

영상의 의미론적 정합을 위한 Deep Learning 기반 특징 추출

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Local Image Descriptors

- **Objective**

- Providing visual cues for establishing visual correspondence among multiple images

$(R_i, G_i, B_i)^T$: simple 3-D feature descriptor



$\bigcup_{j \in N_i} (R_i, G_i, B_i)^T$: simple 75-D feature descriptor
(when using 5×5 window)

Such simple representations do NOT work well in many computer vision tasks.
Q: Is there a better way of doing this?

Image Descriptors

- Most features can be thought of as templates, histograms (counts), or combinations in hand-crafted descriptors
- The ideal descriptor should be
 - Robust
 - Distinctive
 - Compact
 - Efficient
- Most available descriptors focus on edge/gradient information
 - Capture texture information
 - Color rarely used



Image Descriptors

- **Hand-crafted descriptors**

- SIFT, BRISK, BRIEF, Affine SIFT (ASIFT)
- DAISY, Local Self-Similarity (LSS), Locally Adaptive Regression Kernels (LARK)
- Rank Transform, Census transforms, Mutual Information (MI), Normalized Cross-Correlation (NCC), Zero-mean Normalized Cross-Correlation (ZNCC), Dense Adaptive Self-Correlation (DASC), Deep Self-Correlation (DSC) Descriptor

- **Learning-based descriptors**

- *Brand new approaches* based on metric learning or convolutional neural networks (CNNs)



Local image descriptors and matching similarity measures

- **Descriptors for matching (sparse) interest points**
 - SIFT [1], BRISK [2], BRIEF [3], Affine SIFT (ASIFT) [4]
- **Descriptors for dense wide-baseline matching**
 - DAISY [5]
- **Descriptors for semi-dense large displacement matching**
 - Deep Matcher [6]
- **Descriptors for matching semantically similar image parts (e.g. cross-domain matching)**
 - Local Self-Similarity (LSS) [7], Locally Adaptive Regression Kernels (LARK) [8]
- **Similarity measures for handling photometric and multi-modal variations**
 - Rank Transform, Census transforms [9], Mutual Information (MI) [10], Normalized Cross-Correlation (NCC) [11], Zero-mean Normalized Cross-Correlation (ZNCC) [12], Dense Adaptive Self-Correlation (DASC) [13,14], Deep Self-Correlation (DSC) Descriptor [15]
- **Learning based descriptors**
 - Measure the patch similarity using CNNs [18], [19], [20], [21]

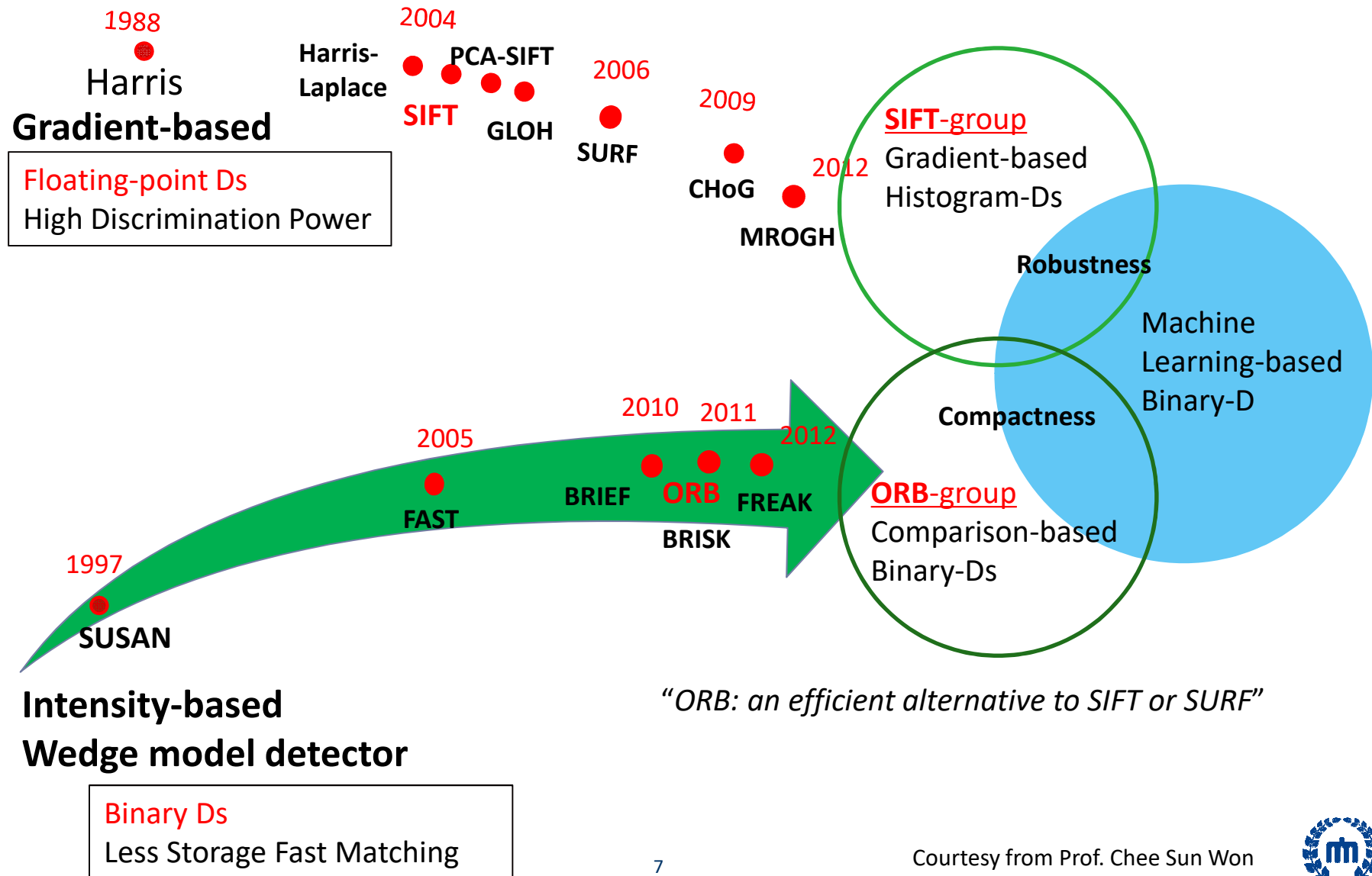


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Detectors and Descriptors for Hand-Crafted Features



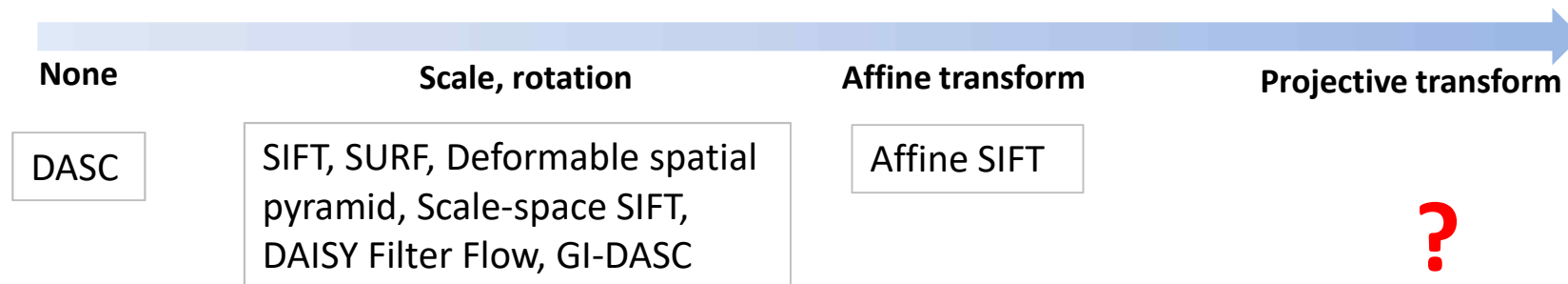
Challenges of Image Descriptors

Density (Considering computational redundancy!)

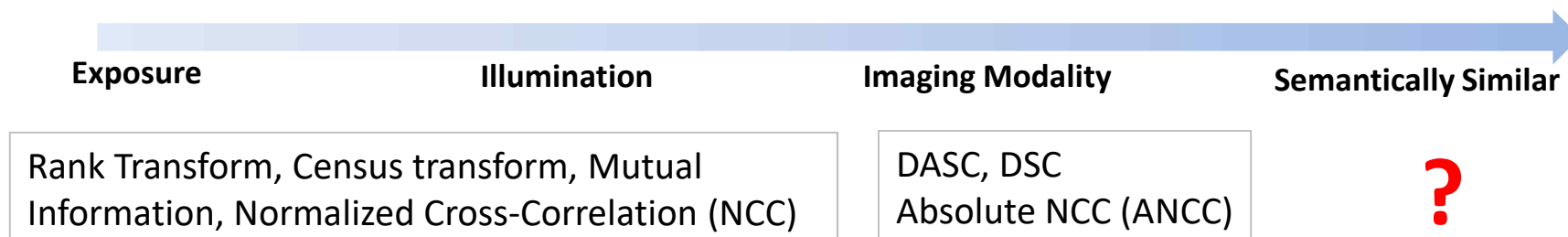


Note that here we show the hand-crafted descriptors, as the performance of learning based descriptors are not fully studied yet!

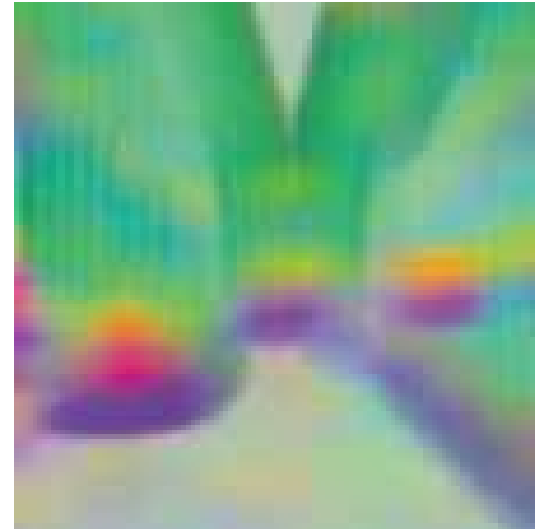
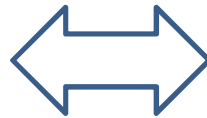
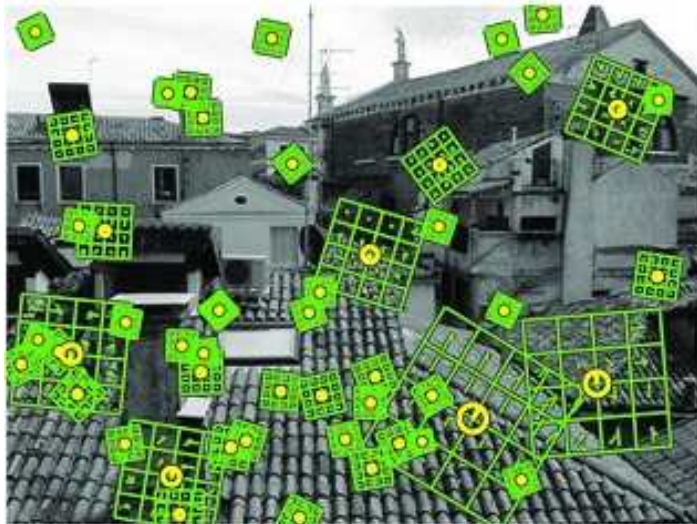
Geometric Distortion



Photometric Distortion



Density



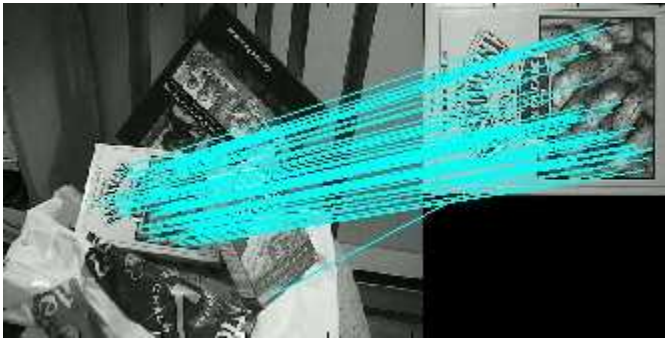
The density of descriptors depends on applications

- **Sparse feature**: Camera tracking, image retrieval, Structure-from-Motion
- **Dense feature**: annotation propagation, dense semantic labeling, depth or motion recovery

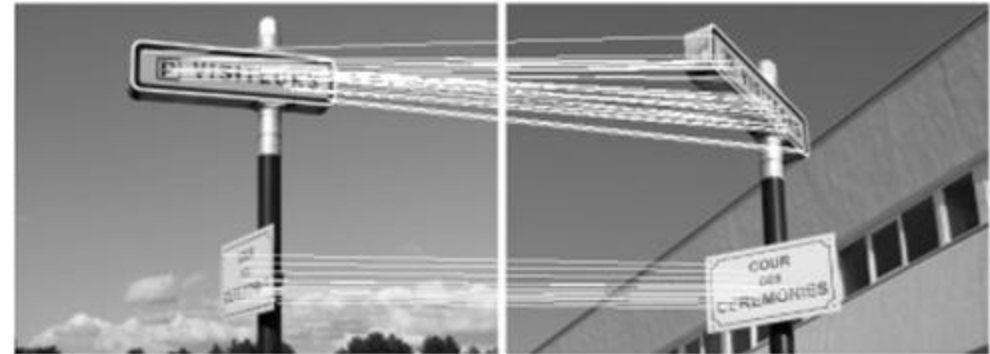
Densely computing the descriptors provokes *a huge amount of computational complexity!*

Geometric Distortion

Scale and rotation variations



Affine transform variation



Projective transform variation



Even state-of-the-arts hand-crafted descriptors can mostly handle scale and rotation variations.

Photometric Distortion

Exposure or illumination



Imaging Modality



Intra class variation:
semantically similar objects



Even state-of-the-arts hand-crafted descriptors can handle rather simple photometric distortions such as exposure or illumination variations to some extent.

Hand-crafted vs. Learning-based Descriptors

- **Hand-crafted descriptors**

- “Distinctive image features from scale-invariant keypoints,” Int. Journal of Computer Vision, 2004. (Sparse, scale/rotation/illumination invariant feature)
- “DAISY: An efficient dense descriptor applied to wide-baseline stereo,” IEEE Trans. Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence, 2010. (Dense, illumination invariant feature)
- “DASC: Robust Dense Descriptor for Multi-modal and Multi-spectral Correspondence Estimation,” IEEE Trans. on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence, 2016 (In press) (Dense, scale/rotation/illumination invariant feature)

- **Learning-based descriptors**

- “Computing the Stereo Matching Cost With a Convolutional Neural Network,” CVPR, 2015 (Dense, illumination invariant feature)
- “Learning to compare image patches via convolutional neural networks,” CVPR, 2015 (Sparse, illumination invariant feature)
- “Discriminative learning of deep convolutional feature point descriptors,” ICCV, 2015 (Sparse, illumination invariant feature)
- “Universal Correspondence Network,” NIPS, 2016 (Dense, scale/rotation/illumination invariant feature)

Note that ‘sparse’ or ‘dense’ descriptors are classified, depending on whether the descriptor can be densely computed in an efficient manner.

PART 1.1: LEARNING-BASED DESCRIPTORS

DISCRIMINATIVE LEARNING OF DESCRIPTORS USING CNNs

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Fully convolutional networks for semantic segmentation

- Received CVPR 2015 best paper award!
 - First work employing fully convolutional network for pixel-level labeling tasks

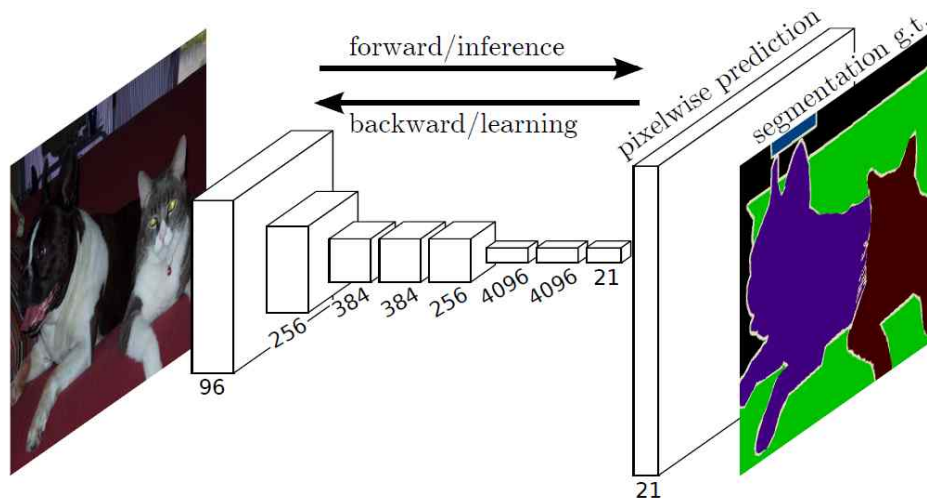
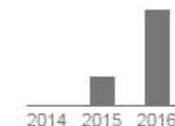


Figure 1. Fully convolutional networks can efficiently learn to make dense predictions for per-pixel tasks like semantic segmentation.

Fully convolutional networks for semantic segmentation

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Publication date	2015
Conference	Proceedings of the IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition
Pages	3431-3440
Description	Abstract Convolutional networks are powerful visual models that yield high-level features. We show that convolutional networks by themselves, trained on raw pixels, exceed the state-of-the-art in semantic segmentation. Our "fully convolutional" networks that take input of arbitrary size and produce output with efficient inference and learning. We define and detail the architecture of these convolutional networks, explain their application to spatially dense tasks like semantic segmentation, and show how they can be used to train deep convolutional networks for image classification.
Total citations	Cited by 1031



Fully convolutional networks for semantic segmentation

- But, this work relies on network architecture for a single task (semantic segmentation)

Q: What if we wish to do different task? New architecture is needed

- This does NOT provide the location of components?
Ex) Where is the ear of dog?

Next step



General purpose pixel-level image descriptors based on CNN are STRONGLY needed

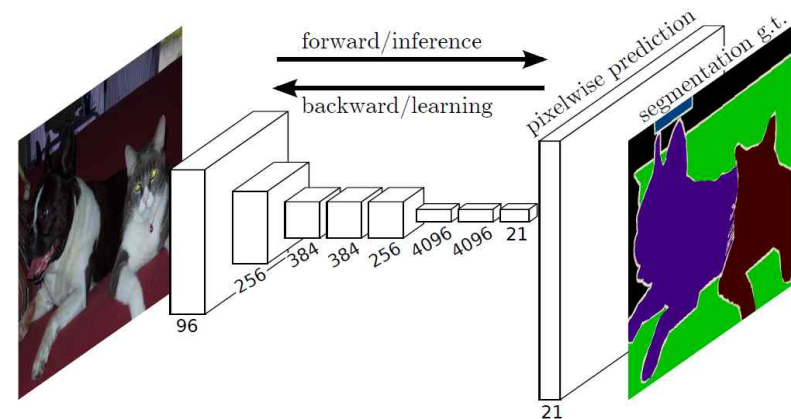
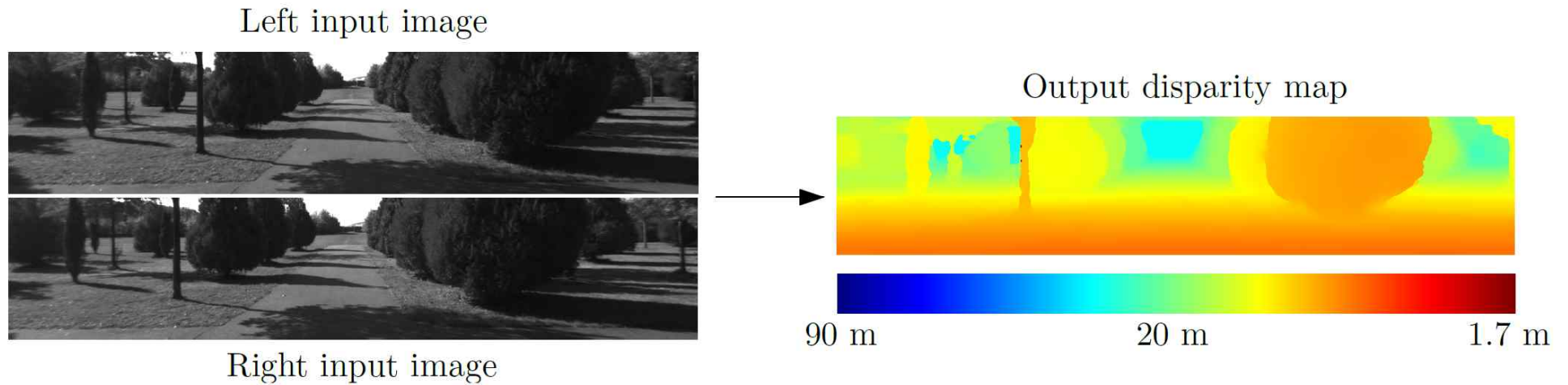


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Matching Cost in Convolutional Neural Networks (MC-CNN)

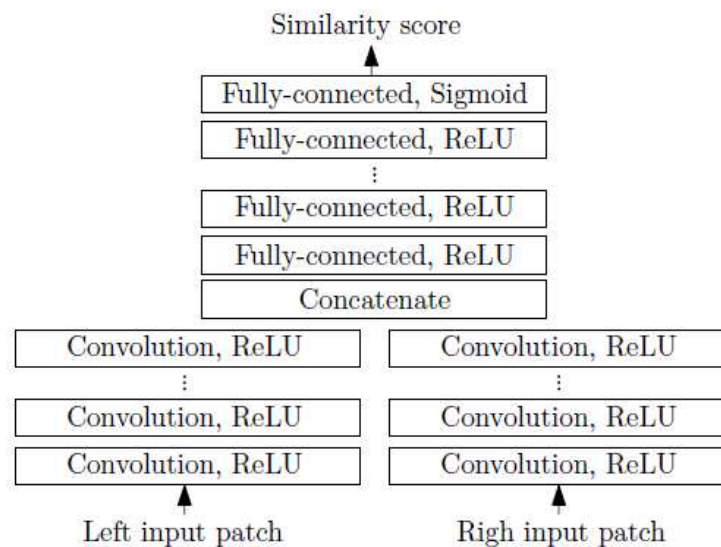
- **Apply CNN to stereo matching!**



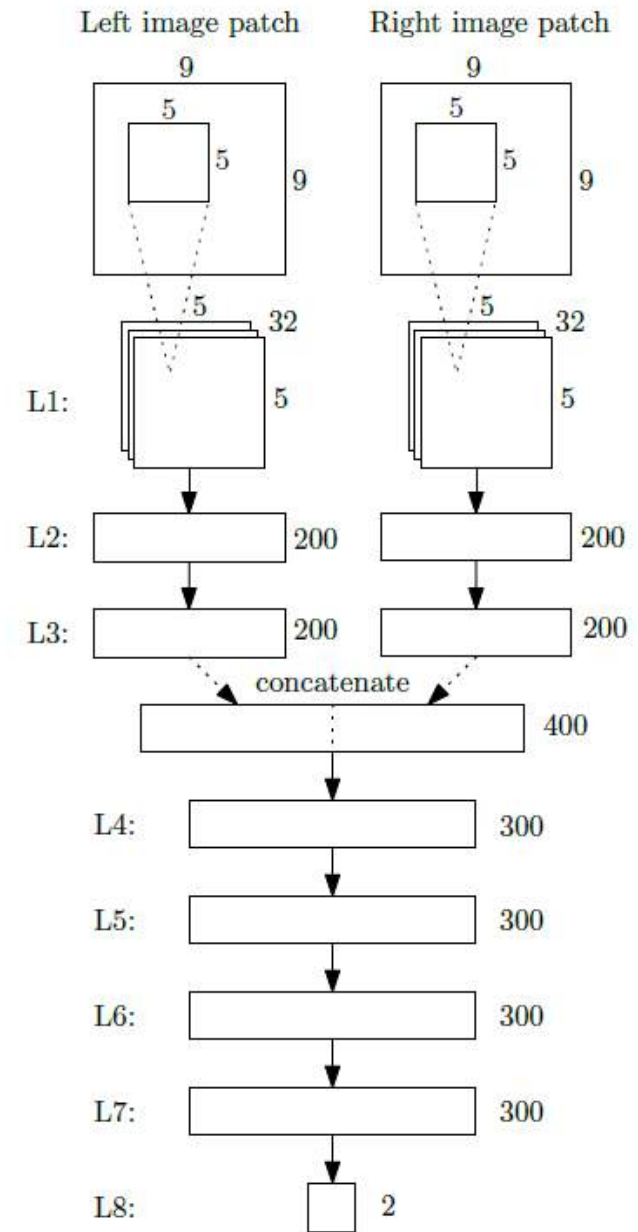
MC-CNN

- Procedures**

1. Train two patches (positive or negative samples)
2. Measure a similarity value between two patches in test phase



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MC-CNN

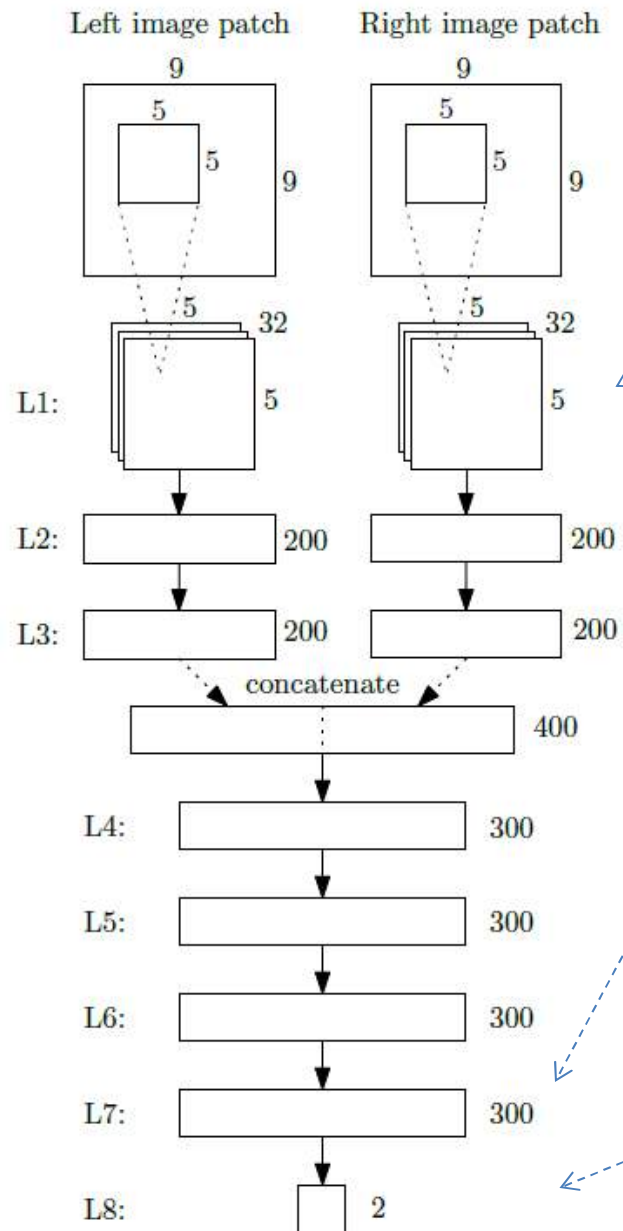
- Prepare training patches for positive and negative examples

$$< \mathcal{P}_{9 \times 9}^L(\mathbf{p}), \mathcal{P}_{9 \times 9}^R(\mathbf{q}) >$$

- Negative examples $\mathbf{q} = (x - d + o_{\text{neg}}, y)$
 - O_{neg} : an offset corrupting the match, chosen randomly from the set $\{-N_{\text{hi}}, \dots, -N_{\text{b}}, N_{\text{b}}, \dots, N_{\text{hi}}\}$
- Positive examples $\mathbf{q} = (x - d + o_{\text{pos}}, y)$
 - O_{pos} : chosen randomly from the set $\{-P_{\text{hi}}, \dots, P_{\text{hi}}\}$



Network Architecture



5 × 5 × 32
convolutional kernel

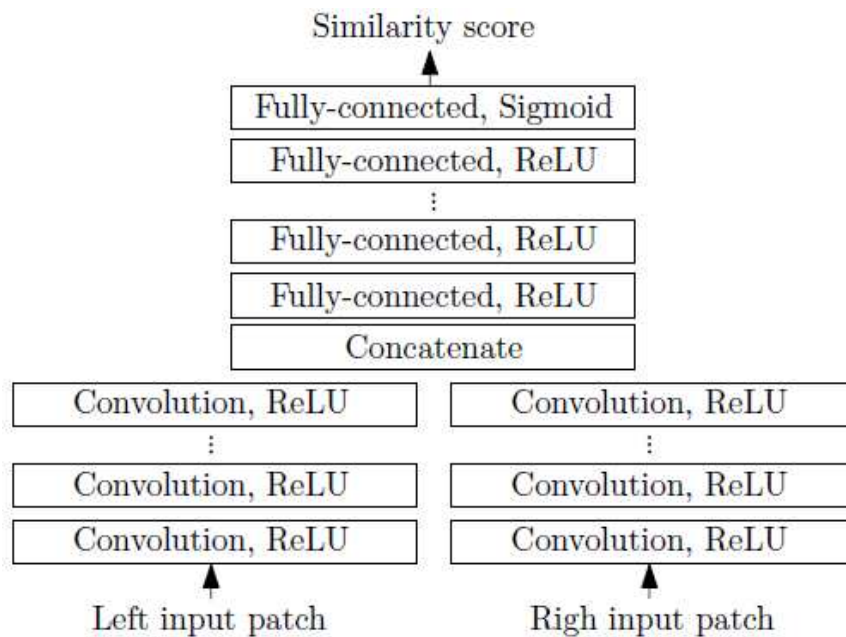
Fully connected layer

Note) L1, L2, and L3 of the networks for left and right patches are tied

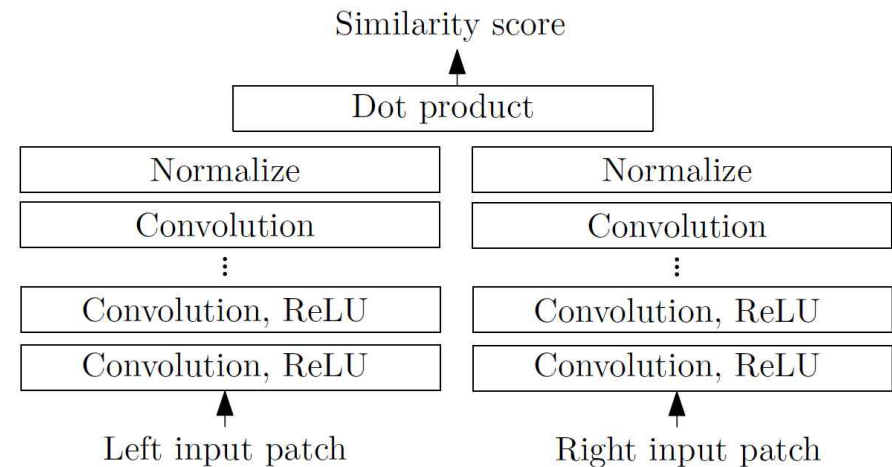
Output with two real numbers that are fed through a softmax function, producing a distribution over the two classes (good match and bad match)



Fast Implementation of MC-CNN



Original accurate version



Fast version

J. Zbontar and Y. LeCun, “ Stereo Matching by Training a Convolutional Neural Network to Compare Image Patches, Journal of Machine Learning Research, 2016 (Extension of CVPR 2015)



Outstanding Performance on Benchmark

The highest ranking methods on the KITTI 2012 data set as of October 2015

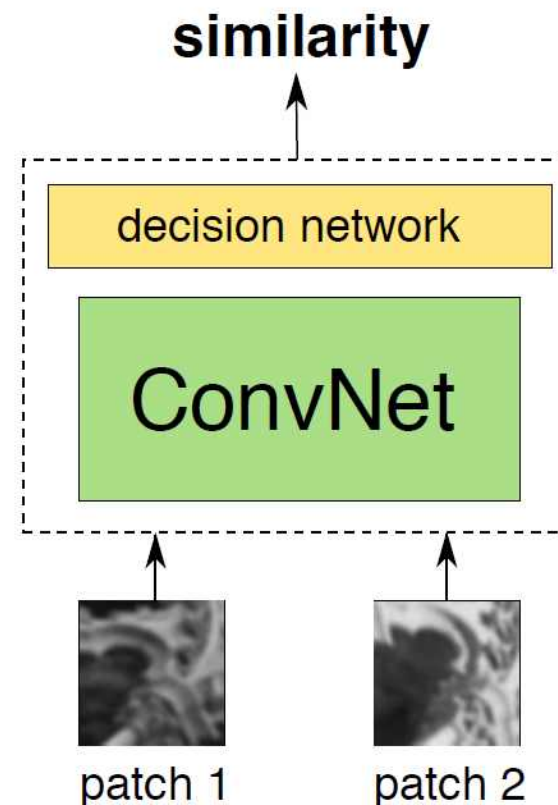
Note) This simple CNN based method outperforms all state-of-the-arts approaches.

Rank	Method		Setting	Error	Runtime
1	MC-CNN-acrt	Accurate architecture		2.43	67
2	Displets	Güney and Geiger (2015)		2.47	265
3	MC-CNN	Žbontar and LeCun (2015)		2.61	100
4	PRSM	Vogel et al. (2015)	F, MV	2.78	300
	MC-CNN-fst	Fast architecture		2.82	0.8
5	SPS-StFl	Yamaguchi et al. (2014)	F, MS	2.83	35
6	VC-SF	Vogel et al. (2014)	F, MV	3.05	300
7	Deep Embed	Chen et al. (2015)		3.10	3
8	JSOSM	Unpublished work		3.15	105
9	OSF	Menze and Geiger (2015)	F	3.28	3000
10	CoR	Chakrabarti et al. (2015)		3.30	6



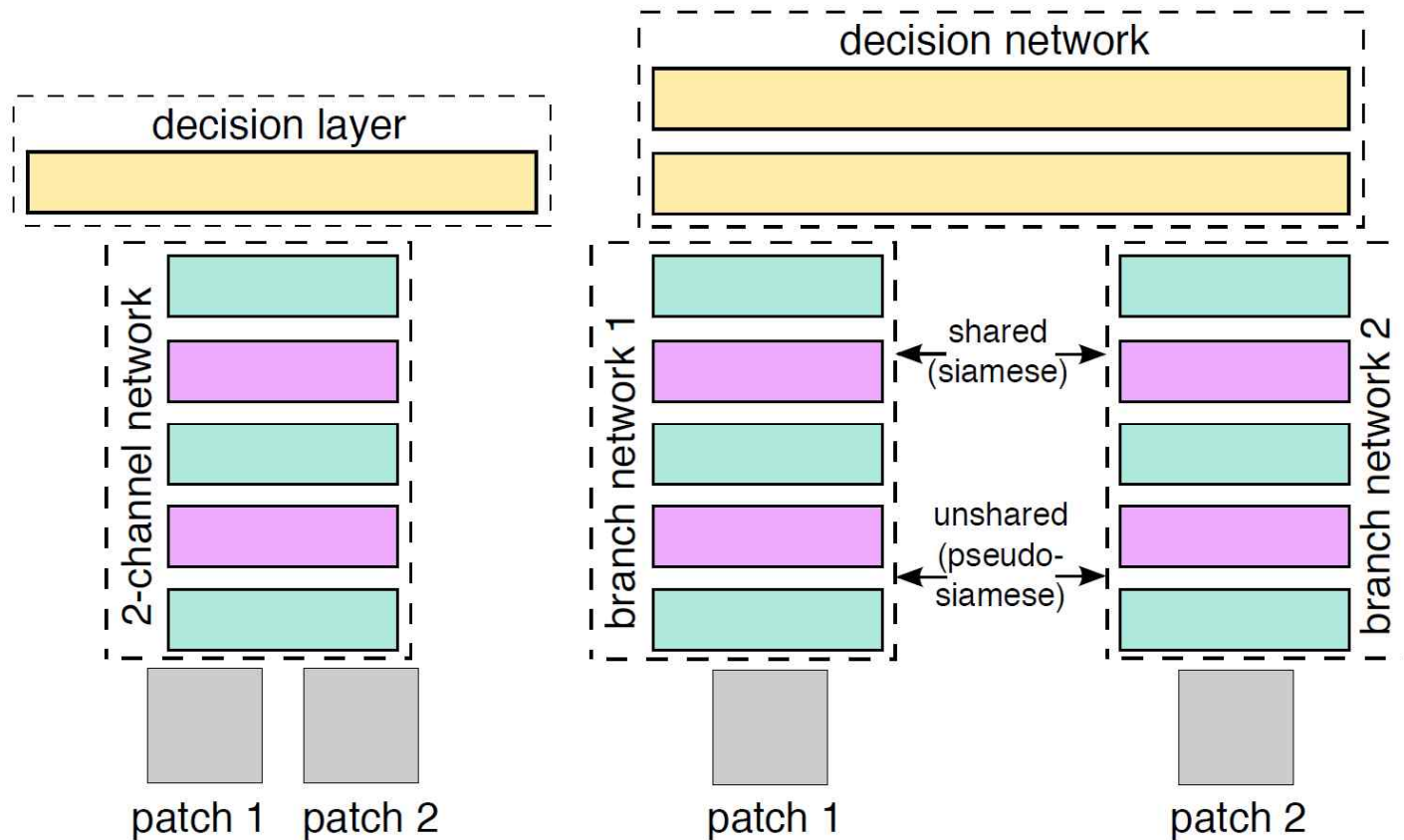
Learning to Compare Image Patches via CNNs, CVPR 2015

- **Goal**: learning a general similarity function for image patches
- Almost similar to MC-CNN, the method models the patch similarity using CNNs



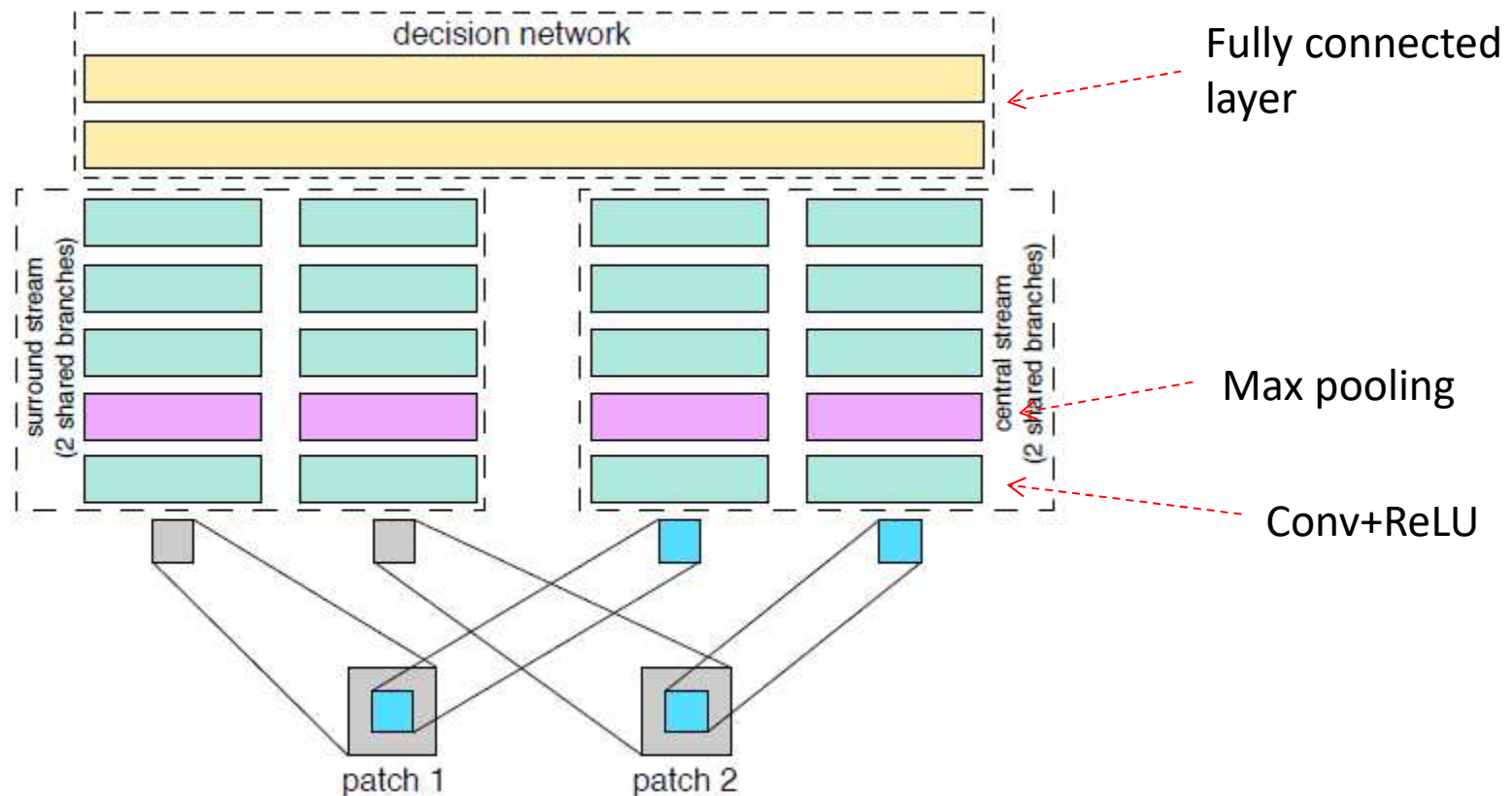
Three basic network architectures

- 1) 2-Channel, 2) Siamese, 3) Pseudo-Siamese



Extended Siamese network

- A central-surround two-stream network that uses a siamese-type architecture to process each stream



Learning of Similarity Network


- **Optimization**

- Optimizing with stochastic gradient descent (SGD) for the objective with hinge-based loss term + L2-norm regularization

$$\min_w \frac{\lambda}{2} \|w\|_2 + \sum_{i=1}^N \max(0, 1 - y_i o_i^{net})$$

1 (for positive samples) or
-1 (for negative samples)

Network outputs



- **Data Augmentation and preprocessing**

- To avoid overfitting, they augment training data by 1) flipping patches pairs horizontally and vertically and 2) rotating to 90, 180, 270 degrees.



Experimental Details

- Training data
 - The patches are scale and orientation normalized.
 - Three dataset: Yosemite, Notre Dame, and Liberty
 - 500,000 ground-truth feature pairs for each dataset, with equal number of positive (correct) and negative (incorrect) matches.
 - Each of the subsets was generated using actual correspondences obtained via multi-view stereo depth maps.



Experimental Results

Train	Test	2ch-2stream	2ch-deep	2ch	siam	siam- l_2	pseudo-siam	pseudo-siam- l_2	siam-2stream	siam-2stream- l_2	[19]
Yos	ND	2.11	2.52	3.05	5.75	8.38	5.44	8.95	5.29	5.58	6.82
Yos	Lib	7.2	7.4	8.59	13.48	17.25	10.35	18.37	11.51	12.84	14.58
ND	Yos	4.1	4.38	6.04	13.23	15.89	12.64	15.62	10.44	13.02	10.08
ND	Lib	4.85	4.55	6.05	8.77	13.24	12.87	16.58	6.45	8.79	12.42
Lib	Yos	5	4.75	7	14.89	19.91	12.5	17.83	9.02	13.24	11.18
Lib	ND	1.9	2.01	3.03	4.33	6.01	3.93	6.58	3.05	4.54	7.22
mean		4.19	4.27	5.63	10.07	13.45	9.62	13.99	7.63	9.67	10.38
mean(1,4)		4.56	4.71	5.93	10.31	13.69	10.33	14.88	8.42	10.06	10.98

- 2-channel & 2 stream network is the best.
- Decision network works better than simple L2 distance.

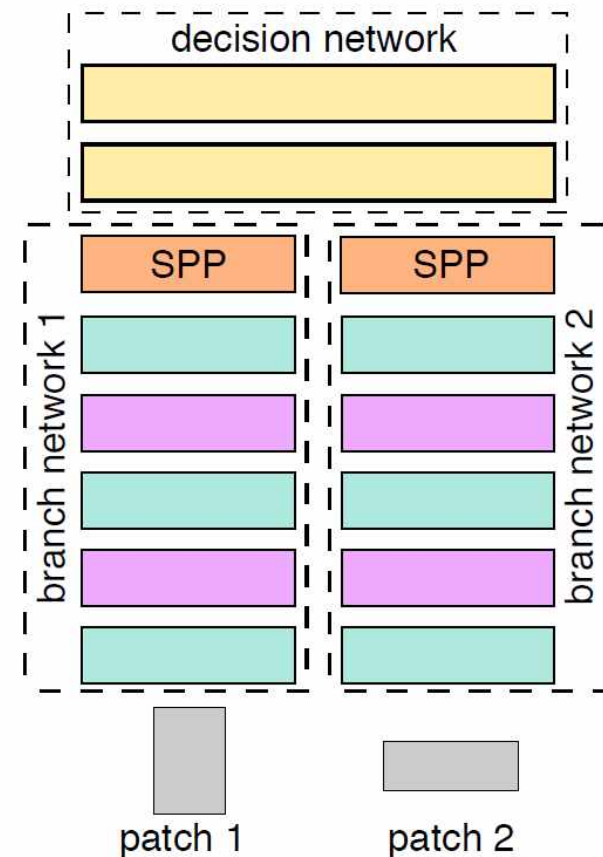
Key idea: learning the pooling regions for defining feature descriptors based on sparsity (Hand-crafted descriptors)

[19] Learning Local Feature Descriptors Using Convex Optimisation, IEEE TPAMI 2014



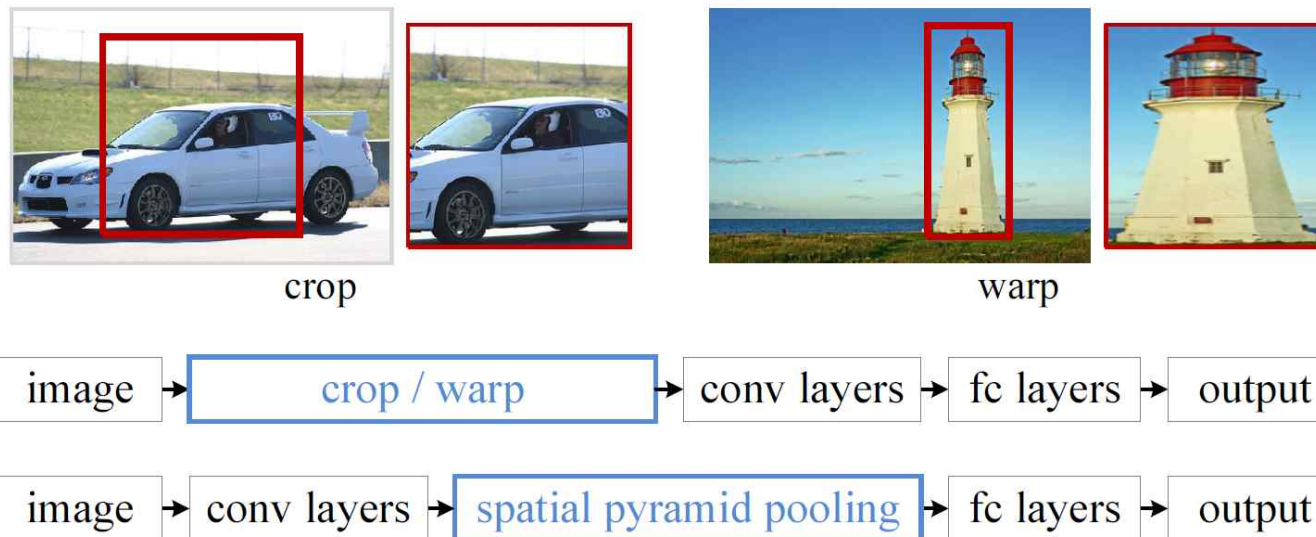
Similarity Network using SPP

- **Putting spatial pyramid pooling (SPP) on the top of branch networks**
 - Top decision layer has an input of fixed dimensionality for any size of the input patches.



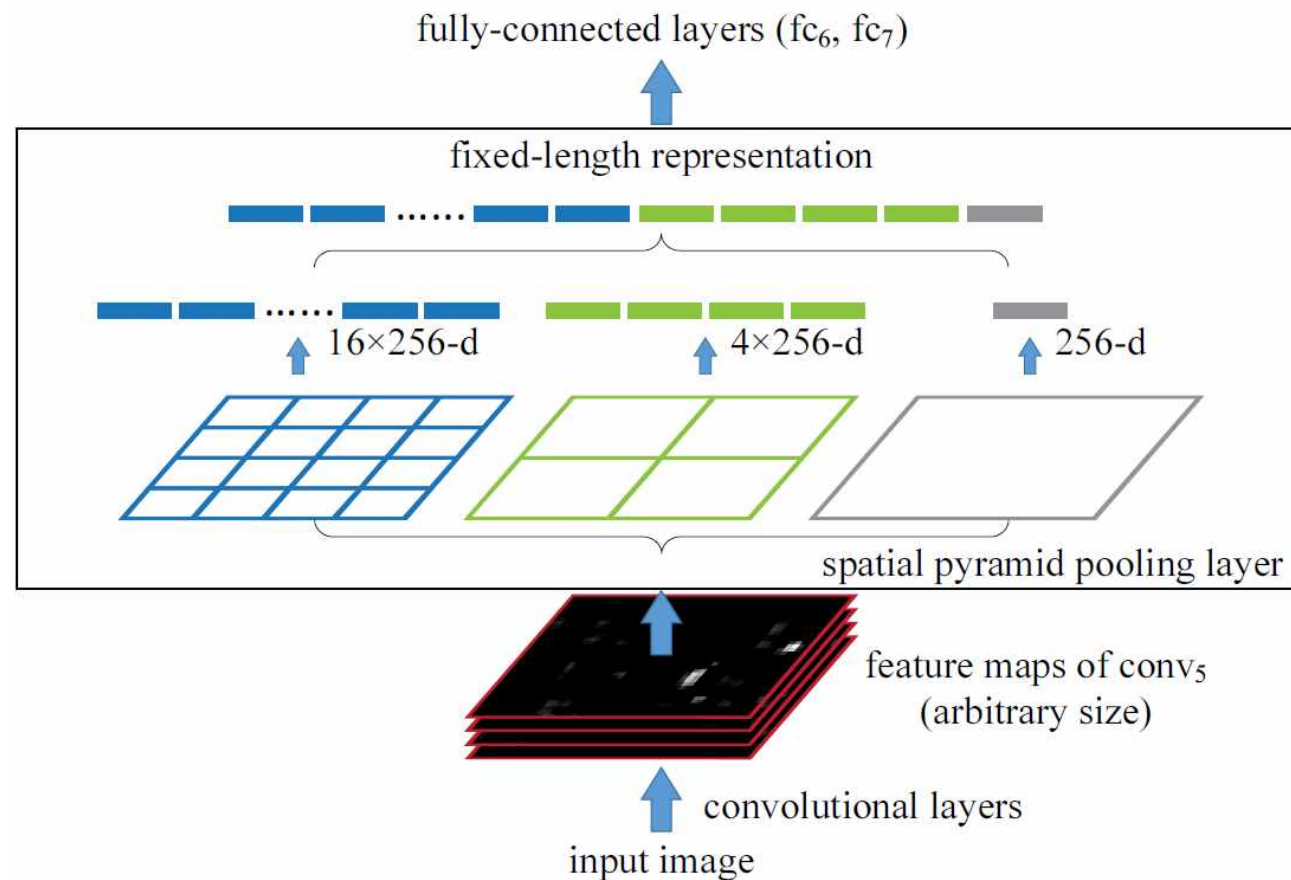
Spatial Pyramid Pooling in Deep Convolutional Networks for Visual Recognition, TPAMI 2015

- Addresses the implementation issue that CNN takes an input with a fixed size only.



Spatial Pyramid Pooling in Deep Convolutional Networks for Visual Recognition, TPAMI 2015

- Multiple responses are concatenated from spatial pyramid pooling layers.



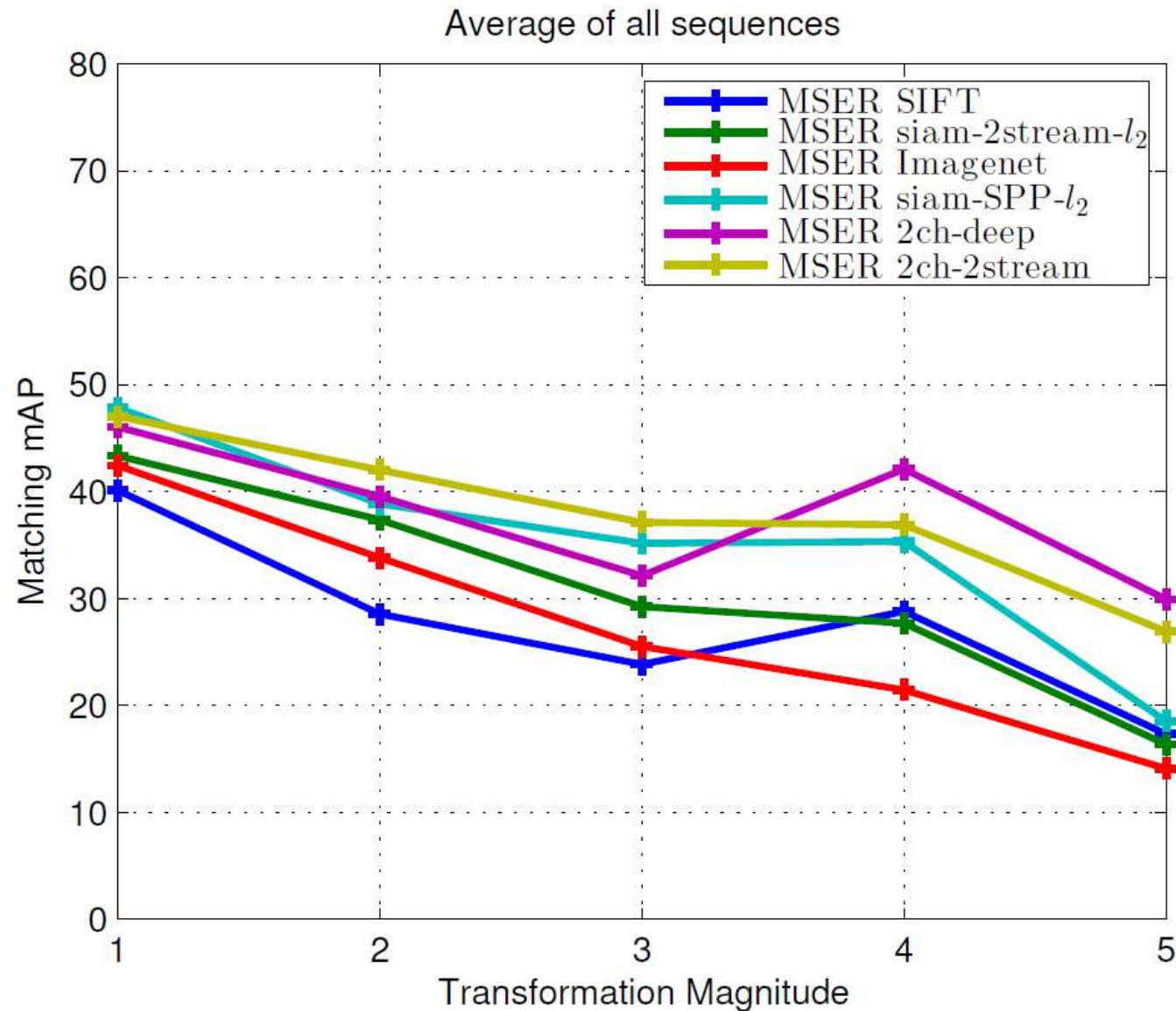
Similarity Network using SPP

1. Use the ellipses detected by MSER (Maximally stable extremal regions) for interest points.
2. These ellipses are used as inputs for the similarity network using SPP.



MSER results from <http://www.vlfeat.org/overview/mser.html>

Local descriptors performance evaluation



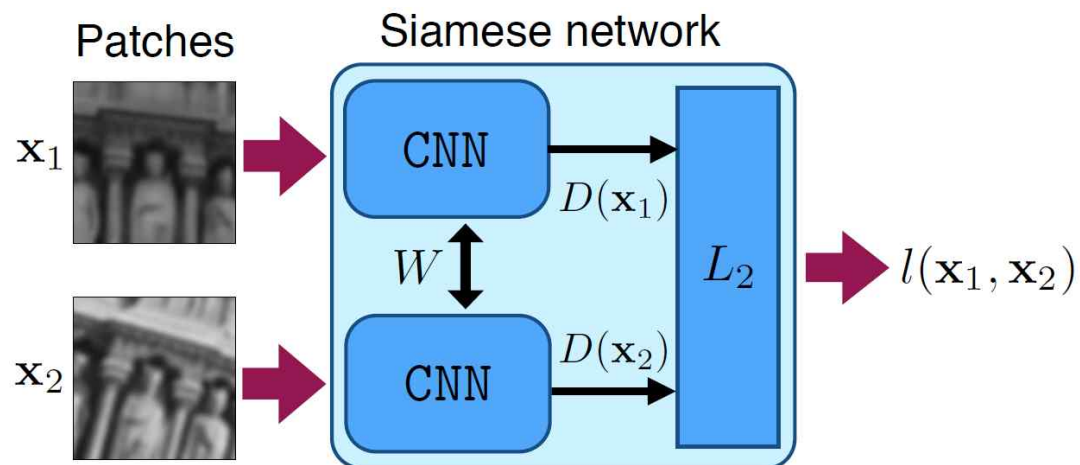
Concluding Remarks

- 2-channel 2-stream network produce the best results
→ Future work: Accelerating the evaluation of this network
- 2-stream multi-resolution models and SPP based models consistently improve the descriptor quality.
- Learning with a larger training set may improve the performance of the proposed method.



Discriminative Learning of Deep Convolutional Feature Point Descriptors, ICCV 2015

Schematic of a Siamese network, where pairs of input patches are processed by two copies of the same CNN.



Note) This is almost similar to CVPR 2015 paper, except using L2 distance

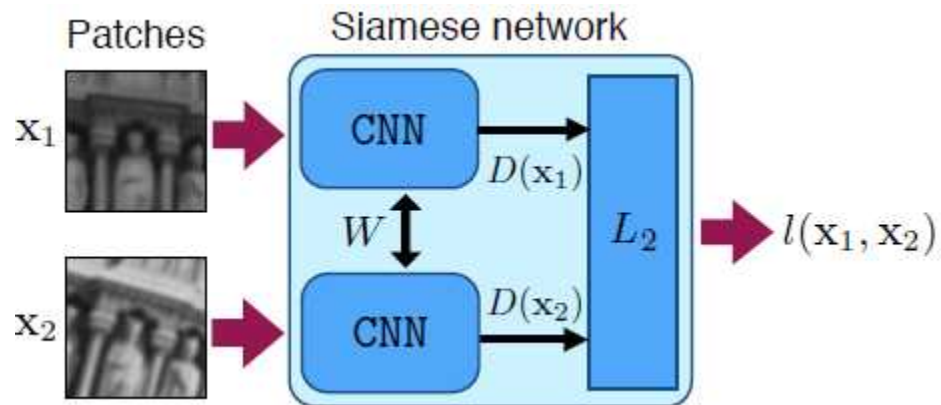
$$l(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2) = \begin{cases} \|D(\mathbf{x}_1) - D(\mathbf{x}_2)\|_2, & p_1 = p_2 \\ \max(0, C - \|D(\mathbf{x}_1) - D(\mathbf{x}_2)\|_2), & p_1 \neq p_2 \end{cases}$$

Positive examples

Negative examples



Discriminative Learning of Deep Convolutional Feature Point Descriptors, ICCV 2015



Complexity matters!

Patch-wise similarity measure
is extremely slow.

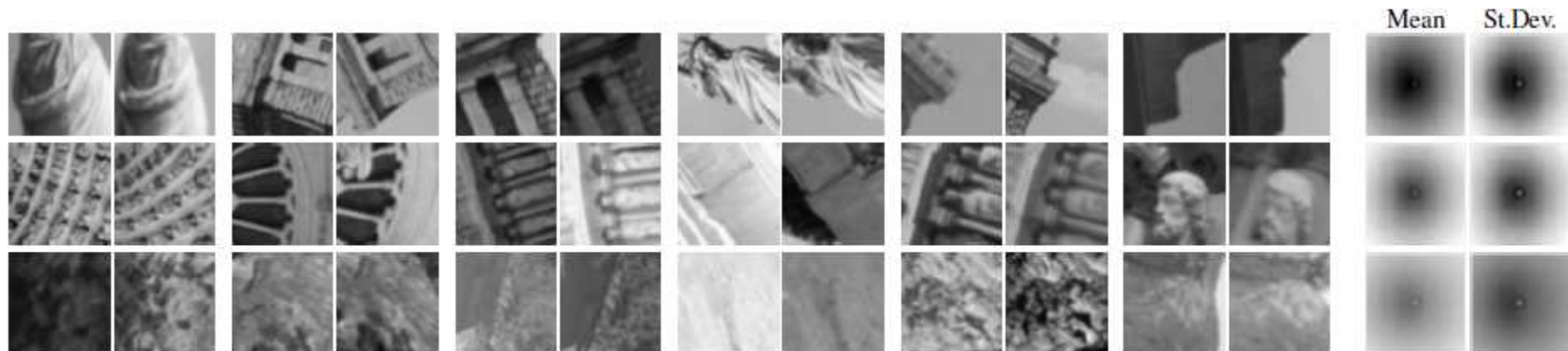


Figure 3: Pairs of corresponding samples from the MVS dataset. Top: 'Liberty' (LY). Middle: 'Notre Dame' (ND). Bottom: 'Yosemite' (YO). Right: we compute the pixel difference between corresponding patches on each set and show their mean/std.

PART 1.2: LEARNING-BASED DESCRIPTORS

UNIVERSAL CORRESPONDENCE NETWORK

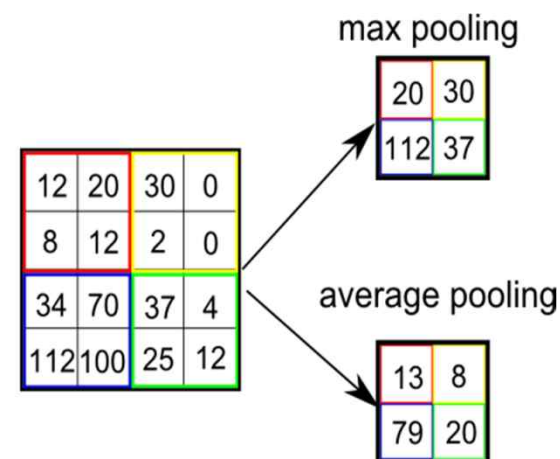
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Spatial Transformer Network, NIPS 2015

- **Goal:** dealing with spatial transformation in an end-to-end training framework
- Interleaving convolutional layers with max-pooling layers allows translation invariance.
- + Exceptionally effective
 - Pooling is simplistic.
 - Only small invariances per pooling layer
 - Limited spatial transformation
 - Pools across entire image
- Can we do better?



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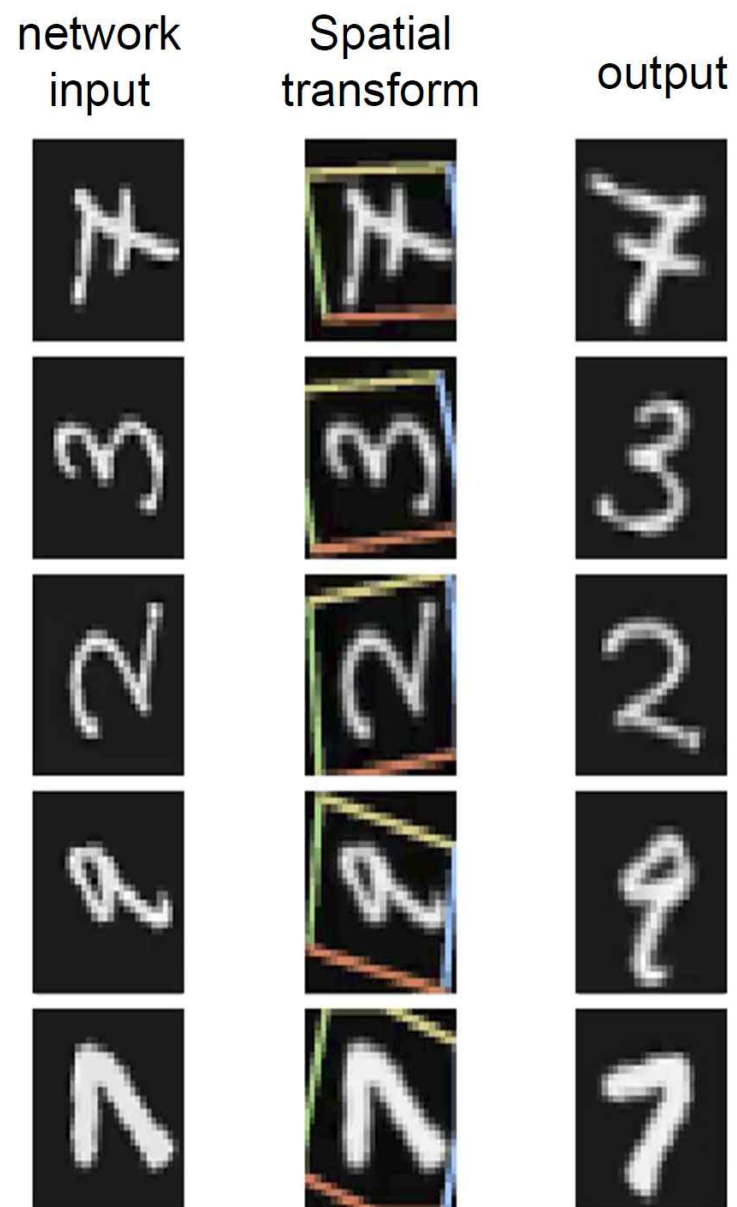


Conditional Spatial Warping

- Conditional on input feature map, spatially warp image.
 - + Transforms data to a space expected by subsequent layers
 - + Intelligently select features of interest (attention)
 - + Invariant to more generic warping



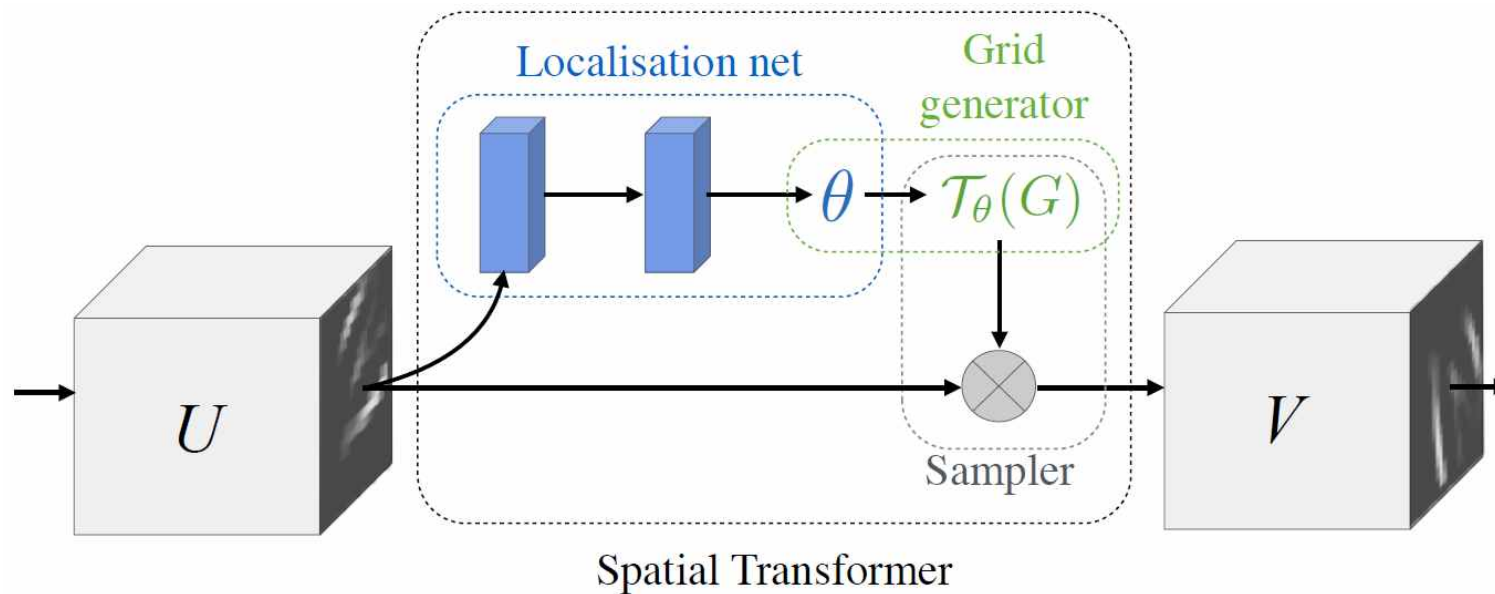
Conditional Spatial Warping



Slide Courtesy from M. Jaederberg



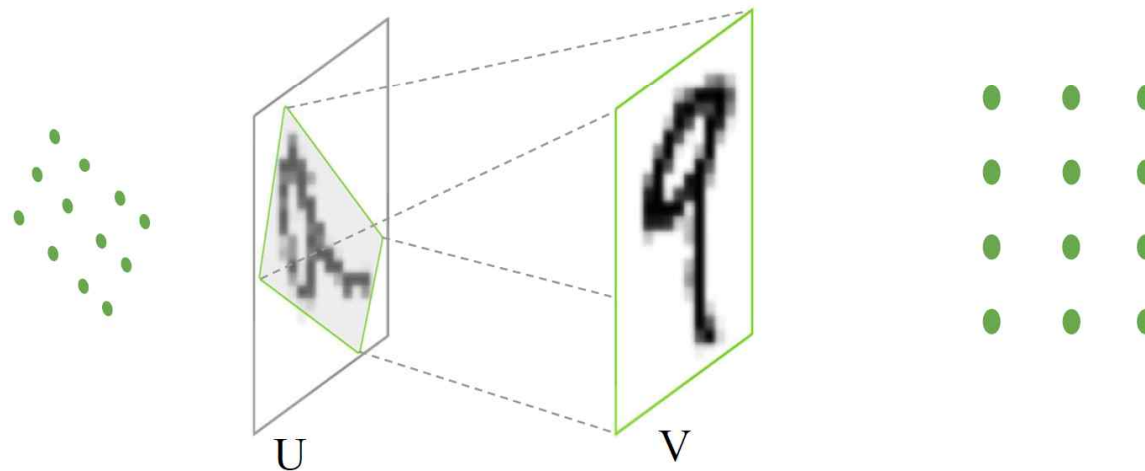
A differentiable module for spatially transforming data, conditional on the data itself



Sampling Grid

- Warp regular grid by an affine transformation

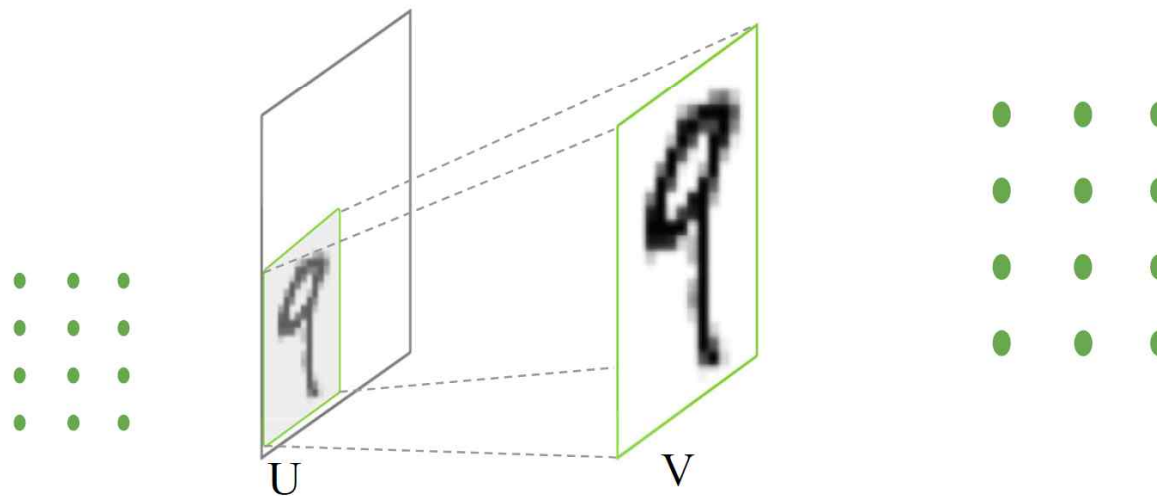
$$\begin{pmatrix} x_i^s \\ y_i^s \end{pmatrix} = \mathcal{T}_\theta(G_i) = \mathbf{A}_\theta \begin{pmatrix} x_i^t \\ y_i^t \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \theta_{11} & \theta_{12} & \theta_{13} \\ \theta_{21} & \theta_{22} & \theta_{23} \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_i^t \\ y_i^t \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$



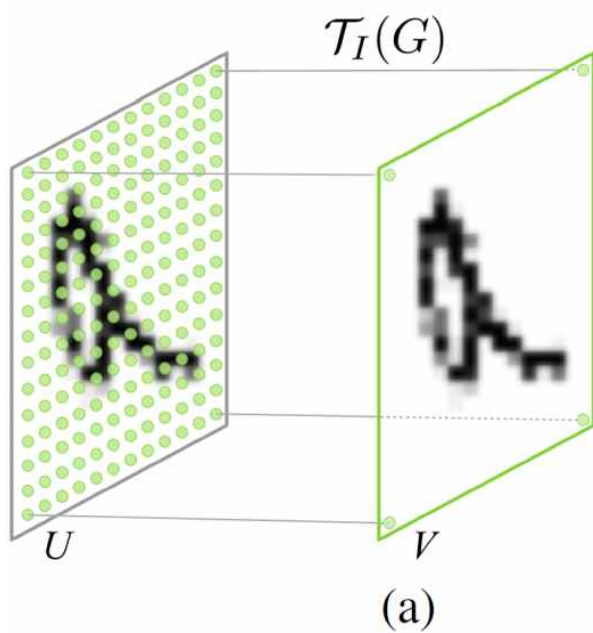
Sampling Grid

- Warp regular grid by an affine transformation (Attention model)

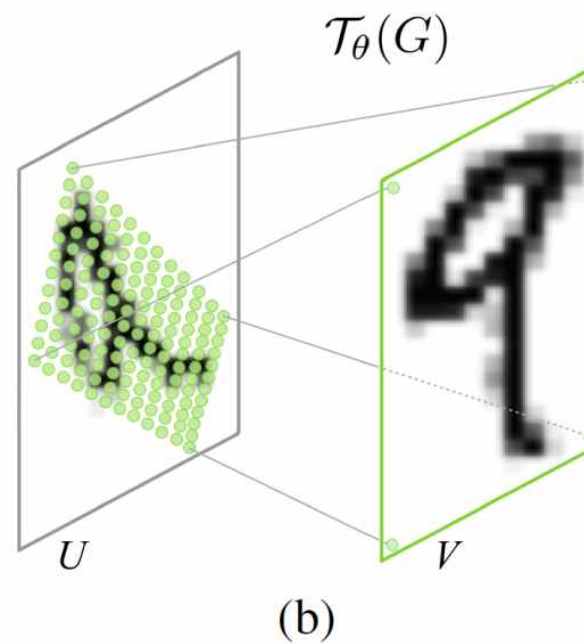
$$\begin{pmatrix} x_i^s \\ y_i^s \end{pmatrix} = \mathcal{T}_\theta(G_i) = \mathbf{A}_\theta \begin{pmatrix} x_i^t \\ y_i^t \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} s & 0 & t_x \\ 0 & s & t_y \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_i^t \\ y_i^t \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$



Conditional Spatial Warping



Identity transformation

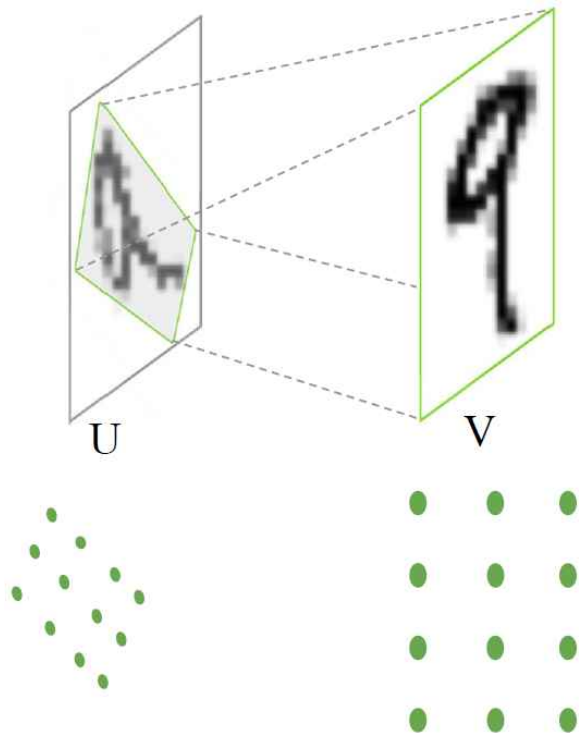


Affine transformation



Sampler

- Sample input feature map U to produce output feature map V (i.e. texture mapping)



e.g. for bilinear interpolation:

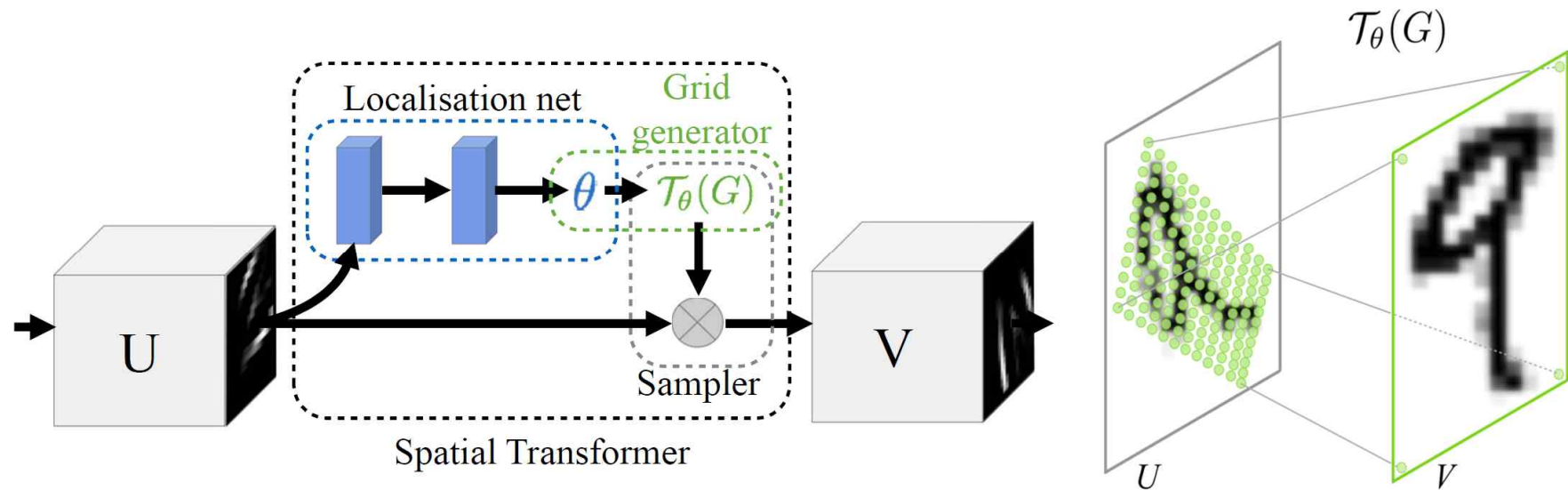
$$V_i^c = \sum_n^H \sum_m^W U_{nm}^c \max(0, 1 - |x_i^s - m|) \max(0, 1 - |y_i^s - n|)$$

and gradients are defined to allow backpropagation, eg:

$$\frac{\partial V_i^c}{\partial U_{nm}^c} = \sum_n^H \sum_m^W \max(0, 1 - |x_i^s - m|) \max(0, 1 - |y_i^s - n|)$$

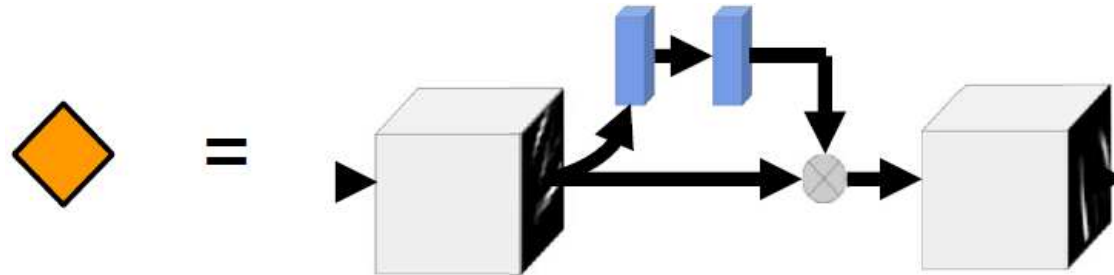


A differentiable module for spatially transforming data, conditional on the data itself



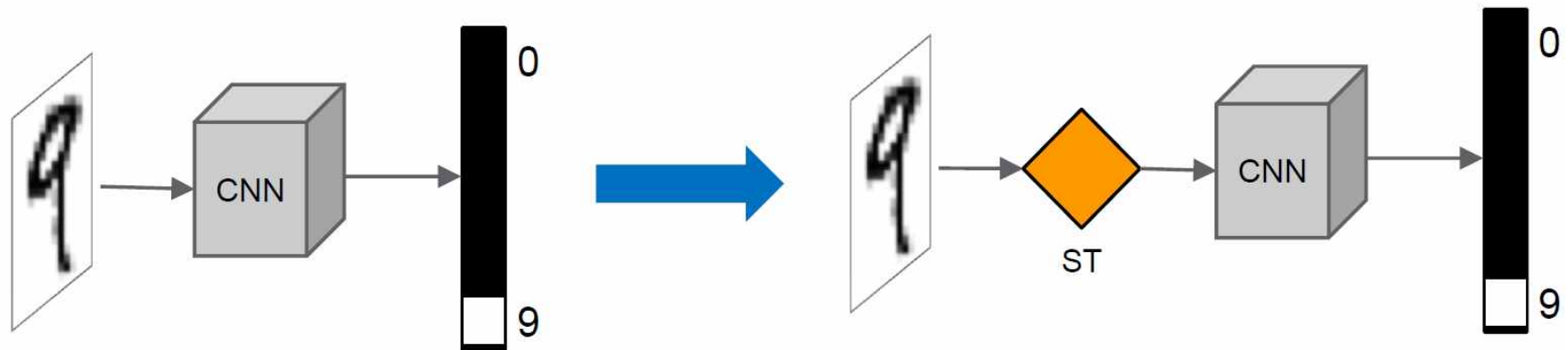
Spatial Transformer Networks

- Spatial Transformers is fully *differentiable*, and so can be inserted at any point in a feed forward network and trained by back propagation



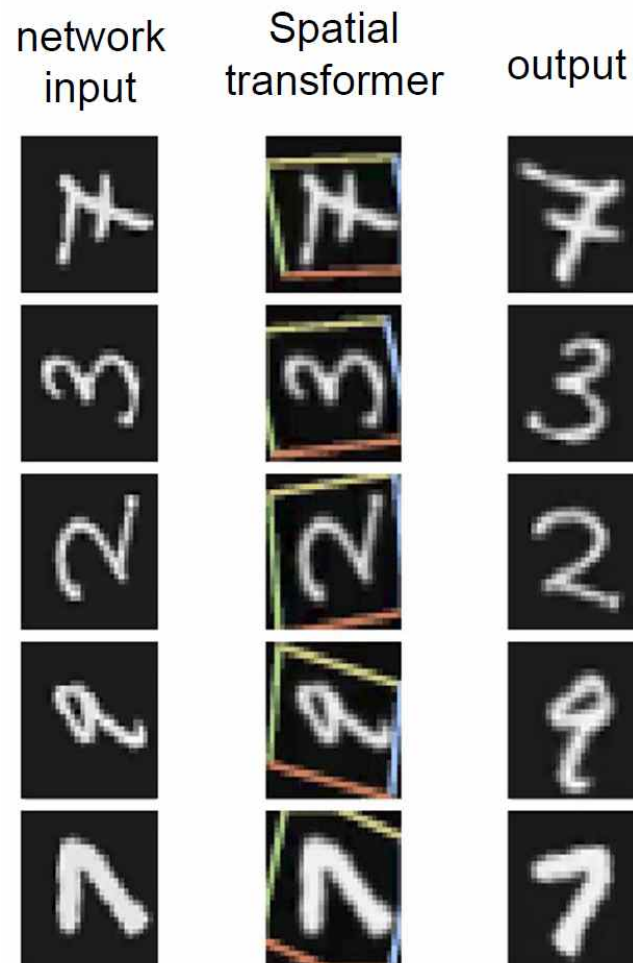
Example:

- digit classification, loss: cross-entropy for 10 way classification



Task: classify MNIST digits

- Training and test randomly rotated by (+/- 90°)
- Fully connected network with affine ST on input



Performance:

- FCN 2.1
- CNN 1.2
- ST-FCN 1.2
- ST-CNN 0.7



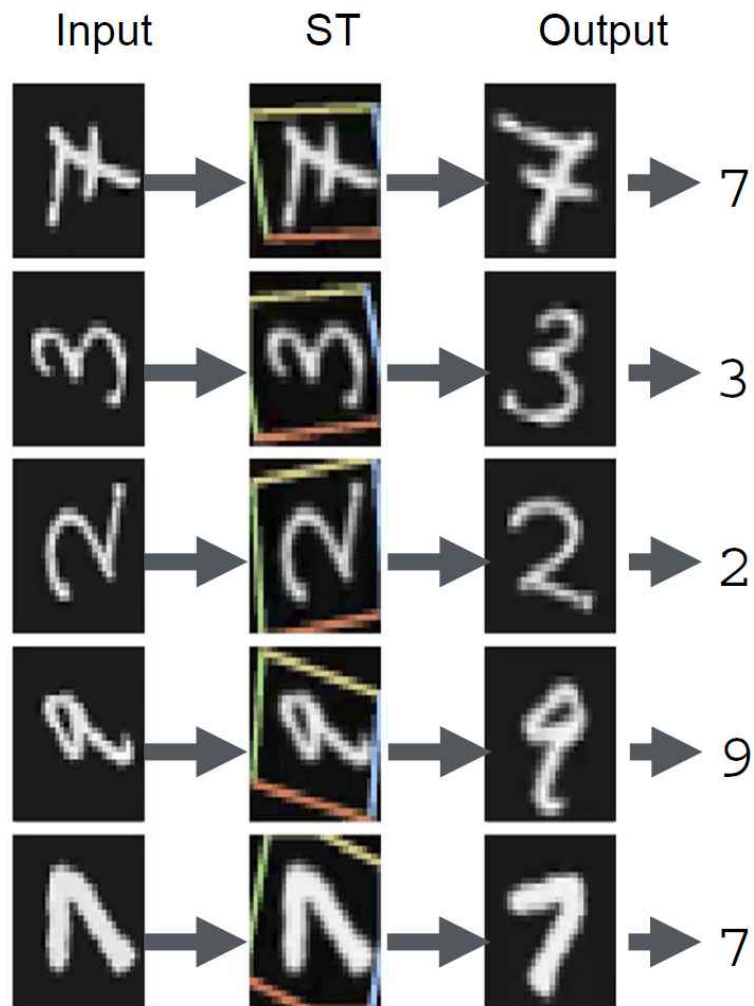
Generalizations 1: transformations

- Affine transformation – 6 parameters
- Projective transformation – 8 parameters
- Thin plate spline transformation
- Etc
- Any transformation where parameters can be regressed

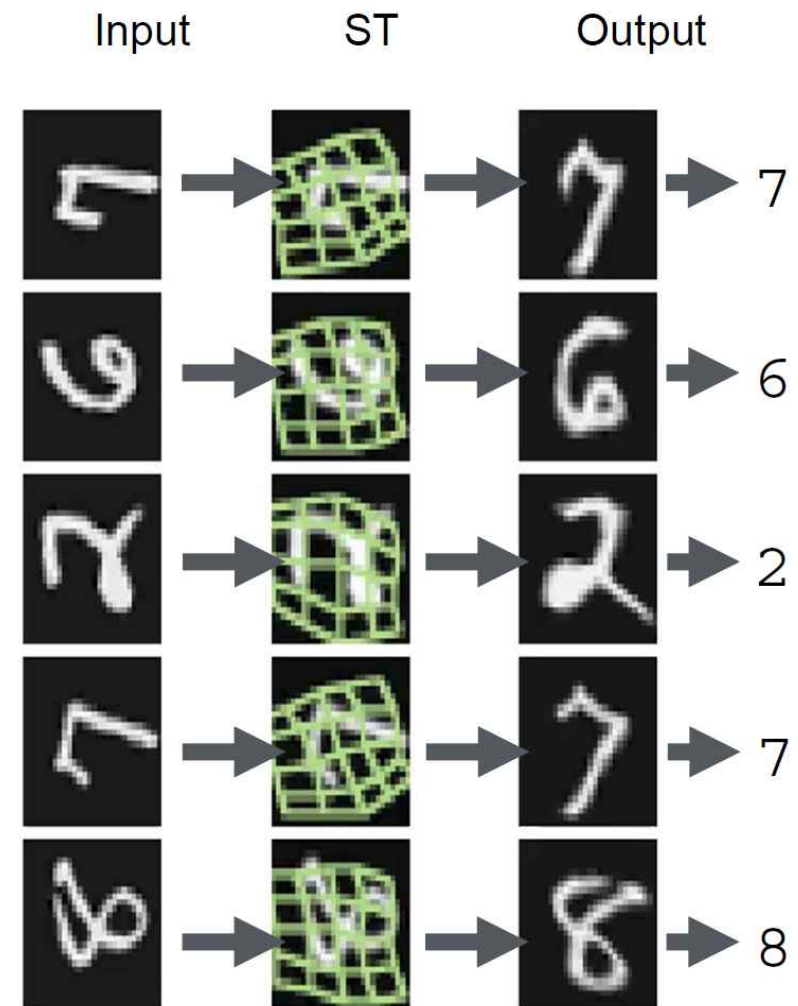


Rotated MNIST

ST-FCN Affine

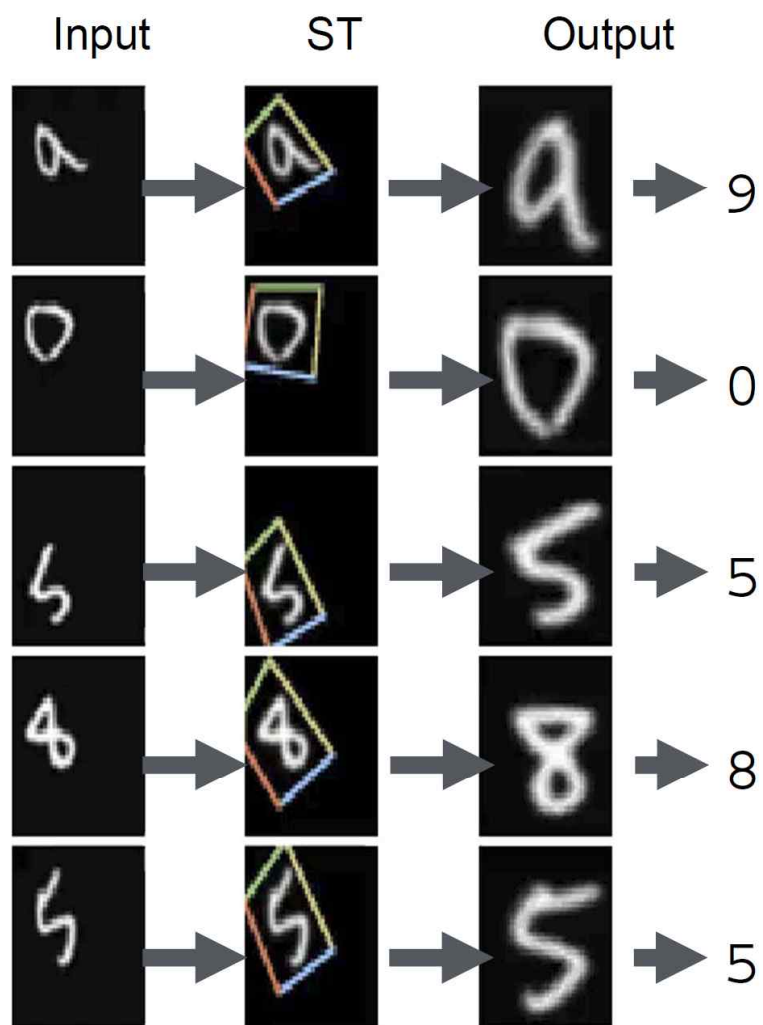


ST-FCN Thin Plate Spline

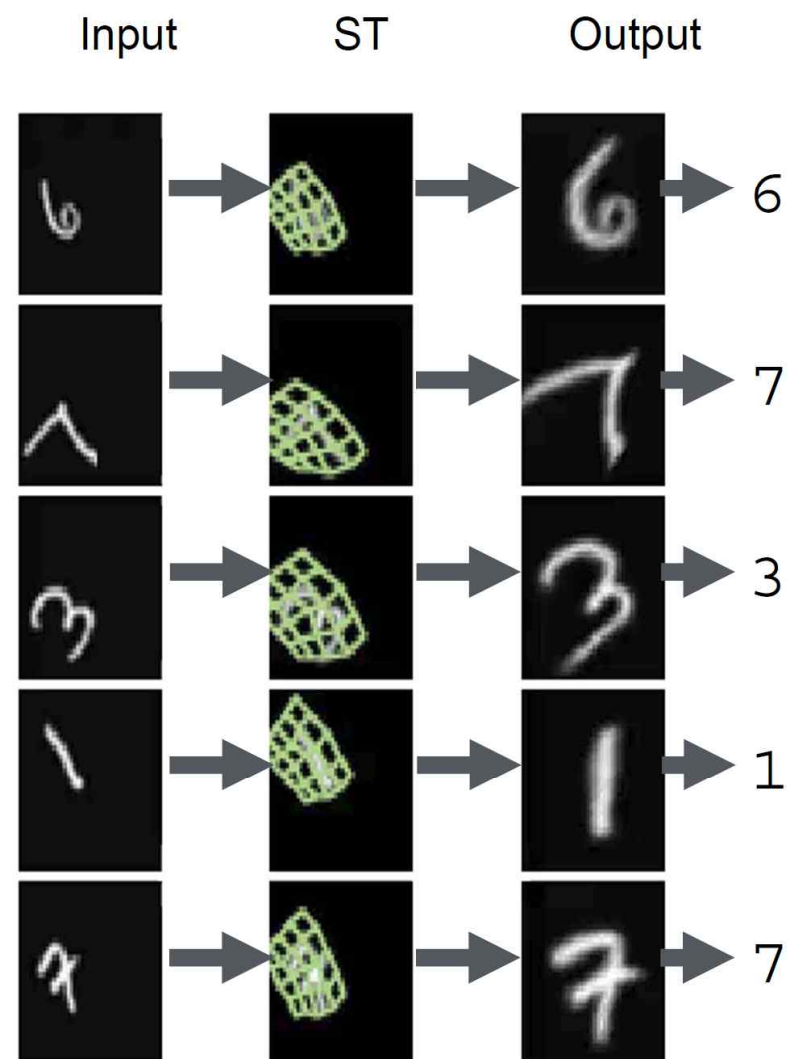


Rotated, Translated & Scaled MNIST

ST-FCN Projective



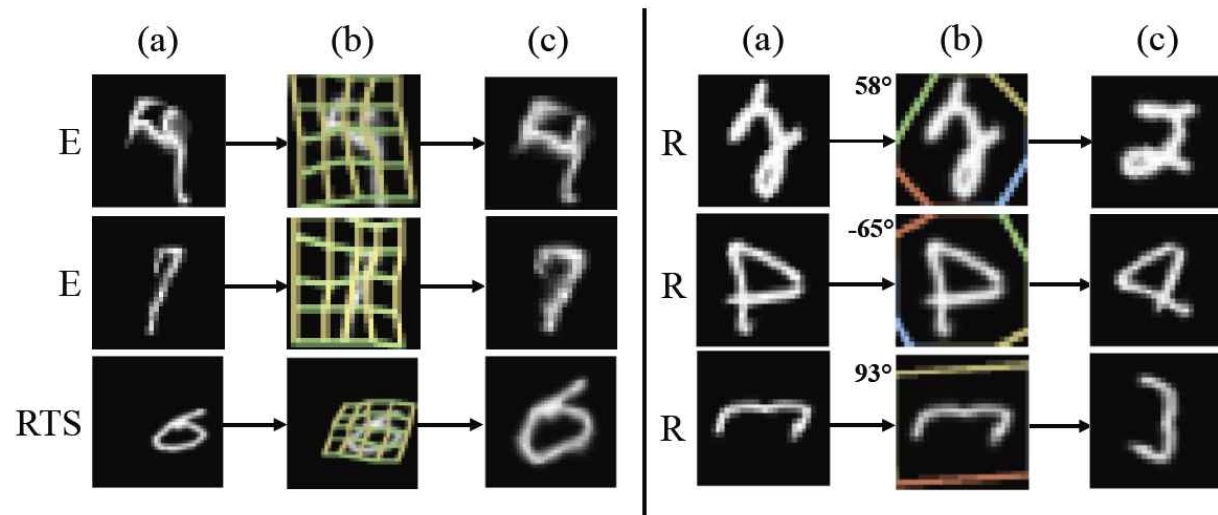
ST-FCN Thin Plate Spline



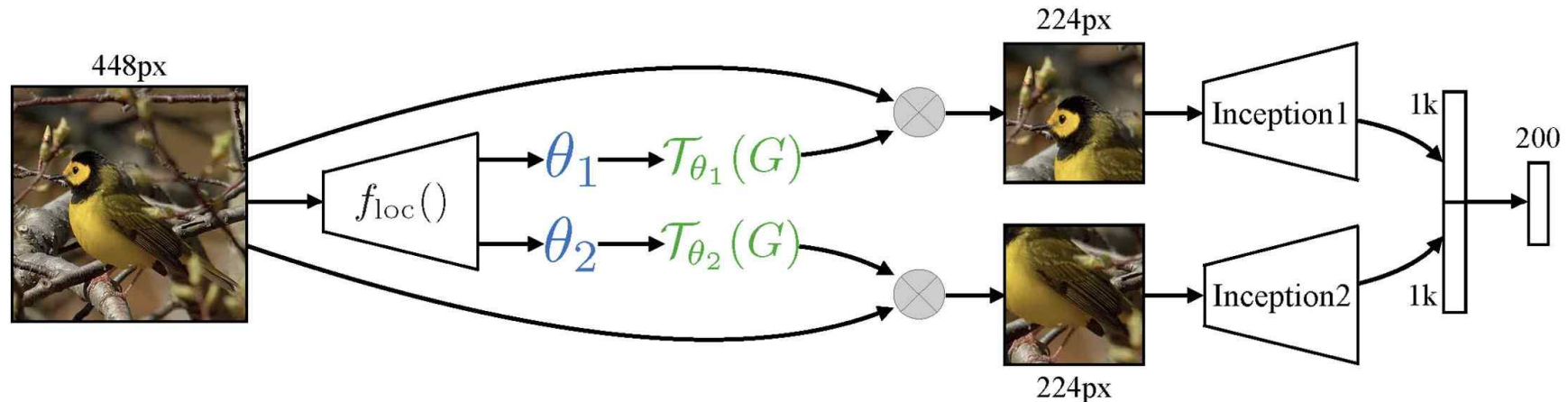
Objective Performance

- The percentage errors for different models on different distorted MNIST datasets

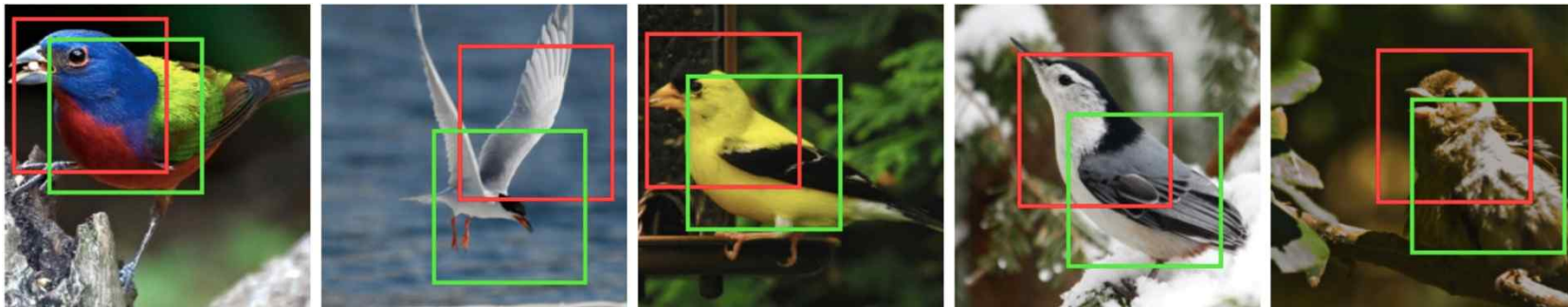
Model		MNIST Distortion			
		R	RTS	P	E
FCN		2.1	5.2	3.1	3.2
CNN		1.2	0.8	1.5	1.4
ST-FCN	Aff	1.2	0.8	1.5	2.7
	Proj	1.3	0.9	1.4	2.6
	TPS	1.1	0.8	1.4	2.4
ST-CNN	Aff	0.7	0.5	0.8	1.2
	Proj	0.8	0.6	0.8	1.3
	TPS	0.7	0.5	0.8	1.1



App: Fine Grained Visual Categorization



- Pre-train inception networks on ImageNet
- Train spatial transformer network on fine grained multi-way classification



Summary of STN

- Spatial Transformers allow dynamic, conditional cropping and warping of images/feature maps.
- Can be constrained and used as very fast attention mechanism.
- Spatial Transformer Networks localize and rectify objects automatically. Achieve state of the art results.
- Can be used as a generic localization mechanism which can be learnt with back-propagation.



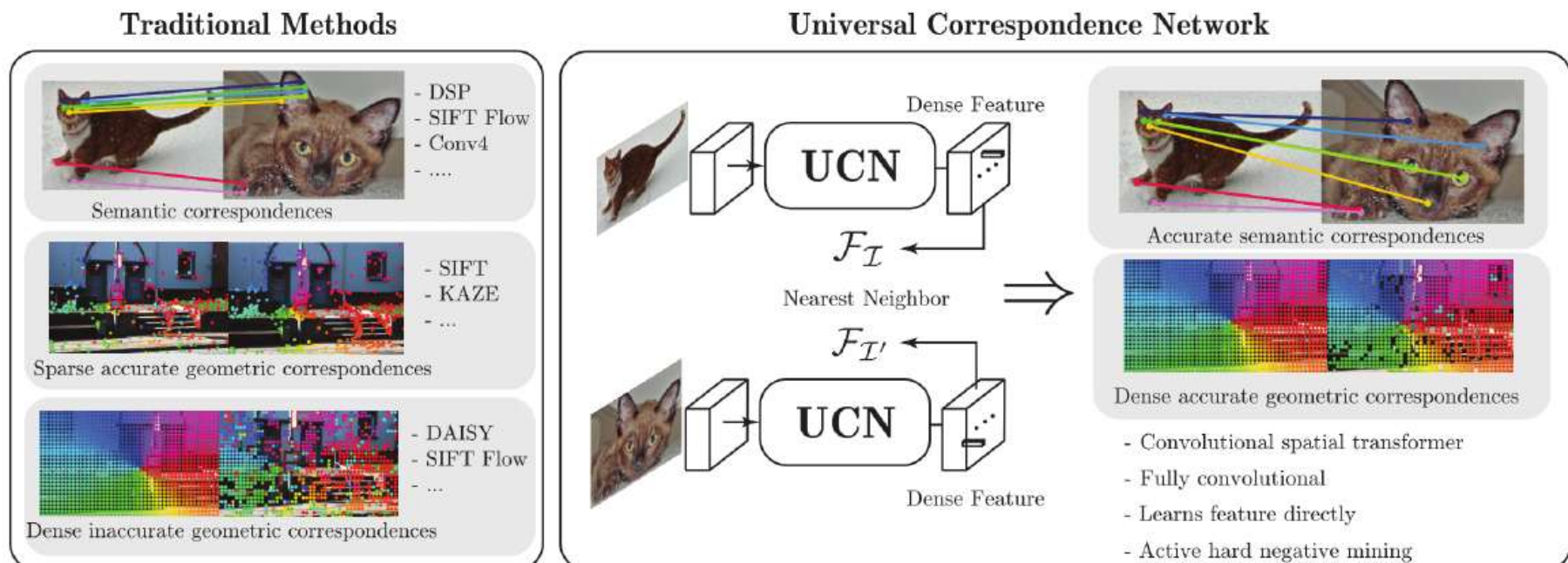
Universal Correspondence Network (UCN), NIPS 2016

- **Hand-crafted descriptors**
 - Count on local image properties such as image gradient.
 - Different descriptors are used for various correspondence applications
 - SIFT, SURF: sparse structure from motion
 - DAISY, Deformable Spatial Pyramid (DSP): dense matching
 - SIFT Flow, FlowWeb: semantic matching
- **Existing learning-based descriptors**
 - Typically deal with patch-wise similarity using Siamese network.
 - It is well-known that CNN is invariant to scale and translation thanks to convolution and pooling layers.
 - However, handling variations with data augmentation or explicit network structure yields higher accuracy!
 - Spatial transformer network (STN, NIPS 2015)



Universal Correspondence Network (UCN)

- The UCN learns a **metric space** for geometric correspondences, dense trajectories or semantic correspondences.
- Existing learning-based descriptors using patch-similarity require $O(n^2)$ feed-forward passes where n : # of patches, while UCN use only $O(n)$.
 - Note that this is very similar to the fast version of MC-CNN.



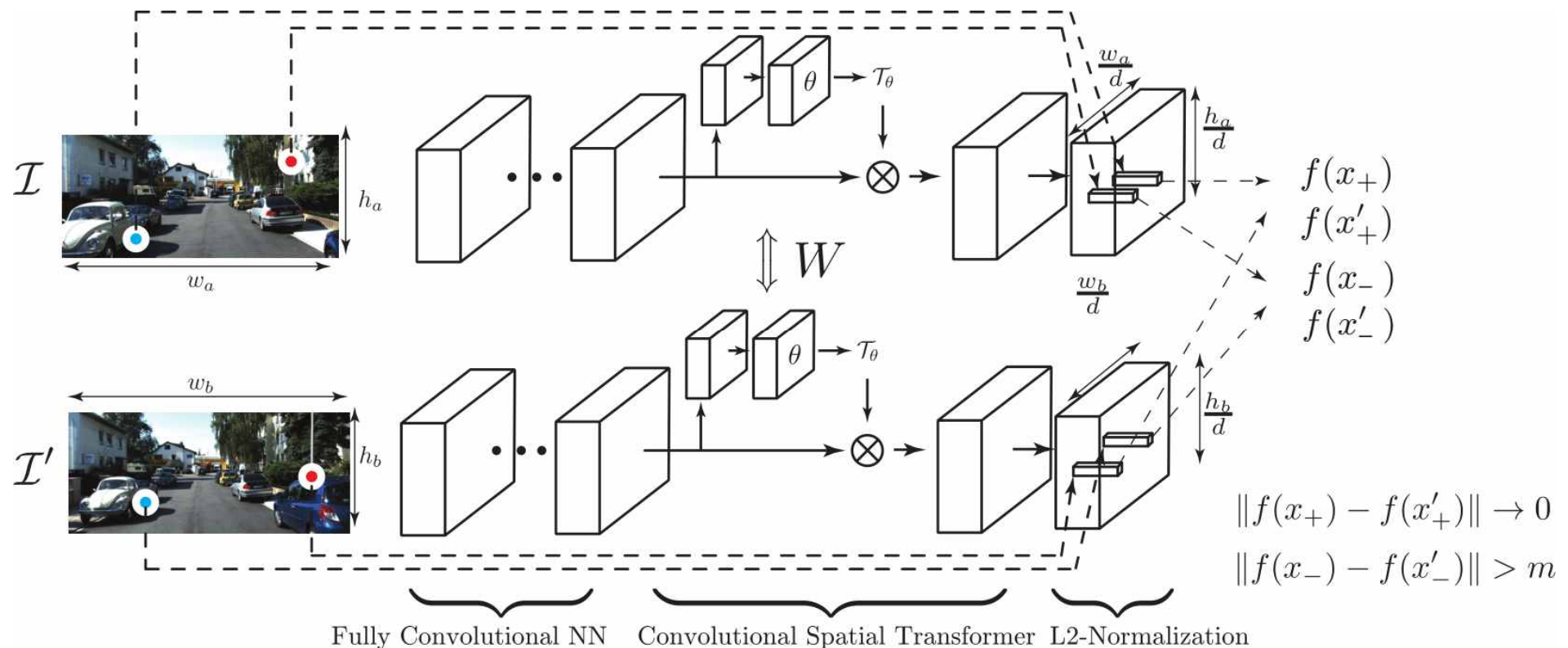
Three Key Contributions

1. Deep metric learning with a constrastive loss for learning a feature representation that is optimized for the given correspondence task.
2. Fully convolutional network with fast active hard negative mining.
3. Fully convolutional spatial transformer for patch normalization, by incorporating spatial transformer network (STN) in their network.



Network Architecture

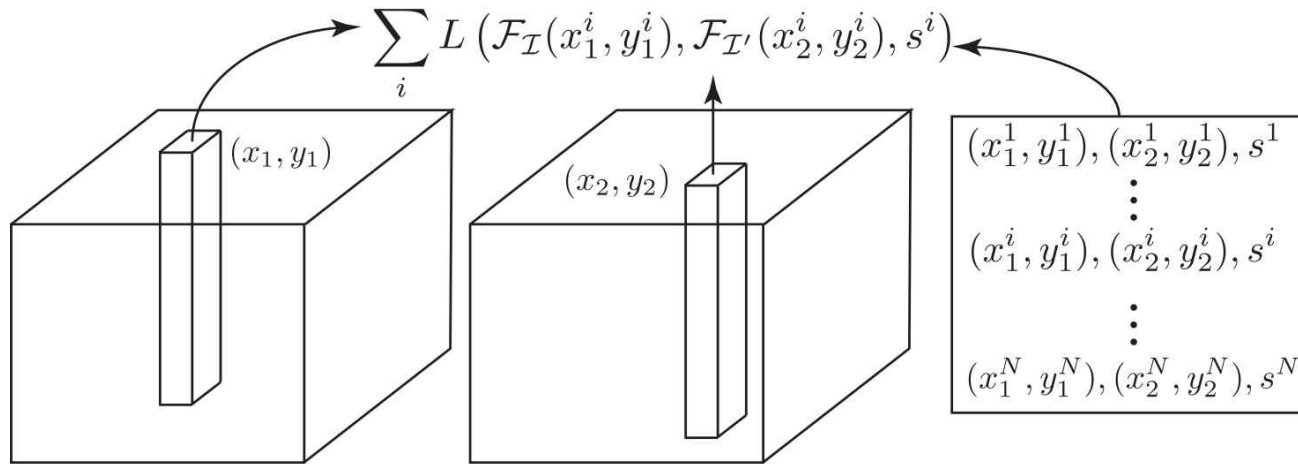
- **Fully convolutional NN:** convolutions, pooling, and nonlinearities (ReLU)
- **Convolutional spatial transformer:** deal with geometric variations
- **Channel-wise L2 normalization:** is similar to SIFT
- **Correspondence contrastive loss:** is used for an effective learning



Correspondence Contrastive Loss

- Generalized form of contrastive loss
 - Key idea: use a set of all patches, NOT just a single patch.

$$L = \frac{1}{2N} \sum_i^N s_i \|\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{I}}(\mathbf{x}_i) - \mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{I}'}(\mathbf{x}_i')\|^2 + (1 - s_i) \max(0, m - \|\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{I}}(\mathbf{x}) - \mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{I}'}(\mathbf{x}_i')\|)^2$$



Note) Compare with the following contrastive loss used in ICCV 2015 paper

$$l(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2) = \begin{cases} \|D(\mathbf{x}_1) - D(\mathbf{x}_2)\|_2, & p_1 = p_2 \\ \max(0, C - \|D(\mathbf{x}_1) - D(\mathbf{x}_2)\|_2), & p_1 \neq p_2 \end{cases}$$

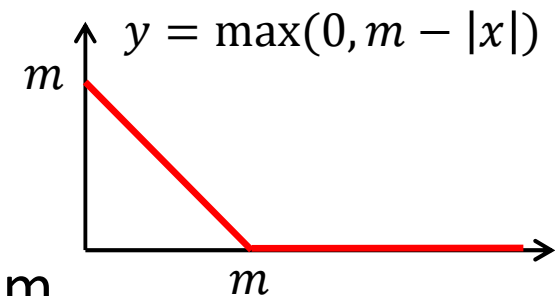


Hard Negative Mining

$$L = \frac{1}{2N} \sum_i^N s_i \|\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{I}}(\mathbf{x}_i) - \mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{I}'}(\mathbf{x}_i')\|^2 + (1 - s_i) \max(0, m - \|\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{I}}(\mathbf{x}) - \mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{I}'}(\mathbf{x}_i')\|)^2$$

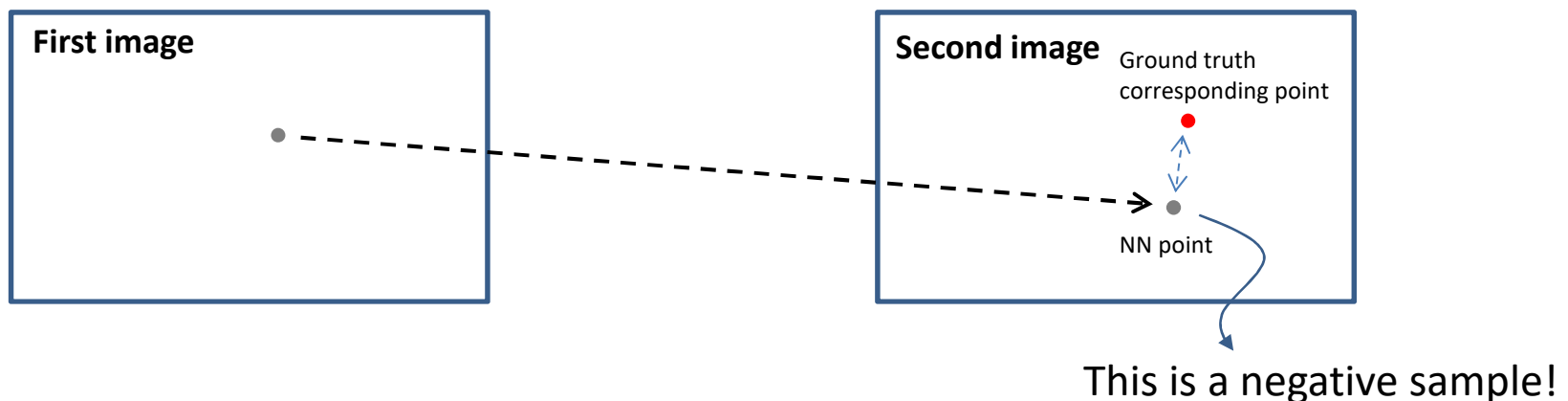
Positive samples Negative samples

- The second term is active only when the distance between the feature are smaller than the margin m .
- So, random negative pairs do not contribute to training, since they are generally too far from each other.



Hard Negative Mining

- **Hard negative mining solution in UCN**
 - 1) Extract features in the first image
 - 2) Find the nearest neighbor (NN) in the second image
 - 3) Use as negative pairs NN candidates far from the ground truth



Geometric Invariance in CNNs

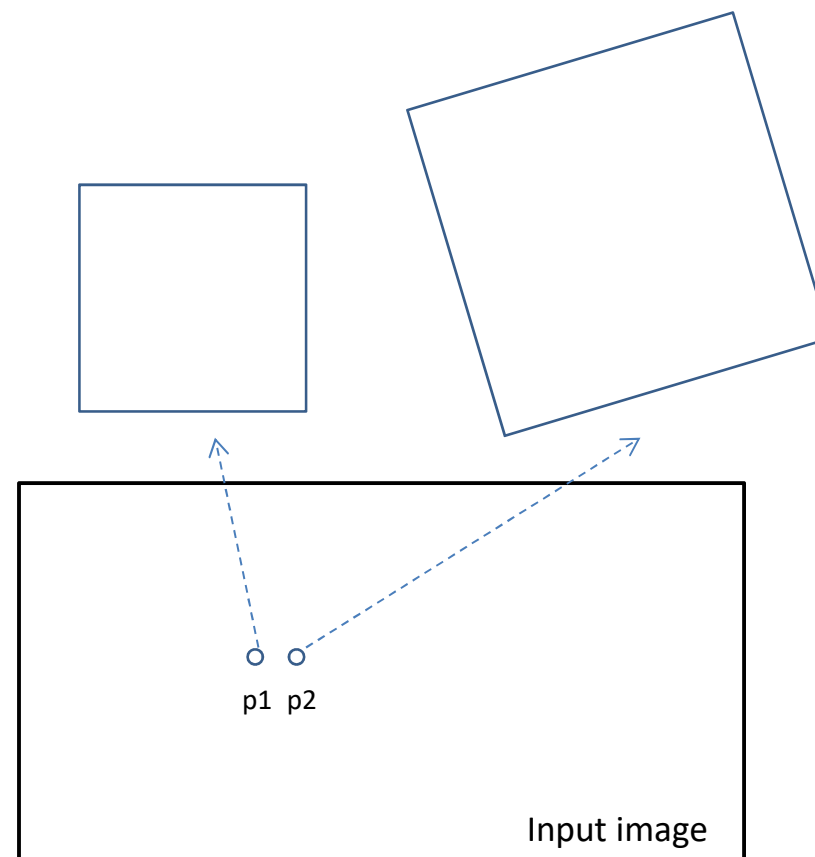
- Suppose two adjacent pixels have different scales and rotations

p1: scale = 1, rotation = 0

p2: scale = 1.5, rotation = 30

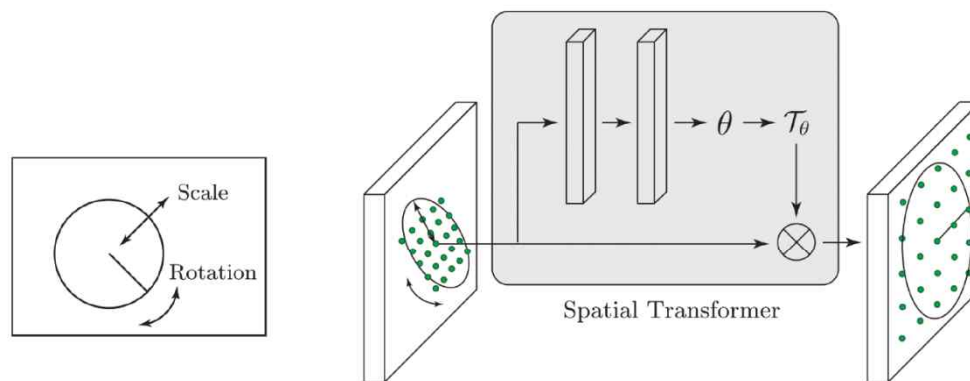
Problem: Patch size and orientation are different from all pixels

-> Convolutional kernel should be varying for each pixel, which is contradictory to conventional CNNs.



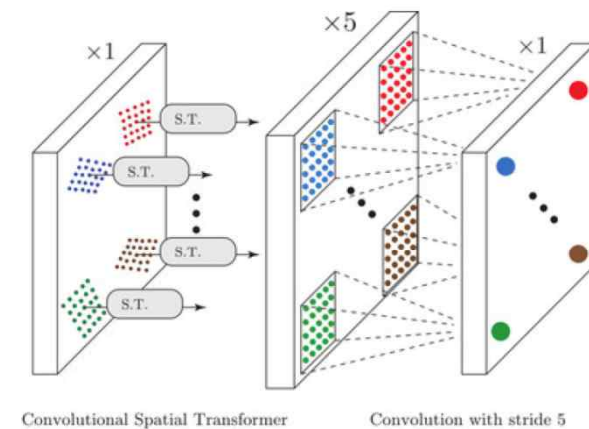
Convolutional Spatial Transformer (CST)

- The method incorporates the spatial transformer network (STN) [1] into their network architecture to enable an end-to-end learning.
- With the scale and rotation estimated, each patch centered at the reference pixel is normalized, similar to SIFT.



(a) SIFT

(b) Spatial transformer [1]



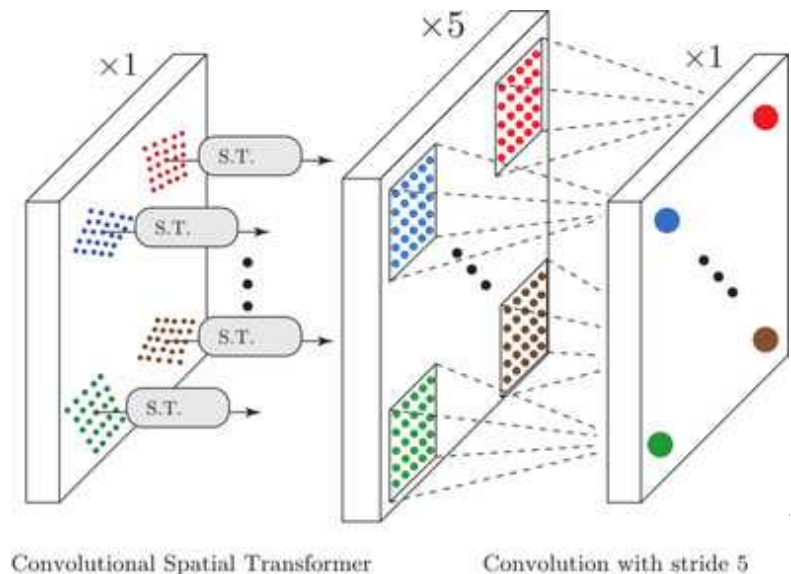
(c) Convolutional spatial transformer

[1] M. Jaderberg, K. Simonyan, A. Zisserman, and K. Kavukcuoglu, "Spatial Transformer Networks," NIPS 2015



Convolutional Spatial Transformer (CST)

- **Convolutional Spatial Transformer:** Trick for addressing the geometry variance
 - 1) The CST takes an input from a lower layer and applies independent spatial transformation for each patch.
 - 2) The activations are normalized (transformed) independently, e.g., 5×5 window as below.
 - 3) The transformed activations are placed in a larger activation without overlap.
 - 4) Apply a successive convolution with the stride (Here, 5) to combine the transformed activations independently.



Comparison with Other Descriptors

Features	Dense	Geometric Corr.	Semantic Corr.	Trainable	Efficient	Metric Space
SIFT [23]	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗
DAISY [30]	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗
Conv4 [22]	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗
DeepMatching [26]	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓
Patch-CNN [36]	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗
LIFT [35]	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓
Ours	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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UCN: Experimental Setup

- **Performance measure: PCK@T**
 - The percentage of correct keypoints (PCK) metric with threshold T
- **Dataset**
 1. Geometric correspondence: KITTI 2015 Flow benchmark, MPI Sintel dataset
 2. Semantic correspondence: PASCAL-Berkeley dataset with keypoint annotations and a subset used by FlowWeb, Caltech-UCSD Bird dataset
 3. Camera motion estimation: raw KITTI driving sequences which include Velodyne scans, GPS and IMU measurements



Geometric Correspondence

- **Generating training data**

- Randomly pick 1000 correspondences in KITTI, MPI Sintel image
- Hard negative samples: a pair of correspondence when the nearest neighbor in the feature space is more than 16 pixels away from the ground truth correspondence

Matching performance PCK@10px on KITTI Flow 2015 and MPI-Sintel

method	SIFT-NN [23]	HOG-NN [8]	SIFT-flow [20]	DaisyFF [33]	DSP [19]	DM best ($1/2$) [26]	Ours-HN	Ours-HN-ST
MPI-Sintel	68.4	71.2	89.0	87.3	85.3	89.2	91.5	90.7
KITTI	48.9	53.7	67.3	79.6	58.0	85.6	86.5	83.4

[20][26][33]: uses additional global optimization techniques, while UCN just employs WTA

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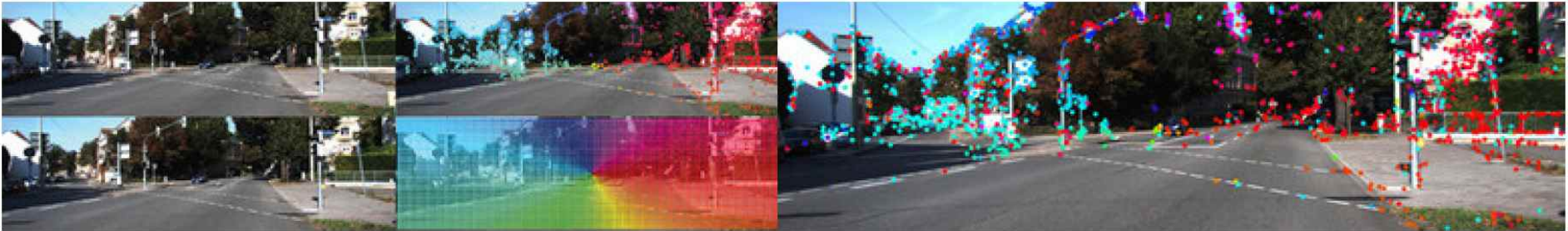
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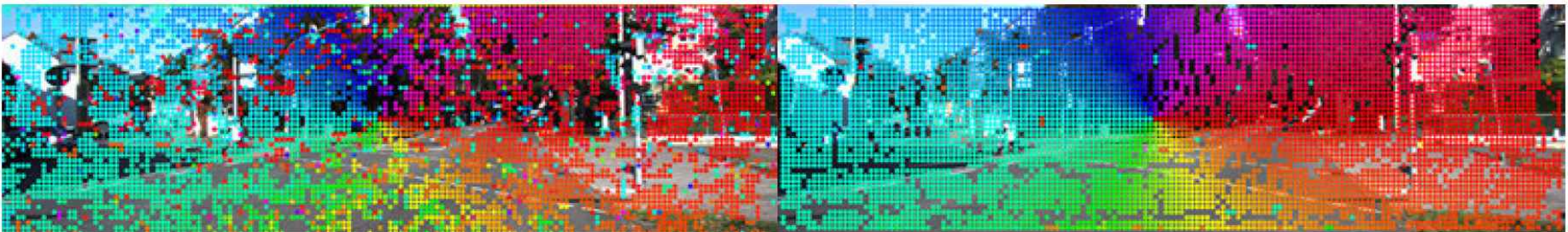
Geometric Correspondence

- Visualization of nearest neighbor (NN) matches on KITTI images



(a) Original image pair and keypoints

(b) SIFT [23] NN matches



(c) DAISY [30] NN matches

(d) Ours-HN NN matches

Semantic Correspondence

- **Per-class PCK on PASCAL-Berkeley correspondence dataset**

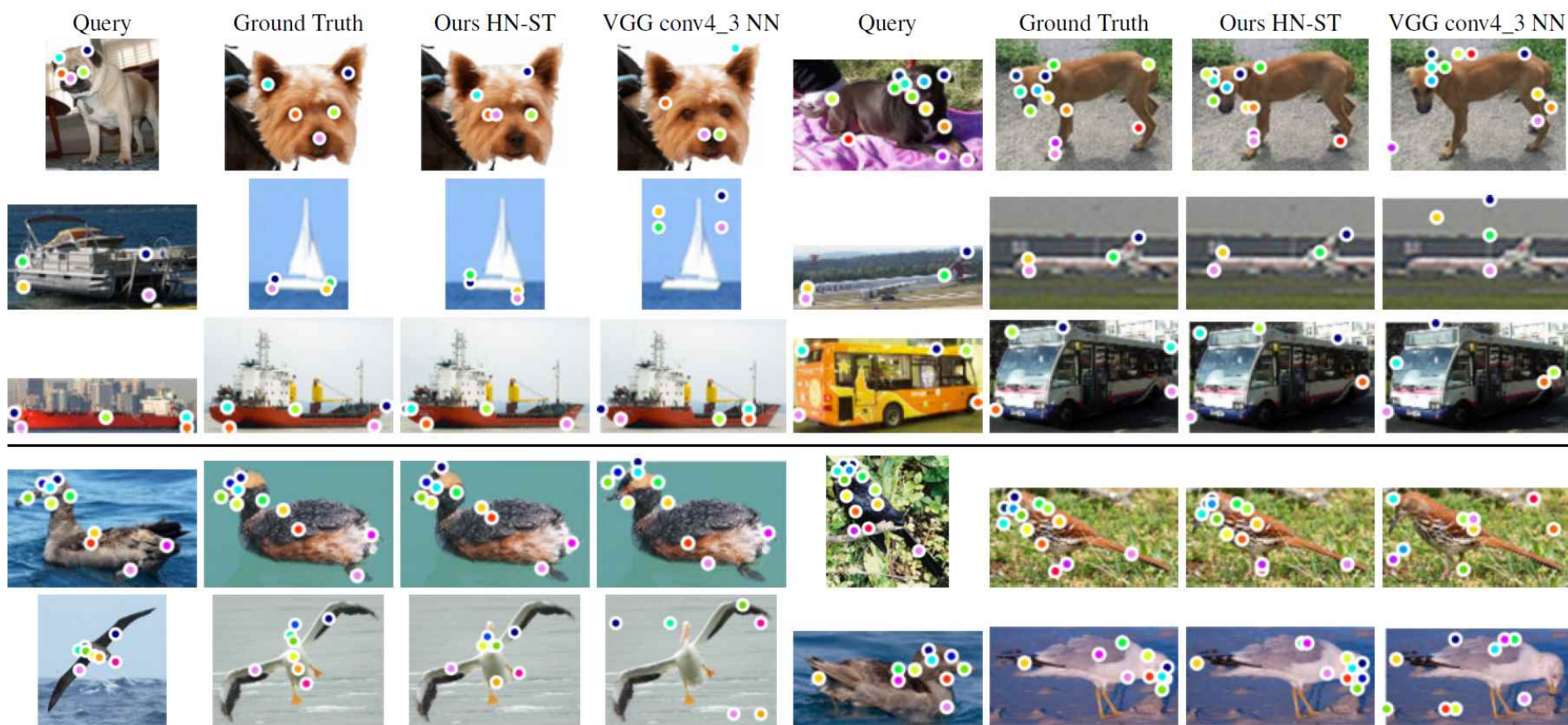
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conv4 flow	28.2	34.1	20.4	17.1	50.6	36.7	20.9	19.6	15.7	25.4	12.7	18.7	25.9	23.1	21.4	40.2	21.1	14.5	18.3	33.3	24.9
SIFT flow	27.6	30.8	19.9	17.5	49.4	36.4	20.7	16.0	16.1	25.0	16.1	16.3	27.7	28.3	20.2	36.4	20.5	17.2	19.9	32.9	24.7
NN transfer	18.3	24.8	14.5	15.4	48.1	27.6	16.0	11.1	12.0	16.8	15.7	12.7	20.2	18.5	18.7	33.4	14.0	15.5	14.6	30.0	19.9
Ours RN	31.5	19.6	30.1	23.0	53.5	36.7	34.0	33.7	22.2	28.1	12.8	33.9	29.9	23.4	38.4	39.8	38.6	17.6	28.4	60.2	36.0
Ours HN	36.0	26.5	31.9	31.3	56.4	38.2	36.2	34.0	25.5	31.7	18.1	35.7	32.1	24.8	41.4	46.0	45.3	15.4	28.2	65.3	38.6
Ours HN-ST	37.7	30.1	42.0	31.7	62.6	35.4	38.0	41.7	27.5	34.0	17.3	41.9	38.0	24.4	47.1	52.5	47.5	18.5	40.2	70.5	44.0

- Using PCK with αL (L : image size $\max(w, h)$, $\alpha = 0.1$)
- Ours-HN-ST: hard negative mining and spatial transformer
- Ours-HN: without spatial transformer
- Ours-RN: without spatial transformer and hard negative mining
Instead, providing random negative samples that are at least certain pixels apart from the ground truth correspondence location instead



UCN: Experimental Results

- **Qualitative semantic correspondence results**
 - PASCAL-Berkeley keypoint annotation and Caltech-UCSD Bird dataset



Conclusion of UCN

- **Key contributions**

- Correspondence contrastive loss in a fully convolutional manner
 - On-the-fly hard negative mining
 - Convolutional spatial transformer network
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- More efficient training, accurate gradient computations, faster testing and local patch normalization
 - Outperform prior state-of-the-art on geometric and semantic correspondence tasks, even without using any spatial priors or global optimization



Remaining Challenges

- **Hand-crafted feature descriptors**
 - Finding a way of handling affine transform or projective transform
 - More generic framework for dealing with photometric distortion
- **Learning based descriptors**
 - Addressing both geometric and photometric variations in an end-to-end manner in ConvNet
 - Trade-off between Speed vs. Geometric Invariance
 - Hybrid approaches benefiting from a plenty of hand-crafted feature descriptors, when dealing with geometric and photometric variations

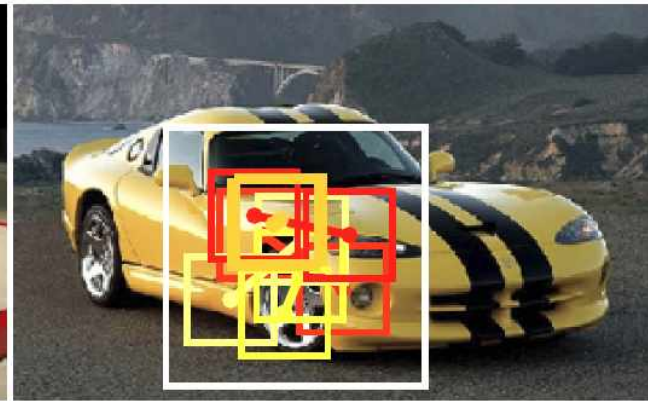


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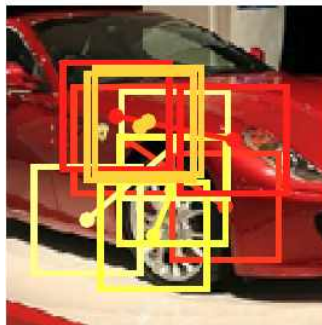
- Ongoing work along semantic descriptors



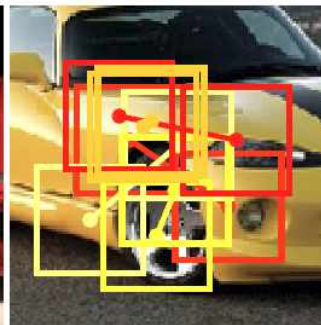
(a) Source image



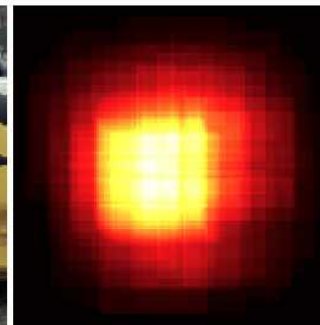
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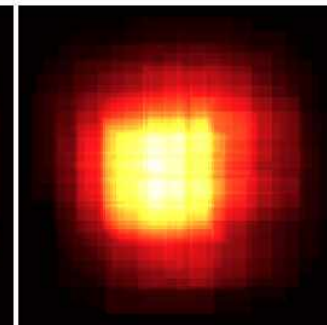
(c) Window



(d) Window



(e) FCSS in (c)



(f) FCSS in (d)

Ongoing work along semantic descriptors

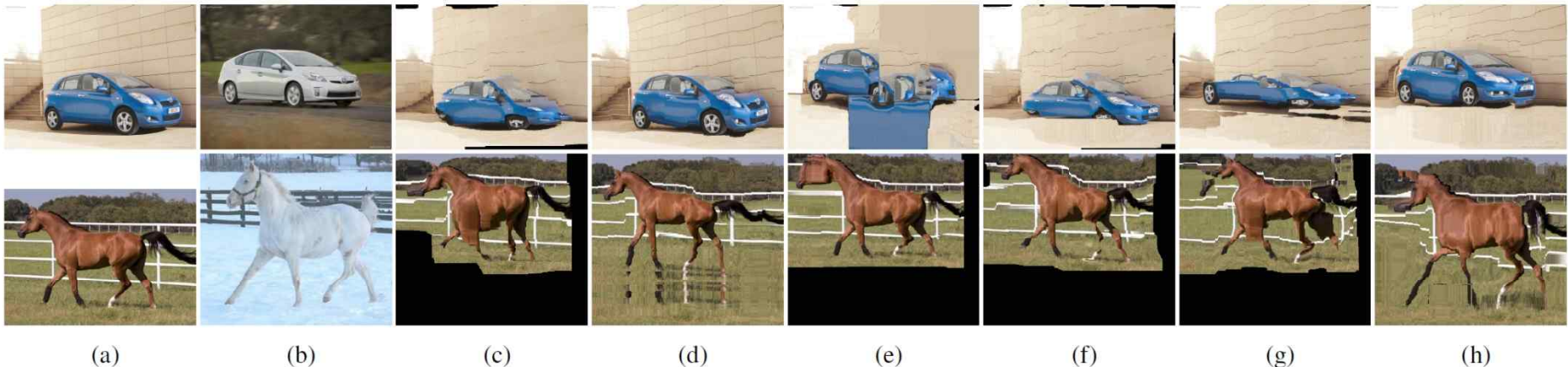


Figure 6. Qualitative results on the Taniai benchmark [45]: (a) source image, (b) target image, (c) SIFT [34], (d) DASC [25], (e) DeepD. [41], (f) MatchN. [19], (g) VGG [42], and (h) FCSS. The source images were warped to the target images using correspondences.

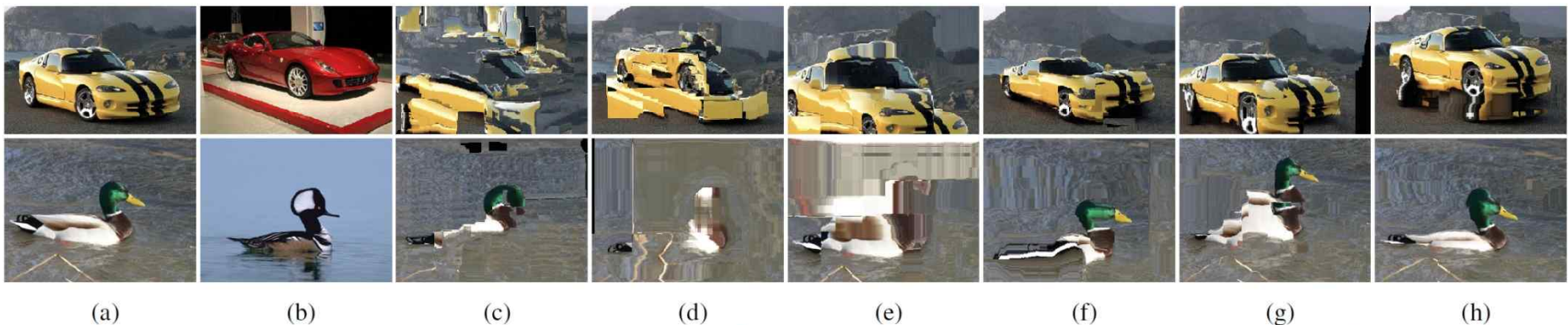


Figure 7. Qualitative results on the Proposal Flow benchmark [18]: (a) source image, (b) target image, (c) DAISY [46], (d) DeepD. [41], (e) DeepC. [51], (f) LIFT [50], (g) VGG [42], and (h) FCSS. The source images were warped to the target images using correspondences.