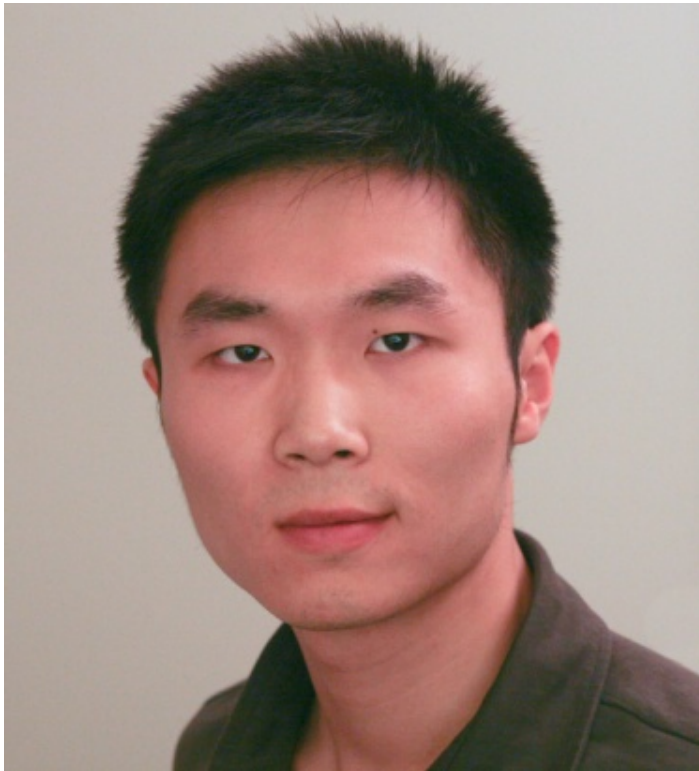


Large-Scale Visual Recognition Powered by Big Data and Big Crowd

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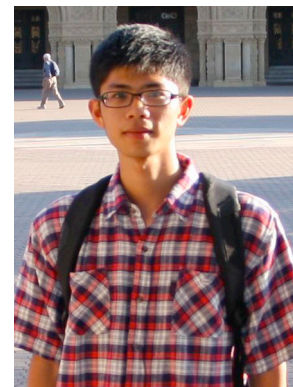
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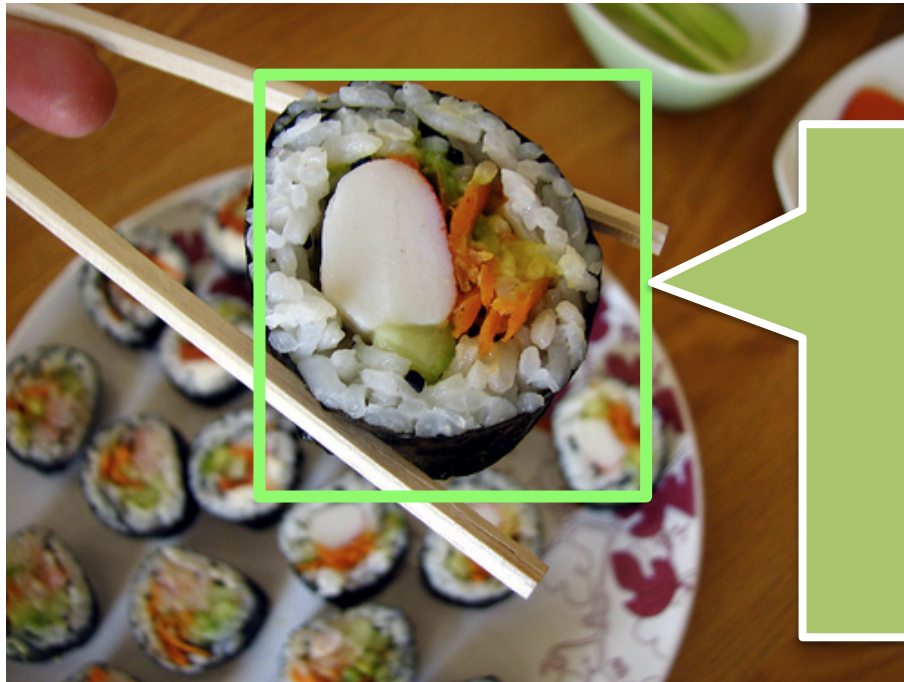
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California Roll

Ingredients: Rice, Seaweed,
Crab, Cucumber, Avocado

Calories: 40

Fat: 7g

Carb: 40g

Protein: 5g

Gluten Free



Amanita phalloides

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TOXIC. DO NOT EAT





Mountain Lion

DO NOT RUN

Raise arms to appear larger.
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Mornonga (Japanese flying squirrel)

Inhabits sub-alpine forests in Japan.
Nocturnal. Eats seeds, fruit, tree leaves
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I wish my computer to recognize EVERYTHING





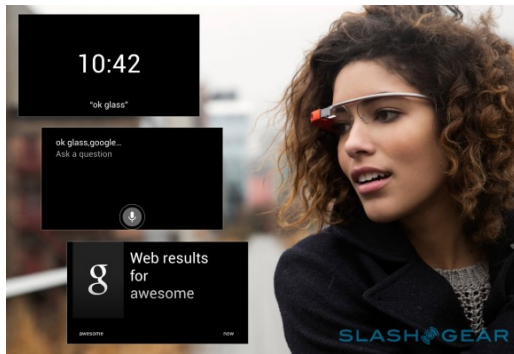
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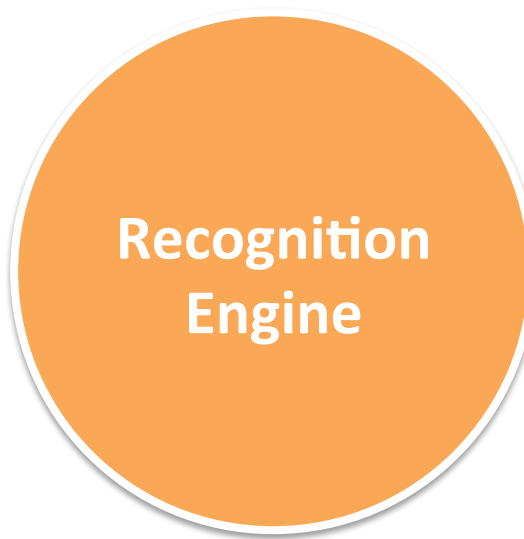
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Recognition Engine



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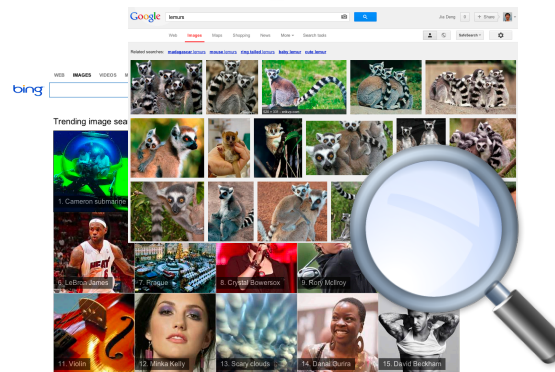


Image search



Mining social media

What can computers already recognize?



[☺]
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Nikon

The Nikon 560. Detects up to 12 faces.



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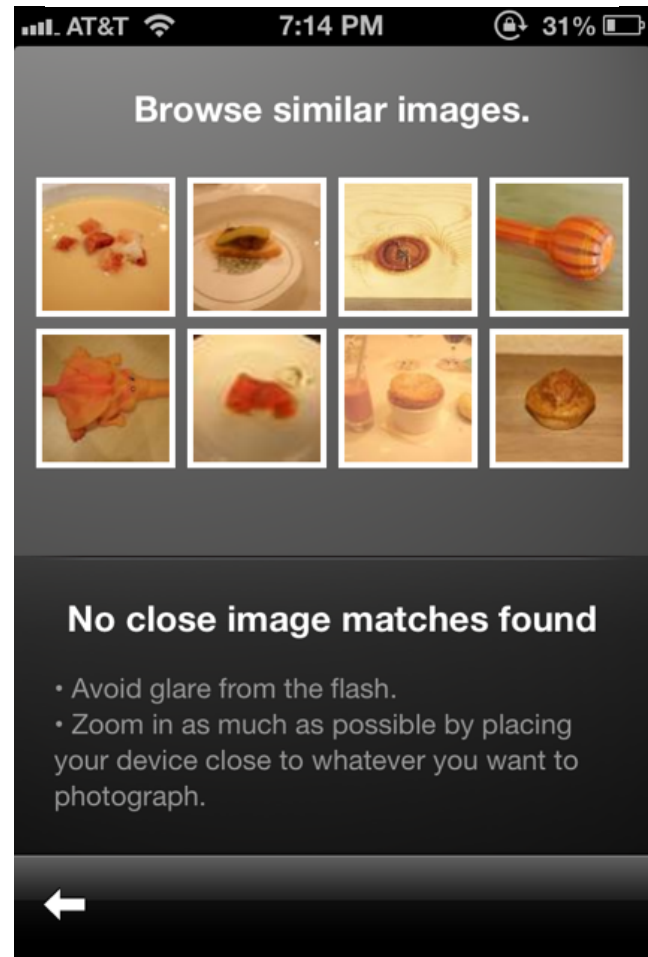
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PASCAL VOC [Everingham et al. 2006-2012]



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No Coffee Mugs!

What about Gas Pumps!



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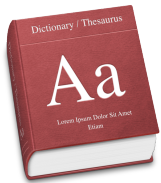
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Many Things Do Not Work Yet...

How many things are there?



10K+
[Biederman '87]



60K+
product
categories



80K+
English nouns
[Miller '95; Fellbaum
'98]



3.5M+
unique tags
[Sigurbjörnsson &
Zwol '08]



4.1M+
articles

From 20 classes to Millions?



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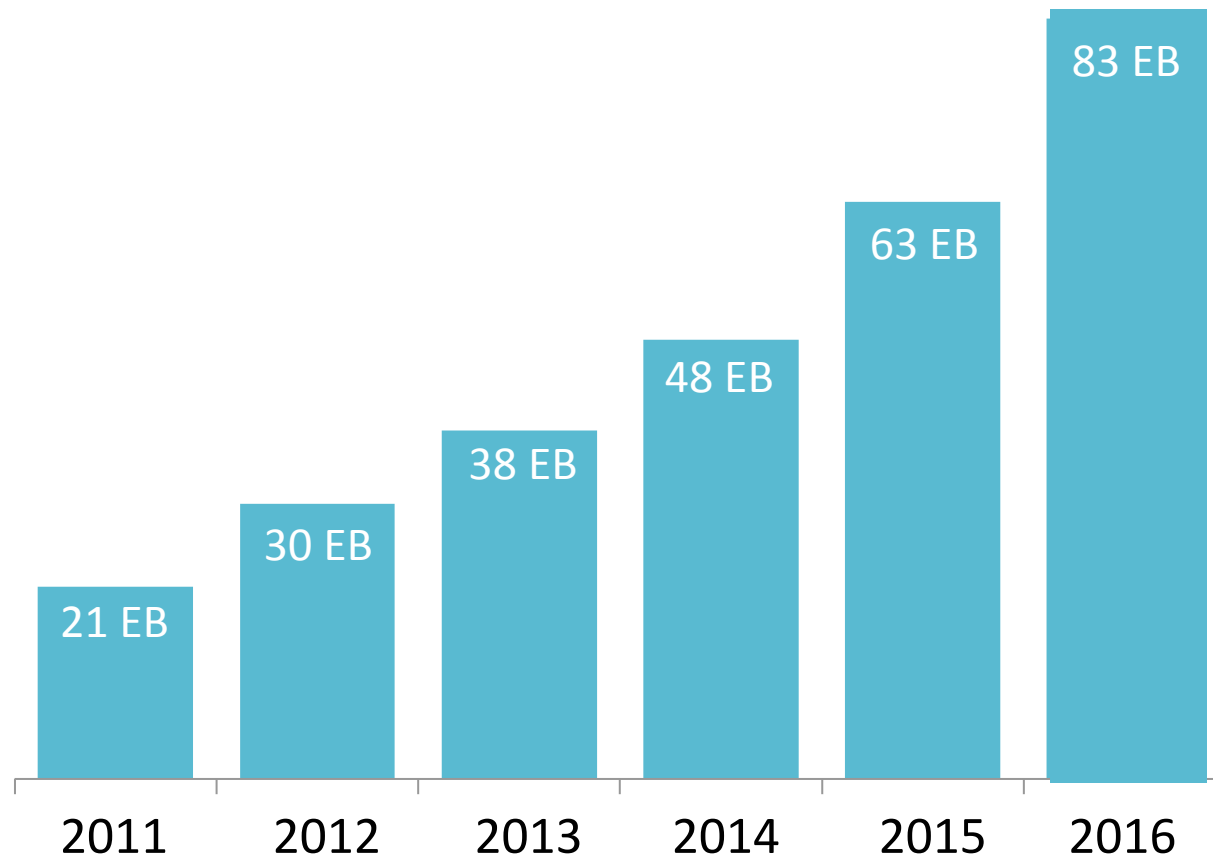
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Big Data from the Internet

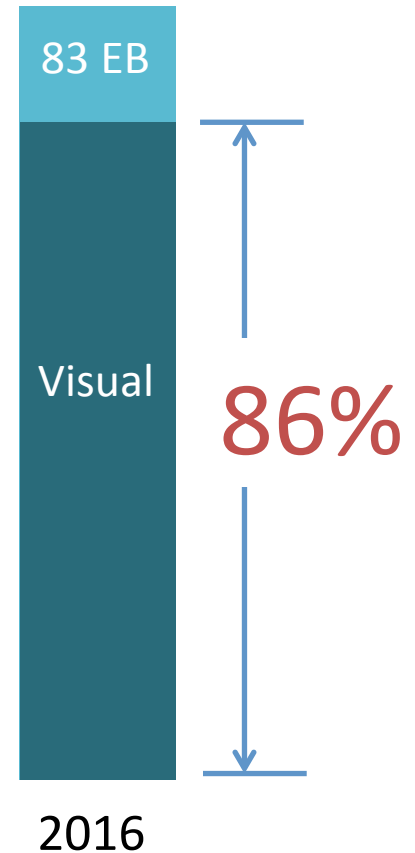
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Source: Cisco

You Tube™ **72** hours of videos / min

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Big Data from the Internet

→ The Internet can teach **EVERYTHING**

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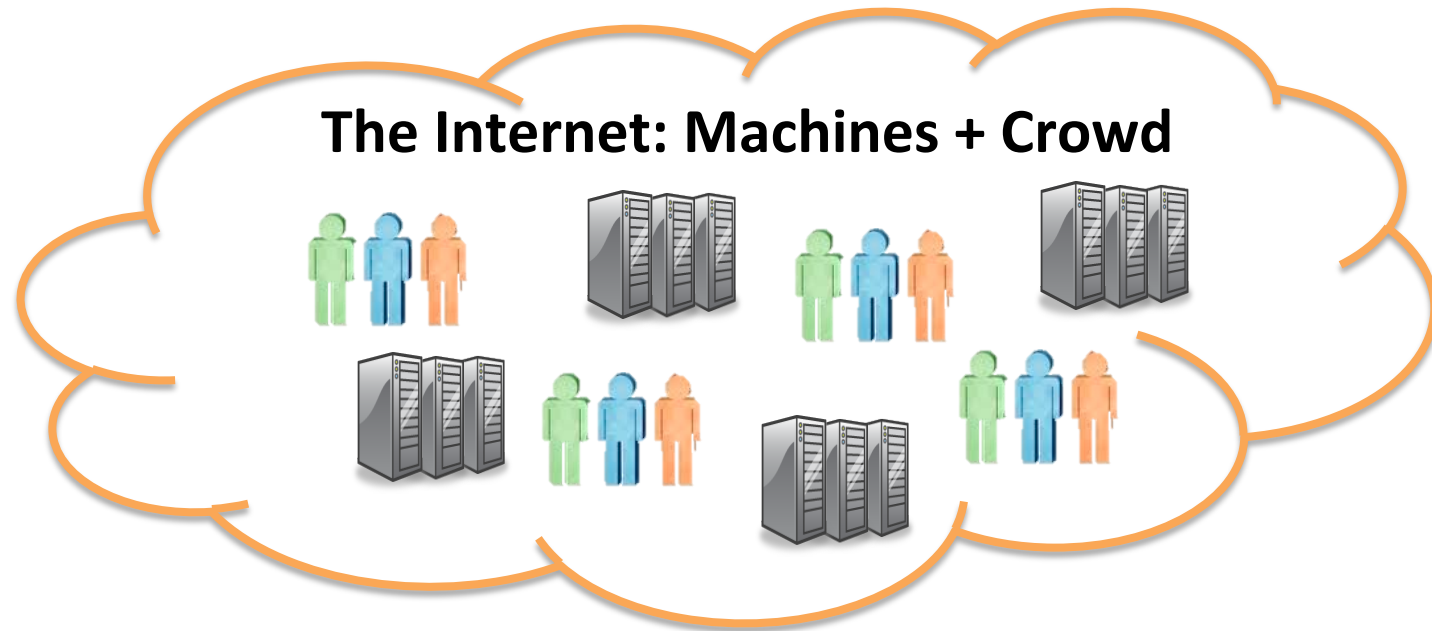
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Evolution Gone Wild

Future plants and animals

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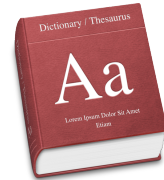
Teach machines to recognize **EVERYTHING**

PASCAL VOC



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[Everingham et al.'06-'12]



10K+

[Biederman '87]

Goal: Build a recognition engine on 10K classes

And Never Make A Mistake!



The **EVA system**, powered by **ImageNet**, can annotate images with guaranteed accuracies. It currently recognizes over **10,000** visual categories. See the **project** page to find out more.

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ANNOTATE

Agenda

How to build a large-scale recognition engine using big data

STEP 1:

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STEP 2:

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STEP 3:

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Agenda

How to build a large-scale recognition engine using big data

STEP 1:

Build a Large Knowledge Base

STEP 2:

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STEP 3:

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Get a list of
everything



Crawl the web

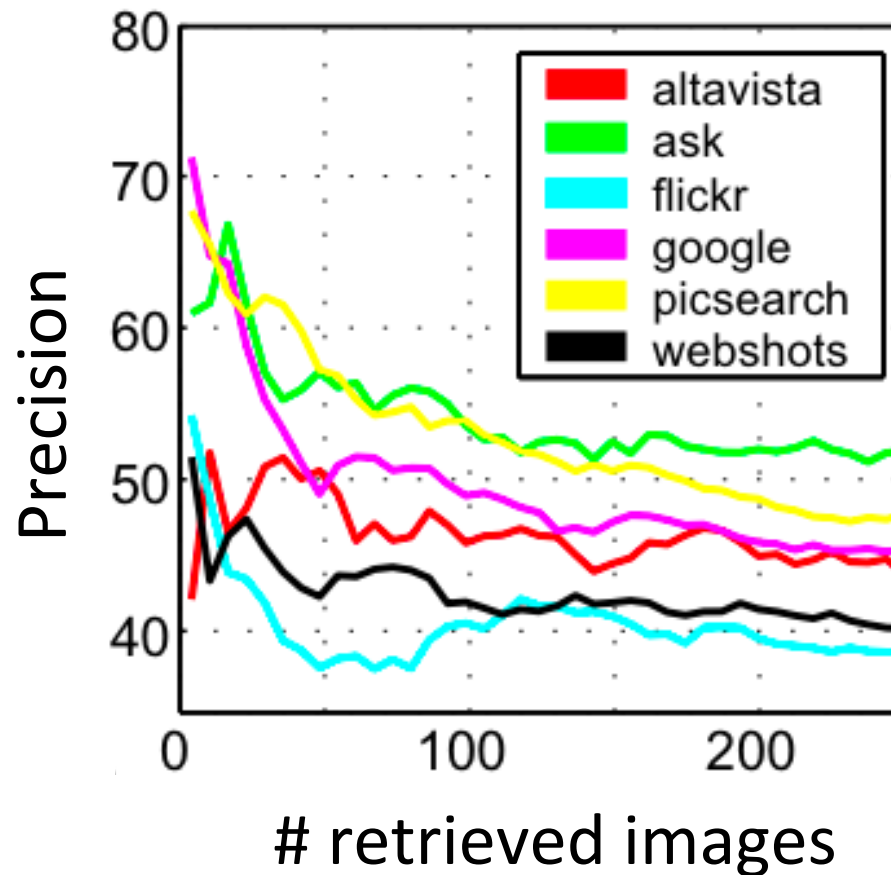


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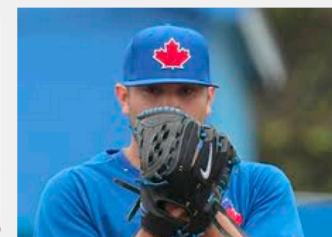
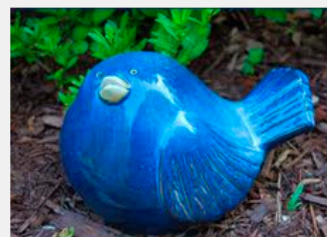
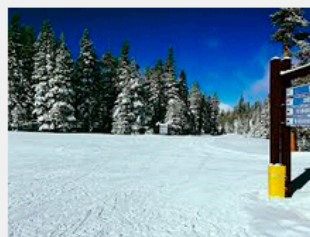
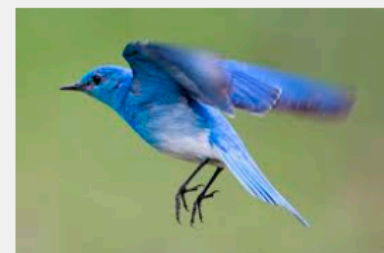
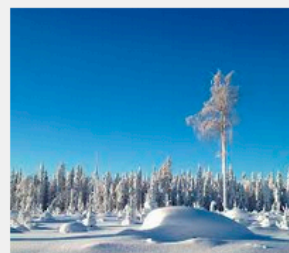
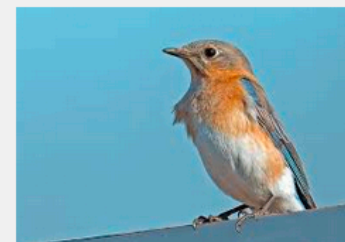
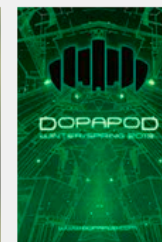
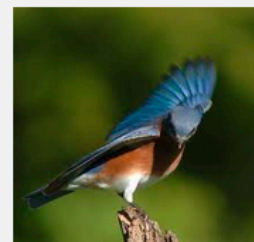
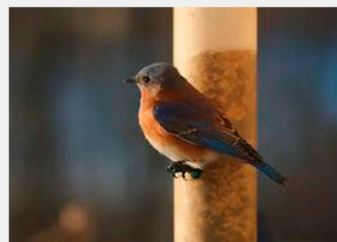
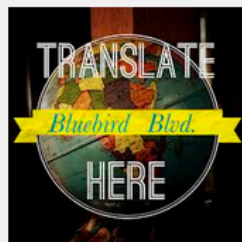
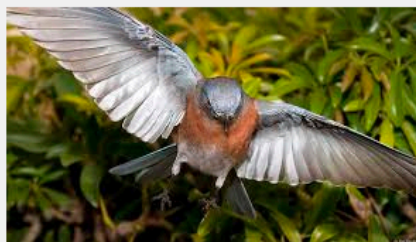
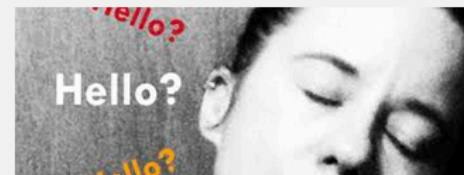
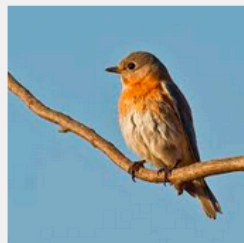
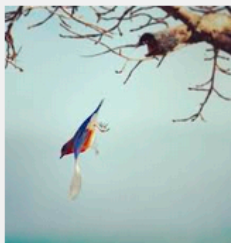
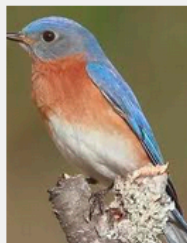
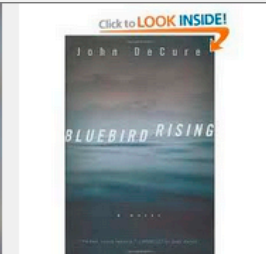
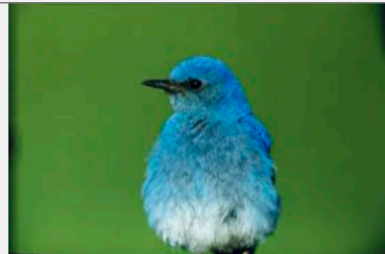


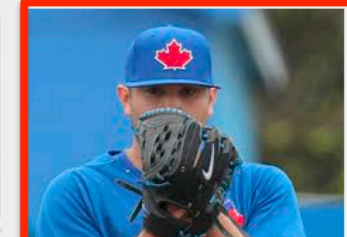
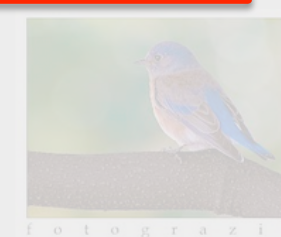
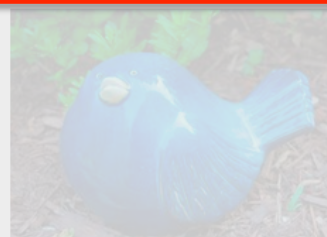
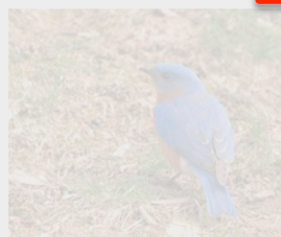
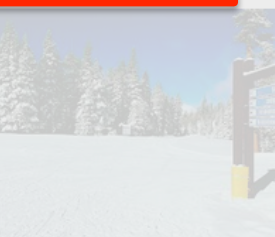
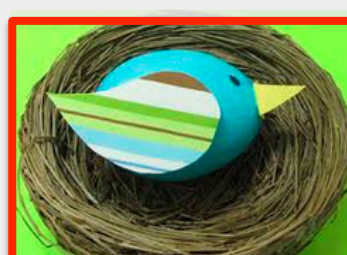
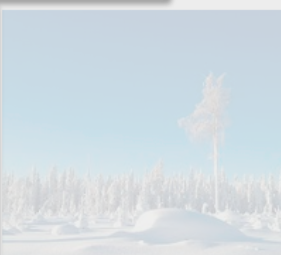
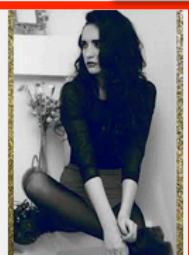
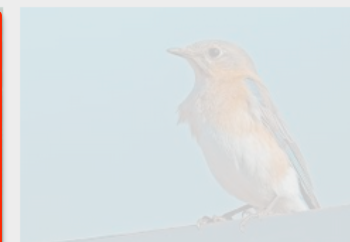
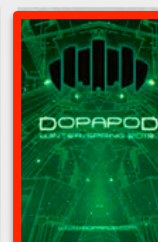
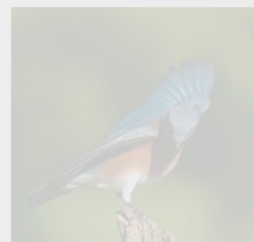
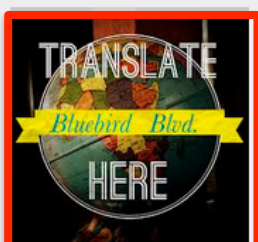
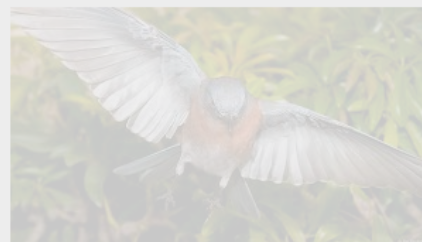
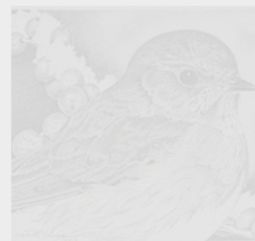
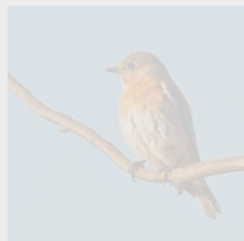
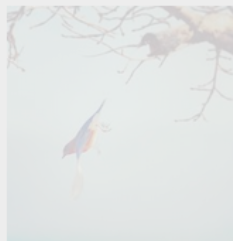
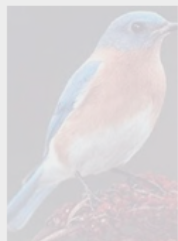
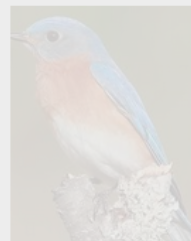
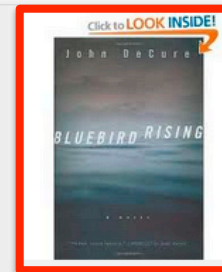
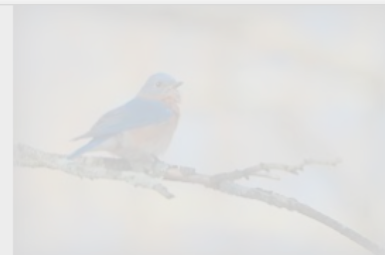
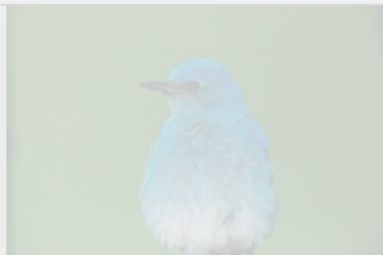
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What you get may not be what you want.



[Torralba, Fergus, Freeman '08]





Get a list of
everything



Crawl the web



Clean up



- Expert constructed
- Rich structure
 - Taxonomy, Partonomy
- Senses disambiguated
- Widely used



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Graduate Students



Good at complex tasks



Good quality



Very few of them



High cost



Estimate: 20 Years, \$2M+

Graduate Students

Good at complex tasks



Good quality



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The Crowd



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Mixed quality



Many of them



Low cost



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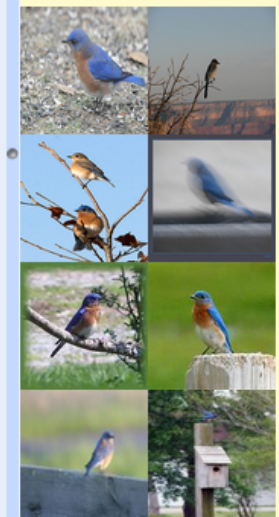
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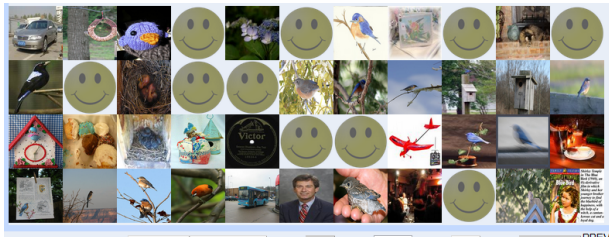
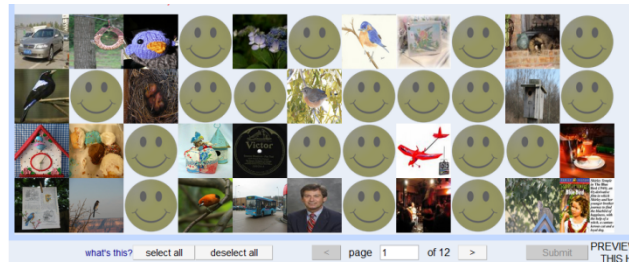
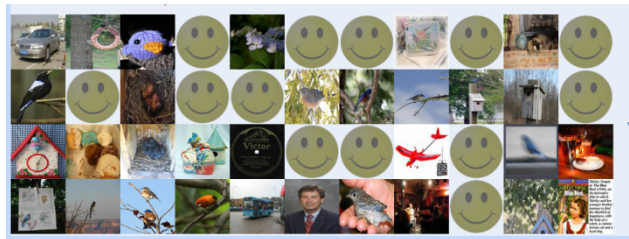
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Dealing with Mixed Quality



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Quality Control
(Probabilistic
Models)

[Sheng et al. '08]
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More?

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Bluebird

Blue North American songbird

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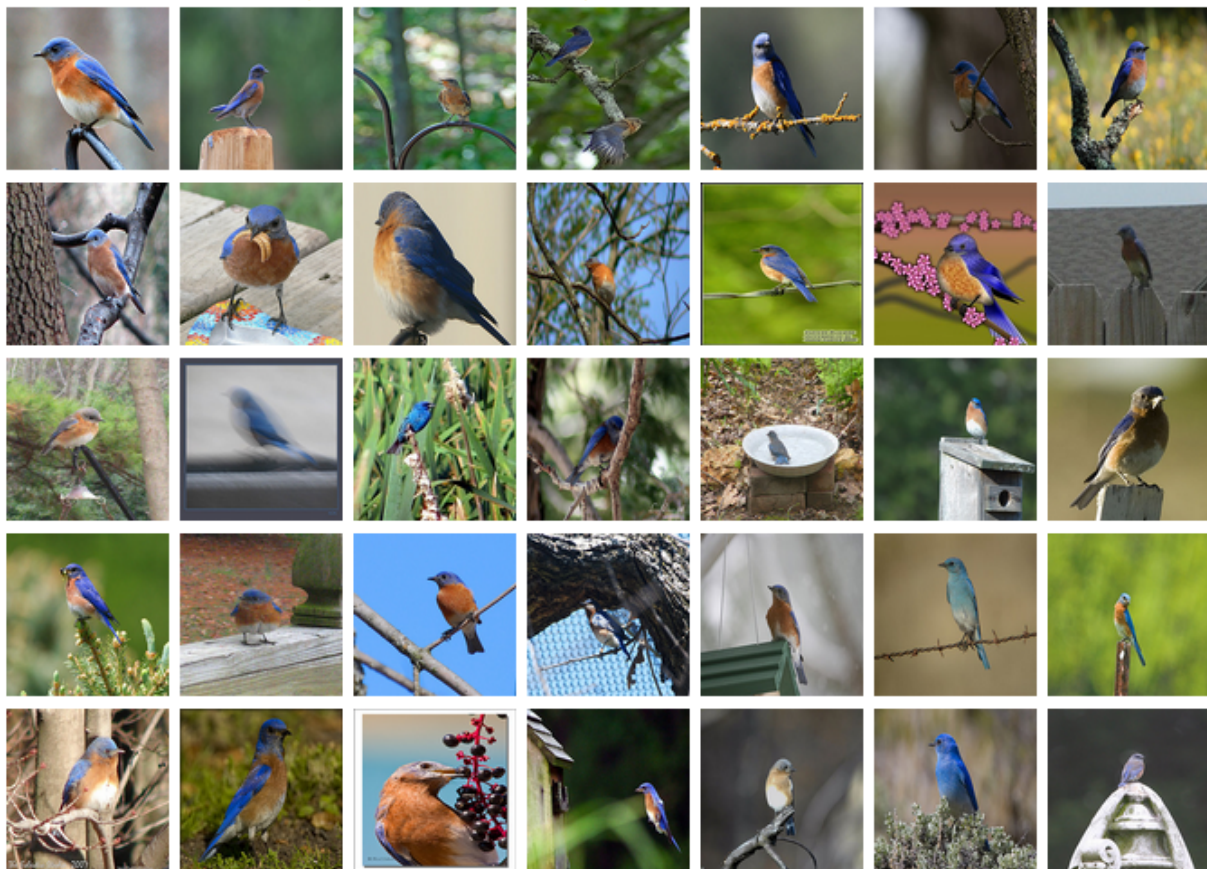
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22K categories and **14M** images

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 - Tree
 - Flower
 - Food
 - Materials
- Structures
 - Artifact
 - Tools
 - Appliances
 - Structures
- Person
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 - Sport Activities

Number of Labeled Images

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ImageNet, 14M
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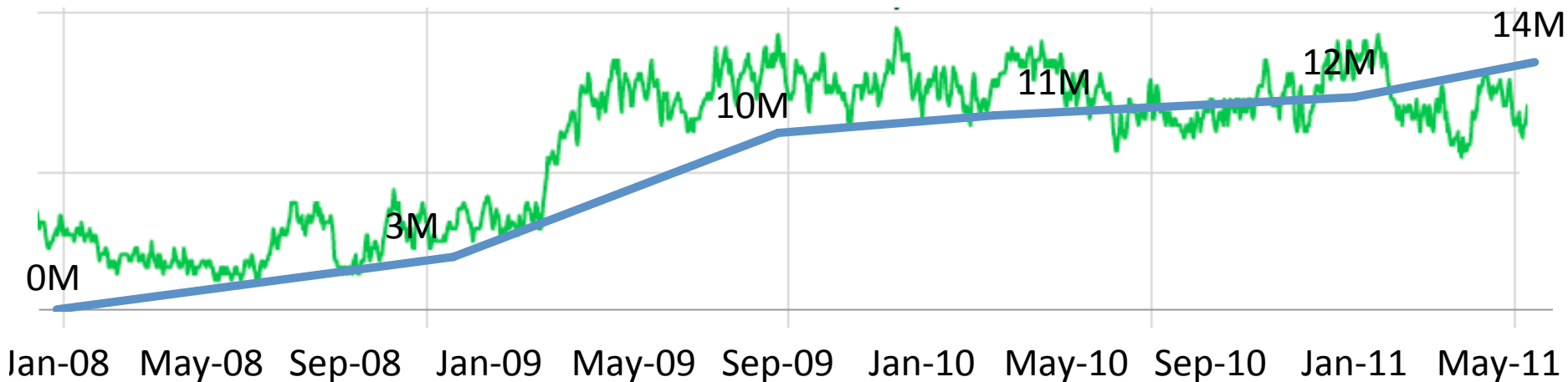


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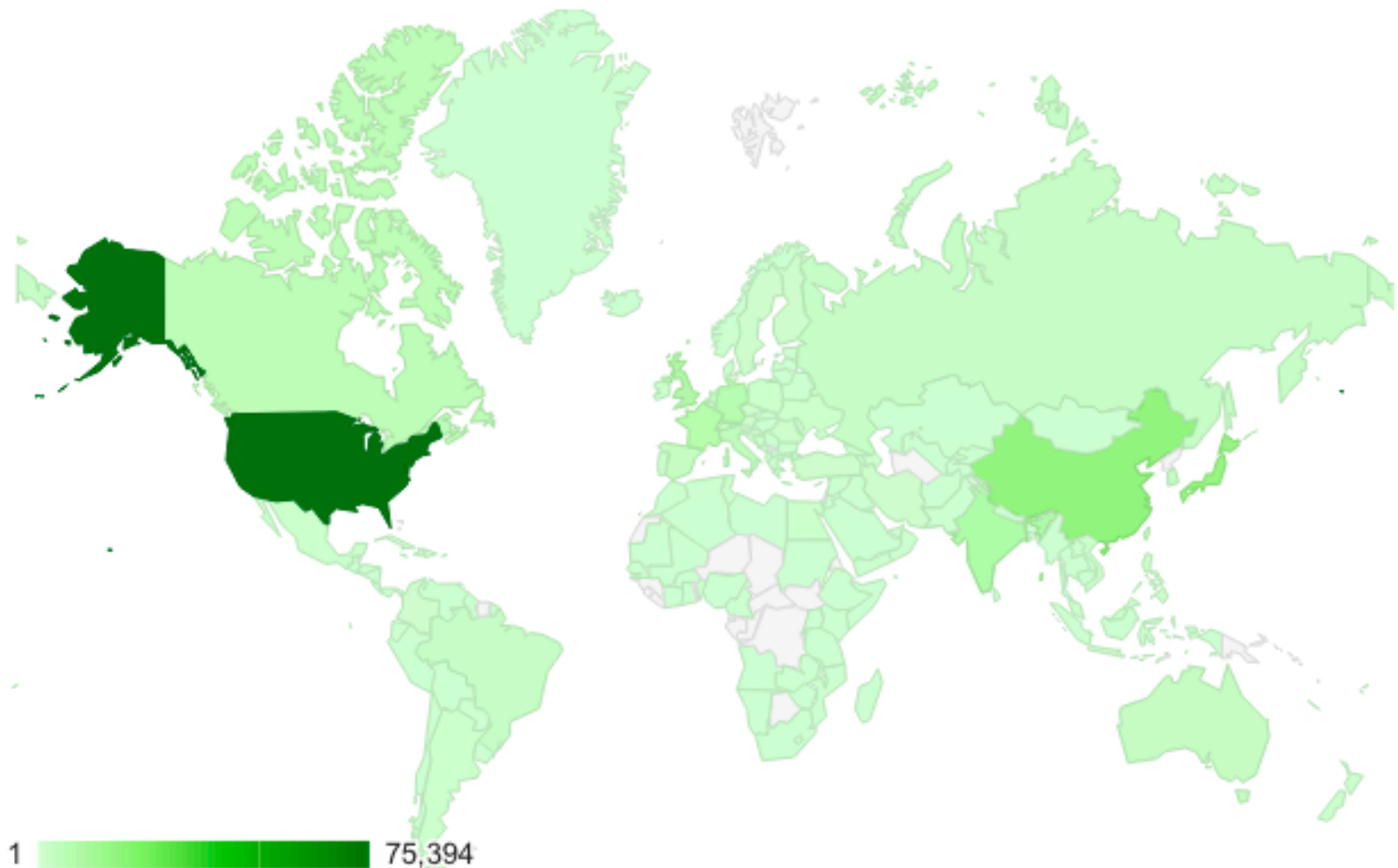
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— *U.S. economy outlook (Gallup)*
— *Number of images in ImageNet*



Research Impact of ImageNet

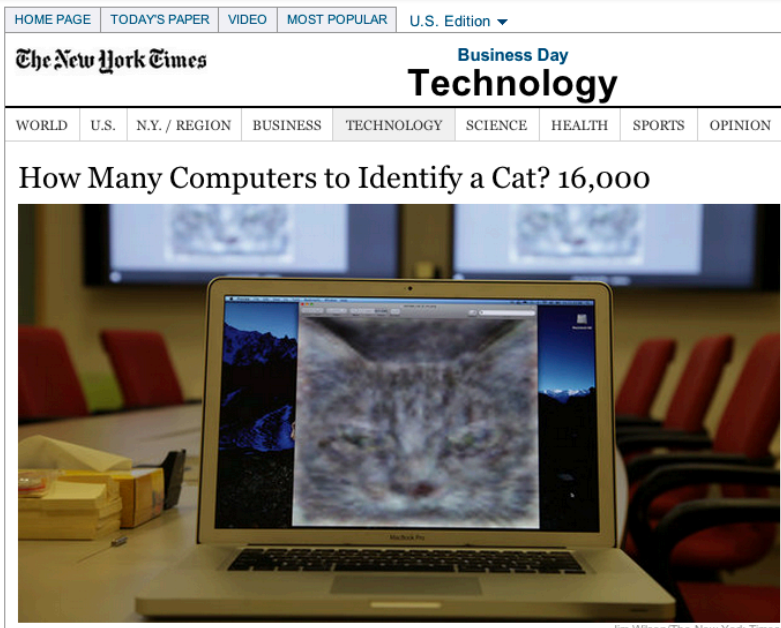
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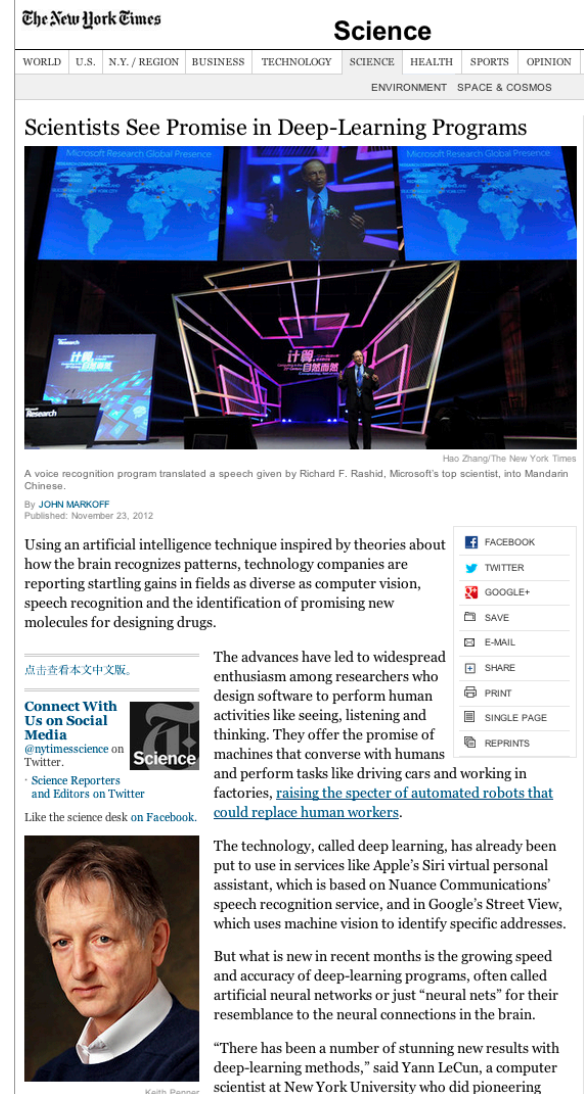


ECCV 2012
Best paper Award

Kuettel, Guillaumin, Ferrari. **Segmentation Propagation in ImageNet. ECCV 2012**



Le et al. **Building high-level features using large scale unsupervised learning. ICML 2012.**



Krizhevsky, Sutskever, Hinton. **ImageNet classification with deep convolutional neural networks. NIPS 2012**

Seeking a Better Way to Find Web Images

By JOHN MARKOFF

Published: November 19, 2012

STANFORD, Calif. — You may think you can find almost anything on the Internet.

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But even as images and video rapidly come to dominate the Web, search engines can ordinarily find a given image only if the text entered by a searcher matches the text with which it was labeled. And the labels can be unreliable, unhelpful (“fuzzy” instead of “rabbit”) or simply nonexistent.

To eliminate those limits, scientists will need to create a new generation of visual search technologies — or else, as the Stanford computer scientist [Fei-Fei Li](#) recently put it, the Web will be in danger of “going dark.”

Now, along with computer scientists from Princeton, Dr. Li, 36, has built the world’s largest visual database in an effort to mimic the human vision system. With more than 14 million labeled objects, from obsidian to orangutans to ocelots, the database has become a vital resource for computer vision researchers.

The labels were created by humans. But now machines can learn from the vast database to recognize similar, unlabeled objects, making possible a striking increase in recognition accuracy.

This summer, for example, two Google computer scientists, Andrew Y. Ng and Jeff Dean, tested the new system, known as [ImageNet](#), on a huge collection of labeled photos.

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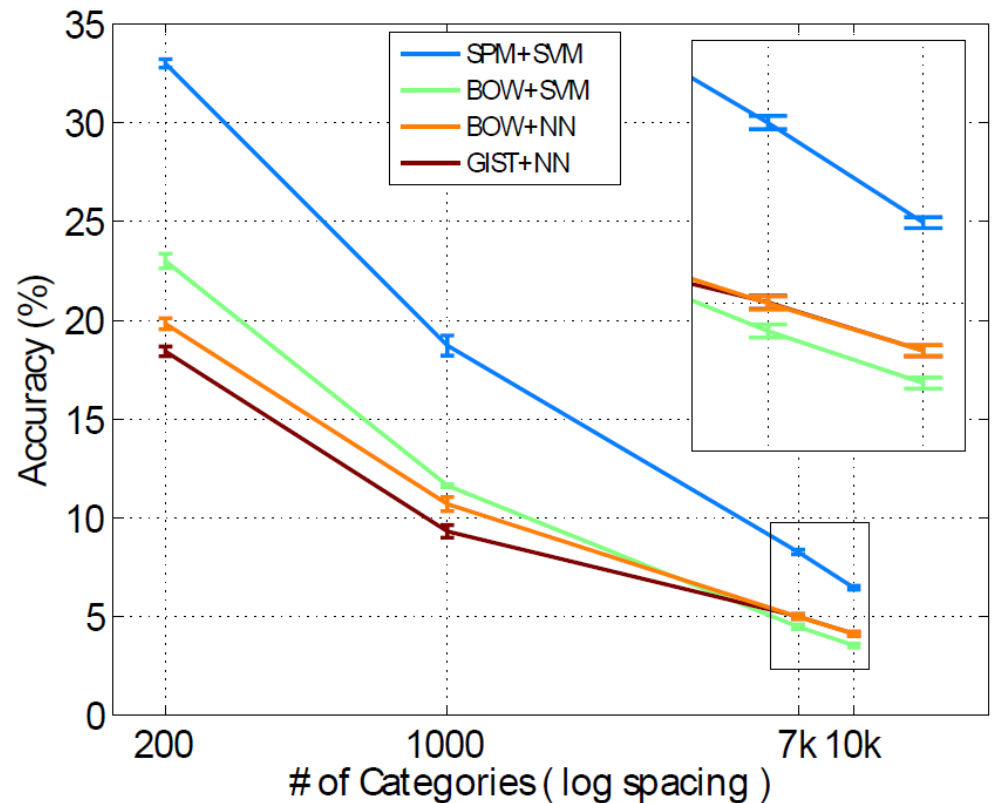
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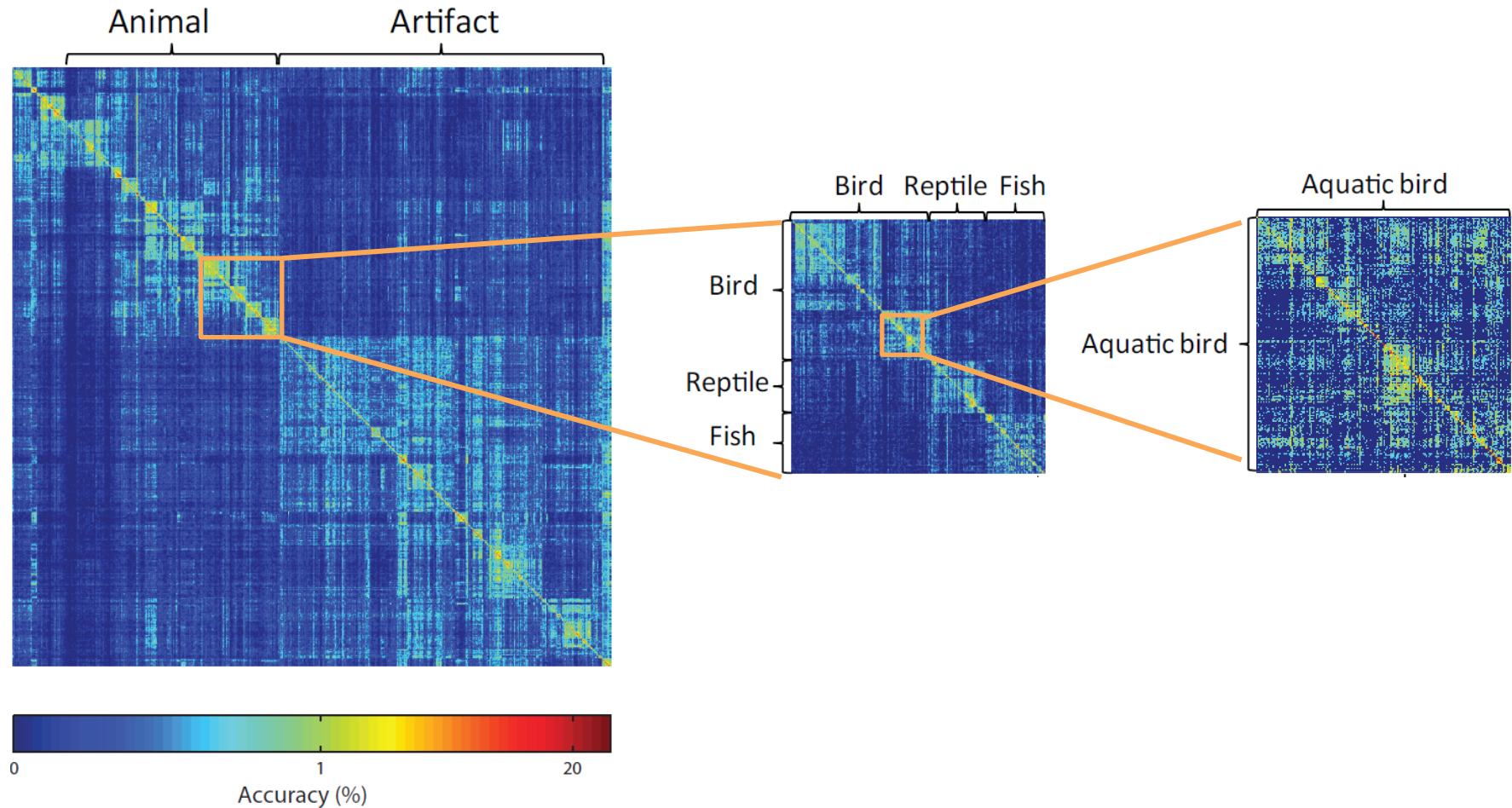
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Learn to Classify 10K Classes

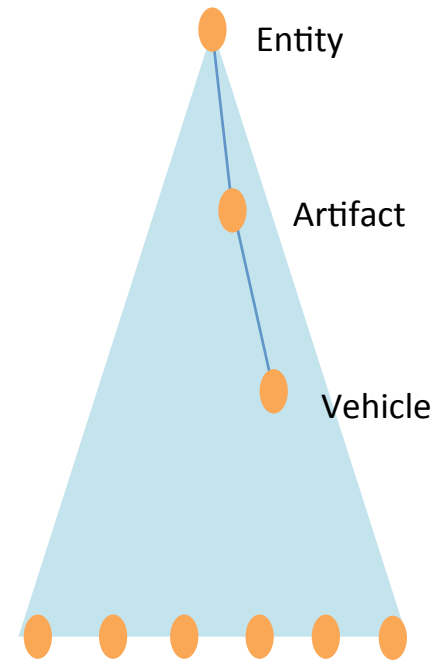
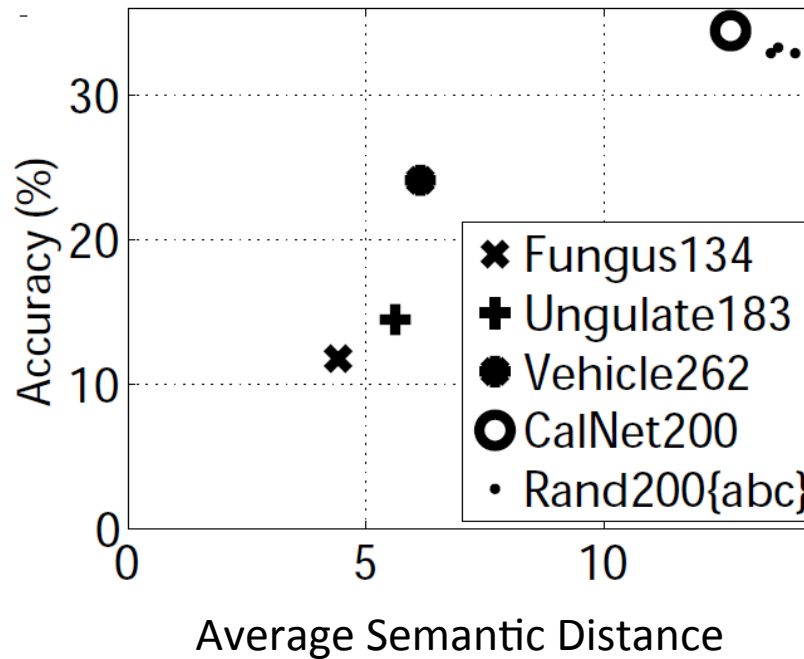
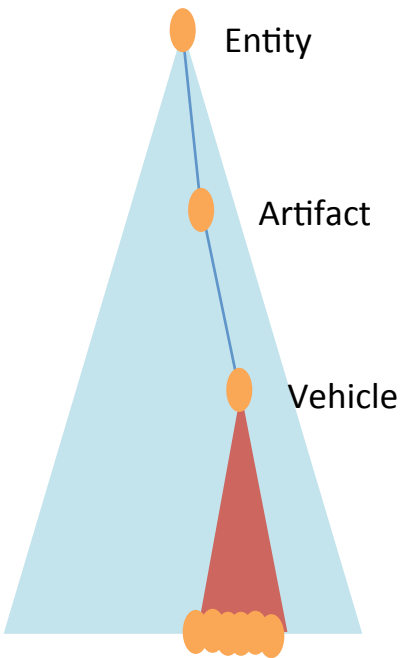
- 9 Million images
- 4 methods
 - SPM+SVM [Lazebnik et al. '06]
 - BOW+SVM [Csurka et al. '04]
 - BOW+NN
 - GIST+NN [Oliva et al. '01]
- 6.4% for 10K categories



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Fine-grained categories are a lot harder



Finer

Coarser

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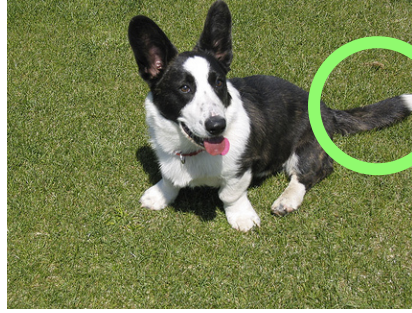
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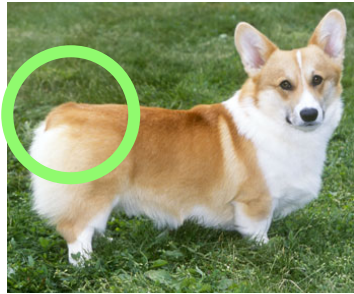
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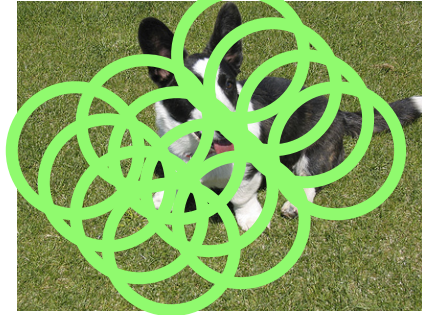
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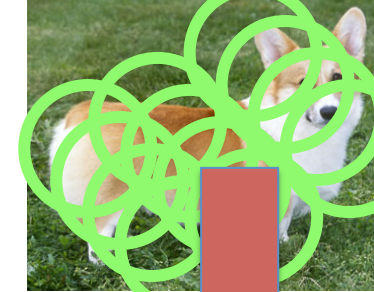
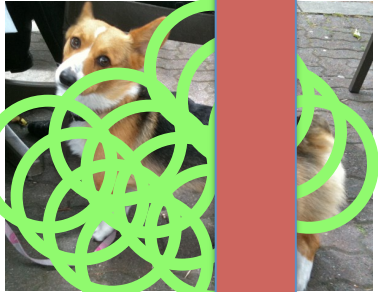
Key: Find the right features.

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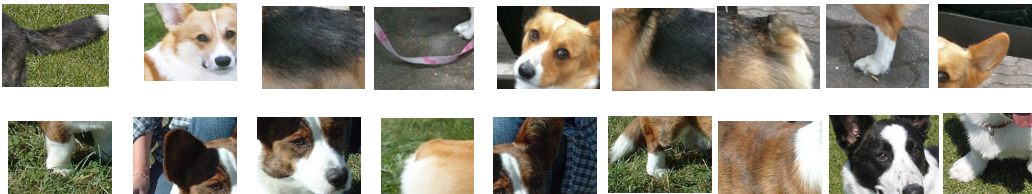
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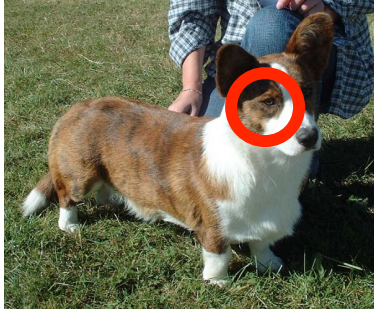
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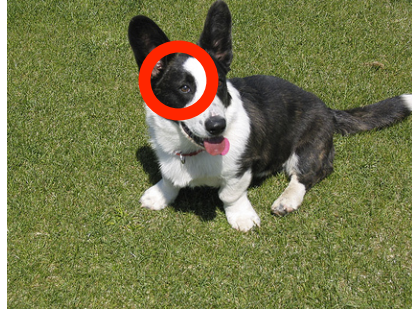
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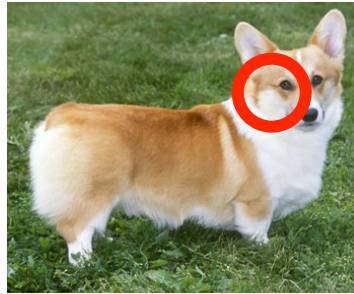
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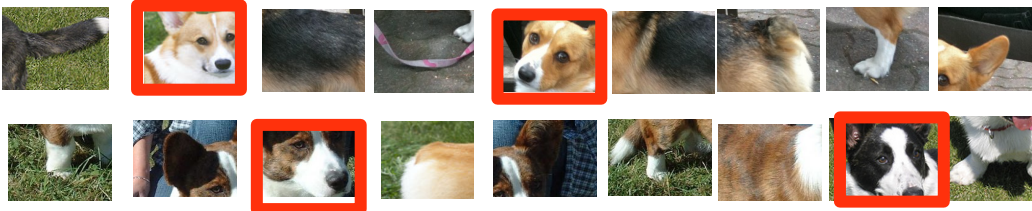
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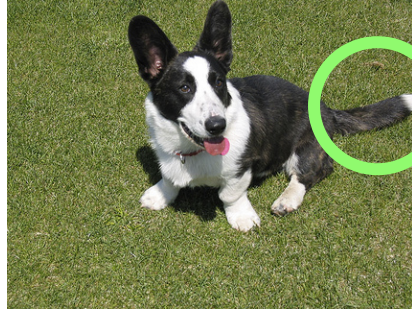
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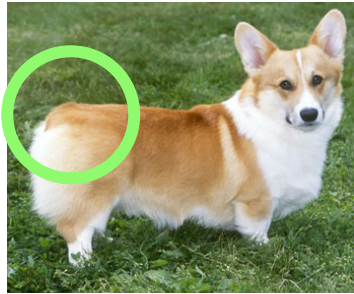


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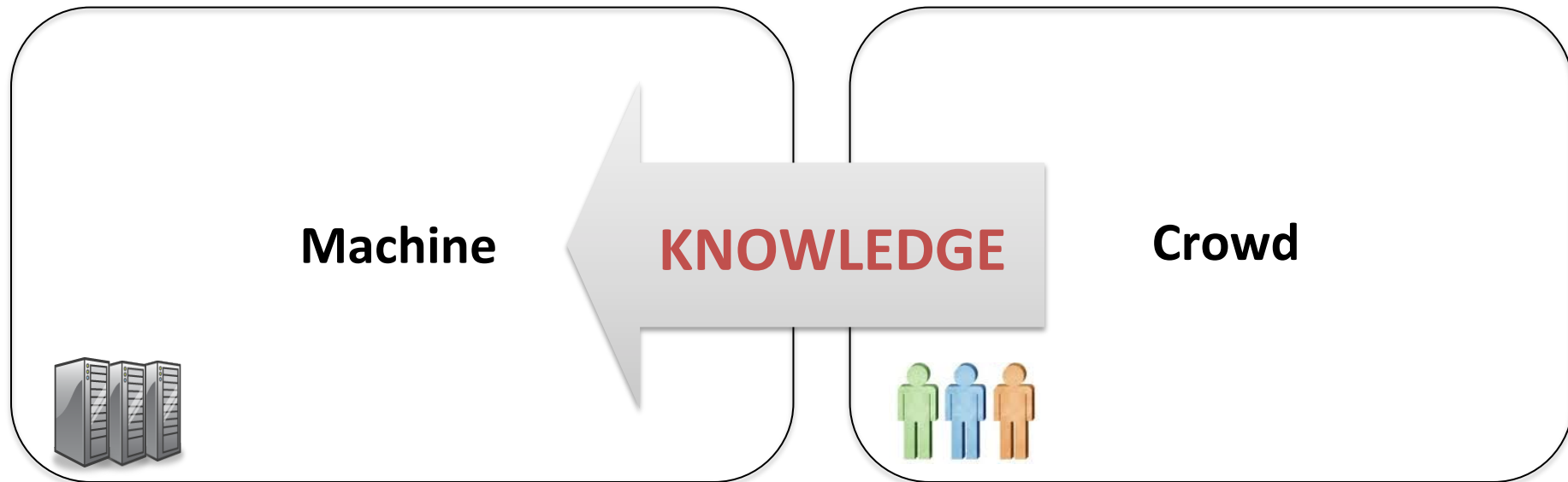
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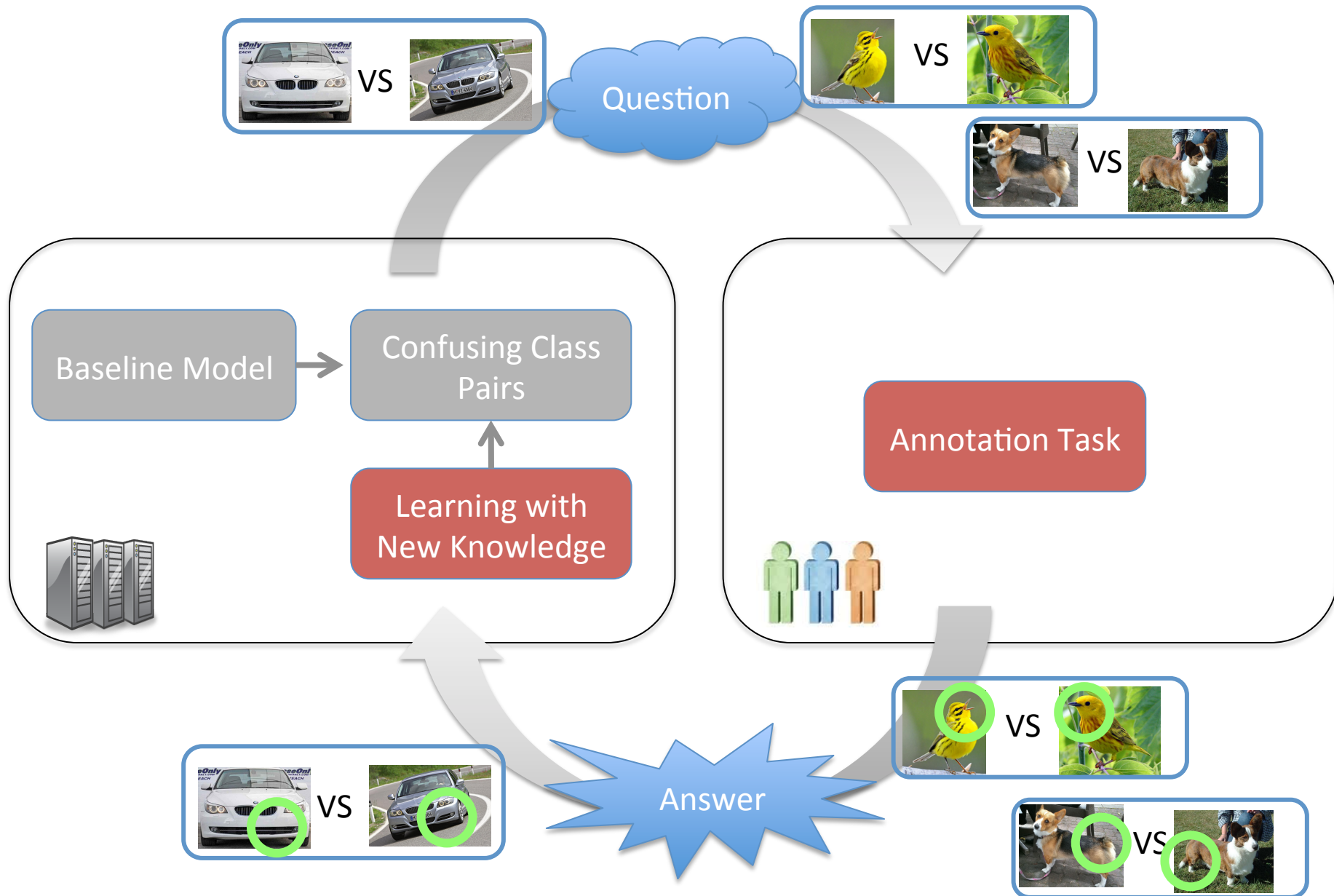


How to help computers select features?

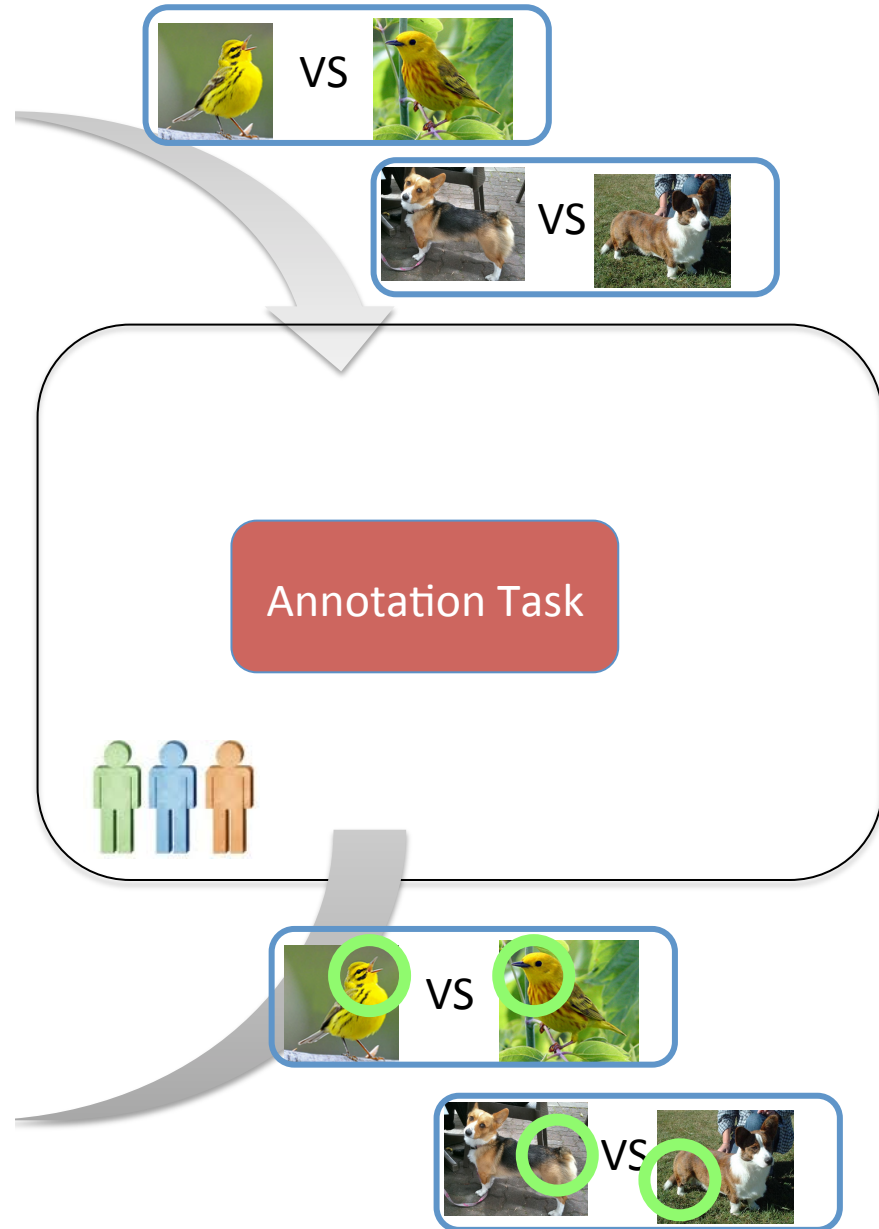
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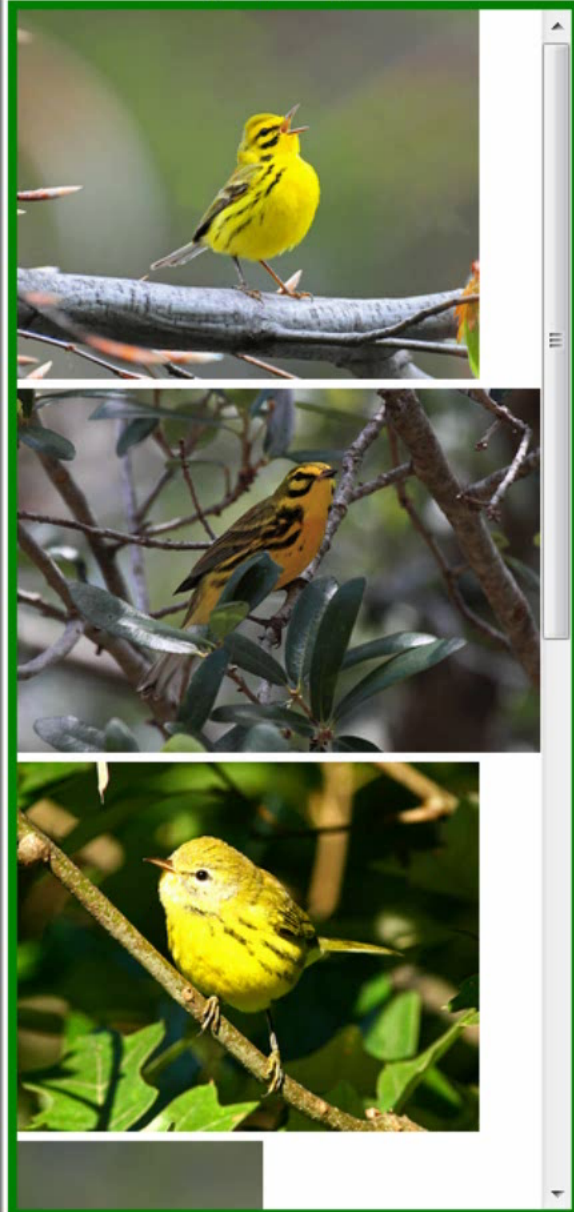
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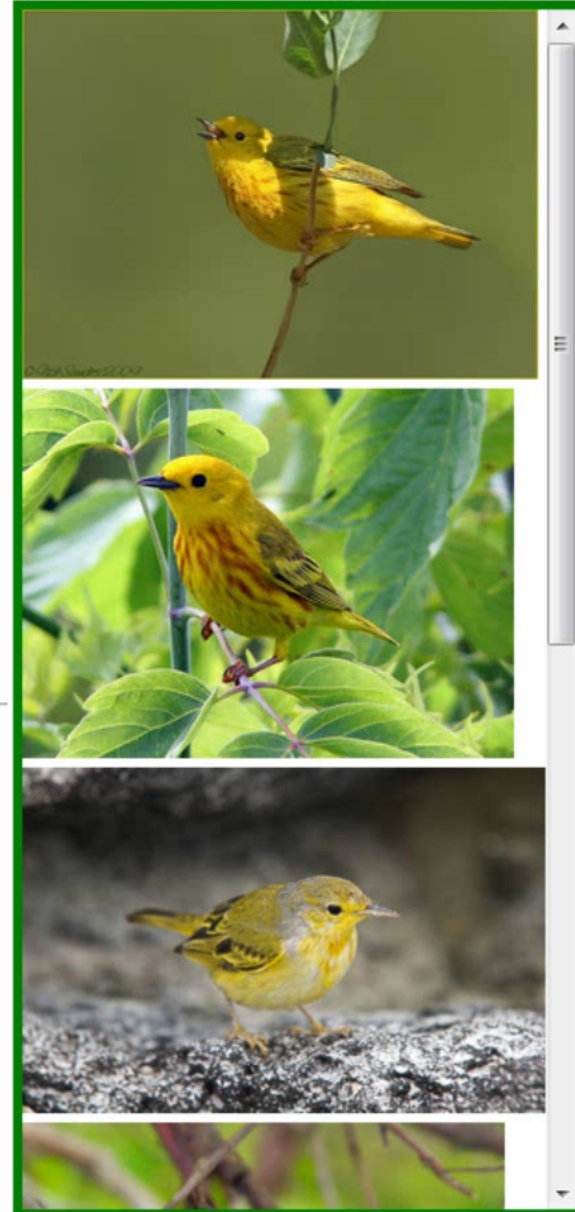
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[Prairie Warbler \(wikipedia\)](#)

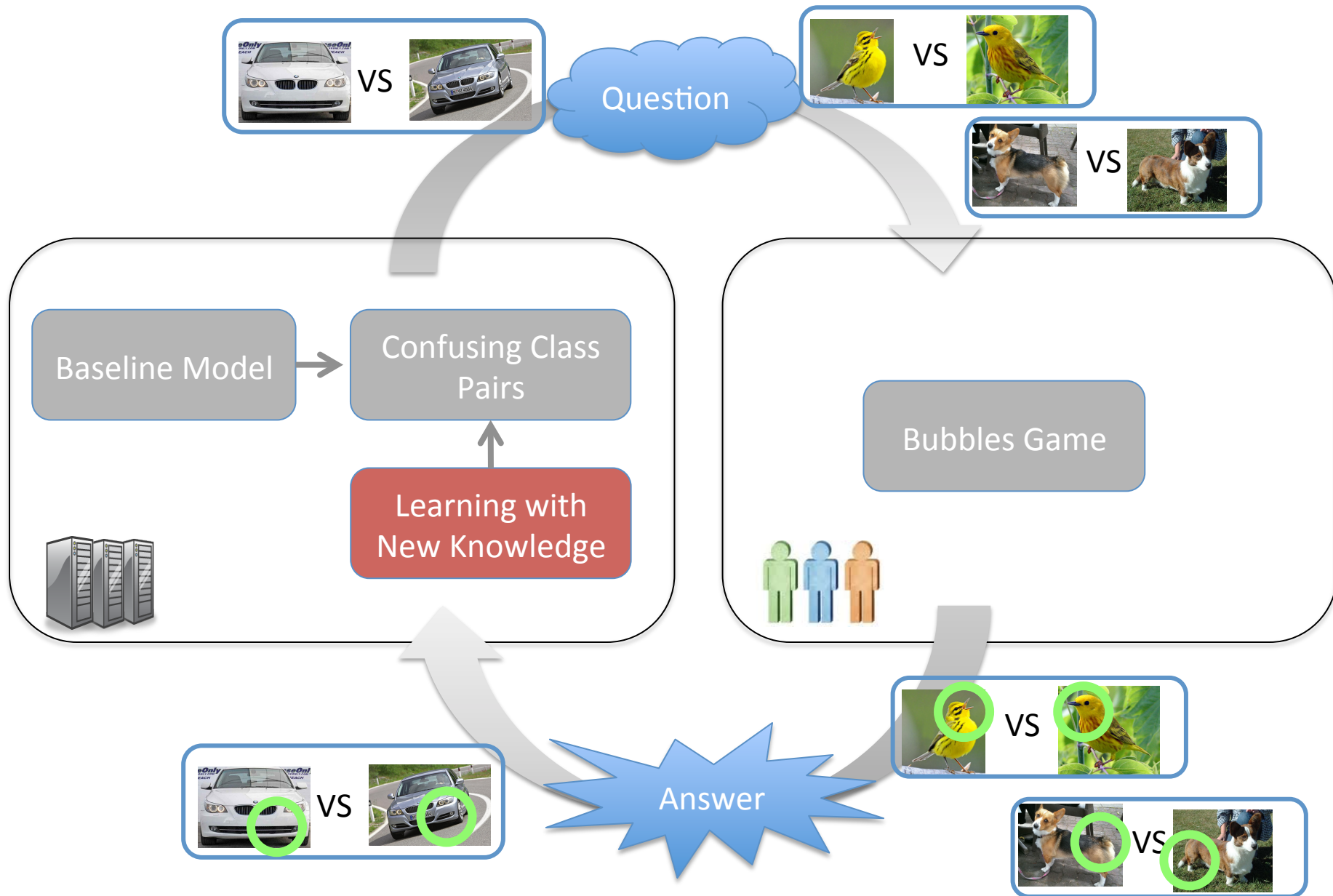


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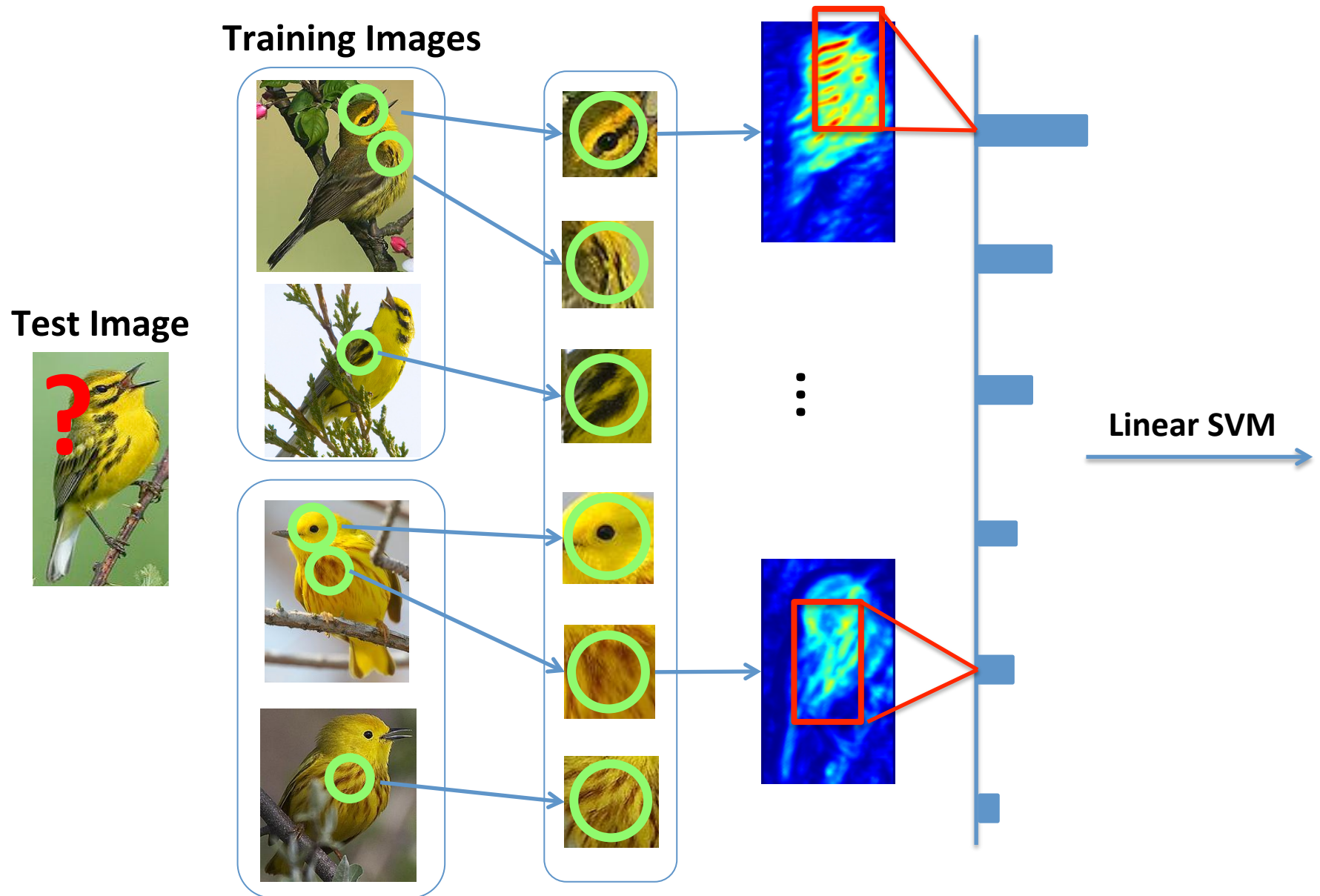
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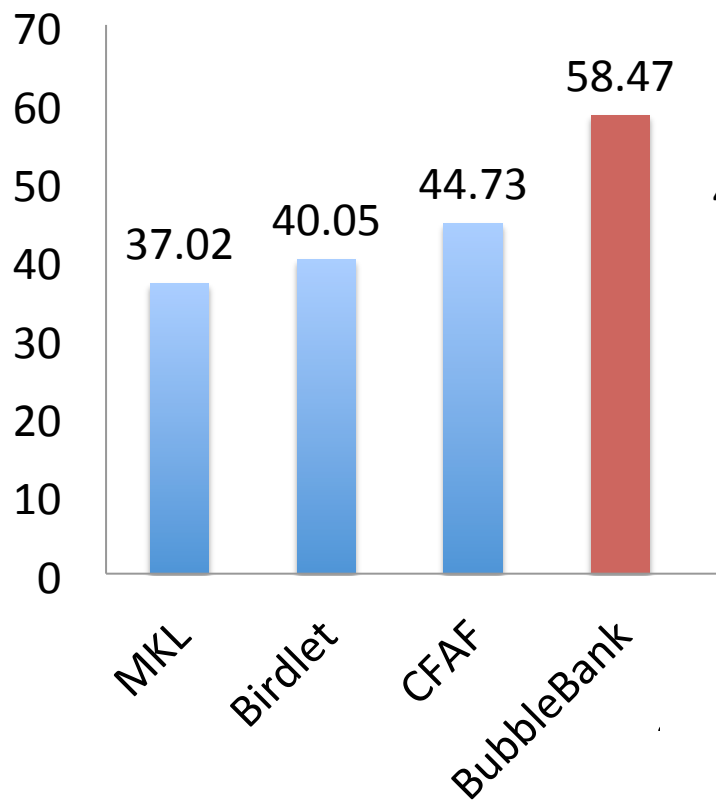
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The BubbleBank Representation

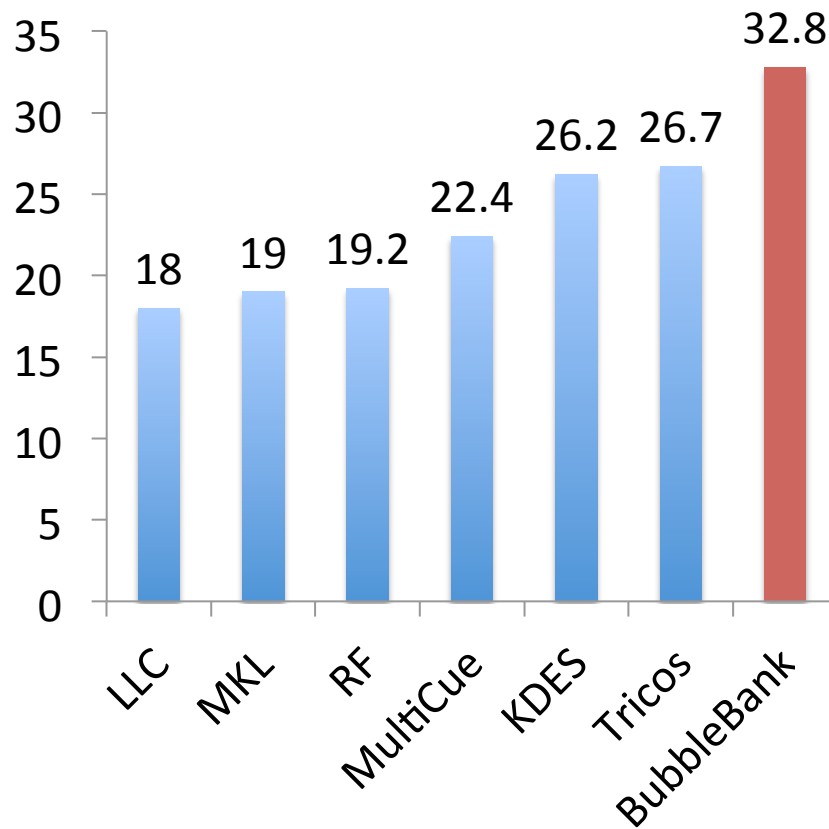


mAP on CUB-14 [Welinder et al. 10]



MKL [Branson et al. '10]
Birdlet [Farrell et al. '11]
CFAF [Yao et al. '12]

Accuracy on CUB-200 [Welinder et al. 10]



MKL [Branson et al. '10]
LLC [Wang et al. '09]
RF [Yao et al. '11]
MultiCue [Khan et al. '11]
KDES [Bo et al. '10]
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Top Activated Bubbles (successful predictions)



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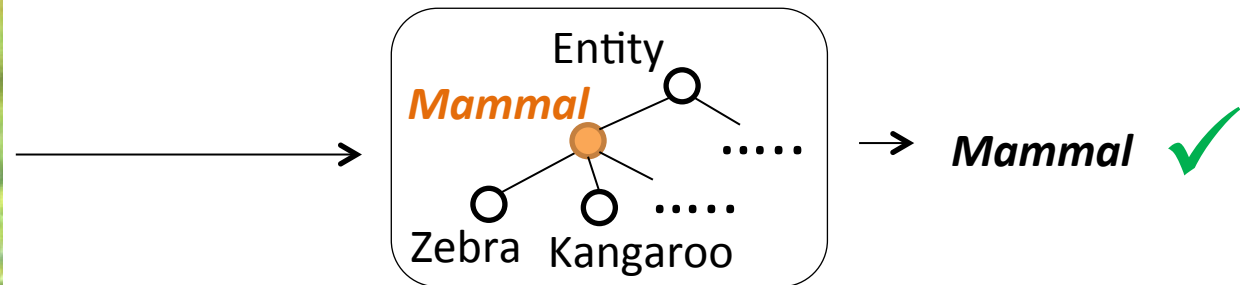
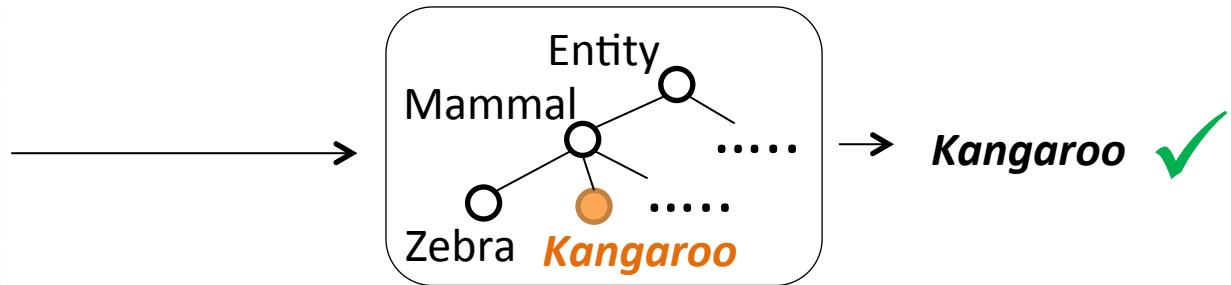
The Current State of the Art

10K classes	32.6%	Krizhevsky et al. NIPS 2012
20K classes	15%	Le et al. NIPS 2012

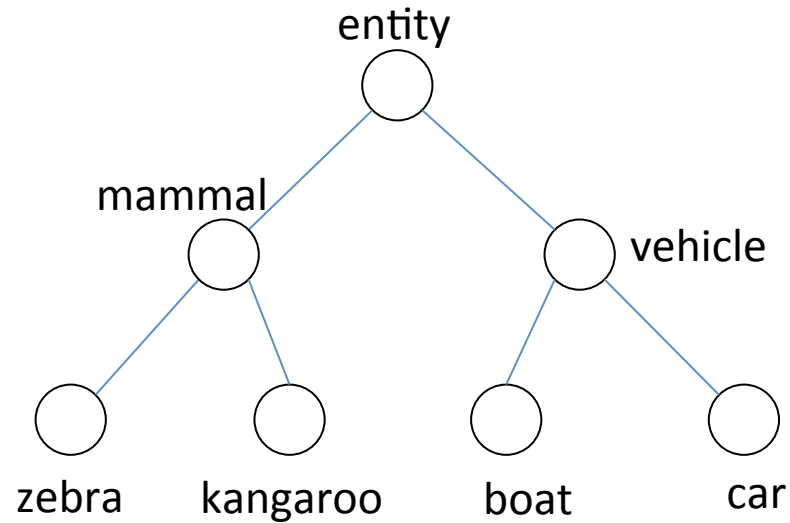
Not quite practical yet...

But we are measuring the very fine-grained level

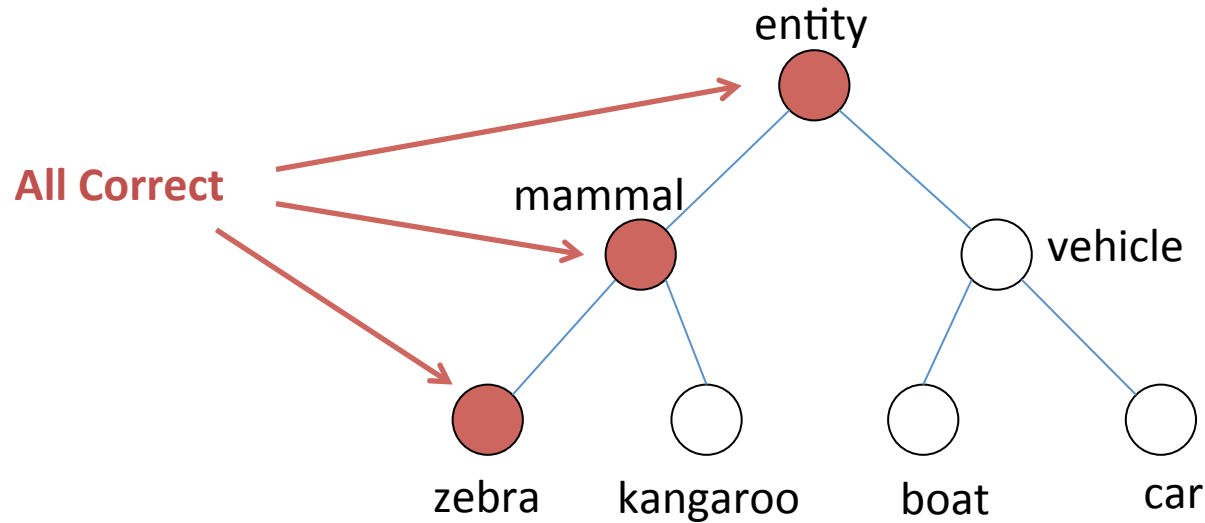
Hedging: Be as informative as possible with few mistakes



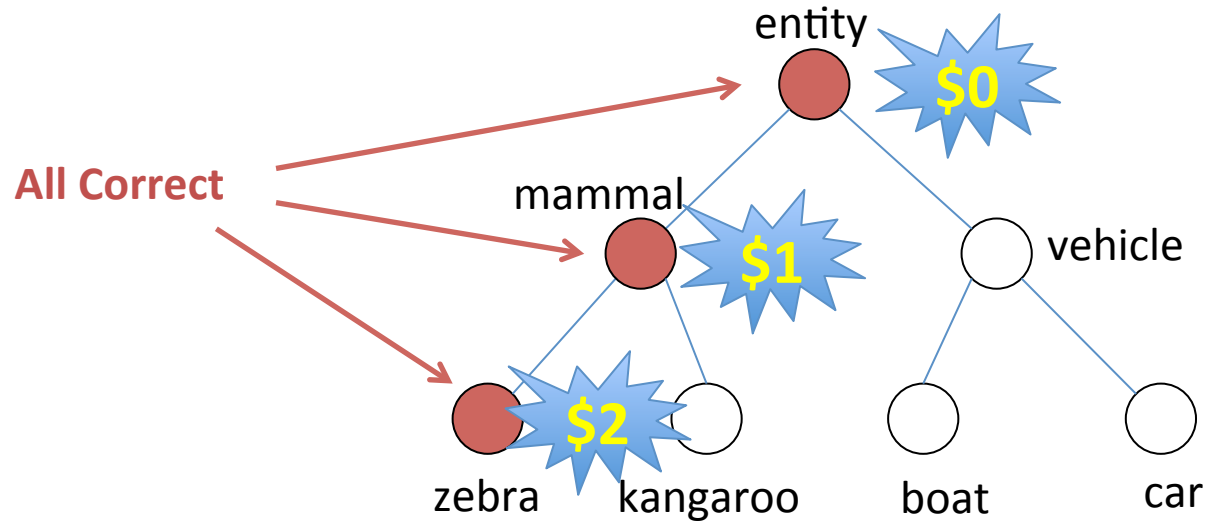
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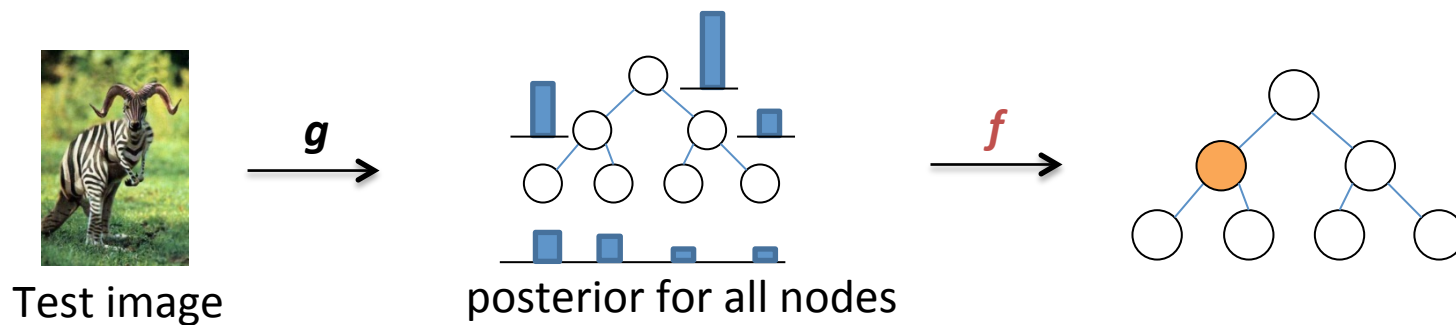
Assumptions

- Same distribution for training and test.
- A base classifier g that gives posterior probability on the hierarchy.

Goal

- Find a *decision rule* f
 - Expected accuracy $A(f)$ is at least $1 - \epsilon$
 - Maximize expected reward $R(f)$

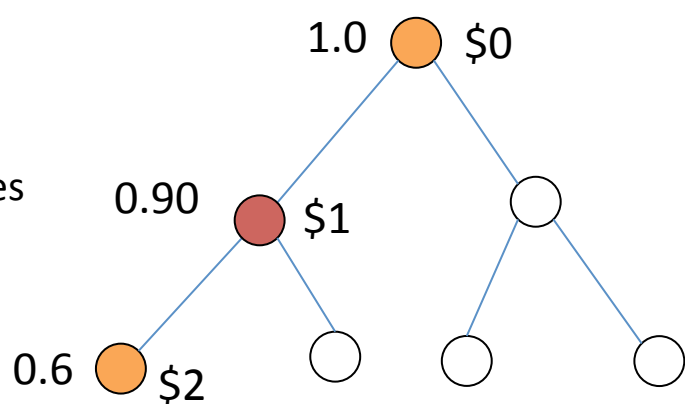
$$\begin{aligned} & \underset{f}{\text{Maximize}} \quad R(f) \\ & \text{Subject to} \quad A(f) \geq 1 - \epsilon \end{aligned}$$



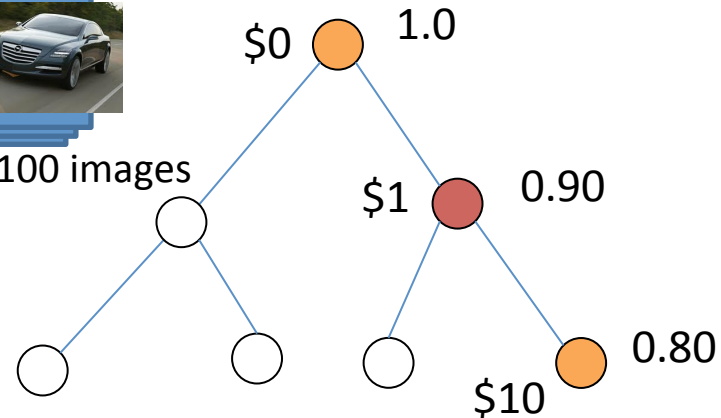
Pick a global confidence threshold $T=0.9$ [Vailaya et al. '99]



100 images



Another 100 images

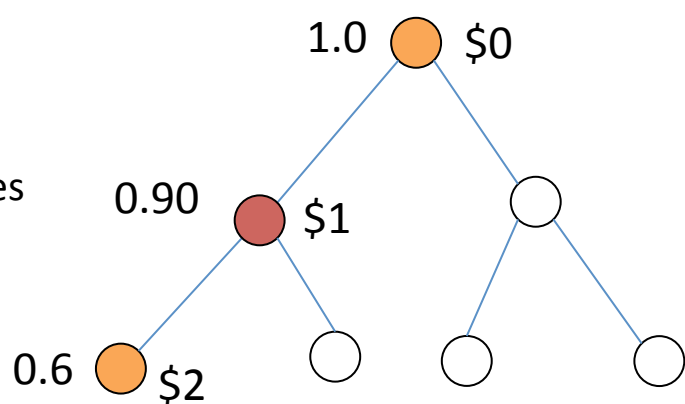


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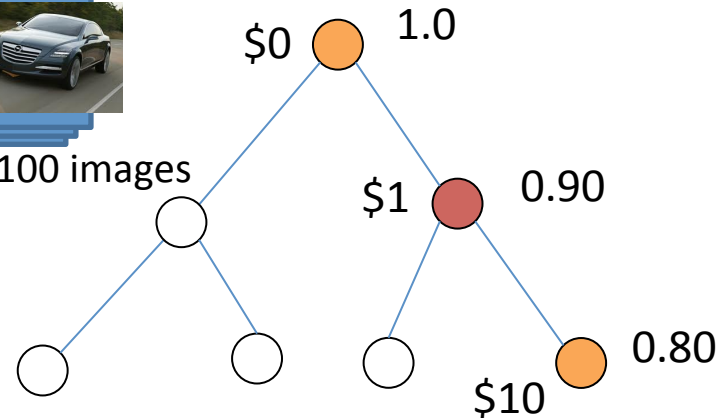
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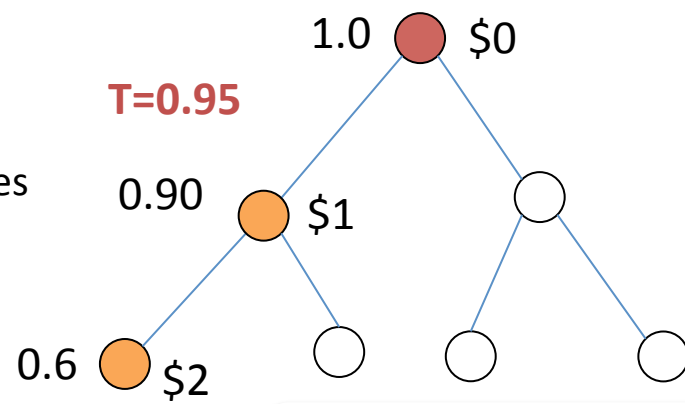
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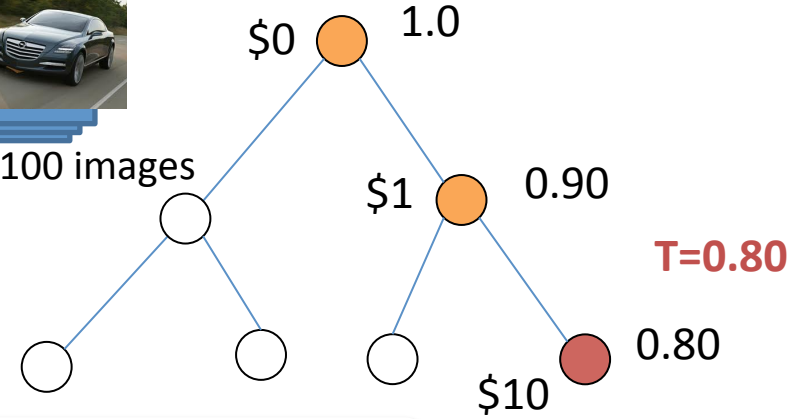
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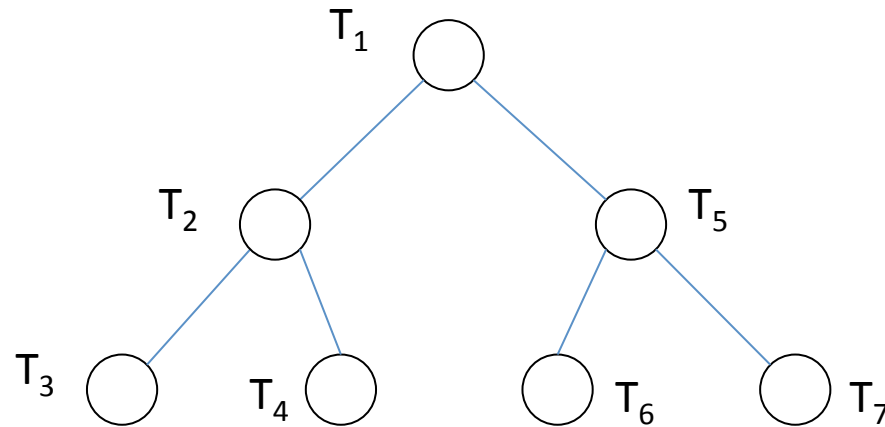
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Reward = $(\$0 * 1.0 + \$10 * 0.80) / 2 = \$4$
Accuracy = $(1.0 + 0.80) / 2 = 0.90$

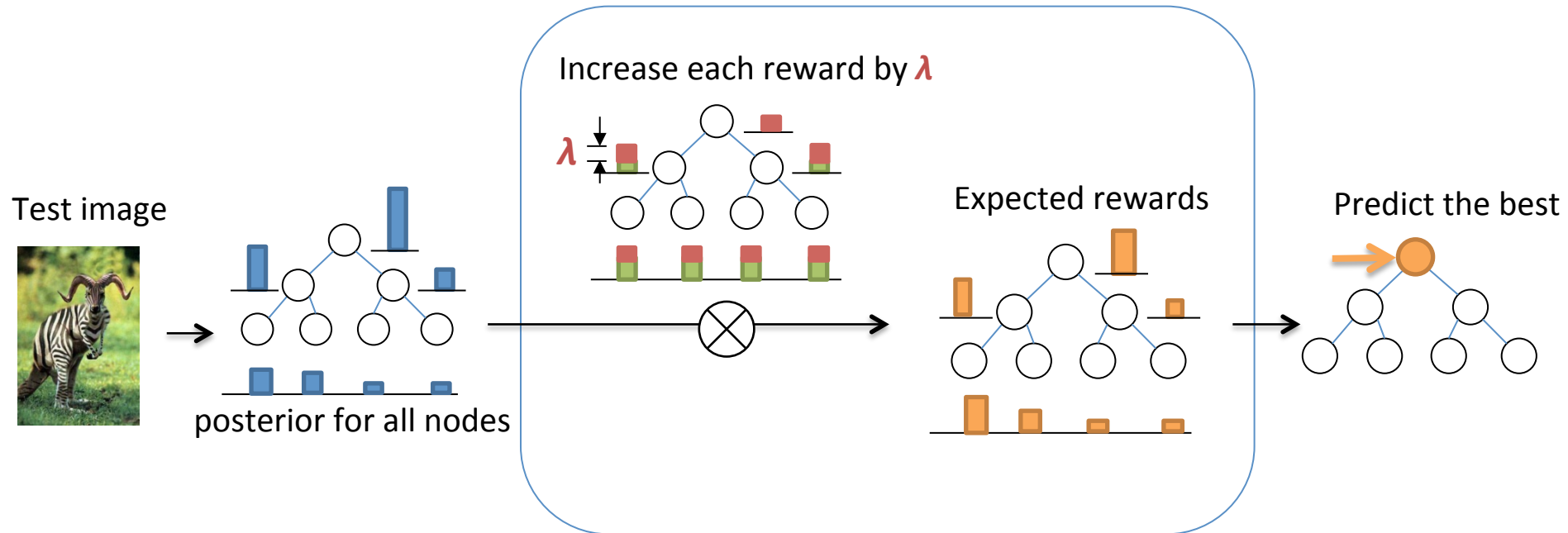


We can optimize individual thresholds...

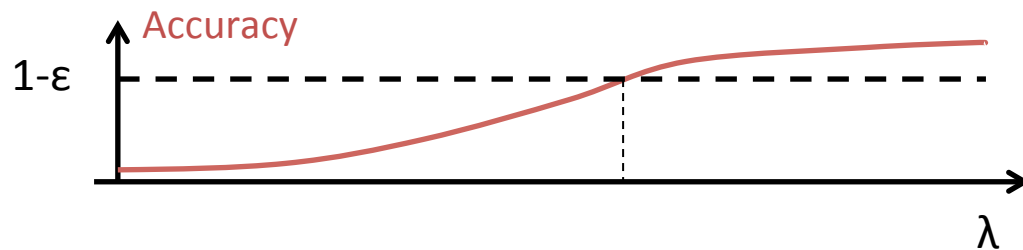
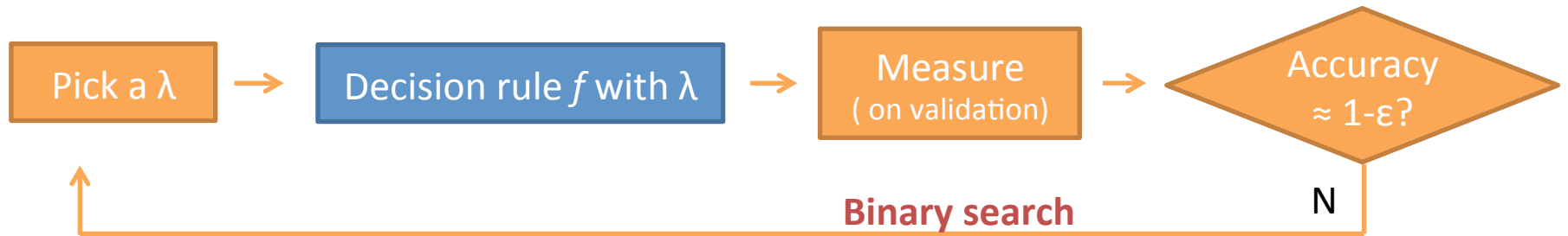
But actually we don't need to.

There is a simpler and provably optimal solution

A global, fixed scalar parameter $\lambda \geq 0$

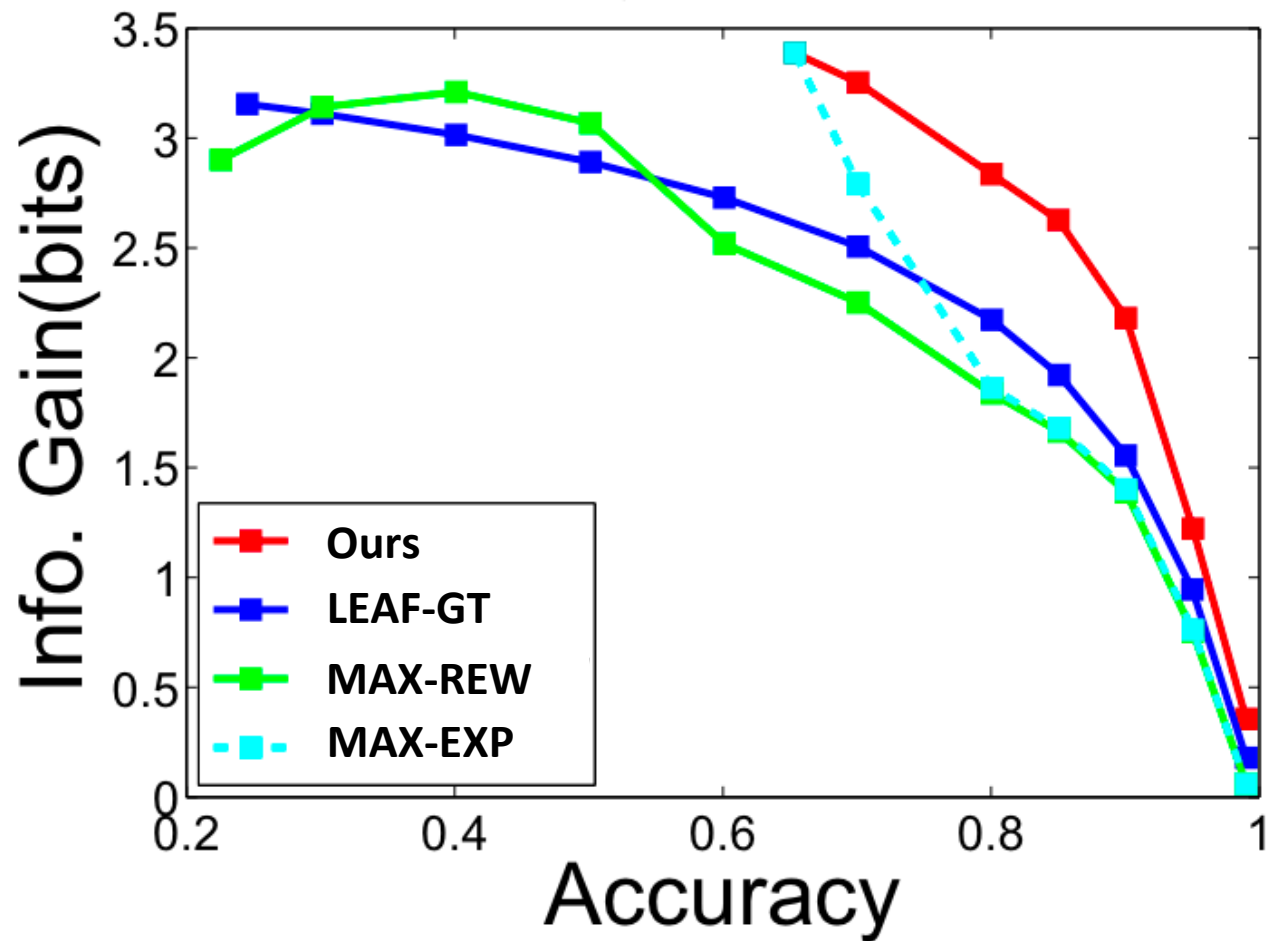


The DARTS algorithm



Theorem: Under very mild conditions, this is optimal.

ImageNet10K





The **EVA system**, powered by **ImageNet**, can annotate images with guaranteed accuracies. It currently recognizes over **10,000** visual categories. See the [project](#) page to find out more.

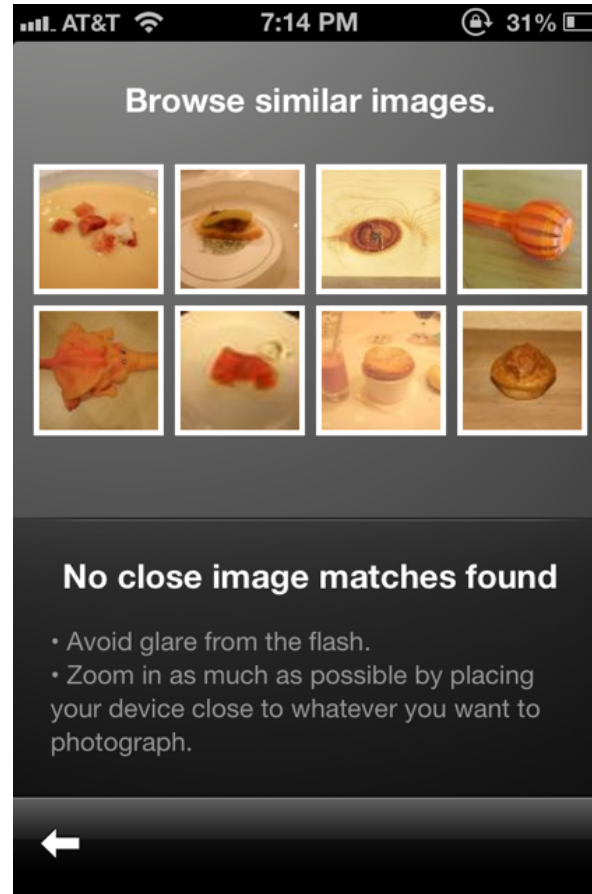
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Google Goggles

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0.95 coffee mug

0.97 mug

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0.90 face , gas pump



0.75 artifact, crater, matter, vertebrate

0.77 crater, matter, vertebrate

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0.86 animal, matter

0.87 animal

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ImageNet Challenge 2013

- 1.2 Million images and 1000 classes
- New PASCAL-style Detection Task
 - Full annotation of 200 classes in test images.
- <http://www.image-net.org/challenges/LSVRC/2013/>

Fine-Grained Challenge 2013

- Competition on Fine-Grained Recognition
 - Airplanes, Birds, Cars, Dogs, Shoes.
- <https://sites.google.com/site/fgcomp2013/>

Thank you!



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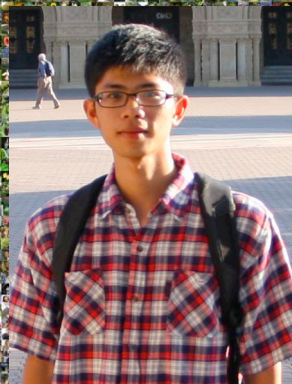
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