

# L-CAD: Language-based Colorization with Any-level Descriptions using Diffusion Priors

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# Background

1. A person wearing a spacesuit is mowing grass on the lawn.
2. A rabbit with sunglasses and a hat.
3. An astronaut piled up a pyramid with sand.
4. The robot is pouring coffee.....



# Motivation

The wine on the far left is purple, the middle two glasses are blue, and the wine on the far right is orange.



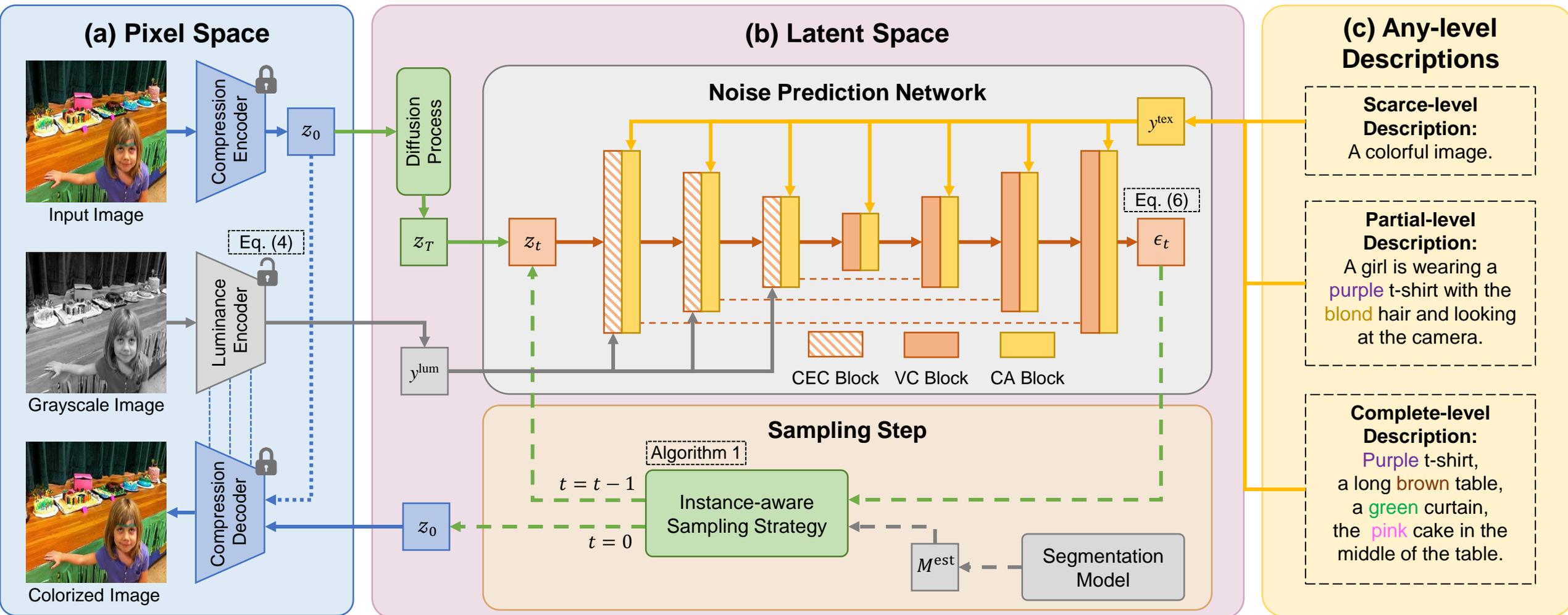
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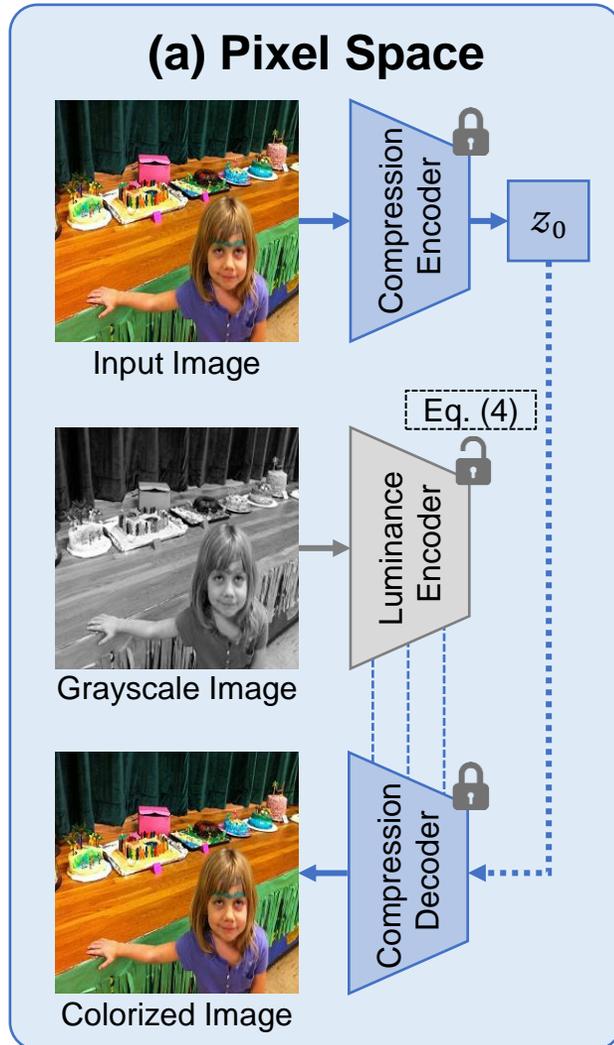
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# Pipeline



# Luminance-guided image compression



Training loss:

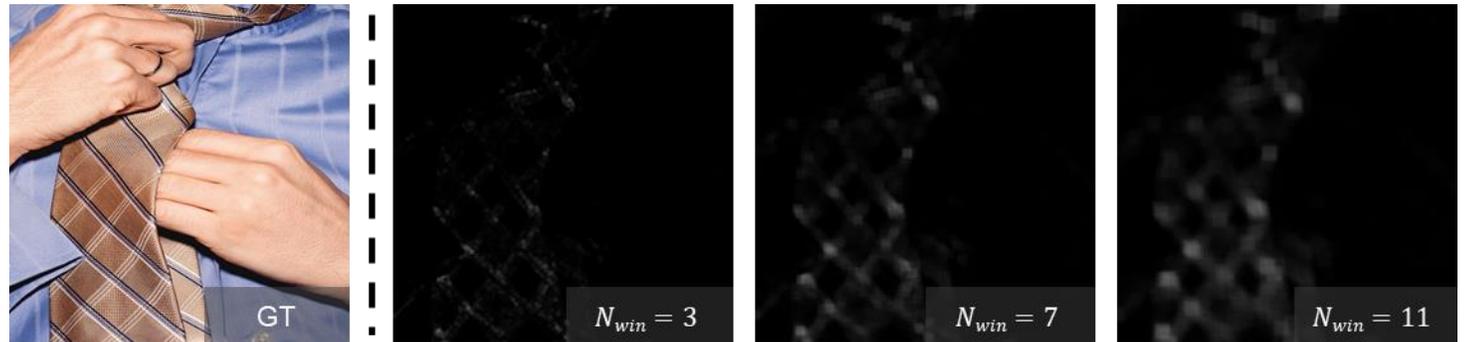
$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{pix}} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{rec}} + \alpha \mathcal{L}_{\text{dis}} + \beta \mathcal{L}_{\text{per}}$$

New reconstruction loss:

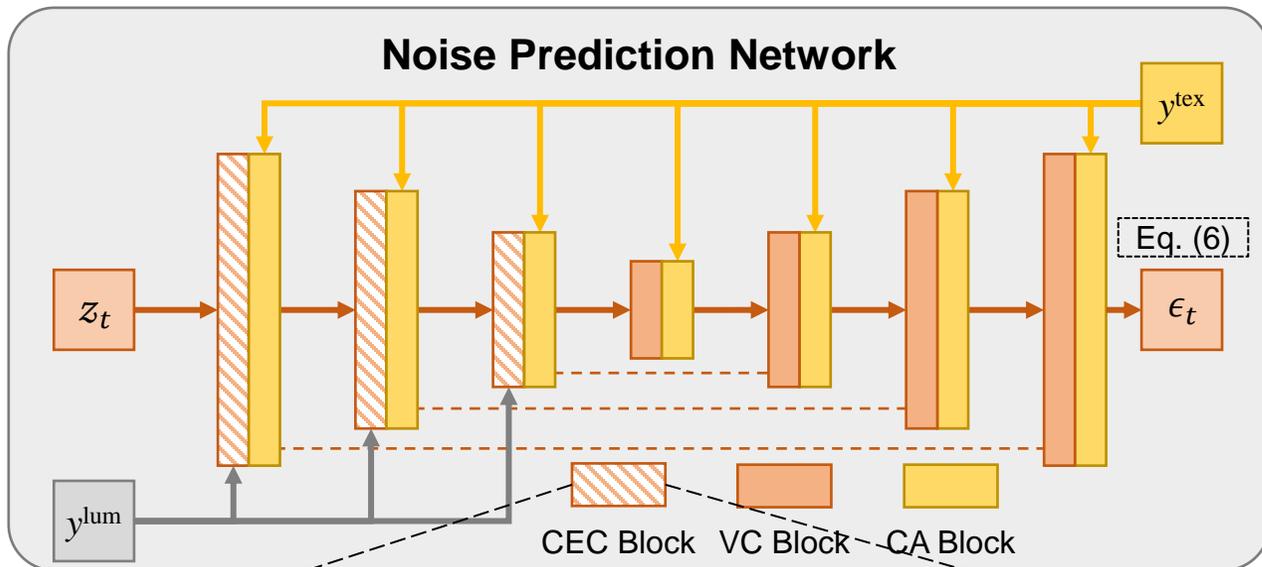
$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{rec}} = \|M^{\text{art}} \odot (x - \tilde{x})\|_1.$$

Artifacts map:

$$M_{h,w}^{\text{art}} = \sum_{p \in \Omega(h,w)} \left( \frac{\delta_p - \mu_p}{N_{\text{win}}} \right)^2, \quad \mu_p = \sum_{p \in \Omega(h,w)} \frac{\delta_p}{N_{\text{win}}^2},$$



# Semantic-aligned latent representation

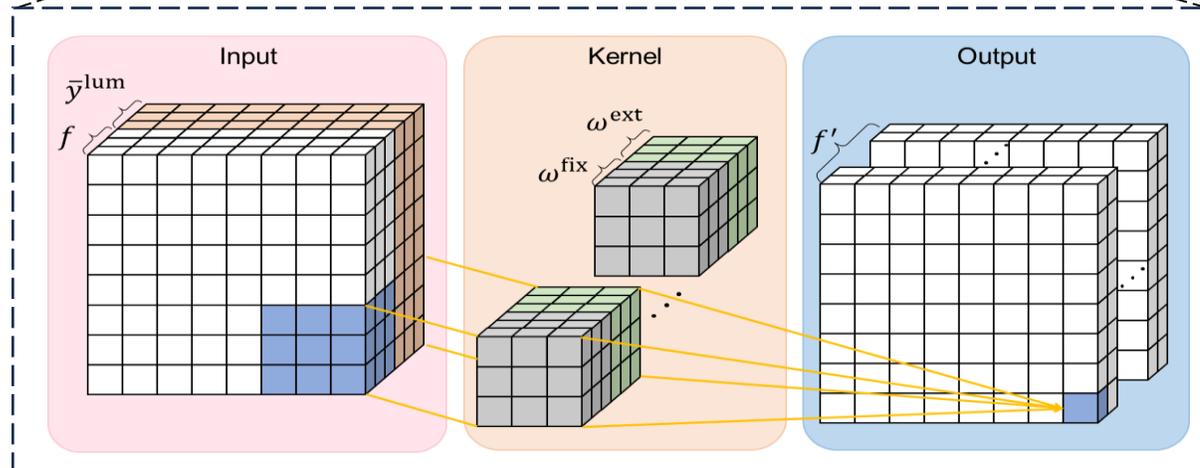


Formula for extended convolution:

$$f'_{h,w} = \sum_{i=0}^{N_k-1} \sum_{j=0}^{N_k-1} \left( \sum_{k=1}^{N_{\text{fix}}} \omega_{i,j,k}^{\text{fix}} f_{p,q,k} + \sum_{k=1}^{N_{\text{ext}}} \omega_{i,j,N_{\text{fix}}+k}^{\text{ext}} \bar{y}_{p,q,k}^{\text{lum}} \right),$$

Training loss:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{lat}} = \mathbb{E}_{t, z_0, \epsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(0,1)} [\|\epsilon_t - \epsilon_{\theta}(z_t, t, y^{\text{tex}}, y^{\text{lum}})\|^2],$$



# Instance-aware sampling strategy

## Algorithm 1: Instance-aware sampling strategy

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**input** : Roughly estimated object contour  $M^{\text{est}}$

**output** : Colorized latent representation  $z_0$

**for**  $t = T \dots 1$  **do**

$-, M_*^{\text{att}} = \epsilon_\theta(z_t, t, y^{\text{lum}}, y^{\text{tex}})$

**for**  $l = 1 \dots L$  **do**

$\hat{M}_l^{\text{est}} \leftarrow \text{Downsampling}(M^{\text{est}}, l)$

$\mathcal{M} \leftarrow \text{Sigmoid}(M_l^{\text{att}})$

$\hat{M}_l^{\text{att}} \leftarrow M_l^{\text{att}} - \lambda \nabla_{M_l^{\text{att}}} \mathcal{L}_{\text{BCE}}(\mathcal{M}, \hat{M}_l^{\text{est}})$

**end**

$\hat{\epsilon}_{t,-} = \epsilon_\theta(z_t, t, y^{\text{lum}}, y^{\text{tex}}) \{M_*^{\text{att}} \leftarrow \hat{M}_*^{\text{att}}\}$

$z_{t-1} = \text{DDIM}(z_t, \hat{\epsilon}_{t,-}, t)$

**end**

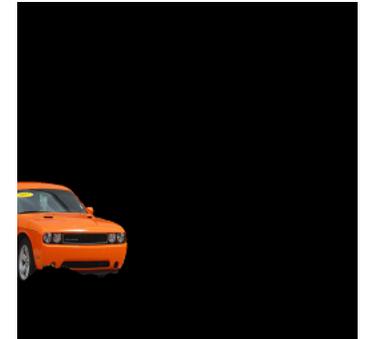
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Ground-truth



$M^{\text{est}}$  for  
“left orange car”



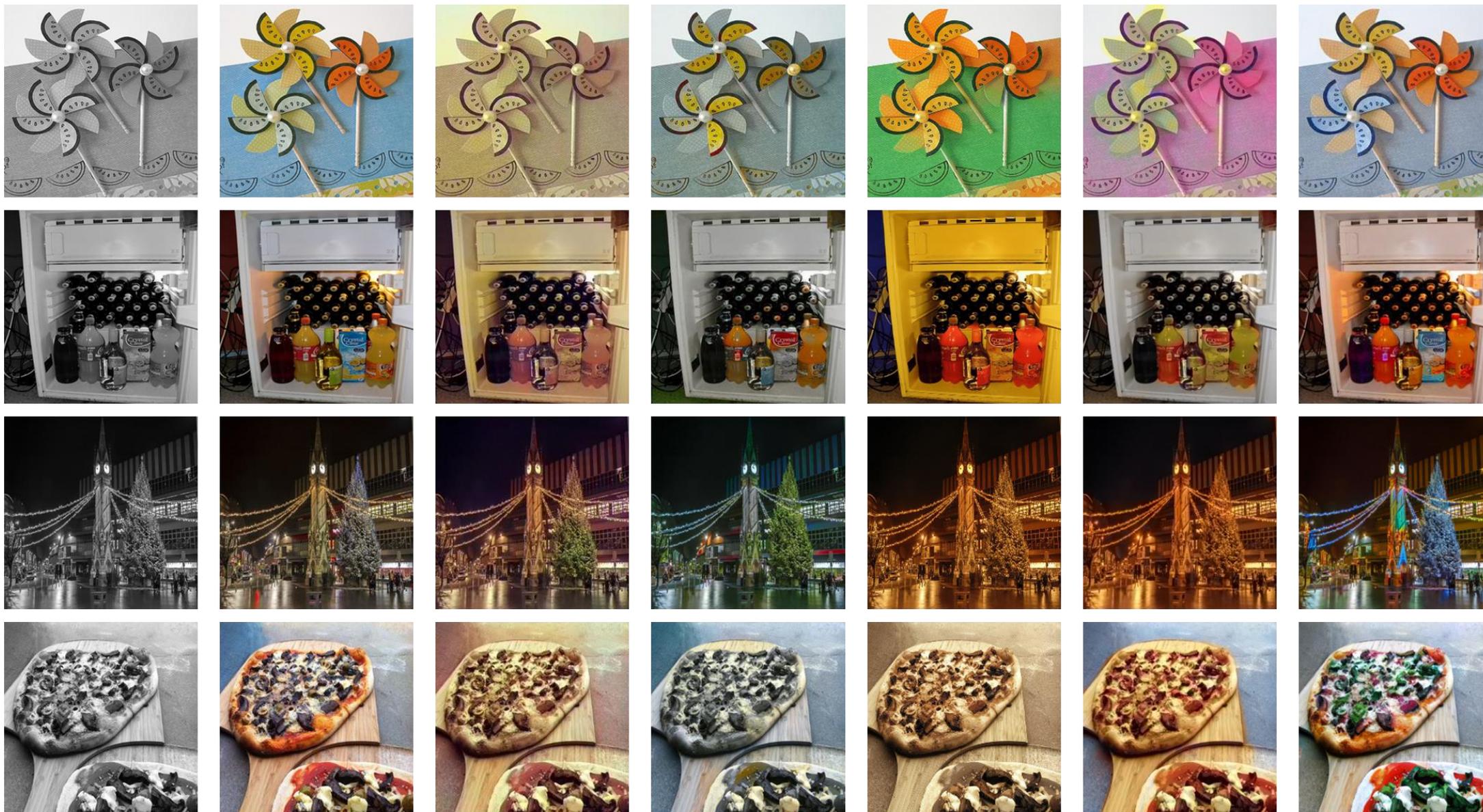
$M^{\text{est}}$  for  
“right yellow car”

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# Comparison with Automatic Colorization

scarce level



Grayscale

Ground Truth

CIC

BigColor

DISCO

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Ours

# Comparison with Language-based Colorization

Complete level	<p>The two chairs on the left are <b>green</b>, and the ones on the right are <b>blue</b> and <b>pink</b>.</p>						
	<p>The man on the left is wearing a <b>black</b> suit and <b>red</b> tie, and the man on the right is wearing a <b>red</b> suit and <b>black</b> tie.</p>						
Partial level	<p><b>Orange</b> carrots and some vegetable on a <b>white</b> plate ready to be cut.</p>						
	<p>A double decker <b>red</b> <b>white</b> and <b>purple</b> bus.</p>						

Description

Grayscale

Ground Truth

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# Ablation

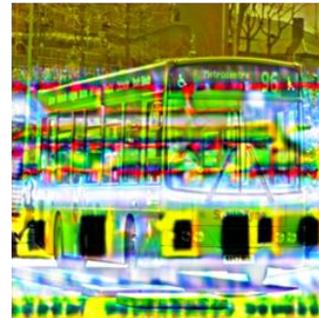
Complete level

The boy is wearing a yellow T-shirt, a white hat, and blue pants, holding a pizza.



Partial level

A purple bus is parked on the roadside.



Scarce level

A colorful image.



Description

Grayscale

Ground Truth

W/o LIC

W/o SLR

W/o ISS

Ours

# Application



1960. "Judge Myles Paige. Columbus, Georgia."



In front of the green vegetable stand stood a man in yellow clothes and green trousers.



1957. "Plymouth vs. Ford on the streets of Oakland circa."



There was a cyan car in the middle of the road.



There was a yellow car in the middle of the road.



1940. "The family of Mr. Timothy Levy Crouch at their Thanksgiving Day dinner"



A colorful image.



1897. "Palm walk on Lake Worth, Palm Beach."



There are many green trees along the beige path.



1925. "Washington, D.C. Judge Geo. H. MacDonald & Geo. G. Adams."



The man on the left was wearing an orange suit and the man on the right is wearing a pink suit.



The man on the left was wearing a gray suit and the man on the right is wearing a khaki suit.



1940. "Stephen A. Lynch Jr. residence, Sunset Island, Miami Beach."



A colorful image.