

Interest Point Detectors and Descriptors



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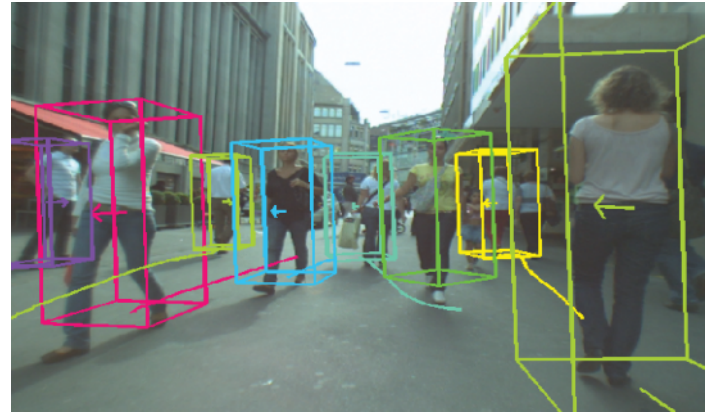
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Image processing
Image to Image

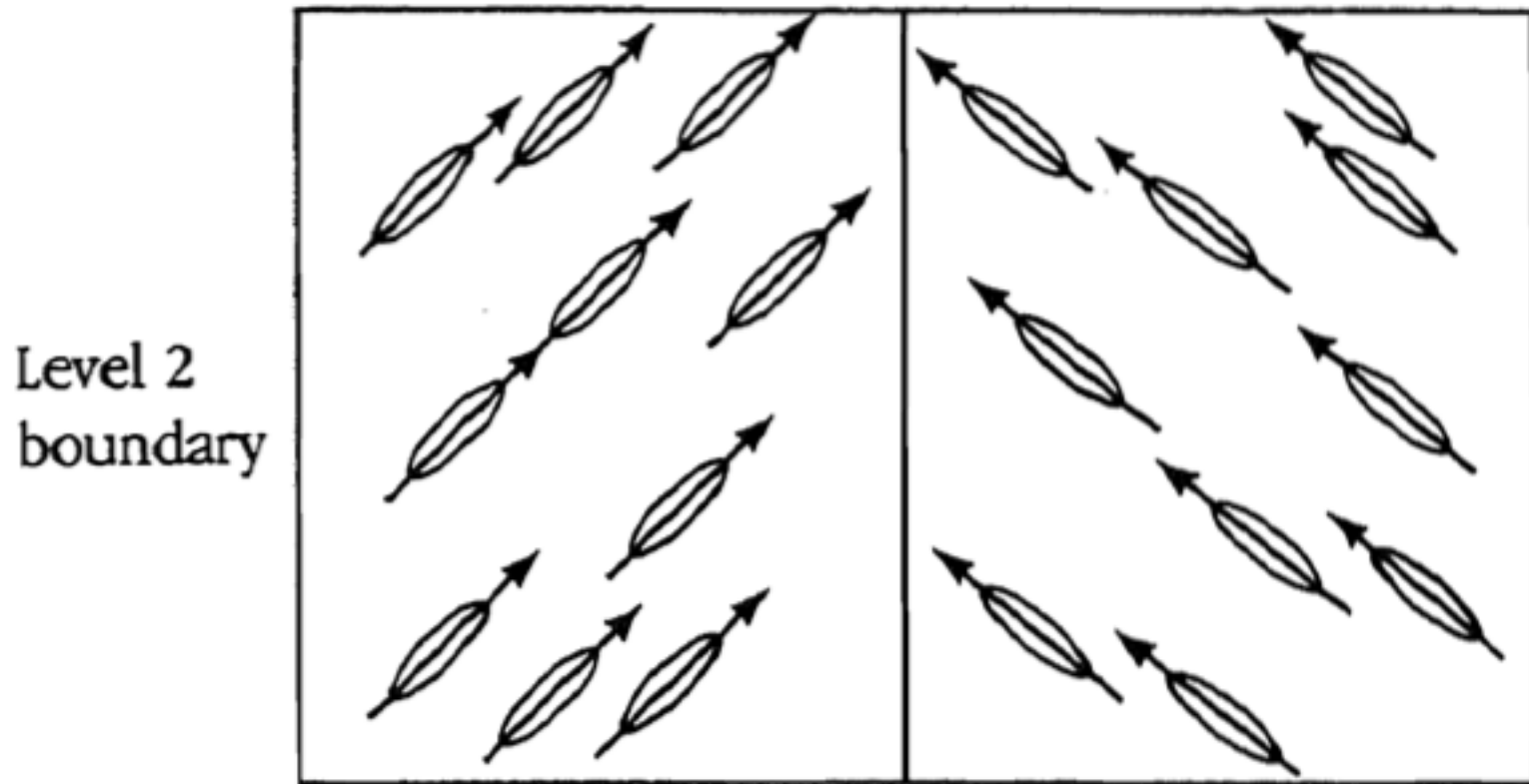


Computer Vision
Image to Symbols



Low-level symbolic representations

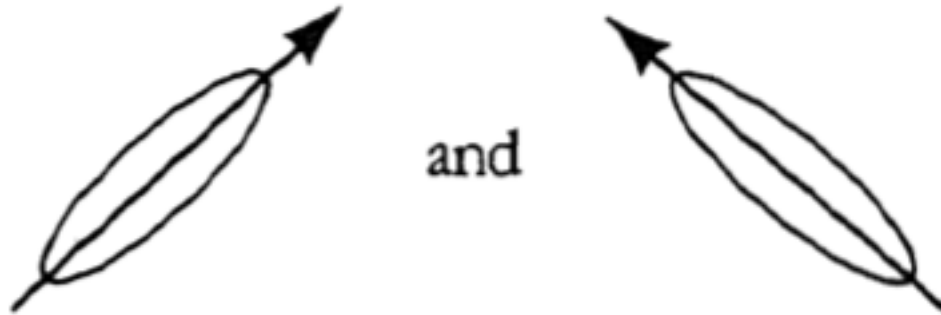
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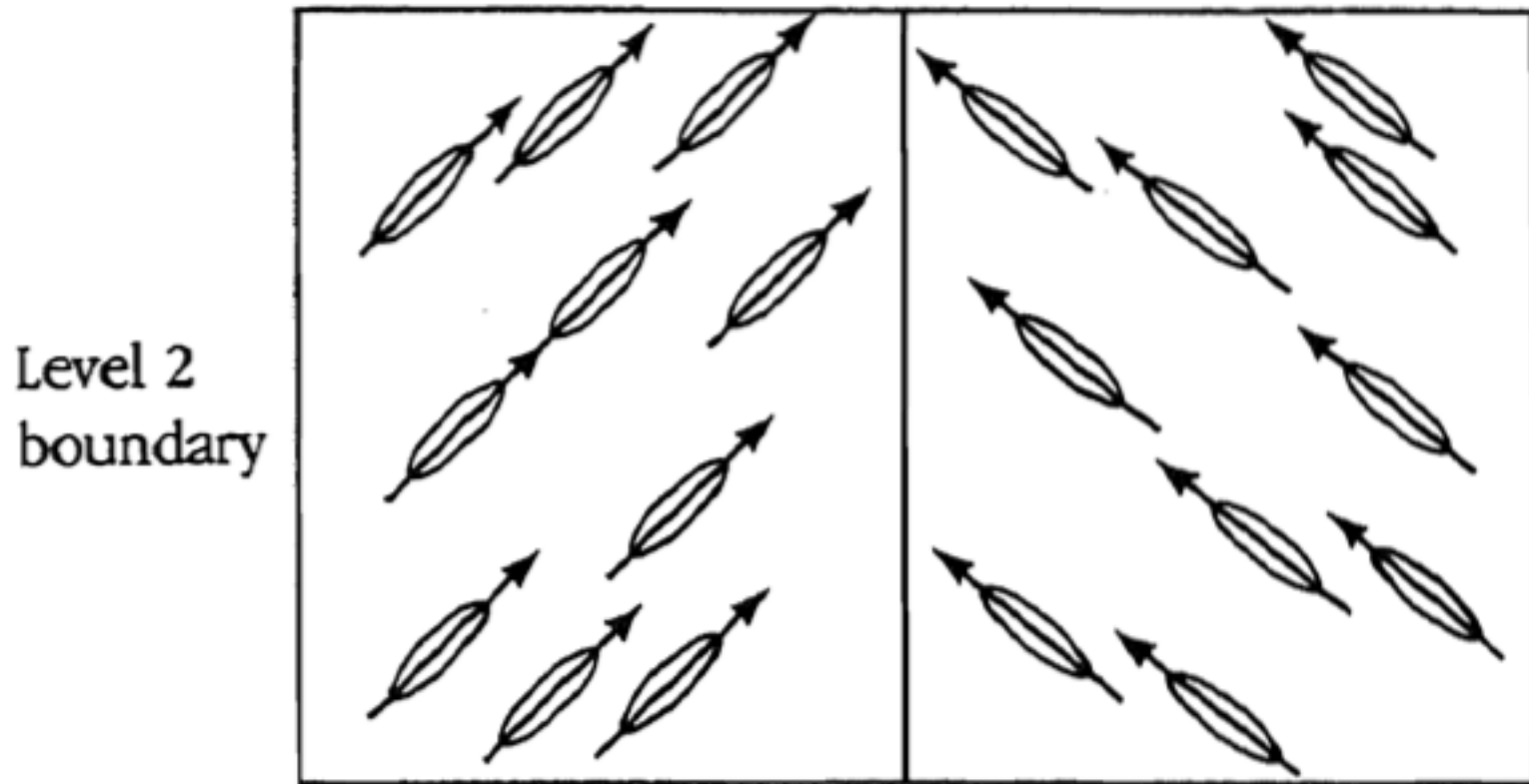
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Level 1
tokens



Low-level symbolic representations

- Primal sketch



Goals for a low-level representation

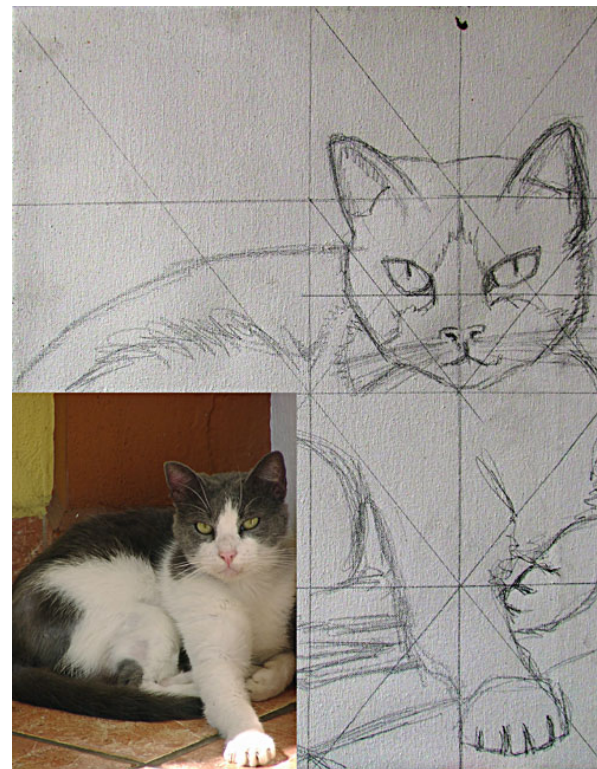
- Compact
 - Reduce the number of processed image locations

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= 0000000**01**1111**10**0000**01**1111111**10**00

= 7x0 5x1 5x0 7x1 3x0

- Sufficient
 - No need to look back into the image



Boundaries

Object/Surface Boundaries



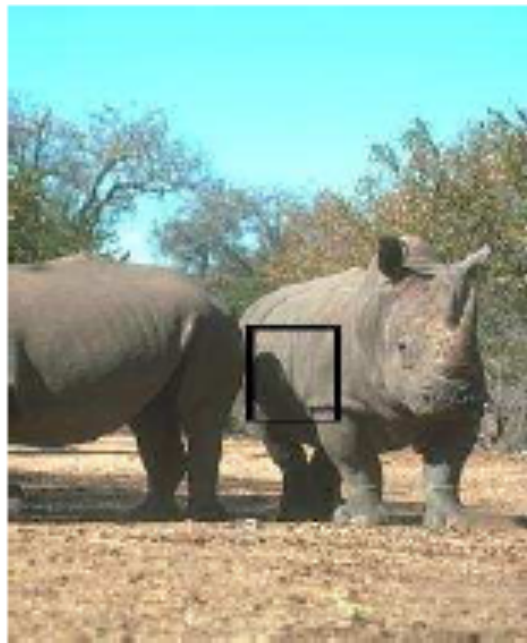
A brief analogy with text

- What matters is what happens on word boundaries
- Mocpera iwht htsi sesm
(compare with this mess)
- Evidence of our visual system employing boundary detection

Signal-level challenges



Poor contrast

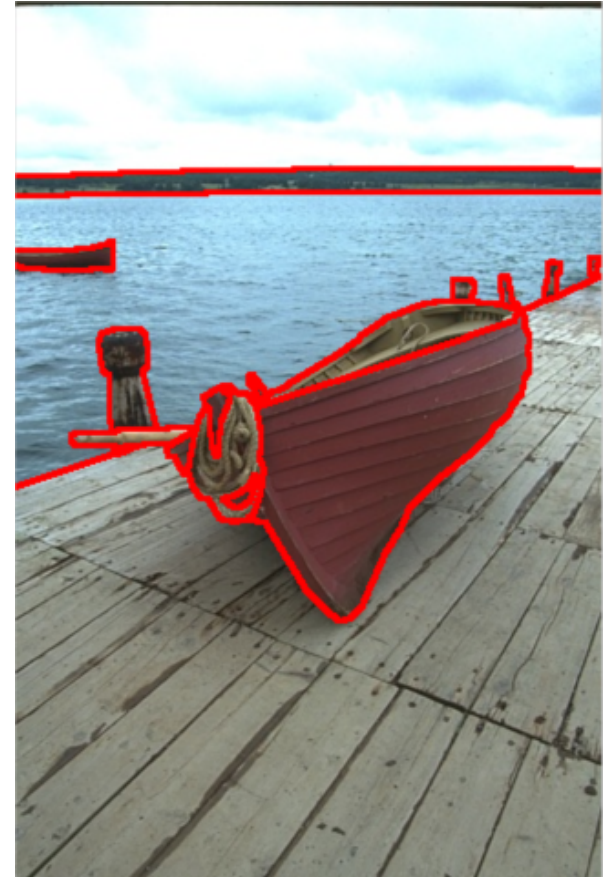


Shadows



Texture

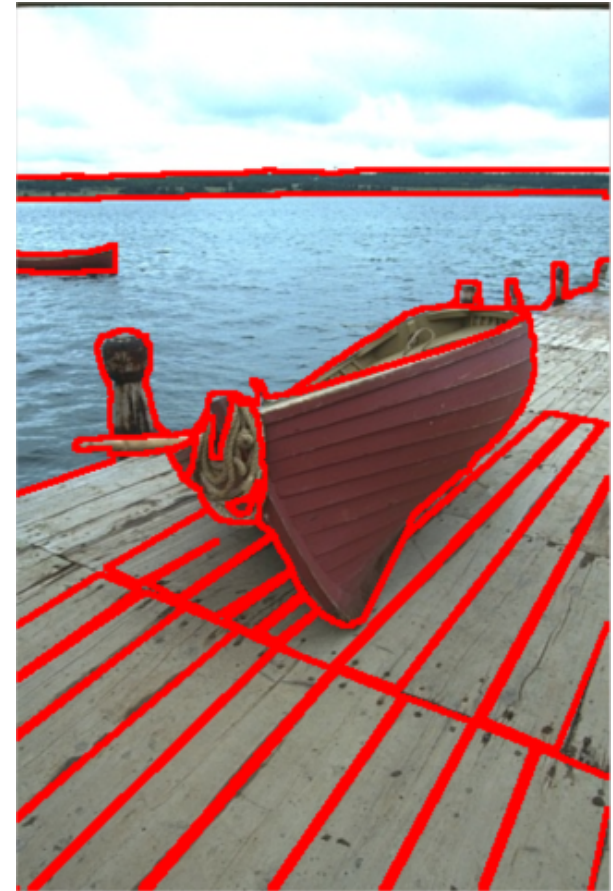
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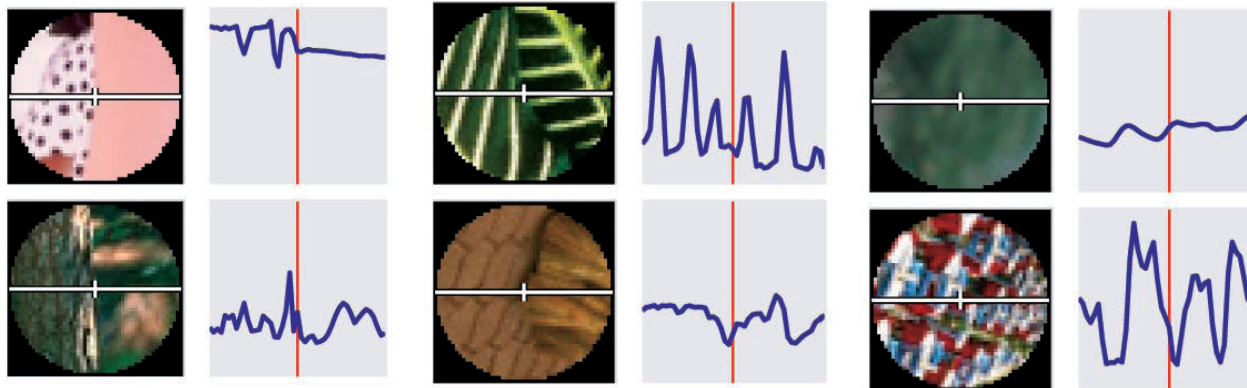


Fundamental challenges: can humans do it?



Learning-based approaches

Boundary or non-boundary?



Use human-annotated segmentations



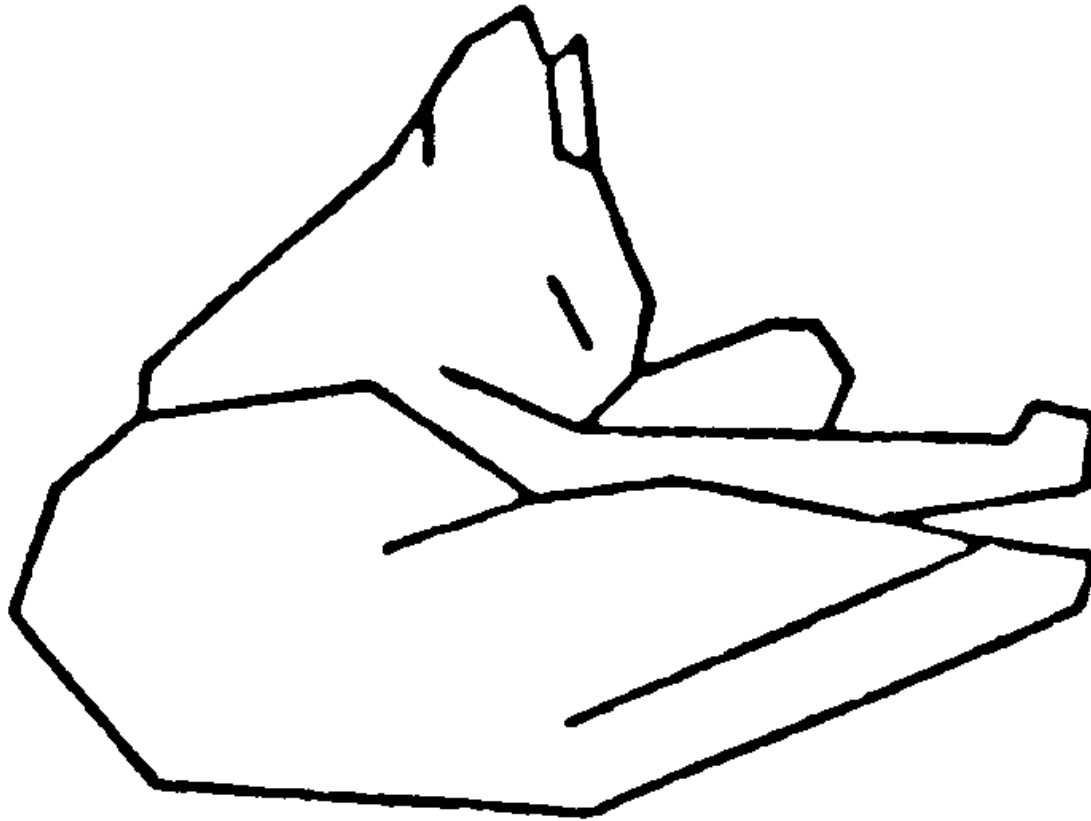
Use any visual cue as input to the decision function.

Use decision trees/logistic regression/boosting/... and *learn* to combine the individual inputs.

S. Konishi, A.Yuille, J. Coughlan, S.C. Zhu, "Statistical Edge Detection: Learning and Evaluating Edge Cues", IEEE PAMI, 2003

D. Martin, C. Fowlkes, J. Malik. "Learning to Detect Natural Image Boundaries Using Local Brightness, Color and Texture Cues", IEEE PAMI, 2004

Boundaries or edges?



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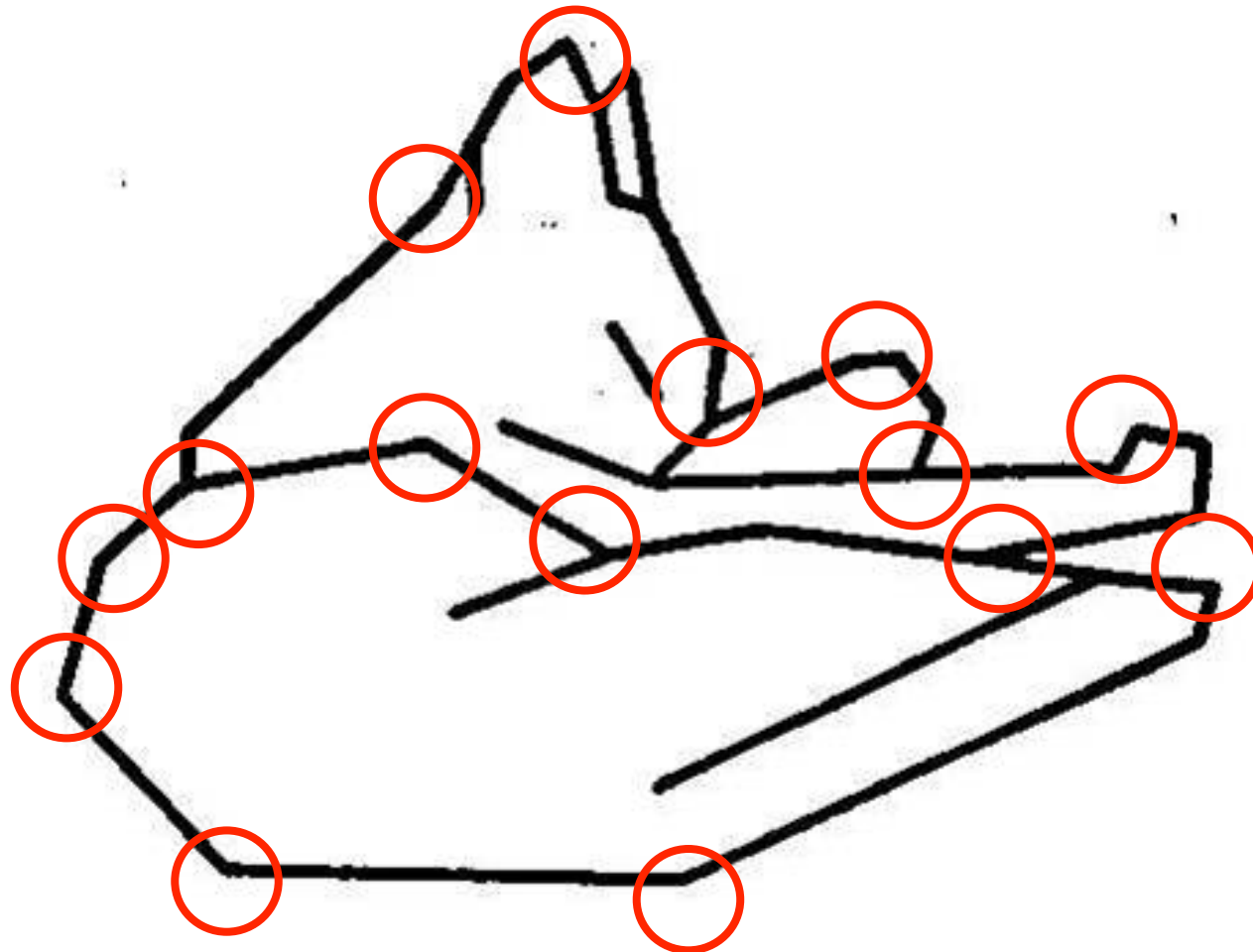
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Contours or points?

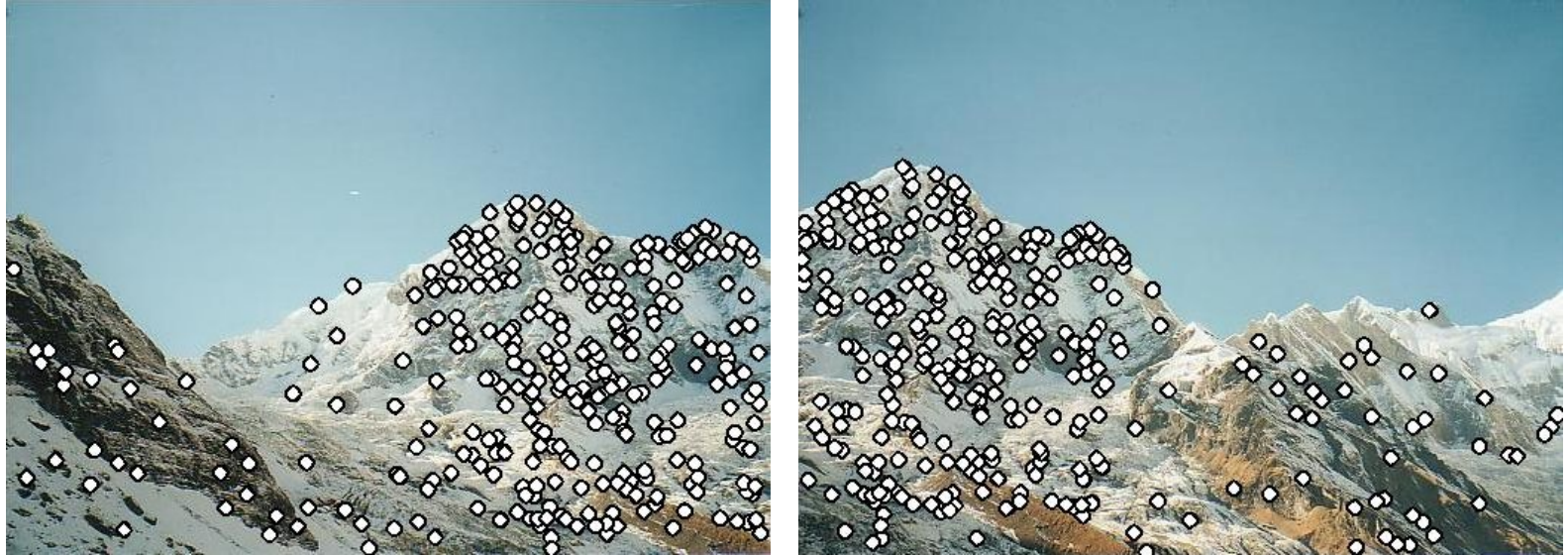


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Application: Image Stitching

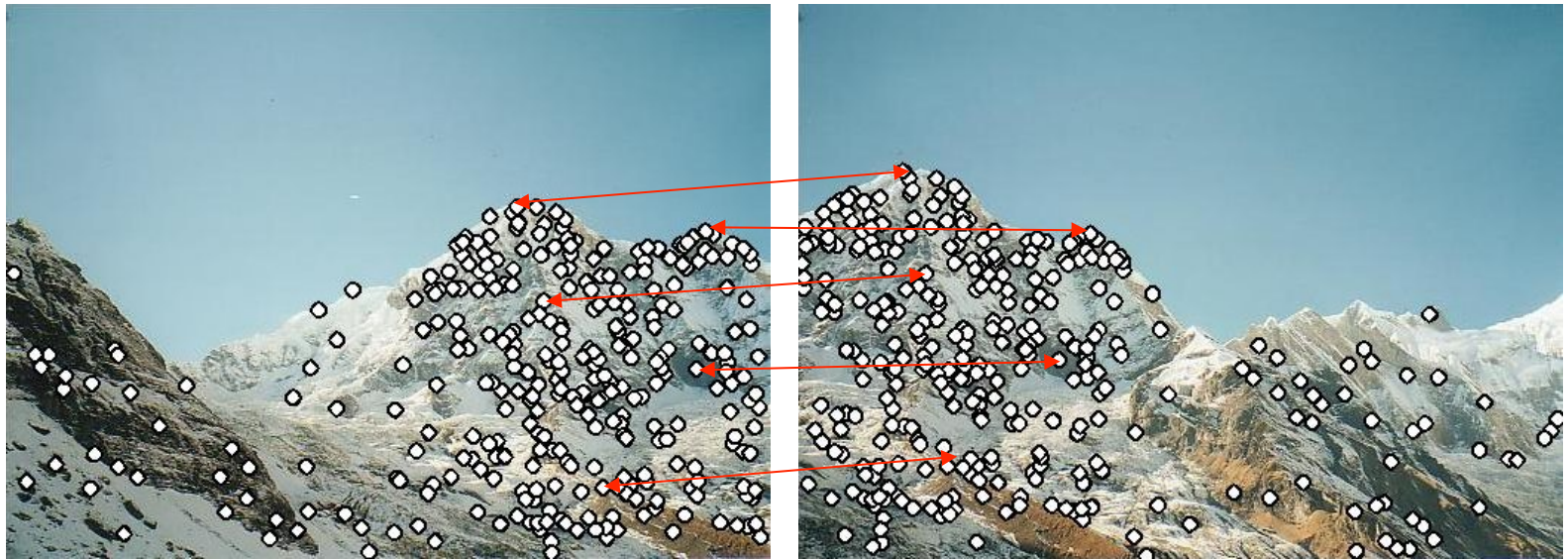


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 - Detect feature points in both images

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Common Requirements

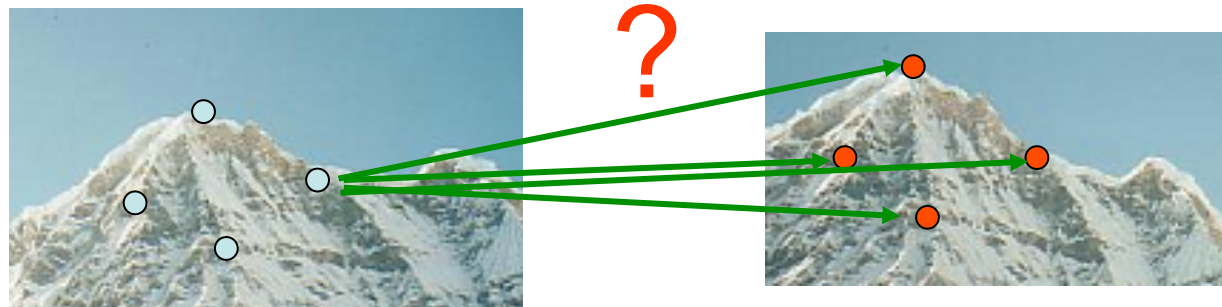
- Problem 1:
 - Detect the same point *independently* in both images



No chance to match!

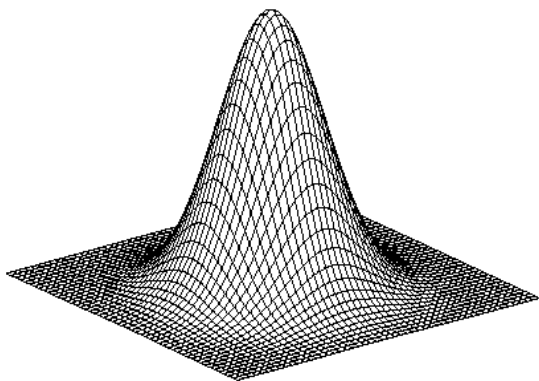
Common Requirements

- Problem 1:
 - Detect the same point *independently* in both images
- Problem 2:
 - For each point correctly recognize the corresponding one

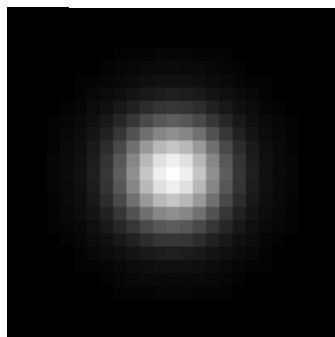


Laplacian-of-Gaussian

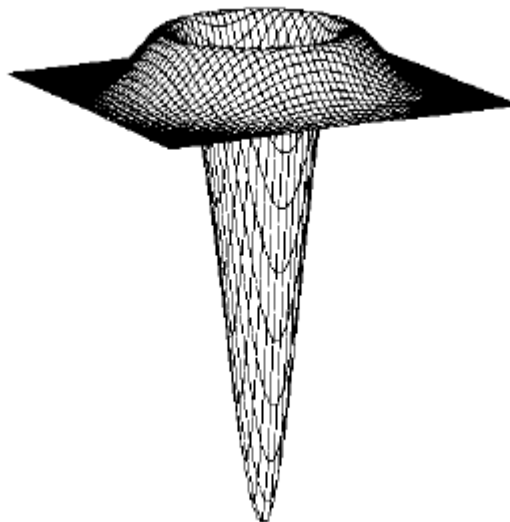
Gaussian



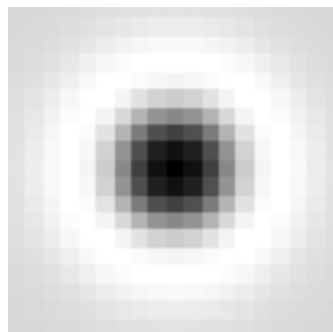
$$g_{\sigma}(x, y)$$



Laplacian of Gaussian



$$\nabla^2 g_{\sigma}(x, y) = \frac{\partial^2 g_{\sigma}(x, y)}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 g_{\sigma}(x, y)}{\partial y^2}$$



Early edge detection research

- Zero-crossings of LoG operator at increasing scales

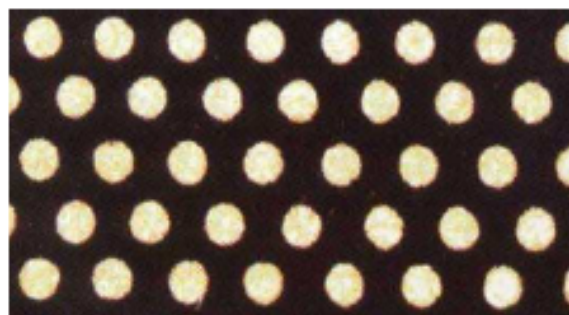


- Different take: go for the maxima/minima

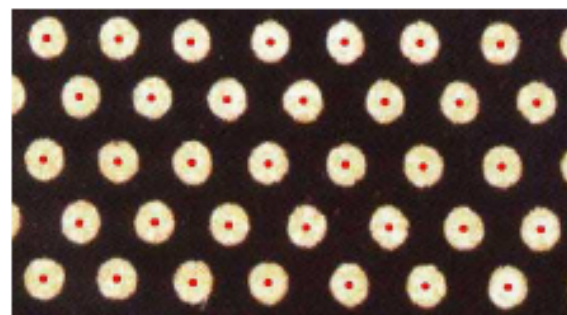
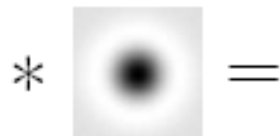
Finding blobs

Filtering= inner product between image patch and filter: template matching

$$\begin{aligned} |I - f|^2 &= \langle I - f, I - f \rangle \\ &= \langle I, I \rangle + \langle f, f \rangle - 2\langle f, I \rangle \\ &= C - 2\langle I, f \rangle \end{aligned}$$



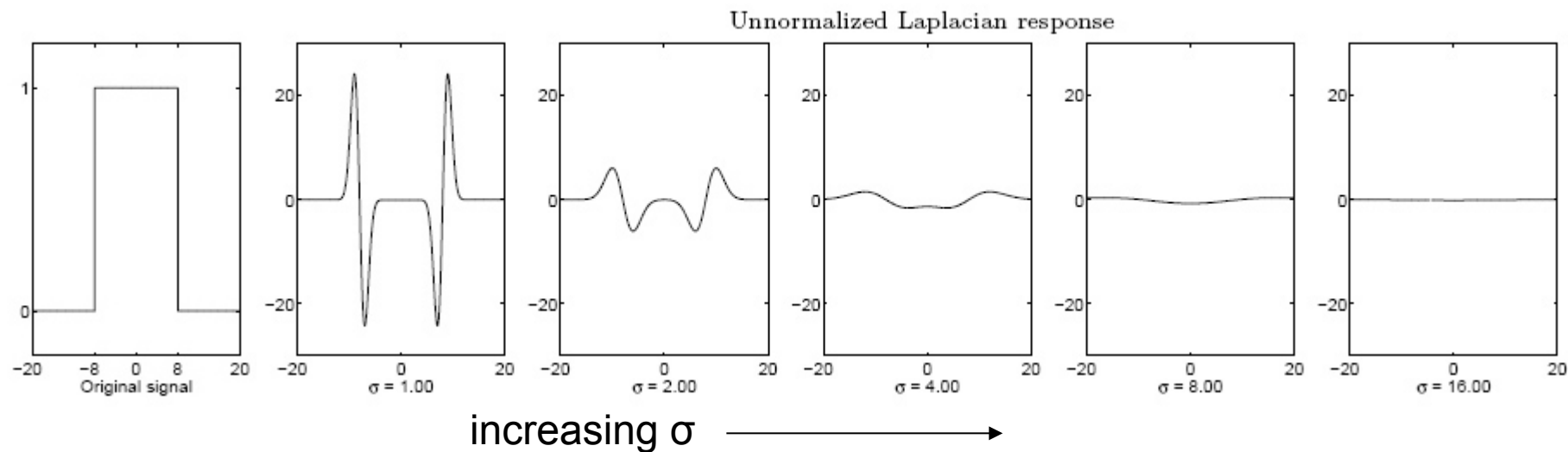
Polka Dots



Detected Blobs

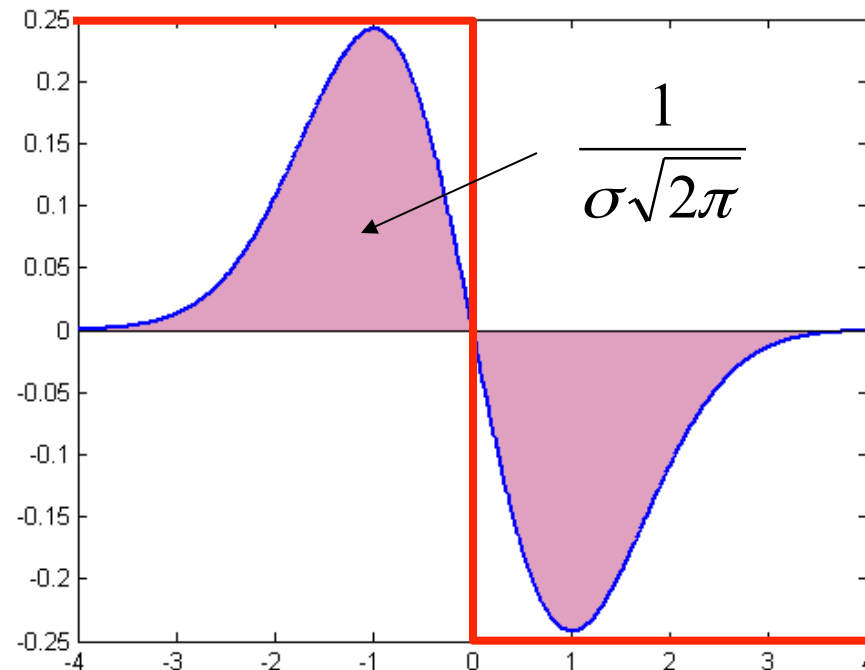
Scale selection

- First idea: convolve with Laplacians at several scales and find maximum in scale
- Observation: Laplacian decays as scale increases:



Scale normalization

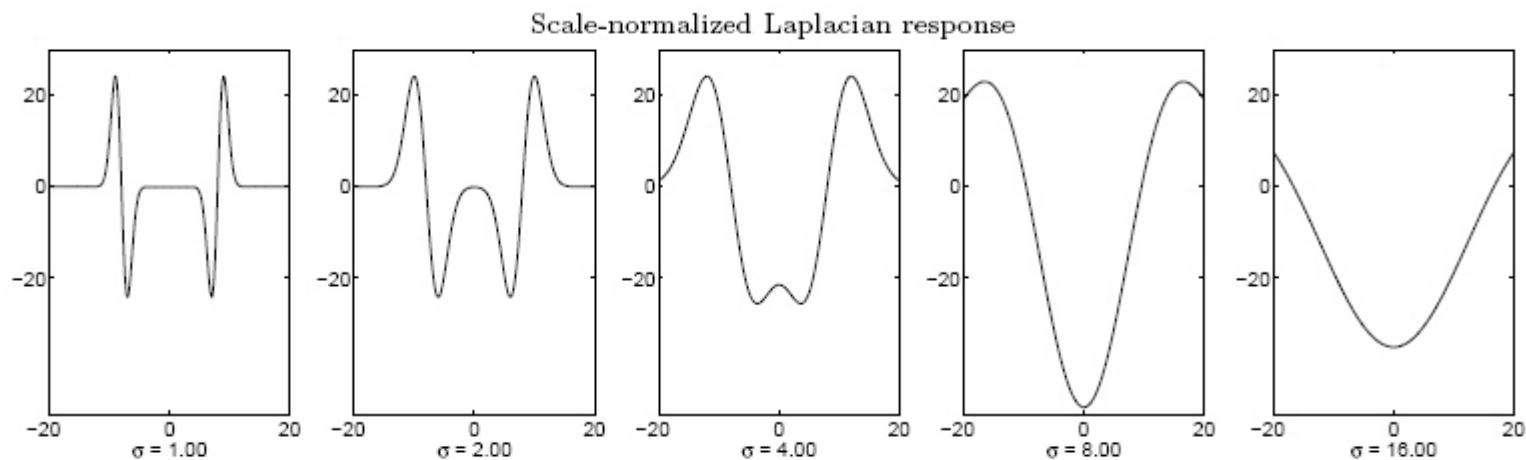
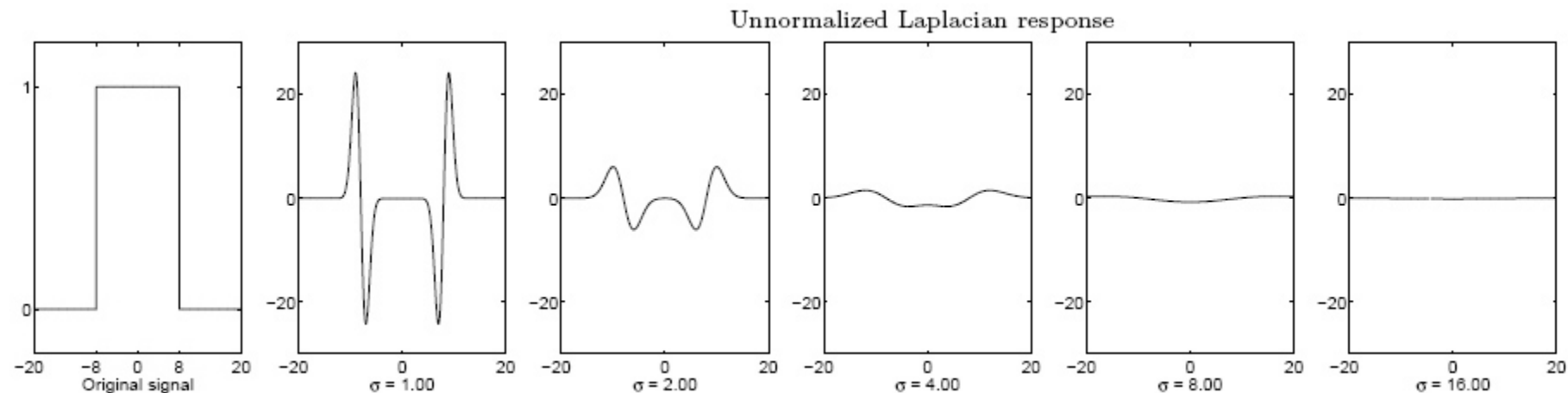
- The response of a derivative of Gaussian filter to a perfect step edge decreases as σ increases



Scale normalization

- The response of a derivative of Gaussian filter to a perfect step edge decreases as σ increases
- To keep response the same (scale-invariant), must multiply Gaussian derivative by σ
- Laplacian is the second Gaussian derivative, so it must be multiplied by σ^2

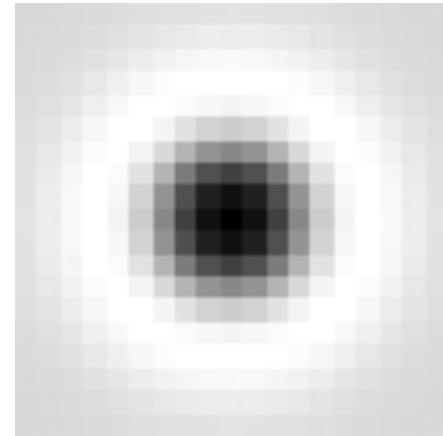
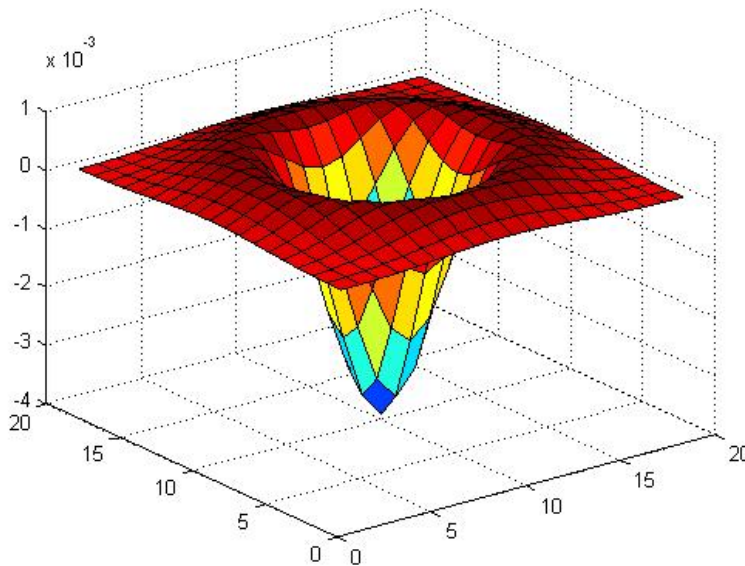
Effect of scale normalization



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Blob detection in 2D

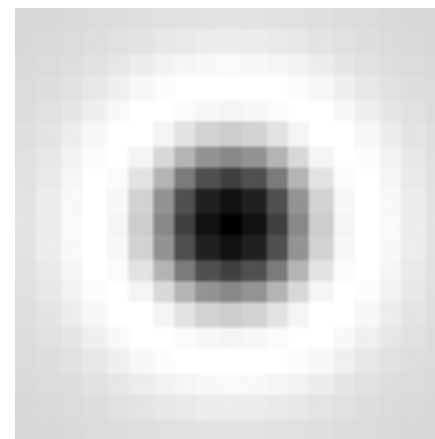
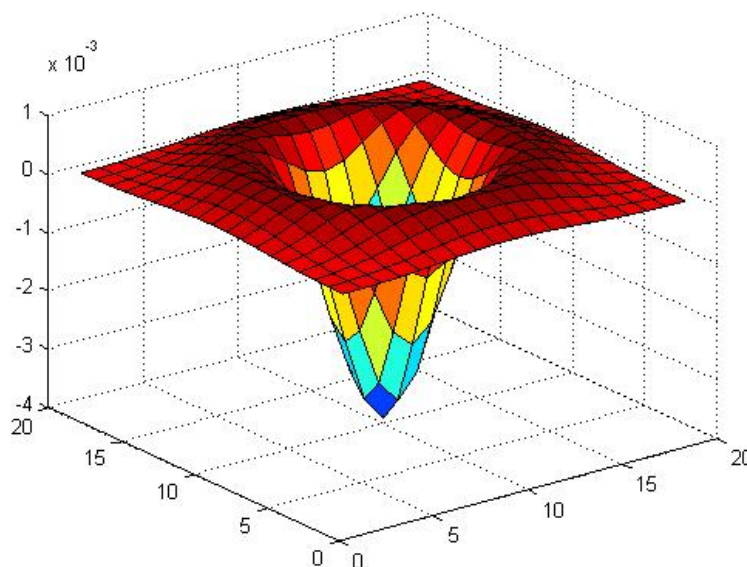
Laplacian of Gaussian: Circularly symmetric operator for blob detection in 2D



$$\nabla^2 g = \frac{\partial^2 g}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 g}{\partial y^2}$$

Blob detection in 2D

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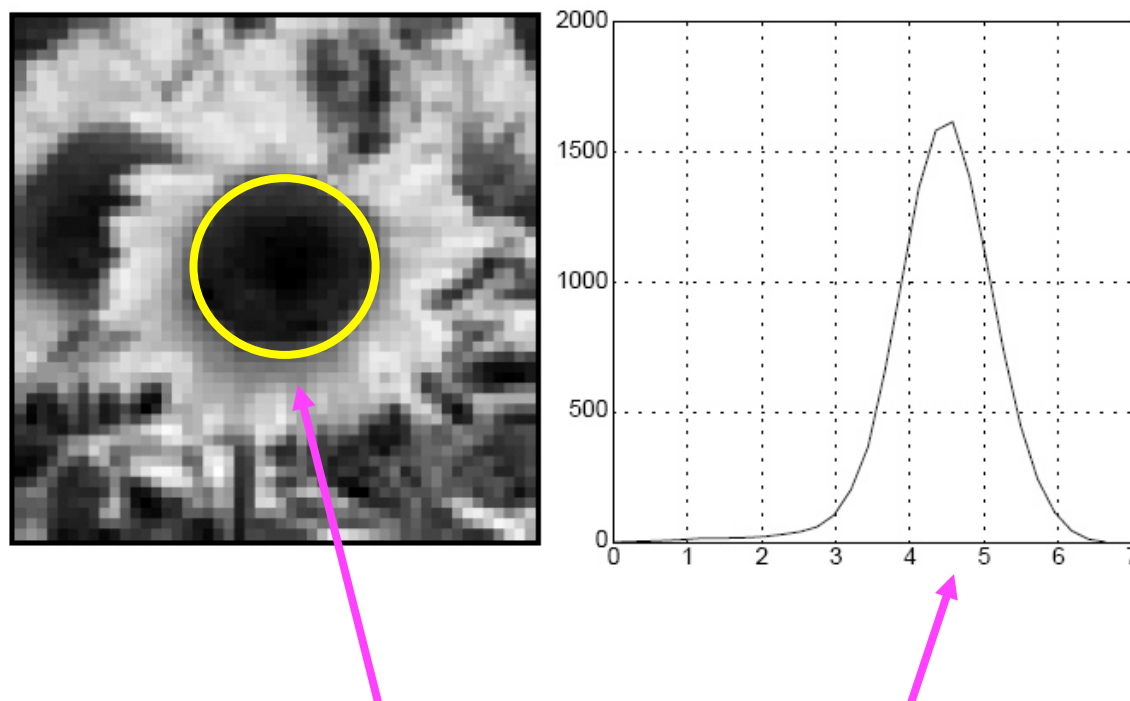


Scale-normalized:

$$\nabla_{\text{norm}}^2 g = \sigma^2 \left(\frac{\partial^2 g}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 g}{\partial y^2} \right)$$

Scale selection

- Characteristic scale: peak of normalized Laplacian response

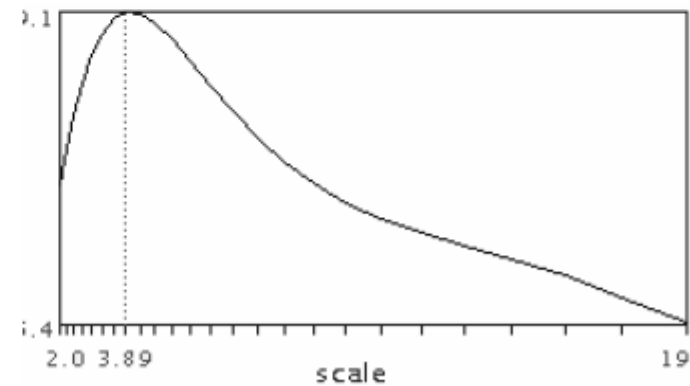
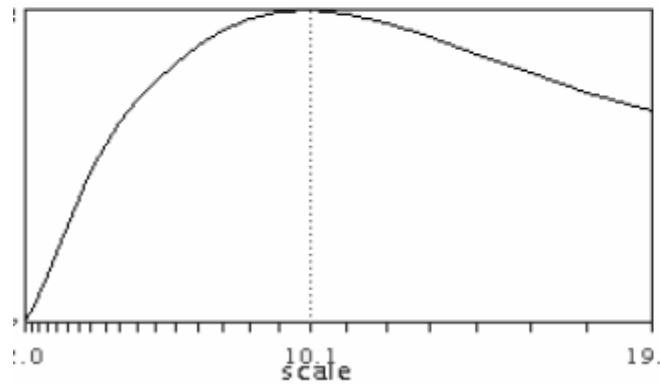


characteristic scale

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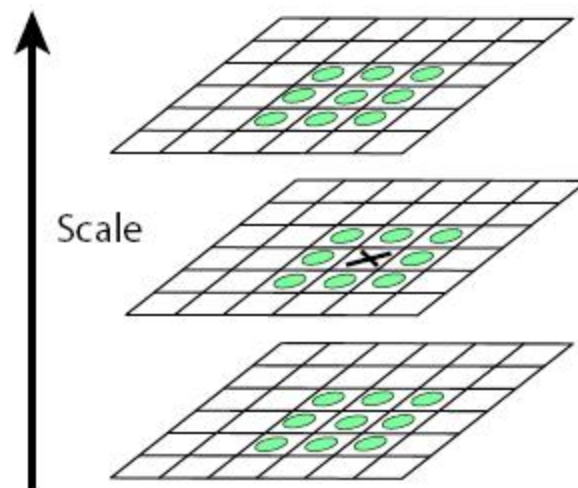
Scale invariance using scale selection



Laplacian

Scale-space blob detector

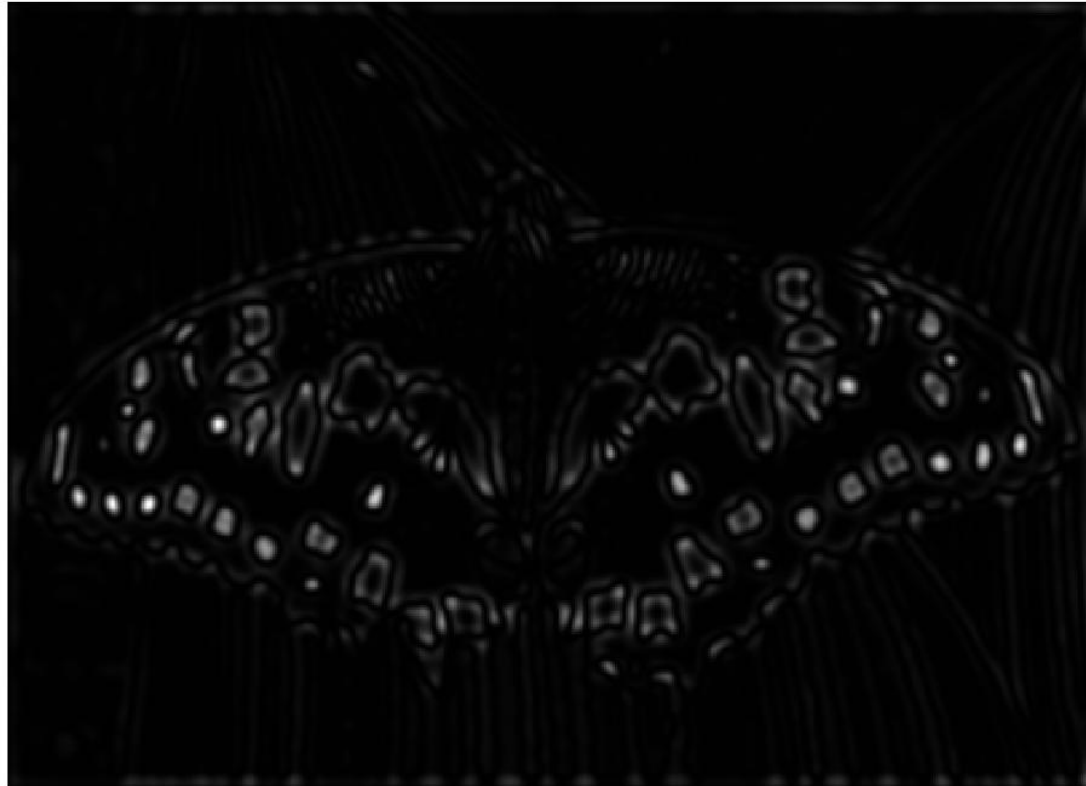
1. Convolve image with scale-normalized Laplacian at several scales
2. Find maxima of squared Laplacian response in scale-space



Scale-space blob detector: Example

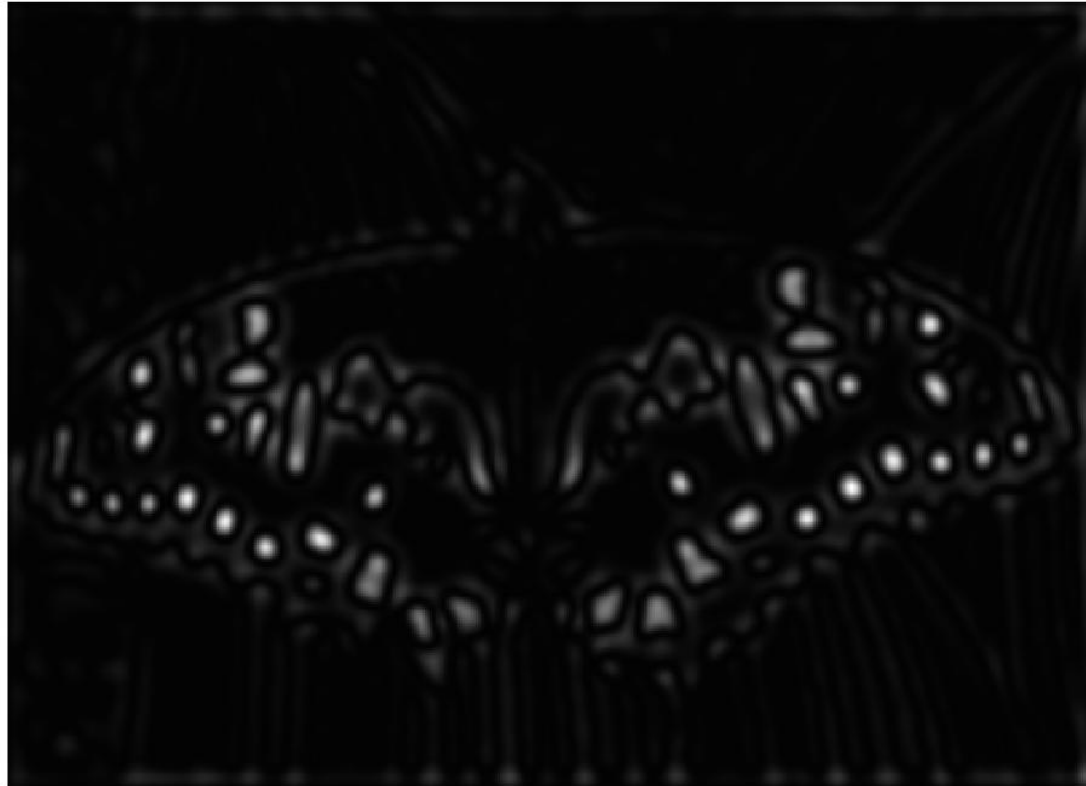


Scale-space blob detector: Example



sigma = 3.1296

Scale-space blob detector: Example



sigma = 4.8972

Scale-space blob detector: Example



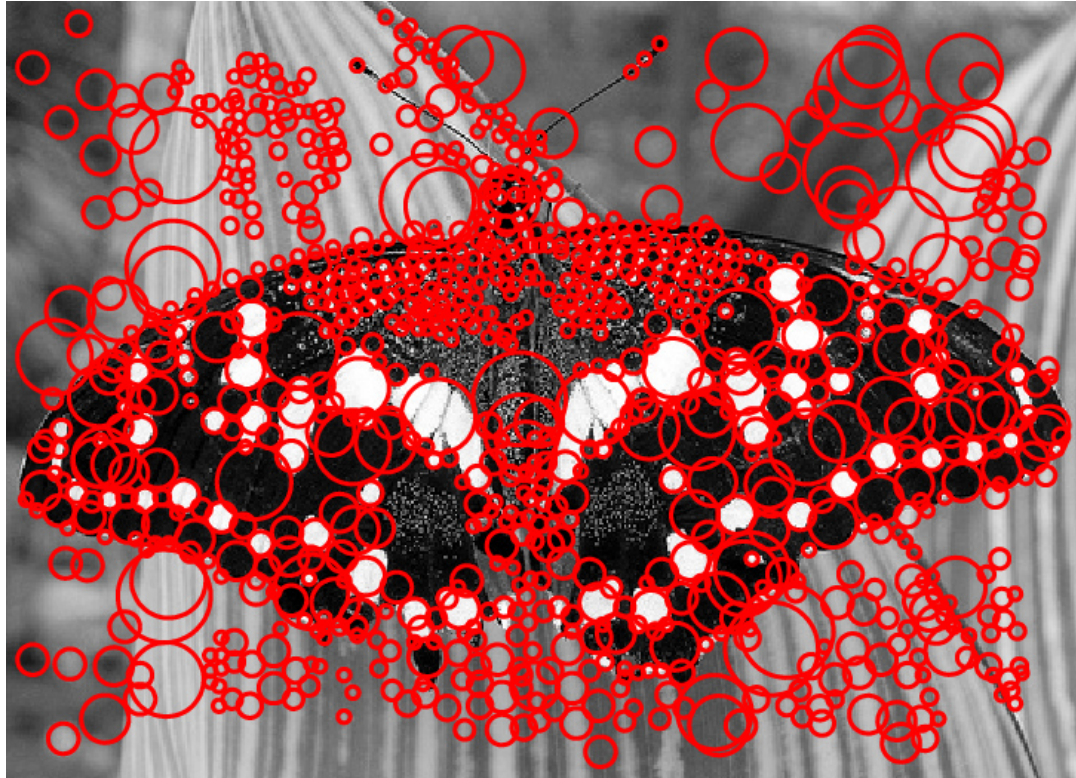
$\sigma = 7.6631$

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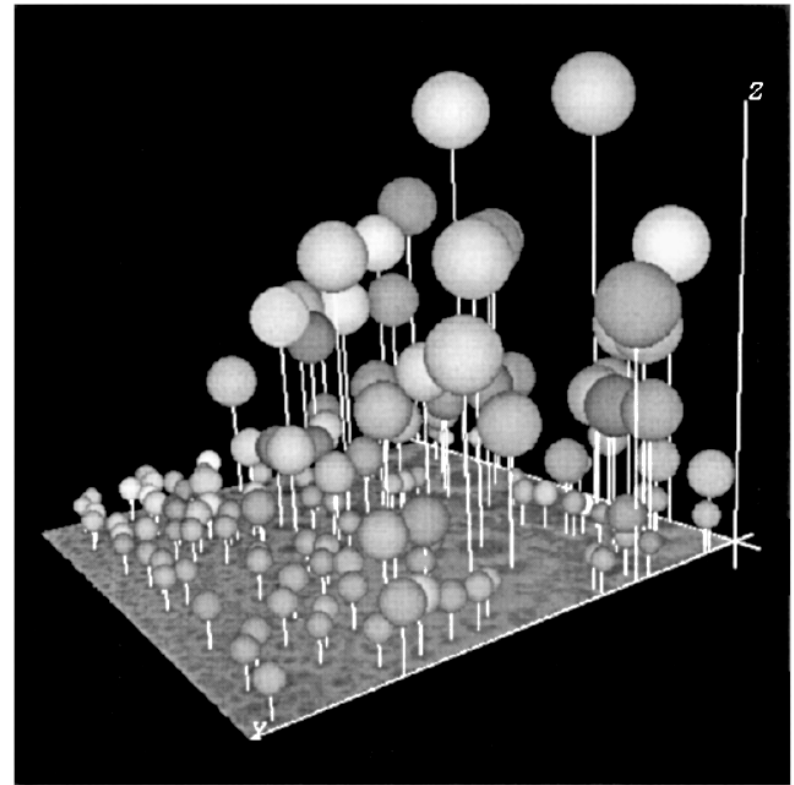
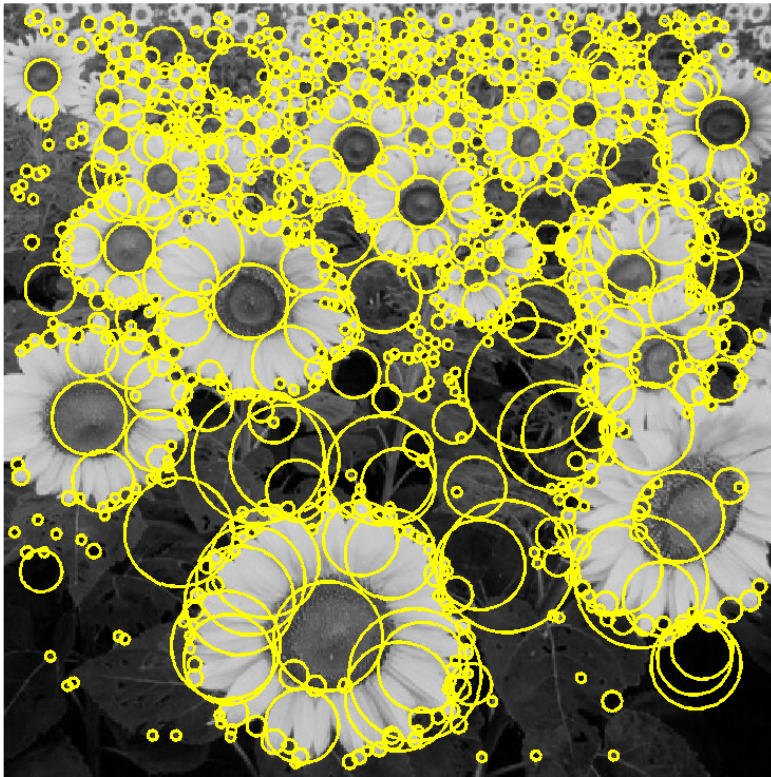
$\sigma = 11.9912$

Scale-space blob detector: Example



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Blob coordinates: (x, y, scale)



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Laplacian of Gaussian $\sim$ Difference of Gaussian

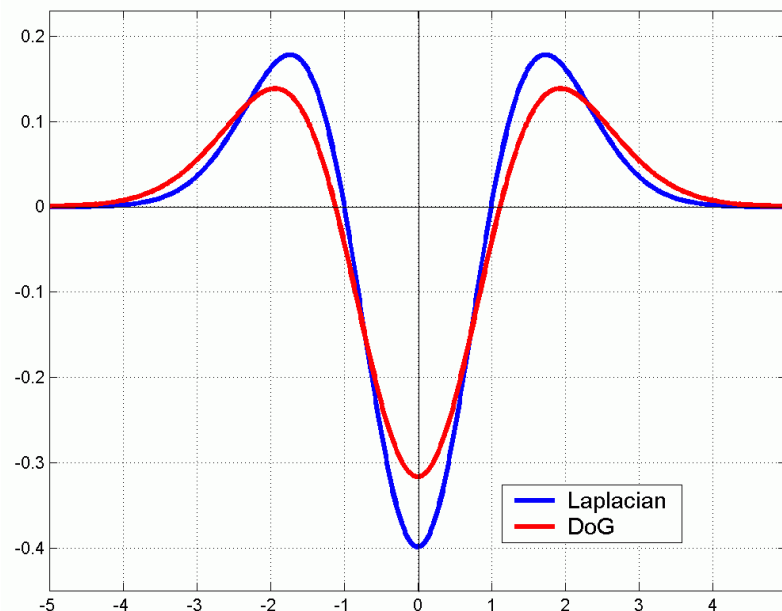
- We can efficiently approximate the Laplacian with a difference of Gaussians:

$$L = \sigma^2 \left(G_{xx}(x, y, \sigma) + G_{yy}(x, y, \sigma) \right)$$

(Laplacian)

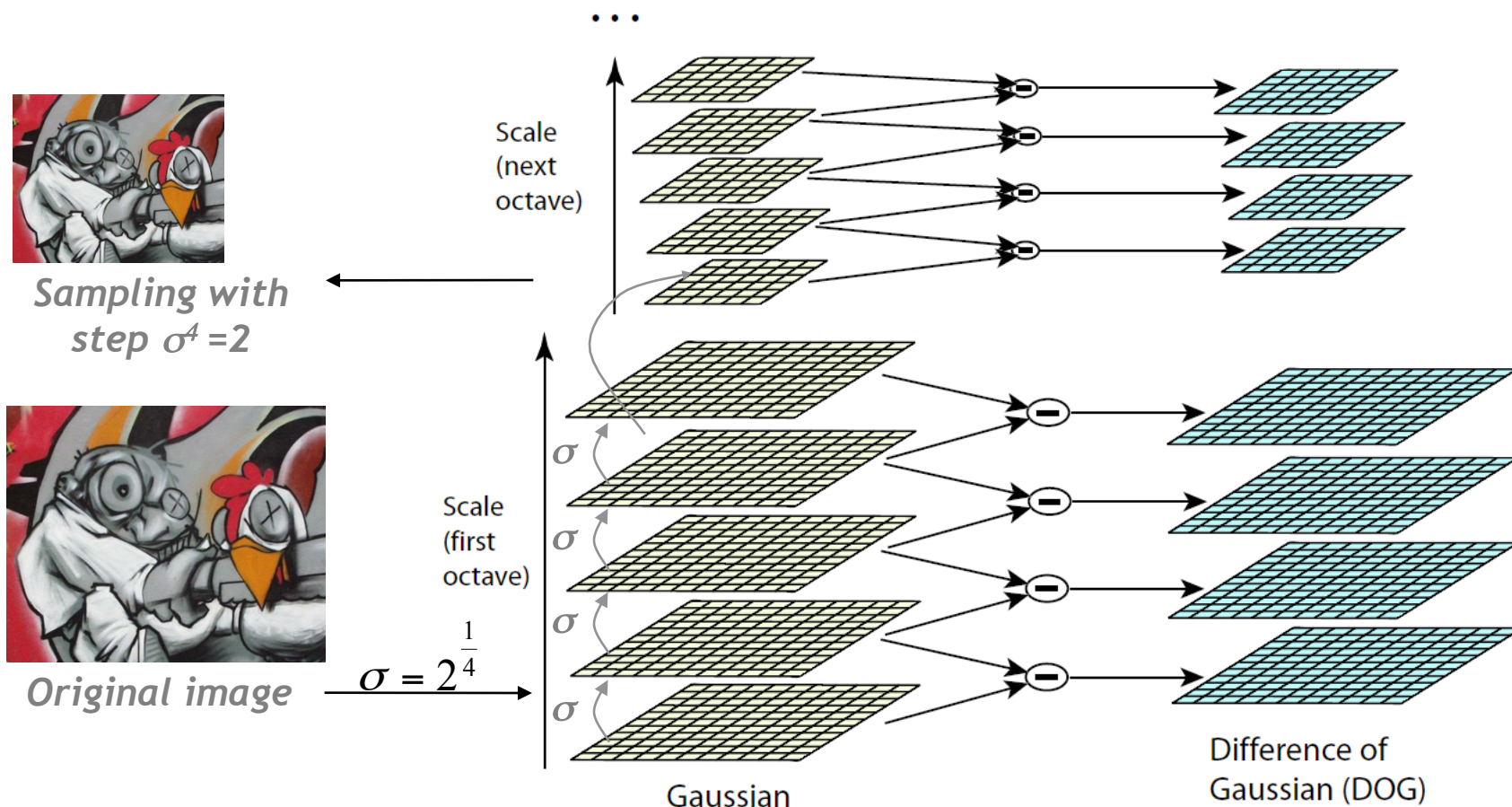
$$DoG = G(x, y, k\sigma) - G(x, y, \sigma)$$

(Difference of Gaussians)



Efficient Computation (SIFT)

- Computation in Gaussian scale pyramid



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Keypoint Detection (SIFT)



(a) 233x189 image

(b) 832 DoG extrema

(c) 729 left after peak value threshold

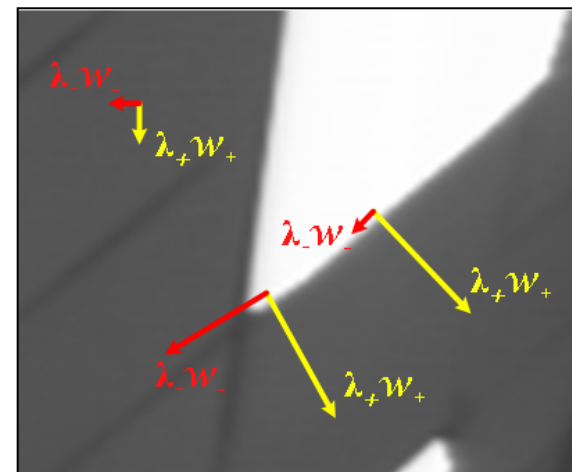
(d) 536 left after testing ratio of principle curvatures (removing edge responses)

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Second Moment Matrix

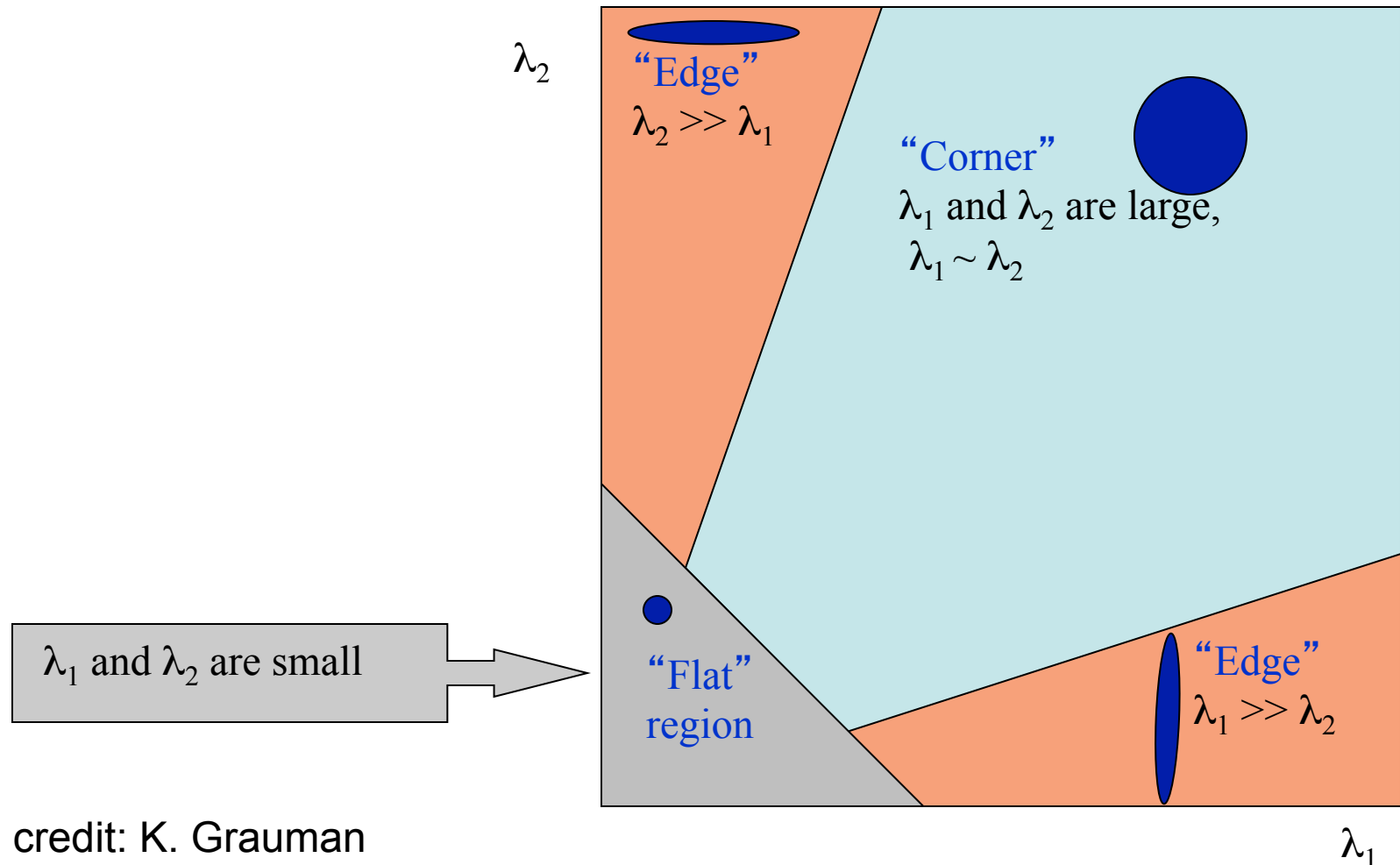
$$J = G_{\rho} * \left[(\nabla G_{\sigma} * u)^T (\nabla G_{\sigma} * u) \right]$$

- Eigenvectors w_+, w_- : directions of maximal and minimal variation of u
- Eigenvalues: amounts of minimal and maximal variation u



Interpreting the eigenvalues

Classification of image points using eigenvalues of the second moment matrix:

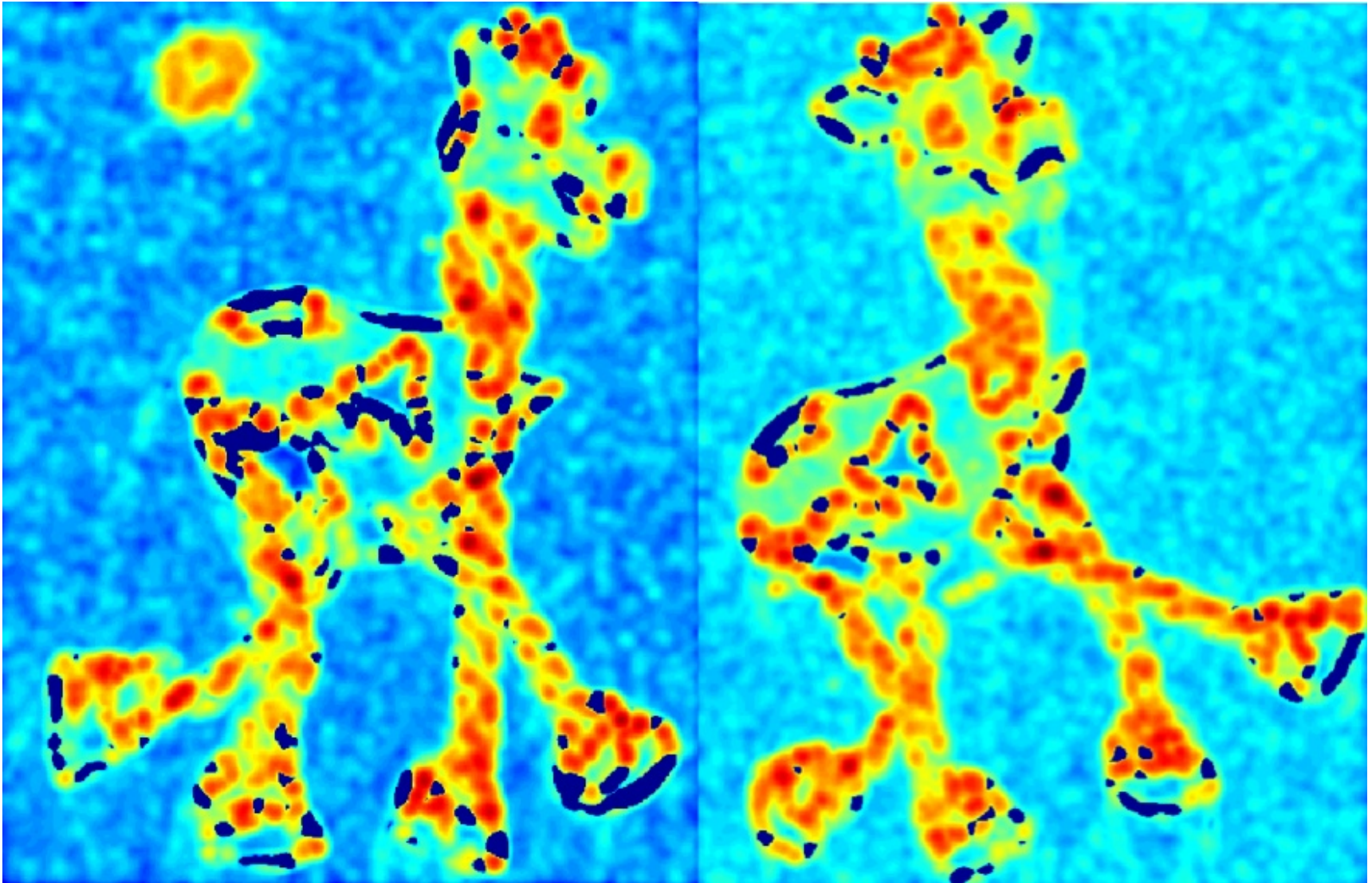


Harris Detector: Steps



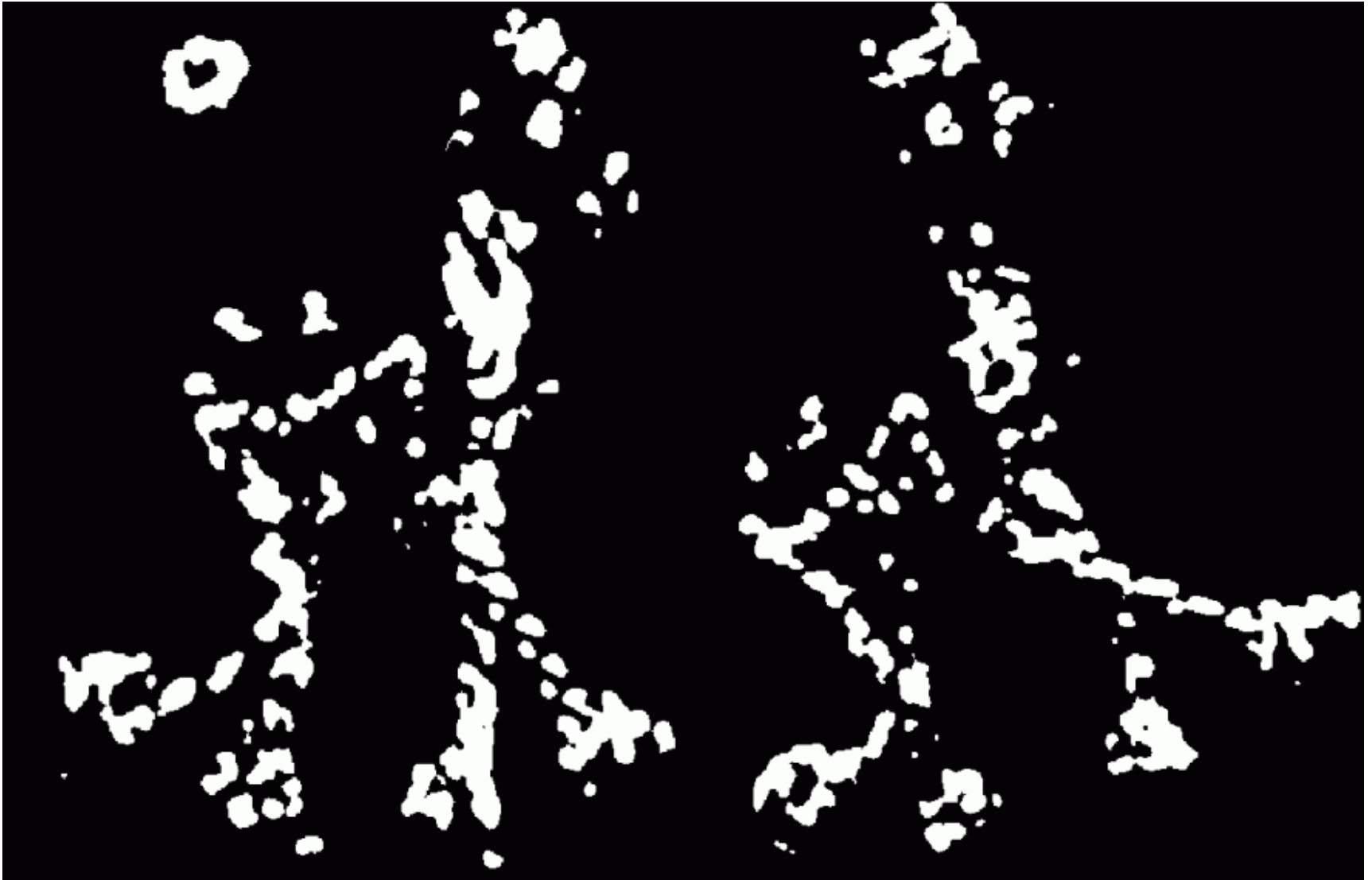
Harris Detector: Steps

Compute corner response R



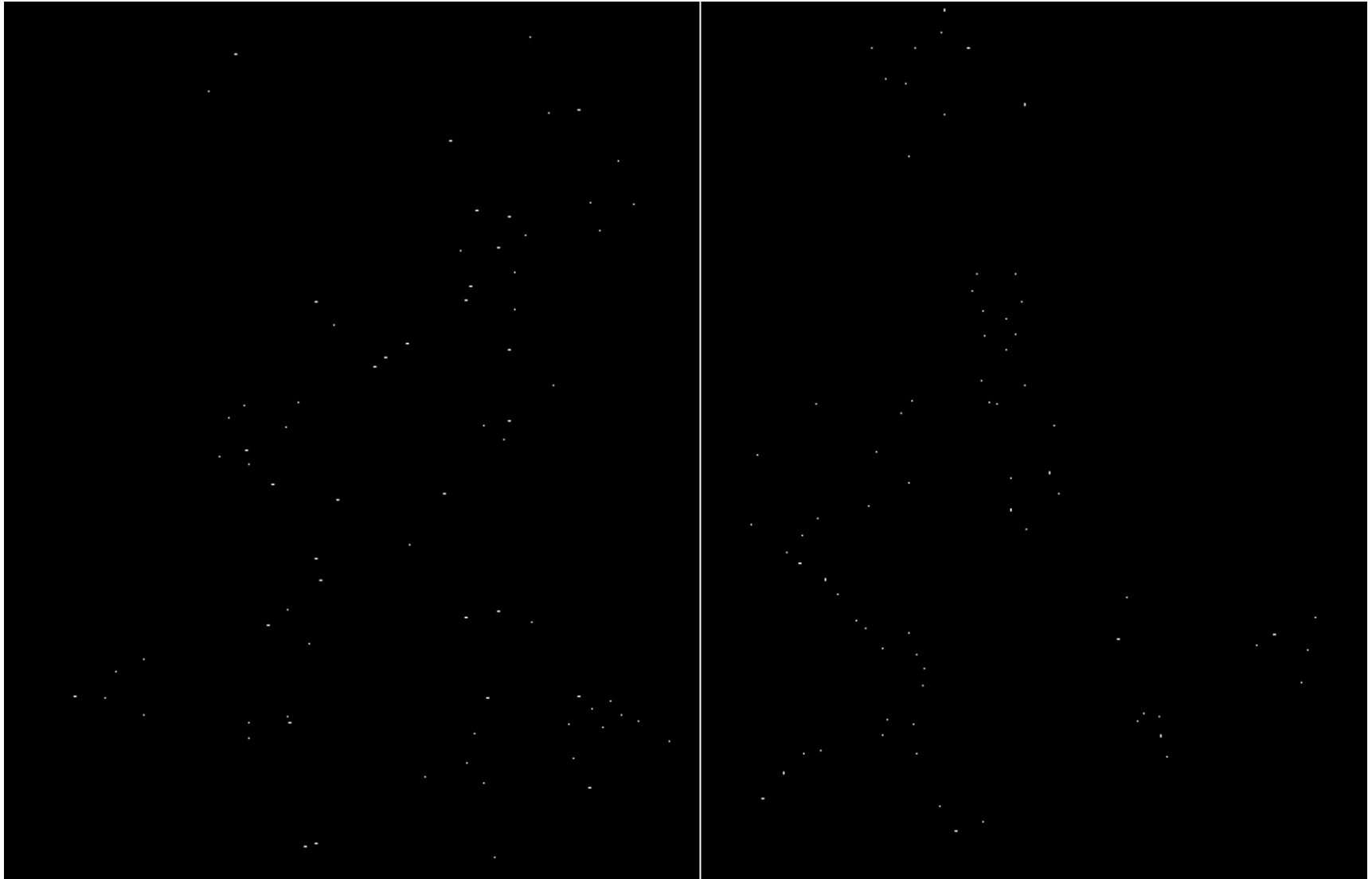
Harris Detector: Steps

Find points with large corner response: $R > \text{threshold}$



Harris Detector: Steps

Take only the points of local maxima of R

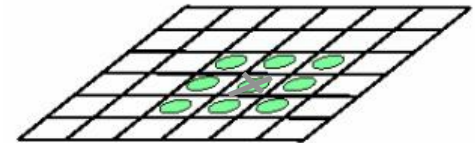
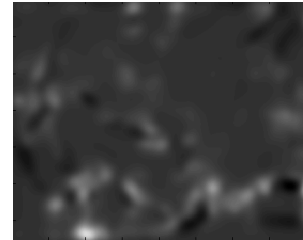
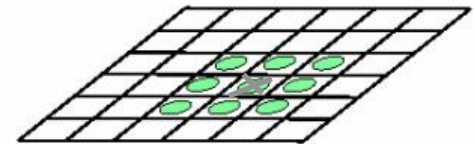
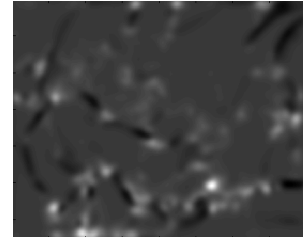
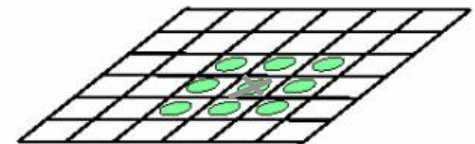
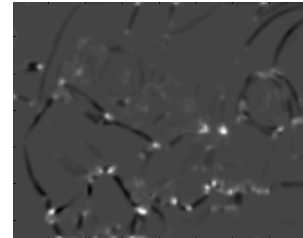
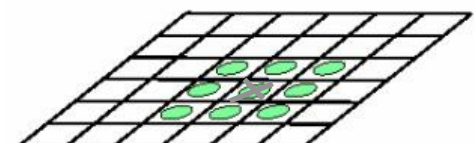
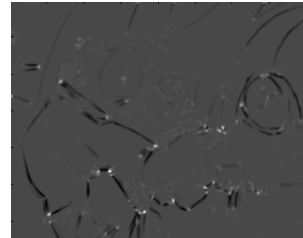


Harris Detector: Steps



Harris-Laplace [Mikolajczyk '01]

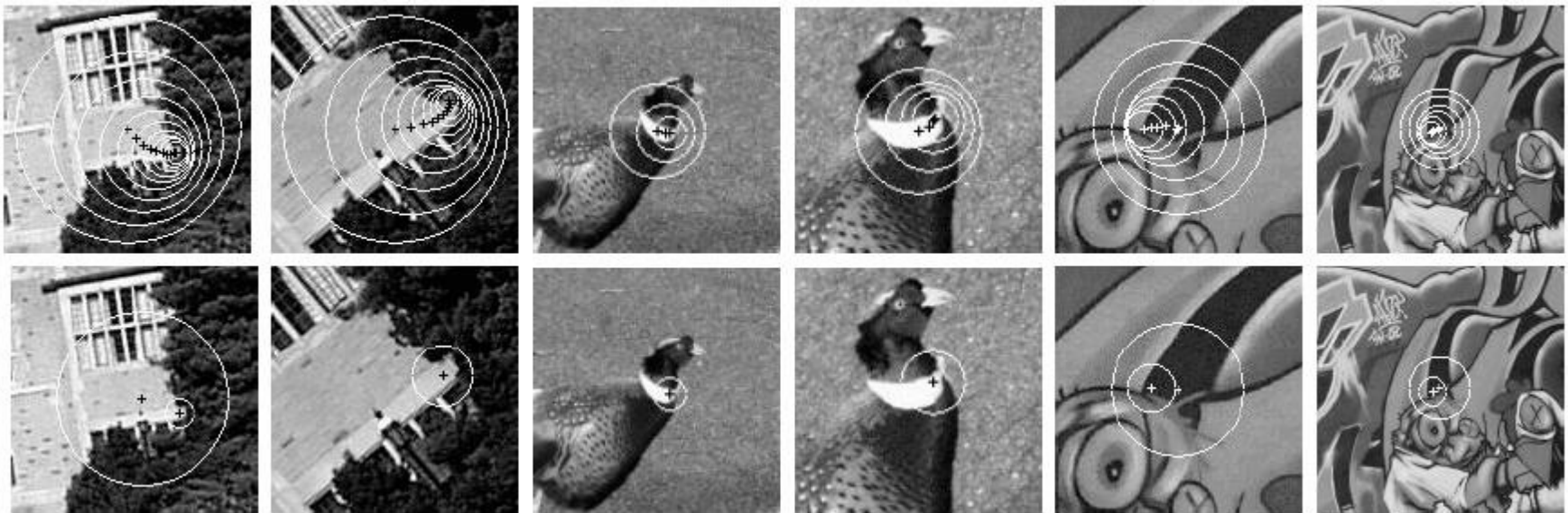
1. Initialization: Multiscale Harris corner detection


 σ^4

 σ^3

 σ^2

 σ


Harris-Laplace [Mikolajczyk '01]

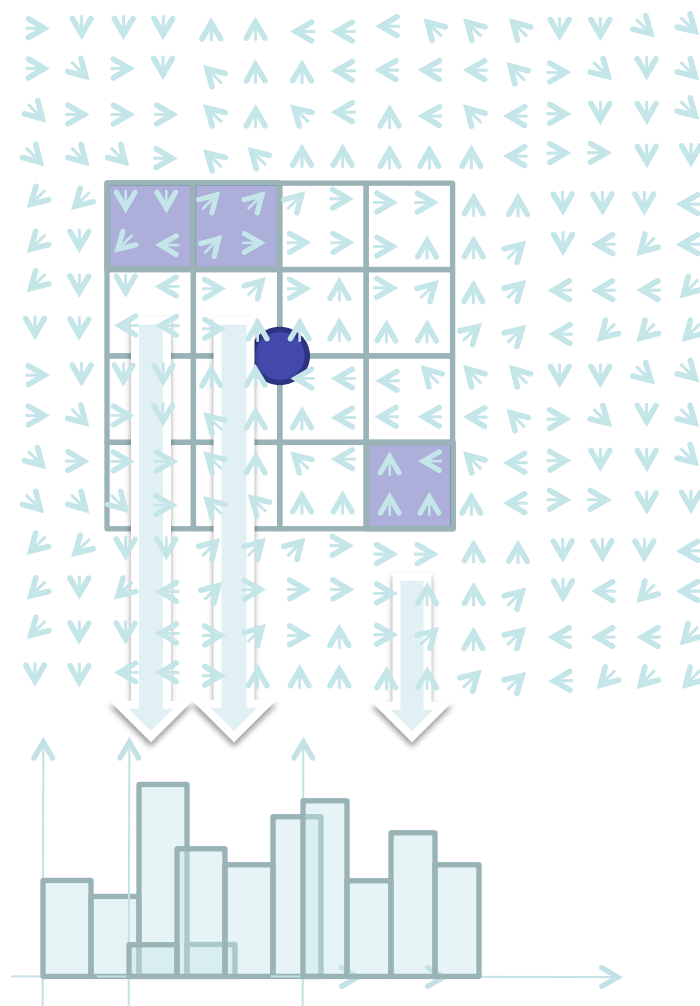
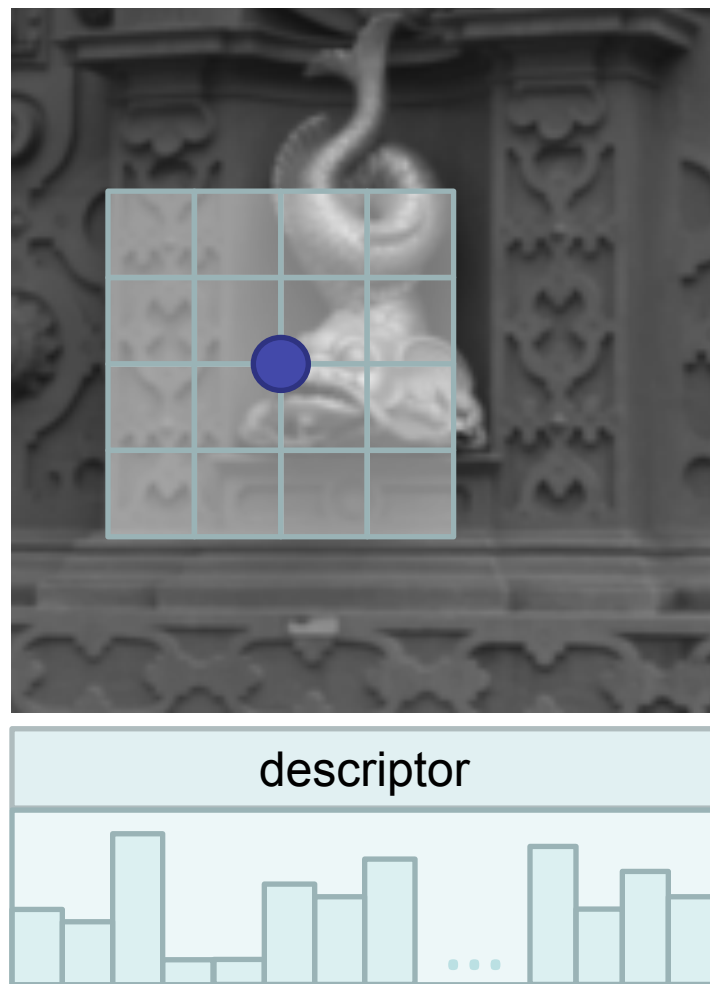
1. Initialization: Multiscale Harris corner detection
2. Scale selection based on Laplacian
(same procedure with Hessian $\Rightarrow$ Hessian-Laplace)

Harris points

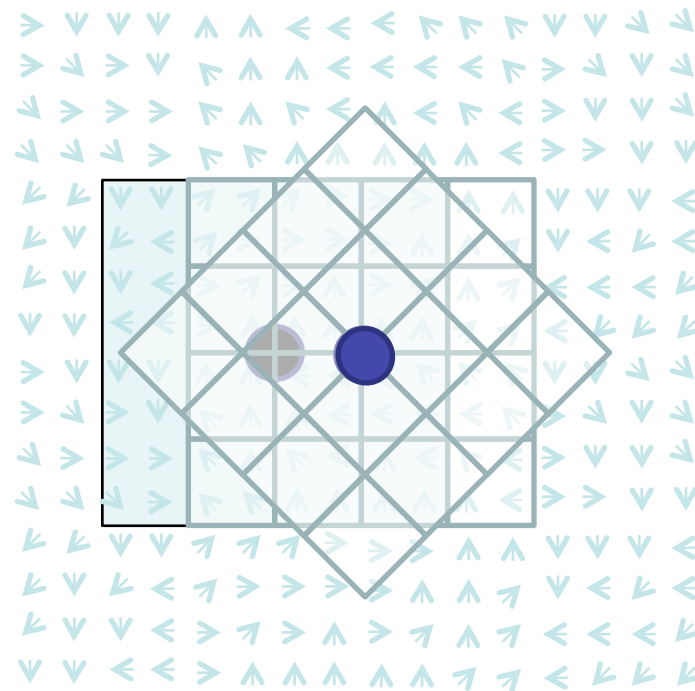
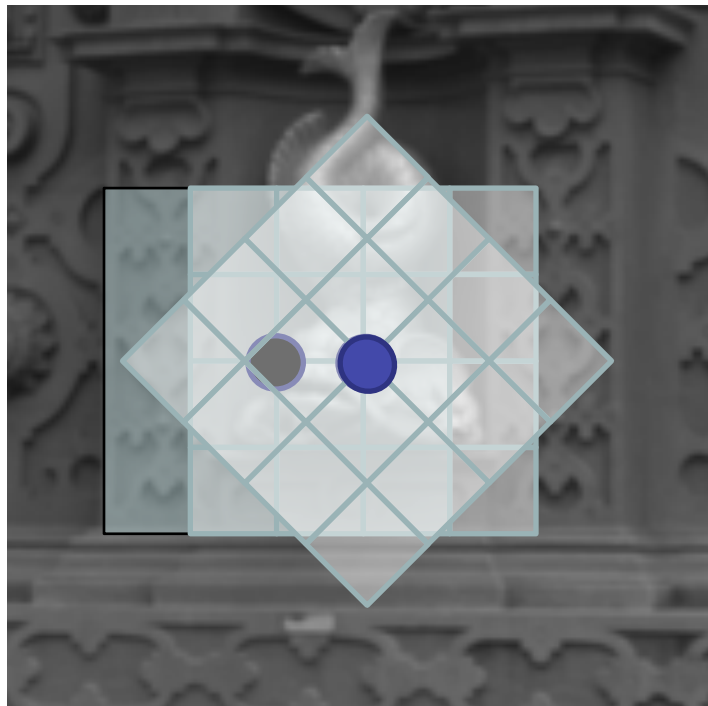


Harris-Laplace points

SIFT computation

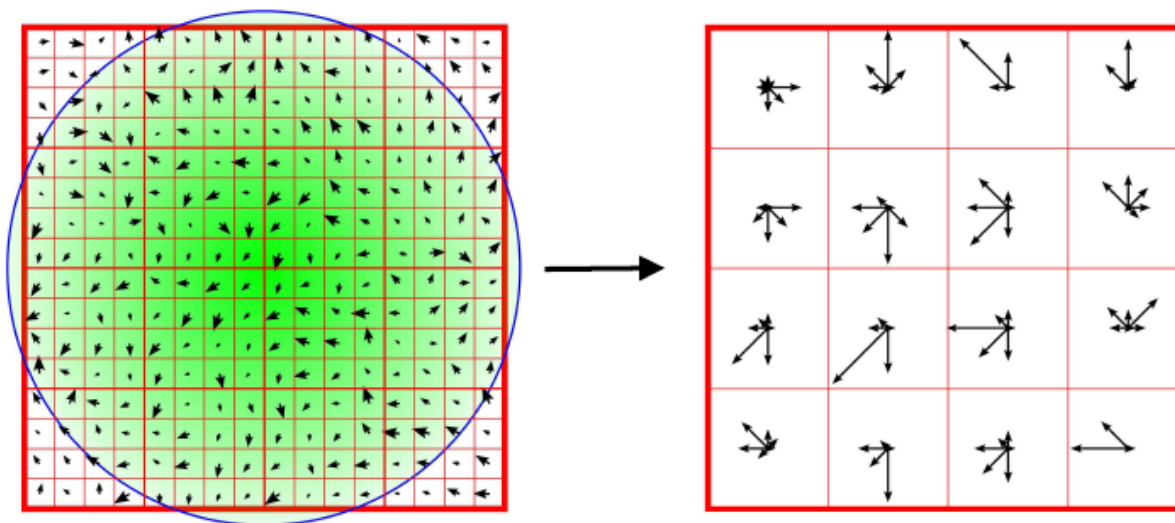


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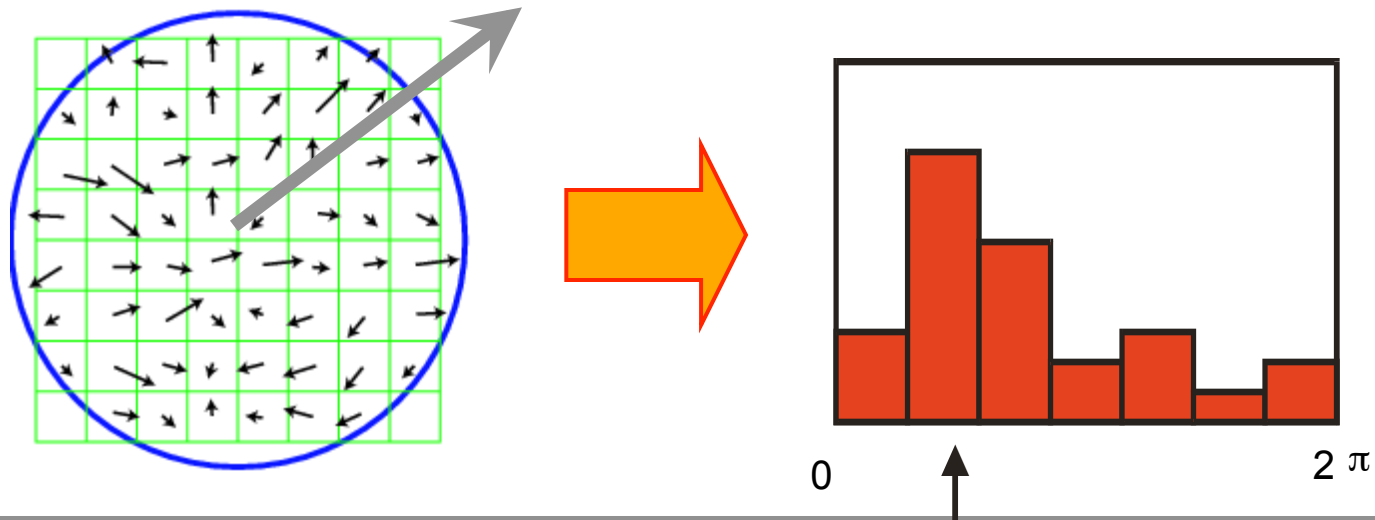
Orientation Histogram

- 4x4 spatial bins (16 bins total)
- 8-bin orientation histogram per bin
- $8 \times 16 = 128$ dimensions total
- Normalized to unit norm



SIFT descriptor

- Image patch descriptor
- Location and characteristic scale: Blob/Corner detector
- Find orientation from orientation histogram



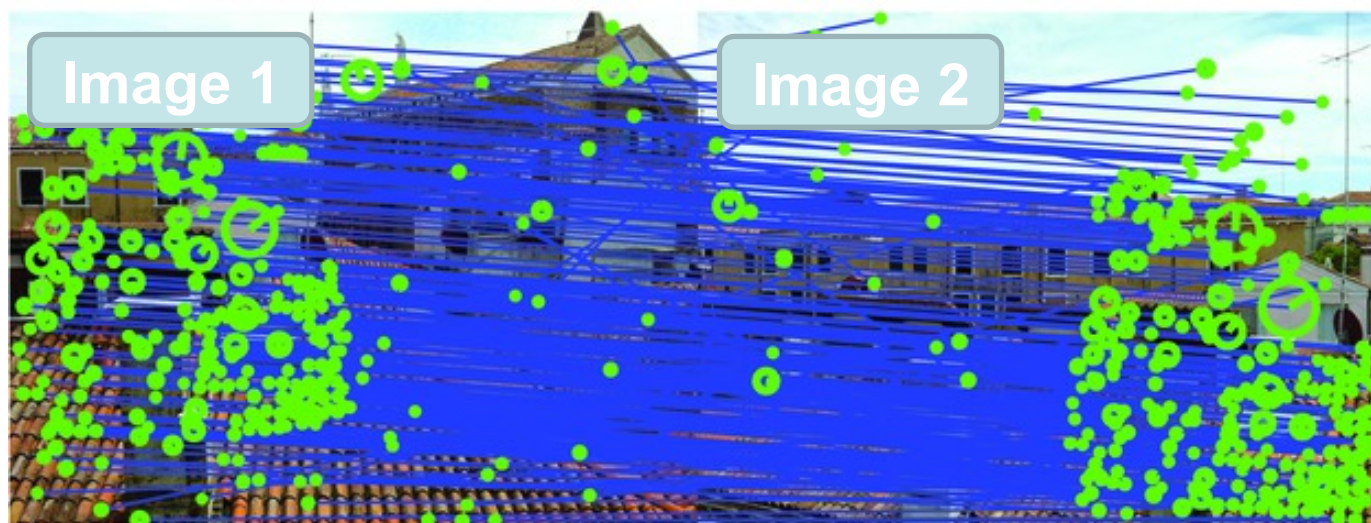
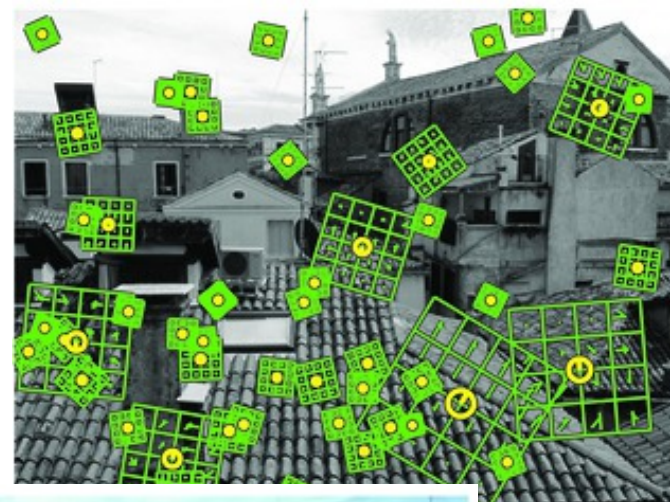
SIFT invariances

- Spatial binning: tolerance to small shifts in location
- Orientation normalization
- Photometric normalization by making all vectors unit norm
- Orientation histogram: robustness to small local deformations

Application: Image Matching

Assumption: images undergo global deformations with a few degrees-of-freedom (e.g. scaling, rotation)

Correspondences of a few points suffice
(found e.g. with SIFT)



Richard Szeliski's talk, tomorrow

Open source implementation: www.vlfeat.org

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Applications

This section features a number of tutorials illustrating some of the main algorithms implemented in VLFeat. The tutorials can be categorized into two main categories. The first class of algorithms detect and describe image regions ([features](#)). The second class of algorithms ([cluster](#)).

Features

- [Covariant detectors](#). An introduction to computing co-variant features like Harris-Affine.
- [Histogram of Oriented Gradients \(HOG\)](#). Getting started with this ubiquitous representation for object recognition.
- [Scale Invariant Feature Transform \(SIFT\)](#). Getting started with this popular feature detector / descriptor.
- [Dense SIFT \(DSIFT\) and PHOW](#). A state-of-the-art descriptor for image categorization.
- [Maximally Stable Extremal Regions \(MSEr\)](#). Extracting MSErs from an image.
- [Image distance transform](#). Compute the image distance transform for fast part models and edge matching.

Clustering

- [Integer optimized k-means \(IKM\)](#). A quick overview of VLFeat fast k-means implementation.
- [Hierarchical k-means \(HIKM\)](#). Create a fast k-means tree for integer data.
- [Agglomerative Information Bottleneck \(AIB\)](#). Cluster discrete data based on the mutual information between the data and class labels.
- [Quick shift](#). An introduction which shows how to create superpixels using this quick mode seeking method.
- [SLIC](#). An introduction to SLIC superpixels.

Other

- [Pegasos SVM](#). Learn a binary classifier and check its convergence plotting the energy value.
- [Forests of kd-trees](#). Approximate nearest neighbor queries in high dimensions using an optimized forest of kd-trees.
- [Plotting functions for rank evaluation](#). Learn how to plot ROC, DET, and precision-recall curves.
- [MATLAB Utilities](#). A list of useful MATLAB functions bundled with VLFeat.

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Further reading (literature ‘seeds’)

- **Compact Codes & Large-scale Retrieval**

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Dense descriptors

- Interest point detection revisited

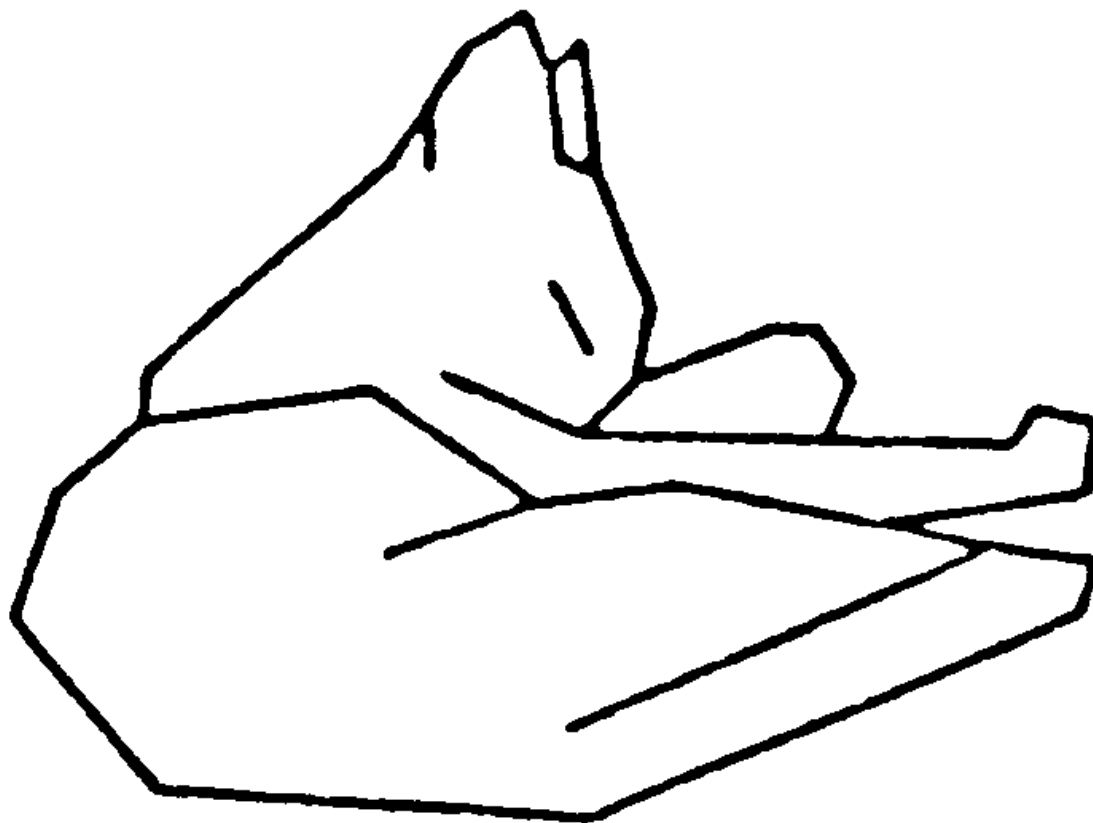


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Dense descriptors

- Interest point detection revisited: there is nothing special about corners

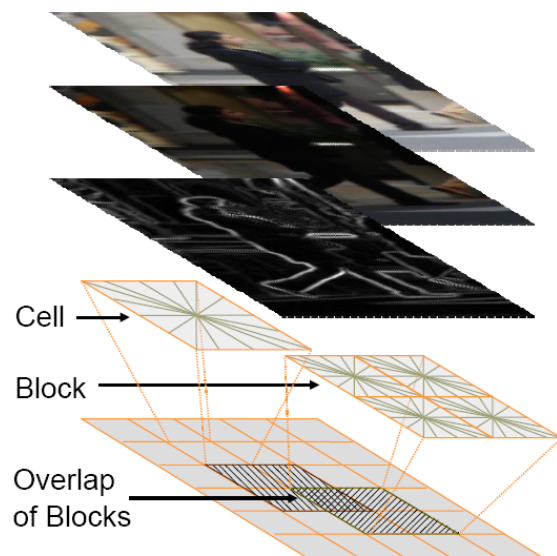


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Histogram of Orientated Gradients (HOG) descriptor

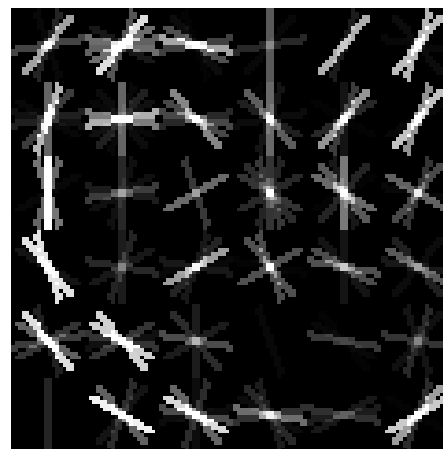
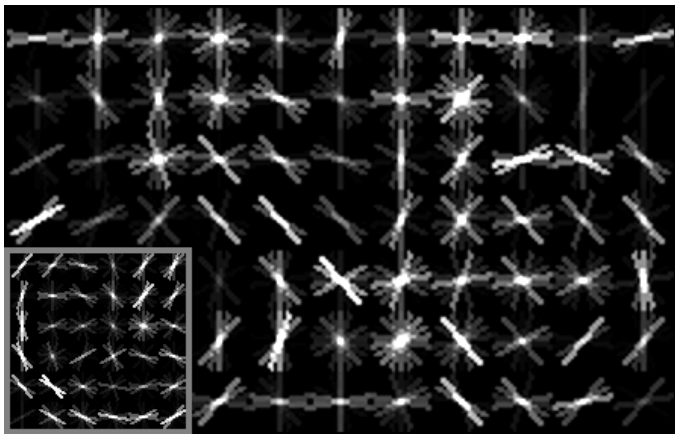
- Dalal and Triggs, ICCV 2005
 - Like SIFT descriptor, but for arbitrary box aspect ratio, and computed over all image locations and scales
 - Highly accurate detection using linear classifier



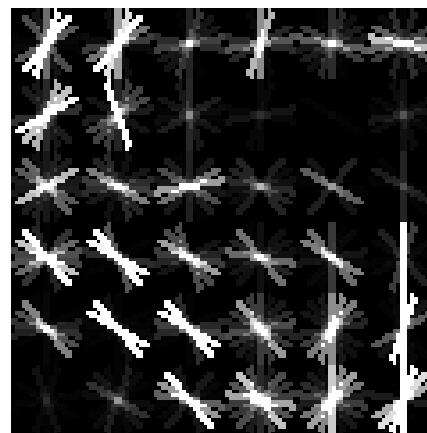
Feature vector $f = [\dots, \dots, \dots]$



Part score computation



$$\mathbf{w}[y]$$

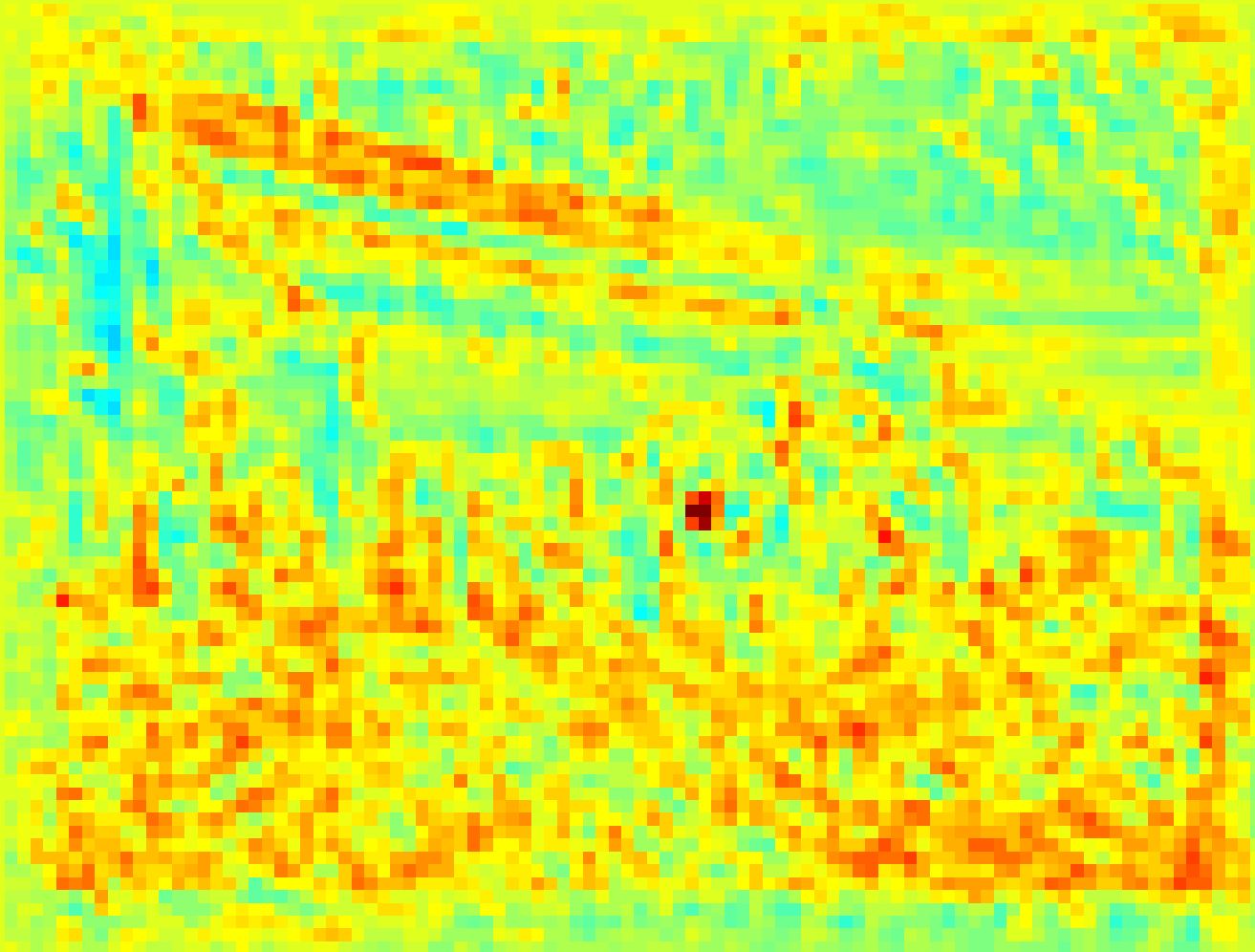


$$\mathbf{h}[x + y]$$

$$s[x] = \sum_y \langle \mathbf{h}[x + y], \mathbf{w}[y] \rangle$$

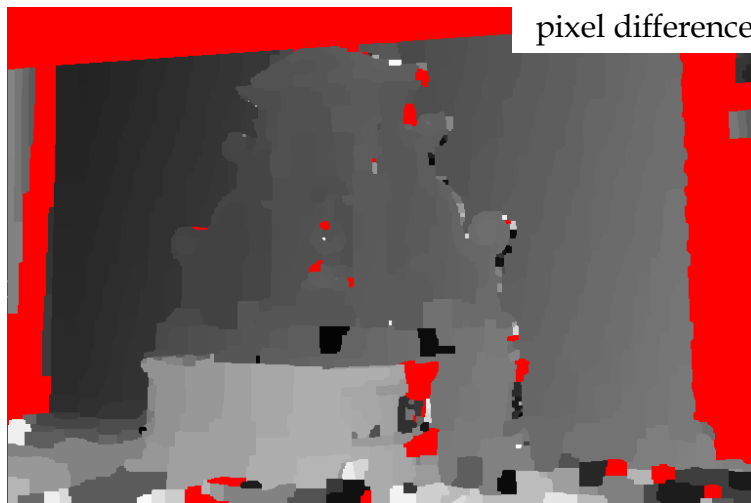
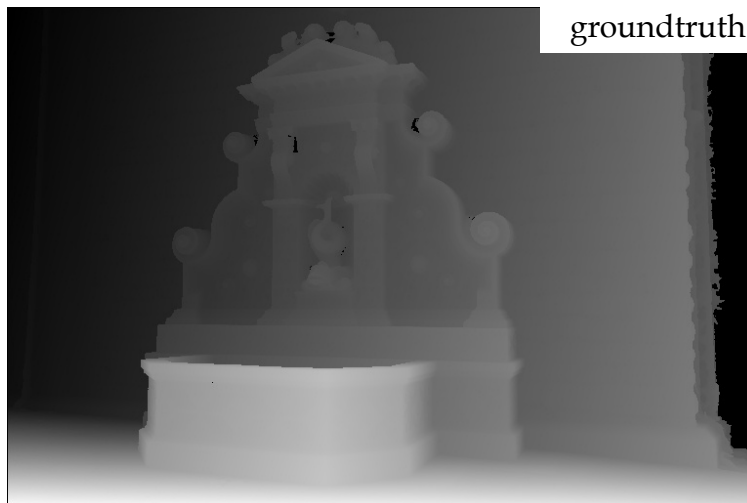
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Dense descriptors: motivation

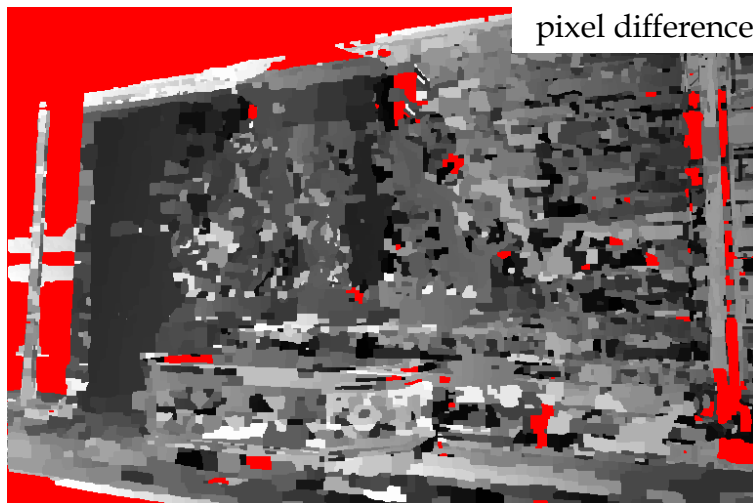
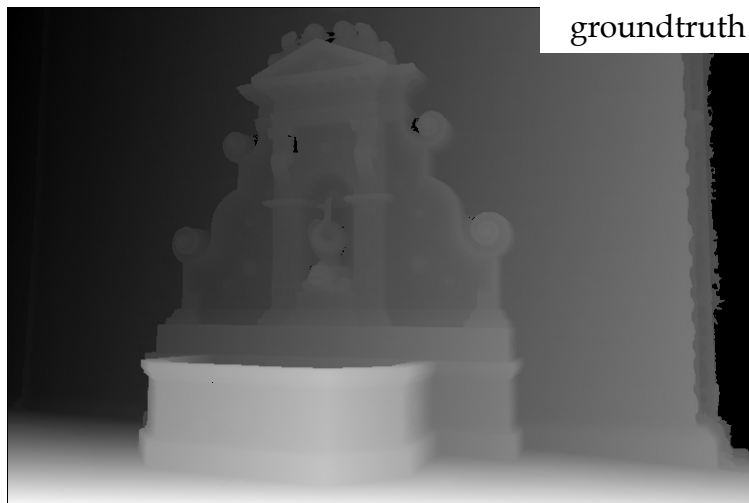
Narrow baseline : Pixel Difference + Graph Cuts



Dense descriptors: motivation

USE A DESCRIPTOR

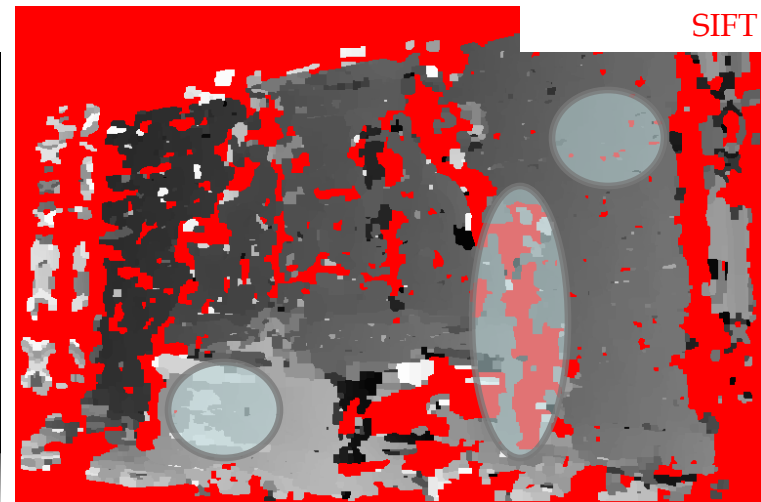
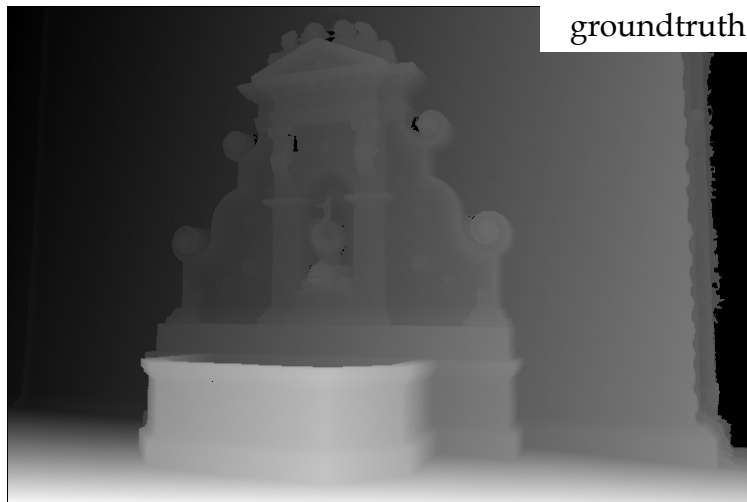
Wide baseline : Pixel Difference + Graph Cuts



Dense descriptors

250 Seconds

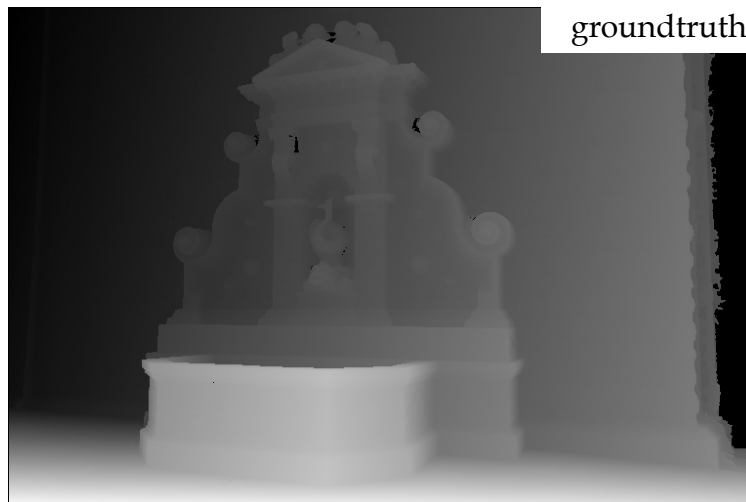
Wide baseline : **SIFT Descriptor***+ Graph Cuts



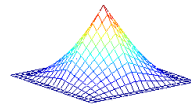
Fast dense descriptors

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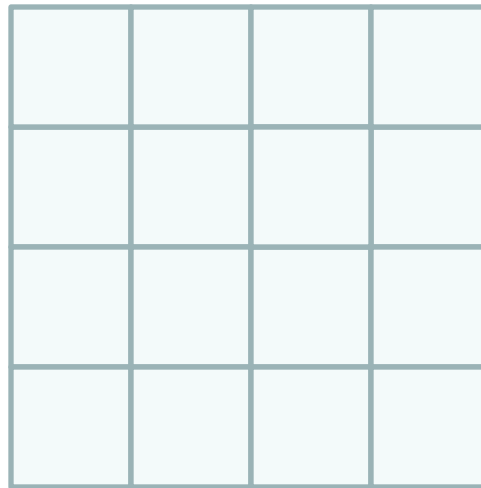
Wide baseline : **DAISY Descriptor**+ Graph Cuts



SIFT-> DAISY



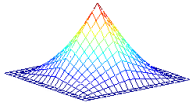
SIFT



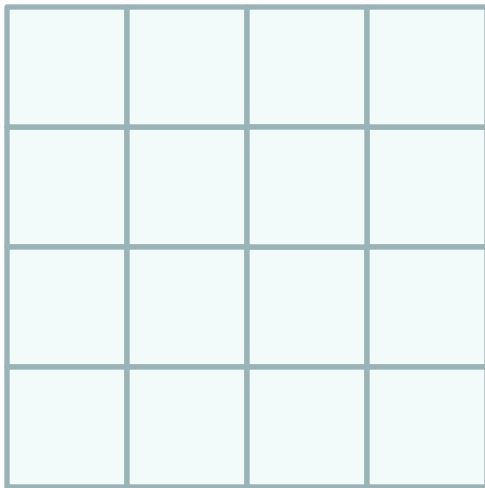
+ Good Performance

- Not suitable for dense computation

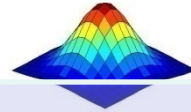
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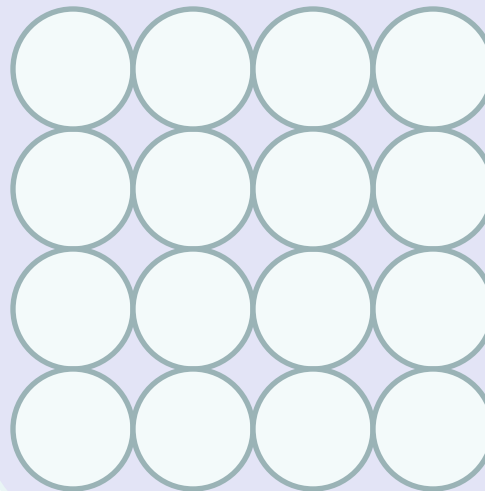
SIFT



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- Not suitable for dense computation

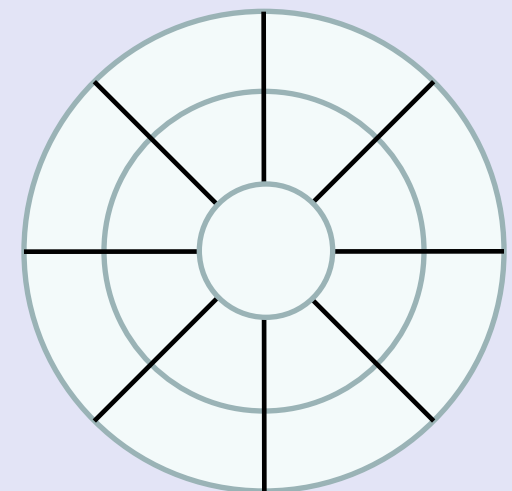


Sym.SIFT



- + Gaussian Kernels : Suitable for Dense Computation

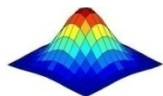
GLOH*



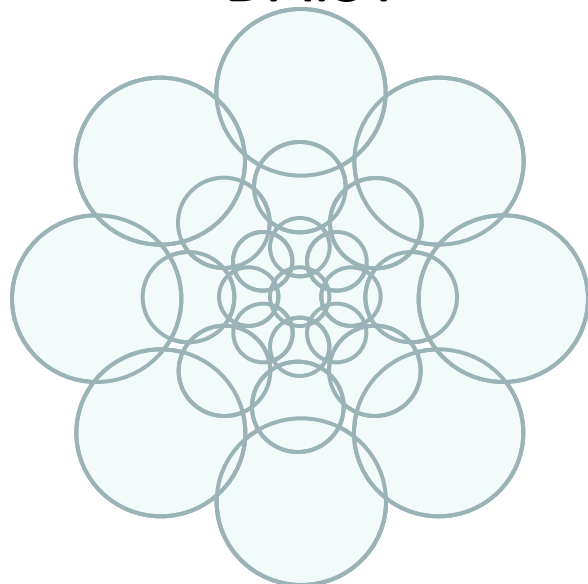
- + Good Performance
- + Better Localization
- Not suitable for dense computation

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SIFT-> DAISY

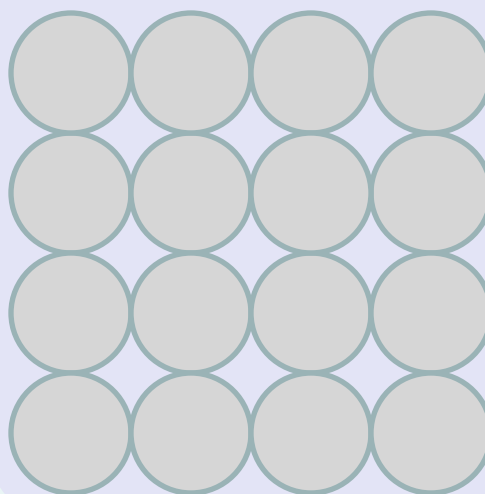


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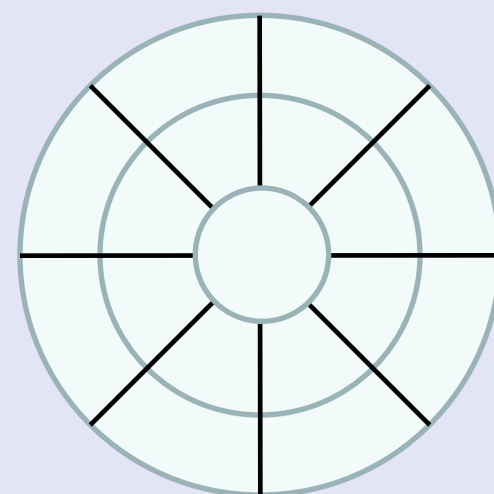
- Suitable for dense computation
- + Improved performance:*
- + Precise localization
- + Rotational Robustness

Sym.SIFT



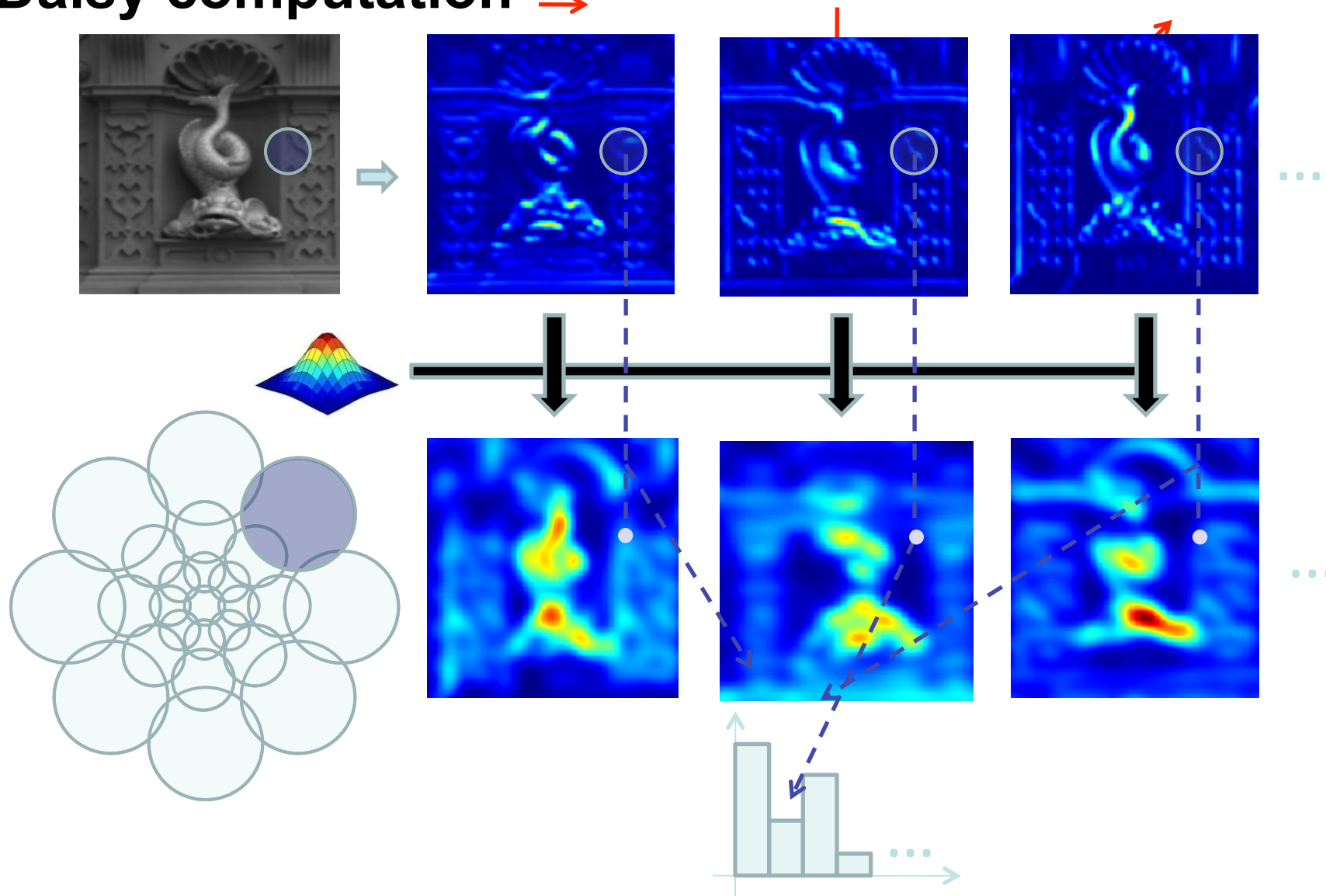
- + Suitable for Dense Computation

GLOH

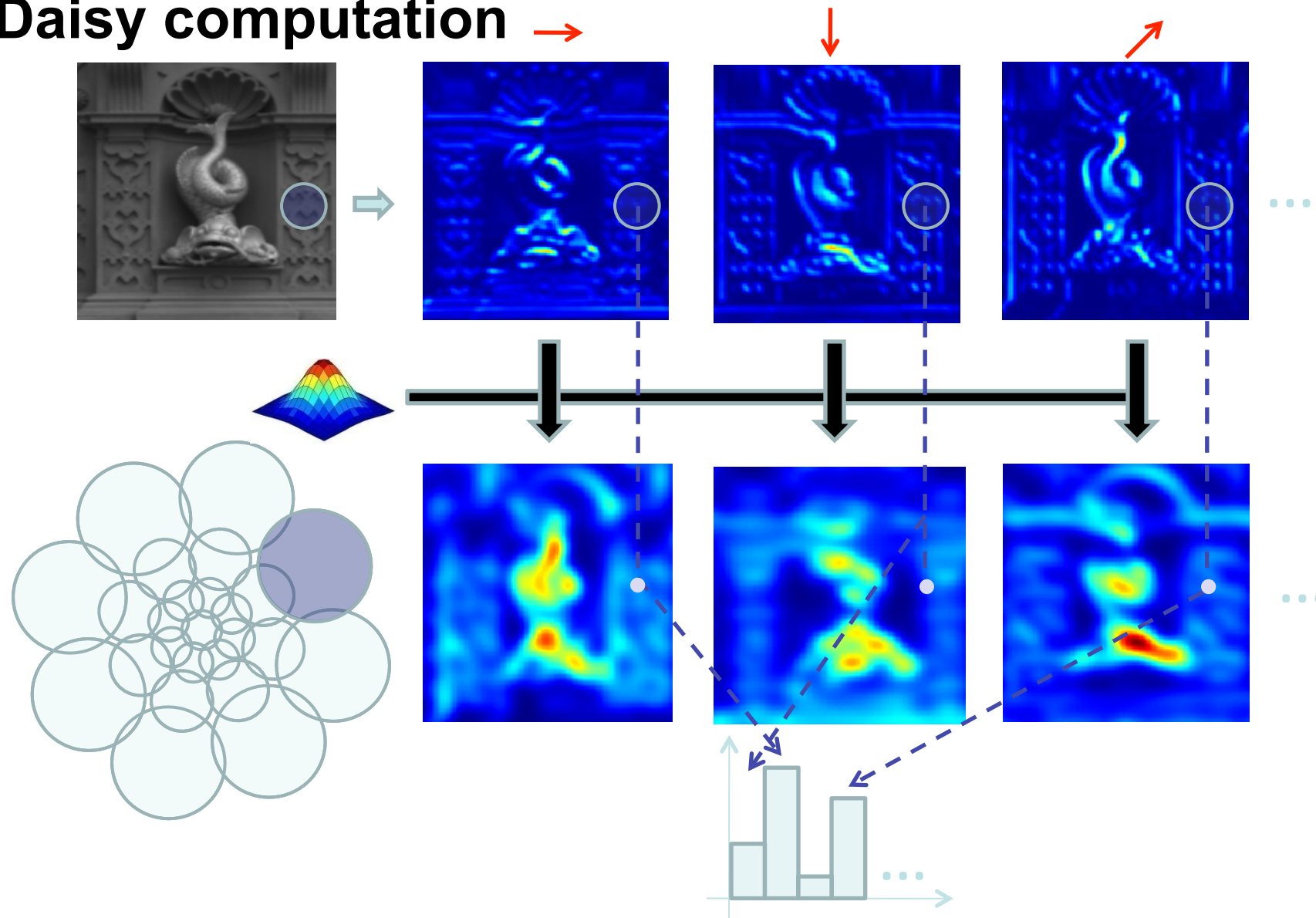


- + Good Performance
- + Better Localization
- Not suitable for dense computation

Daisy computation

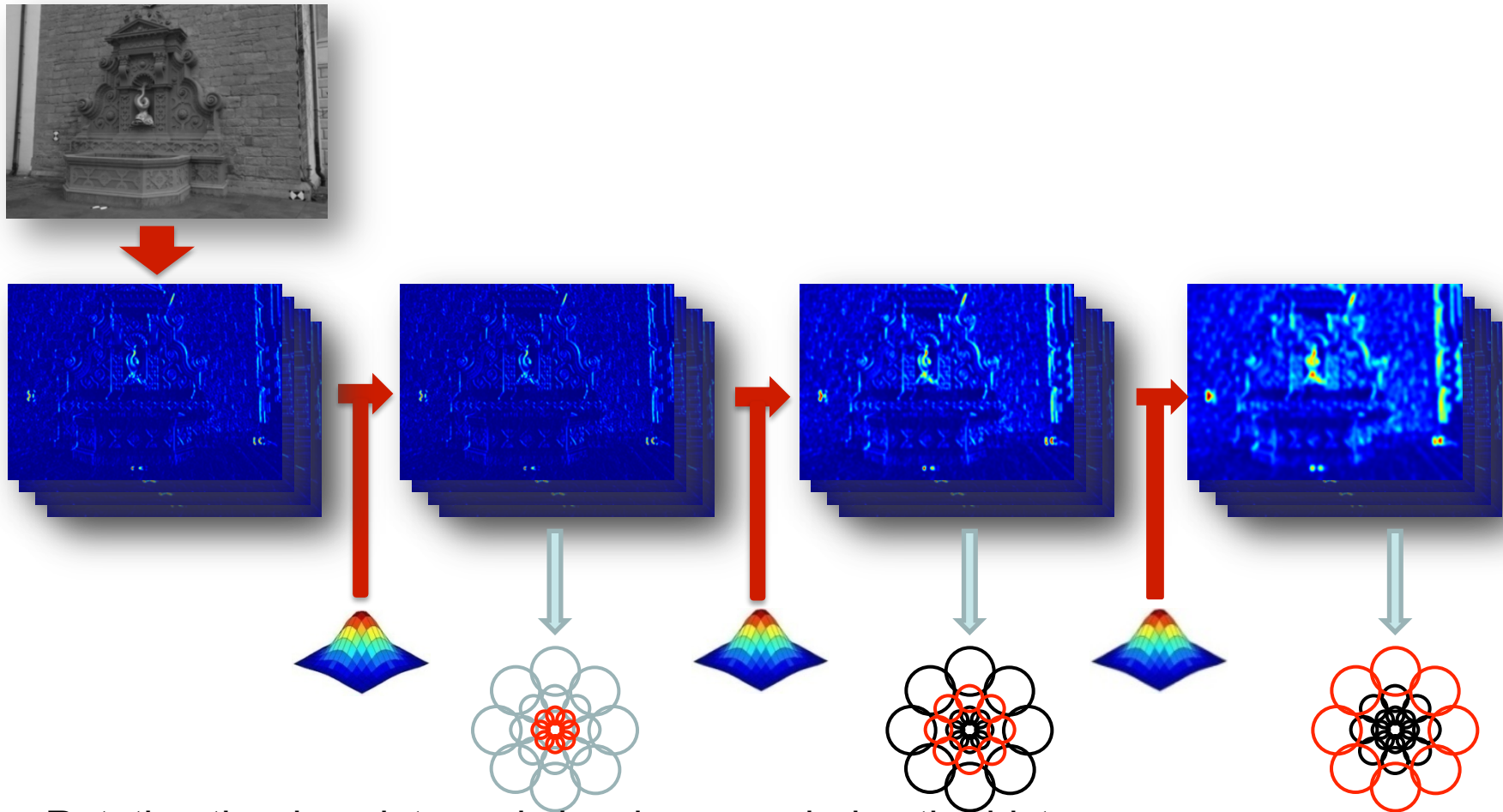


Daisy computation →



Daisy computation

DAISY : 5s
SIFT : 250s



- Rotating the descriptor only involves reordering the histograms.
- The computation mostly involves 1D convolutions, which is fast.

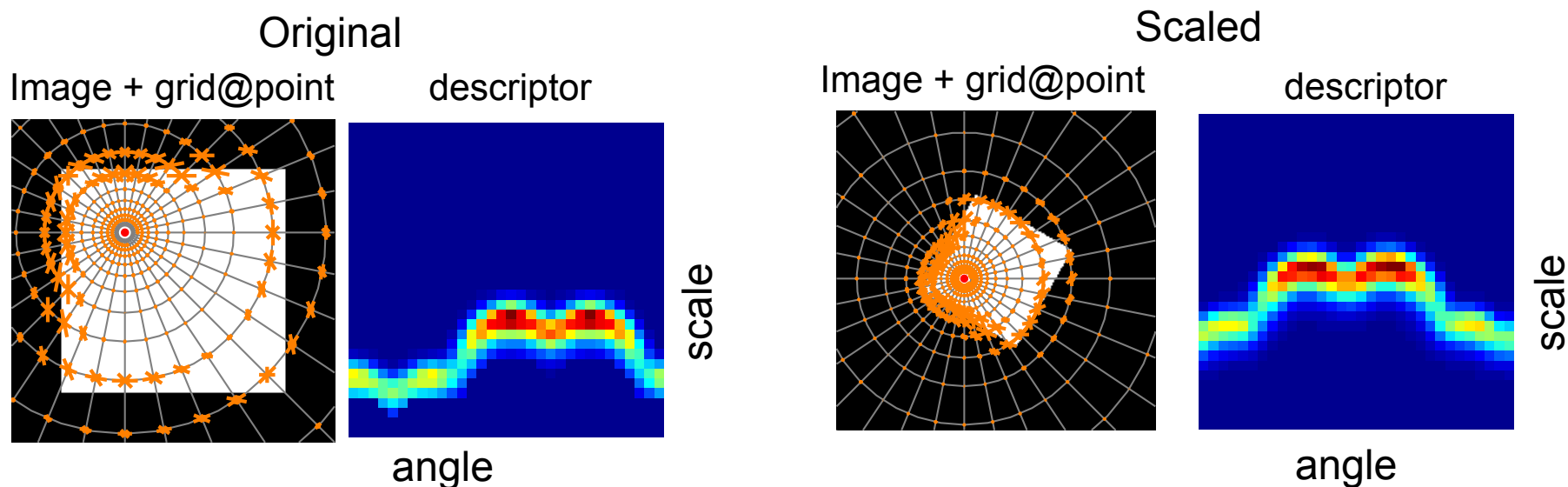
Scale- and rotation- invariance through Fourier Transforms

Lecture 1: Modulation property: $f(x) \leftrightarrow F(\omega)$ $f(x)e^{j\omega_c x} \leftrightarrow F(\omega - \omega_c)$

Fact 1: Fourier shifting property: $f[i - n_i, j - n_j] \xrightarrow{\mathcal{F}} F \exp\left(-j\left(n_i \frac{2\pi}{N} + n_j \frac{2\pi}{K}\right)\right) \xrightarrow{|\cdot|} |F|$

Signal translation does not affect the signal's Fourier Transform Magnitude

Fact 2: the log-polar sampling turns image scaling and rotation to translation:



Fact 1+2: the *Fourier Transform Modulus of log-polar descriptors is invariant*

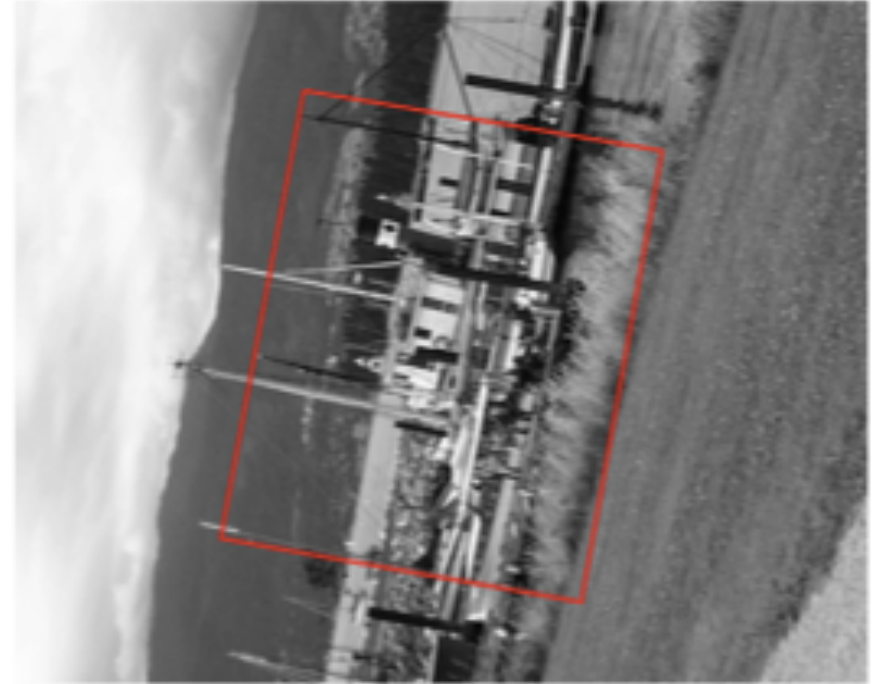
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Dense Scale-Invariant Descriptors



Reference Image



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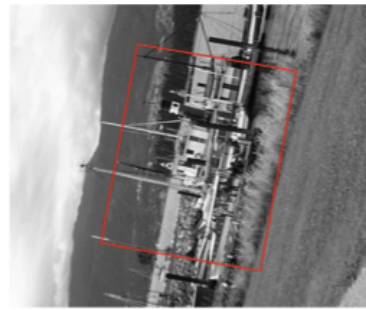
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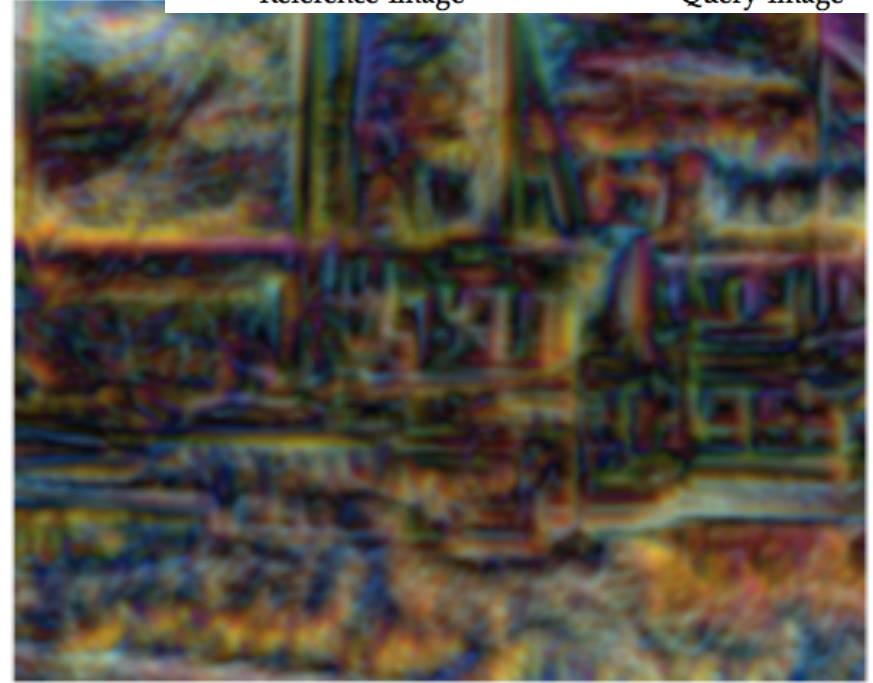
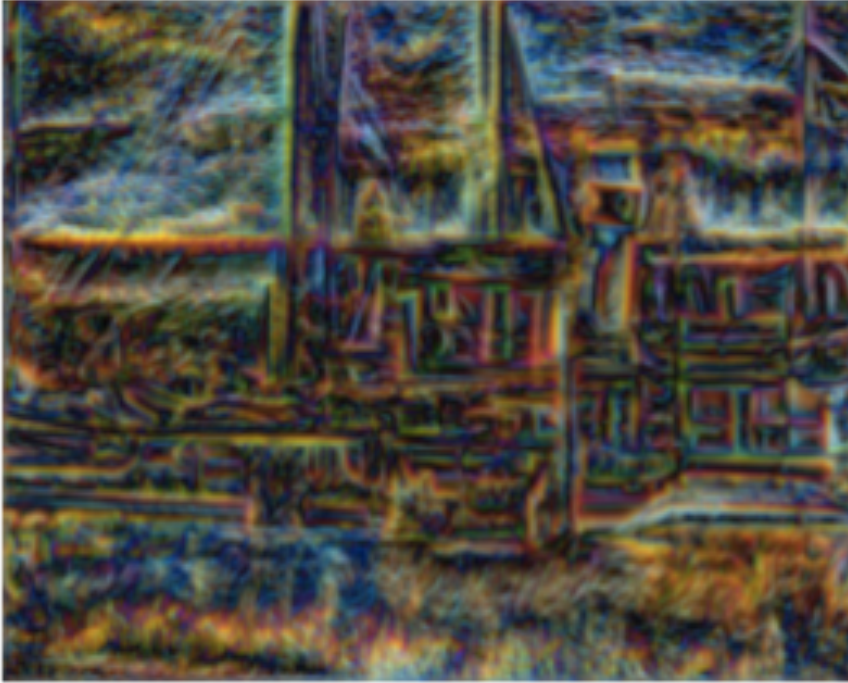
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Dense Descriptors, $\omega_n = 1, \omega_k = 1, d \in \{1, 2, 3\}$

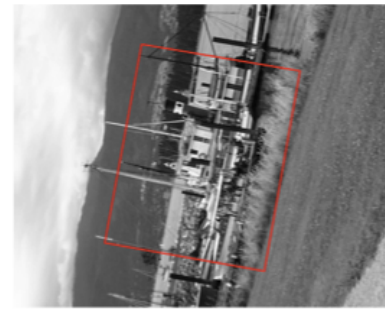
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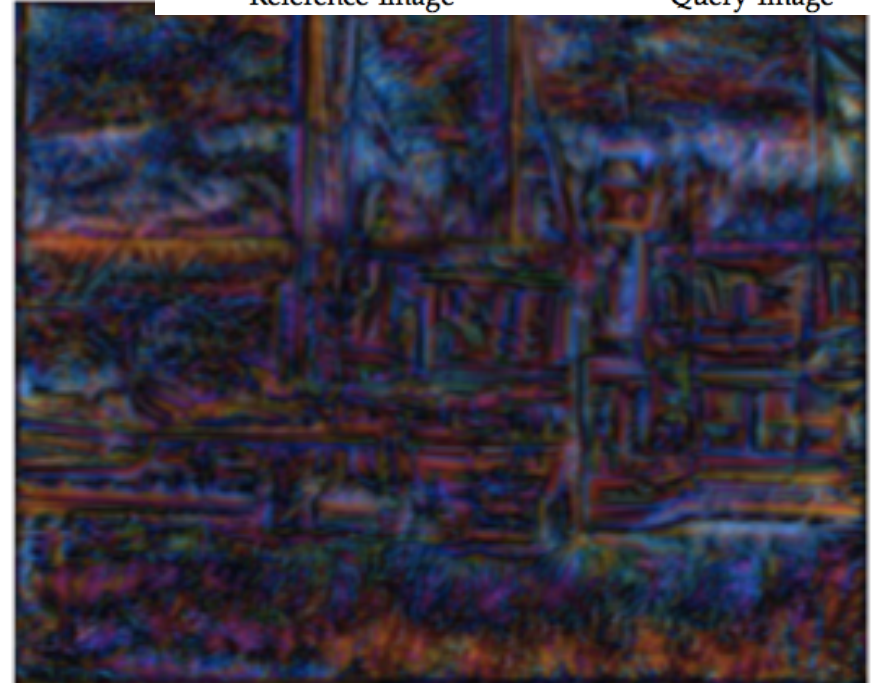
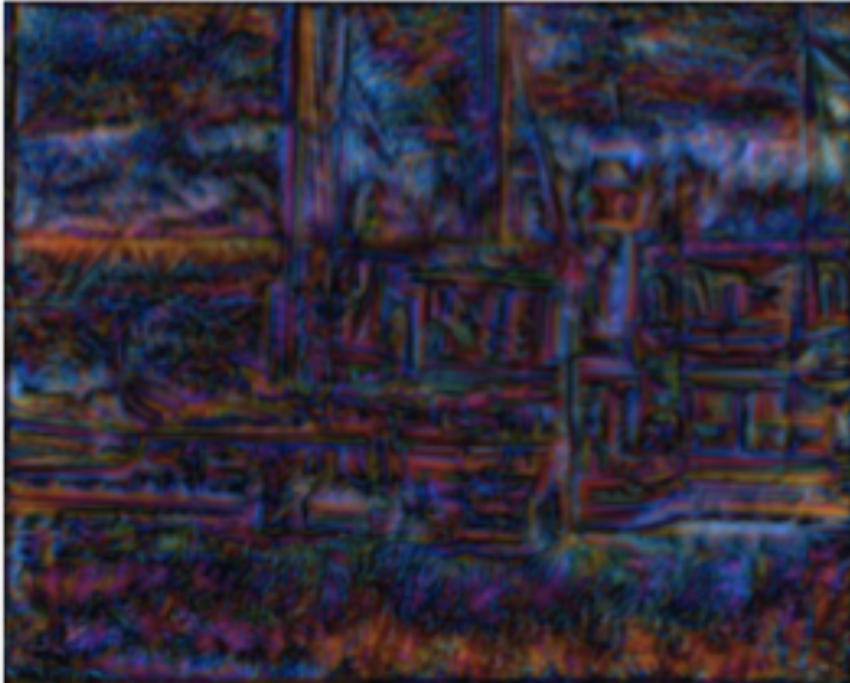
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Query similarity to red (left) and green (right) reference points.

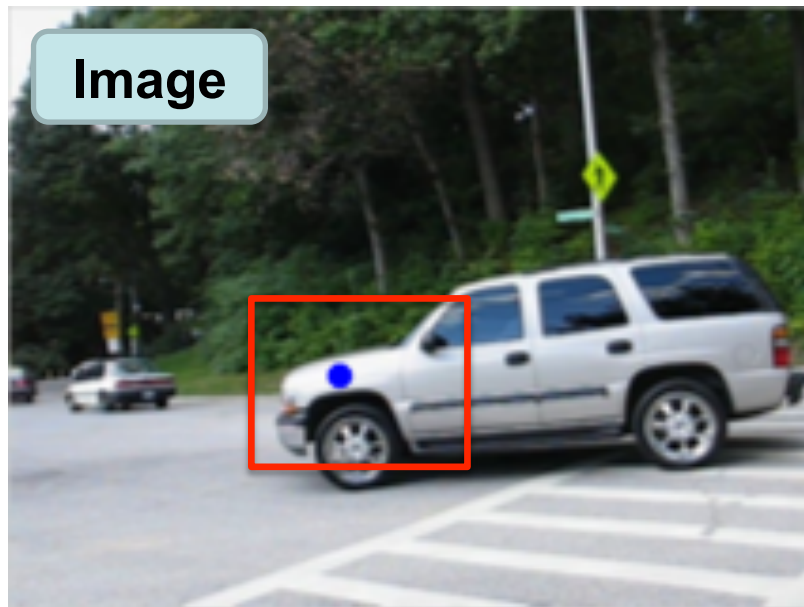
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Segmentation-aware descriptors

- We improve **descriptors** by suppressing the **background** with **soft segmentation**



RGB representation (actually 8 layers)

Segmentation masks: $\mathbf{w}^{[i]} = \exp \left(-\lambda \cdot d(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{G}^{[i]}(\mathbf{x})) \right)$

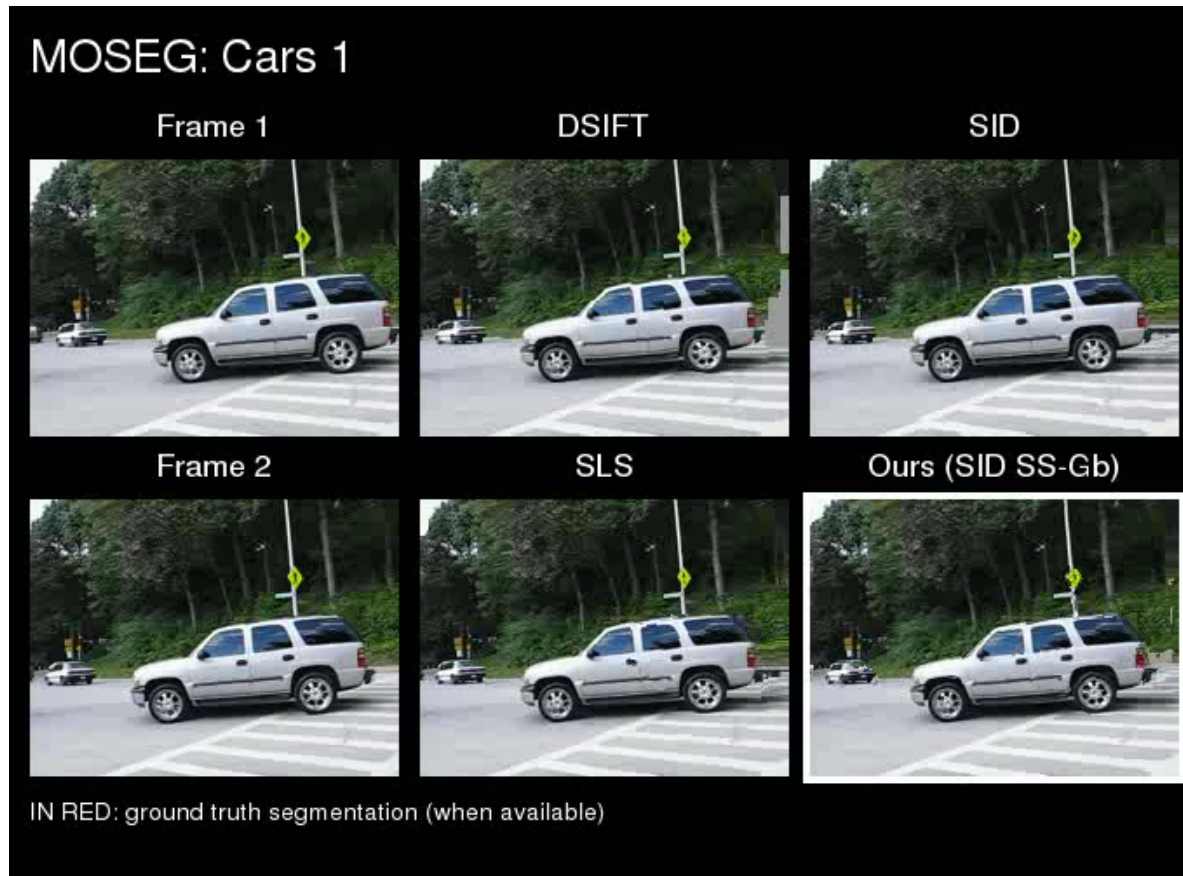
- Simple, generic and fast.
- Scale- and rotation- invariant, if need be.

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Application-1: large displacement optical flow

SIFT-flow for optical flow estimation

JHU/MOSEG benchmark for evaluation



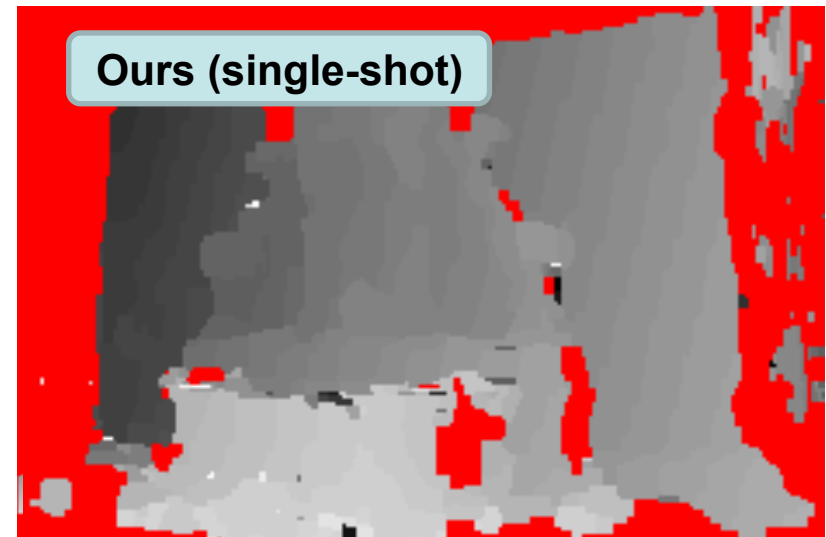
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Application 2: Wide-baseline stereo

Dense wide-baseline stereo reconstruction with Graph Cuts

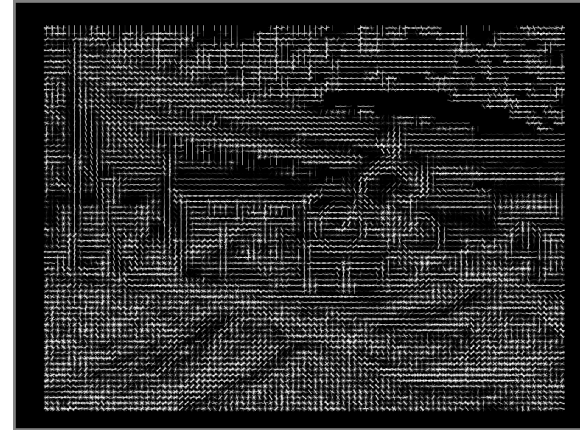


Code

- <http://vision.mas.ecp.fr/Personnel/iasonas/descriptors.html>
- <http://www.iri.upc.edu/people/etrulls/#code>

Features for 3D data

- Intensity data: Histogram of Gradients, SIFT etc.



- Depth/surface data?



Kinect



Kinect Fusion

Dense invariant surface descriptors

- Recent advances in surface analysis
- Combination with computer vision techniques

Michael Bronstein



Alex Bronstein



Roe Litman



M. Bronstein, I. Kokkinos, Scale-Invariant Heat Kernel Signatures, CVPR 2010

I. Kokkinos, M. Bronstein, R. Litman, A. Bronstein, Intrinsic Shape Context, CVPR 2012

Slides from:

<http://www.cs.technion.ac.il/~mbron/teaching.html>

http://tosca.cs.technion.ac.il/book/course_milano08.html

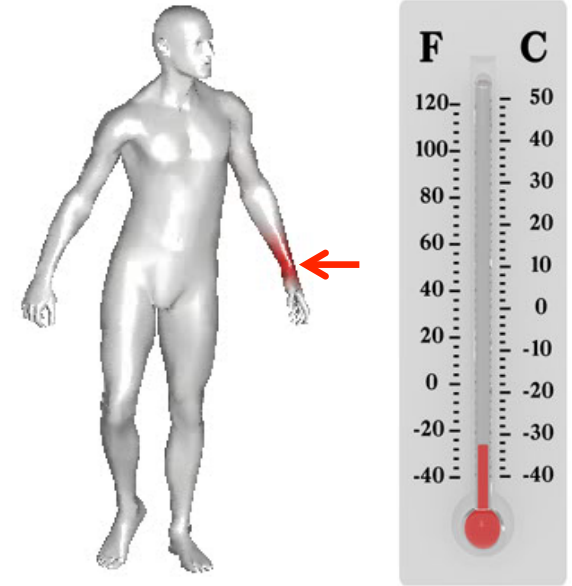
Diffusion geometry

Heat equation $\left(\Delta_S + \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \right) u(t, x) = 0,$

where

Δ_S - Laplace-Beltrami operator

u - heat distribution



Fundamental solution: solution for initial conditions $u(x, 0) = \delta(x - y)$

Represented in the Laplace-Beltrami eigenbasis as

$$k_t(x, y) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} e^{-t\lambda_i} \phi_i(x) \phi_i(y)$$

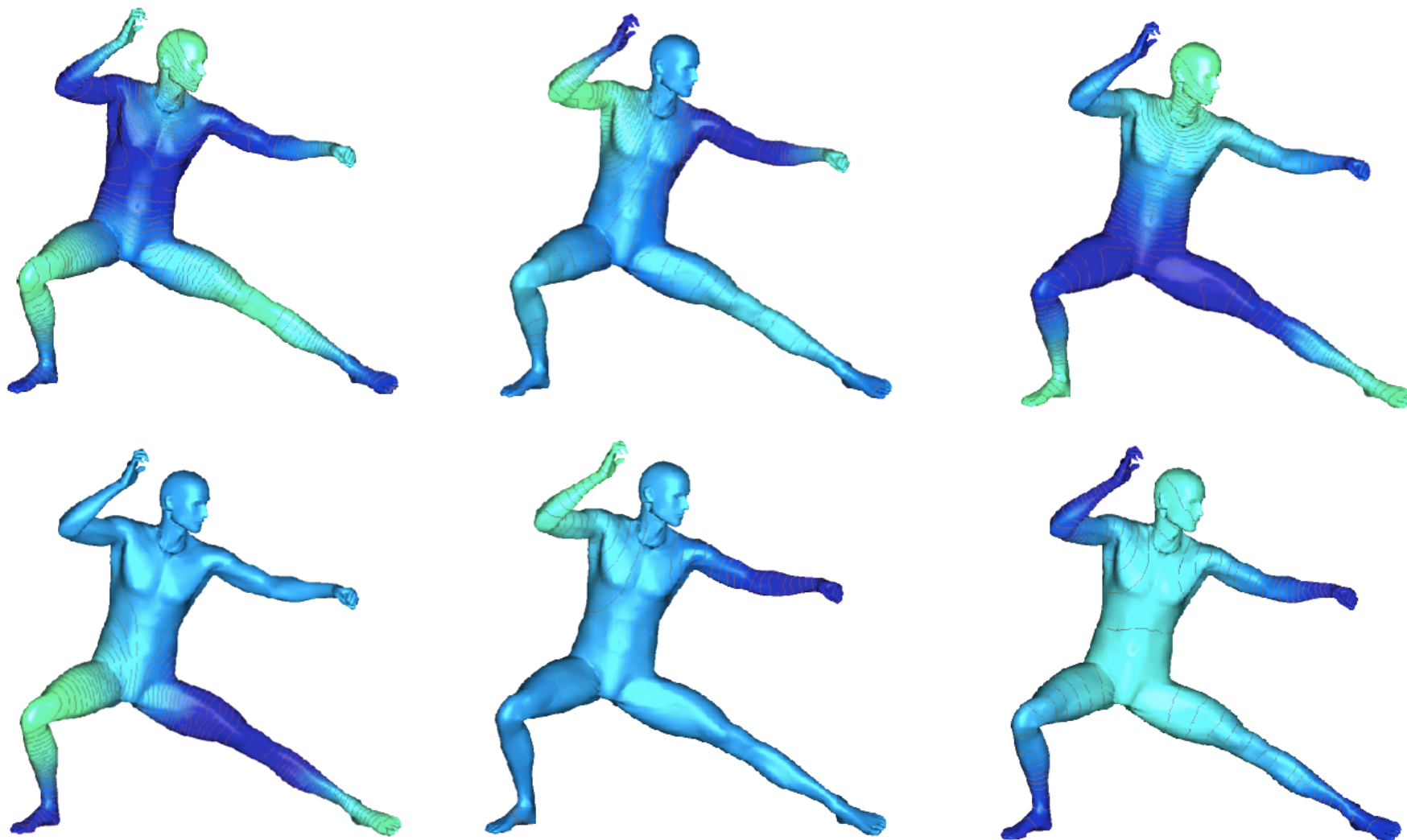
Coefficients decay fast: approximation by **truncated sum**

$$k_t(x, y) \approx \sum_{i=0}^N e^{-t\lambda_i} \phi_i(x) \phi_i(y)$$

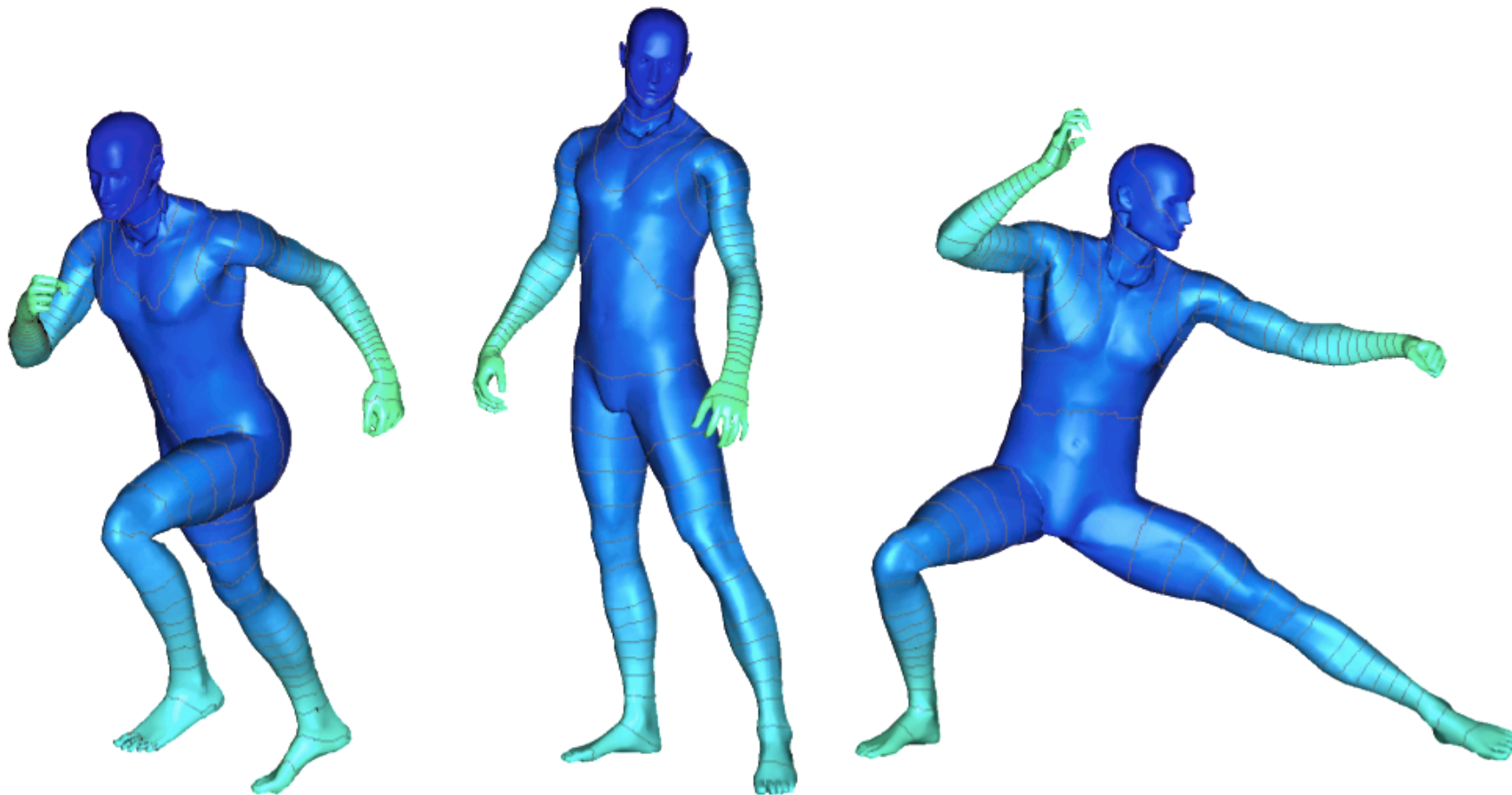
Chladni's patterns

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cT3XOfd1yl>

Laplace-Beltrami eigenfunctions



Laplace-Beltrami eigenfunctions: invariance

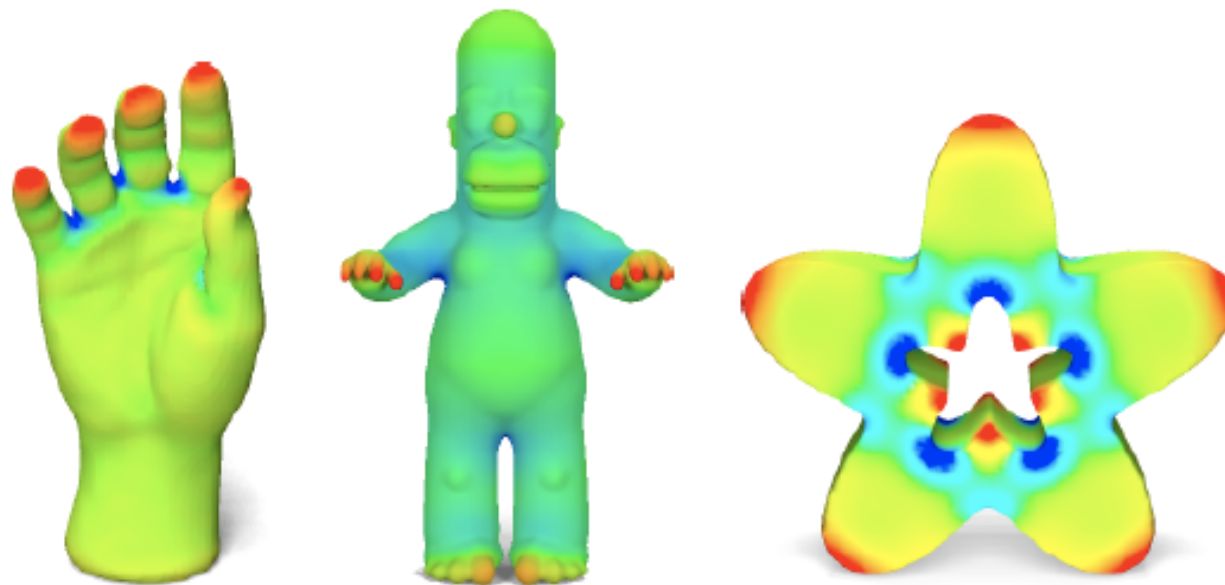


From the heat kernel to heat kernel signature

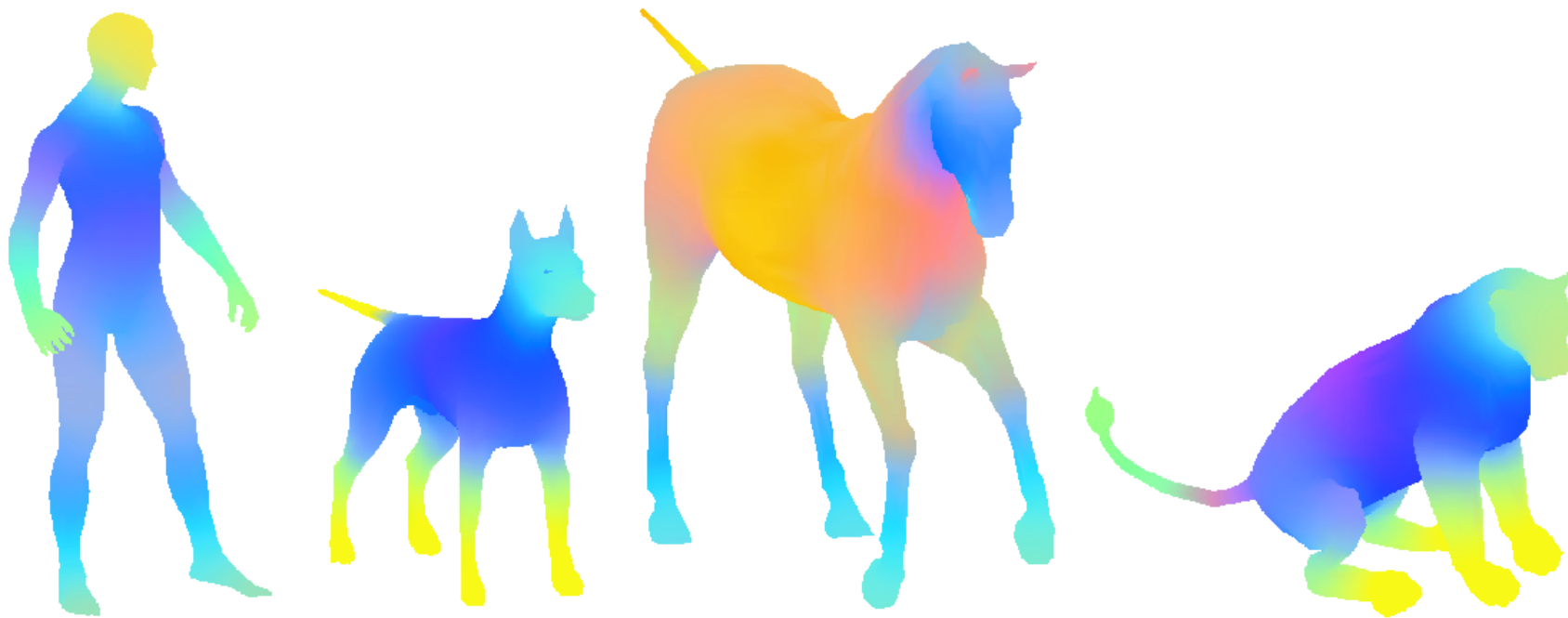
Multiscale local shape descriptor

$$p(x) = (K_{t_1}(x, x), \dots, K_{t_n}(x, x))$$

Interpretation: multiscale gaussian curvature (time= scale)



Heat kernel signature



Heat kernel signatures represented in RGB space

Heat kernel descriptors



Invariant to isometric deformations

**Localized sensitivity
to topological noise**

Scale invariance?



Original shape

$$\lambda, \phi$$

$$\text{HKS} = K_t(x, x)$$



Scaled by $1/\alpha$

$$\alpha^2 \lambda, \alpha \phi$$

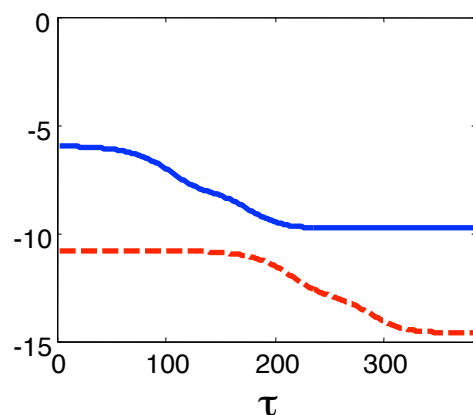
$$\text{HKS} = \alpha^2 K_{\alpha^2 t}(x, x)$$

Not scale invariant!

Scale-invariant heat kernel signature

Log scale-space

$$K_{\alpha\tau} \rightarrow \alpha^2 K_{\alpha\tau+2}$$

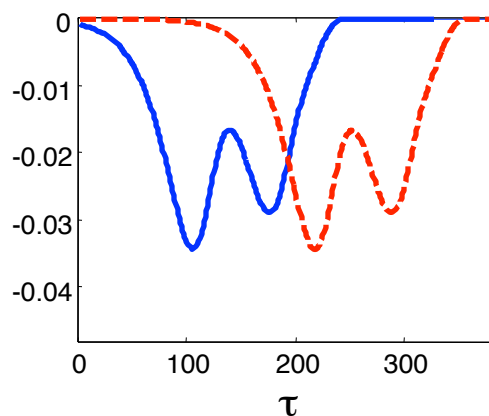


Scaling = shift and
multiplicative
constant in HKS

log + d/dτ

$$\log \alpha^2 + \log K_{\alpha\tau+2}$$

$$d/d\tau \log K_{\alpha\tau+2}$$

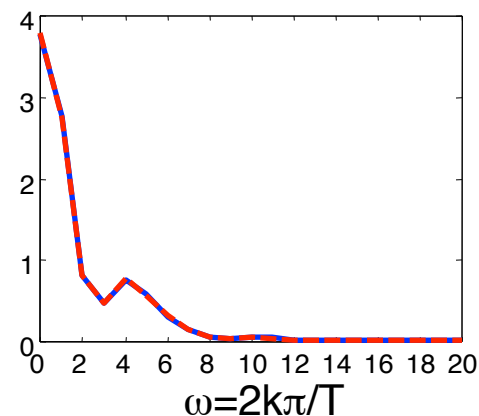


Undo scaling

Fourier transform
magnitude

$$\mathcal{F} d/d\tau \log K_{\alpha\tau+2} =$$

$$e^{2i\omega\pi} \mathcal{F} d/d\tau \log K_{\alpha\tau}$$



Undo shift

Invariance

**Rigid****Scale****Inelastic****Topology**

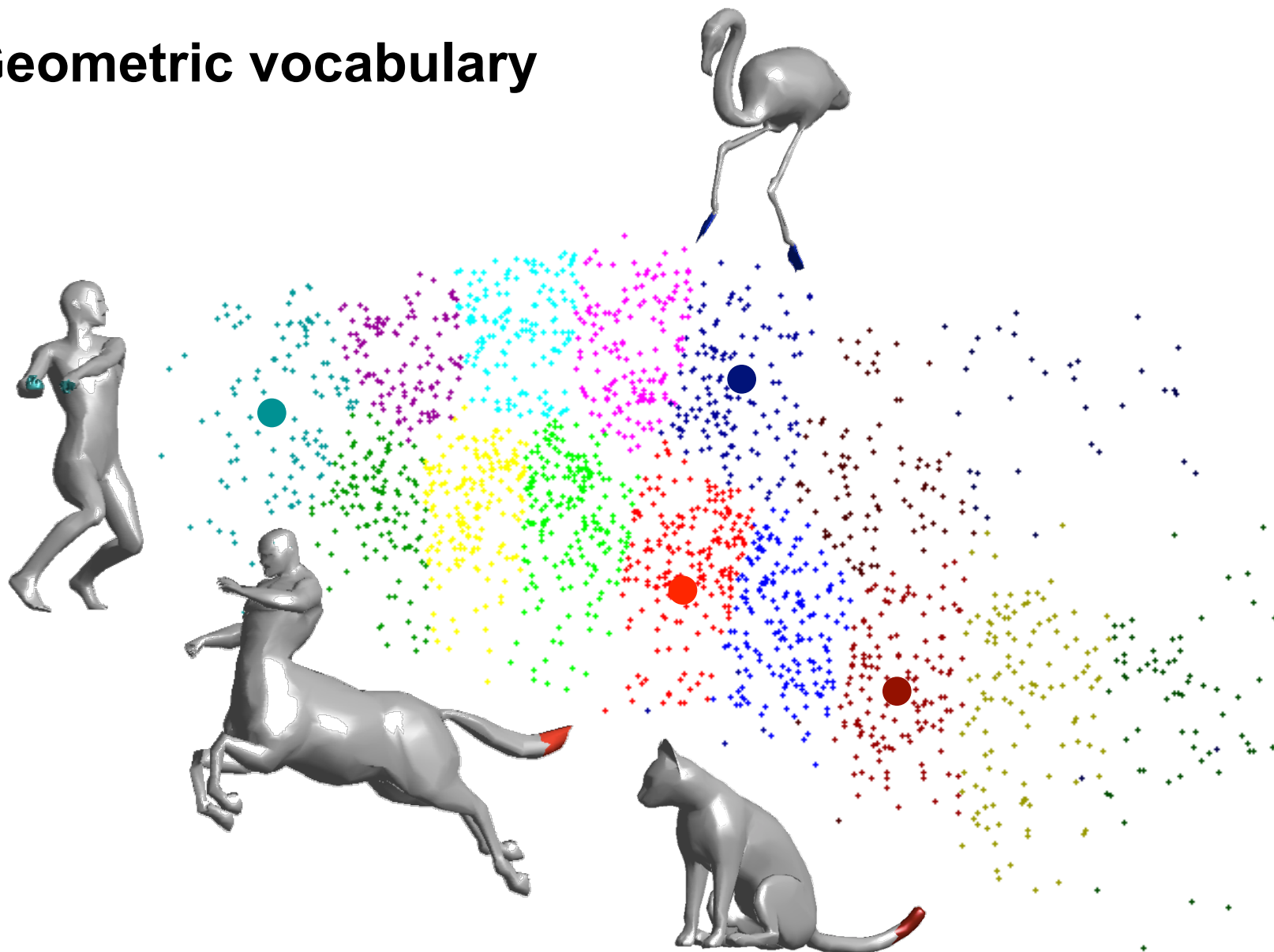
Heat kernel
signature (HKS)



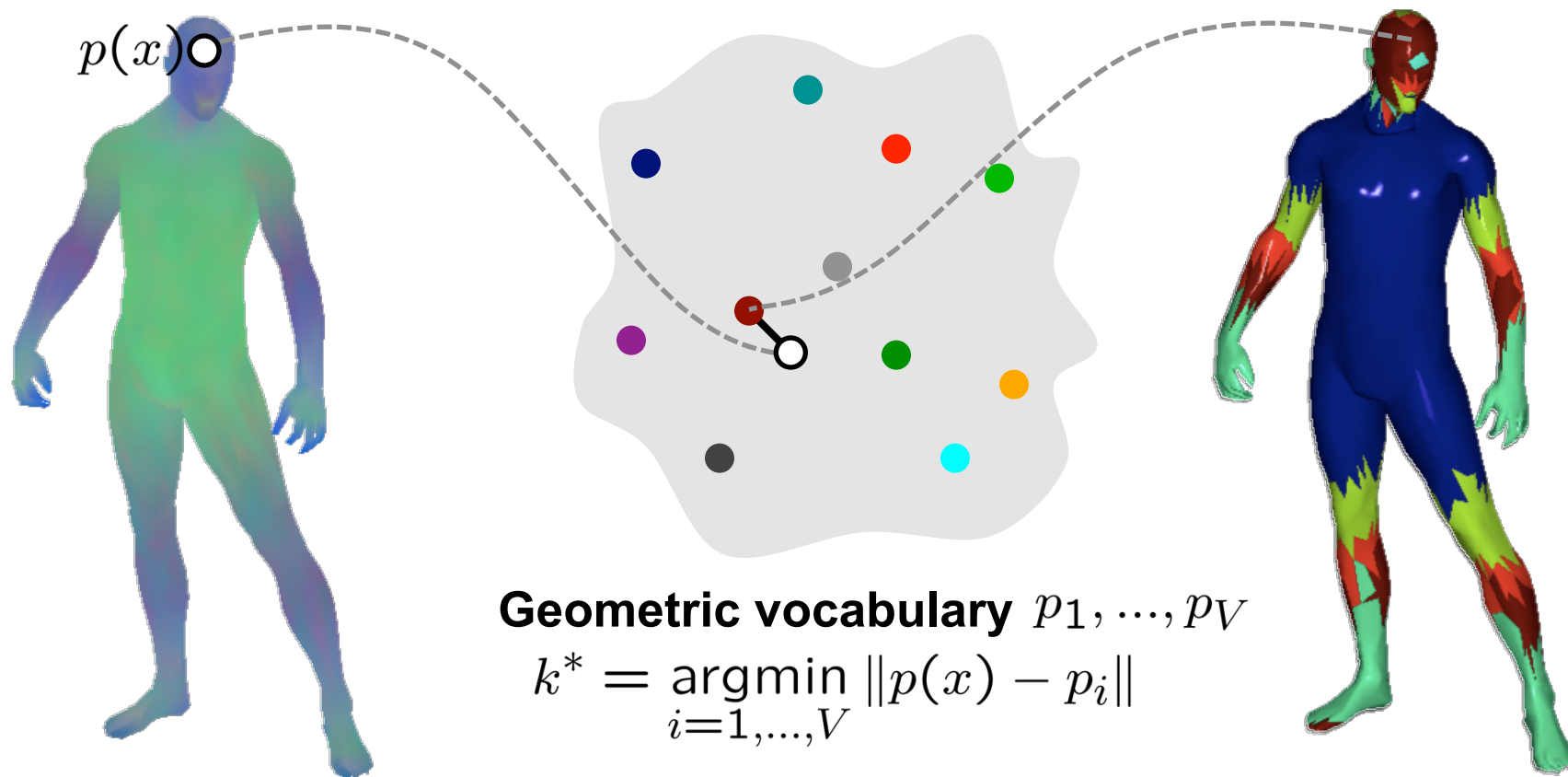
Scale-invariant
HKS (SI-HKS)



Geometric vocabulary



Bags of features



Geometric vocabulary $p_1, \dots, p_V$

$$k^* = \underset{i=1, \dots, V}{\operatorname{argmin}} \|p(x) - p_i\|$$

Nearest neighbor in the descriptor space

$$\theta_k(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & k = k^* \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

Bags of features

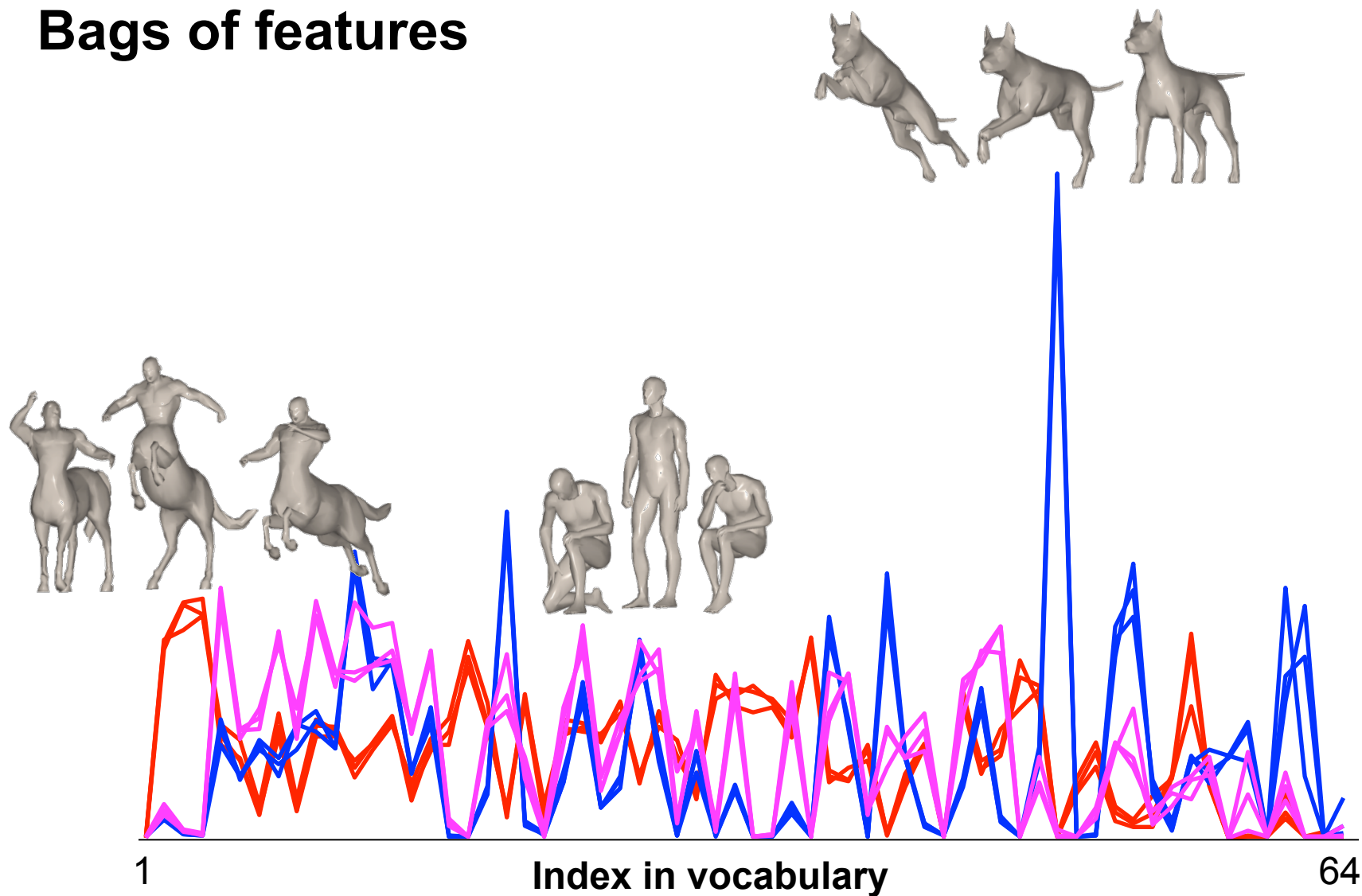
Statistics of different geometric words over the entire shape

$$f(X) = \int_X \theta(x) dx$$

Shape distance = distance between bags of features

$$d_{\text{BoF}}(X, Y) = \|f(X) - f(Y)\|$$

Bags of features



Transform.	Strength				
	1	≤ 2	≤ 3	≤ 4	≤ 5
<i>Isometry</i>	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
<i>Topology</i>	100.00	98.08	97.44	96.79	96.41
<i>Holes</i>	100.00	100.00	97.44	95.19	90.13
<i>Micro holes</i>	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
<i>Scale</i>	0.98	40.68	43.31	33.72	27.42
<i>Local scale</i>	100.00	100.00	98.72	89.38	80.22
<i>Sampling</i>	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	99.23
<i>Noise</i>	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
<i>Shot noise</i>	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
<i>Partial</i>	7.54	5.70	4.51	3.58	2.95
<i>Mixed</i>	53.13	55.86	47.77	37.54	30.34
Average	94.94	93.12	90.84	87.82	85.00

ShapeGoogle with HKS descriptor (mAP %)

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<i>Holes</i>	100.00	100.00	100.00	94.71	89.97
<i>Micro holes</i>	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
<i>Scale</i>	<u>91.03</u>	<u>95.51</u>	<u>97.01</u>	<u>97.76</u>	<u>98.21</u>
<i>Local scale</i>	100.00	100.00	97.44	89.38	82.08
<i>Sampling</i>	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	97.69
<i>Noise</i>	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
<i>Shot noise</i>	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
<i>Partial</i>	17.43	10.31	9.57	8.06	6.61
<i>Mixed</i>	<u>56.47</u>	<u>57.44</u>	<u>63.59</u>	<u>67.47</u>	<u>65.07</u>
Average	97.05	95.16	94.03	92.54	90.79

ShapeGoogle with SI-HKS descriptor (mAP %)

Scale-invariant retrieval



Scale 1.3

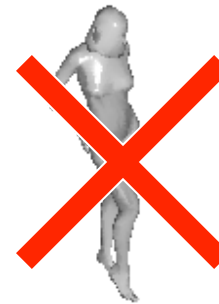


Heat Kernel Signature



Scale-Invariant Heat Kernel Signature

Scale-invariant retrieval



**Local
scale**

Heat Kernel Signature



Scale-Invariant Heat Kernel Signature

Intrinsic Shape Contexts

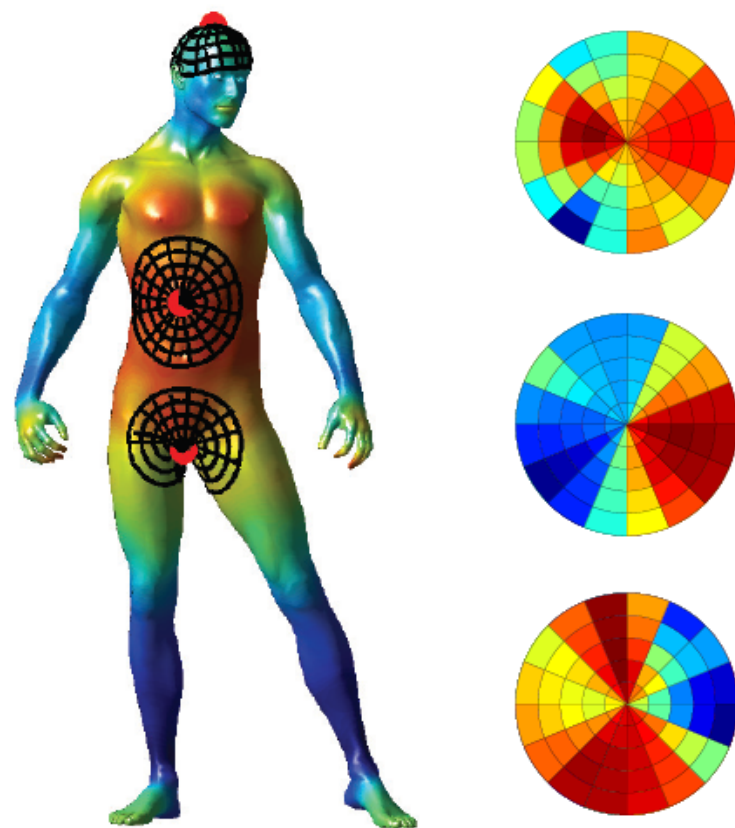
Goal: use context information for descriptor construction

Naïve: work at larger feature scale (more smoothing)

Better: stack together neighbors (meta-descriptor)

Surface processing: local surface charting

Intrinsic: invariant to isometric deformations



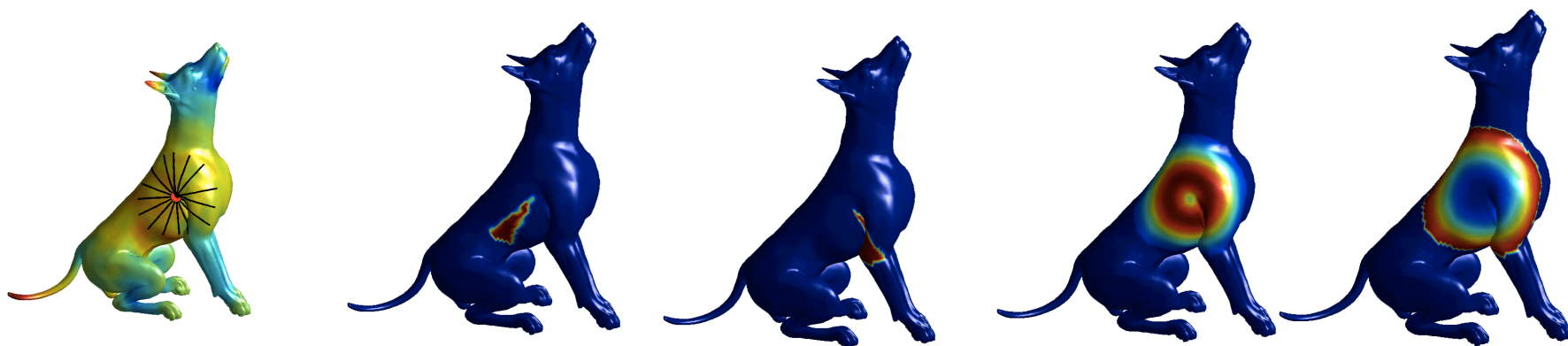
Intrinsic Shape Context Construction

Uniformly sample directions on the tangent plane of a point

Shoot and track geodesics outwards from the point

Construct soft angular membership functions based on distance from geodesics

Construct soft radial membership functions based on distance from point



Intrinsic Shape Contexts: higher discrimination

