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# Learning Continuous Image Representation with Local Implicit Image Function

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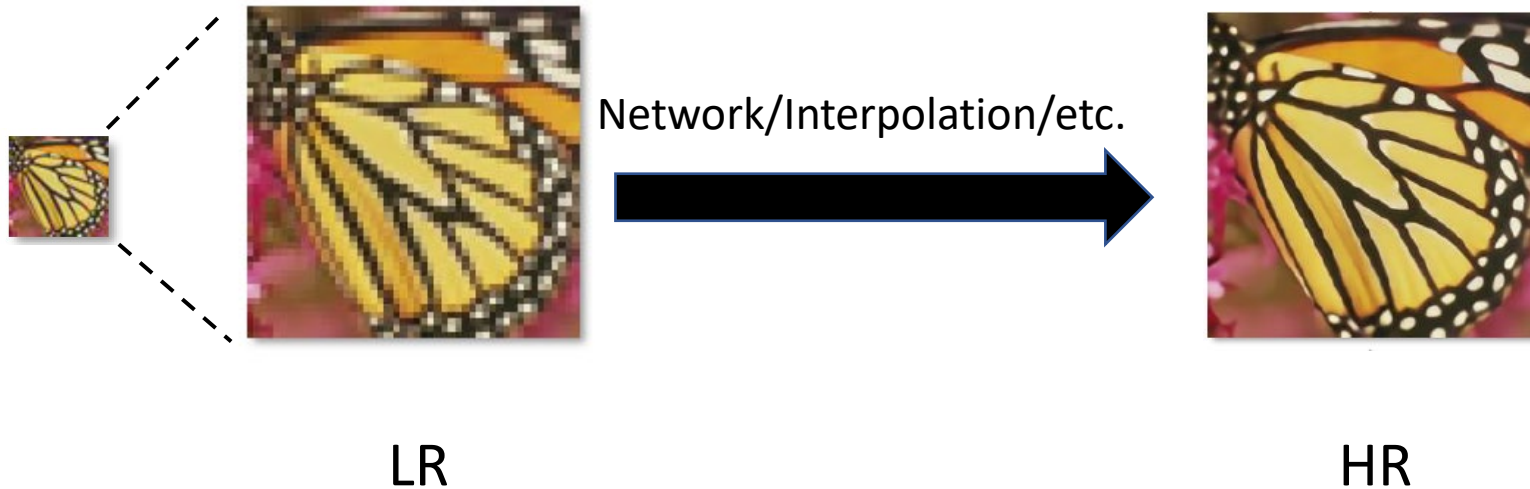
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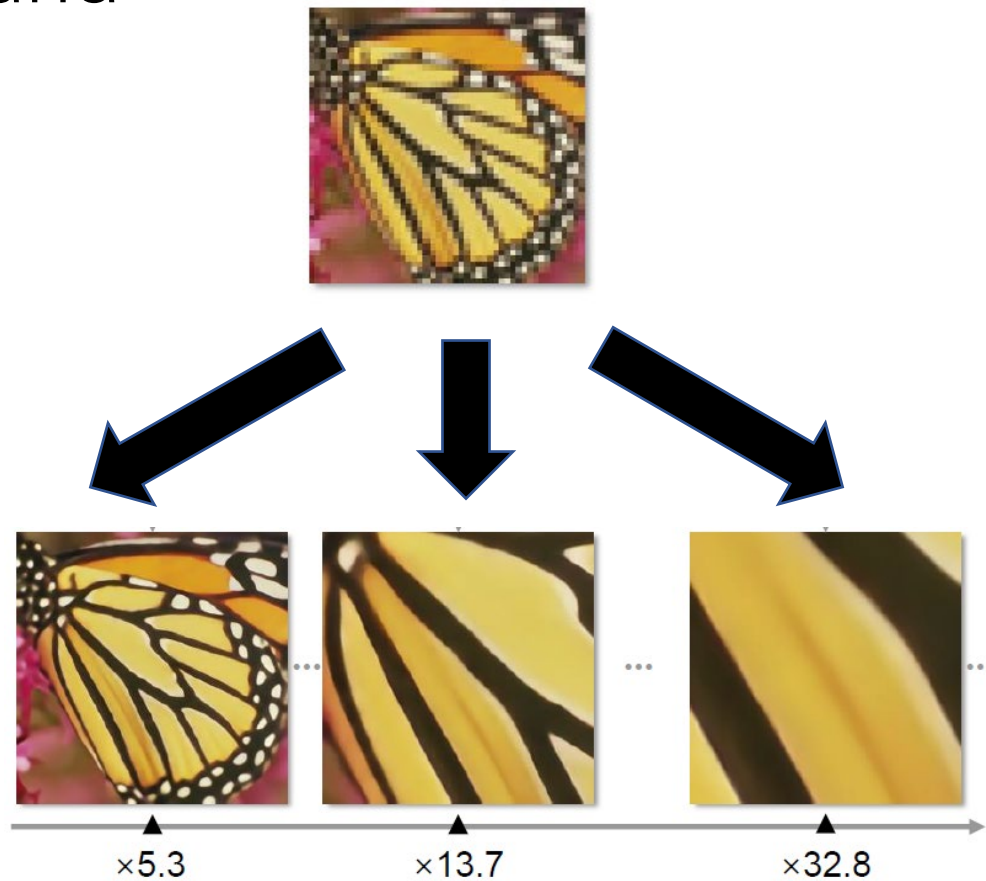
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# Background



- Image super-resolution
  - Low resolution -> high resolution

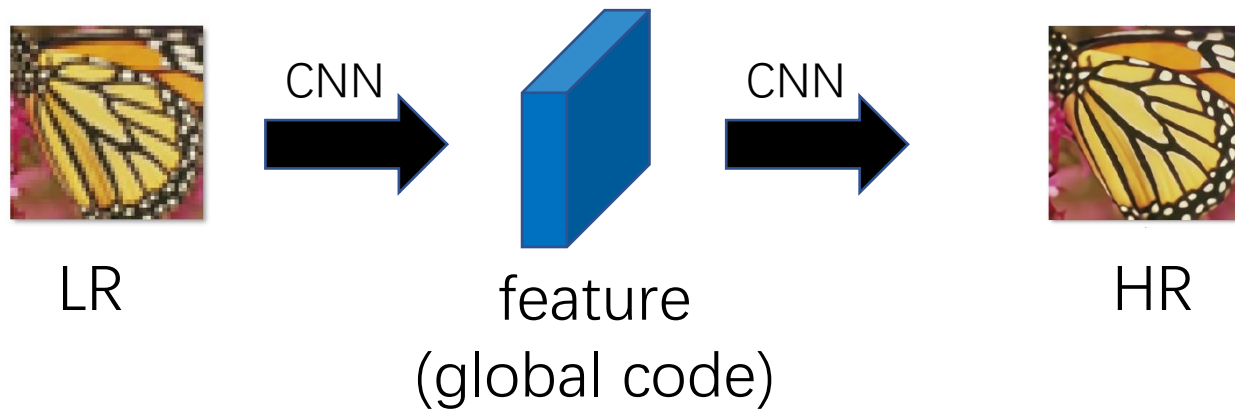
# Background



- Difference with other enhancement task?
  - Others: one- $\rightarrow$ one
  - SR: one- $\rightarrow$ many

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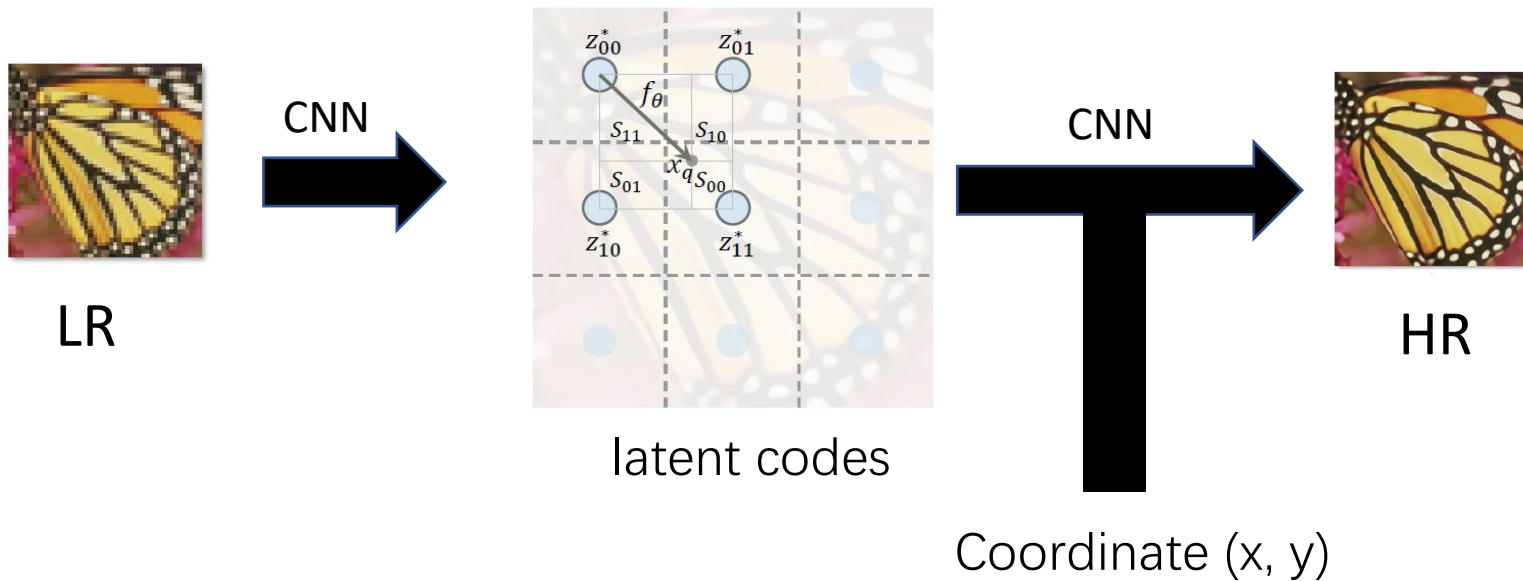
- Traditional methods



*Different CNNs for different scales. (e.g. x2/x3/x4)*

# Method

- Query local latent codes




# Method

- Local Implicit Image Function (LIIF)

Implicit neural representation ( $z$ : vector,  $x$ : coordinate)

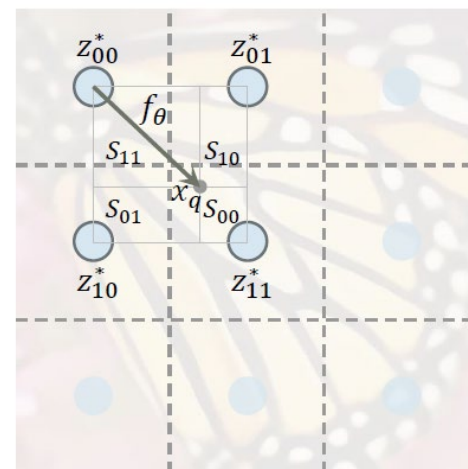
$$s = f(z, x).$$

$f(z, \cdot)$



The function that maps coordinate to RGB value.

RGB value definition:  $I^{(i)}(x_q) = f(z^*, x_q - v^*),$



latent codes  $M^{(i)}$

# Method

- Further Improvement
  - Feature Unfolding

$$\hat{M}_{jk}^{(i)} = \text{Concat}(\{M_{j+l, k+m}^{(i)}\}_{l, m \in \{-1, 0, 1\}})$$



enrich the information contained in each latent code

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- Local Ensemble

$$I^{(i)}(x_q) = \sum_{t \in \{00, 01, 10, 11\}} \frac{S_t}{S} \cdot f(z_t^*, x_q - v_t^*),$$



achieve continuous transition at coordinates when z switches



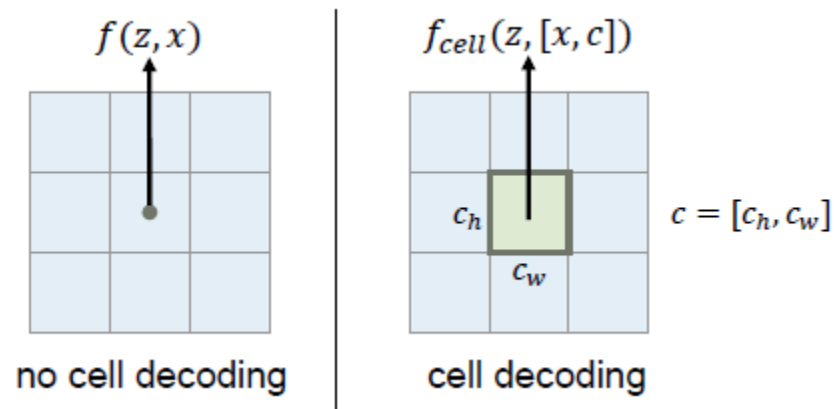
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- Further Improvement
  - Cell Decoding

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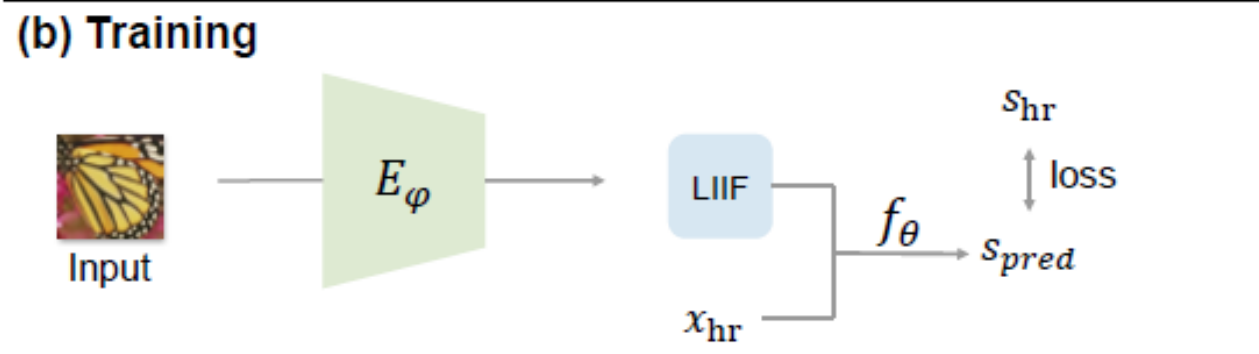
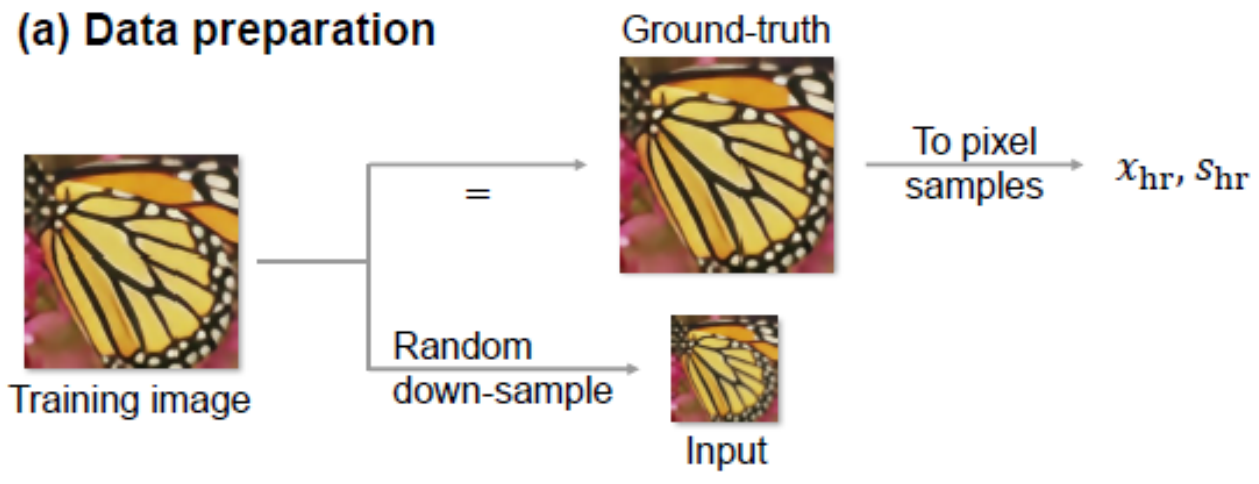
$$s = f_{cell}(z, [x, c])$$



present the LIF representation as the pixel-based form in arbitrary resolution.

# Method

- Learning Strategy



# Experiment

## Quantitative comparison on benchmark datasets

Dataset	Method	In-distribution			Out-of-distribution	
		×2	×3	×4	×6	×8
Set5	RDN [47]	38.24	34.71	32.47	-	-
	RDN-MetaSR <sup>#</sup> [13]	38.22	34.63	32.38	29.04	26.96
	RDN-LIIF (ours)	38.17	34.68	32.50	<b>29.15</b>	<b>27.14</b>
Set14	RDN [47]	34.01	30.57	28.81	-	-
	RDN-MetaSR <sup>#</sup> [13]	33.98	30.54	28.78	26.51	24.97
	RDN-LIIF (ours)	33.97	30.53	28.80	<b>26.64</b>	<b>25.15</b>
B100	RDN [47]	32.34	29.26	27.72	-	-
	RDN-MetaSR <sup>#</sup> [13]	32.33	29.26	27.71	25.90	24.83
	RDN-LIIF (ours)	32.32	29.26	27.74	<b>25.98</b>	<b>24.91</b>
Urban100	RDN [47]	32.89	28.80	26.61	-	-
	RDN-MetaSR <sup>#</sup> [13]	32.92	28.82	26.55	23.99	22.59
	RDN-LIIF (ours)	32.87	28.82	<b>26.68</b>	<b>24.20</b>	<b>22.79</b>

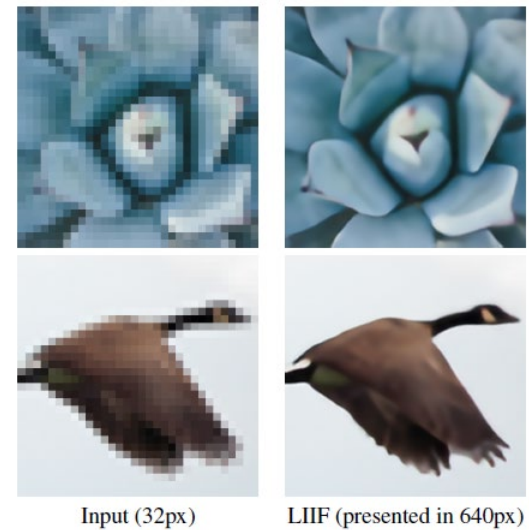
- Competitive performance for in-distribution scales.
- Significantly outperforms MetaSR for out-distribution scales.

# Experiment

## Qualitative comparison for scale x30



## Other visualizations



# Experiment

## Ablation Study

	In-distribution			Out-of-distribution				
	×2	×3	×4	×6	×12	×18	×24	×30
LIIF	34.67	30.96	29.00	26.75	23.71	22.17	21.18	20.48
LIIF(-c)	34.53	30.92	28.97	26.73	23.72	22.19	21.19	20.51
LIIF(-u)	34.64	30.94	28.98	26.73	23.69	22.16	21.17	20.47
LIIF(-e)	34.63	30.95	28.97	26.72	23.66	22.13	21.14	20.45
LIIF(-d)	34.65	30.94	28.98	26.71	23.64	22.10	21.12	20.42

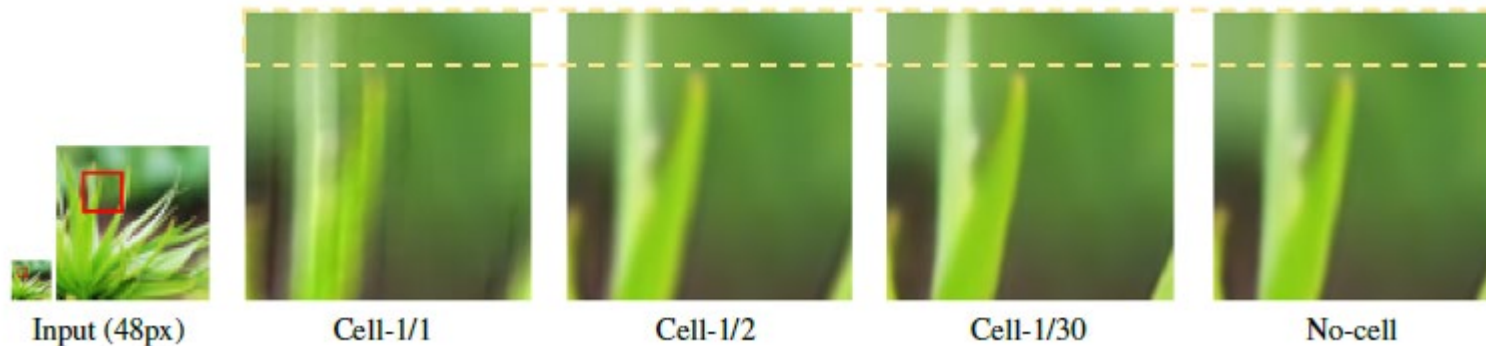
- -c: w/o cell decoding.
- -u: w/o feature unfolding.
- -e: w/o local ensemble
- -d: reducing the depth of neural implicit function

# Experiment

## Further Analysis on Cell Decoding

	In-distribution			Out-of-distribution				
	$\times 2$	$\times 3$	$\times 4$	$\times 6$	$\times 12$	$\times 18$	$\times 24$	$\times 30$
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Cell decoding can hurt the performance for out-of-distribution scale



- For out-of-distribution large scales, there can be much more uncertainty.
- Being blurry may help a bit when uncertainty exists for PSNR computing.

# Conclusion

- Neural implicit function for image representation in arbitrary resolution.
- Self-supervised training and better performance for out-of-distribution scales.

Thanks!