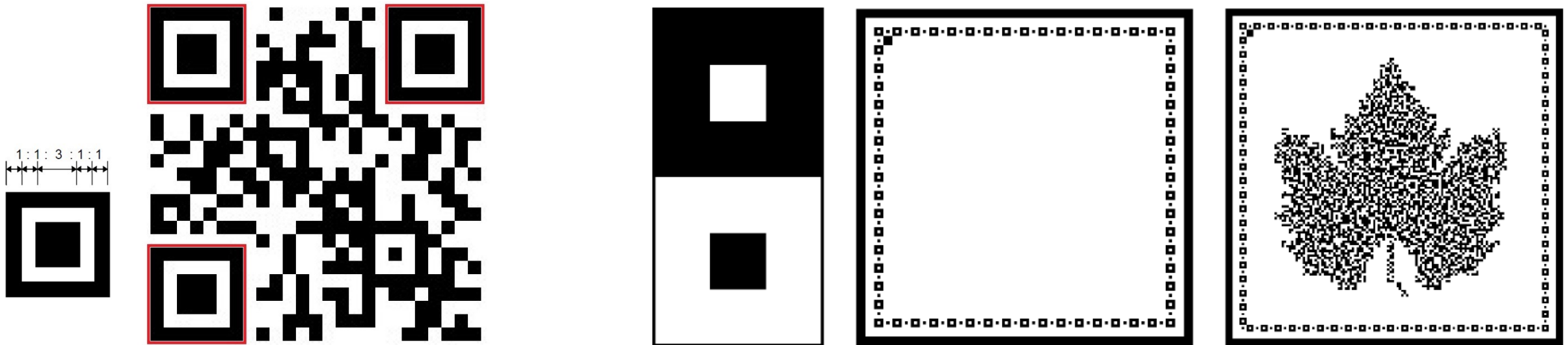
# Research Challenges

1. Universal Code Rectification
2. Superresolution

# Universal Code Rectification

# Problem Statement

- Graphics codes have specific patterns to guide the reconstruction
- Algorithms developed for each application



# Objectives

- Decode a graphic code with minimal information of finder patterns
- Detect and correct multiple classes of codes with a single algorithm

# Proposal

- Graphic codes possess a regular structure with square cells
  - Use that structure to correct orientation and scale



# Orientation Correction





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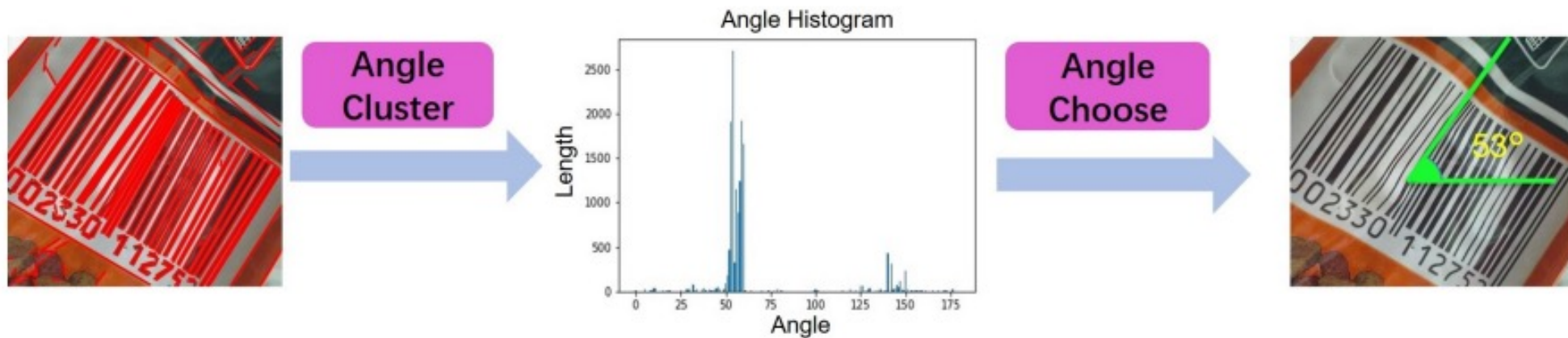


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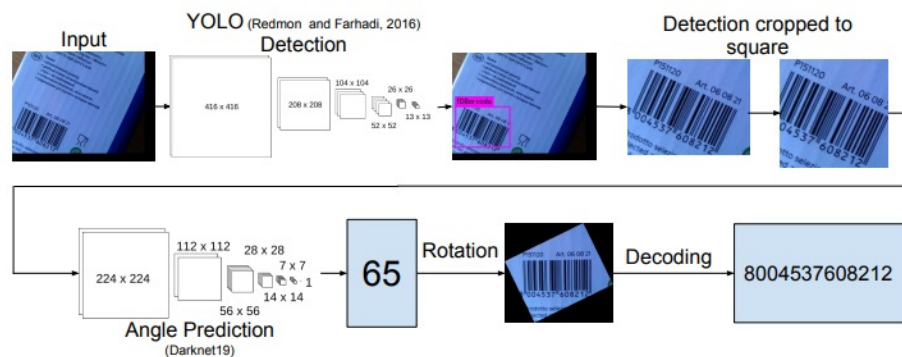


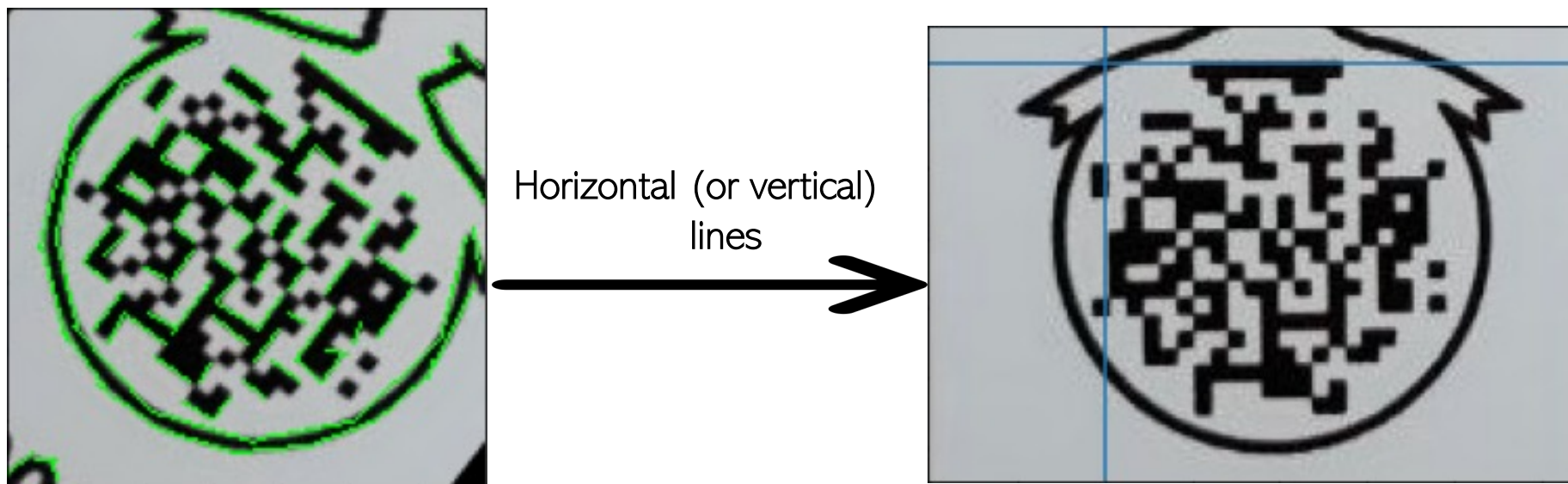
Figure 1: Overview of our system.



Figure 2: Examples of measuring angle.

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Image taken from: K. Chaudhury, S. DiVerdi and S. Ioffe, "Auto-rectification of user photos," in *IEEE International Conference on Image Processing (ICIP)*, Paris, France, 2014, pp. 3479-3483, doi: 10.1109/ICIP.2014.7025706.

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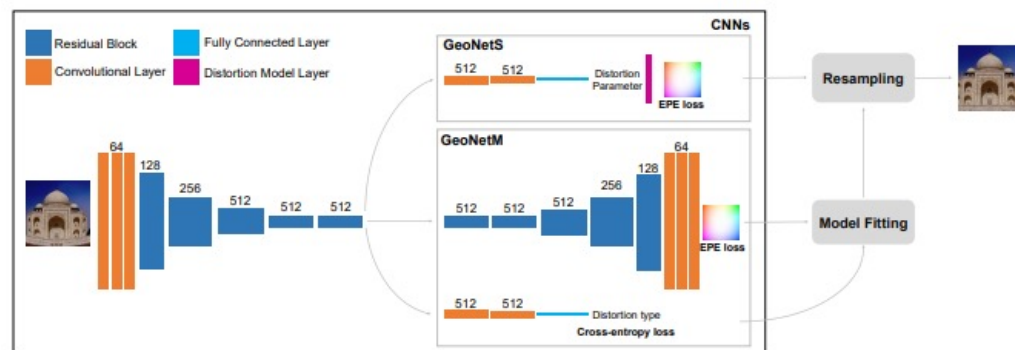


Figure 3. Overview of our entire framework, including the single-model (GeoNetS) and multi-model (GeoNetM) distortion networks (Section 3), and resampling (Section 4). Each box represents some conv layers, with vertical dimension indicating feature map spatial resolution, and horizontal dimension indicating the output channels of each conv layer in the box.



Figure 5. Results of distortions that we considered. Top row: Barrel distortion, pincushion distortion and shear distortion. Bottom row: rotation, wave distortion and perspective distortion. The flows refer to the flow before model fitting (top), after model fitting (middle), and ground truth (bottom).

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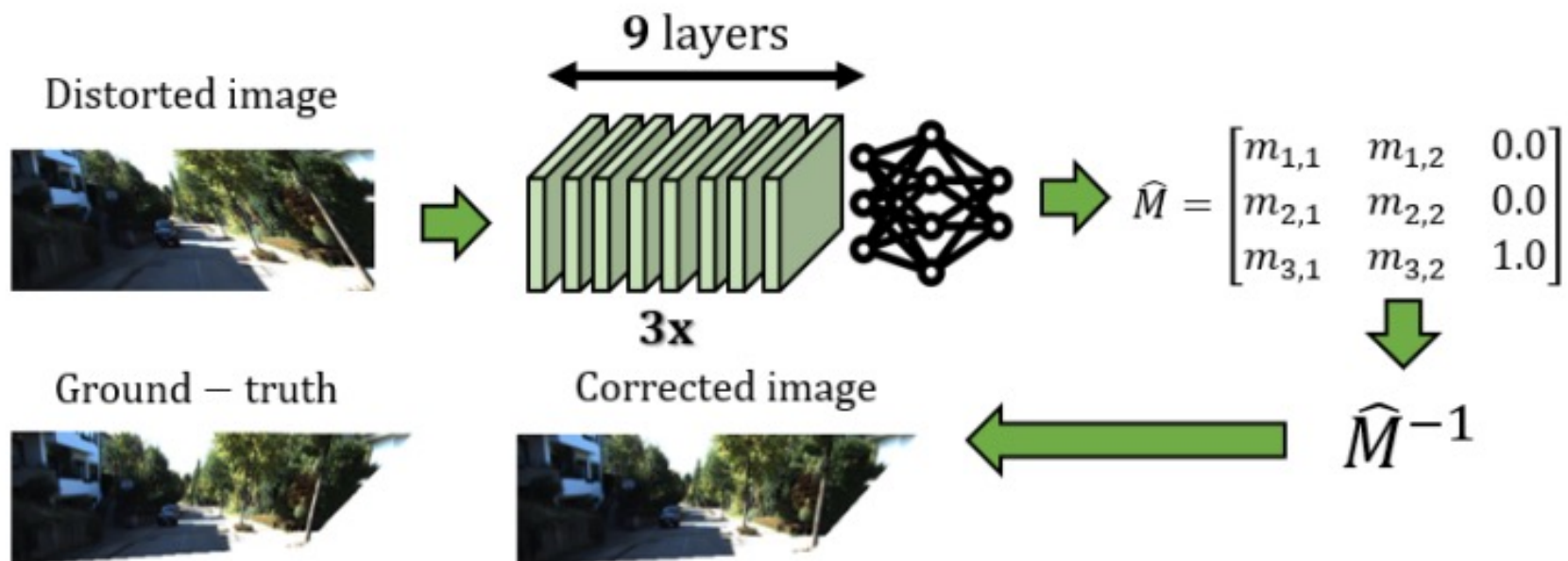
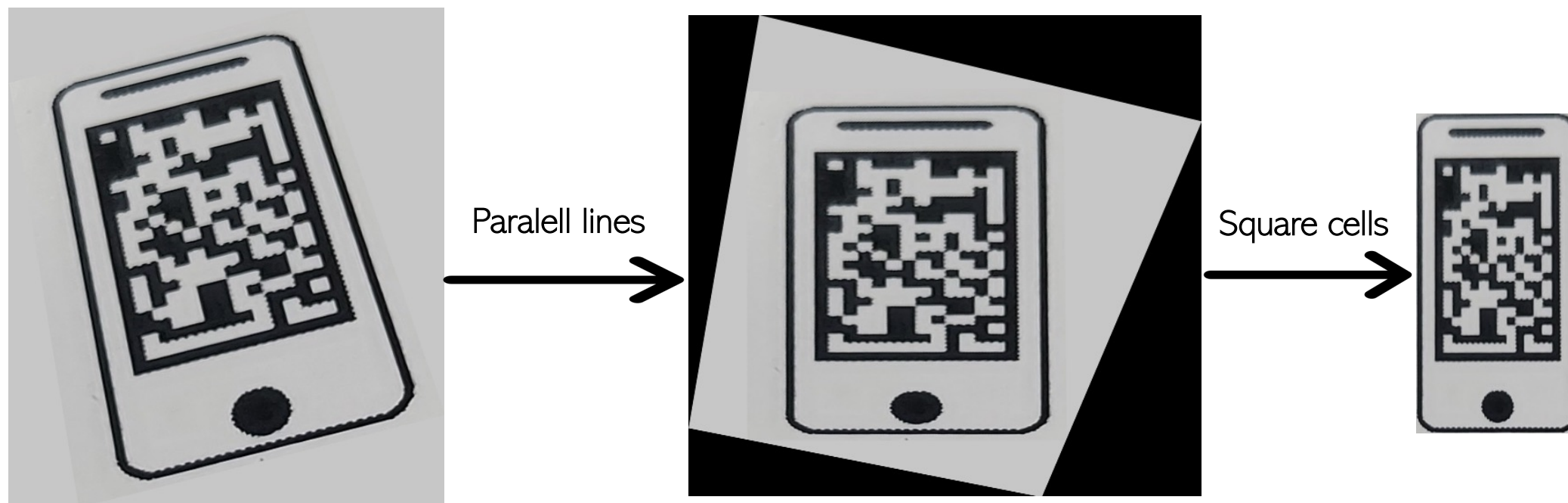


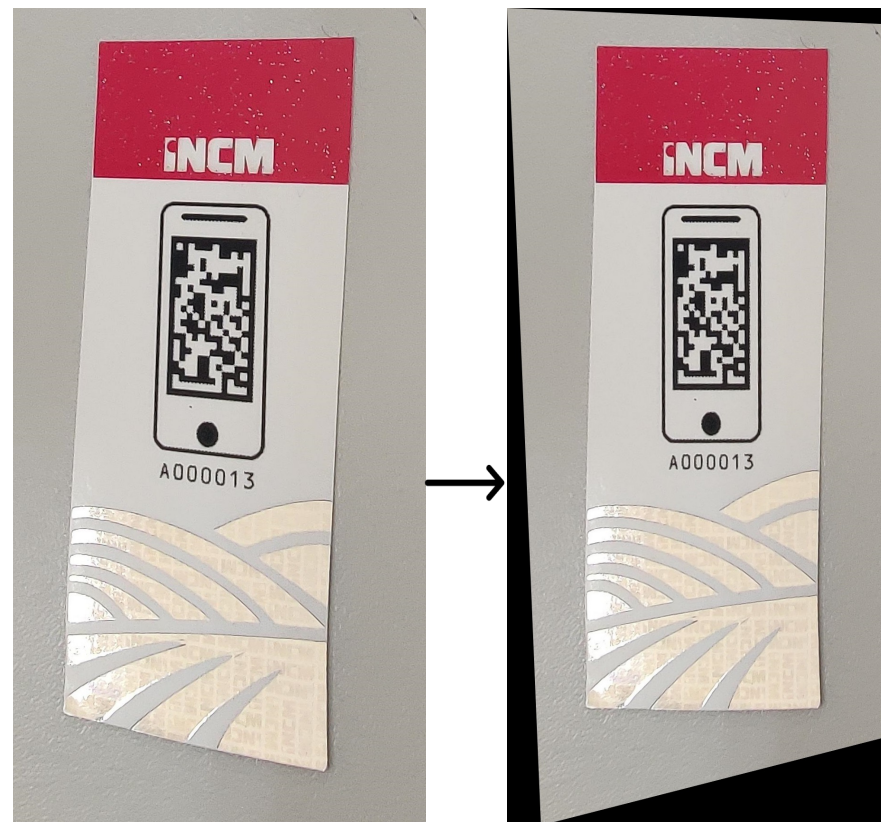
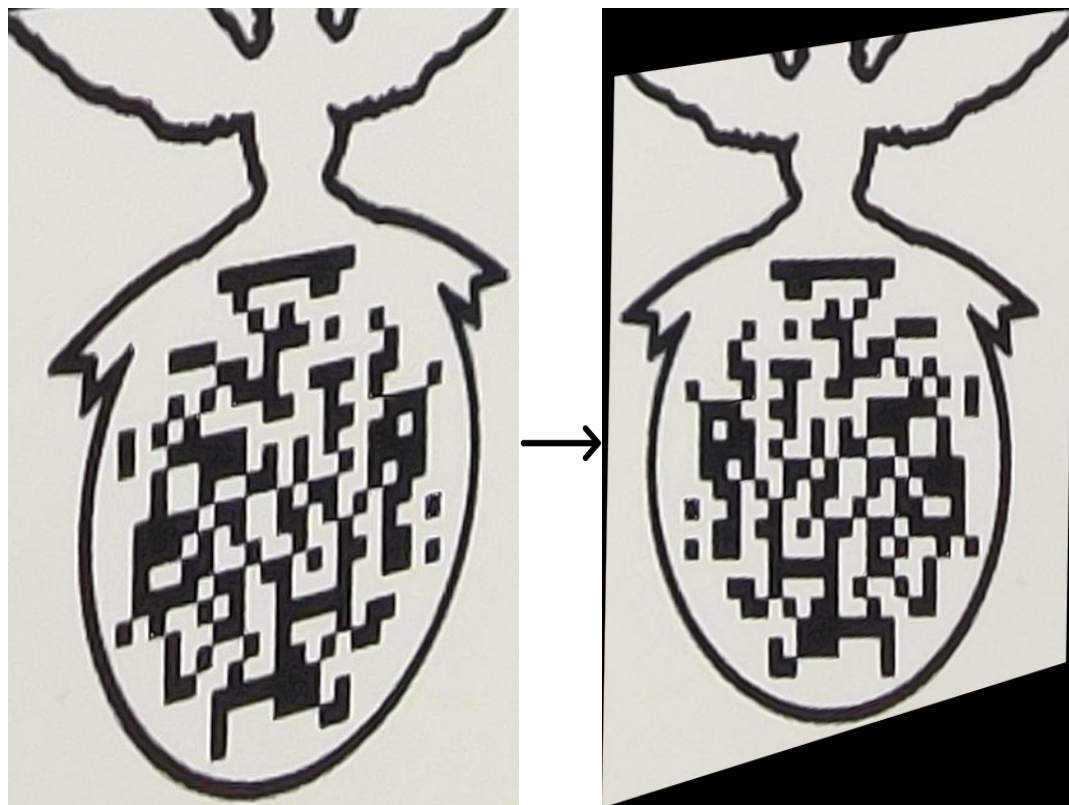
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# Superresolution

# SIREN: Sinusoidal Representation Networks

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## Implicit Neural Representations with Periodic Activation Functions

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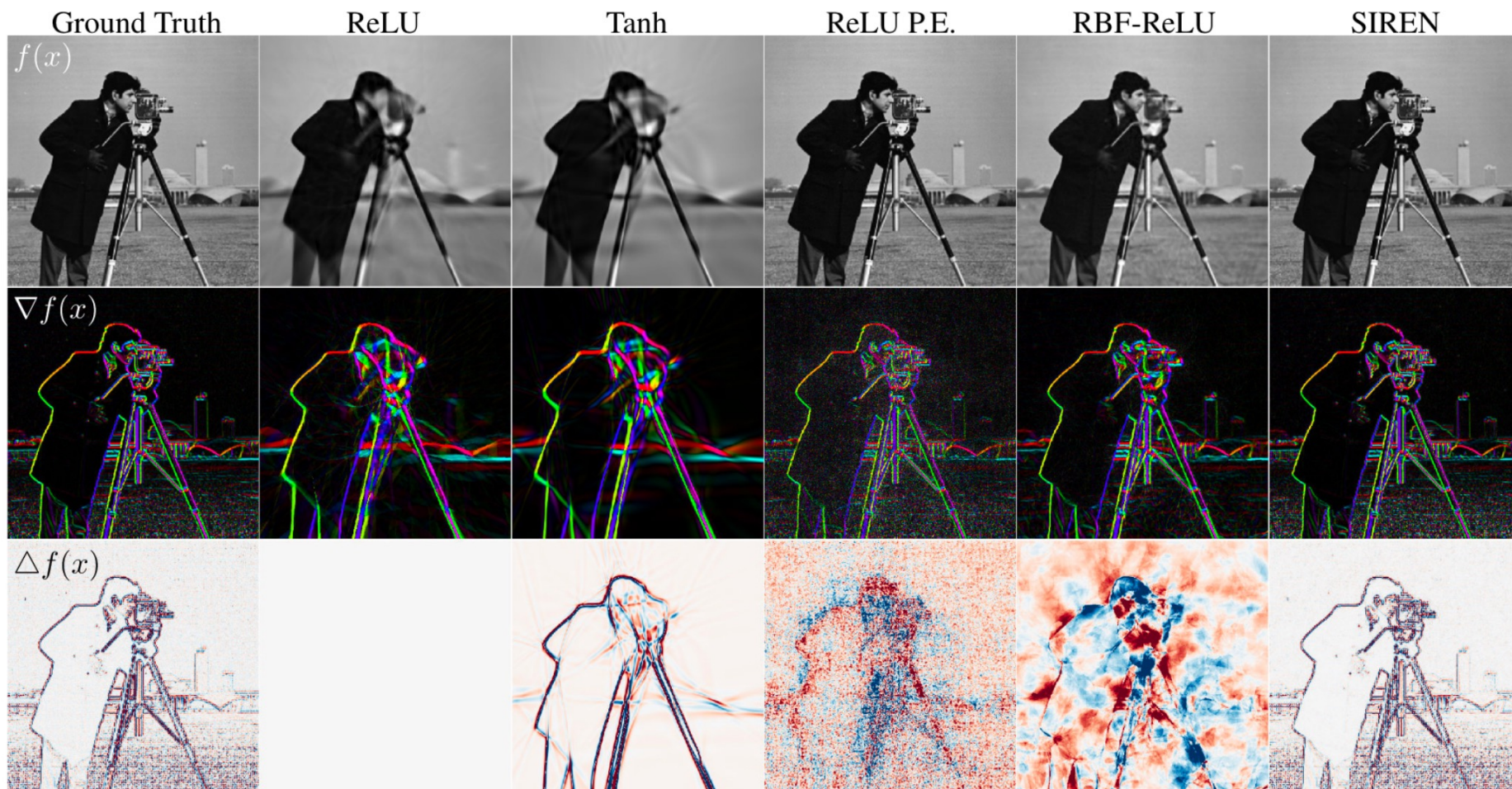
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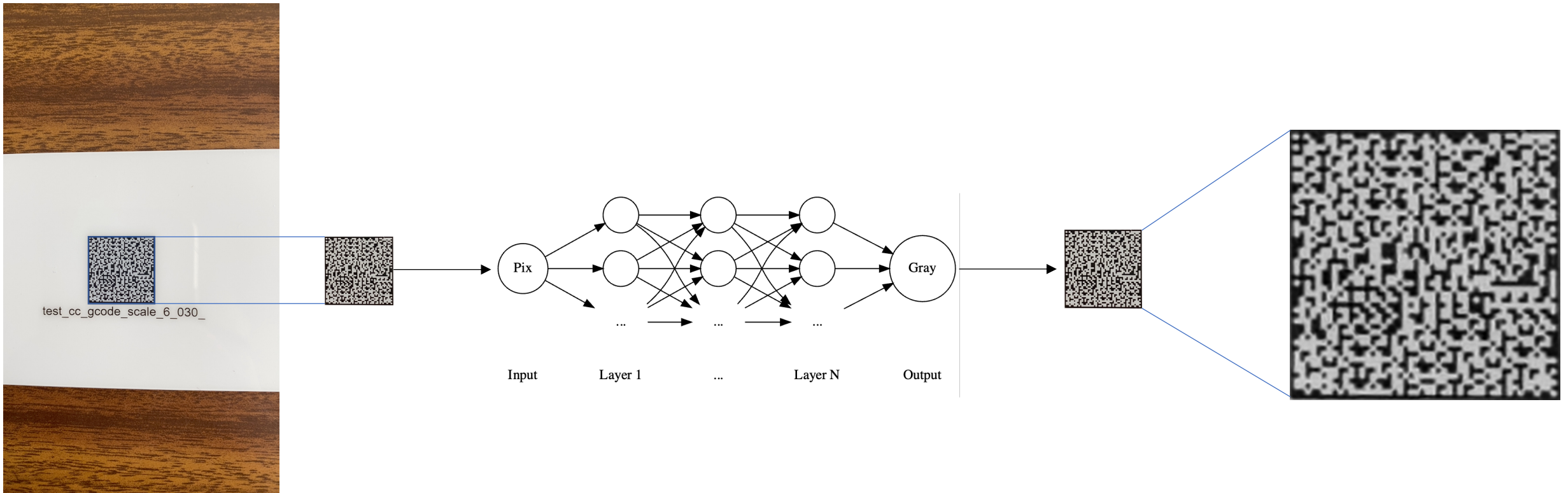
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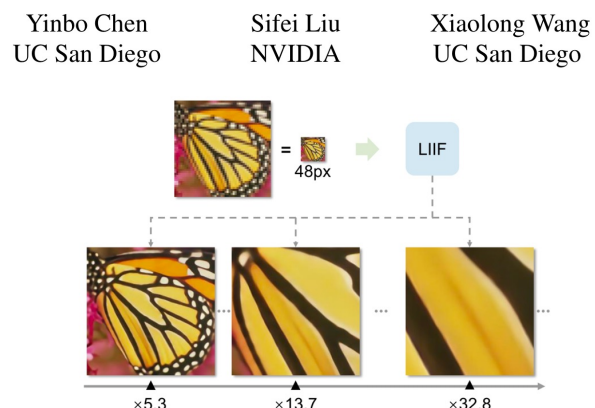
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## Learning Continuous Image Representation with Local Implicit Image Function

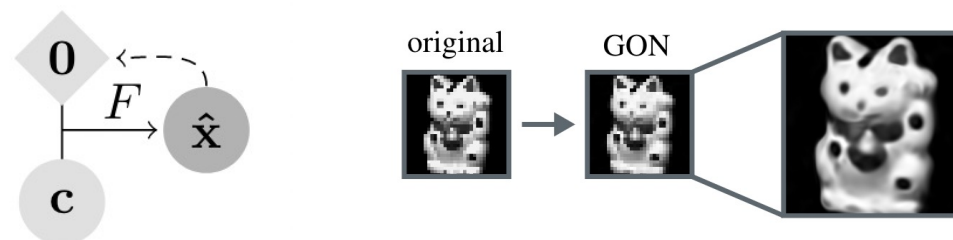


## GRADIENT ORIGIN NETWORKS

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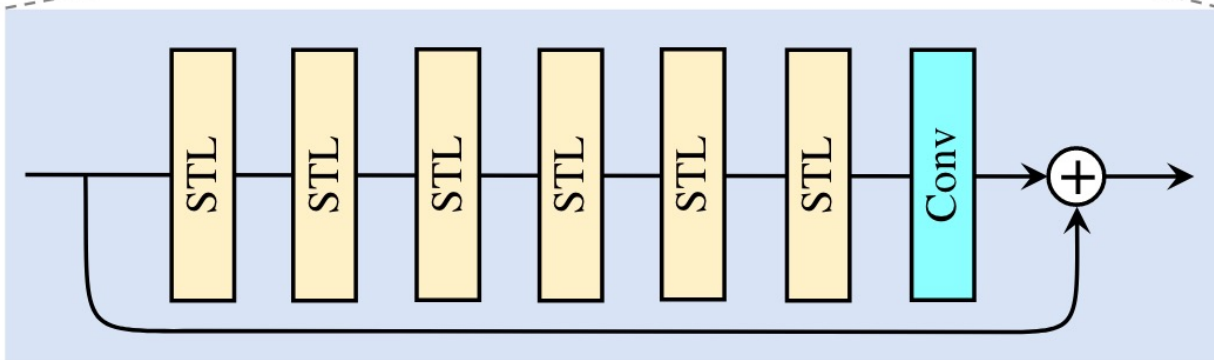
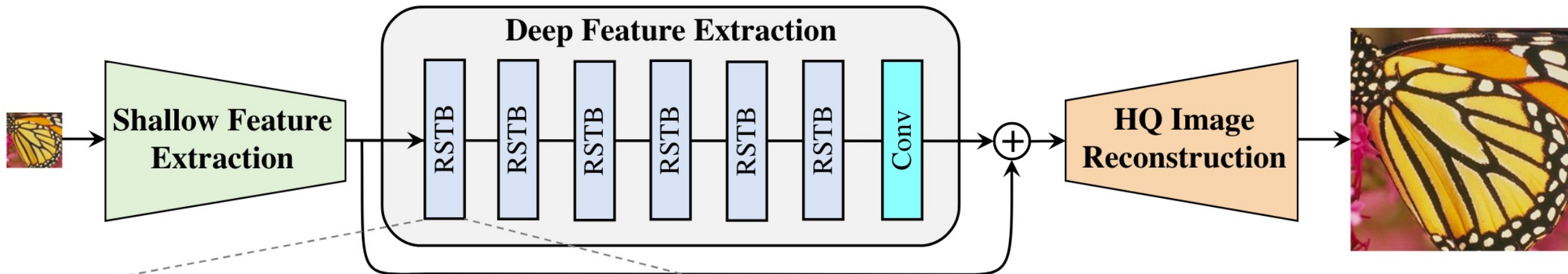
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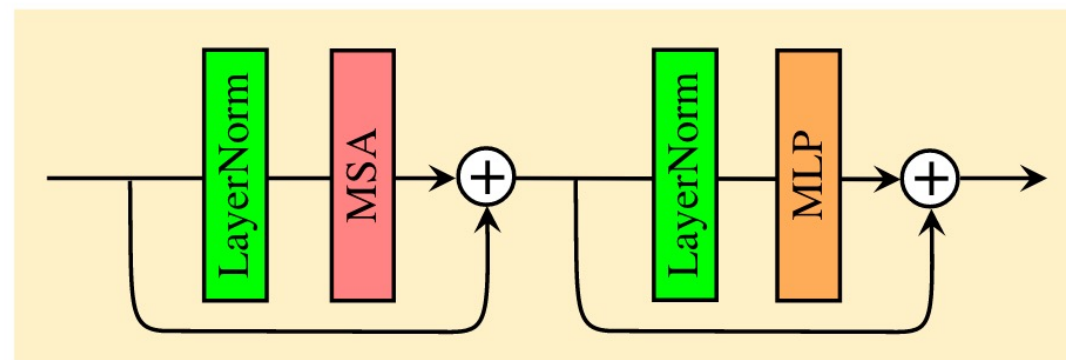




# SwinIR: Image Restoration Using Swin Transformer



(a) Residual Swin Transformer Block (RSTB)



(b) Swin Transformer Layer (STL)

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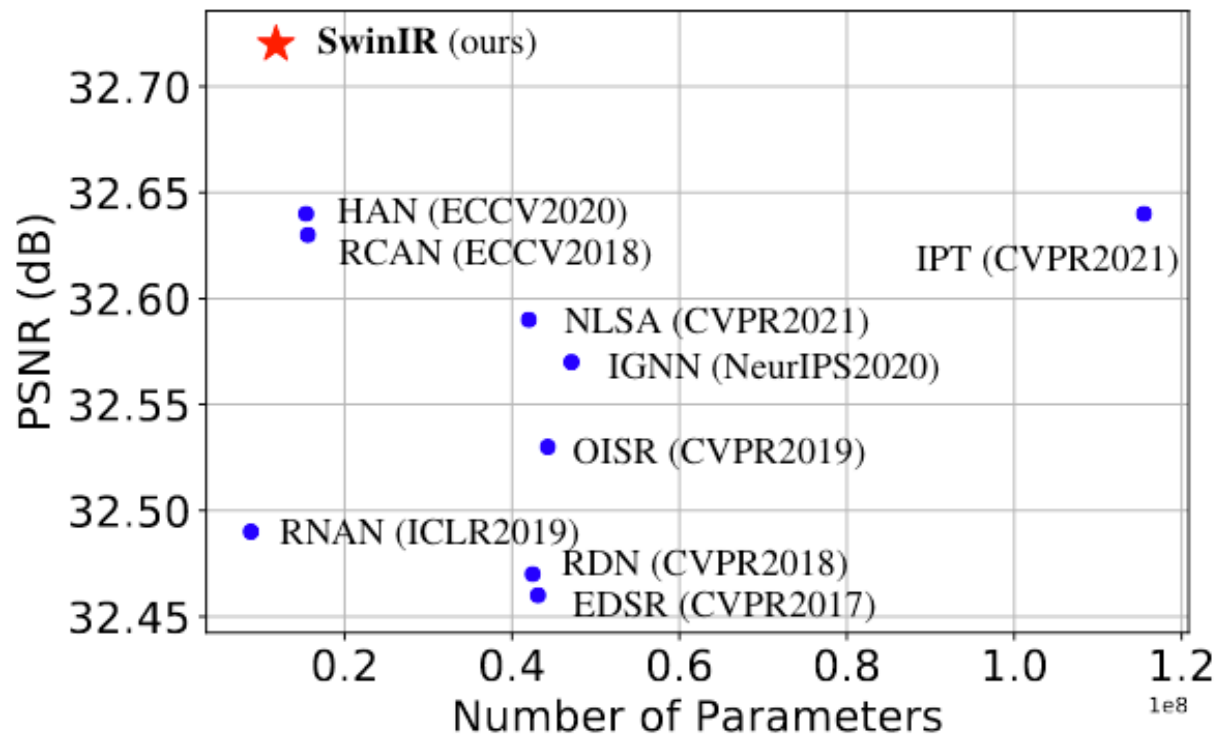
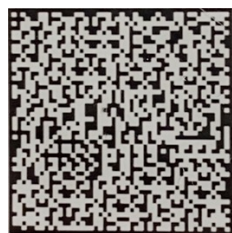
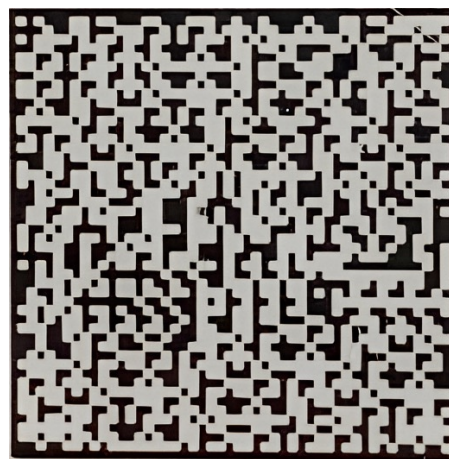


Figure 1: PSNR results v.s the total number of parameters of different methods for image SR ( $\times 4$ ) on Set5 [3].

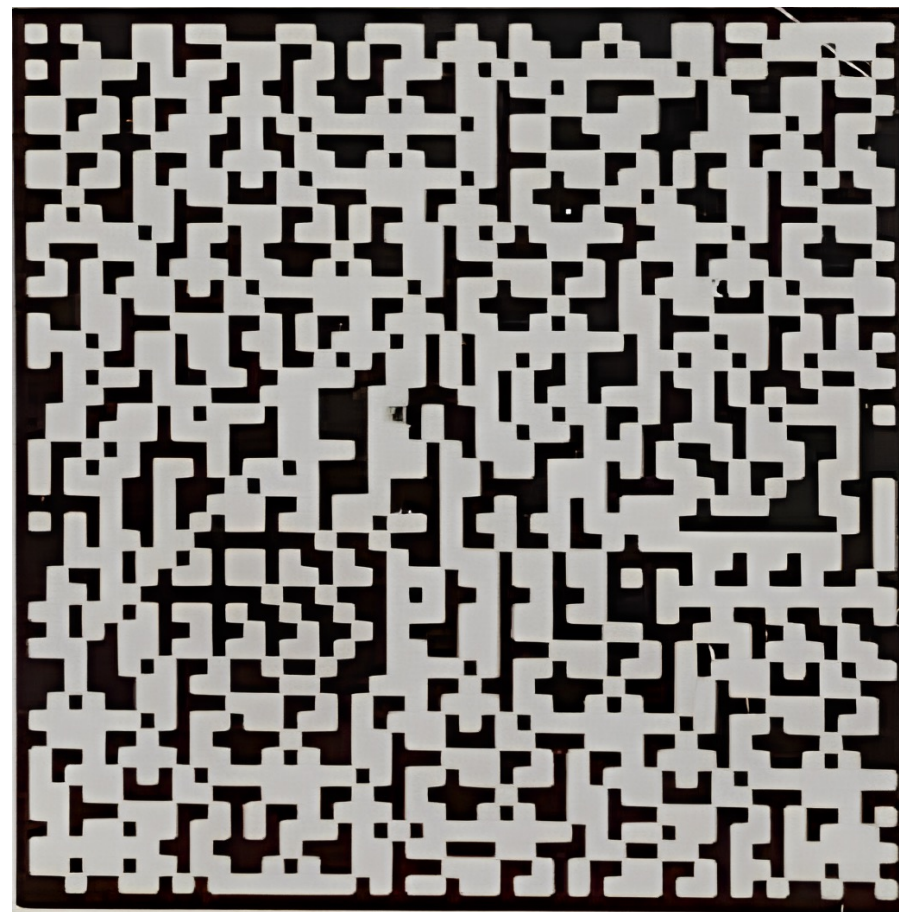
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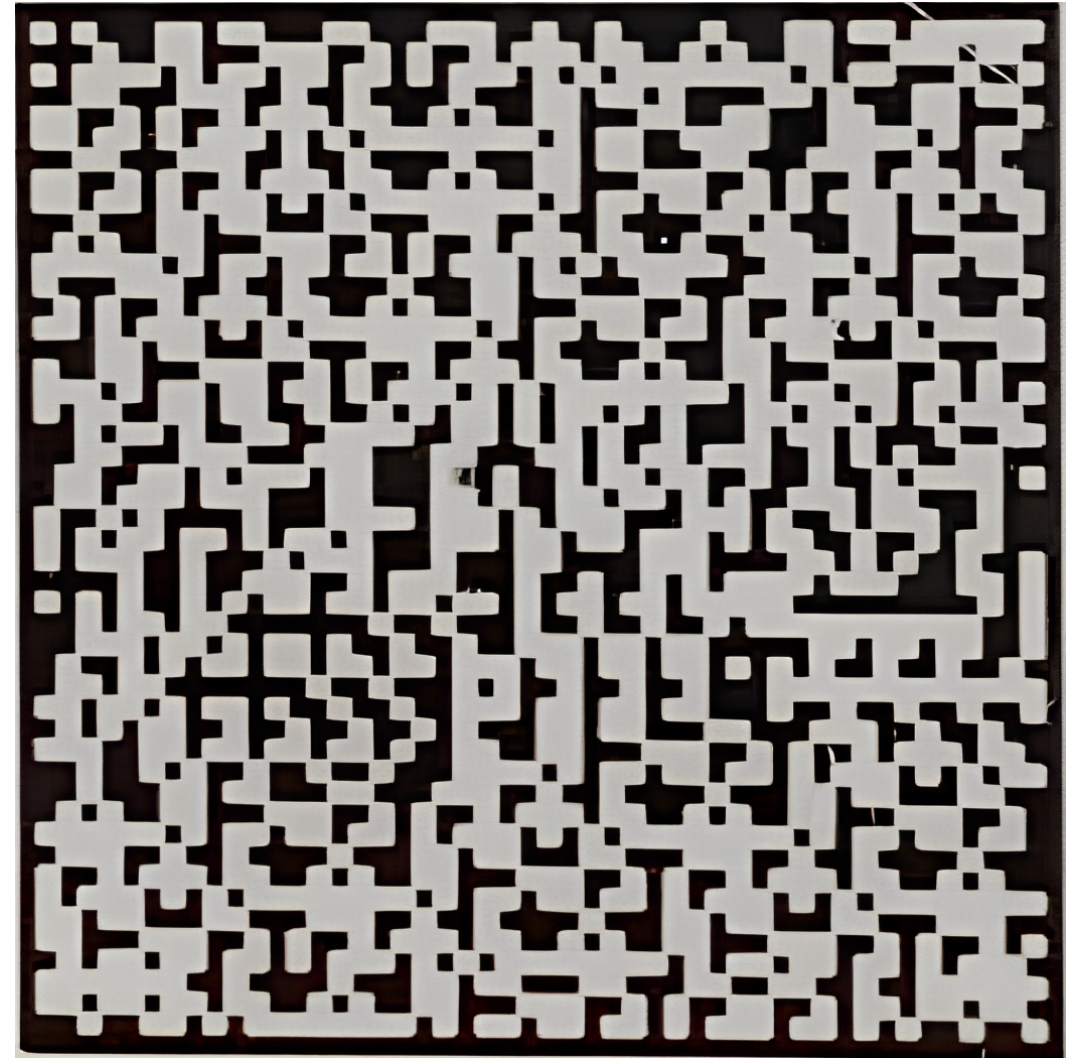


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PS: Using pretrained models without fine-tuning on UniQode® images



# SwinIR – x2 Superresolution Results

- Inference time:  $\sim 0.80$  s
- PSNR:  $\sim 19.70$  dB
- SSIM:  $\sim 0.85$

Questions?