



# Fast and Scalable Digital Rock Construction using Spatially Assembled Generative Adversarial Networks



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## Background

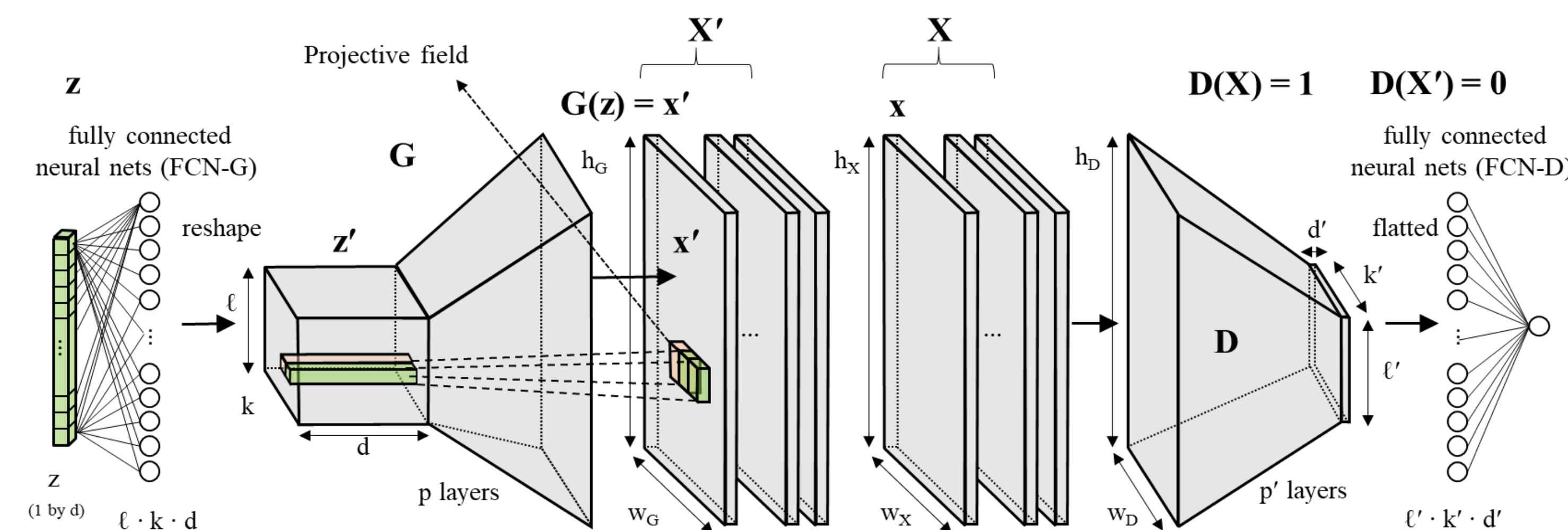
- **Rock reconstruction**
  - The rock with complex morphological geometry and compositions such as shale and carbonate rocks, is **typically characterized with sparse field samples** because of an **expensive and time-consuming characterization process**.
  - **Accurate capture and realization** of the underlying complex stochastic properties of the geological texture **with a limited set of samples** has long been an important issue in the rock reconstruction.
- **Geostatistical methods**
  - Many geostatistical methods such as multiple-point statistics have been developed and achieved in many successful applications.
  - But they suffer from **limitations inherent to the algorithms** : **computational cost, visual artifacts, and a low variability in the realization**
- **Generative models using deep learning**
  - Recently, Generative Adversarial Neural Networks (GANs) have demonstrated remarkable results in terms of image or texture synthesis.
  - Variation of GANs-based models have been developed and applied to the rock reconstruction.
  - However, the rock reconstruction with GANs framework **still requires considerable computational costs** which can be prohibitive for high-resolution applications (2D and 3D) and **scalable applications** due to a constraint on the size of training samples.

## Objective

- To improve the computational cost and scalability of standard GANs framework, we **proposed a fast and scalable GANs framework**, called **the spatially assembled GANs framework (SAGANs)**.

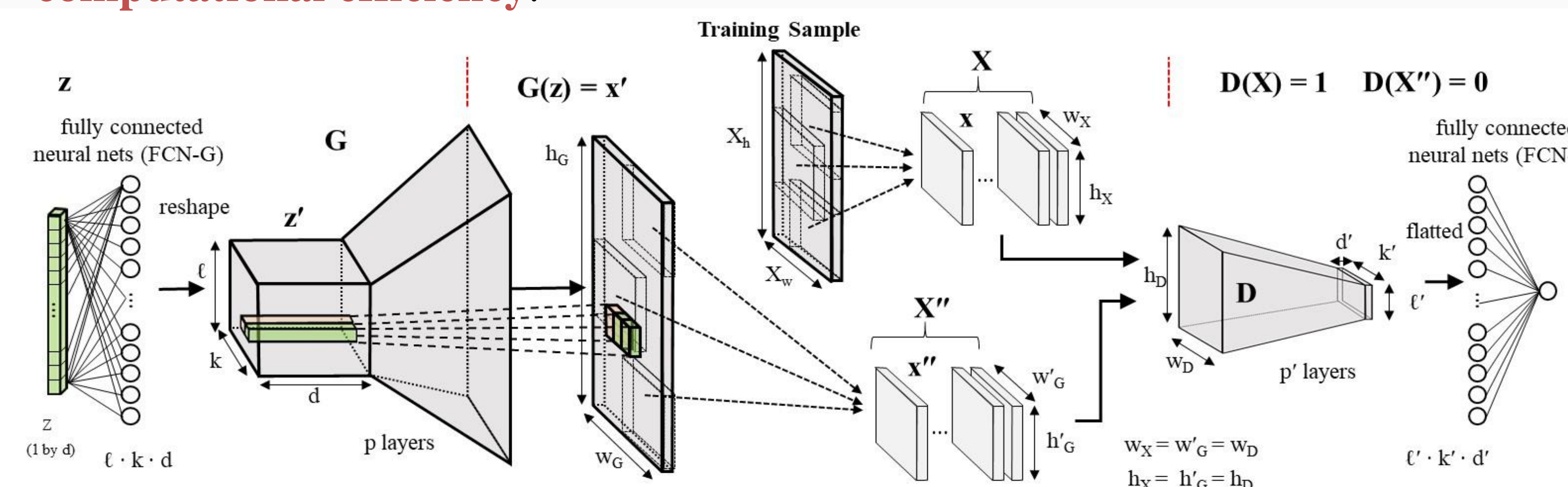
## Generative Adversarial Neural Networks (GANs)

- **GANs** are deep learning frameworks to develop generative models via adversarial two neural network models (G and D model).
- **G model (generator)** – a generative model generates samples through learning to map from a latent space to a particular data distribution of real samples
- **D model (discriminator)** – a discriminative model determines whether given samples were a generated (fake) sample by G model or real samples.
- **Deep Convolutional GANs (DCGANs)** : GANs adopting deep convolutional networks.
- Fully convolutional nature of DCGANs allows the stable training and the generation of many samples that contain the similar properties to training data and with computational efficiency.



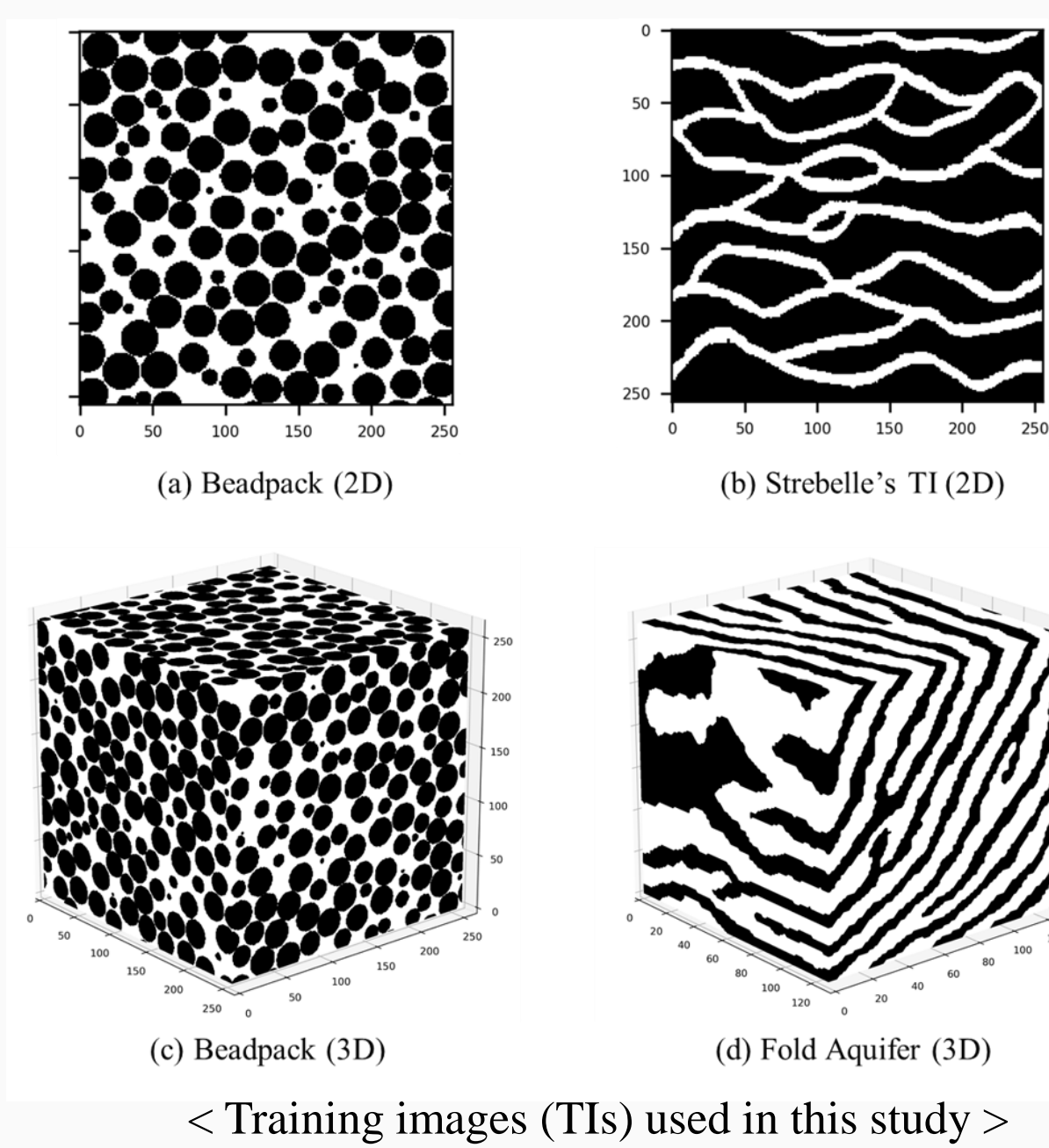
## Spatially Assembled GANs (SAGANs)

- **Main conceptual idea**  
The **local probability** in the disassembled generated images (segments) is estimated by the discriminator, and then **assembled into a global probability**.
- **No architectural constraint between G and D model**  
The **size of the generated output in the G model need not to be identical to the size of the input of D model**.
- This enable SAGANs to produce the realizations with the **scalability and computational efficiency**.



## Development of DCGANs & SAGANs

### • Training Images



- Three training images (TIs) datasets widely used for geostatistical simulation.
- These datasets have **simple structures, but** are proven to be **very challenging** as the training image for the GANs
  - the long-range connectivity
  - discrete and dispersing nature

< Summary of training images (TIs) >

	Original datasets		This study		Experiment case
	size	color scale	size	color scale	
Strebelle's TI	250*250*1	Binary, 0/1	256*256	Binary,	2D
Beadpack	500*500*500*1	Gray, 0 - 255	256*256*256*1	1/0	2D
Fold Aquifer	180*150*120	Binary, 0/1	128*128*128*1		3D

### • Architecture and Parameters of GANs

- The architecture of deep convolution neural networks for DCGANs and SAGANs was constructed based on the guidelines proposed by Radford et al. (2015)
- All computational works in this study were performed using the same computer equipped with two NVIDIA TITAN-V GPU cards.

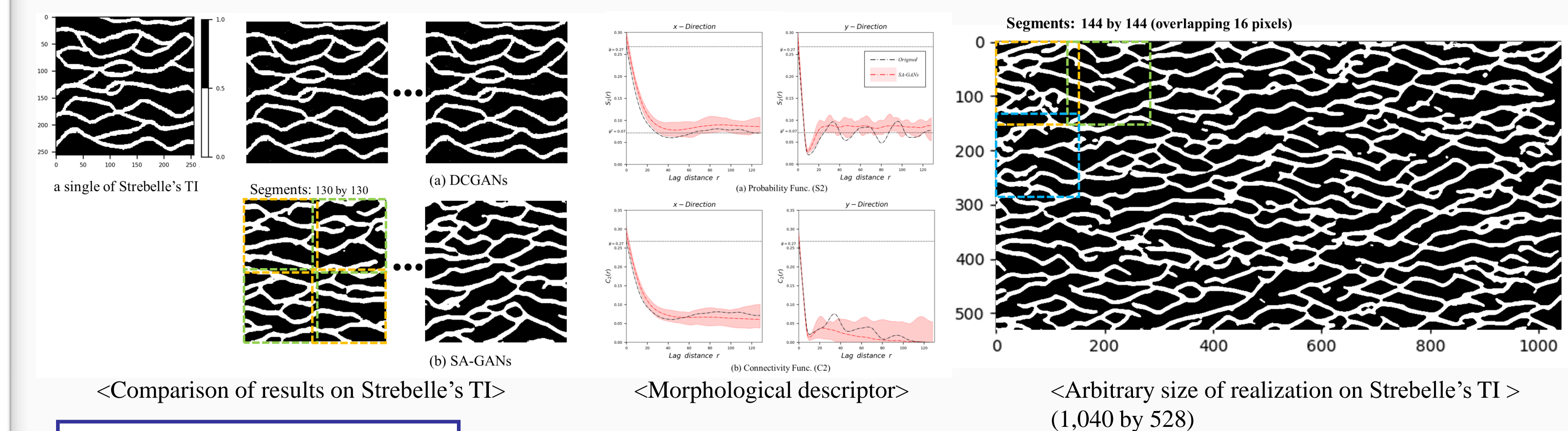
< Architecture and Parameters applied to GANs in this study >

Parameter	Value
Latent Space Dimension, z	100
Convolutional Layers / Filters	3 to 5 layers, filters (4/8/16/32/64/128)
Kernel Size	Symmetric for D and G model
Optimizer	3 × 3 × 3 (for 3D TIs), 5 × 5 (for 2D TIs)
Learning Rate / Momentum	Adam with mini-batch
Epoch / Mini-batch Size	2 × 10 <sup>-4</sup> / 0.5
Dropout rate / Batch normalization Momentum	Max 100,000 / 4 to 64
Activation Function	0.25 / 0.8
Loss Function	ReLU, tanh (G model) / LeakyReLU with alpha = 0.2, sigmoid (D model)
	Binary Cross-entropy

## Experimental Results

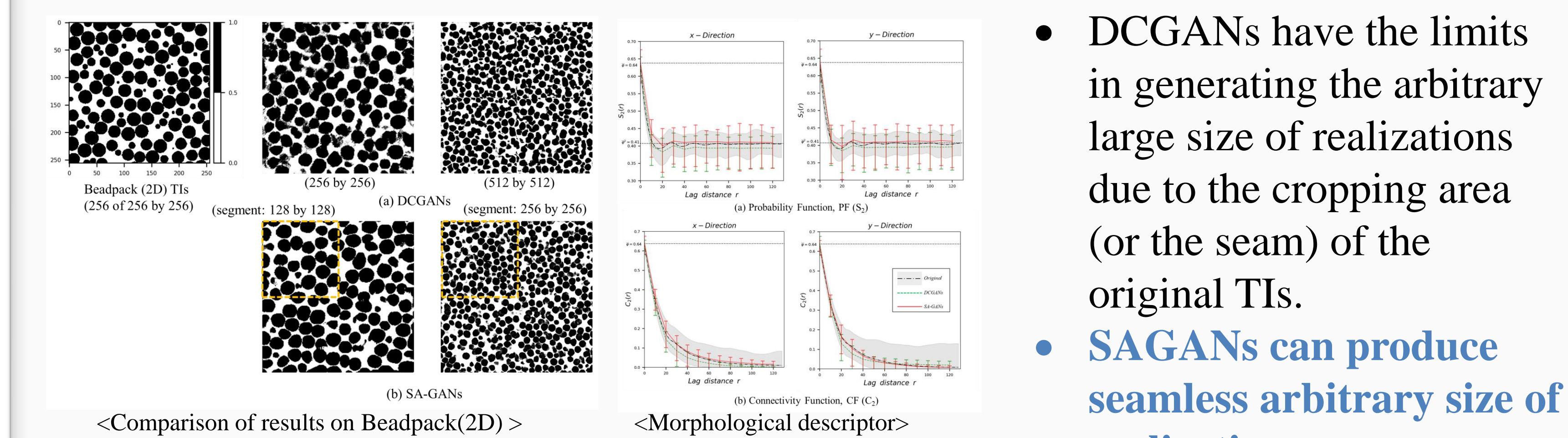
### • Strebelle's TI (2D)

- Standard GANs (DCGANs) with a single TI generated the same realization of images as the TI.
- **SAGANs produced the various patterns and arbitrary size of realization with keeping its statistics (the long-range connectivity) even in a single TI.**



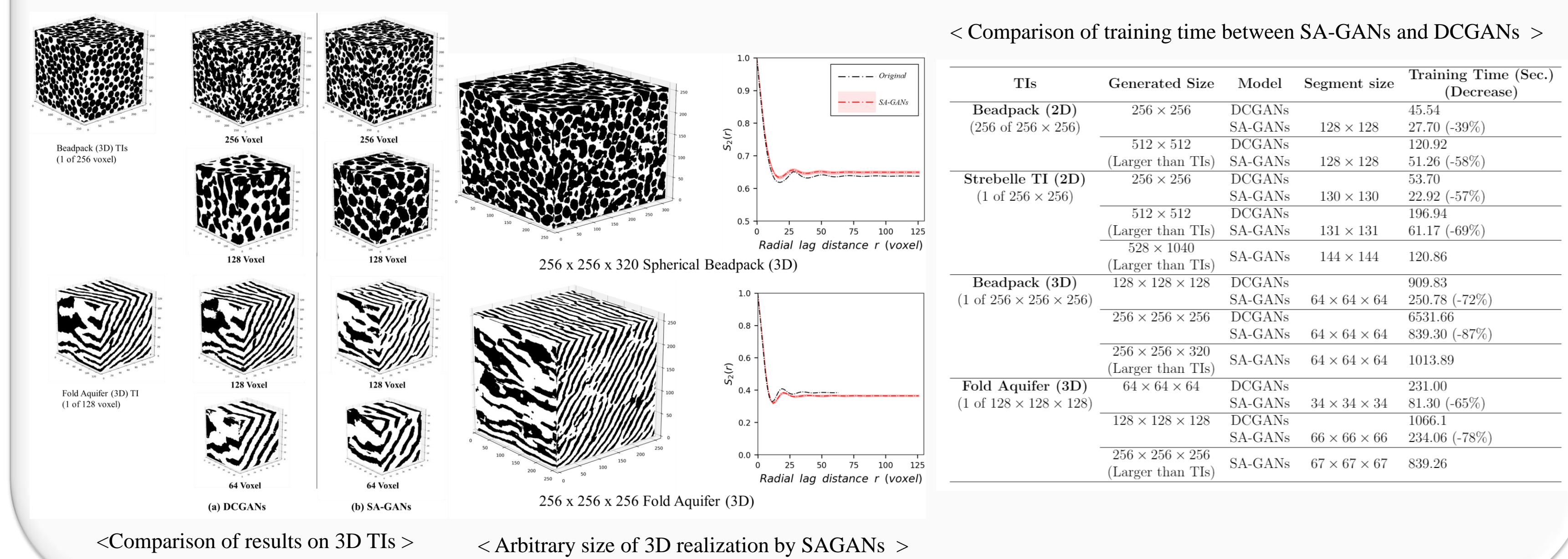
### • Beadpack (2D)

- Both DCGANs and SAGANs produced the realizations with various size of spherical beads.
- Beads in the realizations by SAGANs have more spherical shape and less overlapped each other (well-spread) than the realizations by DCGANs.



### • Beadpack (3D) & Fold Aquifer

- **SAGANs could produce the 3D realizations of the arbitrary larger size and with diversity even in a single of 3D TI.**
- **SAGANs could also produce the larger size of 3D realizations with low computational time and load which DCGANs could not generate due to the lack of GPU memory.**



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