



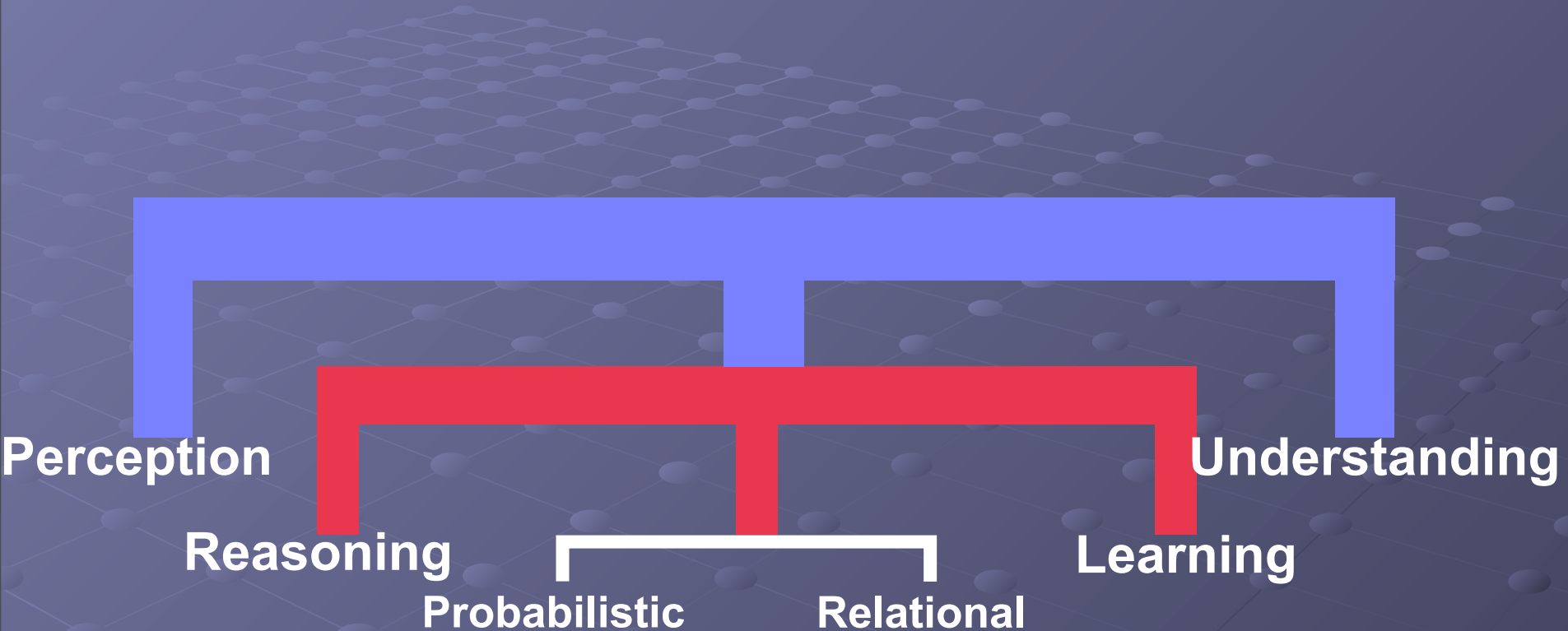
# Rich Probabilistic Models for Holistic Scene Understanding

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**Daphne Koller**  
Stanford University

IJCAI 2011

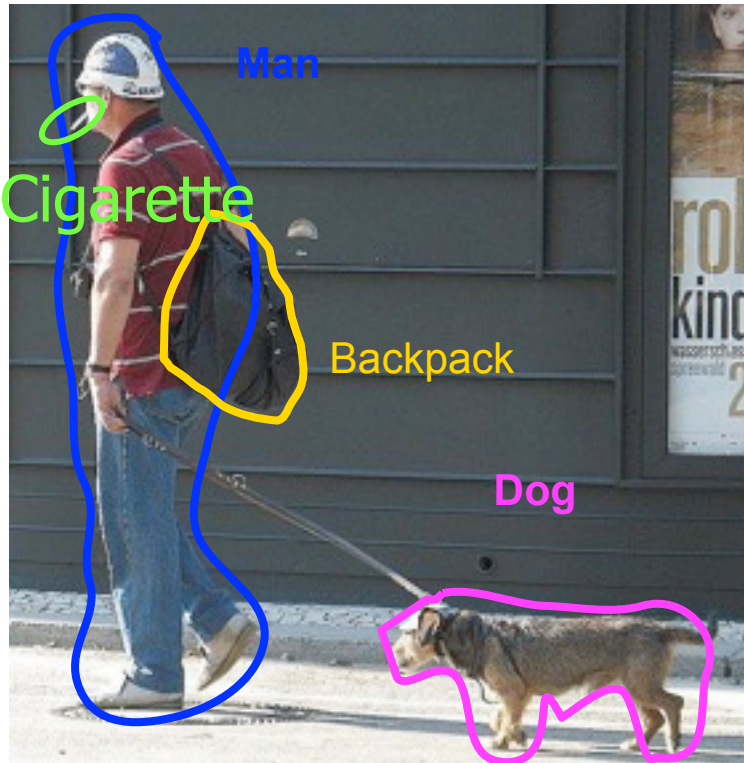
# A Tale of Three Bridges\*



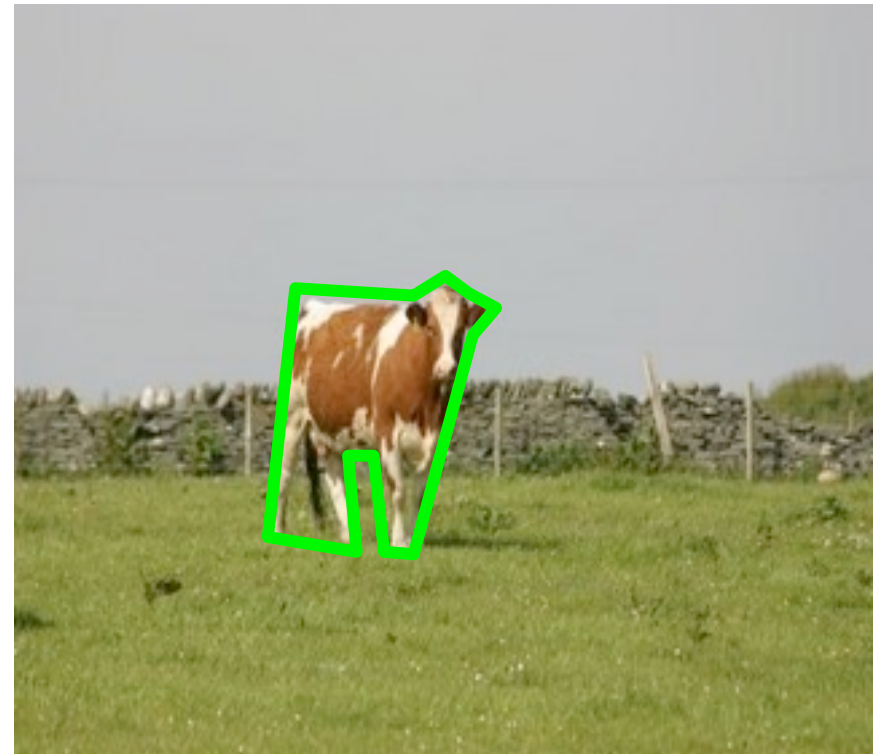
\* Final slide, IJCAI 2001 Computers and Thought talk 8/7/01



# From Perception to Understanding



"man wearing a backpack,  
smoking a cigarette,  
walking a dog"



"A cow walking  
through the grass  
on a pasture by the sea"



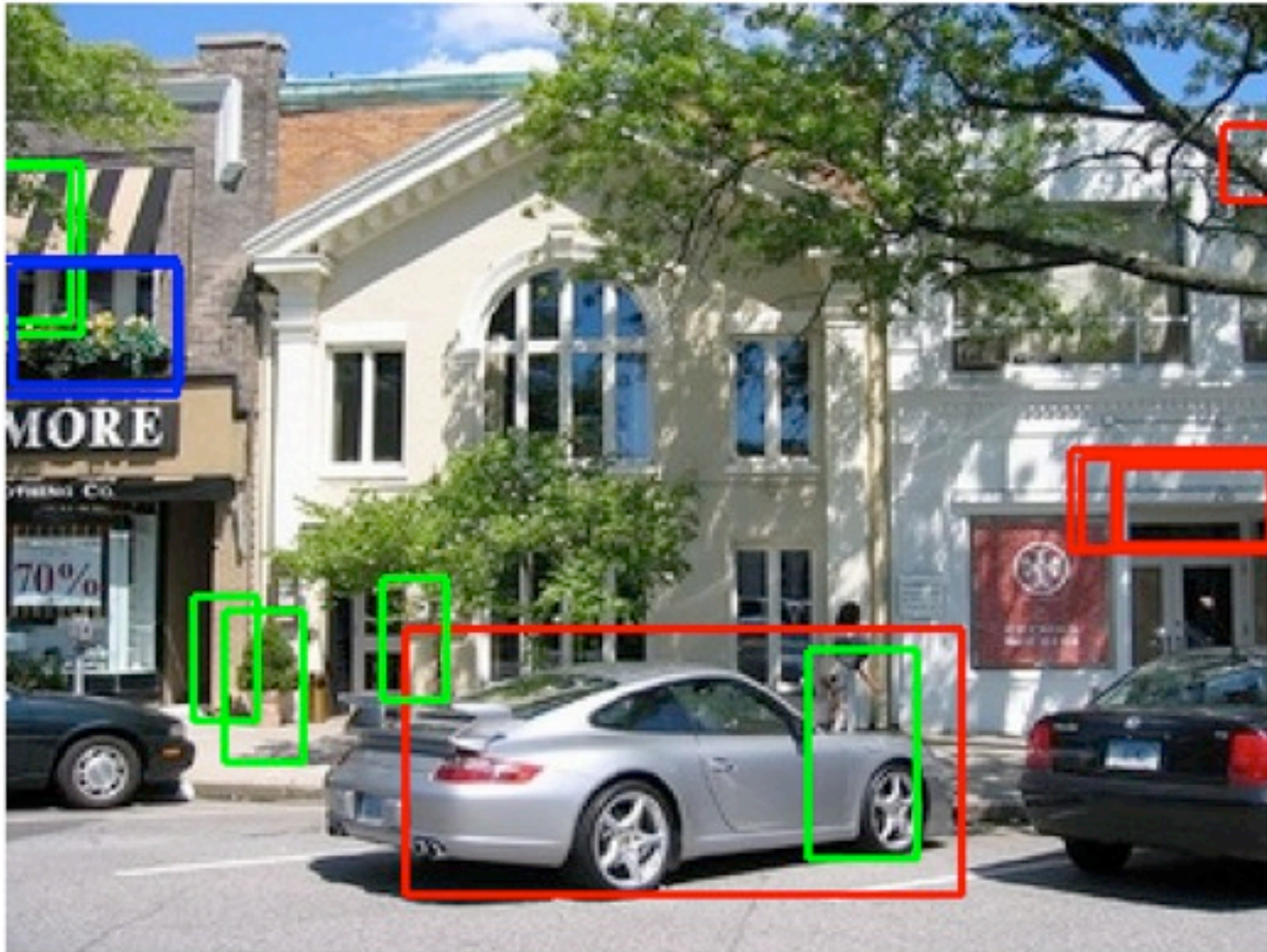
# Object Detection







# Basic Object Detection



**car**

**person**

**motorcycle**



# Outline

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- Holistic scene models
  - Indoor scenes
  - Outdoor scenes
- Self-paced learning for latent variables



# Outline



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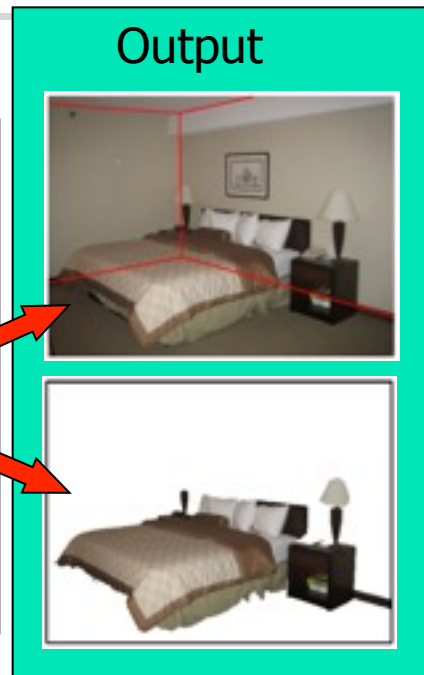
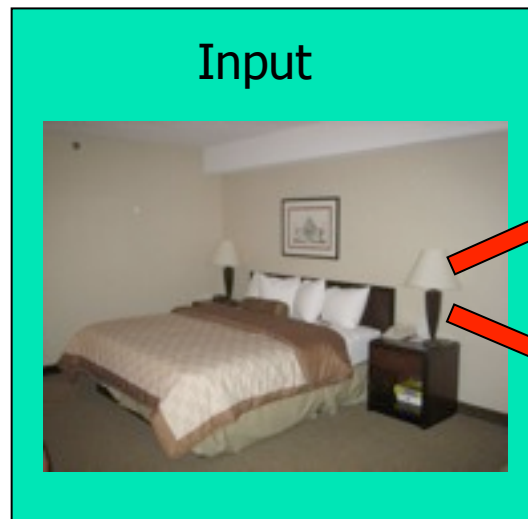
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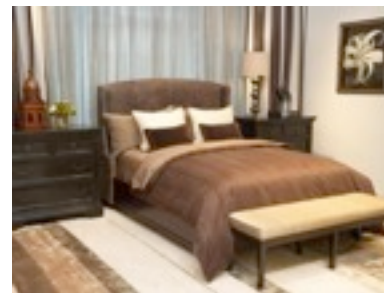
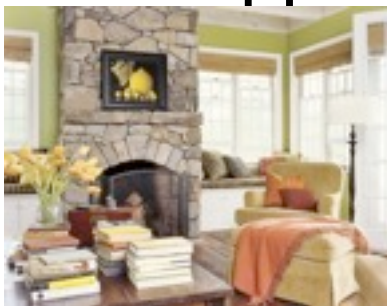


# Indoor Scene Reconstruction

- **Goal:** Recover
  - Global geometry
  - Furniture layout



- **Challenge:** Clutters occlude boundaries and obscure the appearance of major faces





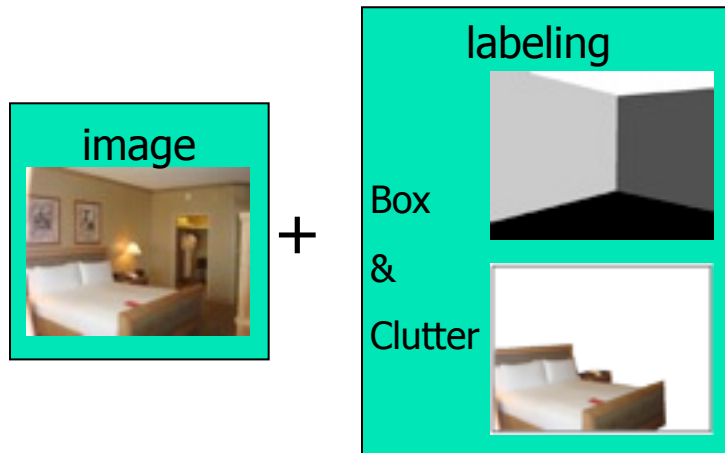


# Learning with Clutter

## Supervised learning

**Hedau et al ICCV 2009**

- Training data:



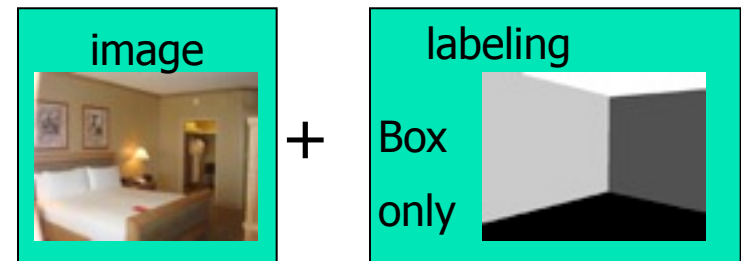
- Approach:

- Estimate "box"
  - Supervised classification of surface labels

## Latent variables

**Our approach (ECCV 2010)**

- Training data:



- **Approach:**
  - Model clutter layout as latent variables
  - Max-margin learning of joint model of clutter and "box"



# Energy Function

$$E_w(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{h}) = \mathbf{w}^T \Psi(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{h})$$

learned weights

image

box parameters

features: color, texture, perspective, boundary, ...

latent variables (binary mask)  
specify clutter layout

$$\mathbf{y}^*, \mathbf{h}^* = \operatorname{argmax}_{\mathbf{y} \in \mathcal{Y}, \mathbf{h} \in \mathcal{H}} E_w(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{h})$$



# Latent Variables are Tricky

Inferred box



**Preferred imputation makes most of the room clutter**





# Grounding Latent Variables

$$E_w(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{h}) = \mathbf{w}^\top \Psi(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{h}) + \underline{E_0(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{h})}$$

$$\underline{\alpha_1} E_1(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{h}) + \underline{\alpha_2} E_2(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{h})$$

Weights  
and fixed

$$\mathbf{y}^*, \mathbf{h}^* = \operatorname{argmax}_{\mathbf{y} \in Y, \mathbf{h} \in H} E_w(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{h})$$

Informed prior about latent variables  
imposed on the learning process



# Effect of Informed Prior

Learning with prior terms

Inferred box



Inferred clutter



Learning w/o prior terms

Inferred box



Inferred clutter

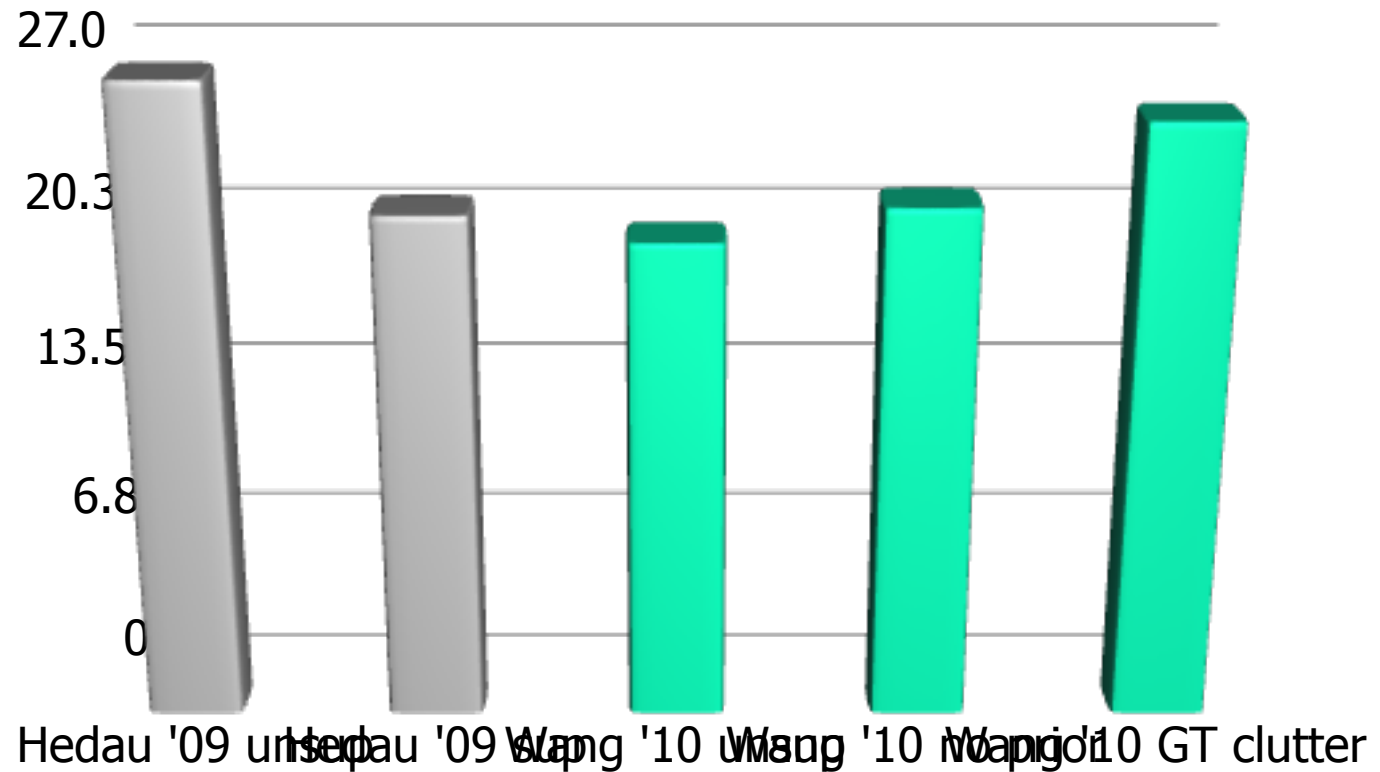






# Experimental Results

## Pixel-wise classification error





# Comparison to labeled clutter

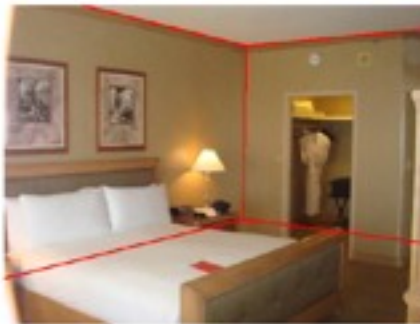
Inferred box layout



Inferred clutter layout

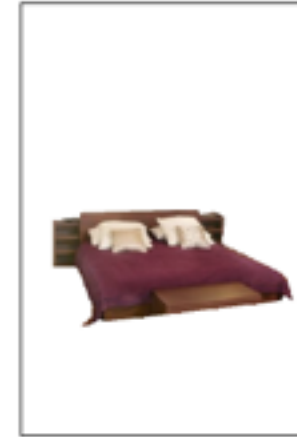


Hand-labeled clutter layout

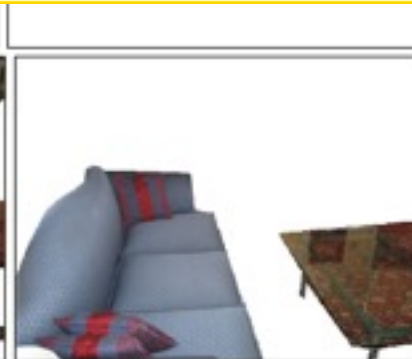
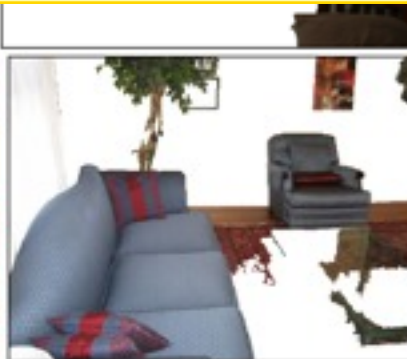




# Comparison to labeled clutter



**Human labeling for latent variables  
can be suboptimal**

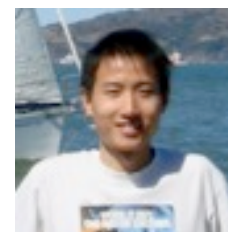




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# Scene Segmentation



**x**



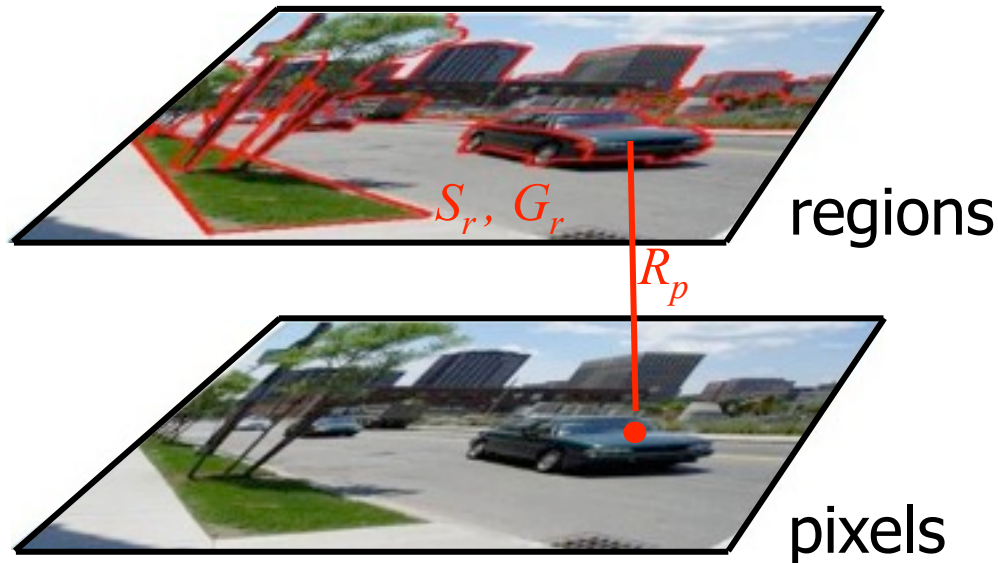
**y**

$$\mathbf{y}^* = \operatorname{argmin}_{\mathbf{y}} E(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}; \mathbf{w})$$





# Region-Based Model



## Variables

$R_p$ : pixel-to-region correspondence

$A_r$ : region appearance

$S_r$ : region semantic class

$G_r$ : region geometry

$v^{hz}$ : location of horizon

***Model assigns each pixel to a region while respecting global coherence***



# Region-Based Model

$$E(R, A, S, G, v^{hz}, K | I, \theta)$$

=

$\psi^{\text{horizon}}(v^{hz})$



Horizon Term  
e.g., vanishing  
lines

$\psi^{\text{region}}(S_r, G_r, v^{hz})$



Region Term  
e.g., consistent  
appearance and  
location

$\psi^{\text{boundary}}(A_r, A_s)$



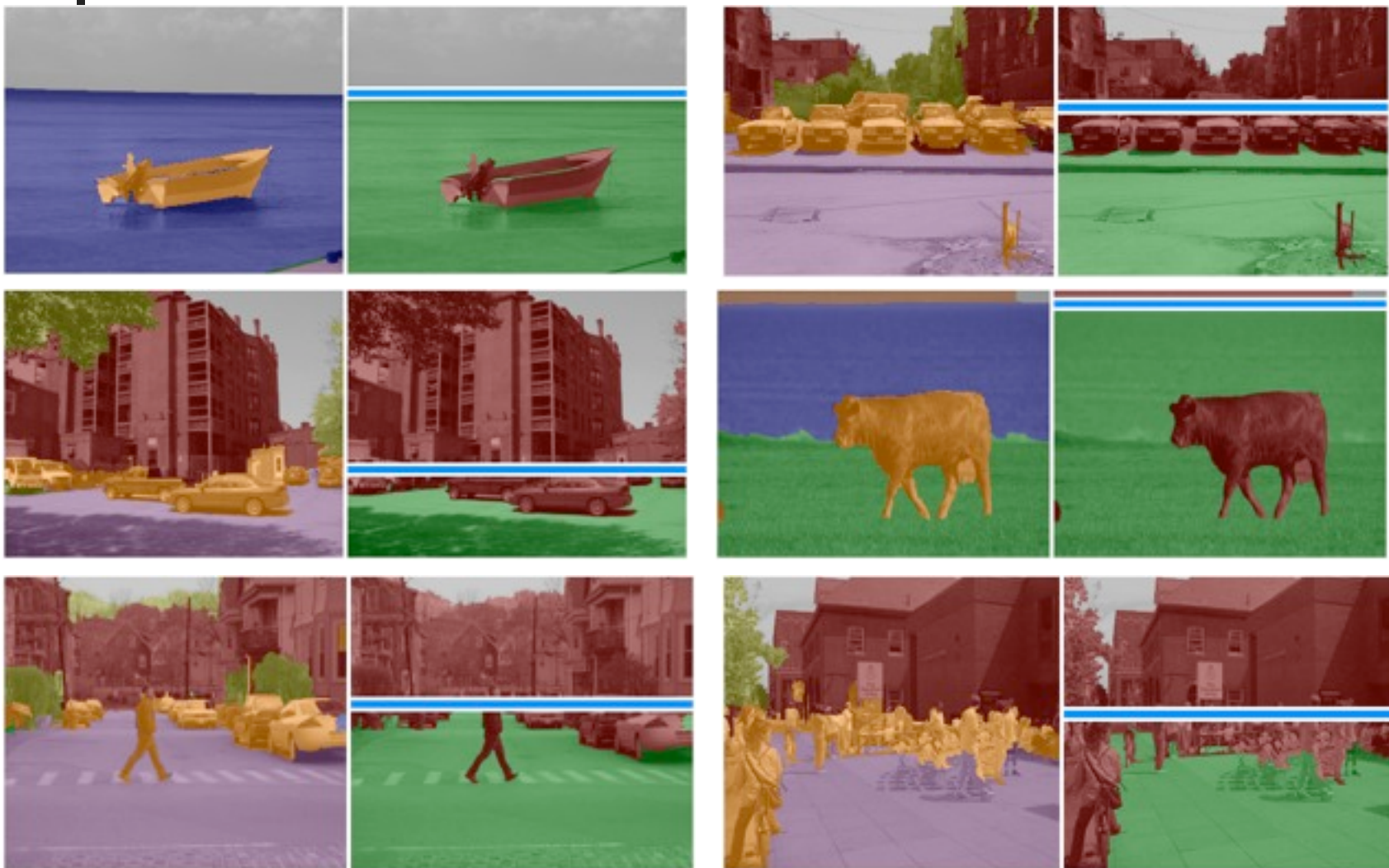
Boundary Term  
e.g., difference in  
color/texture  
between regions

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# Example Results

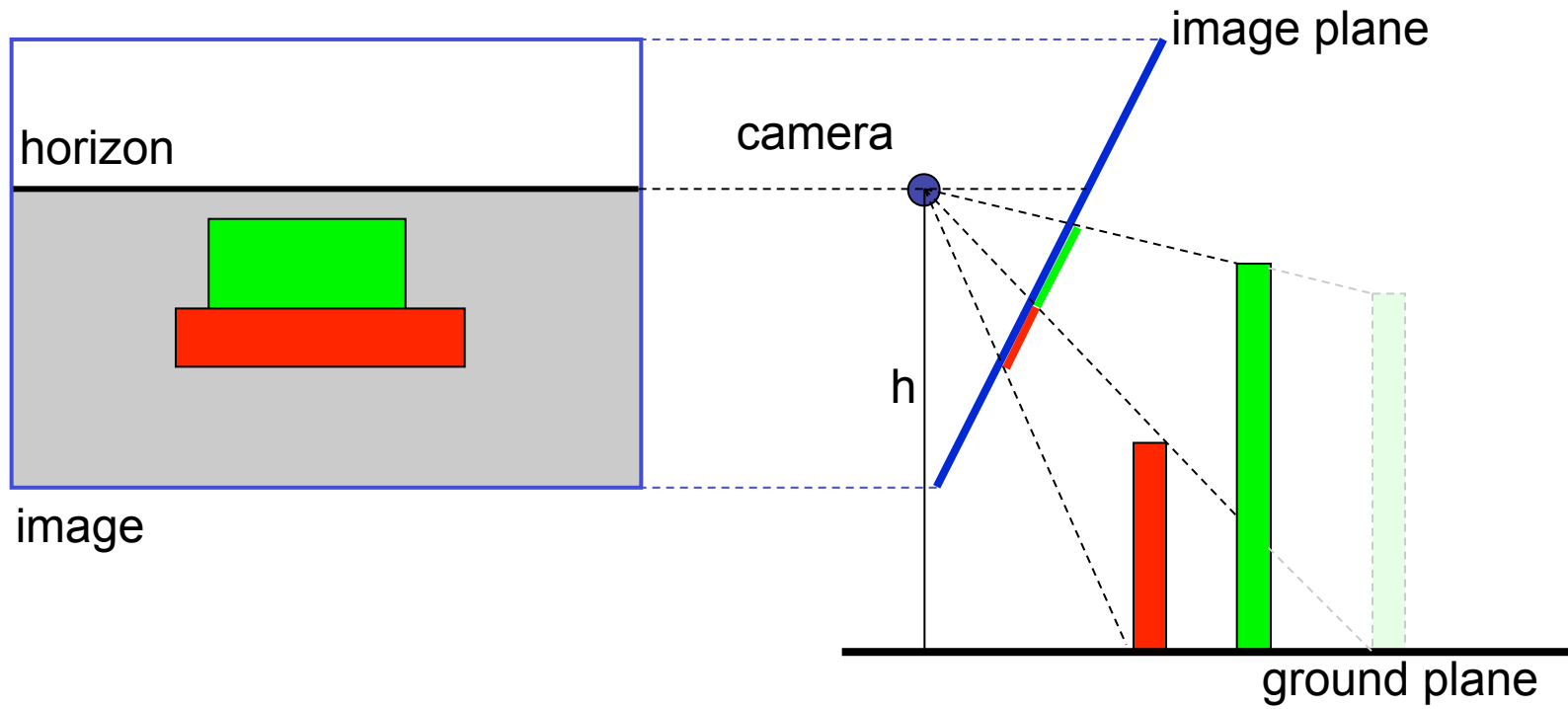


[Gould, Fulton, Koller, ICCV 2009]



# Application: 3d Reconstruction

- Estimate camera tilt from location of horizon
- Predict region 3D position using ray projected through camera plane



[Gould, Fulton, Koller, ICCV 2009]



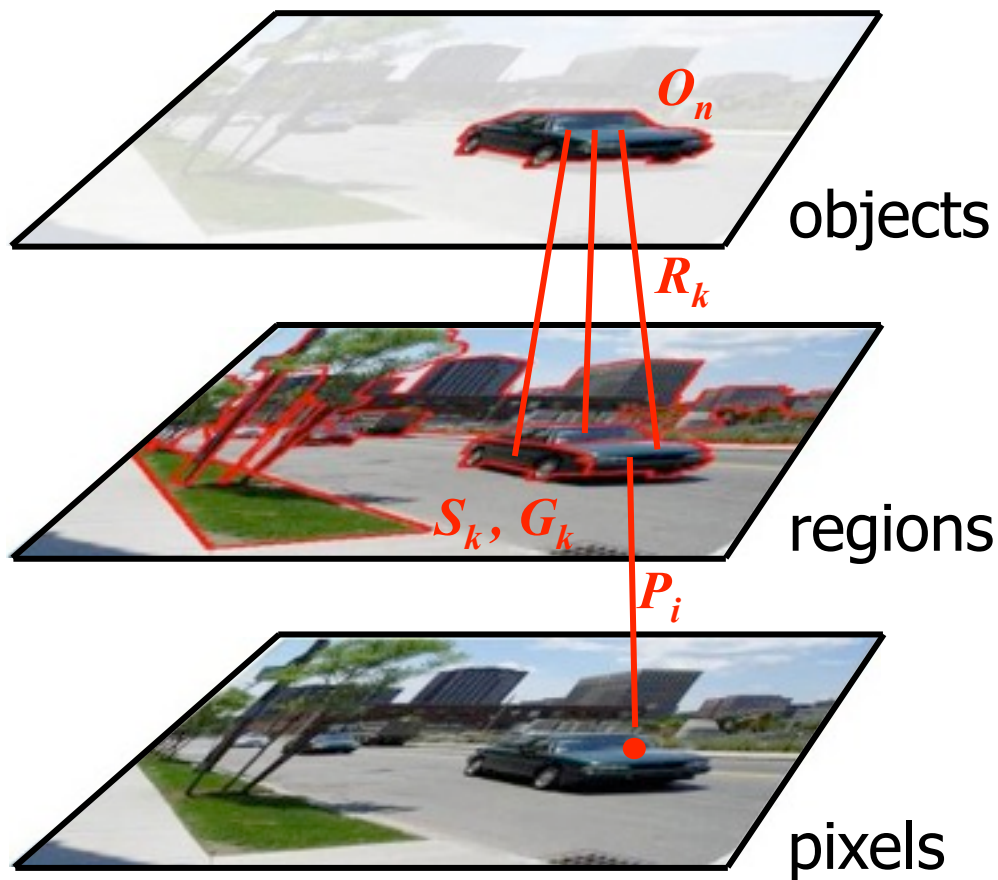
# Example 3D Reconstructions







# Object Detection



$$\psi^{\text{object}}(O_n, v^{\text{hz}})$$




**Object Model**  
e.g. wheel-like  
appearance in  
bottom corner

$$\psi^{\text{context}}(O_n, S_k)$$

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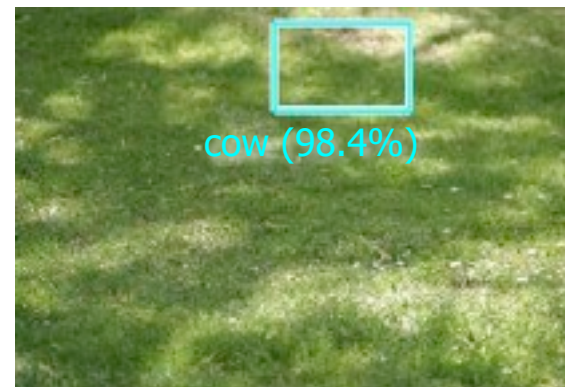
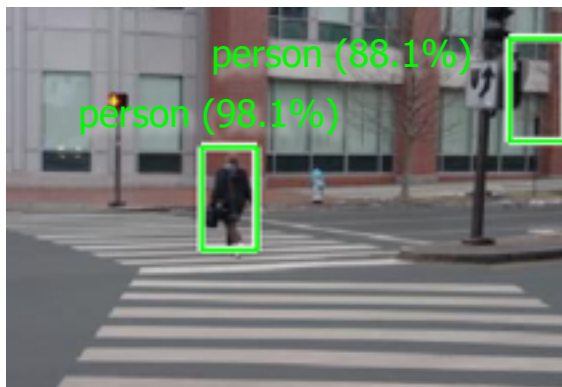


**Context Term**  
e.g., cars on road

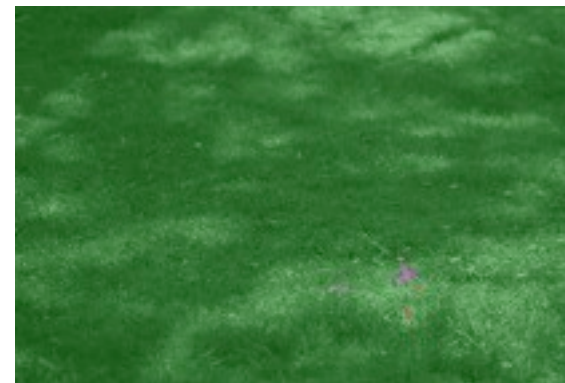


# Examples

Typical sliding-window detector results (top two detections per image)



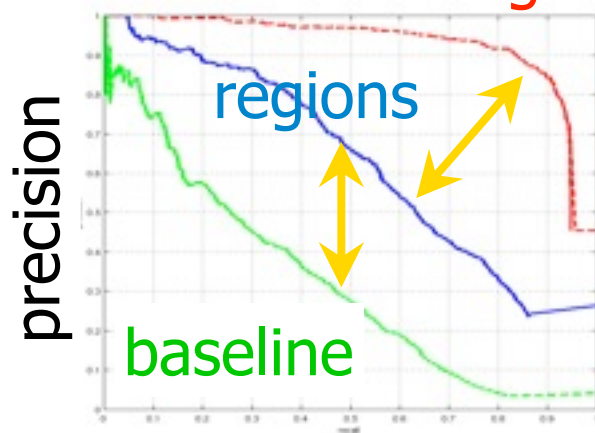
Our region-based approach (MAP assignment)



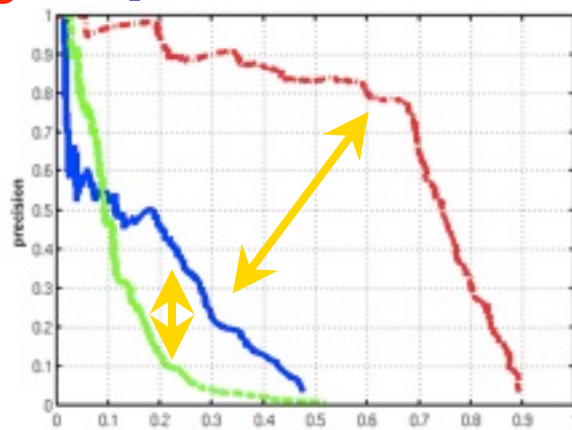


# Detection Performance

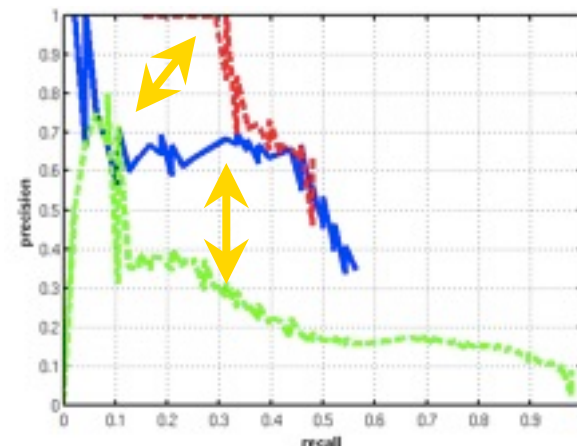
car<sup>†</sup> GT regions



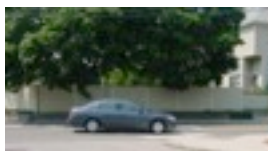
pedestrian<sup>†</sup>



cow\*



recall



**improved precision by only  
considering regions in context**



**With correct regions we'd get near perfect detection,  
but region model still has a way to go**

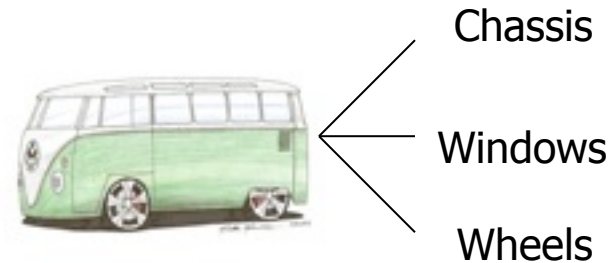
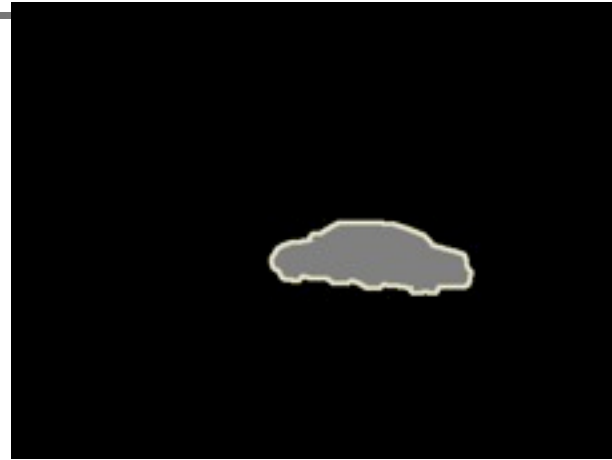
\* run on subset of 21-class MSRC dataset

[Gould, Gao, Koller NIPS 09]

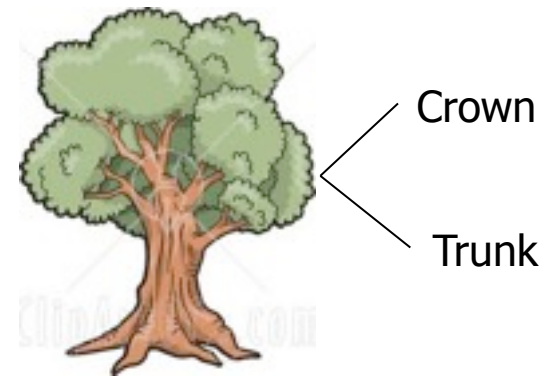
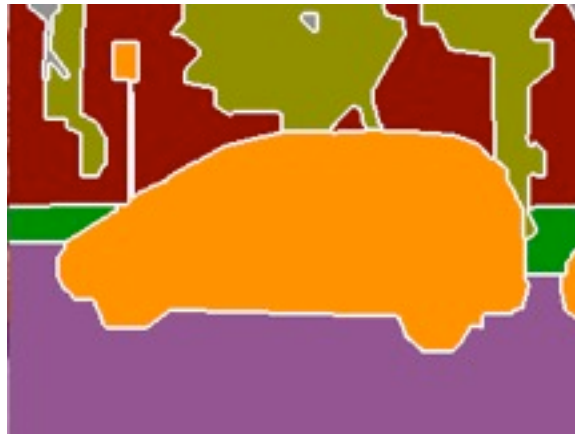
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# Latent Variables Revisited



**Human specified regions are not the most discriminative**

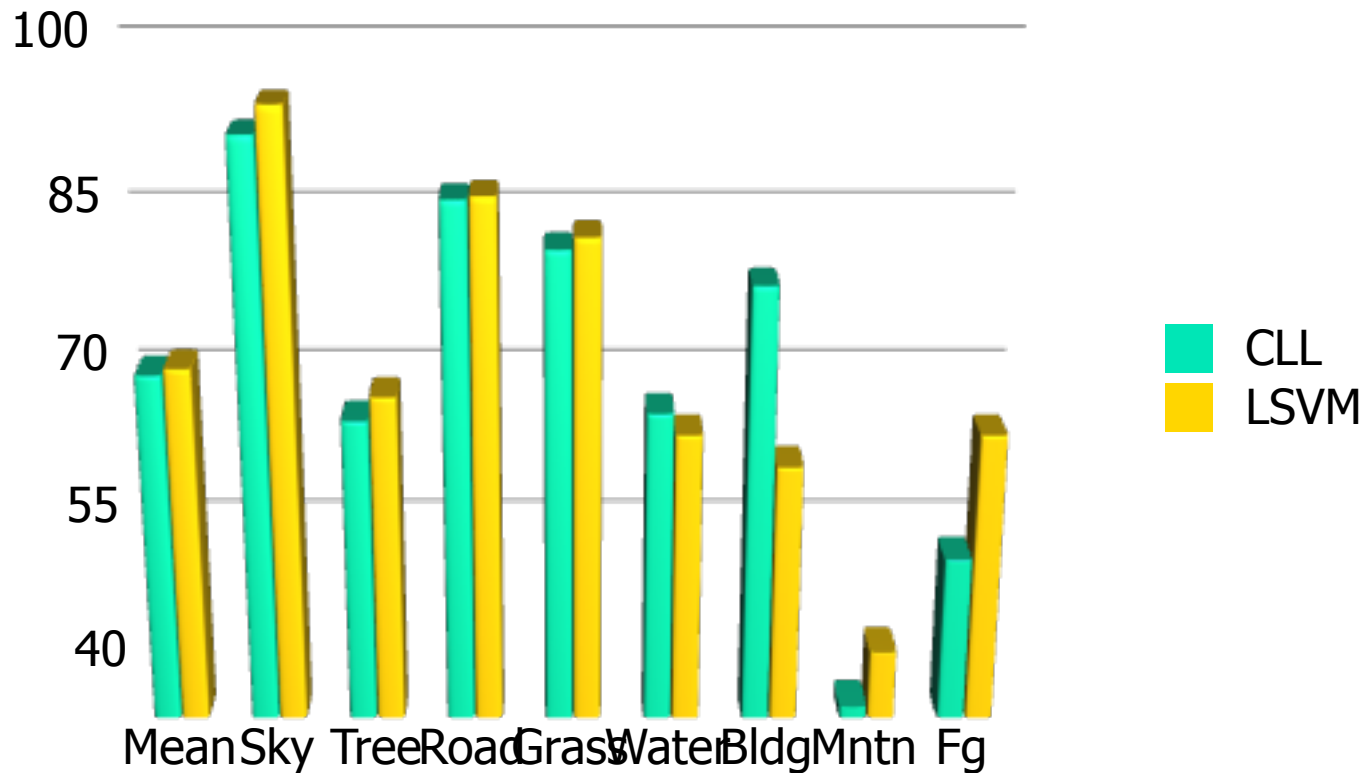






# Latent Variables Revisited

Learn with latent variables encoding pixel-to-region assignments



**[Kumar, Turki, Preston, Koller ICCV11]**





# Real Multi-Class Segmentation



sky	aero	bike	bird	boat	bottle	bus	car	cat
chair	cow	d-table	dog	horse	mbike	person	plant	sheep
sofa	train	tv	tree	road	grass	water	bldg	mntn



# "Fully" Supervised Data

Specific foreground classes, generic background class



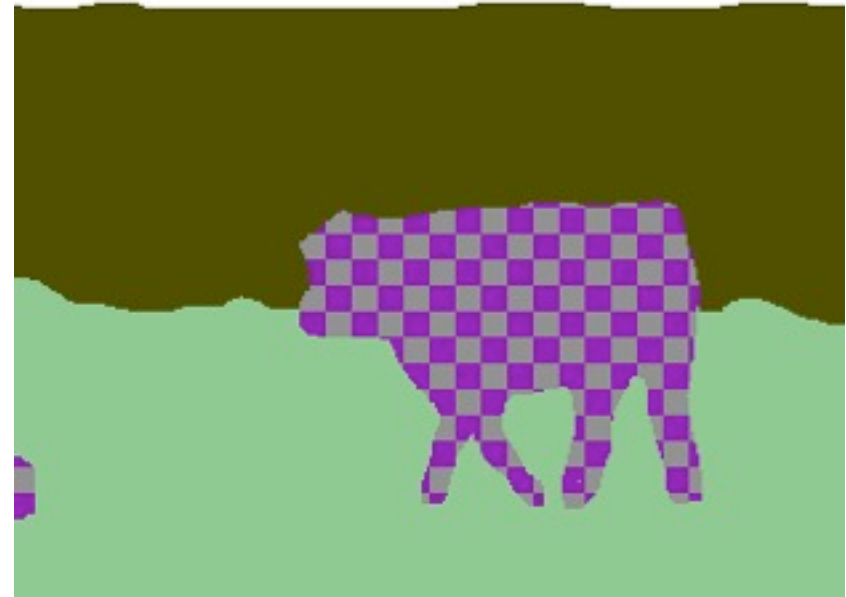
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## PASCAL VOC Segmentation Datasets



# "Fully" Supervised Data

Specific background classes, generic foreground class



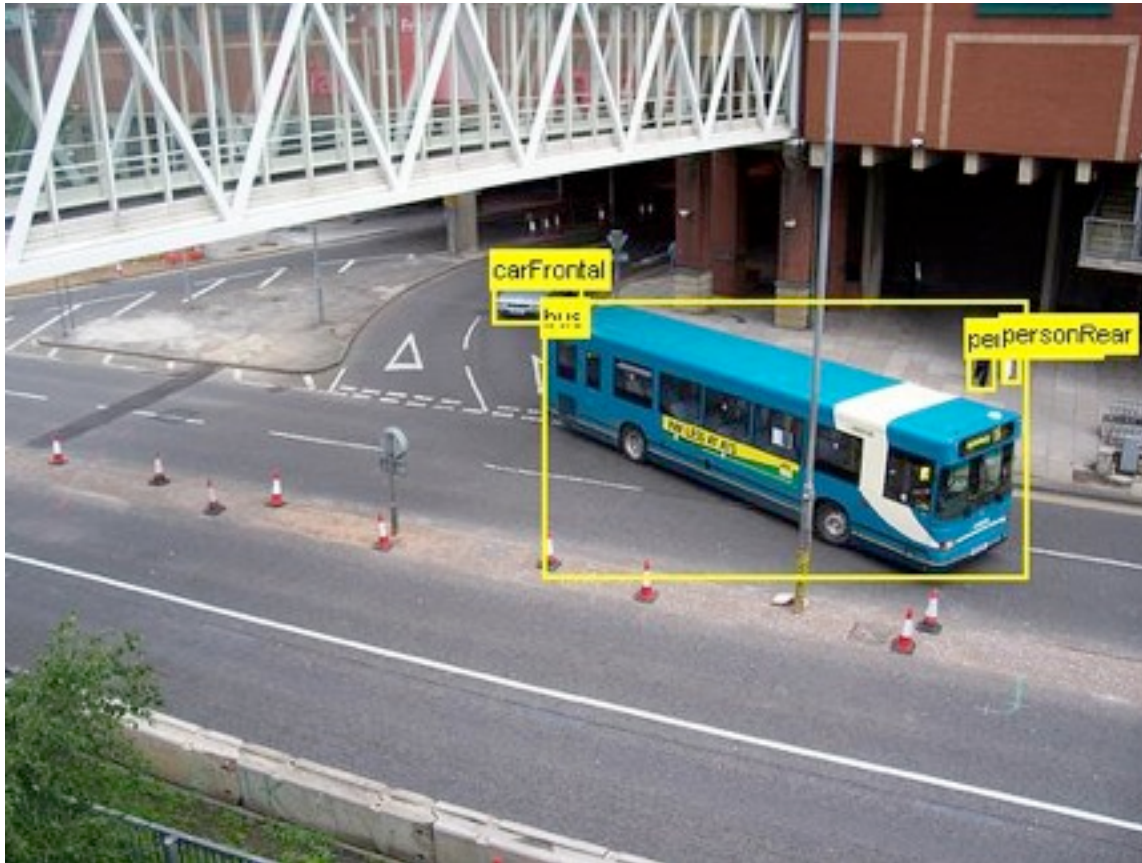
## Stanford Background Datasets





# Weakly Supervised Data

## Bounding Boxes for Objects



## PASCAL VOC Detection Datasets

Thousands of images



# Weakly Supervised Data

## Image-Level Labels

"Car"



**ImageNet,  
Caltech...**

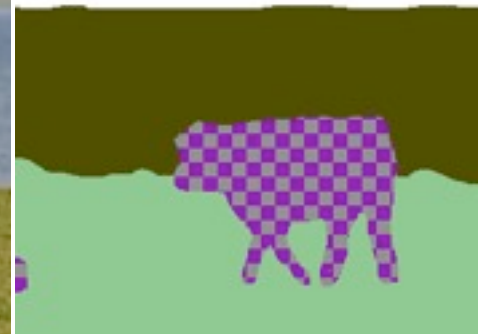
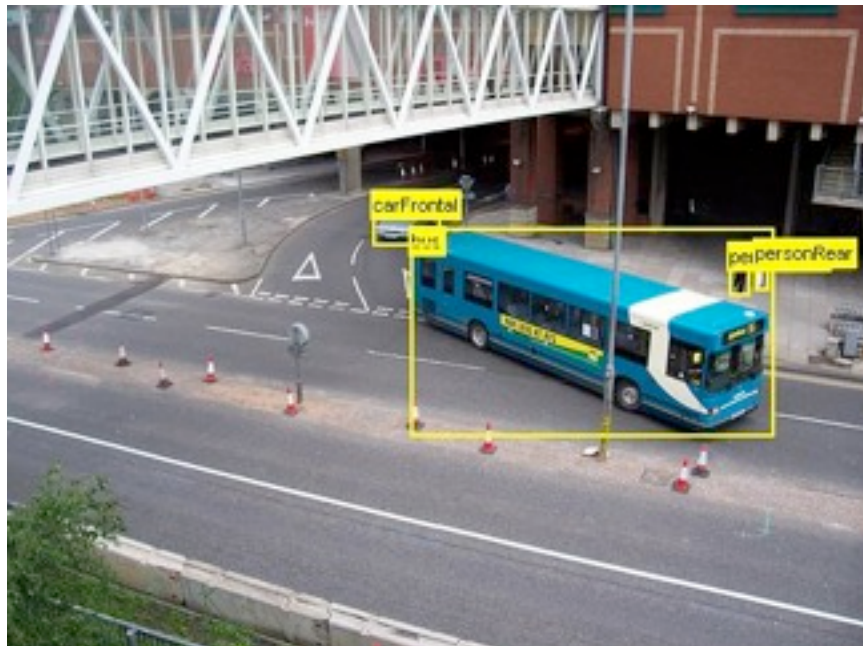
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# Diverse Data



"Car"







# Latent Variable Formulation:

**x**



**y**



**h**



Specific classes  
must agree with  
generic classes

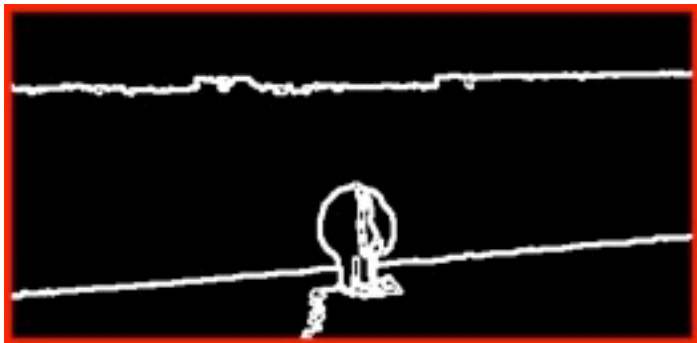


# Latent Variable Formulation:

**x**



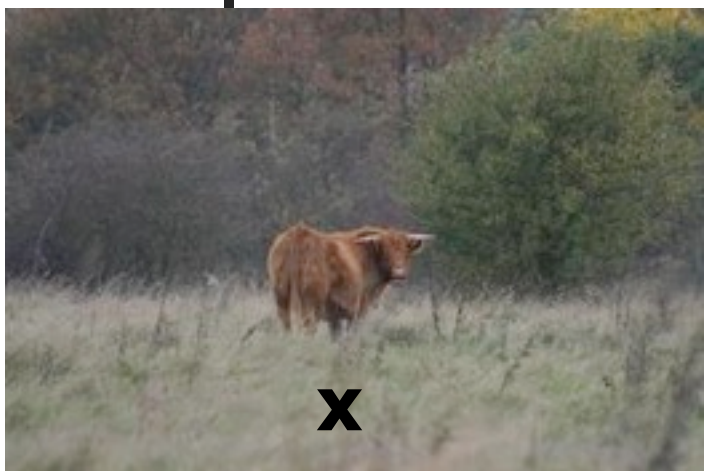
**y**



Every row & column in bounding box must contain pixel labeled with bounding-box class



# Latent Variable Formulation:



**$y = \text{"Cow"}$**



Image must contain region labeled with image class



# Learning with Diverse Data

Comparison to previous results

New

**Using weakly labeled data provides only marginal improvement**

53.1%

**Imputing latent variables is hard and can introduce significant noise**

Old  
24.7%

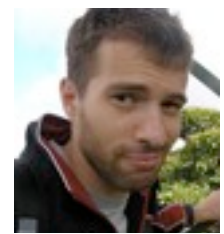
Classes



# Outline



Pawan  
Kumar



Ben  
Packer

- Holistic scene models
- **Self-paced learning for latent variables**
  - **Instance selection**
  - Model selection



# Max-Margin Training

Multi-class SVM (Crammer & Singer, 2001)

$$y^* = \operatorname{argmax}_{y \in Y} \mathbf{w}^T \Psi(\mathbf{x}, y)$$

learned weights

Feature vector

Minimize <sub>$\mathbf{w}, \xi$</sub>   $\|\mathbf{w}\|^2 + C \sum_i \xi_i$

$$\mathbf{w}^T \Psi(\mathbf{x}_i, y_i) - \mathbf{w}^T \Psi(\mathbf{x}_i, y)$$

$$\geq 1 - \xi_i \quad \forall y$$

Margin

Slack

Maximize margin between ground truth and all other labels





# Structured Max-Margin Training

Taskar, Guestrin, Koller, 2003; Tsochantaridis, Hofmann, Joachims, Altun, 2004

structured output

$$\mathbf{y}^* = \operatorname{argmax}_{\mathbf{y} \in Y} \mathbf{w}^T \Psi(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$$

$$\text{Minimize}_{\mathbf{w}, \xi} \|\mathbf{w}\|^2 + C \sum_i \xi_i$$

$$\mathbf{w}^T \Psi(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{y}_i) - \mathbf{w}^T \Psi(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{y})$$

$$\geq \Delta(\mathbf{y}_i, \mathbf{y}) - \xi_i \quad \forall \mathbf{y}$$

Loss-dependent Margin

**Exponentially many constraints**



# Max-Margin Structured Prediction

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- Tractable models admit polynomial size formulation [Taskar, Guestrin, Koller, 2003]
- Cutting plane approach [Tsochantaridis et al., 2004]
  - Often requires only MAP inference
    - admits tractable algorithms that avoid computing the partition function
  - For many models, only polynomial # of cutting planes required for “close to optimal” learning



# Latent SVM

Felzenswalb, McAllester, Ramanan 2008; Yu, Joachims 2009

$$\mathbf{y}^*, \mathbf{h}^* = \operatorname{argmax}_{\mathbf{y} \in Y, \mathbf{h} \in H} E_{\mathbf{w}}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{h})$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Minimize}_{\mathbf{w}, \xi} \|\mathbf{w}\|^2 + C \sum_i \xi_i \\ & \max_{\mathbf{h}_i} \mathbf{w}^T \Psi(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{y}_i, \mathbf{h}_i) - \mathbf{w}^T \Psi(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{h}) \\ & \geq \Delta(\mathbf{y}_i, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{h}) - \xi_i \quad \forall \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{h} \end{aligned}$$

Best imputation of  $\mathbf{h}$  consistent with ground truth label is better than any imputation and any other label



Felzenszwalb et al., NIPS 2007, Yu et al.,  
ICML 2008  
Start with an initial estimate  $\mathbf{w}_0$

Impute  $\mathbf{h}_i = \operatorname{argmax}_{\mathbf{h}} \mathbf{w}_t^T \Psi(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{y}_i, \mathbf{h})$  <sup>MAP</sup>  
Inference

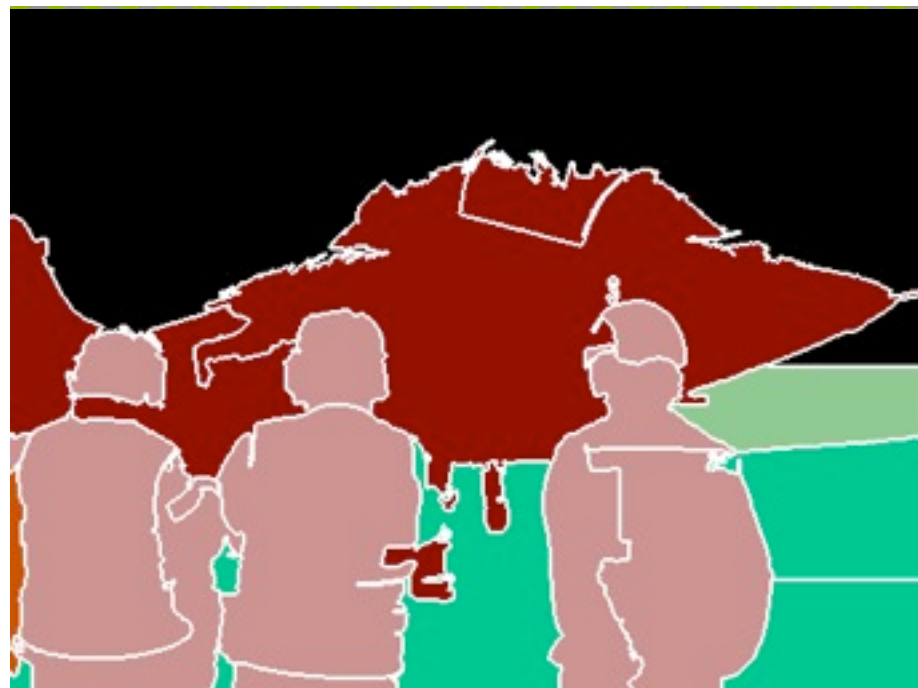
Update  $\mathbf{w}_{t+1}$  by solving a convex problem

How well can we impute  $\mathbf{h}_i$ ?

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{w}^T \Psi(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{y}_i, \mathbf{h}_i) - \mathbf{w}^T \Psi(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{h}) \\ \leq \Delta(\mathbf{y}_i, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{h}) - \xi_i \end{aligned}$$



# EASY



White sky

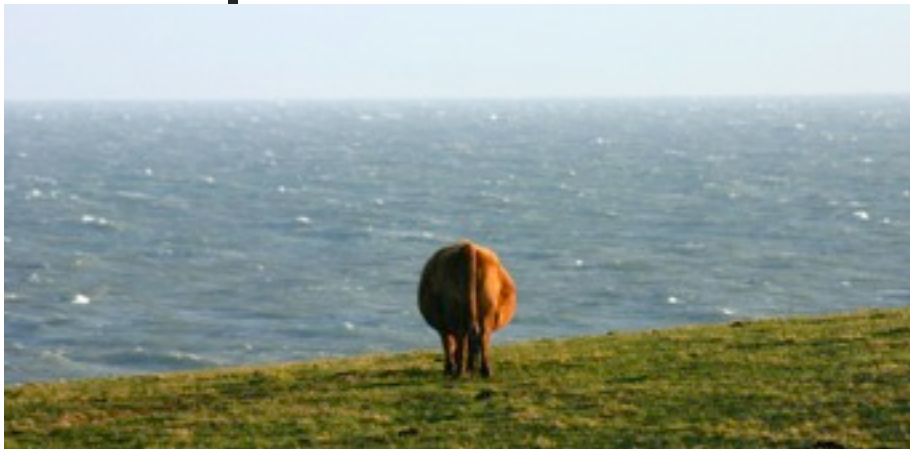
Green grass

Grey road





# EASY



White sky

Green grass

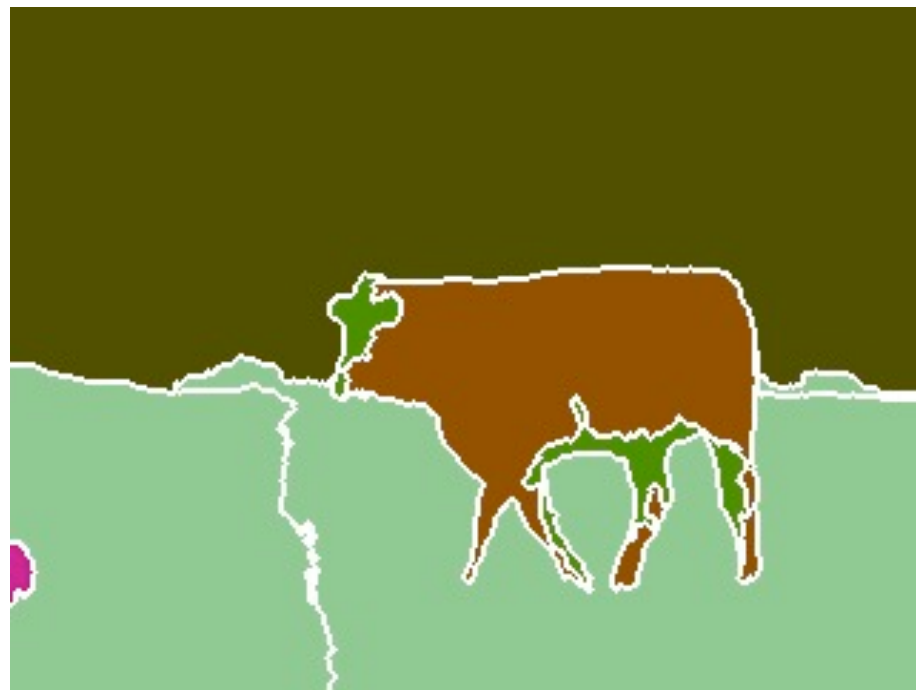
Blue water







# HARD



Cow?

Horse?

Cat?





# HARD



Red Sky?



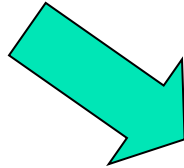
Black Mountain?

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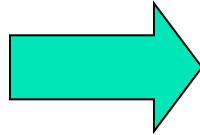


# Inspiration: Human Learning

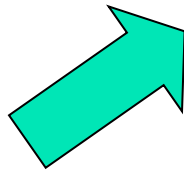
Real  
Numbers



Imaginary  
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$$e^{in} + 1 = 0$$



Math is for  
losers !!

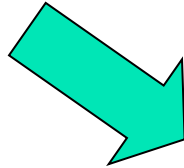
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FAILURE ... BAD LOCAL MINIMUM

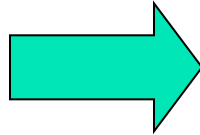


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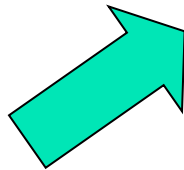
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Euler was  
a Genius!!

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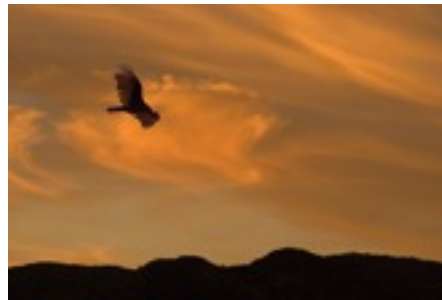
SUCCESS ... GOOD LOCAL MINIMUM

Curriculum Learning: Bengio et al, ICML 2009



# Curriculum Learning

Start with **easy** examples, then consider **hard** ones



**Easy** vs. **hard**???

**Easy for human**  
**≠ Easy for machine**





# Self-Paced Learning

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Easiness is a property of data sets and classifiers, not of isolated instances

Computer should figure out for itself which instances are hard for it right now



# Self-Paced Learning

$$v_i \in \{0, 1\}$$

Start with an initial estimate  $w_0$

Update  $\mathbf{h}_i = \min_{\mathbf{h}} \mathbf{w}_t^T \Psi(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{a}_i, \mathbf{h}) - \sum_i v_i / K$

Update  $\mathbf{w}_{t+1}$  by solving a convex problem

$$\min \sum_i \xi_i + \lambda \|\mathbf{w}\|^2$$

$$v_i = 1 \text{ for easy examples, } v_i = 0 \text{ for hard examples}$$

$$\xi_i = \mathbf{w}_t^T \Psi(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{a}_i, \mathbf{h}) - \mathbf{w}^T \Psi(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{a}_i, \mathbf{h}) \leq \Delta(\mathbf{a}_i, \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{h})$$

Biconvex Optimization Alternate Convex Search



# Self-Paced Learning

Start with an initial estimate  $\mathbf{w}_0$

Update  $\mathbf{h}_i = \min_{\mathbf{h}} \mathbf{w}_t^T \Psi(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{a}_i, \mathbf{h})$  **As simple as CCCP!!**

Update  $\mathbf{w}_{t+1}$  by solving a biconvex problem

$$\min \sum_i \xi_i v_i + \lambda \|\mathbf{w} - \sum_i v_i / K\|$$

$$\mathbf{w}^T \Psi(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{a}_i, \mathbf{h}_i) - \mathbf{w}^T \Psi(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{h}) \leq \Delta(\mathbf{a}_i, \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{h}) - \xi_i$$

Decrease  $K \leftarrow K/\mu$

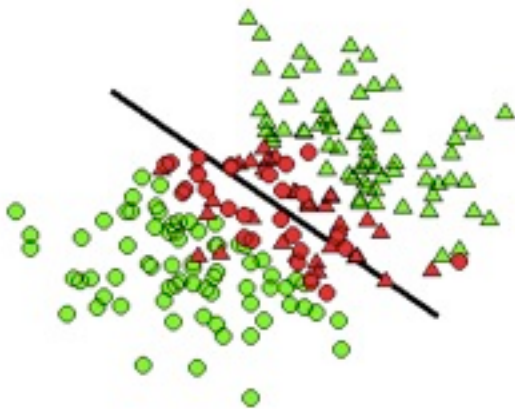


# Self-Paced Learning

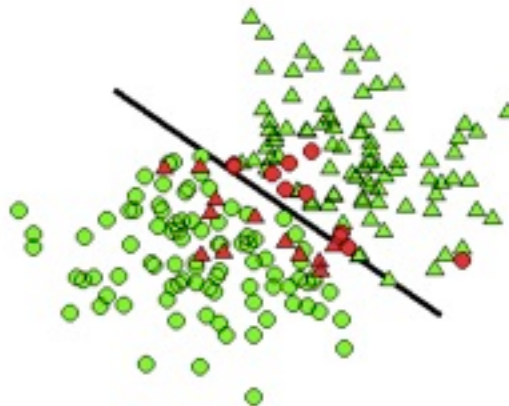
$$\min \sum_i \xi_i v_i + \lambda \left\| w - \sum_i v_i \right\| / K$$

■  $v_i = 1$  (use)

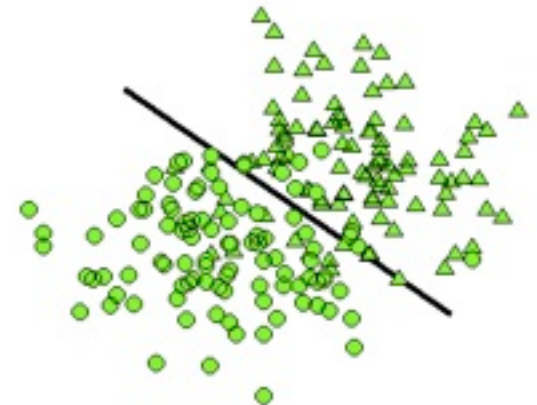
■  $v_i = 0$  (don't use)



Large  $K$



Medium  $K$



Small  $K$



# Simple Example: Object Detection

Input  $\mathbf{x}$  - Image

Output  $\mathbf{y} \in Y$

Latent  $\mathbf{h}$  - Box



$\Delta$  - 0/1 Loss



$Y = \{\text{"Bison", "Deer", "Elephant", "Giraffe", "Llama", "Rhino"}\}$

Feature  $\Psi(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{h})$  – Standard HOG

$$(\mathbf{y}^*, \mathbf{h}^*) = \max_{\mathbf{y} \in Y, \mathbf{h} \in H} \mathbf{w}^T \Psi(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{h})$$

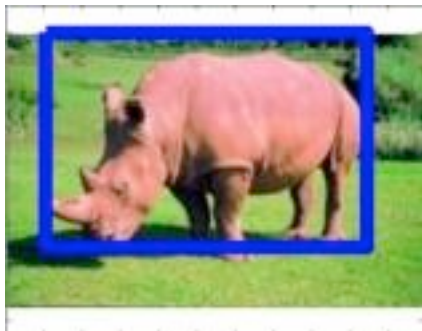
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# Imputation – Iteration 1



CCCP

Self-paced learning



[Kumar, Packer, Koller NIPS 2010]



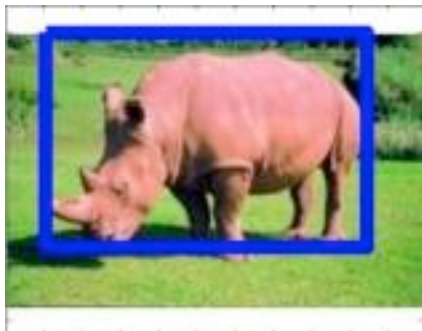
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# Imputation – Iteration 5

CCCP

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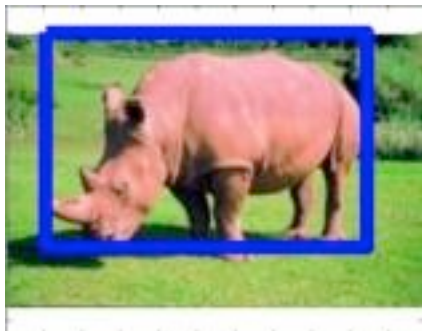
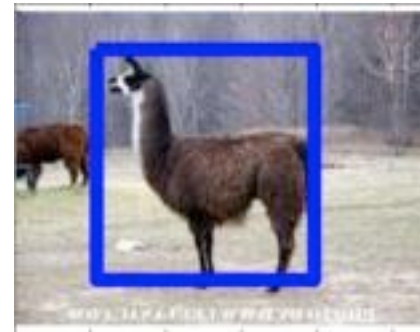
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# Imputation – Iteration 9

CCCP

Self-paced learning



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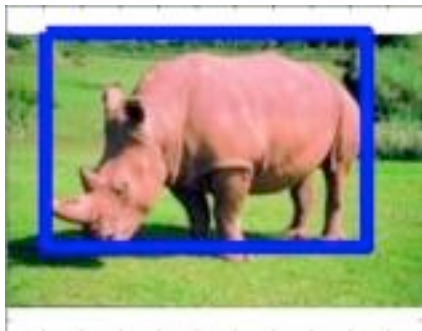
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# Imputation – Iteration 13

CCCP

Self-paced learning



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# Self-Paced Learning

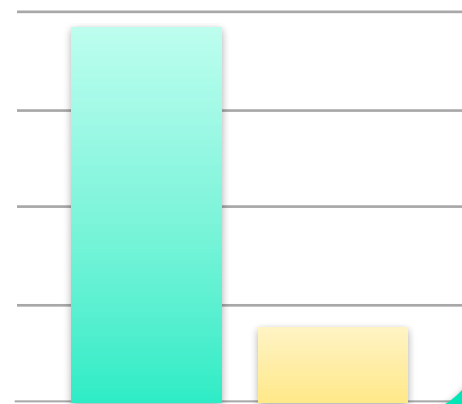
## Object detection



$y = \text{"Deer"}$

### Test Error

17.0000  
16.5000  
16.0000  
15.5000  
15.0000



## DNA motif finding

$x$

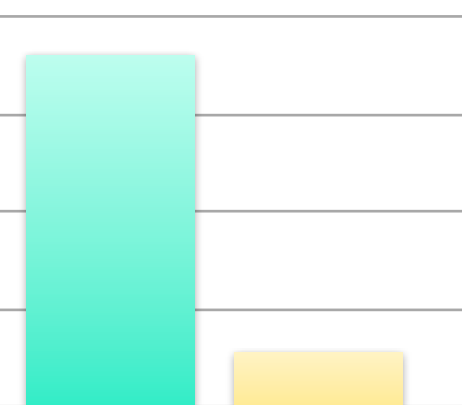
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$y = \text{bind/no bind}$

$h = \text{Motif position}$

### Test Error

36.00  
34.50  
33.00  
31.50  
30.00



CCCP



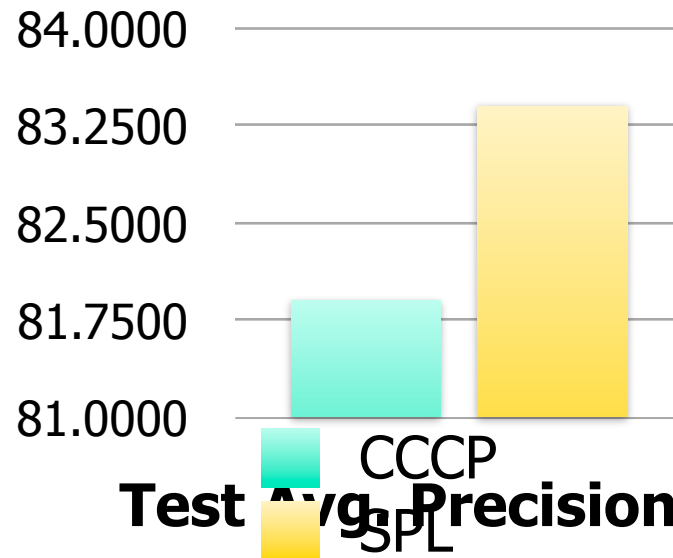
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**Object  
detection  
PASCAL  
VOC 2007**

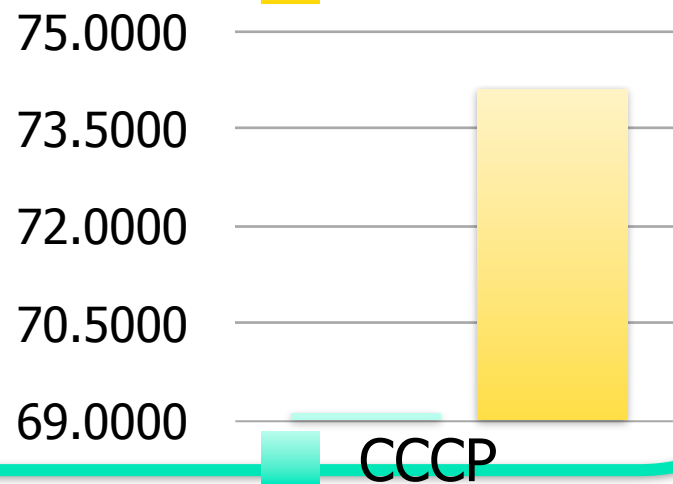


**y** = "Car/No Car"

## Test Accuracy



## Test Avg. Precision







# Image Segmentation Revisited

Input



CLL



SPL



SPL can make good use of weak annotations

Difference (SPL-CCCP)

CCCP	SPL
24.7%	28.8%

CCCP	SPL
53.8%	55.3%

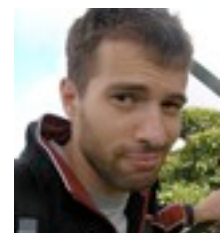
Classes



# Outline



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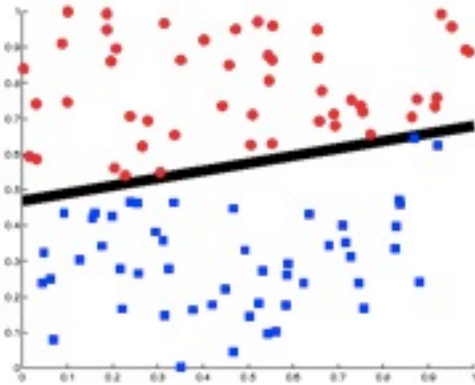


Ben  
Packer

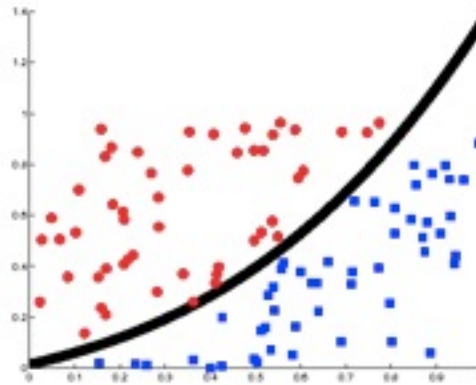
- Holistic scene models
- **Self-paced learning for latent variables**
  - Instance selection
  - **Model selection**



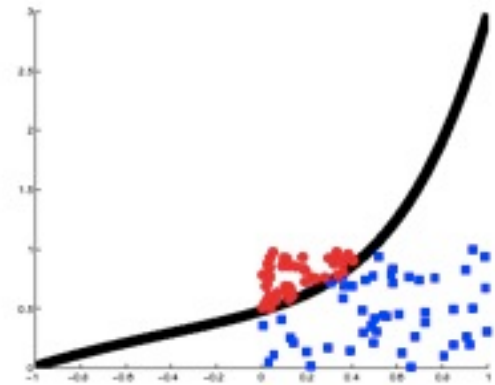
# Model Selection



Linear



Cubic



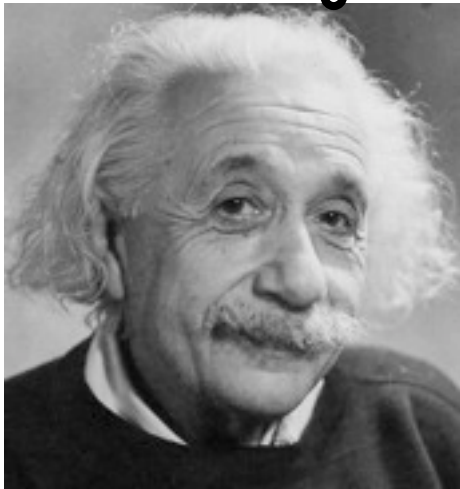
Quintic

Which kernel should I use?



# Human learning revisited

General theory  
of relativity  
says....



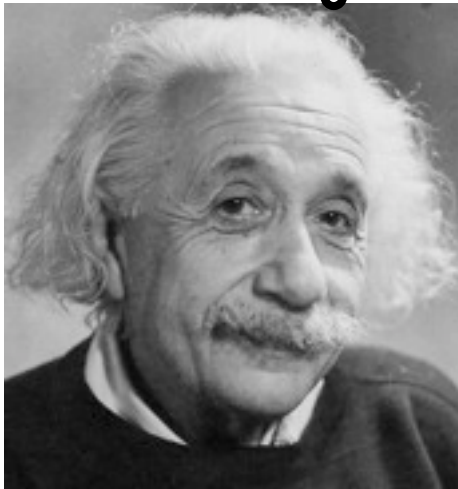
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Argh!!

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Newton's theory  
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Got it!

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Special theory  
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Got it!

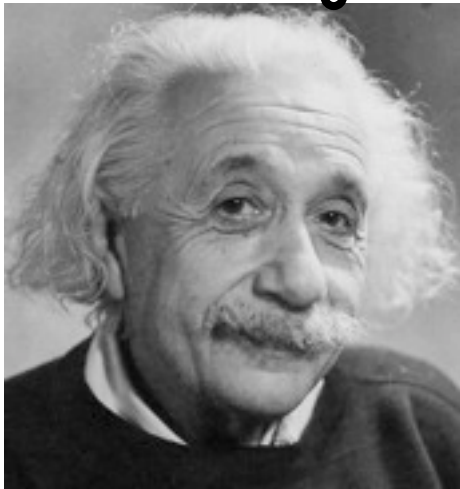


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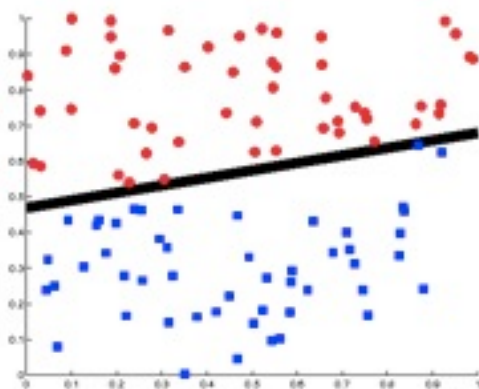


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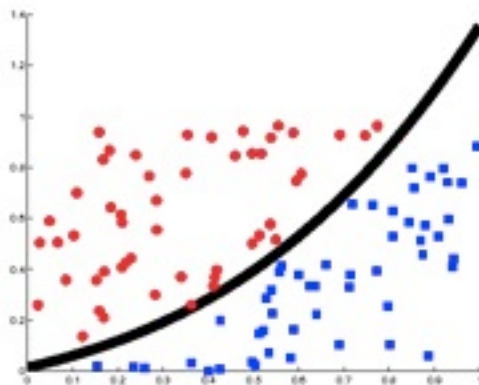
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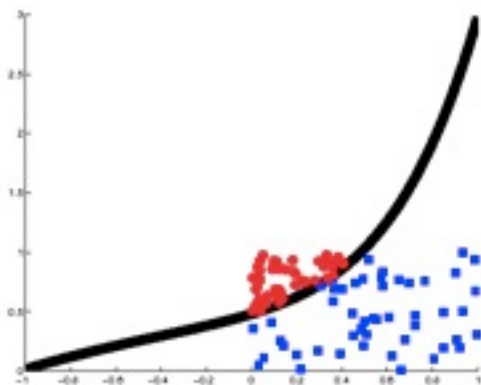
# Multiple Kernel Learning



Linear



Cubic



Quintic

$$K = \sum_i a_i K_i \quad \boldsymbol{\Phi}_a(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{h}) = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{a_1} \Psi_1(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{h}) \\ \sqrt{a_2} \Psi_2(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{h}) \\ \dots \end{pmatrix}$$

Kernel weights  $a_i \geq 0$

\* Bach, Lanckriet, Jordan, ICML 2004





# Multiple Kernel Learning\*

$$\text{Minimize}_{\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{a}, \xi} \|\mathbf{w}\|^2 + C \sum_i \xi_i$$

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{\mathbf{h}_i} \mathbf{w}^T \boldsymbol{\Phi}_{\mathbf{a}}(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{y}_i, \mathbf{h}_i) - \mathbf{w}^T \boldsymbol{\Phi}_{\mathbf{a}}(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{h}) \\ \geq \Delta(\mathbf{y}_i, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{h}) - \xi_i \quad \forall \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{h} \end{aligned}$$

Minimizing  $\xi_i$  encourages most complex kernel !!

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# Self-Paced Multiple Kernel Learning

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Minimize}_{\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{a}, \xi} \|\mathbf{w}\|^2 + C \sum_i \xi_i + \lambda R(\mathbf{a}) \\ & \max_{\mathbf{h}_i} \mathbf{w}^T \boldsymbol{\Phi}_{\mathbf{a}}(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{y}_i, \mathbf{h}_i) - \mathbf{w}^T \boldsymbol{\Phi}_{\mathbf{a}}(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{h}) \\ & \geq \Delta(\mathbf{y}_i, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{h}) - \xi_i \quad \forall \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{h} \end{aligned}$$

$$R(\mathbf{a}) = \sum_j r_j a_j \quad r_j = \text{Rademacher complexity}$$

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# Self-Paced Multiple Kernel Learning

Start with an initial estimate  $\mathbf{w}_0, \mathbf{a}_0$

Update  $\mathbf{h}_i = \operatorname{argmax}_{\mathbf{h} \in \mathcal{H}} \mathbf{w}_t^T \boldsymbol{\Phi}_{\mathbf{a}_t}(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{y}_i, \mathbf{h})$

Update  $\mathbf{w}_{t+1}$  and  $\mathbf{a}_{t+1}$  by solving convex problem

Minimize <sub>$\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{a}, \xi$</sub>   $\|\mathbf{w}\|^2 + C \sum_i \xi_i + \lambda R(\mathbf{a})$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{w}^T \boldsymbol{\Phi}_{\mathbf{a}}(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{y}_i, \mathbf{h}_i) - \mathbf{w}^T \boldsymbol{\Phi}_{\mathbf{a}}(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{h}) \\ \geq \Delta(\mathbf{y}_i, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{h}) - \xi_i \quad \forall \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{h} \end{aligned}$$



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## Early iterations:

- $\mathbf{h}_i$  are incorrectly imputed
- $\xi_i$  are large even for complex kernels
- Simple kernels are preferred to minimize  $R(\mathbf{a})$



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## Later iterations:

- $\mathbf{h}_i$  are correctly imputed
- $\xi_i$  is small for complex kernels
- Complex kernels are preferred to minimize  $\sum_i \xi_i$

**No need to anneal  $\lambda$**

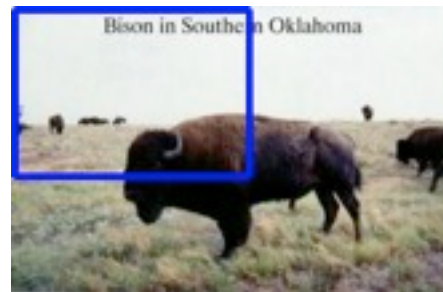




# Imputation – Iteration 1

CUBIC

SPMKL





# Imputation – Iteration 3

CUBIC

SPMKL





# Imputation – Iteration 6

CUBIC

SPMKL







# Imputation – Iteration 10

CUBIC

SPMKL





# Imputation – At Convergence

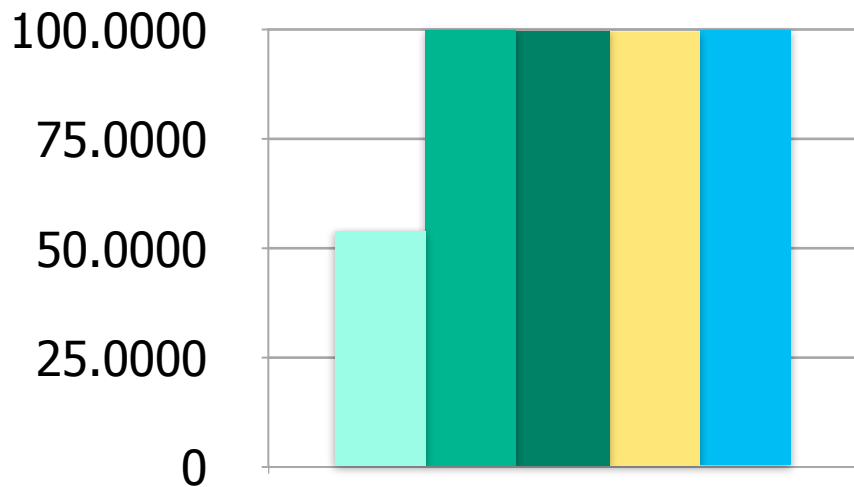
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SPMKL

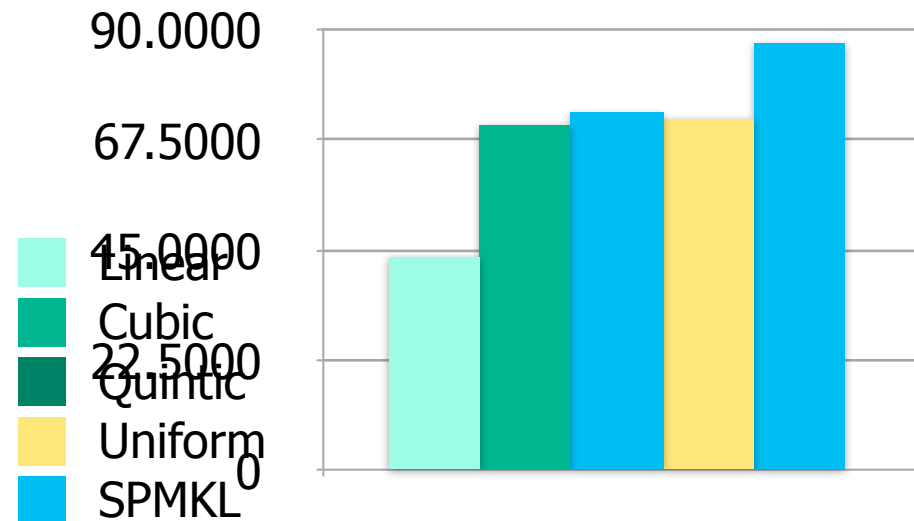




# Classification Accuracy



Train Accuracy



Test Accuracy

- Linear kernel underfits
- Stronger kernels overfit to noisy imputations and get stuck at local optimum
- SPMKL only uses strong kernels when imputations are accurate, avoiding local optimum

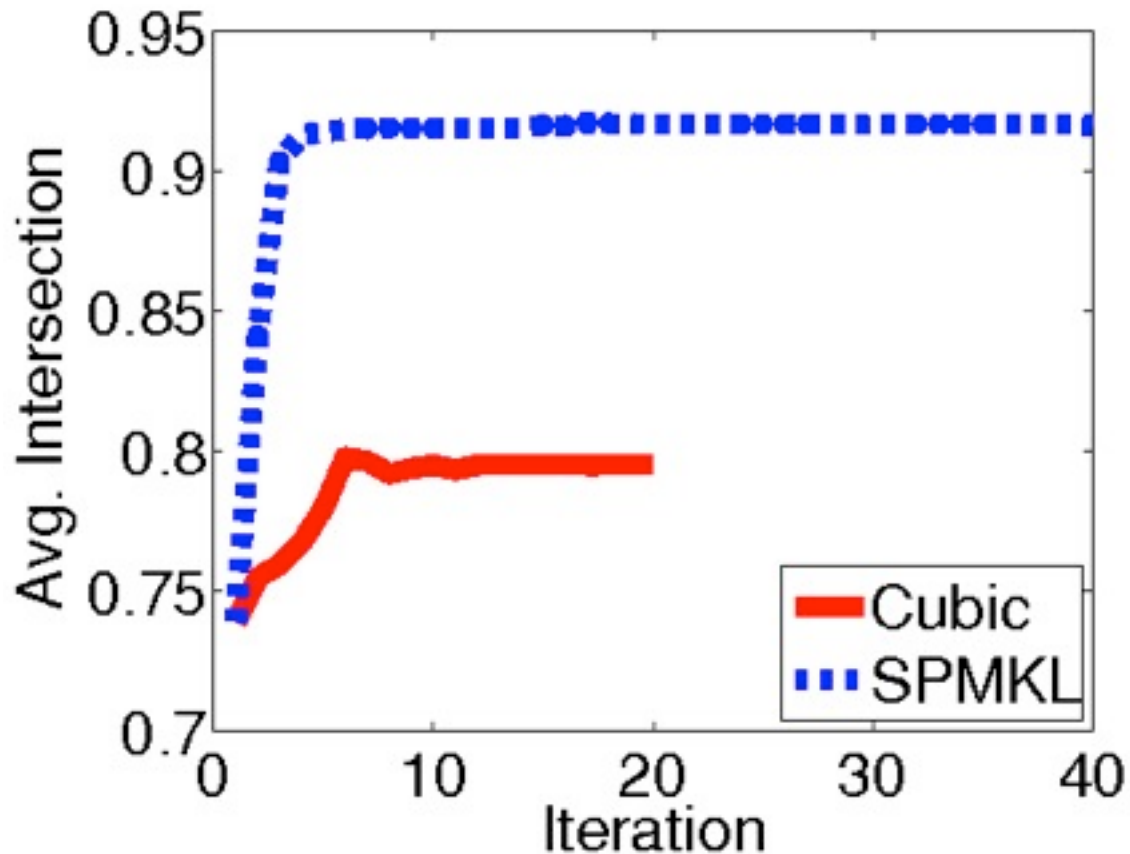




# Bounding Box Imputation



$$\text{Score} = \frac{\text{Area of Intersection of A and B}}{\text{Area of A}}$$





# DNA Binding Motif

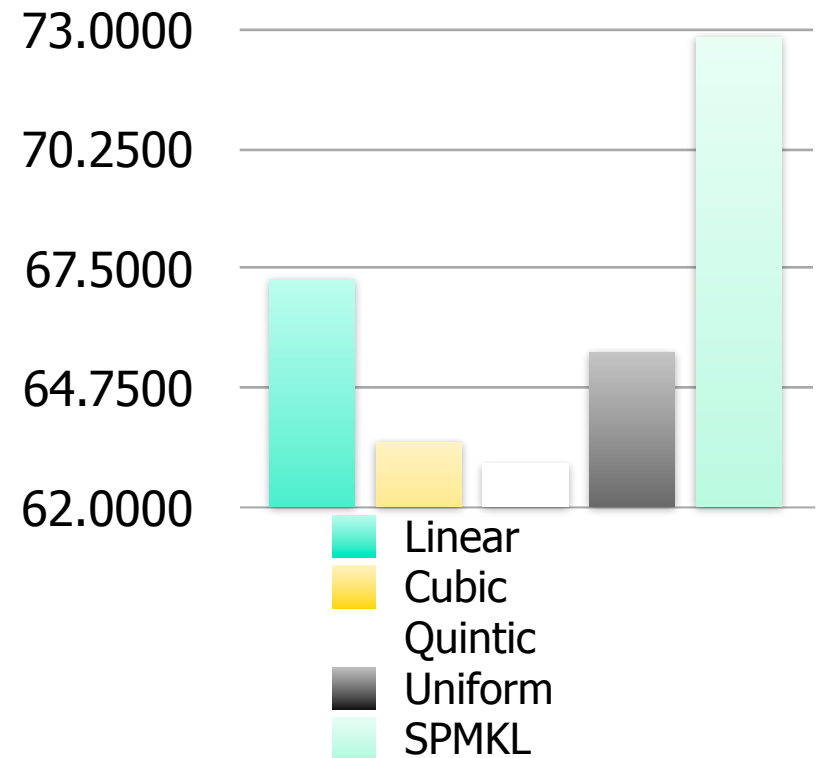
Input  $\mathbf{x}$

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```

$\mathbf{y}$  = bind/no bind

$\mathbf{h}$  = Motif position

## Test Accuracy





# Conclusion I

- Pixel-level scene understanding enforces **coherent scene interpretation** and **contextual consistency**
- Training data is an issue
  - Pixel-level annotations come in limited amounts
  - Human annotations not always ideal to task





# Conclusion II

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- We need to make better use of data:
  - Weakly labeled data
  - Diverse data with different levels of annotation
  - Unsupervised data
  - ...
  
- **Latent variables critical**



# Conclusion III

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- Don't jump too quickly:
  - Solve the hardest instances
  - Use the richest model
- Let the algorithm gradually adapt to increasing levels of complexity





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