

# C280, Computer Vision

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Lecture 16: Recognition in Context

# Last Lecture

- Naïve-Bayes Nearest Neighbor (Irani)
- ISM (Liebe)
- Constellation Models (Fergus)
- Transformed LDA Models (Sudderth)
- 3-D view models (Saravese)

# This week

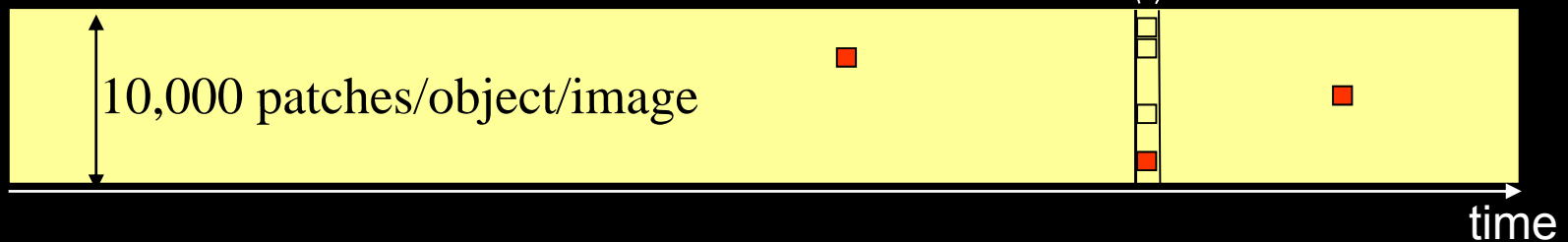
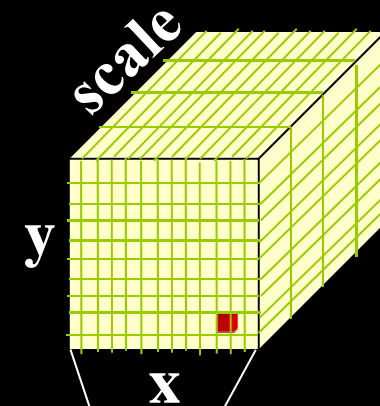
- Two last topics in recognition:
  - Context
  - Articulation

# Today: Three papers on computational models of context:

- A. Torralba, K. P. Murphy, and W. T. Freeman, "Contextual models for object detection using boosted random fields," in Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems 17 (NIPS), 2005.
- D. Hoiem, A. A. Efros, and M. Hebert, "Putting objects in perspective," in Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition, 2006
- G. Heitz and D. Koller, "Learning spatial context: Using stuff to find things," in ECCV 2008, pp. 30-43.



# Why is detection hard?



Plus, we want to do this for ~ 1000 objects

1,000,000 images/day

# Is local information enough?



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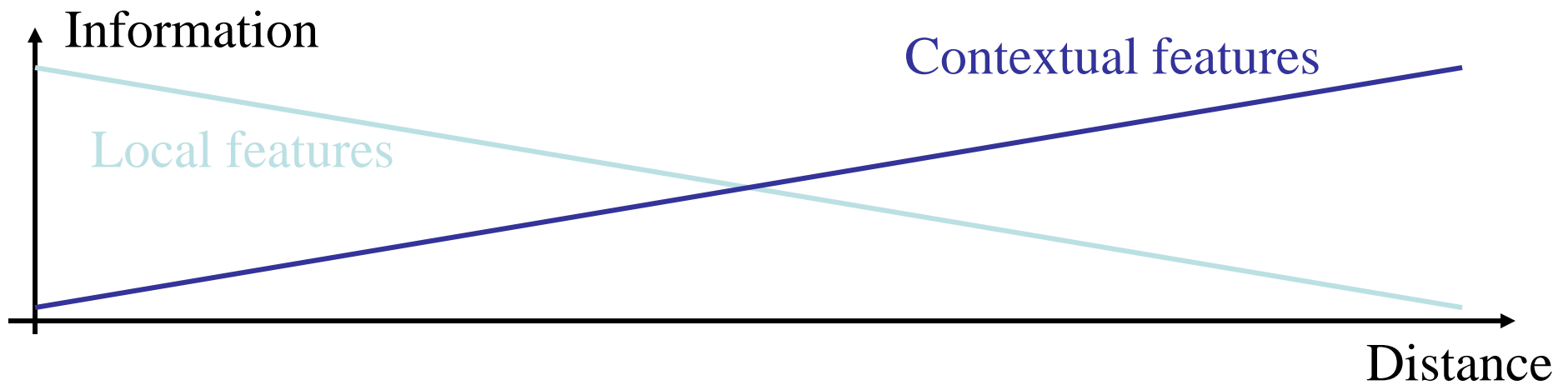
# With hundreds of categories



If we have 1000 categories (detectors), and each detector produces 1 fa every 10 images, we will have 100 false alarms per image... pretty much garbage...

Is local information even enough?

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# The system does not care about the scene, but we do...

We know there is a keyboard present in this scene even if we cannot see it clearly.



We know there is no keyboard present in this scene



**... even if there is one indeed.**

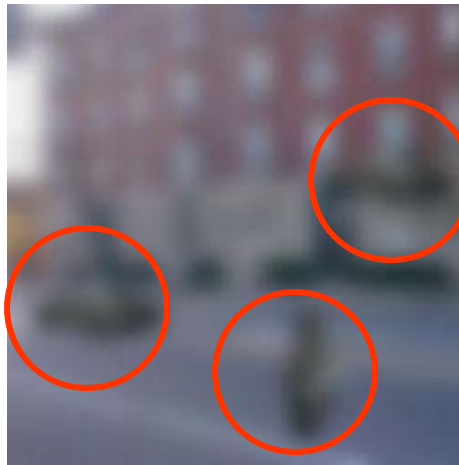
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# The multiple personalities of a blob





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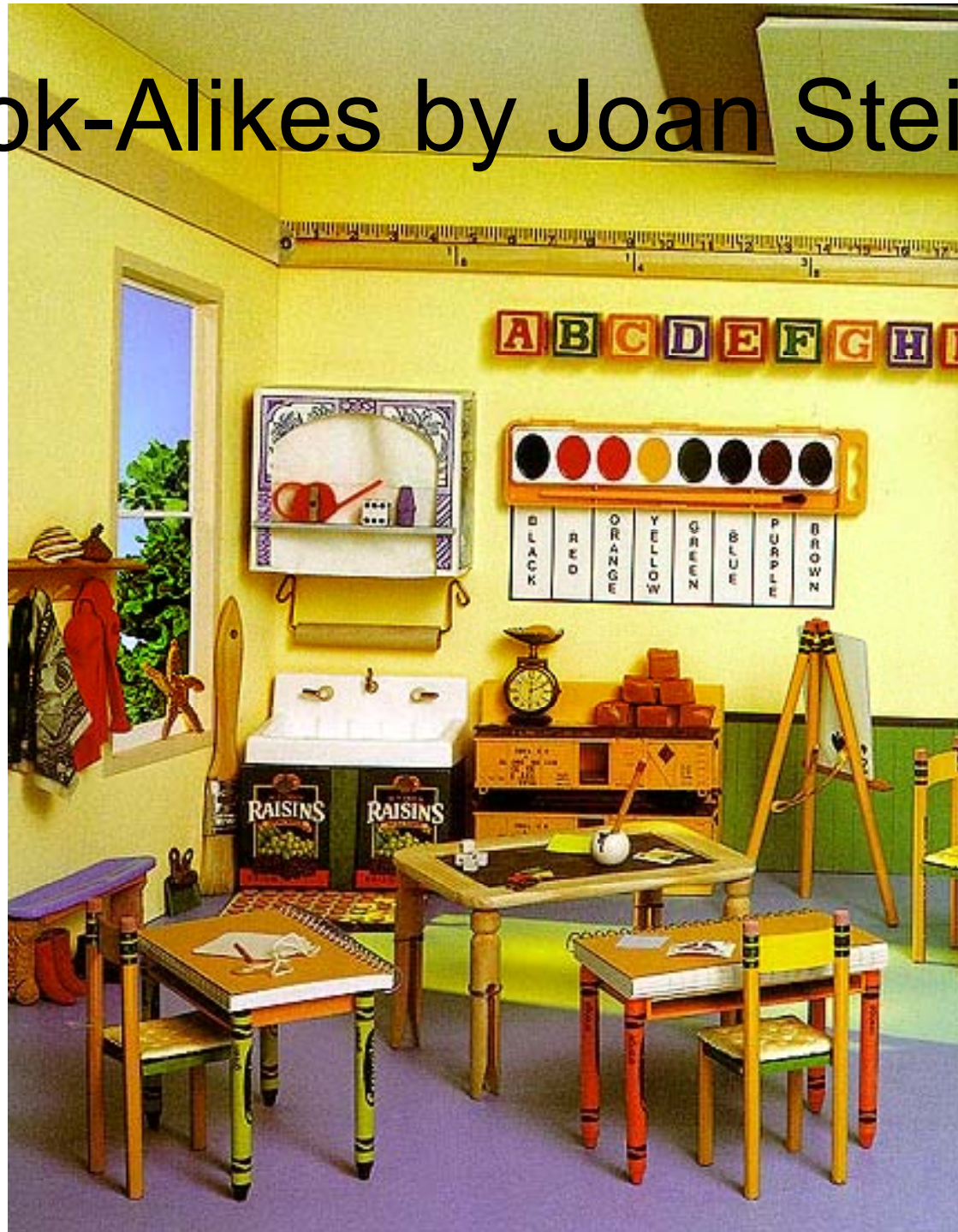
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# The context challenge

How far can you go without using an object detector?

# What are the hidden objects?





# What are the hidden objects?



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# The importance of context

- Cognitive psychology

- Palmer 1975
- Biederman 1981
- ...



- Computer vision

- Noton and Stark (1971)
- Hanson and Riseman (1978)
- Barrow & Tenenbaum (1978)
- Ohta, Kanade, Skaife (1978)
- Haralick (1983)
- Strat and Fischler (1991)
- Bobick and Pinhanez (1995)
- Campbell et al (1997)

Class	Context elements	Operator
SKY	ALWAYS	ABOVE-HORIZON
SKY	SKY-IS-CLEAR $\wedge$ TIME-IS-DAY	BRIGHT
SKY	SKY-IS-CLEAR $\wedge$ TIME-IS-DAY	UNTEXTURED
SKY	SKY-IS-CLEAR $\wedge$ TIME-IS-DAY $\wedge$ RGB-IS-AVAILABLE	BLUE
SKY	SKY-IS-OVERCAST $\wedge$ TIME-IS-DAY	BRIGHT
SKY	SKY-IS-OVERCAST $\wedge$ TIME-IS-DAY	UNTEXTURED
SKY	SKY-IS-OVERCAST $\wedge$ TIME-IS-DAY $\wedge$ RGB-IS-AVAILABLE	WHITE
SKY	SPARSE-RANGE-IS-AVAILABLE	SPARSE-RANGE-IS-UNDEFINED
SKY	CAMERA-IS-HORIZONTAL	NEAR-TOP
SKY	CAMERA-IS-HORIZONTAL $\wedge$ CLIQUE-CONTAINS(complete-sky)	ABOVE-SKYLINE
SKY	CLIQUE-CONTAINS(sky)	SIMILAR-INTENSITY
SKY	CLIQUE-CONTAINS(sky)	SIMILAR-TEXTURE
SKY	RGB-IS-AVAILABLE $\wedge$ CLIQUE-CONTAINS(sky)	SIMILAR-COLOR
GROUND	CAMERA-IS-HORIZONTAL	HORIZONTALLY-STRATED
GROUND	CAMERA-IS-HORIZONTAL	NEAR-BOTTOM
GROUND	SPARSE-RANGE-IS-AVAILABLE	SPARSE-RANGES-FORM-HORIZONTAL
GROUND	DENSE-RANGE-IS-AVAILABLE	DENSE-RANGES-FORM-HORIZONTAL
GROUND	CAMERA-IS-HORIZONTAL $\wedge$ CLIQUE-CONTAINS(complete-ground)	BELOW-SKYLINE
GROUND	CAMERA-IS-HORIZONTAL $\wedge$ CLIQUE-CONTAINS(geometric-horizon) $\wedge$ $\neg$ CLIQUE-CONTAINS(skyline)	BELOW-GEOMETRIC-HORIZON
GROUND	TIME-IS-DAY	DARK

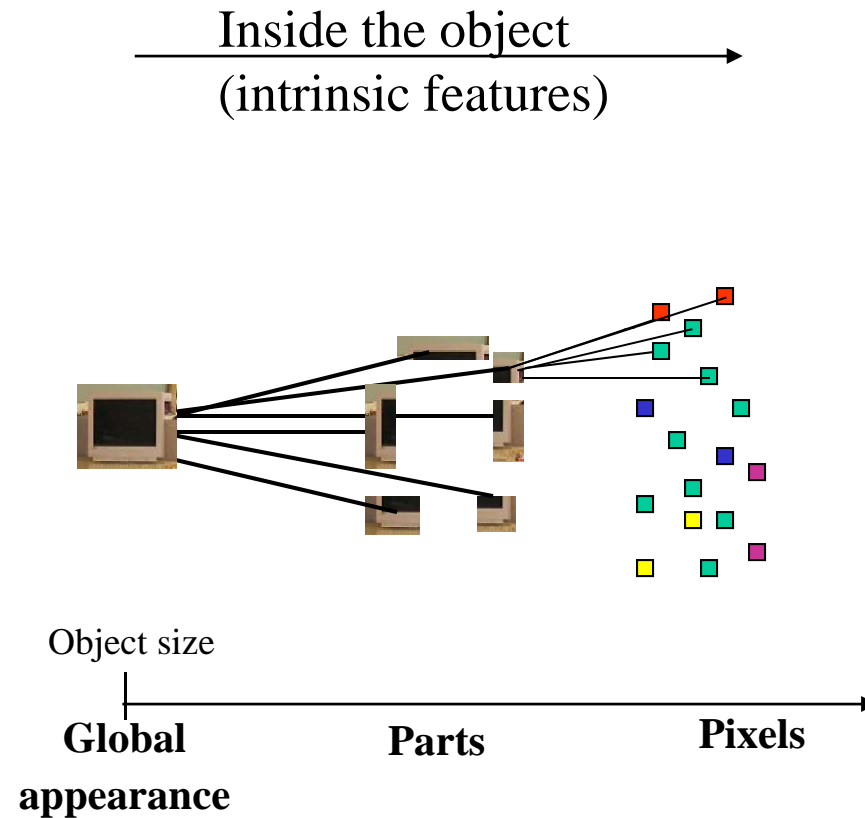
# Multiclass object detection and context modeling

Antonio Torralba

In collaboration with

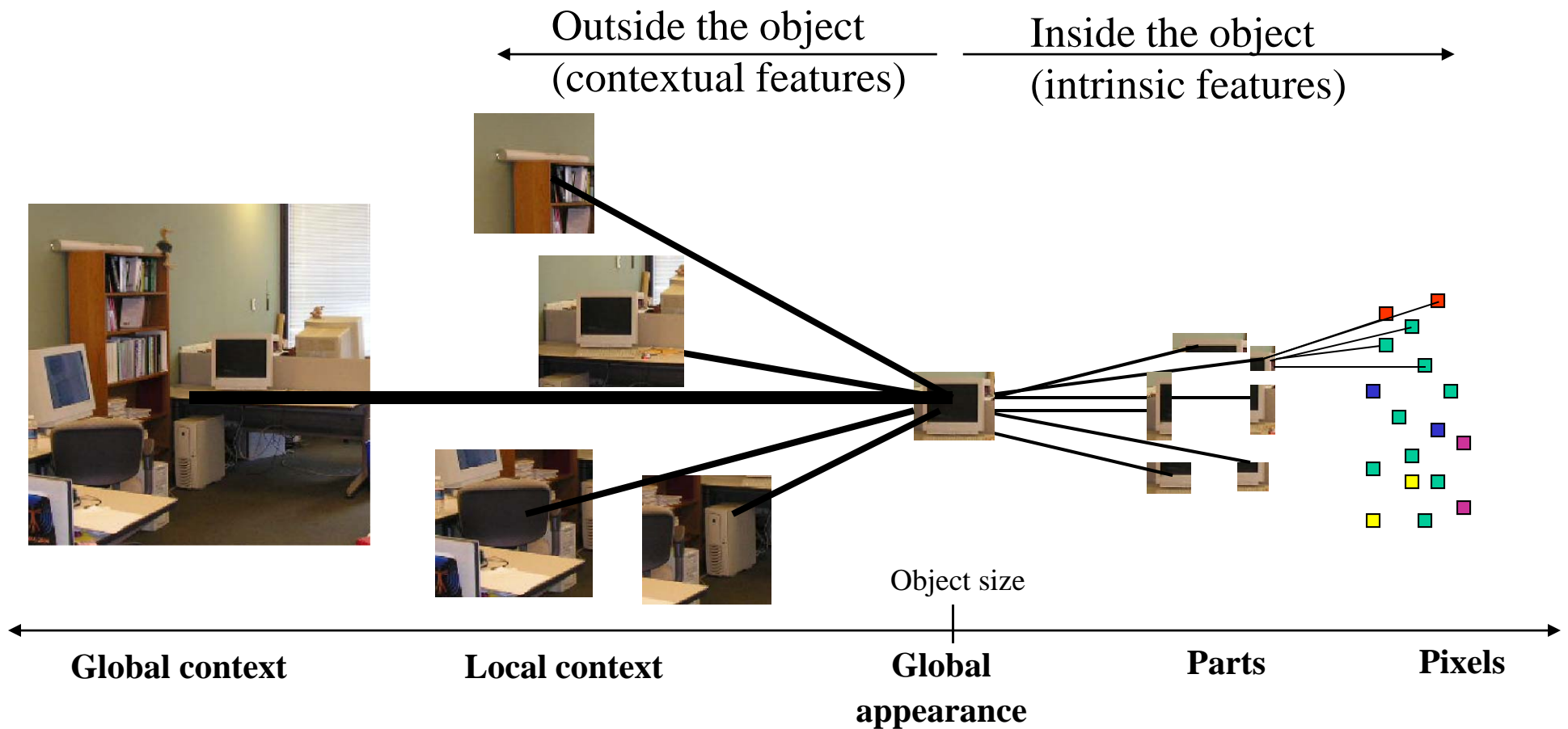
Kevin P. Murphy and William T. Freeman

# Object representations



Agarwal & Roth, (02), Moghaddam, Pentland (97), Turk, Pentland (91), Vidal-Naquet, Ullman, (03)  
Heisele, et al, (01), Agarwal & Roth, (02), Kremp, Geman, Amit (02), Dorko, Schmid, (03)  
Fergus, Perona, Zisserman (03), Fei Fei, Fergus, Perona, (03), Schneiderman, Kanade (00), Lowe (99)  
Etc.

# Object representations



Kruppa & Shiele, (03), Fink & Perona (03)

Carbonetto, Freitas, Barnard (03), Kumar, Hebert, (03)

He, Zemel, Carreira-Perpinan (04), Moore, Essa, Monson, Hayes (99)

Strat & Fischler (91), Murphy, Torralba & Freeman (03)

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Etc.

# Previous work on context

- Strat & Fischler (91)

Context defined using hand-written rules about relationships between objects

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67	GROUND	TIME-IS-DAY	DARK
71	FOLIAGE	ALWAYS	HIGHLY-TEXTURED
72	FOLIAGE	ALWAYS	HIGH-VEGETATIVE-TRANSPARENCY
73	FOLIAGE	CAMERA-IS-HORIZONTAL	NEAR-TOP
74	FOLIAGE	RGB-IS-AVAILABLE	GREEN
76	RAISED-OBJECT	SPARSE-RANGE-IS-AVAILABLE	SPARSE-HEIGHT-ABOVE-GROUND
77	RAISED-OBJECT	DENSE-RANGE-IS-AVAILABLE	DENSE-HEIGHT-ABOVE-GROUND
78	RAISED-OBJECT	CAMERA-IS-HORIZONTAL $\wedge$ CLIQUE-CONTAINS( <i>complete-sky</i> )	ABOVE-SKYLINE

Table 5: Type II Context Sets: Candidate Evaluation

# Previous work on context

- Fink & Perona (03)

Use output of boosting from other objects at previous iterations as input into boosting for this iteration

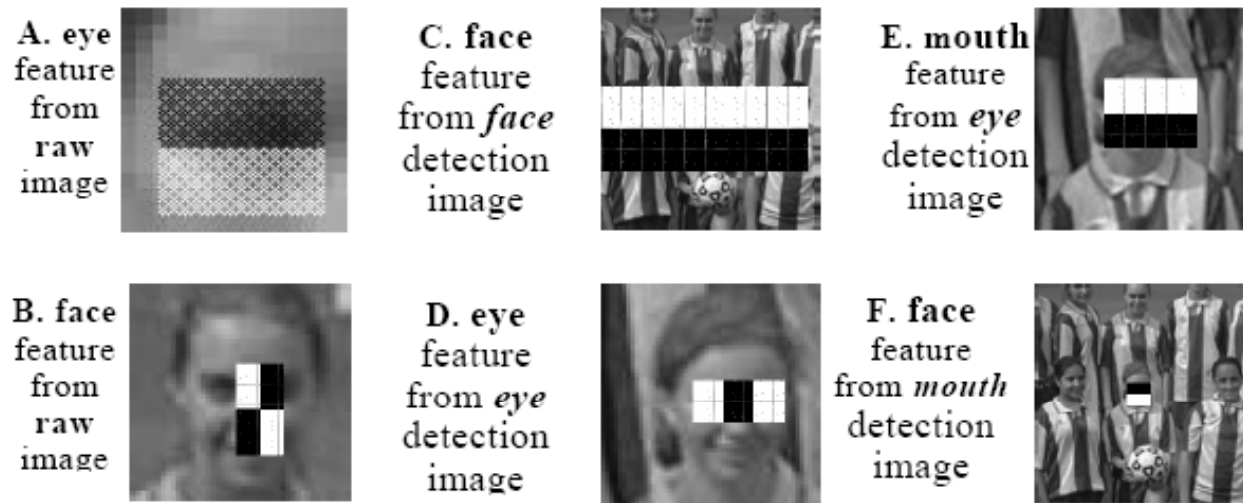
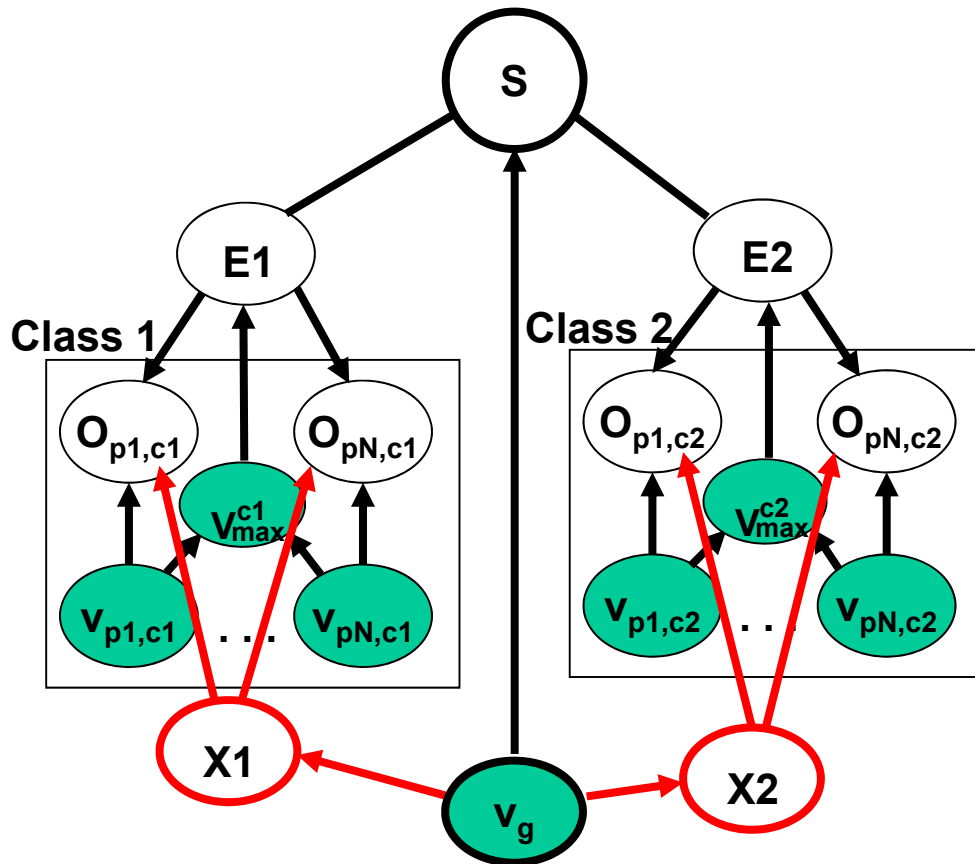


Figure 5: A-E. Emerging features of eyes, mouths and faces (presented on windows of raw images for legibility). The windows' scale is defined by the detected object size and by the map mode (local or contextual). C. faces are detected using face detection maps  $H^{\text{Face}}$ , exploiting the fact that faces tend to be horizontally aligned.

# Previous work on context

- Murphy, Torralba & Freeman (03)

Use global context to predict objects but there is no modeling of spatial relationships between objects.



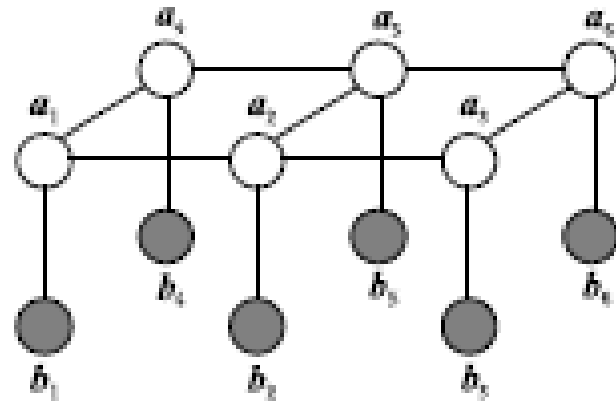
Keyboards



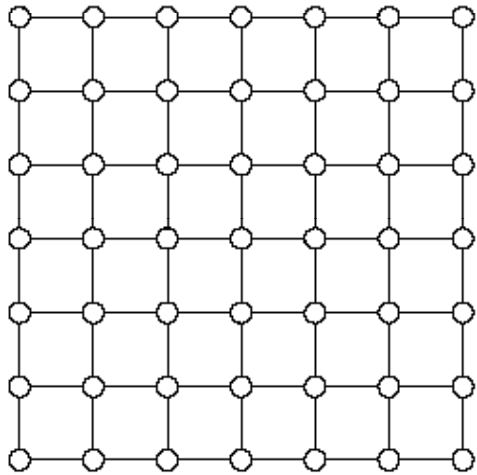


# Previous work on context

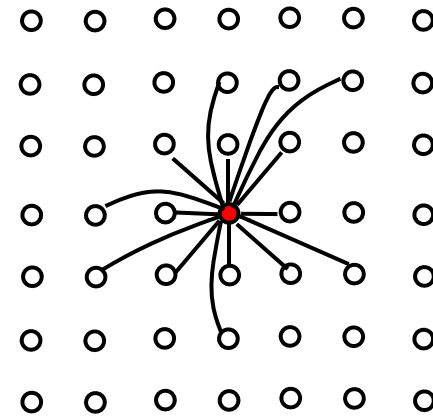
- Carbonetto, de Freitas & Barnard (04)
- Enforce spatial consistency between labels using MRF



# Graphical models for image labeling



Nearest neighbor grid



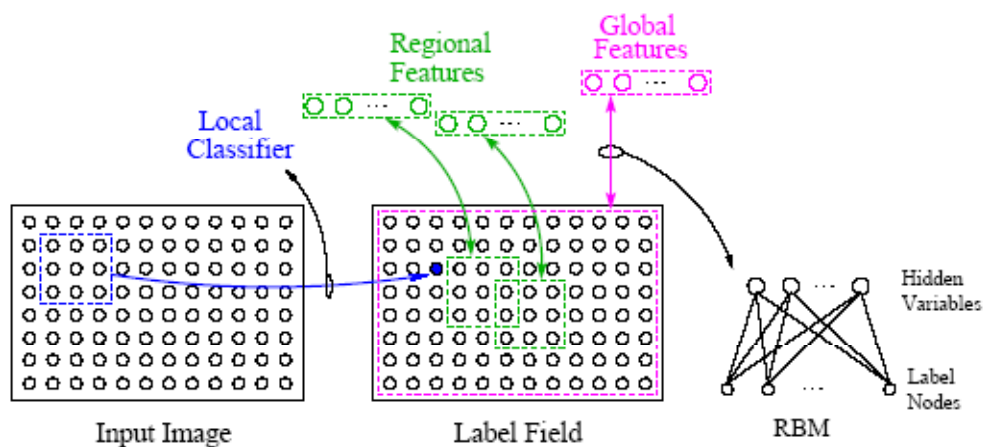
Densely connected graphs  
with low informative connections

Want to model long-range correlations between labels

# Previous work on context

- He, Zemel & Carreira-Perpinan (04)

Use latent variables to induce long distance correlations between labels in a Conditional Random Field (CRF)

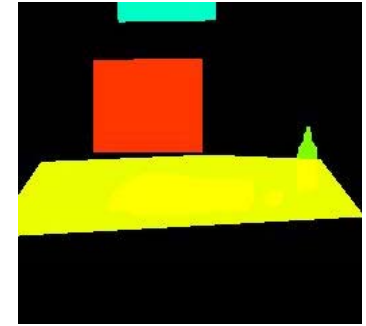


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- Learn structure of dense CRF (with long range connections) using boosting, to exploit spatial correlations

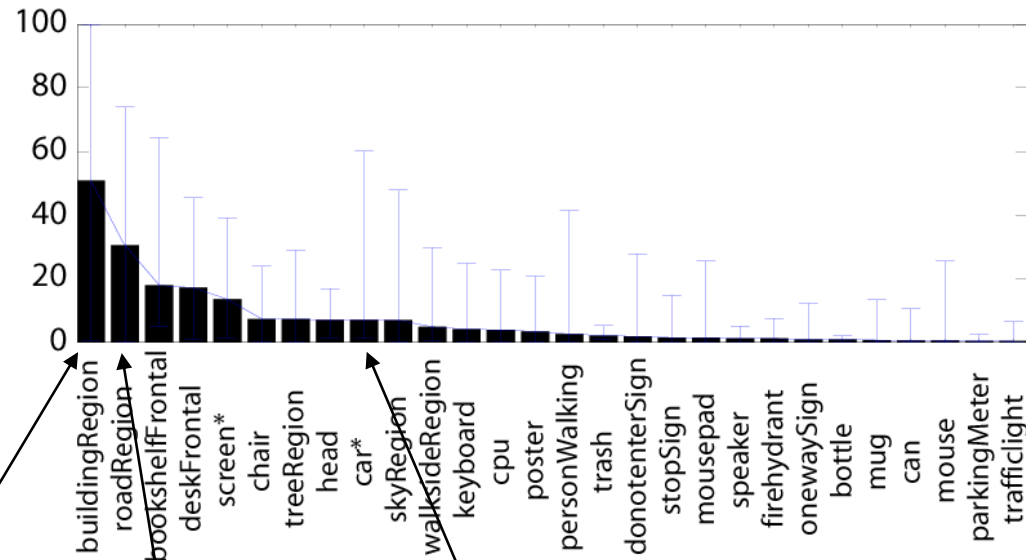
# Image database

- ~2500 hand labeled images with segmentations
- ~30 objects and stuff
- Indoor and outdoor
- Sets of images are separated by locations and camera (digital/webcam)
- No graduate students or low-income-student-class exploited for labeling.



# Which objects are important?

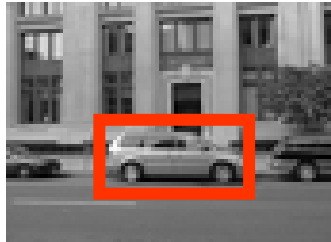
Average percentage of pixels occupied by each object.



# Object representation

- **Discrete/bounded/rigid**

Screen, car, pedestrian, bottle, ...



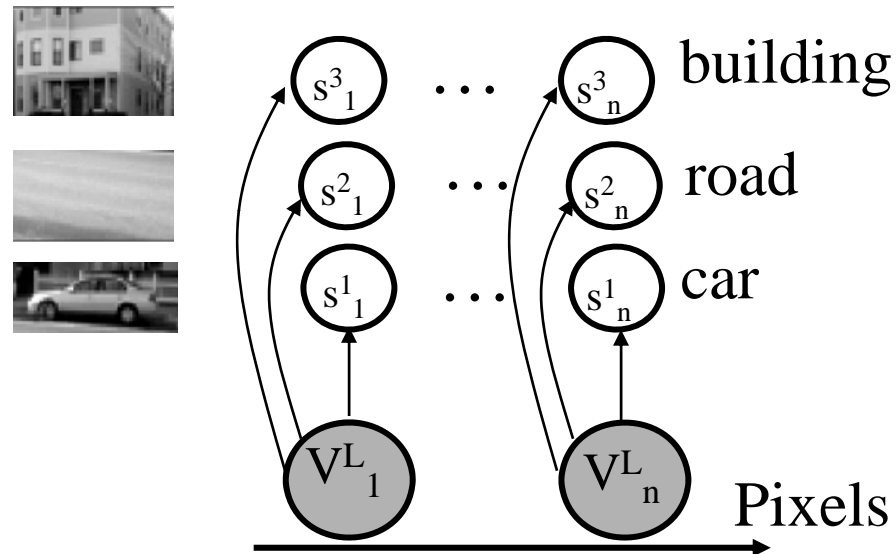
- **Extended/unbounded/deformable**

Building, sky, road, shelves, desk, ...



We will use region labeling as a representation.

# Learning local features (intrinsic object features)

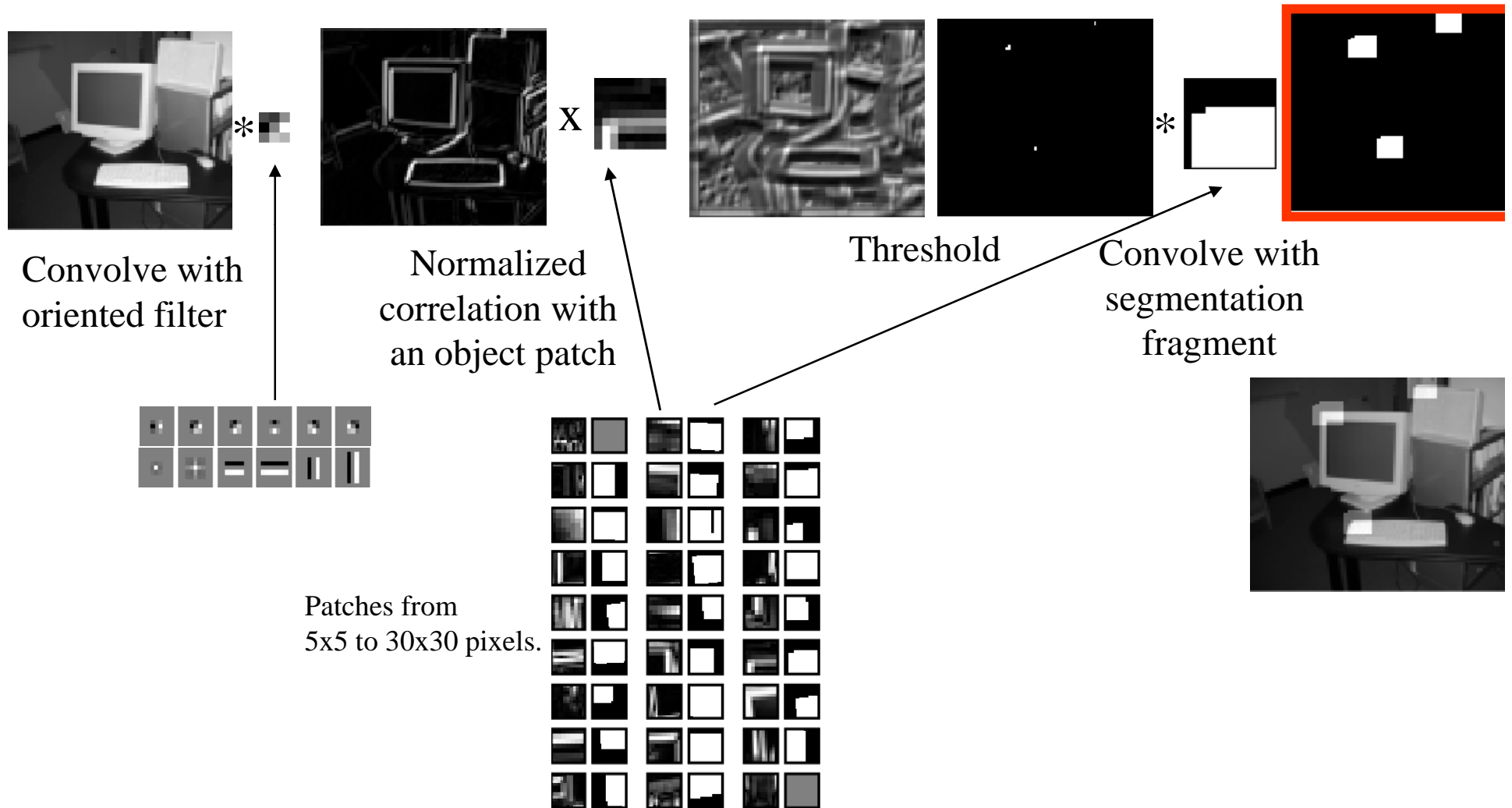


We maximize the probability of the true labels using Boosting.

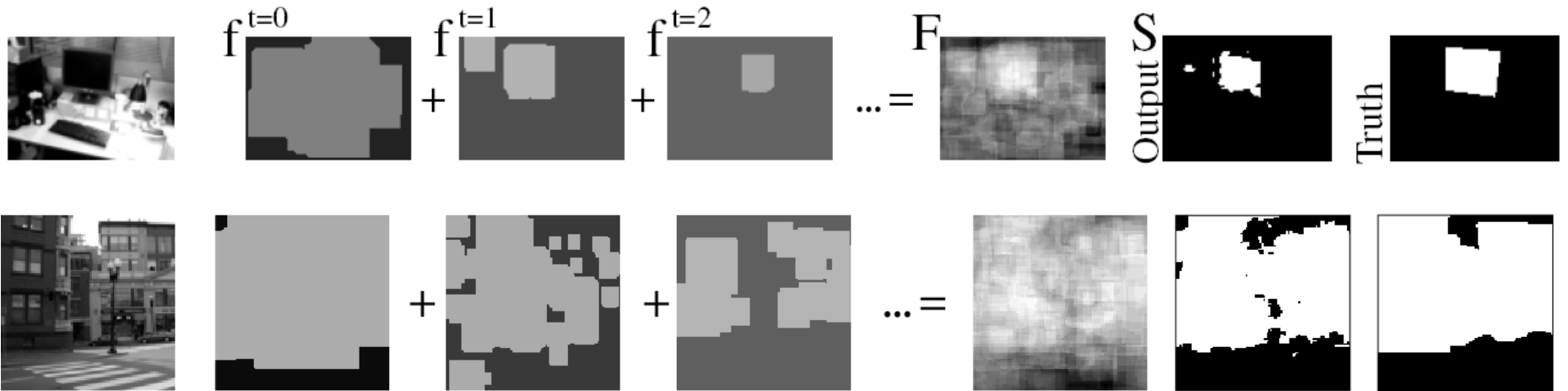


# Object local features

(Borenstein & Ullman, ECCV 02)

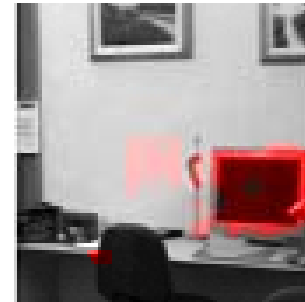
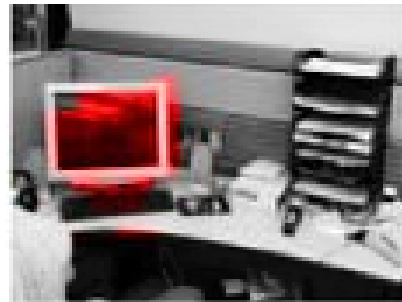
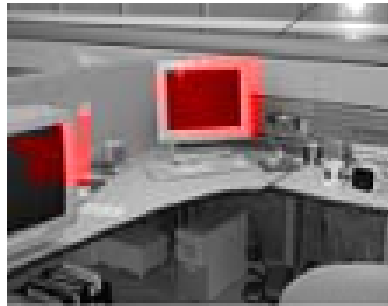
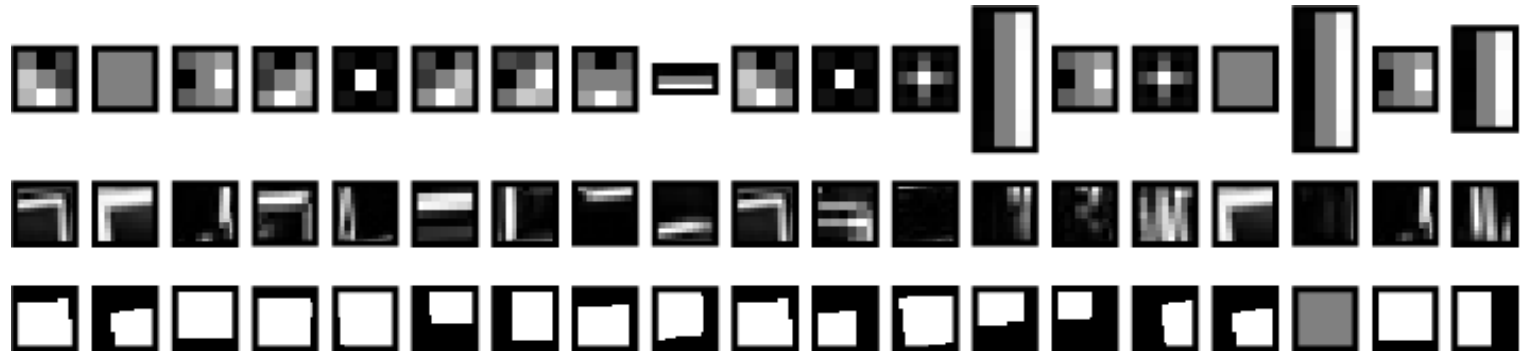


# Results with local features



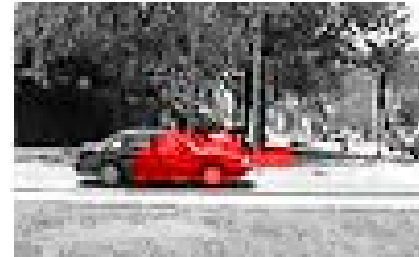
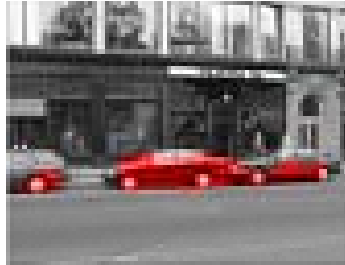
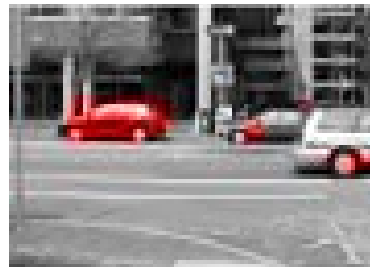
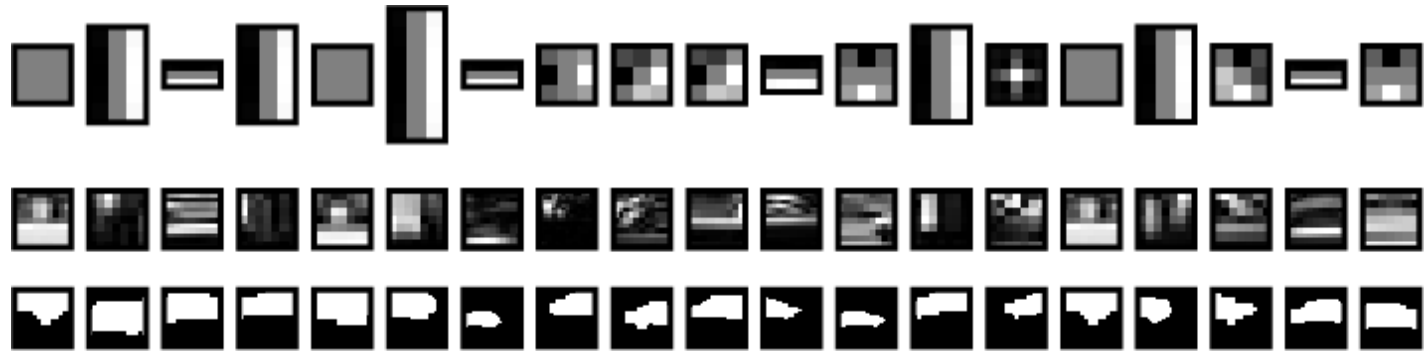
# Results with local features

Screen



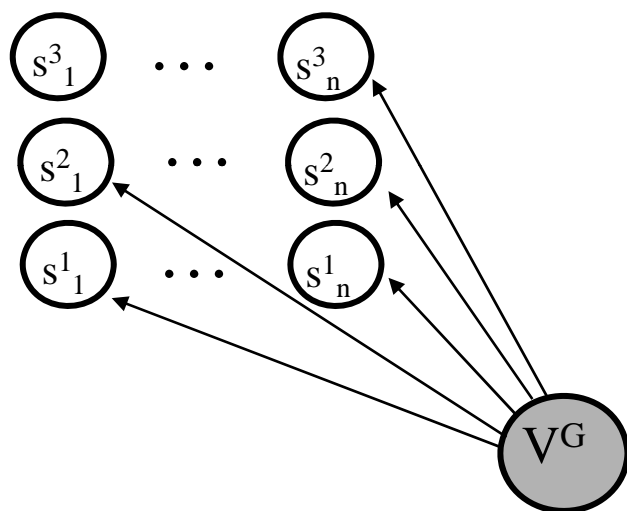
# Results with local features

Car



# Global context: location priming

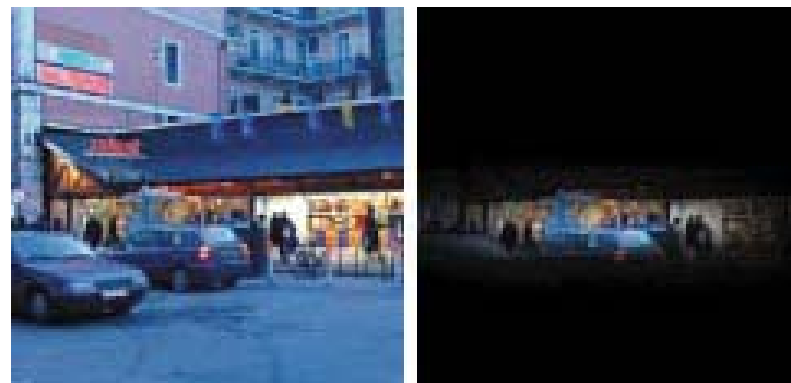
How far can we go without object detectors?



Context features that represent the scene instead of other objects.

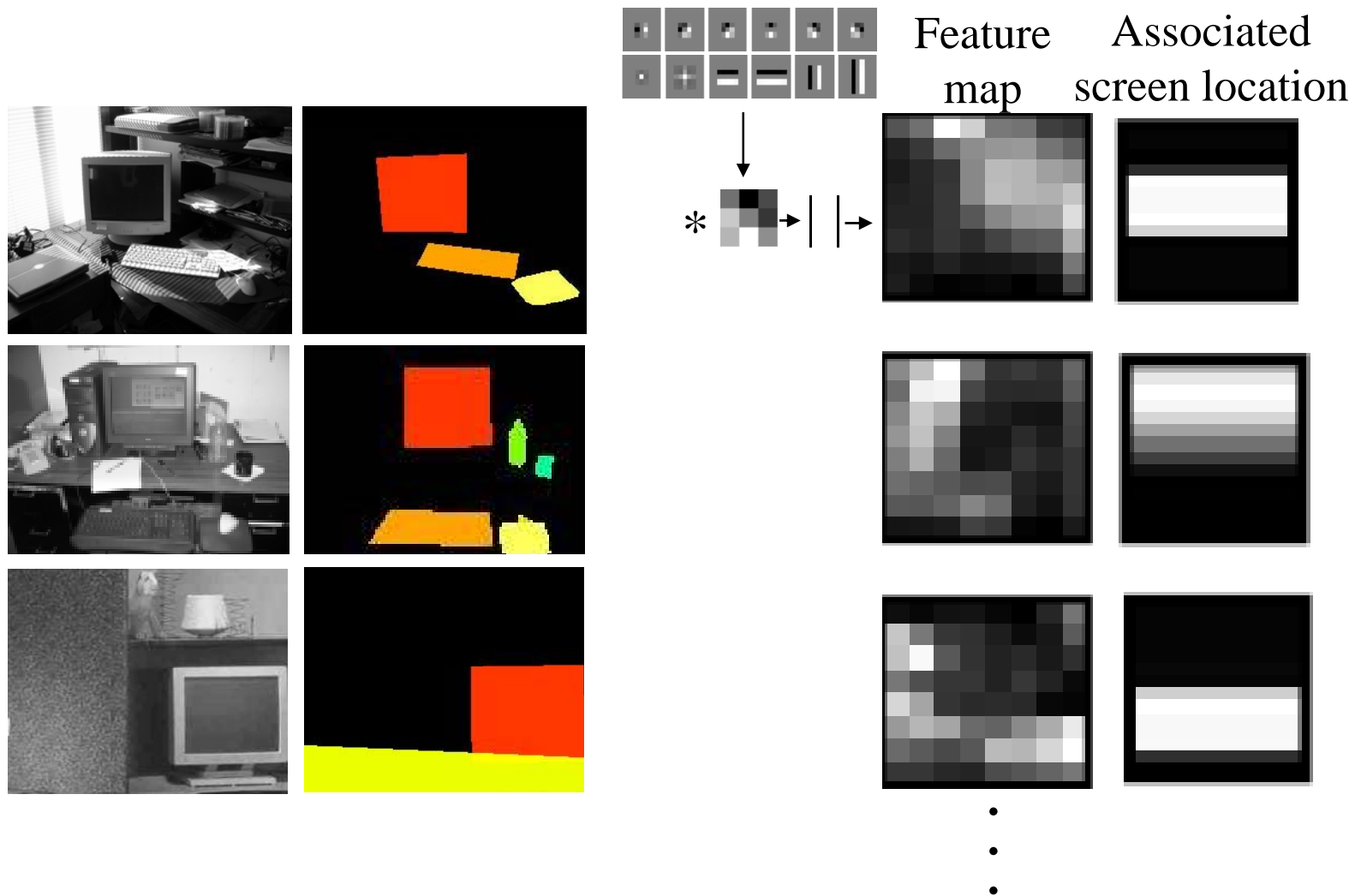
The global features can provide:

- Object presence
- Location priming
- Scale priming



# Object global features

First we create a dictionary of scene features and object locations:

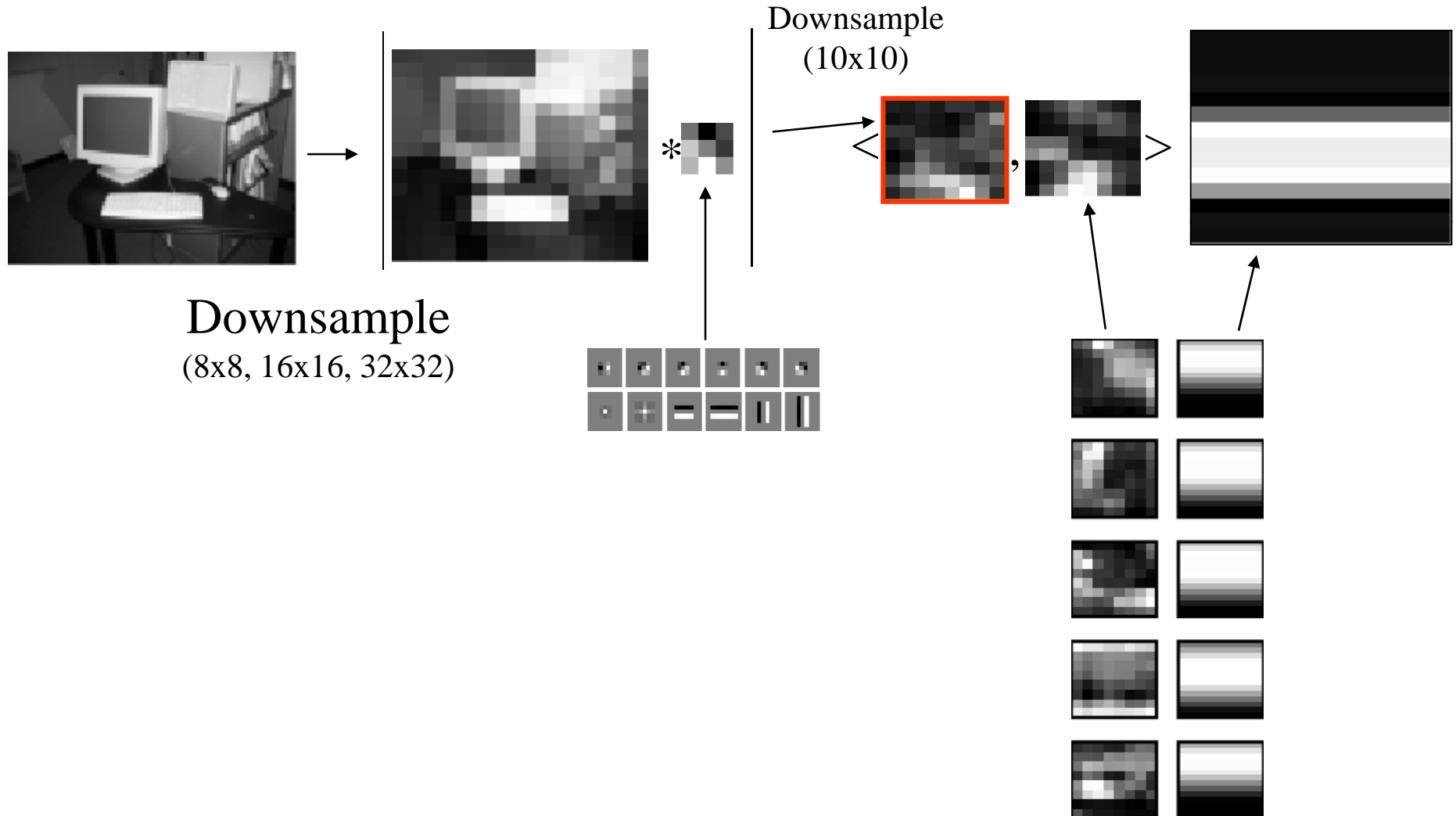


Only the vertical position of the object is well constrained by the global features



# Object global features

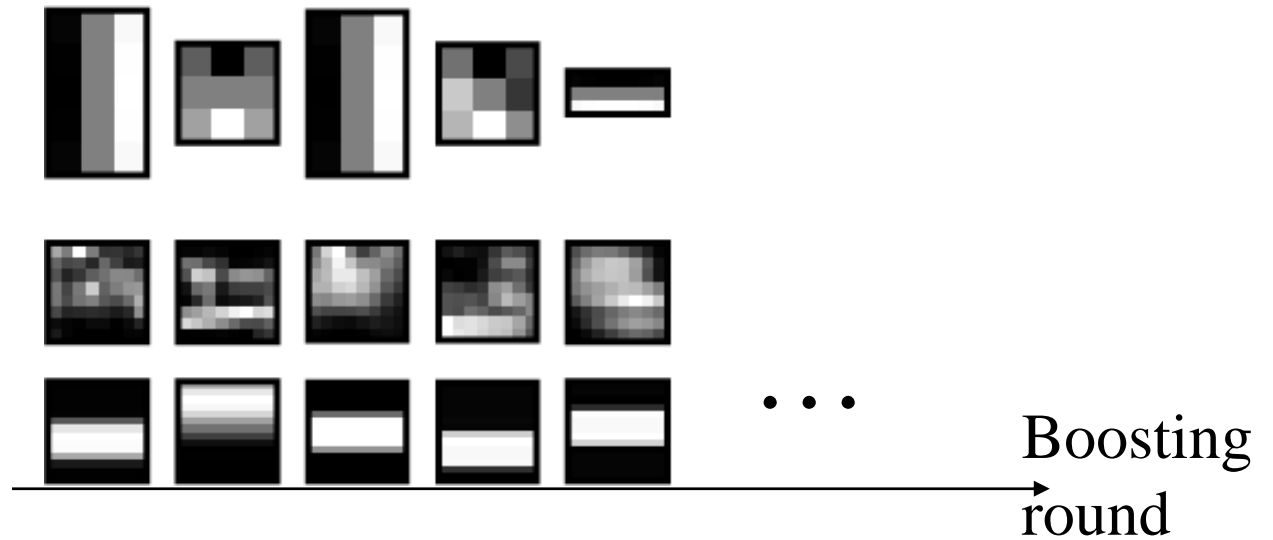
How to compute the global features



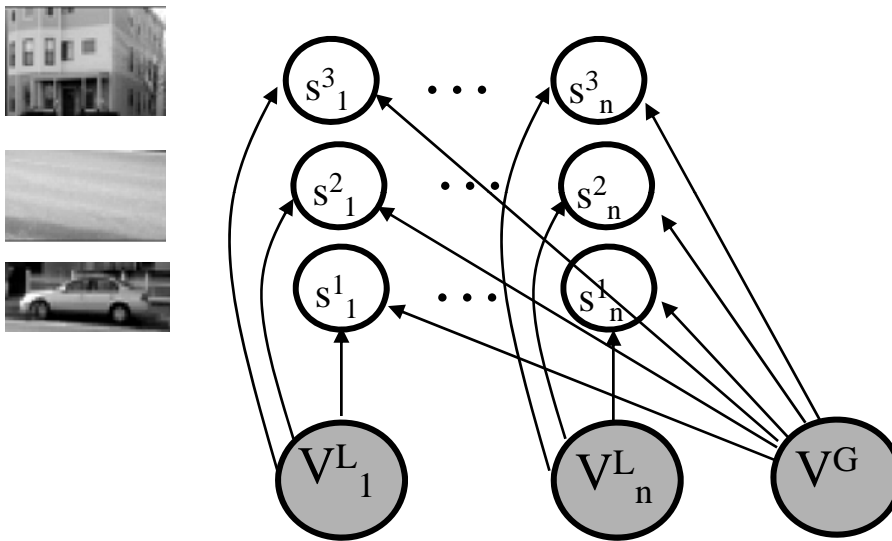
# Car detection with global features

Features selected by boosting:

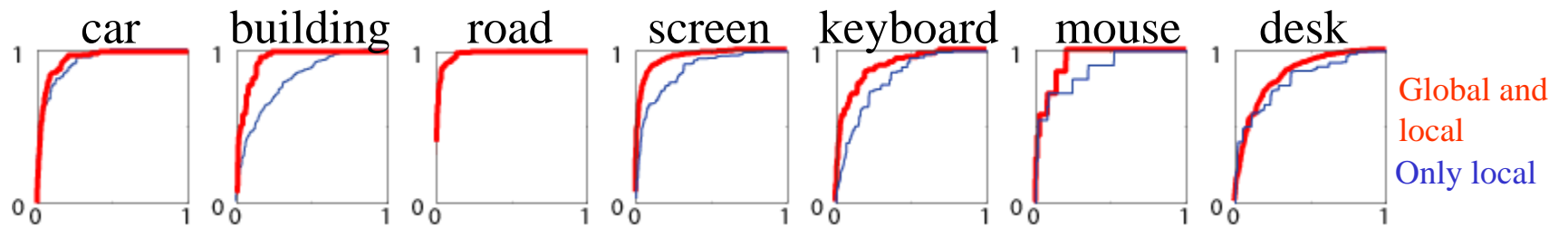
Car



# Combining global and local

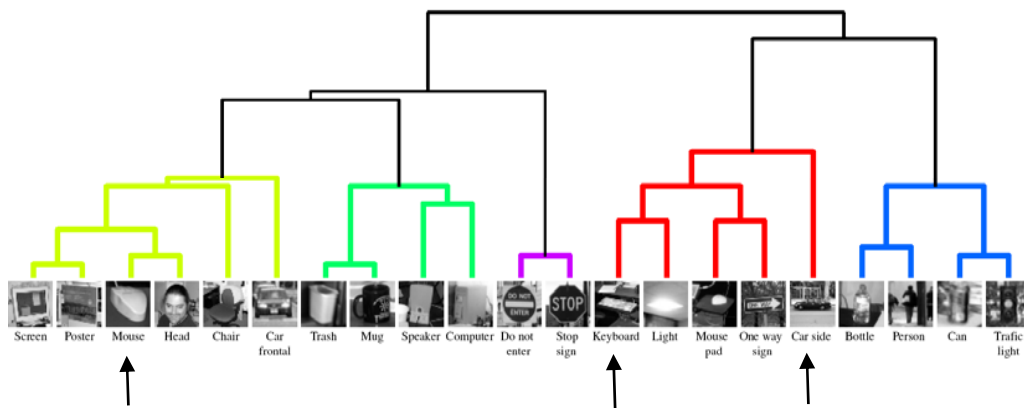


ROC for same total number of features (100 boosting rounds):

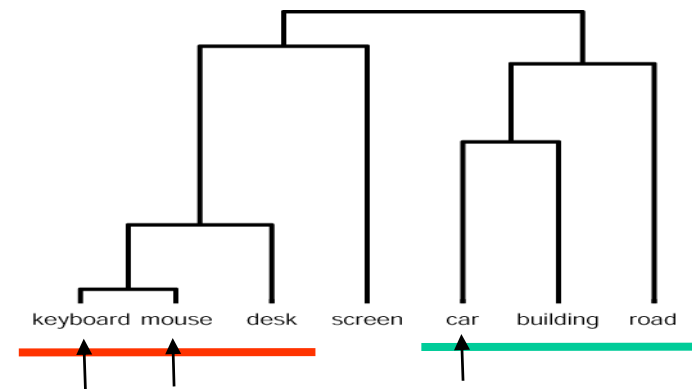


# Clustering of objects with local and global feature sharing

Clustering with local features



Clustering with global and local features

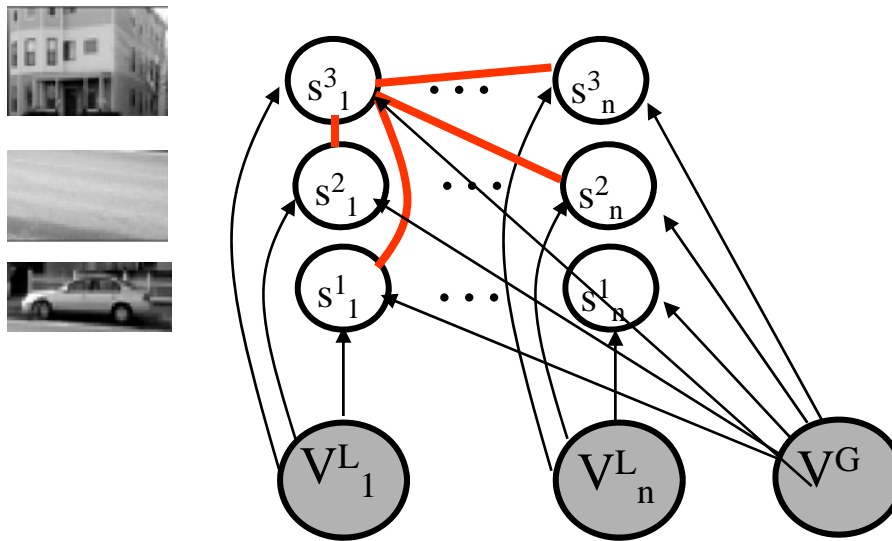


Objects are similar if they share local features and they appear in the same contexts.

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# Adding correlations between objects



We need to learn

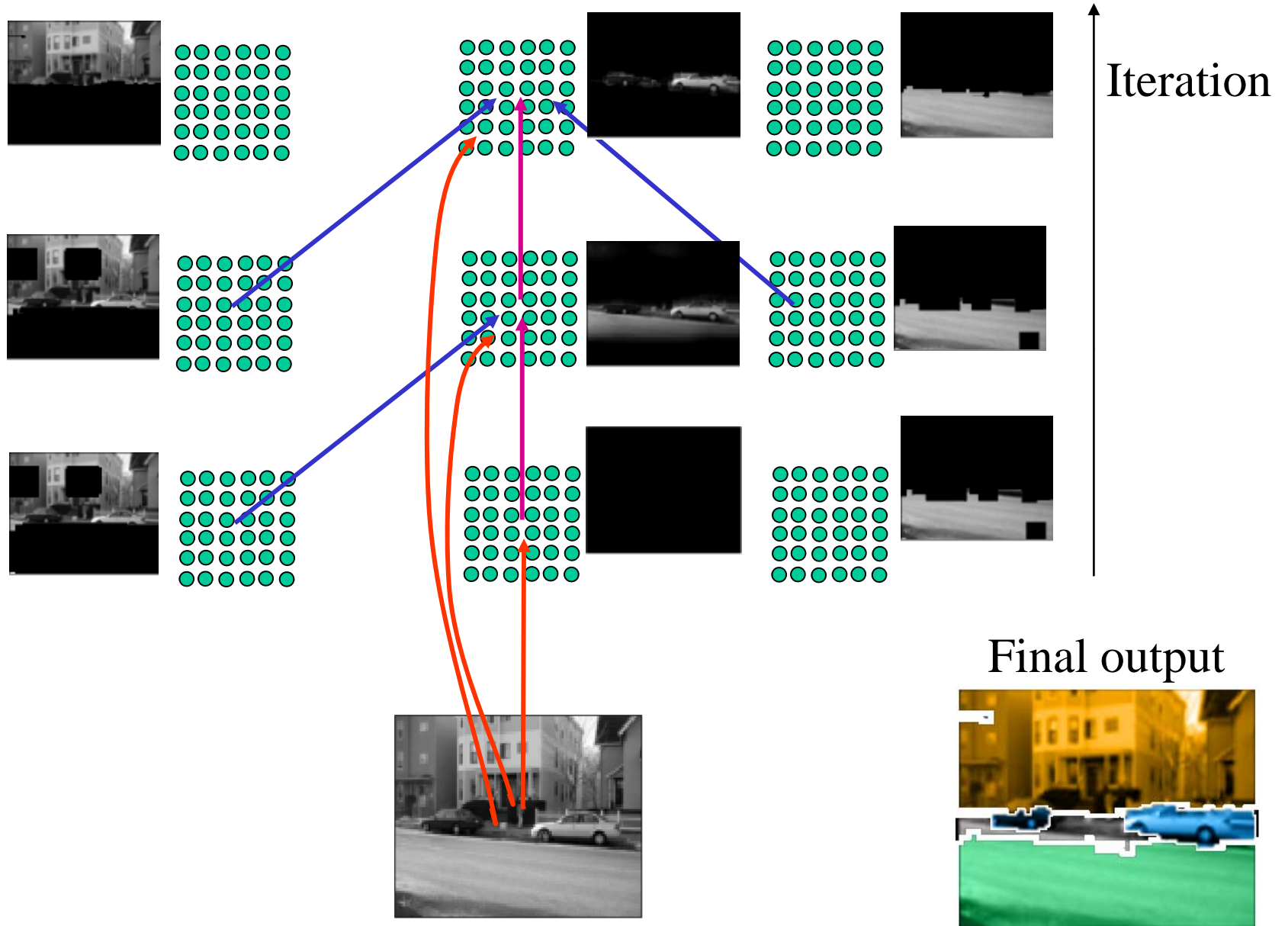
- The structure of the graph
- The pairwise potentials



# Learning in CRFs

- Parameters
  - Lafferty, McCallum, Pereira (ICML 2001)
    - Find global optimum using gradient methods plus exact inference (forwards-backwards) in a chain
  - Kumar & Herbert, NIPS 2003
    - Use pseudo-likelihood in 2D CRF
  - Carbonetto, de Freitas & Barnard (04)
    - Use approximate inference (loopy BP) and pseudo-likelihood on 2D MRF
- Structure
  - He, Zemel & Carreira-Perpinan (CVPR 04)
    - Use contrastive divergence
  - Torralba, Murphy, Freeman (NIPS 04)
    - Use boosting

# Sequentially learning the structure



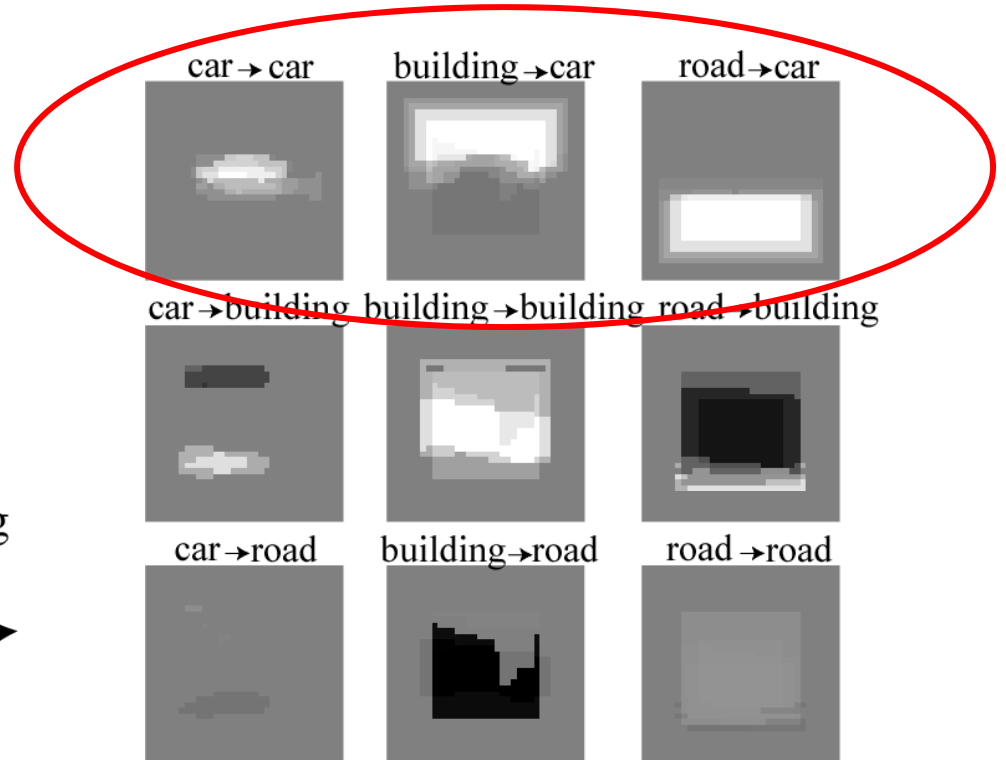
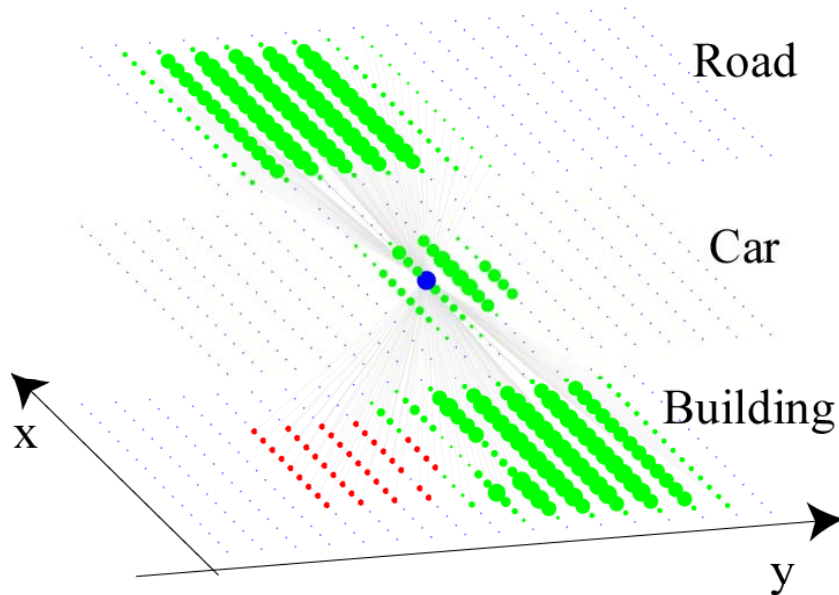
# Sequentially learning the structure

At each iteration of boosting

- We pick a weak learner applied to the image (local or global features)
- We pick a weak learner applied to a subset of the label-beliefs at the previous iteration. These subsets are chosen from a dictionary of labeled graph fragments from the training set.

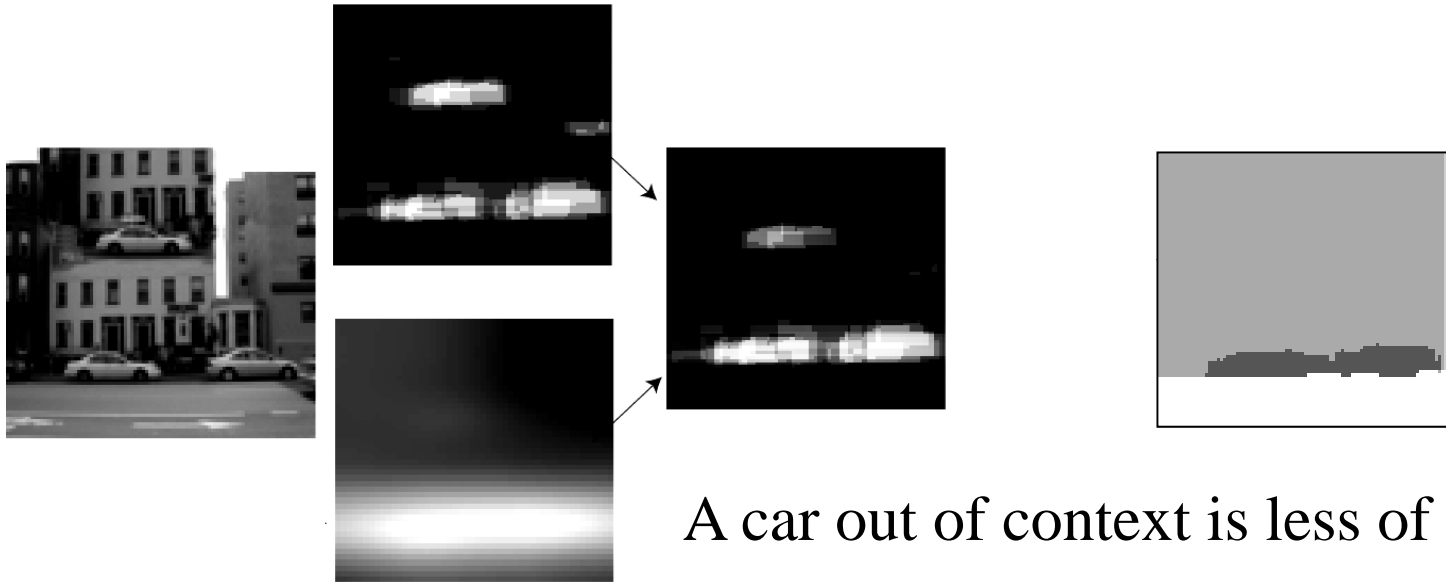


# Car detection



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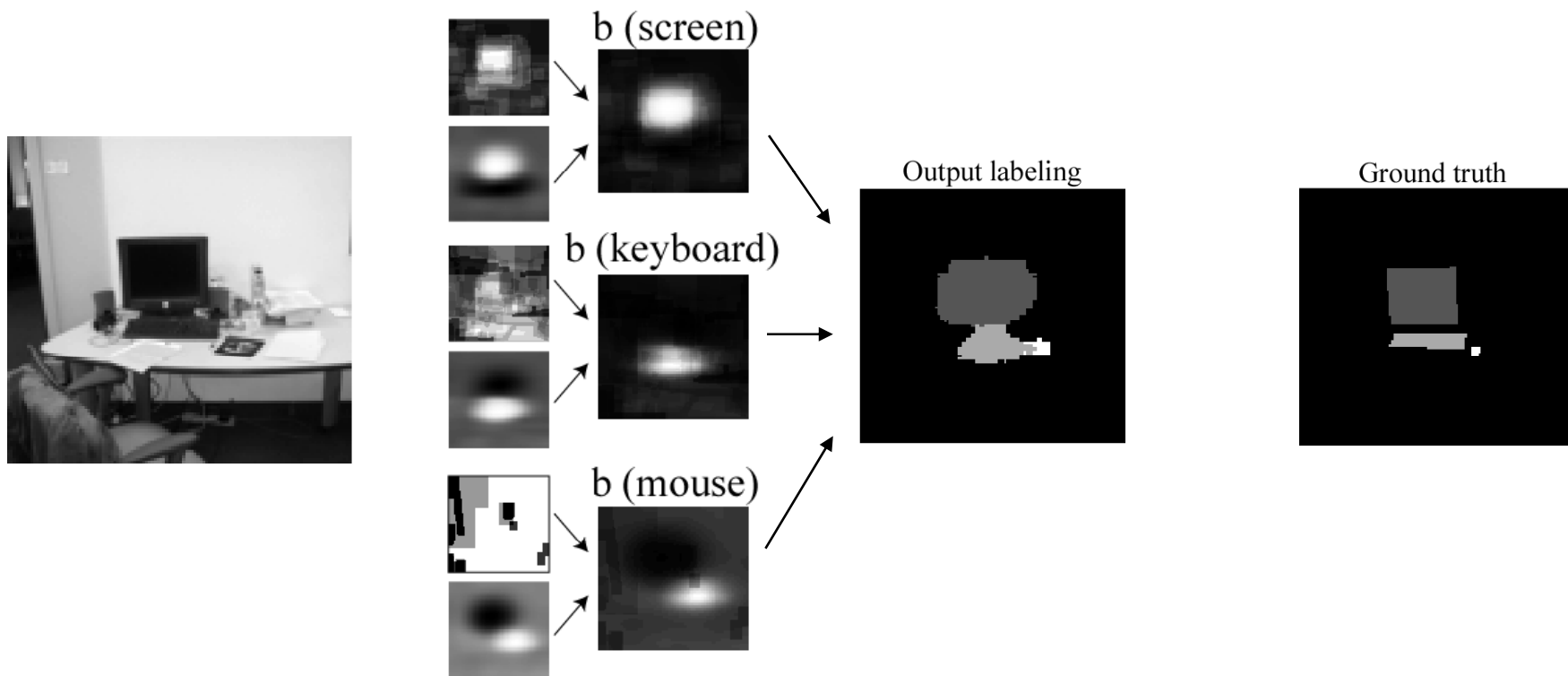
From intrinsic features



A car out of context is less of a car

From contextual features

# Screen/keyboard/mouse

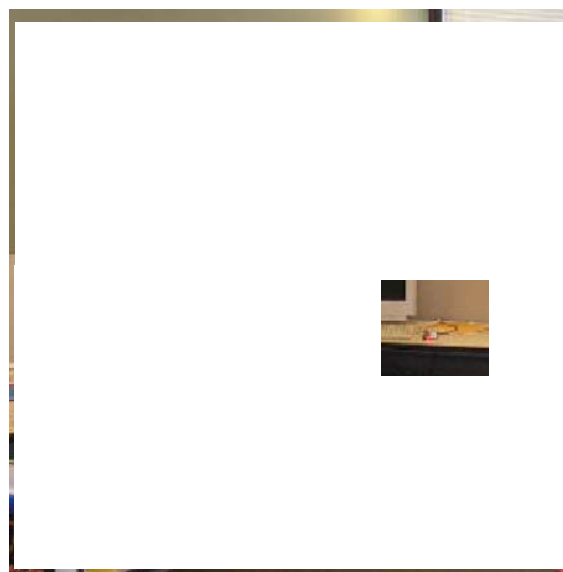
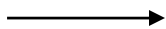


# Cascade

Viola & Jones (2001)

Set to zero the beliefs of nodes with low probability of containing the target.

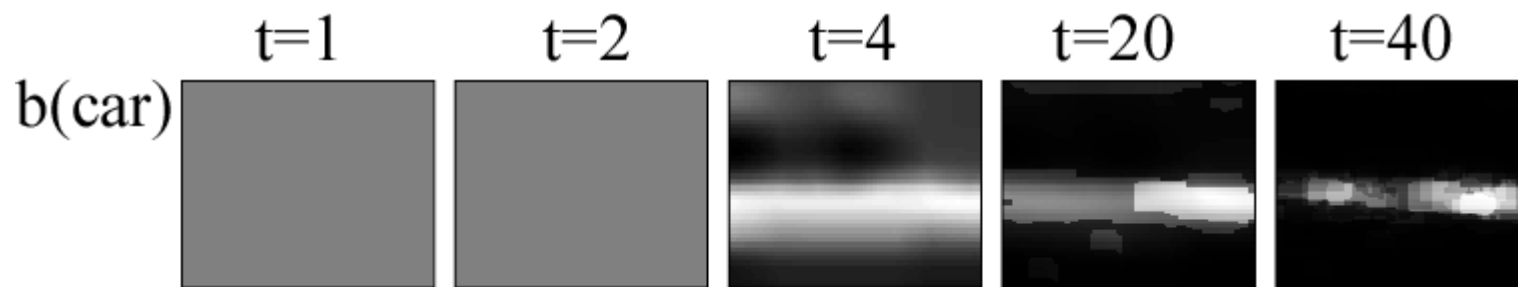
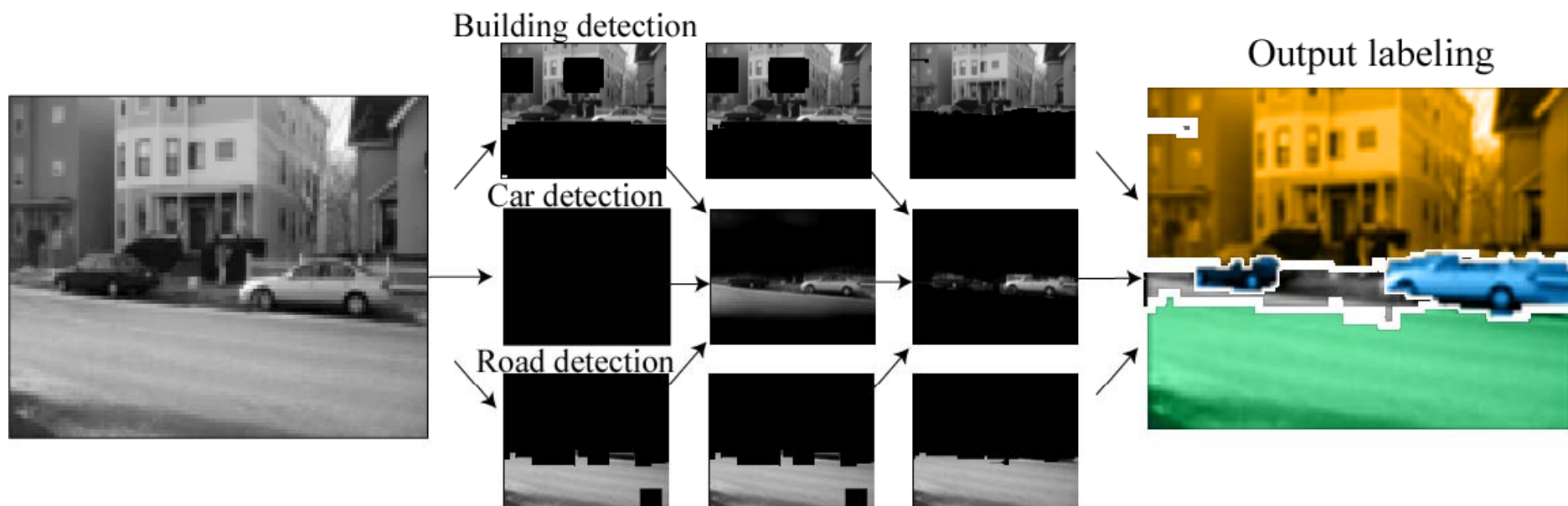
Perform message passing only on undecided nodes



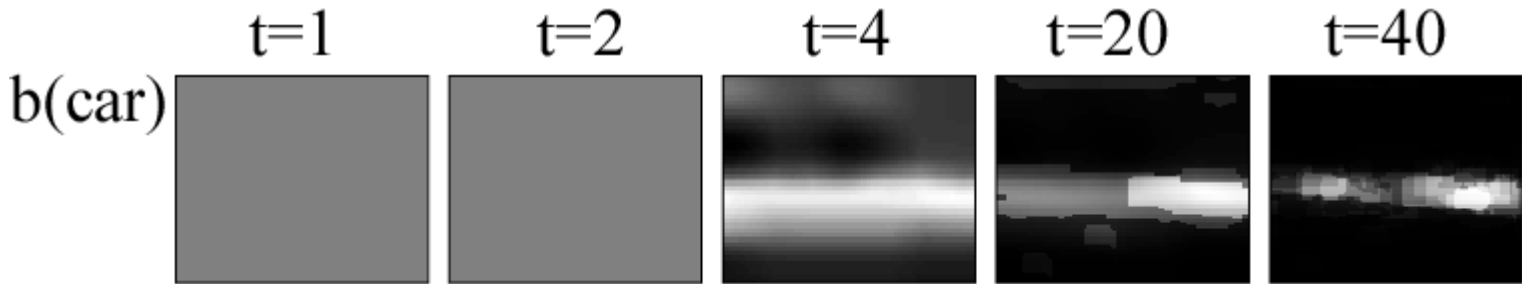
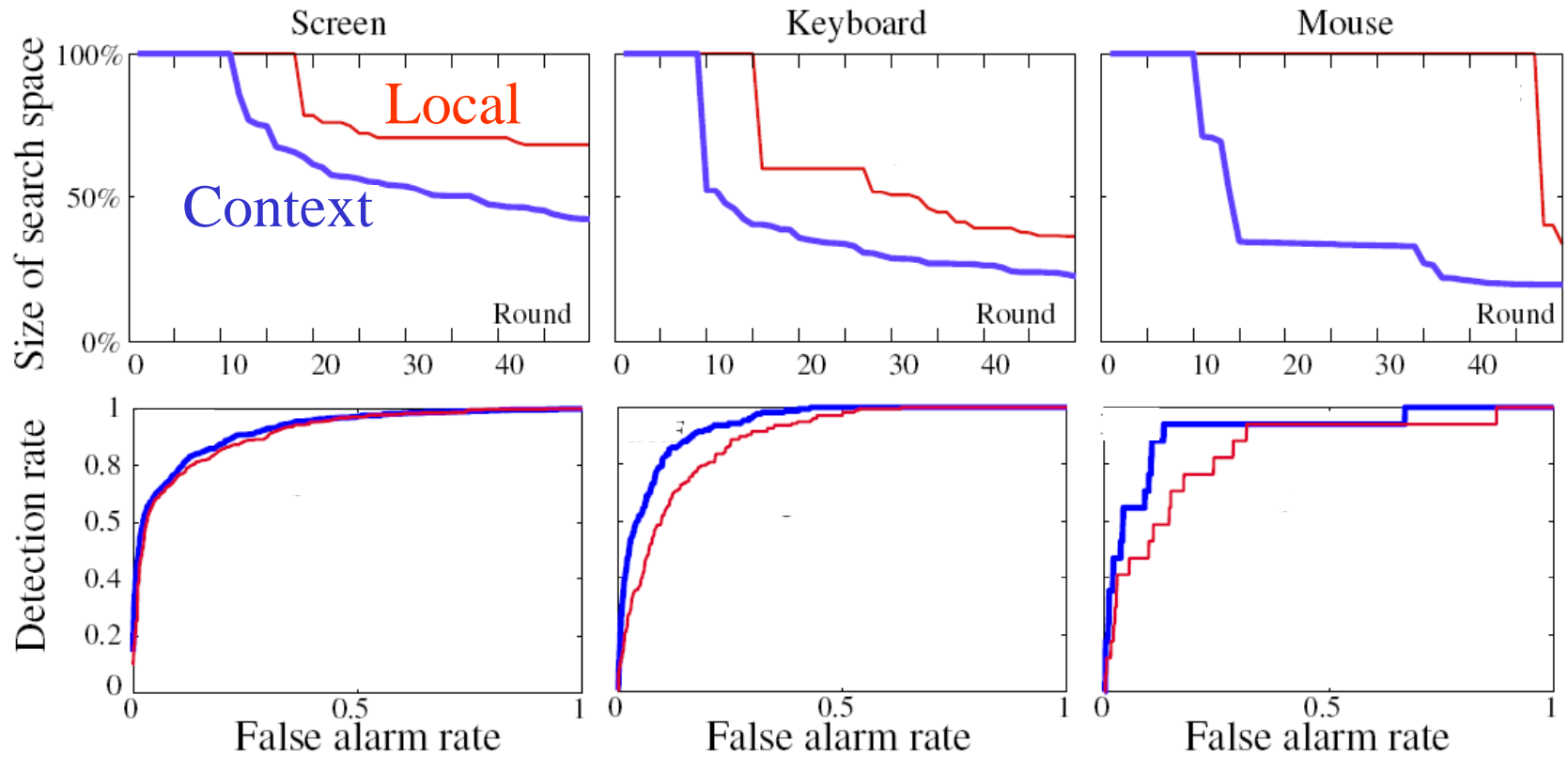
The detection of the screen reduces the search space for the mouse detector.



# Cascade



# Cascade





# Putting Objects in Perspective

Derek Hoiem

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# Understanding an Image

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# Today: Local and Independent

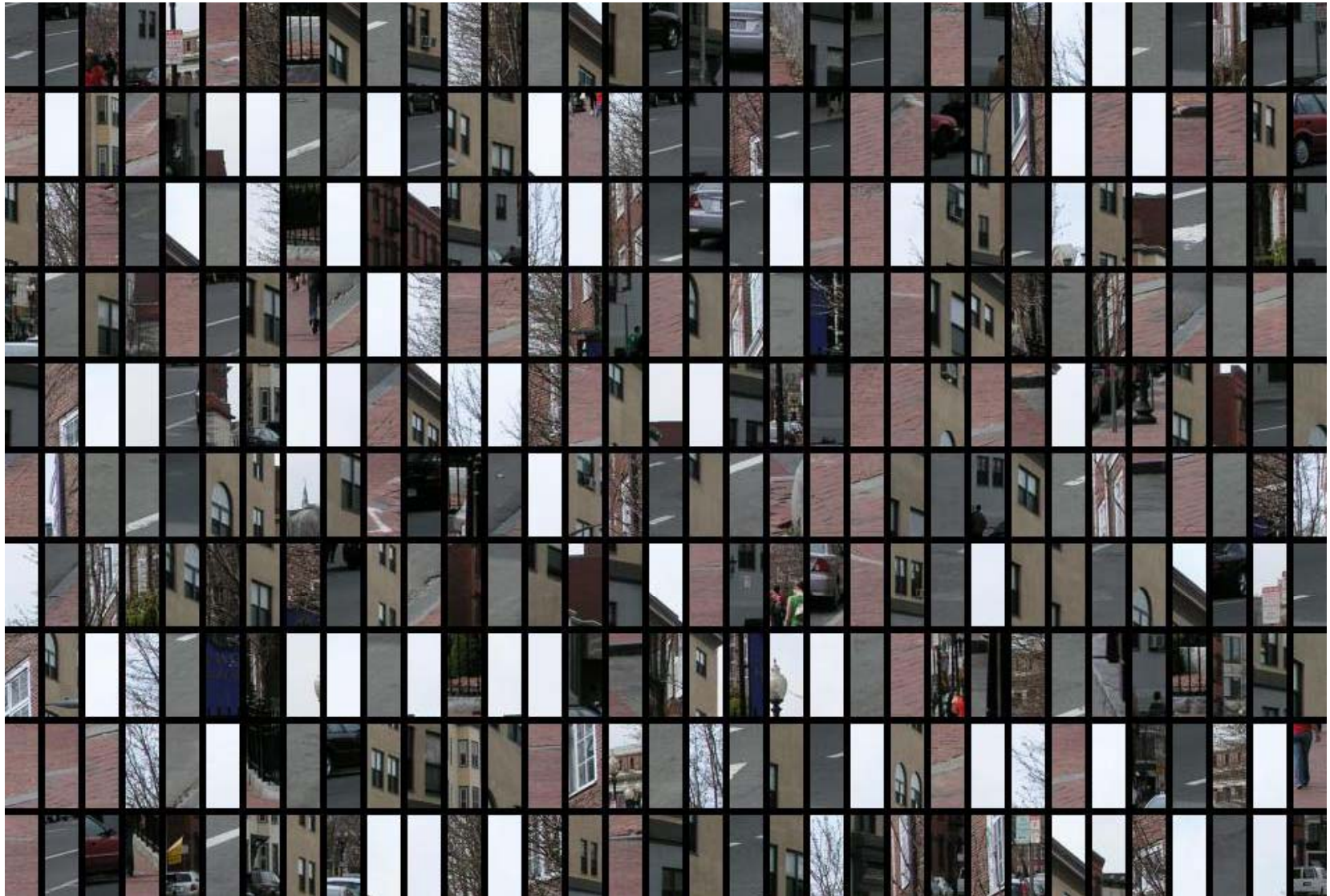
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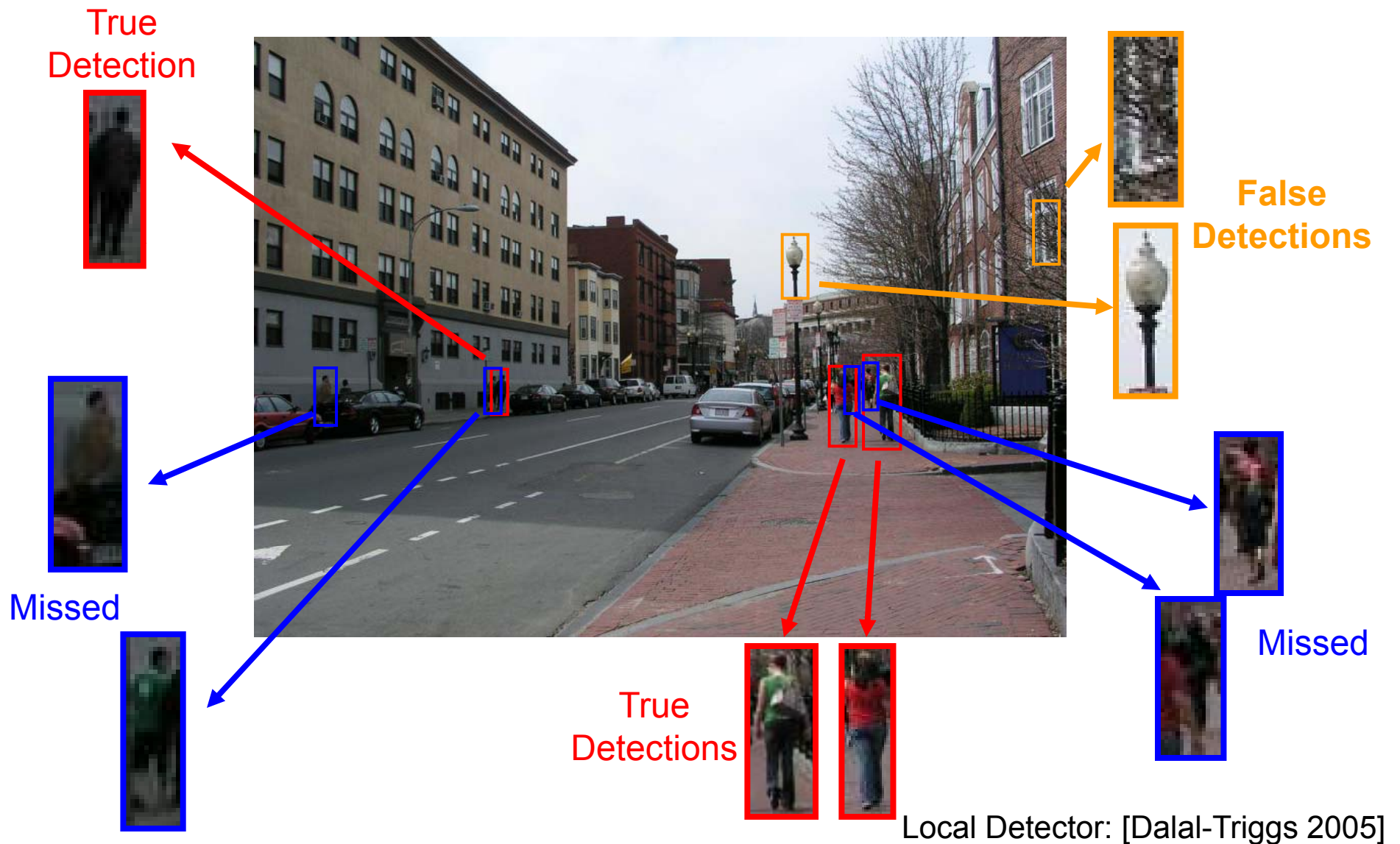
# What the Detector Sees

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# Local Object Detection



# Work in Context

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- Image understanding in the 70's

Guzman (*SEE*) 1968

Brooks (*ACRONYM*) 1979

Hansen & Riseman (*VISIONS*) 1978

Marr 1982

Barrow & Tenenbaum 1978

Ohta & Kanade 1973

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- Recent work in 2D context

Kumar & Hebert 2005

He, Zemel, Cerreira-Perpiñán 2004

Torralba, Murphy, Freeman 2004

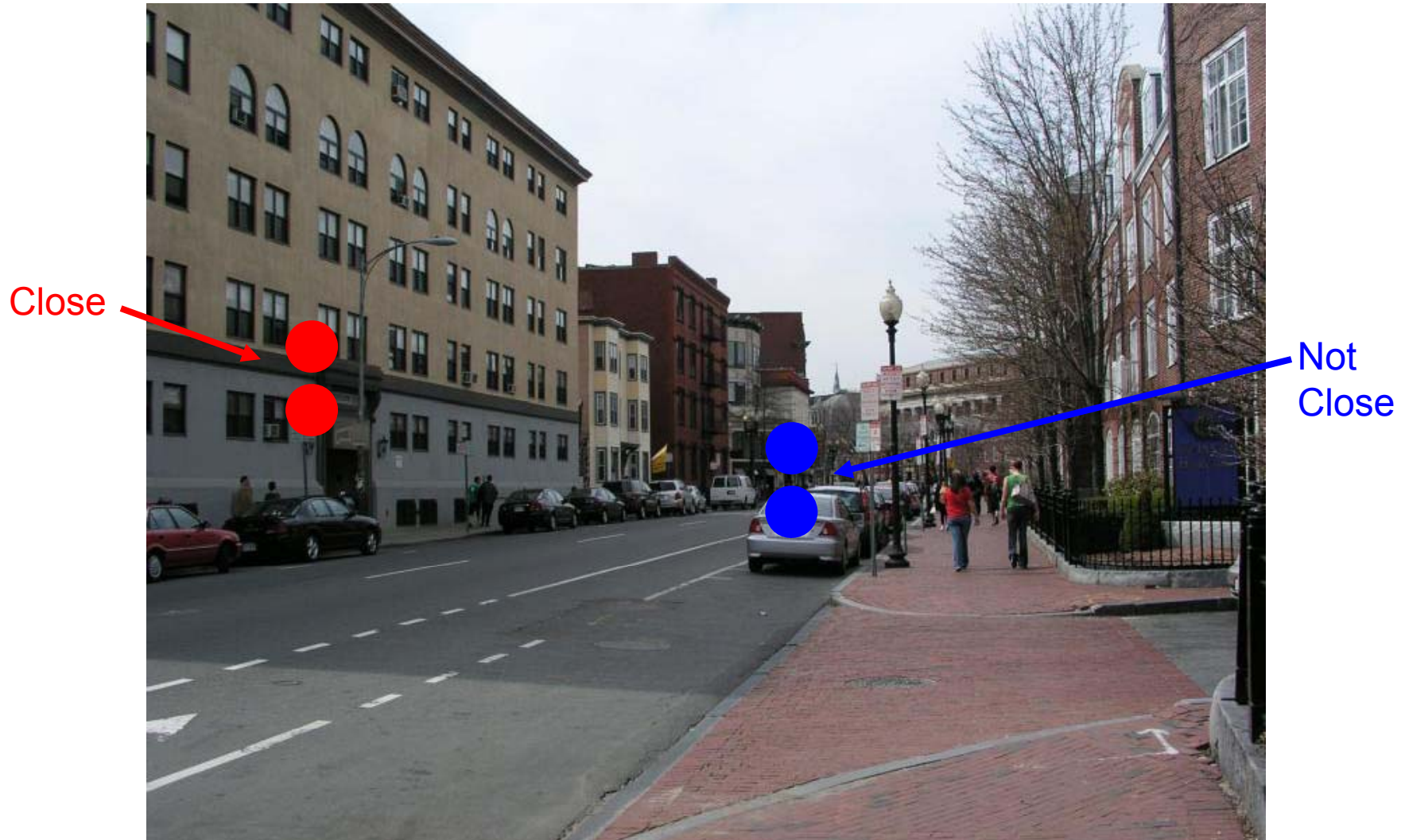
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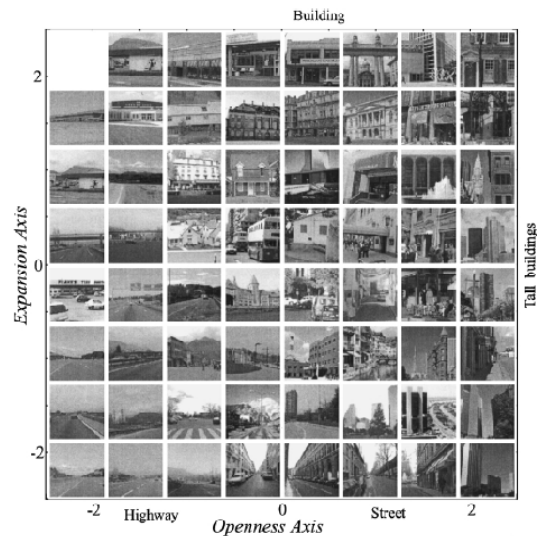
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# Real Relationships are 3D

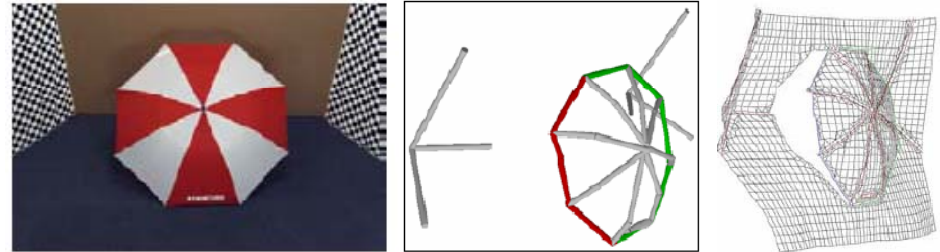
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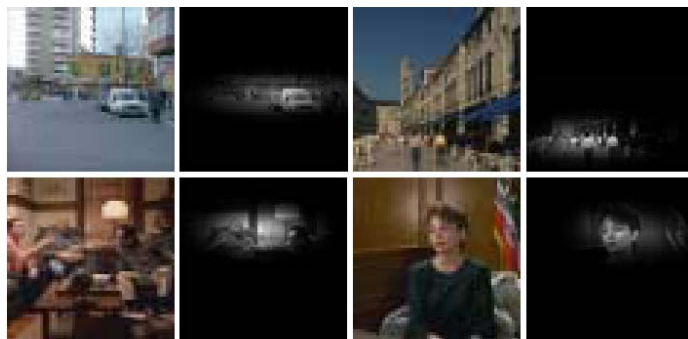
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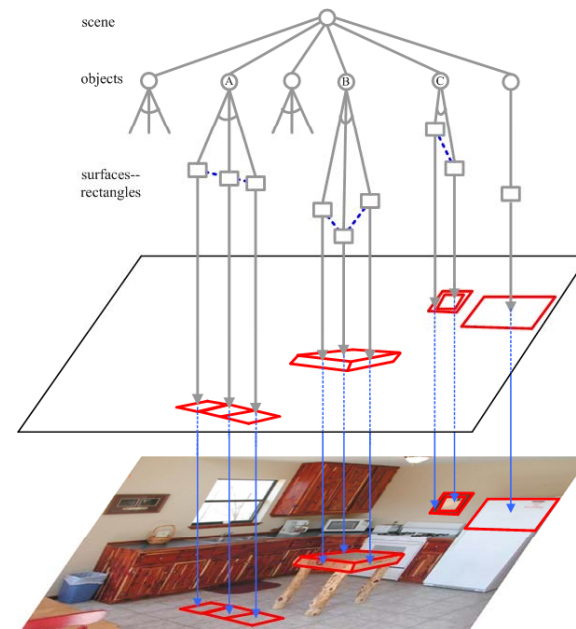
[Oliva & Torralba 2001]



[Han & Zu 2003]



[Torralba, Murphy & Freeman 2003]

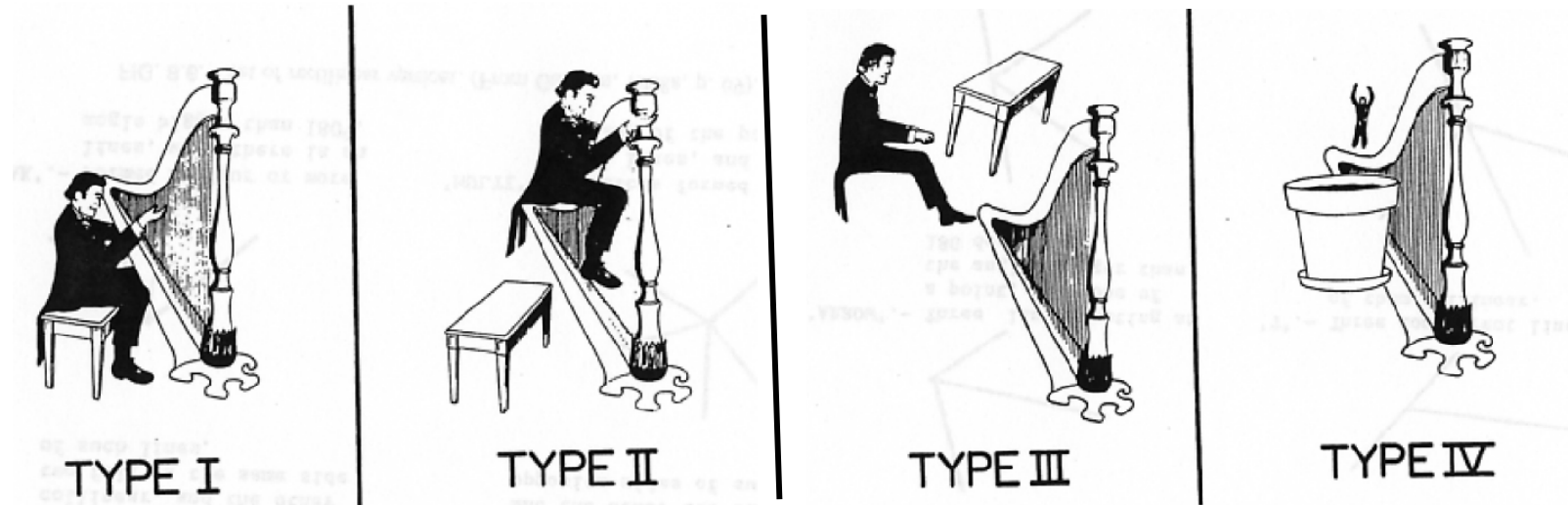


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# Objects and Scenes

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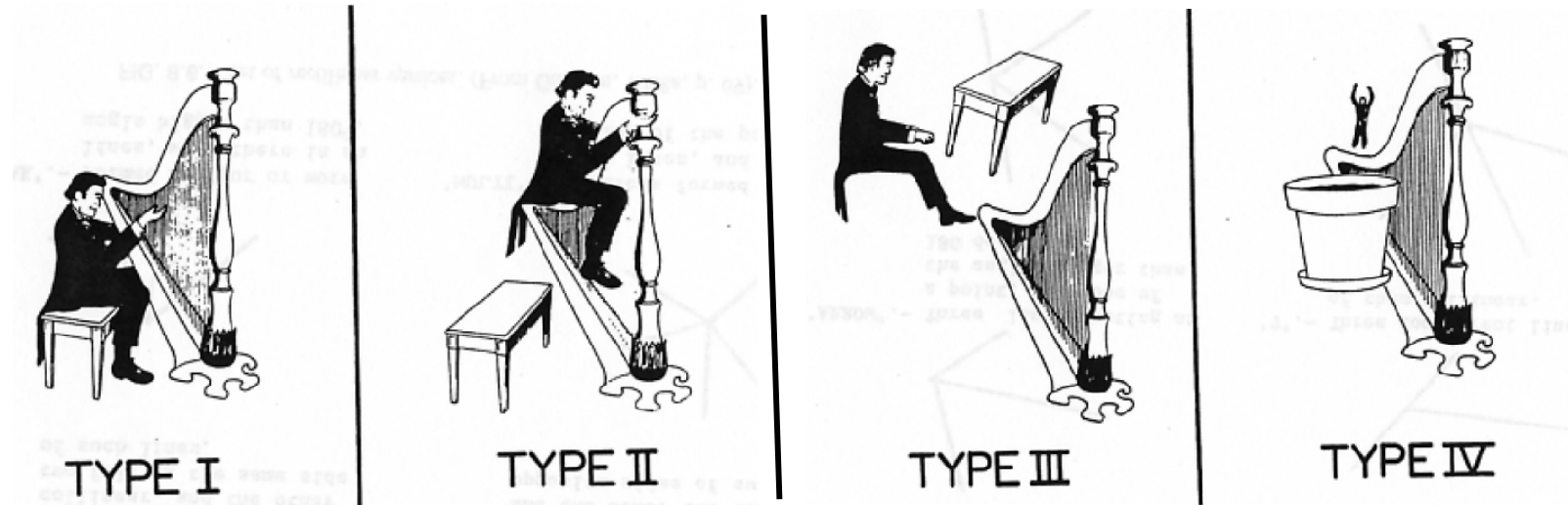


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- Biederman's Relations among Objects in a Well-Formed Scene (1981):
  - Support
  - Position
  - Size
  - Interposition
  - Likelihood of Appearance

# Contribution of this Paper

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Hock, Romanski, Galie, & Williams 1978

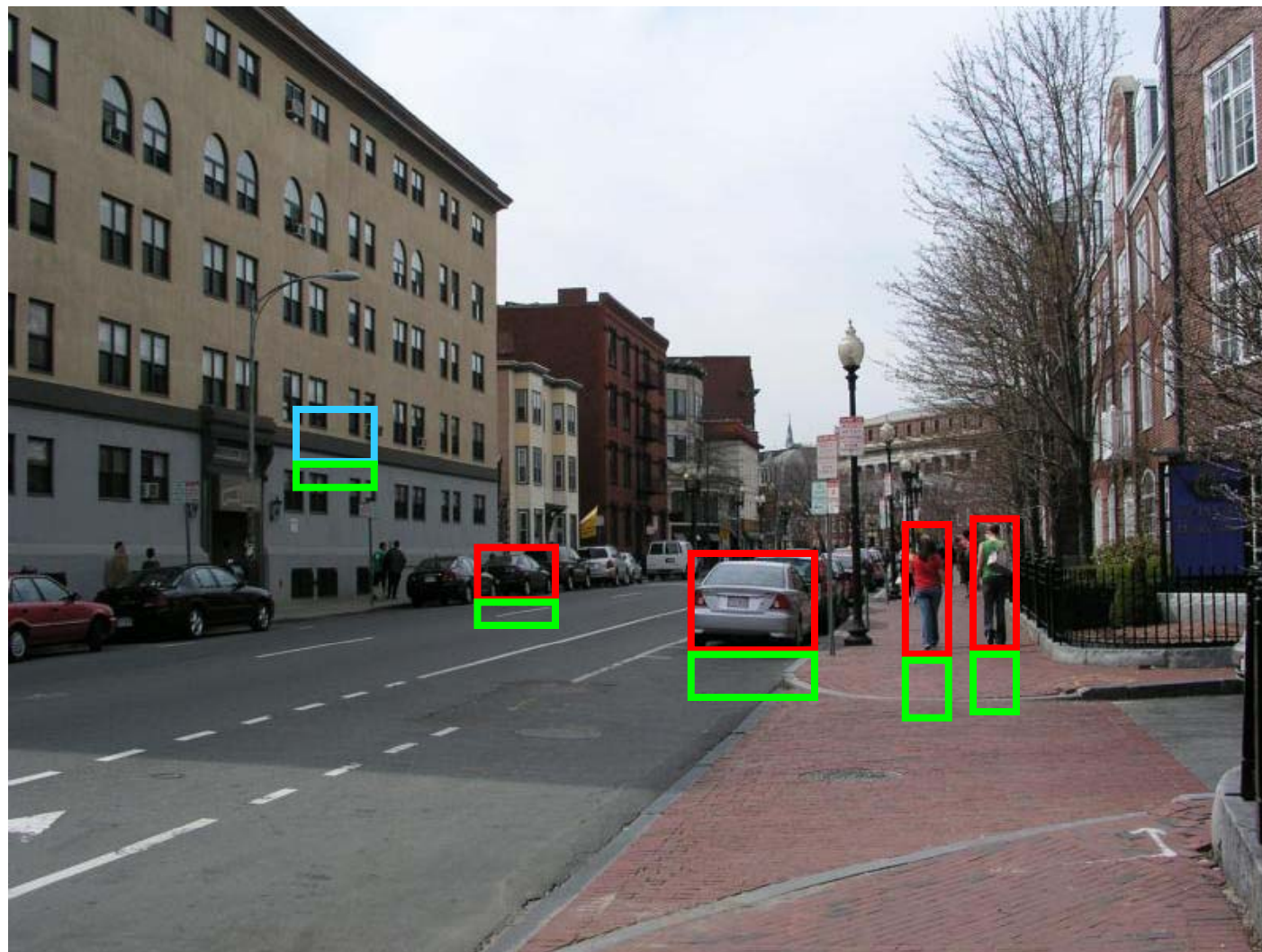
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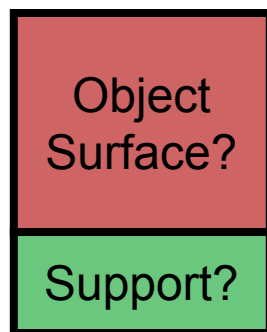
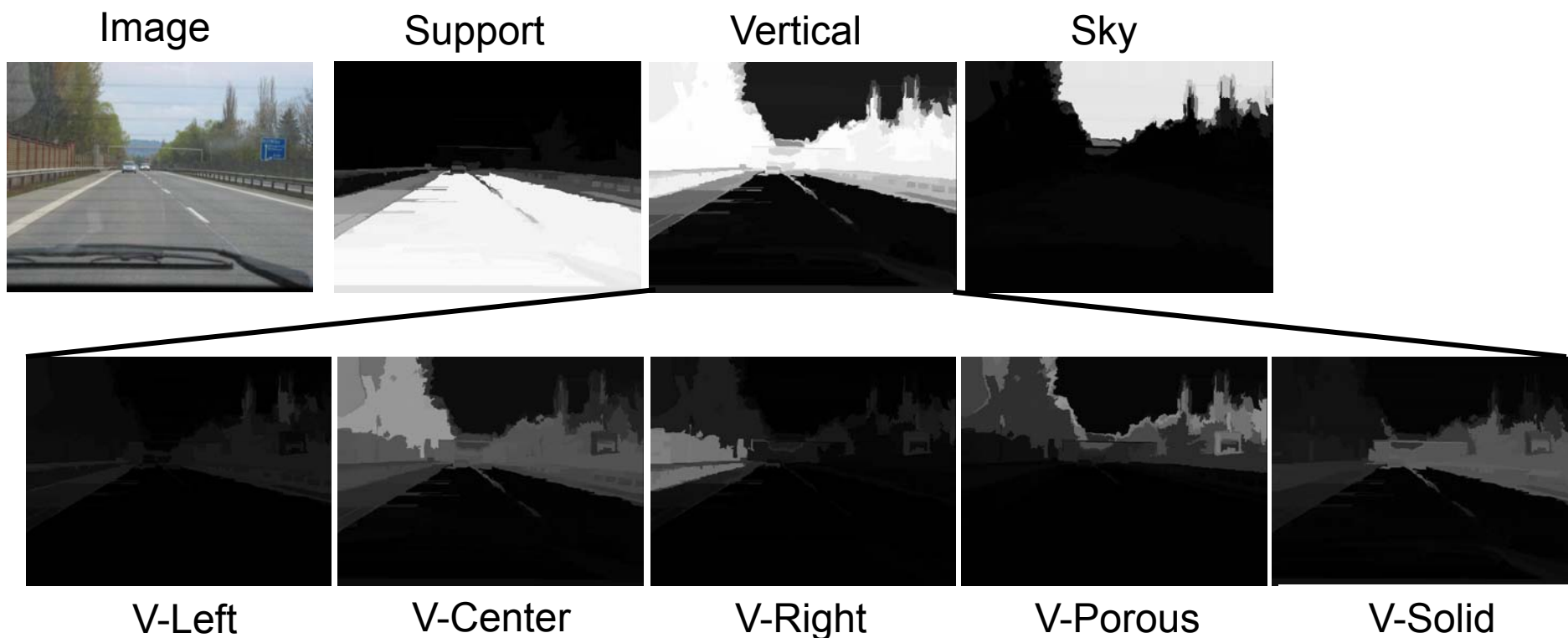
- Position
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# Object Support

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# Surface Estimation

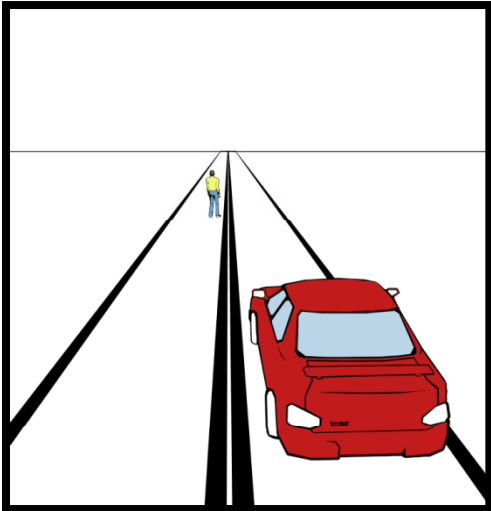


[Hoiem, Efros, Hebert ICCV 2005]

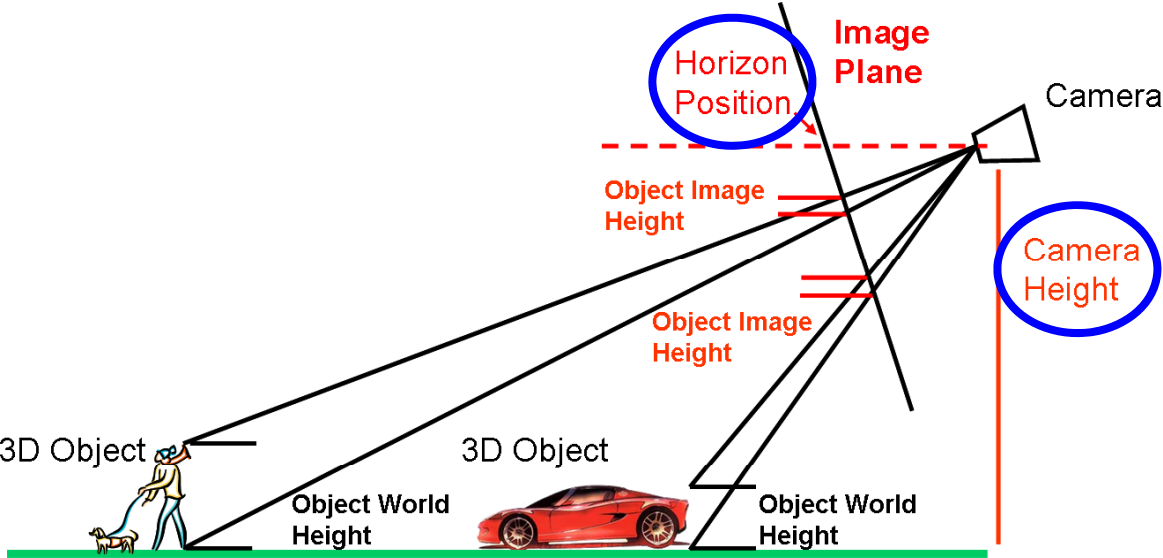
Software available online



# Object Size in the Image



Image



World

# Object Size $\leftrightarrow$ Camera Viewpoint

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Input Image



Loose Viewpoint Prior



# Object Size $\leftrightarrow$ Camera Viewpoint

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Input Image



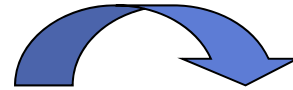
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# Object Size $\leftrightarrow$ Camera Viewpoint

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Object Position/Sizes



Viewpoint

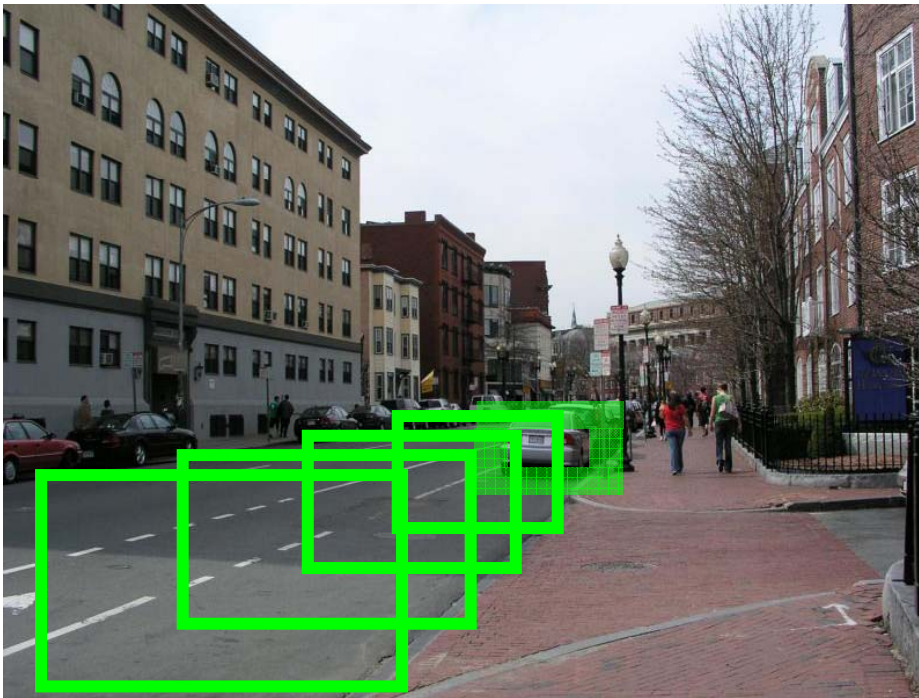




# Object Size $\leftrightarrow$ Camera Viewpoint

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Object Position/Sizes

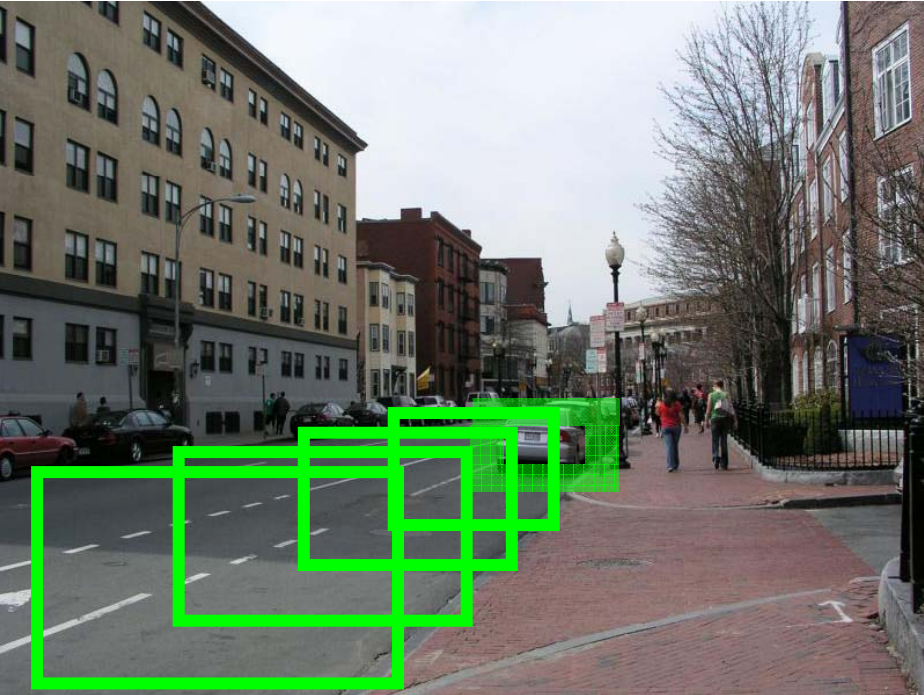


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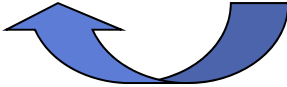


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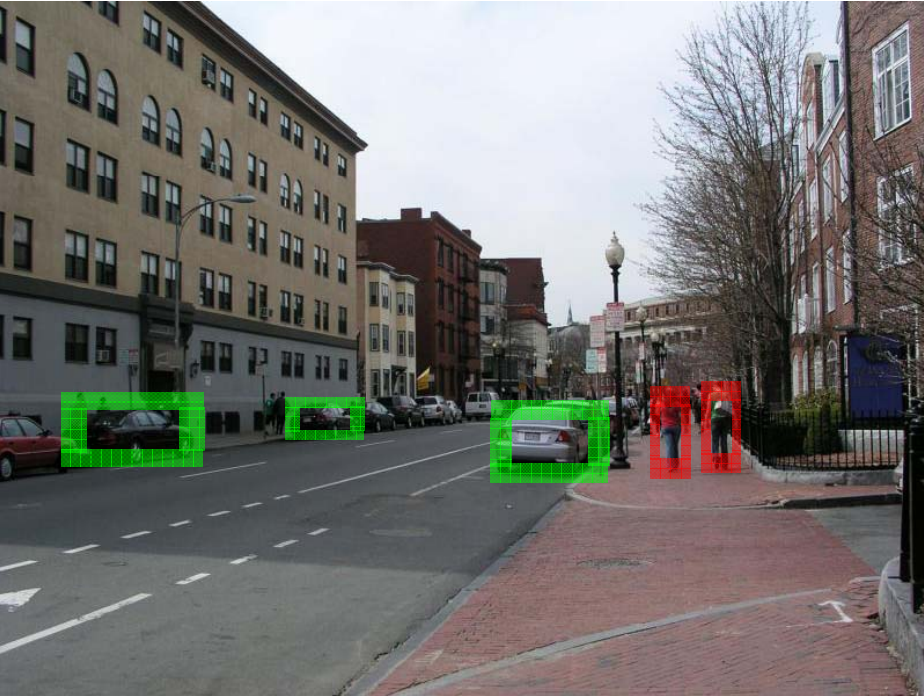


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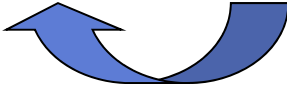


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Object Position/Sizes



Viewpoint





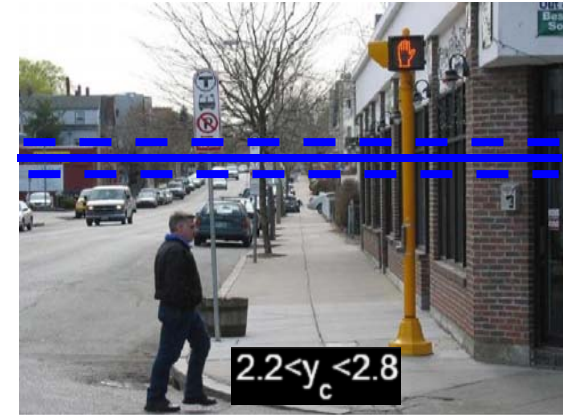
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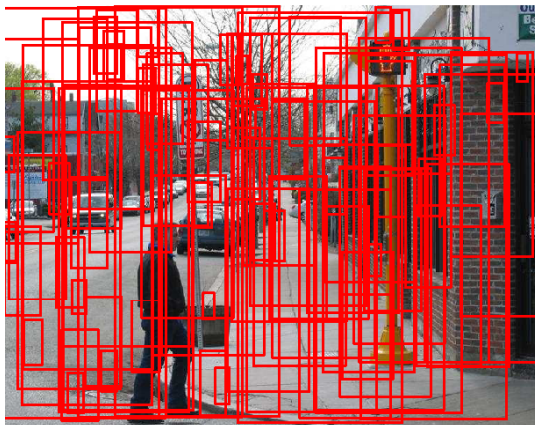
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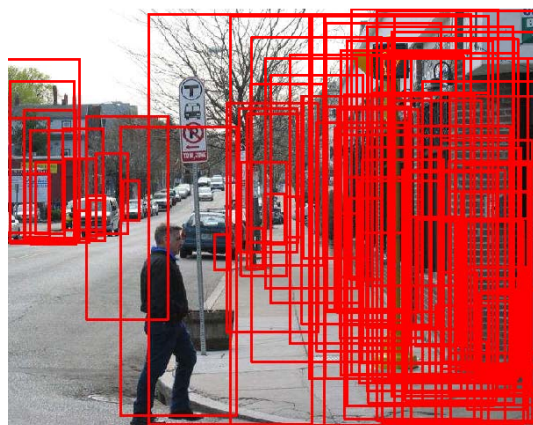
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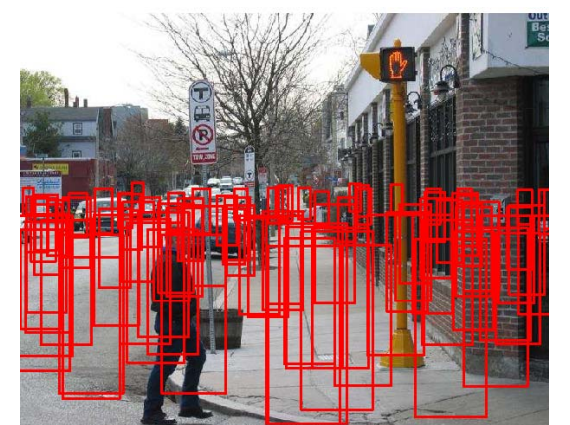
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P(object)



P(object | surfaces)



P(object | viewpoint)



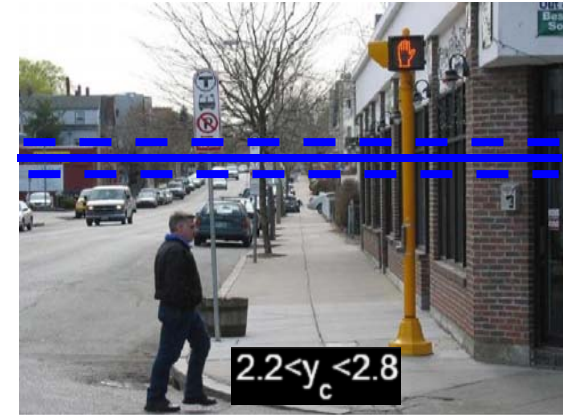
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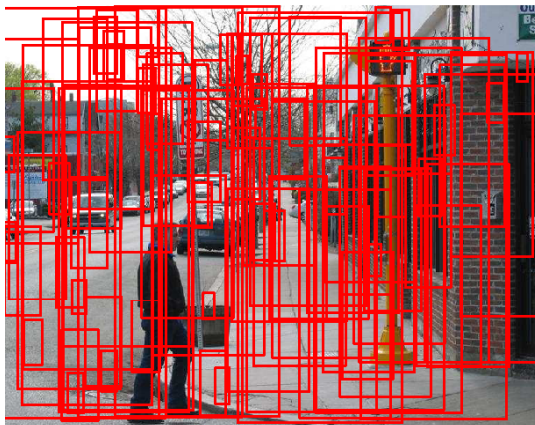
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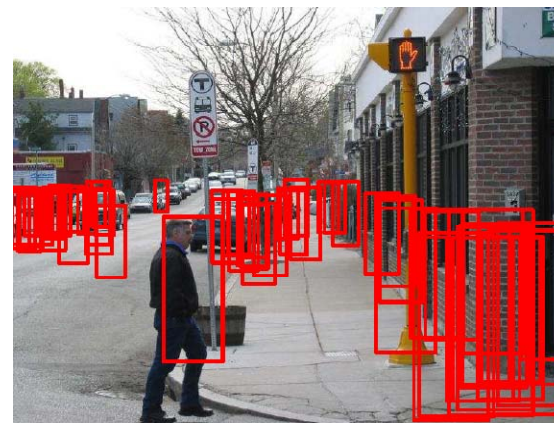
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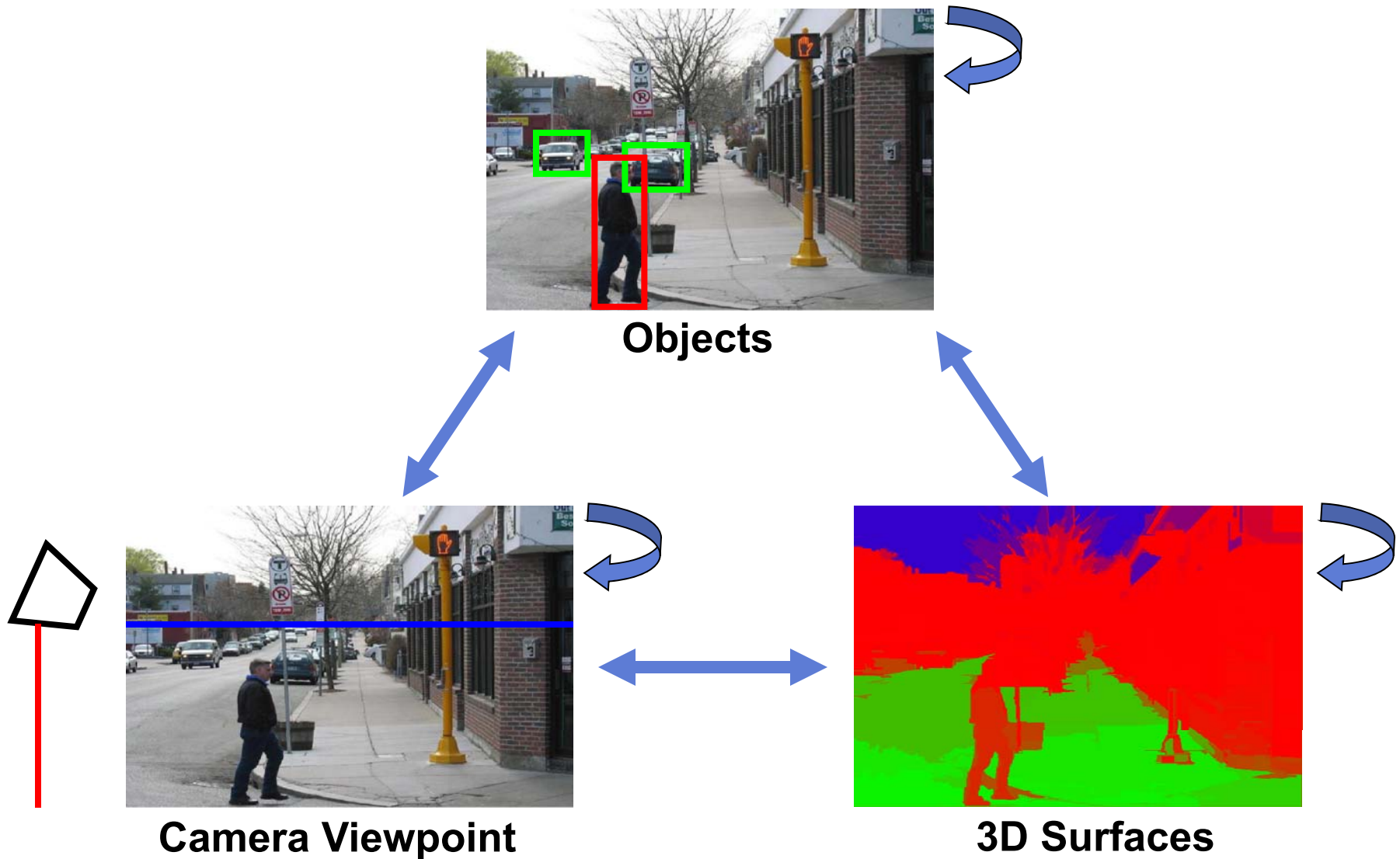
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P(object | surfaces, viewpoint)

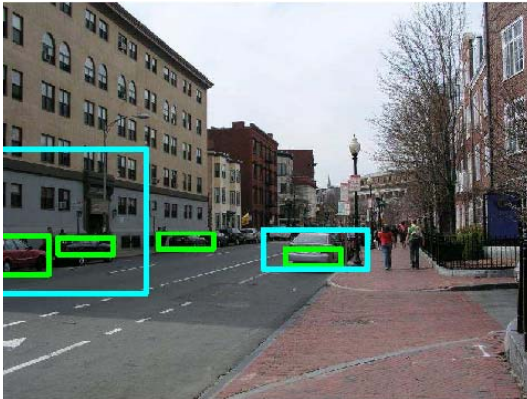
# Scene Parts Are All Interconnected

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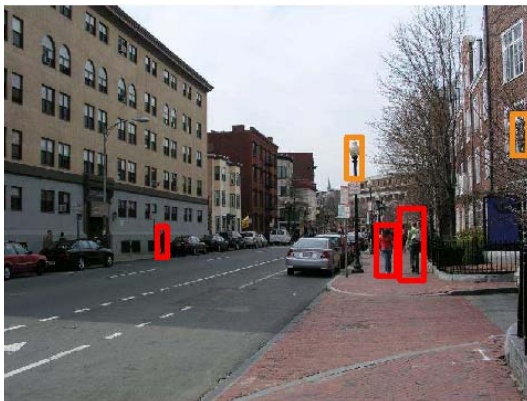


# Input to Our Algorithm

## Object Detection



Local Car Detector

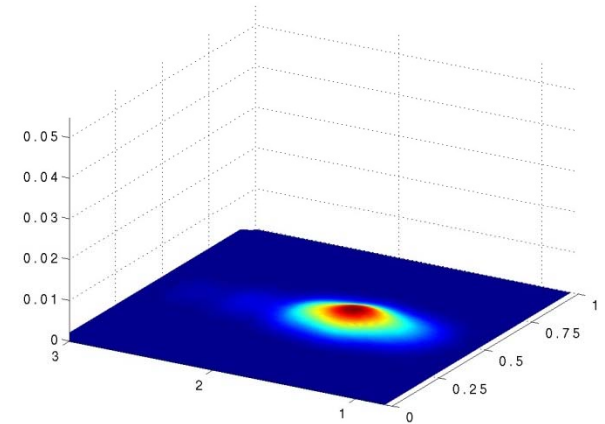


Local Ped Detector

## Surface Estimates



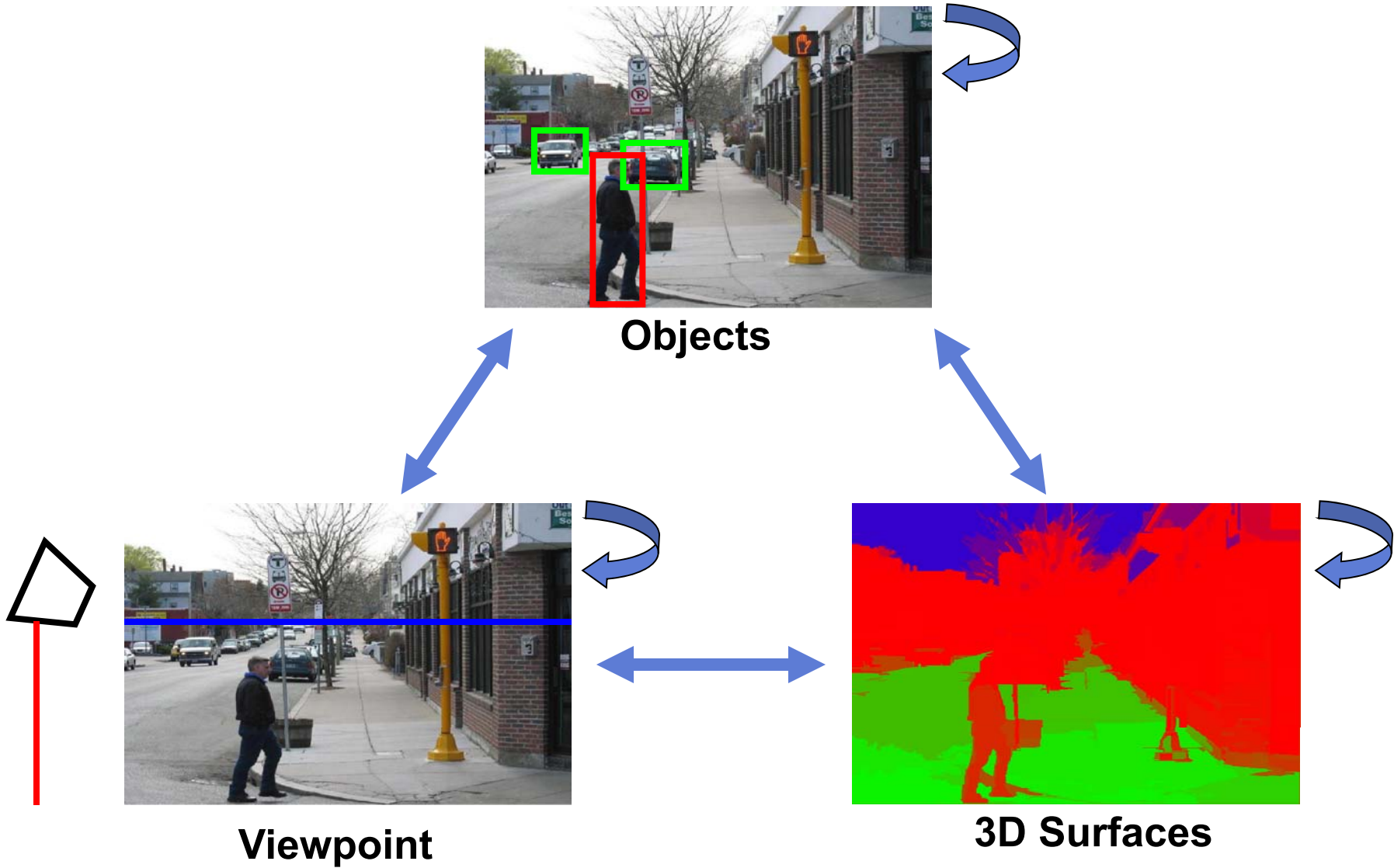
## Viewpoint Prior



Local Detector: [Dalal-Triggs 2005]

Surfaces: [Hoiem-Efros-Hebert 2005]

# Scene Parts Are All Interconnected



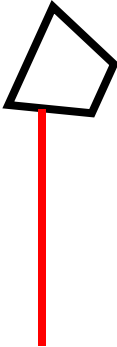
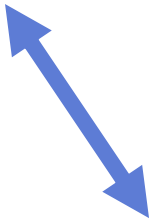


# Our Approximate Model

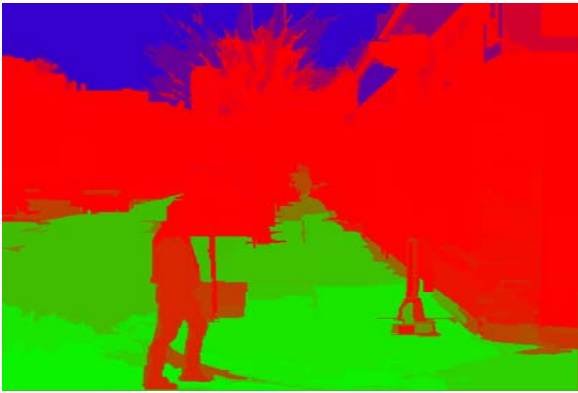
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Objects



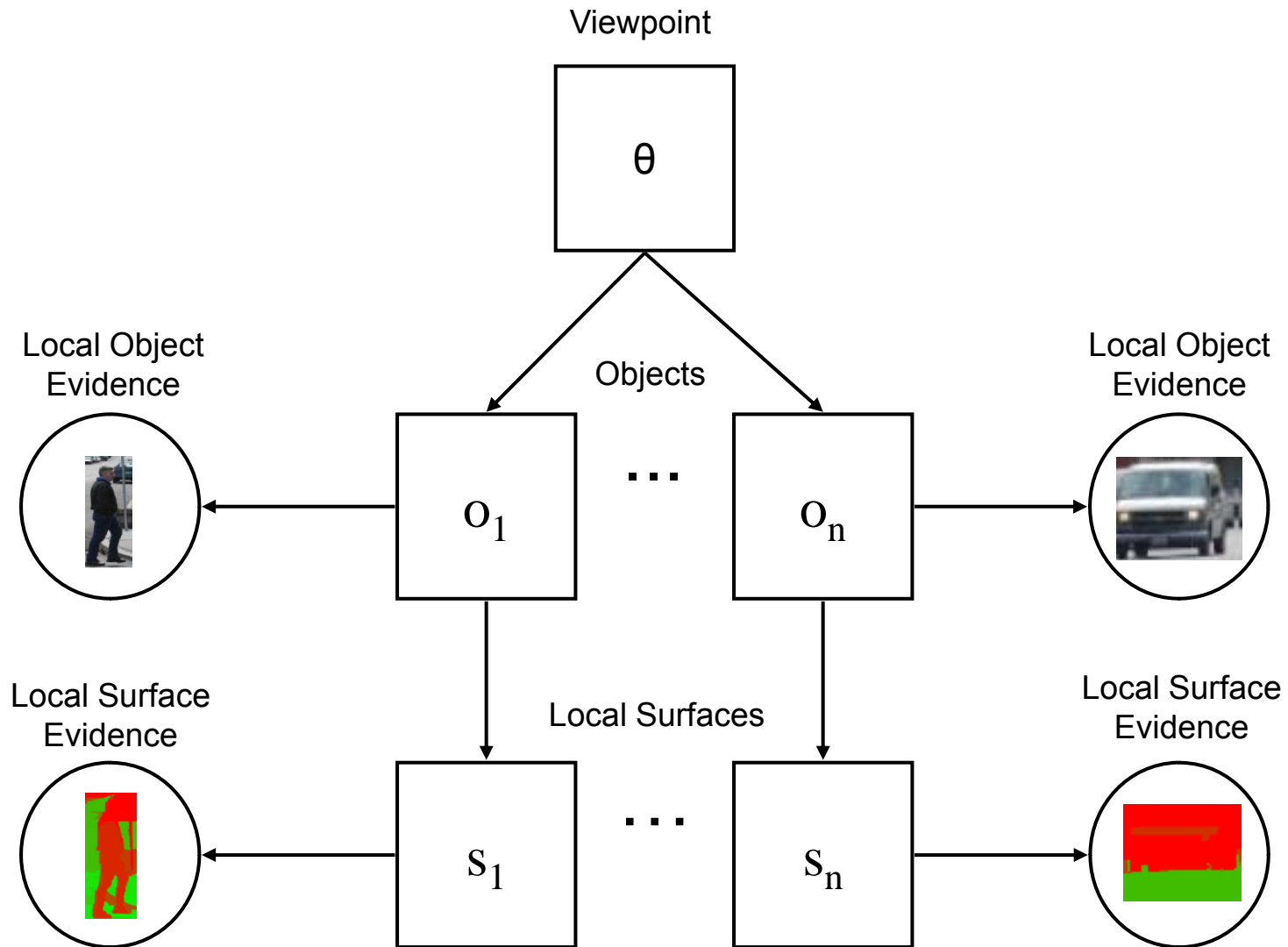
Viewpoint



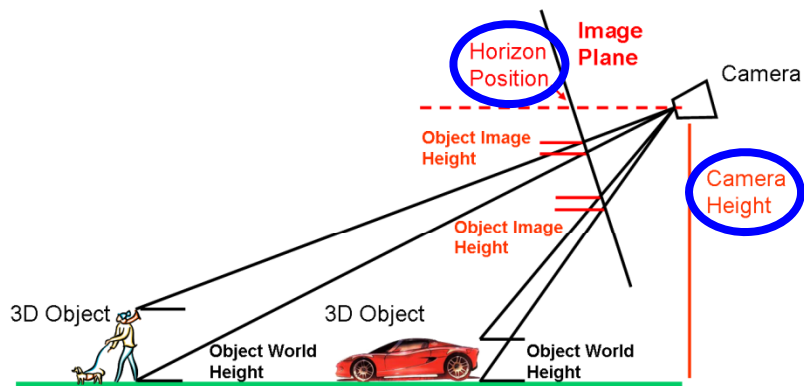
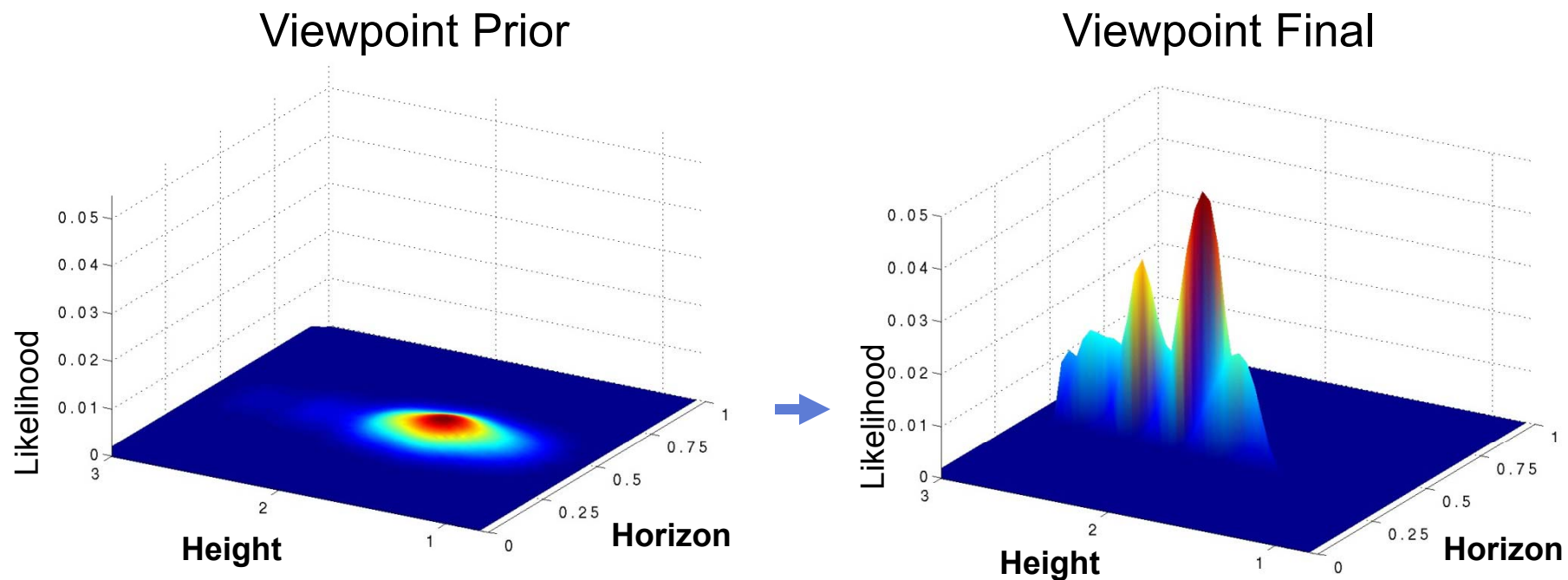
3D Surfaces

# Inference over Tree Easy with BP

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# Viewpoint estimation



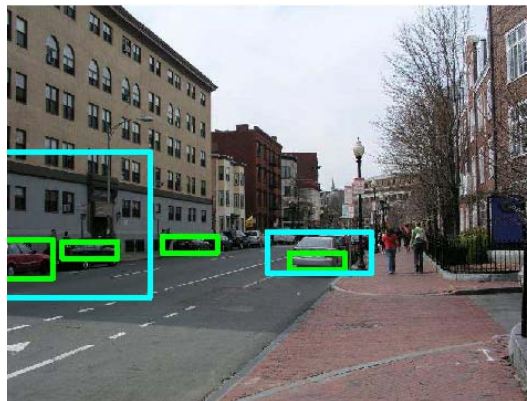
# Object detection

Car: TP / FP

Ped: TP / FP

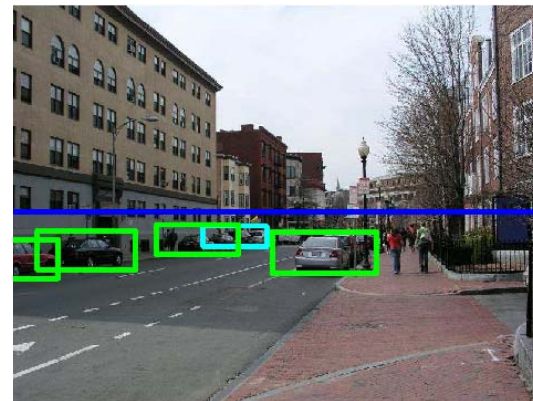
Car Detection

Initial (Local)



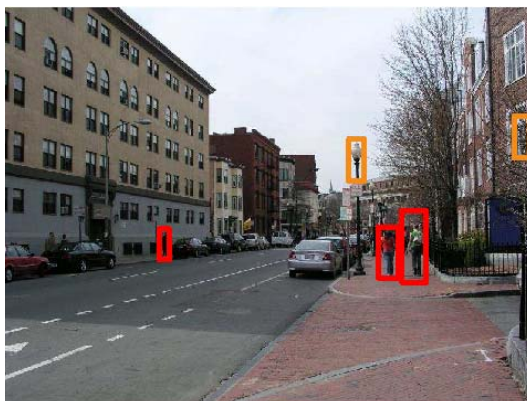
4 TP / 2 FP

Final (Global)

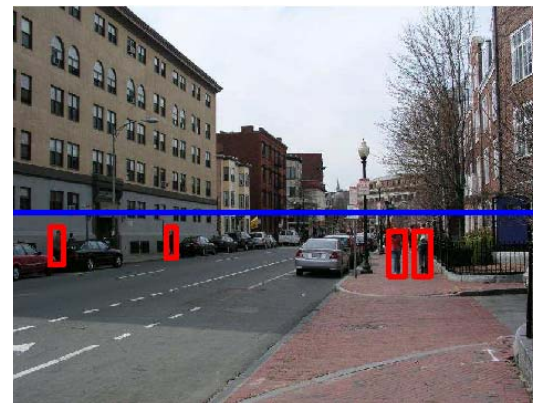


4 TP / 1 FP

Ped Detection



3 TP / 2 FP



4 TP / 0 FP

Local Detector: [Dalal-Triggs 2005]



# Experiments on LabelMe Dataset

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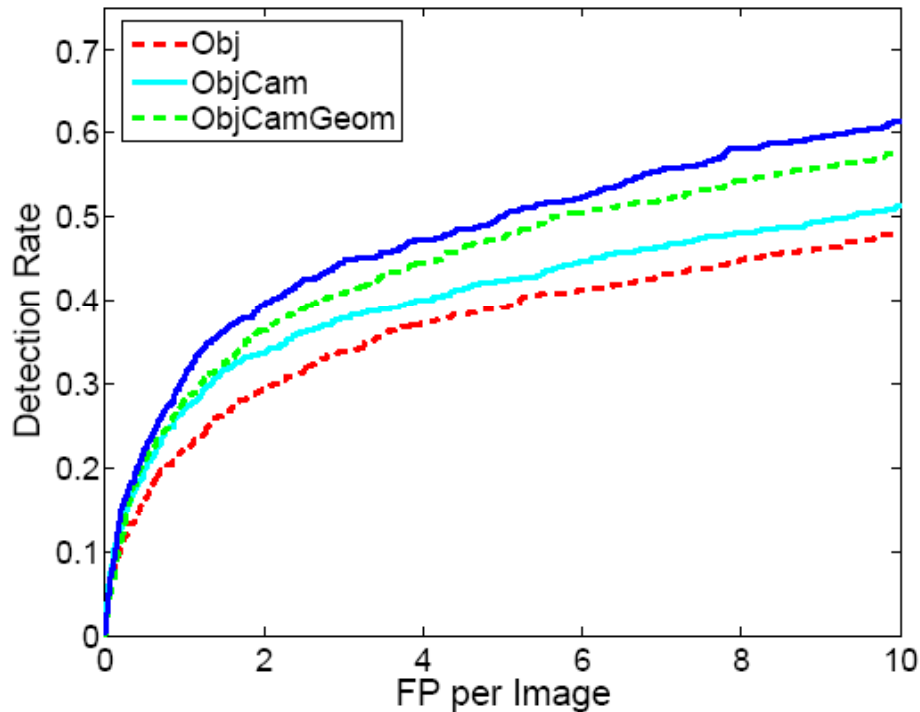
- Testing with LabelMe dataset: 422 images
  - 923 Cars at least 14 pixels tall
  - 720 Peds at least 36 pixels tall



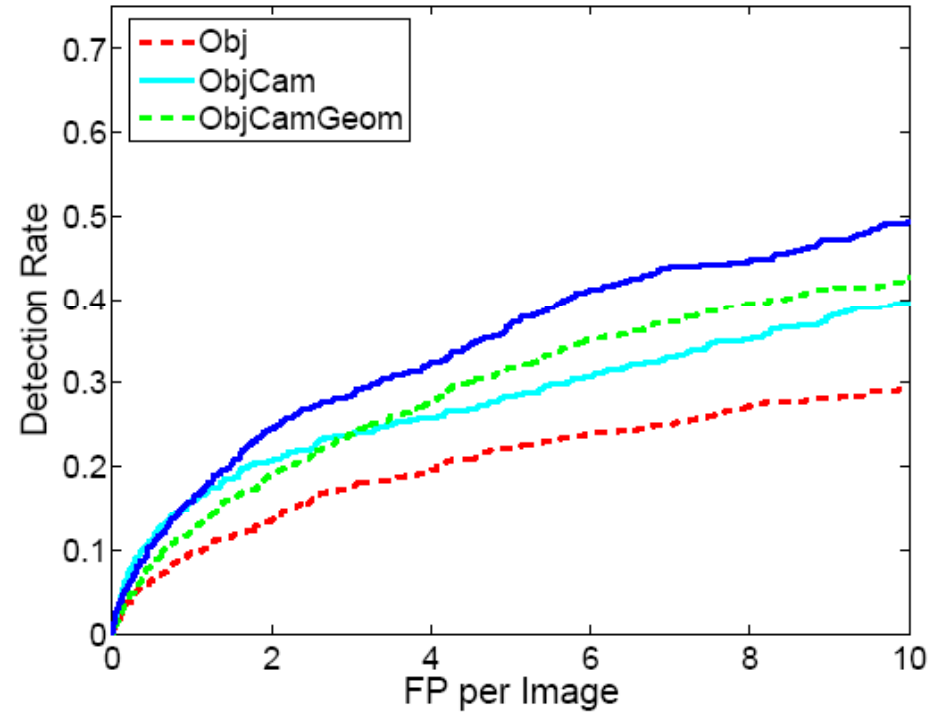
# Each piece of evidence improves performance

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Car Detection



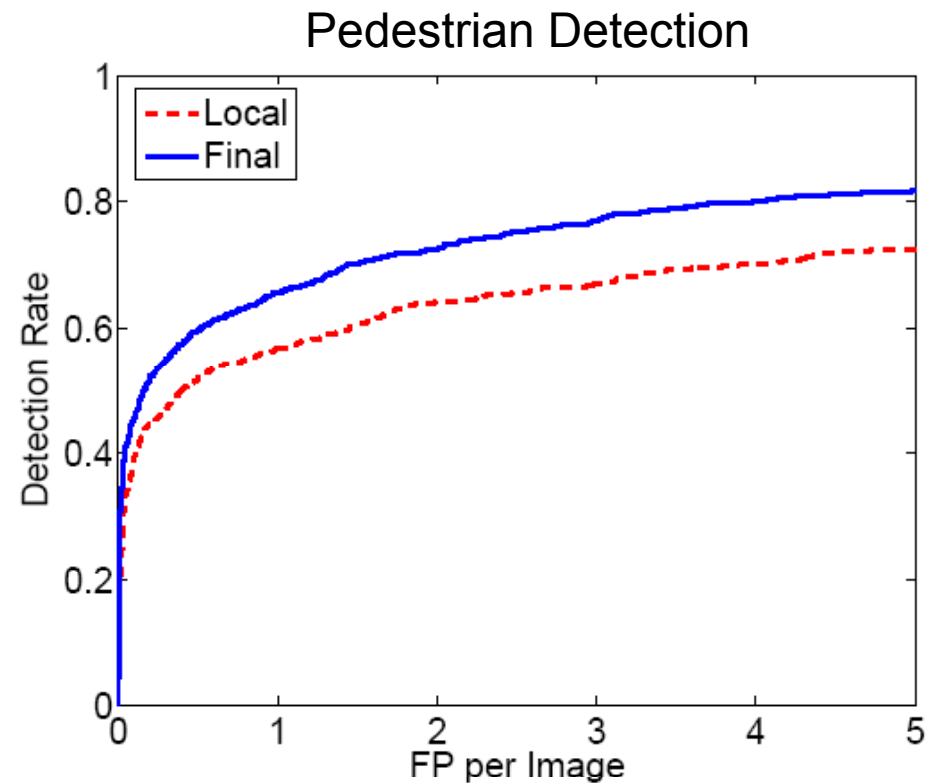
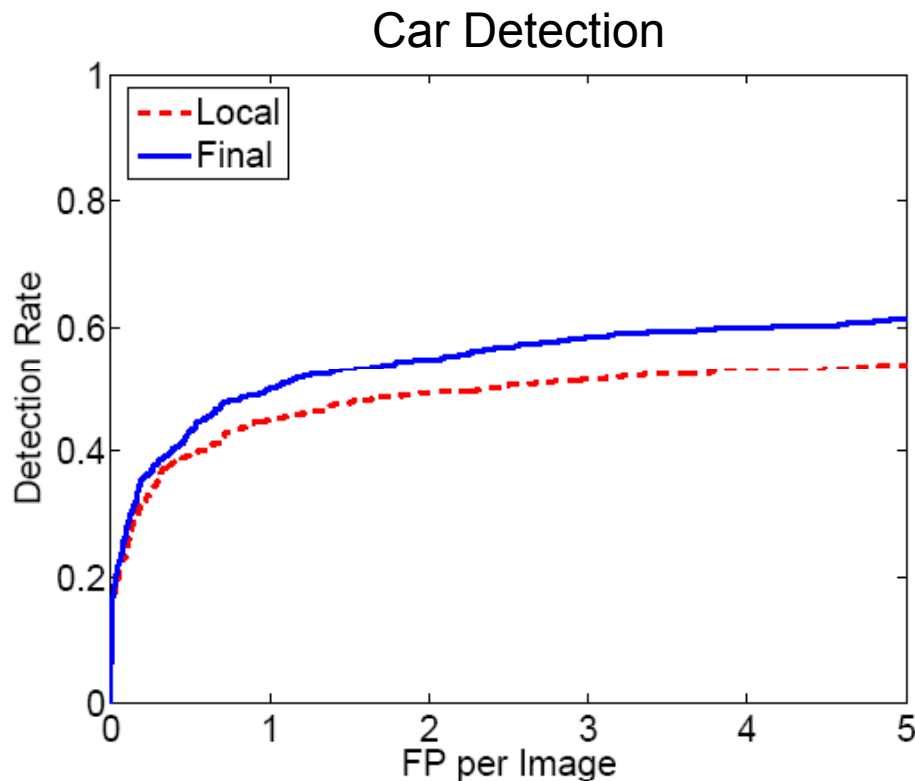
Pedestrian Detection



Local Detector from [Murphy-Torralba-Freeman 2003]

# Can be used with any detector that outputs confidences

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Local Detector: [Dalal-Triggs 2005] (SVM-based)

# Accurate Horizon Estimation

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Horizon Prior

[Murphy-Torralba-Freeman 2003]

[Dalal-Triggs 2005]

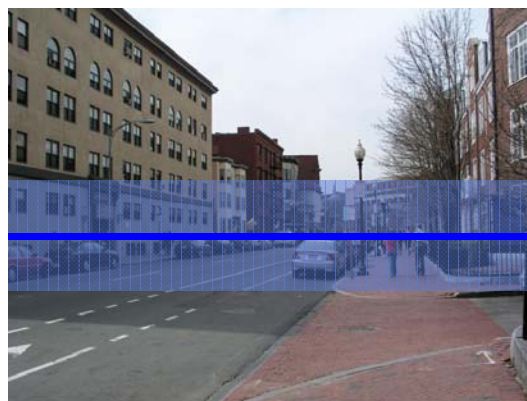
Median  
Error:

8.5%

4.5%

3.0%

90%  
Bound:

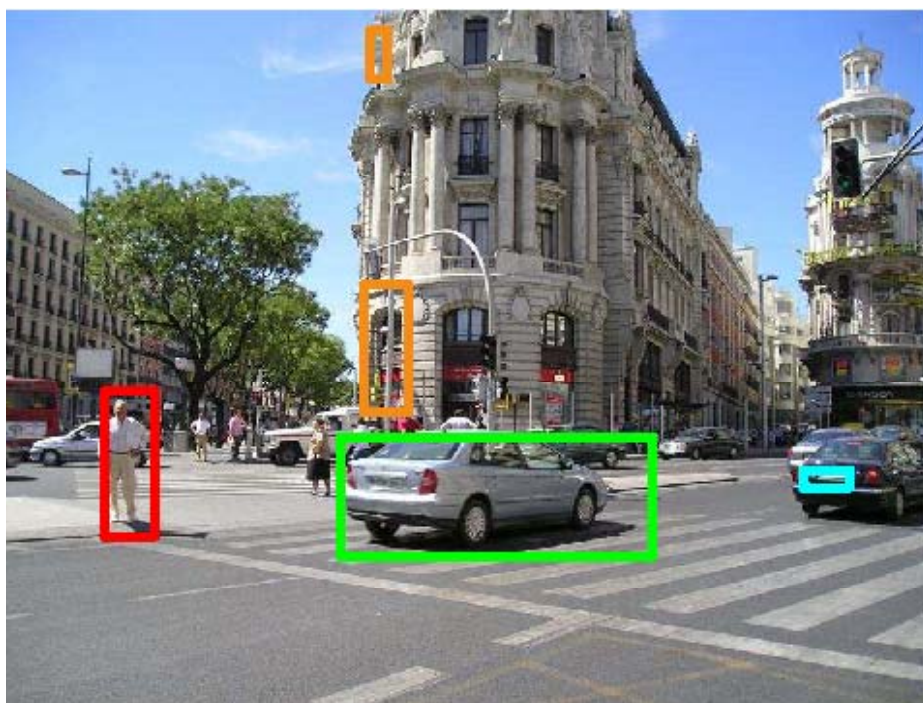




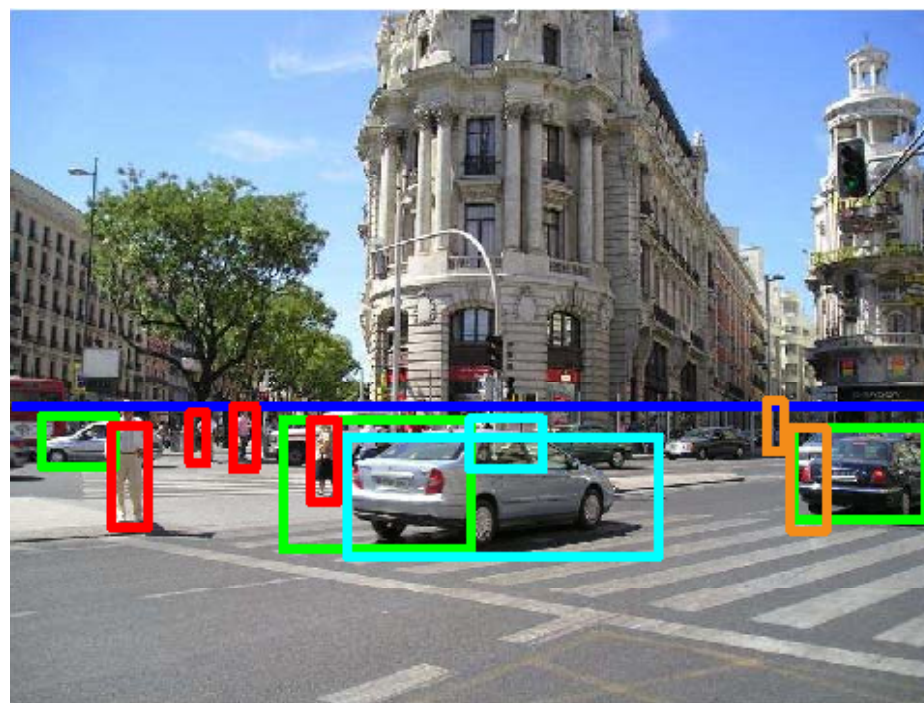
# Qualitative Results

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Car: TP / FP Ped: TP / FP



Initial: 2 TP / 3 FP



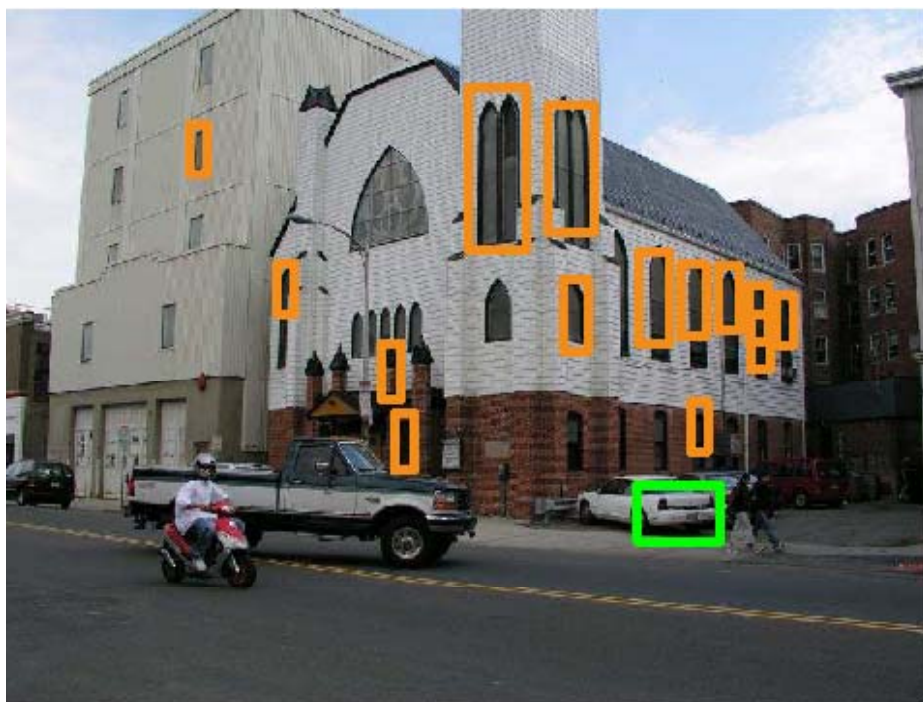
Final: 7 TP / 4 FP

Local Detector from [Murphy-Torralba-Freeman 2003]

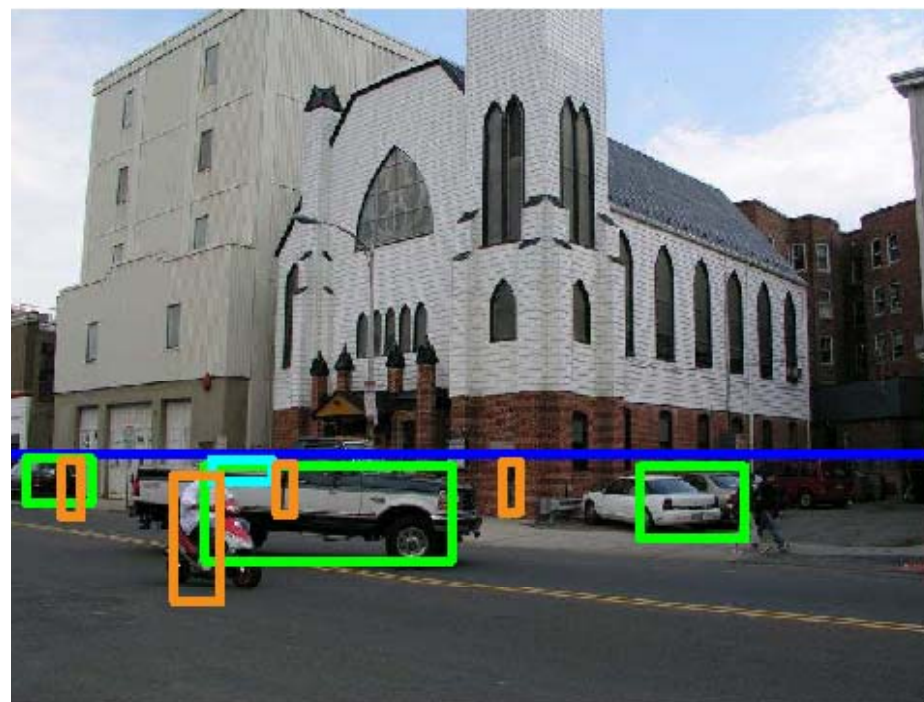
# Qualitative Results

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Car: TP / FP Ped: TP / FP



Initial: 1 TP / 14 FP



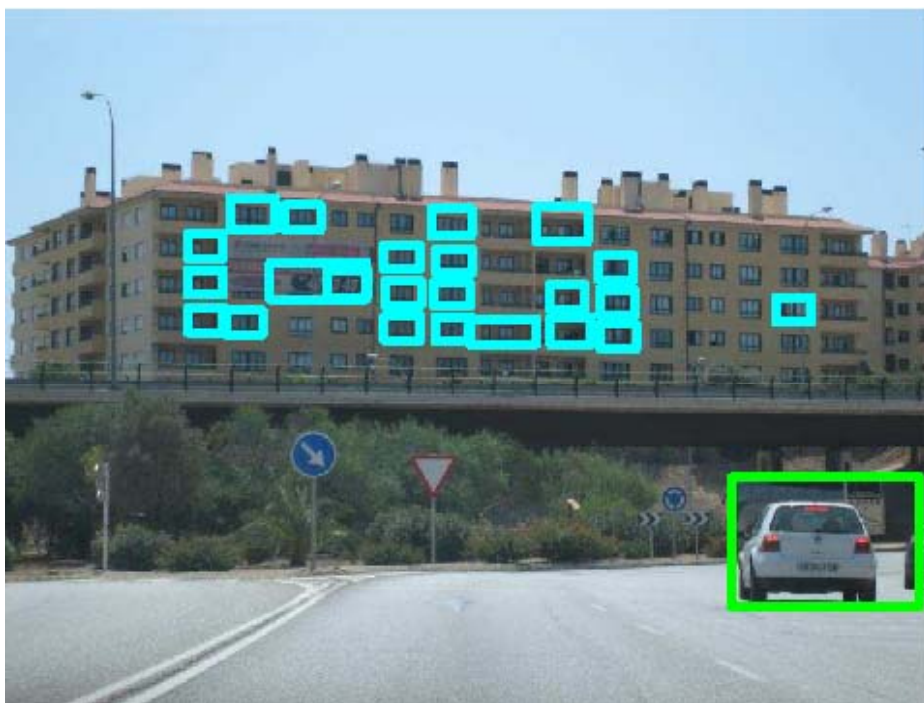
Final: 3 TP / 5 FP

Local Detector from [Murphy-Torralba-Freeman 2003]

# Qualitative Results

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Car: TP / FP Ped: TP / FP



Initial: 1 TP / 23 FP



Final: 0 TP / 10 FP

Local Detector from [Murphy-Torralba-Freeman 2003]



# Qualitative Results

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Car: TP / FP Ped: TP / FP



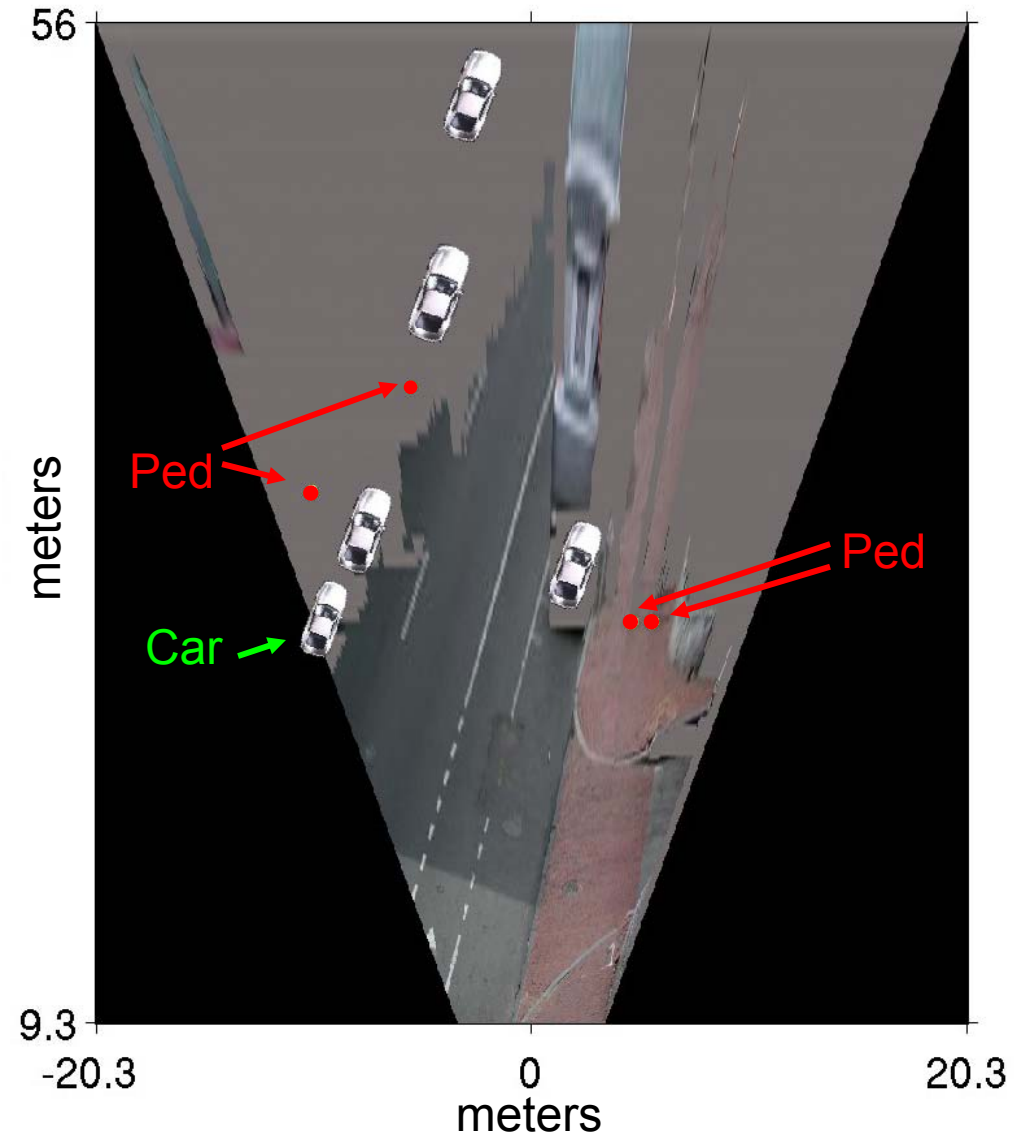
Initial: 0 TP / 6 FP



Final: 4 TP / 3 FP

Local Detector from [Murphy-Torralla-Freeman 2003]

# Summary & Future Work



## Reasoning in 3D:

- Object to object
- Scene label
- Object segmentation

# Conclusion

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- Image understanding is a 3D problem
  - Must be solved jointly
- This paper is a small step
  - Much remains to be done





# Learning Spatial Context: Using **stuff** to find **things**

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ECCV 2008



# Things vs. Stuff

From: Forsyth et al. **Finding pictures of objects in large collections of images.** *Object Representation in Computer Vision, 1996.*

**Thing** (n): An object with a specific size and shape.



**Stuff** (n): Material defined by a homogeneous or repetitive pattern of fine-scale properties, but has no specific or distinctive spatial extent or shape.







# Finding Things



**Context is key!**



# Outline

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- What is Context?
- The Things and Stuff (TAS) model
- Results



# Satellite Detection Example



$D(W) = 0.8$

$D(W) = 0.8$



# Error Analysis

Typically...



True Positives are  
IN CONTEXT

False Positives are  
OUT OF CONTEXT

**We need to look outside  
the bounding box!**





# Types of Context

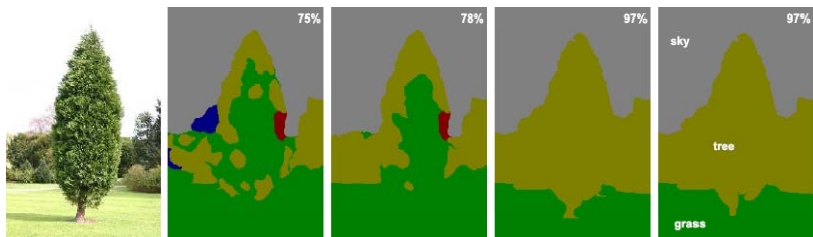
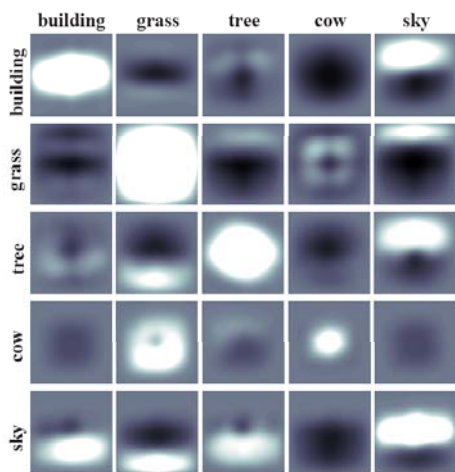
- Scene-Thing:  
[ Torralba et al., LNCS 2005 ]



car "likely"  
keyboard "unlikely"

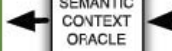
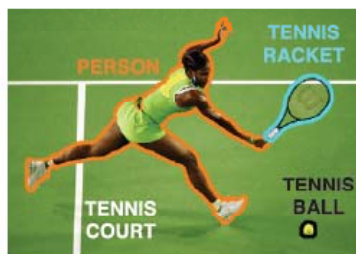
- Stuff-Stuff:

[ Gould et al.,  
IJCV 2008 ]



- Thing-Thing:

[ Rabinovich et  
al., ICCV 2007 ]



SEMANTIC  
CONTEXT  
ORACLE





# Types of Context

- **Stuff-Thing:**
  - Based on spatial relationships
- **Intuition:**
  - “Cars drive on roads”
  - “Cows graze on grass”
  - “Boats sail on water”







# Outline

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# Things

- Detection “candidates”
  - Low detector threshold -> “over-detect”
  - Each candidate has a detector score

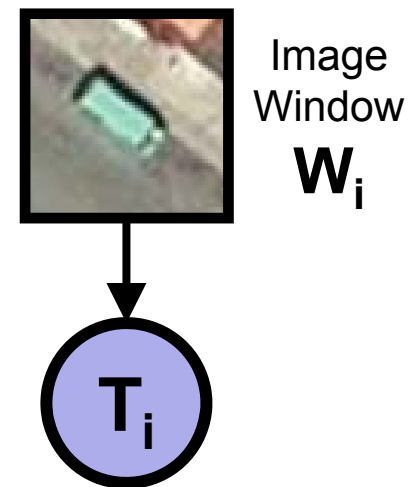




# Things

- Candidate detections
  - Image Window  $\mathbf{W}_i$  + Score
- Boolean R.V.  $\mathbf{T}_i$ 
  - $T_i = 1$ : Candidate is a positive detection
- Thing model

$$P(T_i|W) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(\alpha + \beta \cdot D(W))}$$



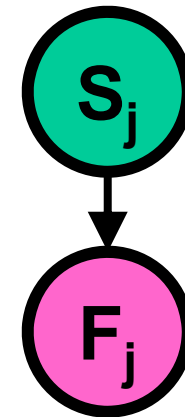


# Stuff

- Coherent image regions
  - Coarse “superpixels”
  - Feature vector  $\mathbf{F}_j$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$
  - Cluster label  $\mathbf{S}_j$  in  $\{1 \dots C\}$
- Stuff model
  - Naïve Bayes

$$P(S_j, F_j) = P(S_j)P(F_j|S_j)$$

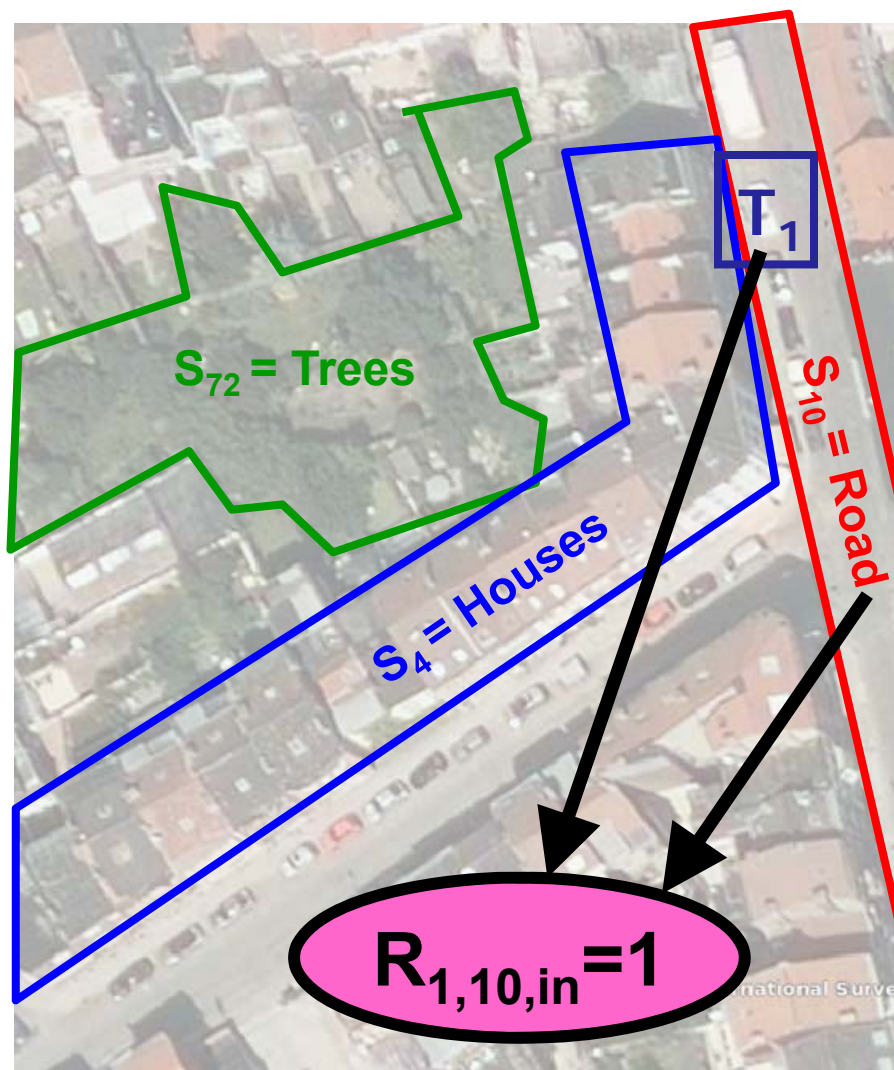
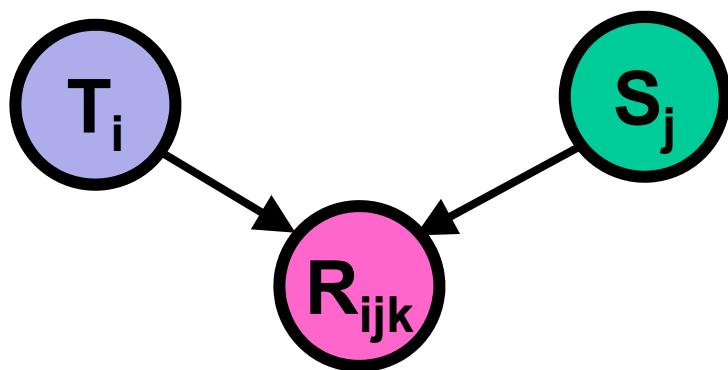
$$F_j|(S_j = s) \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_s, \Sigma_s)$$





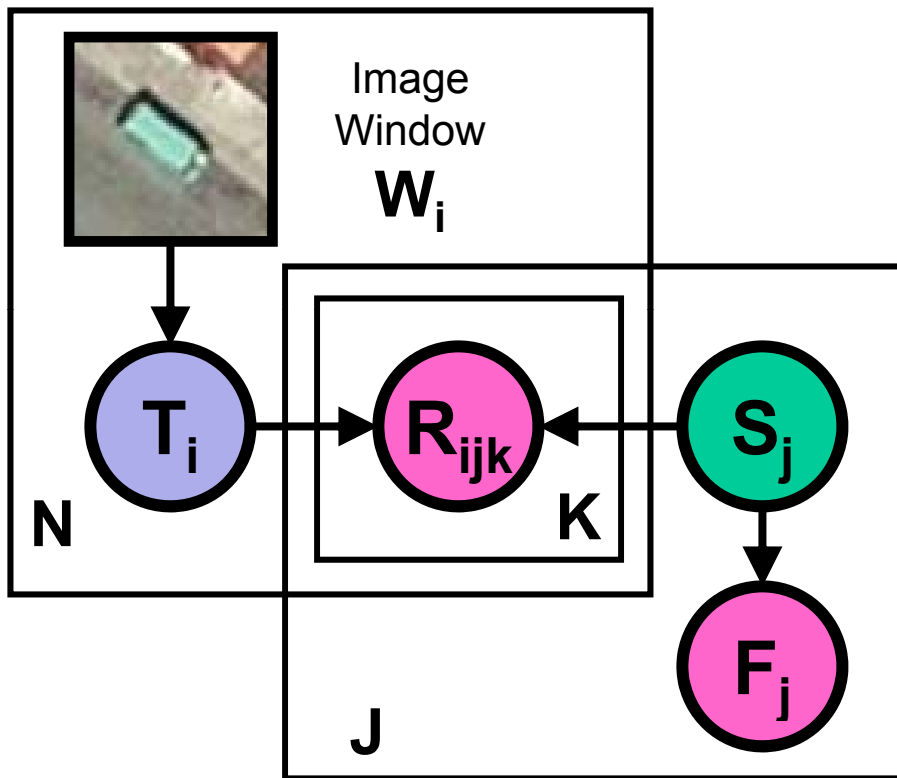
# Relationships

- Descriptive Relations
  - "Near", "Above", "In front of", etc.
- Choose set  $\mathbf{R} = \{r_1 \dots r_K\}$
- $R_{ijk} = 1$ : Detection  $i$  and region  $j$  have relation  $k$
- Relationship model





# The TAS Model



$W_i$ : **Window**

$T_i$ : **Object Presence**

$S_j$ : **Region Label**

$F_j$ : **Region Features**

$R_{ijk}$ : **Relationship**

Supervised  
in Training Set

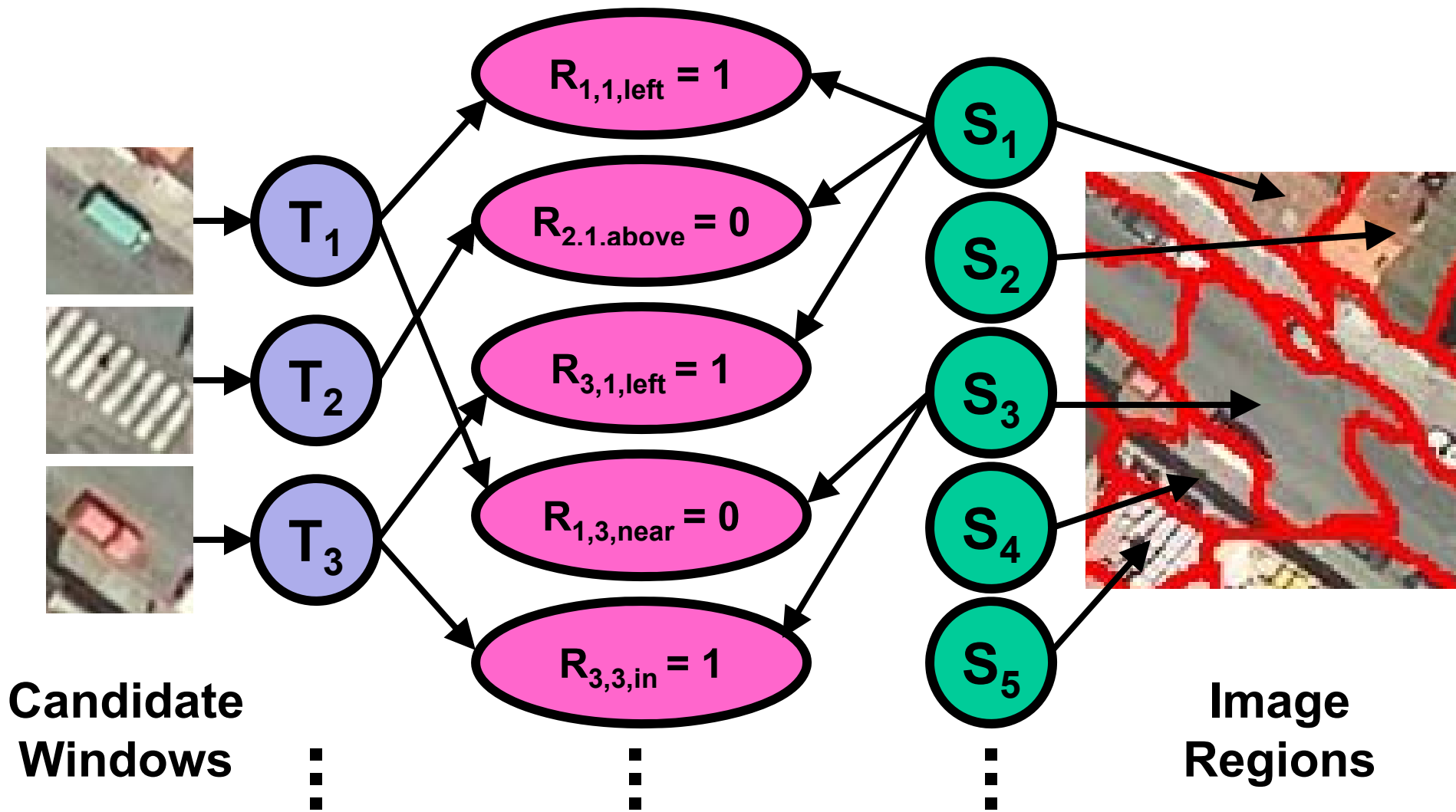
Always  
Observed

Always  
Hidden





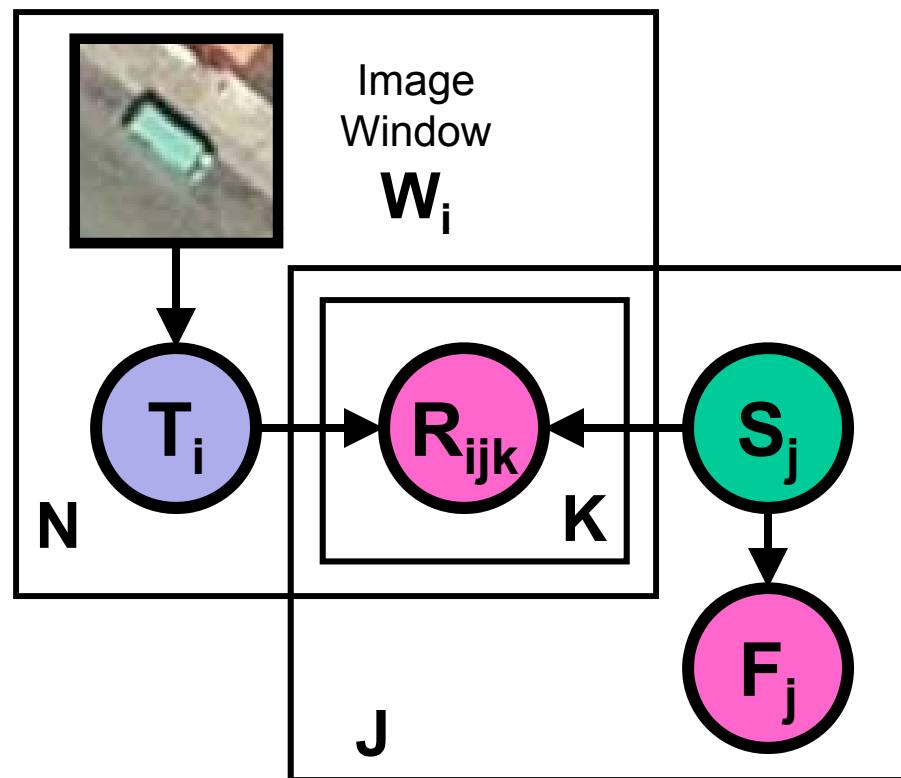
# Unrolled Model





# Learning the Parameters

- Assume we know  $R$
- $S_j$  is hidden
  - Everything else observed
- Expectation-Maximization
  - "Contextual clustering"
- Parameters are readily interpretable











Supervised  
in Training Set

Always  
Observed

Always  
Hidden



# Learned Satellite Clusters

 <p>Cluster #1 <math>O(car, in) = 0.11</math></p>	 <p>Cluster #2 <math>O(car, in) = 2.66</math></p>	 <p>Cluster #3 <math>O(car, in) = 0.79</math></p>	 <p>Cluster #4 <math>O(car, in) = 0.31</math></p>
 <p>Cluster #5 <math>O(car, in) = 2.35</math></p>	 <p>Cluster #6 <math>O(car, in) = 0.04</math></p>	 <p>Cluster #7 <math>O(car, in) = 2.27</math></p>	 <p>Cluster #8 <math>O(car, in) = 3.90</math></p>



# Which Relationships to Use?

- $R_{ij}$  = spatial relationship between candidate  $i$  and region  $j$

$R_{ij1}$  = candidate in region

$R_{ij2}$  = candidate closer than 2 bounding boxes (BBs) to region

How do we avoid overfitting?

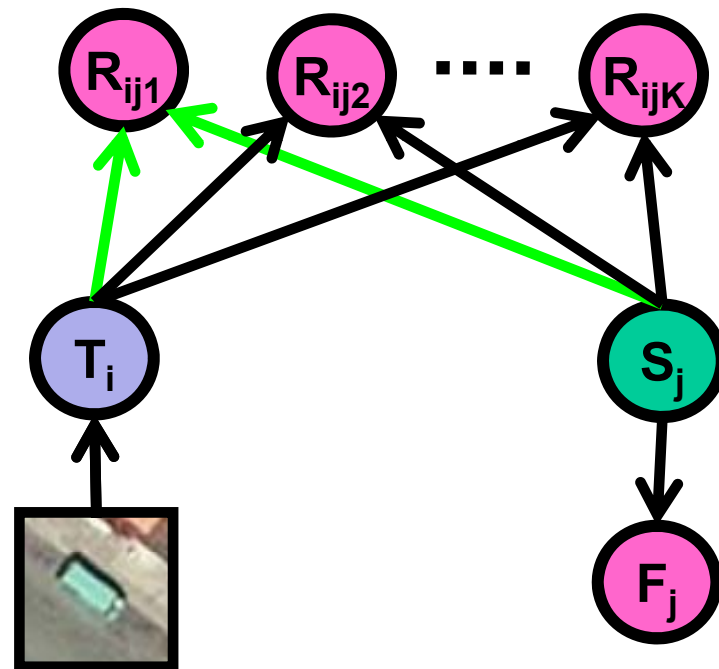
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$R_{ijK}$  = candidate near region boundary



# Learning the Relationships

- Intuition
  - “Detached”  $R_{ijk}$  = inactive relationship
- Structural EM iterates:
  - Learn parameters
  - Decide which edge to toggle
- Evaluate with  $\ell(T|F, W, R)$ 
  - Requires inference
  - Better results than using standard  $E[\ell(T, S, F, W, R)]$





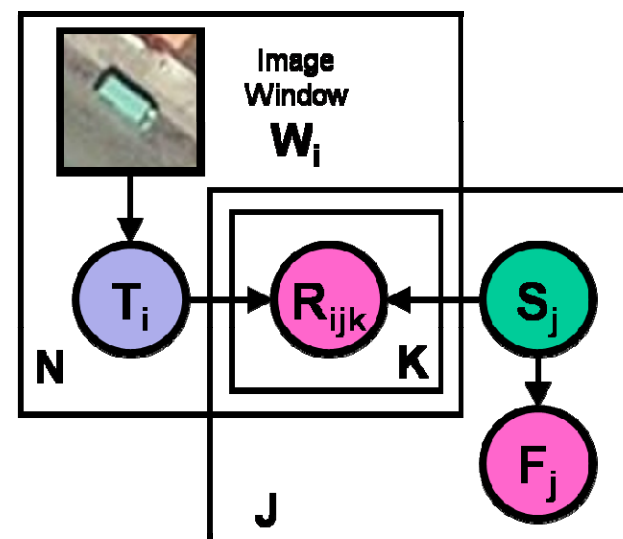
# Inference

- Goal:

$$P(\mathbf{T} \mid \mathbf{F}, \mathbf{R}, \mathbf{W}) = \sum_{\mathbf{S}} P(\mathbf{T}, \mathbf{S} \mid \mathbf{F}, \mathbf{R}, \mathbf{W})$$

- Block Gibbs Sampling

- Easy to sample  $T_i$ 's given  $S_j$ 's and vice versa



$$P(S_j \mid \mathbf{T}, \mathbf{F}, \mathbf{R}, \mathbf{W}) \propto P(S_j)P(F_j \mid S_j) \prod_i P(R_{ij} \mid T_i, S_j)$$

$$P(T_i \mid \mathbf{S}, \mathbf{F}, \mathbf{R}, \mathbf{W}) \propto P(T_i \mid W_i) \prod_j P(R_{ij} \mid T_i, S_j).$$





# Outline

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- What is Context?
- The Things and Stuff (TAS) model
- **Results**



# Base Detector - HOG

- HOG Detector: [ Dalal & Triggs, CVPR, 2006 ]

## Feature Vector X



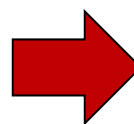
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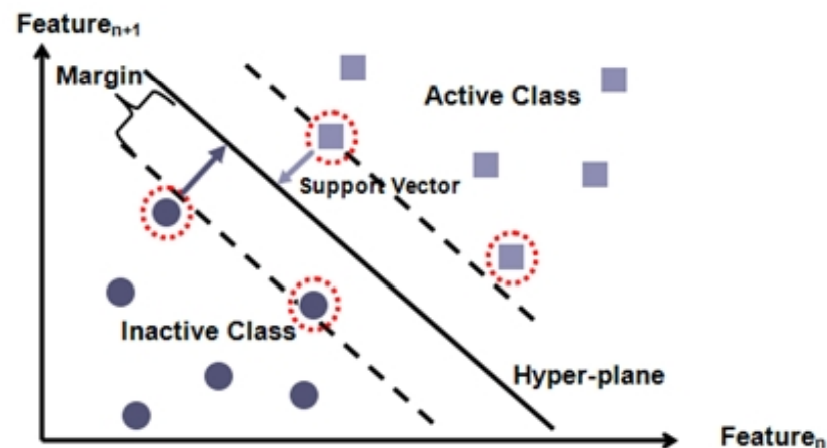
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pos wts



weighted  
neg wts



## SVM Classifier

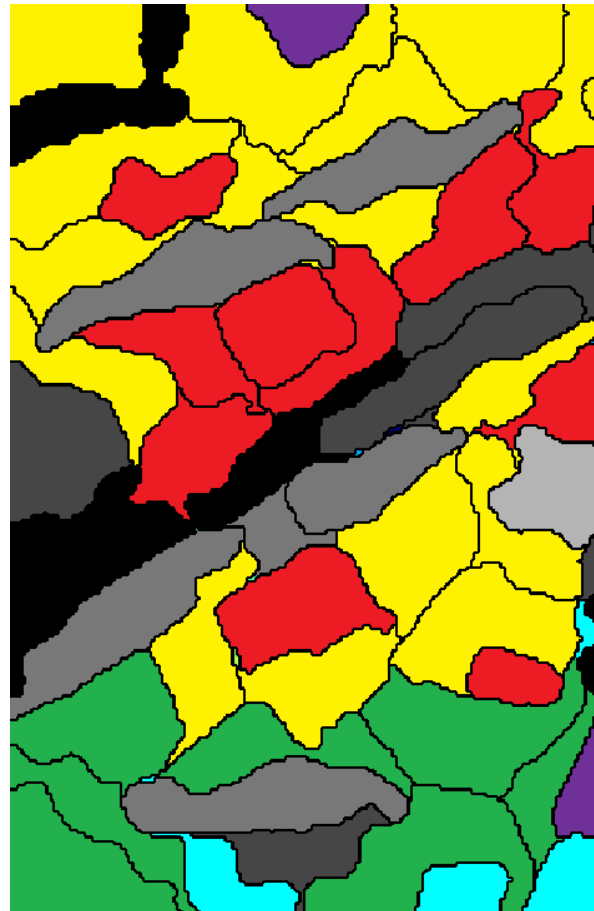




# Results - Satellite



Prior:  
Detector Only



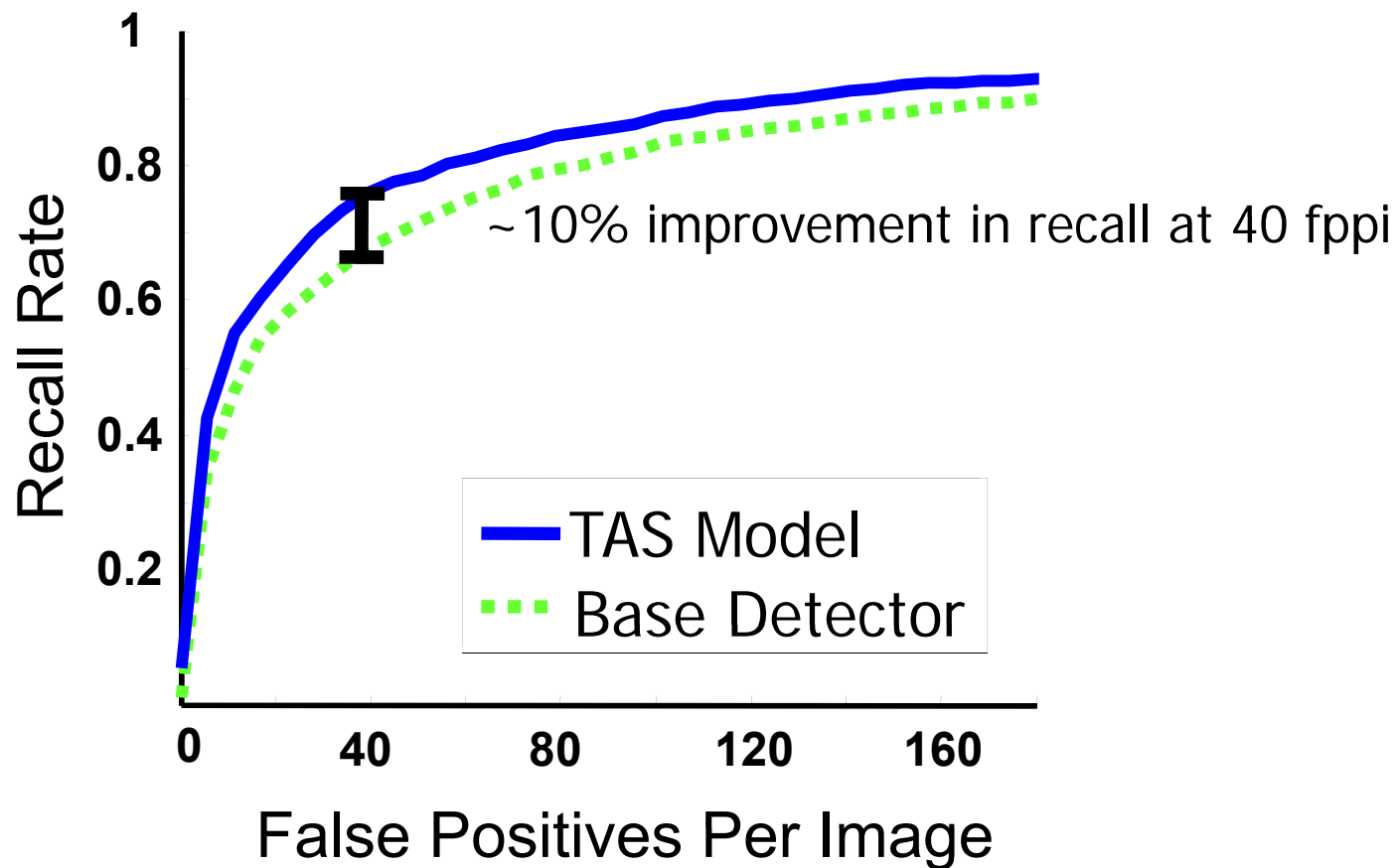
Posterior:  
Region Labels



Posterior:  
Detections



# Results - Satellite





# PASCAL VOC Challenge

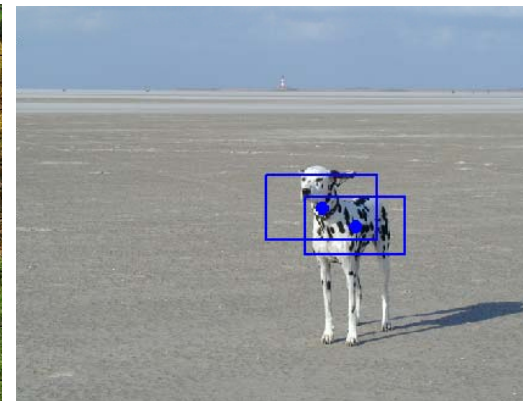
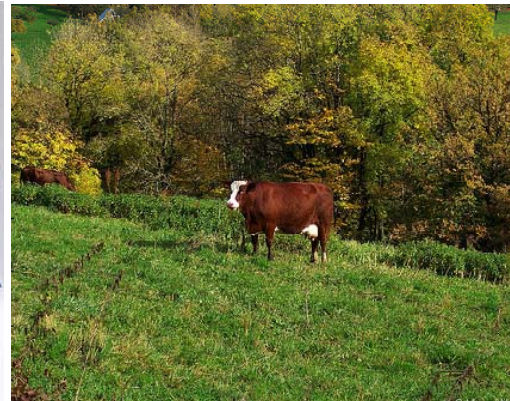
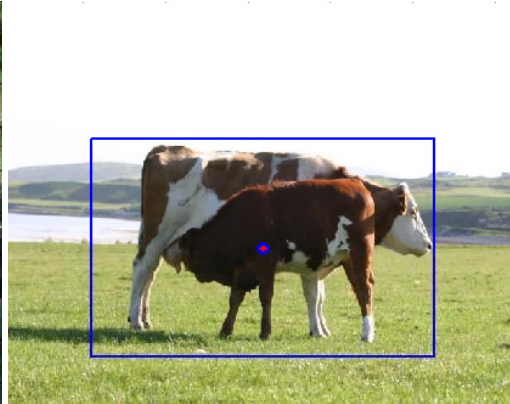
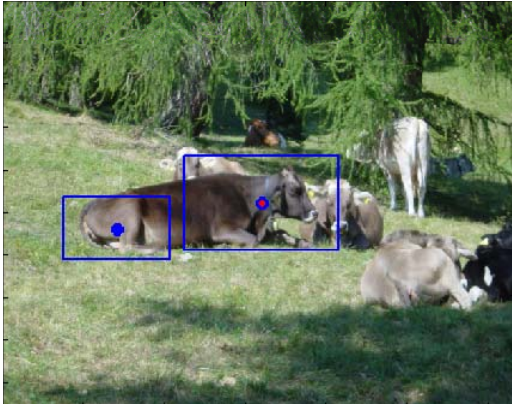
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- 2005 Challenge
  - 2232 images split into {train, val, test}
  - Cars, Bikes, People, and Motorbikes
- 2006 Challenge
  - 5304 images split into {train, test}
  - 12 classes, we use Cows and Sheep





# Base Detector Error Analysis

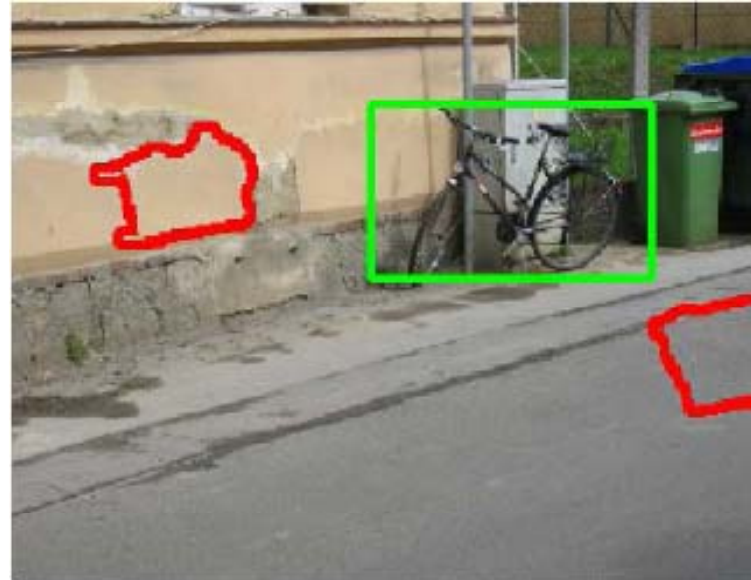


Cows

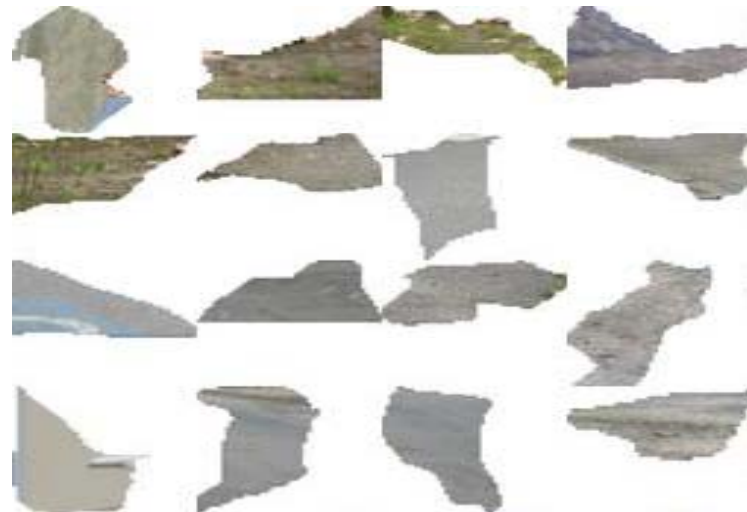
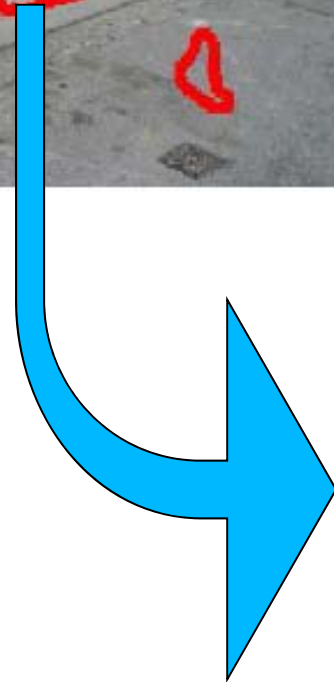




# Discovered Context - Bicycles



Bicycles  
Cluster #3

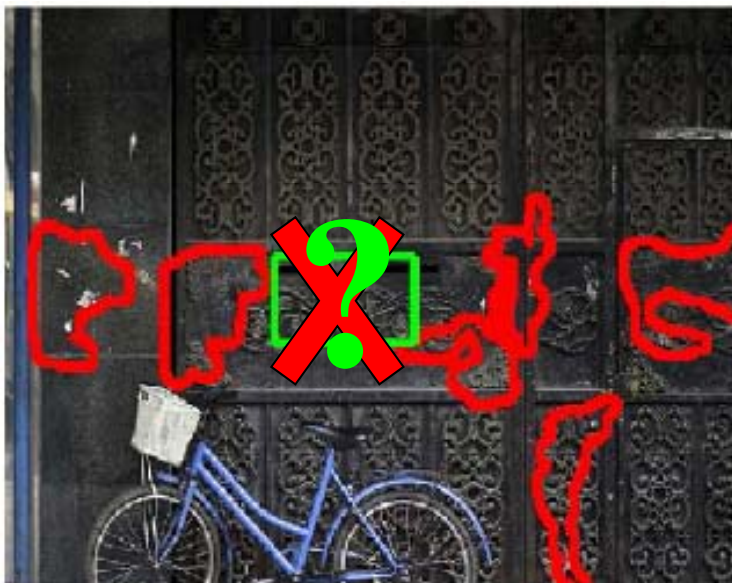




# TAS Results – Bicycles

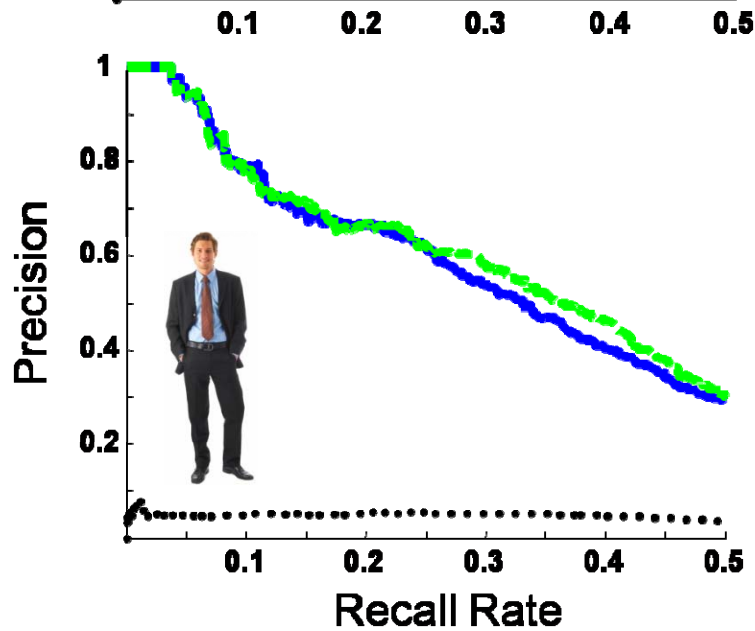
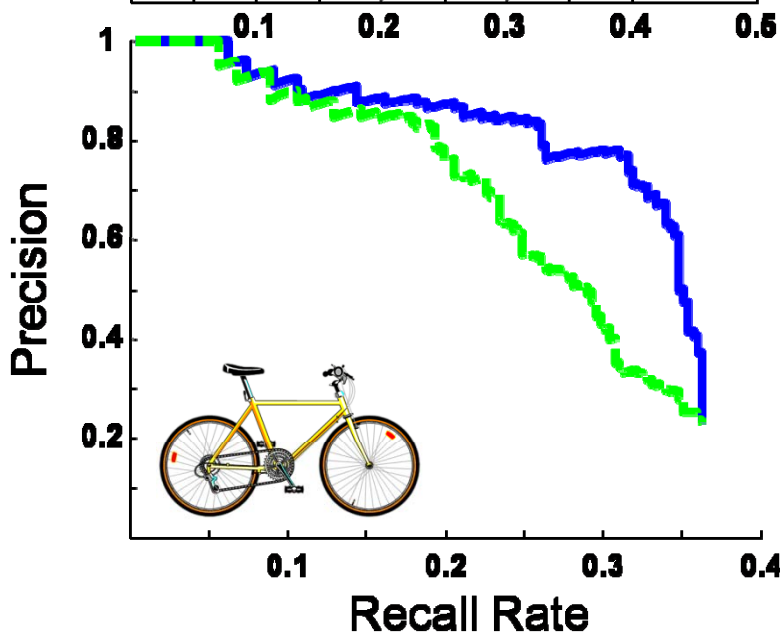
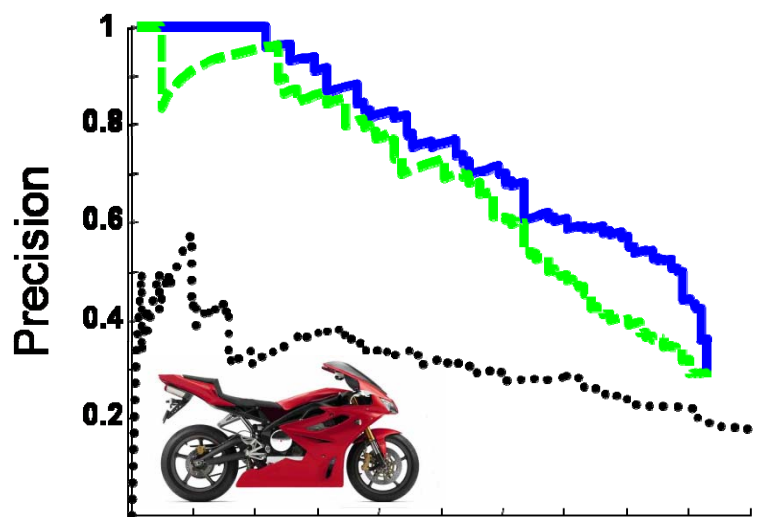
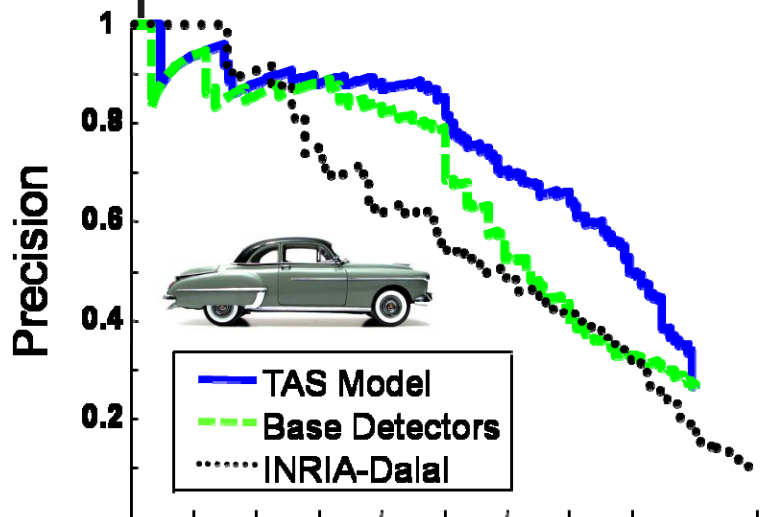
- Examples

- Discover “true positives”
- Remove “false positives”



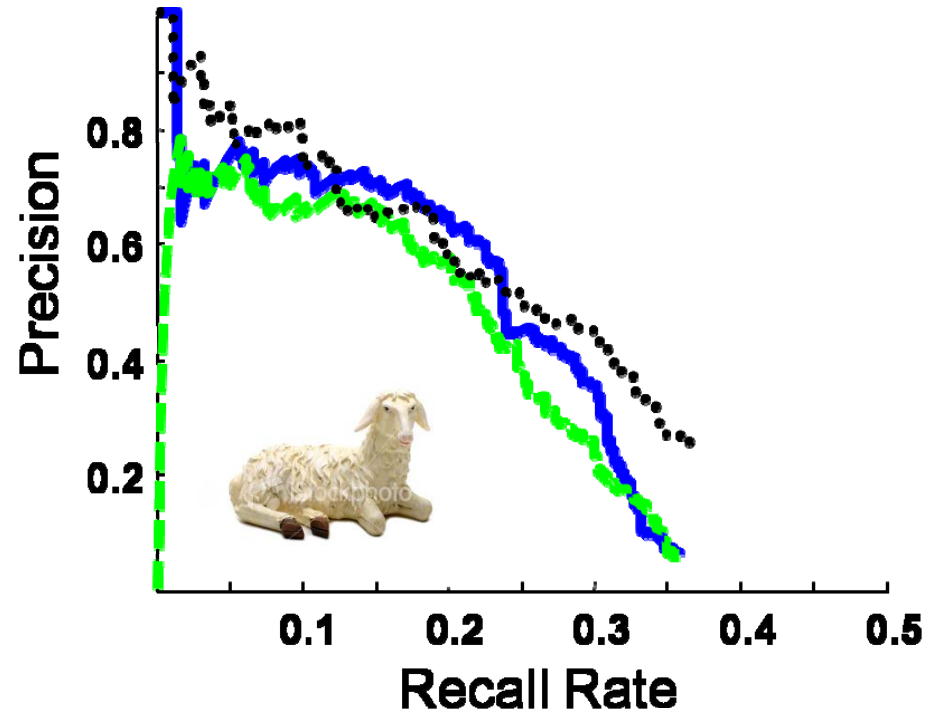
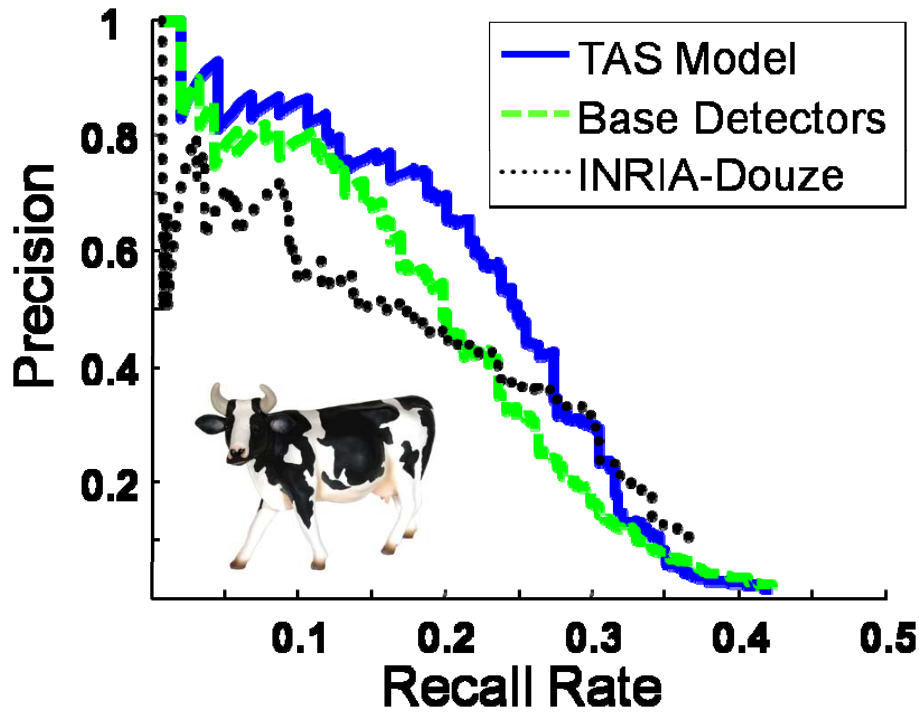


# Results – VOC 2005





# Results – VOC 2006





# Conclusions

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- Detectors can benefit from context
- The TAS model **captures** an important type of **context**
- We can **improve *any*** sliding window **detector** using TAS
- The TAS model can be **interpreted** and matches our intuitions
- We can learn **which relationships** to use

# Today: Three papers on computational models of context:

- A. Torralba, K. P. Murphy, and W. T. Freeman, "Contextual models for object detection using boosted random fields," in Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems 17 (NIPS), 2005.
- D. Hoiem, A. A. Efros, and M. Hebert, "Putting objects in perspective," in Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition, 2006
- G. Heitz and D. Koller, "Learning spatial context: Using stuff to find things," in ECCV 2008, pp. 30-43.



# Who needs context anyway?

We can recognize objects even out of context



Banksy

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