

# Mid-level Image Editing with PatchMatch

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Painting by Rado Javor

20x speed



Essentials

Color Swatches

Adjustments Styles

Add an adjustment

Layers Channels Paths

Kind Opacity 100%

Normal Opacity 100%

Lock Fill 100%

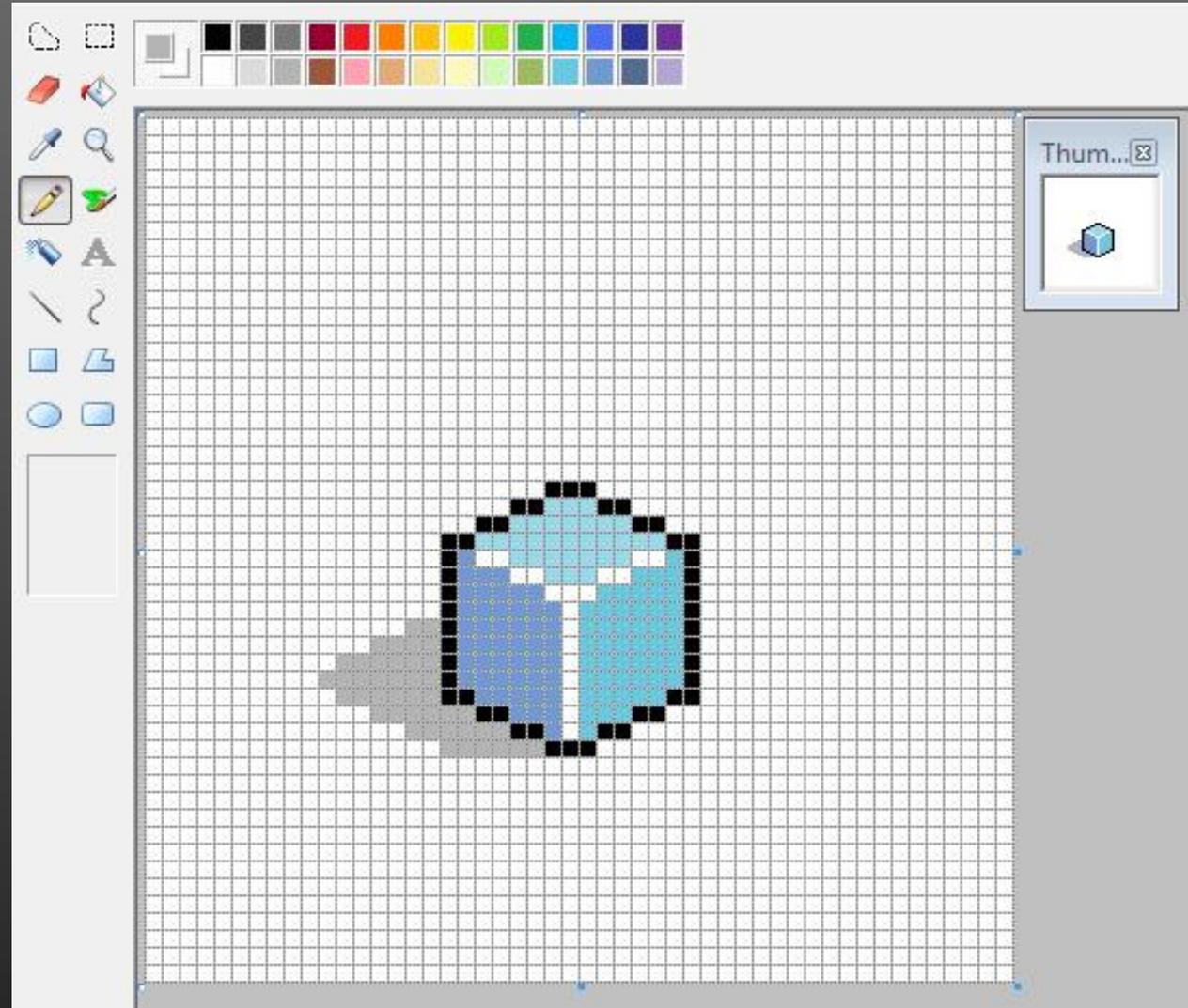
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Background



THE WILD  
LUCAS RODRIGUEZ

# Why is Content Creation Hard?



# Why Does it Matter?



Movies



Games



Graphic Design

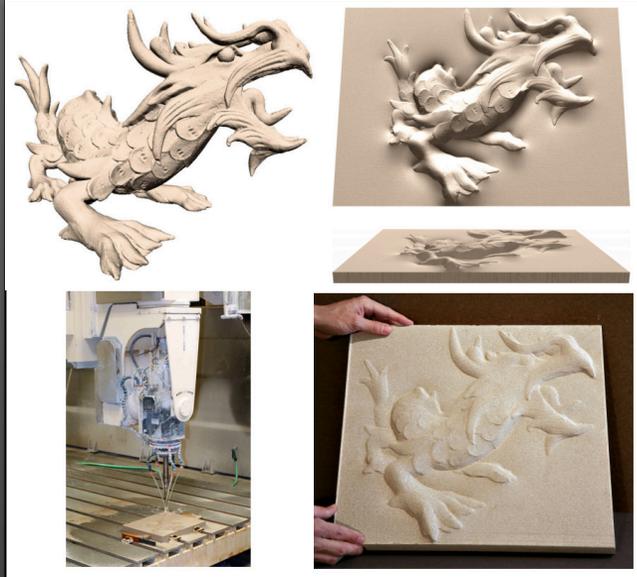


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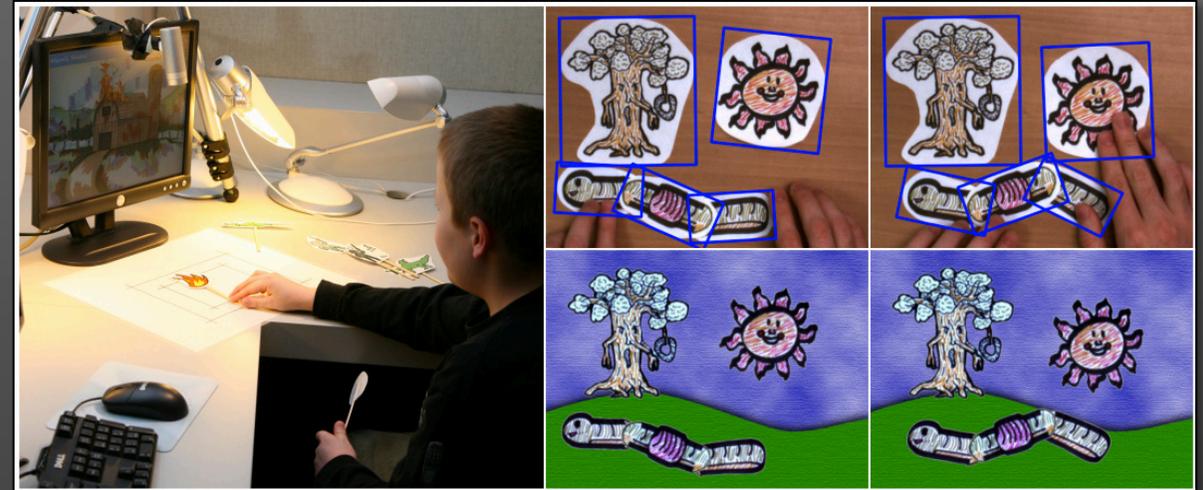
# Research Goals

- Easier for everyone to create content
- Smarter tools with an understanding of images
- Strategies:
  - Exploit statistics of the natural world
  - Mid level (patch) image manipulation

# Other Research Projects



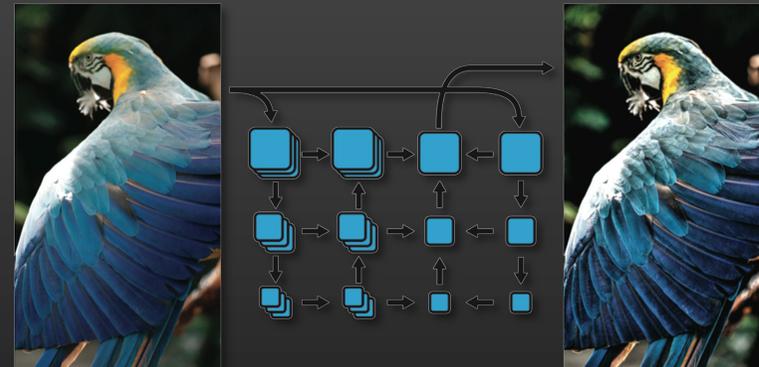
[Digital Bas-Relief from 3D Scenes, SIGGRAPH '07]



[Video Puppetry, A Performative... SIGGRAPH Asia '08]



[RealBrush, under review, Jingwan Lu at Princeton]



Tuned C++: 262 lines  
Halide: 52 lines

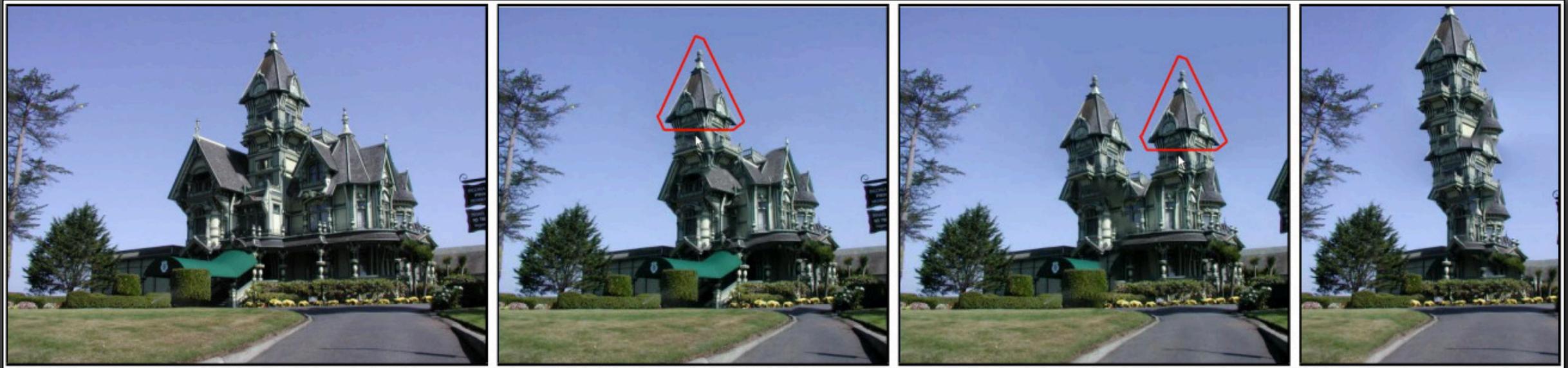
Expert, quad-core x86: 157 ms  
Halide, quad-core x86: 86 ms

Halide, GPU: 21 ms

5x shorter, 2-7x faster

[Optimizing Parallelism, Locality, ..., ACM PLDI '13]

# This Talk: PatchMatch

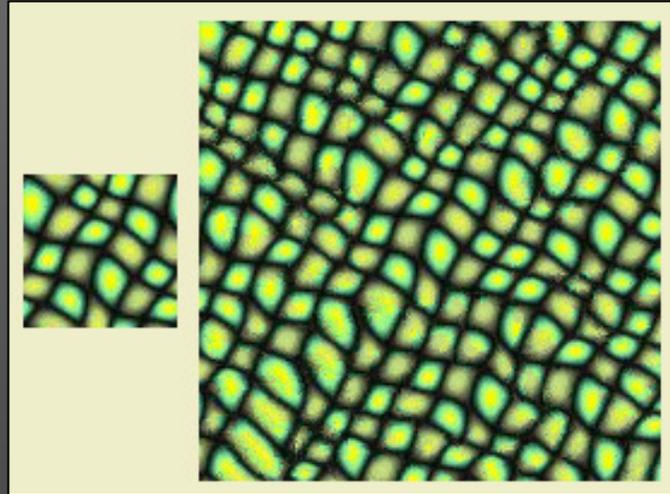


Input Photograph

Synthesized Output with User Constraints

*[Barnes et al, PatchMatch: A Randomized Correspondence Algorithm, SIGGRAPH '09]*

# Previous Work: Texture and Patches



*[Efros and Leung '99]*

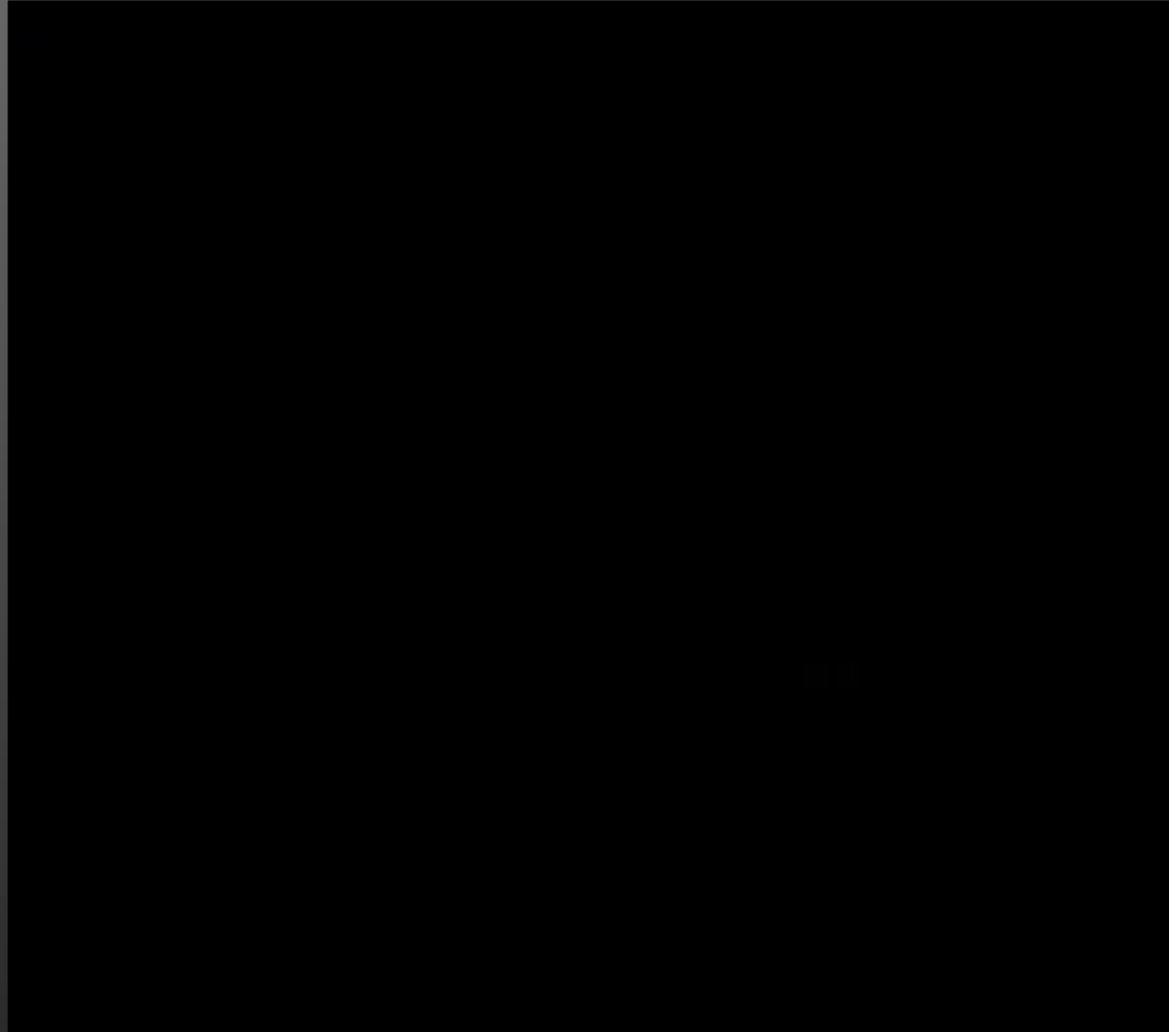


*[Efros and Freeman '01]*



*[Hertzmann et al '01]*

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[Photoshop demos]

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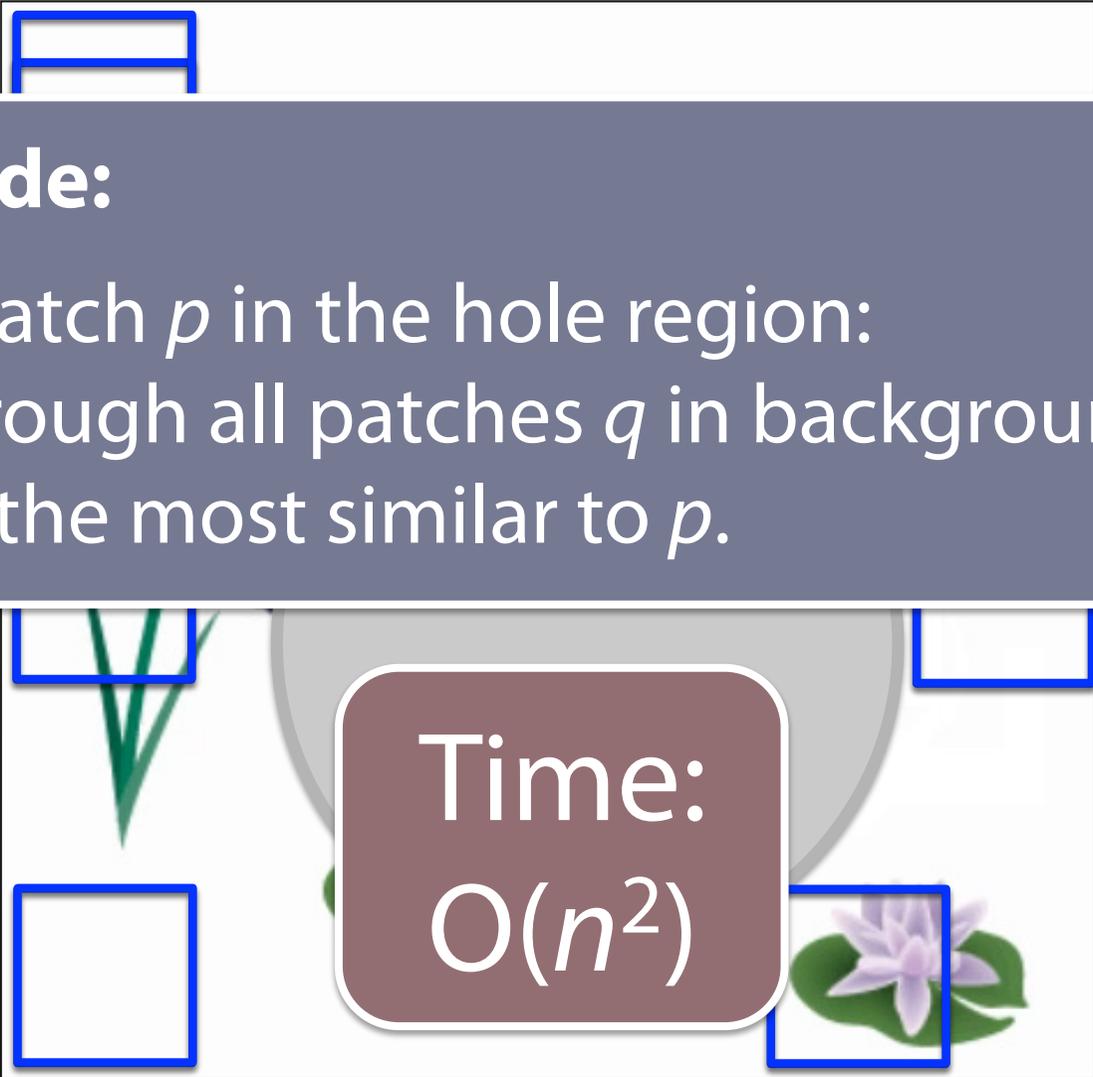
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# Intuition for Automatic Hole Filling



**Pseudocode:**

For each patch  $p$  in the hole region:

    Loop through all patches  $q$  in background region;

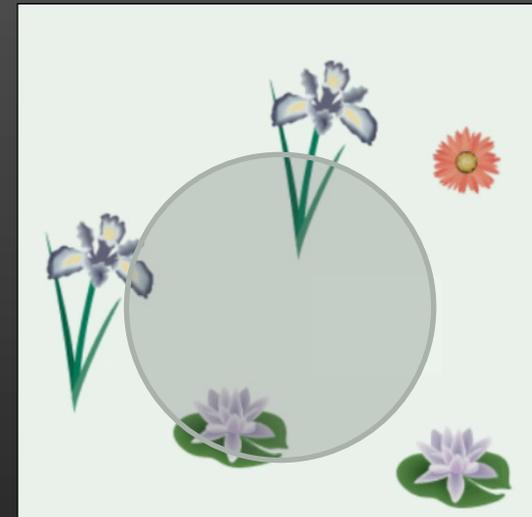
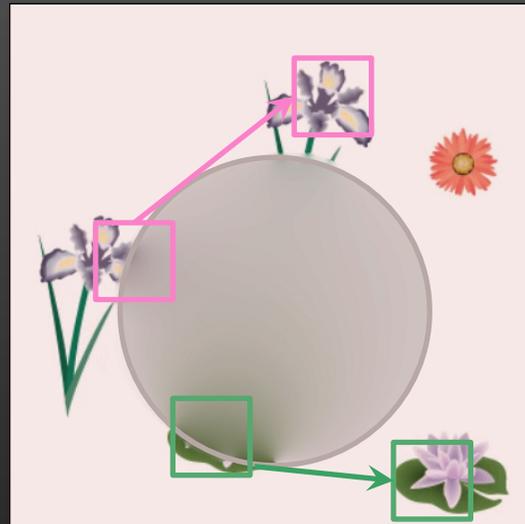
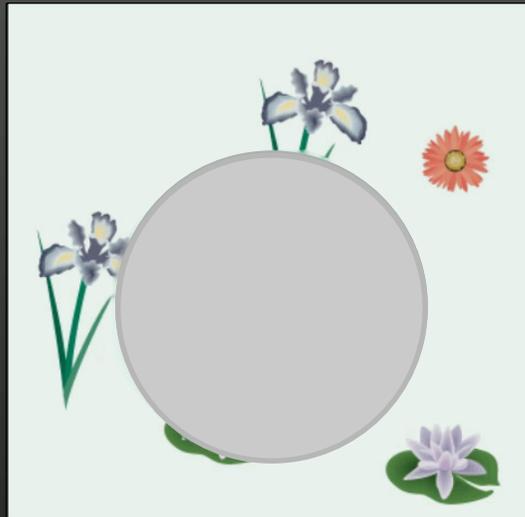
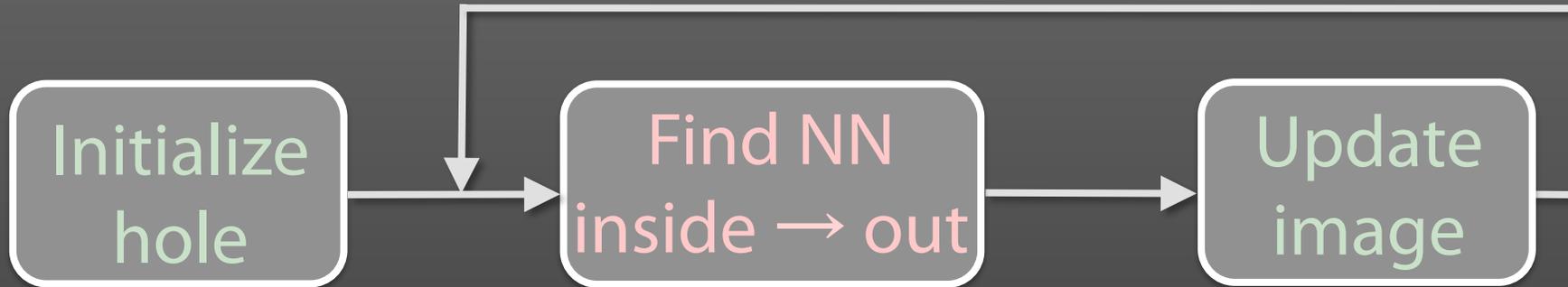
    Find the most similar to  $p$ .

Time:

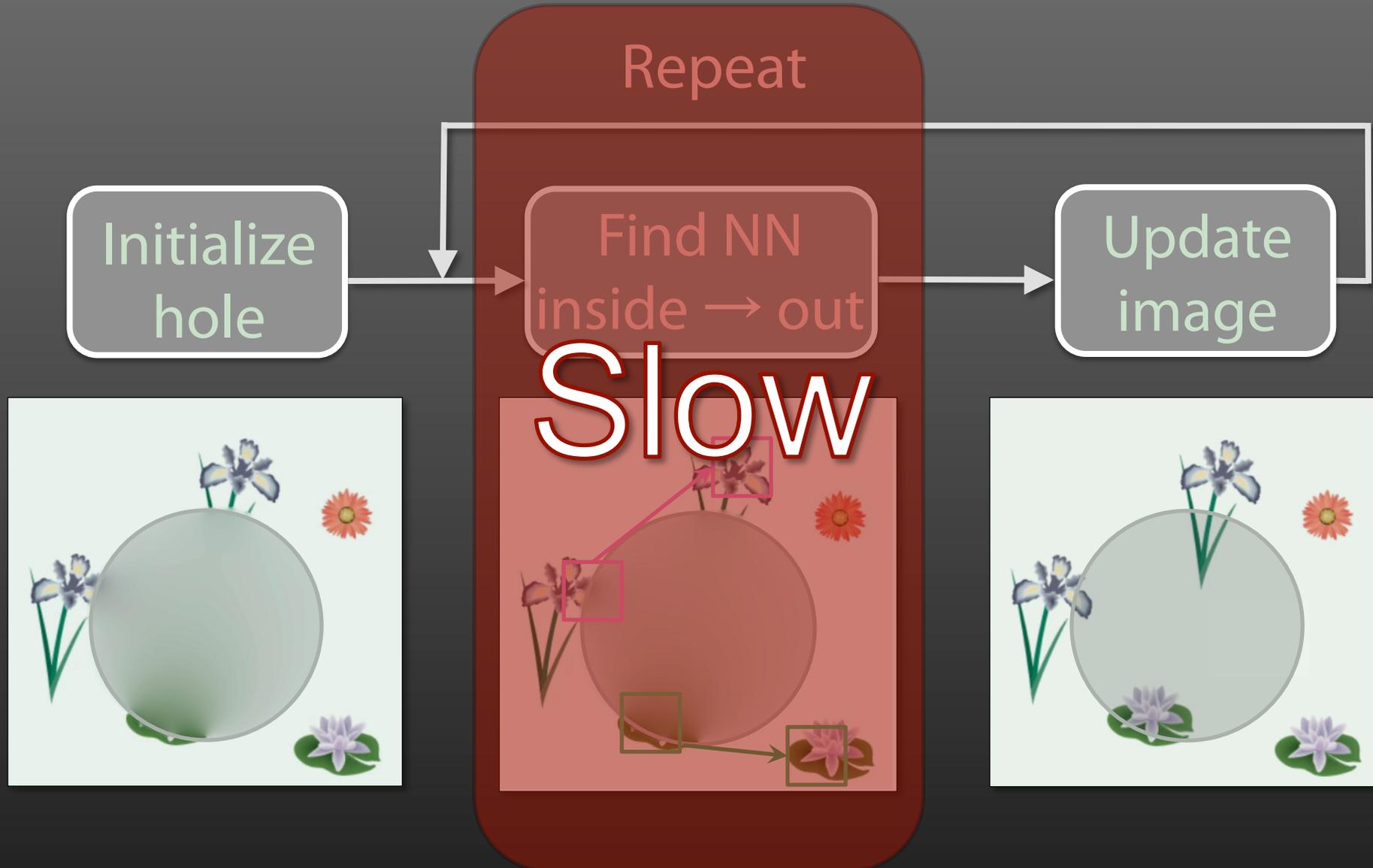
$O(n^2)$

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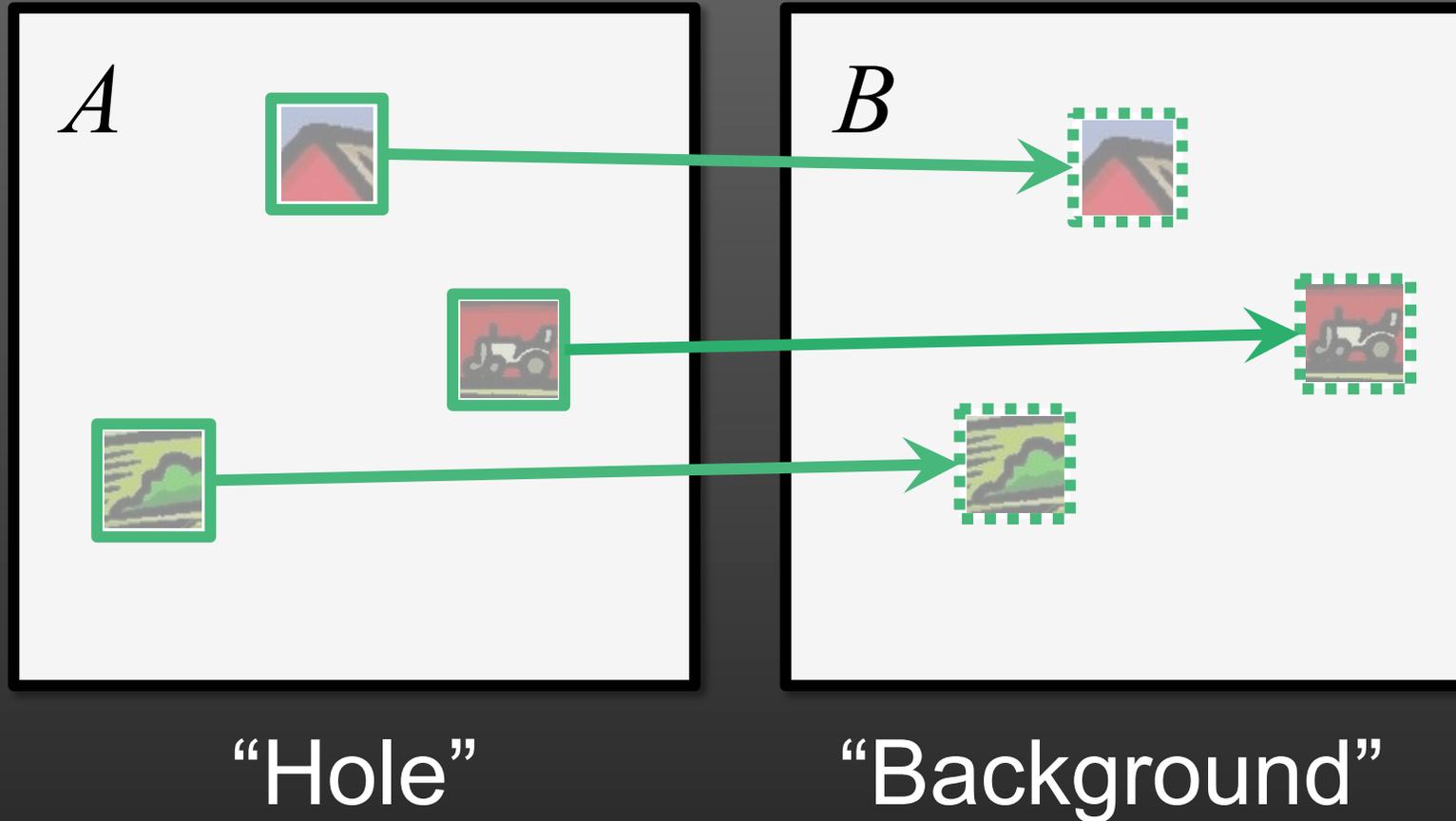
Repeat



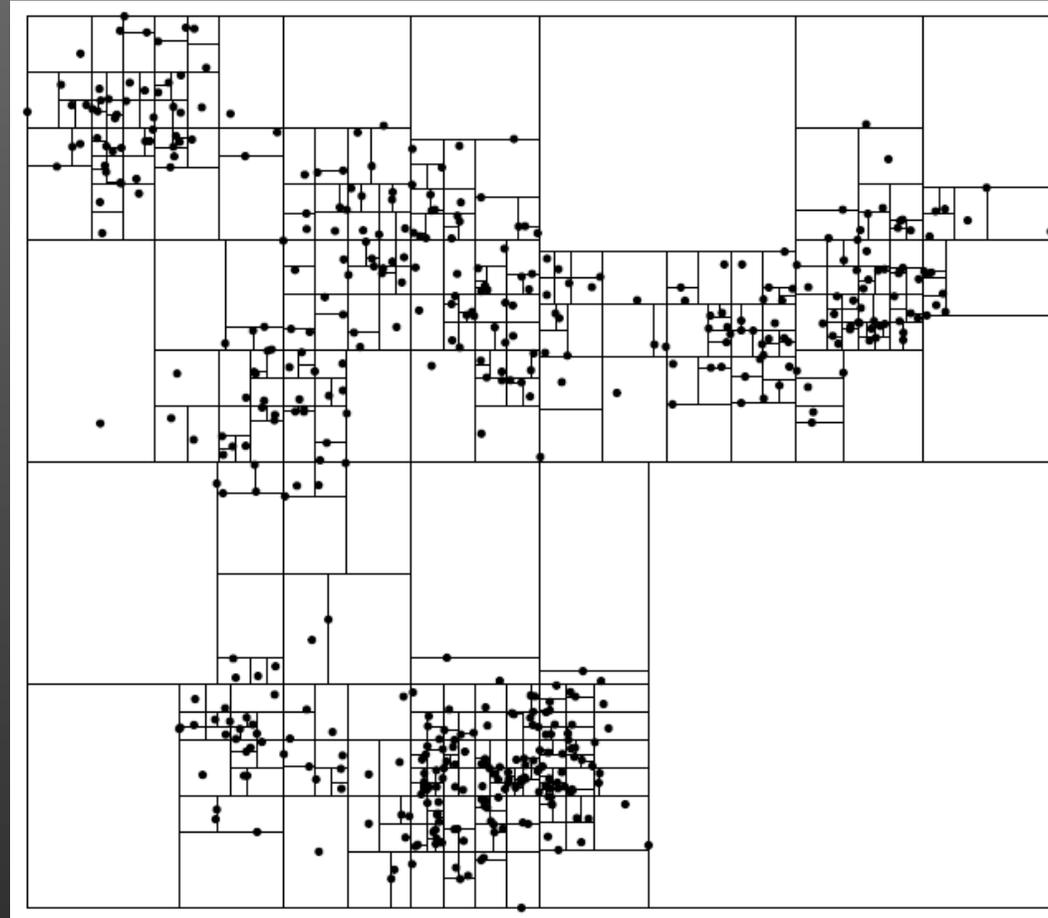
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# Problem



# Previous Work



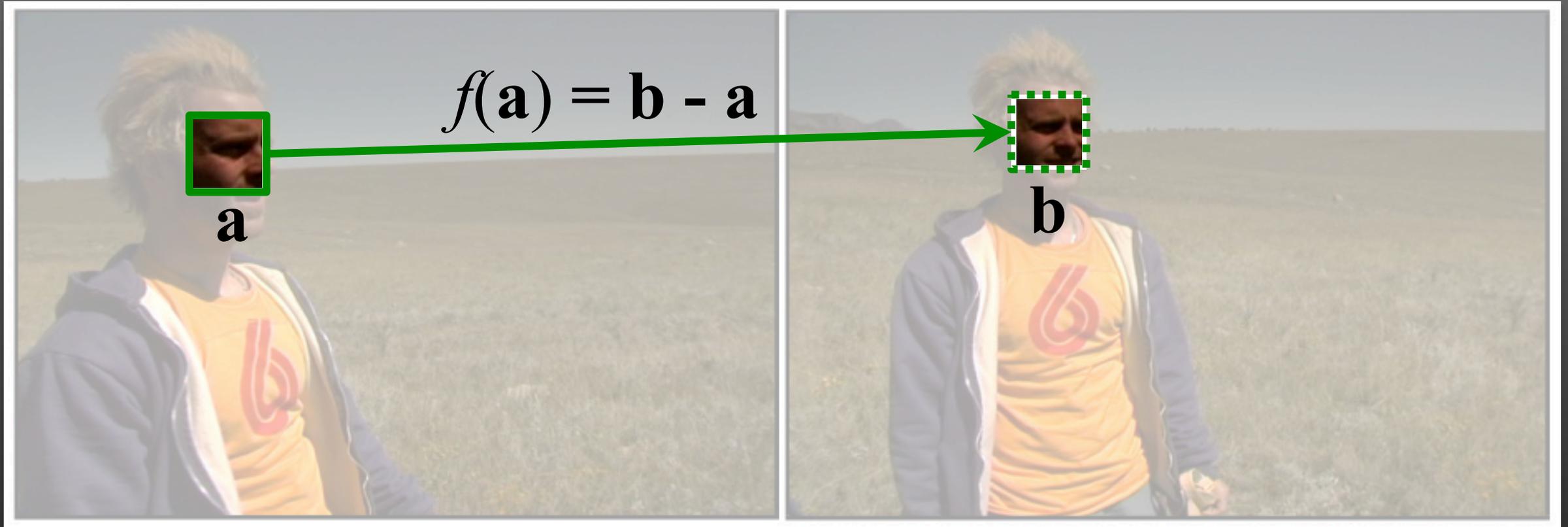
Time:  
 $O(n \log n)$

*kd*-tree with PCA  
[Hertzmann '01]

# Observation about Image Statistics



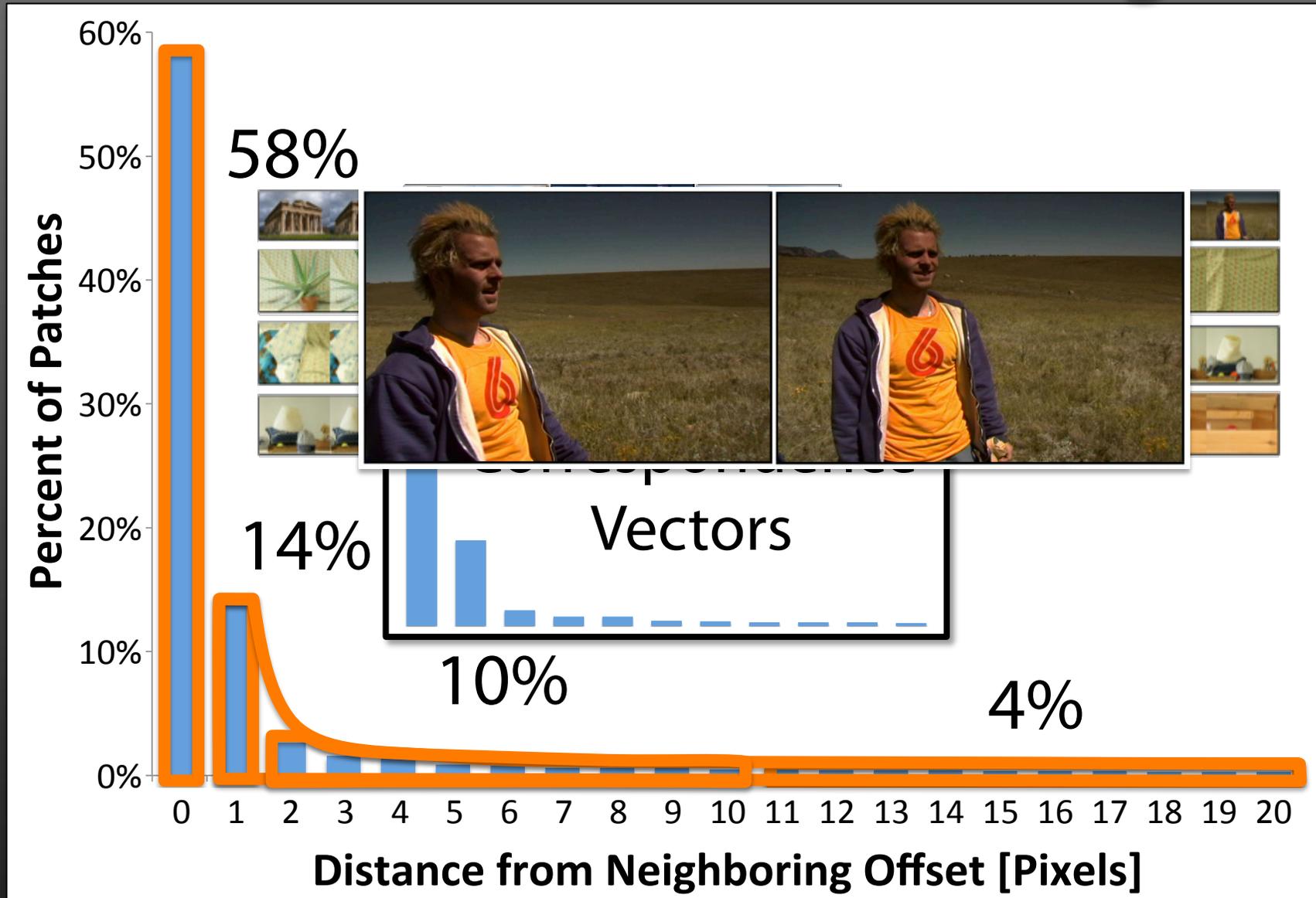
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# Use Statistics to Make Fast Algorithm

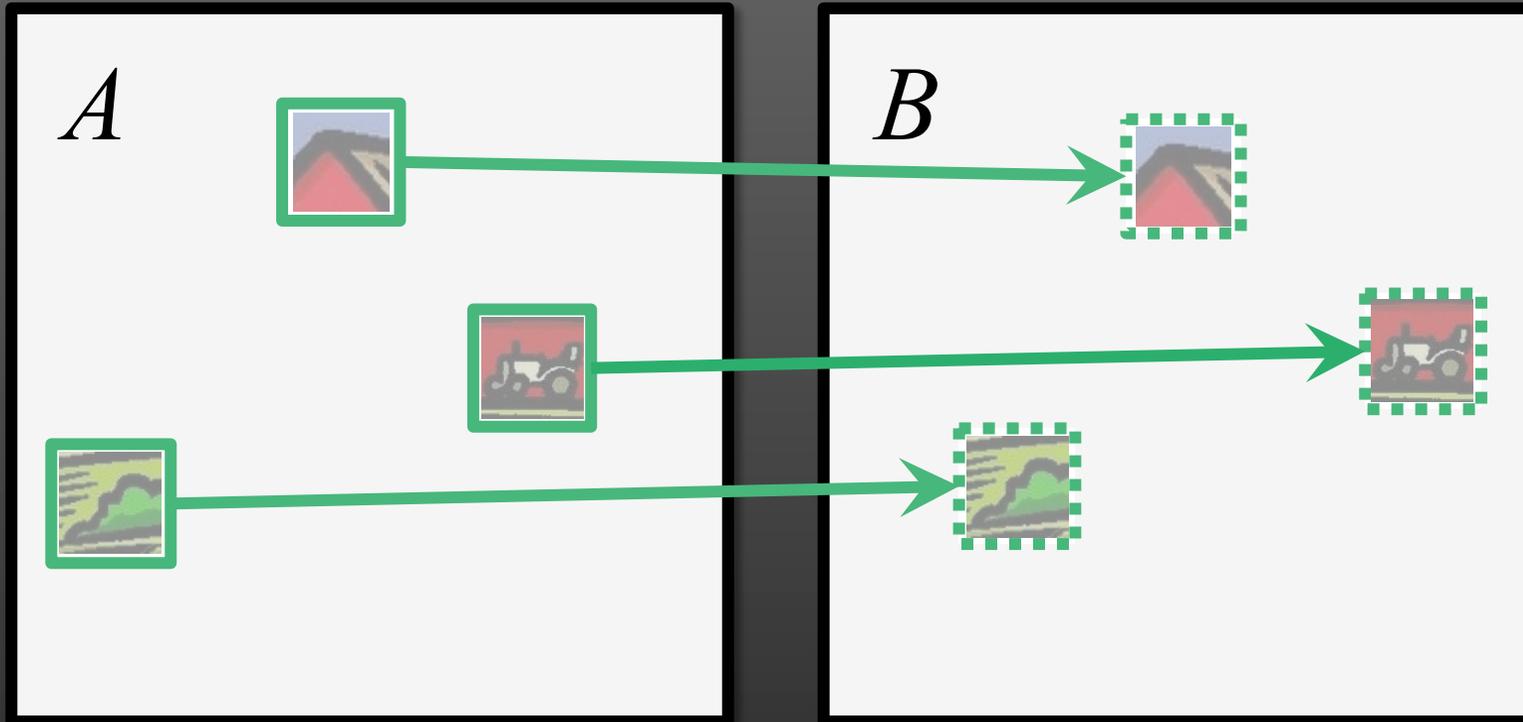


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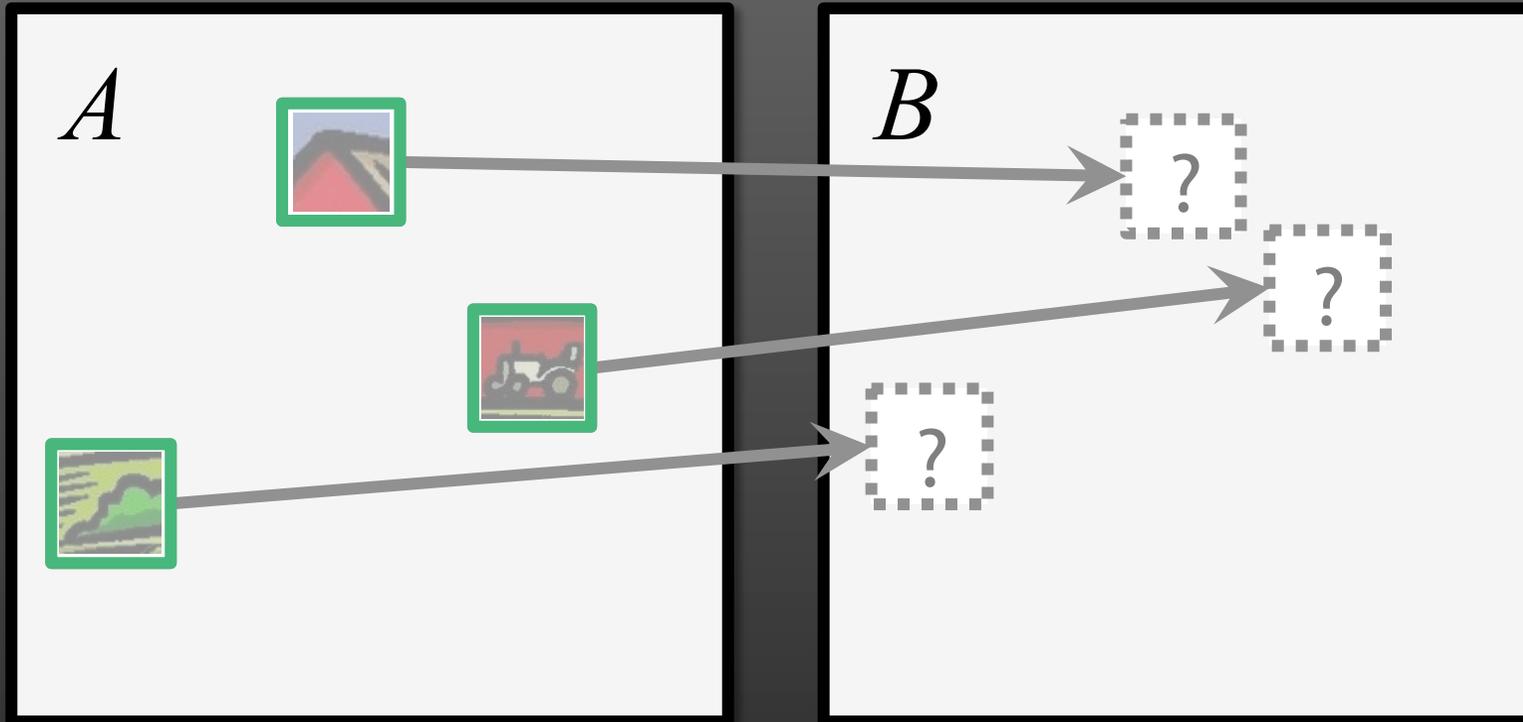
# Matching: Translation Only

Distribution of  
Correspondence  
Vectors



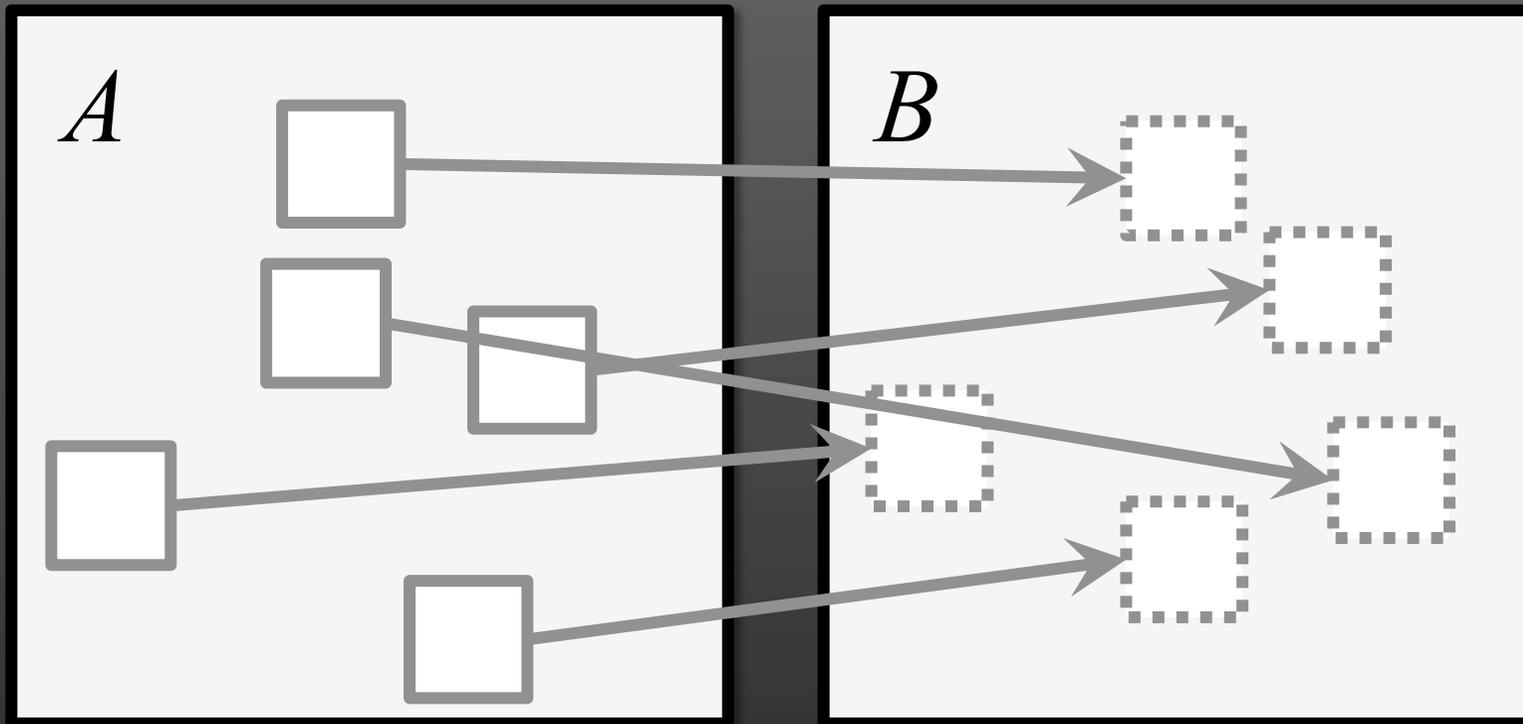
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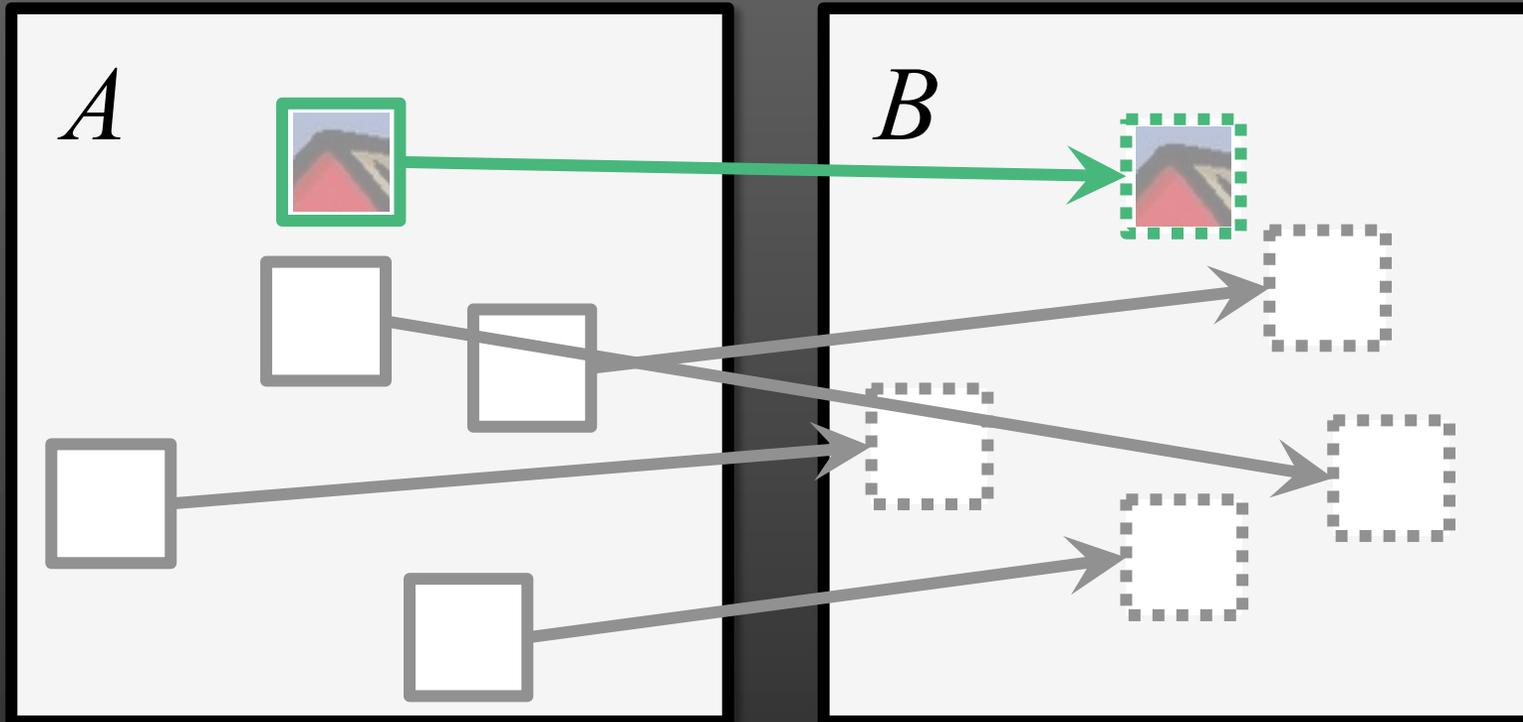
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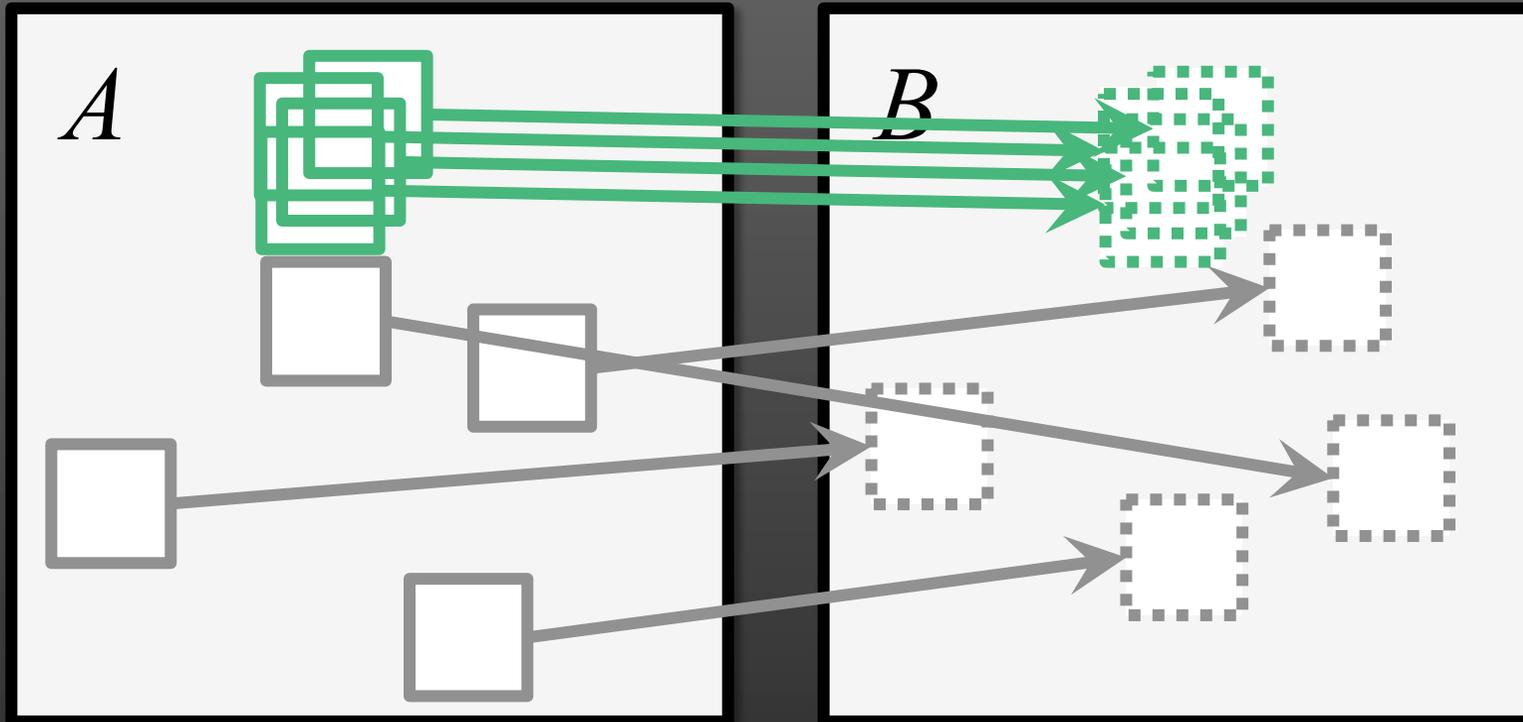
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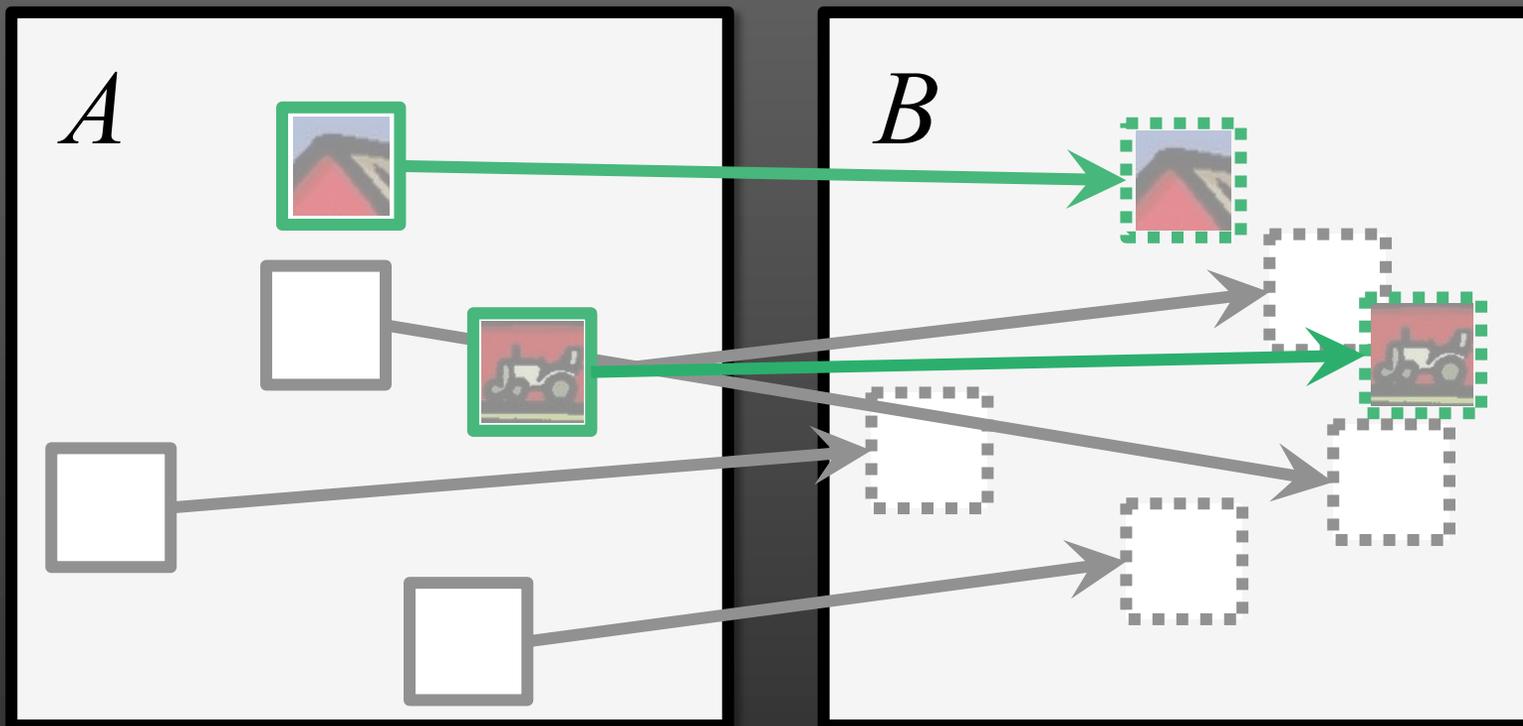
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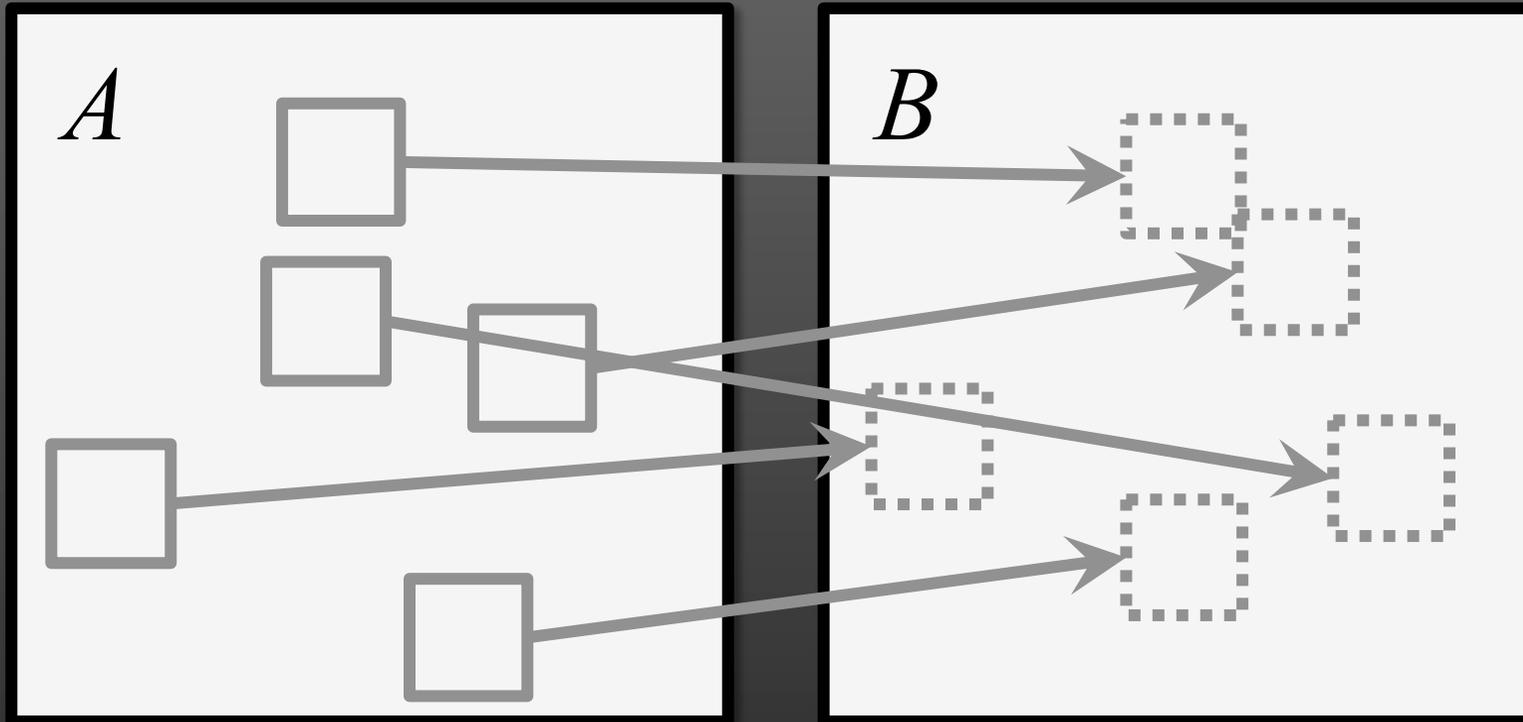
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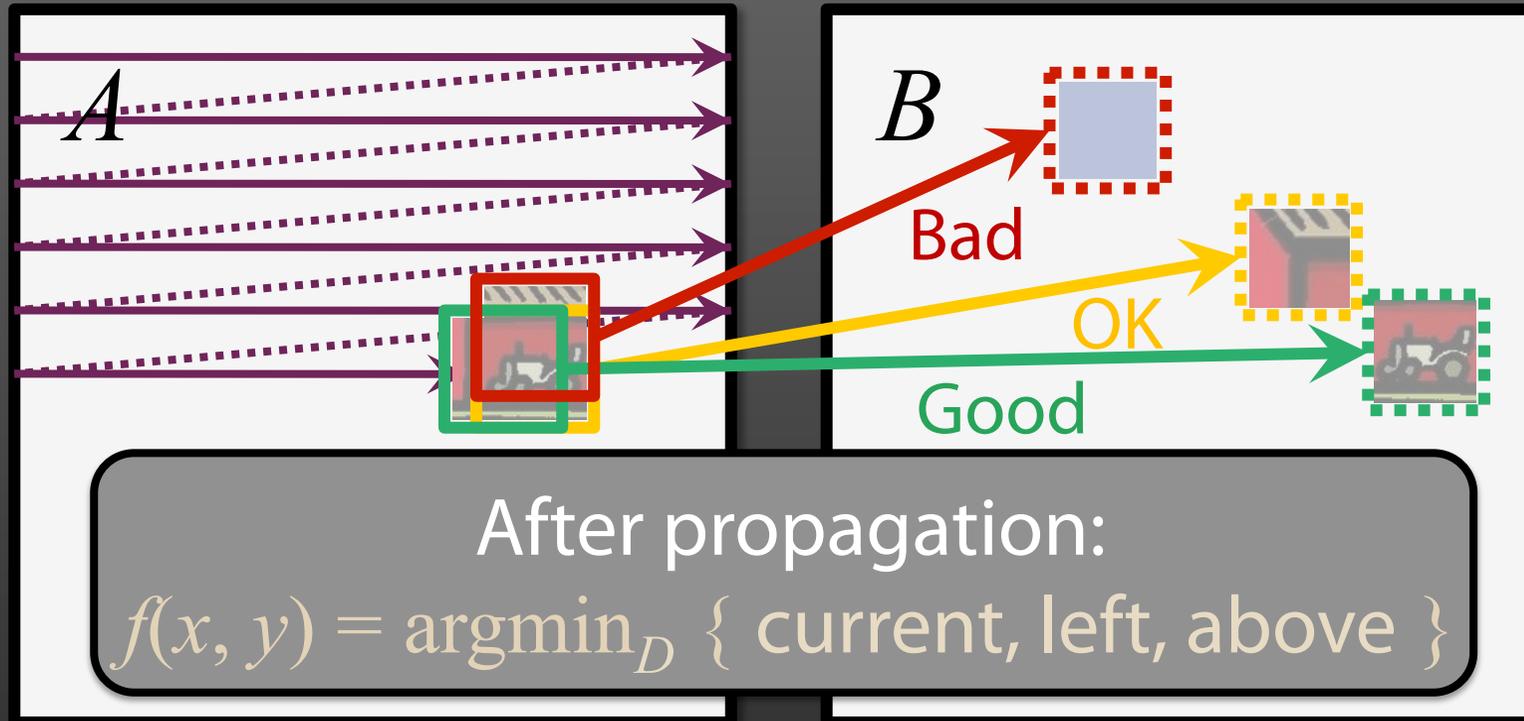
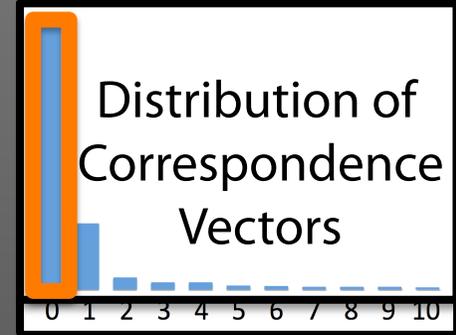


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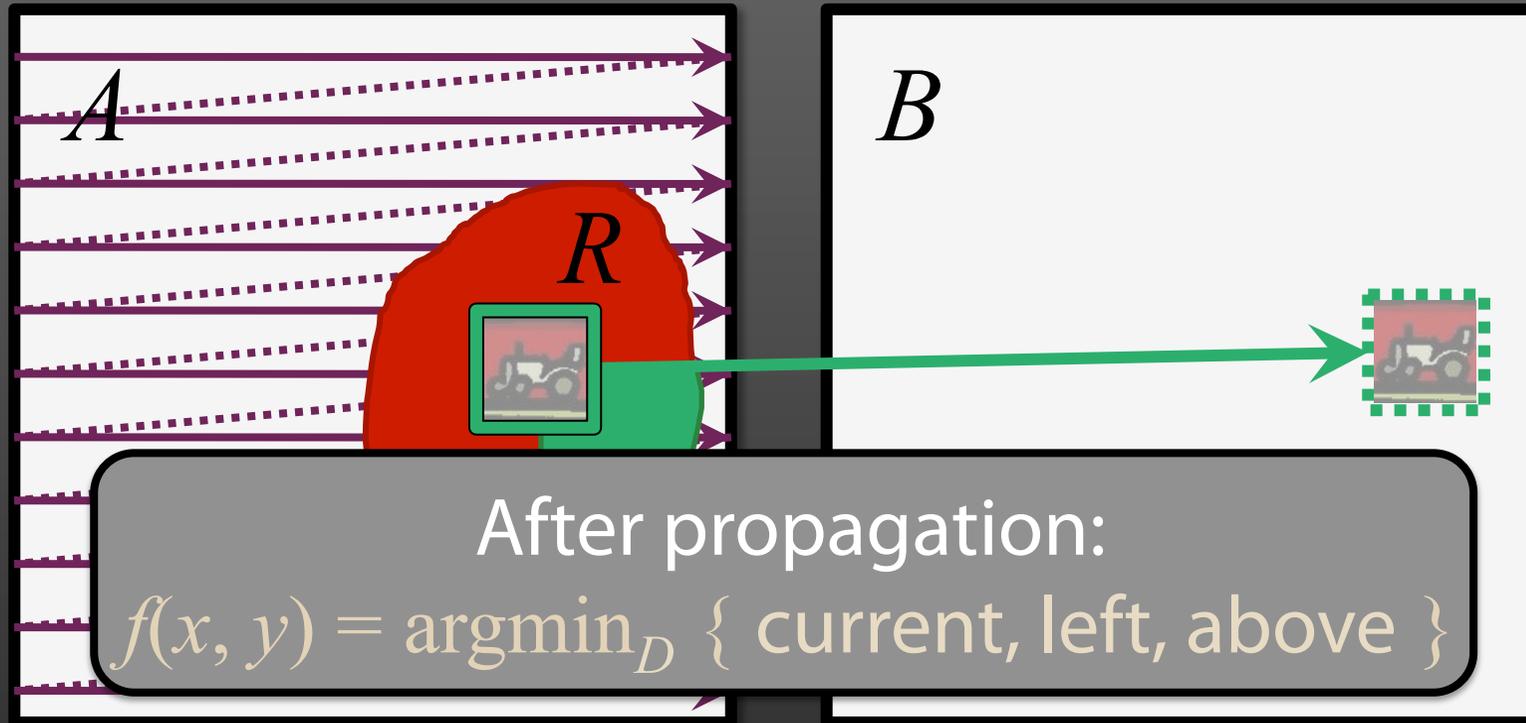
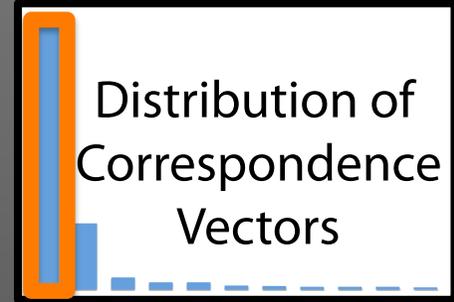
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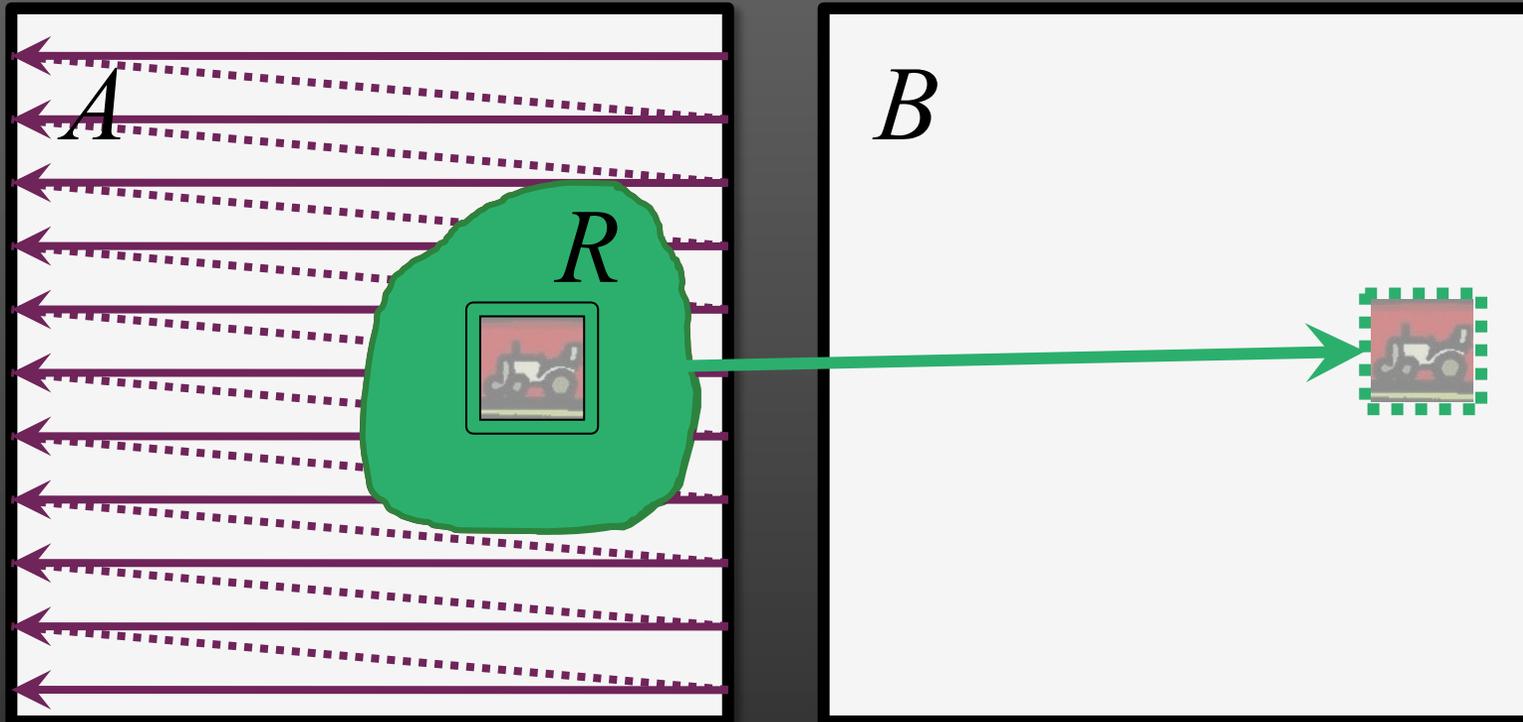
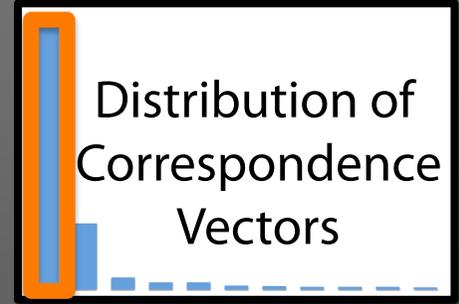
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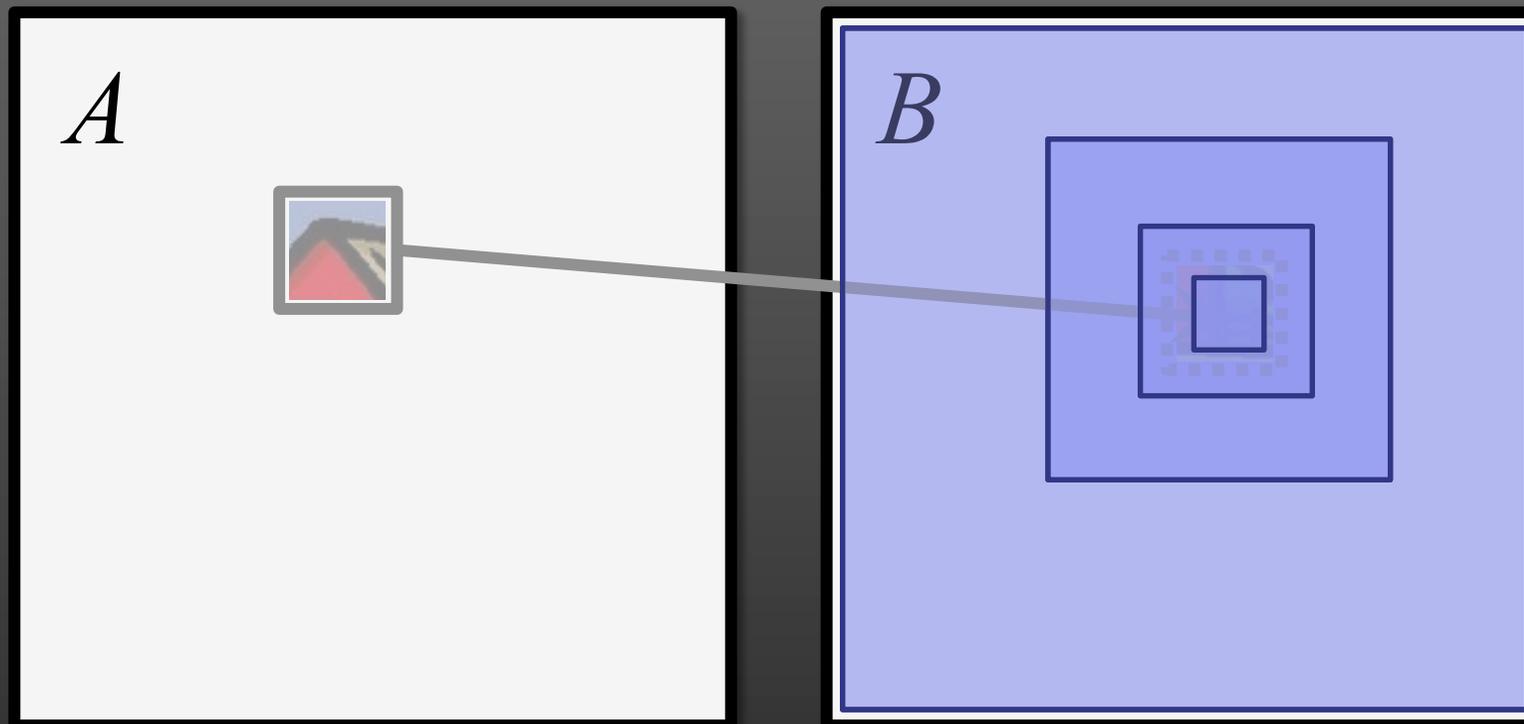


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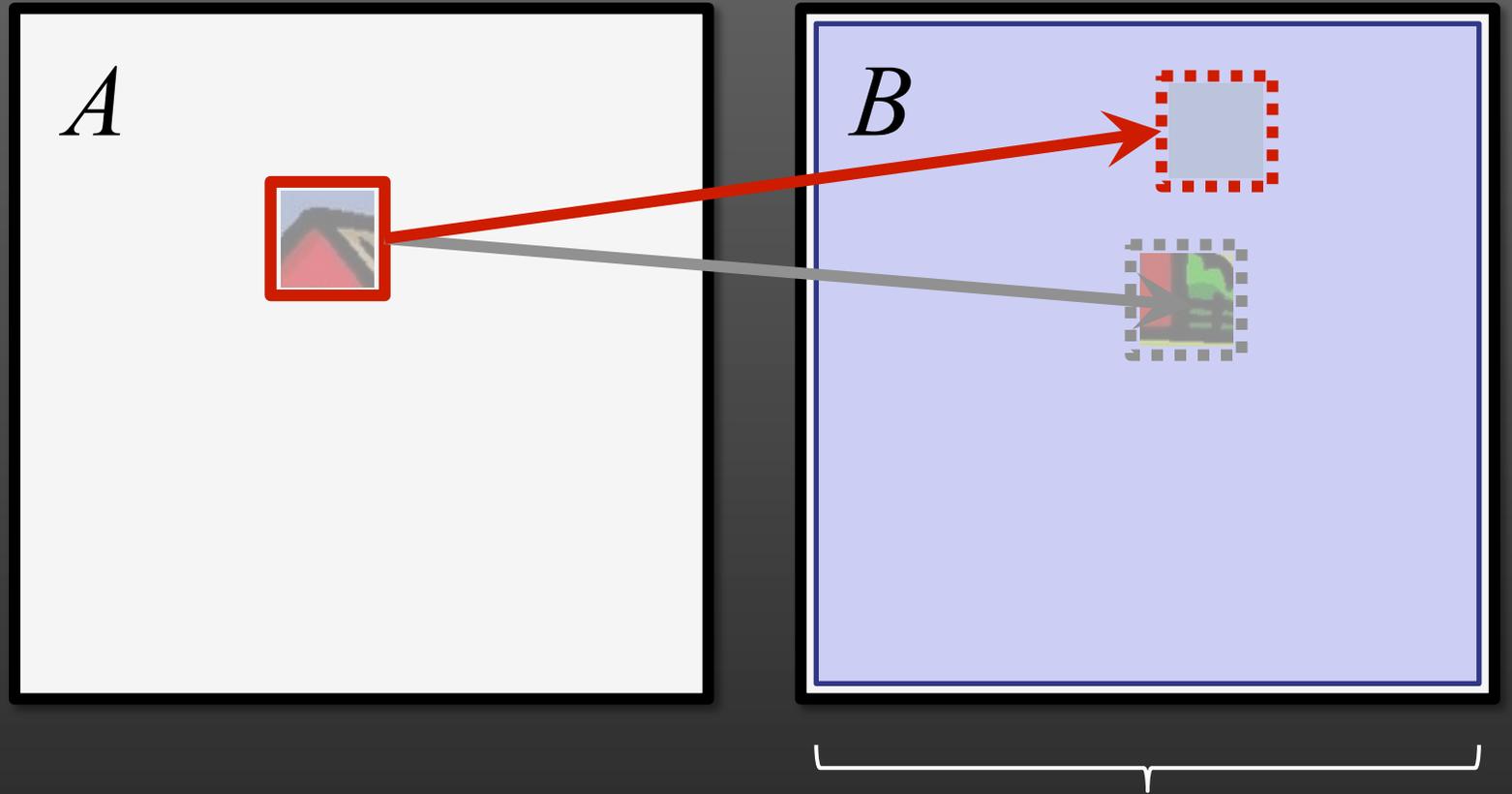
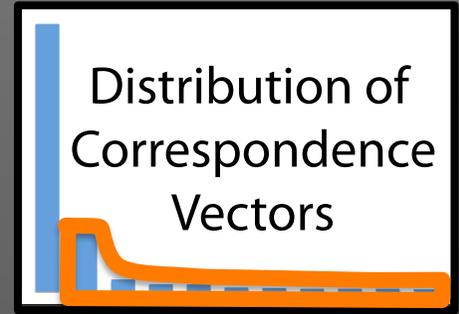


# Step 3: Random Search

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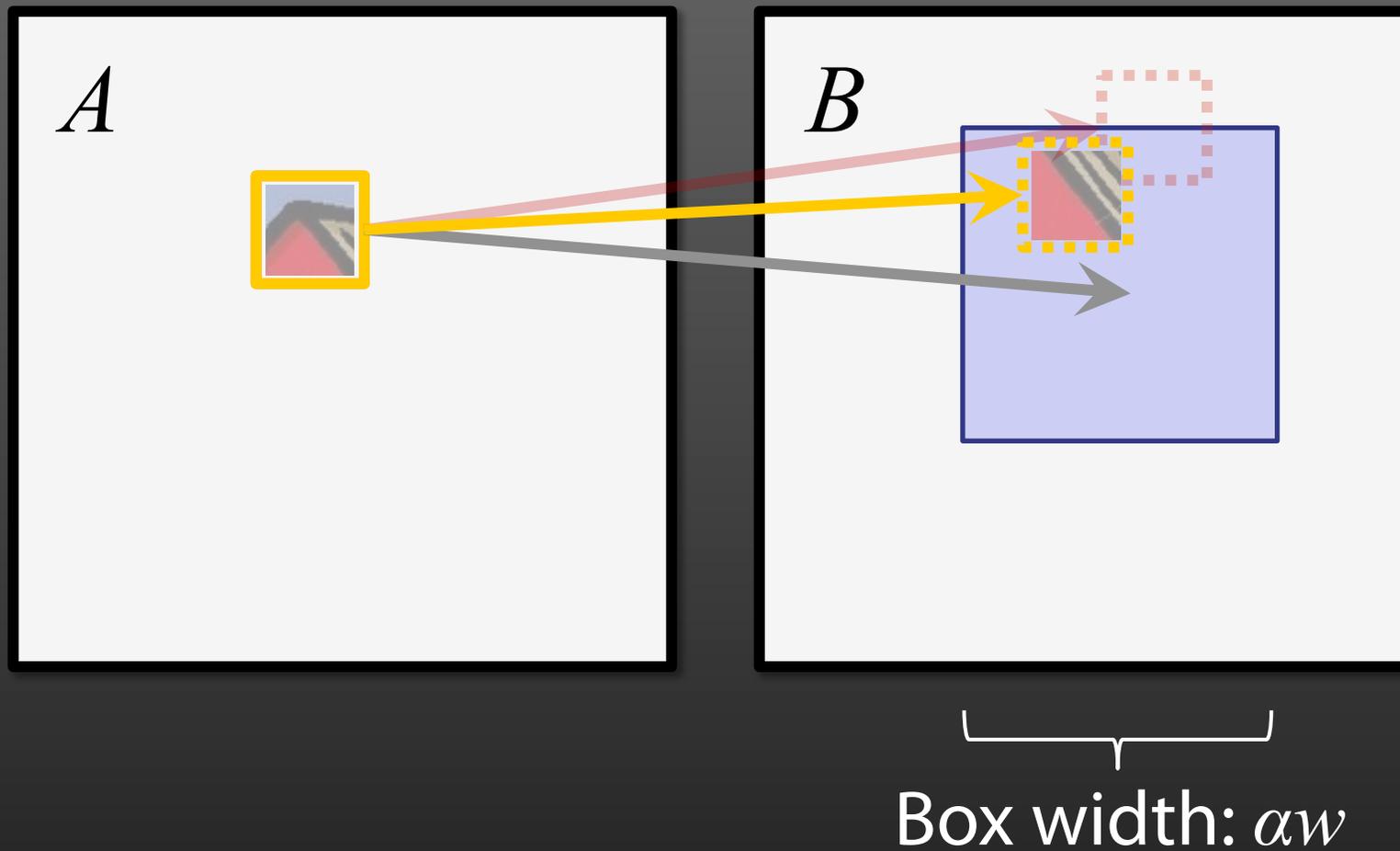
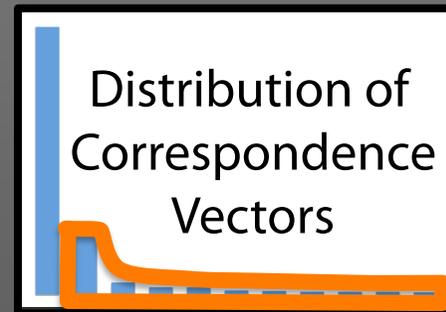


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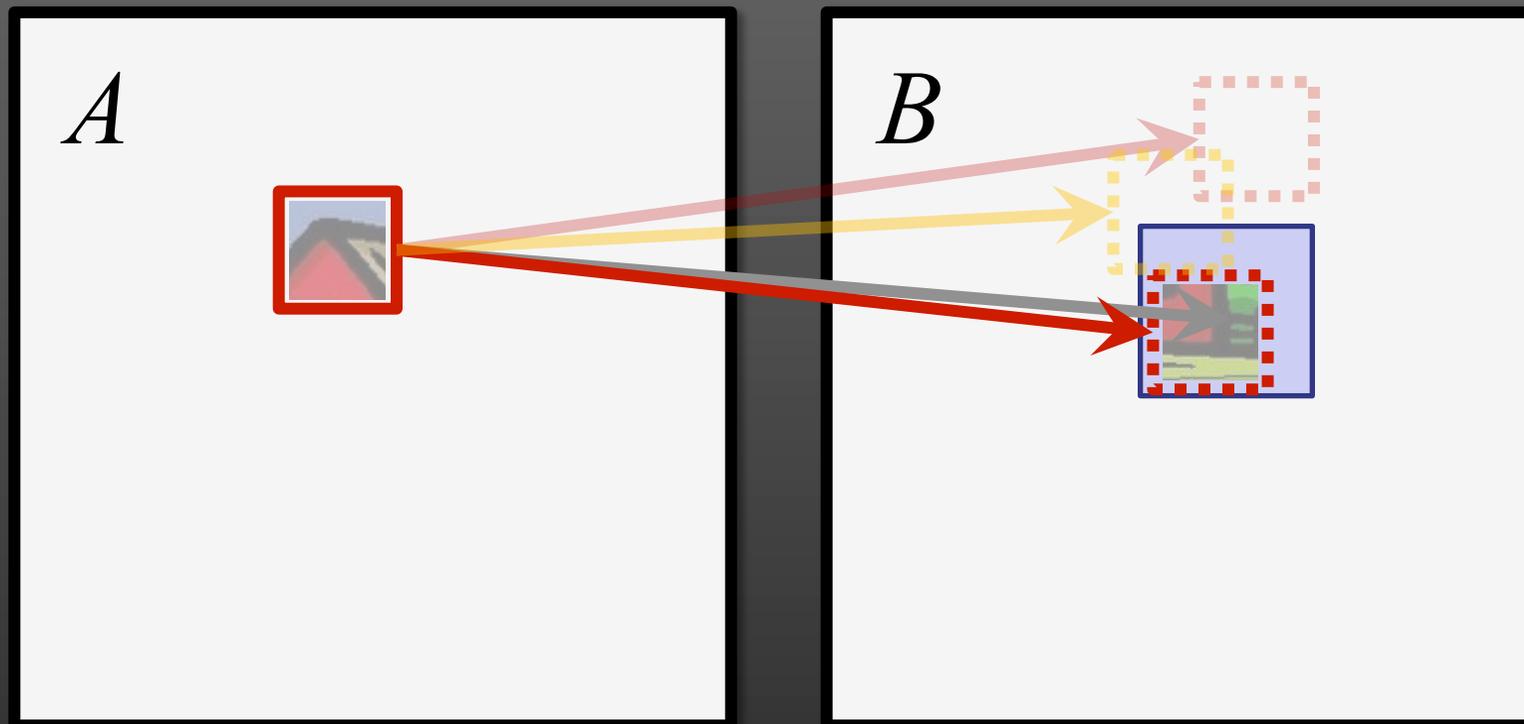
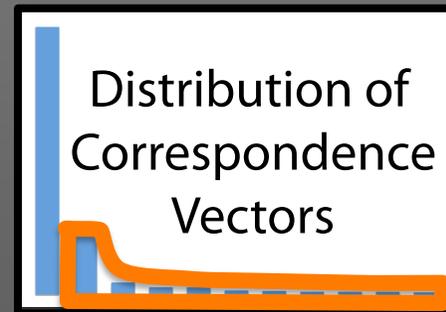


Box width:  $w$   
(image width)

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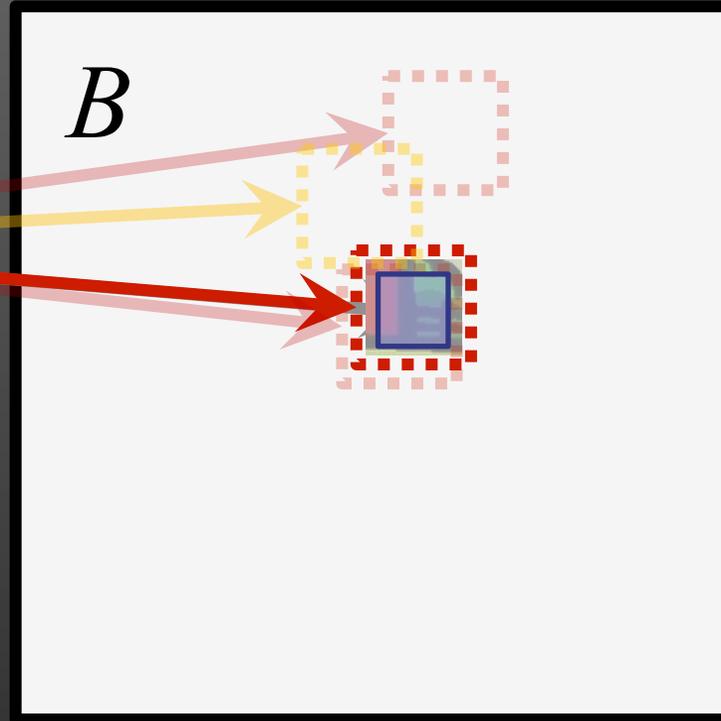
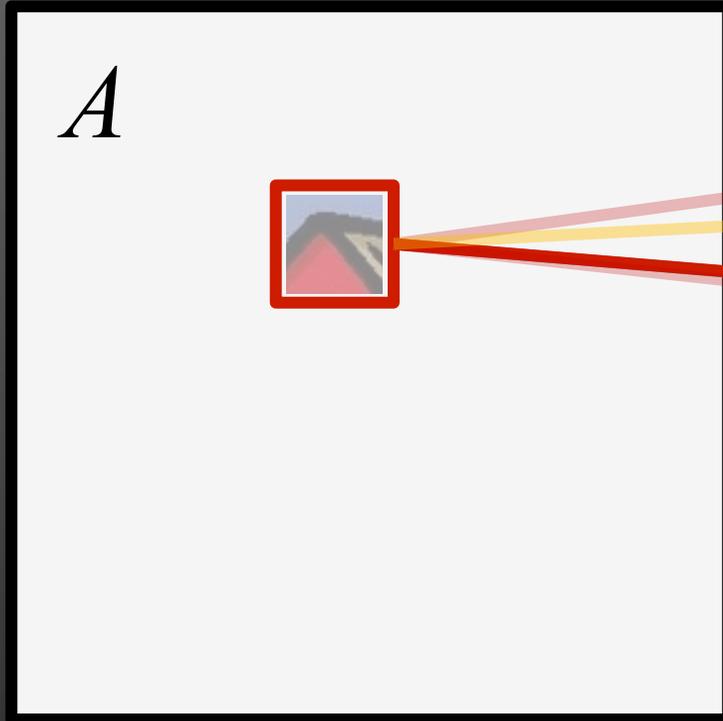
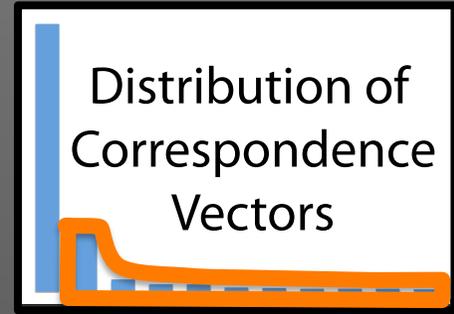


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Box width:  $\alpha^2 w$

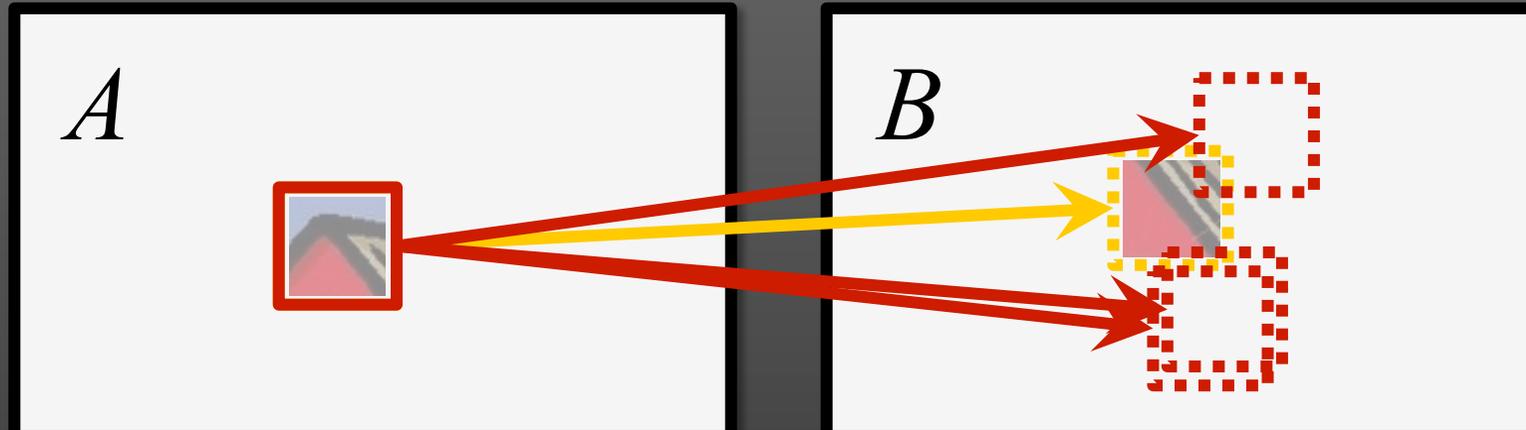
# Step 3: Random Search



Box width: 1 pixel

# Propagation and Search

Distribution of  
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After propagation and search:

$$f(x, y) = \operatorname{argmin}_D \{ \text{candidate correspondences} \}$$

# PatchMatch: Summary

Step 1: Initialization

Step 2: Propagation

Step 3: Random Search

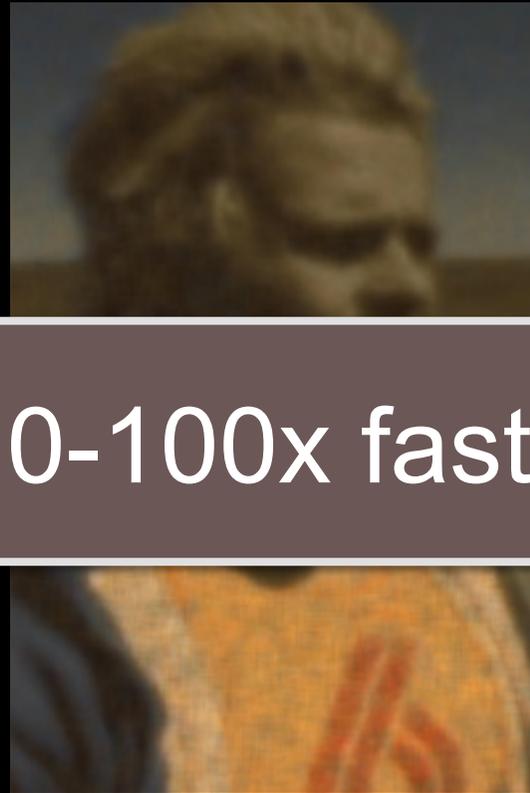
Repeat until  
Converged



# Convergence



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10-100x faster than kd-tree

Propagation

Random Search

PatchMatch

Ground Truth

[After first iteration]

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# Iterative Optimization Methods



Retargeting and Reshuffling

[Simakov '08]



Texture Synthesis

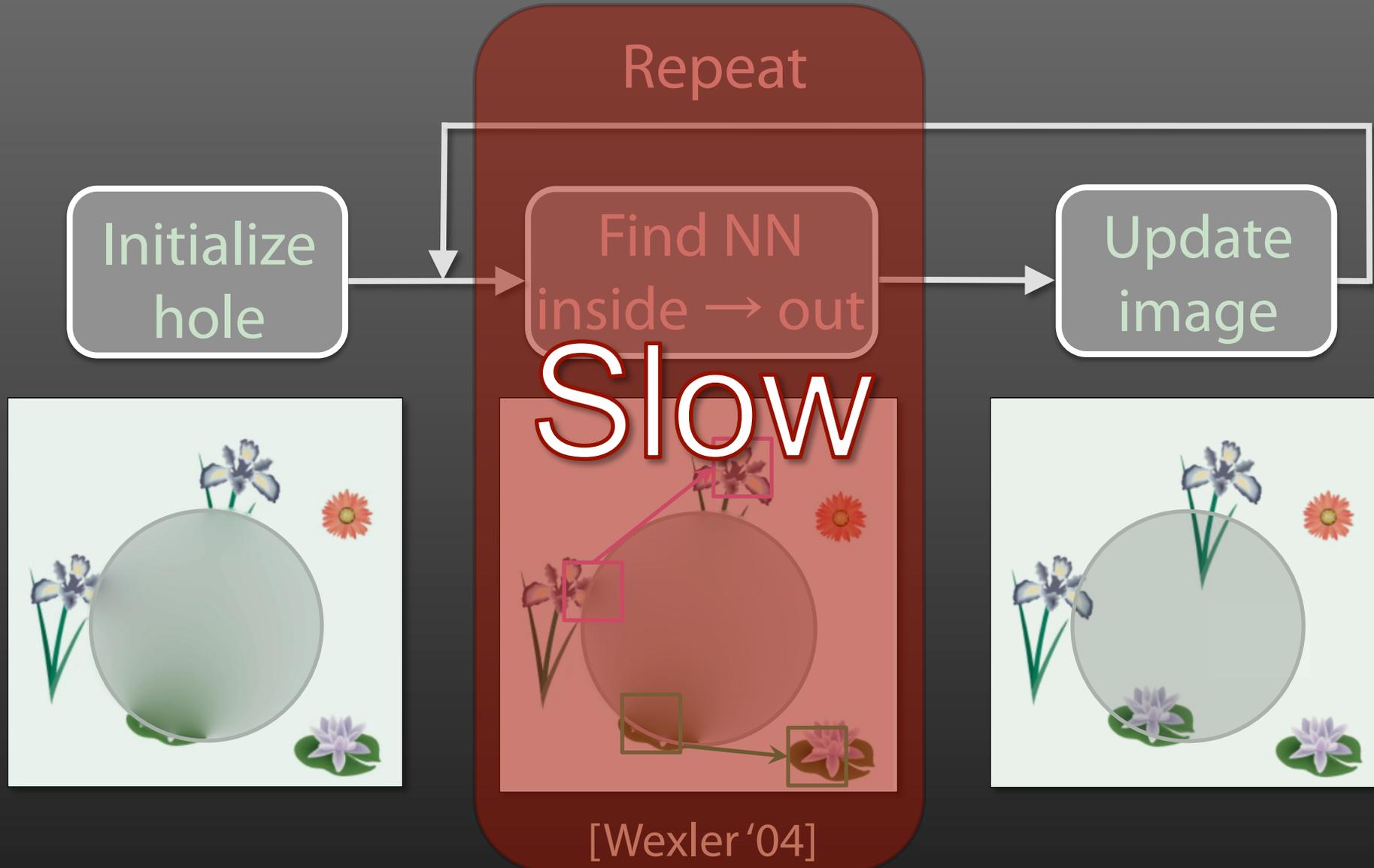
[Kwatra '05]



Hole Filling

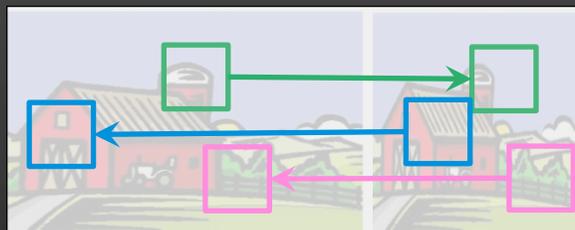
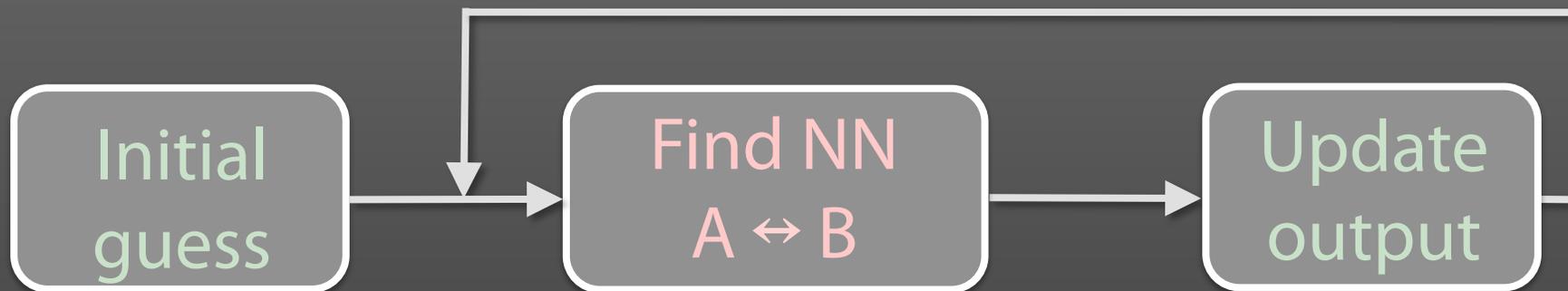
[Wexler '04]

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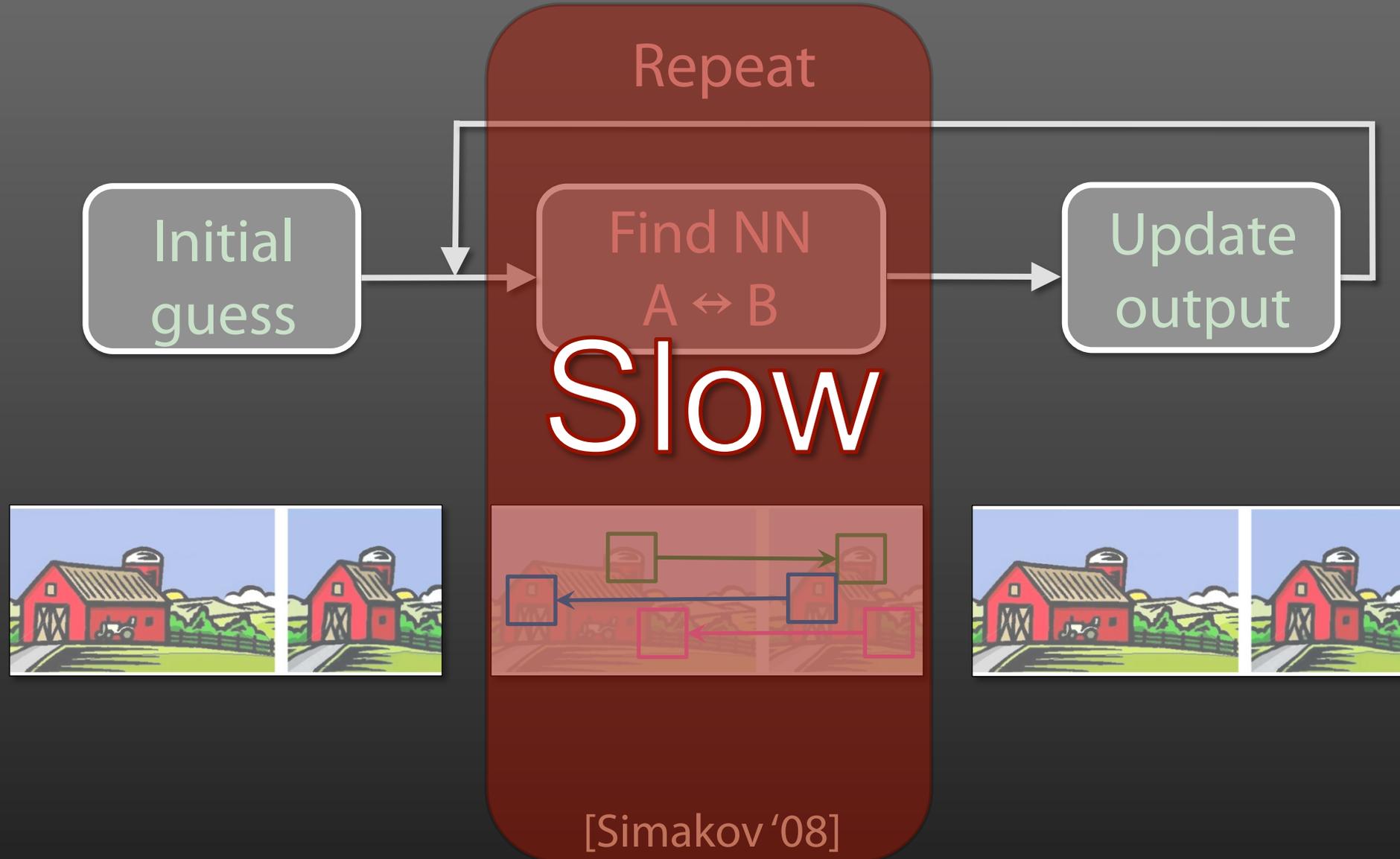


# Retargeting / Reshuffling

Repeat



# Retargeting / Reshuffling



# Hole Filling



Input



Hole

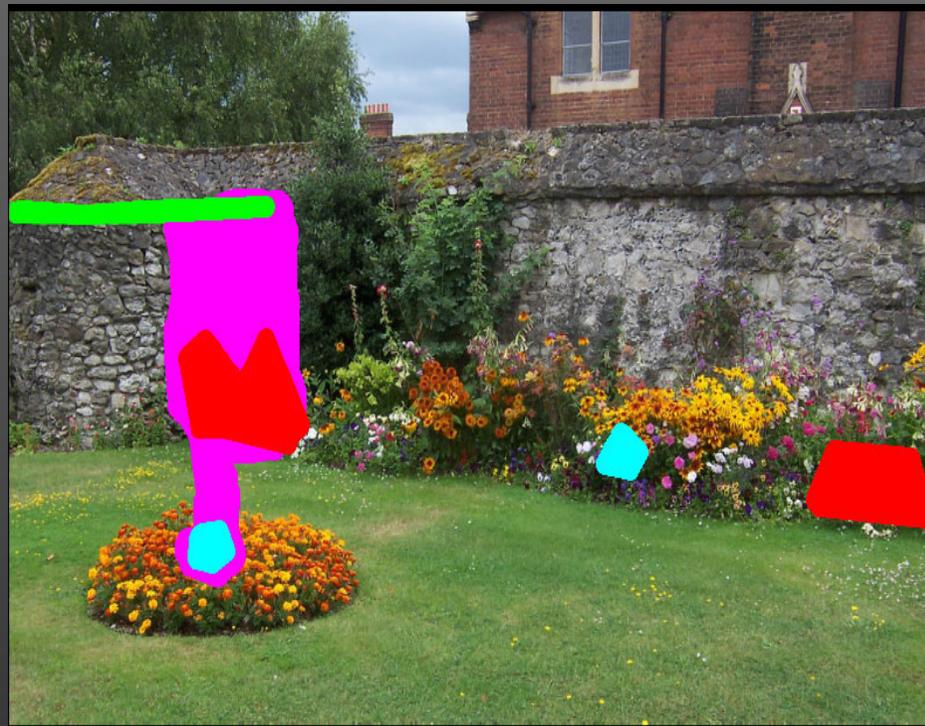


Output  
(enlarged)

# Hole Filling



Input



Hole



Output  
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# Hole Filling



Input



Hole

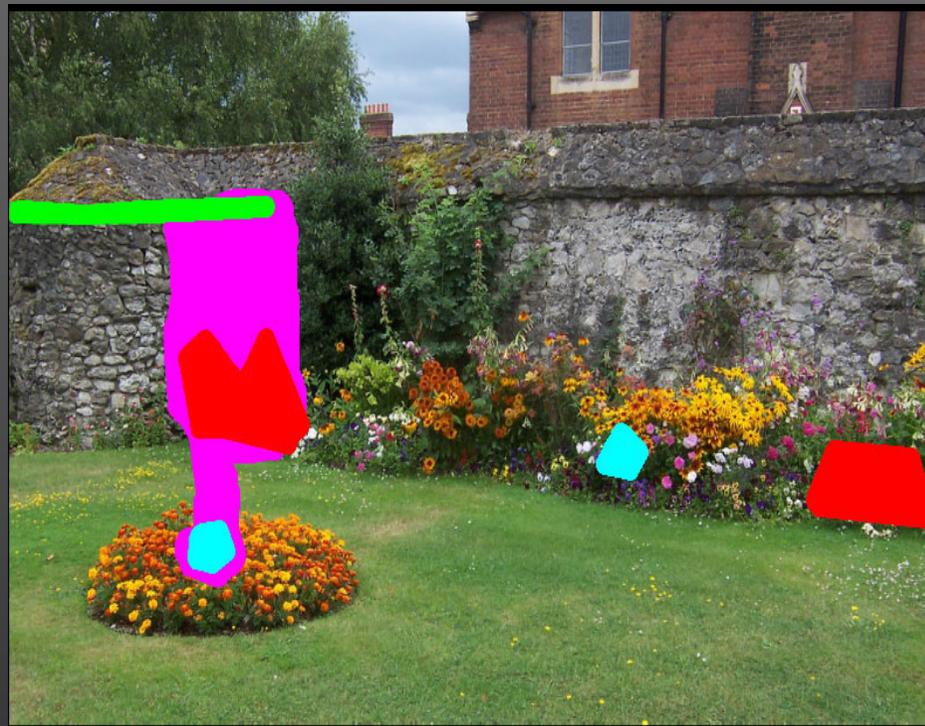


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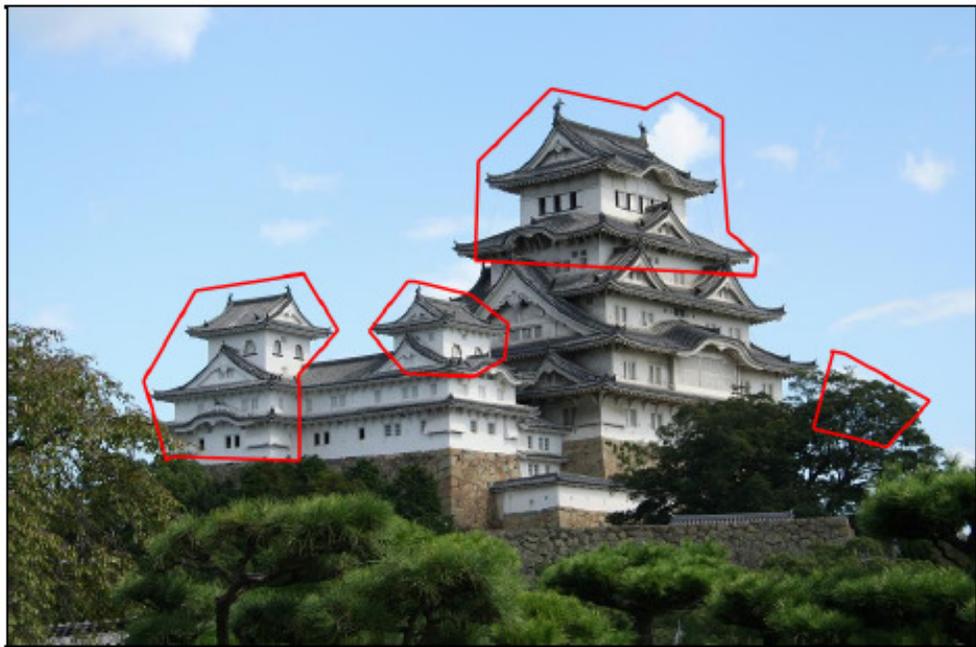


Hole



Output  
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# Reshuffling



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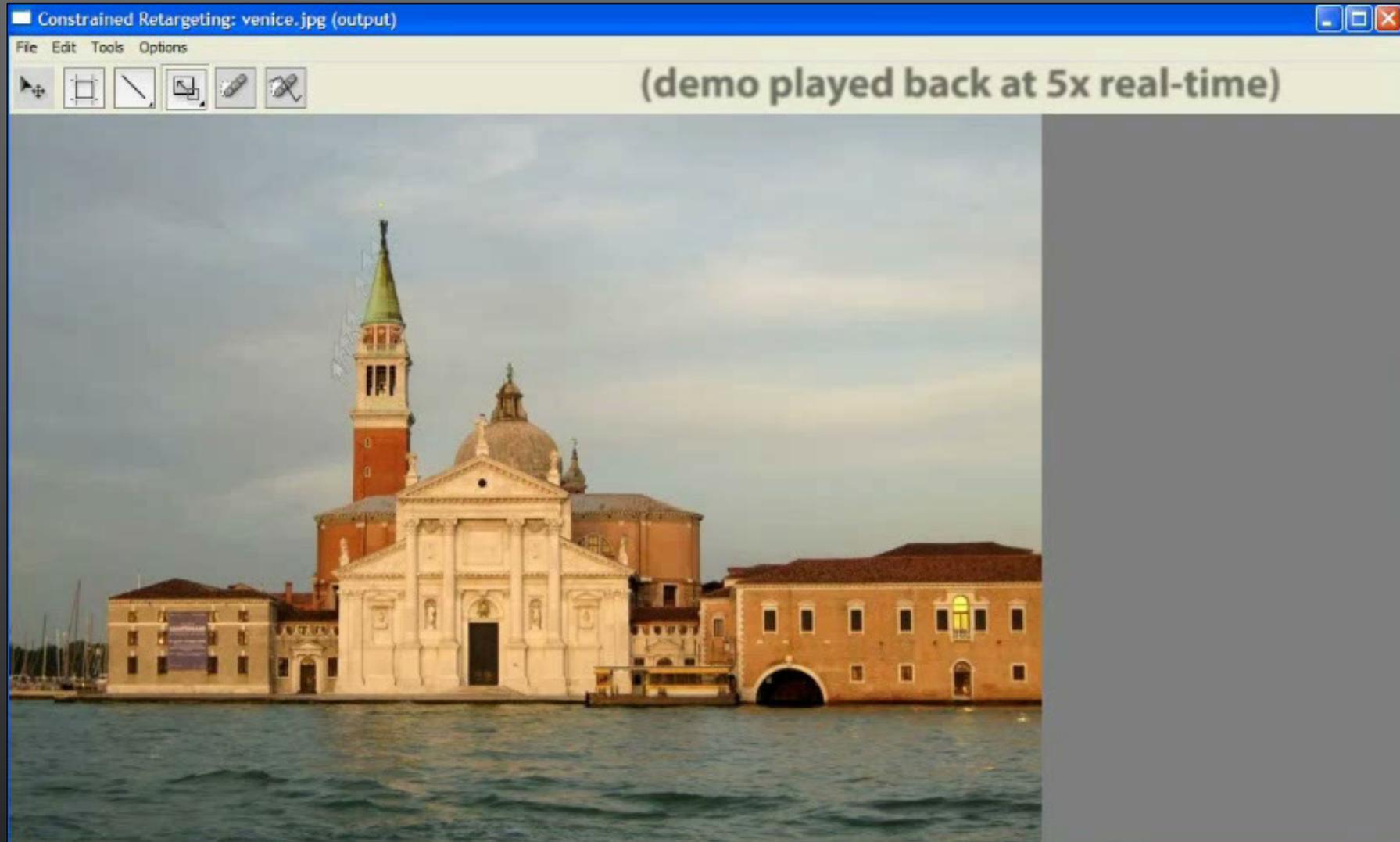


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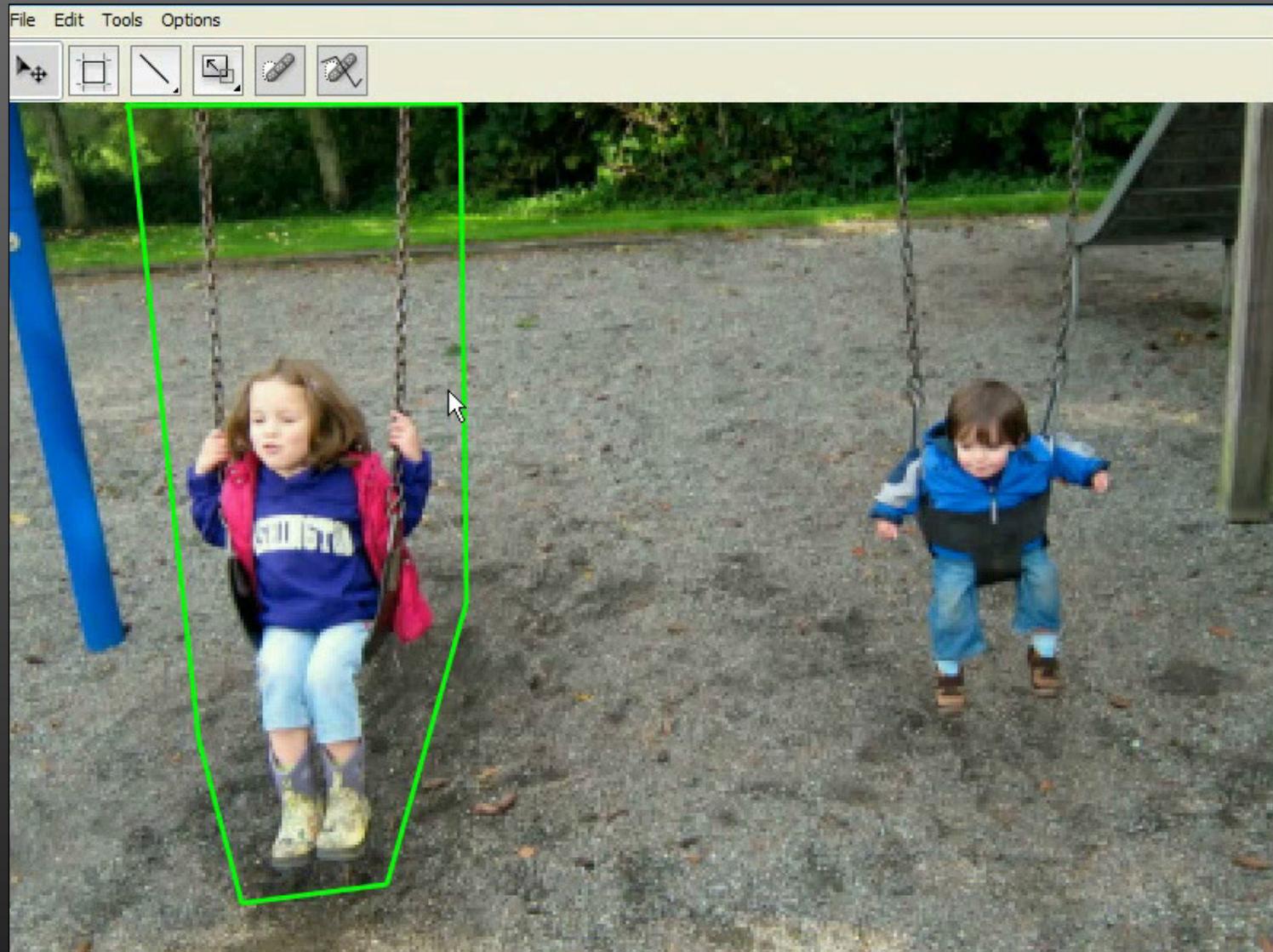


Reduced

# Reshuffling



# Example User Interaction



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# Video Tapestries: Inspiration



The Bayeux Tapestry



Trajan's Column



"The Achievement of the Grail" – Burne-Jones

# Video Tapestries



Star Wars – Courtesy of Lucasfilm Ltd.

*[Barnes et al, Video Tapestries with Continuous Temporal Zoom, SIGGRAPH '10]*

# Multi-scale Tapestries



$S_{K_1}$   
Scale-space Volume (Zoom Animation)



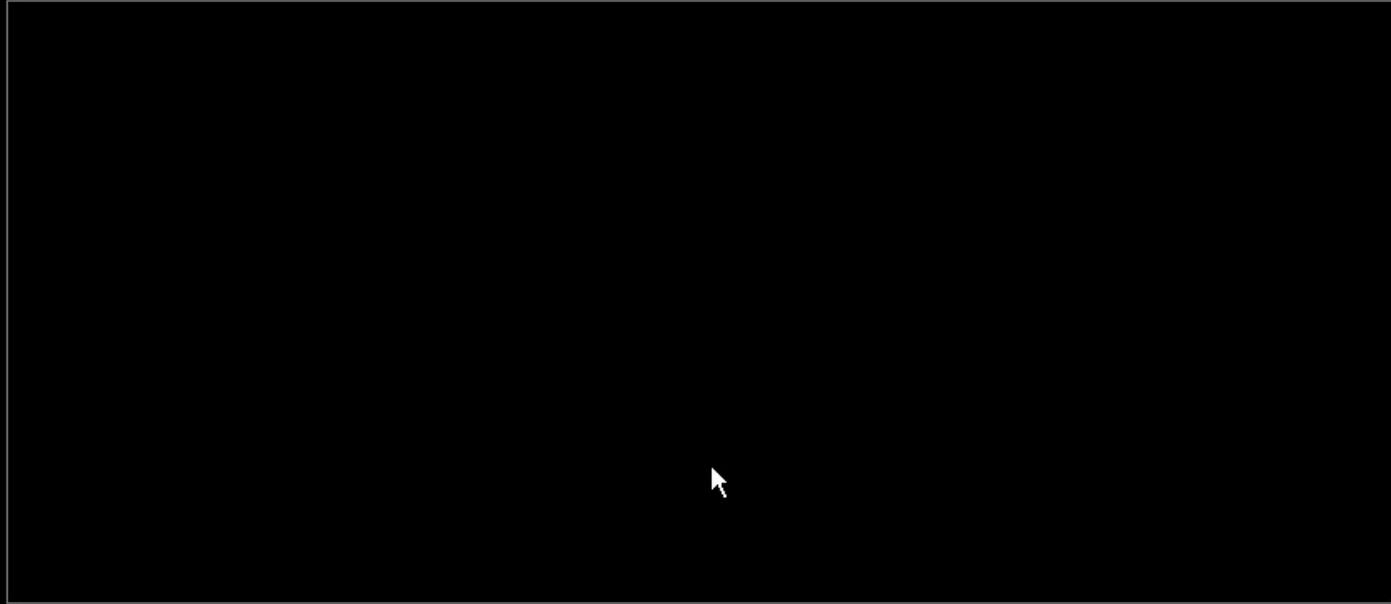
$S_{K_2}$   
⋮  
 $S_{K_m}$

# Continuous Zoom



Zooming reduces cognitive load

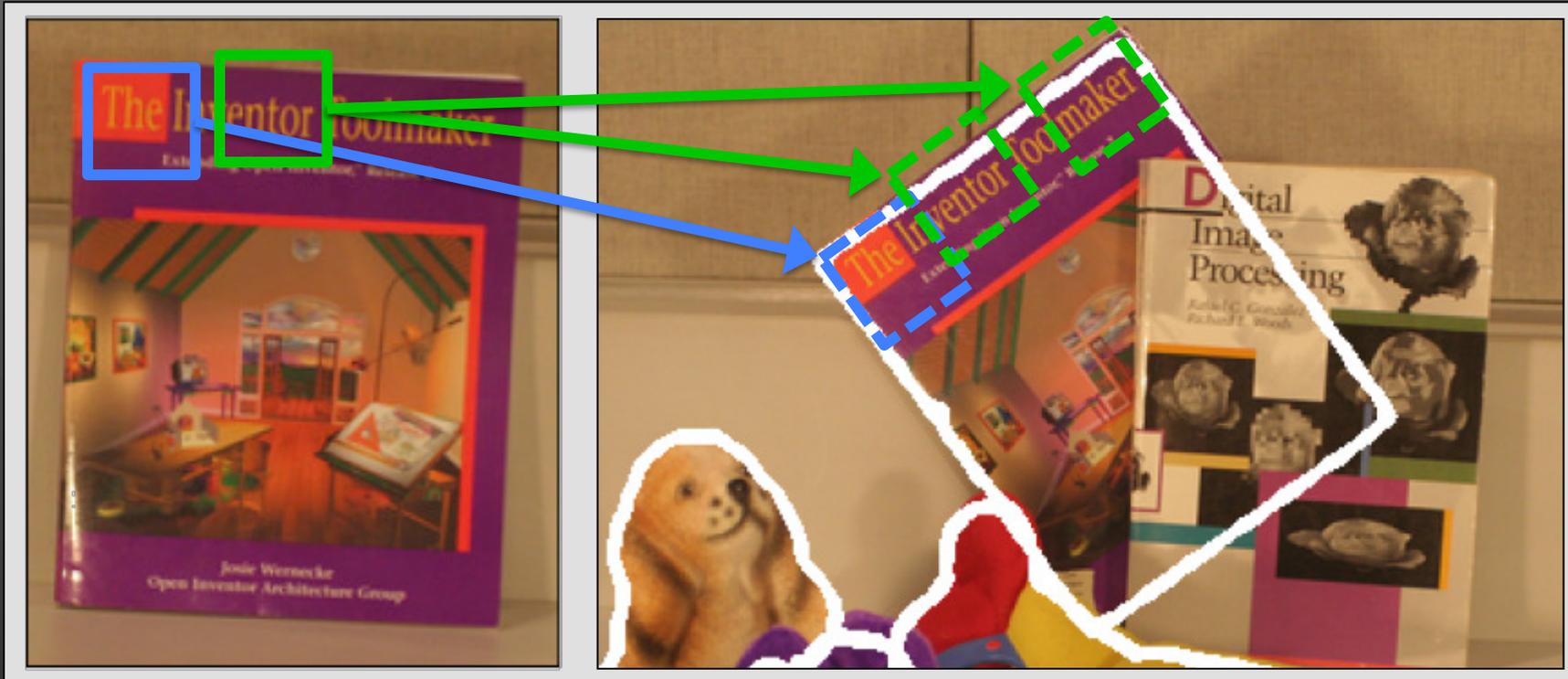
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# Generalized Matching: Motivation

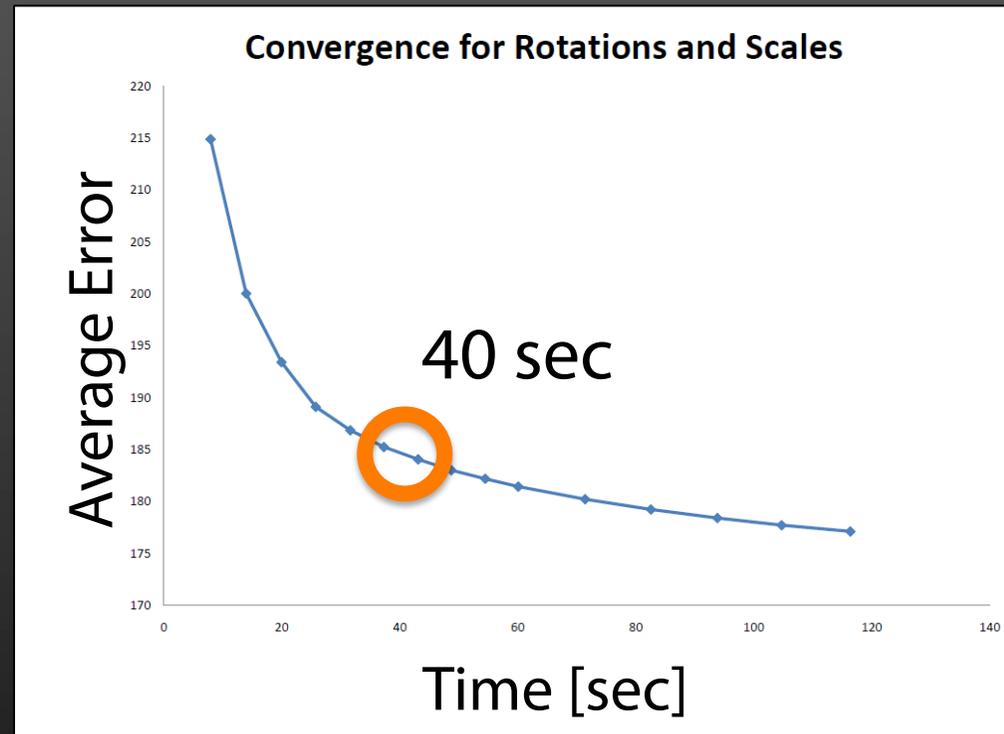


Rotations and Scales

[Barnes et al, The Generalized PatchMatch Correspondence Algorithm, ECCV '10]

# Scales and Rotations

- Converges efficiently: extend random search window from  $(x, y)$  to  $(x, y, \theta, s)$



# Arbitrary Descriptors

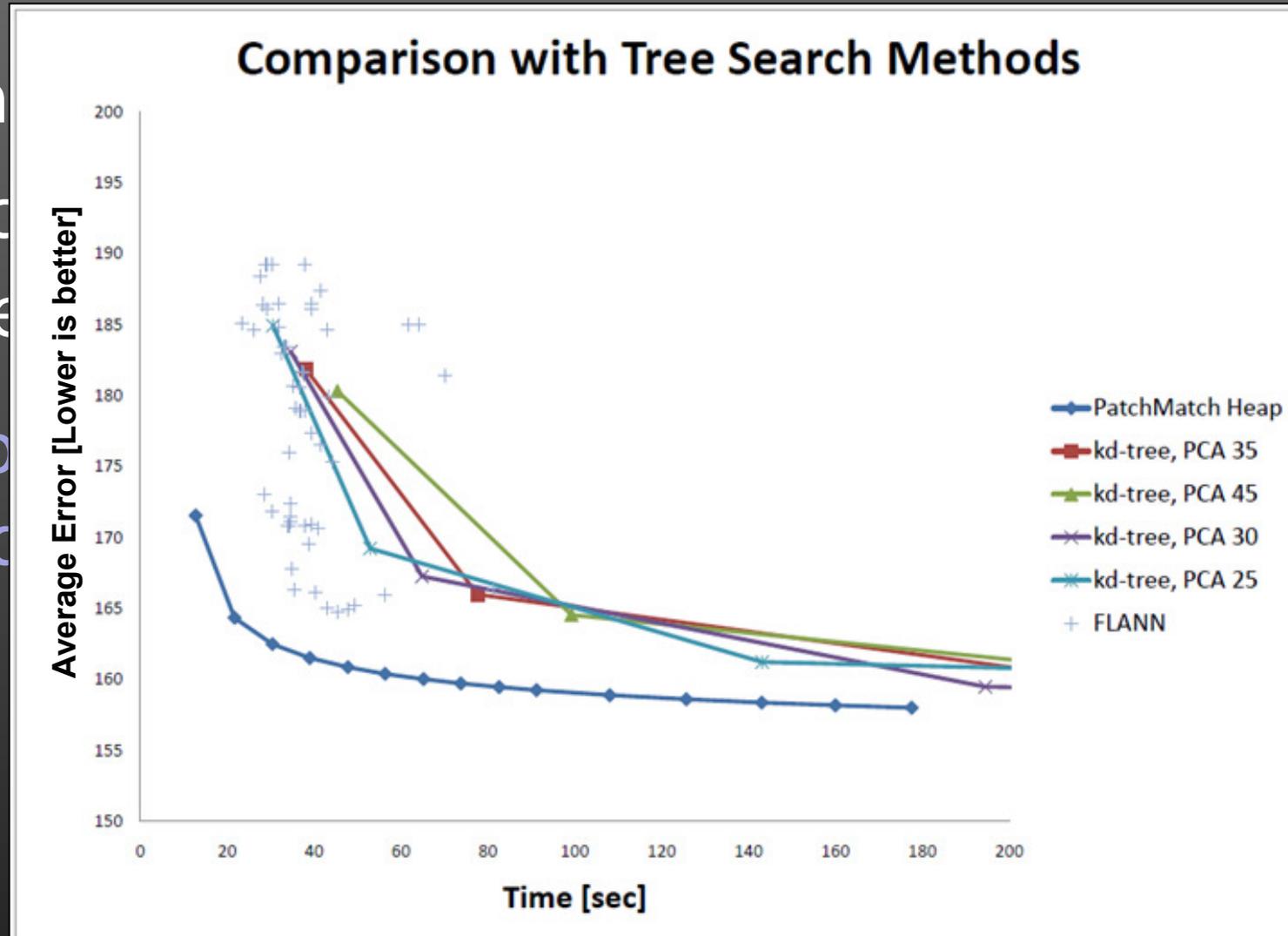
- Any distance function (pairwise comparisons), e.g:
  - SIFT, a popular computer vision descriptor
  - Patches invariant to lighting changes
- Convergence is output sensitive

# *k*-Nearest Neighbors

- Benchmark
- Store  $k$  candidates
- top. If new candidate

Compare  
candidate

force match on  
new candidate.



# Overview

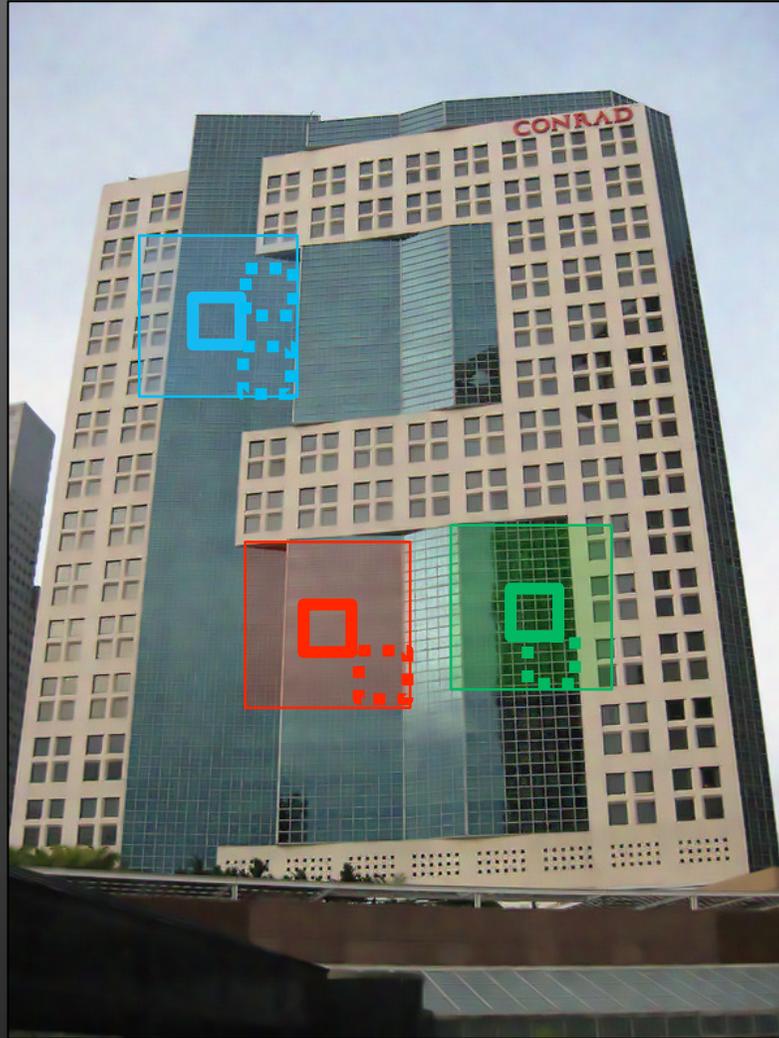
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# Nonlocal Means Denoising



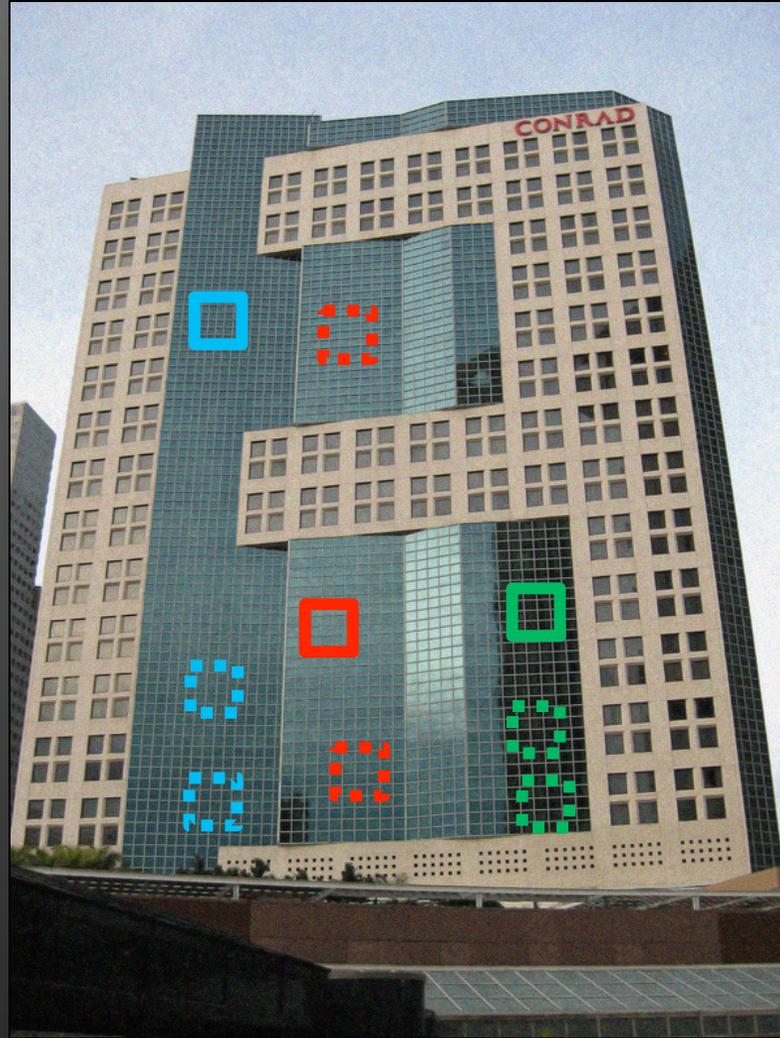
Noisy input

# Nonlocal Means Denoising



Buades et al (11x11 search window), PSNR 28.9 dB

# Nonlocal Means Denoising



Our  $k$ NN search ( $k=32$ ), PSNR 29.1 dB

# Nonlocal Means Denoising



Combine both, PSNR 30.9 dB

# Nonlocal Means Denoising



Noisy Input

# Nonlocal Means Denoising



Local Search

# Nonlocal Means Denoising



Our  $k$ NN (Global)

# Nonlocal Means Denoising



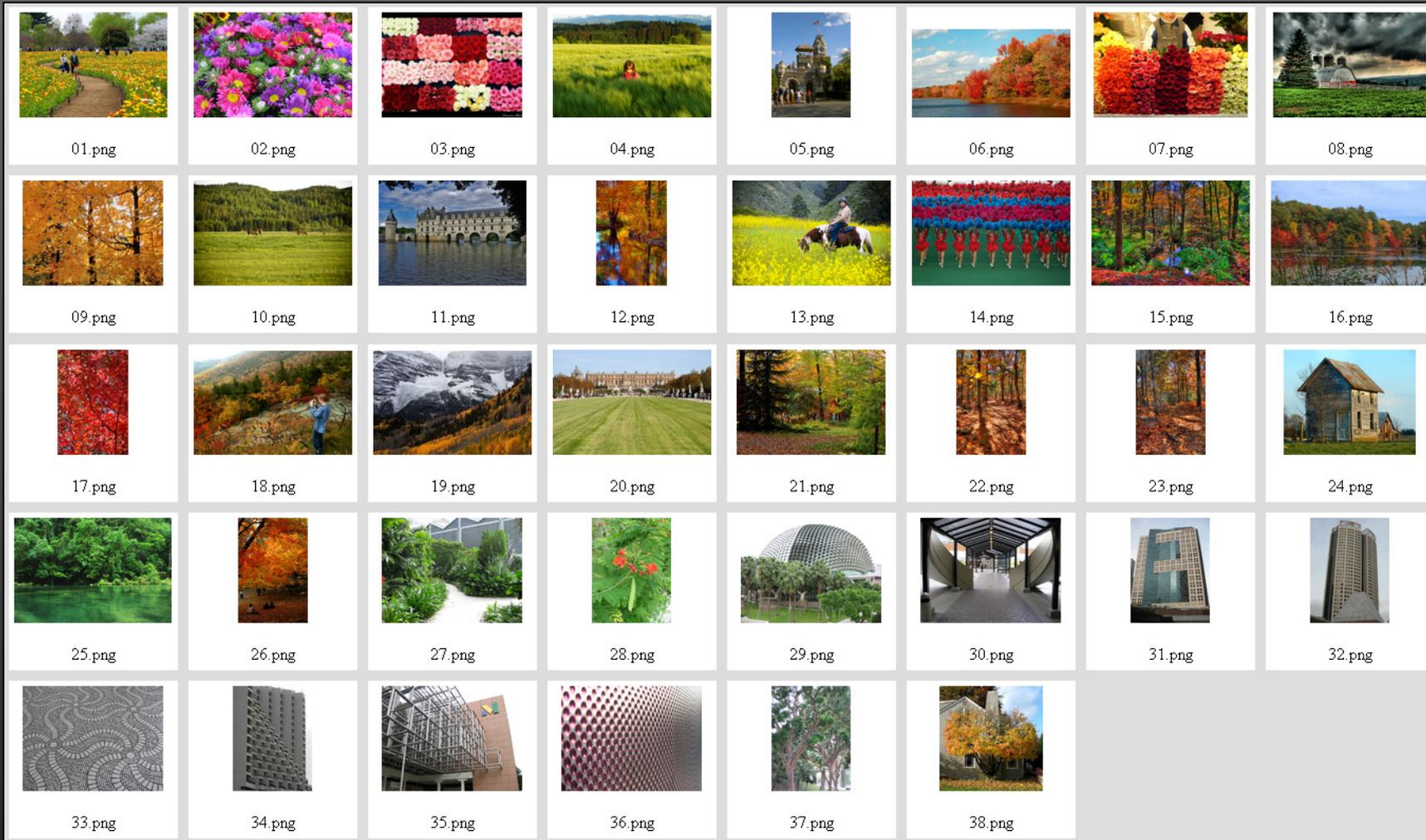
Combine both

# Nonlocal Means Denoising



Ground truth

# Nonlocal Means Denoising



# Nonlocal Means Denoising

Local window search [Buades et al], PSNR: 27.8 dB

Global search [our kNN], PSNR: 27.4 dB

Combine local+global [our kNN], PSNR: 28.4 dB

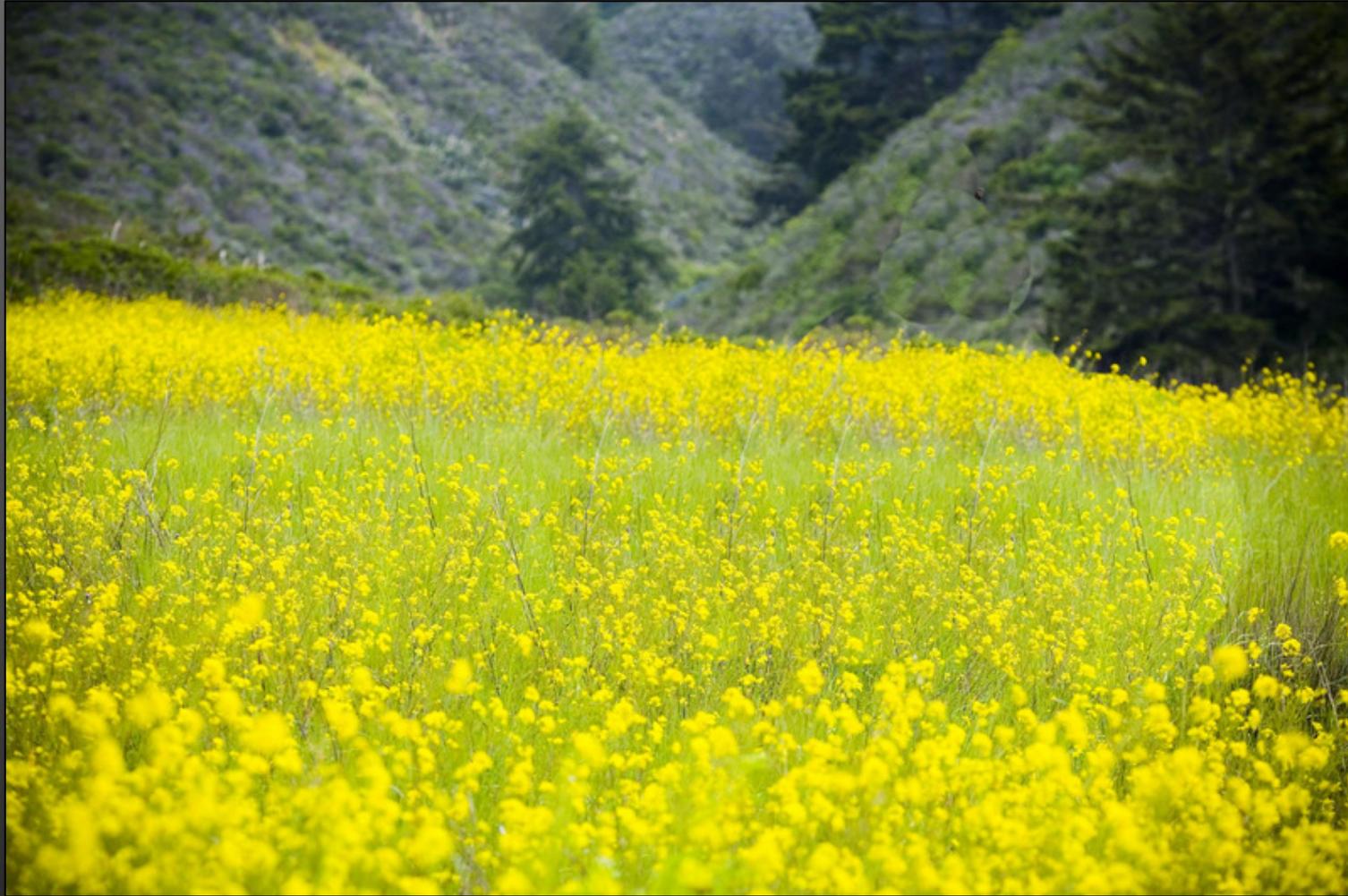
State of the art [BM3D], PSNR: 29.9 dB

# Detecting Forgeries



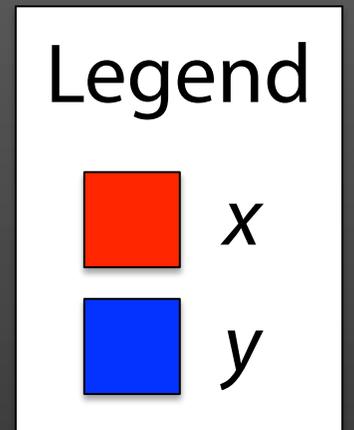
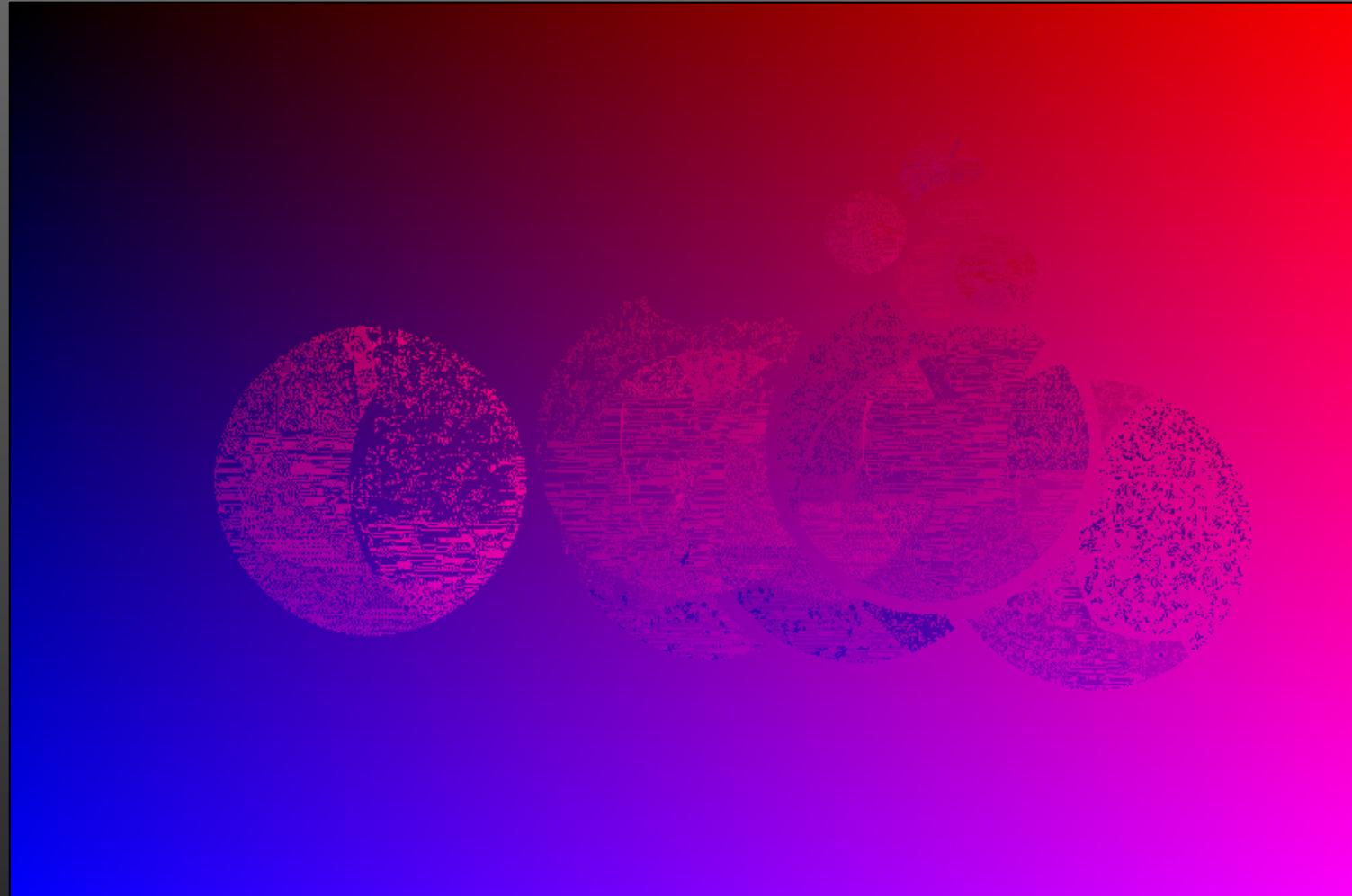
Original image (undoctored)

# Detecting Forgeries



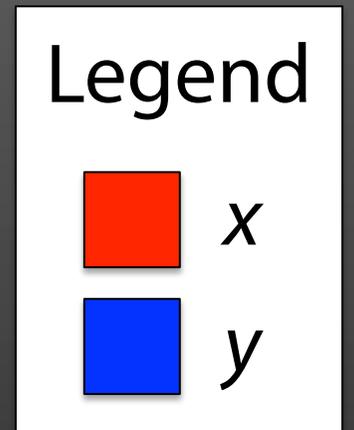
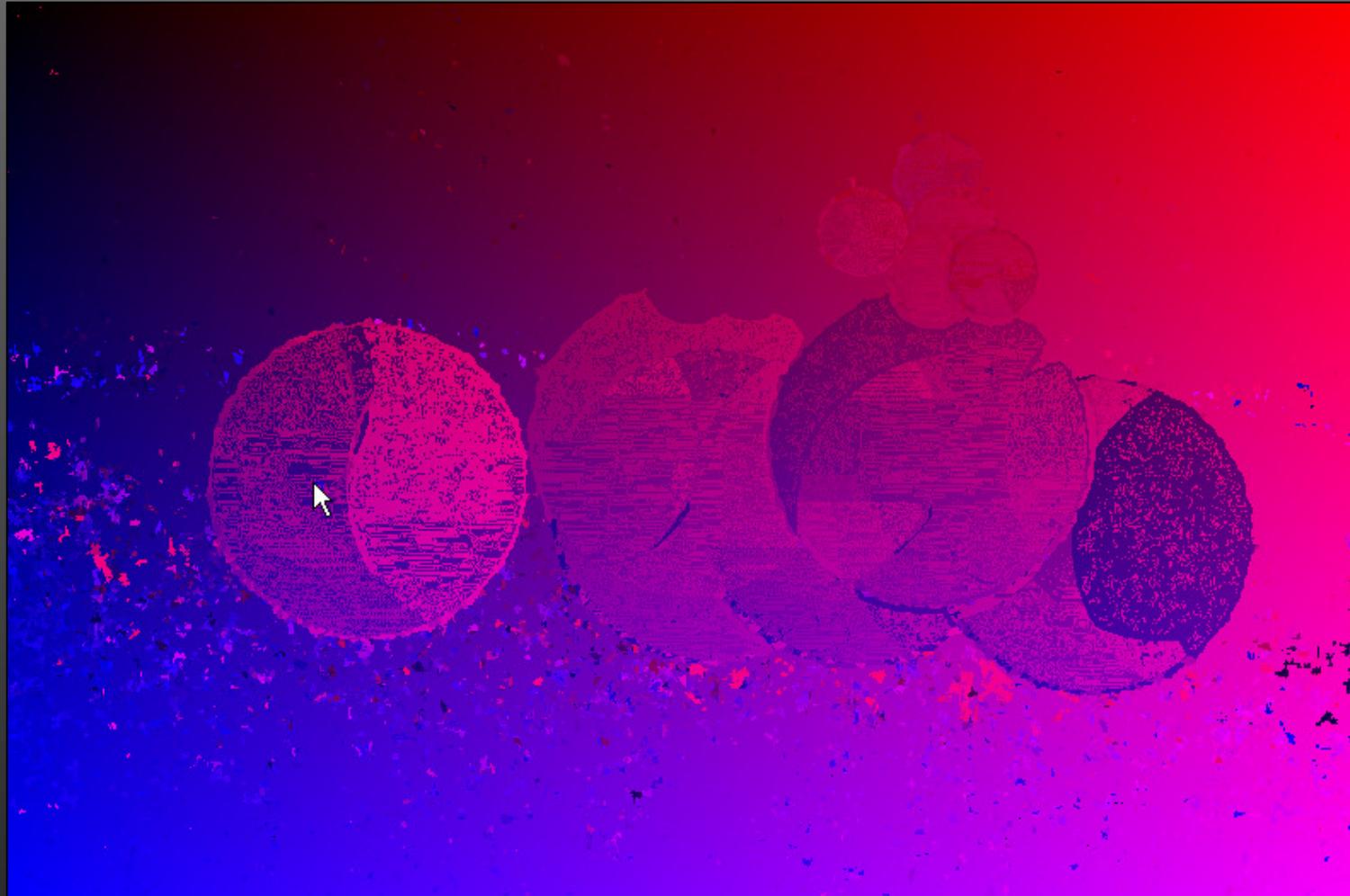
Doctored image (input)

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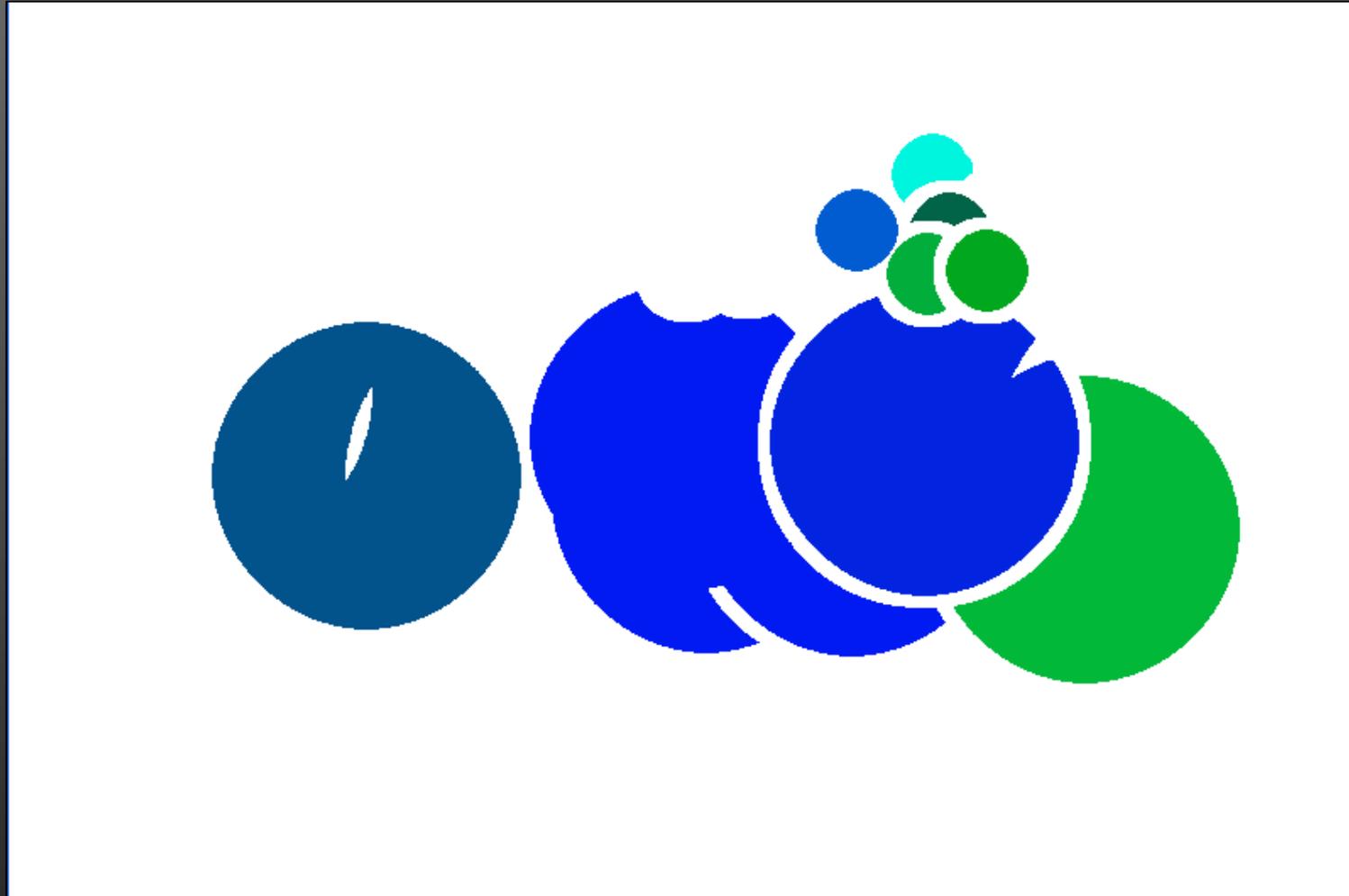
$k$ NN, neighbor 1

# Detecting Forgeries



$k$ NN, neighbor 2

# Detecting Forgeries



Mask of Likely Forgery

# Object Detection

- Detect a template in a scene:

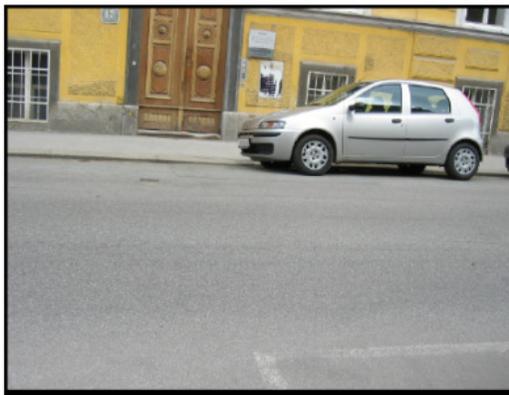


Template

Scene

# Object Detection

- Label transfer:



Labeled  
Photo

Known  
Label

Unlabeled  
Photo

Transferred  
Label

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# Stitching and Morphing

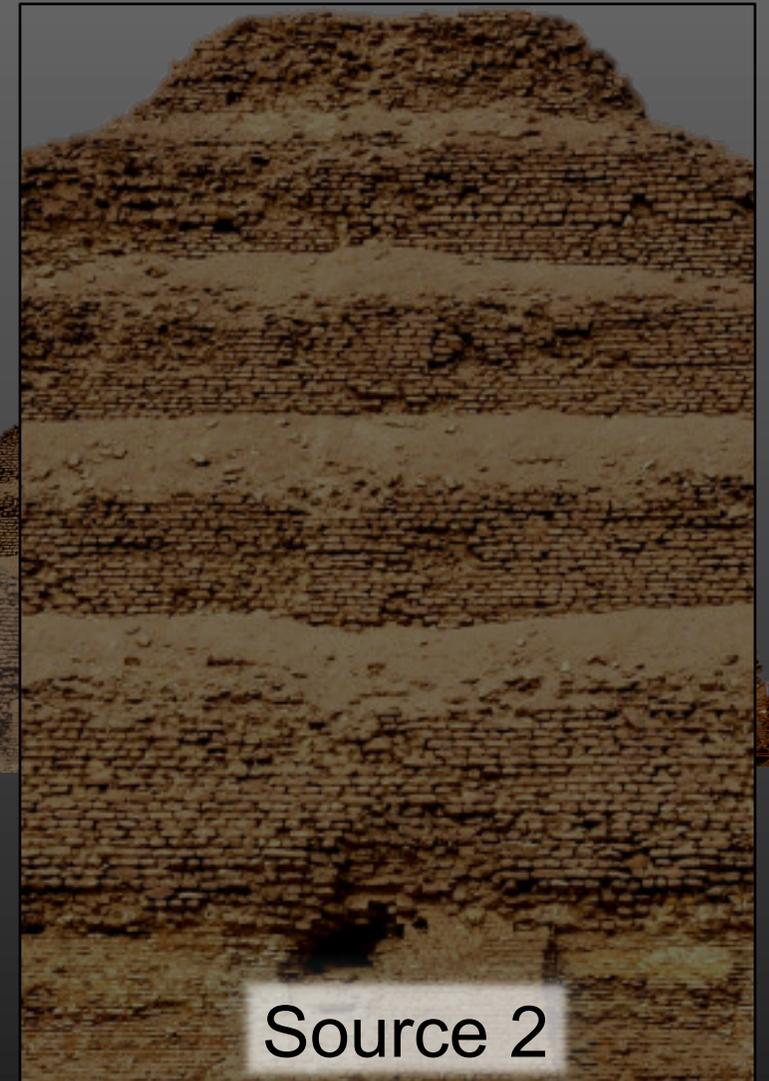
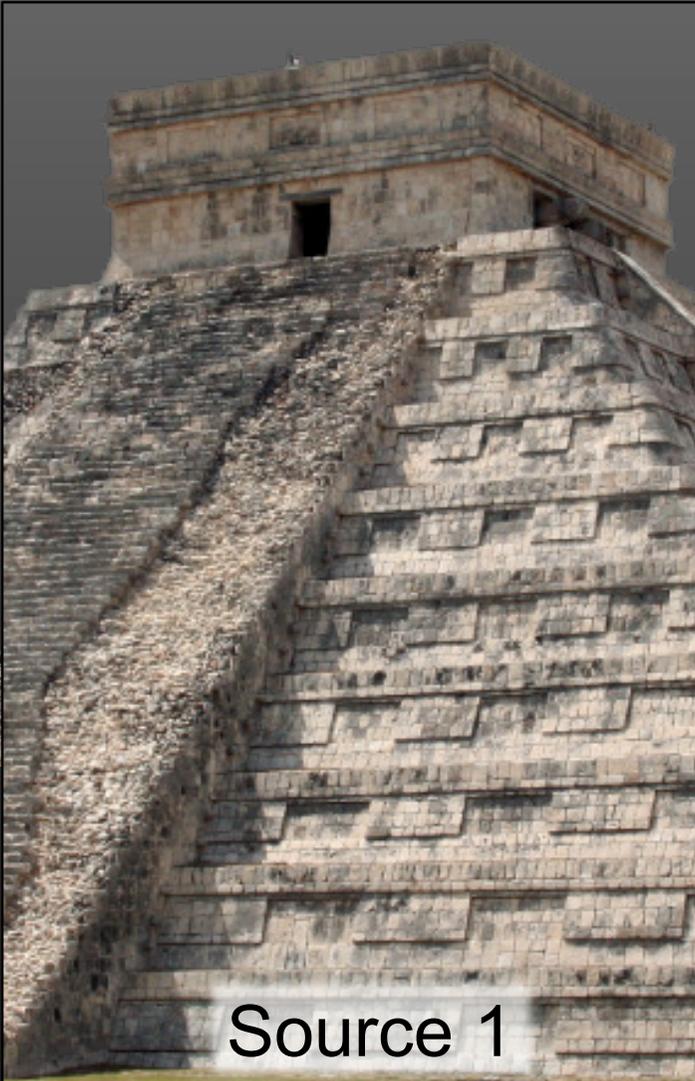


Improvements:

- (1) Match across geometrical changes,      (2) Use image gradients

*[Darabi et al, Image Melding: Combining Inconsistent Images..., SIGGRAPH '12]*

# Texture Transition



# Morphing Result

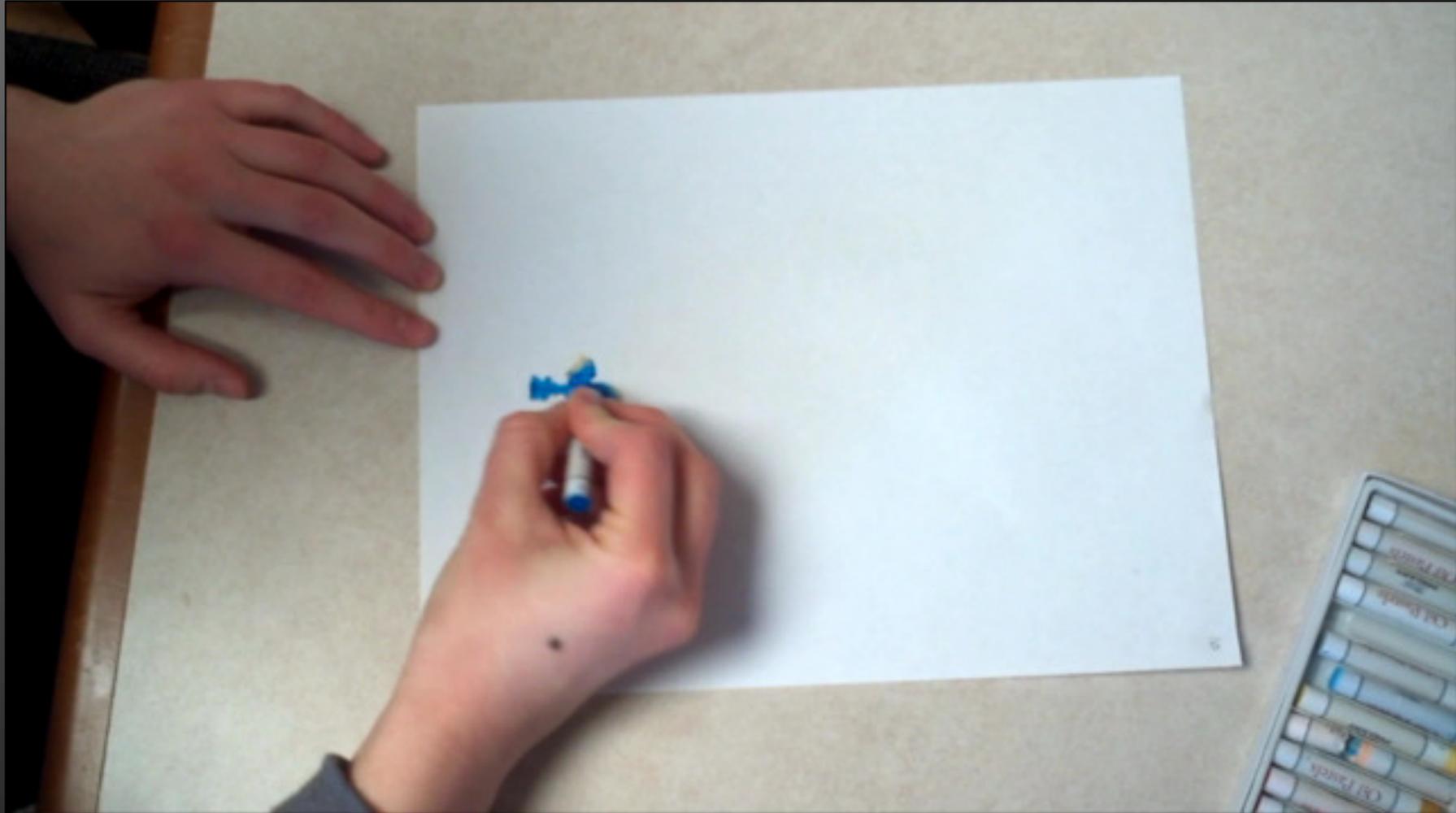


Source 1



Source 2

# Morphing for Fluid Animation



*[NPR Fluids, under review, with Mark Browning at Princeton]*

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# Interactivity Matters!

- Minutes to second: now a creation tool
  - Demos of our research: 8 million views on YouTube
  - #1 feature of Photoshop CS5
  - Award PC Magazine

# Research Impact

## Direct Follow-Ons

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16. [NRDC: Non-Rigid Dense Correspondence with Applications for Image Enhancement](#), HaCohen et al, SIGGRAPH 2011
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18. [Randomized motion estimation](#), Boltz and Nielsen, ICIP 2010
19. [Decoupled coarse-to-fine matching and nonlinear regularization for efficient motion estimation](#), Mariano and Sapiro, ICIP 2012
20. [Object Removal by Depth-guided Inpainting](#), He, Bleyer, Gelautz, Australian Association for Pattern Recognition 2011
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23. [ImageAdmixture: Putting Together Dissimilar Objects from Groups](#), Cheng et al, TVCG 2012
24. [Statistics of Patch Offsets for Image Completion](#), He et al, TVCG 2012
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27. [Robust patch-based hdr reconstruction of dynamic scenes](#), Sen et al, SIGGRAPH Asia 2012

# Conclusion

- Patch nearest neighbor problem central to vision/graphics
- New approach (PatchMatch) based on statistical sampling
- Changing the way people look at image processing
- Applications:



Image  
Editing



Video  
Tapestries



Computer  
Vision



Stitching and  
Morphing

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