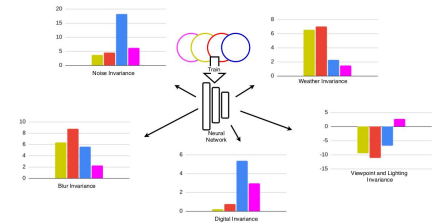
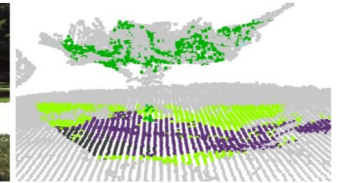
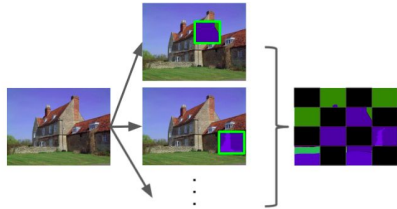


Towards Robust Perception Systems in Real World Environments

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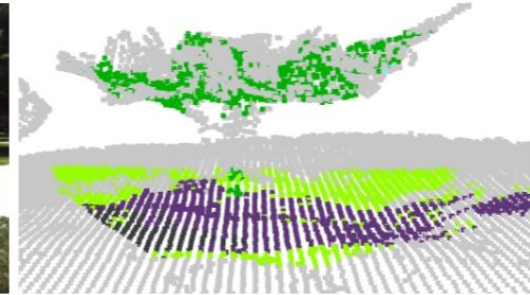
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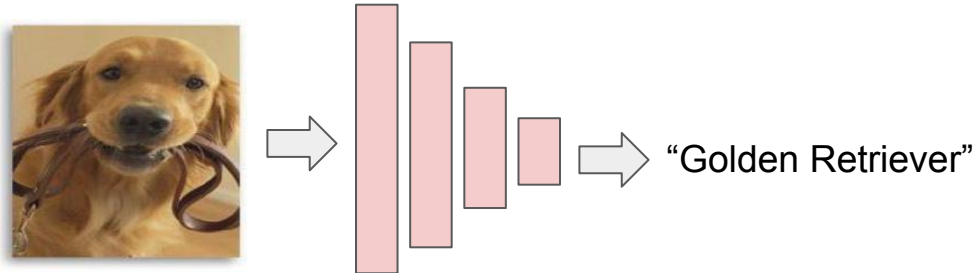
Introduction

Visual perception systems useful for many applications:

- Robotics
- Self-driving
- Visual discovery
- Medical diagnostics
- ...



Many modern systems are based on neural networks.



Many imperfections in real world images...



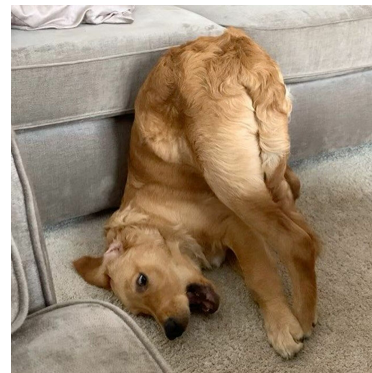
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Camera
Blur

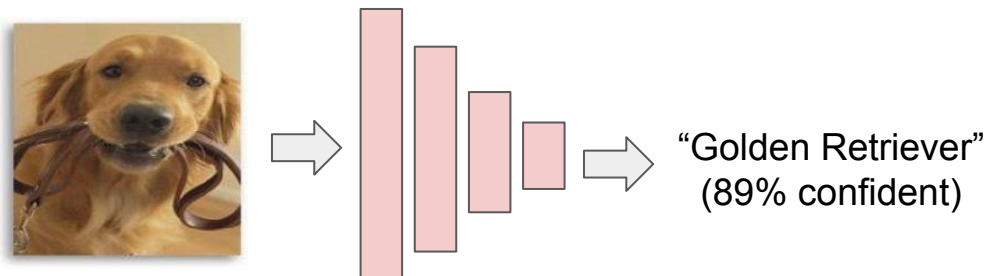


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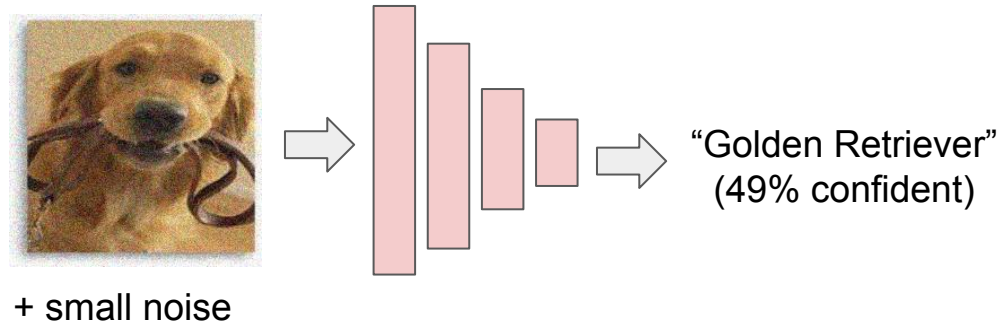


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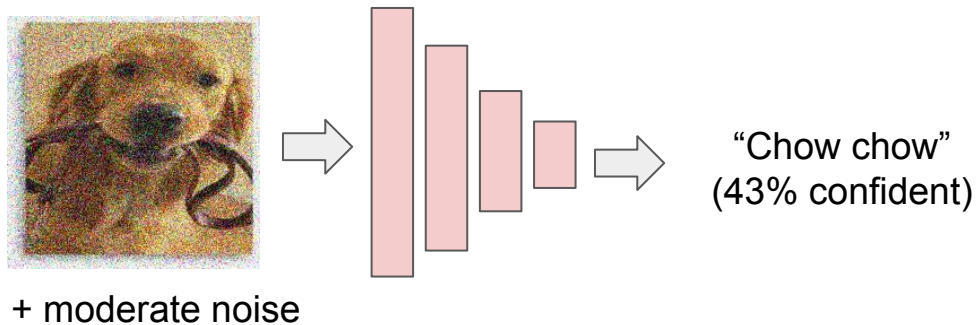


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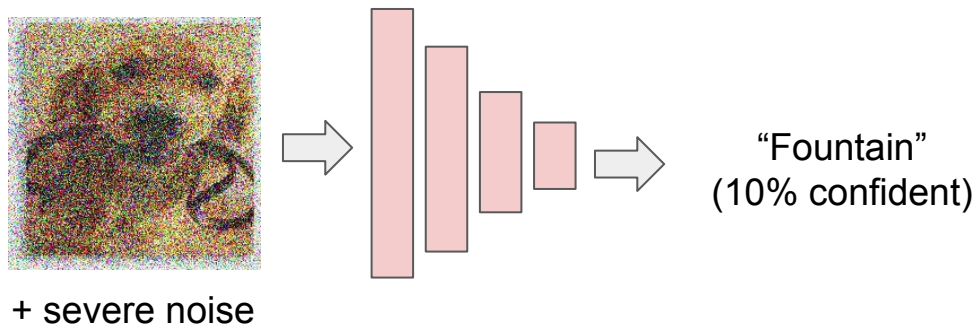


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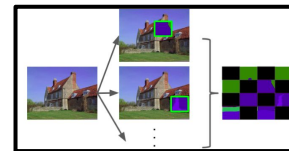
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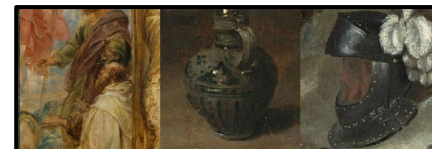
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[ICCV 2019]



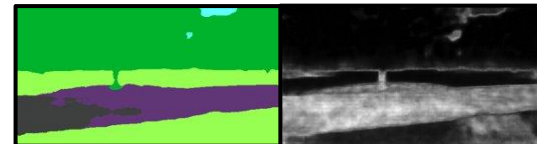
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[ICRA 2020]



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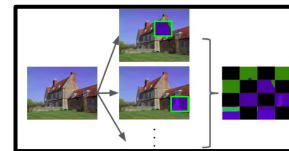
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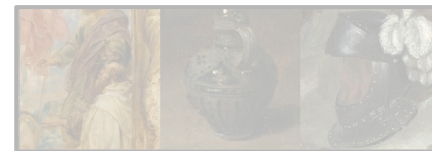
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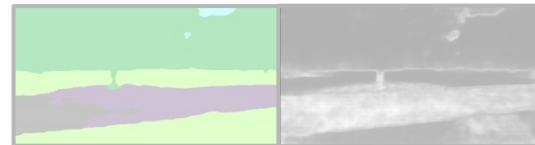
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Illustrative example

Giraffes face left in training set.



Unseen image: Giraffe?



Need more data

One possible solution: train with more images of giraffes in different poses.

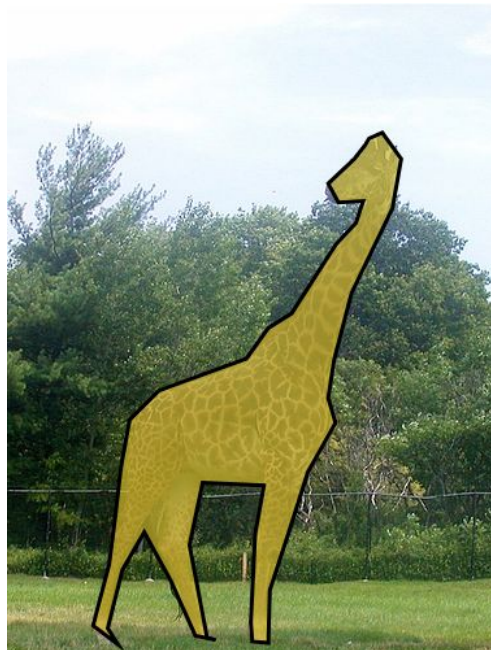


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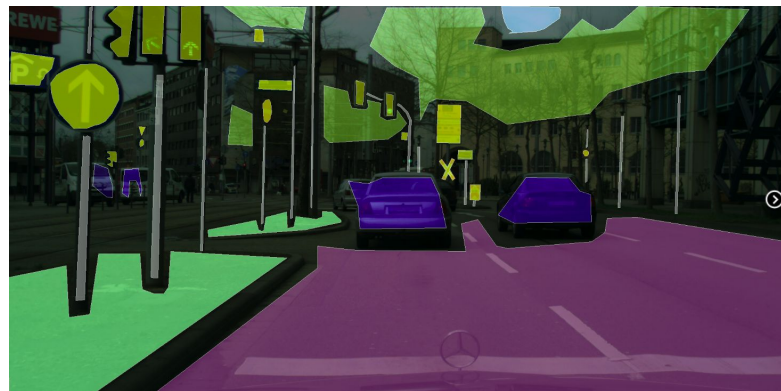
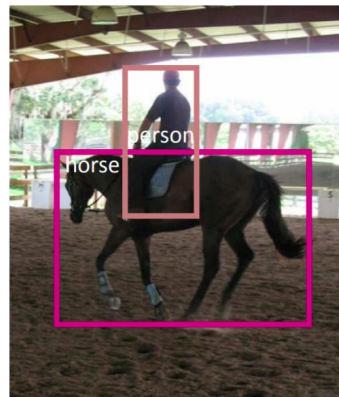
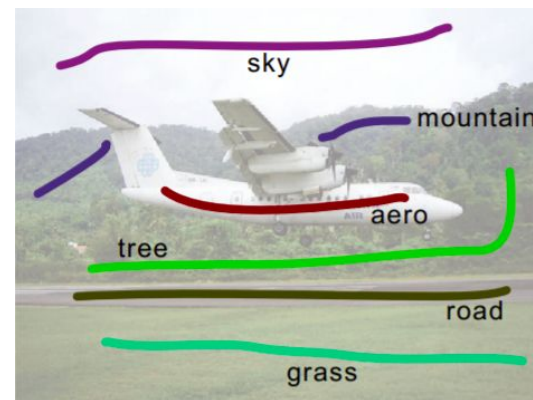
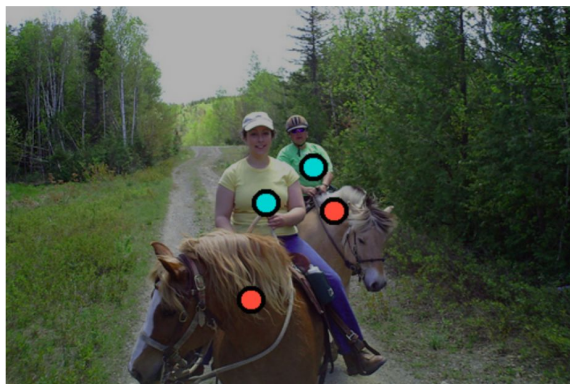


New Labeled Data

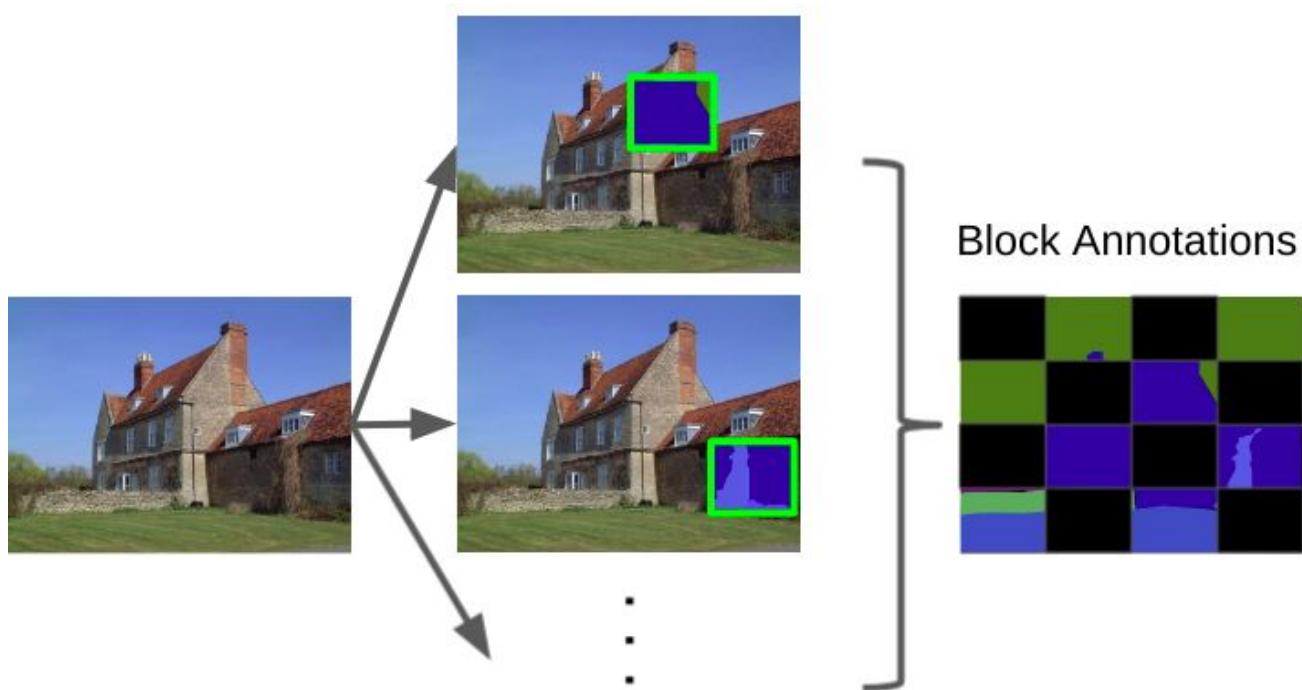
What kind of labels are useful?



Cheap but coarse alternatives

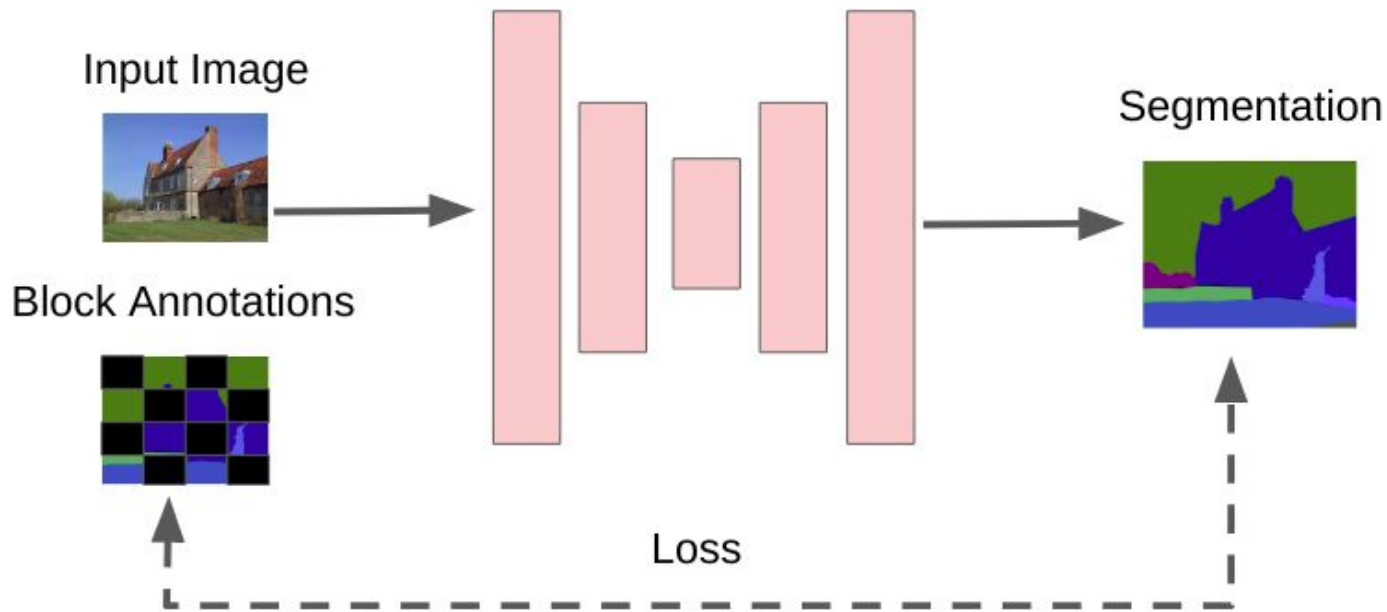


Block Annotation



(A) Annotation

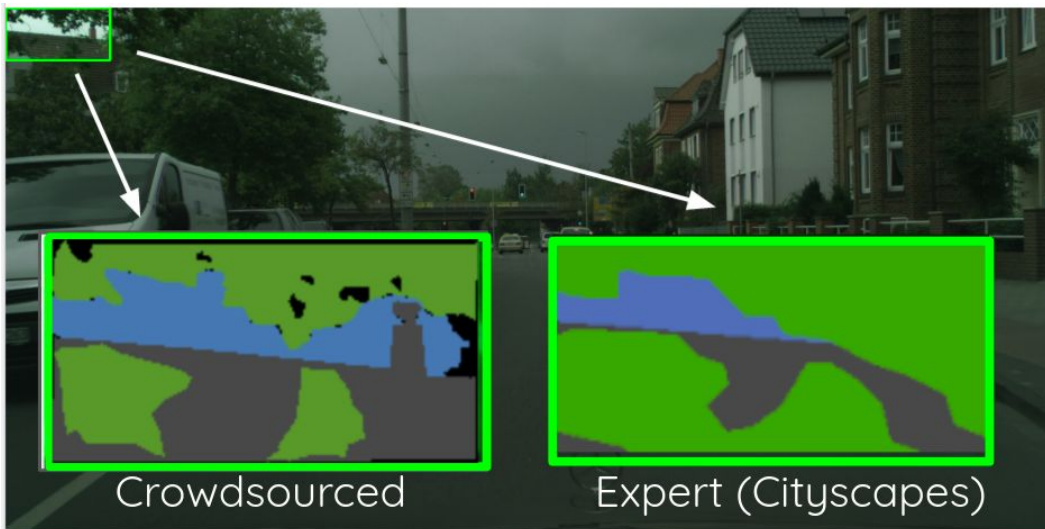
Block Annotation



(B) Segmentation

Key Findings: Block Annotation

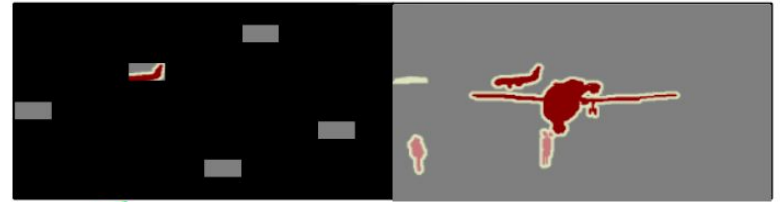
Crowdworkers produce high quality annotations, and more cheaply than conventional methods.



Key Findings: Block Annotation

High performing semantic segmentation models learned – up to 97% of full supervision performance with 1/10th annotation time.

Cityscapes	Ours: Block (7 min)	Coarse (7 min [14])	Full Supervision (90 min [14])
mIOU (%)	72.1	68.8	77.7
Pascal	Ours: Block (25 sec)	Scribbles (25 sec [36])	Full Supervision (4 min [41])
mIOU (%)	67.2	63.1 [36]	69.6

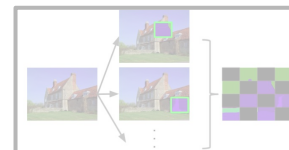


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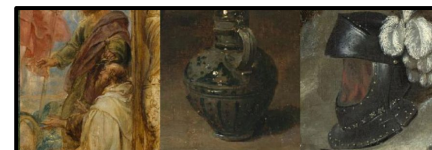
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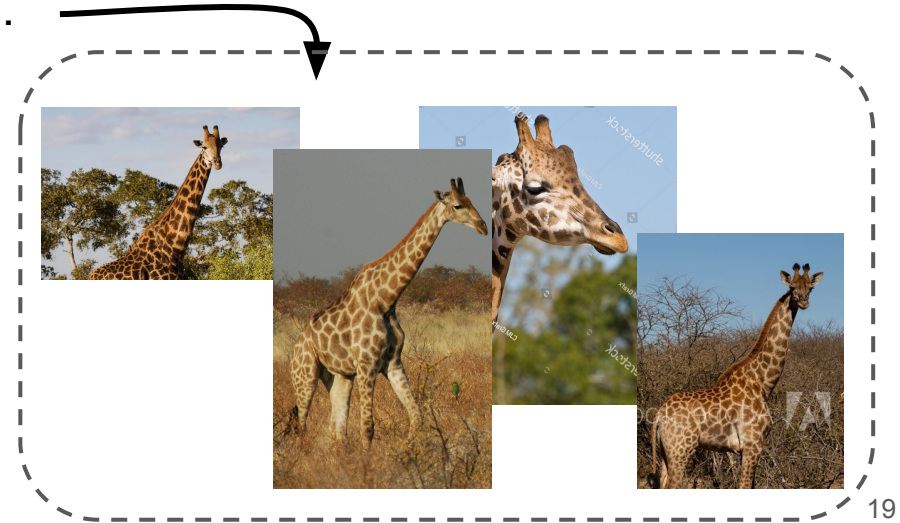
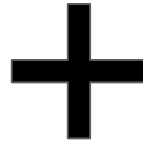
What about synthetic data?

Problem: Giraffes always face towards left in original dataset.

- Label more data – expensive.
- Alternative? Synthetically create images+labels by applying a left-right reflection to the existing set of images.



Original Dataset



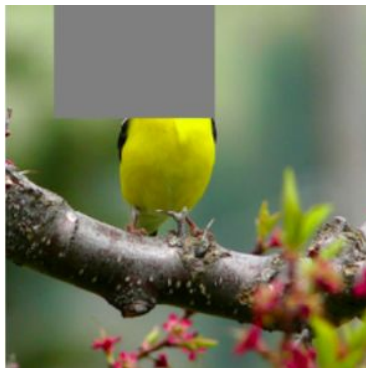
Data Augmentation

Image transformations encourage the network to ignore some signals in the data.

- Reflected image pairs: Network will not rely on left-right orientation when classifying an animal.



Data Augmentation



CutOut



AutoAugment



RandAugment



AugMix



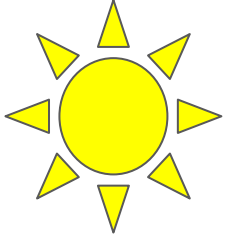
DeepAugment

Common goals:

- (a) Preserve semantics.
- (b) Manipulate non-robust features.



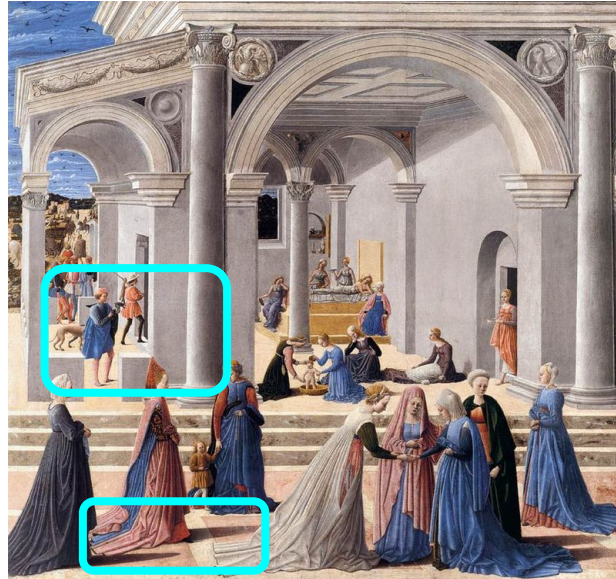
Artwork: Fra Carnevale
"The Birth of the Virgin" 1467



Cavanagh 2005, *"The Artist as Neuroscientist"*

Paintings as Implicit Data Augmentation

Artworks implicitly encode human visual invariances by omitting or altering unimportant details for perception.



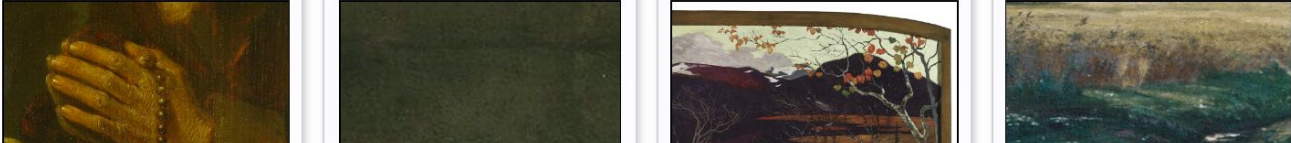
Materials In Paintings

<https://materialsinpaintings.tudelft.nl/>

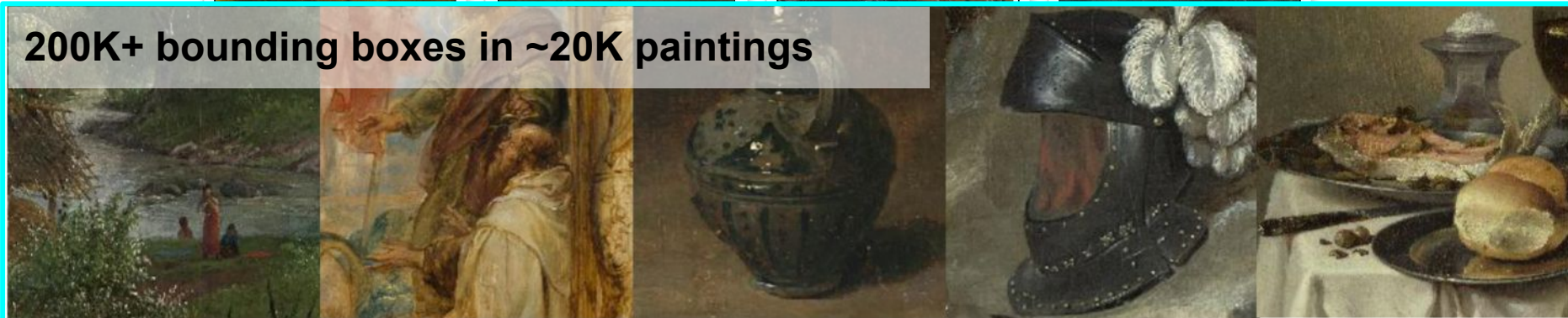
Enter an artist or title.. Search

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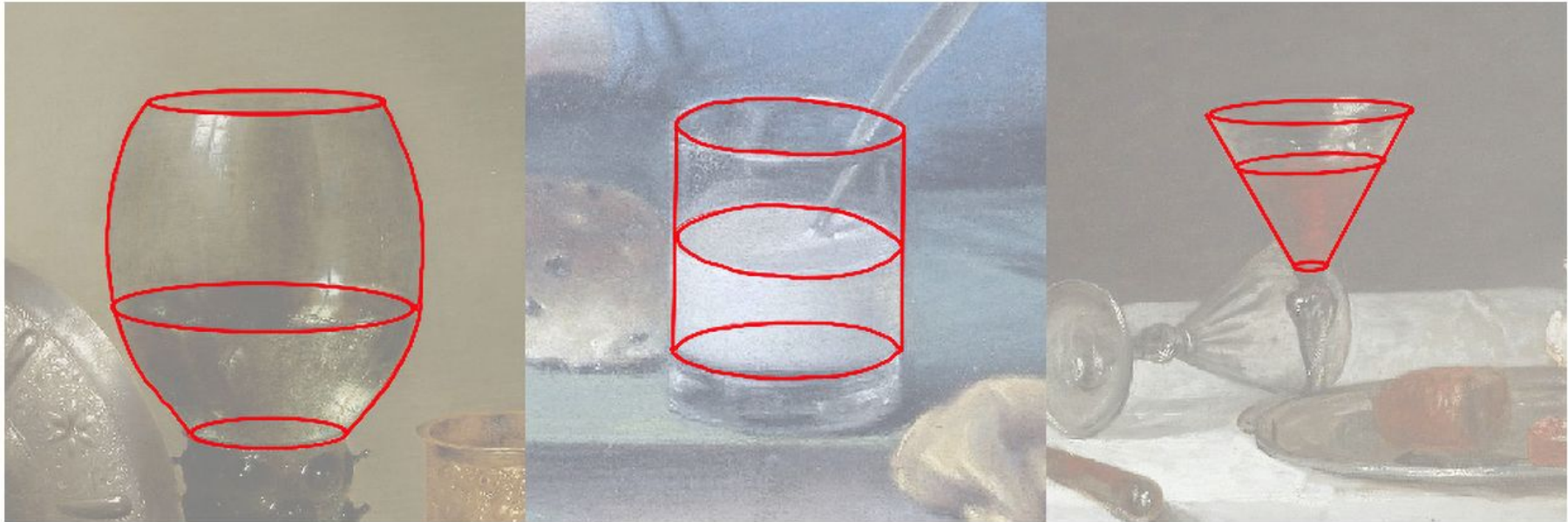


200K+ bounding boxes in ~20K paintings



Painterly Biases

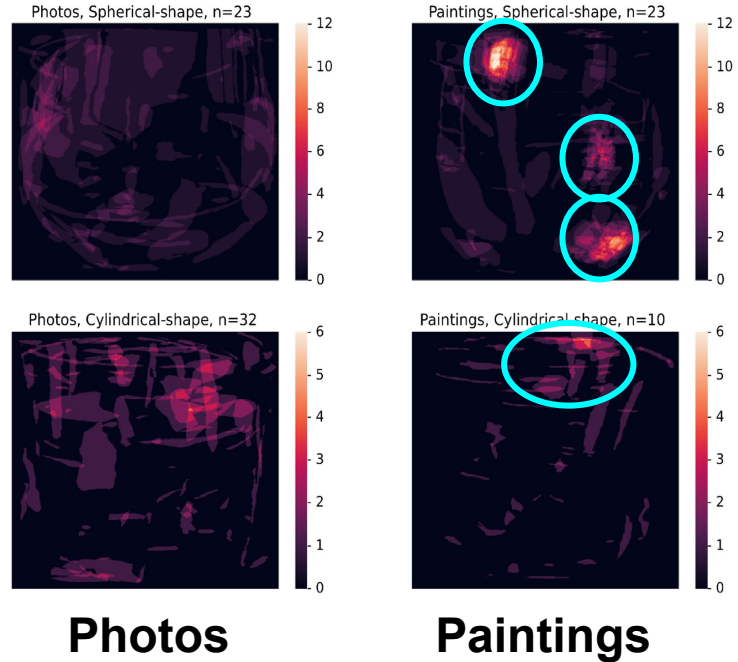
Highlights on glass cups:



How are glass highlights depicted?

1. Paintings have more localized highlights.
2. Painting highlights are less ambiguous.
 - 50% higher agreement (recall) between participants.

Highlight Heatmaps



Learning From Painterly Biases

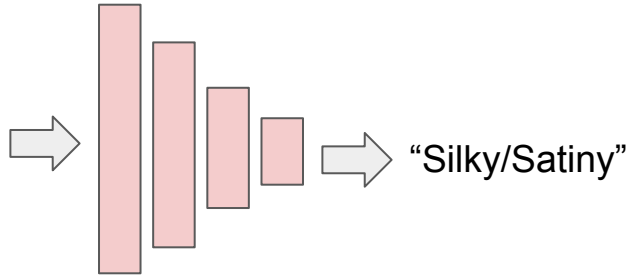
Local cues like highlights on the satin or silk fabrics are emphasized by artists.



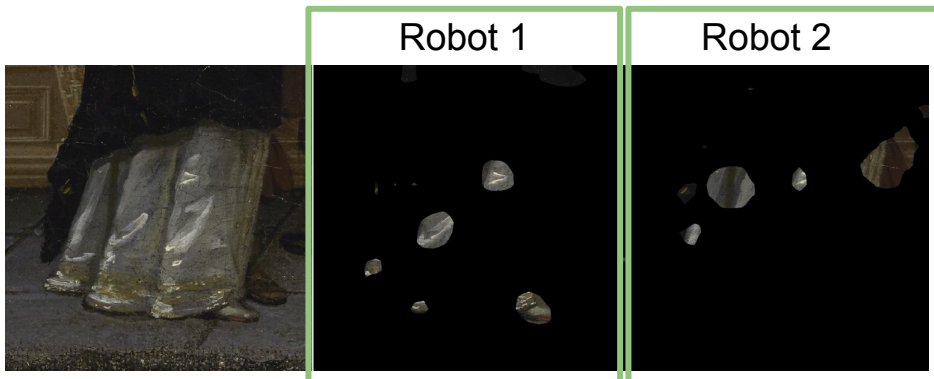
Learning From Painterly Biases

Compare models trained on paintings or photos to distinguish satin from cotton.

- Assess human preference for cues used by models.



Human Preferences for Cues



“Two different robots think these regions in the image look like silk/satin. Which robot do you agree with more?”

Humans are shown cues used by each classifier and prompted to select which set of cues they prefer.

Which cues do humans prefer?

	MEAN	
Photo Classif. Preferred	44.9 ± 1.9%	...
Painting Classif. Preferred	55.1 ± 1.9%	
		Silk/Satin Photos
		48.9 ± 3.1%
		51.1 ± 3.1%

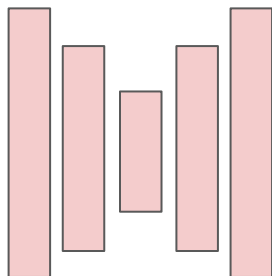
- Overall, **cues learned from paintings preferred** over cues learned from photos.
- For photos of silk/satin, **cues learned from paintings equally preferred to cues learned from photos** despite domain shifts.

“Fake” Paintings via Style Transfer

Style transfer: methods for creating painting-like images from photos



Giraffe photo



Giraffe in the style of a
Monet painting

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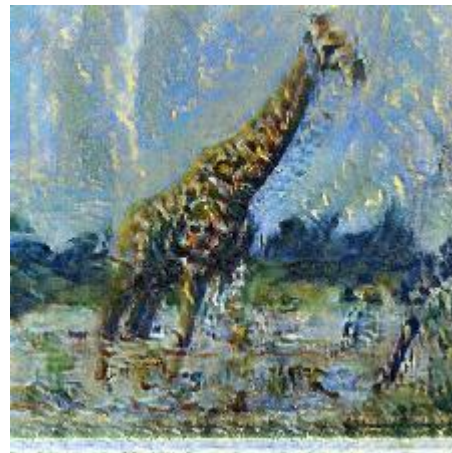
Learning from Paintings vs Stylized Images

Do models learn similar behaviors from paintings and stylized images?

- Does style transfer allow us to replace paintings altogether?



Painting

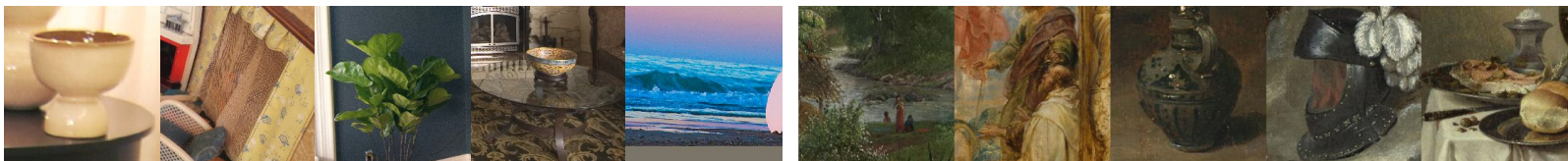


Stylized Photo

Datasets

Materials:

- Photographs of materials from existing datasets (MINC¹, COCO²)
- Paintings of materials from Materials in Paintings (MIP³)



Objects:

- Existing dataset of photos, paintings, cartoons, and sketches (PACS⁴).



Evaluating Model Behavior

Interested in model behavior in real-world settings with imperfect images.

- High accuracy on these images = model is more “robust”



Noise



Camera
Blur



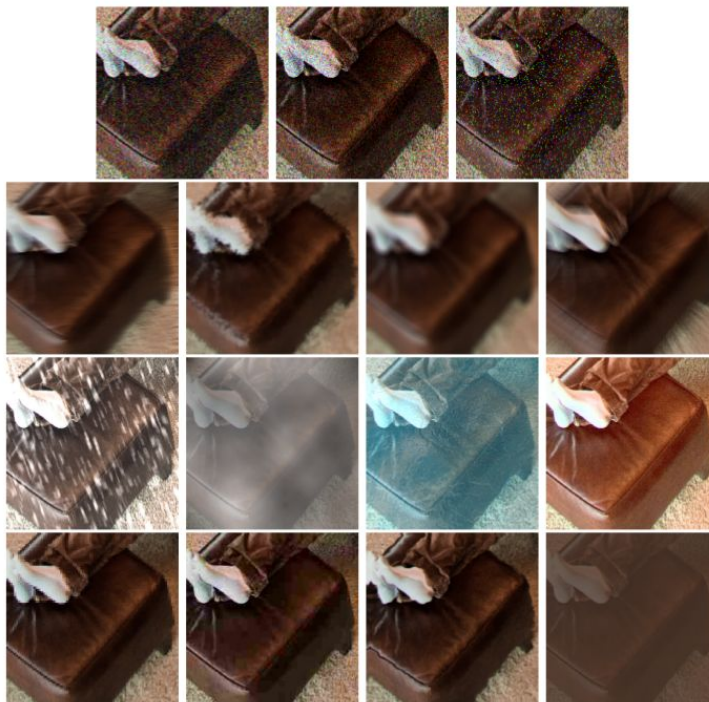
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Evaluating Model Behavior

Accuracy with respect to **common image corruptions**:



Noise

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Weather

Digital

Evaluating Model Behavior

Accuracy with respect to **out-of-distribution photos** (different viewpoint, lighting):

Materials → FMD¹



PACS → Subset of YFCC100M²

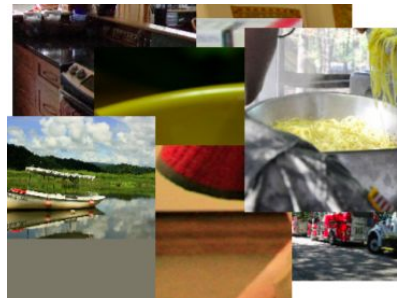


¹ Sharan et al 2014; ² Thomee et al 2015

Research Questions

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Experiment Setup



Photos

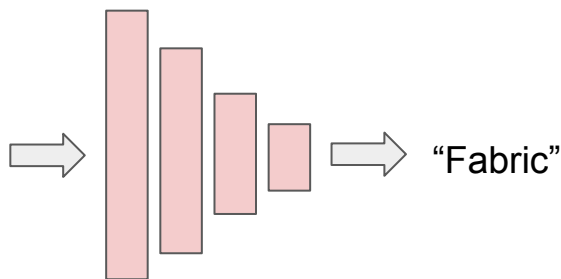
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Paintings



Stylized Images



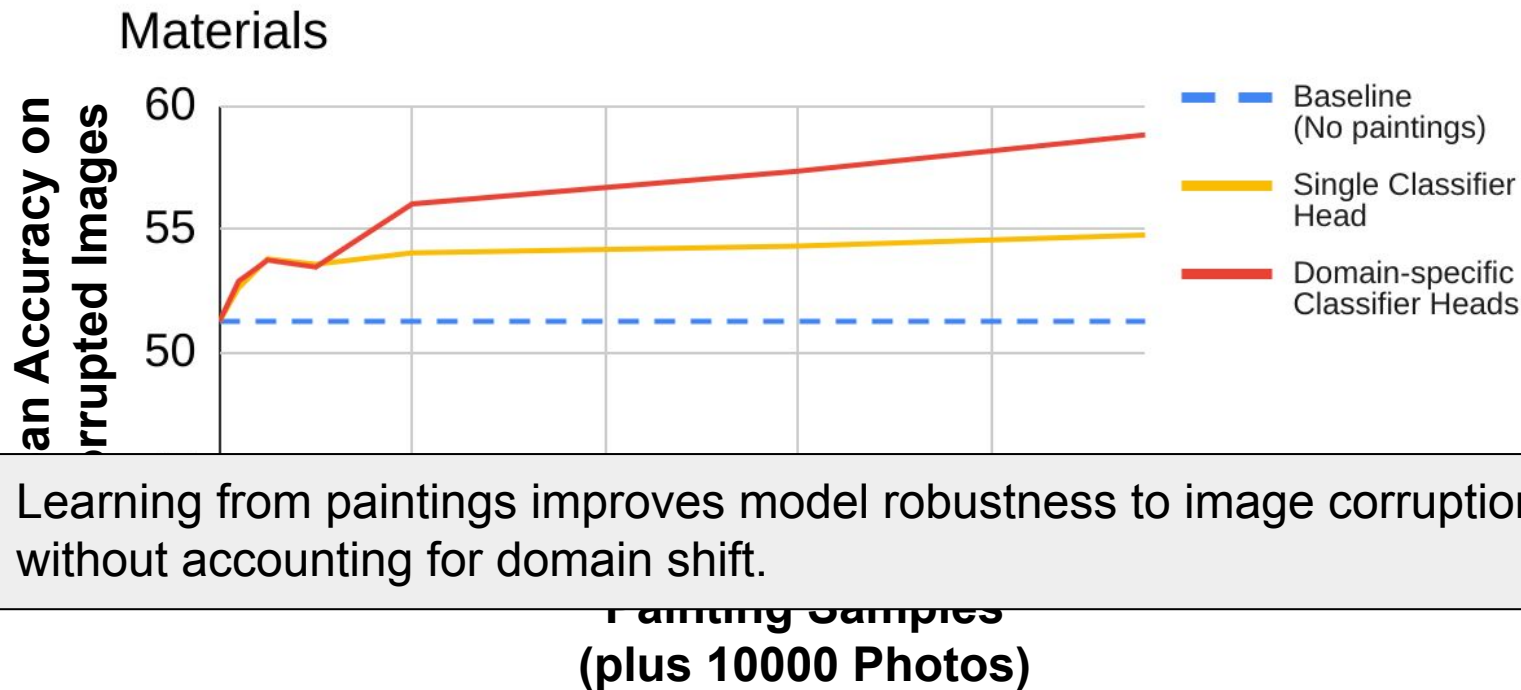
Standard ResNet18

“Fabric”

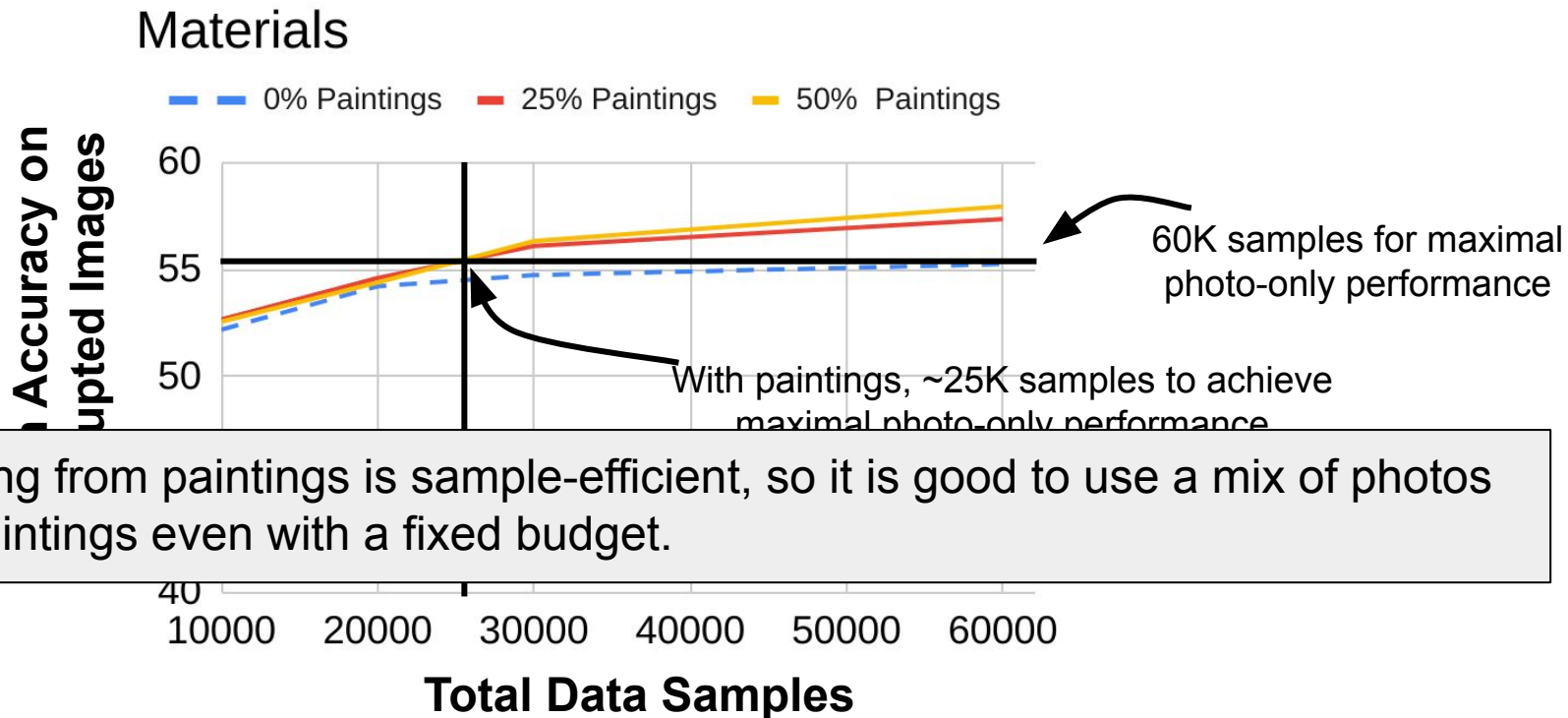
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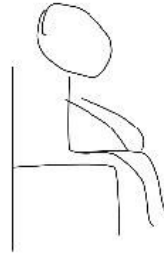


Is learning from paintings data-efficient?



Can sketches and cartoons work too?

Other artwork like sketches and cartoons are also perceptually meaningful.



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Training Data (# Samples)	Mean Corruption Acc (%)
<i>Materials</i>	
Photo (30K)	54.73±0.25
Photo + Painting (15K + 15K)	56.31±0.27 (+)
<i>PACS</i>	
Photo (1500)	76.16±0.34
Photo + Painting (750 + 750)	79.41±0.55 (+)
Photo + Cartoon (750 + 750)	75.38±0.36 (-)
Photo + Sketch (750 + 750)	73.85±0.39 (-)
<i>DomainNet [28]</i>	
Photo (120K)	36.59±0.12
Photo + Painting (90K + 30K)	39.00±0.14 (+)
Photo + Sketch (90K + 30K)	37.57±0.22 (+)
Photo + Infograph (90K + 30K)	34.00±0.18 (-)
<i>VisDA [29]</i>	
Photo (30K)	65.97±0.33
Photo + Rendering (15K + 15K)	63.90±0.21 (-)

Paintings are uniquely useful due to their balance of realism and abstraction.

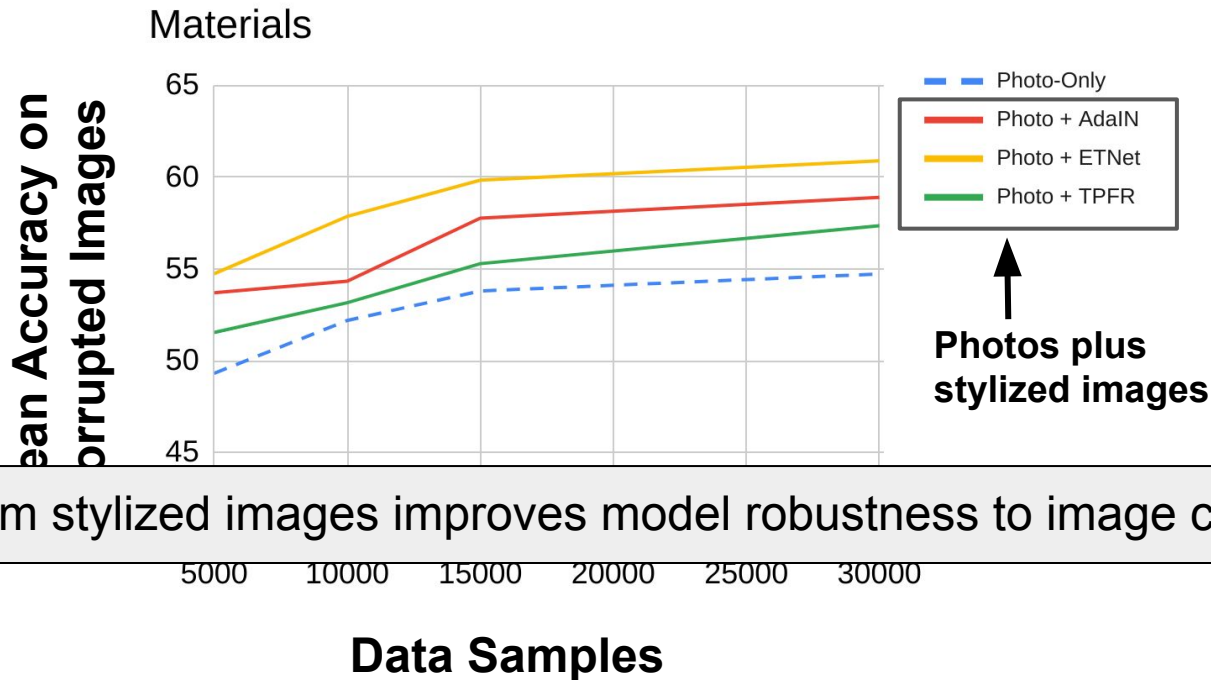
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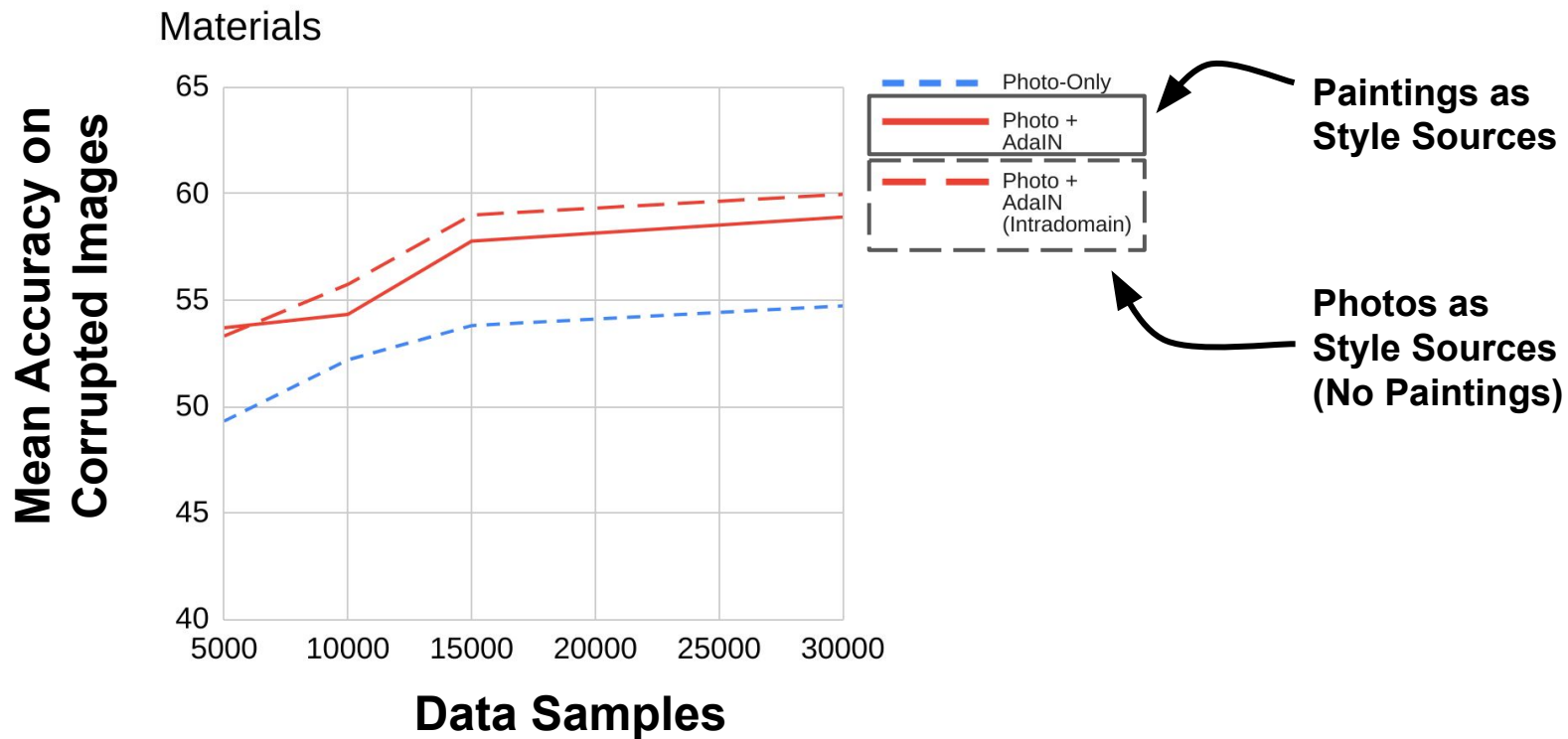
Arbitrary style transfer applies style from a source image to a target image.

- Do style source images need to be paintings?

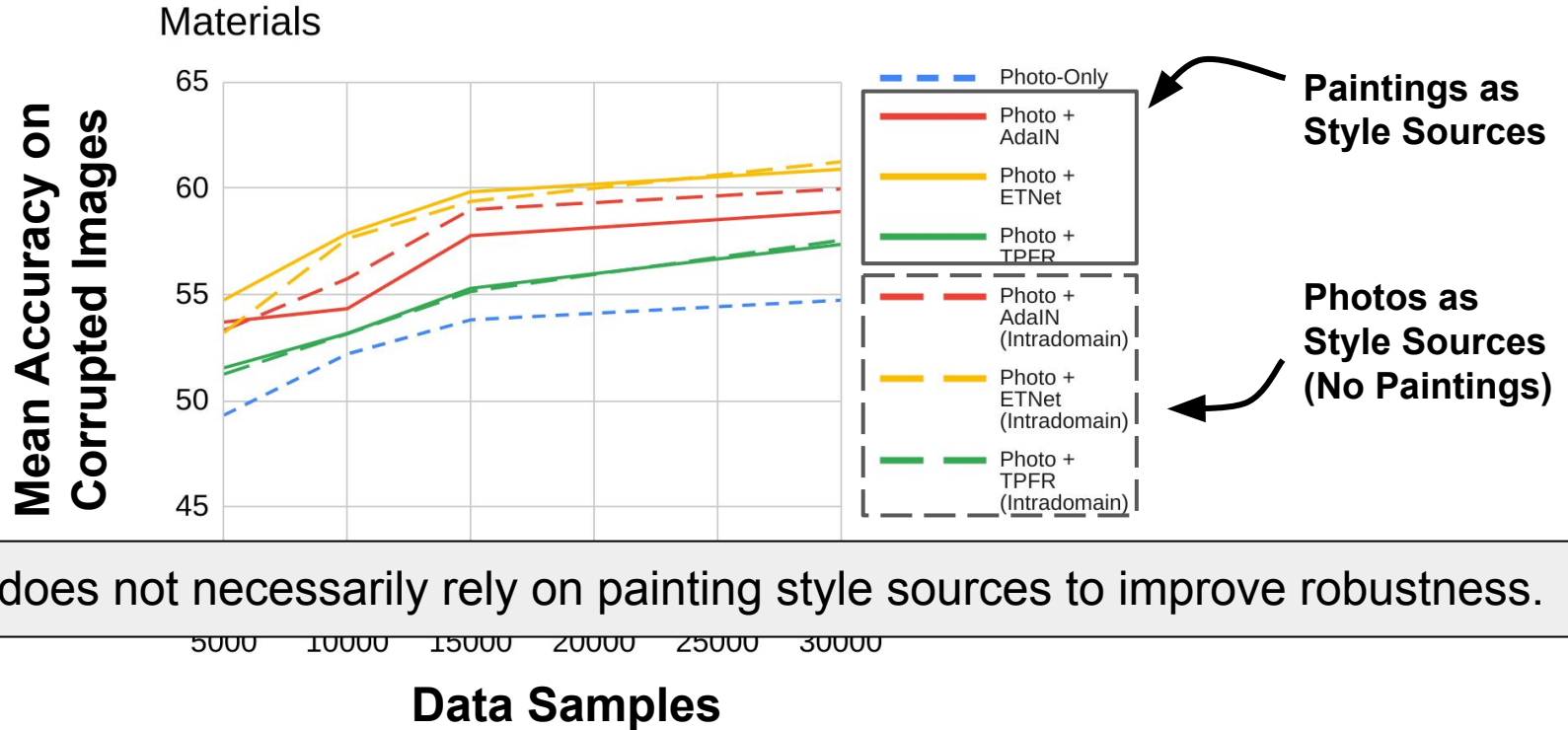


TOP: Photos stylized by paintings. **BOTTOM:** Photos stylized by photos.

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Stylization does not necessarily rely on painting style sources to improve robustness.

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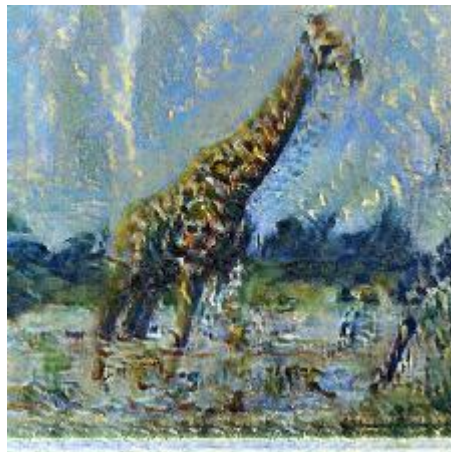
How do paintings and stylized images differ?

Method	Accuracy (Image Corruptions)	Accuracy (OOD Photos)
<i>Materials (30K samples / domain)</i>		
Photos-only	54.73±0.25	41.33±0.62
Photos + Stylization		
Photos + Paintings		
<i>PACS (1.5K samples / domain)</i>		
Photos-only	76.16±0.34	82.57±0.00
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Photos + Paintings		
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Stylization improves robustness to image corruptions, but hurts view generalization.		
Photos + Stylization	87.27±0.10 	77.43±0.84 
Photos + Paintings		

Stylized images have diverse textures,
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Diverse textures: helps against image corruptions
Same background and views: hurts against new views

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Paintings improve robustness to both image corruptions and novel views.		
Photos + Stylization	87.27±0.10	77.43±0.84
Photos + Paintings	79.65±0.49 	85.43±0.70 

Paintings have diverse textures,
and have ambiguous backgrounds



Diverse textures: helps against image corruptions.

Ambiguous background, focused on foreground: helps against new views.

Why stylization > paintings against image noise?

Similar textures, but stylization much better.

Reasons?

1. Corrupted images are share similar background and views to training; model uses these features.
2. Invisible high frequency textures?

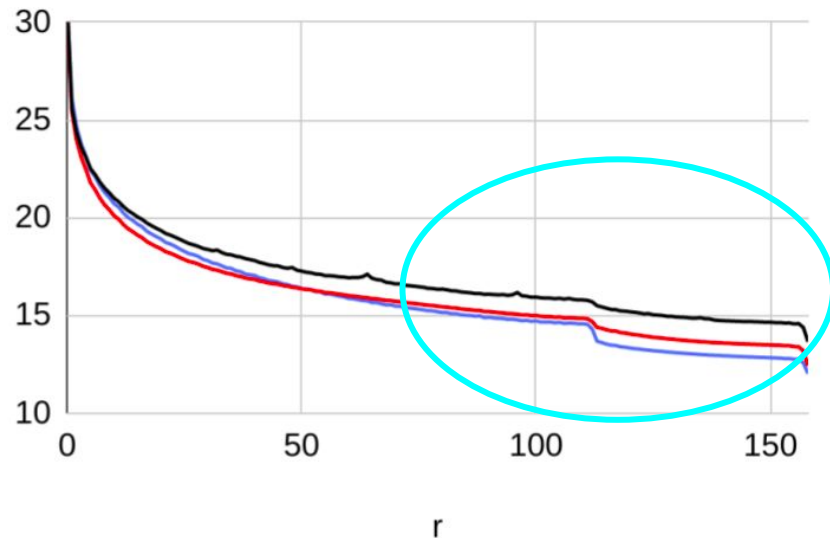
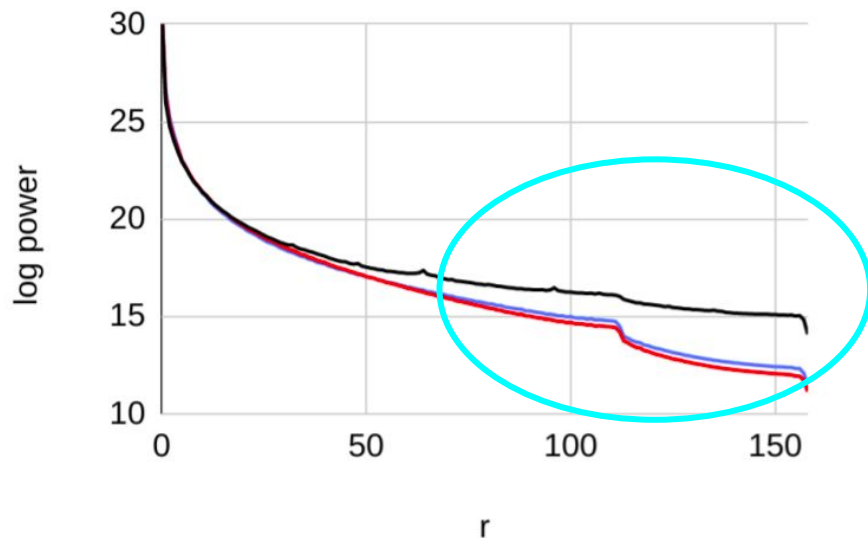
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Image Power Spectrum

PACS

Materials



BLACK: Stylized Images. **RED:** Paintings. **BLUE:** Photos.

Stylized images contain larger magnitude high frequency components.

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Original Image



**Low Frequency
Only**



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Photos + Paintings	49.82±0.56	68.83±0.83
Photos + Paintings (Low Freq. Images)	44.95±0.66 	71.16±1.31

Stylized images contain imperceptible high-frequency signals that greatly improve noise robustness.









Are paintings and stylized images complementary?

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Models learn complementary invariances from paintings and stylization.

Research Questions

1. Does learning from stylized images improve model robustness?
 - YES – improves robustness to image corruptions.
 - Does not necessarily require painting styles.
2. Does learning from paintings improve model robustness?
 - YES – improves robustness to image corruptions.
 - Cost-effective compared to only photos.
 - More abstract art forms do not enable such improvements.
3. How do models trained on paintings differ from models trained on stylized images?
 - Stylized images greatly improve robustness to corruptions, but hurts generalization to new views. Paintings improve robustness to both.
 - Stylized images contain imperceptible noise that improve robustness.

Key Findings: Learning Robust Invariances from Paintings

How can paintings help our perception models?

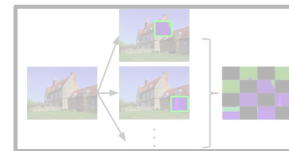
1. Artists emphasize cues like highlights to help viewers understand scenes.
2. Models trained on paintings may learn to use more interpretable cues.
3. Models trained on paintings are robust to image corruptions and novel views.
4. “Fake” paintings produced by style transfer greatly strengthen model robustness to noise while harming generalization to novel views.
5. Learning from both paintings and stylized images allow models to learn useful complementary invariances that boost robustness overall.

Talk Outline

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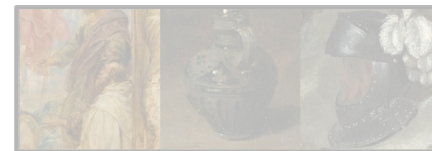
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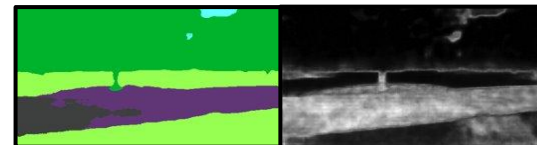
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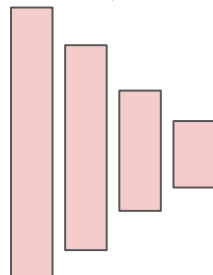
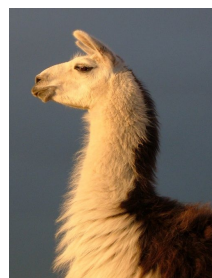
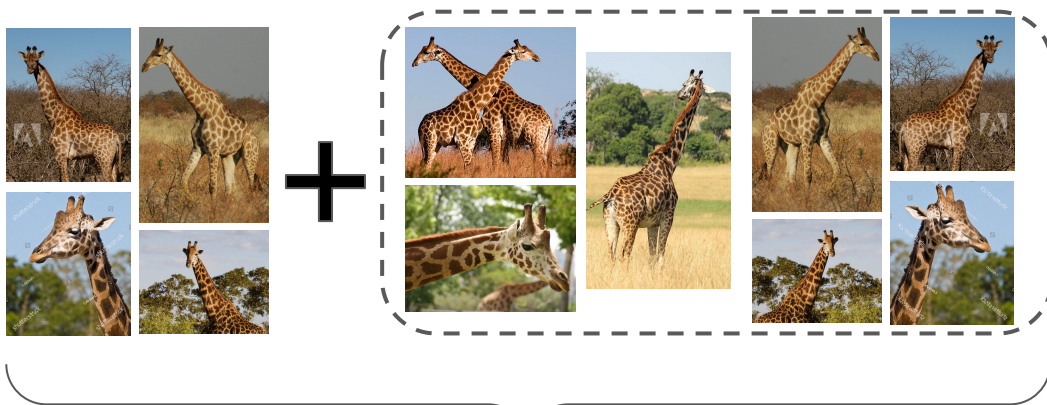
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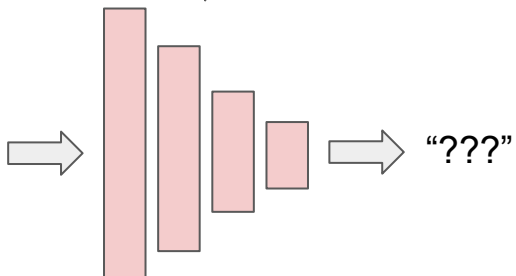
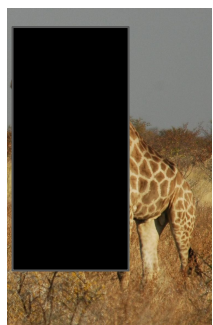
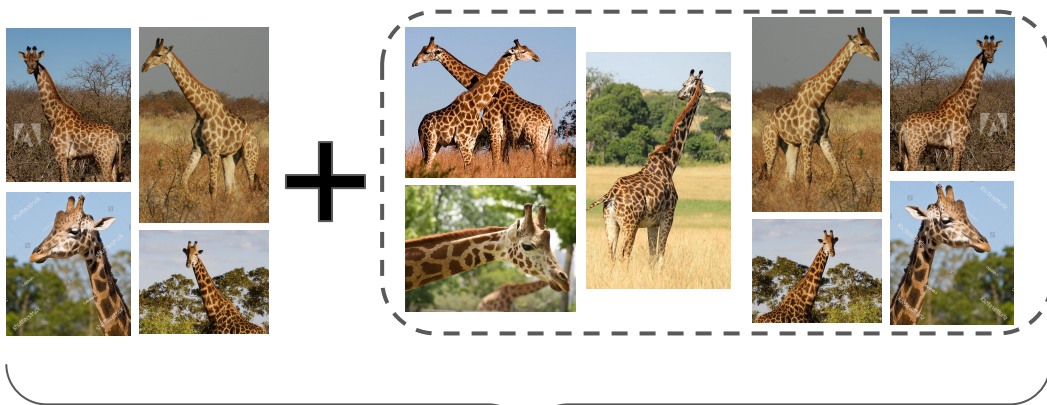
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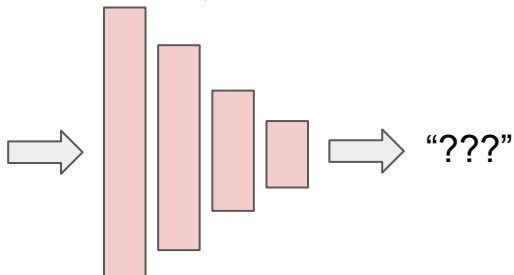
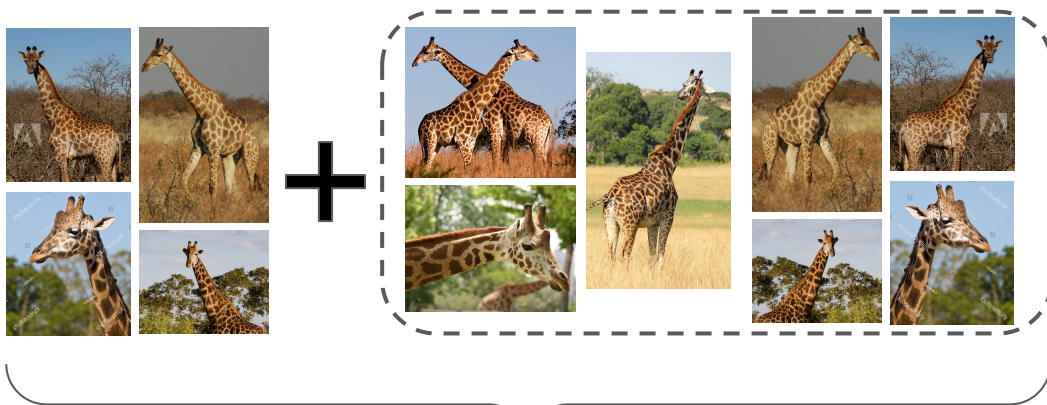
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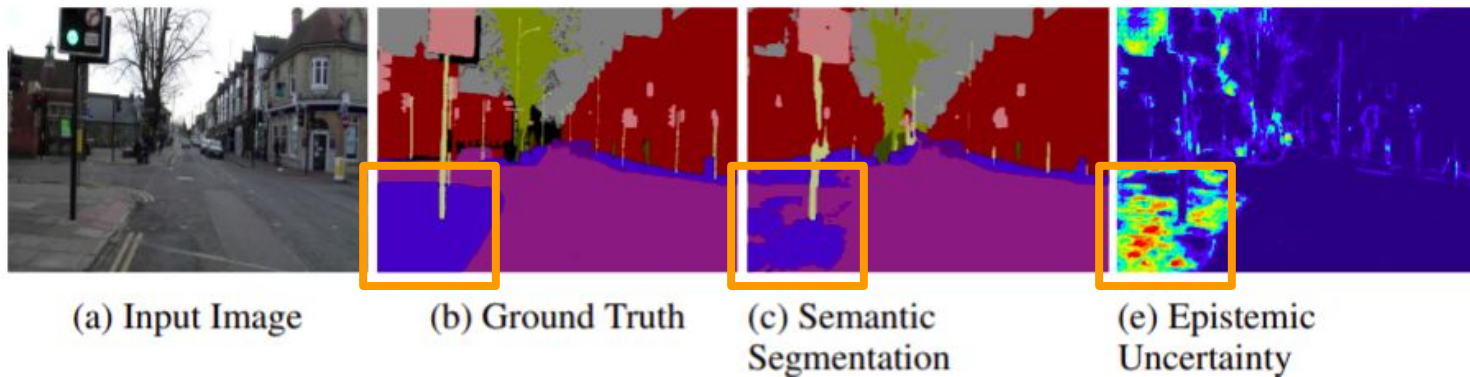
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Modeling Uncertainty

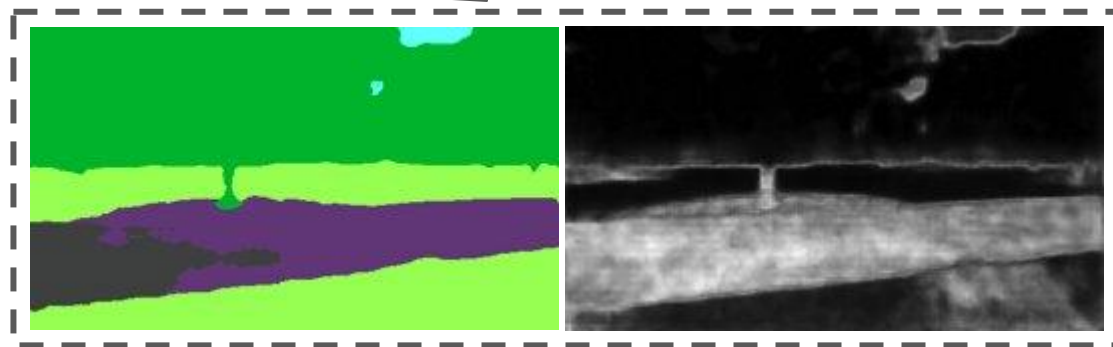
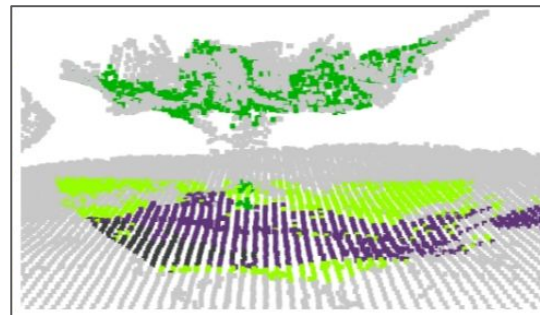


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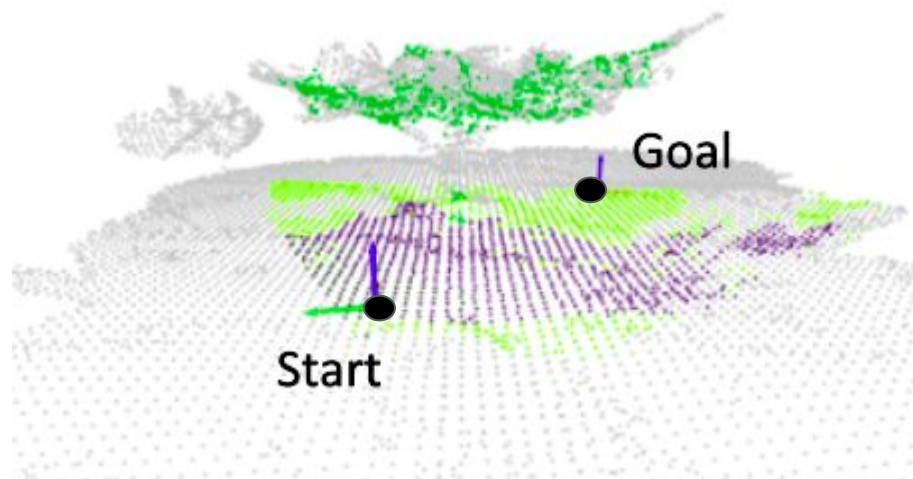
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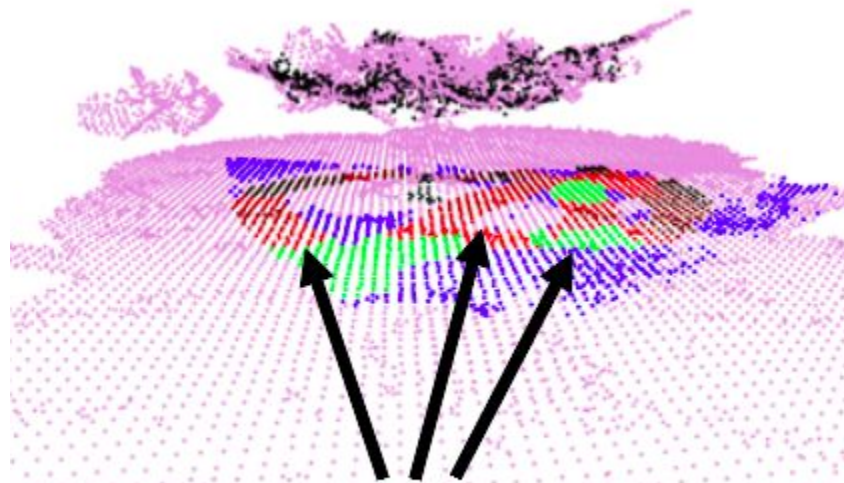
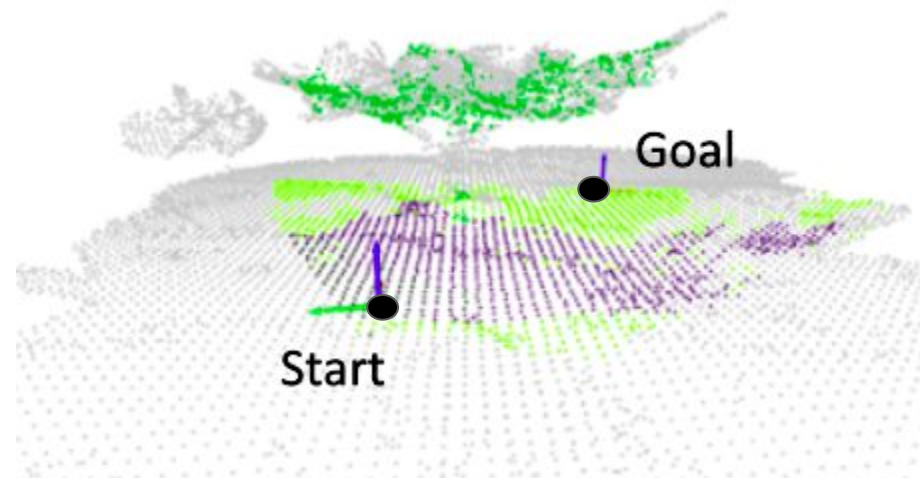
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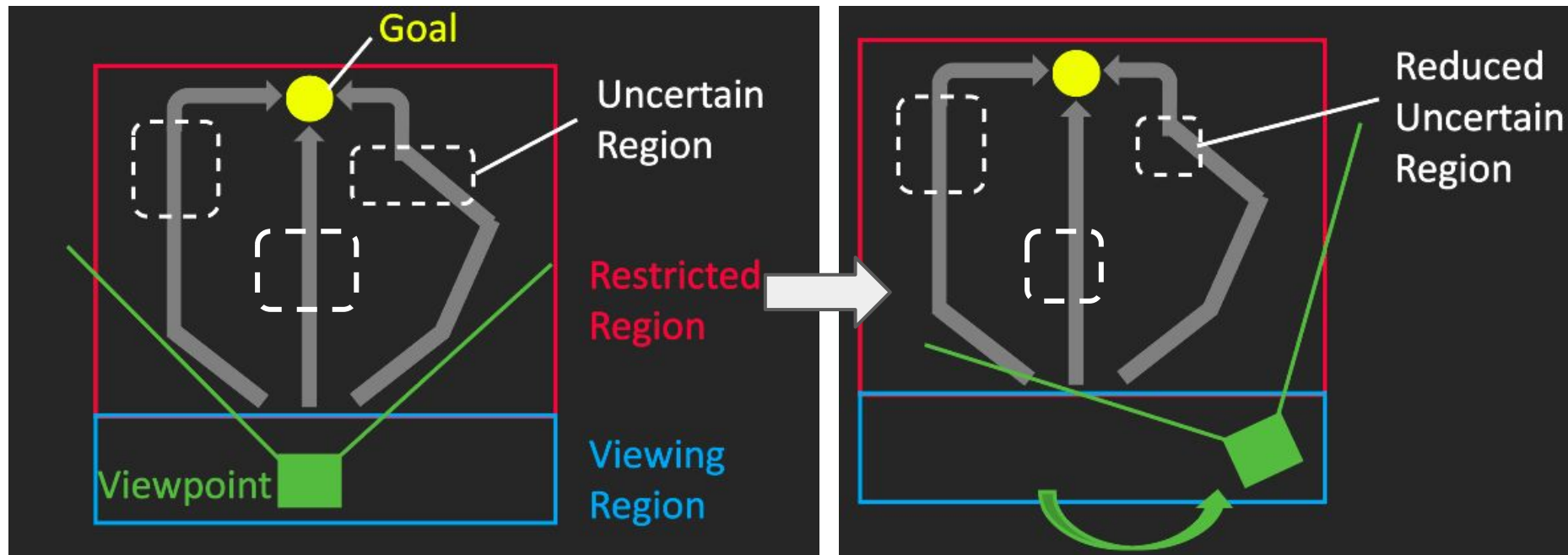


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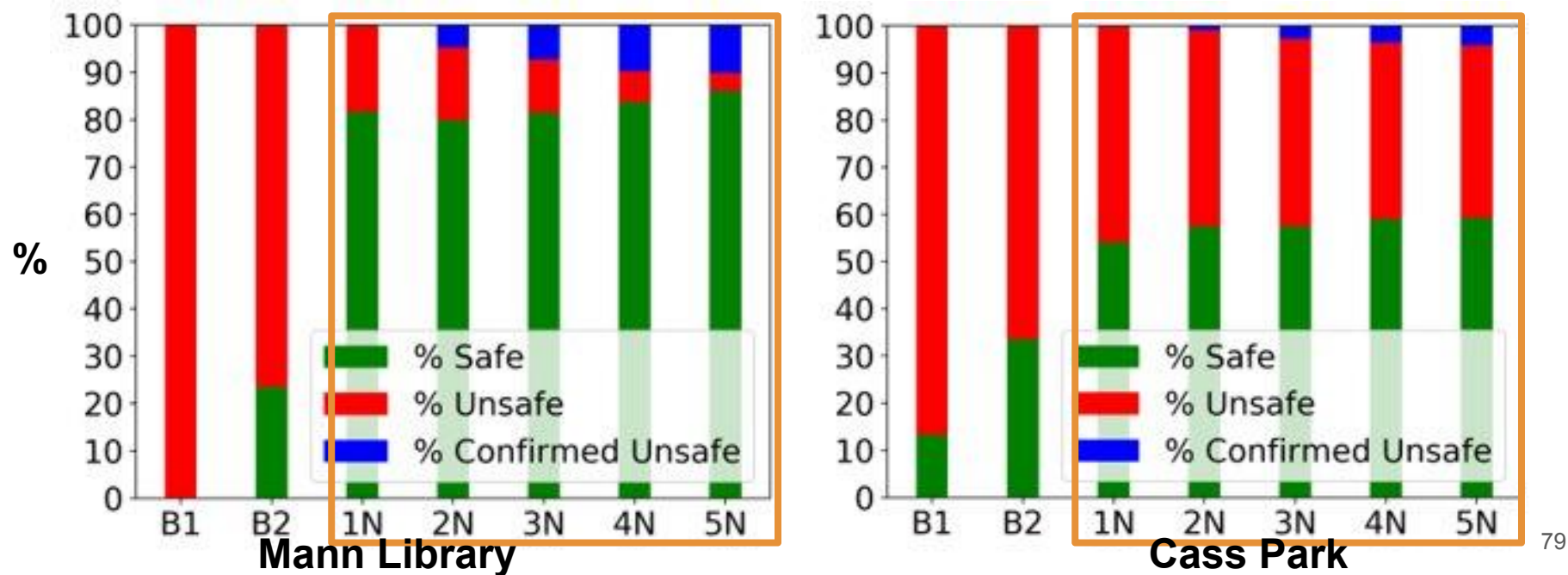
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Real World Test Environments



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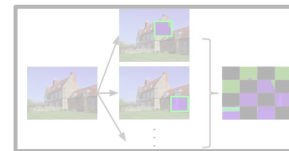


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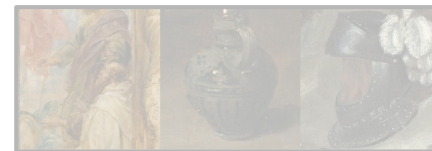
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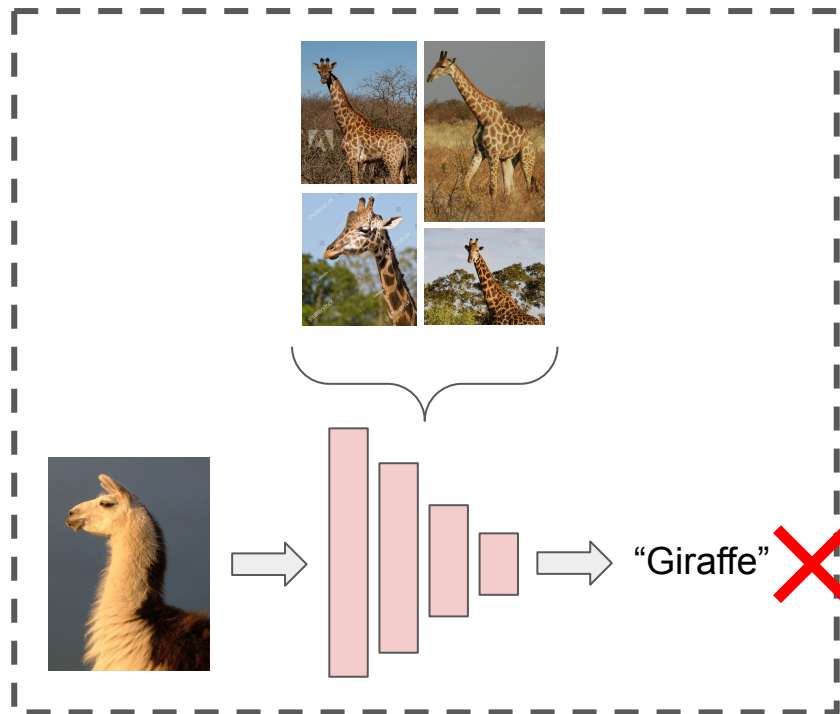
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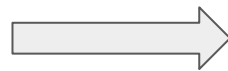


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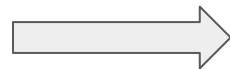
Training data and learned models
are imperfect



Efficiently annotate
more data



Encourage model to
learn robust invariances



Reason about perception
uncertainties when using
model in real world

Future Directions

1. Better annotation tools.
 - a. Which images or image regions to label?
2. Learning robust invariances from paintings.
 - a. Improved style transfer algorithms.
 - b. Implications for synthetic data in computer vision – physical realism goal?
 - c. Better methods for learning from paintings – domain generalization methods fail.
3. Reasoning about perception failures.
 - a. Combine with online adaptation and continual learning.

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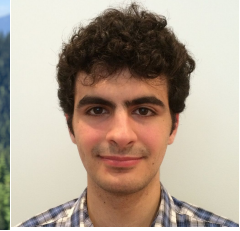
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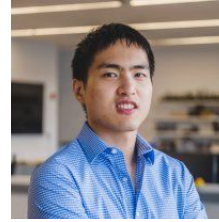
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Painting + Style Robustness Backup Slides

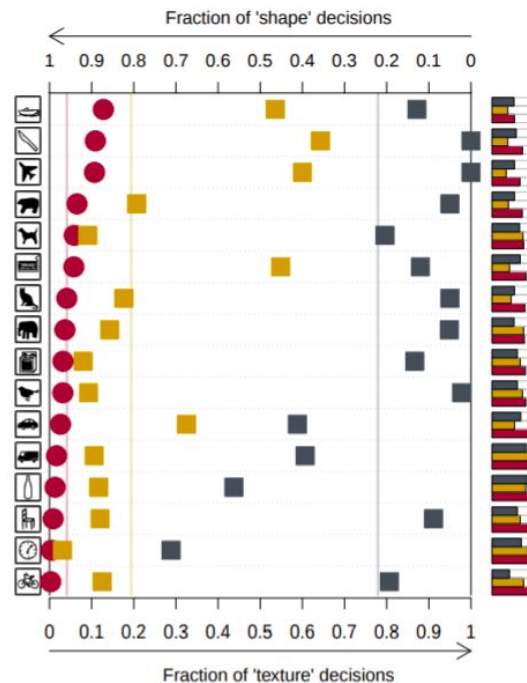
Learning from Stylized Images

What do models learn from stylized images (“fake” paintings)?

- More shape-based decisions, similar to humans.

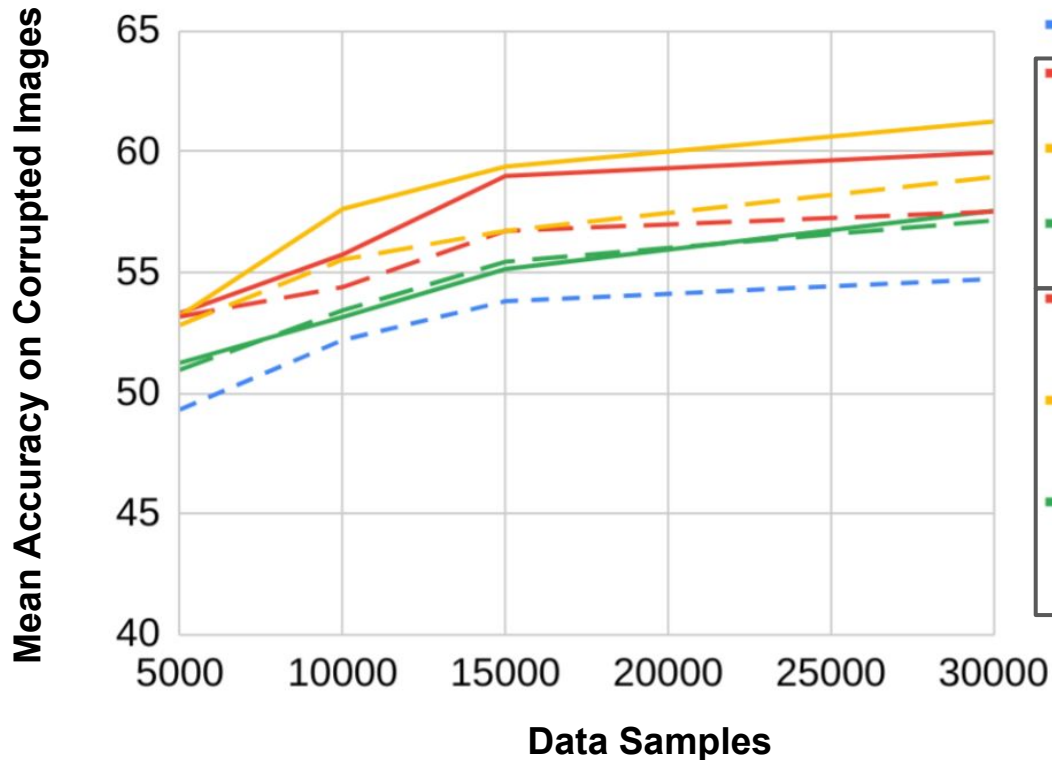


Cat shape with elephant texture



Style Semantic Diversity vs Robustness

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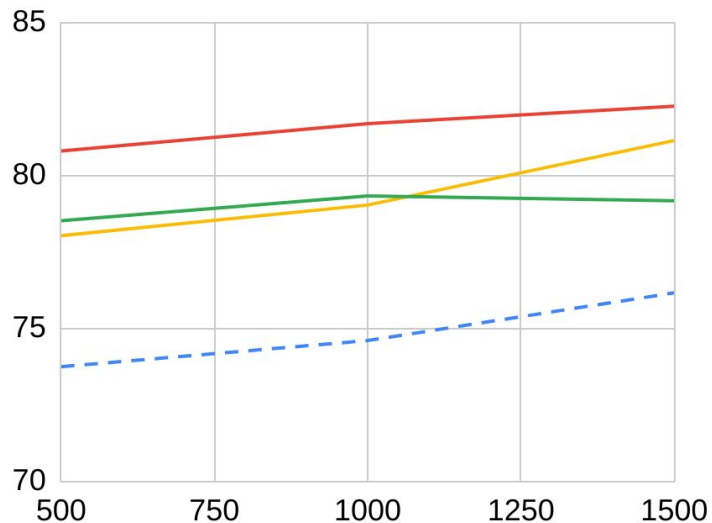


**Photos as
Style Sources
(No Paintings)**

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Style Sources
(Same Semantic
Class, No Paintings)**

Style Strength vs Robustness

PACS



Method	Painting	Intradomain	Intradomain (Intraclass)
AdaIN	1.58 ± 0.93	1.28 ± 0.79	1.16 ± 0.85
ETNet	2.33 ± 1.09	2.13 ± 1.04	1.81 ± 1.03
TPFR	1.52 ± 0.90	1.38 ± 0.87	1.27 ± 0.91

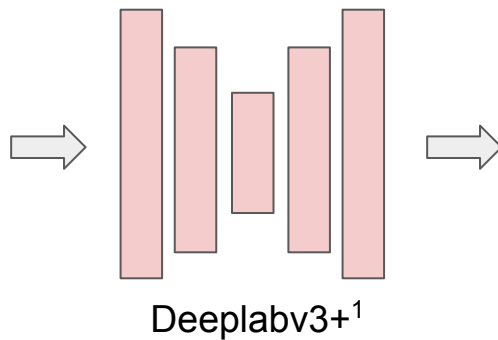
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Stylization vs Paintings: Per-Corruption Accuracy

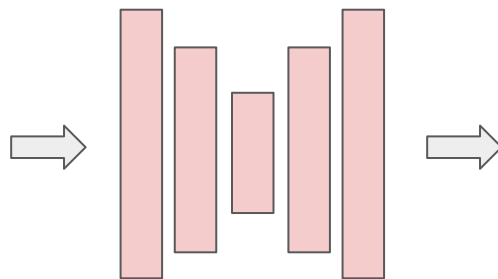
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<i>Materials (30K Samples/Domain)</i>				
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Photo + SACL	85.98 ±0.56	84.61±0.15	89.73±0.33	88.74±0.48
Photo + Painting	68.83 ±0.83	75.80±0.95	86.88±0.66	87.07±0.14
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Path Planning Backup Slides

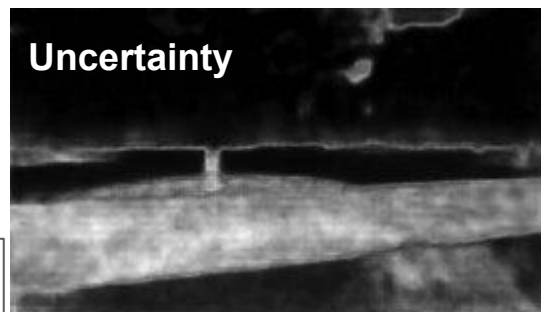
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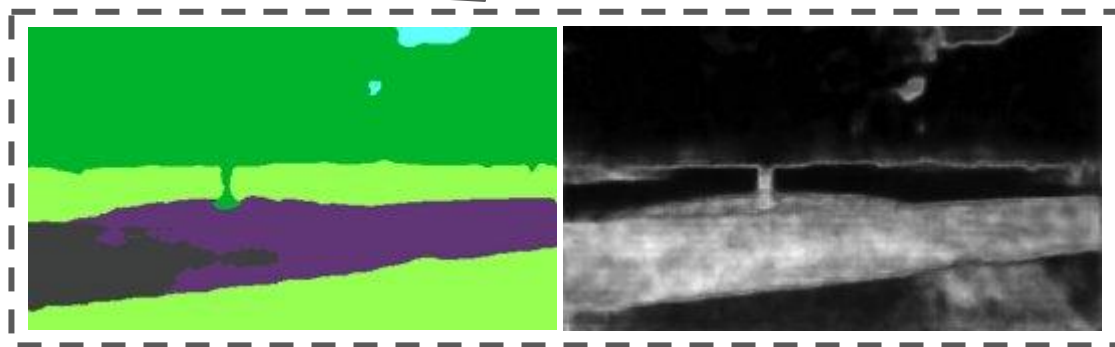
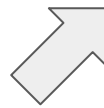
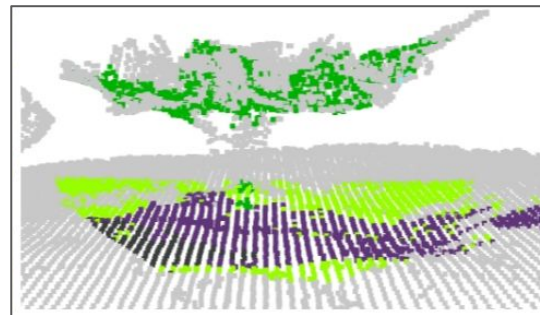
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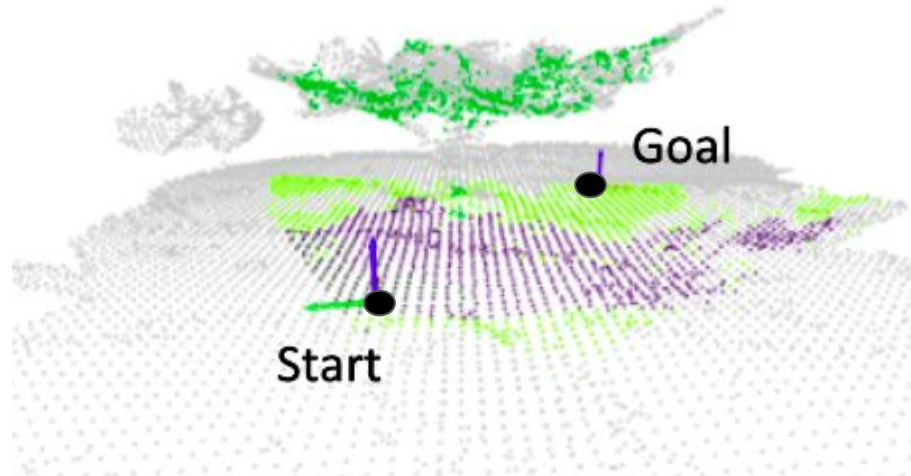
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Environment Semantics and Uncertainty



Navigation Task



Multihypothesis Path Planner

Planner:

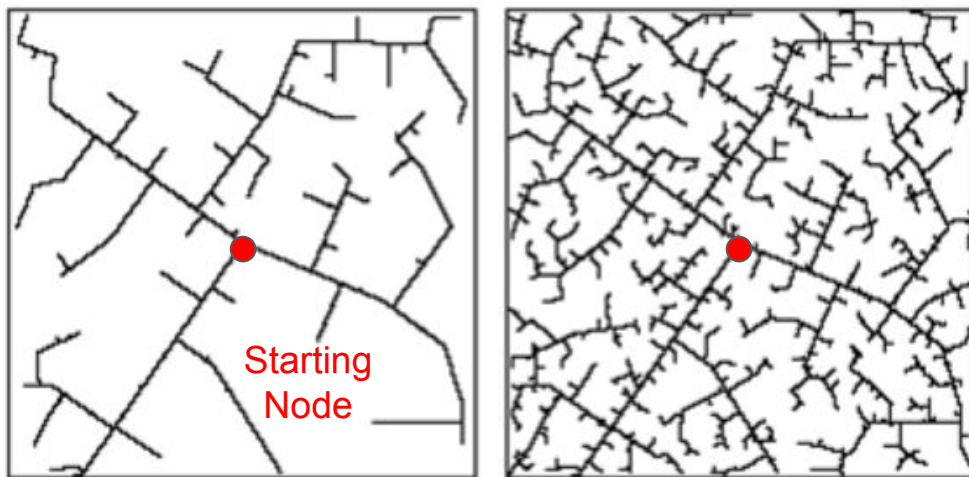
- RRT with sampling biased towards goal.
- Multiple paths: remove large regions after planning, and re-plan a new path.

Feasibility constraints: [Krusi et al 2017]

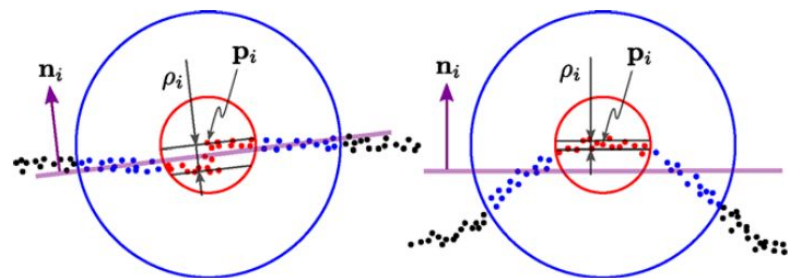
- Contact with the terrain surface.
- Static traversability (bounded roll and pitch angles).
- Kinematic constraints (motion primitives + bounded continuous curvature).

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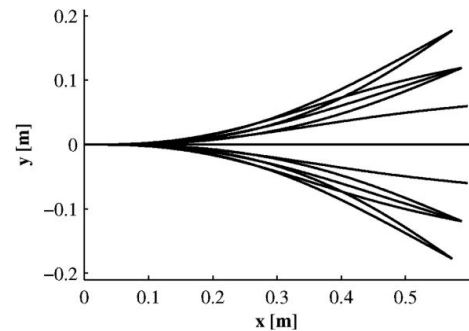
Basic RRT:



RRT Visualization

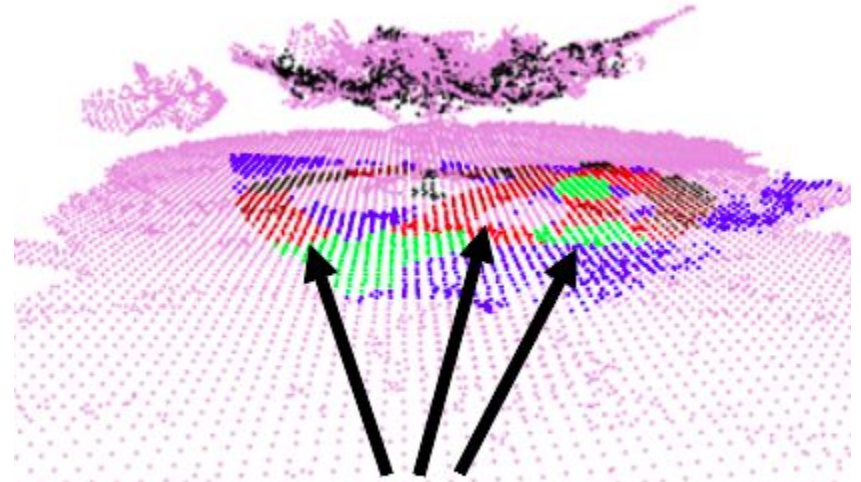
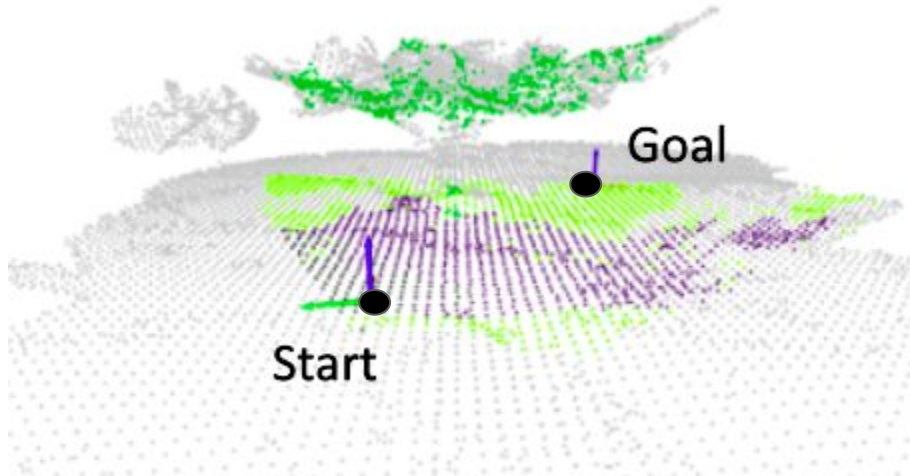


Terrain Smoothness



Motion Primitives

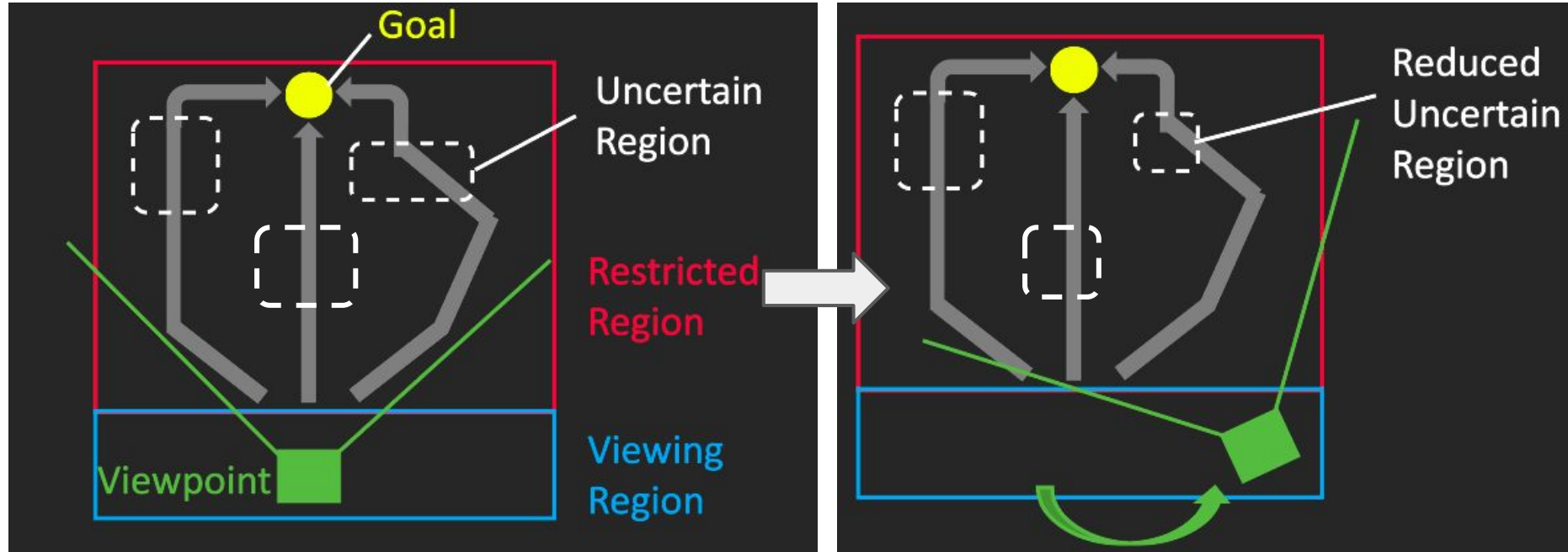
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Uncertain or unsafe regions in potential paths

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{safe if } p_S^i - w_\sigma \sigma^i \geq \theta_s; \\ \text{unsafe if } p_U^i - w_\sigma \sigma^i \geq \theta_u; \\ \text{unclear otherwise.} \end{array} \right.$$

Uncertainty Reduction






Current Measurement

Updated Measurement



Uncertainty Reduction

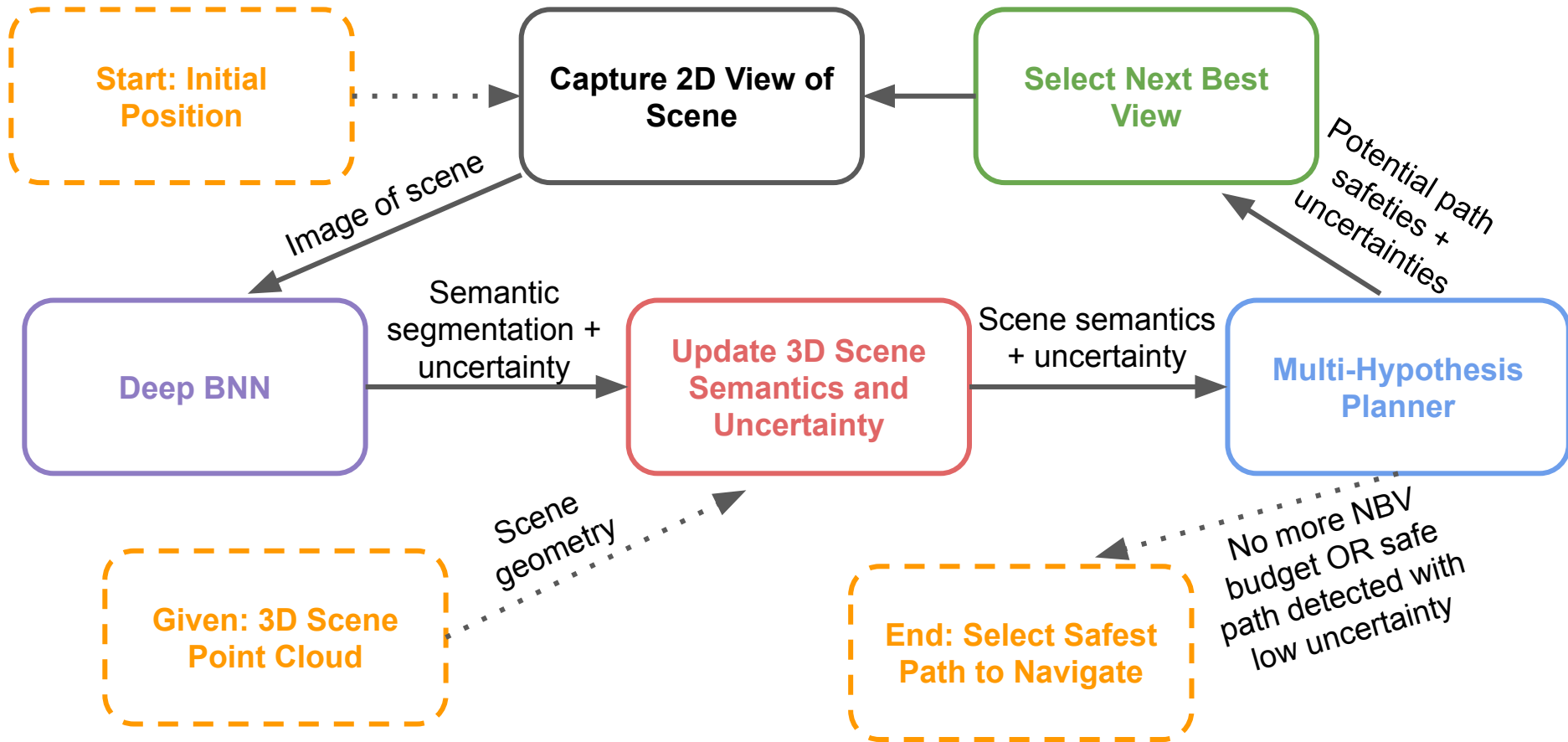
How to select new viewpoint?

Camera pose heuristics:

-  Distance to visible path nodes.
-  Viewing angle (vs initial viewing orientation).
-  Number of path nodes seen from view.

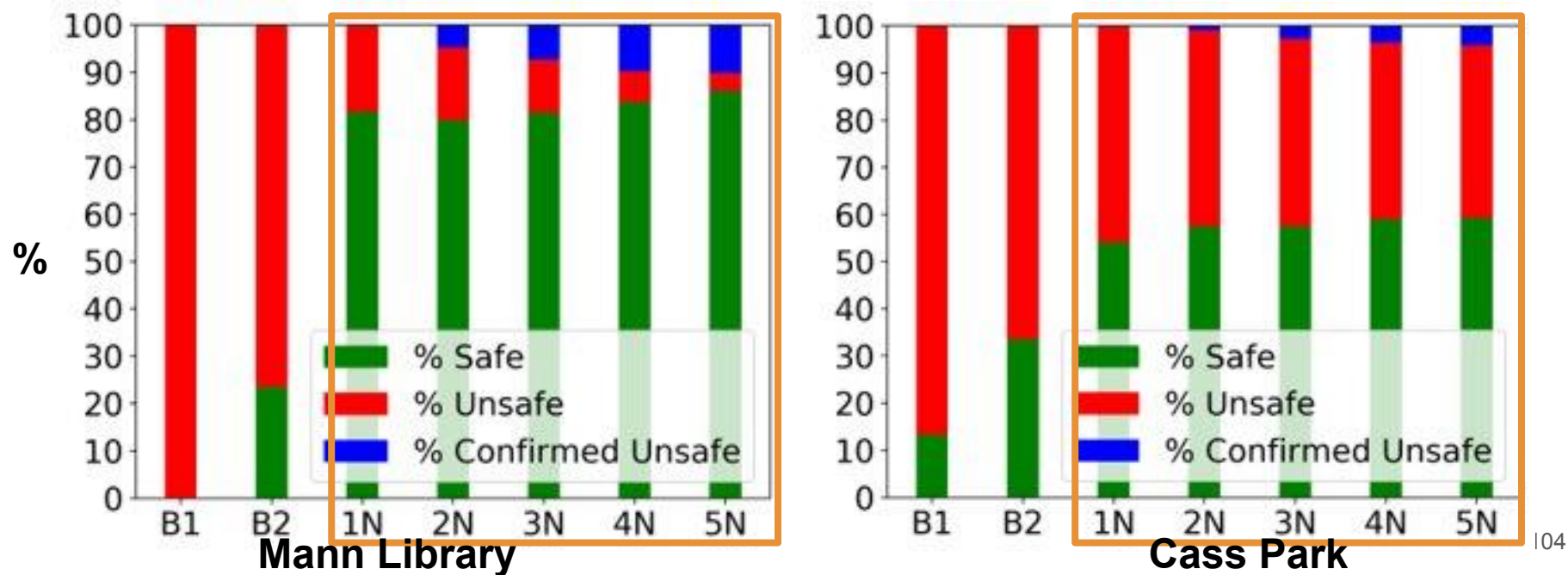
Uncertainty reduction heuristics:

-  Uncertainty of visible path nodes.
-  Pixel coverage visible path nodes projected onto view.



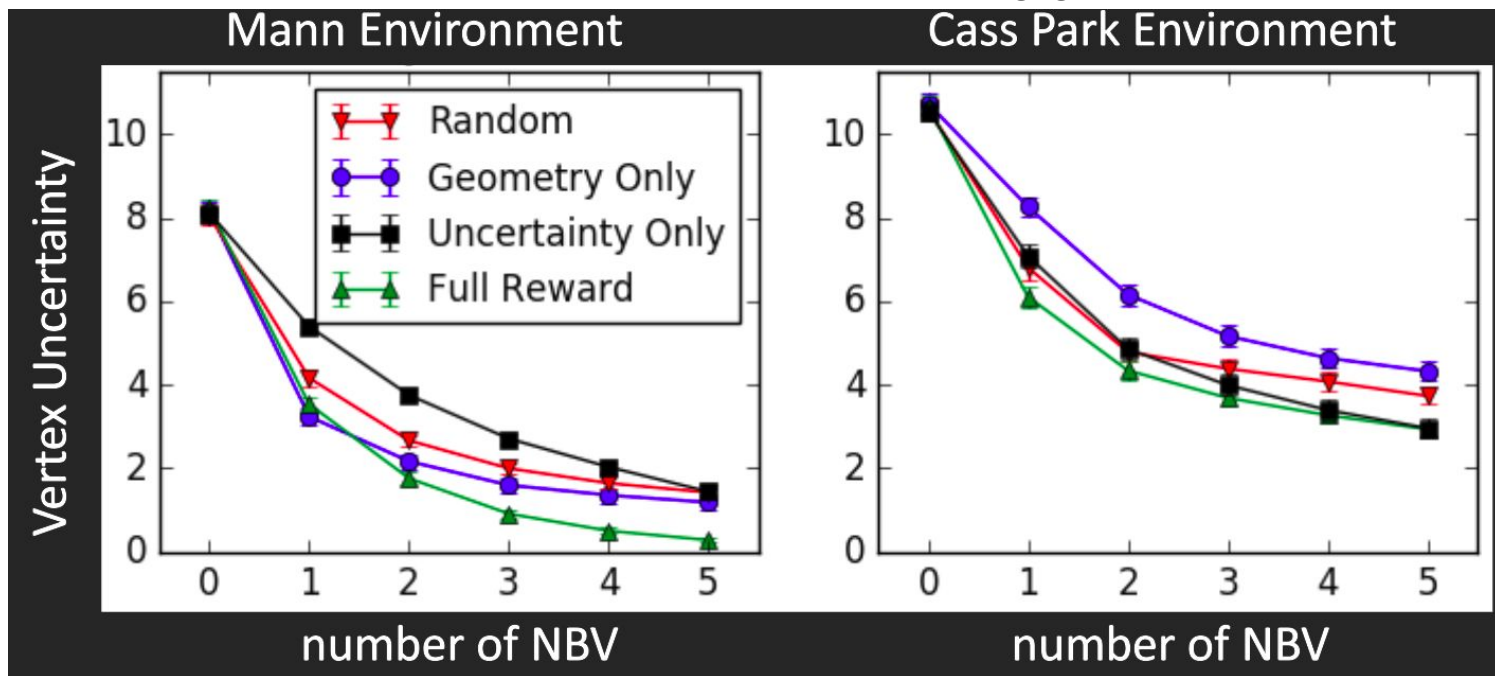
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Accounting for **viewing angle+distance (geometry)** and **uncertainty of viewable path nodes** is important for selecting good measurements.



Uncertainty Reduction



Projected / Estimated View
(given point cloud)



True Captured View of Environment

$$p_S^i = \sum_{j \in S} p_j^i, p_U^i = 1 - p_S^i = \sum_{j \in U} p_j^i$$

$$\sigma^i = \min(\sqrt{\sum_{j \in S} \sigma_j^{i2}}, \sqrt{\sum_{j \in U} \sigma_j^{i2}})$$