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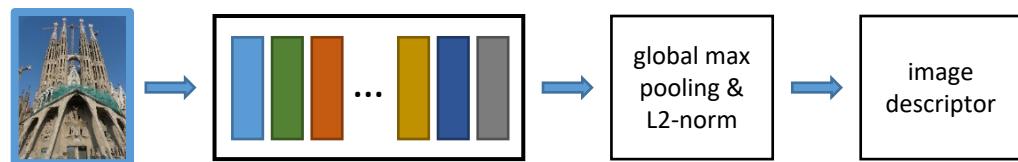
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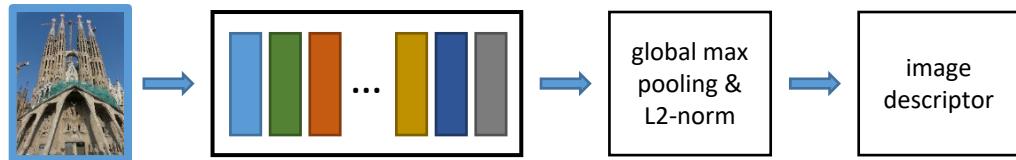


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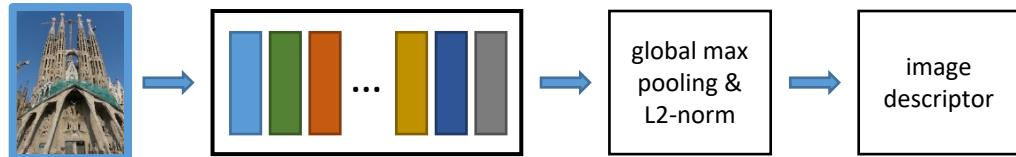
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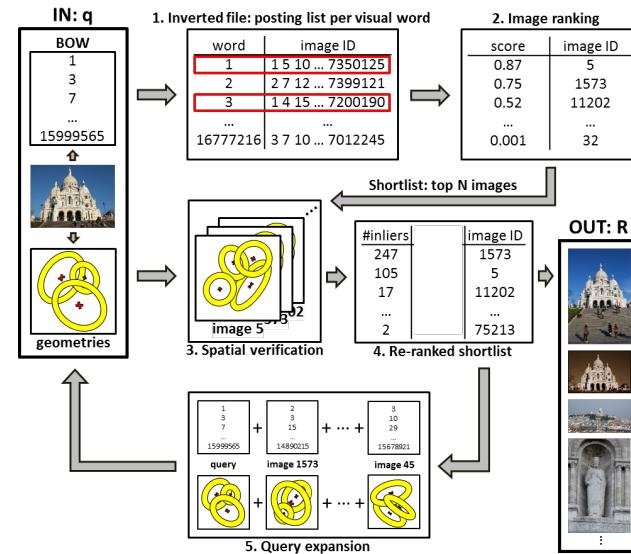


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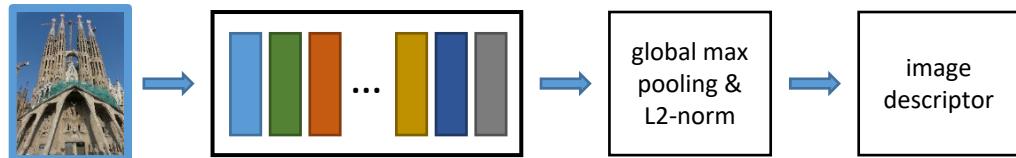


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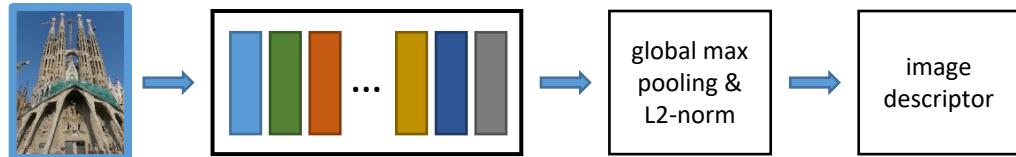
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Hard Examples



Instance Retrieval Challenges

- Significant viewpoint and/or scale change
- Significant illumination change
- Severe occlusions
- Visually similar but different objects

BoW: affine co-variant local features, invariant descriptors
CNN: lots of training examples

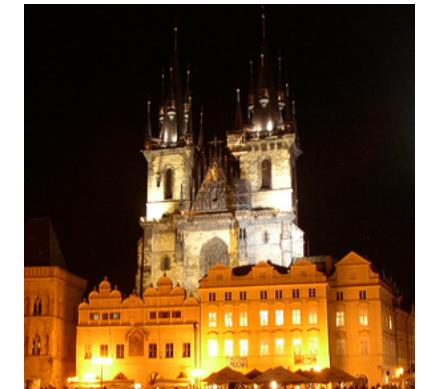
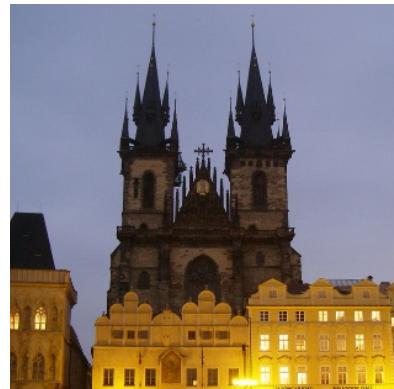
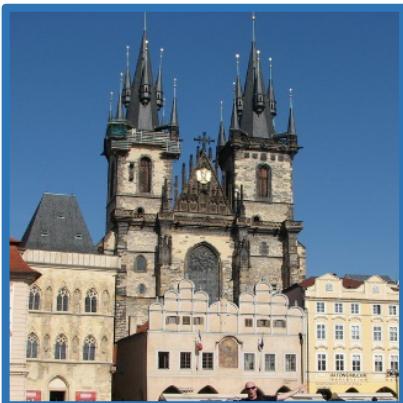


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BoW: color-normalized feature descriptors

CNN: lots of training examples



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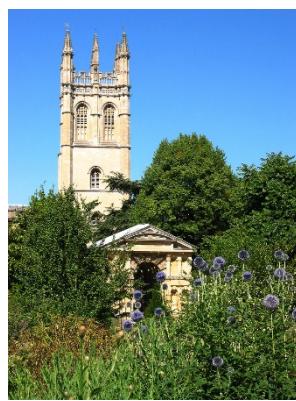
Significant illumination change

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Visually similar but different objects

BoW: locality of the features, geometric verification

CNN: lots of training examples



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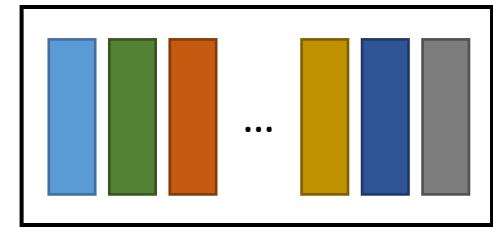
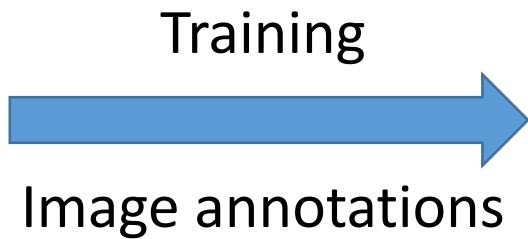
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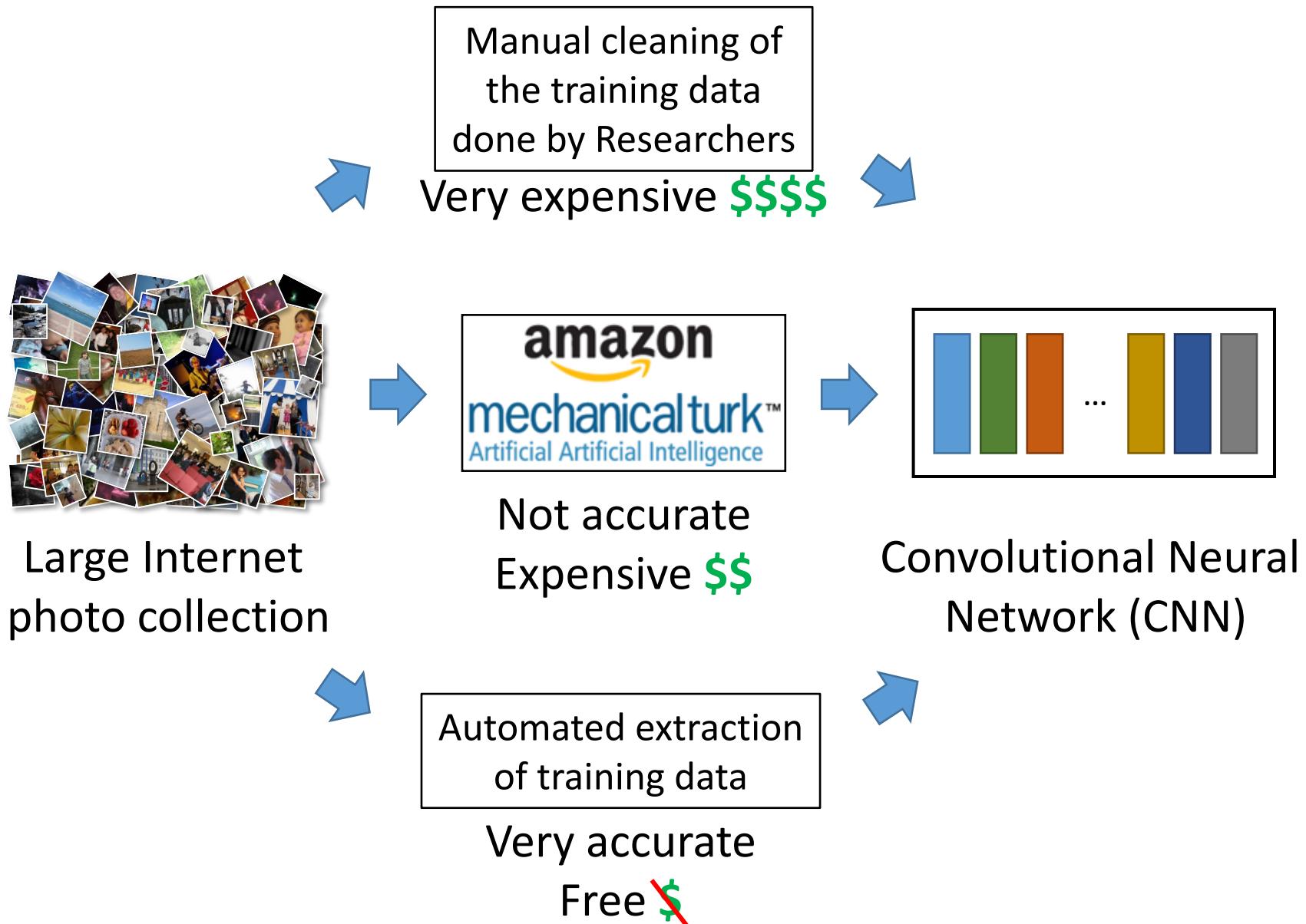


Large Internet
photo collection



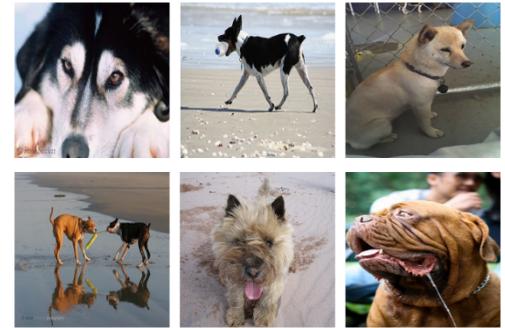
Convolutional Neural
Network (CNN)

“Lots of Training Examples”



Off-the-shelf CNN

- Target application: classification
- Training dataset: ImageNet
- Architecture: AlexNet & VGG



Images from ImageNet.org

- Directly applicable to other tasks

Fine-grain classification



Object detection

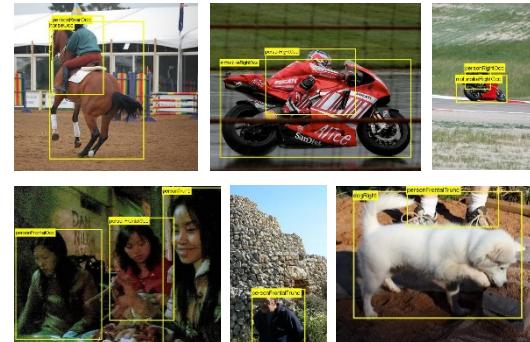


Image retrieval



Annotations for CNN Image Retrieval

- CNN pre-trained for classification task used for retrieval

[Gong et al. ECCV'14, Babenko et al. ICCV'15, Kalantidis et al. arXiv'15, Tolias et al. ICLR'16]



- Fine-tuned CNN using a dataset with landmark classes

[Babenko et al. ECCV'14]



- NetVLAD: Weakly supervised fine-tuned CNN using GPS tags

[Arandjelovic et al. CVPR'16]

spatially closest \neq matching



- We propose: automatic annotations for CNN training

Hard positives

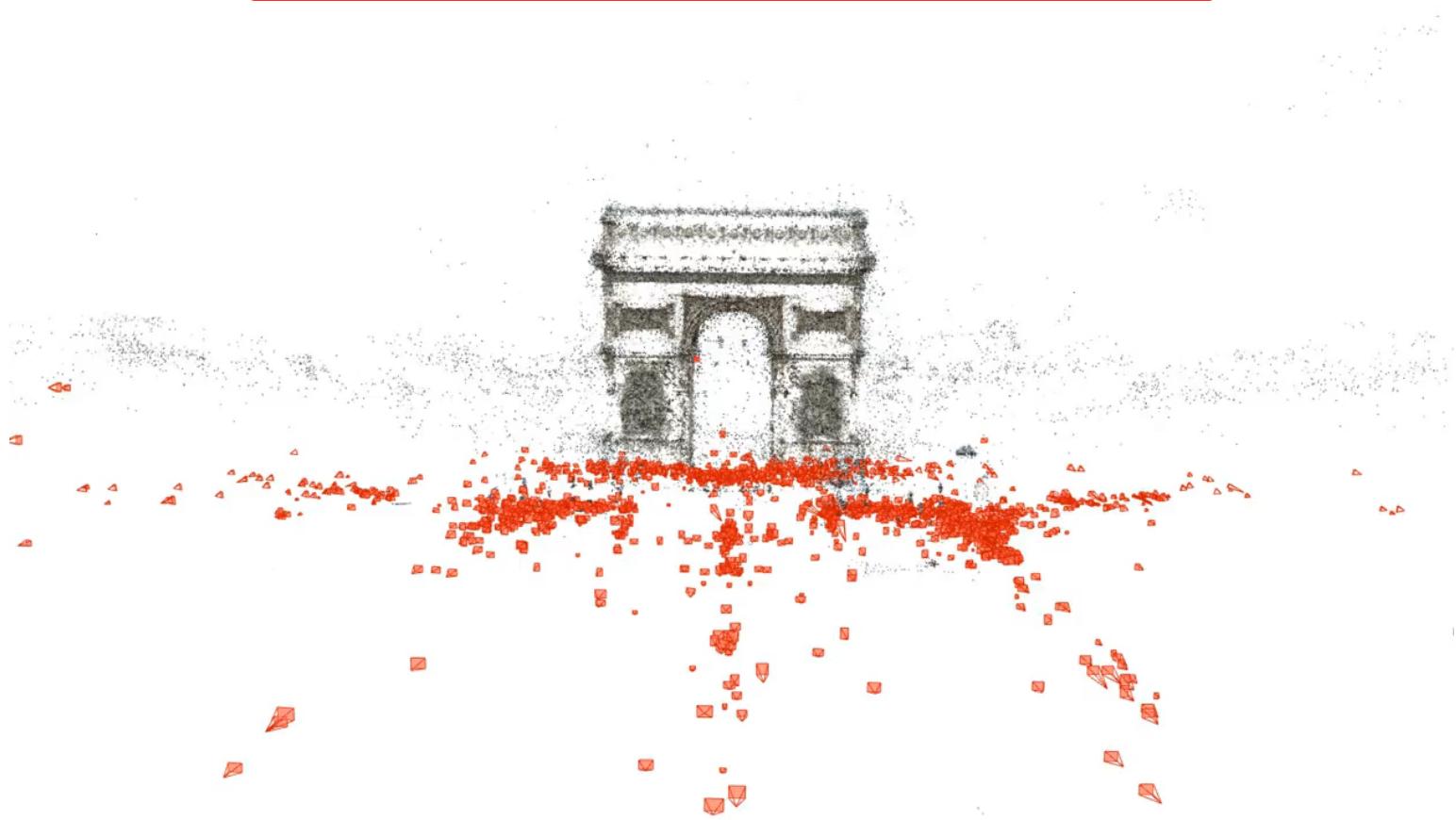


Hard negatives



CNN learns from BoW – Training Data

**Camera Orientation Known
Number of Inliers Known**



[Schonberger et al. CVPR'15]

[Radenovic et al. CVPR'16]

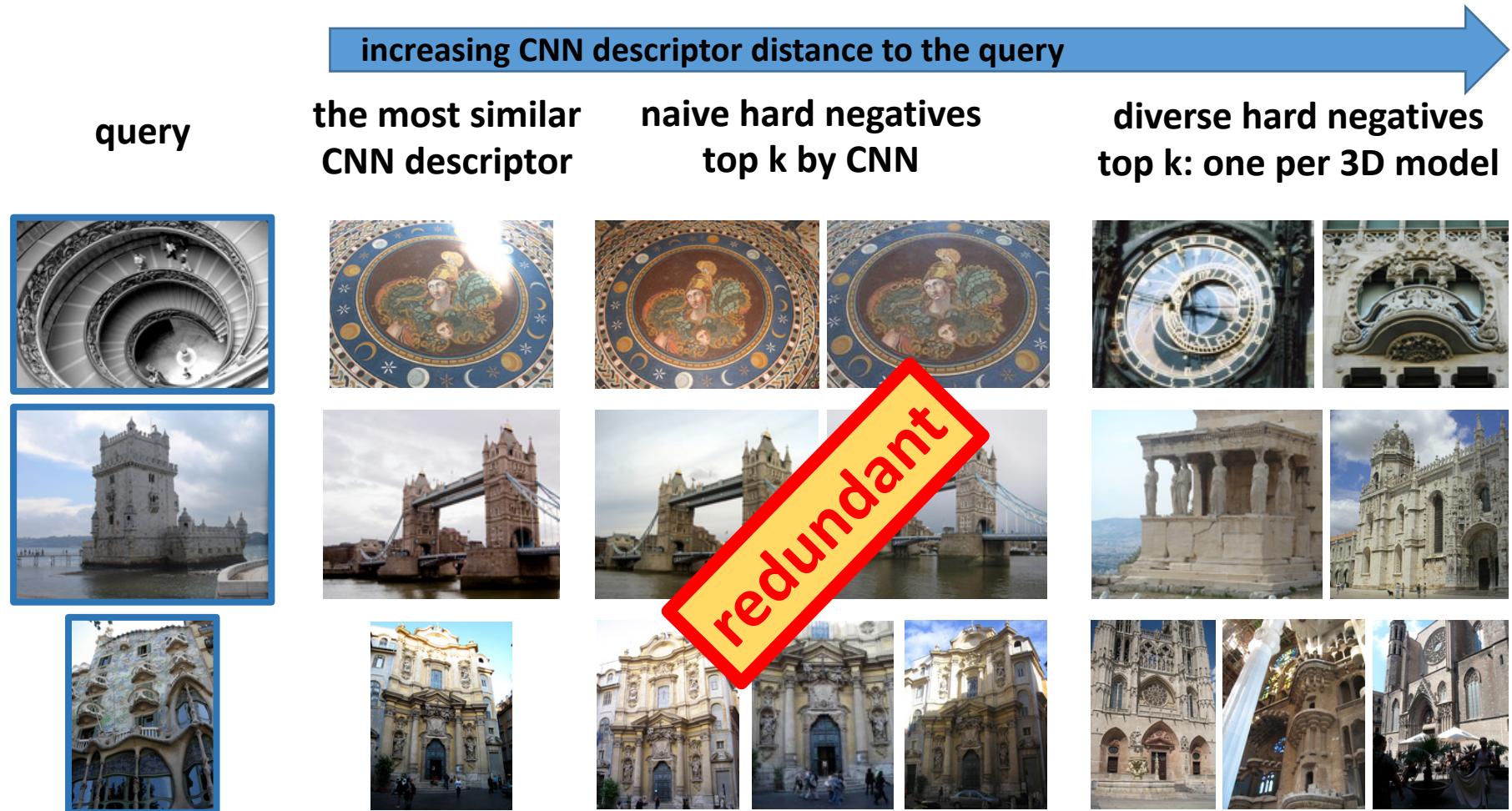
7.4M images → 713 training 3D models

Hard Negative Examples

Negative examples: images from different 3D models than the query

Hard negatives: closest negative examples to the query

Only hard negatives: as good as using all negatives, but faster



Hard Positive Examples

Positive examples: images that share 3D points with the query

Hard positives: positive examples not close enough to the query

query



top 1 by CNN



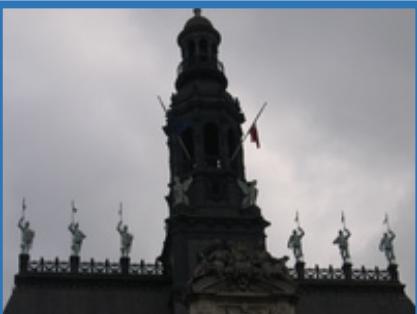
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random from
top k by BoW

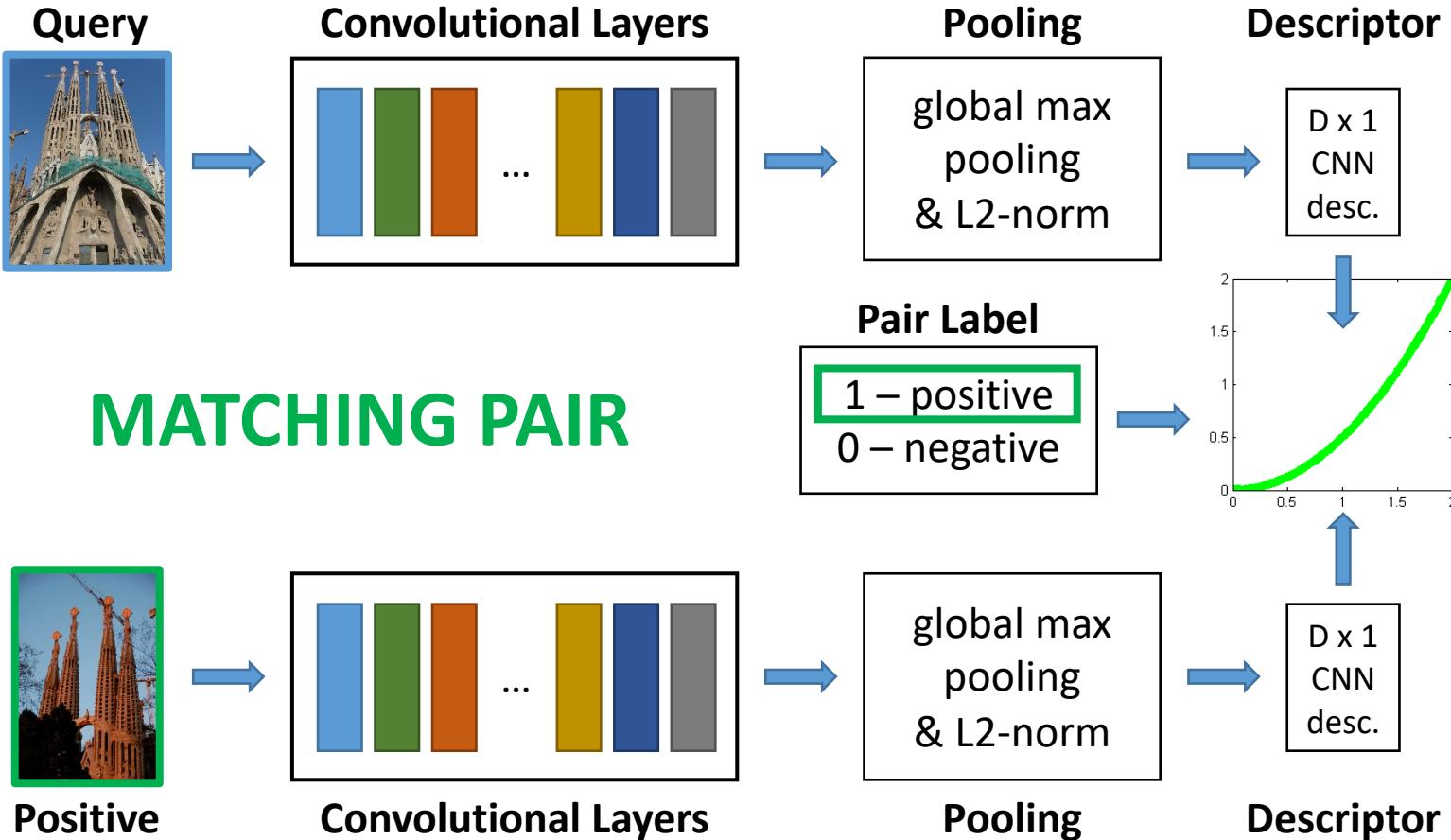


harder positives

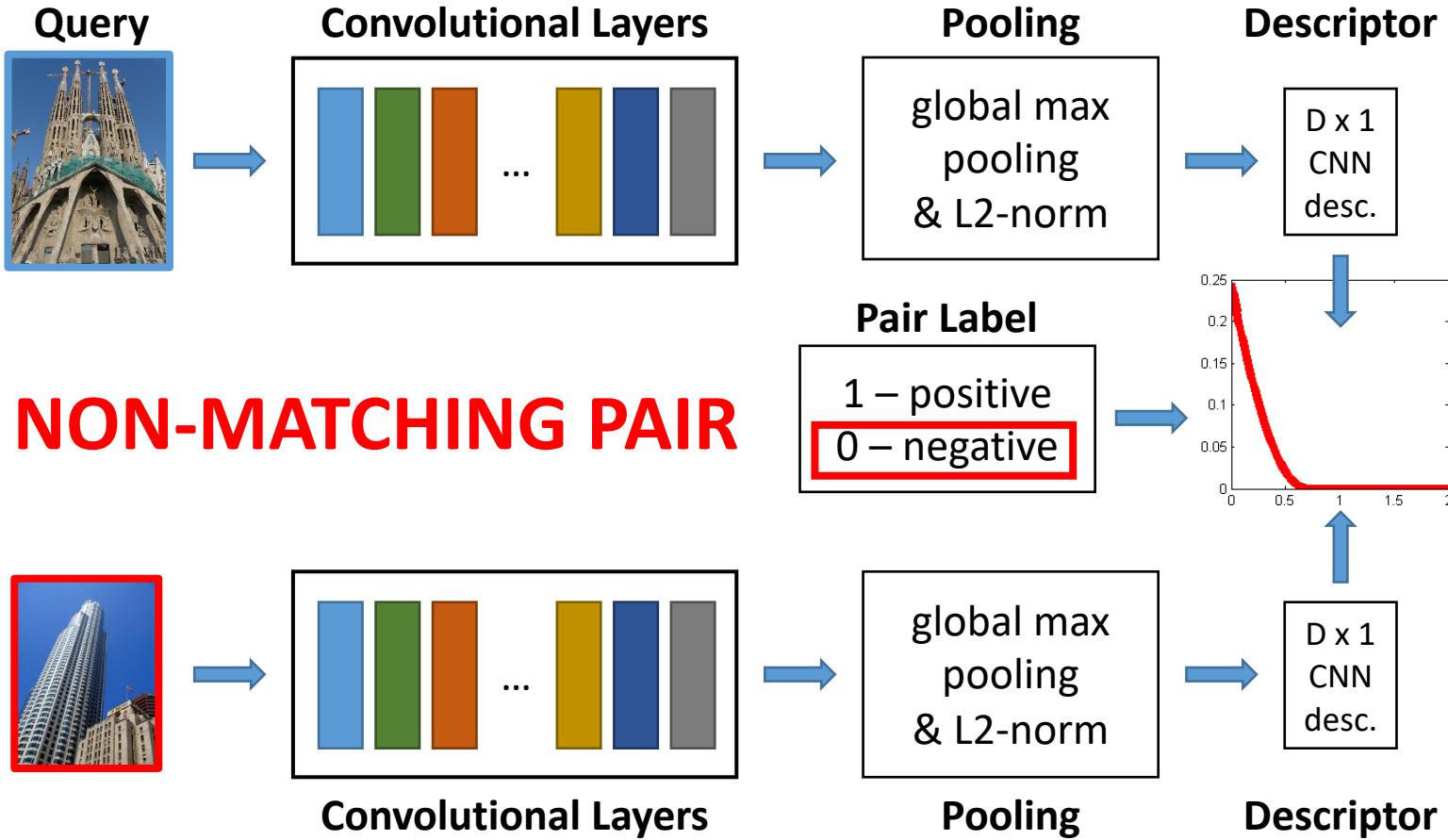


used in NetVLAD

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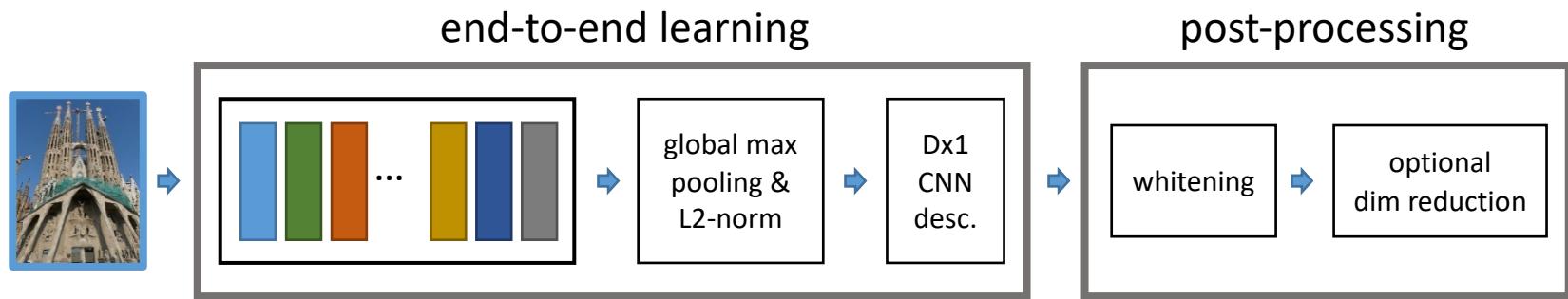


Contrastive vs. Triplet loss: Contrastive better with our data

Contrastive loss more strict, requires accurate training data

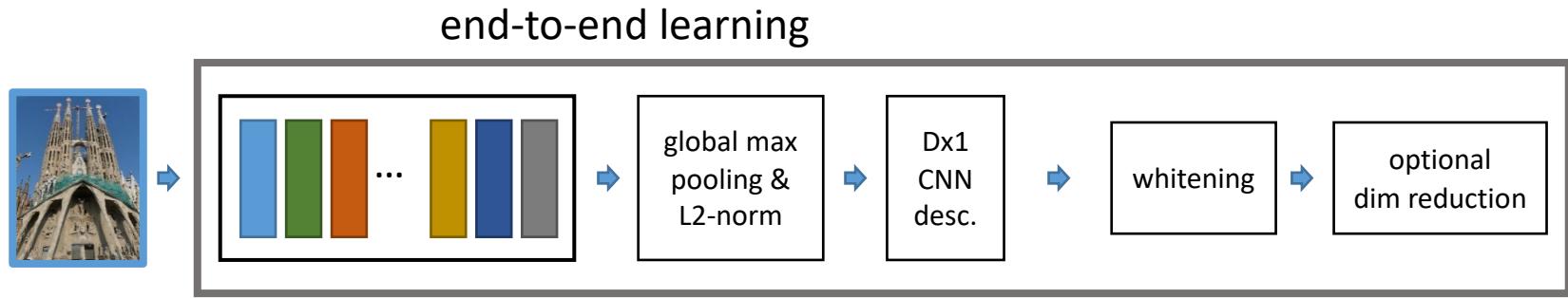
Triplet loss less sensitive to inaccurate annotation

Whitening and dimensionality reduction



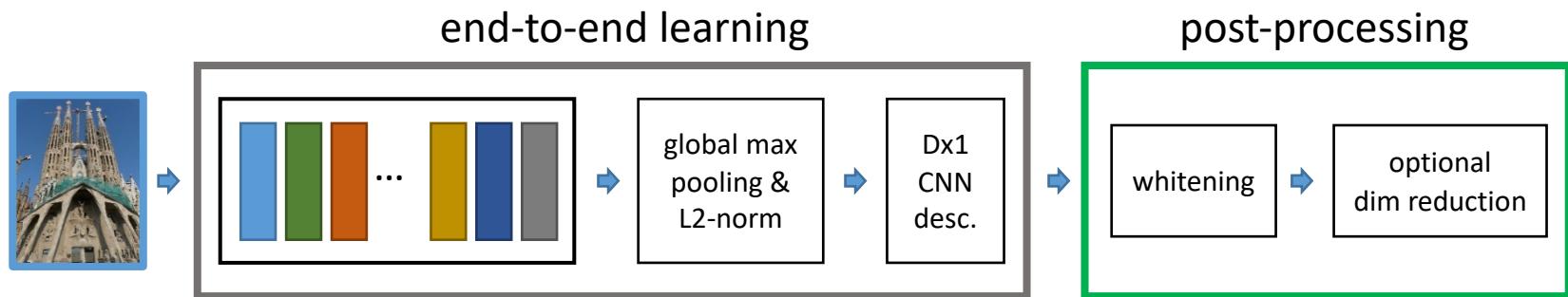
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Experiments – datasets

- **Oxford 5k dataset**

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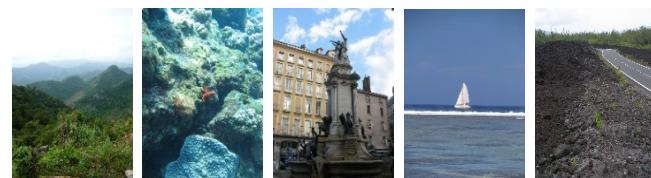
- **Paris 6k dataset**

[Philbin et al. CVPR'08]



- **Holidays dataset**

[Jegou et al. ECCV'10]



- **100k distractor dataset**

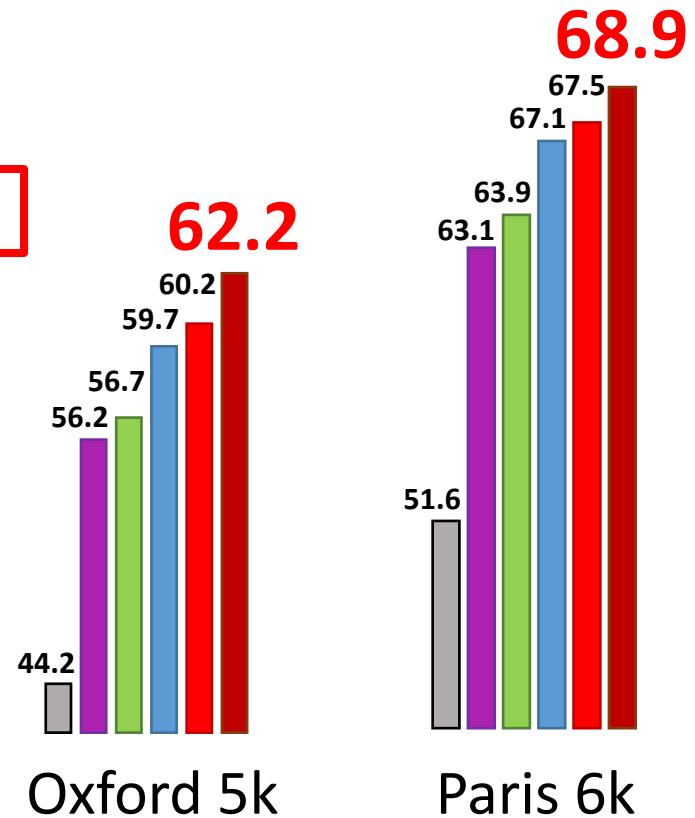
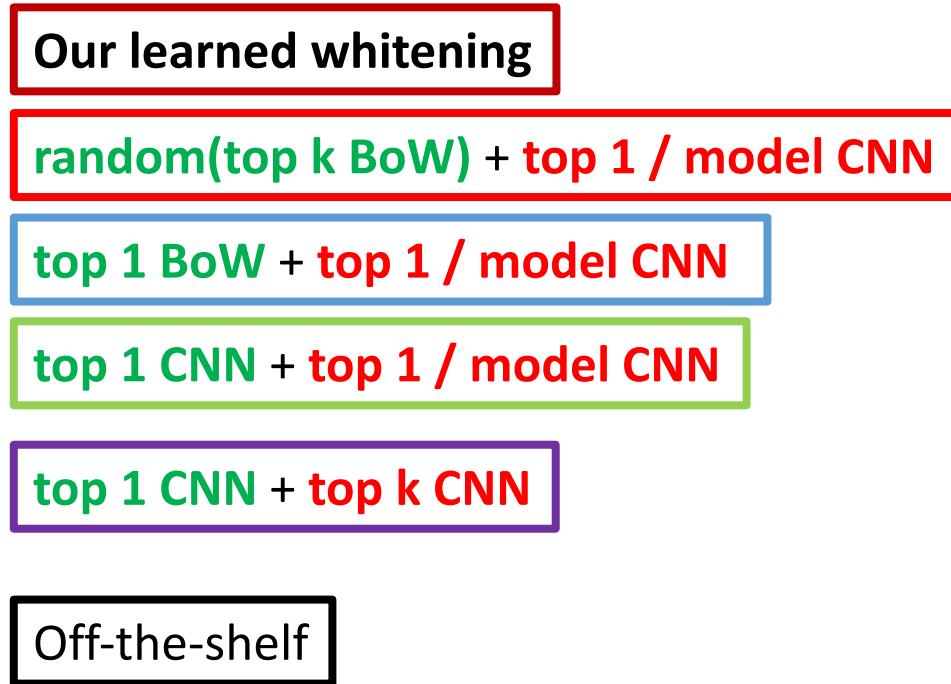
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Training 3D models do not contain any landmark from these datasets

- **Protocol:** mean Average Precision (mAP)

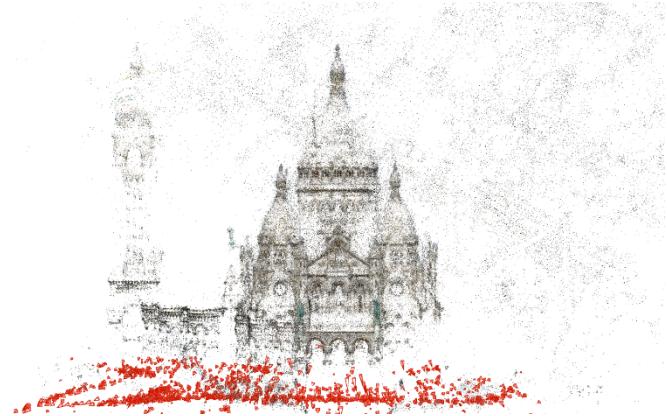
Experiments – Learning (AlexNet)

- Careful choice of **positive** and **negative** training images makes a difference



Experiments – Over-fitting and Generalization

- We added Oxford and Paris landmarks as 3D models and repeated fine-tuning



**Only +0.3 mAP on average over all
testing datasets**

State-of-the-art

NetVLAD 256D

VS.

Our CNN 32D

Concurrent work:
[Gordo et al. ECCV'16]

Method	D	Oxford5k		Oxford105k		Paris6k		Paris106k		Hol	Hol 101k	
		Crop _I	Crop _X									
Compact representations												
mVoc/BoW [11]	(fA)	128	48.8	—	41.4	—	—	—	—	65.6	—	
Neural codes [†] [14]	(fA)	128	—	55.7	—	52.3	—	—	—	78.9	—	
MAC [‡]	(V)	128	53.5	55.7	43.8	45.6	69.5	70.6	53.4	55.4	72.6	56.7
CroW [24]	(V)	128	59.2	—	51.6	—	74.6	—	63.2	—	—	—
★ MAC	(fV)	128	75.8	76.8	68.6	70.8	77.6	78.8	68.0	69.0	73.2	58.8
★ R-MAC	(fV)	128	72.5	76.7	64.3	69.7	78.5	80.3	69.3	71.2	79.3	65.2
MAC [‡]	(V)	256	54.7	56.9	45.6	47.8	71.5	72.4	55.7	57.3	76.5	61.3
SPoC [23]	(V)	256	—	53.1	—	50.1	—	—	—	—	80.2	—
R-MAC [25]	(A)	256	56.1	—	47.0	—	72.9	—	60.1	—	—	—
CroW [24]	(V)	256	65.4	—	59.3	—	77.9	—	67.8	—	83.1	—
NetVLad [35]	(V)	256	—	—	—	—	—	67.7	—	—	86.0	—
NetVLad [35]	(fV)	256	—	—	—	—	73.5	—	—	—	84.3	—
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MAC [‡]	(V)	512	56.4	58.3	47.8	49.2	72.3	72.6	58.0	59.1	76.7	62.7
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Re-ranking (R) and query expansion (QE)												
BoW(1M)+QE [6]	—	—	82.7	—	76.7	—	80.5	—	71.0	—	—	—
BoW(16M)+QE [50]	—	—	84.9	—	79.5	—	82.4	—	77.3	—	—	—
HQE(65k) [8]	—	—	88.0	—	84.0	—	82.8	—	—	—	—	—
R-MAC+R+QE [25]	(V)	512	77.3	—	73.2	—	86.5	—	79.8	—	—	—
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Teacher vs. Student

Method	Oxf5k	Oxf105k	Par6k	Par106k
BoW(16M)+R+QE	84.9	79.5	82.4	77.3
CNN(512D)	79.7	73.9	82.4	74.6
CNN(512D)+R+QE	85.0	81.8	86.5	78.8

Our CNN with re-ranking (R) and query expansion(QE)
surpasses its teacher on all datasets!!!

Teacher vs. Student

query



BoW



CNN



Teacher vs. Student

query



BoW



top 10 (correct | incorrect)



first **incorrect** at rank 159

CNN



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Fine-tuning
might not be enough

CNN



Conclusions

- We propose a method to generate the necessary “lots of training examples” without any human interaction
- Strong supervision for hard negative, hard positive mining, and supervised whitening
- Data and trained networks available at:
cmp.felk.cvut.cz/~radenfil/projects/siamac.html
- For more details about the paper visit **Poster O-1A-01**