

Semantic View in Autonomous Driving using Waymo Dataset

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The Success of Self-driving Vehicle

- **Understanding the environment:** commonly a 3D semantic HD map at the back-end precisely recorded the environment
- **Self-location:** an on-the-fly self-localization system puts the vehicles accurately inside the 3D world, so that it can plot a path to every target location
- **Semantics in the view:** a 3D perceptual system detects other moving objects, guidance signs and obstacles on the road, in order to avoid collisions and perform correct actions.



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Waymo Open Automated Driving Dataset

- **large scale, high quality, diverse dataset**
 - from 1,950 driving segments that each span 20 seconds, corresponding to 200,000 frames at 10 Hz per sensor
 - well synchronized and calibrated high quality **LiDAR and five front-and-side-facing camera data**
 - captured across a range of **urban and suburban geographies**
 - labels for four object classes: vehicles, pedestrians, cyclists, and signs
- **strong baselines for 2D as well as 3D detection and tracking tasks**
 - Data have been annotated with 2D (camera image) and 3D (LiDAR) bounding boxes.

Sun et al. (2019)

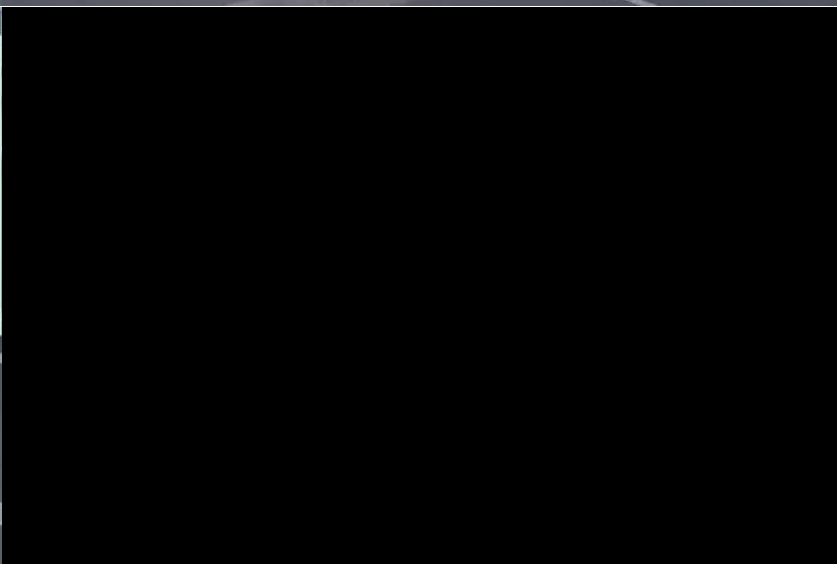
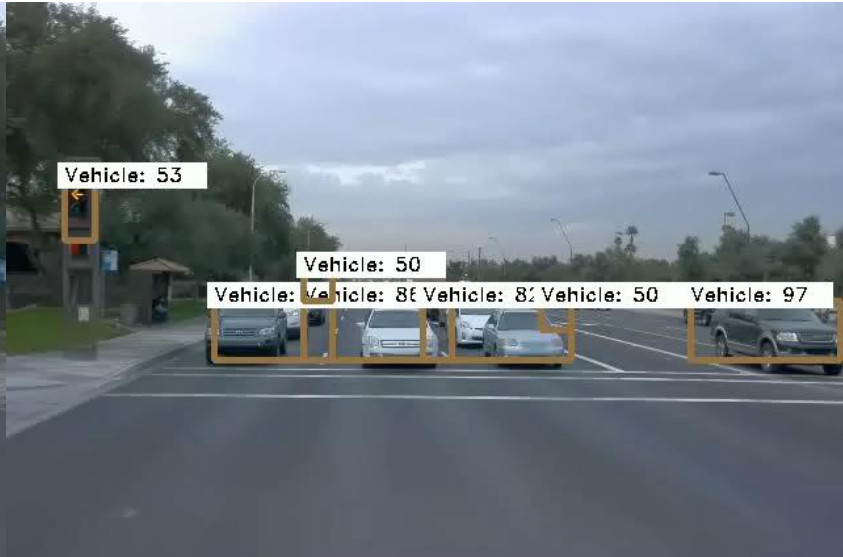
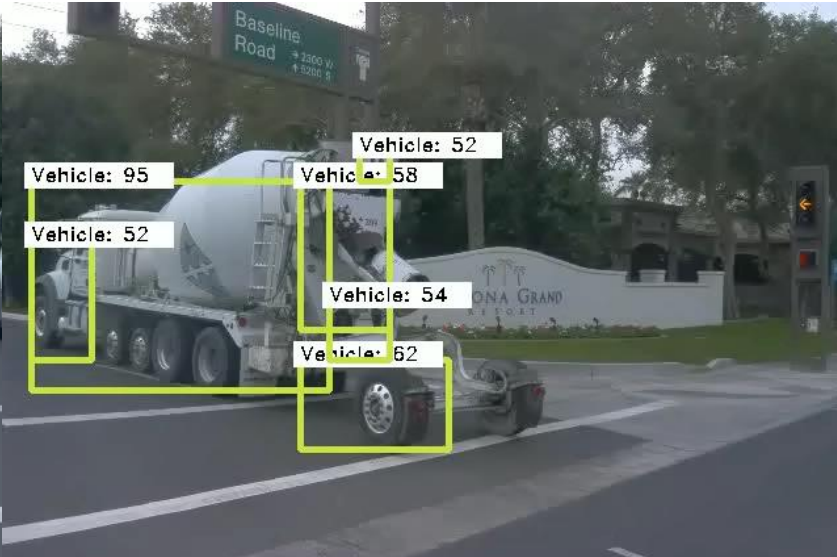
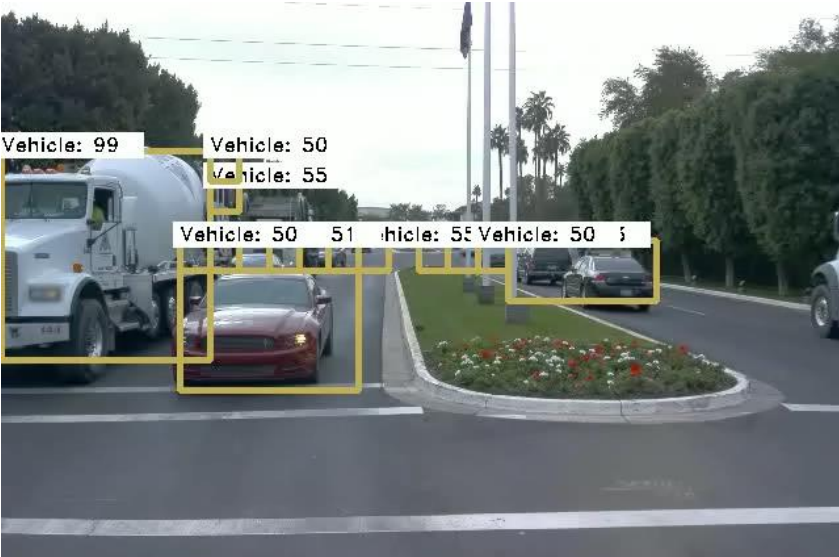
Waymo Open Dataset. Available online: <https://waymo.com/open/> (accessed on 31 May 2020).



Machine Perception Task

- Overall:
 - Video (or Image) : image classification, **object detection**, object tracking (Perez et al., 2017), semantic segmentation as well as instance segmentation(Paszke et al., 2016)
 - LiDAR: distance-aware warning
- **Specifically for Waymo dataset :**
 - driving action prediction (Gu et al., 2020) and data augmentation (Via, 2020)





Object Detection in 20 years

Object Detection Milestones

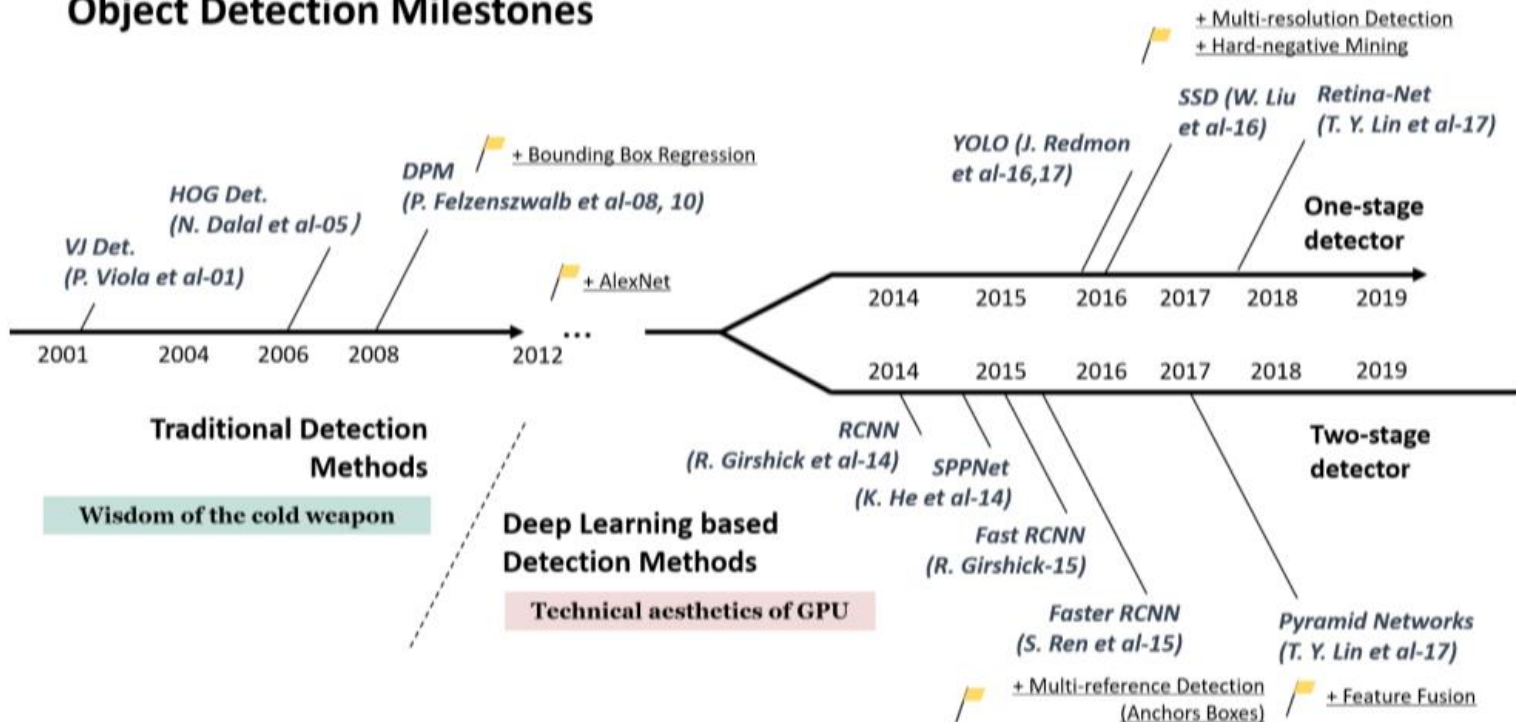
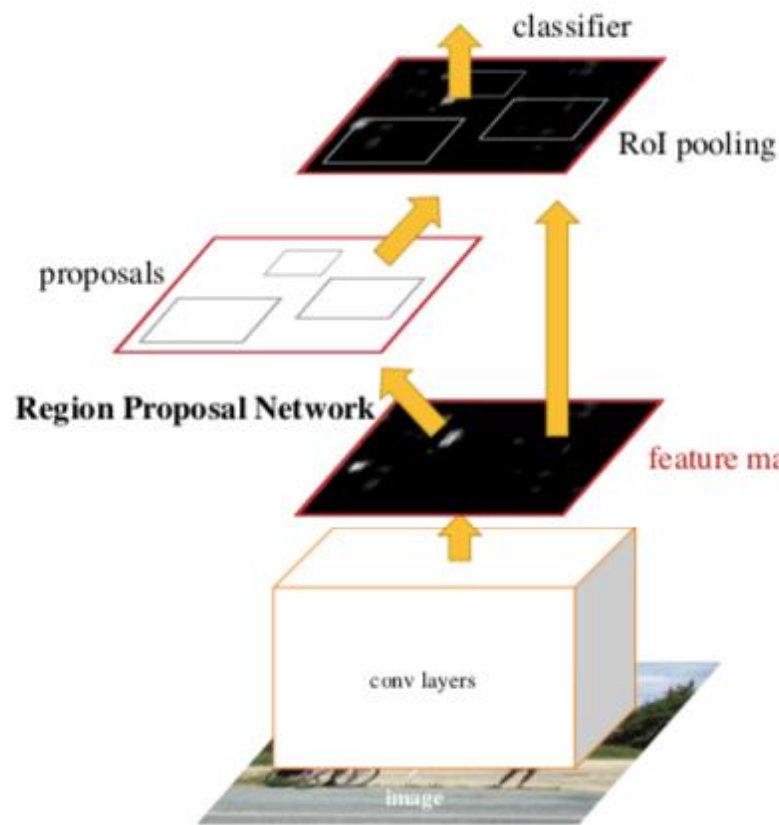


Fig. 2. A road map of object detection. Milestone detectors in this figure: VJ Det. [10, 11], HOG Det. [12], DPM [13–15], RCNN [16], SPPNet [17], Fast RCNN [18], Faster RCNN [19], YOLO [20], SSD [21], Pyramid Networks [22], Retina-Net [23].

Zou et al. (2019)

- Before 2014, traditional methods were to recognize the component.
- After 2014, learning based methods were to represent high-level feature with proposal detection and verification .

Objects Detection - Faster R-CNN



- Fast R-CNN enables end-to-end detector training on shared convolutional features and shows compelling accuracy and speed (Gkioxari et al., 2015).
- Faster R-CNN (Ren et al. 2015)
 - Deep fully convolutional network that proposes regions
 - Fast R-CNN detector that uses the proposed regions.

Figure 2: Faster R-CNN is a single, unified network for object detection. The RPN module serves as the 'attention' of this unified network.

Objects Detection - You Only Look Once (YOLO)

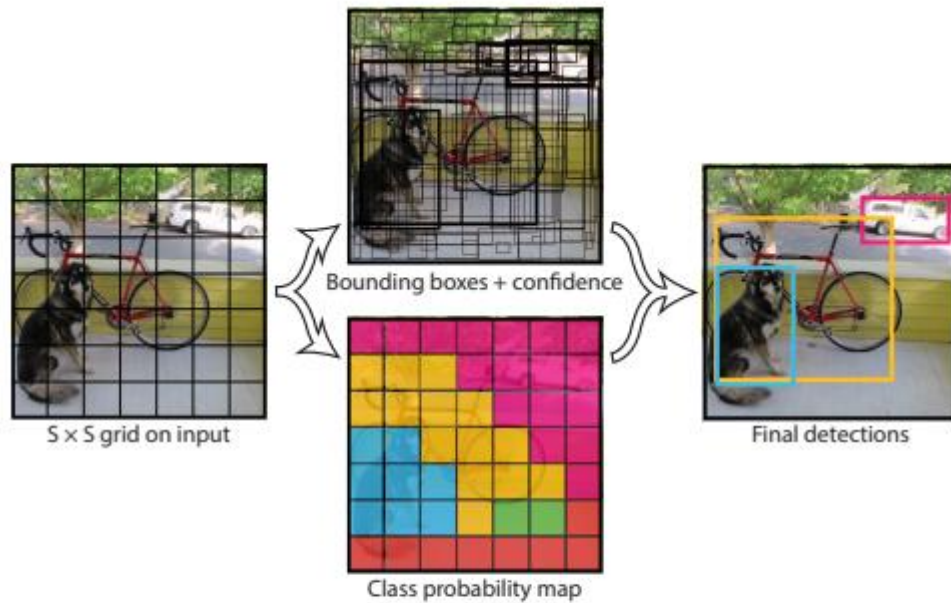


Figure 2: The Model. Our system models detection as a regression problem. It divides the image into an $S \times S$ grid and for each grid cell predicts B bounding boxes, confidence for those boxes, and C class probabilities. These predictions are encoded as an $S \times S \times (B * 5 + C)$ tensor.

Redmon et al.(2016)

- abandons “proposal detection + verification” : Network **divides the image into regions and predicts bounding boxes and probabilities** for each region simultaneously.
- Drawbacks: YOLO suffers from a **drop of the localization accuracy, especially for some small objects**, so subsequent versions have paid more attention to this problem (Redmon et al., 2017; Redmon et al., 2018).

YOLO V3
10 fps



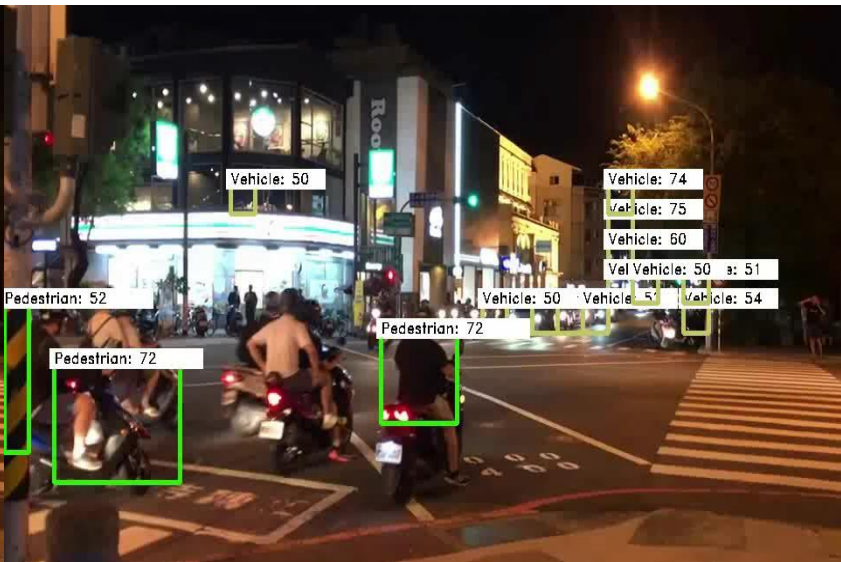
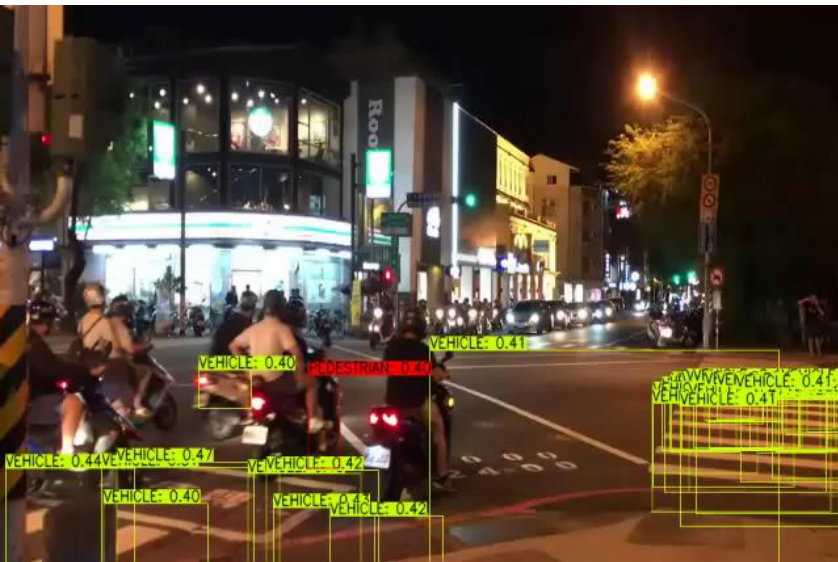
YOLO V3
2.5fps



Experiment

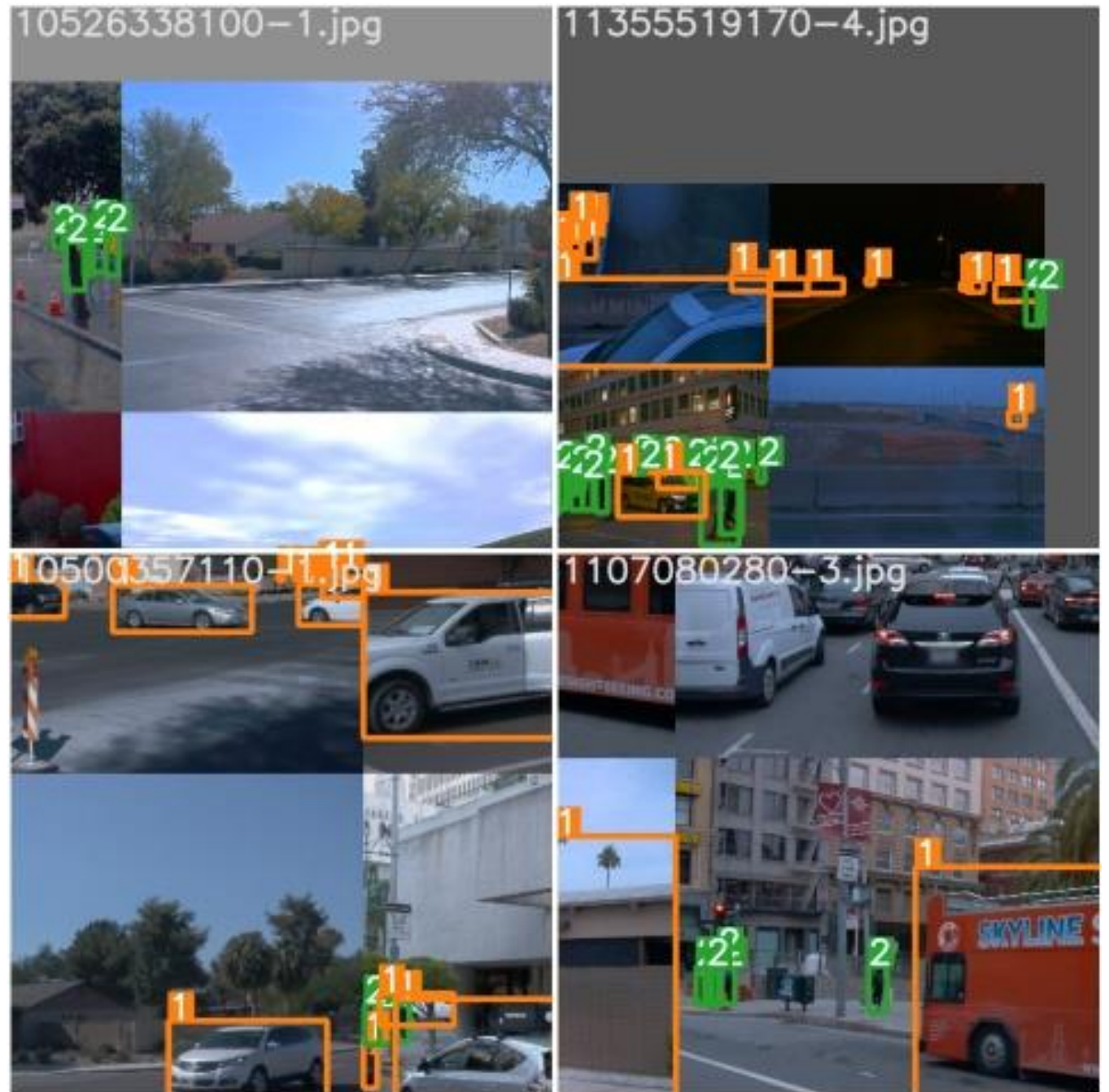
- Frequency of frame fetched & increasing scene diversity; for example :

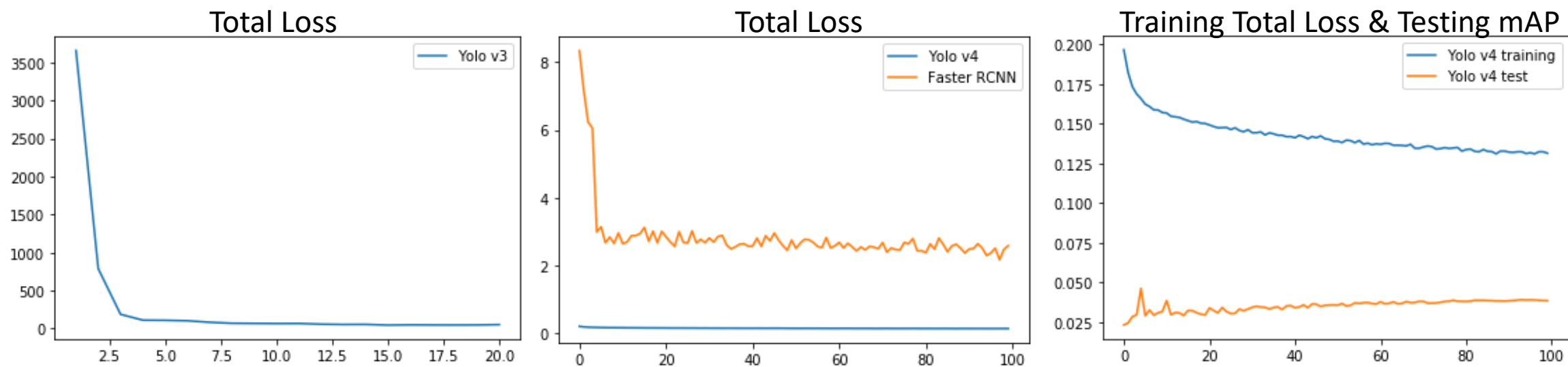
YOLO V3	10 fps	2.5 fps
Number of image (pieces)	990	3780
mAP (%)	1.16	3.57
AP of Pedestrian(%)	0.17	0.01
AP of Vehicle(%)	3.30	7.12
AP of Cyclist(%)	0.01	



YOLO v4

Different from YOLO v3





Long-tailed Learning Model

Test Dataset	mAP (%)	AP of CYCLIST(%)	AP of PEDESTRIAN(%)	AP of VEHICLE(%)
Faster - RCNN	48.85		55.7	42.0
YOLO v3	3.56		0.01	7.12
YOLO v4	0.04			

Challenge

- Version Problem

Test	Python Version	Learning Framework
Faster - RCNN	3.6	TensorFlow-GPU 2.1.0
YOLO v3	3.6	TensorFlow 1.14
YOLO v4	3.7	PyTorch 1.5

- Imbalanced Dataset
- Overlapped Region Proposals
- Dataset Diversity and Volume
- Metric Understanding

- Isolated Environment

- Collecting More / Data Augmentation
- Tuning Intersection of Union (IoU)
- Data Enforcement

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