

Supplementary file to “Generalized and Efficient 2D Gaussian Splatting for Arbitrary-scale Super-Resolution”

In this supplementary file, we provide the following materials:

- More quantitative results on other testing datasets (please refer to Section 4.2 in the main paper);
- More quantitative results on RGB channels (please refer to Section 4.2 in the main paper);
- More qualitative results (please refer to Section 4.2 in the main paper);
- Rendering cost comparison between GSASR and GaussianSR (please refer to Section 4.2 in the main paper);
- More results on the computational costs (please refer to Section 4.2 in the main paper);
- Ablation study (please refer to Section 4.2 in the main paper).
- Performance of GSASR with larger backbone (please refer to Section 4.2 in the main paper).

1. Quantitative Results on More Testing Benchmarks

We compare our proposed GSASR with state-of-the-art (SoTA) methods, including Meta-SR [11], LIIF [4], LTE [15], SRNO [23], LINF [24], CiasoSR [2], LMF [8] and GaussianSR [10]. In Sec. 4.1 of the main paper, we have reported the results with EDSR-baseline [17] on DIV2K100 [21] and LSDIR [16] datasets. Here we report the results on the widely-used Set5 [1], Set14 [25], Urban100 [12], BSDS100 [19], Manga109 [20], General100 [7] testing sets with both EDSR-baseline and RDN [28]. For the performance measures, we report PSNR, SSIM [22], LPIPS [26], and DISTS [6] metrics. The PSNR and SSIM [22] metrics are computed on Y channel of Ycbcr space. Since some existing methods [2, 4] calculate PSNR on RGB channel for DIV2K, while on Y channel of Ycbcr space for other datasets, to unify the testing protocol, we calculate PSNR/SSIM on Y channel of Ycbcr space across all testing datasets and all comparison methods. For a fair comparison, we download all of the competing models from their official websites, then utilize the same data to generate the SR results and calculate the metrics through the same evaluation codes. The results are presented in Tables 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7.

From the quantitative results, one could find that GSASR significantly outperforms other arbitrary-scale super-resolution models in most benchmarks. GSASR drops slightly under high scaling factors (such as $\times 12$). This is because its performance depends on the number of employed Gaussians. When inferring on ultra-high scaling factors, the representation capability will be limited if the number of Gaussians is insufficient. One way to handle this issue is to increase the number of Gaussians. Nonetheless, GSASR’s results on $\times 12$ ASR are still very competitive.

2. Quantitative Results on RGB Channels

We also quantitatively compare the performance of different models on RGB channels in Tables 8 and 9. One can observe that GSASR consistently achieves the best performance across all scaling factors and metrics on different datasets.

3. Qualitative Results

We provide more qualitative results of our proposed GSASR and the compared methods, including Meta-SR [11], LIIF [4], LTE [15], SRNO [23], LINF [24], CiasoSR [2], LMF [8] and GaussianSR [10]. The visual comparisons are shown in Figs. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8. One could find that GSASR generates much clearer details than all the other methods, especially for complex textures. For example, in Fig. 1, the textures of the windows are very clear in GSASR, while the other methods lack lateral textures. Similar results could be observed from other visualization examples. In GSASR, Gaussians could move freely across the whole image, and automatically concentrate on areas with complex textures, benefiting the super-resolution of details. In the first row of Fig. 9, one could find that Gaussians are inclined to concentrate more on the edge pixels, such as the building textures, while distributing uniformly on areas with smooth textures, such as the sky.

Table 1. Quantitative comparison between representative ASR models and our GSASR. All models use the same RDN [28] backbone as the feature extraction encoder, and are tested on DIV2K and LSDIR [16] datasets [21] with scaling factors $\times 2$, $\times 3$, $\times 4$, $\times 6$, $\times 8$, $\times 12$, $\times 16$, $\times 18$, $\times 24$, $\times 30$. The best results are highlighted in red. The PSNR and SSIM metrics are computed on the Y channel of Ycbcr space.

Scale	Metrics	Backbone: RDN																	
		Testing Dataset: DIV2K									Testing Dataset: LSDIR								
		Meta -SR	LIIF	LTE	SRNO	LINF	LMF	Ciao -SR	Gaussian -SR	GSASR	Meta -SR	LIIF	LTE	SRNO	LINF	LMF	Ciao -SR	Gaussian -SR	GSASR
×2	PSNR	36.54	36.37	36.41	36.53	36.53	36.48	36.67	36.54	36.73	31.97	31.87	31.96	32.10	31.94	32.02	32.16	31.95	32.26
	SSIM	0.9483	0.9481	0.9484	0.9493	0.9483	0.9487	0.9494	0.9484	0.9500	0.9224	0.9221	0.9228	0.9247	0.9223	0.9234	0.9247	0.9228	0.9261
	LPIPS	0.0816	0.0828	0.0816	0.0783	0.0821	0.0806	0.0797	0.0829	0.0757	0.0872	0.0876	0.0861	0.0832	0.0874	0.0866	0.0839	0.0875	0.0812
	DISTS	0.0542	0.0543	0.0535	0.0528	0.0541	0.0540	0.0524	0.0543	0.0509	0.0644	0.0645	0.0635	0.0623	0.0645	0.0639	0.0615	0.0640	0.0603
×3	PSNR	32.79	32.68	32.73	32.83	32.77	32.78	32.89	32.74	32.97	28.34	28.26	28.34	28.45	28.30	28.37	28.46	28.33	28.56
	SSIM	0.8935	0.8934	0.8938	0.8951	0.8936	0.8947	0.8952	0.8939	0.8970	0.8399	0.8398	0.8409	0.8435	0.8398	0.8421	0.8432	0.8407	0.8462
	LPIPS	0.1850	0.1842	0.1837	0.1817	0.1846	0.1807	0.1821	0.1847	0.1768	0.1997	0.1983	0.1979	0.1947	0.1995	0.1954	0.1953	0.1993	0.1908
	DISTS	0.1000	0.0998	0.0987	0.0980	0.0999	0.0984	0.0965	0.0998	0.0955	0.1192	0.1188	0.1176	0.1159	0.1194	0.1169	0.1139	0.1189	0.1139
×4	PSNR	30.78	30.71	30.75	30.85	30.77	30.81	30.91	30.76	30.96	26.53	26.48	26.54	26.64	26.51	26.58	26.66	26.53	26.73
	SSIM	0.8455	0.8449	0.8459	0.8478	0.8453	0.8467	0.8481	0.8457	0.8500	0.7724	0.7714	0.7734	0.7767	0.7719	0.7744	0.7770	0.7727	0.7801
	LPIPS	0.2568	0.2566	0.2558	0.2525	0.2574	0.2546	0.2525	0.2570	0.2505	0.2831	0.2838	0.2822	0.2771	0.2840	0.2817	0.2768	0.2837	0.2752
	DISTS	0.1341	0.1354	0.1341	0.1330	0.1355	0.1341	0.1327	0.1347	0.1288	0.1581	0.1603	0.1589	0.1567	0.1609	0.1584	0.1563	0.1595	0.1533
×6	PSNR	28.40	28.44	28.49	28.57	28.48	28.52	28.61	28.46	28.65	24.55	24.59	24.64	24.70	24.61	24.66	24.73	24.60	24.77
	SSIM	0.7715	0.7739	0.7749	0.7772	0.7739	0.7757	0.7777	0.7727	0.7800	0.6756	0.6791	0.6806	0.6841	0.6787	0.6815	0.6853	0.6772	0.6881
	LPIPS	0.3505	0.3468	0.3551	0.3510	0.3523	0.3534	0.3452	0.3584	0.3443	0.3960	0.3915	0.4020	0.3964	0.3961	0.4009	0.3864	0.4043	0.3867
	DISTS	0.1837	0.1882	0.1878	0.1861	0.1890	0.1873	0.1867	0.1880	0.1817	0.2110	0.2166	0.2161	0.2131	0.2181	0.2154	0.2131	0.2167	0.2093
×8	PSNR	26.97	27.07	27.13	27.20	27.11	27.16	27.24	26.99	27.28	23.44	23.49	23.54	23.60	23.52	23.57	23.63	23.45	23.63
	SSIM	0.7222	0.7274	0.7286	0.7308	0.7272	0.7293	0.7317	0.7228	0.7339	0.6151	0.6221	0.6230	0.6264	0.6211	0.6240	0.6281	0.6156	0.6299
	LPIPS	0.4133	0.4072	0.4214	0.4166	0.4163	0.4188	0.4075	0.4290	0.4060	0.4679	0.4627	0.4798	0.4729	0.4711	0.4772	0.4592	0.4875	0.4593
	DISTS	0.2181	0.2251	0.2268	0.2248	0.2273	0.2260	0.2244	0.2285	0.2192	0.2489	0.2562	0.2569	0.2537	0.2588	0.2563	0.2528	0.2601	0.2490
×12	PSNR	25.23	25.39	25.45	25.52	25.41	25.48	25.55	25.12	25.56	22.13	22.21	22.26	22.31	22.22	22.28	22.33	22.06	22.30
	SSIM	0.6653	0.6739	0.6748	0.6768	0.6730	0.6754	0.6783	0.6648	0.6794	0.5494	0.5597	0.5605	0.5629	0.5576	0.5608	0.5651	0.5484	0.5656
	LPIPS	0.5001	0.4981	0.5180	0.5132	0.5120	0.5153	0.4982	0.5455	0.4947	0.5671	0.5685	0.5899	0.5823	0.5803	0.5884	0.5635	0.6174	0.5621
	DISTS	0.2703	0.2809	0.2857	0.2835	0.2855	0.2844	0.2811	0.2921	0.2759	0.3055	0.3138	0.3165	0.3133	0.3187	0.3160	0.3116	0.3252	0.3077
×16	PSNR	24.12	24.30	24.36	24.42	24.30	24.38	24.44	23.93	24.44	19.34	21.40	21.45	21.49	21.41	21.45	21.50	21.20	21.47
	SSIM	0.6346	0.6446	0.6452	0.6467	0.6433	0.6456	0.6484	0.6340	0.6487	0.4813	0.5273	0.5277	0.5294	0.5253	0.5269	0.5318	0.5156	0.5318
	LPIPS	0.5606	0.5580	0.5788	0.5739	0.5751	0.5760	0.5572	0.6166	0.5537	0.6762	0.6343	0.6556	0.6487	0.6488	0.6598	0.6281	0.6932	0.6261
	DISTS	0.3117	0.3243	0.3312	0.3288	0.3324	0.3295	0.3268	0.3455	0.3211	0.3845	0.3566	0.3605	0.3575	0.3638	0.3596	0.3562	0.3745	0.3512
×18	PSNR	23.69	23.87	23.93	23.99	23.87	23.96	24.01	23.48	23.98	20.99	21.09	21.14	21.17	21.10	21.13	21.18	20.88	21.14
	SSIM	0.6244	0.6346	0.6349	0.6362	0.6333	0.6353	0.6380	0.6239	0.6379	0.5056	0.5165	0.5168	0.5181	0.5147	0.5160	0.5205	0.5056	0.5203
	LPIPS	0.5776	0.5805	0.6013	0.5968	0.5957	0.5987	0.5796	0.6418	0.5766	0.6489	0.6575	0.6490	0.6720	0.6696	0.6822	0.6511	0.7188	0.6497
	DISTS	0.3303	0.3419	0.3499	0.3476	0.3513	0.3480	0.3455	0.3676	0.3391	0.3633	0.3733	0.3784	0.3752	0.3814	0.3764	0.3740	0.3944	0.3682
×24	PSNR	22.71	22.87	22.92	22.97	22.87	22.93	22.99	22.49	22.96	19.26	20.39	20.44	20.47	20.41	20.43	20.48	20.16	20.42
	SSIM	0.6041	0.6139	0.6138	0.6145	0.6128	0.6136	0.6166	0.6048	0.6162	0.4728	0.4967	0.4965	0.4973	0.4953	0.4955	0.4995	0.4873	0.4985
	LPIPS	0.6273	0.6301	0.6505	0.6461	0.6423	0.6487	0.6292	0.6939	0.6275	0.7112	0.7073	0.7274	0.7207	0.7143	0.7316	0.7005	0.7701	0.7006
	DISTS	0.3830	0.3865	0.3978	0.3955	0.4008	0.3961	0.3932	0.4224	0.3851	0.4205	0.4145	0.4220	0.4185	0.4260	0.4212	0.4172	0.4434	0.4095
×30	PSNR	17.25	22.18	22.23	22.27	32.18	22.18	22.28	21.81	22.23	19.78	19.86	19.91	19.93	19.89	19.90	19.94	19.64	19.86
	SSIM	0.5546	0.6016	0.6017	0.6024	0.6010	0.5995	0.6041	0.5947	0.6032	0.4758	0.4842	0.4840	0.4844	0.4835	0.4837	0.4861	0.4770	0.4851
	LPIPS	0.6817	0.6652	0.6833	0.6799	0.6757	0.7009	0.6627	0.7247	0.6633	0.7164	0.7418	0.7598	0.7540	0.7468	0.7570	0.7269	0.8009	0.7358
	DISTS	0.4405	0.4215	0.4359	0.4332	0.4394	0.4361	0.4301	0.4650	0.4213	0.4509	0.4454	0.4562	0.4520	0.4605	0.4536	0.4495	0.4823	0.4407

4. Rendering Cost Comparison between GSASR and GaussianSR

We compare the computational cost between the Pytorch-based rendering pipeline in GaussianSR [10] and the CUDA-based one in our GSASR in Table 10. One could find that our CUDA-based rendering consumes much less computational resources.

5. Computational Costs

We provide the computational costs of different ASR methods with RDN [28] as backbone. We report the average inference time (ms) and GPU memory (MB) usage on 100 images with 720×720 size, which are cropped from the DIV2K [21] dataset. The detailed results are shown in Table 11. The inference time and GPU memory cost are computed for the whole SR pipeline, including the encoder, decoder and rendering parts. The best results are highlighted in red.

From Table 11, one could find that GSASR runs much faster than the SOTA method, CiaoSR [2], with comparable GPU memory usage on all scaling factors. When the scaling factor increases, GSASR could run with competitive speed with other methods, while keeping much better performance than them. For example, under the $\times 8$ scaling factor, the inference time of GSASR, LIIF [4], CiaoSR [2] is 206ms, 187ms, 633ms, respectively, while GSASR could still maintain a balanced performance. Advantaged by the efficient 2D GPU/CUDA-based rasterization, ours method could render a super-resolved image with high efficiency and fidelity.

Table 2. Quantitative results of representative ASR models and our proposed GSASR. All models use the same EDSR-backbone [17] as the feature extraction encoder, and are tested on Urban100 [12] and Manga109 [20] with scaling factors $\times 2$, $\times 3$, $\times 4$, $\times 6$, $\times 8$, $\times 12$. The best results are highlighted in red. The PSNR and SSIM [22] metrics are computed on the Y channel of Ycbr space.

Scale	Metrics	Backbone: EDSR-baseline																	
		Testing Dataset: Urban100									Testing Dataset: Manga109								
		Meta -SR	LIIF	LTE	SRNO	LINF	LMF	Ciao -SR	Gaussian -SR	GSASR	Meta -SR	LIIF	LTE	SRNO	LINF	LMF	Ciao -SR	Gaussian -SR	GSASR
×2	PSNR	32.05	32.12	32.26	32.56	32.12	32.48	32.79	32.22	33.27	38.41	38.55	38.52	38.92	38.72	38.75	39.16	38.55	39.06
	SSIM	0.9280	0.9288	0.9299	0.9324	0.9283	0.9323	0.9344	0.9296	0.9389	0.9769	0.9770	0.9770	0.9778	0.9773	0.9774	0.9781	0.9771	0.9782
	LPIPS	0.0659	0.0643	0.0629	0.0597	0.0660	0.0603	0.0580	0.0590	0.0525	0.0239	0.0238	0.0229	0.0229	0.0239	0.0227	0.0224	0.0237	0.0209
	DISTS	0.0712	0.0717	0.0711	0.0692	0.0717	0.0696	0.0676	0.0712	0.0634	0.0226	0.0229	0.0234	0.0227	0.0231	0.0228	0.0222	0.0233	0.0215
×3	PSNR	28.10	28.20	28.31	28.54	28.21	28.59	28.67	28.27	29.17	33.49	33.46	33.54	33.88	33.57	33.73	33.92	33.55	34.10
	SSIM	0.8520	0.8544	0.8561	0.8599	0.8538	0.8615	0.8627	0.8553	0.8733	0.9442	0.9449	0.9454	0.9470	0.9453	0.9467	0.9474	0.9452	0.9500
	LPIPS	0.1591	0.1542	0.1513	0.1465	0.1570	0.1437	0.1408	0.1541	0.1320	0.0669	0.0652	0.0643	0.0624	0.0652	0.0618	0.0601	0.0656	0.0604
	DISTS	0.1277	0.1290	0.1278	0.1243	0.1291	0.1250	0.1181	0.1288	0.1156	0.0505	0.0528	0.0536	0.0515	0.0522	0.0515	0.0477	0.0544	0.0487
×4	PSNR	25.94	26.14	26.24	26.48	26.16	26.50	26.69	26.19	27.01	30.37	30.54	30.58	30.83	30.52	30.76	30.99	30.54	31.16
	SSIM	0.7824	0.7885	0.7910	0.7976	0.7878	0.7985	0.8031	0.7893	0.8142	0.9063	0.9097	0.9108	0.9137	0.9104	0.9130	0.9160	0.9094	0.9194
	LPIPS	0.2367	0.2271	0.2223	0.2136	0.2308	0.2151	0.2078	0.2283	0.1987	0.1112	0.1072	0.1064	0.1017	0.1079	0.1032	0.0991	0.1085	0.0990
	DISTS	0.1683	0.1738	0.1718	0.1679	0.1748	0.1696	0.1659	0.1730	0.1552	0.0735	0.0814	0.0831	0.0804	0.0818	0.0804	0.0802	0.0831	0.0749
×6	PSNR	23.57	23.78	23.84	24.07	23.79	24.08	24.23	23.77	24.51	26.26	26.73	26.85	27.05	26.71	26.95	27.16	26.63	27.36
	SSIM	0.6726	0.6850	0.6872	0.6956	0.6836	0.6968	0.7029	0.6814	0.7165	0.8214	0.8378	0.8401	0.8455	0.8376	0.9428	0.8486	0.8333	0.8539
	LPIPS	0.3540	0.3355	0.3431	0.3292	0.3425	0.3327	0.3117	0.3499	0.2975	0.2024	0.1853	0.1883	0.1784	0.1859	0.1840	0.1693	0.1942	0.1680
	DISTS	0.2312	0.2354	0.2320	0.2258	0.2374	0.2300	0.2250	0.2364	0.2111	0.1182	0.1255	0.1240	0.1208	0.1265	0.1215	0.1235	0.1271	0.1169
×8	PSNR	22.27	22.45	22.53	22.69	22.45	22.73	22.83	22.36	23.09	24.06	24.53	24.63	24.78	24.51	24.71	24.93	24.26	25.09
	SSIM	0.6004	0.6169	0.6190	0.6269	0.6141	0.6286	0.6344	0.6070	0.6480	0.7529	0.7786	0.7810	0.7871	0.7779	0.7837	0.7933	0.7657	0.7981
	LPIPS	0.4536	0.4201	0.4341	0.4168	0.4301	0.4205	0.3932	0.4530	0.3754	0.2989	0.2603	0.2677	0.2533	0.2595	0.2620	0.2343	0.2868	0.2304
	DISTS	0.2765	0.2795	0.2763	0.2698	0.2831	0.2748	0.2666	0.2883	0.2515	0.1576	0.1630	0.1603	0.1559	0.1640	0.1584	0.1565	0.1714	0.1480
×12	PSNR	20.77	20.89	20.96	21.10	20.88	21.12	21.19	20.68	21.39	21.71	22.05	22.13	22.22	22.02	22.17	22.34	21.63	22.43
	SSIM	0.5191	0.5370	0.5383	0.5454	0.5337	0.5460	0.5530	0.5217	0.5628	0.6655	0.6967	0.6982	0.7029	0.6953	0.7001	0.7124	0.6745	0.7147
	LPIPS	0.5818	0.5540	0.5729	0.5544	0.5676	0.5405	0.5204	0.6198	0.4994	0.4324	0.3931	0.4046	0.3897	0.3900	0.3973	0.3540	0.4508	0.3433
	DISTS	0.3397	0.3421	0.3399	0.3333	0.3479	0.3388	0.3278	0.3646	0.3135	0.2201	0.2252	0.2215	0.2168	0.2271	0.2205	0.2145	0.2466	0.2014

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×2	PSNR	33.04	32.84	33.00	33.27	32.87	33.08	33.30	32.96	33.53	39.34	39.04	39.08	39.35	39.23	39.24	39.55	39.16	39.17
	SSIM	0.9363	0.9353	0.9365	0.9390	0.9350	0.9371	0.9388	0.9363	0.9406	0.9783	0.9782	0.9781	0.9785	0.9784	0.9784	0.9789	0.9781	0.9784
	LPIPS	0.0552	0.0569	0.0552	0.0518	0.0569	0.0557	0.0534	0.0563	0.0507	0.0227	0.0231	0.0223	0.0218	0.0228	0.0229	0.0218	0.0230	0.0209
	DISTS	0.0666	0.0666	0.0660	0.0640	0.0671	0.0659	0.0638	0.0665	0.0617	0.0224	0.0218	0.0221	0.0218	0.0222	0.0222	0.0216	0.0222	0.0213
×3	PSNR	28.94	28.81	28.96	29.12	28.82	29.11	29.17	28.93	29.35	34.40	34.11	34.26	34.58	34.25	34.36	34.61	34.29	34.26
	SSIM	0.8677	0.8664	0.8686	0.8714	0.8658	0.8709	0.8716	0.8680	0.8760	0.9492	0.9487	0.9492	0.9507	0.9489	0.9499	0.9509	0.9493	0.9507
	LPIPS	0.1381	0.1382	0.1373	0.1332	0.1399	0.1335	0.1334	0.1384	0.1294	0.0622	0.0620	0.0612	0.0598	0.0617	0.0598	0.0592	0.0616	0.0596
	DISTS	0.1194	0.1194	0.1186	0.1158	0.1208	0.1167	0.1134	0.1196	0.1126	0.0509	0.0504	0.0508	0.0496	0.0502	0.0498	0.0483	0.0509	0.0488
×4	PSNR	26.71	26.67	26.80	26.97	26.69	26.94	27.10	26.77	27.15	31.33	31.15	31.27	31.56	31.19	31.41	31.61	31.27	31.31
	SSIM	0.8055	0.8041	0.8074	0.8119	0.8039	0.8104	0.8142	0.8064	0.8177	0.9177	0.9169	0.9180	0.9208	0.9173	0.9195	0.9216	0.9180	0.9208
	LPIPS	0.2062	0.2077	0.2047	0.1987	0.2090	0.2020	0.1966	0.2069	0.1953	0.1001	0.1003	0.0995	0.0970	0.1006	0.0980	0.0957	0.0999	0.0973
	DISTS	0.1562	0.1612	0.1600	0.1563	0.1636	0.1589	0.1559	0.1610	0.1515	0.0747	0.0778	0.0786	0.0773	0.0788	0.0773	0.0775	0.0782	0.0747
×6	PSNR	24.07	24.19	24.27	24.42	24.18	24.39	24.58	24.16	24.63	27.09	27.30	27.48	27.70	27.31	27.52	27.70	27.24	27.59
	SSIM	0.6966	0.7028	0.7058	0.7113	0.7010	0.7102	0.7173	0.6996	0.7214	0.8426	0.8507	0.8531	0.8572	0.8502	0.8537	0.8585	0.8470	0.8582
	LPIPS	0.3158	0.3099	0.3220	0.3148	0.3155	0.3169	0.2950	0.3241	0.2943	0.1720	0.1687	0.1746	0.1888	0.1718	0.1732	0.1616	0.1758	0.1638
	DISTS	0.2084	0.2176	0.2160	0.2110	0.2217	0.2149	0.2111	0.2191	0.2064	0.1063	0.1184	0.1171	0.1160	0.1209	0.1155	0.1201	0.1175	0.1141
×8	PSNR	22.64	22.78	22.86	23.01	22.77	22.97	23.13	22.64	23.19	24.64	25.02	25.11	25.30	24.99	25.16	25.40	24.62	25.27
	SSIM	0.6213	0.6338	0.6362	0.6423	0.6305	0.6408	0.6484	0.6234	0.6522	0.7746	0.7947	0.7961	0.8014	0.7925	0.7968	0.8057	0.7794	0.8034
	LPIPS	0.4022	0.3903	0.4107	0.4011	0.4010	0.4037	0.3733	0.4249	0.3723	0.2501	0.2342	0.2480	0.2390	0.2391	0.2460	0.2218	0.2631	0.2244
	DISTS	0.2512	0.2591	0.2586	0.2520	0.2657	0.2580	0.2507	0.2704	0.2460	0.1371	0.1503	0.1503	0.1480	0.1550	0.1492	0.1503	0.1575	0.1433
×12	PSNR	21.00	21.15	21.22	21.35	21.12	21.33	21.44	20.84	21.47	22.03	22.38	22.45	22.58	22.32	22.48	22.67	21.76	22.58
	SSIM	0.5317	0.5499	0.5514	0.5571	0.5462	0.5561	0.5637	0.5319	0.5670	0.6804	0.7115	0.7116	0.7165	0.7073	0.7121	0.7247	0.6834	0.7209
	LPIPS	0.5332	0.5198	0.5477	0.5374	0.5365	0.5403	0.5005	0.5929	0.4927	0.3830	0.3597	0.3809	0.3686	0.3670	0.3772	0.3352	0.4281	0.3370
	DISTS	0.3144	0.3209	0.3216	0.3149	0.3304	0.3216	0.3114	0.3485	0.3072	0.1972	0.2076	0.2082	0.2038	0.2156	0.2077	0.2043	0.2329	0.1958

Table 4. Quantitative results of representative ASR models and our proposed GSASR. All models use the same EDSR-backbone [17] as the feature extraction encoder, and are tested on BSDS100 [19] and General100 [7] with scaling factors $\times 2$, $\times 3$, $\times 4$, $\times 6$, $\times 8$, $\times 12$. The best results are highlighted in red. The PSNR and SSIM [22] metrics are computed on the Y channel of Ycbr space.

Scale	Metrics	Backbone: EDSR-baseline																	
		Testing Dataset: BSDS100									Testing Dataset: General100								
		Meta -SR	LIIF	LTE	SRNO	LINF	LMF	Ciao -SR	Gaussian -SR	GSASR	Meta -SR	LIIF	LTE	SRNO	LINF	LMF	Ciao -SR	Gaussian -SR	GSASR
$\times 2$	PSNR	32.13	32.14	32.17	32.23	32.16	32.21	32.28	32.17	32.39	38.01	38.04	38.10	38.25	38.27	38.18	38.47	38.10	38.61
	SSIM	0.8994	0.8994	0.8997	0.9007	0.8989	0.9004	0.9007	0.8998	0.9023	0.9611	0.9612	0.9615	0.9622	0.9613	0.9619	0.9624	0.9615	0.9632
	LPIPS	0.1484	0.1479	0.1462	0.1452	0.1520	0.1430	0.1462	0.1480	0.1370	0.0441	0.0435	0.0429	0.0424	0.0447	0.0416	0.0423	0.0440	0.0385
	DISTS	0.1043	0.1045	0.1045	0.1031	0.1044	0.1043	0.1019	0.1042	0.1004	0.0587	0.0589	0.0590	0.0574	0.0585	0.0583	0.0573	0.0590	0.0544
$\times 3$	PSNR	29.07	29.08	29.12	29.17	29.12	29.16	29.19	29.12	29.32	33.82	33.87	33.93	34.07	33.99	34.01	34.14	33.92	34.38
	SSIM	0.8055	0.8062	0.8065	0.8076	0.8056	0.8081	0.8076	0.8065	0.8121	0.9111	0.9118	0.9122	0.9135	0.9120	0.9133	0.9136	0.9121	0.9169
	LPIPS	0.2884	0.2819	0.2800	0.2793	0.2867	0.2738	0.2782	0.2819	0.2710	0.1164	0.1128	0.1121	0.1108	0.1142	0.1076	0.1090	0.1137	0.1040
	DISTS	0.1637	0.1639	0.1639	0.1632	0.1639	0.1630	0.1597	0.1644	0.1592	0.1060	0.1067	0.1069	0.1044	0.1059	0.1043	0.1026	0.1075	0.1000
$\times 4$	PSNR	27.54	27.59	27.61	27.66	27.61	27.65	27.70	27.60	27.81	31.34	31.47	31.53	31.66	31.55	31.58	31.56	31.49	31.90
	SSIM	0.7355	0.7373	0.7379	0.7403	0.7373	0.7397	0.7411	0.7375	0.7460	0.8616	0.8637	0.8643	0.8669	0.8640	0.8657	0.8667	0.8638	0.8720
	LPIPS	0.3795	0.3717	0.3703	0.3635	0.3743	0.3664	0.3620	0.3736	0.3597	0.1829	0.1776	0.1769	0.1733	0.1791	0.1730	0.1723	0.1794	0.1654
	DISTS	0.2025	0.2037	0.2042	0.2040	0.2040	0.2032	0.2033	0.2045	0.1982	0.1457	0.1479	0.1479	0.1456	0.1479	0.1459	0.1470	0.1487	0.1383
$\times 6$	PSNR	25.74	25.83	25.86	25.90	25.85	25.89	25.95	25.82	26.04	28.39	28.64	28.70	28.78	28.69	28.70	28.89	28.59	29.02
	SSIM	0.6440	0.6489	0.6495	0.6522	0.6489	0.6512	0.6536	0.6465	0.6592	0.7793	0.7858	0.7868	0.7904	0.7858	0.7869	0.7922	0.7834	0.7977
	LPIPS	0.4948	0.4838	0.4919	0.4827	0.4888	0.4869	0.4763	0.4982	0.4702	0.2822	0.2705	0.2764	0.2695	0.2747	0.2734	0.2622	0.2833	0.2539
	DISTS	0.2586	0.2603	0.2605	0.2587	0.2596	0.2591	0.2588	0.2601	0.2532	0.2026	0.2056	0.2060	0.2032	0.2054	0.2039	0.2033	0.2075	0.1948
$\times 8$	PSNR	24.68	24.78	24.81	24.87	24.80	24.60	24.89	24.72	24.99	26.64	26.91	26.97	27.04	26.95	26.96	27.16	26.73	27.22
	SSIM	0.5894	0.5963	0.5966	0.5998	0.5960	0.5864	0.6013	0.5910	0.6065	0.7202	0.7300	0.7311	0.7345	0.7296	0.7315	0.7370	0.7233	0.7417
	LPIPS	0.5713	0.5526	0.5667	0.5564	0.5602	0.5771	0.5457	0.5770	0.5402	0.3648	0.3400	0.3524	0.3428	0.3449	0.3480	0.3304	0.3647	0.3220
	DISTS	0.2965	0.2992	0.3010	0.2981	0.2990	0.2945	0.2976	0.3015	0.2913	0.2414	0.2467	0.2478	0.2445	0.2466	0.2454	0.2439	0.2519	0.2348
$\times 12$	PSNR	23.42	23.51	23.54	23.57	23.53	23.56	23.61	23.37	23.62	24.45	24.69	24.77	24.83	24.71	24.76	24.94	24.33	24.85
	SSIM	0.5355	0.5437	0.5437	0.5457	0.5431	0.5447	0.5479	0.5358	0.5512	0.6454	0.6590	0.6602	0.6622	0.6581	0.6607	0.6662	0.6472	0.6693
	LPIPS	0.6580	0.6475	0.6664	0.6568	0.6575	0.6598	0.6397	0.6941	0.6302	0.4735	0.4527	0.4694	0.4629	0.4578	0.4624	0.4374	0.5033	0.4252
	DISTS	0.3482	0.3512	0.3548	0.3521	0.3529	0.3521	0.3498	0.3608	0.3419	0.2936	0.3006	0.3042	0.3017	0.3020	0.3007	0.2986	0.3140	0.2869

Table 5. Quantitative results of representative ASR models and our proposed GSASR. All models use the same RDN backbone [28] as the feature extraction encoder, and are tested on BSDS100 [19] and General100 [7] with scaling factors $\times 2$, $\times 3$, $\times 4$, $\times 6$, $\times 8$, $\times 12$. The best results are highlighted in red. The PSNR and SSIM [22] metrics are computed on the Y channel of Ycbr space.

Scale	Metrics	Backbone: RDN																	
		Testing Dataset: BSDS100									Testing Dataset: General100								
		Meta -SR	LIIF	LTE	SRNO	LINF	LMF	Ciao -SR	Gaussian -SR	GSASR	Meta -SR	LIIF	LTE	SRNO	LINF	LMF	Ciao -SR	Gaussian -SR	GSASR
$\times 2$	PSNR	32.37	32.28	32.32	32.37	32.31	32.34	32.40	32.32	32.43	38.63	38.30	38.39	38.53	38.58	38.45	38.74	38.41	38.72
	SSIM	0.9012	0.9011	0.9015	0.9026	0.9012	0.9019	0.9022	0.9014	0.9029	0.9628	0.9626	0.9628	0.9636	0.9627	0.9631	0.9634	0.9628	0.9637
	LPIPS	0.1397	0.1455	0.1431	0.1385	0.1463	0.1427	0.1414	0.1453	0.1367	0.0405	0.0419	0.0413	0.0398	0.0424	0.0414	0.0409	0.0420	0.0382
	DISTS	0.1026	0.1016	0.1017	0.1011	0.1013	0.1025	0.1004	0.1020	0.0992	0.0572	0.0566	0.0560	0.0555	0.0566	0.0568	0.0556	0.0566	0.0540
$\times 3$	PSNR	29.29	29.25	29.28	29.33	29.26	29.29	29.34	29.28	29.36	34.38	34.21	34.29	34.43	34.33	34.34	34.49	34.31	34.48
	SSIM	0.8095	0.8099	0.8103	0.8115	0.8096	0.8113	0.8113	0.8102	0.8131	0.9155	0.9154	0.9157	0.9171	0.9154	0.9165	0.9169	0.9160	0.9178
	LPIPS	0.2761	0.2782	0.2750	0.2717	0.2797	0.2708	0.2747	0.2774	0.2706	0.1075	0.1077	0.1075	0.1050	0.1089	0.1048	0.1053	0.1080	0.1032
	DISTS	0.1623	0.1613	0.1614	0.1609	0.1606	0.1605	0.1591	0.1619	0.1578	0.1041	0.1034	0.1026	0.1015	0.1031	0.1017	0.1009	0.1033	0.0997
$\times 4$	PSNR	27.76	27.73	27.76	27.81	27.75	27.78	27.83	27.76	27.84	31.89	31.80	31.99	32.02	31.88	31.91	31.85	31.87	32.00
	SSIM	0.7424	0.7422	0.7430	0.7449	0.7422	0.7439	0.7453	0.7429	0.7471	0.8697	0.8692	0.8702	0.8724	0.8695	0.8708	0.8716	0.8701	0.8735
	LPIPS	0.3651	0.3646	0.3628	0.3576	0.3651	0.3614	0.3597	0.3652	0.3597	0.1692	0.1698	0.1690	0.1655	0.1708	0.1676	0.1669	0.1693	0.1642
	DISTS	0.2005	0.2016	0.2008	0.2007	0.2013	0.2007	0.2002	0.2011	0.1970	0.1420	0.1435	0.1422	0.1407	0.1429	0.1478	0.1423	0.1427	0.1367
$\times 6$	PSNR	25.93	25.97	25.99	26.03	26.00	26.02	26.08	25.97	26.07	28.84	28.92	28.99	29.10	28.97	29.00	29.18	28.94	29.11
	SSIM	0.6521	0.6549	0.6556	0.6575	0.6548	0.6562	0.6587	0.6529	0.6607	0.7910	0.7936	0.7954	0.7979	0.7940	0.7952	0.7996	0.7928	0.8000
	LPIPS	0.4764	0.4726	0.4821	0.4756	0.4793	0.4809	0.4707	0.4863	0.4714	0.2591	0.2562	0.2648	0.2577	0.2618	0.2636	0.2536	0.2673	0.2521
	DISTS	0.2524	0.2562	0.2556	0.2544	0.2559	0.2551	0.2554	0.2551	0.2513	0.1931	0.1990	0.1985	0.1959	0.1998	0.1977	0.1975	0.1985	0.1929
$\times 8$	PSNR	24.84	24.90	24.94	24.97	24.93	24.80	25.00	24.84	25.01	26.97	27.18	27.22	27.31	27.21	27.22	27.39	27.00	27.30
	SSIM	0.5965	0.6020	0.6025	0.6045	0.6014	0.5968	0.6058	0.5968	0.6080	0.7307	0.7382	0.7394	0.7423	0.7374	0.7397	0.7440	0.7322	0.7442
	LPIPS	0.5460	0.5409	0.5578	0.5509	0.5521	0.5707	0.5409	0.5650	0.5416	0.3319	0.3232	0.3406	0.3315	0.3327	0.3383	0.3214	0.3482	0.3200
	DISTS	0.2894	0.2945	0.2962	0.2943	0.2950	0.2940	0.2943	0.2959	0.2900	0.2299	0.2381	0.2398	0.2371	0.2404	0.2387	0.2377	0.2420	0.2327
$\times 12$	PSNR	23.50	23.61	23.64	23.66	23.62	23.64	23.70	23.44	23.66	24.66	24.93	24.97	25.03	24.92	24.97	25.13	24.50	24.90
	SSIM	0.5395	0.5476	0.5478	0.5490	0.5465	0.5480	0.5512	0.5389	0.5528	0.6529	0.6666	0.6671	0.6693	0.6648	0.6675	0.6725	0.6533	0.6717
	LPIPS	0.6306	0.6350	0.6582	0.6517	0.6508	0.6519	0.6345	0.6823	0.6334	0.4393	0.4311	0.4578	0.4476	0.4451	0.4514	0.4255	0.4871	0.4220
	DISTS	0.3403	0.3461	0.3505	0.3493	0.3491	0.3493	0.3478	0.3536	0.3418	0.2807	0.2926	0.2989	0.2953	0.2964	0.2954	0.2933	0.3046	

Table 6. Quantitative results of representative ASR models and our proposed GSASR. All models use the same EDSR-backbone [17] as the feature extraction encoder, and are tested on Set5 [1] and Set14 [25] with scaling factors $\times 2$, $\times 3$, $\times 4$, $\times 6$, $\times 8$, $\times 12$. The best results are highlighted in red. The PSNR and SSIM [22] metrics are computed on the Y channel of Ycbcr space.

Scale	Metrics	Backbone: EDSR-baseline																	
		Testing Dataset: Set5									Testing Dataset: Set14								
		Meta -SR	LIIF	LTE	SRNO	LINF	LMF	Ciao -SR	Gaussian -SR	GSASR	Meta -SR	LIIF	LTE	SRNO	LINF	LMF	Ciao -SR	Gaussian -SR	GSASR
×2	PSNR	37.86	37.87	37.93	38.03	37.99	37.97	38.14	37.91	38.33	33.55	33.63	33.68	33.78	33.63	33.75	33.90	33.64	34.02
	SSIM	0.9603	0.9604	0.9604	0.9609	0.9605	0.9607	0.9610	0.9604	0.9619	0.9177	0.9186	0.9190	0.9201	0.9178	0.9196	0.9203	0.9189	0.9222
	LPIPS	0.0887	0.0549	0.0545	0.055	0.0564	0.0538	0.0542	0.0553	0.0517	0.0953	0.0943	0.0927	0.0920	0.0970	0.0916	0.0929	0.0936	0.0846
	DISTS	0.0819	0.0819	0.0827	0.0802	0.0814	0.0803	0.0797	0.0833	0.0766	0.0845	0.0839	0.0844	0.0830	0.0841	0.0829	0.0821	0.0845	0.0793
×3	PSNR	34.31	34.35	34.39	34.47	34.45	34.52	34.49	34.39	34.84	30.27	30.32	30.35	30.47	30.33	30.41	30.46	30.34	30.65
	SSIM	0.9268	0.9273	0.9272	0.9282	0.9277	0.9285	0.9283	0.9276	0.9309	0.8421	0.8431	0.8437	0.8448	0.8430	0.8449	0.8450	0.8435	0.8498
	LPIPS	0.1276	0.1242	0.1243	0.1234	0.1261	0.1217	0.1211	0.1253	0.1209	0.2110	0.2067	0.2045	0.2038	0.2081	0.2005	0.2018	0.2056	0.1928
	DISTS	0.1292	0.1308	0.1324	0.1315	0.1299	0.1317	0.1284	0.1329	0.1291	0.1322	0.1311	0.1320	0.1303	0.1302	0.1297	0.1271	0.1327	0.1267
×4	PSNR	32.04	32.20	32.20	32.35	32.26	32.30	32.42	32.22	32.79	28.51	28.60	28.63	28.74	28.62	28.69	28.77	28.62	28.88
	SSIM	0.8930	0.8955	0.8959	0.8974	0.8960	0.8967	0.8983	0.8958	0.9022	0.7808	0.7828	0.7836	0.7856	0.7826	0.7849	0.7865	0.7831	0.7902
	LPIPS	0.1768	0.1717	0.1733	0.1738	0.1757	0.1695	0.1688	0.1742	0.1686	0.2882	0.2832	0.2828	0.2790	0.2861	0.2794	0.2783	0.2849	0.2680
	DISTS	0.1559	0.1585	0.1585	0.158	0.1565	0.1596	0.1580	0.1586	0.1553	0.1636	0.1639	0.1637	0.1638	0.1642	0.1618	0.1615	0.1646	0.1574
×6	PSNR	28.58	28.92	28.93	29.02	28.90	28.98	29.13	28.82	29.39	26.28	26.44	26.48	26.53	26.45	26.50	26.60	26.41	26.71
	SSIM	0.8204	0.8318	0.8311	0.8333	0.8314	0.8331	0.8357	0.8282	0.8418	0.6897	0.6964	0.6972	0.6989	0.6960	0.6968	0.7003	0.6936	0.7058
	LPIPS	0.2506	0.2406	0.2487	0.2471	0.2433	0.2470	0.2369	0.2484	0.2289	0.3957	0.3861	0.3919	0.3890	0.3900	0.3939	0.3823	0.3973	0.3731
	DISTS	0.2038	0.2009	0.204	0.2038	0.2020	0.2003	0.2014	0.2021	0.1964	0.2204	0.2197	0.2193	0.2184	0.2201	0.2195	0.2163	0.2221	0.2108
×8	PSNR	26.69	26.96	27.02	27.05	26.95	27.07	27.16	26.77	27.33	24.75	24.92	24.96	25.03	24.92	25.00	25.09	24.80	25.23
	SSIM	0.7579	0.7764	0.777	0.7773	0.7763	0.7788	0.7829	0.7669	0.7863	0.6300	0.6395	0.6402	0.6456	0.6386	0.6403	0.6450	0.6330	0.6505
	LPIPS	0.3280	0.2993	0.3179	0.3152	0.3030	0.3092	0.2920	0.3198	0.2857	0.4674	0.4459	0.4593	0.4515	0.4526	0.4595	0.4395	0.4683	0.4359
	DISTS	0.2338	0.233	0.2376	0.238	0.2336	0.2381	0.2334	0.2396	0.2326	0.2578	0.2594	0.2595	0.2583	0.2589	0.2582	0.2541	0.2650	0.2480
×12	PSNR	24.25	24.43	24.48	24.50	24.47	24.48	24.63	24.12	24.67	23.05	23.15	23.20	23.20	23.17	23.09	23.27	22.92	23.24
	SSIM	0.6656	0.6888	0.6883	0.6907	0.6884	0.6896	0.6985	0.6705	0.7055	0.5616	0.5738	0.5741	0.5758	0.5718	0.5706	0.5788	0.5621	0.5813
	LPIPS	0.4339	0.4129	0.4363	0.4257	0.4116	0.4220	0.4002	0.4586	0.3915	0.5587	0.5465	0.5638	0.5543	0.5476	0.5686	0.5340	0.5903	0.5306
	DISTS	0.2910	0.2922	0.2977	0.2986	0.2941	0.2947	0.2921	0.3072	0.2853	0.3078	0.3117	0.3162	0.3139	0.3138	0.3145	0.3091	0.3254	0.3049

Table 7. Quantitative results of representative ASR models and our proposed GSASR. All models use the same RDN backbone [28] as the feature extraction encoder, and are tested on Set5 [1] and Set14 [25] with scaling factors $\times 2$, $\times 3$, $\times 4$, $\times 6$, $\times 8$, $\times 12$. The best results are highlighted in red. The PSNR and SSIM [22] metrics are computed on the Y channel of Ycbcr space.

Scale	Metrics	Backbone: RDN																	
		Testing Dataset: Set5									Testing Dataset: Set14								
		Meta -SR	LIIF	LTE	SRNO	LINF	LMF	Ciao -SR	Gaussian -SR	GSASR	Meta -SR	LIIF	LTE	SRNO	LINF	LMF	Ciao -SR	Gaussian -SR	GSASR
×2	PSNR	38.24	38.07	38.11	38.2	38.21	38.13	38.32	38.13	38.38	34.03	33.92	34.04	34.21	33.93	34.07	34.23	34.06	34.16
	SSIM	0.9612	0.9611	0.9612	0.9617	0.9613	0.9613	0.9618	0.9612	0.9621	0.9207	0.9209	0.9213	0.9232	0.9206	0.9213	0.9226	0.9215	0.9226
	LPIPS	0.0536	0.0544	0.0538	0.0537	0.0549	0.0550	0.0538	0.0547	0.0510	0.0899	0.0892	0.0889	0.0879	0.0907	0.0895	0.0882	0.0902	0.0845
	DISTS	0.0798	0.0796	0.079	0.0786	0.0796	0.0790	0.0786	0.0797	0.0767	0.0812	0.0807	0.0803	0.0794	0.0812	0.0804	0.0794	0.0804	0.0788
×3	PSNR	34.74	34.62	34.66	34.77	34.70	34.75	34.87	34.70	34.90	30.58	30.50	30.55	30.67	30.55	30.59	30.66	30.57	30.74
	SSIM	0.9296	0.9292	0.9297	0.9305	0.9296	0.9302	0.9306	0.9299	0.9313	0.8470	0.8470	0.8473	0.8492	0.8466	0.8483	0.8484	0.8475	0.8511
	LPIPS	0.1229	0.1234	0.1233	0.122	0.1228	0.1211	0.1215	0.1232	0.1208	0.2005	0.1988	0.1997	0.1993	0.2009	0.1973	0.1994	0.2004	0.1936
	DISTS	0.1312	0.1312	0.1303	0.1321	0.1300	0.1307	0.1299	0.1314	0.1283	0.1278	0.1272	0.1276	0.1260	0.1275	0.1271	0.1258	0.1282	0.1265
×4	PSNR	32.51	32.47	32.56	32.64	32.49	32.56	32.68	32.55	32.83	28.85	28.77	28.84	28.93	28.82	28.87	28.94	28.82	28.96
	SSIM	0.8989	0.8989	0.8998	0.9008	0.8991	0.8998	0.9010	0.8994	0.9027	0.7882	0.7873	0.7888	0.7906	0.7879	0.7892	0.7906	0.7882	0.7922
	LPIPS	0.1712	0.1701	0.1708	0.1696	0.1721	0.1717	0.1689	0.1719	0.1688	0.2765	0.2766	0.2762	0.2744	0.2770	0.2763	0.2746	0.2786	0.2709
	DISTS	0.1556	0.1557	0.1558	0.157	0.1559	0.1580	0.1571	0.1575	0.1551	0.1588	0.1595	0.1590	0.1588	0.1590	0.1595	0.1581	0.1600	0.1573
×6	PSNR	29.10	29.10	29.25	29.35	29.20	29.20	29.46	29.06	29.52	26.56	26.61	26.70	26.75	26.64	26.70	26.79	26.60	26.78
	SSIM	0.8326	0.8359	0.8367	0.8393	0.8362	0.8363	0.8415	0.8324	0.8441	0.6996	0.7027	0.7038	0.7061	0.7022	0.7042	0.7068	0.7002	0.7082
	LPIPS	0.2389	0.2344	0.2468	0.2433	0.2383	0.2461	0.2325	0.2457	0.2265	0.3782	0.3753	0.3849	0.3821	0.3810	0.3875	0.3757	0.3886	0.3724
	DISTS	0.1948	0.2011	0.2049	0.2015	0.2002	0.2016	0.1987	0.1998	0.1967	0.2104	0.2115	0.2127	0.2110	0.2136	0.2137	0.2100	0.2139	0.2096
×8	PSNR	26.97	27.11	27.23	27.26	27.22	27.25	27.36	27.00	27.52	25.02	25.13	25.13	25.25	25.14	25.16	25.28	25.03	25.28
	SSIM	0.7692	0.7810	0.7828	0.7838	0.7833	0.7825	0.7877	0.7723	0.7937	0.6397	0.6464	0.6473	0.6503	0.6464	0.6468	0.6522	0.6412	0.6525
	LPIPS	0.3036	0.2918	0.3088	0.308	0.2956	0.3077	0.2871	0.3133	0.2788	0.4376	0.4347	0.4518	0.4482	0.4406	0.4526	0.4353	0.4555	0.4329
	DISTS	0.2252	0.2304	0.2348	0.2343	0.2300	0.2332	0.2311	0.2307	0.2285	0.2471	0.2506	0.2525	0.2502	0.2524	0.2535	0.2483	0.2552	0.2472
×12	PSNR	24.49	24.69	24.66	24.77	24.70	24.67	24.83	24.24	24.68	23.18	23.22	23.30	23.32	23.28	23.28	23.41	23.02	23.27
	SSIM	0.6778	0.7011	0.6984	0.7019	0.6999	0.6965	0.7069	0.6769	0.7053	0.5680	0.5787	0.5807	0.5825	0.5779	0.5772	0.5848	0.5667	0.5834
	LPIPS	0.3952	0.3963	0.4272	0.4191	0.4063	0.4210	0.3920	0.4507	0.3813	0.5235	0.5302	0.5540	0.5418	0.5357	0.5576	0.5256	0.5761	0.5254
	DISTS	0.2775	0.2877	0.2926	0.2898	0.2901	0.2915	0.2882	0.2996	0.2820	0.2964	0.3053	0.3097	0.3053	0.3078	0.3104	0.3052	0.3163	0.3007

Table 8. Quantitative comparison between representative ASR models and our GSASR on DIV2K, LSDIR, and Urban100 datasets. All models use the same EDSR-backbone as the feature extraction encoder, and are tested with scaling factors $\times 2$, $\times 3$, $\times 4$, $\times 8$, $\times 8$. The best results are highlighted in **red**. The PSNR and SSIM metrics are computed on the RGB channel space.

Scale	Metrics	Backbone: EDSR-baseline											
		Testing Dataset: DIV2K				Testing Dataset: LSDIR				Testing Dataset: Urban100			
		LIIF	CiaoSR	GaussianSR	GSASR	LIIF	CiaoSR	GaussianSR	GSASR	LIIF	CiaoSR	GaussianSR	GSASR
$\times 2$	PSNR	34.56	34.92	34.61	35.13	29.92	30.28	29.96	30.63	30.49	31.14	30.59	31.61
	SSIM	0.9369	0.9398	0.9372	0.9416	0.9086	0.9140	0.9093	0.9182	0.9187	0.9254	0.9198	0.9300
$\times 3$	PSNR	30.91	31.15	30.96	31.42	26.45	26.64	26.49	26.99	26.65	27.11	26.72	27.60
	SSIM	0.8737	0.8773	0.8741	0.8823	0.8177	0.8233	0.8184	0.8326	0.8374	0.8468	0.8385	0.8577
$\times 4$	PSNR	28.97	29.22	29.01	29.43	24.73	24.94	24.75	25.18	24.63	25.17	24.68	25.48
	SSIM	0.8190	0.8248	0.8194	0.8303	0.7440	0.7526	0.7446	0.7620	0.7666	0.7828	0.7677	0.7939
$\times 8$	PSNR	25.40	25.57	25.29	25.76	21.81	21.96	21.75	22.07	20.99	21.37	20.90	21.63
	SSIM	0.6899	0.6964	0.6843	0.7029	0.5856	0.5948	0.5787	0.6022	0.5846	0.6038	0.5735	0.6170

Table 9. Quantitative comparison between representative ASR models and our GSASR on DIV2K, LSDIR, and Urban100 datasets. All models use the same RDN as the feature extraction encoder, and are tested with scaling factors $\times 2$, $\times 3$, $\times 4$, $\times 8$, $\times 8$. The best results are highlighted in **red**. The PSNR and SSIM metrics are computed on the RGB channel space.

Scale	Metrics	Backbone:RDN											
		Testing Dataset:DIV2K				Testing Dataset:LSDIR				Testing Dataset:Urban100			
		LIIF	CiaoSR	GaussianSR	GSASR	LIIF	CiaoSR	GaussianSR	GSASR	LIIF	CiaoSR	GaussianSR	GSASR
x2	PSNR	34.87	35.17	34.94	35.21	30.36	30.65	30.44	30.75	31.18	31.63	31.30	31.86
	SSIM	0.9396	0.9417	0.9399	0.9422	0.9141	0.9180	0.915	0.9193	0.9256	0.9300	0.9268	0.9318
x3	PSNR	31.21	31.42	31.28	31.49	26.78	26.98	26.85	27.08	27.23	27.59	27.35	27.78
	SSIM	0.8791	0.8817	0.8795	0.8834	0.8270	0.8317	0.8280	0.8347	0.8502	0.8562	0.8518	0.8606
x4	PSNR	29.25	29.45	29.30	29.49	25.00	25.19	25.05	25.25	25.15	25.57	25.24	25.62
	SSIM	0.8259	0.8302	0.8267	0.8318	0.7548	0.7620	0.7562	0.7648	0.7832	0.7945	0.7856	0.7977
x8	PSNR	25.61	25.78	25.52	25.82	21.98	22.12	21.93	22.13	21.32	21.67	21.18	21.72
	SSIM	0.6975	0.7031	0.6925	0.7050	0.5962	0.6042	0.5893	0.6054	0.6025	0.6186	0.5910	0.6215

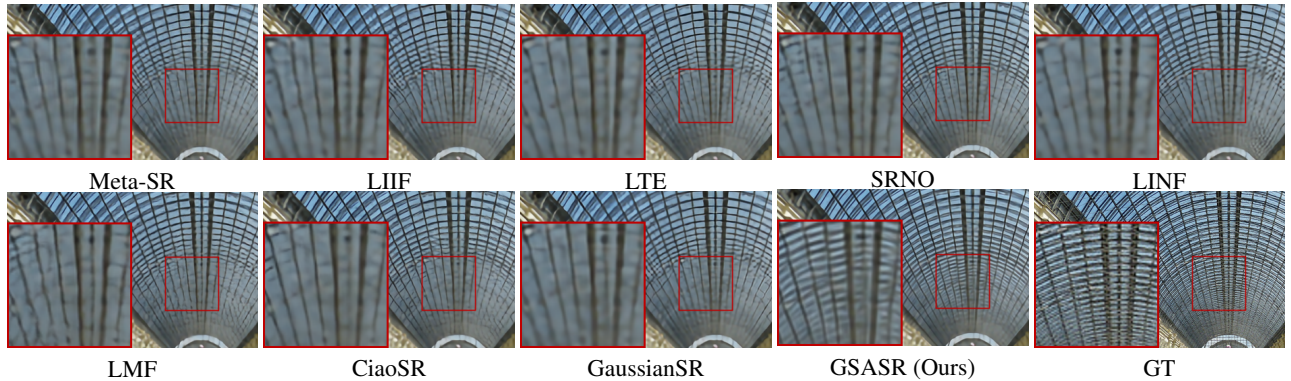


Figure 1. Visualization of GSASR and the competing methods under $\times 4$ scaling factor with EDSR [17] feature extraction backbone.

6. Ablation Study

We conduct ablation studies on five factors that will affect the final performance of our proposed GSASR: (1) the number of Gaussians N , (2) the functionality of the reference position, (3) the rasterization ratio r , (4) the dimension d of Gaussian embedding, and (5) the window size k in condition injection block and Gaussian interaction block.

6.1. Number of Gaussians

In our implementation, we set the number of Gaussians N be proportional to LR image size ($H \times W$) with $N = m \times (H \times W)$, where m indicates the density of 2D Gaussians. To study the effect of the number of Gaussians N on super-resolution, we set

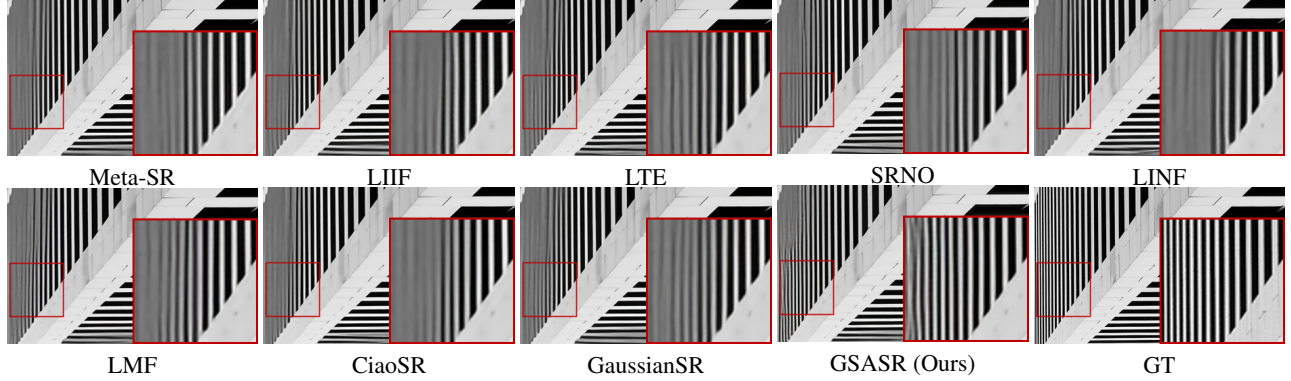


Figure 2. Visualization of GSASR and other methods under $\times 4$ scaling factor with RDN [28] feature extraction backbone.

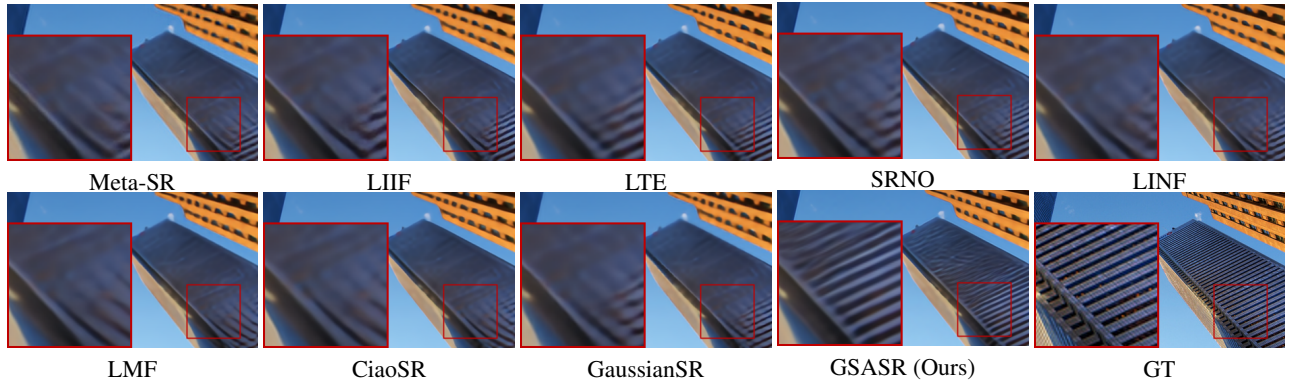


Figure 3. Visualization of GSASR and other methods under $\times 6$ scaling factor with EDSR [17] feature extraction backbone.

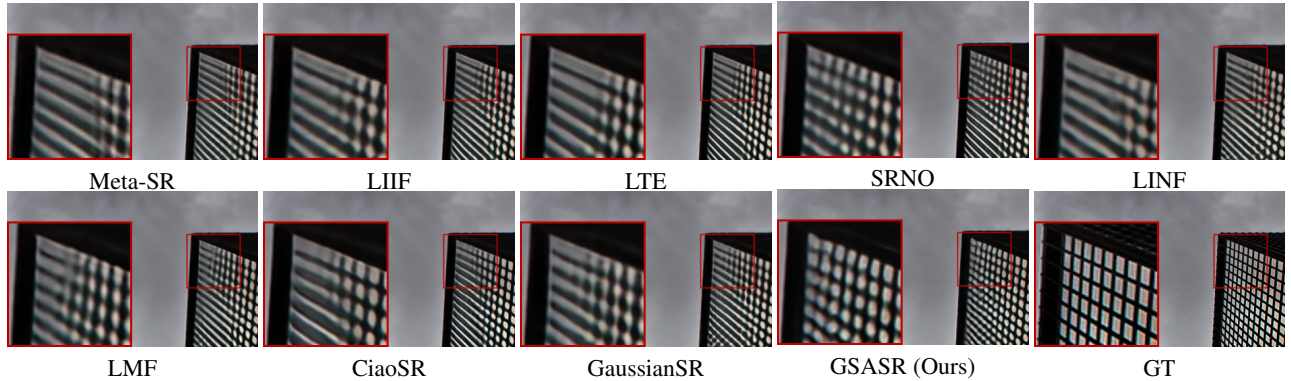


Figure 4. Visualization of GSASR and other methods under $\times 6$ scaling factor with RDN [28] feature extraction backbone.

the ratio m to different values: $m = \{1, 4, 9, 16\}$. The experiments are conducted on DIV2K [21] and the results are shown in Table 12. One could find that, with the increase of ratio m , our method could obtain better super-resolution results. Those results indicate that introducing more Gaussians could enhance the representation ability of our model. However, considering the computational cost, we set $m = 16$ by default.

6.2. Reference Position

As discussed in Section 3.2 from the main paper, we assign a reference position p_i to the i -th Gaussian embedding $\mathbf{E}_i$, which predicts relative offset o_i to obtain its final position with $\mu_i = p_i + o_i$. We plot and compare the training loss curves to demonstrate the importance of reference position. As shown in Fig. 10, if we drop the reference position p and make all

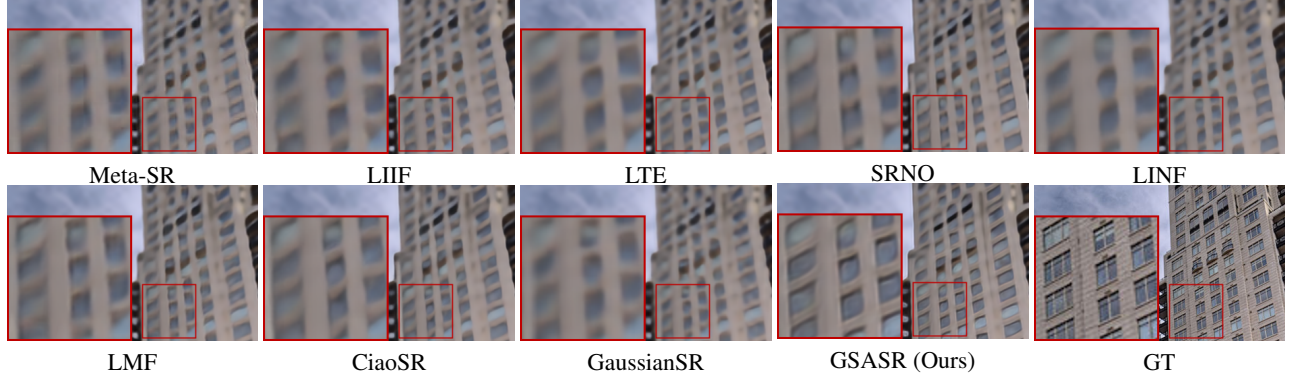


Figure 5. Visualization of GSASR and other methods under $\times 8$ scaling factor with EDSR [17] feature extraction backbone.

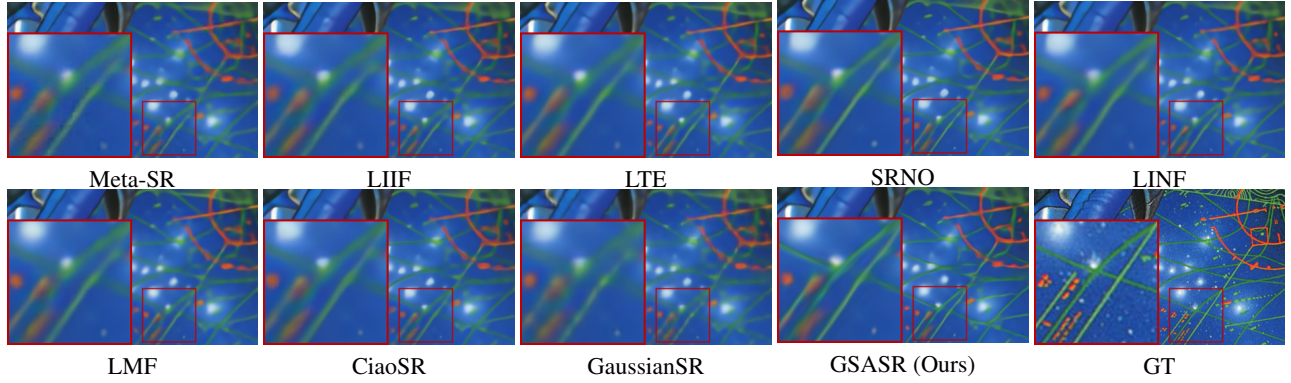


Figure 6. Visualization of GSASR and other methods under $\times 8$ scaling factor with RDN [28] feature extraction backbone.

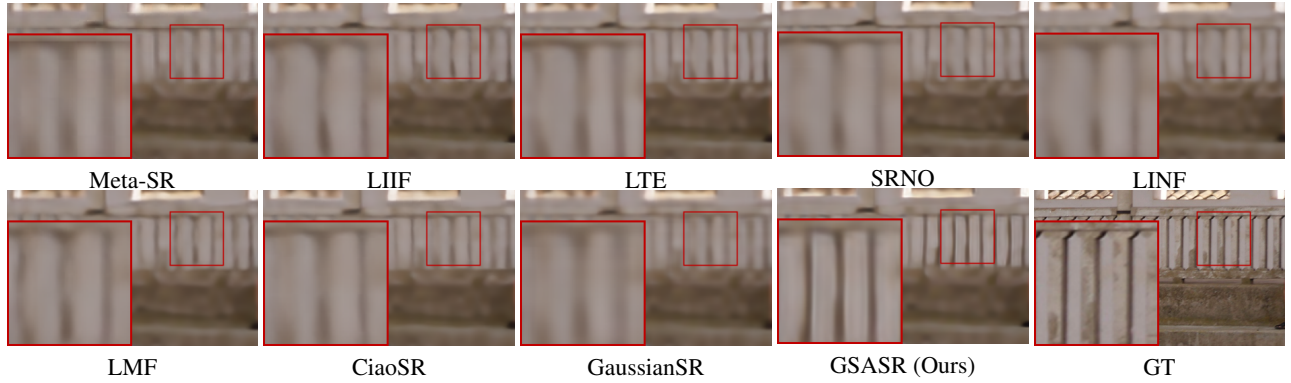


Figure 7. Visualization of GSASR and other methods under $\times 12$ scaling factor with EDSR [17] feature extraction backbone.

Gaussian embeddings regress their final positions μ directly, the training loss will not decrease and stop at around $4e^{-1}$. As the Gaussian embeddings $\mathbf{E}$ are duplicated from the same $\mathbf{E}_{base}$, those embeddings lack the ability to interpret contents at different areas, causing optimization challenges. In contrast, the reference positions can guide different $\mathbf{E}_{base}$ to handle different regions so that the network can be properly optimized with loss decreasing to around $1e^{-2}$.

6.3. Rasterization Ratio

During rasterization, the most straight-forward strategy to render an SR image is querying each pixel from all 2D Gaussians, avoiding missing any Gaussian responses. However, this will lead to a huge computational cost of $\mathcal{O}(s^2 H W N)$, where $H \times W$ denotes the size of the input LR image, s indicates the scaling factor, and N means the number of 2D Gaussians.

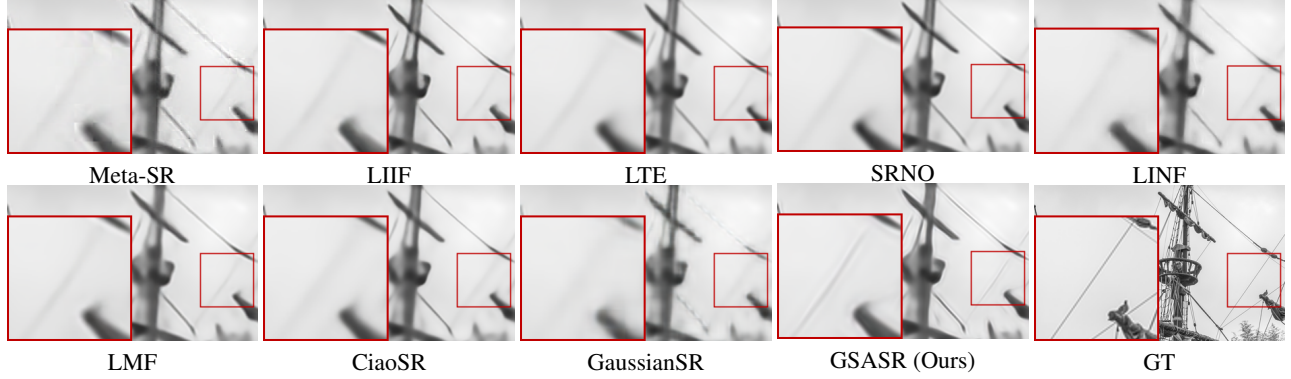


Figure 8. Visualization of GSASR and other methods under $\times 12$ scaling factor with RDN [28] feature extraction backbone.

Table 10. Computational costs between the Pytorch-based rendering pipeline in GaussianSR [10] and CUDA-based one in GSASR.

Scale	Method	Time (ms)	Memory (MB)
x4	GaussianSR	249	2685
	GSASR	168	172
x8	GaussianSR	234	2650
	GSASR	71	135

Theoretically, a Gaussian is infinite on the 2D space; however, its response will decrease rapidly from the center to the neighborhood. Actually, each Gaussian contributes to a local area with limited sizes, while the responses could be neglected when the distance to the center is large enough. To accelerate the inference speed and save GPU memory cost, we introduce a rasterization ratio $r \leq 1$ to decrease the computational costs. More specifically, we set $r = 0.1$ to ignore the minor responses, and process all Gaussians in parallel to render pixels which are close to the center. In this way, we speed up the rasterization significantly. The ablation study results of rasterization ratio r could be found in Table 13. We can see that, by simply setting $r = 0.1$, the final performance has little drop compared with $r = 1.0$ but with much faster speed. However, if setting r to a too small value ($r = 0.01$), one will find a significant performance drop. To balance between the efficiency and performance, we set $r = 1.0$ cautiously.

6.4. Dimension of Gaussian Embedding

The dimension d of Gaussian embedding determines the capacity to capture complex relationships between different embeddings. We conduct ablation study on d , and the results could be found in Table 14. As can be observed, the performance becomes saturated when $d \geq 180$. Although there is a slight promotion by setting the dimension d to 256, it will lead to higher computation cost in the MLP layers of Gaussian interaction block, since the computational complexity is $O(d^2 N)$, where N is the number of Gaussians. Therefore, We set $d = 180$ to balance accuracy and efficiency.

6.5. Window Size

As mentioned in Section 3.2 of the main paper, to dynamically support arbitrary LR size ($H \times W$), we split the LR feature $\mathbf{F} \in \mathbb{R}^{C \times H \times W}$ into $\frac{H}{k} \times \frac{W}{k}$ windows with window size $k \times k$, then we duplicate base Gaussian embedding $\mathbf{E}_{base} \in \mathbb{R}^{mk^2 \times d}$ for $\frac{H}{k} \times \frac{W}{k}$ times so as to cover all windows. The windows size in the condition injection block and Gaussian interaction block keeps the same as k . The window size determines the ability to capture long range dependency. We conduct ablation study on k , and the results could be found in Table 15. As can be seen, the larger kernel size, the better performance. However, setting a too high k value will lead to huge computational cost in self attention layers, to balance between accuracy and efficiency, we set it to 12 in our implementation.

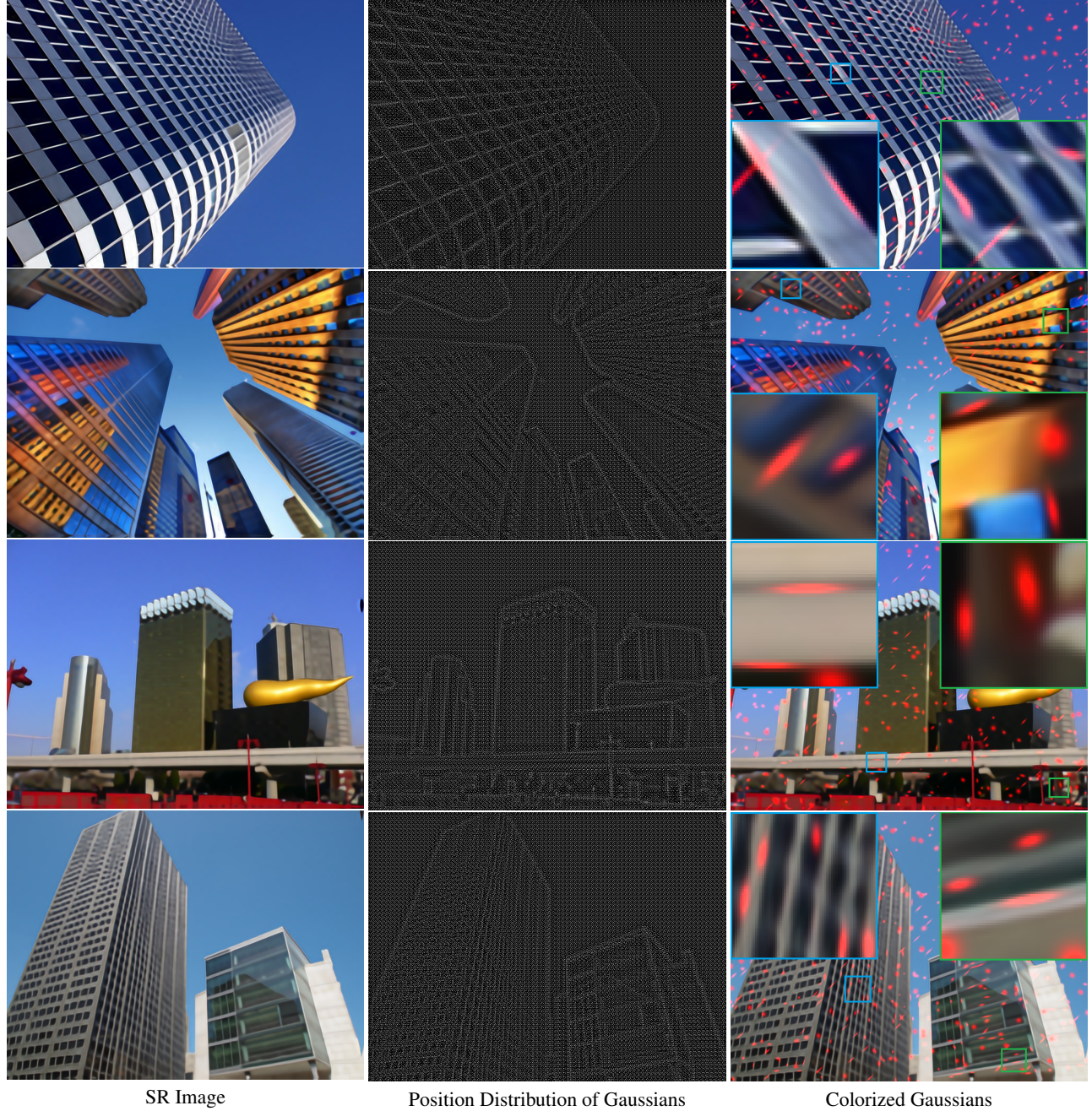


Figure 9. Demonstration of the rich expressiveness of Gaussians for ASR. The position distribution is obtained by setting $\{\sigma, \rho, c\}$ to fixed values. One can observe that Gaussians are evenly distributed in regions with simple textures, while their positions are adjusted in regions with complex textures to fit details. (**Please zoom in for better observation.**) In the right image, we randomly select parts of Gaussians and highlight their colors to red. One can see that 2D Gaussians can learn to fit the different object shapes (*e.g.*, the edge of window).

6.6. The Functionality of Learnable Position Parameter o

The position parameter o determines the position of Gaussians in the image space. In our implementation, we set it as a learnable parameter so that the Gaussians can automatically concentrate on complex textures. Here we validate the effectiveness of learnable o by conducting ablation study on fixed parameters. From Table 16, one could find that if we fix the position parameters, the performance will drop. Therefore, setting learnable position parameters will improve the representation

Table 11. Comparison of computational costs. We report the results using RDN [27] as image encoder. PSNR and SSIM index are computed on Y channel of Ycbr space. Apart from the PSNR/SSIM/LPIPS/DISTS metrics, we report the average inference time (ms) as well as the GPU memory (MB). The inference time/GPU memory cost is computed for the whole SR pipeline, including the encoder, decoder and rendering parts.. The best results are highlighted in red.

Scale	Computational Cost and Performance	Backbone: RDN								
		Testing GT Size: 720 * 720								
		Meta-SR	LIIF	LTE	SRNO	LINF	LMF	CiaoSR	GaussianSR	GSASR
×2	PSNR	37.76	37.41	37.44	37.64	37.74	37.61	37.85	37.54	37.92
	SSIM	0.9510	0.9509	0.9511	0.9521	0.9511	0.9515	0.9518	0.9512	0.9526
	LPIPS	0.0722	0.0734	0.0723	0.0695	0.0727	0.0715	0.0710	0.0735	0.0668
	DISTS	0.0709	0.0712	0.0703	0.0693	0.0706	0.0705	0.0687	0.0711	0.0670
	Inference Time	178	518	254	236	202	311	23711	1280	1679
	GPU Memory	8775	1246	1970	6381	3732	7096	49231	5278	13447
×3	PSNR	33.94	33.71	33.75	33.90	33.93	33.85	34.06	33.82	34.12
	SSIM	0.8979	0.8978	0.8982	0.8998	0.8981	0.8992	0.8996	0.8983	0.9015
	LPIPS	0.1692	0.1686	0.1678	0.1655	0.1687	0.1648	0.1667	0.169	0.1611
	DISTS	0.1224	0.1223	0.1206	0.1195	0.1221	0.1203	0.1180	0.1219	0.1172
	Inference Time	104	486	181	163	128	172	2064	955	857
	GPU Memory	8454	610	930	6361	3571	6108	10081	5216	6080
×4	PSNR	31.90	31.70	31.76	31.90	31.88	31.86	32.04	31.81	32.07
	SSIM	0.8505	0.8498	0.8508	0.8530	0.8503	0.8519	0.8531	0.8505	0.8549
	LPIPS	0.2399	0.2396	23.88	0.2350	0.2403	0.2380	0.2363	0.2403	0.2334
	DISTS	0.1585	0.1602	0.1585	0.1571	0.1604	0.1585	0.1572	0.1591	0.1528
	Inference Time	82	220	153	150	101	113	1202	824	572
	GPU Memory	8344	389	566	6354	3516	5764	3390	5130	3500
×6	PSNR	29.49	29.44	29.49	29.62	29.57	29.56	29.73	29.49	29.76
	SSIM	0.7782	0.7806	0.7814	0.7841	0.7806	0.7825	0.7848	0.7792	0.7867
	LPIPS	0.3274	0.3238	0.3317	0.3275	0.3296	0.3305	0.3217	0.3358	0.3210
	DISTS	0.2088	0.2129	0.2120	0.2105	0.2147	0.2119	0.2115	0.2129	0.2072
	Inference Time	69	201	136	118	84	94	736	751	284
	GPU Memory	8265	345	315	6350	3475	5517	1625	5301	1658
×8	PSNR	28.06	28.08	28.15	28.26	28.20	28.22	28.35	28.02	28.32
	SSIM	0.7305	0.7353	0.7366	0.7390	0.7350	0.7375	0.7400	0.7309	0.7414
	LPIPS	0.3877	0.3816	0.3958	0.3910	0.3911	0.3946	0.3814	0.4039	0.3799
	DISTS	0.2425	0.2489	0.2500	0.2477	0.2514	0.2499	0.2478	0.2521	0.2433
	Inference Time	55	187	128	107	77	80	633	702	206
	GPU Memory	8236	328	302	6348	3462	5431	1583	5092	1132
×12	PSNR	26.25	26.33	26.41	26.49	26.42	26.44	26.56	26.08	26.58
	SSIM	0.6746	0.6828	0.6838	0.6857	0.6817	0.6842	0.6875	0.6737	0.6884
	LPIPS	0.4716	0.4701	0.4896	0.4845	0.4837	0.4868	0.4691	0.5162	0.4665
	DISTS	0.2935	0.3022	0.3062	0.3038	0.3071	0.3060	0.3019	0.3141	0.2983
	Inference Time	58	178	129	114	78	110	546	701	98
	GPU Memory	8216	317	293	6347	3451	5369	1549	5291	553

capability.

6.7. The Functionality of Learnable Standard Deviation Parameter σ

The standard deviation parameter σ controls the shape of the Gaussian. In our implementation, we set it as a learnable parameter so that the Gaussians can fit the shape of complex textures. Here we validate the effectiveness of learnable σ by conducting ablation study on fixed parameters. From Table 17, one could find that if we set the standard deviation to fixed values, the performance will drop a lot. Therefore, setting learnable standard deviation parameters will equip the Gaussians with a stronger fitting capability.

Table 12. Ablation study on the number of Gaussians N . We utilize the EDSR-backbone [17] to extract the deep features. DIV2K [21] dataset is utilized as the testing set. The best results are highlighted in red.

The Value of ratio m	Backbone: EDSR-baseline											
	Testing Datasets: DIV2K											
	x2				x4				x8			
	PSNR	SSIM	LPIPS	DISTS	PSNR	SSIM	LPIPS	DISTS	PSNR	SSIM	LPIPS	DISTS
1	36.36	0.9474	0.0818	0.0537	30.61	0.8418	0.2689	0.1335	27.00	0.7234	0.4378	0.2292
4	36.54	0.9488	0.0780	0.0520	30.80	0.8466	0.2561	0.1307	27.14	0.7292	0.4166	0.2227
9	36.55	0.9488	0.0781	0.0521	30.80	0.8465	0.2555	0.1310	27.16	0.7299	0.4138	0.2232
16	36.65	0.9495	0.0767	0.0514	30.89	0.8486	0.2518	0.1301	27.22	0.7321	0.4077	0.2214

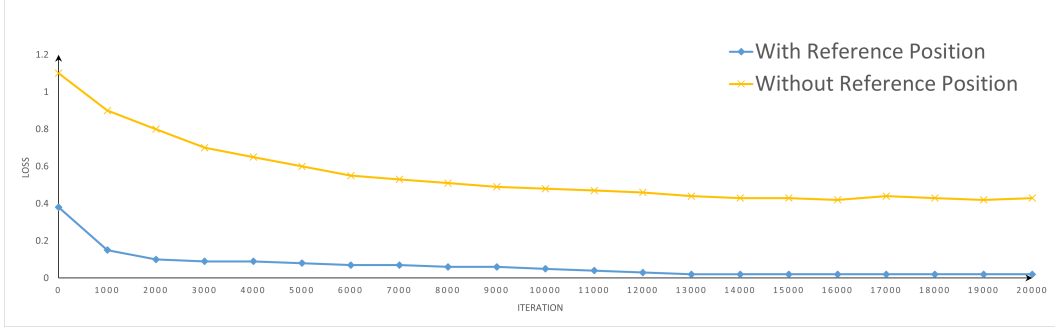


Figure 10. The training loss curves with and without reference position.

Table 13. Ablation study on rasterization ratio r . We test with EDSR-baseline on DIV2K with 720×720 size. PSNR/SSIM is calculated on Y channel of Ycber space.

Scale	x4					x8				
Performance and Cost	Rasterization Ratio r					Rasterization Ratio r				
	0.01	0.1	0.4	0.8	1	0.01	0.1	0.4	0.8	1
PSNR/SSIM	29.25/0.8202	32.01/0.8536	32.01/0.8536	32.01/0.8536	32.01/0.8536	15.97/0.5126	28.25/0.7397	28.25/0.7397	28.25/0.7397	28.25/0.7397
Inference Time (ms)	383	543	2490	6986	9419	134	195	888	2451	3285
GPU Memory (MB)	3419	3420	3421	3421	3421	1051	1051	1052	1052	1052

Table 14. Ablation study on the dimension of Gaussian embeddings. We test with EDSR-baseline on DIV2K and LSDIR. PSNR/SSIM is calculated on Y channel of Ycber space.

Scale	DIV2K				LSDIR			
	Dimension of Gaussian Embedding d				Dimension of Gaussian Embedding d			
	64	128	180	256	64	128	180	256
x4	30.66/0.8435	30.74/0.8454	30.89/0.8486	30.92/0.8494	26.42/0.7689	26.49/0.7714	26.65/0.7774	26.69/0.7788
x8	27.06/0.7257	27.11/0.7280	27.22/0.7321	27.24/0.7331	23.45/0.6182	23.49/0.6211	23.58/0.6269	23.60/0.6280

Table 15. Ablation study on the window size in the Gaussian interaction block. We test with EDSR-baseline on DIV2K and LSDIR. PSNR/SSIM is calculated on Y channel of Ycber space.

Scale	DIV2K			LSDIR		
	Kernel Size k			Kernel Size k		
	4	8	12	4	8	12
x4	30.80/0.8467	30.84/0.8478	30.89/0.8486	26.55/0.7739	26.60/0.7758	26.65/0.7774
x8	27.13/0.7297	27.19/0.7310	27.22/0.7321	23.51/0.6241	23.56/0.6256	23.58/0.6269

7. Performance of GSASR with Larger Backbone

In order to explore the performance upper-bound of our proposed GSASR, we substitute the encoder backbone with HAT-L [3]. Besides, we utilize the SA-1B [14] dataset to train our model. To reduce computational burden, we substitute the vanilla self-attention layers from both HAT-L [3] and our Gaussian decoder with Flash Attention [5]. Since the relative position embedding [18] in self-attention layers cannot be directly embedded in Flash Attention [5], we substitute it with the rotary position embedding [9]. To further lower the computational cost, we train and test our HAT-L based model with Automatic Mixed Precision (AMP) in bfloat16 precision. We train our model with 16 NVIDIA A100 GPUs for 500,000 iterations. The mini batch size on a single GPU is set to 8. The input image size is set to 64×64 . We randomly sample the scaling factor s from $[1, 16]$. The initial learning rate is $2e^{-4}$, and it halves at iterations 250,000, 400,000, 450,000, 475,000. The Adam [13] optimizer is utilized.

The quantitative results are shown in Table 18. One could find that, towards the PSNR metric, our HAT-L based GSASR outperforms the second best model, *i.e.*, RDN based GSASR, by 1.29dB on the Urban100 dataset under the $\times 4$ scaling factor. Such a great promotion validates that GSASR could fit complex textures with high accuracy.

Table 16. Ablation study on the parameters of position o .

Scale	DIV2K		Urban100		LSDIR	
	Fixed	Learnable	Fixed	Learnable	Fixed	Learnable
x4	30.86/0.8481	30.89/0.8486	26.91/0.8118	27.01/0.8142	26.62/0.7767	26.65/0.7774
x8	27.18/0.7303	27.22/0.7321	22.97/0.6414	23.09/0.6480	23.55/0.6243	23.58/0.6269

Table 17. Ablation study on learnable parameters of standard deviation σ .

Scale	DIV2K				LSDIR			
	0.1	0.4	0.8	Learnable	0.1	0.4	0.8	Learnable
x4	20.87/0.5932	30.76/0.8044	29.93/0.8307	30.89/0.8486	20.87/0.5932	30.76/0.8044	29.93/0.8307	30.89/0.8486
x8	9.50/0.0213	27.06/0.7271	26.45/0.7093	27.22/0.7321	9.50/0.0213	23.45/0.6187	22.96/0.5931	23.58/0.6269

Table 18. Performance of the upper-bound version of GSASR. PSNR/SSIM is calculated on Y channel of Ycber space.

Encoder Backbone	Method	Training Dataset	PSNR/SSIM/LPIPS/DIST (x4 scaling factor)					
			DIV2K		LSDIR		Urban100	
EDSR-baseline	LIIF	DIV2K	30.43/0.8388/0.2662/0.1403	26.21/0.7614/0.2978/0.1678	26.14/0.7885/0.2271/0.1738			
	GaussianSR	DIV2K	30.46/0.8389/0.2684/0.1406	26.23/0.7615/0.3007/0.1679	26.19/0.7893/0.2283/0.1730			
	CiaoSR	DIV2K	30.67/0.8431/0.2585/0.1370	26.42/0.7681/0.2865/0.1631	26.69/0.8091/0.2078/0.1659			
	GSASR	DIV2K	30.89/0.8486/0.2518/0.1301	26.65/0.7774/0.2777/0.1554	27.01/0.8142/0.1987/0.1552			
RDN	LIIF	DIV2K	30.71/0.8449/0.2566/0.1354	26.48/0.7714/0.2838/0.1603	26.71/0.8055/0.2062/0.1562			
	GaussianSR	DIV2K	30.76/0.8457/0.2570/0.1347	26.53/0.7727/0.2837/0.1595	26.77/0.8064/0.2069/0.1610			
	CiaoSR	DIV2K	30.91/0.8481/0.2525/0.1327	26.66/0.7770/0.2768/0.1563	27.10/0.8142/0.1966/0.1559			
	GSASR	DIV2K	30.96/0.8500/0.2505/0.1288	26.73/0.7801/0.2752/0.1533	27.15/0.8177/0.1953/0.1515			
HAT-L	GSASR	SA-1B	31.31/0.8570/0.2381/0.1268	27.17/0.7948/0.2548/0.1470	28.44/0.8493/0.1580/0.1394			

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