

# Weakly Supervised Learning for Visual Recognition

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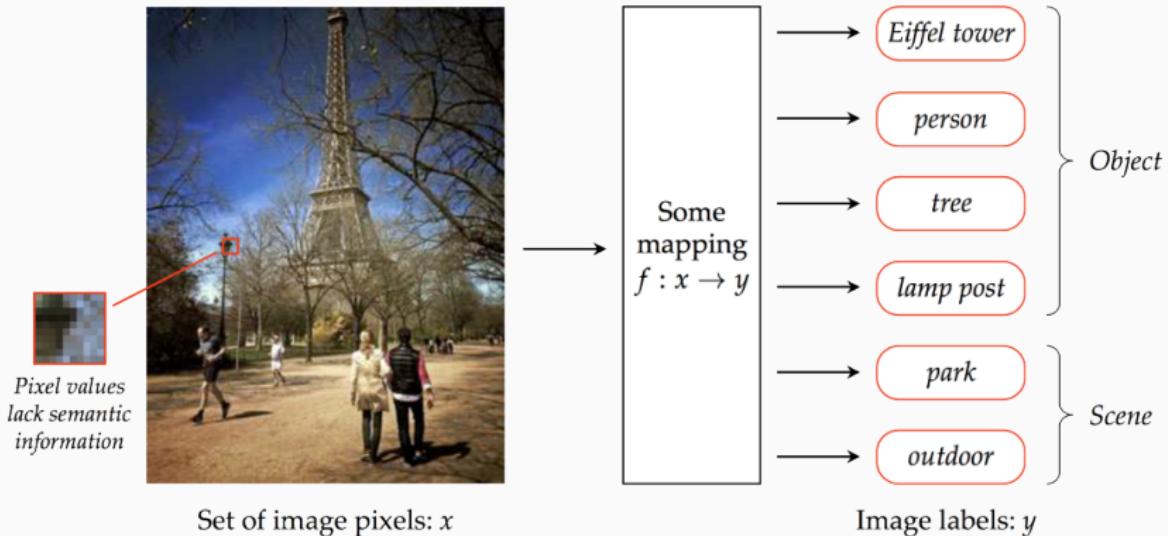
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# Introduction

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# Image classification



- Central problem to computer vision
- Learning parameters of  $f$  with supervised learning methods
  - Labeled training data
  - Computational resources

[Credit Hanlin Goh]

# Why is image classification important?

- Immense and increasing collection of visual data
  - **2.4 billion** images are uploaded every day
  - **$10^{12}$**  photos taken in 2016
  - Methods to exploit that collection of visual data



- Complementary with other visual recognition tasks



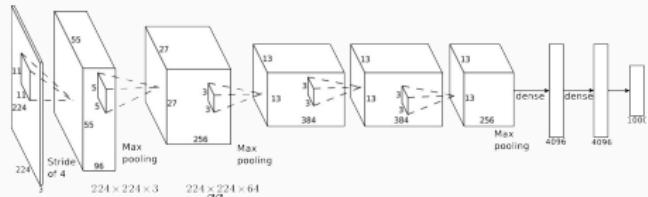
# Deep ConvNets for image classification

ImageNet



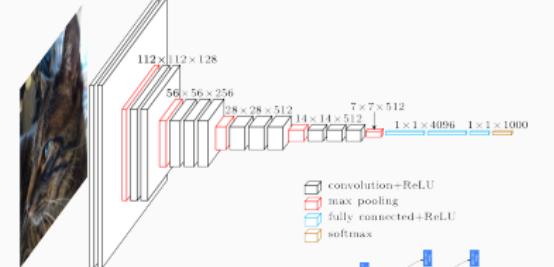
- **AlexNet**

[Krizhevsky, NIPS12]



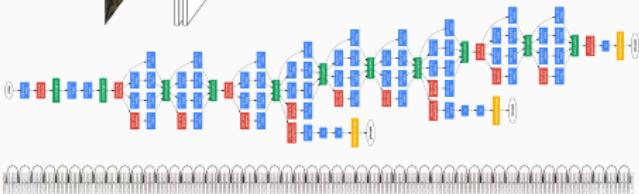
- **VGG16 / Very Deep**

[Simonyan, ICLR15]



- **Inception**

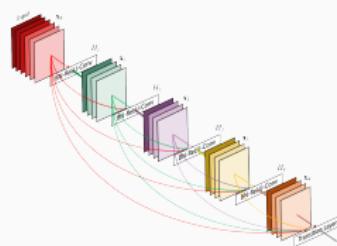
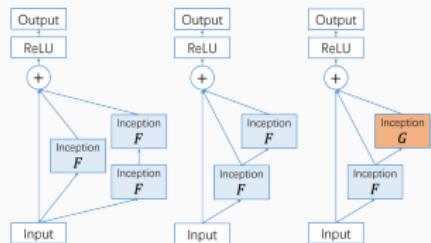
[Szegedy, CVPR15]



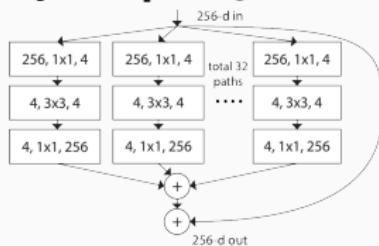
- **ResNet** [He, CVPR16]

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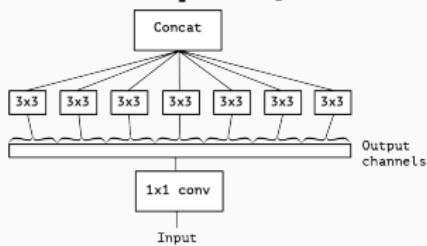


PolyNet [Zhang, CVPR17]



ResNeXt [Xie, CVPR17]

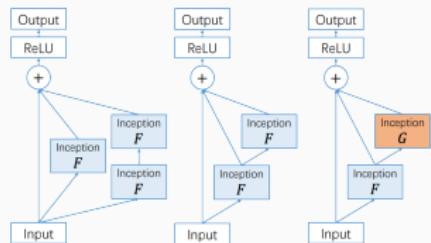
## DenseNet [Huang, CVPR17]



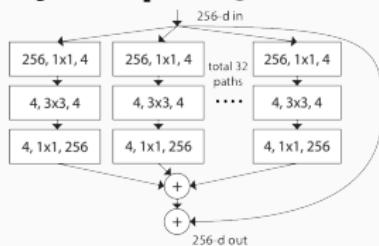
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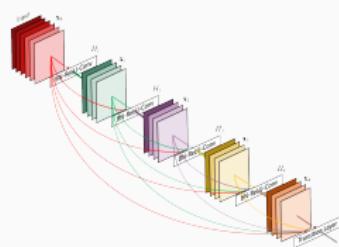
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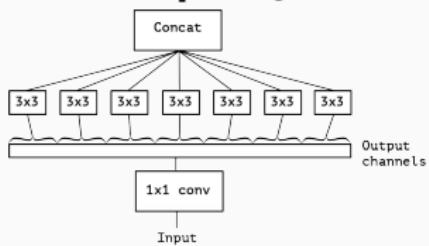
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- How to use deep architecture on complex scenes?
  - Learn localized representation
- Weakly supervised learning
  - Reduce the cost of annotation: use only image-level labels
  - Make learning and recognition more challenging
    - Efficient model for structured output prediction
  - Adapt deep architecture
    - Transfer, pooling



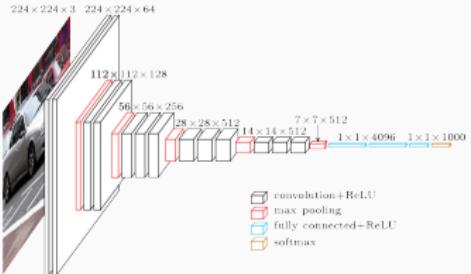
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# **Model: Transfer & Pooling in Deep Architecture**

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# From ImageNet to complex images

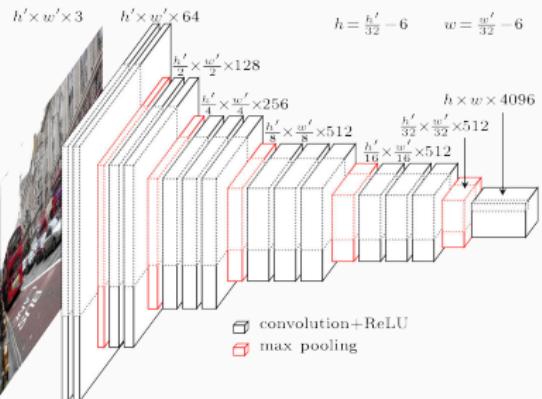
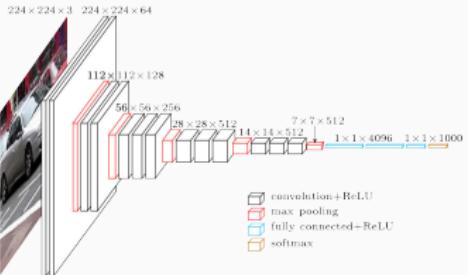
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# From ImageNet to complex images: FCN

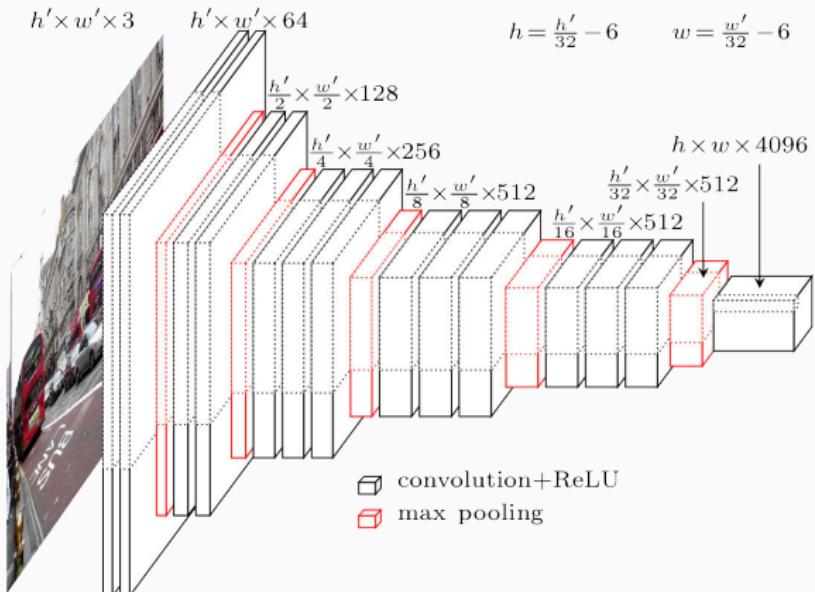
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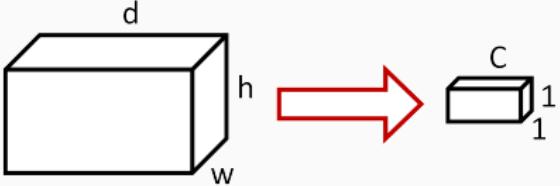
**fully convolutional network**

feature sharing, efficient computation, arbitrary-sized input images

# Fully convolutional network (FCN)

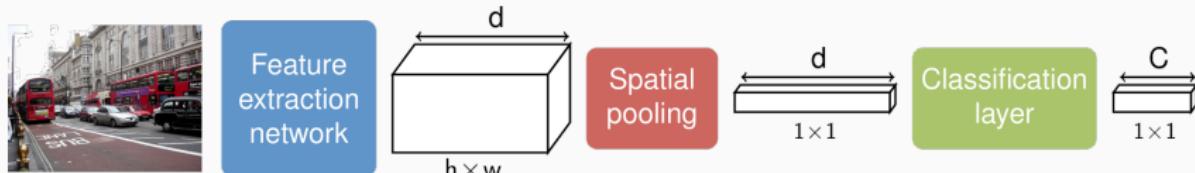


Feature extraction network

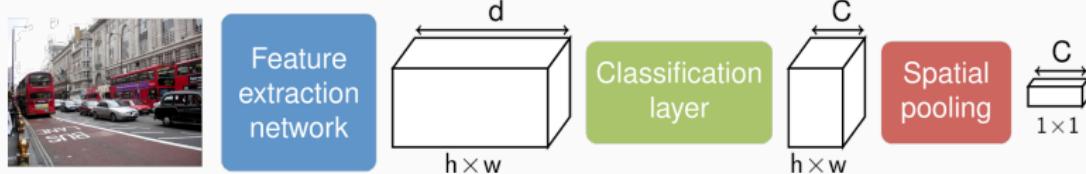


# Feature vs class score pooling

- Classical strategy: **feature pooling**
  - GAP, ResNet, Inception, VGG16, ...
  - No spatial class information

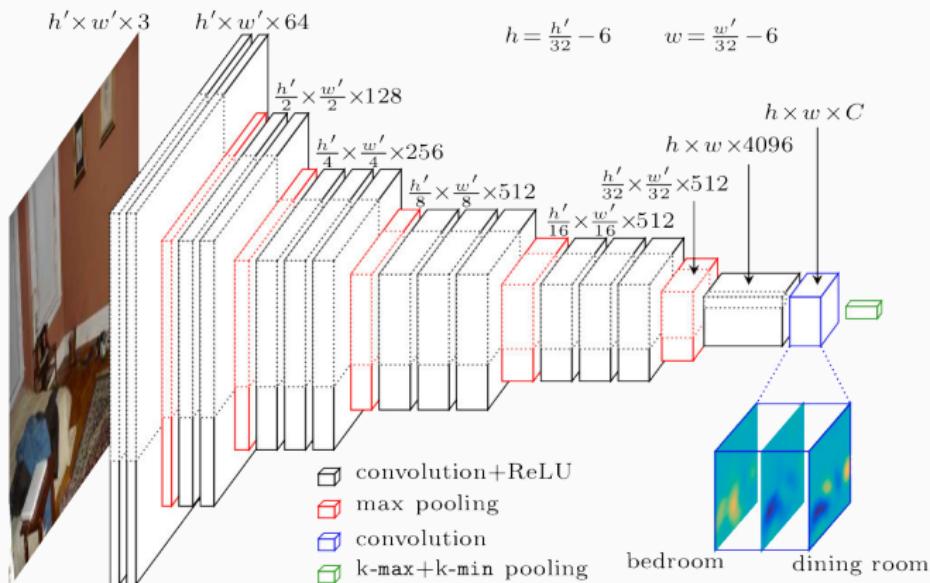


- Our strategy: **class score pooling**
  - Spatial class information
  - Better performances



# Why class score pooling?

- Class Activation Maps (CAM) for WELDON

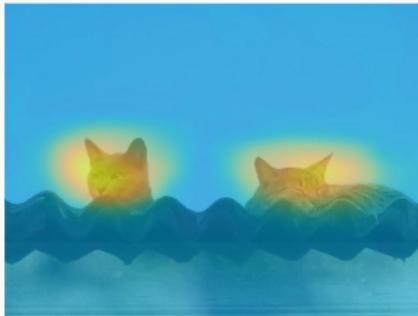


- Invariant to object location
- Exploit CAM: localization, segmentation

# Class activation maps



bus



cat



horse



bird



bottle



bicycle

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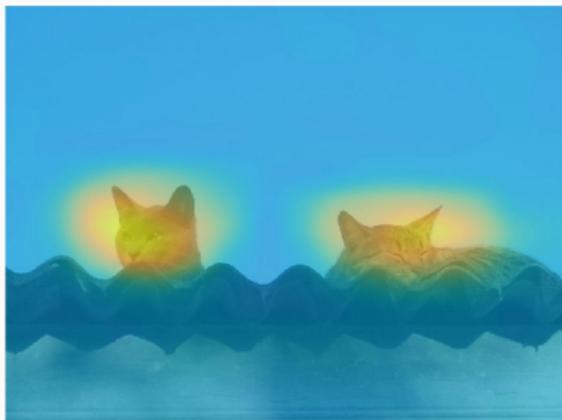
- Transfer
- Pooling

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# How to pool?



map  $z^c$

spatial  
pooling  
→ ●  
score  $y^c$

**Max** [Oquab, CVPR15]

$$y^c = \max_{i,j} z_{ij}^c$$

Use 1 region

**Average (GAP)** [Zhou, CVPR16]

$$y^c = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i,j} z_{ij}^c$$

Use all regions

# Average pooling limitation

- Classifying with all regions
- Not efficient for small objects: lots of “noisy” regions



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- **Pooling function**  $y^c = \max_{i,j} z_{ij}^c + \min_{i,j} z_{ij}^c$  (2)

- $\mathbf{h}^+$ : presence of the class  $\rightarrow$  high  $\mathbf{h}^+$
- $\mathbf{h}^-$ : localized evidence of the absence of class: **negative evidence**

true class

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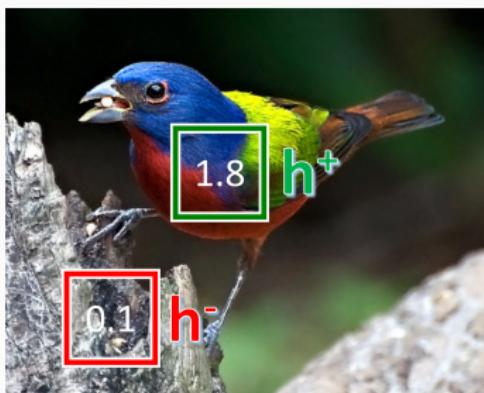
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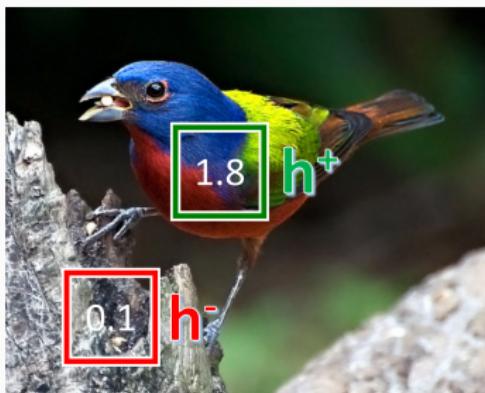
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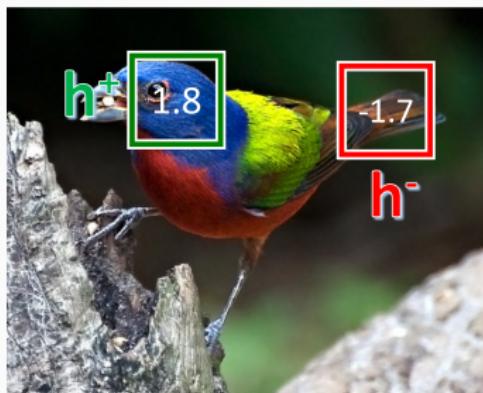
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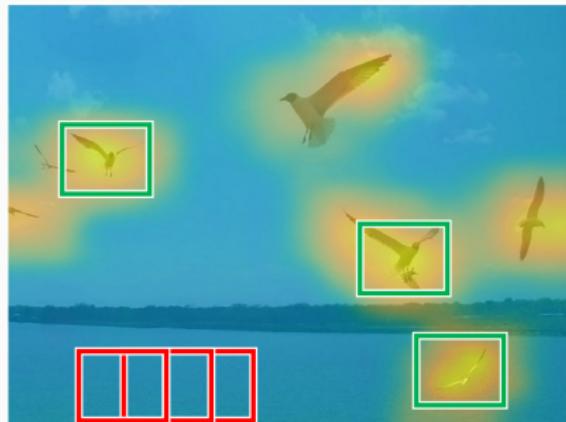


indigo bunting

- Extension of max+min pooling
- Using several regions, more robust region selection



$k=1$



$k=3$

- Extension of max+min pooling
- Using several regions, more robust region selection

$$y^c = s_{k^+}^{top}(z^c) + s_{k^-}^{low}(z^c) \quad (3)$$

$$s_{k^+}^{top}(z^c) = \frac{1}{k^+} \sum_{i=1}^{k^+} i\text{-th}\text{-}\max(z^c) \quad (4)$$

$$s_{k^-}^{low}(z^c) = \frac{1}{k^-} \sum_{i=1}^{k^-} i\text{-th}\text{-}\min(z^c) \quad (5)$$

- max+min pooling:
  - Both types of region are important
  - Complementary information
  - Not the same importance
- Pooling function

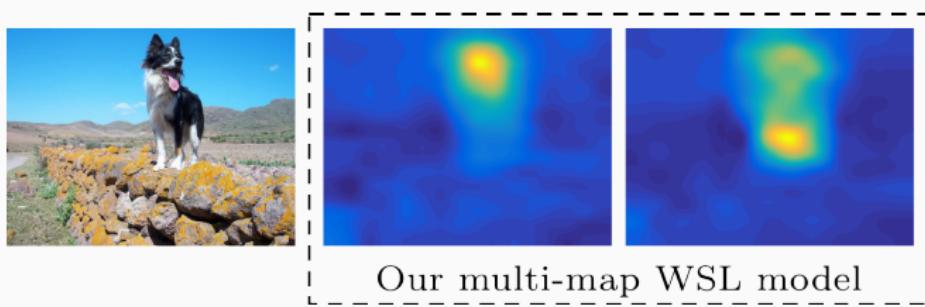
$$y^c = s_{k^+}^{top}(z^c) + \alpha \cdot s_{k^-}^{low}(z^c) \quad (6)$$

- $\alpha \in [0, 1]$ : trade off parameter

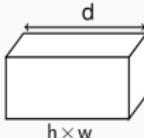
POOLING	$k^+$	$k^-$	$\alpha$
max	1	0	0
GAP	$n$	0	0
max+min	1	1	1
WELDON	$k$	$k$	1

- WELDON: 1 model per class
  - Generalization to  $M$  models per class
  - Catch multiple class-related modalities

$$z_{ij}^c = \sum_{m=1}^M z_{ij}^{cm} \quad (7)$$



Feature extraction network



Classification layer



Class-wise pooling



k-max+  $\alpha$ k-min pooling



# **Learning & Optimization**

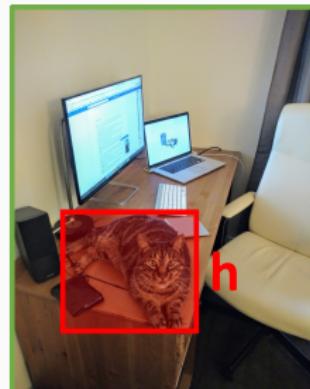
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VARIABLE	NOTATION	TRAIN	TEST
Input	$\mathbf{x}$	observed	observed
Output	$\mathbf{y}$	observed	unobserved
Latent	$\mathbf{h}$	unobserved	unobserved

- $\mathbf{y}^*$ : ground-truth label
- $\mathbf{w}$ : model parameters
- $\Psi(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{h}) = \psi(\mathbf{y}, \Phi(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{h}))$  joint feature map
  - $\Phi(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{h})$ : feature map (deep)
- $\mathbf{h}_y^+ = \arg \max_{\mathbf{h} \in \mathcal{H}} \langle \mathbf{w}, \Psi(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{h}) \rangle$
- $\mathbf{h}_y^- = \arg \min_{\mathbf{h} \in \mathcal{H}} \langle \mathbf{w}, \Psi(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{h}) \rangle$
- Optimization problem:

$$\min_{\mathbf{w}} \Omega(\mathbf{w}) + C \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{w}, \mathcal{D})$$

$\mathcal{D}$  : dataset

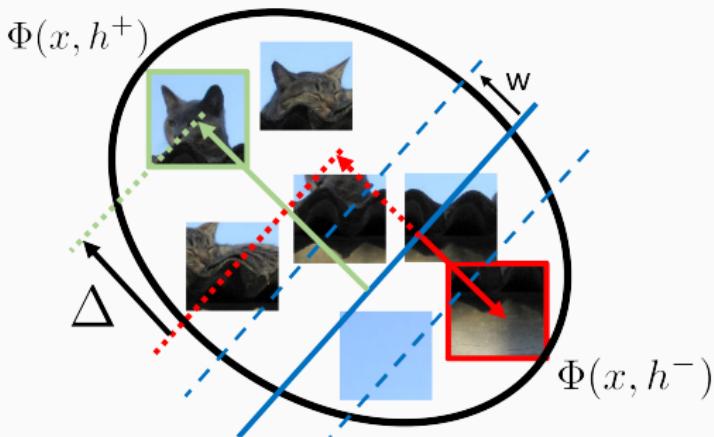
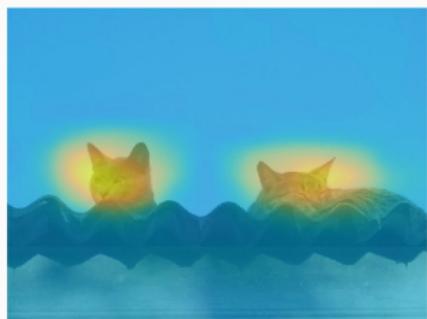


$\mathbf{y}=\text{cat}$

**Feature map:**  $\Psi(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{h}) = \frac{\mathbf{y}}{2}\Phi(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{h})$        $\mathbf{y} \in \{-1, 1\}$

**Prediction**     $s_{\mathbf{w}}(\mathbf{x}) = \langle \mathbf{w}, \Phi(\mathbf{x}, h^+) \rangle + \langle \mathbf{w}, \Phi(\mathbf{x}, h^-) \rangle$       (8)

- $s_{\mathbf{w}}(\mathbf{x}) > 0$ : positive class
- $s_{\mathbf{w}}(\mathbf{x}) < 0$ : negative class



**Constraint:**  $\forall i \in \mathcal{D} \quad y_i^* [\langle \mathbf{w}, \Phi(\mathbf{x}_i, h_i^+) + \Phi(\mathbf{x}_i, h_i^-) \rangle] \geq 1$       (9)

## Objective function

$$\mathcal{P}(\mathbf{w}) = \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{w}\|^2 + C \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{w}, \mathcal{D}) \quad (10)$$

$$\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{w}, \mathcal{D}) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i \in \mathcal{D}} \left[ 1 - y_i^* \left( \max_{h \in \mathcal{H}} \langle \mathbf{w}, \Phi(\mathbf{x}_i, h) \rangle + \min_{h \in \mathcal{H}} \langle \mathbf{w}, \Phi(\mathbf{x}_i, h) \rangle \right) \right]_+$$

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- $\min_{\mathbf{w}} \mathcal{P}(\mathbf{w})$ : non-convex optimization problem
- Re-write the objective as a **difference of convex functions**

$$\mathcal{P}(\mathbf{w}) = u(\mathbf{w}) - v(\mathbf{w}) \quad (11)$$

- $u$  and  $v$  are convex on  $\mathbf{w}$

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**Algorithm 1** for training with CCCP

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**Input:** training set  $\{(\mathbf{x}_i, y_i)\}_{i=1,\dots,N}$

- 1: Initialize model
  - 2: Linearize the concave part  $-v$
  - 3: **repeat**
  - 4:     Solve convexified problem
  - 5:     Linearize the concave part  $-v$  at the current solution
  - 6: **until** stopping criterion reached
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## Solver

- Primal: stochastic gradient descent
- Dual: cutting plane algorithm

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## Pair of latent variables

$$\mathbf{h}_{i,\mathbf{y}}^+ = \arg \max_{\mathbf{h} \in \mathcal{H}} \langle \mathbf{w}, \Psi(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{h}) \rangle \quad (12)$$

$$\mathbf{h}_{i,\mathbf{y}}^- = \arg \min_{\mathbf{h} \in \mathcal{H}} \langle \mathbf{w}, \Psi(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{h}) \rangle \quad (13)$$

## Scoring function

$$s_{\mathbf{w}}(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{y}) = \langle \mathbf{w}, \Psi(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{h}_{i,\mathbf{y}}^+) \rangle + \langle \mathbf{w}, \Psi(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{h}_{i,\mathbf{y}}^-) \rangle \quad (14)$$

## Prediction function

$$\hat{\mathbf{y}}_i = f_{\mathbf{w}}(\mathbf{x}_i) = \arg \max_{\mathbf{y} \in \mathcal{Y}} s_{\mathbf{w}}(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{y}) \quad (15)$$

## Learning formulation

- Enforce the constraint

$$\forall \mathbf{y} \neq \mathbf{y}_i^*, \quad s_{\mathbf{w}}(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{y}_i^*) \geq \Delta(\mathbf{y}_i^*, \mathbf{y}) + s_{\mathbf{w}}(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{y}) \quad (16)$$

- $\Delta(\mathbf{y}_i^*, \mathbf{y}) \geq 0$ : user-specified loss (domain knowledge)

## Objective function

$$\mathcal{P}(\mathbf{w}) = \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{w}\|^2 + \frac{C}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \mathcal{L}_{\mathbf{w}}(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{y}_i^*) \quad (17)$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\mathbf{w}}(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{y}_i^*) = \max_{\mathbf{y} \in \mathcal{Y}} [\Delta(\mathbf{y}_i^*, \mathbf{y}) + s_{\mathbf{w}}(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{y}) - s_{\mathbf{w}}(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{y}_i^*)] \quad (18)$$

## Optimization $\min_{\mathbf{w}} \mathcal{P}(\mathbf{w})$

- Non-convex cutting plane algorithm [Do, JMLR12]

## Definition

- Joint feature map  $\Psi$
- Loss function  $\Delta$

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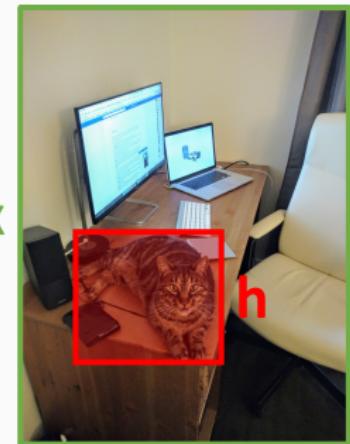
- Inference problem

$$\hat{\mathbf{y}} = \arg \max_{\mathbf{y} \in \mathcal{Y}} s_{\mathbf{w}}(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{y}) \quad (19)$$

- Loss-augmented inference (LAI) problem

$$\bar{\mathbf{y}} = \arg \max_{\mathbf{y} \in \mathcal{Y}} \Delta(\mathbf{y}_i^*, \mathbf{y}) + s_{\mathbf{w}}(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{y}) \quad (20)$$

- **Input  $\mathbf{x}$ :** image
- **Output  $\mathbf{y}$ :** multi-class label  
 $\mathbf{y} \in \mathcal{Y} = \{1, \dots, K\}$
- **Latent  $\mathbf{h}$ :** region
- **Loss function  $\Delta$ :** 0/1 loss
- **Joint feature map  $\Psi$**



$$\Psi(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{h}) = [I(\mathbf{y} = 1)\Phi(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{h}), \dots, I(\mathbf{y} = K)\Phi(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{h})] \in \mathbb{R}^{Kd} \quad (21)$$

- $\Phi(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{h}) \in \mathbb{R}^d$  vectorial representation of image  $\mathbf{x}$  at location  $\mathbf{h}$
- Inference and LAI: exhaustive search

- 2 classes: *positive* ( $\mathcal{P}$ ) vs *negative* ( $\mathcal{N}$ )
- **Input:** all the examples  $\mathbf{x} = \{\mathbf{x}_i, i = 1, \dots, N\}$ .
- **Output:** ranking matrix  $\mathbf{y}$  of size  $N \times N$  providing an ordering of the training examples
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  - $y_{ij} = 0$  if  $\mathbf{x}_i$  and  $\mathbf{x}_j$  are assigned the same rank.
- **Loss function**  $\Delta(\mathbf{y}^*, \mathbf{y}) = 1 - AP(\mathbf{y}^*, \mathbf{y})$
- Optimizing AP with latent variable: very complex problem
- No efficient solution for max pooling model: LSSVM [Yu, ICML09]
- Approximate solution: LAP SVM [Behl, TPAMI15]



Aseem Behl and Pritish Mohapatra and C. V. Jawahar and M. Pawan Kumar  
**Optimizing Average Precision Using Weakly Supervised Data.**  
In *IEEE Trans. on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence (TPAMI)*, 2015.

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where  $\langle \mathbf{w}, \Phi_{-}^{+}(\mathbf{x}_i) \rangle = \max_{\mathbf{h} \in \mathcal{H}_i} \langle \mathbf{w}, \Phi(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{h}) \rangle + \min_{\mathbf{h} \in \mathcal{H}_i} \langle \mathbf{w}, \Phi(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{h}) \rangle$

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**Proposition 3.**

Efficient solution for the loss-augmented inference (LAI) problem if there exists a solver for the fully-supervised LAI problem

# Experiments

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1 Model: Transfer & Pooling in Deep Architecture

2 Learning & Optimization

3 Experiments

- Classification
- Weakly supervised localization
- Weakly supervised segmentation

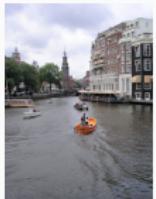
4 Conclusion

# Datasets

ImageNet



VOC



MS COCO



# Datasets

CUB-200



MIT67



VOC Action



DATASET	#TRAIN	#TEST	#CLASSES	EVALUATION
VOC 07	5,011	4,952	20	MAP
VOC 12	11,540	10,991	20	MAP
VOC 12 Action	2,296	2,292	10	MAP
MS COCO	82,783	40,504	80	MAP
MIT67	5,360	1,340	67	accuracy
CUB-200	5,994	5,794	200	accuracy
ILSVRC 2012	1,281,167	50,000	1000	accuracy

- Feature extraction network: ResNet-101 pretrained on ImageNet

# State-of-the-art results

METHOD	VOC 2007	VOC 2012	MS COCO
ResNet-101	89.8	89.2	72.5
Deep MIL	-	86.3	62.8
ProNet	-	89.3	70.9
SPLeaP	88.0	-	-
<b>WILDCAT</b>	<b>95.0</b>	<b>93.4</b>	<b>80.7</b>

IMAGENET	TOP-5 ERROR
ResNet-101 (1 crop)	6.21
ResNet-200 (10 crops)	4.93
ResNeXt-101 (1 crop)	4.4
Inception-ResNet-v2 (12 crops)	<b>4.1</b>
<b>WILDCAT (<math>M = 1</math>)</b>	4.23

- Negative evidence regions can be parts of other objects classes



*train*



*bus*

- Multi-label: learn correlation between classes



*motorbike*



*bottle*

Dataset	VOC07	VOCAct	MS COCO
max + classif. loss	86.8	71.8	77.4
max + AP loss (LAPSVM)	87.9	73.3	77.9
max+min + classif. loss	89.9	78.5	77.7
max+min + AP loss	<b>91.2</b>	<b>80.7</b>	<b>78.7</b>

- Optimizing the evaluation metric during training is important

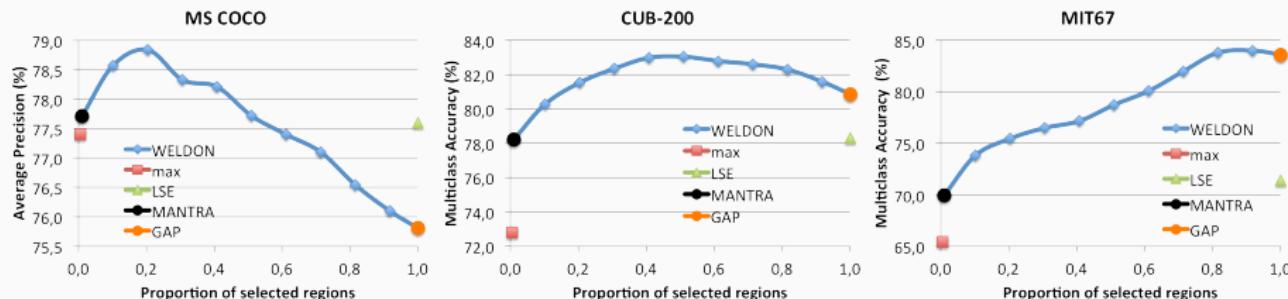
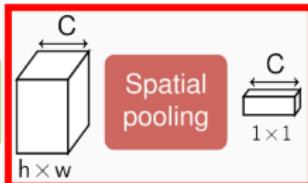
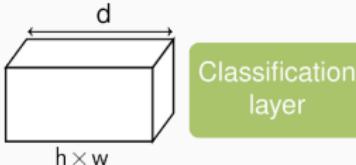


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# Pooling analysis



Feature extraction network

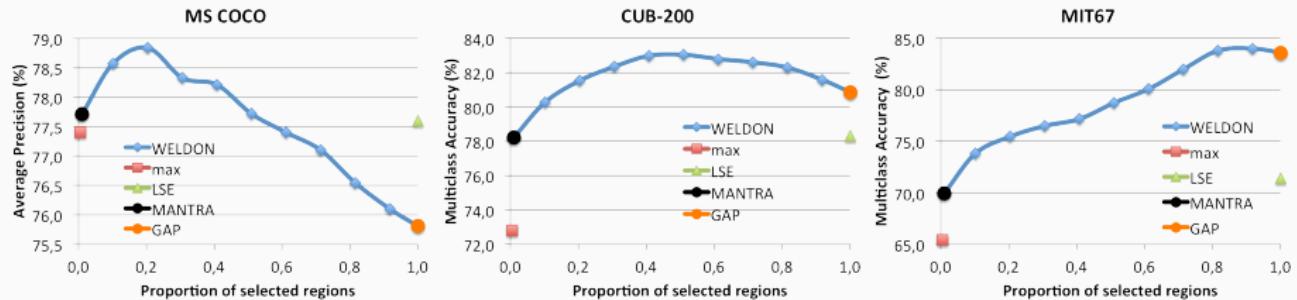
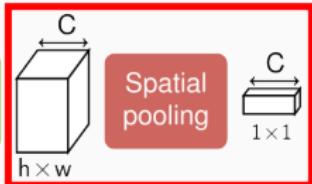
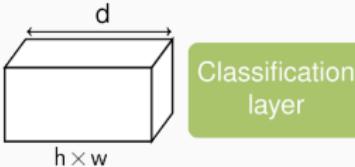


- max / LSSVM
- max+min / MANTRA
- k-max+k-min / WELDON
- average / GAP
- soft-max / LSE / HCRF

# Pooling analysis



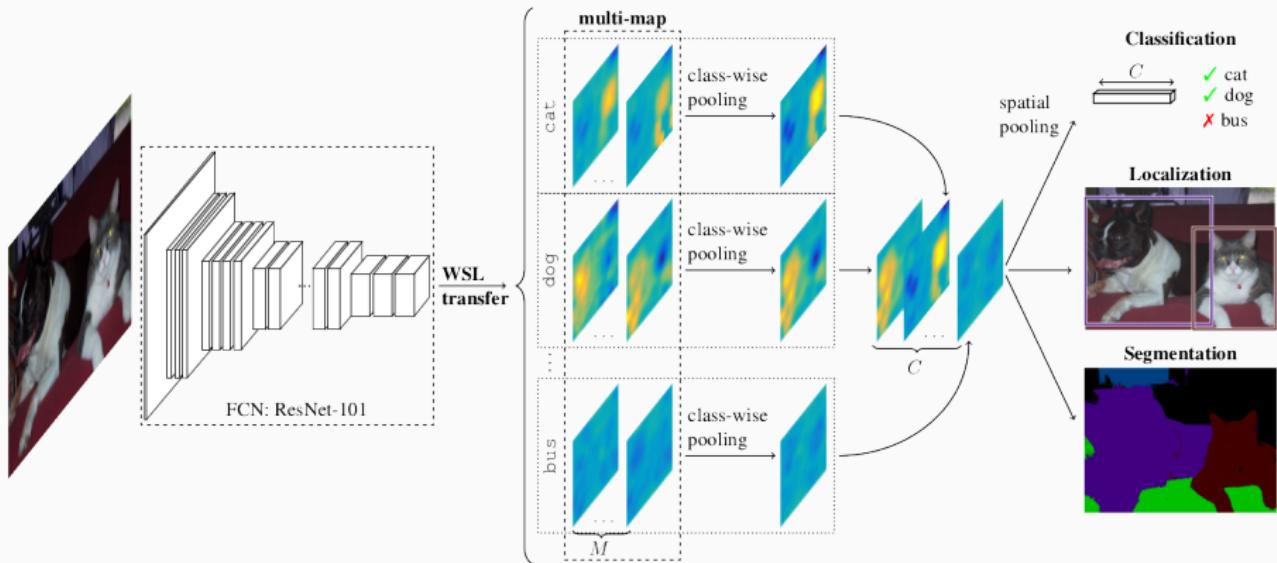
Feature extraction network



## Unified pooling function

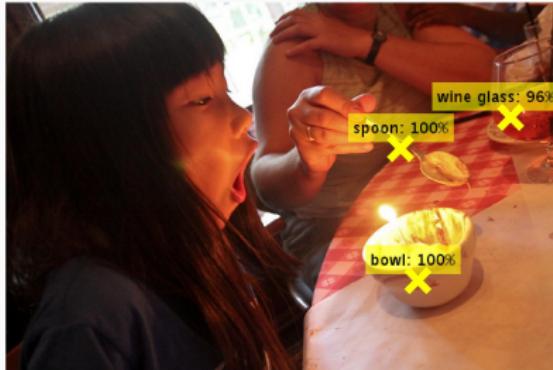
$$s_{\mathbf{w}}^{(\alpha, \beta_h^+, \beta_h^-)}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \frac{1}{2\beta_h^+} \log \left( \frac{1}{|\mathcal{H}|} \sum_{\mathbf{h} \in \mathcal{H}} \exp[\beta_h^+ \langle \mathbf{w}, \Psi(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{h}) \rangle] \right) + \alpha \frac{1}{2\beta_h^-} \log \left( \frac{1}{|\mathcal{H}|} \sum_{\mathbf{h} \in \mathcal{H}} \exp[\beta_h^- \langle \mathbf{w}, \Psi(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{h}) \rangle] \right)$$

# Weakly supervised applications



- Weakly supervised localization
- Weakly supervised segmentation

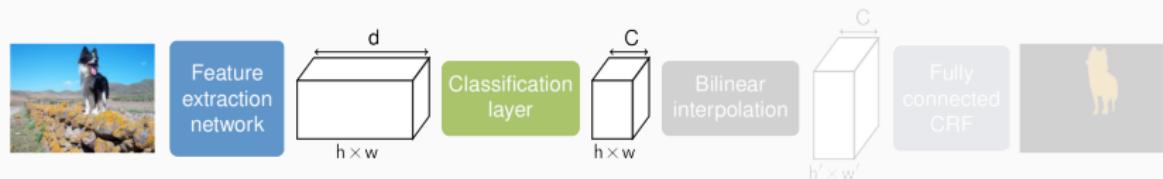
# Weakly supervised localization



METHOD	VOC 2012	MS COCO
Deep MIL [Oquab, CVPR15]	74.5	41.2
ProNet [Sun, CVPR16]	77.7	46.4
WSLocalization [Bency, ECCV16]	79.7	49.2
<b>WILDCAT</b>	<b>82.9</b>	<b>53.4</b>

- Pointwise metric [Oquab, CVPR15]

- Test architecture

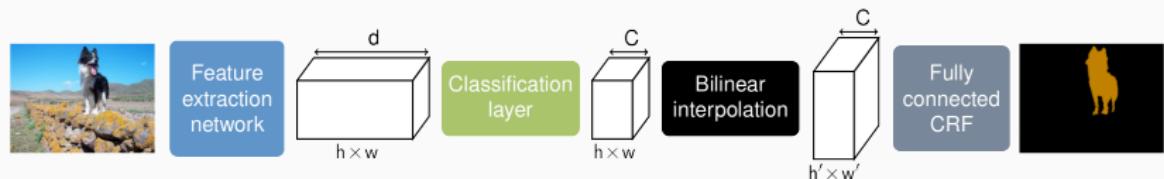


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METHOD	MEAN IOU
MIL-FCN	24.9
MIL-Base+ILP+SP-sppxl	36.6
EM-Adapt + FC-CRF	33.8
CCNN + FC-CRF	35.3
<b>WILDCAT + FC-CRF</b>	<b>43.7</b>

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- Test architecture

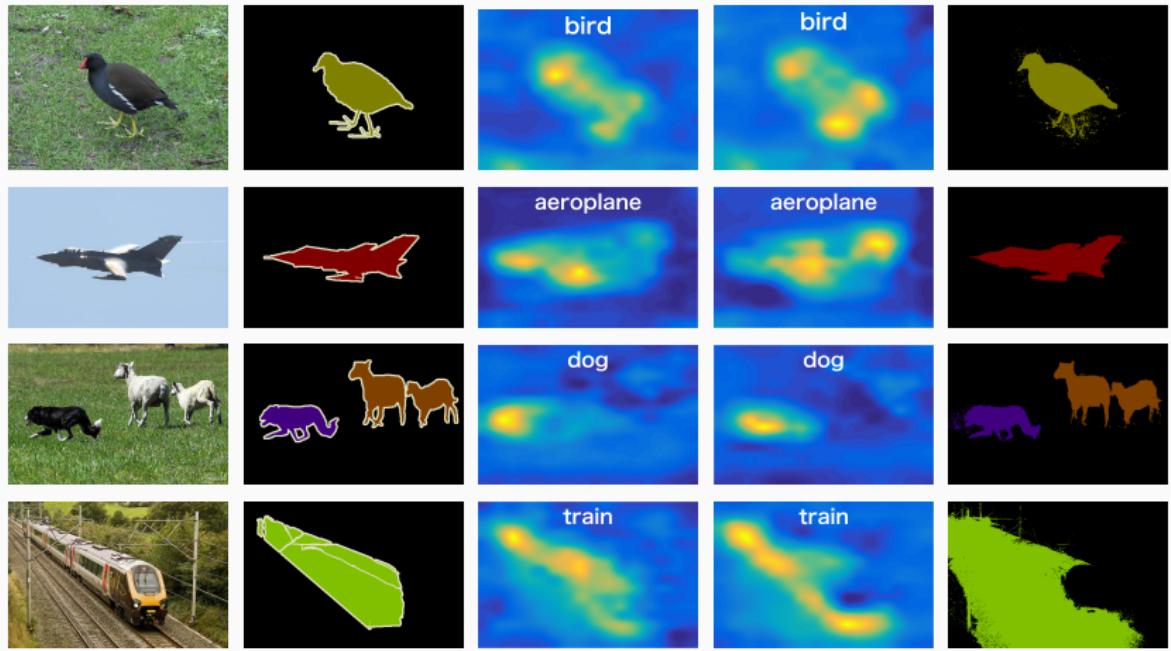


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METHOD	MEAN IOU
MIL-FCN	24.9
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<b>WILDCAT + FC-CRF</b>	<b>43.7</b>

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# Weakly supervised segmentation



image

ground truth

heatmap1

heatmap2

prediction

## **Conclusion**

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## Contributions

- **Pooling:** negative evidence model
  - Deep architecture
    - Can easily be integrated into any architecture
  - Latent Structured SVM framework
- **Transfer**
  - Multi-map transfer layer
- **Structured output prediction:** AP ranking
- Application on different type of data: image, text, molecule
- Publications: 1 ICCV, 2 CVPR, 2 journals under review



[durandtibo/wildcat.pytorch](https://github.com/durandtibo/wildcat.pytorch)



- **Pooling**

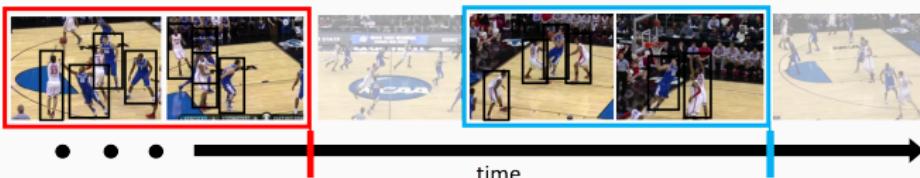
- Learning the number of regions  $k^+$  and  $k^-$  for each class
- Learning the number of maps per class

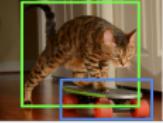
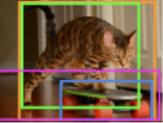
- **What is the optimal architecture?**

- Deep structure analysis / understanding
- Learning deep architecture: convolutional neural fabrics  
[Saxena, NIPS16], Genetic CNN [Xie, ICCV17]

- Deep learning for complex images

- Spatial resolution of detection maps: FPN [Lin, CVPR17]
- Deep Structured ConvNets: [Chen, ICML15]
- Applications to WSL tasks: pose estimation, segmentation, sport analytics (video)...



	Whole Image	Image Regions	label density
Single Label	Classification  Cat	Detection  Cat Skateboard	
	Captioning  A cat riding a skateboard	Dense Captioning  Orange spotted cat Skateboard with red wheels Cat riding a skateboard Brown hardwood flooring	
Sequence			label complexity
			↓

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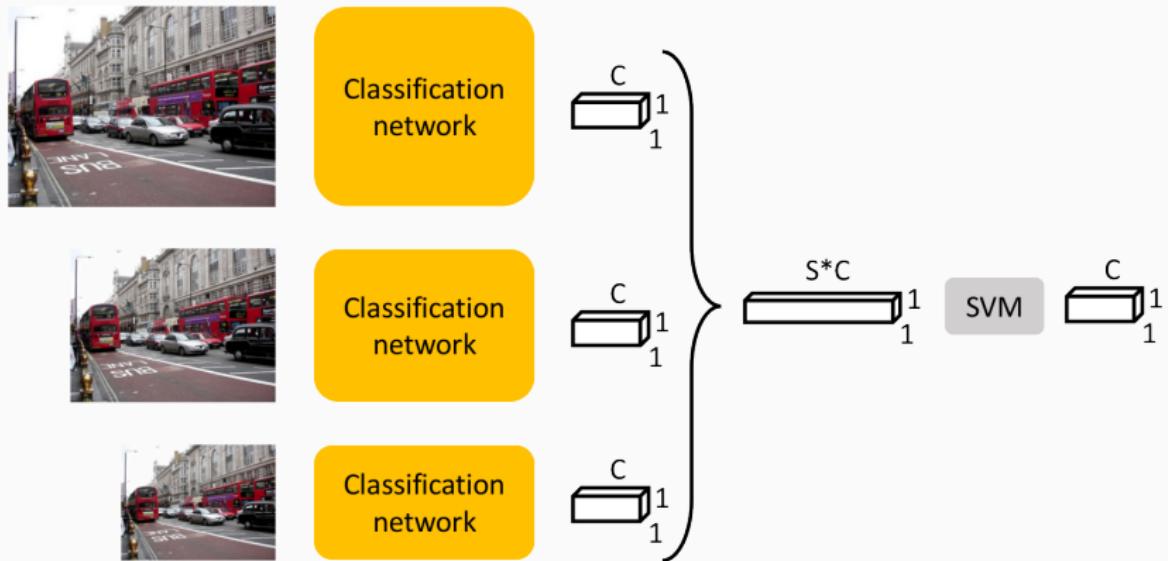
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## **Appendices**

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# Multi-scale architecture

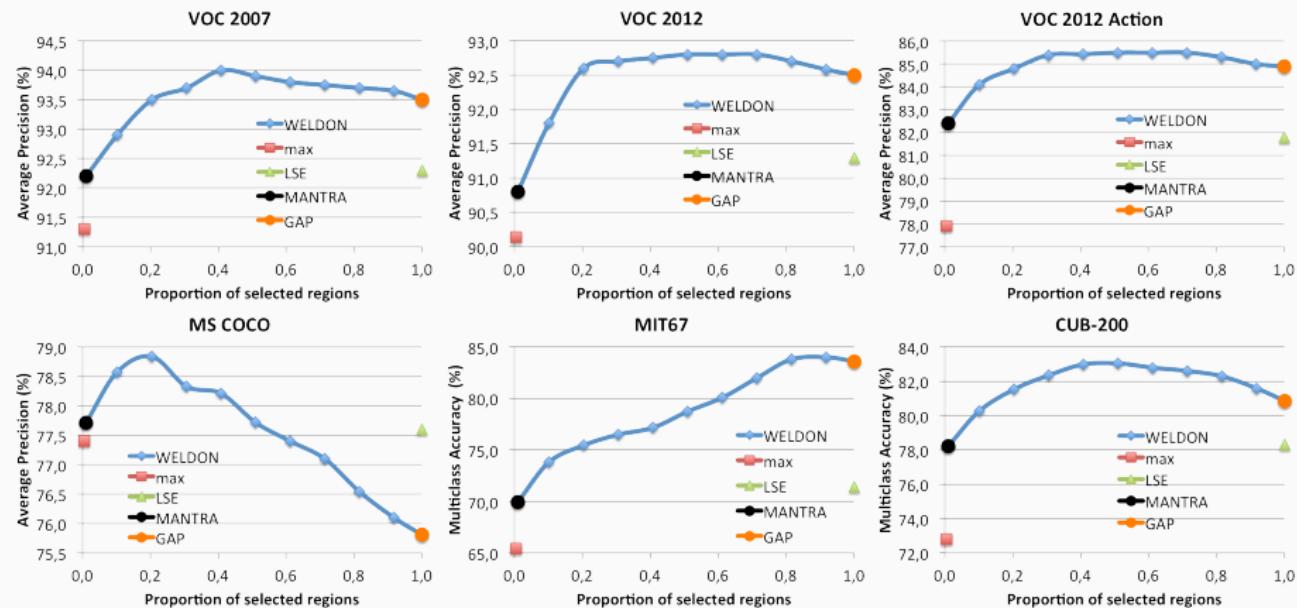
- Object Bank strategy [Li, IJCV14]
- Learn automatically the weight of each scale



## State-of-the-art results

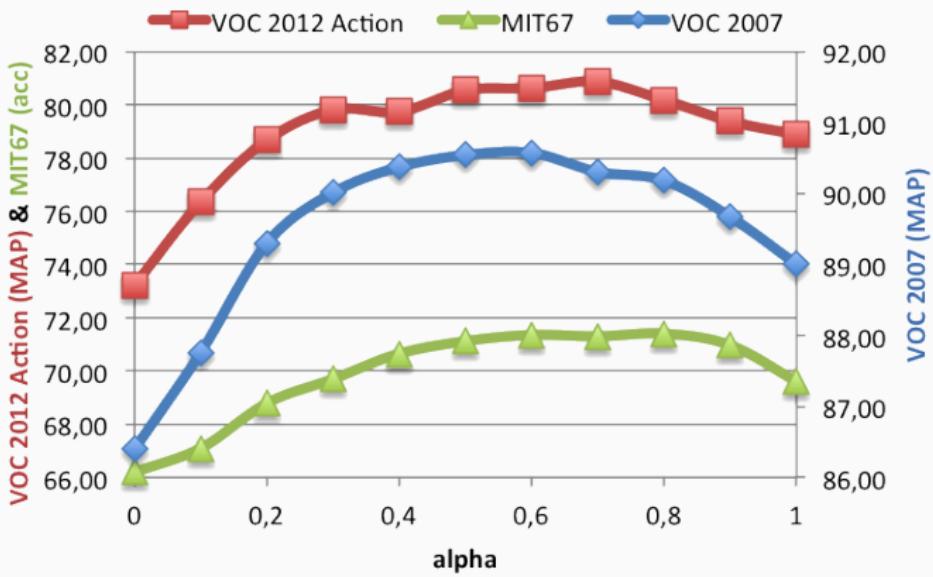
METHOD	CUB-200	MIT67	VOC	ACTION
CaffeNet Places	-	68.2	-	-
MOP CNN	-	68.9	-	-
Compact Bilinear Pooling	84.0	76.2	-	-
ResNet-101	72.5	78.0	77.9	
Spatial Transformer	84.1	-	-	-
Negative parts	-	77.1	-	-
GoogLeNet-GAP	63.0	66.6	-	-
SPLeaP	-	73.5	-	-
<b>WILDCAT</b>	<b>85.6</b>	<b>84.0</b>	<b>86.4</b>	

# Pooling analysis

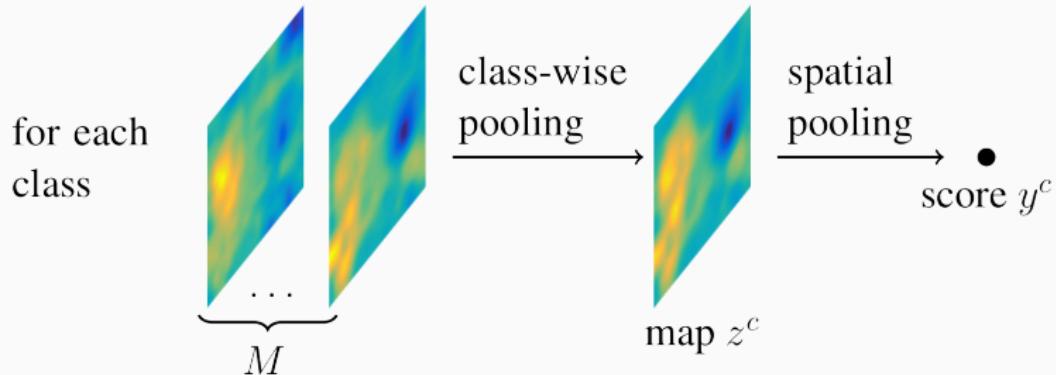


## Pooling analysis

$$y^c = s_{k^+}^{top}(z^c) + \alpha \cdot s_{k^-}^{low}(z^c) \quad (24)$$



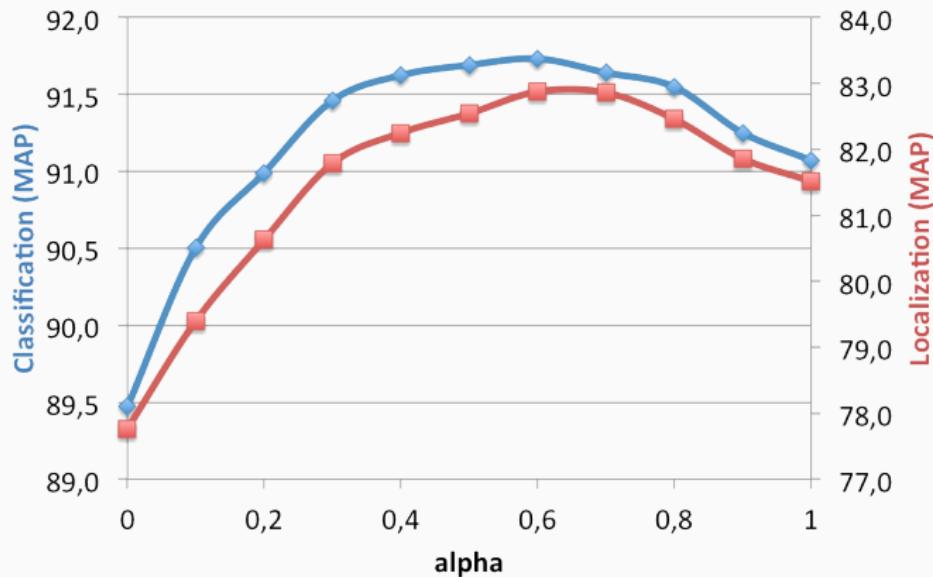
## Pooling analysis



$M$	1	2	4	8	12	16
VOC 2007	89.0	91.0	91.6	<b>92.5</b>	92.3	92.0
VOC 2012 Action	78.9	81.5	82.1	<b>83.2</b>	83.0	82.7
MIT67	69.6	71.8	72.0	72.8	<b>73.1</b>	72.9

## Weakly supervised localization

- Analysis of trade off parameter  $\alpha$  on Pascal VOC 2012



- Correlation between classification and localization

# MANTRA: max+min pooling

- $h^+$ : presence of the class  $\rightarrow$  high  $h^+$
- $h^-$ : localized evidence of the absence of class: **negative evidence**



original image



bedroom (2.1)



airport inside (-1.7)



dining room (0.4)

# MANTRA: max+min pooling

- Multi-label: learn correlation between classes



*motorbike*



*person*

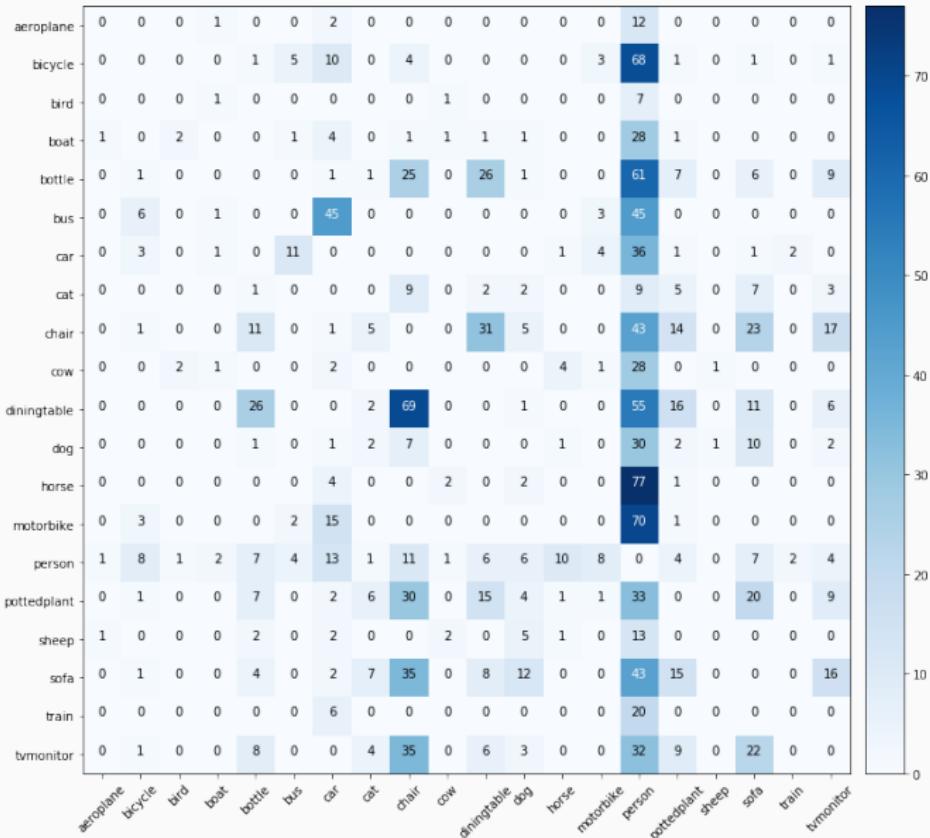


*aeroplane*

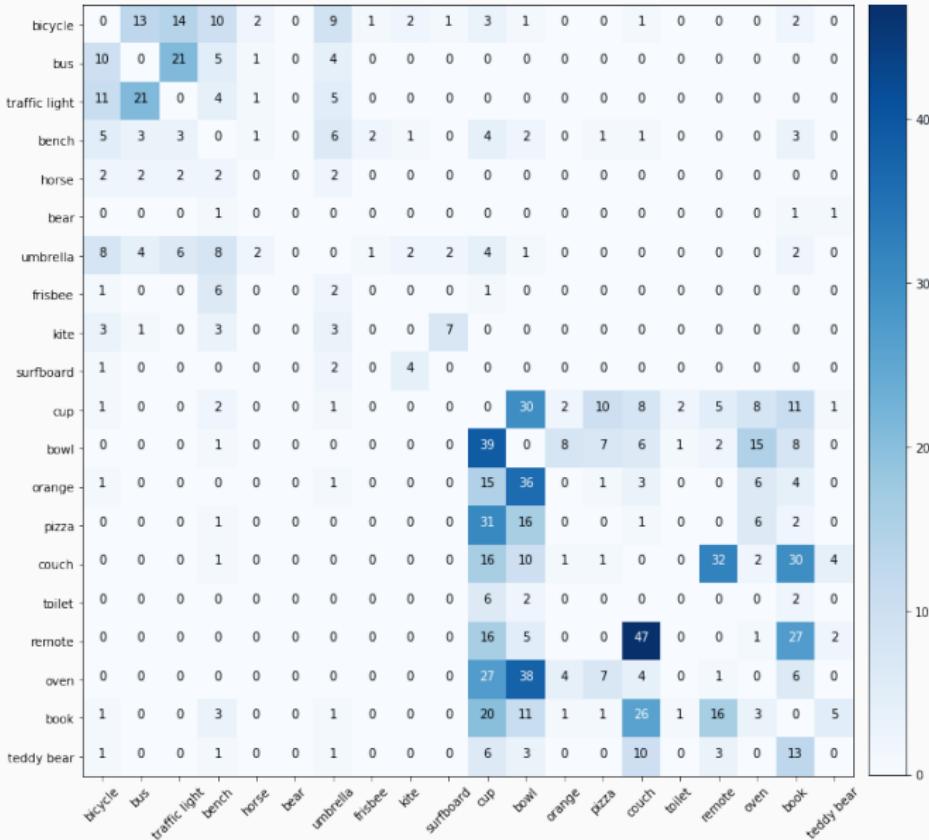


*bottle*

# Pascal VOC 2007: co-occurrence matrix



# MS COCO: co-occurrence matrix



# Class activation maps



cow



motorbike



horse



person



car



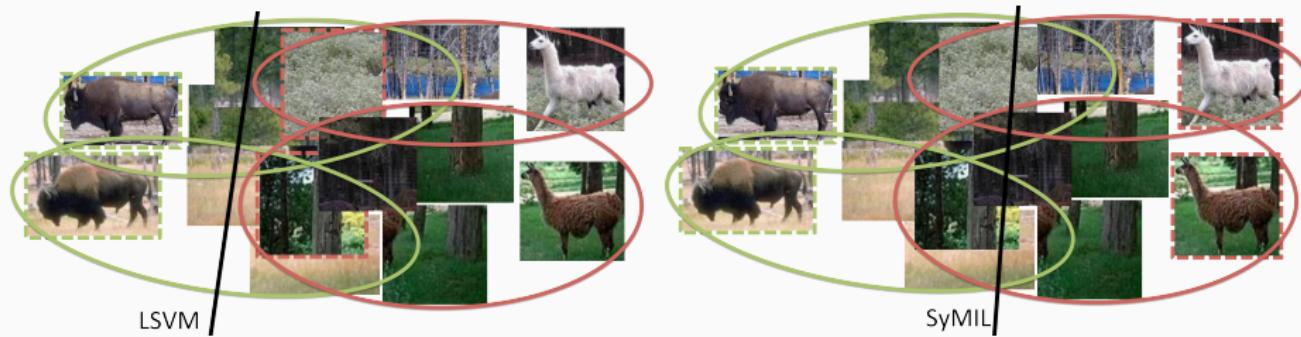
person

# SyMIL

- Binary classification (e.g. *bison* vs *llama*)
- Pooling function

$$y = \begin{cases} \max_{i,j} z_{ij} & \text{if } \max_{i,j} z_{ij} \geq -\min_{i,j} z_{ij} \\ \min_{i,j} z_{ij} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (25)$$

- $y > 0$ : *bison* class
- $y < 0$ : *llama* class



Re-write the objective as a **difference of convex functions**:

$$\mathcal{P}(\mathbf{w}) = u(\mathbf{w}) - v(\mathbf{w}) \quad (26)$$

- $u$  and  $v$  are convex on  $\mathbf{w}$

**Property:**  $\max(0, a - b) = \max(a, b) - b$  (27)

**Example:** first term of the loss

$$\underbrace{\max(0, 1 - \max_{h \in \mathcal{H}} \langle \mathbf{w}, \Phi(\mathbf{x}_i, h) \rangle)}_{\text{concave}} = \underbrace{\max(0, \max_{h \in \mathcal{H}} \langle \mathbf{w}, \Phi(\mathbf{x}_i, h) \rangle - 1)}_{\text{convex}} - \underbrace{(\max_{h \in \mathcal{H}} \langle \mathbf{w}, \Phi(\mathbf{x}_i, h) \rangle - 1)}_{\text{convex}} \quad (28)$$

- $a = 0$
- $b = -(\max_{h \in \mathcal{H}} \langle \mathbf{w}, \Phi(\mathbf{x}_i, h) \rangle)$

## SyMIL: difference of convex functions

$$\mathcal{P}(\mathbf{w}) = u(\mathbf{w}) - v(\mathbf{w})$$

$$\begin{aligned} u(\mathbf{w}) = & \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{w}\|^2 + \frac{C}{N} \left( \sum_{i \in \mathcal{P}} \left[ \frac{N}{N^+} \max \left( 0, \max_{h \in \mathcal{H}} \langle \mathbf{w}, \Phi(\mathbf{x}_i, h) \rangle - 1 \right) \right. \right. \\ & + \lambda \max \left( 1 - \min_{h \in \mathcal{H}} \langle \mathbf{w}, \Phi(\mathbf{x}_i, h) \rangle, \max_{h \in \mathcal{H}} \langle \mathbf{w}, \Phi(\mathbf{x}_i, h) \rangle \right) \Big] \\ & + \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} \left[ \frac{N}{N^-} \max \left( 0, -\min_{h \in \mathcal{H}} \langle \mathbf{w}, \Phi(\mathbf{x}_i, h) \rangle - 1 \right) \right. \\ & \left. \left. + \lambda \max \left( 1 + \max_{h \in \mathcal{H}} \langle \mathbf{w}, \Phi(\mathbf{x}_i, h) \rangle, -\min_{h \in \mathcal{H}} \langle \mathbf{w}, \Phi(\mathbf{x}_i, h) \rangle \right) \right] \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} v(\mathbf{w}) = & \frac{C}{N} \left( \sum_{i \in \mathcal{P}} \left[ \left( \frac{N}{N^+} + \lambda \right) \max_{h \in \mathcal{H}} \langle \mathbf{w}, \Phi(\mathbf{x}_i, h) \rangle - \frac{N}{N^+} \right] \right. \\ & + \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} \left[ - \left( \frac{N}{N^-} + \lambda \right) \min_{h \in \mathcal{H}} \langle \mathbf{w}, \Phi(\mathbf{x}_i, h) \rangle + \frac{N}{N^-} \right] \Big) \end{aligned}$$

## SyMIL: primal

- Linearization of the concave part  $-v(\mathbf{w})$

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{w}} v(\mathbf{w}_t) = \left( \sum_{i \in \mathcal{P}} \left( \frac{N}{N^+} + \lambda \right) \Phi(\mathbf{x}_i, h_{i,t}^+) - \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} \left( \frac{N}{N^-} + \lambda \right) \Phi(\mathbf{x}_i, h_{i,t}^-) \right)$$

- Upper bound  $-v(\mathbf{w}) \leq -\langle \mathbf{w}, \nabla_{\mathbf{w}} v(\mathbf{w}_t) \rangle$
- Convexified optimization problem

$$\mathcal{P}_t^{CCCP}(\mathbf{w}) = u(\mathbf{w}) - \langle \mathbf{w}, \nabla_{\mathbf{w}} v(\mathbf{w}_t) \rangle \quad (29)$$

## SyMIL: primal (gradient)

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{w}} \mathcal{P}_t^{CCCP}(\mathbf{w}) = \begin{cases} \mathbf{w} + \frac{C}{N}(D + E - (\frac{N}{N^+} + \lambda)\Phi(\mathbf{x}_i, h_{i,t}^+)) & \text{if } y_i^* = +1 \\ \mathbf{w} + \frac{C}{N}(F + G + (\frac{N}{N^-} + \lambda)\Phi(\mathbf{x}_i, h_{i,t}^-)) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

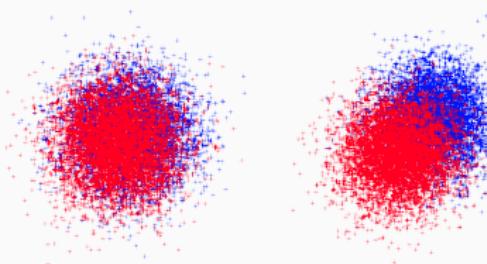
$$D = \begin{cases} \frac{N}{N^+}\Phi(\mathbf{x}_i, h_i^+) & \text{if } \langle \mathbf{w}, \Phi(\mathbf{x}_i, h_i^+) \rangle - 1 > 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$E = \begin{cases} -\lambda\Phi(\mathbf{x}_i, h_i^-) & \text{if } 1 - \langle \mathbf{w}, \Phi(\mathbf{x}_i, h_i^-) \rangle > \langle \mathbf{w}, \Phi(\mathbf{x}_i, h_i^+) \rangle \\ \lambda\Phi(\mathbf{x}_i, h_i^+) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$F = \begin{cases} -\frac{N}{N^-}\Phi(\mathbf{x}_i, h_i^-) & \text{if } -\langle \mathbf{w}, \Phi(\mathbf{x}_i, h_i^-) \rangle - 1 > 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

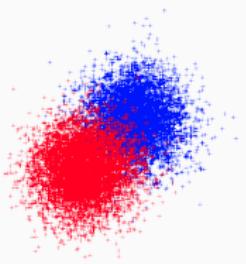
$$G = \begin{cases} \lambda\Phi(\mathbf{x}_i, h_i^+) & \text{if } 1 + \langle \mathbf{w}, \Phi(\mathbf{x}_i, h_i^+) \rangle > -\langle \mathbf{w}, \Phi(\mathbf{x}_i, h_i^-) \rangle \\ -\lambda\Phi(\mathbf{x}_i, h_i^-) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

# SyMIL: toy experiments

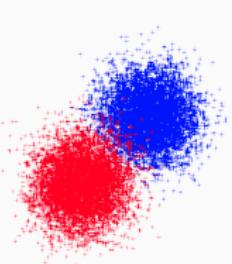


$$\alpha = 0.1$$

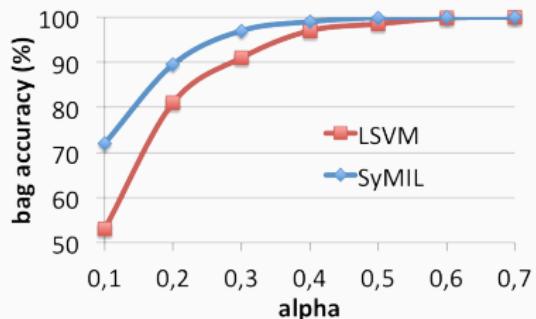
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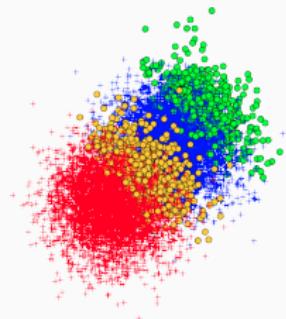
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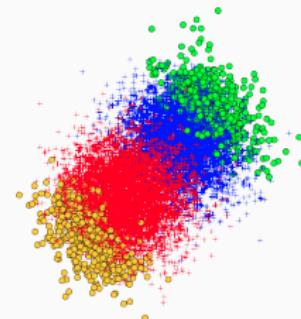
$$\alpha = 0.7$$



a) Test accuracy w.r.t.  $\alpha$



b) LSVM

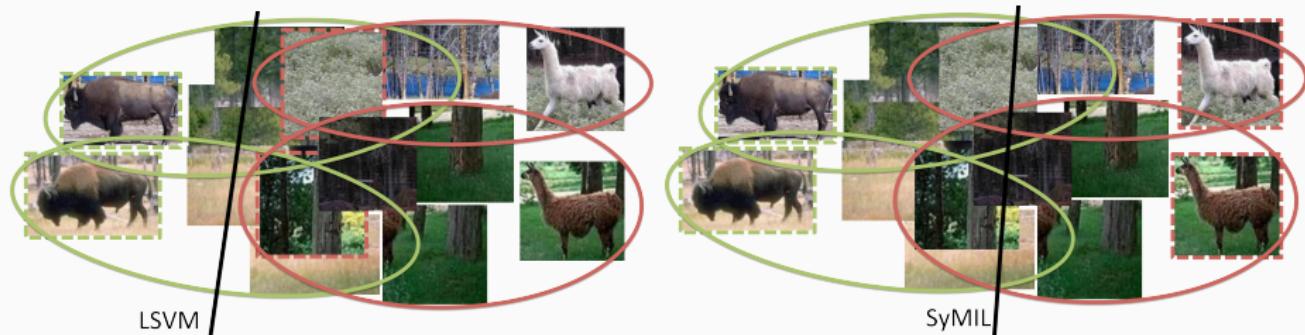


c) SyMIL

# SyMIL: toy experiments on image data

- Classification performances (accuracy) on Mammal dataset

METHOD	BISON VS LLAMA	LLAMA VS BISON
LSVM	90.3	87.7
SyMIL	95.7	95.7



# SyMIL: toy experiments on text data

- Text dataset from Reuters21578
  - positive class: *money*
  - negative class: *ship, crude*

	LSVM	SyMIL
a) Predictive accuracy	96.3%	97.6%
b) Similarity between instances and category	Bag $\oplus = 74\%$ Bag $\ominus = 67\%$	Bag $\oplus = 73\%$ Bag $\ominus = 78\%$
c) Examples	Bag $\oplus$ bank, currency, money, exchange, treasury	bank, exchange, rate, currency, monetary
	Bag $\ominus$ west, finance, bank, british, money	oil, opec, shipping, port, union

## SyMIL: standard MIL dataset results i

DATASET	IMAGE	MUSK1	MUSK 2	TEXT
pos/neg bags	100/100	47/45	39/63	200/200
instances/bag	~ 6.5	5.17	64.69	~ 8
feature dimension	230	166	166	~ 66 500

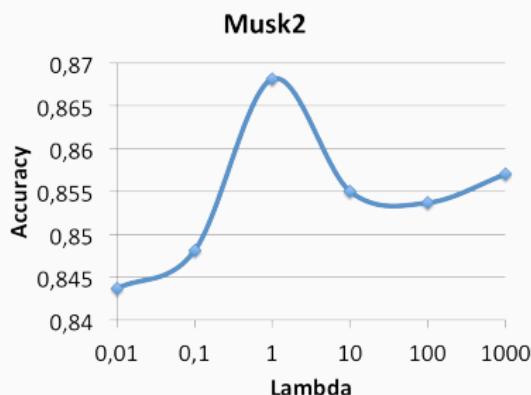
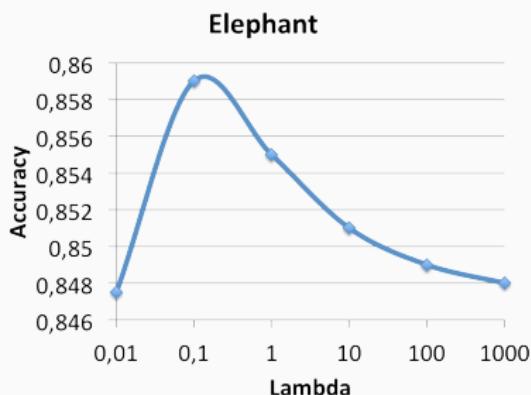
METHOD	IMAGE	MUSK	TEXT
mi-SVM	73.4	84.5	81.6
MI-SVM	75.5	81.7	80.3
LSVM	74.4	82.7	80.0
<b>SyMIL</b>	79.1	88.2	<b>84.8</b>
linear	<b>80.2</b>	<b>89.2</b>	-
RBF			
<b>Without constraints 1 &amp; 2</b>	78.1	86.9	83.7
linear	78.7	87.5	-
RBF			

## SyMIL: standard MIL dataset results ii

METHOD	IMAGE	MUSK	TEXT	Avg.
<b>SyMIL</b>	<b>80.2</b>	89.2	<b>84.8</b>	<b>84.7</b>
mi-SVM [1]	72.9	85.5	81.6	80.0
MI-SVM [1]	74.4	81.1	81.4	79.0
ALP-SVM [7]	77.9	86.3	-	-
MICA [16]	73.9	87.5	82.3	80.1
MIGraph [28]	76.1	<b>90.0</b>	-	-
MiGraph [28]	78.1	89.6	-	-
MI-CRF [5]	78.5	86.7	-	-
Convex relaxation [10]	75.8	-	-	-
GP-WDA [11]	79.0	88.4	83.2	83.5
eMIL [13]	77.0	85.3	82.7	81.7
MILEAGE [25]	77.7	-	-	-

# SyMIL: hyper-parameter analysis

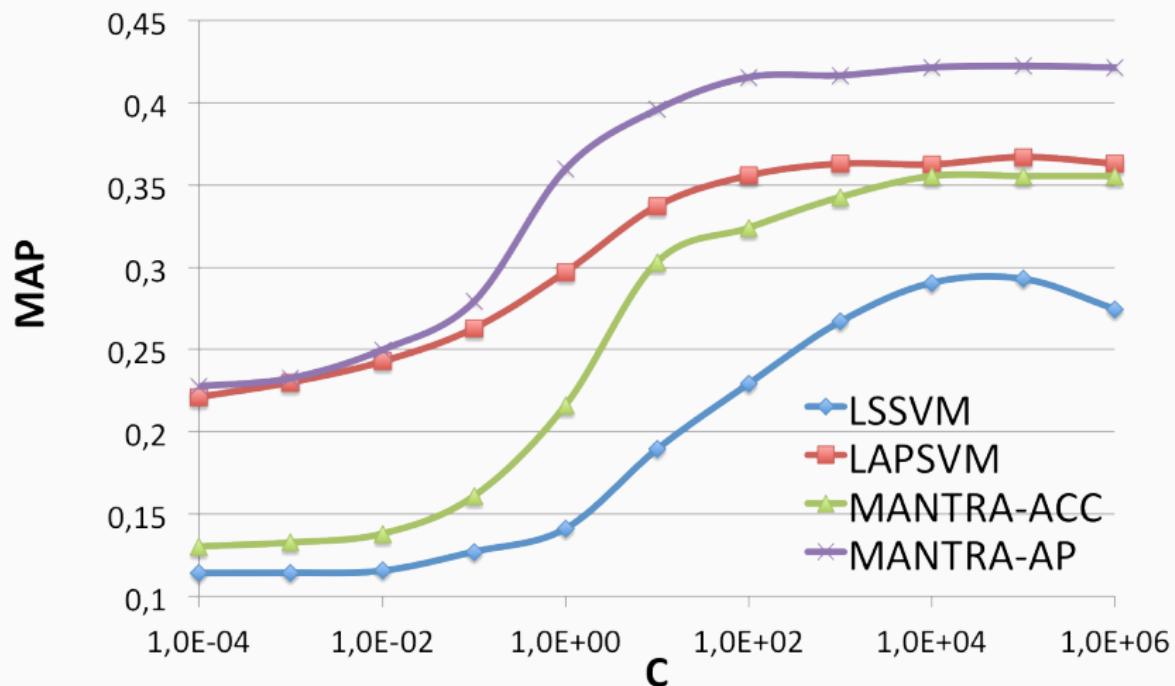
- Accuracy performance with respect to hyper-parameter  $\lambda$  (logarithmic scale)



## MANTRA: comparison to LSSVM

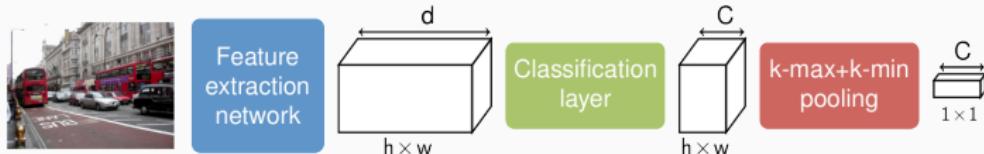
METHOD	UIUC	15 SCENE	PPMI	MIT67
<b>Multi-class accuracy (%)</b>				
LSSVM	$73.3 \pm 0.3$	$65 \pm 1.5$	13.3	26.6
MANTRA	<b><math>93.2 \pm 1.0</math></b>	<b><math>80.7 \pm 0.7</math></b>	<b>51.0</b>	<b>56.4</b>
<b>Average training time (seconds)</b>				
LSSVM	1863	14179	21327	156360
MANTRA	<b>61</b>	<b>843</b>	<b>2593</b>	<b>41805</b>

# MANTRA: impact of hyper-parameter $C$



# Region-based strategy

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