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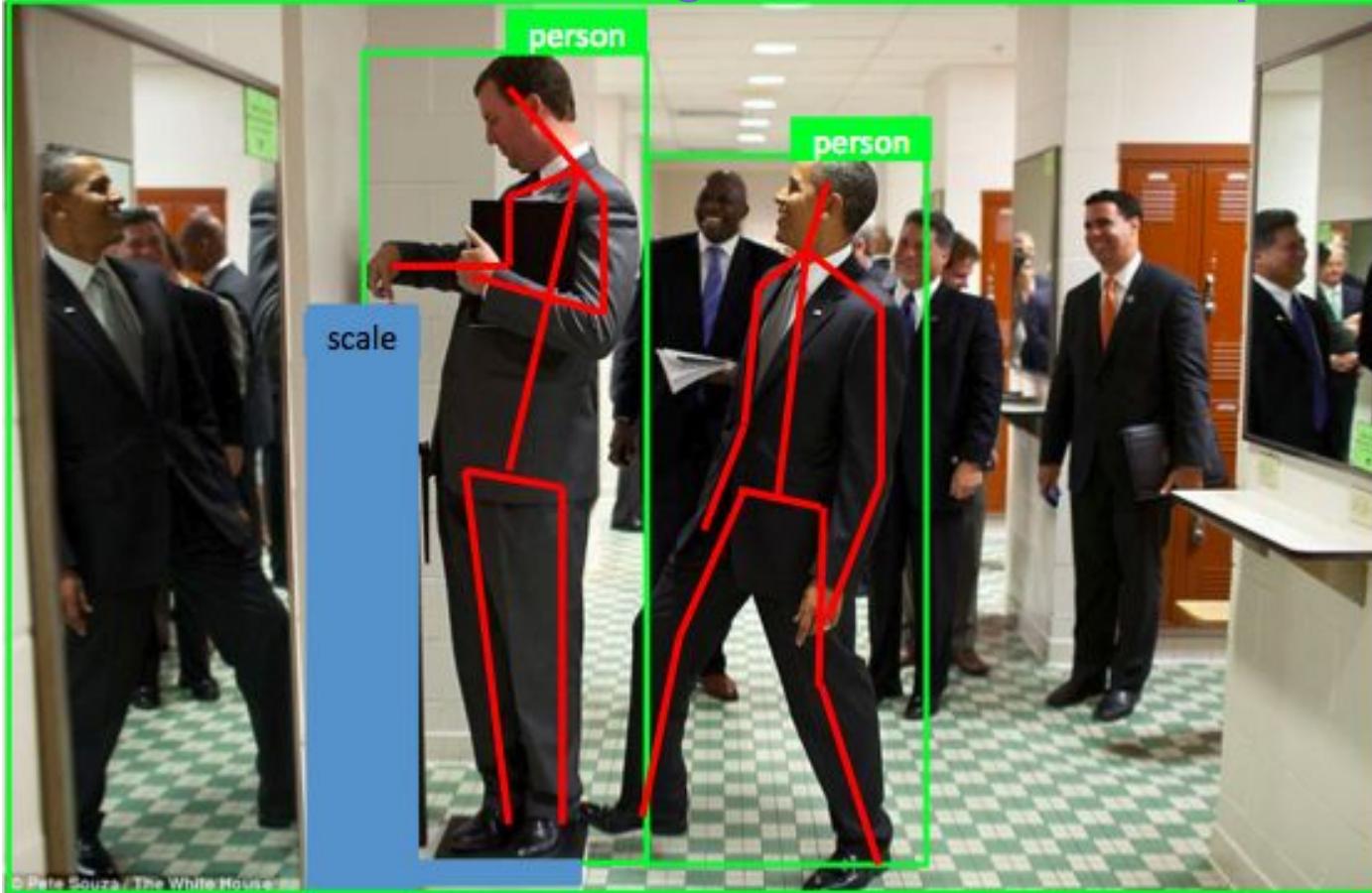
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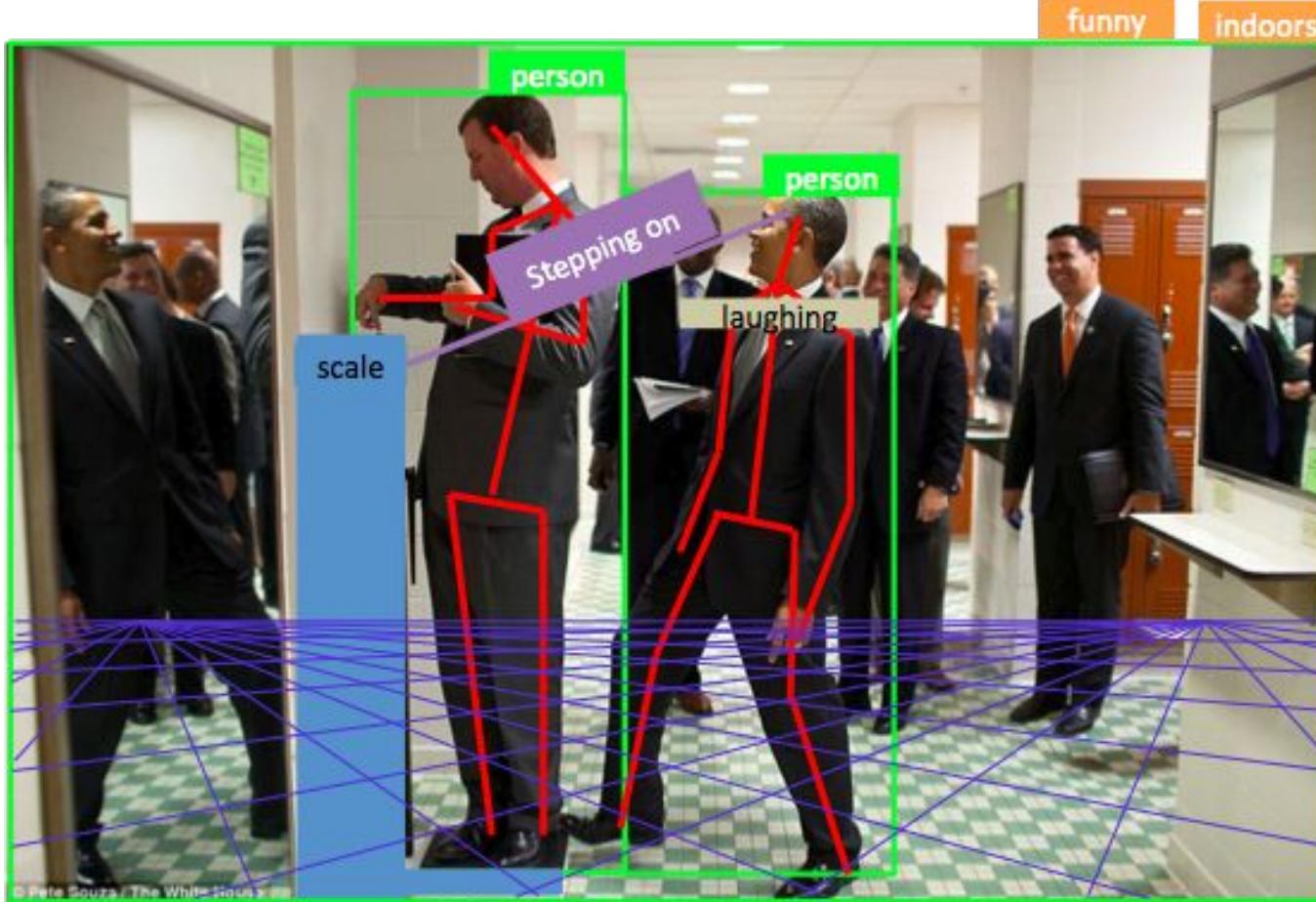


What we need: boxes, segments, human pose



Based on a figure from Jia Deng

And also: attributes, relations, 3-d, ...



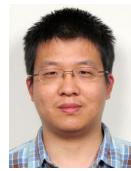
This Talk

- **Semantic Stuff Segmentation**
- Object Instance Segmentation
- Human Pose Estimation

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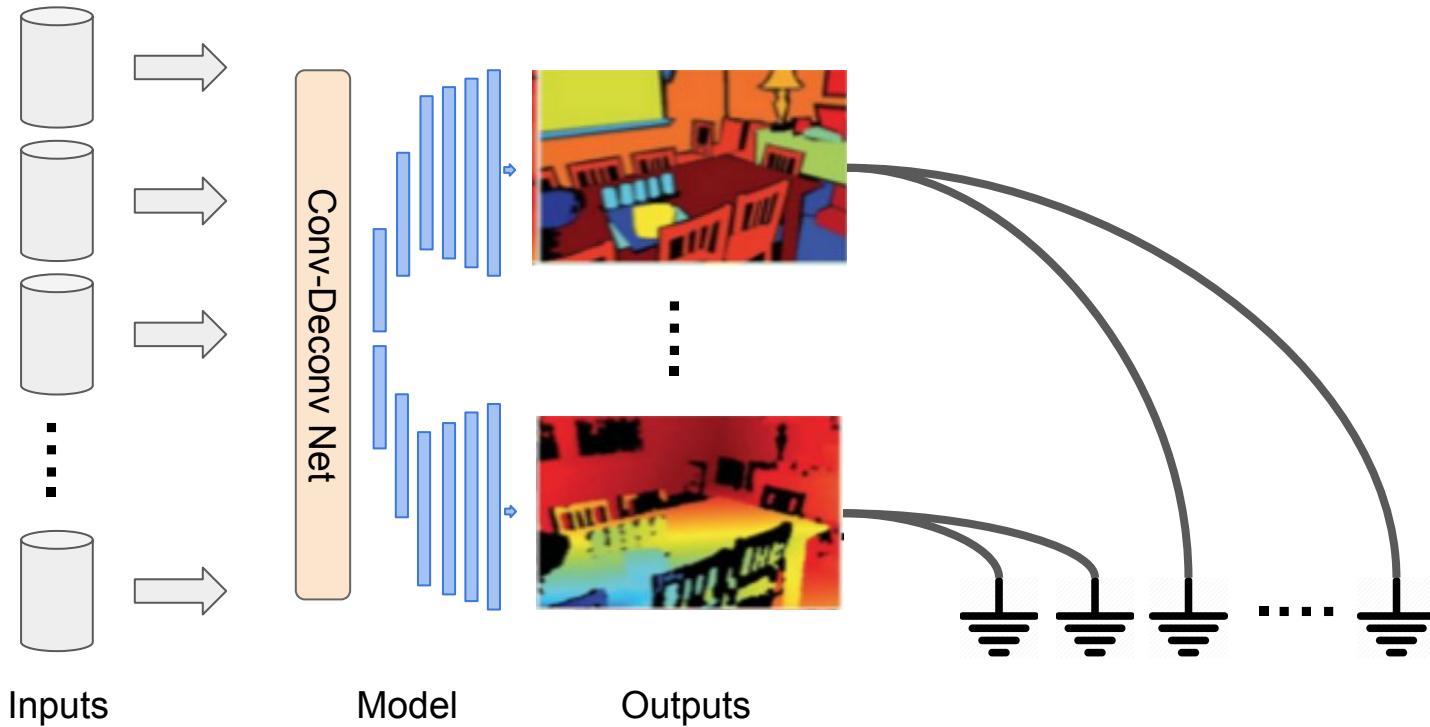


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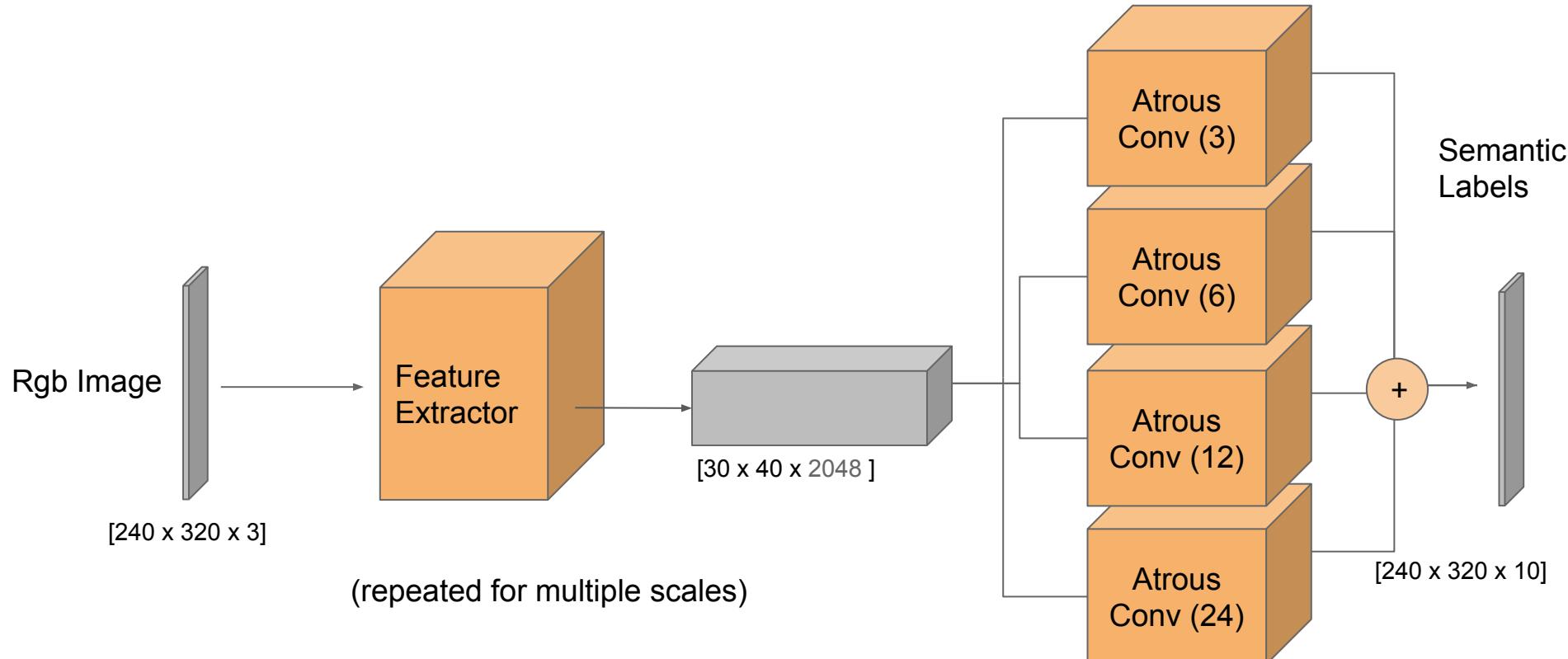


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A Model based on DeepLab for Semantic Segmentation



**"Semantic Image Segmentation with Deep Convolutional Nets and Fully Connected CRFs ",
Liang-Chieh Chen, George Papandreou, Iasonas Kokkinos, Kevin Murphy, Alan L. Yuille.
[ICLR'15](#), [CVPR'16](#), [PAMI'17](#).

Tricks for improving results

- Feature extractor
 - Inception resnet gives around 3% improvement in comparison to Resnet101.
- Initial checkpoint (Not used for the competition)
 - Starting from a COCO semantic segmentation checkpoint gives a 2-3% boost in comparison to starting from an ImageNet classification checkpoint.
- Ensembling
 - We get around 3-4% improvement in performance by ensembling 5 models.
- Batch size
 - Larger batch size and smaller crop size seems to be better than smaller batch size but larger crop size. We use a batch size of 72.
- Balancing classes
 - We get around 1% improvement by balancing the loss among different classes.
- Moving average? Focal loss? New network architectures?

Example results on ADE20K



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Groundtruth



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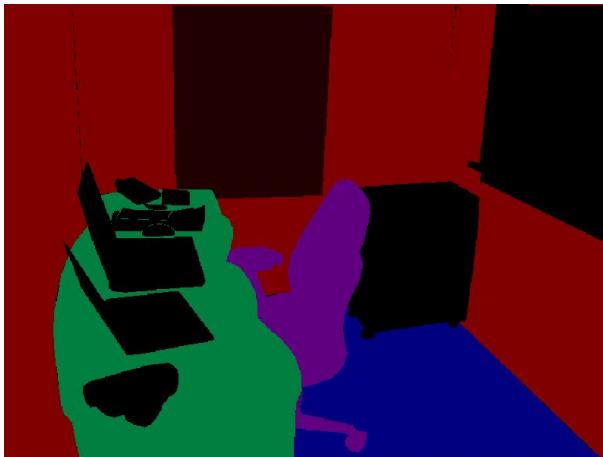


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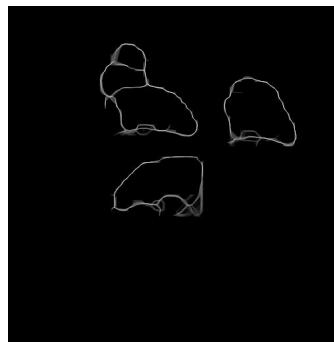
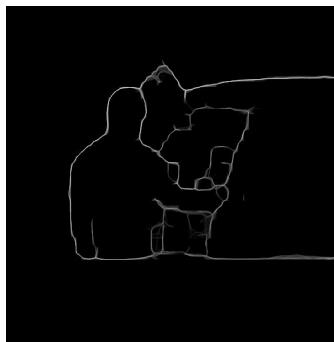
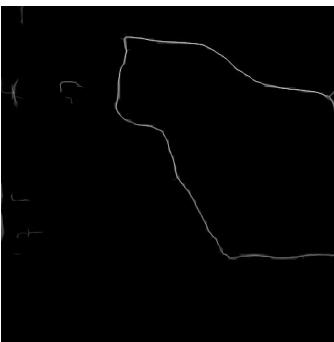
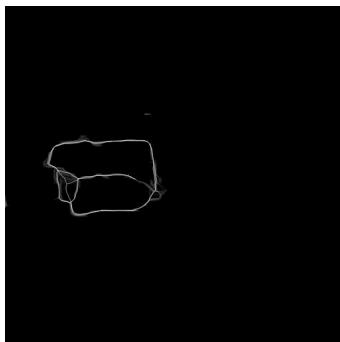


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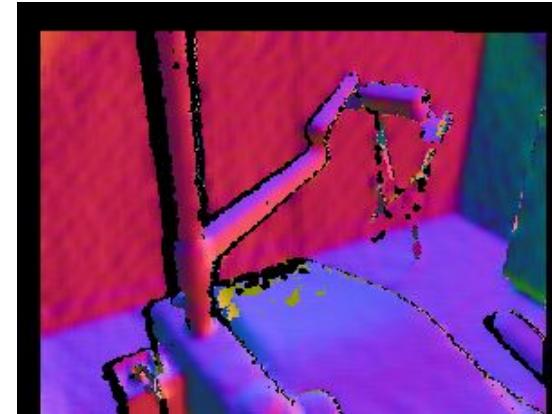
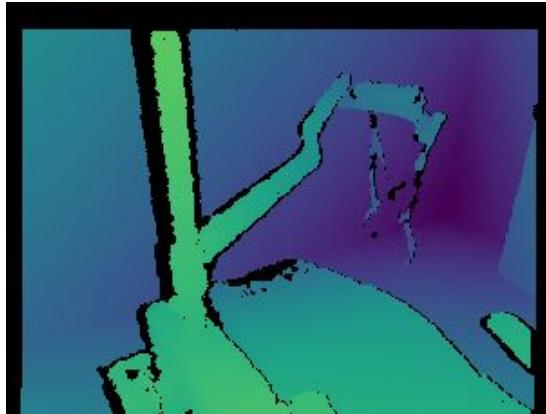


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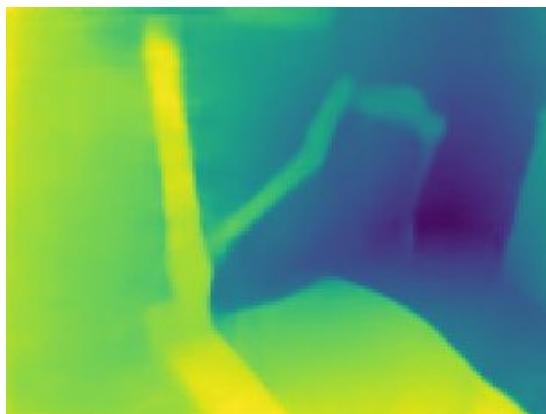
Boundary Detection



Depth/Surface Normal Prediction

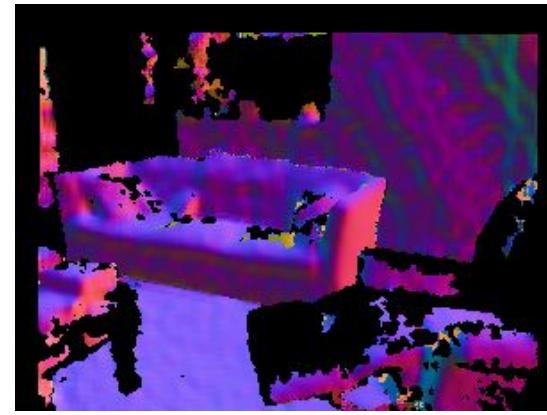
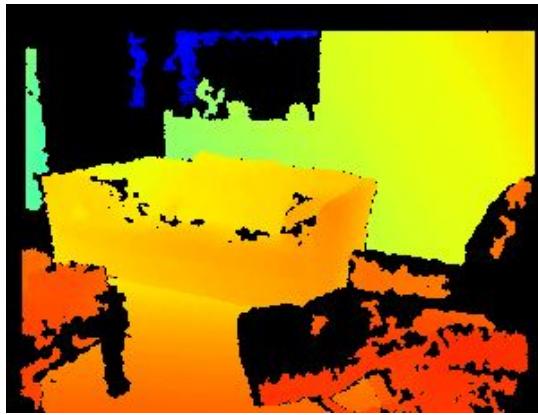


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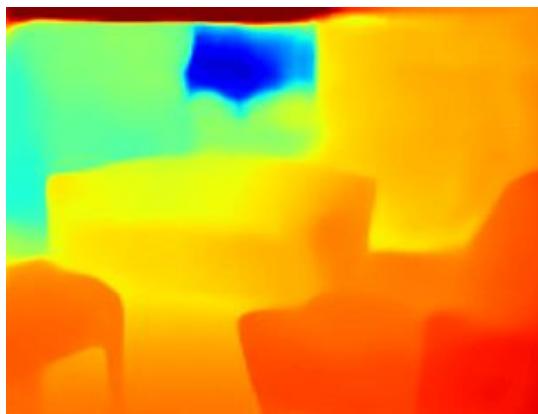


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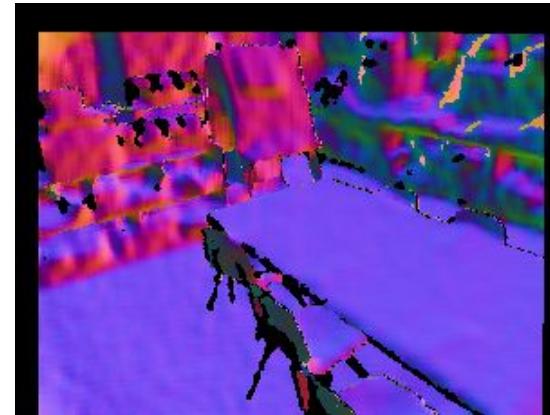
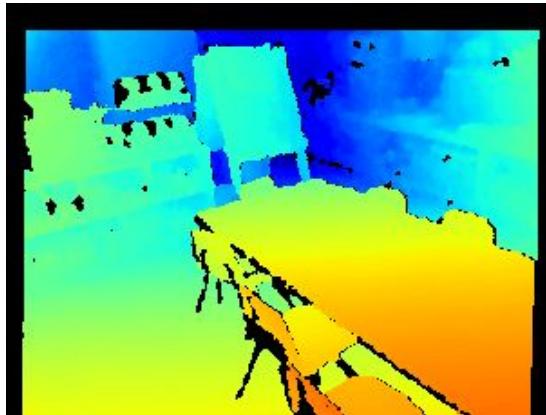


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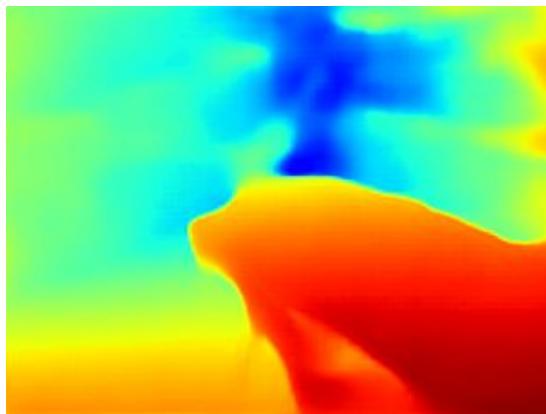


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Available open source: pre-trained models or train your own on GCloud

This screenshot shows the GitHub repository page for the TensorFlow Object Detection API. The URL is [https://github.com/tensorflow/models/tree/master/research/object_detection](#). The repository has 1,311 pull requests, 17,218 stars, and 6,704 forks. The master branch is selected, and the object_detection folder is the current directory. The commit history lists numerous commits from various authors, mostly dated within the last few days, all related to the TensorFlow Object Detection API.

Author	Commit Message	Date
derekjchow	Made Record scripts python3 compatible. (#1614)	Latest commit 057203e 2 hours ago
...		
anchor_generators	Add Tensorflow Object Detection API. (#1561)	6 days ago
box_coders	Add Tensorflow Object Detection API. (#1561)	6 days ago
builders	Fix compatibility for model_builder_test.py (#1571)	4 days ago
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g3doc	Fix ML Engine Dashboard link (#1599)	a day ago
matchers	Add Tensorflow Object Detection API. (#1561)	6 days ago
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protos	Add Tensorflow Object Detection API. (#1561)	6 days ago
samples	Reduce batchsize from 32->24 for SSD configs.	5 days ago
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The README.md file for the Tensorflow Object Detection API contains a brief introduction and a sample image demonstrating the model's capabilities. The image shows a person flying a kite on a beach, with several bounding boxes and confidence scores overlaid on the scene. The text in the README.md file encourages contributions and cites a paper on speed/accuracy trade-offs.

Tensorflow Object Detection API

Creating accurate machine learning models capable of localizing and identifying multiple objects in a single image remains a core challenge in computer vision. The TensorFlow Object Detection API is an open source framework built on top of TensorFlow that makes it easy to construct, train and deploy object detection models. At Google we've certainly found this codebase to be useful for our computer vision needs, and we hope that you will as well.

Contributions to the codebase are welcome and we would love to hear back from you if you find this API useful. Finally if you use the Tensorflow Object Detection API for a research publication, please consider citing:

"Speed/accuracy trade-offs for modern convolutional object detectors."
Huang J, Rathod V, Sun C, Zhu M, Korattikara A, Fathi A, Fischer I, Wojna Z,
Song Y, Guadarrama S, Murphy K, CVPR 2017

[link][bibtex]

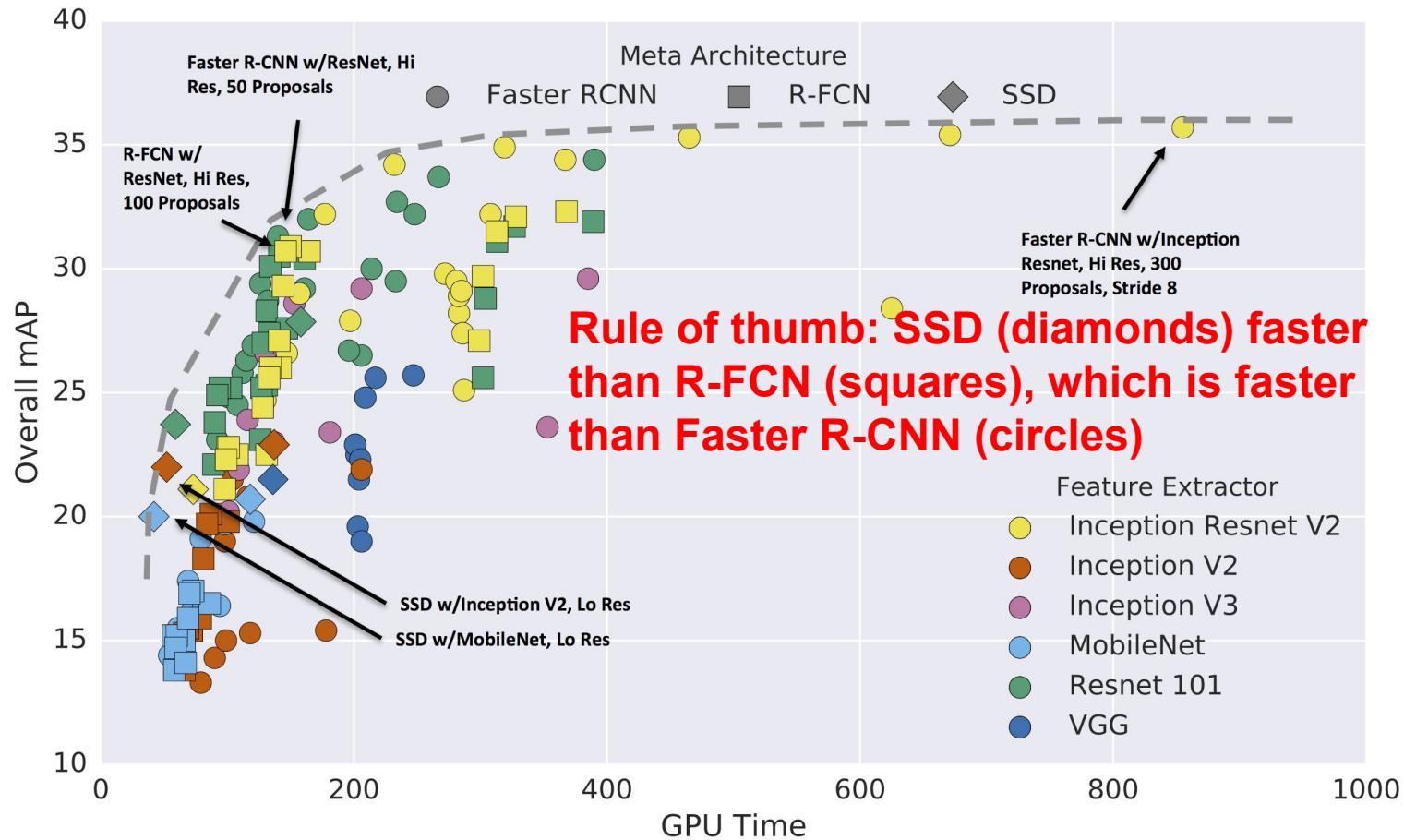
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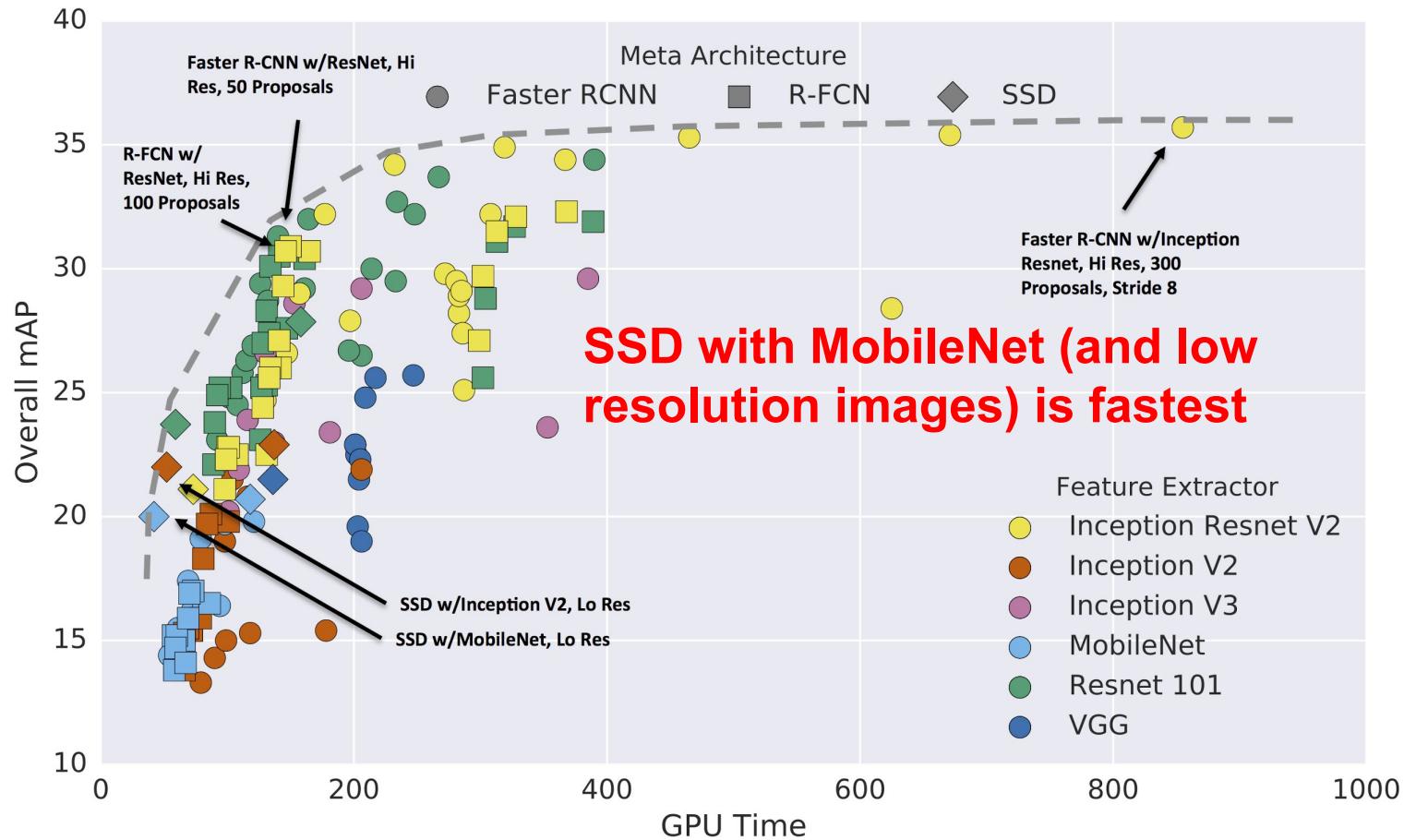
Implement all the detectors



Meta-architecture	SSD, Faster R-CNN, R-FCN
Feature Extractor	Mobilenet, VGG, Inception V2, Inception V3, Resnet-50, Resnet-101, Resnet-152, Inception Resnet v2
Learning schedule	Manually Stepped, Exponential Decay, etc
Location Loss function	L2, L1, Huber, IOU
Classification Loss function	SigmoidCrossEntropy, SoftmaxCrossEntropy

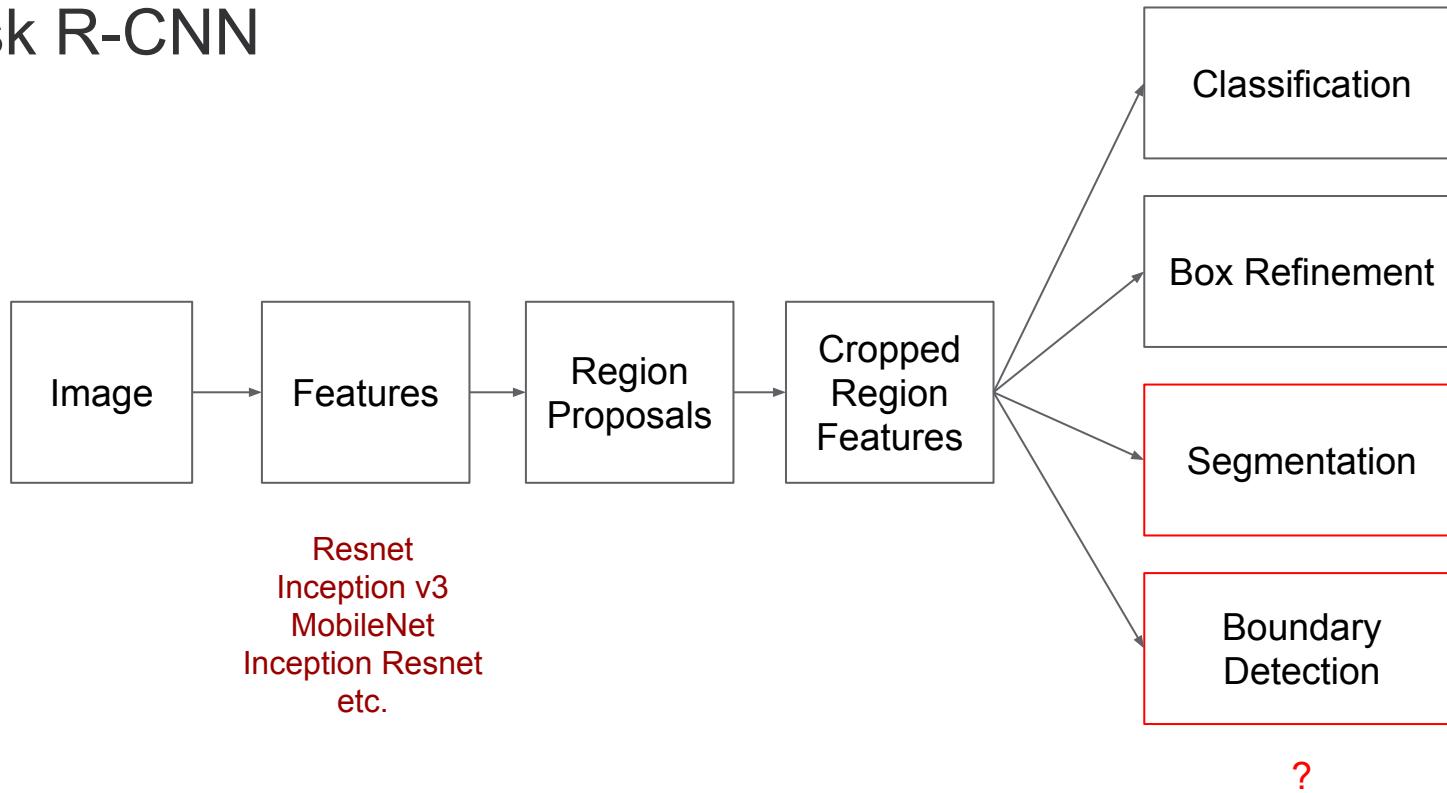


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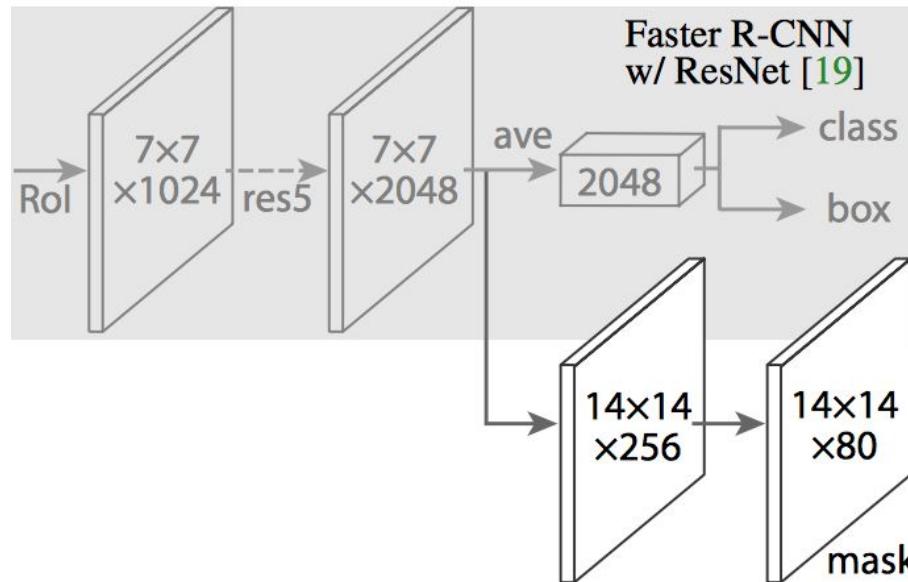


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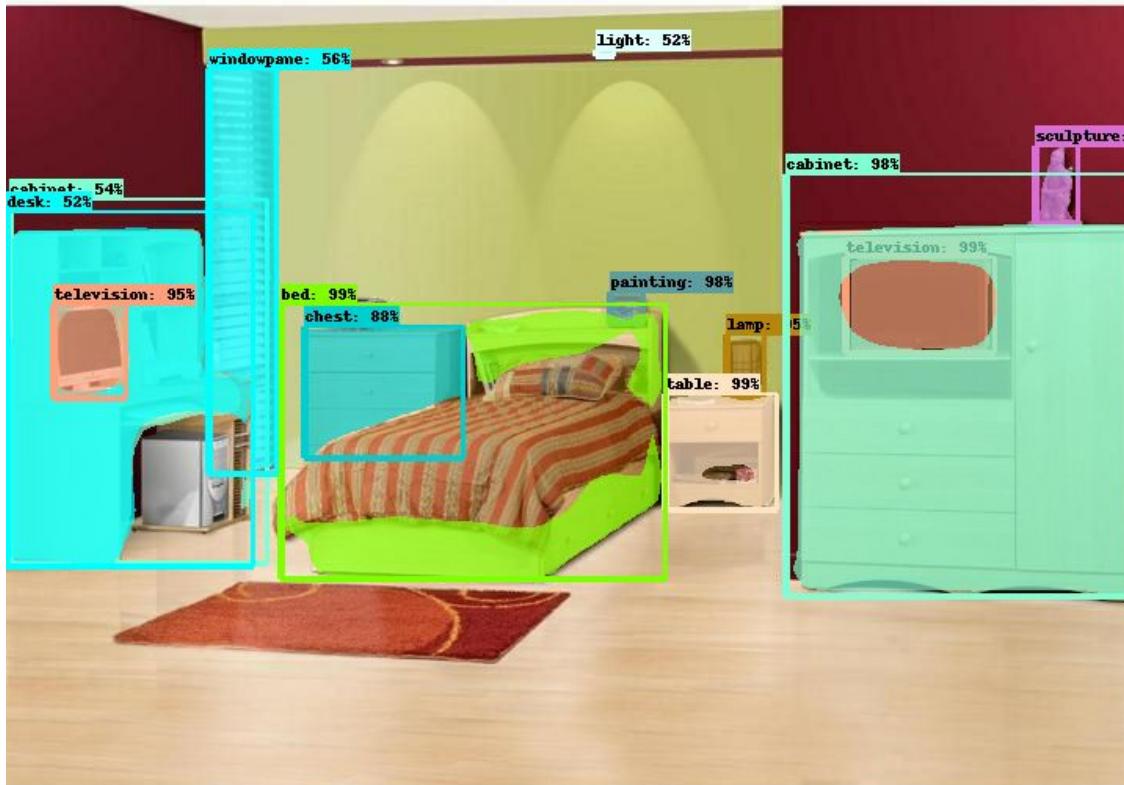
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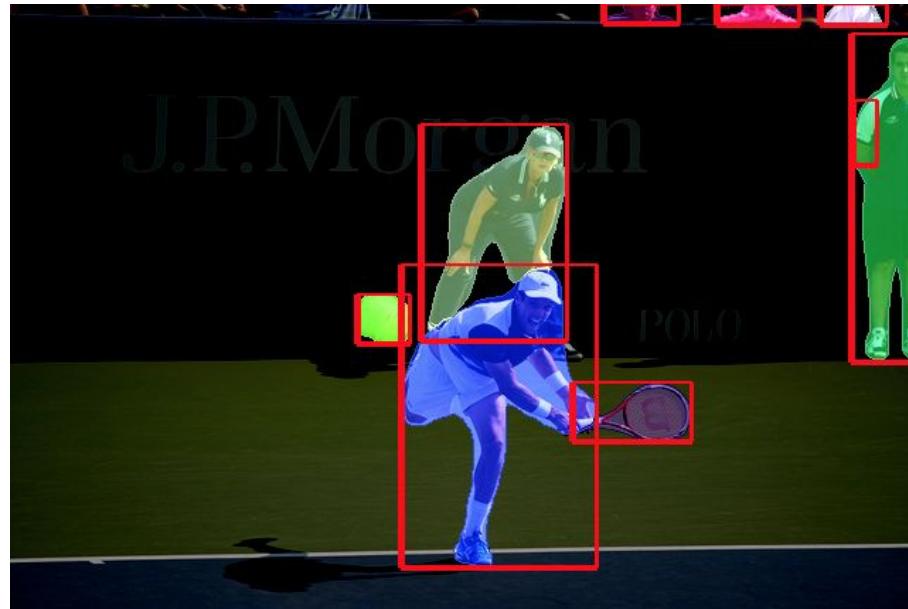
Mask R-CNN: Segmentation Head



Example results from ADE20K



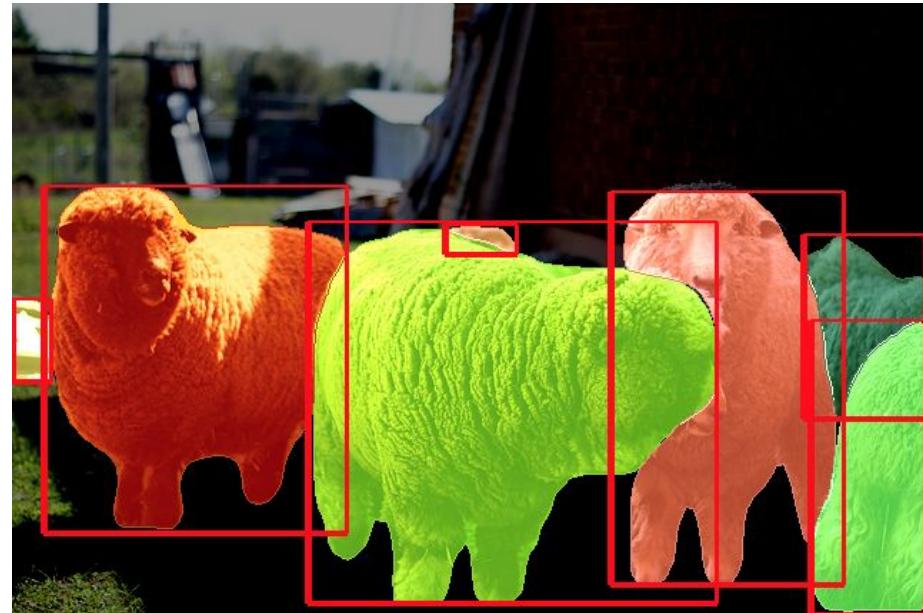
Example results from MS COCO



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Object Instance Segmentation



Coming soon on GitHub under tensorflow/models

Instance Segmentation API

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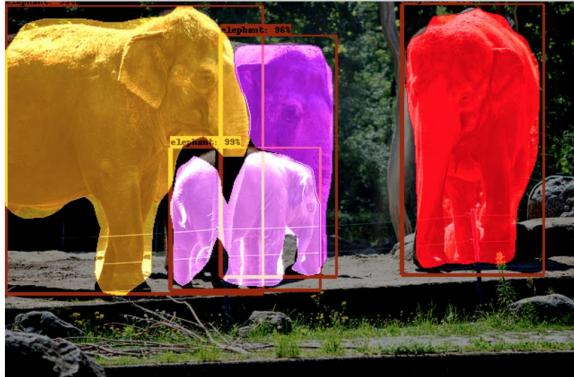
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What is Instance Segmentation?

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Instance segmentation is the problem of identifying individual instances of objects and their categories (such as person and car) in an image. It differs from object detection in that the output is a mask representing the shape of each object, rather than just a bounding box. It differs from semantic segmentation in that our goal is not just to classify each pixel with a label (or as background), but also to distinguish individual instances of the same class.



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Tricks for improving results

- Input image size
 - 600 to 800 gives around 1.5-2% improvement on MSCOCO
- Network stride
 - Changing inception resnet from stride 16 to stride 8 gives around 1% improvement
- Using intermediate layers
 - Intermediate layers for mask prediction part of the network gives around 0.8% improvement
- Weight of the mask prediction loss
 - I found the best balance given the current architecture is to give weight 4.0 to mask loss
- Mask size
 - Changing mask prediction size from 16 to 32 gives around 0.15% improvement
- Number of convolutions in mask prediction head
 - Increasing number of conv2d layers from 1 to 3 improves performance by 0.3%

Boundary and mask prediction

- Gives around 0.5% improvement

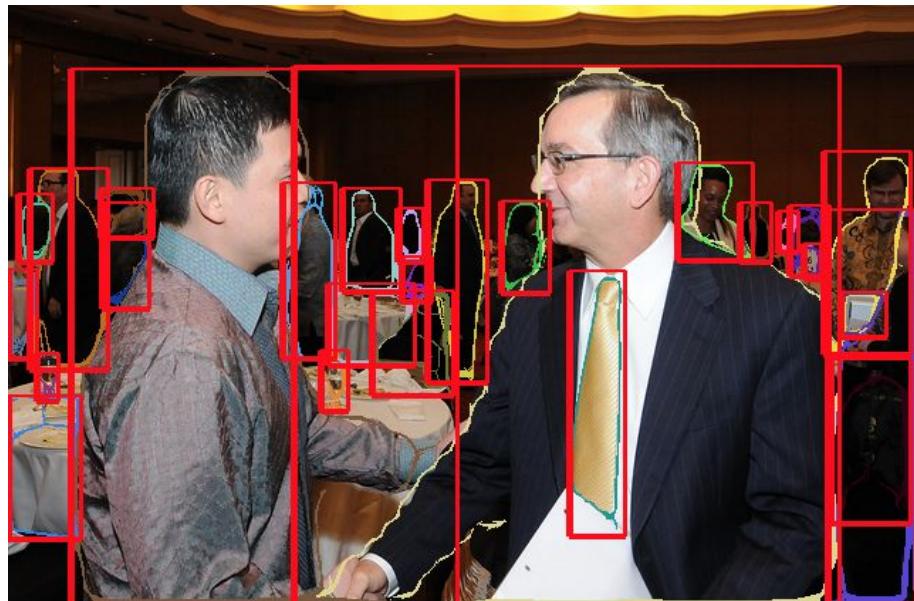


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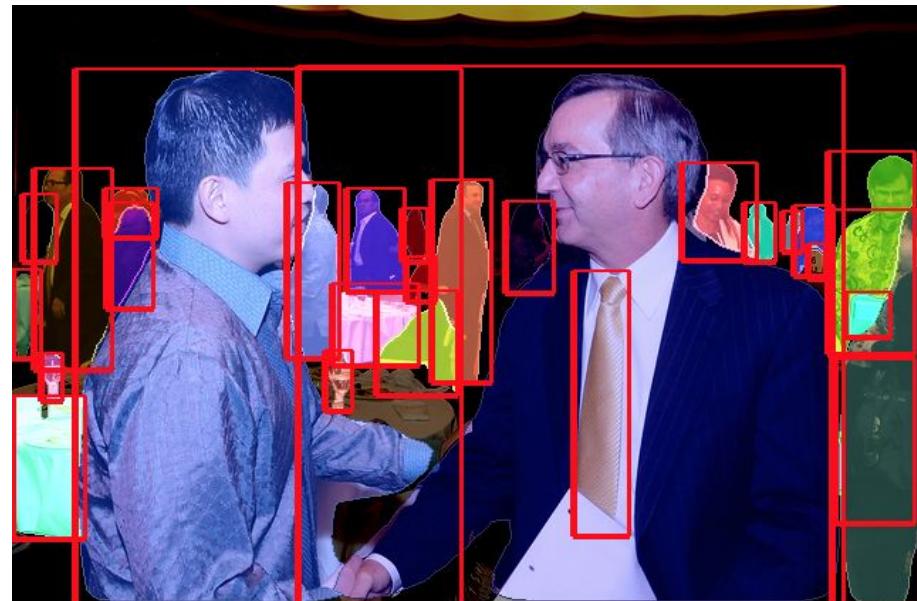


Mask Prediction

Boundary and mask prediction

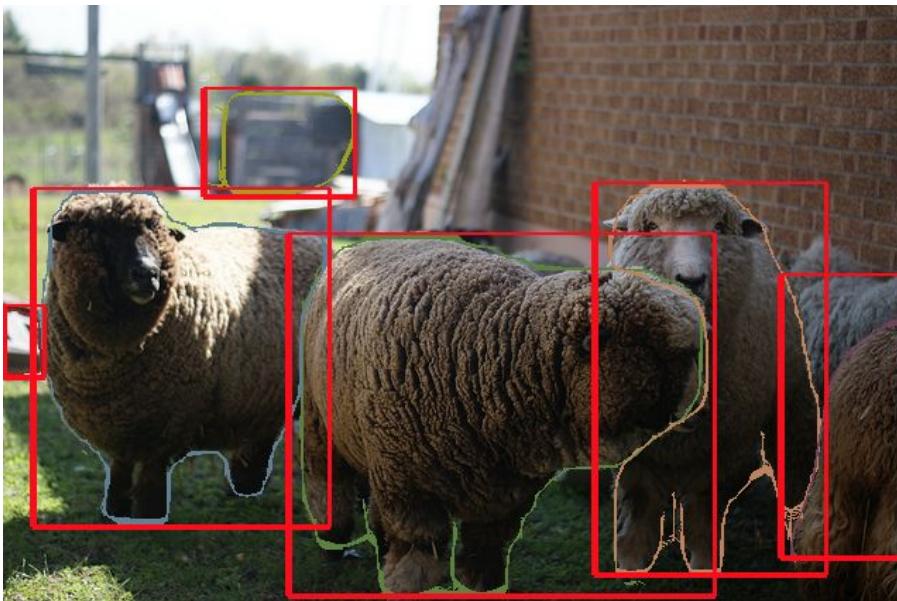


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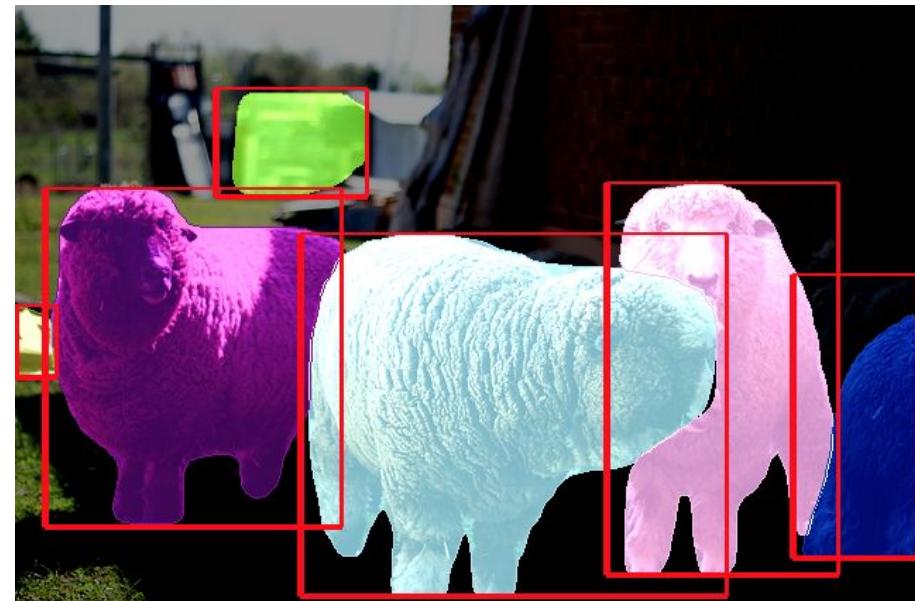


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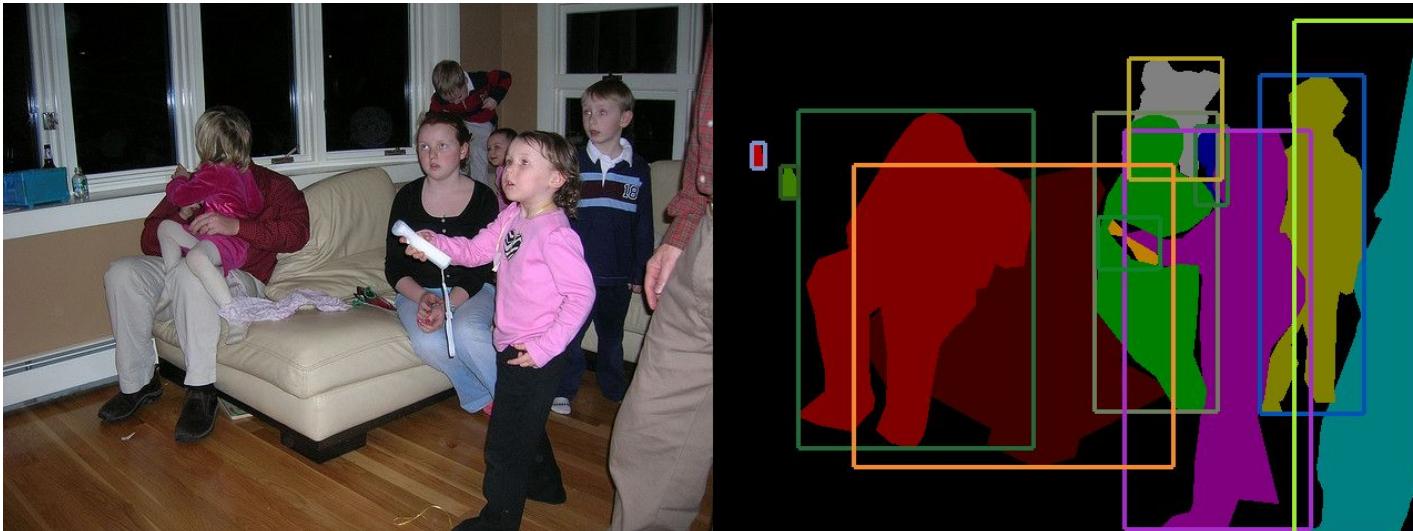
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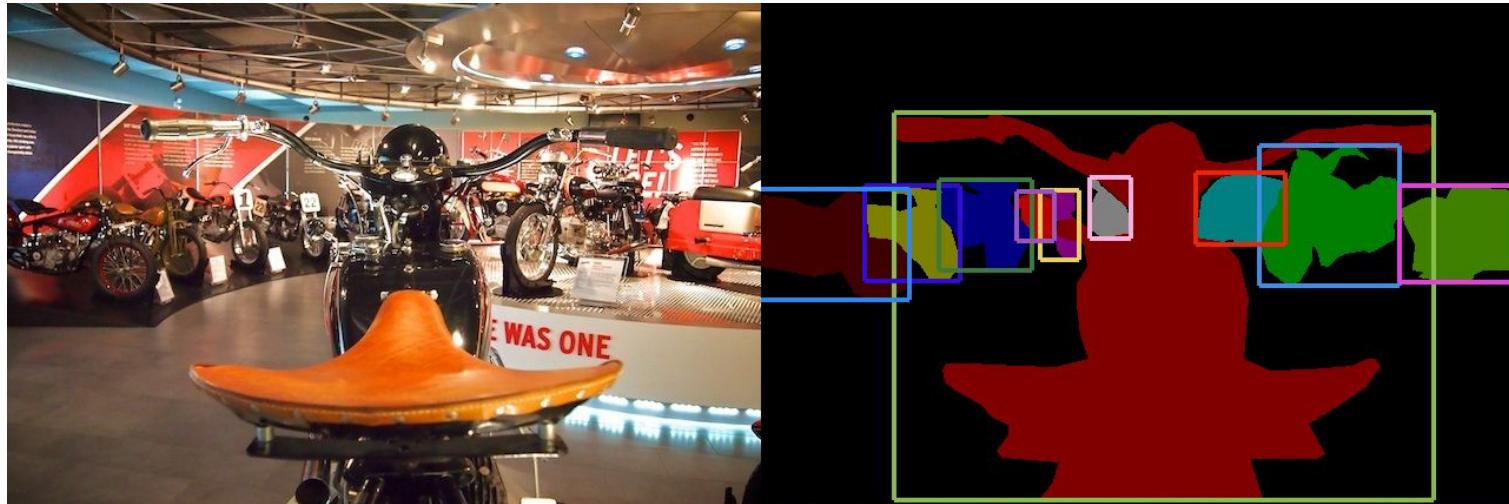
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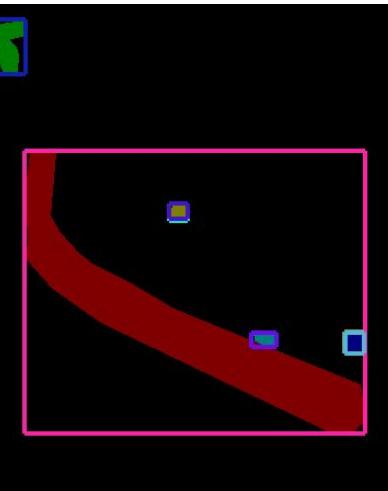
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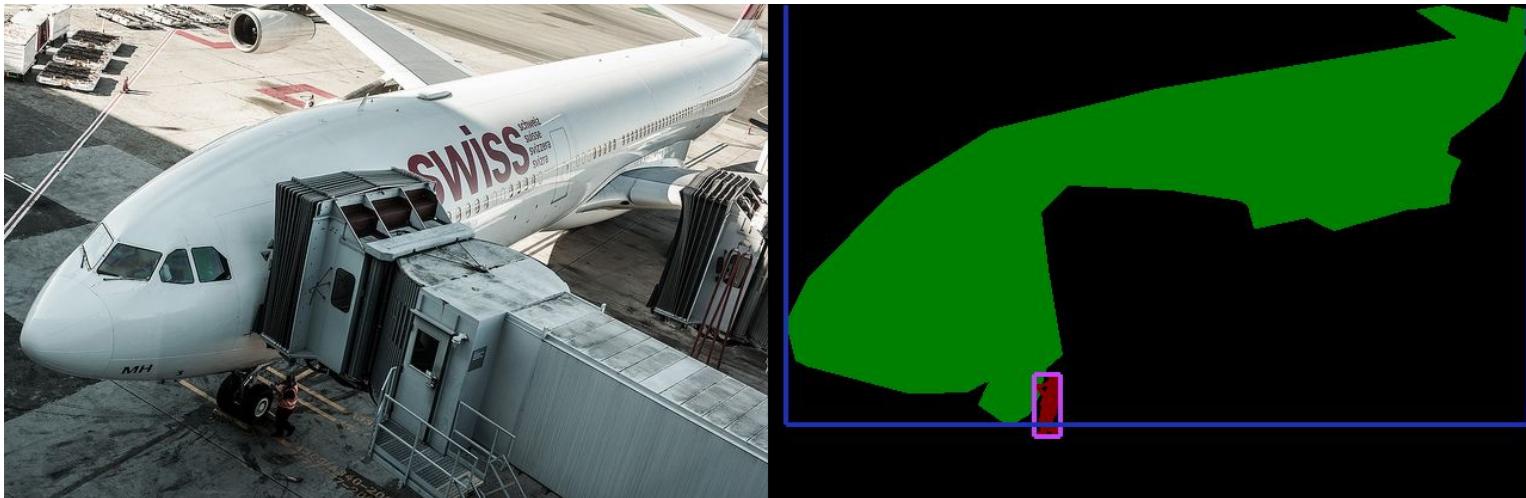
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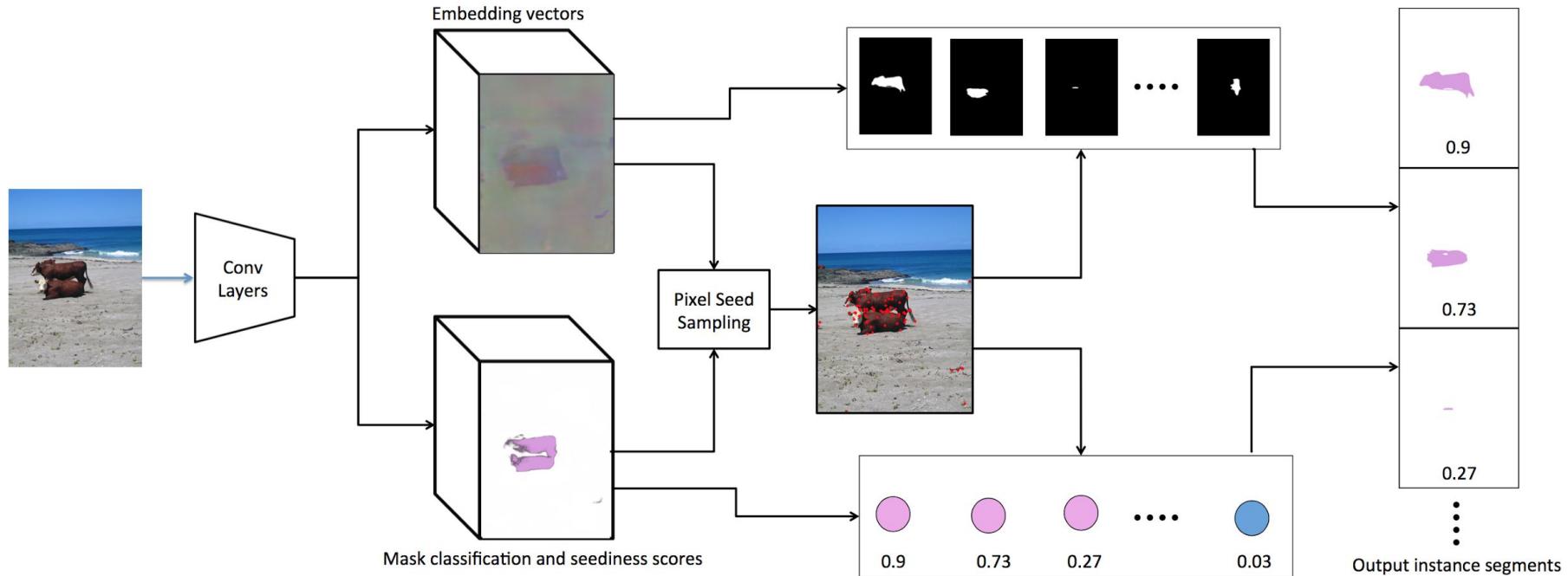


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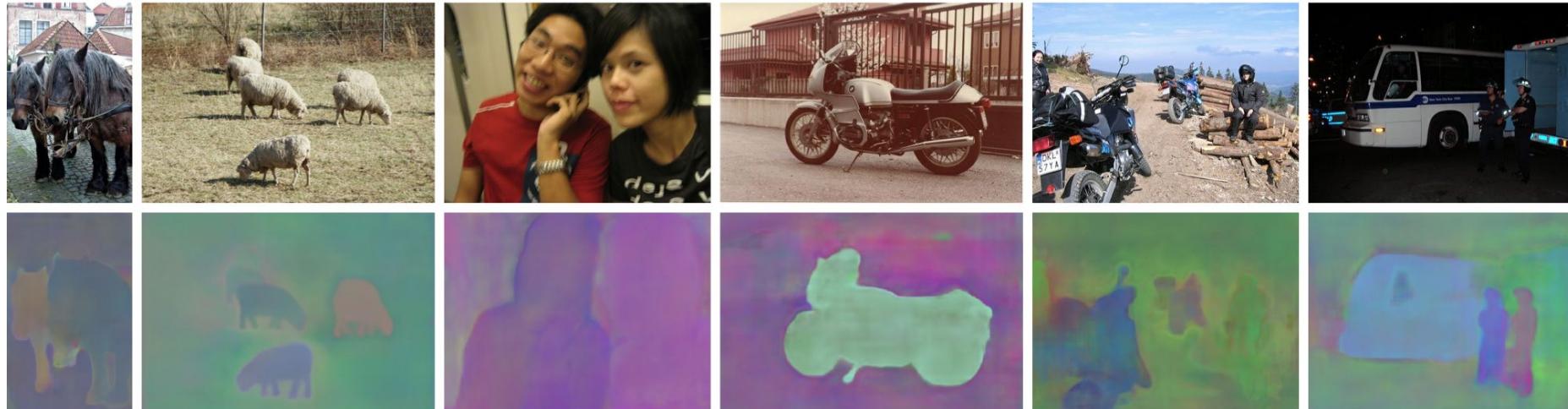
- Some things are objects, and some are stuff such as grass, sky, etc. Not meaningful to put a box around stuff.
- Sometimes objects are occluded.



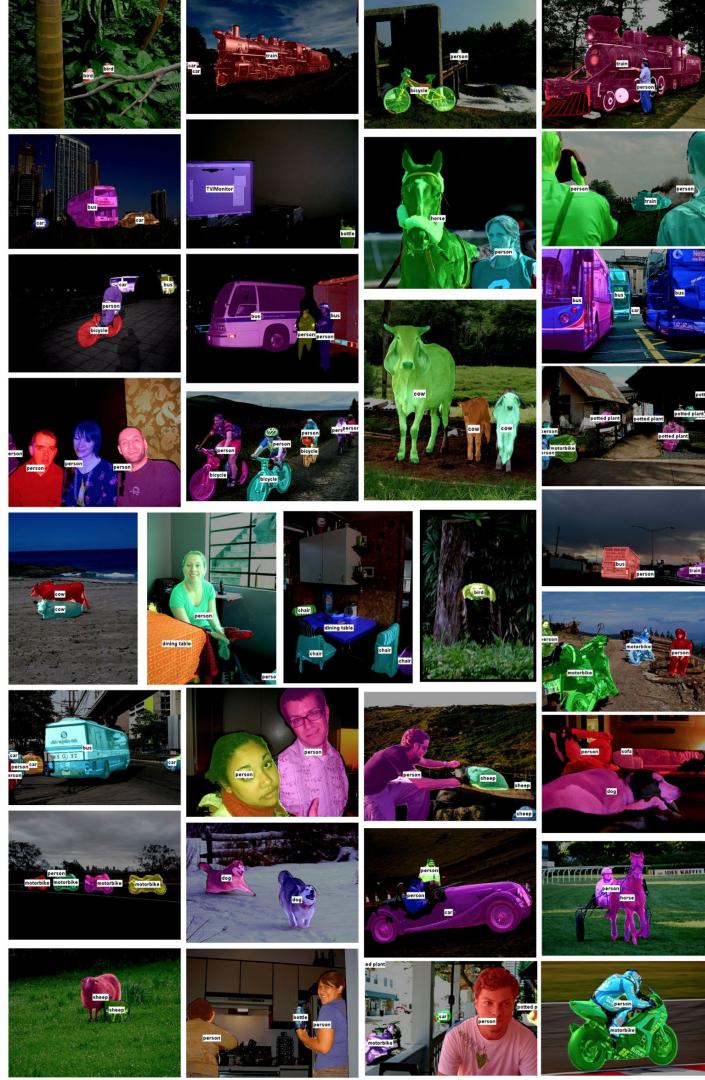
WIP: Bottom-up (Box-Free) Instance Segmentation



Projection of Embedding Vectors to RGB Space



Qualitative Results



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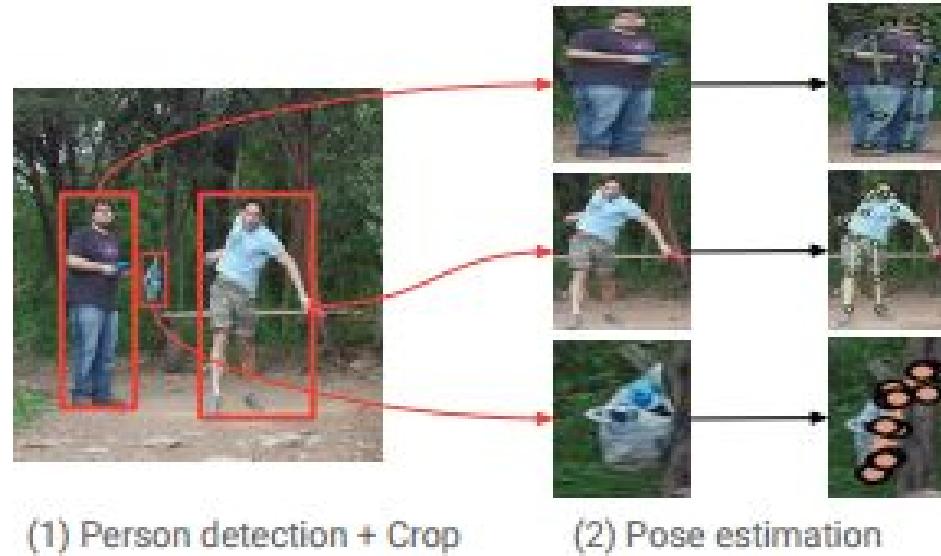


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Top-down (2-stage) pipeline



"[Towards Accurate Multi-person Pose Estimation in the Wild](#)",
George Papandreou, Tyler Zhu, Nori Kanazawa, Alexander Toshev,
Jonathan Tompson, Chris Bregler, Kevin Murphy. CVPR'17.

Person Detection

1. Uses our open source object detection system*, which won COCO-Det 2016.
2. Faster-RCNN, with ResNet-101 feature extractor, trained on person vs non-person (COCO data).
3. Single model (no ensemble), single-crop eval.
4. Output stride=8 via atrous convolution.
5. Image resized to 800 min side or 1200 max side.



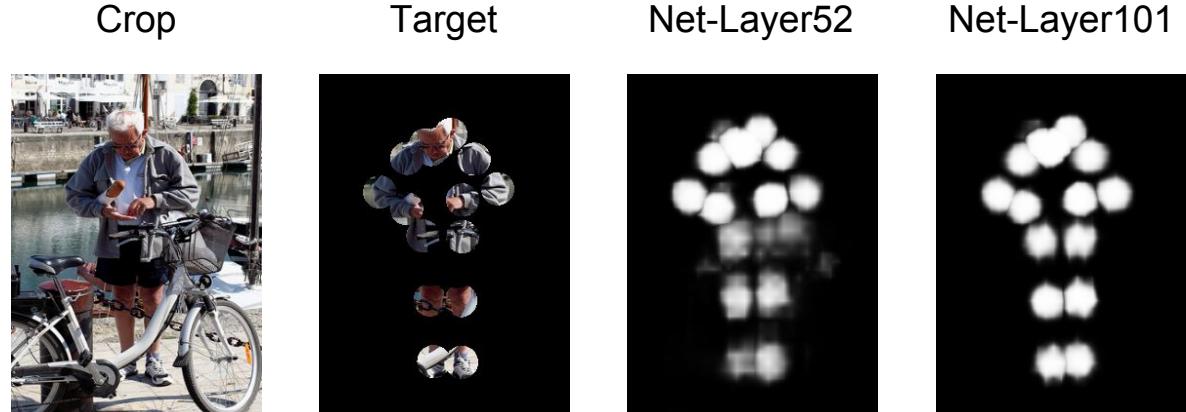
Box AP for person (testdev): 0.487

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Heatmap Output



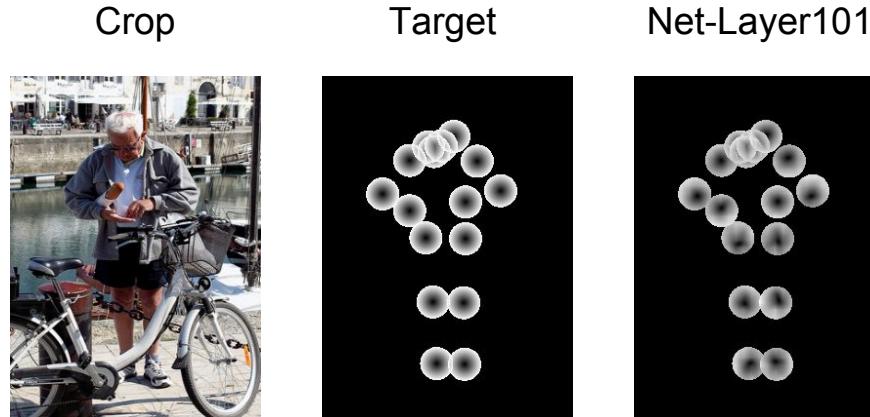
- Heatmap field for each keypoint
 - 17 channels (1 within a disk around each keypoint, 0 outside)
 - Sigmoid cross entropy loss
- Intermediate and final CNN layers



Offset Output



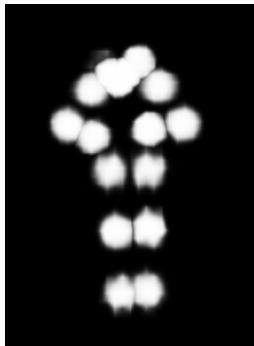
- Offset field towards the center of the disk
 - 34 channels for x- and y- offsets
 - Huber loss, only active within disks
- Intermediate and final CNN layers



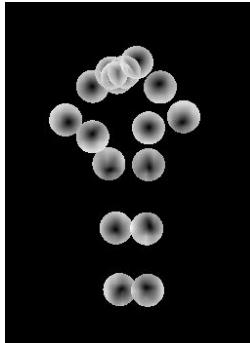
Fusing Heatmaps and Offsets via Hough Voting



Heatmaps G_i



Offsets F_i



Heatmap

Bilinear kernel

Offset

$$P_i(x_i) = \sum_x G_i(x) \cdot K(x_i - x - F_i(x))$$



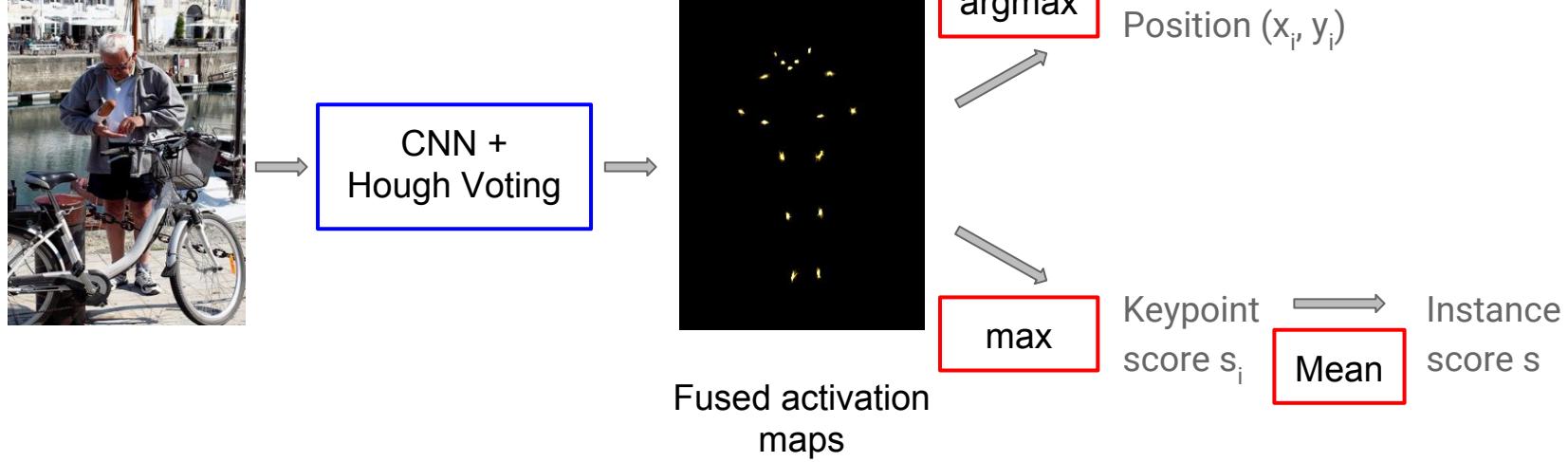
Hough arrays P_i

Algo: Offset-guided Hough voting

For each point in the heatmap:

- (1) Transfer its mass by the corresponding offset.
- (2) Accumulate into one 2-D Hough array per part.

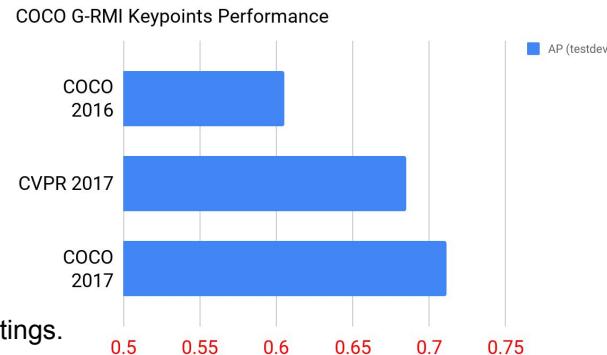
Final Pose Prediction: Keypoint Position and Score



Our Progress on COCO-Keypoints Benchmark

- Submission to COCO-2016 keypoints
 - AP: **0.605** (COCO+internal*, ranked #2)
- Improvements¹ for CVPR 2017 [paper](#)
 - AP: **0.649** (COCO)
 - AP: **0.685** (COCO+internal)
- Improvements² for COCO-2017 competition:
 - AP: **0.669** (COCO)
 - AP: **0.710** (COCO+internal, ranked #4)

All AP numbers use
testdev



*Internal dataset (400k people, 130k images).

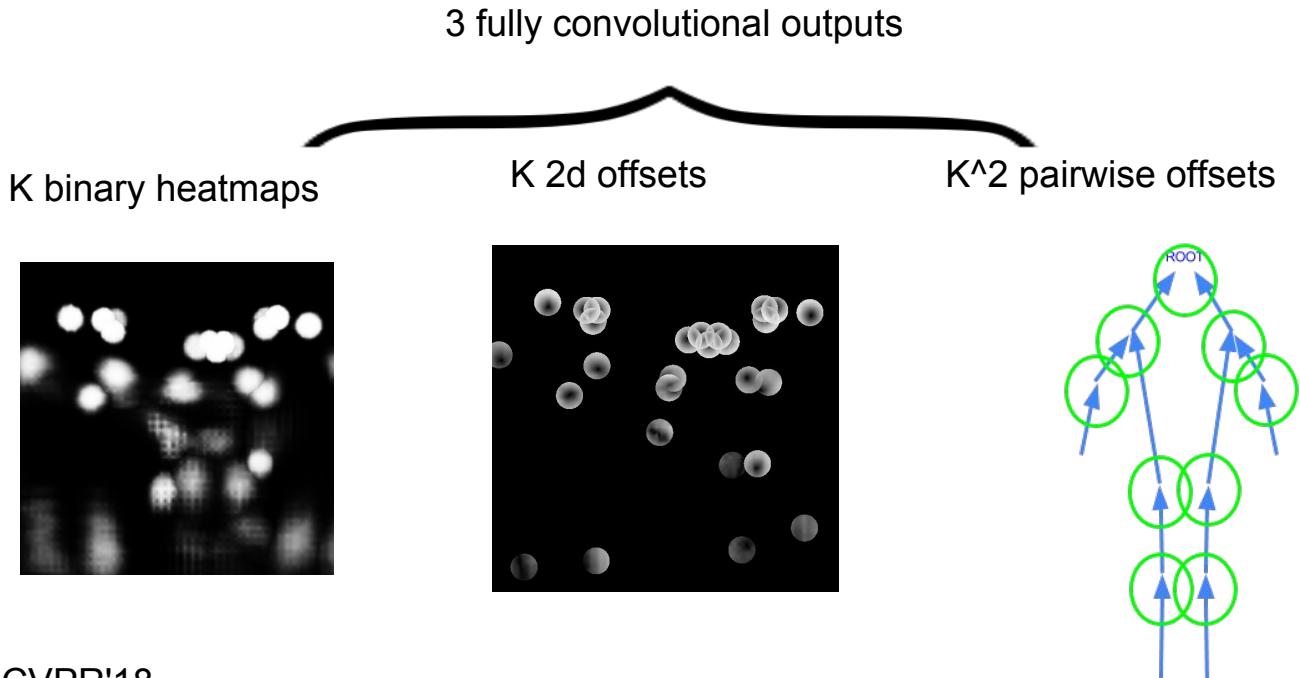
¹Exponential moving average of parameters, better model and system tuning and hyperparameter settings.

²Intermediate supervision for all heatmap+offsets+displacements, resnet-152, better feature alignment, longer training without decreasing learning rate.

COCO Keypoints Results (testdev)

	AP	AP@.5	AP@.75	AP (M)	AP (L)	AR	AR@.5	AR@.75	AR (M)	AR (L)
Ours COCO-2016 #2 (COCO+internal)	0.605	0.822	0.662	0.576	0.666	0.662	0.866	0.714	0.619	0.722
CMU-Pose COCO-2016 #1 paper	0.618	0.849	0.675	0.571	0.682	0.665	0.872	0.718	0.606	0.746
Mask-RCNN paper	0.631	0.873	0.687	0.578	0.714	0.697	0.916	0.749	0.637	0.778
Associative Embedding paper	0.655	0.868	0.723	0.606	0.726	0.702	0.895	0.760	0.646	0.781
Ours (COCO-only)	0.669	0.864	0.736	0.640	0.720	0.716	0.892	0.776	0.661	0.791
Ours (COCO+internal)	0.696	0.872	0.766	0.670	0.742	0.742	0.903	0.804	0.692	0.811
Ours (COCO+internal) ResNet-152	0.710	0.879	0.777	0.690	0.752	0.758	0.912	0.819	0.714	0.820

WIP*: Bottom-up part detection + grouping



*G. Papandreou et al, CVPR'18

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Each part predicts offset to other parts. Greedy decoding.

Top-down vs bottom-up

Feature	Top-Down (box based)	Bottom-Up (grouping based)
Speed	Slower (time \propto #people)	Faster (time independent of #people)
Accuracy	Higher (zoom in on image)	Lower on small instances
Flexibility/ modularity	Higher (cf MaskRCNN)	Lower
Model size/ complexity	Larger (more code, params)	Smaller

Multi-Person Pose Estimation Demo





Thanks!

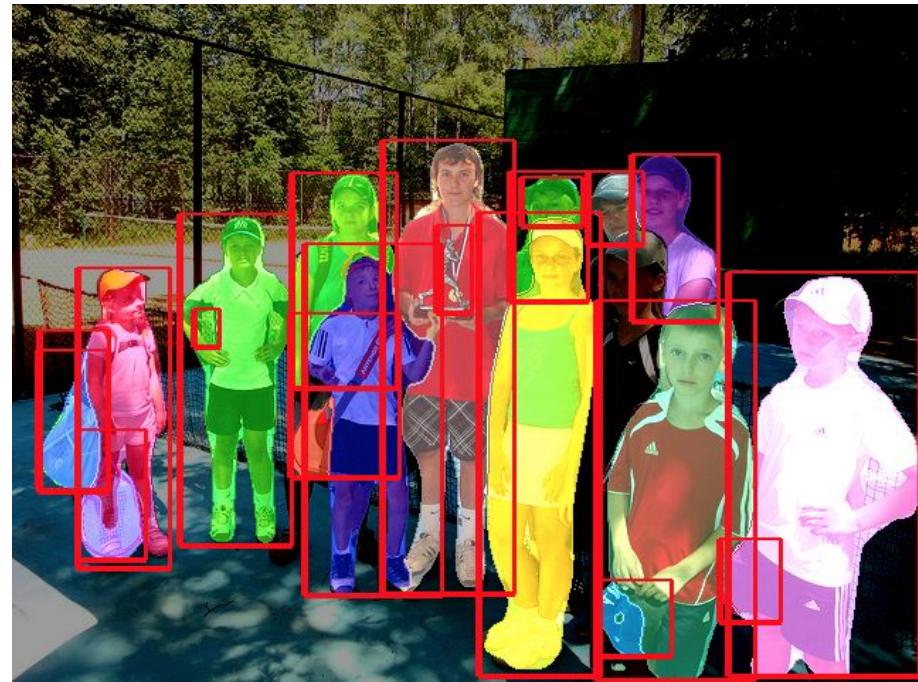
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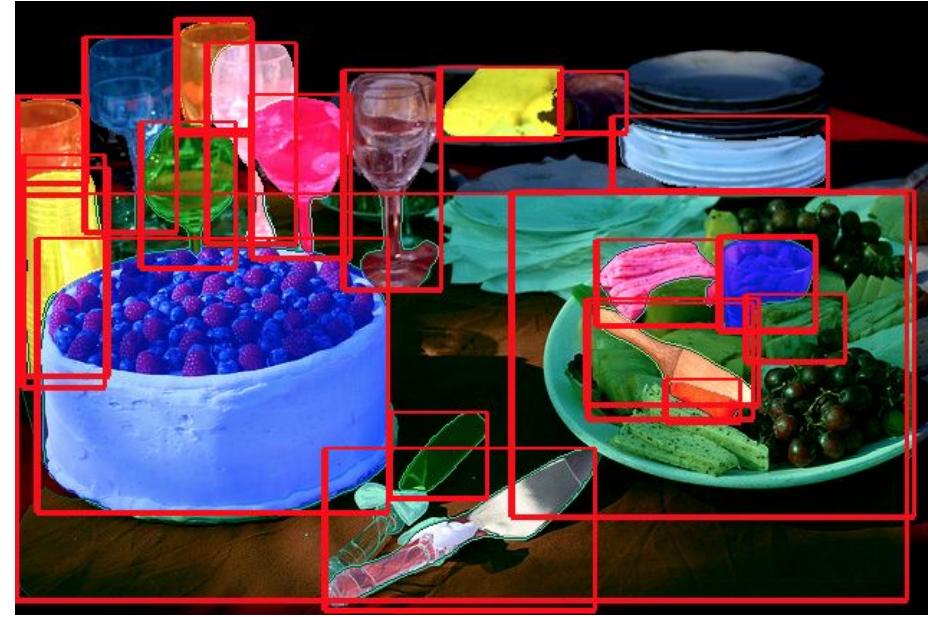
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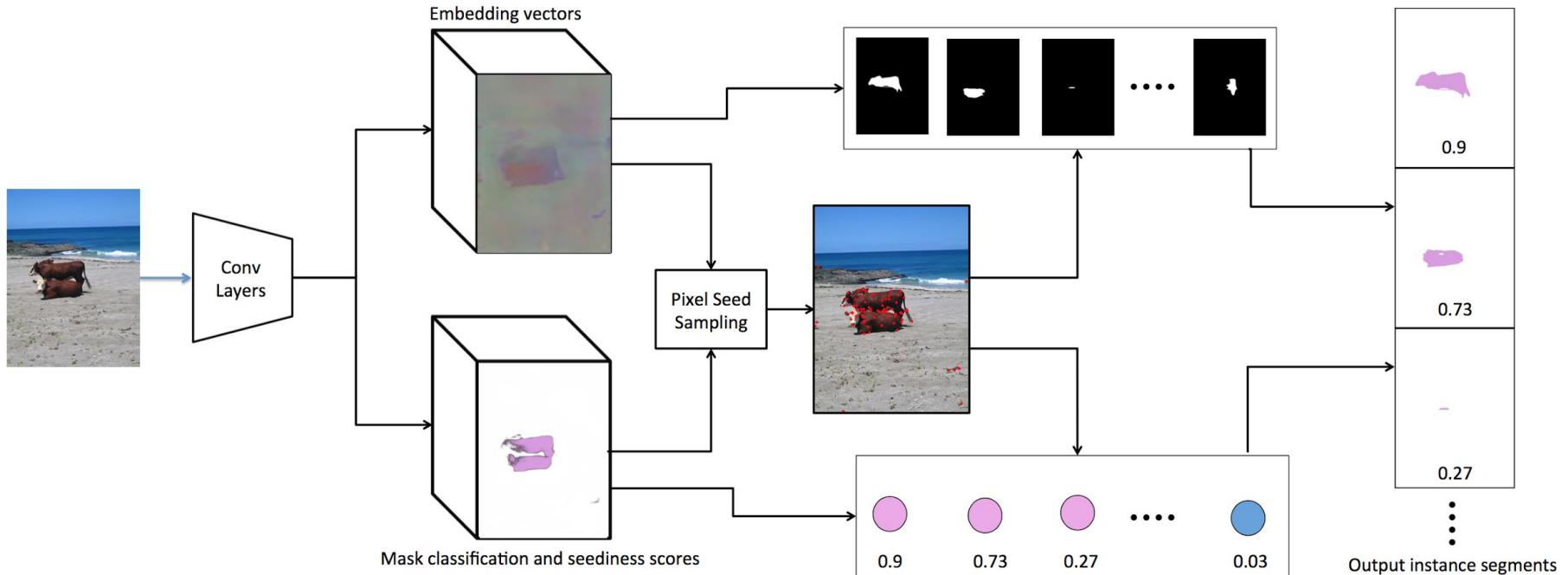
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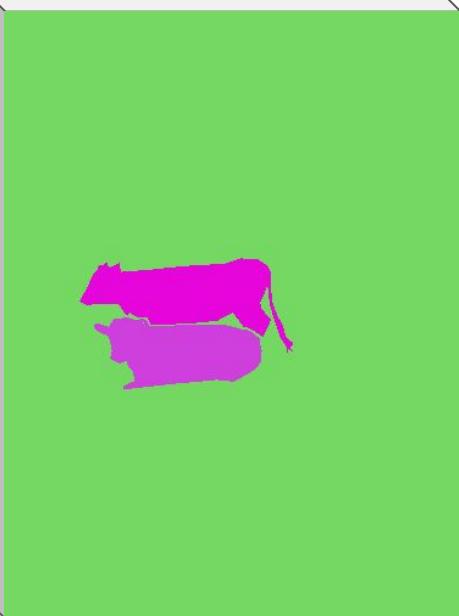


Towards Box-Free (Bottom-up) Instance Segmentation



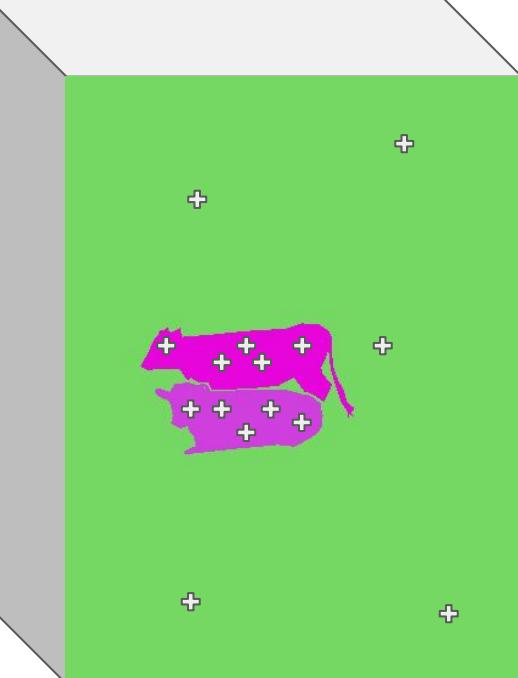
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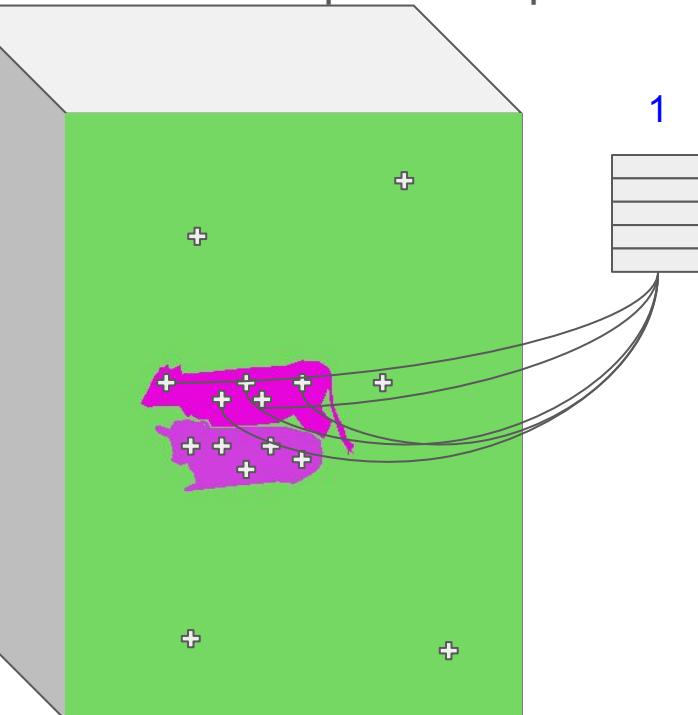
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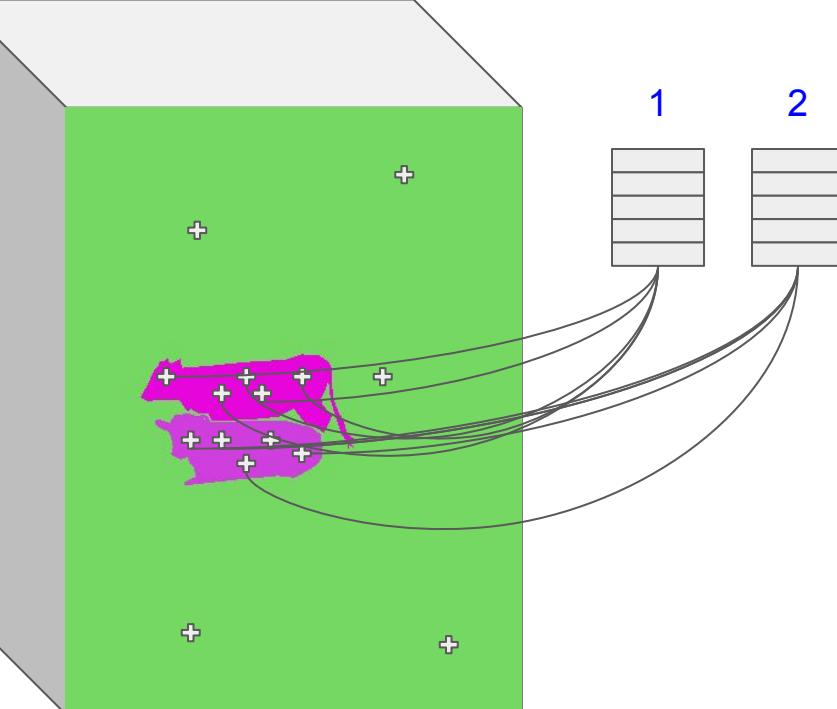
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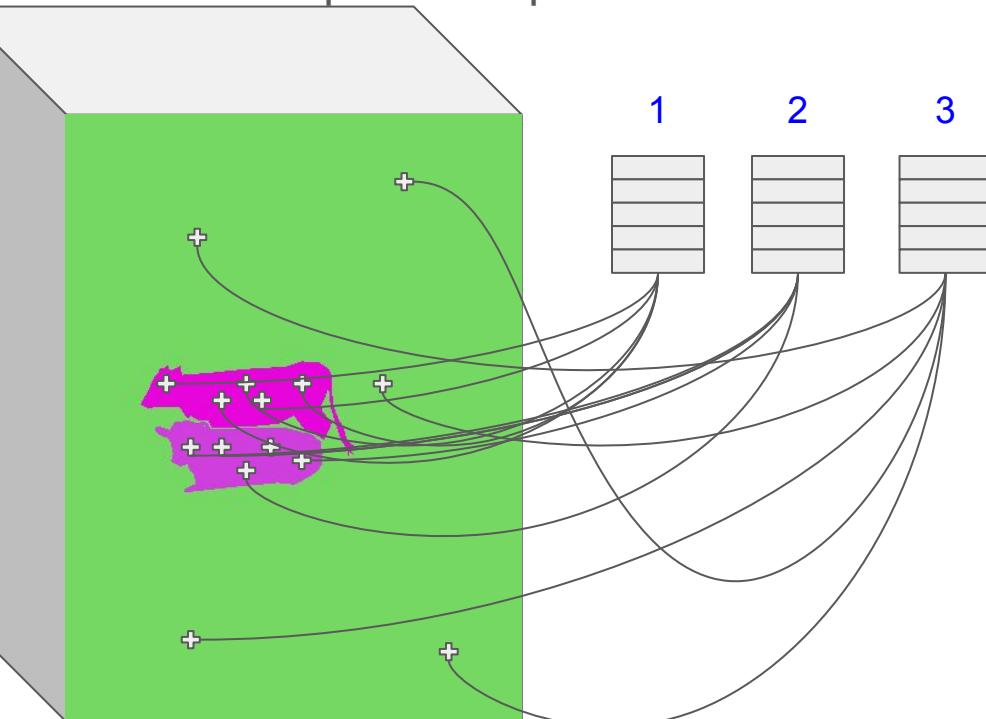
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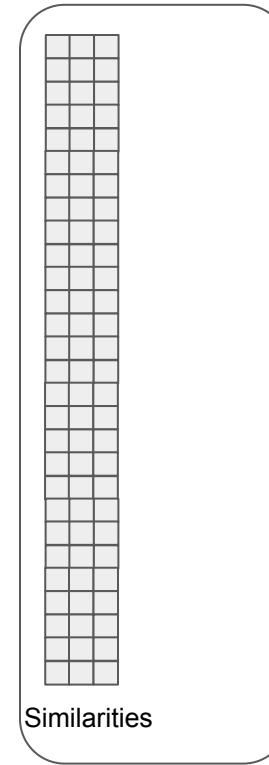
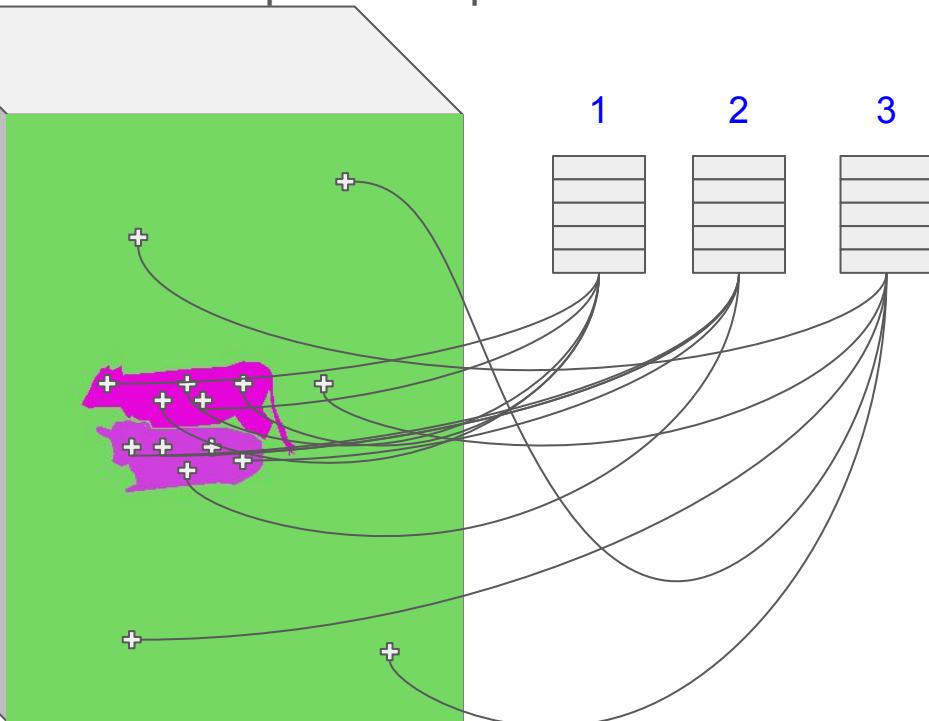
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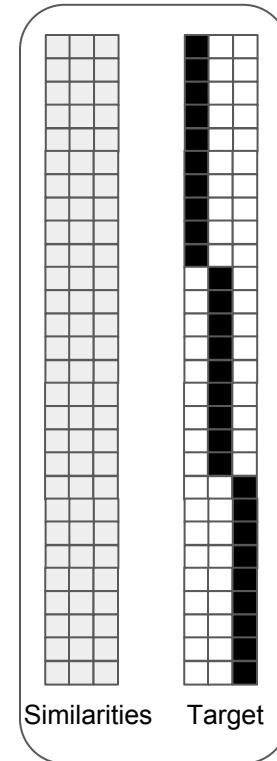
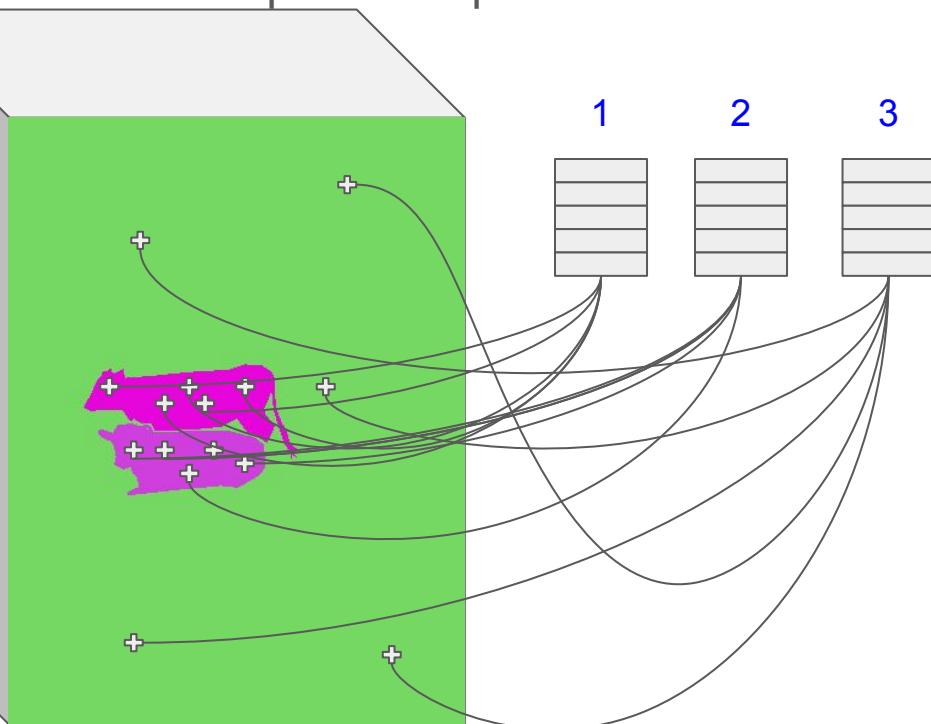
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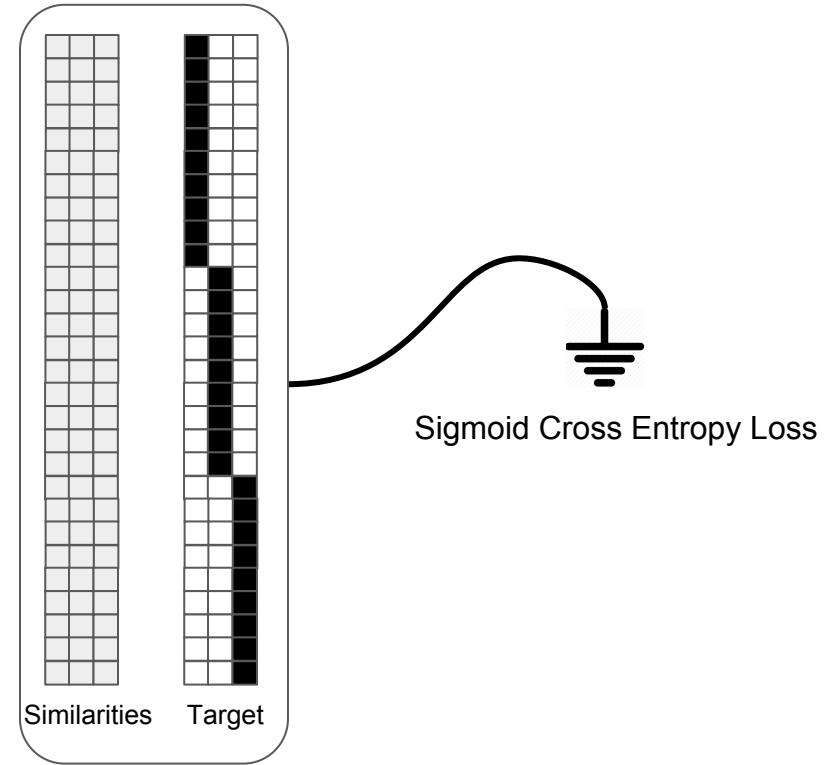
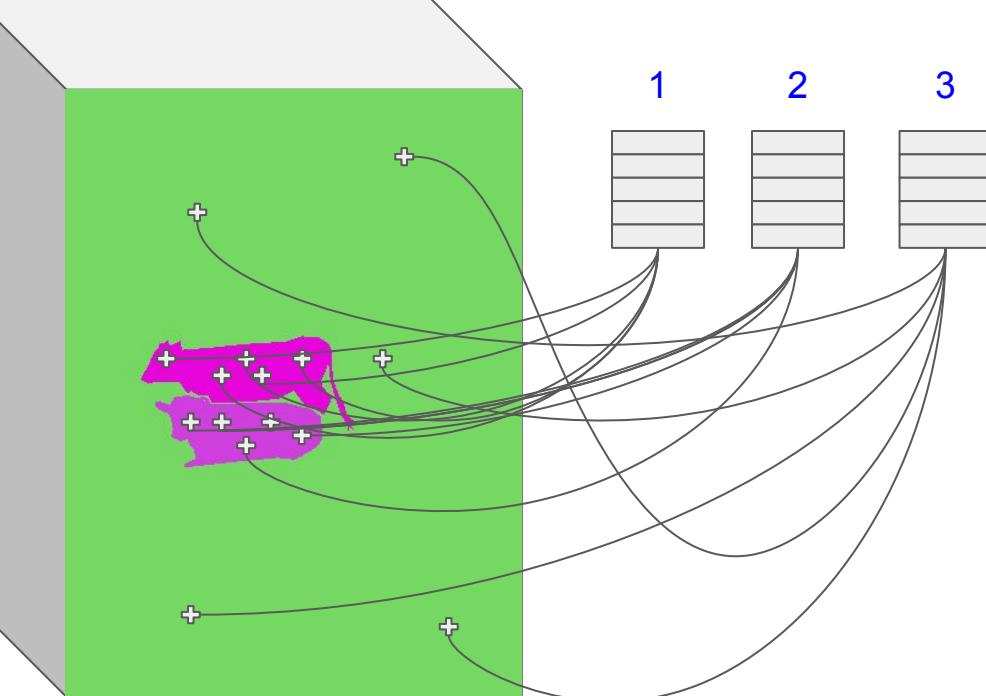
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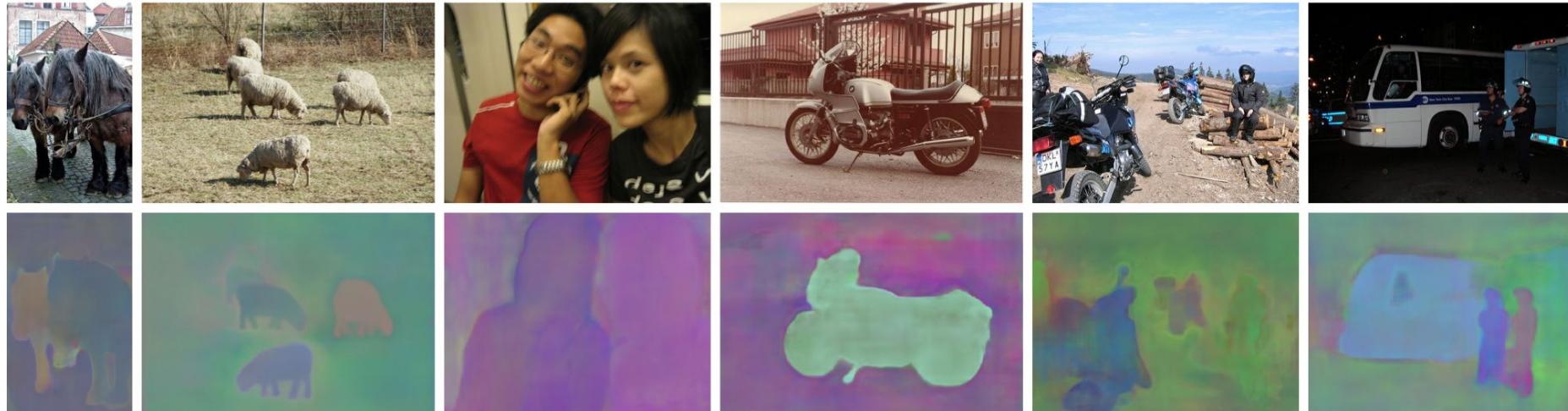
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Projection of Embedding Vectors to RGB Space



Qualitative Results

