

Goals

- Efficient use of Visual Resources
- Effective Search
- Intuitive Interfaces
- Understanding?

Image Search Landscape

- Inherits problems of text search
 - Ambiguity
 - Spam
- But vision is hard
 - uses little or no "vision"
 - often reduces to text search
- Rich UI
 - Text
 - Images
 - Video





Find me an image of a...

"Pretty girl doing something active, sporty in a summery setting, beach - not wearing lycra, exercise clothes - more relaxed in teeshirt. Feature is about deodorant so girl should look active - not sweaty but happy, healthy, carefree - nothing too posed or set up - nice and natural looking."

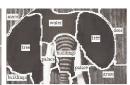
images.google.com & flickr.com

- Collect Associated Text
 - alt, title, longdesc attributes of img tag
 - Information from path (e.g., cow.gif)
 - nearby text on page
- Refinement
 - remove duplicates
- cluster-based improvement
- · Other
 - PageRank, etc.

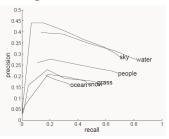
Matching Words and Pictures

- Learn text/image segment association
 - 1. Segment image
 - 2. Generate feature vector for each segment
 - 3. Associate text with the segment features
 - 4. Build generative probabilistic model for text given segmentation features





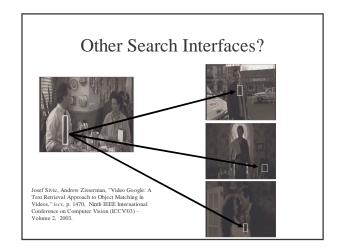
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Other Ways of Searching

- Search by Text
- Search by Example
- Search by Drawing
- Search by Model



Video Google

• Viewpoint Invariant Descriptors



Video Google

• Visual Vocabulary

