

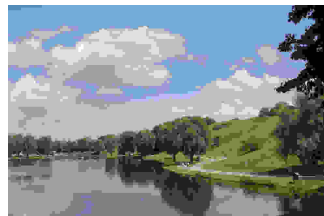
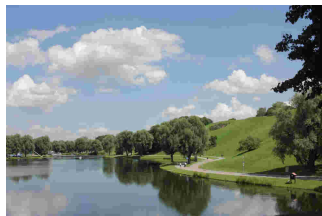
# deimeq – A Deep Neural Network Based Hybrid No-reference Image Quality Model

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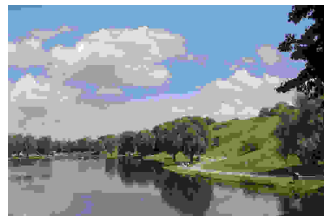
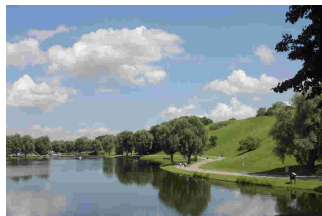


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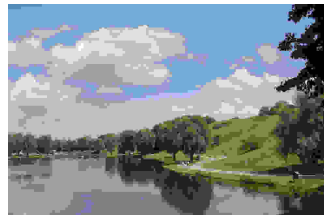
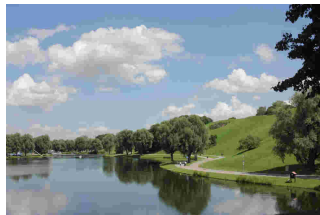


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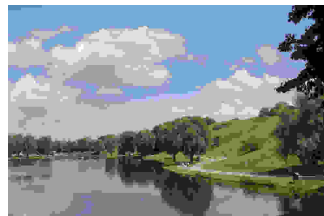
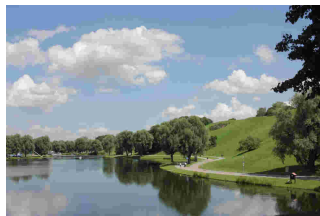


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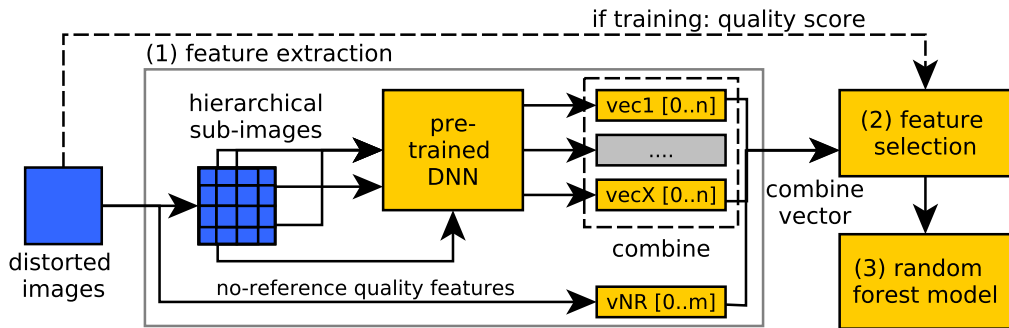
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# How to solve the identified problems?

- ▶ avoiding of hand-crafted features  
→ use pre-trained DNNs as feature extractor
- ▶ higher resolutions, pure patching  
→ use hierarchical sub-imaging approach
- ▶ content diversity vs specific distortions  
→ describe approach as meta-concept
- ▶ generalizability of models  
→ train and validate on different databases

→ introduce our model **deimeq**

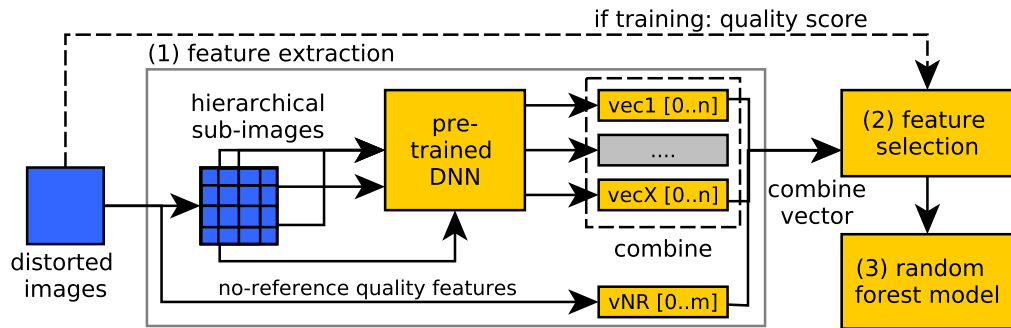
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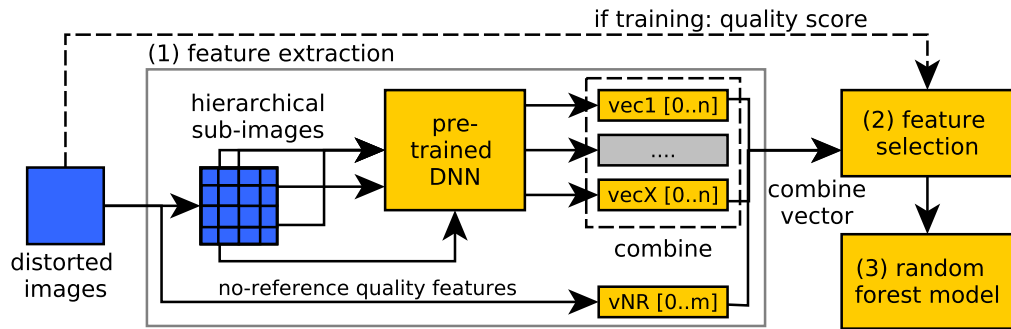
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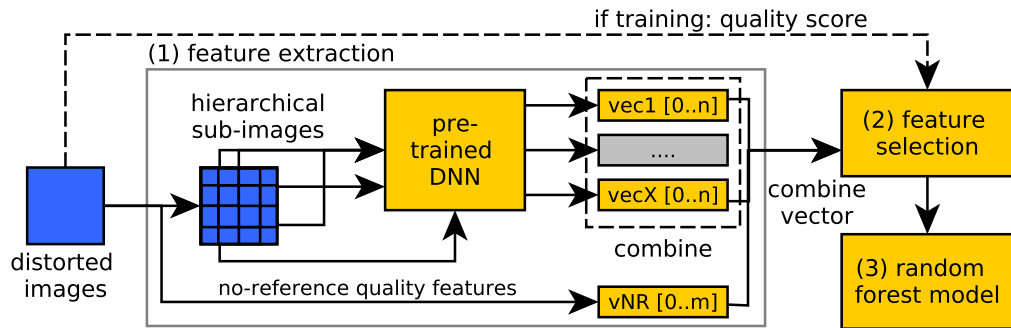
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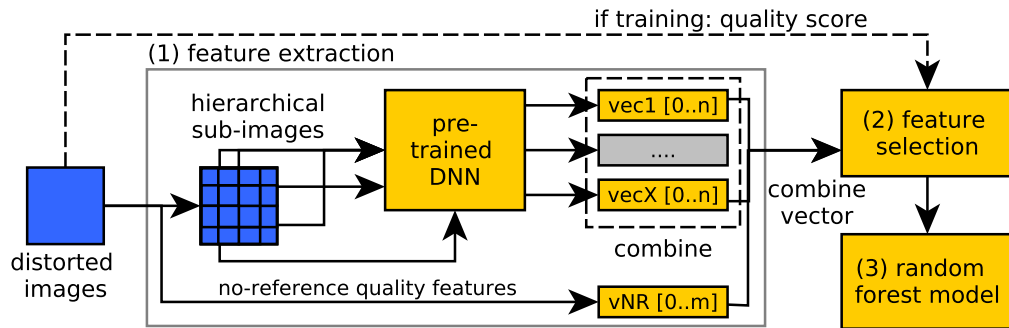
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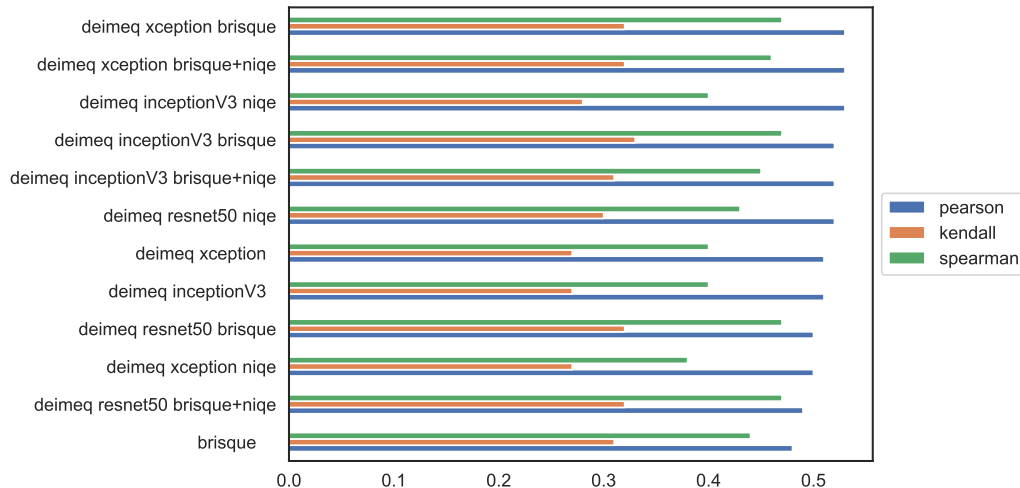
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top 12 models: trained on Live-2, validated on TID2013;  
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Thank you for your attention



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Table: Top 10 performance of *deimeq* model variants and *brisque*,  $P$ =pearson,  $K$ =kendall and  $S$ =spearman correlations and RMSE values; **B**=brisque/**N**iqe as additional features; sorted by correlations; crossvalidation on LIVEWILD

model	used dnn	+feat.	$P$	$K$	$S$	RMSE
deimeq+	xception	<b>B</b>	0.62	0.42	0.6	14.98
deimeq	xception	<b>B+N</b>	0.62	0.41	0.59	15.02
deimeq	inceptionV3	<b>B+N</b>	0.6	0.4	0.58	15.29
deimeq*	xception		0.6	0.4	0.57	15.32
brisque		<b>N</b>	0.6	0.39	0.57	15.38
deimeq	xception	<b>N</b>	0.6	0.4	0.57	15.4
brisque			0.59	0.39	0.56	15.44
deimeq	mobilenet	<b>B+N</b>	0.59	0.4	0.57	15.43
deimeq	inceptionV3	<b>N</b>	0.59	0.39	0.57	15.49
deimeq	inceptionV3	<b>B</b>	0.59	0.39	0.57	15.53

Table: Image Quality Assessment Datasets

	Live-2	TID2013
# source images	29	25
# distortion types	5	24
# total distorted images	779	3000
image resolution (mostly)	768x512	512x384
quality score min/avg/max	0/51.5/100	3.4/62.1/100