New Ways for Image Manipulations: Color, Size and Structure

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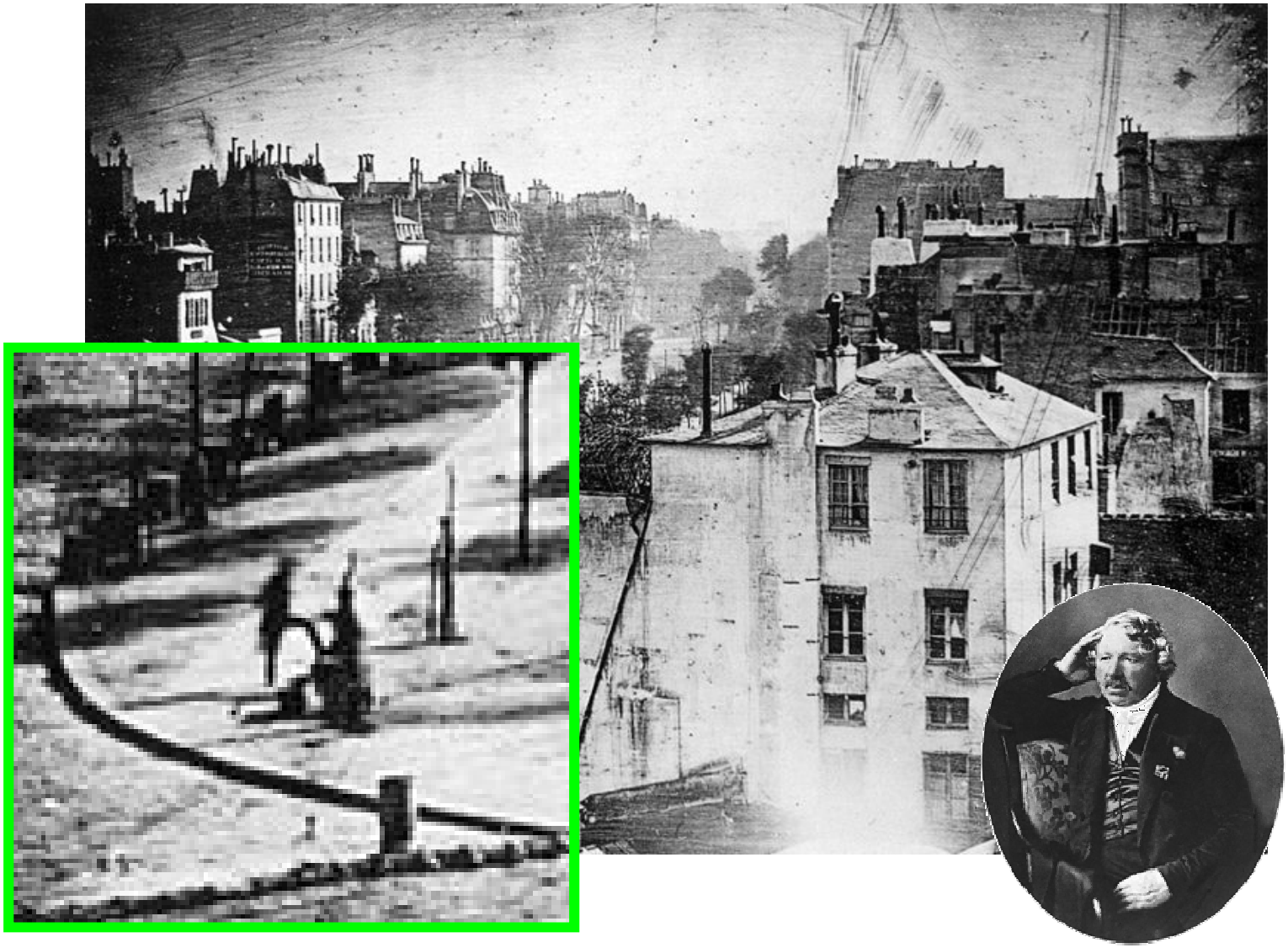
The Power of Images

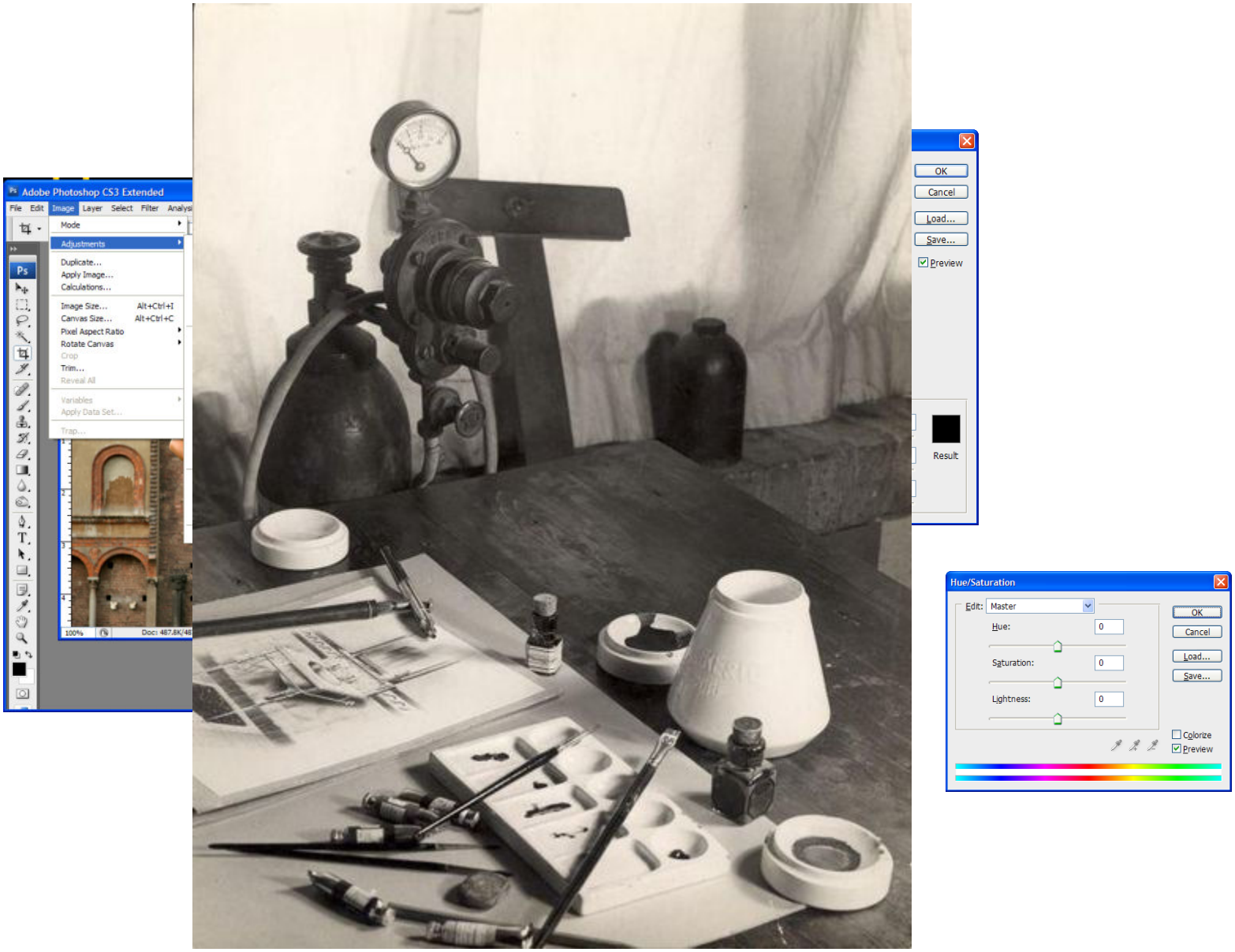
Earth as viewed from the Moon during the Apollo 8 mission, Christmas Eve, 1968



Paris~1838: Louis-Jacques-Mandé Daguerre

~ 1940

After 1940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Changing Colors

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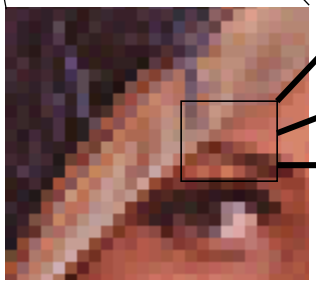
Color



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3x1-byte channels: Red, Green, Blue

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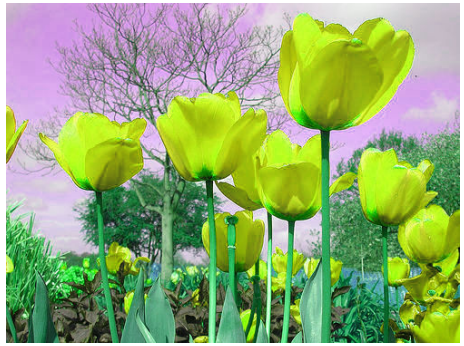
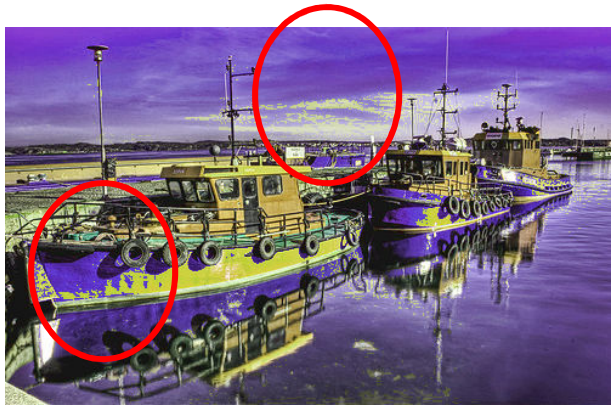
Changing Colors is Difficult

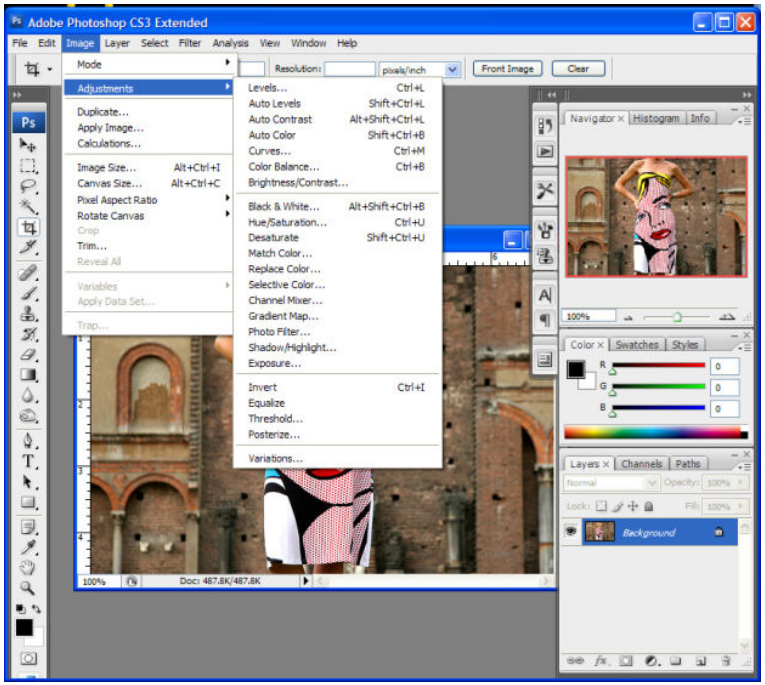
- Global changes → limited

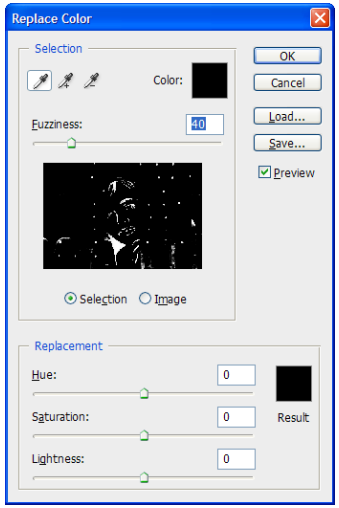


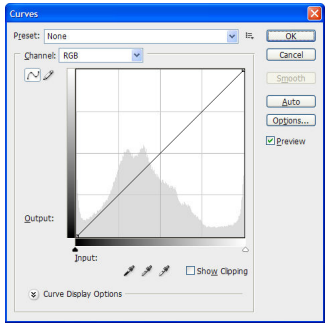
- Local changes → tend to create unrealistic artifacts

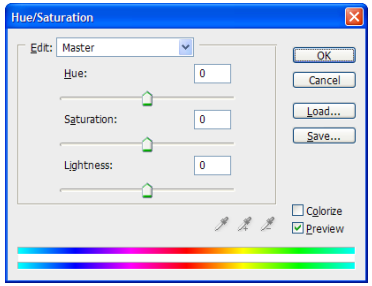


Changing Colors is Tedious



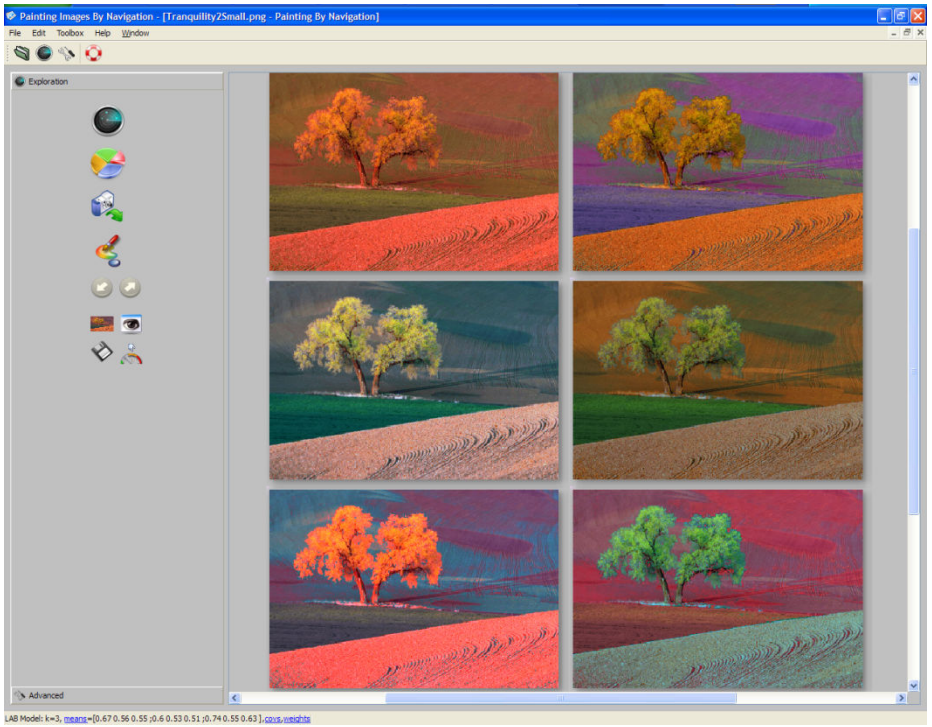






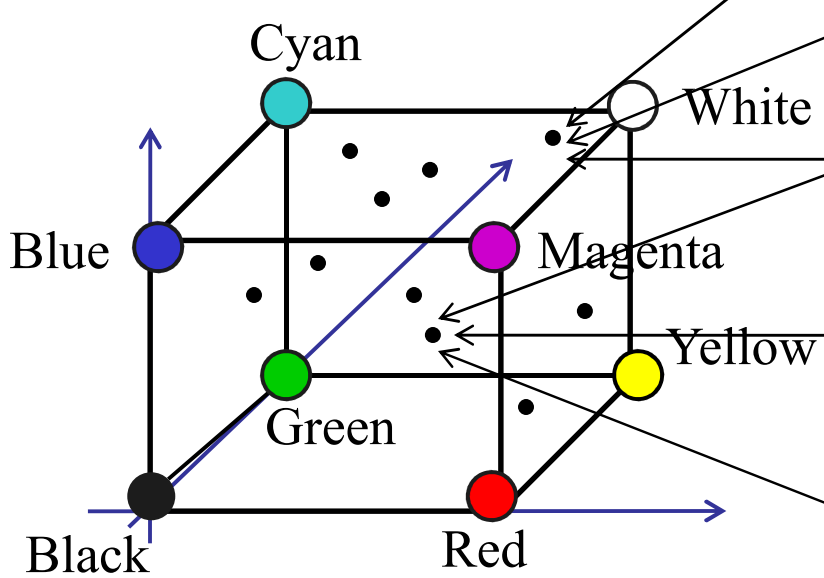
Change to What Color?

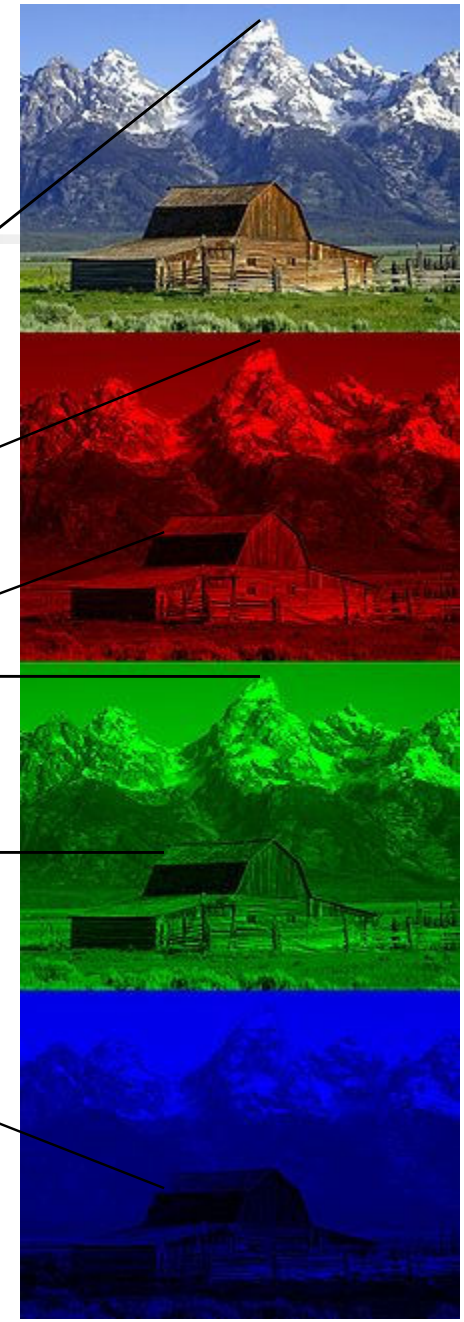
Our Approach



Representing Color

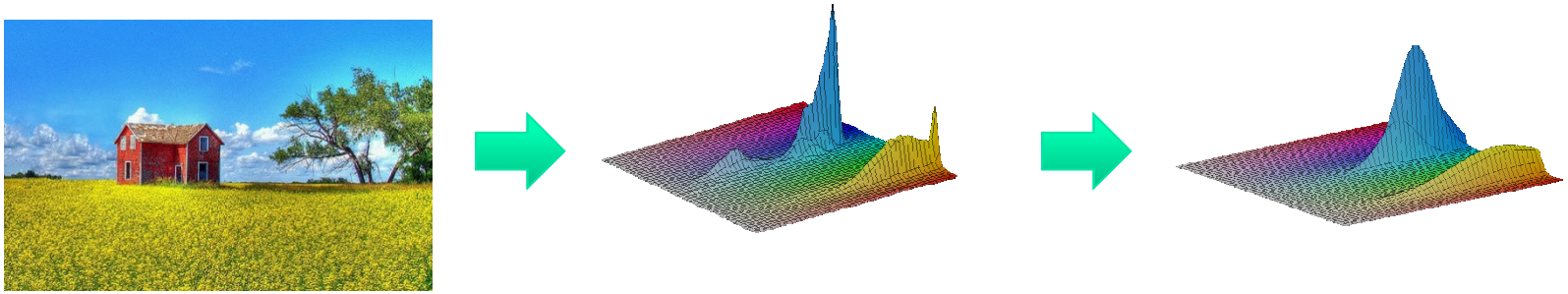
- Each Pixel can be seen as a 3D point in RGB space:





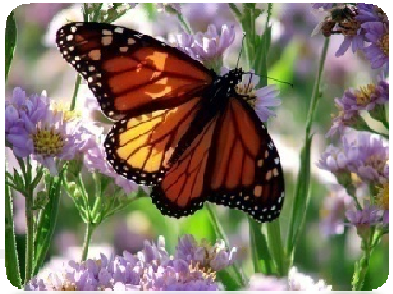
A 3D histogram of color values

Part 1: Parametric Modeling of the Image Colors



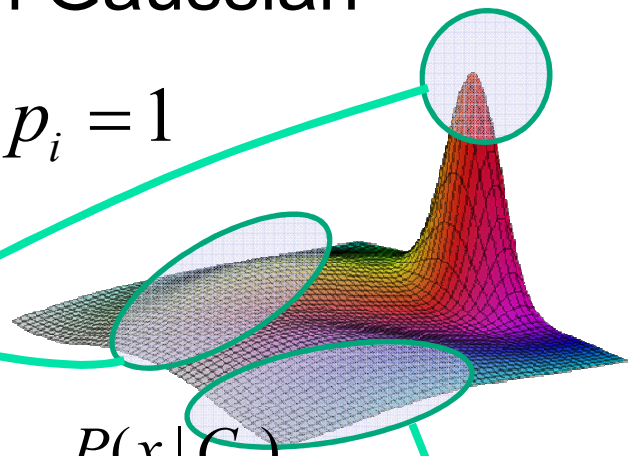
- More natural color spaces: HSV, Lab
- We use the 2D color channels and fit a Gaussian Mixture Model to the pixel colors histogram in these spaces

Association of Pixels



- Each pixel in the image is associated with a probability vector of matching each Gaussian

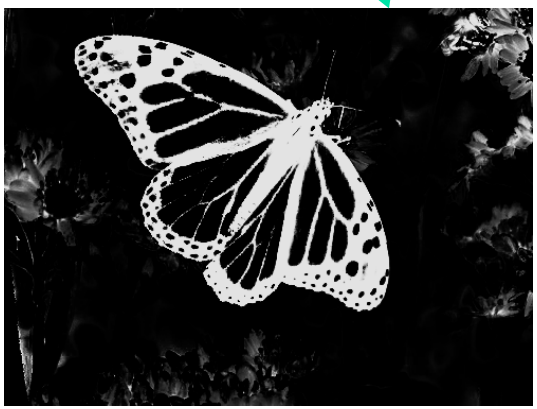
$$p = (p_1, \ldots, p_k) \text{ s.t. } p_i = P(x \mid C_i), \sum_{i=1..k} p_i = 1$$



$P(x \mid C_1)$

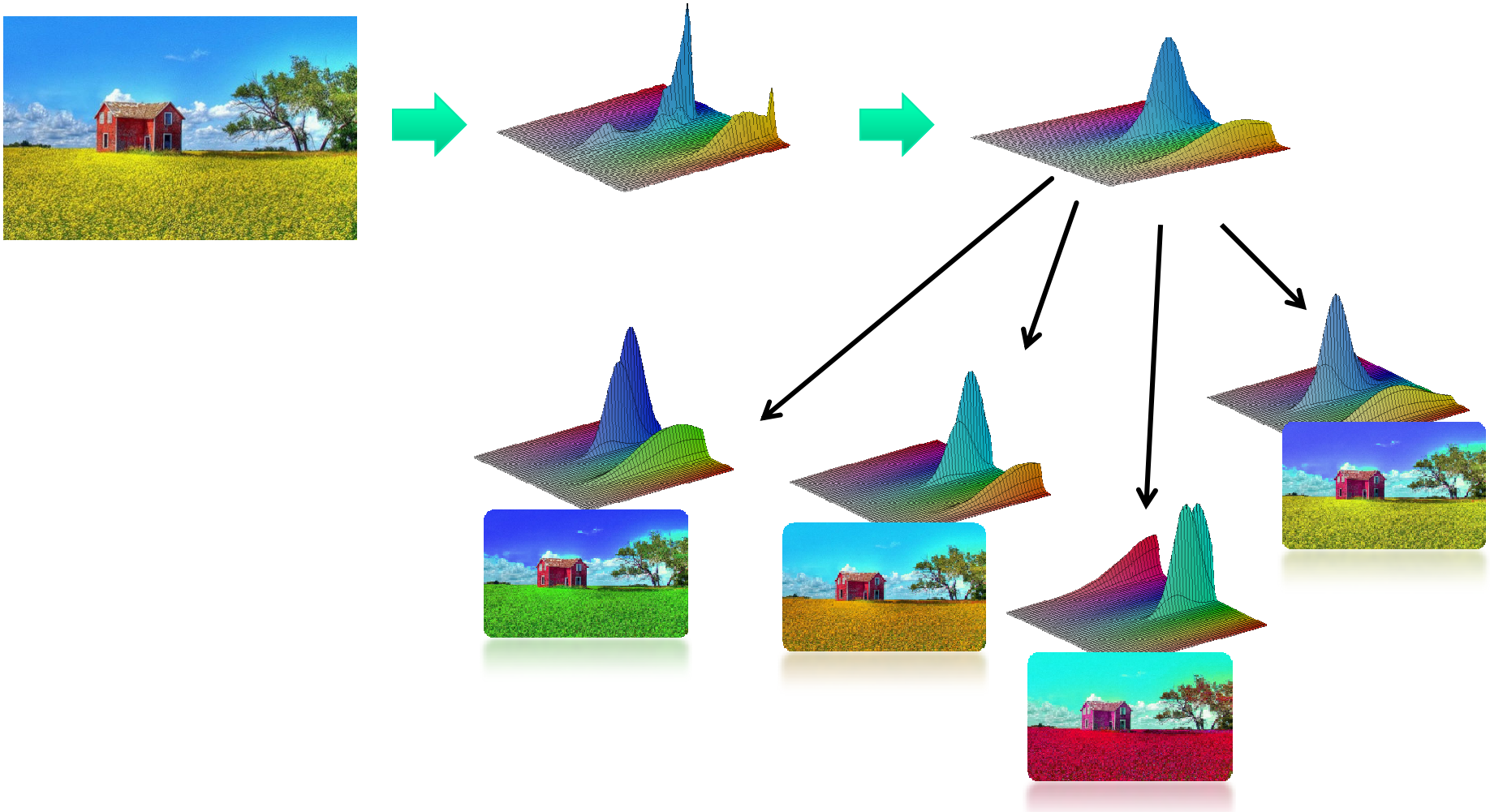
$P(x \mid C_2)$

$P(x \mid C_3)$

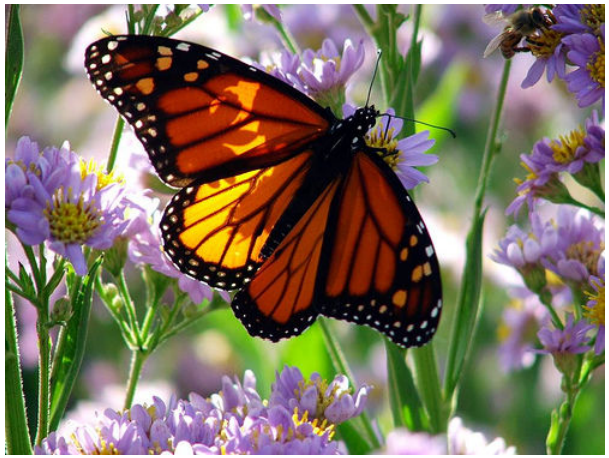


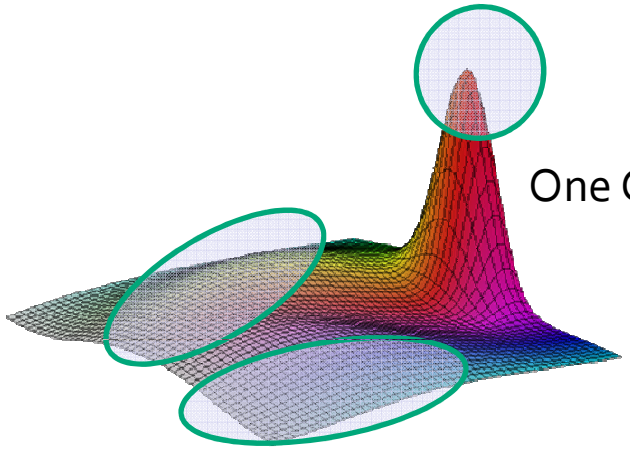
Key Idea

Changes in Model Parameters
Leads to a Change in the Image



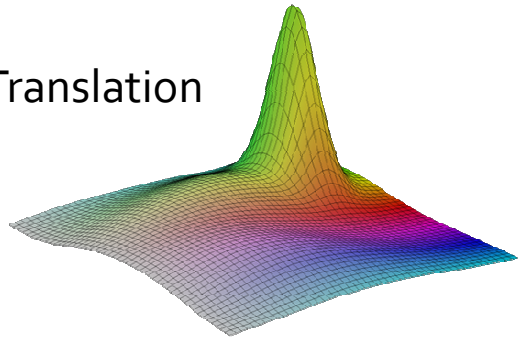
Model Parametric Changes





Gaussian Mixture Model, K=3

Translation



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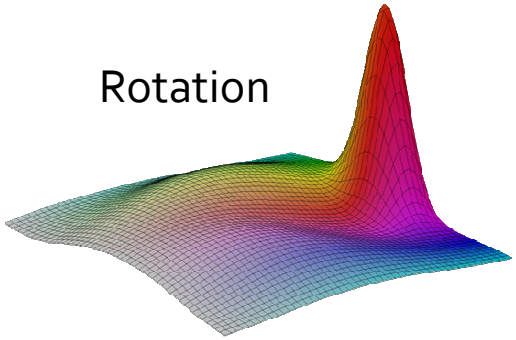
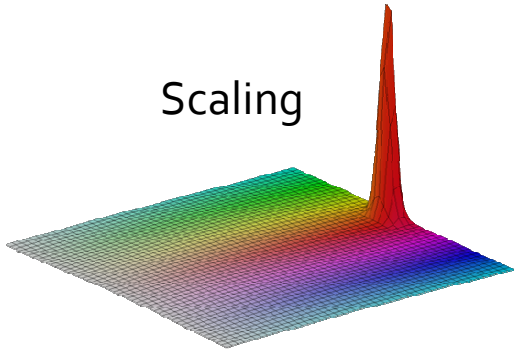


Scaling



New Pixel Color

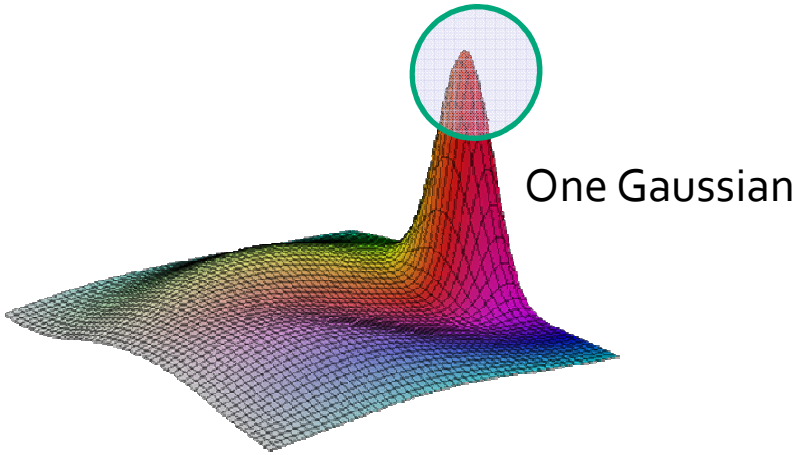
- After transformation, the Guassian $\sim N(\boldsymbol{\mu}_i, \mathbf{C}_i)$ has a new mean and covariance matrix $\sim N(\boldsymbol{\mu}_i^{new}, \mathbf{C}_i^{new})$
- A pixel color x is transformed by the operations on Guassian i as follows:

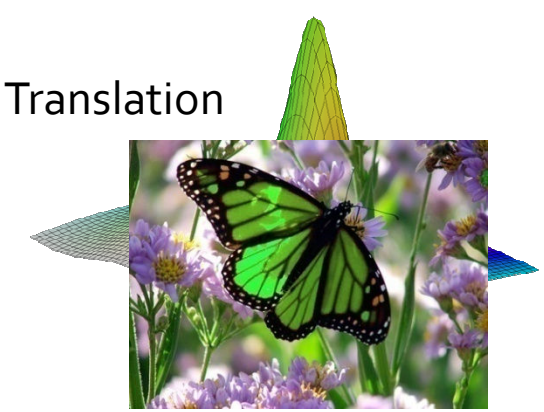
$$x_i = \mathbf{C}_i^{new} \cdot \mathbf{C}_i^{-1} \cdot \left((x - \boldsymbol{\mu}_i) + \boldsymbol{\mu}_i^{new} \right)$$

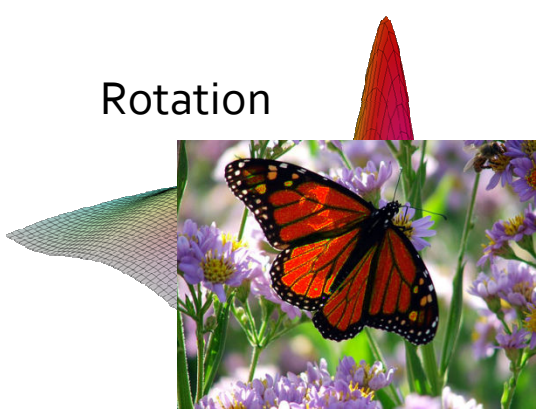
- The new pixel color is given by the weighted average of all new colors created by all Gaussians:

$$x^{new} = \sum_{i=1}^{k} p_i x_i$$

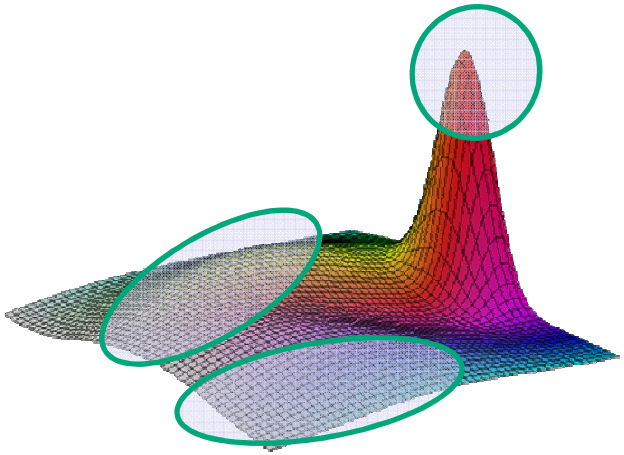
Synthesizing New Image: Simple Example



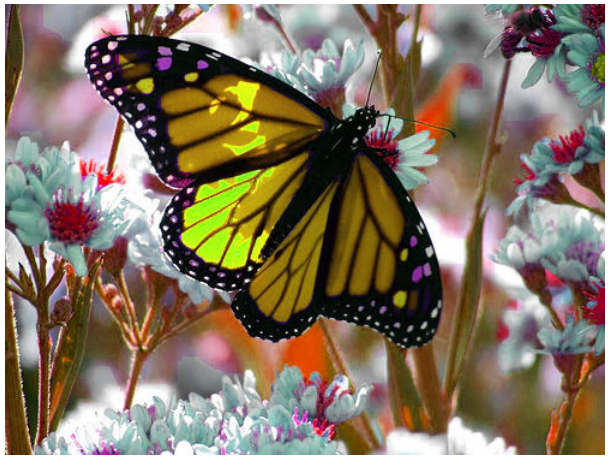


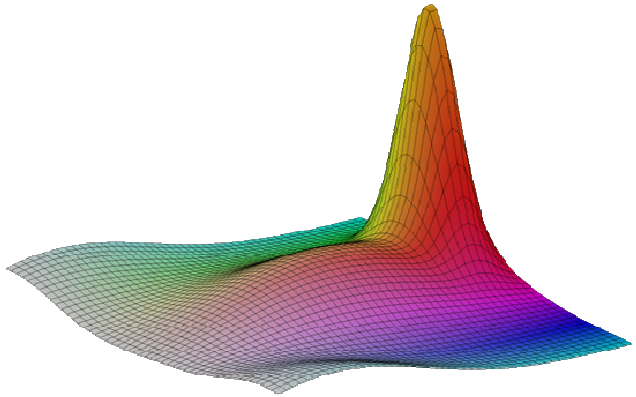


Combining Complex Transformation



Gaussian Mixture Model, K=3





Complex Transformation

Part II:
Navigation in Appearance Space

- Once we have a way to synthesize new images based on changing a parametric model we can build a simple algorithm:

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10 Sample parametric space
20 Synthesize images
30 Display to user
40 Accept user feedback
50 Goto 10
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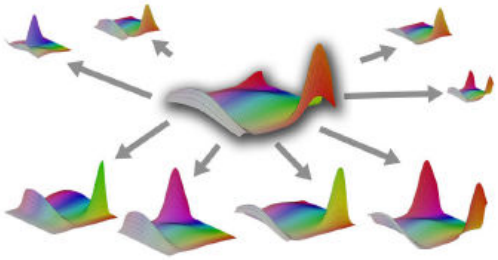
User Interface Challenges

- How to display the image results?
- How to let the user interact with them?

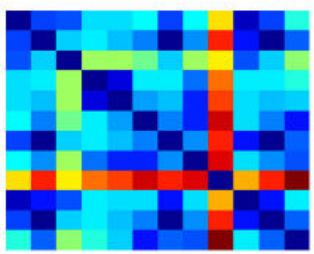
Map from High Dimension to 2D



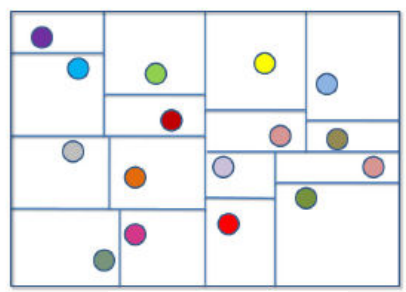
Sample Space

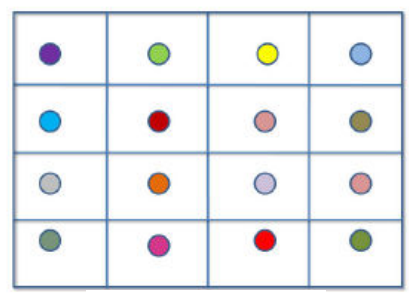
MDS

Grid layout



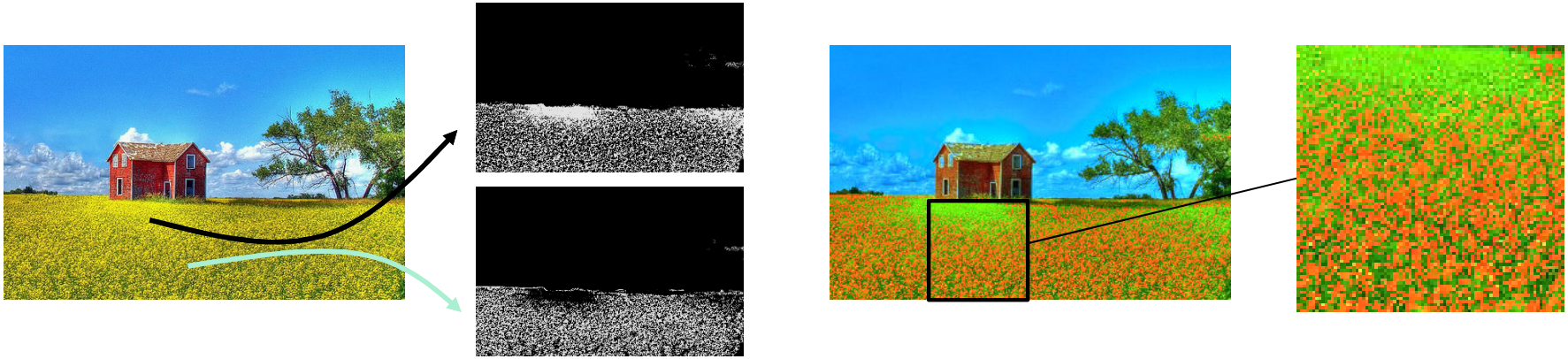
Affinity



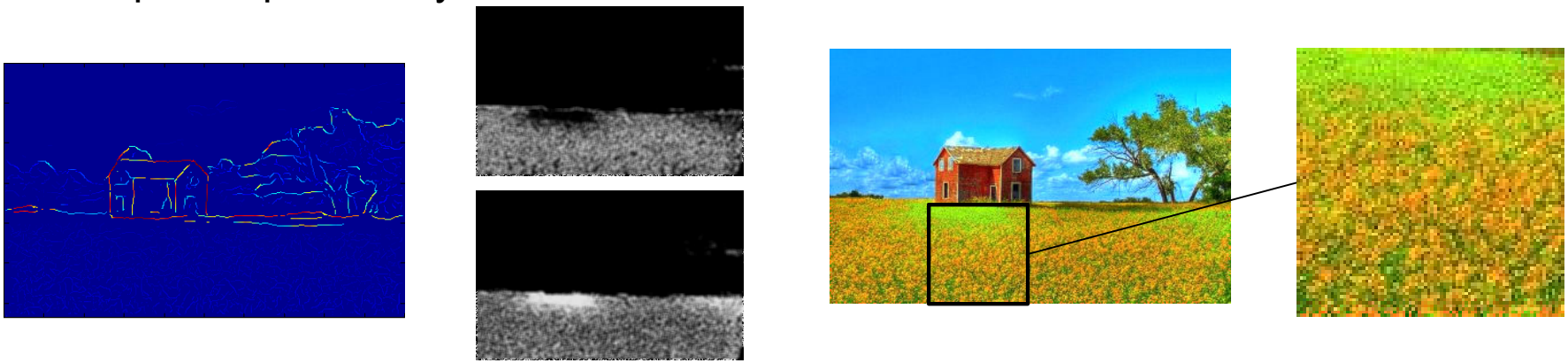


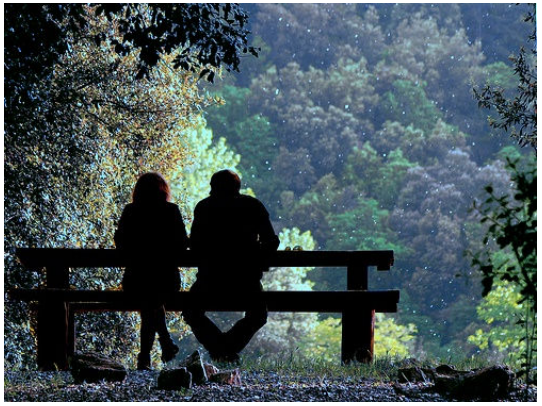
Spatial Considerations

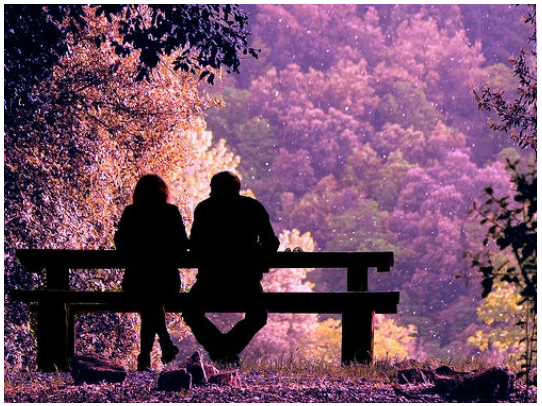
- Complex colors may cause **spatial artifacts**



- To reduce these, we use a natural edge map and apply a median-filter on each pixel's probability vector







Other Use of Parametric Color Model

- Defining image regions to extract the head by defining the characteristic color of face (skin colors), hair (hair colors) and background.

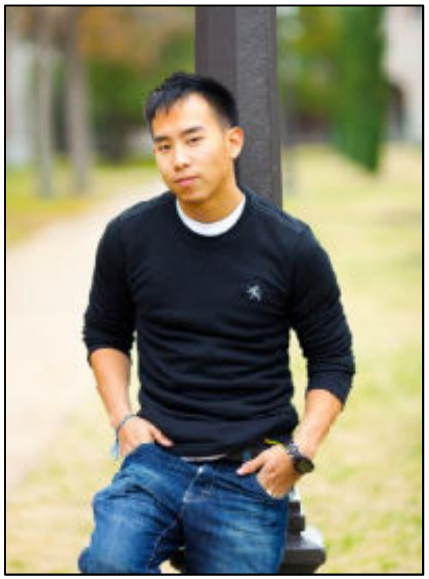
Synthesize to Change Skin Color

- Mapping the extracted face skin color to all skin regions:

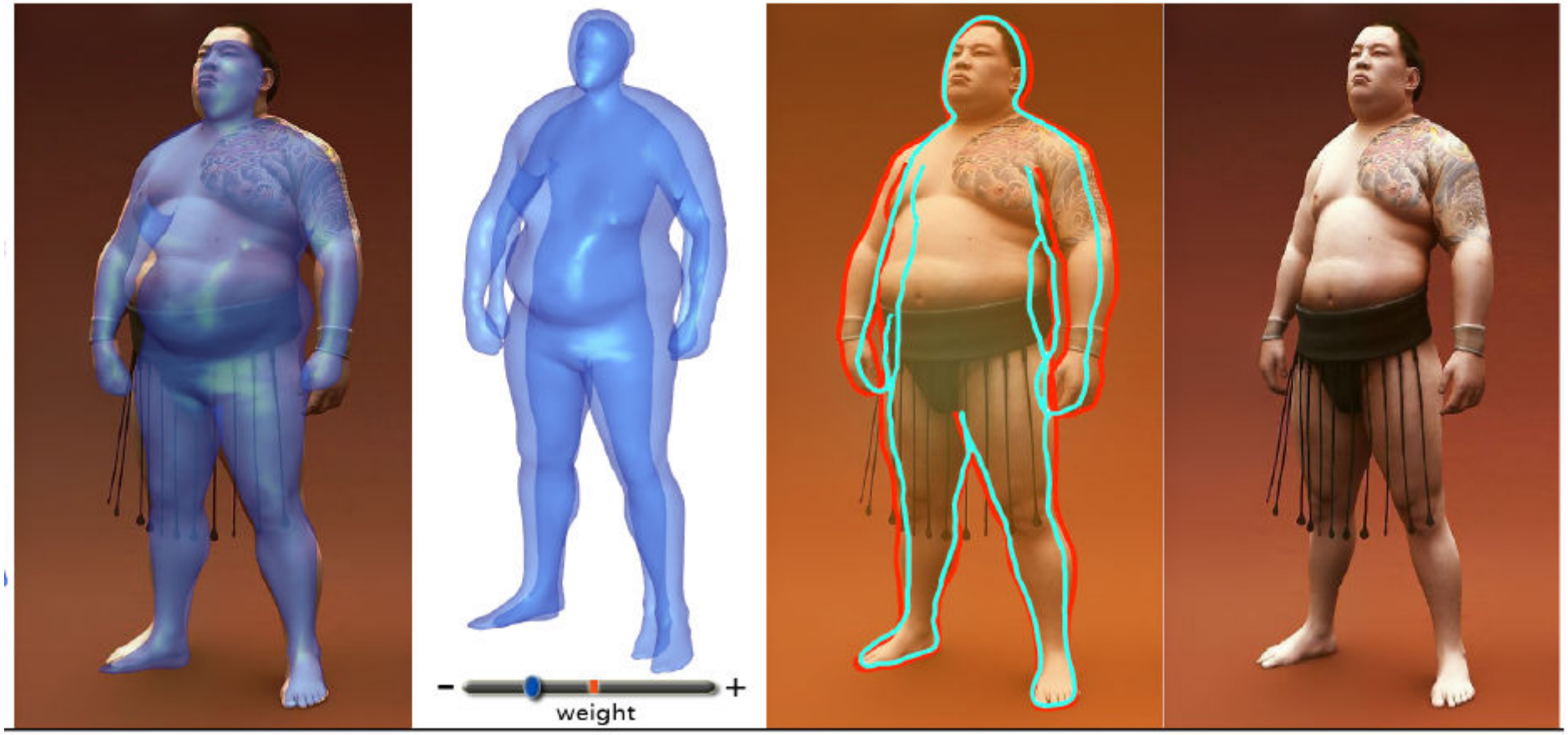
Identity Transfer

Identity Transfer

Image Composition



Shape Retargeting



Which is Fake?

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Changing Size

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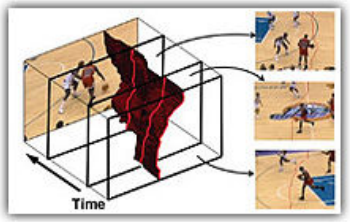

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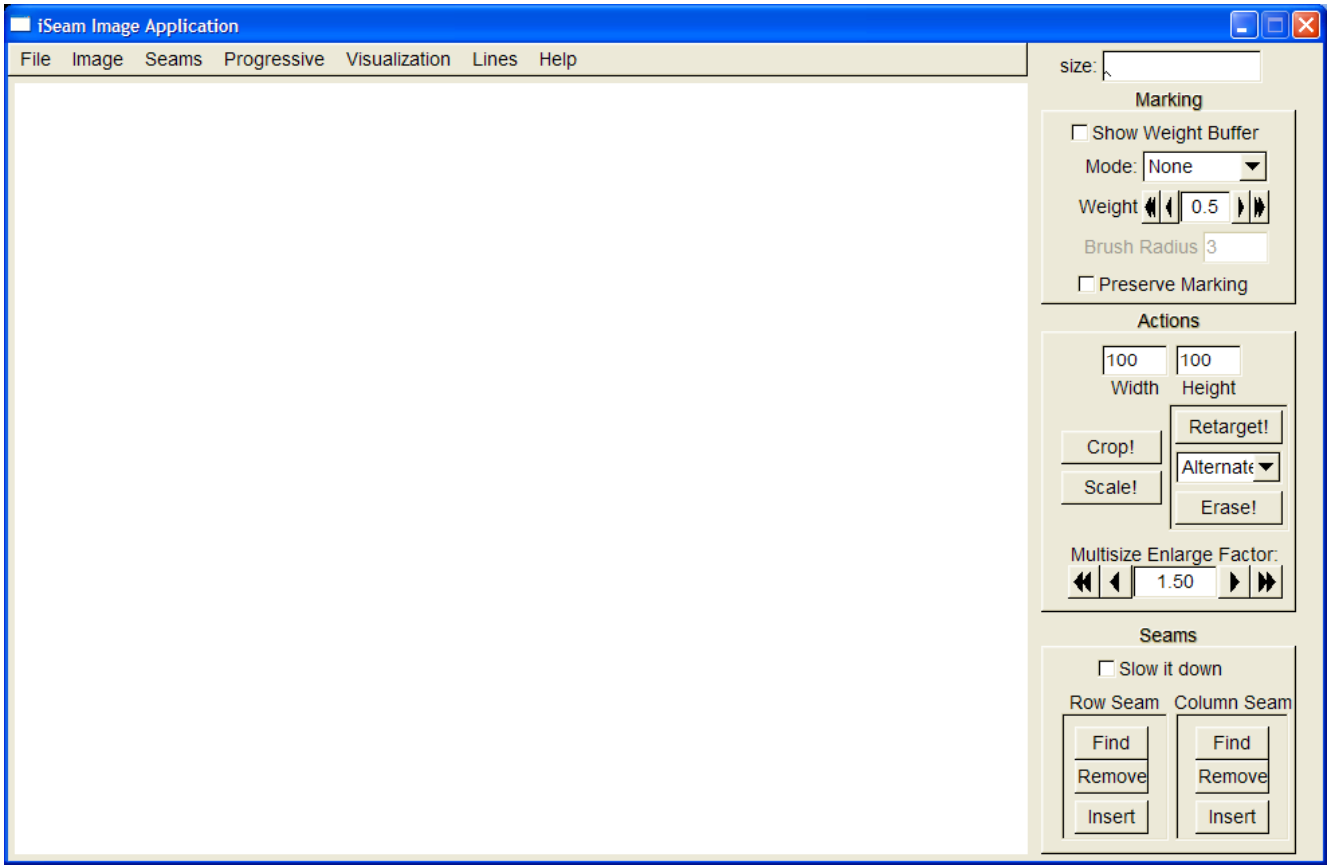
Content Aware

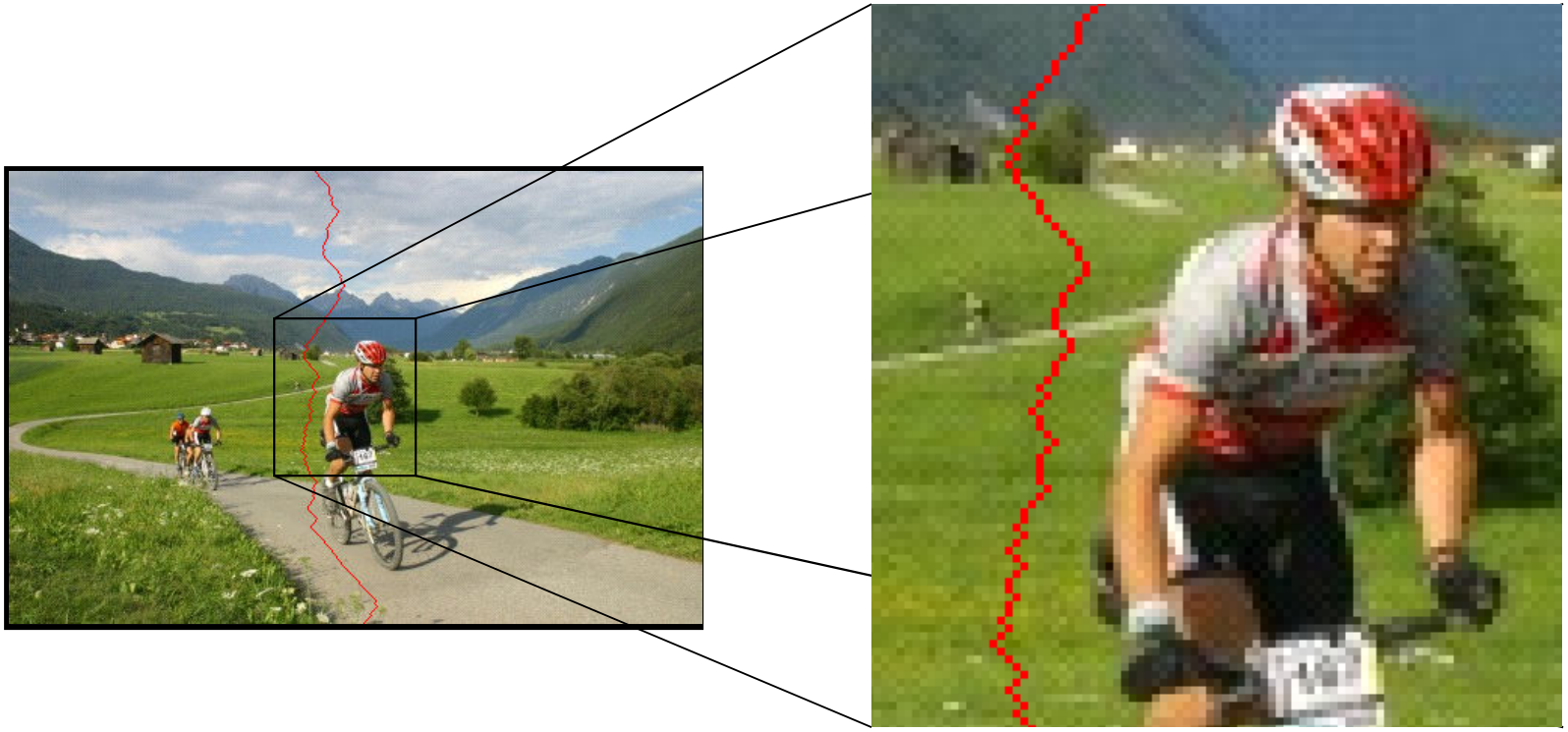
Scale

Crop

Our Approach



A Seam

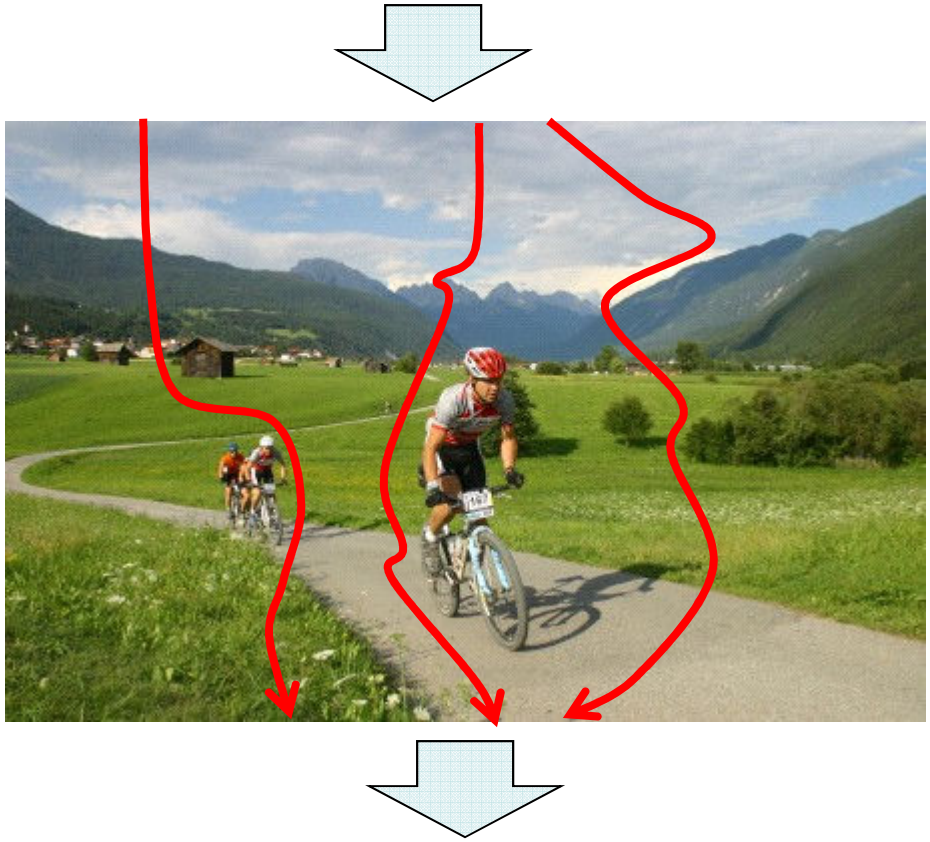


Seam Carving

A Local Operator!

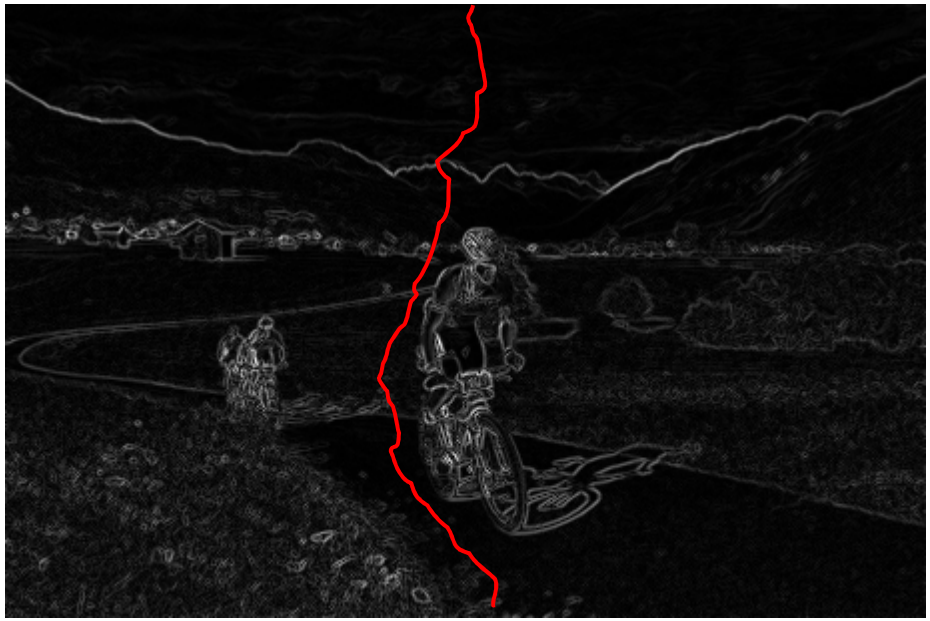
Width is
one pixel smaller

Finding the Seam?



The Optimal Seam

$$E(\mathbf{I}) = \left|\frac{\partial}{\partial x}\mathbf{I}\right| + \left|\frac{\partial}{\partial y}\mathbf{I}\right| \quad \Rightarrow \quad s^* = \arg\min_s E(s)$$



How Many Possible Seams?

- An image has n columns and m rows
- Start from any pixel at top row (n)
- For each one choose between 3 possible pixels in the next row
- For each one of those, choose between 3 in the next row…
- $n*3^{m-1}$ = exponential! ☹

Pixel Attribute → Dynamic Programming

$$M(i, j) = e(i, j) + \min(M(i-1, j-1), M(i-1, j), M(i-1, j+1))$$

5	8	12	3
9	2	3	9
7	3	4	2
5	4	7	8

Dynamic Programming

$$M(i, j) = e(i, j) + \min(M(i-1, j-1), M(i-1, j), M(i-1, j+1))$$

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9	2+5	3	9
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5	8	12	3
9	7	6	12
14	9	10	8
14	13	15	8+8

Searching for Minimum

$$M(i, j) = e(i, j) + \min(M(i-1, j-1), M(i-1, j), M(i-1, j+1))$$

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Backtracking the Seam

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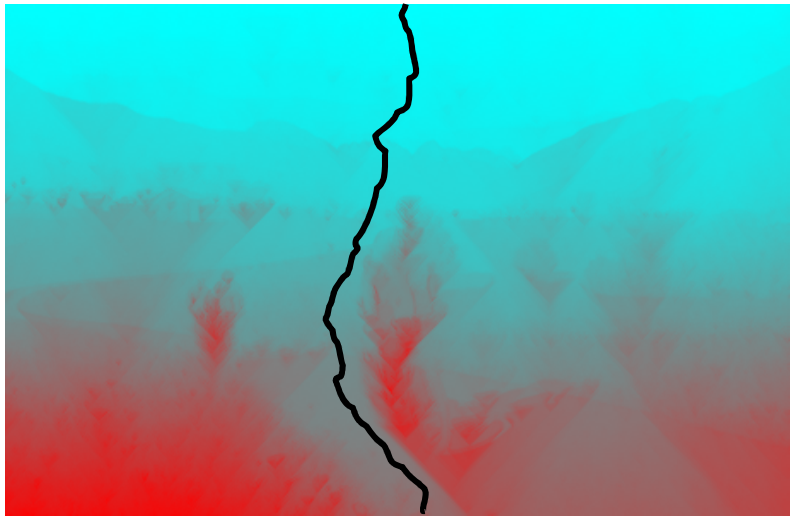
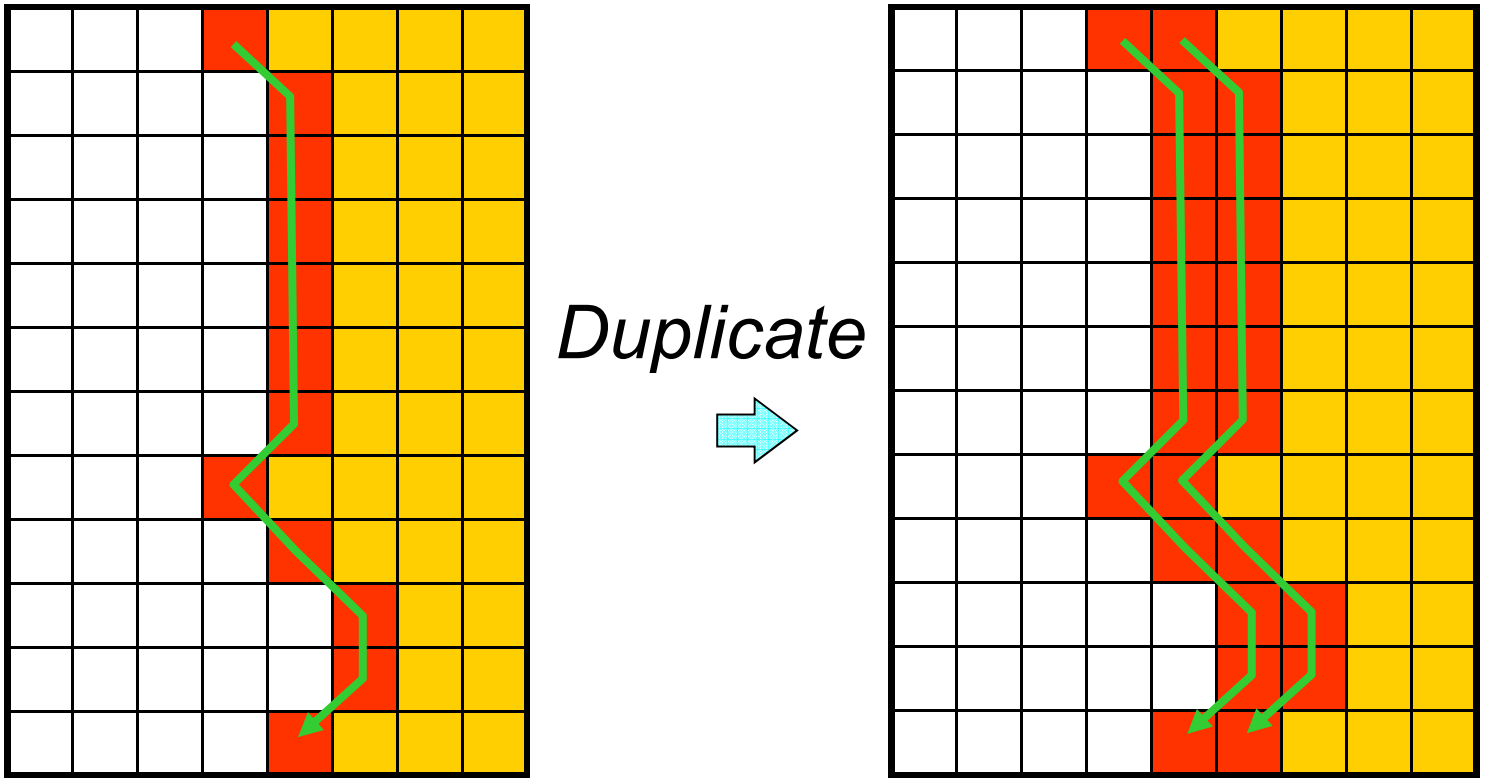
The Cost Matrix & Seam



Low cost *High cost*

Inserting a Seam?



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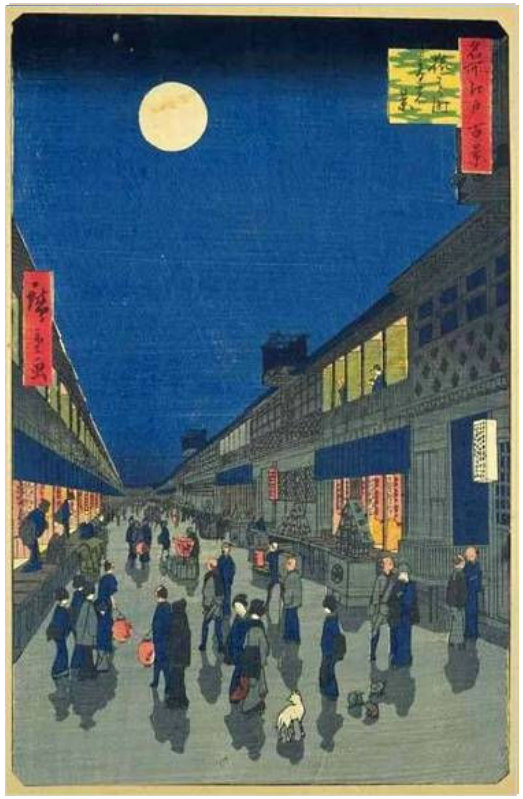

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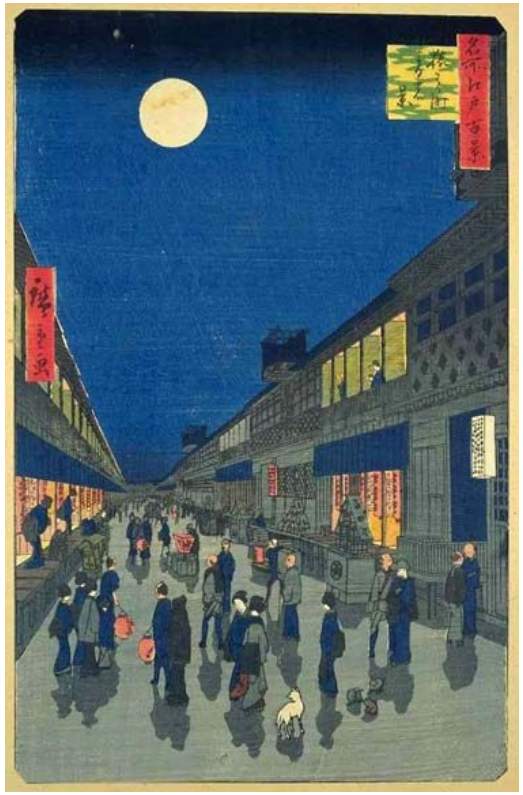

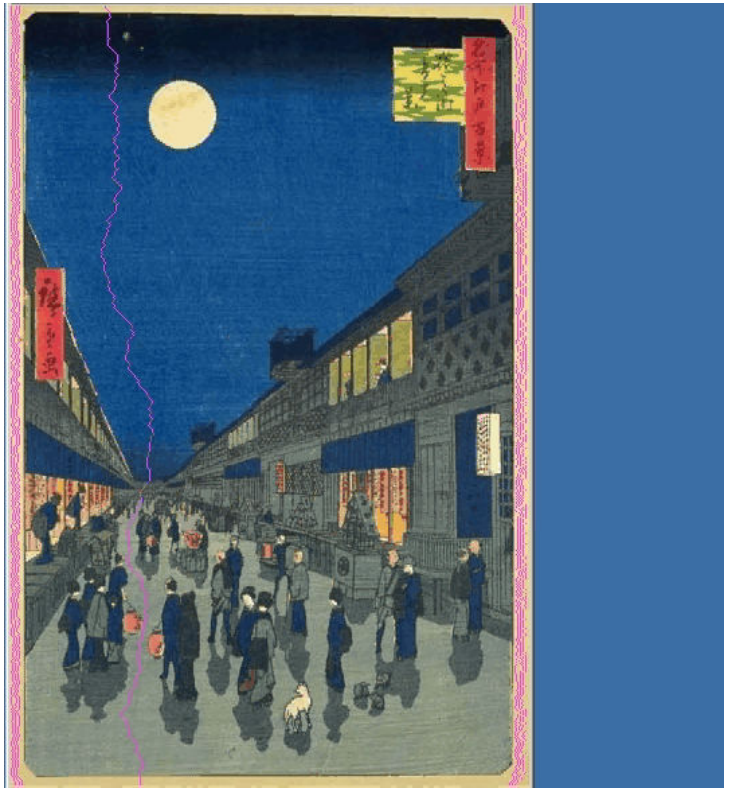

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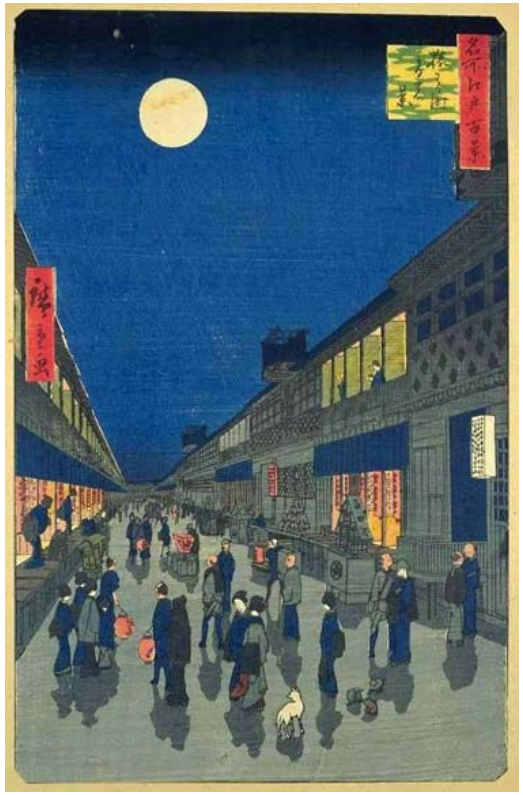

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Not Always a Success

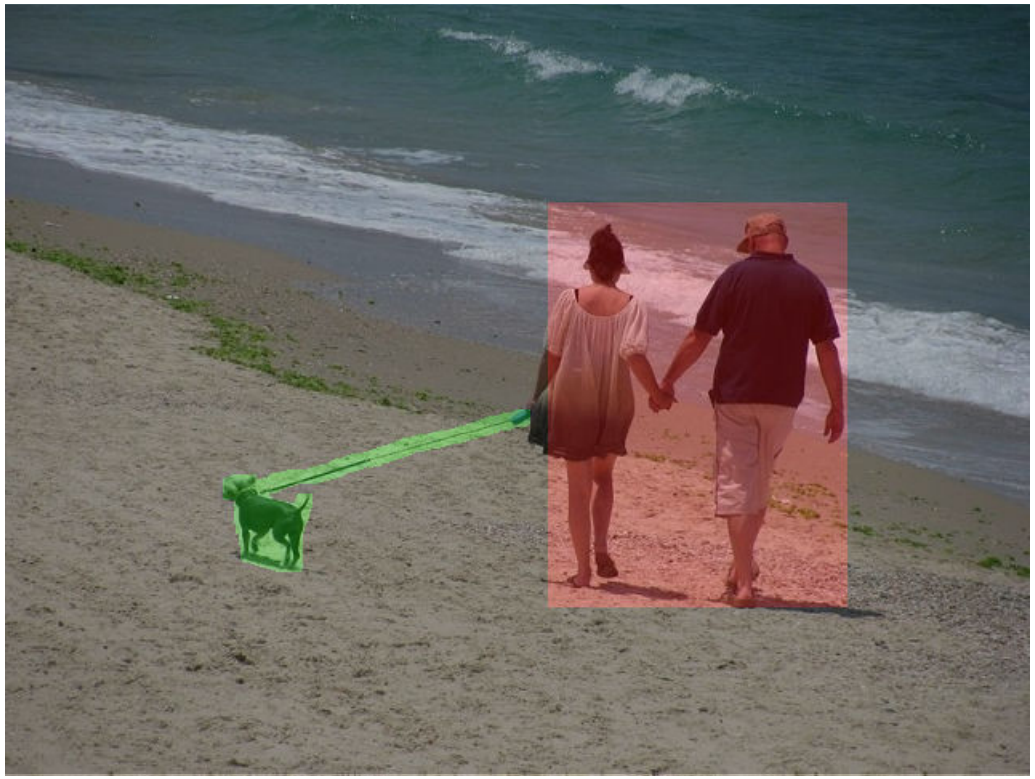
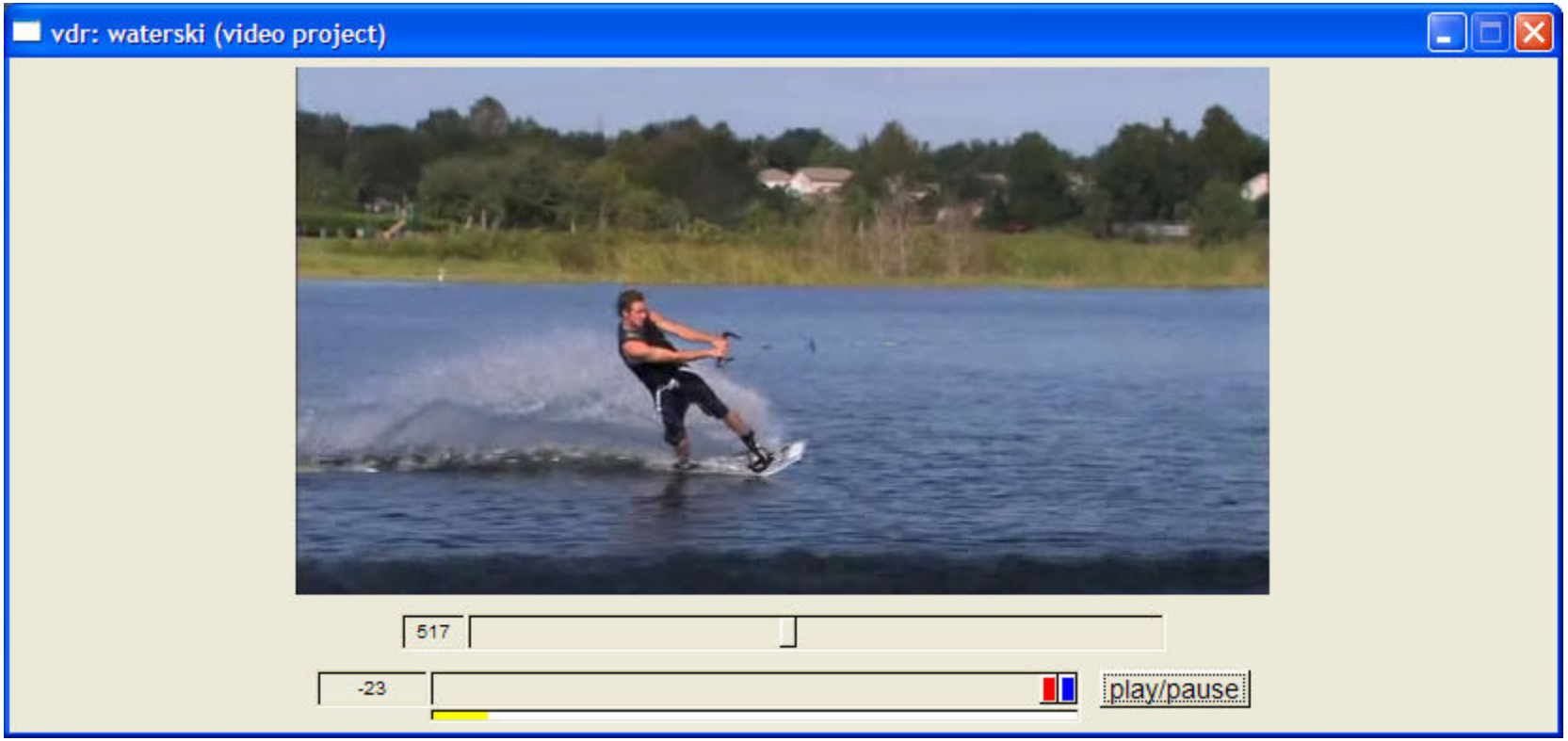


Image: Yehudit Garinkol

Find the Missing Shoe!

Solution

Video As Well



Fabricating an Whole Image

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Sketch2Photo: Internet Image Montage

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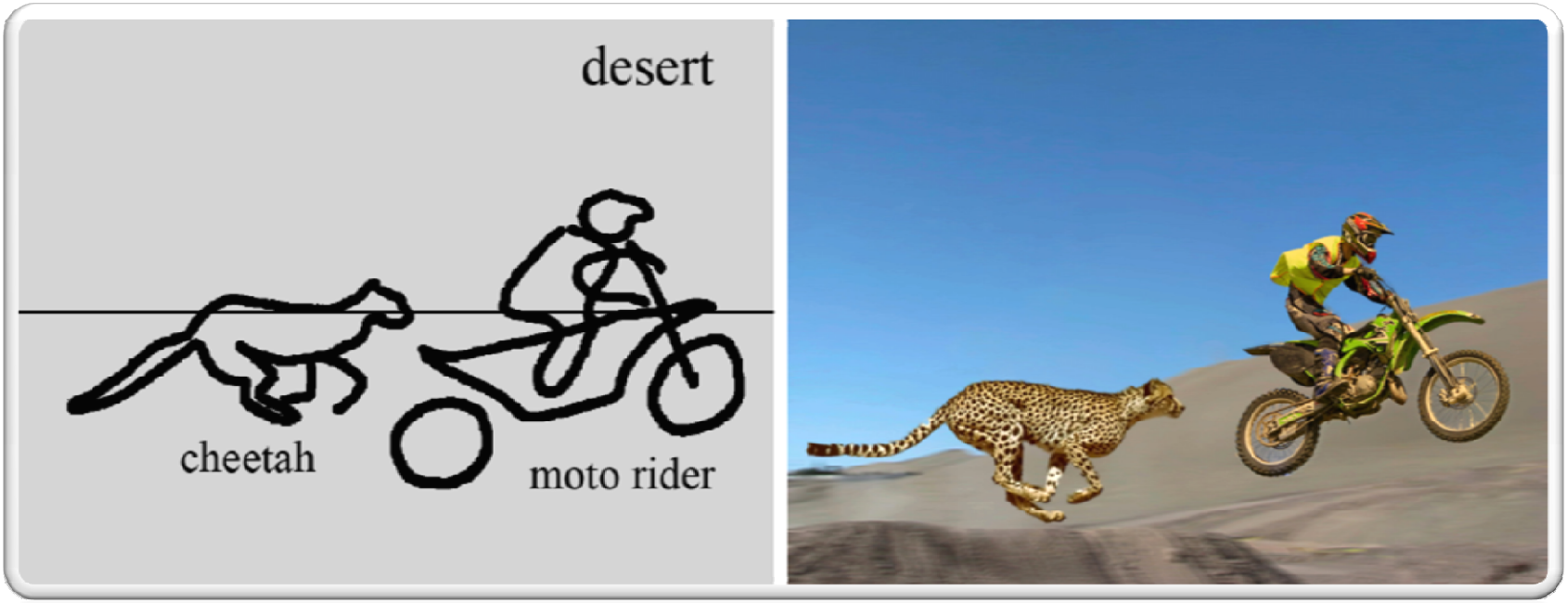

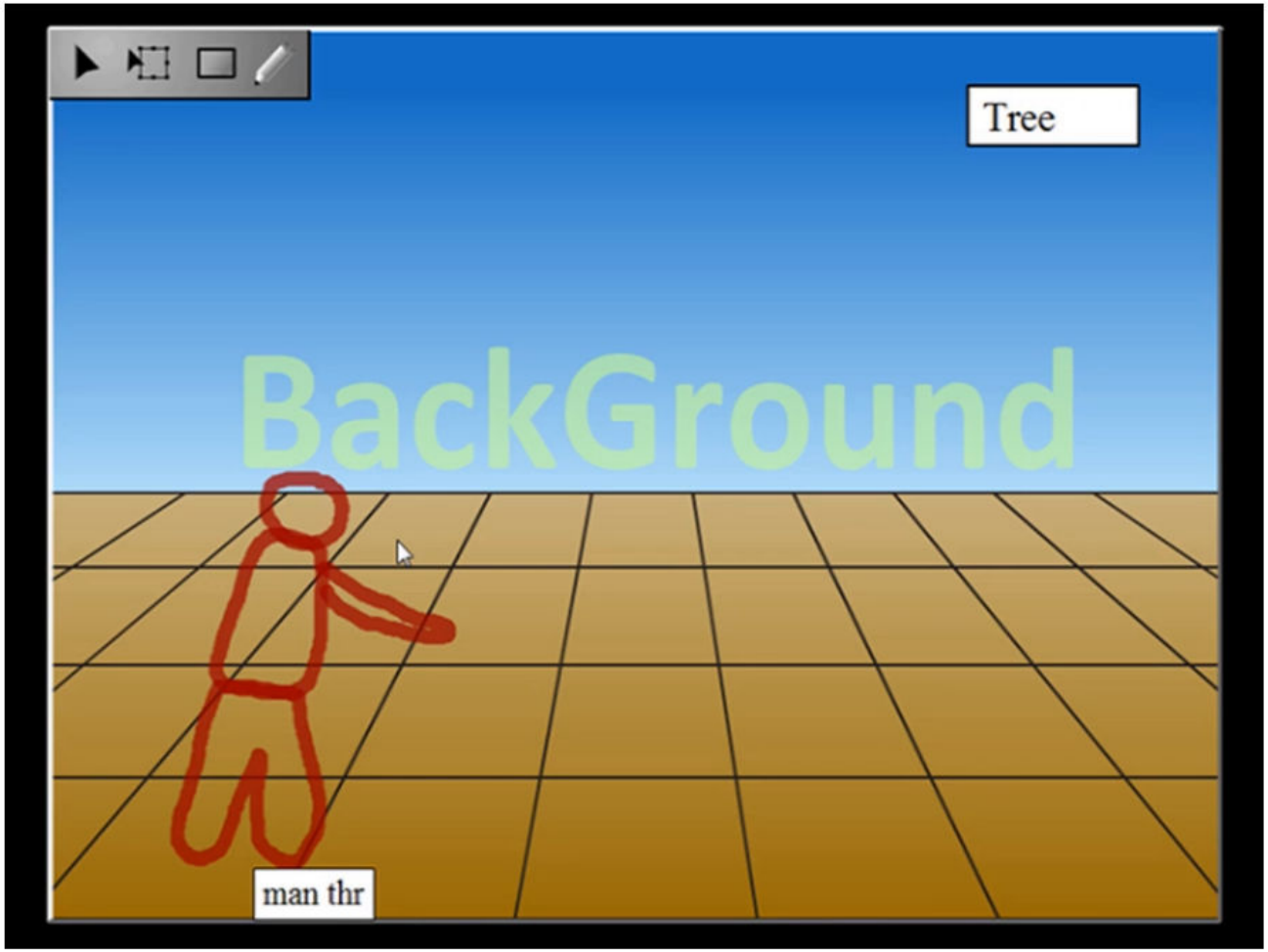
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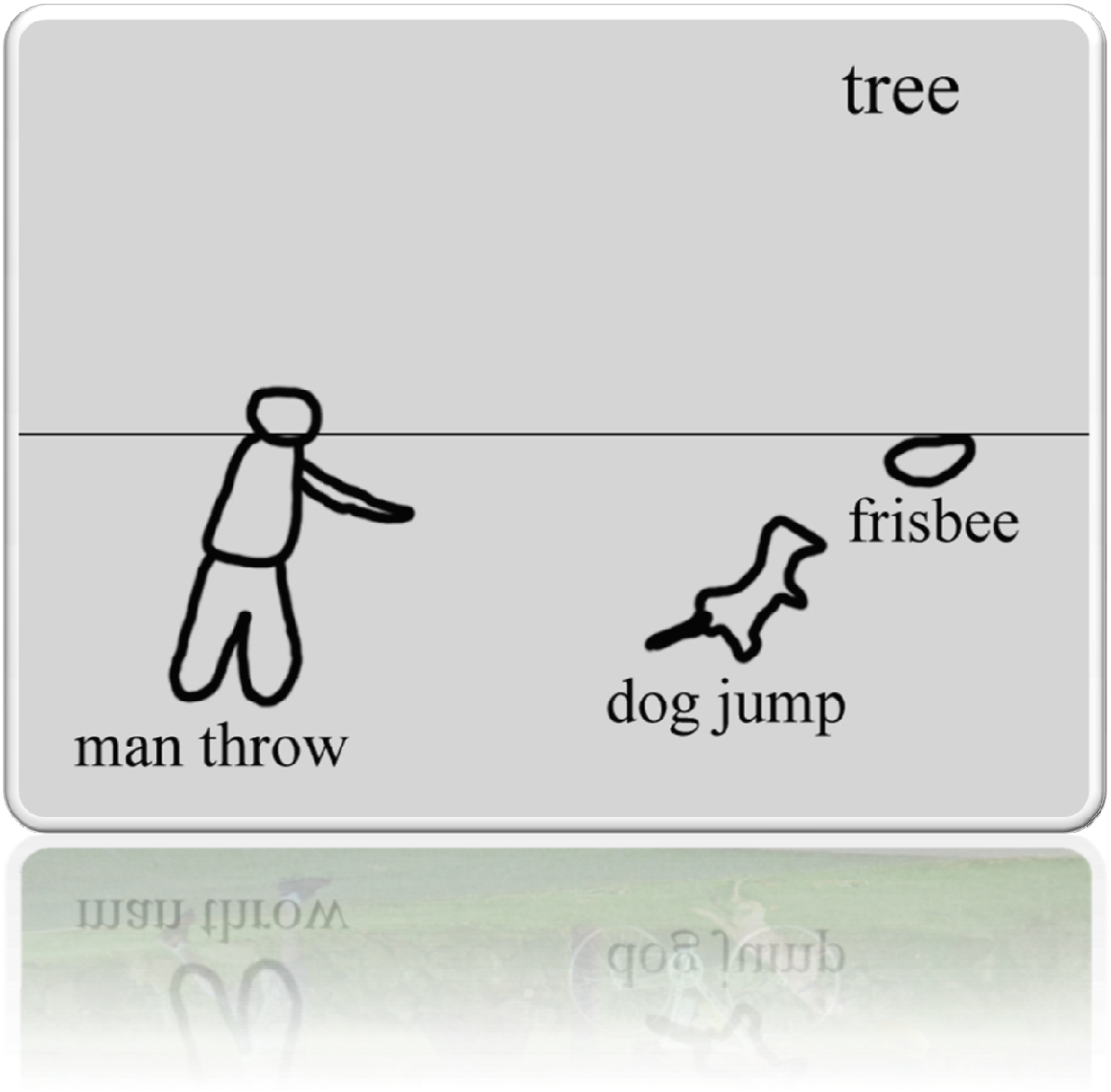
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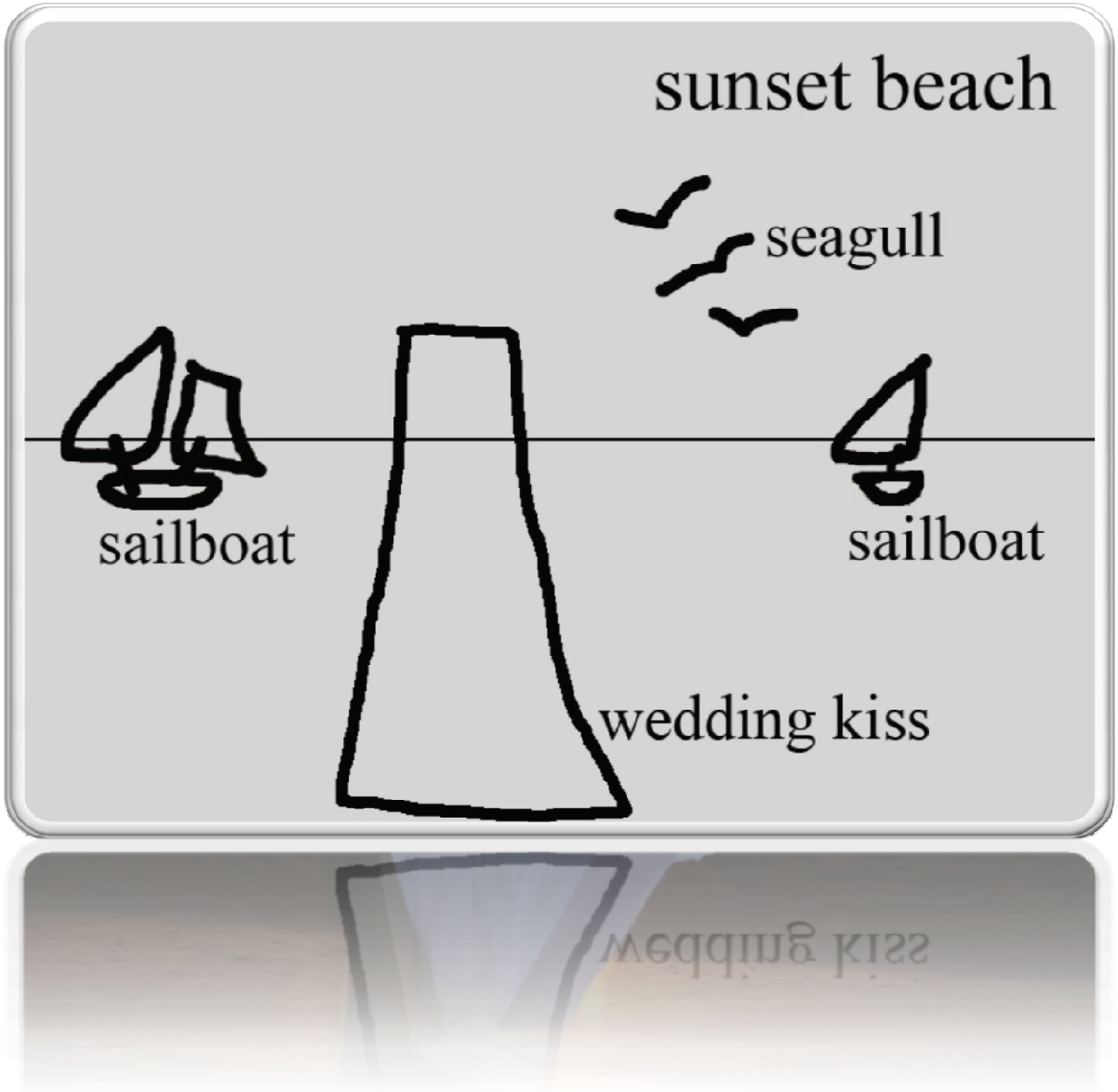
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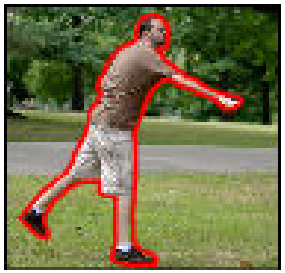

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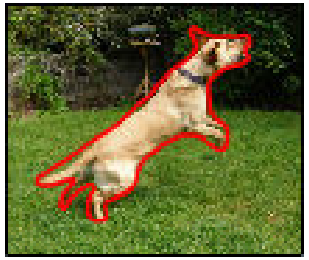

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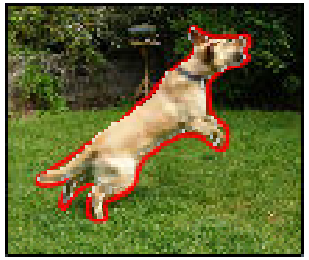

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Challenges

- Image search
- Image comparison
- Image segmentation
- Image composition

  All Very difficult problems in general!

- Key idea:

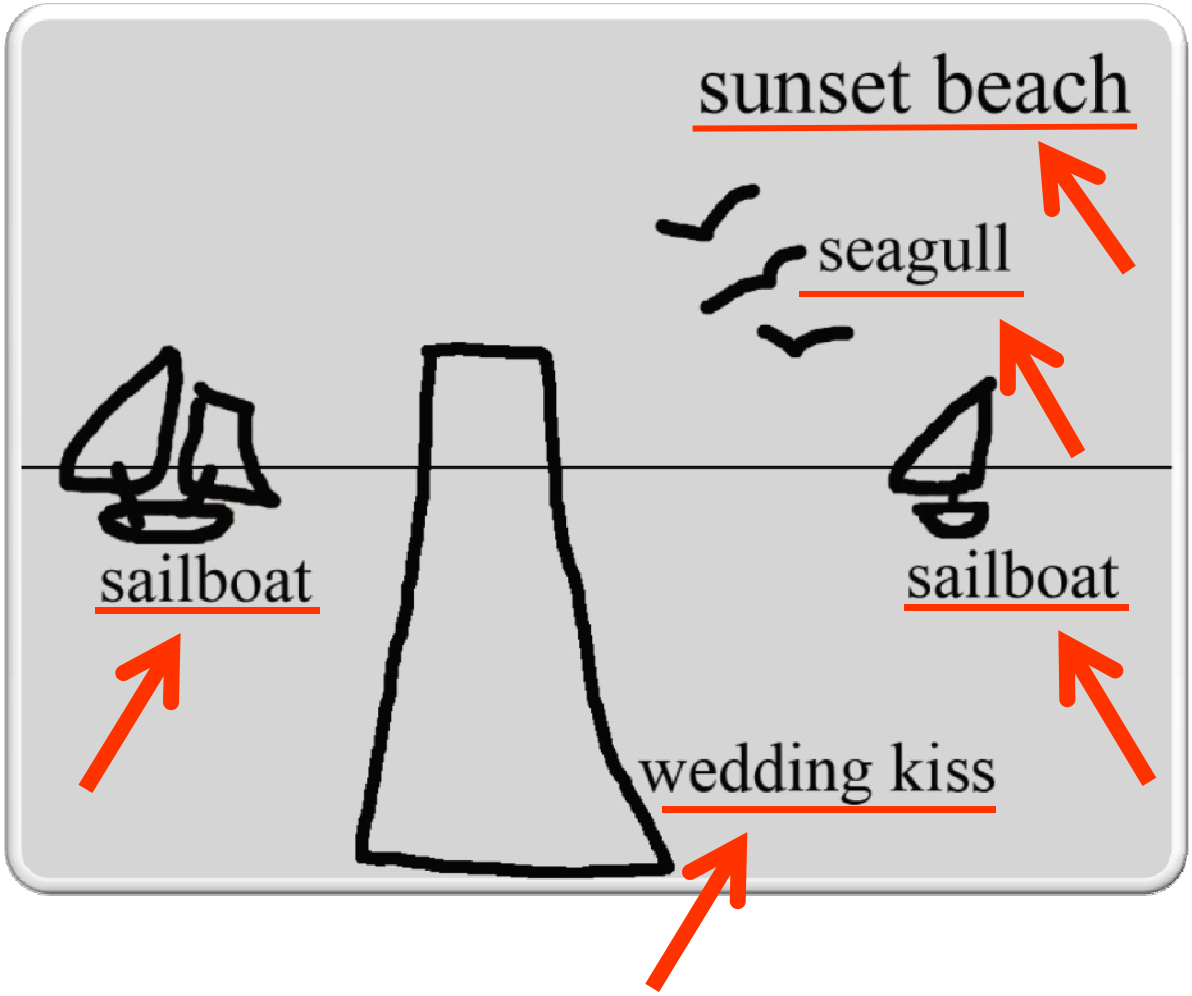
  Make the problems simpler by using simple images!

  → Extensive filtering

Find?

Where do you find anything today?

Google™ flickr® from YAHOO!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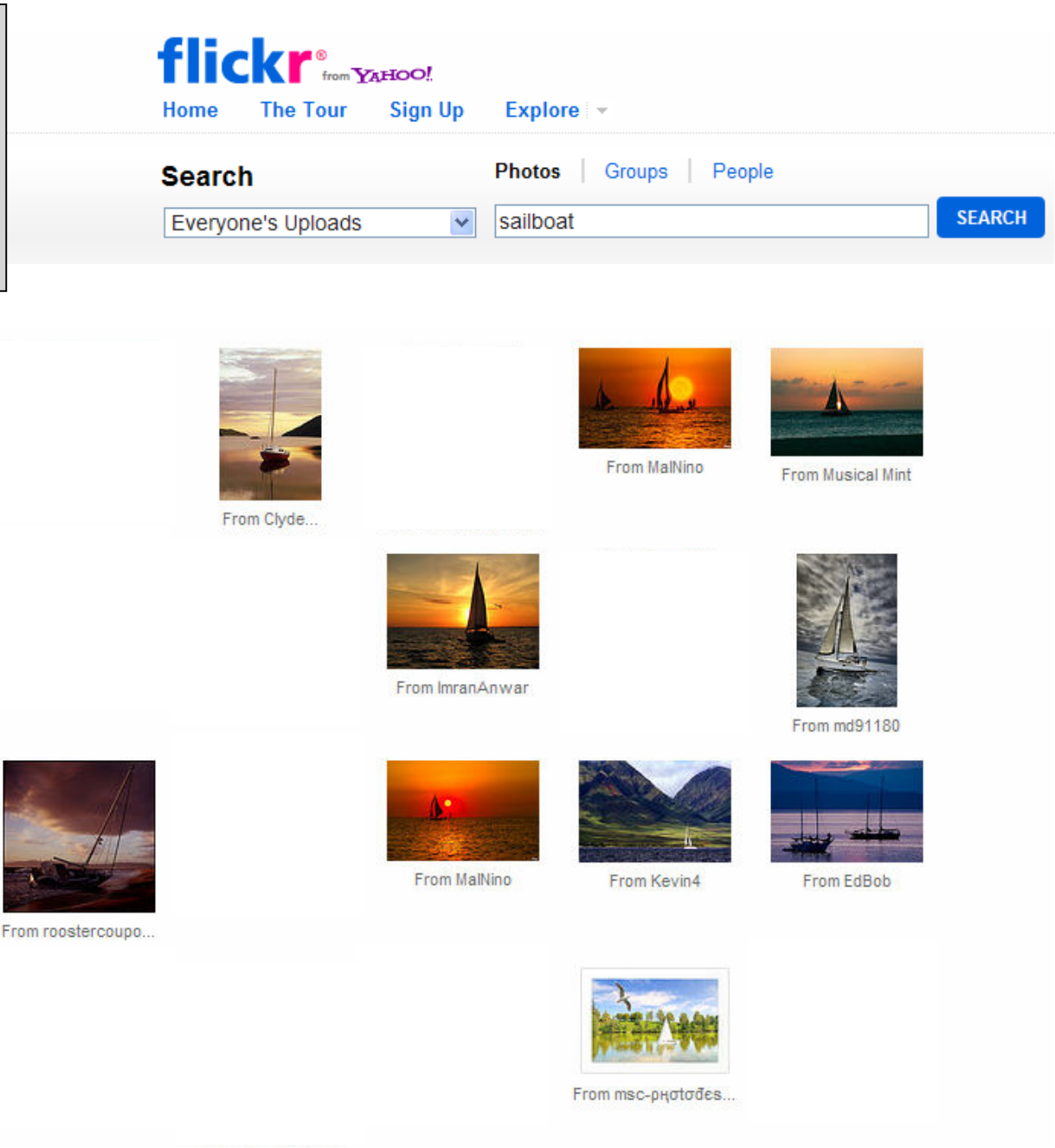
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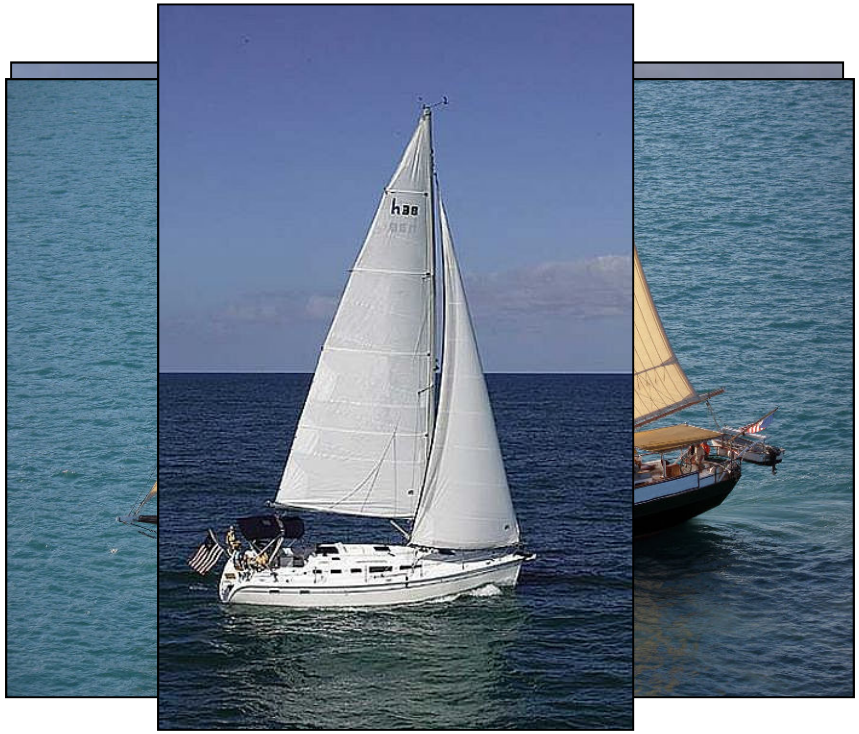
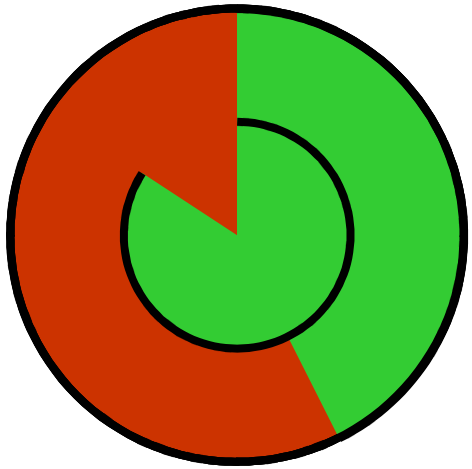
Shape Filtering





Filtering

- Small total number but large ratio of "good images" (around 80%-90%)

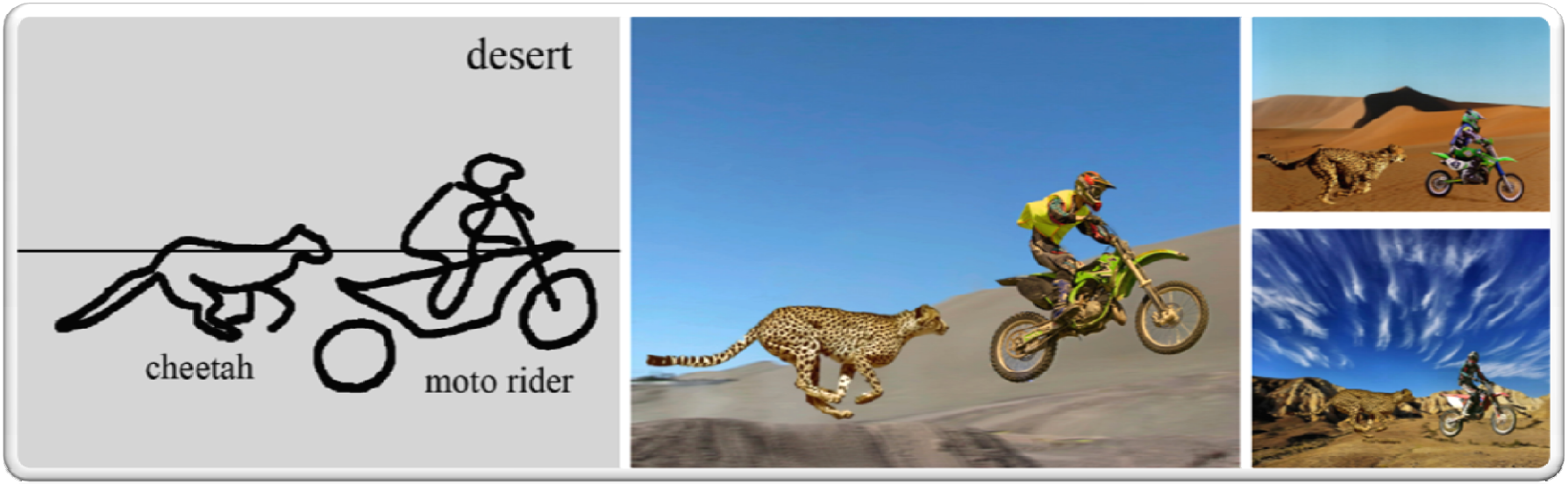
- Extensive filtering work only because we have ***the Internet***

Composition

Source Image

Target Image

Takes Time…



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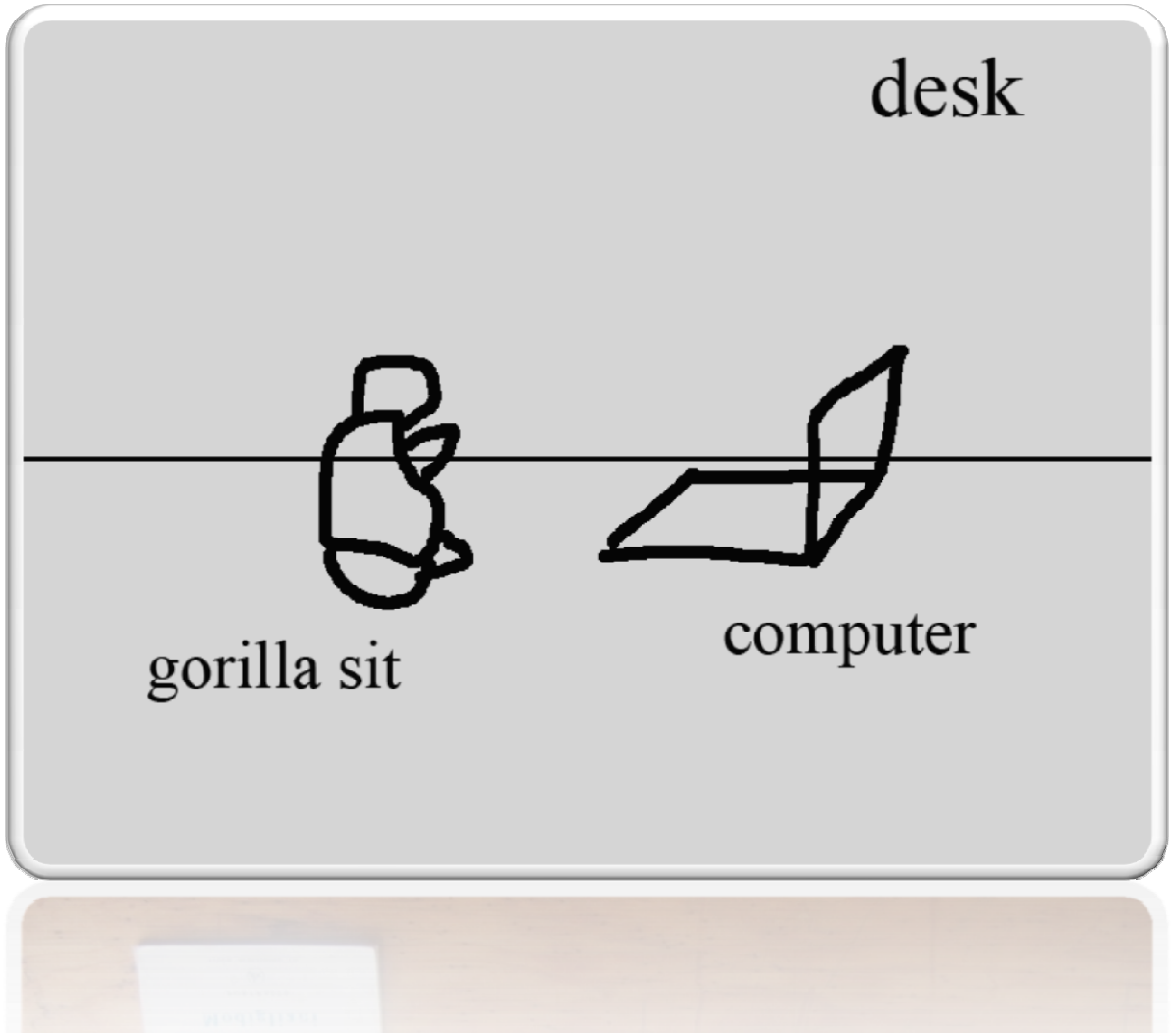

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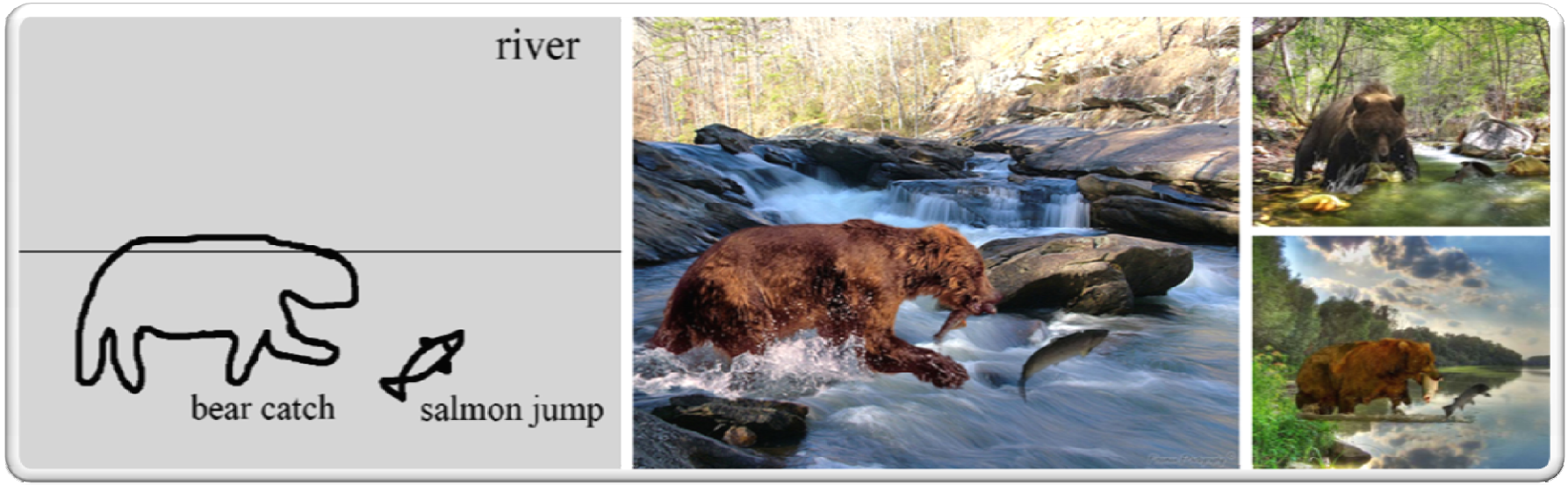

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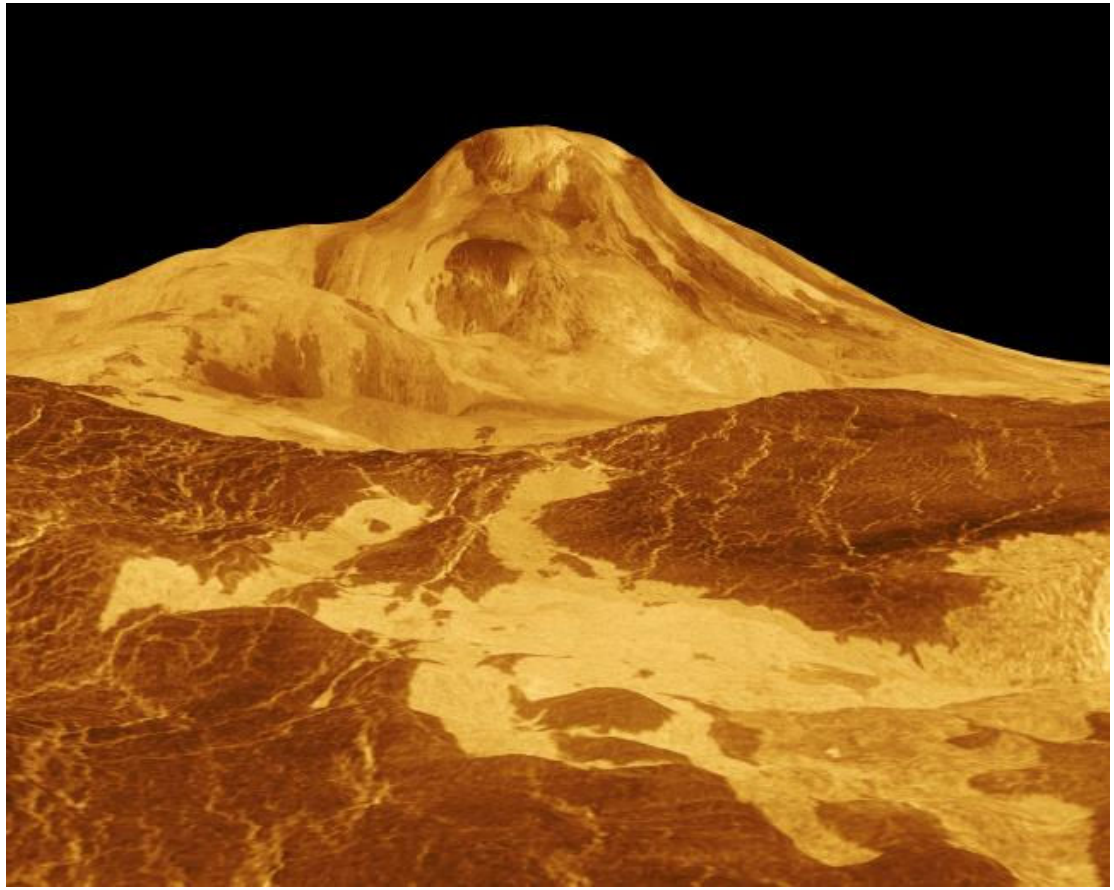

Maat Mons on Venus

Vertical exaggeration of 22.5 times

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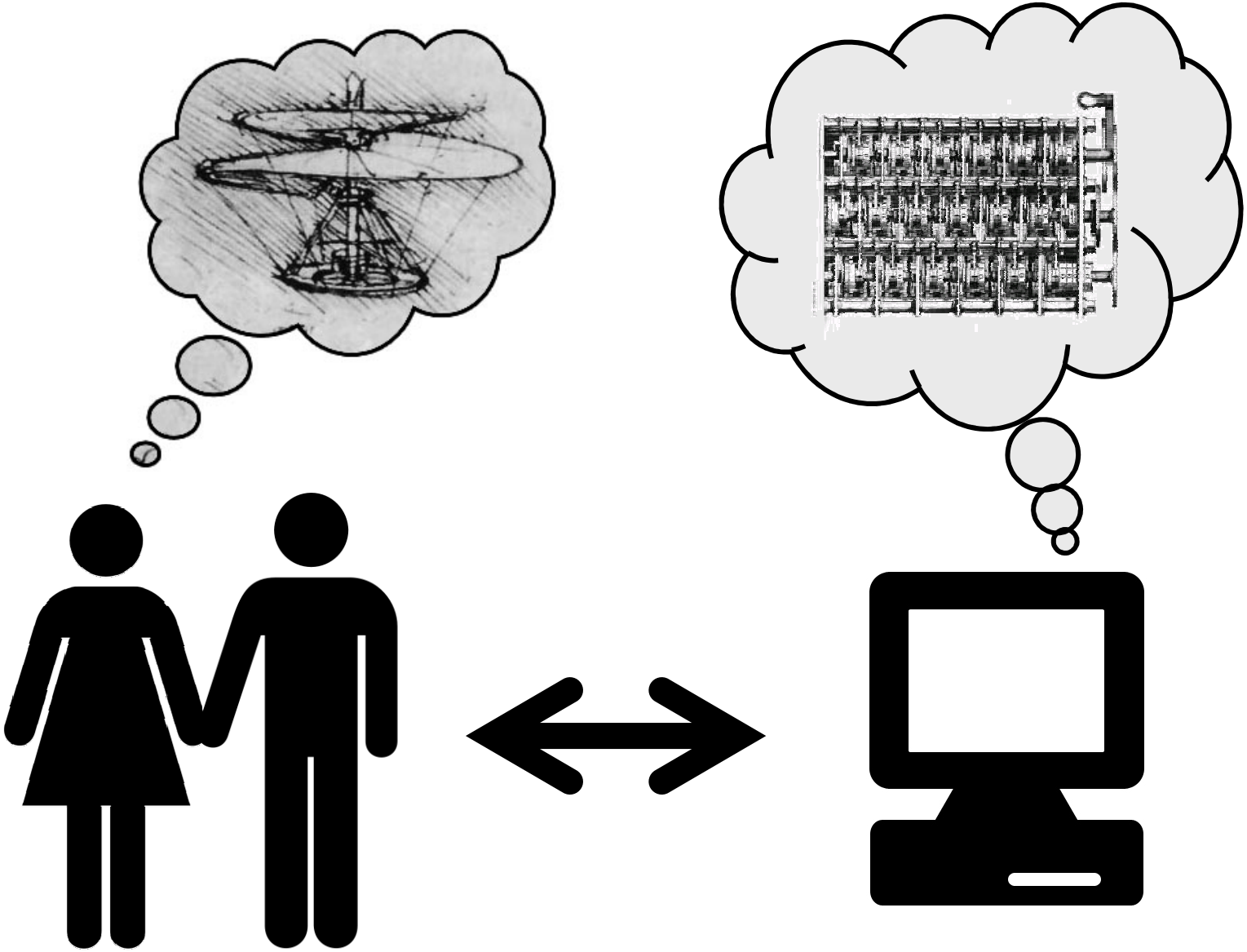

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