



# User-based application for the restoration of medieval frescoes

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## Plénière DIGITALIS

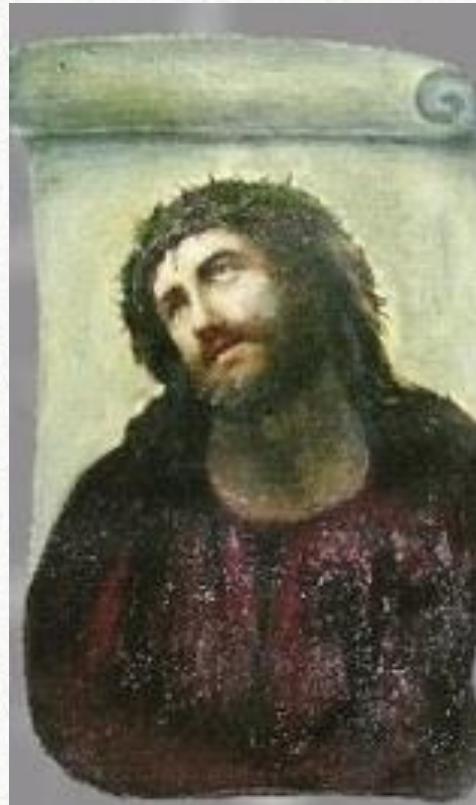
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# Context

A painting of Elias Garcia Martinez , 1930.



The original painting



The painting restored by  
an expert



The painting restored by  
an amateur



# A work on complex paintings

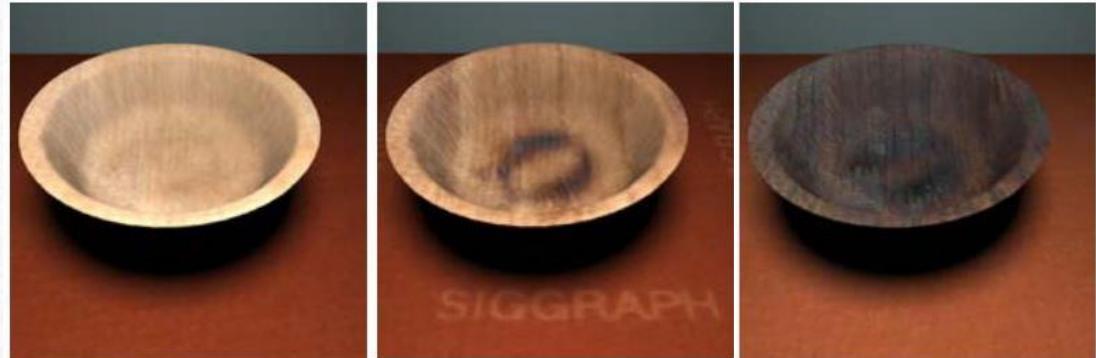


Fresco from the abbey of Saint Savin

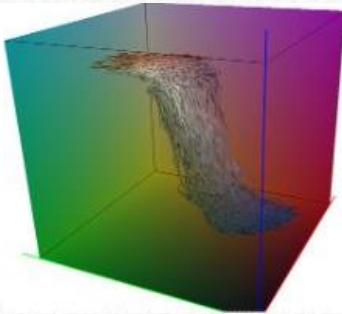
# State of the art



Physically-based weathering [1]



Data-driven weathering simulation [2]



Manifold weathering simulation [3, 4]



2D weathering simulation [5, 6, 7]

# State of the art - 2D



De-Weathering



Weathering



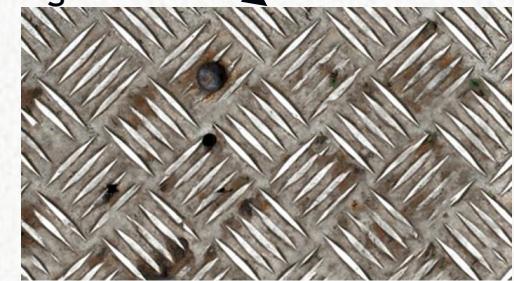
2D weathering simulation with a user input [5]



De-Weathering



Weathering



2D automatic weathering simulation [7]



# Restoration of simple textures



1.



2.

1. The original weathered area from the painting
2. Restoration with an artificial intelligence model specialized in inpainting



# Restorer-guided restoration



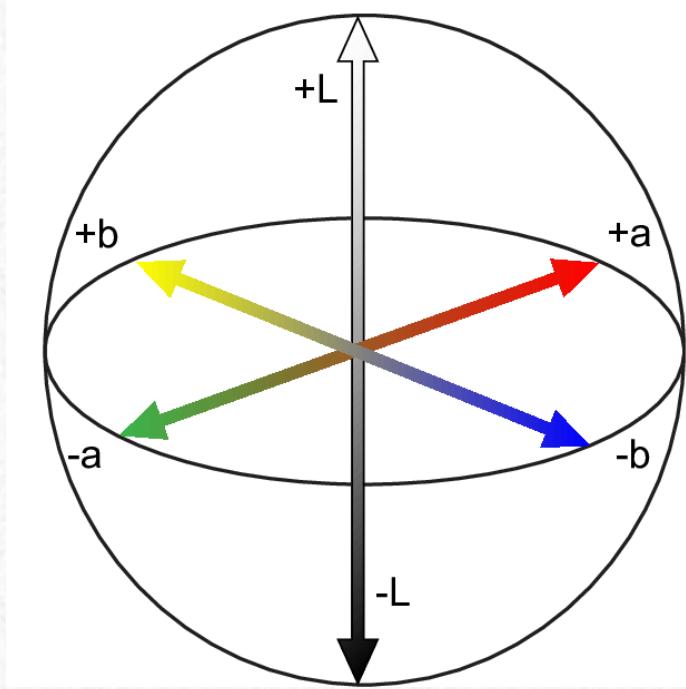
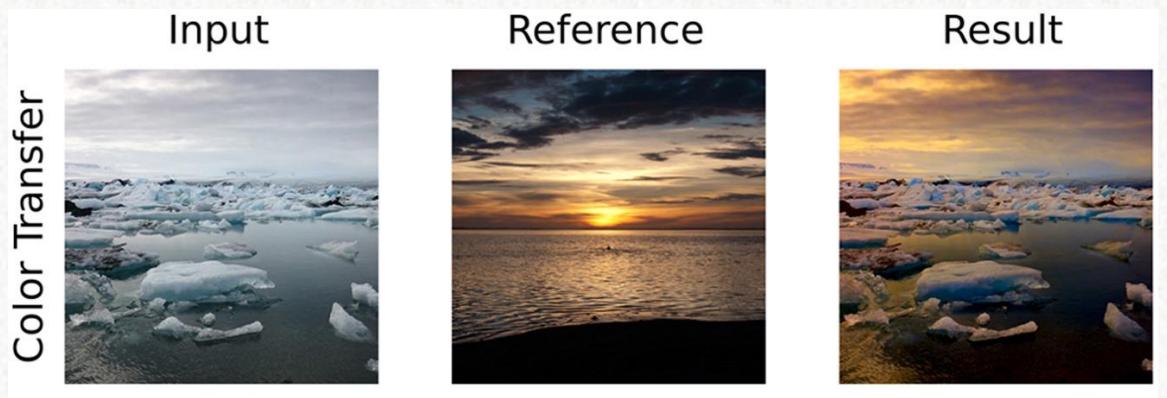
# Restorer-guided restoration -- Segmentation



Segmentation of a fresco with segment anything 2 [8]



# Restorer-guided restoration - LAB color space



As explained in « Colour Spaces for Colour Transfer » [9] CIELab is the best color space to do a color transfer color



# Restorer-guided restoration - color restoration



Restoration of the color



# Restorer-guided restoration - Texture generation



Texture generation by example [10]



# Restorer-guided restoration - Combination and errors



# Interpolation



A mix between the original and the restored image



A map to interpolate the details of different color from the original image

# Démo



A screenshot of a dark-themed IDE (Integrated Development Environment) showing a Python project named "user\_guided\_restoration". The main.py file is open and displays the following code:

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RUN AND DEBUG No Configurations ... main.py interface.py utils.py project.py segmentAnything.py __init__.py .gitignore
VARIABLES
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powershell Python Deb...
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Uncaught Exceptions
User Uncaught Exceptions
start_project_imgs* 0 0 0
Rémi Orveau (3 days ago) In 22, Col 38 Spaces: 4 UTF-8 CRLF Python 3.11.10 (These: conda)
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```
1 #general
2 import os
3 import skimage
4 import tkinter as tk
5 import torch
6
7 #project import
8 from interface import RestorationViewerApp
9 from sam2.segmentAnything import SegmentAnything, SegmentAnything2
10 from project.project import Project
11 from customtkinter import ctk
12
13 os.environ['KMP_DUPLICATE_LIB_OK']=True
14
15 def main():
16     #launch SAM
17     if torch.cuda.is_available():
18         device = "cuda"
19         sam = SegmentAnything2(device)
20     else:
21         device = "cpu"
22         sam = SegmentAnything(device)
23
24     #launch restoration class
25     path_executable = os.getcwd() + "/texture_rendering/tiling.exe"
26     restore = Project(path_executable, device)
27
28     # Run the application
29     root = ctk.CTk()
30     app = RestorationViewerApp(root, sam, restore, device)
31     root.mainloop()
32
33     return 0
34
35 if __name__ == "__main__":
36     main()
```

# Conclusion

## Synthesis

- A method of restoration by texture generation and color propagation.
- An application that works with a few clicks

## Perspective

- A map to mix the original image and the restored one
- A global restoration application on multiple images from a single project
- A switch between Segment Anything 1 and 2 to work on a CPU
- Publication to the Journal of Computing and Cultural Heritage JOCCH



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