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## Revisiting the Sibling Head in Object Detector

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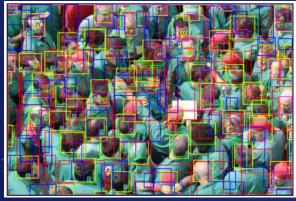
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Code is available: <a href="https://github.com/Sense-X/TSD">https://github.com/Sense-X/TSD</a>

## Revisiting the object detection task

More complex scenes and large-scale object IDs







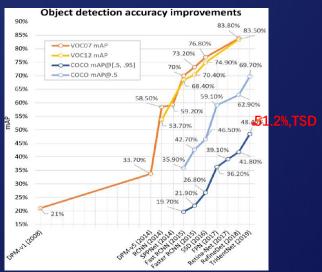


- Pascal VOC dataset
- COCO dataset
- ILSVRC
- Object 365
- ......

Main challenges

- Accurate cls and precise loc
- Missed GT labels
- Heavy occlusion
- Dense instances
- Noise annotations
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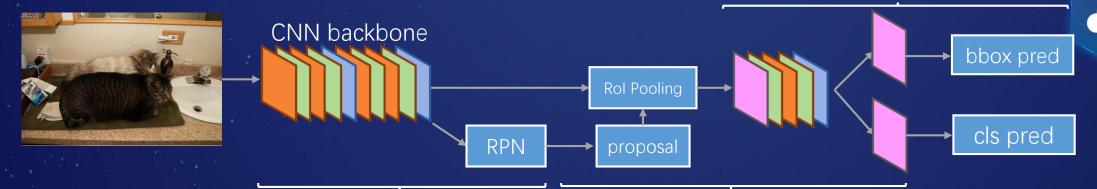
Performance Based on COCO and VOC datasets



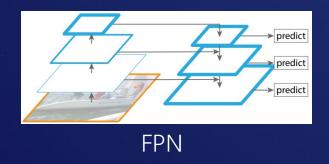
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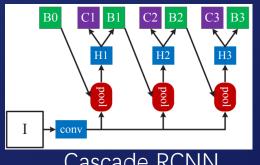
# Revisiting the SOTA framework

Revisiting the Faster RCNN



For accurate detection For better representation Since then, many efficient detectors are proposed to solve the visual detection task.





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Sibling head

Cascade RCNN

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# **01** The conflict in sibling head

• On such a large scale object detection task, there is the potential conflict in sibling head.

#### Classification



#### **Detection**



Faster RCNN Multi-task Learning

Potential conflict:

#### translation-agnostic

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Classification:  $C(f(F_l, P)) = C(f(F_l, P + \varepsilon)),$ 

Localization:  $\mathcal{R}(f(F_l, P)) \neq \mathcal{R}(f(F_l, P + \varepsilon))$ 

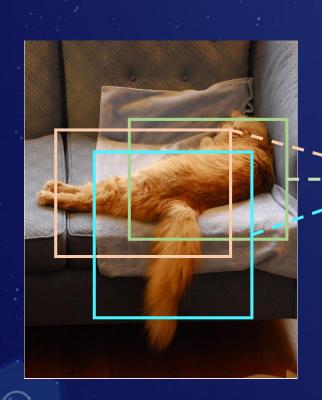
translation sensitivity

We need to predict the class in it.

We need to predict the class and localization in it.

# **01** The conflict in sibling head







For classification, the predicted confidence should be 1.

For localization, the  $[\Delta x, \Delta y, \Delta w, \Delta h]$  should be different.

The clues here help us determine where its boundaries are.

# **02** Motivation



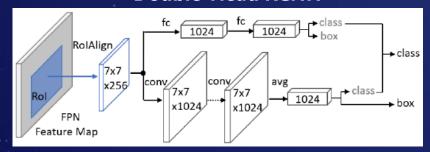


# Some works have explored this conflict **IOUNet**

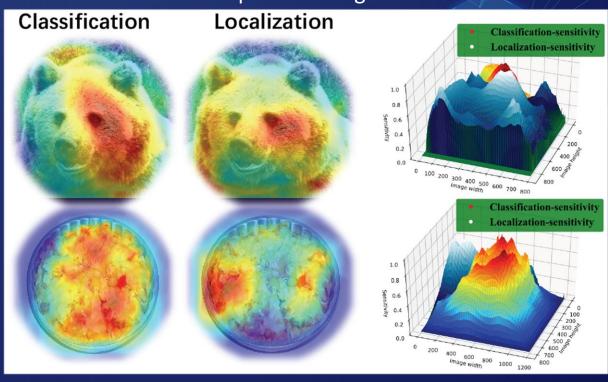


Misalignment between classification and localization.

#### **Double-Head RCNN**



### Task spatial misalignment



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## TSD (Task-aware spatial disentanglement)

Classical Faster RCNN

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{cls}(\mathcal{H}_1(F_l, P), y) + \mathcal{L}_{loc}(\mathcal{H}_2(F_l, P), \mathcal{B})$$
 Extracting feature 
$$\mathcal{H}_1(\cdot) = \{f(\cdot) | \mathcal{C}(\cdot)\}, \ \mathcal{H}_2(\cdot) = \{f(\cdot), R(\cdot)\}$$
 Classification Localization

Disentangle them from both input and feature extractor.

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{cls}^{D}(\mathcal{H}_{1}^{D}(F_{l}, \hat{P}_{c}), y) + \mathcal{L}_{loc}^{D}(\mathcal{H}_{2}^{D}(F_{l}, \hat{P}_{r}), \mathcal{B})$$

$$\mathcal{H}_1^D = \{ f_c(\cdot), C(\cdot) \} \ \hat{P}_c = \tau_c(P, \Delta C),$$

Be friendly to classification

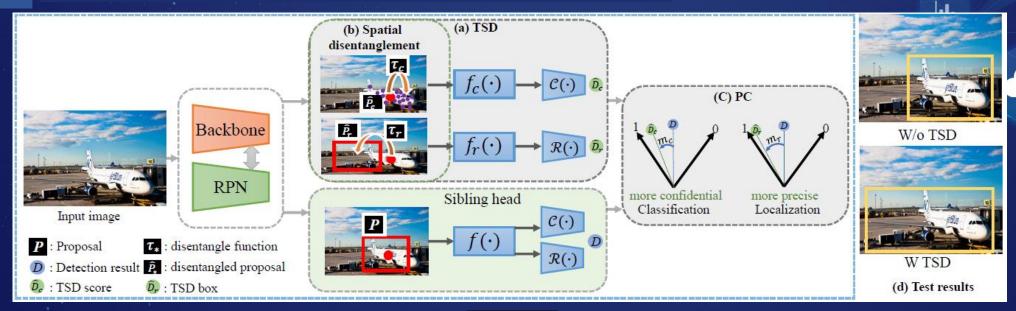
$$\mathcal{H}_2^D = \{f_r(\cdot), R(\cdot)\} \quad \hat{P}_r = \tau_r(P, \Delta R)$$

Be friendly to localization

This naturally leads to the pipeline of TSD.



## TSD (Task-aware spatial disentanglement)



#### For classification and localization in TSD

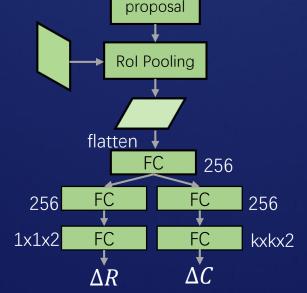
$$\Delta R = \gamma \mathcal{F}_r(F; \theta_r) \cdot (w, h)$$

$$\Delta C = \gamma \mathcal{F}_c(F; \theta_c) \cdot (w, h)$$

#### Bilinear interpolation is used

$$\hat{F}_{c}(x,y) = \sum_{p \in G(x,y)} \frac{\mathcal{F}_{B}(p_{0} + \Delta C(x,y,1), p_{1} + \Delta C(x,y,2))}{|G(x,y)|}$$

$$\hat{F}_{r}(x,y) = \sum_{p \in G(x,y)} \frac{\mathcal{F}_{B}(p_{0} + \Delta R(1,1,1), p_{1} + \Delta R(1,1,2))}{|G(x,y)|}$$



### **Progressive constraint (PC)**

For classification

$$\mathcal{M}_{cls} = |\mathcal{H}_1(y|F_l, P) - \mathcal{H}_1^D(y|F_l, \tau_c(P, \Delta C)) + m_c|_+$$

For localization

$$\mathcal{M}_{loc} = |IOU(\widehat{\mathcal{B}}, \mathcal{B}) - IOU(\widehat{\mathcal{B}}_D, \mathcal{B}) + m_r|_{+}$$

Total optimization

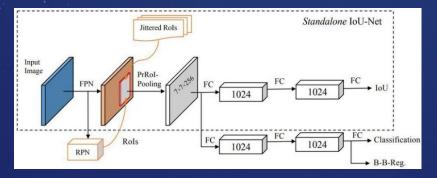
$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{rpn} + \mathcal{L}_{cls} + \mathcal{L}_{loc} + \mathcal{L}_{cls}^{D} + \mathcal{L}_{loc}^{D} + \mathcal{M}_{cls} + \mathcal{M}_{loc}$$

$$classical \ loss \qquad TSD \ loss$$

## TSD (Task-aware spatial disentanglement)

Different from other related works

#### **IOUNet**

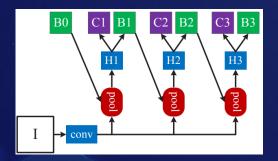


Learning IoU for bbox to alleviate the conflict between cls and loc.

#### **Double-Head RCNN**

Disentangling them from feature extractors.

#### **Cascade RCNN**



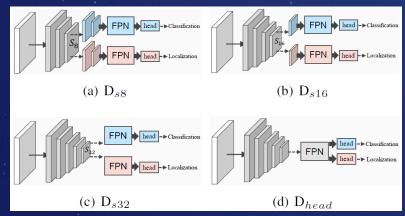
Proposals (or Bboxs) are also shared between classification and localization.

If the  $B_i$  generated by the last stage is also dominated by the classification, it may be still failed to regress the GT in this stage.



## **04** Experiments

Task-aware disentanglement.



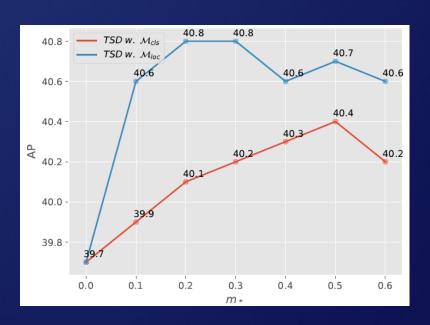
Disentanglement	#param	AP	AP <sub>.5</sub>	AP <sub>.75</sub>
ResNet-50	41.8M	36.1	58.0	38.8
ResNet-50+D $_{s8}$	81.1M	22.3	46.3	16.7
ResNet-50+ $D_{s16}$	74.0M	22.0	46.2	16.3
ResNet-50+ $D_{s32}$	59M	20.3	44.7	13.2
ResNet-50+ $D_{head}$	55.7M	37.3	59.4	40.2
TSD w/o PC	58.9M	38.2	60.5	41.1

## Joint training with sibling head

Method	AP	AP.5	AP <sub>.75</sub>
TSD w/o PC	38.2	60.5	41.1
+ Joint training with sibling head $\mathcal{H}_*$	39.7	61.7	42.8

### Effectiveness of PC

•	Method	TSD	P	C	AP	AP.5	AP.75
	Method	130	$\mathcal{M}_{cls}$	$\mathcal{M}_{loc}$	AI	A1 .5	AI .75
	ResNet-50	✓			39.7	61.7	42.8
	ResNet-50	✓	✓		40.1	61.7	43.2
	ResNet-50	✓		✓	40.8	61.7	43.8
	ResNet-50	✓	✓	✓	41.0	61.7	44.3



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# **04** Experiments

## Applicable to variant backbones

Method	Ours	AP	AP.5	AP.75	runtime
ResNet-50		36.1	58.0	38.8	159.4 ms
ResNet-50	✓	41.0	<b>61.7</b>	44.3	174.9 ms
ResNet-101		38.6	60.6	41.8	172.4ms
ResNet-101	✓	42.4	63.1	46.0	189.0ms
ResNet-101-DCN		40.8	63.2	44.6	179.3ms
ResNet-101-DCN	✓	43.5	64.4	47.0	200.8ms
ResNet-152		40.7	62.6	44.6	191.3ms
ResNet-152	✓	43.9	64.5	47.7	213.2ms
ResNeXt-101 [36]		40.5	62.6	44.2	187.5ms
ResNeXt-101 [36]	✓	43.5	64.5	46.9	206.6ms

## Generalization on large scale

Method	TSD	AP <sub>.5</sub> (Val)	AP <sub>.5</sub> (LB)
ResNet-50		64.64	49.79
ResNet-50	✓	68.18	52.55
Cascade-DCN-SENet154		69.27	55.979
Cascade-DCN-SENet154	✓	71.17	58.34
DCN-ResNeXt101*		68.70	55.05
DCN-ResNeXt101*	✓	71.71	58.59
DCN-SENet154*		70	57.771
DCN-SENet154*	✓	72.19	60.5

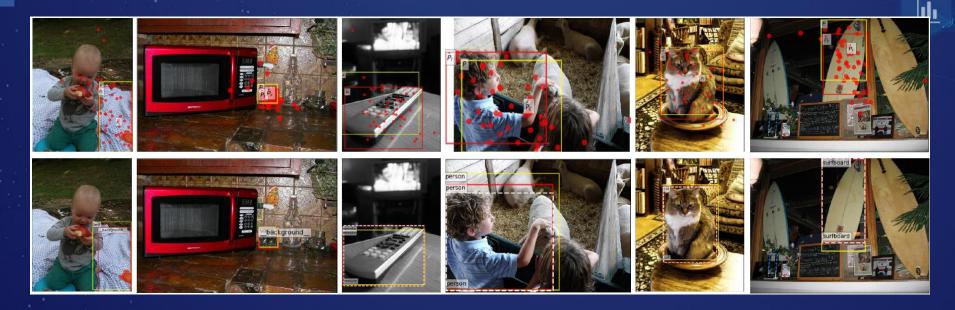


Dataset	train		valid	validation		trainval		st
Dataset	images	objects	images	objects	images	objects	images	objects
VOC-2007	2,501	6,301	2,510	6,307	5,011	12,608	4,952	14,976
VOC-2012	5,717	13,609	5,823	13,841	11,540	27,450	10,991	-
ILSVRC-2014	456,567	478,807	20,121	55,502	476,688	534,309	40,152	-
ILSVRC-2017	456,567	478,807	20,121	55,502	476,688	534,309	65,500	-
MS-COCO-2015	82,783	604,907	40,504	291,875	123,287	896,782	81,434	-
MS-COCO-2018	118,287	860,001	5,000	36,781	123,287	896,782	40,670	-
OID-2018	1,743,042	14,610,229	41,620	204,621	1,784,662	14,814,850	125,436	625,282

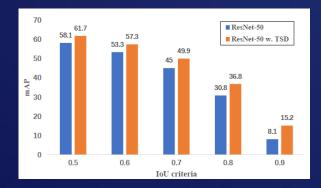
## Applicable to Mask RCNN

Method	Ours	$\mathrm{AP}^{bb}$	$\mathrm{AP}^{bb}_{.5}$	$AP^{bb}_{.75}$	$AP^{mask}$	$AP^{mask}_{.5}$	$AP^{mask}_{.75}$
ResNet-50 w. FPN		37.2	58.8	40.2	33.6	55.3	35.4
ResNet-50 w. FPN	✓	41.5	62.1	44.8	35.8	58.3	37.7
ResNet-101 w. FPN		39.5	61.2	43.0	35.7	57.9	38.0
ResNet-101 w. FPN	✓	43.0	63.6	46.8	37.2	59.9	39.5

## **Experiments**



## Performance in different IoU criteria. Performance in different scale criteria.



Criteria	TSD	AP.5	AP.6	AP.7	AP.8	AP.9
$AP_{small}$		38.4	33.7	26.7	16.2	3.6
$AP_{small}$	✓	40.0	35.6	28.8	17.7	5.3
$AP_{medium}$		62.9	58.4	49.7	33.6	8.7
$AP_{medium}$	✓	67.7	62.4	54.9	40.2	15.4
$\overline{\text{AP}_{large}}$		69.5	65.5	56.8	43.2	14.8
$\mathrm{AP}_{large}$	✓	74.8	71.6	65.0	53.2	27.9

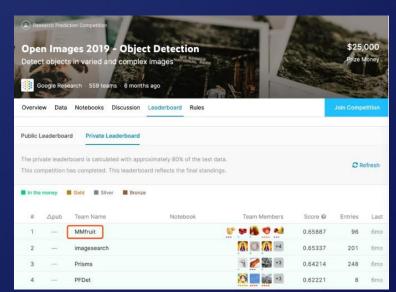
# 04 Experiments

## Comparison with state-of-the-arts

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Method	backbone	b&w	AP	$AP_{.5}$	$AP_{.75}$	$AP_s$	$AP_m$	$AP_l$
RefineDet512 [41]	ResNet-101		36.4	57.5	39.5	16.6	39.9	51.4
RetinaNet800 [22]	ResNet-101		39.1	59.1	42.3	21.8	42.7	50.2
CornerNet [17]	Hourglass-104 [28]		40.5	56.5	43.1	19.4	42.7	53.9
ExtremeNet [42]	Hourglass-104 [28]		40.1	55.3	43.2	20.3	43.2	53.1
FCOS [34]	ResNet-101		41.5	60.7	45.0	24.4	44.8	51.6
RPDet [39]	ResNet-101-DCN	✓	46.5	67.4	50.9	30.3	49.7	57.1
CenterNet511 [6]	Hourglass-104	✓	47.0	64.5	50.7	28.9	49.9	58.9
TridentNet [20]	ResNet-101-DCN	✓	48.4	69.7	53.5	31.8	51.3	60.3
NAS-FPN [8]	AmoebaNet (7 @ 384)	✓	48.3	-	-	-	-	-
Faster R-CNN w FPN [21]	ResNet-101		36.2	59.1	39.0	18.2	39.0	48.2
Auto-FPN <sup>†</sup> [38]	ResNet-101		42.5	-	-	-	-	-
Regionlets [37]	ResNet-101		39.3	59.8	-	21.7	43.7	50.9
Grid R-CNN [27]	ResNet-101		41.5	60.9	44.5	23.3	44.9	54.1
Cascade R-CNN [2]	ResNet-101		42.8	62.1	46.3	23.7	45.5	55.2
DCR [4]	ResNet-101		40.7	64.4	44.6	24.3	43.7	51.9
IoU-Net <sup>†</sup> [15]	ResNet-101		40.6	59.0	-	-	-	-
Double-Head-Ext <sup>†</sup> [35]	ResNet-101		41.9	62.4	45.9	23.9	45.2	55.8
SNIPER [32]	ResNet-101-DCN	✓	46.1	67.0	51.6	29.6	48.9	58.1
DCNV2 [43]	ResNet-101	✓	46.0	67.9	50.8	27.8	49.1	59.5
PANet [24]	ResNet-101	✓	47.4	67.2	51.8	30.1	51.7	60.0
GCNet [3]	ResNet-101-DCN	✓	48.4	67.6	52.7	-	-	-
$TSD^{\dagger}$	ResNet-101		43.1	63.6	46.7	24.9	46.8	57.5
TSD	ResNet-101		43.2	64.0	46.9	24.0	46.3	55.8
$TSD^*$	ResNet-101-DCN	✓	49.4	69.6	54.4	32.7	52.5	61.0
TSD*	SENet154-DCN [14]	✓	51.2	71.9	56.0	33.8	54.8	64.2

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# 05 Conclusion

- We delve into the essential barriers behind the tangled tasks in RoI-based detectors and reveal the bottlenecks that limit the upper bound of detection performance.
- We propose a simple but effective operator called task-aware spatial disentanglement (TSD) to deal with the tangled tasks conflict.
- We further propose a progressive constraint (PC) to enlarge the performance margin between TSD and the classical sibling head.
- We validate the effectiveness of our approach on the standard COCO benchmark and large-scale OpenImageV5 dataset with thorough ablation studies. It can steadily improve performance with different backbones.







Code is available: <a href="https://github.com/Sense-X/TSD">https://github.com/Sense-X/TSD</a>



