



# CS131

## Tracking people

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# Topic of the day



Understanding human behavior

# Motivation: Elderly monitoring

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# Motivation: Path-to-purchase understanding

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# Motivation: Space analytics



## Interaction

- Number of social interaction



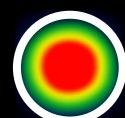
## Distances

- Walked distance



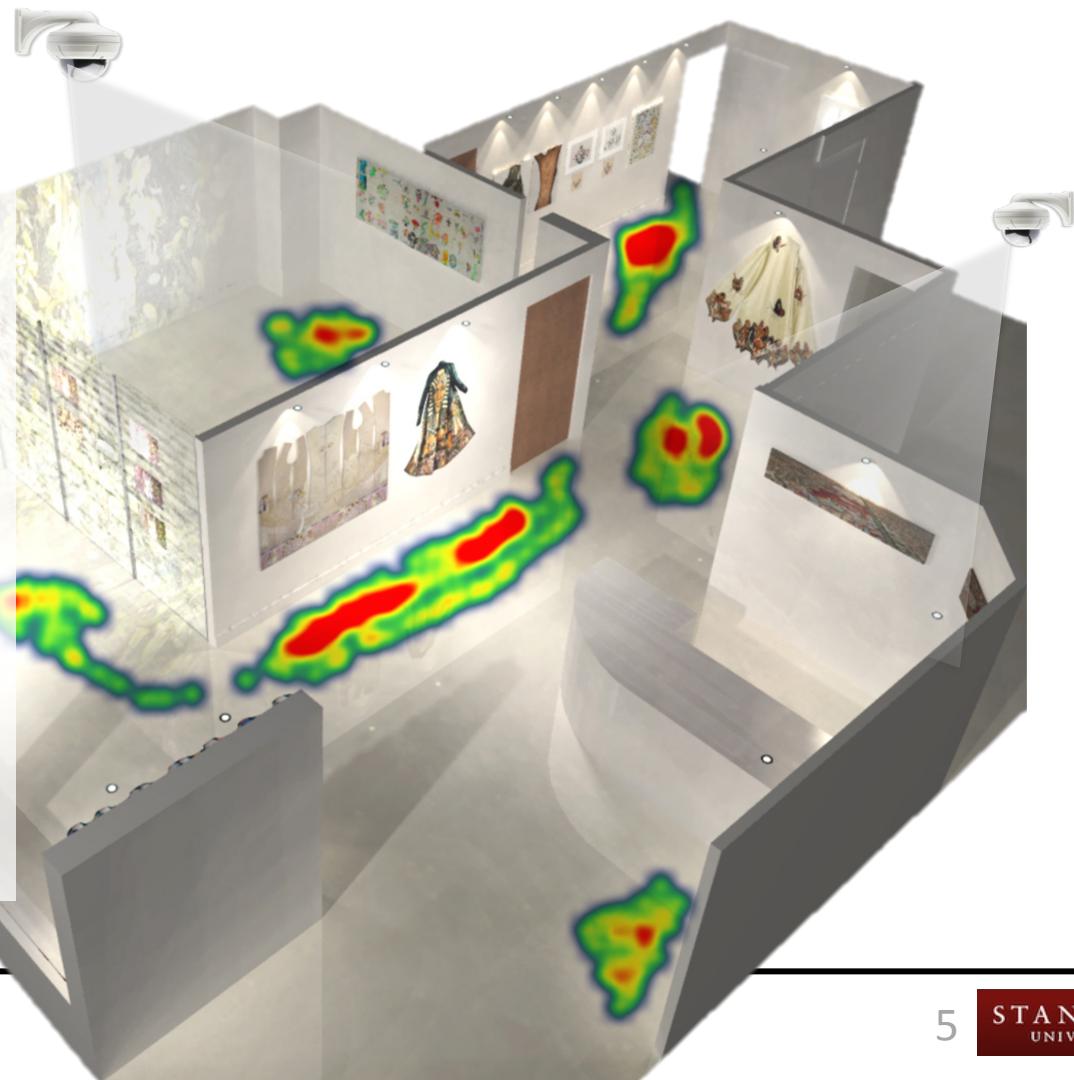
## Durations

- Duration in each room



## Heatmaps

- Hot spots

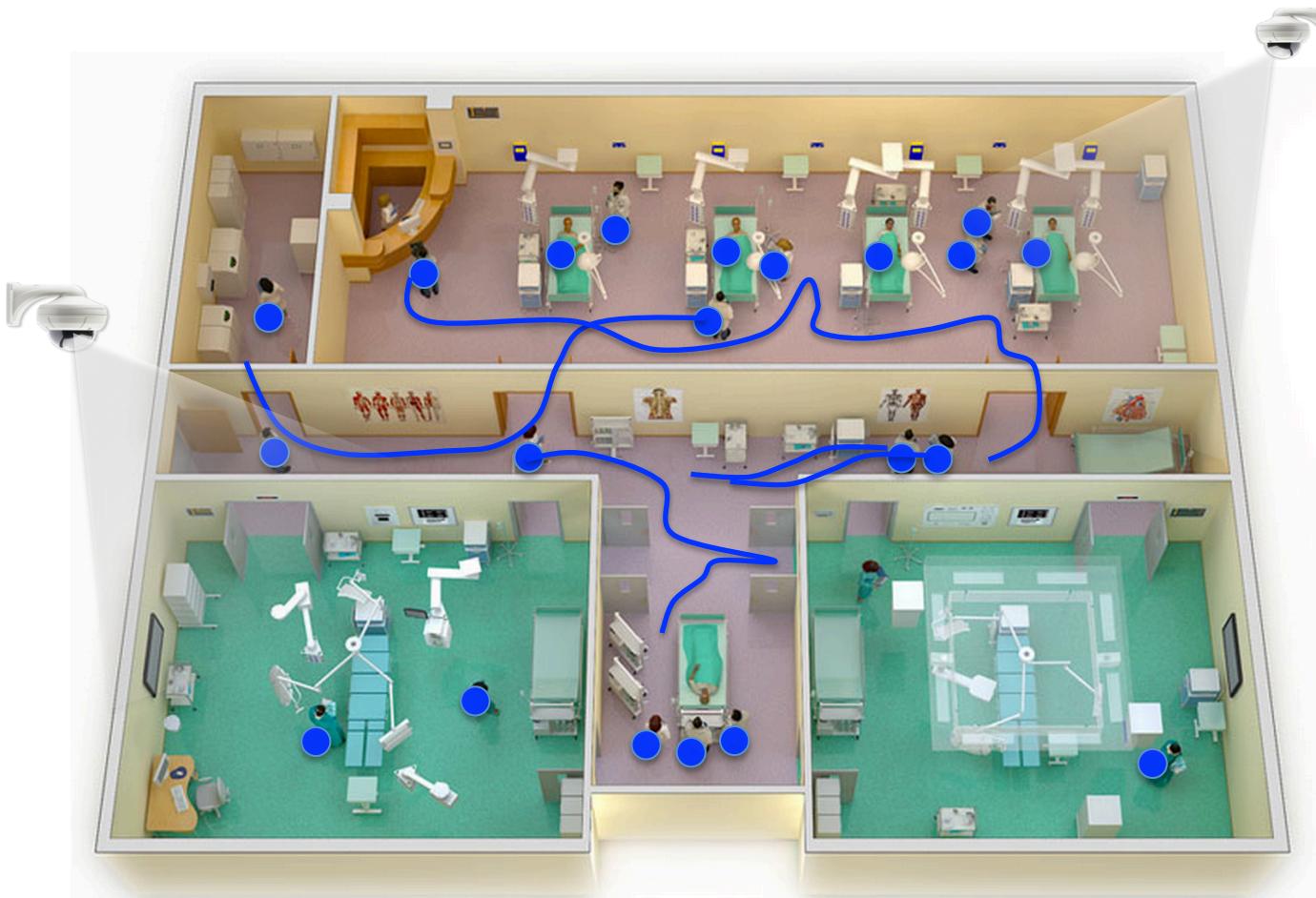


# Motivation: Performance analysis

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# Motivation: Behavior monitoring



# Motivation: Large-space analytics



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- Number of visitors



- Path of visitors



- Duration



- Rank spots



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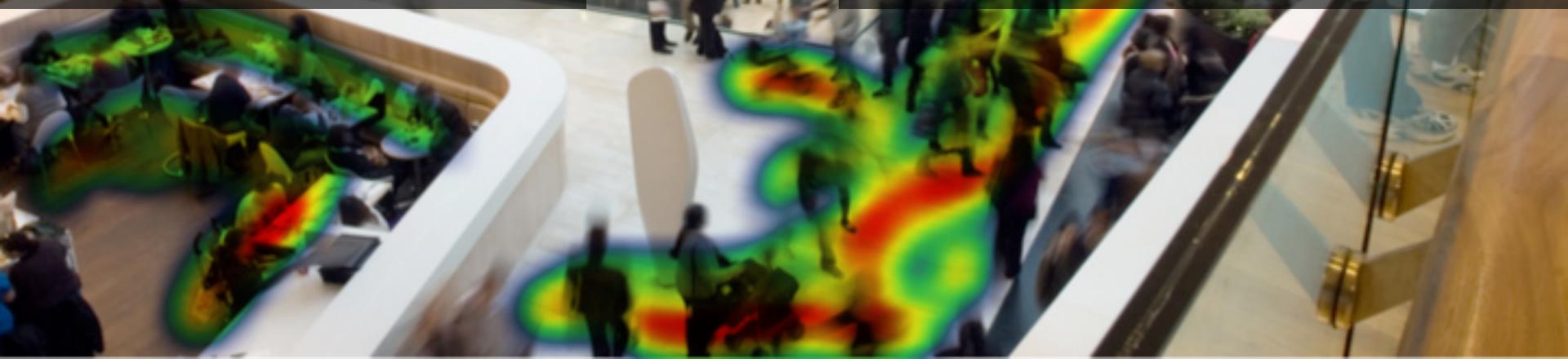
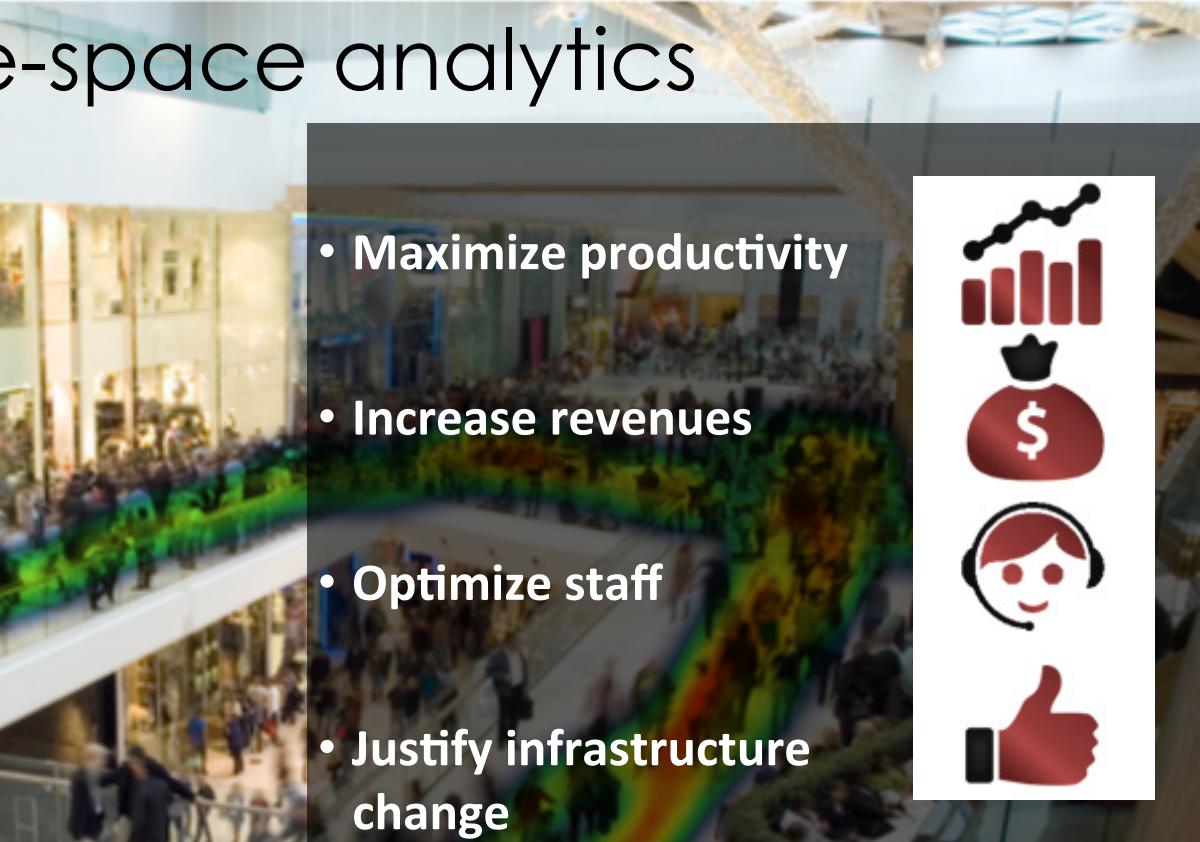
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- Rank spots



# Understand human mobility in a large terminal over a year

| 10.35 |  | Thun       | Zug         | Lucern     | 8  |
|-------|--|------------|-------------|------------|----|
| 16.35 |  | Baden      | Emm         | Basel      | 14 |
| 18.37 |  | Sargans    | Landsberg   | Chur       | 7  |
| 18.57 |  | Flughafen  | Wolpertsw.  | St. Gallen | 12 |
| 18.58 |  | Lucernburg | Aarau       |            | 93 |
| 18.59 |  | Flughafen  | Wolpertsw.  | St. Gallen | 9  |
| 18.40 |  | Arles      | Reichenbach | Irinach    | 4  |
| 18.41 |  | Engo       | Zug         | Lucern     | 55 |
| 18.57 |  | Ostend     | St. Gallen  | Bern       | 17 |
| 18.00 |  | Eppel      | Frankfurt   |            | 15 |
| 18.01 |  | Dorlikon   | Flughafen   |            | 4  |
| 18.01 |  | Eppel      | Lucern      |            | 5  |

|       |             |               |              |       |
|-------|-------------|---------------|--------------|-------|
| 19.18 | Stadtloch   | Winterthur    | Seuzach      | 29    |
| 19.19 | Wetters Igg | Thalwil       | Zug          | 81    |
| 19.20 | Soltau      | Glesskobel    | Sihlwald     | 1     |
| 19.21 | Oerlikon    | Krähen        | Winterthur   | 22    |
| 19.22 | Oerlikon    | Wollseefeld   | Winterthur   | 53    |
| 19.23 | Herdbrücke  | Affoltern a/R |              | 31/22 |
| 19.24 | Stadtloch   | Htr. Bülach   | Plattikon 82 | 23/14 |

over a year

>120,000 commuters/day in 2013

>240,000 commuters/day by 2030\*



## Lausanne, Switzerland

\* SBB CFF FFS report leman 2030

# Track crowds in large spaces

Analytics

Flow in/out

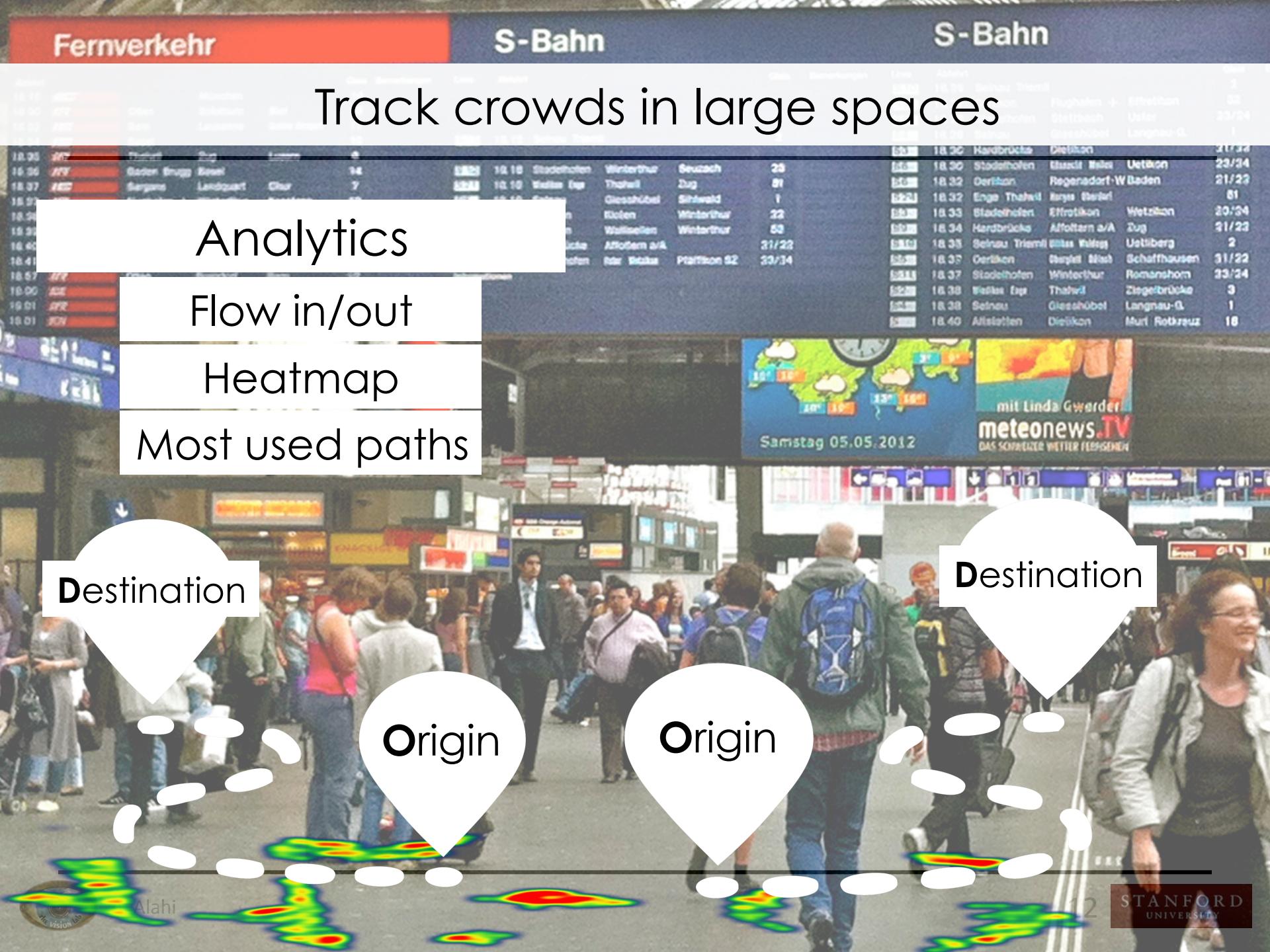
Heatmap

Most used paths

Destination

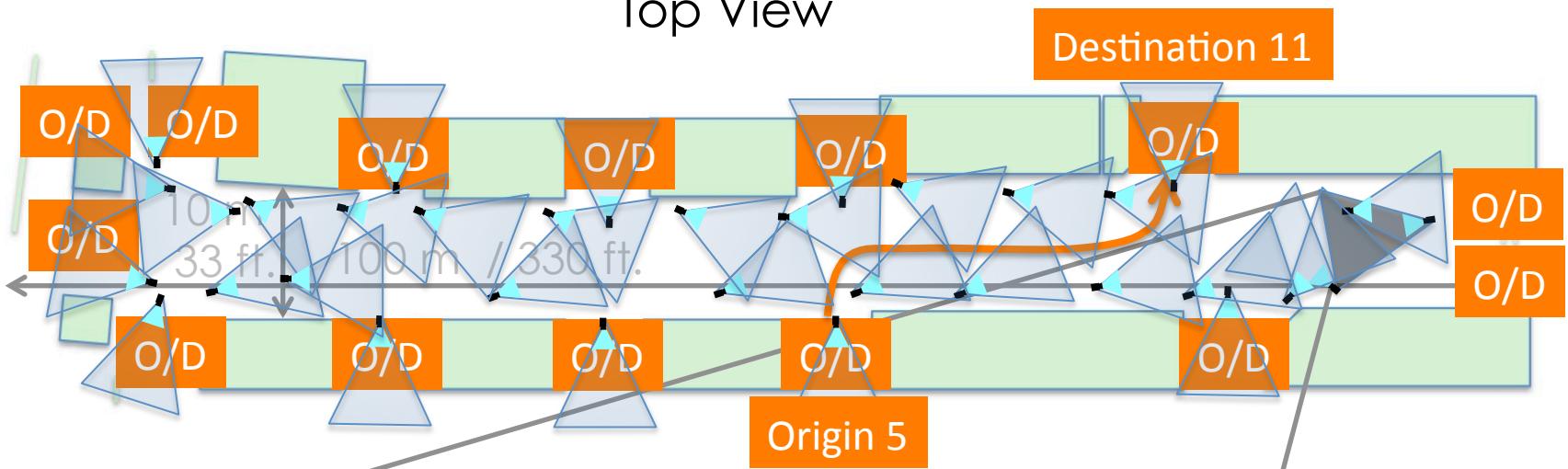
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Destination

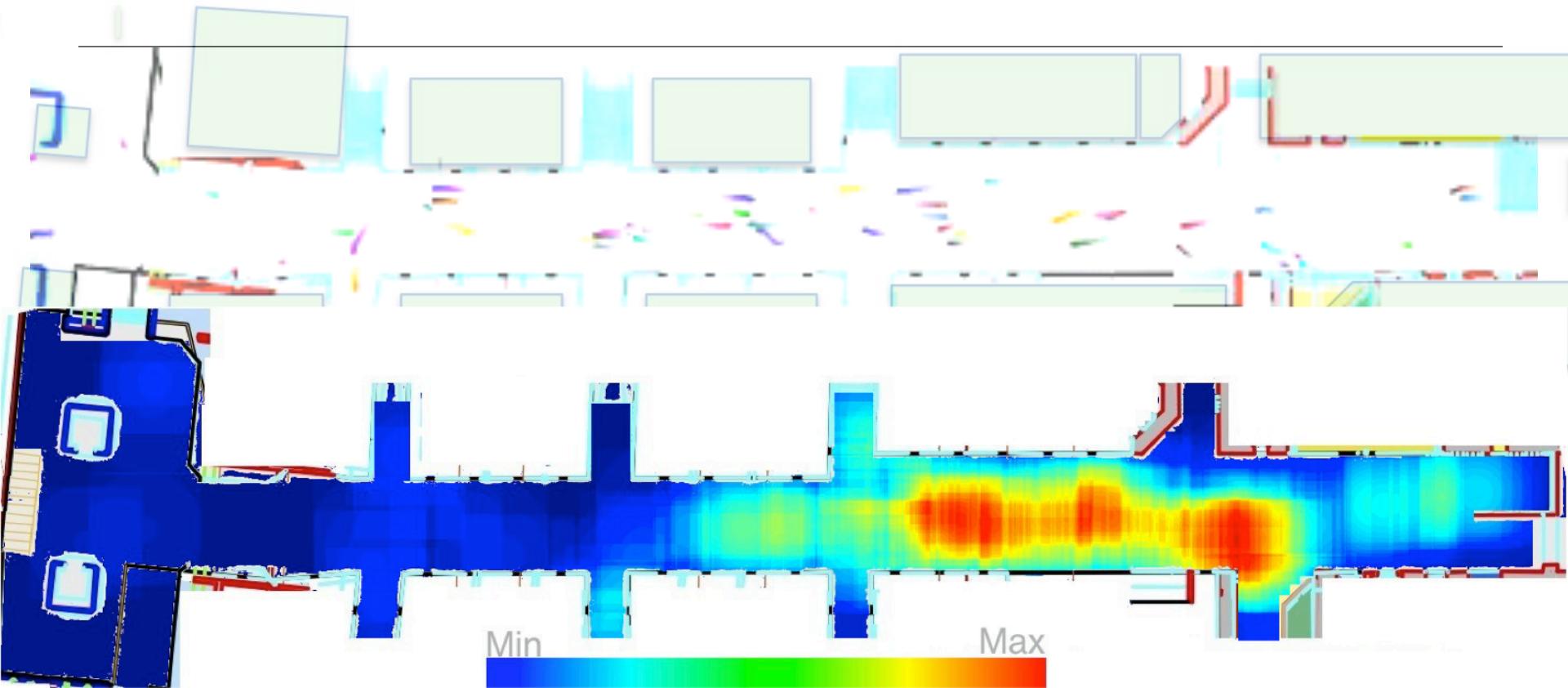


# A corridor with 14 Origin/Destination (O/D)

## Top View



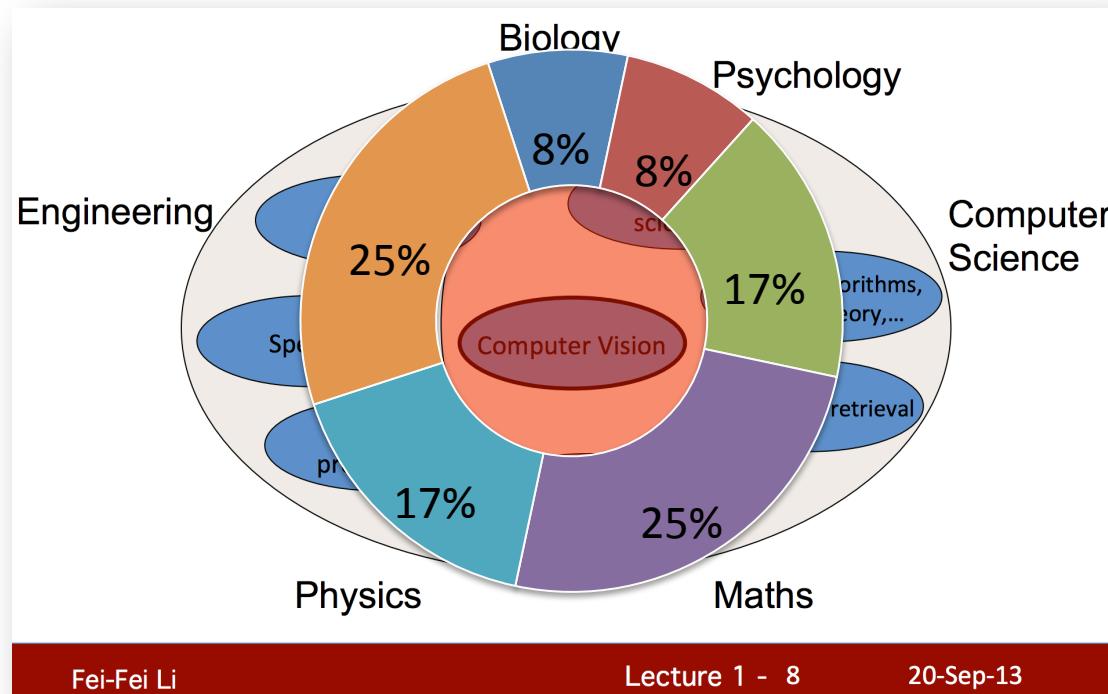
# Collect long-term trajectories



| # People          | Av. duration | Av distance | Density (up to)             | # Paths (O/D) |
|-------------------|--------------|-------------|-----------------------------|---------------|
| <b>42 million</b> | 1 minute     | 100m        | 1 pedestrian/m <sup>2</sup> | 196           |

# Tracking people

- Thousands scientific publications about tracking people
- What is related to tracking people?



# Tracking people

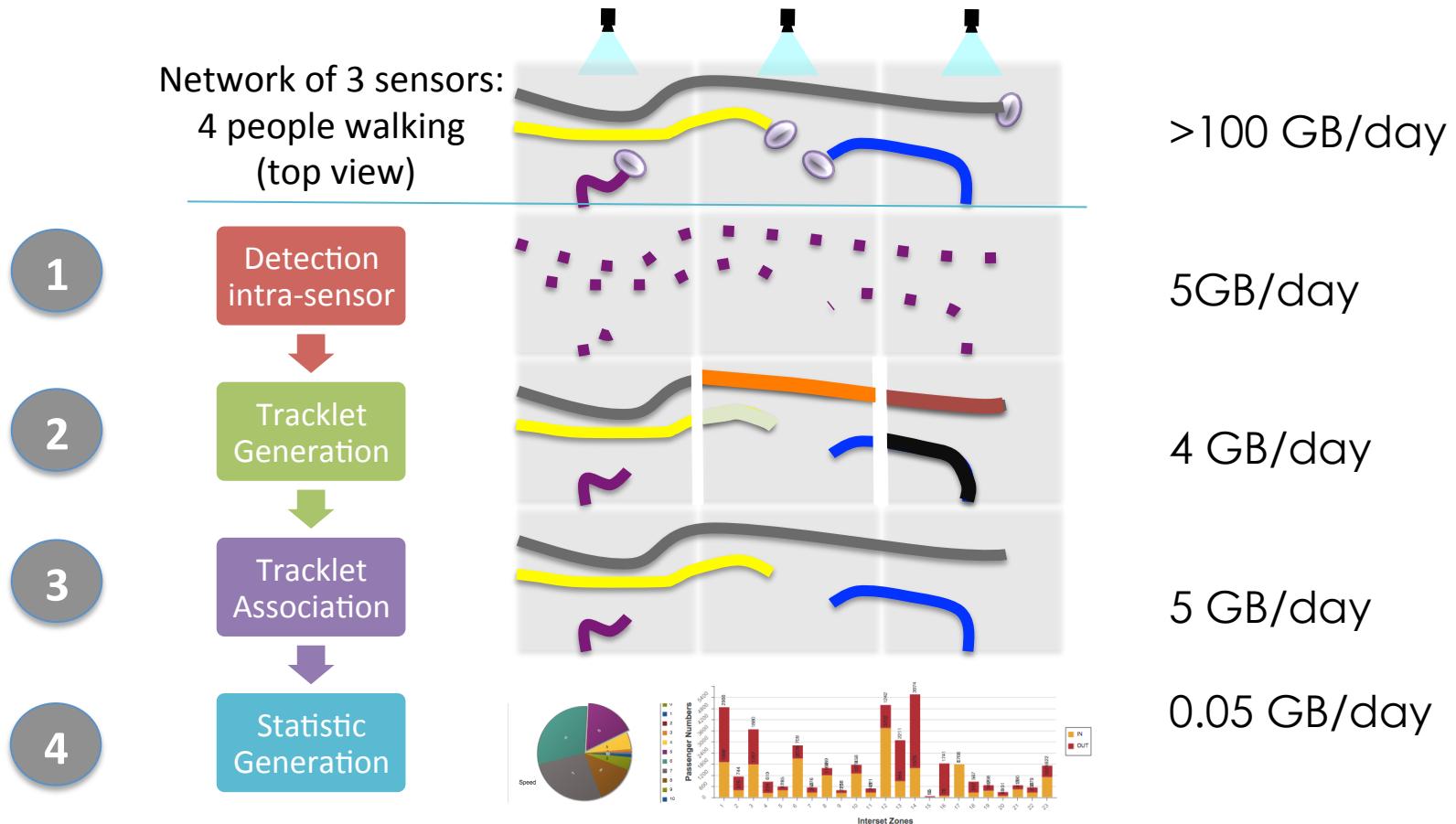
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- Focus of today's lecture:
  - Tracking people with
    - Video streams (vs static images)
      - ⇒ Prior from the scene
      - ⇒ Calibration data
        - ⇒ Mapping from image plane to real-world
      - ⇒ Model temporal variation/changes



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## From Foreground Extraction To Tracking 42 million Pedestrians



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### **I. Detection**

- I. Foreground extraction
- II. Pedestrian localization

### **II. Tracklet Generation**

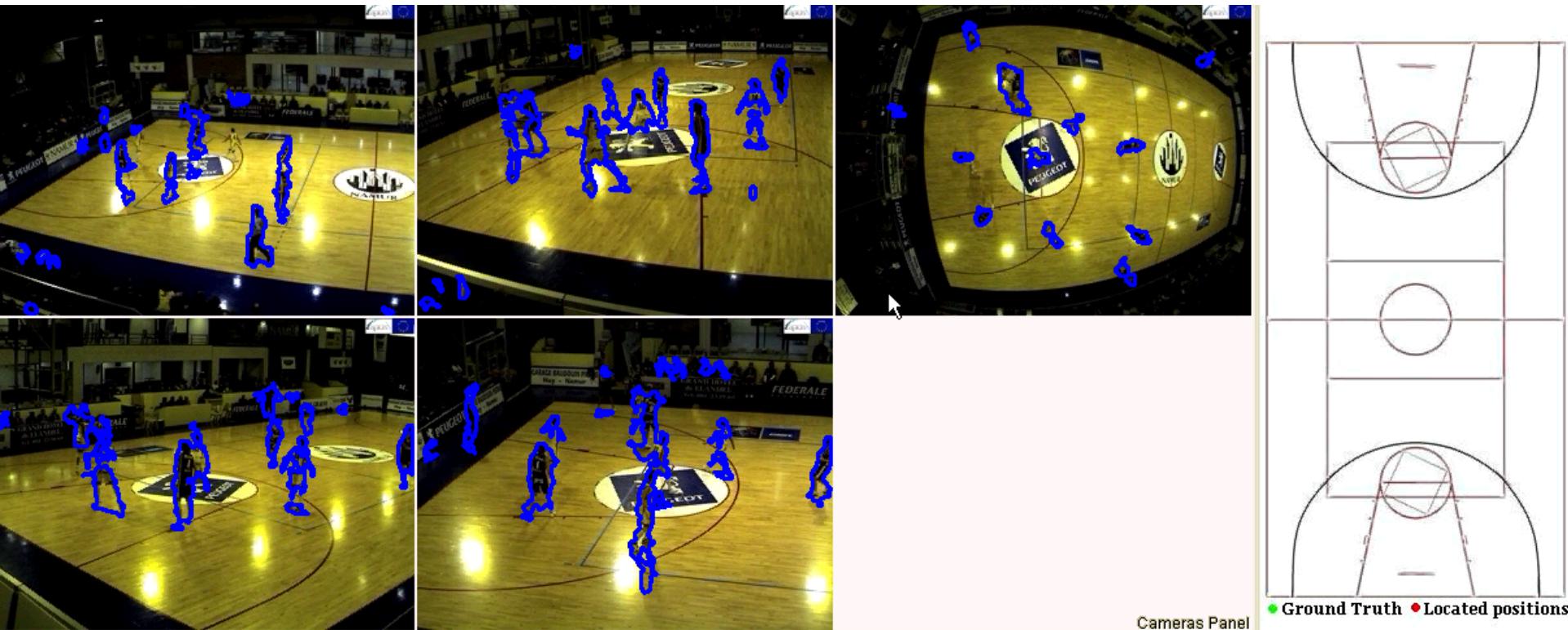
- I. Data association problem
- II. Matching appearance cues

### **III. Tracklet Association**

- I. Modeling Social Affinities



# I. Detection: Foreground extraction



- Severely degraded foreground silhouettes
- Spatially dense distribution
- Strong occlusions

# I. Detection: Foreground extraction

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$$F(x,y, t+1) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } |I(x,y, t) - B(x,y)| > T \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- Frame differencing

$$B(x,y) = I(x,y,t-1)$$

- Mean filter

$$B(x,y) = 1/N \sum_{i=1 \dots N} I(x,y,t-i)$$

- Gaussian averaging

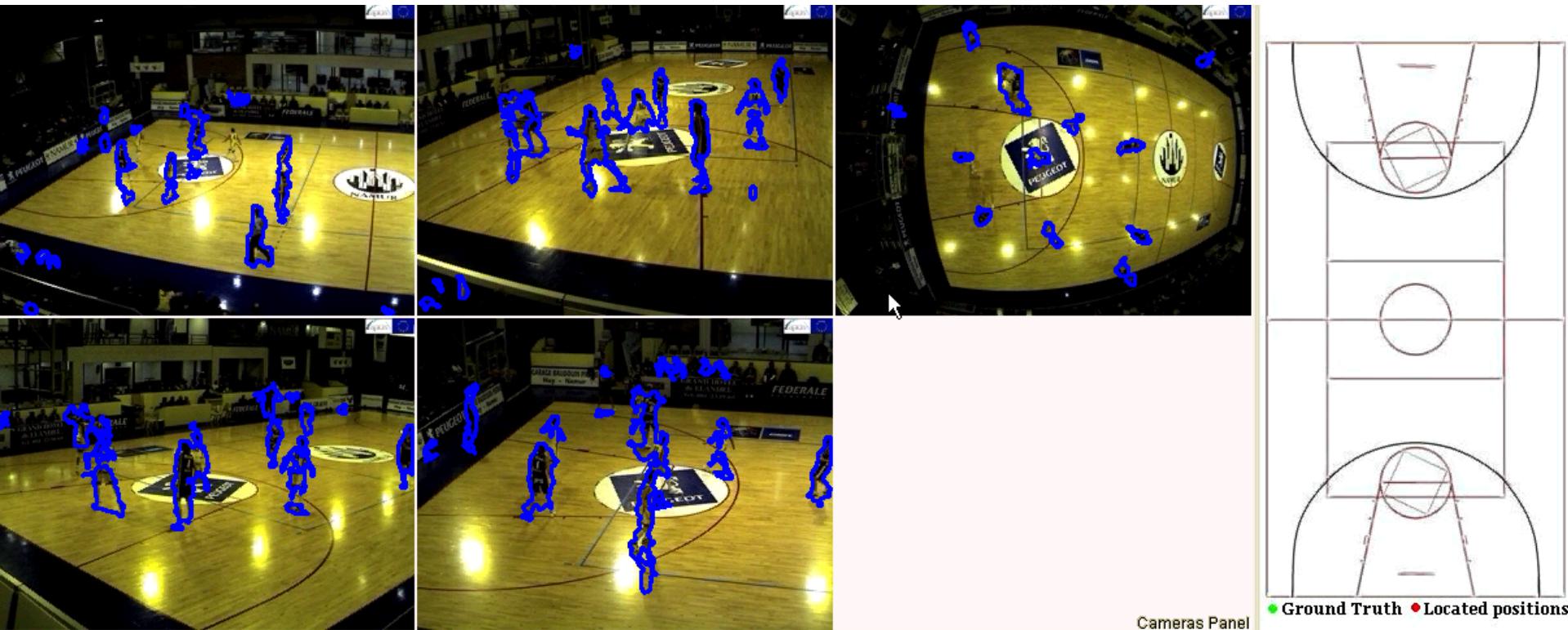
- GMM

- ...

=> Library of 32 algorithms (*BGS library*)



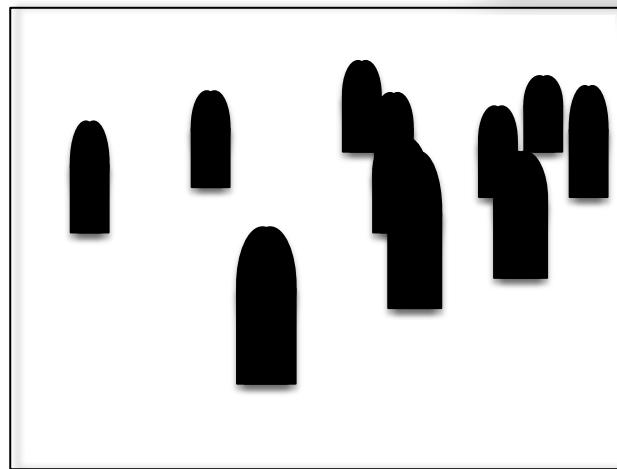
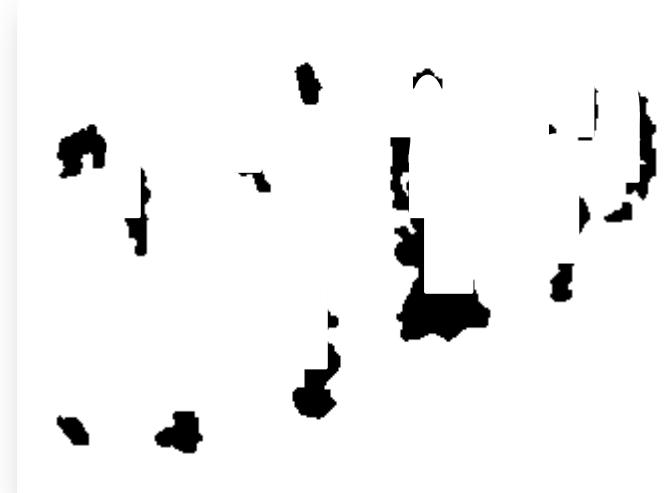
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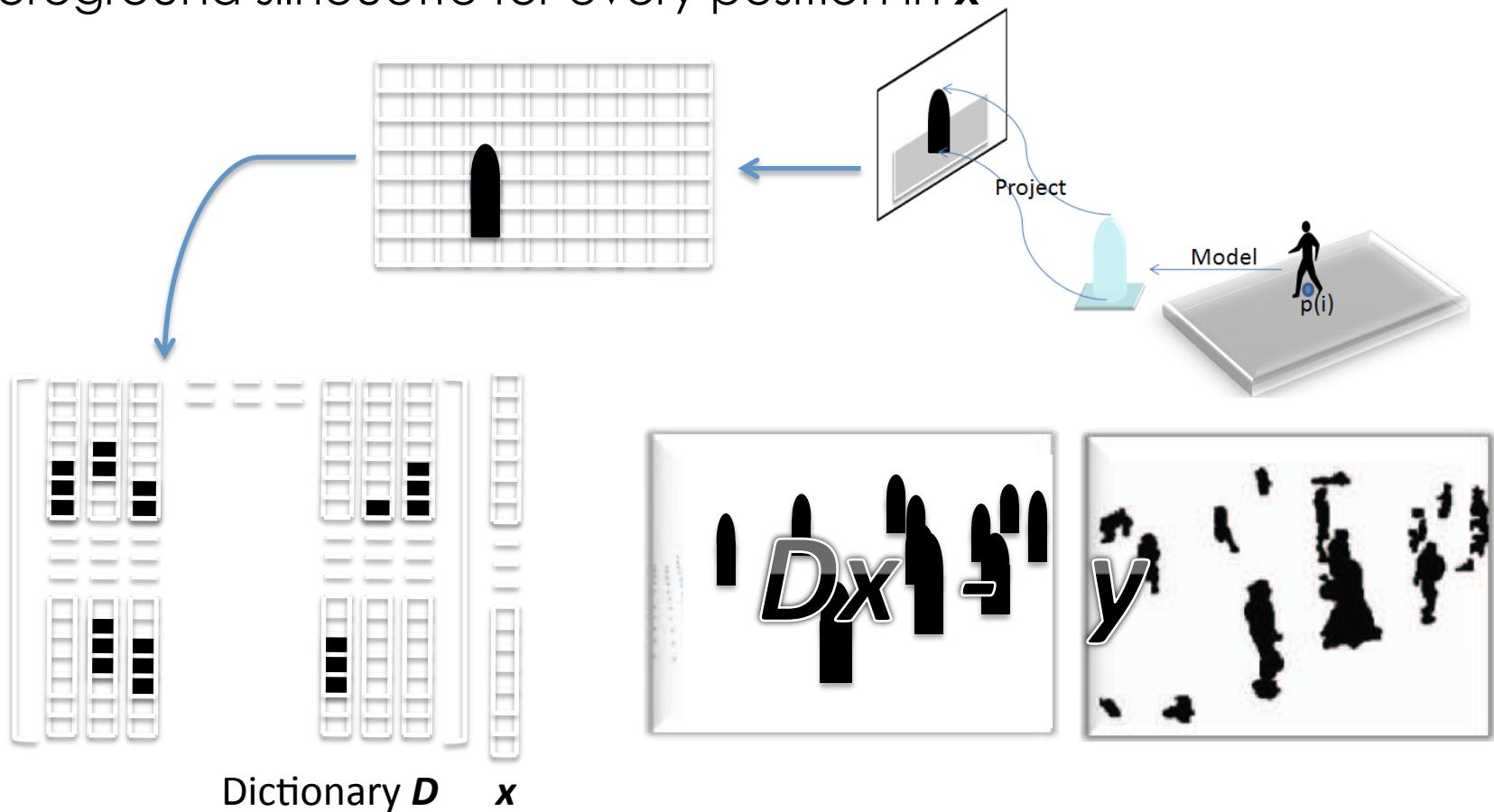
# I. Detection: Pedestrian localization

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# I. Detection: Calibrated Camera

- Create a dictionary  $D$  of atoms approximating the ideal foreground silhouette for every position in  $x$

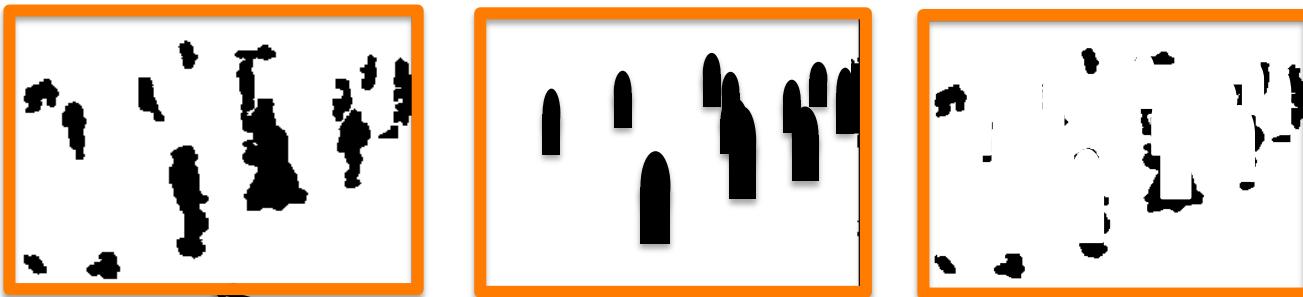


# I. Detection: Sparsity driven framework

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- Inverse problem:

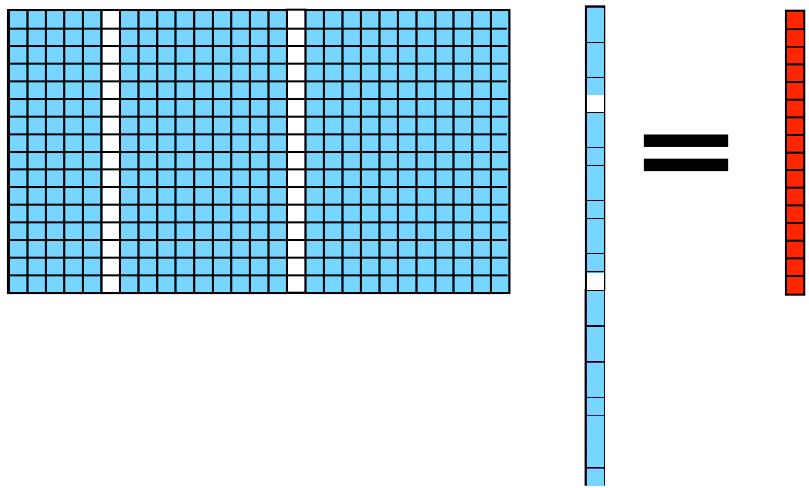
$$y = Dx + n$$



# I. Detection: Greedy approach

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$$D \quad x = y$$



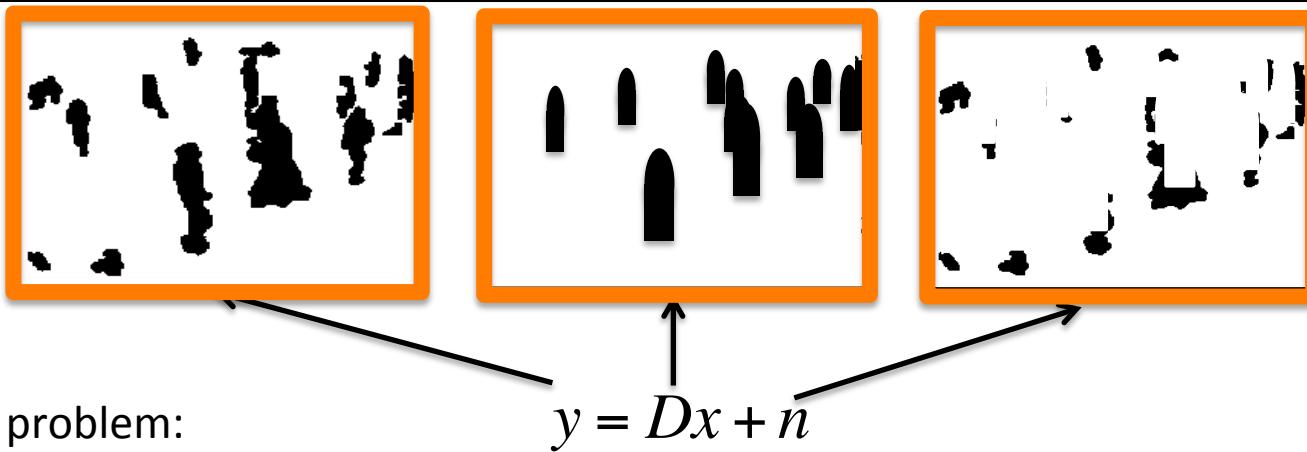
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[1] S. Mallat and Z. Zhang, "Matching pursuits with time-frequency dictionaires," IEEE Transactions on signal processing, 1993.



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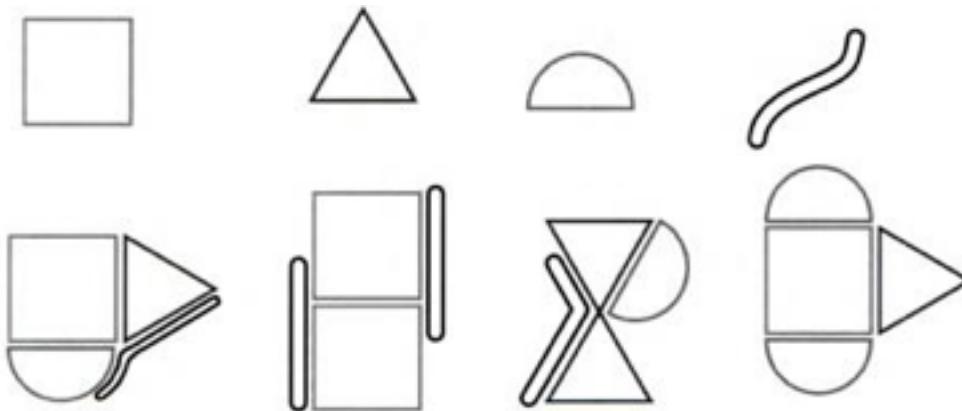
- Sparsity prior:

$$\min \|x\|_0 \quad \text{s. t.} \quad y = Dx + n$$

# I. Detection: In praise of sparsity

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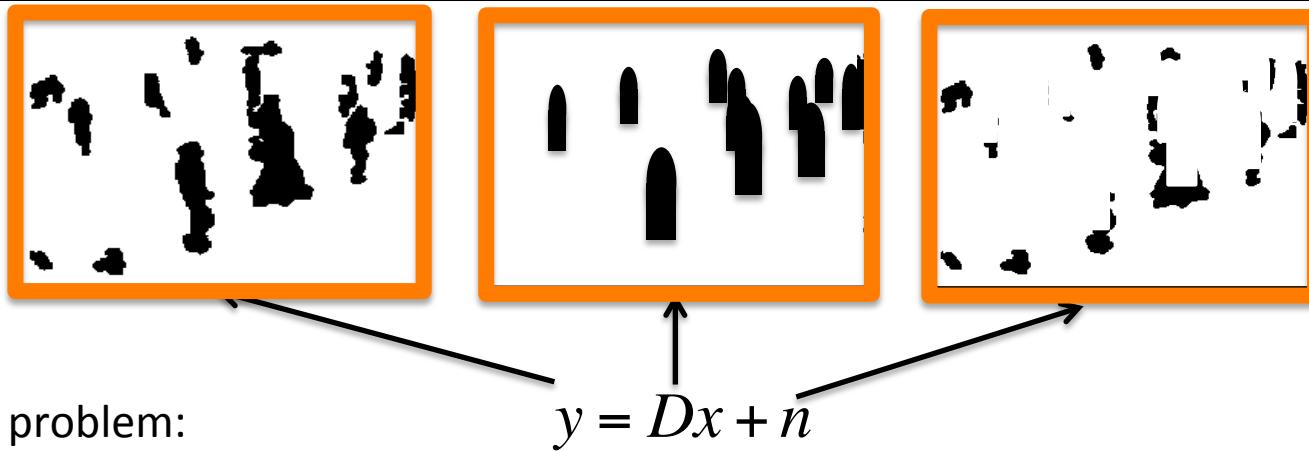
“Creation is based on small number of primary, indivisible elements that combine with one another according to a few simple patterns.” [1]



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[1] B. Elahi, “Spirituality is a science: Foundation of Natural Spirituality”

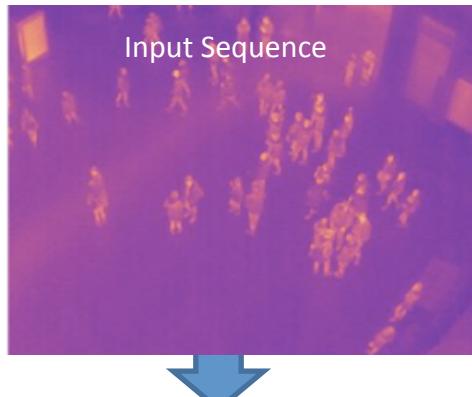
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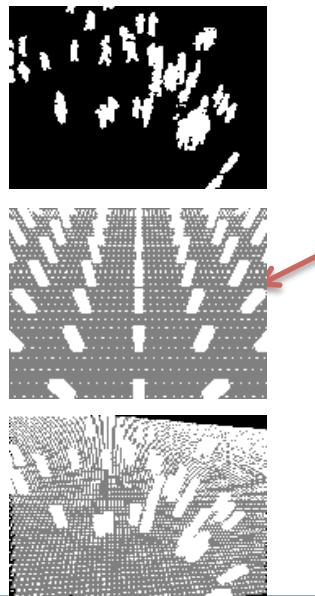
- Inverse problem:
- Sparsity prior:  $\min \|x\|_0 \quad \text{s. t.} \quad y = Dx + n$
- Basis Pursuit [1]:  $\min \|x\|_1 \quad \text{s. t.} \quad y = Dx$
- BPDN:  $\min \|x\|_1 \quad \text{s. t.} \quad \|y - Dx\| \leq n$
- Lasso:  $\min \|y - Dx\|_2 \quad \text{s. t.} \quad \|x\|_1 \leq \varepsilon$



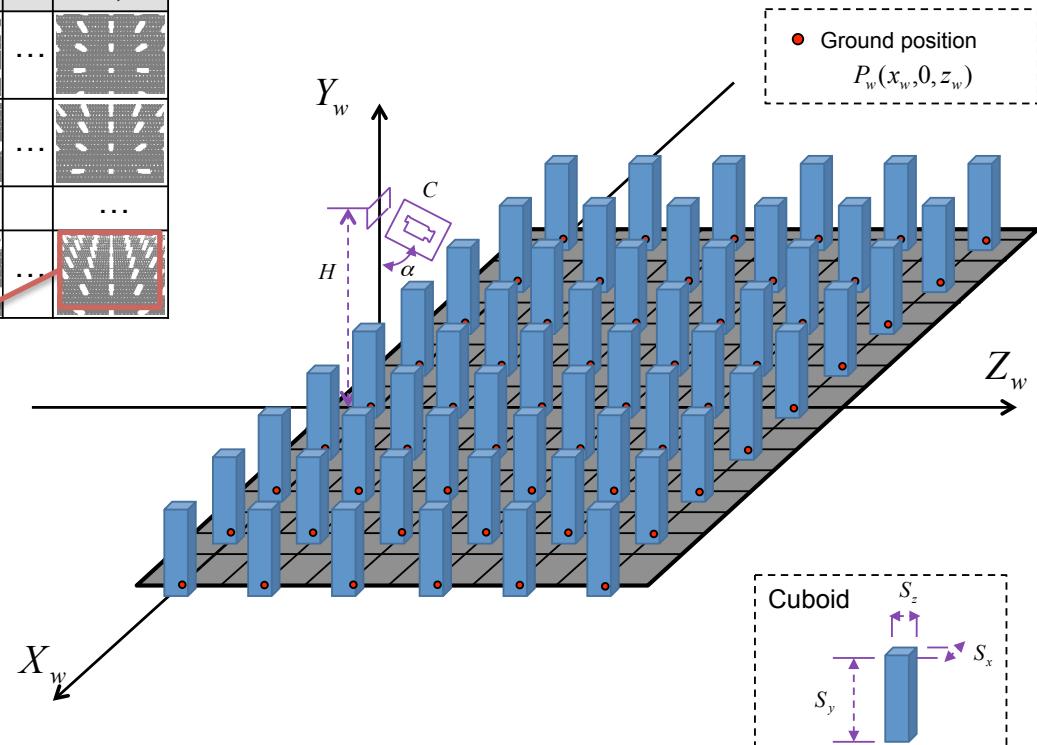
# I. Detection: Pedestrian localization



- Foreground extraction
- Used Dictionary
- Localization

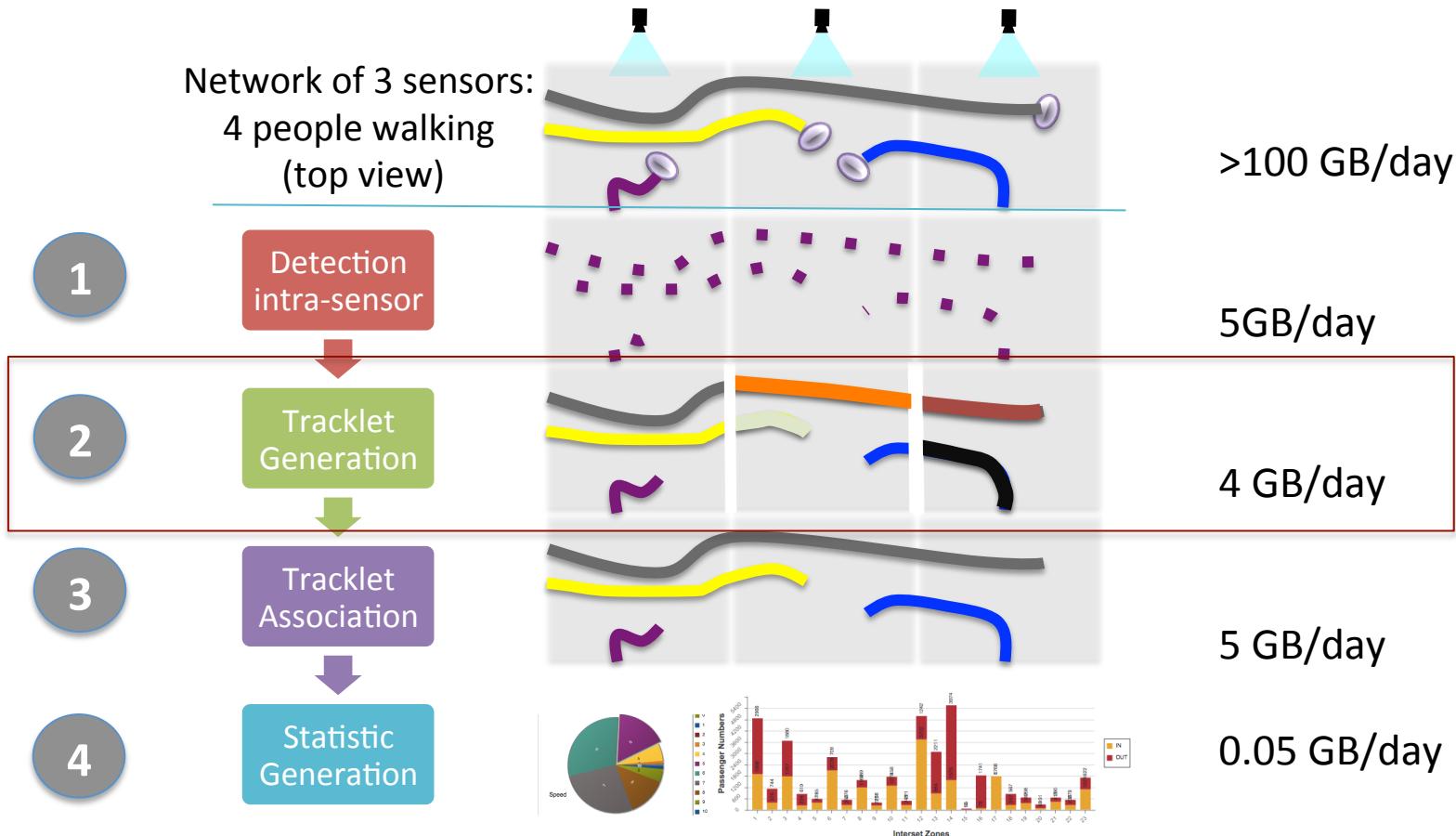


|            | $H_1$   |         | $H_l$  |
|------------|---|---------|--|
| $\alpha_1$ |  | $\dots$ |  |
| $\alpha_2$ |  | $\dots$ |  |
| $\alpha_k$ |  | $\dots$ |  |



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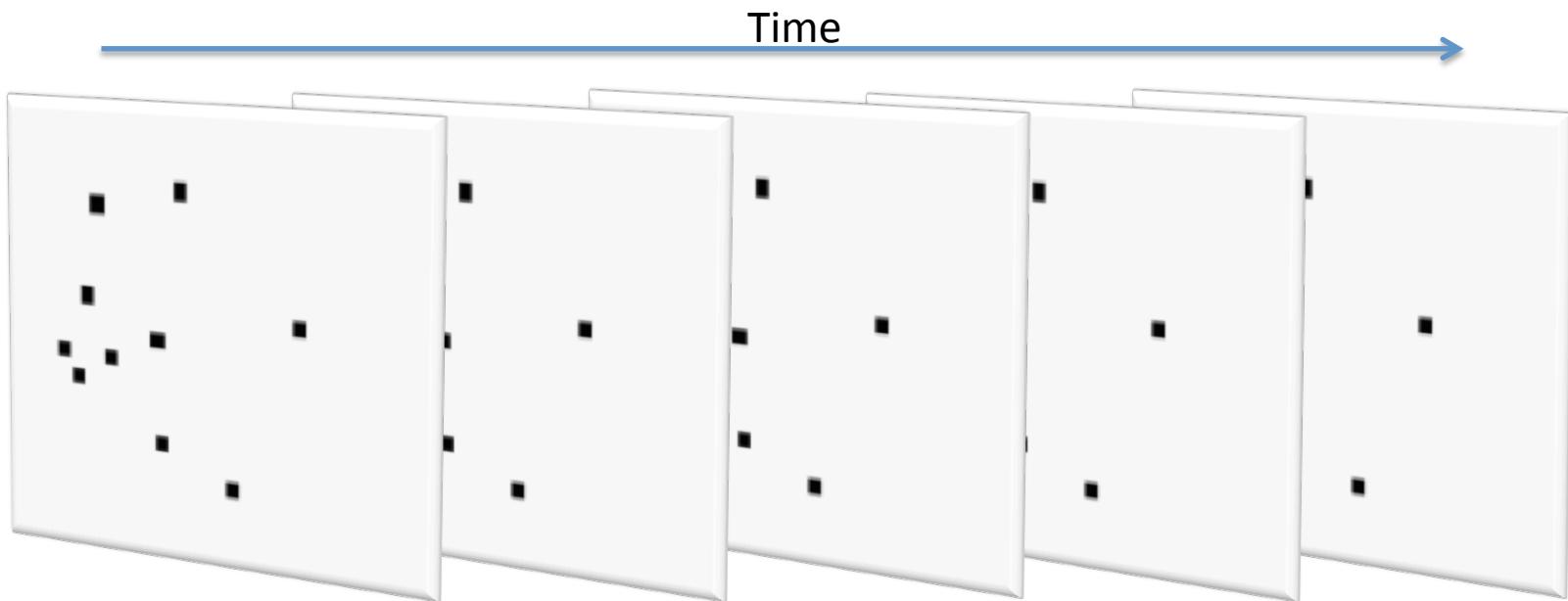
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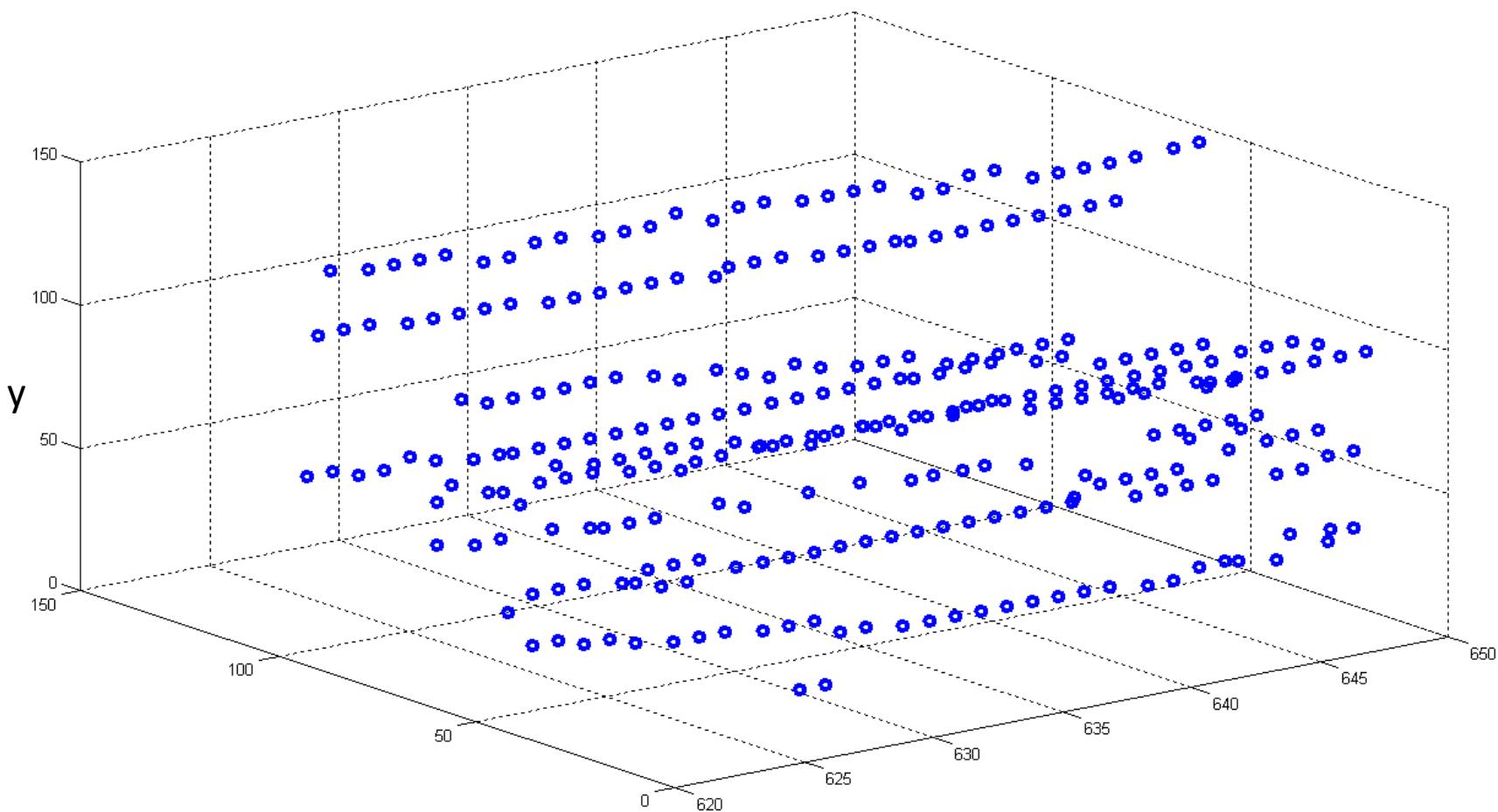
## II. Tracklet generation: Data Association Problem

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- Create a Directed Acyclic Graph  $G = (N, E)$  where
  - $N$ = The detected ground plane points across time
  - $E$ = The connectivity cost between the detections (based on motion/appearance model)



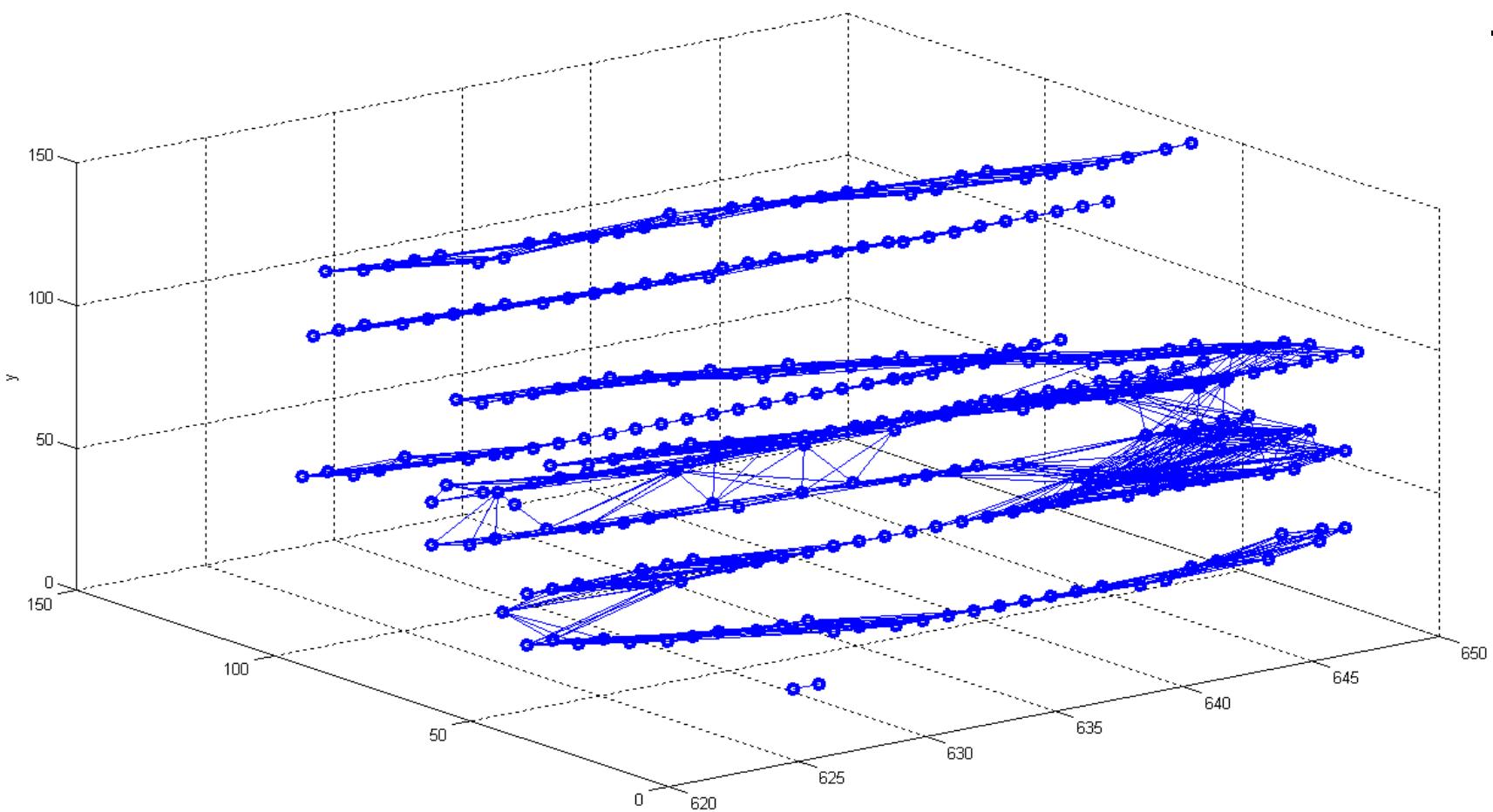
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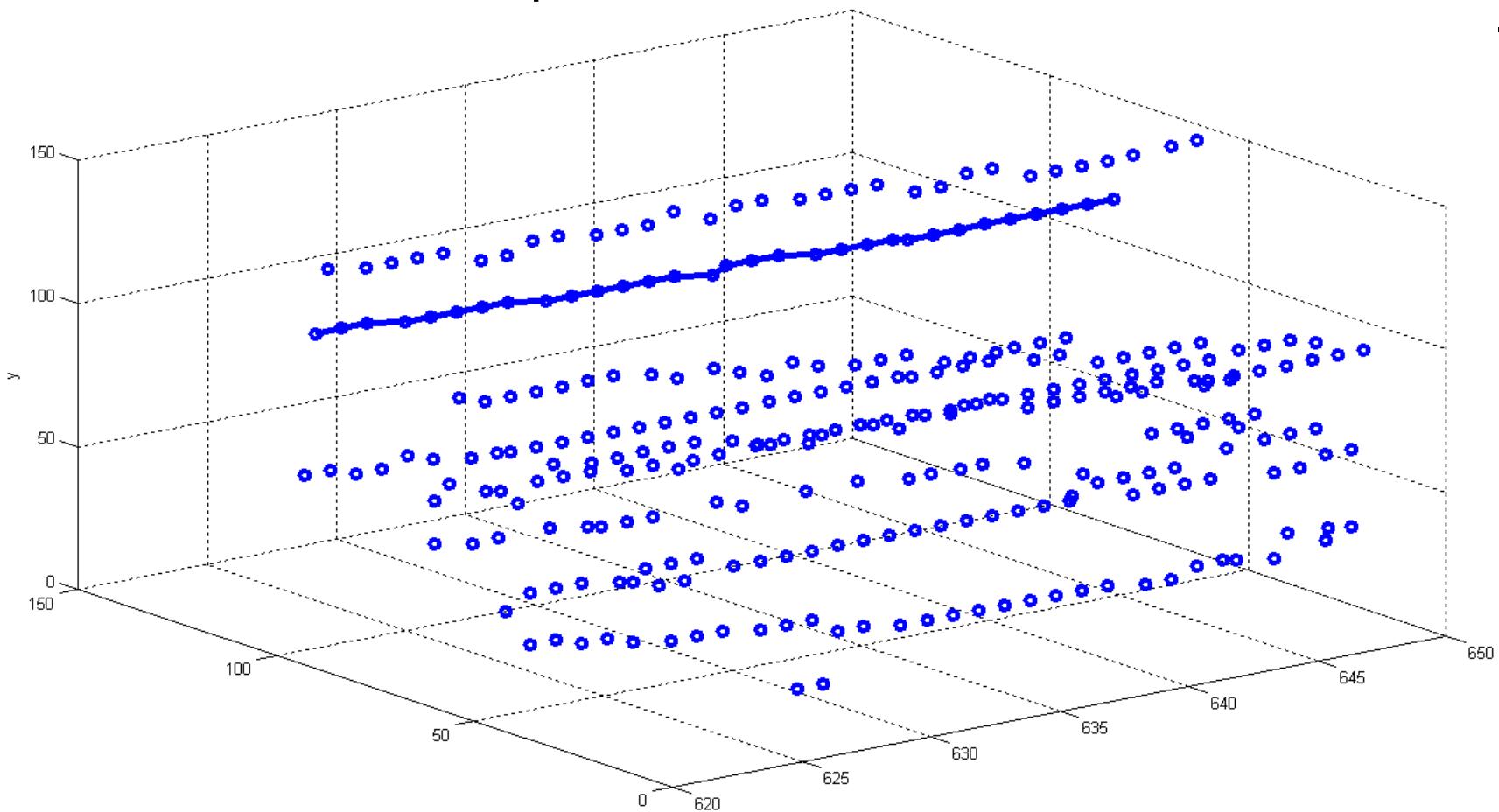
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## II. Tracklet generation: Select longest shortest path with smallest cost

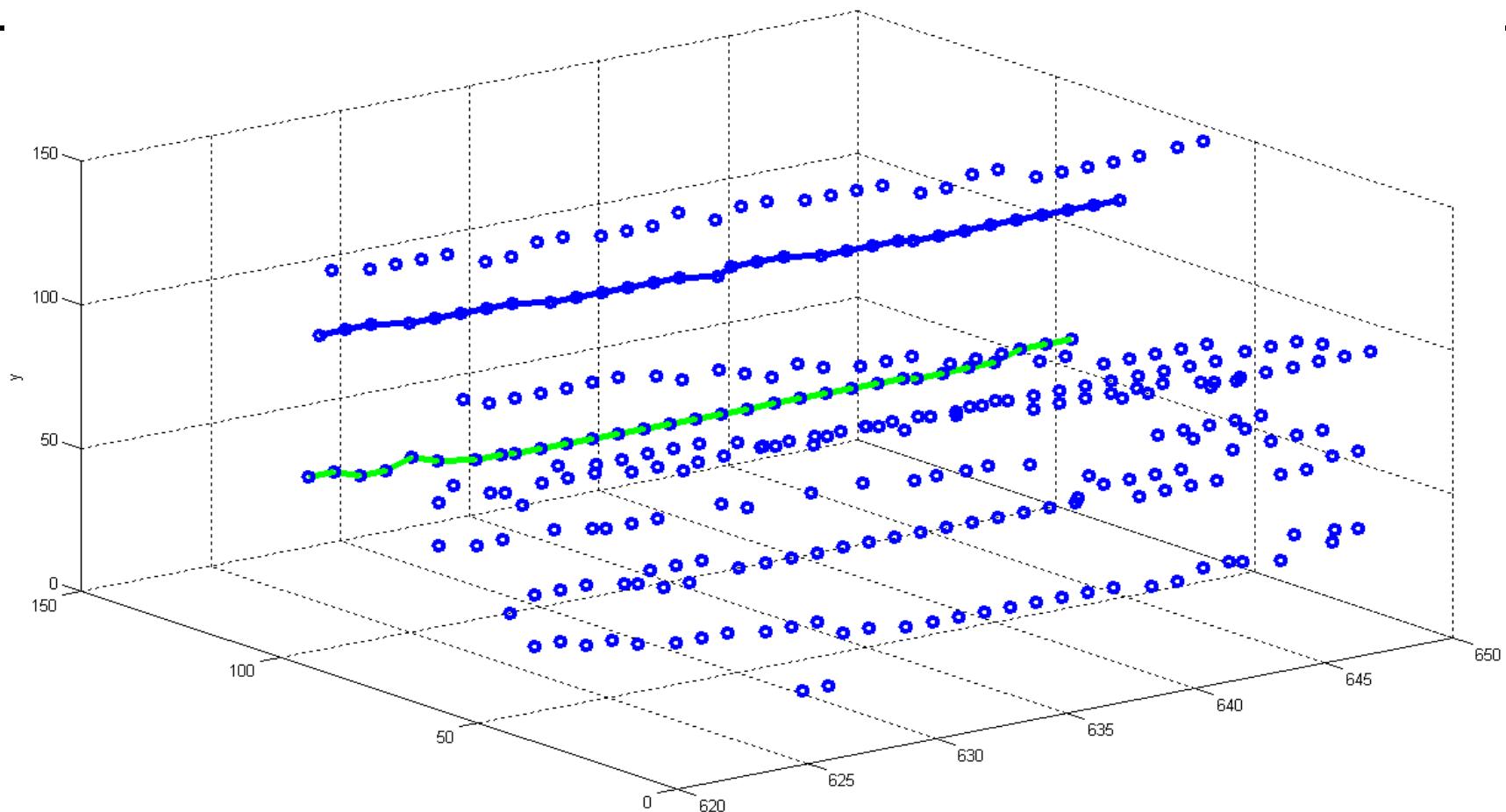


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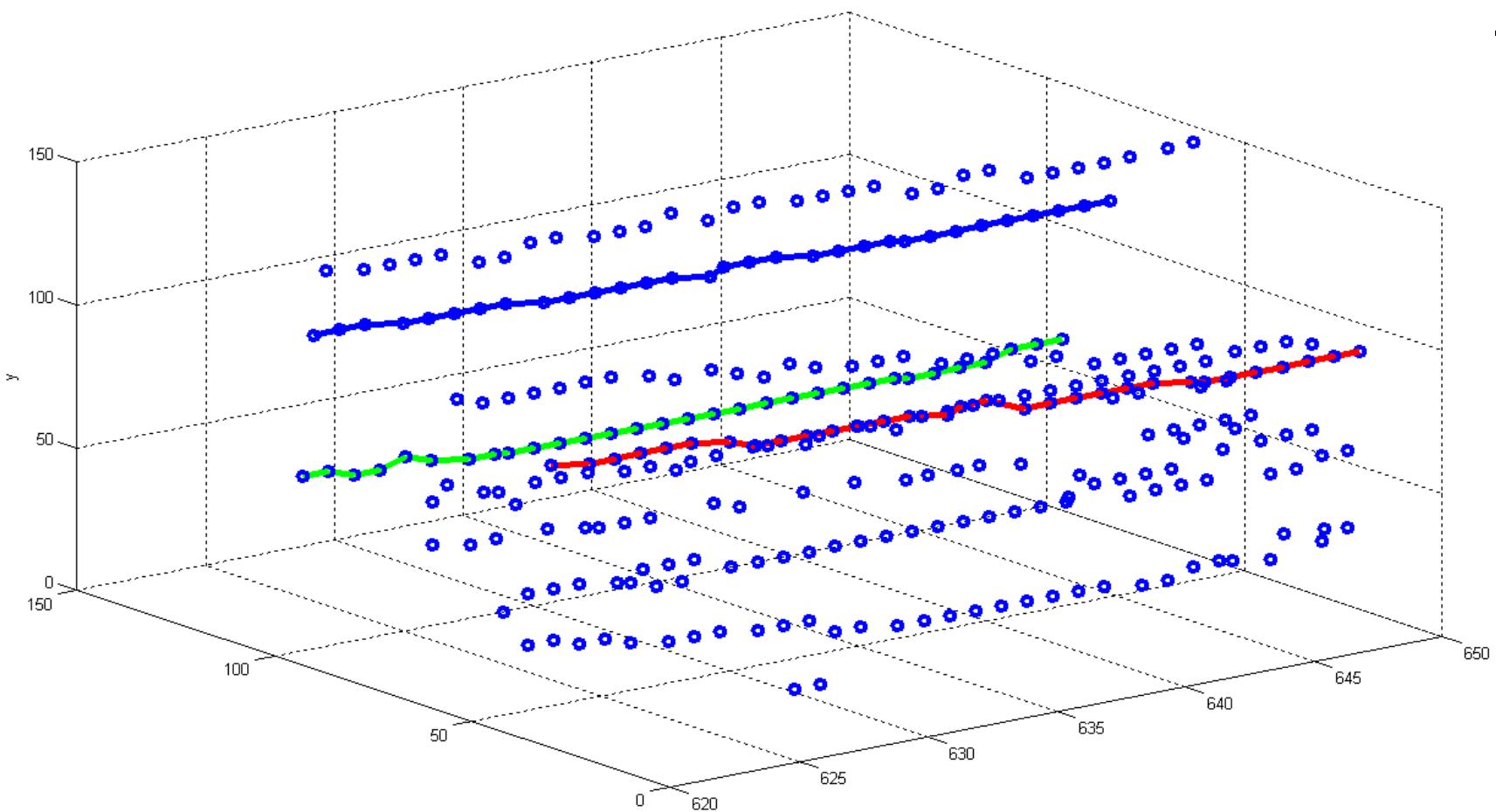
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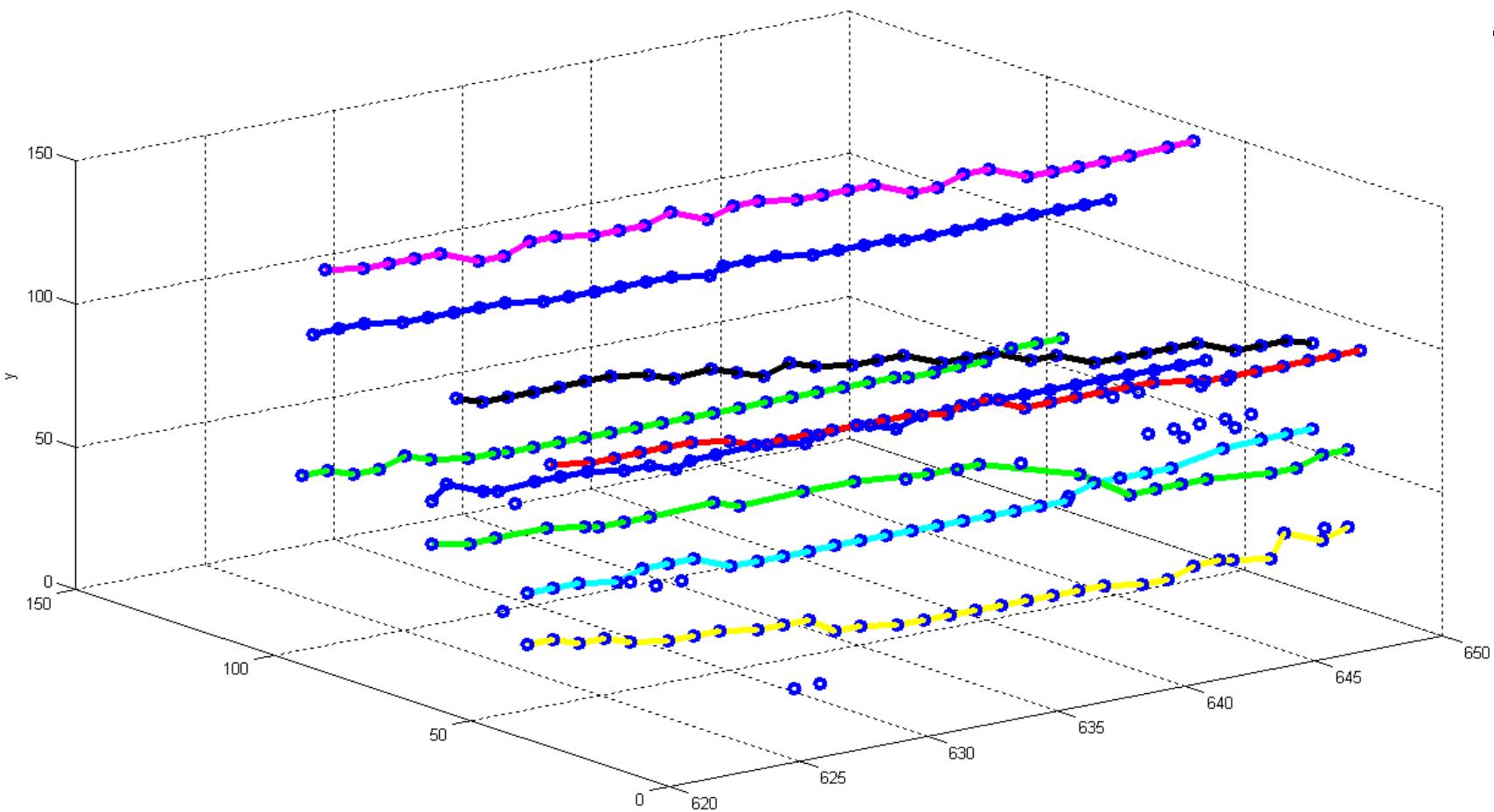
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## II. Tracklet generation: Till no more paths



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## II. Tracklet Generation: Edge cost

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- Motion model with social interactions
- Appearance model



## II. Tracklet generation: Modeling social interactions



$$\mathbf{F}_i = \mathbf{F}_i^{Goal} + \boxed{\mathbf{F}_i^{Avoidance}} + \mathbf{F}_i^{Attraction} + \mathbf{F}_i^{Scene}$$



$$\mathbf{F}_i^{Avoidance} = \sum_{j \in P \setminus i} \mathbf{f}_{j \rightarrow i}^{Avoidance},$$

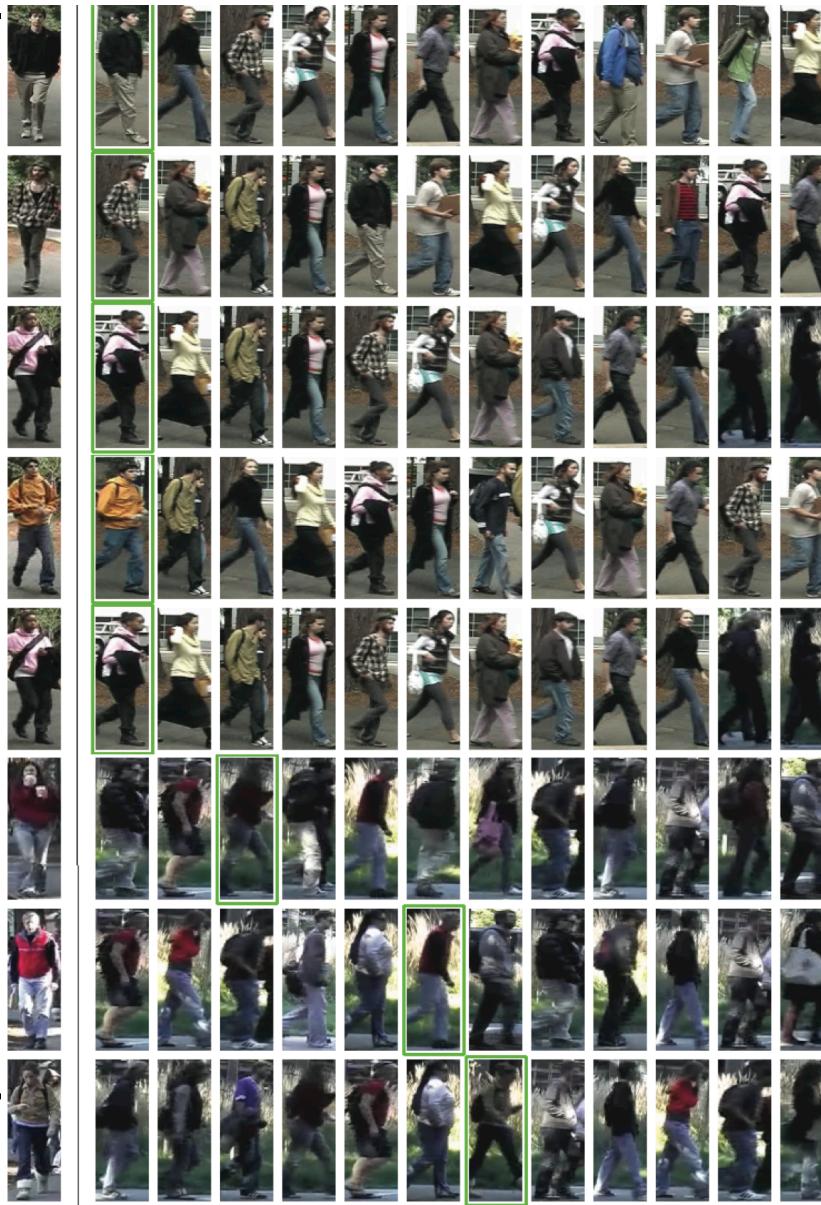
where

$$\mathbf{f}_{j \rightarrow i}^{Avoidance} = \alpha e^{\frac{d_p - d_{ij}}{\beta}} \mathbf{n}_{j \rightarrow i}$$

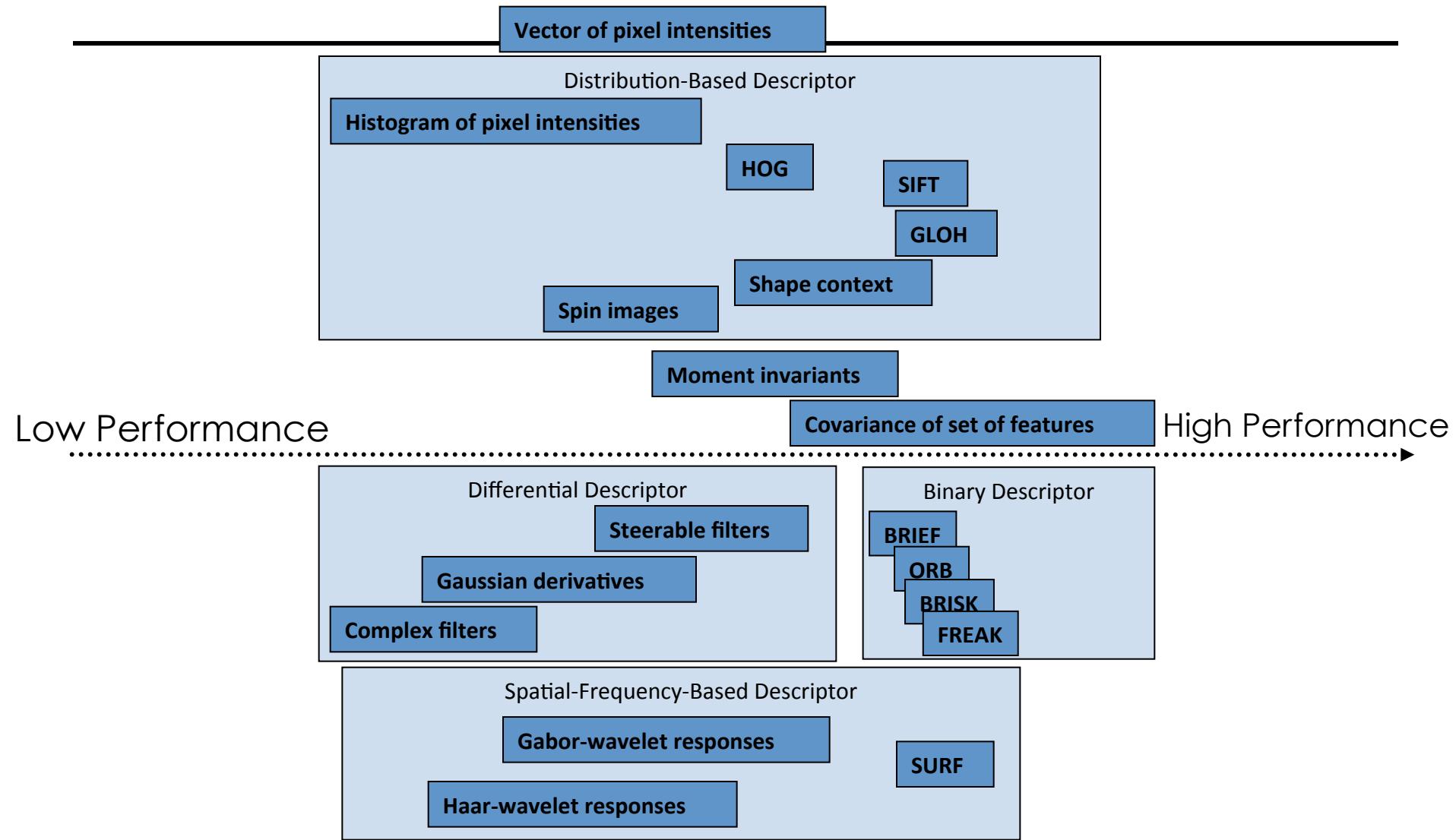
$$\frac{d}{dt} \mathbf{v} = \frac{\mathbf{F}_i}{m},$$



## II. Tracklet Generation: Modeling appearance cues



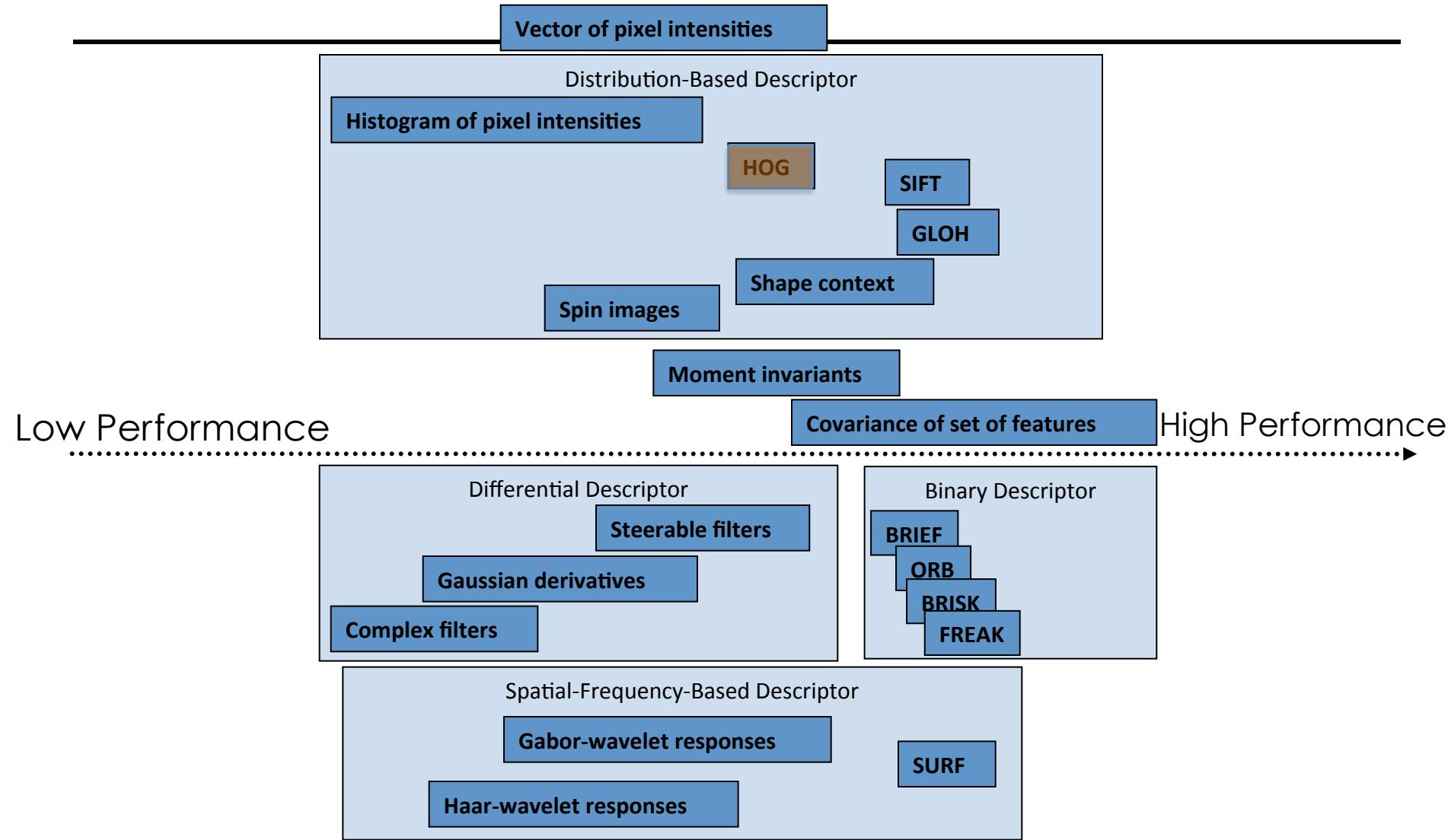
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## II. Tracklet Generation: HOG

### Image gradient

- The gradient of an image:  $\nabla f = \left[ \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right]$

$$\nabla f = \left[ \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}, 0 \right]$$

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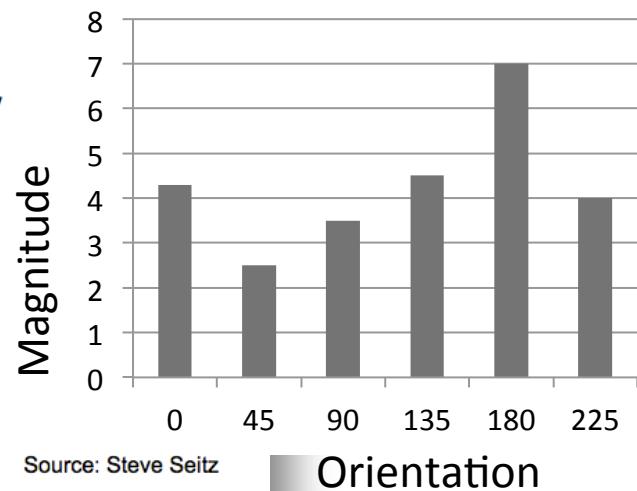
The gradient points in the direction of most rapid increase in intensity

The gradient direction is given by  $\theta = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} / \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right)$

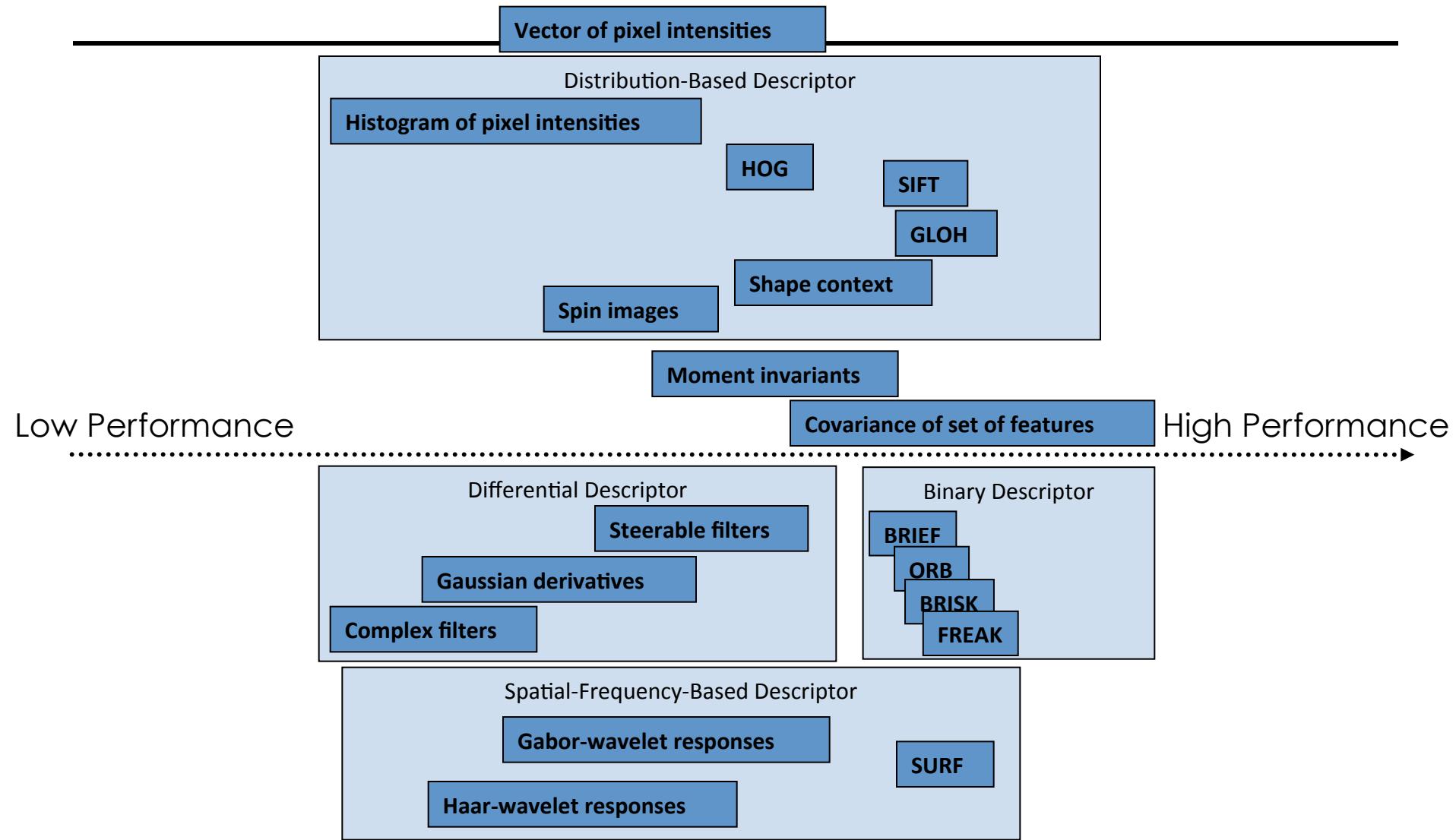
- how does this relate to the direction of the edge?

The *edge strength* is given by the gradient magnitude

$$\|\nabla f\| = \sqrt{\left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right)^2}$$

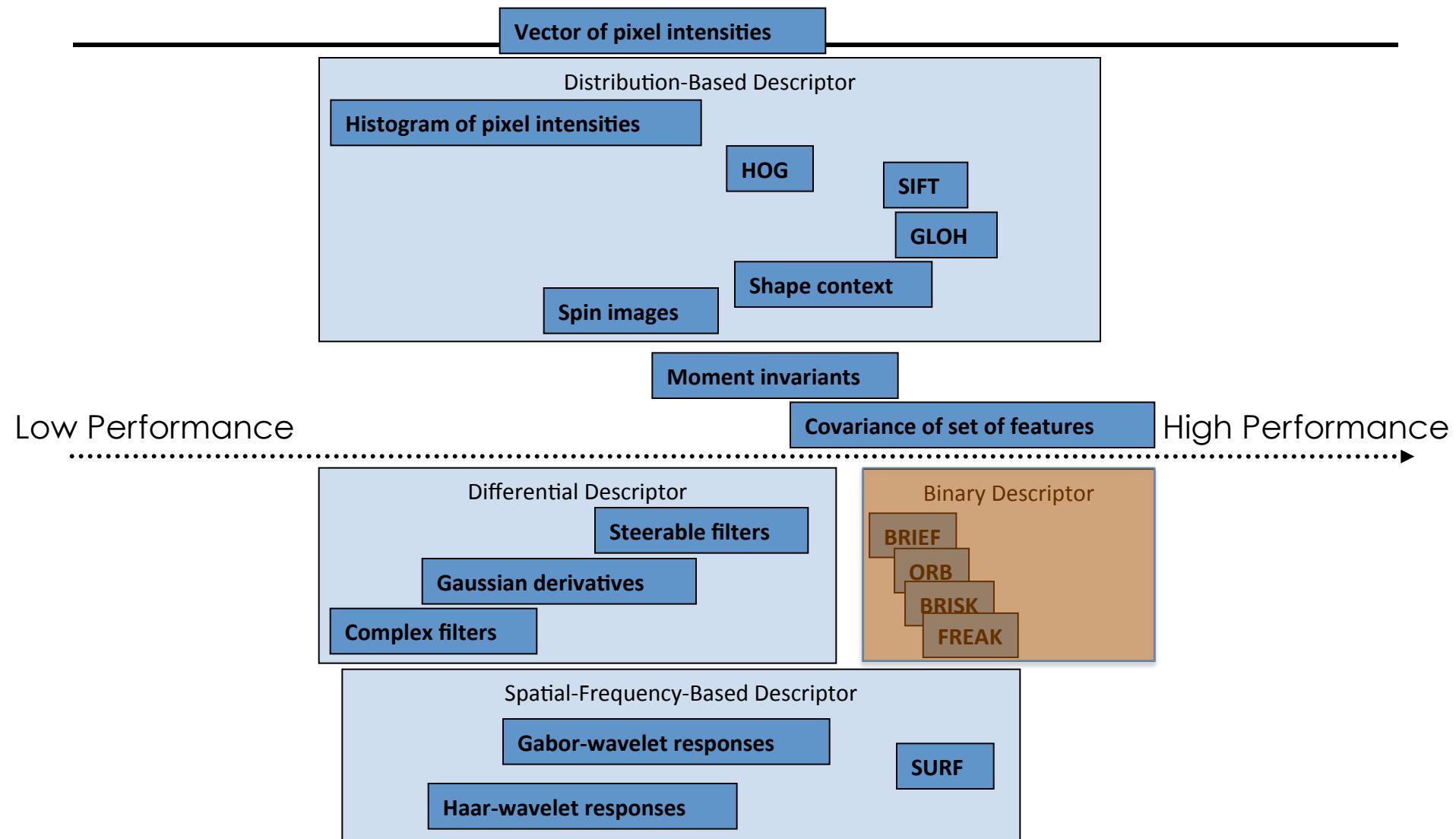


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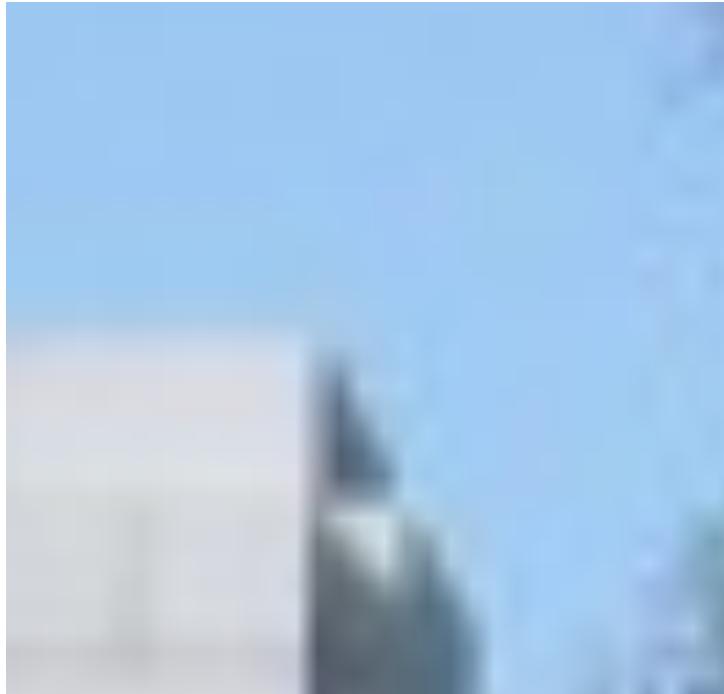


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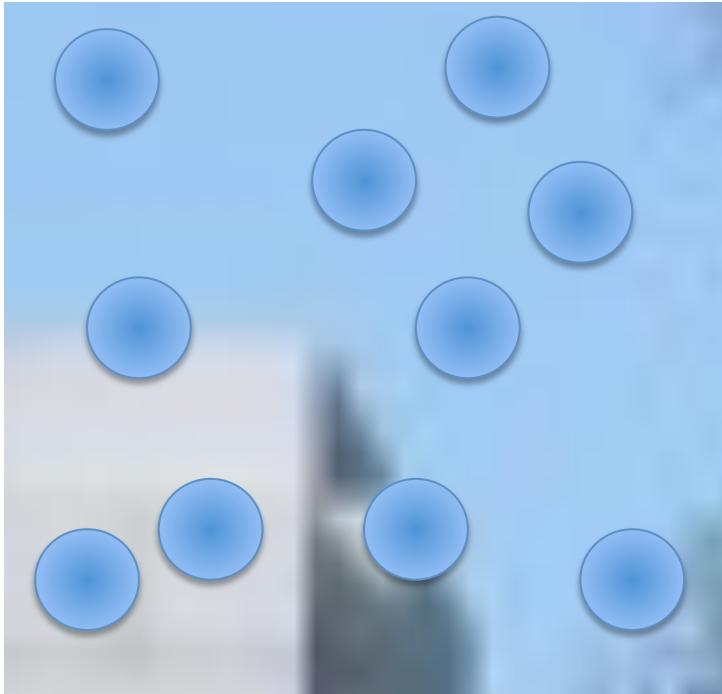


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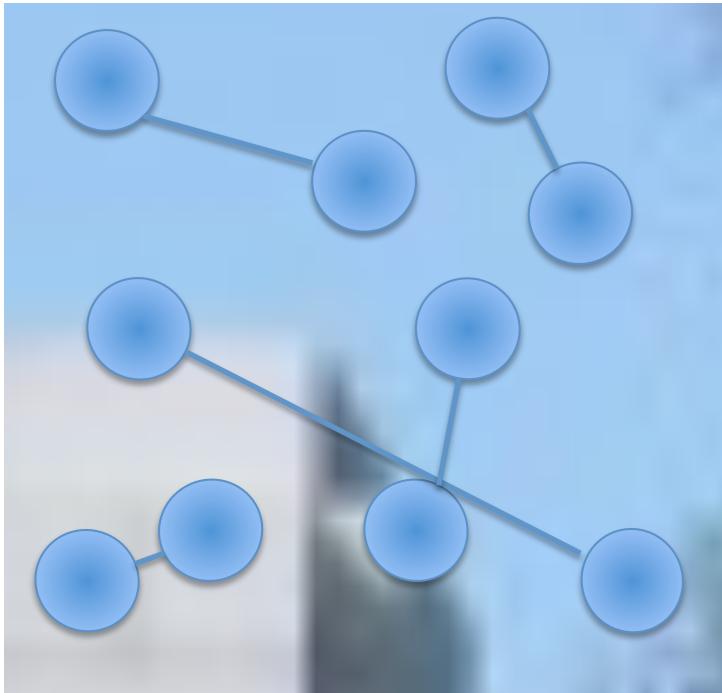
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A sequence of 1-bit DoG

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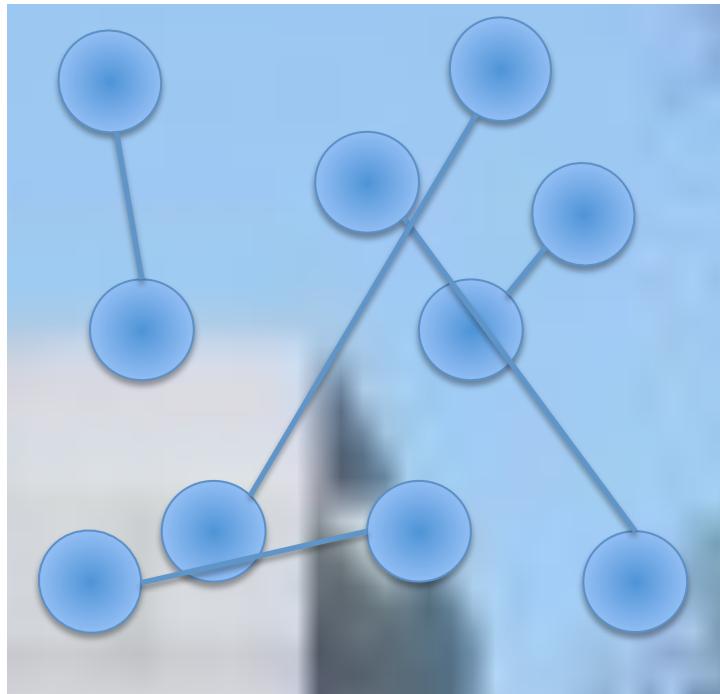
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- Select

**1) Most discriminant**

AND

**2) Less correlated**



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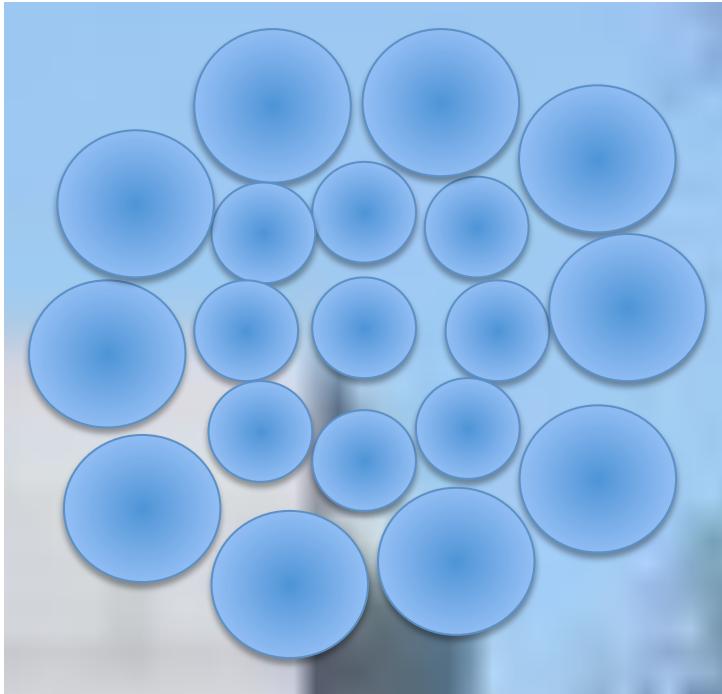
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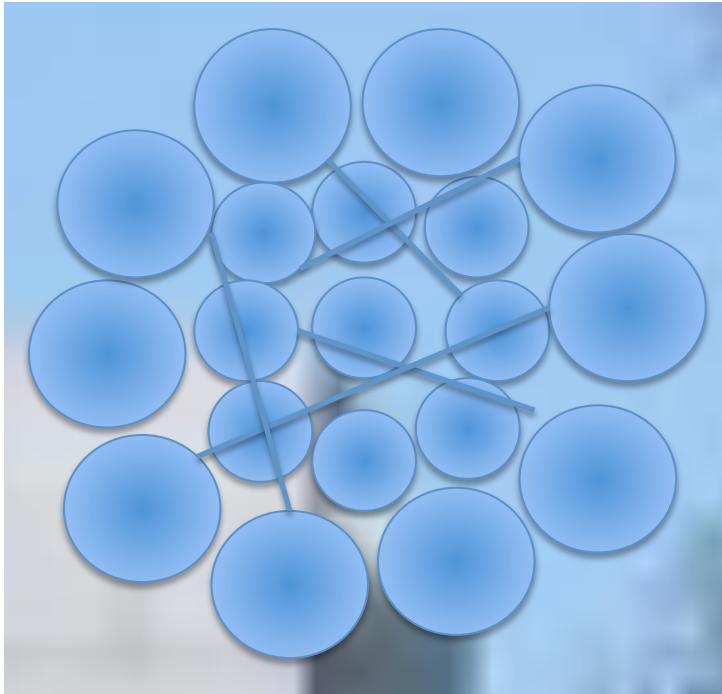
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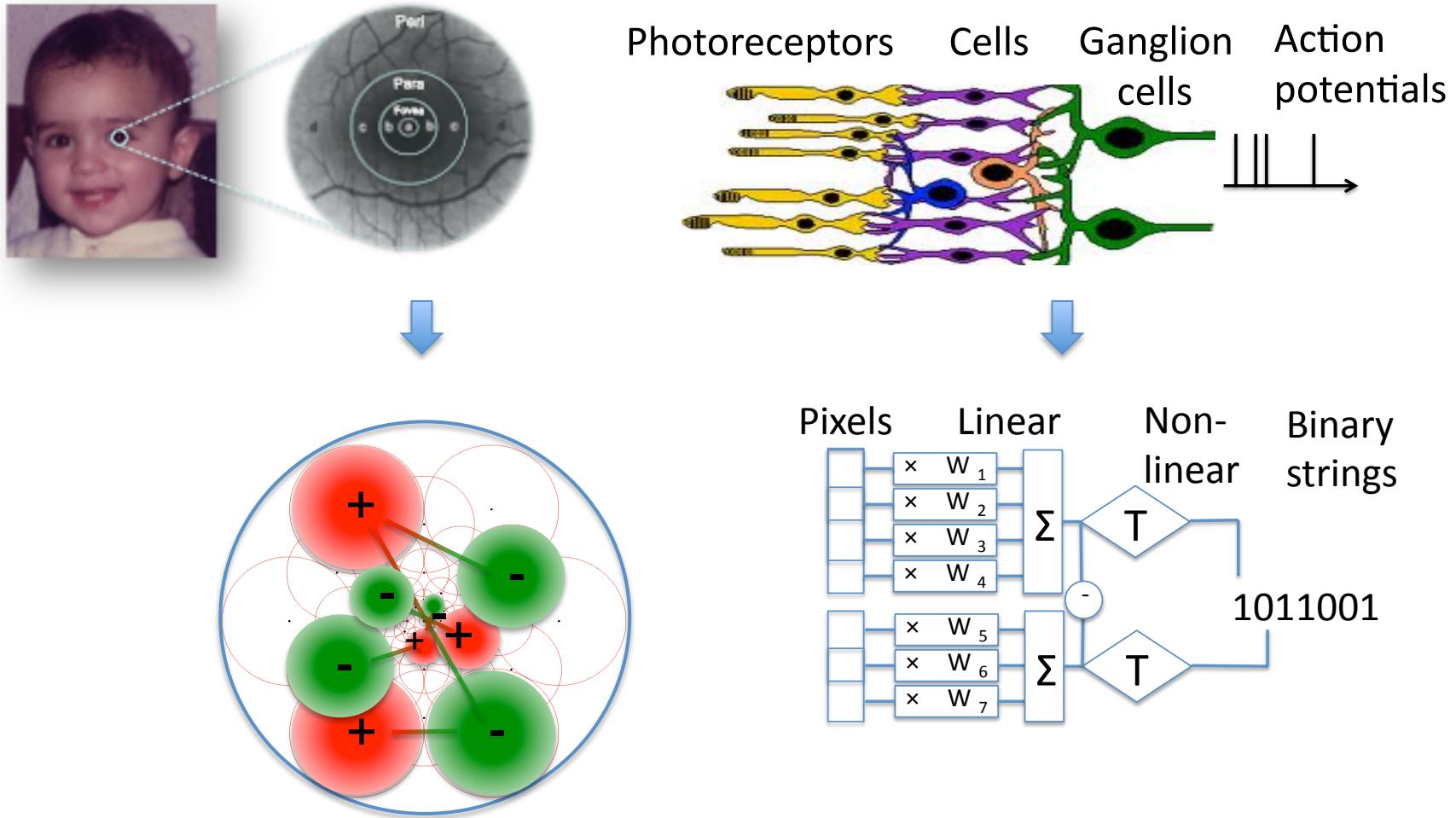
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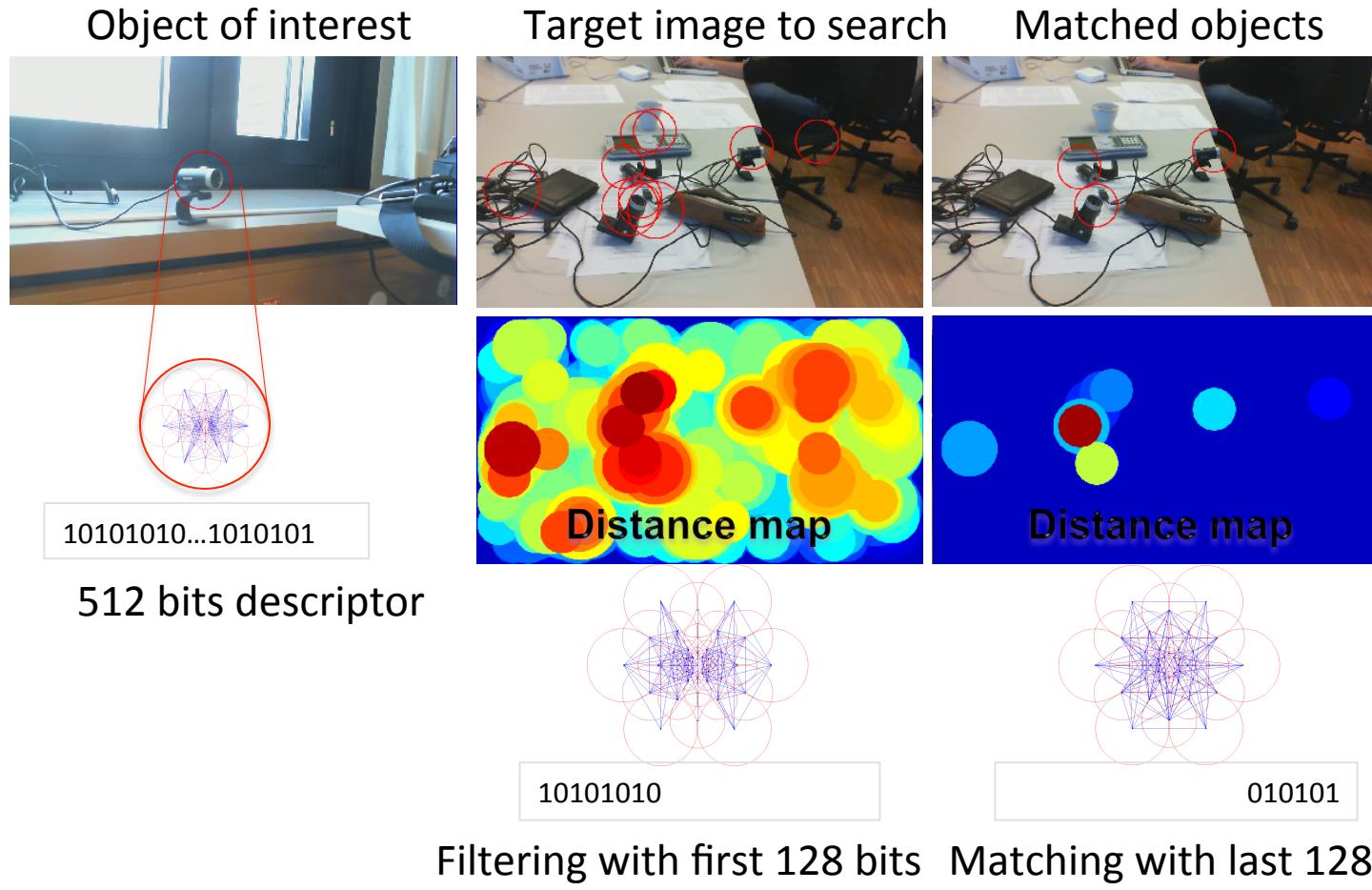


## II. Tracklet Generation: Retina-inspired [1]



## II. Tracklet Generation: Saccadic search

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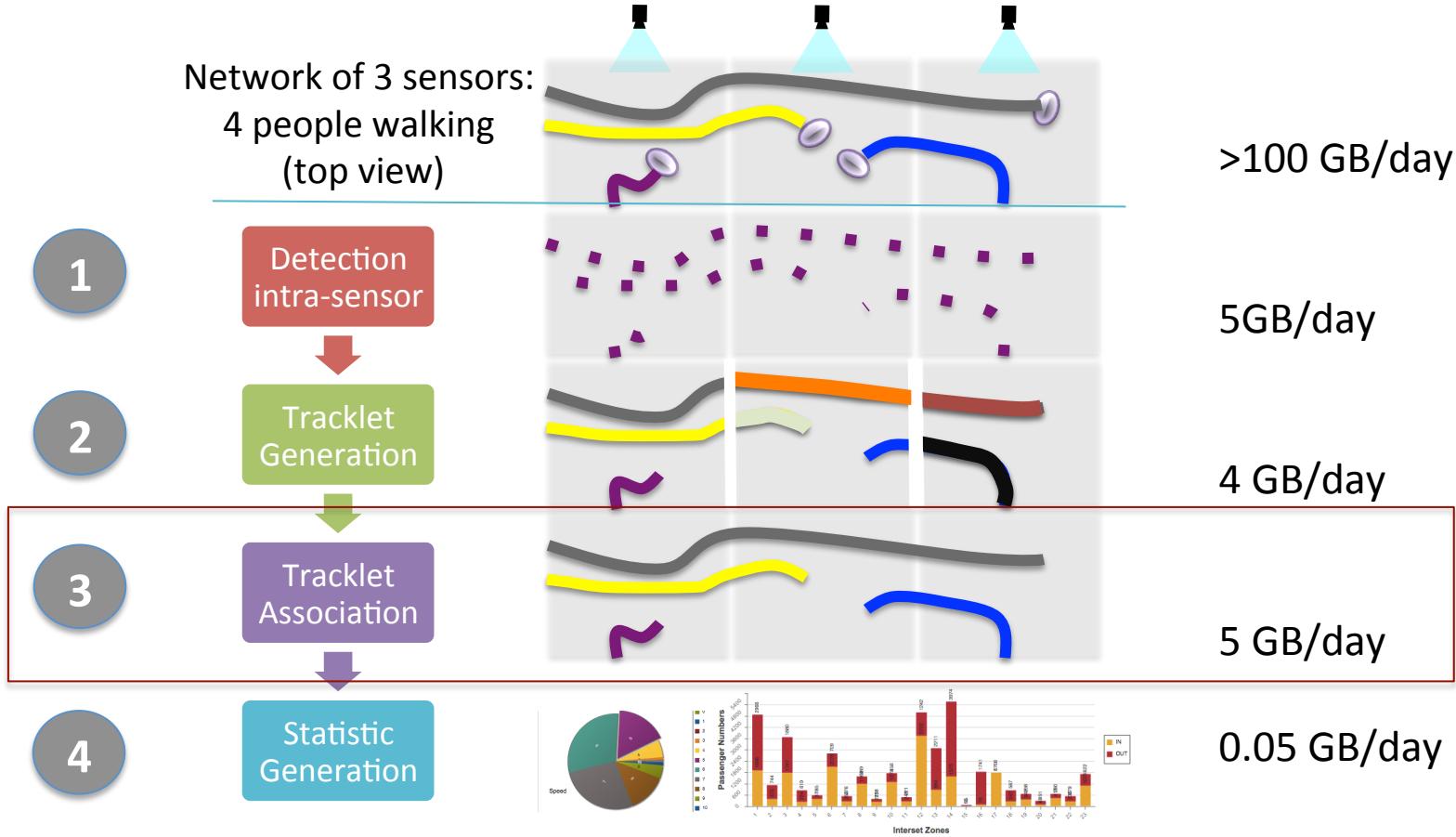
# Tracking Example

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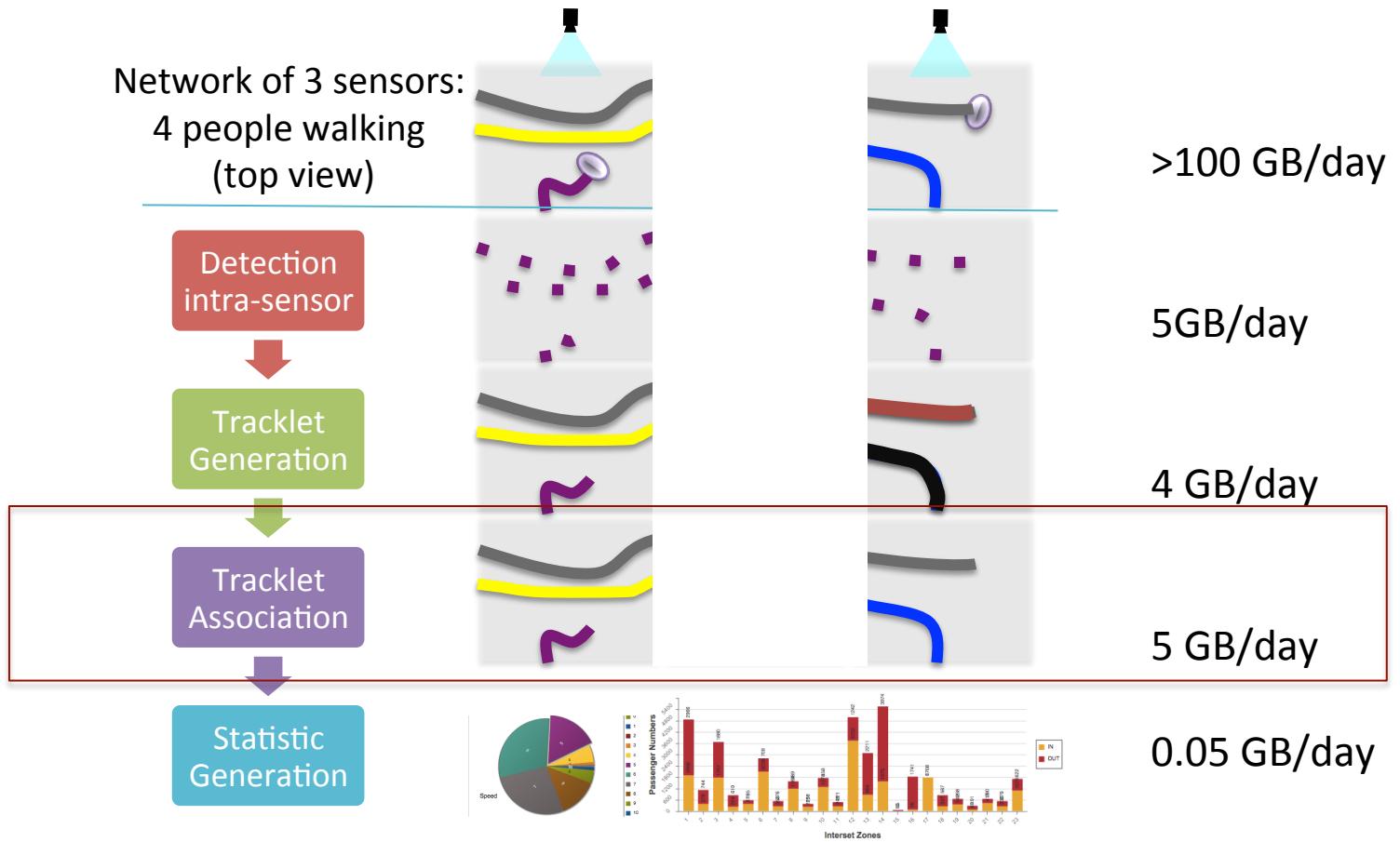


# Outline:

## From Foreground Extraction To Tracking 42 million Pedestrians



# Tracklet association in scattered network



# III- Tracklet association: Problem formulation

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Let:

- $\mathbf{T}$ : all long term trajectories
- $\mathbf{t}$ : tracklets (tracklets capture within each camera)
- Problem: Maximizing the a posterior probability (MAP) of  $\mathbf{T}$ :

$$\mathbf{T}^* = \arg \max_{\mathbf{T}} P(\mathbf{T} | \mathbf{t}) \quad (1)$$

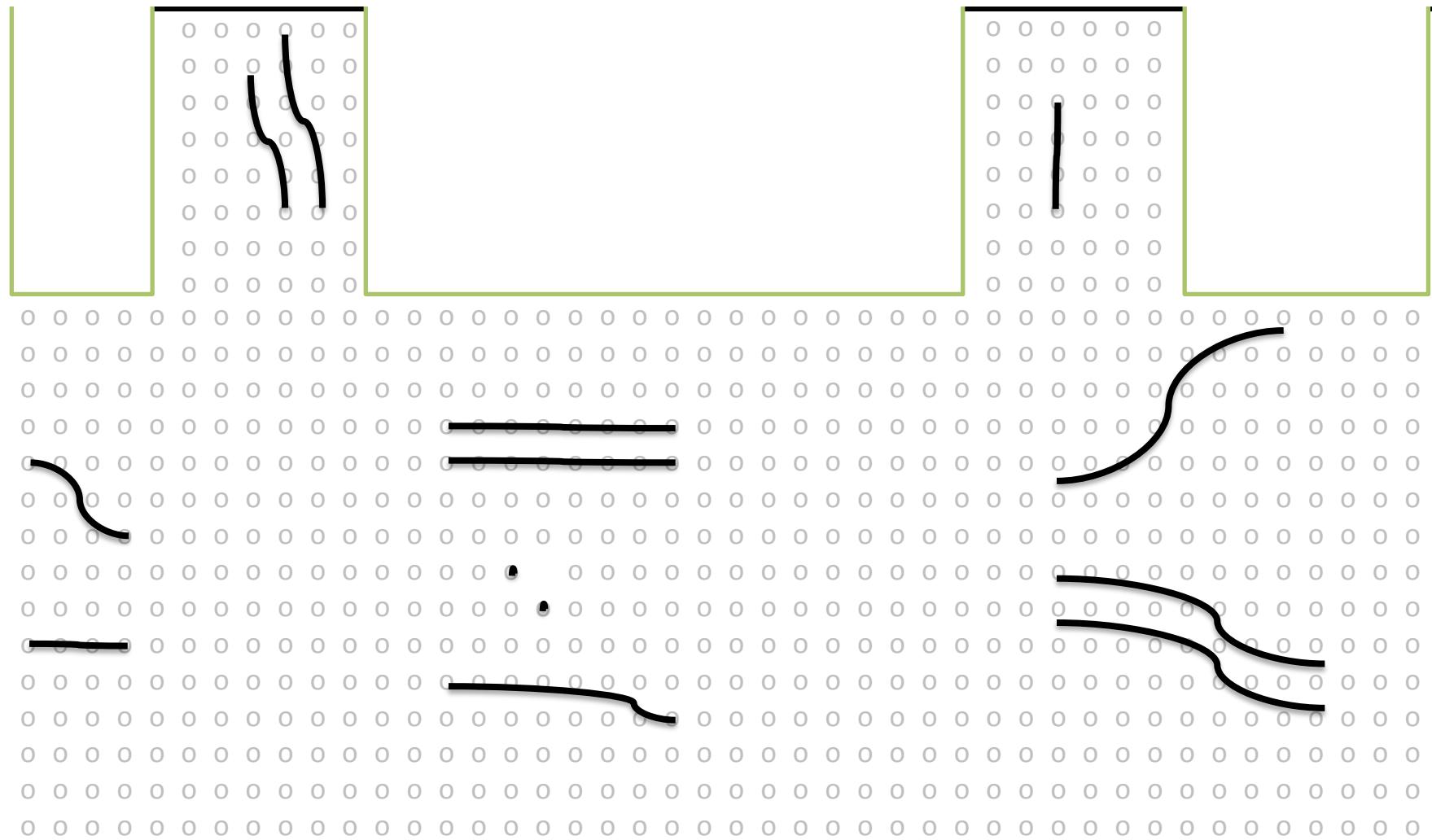
$$= \arg \max \prod_i P(t_i | \mathbf{T})P(\mathbf{T}) \quad (2),$$

where  $P(\mathbf{T}) = \prod_k P(\mathbf{T}_k)$  (since trajectories do not overlap)

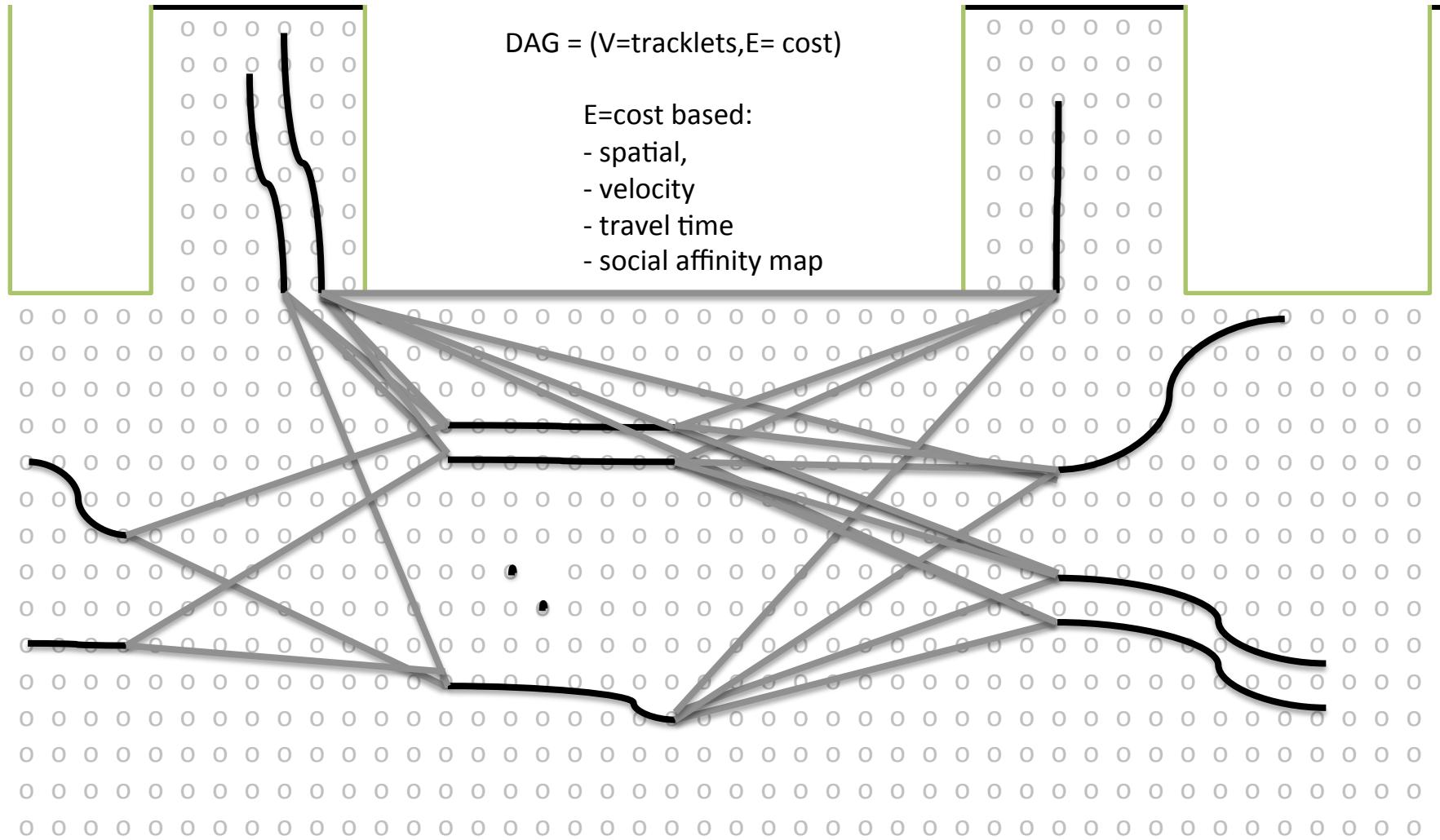
$$P(\mathbf{T}_k) = P(t_k^s) \dots P(t_k^t | t_{k-1}^t) P(t_k^e) \quad (\text{markov chain})$$



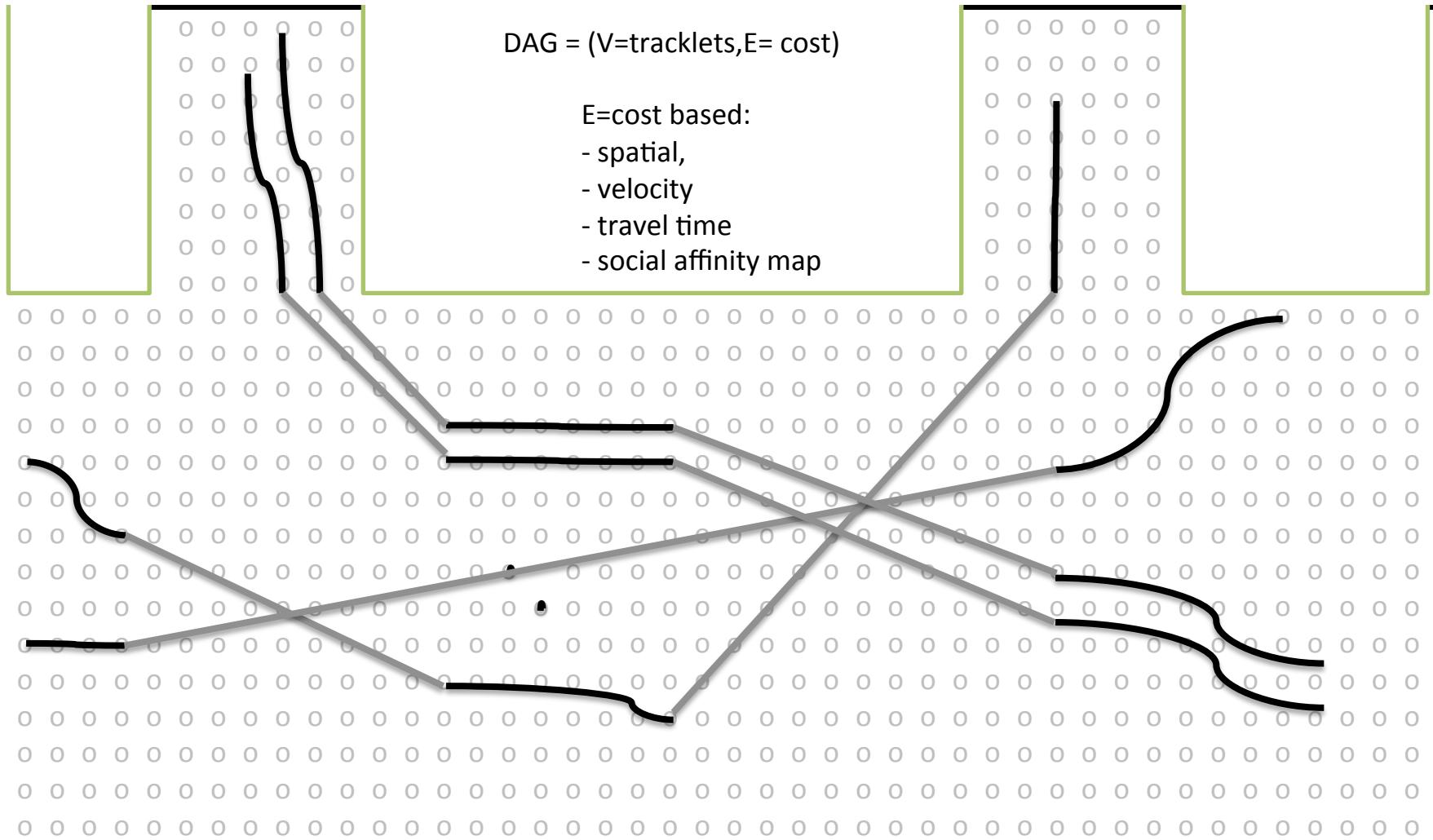
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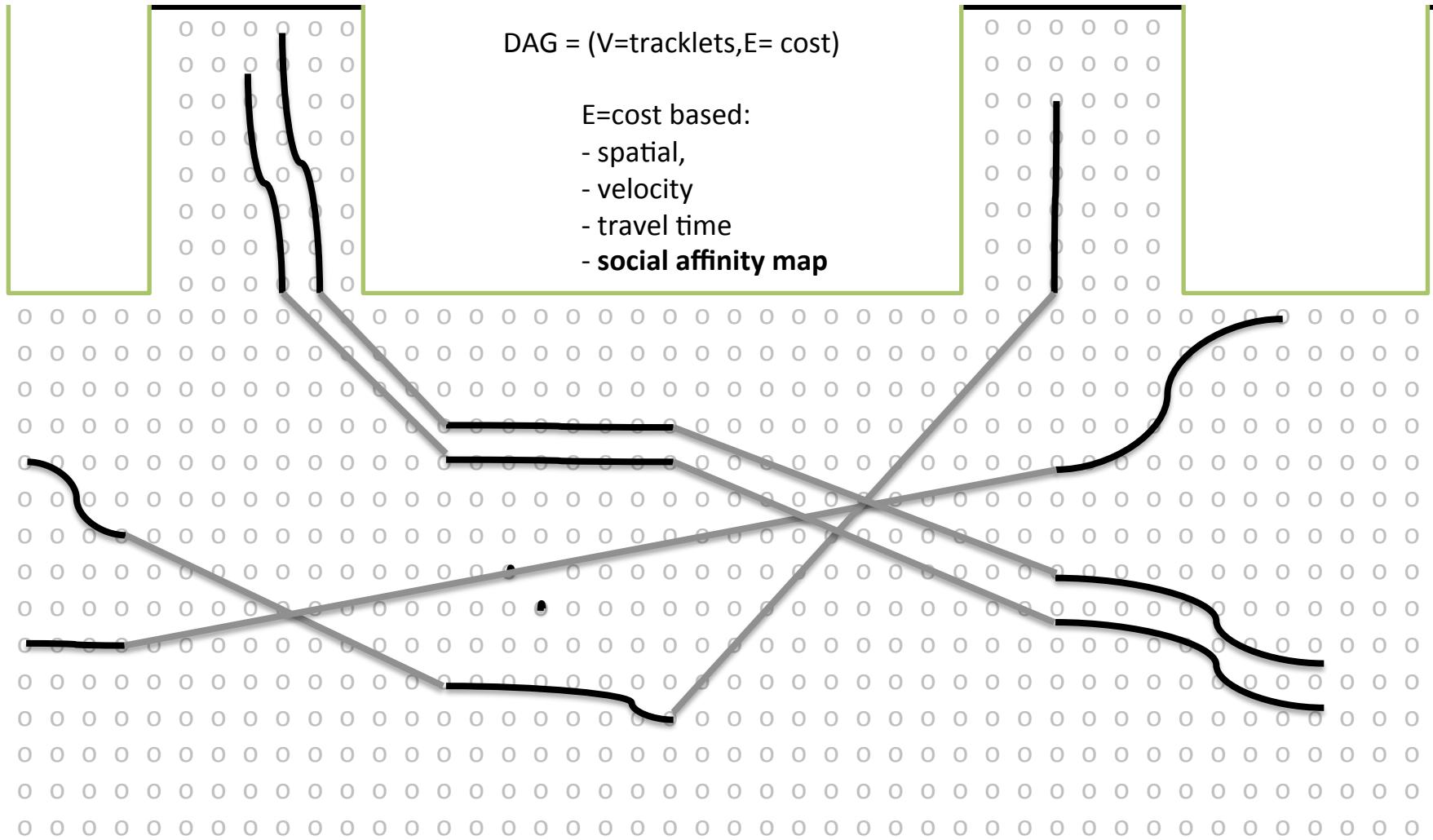
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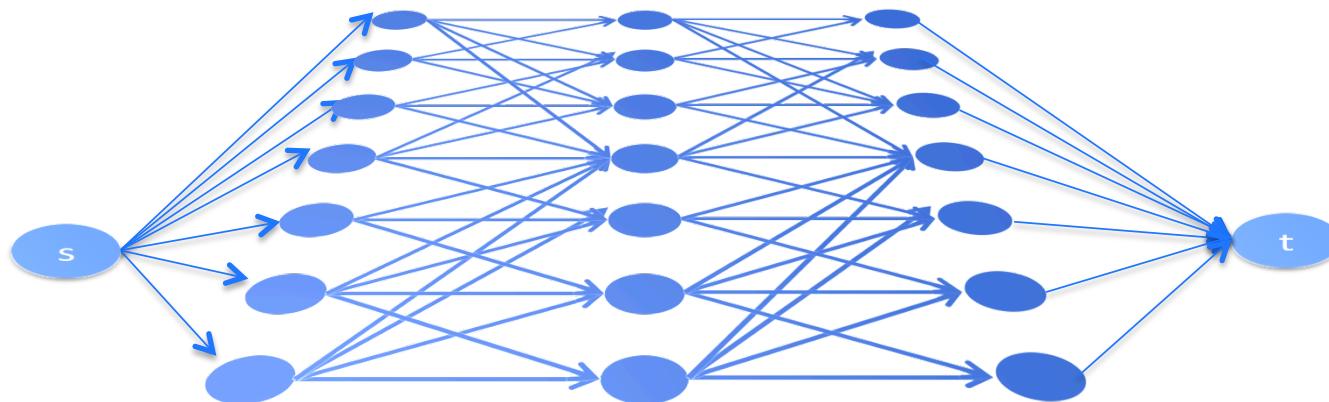


# Network flow optimization

Objective: minimum cost maximum flow

$$\arg \min_f c(f)$$

$$c(f) = \sum \alpha_i f_i + \sum \beta_{ij} f_{ij}$$



Where  $\alpha_i, \beta_{ij}, \gamma_{OD}$  are the costs,  
and  $f_i$  the flows

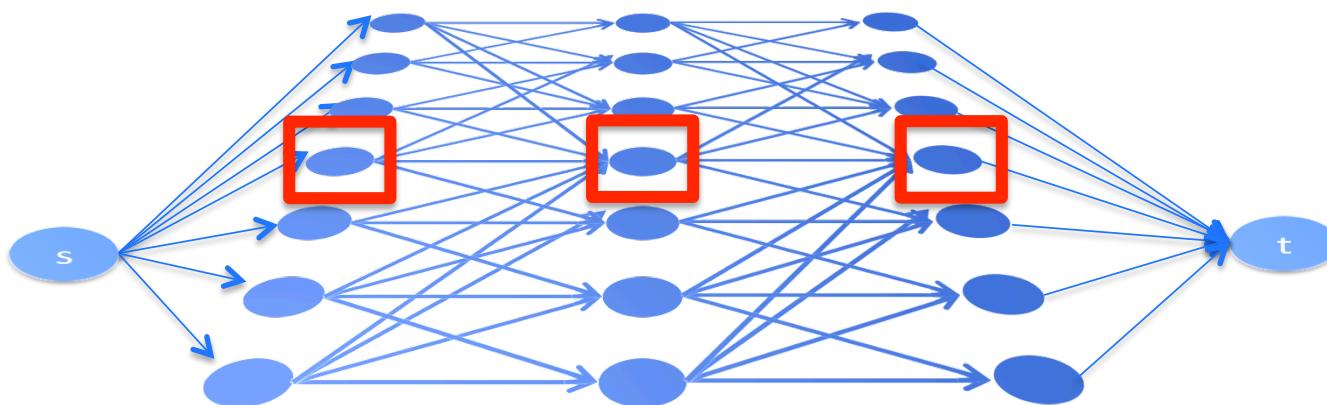


# Network flow optimization

## Objective: minimum cost maximum flow

$$\arg \min_f c(f)$$

$$c(f) = \boxed{\sum \alpha_i f_i - \sum \beta_{ij} f_{ij}}$$



Cost  $\alpha_i$  based:  
- Detection likelihood

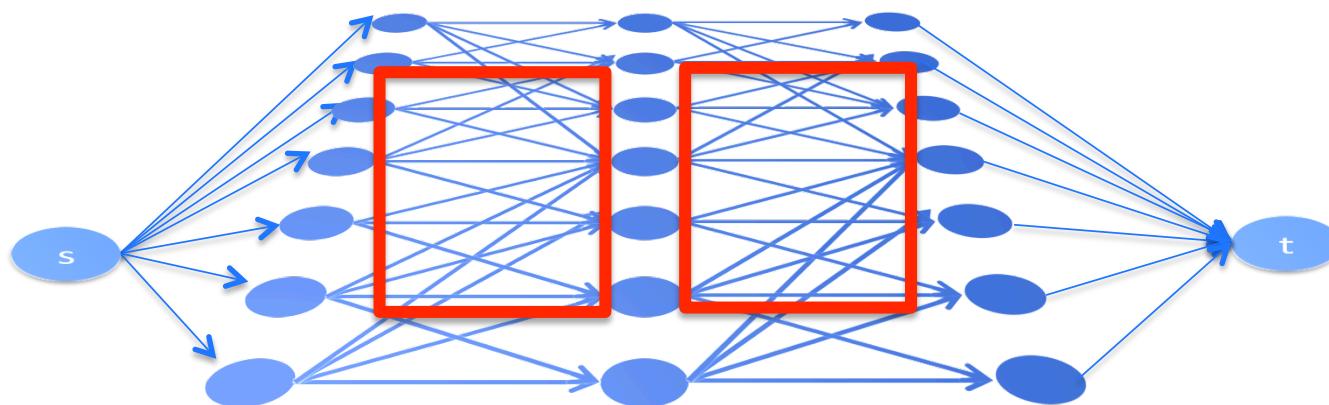


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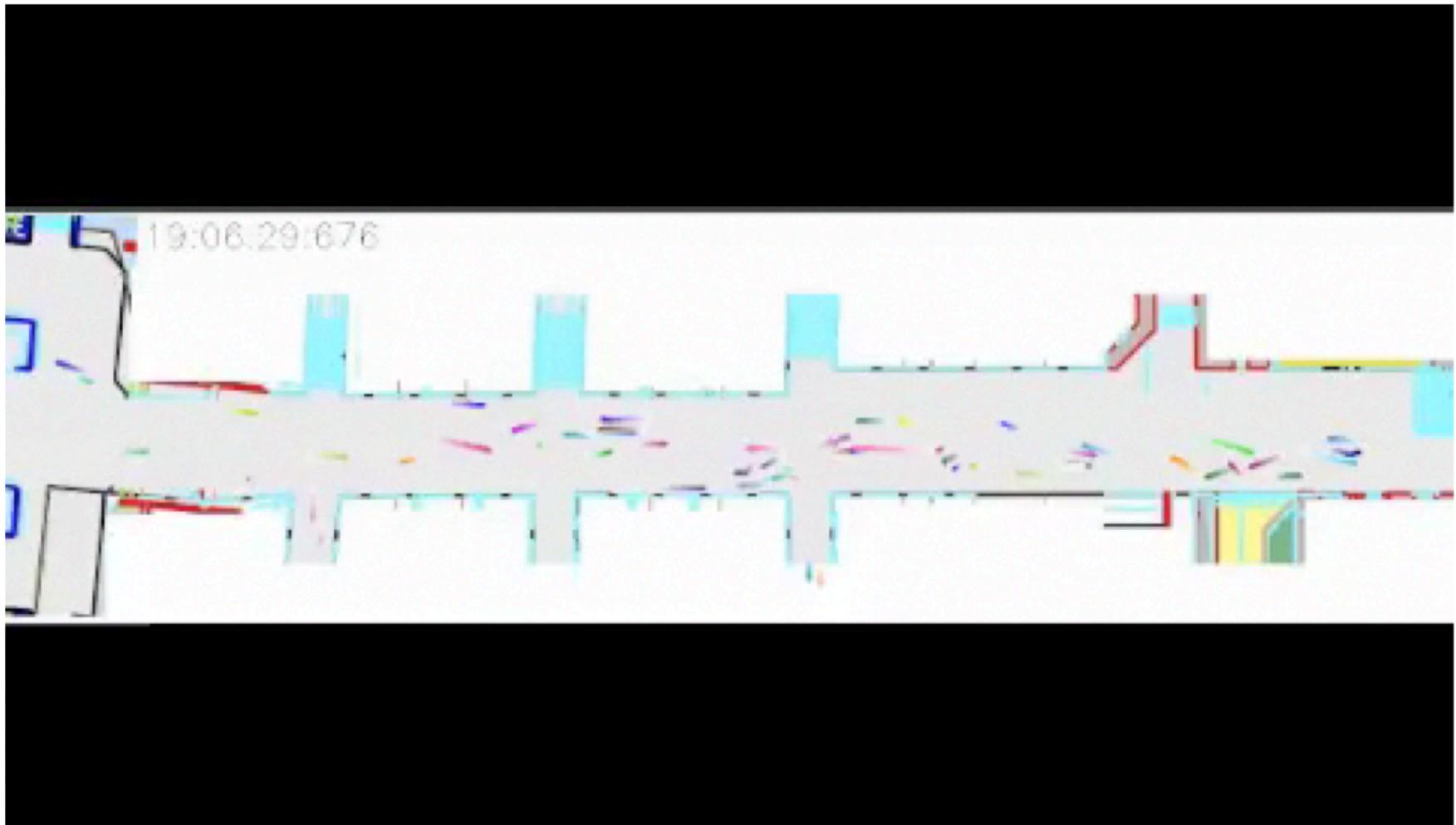


Cost  $\beta_{ij}$  based:

- spatial
- velocity
- **Social Affinity Map**



# Tracklet association With Social Affinity Map



# Conclusion

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A new dimension to “Google Analytics”:  
Analyzing people outside of website

