

Segmentation

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Outline

- Segmentation
- Image segmentation
 - Object selection with interactive segmentation
 - Super-pixel methods
 - Semantic segmentation
- Video segmentation
 - Segmentation in motion field
 - Change detection method

Segmentation

- Group pixels that share similar attributes in perception into regions
 - Over-segmentation v.s. under-segmentation





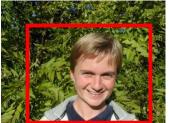


- Used as pre-processing or post-processing
- Select region-of-interest (ROI) in an image/video with/without users' inputs (ex. stroke)

What We Will Introduce Today

Image Segmentation

Object Selection





Super-pixel



Semantic Segmentation



Video Segmentation



Image Segmentation: Object Selection with Interactive Segmentation

 Select region-of-interest (ROI) in an image/video with users' help

- Active contour
- Graphcut/Grabcut
- Deep interactive object selection





Where is the Foreground?

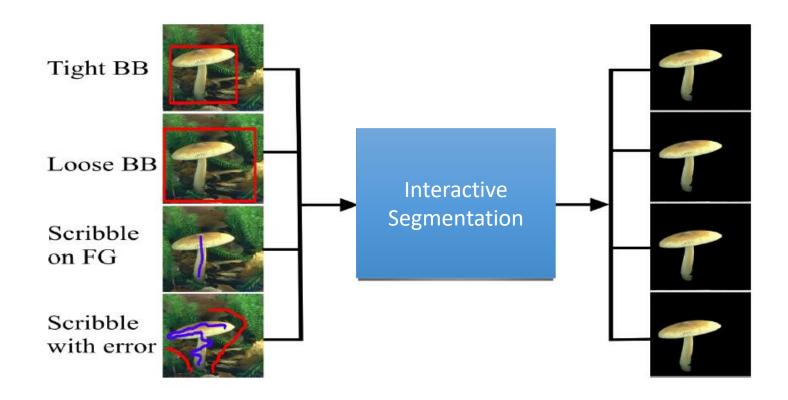
- Determining foreground objects is subjective
 - All people and horses, or...
 - The person in the middle

User interaction is required!



The Form of User Input

Some examples



The Form of User Input

Clicks





Active Contour

To minimize the total energy of an active contour

$$\varepsilon_{int} + \varepsilon_{ext}$$

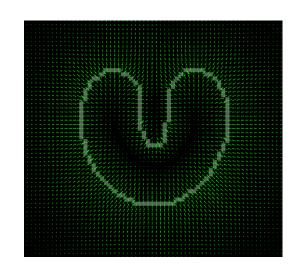
$$\mathcal{E}_{\text{int}} = \int \alpha(s) \|\boldsymbol{f}_s(s)\|^2 + \beta(s) \|\boldsymbol{f}_{ss}(s)\|^2 ds$$

$$E_{\text{int}} = \sum_{i} \alpha(i) \|f(i+1) - f(i)\|^{2} / h^{2}$$
$$+ \beta(i) \|f(i+1) - 2f(i) + f(i-1)\|^{2} / h^{4}$$

$$\mathcal{E}_{\text{image}} = w_{\text{line}} \mathcal{E}_{\text{line}} + w_{\text{edge}} \mathcal{E}_{\text{edge}} + w_{\text{term}} \mathcal{E}_{\text{term}}$$

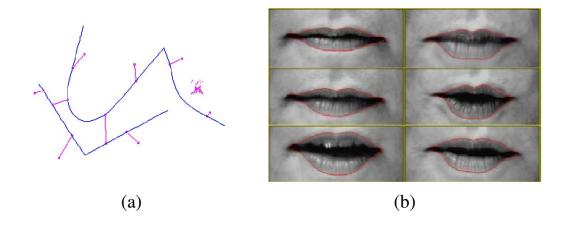
$$E_{\text{edge}} = \sum_{i} - \|\nabla I(\boldsymbol{f}(i))\|^{2}$$

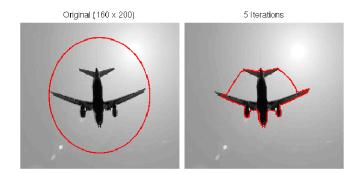
$$E_{\text{spring}} = k_i || \boldsymbol{f}(i) - \boldsymbol{d}(i) ||^2$$

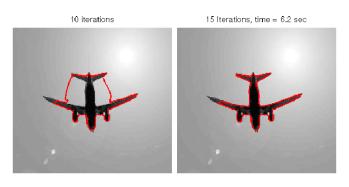


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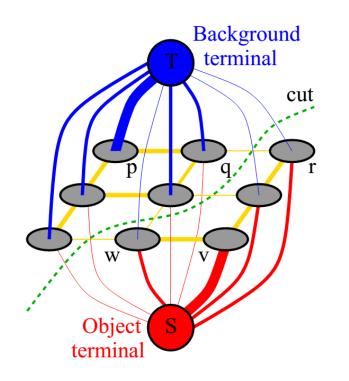






Graphcut

 Formulate the problem as a Markov-Random-Field (MRF)



$$E(A) = \lambda \cdot R(A) + B(A)$$

Region Properties
Term (Data Term)
Boundary
Properties Term
(Smooth Term)

$$R(A) = \sum_{p \in \mathcal{P}} R_p(A_p)$$

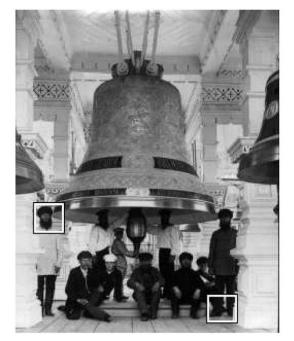
$$B(A) = \sum_{\{p,q\} \in \mathcal{N}} B_{\{p,q\}} \cdot \delta(A_p, A_q)$$

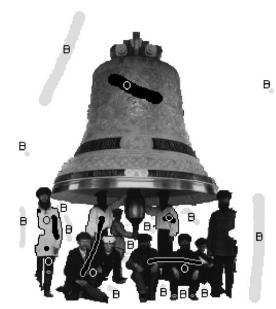
$$\delta(A_p, A_q) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } A_p \neq A_q \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

[Boykov and Jolly ICCV 2001]

Graphcut

An example





$$R_p$$
 ("obj") = $-\ln \Pr(I_p|\mathcal{O})$
 R_p ("bkg") = $-\ln \Pr(I_p|\mathcal{B})$

Can be modeled by histogram

$$B_{\{p,q\}} \propto exp\left(-\frac{(I_p - I_q)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right) \cdot \frac{1}{dist(p,q)}$$

[Boykov and Jolly ICCV 2001]

1. Define graph

- usually 4-connected or 8-connected
 - Divide diagonal potentials by sqrt(2)

2. Define unary potentials

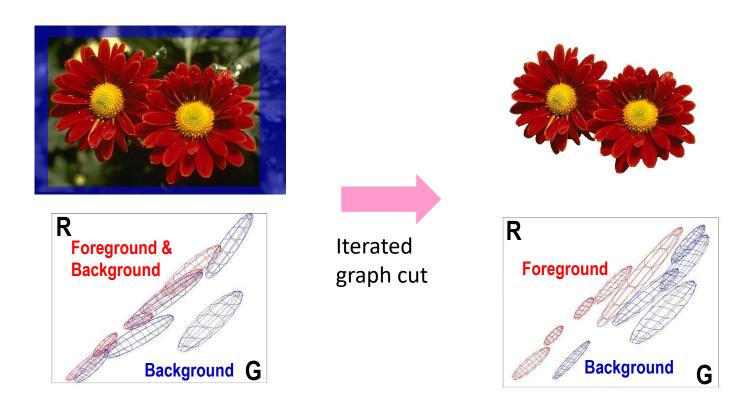
Color histogram or mixture of Gaussians for background

and foreground
$$unary_potential(x) = -\log \left(\frac{P(c(x); \theta_{foreground})}{P(c(x); \theta_{background})} \right)$$

3. Define pairwise potentials
$$edge_potential(x, y) = k_1 + k_2 \exp\left\{\frac{-\|c(x) - c(y)\|^2}{2\sigma^2}\right\}$$

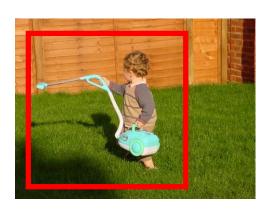
- 4. Apply graph cuts
- 5. Return to 2, using current labels to compute foreground, background models

Color model



Gaussian Mixture Model (typically 5-8 components)

• Easier examples













More difficult examples

Fine structure

Harder Case









Initial Result

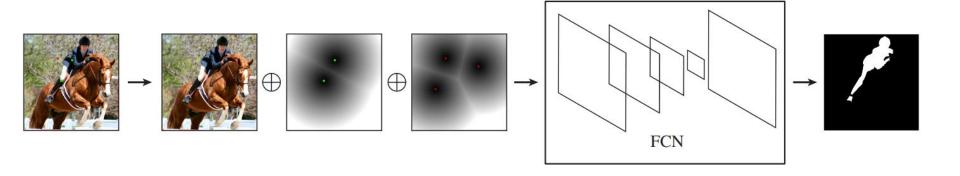






Deep Interactive Segmentation

- FCN model
- User clicks are transformed into distance maps
- Input color image and the user clicks are cascaded as 5D input features



Ref: Ning Xu, Brian Price, Scott Cohen, Jimei Yang, Thomas Huang. Deep Interactive Object Selection. In CVPR 2016

Deep Interactive Segmentation

- Select different instances
- Select different parts











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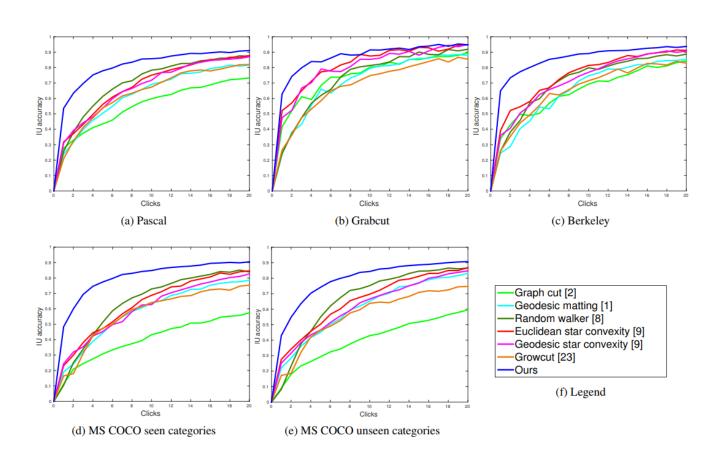
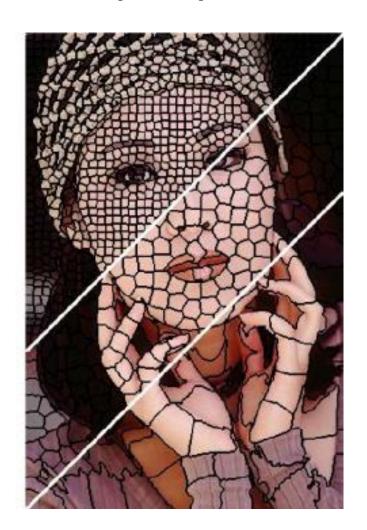


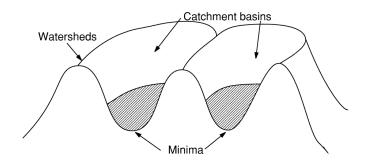
Image Segmentation: Superpixel

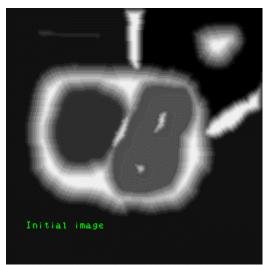
 Superpixels are grouping of pixels (over-segmentation)

- Watershed
- K-means
- Mean-shift
- Modern superpixel

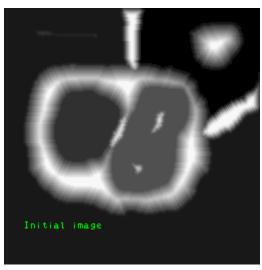


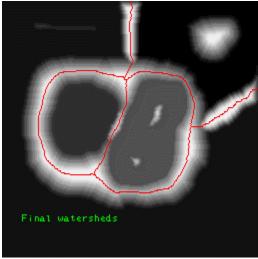
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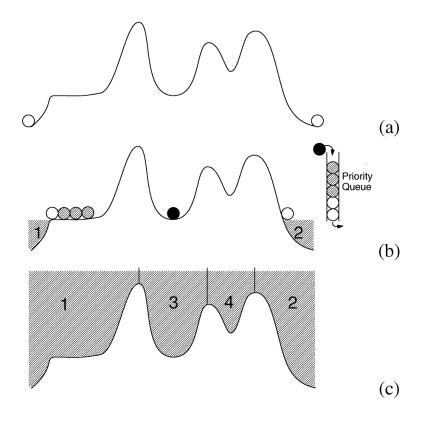




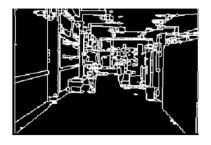
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Watershed

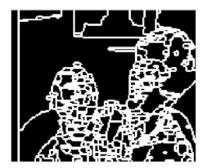
Can be implemented efficiently





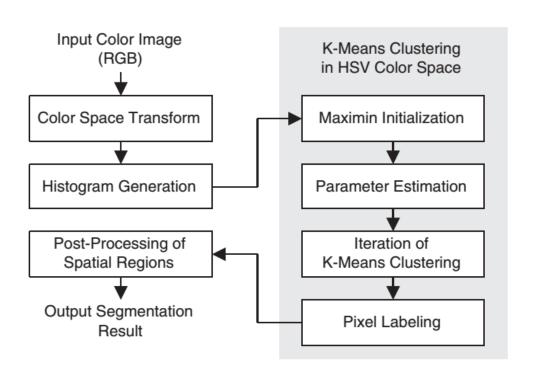






Ref: S.-Y. Chien, Y.-W. Huang, and L.-G. Chen, "Predictive Watershed: A Fast Watershed Algorithm for Video Segmentation," *IEEE T. Circuits and Systems for Video Technology*, 2003.

K-means



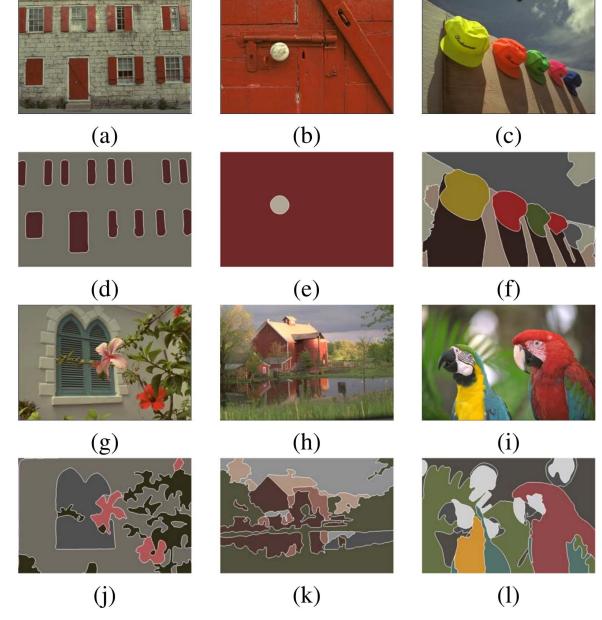
- K-means in HSV color space
- The H term should be handled carefully

$$D^{2}(\boldsymbol{B}_{i}, \boldsymbol{C}_{j}^{(t)}) = D_{h}^{2}(h_{i}, h_{j}^{(t)}) + (s_{i} - s_{j}^{(t)})^{2} + (v_{i} - v_{j}^{(t)})^{2},$$

where

$$D_h^2(h_i, h_j^{(t)}) = \begin{cases} (\frac{360^{\circ}}{h_Q} - |h_i - h_j^{(t)}|)^2, & \text{if } |h_i - h_j^{(t)}| > \frac{180^{\circ}}{h_Q} \\ (h_i - h_j^{(t)})^2, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

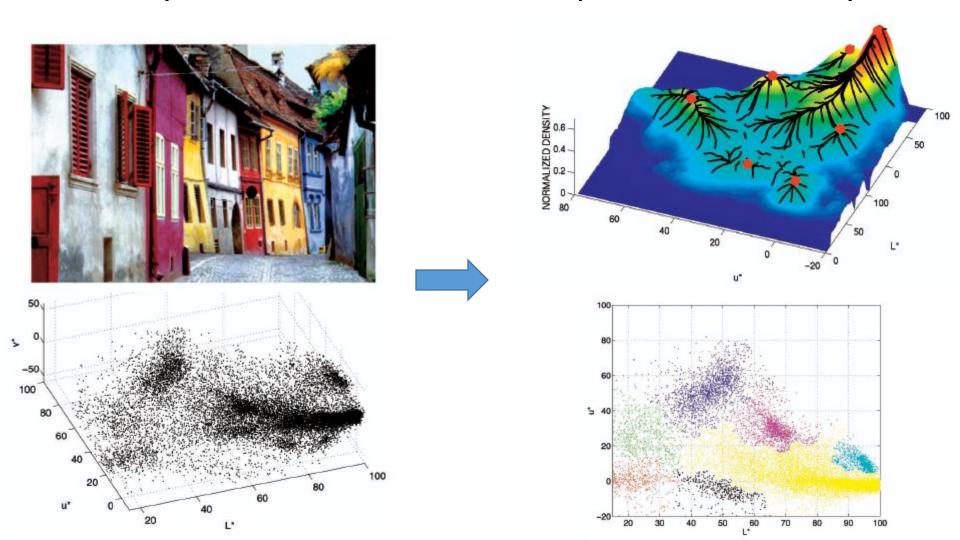
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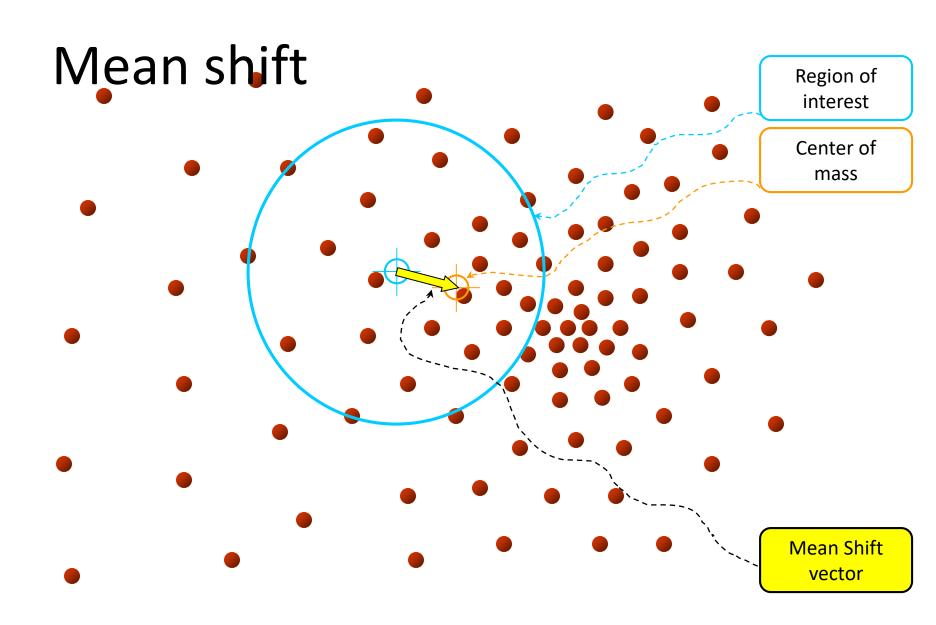


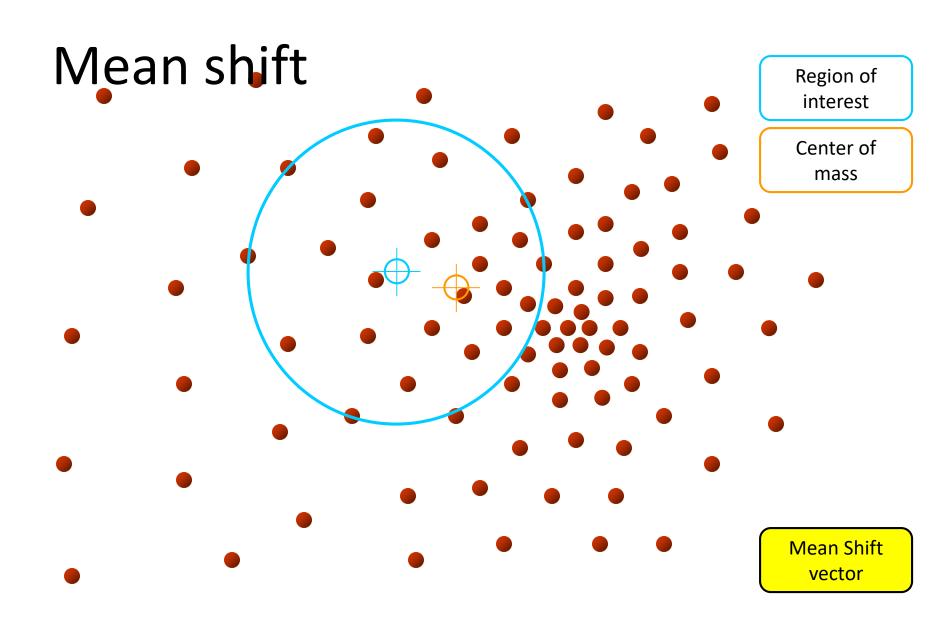
Ref: T.-W. Chen, Y.-L. Chen, and S.-Y. Chien, "Fast Image Segmentation Based on K-Means Clustering with Histograms in HSV Color Space," MMSP2008.

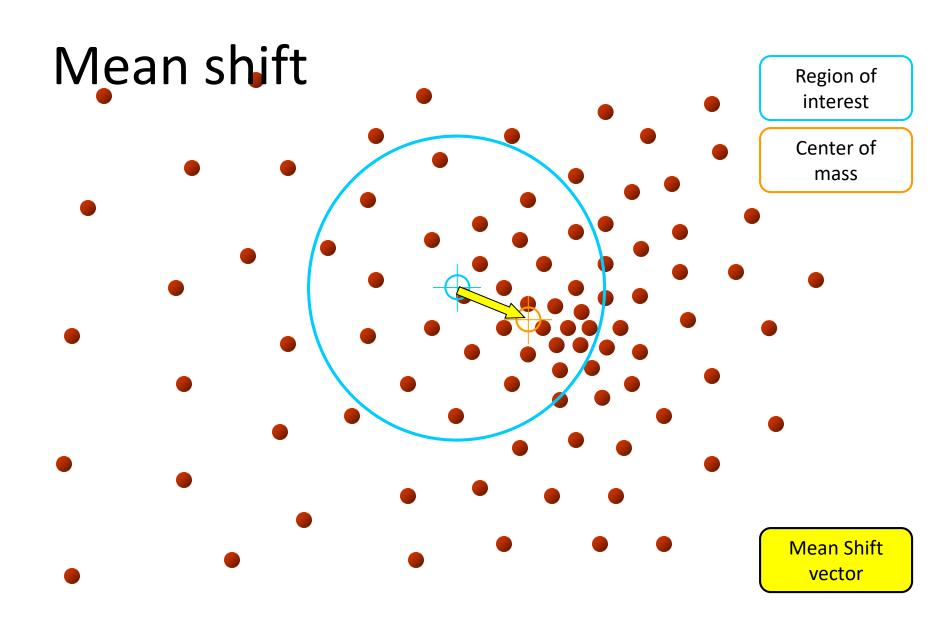
Mean-shift Algorithm

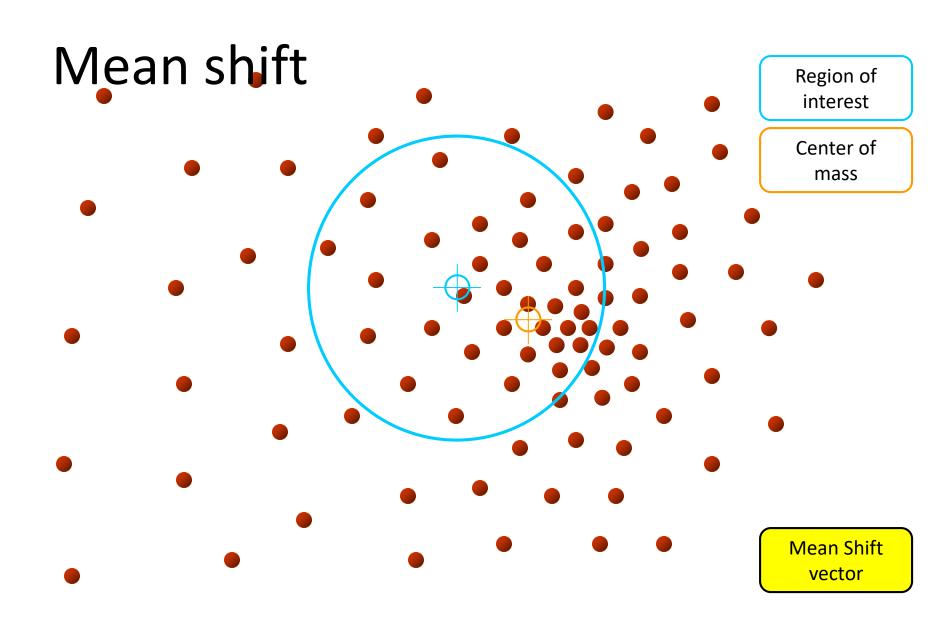
Try to find modes of this non-parametric density

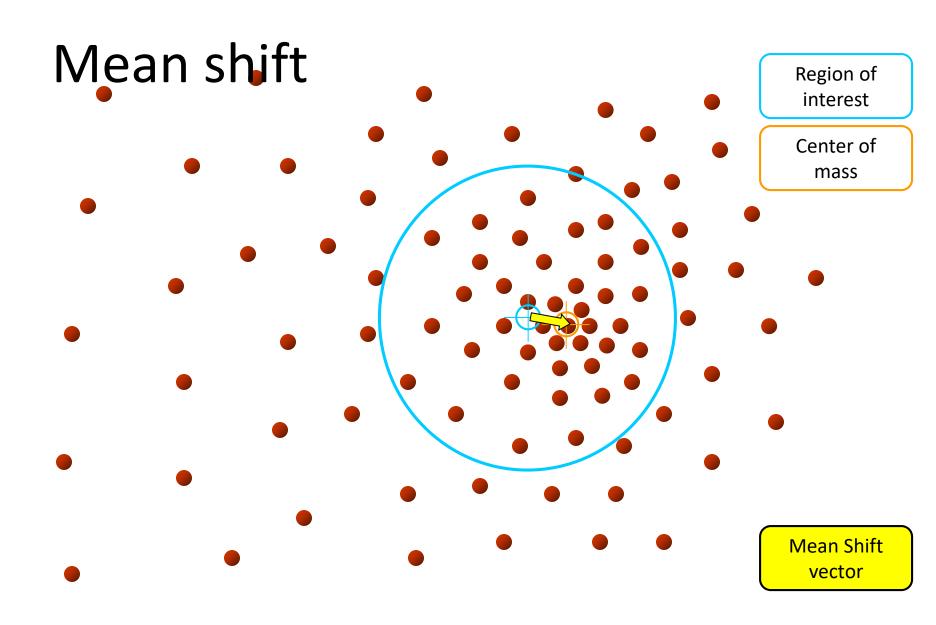


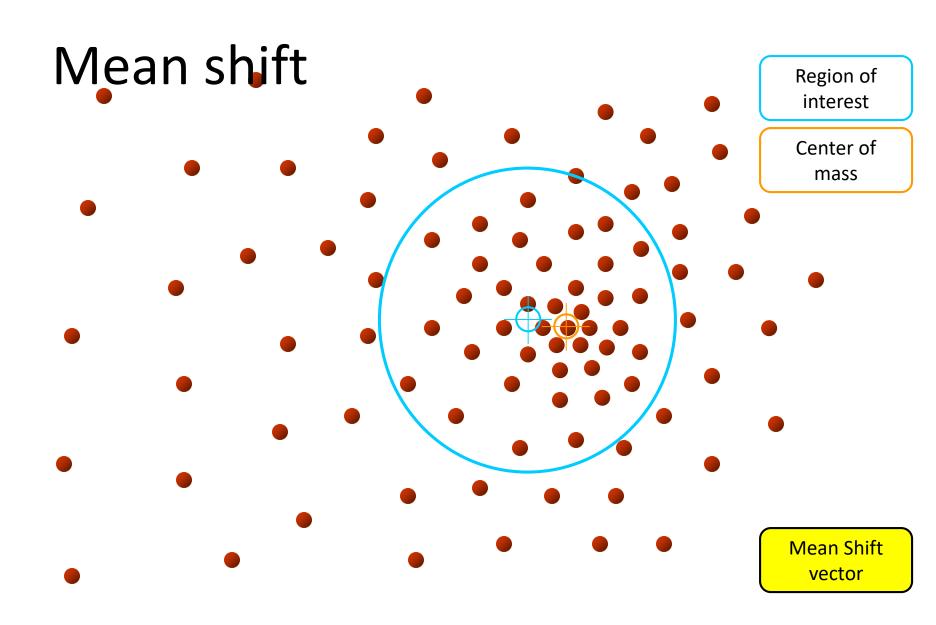


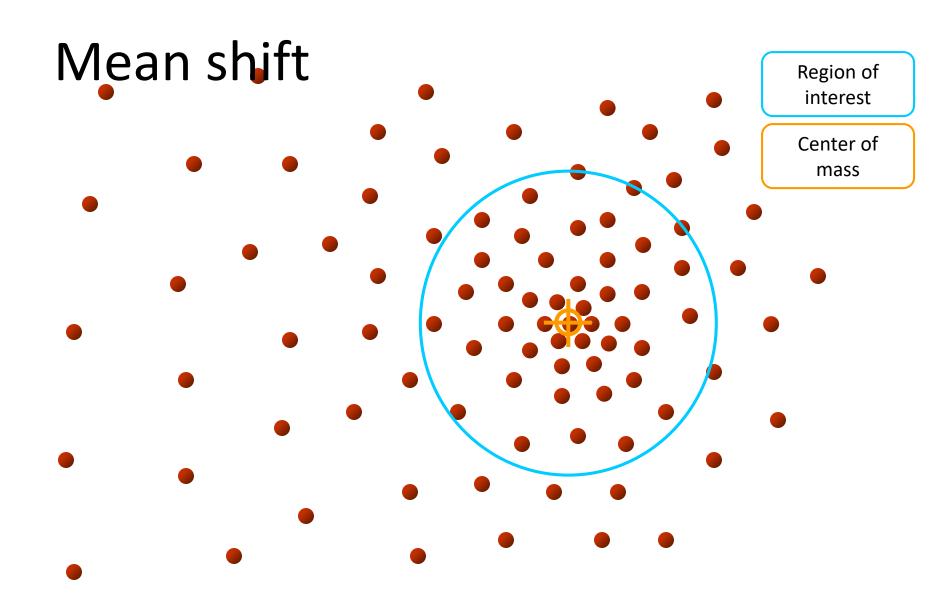








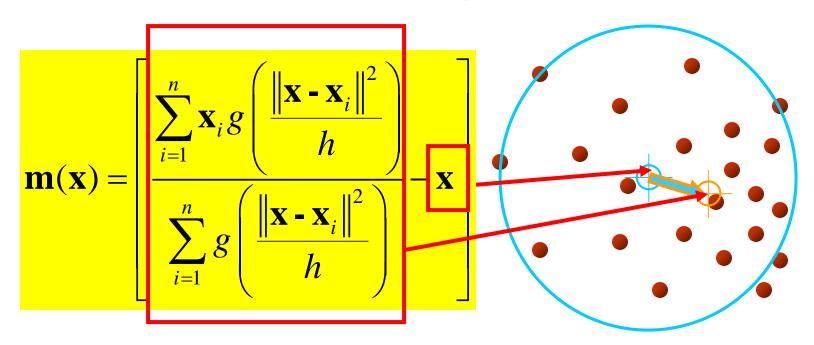




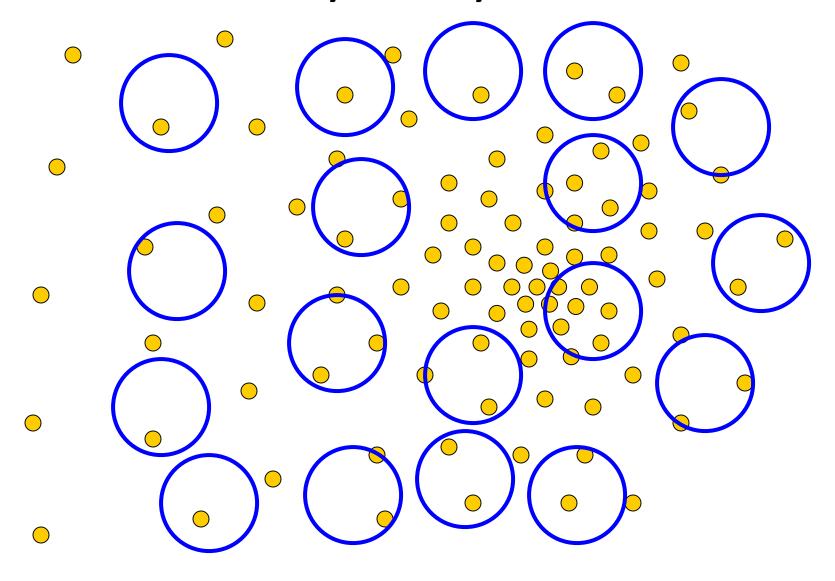
Computing the Mean Shift

Simple Mean Shift procedure:

- Compute mean shift vector
- Translate the Kernel window by m(x)

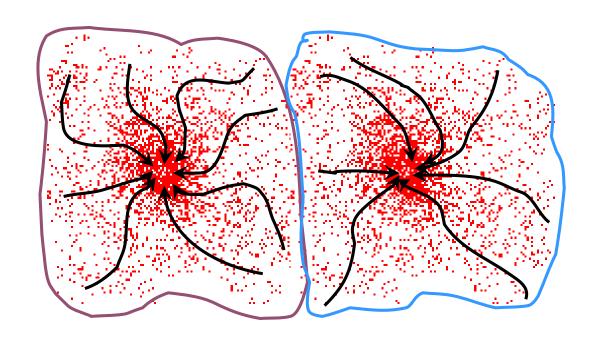


Real Modality Analysis

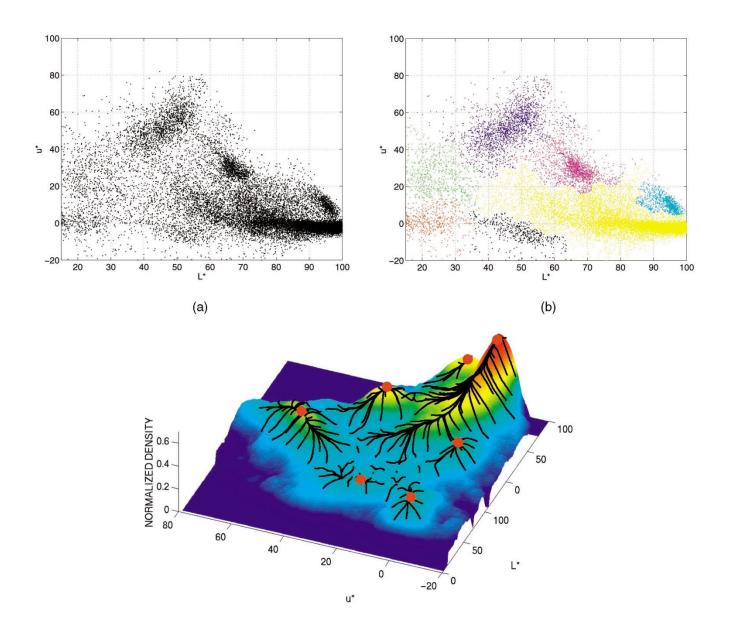


Attraction basin

- Attraction basin: the region for which all trajectories lead to the same mode
- Cluster: all data points in the attraction basin of a mode



Attraction basin

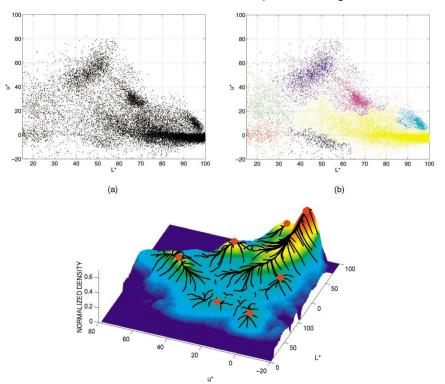


Mean shift clustering

- The mean shift algorithm seeks modes of the given set of points
 - Choose kernel and bandwidth
 - 2. For each point:
 - a) Center a window on that point
 - b) Compute the mean of the data in the search window
 - c) Center the search window at the new mean location
 - d) Repeat (b,c) until convergence
 - Assign points that lead to nearby modes to the same cluster

Segmentation by Mean Shift

- Compute features for each pixel (color, gradients, texture, etc); also store each pixel's position
- Set kernel size for features K_f and position K_s
- Initialize windows at individual pixel locations
- Perform mean shift for each window until convergence
- Merge modes that are within width of K_f and K_s



Mean shift segmentation results



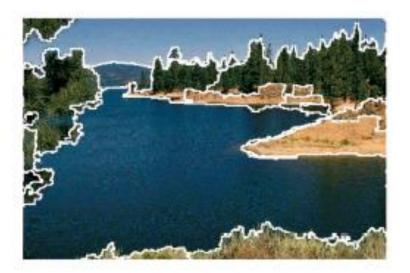


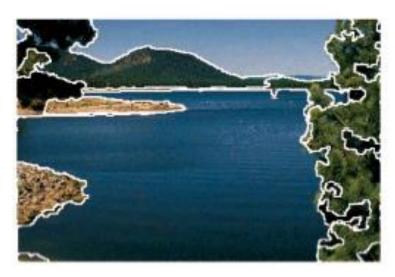




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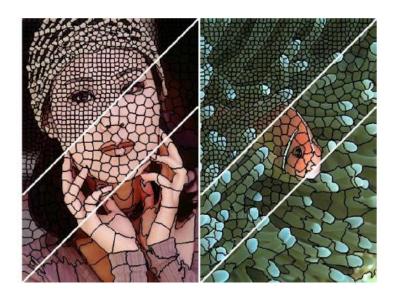




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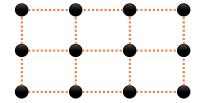
Modern Superpixel Methods What Are Superpixels?

- Most image processing algorithms use the pixel grid as the underlying representation.
 - Processing time grows with the number of pixels.
- Superpixels are grouping of pixels.
 - Pixels in the same superpixel are near and visually similar (local and edge-preserving)
 - A favor superpixel segmentation algorithm should be efficient
 - Processing time depends on the number of superpixels (regardless of image resolution)

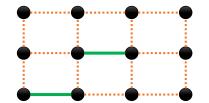


Graph-Based Algorithms

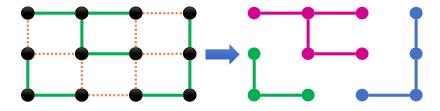
- FH [Felzenszwalb and Huttenlocher, IJCV 2004]
- GBVS [Grundmann et al., CVPR 2010]
- ERS [Liu et al., CVPR 2011]



N pixels as N disjoint sets



After 2 merges, we have N-2 sets



To obtain K superpixels, we do N-K merges (K=3 here)

- P. F. Felzenszwalb and D. P. Huttenlocher. Efficient graph-based image segmentation. IJCV, 2004
- M. Grundmann, V. Kwatra, M. Han, and I. Essa. Efficient hierarchical graph-based video segmentation. In CVPR, 2010
- M.-Y. Liu, O. Tuzel, S. Ramalingam, and R. Chellappa. Entropy-rate superpixel segmentation. In CVPR, 2011

Graph-Based Algorithms

Graph-based methods are able to generate superpixel hierarchy

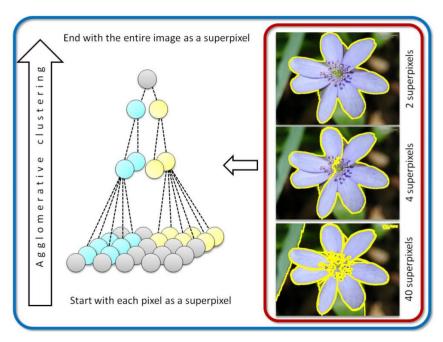
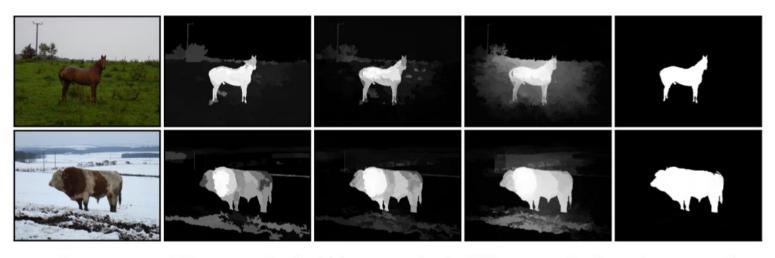


Figure from ERS paper

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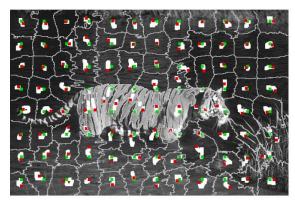


input 100 superpixels 300 superpixels 800 superpixels integrated Example of salient object segmentation based on the superpixel hierarchy

Clustering-Based Algorithms

- SLIC (Simple Linear Iterative Clustering)
 - RGB → CIELab
 - 5D feature (*L*, *a*, *b*, *x*, *y*)
 - Initialize the K superpixel centers on the uniform grid
 - Localized K-means clustering in 2S x 2S region

$$\begin{split} d_{lab} &= \sqrt{(l_k - l_i)^2 + (a_k - a_i)^2 + (b_k - b_i)^2} \\ d_{xy} &= \sqrt{(x_k - x_i)^2 + (y_k - y_i)^2} \\ D_s &= d_{lab} + \frac{m}{S} d_{xy} \;, \qquad \text{m is a constant} \end{split}$$



Localized k-means

• R. Achanta, A. Shaji, K. Smith, A. Lucchi, P. Fua, and S. Susstrunk. "SLIC superpixels compared to state-of-the-art superpixel methods." TPAMI, 2012

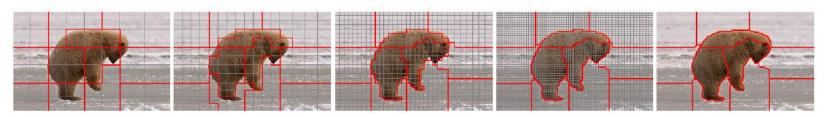
Other SLIC-Like Algorithms

- LSC [Li and Chen, CVPR 2015]
 - 10D feature + localized K-means
- Manifold-SLIC [Liu et al., CVPR 2016]
 - Project 5D feature to a 2D space + localized K-means
- SNIC [Achanta and Susstrunk, CVPR 2017]
 - 5D feature + iteration free clustering

- Z. Li and J. Chen. Superpixel segmentation using linear spectral clustering. In CVPR, 2015
- Yong-Jin Liu, Cheng-Chi Yu, Min-Jing Yu, and Ying He. Manifold slic: A fast method to compute content-sensitive superpixels. In CVPR, 2016
- R. Achanta and S. Susstrunk. Superpixels and polygons using simple non-iterative clustering. In CVPR, 2017

Grid-Based Algorithms

- SEEDS [Van den Bergh et al., IJCV 2015]
 - Superpixels as an energy optimization (color consistency, boundary shape, ...)
 - Switch nearby blocks if it makes the total energy lower
 - Coarse to fine strategy

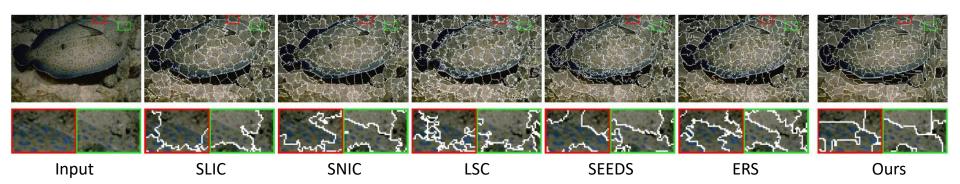


Multi-scale block switching

• M. Van den Bergh, X. Boix, G. Roig, and L. Van Gool. SEEDS: Superpixels extracted via energy-driven sampling. IJCV, 2015

Drawbacks of Existing Methods

- All above methods are based on hand-crafted features to compute pixel distances/affinities
 - They often fail to preserve weak object boundaries



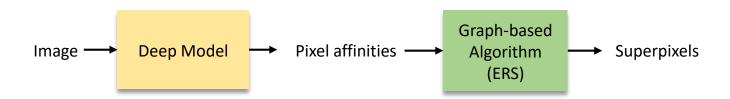
Superpixels Meet Deep Learning

- Supervised learning is not easy
 - There is no ground-truth
 - Label indices are interchangeable
 - Superpixel algorithms are non-differentiable



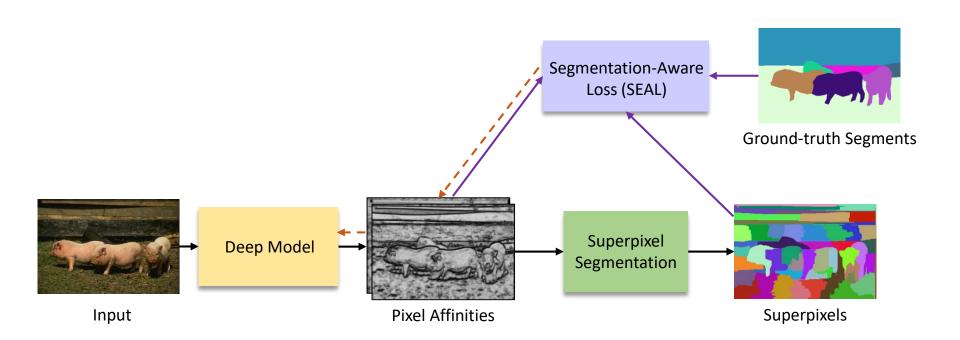
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- Our main idea: learning pixel affinities (distances) for the graph-based algorithms
 [Tu et al., CVPR 2018]



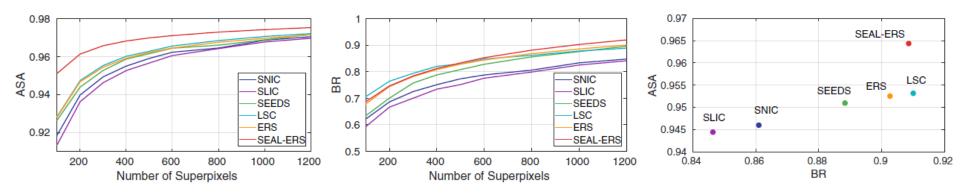
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Segmentation-Aware Loss



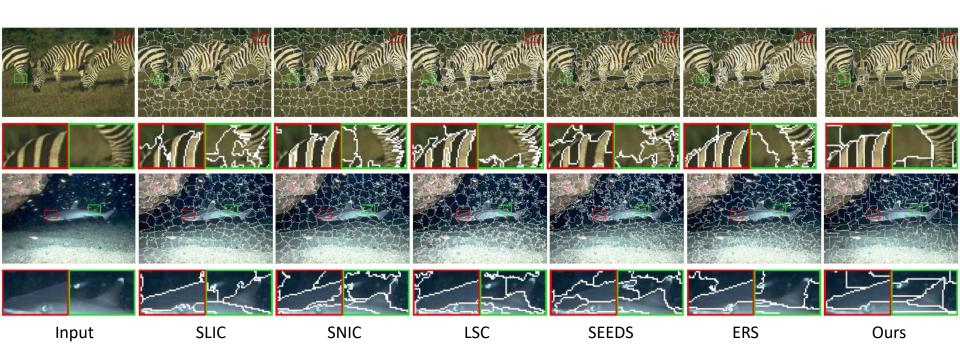
Comparisons with the State-ofthe-Arts

- Results on BSDS500
 - SEAL-ERS = learned affinities + ERS algorithm (proposed)



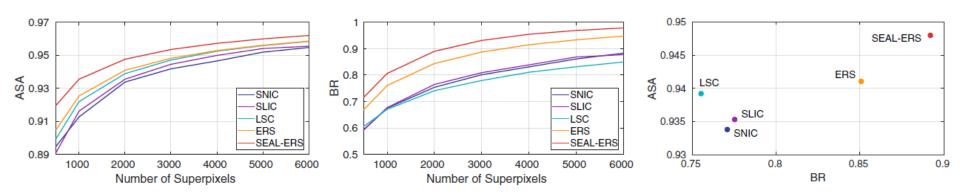
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Comparisons with the State-ofthe-Arts

Results on Cityscapes



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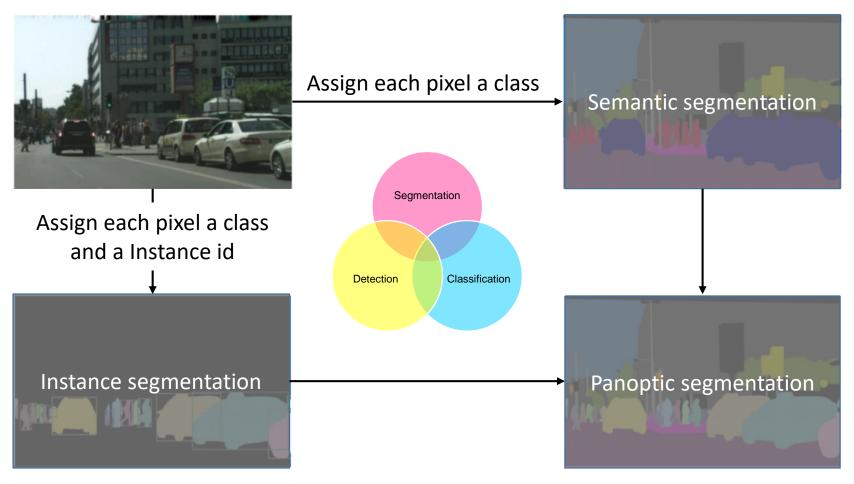
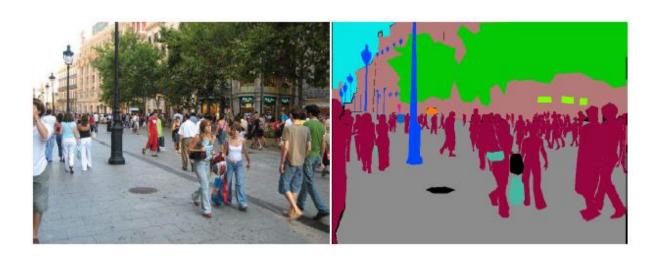


Image Segmentation: Semantic Segmentation

- Fully convolutional networks (FCN)
- DeepLab



What is Semantic Segmentation?

Segmentation + labeling

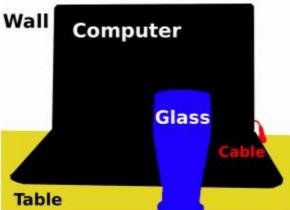


Example from ADE20K dataset.

Why Semantic Segmentation?

As a vision aid for the blind





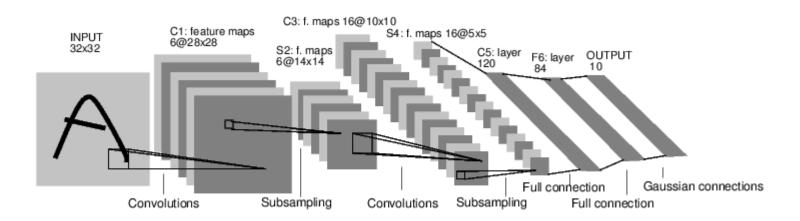
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Autonomous driving



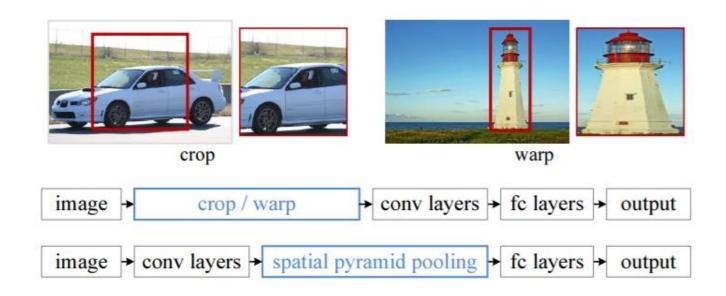
Previous Image Recognition Networks

 LeNet, AlexNet or their successors take fixed size input and produce non-spatial outputs.



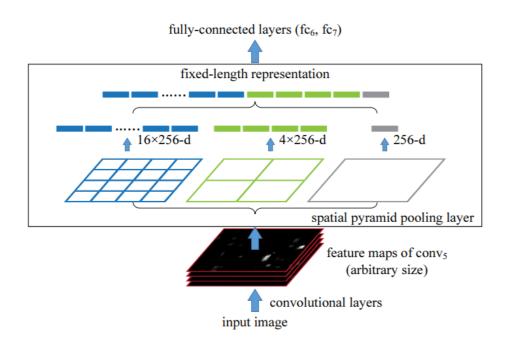
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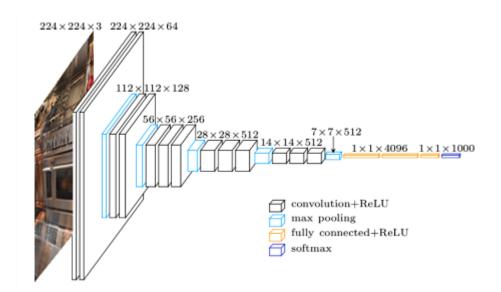
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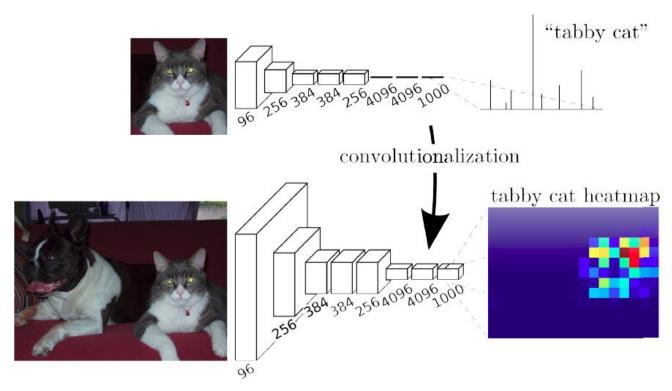
VGG16 Model

Pre-trained on image classification



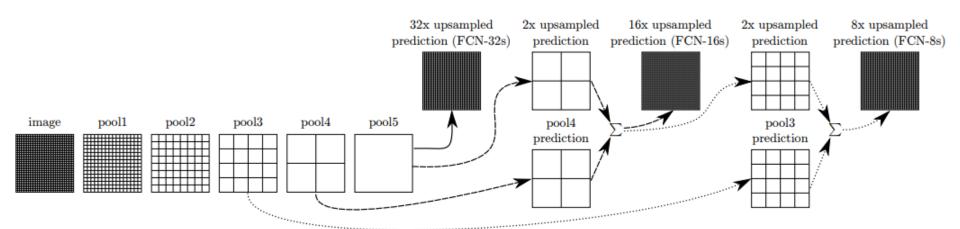
Fully Convolutional Networks (FCN)

 Fully connected layers can also be viewed as convolutions with kernels that cover their entire input regions



FCN Architecture

- Fully connected layers are replaced by convolutions
- Append 1x1 convolution with channel dimension 21 in the end (20 classes + 1 background class)

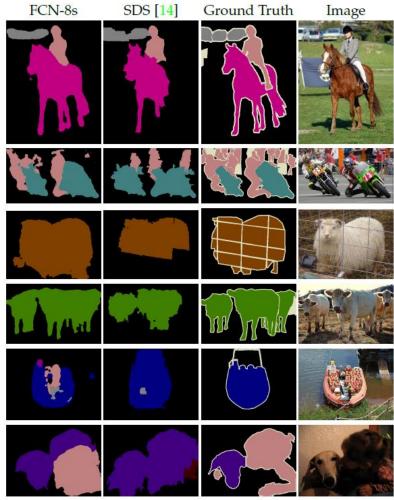


Fully Convolutional Networks (FCN) (FCN) (FCN-8s SDS [14] Ground Truth

Results

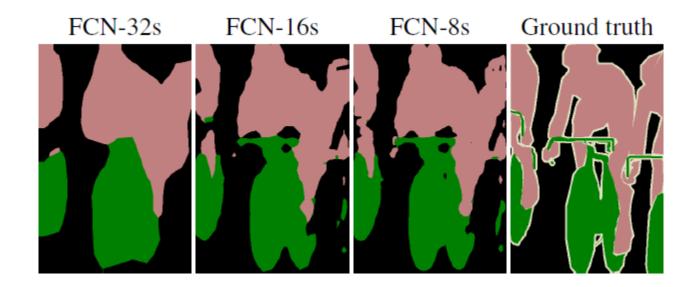
	mean IU VOC2011 test	mean IU VOC2012 test
R-CNN [5]	47.9	-
SDS [14]	52.6	51.6
FCN-8s	67.5	67.2

- Definition
 - n_{ij} : number of pixels in class i predicted to be class j
 - $t_i = \sum_j n_{ij}$ be the total number of pixels in class i
 - n_{cl} : number of classes
- Pixel accuracy
 - $\sum_{i} n_{ii} / \sum_{i} t_{i}$
- Mean accuracy
 - $\frac{1}{n_{cl}}\sum_{i}n_{ii}/t_{i}$
- Mean IU (intersection over union)
 - $\bullet \quad \frac{1}{n_{cl}} \sum_i \frac{n_{ii}}{t_i + \sum_j n_{ji} n_{ii}}$

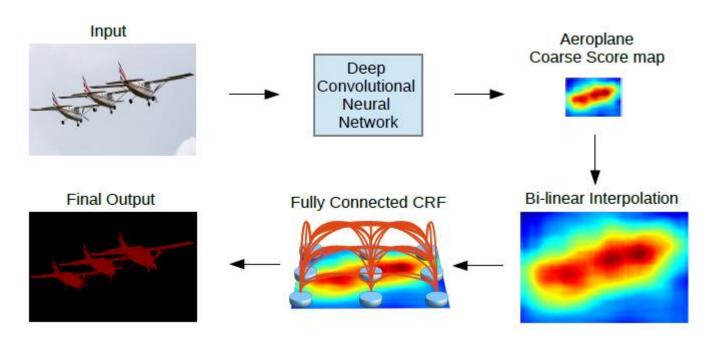


Fully Convolutional Networks (FCN)

FCN is still not good at segmenting objects...

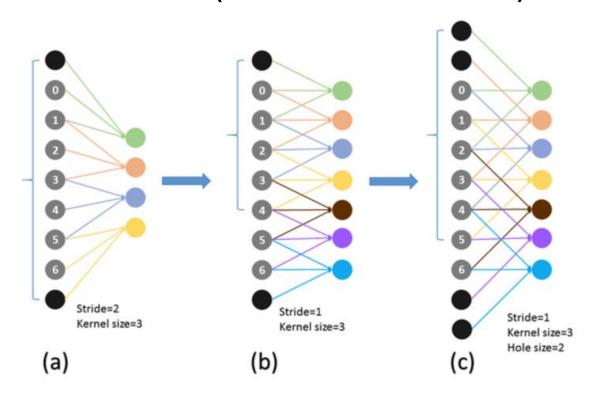


 FCN + Atrous convolution + dense CRFs (conditional random field)



Semantic image segmentation with deep convolutional nets and fully connected CRFs, ICLR 2015

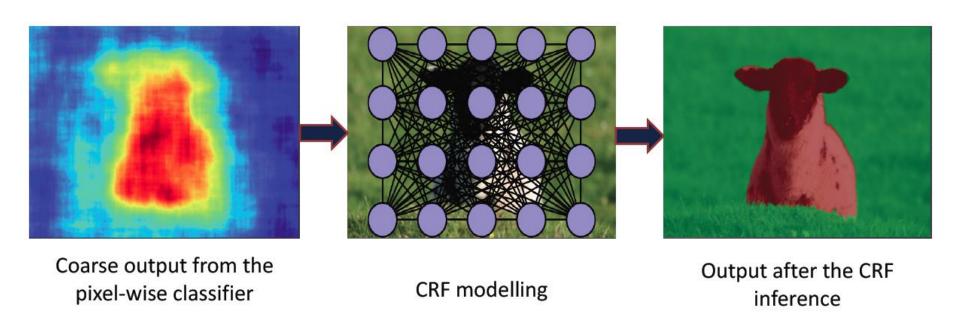
Atrous convolution (dilated convolution)



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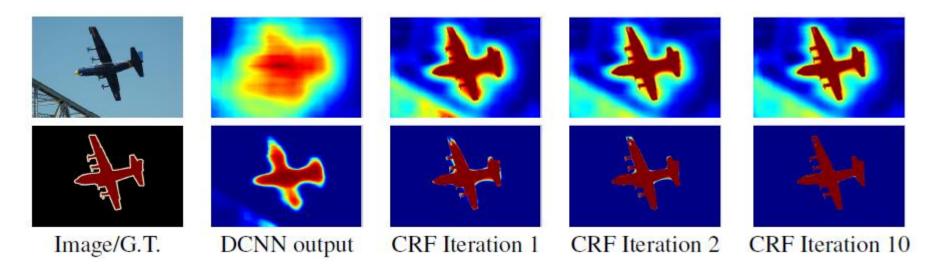
From FCN output From input image $E(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i} \underbrace{\psi_{u}(x_{i})}_{\text{unary term}} + \sum_{i} \underbrace{\sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}_{i}}}_{pairwise term} \underbrace{\psi_{p}(x_{i}, x_{j})}_{\text{pairwise term}}$

Dense CRFs



Efficient inference in fully connected CRFs with Gaussian edge potentials, NIPS 2011

Effect of dense CRF refinement



Problem:

- 1. No joint training
- 2. More number of iterations means longer inference time

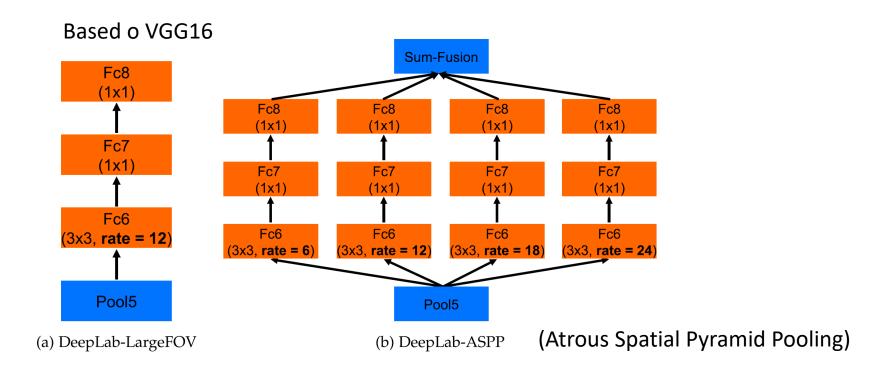
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Results on PASCAL VOC 2012 test set

Method	mean IOU (%)
DeepLab	59.80
DeepLab-CRF	63.74
DeepLab-MSc	61.30
DeepLab-MSc-CRF	65.21
DeepLab-7x7	64.38
DeepLab-CRF-7x7	67.64
DeepLab-LargeFOV	62.25
DeepLab-CRF-LargeFOV	67.64
DeepLab-MSc-LargeFOV	64.21
DeepLab-MSc-CRF-LargeFOV	68.70

Method	mean IOU (%)
MSRA-CFM	61.8
FCN-8s	62.2
TTI-Zoomout-16	64.4
DeepLab-CRF	66.4
DeepLab-MSc-CRF	67.1
DeepLab-CRF-7x7	70.3
DeepLab-CRF-LargeFOV	70.3
DeepLab-MSc-CRF-LargeFOV	71.6

DeepLabv2

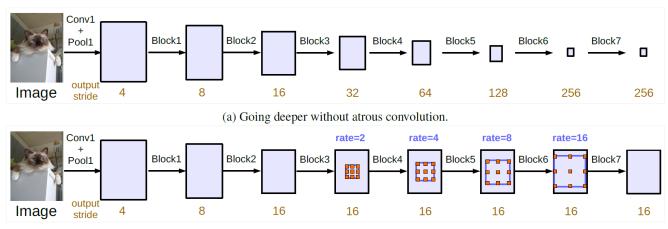


 The other improvement strategy is to replace the backbone with ResNet-101

L.-C. Chien, G. Papandreou, I. Kokkinos, K. Murphy, and A. L. Yuille, "DeepLab: semantic image segmentation with deep convolution nets, atrous convolution, and fully connected CRFs," *IEEE Transactions on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence*, vol. 40, no. 4, Apr. 2018.

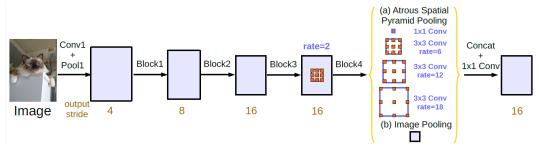
DeepLabv3

Based on ResNet, go deeper



(b) Going deeper with atrous convolution. Atrous convolution with rate > 1 is applied after block3 when $output_stride = 16$.

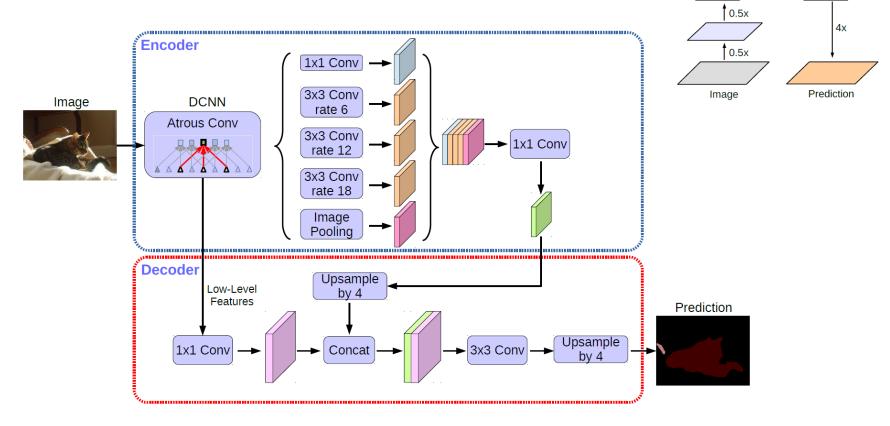
ASPP augmented with image-level features



L.-C. Chien, G. Papandreou, F. Schroff, and H. Adam, "Rethinking atrous convolution for semantic segmentation," arXiv:1706.05587v3, Dec. 2017.

DeepLabv3+

Encoder-decoder architecture

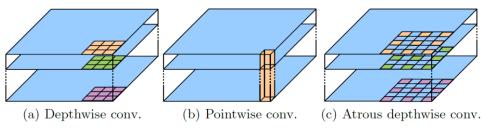


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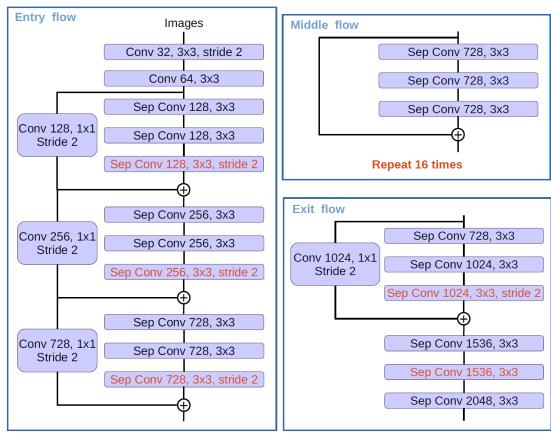
Spatial Pyramid Pooling

0.5x

DeepLabv3+



Xception



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DeepLabv3+

Test results on PASCAL VOC 2012

Method	mIOU
Deep Layer Cascade (LC) [82]	82.7
TuSimple [77]	83.1
Large_Kernel_Matters [60]	83.6
Multipath-RefineNet [58]	84.2
ResNet-38 $_$ MS $_$ COCO [83]	84.9
PSPNet [24]	85.4
IDW-CNN [84]	86.3
CASIA_IVA_SDN [63]	86.6
DIS [85]	86.8
DeepLabv3 [23]	85.7
DeepLabv3-JFT [23]	86.9
DeepLabv3+ (Xception)	87.8
DeepLabv3+ (Xception-JFT)	89.0

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Motion and Perceptual Organization

• Sometimes, motion is foremost cue



Motion and Perceptual Organization

 Even "impoverished" motion data can evoke a strong percept

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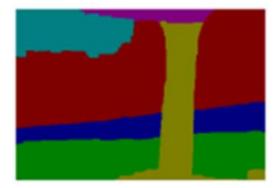
Motion and Perceptual Organization

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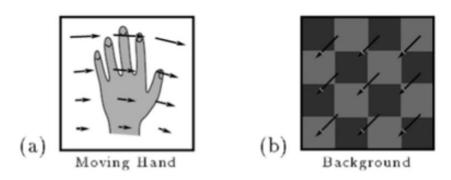
 Break image sequence into "layers" each of which has a coherent (affine) motion

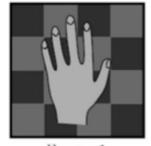






- What are layers?
 - Each layer is defined by an alpha mask and a motion model (such as affine model)







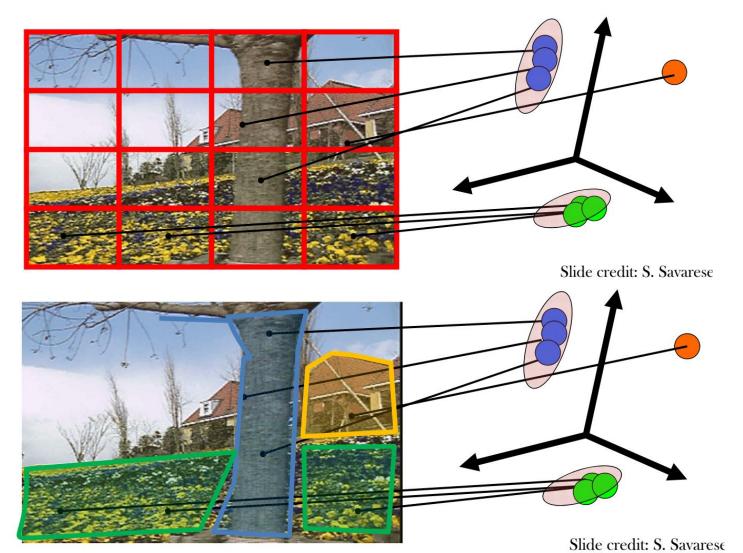
(c)



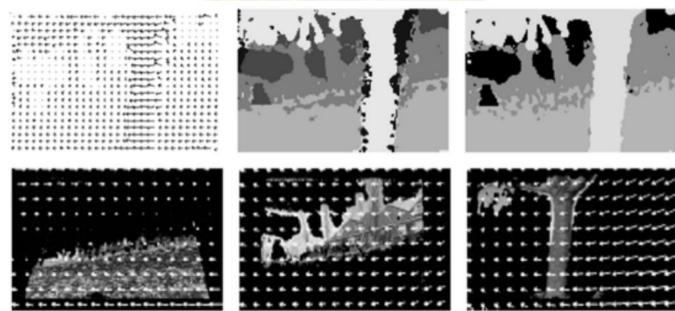


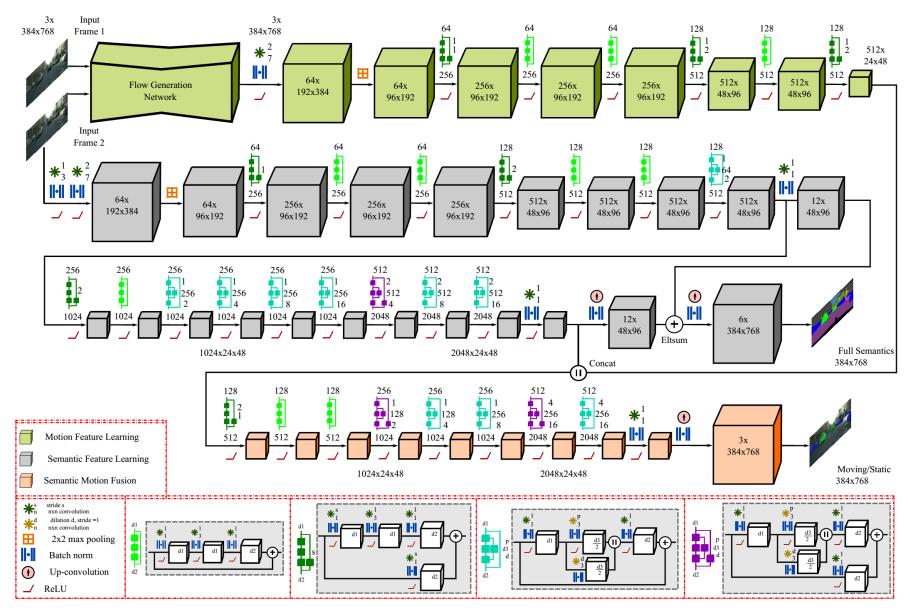
Frame 3

- 1. Obtain a set of initial affine motion hypotheses
 - Divide the image into blocks and estimate affine motion parameters in each block by least squares
 - Eliminate hypotheses with high residual error
 - Map into motion parameter space
 - Perform k-means clustering on affine motion parameters
 - Merge clusters that are close and retain the largest clusters to obtain a smaller set of hypotheses to describe all the motions in the scene
- 2. Iterate until convergence:
 - Assign each pixel to best hypothesis
 - Pixels with high residual error remain unassigned
 - Perform region filtering to enforce spatial constraints
 - Re-estimate affine motions in each region



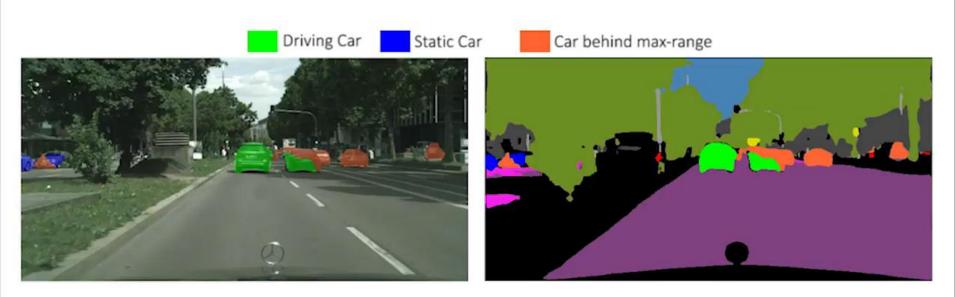






Ref: J. Vertens, A. Valada, and W. Burgard, "SMSnet: Semantic Motion Segmentation using Deep Convolutional Neural Networks," Proceedings of the IEEE/RSJ International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems, Vancouver, Canada, 2017.

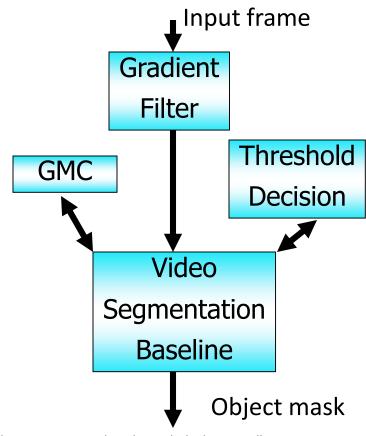
Qualitative Results - Cityscapes



Model trained with a maximum-range of 40m and EFS. All presented results are achieved by training SMSnet on City-KITTI-Motion.

Video Segmentation: Change Detection Method

- Background substraction
- 4 modes
 - Baseline mode
 - Shadow cancellation mode (SC mode)
 - Global motion compensation mode (GMC mode)
 - Adaptive threshold mode (AT mode)



Ref: Shao-Yi Chien, Yu-Wen Huang, Bing-Yu Hsieh, Shyh-Yih Ma, and Liang-Gee Chen, "Fast video segmentation algorithm with shadow cancellation, global motion compensation, and adaptive threshold techniques," *IEEE Transactions on Multimedia*, vol. 6, no. 5, pp. 732--748, Oct 2004. Shao-Yi Chien, Shyh-Yih Ma, and Liang-Gee Chen, "Efficient moving object segmentation algorithm using background registration technique," *IEEE Transactions on Circuits and Systems for Video Technology*, vol. 12, no. 7, pp. 577 –586, July 2002.

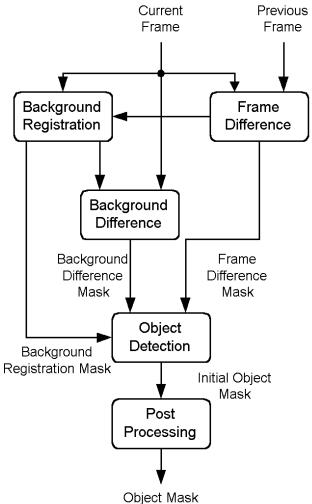
Flow Chart













Background Registration



Segmentation Results



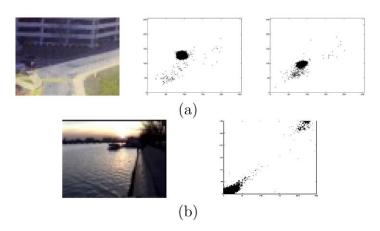
Segmentation Results



Video Segmentation: Change Detection Method

 Background modeling with Gaussian Mixture Model (GMM)

Variation of background information



Background information is modeled as:

$$P(X_t) = \sum_{i=1}^{K} \omega_{i,t} * \eta(X_t, \mu_{i,t}, \Sigma_{i,t})$$

- Every new pixel value, X_t, is checked against the existing K Gaussian distributions, until a match is found. A match is defined as a pixel value within 2.5 standard deviations of a distribution.
- Background model updating:

$$\mu_t = (1 - \rho)\mu_{t-1} + \rho X_t$$

$$\sigma_t^2 = (1 - \rho)\sigma_{t-1}^2 + \rho (X_t - \mu_t)^T (X_t - \mu_t)$$
where
$$\rho = \alpha \eta (X_t | \mu_k, \sigma_k)$$