

IRNeXt: Rethinking Convolutional Network Design for Image Restoration

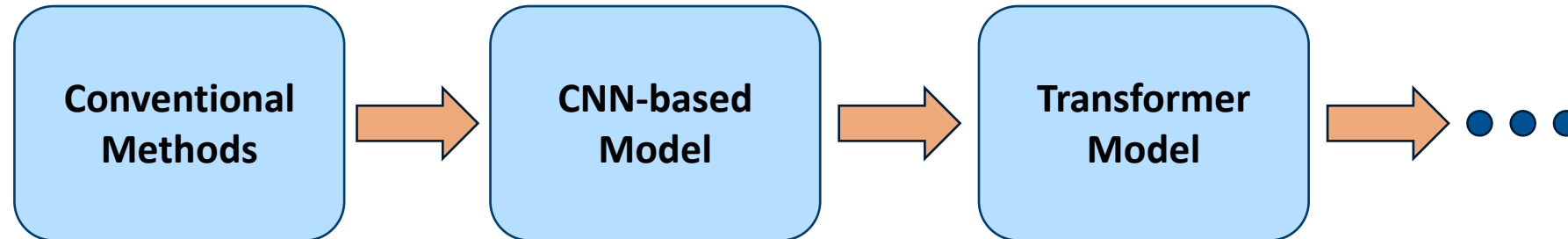
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Code: <https://github.com/c-yn/IRNeXt>

Motivation



Transformer Model

Global perceptive field \checkmark Quadratic complexity \times

Our Goal

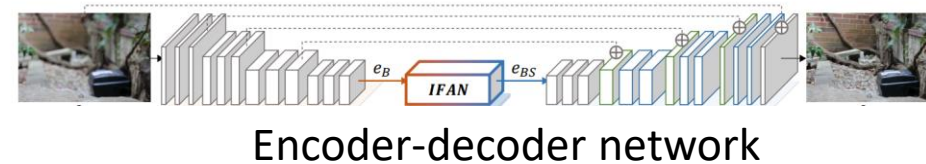
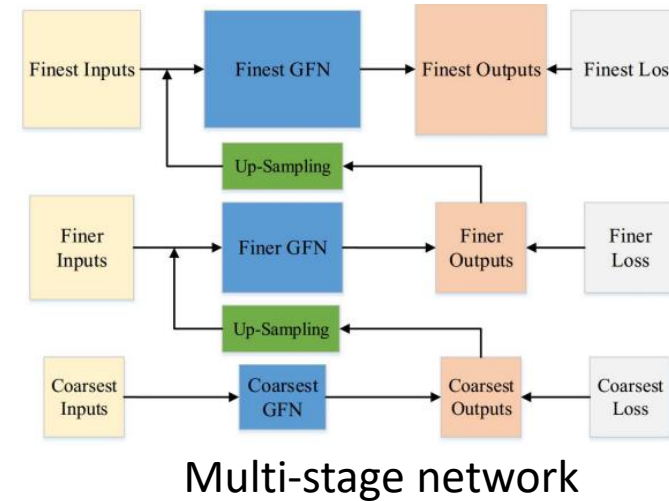
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Comparable/Better performance \checkmark Efficient \checkmark

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→ Revisit previous successful image restoration methods

✓ Multi-scale learning



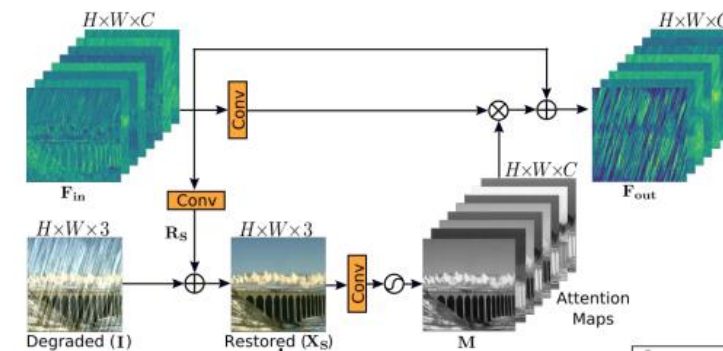
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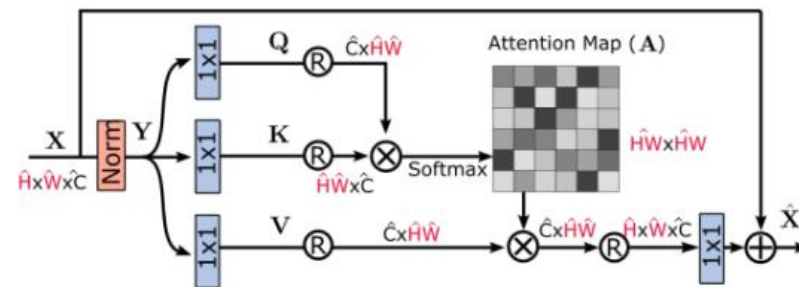
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Attention w/o aggregation



Attention w/ aggregation

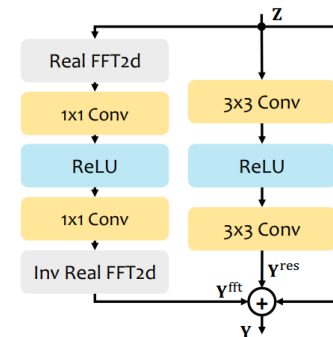
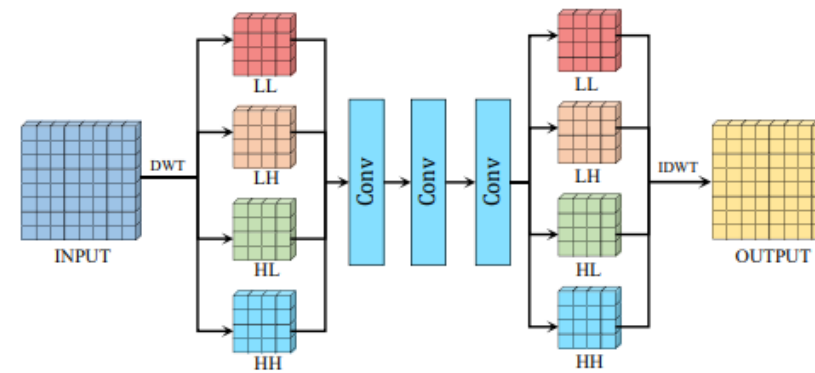
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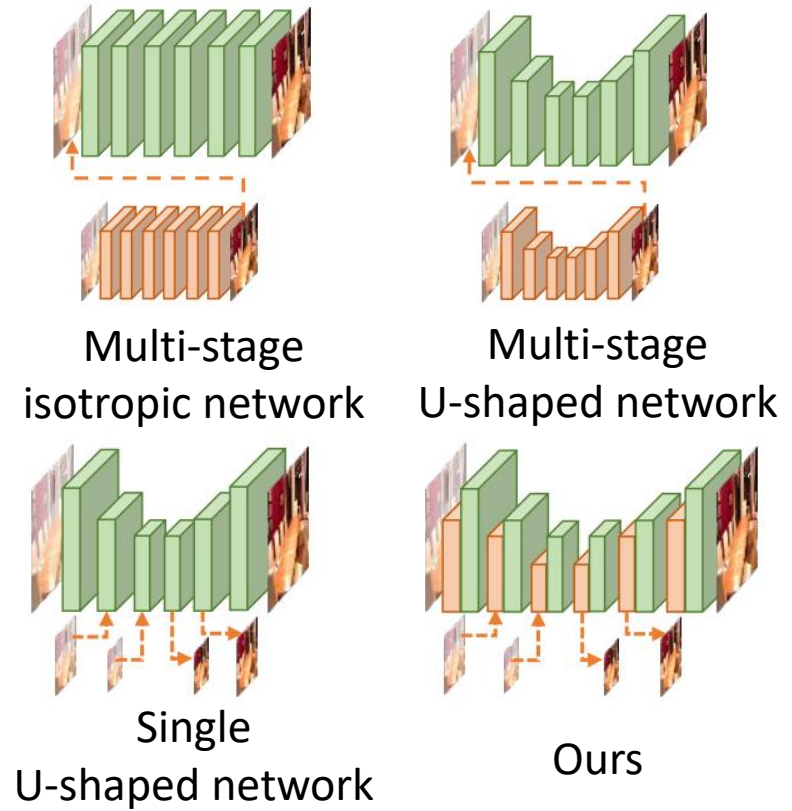
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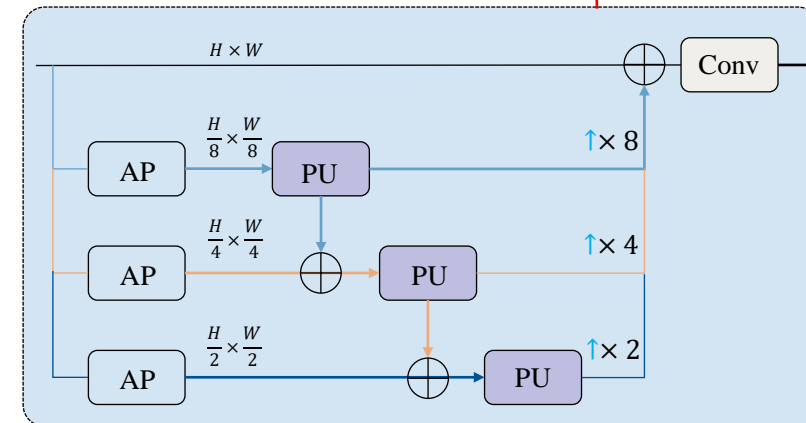
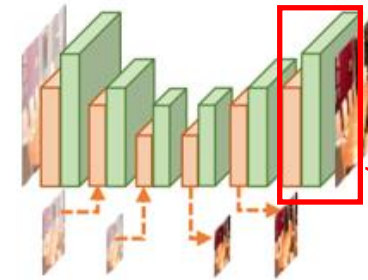
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PU=Processing Unit
AP=Average Pooling

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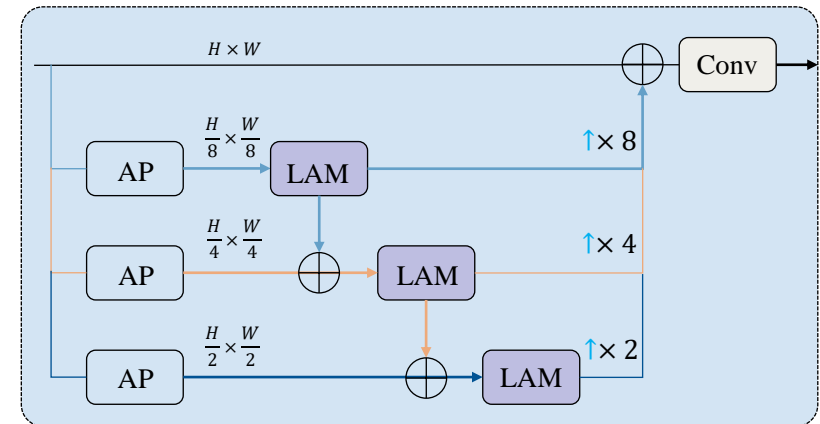
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& quadratic complexity

Convolution → static filter
& efficient

Dynamic convolution → Softmax × Tanh ✓

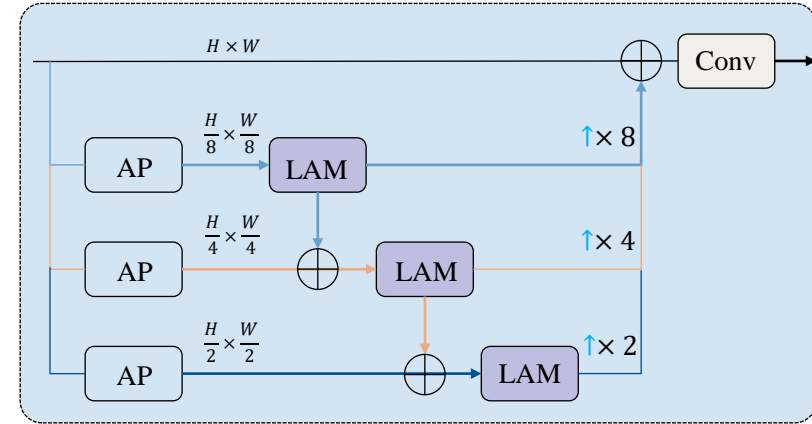


LAM=Local Attention Module
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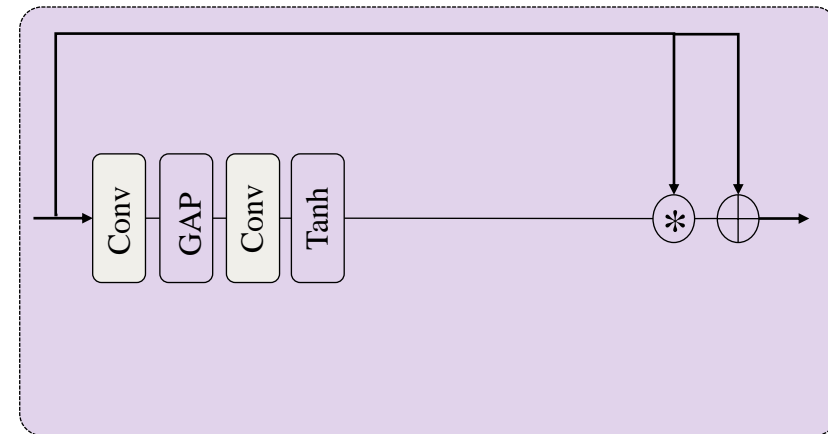
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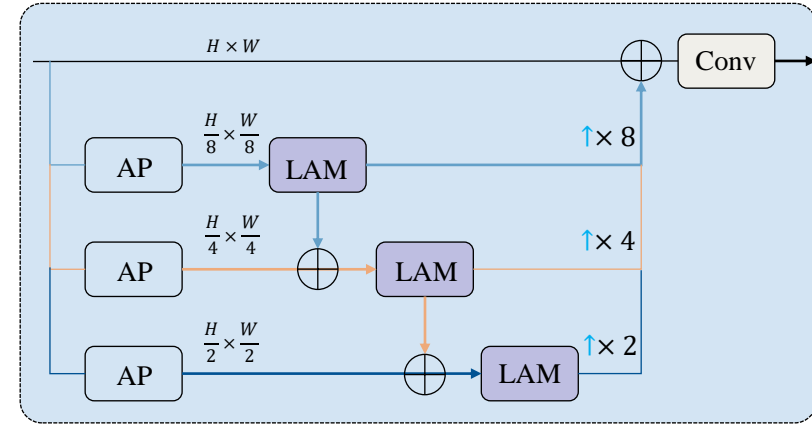
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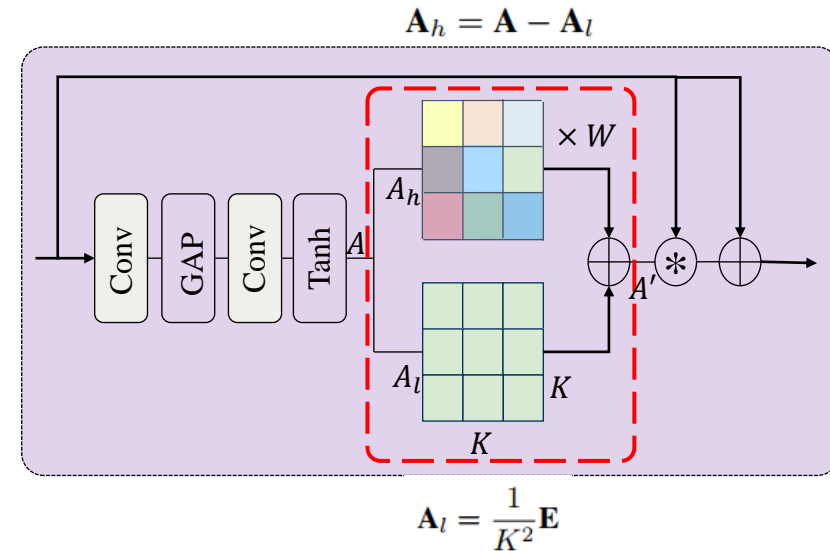
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Dynamic convolution → $\text{Softmax} \times \text{Tanh}$ ✓
& with frequency processing



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Architecture

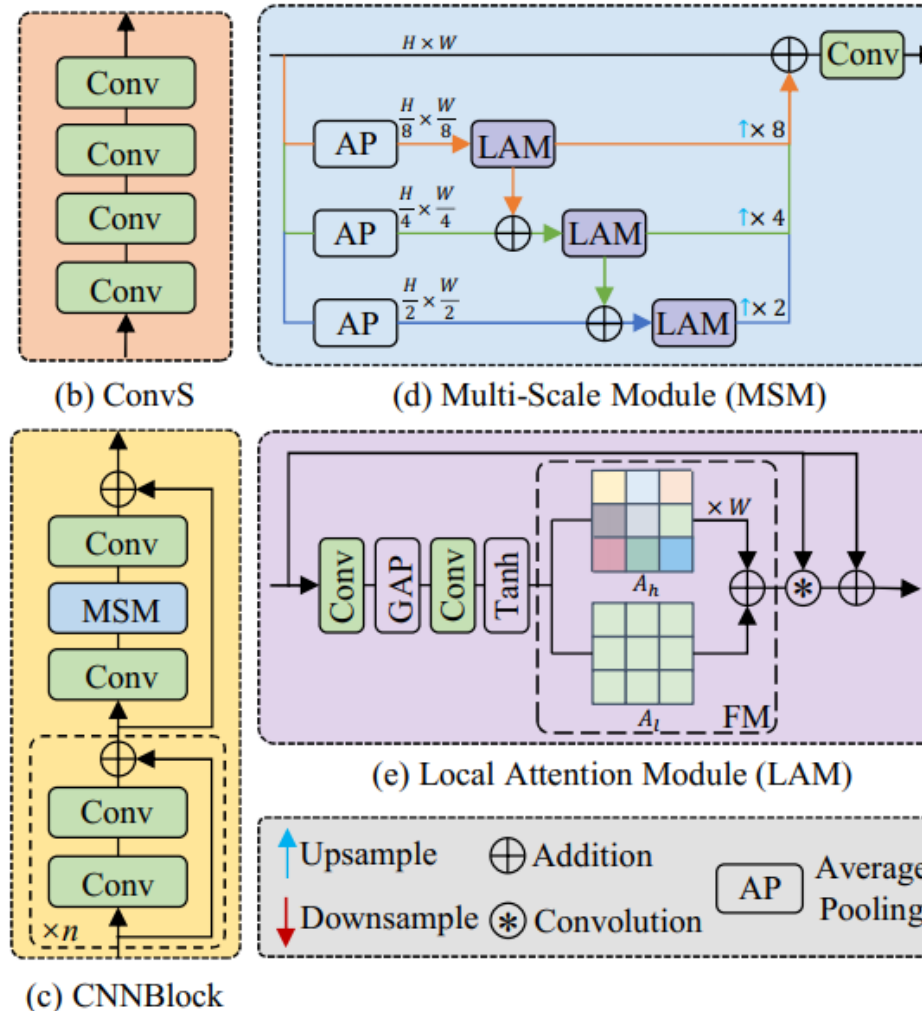
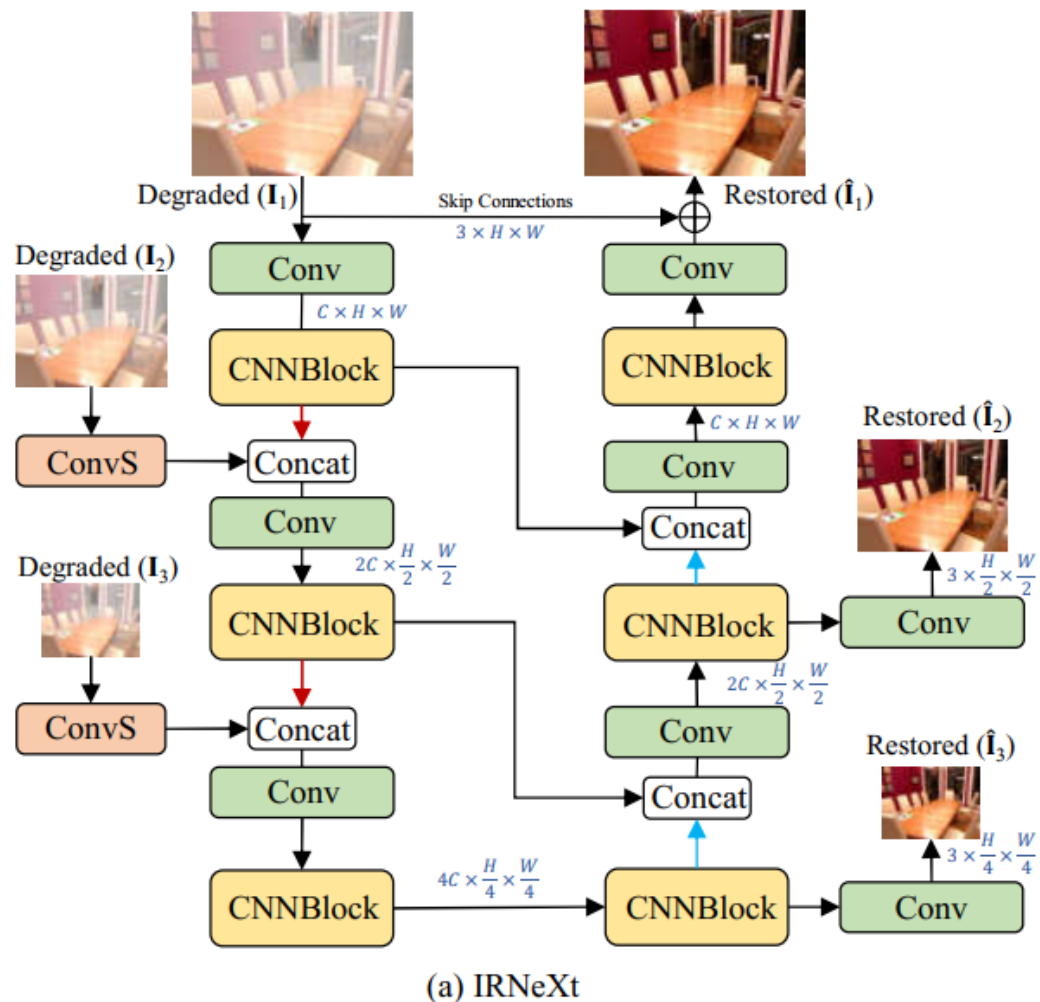
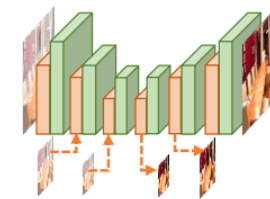


Image defocus deblurring

Method	Indoor Scenes				Outdoor Scenes				Combined			
	PSNR \uparrow	SSIM \uparrow	MAE \downarrow	LPIPS \downarrow	PSNR \uparrow	SSIM \uparrow	MAE \downarrow	LPIPS \downarrow	PSNR \uparrow	SSIM \uparrow	MAE \downarrow	LPIPS \downarrow
DPDNet (Abuolaim & Brown, 2020)	26.54	0.816	0.031	0.239	22.25	0.682	0.056	0.313	24.34	0.747	0.044	0.277
KPAC (Son et al., 2021)	27.97	0.852	0.026	0.182	22.62	0.701	0.053	0.269	25.22	0.774	0.040	0.227
IFAN (Lee et al., 2021)	28.11	0.861	0.026	0.179	22.76	0.720	0.052	0.254	25.37	0.789	0.039	0.217
DeepRFT (Mao et al., 2021)			-				-		25.71	0.801	0.039	0.218
DRBNet (Ruan et al., 2022)			-				-		25.73	0.791	-	0.183
Restormer (Zamir et al., 2022)	28.87	0.882	0.025	0.145	23.24	0.743	0.050	0.209	25.98	0.811	0.038	0.178
IRNeXt (Ours)	29.22	0.879	0.024	0.167	23.53	0.752	0.049	0.244	26.30	0.814	0.037	0.206

DPDD



Experiments

Image dehazing

Method	SOTS-Indoor		SOTS-Outdoor		Dense-Haze		NH-HAZE		#Param (M)
	PSNR	SSIM	PSNR	SSIM	PSNR	SSIM	PSNR	SSIM	
AOD-Net (Li et al., 2017)	20.51	0.816	24.14	0.920	13.14	0.414	15.40	0.569	0.002
GridDehazeNet (Liu et al., 2019)	32.16	0.984	30.86	0.982	13.31	0.368	13.80	0.537	0.956
MSBDN (Dong et al., 2020)	33.67	0.985	33.48	0.982	15.37	0.486	19.23	0.706	31.35
PFDN (Dong & Pan, 2020)	32.68	0.976	-	-	-	-	-	-	11.27
FFA-Net (Qin et al., 2020)	36.39	0.989	33.57	0.984	14.39	0.452	19.87	0.692	4.456
KDDN (Hong et al., 2020)	34.72	0.985	33.57	0.984	14.28	0.407	17.39	0.590	5.99
AECR-Net (Wu et al., 2021)	37.17	0.990	-	-	15.80	0.466	19.88	0.717	2.611
DeHamer (Guo et al., 2022)	36.63	0.988	35.18	0.986	16.62	0.560	20.66	0.684	132.45
DehazeFormer-L (Song et al., 2022)	40.05	0.996	-	-	-	-	-	-	25.44
MAXIM (Tu et al., 2022)	38.11	0.991	34.19	0.985	-	-	-	-	14.1
FSDGN (Yu et al., 2022)	38.63	0.990	-	-	16.91	0.581	19.99	0.731	2.73
PMNet (Ye et al., 2022)	38.41	0.990	34.74	0.985	16.79	0.510	20.42	0.730	18.90
IRNeXt (Ours)	41.21	0.996	39.18	0.996	17.60	0.659	20.55	0.813	5.46



Experiments

Image desnowing

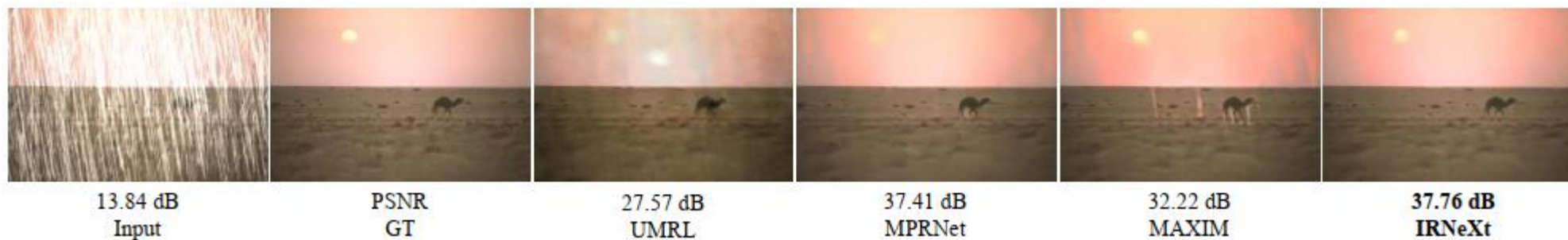
Method	CSD		SRRS		Snow100K	
	PSNR	SSIM	PSNR	SSIM	PSNR	SSIM
DesnowNet (Liu et al., 2018a)	20.13	0.81	20.38	0.84	30.50	0.94
CycleGAN (Engin et al., 2018)	20.98	0.80	20.21	0.74	26.81	0.89
All in One (Li et al., 2020)	26.31	0.87	24.98	0.88	26.07	0.88
JSTASR (Chen et al., 2020)	27.96	0.88	25.82	0.89	23.12	0.86
HDCW-Net (Chen et al., 2021c)	29.06	0.91	27.78	0.92	31.54	0.95
SMGARN (Cheng et al., 2022)	31.93	0.95	29.14	0.94	31.92	0.93
MSP-Former (Chen et al., 2022)	33.75	0.96	30.76	0.95	33.43	0.96
TransWeather (Valanarasu et al., 2022)	31.76	0.93	28.29	0.92	31.82	0.93
IRNeXt (Ours)	37.29	0.99	31.91	0.98	33.61	0.95



Experiments

Image deraining

Method	Rain100L		Rain100H		Test100	
	PSNR	SSIM	PSNR	SSIM	PSNR	SSIM
DerainNet (Fu et al., 2017a)	27.03	0.884	14.92	0.592	22.77	0.810
SEMI (Wei et al., 2019)	25.03	0.842	16.56	0.486	22.35	0.788
DIDMDN (Wei et al., 2019)	25.23	0.741	17.35	0.524	22.56	0.818
UMRL (Yasarla & Patel, 2019)	29.18	0.923	26.01	0.832	24.41	0.829
RESCAN (Li et al., 2018b)	29.80	0.881	26.36	0.786	25.00	0.835
PreNet (Ren et al., 2019)	32.44	0.950	26.77	0.858	24.81	0.851
MSPFN (Jiang et al., 2020)	32.40	0.933	28.66	0.860	27.50	0.876
MPRNet (Zamir et al., 2021)	36.40	0.965	30.41	0.890	30.27	0.897
HINet (Chen et al., 2021b)	37.20	0.969	30.63	0.893	30.26	0.905
DRT (Liang et al., 2022)	37.61	0.948	29.47	0.846	27.02	0.847
MAXIM (Tu et al., 2022)	38.06	0.977	30.81	0.903	31.17	0.922
IRNeXt (Ours)	38.14	0.972	31.64	0.902	31.53	0.919



Experiments

Image motion deblurring

Method	PSNR	SSIM	FLOPs/G	Params/M	Time/s
DBGAN (Zhang et al., 2020)	31.10	0.942	759.85	11.6	1.447
DMPHN (Zhang et al., 2019a)	31.20	0.940	-	21.7	0.405
MIMO-UNet++ (Cho et al., 2021)	32.68	0.959	617.64	16.1	1.277
MPRNet (Zamir et al., 2021)	32.66	0.959	777.01	20.1	1.148
Restormer (Zamir et al., 2022)	32.92	0.961	140.99	26.1	1.218
Stripformer (Tsai et al., 2022)	33.08	0.962	170.46	20.0	1.054
IRNeXt (Ours)	33.16	0.962	114.79	13.21	0.255

Method	PSNR	SSIM
SRN-DeblurNet (Tao et al., 2018)	32.53	0.840
MIMO-UNet (Cho et al., 2021)	32.73	0.846
MIMO-UNet+ (Cho et al., 2021)	33.37	0.856
MPRNet (Zamir et al., 2021)	33.61	0.861
Restormer (Zamir et al., 2022)	33.69	0.863
Uformer (Wang et al., 2022)	33.98	0.866
IRNeXt (Ours)	34.08	0.869

GoPro

RSBlur



Blurry Image



Input/18.00 dB

GT/PSNR

DBGAN/23.27 dB

DMPHN/25.14 dB

MIMO-Unet++/24.15 dB

MPRNet/24.14 dB

Restormer/27.34 dB

IRNeXt/28.17 dB

Thank you!