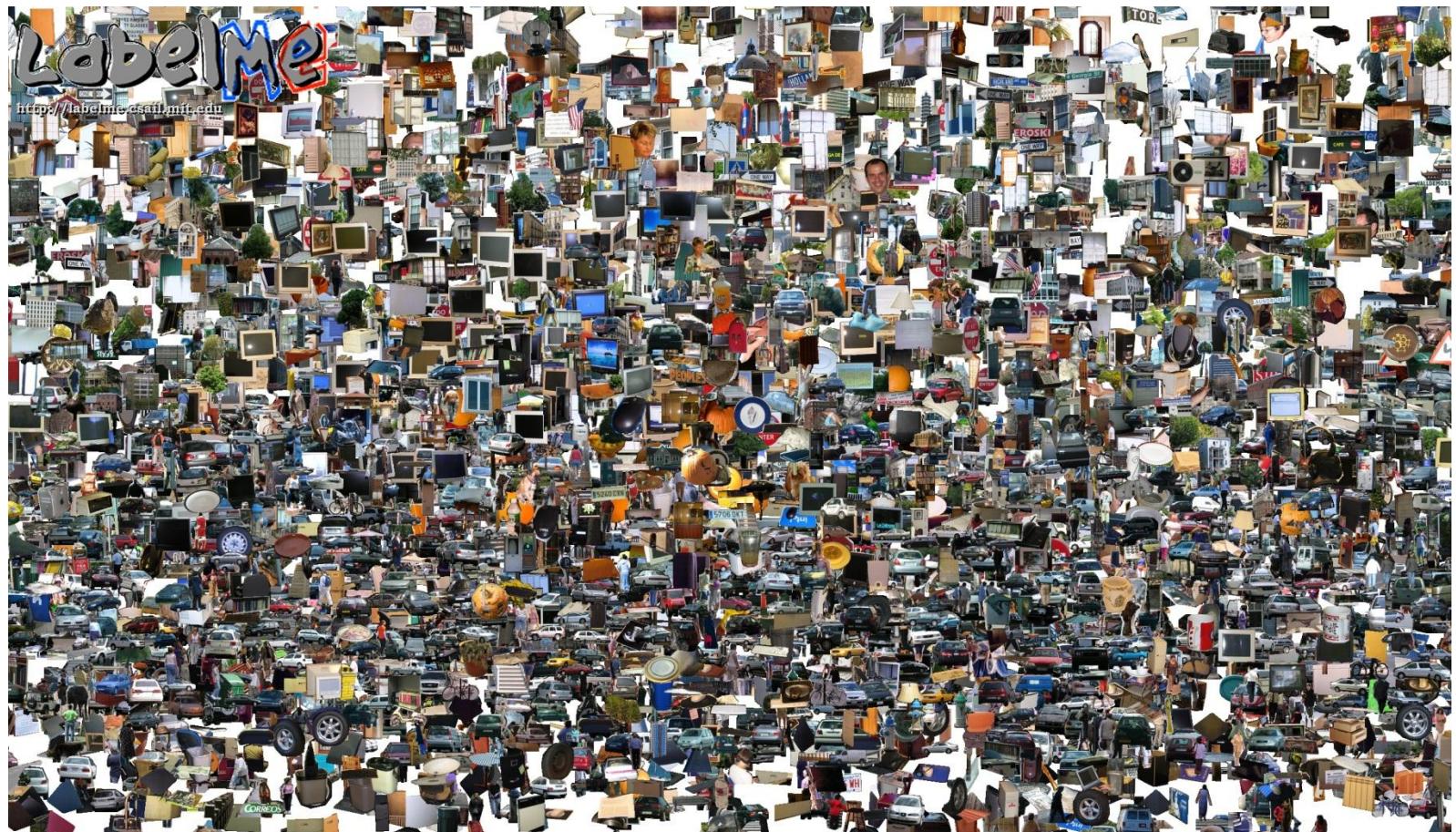


Opportunities of Scale



Computer Vision

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Today's class

- Opportunities of Scale: Data-driven methods
 - Scene completion
 - Im2gps
 - Recognition via Tiny Images
 - More recognition by association

Google and massive data-driven algorithms

A.I. for the postmodern world:

- all questions have already been answered...many times, in many ways
- Google is dumb, the “intelligence” is in the data



Google Translate

Google translate

From: English - detected ▾  To: Spanish ▾

My dog once ate three oranges, but then it died.

 Listen

English to Spanish translation

Mi perro se comió una vez tres naranjas, pero luego murió.

 Listen

Chinese Room

- John Searle (1980)

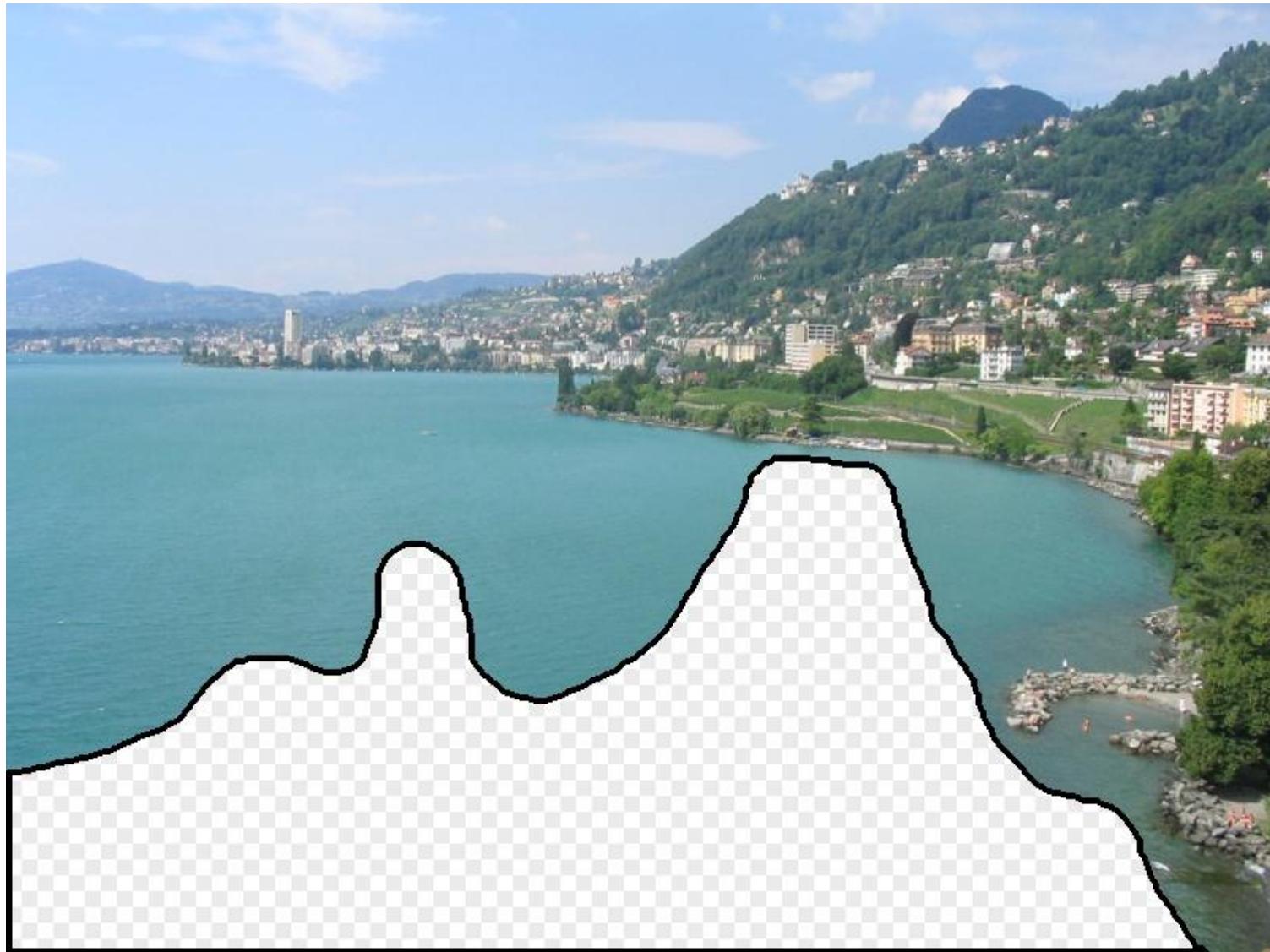


Image Completion Example

[Hays and Efros. Scene Completion Using Millions of Photographs.
SIGGRAPH 2007 and CACM October 2008.]

<http://graphics.cs.cmu.edu/projects/scene-completion/>

What should the missing region contain?









Which is the original?



(a)



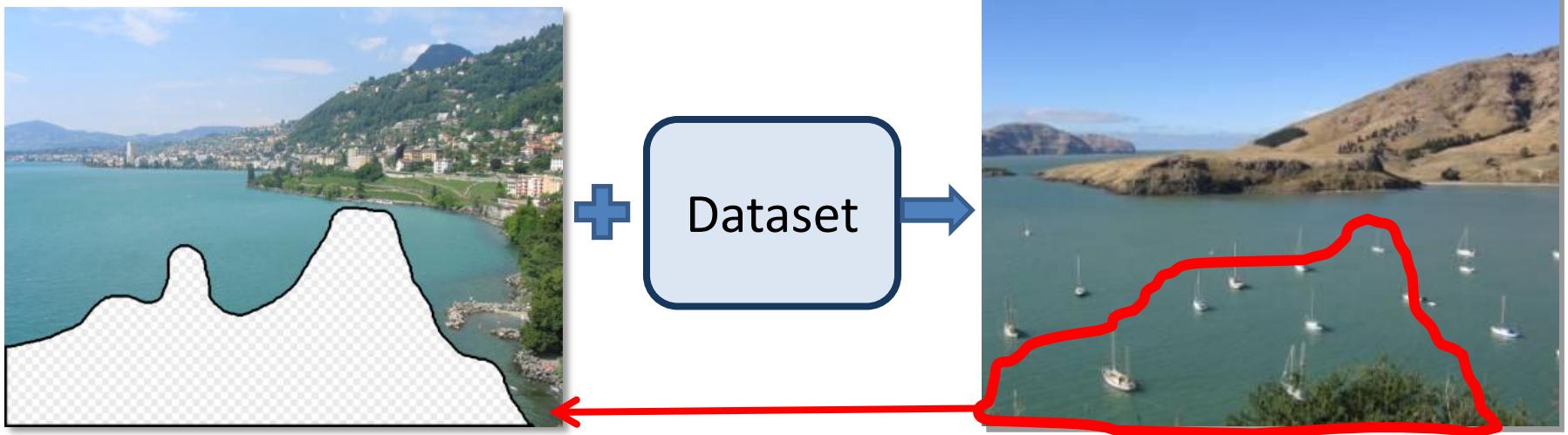
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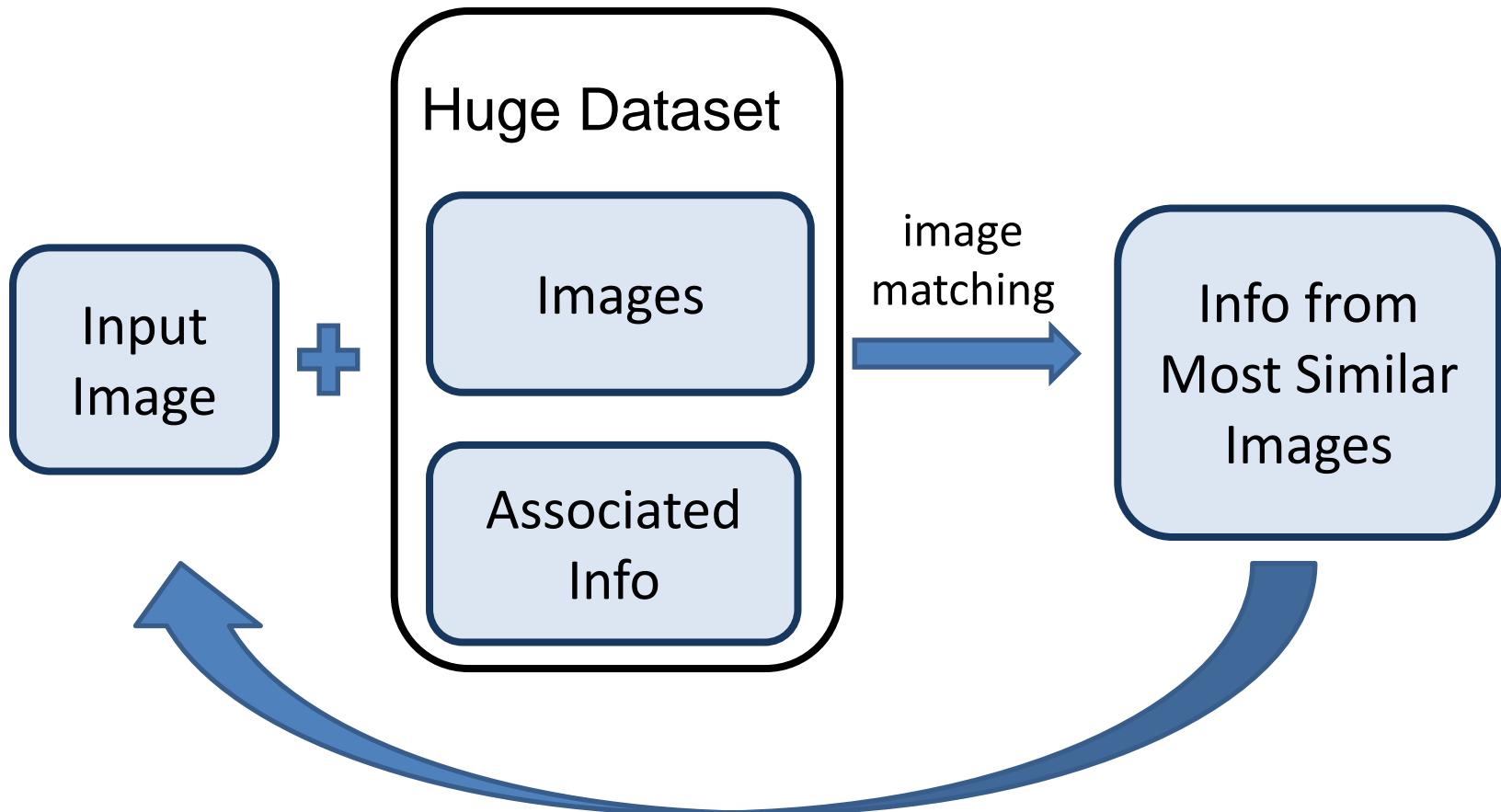
(c)

How it works

- Find a similar image from a large dataset
- Blend a region from that image into the hole

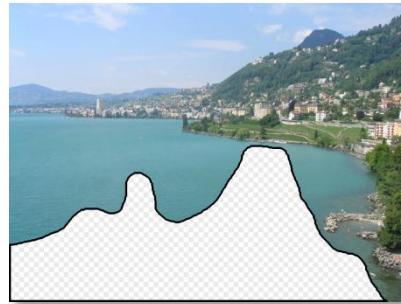


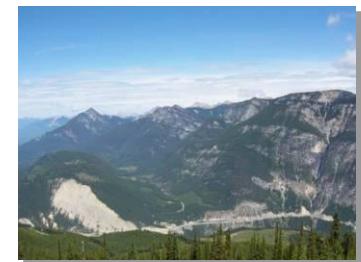
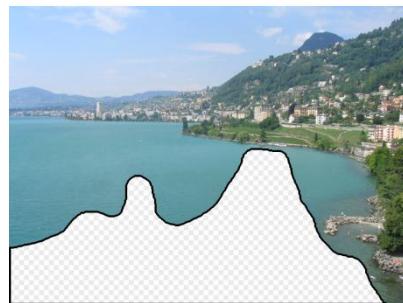
General Principal



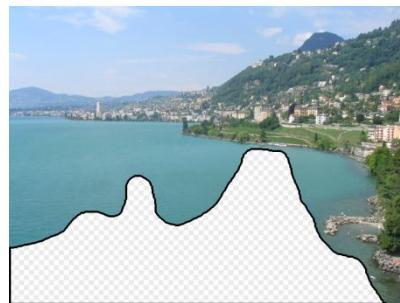
Trick: If you have enough images, the dataset will contain very similar images that you can find with simple matching methods.

How many images is enough?





Nearest neighbors from a
collection of 20 thousand images



Nearest neighbors from a
collection of 2 million images

Image Data on the Internet

- Flickr (as of Sept. 19th, 2010)
 - 5 billion photographs
 - 100+ million geotagged images
- Imageshack (as of 2009)
 - 20 billion
- Facebook (as of 2009)
 - 15 billion

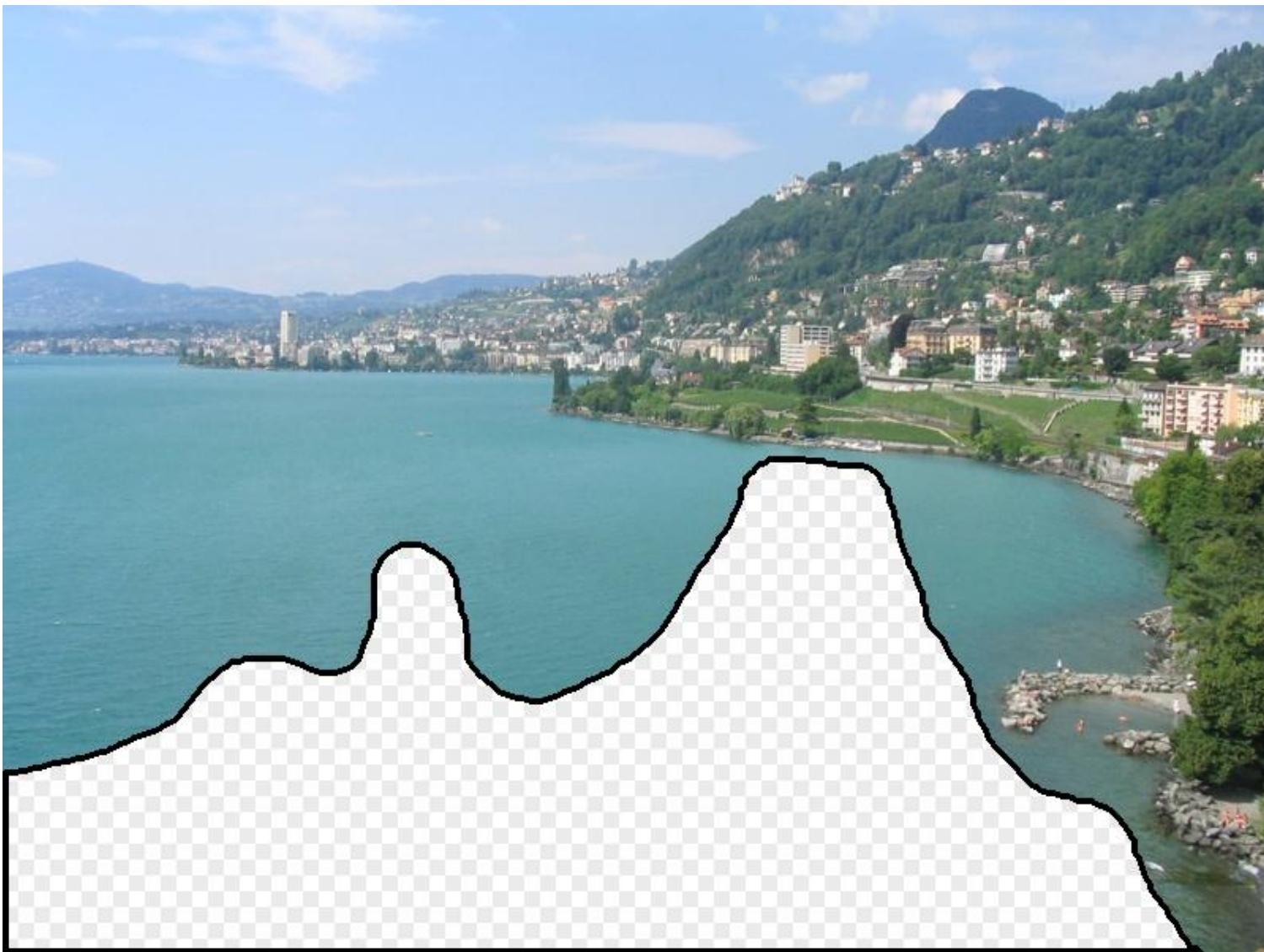
Image completion: how it works

[Hays and Efros. Scene Completion Using Millions of Photographs.
SIGGRAPH 2007 and CACM October 2008.]

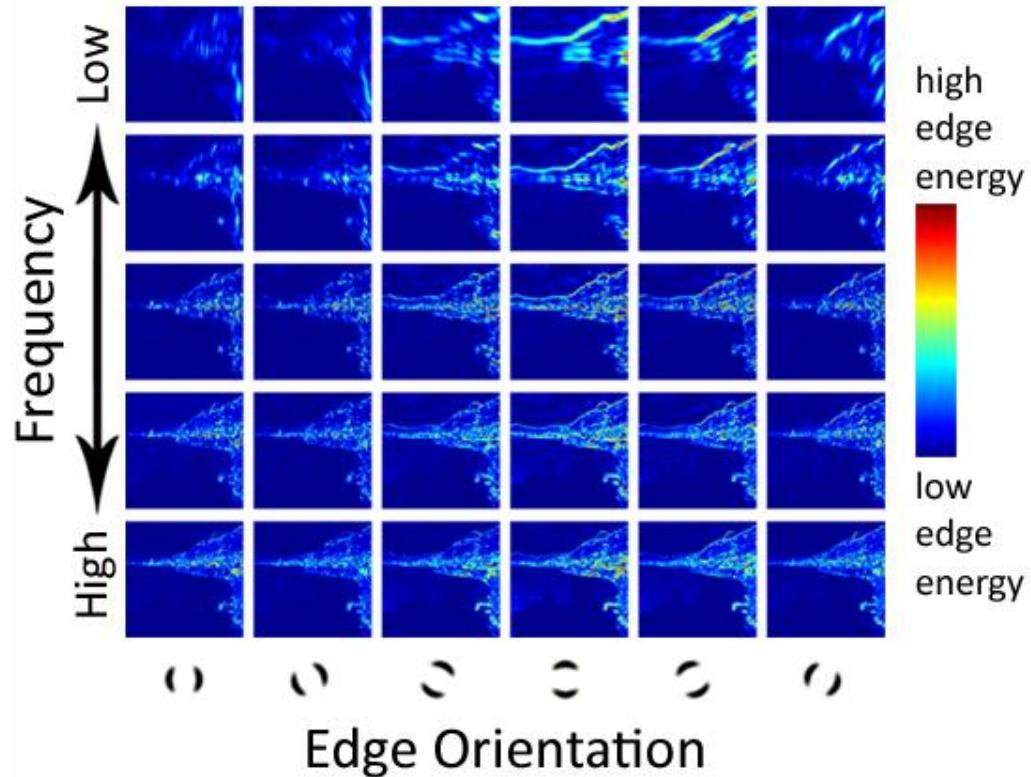
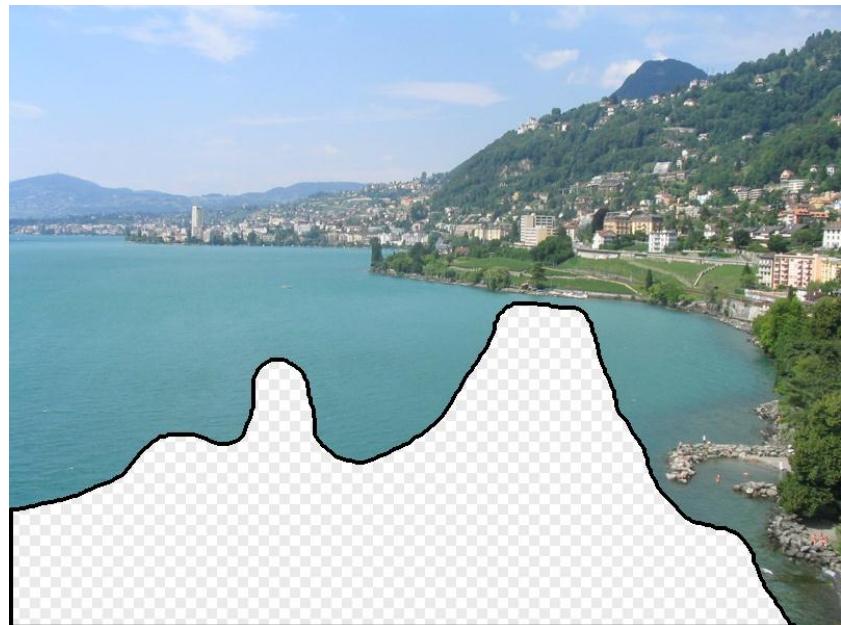
The Algorithm



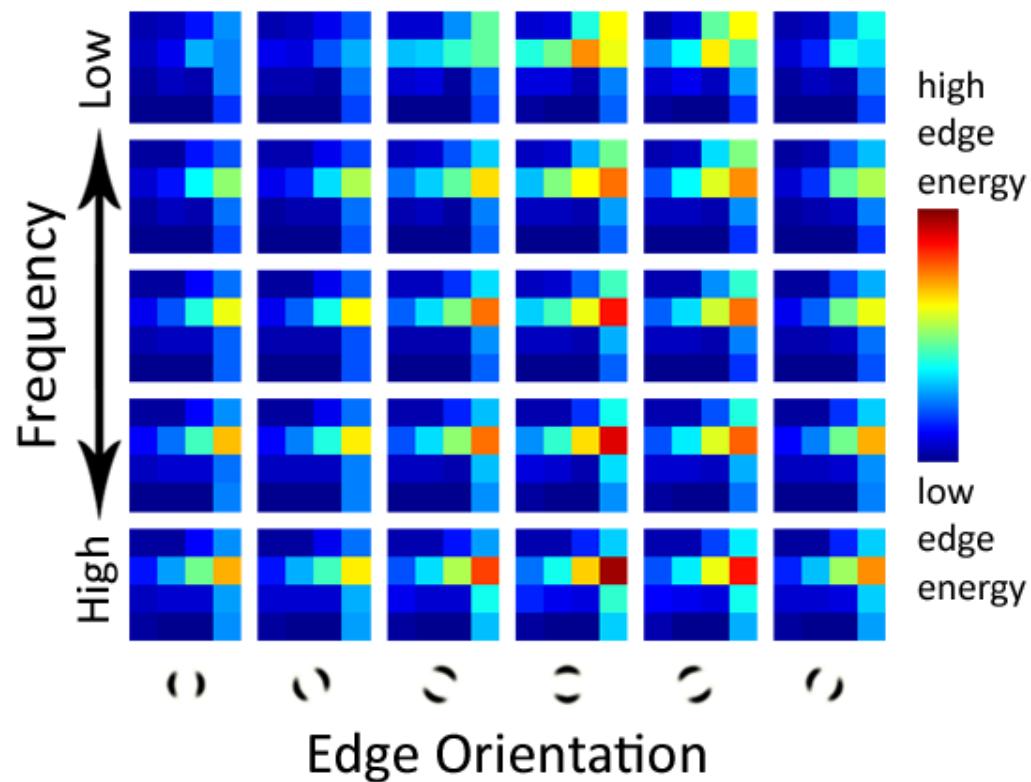
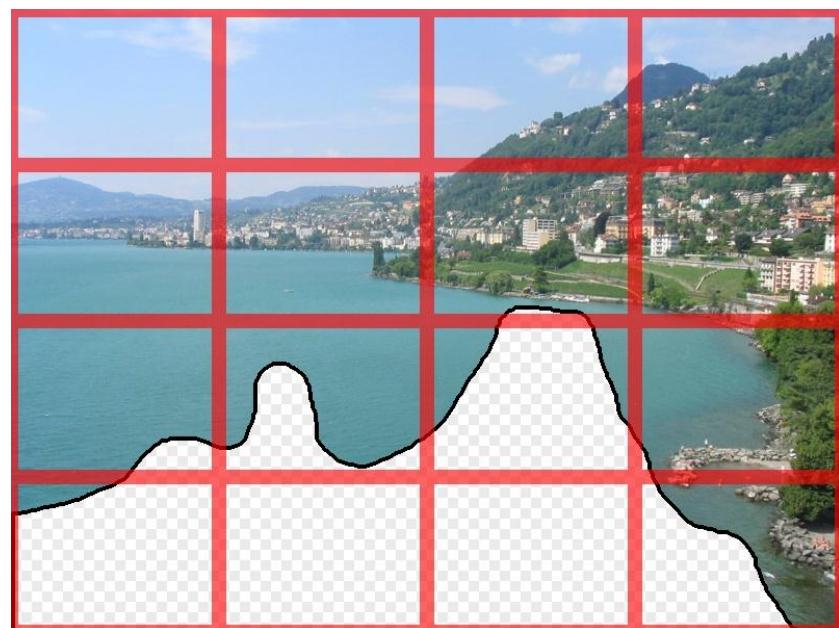
Scene Matching



Scene Descriptor

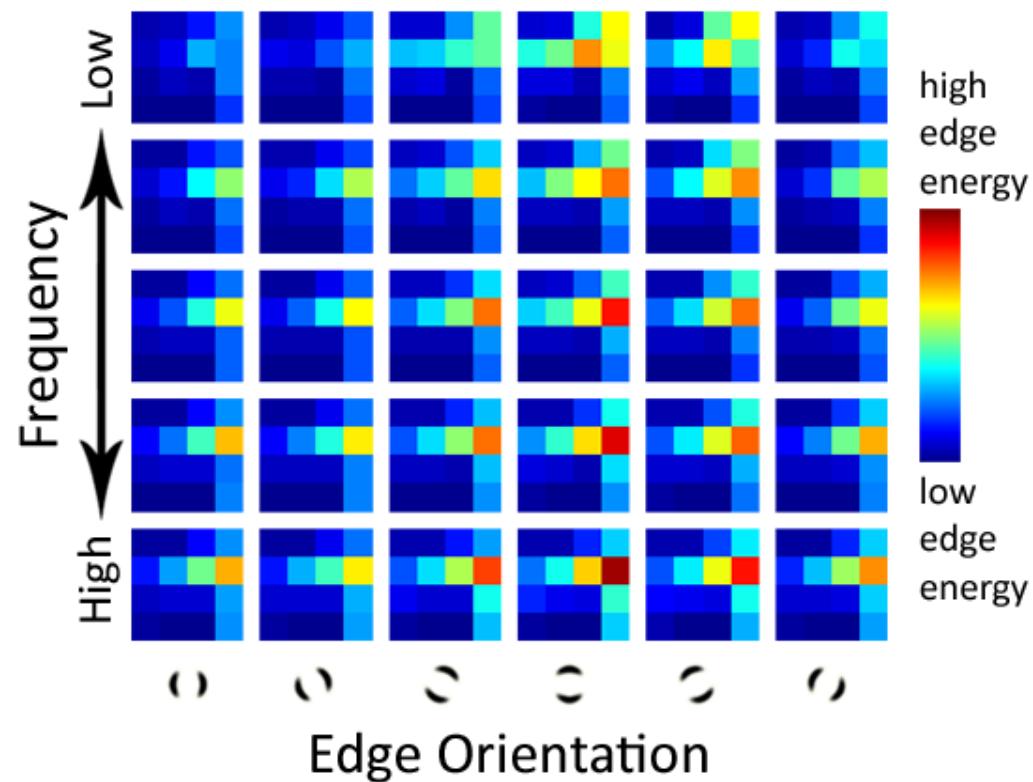
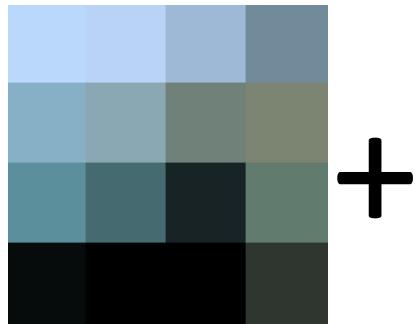


Scene Descriptor



Scene Gist Descriptor
(Oliva and Torralba 2001)

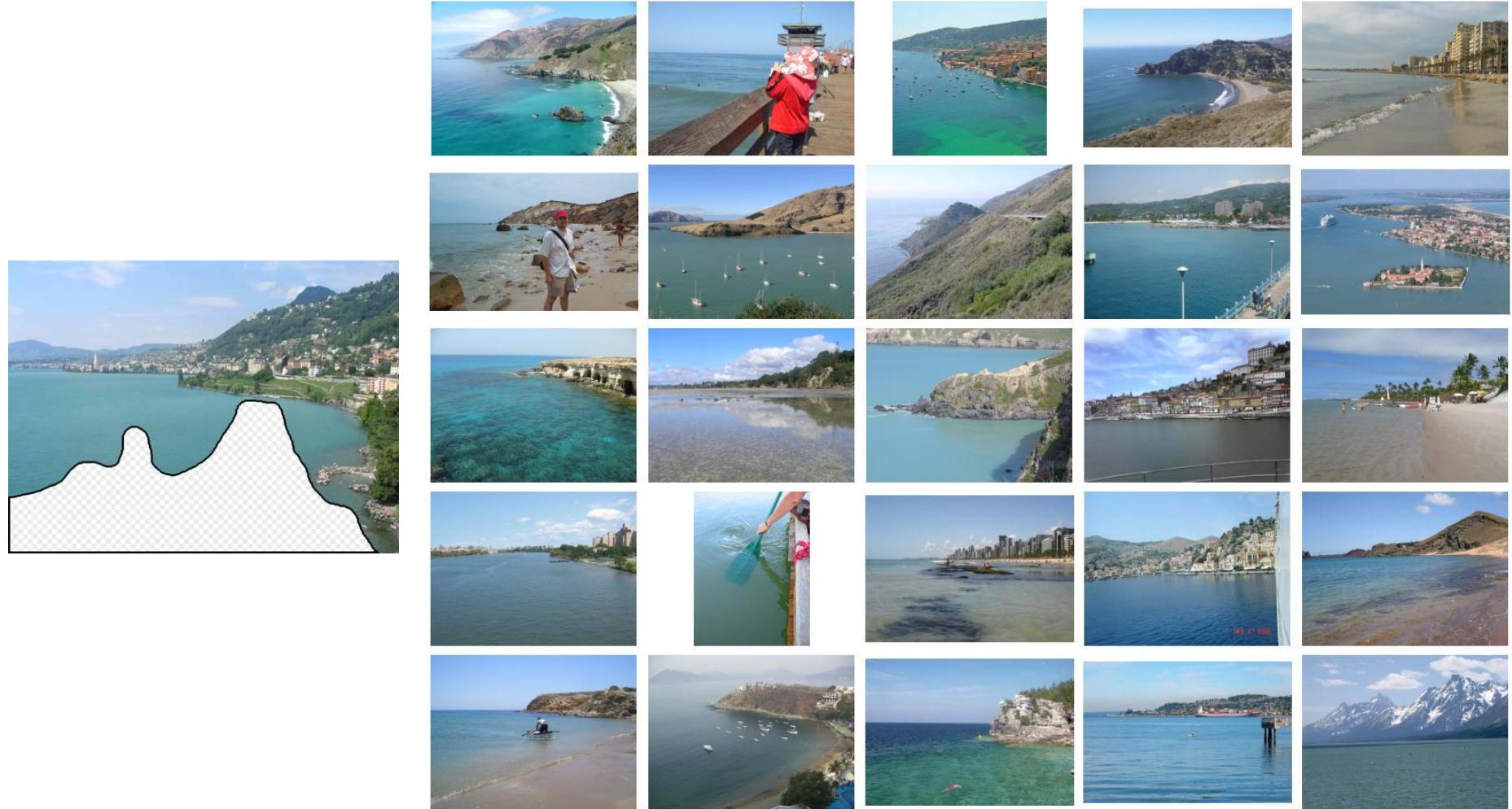
Scene Descriptor



Scene Gist Descriptor
(Oliva and Torralba 2001)

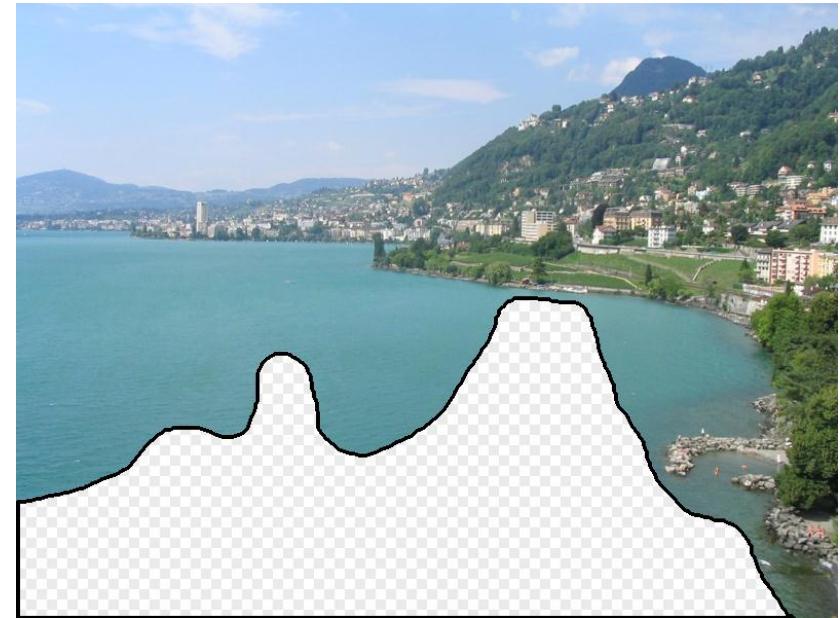
2 Million Flickr Images

The background of the image is a dense, uniform grid composed of numerous small, square thumbnail images. These thumbnails represent a vast collection of photographs from Flickr, showing a wide variety of subjects and colors. The overall effect is a visual representation of the scale and diversity of user-generated content.



... 200 total

Context Matching

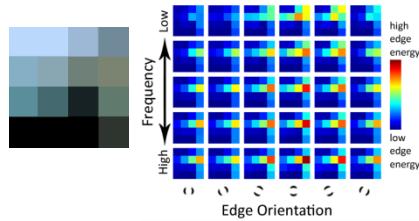




Graph cut + Poisson blending

Result Ranking

We assign each of the 200 results a score which is the sum of:



The scene matching distance



The context matching distance
(color + texture)



The graph cut cost

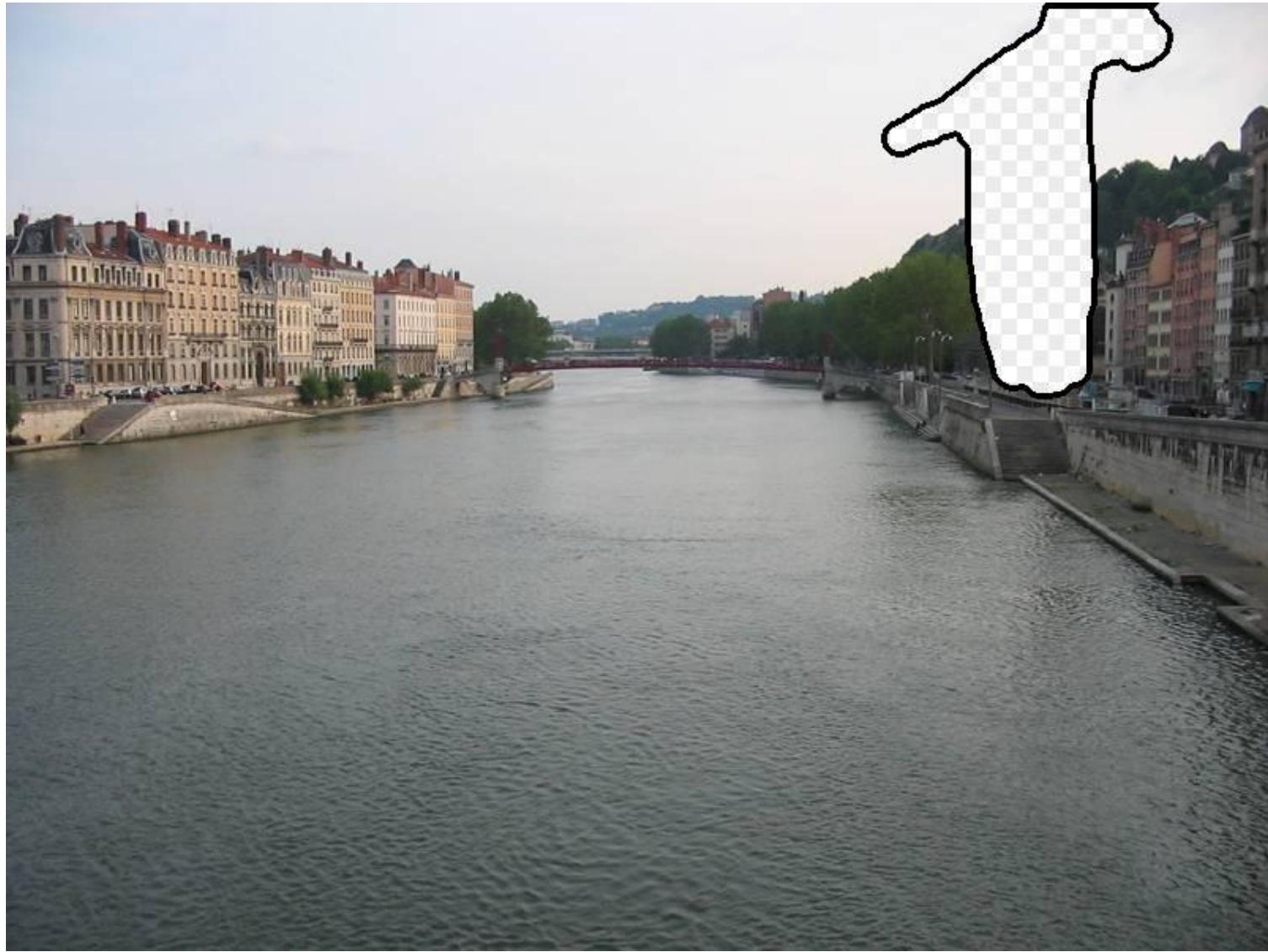




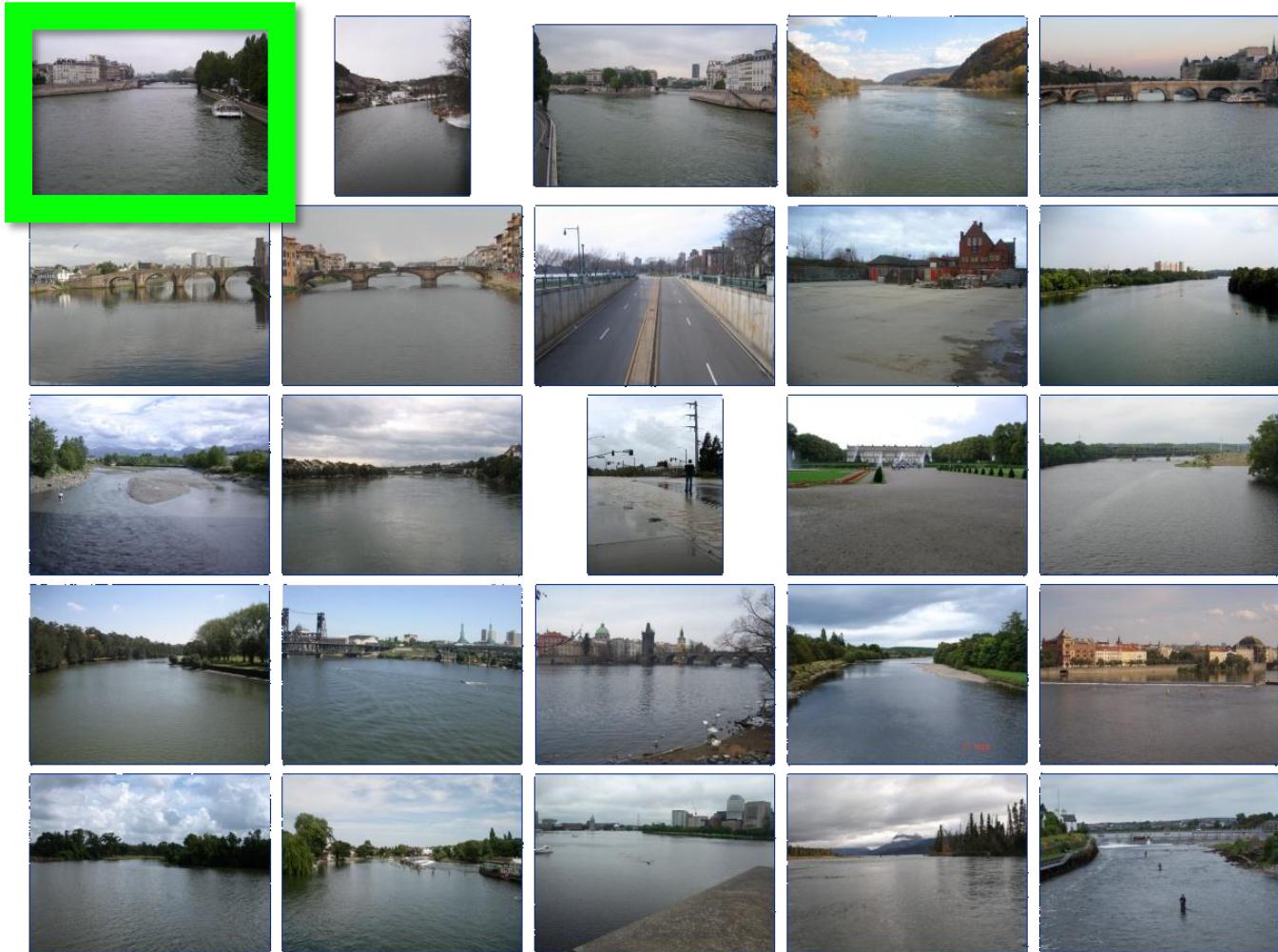








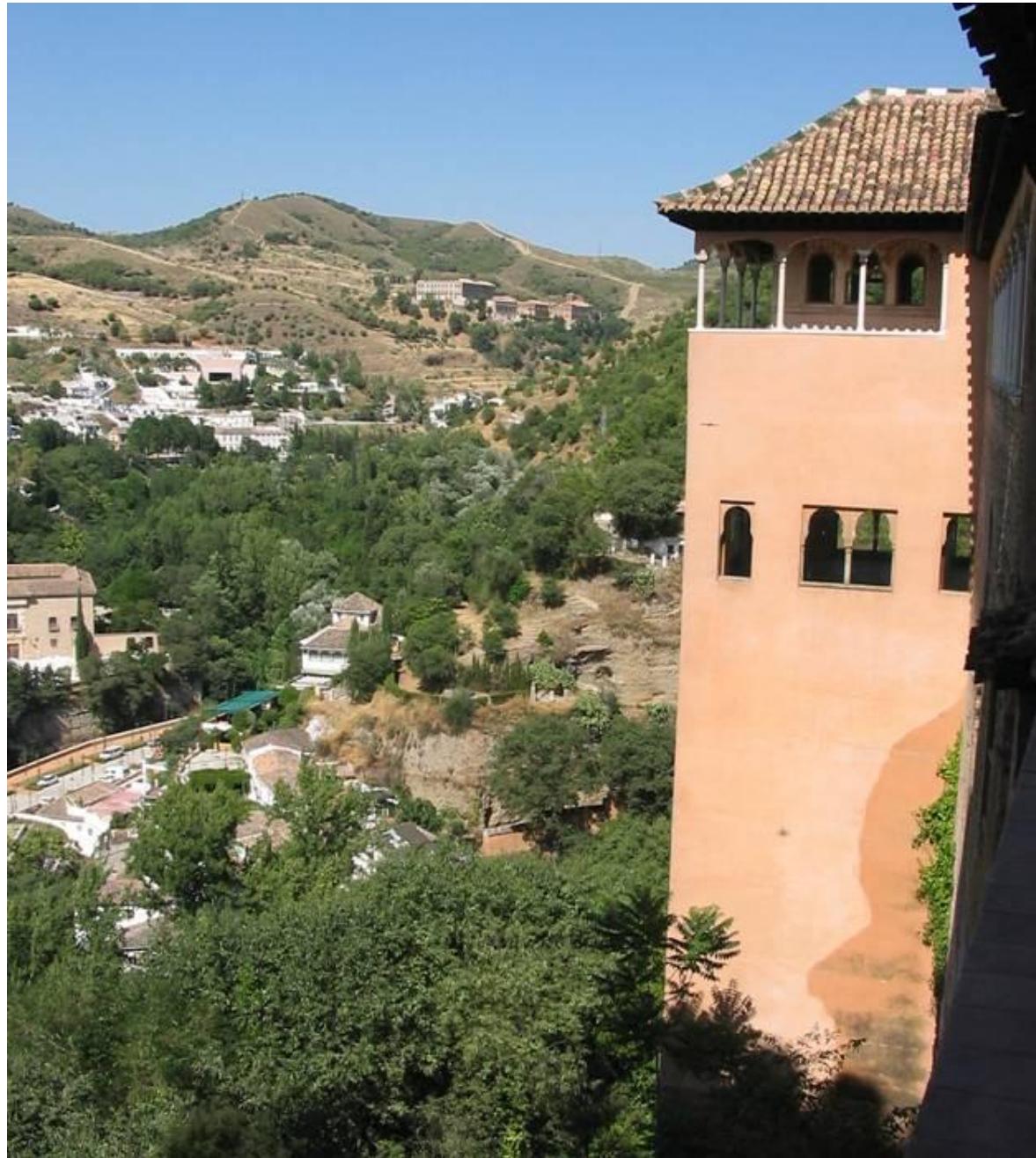


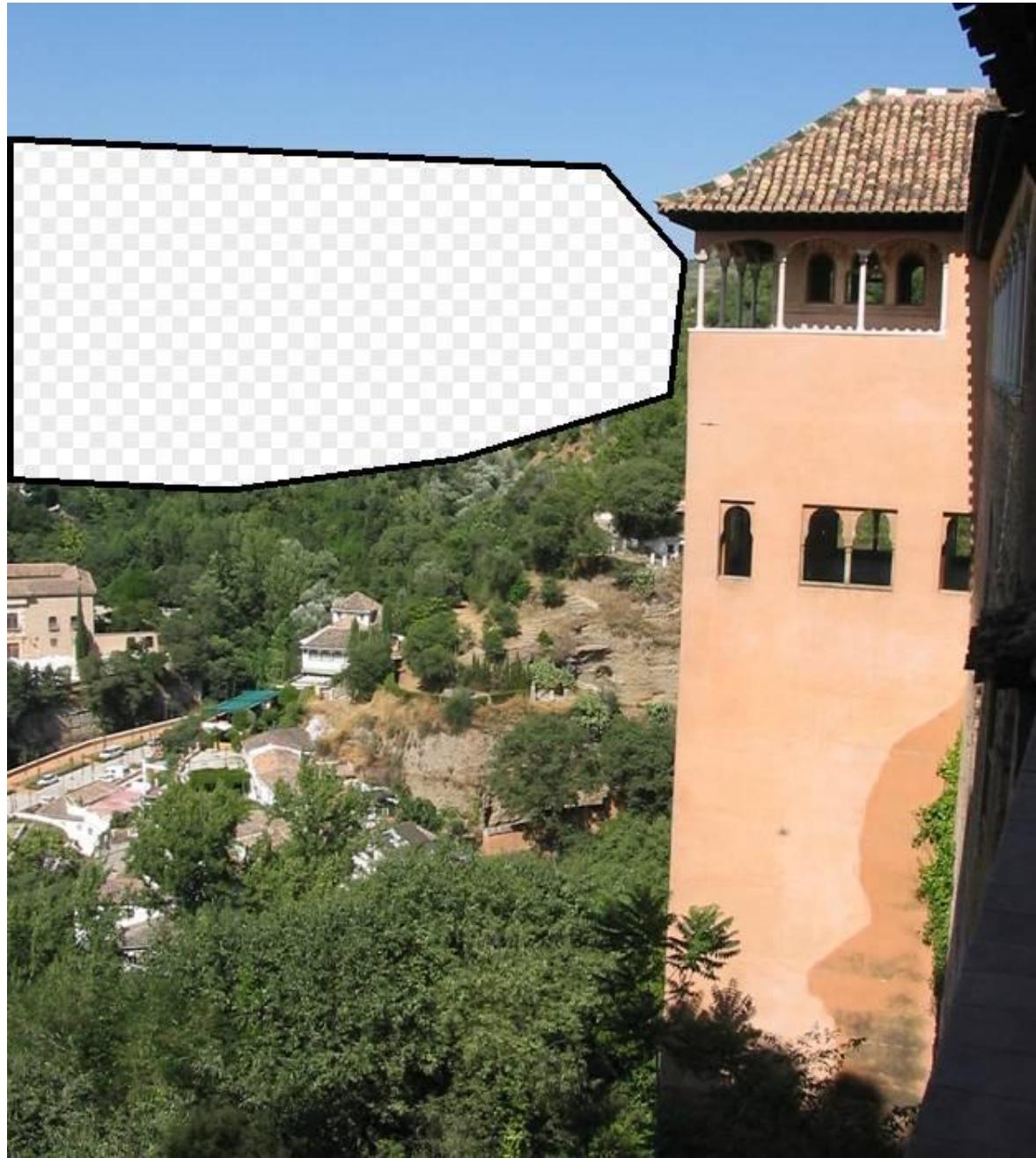


... 200 scene matches











Which is the original?







Scene Completion Result

im2gps (Hays & Efros, CVPR 2008)

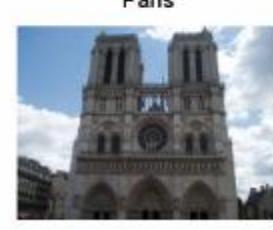
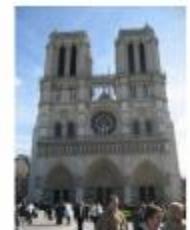


6 million geo-tagged Flickr images

<http://graphics.cs.cmu.edu/projects/im2gps/>

How much can an image tell about its geographic location?





Paris

Poland

Paris

Paris

Paris

Paris

Paris

Madrid

Rome

Paris

Cuba

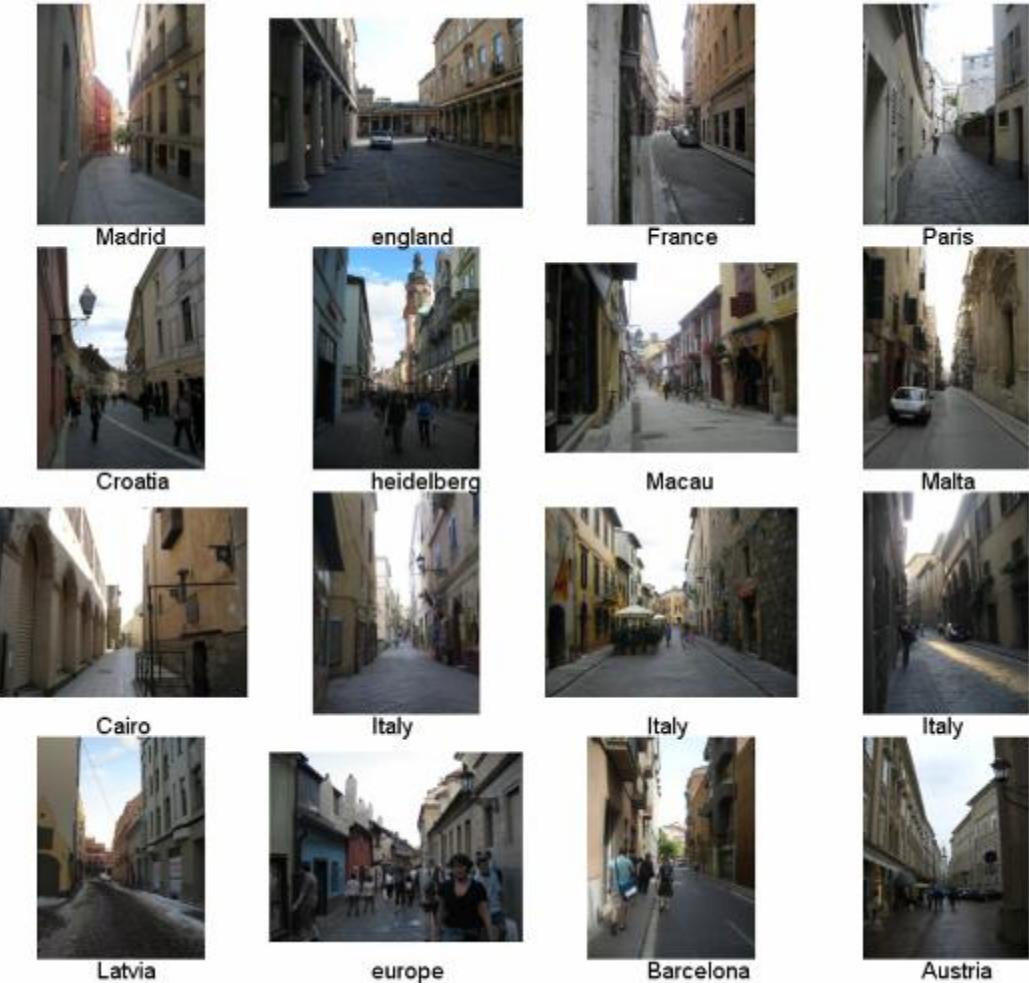
Paris



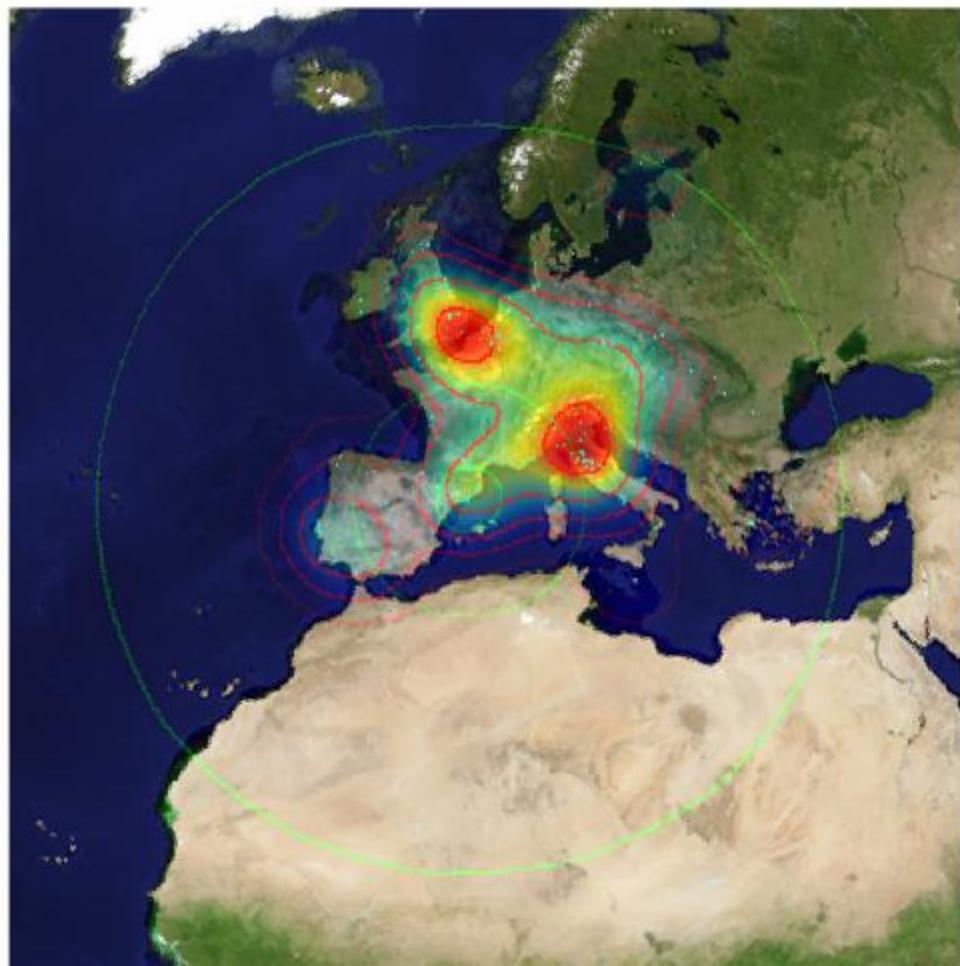
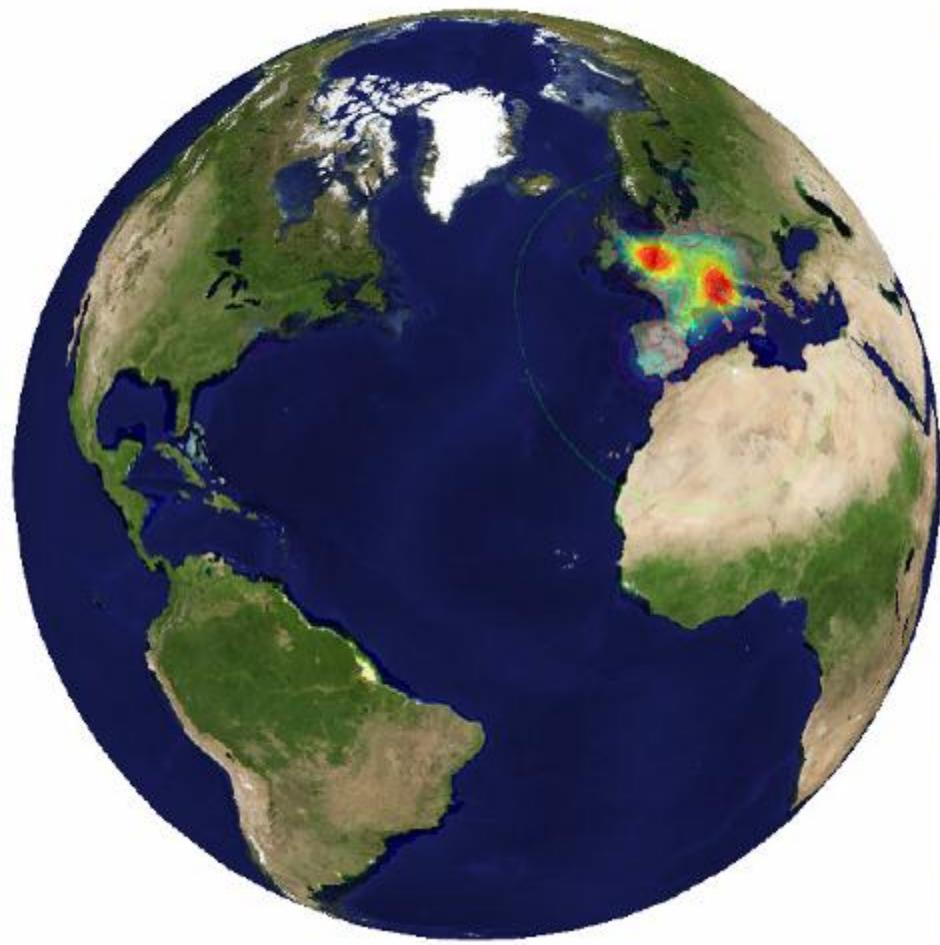
Im2gps



Example Scene Matches

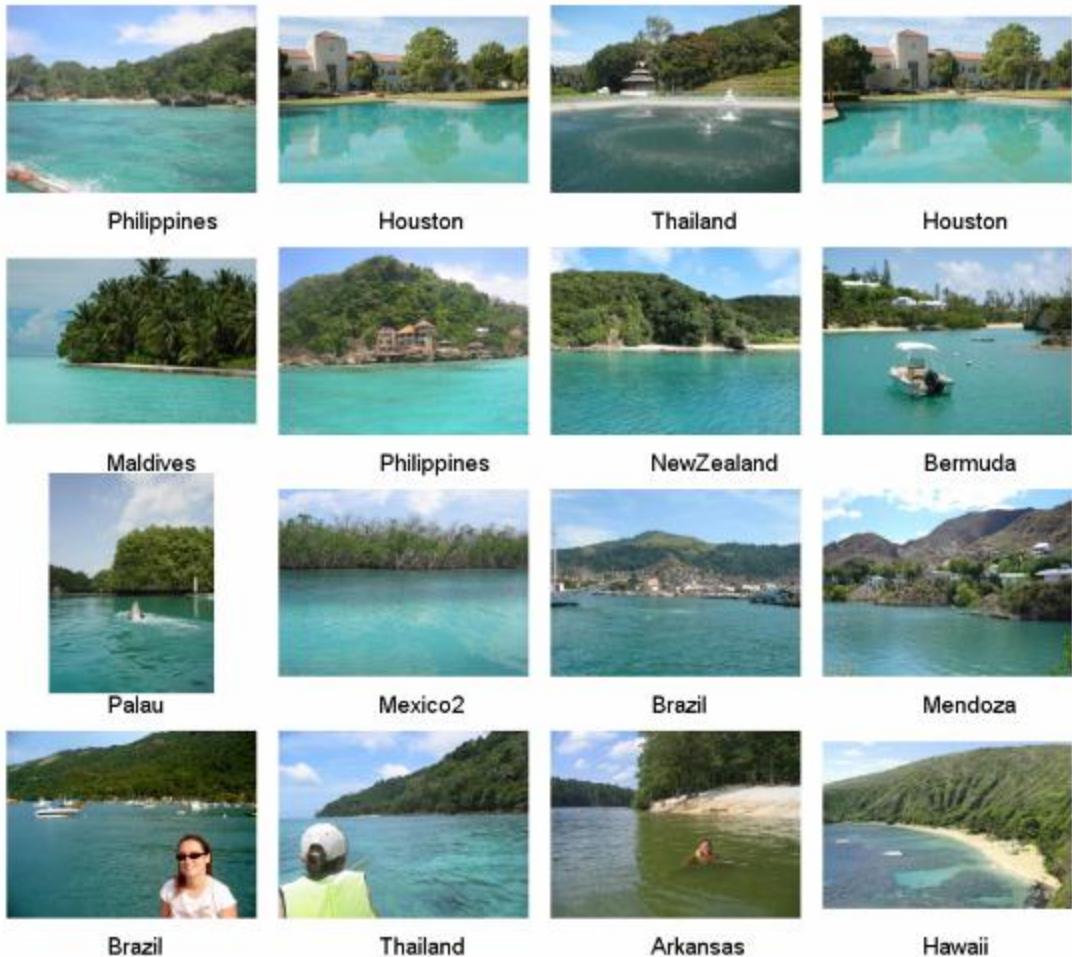


Voting Scheme



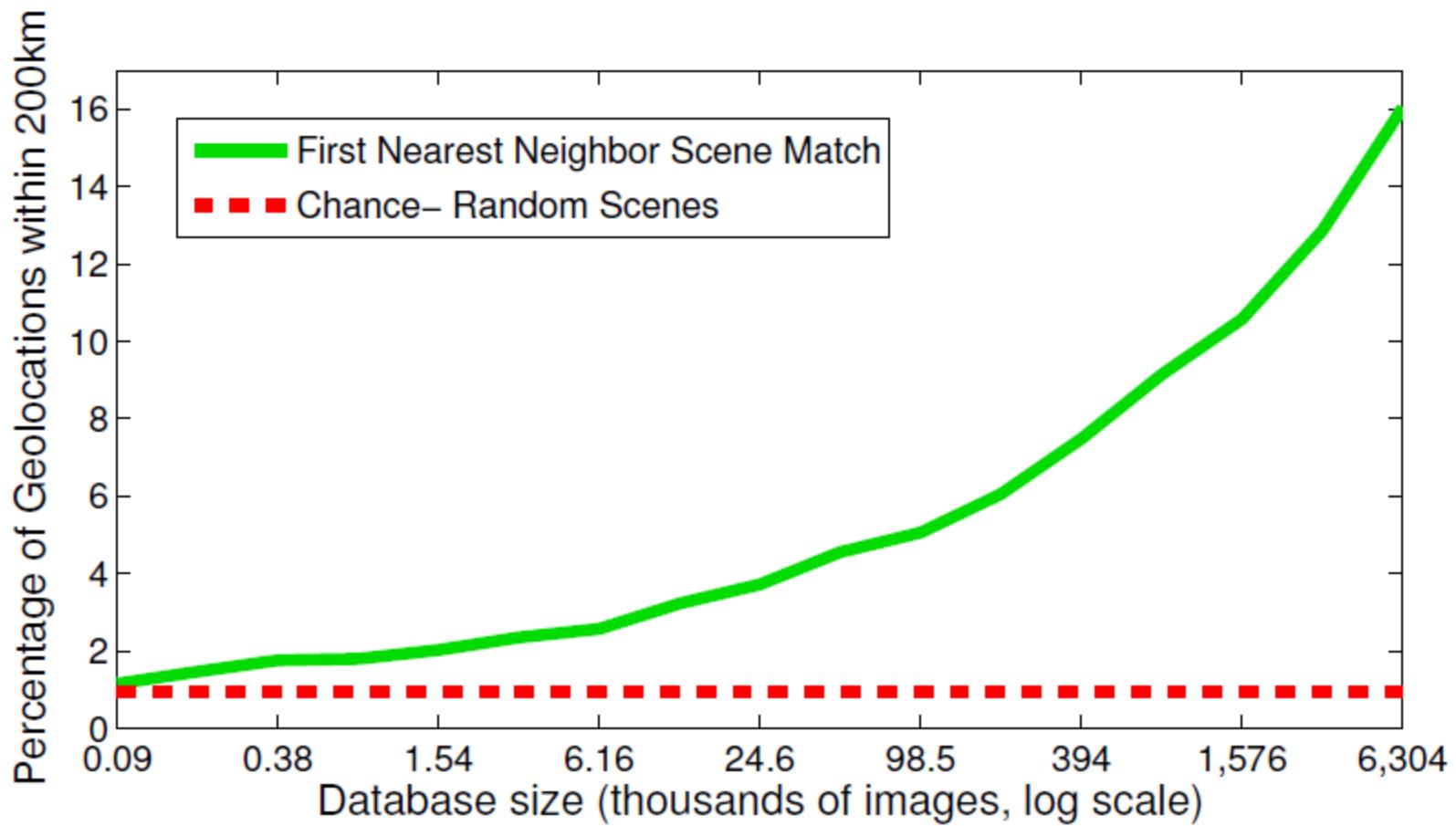
im2gps







Effect of Dataset Size



Population density ranking

High Predicted Density



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Low Predicted Density

Where is This?



[Olga Vesselova, Vangelis Kalogerakis, Aaron Hertzmann, James Hays, Alexei A. Efros. Image Sequence Geolocation. ICCV'09]

Where is This?



Where are These?



15:14,
June 18th, 2006



16:31,
June 18th, 2006

Where are These?



15:14,
June 18th, 2006



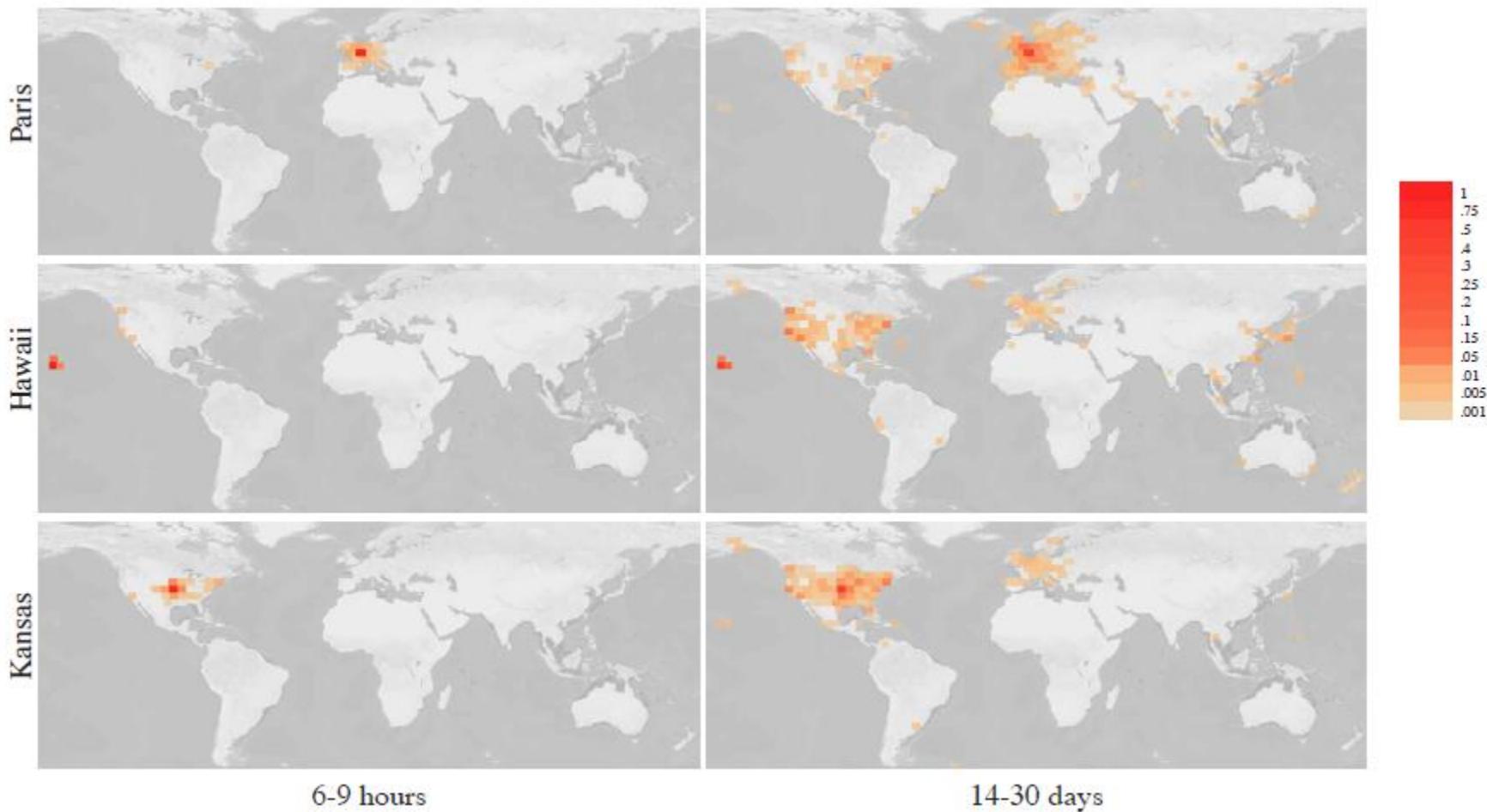
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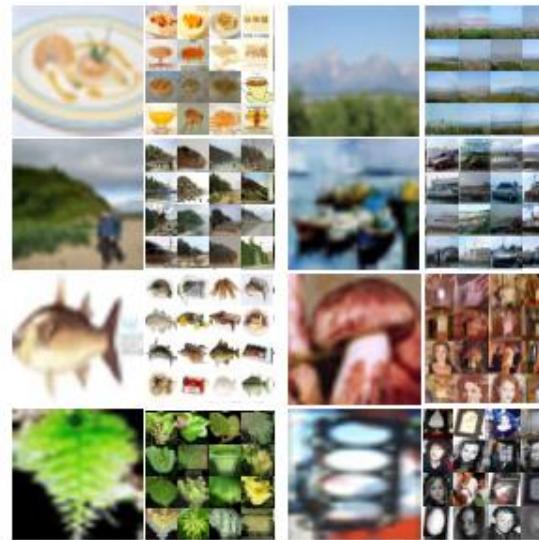
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June 19th, 2006

Results

- im2gps – 10% (geo-loc within 400 km)
- temporal im2gps – 56%



Tiny Images



80 million tiny images: a large dataset for non-parametric object and scene recognition
Antonio Torralba, Rob Fergus and William T. Freeman. PAMI 2008.

<http://groups.csail.mit.edu/vision/TinyImages/>

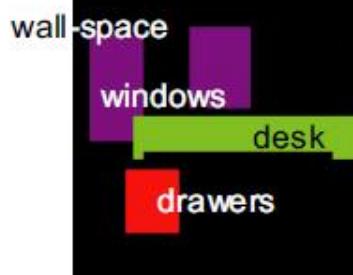
256x256



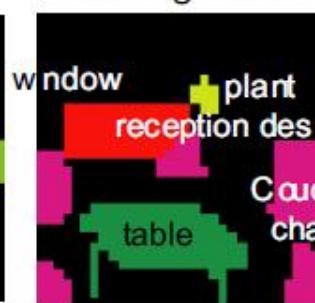
32x32



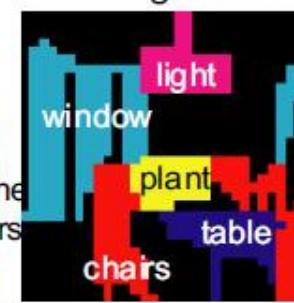
office



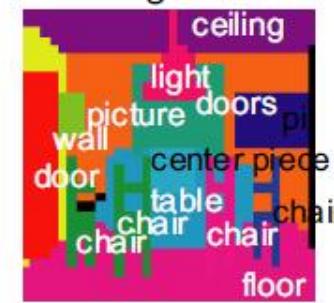
waiting area



dining room



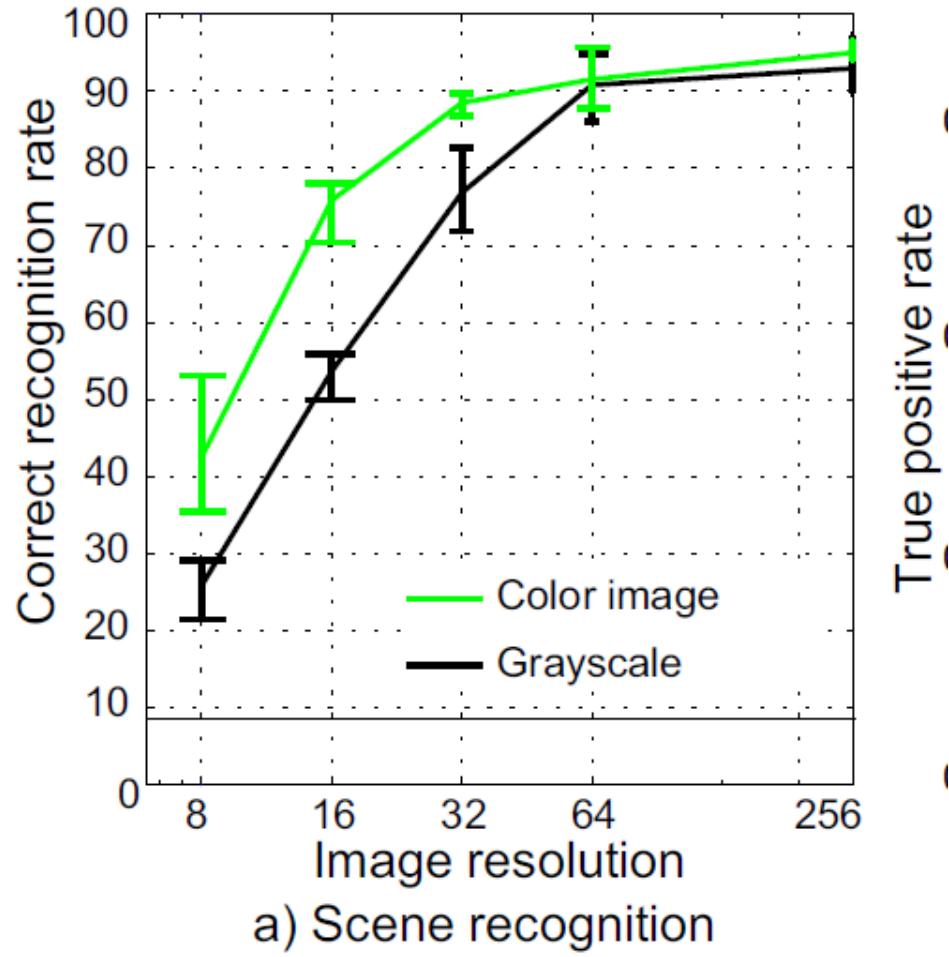
dining room



c) Segmentation of 32x32 images



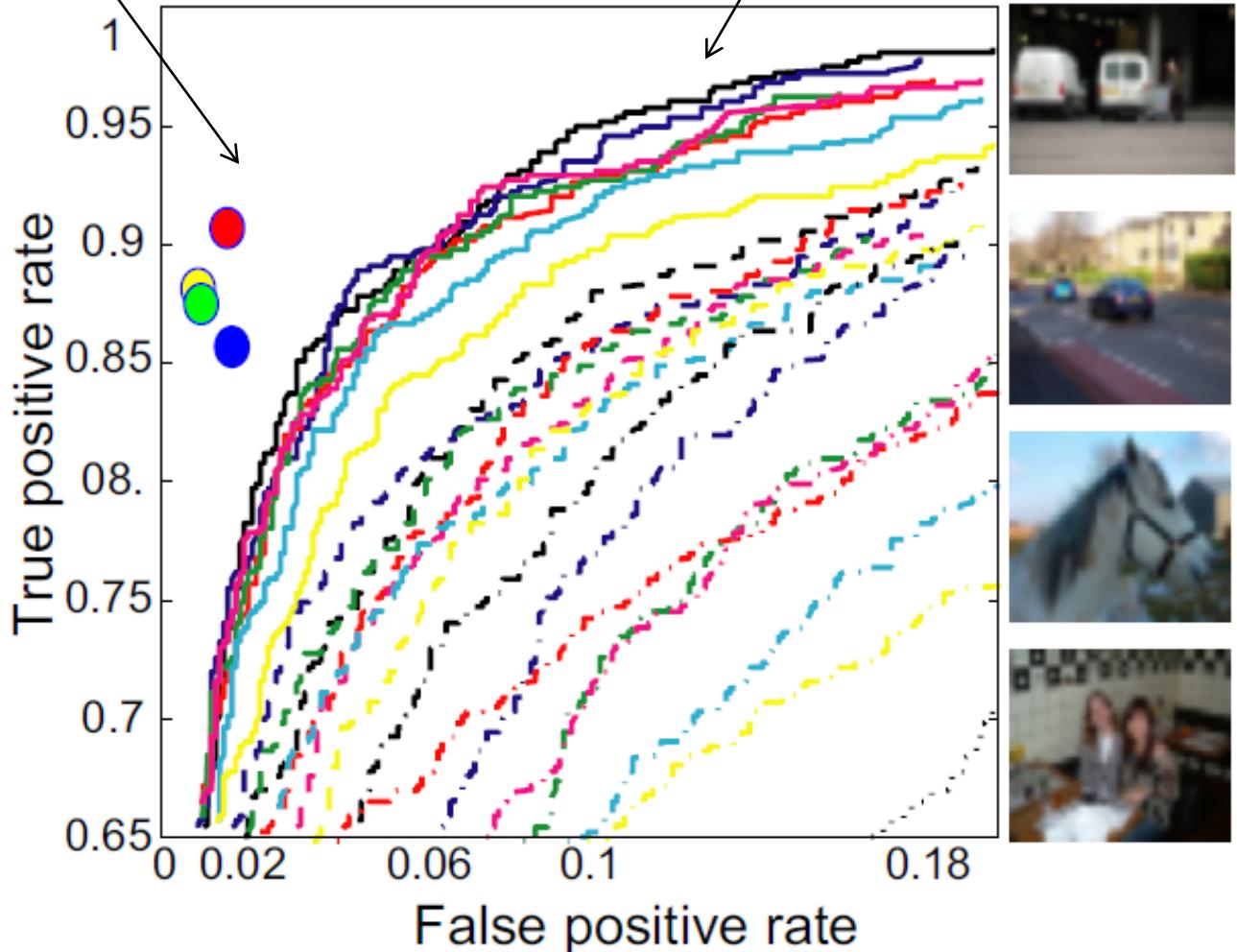
Human Scene Recognition



Humans vs. Computers: Car-Image Classification

Humans for 32 pixel tall images

Various computer vision
algorithms for full resolution
images



Powers of 10

Number of images on my hard drive: 10^4



Number of images seen during my first 10 years: 10^8
(3 images/second * 60 * 60 * 16 * 365 * 10 = 630720000)

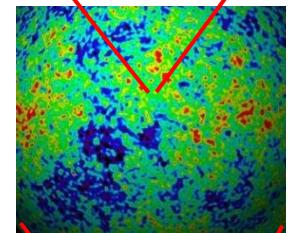


Number of images seen by all humanity: 10^{20}

$106,456,367,669$ humans¹ * 60 years * 3 images/second * 60 * 60 * 16 * 365 =
1 from <http://www.prb.org/Articles/2002/HowManyPeopleHaveEverLivedonEarth.aspx>



Number of photons in the universe: 10^{88}



Number of all 32x32 images: 10^{7373}
 $256^{32 \times 32 \times 3} \sim 10^{7373}$



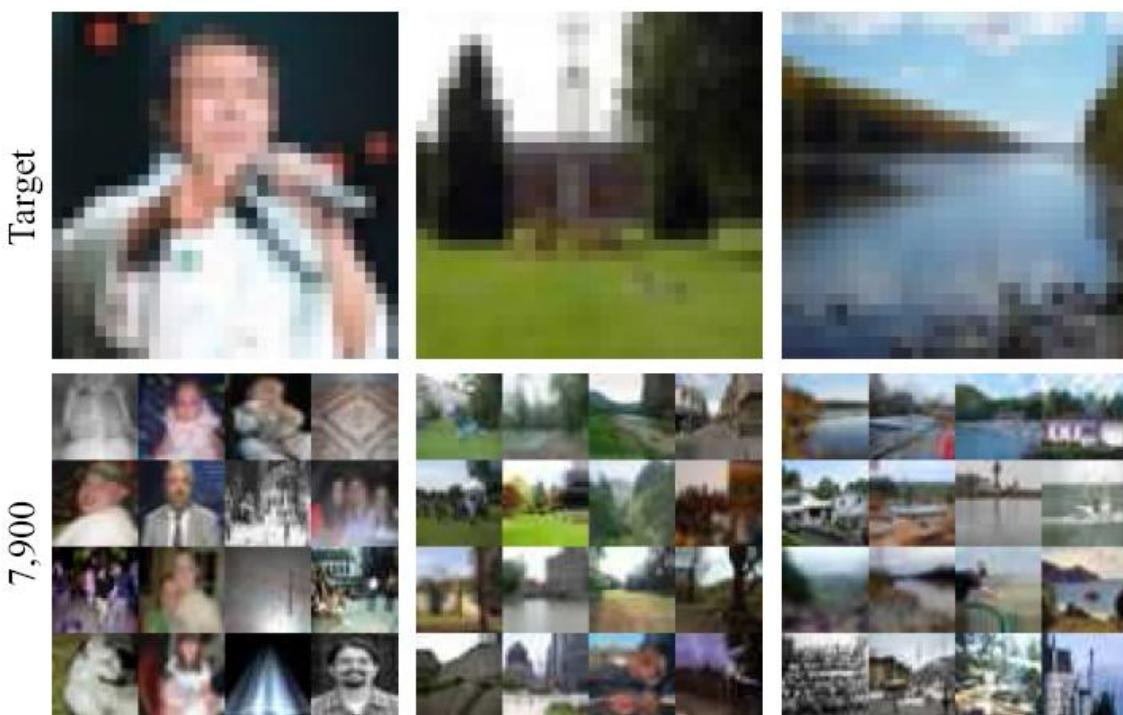
Scenes are unique



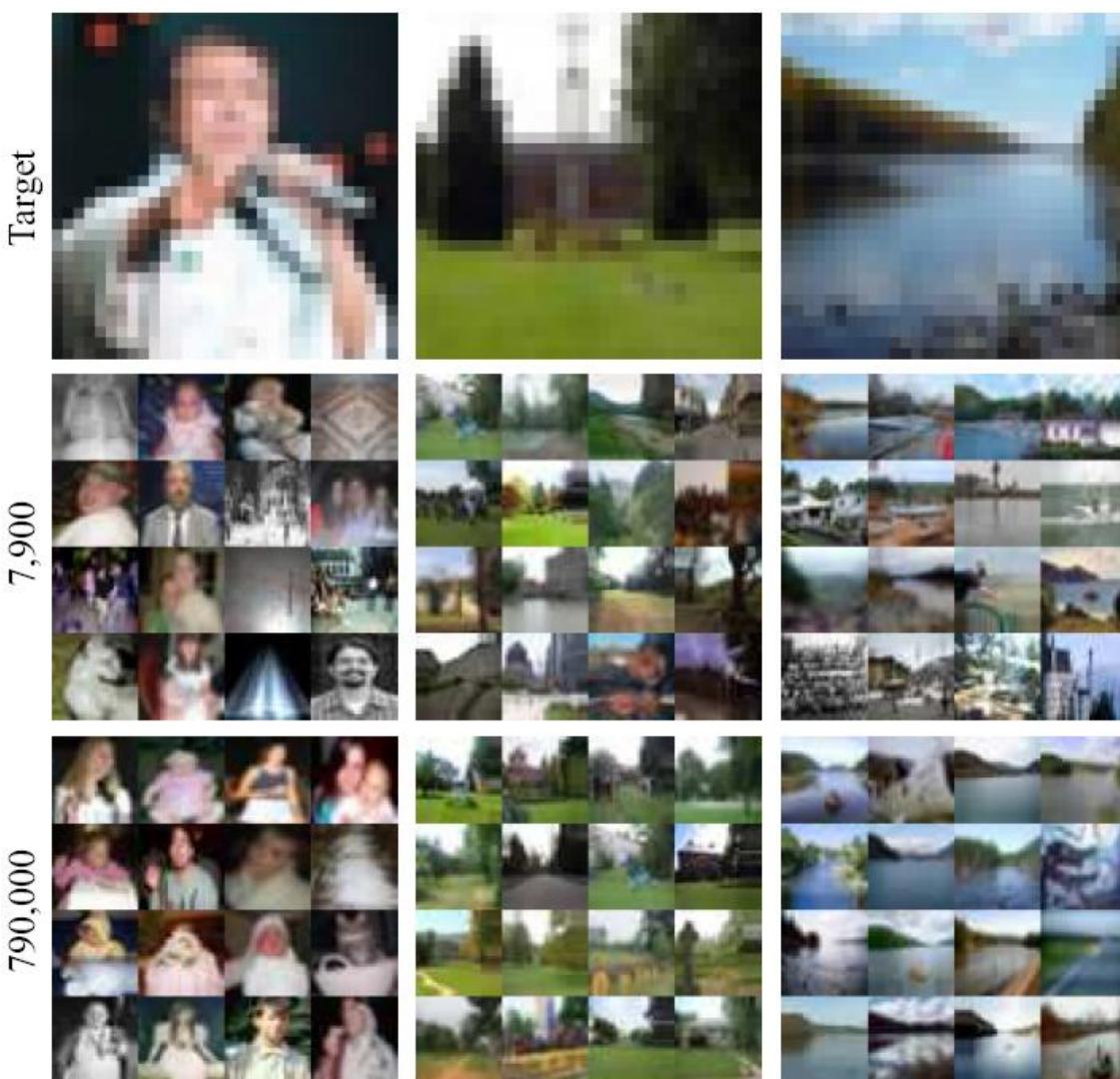
But not all scenes are so original



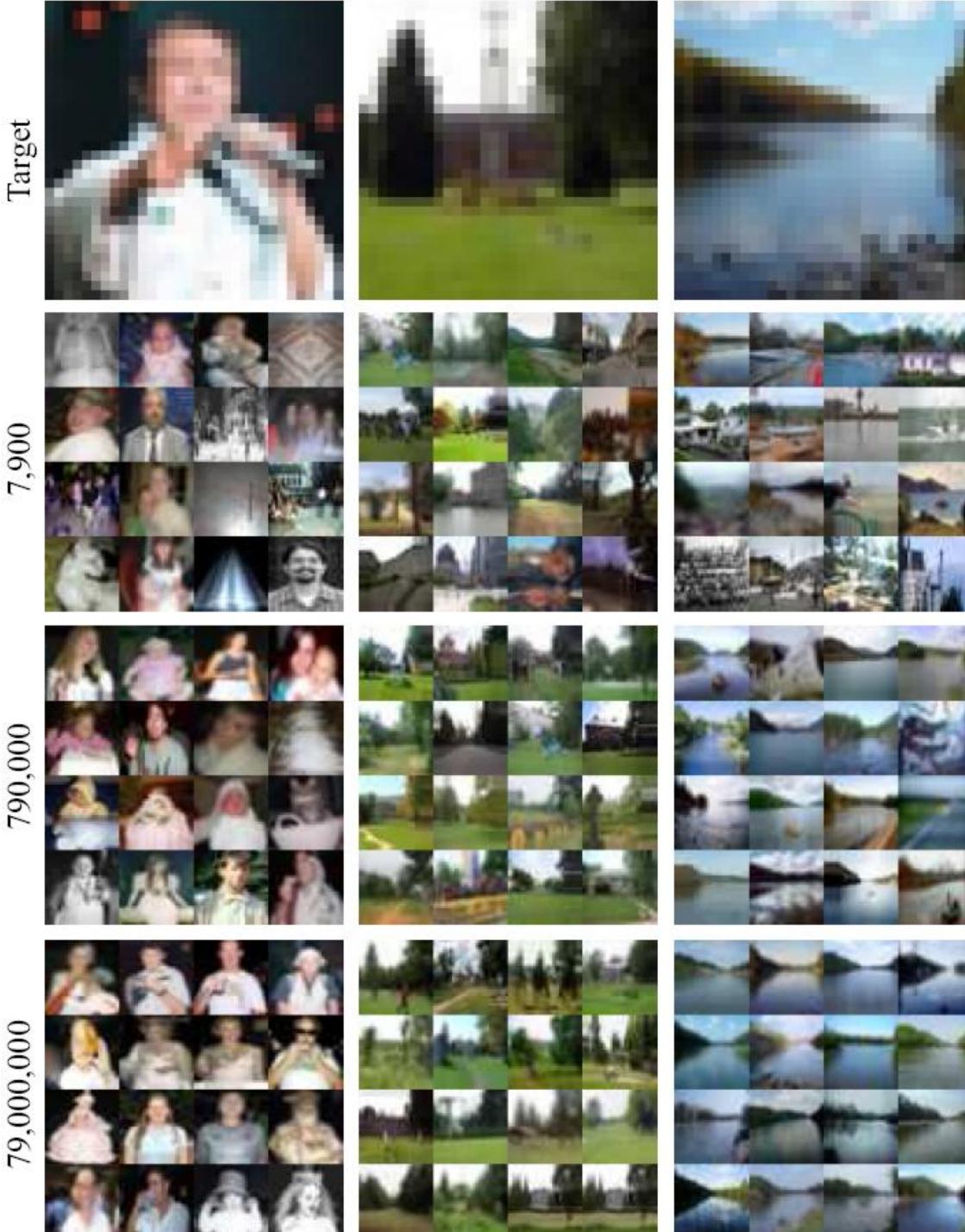
Lots Of Images



Lots Of Images



Lots Of Images



Application: Automatic Colorization



Input



Color Transfer



Color Transfer



Matches (gray)



Matches (w/ color)



Avg Color of Match

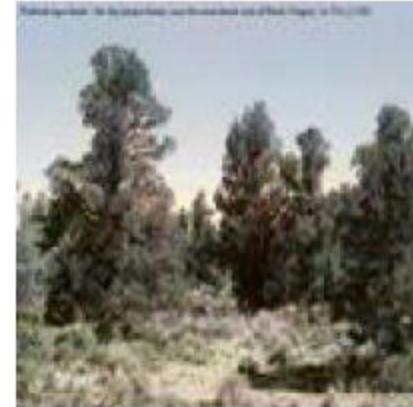
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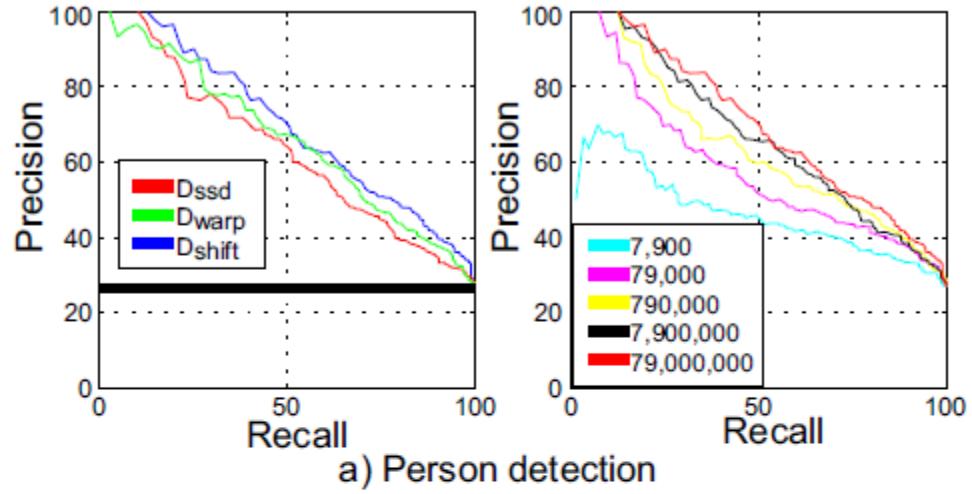


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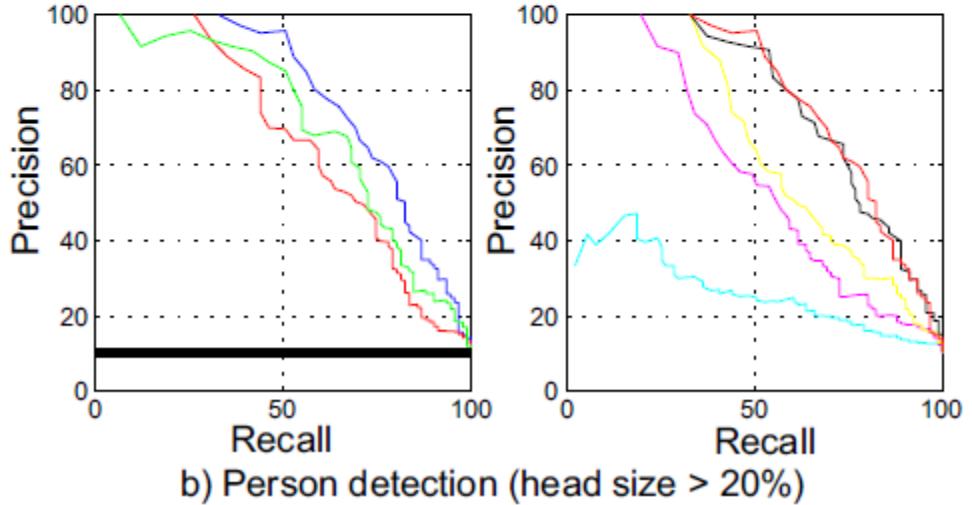
Application: Person Detection

80 million “tiny images” downloaded by keyword search.

80 nearest neighbors vote for image category.



a) Person detection



b) Person detection ($\text{head size} > 20\%$)

Re-ranking Altavista search for “person”



a) Altavista ranking



b) Sorted by the tiny images

Recognition by Association

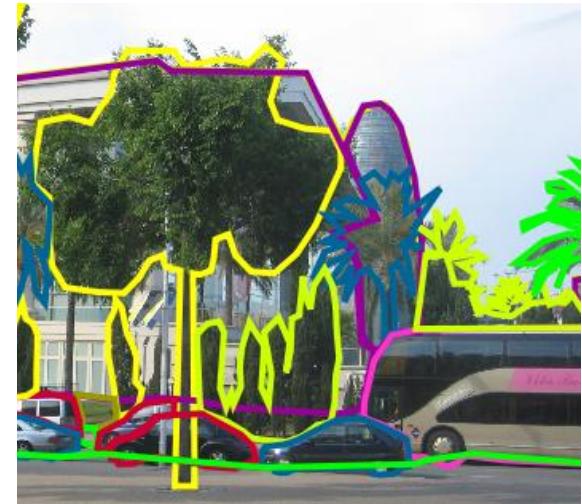


Rather than categorizing objects, associate them with stored examples of objects and transfer the associated labels.

Malisiewicz and Efros (CVPR 2008)

Training procedure

- Learn a region similarity measure from hand-segmented objects in LabelMe
- Similarity features
 - Shape: region mask, pixel area, bounding box size
 - Texture: normalized texton histogram
 - Color: mean RGB, std RGB, color histogram
 - Position: coarse 8x8 image mask, coords of top/bottom pixels



Training procedure

- Learn a distance/similarity measure *for each region*
 - Minimize distance to K most similar examples from same category
 - Maximize distance to examples from other categories

$$\begin{aligned}\{\mathbf{w}^*, \boldsymbol{\alpha}^*\} &= \underset{\mathbf{w}, \boldsymbol{\alpha}}{\operatorname{argmin}} f(\mathbf{w}, \boldsymbol{\alpha}) \\ f(\mathbf{w}, \boldsymbol{\alpha}) &= \sum_{i \in C} \alpha_i L(-\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{d}_i) + \sum_{i \notin C} L(\mathbf{w} \cdot \mathbf{d}_i)\end{aligned}$$

distance weights

distance measures

\uparrow Set to 1 for K nearest examples

\uparrow Hinge Loss

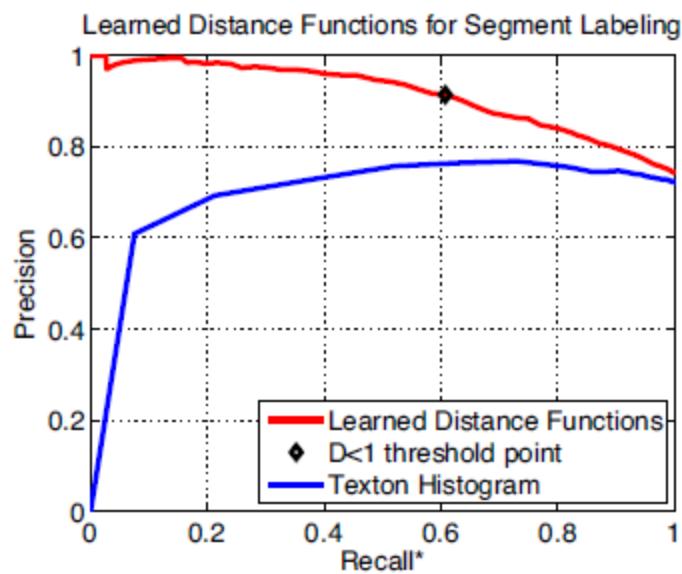
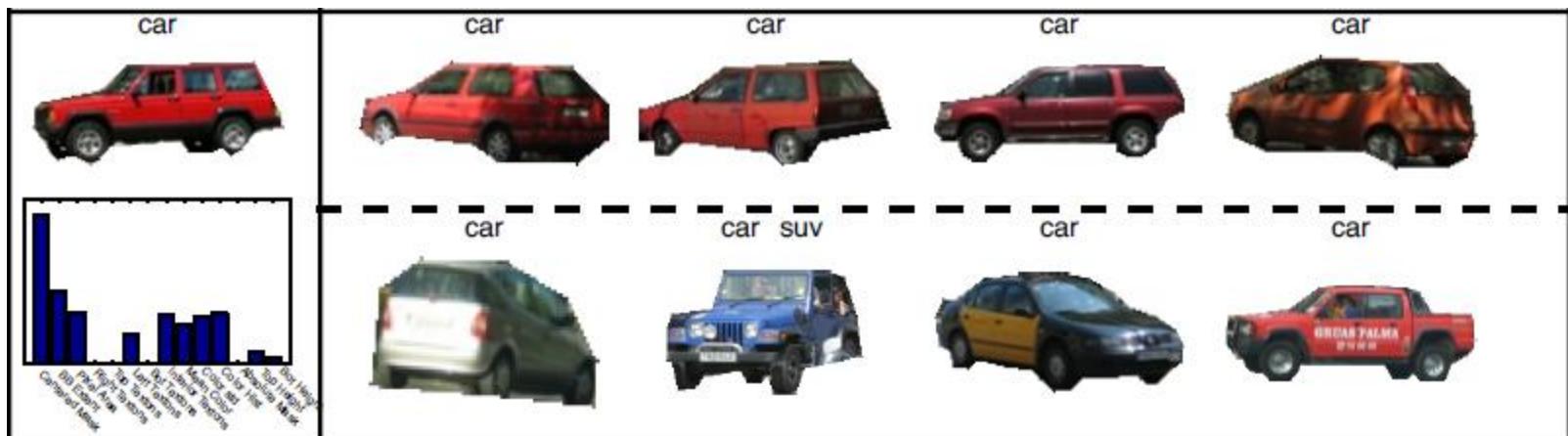
$\mathbf{w} \geq 0, \alpha_j \in \{0, 1\}$

$\sum_j \alpha_j = K$

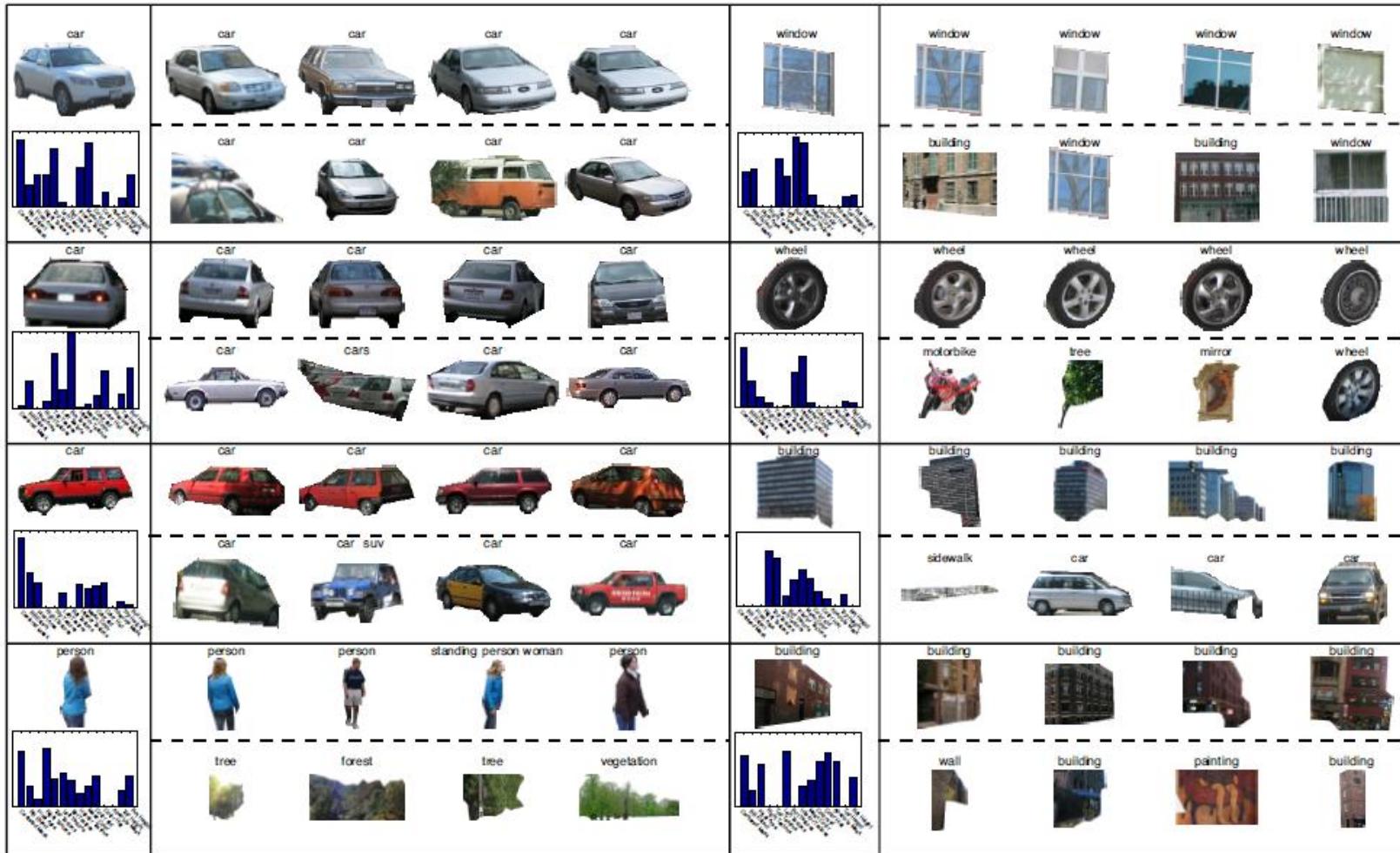
Learned Similarity Measure

Learned Distance

Texton Distance



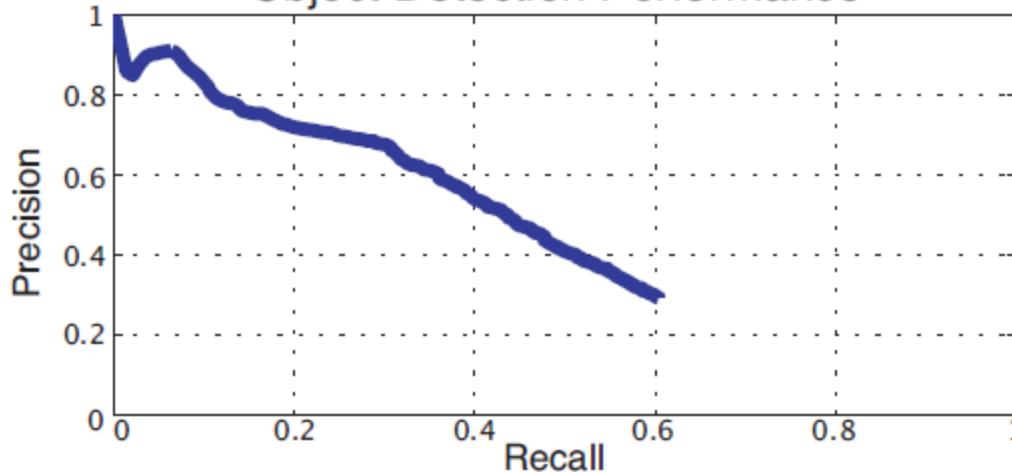
Learned Similarity Measure



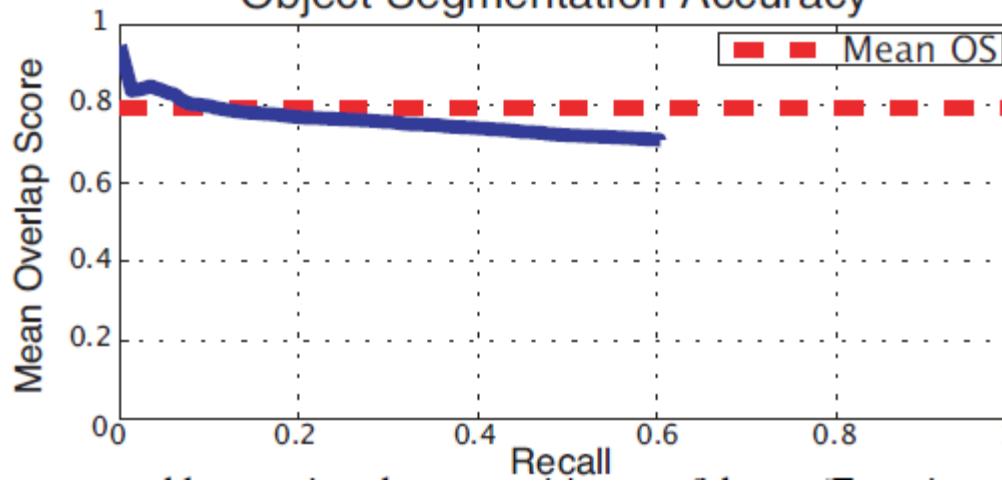
Testing procedure

- Create multiple segmentations (MeanShift + Ncuts)
- Find similar object regions in training set; each votes for the object label
- What about bad segments?
 - Most of the time, they don't match any objects in the training set
 - Consider only associations with distance < 1

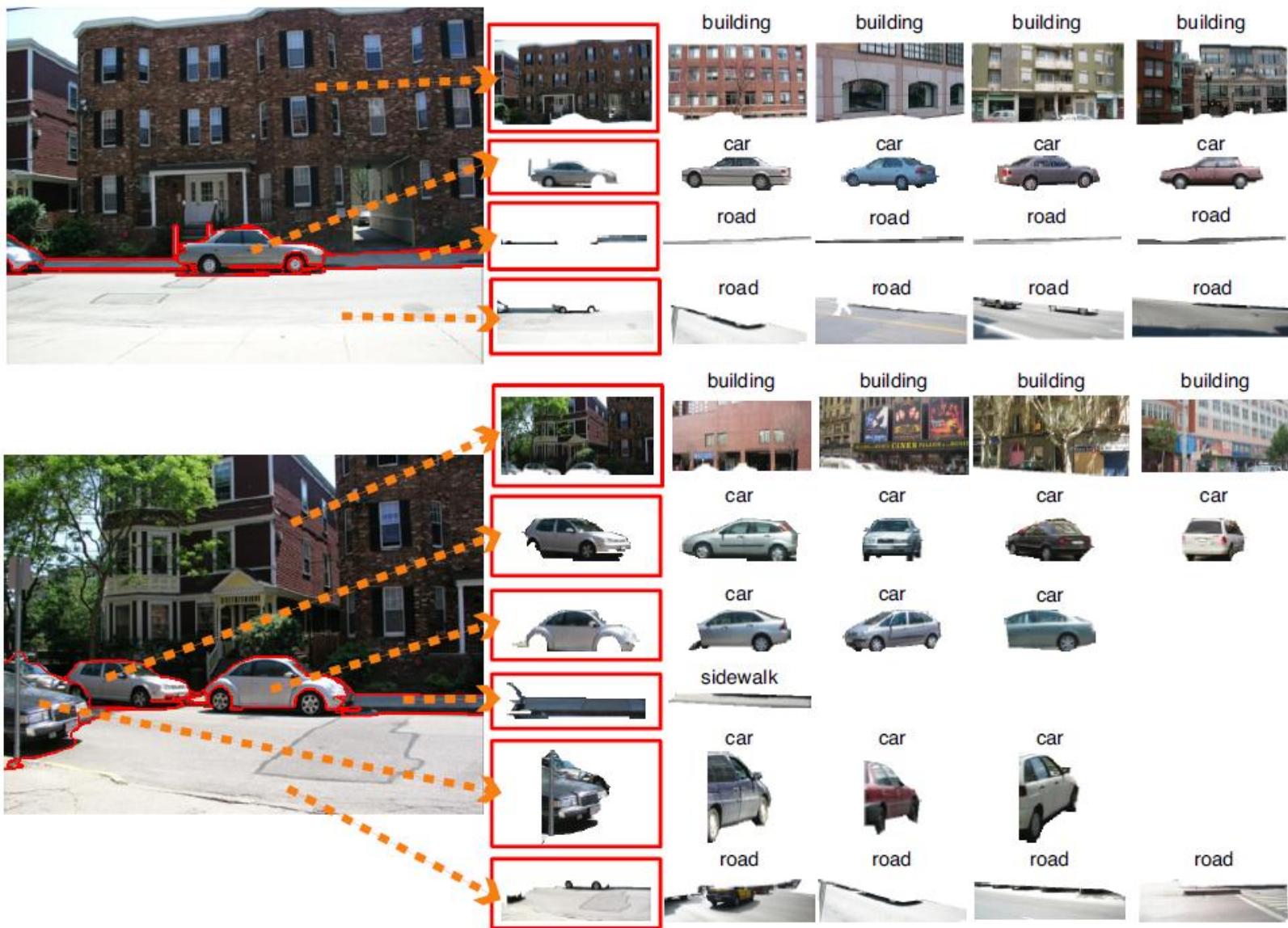
Object Detection Performance



Object Segmentation Accuracy



Automatic Parses



Summary

- With billions of images on the web, it's often possible to find a close nearest neighbor
- In such cases, we can shortcut hard problems by “looking up” the answer, stealing the labels from our nearest neighbor
- For example, simple (or learned) associations can be used to synthesize background regions, colorize, or recognize objects



Next class

- Summary and wrap-up
 - Short summary of computer vision
 - Important open problems
- Feedback (important!)
 - Short custom form that goes directly to me
 - ICES forms that go to department, then to me