
Recent Image Search Techniques: Introduction

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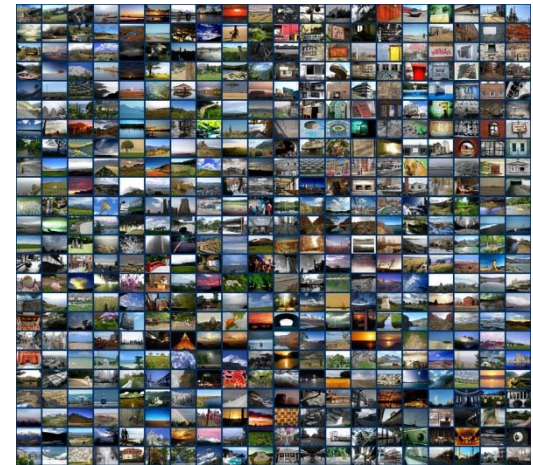
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Web-Scale Visual Data and Novel Applications

- **Visual data are widely used for various communication and, and are more widely consumed at Web and mobile devices**
 - **YouTube, Facebook, Flickr, etc.**
- **Processing them requires scalable algorithms**
- **Web-scale visual data can enable new applications (e.g., photo tourism and scene completion)**



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Photo Tourism



Scene Completion

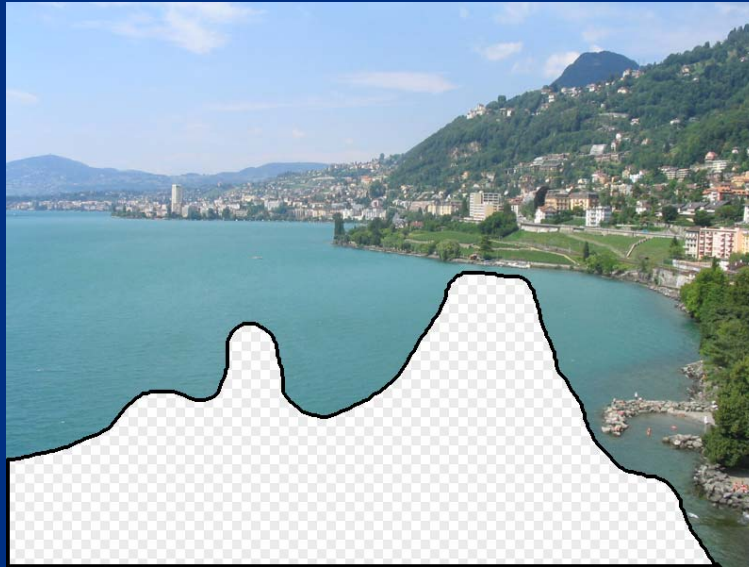


Image Collection



Pixels



Pixels + Semantics

Results



Image Search or Content-Based Image Retrieval (CBIR)

- **Identify similar images given a user-specified image or other types of inputs**

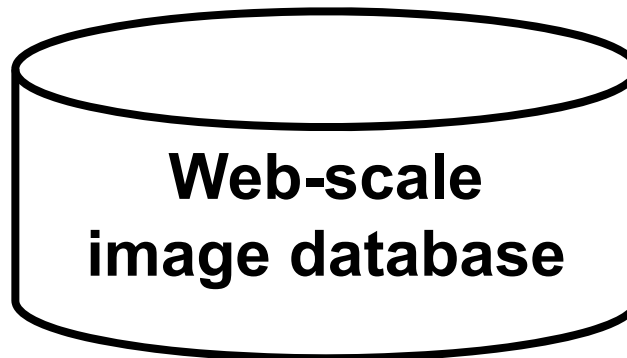
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- **Identify similar images given a user-specified image or other types of inputs**

Extract image descriptors (e.g., SIFT and CNN)



Input



Output



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Sort by **relevance**

Sort by subject

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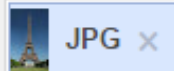
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Full color

Black and white





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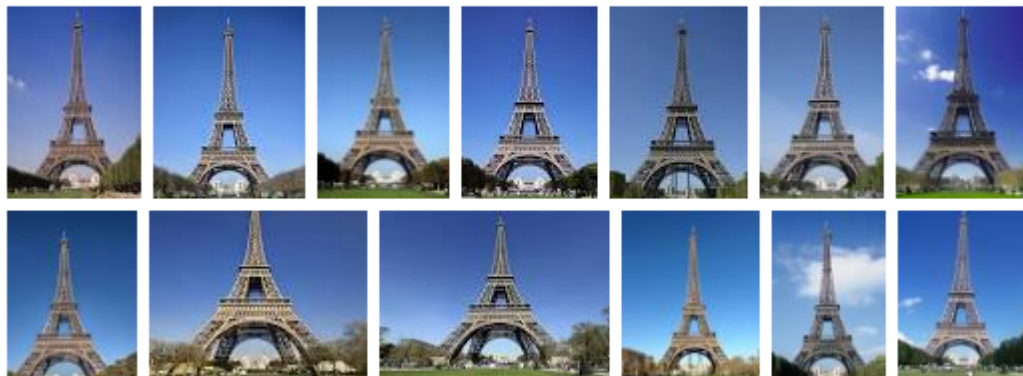
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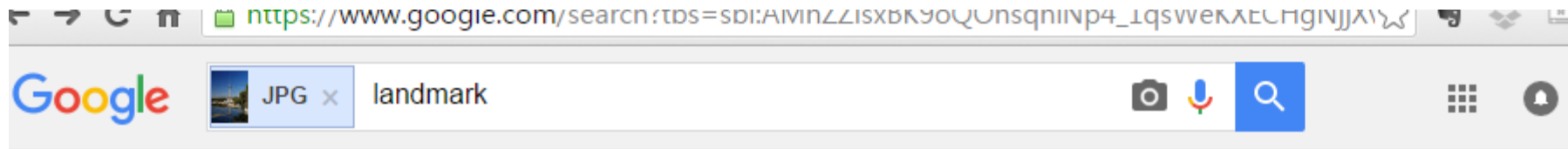


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Applications

- **Search**
- **Image stitching**
- **Object/scene/location recognitions**
- **Copyright detection**
- **Robot motion planning**

Panorama Stitching



(a) Matier data set (7 images)



iPhone version
available



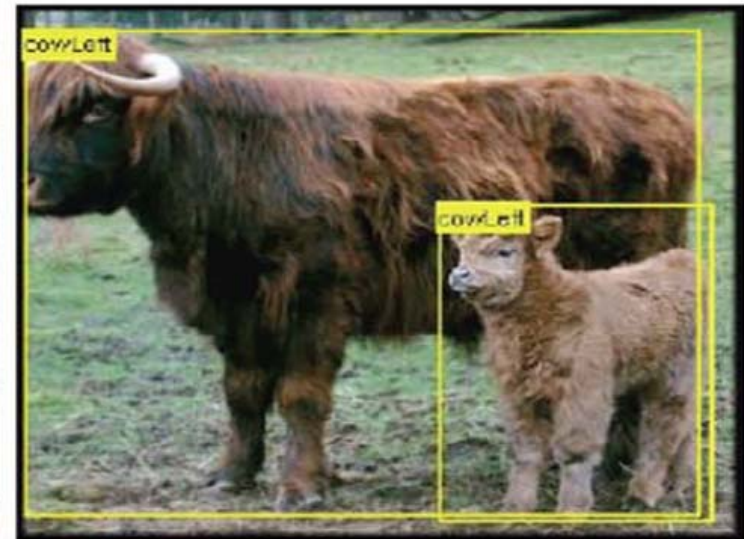
(b) Matier final stitch

[Brown, Szeliski, and Winder, 2005]

<http://www.cs.ubc.ca/~mbrown/autostitch/autostitch.html>

Object Detection

PASCAL challenge



Landmark or Location Detection

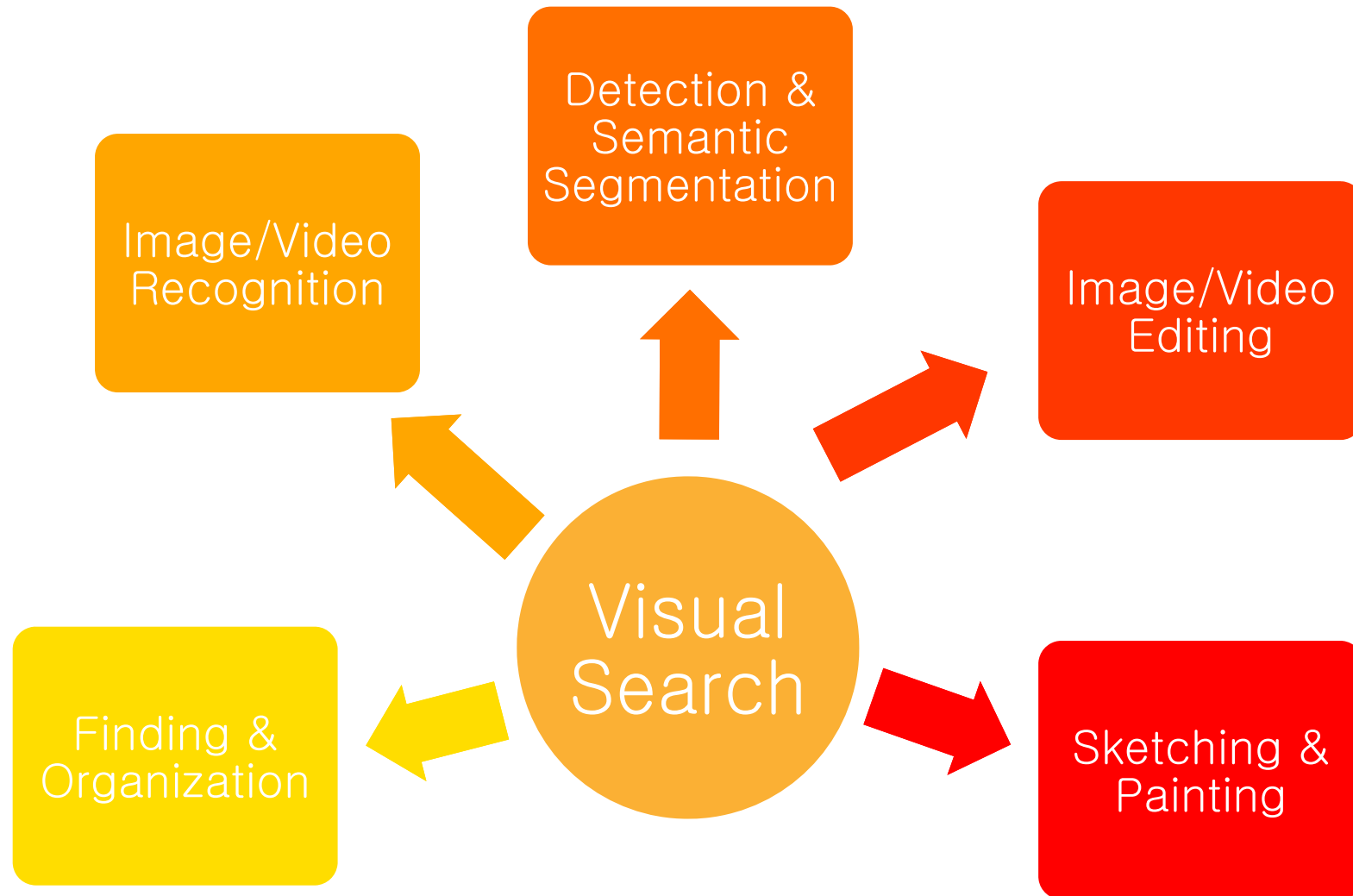


query



City-scale image DB

Possible Application Domains



Issues of Web-Scale Image Search

- **Accuracy issues**
- **Memory issues**
- **Handling dynamic databases of images**
- **Novel applications?**

About the Tutorial

- **We focus on the following things:**
 - **Broad understanding on image search**
 - **In-depth study on recent large-scale image search**

Tutorial Schedule

- **2:00pm, basic materials, S. Yoon**
 - Introduction on image search
 - Compact representations of images
- **3:30pm, 15min break**
- **3:45pm, recent techniques, Z. Lin**
 - Indexing scheme for large-scale image search
 - Applications
- **5:15pm, the end**



Other Related Tutorials

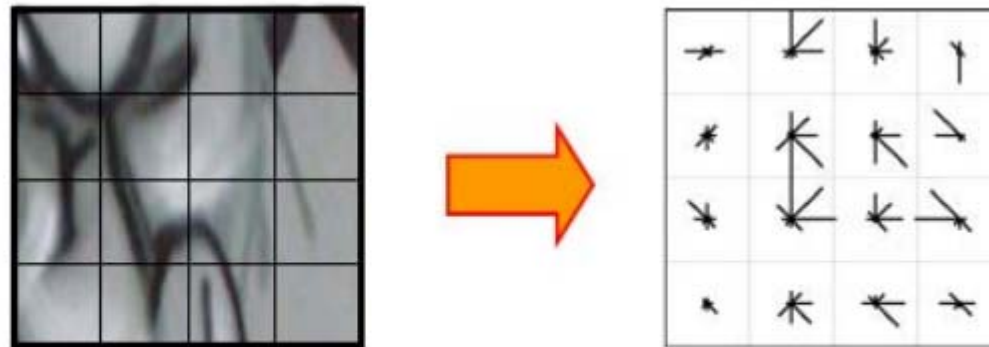
- **Compact Features for Visual Search**
 - **Today, morning**
 - **Rongrong Ji, Wei Liu, Yue Gao**

Key Components of Image Search

- **Image representations**
- **Indexing algorithms**
- **Matching methods**
- **Classification, Localization, etc.**
 - **Apply image search (or nearest neighbor search)**
 - **Data-driven approach**

Image Representations

- **SIFT, GIST, CNN, etc.**
 - **Invariant to different transformations**



David G. Lowe. ["Distinctive image features from scale-invariant keypoints."](#) *IJCV* 60 (2), pp. 91-110, 2004.

Image Retrieval

- **At pre-processing, build an database for efficient retrieval at runtime**

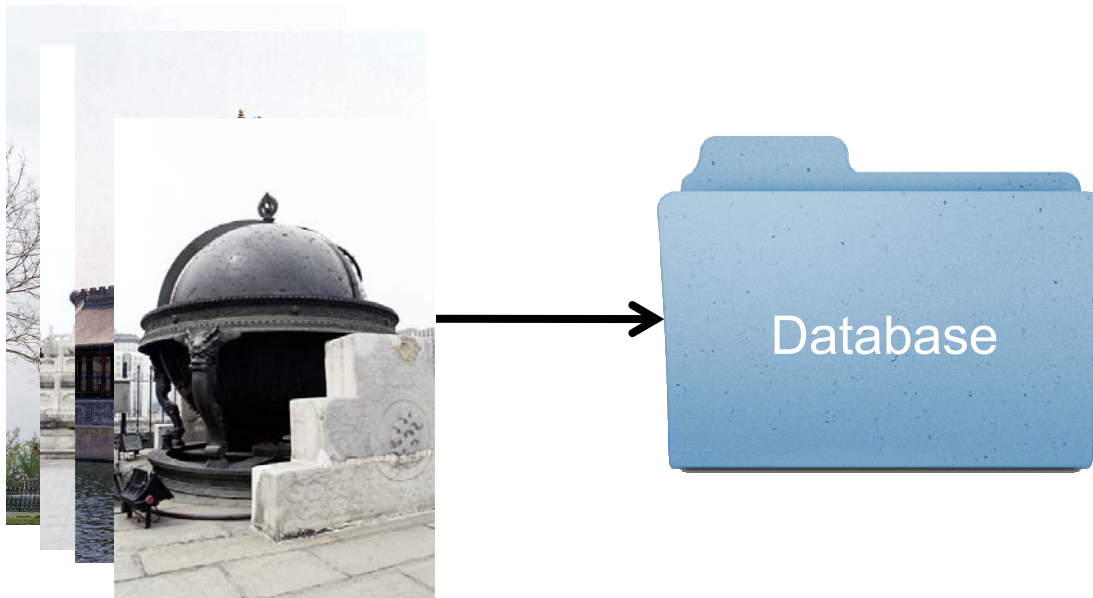


Image Retrieval

- **At pre-processing, build an database for efficient retrieval at runtime**



Index schemes:
vocabulary trees,
hashing, and
inverted files

Image Retrieval: Runtime Procedure

Query image

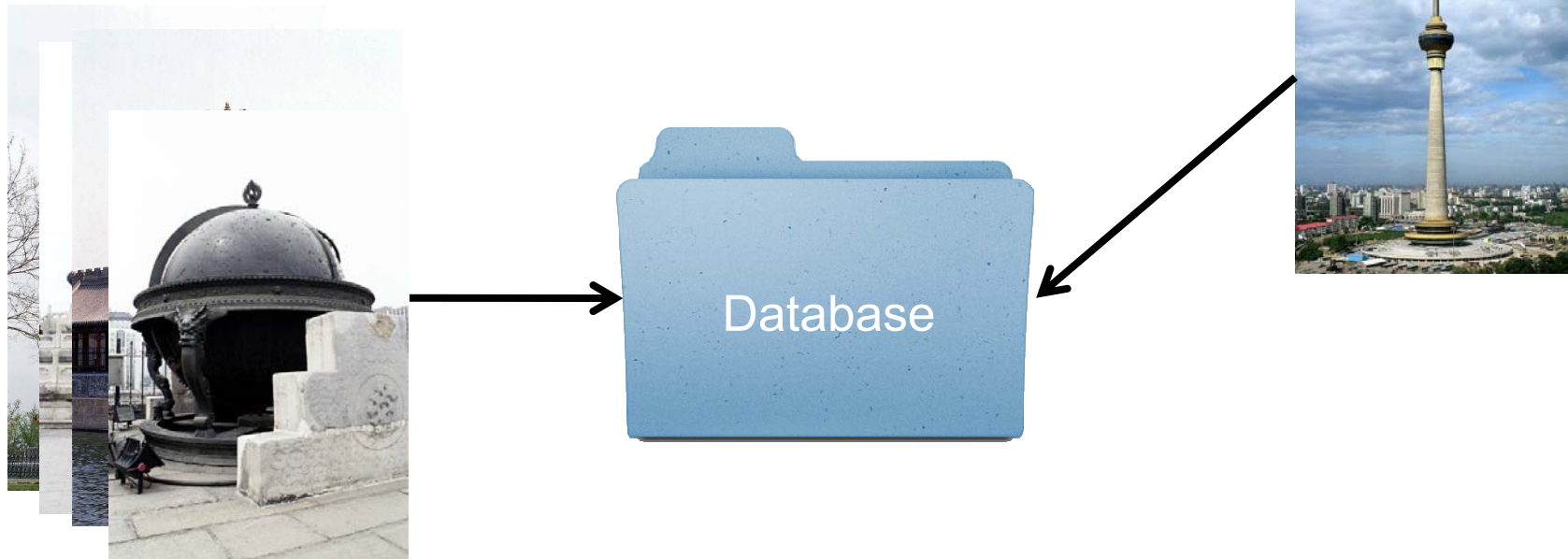
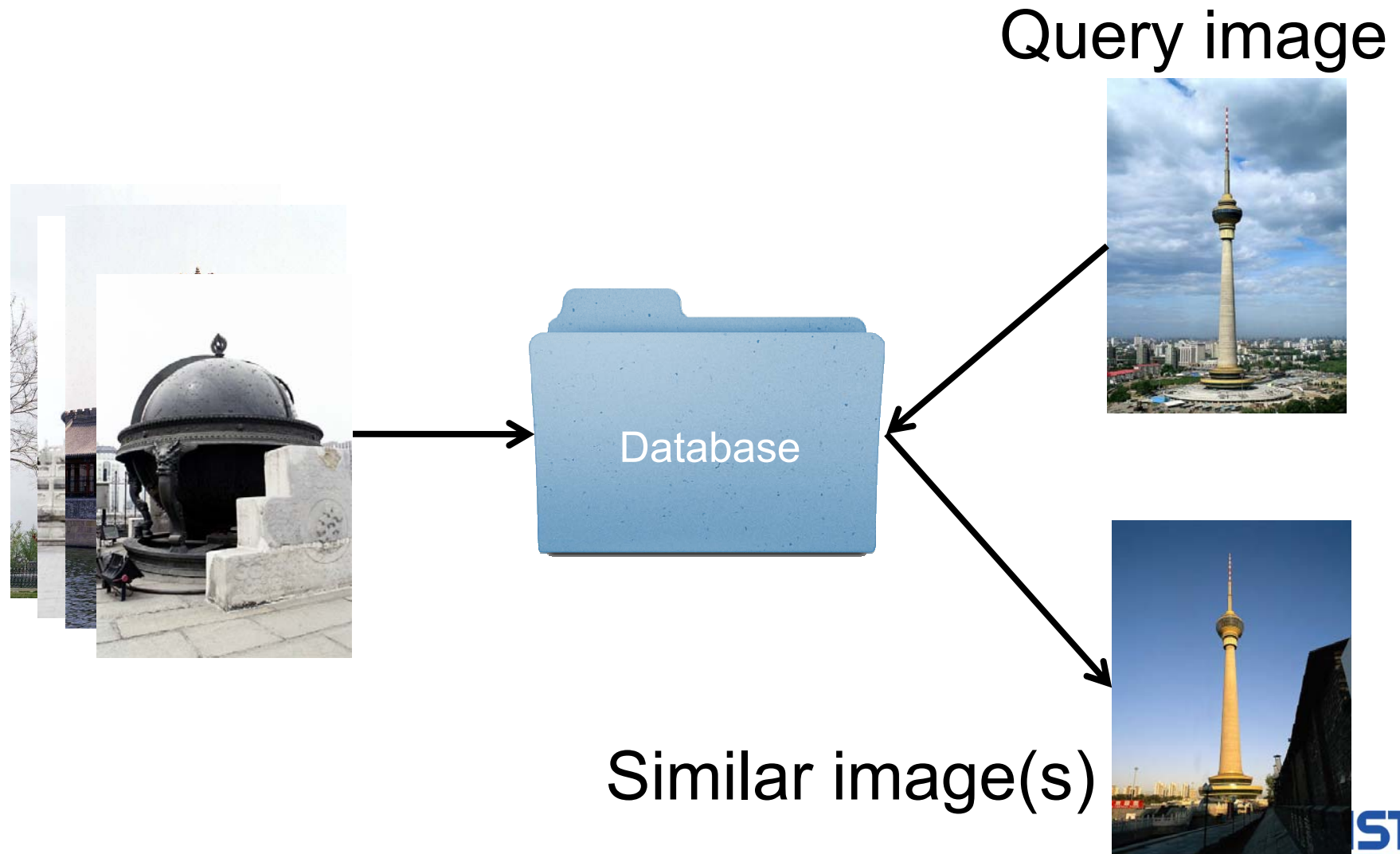


Image Retrieval: Runtime Procedure



Post-Processing



Image Retrieval with Spatially Constrained Similarity Measure



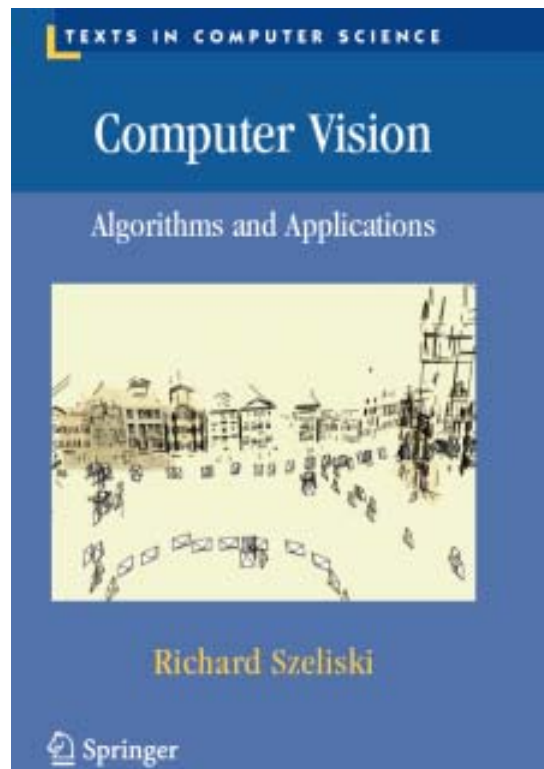
[Xiaohui Shen, Zhe Lin, Jon Brandt, Shai Avidan and Ying Wu, CVPR 2012]

Classification through Image Search

- **Image search**
 - Find images that have smaller distances to the query
- **Classification**
 - Find classes that have smaller distances to the query
 - Utilize labels
- **Classification using image search**
 - Naïve Bayes Nearest Neighbor (NBNN) [Boiman et al., 08]
 - Image classification and Retrieval are ONE [Xie et al., 15]

Resource

- Reference
 - Computer vision: algorithms and applications
 - Its file is available (<http://szeliski.org/Book/>)



Other Resources

- **Technical papers**
 - CVPR, ICCV, ECCV, ACM MM, SIGGRAPH, etc.
 - Computer vision resource
(<http://www.cvpapers.com/>)
- **Course homepages**
 - <http://sglab.kaist.ac.kr/~sungeui/IR/>
 - My own ongoing write-up

Recent Image Search Techniques: Bag-of-Words (BoW) and Inverted File

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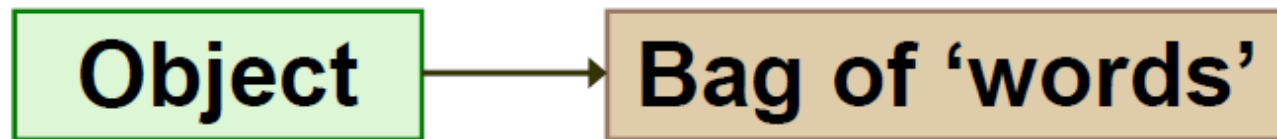
Review and Outline

- **Introduction on image search**
 - **Bag-of-visual-Word (BoW) model**
 - **Inverted index**
- **Compact representations of images**



Bag-of-visual-Words (BoW)

- Inspired by text based search

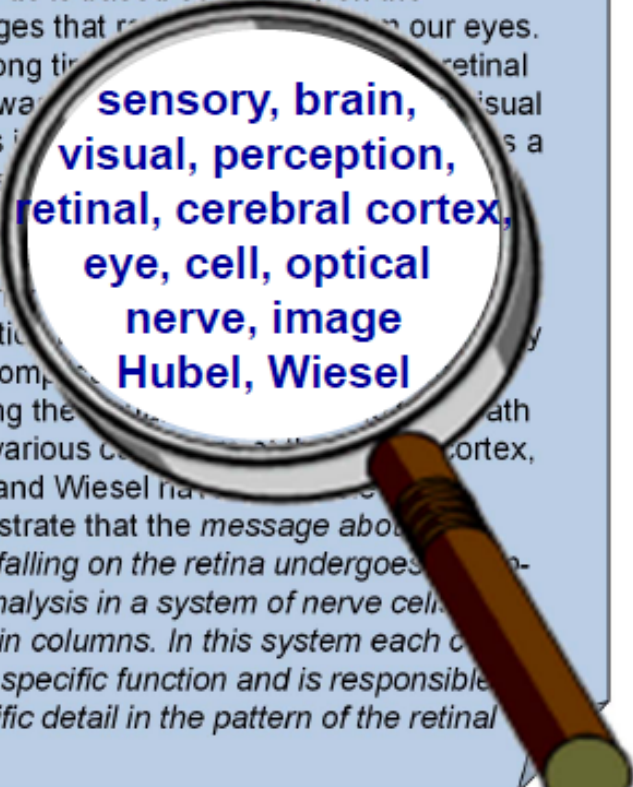


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Bag-of-visual-Words (BoW)

- Inspired by text based search

Of all the sensory impressions proceeding to the brain, the visual experiences are the dominant ones. Our perception of the world around us is based essentially on the messages that reach our eyes. For a long time, the retinal image was considered as a movie of the world. It is a retinal image that is processed by the visual centers in the brain. Hubel and Wiesel discovered that the visual system knows the location of the perceived object. The more complex the object, the following the path of the light to the various centers of the cortex, Hubel and Wiesel have demonstrated that the message about the image falling on the retina undergoes a cell-wise analysis in a system of nerve cells stored in columns. In this system each cell has its specific function and is responsible for a specific detail in the pattern of the retinal image.



sensory, brain, visual, perception, retinal, cerebral cortex, eye, cell, optical nerve, image Hubel, Wiesel

China is forecasting a trade surplus of \$90bn (£51bn) to \$100bn this year, a threefold increase on 2004's \$32bn. The Commerce Ministry said the surplus would be created by a predicted 30% increase in exports to \$750bn, compared with \$575bn in 2004. The surplus of \$660bn. The government will also need to increase demand so that the country. China has permitted it to trade within a narrow band but the US wants the yuan to be allowed to trade freely. However, Beijing has made it clear that it will take its time and tread carefully before allowing the yuan to rise further in value.



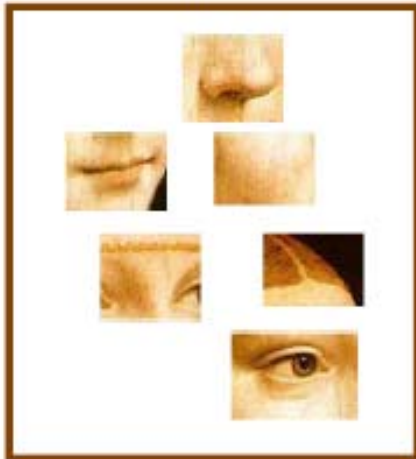
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definition of “BoW”

– Independent features

face



bike

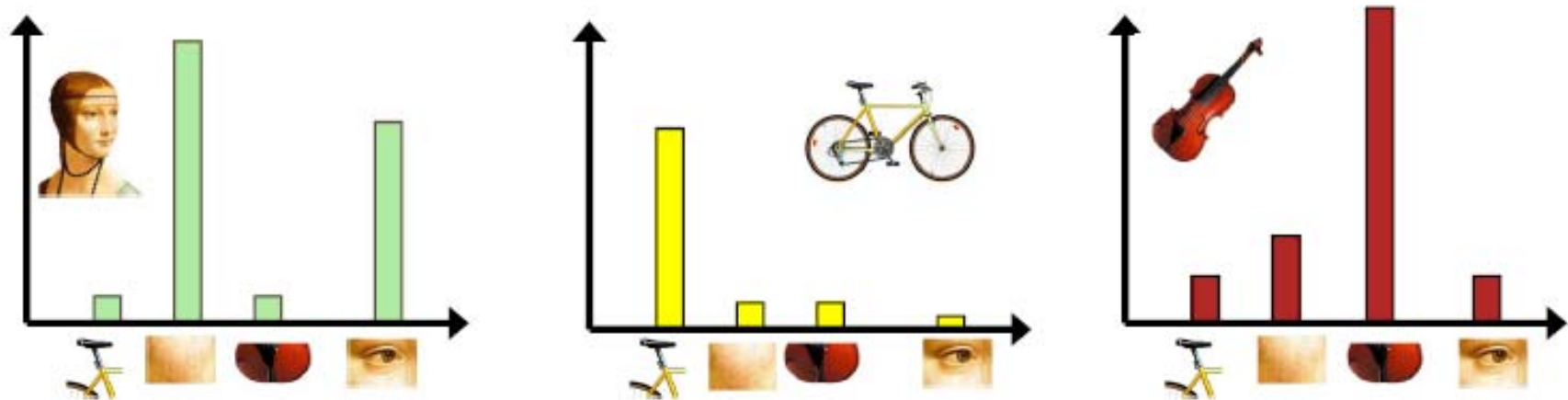


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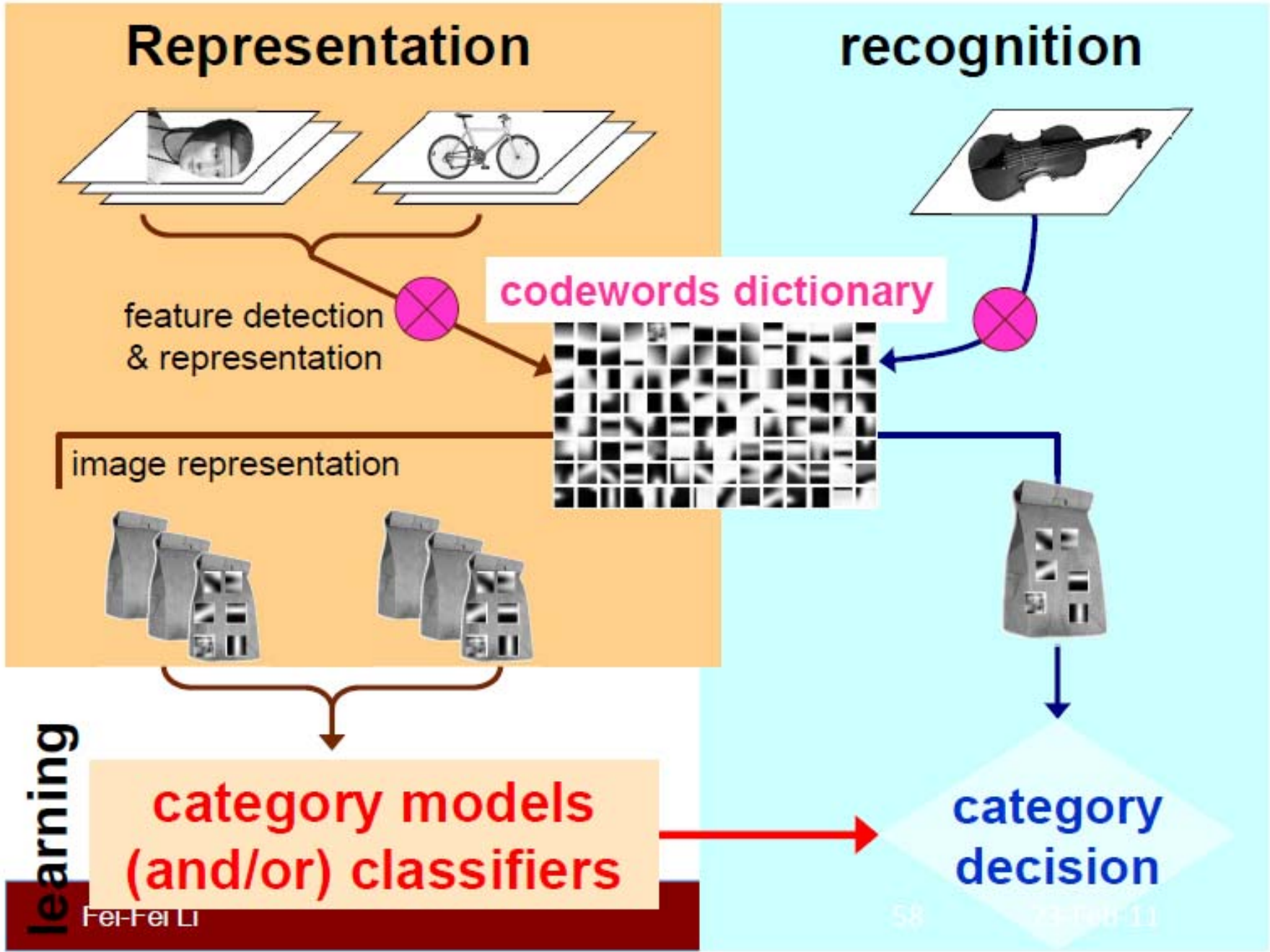


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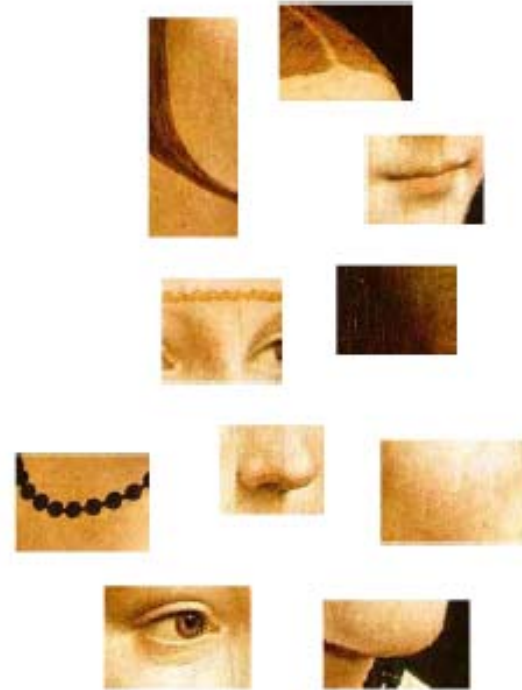
- Independent features
- histogram representation



codewords dictionary



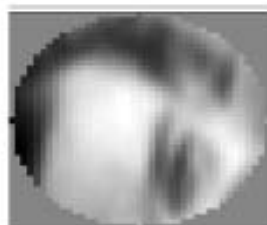
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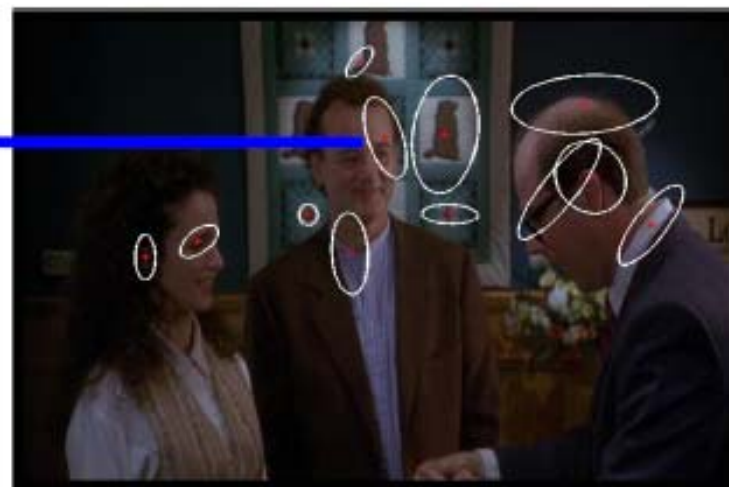
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Compute
SIFT
descriptor
[Lowe'99]



Normalize
patch



Detect patches

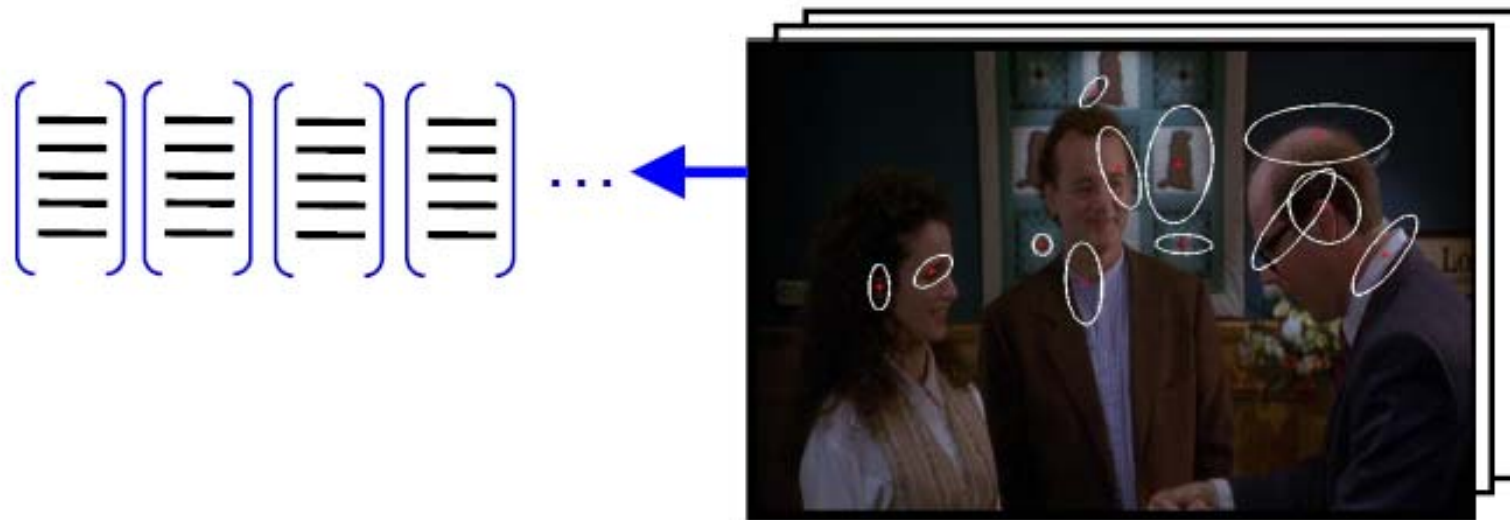
[Mikojaczyk and Schmid '02]

[Mata, Chum, Urban & Pajdla, '02]

[Sivic & Zisserman, '03]

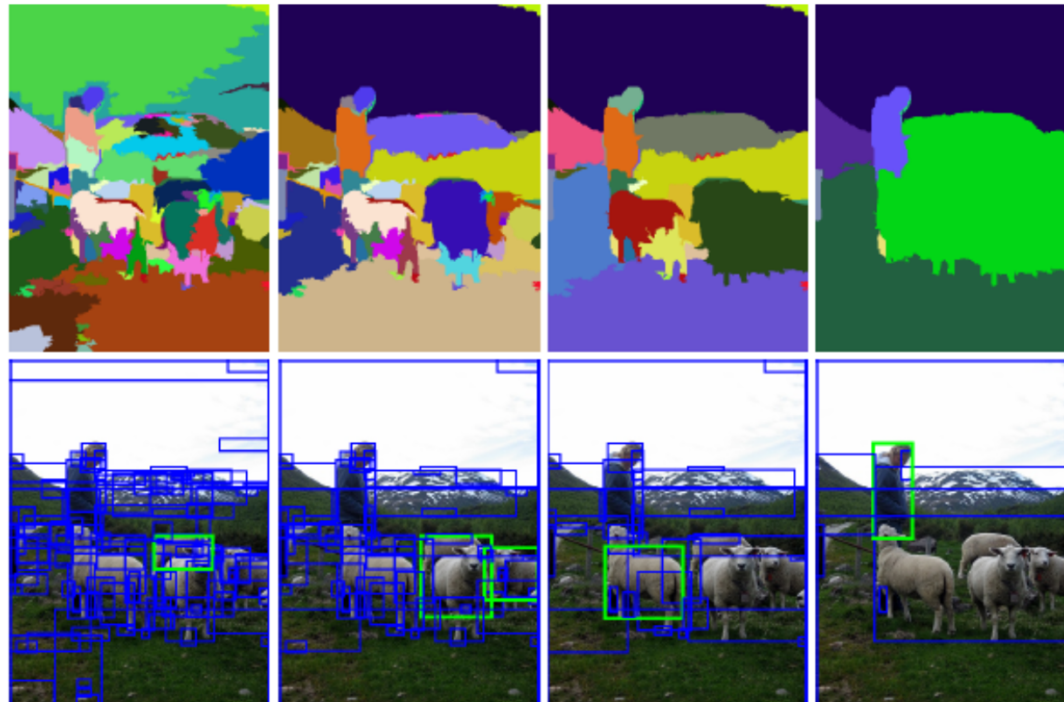
Slide credit: Josef Sivic

1. Feature detection and representation



Region Proposals

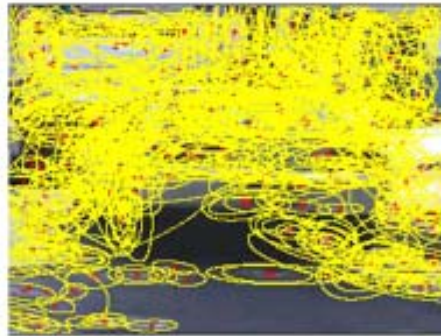
- **Adopted commonly by many recognition approaches**



Identify different regions as candidates of objects
Selective Search, Uijlings et al.

Representation

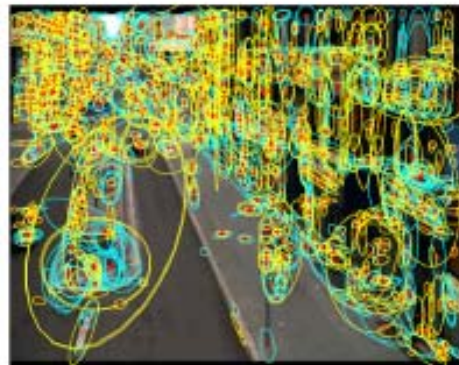
- Building blocks: Sampling strategies



Interest operators



Dense, uniformly



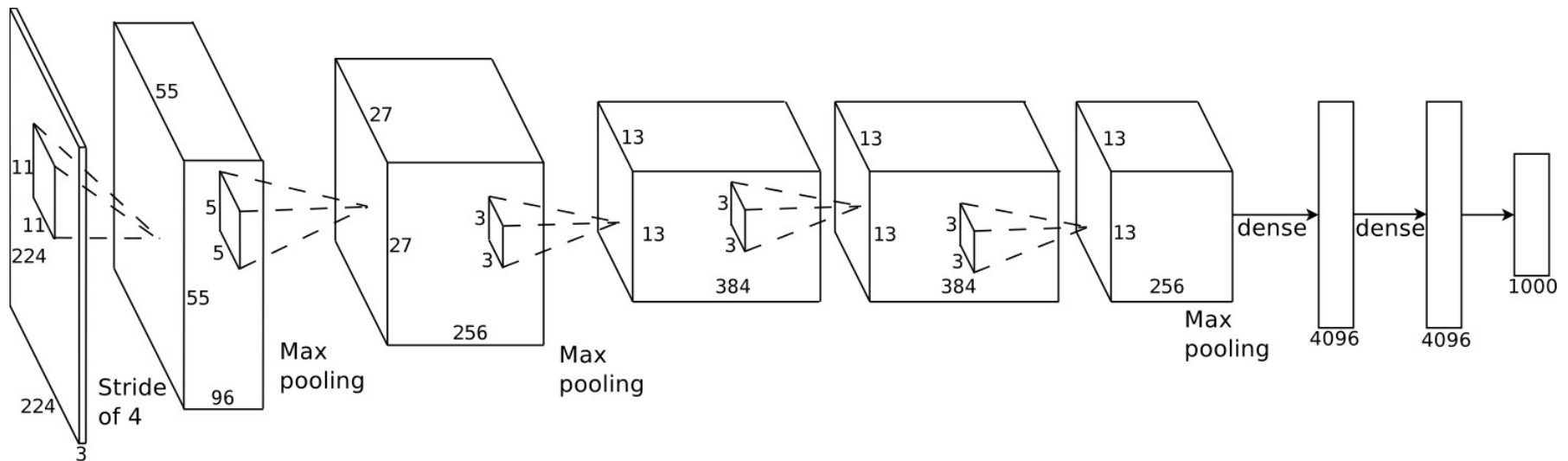
Multiple interest operators



Randomly

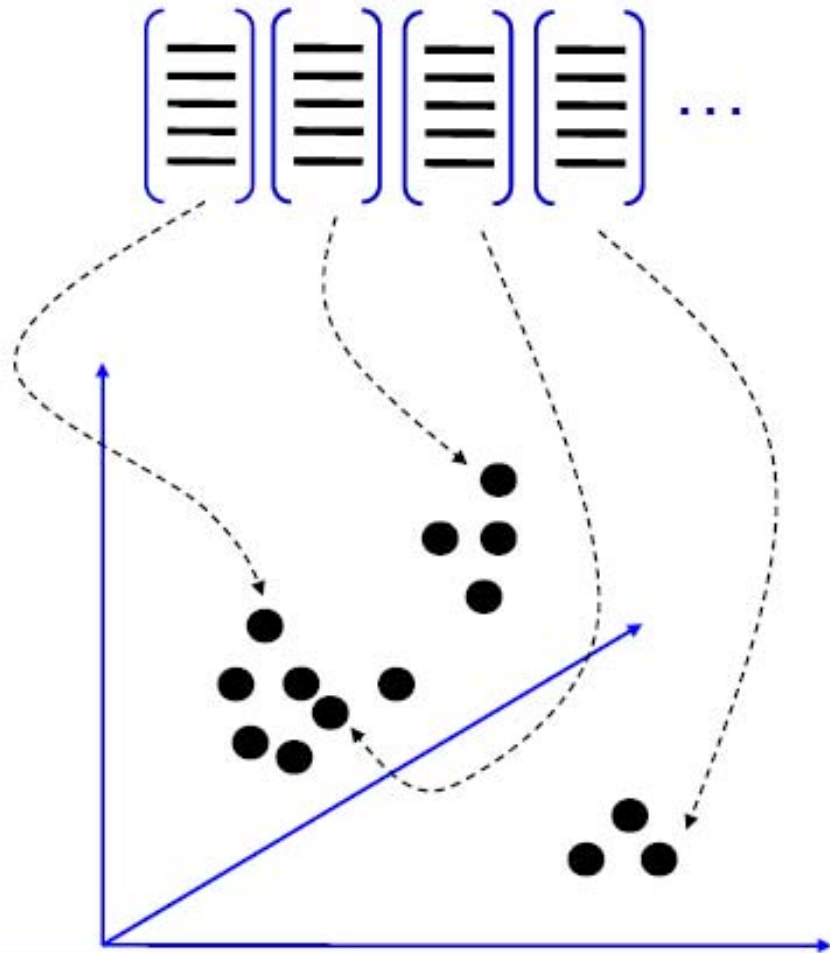
Convolutional Neural Network (CNN)

- Features from some layers of CNNs

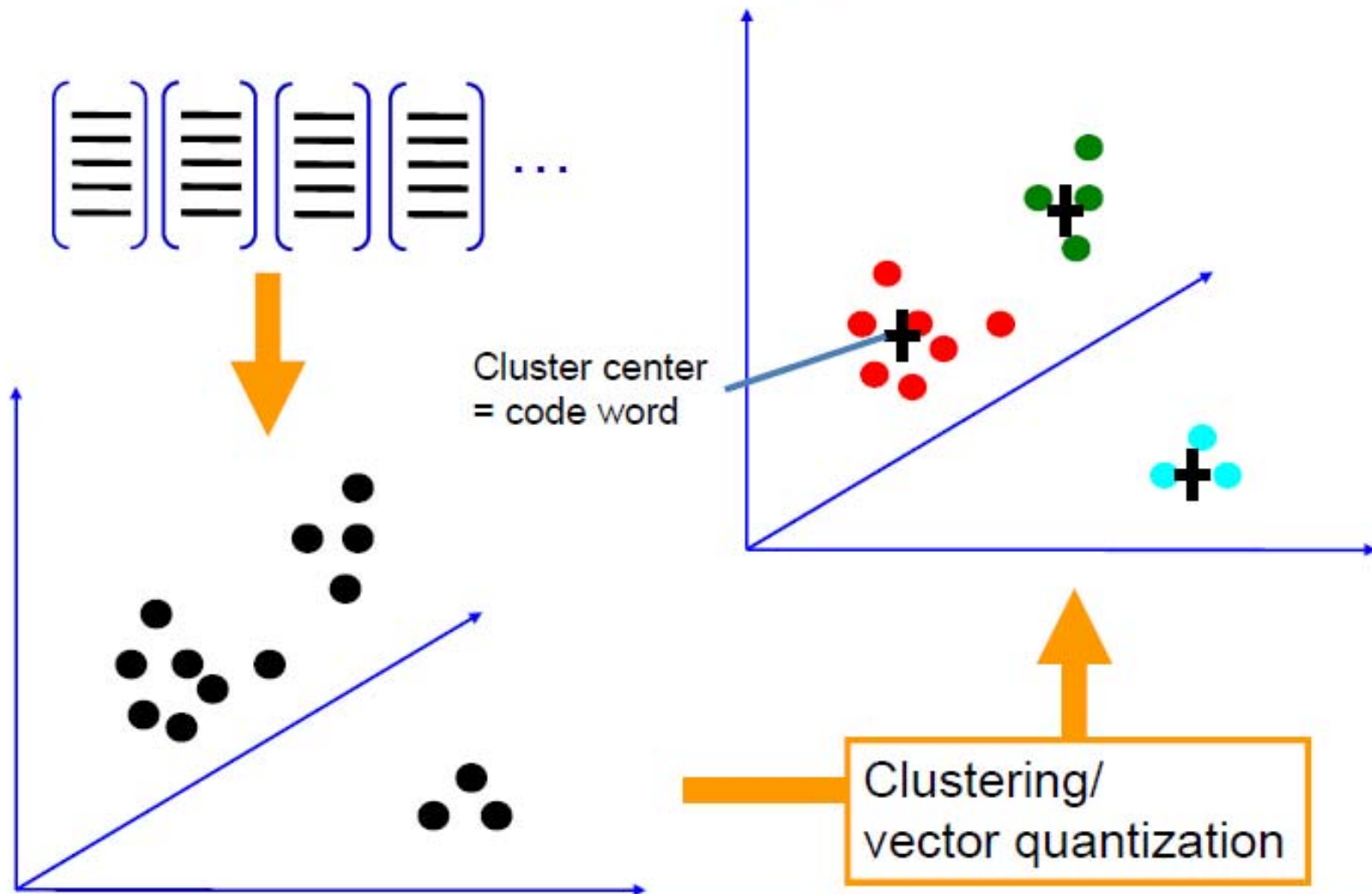


System from [Krizhevsky et al., NIPS 2012](#)

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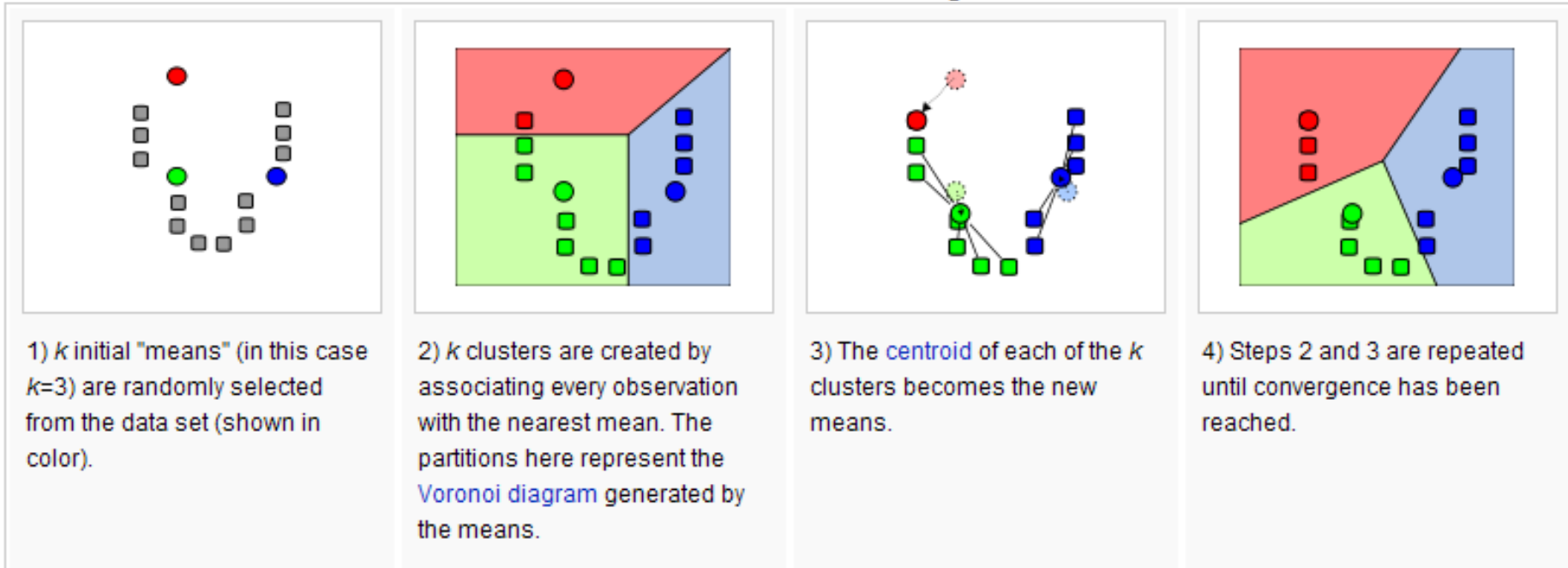


K-Means Clustering

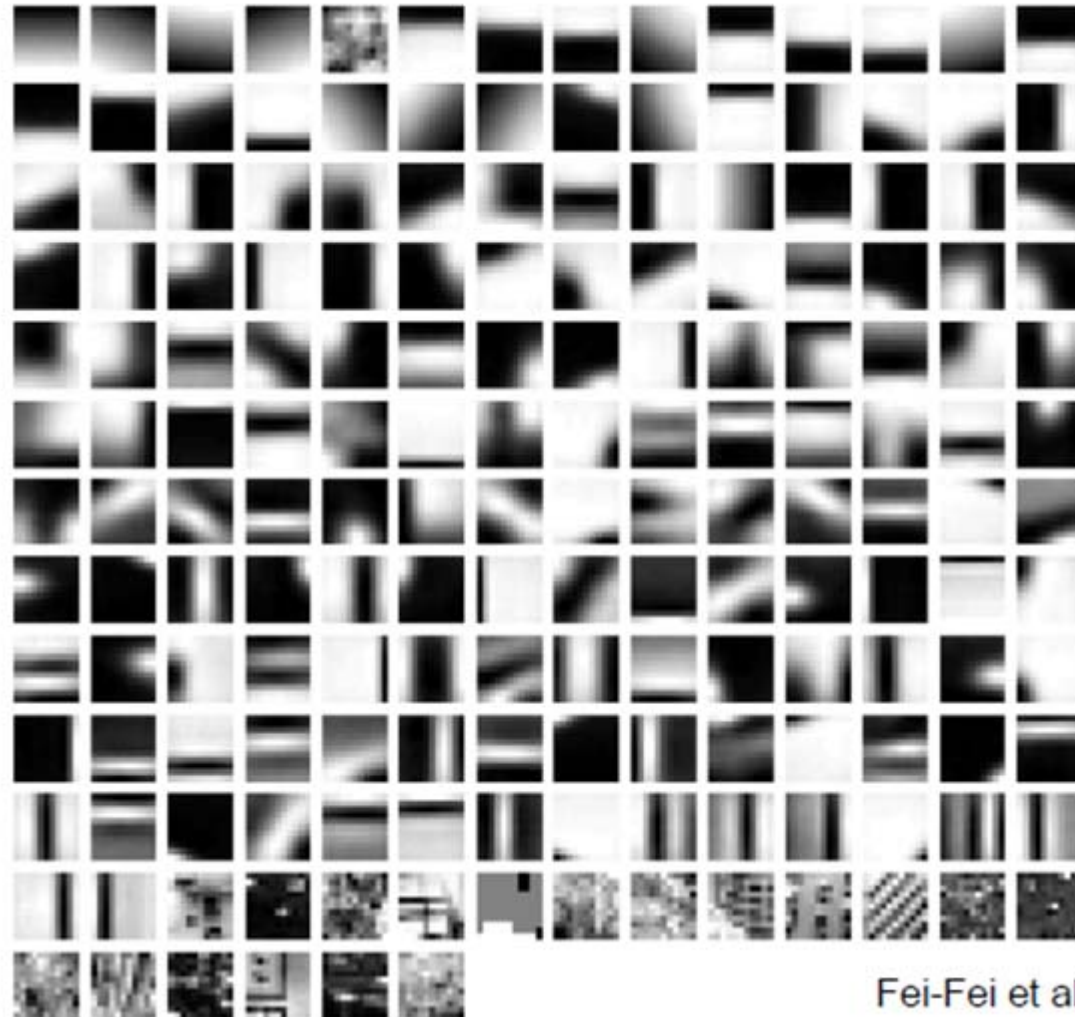
- **Minimizing the within-cluster sum of squares (WCSS)**

$$\operatorname{argmin}_{\mathbf{S}} \sum_{i=1}^k \sum_{\mathbf{x}_j \in S_i} \|\mathbf{x}_j - \boldsymbol{\mu}_i\|^2$$

Demonstration of the standard algorithm

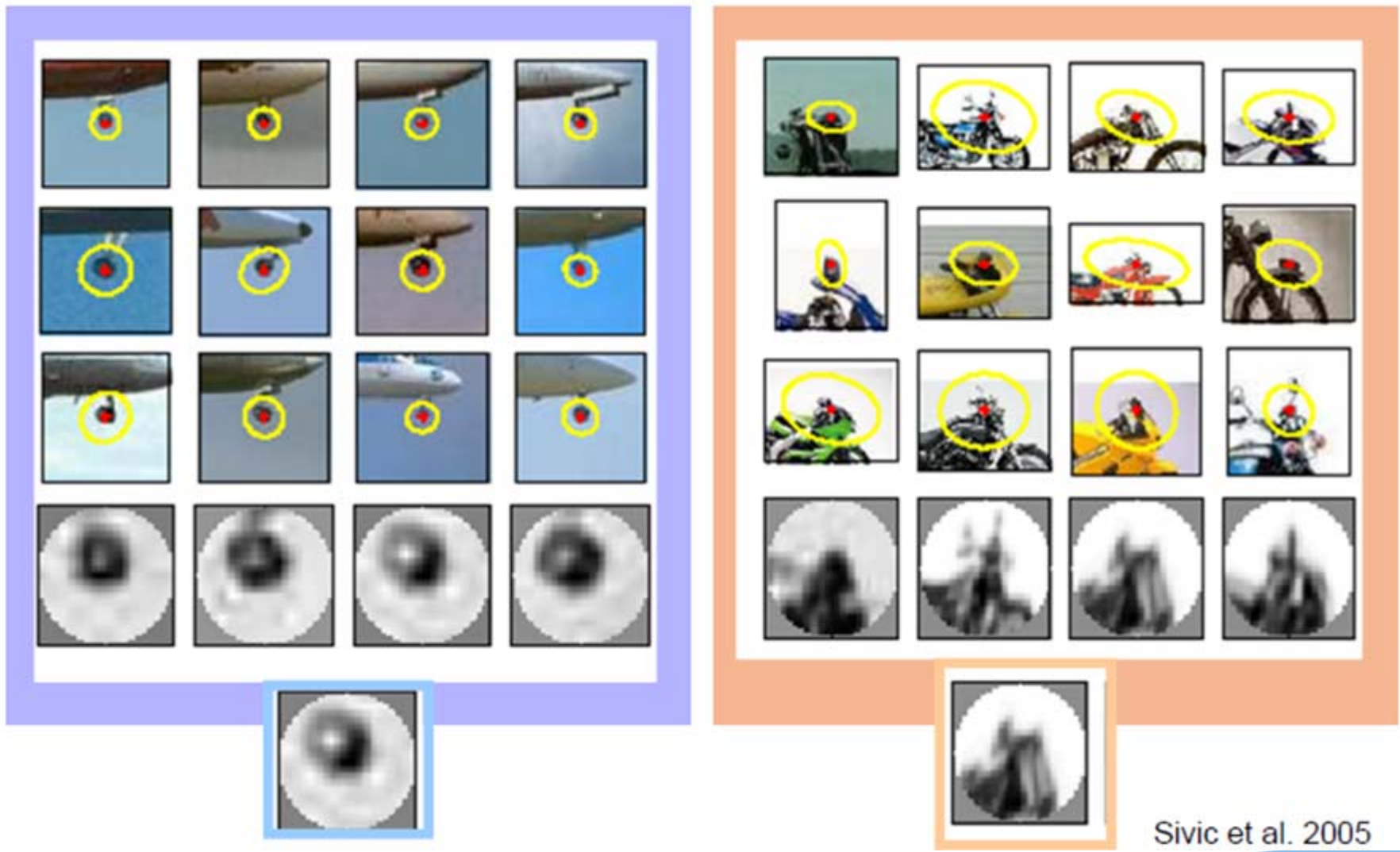


Codewords Dictionary Formation



Fei-Fei et al. 2005

Image Patch Examples of Codewords

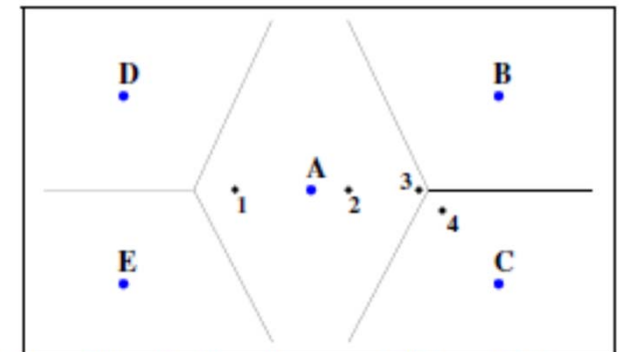
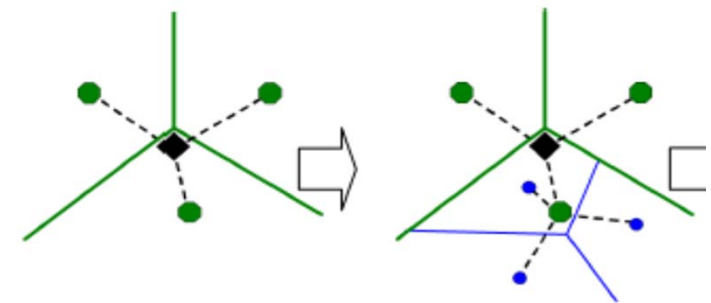


Issues of Visual Vocabulary

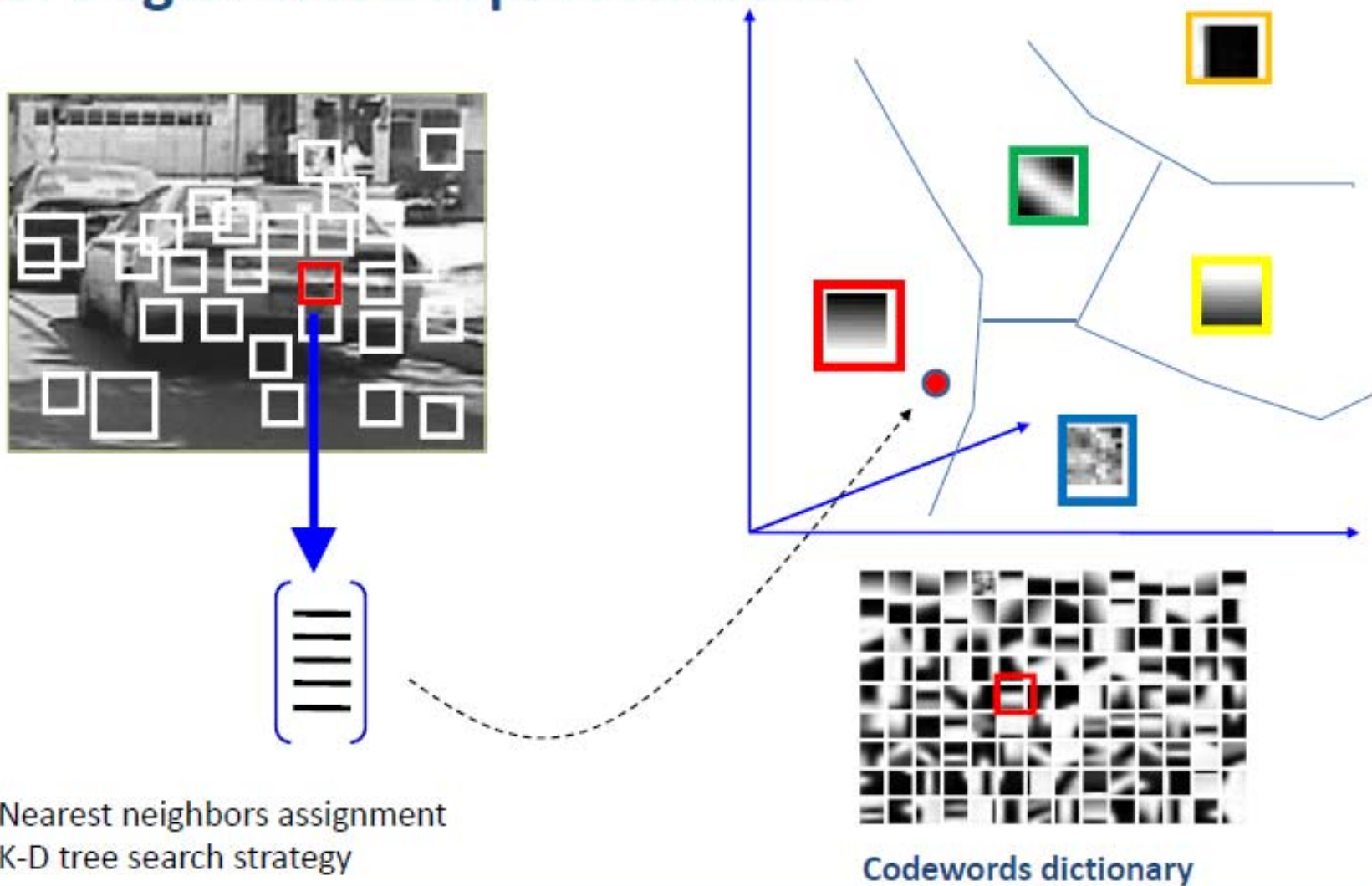
- **Related to quantization**
 - **Too many words: quantization artifacts**
 - **Too small words: not representative**
- **K-means also takes long computation times**

- **Alternatives**

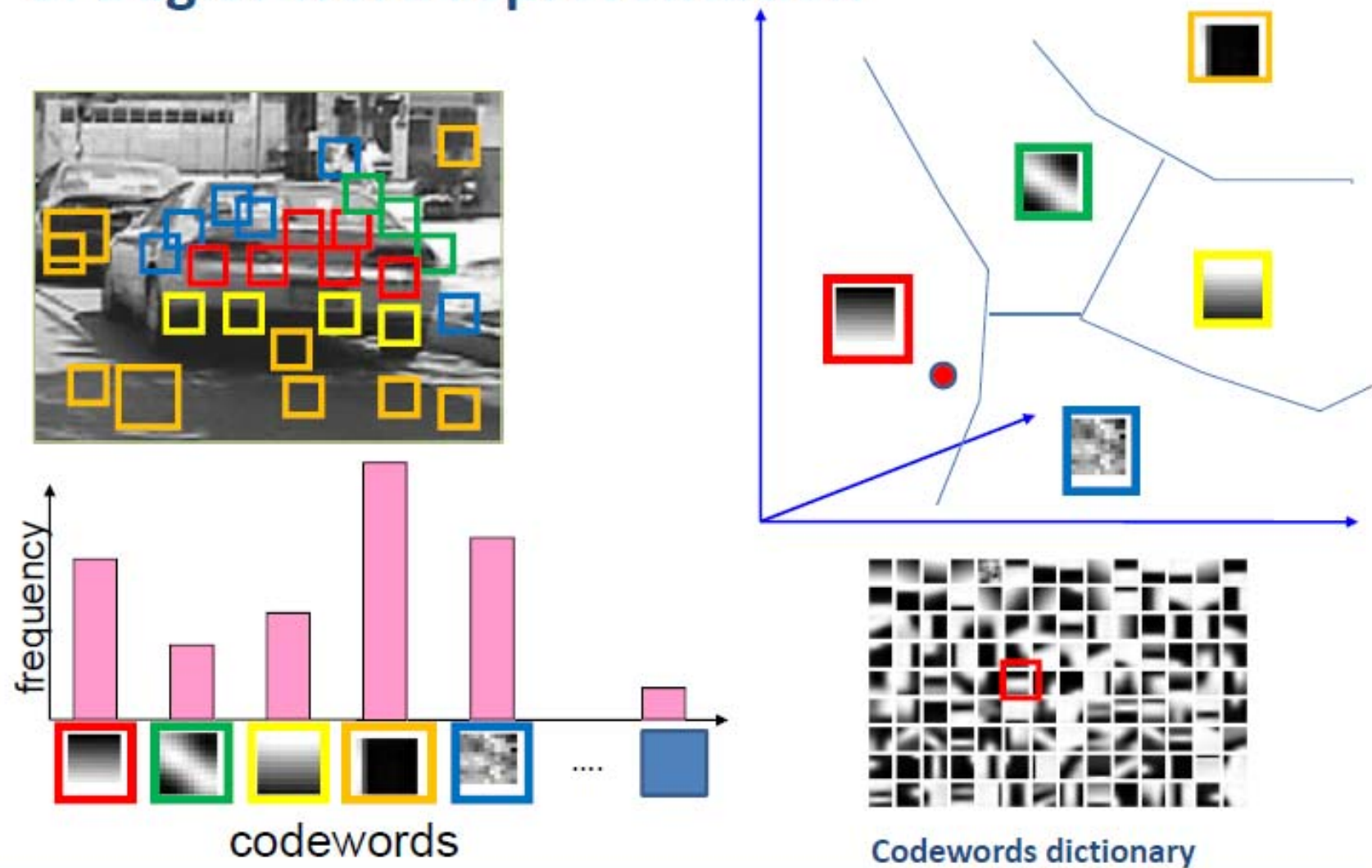
- **Faster performance: vocabulary tree, Nister et al.**
- **Low quantization artifacts: soft quantization, Philbin et al.**



3. Bag of word representation



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Representation



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2. codewords dictionary

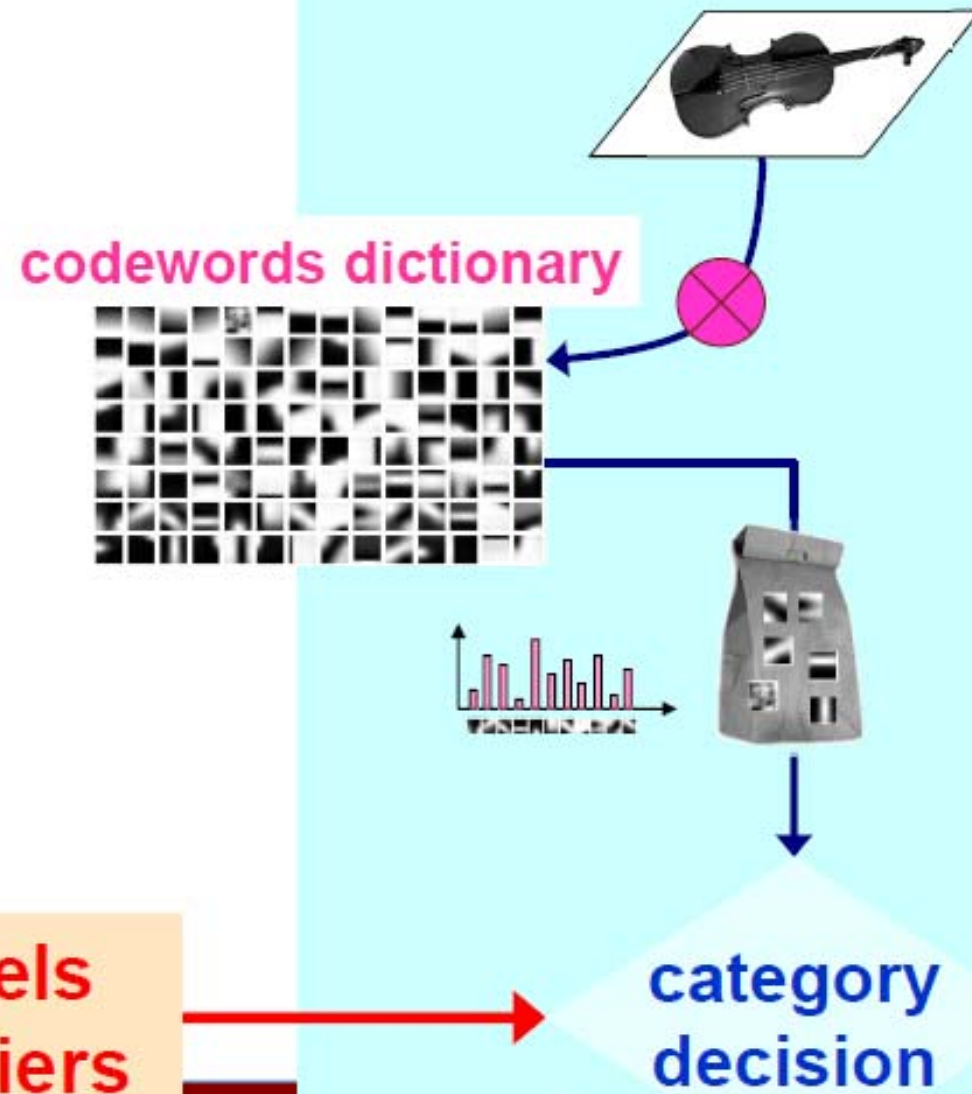


image representation

3.



Learning and Recognition



**category models
(and/or) classifiers**

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Similarity and Distance Functions

- **L1 or Euclidean distance**

$$L1(h_1, h_2) = \sum_i |h_1^i - h_2^i|$$

- χ^2 distance

$$D(h_1, h_2) = \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{(h_1(i) - h_2(i))^2}{h_1(i) + h_2(i)}$$

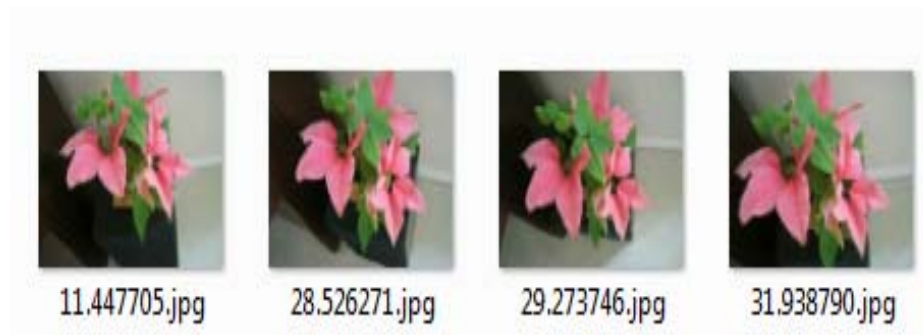
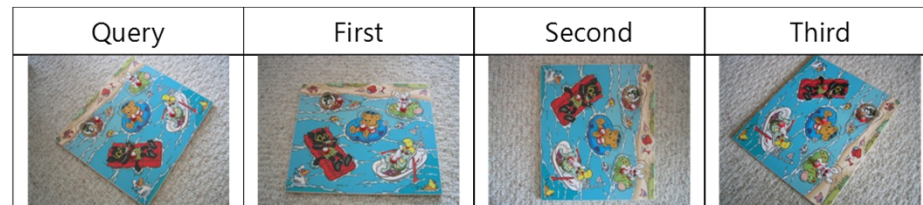
- Quadratic distance (*cross-bin*)

$$D(h_1, h_2) = \sum_{i,j} A_{ij} (h_1(i) - h_2(j))^2$$

Jan Puzicha, Yossi Rubner, Carlo Tomasi, Joachim M. Buhmann: [Empirical Evaluation of Dissimilarity Measures for Color and Texture](#). ICCV 1999

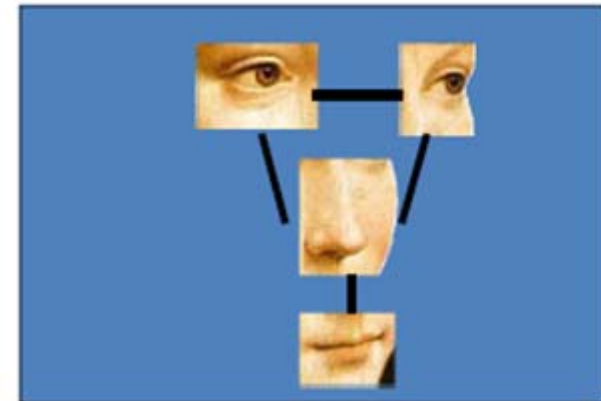
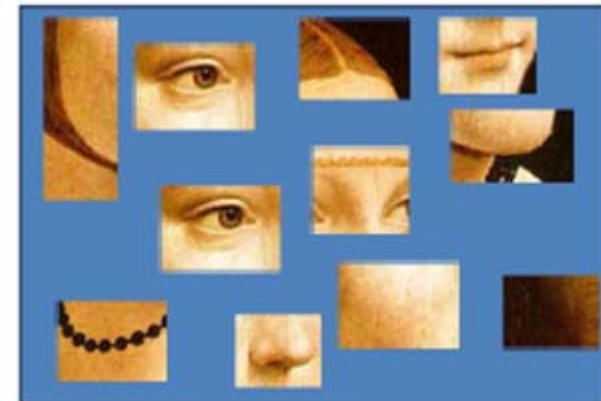
Programming Assignment (PA2)

- Understand and implement a basic image retrieval system
- Use the original UKBenchmark
- Measure its accuracy



Problems of BoW Model

- **No spatial relationship between words**
- **How can we perform segmentation and localization?**



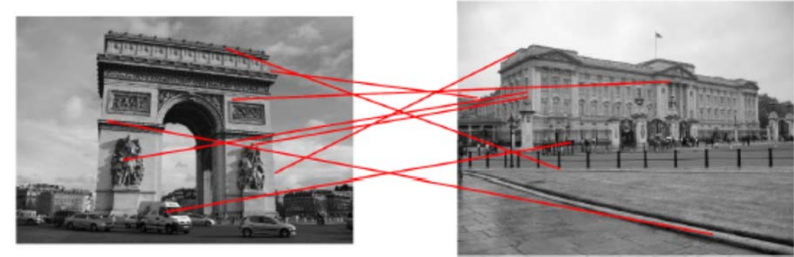
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Post-Processing or Reranking



Post-Processing

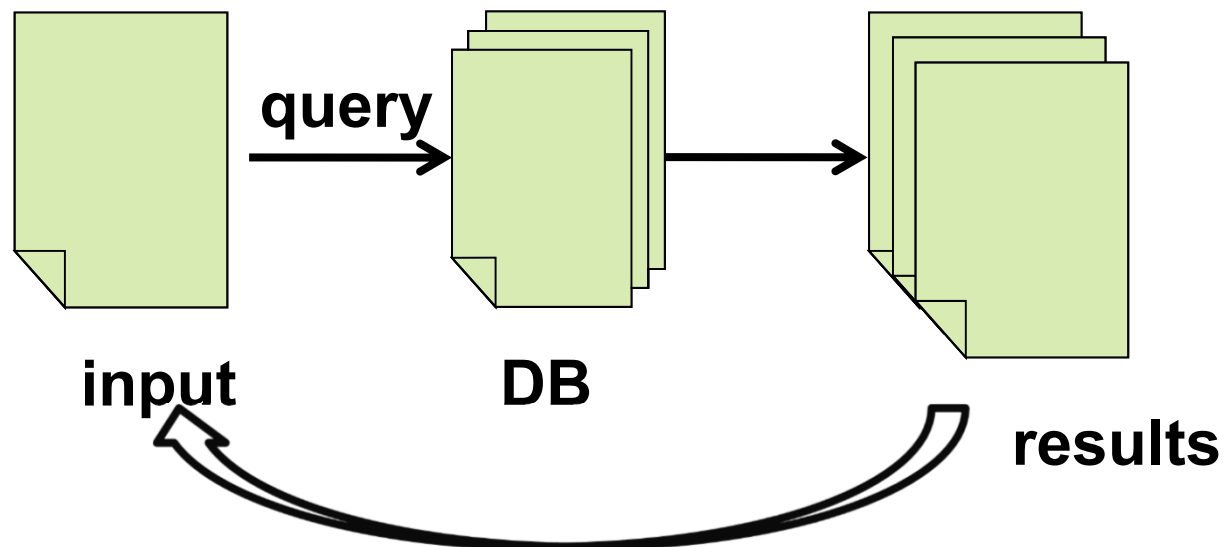
- Geometric verification
 - RANSAC



Matching w/o spatial matching

(Ack: Edward Johns et al.)

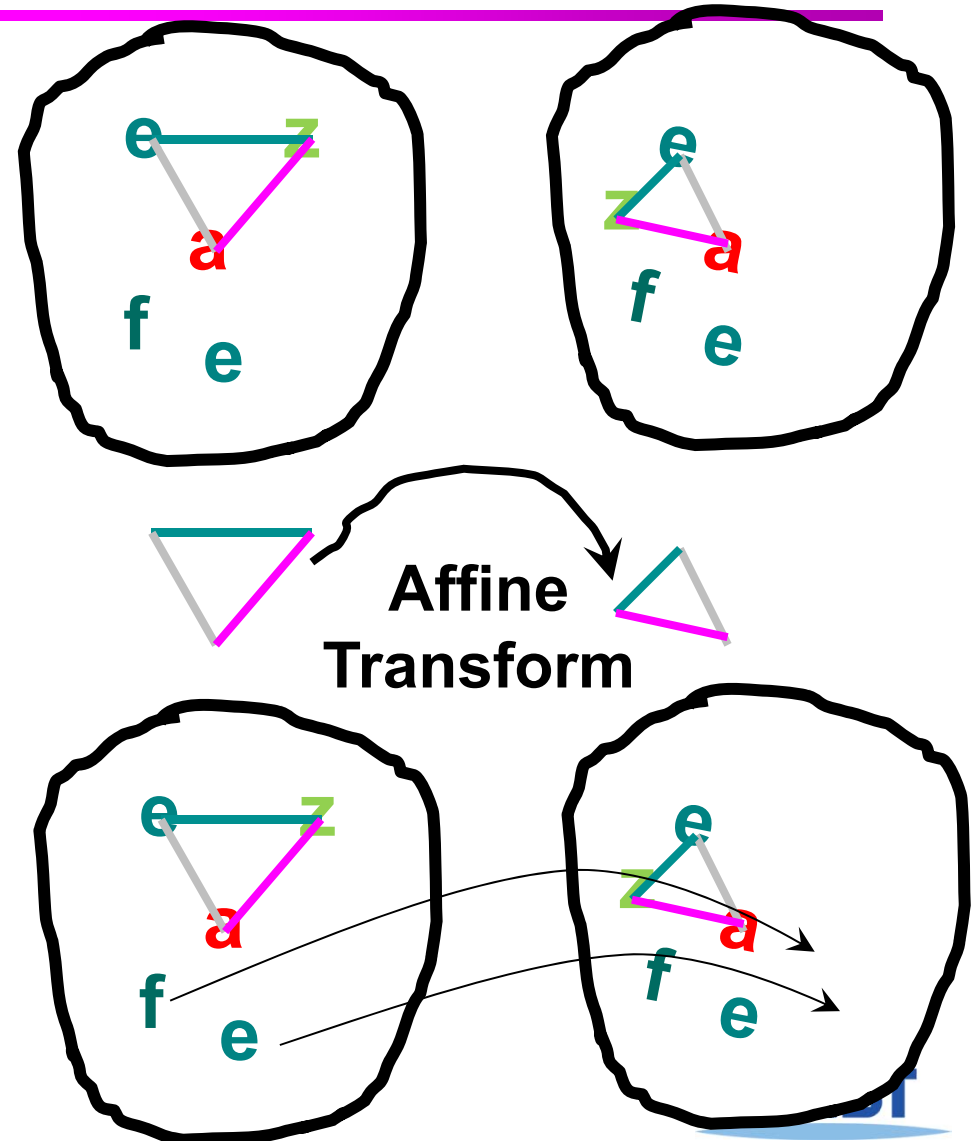
- Query expansion



Geometric Verification using RANSAC for Affine Transform

Repeat N times:

- Randomly choose 3 matching pairs
- Estimate transformation
- Predict remaining points and count “inliers”



Query Expansion [Chum et al. 07]



Original query

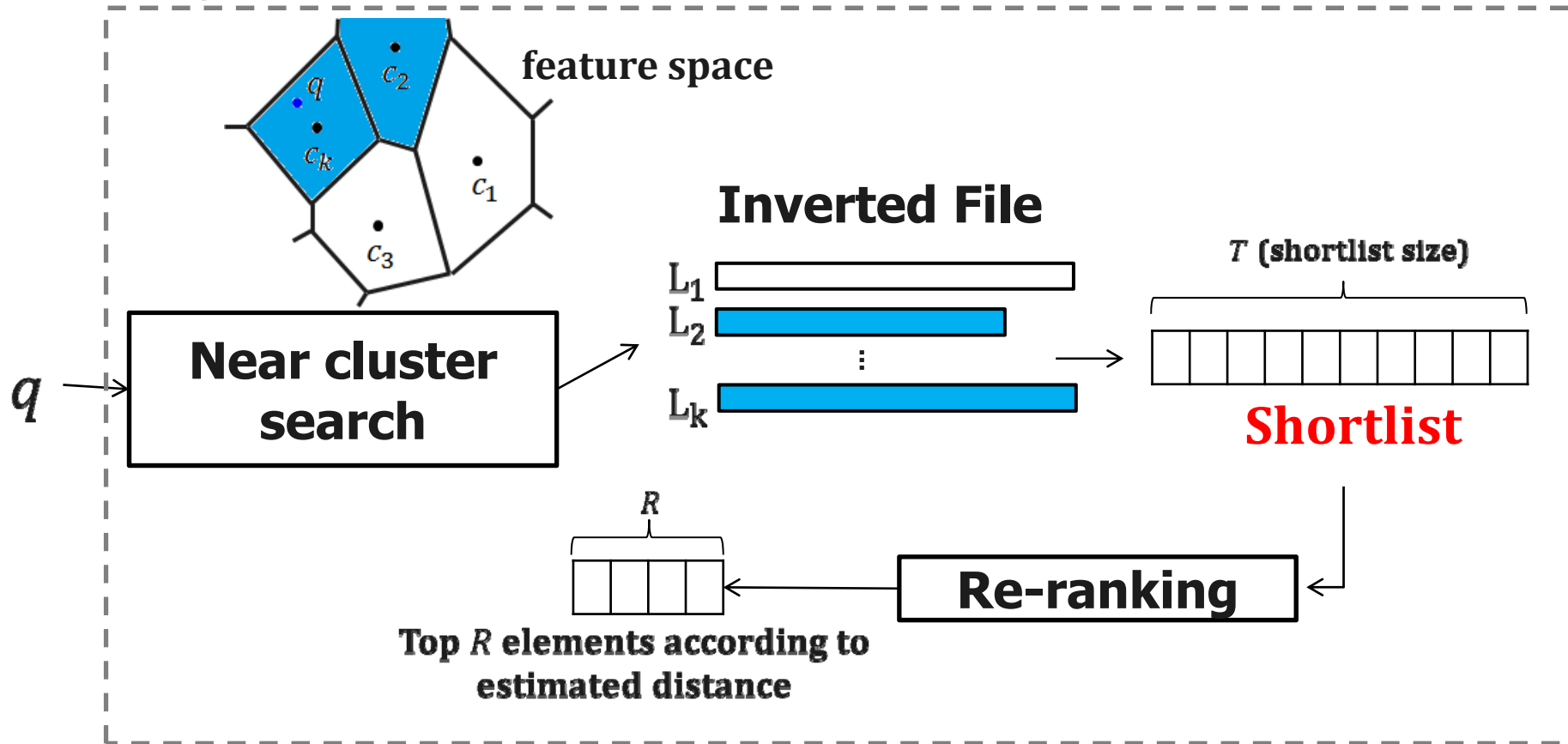
Top 4 images

Expanded results that were not identified by the original query



Efficient Search: Inverted File

- For each word, list images containing the word



Scalability

- **Issues with billions of images?**
 - **Too much memory**
 - **Still low accuracy**

Recent Image Search Techniques: **Hashing Techniques**

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Image Retrieval

Finding visually similar images



Image Descriptor

High dimensional point
(BoW, GIST, Color Histogram, etc.)

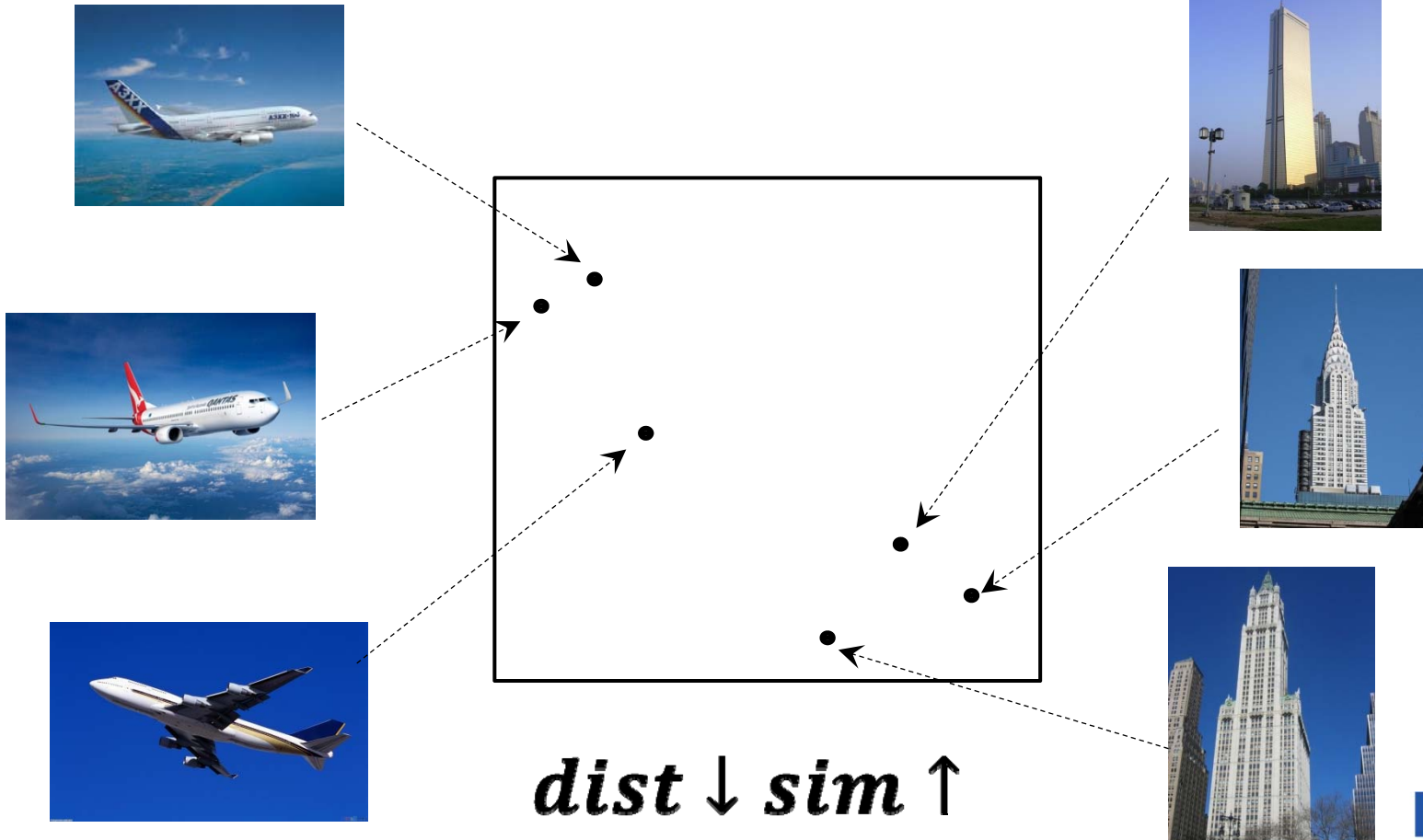
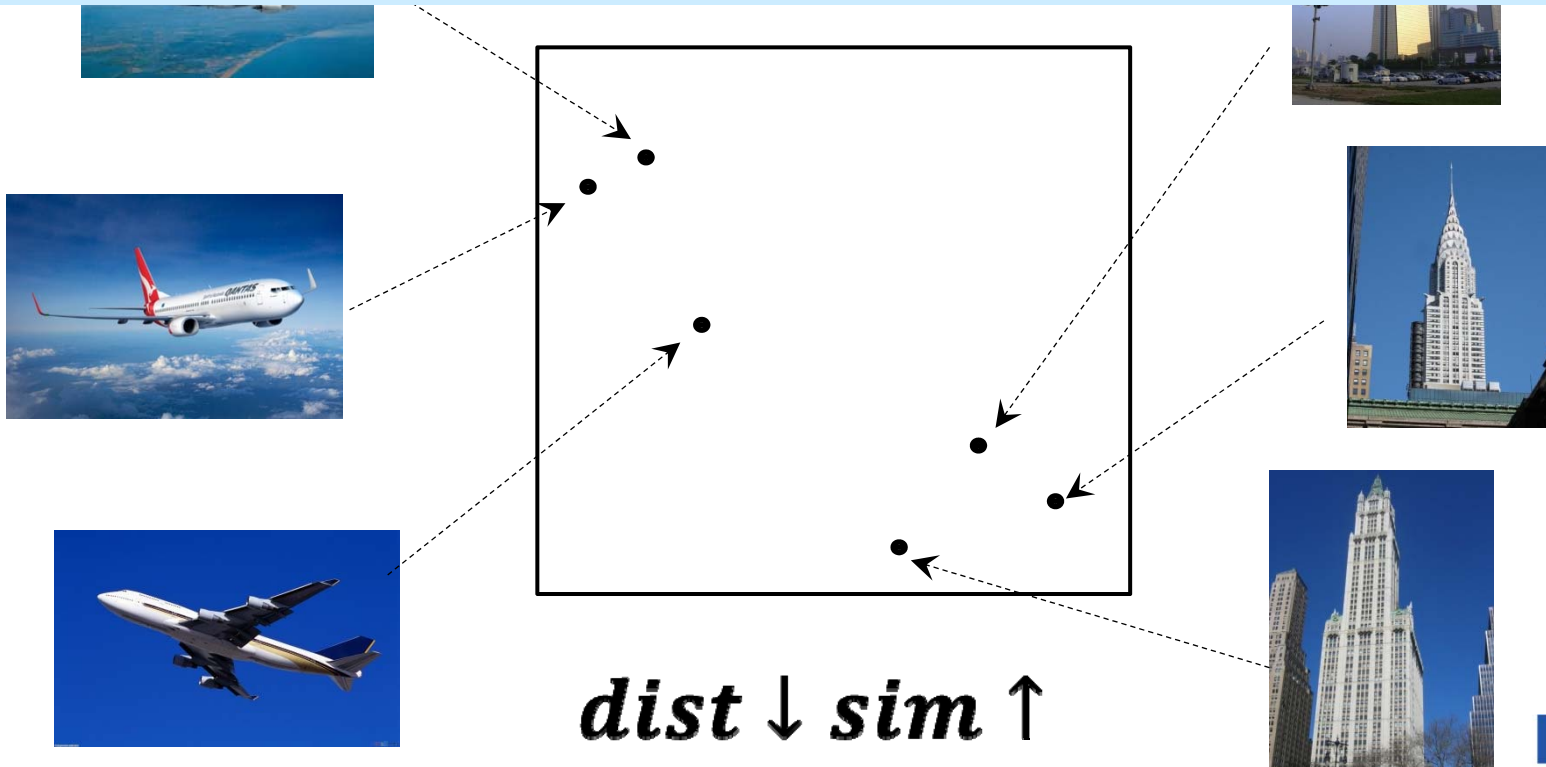


Image Descriptor

High dimensional point
Nearest neighbor search (NNS)
in high dimensional space

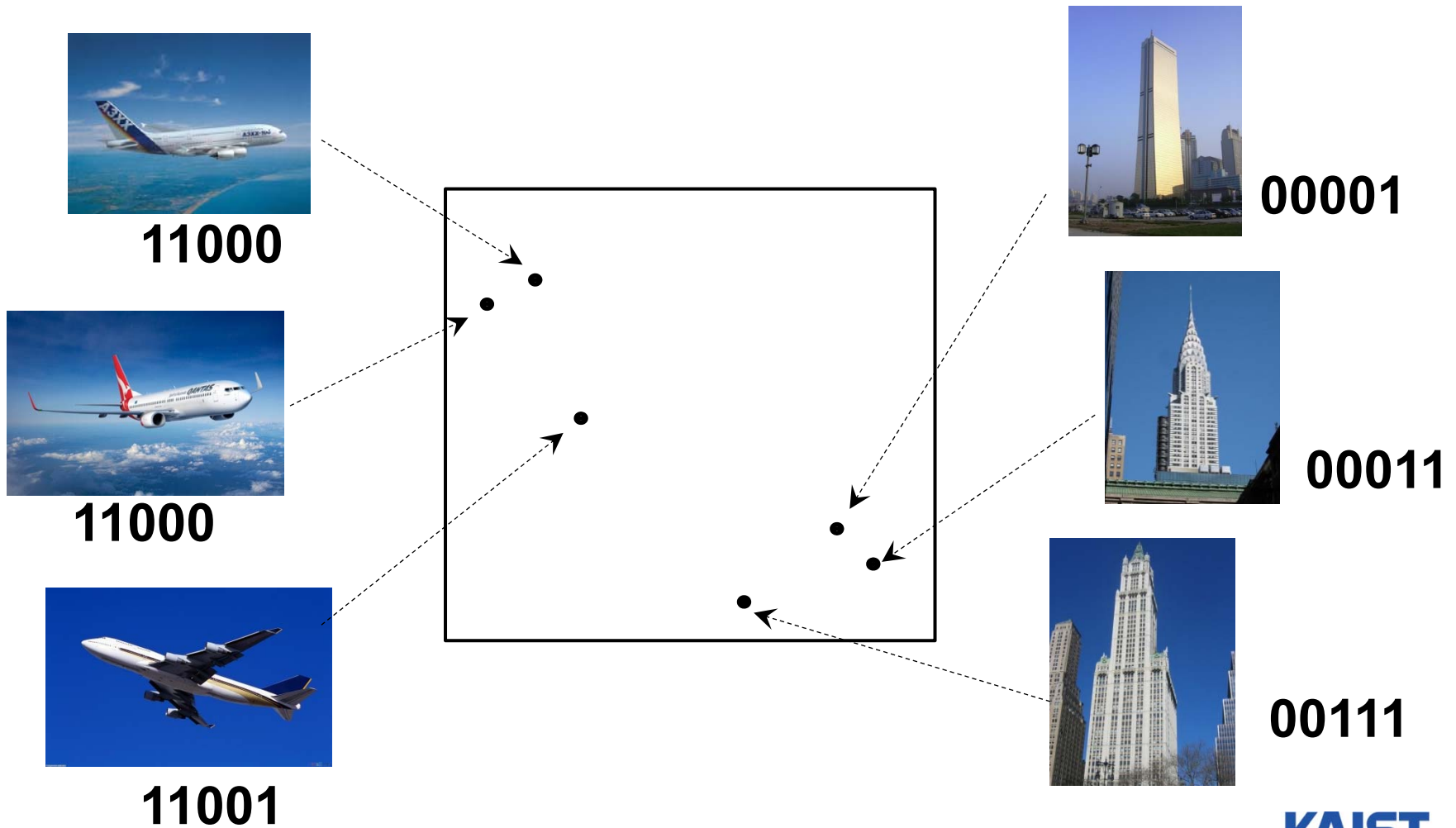


Challenge

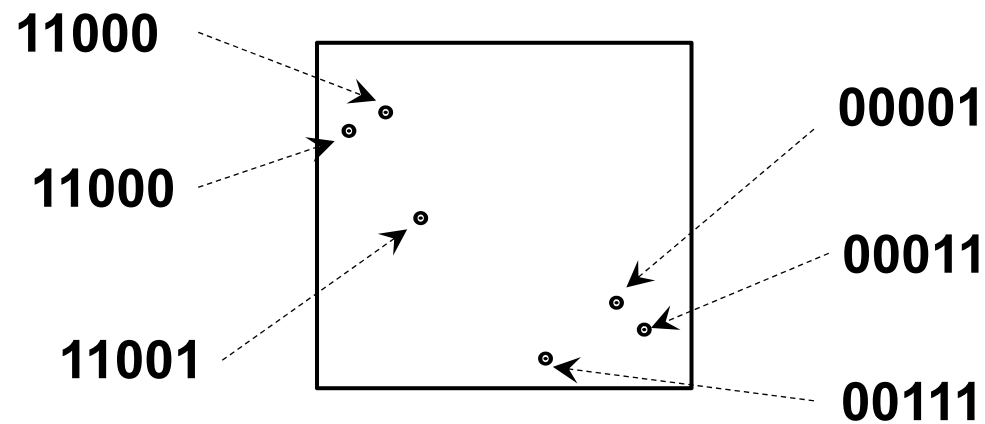
	BoW	GIST
Dimensions	1000+	300+
1 image	4 KB+	1.2 KB+
1B images	3 TB+	1 TB+

$$\frac{144 \text{ GB memory}}{1 \text{ billion images}} \approx \frac{128 \text{ bits}}{1 \text{ image}}$$

Binary Code



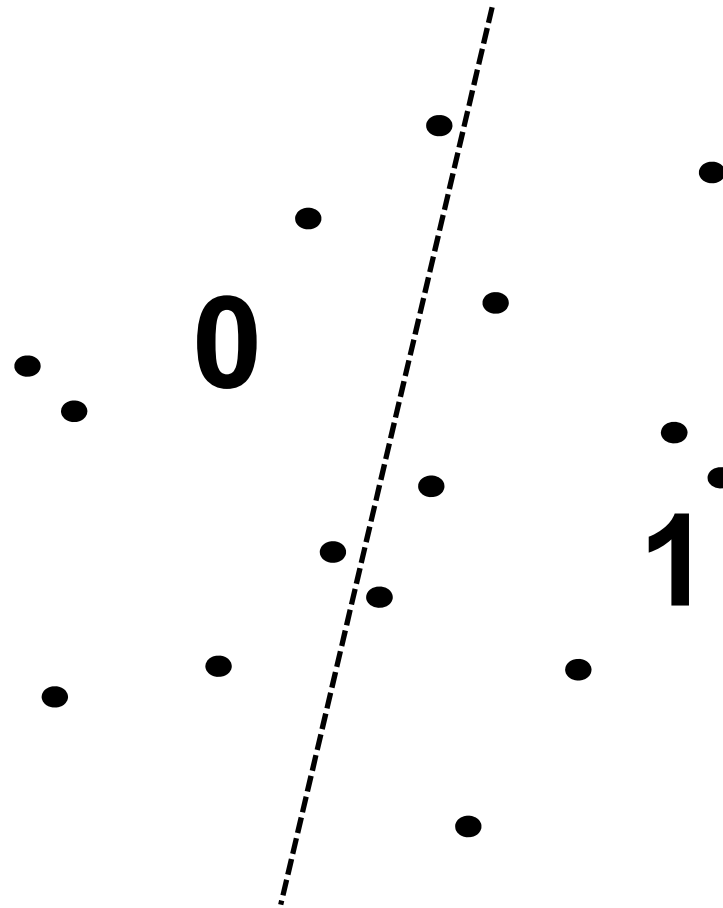
Binary Code



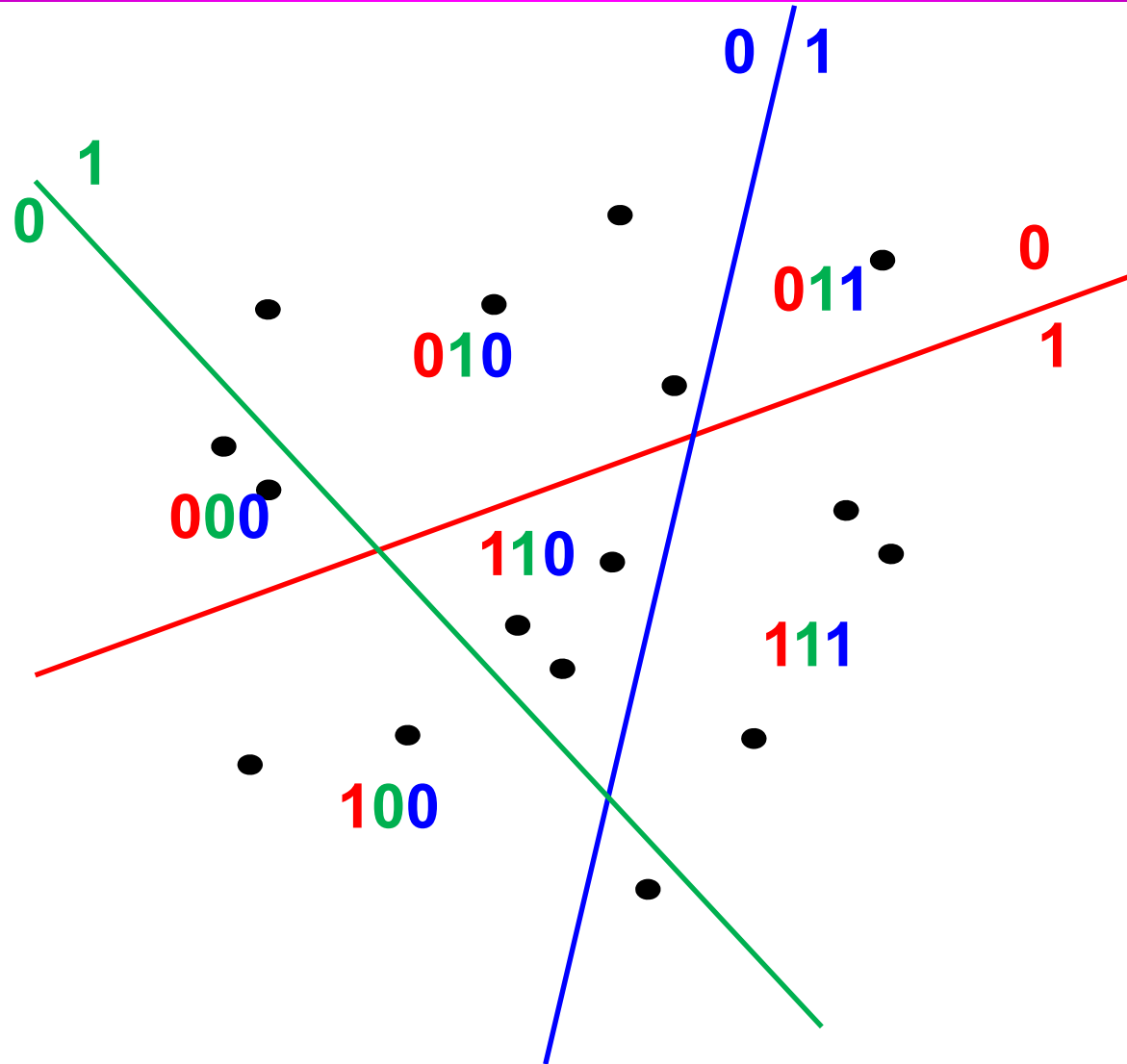
* Benefits

- Compression
- Very fast distance computation (Hamming Distance, XOR)

Hyper-Plane based Binary Coding



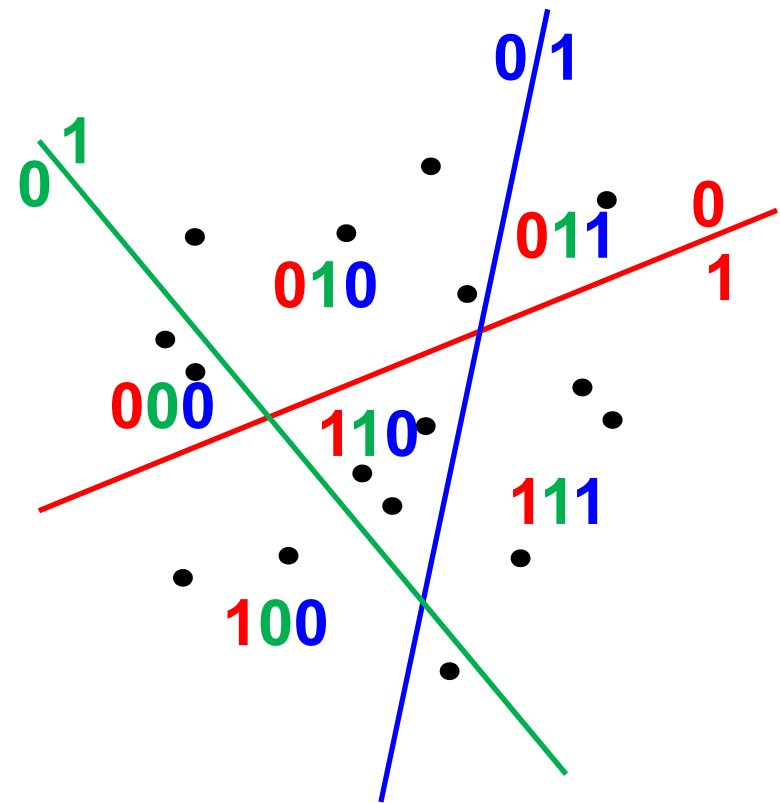
Hyper-Plane based Binary Coding



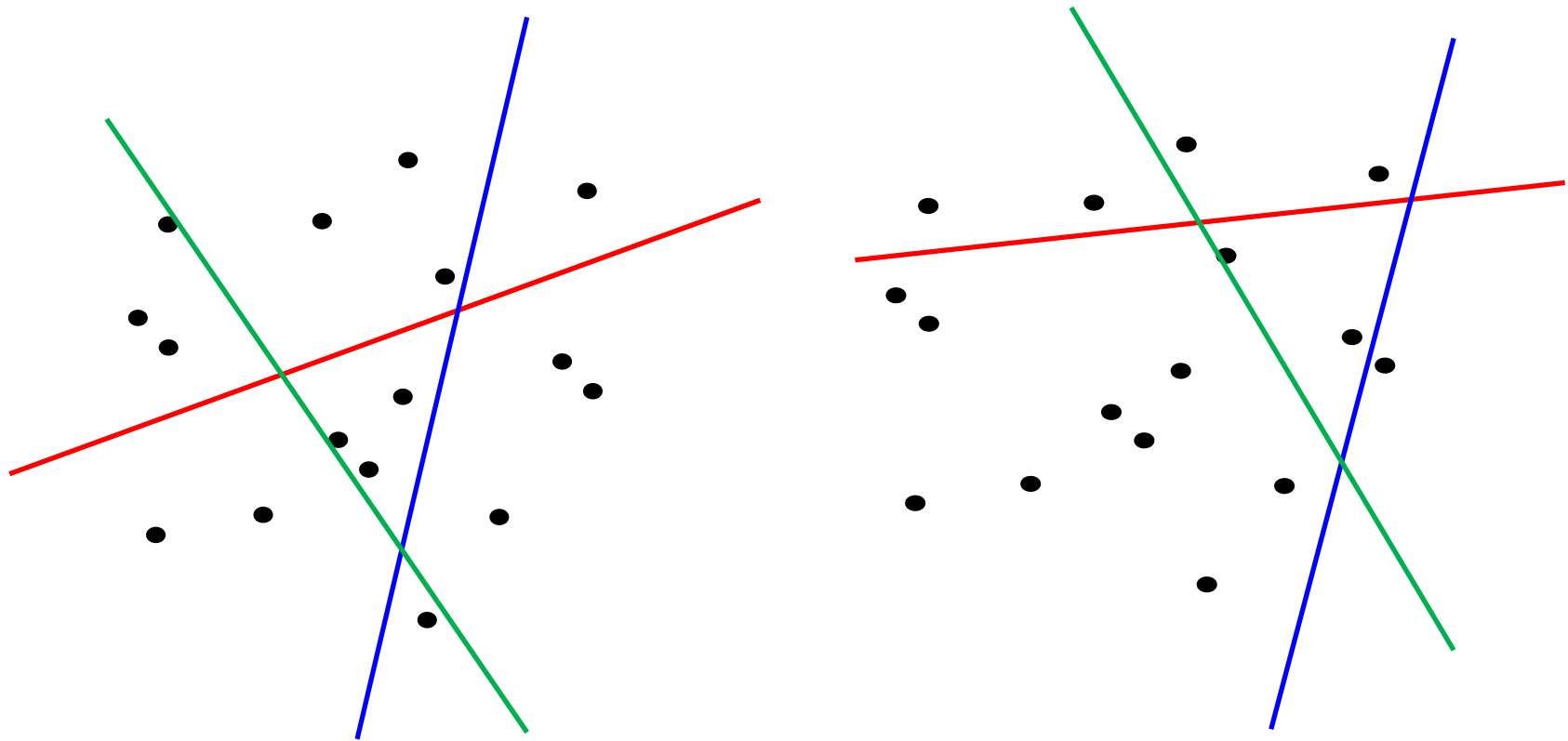
Distance between Two Points

- Measured by bit differences, known as Hamming distance
- Efficiently computed by XOR bit operations

$$d_{hd}(b_i, b_j) = |b_i \oplus b_j|$$



Good and Bad Hyper-Planes



**Previous work focused on
how to determine good hyper-planes**

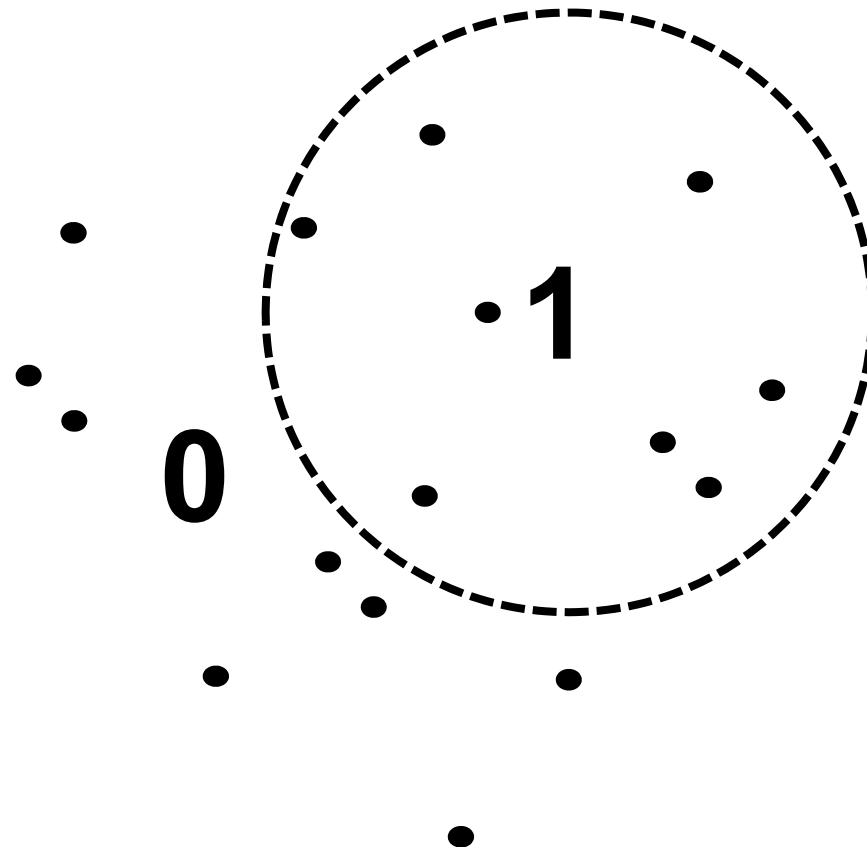
Components of Spherical Hashing

- **Spherical hashing**
- **Hyper-sphere setting strategy**
- **Spherical Hamming distance**

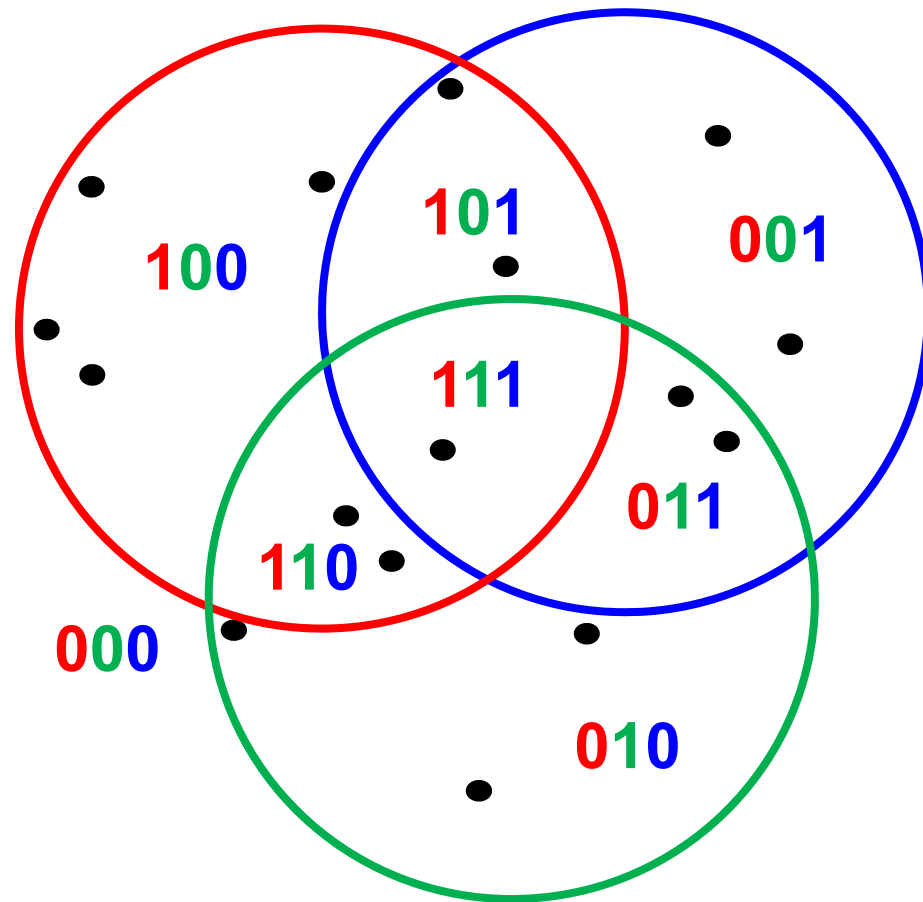
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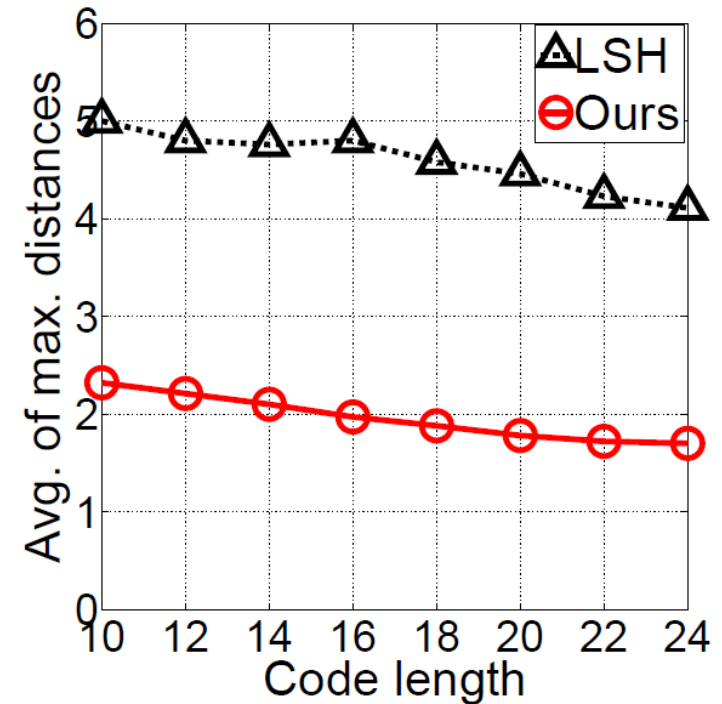
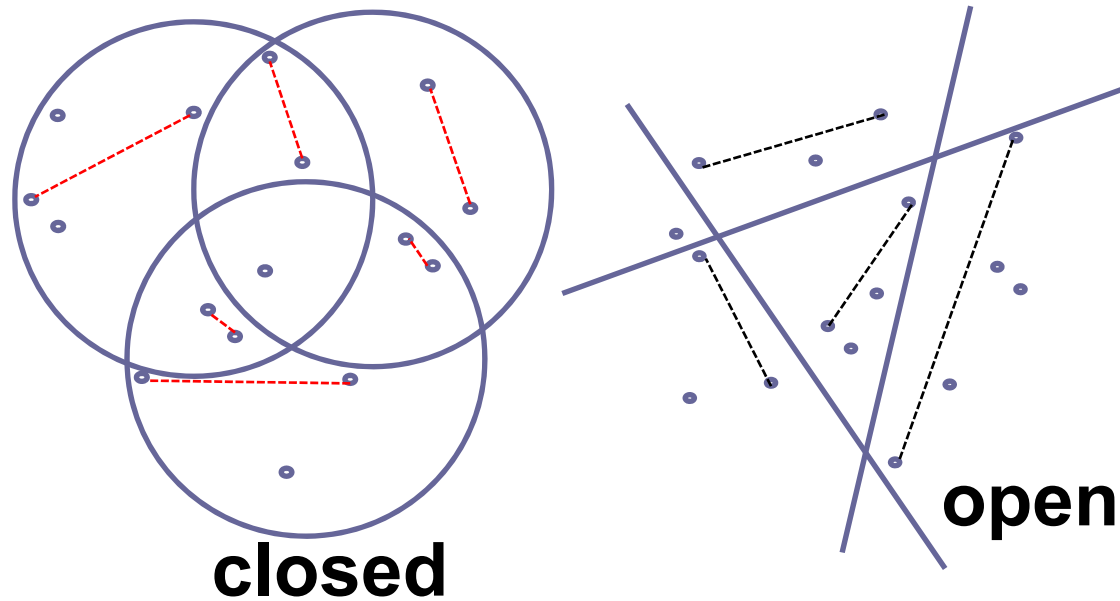
Spherical Hashing [Heo et al., CVPR 12]



Spherical Hashing [Heo et al., CVPR 12]



Hyper-Sphere vs Hyper-Plane



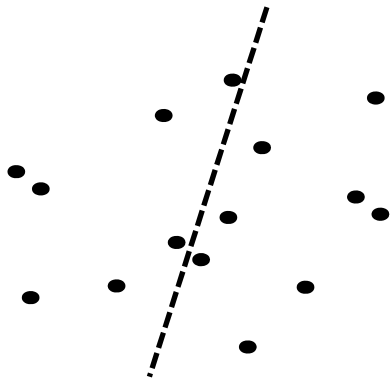
Average of maximum distances within a partition:
- Hyper-spheres gives tighter bound!

Components of Spherical Hashing

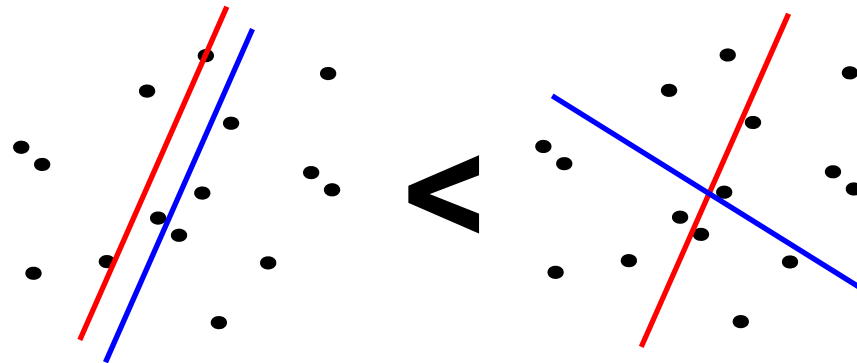
- Spherical hashing
- **Hyper-sphere setting strategy**
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Good Binary Coding [Yeiss 2008, He 2011]

1. Balanced partitioning

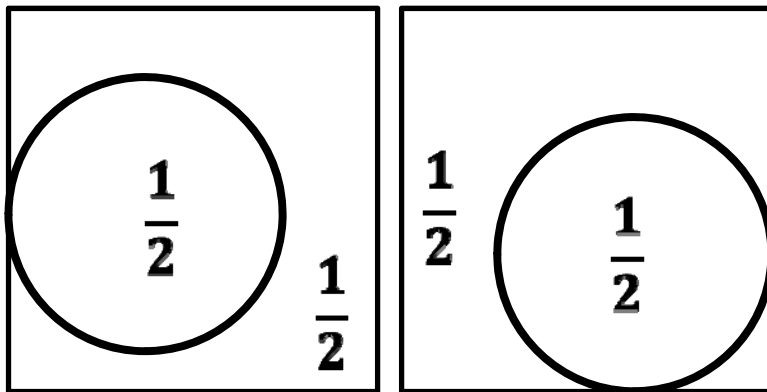


2. Independence

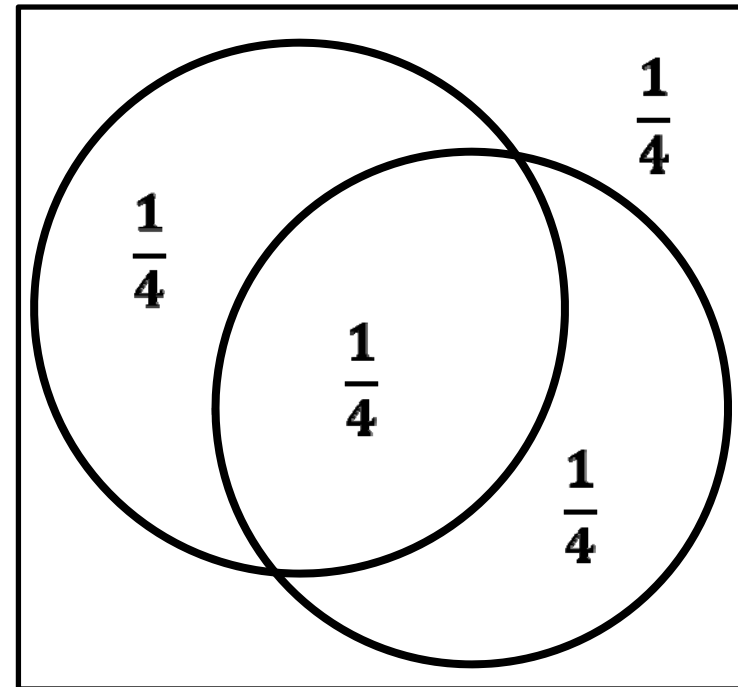


Intuition of Hyper-Sphere Setting

1. Balance



2. Independence

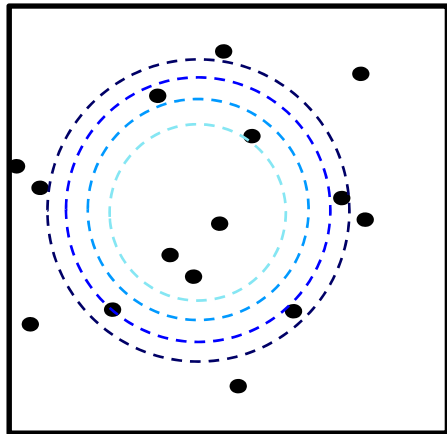


Hyper-Sphere Setting Process

1. Balance

- by controlling radius

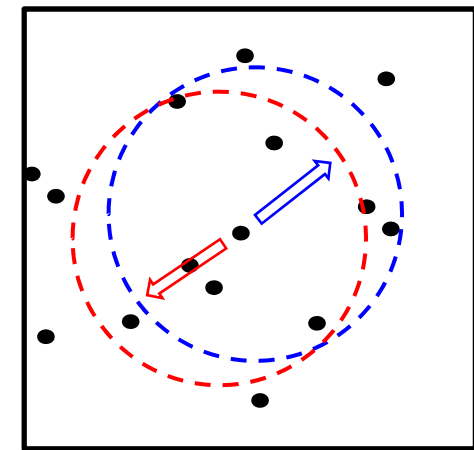
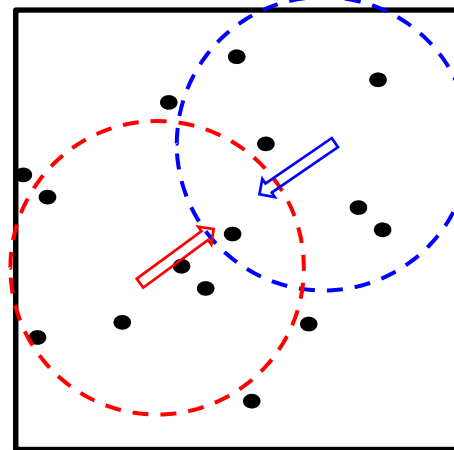
$$\text{for } n(S) = \frac{N}{2}$$



2. Independence

- by moving two hyper-spheres

$$\text{spheres for } n(S_1 \cap S_2) = \frac{N}{4}$$

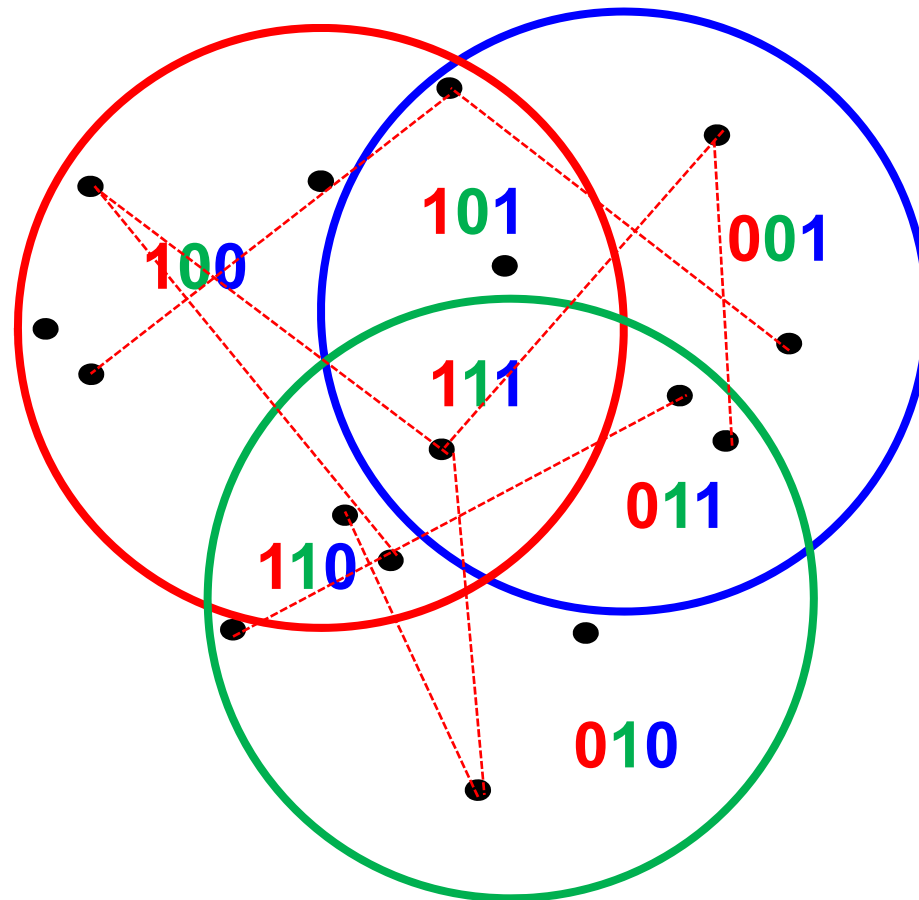


Iteratively repeat step 1, 2 until convergence.

Components of Spherical Hashing

- Spherical hashing
- Hyper-sphere setting strategy
- **Spherical Hamming distance**

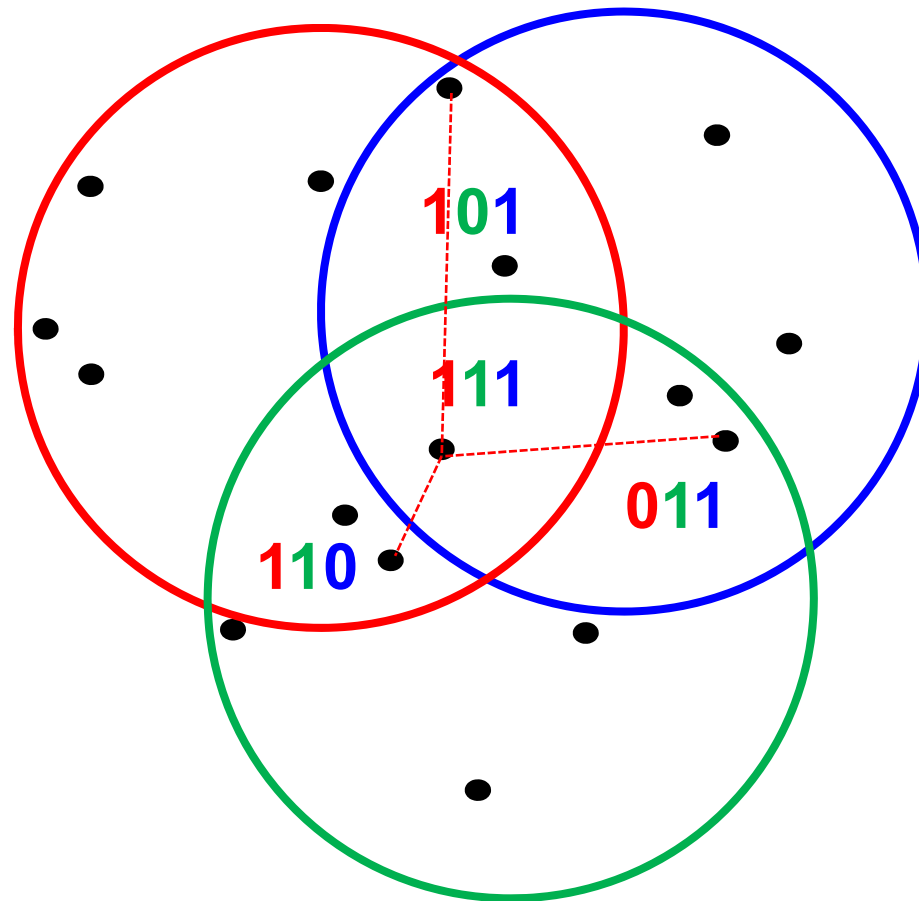
Max Distance and Common '1'



Common '1's

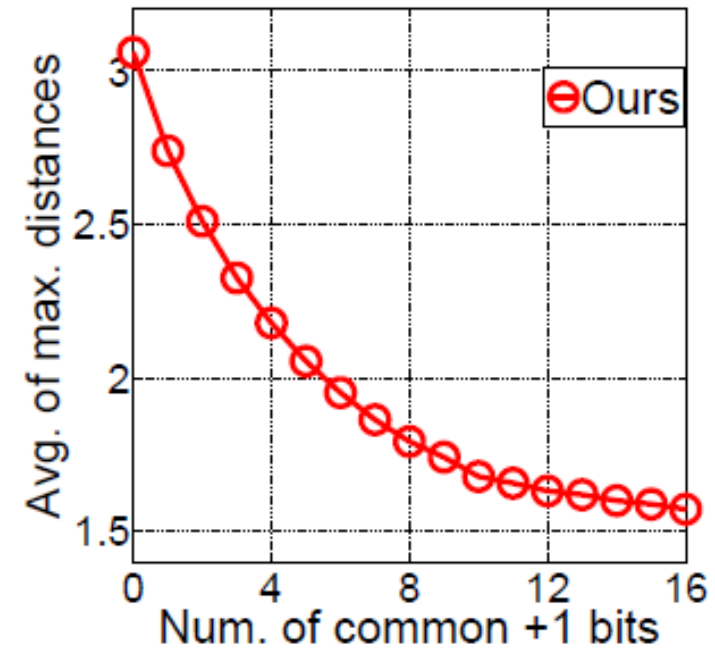
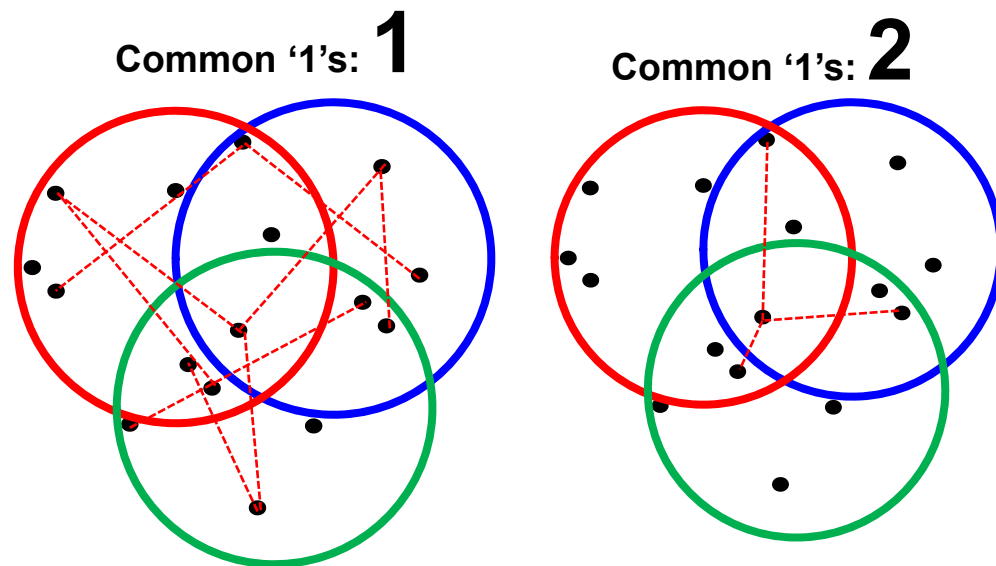
: 1

Max Distance and Common '1'



Common '1's
: 2

Max Distance and Common '1'



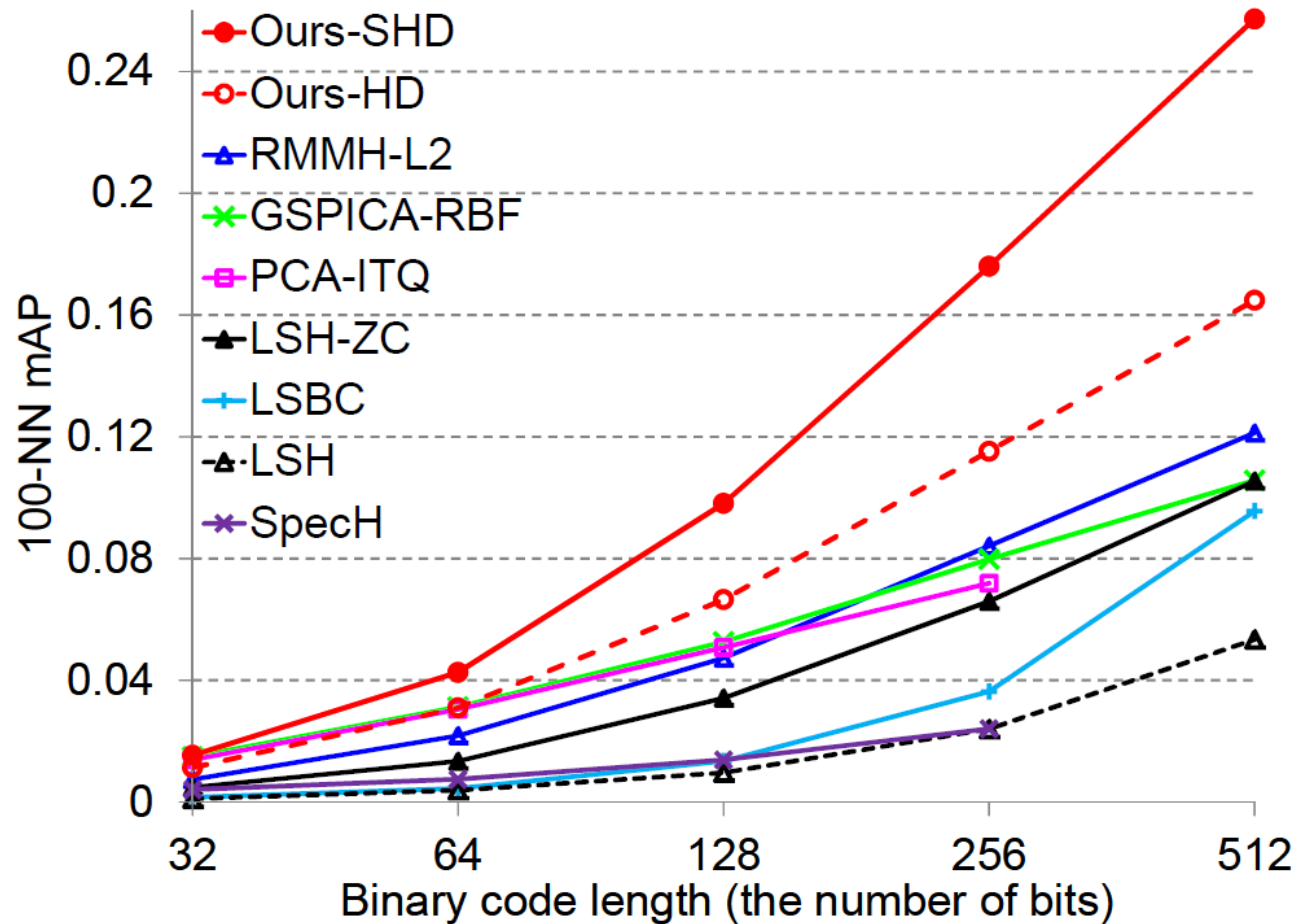
Average of maximum distances between two partitions: decreases as number of common '1'

Spherical Hamming Distance (SHD)

$$d_{shd}(b_i, b_j) = \frac{|b_i \oplus b_j|}{|b_i \wedge b_j|}$$

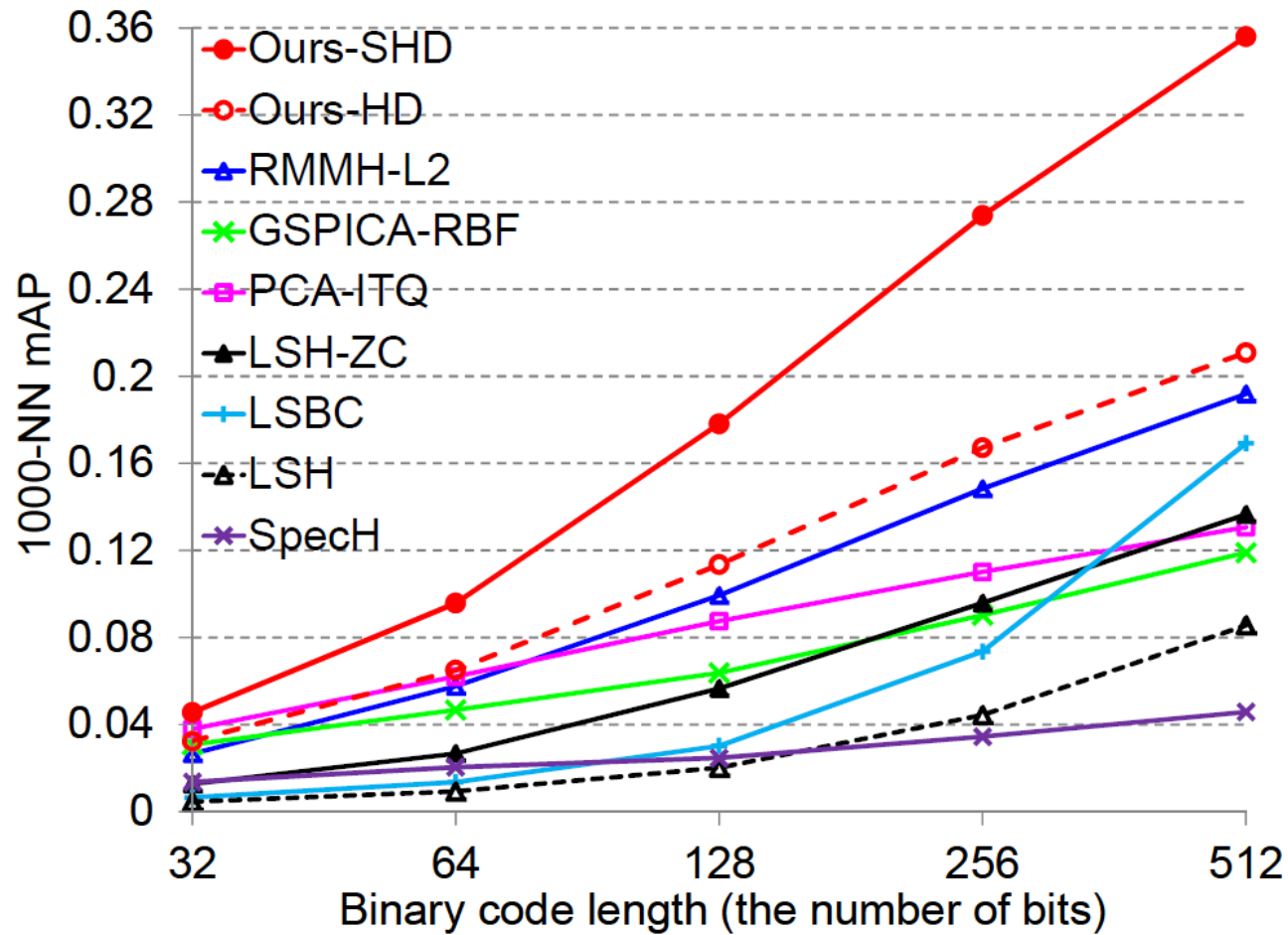
SHD: Hamming Distance divided by the number of common '1's.

Results



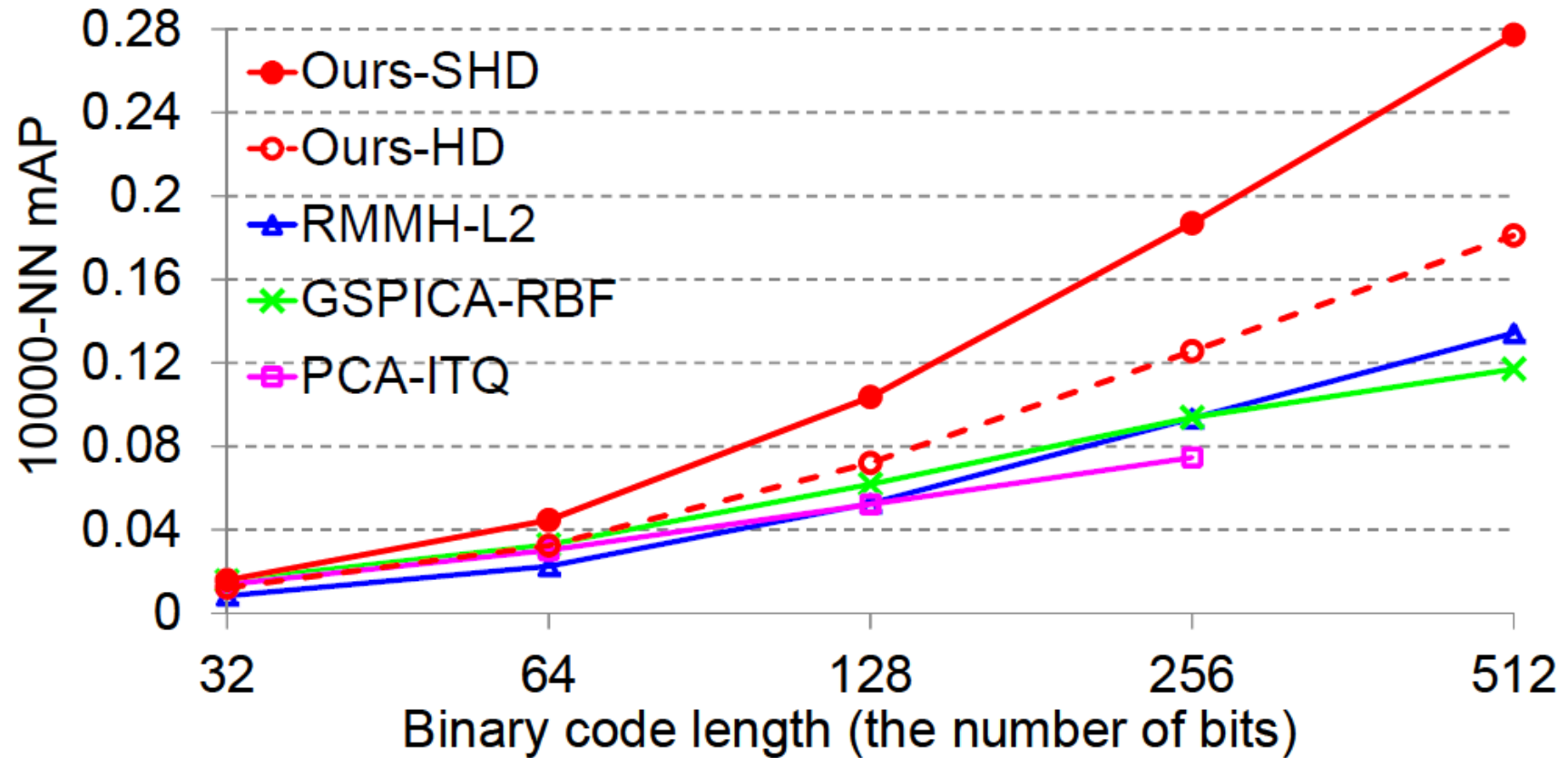
384 dimensional 1 million GIST descriptors
Source codes are available

Results



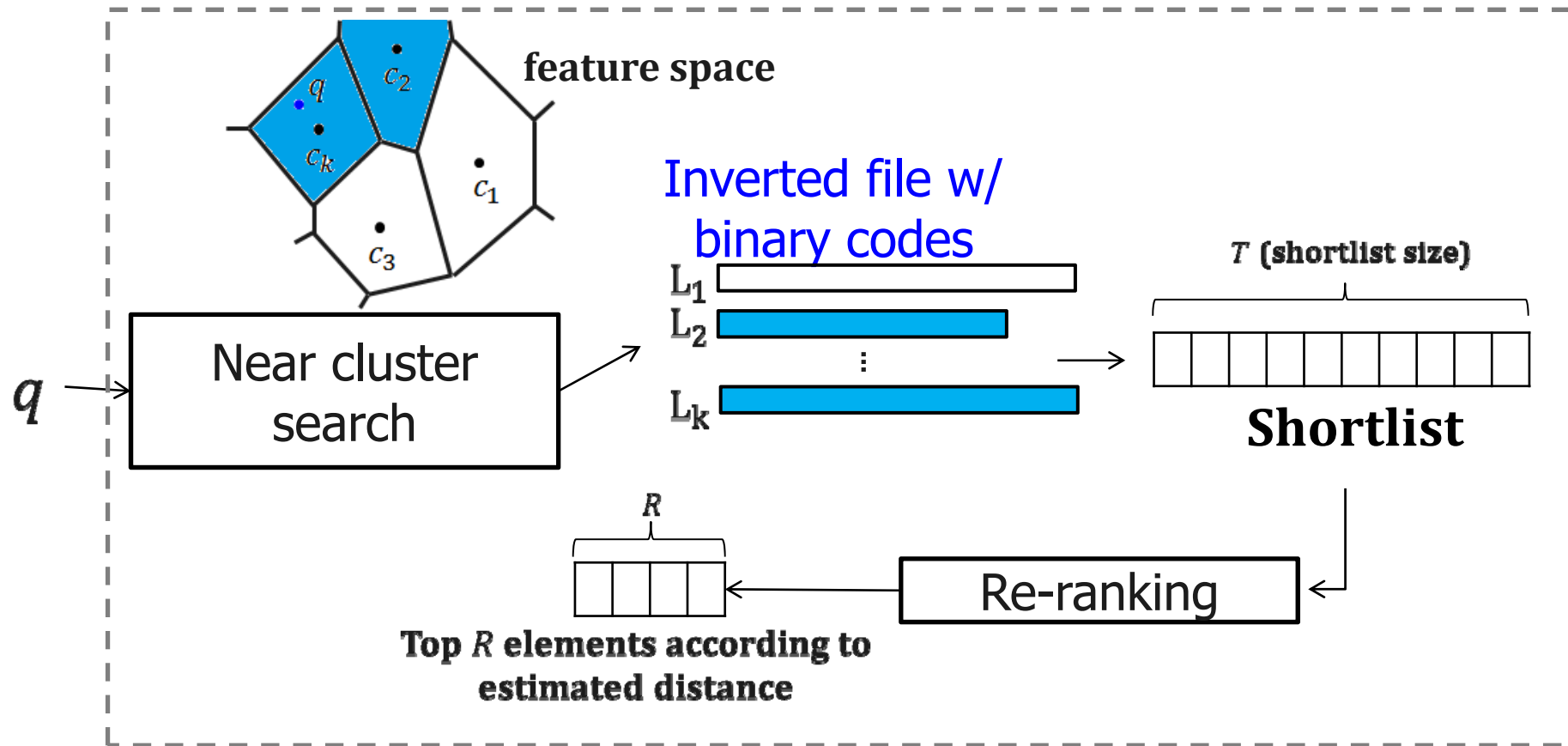
960 dimensional 1 million GIST descriptors

Results



384 dimensional 75 million GIST descriptors

Summary



Tutorial Schedule

- **2:00pm, basic materials, S. Yoon**
 - Introduction on image search
 - Compact representations of images
- **3:30pm, 15min break**
- **3:45pm, recent techniques, Z. Lin**
 - Indexing scheme for large-scale image search
 - Applications
- **5:15pm, the end**

