Context and Spatial Layout

Computer Vision

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Announcements

- Lana is looking for students!
- HW5 almost graded, done by Tues

Today’s class: Context and 3D Scenes

Context in Recognition

- Objects usually are surrounded by a scene that can provide context in the form of nearby objects, surfaces, scene category, geometry, etc.

Context provides clues for function

- What is this?

These examples from Antonio Torralba

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- Now can you tell?

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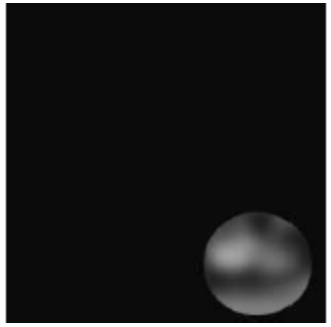

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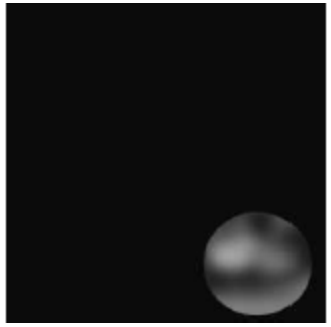


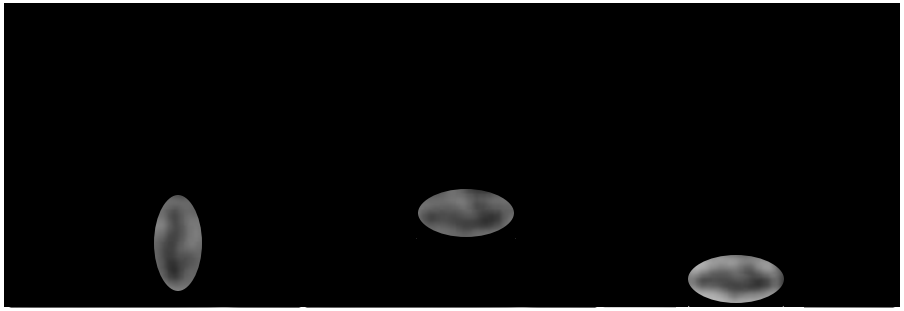
- Now can you tell?

More Low-Res

- What are these blobs?

More Low-Res

- The same pixels! (a car)

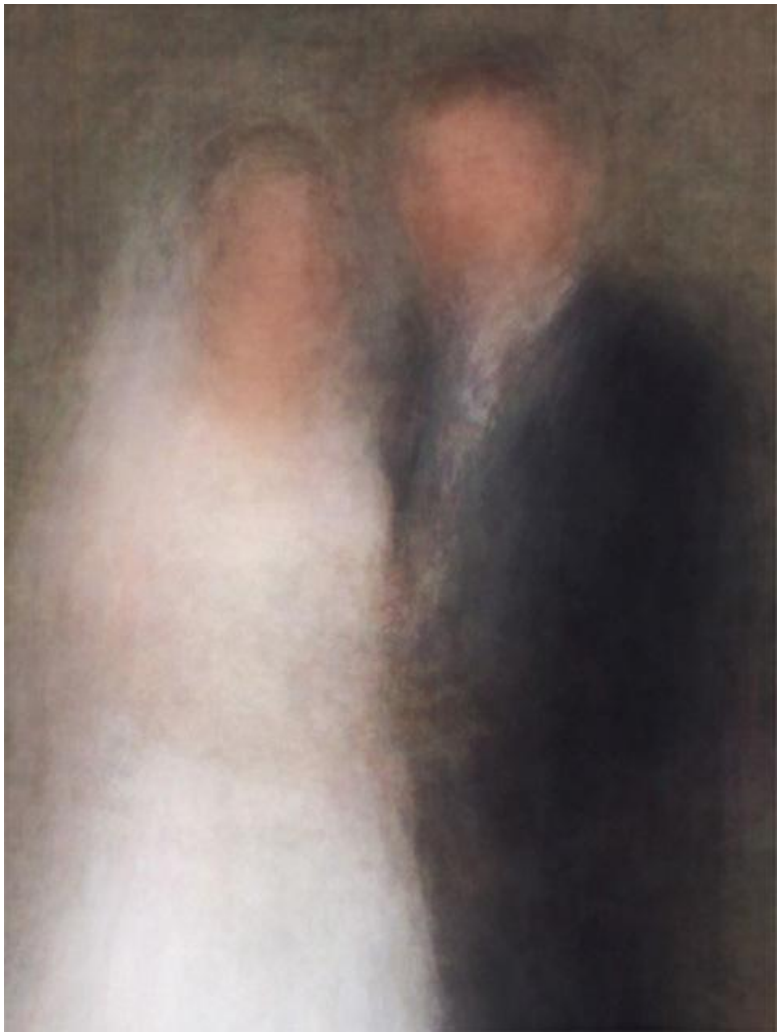


There are many types of context

- **Local pixels**
  - window, surround, image neighborhood, object boundary/shape, global image statistics
- **2D Scene Gist**
  - global image statistics
- **3D Geometric**
  - 3D scene layout, support surface, surface orientations, occlusions, contact points, etc.
- **Semantic**
  - event/activity depicted, scene category, objects present in the scene and their spatial extents, keywords
- **Photogrammetric**
  - camera height orientation, focal length, lens distorition, radiometric, response function
- **Illumination**
  - sun direction, sky color, cloud cover, shadow contrast, etc.
- **Geographic**
  - GPS location, terrain type, land use category, elevation, population density, etc.
- **Temporal**
  - nearby frames of video, photos taken at similar times, videos of similar scenes, time of capture
- **Cultural**
  - photographer bias, dataset selection bias, visual cliches, etc.

from Divvala et al. CVPR 2009

Cultural context



Jason Salavon: http://salavon.com/SpecialMoments/Newlyweds.shtml

Cultural context

“Mildred and Lisa”: Who is Mildred? Who is Lisa?

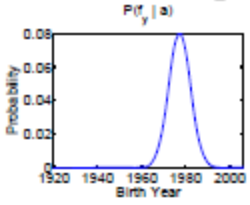
Andrew Gallagher: http://chenlab.ece.cornell.edu/people/Andy/projectpage_names.html

Cultural context

Age given Appearance

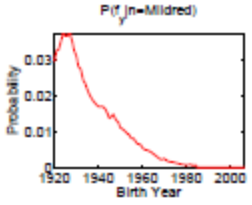
Age given Name

$$P(f_g|f_a) = \begin{bmatrix} 0.563 \\ 0.437 \end{bmatrix}$$



Mildred

$$P(f_g|n = \text{Mildred}) = \begin{bmatrix} 0.999 \\ 0.001 \end{bmatrix}$$



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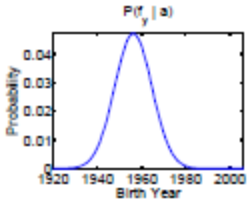
$$P(f_g|f_a) = \begin{bmatrix} 0.687 \\ 0.313 \end{bmatrix}$$



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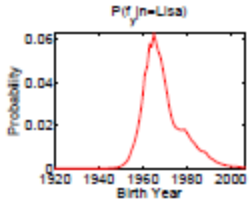

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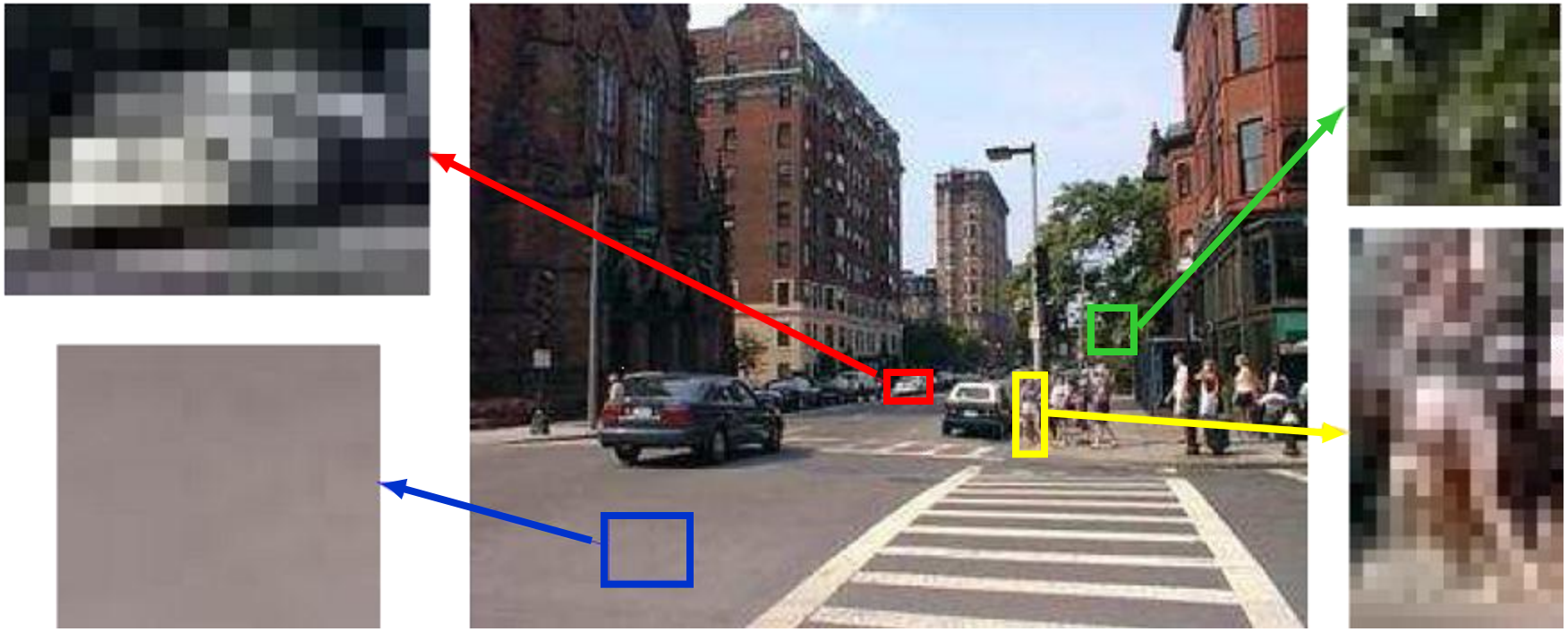

Spatial layout is especially important

1. Context for recognition
2. Scene understanding

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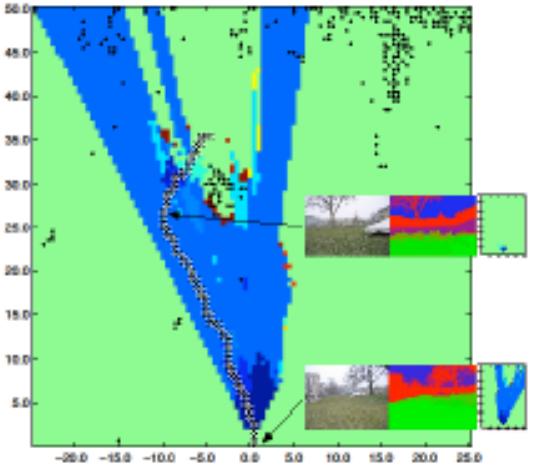
1. Context for recognition
2. Scene understanding
3. Many direct applications
   a) Assisted driving
   b) Robot navigation/interaction
   c) 2D to 3D conversion for 3D TV
   d) Object insertion

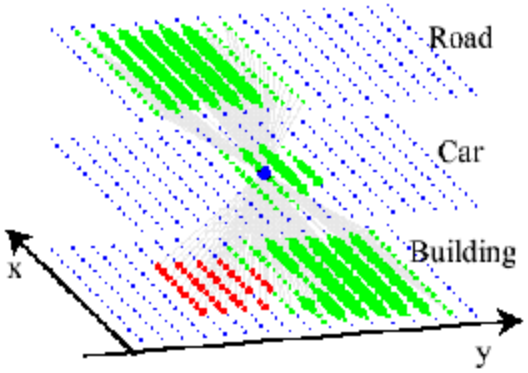
3D Reconstruction: Input, Mesh, Novel View



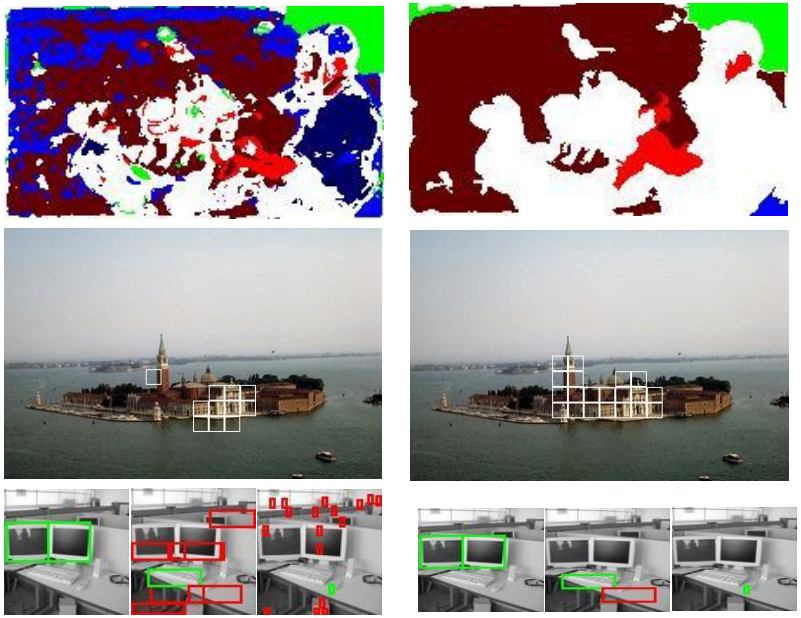
Robot Navigation: Path Planning

Spatial Layout: 2D vs. 3D?

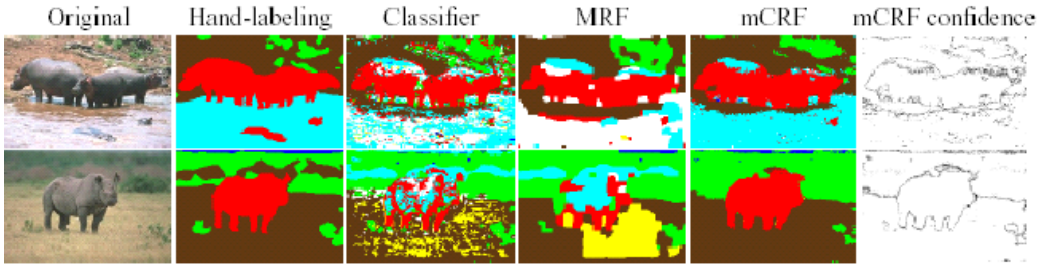
Context in Image Space



[Torralba Murphy Freeman 2004]

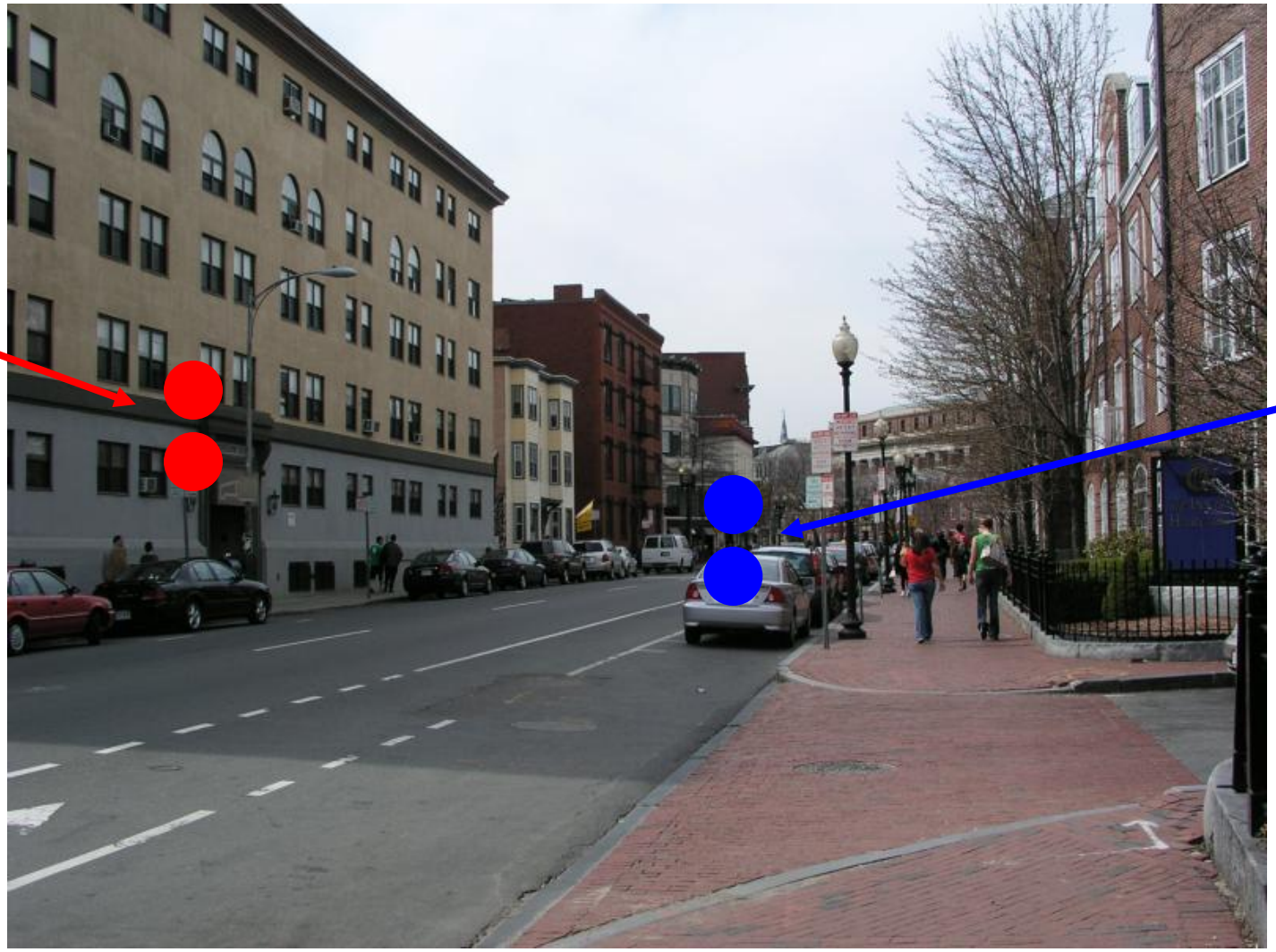


[Kumar Hebert 2005]



[He Zemel Cerreira-Perpiñán 2004]

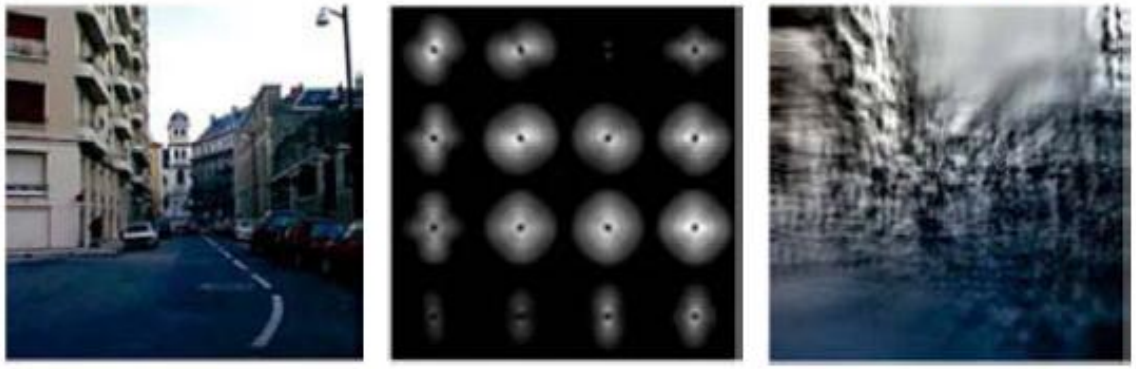
But object relations are in 3D…



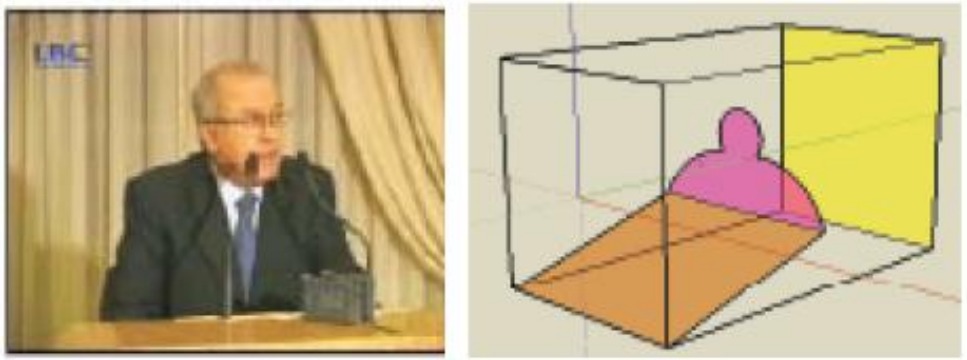
How to represent scene space?

Wide variety of possible representations

Scene-Level Geometric Description



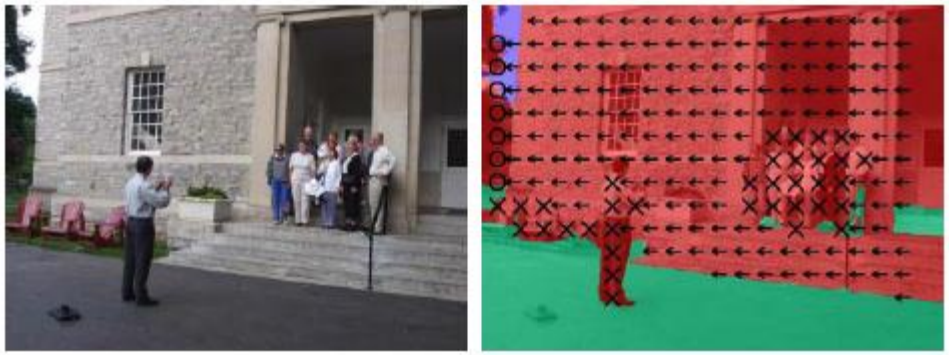
a) Gist, Spatial Envelope



b) Stages

Figs from Hoiem/Savarese Draft

Retinotopic Maps



c) Geometric Context

d) Depth Maps

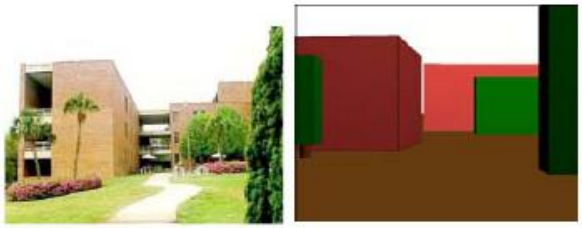
Figs from Hoiem/Savarese Draft

Highly Structured 3D Models

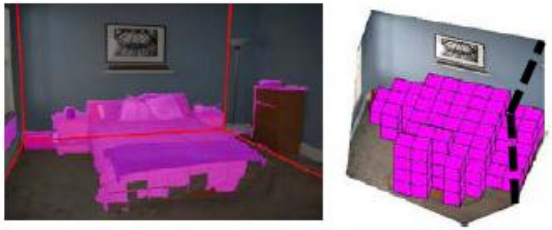
e) Ground Plane

f) Ground Plane with Billboards

g) Ground Plane with Walls



h) Blocks World



i) 3D Box Model

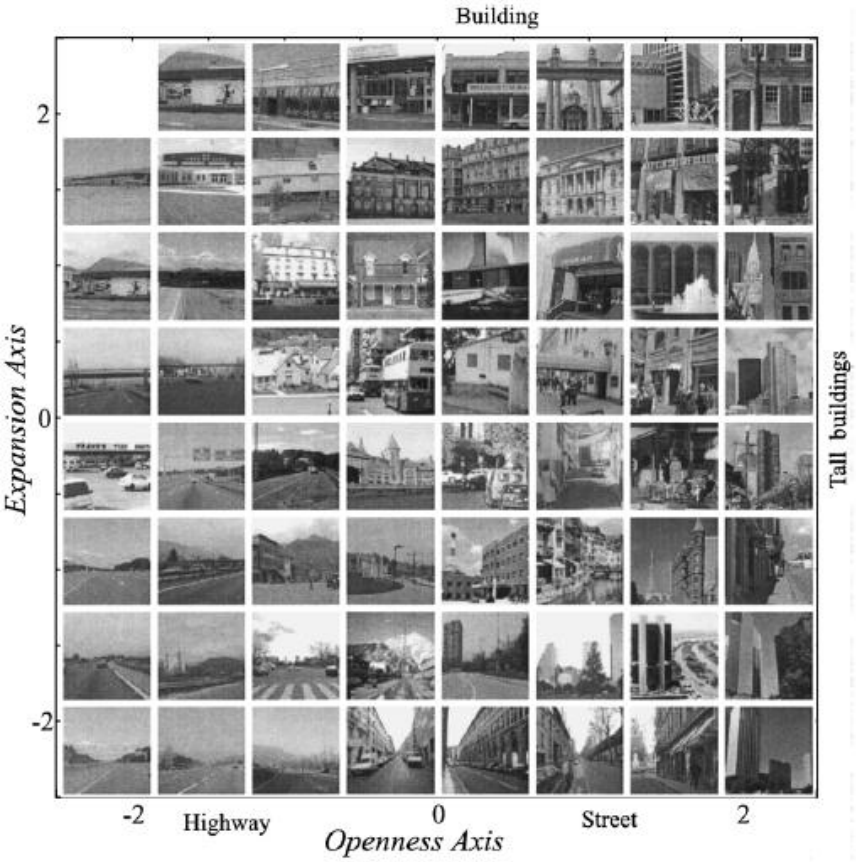
Figs from Hoiem/Savarese Draft

Key Trade-offs

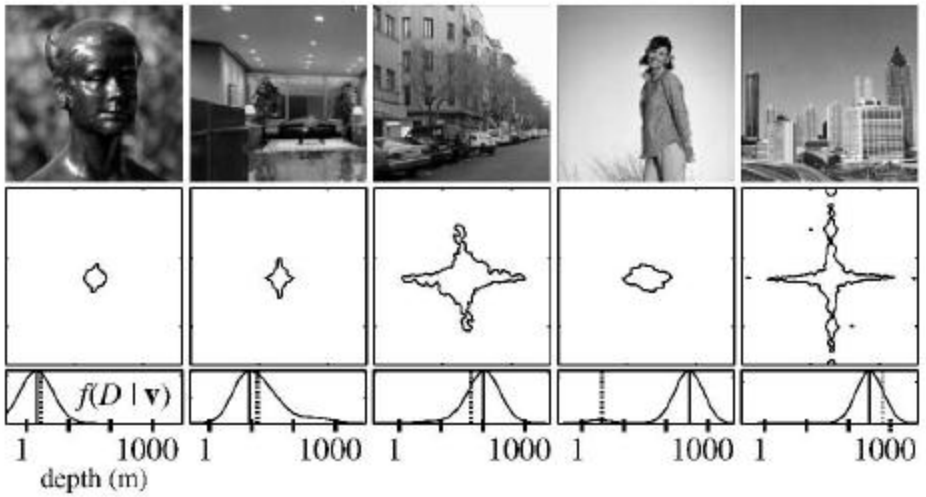
- Level of detail: rough “gist”, or detailed point cloud?
  - Precision vs. accuracy
  - Difficulty of inference
- Abstraction: depth at each pixel, or ground planes and walls?
  - What is it for: e.g., metric reconstruction vs. navigation

Low detail, Low/Med abstraction

Holistic Scene Space: “Gist”



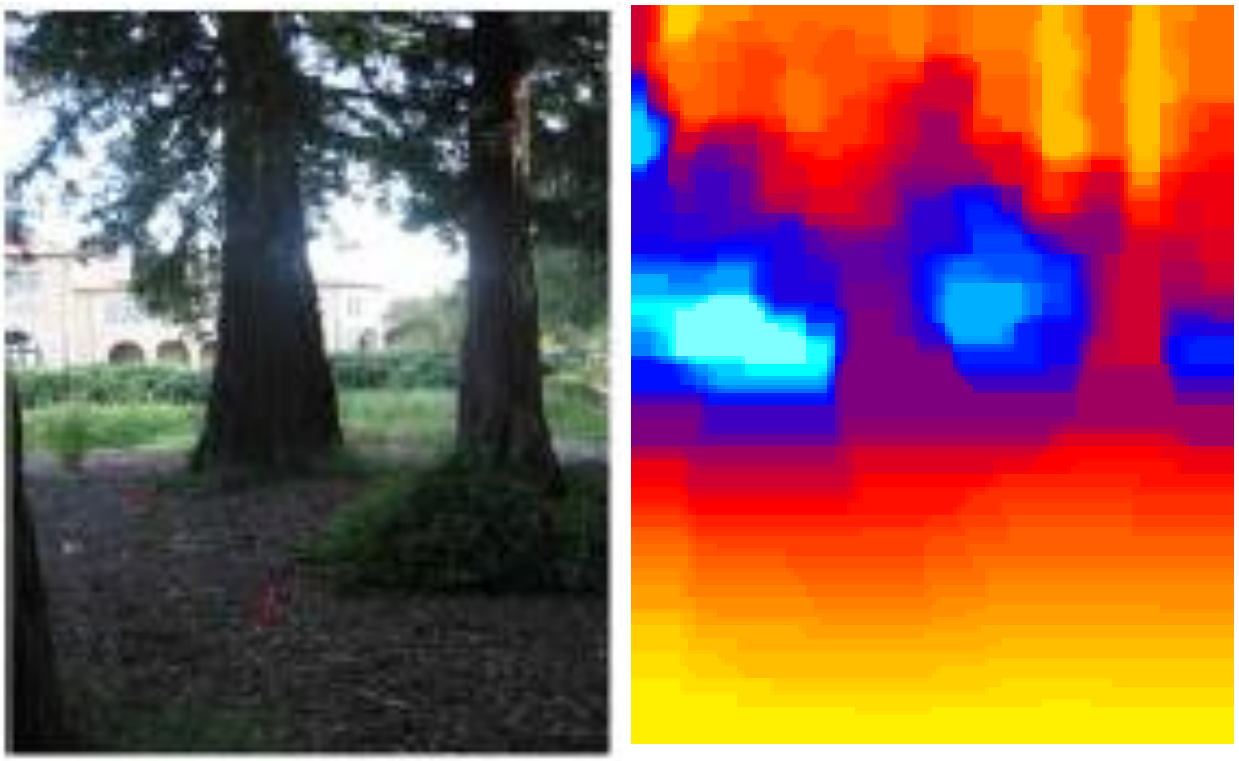
Oliva & Torralba 2001



Torralba & Oliva 2002

High detail, Low abstraction

Depth Map



Saxena, Chung & Ng 2005, 2007

Medium detail, High abstraction

Room as a Box

Hedau Hoiem Forsyth 2009

Examples of spatial layout estimation

- Surface layout
  - Application to 3D reconstruction

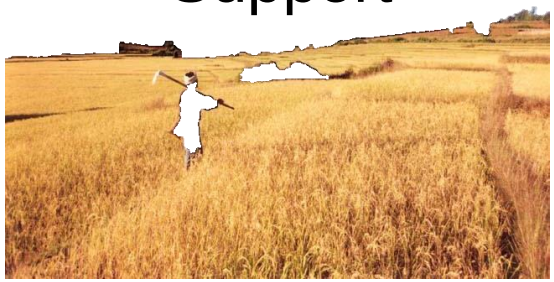
- The room as a box
  - Application to object recognition

Surface Layout: describe 3D surfaces with geometric classes

Sky

Vertical

Support



Non-Planar Porous

Non-Planar Solid

Planar (Left/Center/Right)

The challenge

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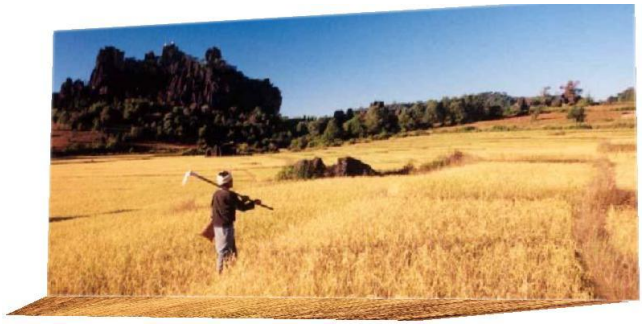

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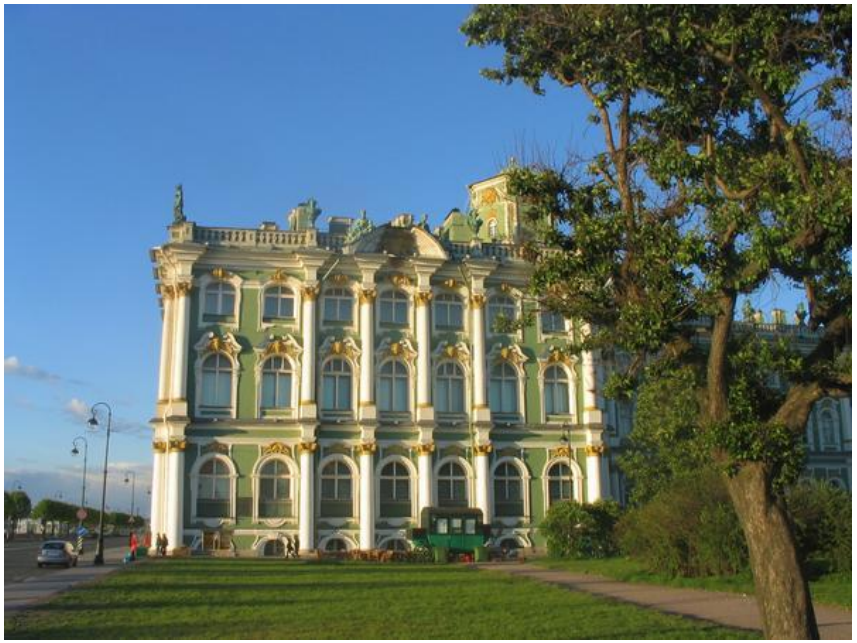
Our World is Structured

Abstract World



Our World

Image Credit (left): F. Cunin
and M.J. Sailor, UCSD

Learn the Structure of the World

Training Images

Infer the most likely interpretation

Unlikely

Likely

Geometry estimation as recognition

Region

Features
Color
Texture
Perspective
Position

Surface Geometry Classifier

Vertical, Planar

Training Data

Use a variety of image cues

Vanishing points, lines

Color, texture, image location

Texture gradient

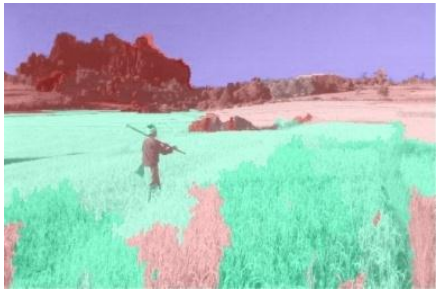
Surface Layout Algorithm

Input Image

Segmentation

Features
Perspective
Color
Texture
Position

Surface Labels

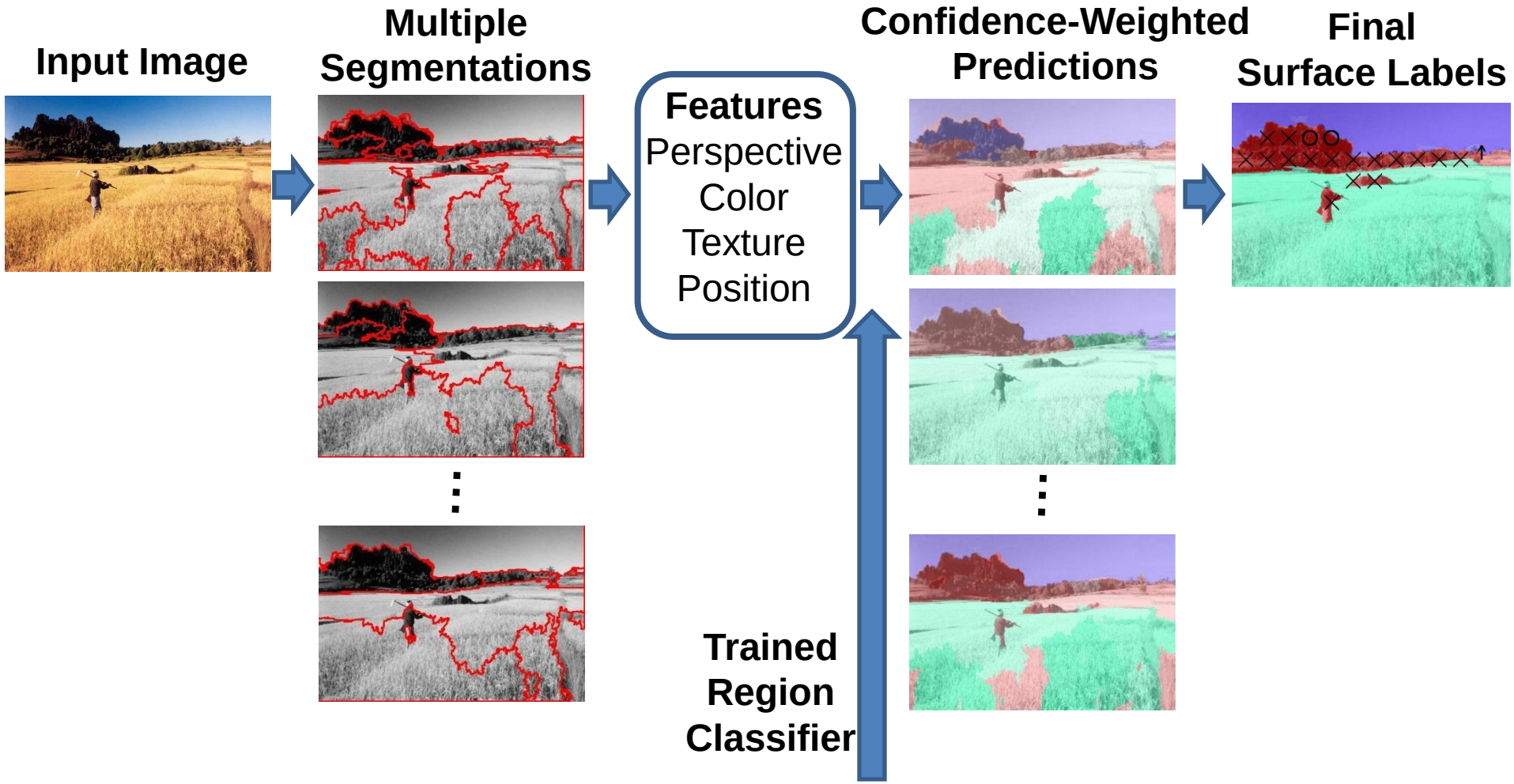


Trained Region Classifier

Training Data

Hoiem Efros Hebert (2007)

Surface Layout Algorithm



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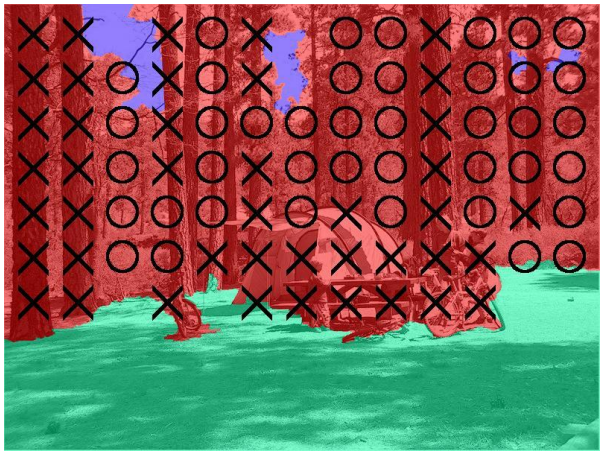
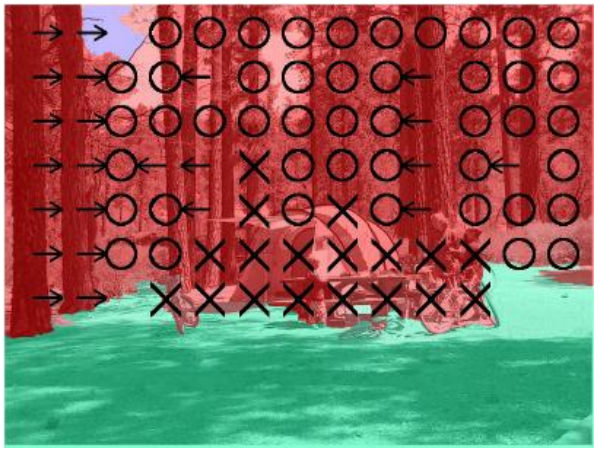
Surface Description Result

Results

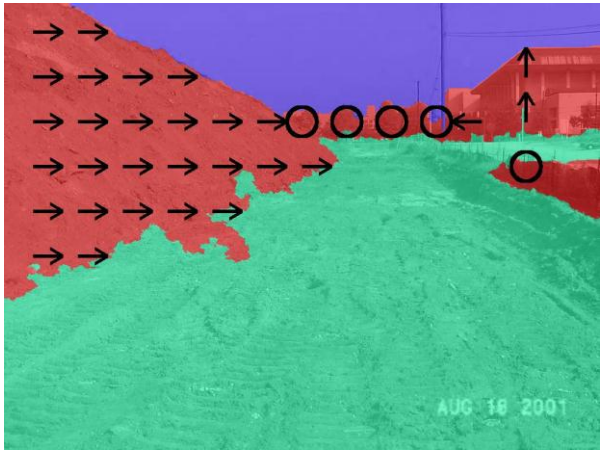



Input Image

Ground Truth

Our Result

Results



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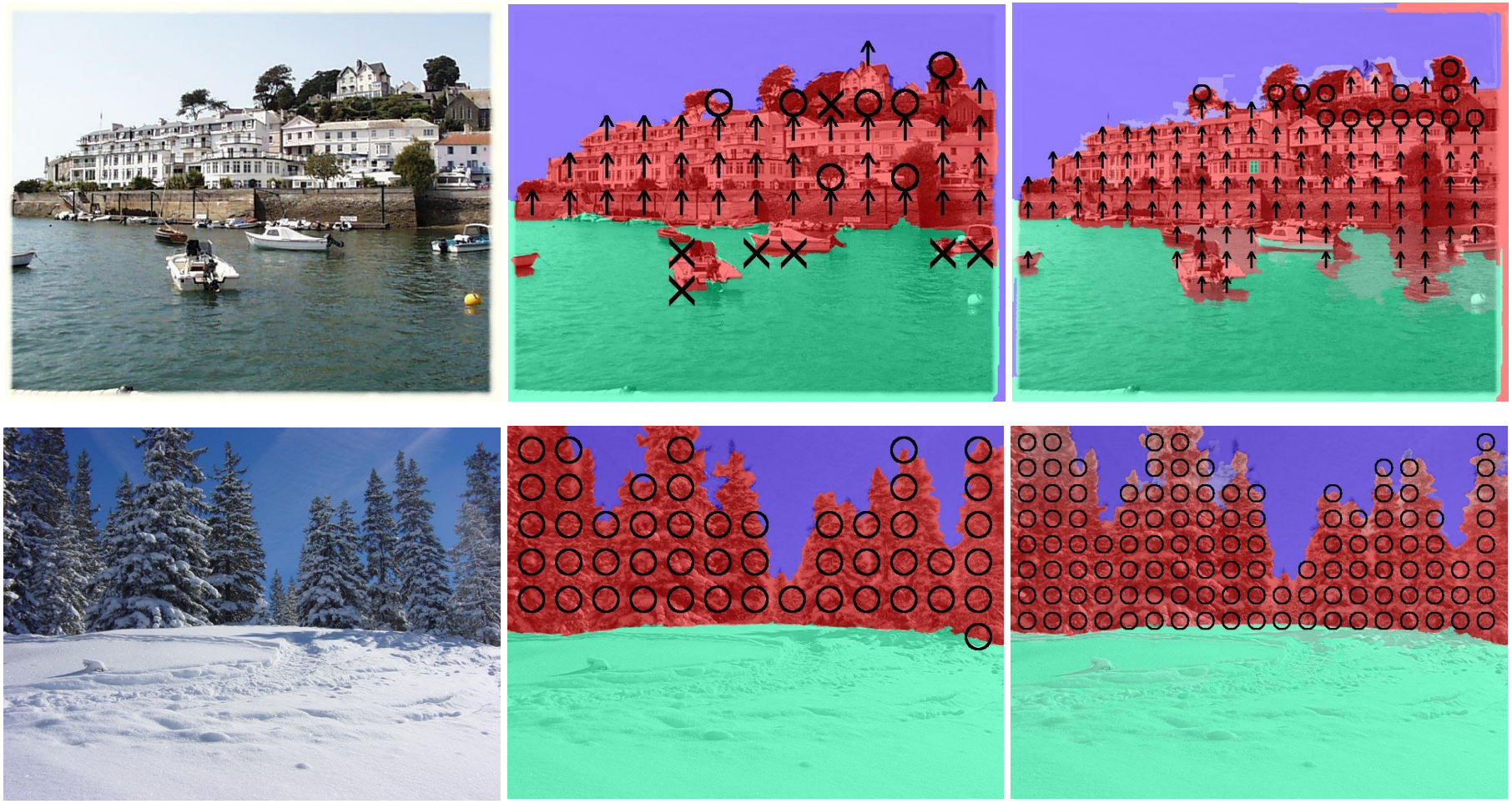
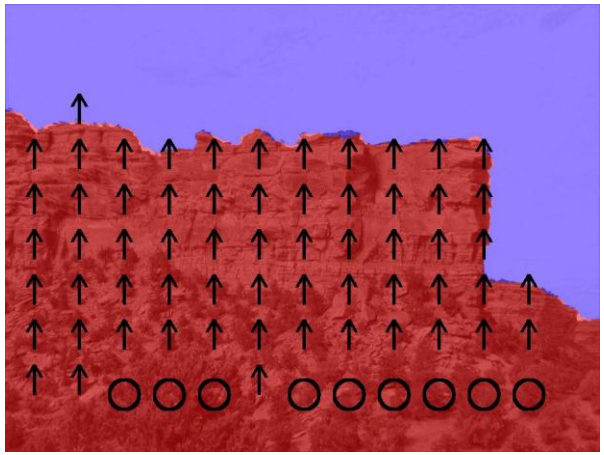
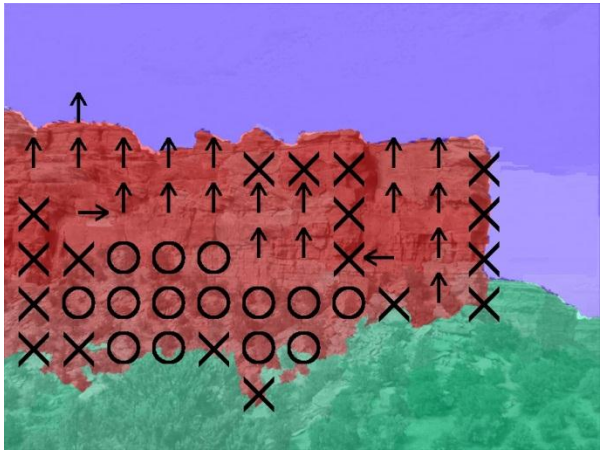


Input Image | Ground Truth | Our Result

Failures: Reflections, Rare Viewpoint

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Ground Truth

Our Result

Average Accuracy

Main Class: 88%

Subclasses: 61%

Main Class			
	Support	Vertical	Sky
Support	**0.84**	0.15	0.00
Vertical	0.09	**0.90**	0.02
Sky	0.00	0.10	**0.90**

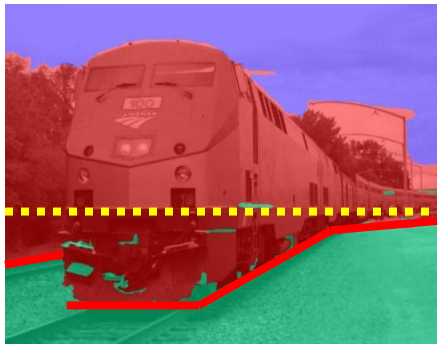
Vertical Subclass					
	Left	Center	Right	Porous	Solid
Left	**0.37**	0.32	0.08	0.09	0.13
Center	0.05	**0.56**	0.12	0.16	0.12
Right	0.02	0.28	**0.47**	0.13	0.10
Porous	0.01	0.07	0.03	**0.84**	0.06
Solid	0.04	0.20	0.04	0.17	**0.55**

Automatic Photo Popup

Labeled Image

Fit Ground-Vertical Boundary with Line Segments

Form Segments into Polylines



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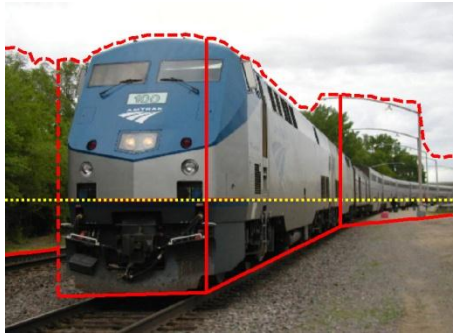
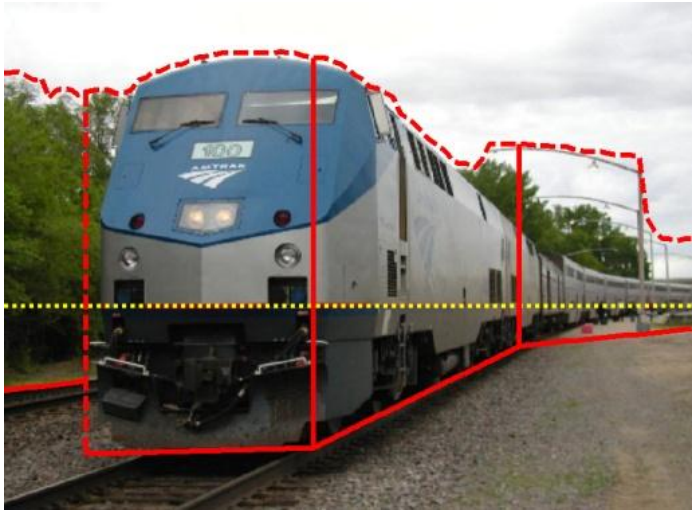


Final Pop-up Model

[Hoiem Efros Hebert 2005]

Automatic Photo Popup

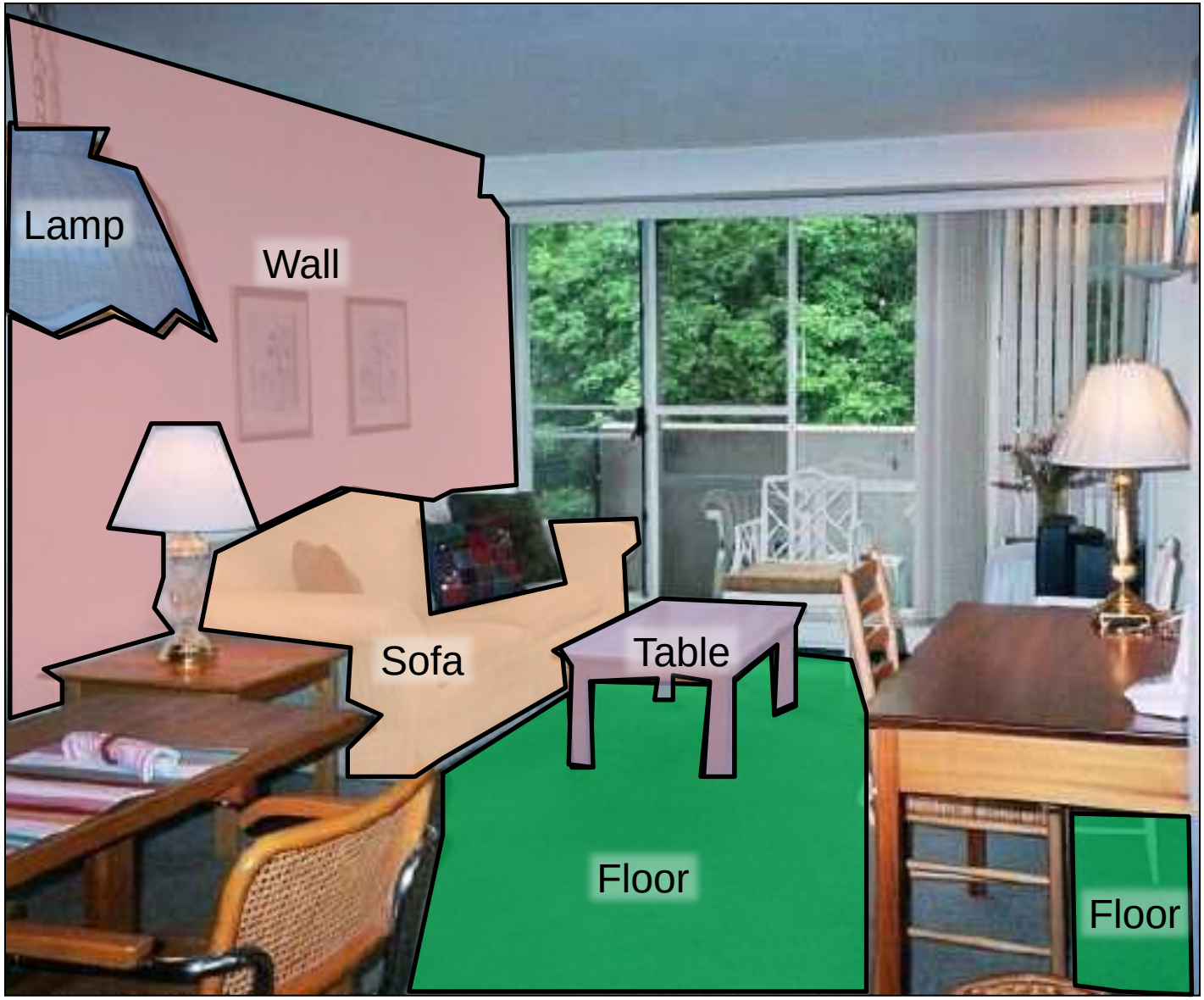
Mini-conclusions



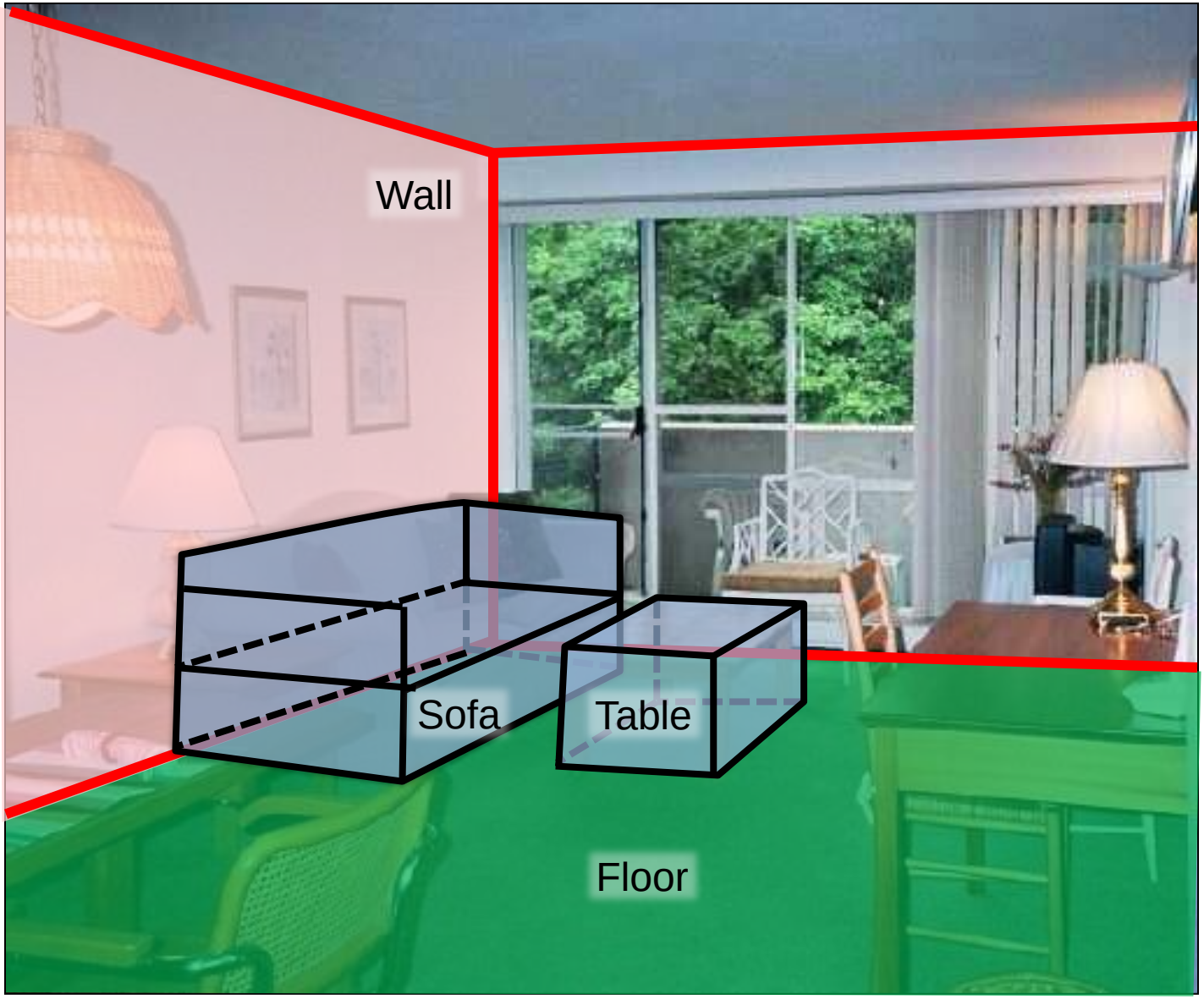
- Can learn to predict surface geometry from a single image
- Very rough models, much room for improvement

Interpretation of indoor scenes

Vision = assigning labels to pixels?

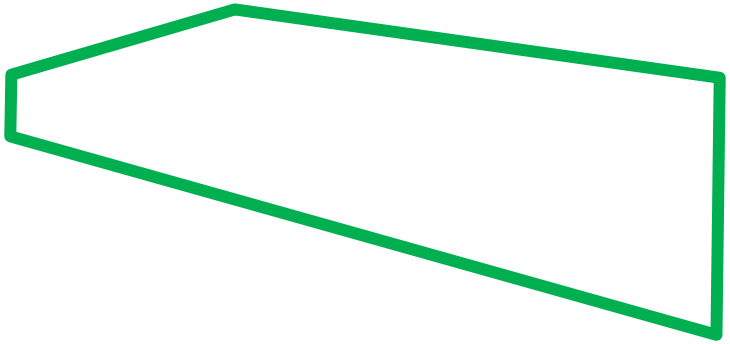


Vision = interpreting within physical space



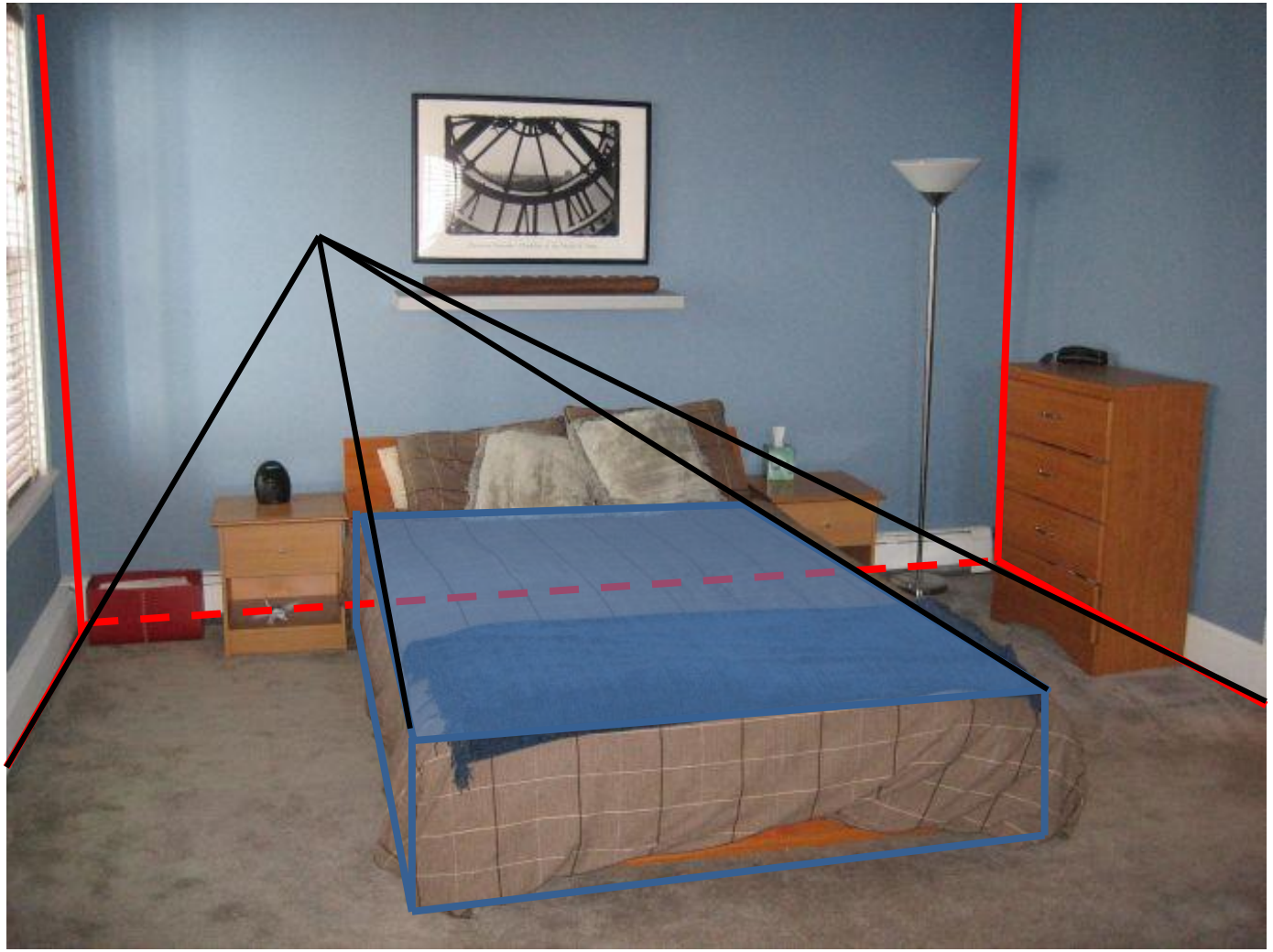
Physical space needed for affordance

Physical space needed for recognition



Apparent shape depends strongly on viewpoint

Physical space needed for recognition



Physical space needed to predict appearance

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Key challenges

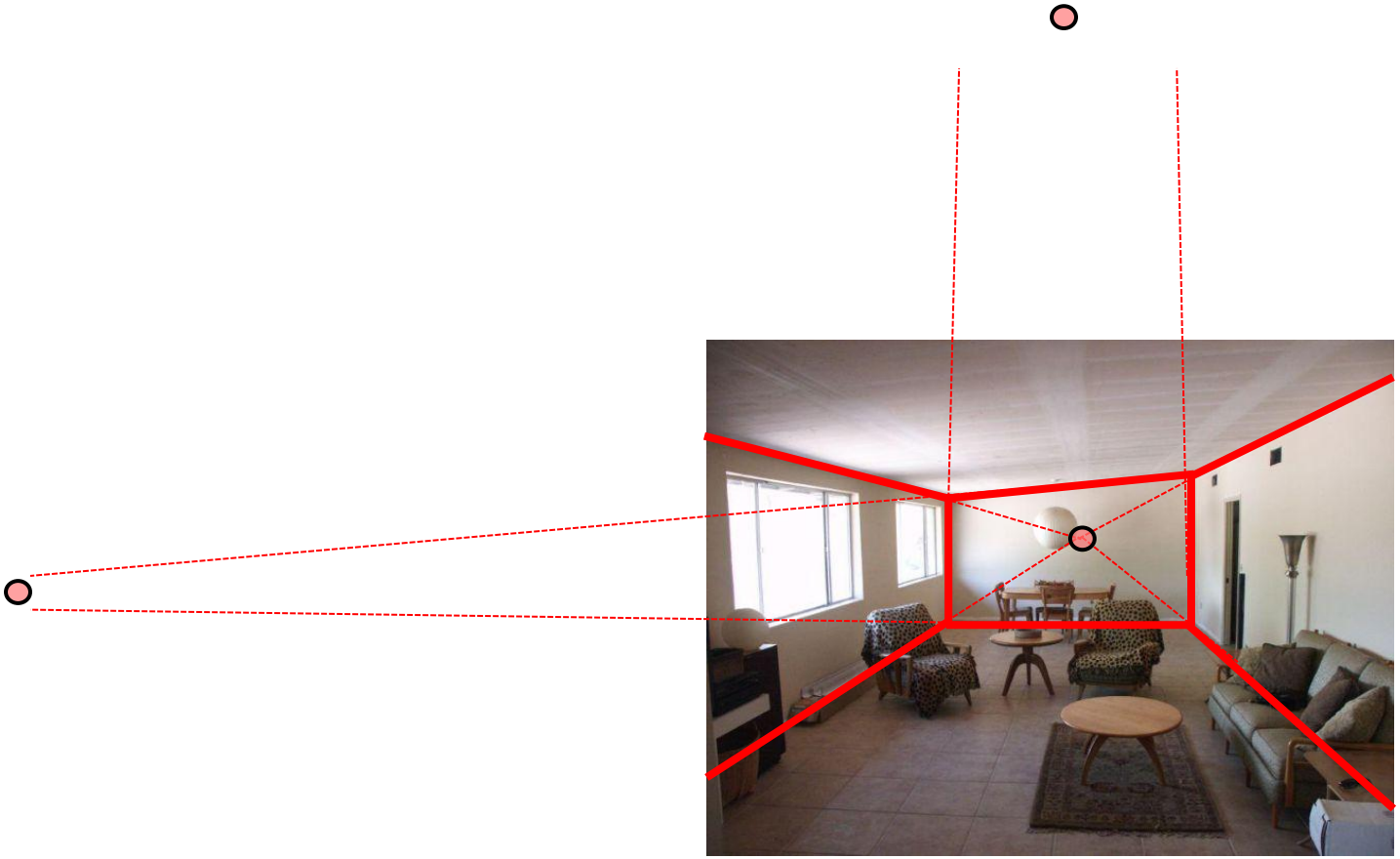
- How to represent the physical space?
  - *Requires seeing beyond the visible*

- How to estimate the physical space?
  - Requires simplified models
  - Requires learning from examples

Hedau Hoiem Forsyth, ICCV 2009

Our Box Layout

- Room is an oriented 3D box
  - Three vanishing points specify orientation
  - Two pairs of sampled rays specify position/size



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  - Two pairs of sampled rays specify position/size

Another box consistent with the same vanishing points

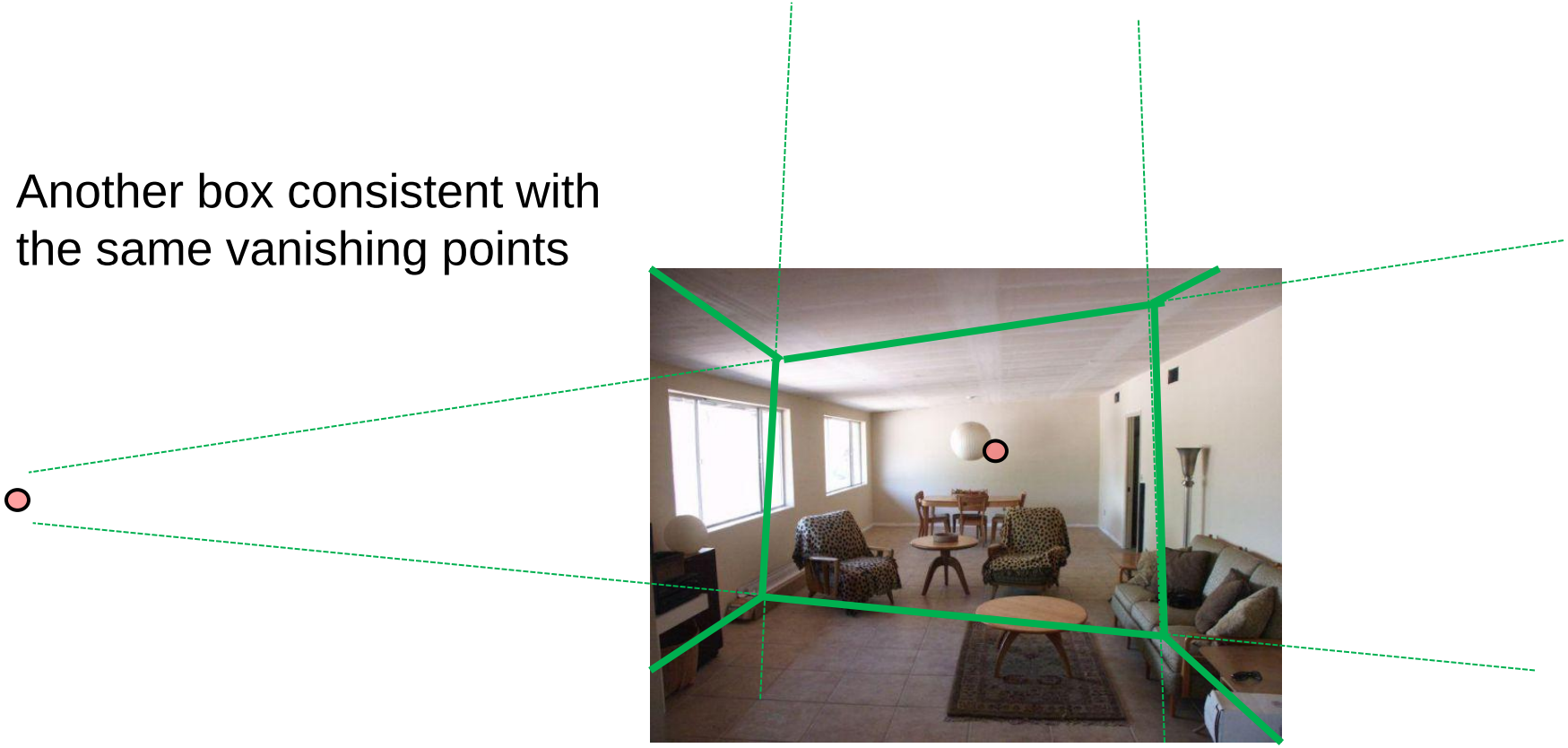
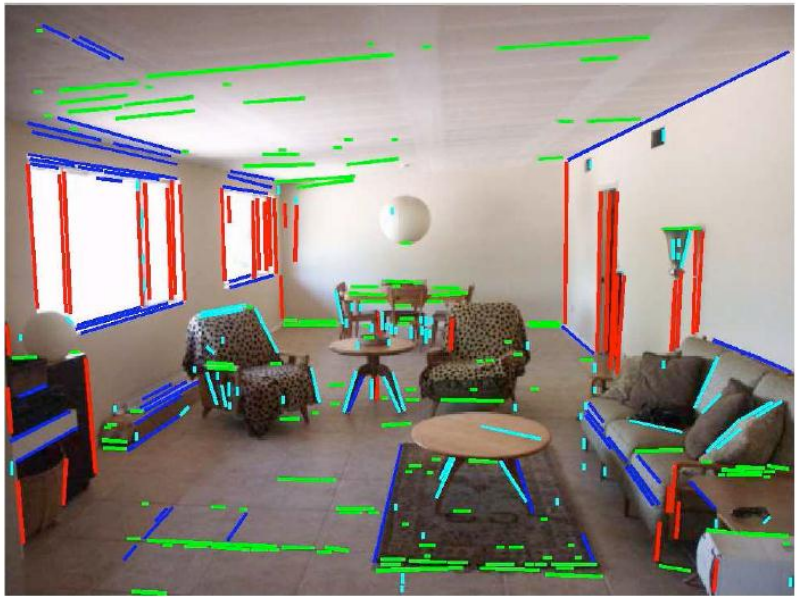
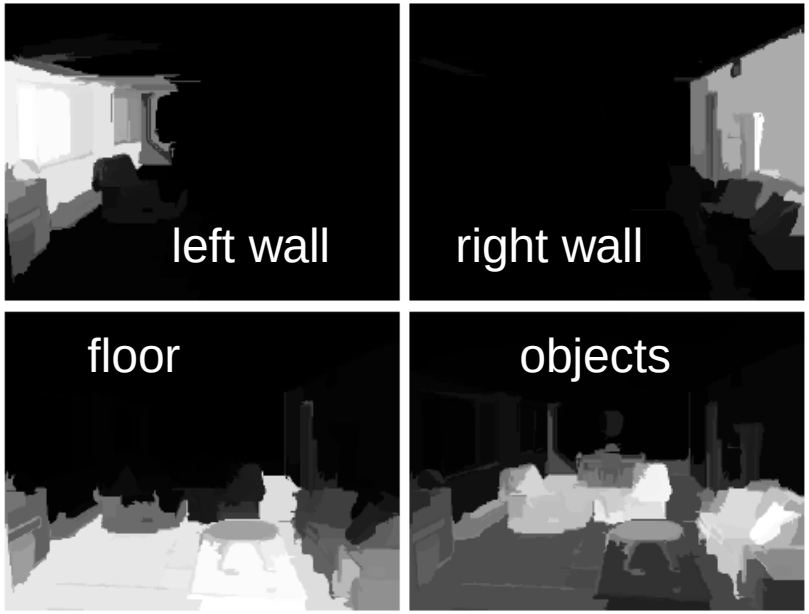


Image Cues for Box Layout

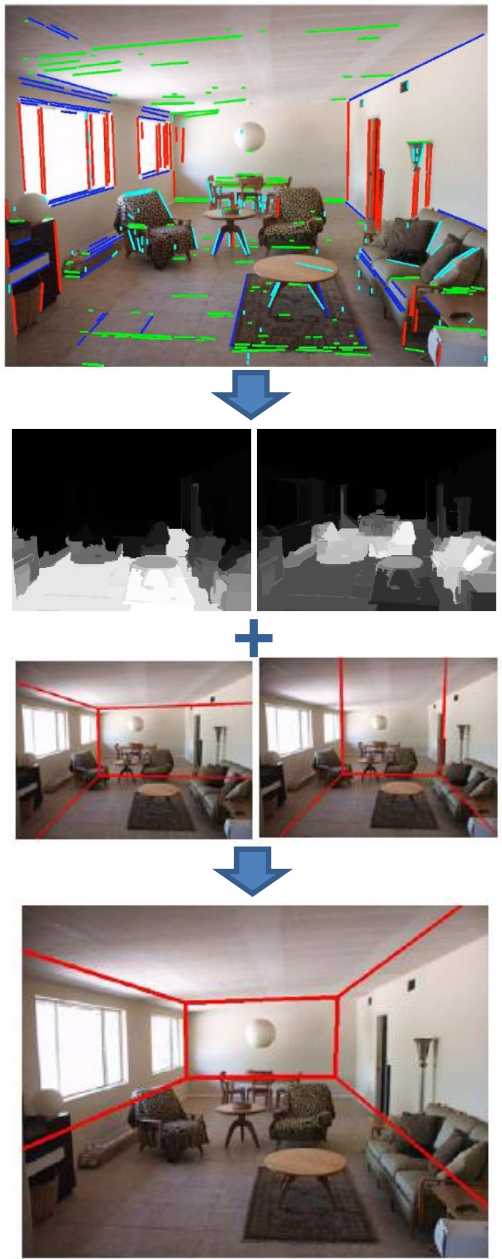
- Straight edges
  - Edges on floor/wall surfaces are usually oriented towards VPs
  - Edges on objects might mislead



- Appearance of visible surfaces
  - Floor, wall, ceiling, object labels should be consistent with box



Box Layout Algorithm



1. Detect edges
2. Estimate 3 orthogonal vanishing points
3. Apply region classifier to label pixels with visible surfaces
   - Boosted decision trees on region based on color, texture, edges, position
4. Generate box candidates by sampling pairs of rays from VPs
5. Score each box based on edges and pixel labels
   - Learn score via structured learning
6. Jointly refine box layout and pixel labels to get final estimate

Evaluation

- Dataset: 308 indoor images
  - Train with 204 images, test with 104 images

Experimental results

Detected Edges

Surface Labels

Box Layout

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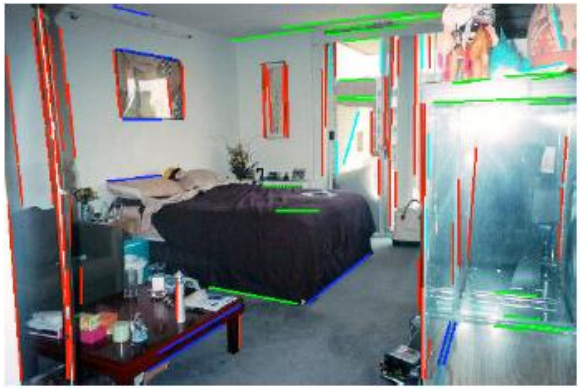

Detected Edges

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Experimental results

- Joint reasoning of surface label / box layout helps
  - Pixel error: 26.5% → 21.2%
  - Corner error: 7.4% → 6.3%
- Similar performance for cluttered and uncluttered rooms

Mini-Conclusions

- Can fit a 3D box to the rooms boundaries from one image
  - Robust to occluding objects
  - Decent accuracy, but still much room for improvement

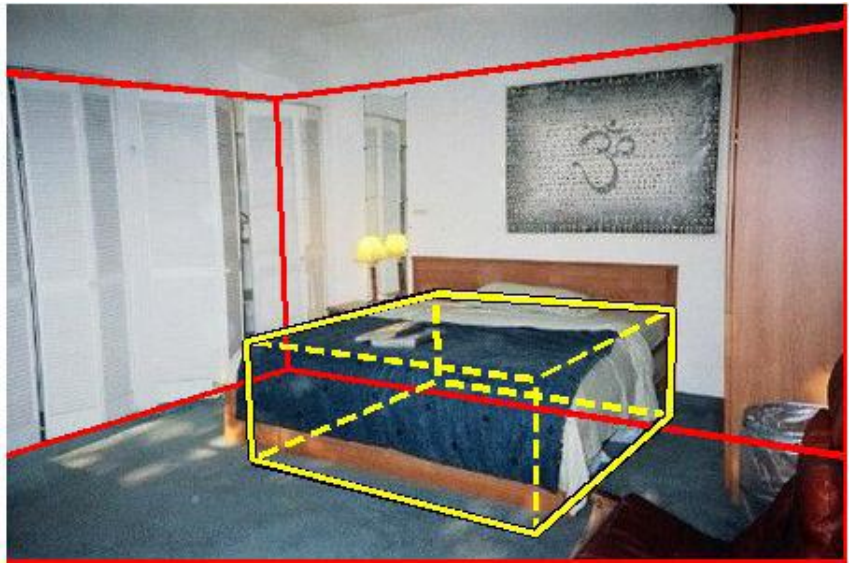
Using room layout to improve object detection

Box layout helps

1. Predict the appearance of objects, because they are often aligned with the room
2. Predict the position and size of objects, due to physical constraints and size consistency

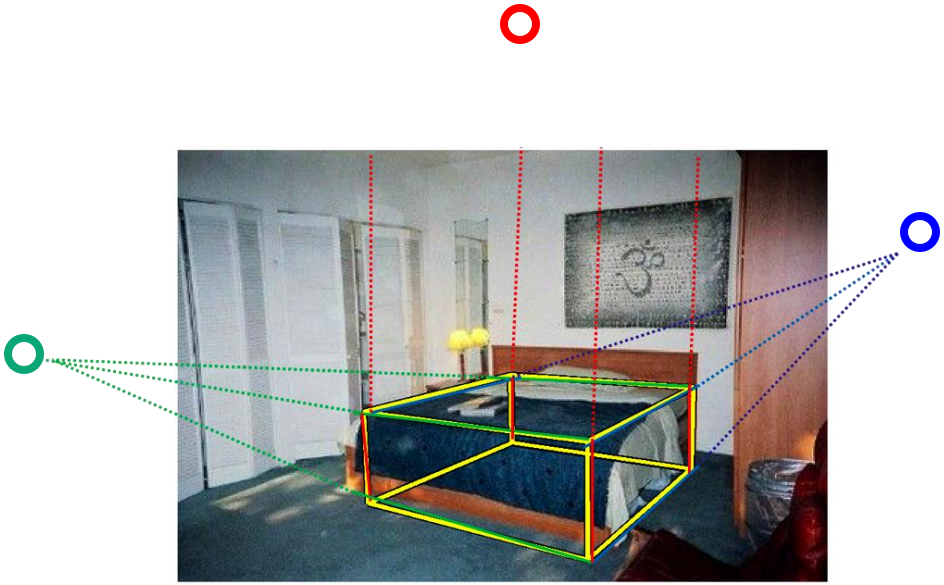
2D Bed Detection

3D Bed Detection with Scene Geometry

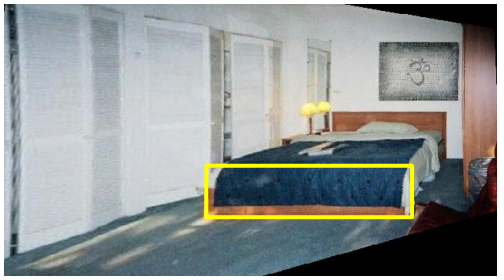


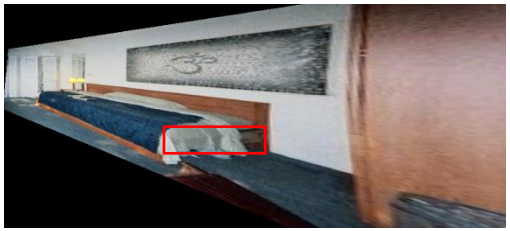
Hedau, Hoiem, Forsyth, ECCV 2010, CVPR 2012

Search for objects in room coordinates

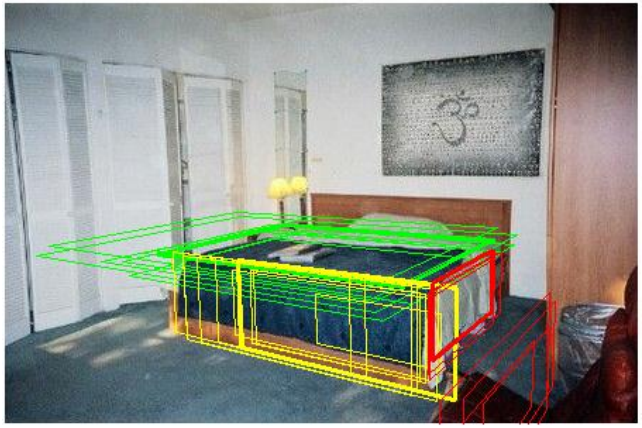


Recover Room Coordinates





Rectify Features to Room Coordinates



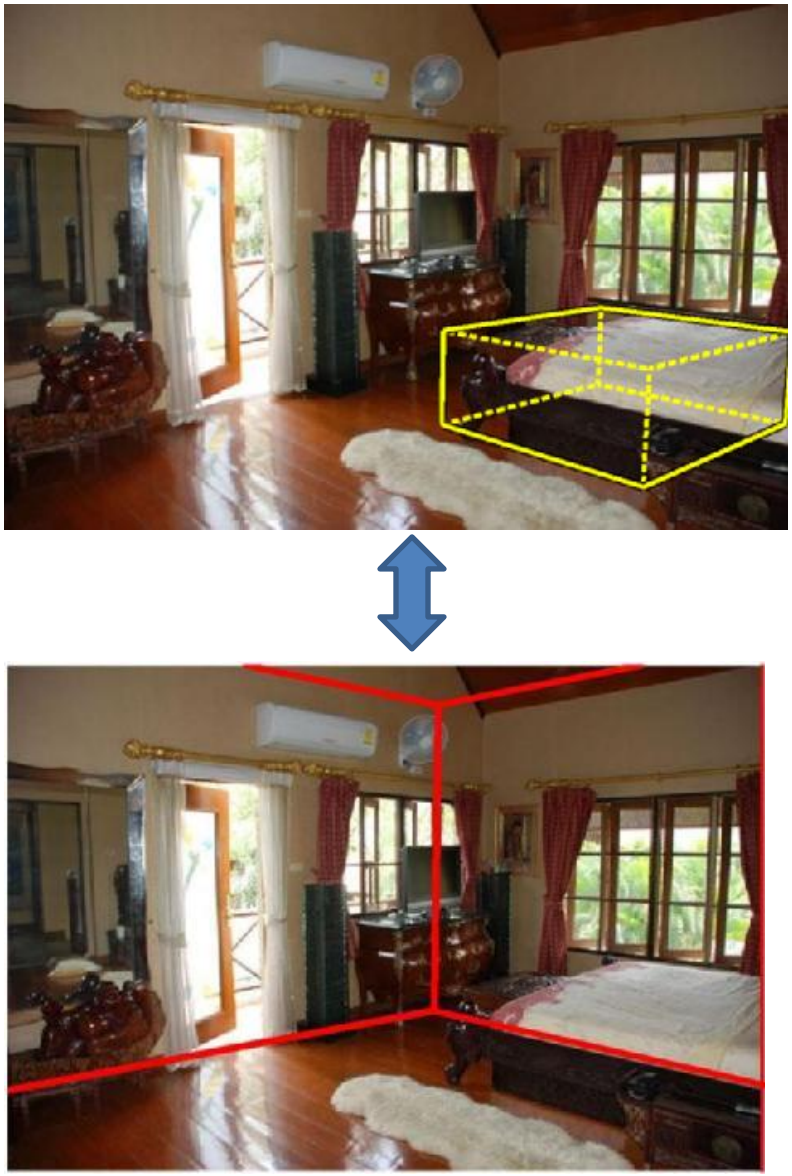
Rectified Sliding Windows

Hedau Forsyth Hoiem (2010)

Reason about 3D room and bed space

Joint Inference with Priors

- Beds close to walls
- Beds within room
- Consistent bed/wall size
- Two objects cannot occupy the same space



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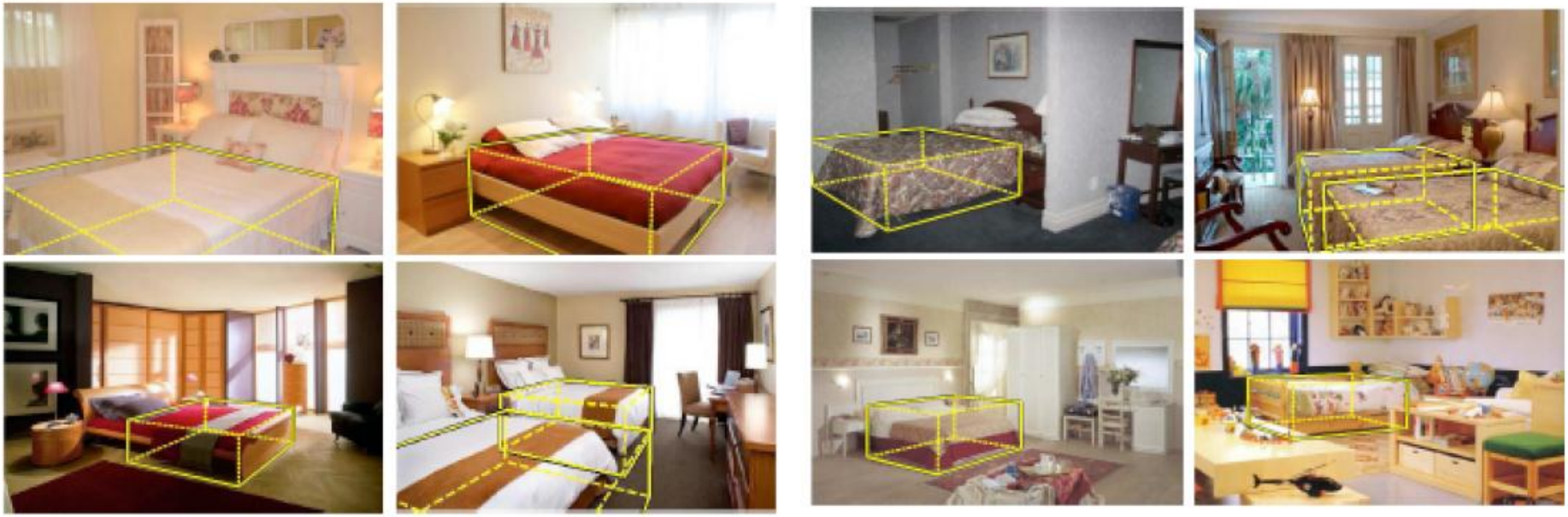
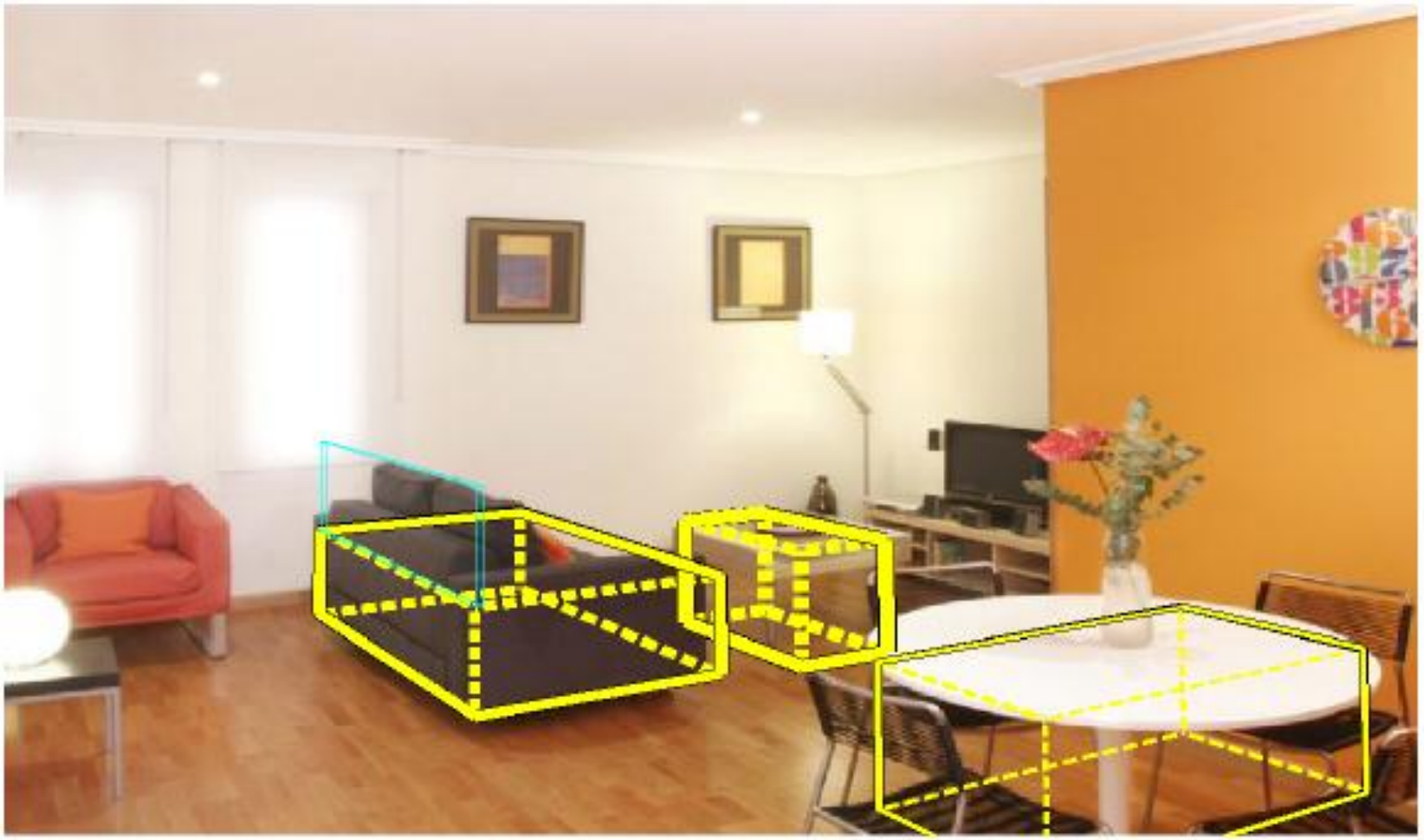
3D Bed Detection from an Image



True positives

False positives

Generic boxy object detection



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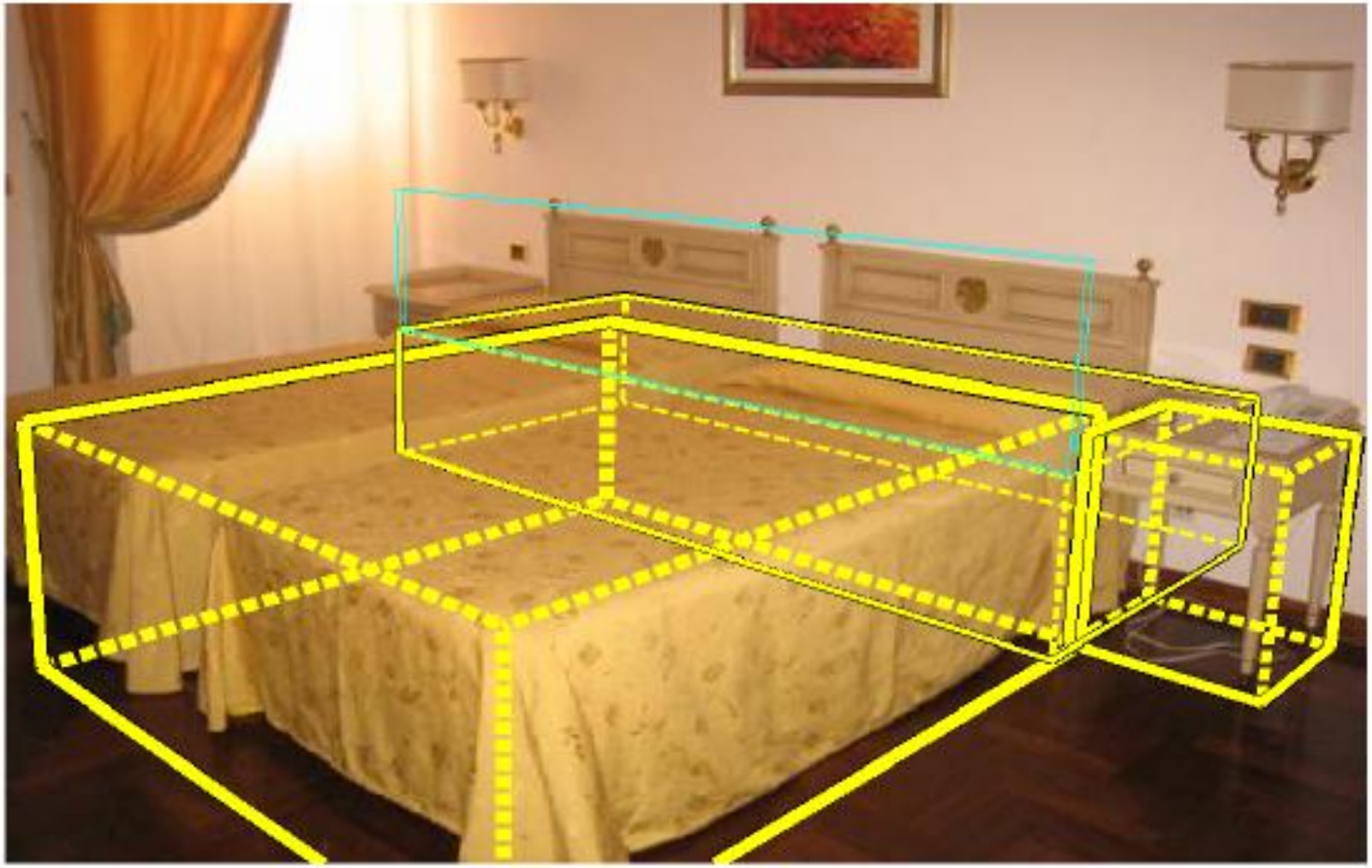

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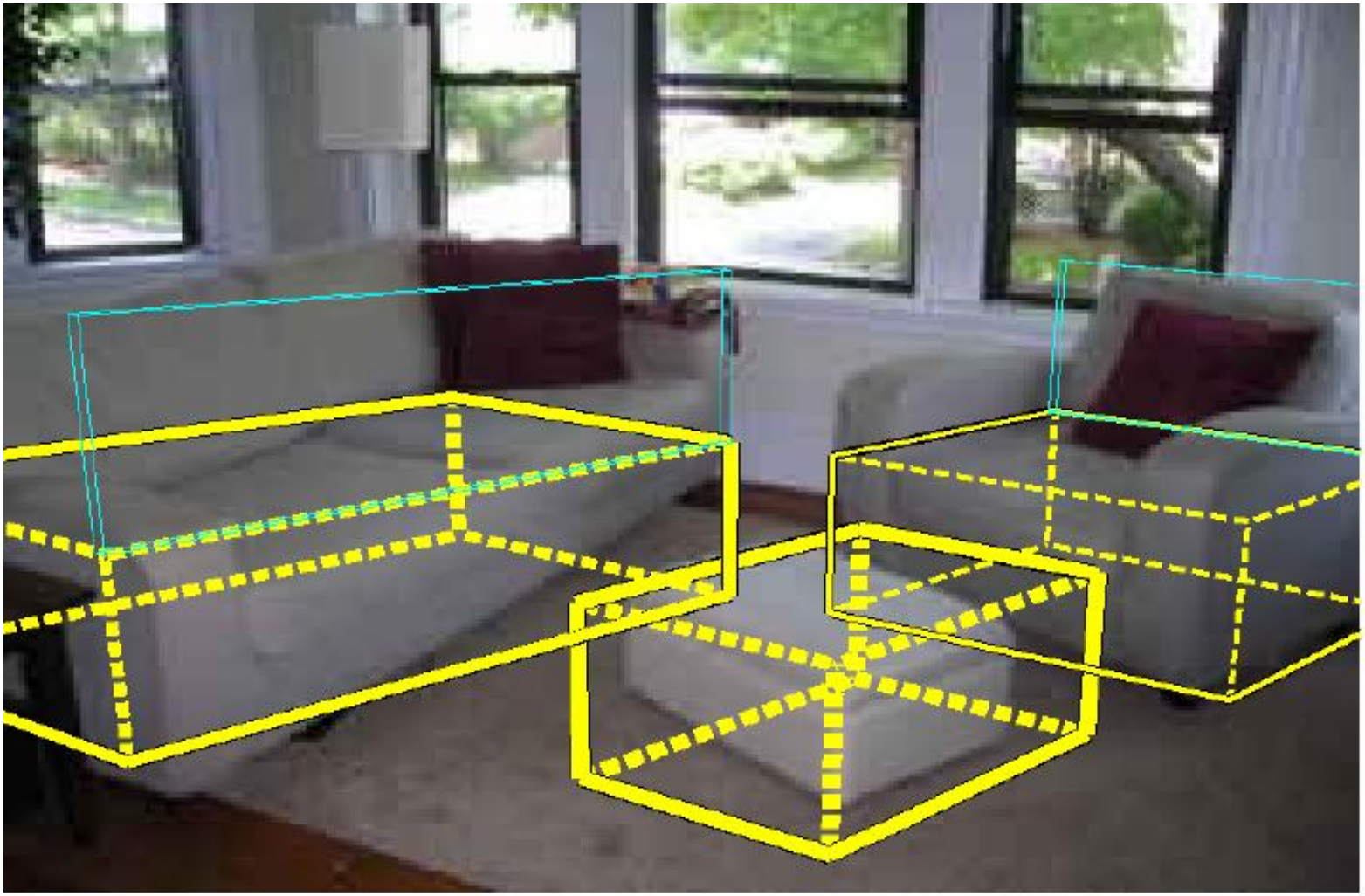
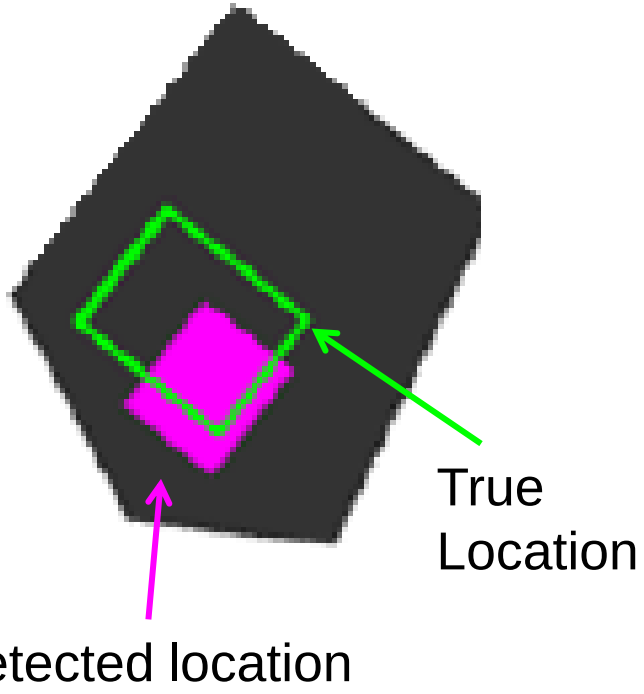


Good localization in image doesn't mean good localization in 3D

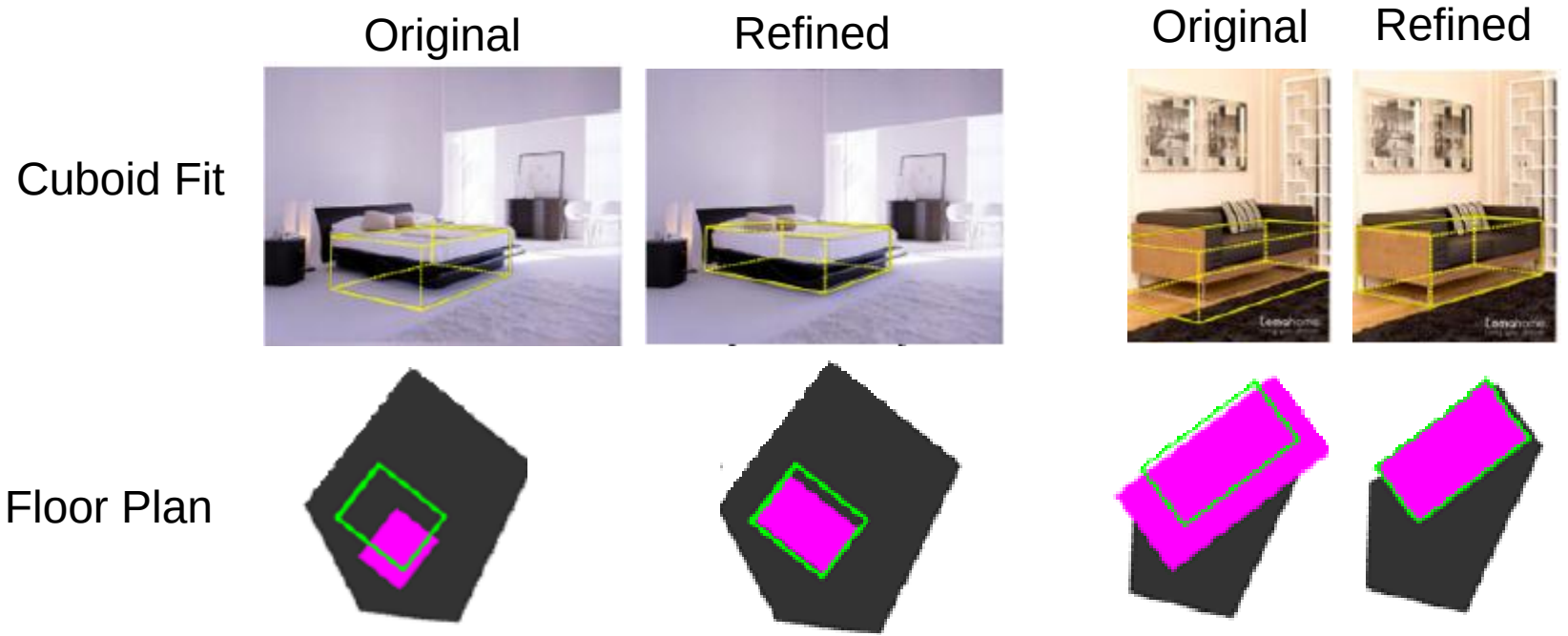
2D Cuboid Detection

Floor Plan

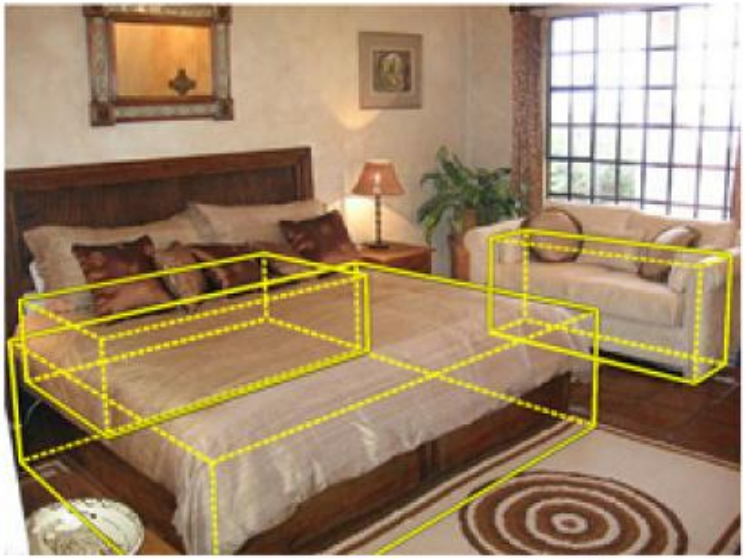


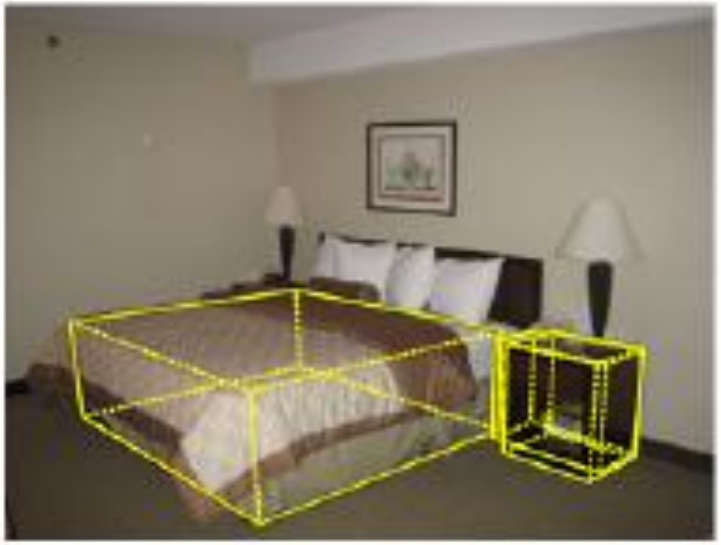
Refining 3D location

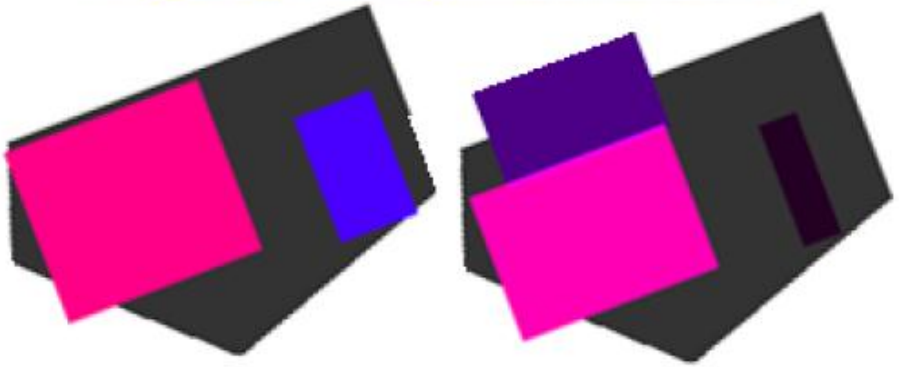
- Refit bounding box by detecting bottom edges of objects and furniture legs



3D Evaluation







Ground Truth

Estimate

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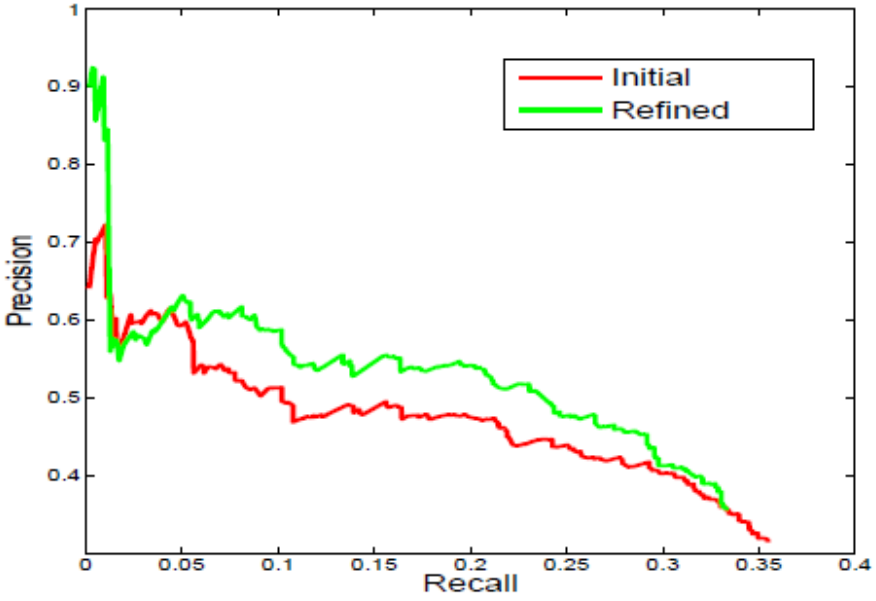
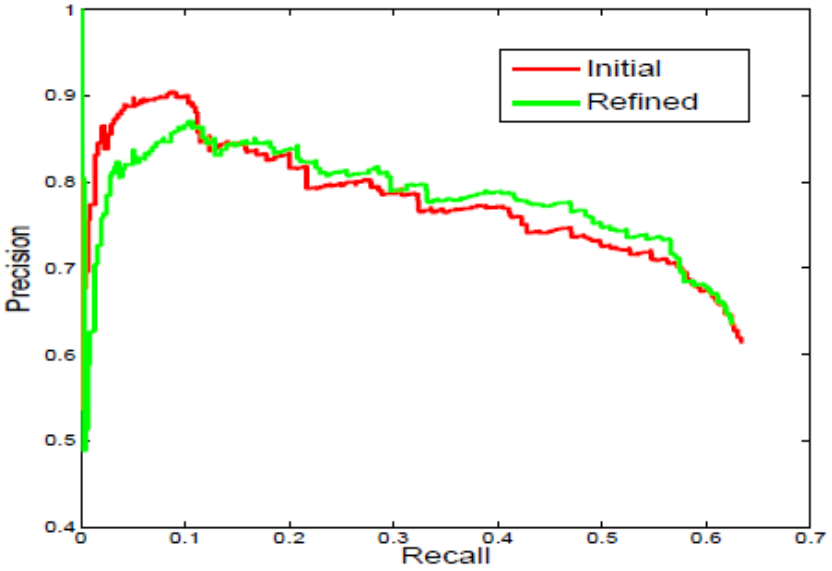
3D Evaluation

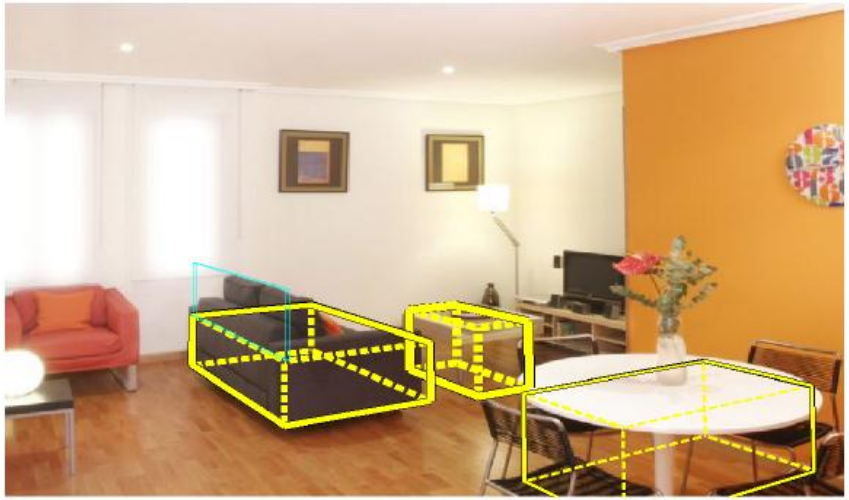
Precision-Recall for 3D Voxel Occupancy



Precision-Recall for Floor Layout



Mini-Conclusions



- Our simple room box layout helps detect objects by predicting appearance and constraining position

- We can search for objects in 3D space and directly evaluate on 3D localization

Things to remember

- Objects should be interpreted in the context of the surrounding scene
  - Many types of context to consider
- Spatial layout is an important part of scene interpretation, but many open problems
  - How to represent space?
  - How to learn and infer spatial models?
  - Important to see beyond the visible
- Consider trade-off of abstraction vs. precision

Next class: last day of class

- HW 5 returned
- Overview of vision
- Important open research problems
- Feedback / ICES forms