

# Descriptors III

CSE 576

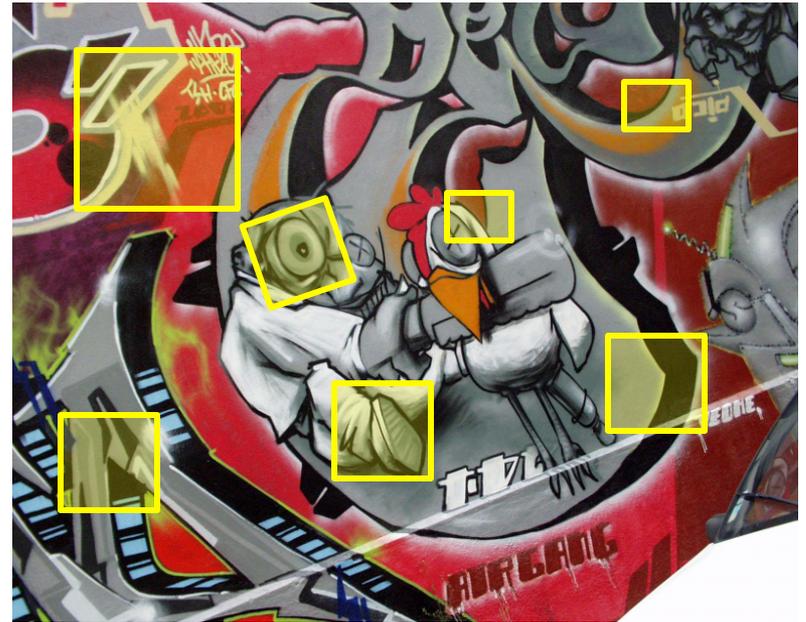
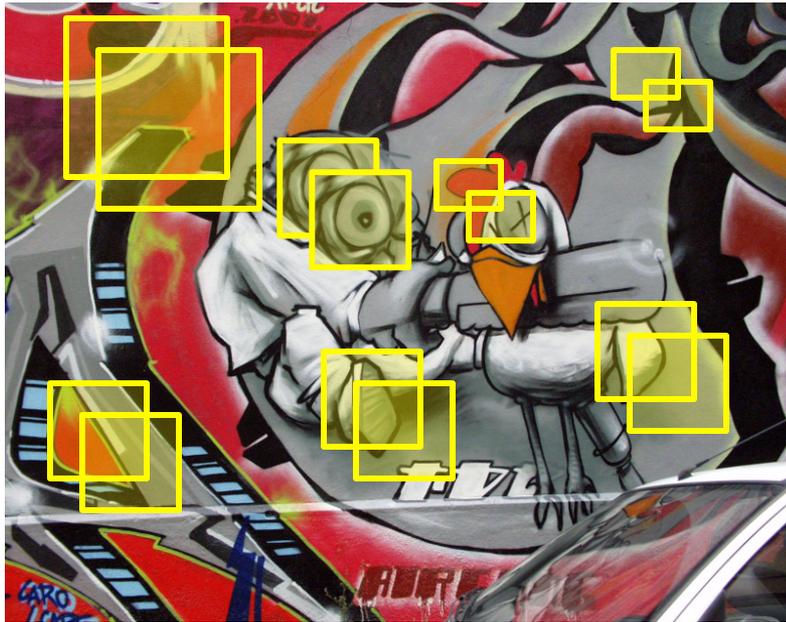
Ali Farhadi

Many slides from Larry Zitnick, Steve Seitz

# How can we find corresponding points?



# How can we find correspondences?

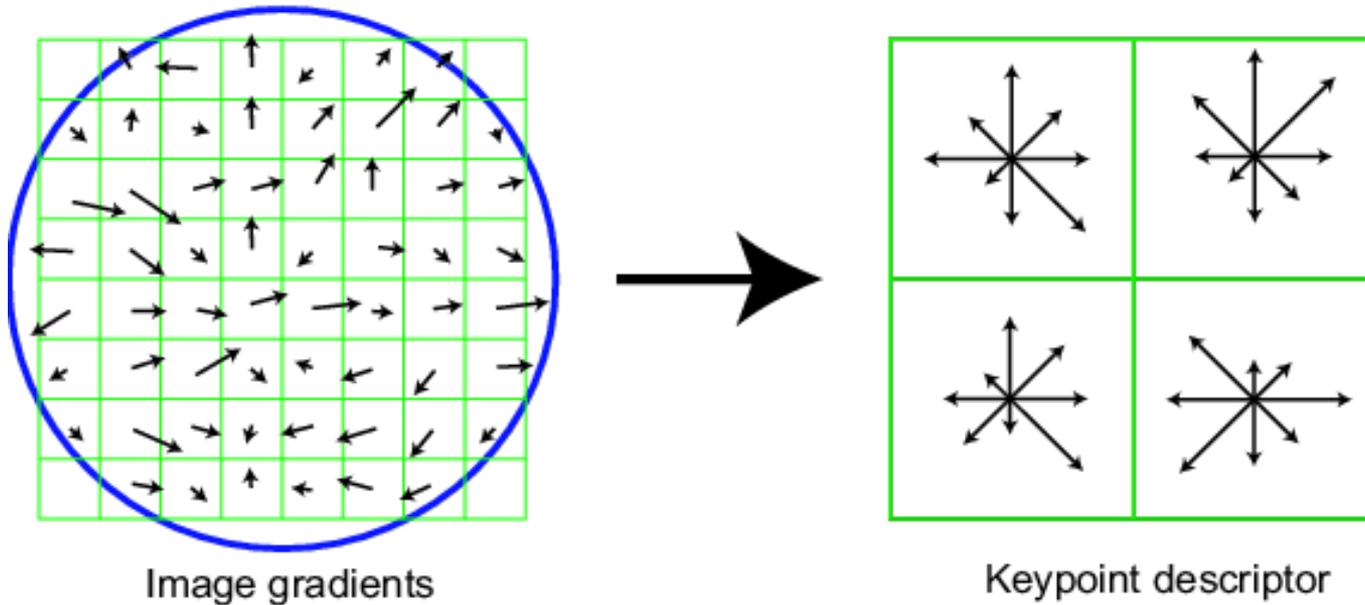


# SIFT descriptor

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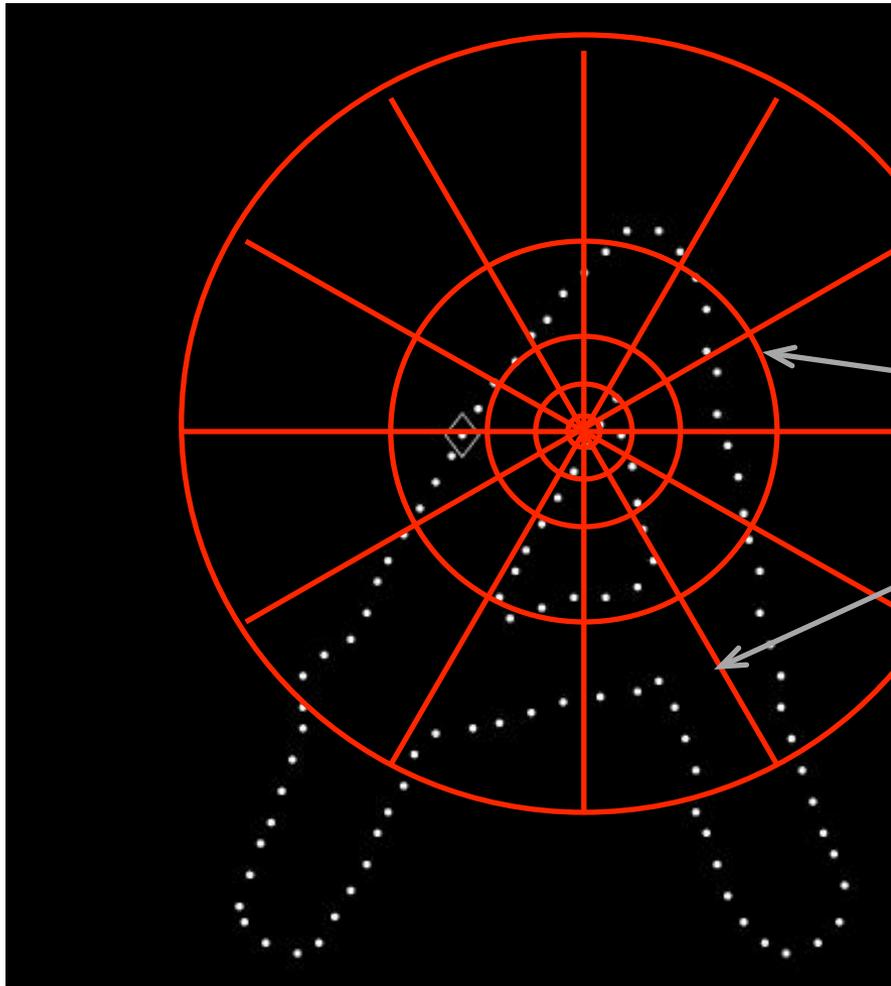
## Full version

- Divide the 16x16 window into a 4x4 grid of cells (2x2 case shown below)
- Compute an orientation histogram for each cell
- 16 cells \* 8 orientations = 128 dimensional descriptor



# Local Descriptors: Shape Context

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Count the number of points inside each bin, e.g.:

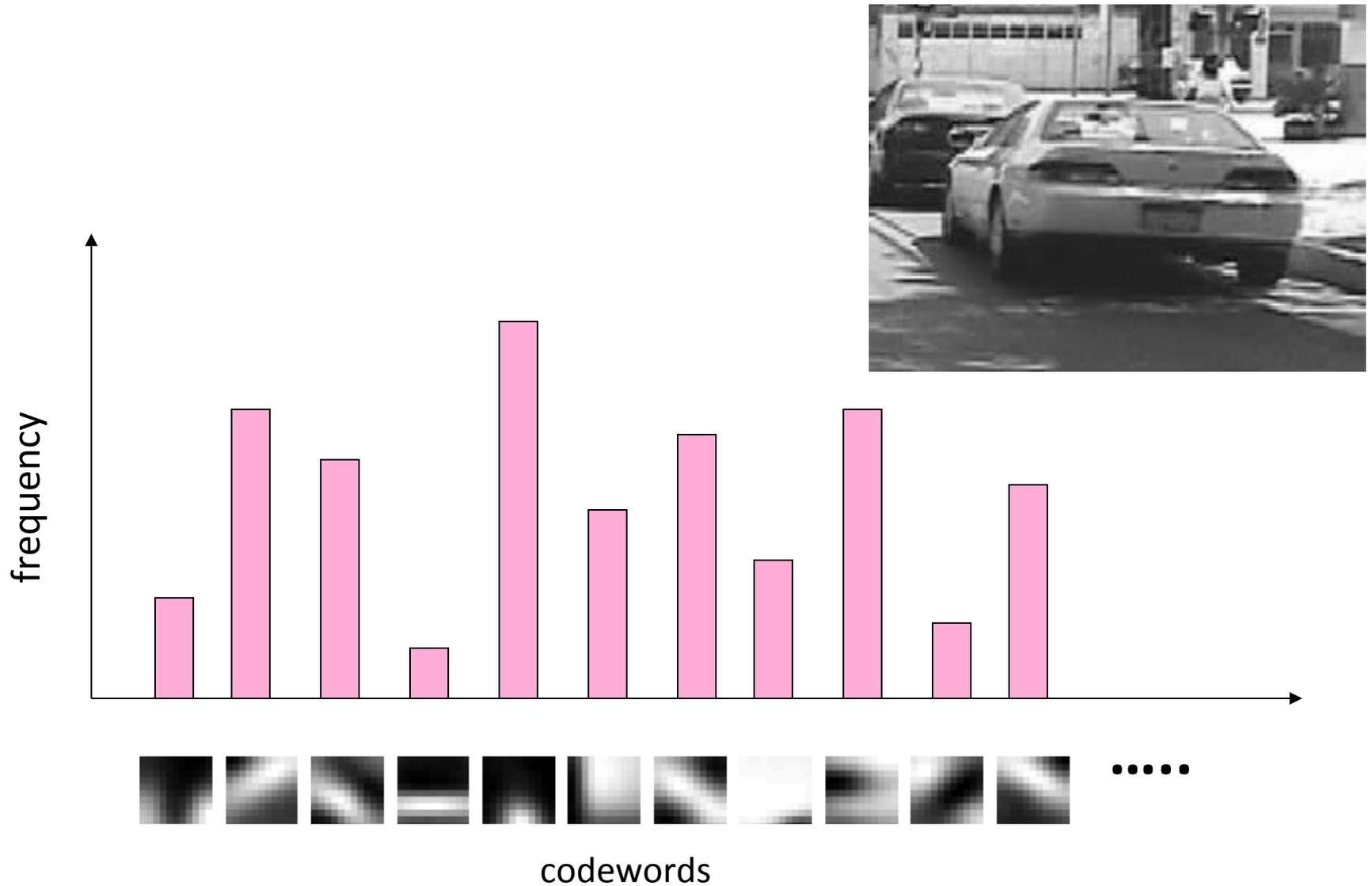
Count = 4

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Count = 10

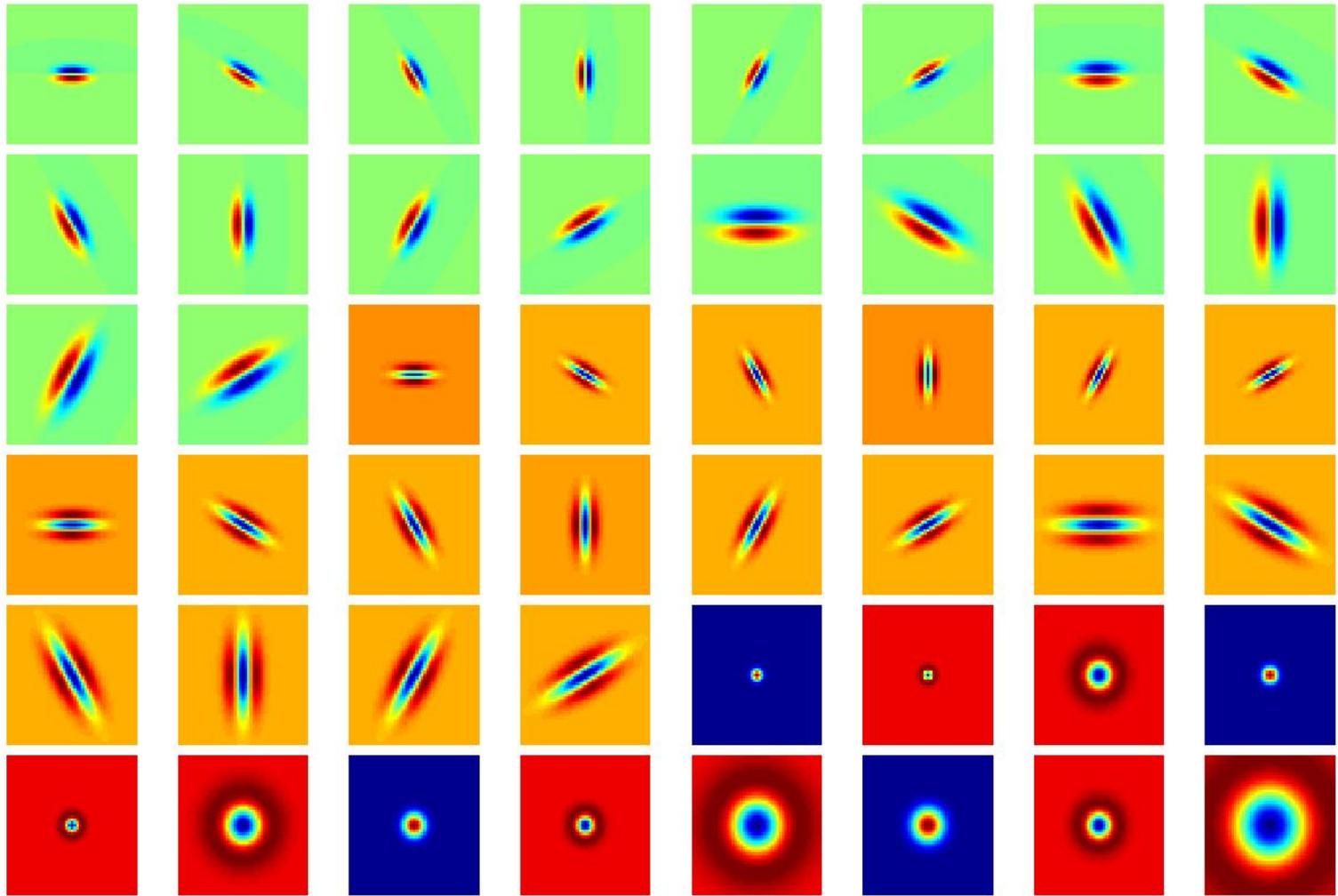
Log-polar binning: more precision for nearby points, more flexibility for farther points.

# Bag of Words



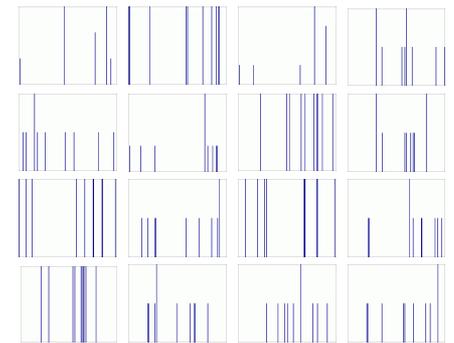
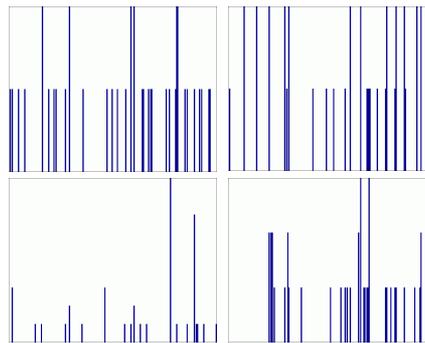
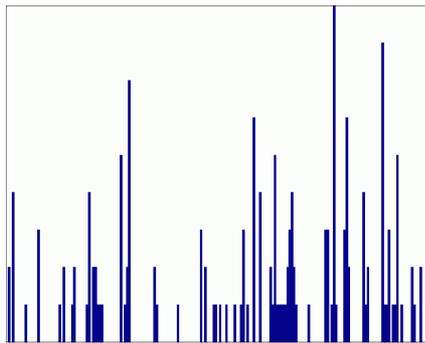
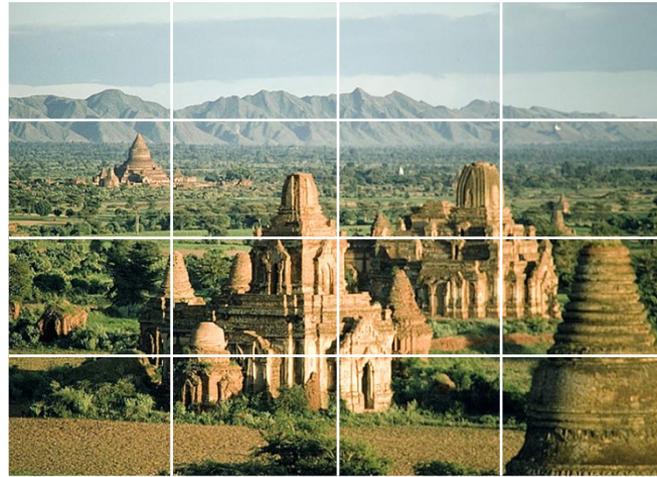
# Another Representation: Filter bank

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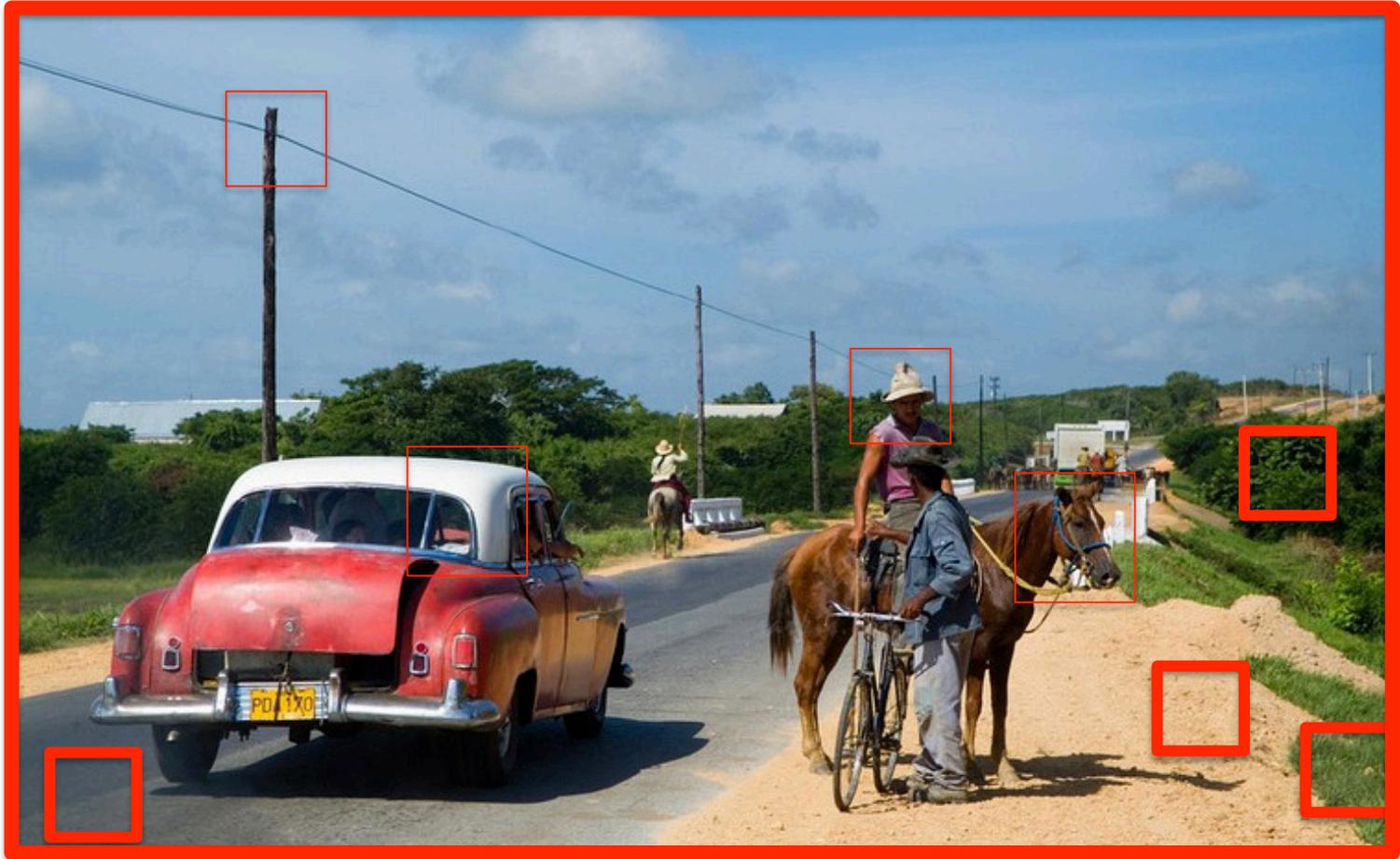
# Spatial pyramid representation

- Extension of a bag of features
- Locally orderless representation at several levels of resolution



# What about Scenes?

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# Demo : Rapid image understanding

By Aude Oliva

Instructions: 9 photographs will be shown for half a second each. Your task is to **memorize these pictures**







Credit: A. Torralb















# Memory Test

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Which of the following pictures have you seen ?

**If you have seen the image  
clap your hands once**

If you have not seen the image  
do nothing



**Have you seen this picture ?**





**Have you seen this picture ?**





**Have you seen this picture ?**





**Have you seen this picture ?**





**Have you seen this picture ?**



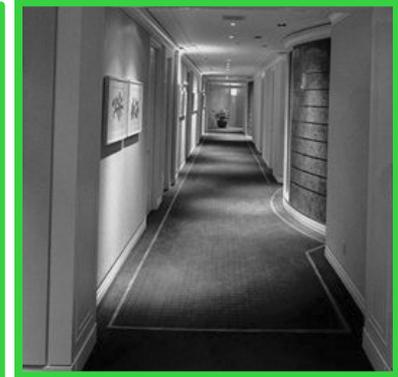


**Have you seen this picture ?**



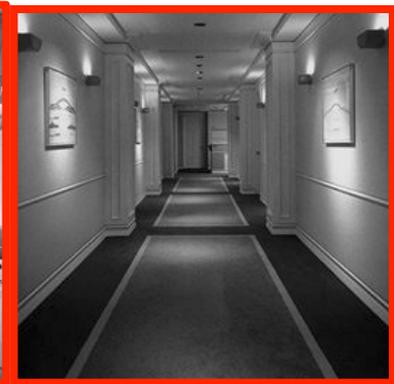
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You have seen these pictures



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You were tested with these pictures



# The gist of the scene

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In a glance, we remember the meaning of an image and its global layout but some objects and details are forgotten



# Which are the important elements?



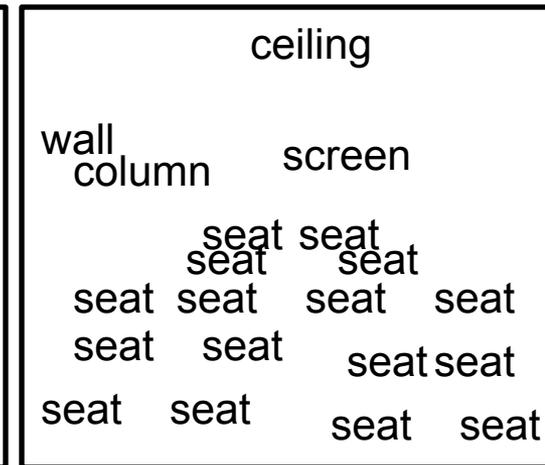
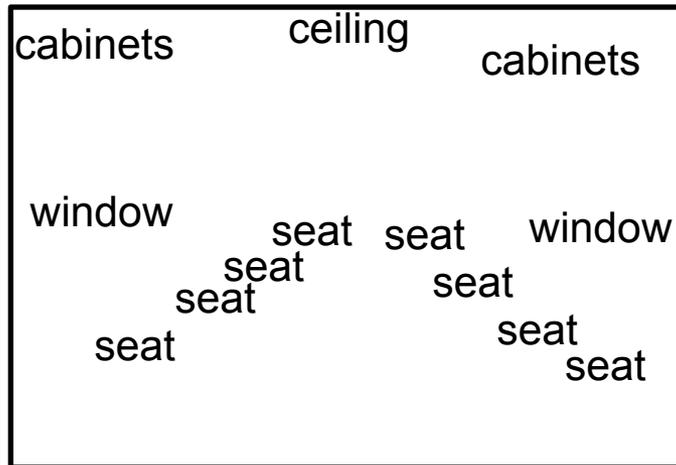
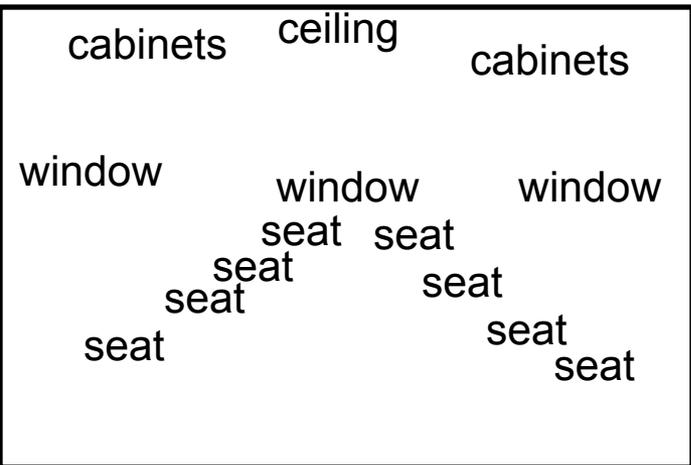
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Light  
Door Door  
Door Door  
Wall Door  
Floor

Ceiling  
Lamp  
Painting mirror  
mirror  
wall  
Fireplace  
armchair armchair  
Coffee table

wall  
painting  
wall  
Lamp  
phone  
alarm  
Bed  
Side-table  
carpet

Different content (i.e. objects), different spatial layout

# Which are the important elements?



Similar objects, and similar spatial layout

Different lighting, different materials, different “stuff”

# Holistic scene representation: Shape of a scene

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- Finding a low-dimensional “scene space”
- Clustering by humans
  - Split images into groups
  - ignore objects, categories

*Table 1.* Spatial envelope properties of environmental scenes.

Property	S1	S2	S3	Total
Naturalness	65	12	0	77
Openness	6	53	24	83
Perspective	6	18	29	53
Size	0	0	47	47
Diagonal plane	0	12	29	41
Depth	18	12	29	59
Symmetry	0	0	29	29
Contrast	0	0	18	18

Results are in %, for each of the three experimental steps. The total represents the percent of times the attribute has been used regardless of the stage of the experiment.

# Spatial envelope properties

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- Naturalness
  - natural vs. man-made environments



# Spatial envelope properties

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- Openness
  - decreases as number of boundary elements increases



# Spatial envelope properties

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- Roughness
  - size of elements at each spatial scale, related to fractal dimension



# Spatial envelope properties

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- Expansion (man-made environments)
  - depth gradient of the space



# Spatial envelope properties

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- Ruggedness (natural environments)
  - deviation of ground relative to horizon



# Scene statistics

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- DFT (energy spectrum)
  - throw out phase function (represents local properties)
- Windowed DFT (spectrogram)
  - Coarse local information
  - 8x8 grid for these results

# Scene statistics

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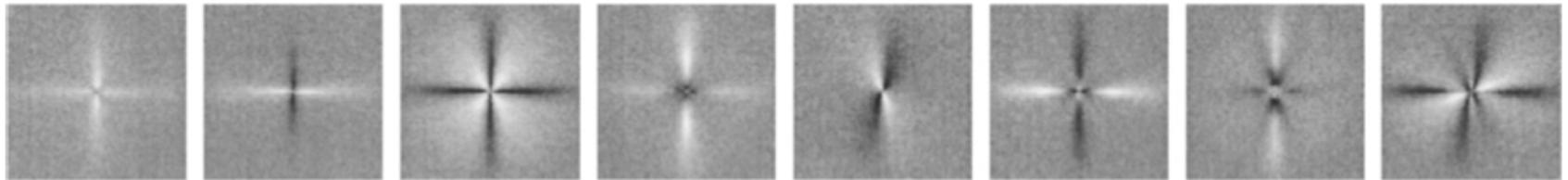


Figure 2. The first eight principal components for energy spectra of real-world scenes. The frequency  $f_x = f_y = 0$  is located at the center of each image.

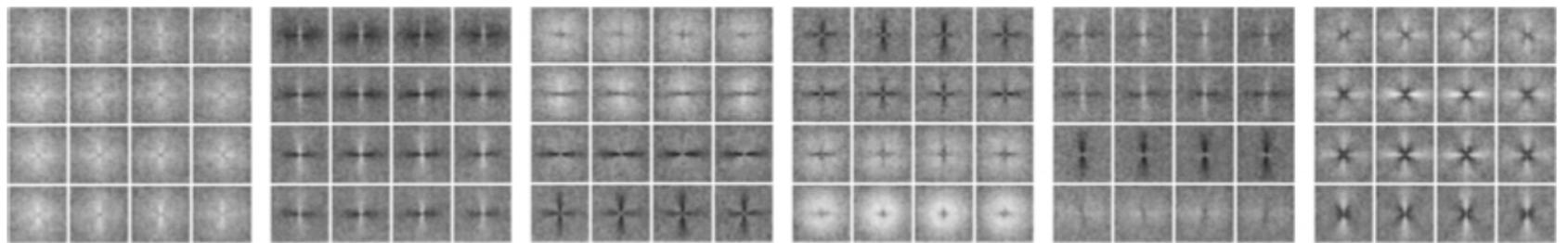
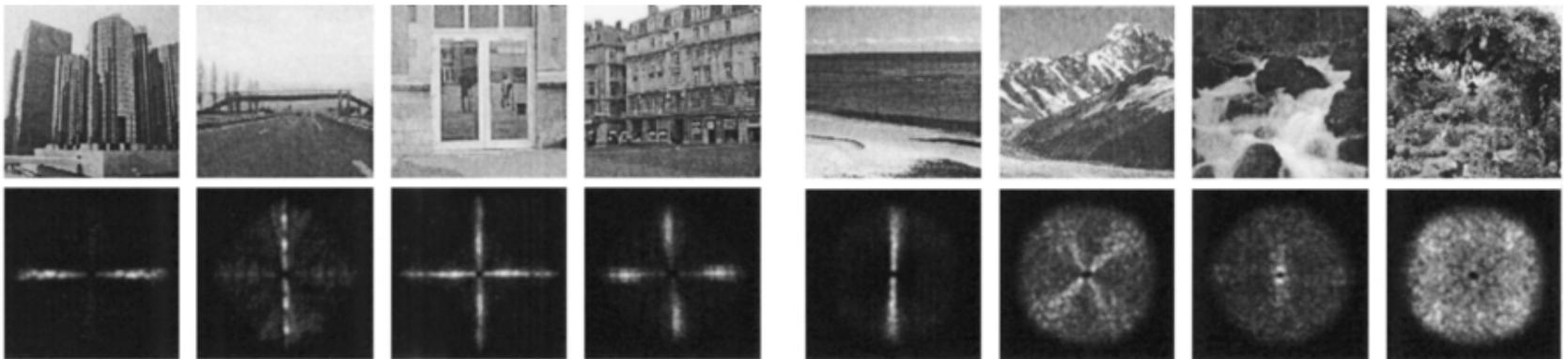


Figure 3. The first six principal components of the spectrogram of real-world scenes. The spectrogram is sampled at  $4 \times 4$  spatial location for a better visualization. Each subimage corresponds to the local energy spectrum at the corresponding spatial location.

# Scene classification from statistics

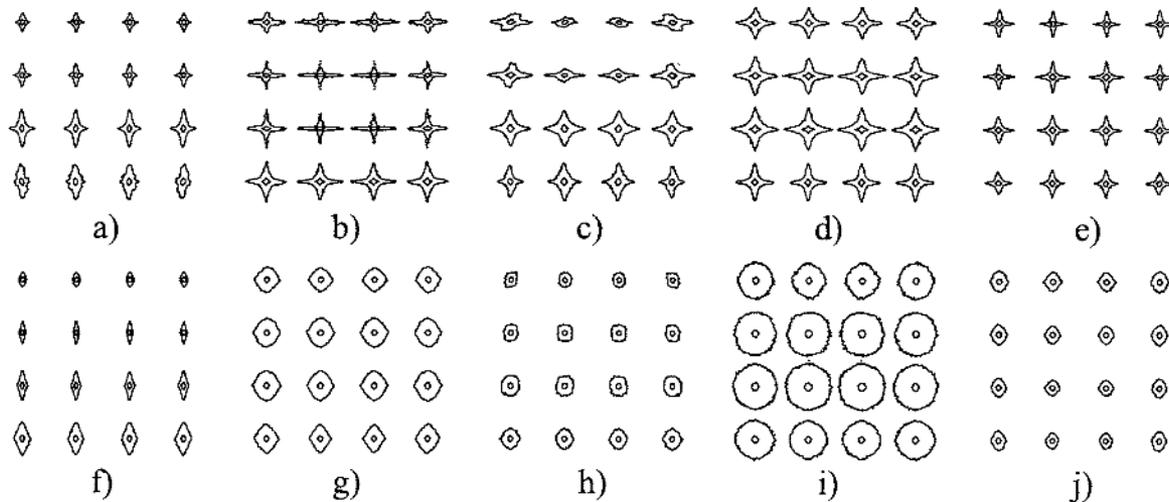
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- Different scene categories have different spectral signatures
  - Amplitude captures roughness
  - Orientation captures dominant edges



# Scene classification from statistics

- Open environments have non-stationary second-order statistics
  - support surfaces
- Closed environments exhibit stationary second-order statistics



- a) man-made open environments
- b) urban vertically structured environments
- c) perspective views of streets
- d) far view of city-center buildings
- e) close-up views of urban structures
- f) natural open environments
- g) natural closed environments
- h) mountainous landscapes
- i) enclosed forests
- j) close-up views of non-textured scenes

# Learning the spatial envelope

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- Use linear regression to learn
  - DST (discriminant spectral template)
  - WDST (windowed discriminant spectral template)
- Relate spectral representation to each spatial envelope feature

# Learning the spatial envelope

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- Primacy of Man-made vs. Natural distinction
  - Linear Discriminant analysis
  - 93.5% correct classification
- Role of spatial information
  - WDST not much better than DST
  - Loschky, et al., scene inversion

# Learning the spatial envelope

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- Other properties calculated separately for natural, man-made environments

*Table 2.* Correlation between orderings of natural scenes made by observers and the two templates for each spatial envelope property.

	Openness	Ruggedness	Roughness
DST	$m = 0.82$	0.73	0.82
WDST	$m = 0.88$	0.79	0.86
Agreement	0.92	0.82	0.87

Agreement measures the concordance between subjects.

*Table 3.* Correlation between orderings of urban scenes made by observers and the two templates for each spatial envelope property.

	Openness	Expansion	Roughness
Energy spectrum	$m = 0.87$	0.77	0.83
Spectrogram	$m = 0.90$	0.88	0.85
Agreement	0.92	0.91	0.88

Agreement measures the concordance between subjects.

# Spatial envelope and categories

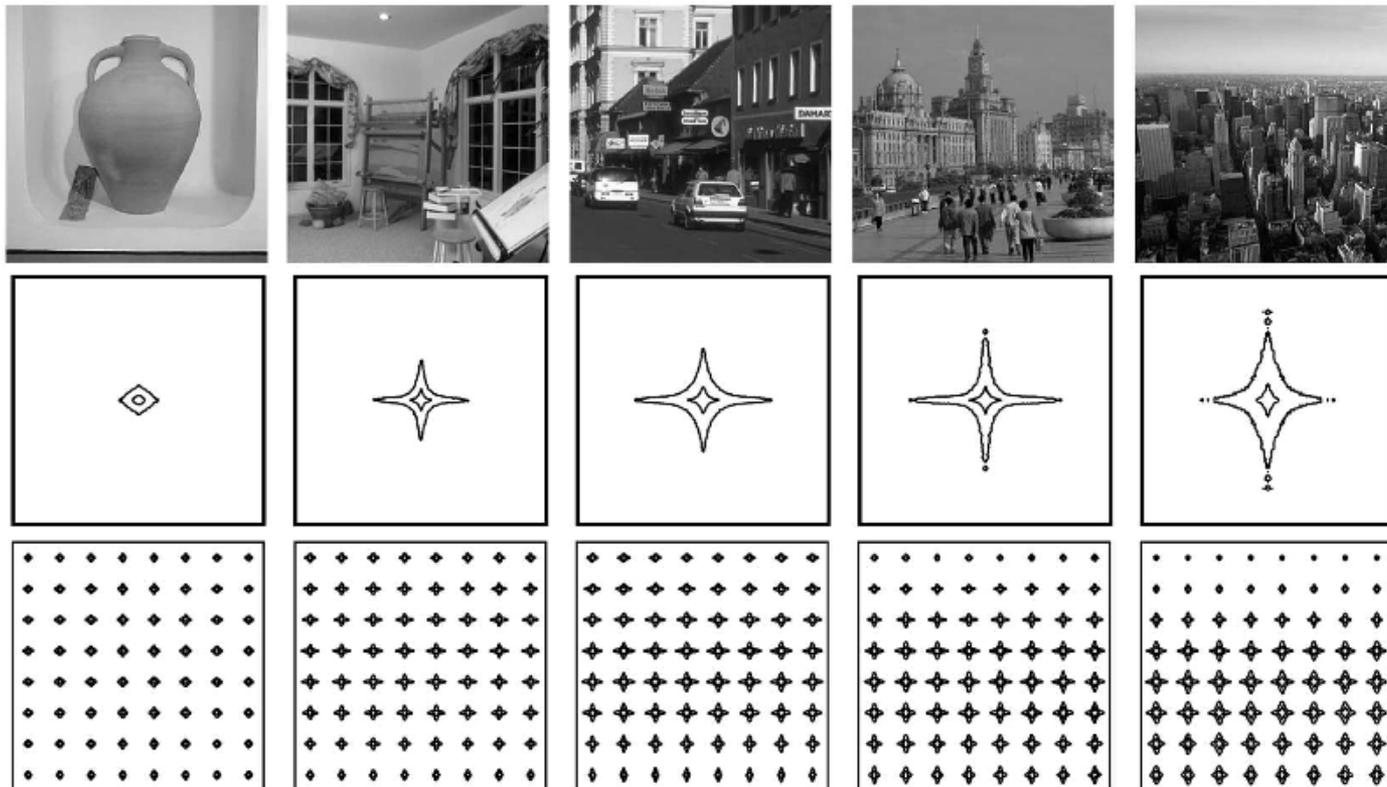
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- Choose random scene and seven neighbors in scene space
- If  $\geq 4$  neighbors have same semantic category, image is “correctly recognized”
  - WDST: 92%
  - DST: 86%

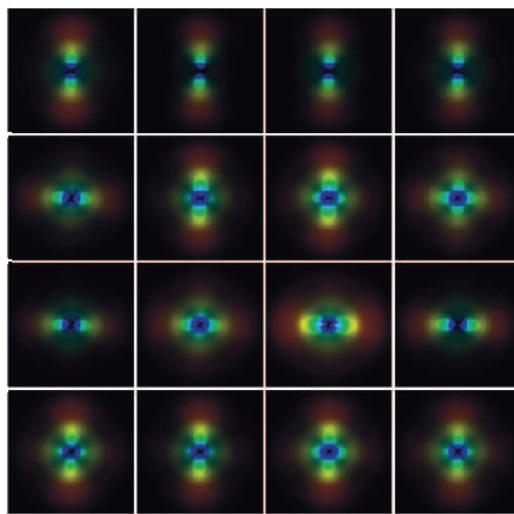
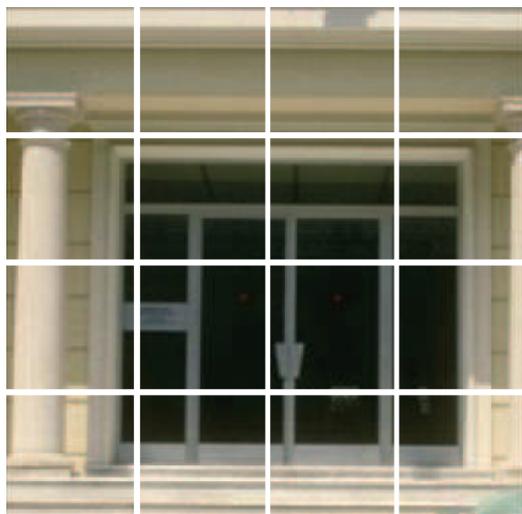
# Applications

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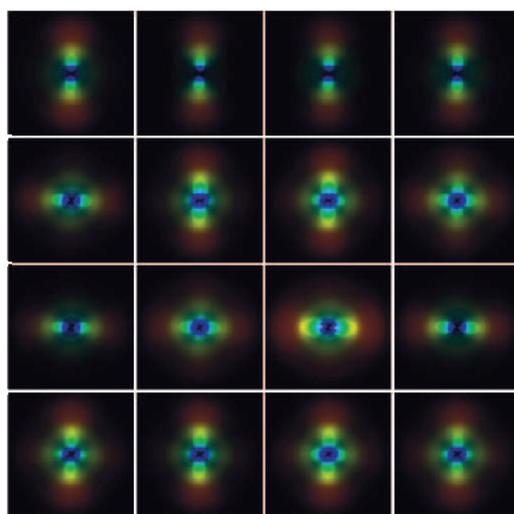
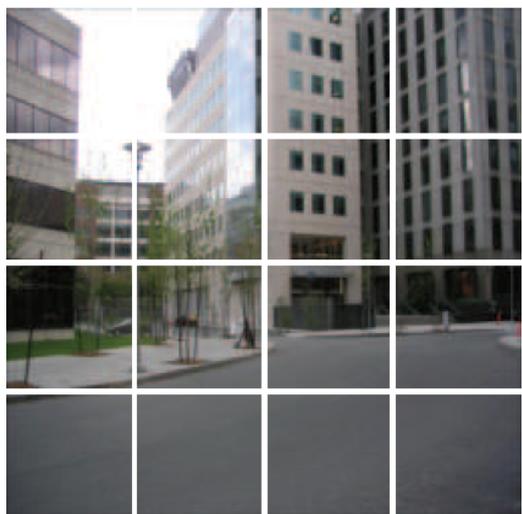
- Depth Estimation (Torralba & Oliva)



# Gist descriptor



Oliva and Torralba, 2001



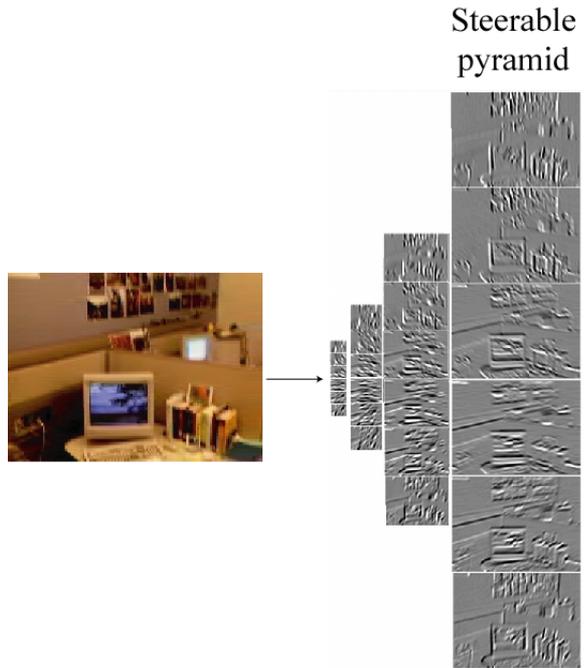
8 orientations  
4 scales  
x 16 bins  
512 dimensions

Similar to SIFT (Lowe 1999) applied to the entire image

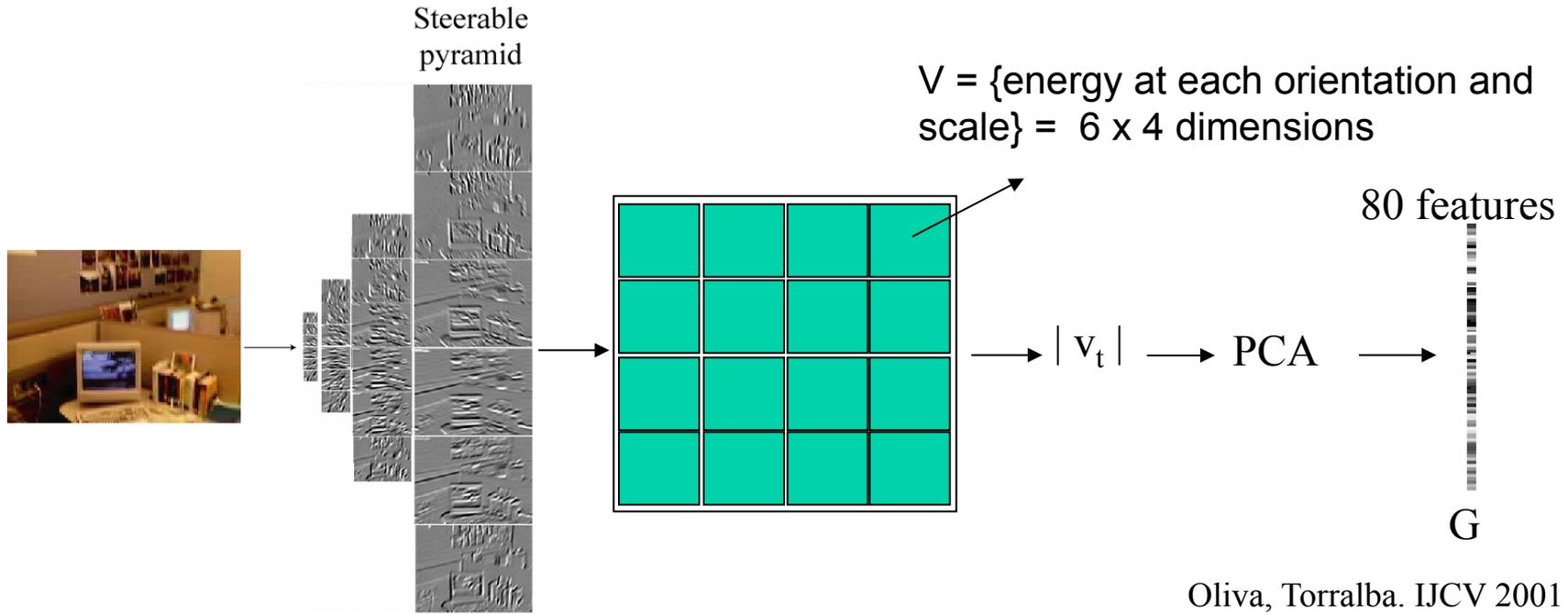
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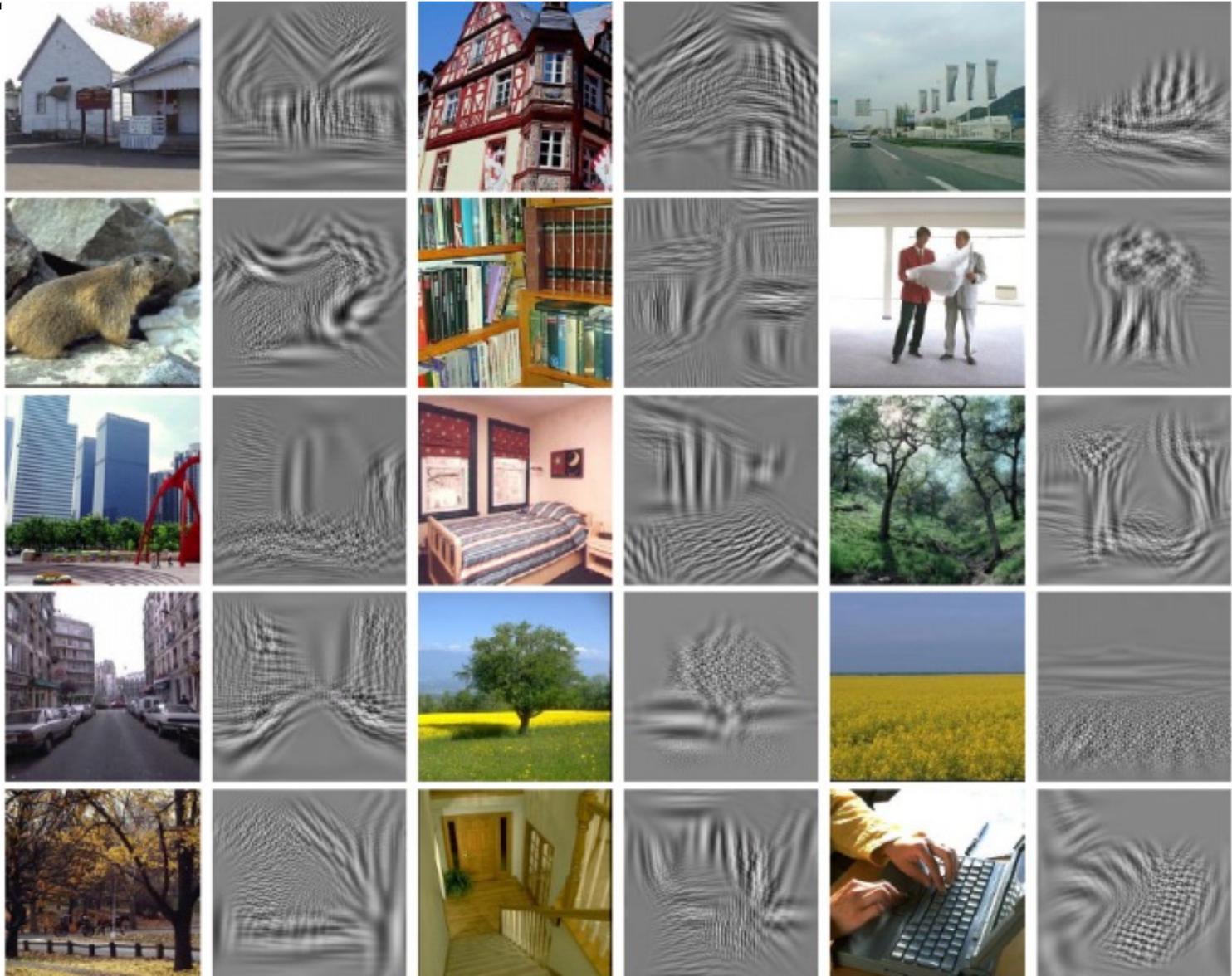
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# Gist descriptor



# Example visual gists



# Features

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- Where:
  - Interest points
    - Corners
    - Blobs
  - Grid
  - Spatial Pyramids
  - Global
- What: (Descriptors)
  - Sift, HOG
  - Shape Context
  - Bag of words
  - Filter banks

