

# Image Features:

## Scale Invariant Interest Point Detection

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**Figure:** We want to be able to match these two objects / images

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Figure: But these shouldn't be matched!

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Figure: Find some interest points in an image



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**Figure:** And **independently** in other images (independently: my algorithm only sees one image at a time – why is this a good idea?)

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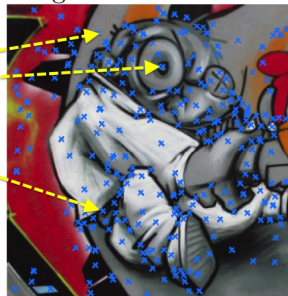


Figure: How can we match points??

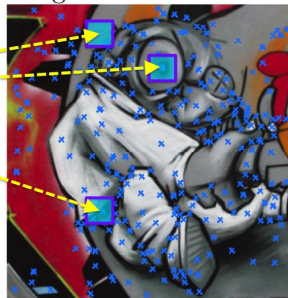
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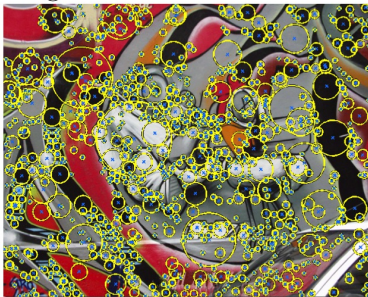


**Figure:** We could match if we took a patch around each point, and describe it with a feature vector (we know how to compare vectors)

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**Figure:** What if my interest point detector tells me the size (scale) of the patch? We are hoping that this “canonical” size somehow reflects size of the object.

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Figure: And then we can form our feature vectors with respect to this size (how?)

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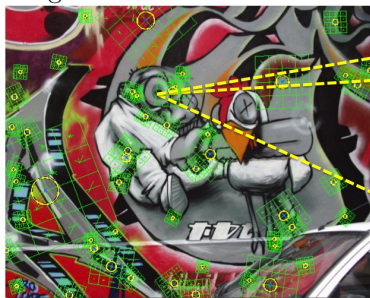
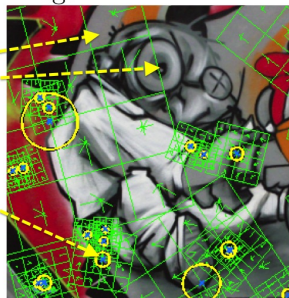


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**Figure:** Then life is easy: we find the best matches and compute a transformation (scale, rotation, etc) of the object – in the next lecture

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**Figure:** And we are hoping that our feature vectors and our matching algorithm will be able to say that this image does not contain our object!

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- When does this work?

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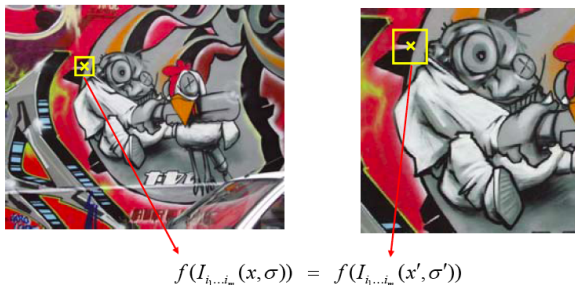


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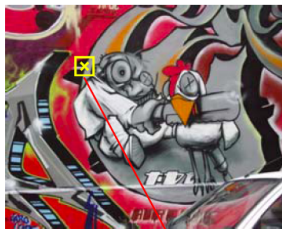


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- Find scale that gives local maxima of a function  $f$  in both position and scale.

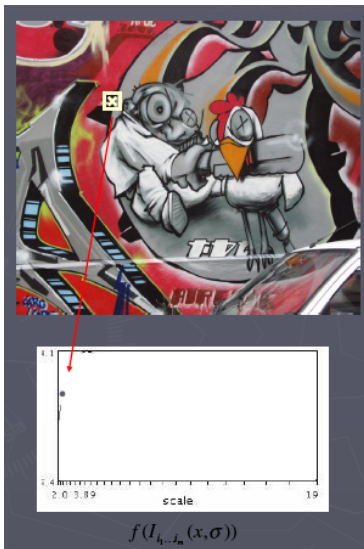


$$f(I_{i_1 \dots i_m}(x, \sigma)) = f(I_{i_1 \dots i_m}(x', \sigma'))$$

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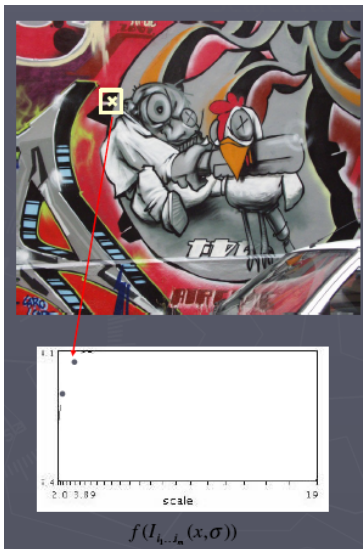
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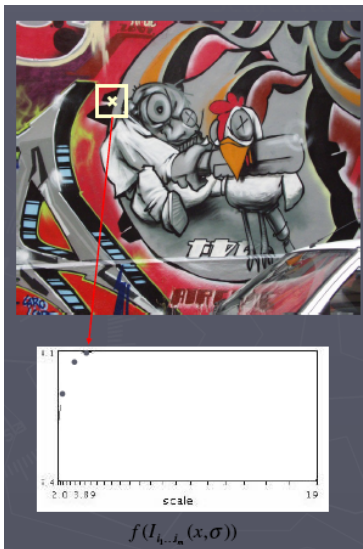
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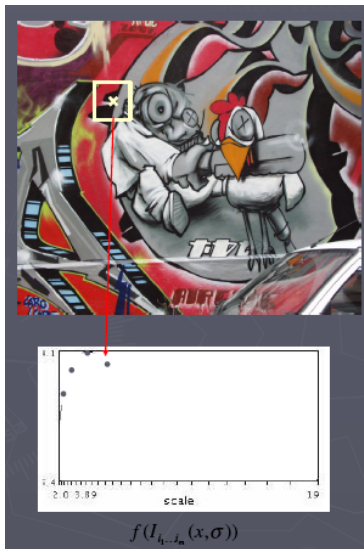
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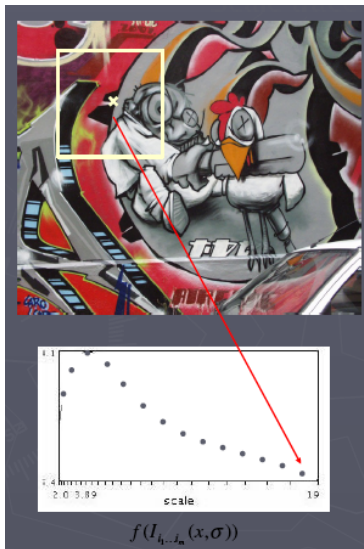
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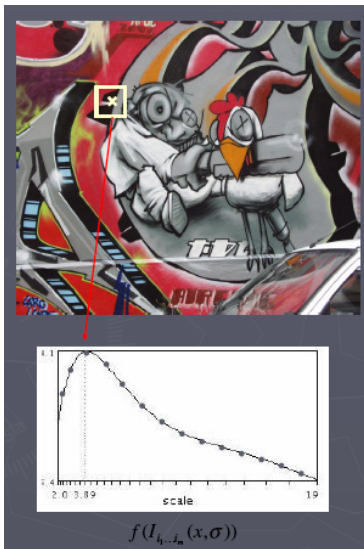
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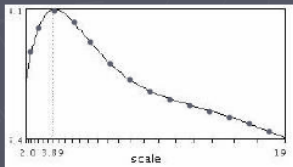
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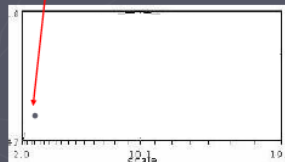


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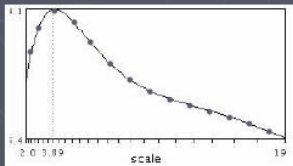
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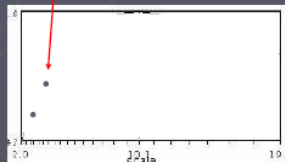
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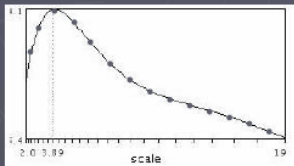
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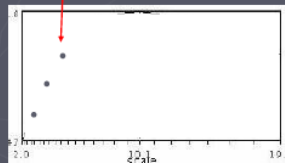
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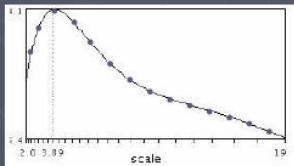
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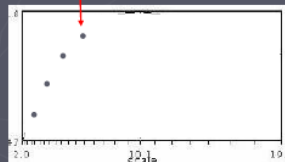
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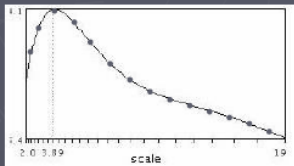
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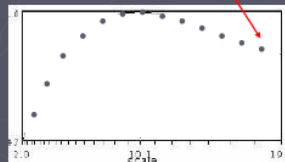
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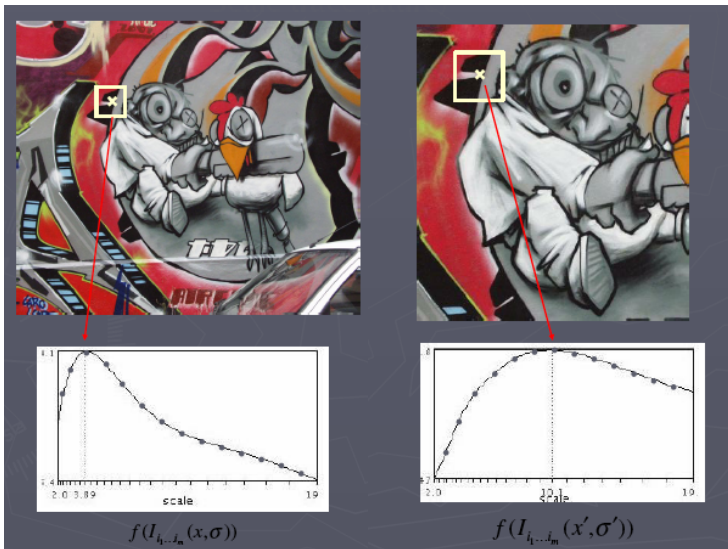


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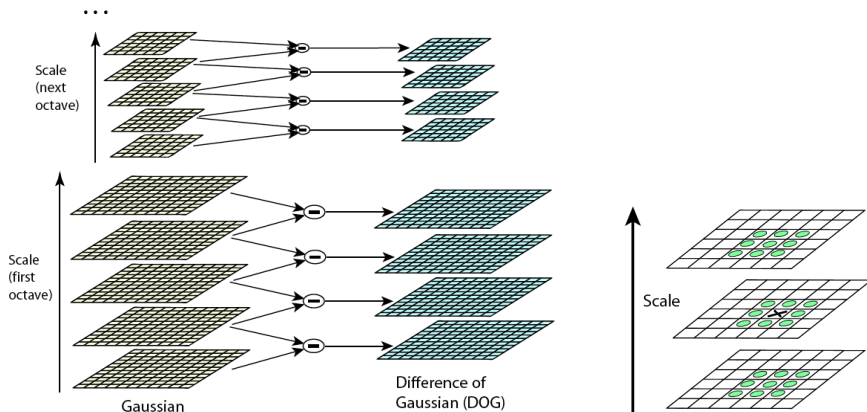
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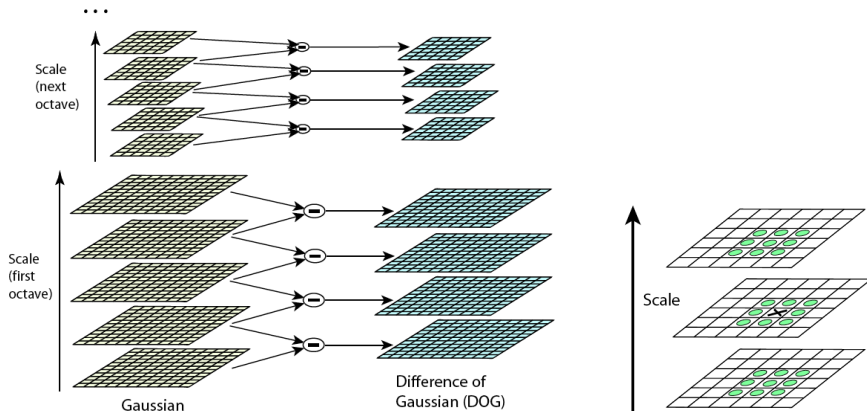
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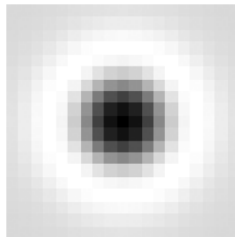
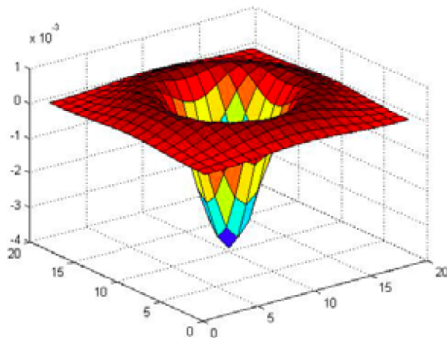
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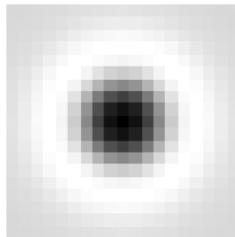
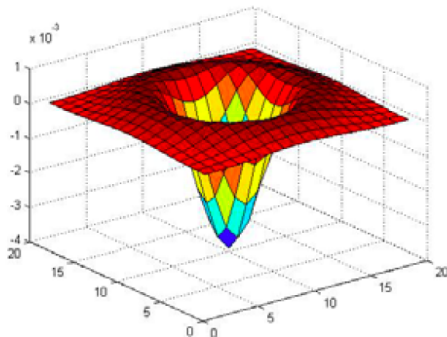


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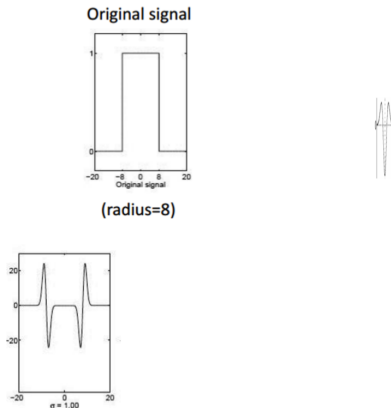
$$\nabla^2 g(x, y, \sigma) = -\frac{1}{\pi\sigma^4} \left( 1 - \frac{x^2 + y^2}{2\sigma^2} \right) \exp^{-\frac{x^2 + y^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

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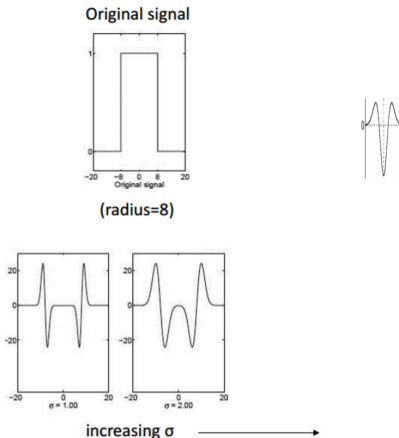
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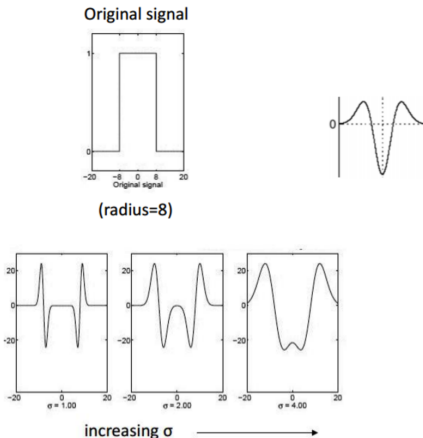
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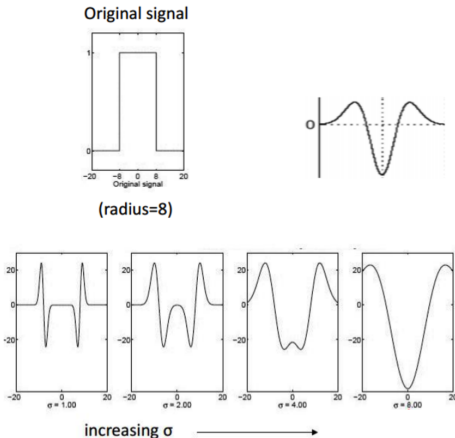


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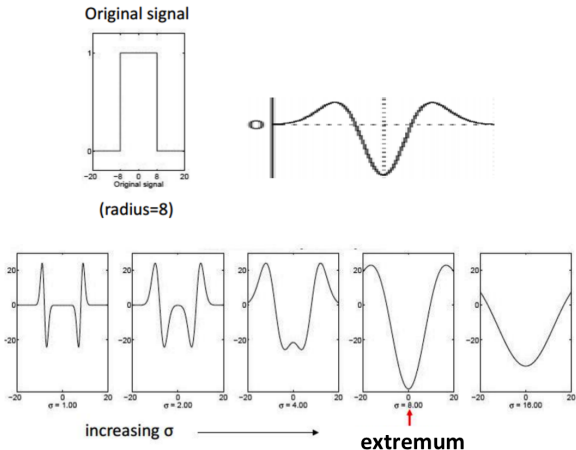
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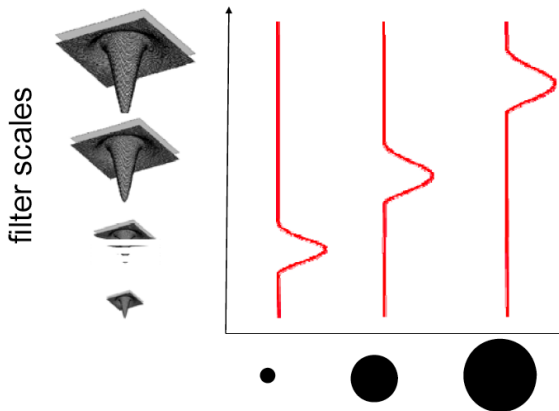
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# Blob Detection in 2D: Scale Selection

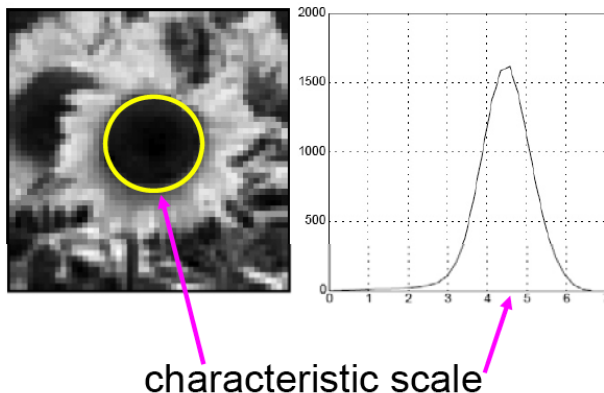
Laplacian of Gaussian = “blob” detector



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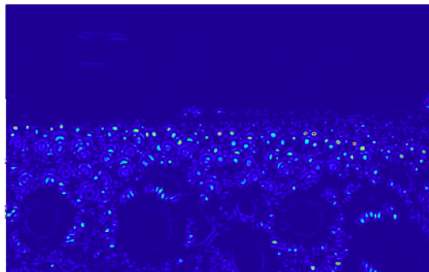
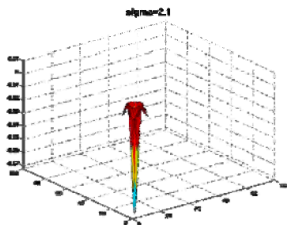
# Characteristic Scale

- We define the **characteristic scale** as the scale that produces peak (minimum or maximum) of the Laplacian response



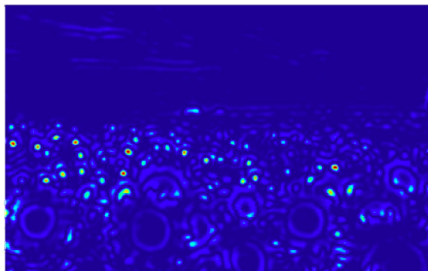
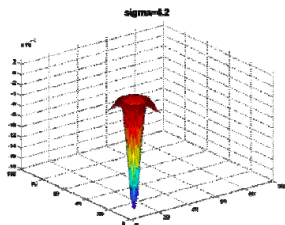
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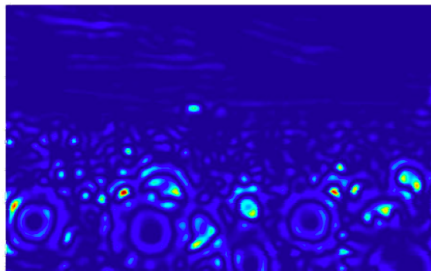
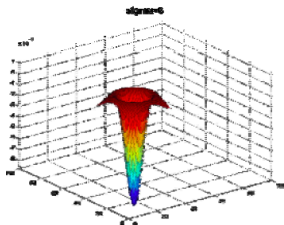
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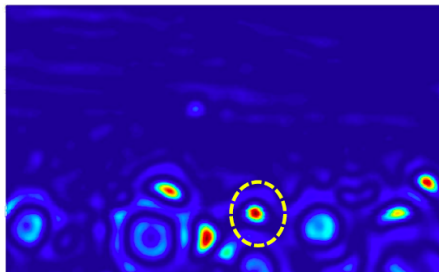
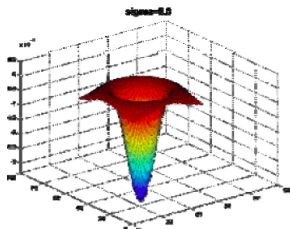
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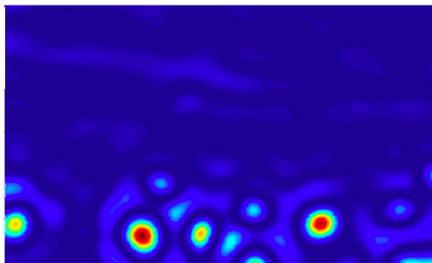
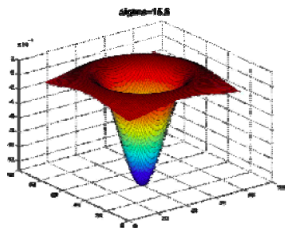
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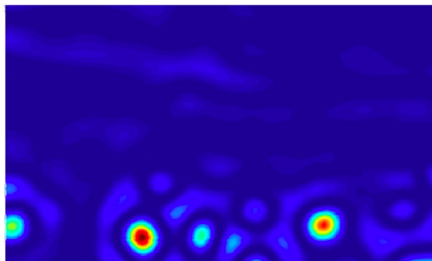
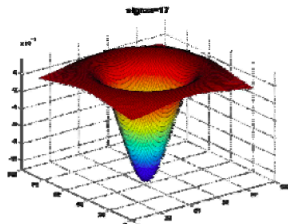


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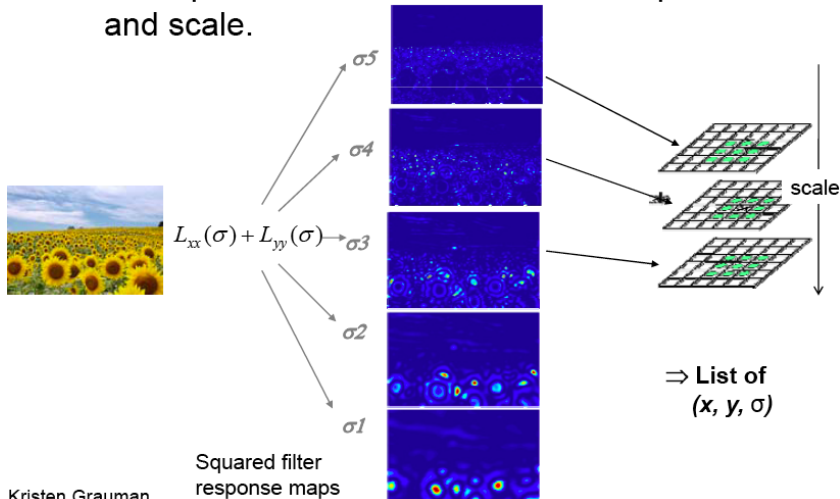
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- Larger scale ( $\sigma$ ), larger the filters (more work for convolution)
- Can we do it faster?

# Approximate the Laplacian of Gaussian

$$L = \sigma^2 \left( G_{xx}(x, y, \sigma) + G_{yy}(x, y, \sigma) \right)$$

(Laplacian)

$$DoG = G(x, y, k\sigma) - G(x, y, \sigma)$$

(Difference of Gaussians)

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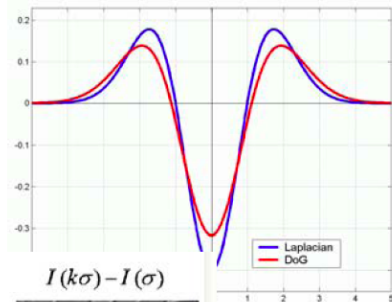
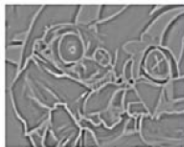
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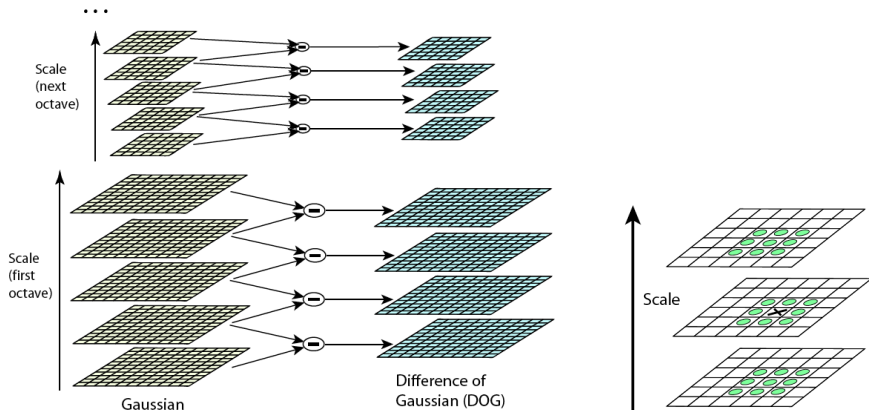
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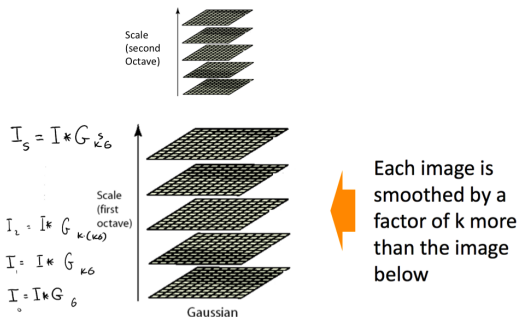
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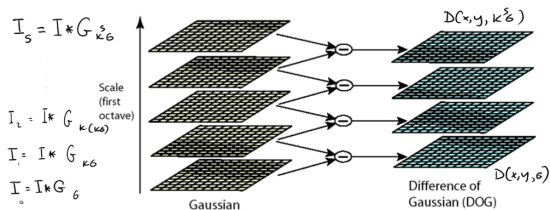
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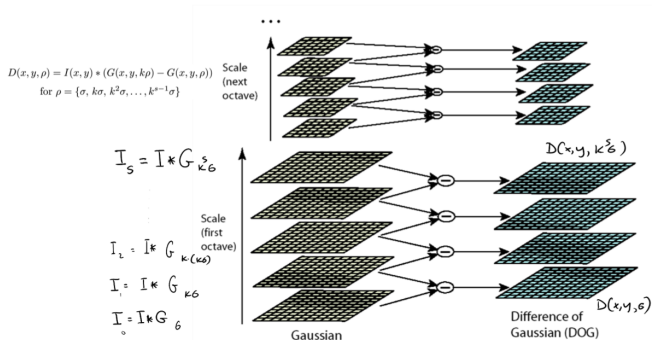
for  $\rho = \{\sigma, k\sigma, k^2\sigma, \dots, k^{s-1}\sigma\}, \quad k = 2^{1/s}$



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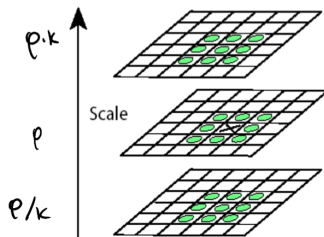
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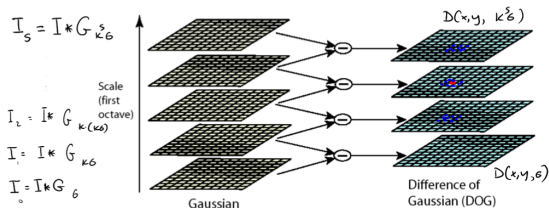
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# Examples



Figure: Let's first try out some synthetic images

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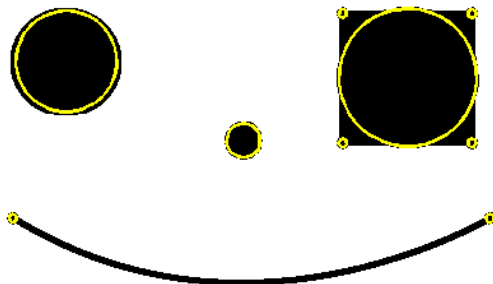


Figure: Detected interest points (kind of make sense)

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Figure: Other roundy objects



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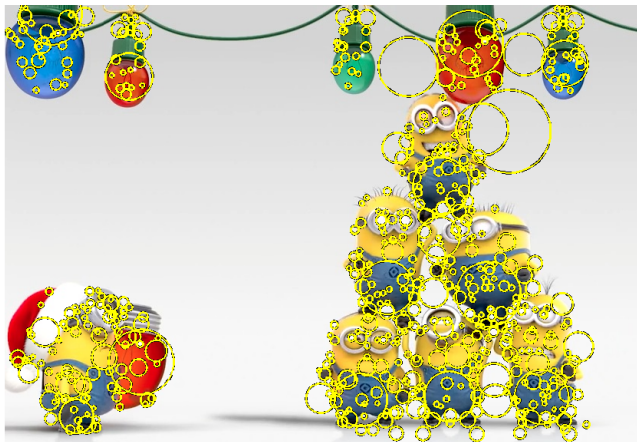


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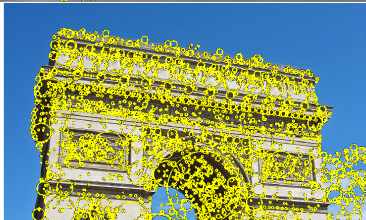
Figure: Real images

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# Other Interest Point Detectors (Many Good Options!)

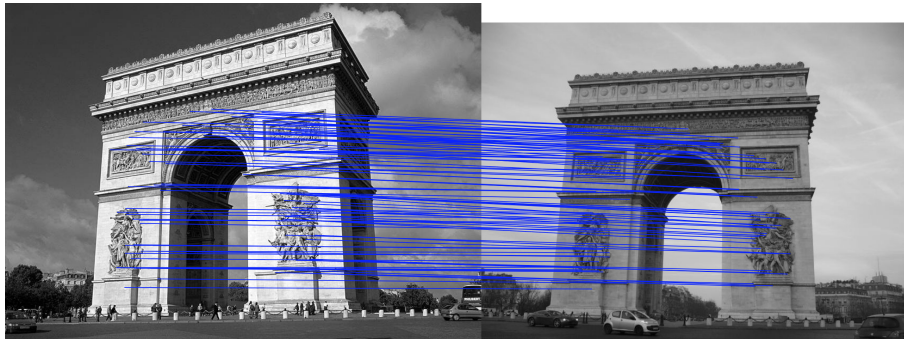
- Lindeberg: Laplacian of Gaussian
- Lowe: DoG (typically called the SIFT interest point detector)
- Mikolajczyk & Schmid: Hessian/Harris-Laplacian/Affine
- Tuytelaars & Van Gool: EBR and IBR
- Matas: MSER
- Kadir & Brady: Salient Regions

# Summary – Stuff You Should Know

- To match the same scene or object under different viewpoint, it's useful to first detect **interest points** (keypoints)
- We looked at these interest point detectors:
  - Harris corner detector: translation and rotation but not scale invariant
  - Scale invariant interest points: Laplacian of Gaussians and Lowe's DoG
- Harris' approach computes  $I_x^2$ ,  $I_y^2$  and  $I_x I_y$ , and blurs each one with a Gaussian. Denote with:  $A = g * I_x^2$ ,  $B = g * (I_x I_y)$  and  $C = g * I_y^2$ . Then  $M_{xy} = \begin{pmatrix} A(x,y) & B(x,y) \\ B(x,y) & C(x,y) \end{pmatrix}$  characterizes the shape of  $E_{WSSD}$  for a window around  $(x,y)$ . Compute "cornerness" score for each  $(x,y)$  as  $R(x,y) = \det(M_{xy}) - \alpha \text{trace}(M_{xy})^2$ . Find  $R(x,y) > \text{threshold}$  and do non-maxima suppression to find corners.
- Lowe's approach creates a Gaussian pyramid with  $s$  blurring levels per octave, computes difference between consecutive levels, and finds local extrema in space and scale

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[Pic from: Y. Verdie, K. M. Yi, P. Fua and V. Lepetit. TILDE: A Temporally Invariant Learned DEtector. CVPR'15]

- Fails in very different lighting conditions

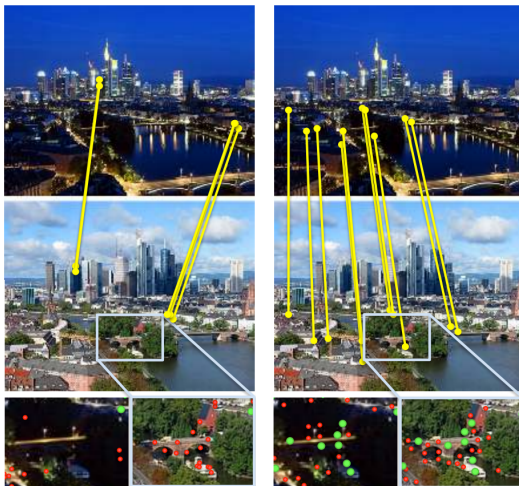


**Figure:** Green point(s) are repeatable interest points, red are non-repeatable

# Machine Learning to Find Better Keypoints?

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- Can we use Machine Learning to detect interest points more reliably?



SIFT

Learned Interest Point Detector?

# Learning an Interest Point Detector:

Y. Verdie, K. M. Yi, P. Fua and V. Lepetit

Large *TILDE: A Temporally Invariant Learned DETector*  
CVPR 2015

Paper: <http://infoscience.epfl.ch/record/206786/files/top.pdf>

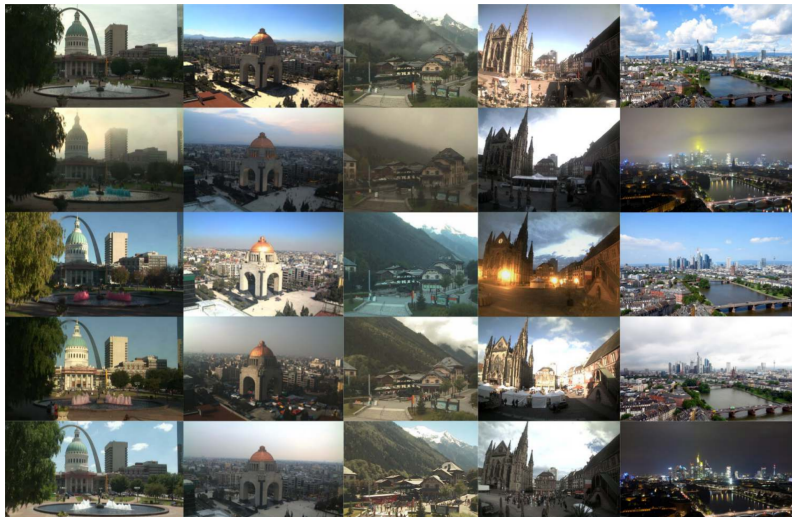
Project page & Code: <http://cvlab.epfl.ch/research/tilde>

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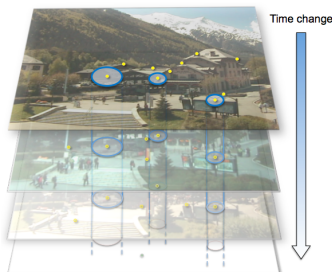
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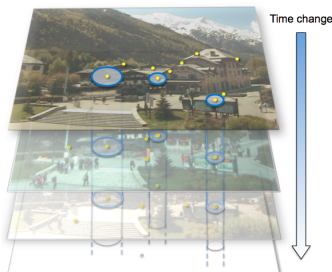
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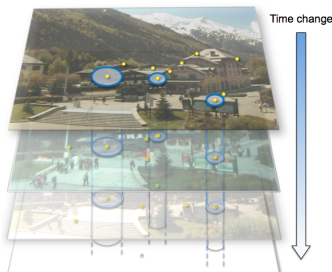
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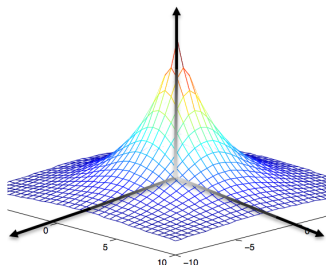
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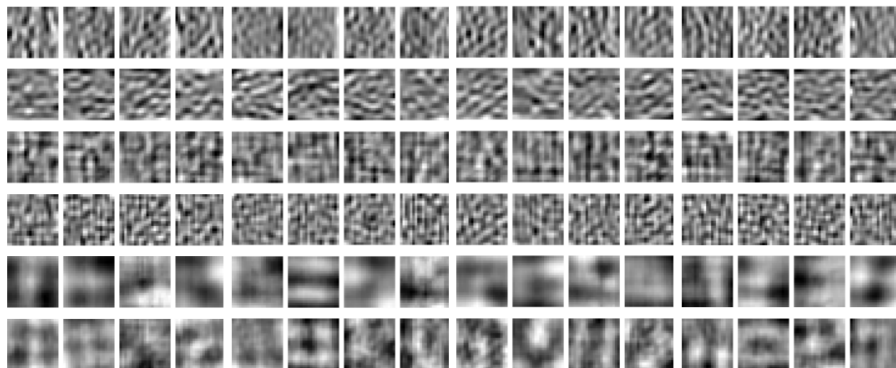


(b) Desired response on positive samples

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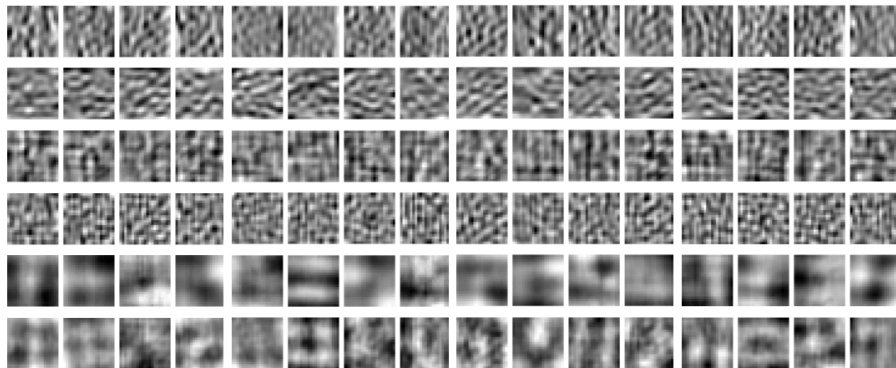
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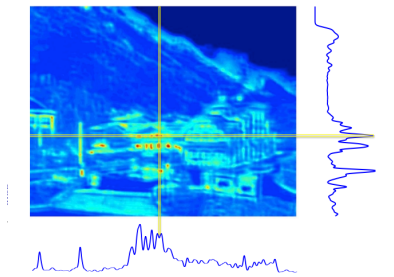
Tiny lesson learned: Sometime our intermediate results (filters in this case) don't look interpretable at all, but they still do the job

# Using the Learned Interest Point Detector

- Now that we trained our detector, how can we use it on new images?

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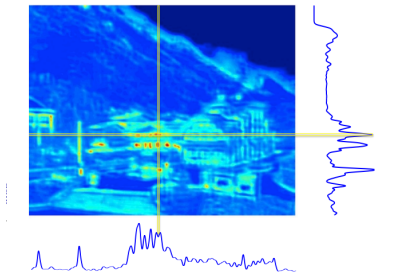
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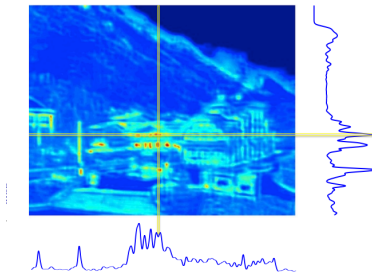


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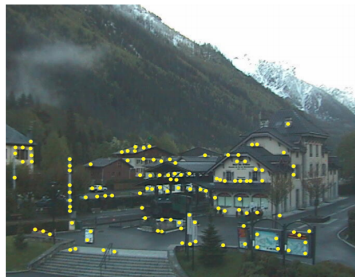


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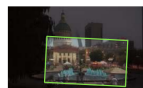
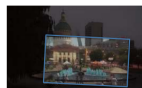
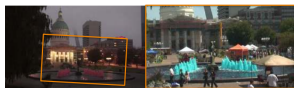
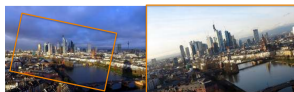
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(d) Keypoints detected in the new image

# Qualitative Results (nice looking pictures)

- Visually check how well we can now match with new interest points



(a) Original images

(b) SIFT

(c) SURF

(d) FAST-9

(e) Our keypoints

- SIFT, SURF are hand-designed interest point detectors
- FAST is trained to detect corners fast: First employs a slow method to detect corners, then trains decision trees to detect them really fast

[E. Rosten and T. Drummond. Machine Learning for HighSpeed Corner Detection. ECCV 2006  
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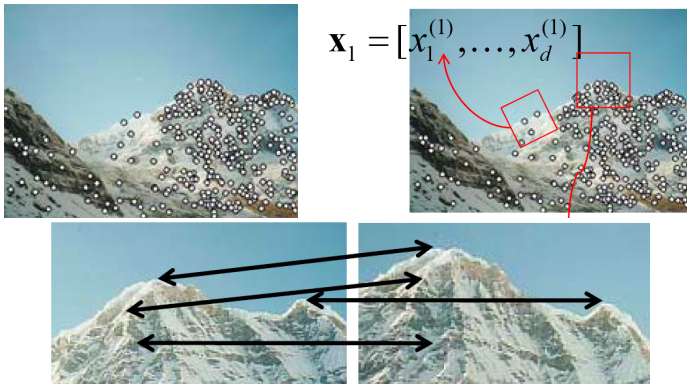
# Quantitative Results (performance numbers)

- Every method is much more convincing if it shows quantitative performance.
- If there are baselines for the problem, rule is: the more baselines the better.
- The more datasets, the better

		Different datasets					
		Webcam		Oxford		EF	
		#keypoints	(2%)	Stand.	(2%)	Stand.	(2%)
<b>Proposed approach:</b> Different instantiations of the model, e.g. different parameters, classifiers, etc	TILDE-GB	33.3	54.5	32.8	43.1	16.2	
	TILDE-CNN	36.8	51.8	49.3	43.2	27.6	
	TILDE-P24	40.7	<b>58.7</b>	<b>59.1</b>	<b>46.3</b>	<b>33.0</b>	
	TILDE-P	<b>48.3</b>	58.1	55.9	45.1	31.6	
<b>Baselines:</b> previous approaches to interest point detection	FAST-9	26.4	53.8	47.9	39.0	28.0	
	SFOP	22.9	51.3	39.3	42.2	21.2	
	SIFER	25.7	45.1	40.1	27.4	17.6	
	SIFT	20.7	46.5	43.6	32.2	23.0	
	SURF	29.9	56.9	57.6	43.6	28.7	
	TaSK	14.5	25.7	15.7	22.8	10.0	
	WADE	27.5	44.3	51.0	25.6	28.6	
	MSER	22.3	51.5	35.9	38.9	23.9	
	LCF	30.9	55.0	40.1	41.6	23.1	
	EdgeFoci	30.0	54.9	47.5	46.2	31.0	

# Local Descriptors – Next Time

- **Detection:** Identify the interest points.
- **Description:** Extract a feature descriptor around each interest point.
- **Matching:** Determine correspondence between descriptors in two views.



[Source: K. Grauman]