

# Object Recognition and Augmented Reality



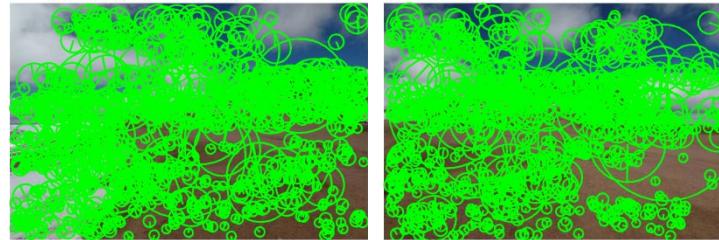
Magritte, *The Treachery of Images*

Computational Photography

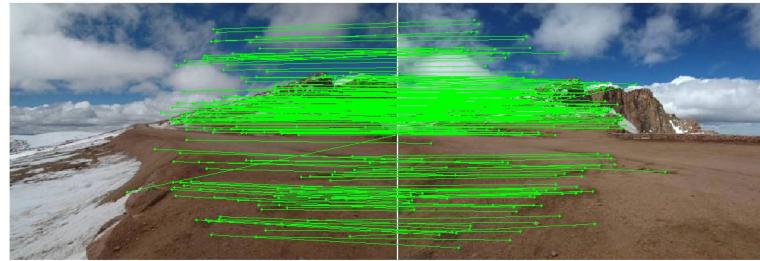
Derek Hoiem, University of Illinois

# Last class: Image Stitching

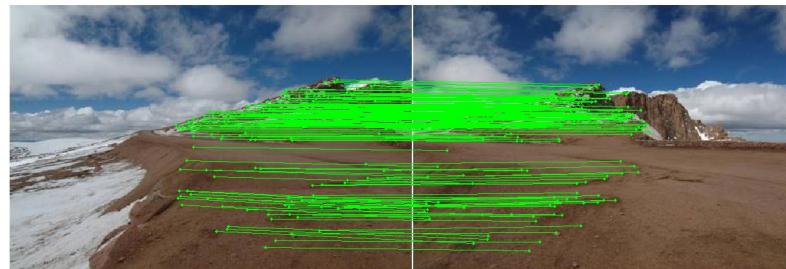
1. Detect keypoints



2. Match keypoints



3. Use RANSAC to estimate homography



4. Project onto a surface and blend



# Project 5: coming up

1. Align frames to a central frame
2. Identify background pixels on panorama
3. Map background pixels back to videos
4. Identify and display foreground pixels

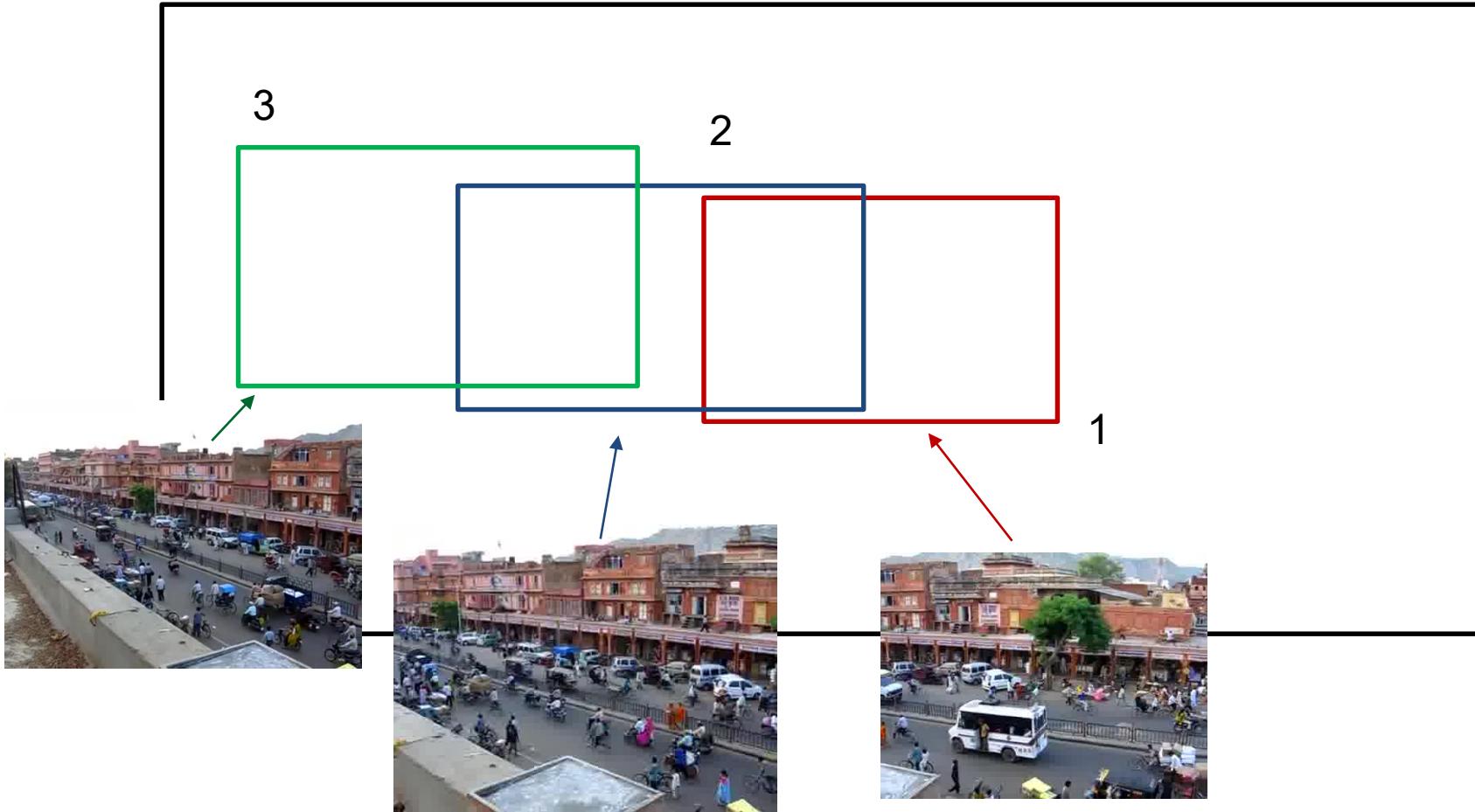
Lots of possible extensions for extra credit

# Aligning frames

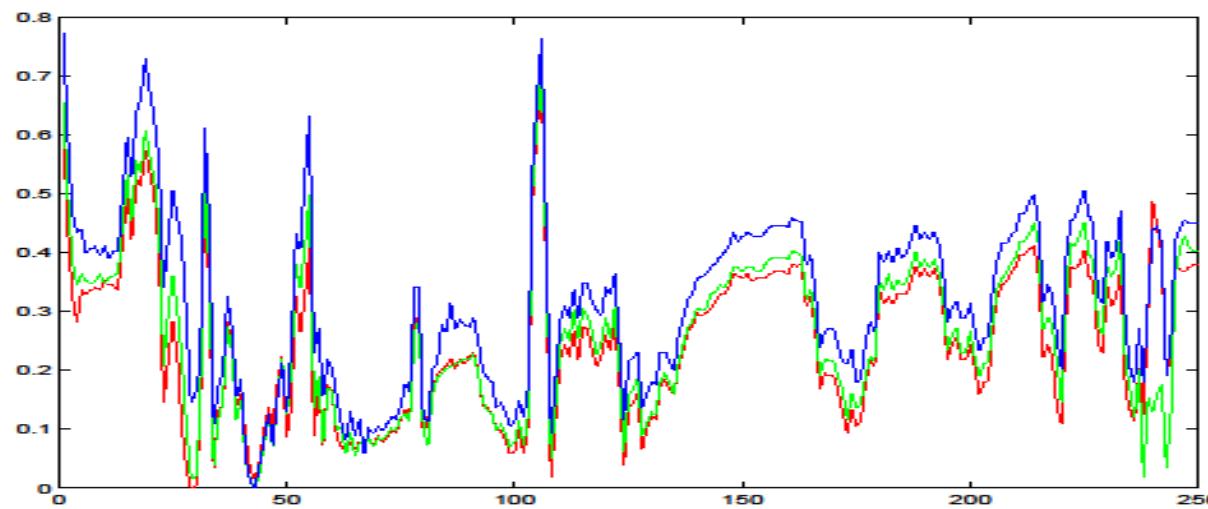
$$x_1 = H_{21}x_2$$

$$x_2 = H_{32}x_3$$

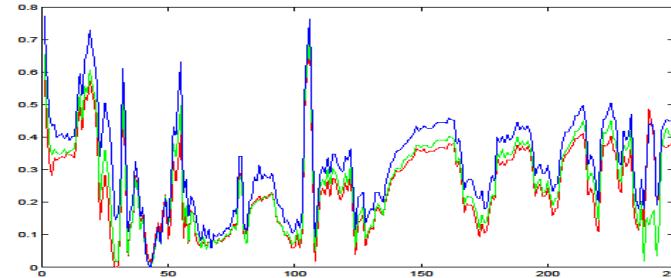
$$x_1 =? x_3$$



# Background identification

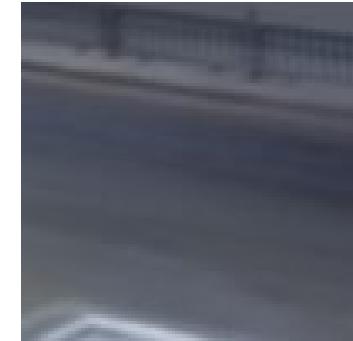


# Background identification



## Idea 1: take average (mean) pixel

- Not bad but averages over outliers



mean

## Idea 2: take mode (most common) pixel

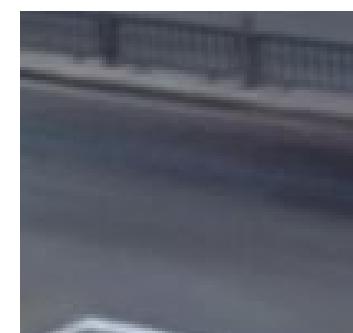
- Can ignore outliers if background shows more than any other single color



mode

## Idea 3: take median pixel

- Can ignore outliers if background shows at least 50% of time, or outliers tend to be well-distributed



median

# Identifying foreground

1. Simple method: foreground pixels are some distance away from background
2. Another method: count times that each color is observed and assign unlikely colors to foreground
  - Can work for repetitive motion, like a tree swaying in the breeze

# Augmented reality

- Insert and/or interact with object in scene
  - Project by Karen Liu
  - Responsive characters in AR
  - KinectFusion
- Overlay information on a display
  - Tagging reality
  - HoloLens
  - Google goggles

# Adding fake objects to real video

## Approach

1. Recognize and/or track points that give you a coordinate frame
2. Apply homography (flat texture) or perspective projection (3D model) to put object into scene

Main challenge: dealing with lighting, shadows, occlusion



# Information overlay

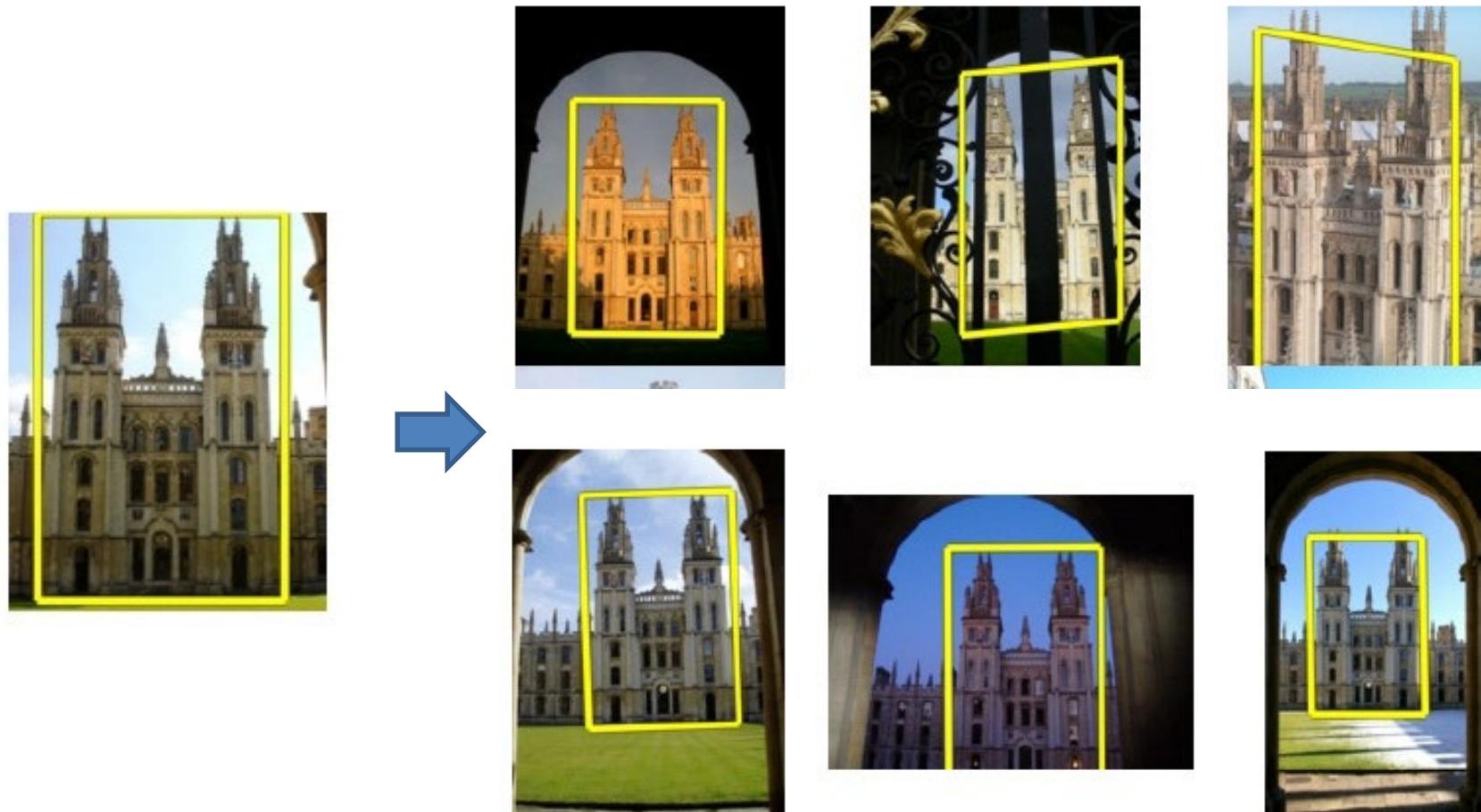
## Approach

1. Recognize object that you've seen before
2. Possibly, compute its pose
3. Retrieve info and overlay

Main challenge: how to match reliably and efficiently?

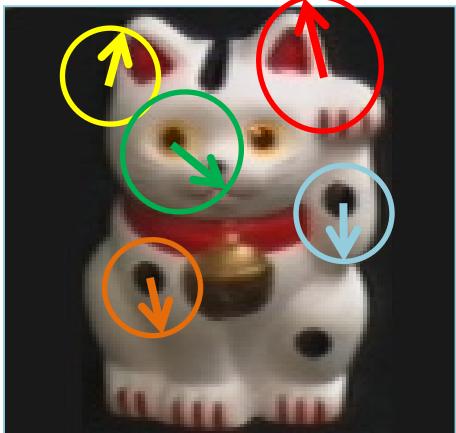
# Today

How to quickly find images in a large database  
that match a given image region?



# Let's start with interest points

**Query**



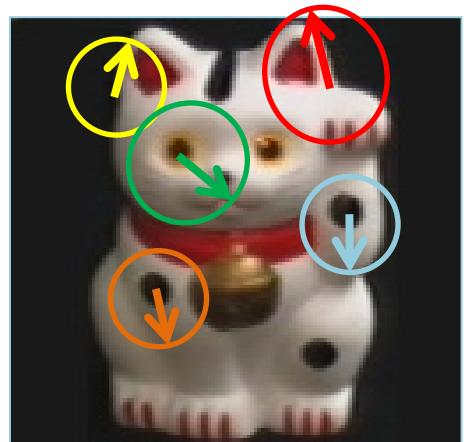
**Database**



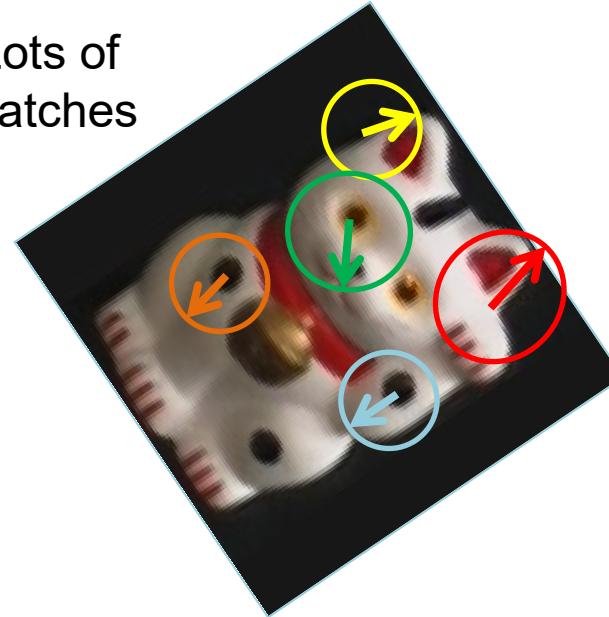
Compute interest points (or keypoints) for every image in the database and the query

# Simple idea

See how many keypoints  
are close to keypoints in  
each other image



Lots of  
Matches



Few or No  
Matches



But this will be really, really slow!

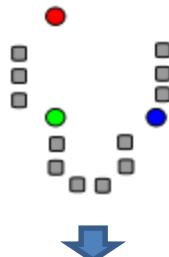
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- Cluster the keypoint descriptors

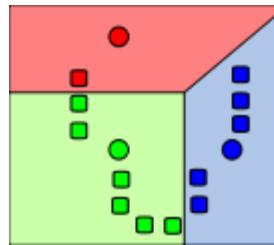
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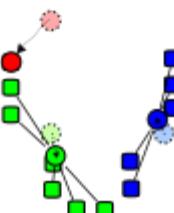
1. Randomly select K centers



2. Assign each point to nearest center



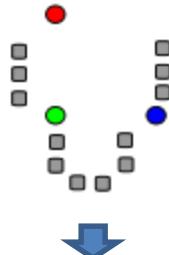
3. Compute new center (mean) for each cluster



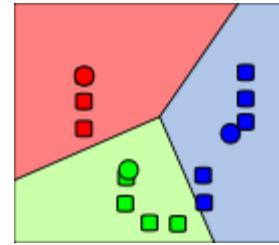
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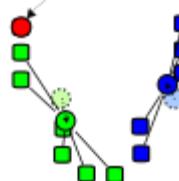
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Back to 2

# Kmeans: Matlab code

```
function C = kmeans(X, K)

% Initialize cluster centers to be randomly sampled points
[N, d] = size(X);
rp = randperm(N);
C = X(rp(1:K), :);

lastAssignment = zeros(N, 1);
while true

    % Assign each point to nearest cluster center
    bestAssignment = zeros(N, 1);
    mindist = Inf*ones(N, 1);
    for k = 1:K
        for n = 1:N
            dist = sum((X(n, :) - C(k, :)).^2);
            if dist < mindist(n)
                mindist(n) = dist;
                bestAssignment(n) = k;
            end
        end
    end

    % break if assignment is unchanged
    if all(bestAssignment==lastAssignment), break; end;
    lastAssignment = bestAssignment;

    % Assign each cluster center to mean of points within it
    for k = 1:K
        C(k, :) = mean(X(bestAssignment==k, :));
    end
end
```

# K-means Demo

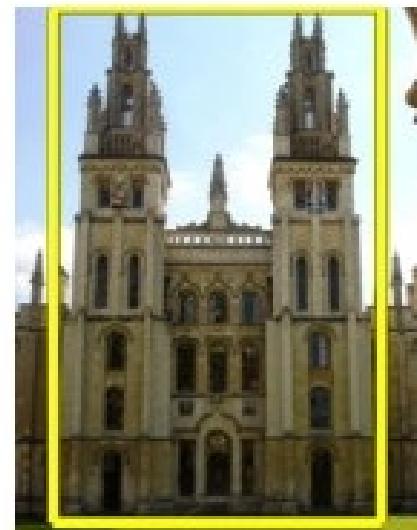
<https://www.naftaliharris.com/blog/visualizing-k-means-clustering/>

# Key idea 1: “Visual Words”

- Cluster the keypoint descriptors
- Assign each descriptor to a cluster number
  - What does this buy us?
  - Each descriptor was 128 dimensional floating point, now is 1 integer (easy to match!)
  - Is there a catch?
    - Need **a lot** of clusters (e.g., 1 million) if we want points in the same cluster to be very similar
    - Points that really are similar might end up in different clusters

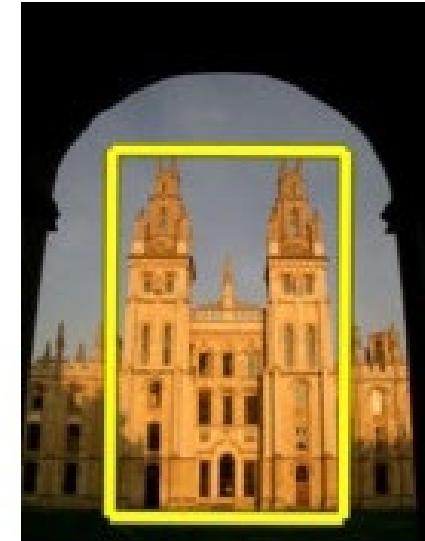
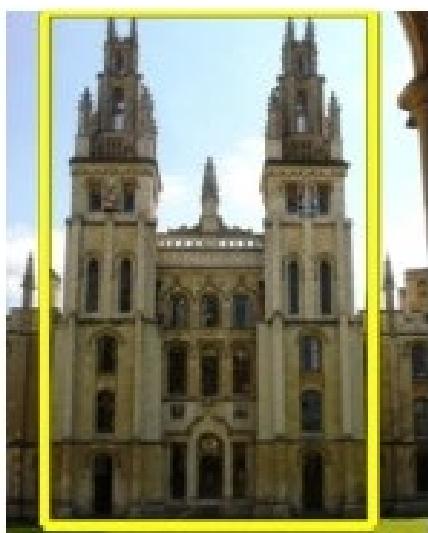
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- An image is a good match if it has a lot of the same visual words as the query region



# Naïve matching is still too slow

Imagine matching 1,000,000 images, each with  
1,000 keypoints

# Key Idea 2: Inverse document file

- Like a book index: keep a list of all the words (keypoints) and all the pages (images) that contain them.
- Rank database images based on tf-idf measure.

tf-idf: Term Frequency – Inverse Document Frequency

$$t_i = \frac{n_{id}}{n_d} \log \frac{N}{n_i}$$

# times word appears in document      # documents  
# words in document      # documents that contain the word

# Fast visual search

“Video Google”, Sivic and Zisserman, ICCV 2003

“Scalable Recognition with a Vocabulary Tree”, Nister and Stewenius, CVPR 2006.

# 110,000,000 Images in 5.8 Seconds

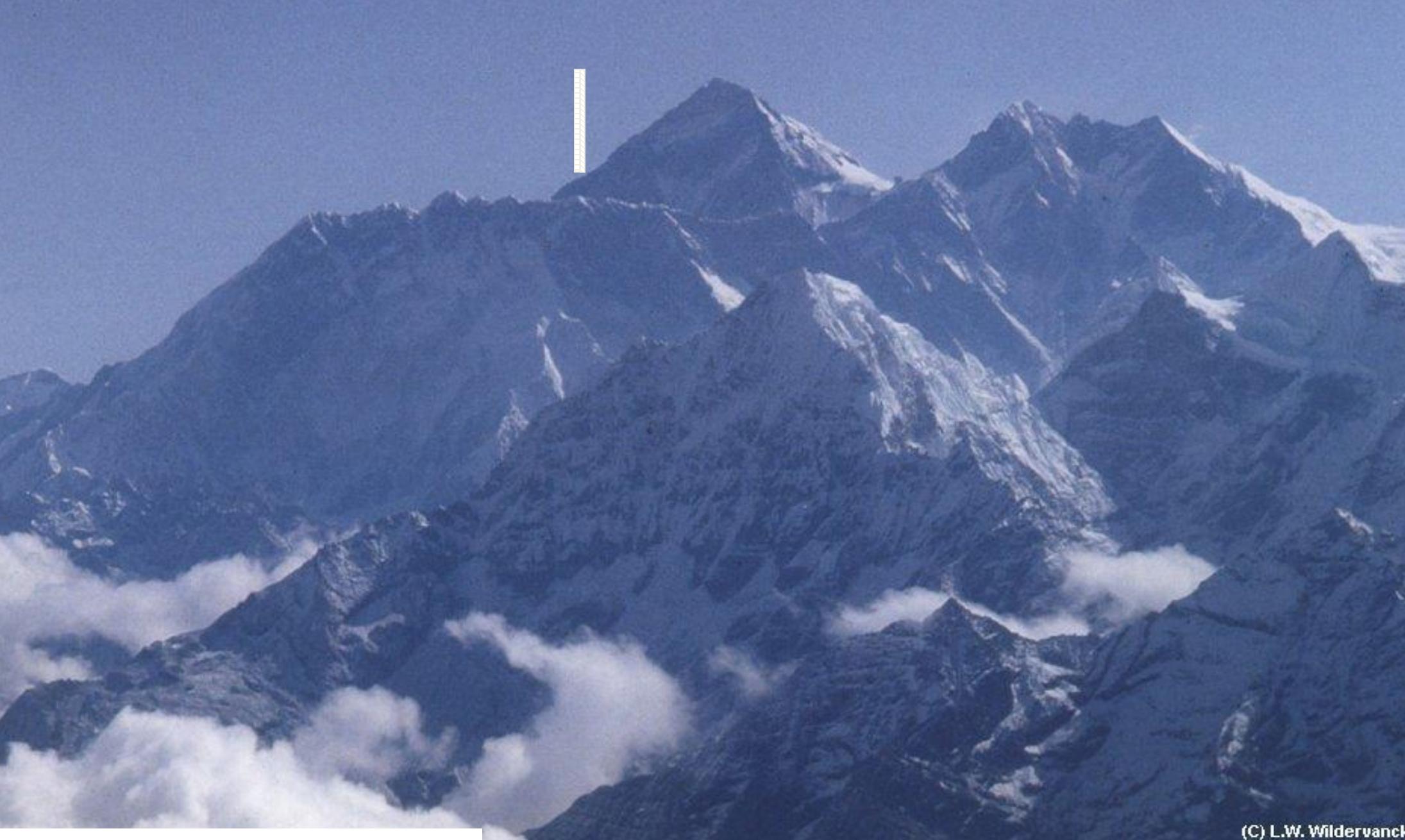


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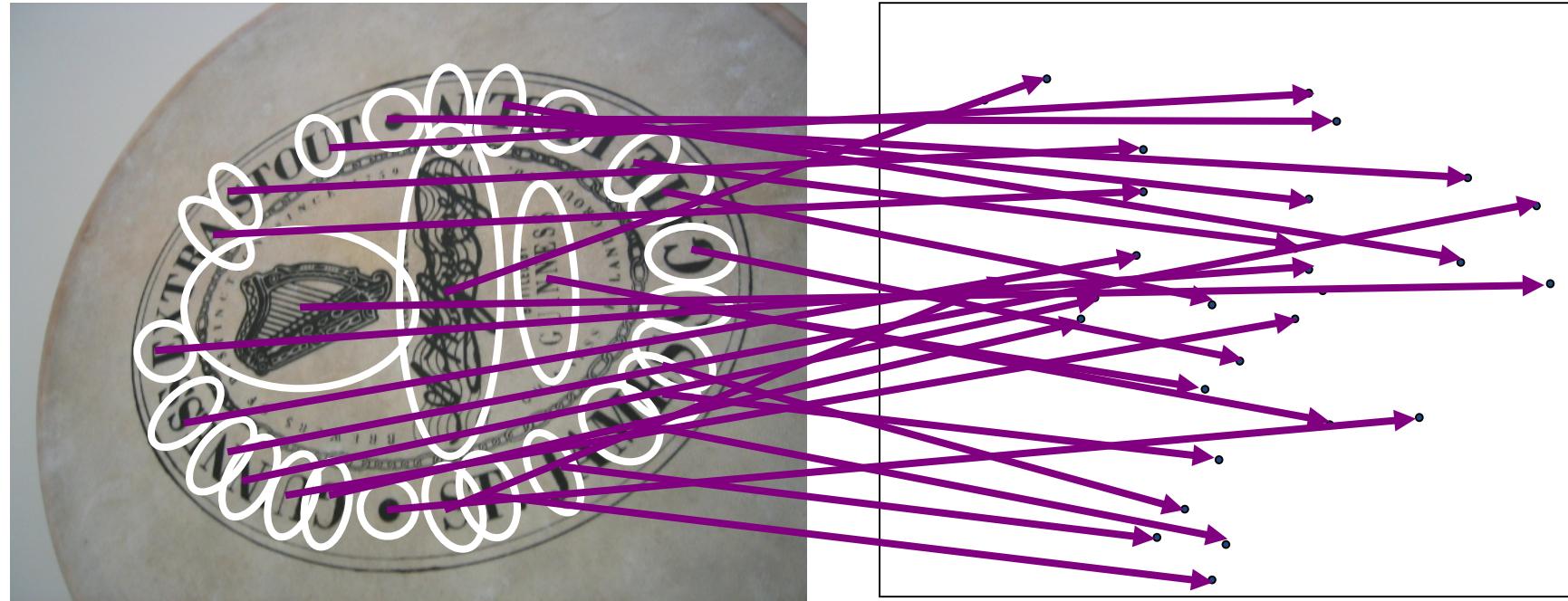


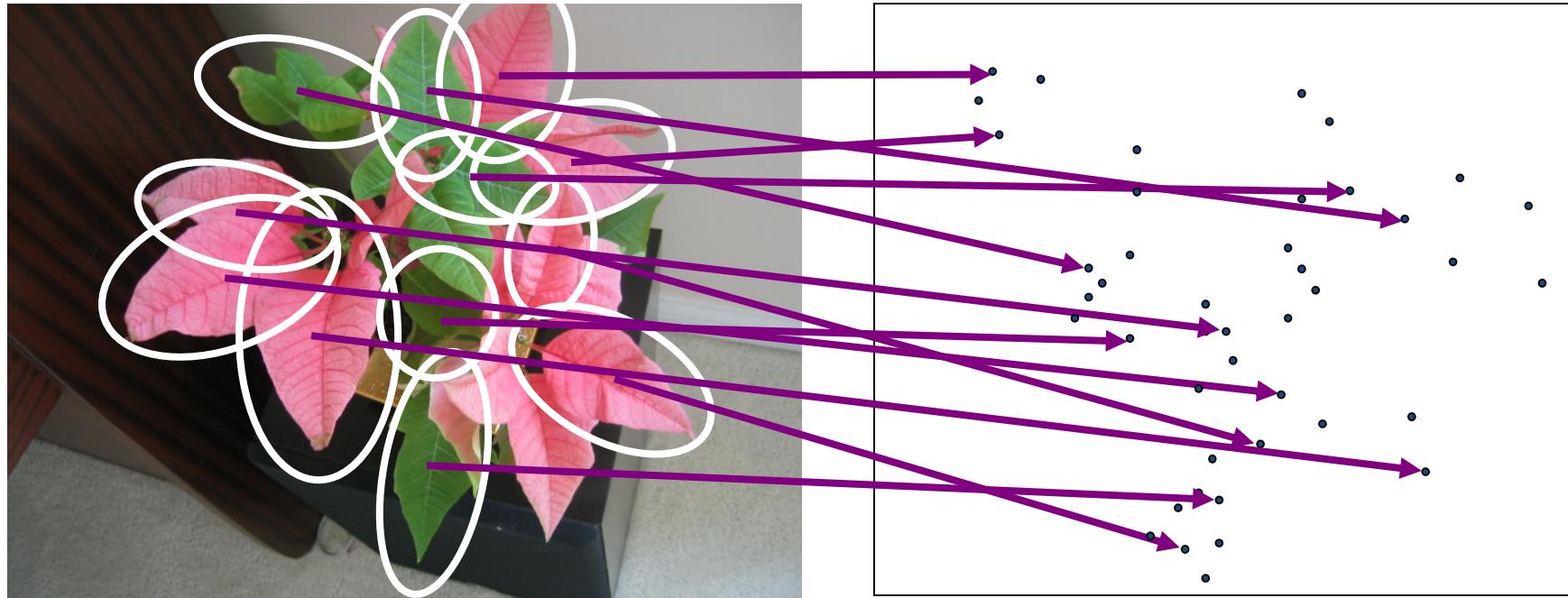
(C) L.W. Wildervanck

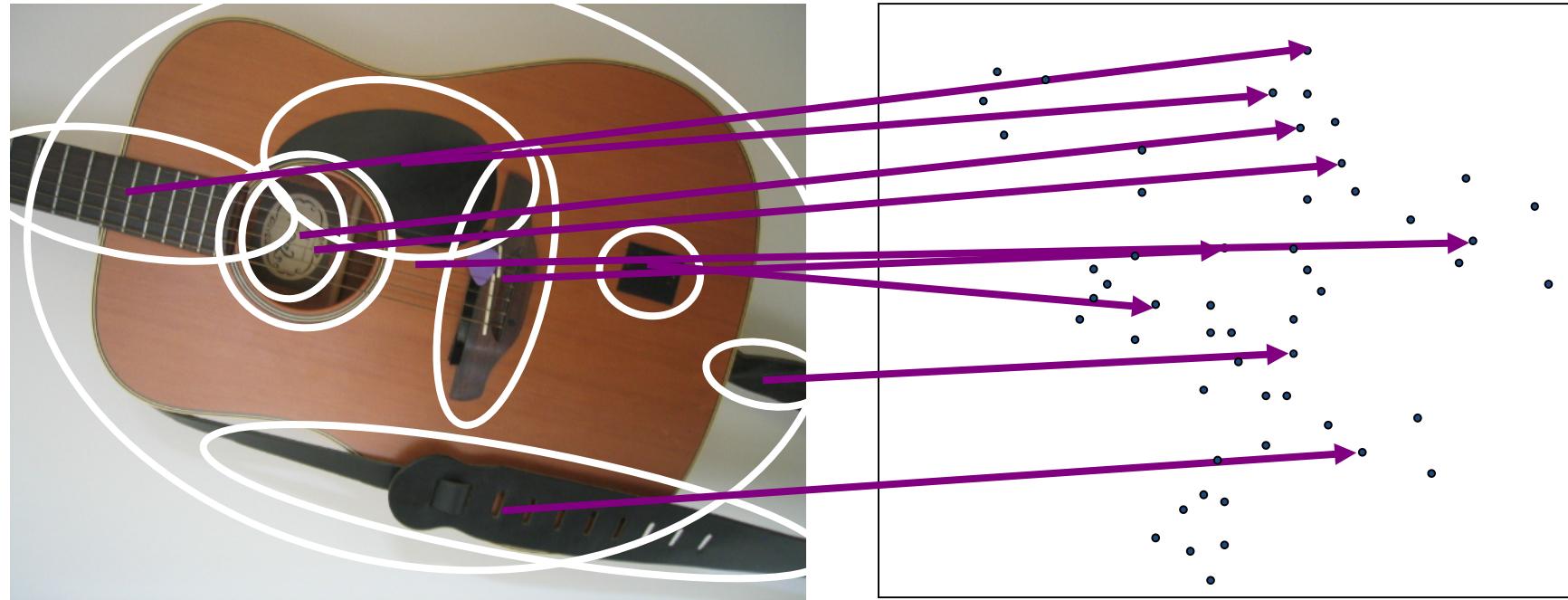
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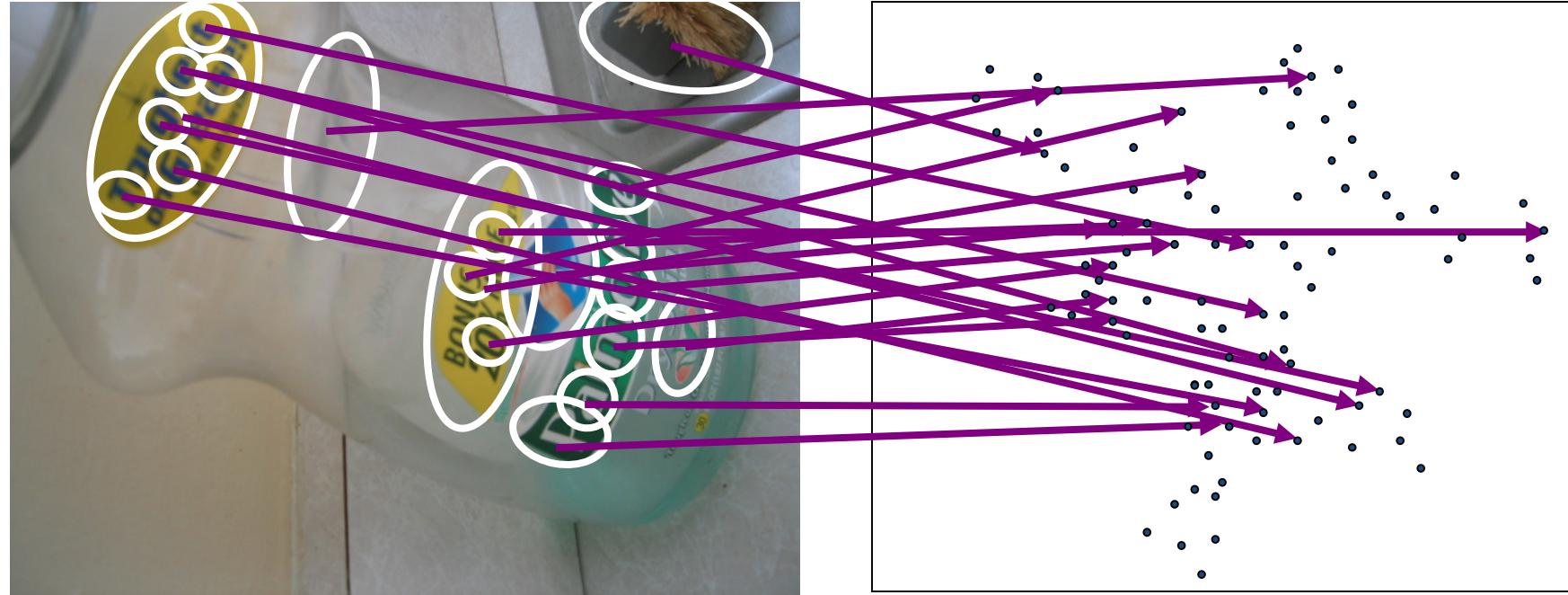
# Recognition with K-tree

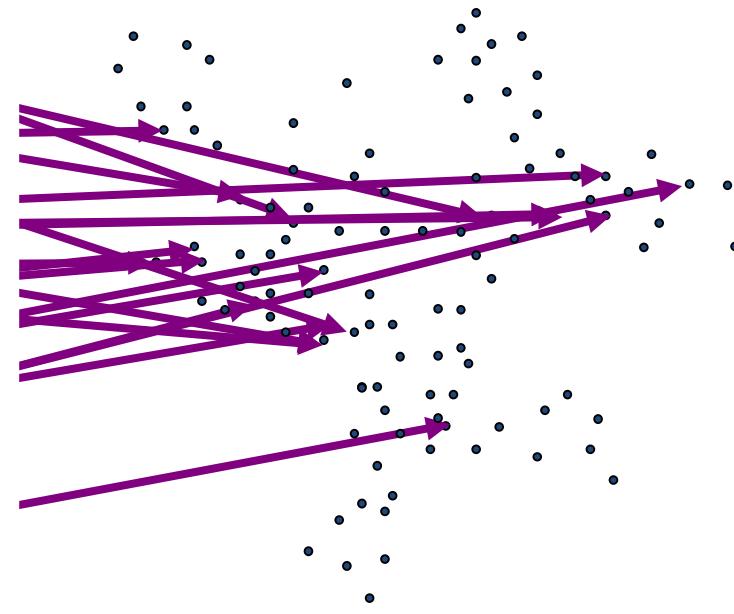
Following slides by David Nister (CVPR 2006)

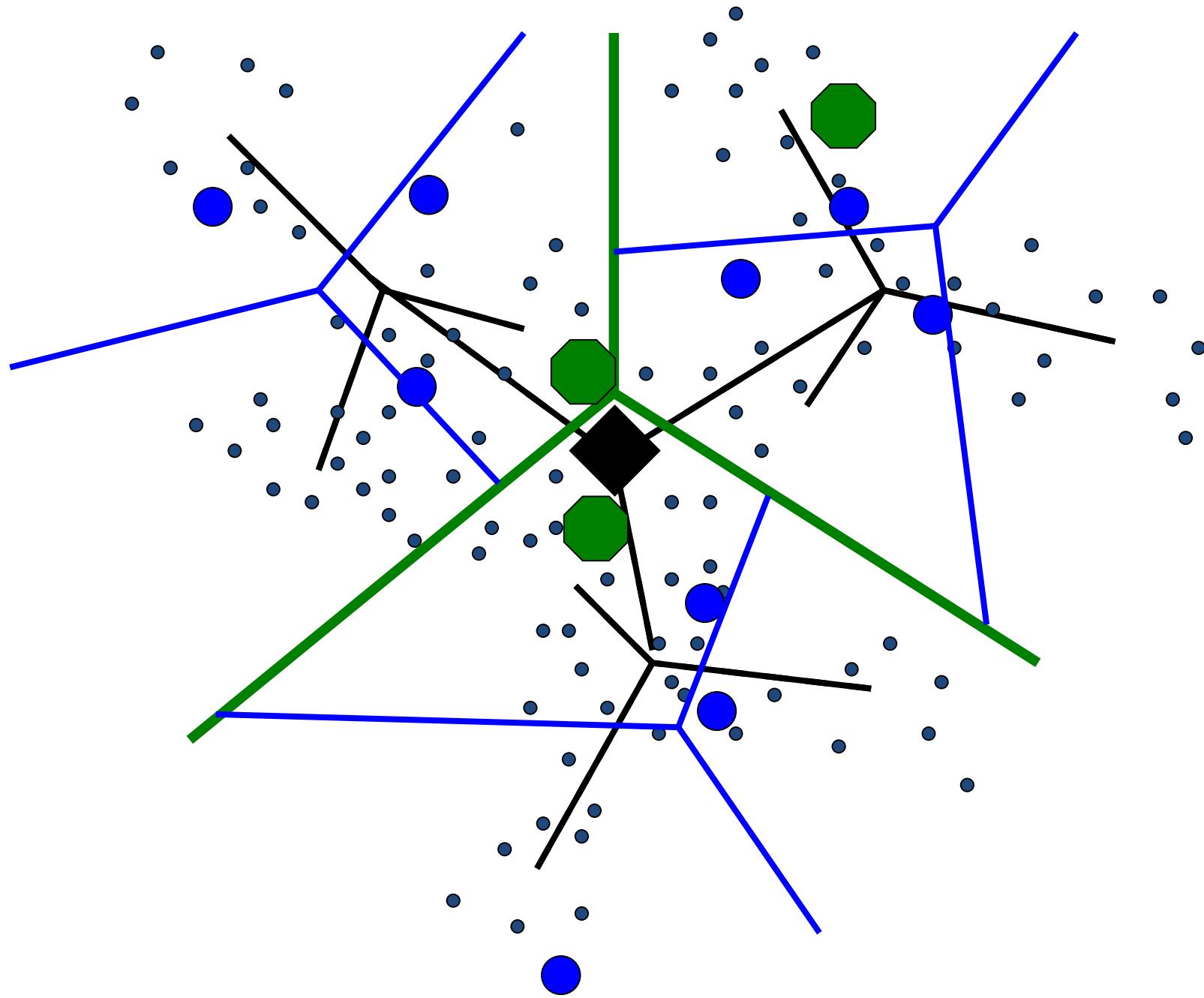


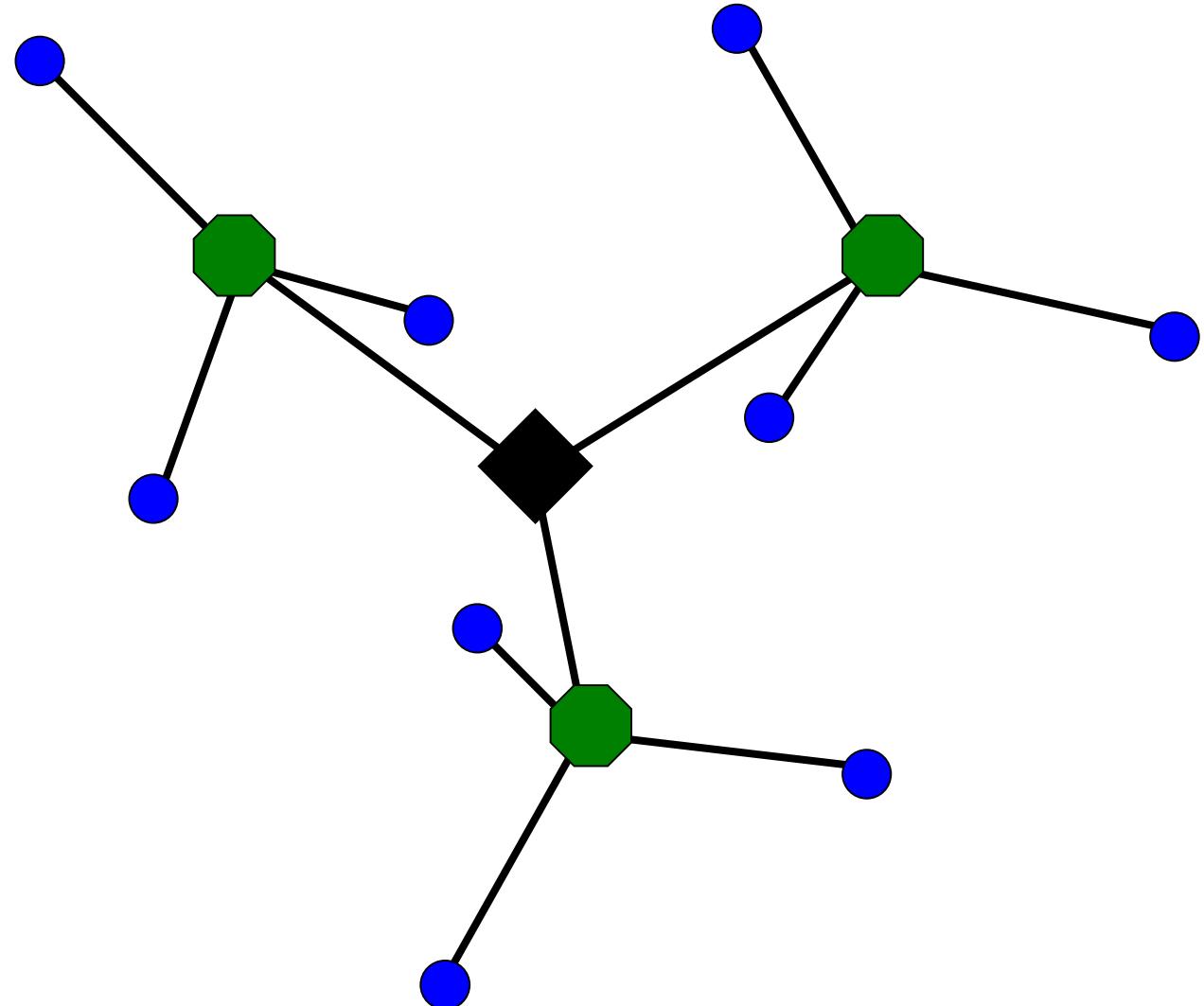


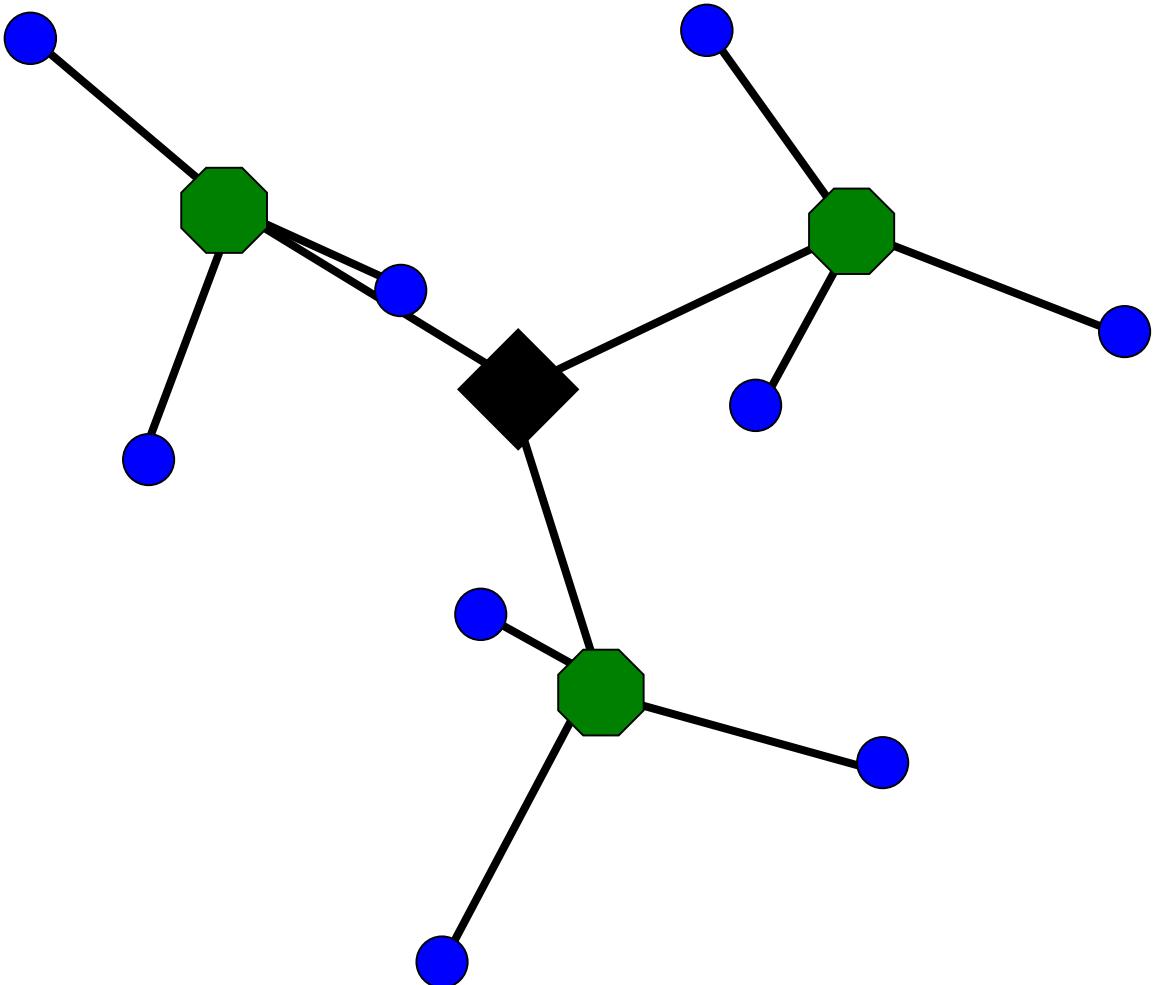


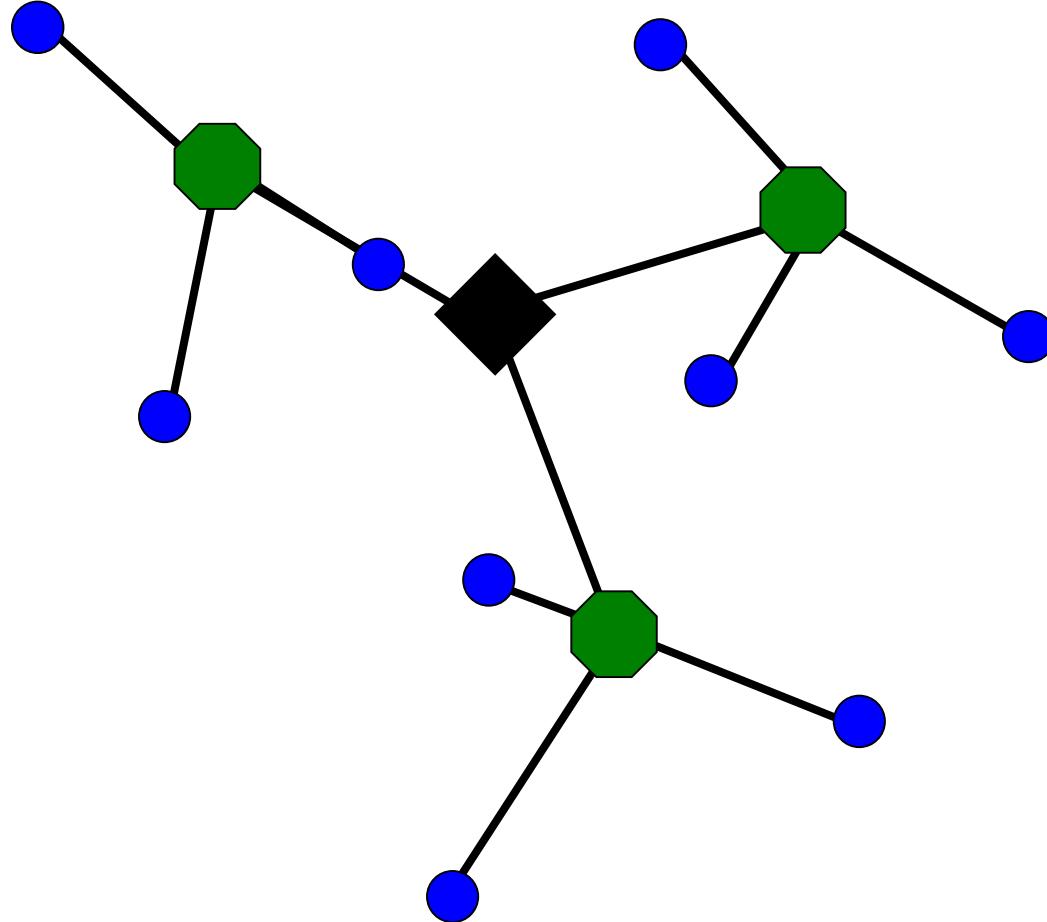


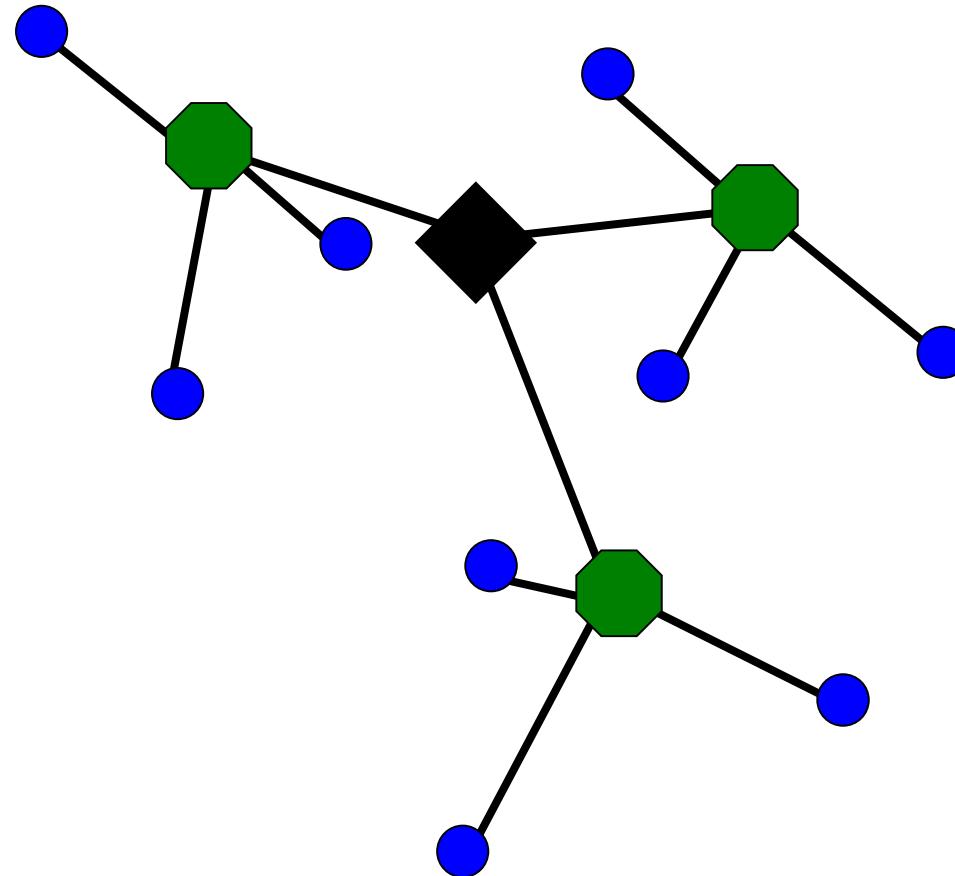


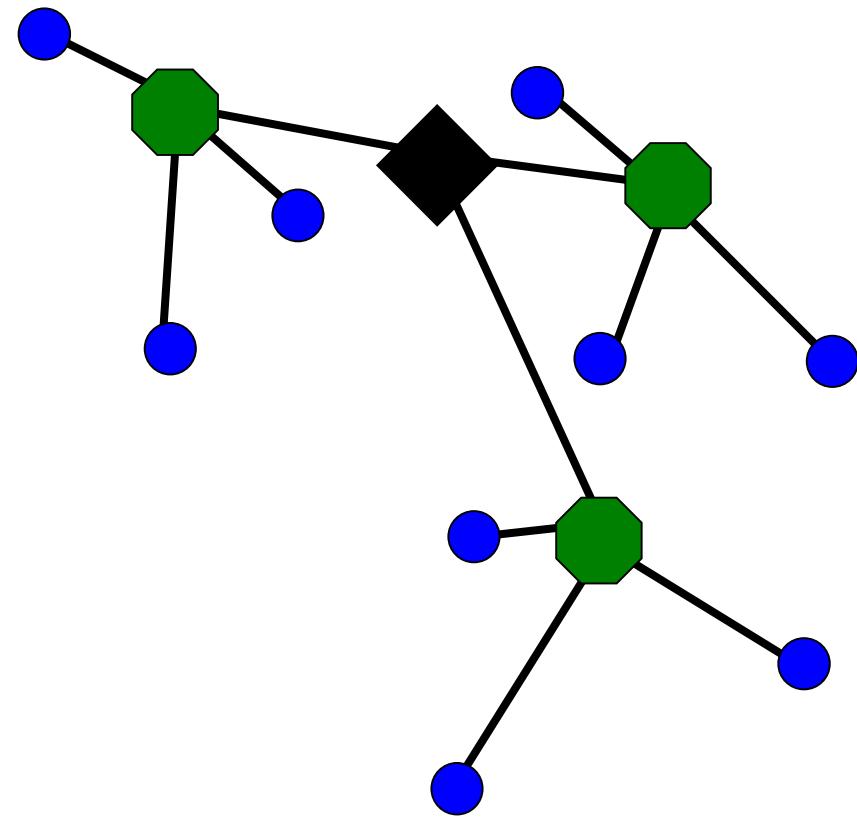


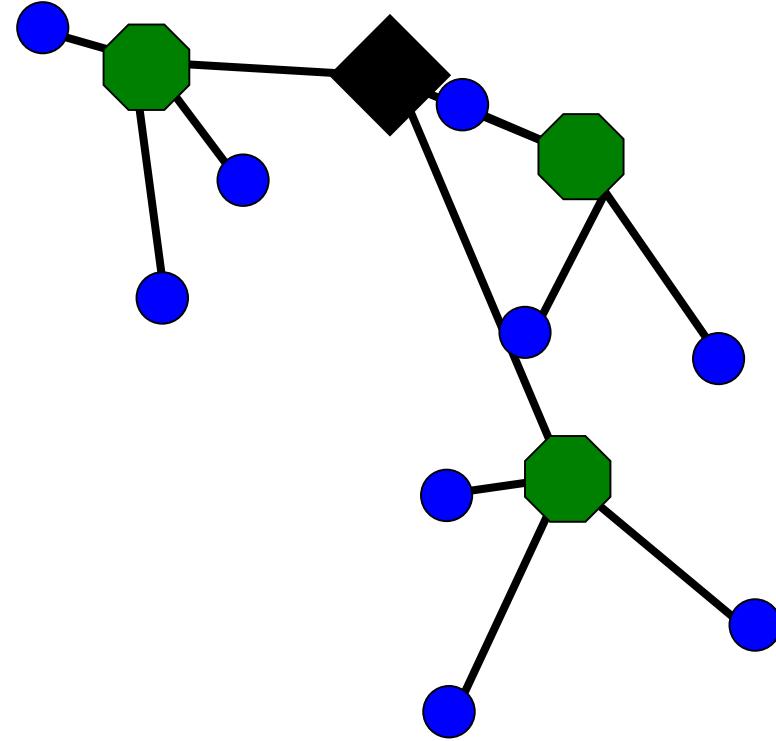


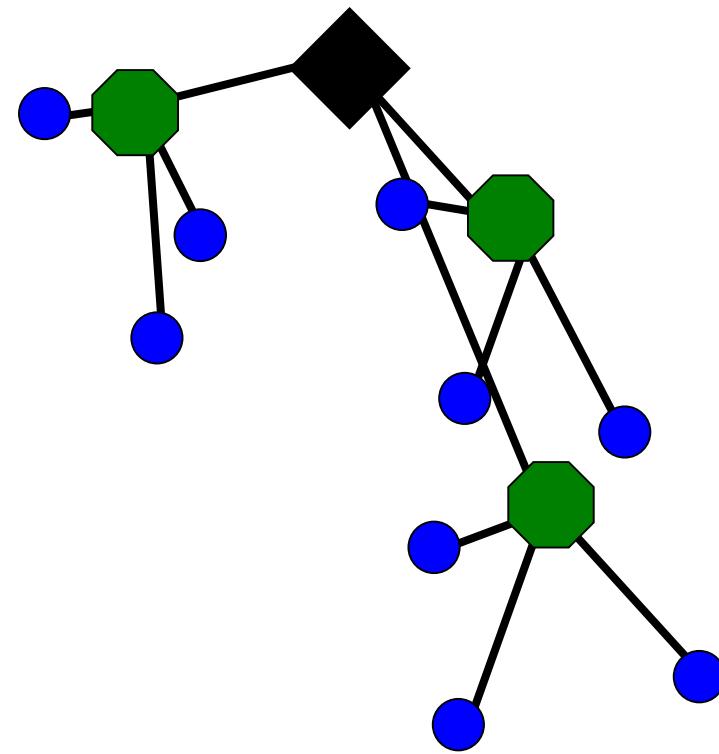


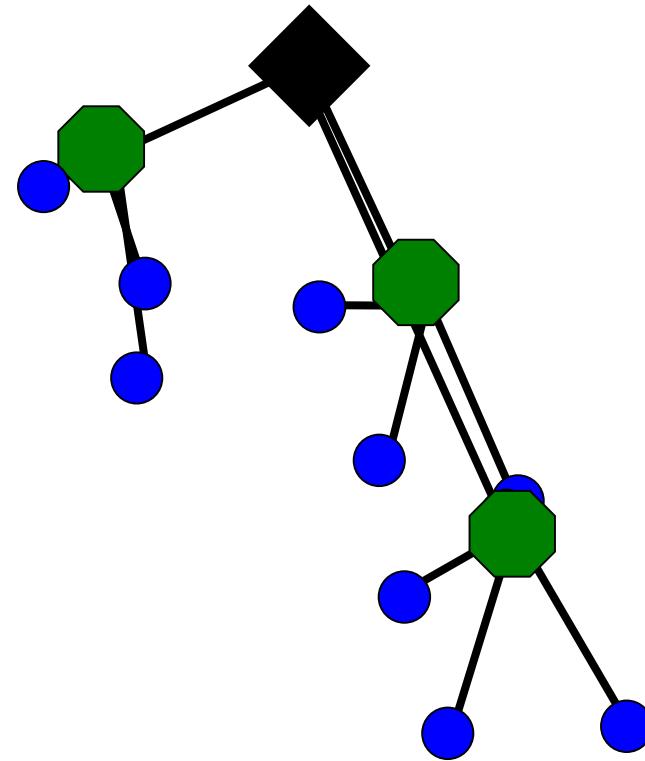


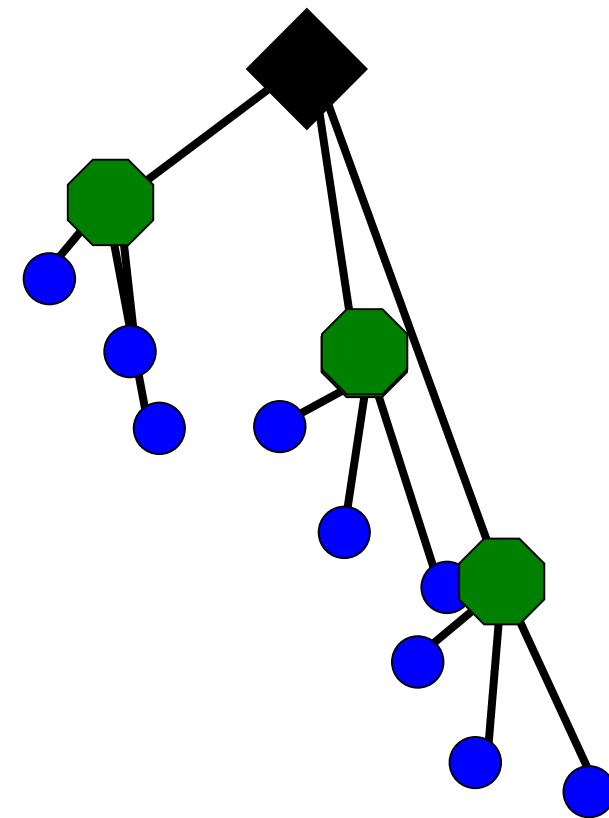


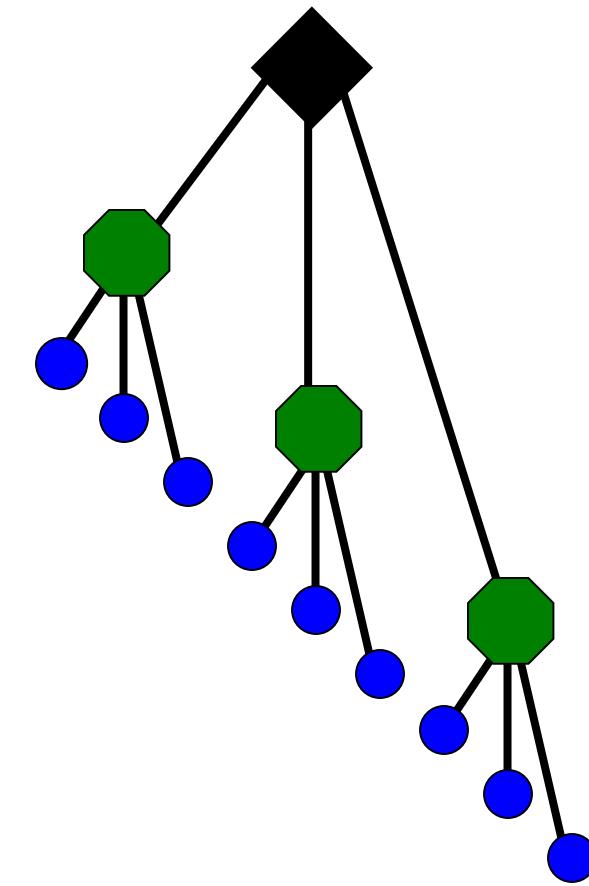


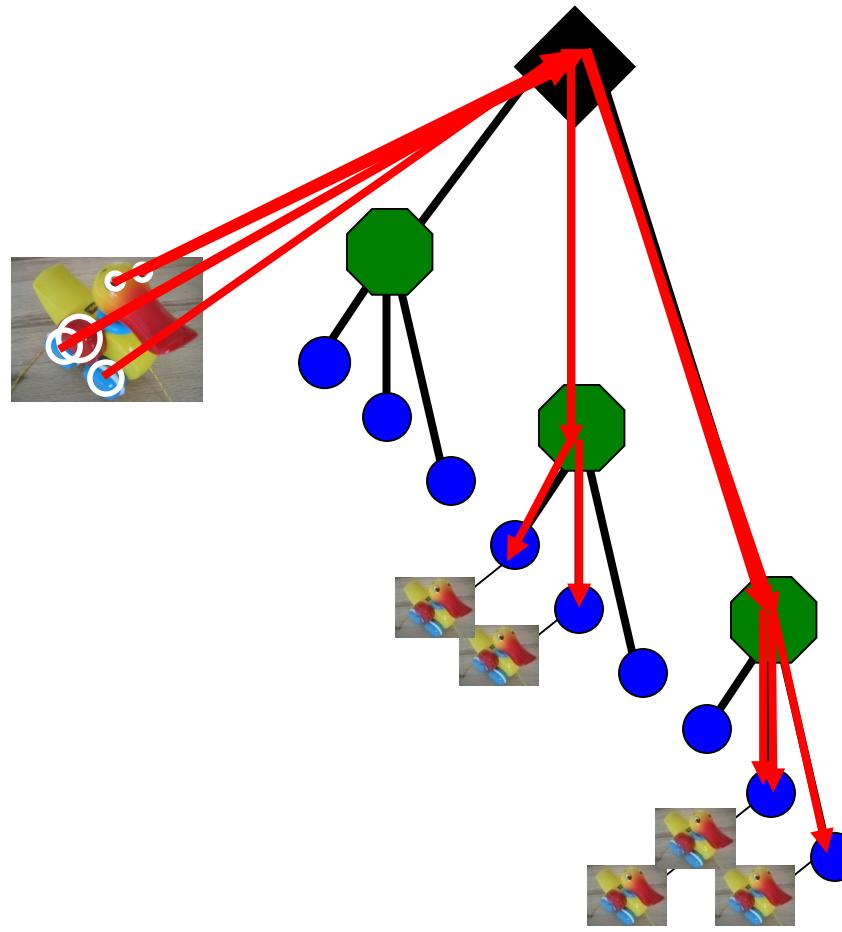


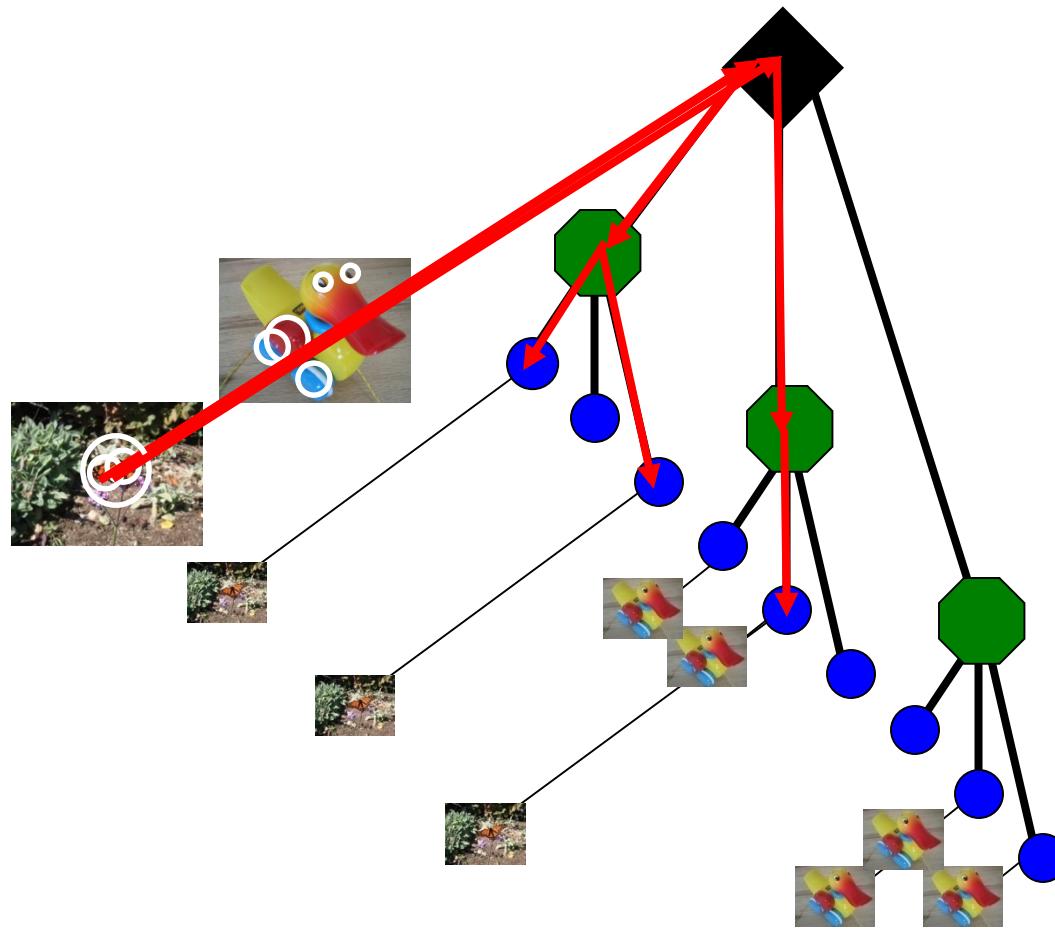


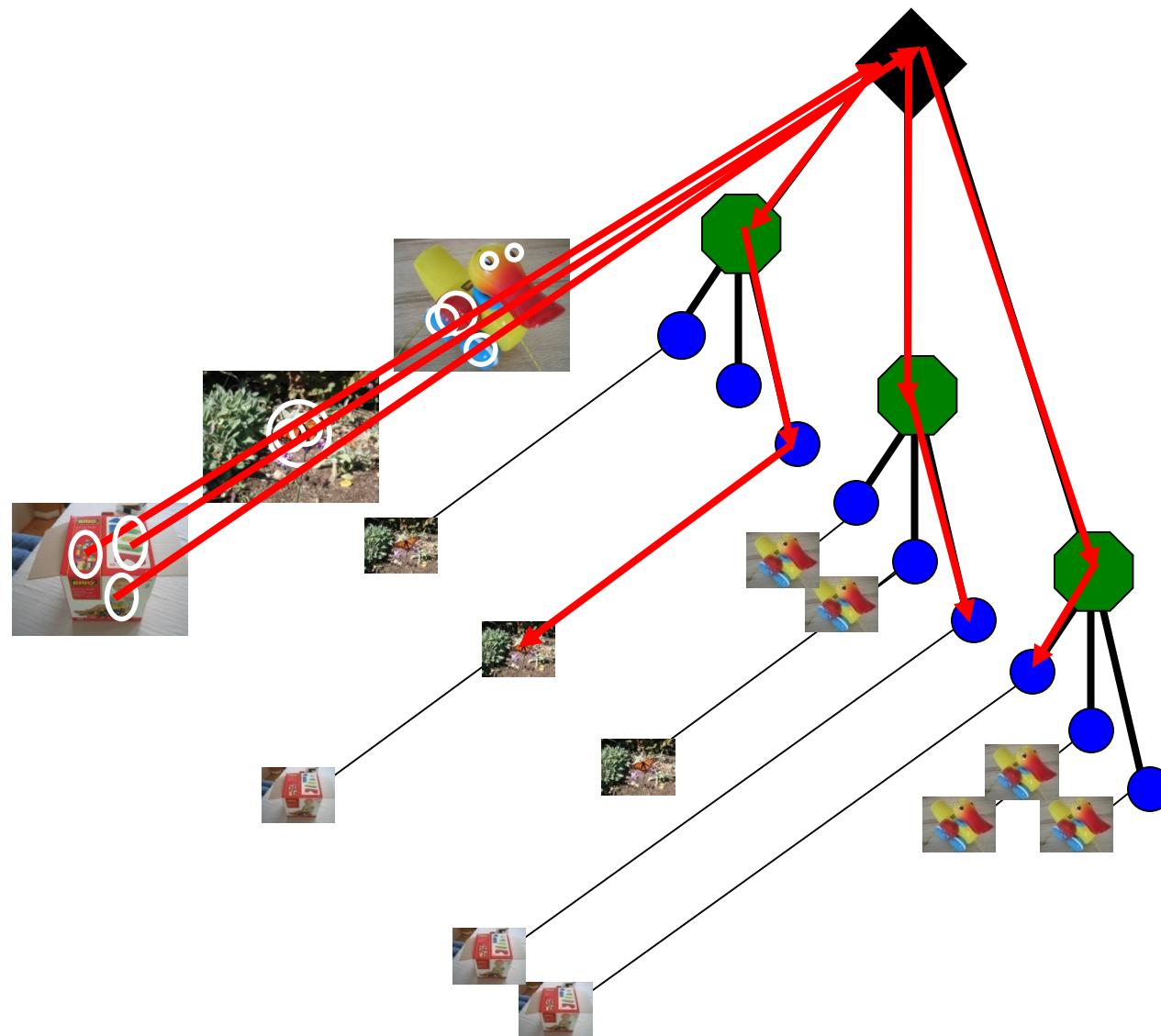


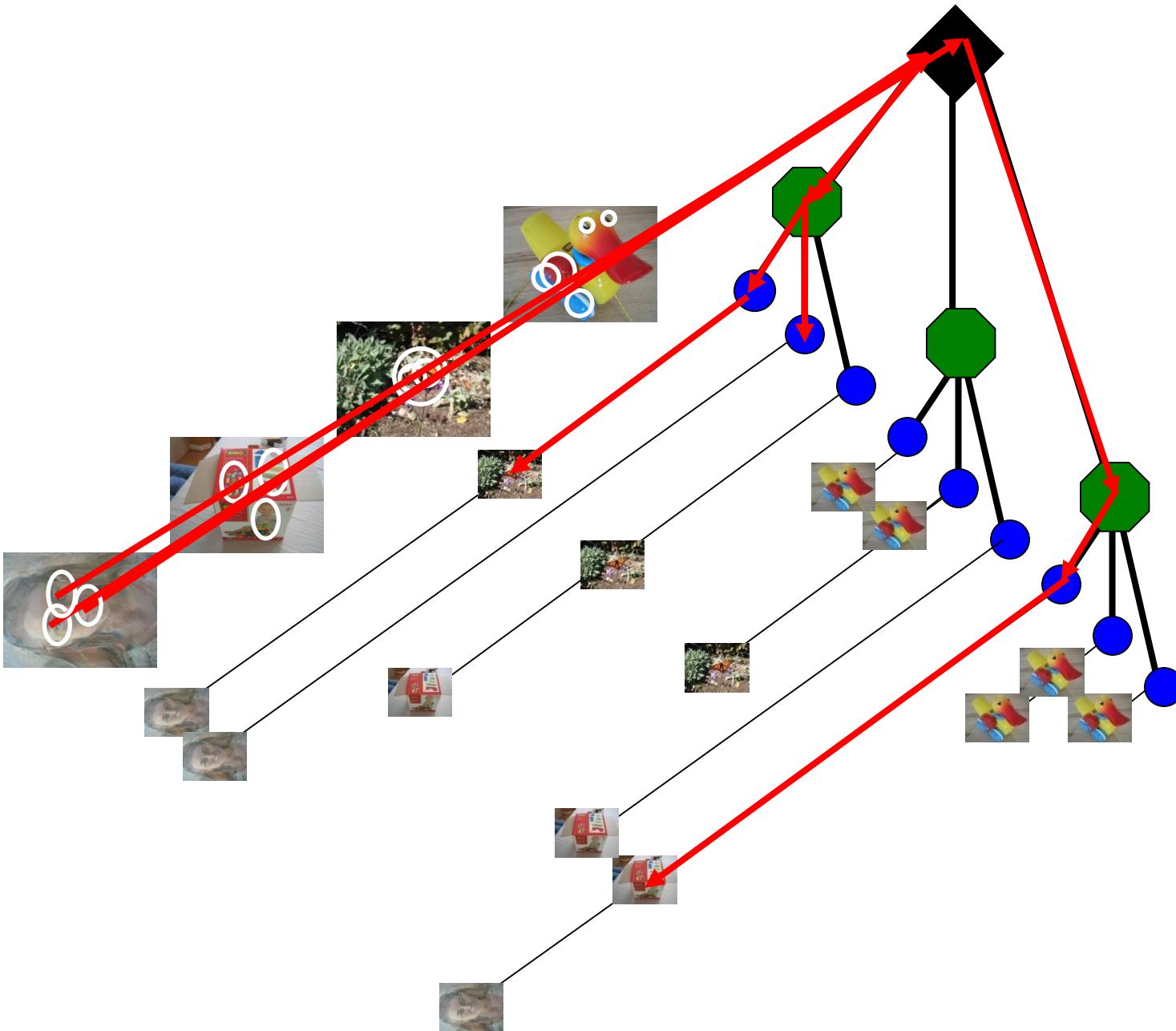


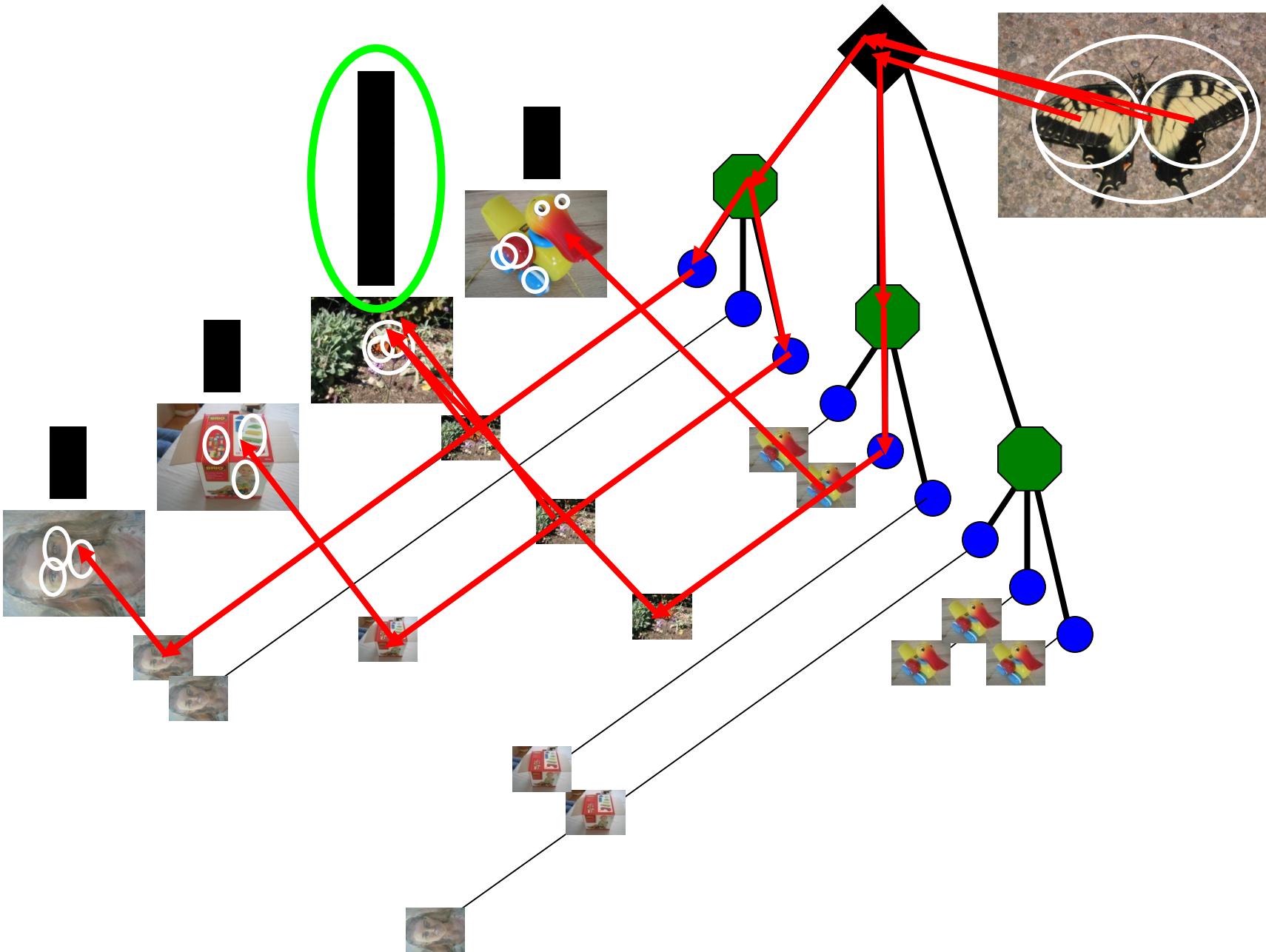




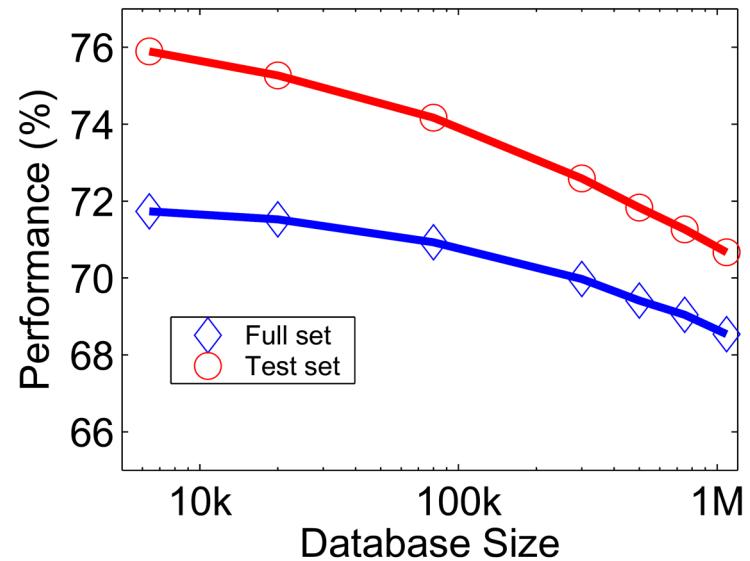








# Performance



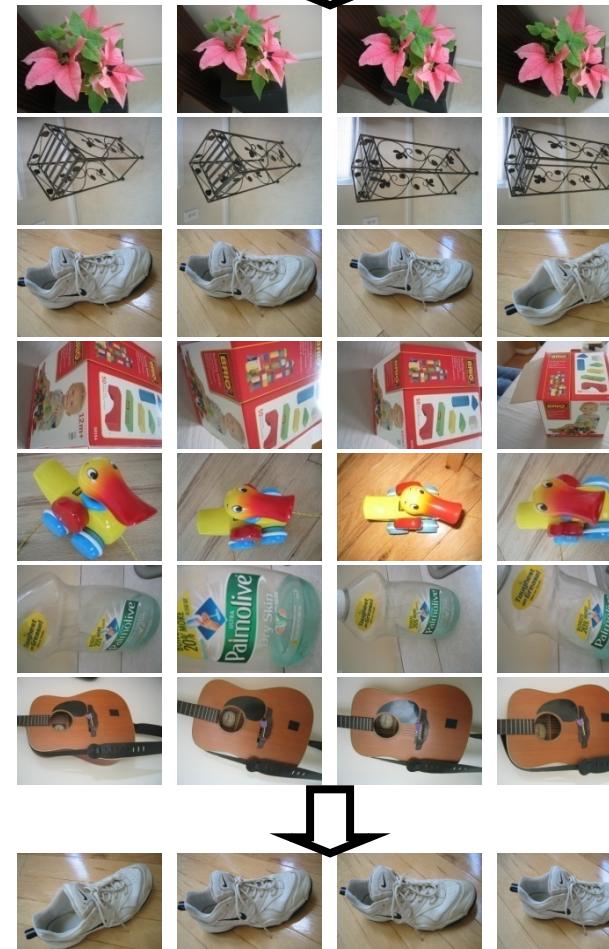
## ImageSearch at the VizCentre

New query:

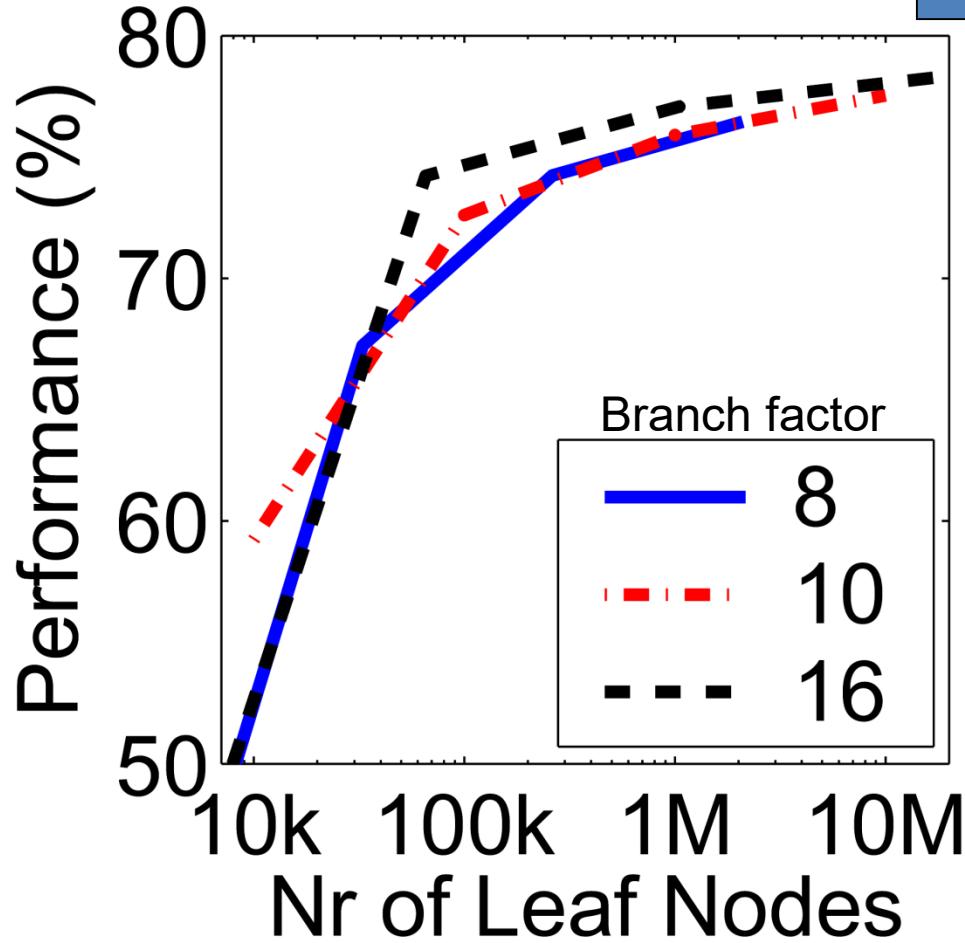
File is 500x320



Top n results of your query.



# More words is better

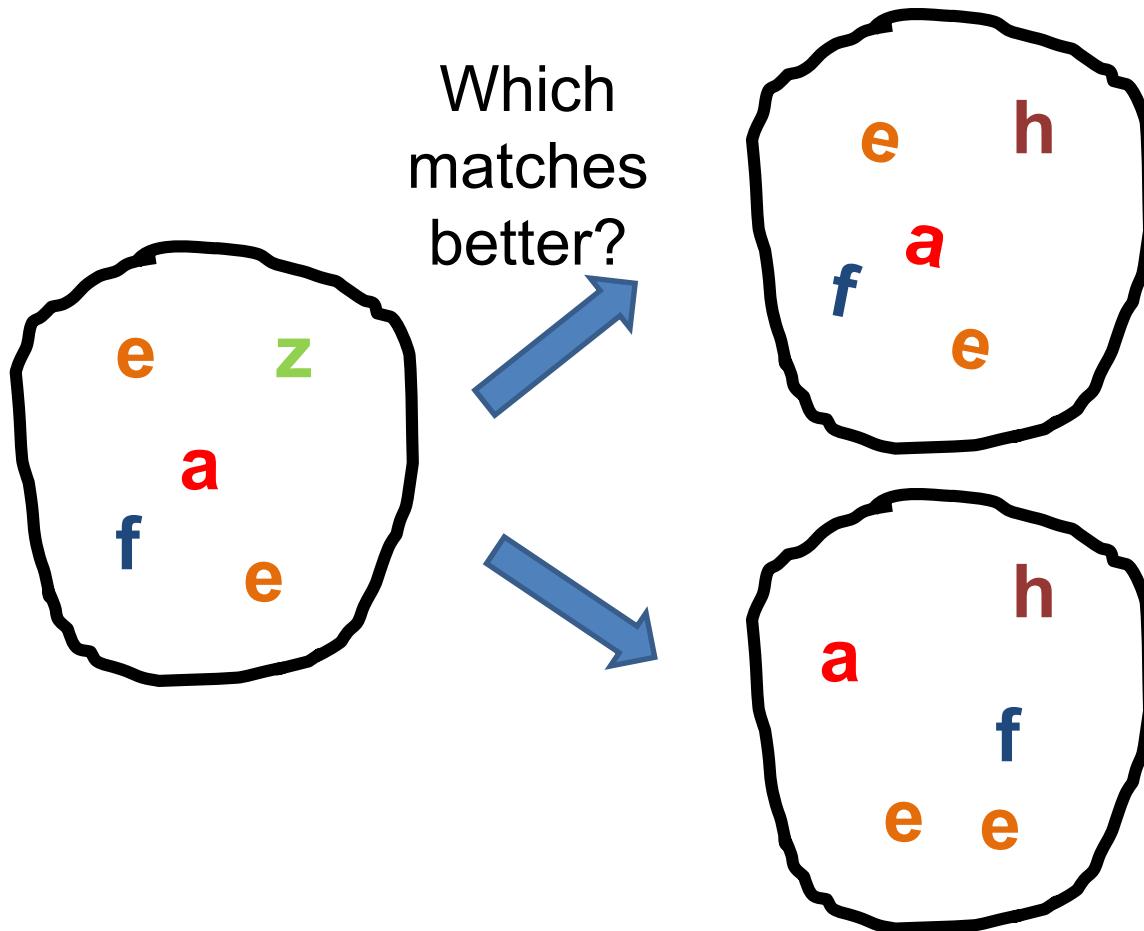


Improves  
Retrieval

Improves  
Speed

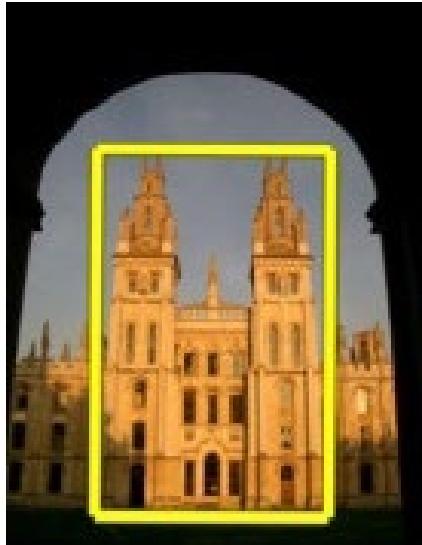
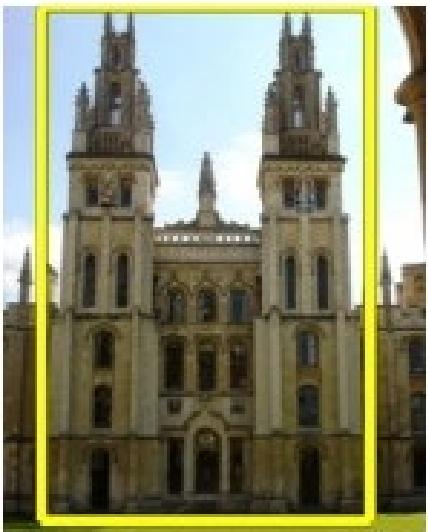
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Real objects have consistent geometry

# Final key idea: geometric verification

- Goal: Given a set of possible keypoint matches, figure out which ones are geometrically consistent

**How can we do this?**

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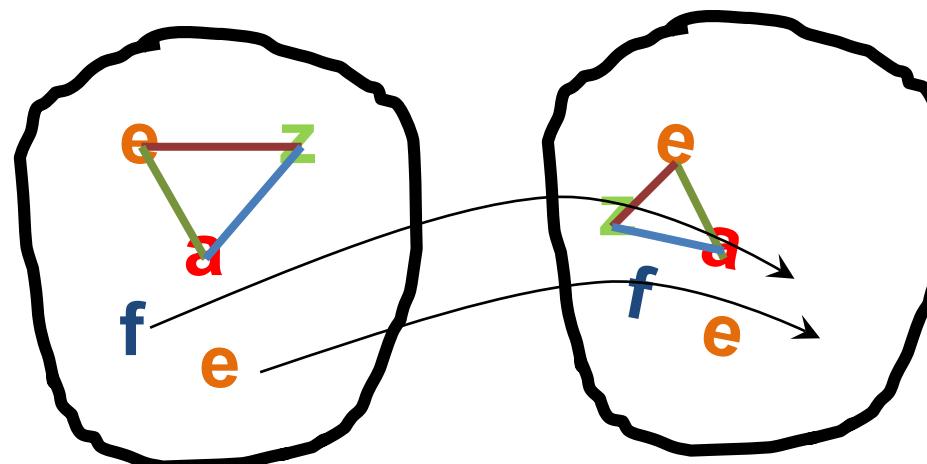
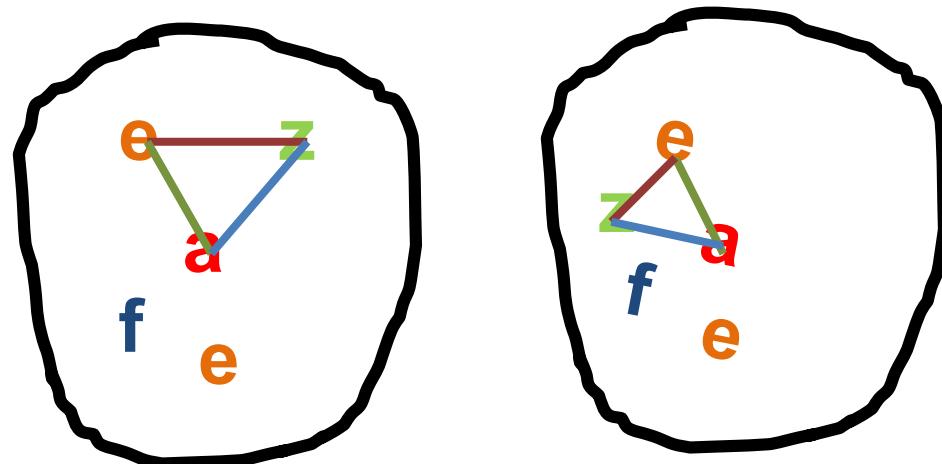
RANSAC for affine transform

Repeat N times:

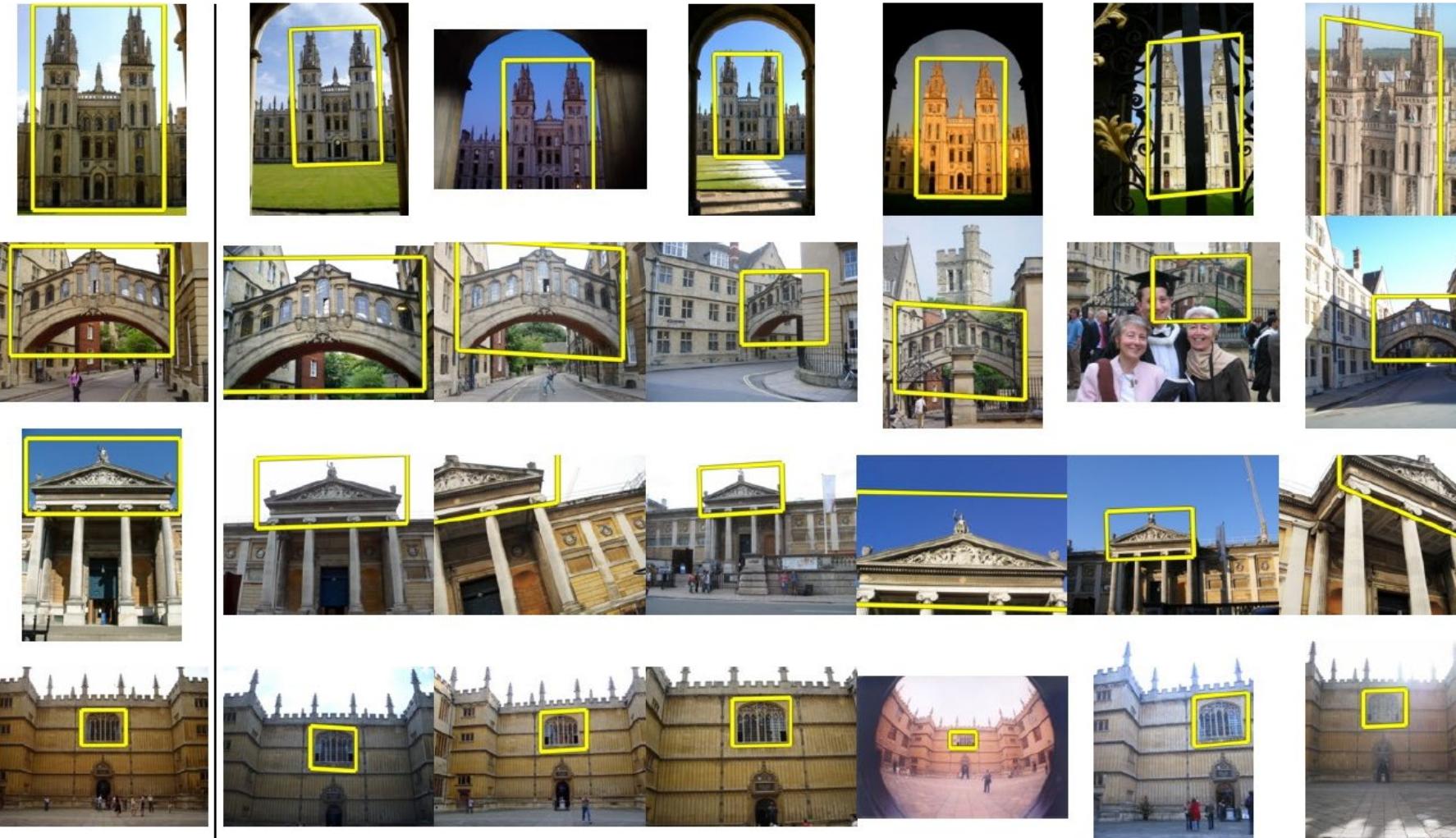
Randomly choose 3  
matching pairs

Estimate  
transformation

Predict remaining  
points and count  
“inliers”



# Application: Large-Scale Retrieval



Query

Results on 5K (demo available for 100K)

[Philbin CVPR'07]

# Application: Image Auto-Annotation



Moulin Rouge



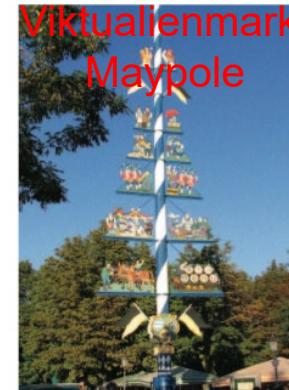
Old Town Square (Prague)



Tour Montparnasse



Colosseum



Viktualienmarkt  
Maypole

Left: Wikipedia image

Right: closest match from Flickr

# Example Applications



## Mobile tourist guide

**Self-localization**

**Object/building recognition**

**Photo/video augmentation**

# Video Google System

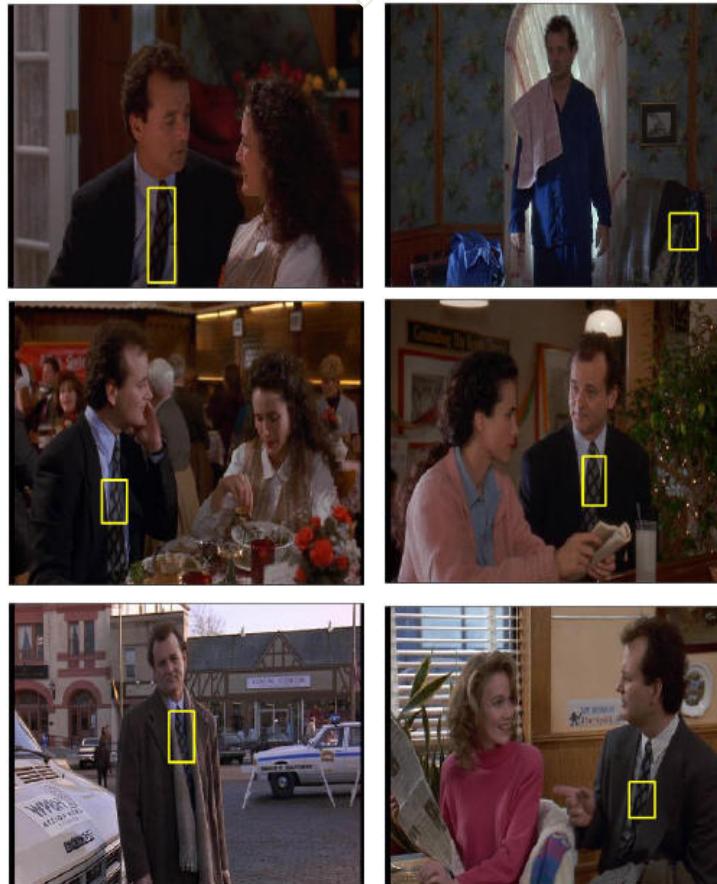
1. Collect all words within query region
2. Inverted file index to find relevant frames
3. Compare word counts
4. Spatial verification

Sivic & Zisserman, ICCV 2003

- Demo online at :  
<http://www.robots.ox.ac.uk/~vgg/research/vgoogl e/index.html>



Query  
region



Retrieved frames

# Summary: Uses of Interest Points

- Interest points can be detected reliably in different images at the same 3D location
  - DOG interest points are localized in x, y, scale
- SIFT is robust to rotation and small deformation
- Interest points provide correspondence
  - For image stitching
  - For defining coordinate frames for object insertion
  - For object recognition and retrieval

# Next class

- Opportunities of scale: stuff you can do with millions of images
  - Texture synthesis of large regions
  - Recover GPS coordinates
  - Etc.