

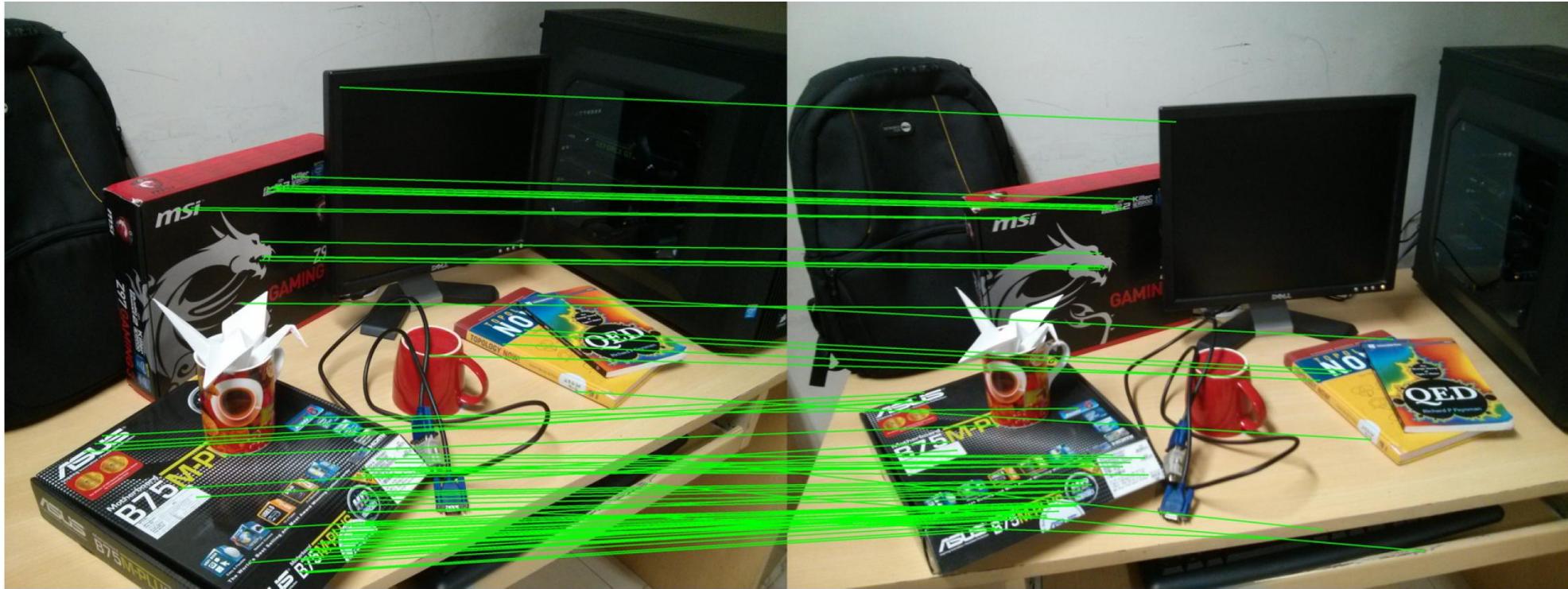
# Scale Invariance Feature Transform

CS 4391 Introduction Computer Vision

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# Feature Detection and Matching

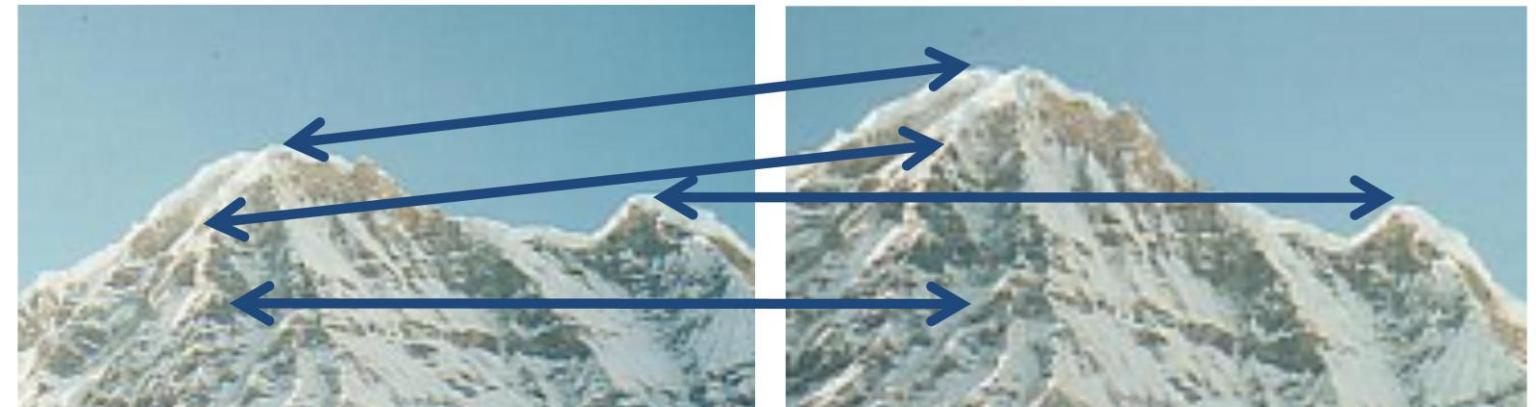
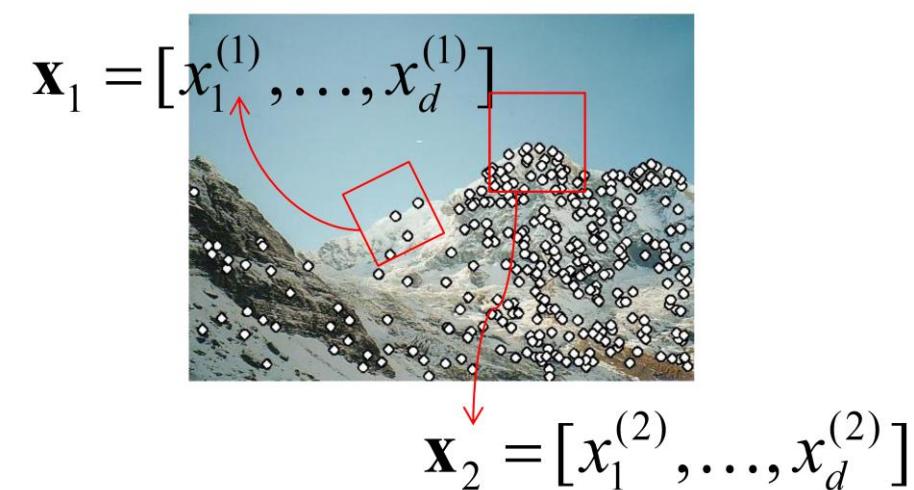


Geometry-aware Feature Matching for Structure from Motion Applications. Shah et al, WACV'15

Applications: stereo matching, image stitching, 3D reconstruction, camera pose estimation, object recognition

# Scale Invariance Feature Transform (SIFT)

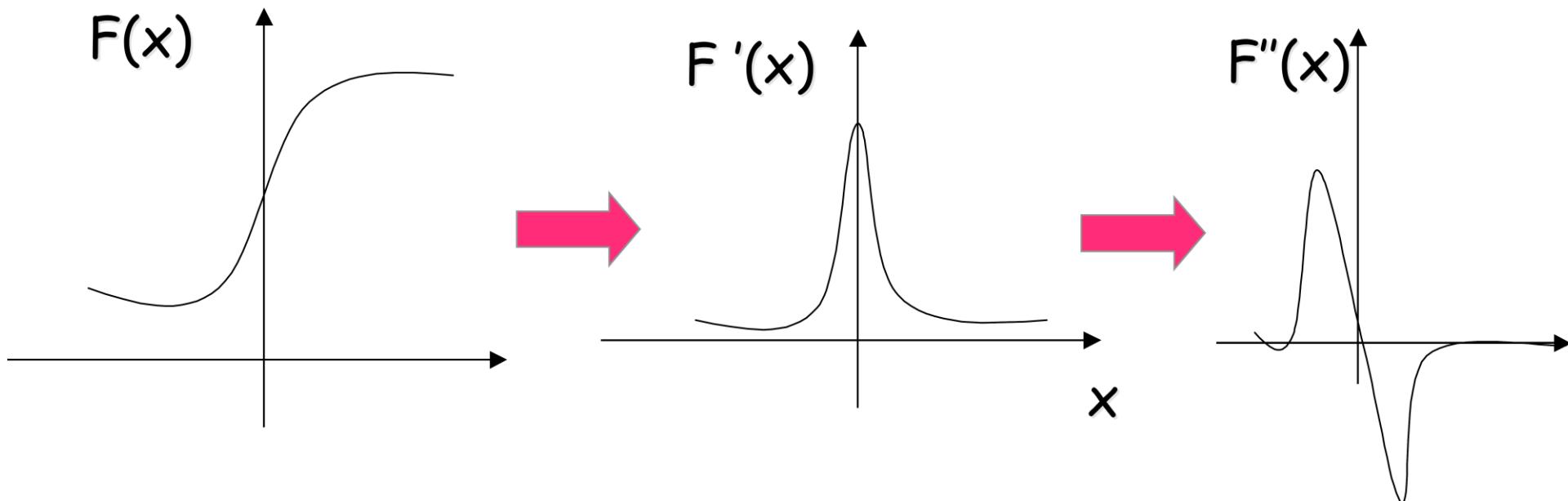
- Keypoint detection
- Compute descriptors
- Matching descriptors



David Lowe, Distinctive Image Features from Scale-Invariant Keypoints. IJCV, 2004

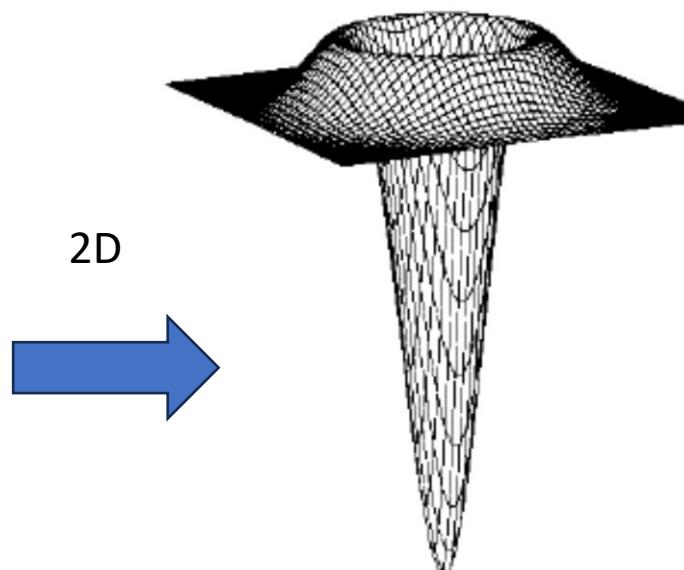
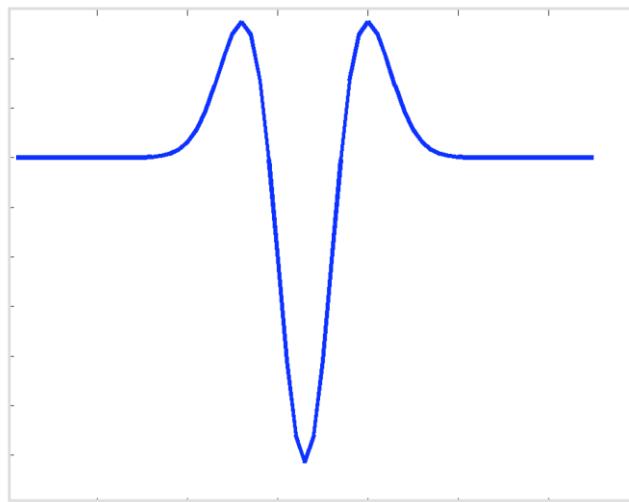
# Recall: Second Derivative Filters

- Peaks or valleys of the first-derivative of the input signal, correspond to “zero-crossings” of the second-derivative of the input signal



# Recall: Second Derivate of Gaussian

$$g''(x) = \left(\frac{x^2}{\sigma^4} - \frac{1}{\sigma^2}\right)e^{-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

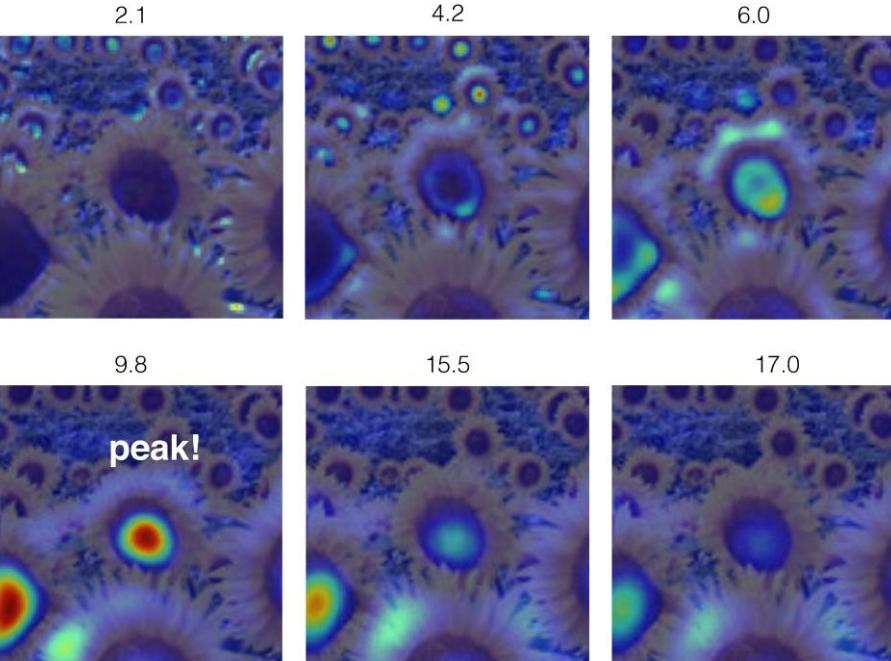
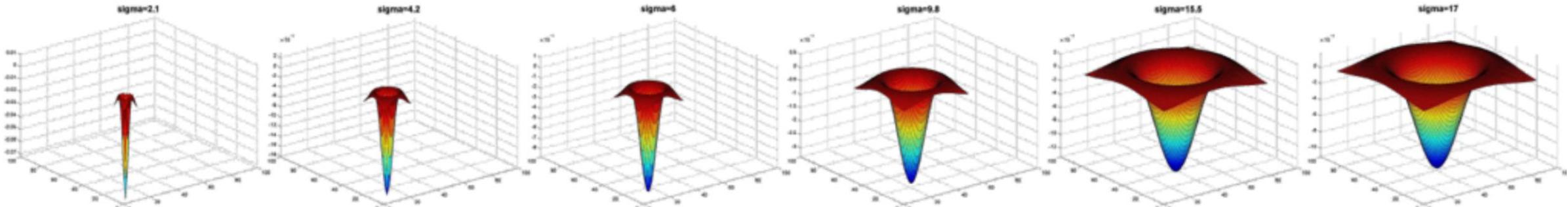


Laplacian of Gaussian



Mexican Hat Function

# Laplacian of Gaussian for Scale Selection



Multi-scale  
2D Blob detection



# SIFT: Scale-space Extrema Detection

- Difference of Gaussian (DoG)

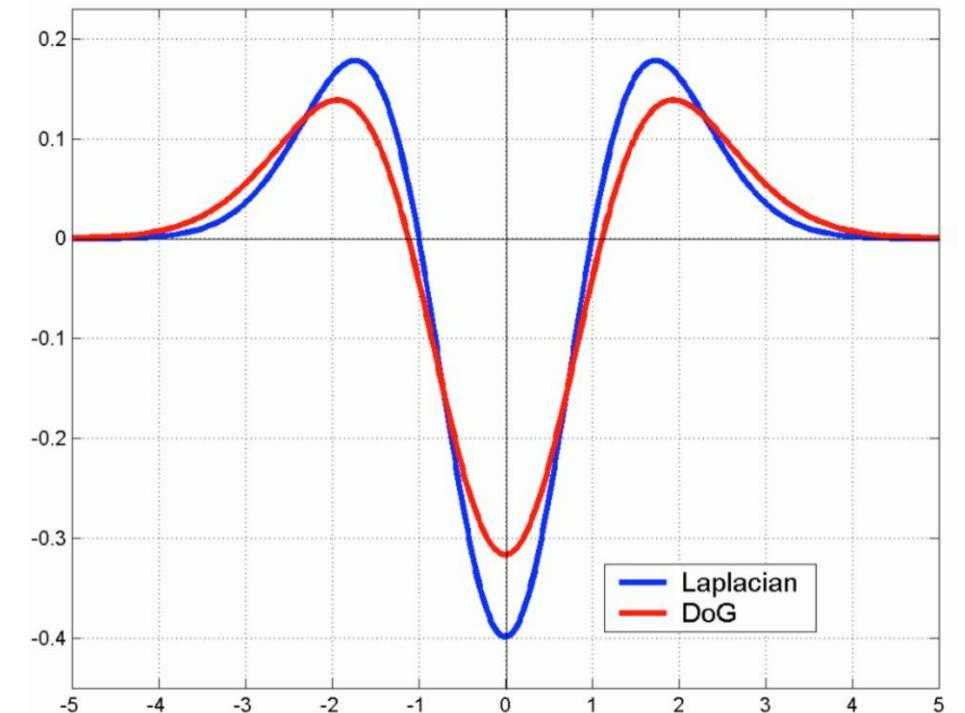
$$G(x, y, \sigma) = \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma^2} e^{-(x^2+y^2)/2\sigma^2}$$

$$L(x, y, \sigma) = G(x, y, \sigma) * I(x, y)$$

$$\begin{aligned} D(x, y, \sigma) &= (G(x, y, k\sigma) - G(x, y, \sigma)) * I(x, y) \\ &= L(x, y, k\sigma) - L(x, y, \sigma). \end{aligned}$$

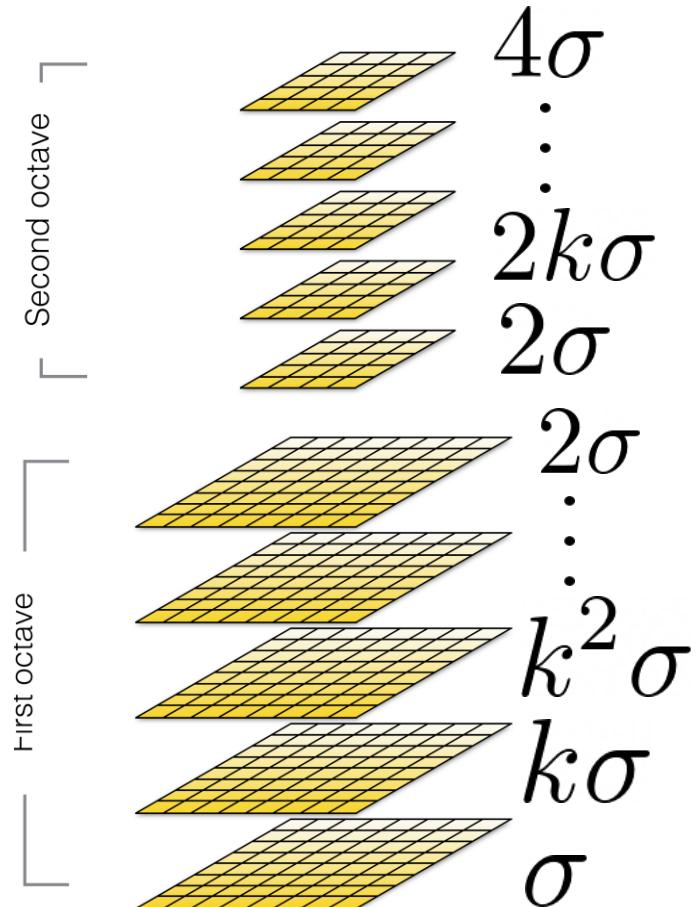
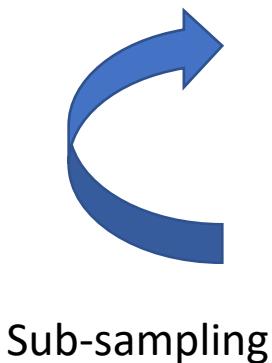
Approximate of Laplacian of Gaussian  
(efficient to compute)

$k$  is a constant



# SIFT: Scale-space Extrema Detection

- Gaussian pyramid

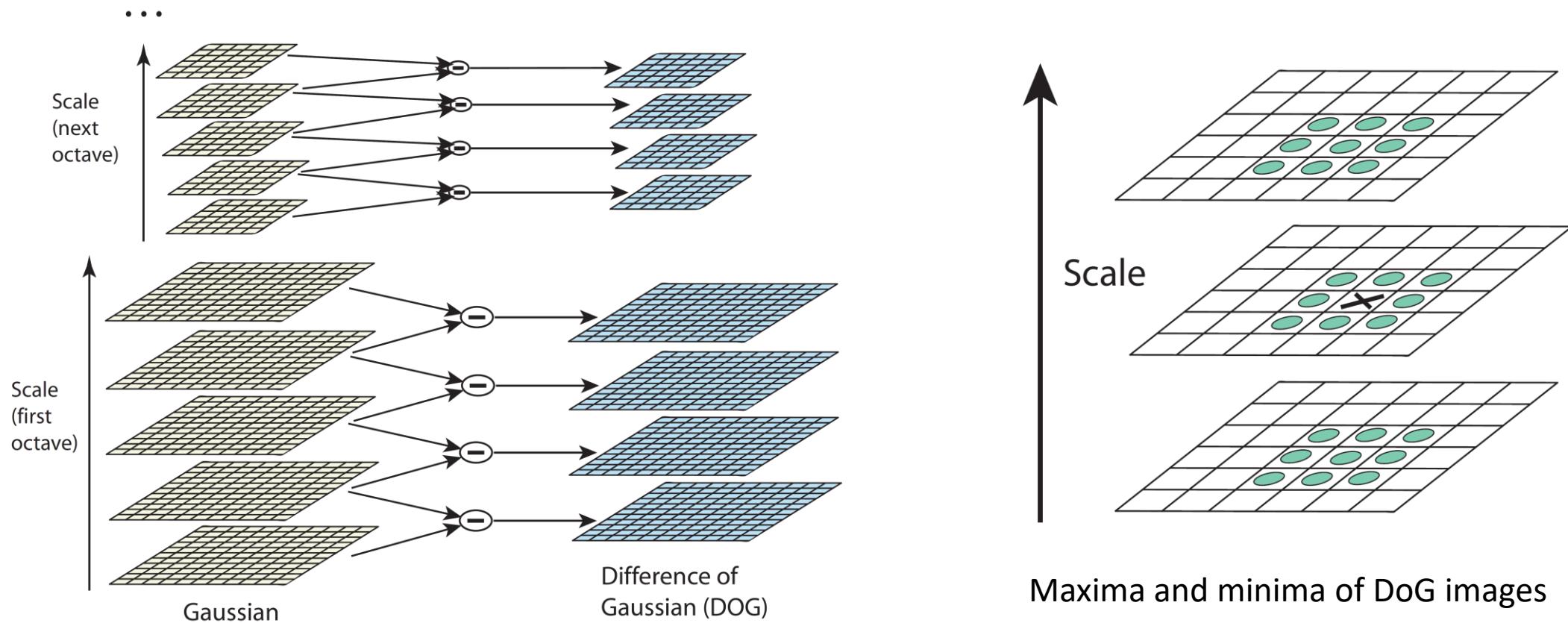


- Gaussian filters

$$L(x, y, \sigma) = G(x, y, \sigma) * I(x, y)$$

- Sub-sampling by a factor of 2
  - Multiple the Gaussian kernel deviation by 2

# SIFT: Scale-space Extrema Detection



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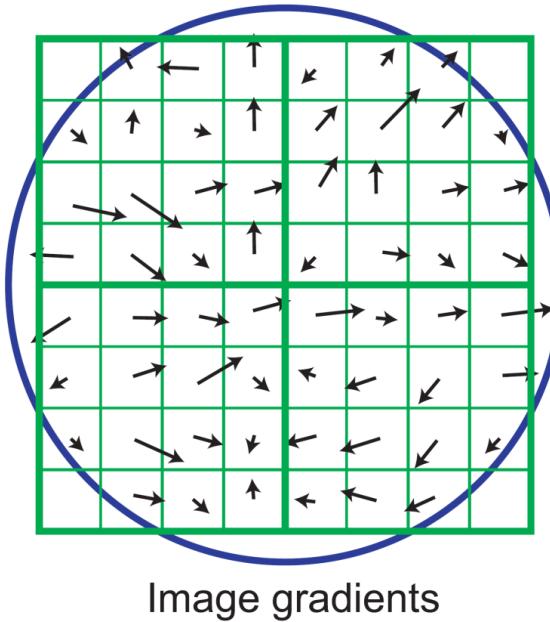
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$$= L(x, y, k\sigma) - L(x, y, \sigma).$$

# SIFT Descriptor

- Image gradient magnitude and orientation

$$L(x, y, \sigma) = G(x, y, \sigma) * I(x, y)$$



$$m(x, y) = \sqrt{(L(x + 1, y) - L(x - 1, y))^2 + (L(x, y + 1) - L(x, y - 1))^2}$$

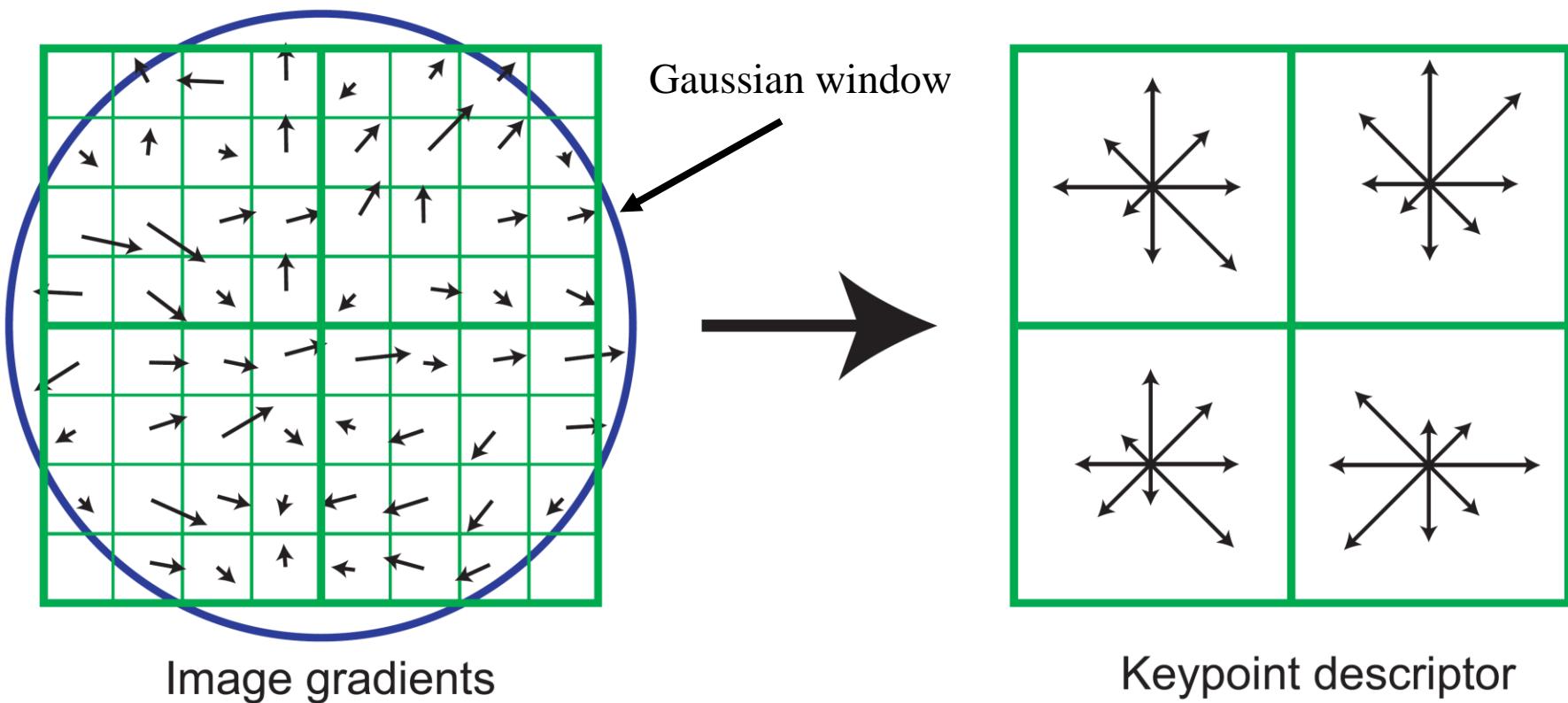
x-derivative    y-derivative

$$\theta(x, y) = \tan^{-1}((L(x, y + 1) - L(x, y - 1)) / (L(x + 1, y) - L(x - 1, y)))$$

# SIFT Descriptor

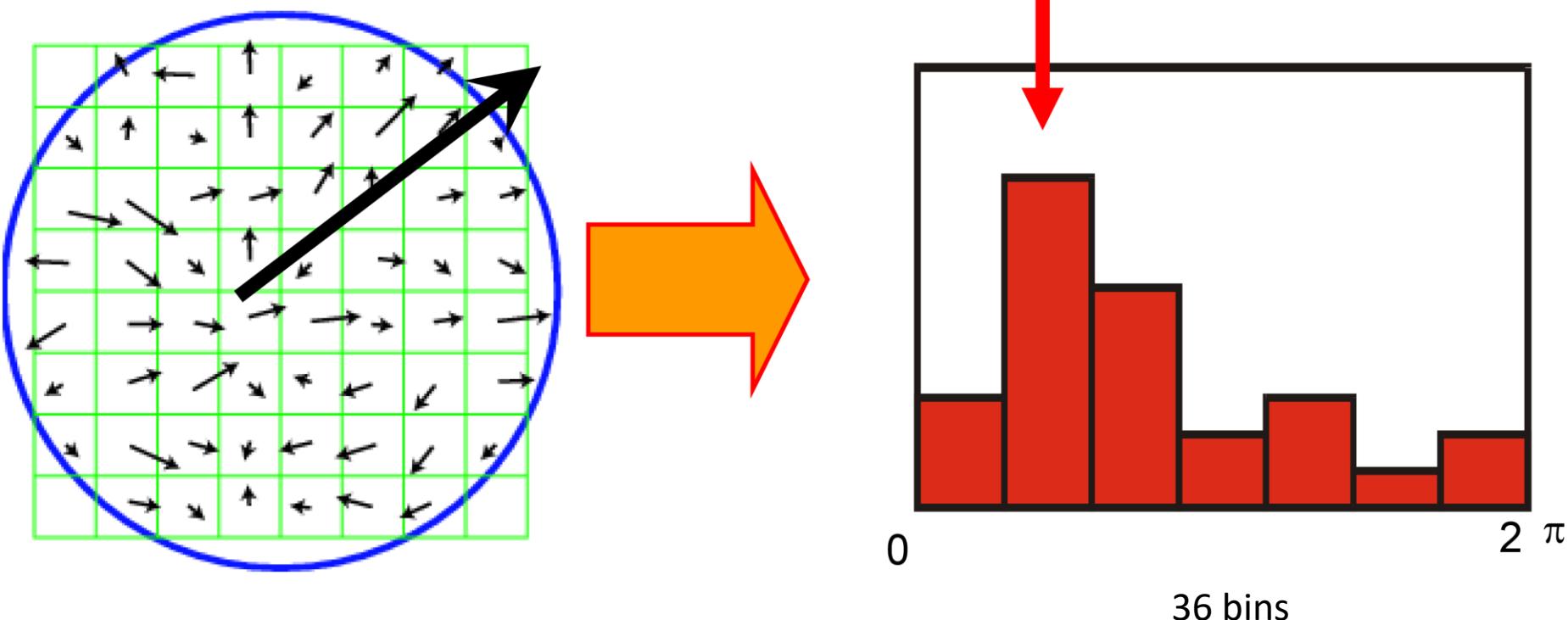
- Divide the 16x16 window into a 4x4 grid of cells (2x2 case shown below)
- Compute an orientation histogram for each cell
- 16 cells \* 8 orientations = 128 dimensional descriptor

Using the scale of  
the keypoint to  
select the level of  
Gaussian blur for  
the image



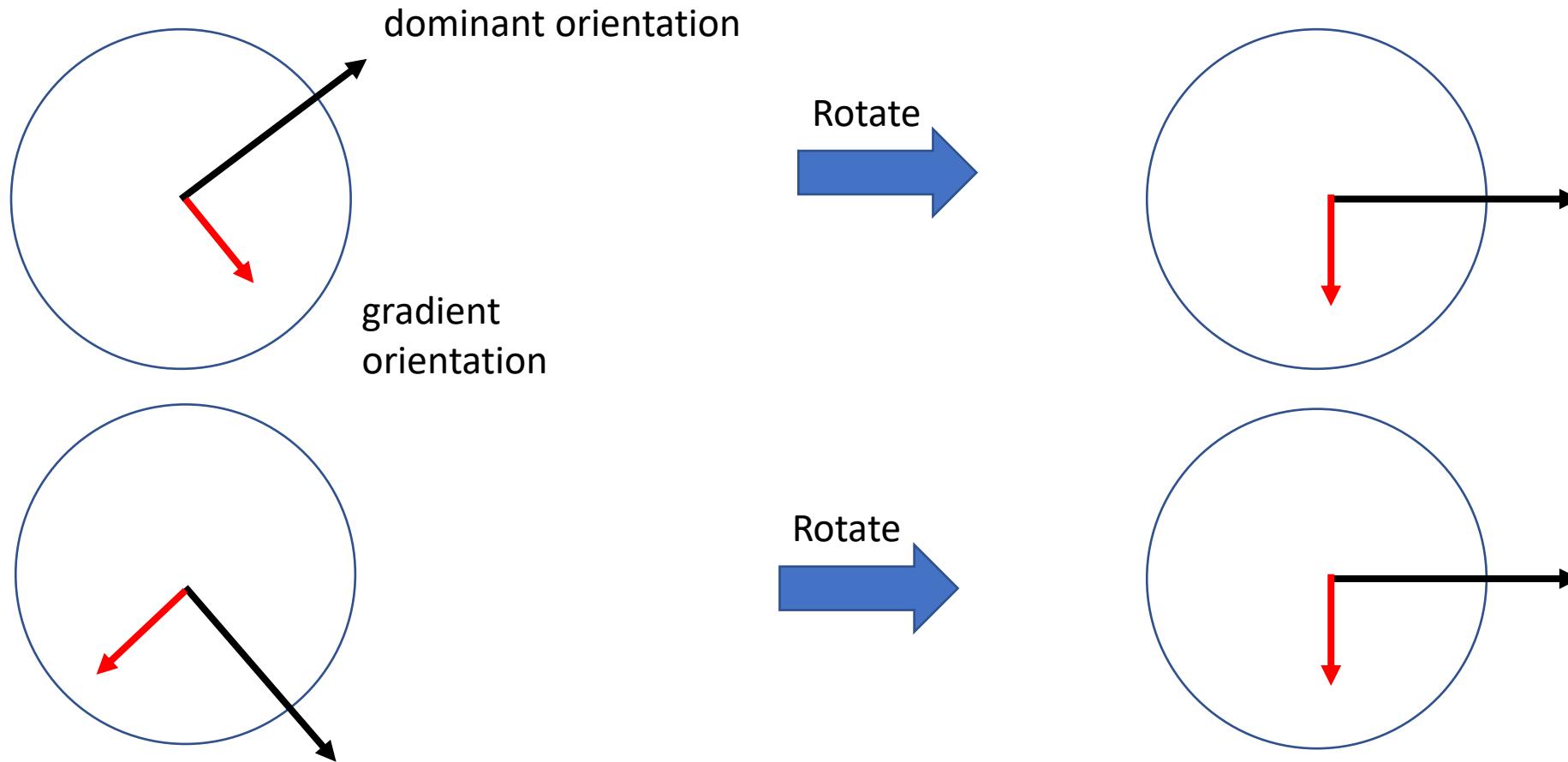
# SIFT: Rotation Invariance

- Rotate all orientations by the dominant orientation



# SIFT: Rotation Invariance

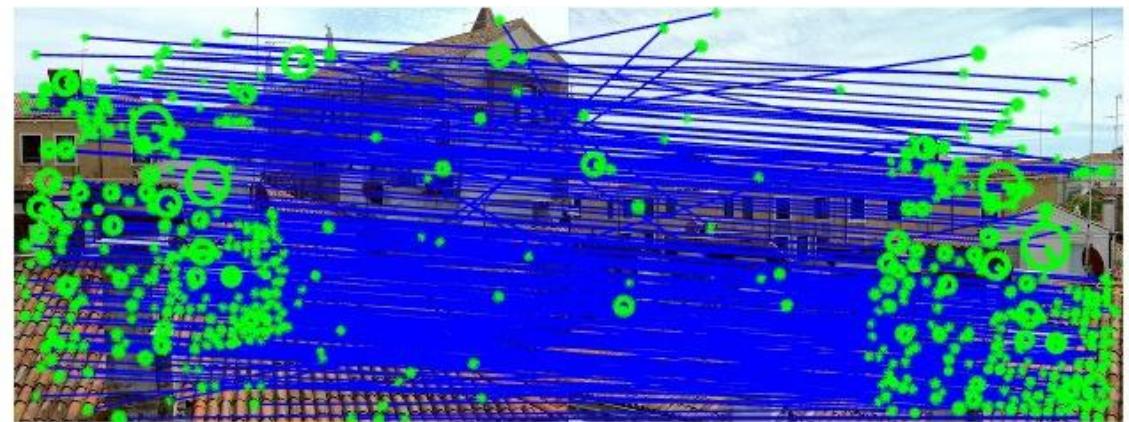
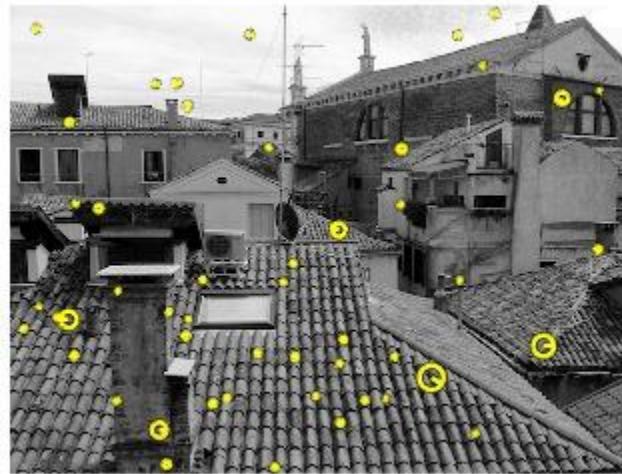
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# SIFT Properties

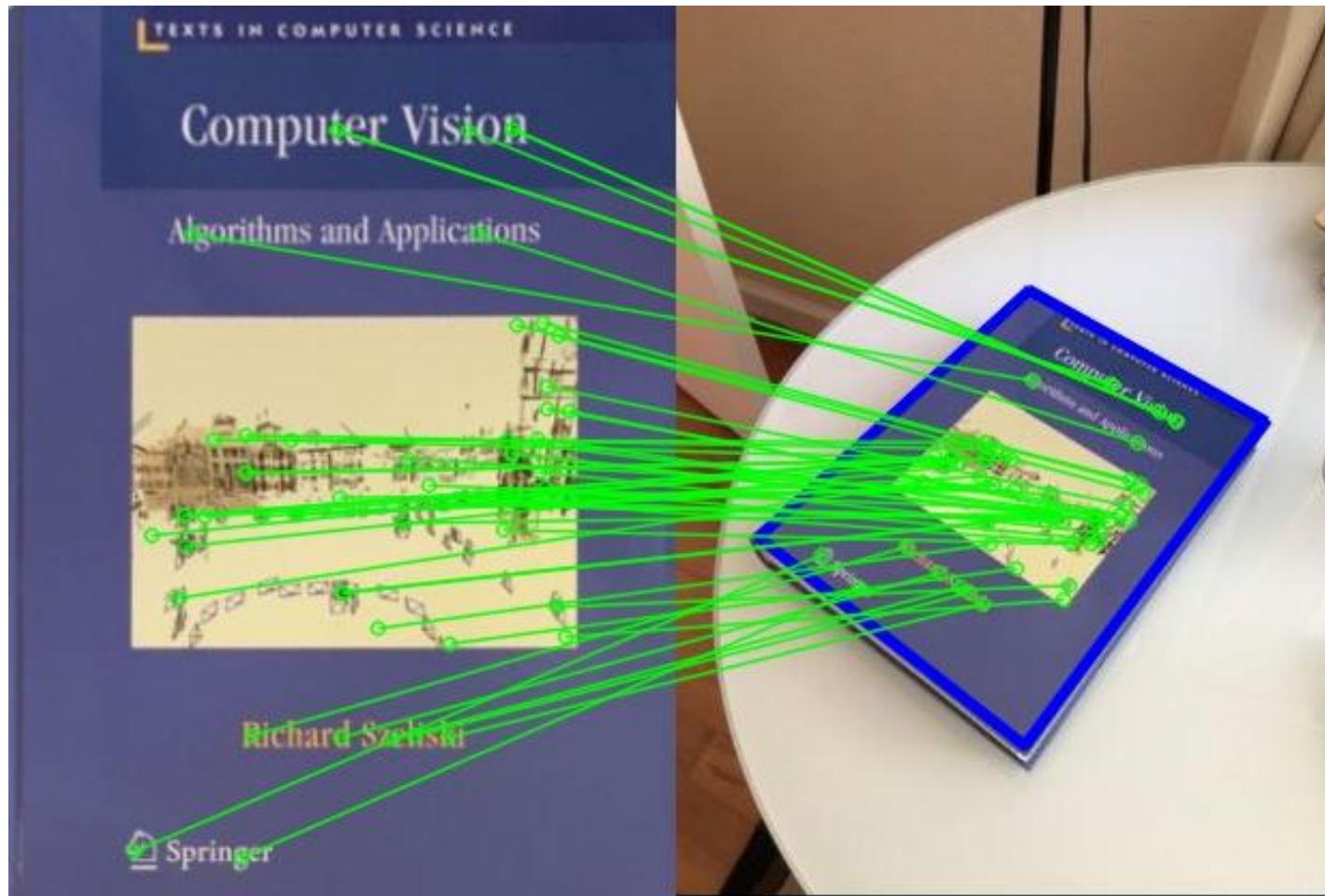
- Can handle change in viewpoint (up to about 60 degree out of plane rotation)
- Can handle significant change in illumination
- Relatively fast < 1s for moderate image sizes
- Lots of code available
  - E.g., <https://www.vlfeat.org/overview/sift.html>

# SIFT Matching Example

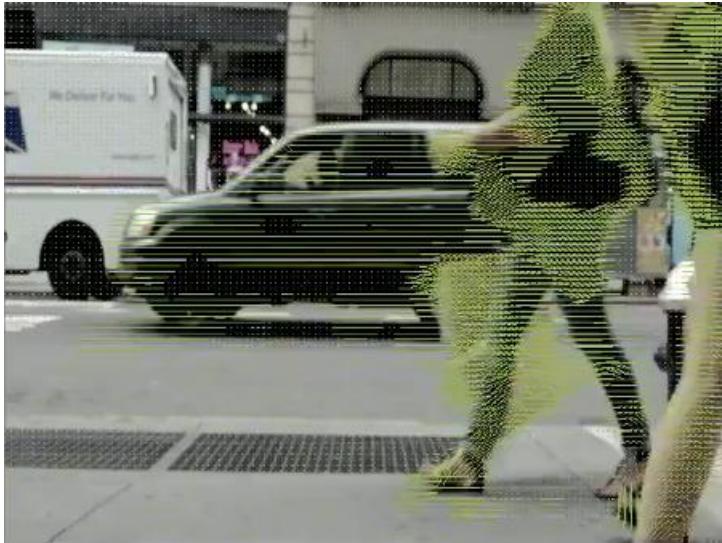


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# SIFT Matching Example



# Correspondences



Optical flow



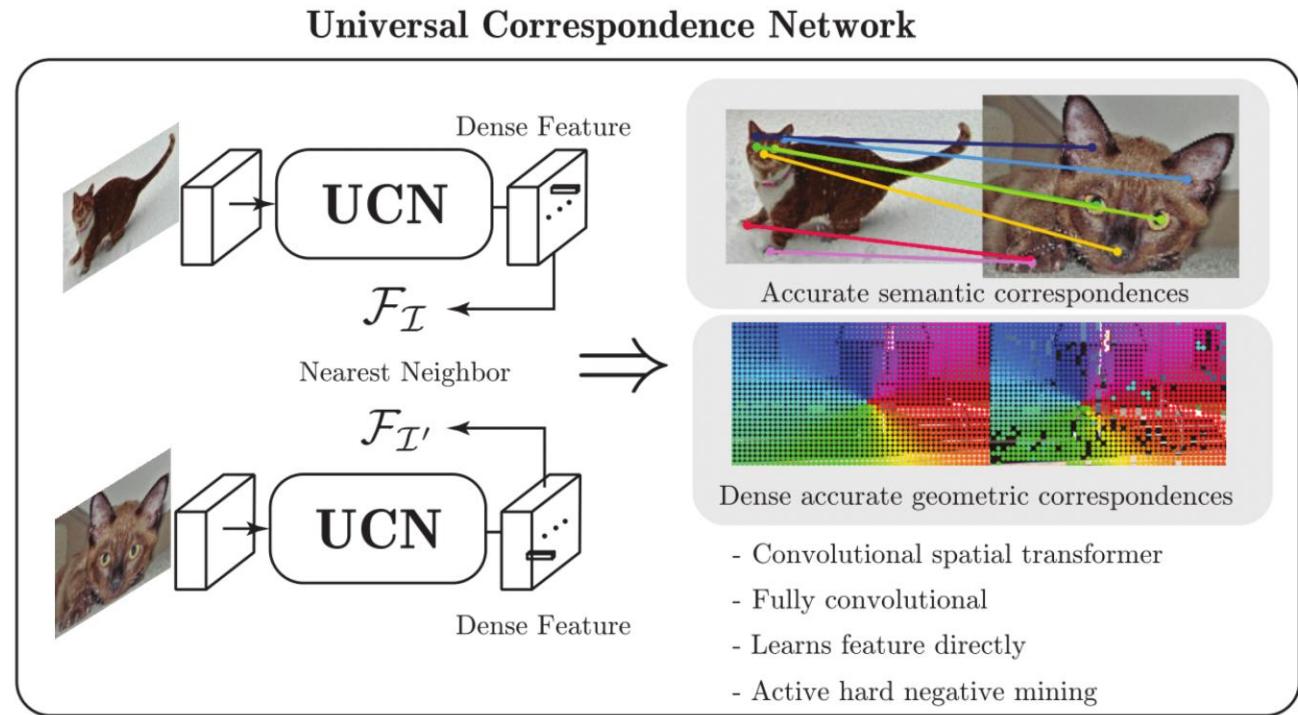
SIFT matching



Semantic keypoints

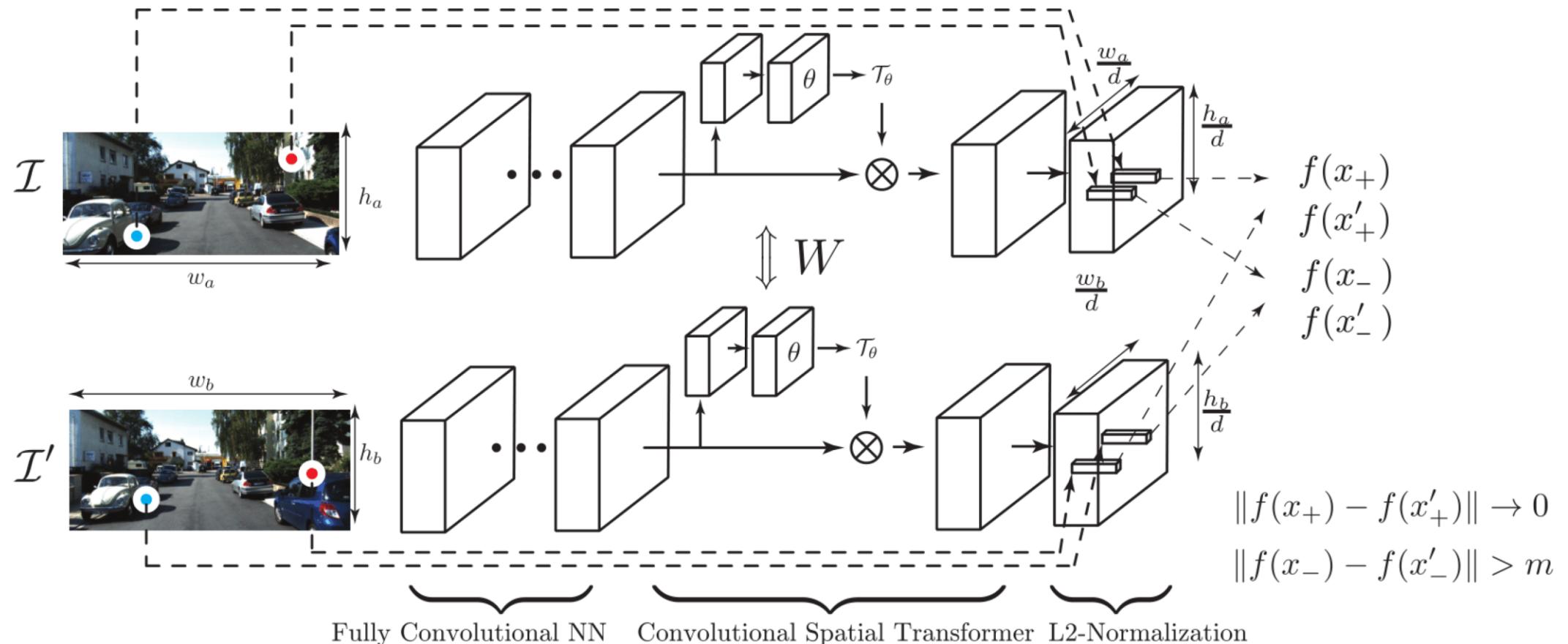
# Advanced Topic: Universal Correspondences Network

- Learn pixel-wise features for matching
- Fully-convolutional network
- Contrastive loss function for feature learning
- Convolutional spatial transformer



Universal Correspondence Network. Choy et al., NuerIPS, 2016

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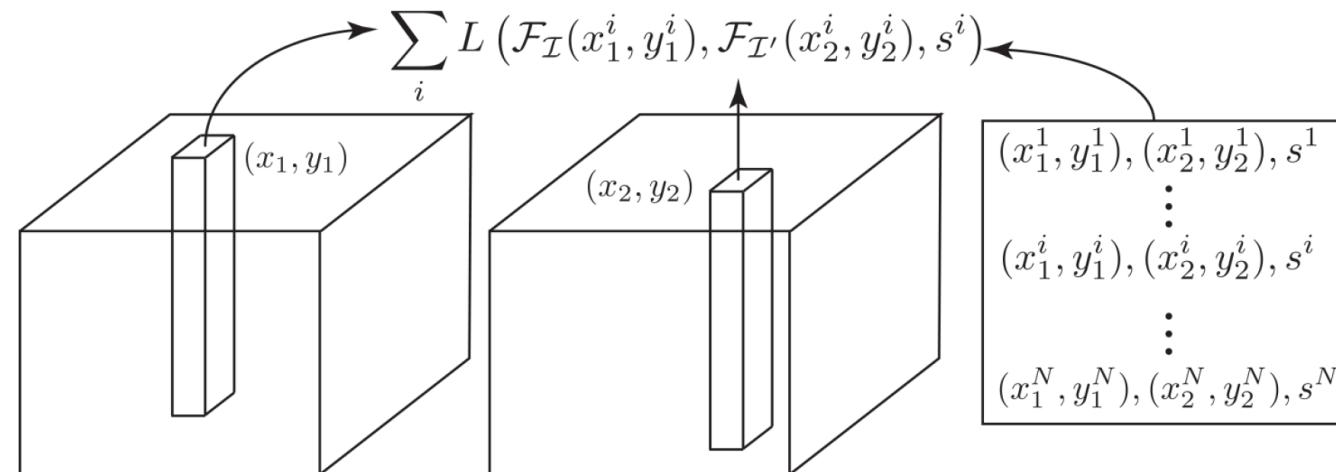
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- Correspondence contrastive loss

$$L = \frac{1}{2N} \sum_i^N s_i \|\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{I}}(\mathbf{x}_i) - \mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{I}'}(\mathbf{x}'_i)\|^2 + (1 - s_i) \max(0, m - \|\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{I}}(\mathbf{x}) - \mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{I}'}(\mathbf{x}'_i)\|)^2$$

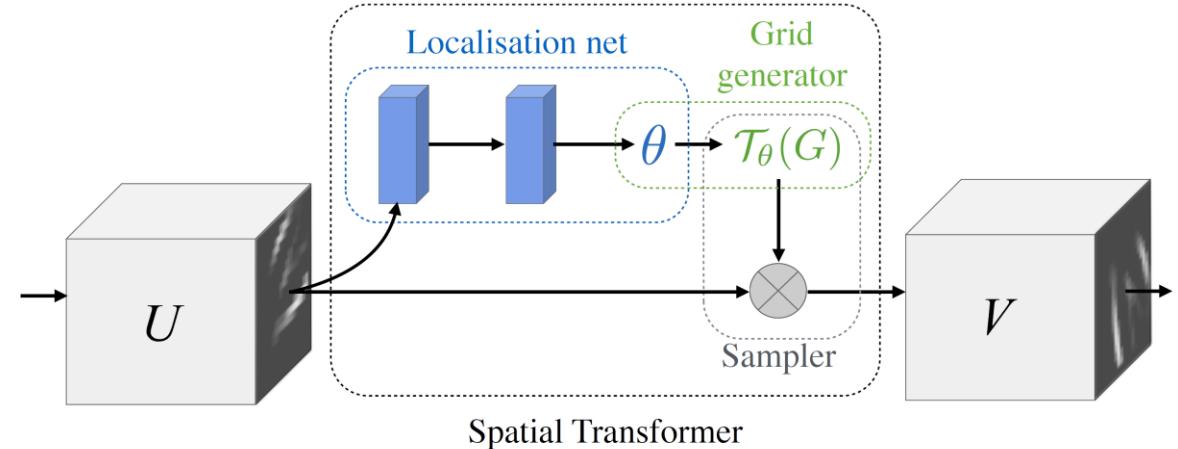
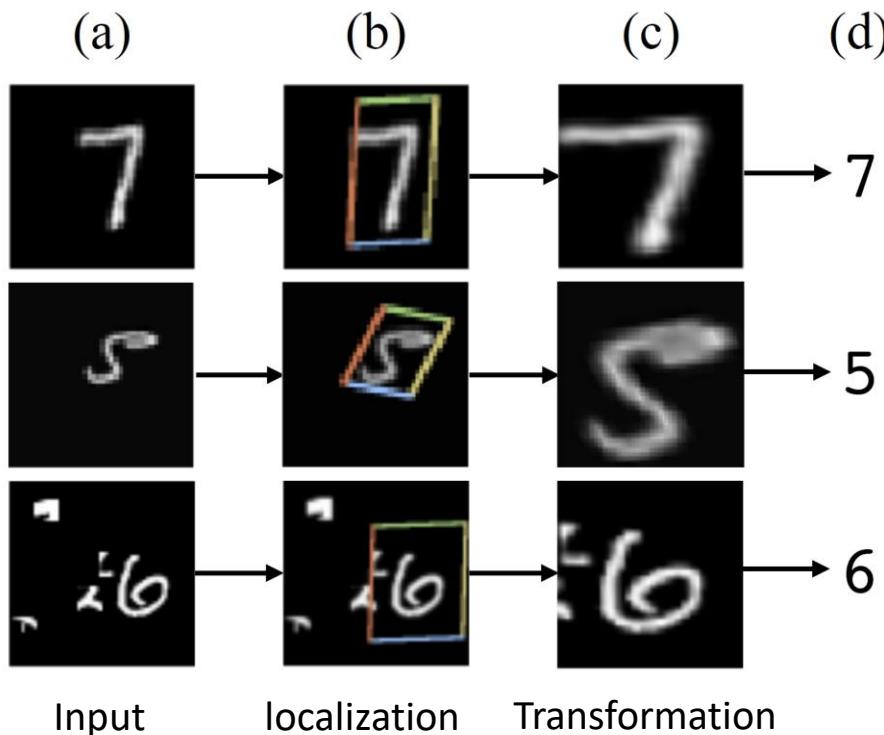
positive pair

negative pair



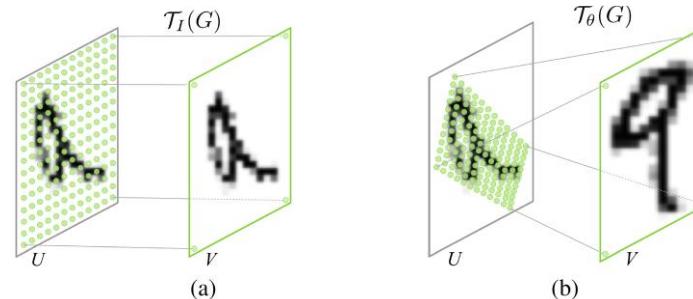
Universal Correspondence Network. Choy et al., NuerIPS, 2016

# Spatial Transformer Network



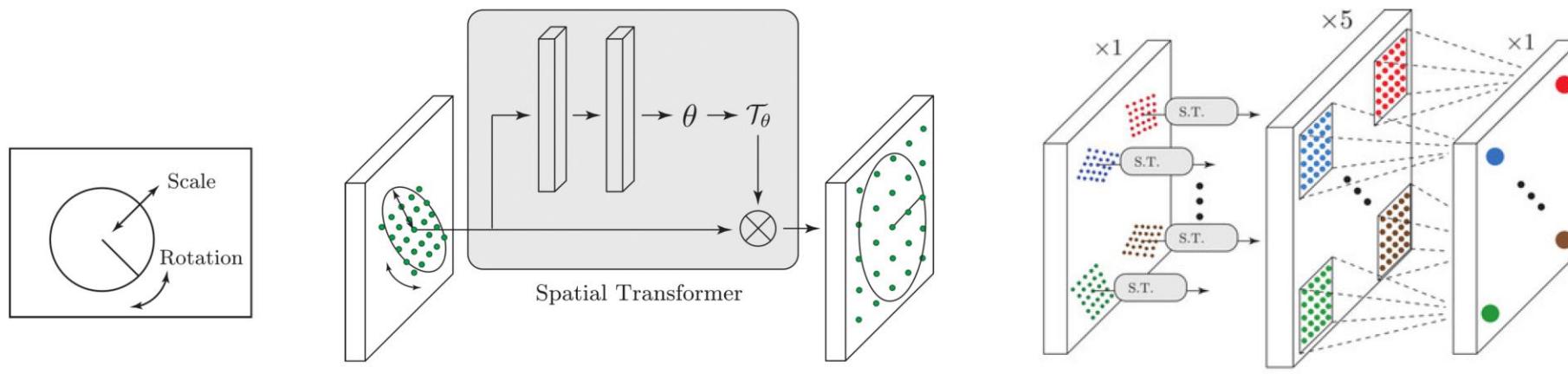
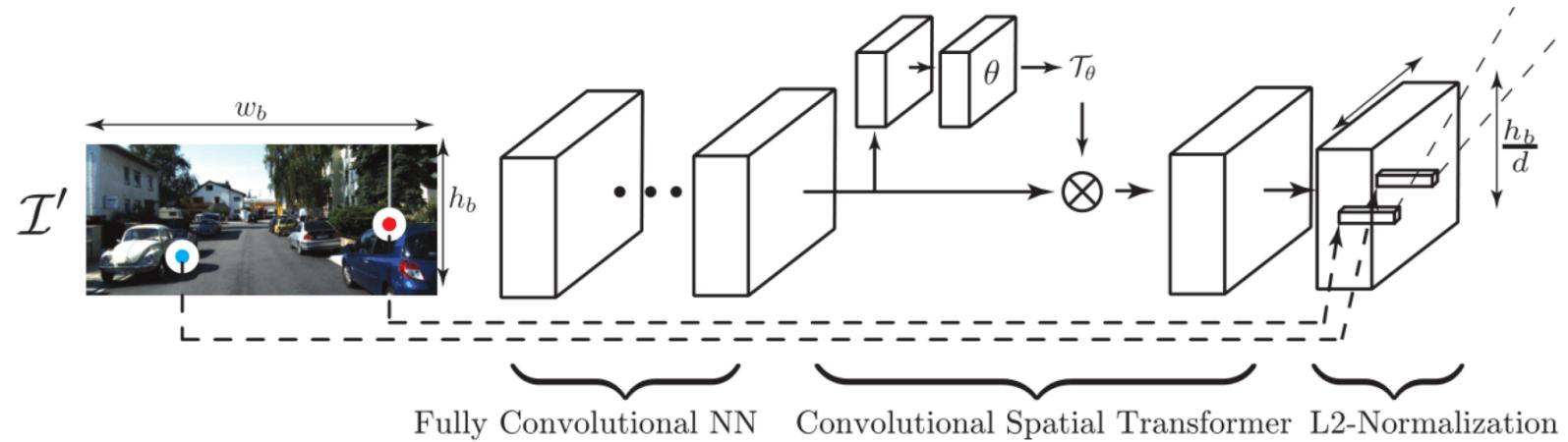
Affine transformation

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_i^s \\ y_i^s \end{pmatrix} = \mathcal{T}_\theta(G_i) = A_\theta \begin{pmatrix} x_i^t \\ y_i^t \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \theta_{11} & \theta_{12} & \theta_{13} \\ \theta_{21} & \theta_{22} & \theta_{23} \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_i^t \\ y_i^t \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$



Spatial Transformer Networks. Jaderberg et al., NeurIPS, 2015

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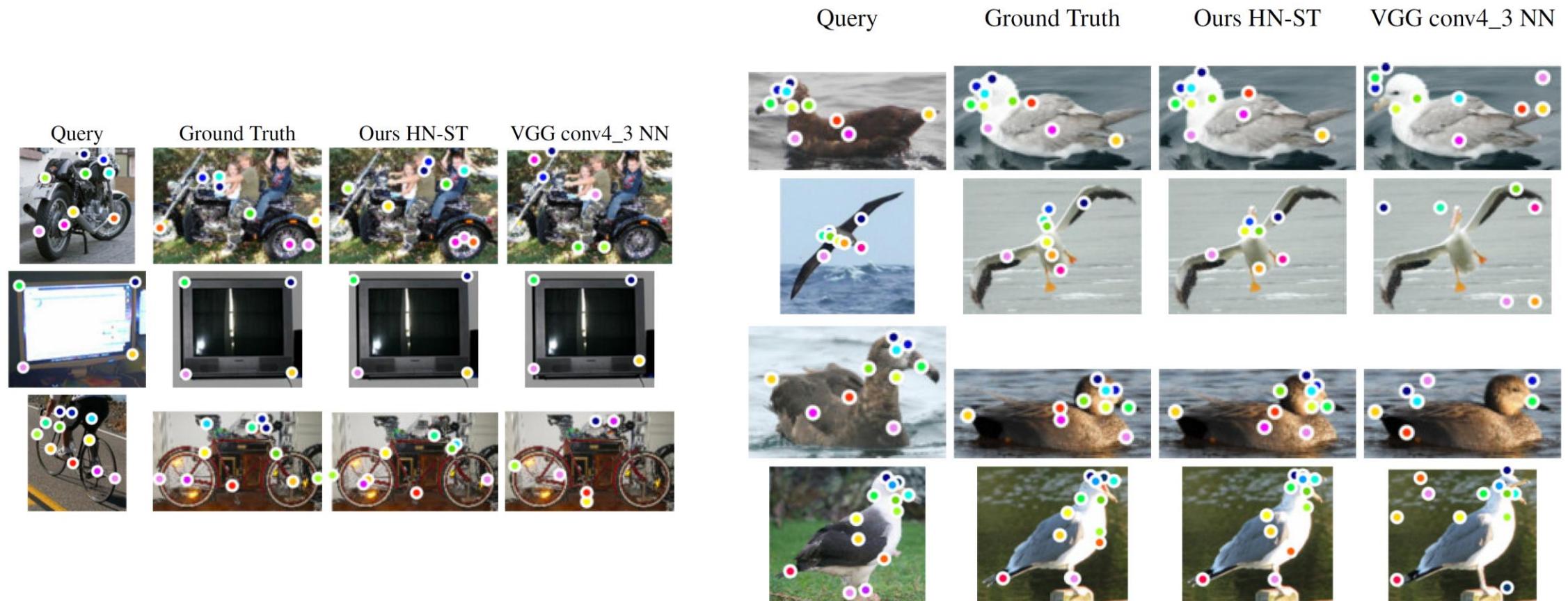
(a) SIFT

(b) Spatial transformer

(c) Convolutional spatial transformer

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# Further Reading

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