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# Image and Video Tagging in the Internet Era

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# About Xian-Sheng Hua

## 2001

- Ph.D. majored in applied mathematics, Peking University, Beijing, China

## 2001-2010

- 9.5 years with Microsoft Research Asia, working on multimedia content analysis, search and other related applications

## 2011-now

- Principal RSDE Lead with Microsoft Bing Multimedia Search
- Working on turning research into reality

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# What's Happening



5+ billion (Sep 2010)

- 160 years to view all of them (1s per image)
- 3000+ uploads/minute
- 2% Internet users visit (2009)
- Daily time on site: 4.7 minutes (2009)



400 million (2010)

- 2,000 years to see all of them
- ~20 hours uploaded/minute (09)
- 20% Internet users visit (2009)
- Daily time on site: 23 minutes (2009)
- 2007 bandwidth = entire Internet in 2000
- 3B+ views per day (2010)



60 billion (Dec 2010)

- 1,920 years to view all of them (1s per image)
- ~138M uploads/minute
- 24% Internet users visit (2009)
- Daily time on site: 30 minutes (2009)

# Top Five Sites – Alexa Traffic Rank



Google™

facebook

You Tube

YAHOO!

e Blogger™

# Characteristics of Internet Multimedia



Huge Amount  
of Data



Increasing Very  
Rapidly



Variances Are  
Very Large



Be consumed  
Frequently



Affection  
Highly Involved

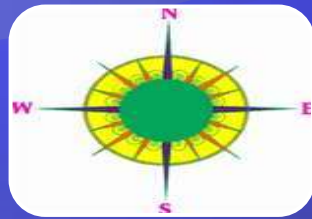


Connected to  
Each Other

# Variety of Internet Multimedia Applications



Search



Browsing



Sharing



Authoring/Editing



Copy Detection



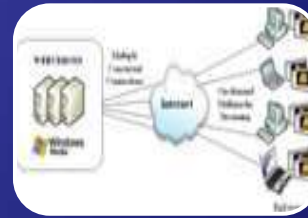
Recommendation



Tagging



Mining



Streaming



Summarization



Visualization



Advertising



Categorization



Forensics



Media on Mobiles



# One of the Key Challenge: Search

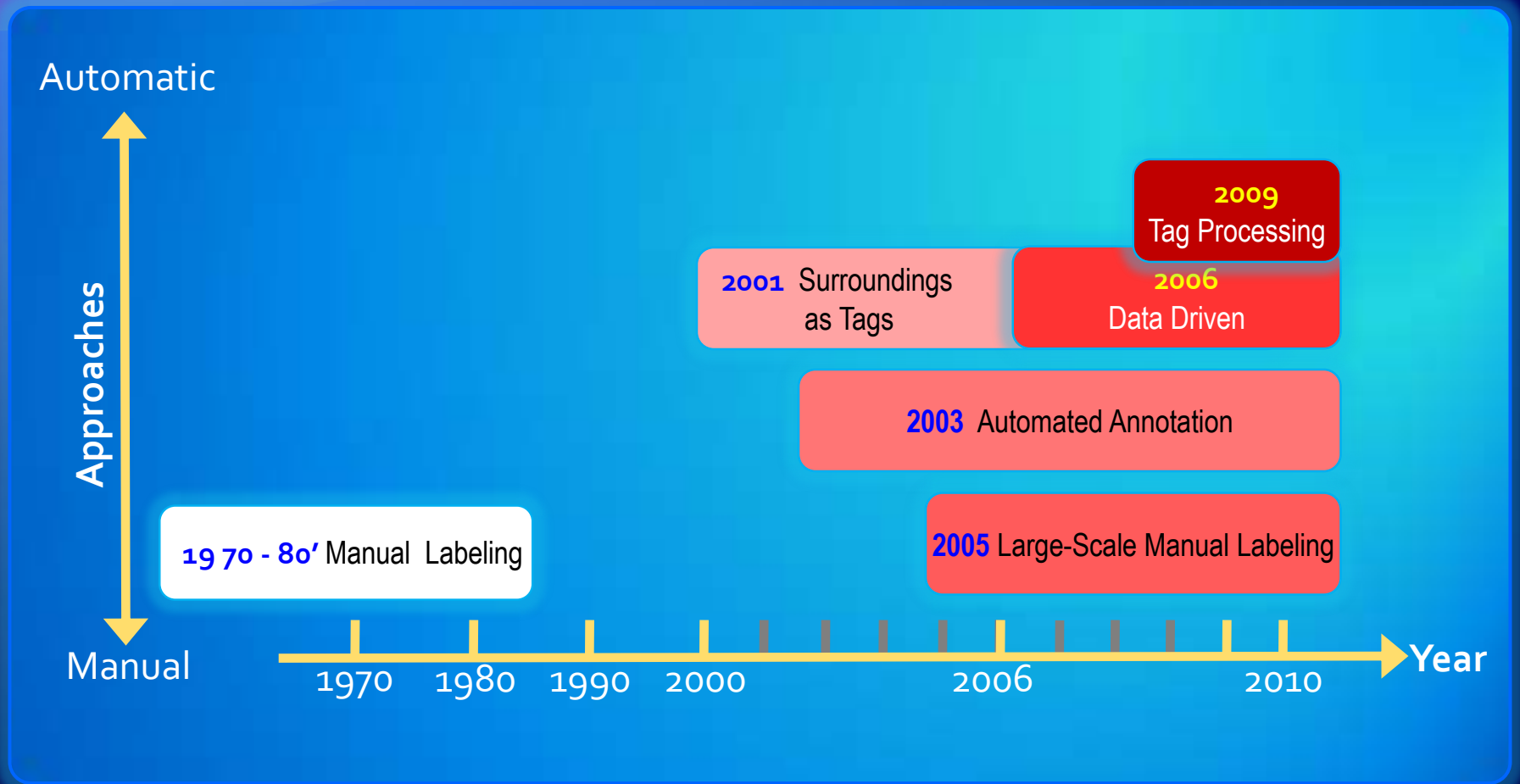
## ● Image/Video Tagging is

- An approach or process of **converting visual content into a set of textual words** to describe the semantics contained in the image/video to **enable content-aware search**
- It is a simplified target for media understanding
- It is easy to be adopted in a variety of applications



Person, Grass, Tree,  
Building, Road, Face, ...

# Evolution of Media Tagging



# Different Types of Tags

- **Tags learned from examples**
  - Video/Image **annotation** or semantic **concept** detection
- **Owner-input tags**
  - For example, tags for Flickr Images
- **Tags obtained from labeling platforms**
  - ESP game
  - LabelMe
  - reCAPTCHA
  - Amazon Machinery Turk
  - Other labeling/tagging tools
- **Tags obtained through search engines**
  - Query Association (“Implicit” tagging)

# Synonyms

(Automatic) Annotation

≈ Concept Detection

≈ (Automatic) Tagging

≈ (Automatic) Labeling

Tags

≈ Labels

≈ Concepts

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# Learning Based Tagging

- Introduction

- Representative approaches

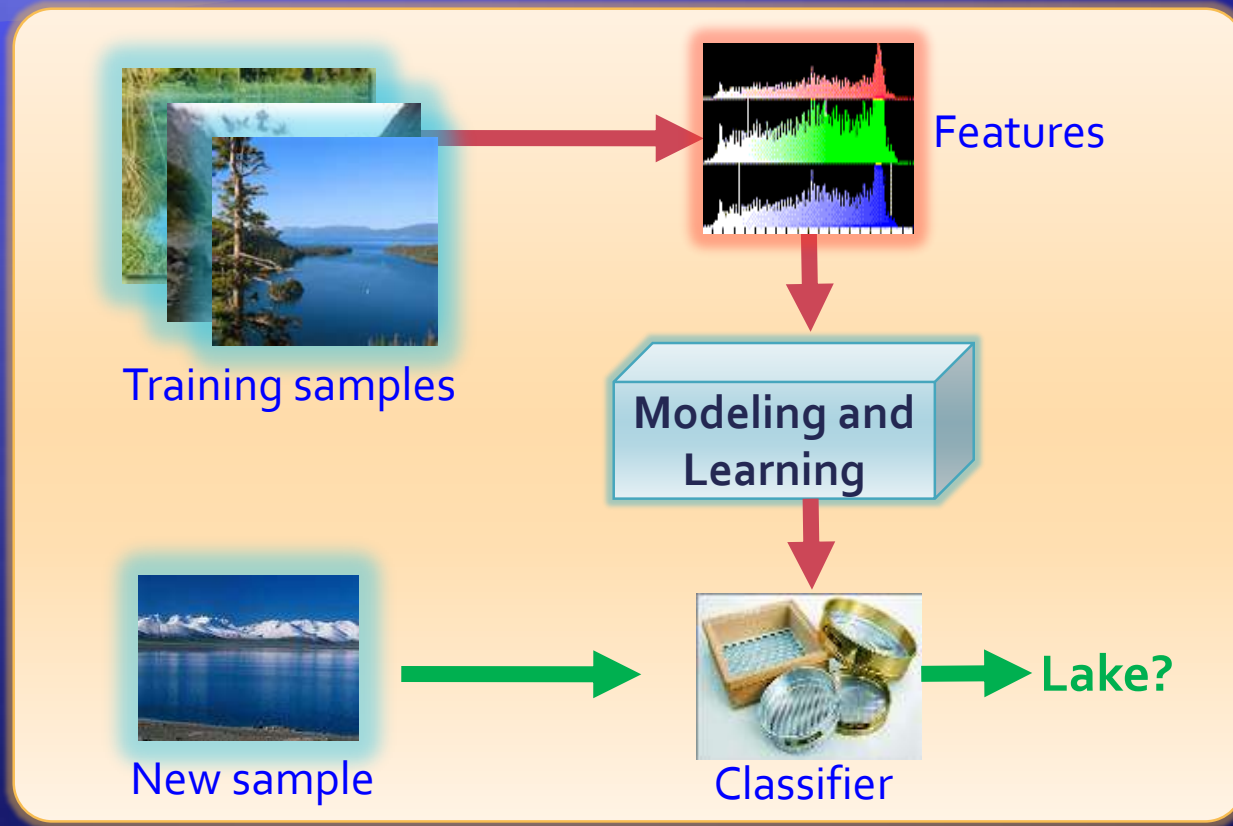
- Correlative Multi-Labeling Learning
- Online Active Multi-Label Annotation

- Discussion

# Learning-Based Tagging/Annotation



- Person
- Grass
- Tree
- Building
- Road
- Face





# Approaches

## ● Different learning approaches

- Supervised/Semi-Supervised Learning
- Active Learning
- Incremental Learning
- Transfer Learning
- Single-Label/Multi-Class/Multi-Label Learning
- Multi-Instance Learning
- ...

## ● We choose two exemplar approaches

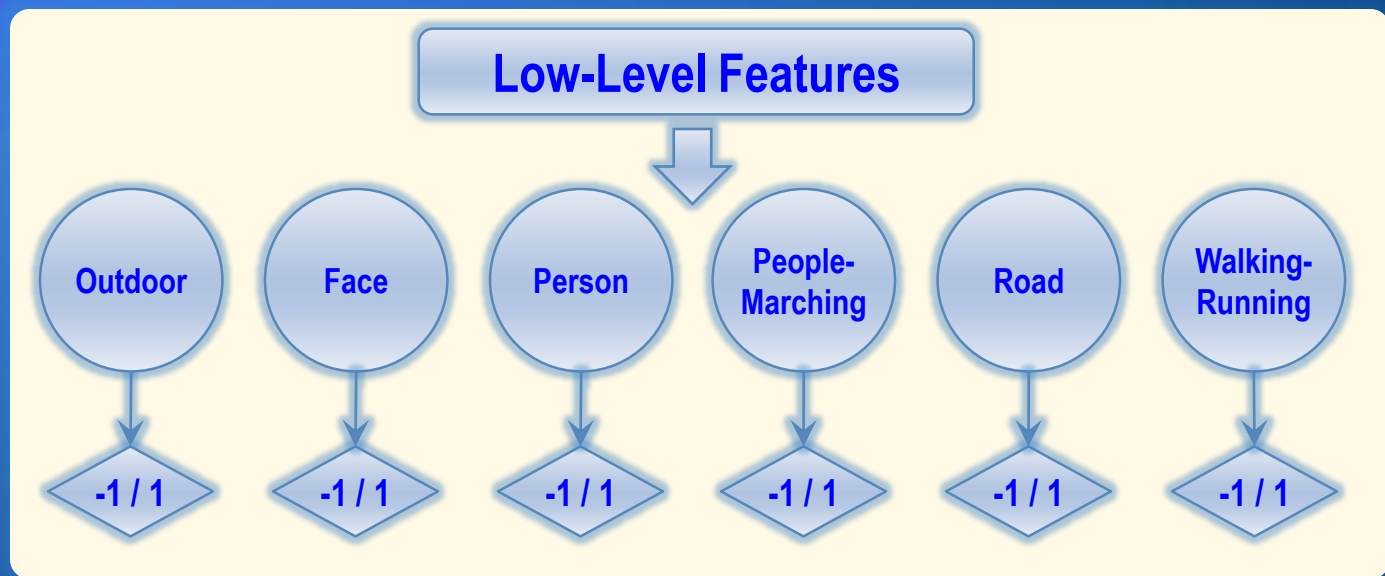
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# Image/Video Annotation by **Correlative Multi-Label Learning**

**Credit:** Guo-Jun Qi, Xian-Sheng Hua, Yong Rui, et al. Correlative Multi-Label Video Annotation. ACM Multimedia 2007. Augsburg, Germany. (Best Paper Award)

# Automated Annotation – 1<sup>st</sup> Paradigm

- ◆ A typical strategy – Individual Concept Detection
  - ◆ Annotate multiple concepts separately



# To Exploit Label Correlations



- ✓ Person
- ✓ Street
- ✓ Building

- × Beach
- × Mountain

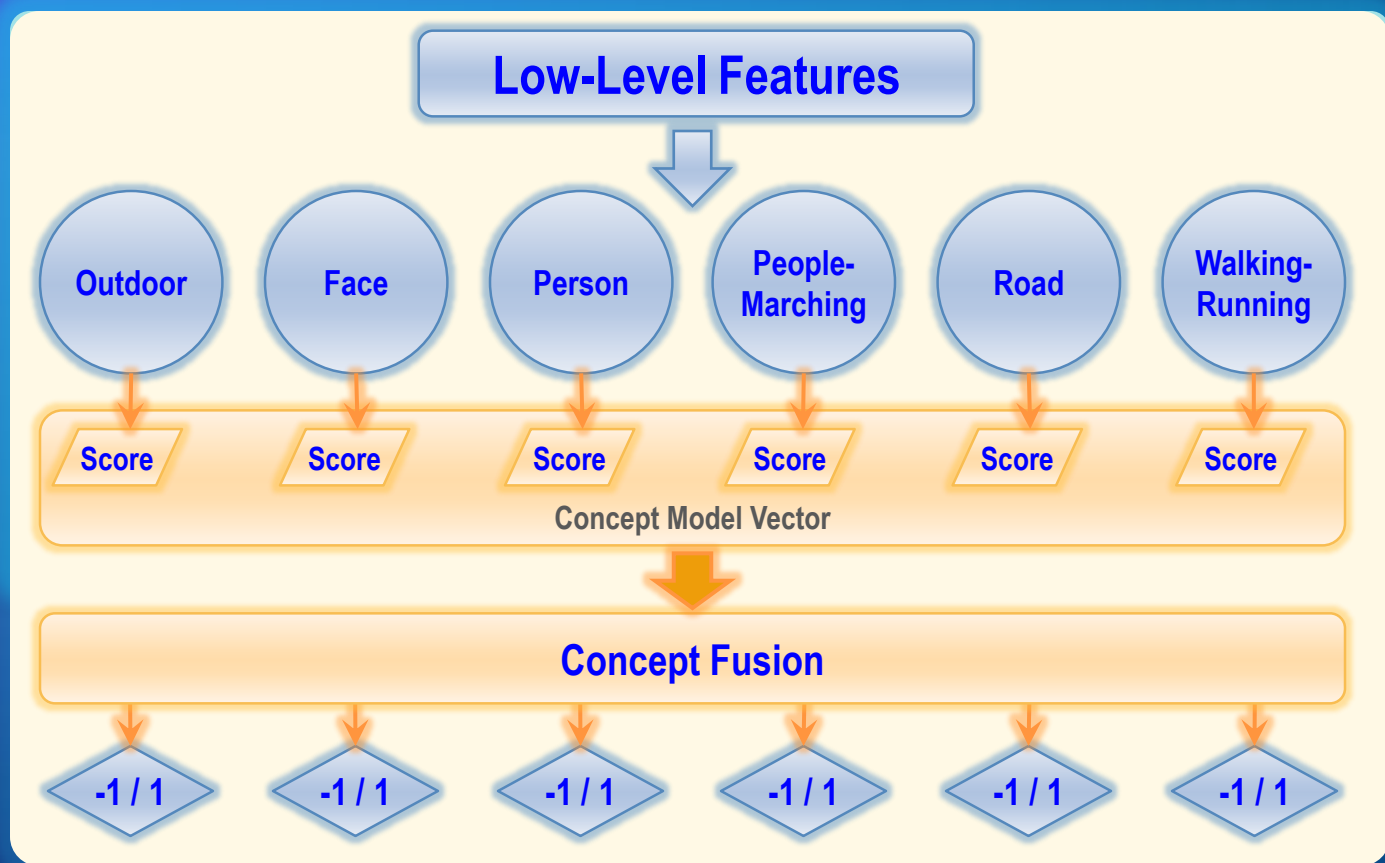


- ✓ Crowd
- ✓ Outdoor
- ✓ Walking/Running

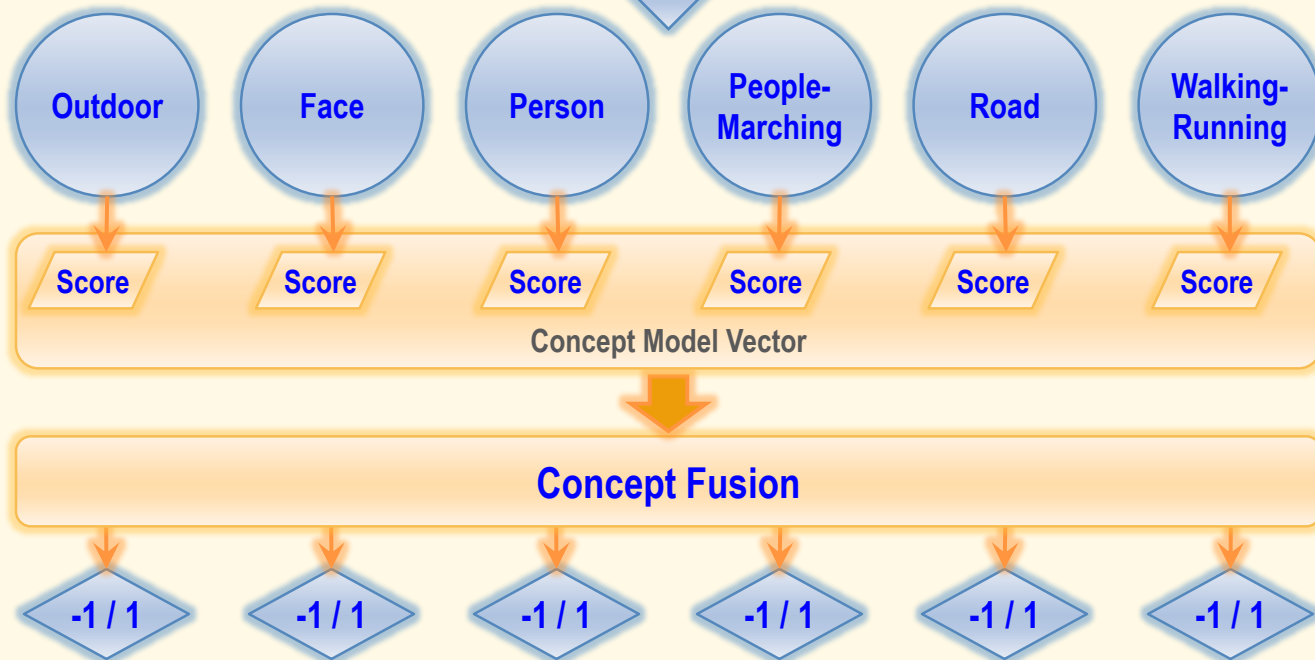
- ✓ Marching

# Automated Annotation – 2<sup>nd</sup> Paradigm

- ◆ Another typical strategy – Fusion-Based
  - ◆ Context Based Concept fusion (CBCF)

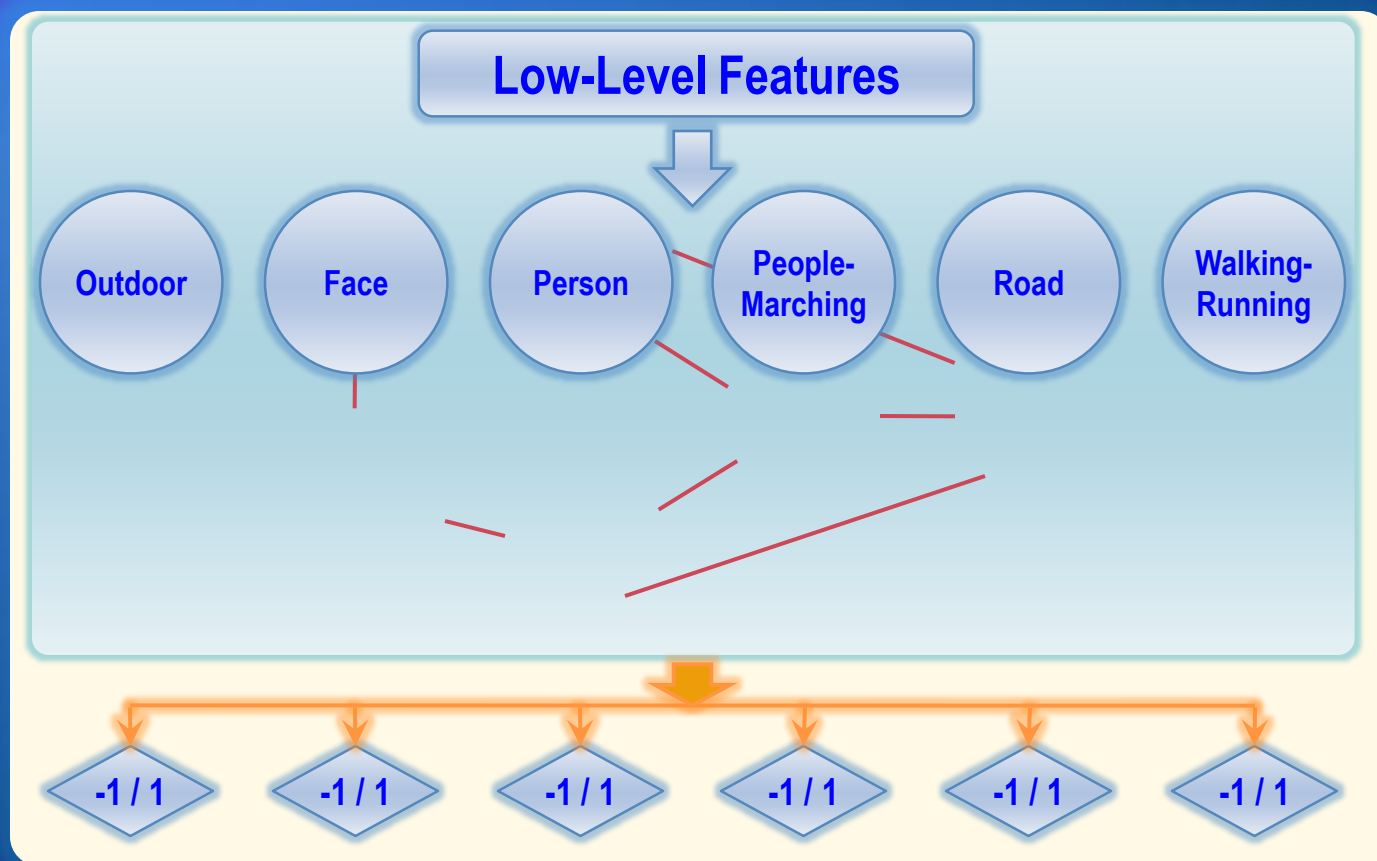


## Low-Level Features

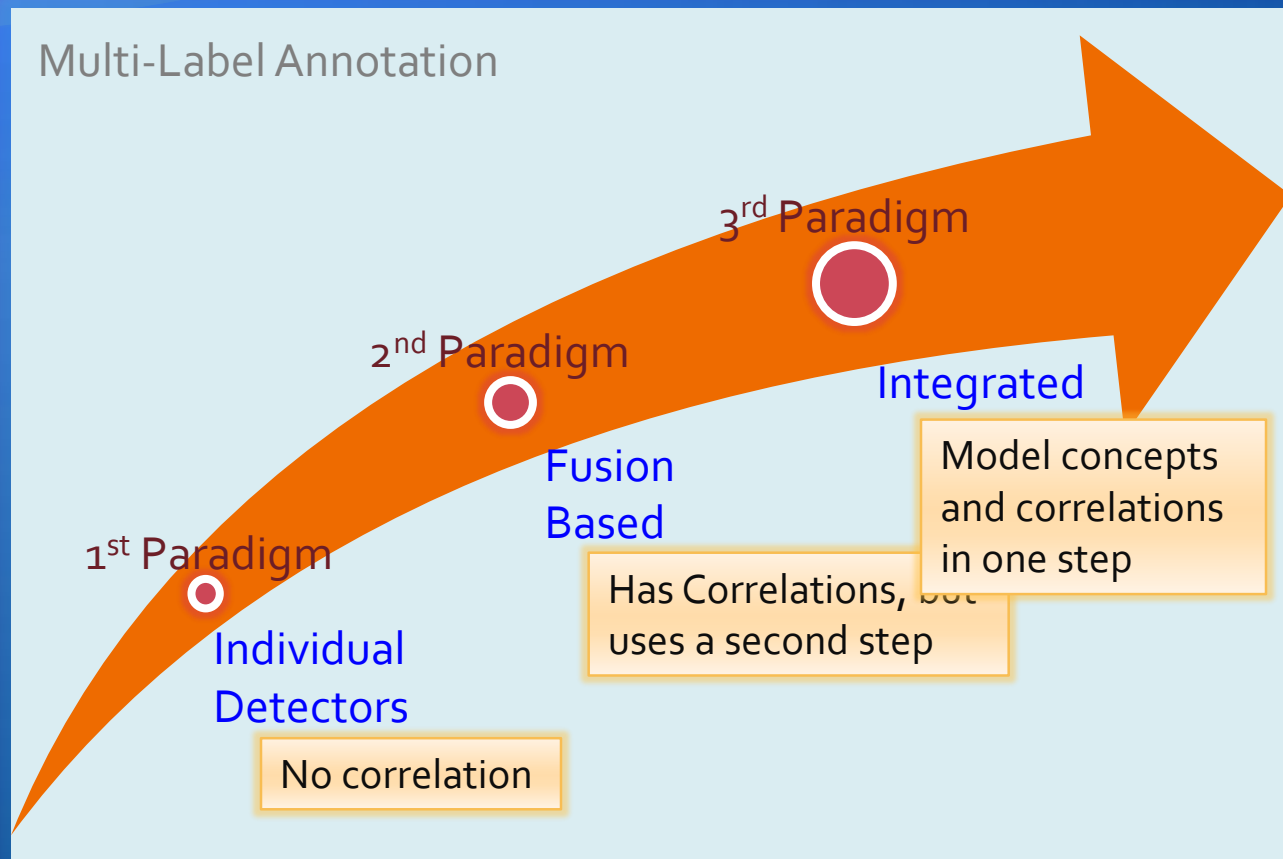


# Automated Annotation – 3<sup>rd</sup> Paradigm

- ◆ Our strategy – **Integrated Concept Detection**
  - ◆ Correlative Multi-Label Learning (CML)



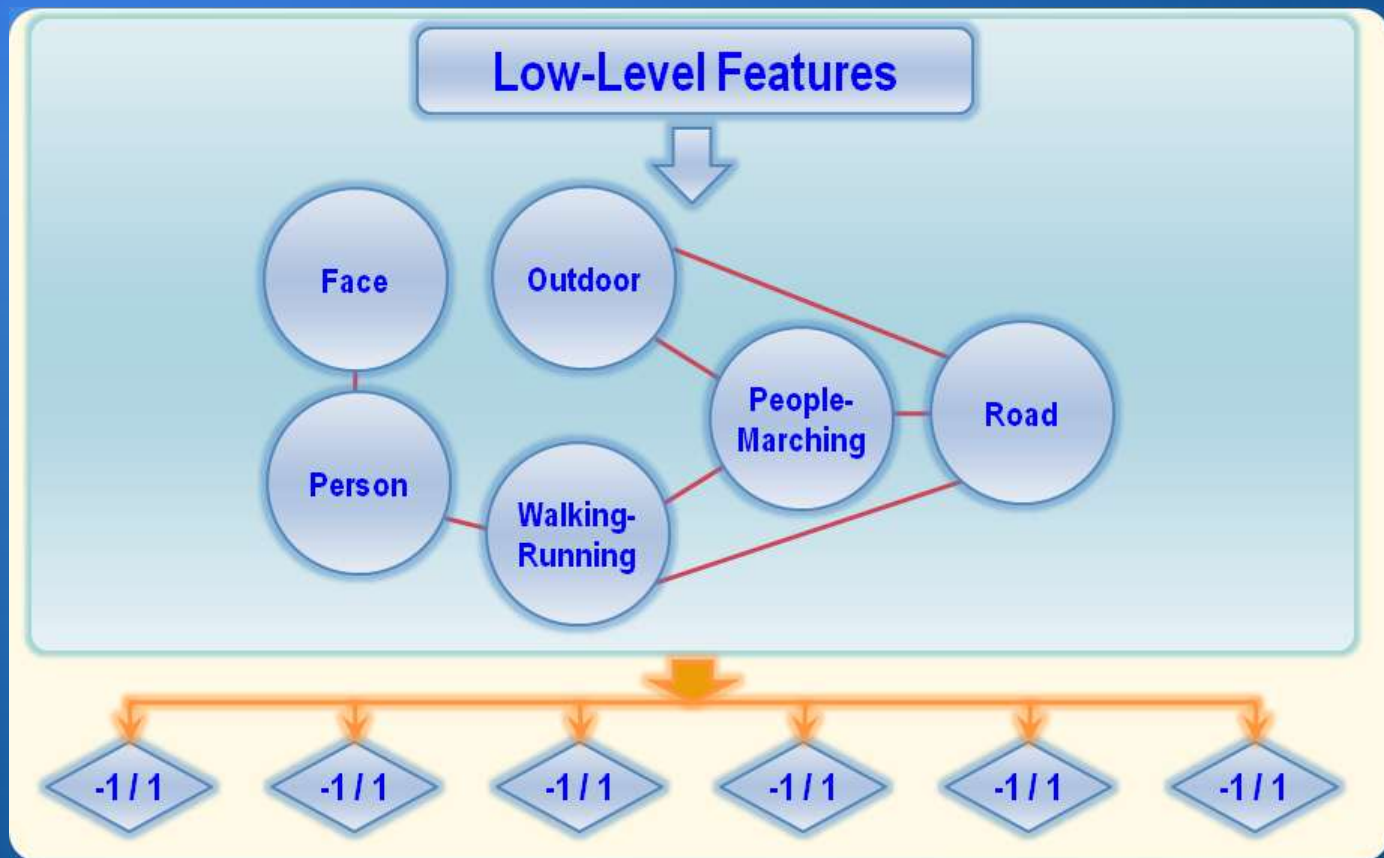
# CML Roadmap





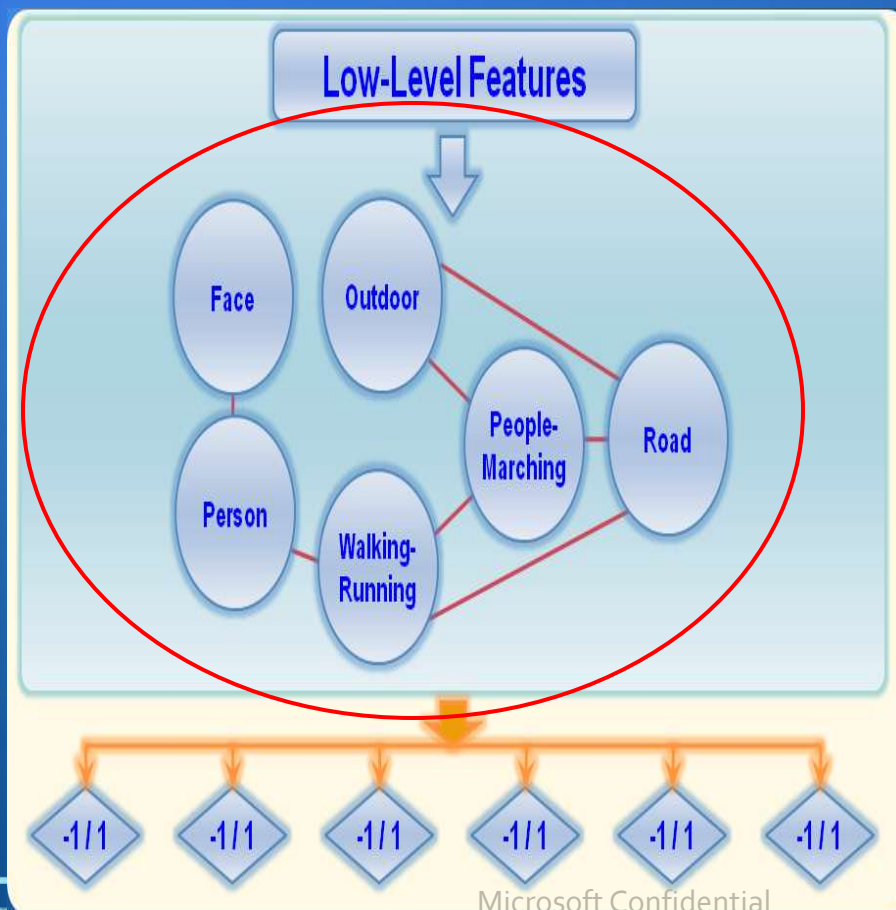
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# How To Model Concept Correlations

- ◆ How to model concepts and the correlations among concept in a single step



## Our Strategy

Converting correlations into features.

Constructing a new feature vector that captures both

- The characteristics of concepts, and
- The correlations among concepts

# Correlative Multi-Label Video Annotation

## ◆ Notations

◆ input pattern

$$\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_D)^T \in \mathcal{X}$$

◆  $K$  dimensional concept label

$$\mathbf{y} \in \mathcal{Y} = \{+1, -1\}^K$$

◆ aims at learning

$$F(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}; \mathbf{w}) = \langle \mathbf{w}, \theta(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \rangle$$

◆ new feature vector

$$\theta(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$$

◆ vector  $\mathbf{y}^*$  can be predicted by

$$\mathbf{y}^* = \max_{\mathbf{y} \in \mathcal{Y}} F(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}; \mathbf{w})$$

# Correlative Multi-Label Video Annotation

- ◆ Modeling concept and correlations simultaneously

- ◆ construct  $\theta(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$

**Type I** The elements for *individual* concept modeling:

$$\theta_{d,p}^l(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = x_d \cdot \delta \llbracket y_p = l \rrbracket,$$

$$l \in \{+1, -1\}, 1 \leq d \leq D, 1 \leq p \leq K$$

$-1$   $1$

$(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_D)$

$(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_K)$



$\mathbf{x} = (0.1, 0.2, 0.3, 0.4, 0.5, 0.6)$

Five Semantic Concepts: person, road, beach, car, tree

$\mathbf{y} = (1, 1, -1, -1, 1)$

$\theta_{1,1}^1 = 0.1$   $\theta_{1,1}^{-1} = 0$

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$\theta_{2,1}^1 = 0.2$   $\theta_{2,1}^{-1} = 0$   $\theta_{2,2}^1 = 0.2$   $\theta_{2,2}^{-1} = 0$

$\theta_{\text{feature, concept}}^{\text{Yes/No}}$

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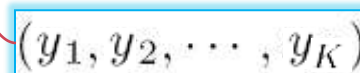
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$\theta_{Concept1, Concept2}^{Y/N, Y/N}$

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- ◆  $\theta(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$  is a high-dimensional feature vector ( $2K(D+K-1)$ )
  - ◆  $\theta(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$  has very compact kernel representation

$$\langle \theta(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}), \theta(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}, \tilde{\mathbf{y}}) \rangle = \langle \mathbf{x}, \tilde{\mathbf{x}} \rangle \sum_{1 \leq k \leq K} \delta \llbracket y_k = \tilde{y}_k \rrbracket \\ + \sum_{1 \leq p < q \leq K} \delta \llbracket y_p = \tilde{y}_p \rrbracket \delta \llbracket y_q = \tilde{y}_q \rrbracket$$

# Correlative Multi-Label Video Annotation

## ◆ Learning the classifier

Misclassification Error  $\Delta F_i(\mathbf{y}) \triangleq F(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{y}_i) - F(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{y})$   
 $= \langle \mathbf{w}, \Delta\theta_i(\mathbf{y}) \rangle \leq 0, \forall \mathbf{y} \neq \mathbf{y}_i, \mathbf{y} \in \mathcal{Y}$

Loss function  $\ell_h(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{y}; \mathbf{w}) = (1 - \langle \mathbf{w}, \Delta\theta_i(\mathbf{y}) \rangle)_+$

Empirical risk  $\hat{R}_h(\{\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{y}_i\}_{i=1}^n; \mathbf{w}) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{\mathbf{y} \neq \mathbf{y}_i, \mathbf{y} \in \mathcal{Y}} \ell_h(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{y}; \mathbf{w})$

Regularization  $\min_{\mathbf{w}} \left\{ \hat{R}_h(\{\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{y}_i\}_{i=1}^n; \mathbf{w}) + \lambda \cdot \Omega \|\mathbf{w}\|^2 \right\}$

Introduce slack variables  $\min_{\mathbf{w}} \frac{1}{2} \|\mathbf{w}\|^2 + \frac{\lambda}{n} \cdot \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{\mathbf{y} \neq \mathbf{y}_i, \mathbf{y} \in \mathcal{Y}} \xi_i(\mathbf{y})$   
 $s.t. \langle \mathbf{w}, \Delta\theta_i(\mathbf{y}) \rangle \geq 1 - \xi_i(\mathbf{y}), \xi_i(\mathbf{y}) \geq 0, \mathbf{y} \neq \mathbf{y}_i, \mathbf{y} \in \mathcal{Y}$

Lagrange dual  $\max_{\alpha} \sum_{i, \mathbf{y} \neq \mathbf{y}_i} \alpha_i(\mathbf{y}) - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i, \mathbf{y} \neq \mathbf{y}_i} \sum_{j, \tilde{\mathbf{y}} \neq \mathbf{y}_j} \langle \Delta\theta_i(\mathbf{y}), \Delta\theta_j(\tilde{\mathbf{y}}) \rangle$   
 $s.t. 0 \leq \sum_{\mathbf{y} \neq \mathbf{y}_i, \mathbf{y} \in \mathcal{Y}} \alpha_i(\mathbf{y}) \leq \frac{\lambda}{n}, \mathbf{y} \neq \mathbf{y}_i, \mathbf{y} \in \mathcal{Y}, 1 \leq i \leq n$

Find solution by SMO  $\mathbf{w} = \sum_{1 \leq i \leq n, \mathbf{y} \in \mathcal{Y}} \alpha_i(\mathbf{y}) \Delta\theta_i(\mathbf{y})$

# Correlative Multi-Label Video Annotation

## ◆ Connection to Gibbs Random Field

Define a random field

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Define energy function

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Define GRF

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Rewrite the classifier

$$F(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{w}) = \langle \mathbf{w}, \theta(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \rangle - H(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{w}) \\ = \sum_{p \in \wp} D_p(y_p; \mathbf{x}) + \sum_{(p, q) \in \mathcal{N}} V_{p, q}(y_p, y_q; \mathbf{x})$$

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Intuitive explanation of CML

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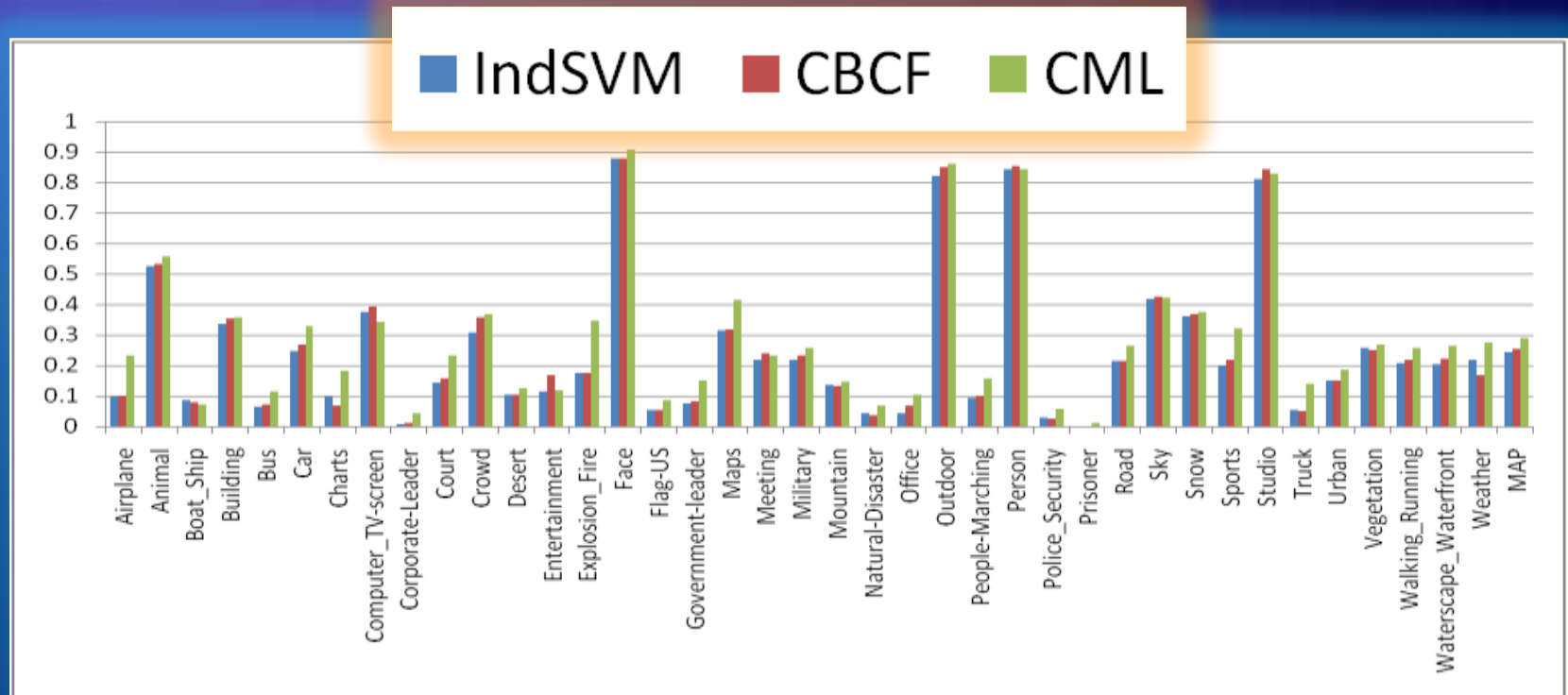
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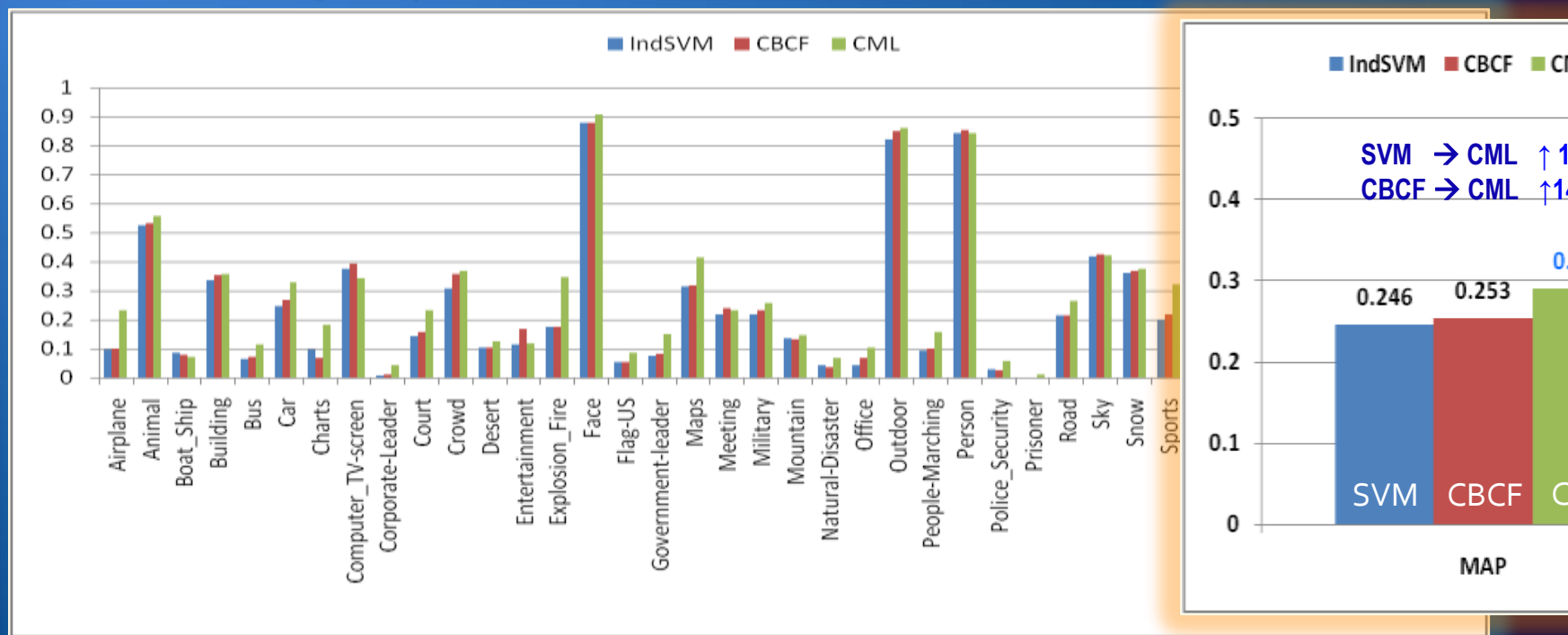
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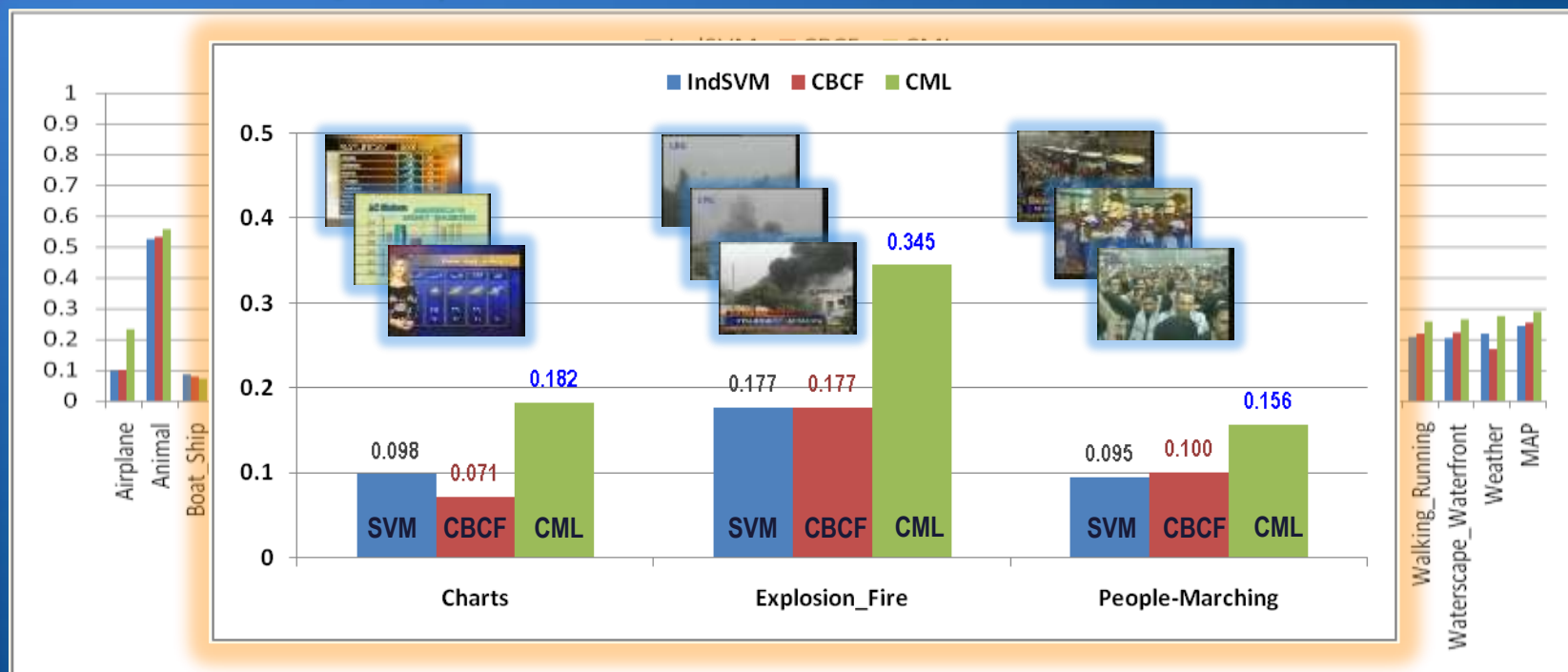
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# Image/Video Annotation by Online Active Multi-Label Learning

Credit: Xian-Sheng Hua, Guo-Jun Qi. Online Multi-Label Active Annotation:  
Towards Large-Scale Content-Based Video Search. ACM Multimedia 2008.  
Vancouver, Canada, October 27 - November 1, 2008

# Learning Based Tagging

- Challenge - Cannot handle large-scale data/labels
  - Semantic gaps
  - Data/Semantic complexity
  - Computation cost
  - **Difficult to scale-up**



Are you kidding?  
They are all  
chairs???



## Where Is the Way Out?

- More training data / More informative training data

**Internet Users**

**Active Learning**



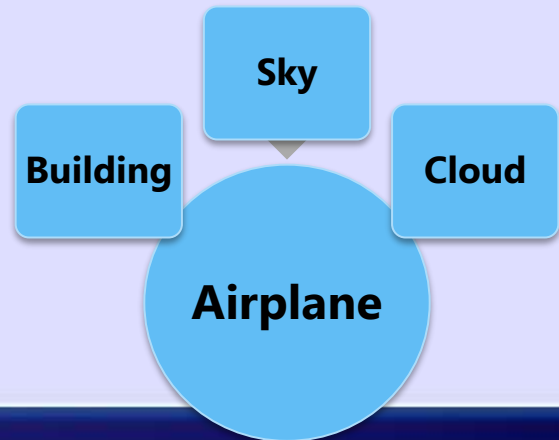
- More efficient training algorithm

**Online Learning**



- Better statistical model

**Correlation Modeling**



## A Promising Direction – Active Annotation

### ● Basic Idea

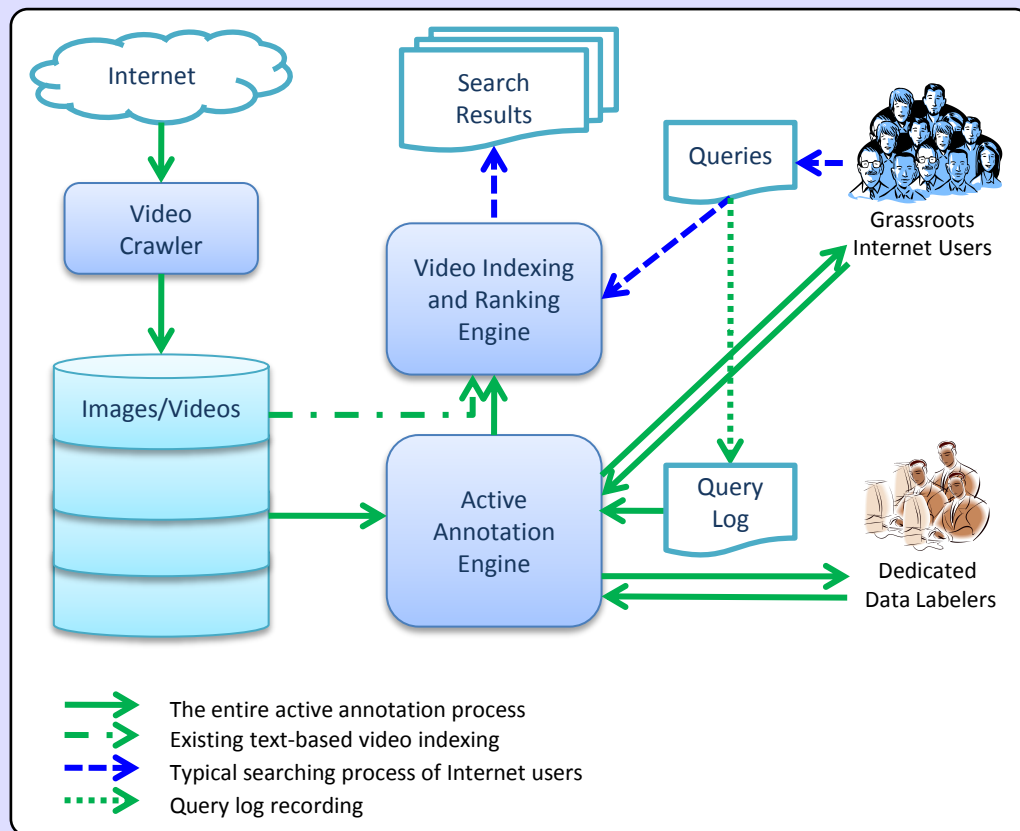
- To bridge the semantic gap by leveraging human factors
- To model complex semantics by mining correlations

### ● Basic methods

- Using backend editors
  - Video indexing refinement by active learning
- Leveraging grassroots
  - Actively present search results
  - Actively collect grassroots' contribution ([Game](#) / [Pay](#) / [reCAPTCHA](#) / ...)
- Modeling correlations
  - Label-Label
  - Label-Instance
  - Instance-Instance (spatial relation)
  - Multi-modality, multi-distance, ...

# An Attempt

## Online Active Annotation Framework



- Pay for labeling
- Online game
- reCAPTCHA
- Implicit approaches

## Online Multi-Label Active Learning

Multi-Label Learning



Multi-Label Active Learning



Online Multi-Label Active Learning



Multi-Label Learning



Active Learning



Online Learning

## Online Multi-Label Active Learning

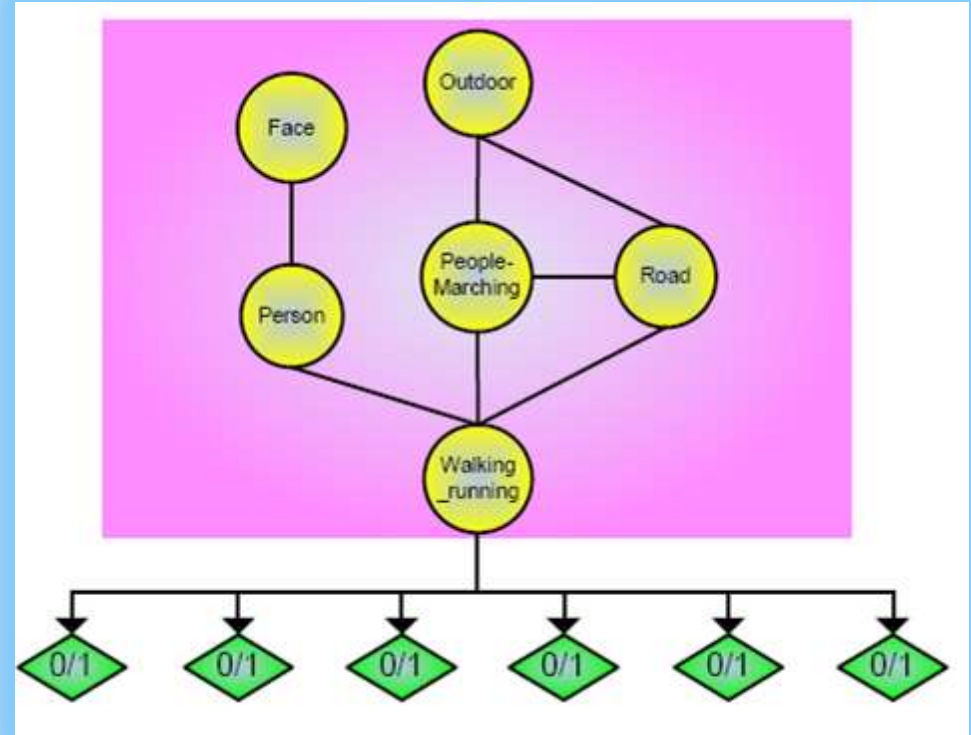
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Online Multi-Label Active Learning



(ACM MM 07 – Best Paper Award)

## Online Multi-Label Active Learning

Multi-Label Learning



Multi-Label Active Learning



Online Multi-Label Active Learning

Sky

Water

Mountain

Sands

Scenery



(Multi-Label Multi-Instance Learning - CVPR 08)

## Online Multi-Label Active Learning

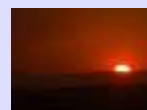
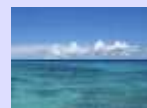
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Multi-Label Active Learning



Online Multi-Label Active Learning



	Outdoor	Water	Sea	People	Crowd	Sky	Cloud
	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y
	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	N
	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	N
	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N

(Single-Label Active Learning for Multi-Label Problems)

## Online Multi-Label Active Learning

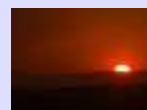
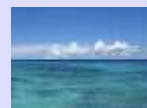
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		Y		N	Y	
	N		N		Y	N
Y	N			Y	N	
N	N		Y	N		

(Multi-Label Active Learning - CVPR 08)



## Online Multi-Label Active Learning

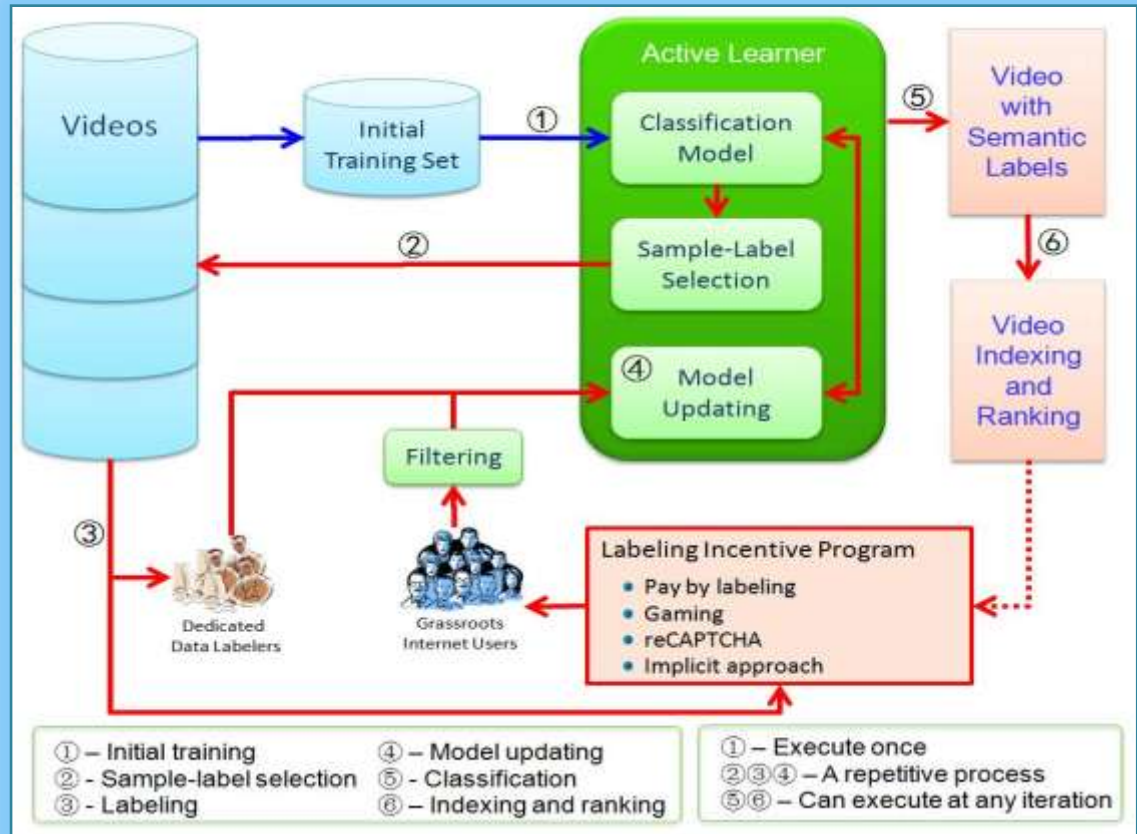
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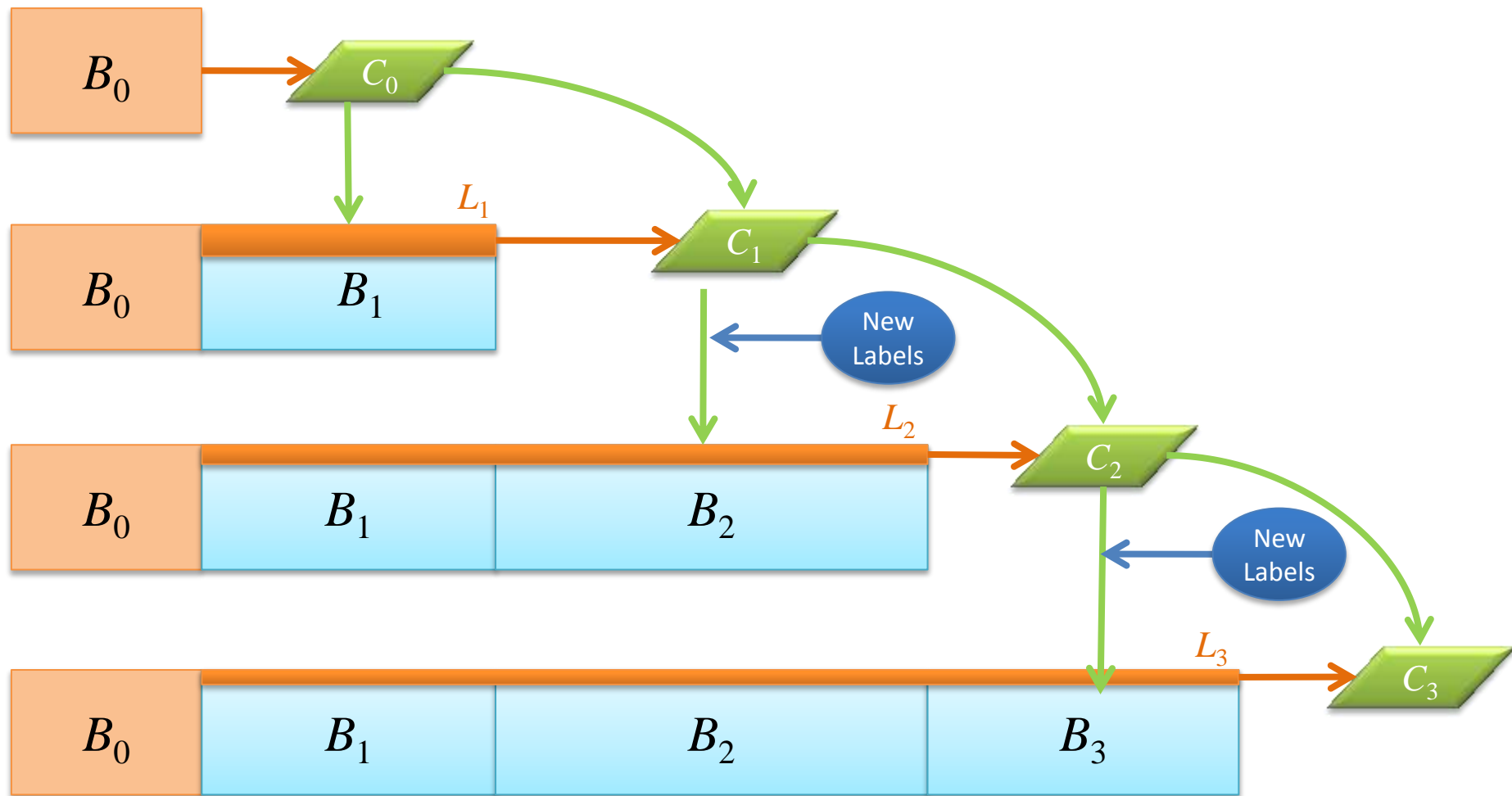
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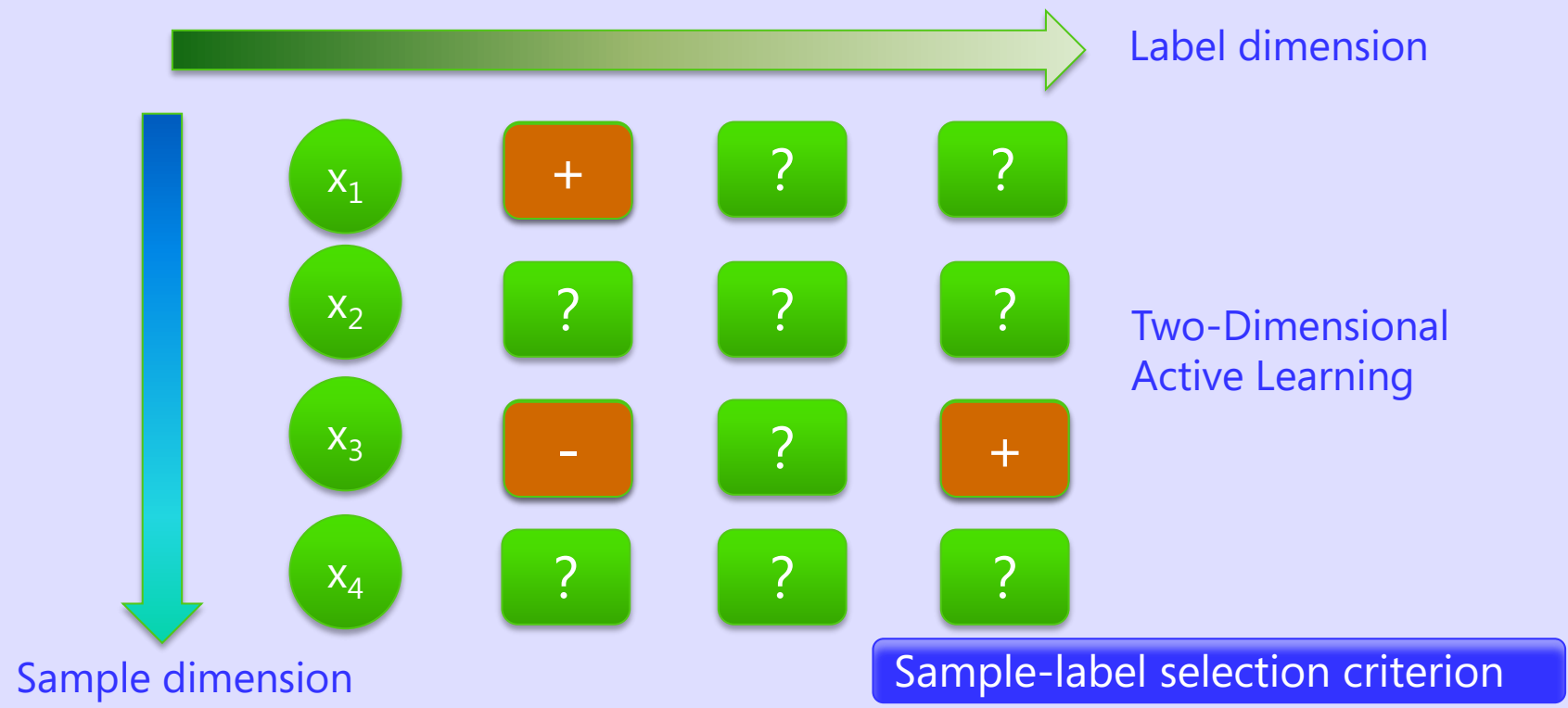


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-  Pre-Labeled Training Data
-  Unlabeled Data Batch
-  Actively Labeled Data During Active Learning
-  Classifier
-  New Labels

## Multi-Label (Two-Dimensional) Active Learning

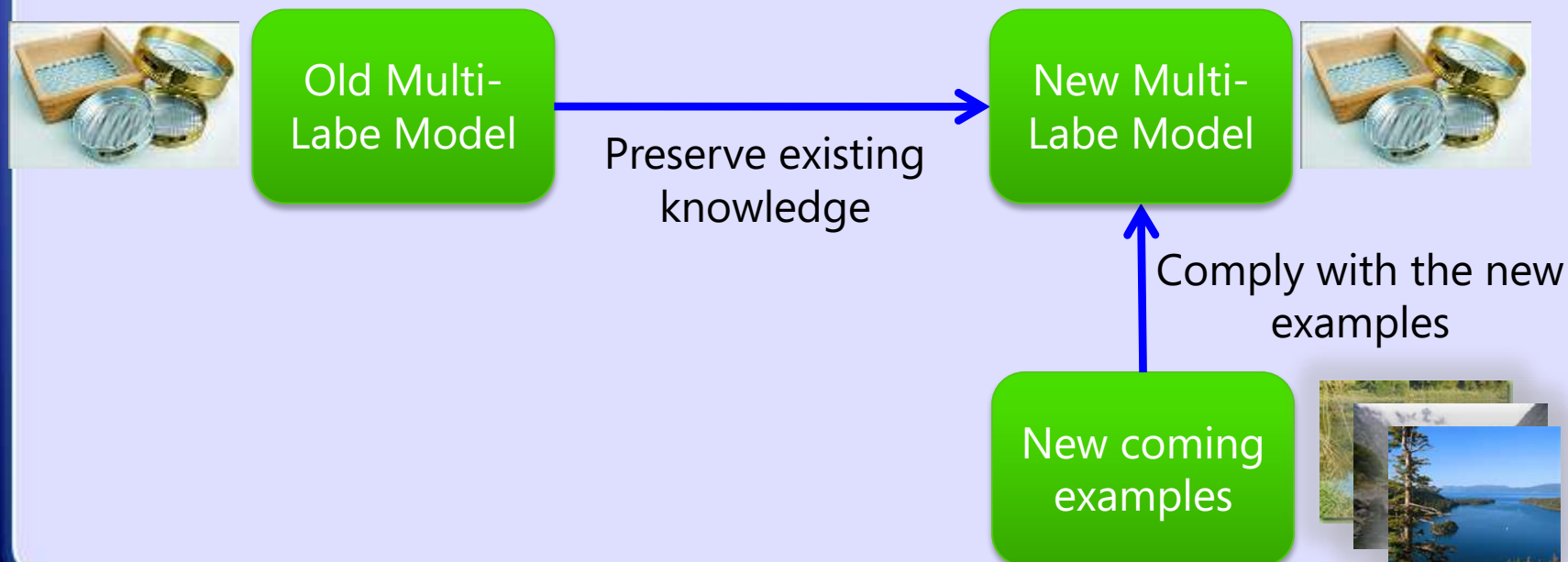


One Dimensional Active Learning

$$(\mathbf{x}_s^*, y_s^*) = \arg \max_{\mathbf{x}_s \in \mathbf{P}, y_s \in U(\mathbf{x}_s)} \left\{ \underbrace{H(y_s | y_{L(\mathbf{x}_s)}, \mathbf{x}_s)}_{\text{Self entropy}} + \underbrace{\sum_{i=1, i \neq s}^m MI(y_i; y_s | y_{L(\mathbf{x}_s)}, \mathbf{x}_s)}_{\text{Mutual information between labels}} \right\}$$

## Online Multi-Label Learner

- Preserve existing knowledge
- Comply with the new coming examples



# Online Multi-Label Learner

Minimize KLD between old model and new one

$$\hat{P}^{\tau+1}(\mathbf{y} | \mathbf{x}) = \arg \min_{P^{\tau+1}} \left\langle D_{KL}(P^{\tau+1}(\mathbf{y} | \mathbf{x}) \| p^{\tau}(\mathbf{y} | \mathbf{x})) \right\rangle_{\tilde{P}}$$

Comply with multi-label constraints

$$s.t. \quad \langle y_i \rangle_{P^{\tau+1}} = \langle y_i \rangle_{\tilde{P}} + \eta_i, 1 \leq i \leq m$$

$$\langle y_i y_j \rangle_{P^{\tau+1}} = \langle y_i y_j \rangle_{\tilde{P}} + \theta_{ij}, 1 \leq i < j \leq m$$

$$\langle y_i x_l \rangle_{P^{\tau+1}} = \langle y_i x_l \rangle_{\tilde{P}} + \phi_{il}, 1 \leq i \leq m, 1 \leq l \leq d$$

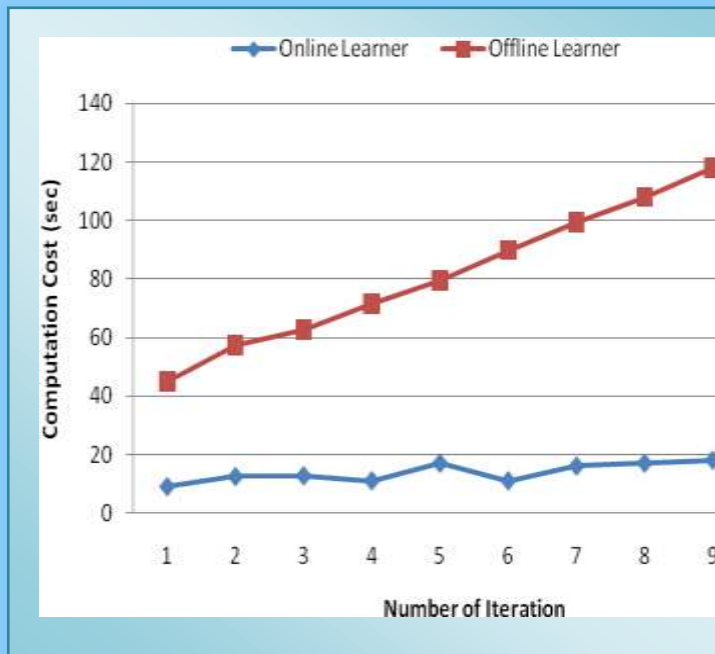
$$\sum_{\mathbf{y}} P^{\tau+1}(\mathbf{y} | \mathbf{x}) = 1$$

$$\sum_i \frac{\eta_i^2}{2\sigma_{\eta}^2/n} + \sum_{i < j} \frac{\theta_{ij}^2}{2\sigma_{\theta}^2/n} + \sum_{i,l} \frac{\phi_{il}^2}{2\sigma_{\phi}^2/n} \leq C$$

# Experiments

## Online vs. Offline

- On multi-label scene dataset: 2407 images, 6 labels
- Performance is very close (F1 score differences are less than 0.001)

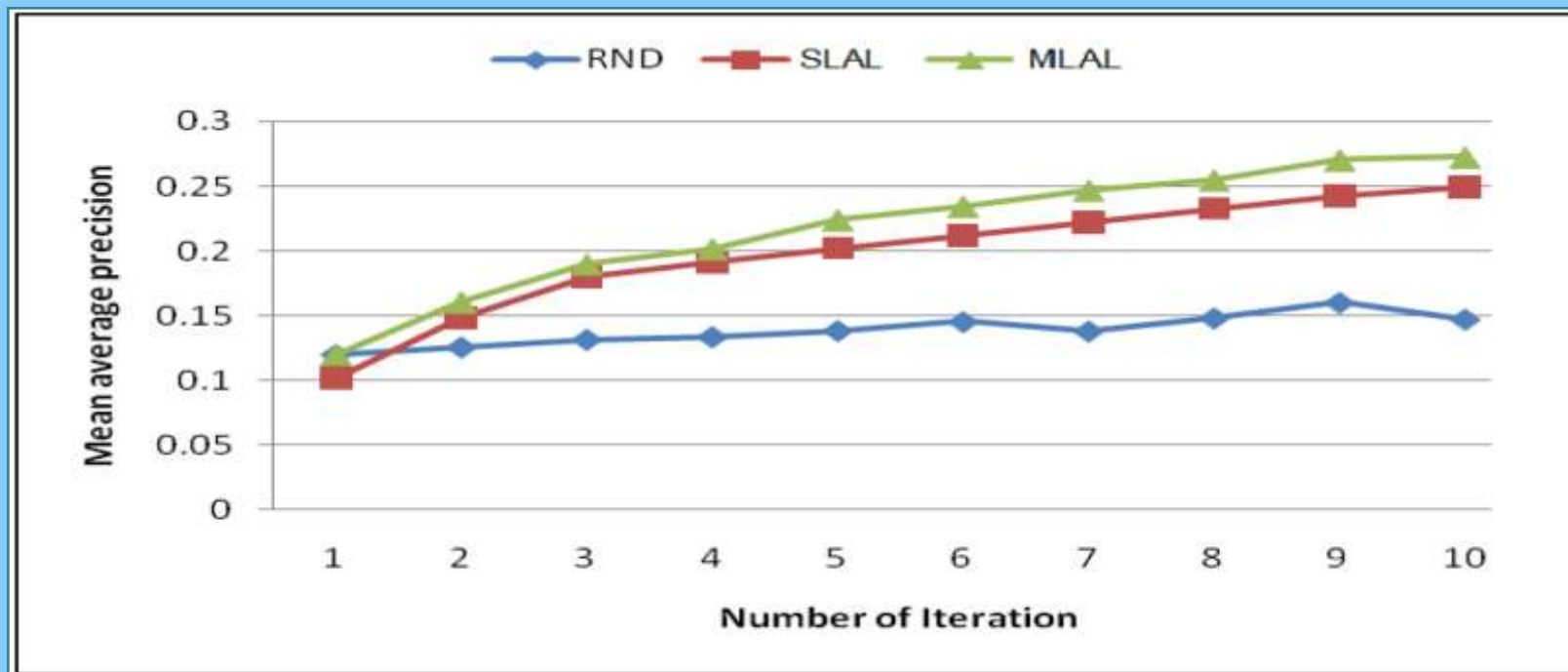


TRECVID Data

Iteration Number	Online Learner	Offline Learner
1	<b>0.12038</b>	0.11327
2	0.16071	<b>0.16159</b>
3	<b>0.19009</b>	0.18918
4	0.20179	<b>0.20894</b>
5	<b>0.22422</b>	0.22364
6	<b>0.23469</b>	0.22852
7	0.24708	<b>0.24795</b>
8	<b>0.25502</b>	0.25370
9	<b>0.27041</b>	0.26346
10	<b>0.27259</b>	0.26314

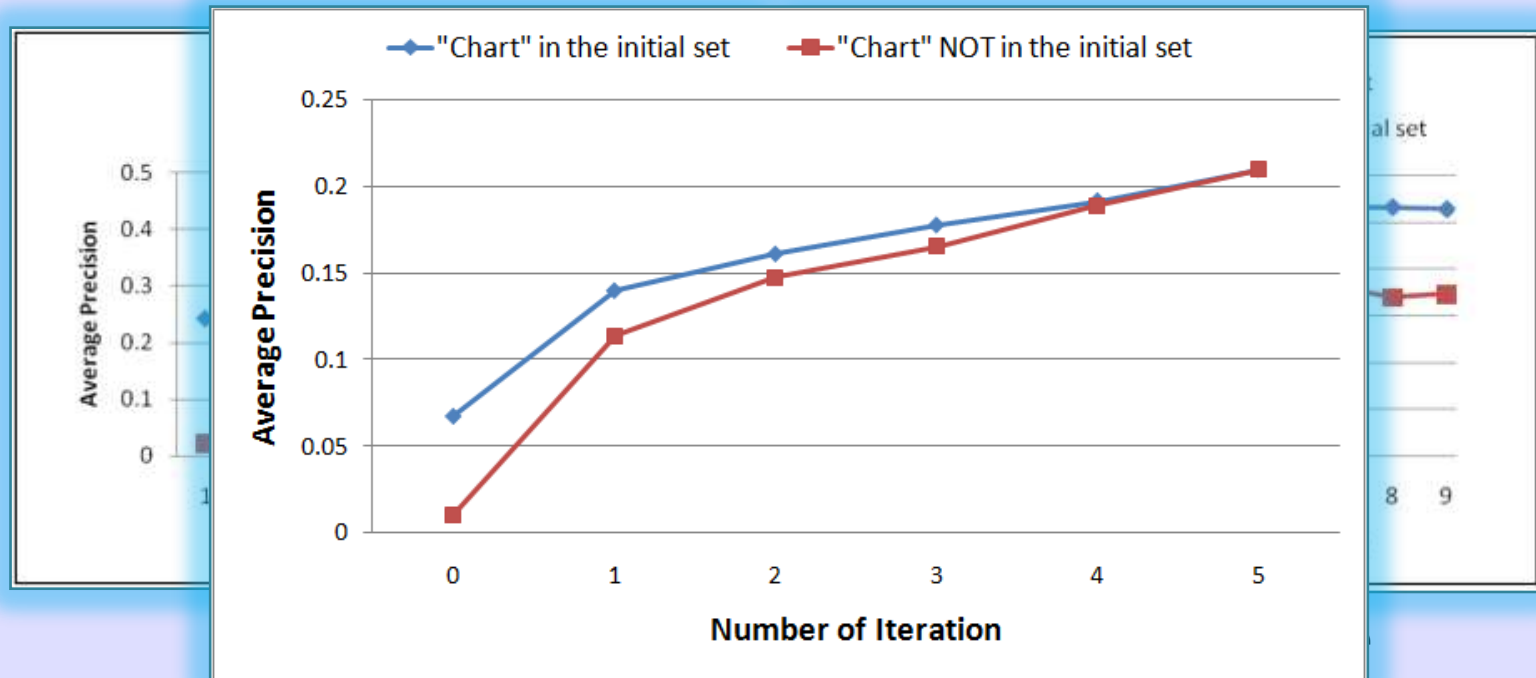
# Experiments

- Single-Label vs. Multi-Label Active Learning
  - On TRECVID dataset: 2006 Dev set, 61901 shots, 39 concepts
  - Initial labeling: 10000, each step 39000 sample-label pairs



# Experiments

- Adding new labels
  - On TRECVID dataset: 2006 Dev set, 61901 shots, 39 concepts
  - Initial labeling: 10000, each step 39000 sample-label pairs





## Active Annotation

- Key Challenge
  - Handling large scale content-based multimedia search
- Key Idea
  - Leveraging dedicated data labelers and large amount of grassroots Internet users to enable scalable multimedia semantic annotation
- Key Vehicle
  - Online multi-label active learning with incentive programs

Active Annotation is not only applicable for multimedia search, but may also be applicable for ranking, text search and other large-scale classification problems.

# How Learning-Based Tagging is Used

- Demo

- [Content-based filters in Bing image search](#)



lady gaga

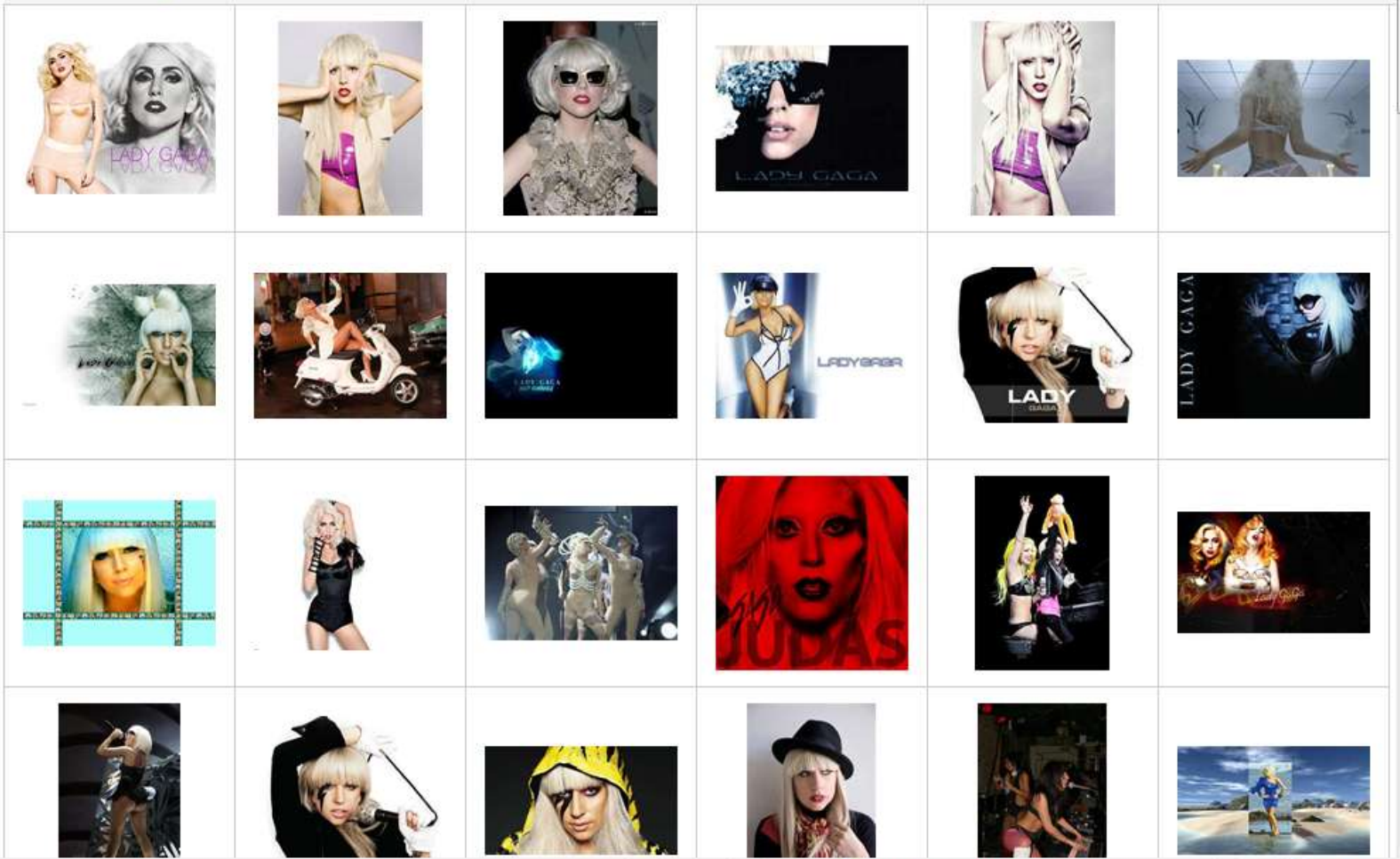


Images Web Videos Images News More

- SIZE
- LAYOUT
- COLOR
- STYLE
- All
- Photograph
- Clipart
- PEOPLE
- All
- Just faces
- Head & shoulders

Select View: Large Medium Small | SafeSearch: Moderate

4,270,000 results



# Learning-Based Tagging

## ● Discussion

- Variances are very high in real world data
- Increasing training data helps, but still ...
- Exploit context/correlations helps
- Though active learning and online learning helps, it is still not easy to scale up
- Model-only approaches look like not the best solution for multimedia tagging

# Test

- What're the limitations of learning-based tagging? Why?
- What can be used to improve learning-based tagging?

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# Social Tagging and Tag Processing

- Introduction

- Tag Processing

- Tag Ranking
- Tag Recommendation

- Tag Analysis – Flickr Distance

- Discussion



# Social Media and the Associated Tags - Towards Large-Scale Content-Based Multimedia Search



www, www2009, madrid, spain  
w3c, Don Quixote, Don, Quixote  
cervantes, Sancho, ...



www2009, w3c, futuro, future, workshop, congreso  
palacio, municipal, Madrid, consortium, consorcio  
20, aniversario, España, Spain, Vinton, ...



# Social tags are good, but they are

- Noisy
- Ambiguous
- Incomplete
- No relevance information

## Two directions to improve tag quality

- During tagging – Tag Recommendation
- After tagging – Tag Refinement/Ranking

# Tag Ranking

Credit: Dong Liu, Xian-Sheng Hua, Linjun Yang, Meng Wang, Hong-Jiang Zhang.  
Tag Ranking. WWW 2009. Madrid, Spain.

The most relevant tag is NOT at the top position in



1.	alex
2.	meditating
3.	love
4.	winter
5.	dog
6.	golden retriever
7.	zen
8.	calm
9.	perfect
10.	1-5-fav
11.	5-10-fav
12.	top_v111
13.	100v 10f
14.	top20dogpix
15.	top_f25
16.	25-0-fav

Social tags for online images are better than automatic annotation in terms of both scalability and accuracy.

This phenomenon is widespread on social media websites such as Flickr.

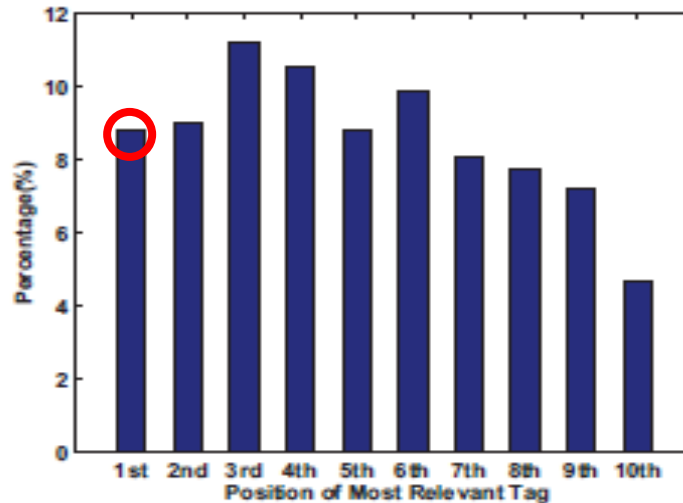
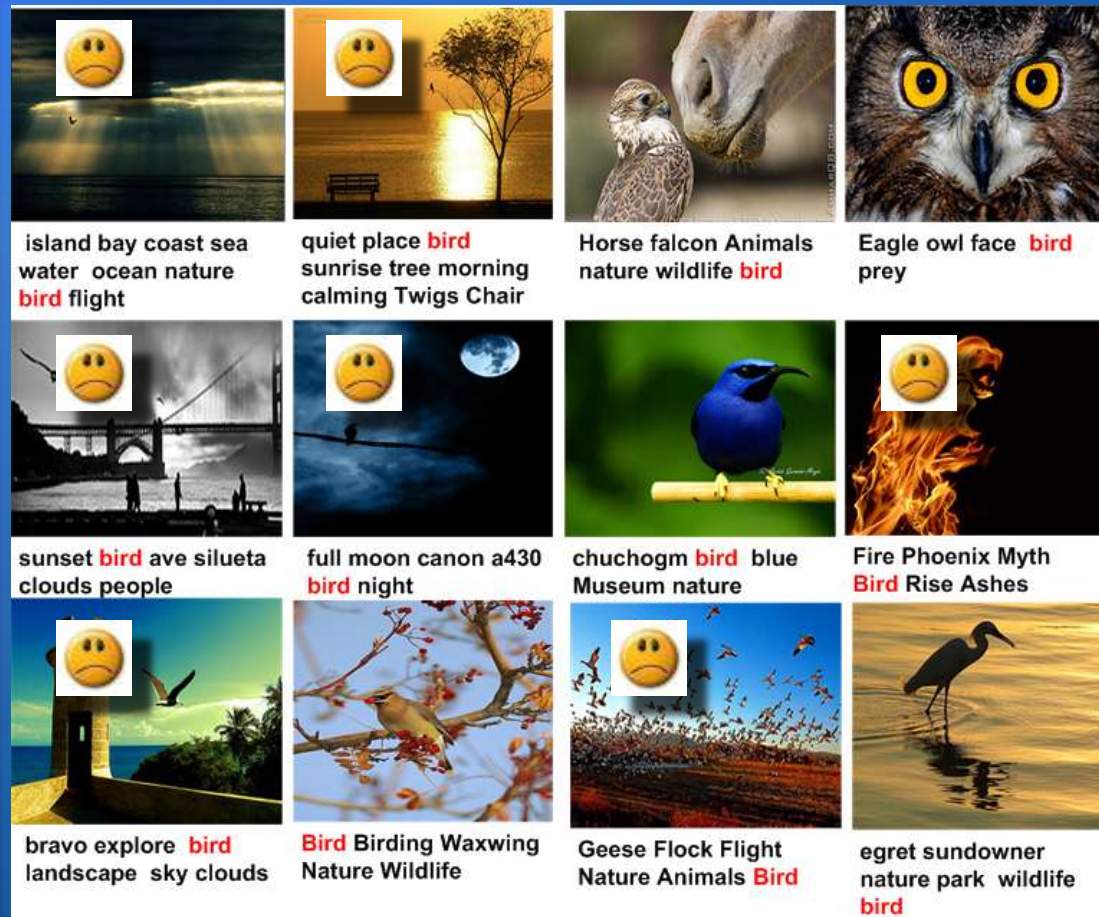


Figure 2: Percentage of images that have their most relevant tag at the  $n$ -th position in the associated tag list, where  $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots, 10$ .

Only less than 10% images have their most relevant tag at the top position in their tag list.

This has significantly limited the performance of tag-based image search and other applications.

For example, when we search for "bird" on Flickr.



# What we are going to do:

Rank the tags according to their relevance to the image.



But how can we make it?  
Automatically.



# Image Ranking v.s. Tag Ranking

## ● Image Ranking

- Order images according to the relevance (of the images) to the query term

## ● Tag Ranking

- Order tags according to the relevance (of the tags) to the image



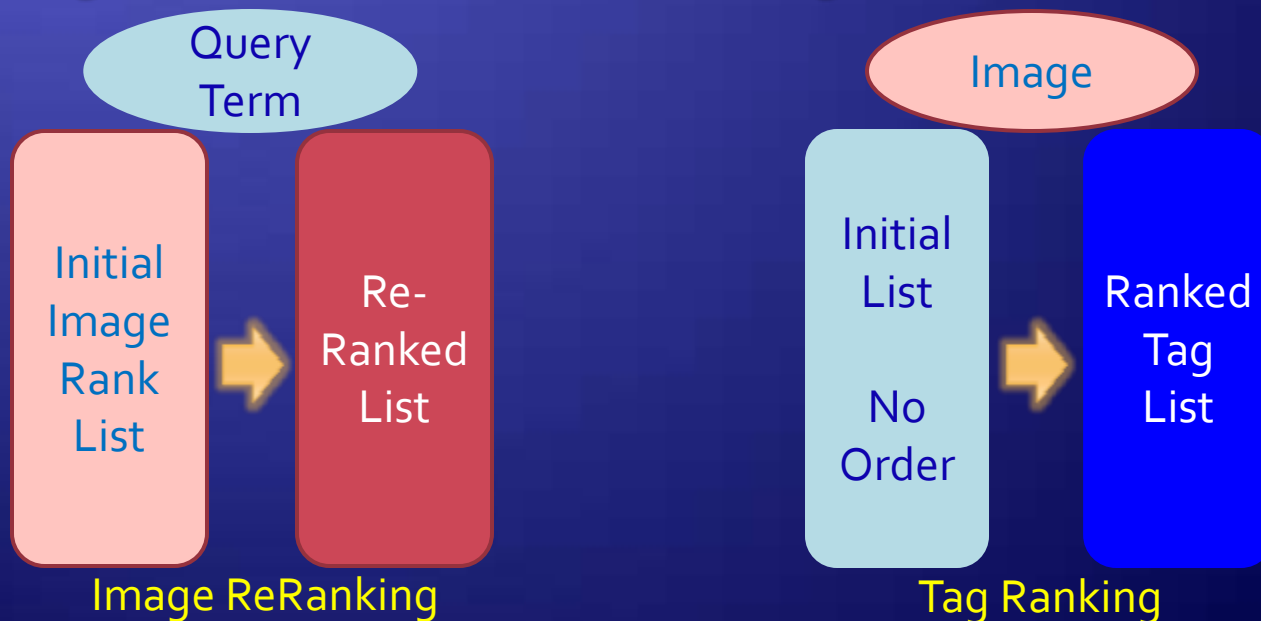
# Image Reranking v.s. Tag Ranking

## Image Reranking

- Initial image ranking list → Improved ranking list

## Tag Ranking

- Initial tag list (no order) → Ranked tag list



Can we borrow some idea  
from image reranking?

# Basic Assumptions

## ● Image Reranking

- Large image clusters should be promoted
- Visually similar images should be ranked closely

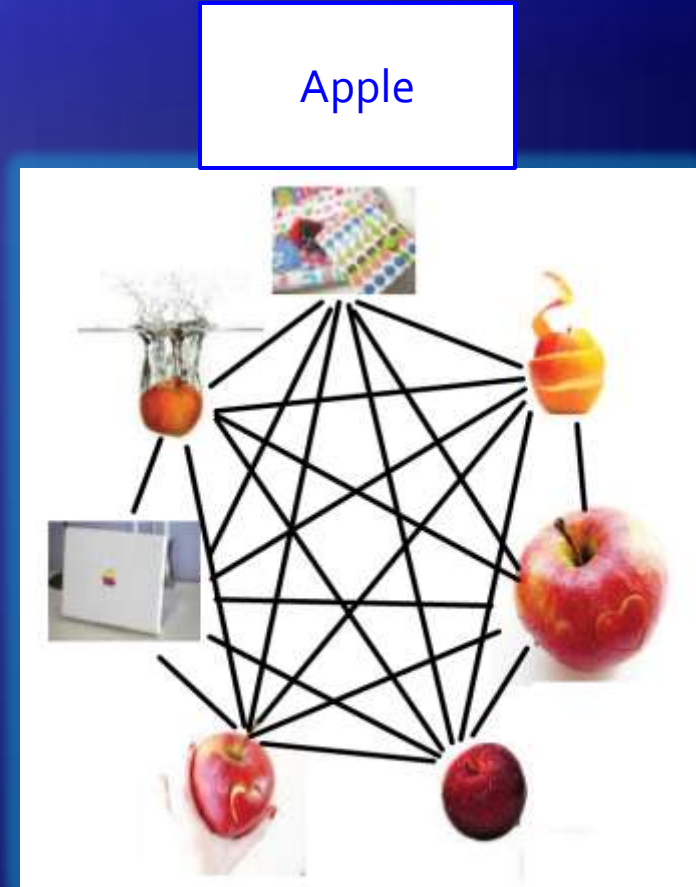
# Typical Image ReRanking – Random Walk

## ● Graph construction

- Images as nodes
- Rank or ranking score of an image as the value of the node
- Visual similarities of images are the edges
- Transition probability between two nodes

## ● Graph Iteration

- To refine the relevance scores step by step
- With the help of the scores of the visually similar images



# Basic Assumptions

## ● Image Reranking

- Large image clusters should be promoted
- Visually similar images should be ranked closely



## ● Tag Ranking

- Large tag clusters should be promoted
- Semantically close tags should be ranked closely

# Tag Ranking (for each image)

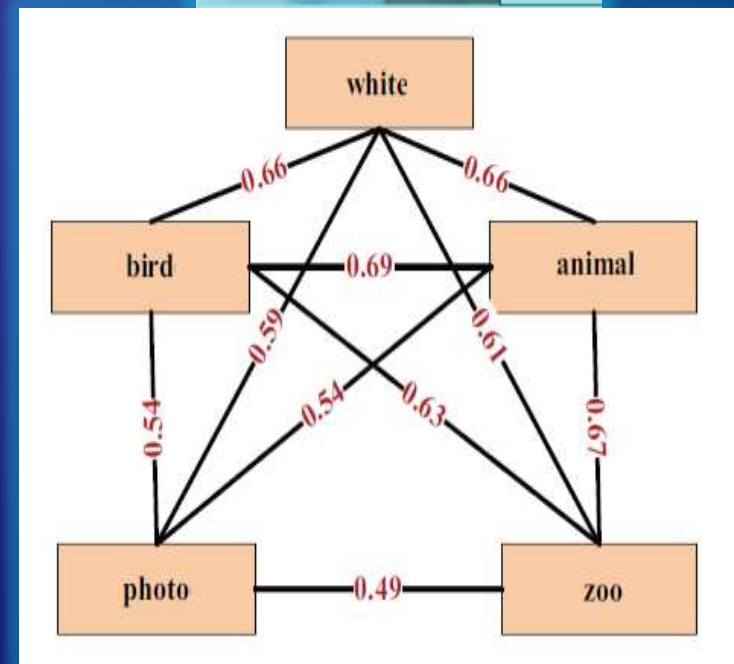
## Graph construction

- Tags as nodes
- Rank of a tag as the value of the node
- Semantic similarities of tags are the edges
- Transition probability between two nodes



## Graph Iteration

- To refine the relevance scores step by step
- With the help of the scores of the semantically close tags



The problem is:

How can we calculate the  
similarity or distance of two tags?



# What We Can Use

- WordNet distance
- Google distance



## ● Normalized Google Distance (NGD)

- Reflects the concurrency of two words in Web documents
- Defined as

$$NGD(x, y) = \frac{\max(\log f(x), \log f(y)) - \log f(x, y)}{\log N - \min(\log f(x), \log f(y))}$$

## ● Pros and Cons

- **Pros:** Easy to get and huge coverage
- **Cons:** Only reflects concurrency in textual documents. Not really concept distance (semantic relationship)

# What We Can Use

- WordNet distance
- Google distance
- Tag Concurrence Distance
- Tag2Image Distance

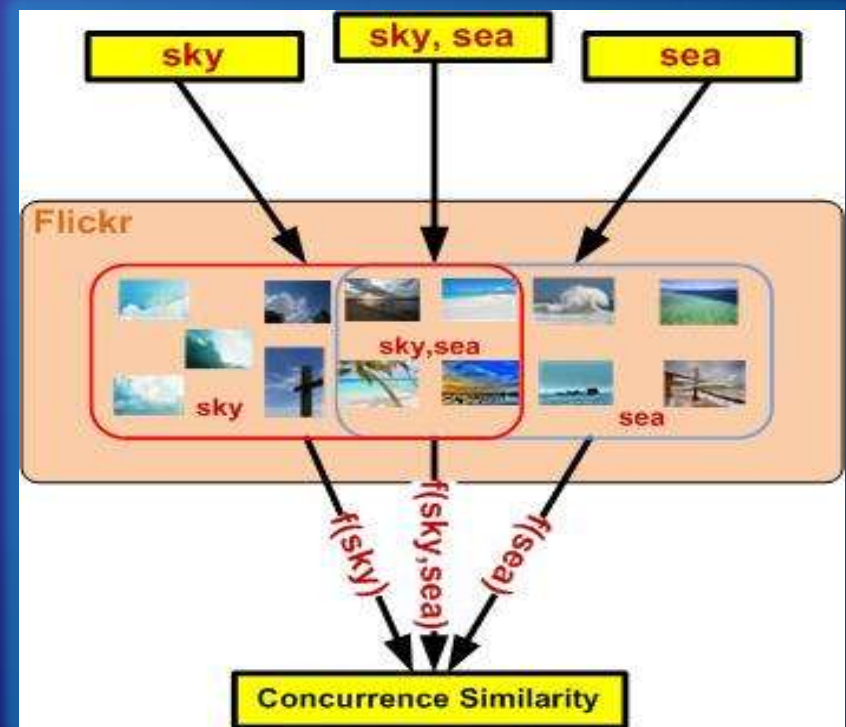
# Tag Concurrence Distance

## ● Image Tag Concurrence Distance

- Reflects the frequency of two tags occur in the same images
- Based on the same idea of NGD but regards image tags as document

## ● Pros and Cons

- **Pros:** Images are taken into account
- **Cons:** Tags are not complete and noisy so visual concurrency is not well reflected. In addition, the distance is image independent





dog , grass, tree, leaf



tree , grass, dog, leaf

# Tag2Image Distance

## Tag2Image

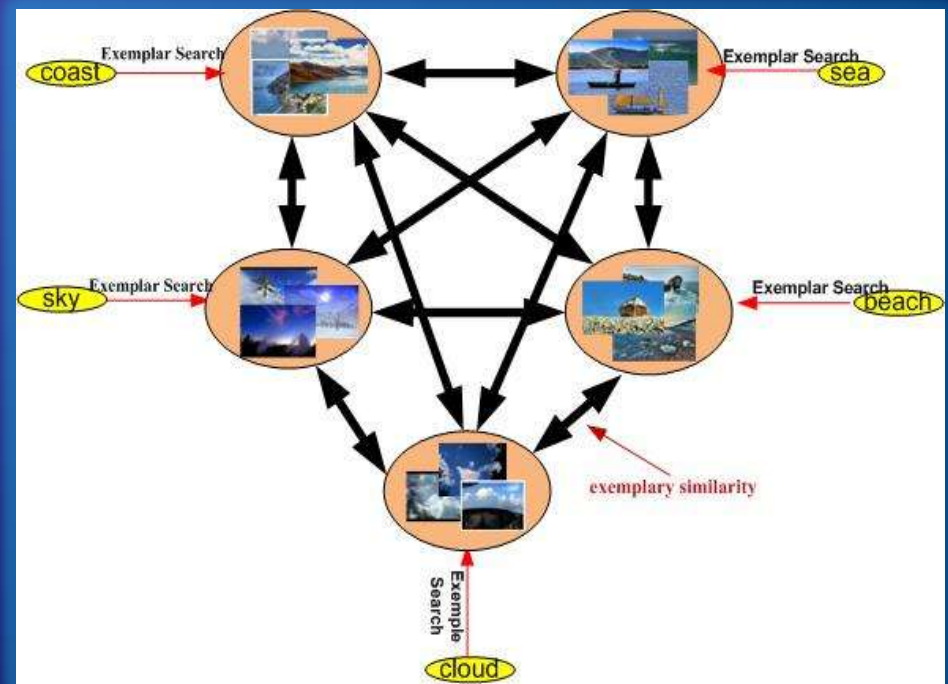
- Find images with a particular tag
- Keep those close to the target image (finding N-neighborhood)
- Named as “Tag2Image Set”

## Tag2Image Distance

- Distance between the corresponding tag2image sets of the two tags

## Pros and Cons

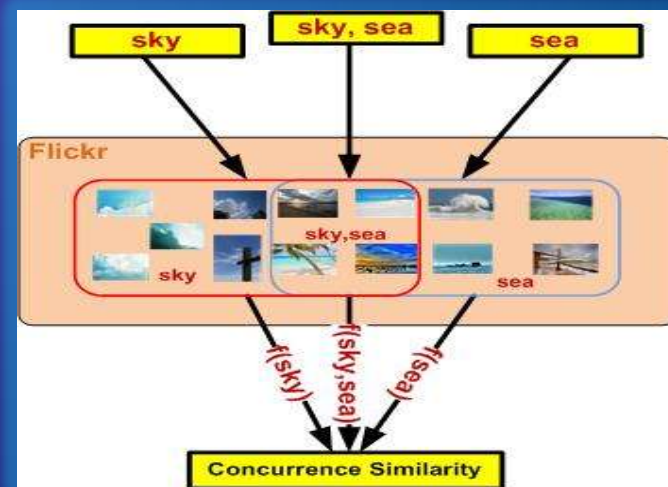
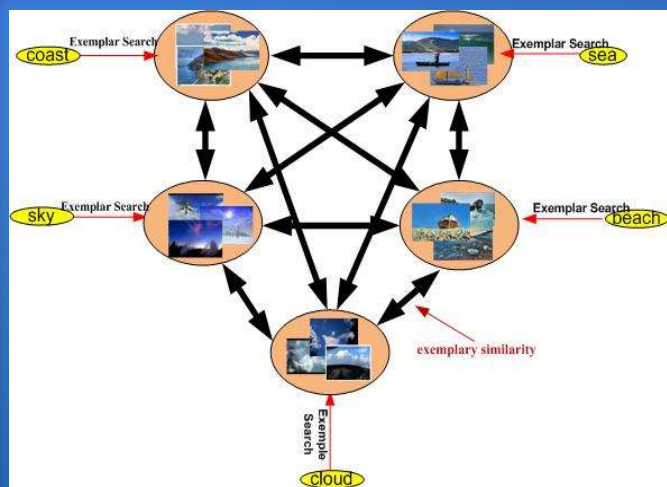
- **Pros:** Images are taken into account and the distance is image dependent
- **Cons:** Finding neighbors may be expensive



# Random Walk Based Tag Ranking

## Tag Graph Construction

- Tag2Image similarity & Concurrence similarity



- Combination

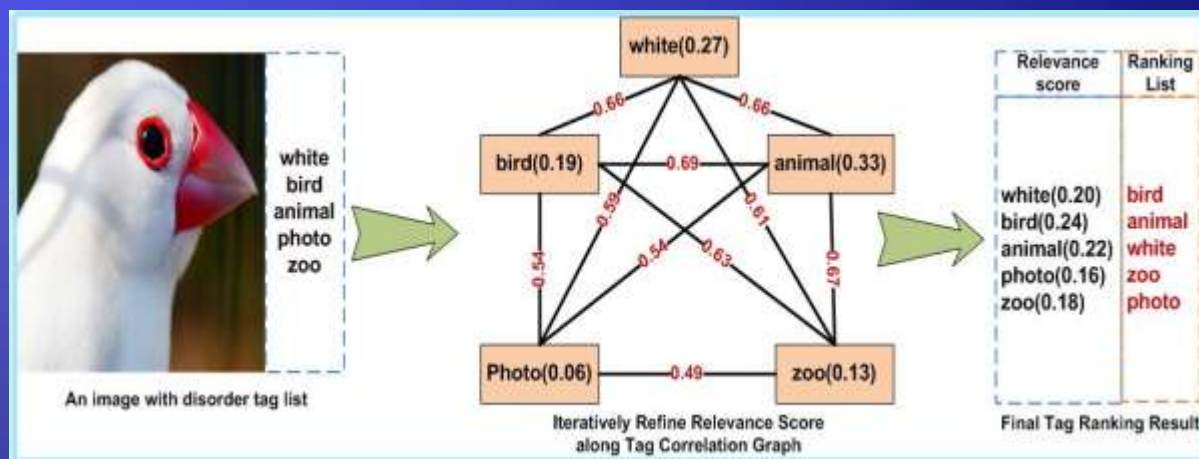
$$s_{ij} = s(t_i, t_j) = \lambda \cdot \varphi_v(t_i, t_j) + (1 - \lambda) \cdot \varphi_c(t_i, t_j)$$

Visual similarity      Concurrence similarity



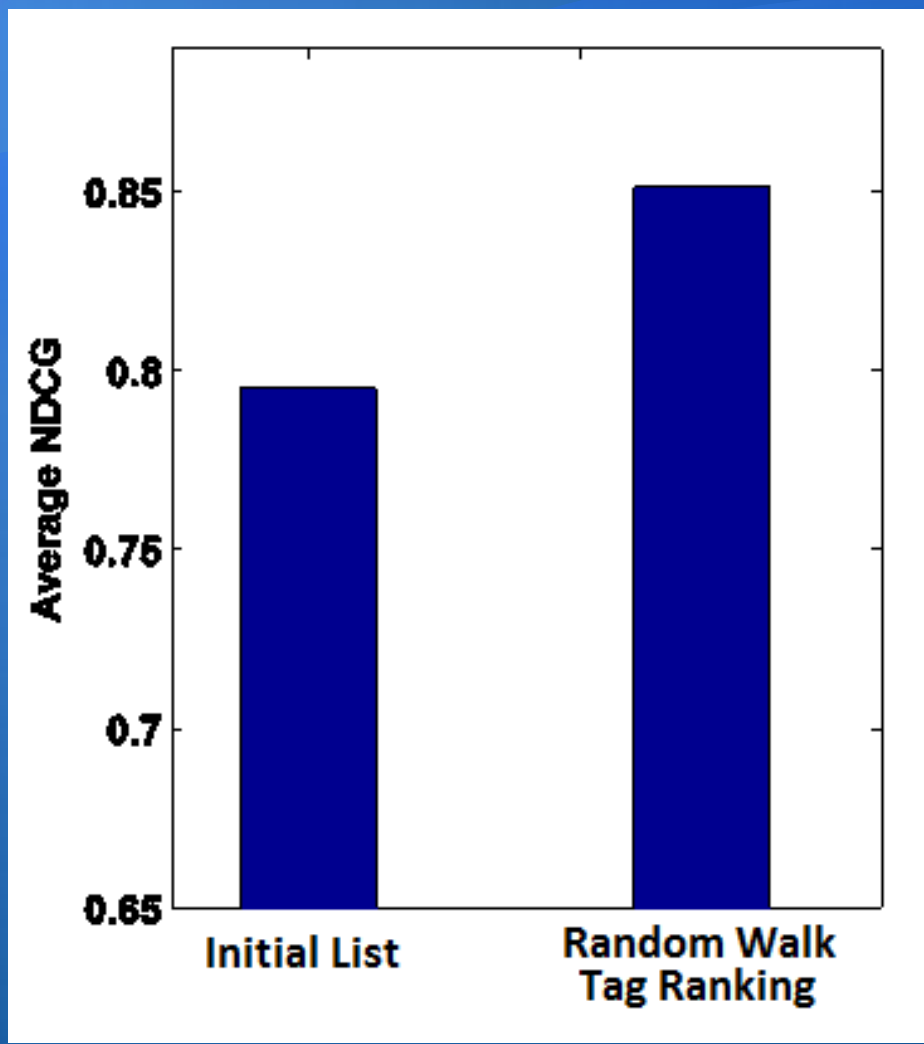
# Random Walk Based Tag Ranking

## Random walk over tag graph



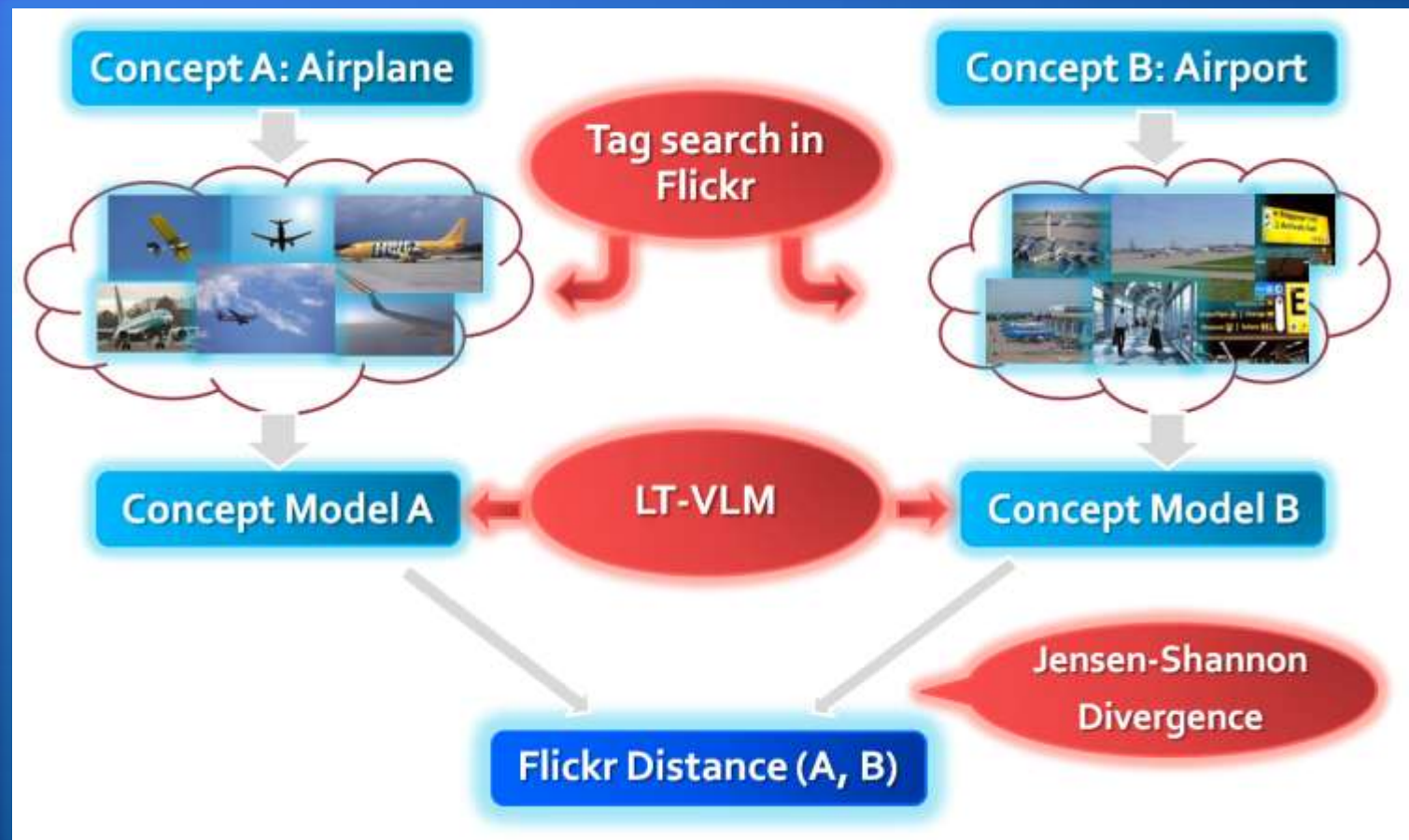
$$\mathbf{r}_k = \alpha \mathbf{P} \mathbf{r}_{k-1} + (1 - \alpha) \mathbf{v}$$

- Transition matrix  $P$  denotes the row-normalized matrix of similarity matrix  $S$ .
- $\mathbf{r}$  is the vector of relevance score for each tag of the image.
- $\mathbf{v}$  is the vector of relevance score obtained by initial probabilistic tag relevance estimation.



# A Better Measure: Flickr Distance

- Lei Wu, Xian-Sheng Hua, et al. Flickr Distance. *ACM Multimedia 2008 (ACMMM 2008)*. Vancouver, Canada, October 2008. (Best Paper Award Candidate)



Is It Enough?

# Basic Assumptions

## ● Image Reranking

- Large image clusters should be promoted
- Visual similar images should be ranked closely
- Initial ranks need to be kept as much as possible



Typically got from text-based ranking

## ● Tag Ranking

- Large tag clusters should be promoted
- Semantically close tags should be ranked closely
- We don't have initial rank



How can we get it?

# Initial Relevance Estimation

- A possible estimation

$$s(t, x) = p(t|x)$$

- A better estimation (normalized by frequency)

$$s(t, x) = p(t|x)/p(t)$$

- After some calculation based on Bayesian Rule

$$s(t, x) = \frac{p(x|t)p(t)}{p(x)p(t)} = \frac{p(x|t)}{p(x)}$$

- It is about a particular image  $x$ , so  $p(x)$  is a constant, therefore

$$s(t, x) \doteq p(x|t)$$

- What is it now?

- Density of image  $x$  in the image space with tag  $t$

# Initial Rank Estimation

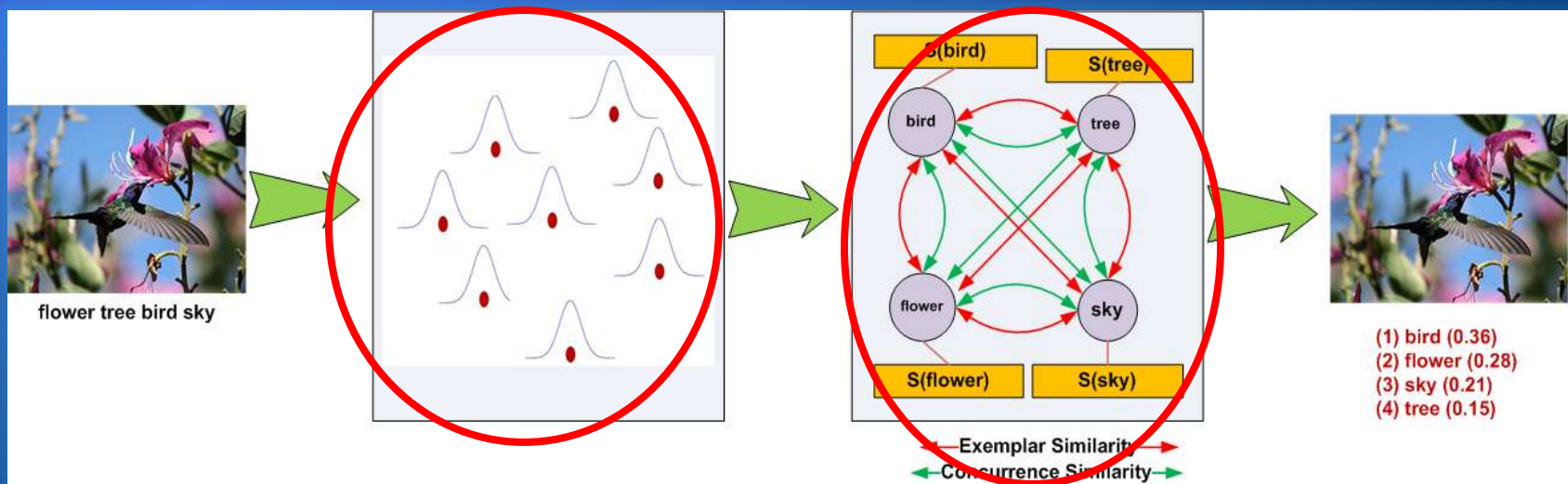
- Can be estimated by Kernel Density Estimation

$$s(t_i, x) = p(x|t_i) = \frac{1}{|X_i|} \sum_{x_k \in X_i} K_\sigma(x - x_k)$$

- An intuitive explanation
  - For image  $x$ ,  $X_i$  can be regarded as  $x$ 's friends with tag  $t_i$
  - The sum of the similarities estimated based on Gaussian kernel can be regarded as the soft voting from the friends
  - So the initial relevance is actually estimated based on “collective intelligence” from its friend images

# In Summary: Tag Ranking

## Two-step strategy



Probabilistic Tag  
Relevance Estimation

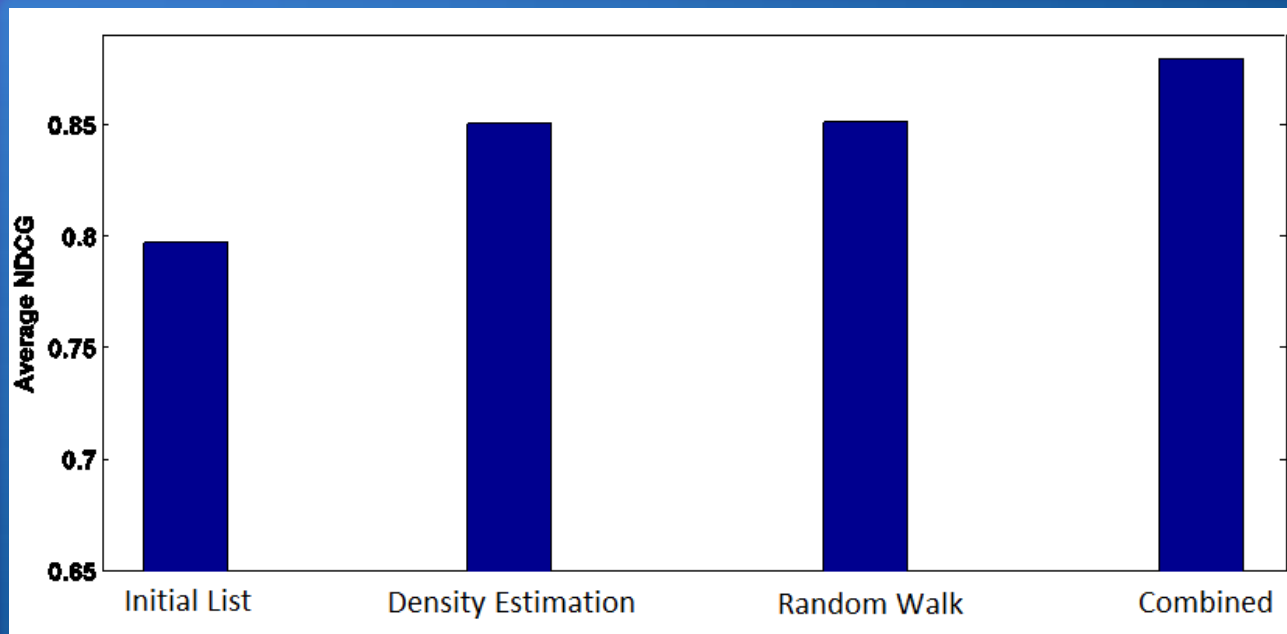
Random Walk  
Refinement

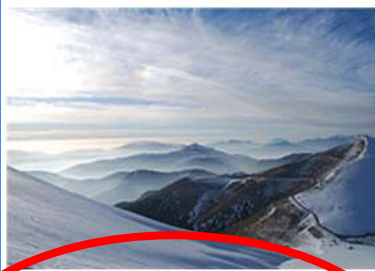


# Performance Evaluation

## ● In term of average NDCG

- 50,000 Flickr images (to mine distance and estimate density)
- 13,330 unique tags
- 10,000 test images (each was labeled by 5 persons with five levels of relevance)





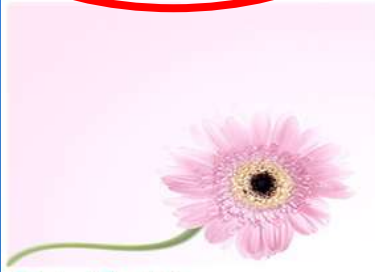
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 blue winter sky white mountain snow  
 photography gold nikon paradise view  
 top greece drama  
**Ranked Tag List:**  
 mountain sky white snow winter blue  
 nikon photography view paradise gold  
 greece top drama



**Original Tag List:**  
 ocean city summer brazil praia beach  
 water architecture fantastic warm  
 paradise desert great playa best resort  
 rena  
**Ranked Tag List:**  
 beach water ocean summer architecture  
 fantastic paradise great resort playa city  
 brazil best desert praia arena warm



**Original Tag List:**  
 blue pakistan portrait green bird  
 nature yellow gold powershot karachi  
**Ranked Tag List:**  
 bird nature blue green yellow portrait  
 gold powershot pakistan karachi



**Original Tag List:**  
 pink light white flower green nature  
 yellow spring flora gerbera  
**Ranked Tag List:**  
 flower white pink nature light green  
 yellow spring flora gerbera



**Original Tag List:**  
 sun sunlight animal cat kitten kitty  
 gata gatto  
**Ranked Tag List:**  
 cat kitty kitten animal sunlight sun  
 gata gatto



**Original Tag List:**  
 family wedding friends sunset red sea  
 love beach silhouette nikon flickr day  
 colours maldives  
**Ranked Tag List:**  
 sunset sea red beach nikon silhouette  
 maldives love colours flickr friends  
 family day wedding



**Original Tag List:**  
 park morning mist holland tree  
 bird water fog duck baum  
**Ranked Tag List:**  
 tree water bird fog park mist  
 morning duck holland baum

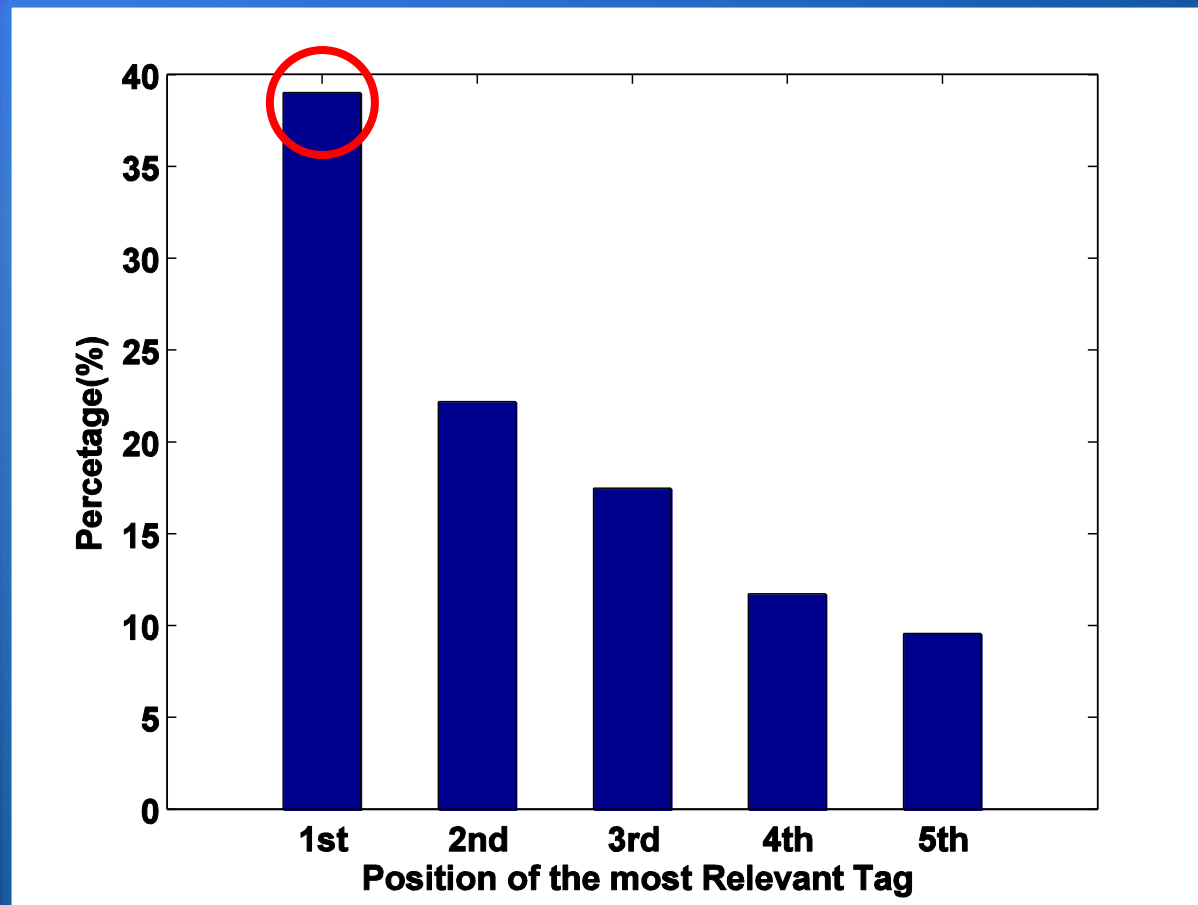


**Original Tag List:**  
 ocean travel blue sea water  
 philippines adventure  
**Ranked Tag List:**  
 sea water ocean blue travel  
 philippines adventure



**Original Tag List:**  
 ferrari concept car auto automobile  
**Ranked Tag List:**  
 automobile car auto ferrari concept

After tag ranking, almost 40% images have their most relevant tag appear at the top position in their tag list.



# Application 1: Tag-based search

- Use tag position as relevance measure
- Ranking result for query “water”

$$r(x_i) = -\tau_i + 1/n_i$$



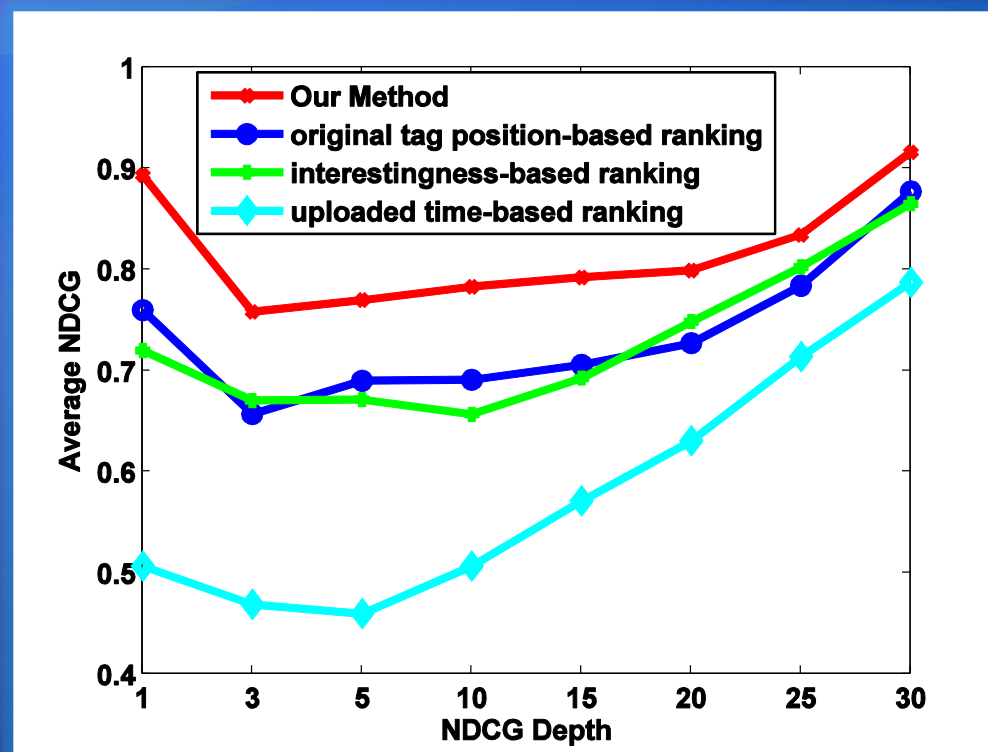
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# Performance of Tag-Based Search



Our tag position-based ranking strategy outperforms all other image ranking strategies on Flickr

# Application 2: Auto Tagging

- Use top tags of similar images as tags for a new uploaded image



**Recommended Tags:**  
water sky blue snow  
beauty landscape  
nature sea earth  
storm mountain cloud  
sunset light river



**Recommended Tags:**  
flower plant  
flor ed rose tree  
color



**Recommended Tags:**  
sunset yellow red  
tree texture sunrise  
hill



**Recommended Tags:**  
cat architecture tiger  
wildlife white  
sunlight mountain  
animal sunset bird  
eye yellow



**Recommended Tags:**  
bird flower water  
green



**Recommended Tags:**  
sea mountain sky  
water blue beach  
landscape



**Recommended Tags:**  
mountain sky  
landscape nature tree



**Recommended Tags:**  
nature green forest  
tree water mountain

# Performance of Auto Tagging

	Prec@1	Prec@5	Prec@all
Original(Baseline)	0.5858	0.4980	0.4980
Recommendation	0.7255	0.5799	0.5772
Improvement(%)	23.9	16.5	15.9

Using top tags after tag ranking to perform auto tagging  
even outperforms human being



# Application 3: Group recommendation

- Use the top tags of an image as query keywords to search for its potentially suitable groups.



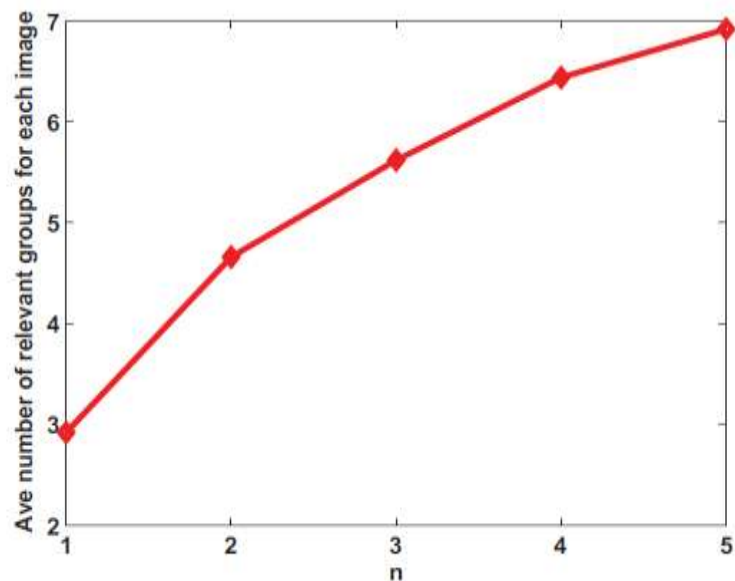
**bird nature wildlife black flight action**

## Tags

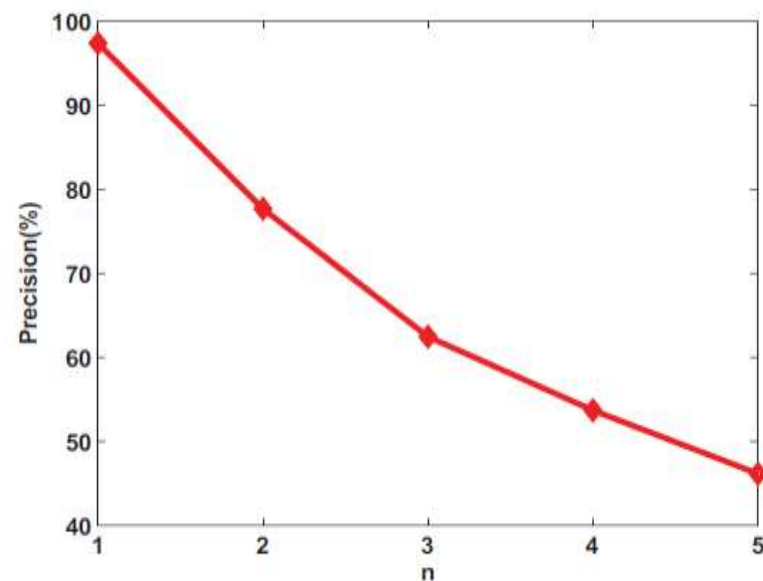
**bird:** [Birds and Wildlife UK](#) | [Birds Photos](#) | [British Birds](#)  
**nature:** [Nature's Beauty](#) | [The World of Nature](#) | [Arizona Nature](#)  
**wildlife:** [we love wildlife](#) | [California Wildlife](#) | [The Wildlife Photography](#)

## Recommended Groups

# Performance of Group Recommendation



(a)



(b)

**Figure 18: Performance of group recommendation with different  $n$ .** (a) illustrates the average numbers of relevant recommended groups and (b) illustrates the recommendation precisions.

Tag ranking based group recommendation can help users better share their media content

# Conclusion

- Initial tags are orderless in term of the relevance which limits the performance of tag-based search and other applications based on tags
- We propose a tag ranking strategy to solve this problem:
  - Density estimation to obtain initial rank scores
  - Refined by random walk based on image-dependant tag graph
- Tag ranking benefits a series of tag-based applications on social media websites

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# Learning To Tag

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# Why Need Tag Recommendation?

## Four Issues: Tags are

1. Ambiguous
2. Incomplete
3. Noisy
4. No relevance



Ambiguous



Incomplete

## Possible Tags:

Apple  
Fruit  
Red  
Corporation  
Logo  
Products

# Tag Distribution on Flickr

Tags are noisy

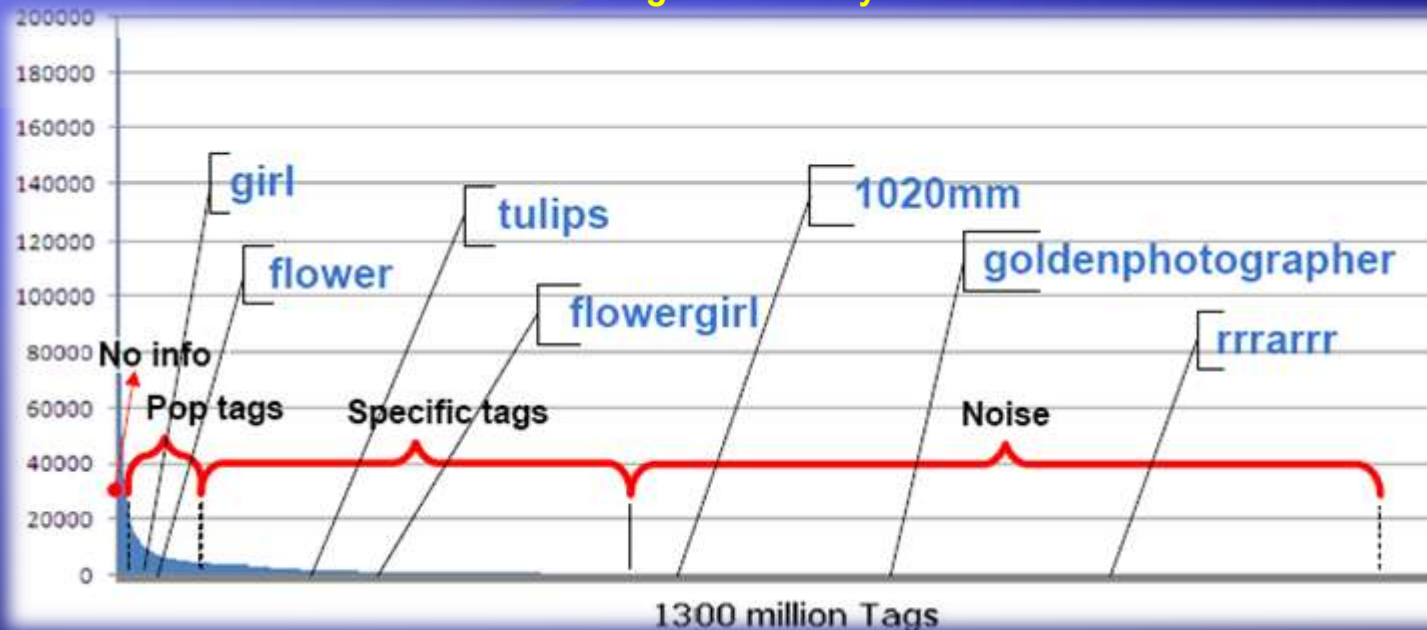


Figure 1: Tag distribution over a collection of 640 million images from Flickr.com. There are totally 1,300 million tags. Around 1% of the tags appearing more than 20,000 times, which contain little information. Around 5.82% of the tags have appeared more than 5,000 in the collection, which are considered as popular tags. 33.21% of the tags appears more than 50 and less than 5,000 times, which are defined as specific tags. 60% of the tags have appeared less than 50 times

# Tag Recommendation

- ◆ What is Tag Recommendation
  - ◆ Given one or more initial tags for an image
  - ◆ Provide a list of possible tags automatically (ordered by relevance scores)
- ◆ Advantages of Tag Recommendation
  - ◆ Enable fast tagging
  - ◆ Enable high-quality tagging
    - ◆ Higher Relevance/Accuracy
    - ◆ Wider Coverage
    - ◆ Less noises



# Straightforward Method

- ◆ Tag concurrence based recommendation

$$R_{tag}^a(t_i, t_j) = \frac{|t_i \cap t_j|}{|t_i|}$$

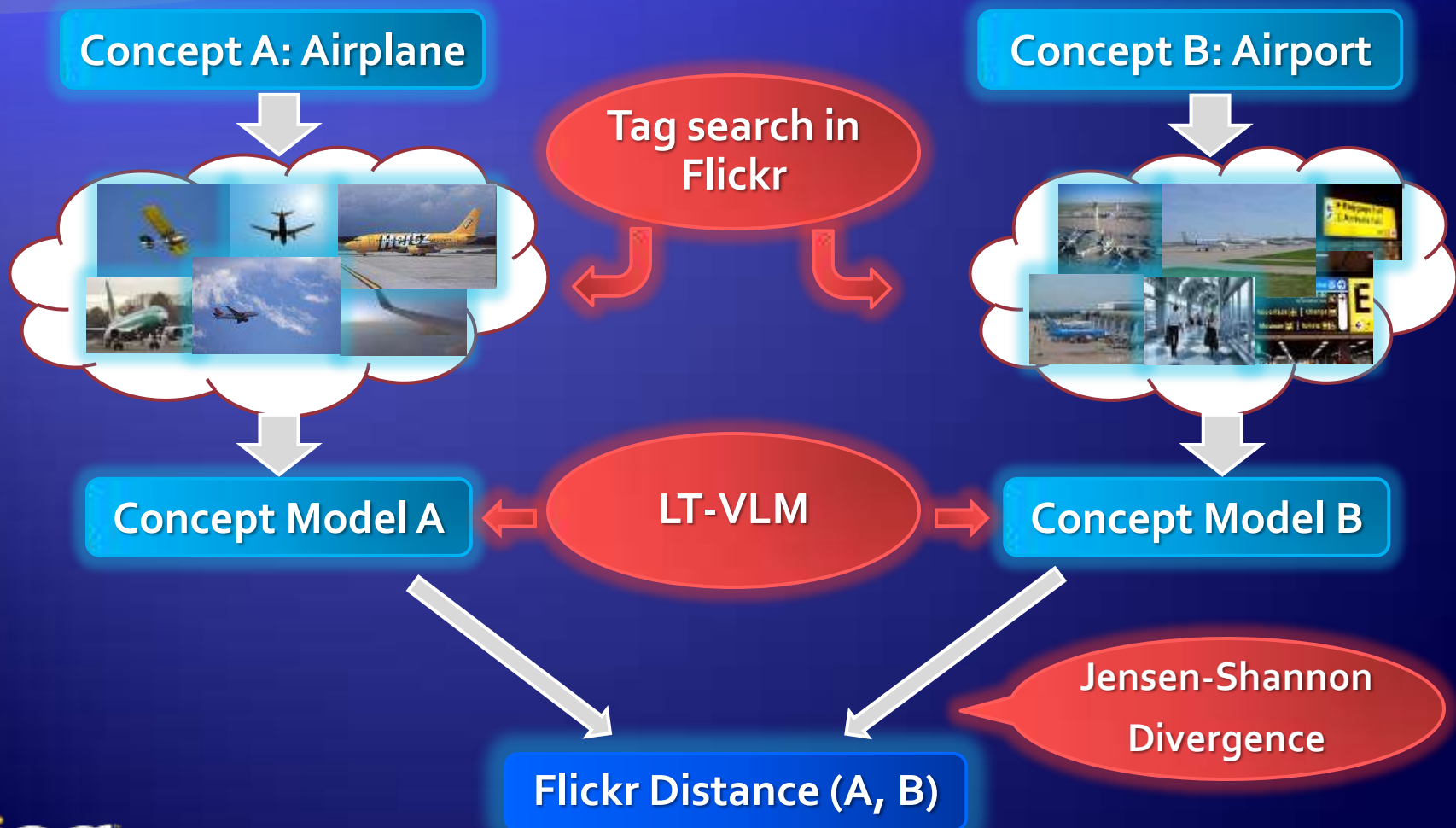
- ◆ Drawback:
  - ◆ Cannot deal with **synonym**
    - ◆ i.e. “table tennis” == “ping-pong”
  - ◆ Cannot deal with **polysemy**
    - ◆ i.e. “apple” fruit != “apple” logo
  - ◆ Cannot deal with **meronymy**
    - ◆ i.e., car vs. wheel
  - ◆ Target image is not taken into account (**image independent**)
    - ◆ Different images with the same initial tags will get the same recommended tag list

# Learning to Tag

- ◆ Three Features to Tag Correlations
  - ◆ Tag Concurrence
    - ◆ The same as previous work
  - ◆ Tag Content Correlation
    - ◆ To solve the first three issues (**synonym**, **polysemy** & **meronymy**)
  - ◆ Image-Conditioned Tag Correlation
    - ◆ To solve the fourth and second issue (**image independent**, & **polysemy**)

# Tag Content Correlation

Based on “Flickr Distance” or “PicNet Distance” – ACM MM 09 Best Paper Candidate  
Can handle concurrency, synonym, polysemy & meronymy



# Image-Conditioned Tag Correlation

Based on Visual Language Model (VLM)



Visual Words

VLM of Tag 1

VLM of Tag 2

.....

VLM of Tag N

Projection 1

Projection 2

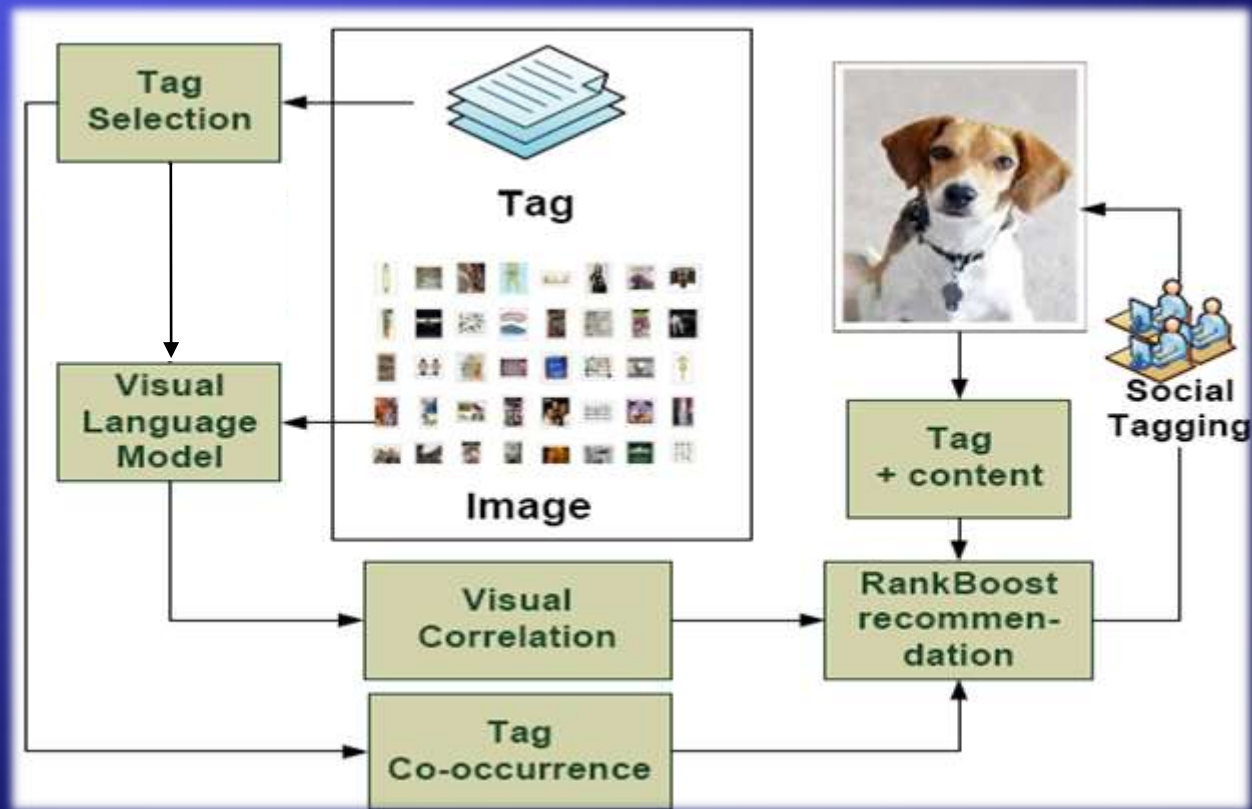
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Projection N

New Features for Tags (Image Dependant)

# Learning To Tag

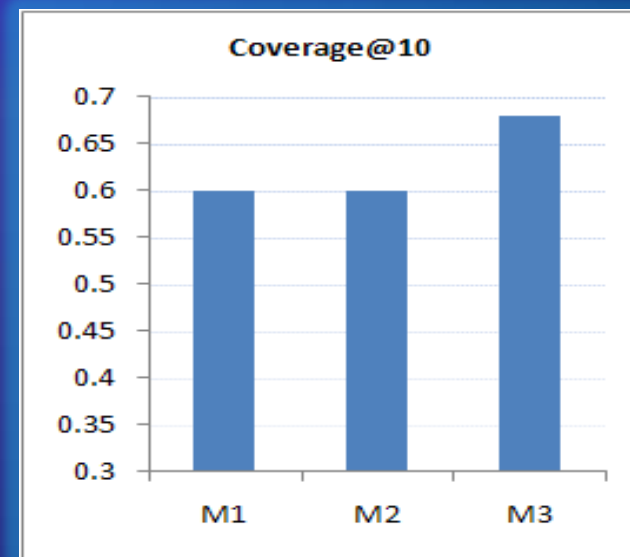
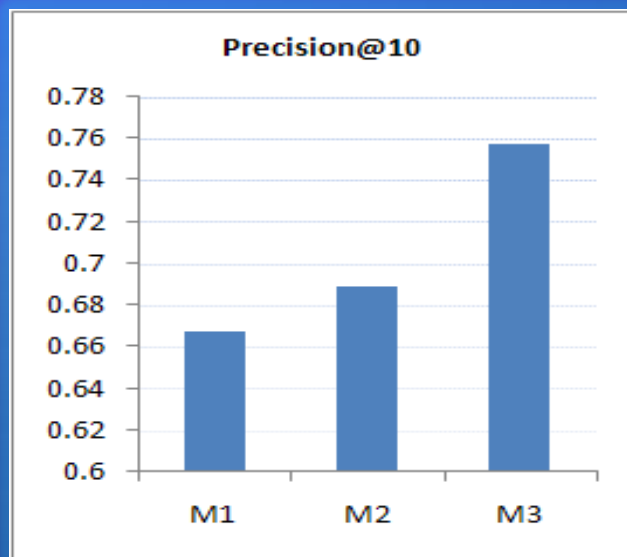
## ◆ Our Approach



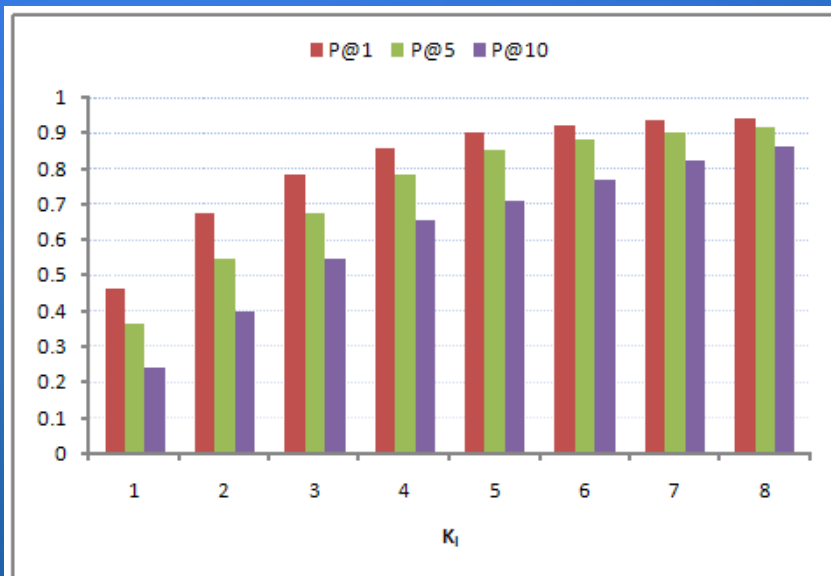
# Results

			
<b>Init Tags</b>	<b>Cruise party boat purple spectrum</b>	<b>Travel sea seaweed water colors</b>	<b>Travel family sea sun beach</b>
Tag Concurrence Only	<b>friends fun birthday art girls summer Florida winter snow flower</b>	<b>vacation Asia trip holiday nature city cannon tree Europe building</b>	<b>vacation holiday Europe nature city water trip building Asia light</b>
Tag Concurrence & Tag Content	<b>friends girls music fun night love art holiday vacation trip</b>	<b>vacation holiday trip Asia Europe nature city fun music friends</b>	<b>vacation trip Asia holiday water Europe nature tree friends sun</b>
Tag Concurrence & Tag Content & Image-Cond. Correlation	<b>friends dance fun girls night music love men happy laugh</b>	<b>trip ocean sky island nature landscape blue umbrella red men</b>	<b>vacation fun water kids ocean sky holiday sand wave blue</b>

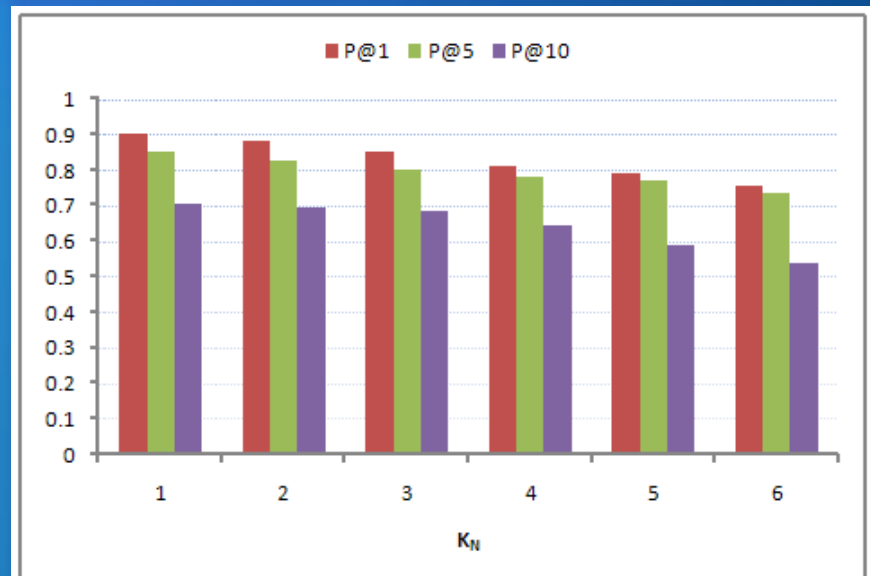
# Results



# Results



precision@N with  $K_I$  initial tags



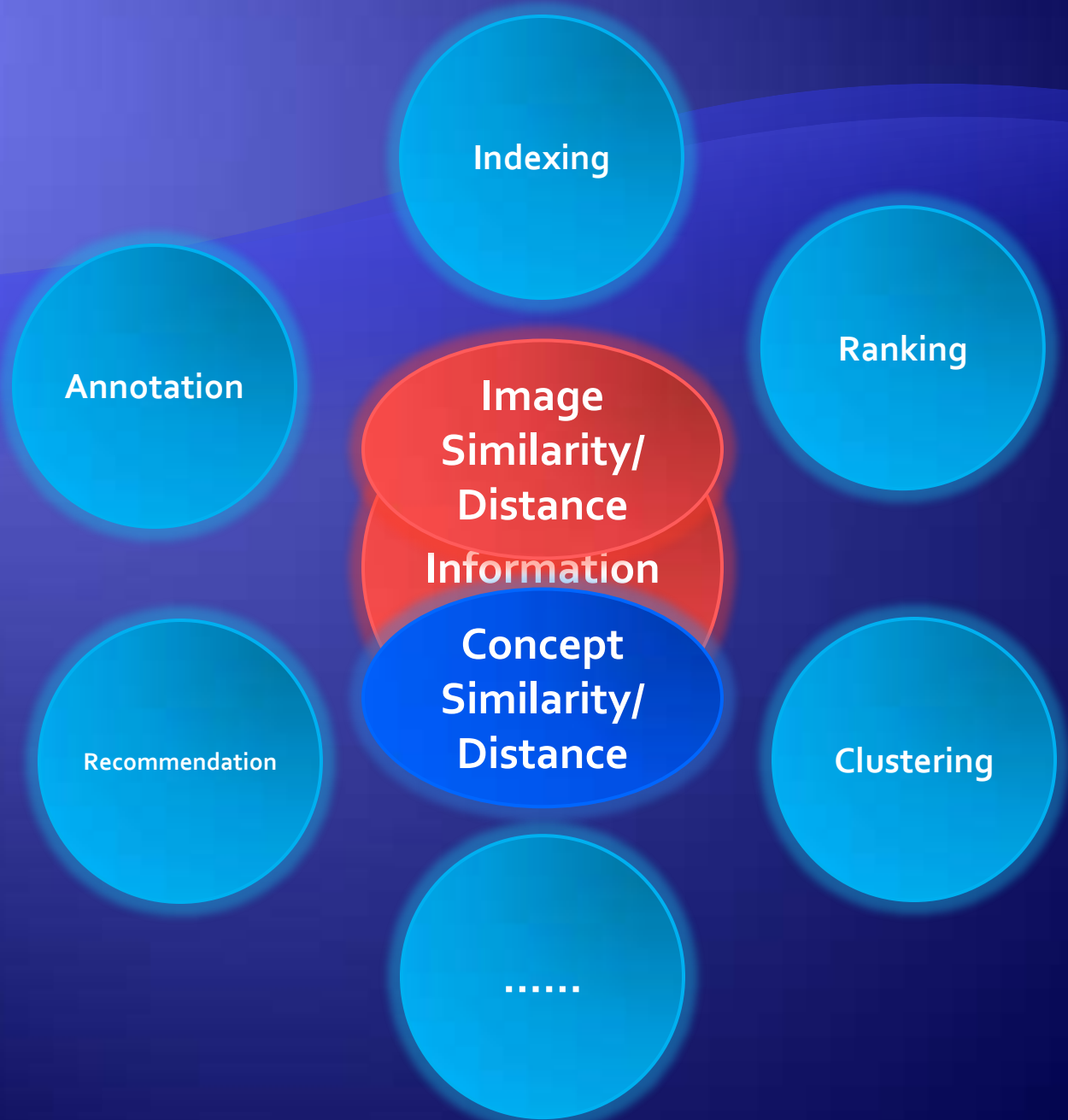
precision@N with  $K_N$  irrelevant tags



# Flickr Distance

**Credit:** Lei Wu, Xian-Sheng Hua, Nenghai Yu, Wei-Ying Ma, and Shipeng Li. Flickr Distance. ACM Multimedia 2008. (Best Paper Candidate).

**Multimedia  
Information  
Retrieval**



**Image Similarity/Distance**

**Similarity/  
Distance**

## Image Similarity/Distance



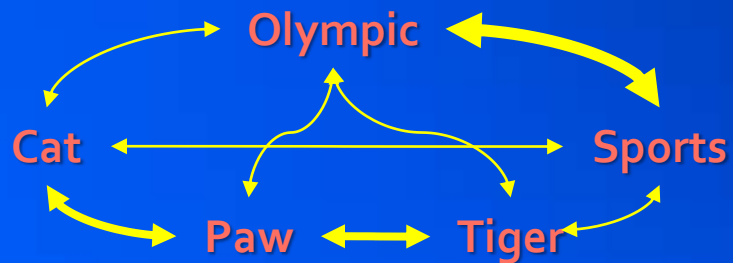
## Concept Similarity/Distance

## Image Similarity/Distance



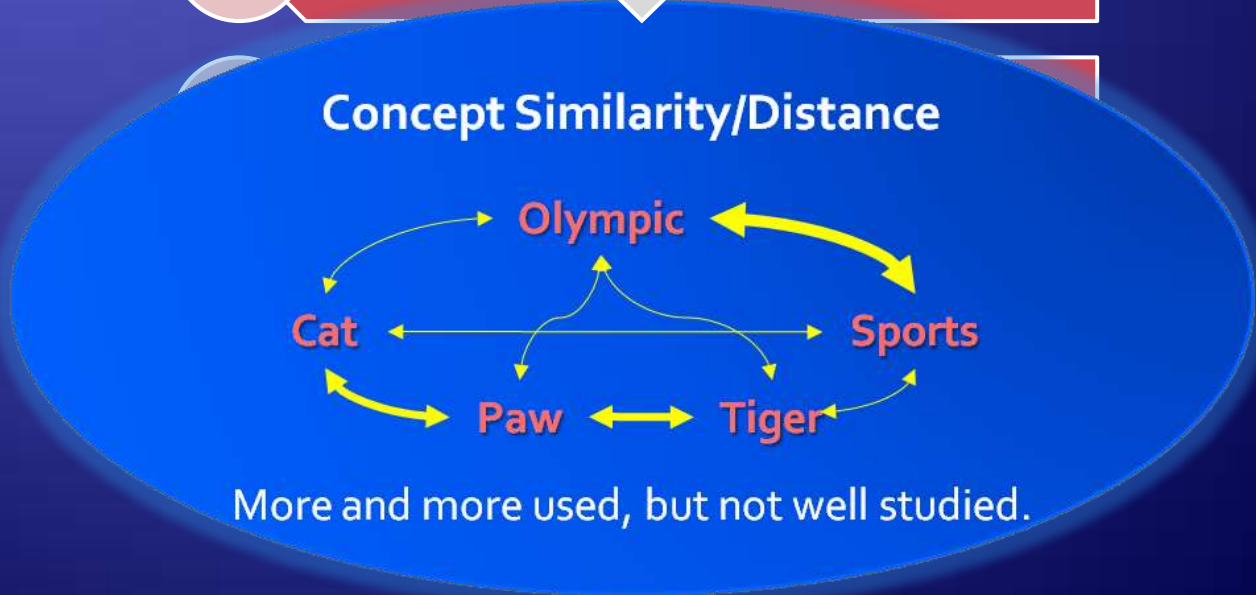
Numerous efforts have been made.

## Concept Similarity/Distance



More and more used, but not well studied.

# WordNet Distance







## ● Normalized Google Distance (NGD)

- Reflects the concurrency of two words in Web documents
- Defined as

$$NGD(x, y) = \frac{\max(\log f(x), \log f(y)) - \log f(x, y)}{\log N - \min(\log f(x), \log f(y))}$$

## ● Pros and Cons

- **Pros:** Easy to get and huge coverage
- **Cons:** Only reflects concurrency in textual documents. Not really concept distance (semantic relationship)

Concept Pairs	Google Distance
Airplane – Dog	0.2562
Football – Soccer	0.1905
Horse – Donkey	0.2147
Airplane – Airport	0.3094
Car – Wheel	0.3146

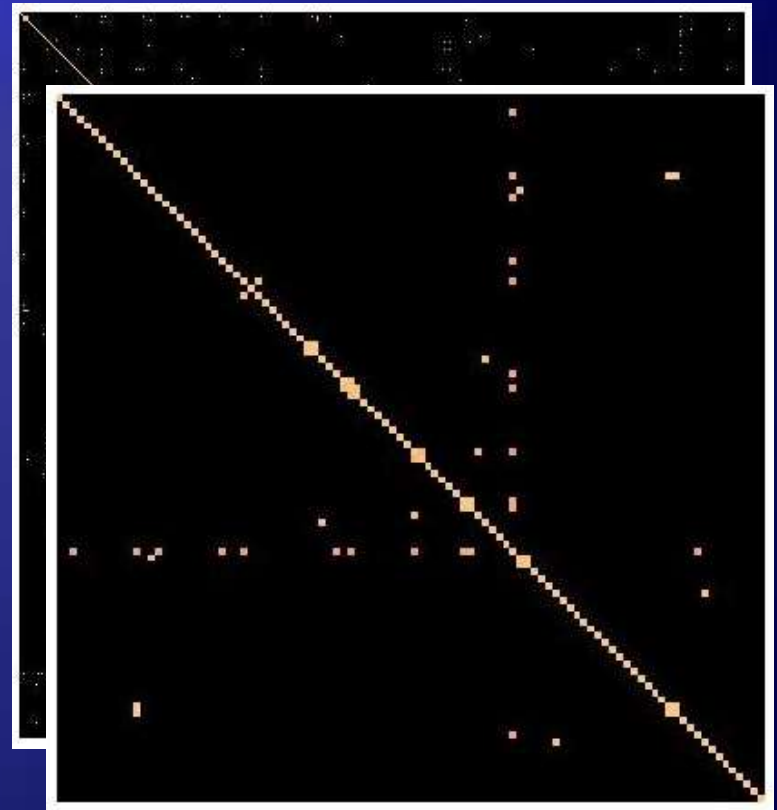
# Tag Concurrence Distance

## ● Image Tag Concurrence Distance (Qi, Hua, et al. ACM MM07)

- Reflects the frequency of two tags occur in the same images
- Based on the same idea of NGD
- Mostly is sparse (> 95% are zero in the similarity matrix)

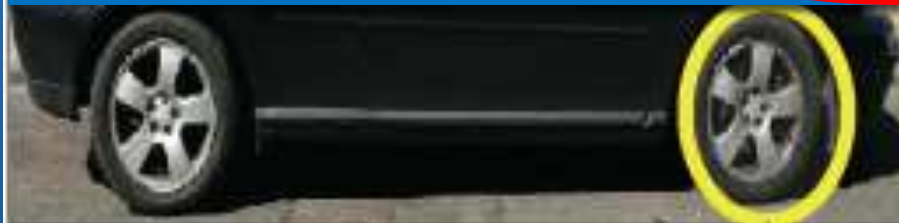
## ● Pros and Cons

- **Pros:** Images are taken into account
- **Cons:** a) Tags are sparse so visual concurrence is not well reflected  
b) Training data is difficult to get



similarity matrix: 50 tags

Concept Pairs	Google Distance	ence Distance
Airplane – Dog	0.2562	532
Football – Soccer	0.1905	739
Horse – Donkey	0.2147	513
Airplane – Airport	0.3094	833
Car – Wheel	0.3146	617



# Different Concept Relationships

table tennis — ping-pong



## Synonymy

different words but the same meaning

horse — donkey



## Visually Similar

similar things or things of same type

car — wheel



## Meronymy

part and the whole

airplane — airport



## Concurrency

exist at the same scene/place

Concept Distance

Image tag concurrence distance implicitly uses image information, but tags are too sparse

**Mine from image tags**

Google distance's coverage is very high, but it is for text domain

**Mine from text documents**

WordNet distance is good, but coverage is too low

**Mine from ontology**

**Can we mine concept distance  
from image content?**

# Some Facts

- Semantic concept distance is based on human's cognition
- 80% of human cognition comes from visual information
- There are around 5 billion photos on Flickr (by 2010)
- In average each Flickr image has around 10 tags

**To mine concept distance from a large tagged image collection based on image content**



bear, fur, grass, tree



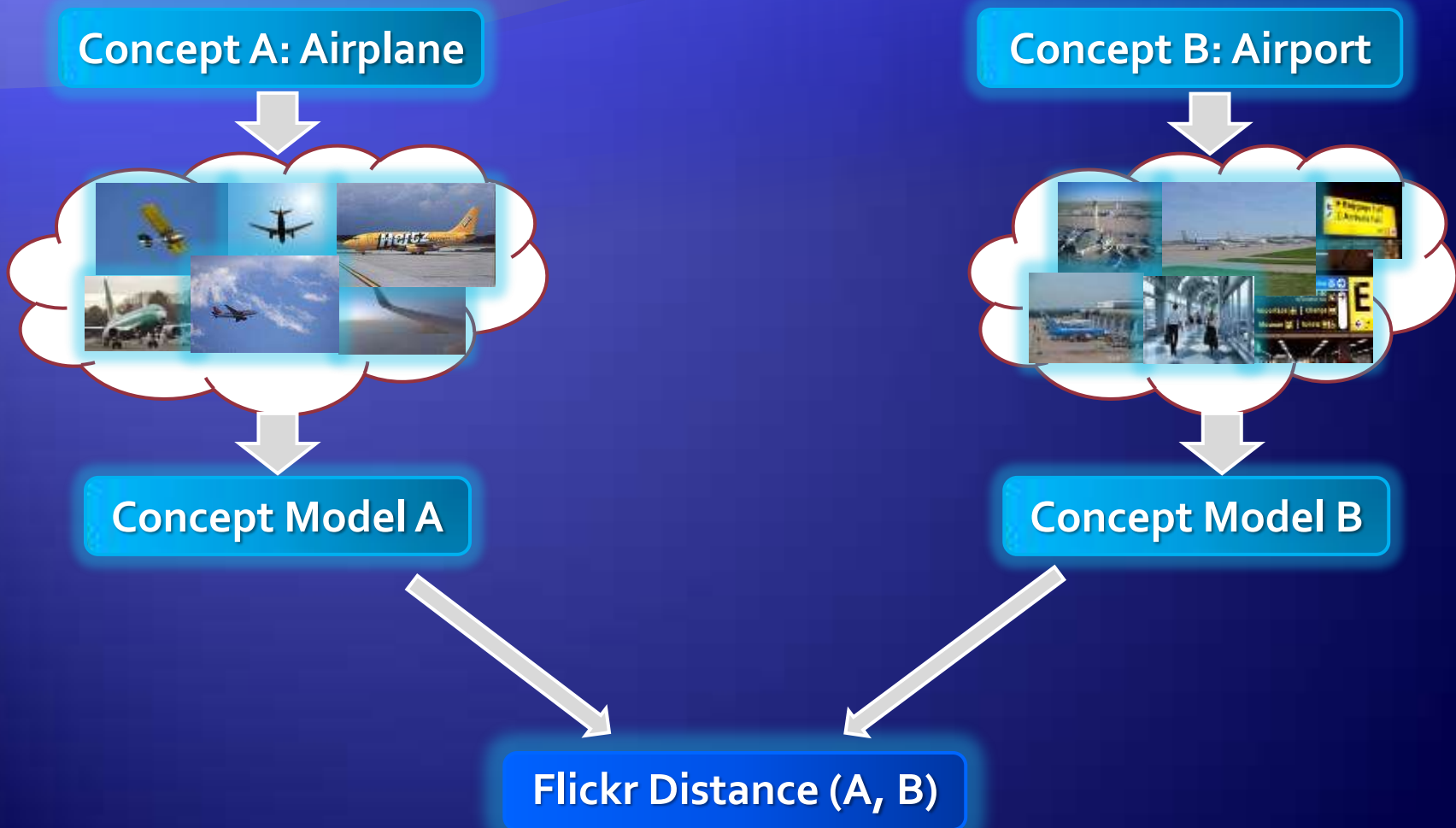
polar bear, water, sea



polar bear, fighting, usa



# Overview of Flickr Distance



Concept Pairs	Google Distance	Tag Concurrent Distance	Flickr Distance
Airplane – Dog	0.2562	0.8532	51
Football – Soccer	0.1905	0.1739	15
Horse – Donkey	0.2147	0.4513	31
Airplane – Airport	0.3094	0.1833	76
Car – Wheel	0.3146	0.9617	08

**Flickr Distance is able to cover the four different semantic relationships**

*Synonymy, Visually Similar, Meronymy, and Concurrency*

# What We Need

## ● R1: A Good Image Collection

- Large
- High coverage, especially on real-life world
- With tags

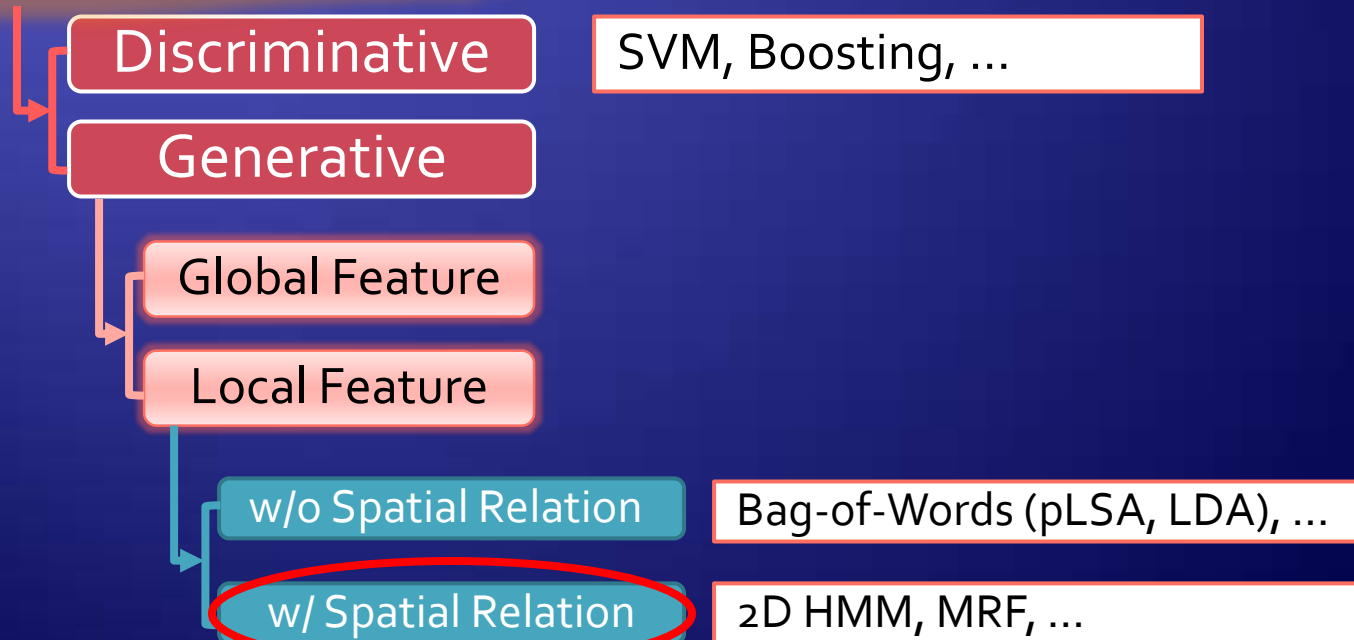


# What We Need

## ● R2: A Good Concept Representation or Model

- Based on image content
- Can cover wider concept relationships
- Can handle large-concept set

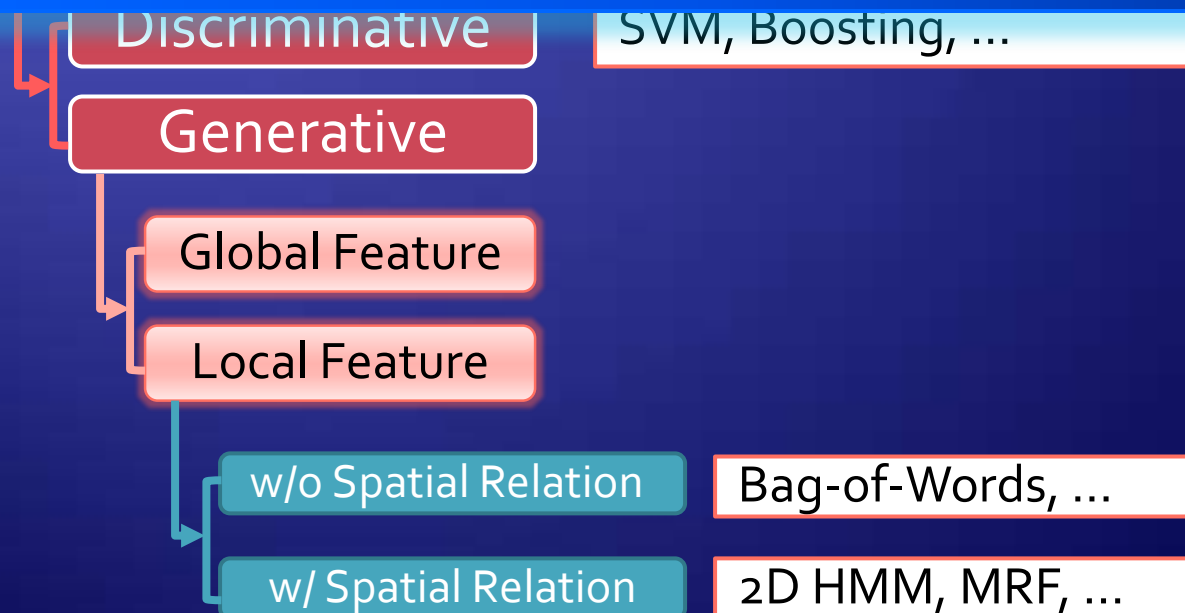
### Concept Models



# What We Need

## ■ VLM – Visual Language Model

- Spatial-relation sensitive
- Efficient
- Can handle object variations



# Statistical Language Model



Unigram Model

$$P(w_x | w_1 w_2 \cdots w_n) = P(w_x)$$

Bigram Model

$$P(w_x | w_1 w_2 \cdots w_n) = P(w_x | w_{x-1})$$

Trigram Model

$$P(w_x | w_1 w_2 \cdots w_n) = P(w_x | w_{x-1} w_{x-2})$$

# Visual Language Model (VLM)

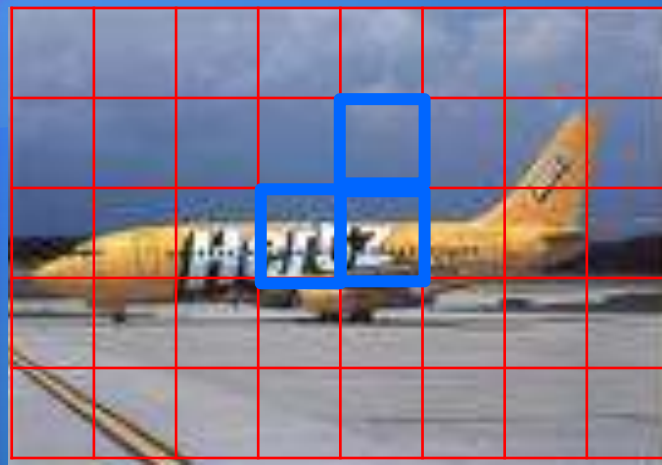
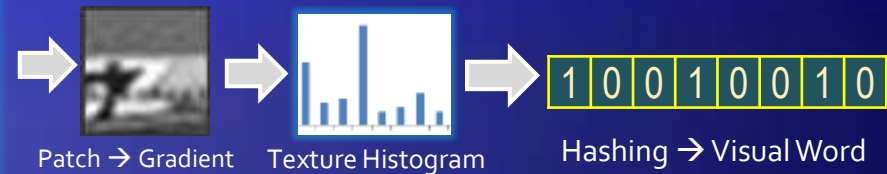


Image → Patch

## Visual Word Generation



Unigram Model

$$P(w_{xy} | w_{11}w_{12} \cdots w_{mn}) = P(w_{xy})$$

Bigram Model

$$P(w_{xy} | w_{11}w_{12} \cdots w_{mn}) = P(w_{xy} | w_{x-1,y})$$

Trigram Model

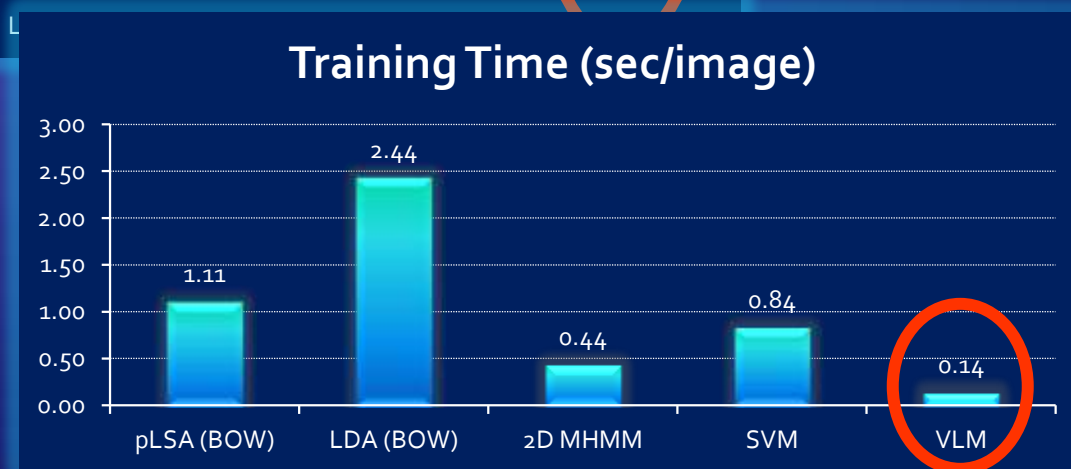
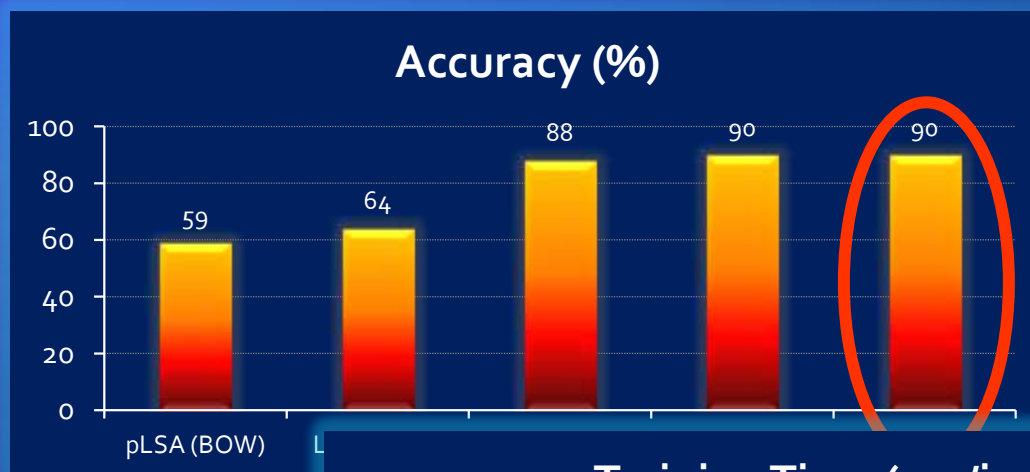
$$P(w_{xy} | w_{11}w_{12} \cdots w_{mn}) = p(w_{xy} | w_{x-1,y} w_{x,y-1})$$

Trigram VLM is estimated by directly counting from sufficient samples of each category. To avoid the bias in the sampling, back-off smoothing method is adopted.

# Performance of VLM

## Comparison on Image Categorization

- Caltech 8 categories / 5097 images





# Latent-Topic VLM (1)

## Why Latent-Topic



## Latent-Topic VLM

- Visual variations of concept are taken as latent topics

$$P(w_{xy} | w_{x-1,y} w_{x,y-1}, d_j^C) = \sum_{k=1}^K P(w_{xy} | w_{x-1,y} w_{x,y-1}, z_k^C) P(z_k^C | d_j^C)$$

$C$  : A concept

$d_j^C$  : the  $j^{\text{th}}$  image in concept  $C$

$z_k^C$  : the  $k^{\text{th}}$  latent topic of concept  $C$

# Latent-Topic VLM (2)

## ● Latent-Topic VLM Training

- Solved by EM algorithm,
- The objective function is to maximize the joint distribution of concept and its visual word arrangement  $A_w$

E step:

M step:

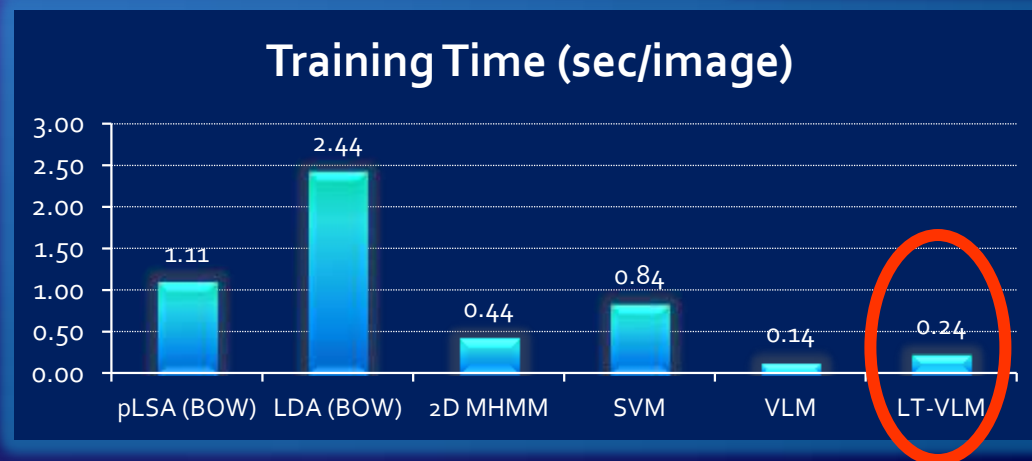
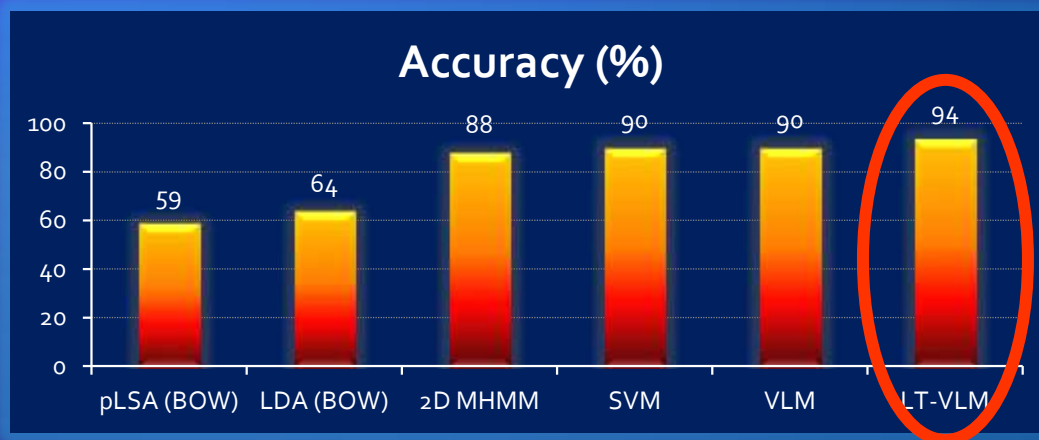
Estimate the posteriors of the hidden topics

Maximize the likelihood of visual arrangement

# Performance of LT-VLM

## Comparison on Image Categorization

- Caltech 8 categories / 5097 images



# Flickr Distance

## ● Kullback – Leibler (KL) divergence

- Good, but not symmetric

$$D_{KL}(P_{z_i^{c_1}} | P_{z_j^{c_2}}) = \sum_l P_{z_i^{c_1}}(l) \log \frac{P_{z_i^{c_1}}(l)}{P_{z_j^{c_2}}(l)} \quad \leftarrow \text{topic distance}$$

## ● Jensen – Shannon (JS) divergence

- Better, as it is symmetric
- And, square root of JS divergence is a metric, so is Flickr Distance

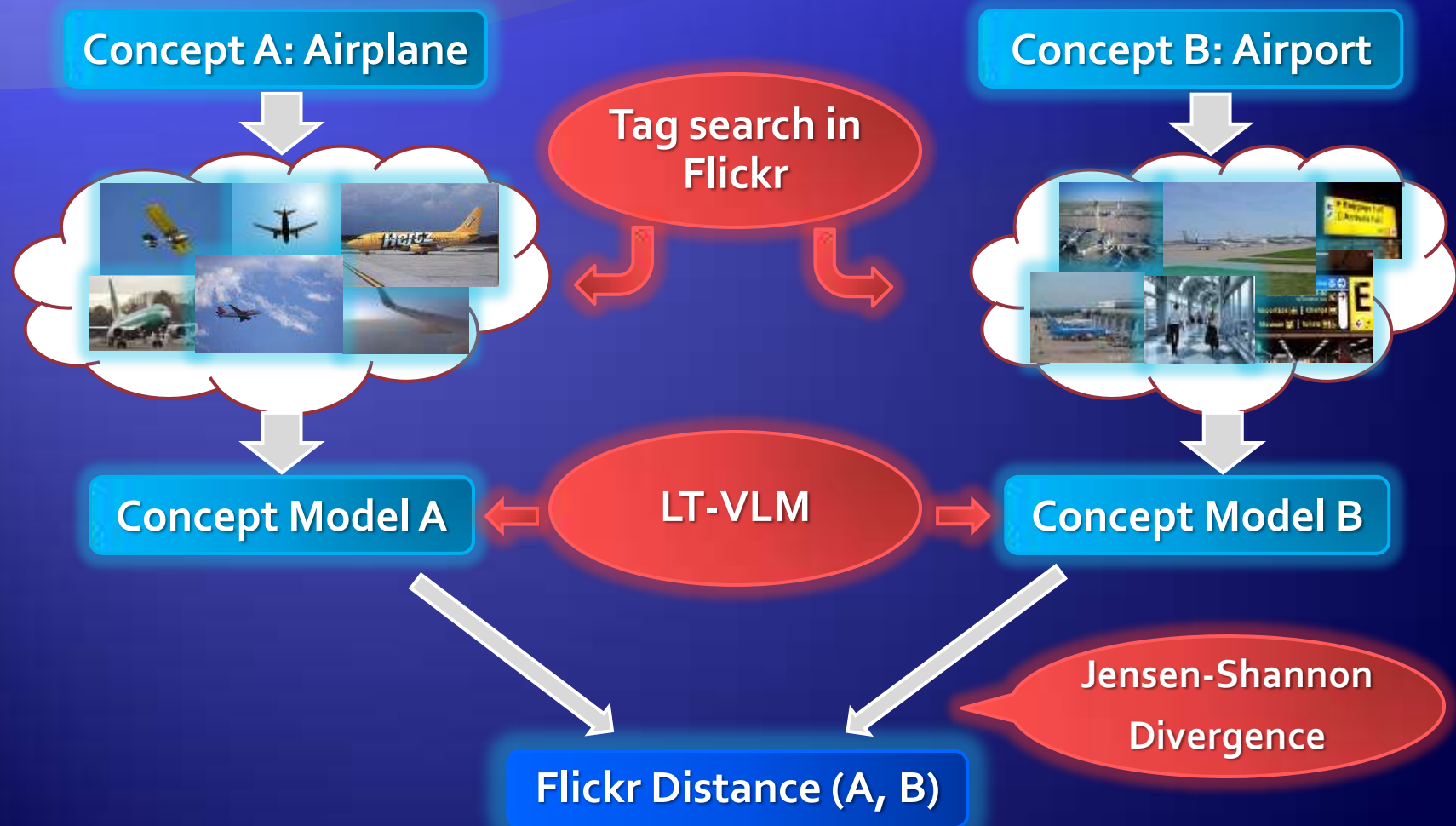
$$D_{JS}(P_{z_i^{c_1}} | P_{z_j^{c_2}}) = \frac{1}{2} D_{KL}(P_{z_i^{c_1}} | M) + \frac{1}{2} D_{KL}(P_{z_j^{c_2}} | M)$$
$$M = (P_{z_i^{c_1}} + P_{z_j^{c_2}}) / 2$$

← topic distance

$$D_{Flickr}(C_1, C_2) = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^K \sum_{j=1}^K P(z_i^{c_1} | C_1) P(z_j^{c_2} | C_2) D_{JS}(P_{z_i^{c_1}} | P_{z_j^{c_2}})}$$

↑ concept distance

# Procedure of Flickr Distance



# Experiments

## ● Evaluation

- Objective evaluation
- Subjective evaluation

## ● Applications

- Concept clustering
- Image annotation
- Tag recommendation

# Experiments - Configurations

## ● Images

- 6,400,000 from Flickr

## ● Concepts

- 130,000,000 different tags
- 10,000,000 filtered tags
- 1,000 randomly-selected tags

## ● Comparison

- Normalized Google Distance (NGD)
- Tag Concurrence Distance (TCD)
- Flickr Distance (FD)

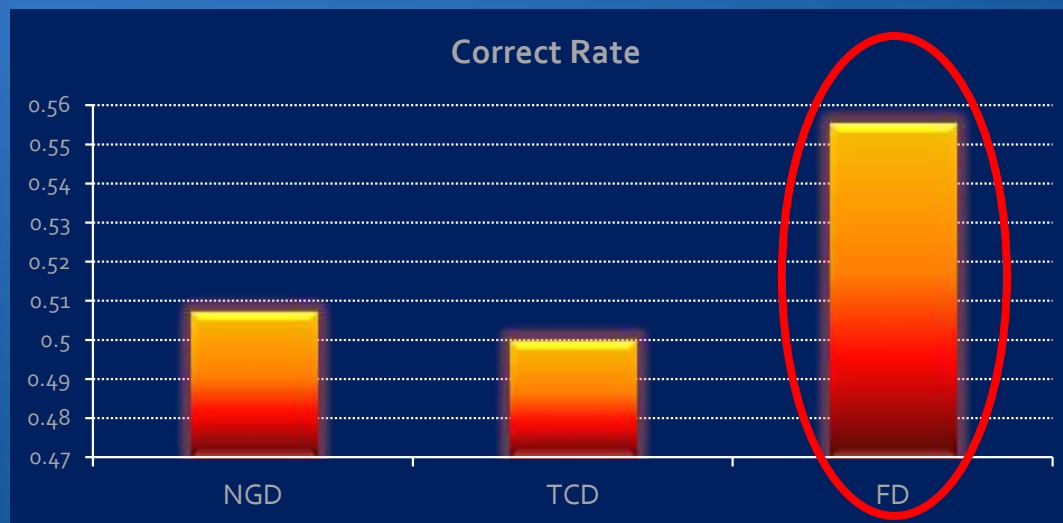
# Eva1: Subjective Evaluation

## ● Ground-Truth

- 12 persons are asked to score semantic correlation of each concept pair
- Average scores are taken as ground-truth

## ● Evaluate Accuracy of “Relative Distance Pairs”

- Step 1: Find all distance pairs  $D(a,b)$  and  $D(c,d)$
- Step 2: Check whether the order of  $D(a,b)$  and  $D(c,d)$  is consistent with ground-truth





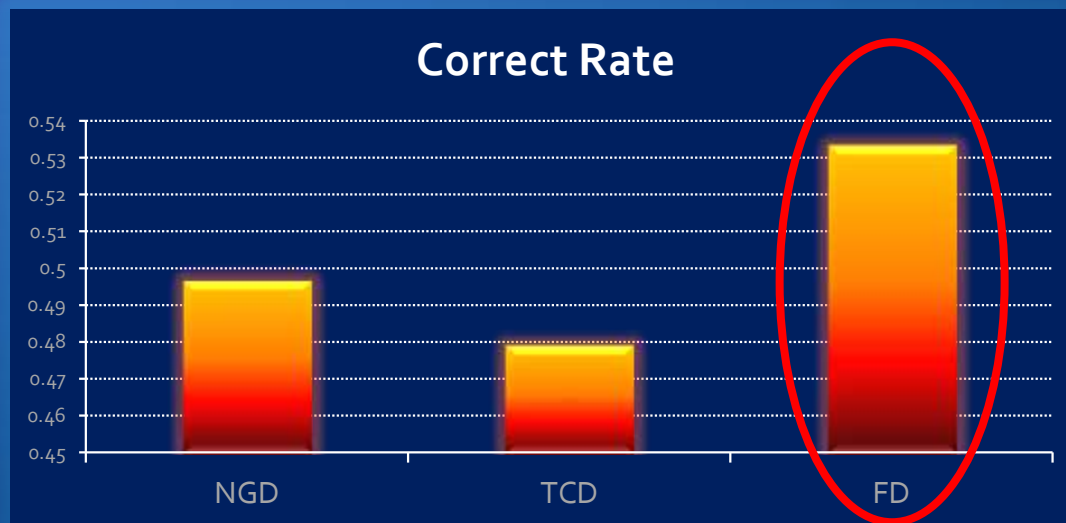
# Eva2: Objective Evaluation

## ● Ground-Truth

- WordNet Distance
- Only 497 concepts (overlap of WordNet and the 1000 concepts)

## ● Evaluate Accuracy of “Relative Distance Pairs”

- Step 1: Find all distance pairs  $D(a,b)$  and  $D(c,d)$
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# App1: Concept Clustering

## ● Concept Clustering

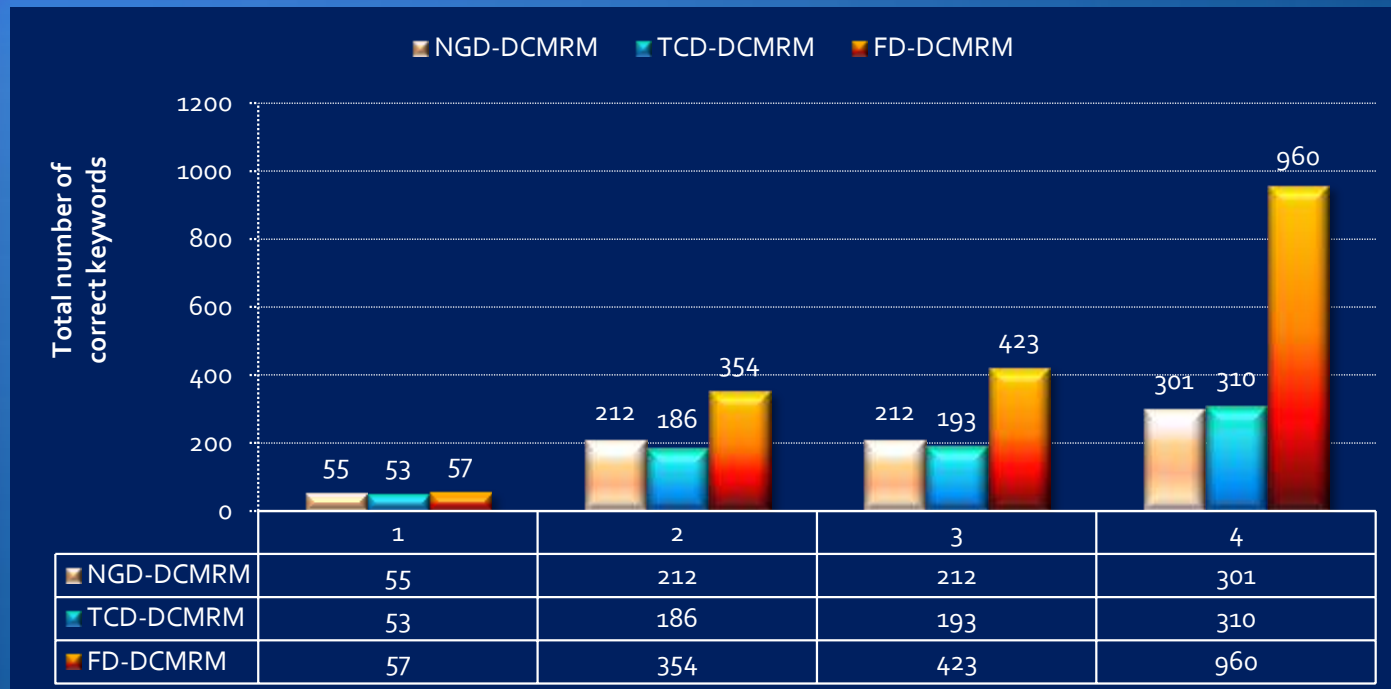
- 23 concepts;
- 3 groups – (1) **outer space**, (2) **animal** and (3) **sports**

Normalized Google Distance			Tag Concurrence Distance			Flickr Distance		
Group1	Group2	Group3	Group 1	Group2	Group3	Group1	Group2	Group3
<b>bears</b> <b>horses</b> moon space	<b>bowling</b> dolphin donkey <b>Saturn</b> sharks snake <b>softball</b> spiders turtle <b>Venus</b> whale wolf	baseball basketball football golf soccer tennis volleyball	moon space Venus <b>whale</b>	baseball <b>donkey</b> softball <b>wolf</b>	basketball <b>bears</b> bowling <b>dolphin</b> football golf <b>horses</b> <b>Saturn</b> <b>sharks</b> soccer <b>spiders</b> tennis <b>turtle</b> volleyball	moon Saturn space Venus	bears dolphin donkey <b>golf</b> horses sharks spiders <b>tennis</b> whale wolf	baseball basketball football <b>snake</b> soccer bowling softball volleyball

# App2: Image Annotation

## Based on an approach using concept relation

- Dual Cross-Media Relevance Model (DCMRM, J. Liu et al. ACM MM 2007)
- On 79 concepts / 79,000 images

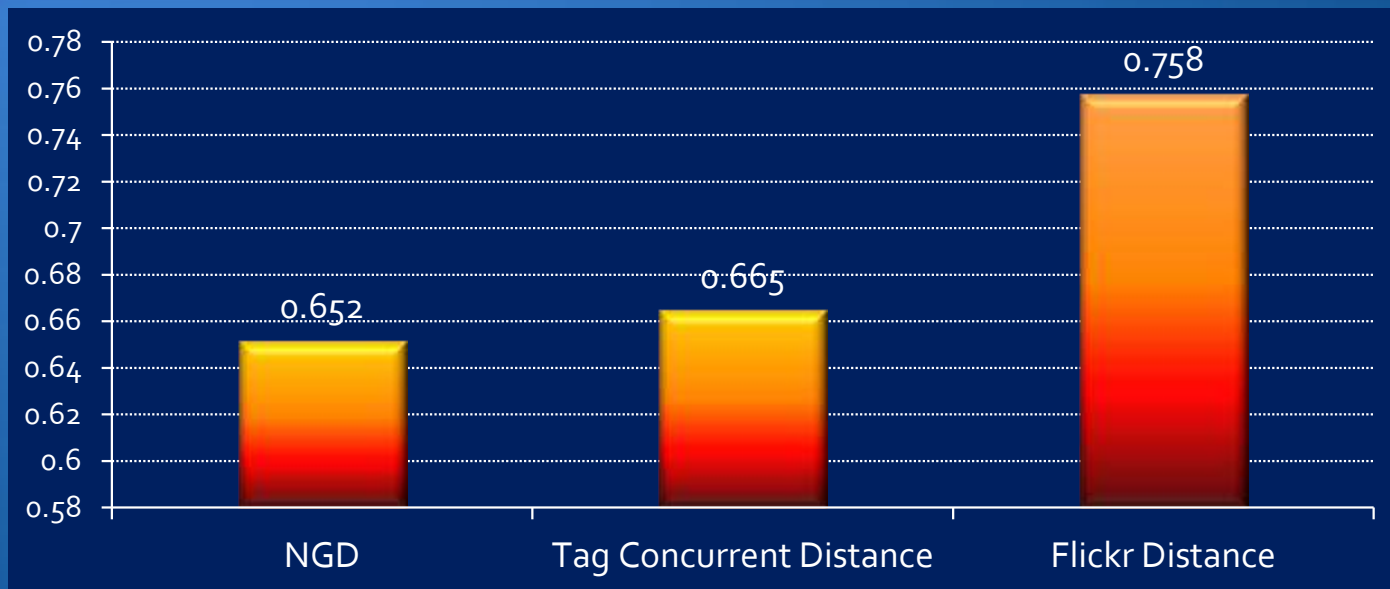


The number of correctly annotated keywords at the first N words

# App3: Tag Recommendation

## To Improve Tagging Quality

- Eliminating tag incompleteness, noises, and ambiguity
- 500 images / 10 recommended tags per image



Precision @ 10

# Discussion

- Why VLM divergence can estimate concept distance?
- Why FD works well even tags are not complete?



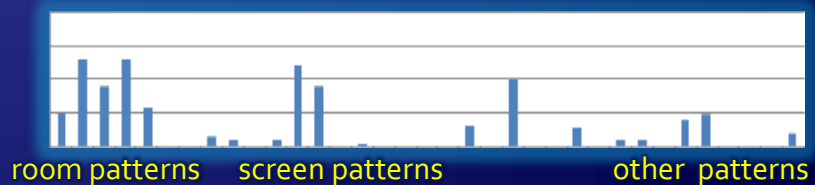
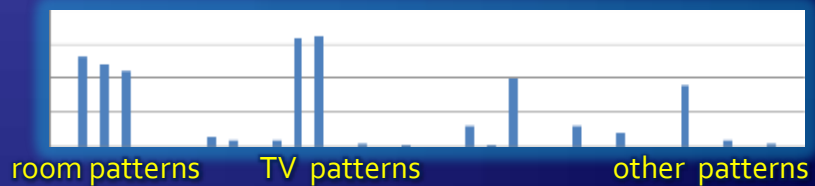
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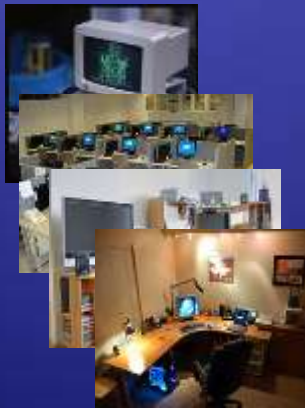
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If we find similar patterns in the images associated with different concepts, the corresponding concept relationships can be discovered.



Computer



Office

# Flickr Distance

- A novel approach to discover semantic relationships from image content
  - based on real-life images from the Web
  - based on collective intelligence from grassroots
- A distance more consistent with human's perception
- A measurement more effective in many applications

# Social Tagging and Tag Processing

## ● Discussion

- User-input tags are better than surrounding text
- Tags are not perfect
- Quality of tags can be enhanced, whether during tagging or after tagging through mining the correlations among tags, among images and between tags and images
- Implicit tagging is extensively used in search engines, but not easy to be studied in academia
- Tag has limitations – still far from a complete description



# Test

- Why user-input tags are not perfect? What are the major problems for those tags?
- Why we are able to improve the quality of user-input-tags without any additional manual labeling?

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# Data Driven Web-Scale Tagging

- CBIR-Based Tagging
- Building Web-Scale Image Graph
- Discussion

# Introduction

## ● Some facts

- A huge number of images available on the Internet
  - A portion of them has textual descriptions
  - A small portion of them has tags
- Many images have multiple copies/versions
  - Images are reused in different places
  - Some with textual description or tags, while some not



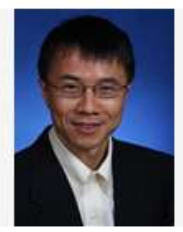
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Sep 6, 2010 ... For many of us in the UK (and across the pond), the name Mulan is most closely associated with the Disney take on the tale of the heroic ...  
[www.empireonline.com/news/feed.asp?NID=28832](http://www.empireonline.com/news/feed.asp?NID=28832) - Cached - Similar

# How Many Duplicates on the Web?

- 8.1% web images has no less than 10 duplicates
- 28.5% images shown in top 40 search results has no less than 10 duplicates



# CBIR-Based Tagging

Credit: Xin-Jiang Wang, Lei Zhang, et al. CVPR 2006.

# CBIR-Based Tagging

## Search-based Image Annotation



Search

Random

500 images returned with 3 clusters (search time: 0.015 seconds, src time: 1.047 seconds):

building, water, city | island | church, century

visual similarity   annotation

Large-scale image set

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Next



Renovated building, Quebec City  
[search](#) [annotate](#)



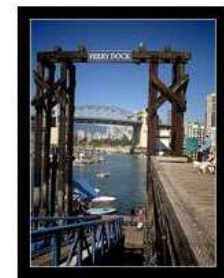
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# Near-dup search based Tagging on 2 Billion Images – Basic Idea



# The Value of Duplicates

- Duplicate search is a well-defined problem
- Frequent terms/phrases indicate semantics

 <p>prison break sarah callies sara tancredi looking (339 dups)</p>	<p>sarah wayne callies picture thread bild-quelle edit by annika beitraege in einen...</p> <p>prison break is paging dr. sara. if you are one of the many <b>prison break</b> fans...</p> <p>prison break - dr sara tancredi is not dead you knew that, right?dr sara tancredi ...</p> <p>dr. sara comes back to <b>prison break</b>?</p>	 <p>aeon concept phone mobile phone cell phone touch screen nokia phone mobile nokia (1888 dups)</p>	<p>nokia aeon was presented by nokia on their website in the research development...</p> <p><b>nokia aeon concept phone</b> (no ratings yet) sexy is the word to describe it nokia is ...</p> <p><b>nokia aeon</b> - future <b>mobile phone</b></p> <p><b>nokia aeon concept phone</b> nokia has unveiled its latest concept unbelievable ...</p>
 <p>costa rica golden toad climate amphibian (18 dups)</p>	<p>this is a picture of male <b>golden toads</b> congregating for breeding...</p> <p>is there a relationship between climate variability &amp; amphibian declines? <b>golden toad</b></p> <p>male <b>golden toads</b> at a breeding pool in indigenous to monteverde <b>costa rica</b>...</p> <p>amphibian declines in the cloud forests of <b>costa rica</b> ...</p>	 <p>sydney opera house australia (19 dups)</p>	<p>enjoying the wet season in <b>australia</b> <b>sydney</b>...</p> <p>150975_ <b>sydney opera house</b> next ...</p> <p>07/12, 1. tag in <b>sydney</b> &gt; <b>opera house</b> ...</p> <p>kirsty and trudy drink wine <b>sydney opera</b> <b>house</b> ...</p>

- Dup Images favor the concepts closer to Web users' interest
  - Celebrity, product, Landmark, Cartoon, Painting, ...
- However, not well for personal images
  - When there is no duplicate, the system will fail.
  - Similarity-based search is still needed, but very challenging.

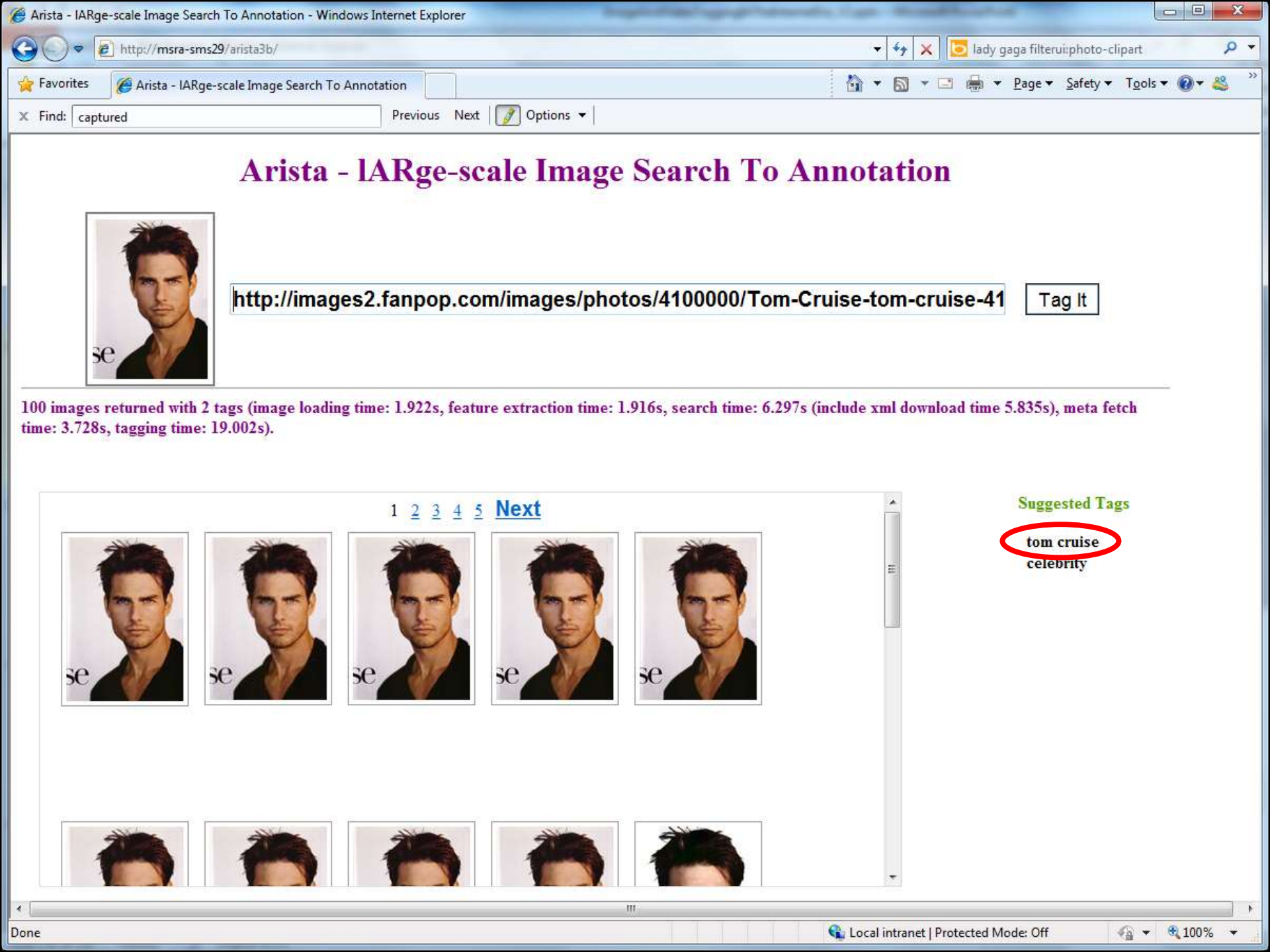
# DEMOS

- [Demo Link 1](#)

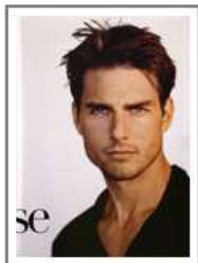
- Submit URL of an image and see the tags
- Online tagging: generally needs about 5 sec to get the results (large time cost on xml downloading)

- [Demo Link 2](#)

- Shows the improved precision with a Bayesian model



## Arista - IARge-scale Image Search To Annotation

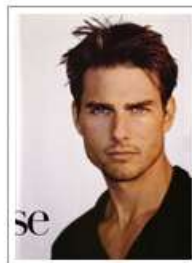
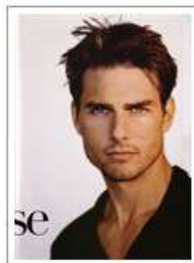
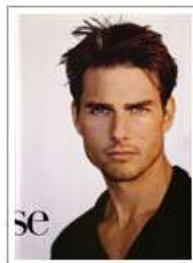
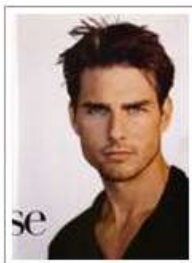
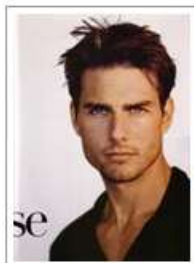


<http://images2.fanpop.com/images/photos/4100000/Tom-Cruise-tom-cruise-41>

Tag It

100 images returned with 2 tags (image loading time: 1.922s, feature extraction time: 1.916s, search time: 6.297s (include xml download time 5.835s), meta fetch time: 3.728s, tagging time: 19.002s).

1 2 3 4 5 [Next](#)



### Suggested Tags

tom cruise  
celebrity

# Arista - IARge-scale Image Search To Annotation



<http://www.starclippersblog.com/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2009/07/Anta>

Tag It

41 images returned with 1 tags (image loading time: 1.062s, feature extraction time: 1.182s, search time: 2.689s (include xml download time 2.675s), meta fetch time: 17.114s, tagging time: 9.001s).

1 2 3 Next



Suggested Tags

antalya

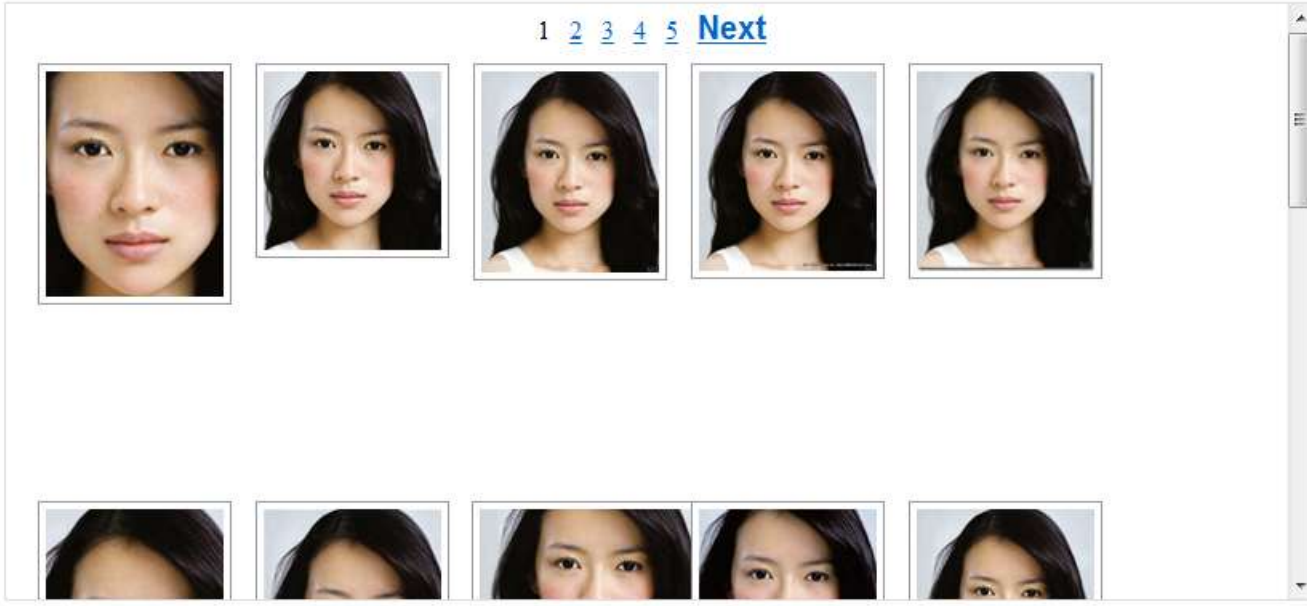
# Arista - IARge-scale Image Search To Annotation



<http://www.oneasianworld.com/wp-content/uploads/2009/11/zhang-ziyi.jpg>

Tag It

100 images returned with 5 tags (image loading time: 1.643s, feature extraction time: 1.403s, search time: 5.222s (include xml download time 5.185s), meta fetch time: 59.391s, tagging time: 56.006s).



- Suggested Tags
- zhang ziyi
  - zhangziyi
  - uploads
  - actress
  - chinese



## Arista - IARge-scale Image Search To Annotation



<http://www.geodeluxe.com/LuxuryCollection/wp-content/gallery/themarmaraa>

Tag It

88 images returned with 5 tags (image loading time: 2.115s, feature extraction time: 1.187s, search time: 5.340s (include xml download time 5.312s), meta fetch time: 33.605s, tagging time: 19.002s).

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### Suggested Tags

hotel  
vitrin  
turkey  
rotating  
lara



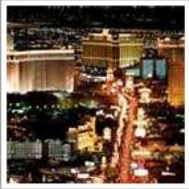
mercedes benz;  
swarovski  
crystal



Logo;  
mercedes benz;  
mercedes van;  
mercedes logo



chocolate,  
Red,  
Favorites



Las vegas



Vegas;  
las vegas



sacre coeur;  
Paris;  
location vacances



paris hilton;  
hollywood  
gossip;



barack obama;  
presidential  
candidate



bill gates



frida kahlo;  
hope,tree,art;  
masters painter



van gogh;  
oil painting;  
drinkers,  
vangogh



van gogh;  
night café;  
oil paintings



Happy birthday  
dog balloons;  
Glitter



Simpsons  
movie



travel inn;  
premier inn;  
Accommodation;  
city centre;  
basildon hotel



pearl harbor  
josh hartnett



timber wolf



Monkey

# Some Numbers

- Precision
  - 57.9% as reported in CVPR'10
  - improved to 92% ( on 500 randomly selected images, Bayesian model)
- However, can hardly scale-up
  - Needs ~1 year to process all Bing images

# Towards Efficient Near-dup Search

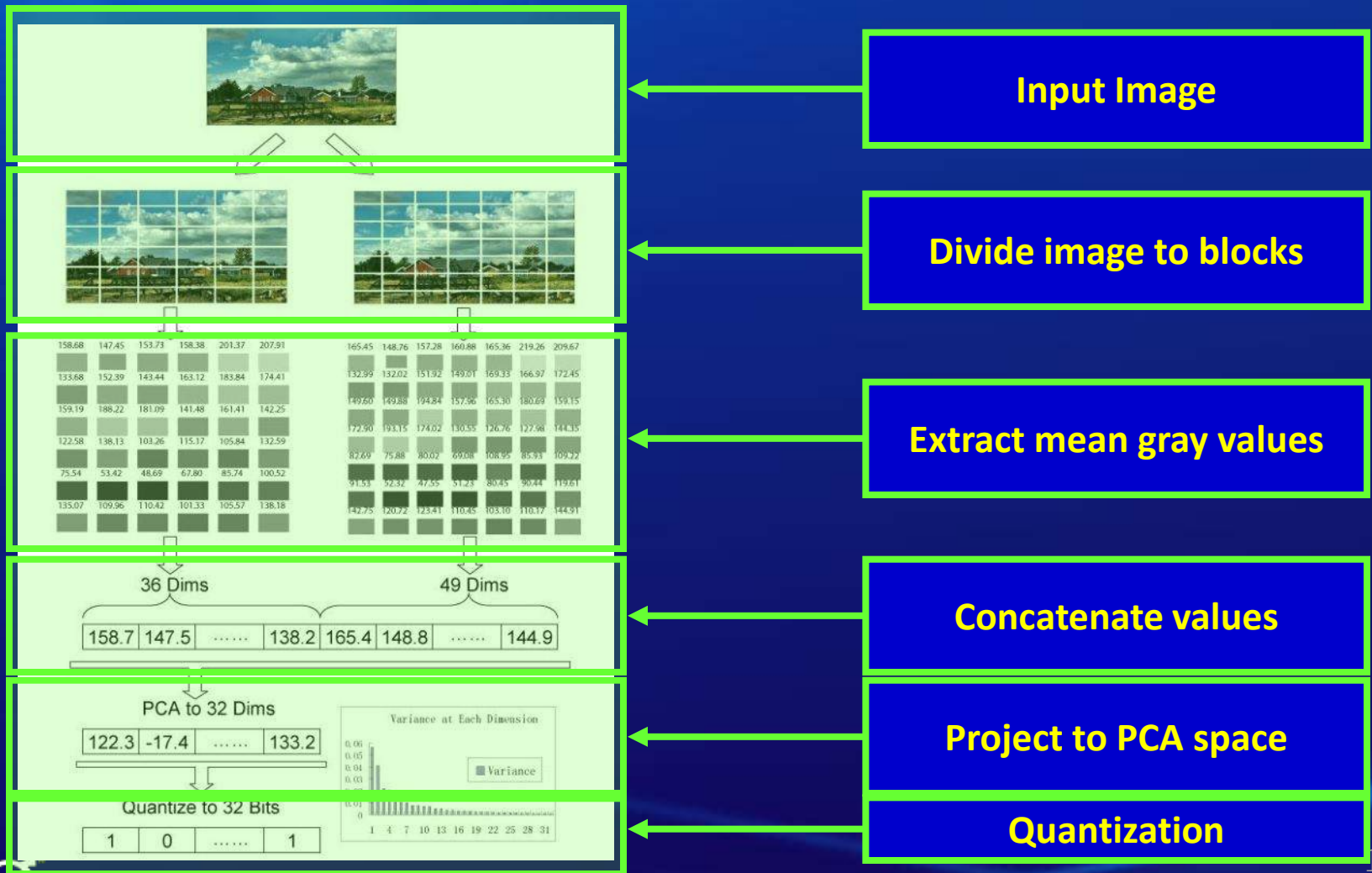
- **Local feature**-based near-dup detection (Bing MM)
  - Low efficiency: Needs ~1yr to process all Bing images
- **MD5**-based exact-dup detection (Bing MM)
  - Low coverage: 2.07% of #dup $\geq$ 3
- **Hashcode**-based near-dup detection (Lei Zhang) \*
  - 28-bits hashing: ~4 times of MD5 method, precision 97.1%
  - 40-bits hashing: ~1.3 times of MD5 method, precision 99.8%

\* Rough estimation, numbers may be affected by two problems:

- different images having the same image key
- the population of non-photo images

# Hash Code Based Near-dup Detection

Bin Wang, et.al. *Large-scale duplicate detection for web image search*, In ICME 2006.



# Summary - Dup search methods

	<b>T2S2</b>	<b>md5</b>	<b>Hash Code</b>
Feature	Sift-like Local features	Md5 on first 3M pixels	8x8 grid → Hash code
Coverage	High	Low	High
Efficiency	Low	High	High
Similarity Search	No	No	No
Service	Available	Available	Under Research

# Building Web-Scale Image Graph

Credit: Jingdong Wang, Xian-Sheng Hua and Shipeng Li

# Techniques - Scalable k-NN graph construction

- Organize images with *hybrid neighborhood graph* that is constructed using visual and textual features
  - 3M images 3 hours, 80% accuracy
- Fast hybrid similarity search with *neighborhood propagation*
  - Below 50ms per image
- Advantages
  - Easy insertion and deletion
  - $O(1)$  time



# Key technologies

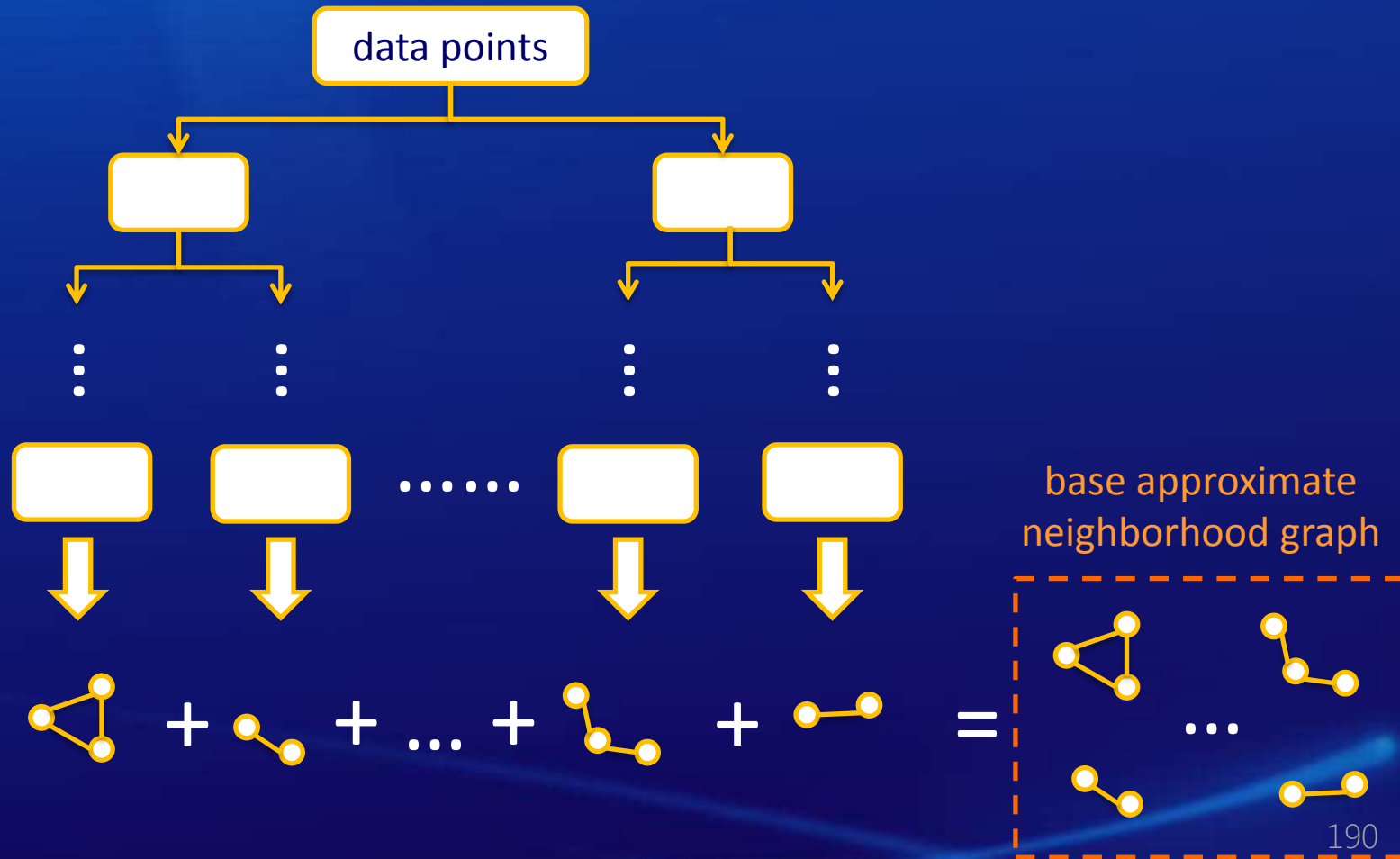
- Multiple random divide-and-conquer
- Neighborhood propagation

# Random divide-and-conquer

- Hierarchically binary partition
  - Divide the data points into isolated subsets
  - Build the neighborhood graph for each subset
  - Achieve a base approximate neighborhood graph
- Partition hyperplane
  - Randomized principal directions – reduce the diameter of each subset efficient
  - Fast computed using the Lanczos algorithm

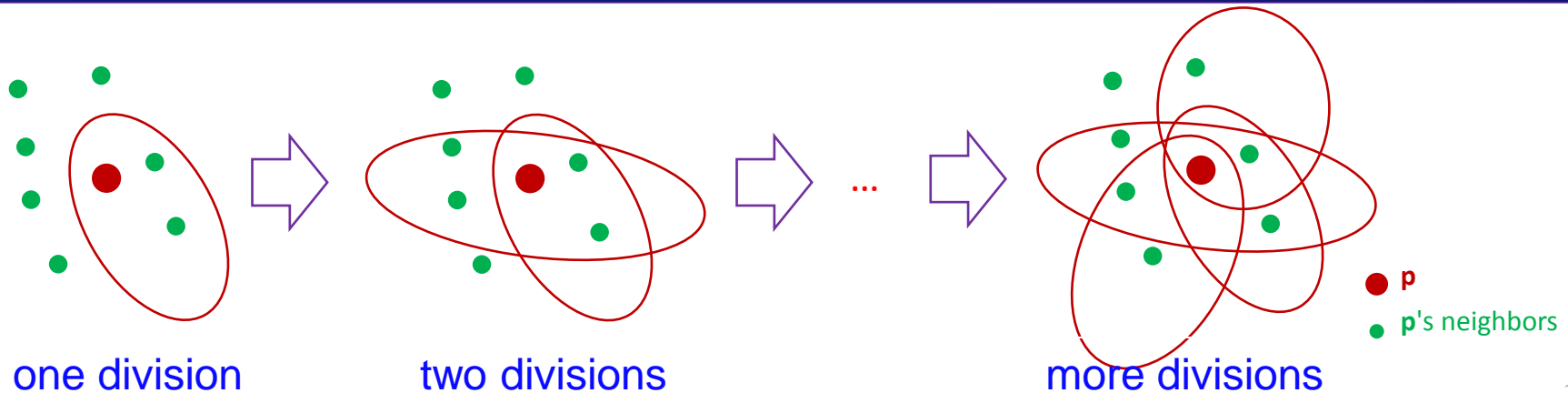
# Illustration of a random division

A base approximate neighborhood graph by random division



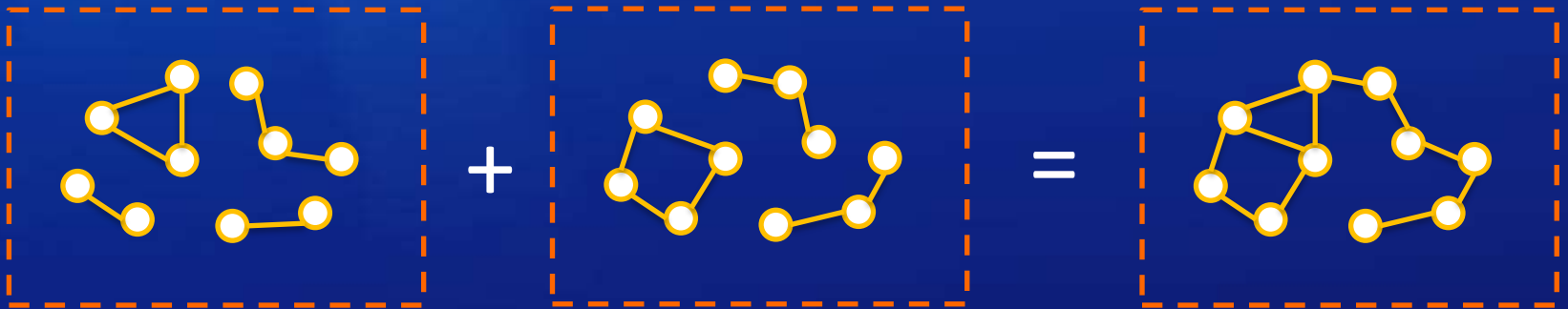
# Multiple random divide-and-conquer

- Assemble base approximate neighborhood graphs from multiple random divisions
- Consider a point  $p$ 
  - For each division, some neighbors of  $p$  lie in the same subset with  $p$
  - With more division, more neighbors are covered



# Illustration of multiple divisions

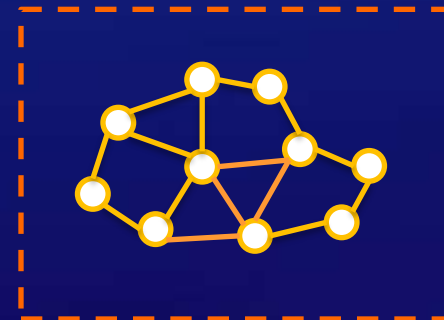
Assemble multiple base neighborhood graphs



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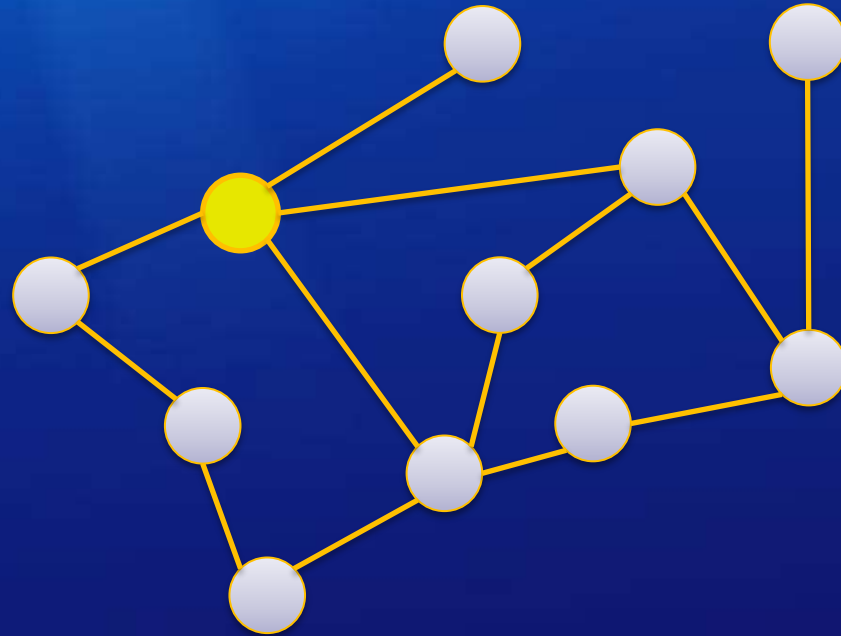
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# Neighborhood propagation

- Neighborhood propagation
  - Fast neighborhood refinement
  - For each point, expand its neighborhoods in a best-first manner so that the propagation path is towards its true nearest neighbors
- Hybrid neighborhood propagation
  - Computing the distance from both visual and textual information
  - The distance is positive infinity if two images don't share any common tag

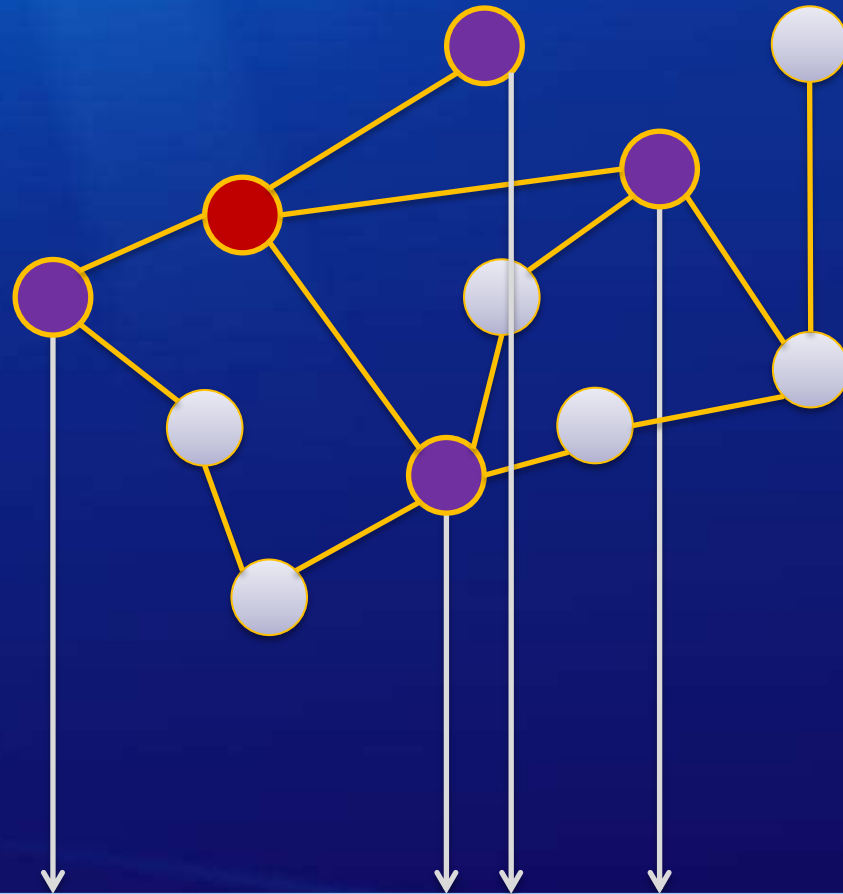
# Illustration of neighborhood propagation



● start point

priority queue

# Illustration of neighborhood propagation

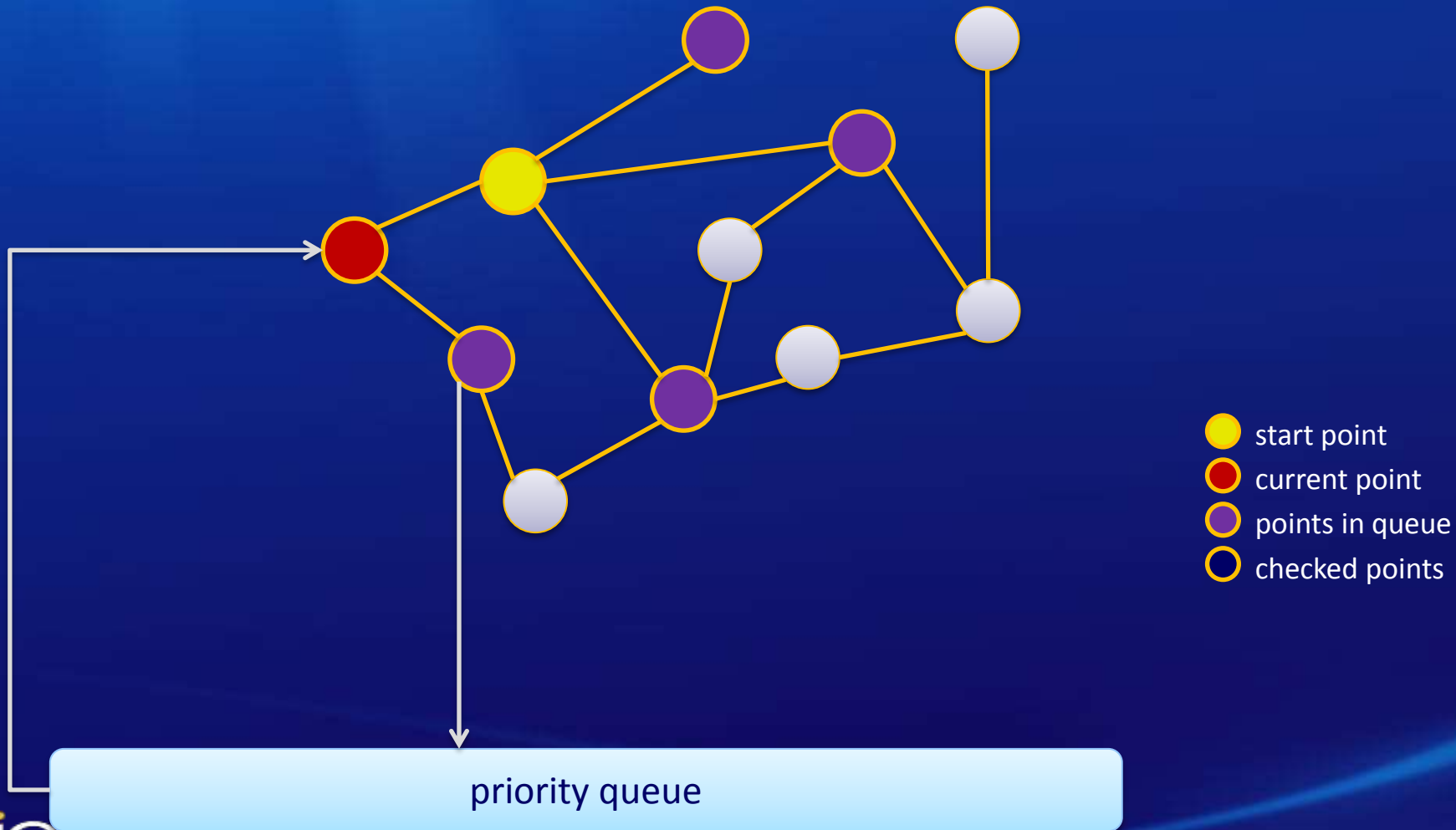


- start point
- current point
- points in queue
- checked points

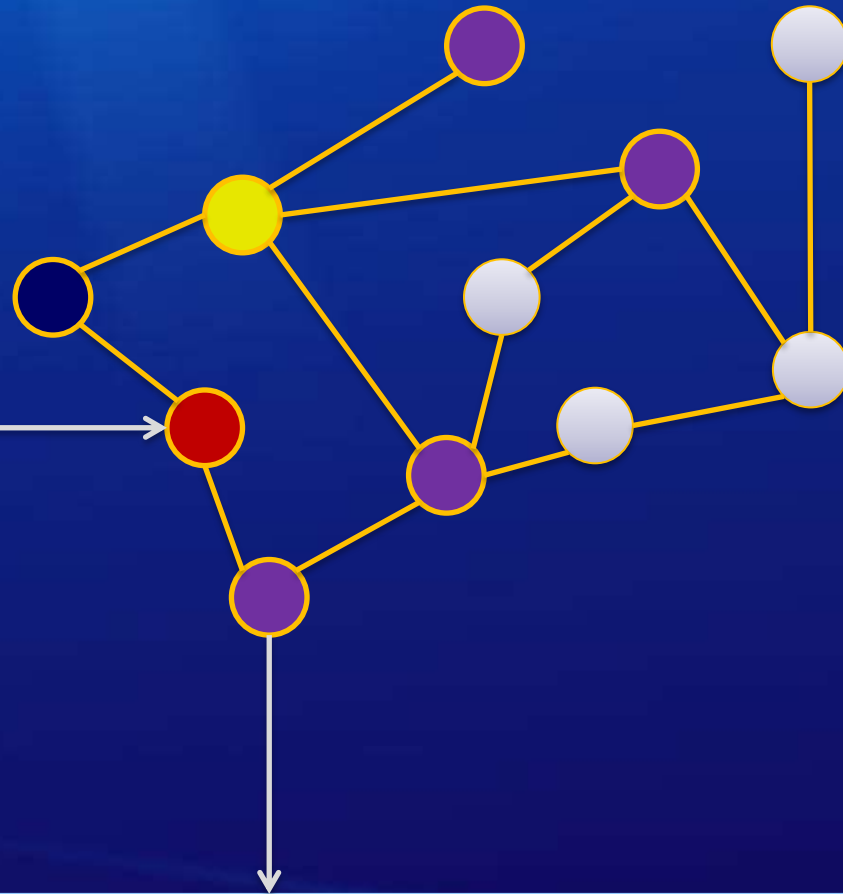
priority queue



# Illustration of neighborhood propagation



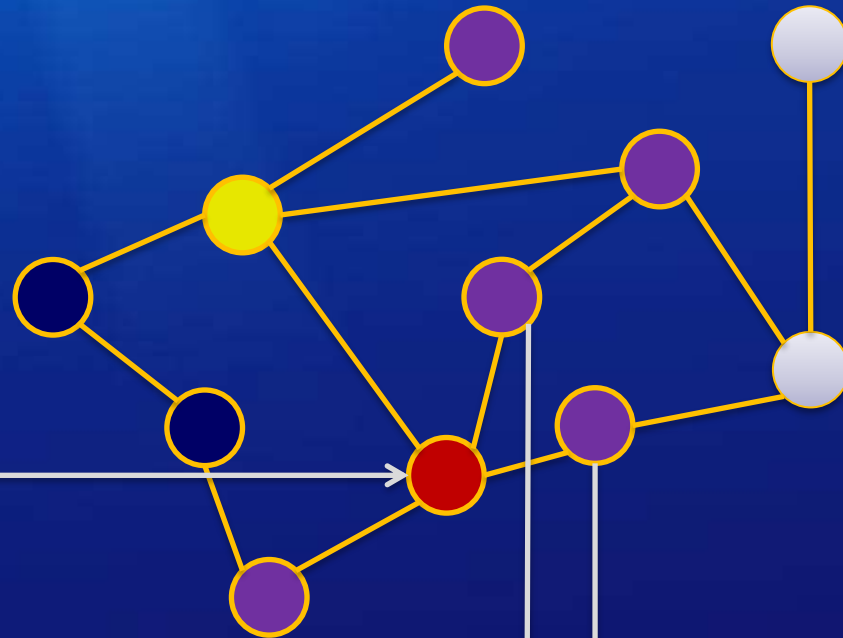
# Illustration of neighborhood propagation



- start point
- current point
- points in queue
- checked points

priority queue

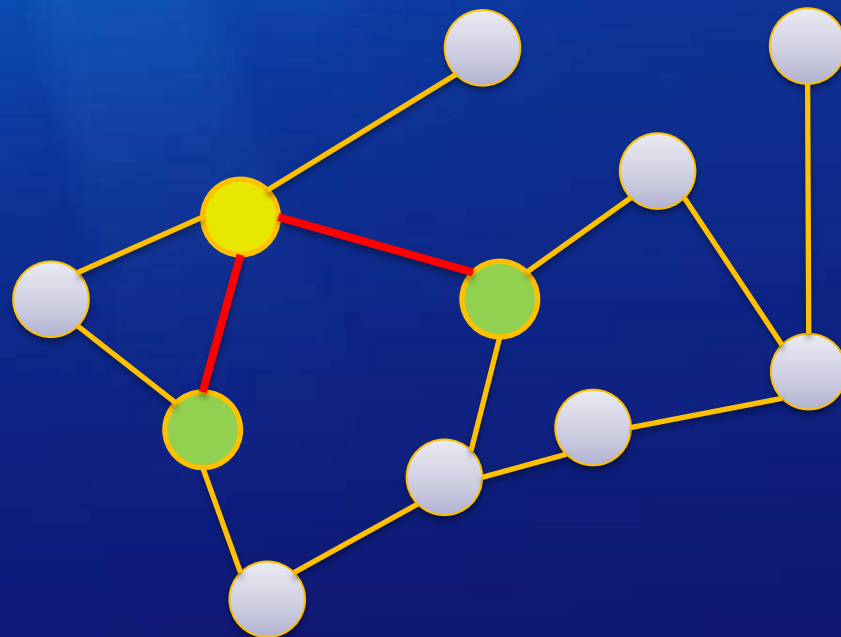
# Illustration of neighborhood propagation



- start point
- current point
- points in queue
- checked points

priority queue

# Illustration of neighborhood propagation - final



- start point
- newly found neighbors
- Newly found edges

# Quantitative evaluation

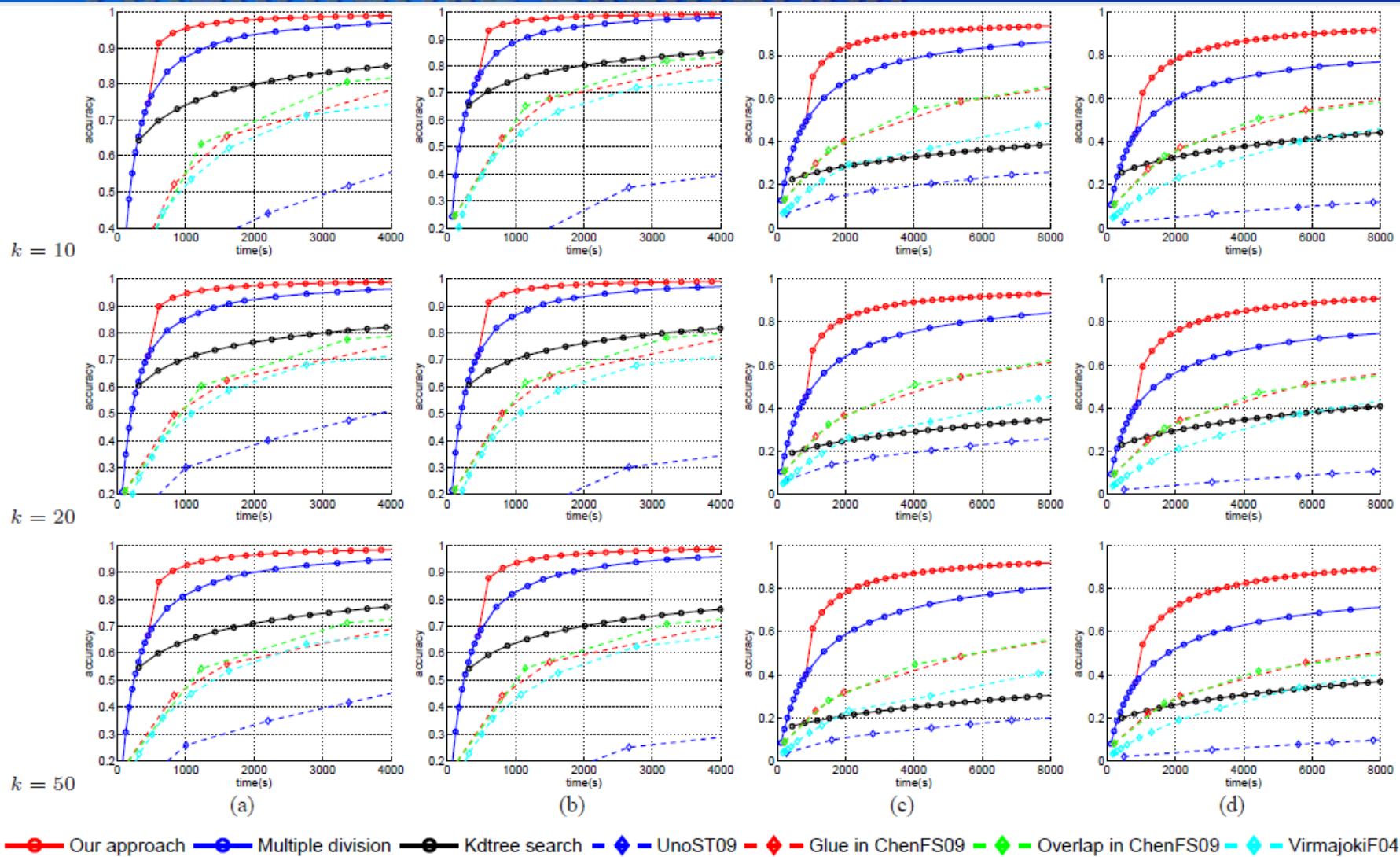
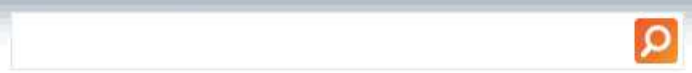


Figure 5. Performance comparison on (a) Caltech 101, (b) Recognition Benchmark, (c) Imagenet, (d) TinyImage

# Demo

- Data set
  - 3M flickr images, storage ~400G
  - ~5000 tags
  - ~20 tags each image
- Storage
  - Index structure ~500M (can be reduced to ~300M)
  - GIST ~1G
  - Color ~500M



1 - 28 of 14,600,000 results

Grid icons and Back link



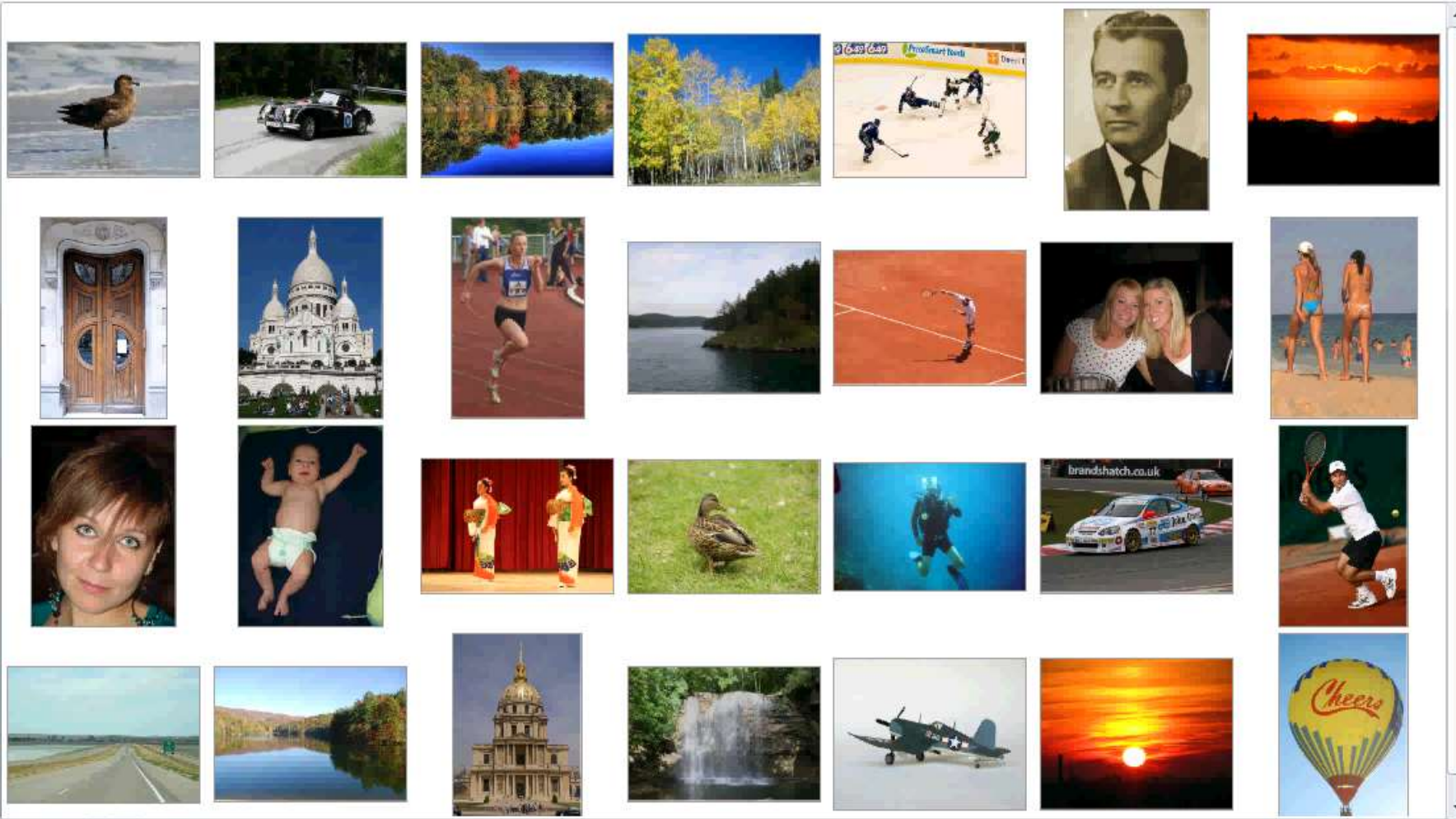
Previous Next Go Page 1



Search bar with a magnifying glass icon on the right.

1 - 28 of 14,600,000 results

Grid view icons and a "Back" link.



Navigation controls: Previous Next Go Page 1



# Real Demo



Search input field with a magnifying glass icon on the right.

1 - 15 of 14,600,000 results





1 - 15 of 14,600,000 results



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Similar Images



Search input field with a magnifying glass icon on the right.

1 - 15 of 14,600,000 results



# Not Finished Yet

CBIR-Based  
Tagging



Large-Scale  
Similarity Graph

# Test

- How duplicates help tagging?
- Why building and using large-scale similarity graph are difficult? How to do it?

# Outline

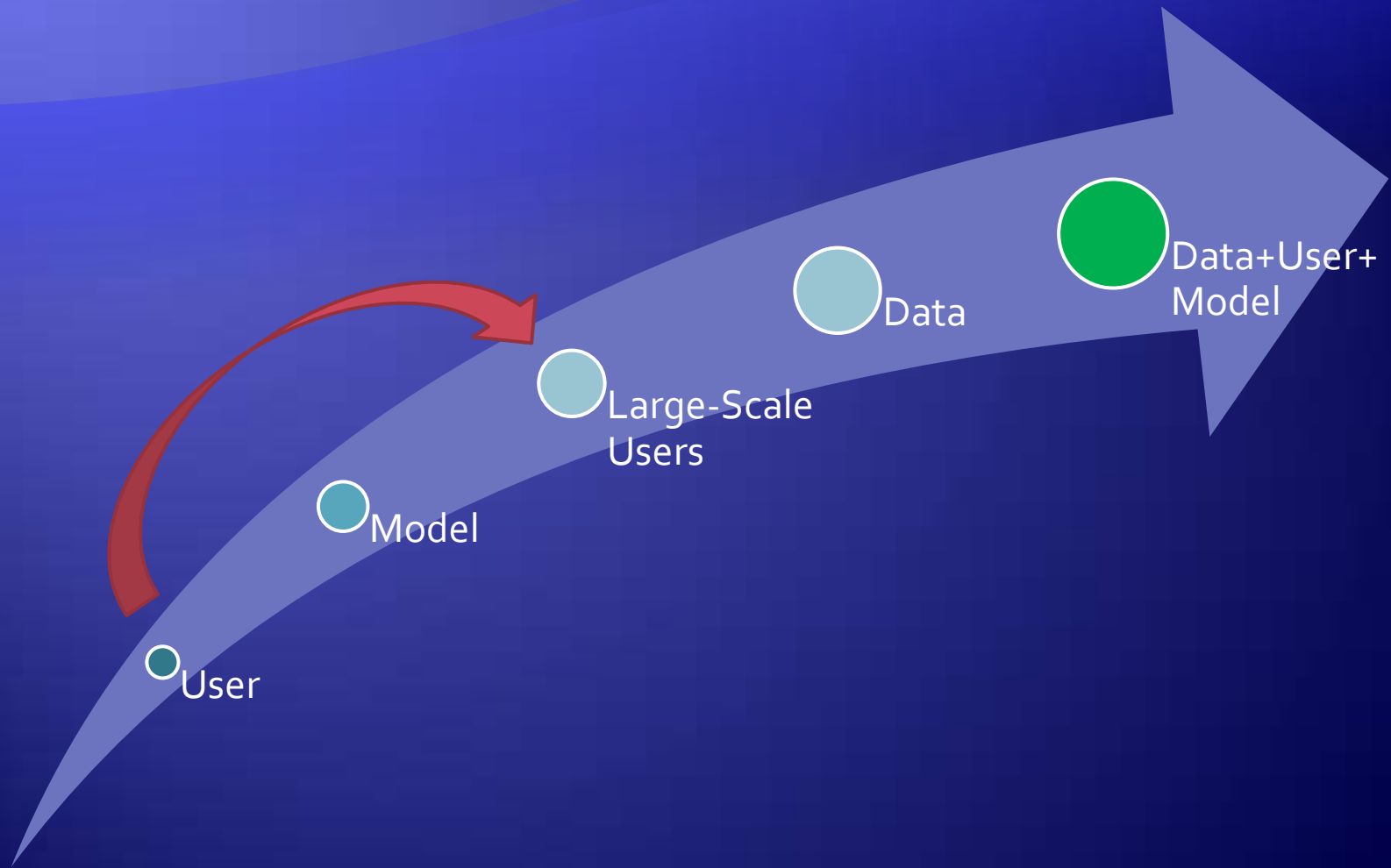
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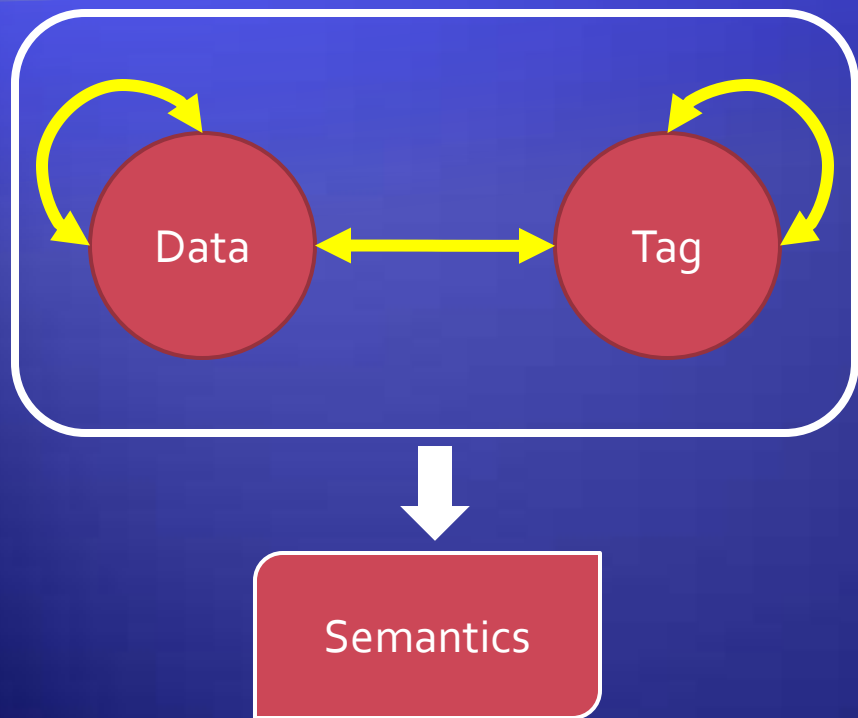
# Evolution of Extracting Semantics



# Idea Solution

● Data + User + Model

# Rethinking Bridging Semantic Gap



## Basic Assumptions

of all automatic and semi-automatic approaches  
(model driven / data driven approaches)

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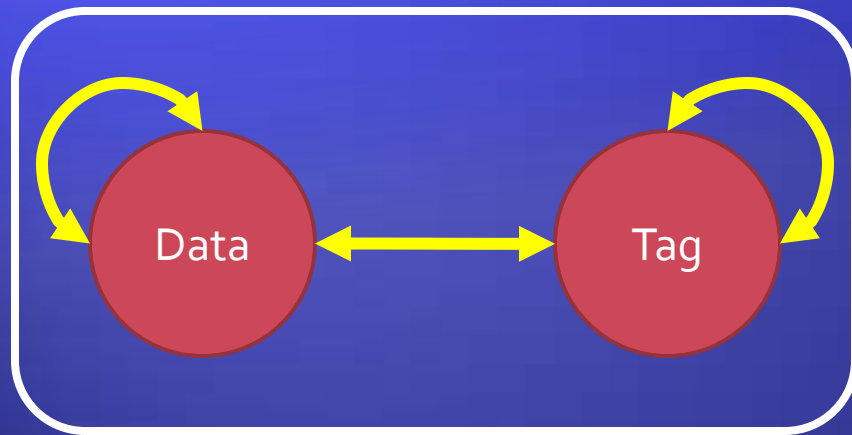
• Images have correlations

• Tags have correlations

• **Tags have correlation with image content**

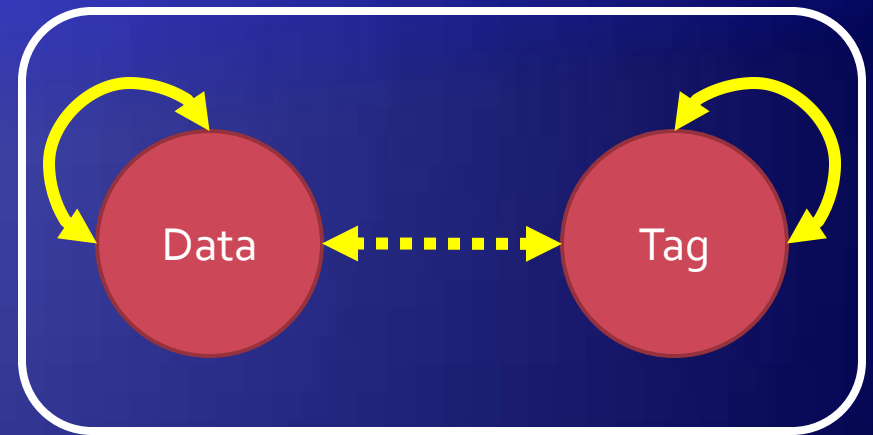


# Rethinking Bridging Semantic Gap



Semantics

For "Model-able" Tags



Semantics

For "Un-model-able" Tags

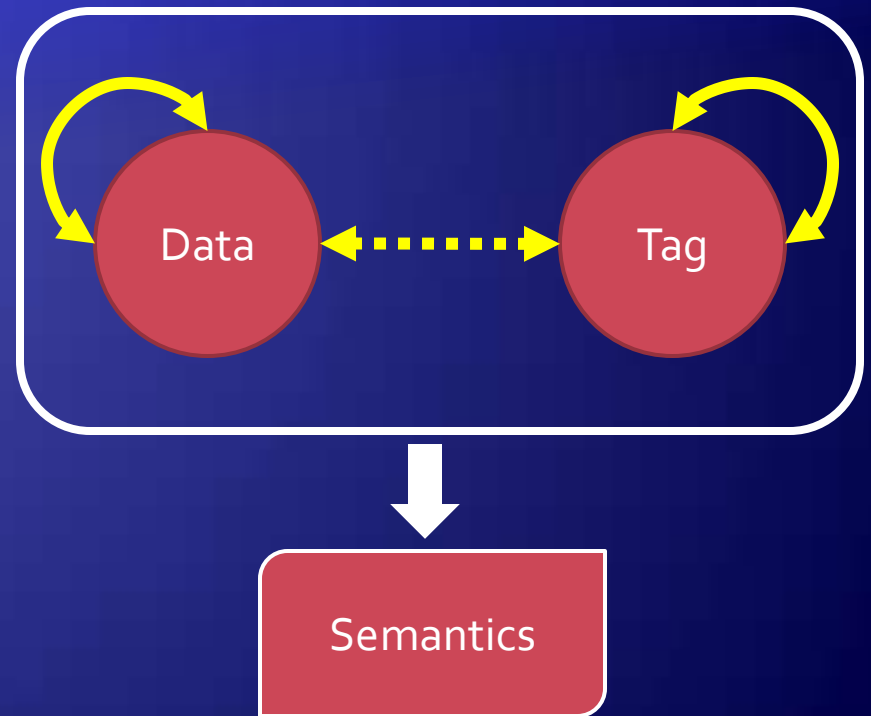
# Rethinking Bridging Semantic Gap

## We need

- Large amounts of tagged data
- Large amounts of users to do labeling
- "CrowdSourcing"

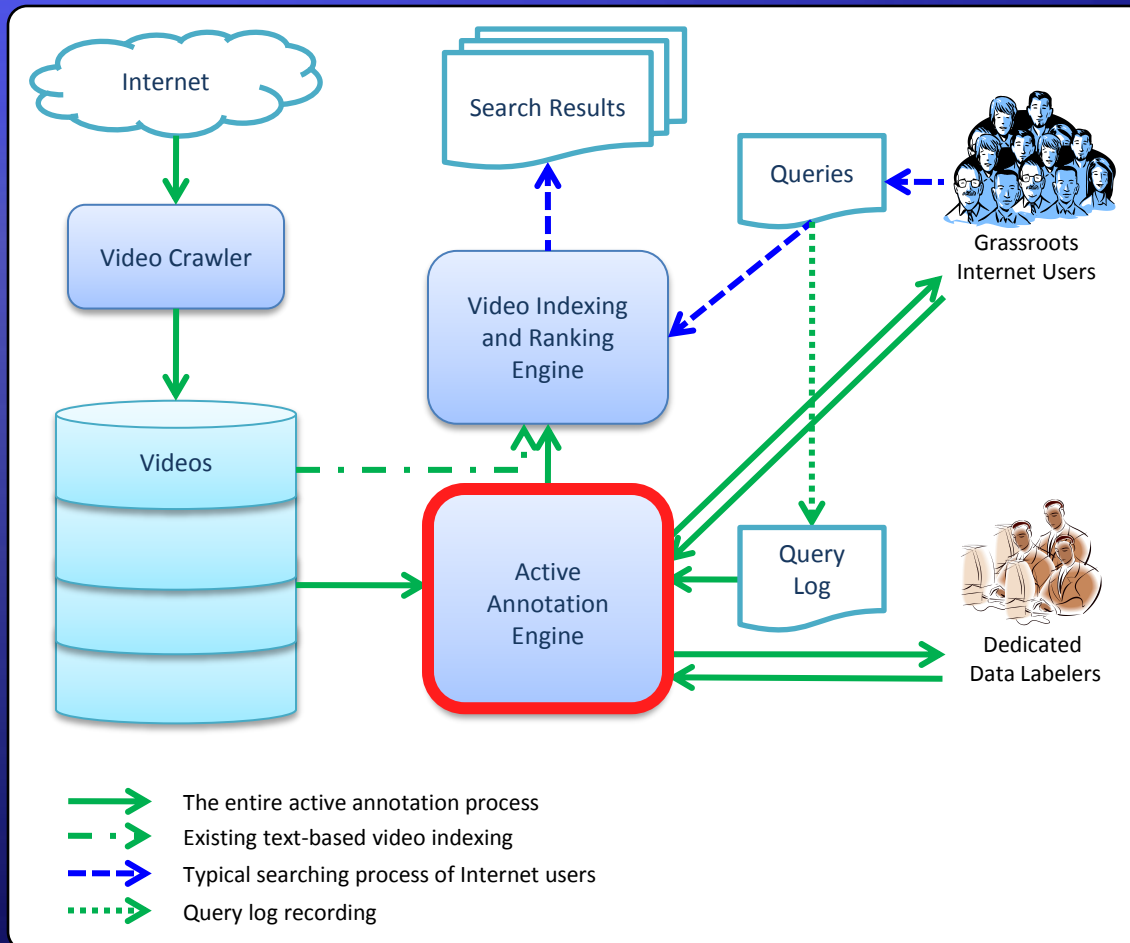
## Can be regarded as a combination of

- Manual labeling
- Model based annotation
- Data driven tag processing

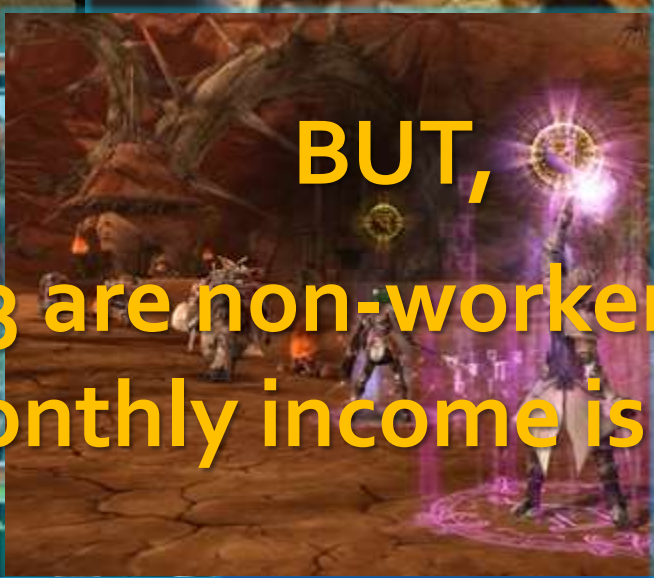


# A Preliminary Attempt

## ● Online Active Annotation Framework [Qi, Hua et al, PAMlog, ACM MM 08]



- Pay for labeling (MTurk)
- Online game (ESP, ...)
- reCAPTCHA
- Implicit approaches



56 million online game users in China  
 Increasing faster than Internet users  
 0.25 million online game developer  
 2008 revenue: 2.7 billion USD

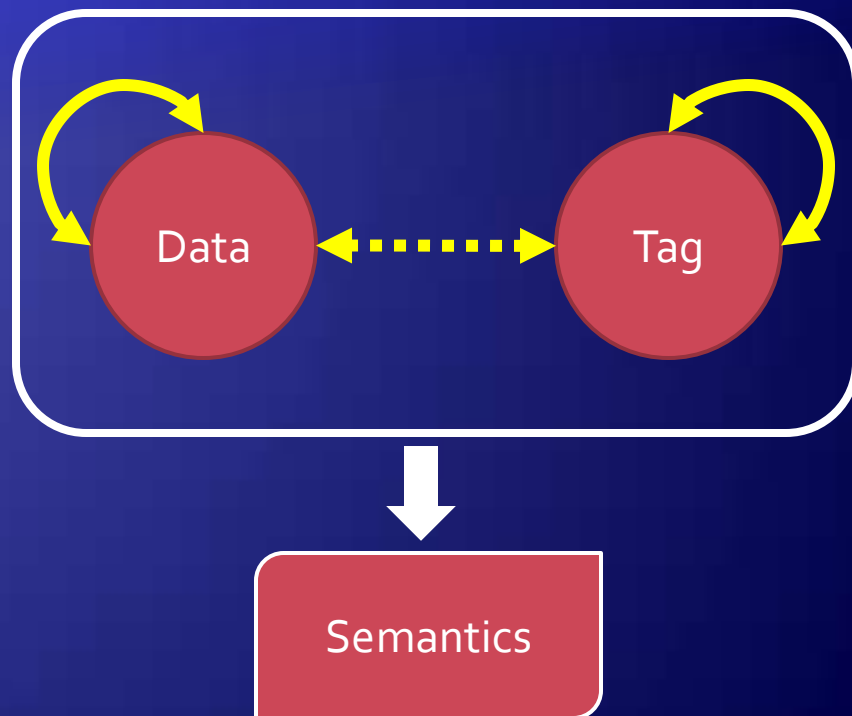
**BUT,**

1/3 are non-workers and  
 others' monthly income is 150 ~ 300USD

# Rethinking Bridging Semantic Gap

## Research Challenges:

- Large-scale content-based indexing
- Large-scale active learning
- Large-scale online learning
  
- Labeling psychology and incentive
- Labeling quality estimation/evaluation
- Labeling Interface
- Anti-spam/cheating in labeling
- .....





# Future Directions

- More proactively collect data
- More aggressively leverage users
- Continuing using models and data mining techniques



**Thank You**