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# **Deep Learning for Near-duplicated Patterns Discovery and Alignment in Artworks**

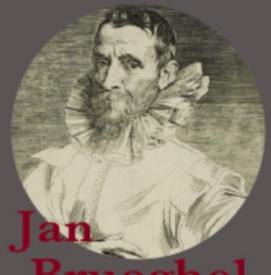
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# Motivation: art analysis on Brueghel

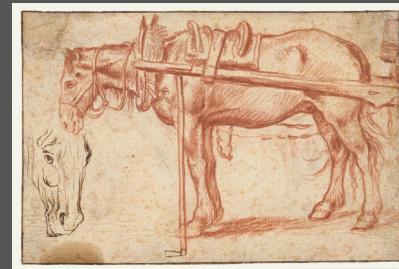
Several artworks in Brueghel (total 1 586 artworks):



Jan  
Brueghel

Complete Catalog

<https://www.janbrueghel.net/>



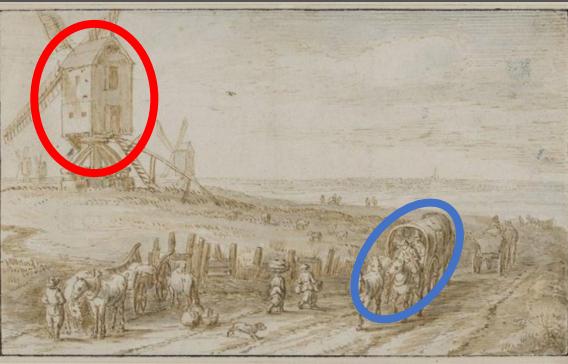
# Motivation: One-shot detection



# Motivation: Discovery



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# Motivation: Dense alignment



GIF



Avg.



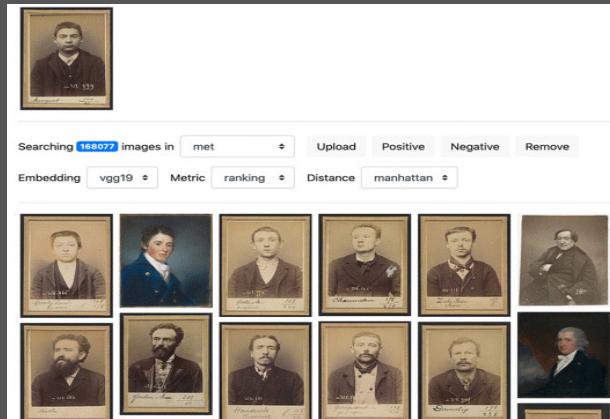
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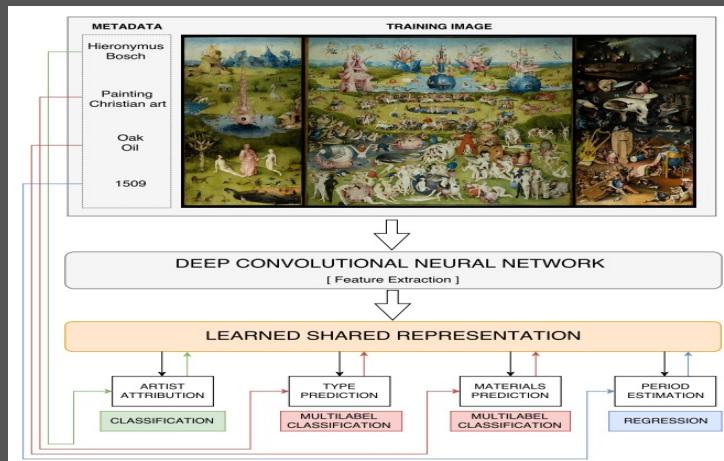
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# Related works: computer vision and art



Artwork retrieval. [Shrivastava et al. 2011; Crowley et al. 2015;  
Seguin et al. 2016 ...]



Attributes prediction. [Karayev et al. 2014; Van Noord et al. 2015;  
Strezoski and Worring 2019 ...]



Object detection in artworks. [Ginasor et al. 2014; Crowley and Zisserman, 2014; Gonthier et al, 2018...]

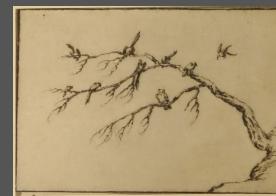


Creating artworks. [Gatys et al. 2015; Zhu et al. 2017; Elgammal et al. 2017...]

# Challenges



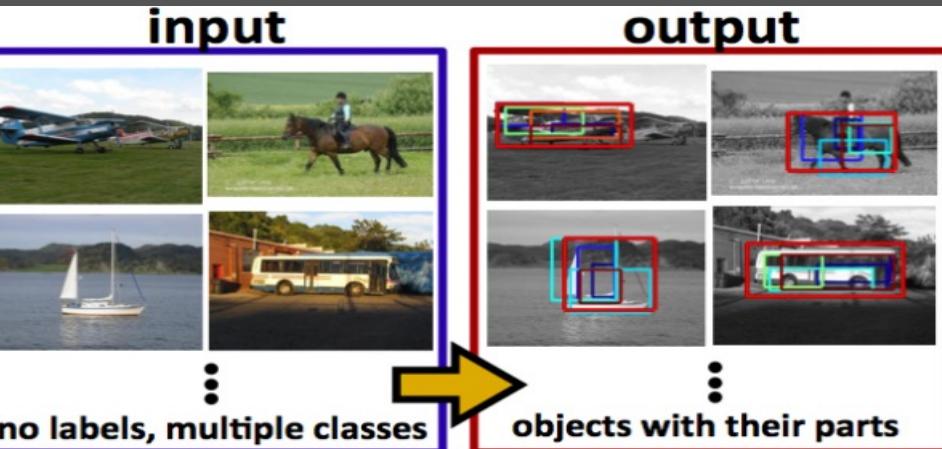
1. Lack of supervision



3. Scalability

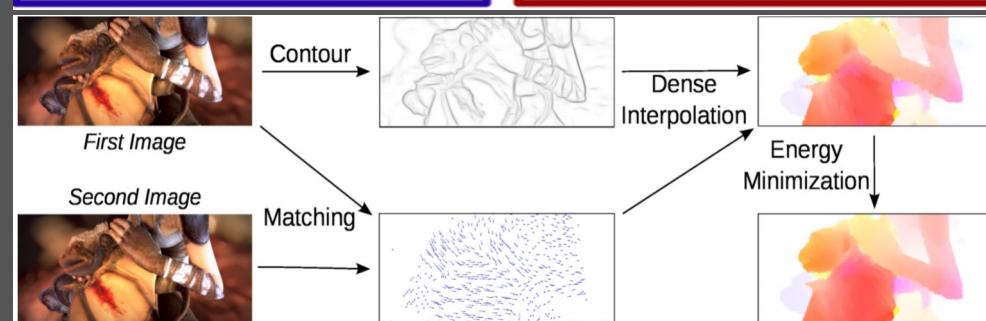
# Related works: non-deep approaches

Image retrieval. [Sivic and Zisserman, 2003; Nister and Stewenius, 2006; Philbin et al. 2007...]



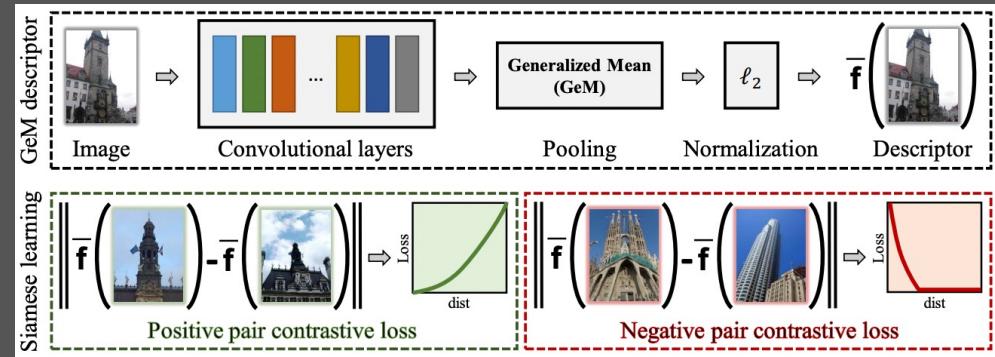
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Optical flow. [Brox et al. 2009, Liu et al. 2010; Revaud et al. 2015...]

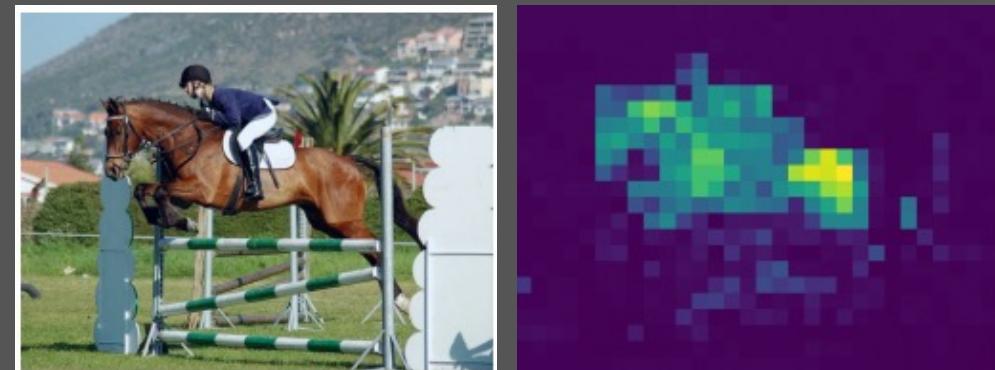


# Related works: deep approaches

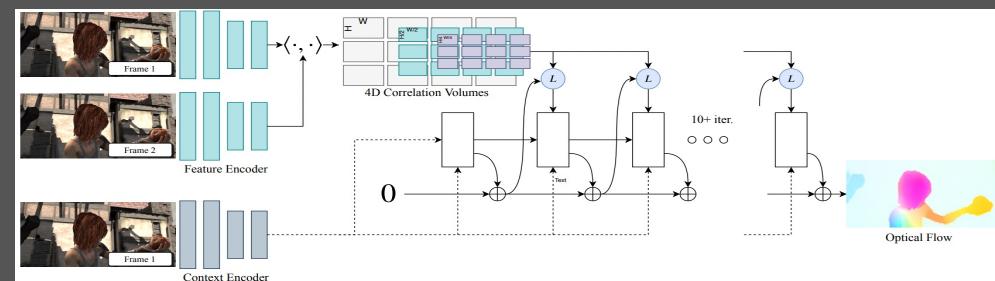
Image retrieval. [Babenko et al, 2014; Gordo et al, 2017;  
Radenovic et al. 2018...]



Object discovery. [Vo et al. 2020; Chen et al. 2020;  
Simeoni et al. 2021...]



Optical flow. [Dosovitskiy et al. 2015; Ilg et al. 2017; Teed  
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Detect  
near-duplicated  
patterns



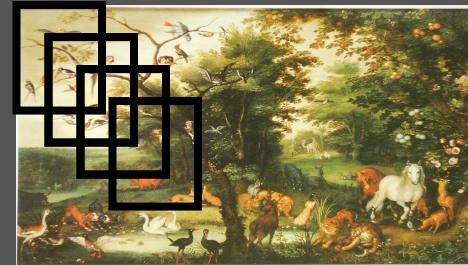
# Solution: multi-scale feature matching



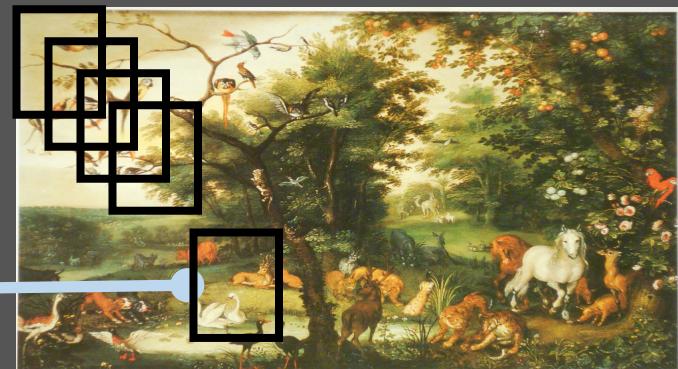
CNN



Feature similarity



CNN



# Problem: ImageNet feature results

Query



Top Matches



ImageNet features are not invariant to style

No training data available

# Key idea: metric learning

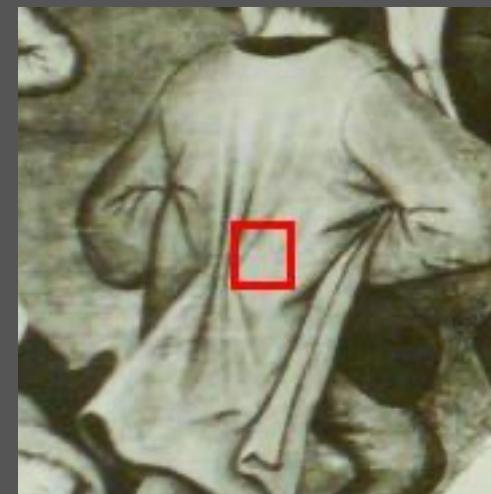
Positive ( $P_1$  and  $P_2$ ) and negative pair ( $P_1$  and  $N_1$ ):

$$L(P_1, P_2, N_1) = \max(s(P_1, N_1), 1 - \lambda) - \min(s(P_1, P_2), \lambda)$$

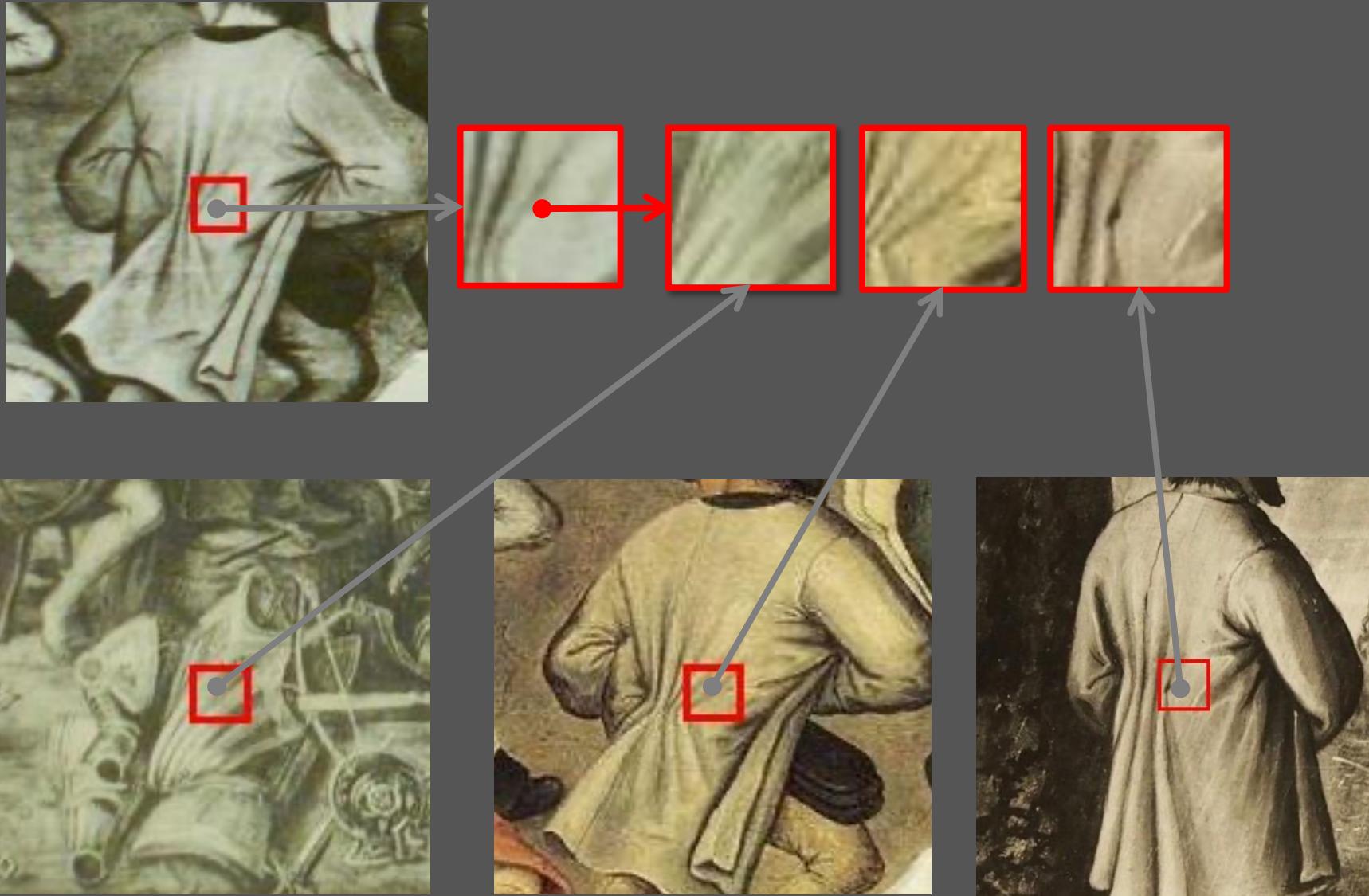
- $s$ : cosine similarity
- $\lambda$ : hyper-parameter in the triplet loss

**Question: how to find positive / negative pairs?**

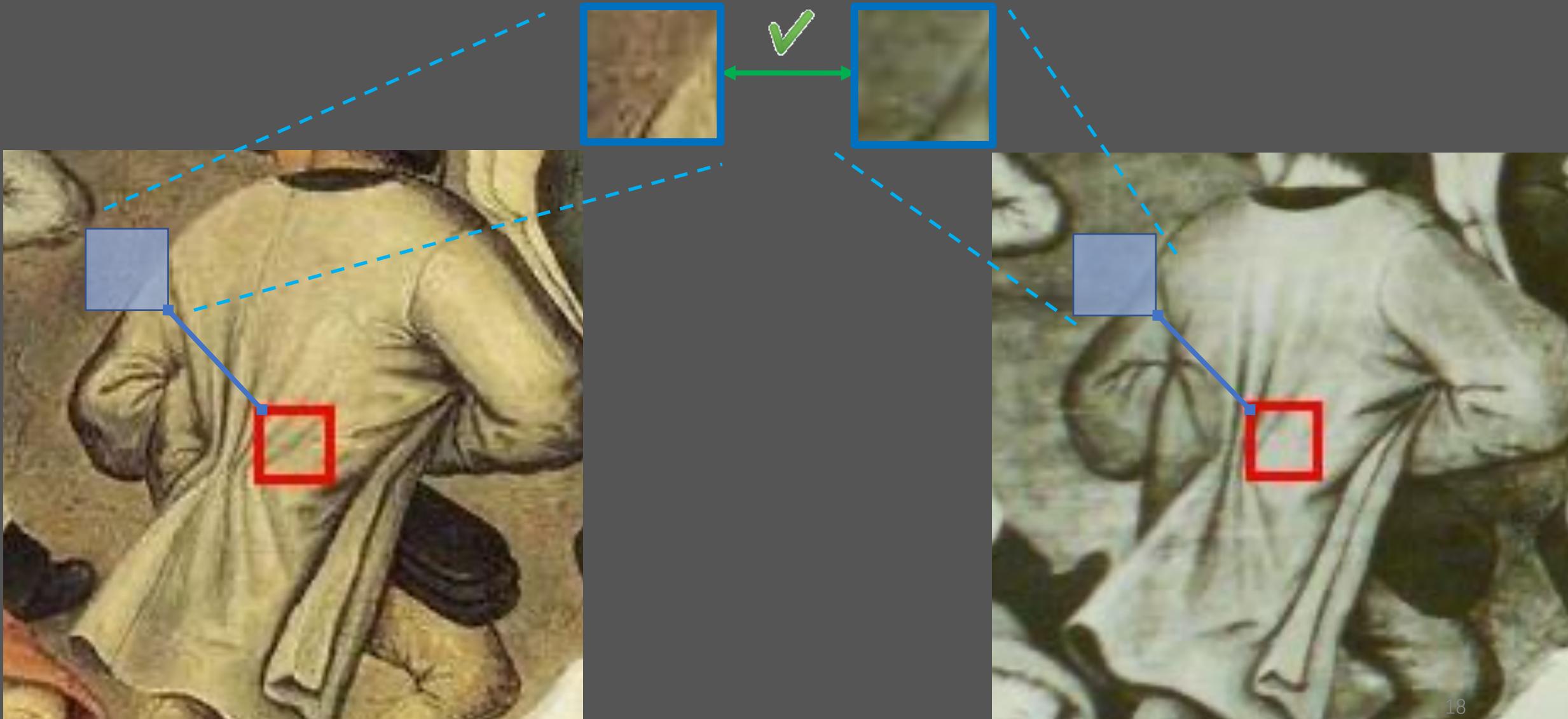
# Positive pairs: query patch sampling

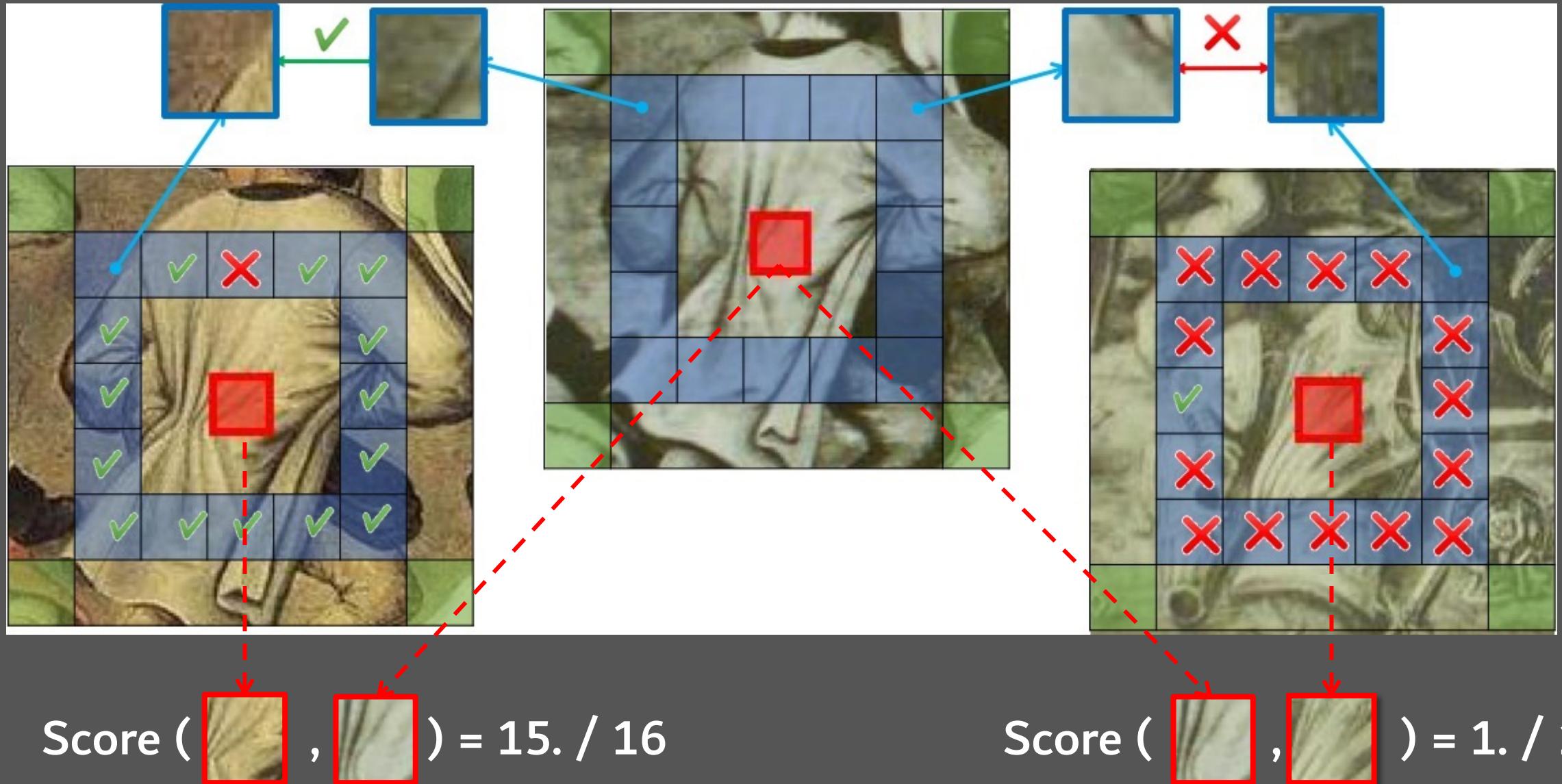


# Positive pairs: candidates via matching

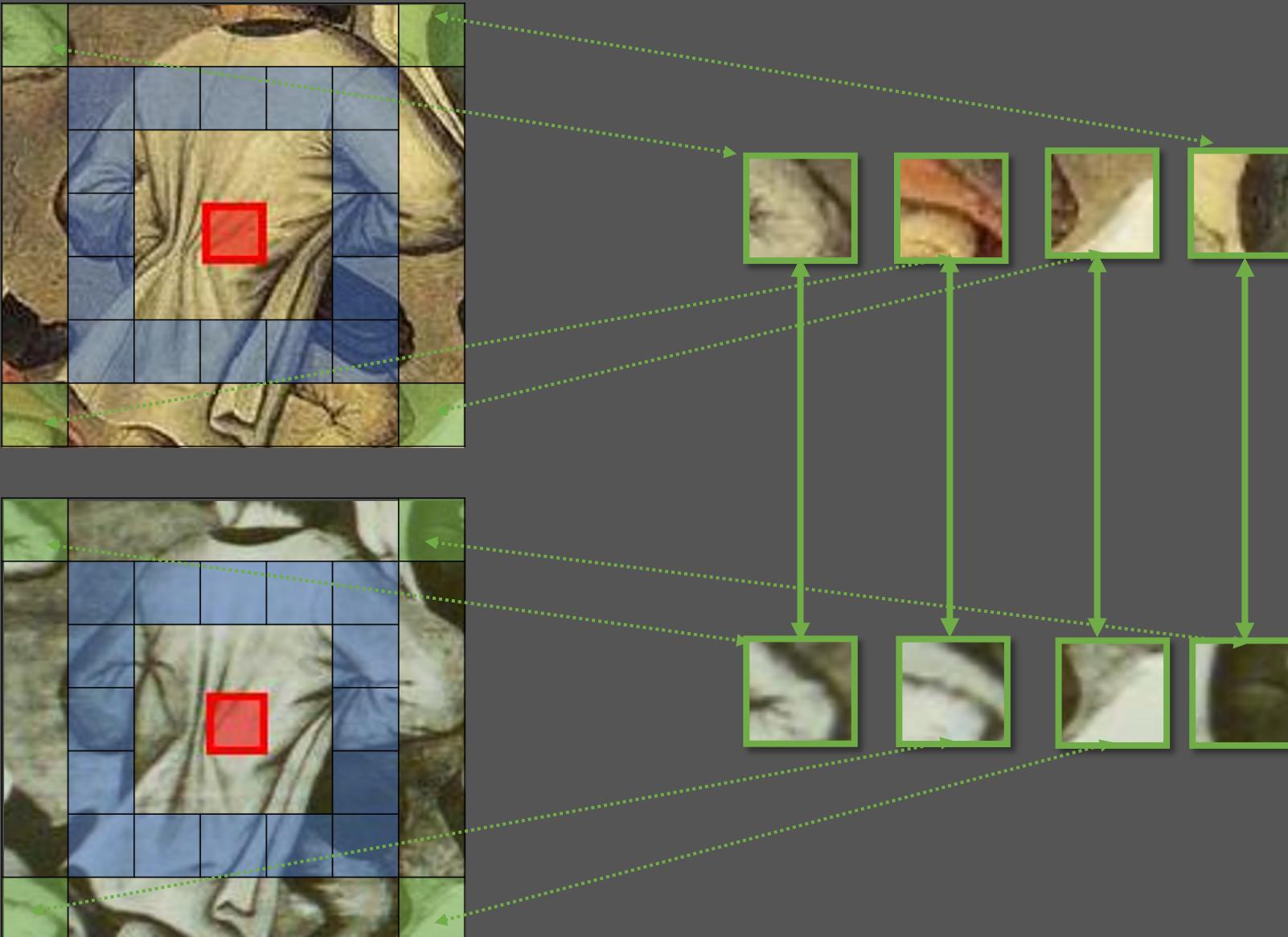


# Positive pairs: validation from consistency

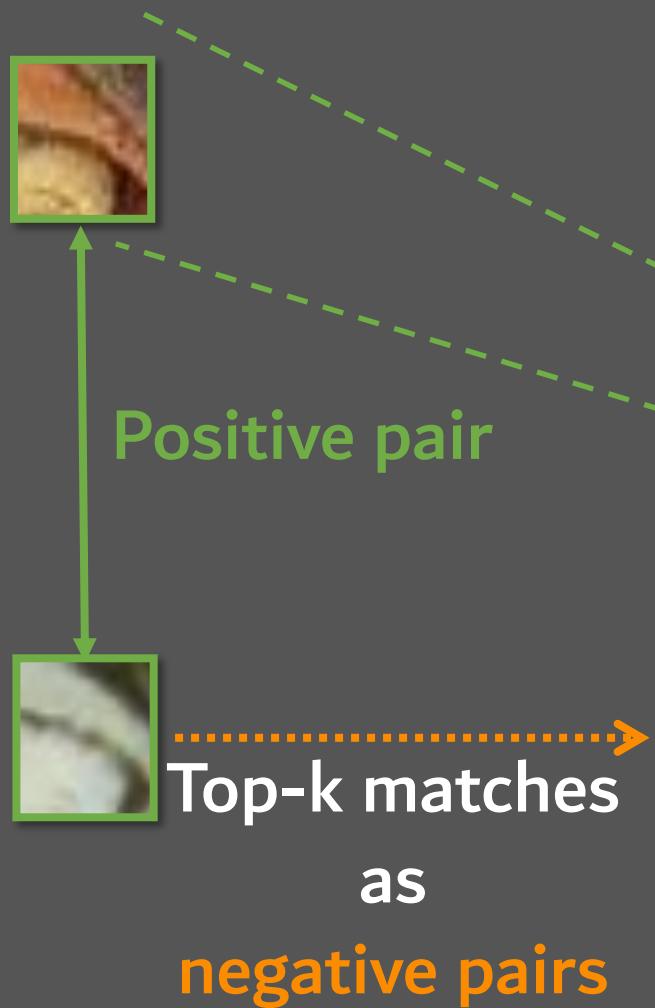




# Positive pairs: hard positive mining



# Negative pairs

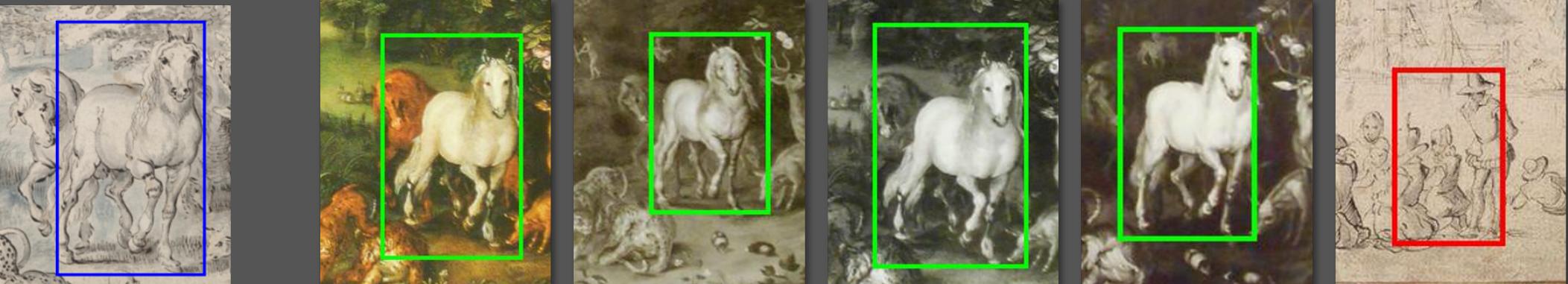


# Visual results

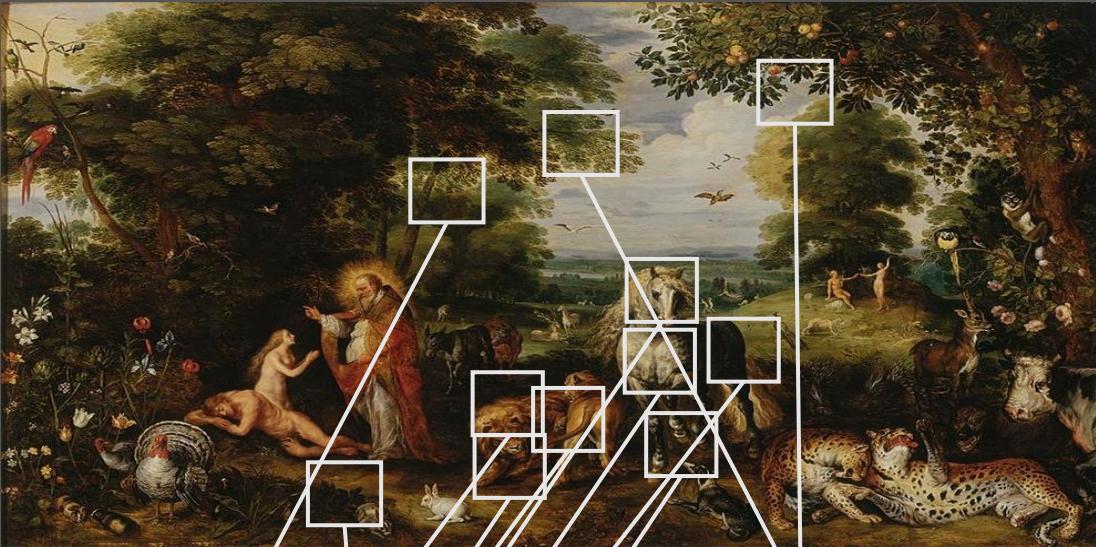
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Feature



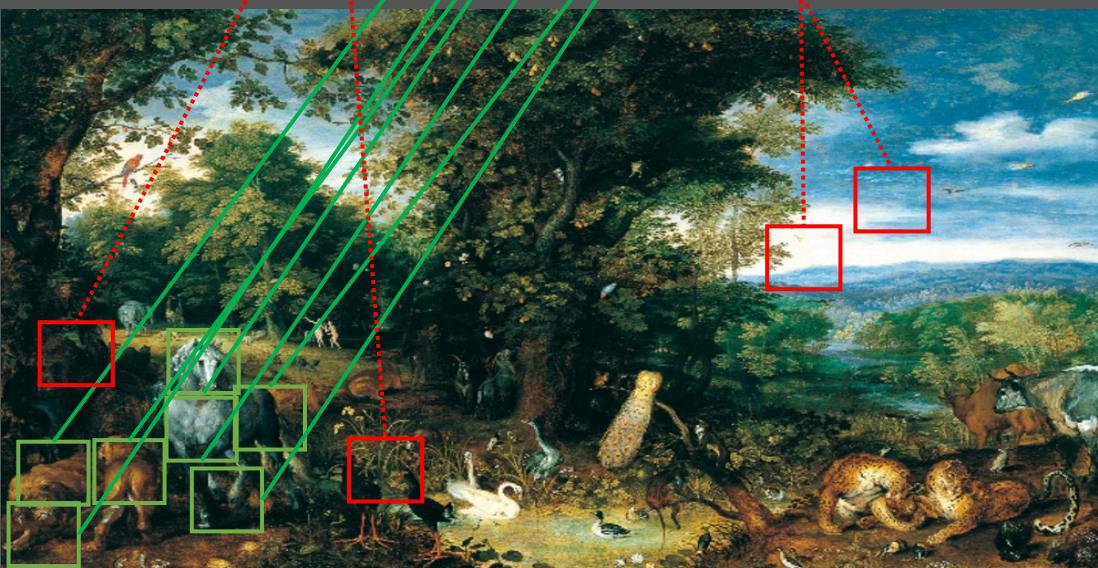
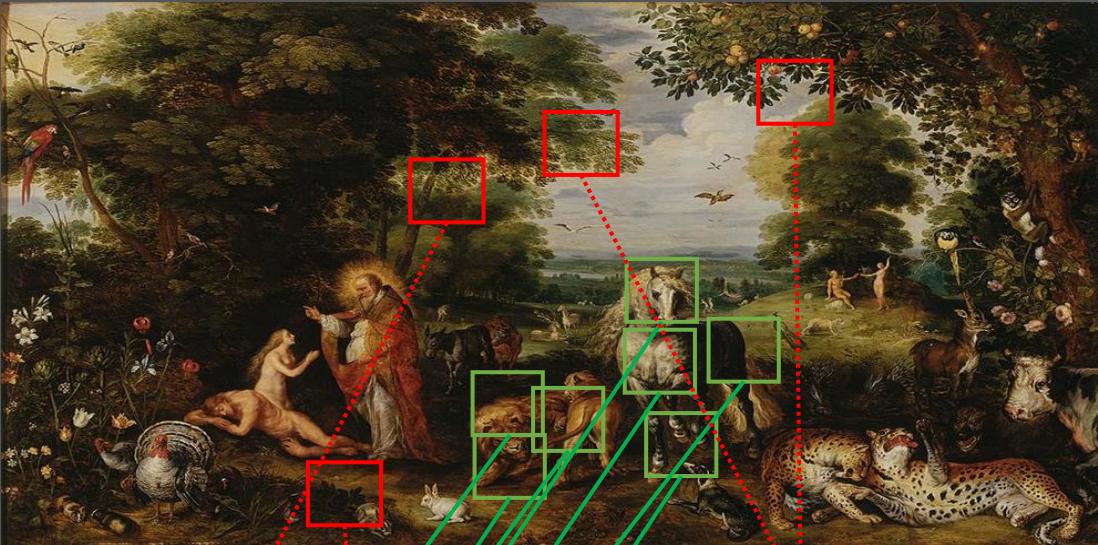
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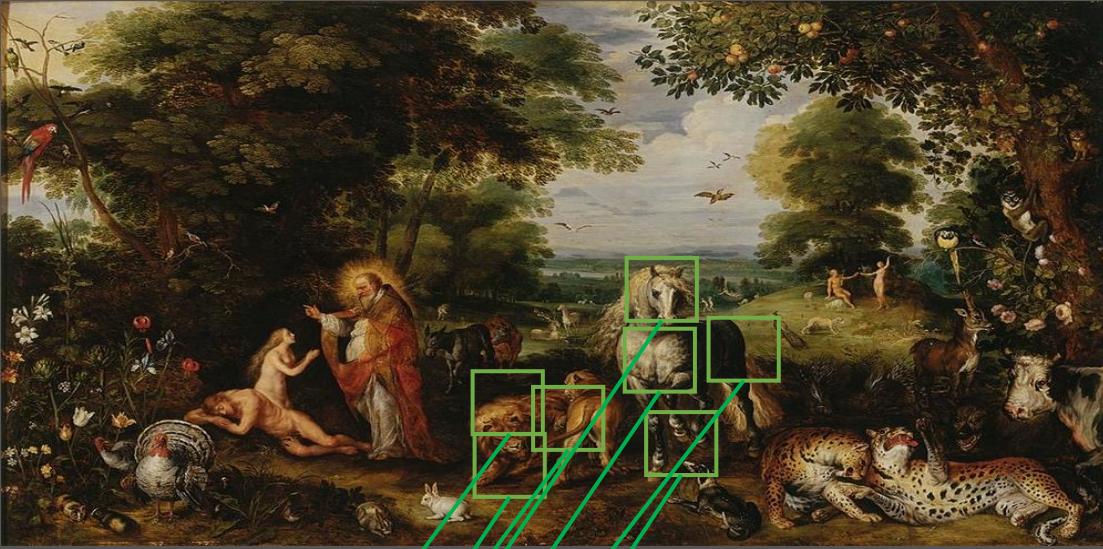
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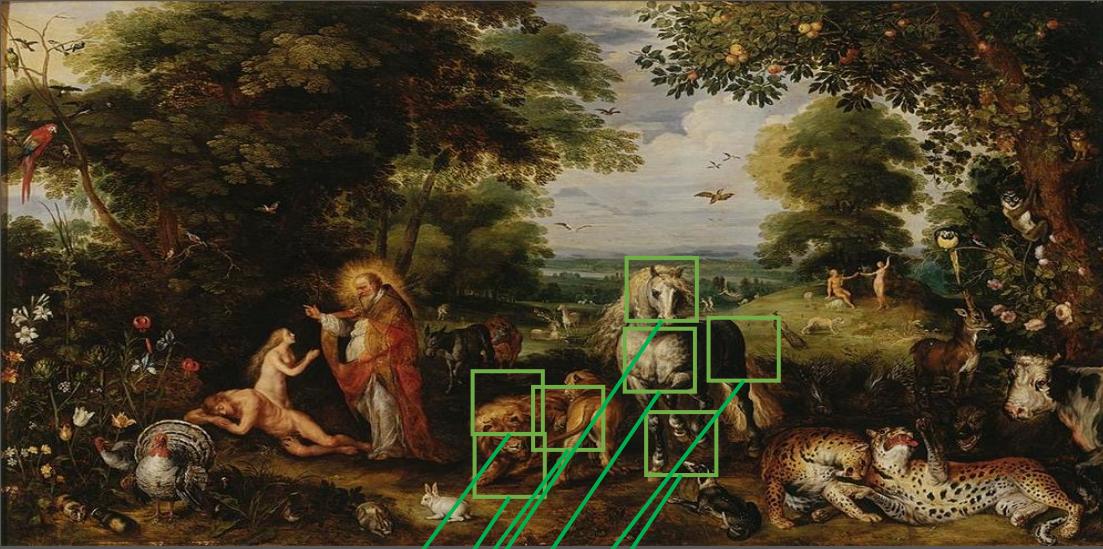
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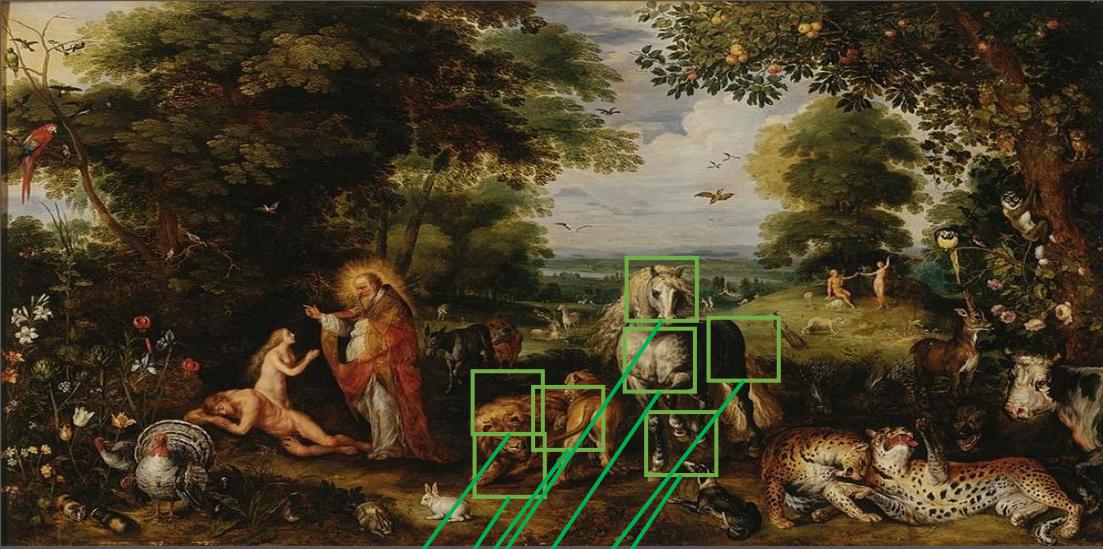
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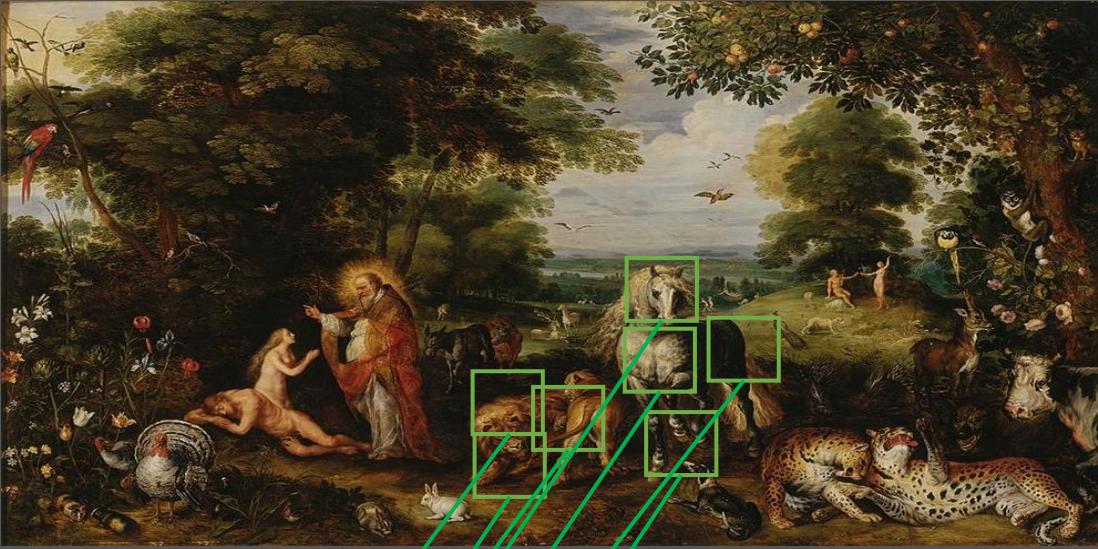
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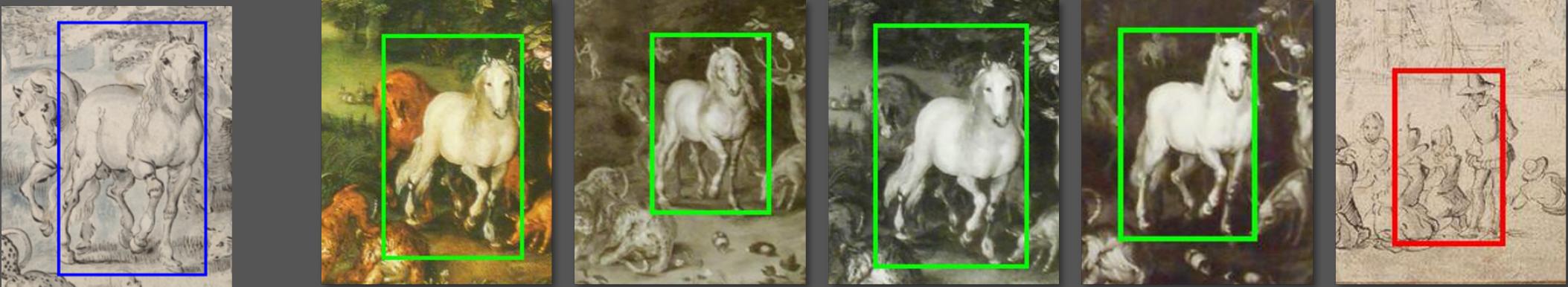
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Our  
Feature



Discovery  
+  
our feature



# Brueghel dataset



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# Results of discovery





# Other results: geo-localization

Method	LTLL (%)	Oxford (%)
B. Fernando et al.[16]	56.1	-
F. Radenović et al.[35]	-	87.8
ResNet18 max-pool, image level	59.8	14.0
ResNet18 + discovery	80.9	85.0
Ours (trained LTLL + discovery)	<b>88.5</b>	83.6
Ours (trained Oxford + discovery)	85.6	<b>85.7</b>

Table 2: Classification accuracy on LTLL and retrieval mAP on Oxford5K



Discovered group in LTLL



Discovered group in Oxford

# Summary

- Annotations on the Brueghel to evaluate one-shot detection
- Self-supervised training strategy to learn style-invariant features
- Multi-scale feature matching to discover repeated patterns

# Contributions in my thesis

1. Style-invariant feature from self-supervision
2. Co-segmentation from synthetic data
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# Task: co-segmentation in a pair of images



Input

predicted masks

**Problem: no training data available**

# Key idea: synthetic pairs with duplicated patterns



Source and **selected segment**



Background

# Key idea: direct copy-paste



Direct  
Copy-paste  
→



# Key idea: our blending



Our blending  
→  
Poisson  
blending  
[Pérez et al. 2003]  
+  
Style  
transfer  
[Huang and  
Belongie 2017]



# Annotations



Annotations



Generated images



Masks



Correspondences



# Training data

One object  
COCO Seg.



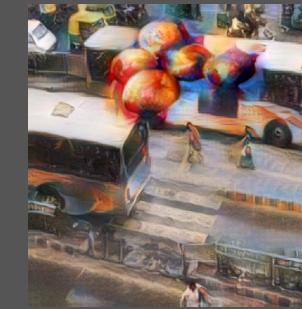
Two objects  
COCO Seg.



Two objects  
Unsup. Seg.



Style transfer



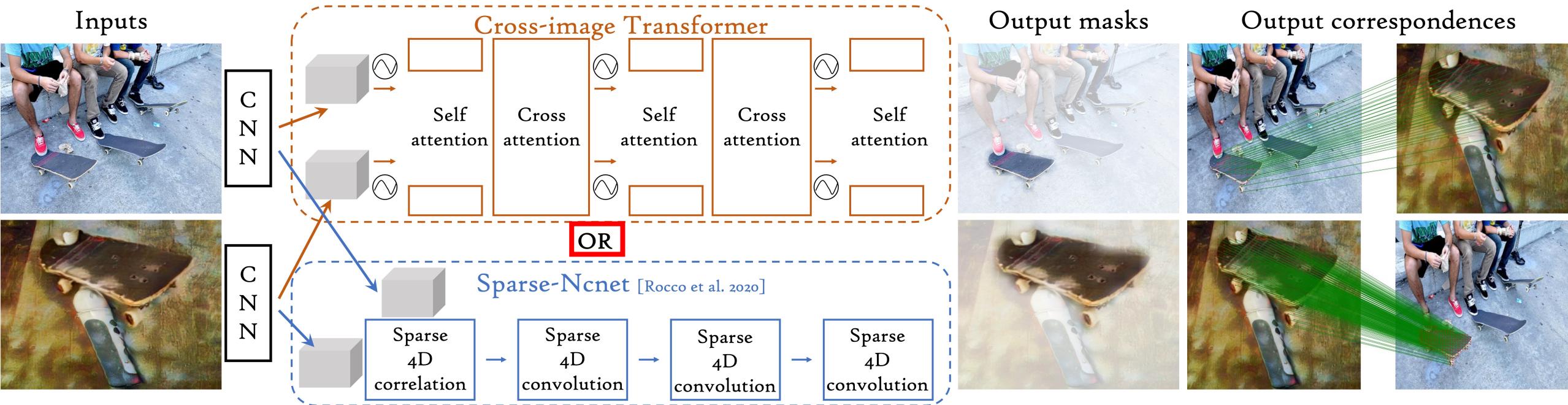
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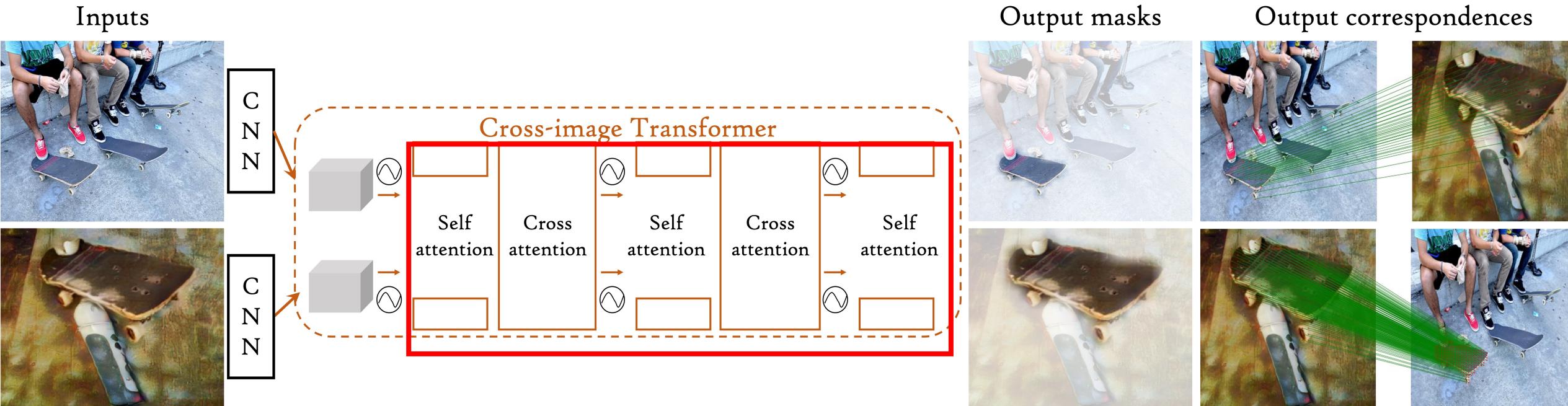
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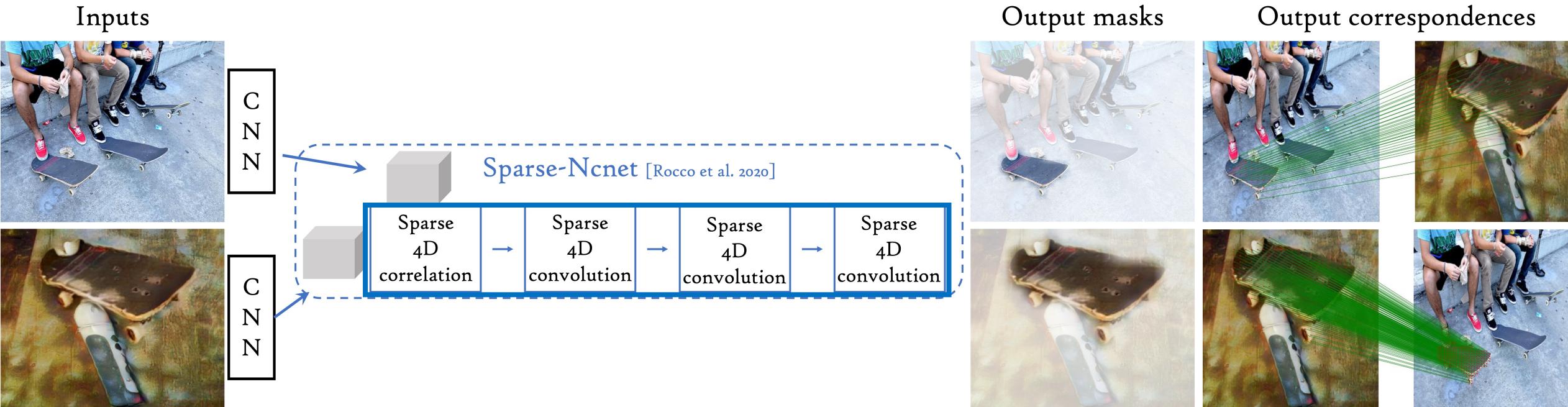
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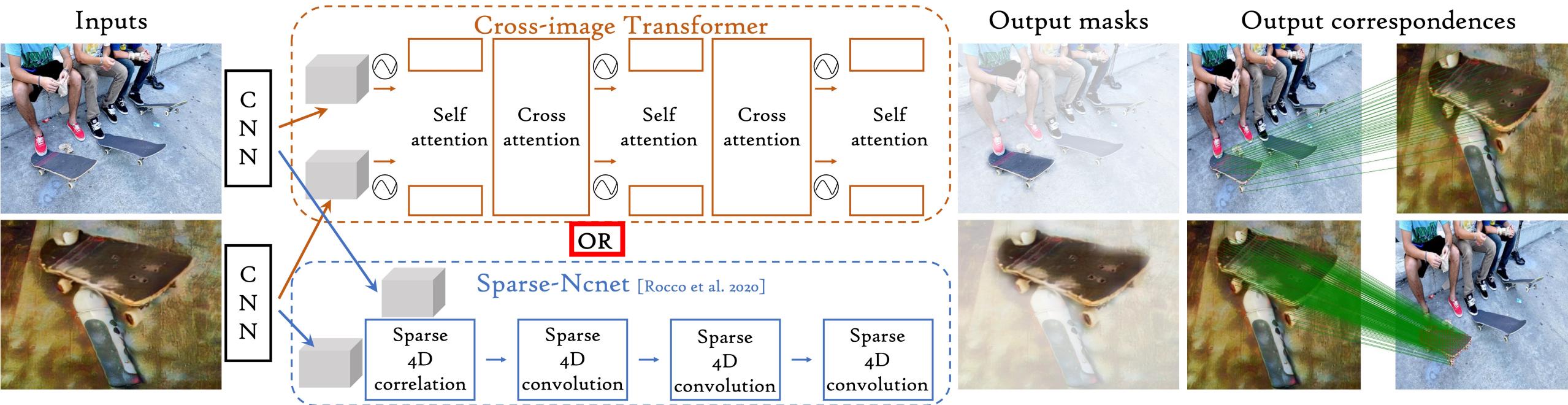
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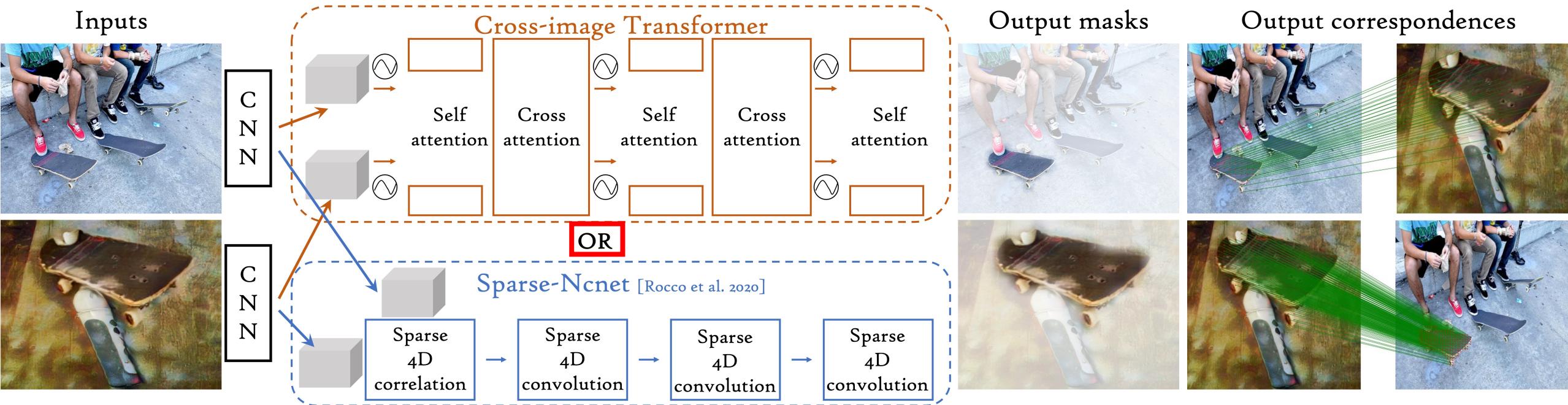
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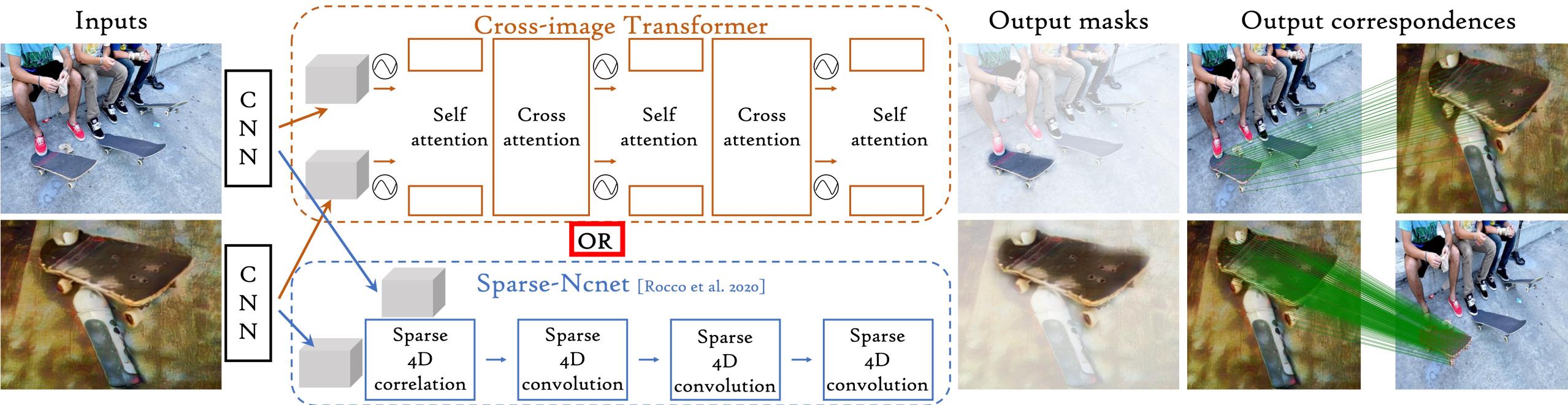
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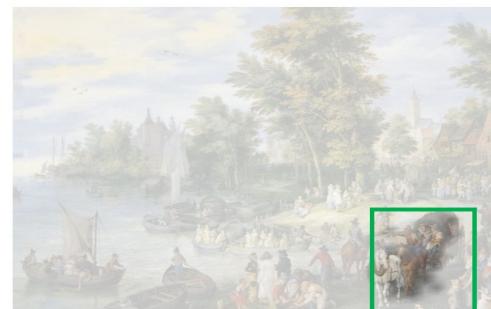
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$$\mathbf{M}_{joint}^s(i,j) = \mathbf{M}^t(\mathbf{C}^{s \rightarrow t}(i,j)) \mathbf{M}^s(i,j)$$

Query



Top-3 retrieved images



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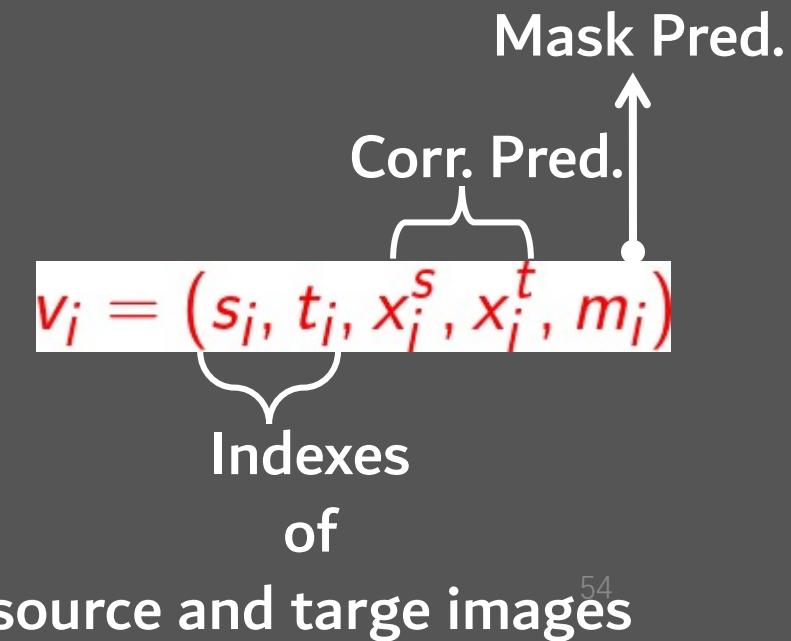
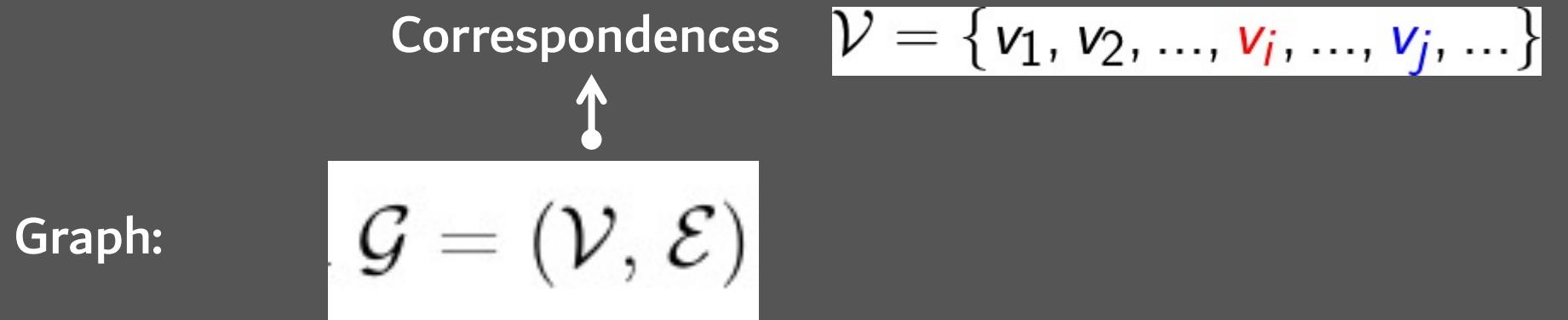
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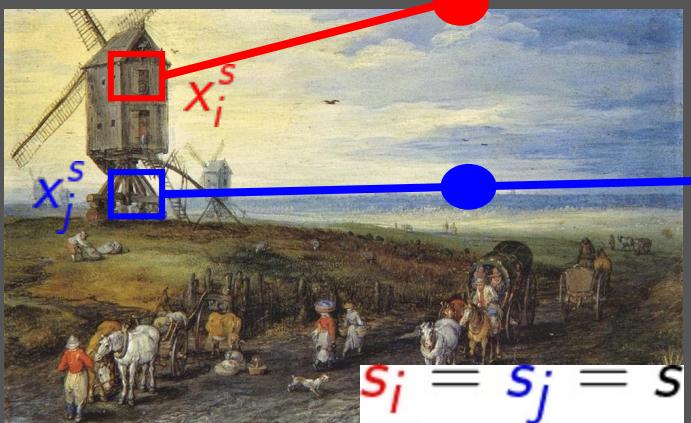
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3-cycle Consistency  $\mathcal{E} = \{e_{i,j}\}$

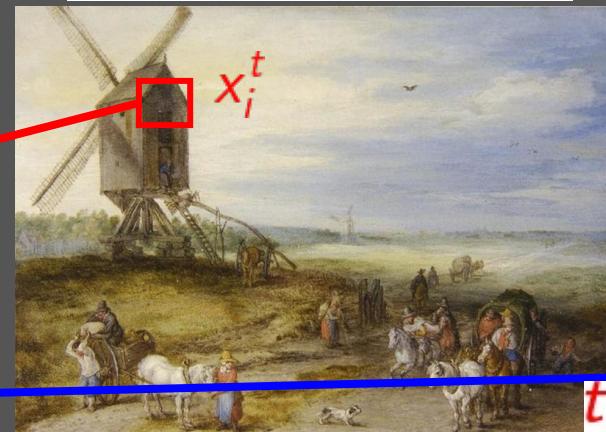
Graph:

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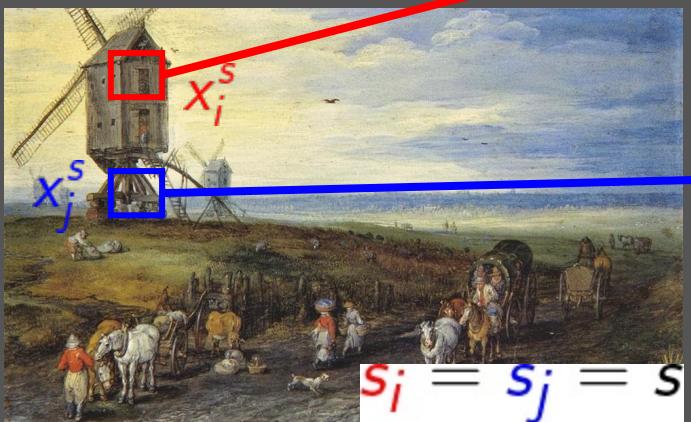
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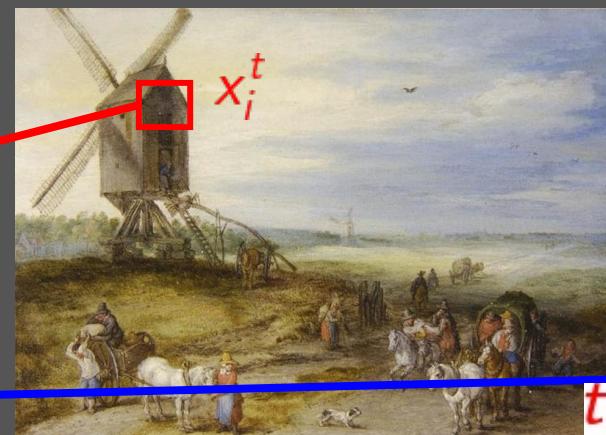
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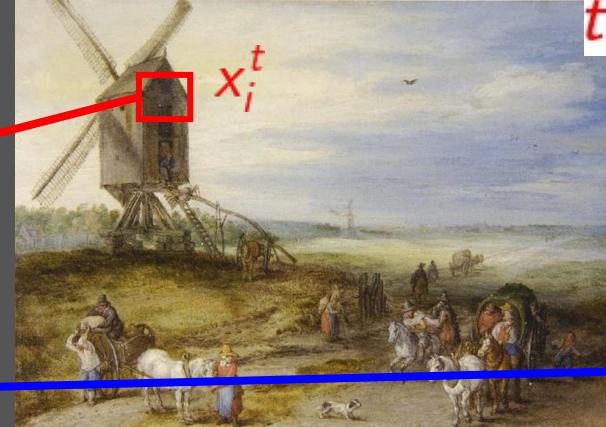
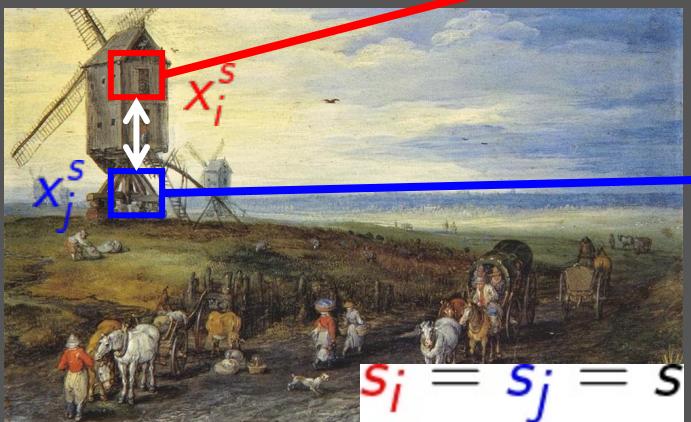
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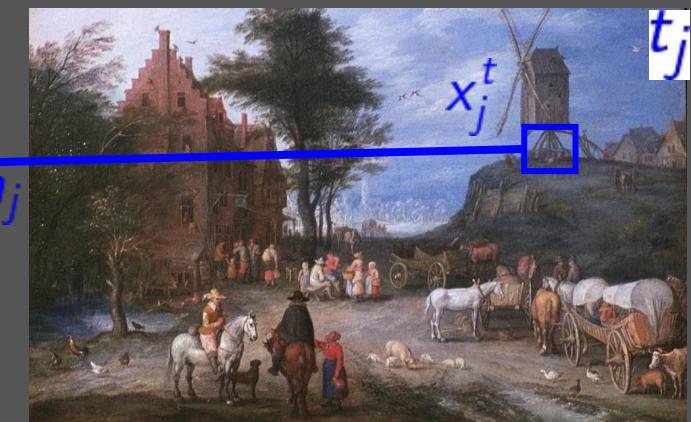
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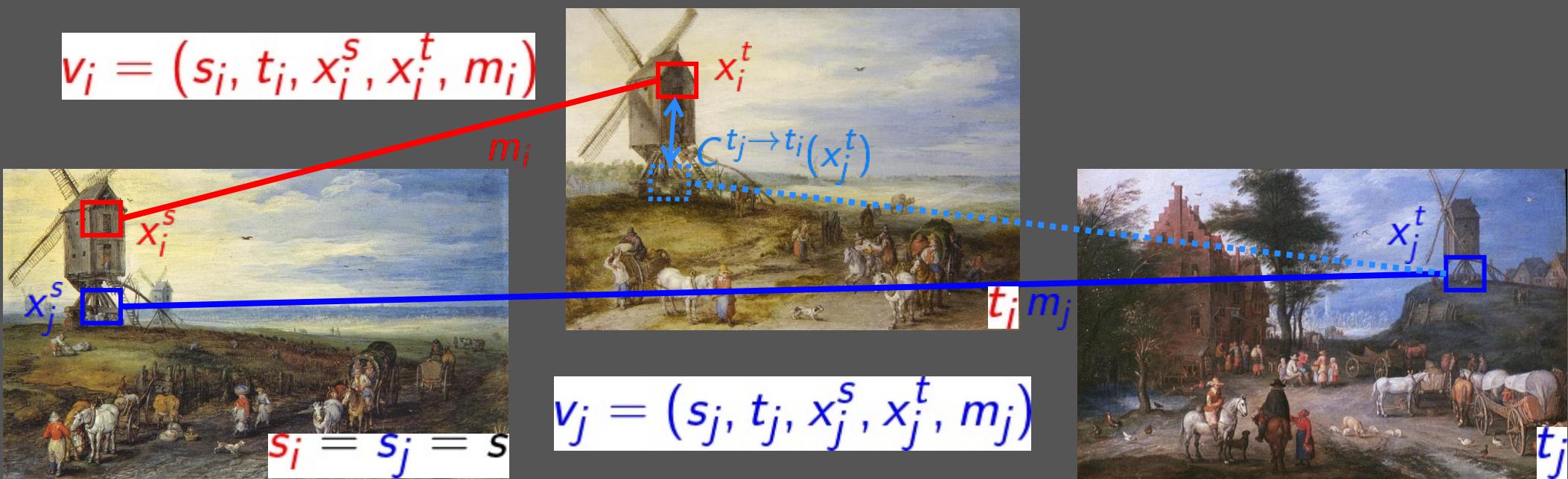


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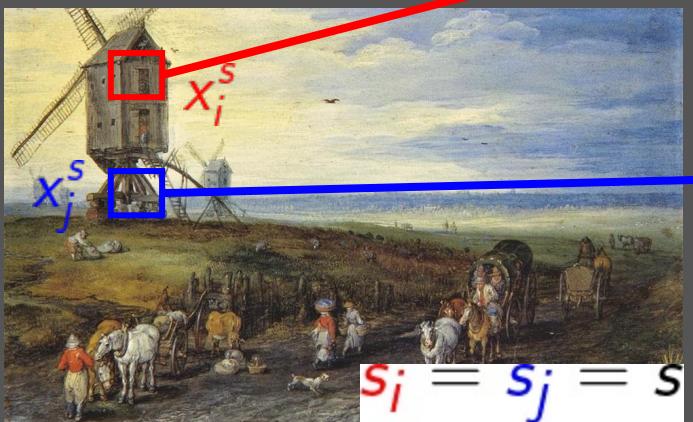
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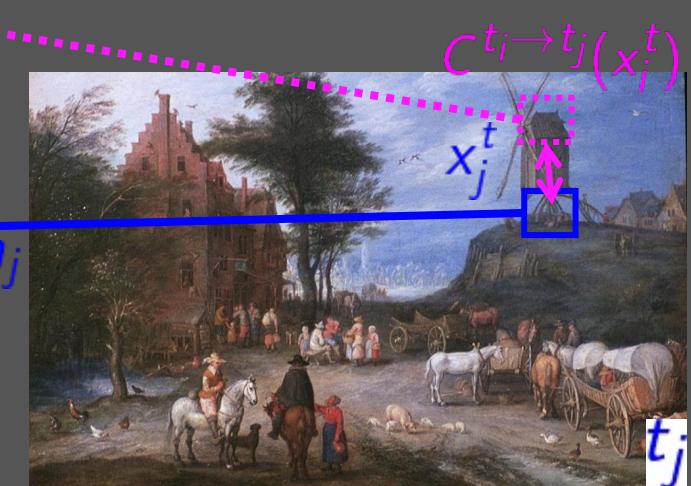
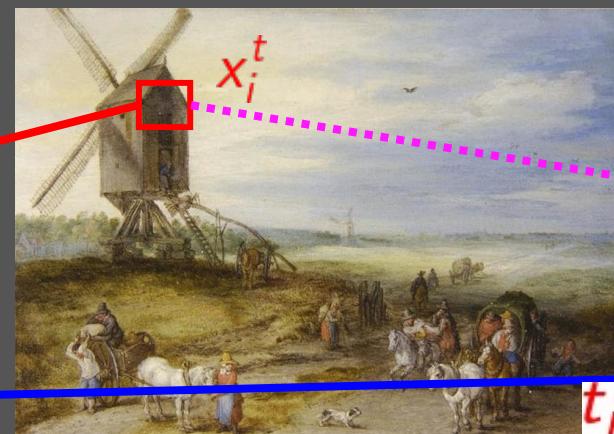
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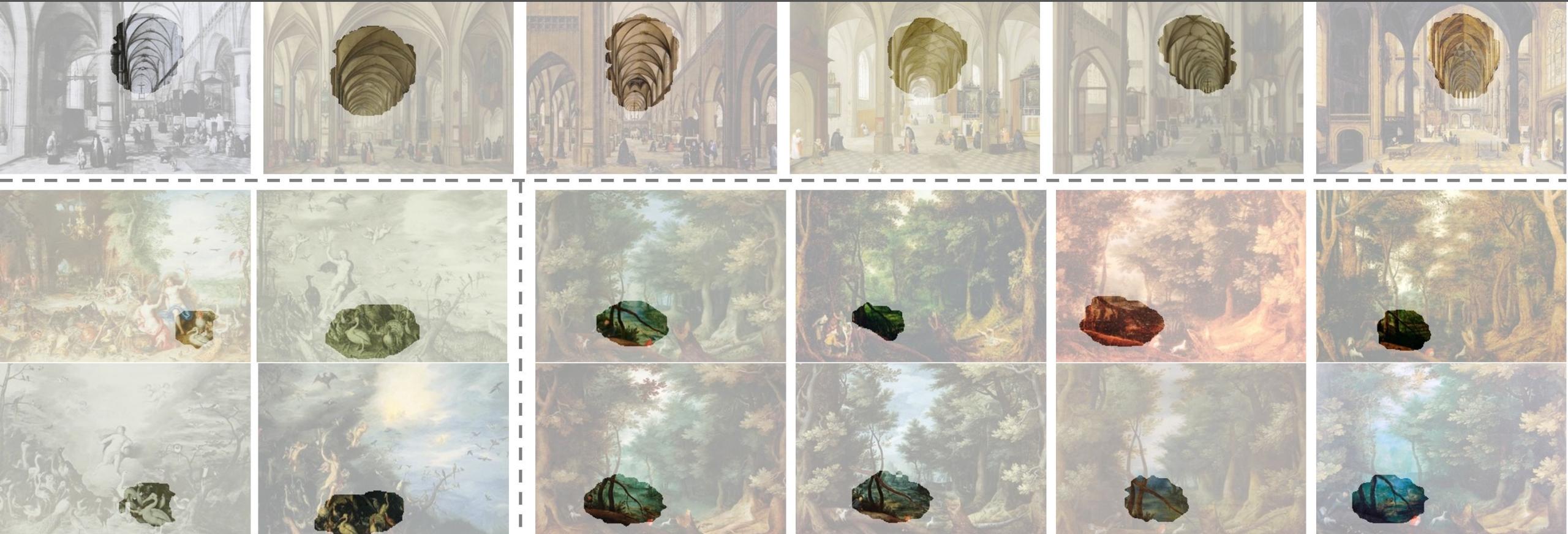
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# Experiments: discovery on Brueghel [Shen et al. 2019]



# Other results

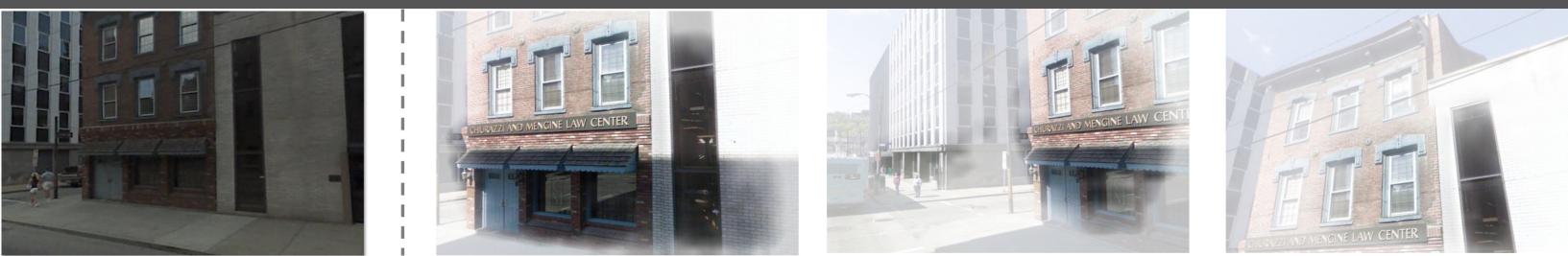
Discovery on the dataset of [Rubinstein et al. 2013]



Place recognition Tokyo24/7 [Torii et al. 2015]



Place recognition Pitts30K [Torri et al. 2013]



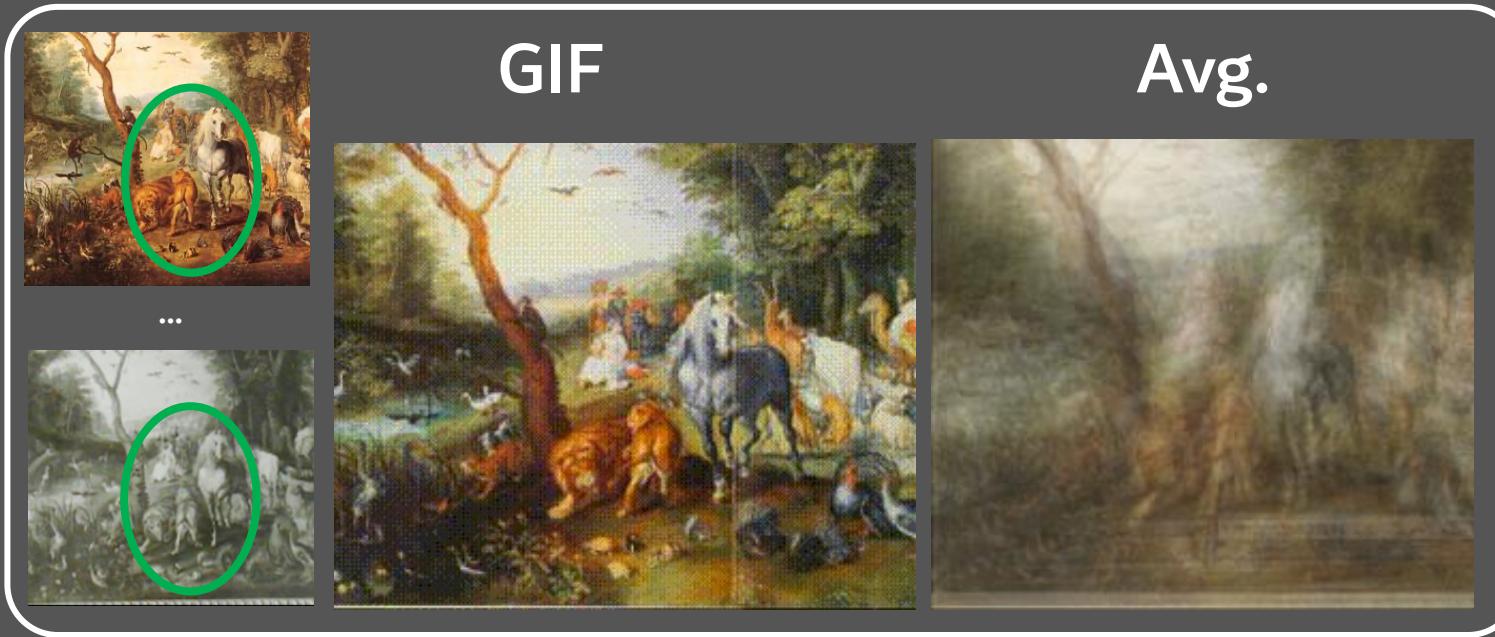
# Summary

- Learning co-segmentation from synthetic pairs
- Discovering patterns using the correspondence graph

# Contributions in my thesis

1. Style-invariant feature from self-supervision
2. Co-segmentation from synthetic data
3. Dense image alignment from reconstruction

# Problem: generic image alignment



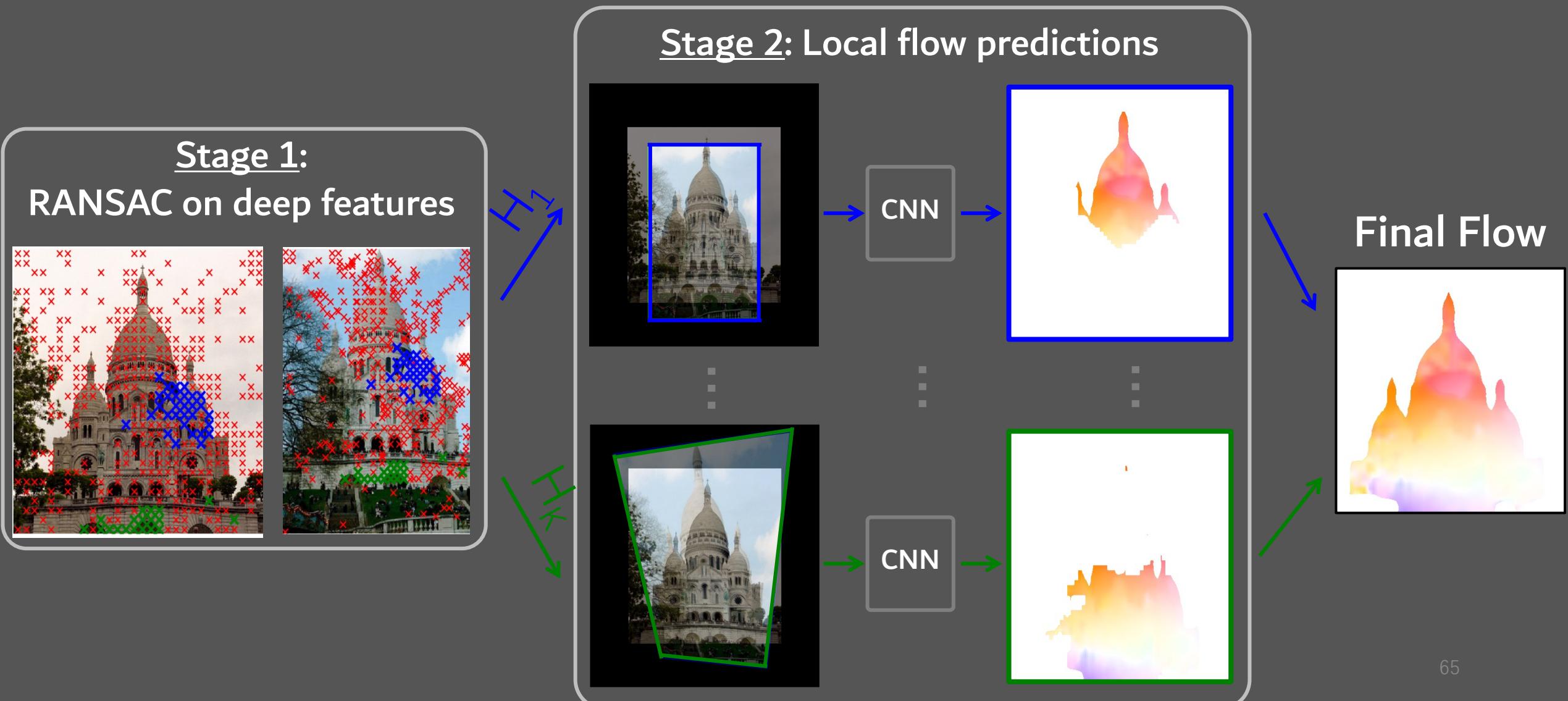
Output  
GIF



Output  
Avg.



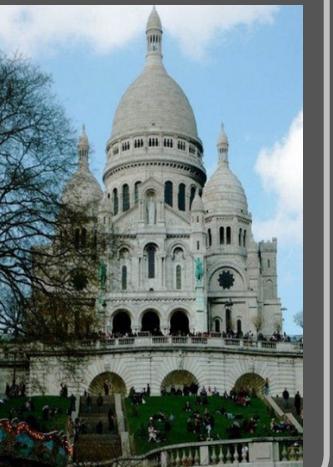
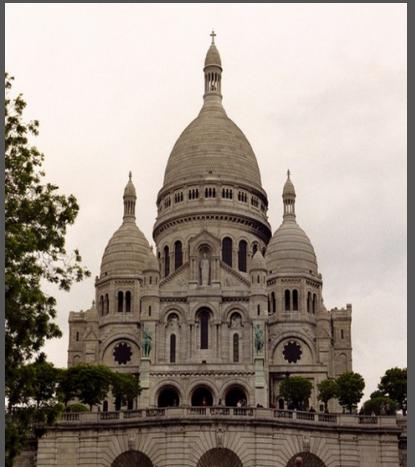
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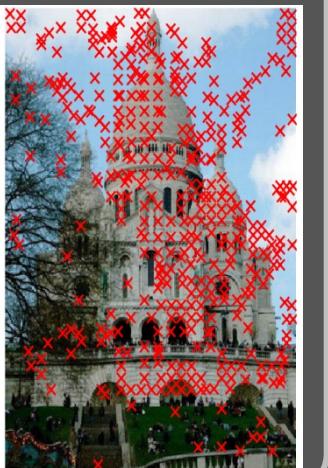
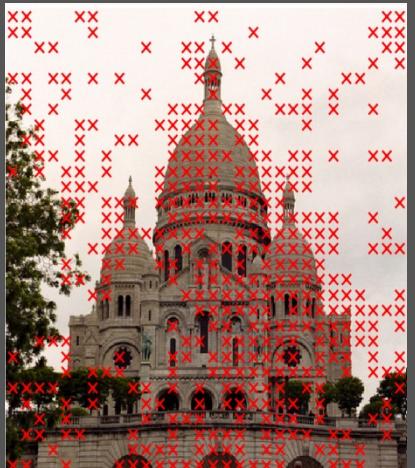
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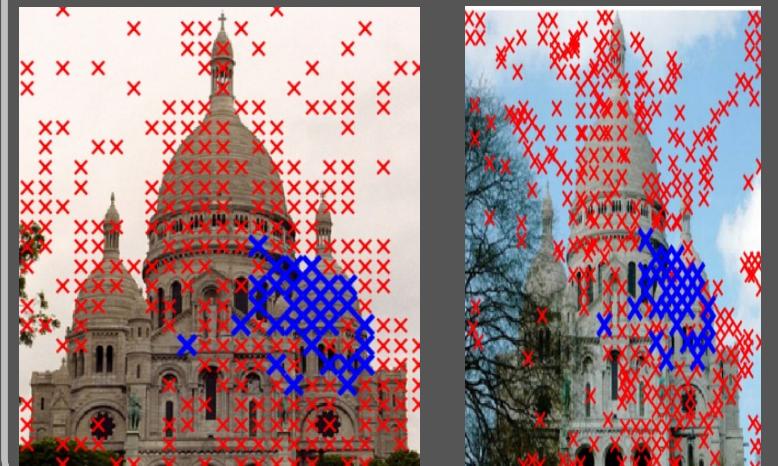
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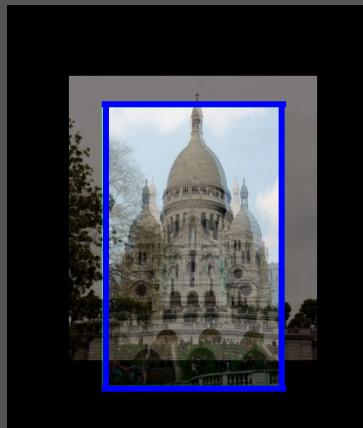
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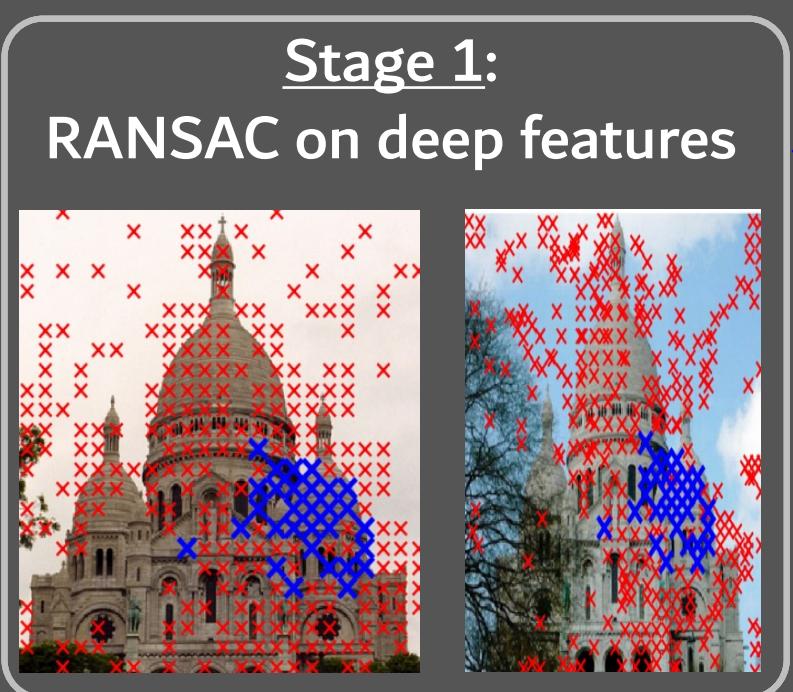
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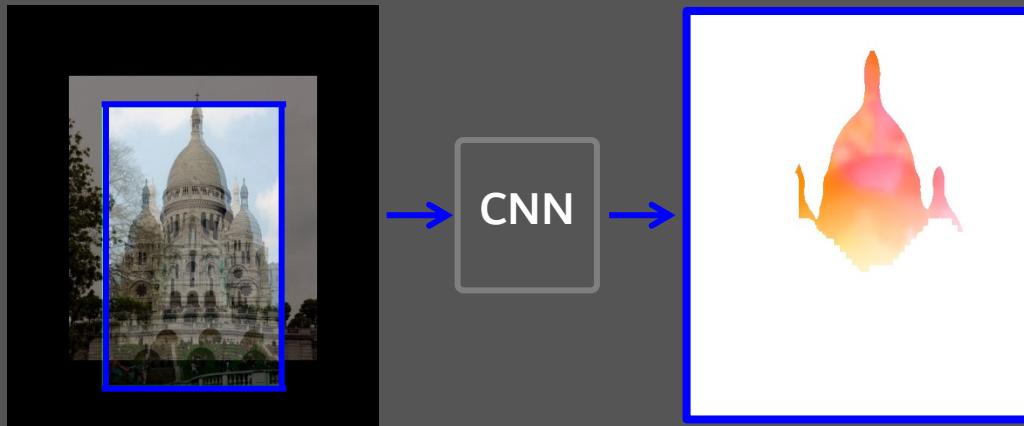
$$H_1^1 \rightarrow$$



# Key idea: an unsupervised two-stage method



Stage 2: Local flow predictions

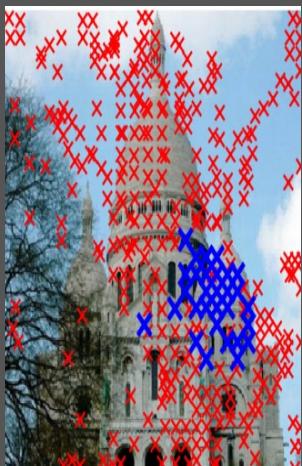
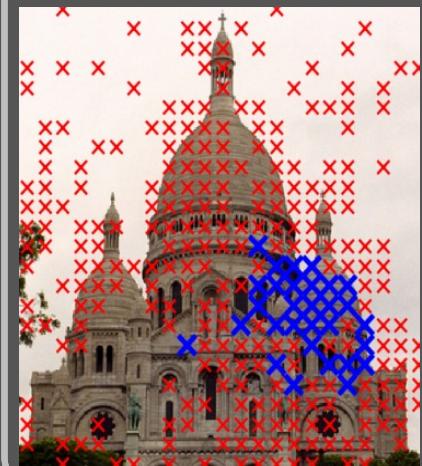


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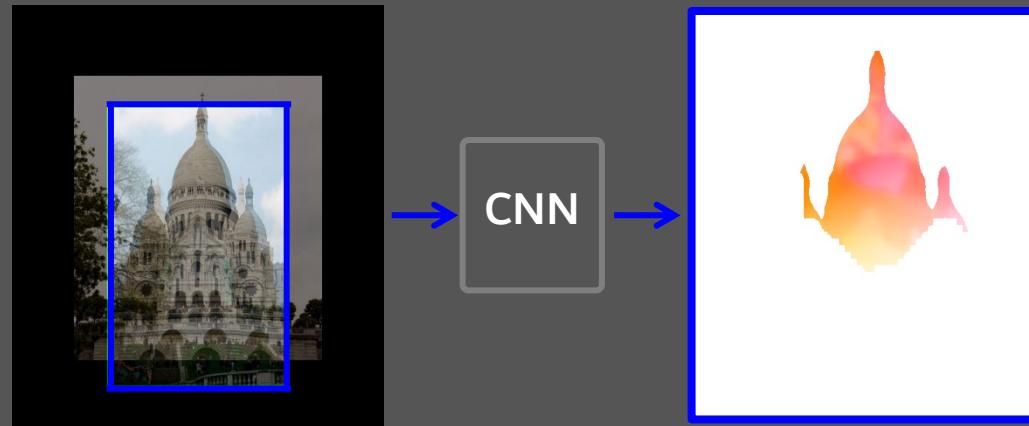
SSIM + mask + cycle-consistency loss

## Stage 2: Local flow predictions ↗

### Stage 1: RANSAC on deep features



$$H^1$$



$$\mathcal{L}_m(I_s, I_t) = \sum_{(x,y) \in I_t} |M_t^{cycle}(x, y) - 1|$$

Mask loss

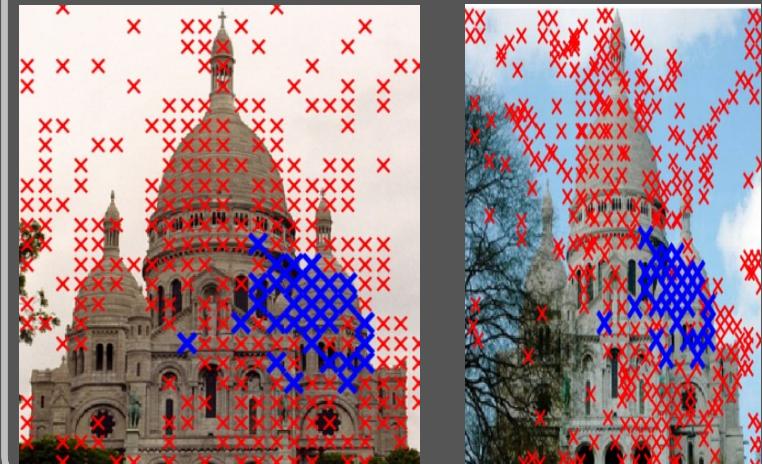
Confidence at (x,y)

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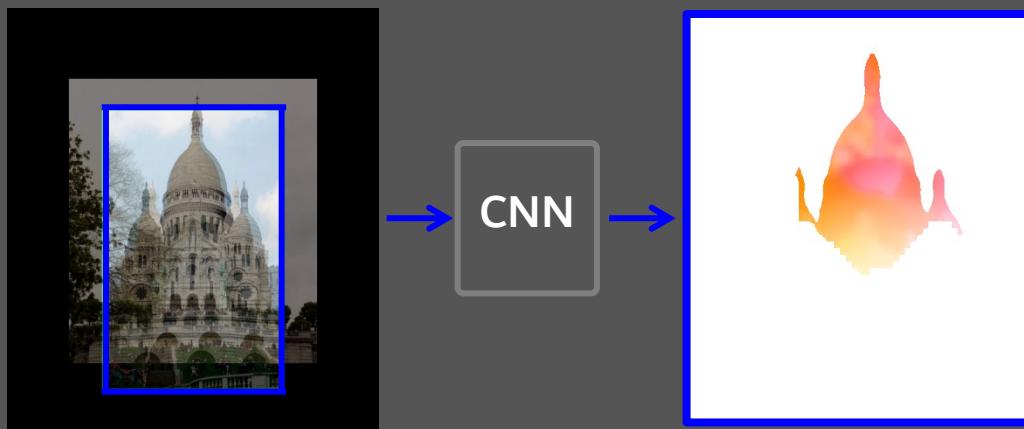
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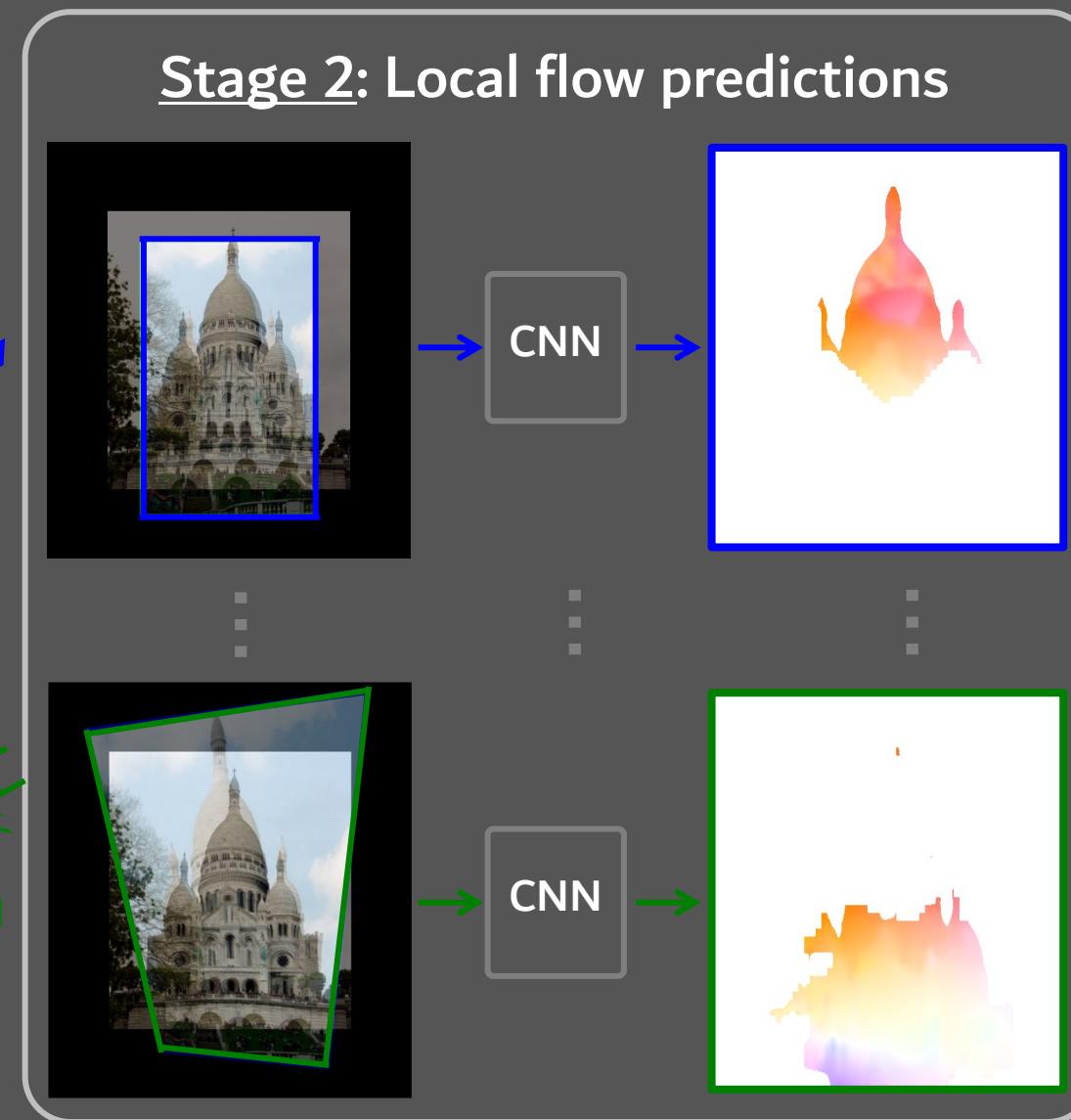
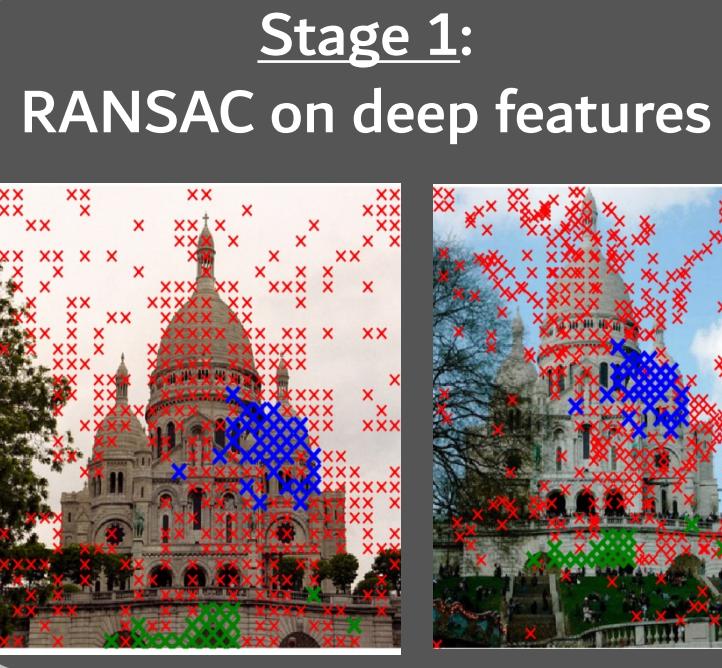


$$\mathcal{L}_{rec}^{SSIM}(I_s, I_t) = \sum_{(x,y) \in I_t} M_t^{cycle}(x, y) \underbrace{(1 - SSIM(I_s(x', y'), I_t(x, y)))}_{}$$

Confident regions, with  $(x, y) = \mathbf{F}_{s \rightarrow t}(x', y')$

$$\mathcal{L}_c(I_s, I_t) = \sum_{(x,y) \in I_t} M_t^{cycle}(x, y) \|(\mathbf{x}', \mathbf{y}') - \mathbf{F}_{t \rightarrow s}(x, y)\|_2$$

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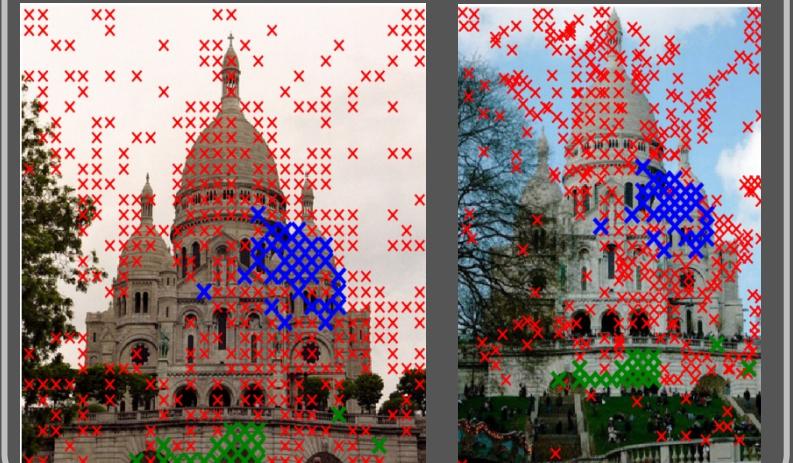


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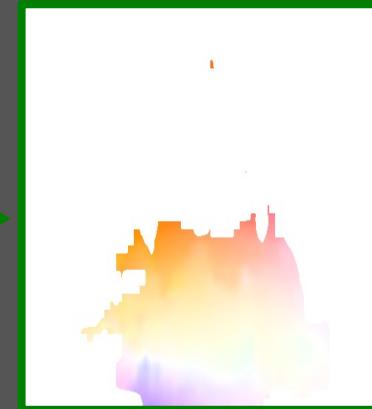
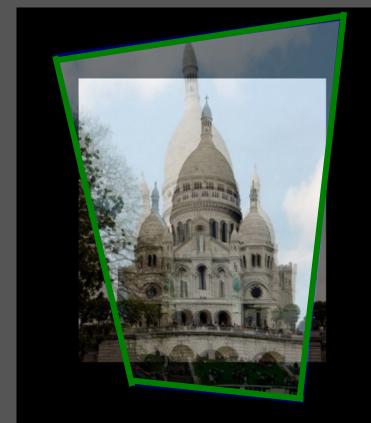
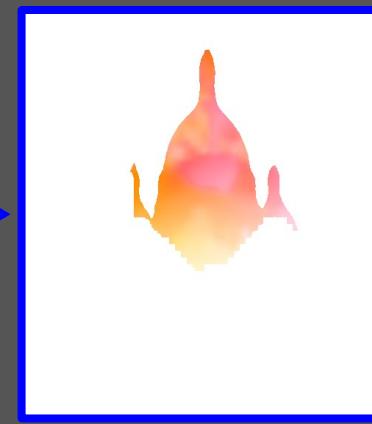
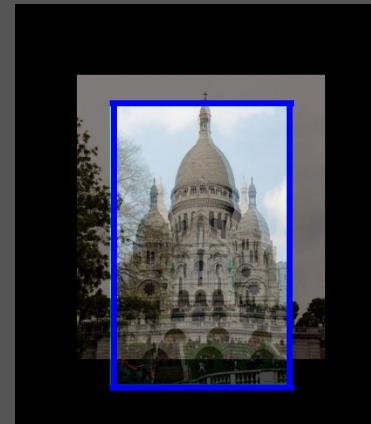
E.g.: MOCO features

Stage 1:

RANSAC on deep features



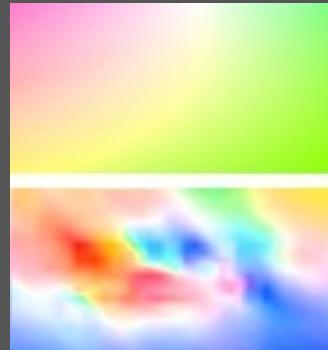
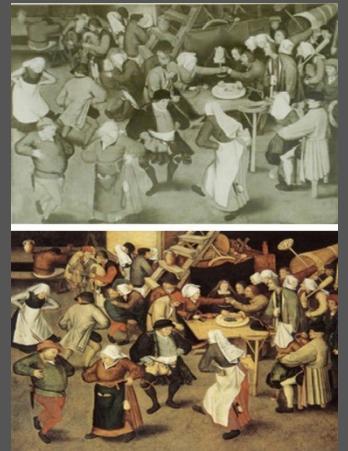
Stage 2: Local flow predictions



Final Flow



# Experiments: artwork alignment



Inputs

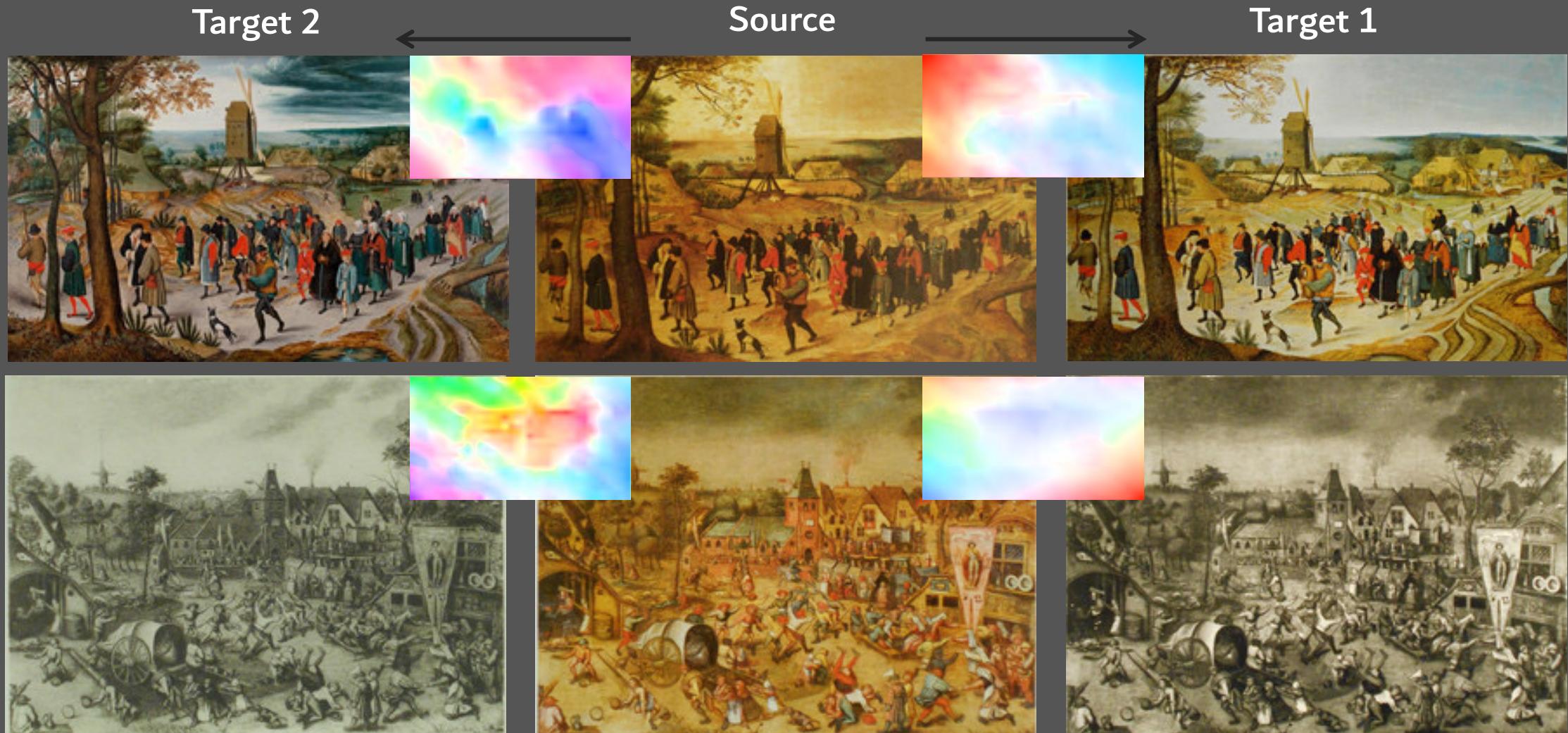
W/o alignment

Coarse alignment

Fine alignment

Top: Coarse flow  
Bottom: Fine flow

# Experiments: artwork analysis



# Experiments: aligning a group of art details

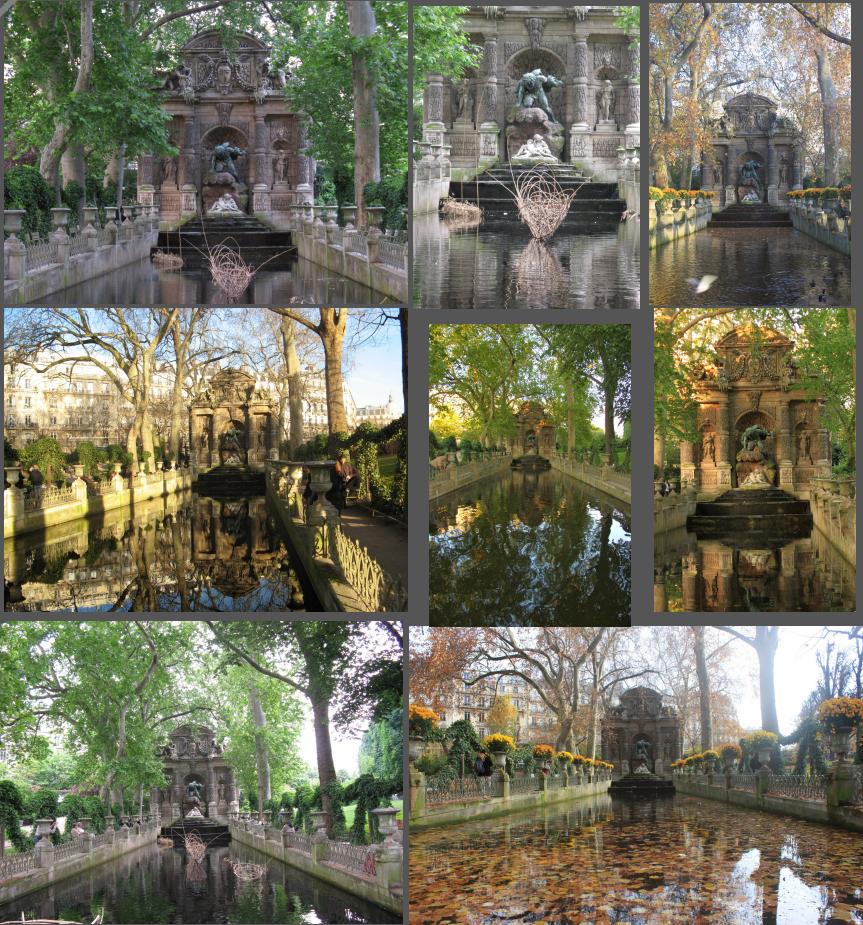


Discovered patterns in [Shen et al. 2019]



Our fine alignment

# Experiments: aligning a group of Internet images



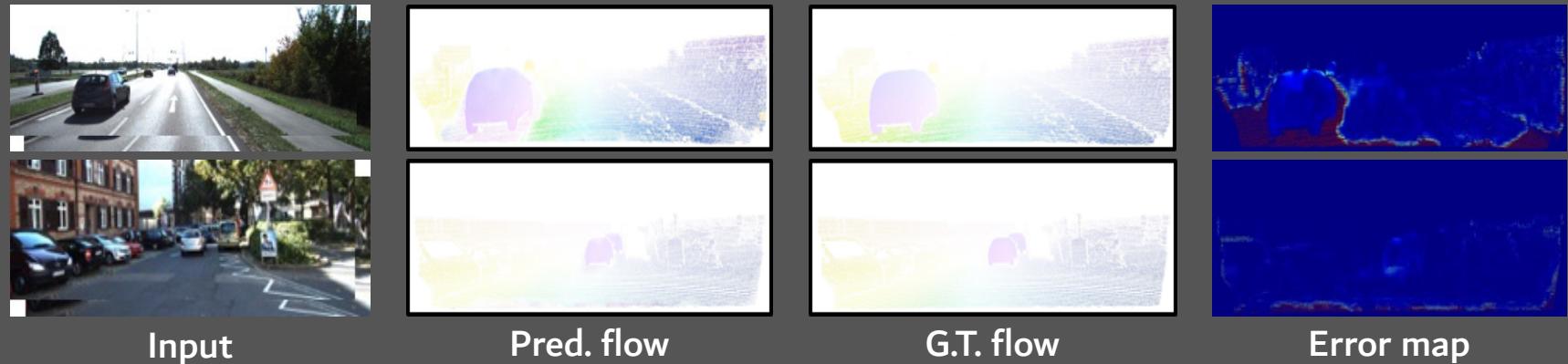
Inputs



Our fine alignment

# Other results

Optical flow on  
KITTI [Morit and Geiger, 2015]  
and  
Hpatches [Vassileios et al. 2017]



Sparse correspondences on  
RobotCar [Will et al. 2017, Mans et al. 2019]  
and  
MegaDepth [Vassileios et al. 2017]



And two-view geometric estimation,  
3D reconstruction and texture  
transfer...

# Other results

Two-view geometric estimation on  
YFCC100M [Thomee et al. 2016; Zhang et al. 2019]  
and  
Aachen day-night [Sattler et al. 2018]

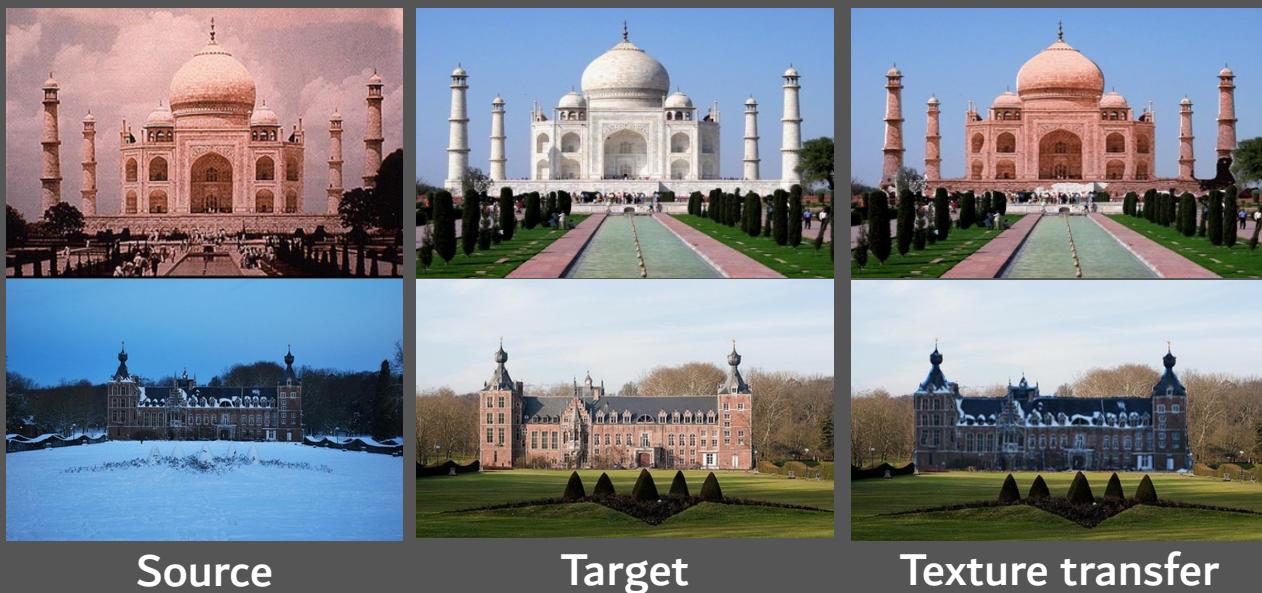
Input pairs



3D  
reconstruction



Texture transfer on LTLL [Fernando et al.  
2015]



Source

Target

Texture transfer

# Summary

- Unsupervised two-stage method for dense image alignment
- Superior performances on artworks alignment, optical flow, sparse correspondences and 3D reconstruction

# Conclusion

**Three *unsupervised* deep learning methods for near-duplicated patterns discovery and alignment in artworks:**

- Style-invariant feature from self-supervision
- Learning co-segmentation from synthetic data
- Dense image alignment from reconstruction

# Publications

*Discovering Visual Patterns in Art Collections with Spatially-consistent Feature Learning.*

**Xi Shen**, Alexei A. Efros, Mathieu Aubry,

**CVPR 2019**; Project page and code: <http://imagine.enpc.fr/~shenx/ArtMiner/>

*Spatially-consistent Feature Matching and Learning for Art Collections and Watermark Recognition.*

**Xi Shen**, Robin Champenois, Shiry Ginosar, Ilaria Pastrolin, Morgane Rousselot, Oumayma Bounou, Tom Monnier, Spyros Gidaris, François Bougard, Pierre-Guillaume Raverdy, Marie-Françoise Limon, Christine Bénèvent, Marc Smith, Olivier Poncet, K. Bender, Joyeux-Prunel Béatrice, Elizabeth Honig, Alexei A. Efros, Mathieu Aubry

**IJCV Minor Revision, 2021**; Project page and code: <http://imagine.enpc.fr/~shenx/HisImgAna/>

*Learning Co-segmentation by Segment Swapping for Retrieval and Discovery.*

**Xi Shen**, Alexei A. Efros, Armand Joulin, Mathieu Aubry,

**In submission**; Project page and code: <http://imagine.enpc.fr/~shenx/SegSwap/>

*RANSAC-Flow: Generic Two-stage Image Alignment.*

**Xi Shen**, François Darmon, Alexei A. Efros, Mathieu Aubry,

**ECCV 2020**; Project page and code: <http://imagine.enpc.fr/~shenx/RANSAC-Flow/>

# Additional publications on historical data analysis

*Large-Scale Historical Watermark Recognition: dataset and a new consistency-based approach.*

**Xi Shen**, Ilaria Pastrolin, Oumayma Bounou, Spyros Gidaris, Marc Smith, Olivier Poncet, Mathieu Aubry  
**ICPR, 2021**, Project page and code: <http://imagine.enpc.fr/~shenx/Watermark/>

*A Web Application for Watermark Recognition.*

Oumayma Bounou, Tom Monnier, Ilaria Pastrolin, **Xi Shen**, Christine Bénèvent, Marie-Françoise Limon-Bonnet, François Bougard, Mathieu Aubry, Marc Smith, Olivier Poncet, Pierre-Guillaume Raverdy

**Journal of Data Mining and Digital Humanities, 2021**, Web application: <https://filigranes.inria.fr/#/filigrane-search>

*Image Collation: Matching illustrations in manuscripts.*

Ryad Kaoua, **Xi Shen**, Alexandra Durr, Stavros Lazaris, David Picard, Mathieu Aubry  
**ICDAR, 2021**, Project page and code: <http://imagine.enpc.fr/~shenx/ImageCollation/>

# Other publications

## Few –shot learning

*Empirical Bayes Transductive Meta-Learning with Synthetic Gradients.*

Shell Xu Hu, Pablo G Moreno, Yang Xiao, **Xi Shen**, Guillaume Obozinski, Neil D Lawrence, Andreas Damianou  
**ICLR, 2020**

Code: [https://github.com/hushell/sib\\_meta\\_learn](https://github.com/hushell/sib_meta_learn)

*Re-ranking for image retrieval and transductive few-shot classification.*

**Xi Shen**, Yang Xiao, Shell Hu, Othman Sbai, Mathieu Aubry  
**NeurIPS, 2021**

Project page and code: <http://imagine.enpc.fr/~shenx/SSR/>

## Weakly supervised learning

*Marginalized Average Attentional Network for Weakly-Supervised Learning.*

Yuan Yuan, Yueming Lyu, **Xi Shen**, Ivor W Tsang, Dit-Yan Yeung  
**ICLR, 2019**

Code: <https://github.com/yyuanad/MAAN>

# Future works

- An advanced annotation system incorporating unsupervised / weakly supervised techniques, interaction with users
- End-to-end multi-object multi-image discovery



Thanks to everybody I interacted with

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**Thanks for your attention!**  
**Questions ?**