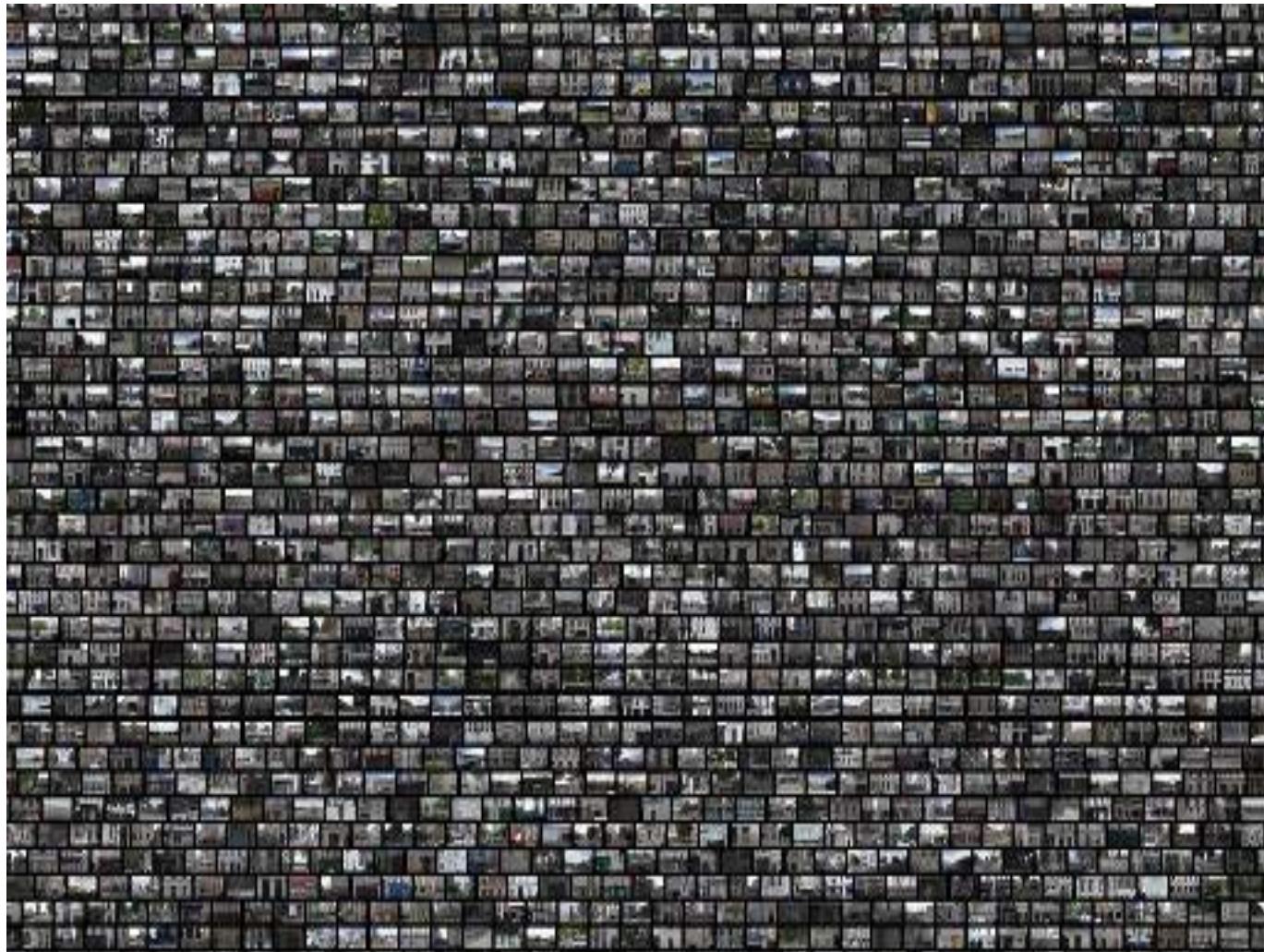


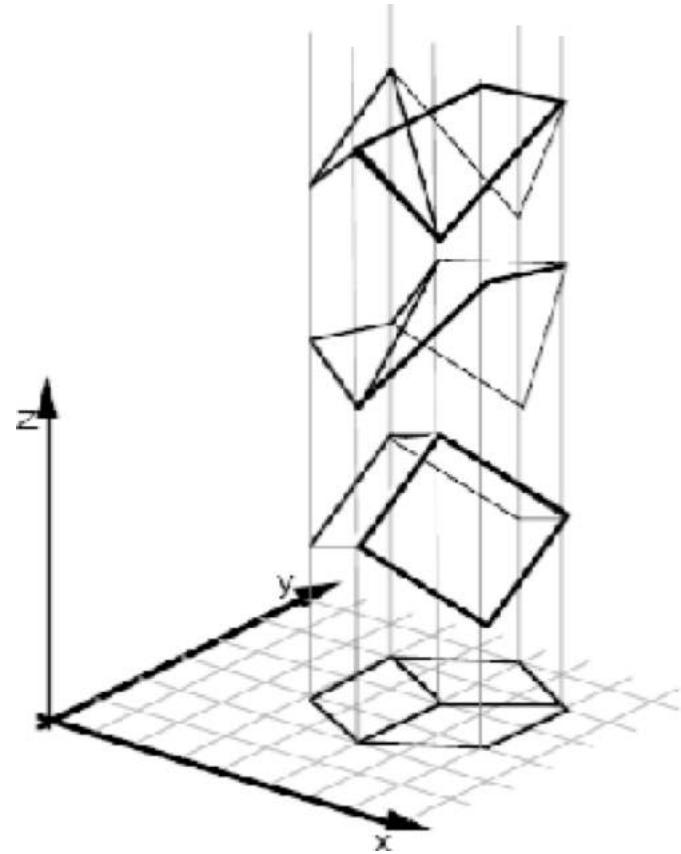
# The Promise and Perils of Big Data



Some Slides from A. Gupta, A. Efros and A. Torralba

# Why do we need data?

Most vision problems are ambiguous



# So, how do we solve these problems?

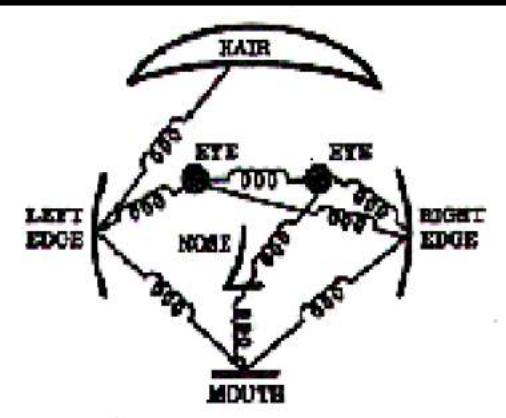
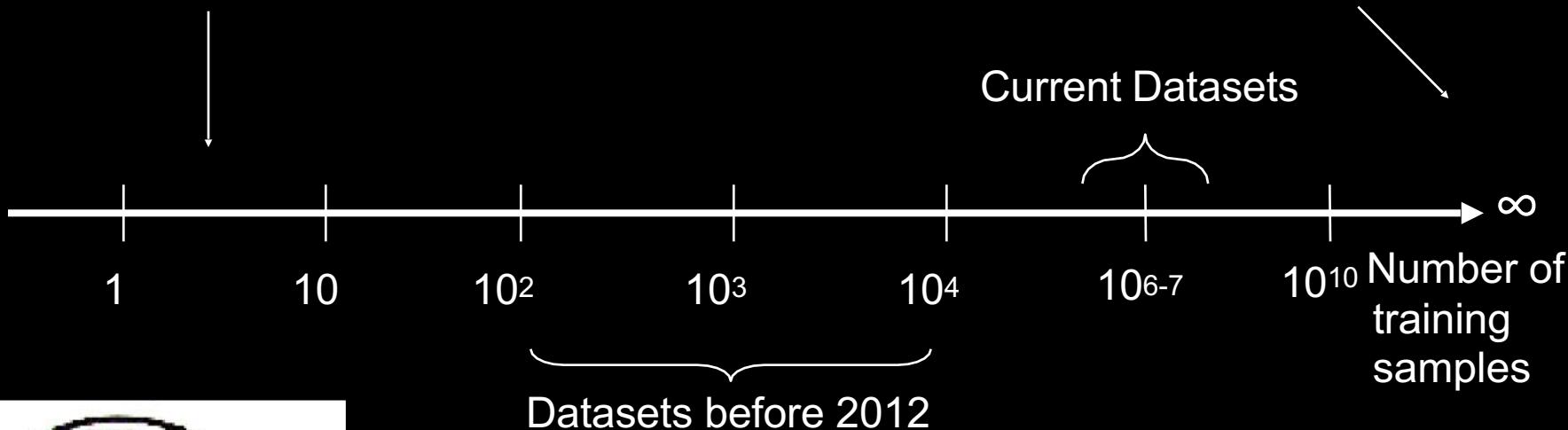
- Magic of data !
- Use data to learn better likelihoods: how things look like.
- Use data to learn priors of what is more likely than others.

**But how much data do we need?**

# The extremes of learning

Extrapolation problem  
Generalization  
Transfer learning

Interpolation problem  
Correspondence  
Finding the differences



So how much data does humans use?

# What's the Capacity of Visual Long Term Memory?

## What we know...

Standing (1973)

10,000 images

83% Recognition

*... people can remember thousands of images*

High Fidelity Visual Memory is possible (Hollingworth 2004)

## What we don't know...

*... what people are remembering for each item?*



According to Standing

"Basically, my recollection is that we just separated the pictures into **distinct thematic categories**: e.g. cars, animals, single-person, 2-people, plants, etc.) Only a few slides were selected which fell into each category, and they were visually distinct."



Dogs  
Playing Cards

"Gist" Only



Sparse Details



Highly Detailed

Slide by Aude Oliva

how much data does computer vision  
researchers use?

$10^0$   
images



1972

$10^1$   
images



images

10

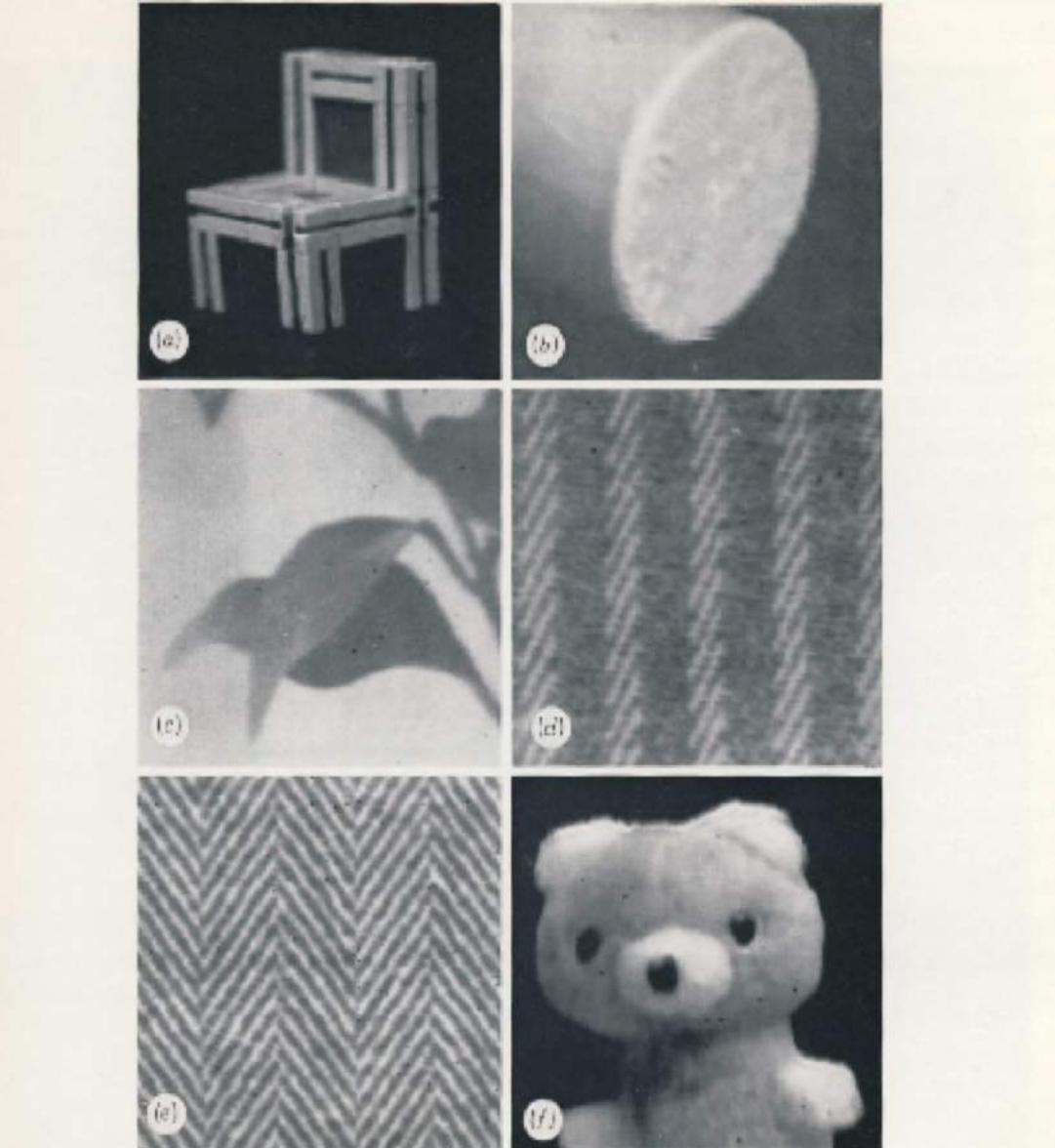
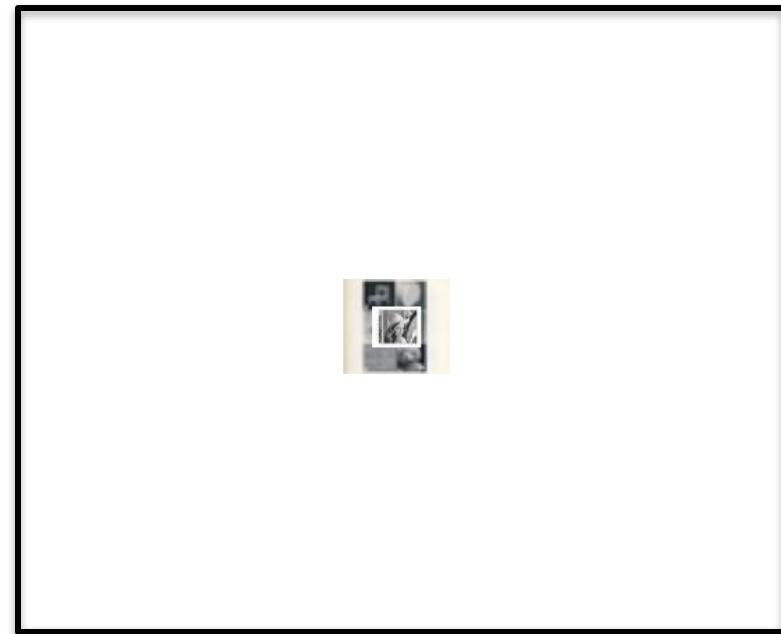


FIGURE 4. This figure provides a high quality reproduction of the six images discussed in the text. (a) and (b) were taken with a considerably modified Information International Incorporated Vidisector, and the rest were taken with a Telemation TMC-2100 vidicon camera attached to a Spatial Data Systems digitizer (Camera Eye 108). The full dynamic range from black to white is represented by 256 grey-levels. The images reproduced here were created by an Optronics P1500hPhotowriter from intensity arrays that measured 128 elements square. This size of intensity array corresponds to viewing a 1 in square at 5 ft with the human retina. The image of the period at the end of this sentence probably covers more than 40 retinal receptors. The reader should view the images from a distance of about 5 ft when assessing the performance of the programs.

Marr, 1976

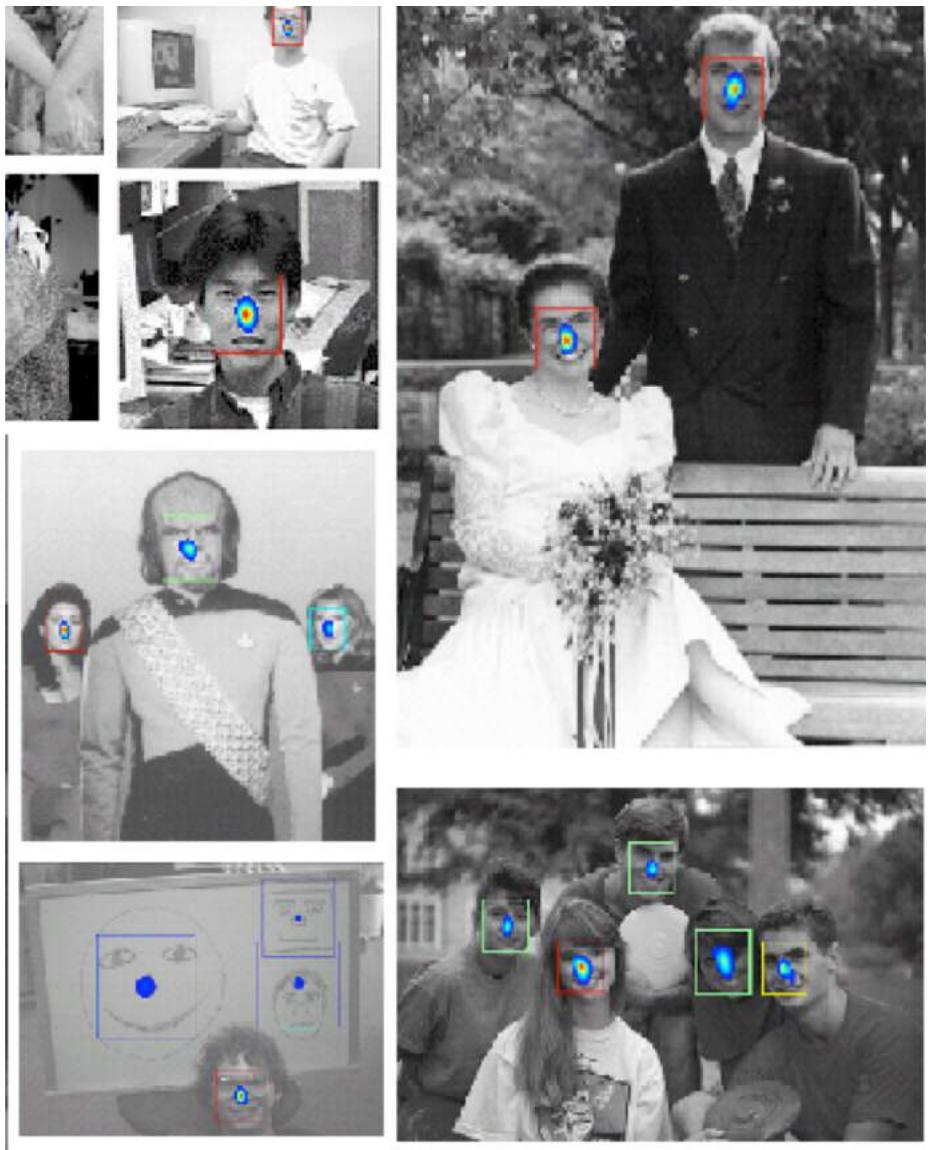
$10^{2-4}$   
images



# The faces and cars scale



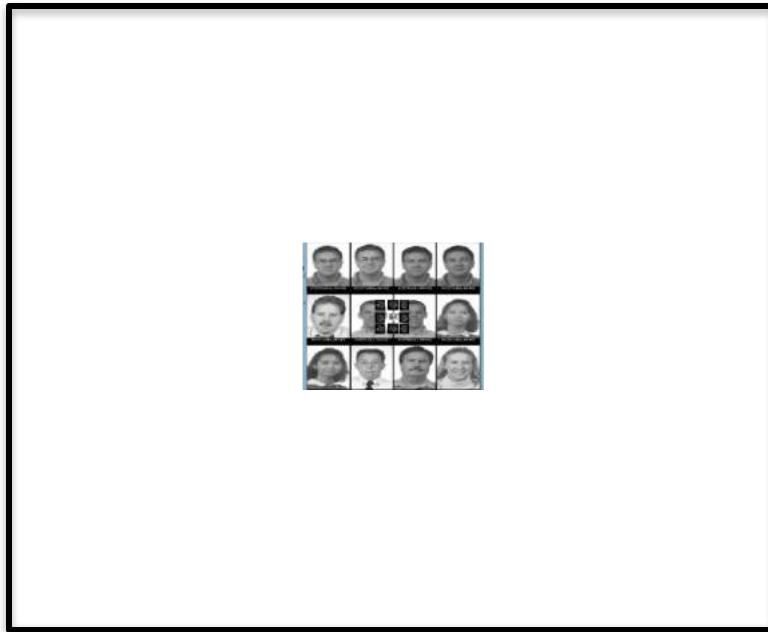
In 1996 DARPA released 14000 images, from over 1000 individuals.



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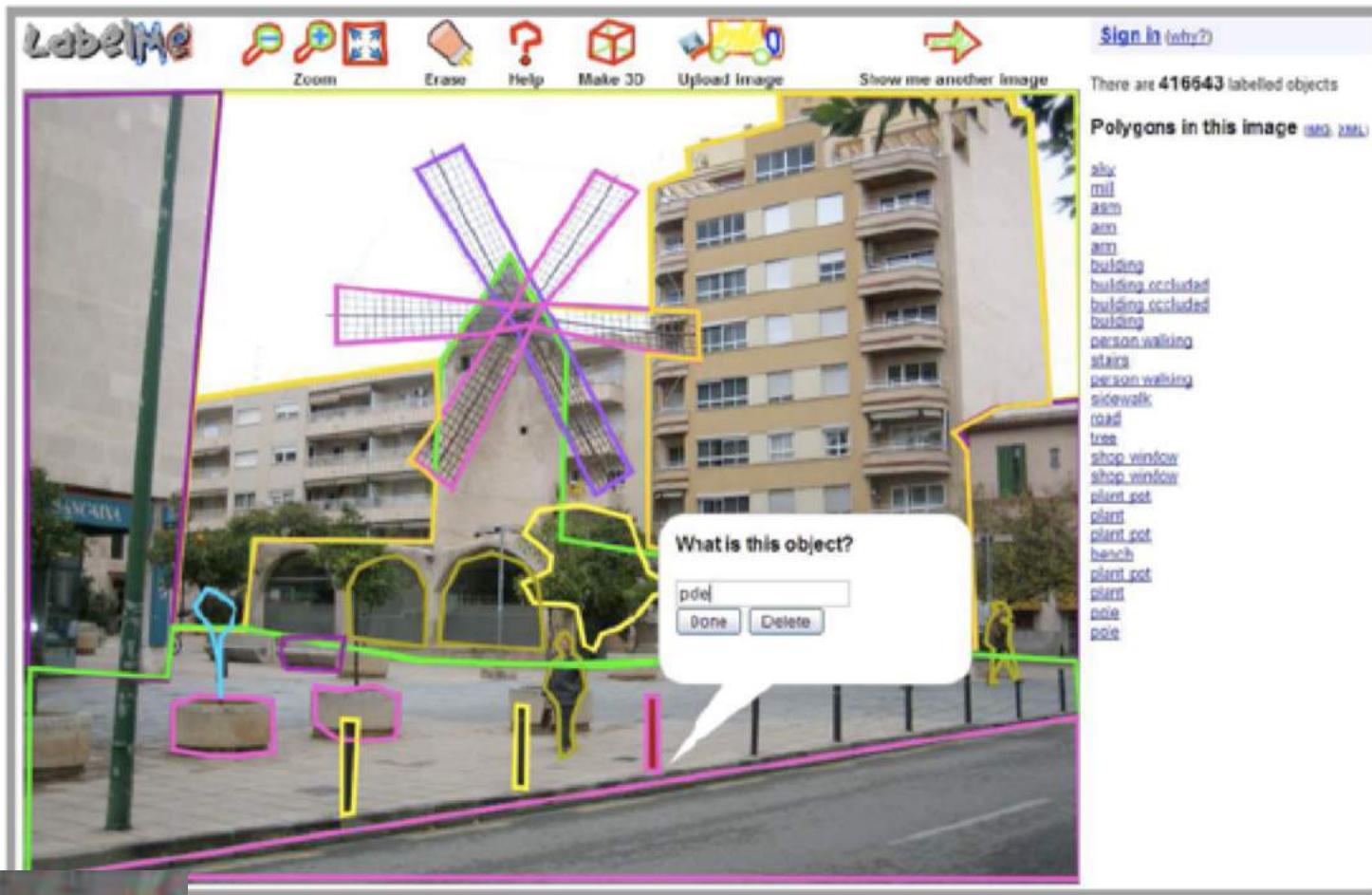


$10^5$   
images



$10^5$   
images

# LabelMe



Tool went online July 1st, 2005  
530,000 object annotations collected



Labelme.csail.mit.edu

B.C. Russell, A. Torralba, K.P. Murphy, W.T. Freeman, IJCV 2008

# 2004-2006 Caltech 101 and 256



# 2006 80 Million Tiny Images

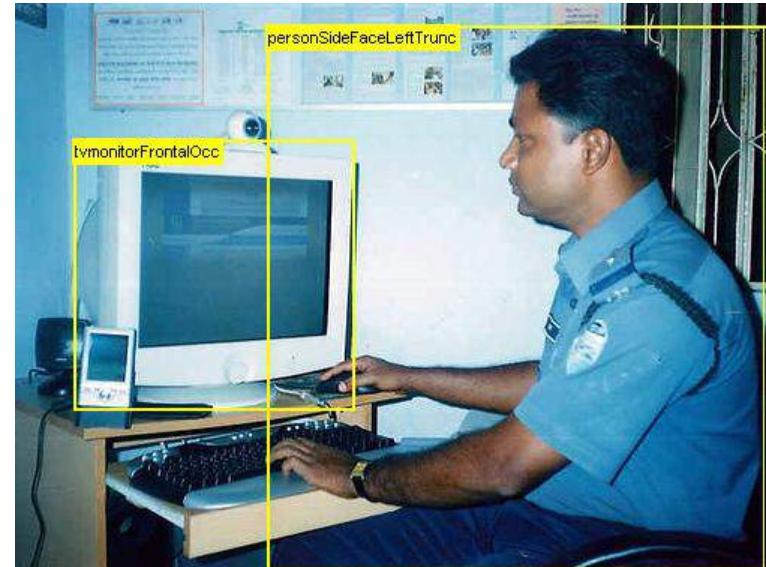
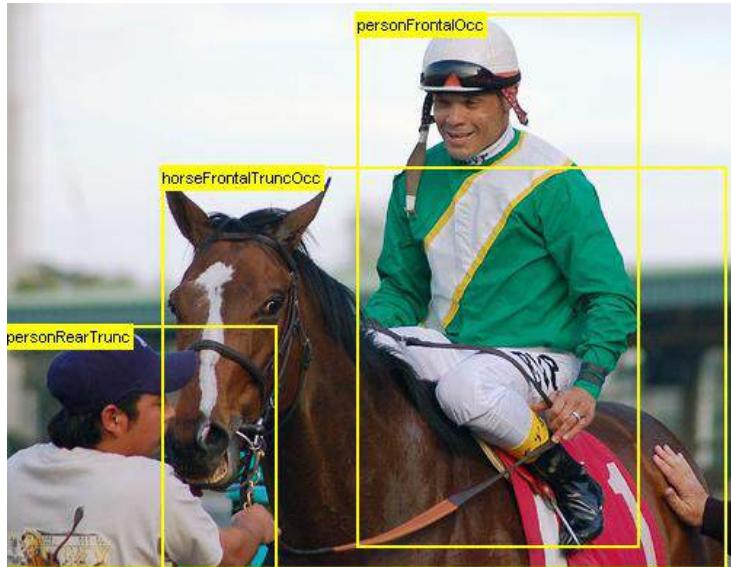
15-30 training images, up to ~70% accuracy.



Antonio Torralba

# 2007 PASCAL VOC

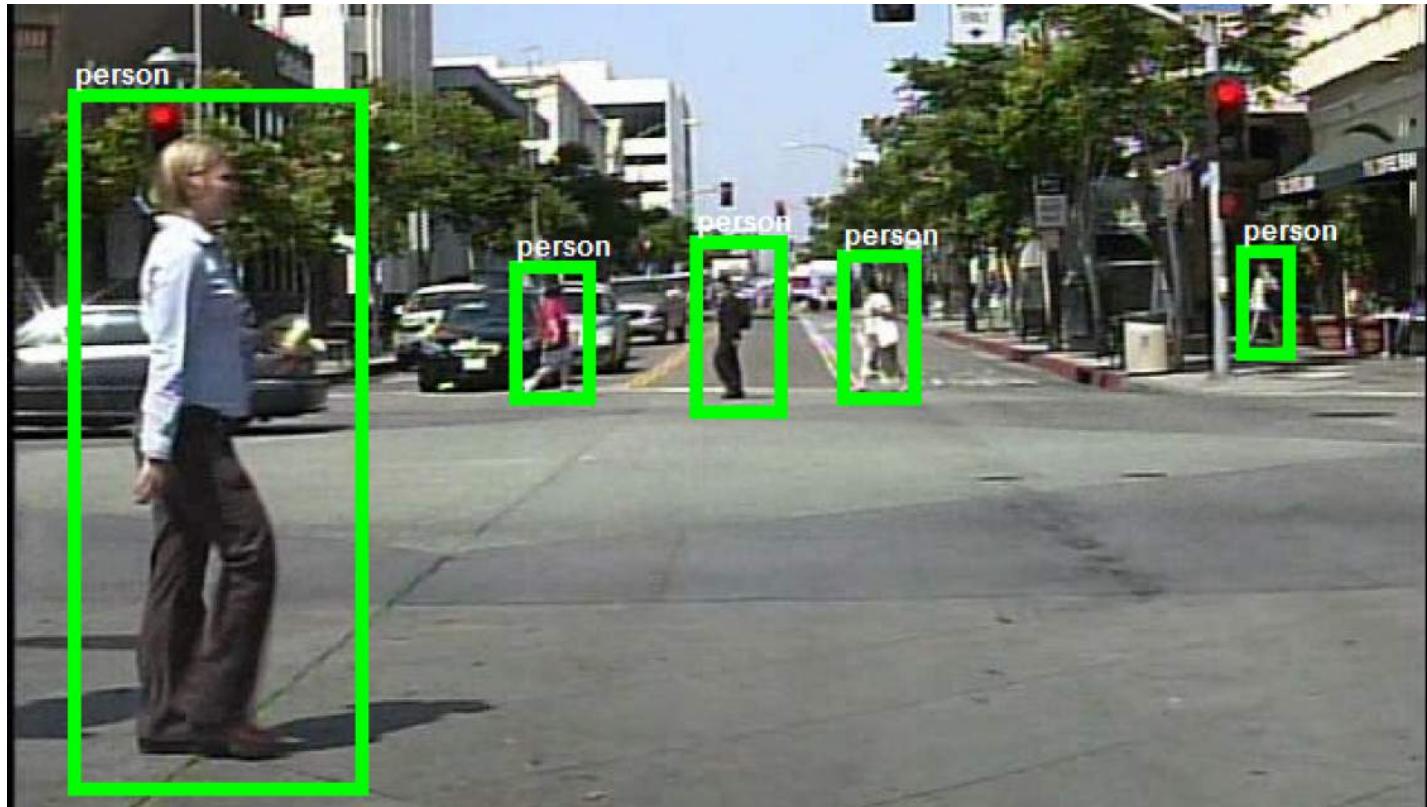
20 classes



**The PASCAL Visual Object Classes (VOC) Challenge**, Everingham,  
Van Gool, Williams, Winn and Zisserman, *IJCV*, 2010

# 2009 Caltech Pedestrian

1 class, lots of instances.



**Pedestrian Detection: An Evaluation of the State of the Art,**  
Dollár, Wojek, Schiele and Perona, *PAMI*, 2012

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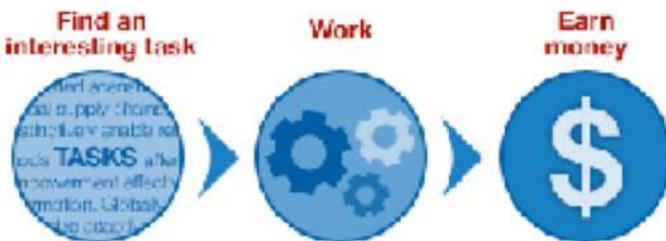
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Artificial Artificial Intelligence

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Available Now

Bryan C Russell | Account Settings | Sign Out | Help

All HITs | HITs Available To You | HITs Assigned To You

Search for HITs containing

Timer: 00:00:13 of 60 minutes

Finished with this HIT? Let someone else do it?

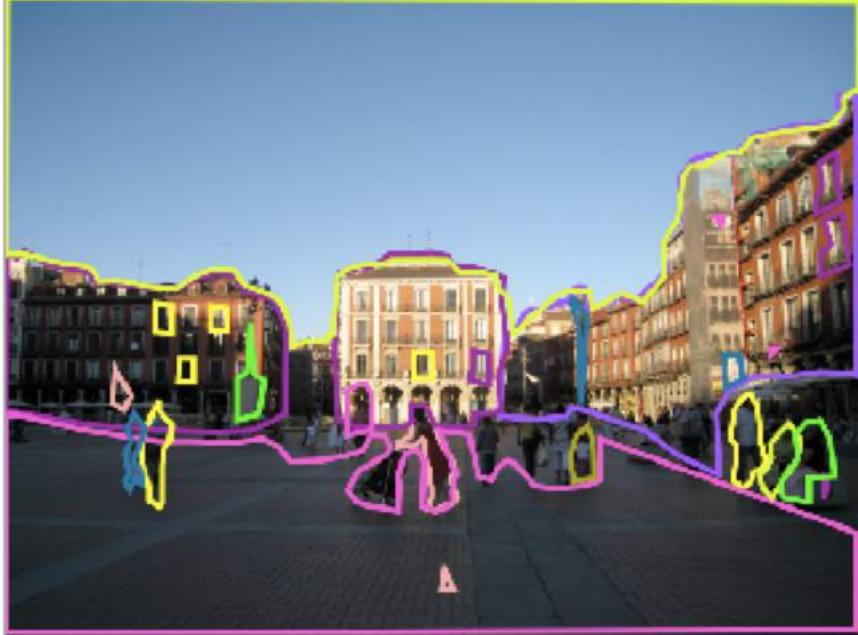
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Requester: Bryan C Russell  
Qualifications Required: None

Rewards: \$0.01 per HIT    HITs Available: 250    Duration: 60 minutes

Please label as many objects as you want in this image. Scroll down to see the entire image.



Alexander Sorokin, David Forsyth, "Utility data annotation with Amazon Mechanical Turk", First IEEE Workshop on Internet Vision at CVPR 08.

# 2009 ImageNet

22K categories, 14M images



**ImageNet: A Large-Scale Hierarchical Image Database,**  
Deng, Dong, Socher, Li, Li and Fei-Fei, *CVPR*, 2009

# 2010 SUN

908 scene categories

Beer garden



**SUN Database: Large-scale Scene Recognition from Abbey to Zoo**  
Xiao, Hays, Ehinger, Oliva, and Torralba, *CVPR*, 2010.

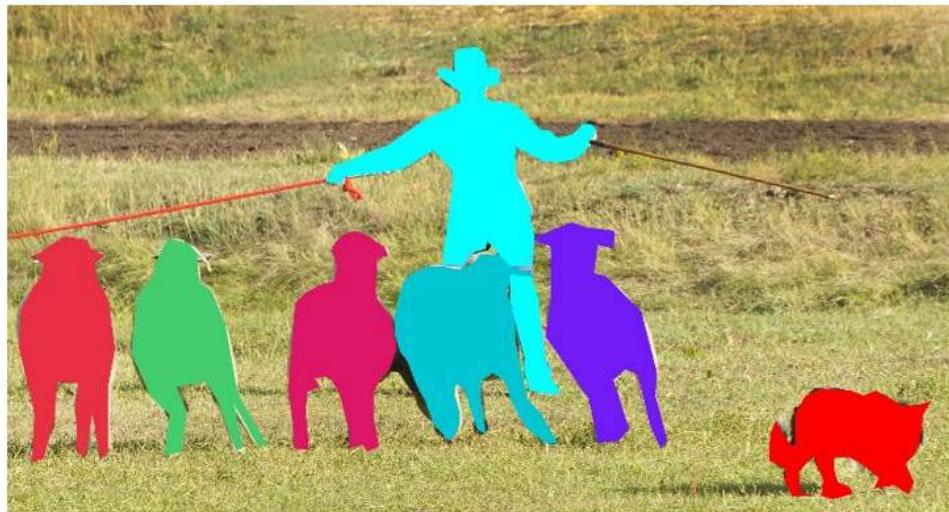
# 2014 COCO

80 object categories with instance masks

Detection in Context

Instance segmentation

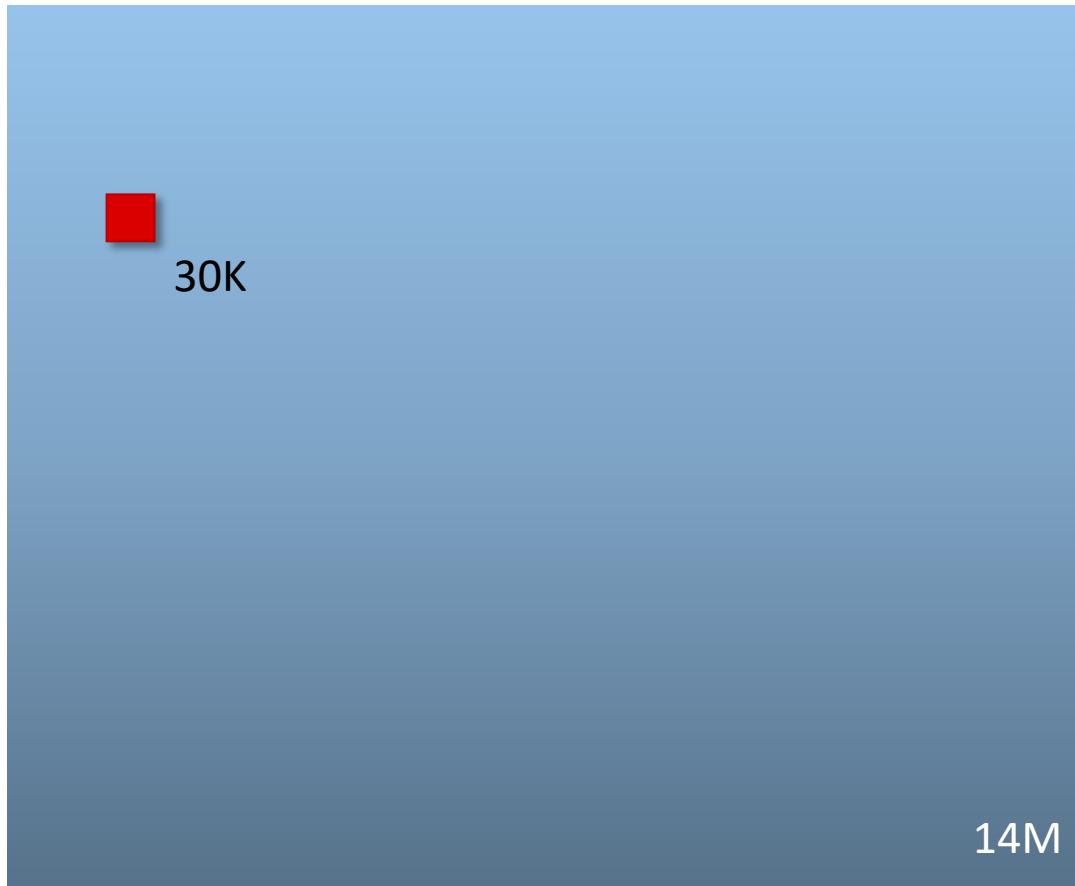
Non-iconic instances



# Images

2009

2012

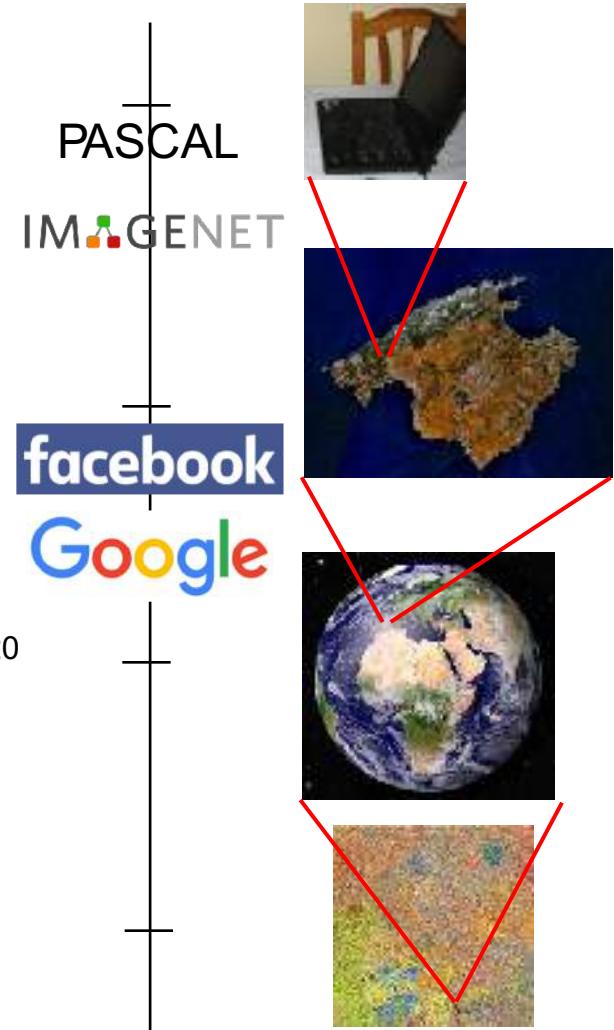


ImageNet

# Datasets in perspective

Number of images on my hard drive:

$10^5$



Number of images seen during my first 10 years:  $10^8$

$$(3 \text{ images/second} * 60 * 60 * 16 * 365 * 10 = 630720000)$$

Number of images seen by all humanity:

$$106,456,367,669 \text{ humans}^1 * 100 \text{ years} * 3 \text{ images/second} * 60 * 60 * 16 * 365 =$$

1 from <http://www.prb.org/Articles/2002/HowManyPeopleHaveEverLivedonEarth.aspx>

Number of all 32x32 images:

$$256^{32*32*3} \sim 10^{7373}$$

$10^{7373}$

When do we need big data?

# Two Kinds of Things in the World



Navier–Stokes momentum equation (*convective form*)

$$\rho \frac{D\mathbf{u}}{Dt} = -\nabla \bar{p} + \mu \nabla^2 \mathbf{u} + \frac{1}{3} \mu \nabla (\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}) + \rho \mathbf{g}.$$

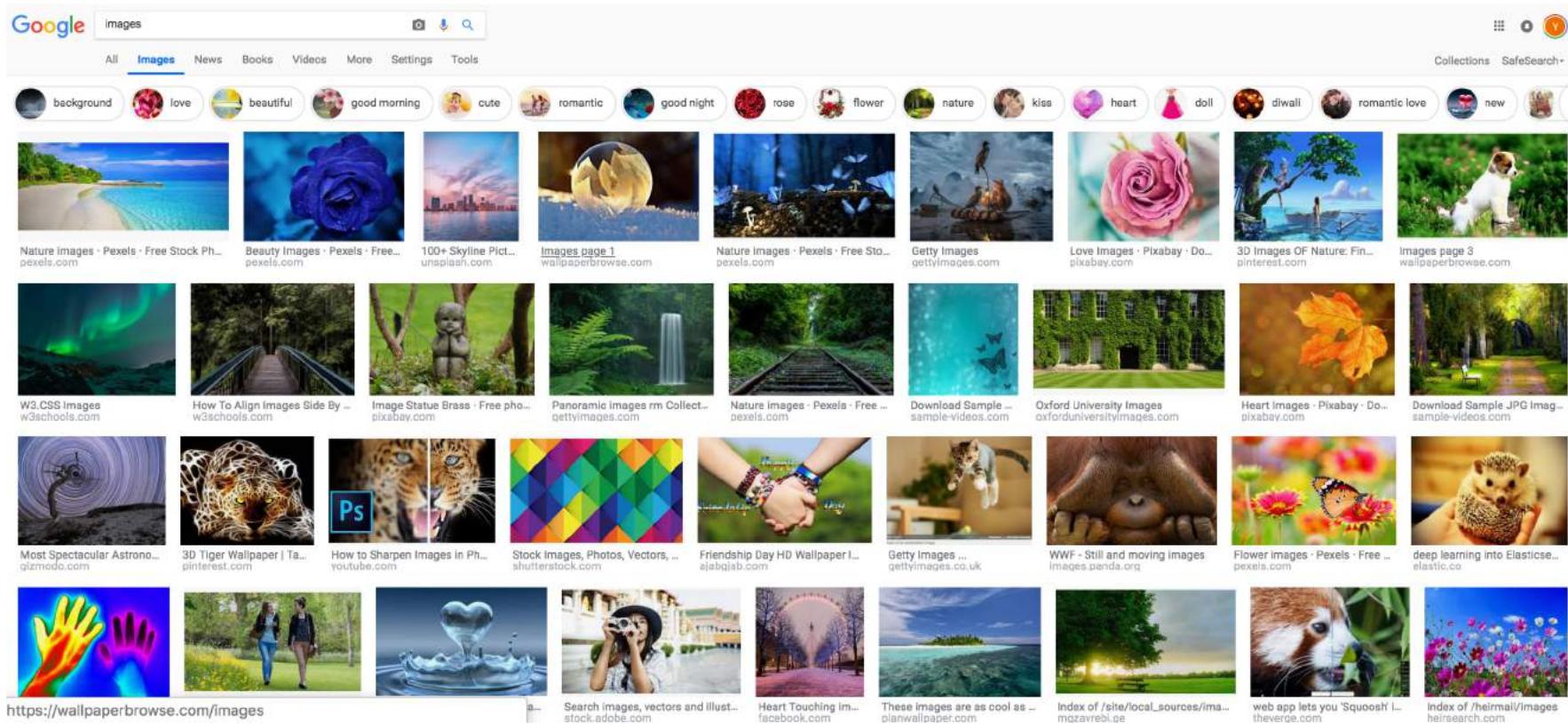
Nasdaq 10 Years  
Daily Chart

# Unreasonable Effectiveness of Data

[Halevy, Norvig, Pereira 2009]

- Parts of our world can be explained by elegant mathematics
  - Physics, astronomy, chemistry, etc.
- But much cannot
  - economics, psychology, ...
  - visual understanding?
- Enter **The Magic of Data**
  - Great advances in speech, vision & NLP

# Lots of Data Available



Thanks to the Internet

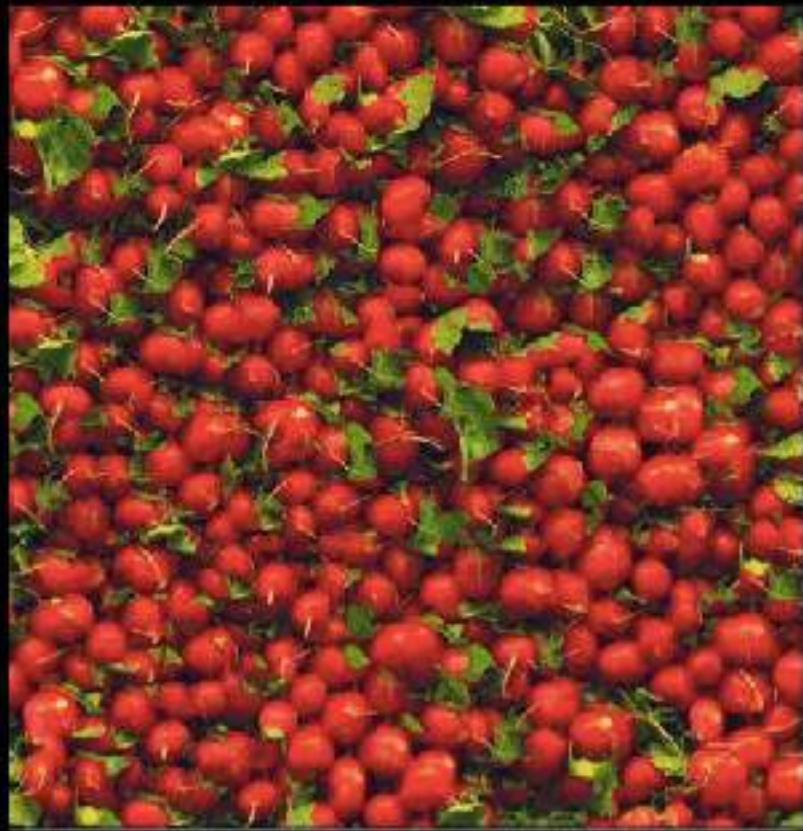
# Unreasonable Effectiveness of Data

Simple Algorithms (Dumb) + Lot of Data  
are better than Complicated algorithms

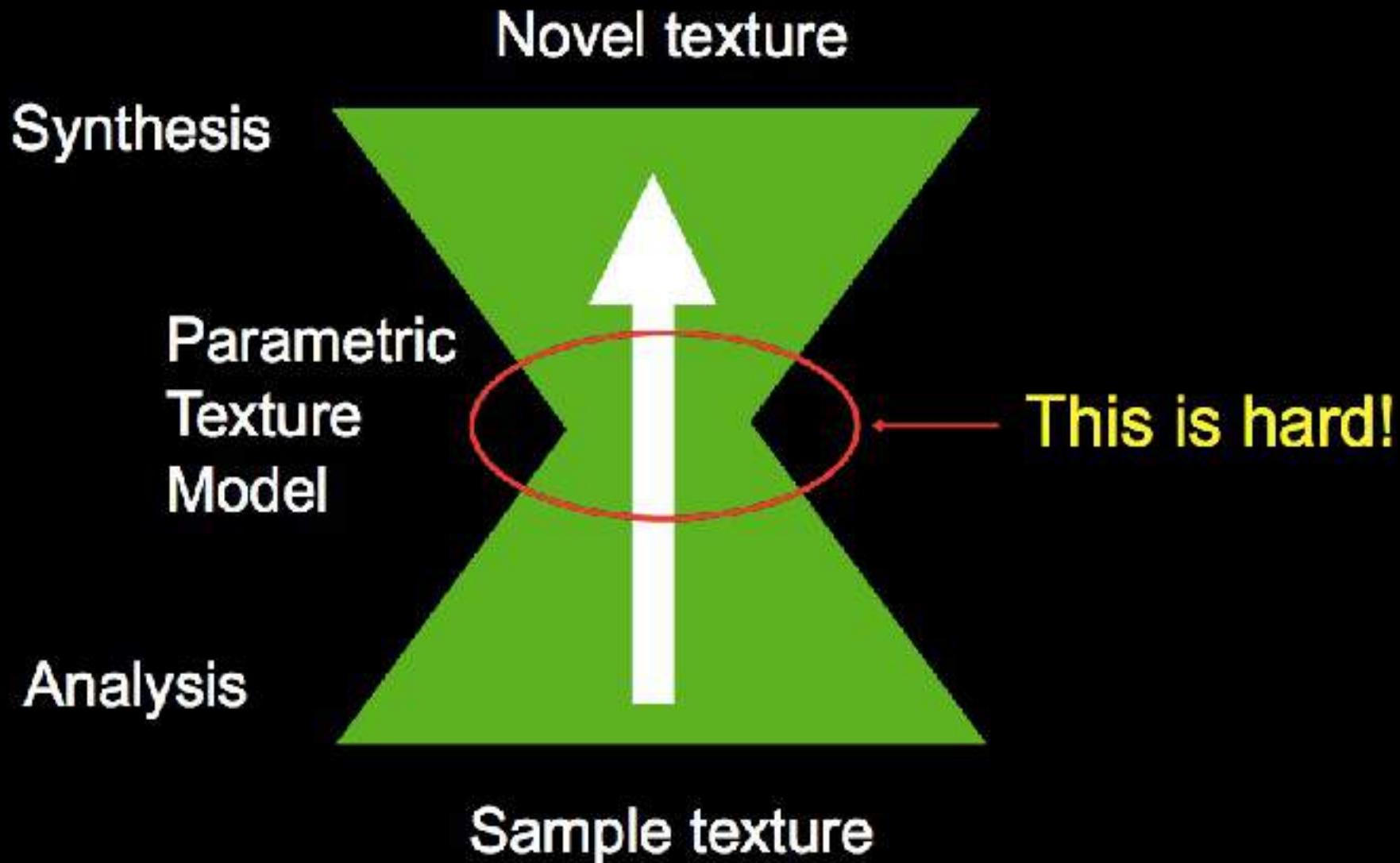
A Quick Example:  
Texture Generation

# Texture Synthesis

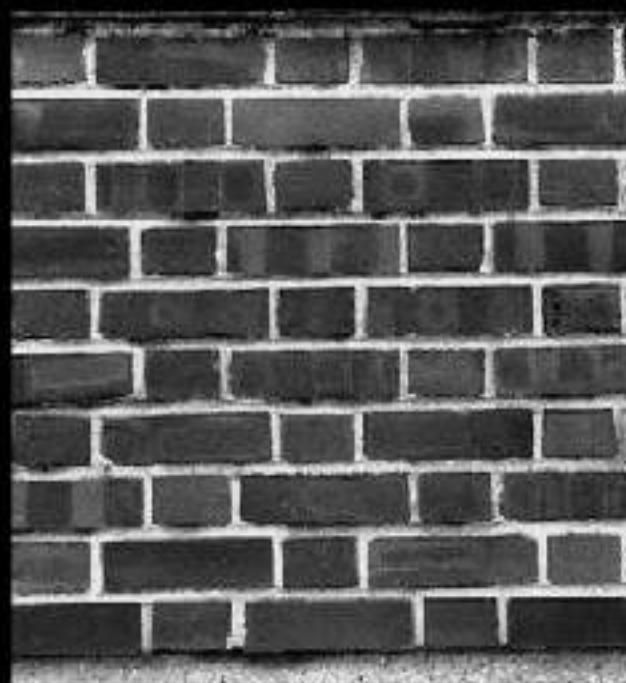
# Texture Synthesis



# Classical Texture Synthesis



# Throwing away too much too soon?



input texture



synthesized texture

# Non-parametric Approach

Synthesis

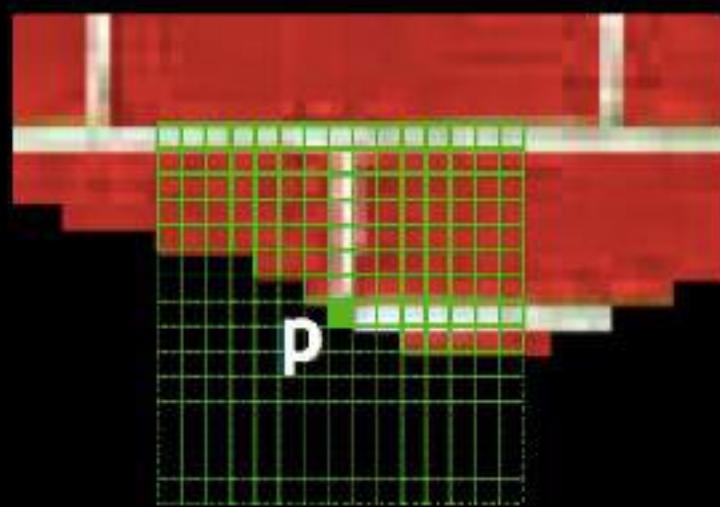
Novel texture



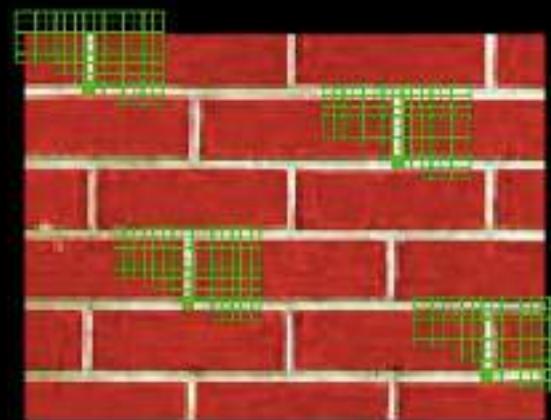
Analysis

Sample texture

[Efros & Leung, '99, Efros & Freeman '01]

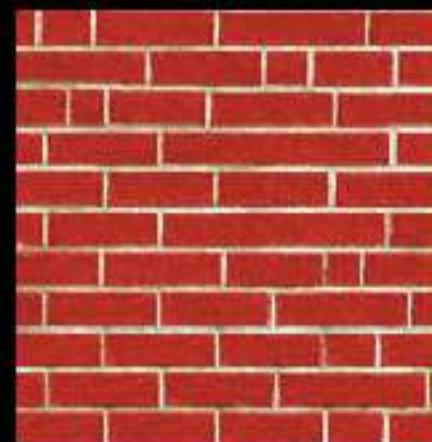
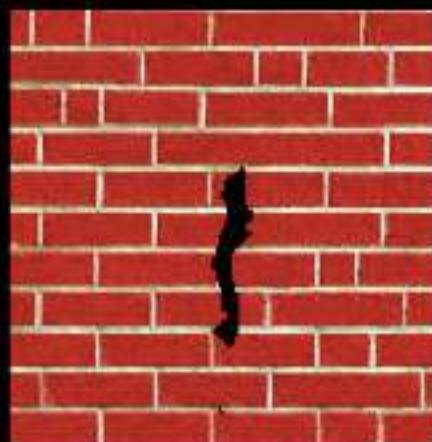
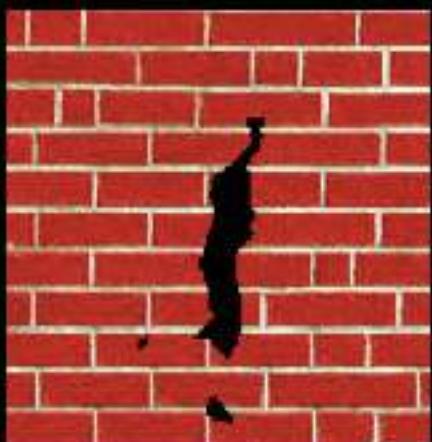
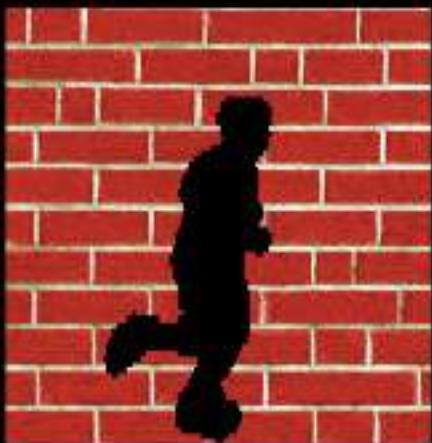


non-parametric  
sampling



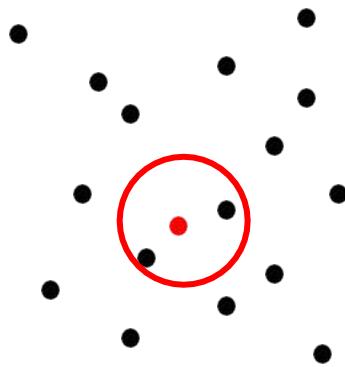
Input image

# Texture Growing

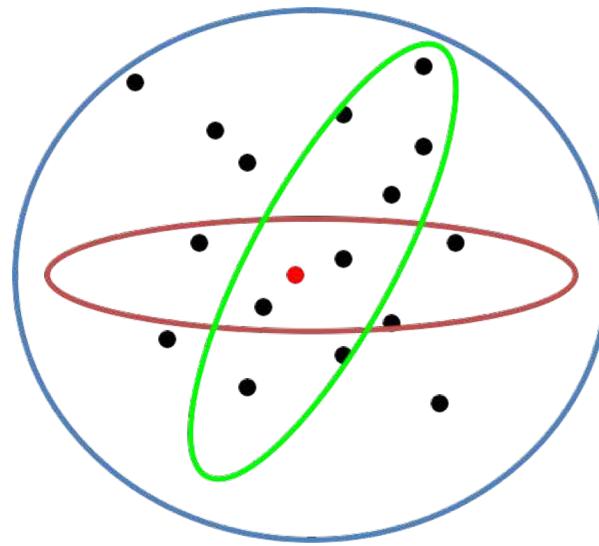


So, how do we use big data?

# Two ways to use Lots of Data

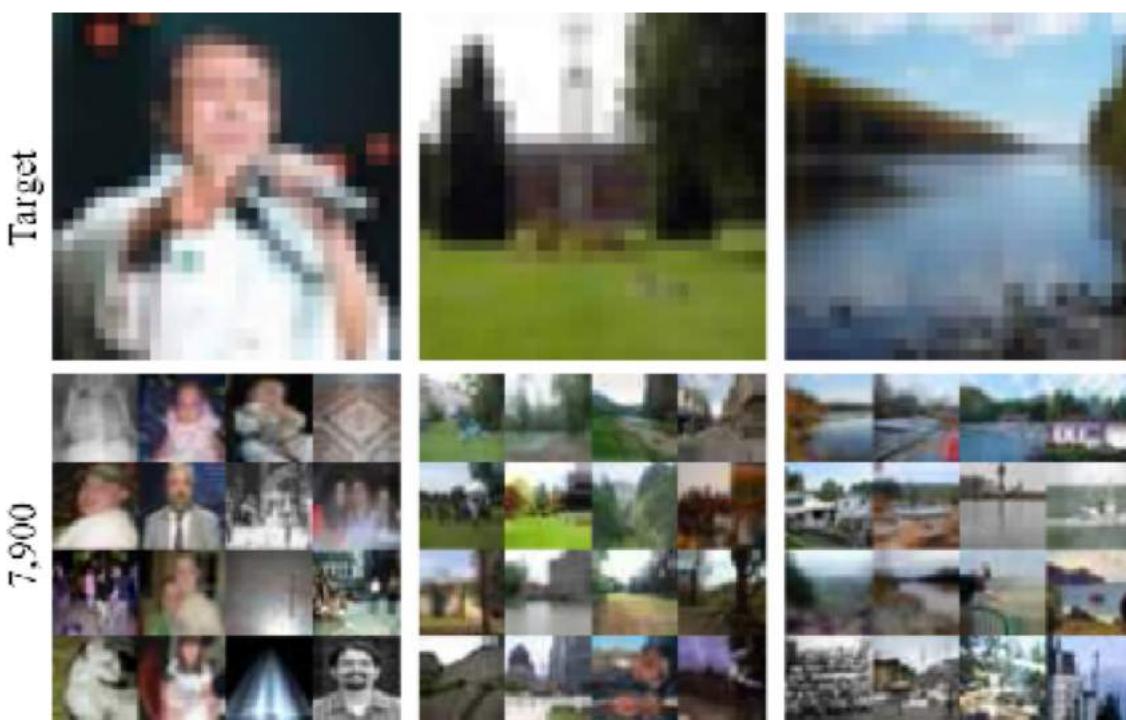


**Brute Force Vision:** Find that needle in the haystack and disregard the rest (a.k.a. kNN)

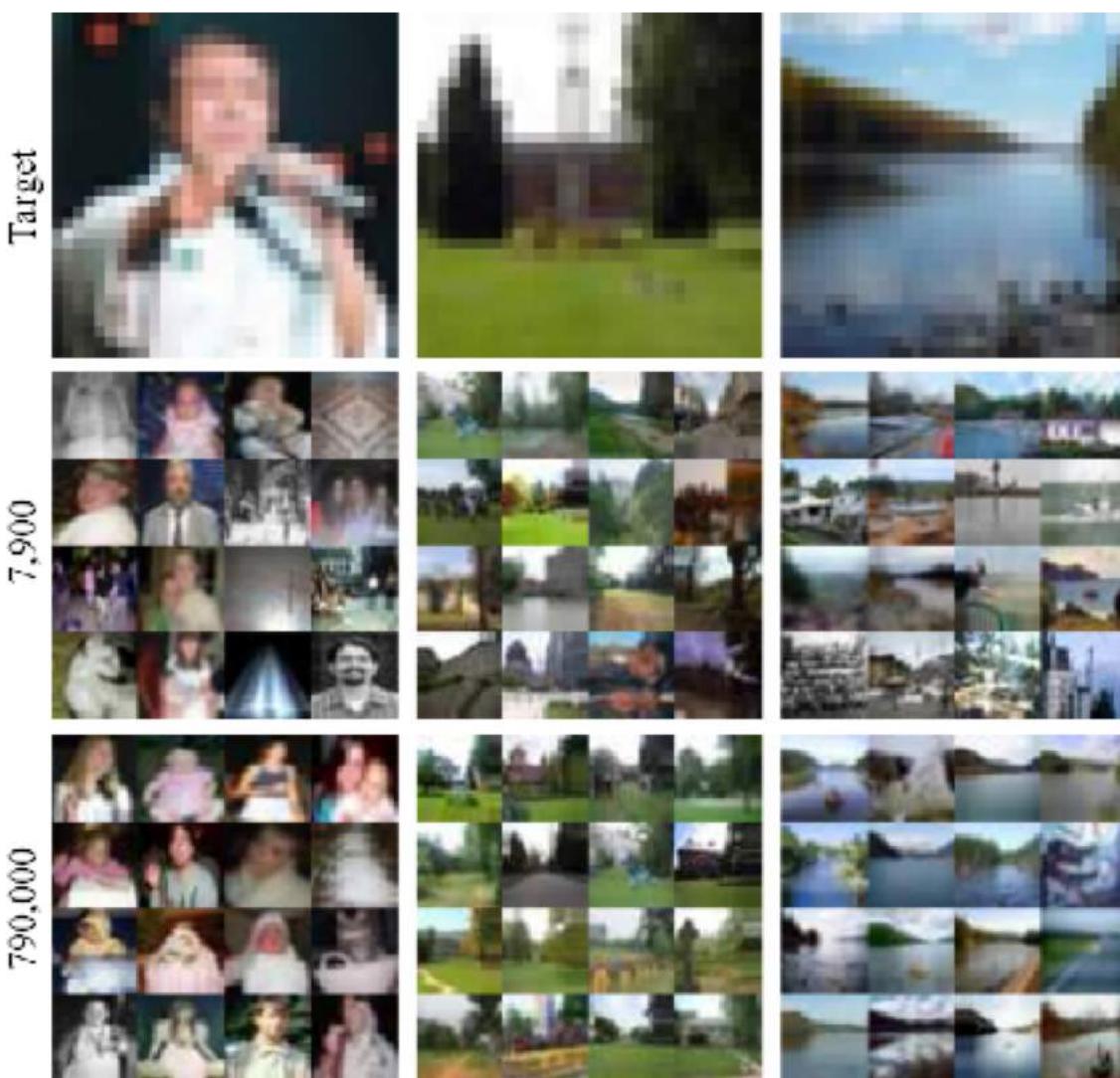


See what different subsets of data think of you  
(a.k.a. Parametric Models)

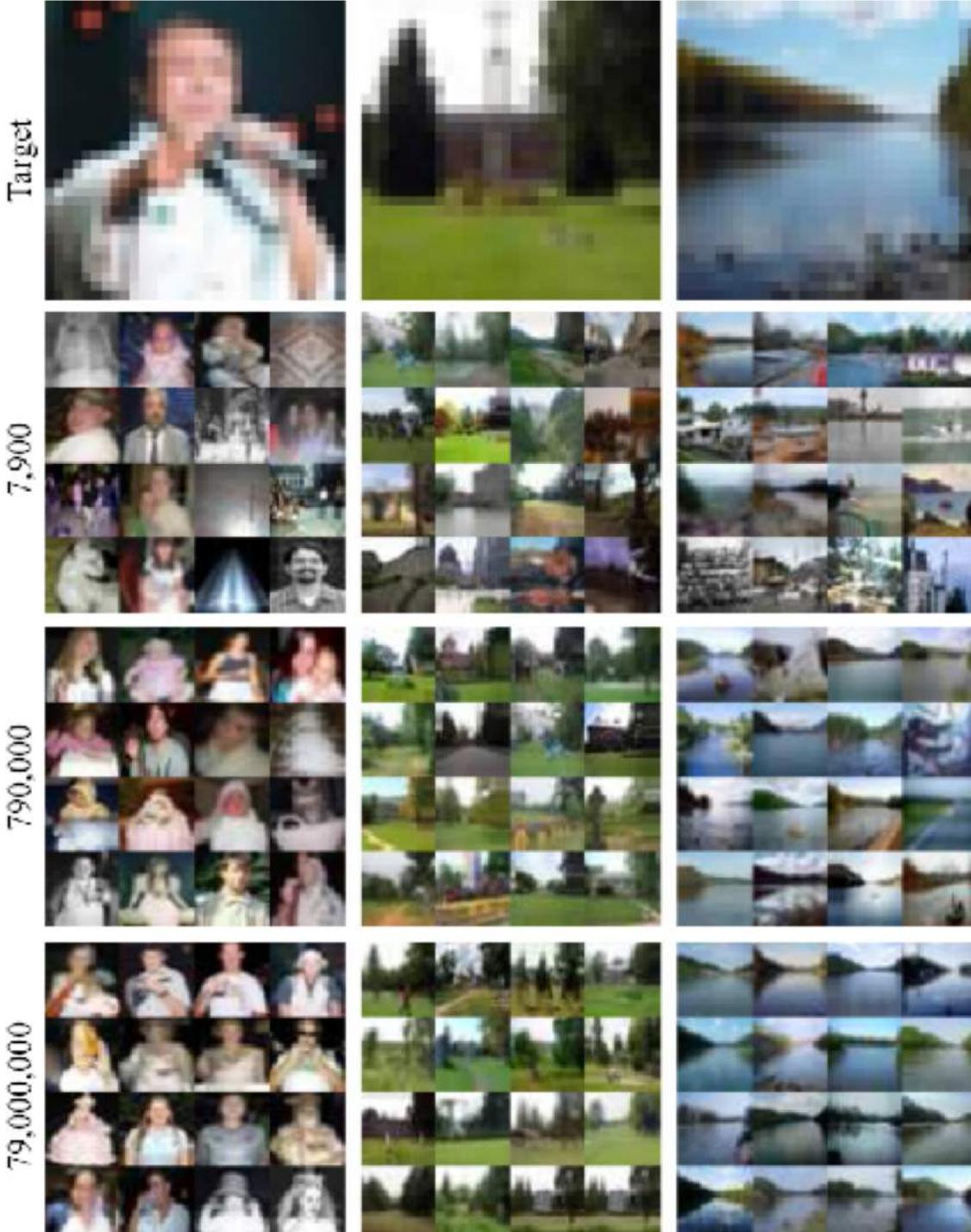
# Lots Of Images



# Lots Of Images



# Lots Of Images



# kNN matching is great...

- because we live in a (mostly) boring world!



# Image Completion



Instead, generate proposals using millions of images



# Automatic Colorization Result

Grayscale input High resolution



Colorization of input using average



With a good image similarity  
and a lot of data...

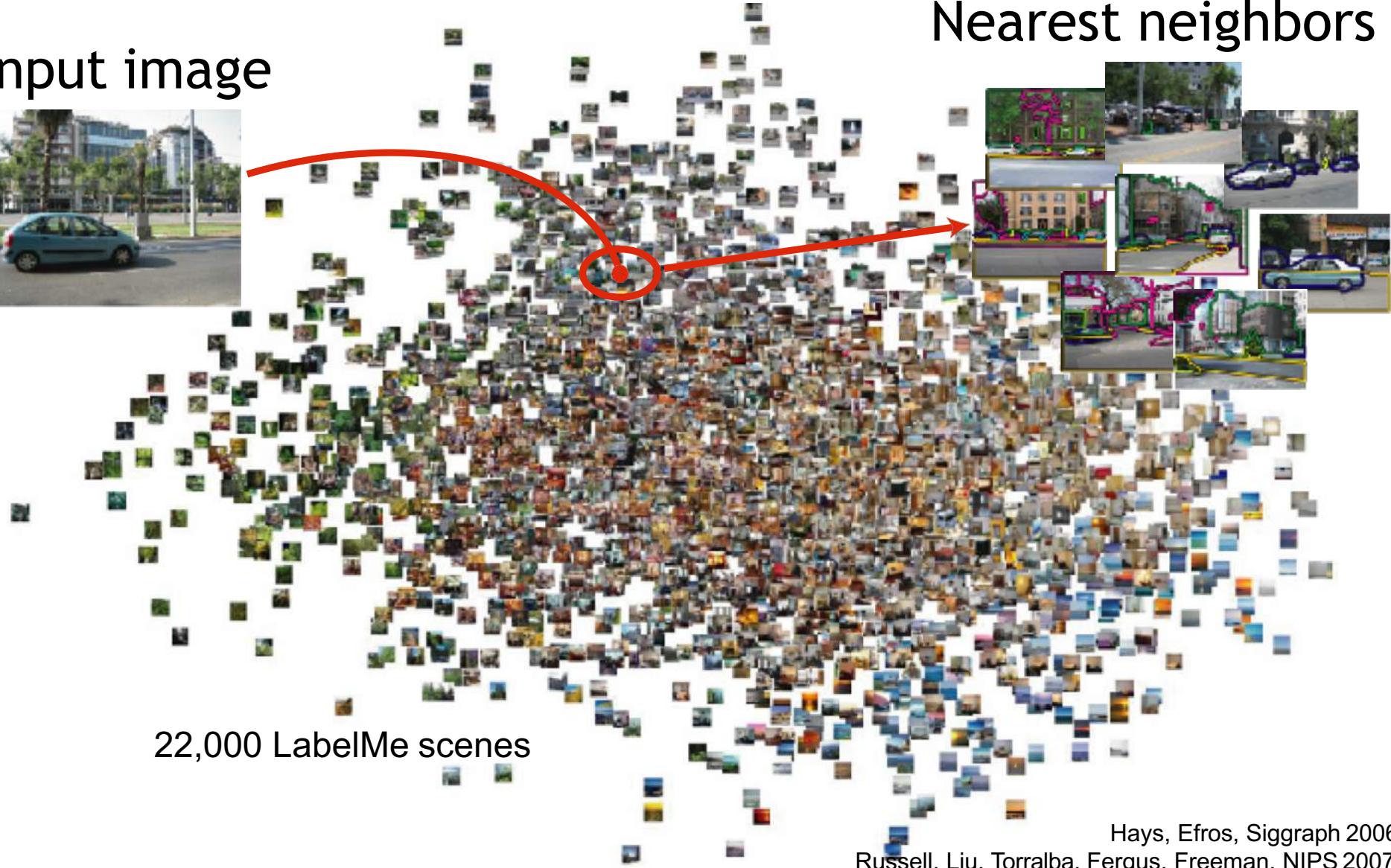
Input image



Nearest neighbors

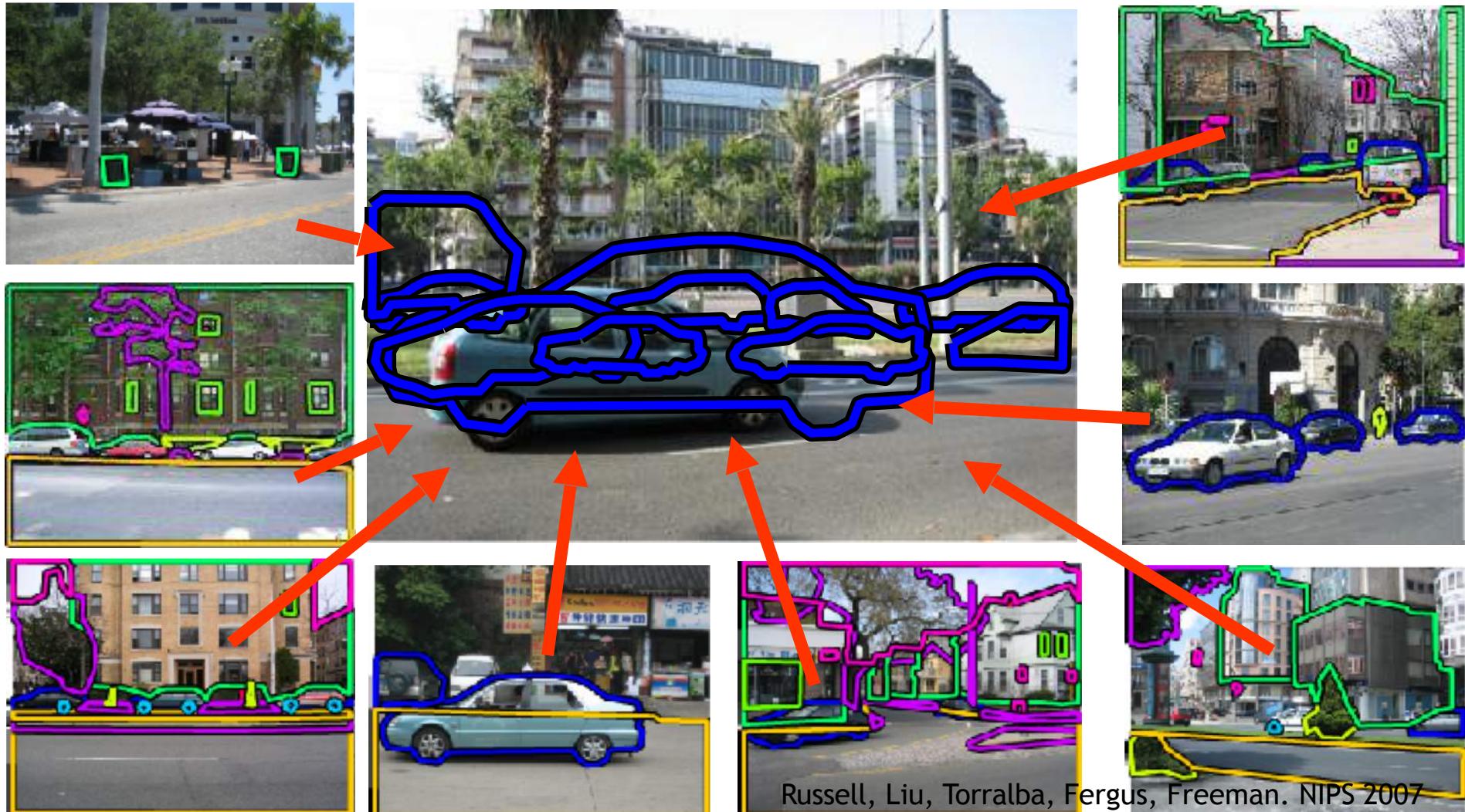


22,000 LabelMe scenes

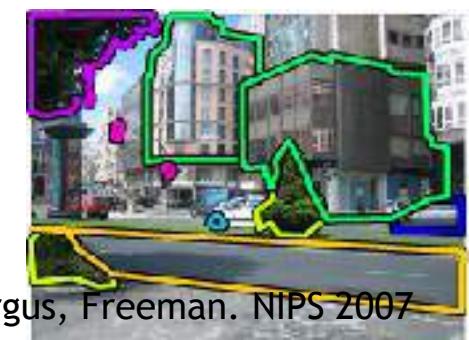
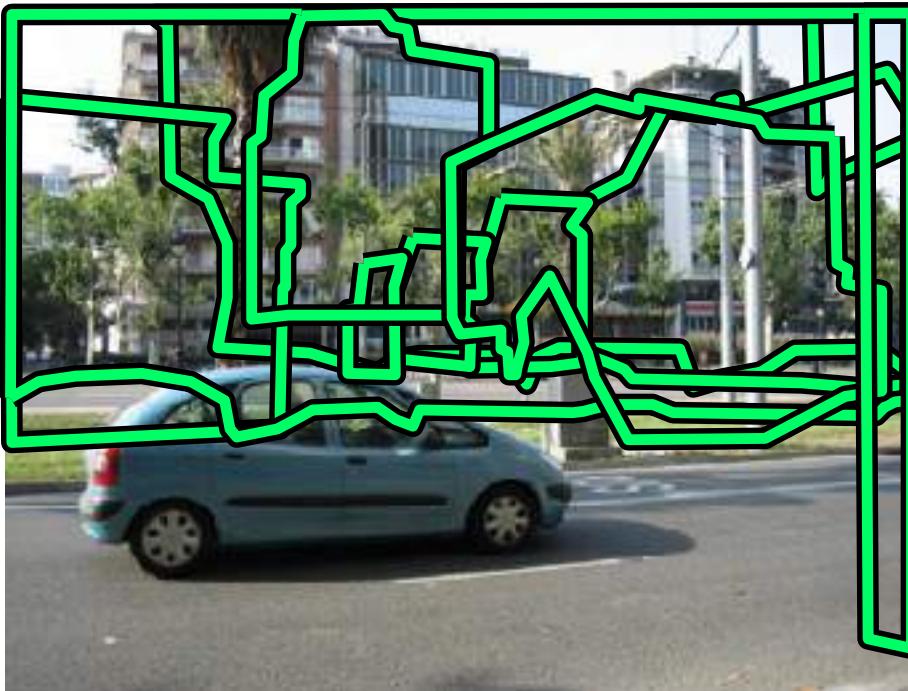


Hays, Efros, Siggraph 2006  
Russell, Liu, Torralba, Fergus, Freeman. NIPS 2007

# With a good image similarity and a lot of data...

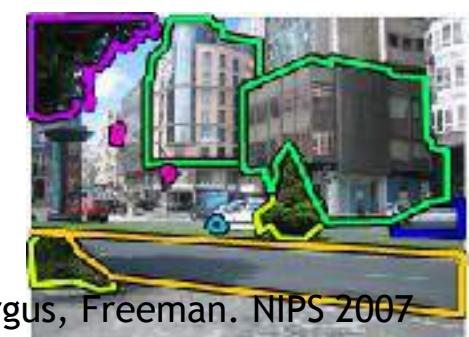
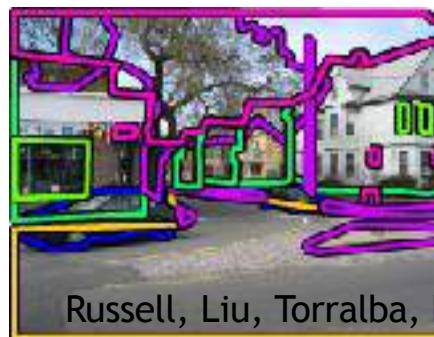


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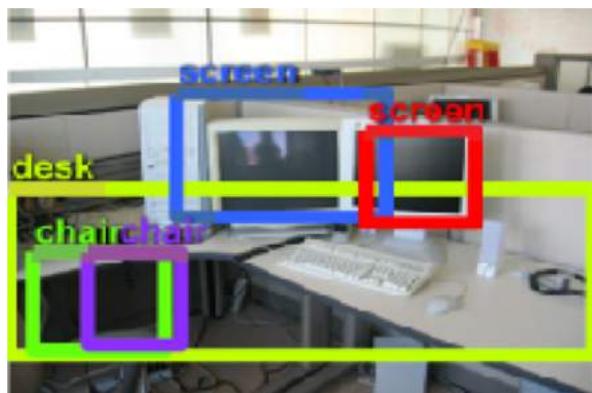


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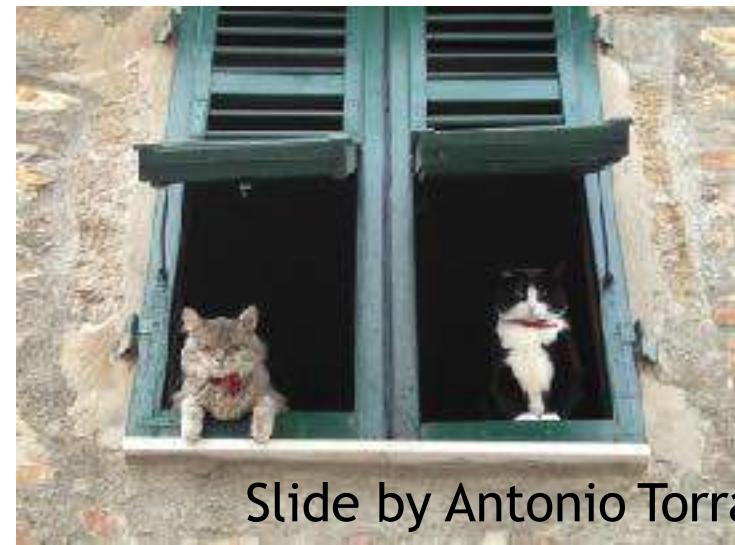
# Outputs



# While many scenes are boring...



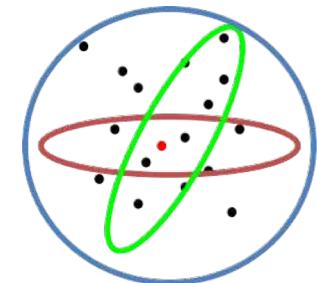
# Some scenes are unique



Slide by Antonio Torralba

# Generalization to rare scenes

- Moving away from kNN methodology...
- Use data to make connections



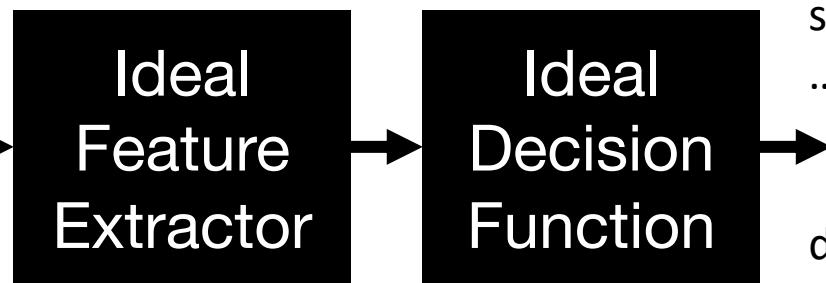
Ideal  
Feature  
Extractor

Ideal  
Decision  
Function

window, top-left  
clock, top-middle  
shelf, left  
...

drawing, middle  
hat, bottom right

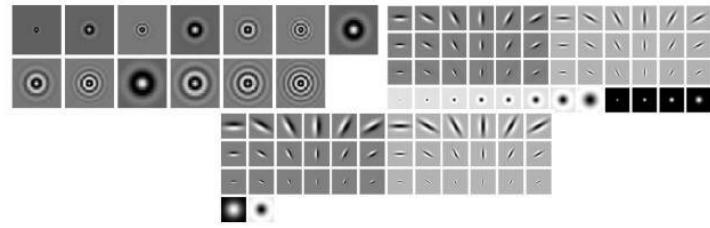
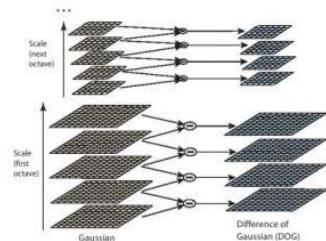
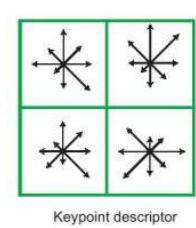
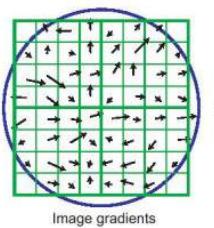
# Parametric Models



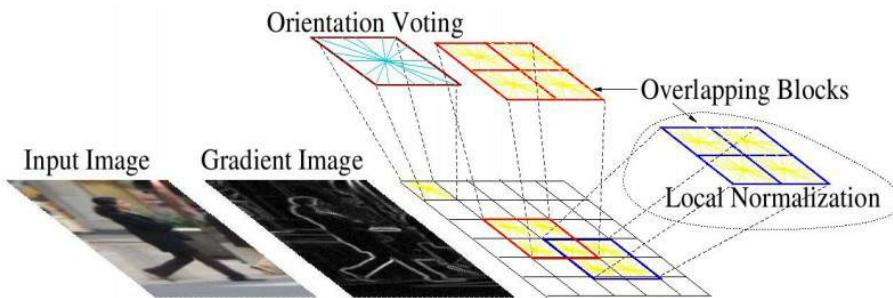
Q: What types of **features** shall we consider?

Q: What types of **decision functions** shall we consider?

# Computer Vision Features

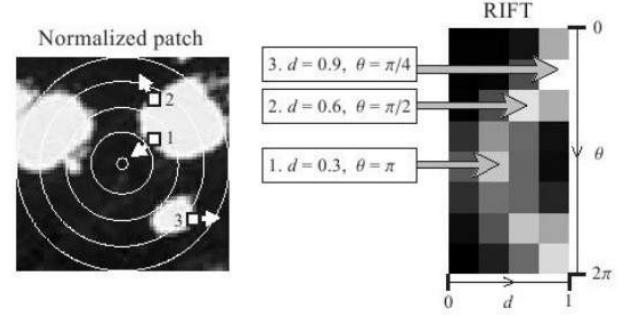


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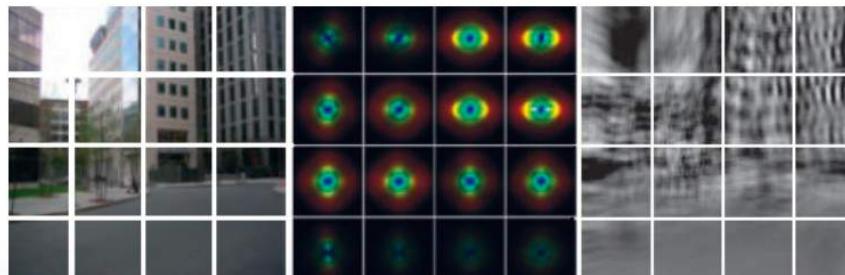
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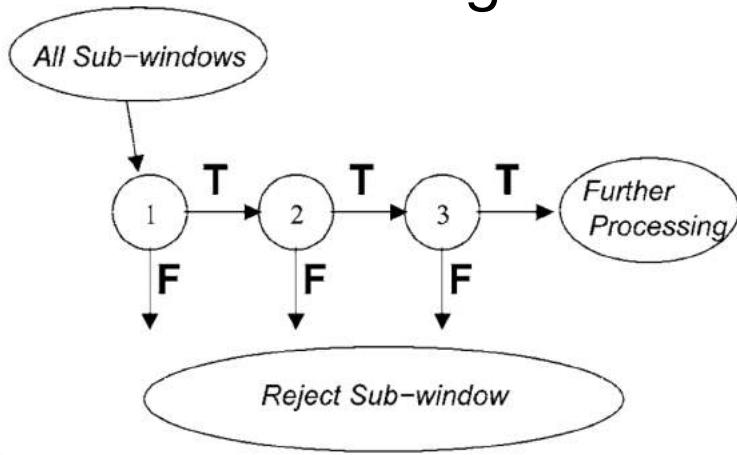
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GIST

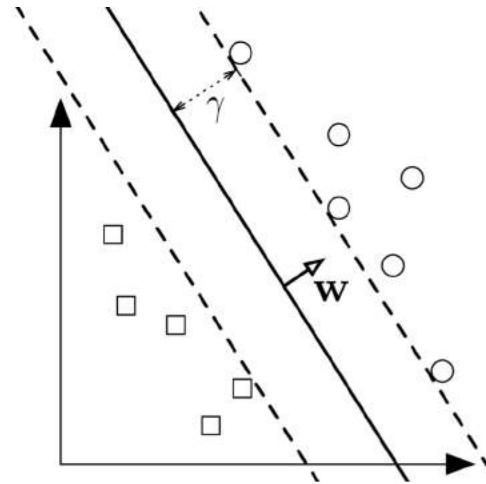


# Computer Vision Decision Functions

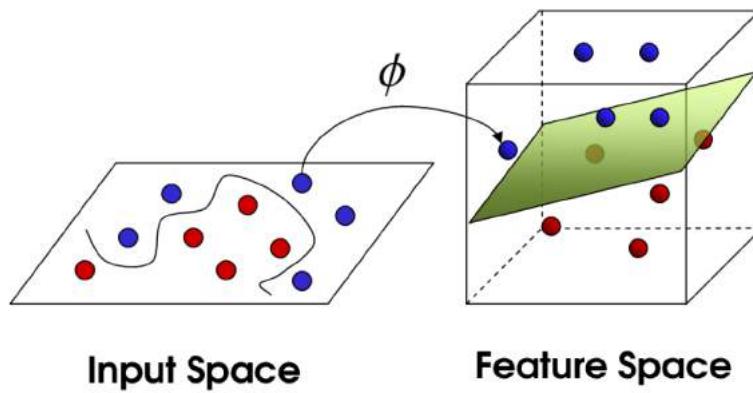
## Boosting



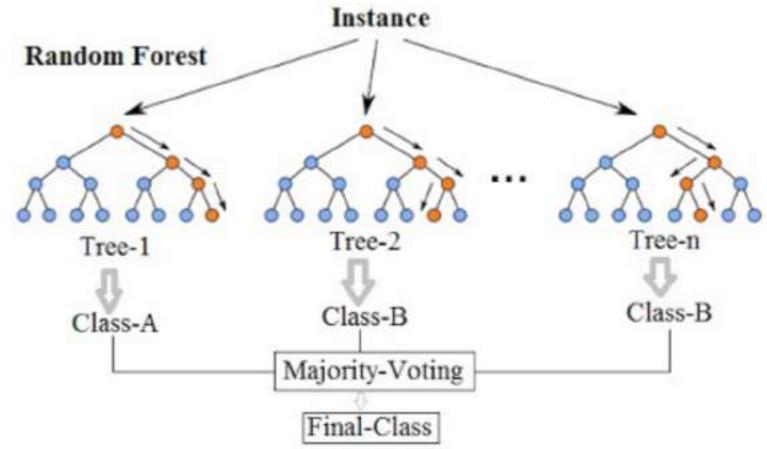
## Linear SVM



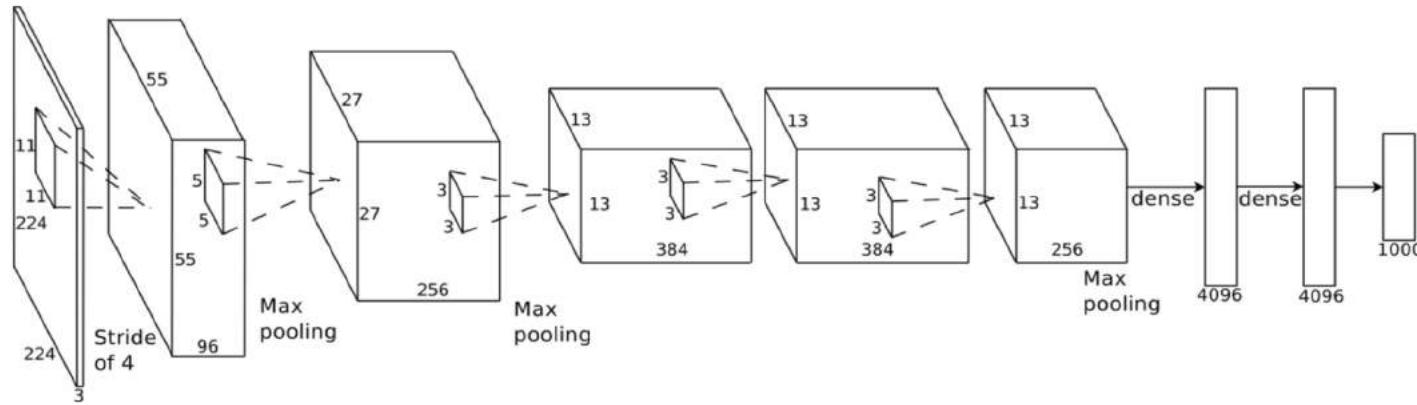
## Kernel Machines



## Random Forest



# Can we learn everything in one shot? - representation learning

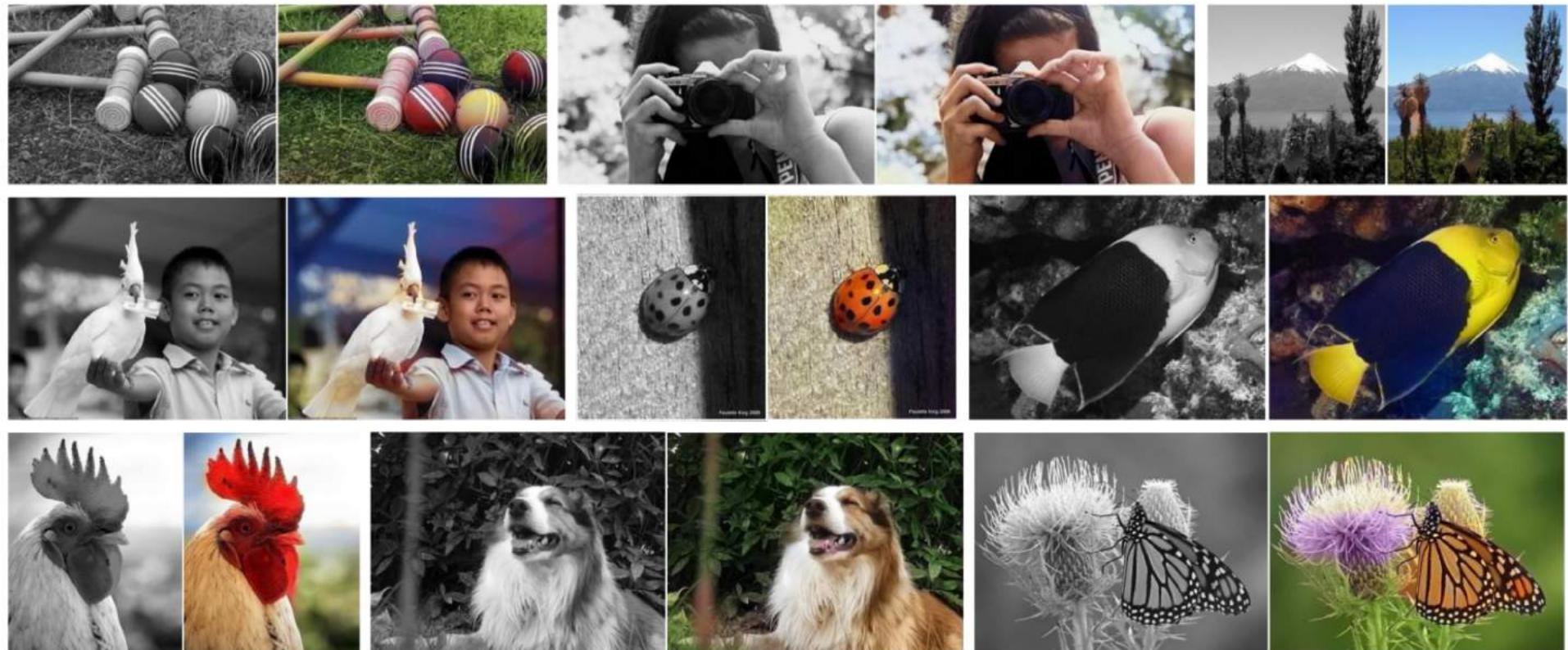


# Image Completion using Deep Models



Iizuka, Simo-Serra, Ishikawa, SIGGRAPH 2017

# Image Colorization using Deep Models



Zhang, Isola, Efros, ECCV 2016

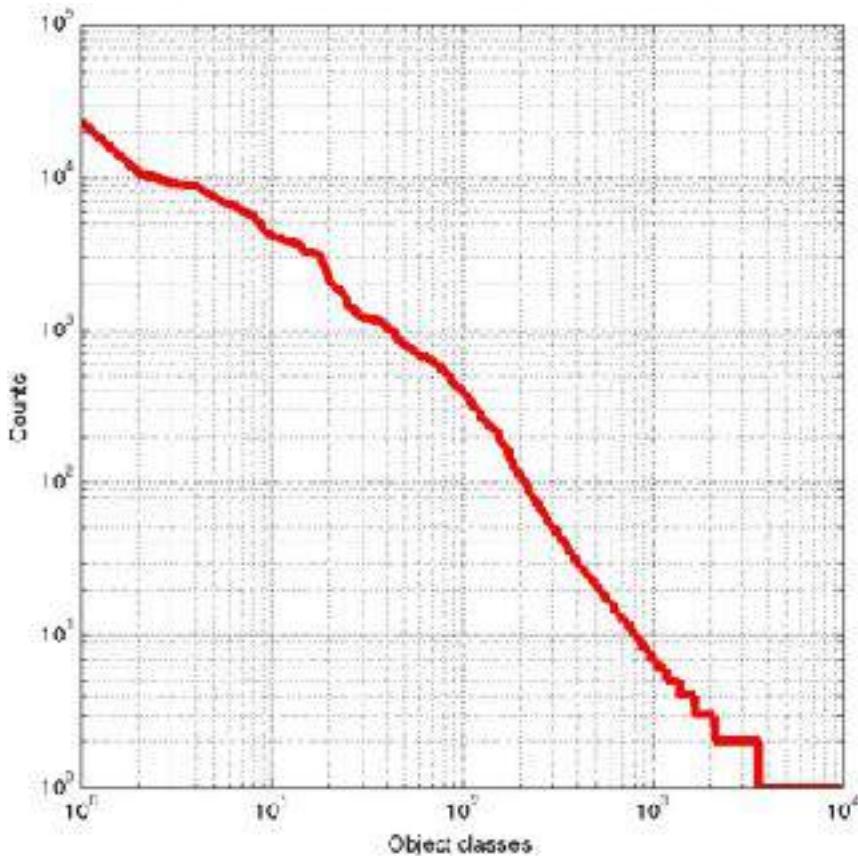
# Object Detection and Segmentation



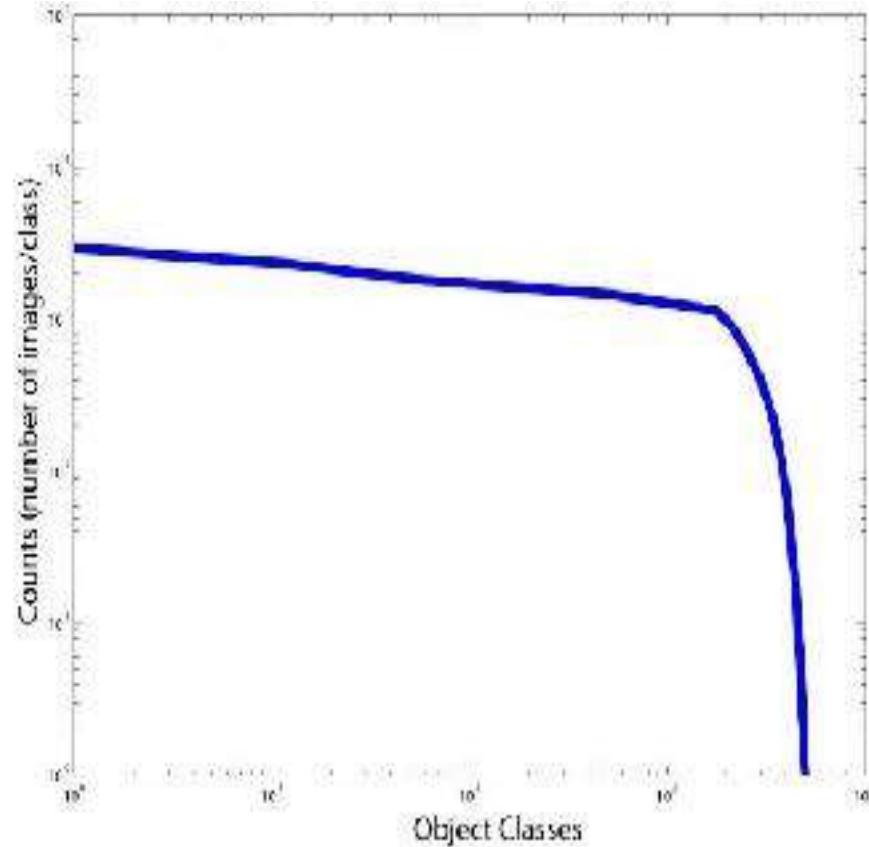
## “Mask RCNN”, He, Gkioxari, Dollár, Girshick, ICCV, 2017

# The Bias of Data

# Object distributions

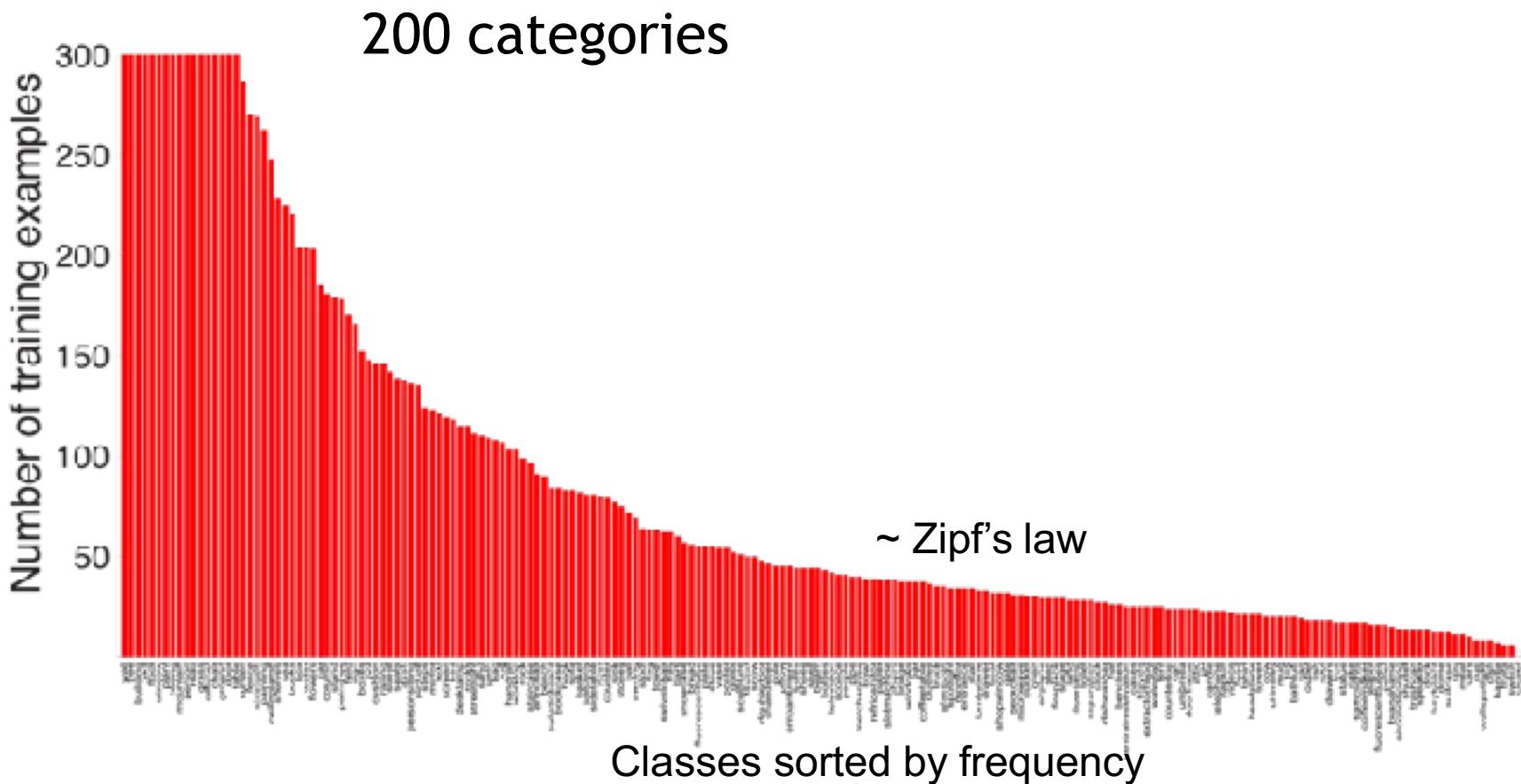


**LabelMe**



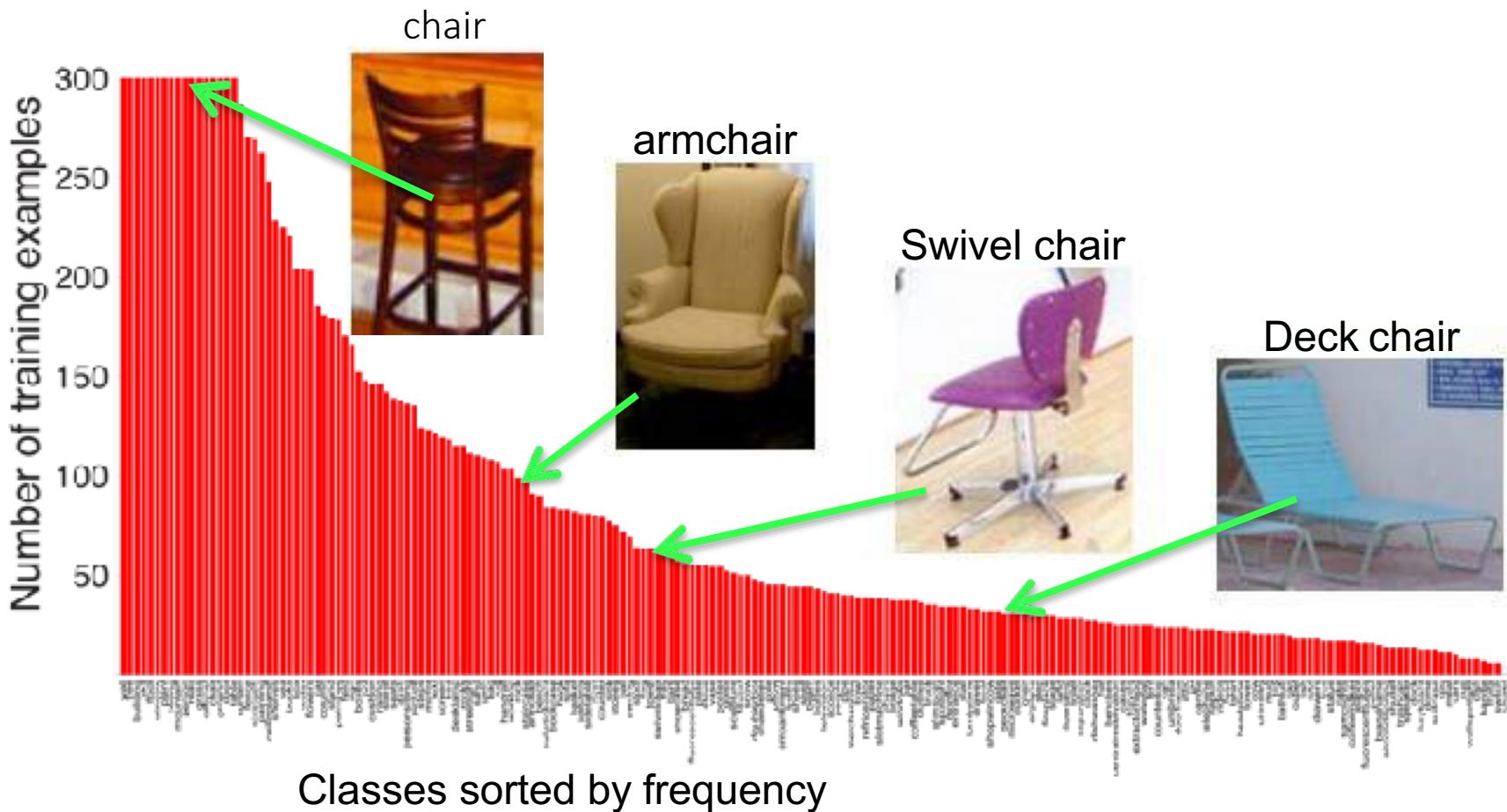
**IMAGENET**

# SUN database

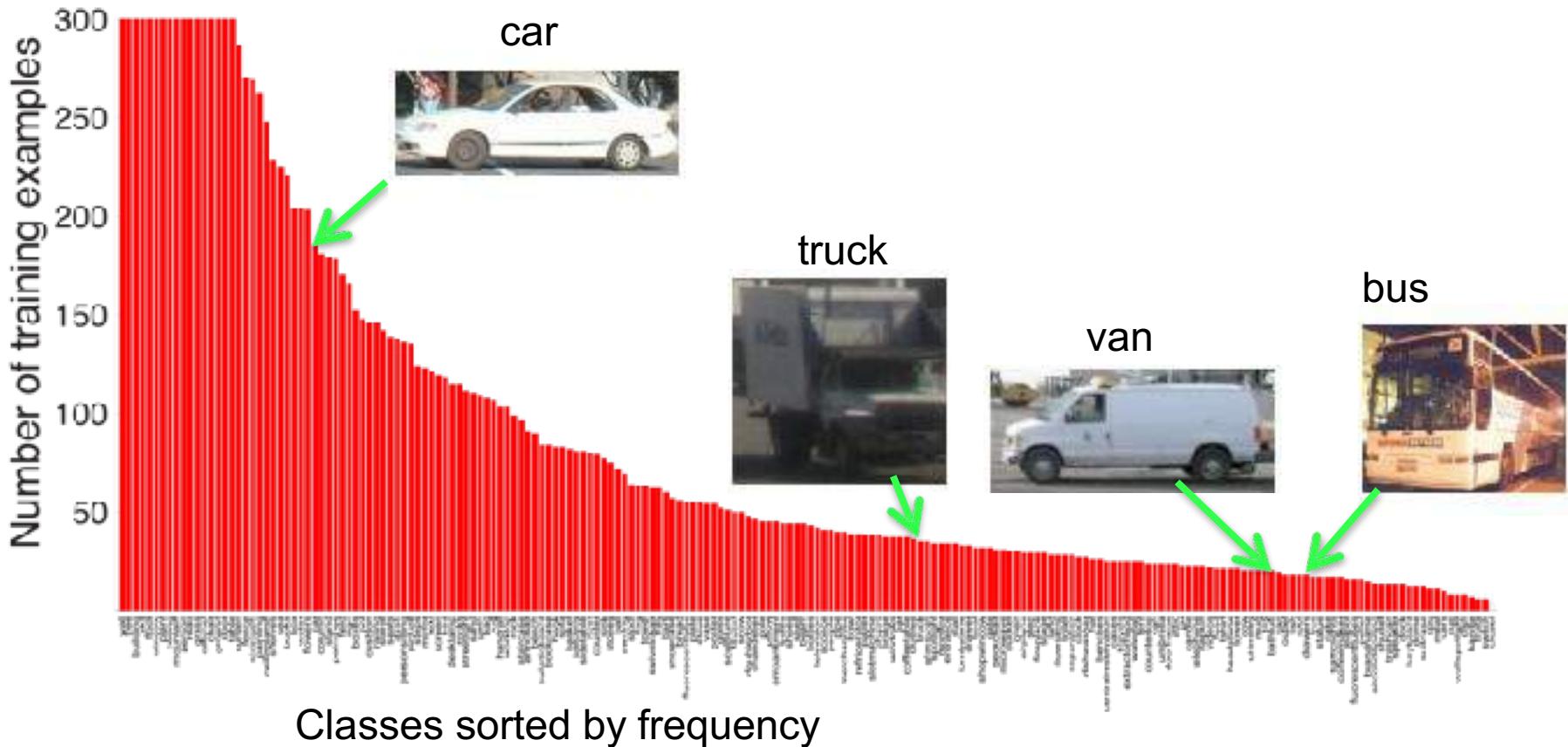


The first 9 objects account for 50% of all training examples  
17 classes with more than 300 examples  
109 classes with less than 50 examples

# Rare objects are similar to frequent objects



# Rare objects are similar to frequent objects



# Some bias comes from the way the data is collected

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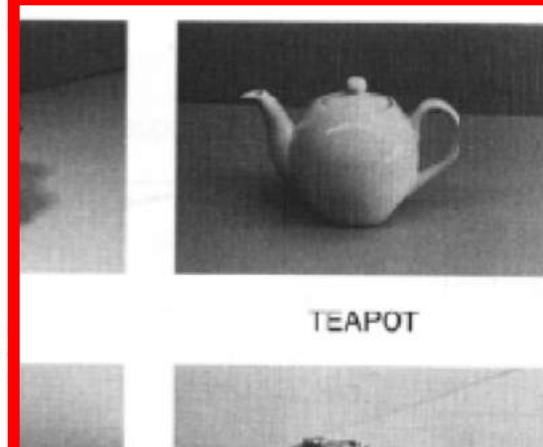
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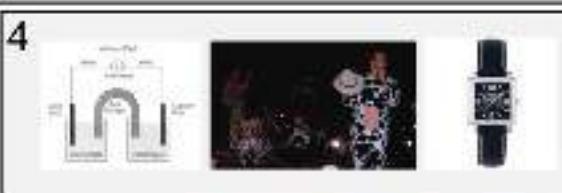


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Mugs from LabelMe

# *“Name That Dataset!”* game



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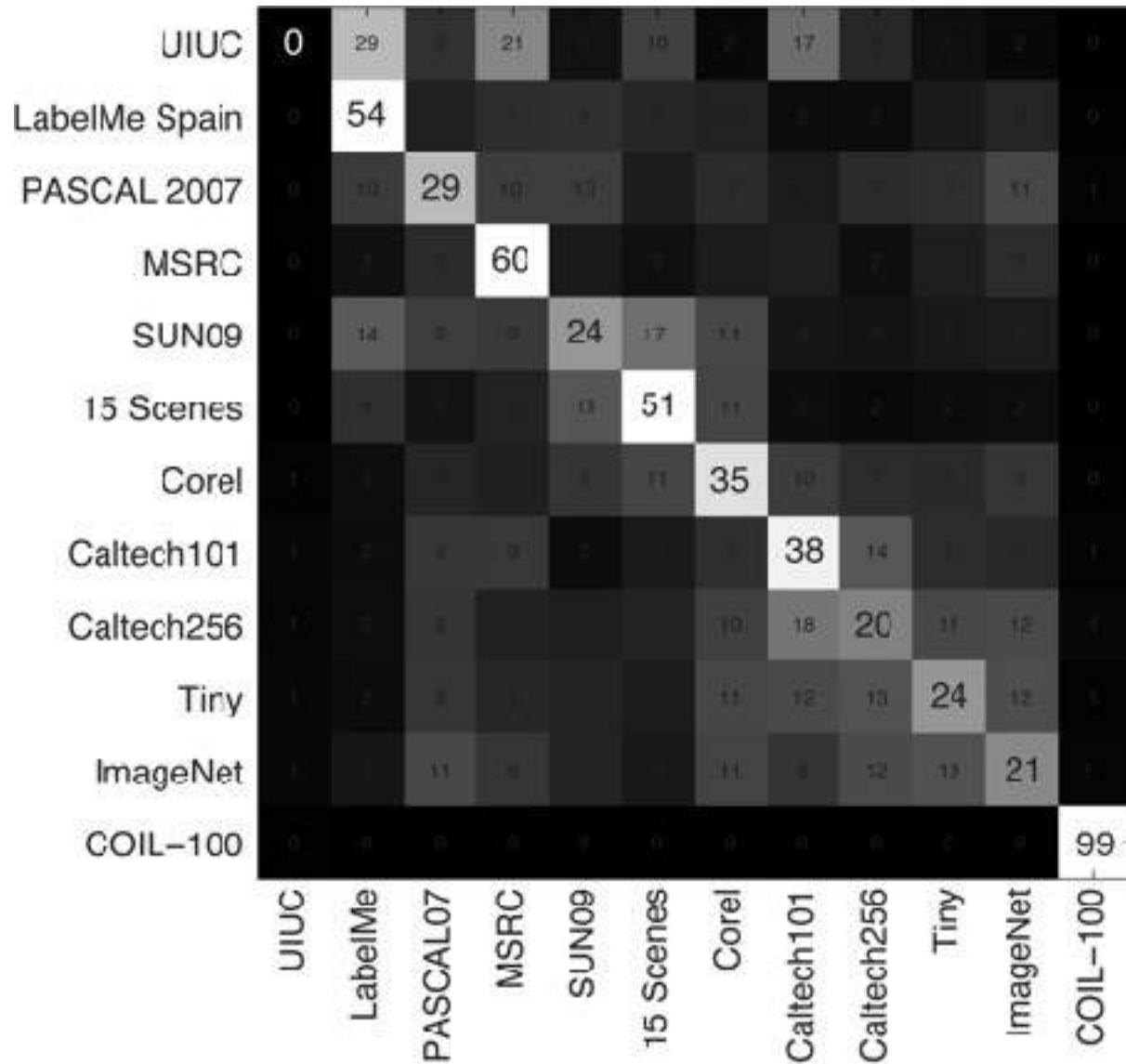
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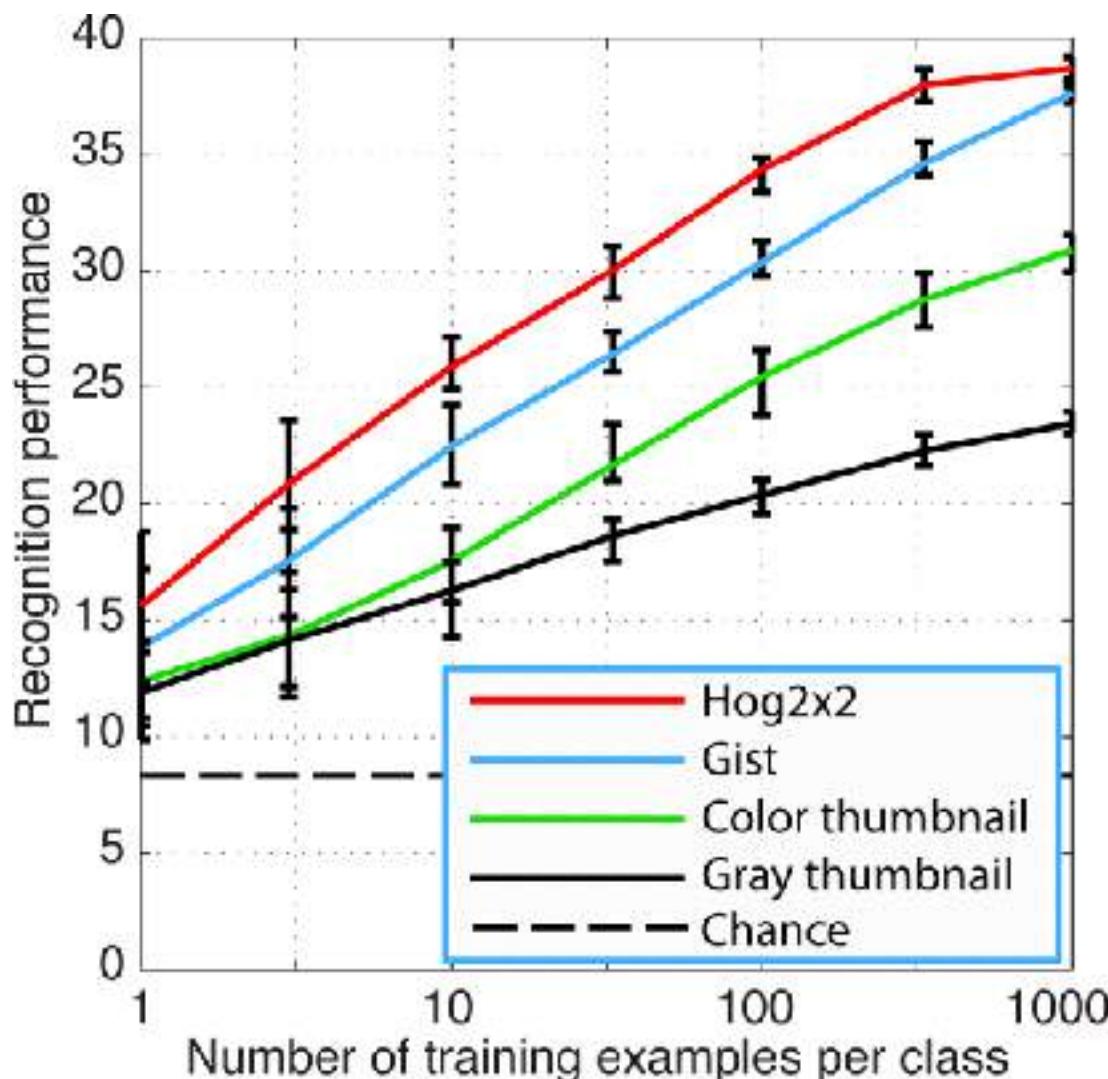
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# SVM plays “Name that dataset!”



- 12 1-vs-all classifiers
- Standard full-image features
- 39% performance (chance is 8%)

# SVM plays “Name that dataset!”

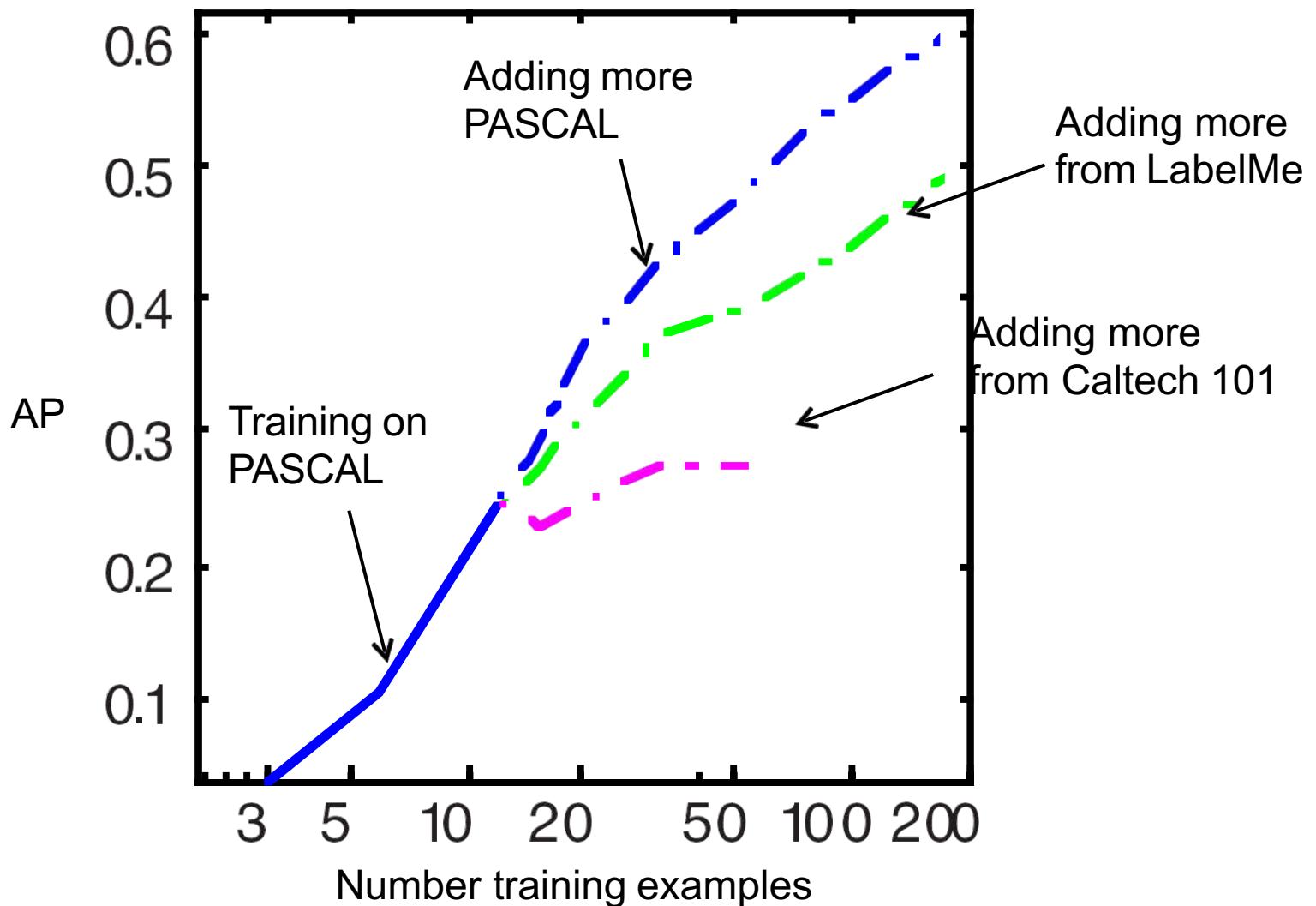


# Datasets have different goals...

- Some are object-centric (e.g. Caltech, ImageNet)
- Otherwise are scene-centric (e.g. LabelMe, SUN'09)
- What about playing “*name that dataset*” on bounding boxes?

# Mixing datasets

## Test on PASCAL



- Why do we need data?
- How much data do we need?
- When do we need big data?
- How do we use big data?
- Why should we be careful of data?

*The end*