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# Weakly Supervised Parsing of Web Images

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# Computer Vision: What and Where





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#### News

- Apr. 10, 2016: Our paper on Hierarchical LSTM model for Scene Parsing was accepted by [IJCAT2016](#).  
Apr. 10, 2016: Our paper on Mobile Landmark Search was accepted by [IJCAT2016](#).  
Apr. 10, 2016: Our paper on Single-view 3D Scene Reconstruction was accepted by [IJCAT2016](#).  
Feb. 29, 2016: Our Paper on Multi-view Human Tracking was accepted by [IEEE CVPR'2016](#)!  
Feb. 24, 2016: Received the [SDSU GREW Fellowship](#) Spring 2016.  
Feb. 1, 2016: I will chair the sessions of [VIS: Pose Estimation](#) and [ML: Deep Learning I](#) in [AAAT 2016](#). Welcome to Attend!  
Jan. 10, 2016: Our Proposal to the SDSU Undergraduate Research Program has been awarded. Congradulations to Jacob Thalman!  
Jan. 7, 2016: Received a donation of GPU K40 from the NVIDIA Inc. Thanks NVIDIA!  
Dec. 1, 2015: Our paper on Attributed Grammar was accepted by [AAAT 2016](#).

#### Biography

I am working as Assistant Professor of Computer Science at the [San Diego State University \(SDSU\)](#). I am also affiliated with the [Center for Vision, Cognition, Learning and Autonomy](#) (VCLA), University of Californiat, Los Angeles (UCLA).  
In prior to joining SDSU, I worked as a Postdoctoral Research Scholar at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) with Professor [Song-Chun Zhu](#) (from July 2013 to August 2015) and Professor [Alan L. Yuille](#) (from June 2011 to July 2013). I received my PhD degree from the Huazhong University of Science and Technology (HUST) in November, 2012. I was a visiting Doctoral Student at the National University of Singapore (NUS), Singapore, working Professor [Shuicheng Yan](#) from 2008-2011.

#### Teaching

- CS696: Applied Computer Vision, Spring, 2016 [Syllabus](#)  
CS596: Machine Learning, Fall, 2015

#### Team Members

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Computer Vision & Machine Learning

# Outline of this Talk

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- ▶ Weakly supervised image parsing
  - ▶ Label-to-Region
  - ▶ Label-to-region by search
  - ▶ Image Label Competition
  - ▶ Tree-structure sparsity



Nominated as one of two *Best Paper Candidates* in Content Track

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## I. Label to Region by Bi-Layer Sparsity Priors

- **X. Liu**, B. Cheng, S. Yan, T. Chua, J. Tang and H. Jin., **Label to Region by Bi-Layer Sparsity Priors**. Proc. ACM Conference on Multimedia (**MM**, Full Paper), 2009
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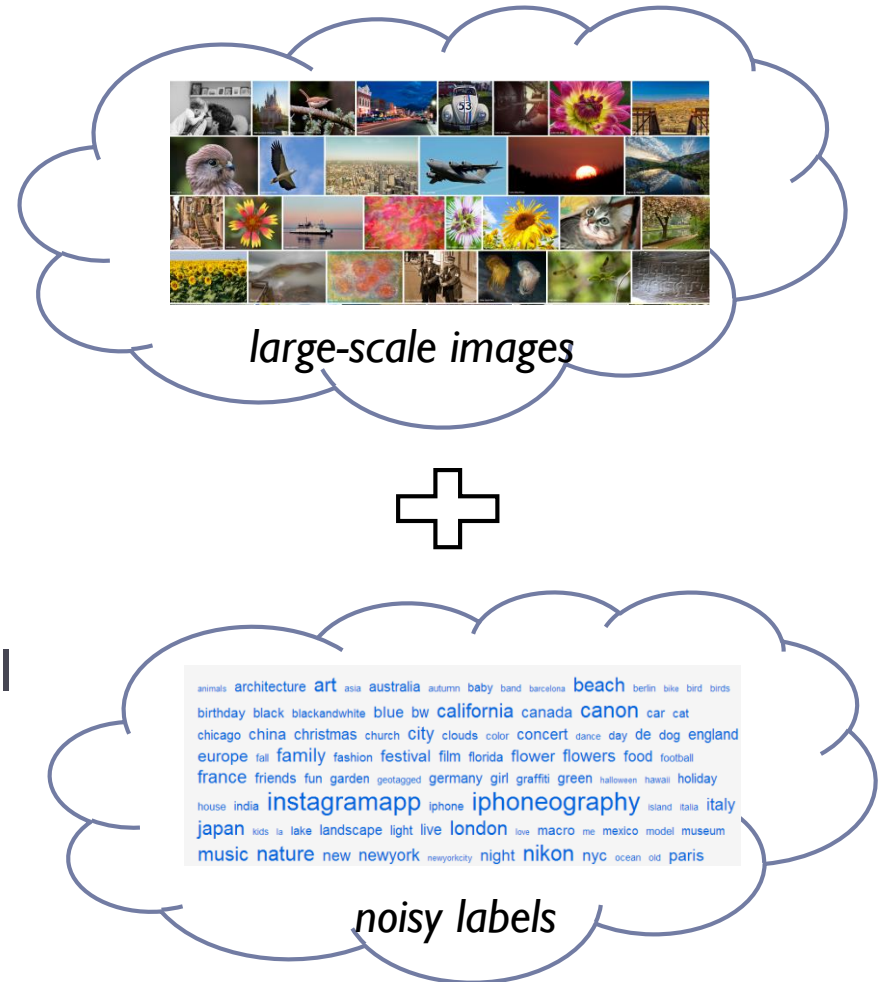
# Online Photos

## ▶ Photo-sharing websites

- ✓ Flickr
- ✓ Facebook
- ✓ Twitter
- ✓ eBay
- ✓ ...

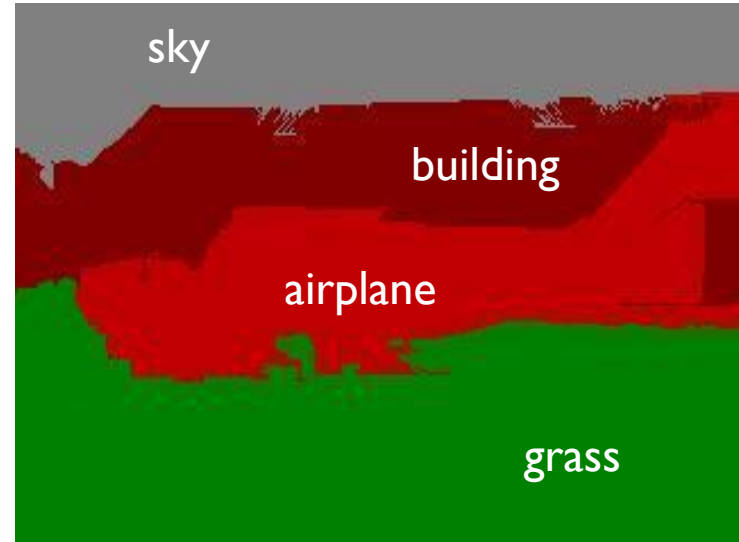
## ➤ Potentials

- Content-based image retrieval
- Visual Recommendation
- ...



# Task: Label to Region

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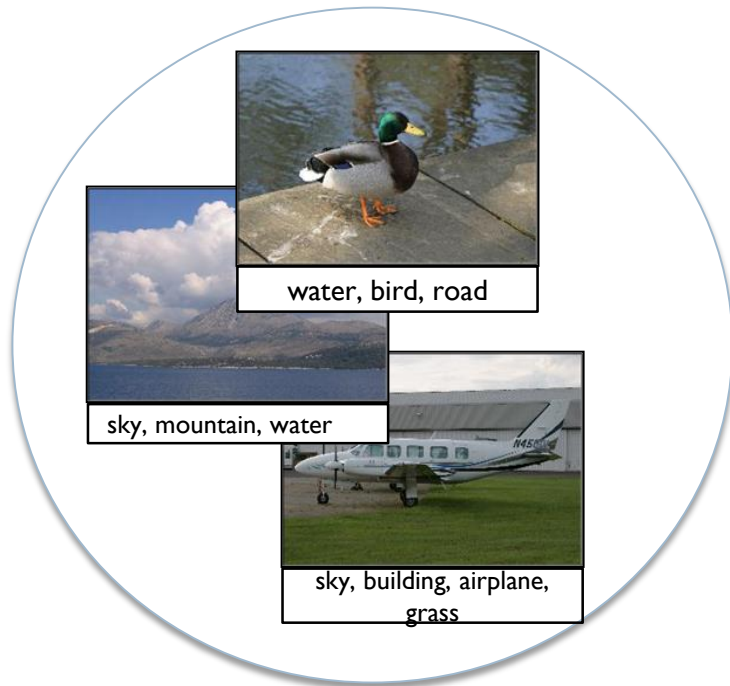
Label to Region for a single Image is Challenging!



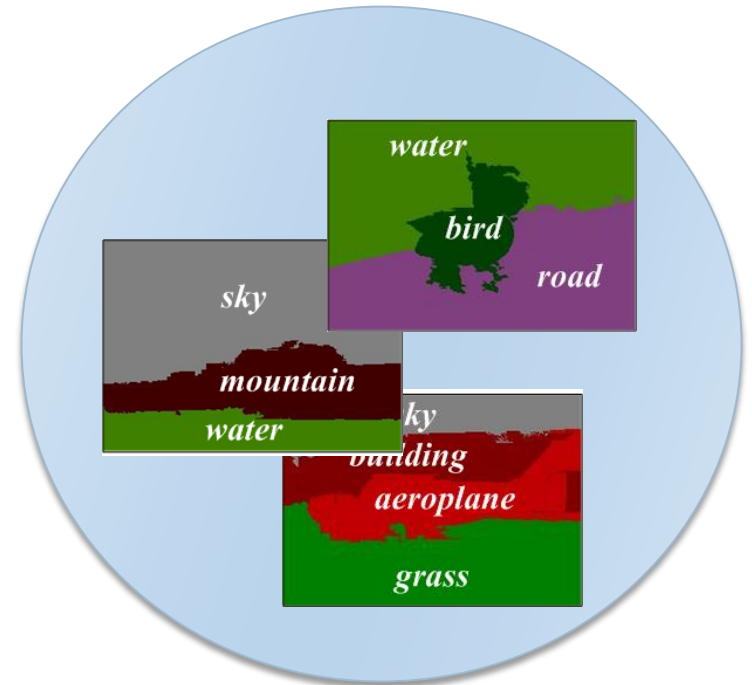
# Task: Label to Region

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Inputs



Outputs



Simultaneous Region Partition and Labeling in Batch Mode

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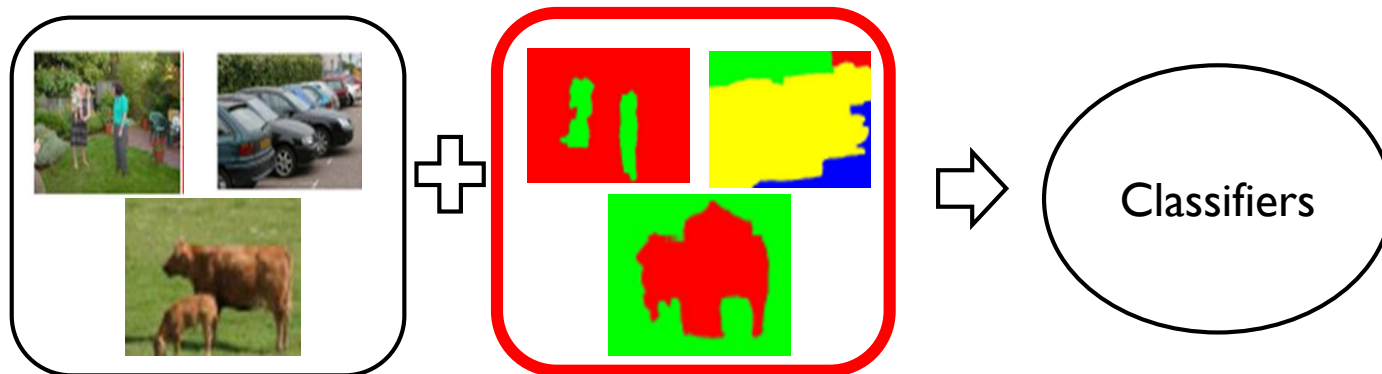


## Related Work

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### Supervised Learning Techniques

[C.Galleguillos et al., 2008][Jeon et al., 2003][Kang et al., 2006][Zhang et al., 2007]



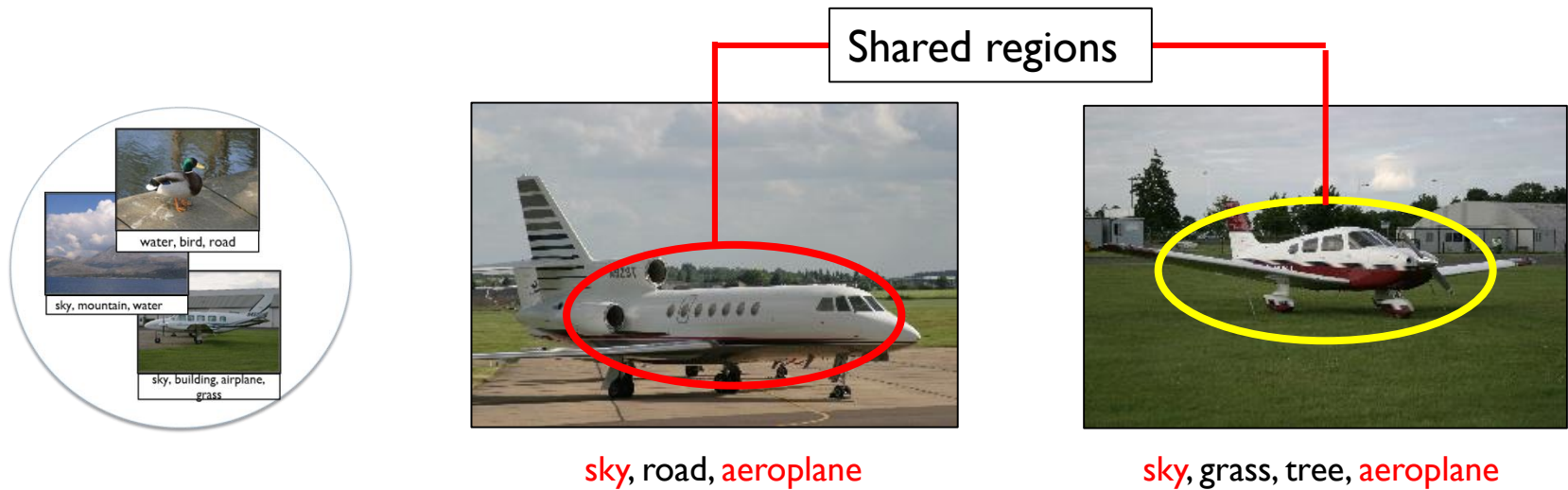
Label-to-Region is valuable in **Computer Vision** community.

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# Label to Region: Our Approach

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Solution: for each pair of images, assign **shared labels**, if any, to **shared regions**!

**Cross-Image Correspondence**

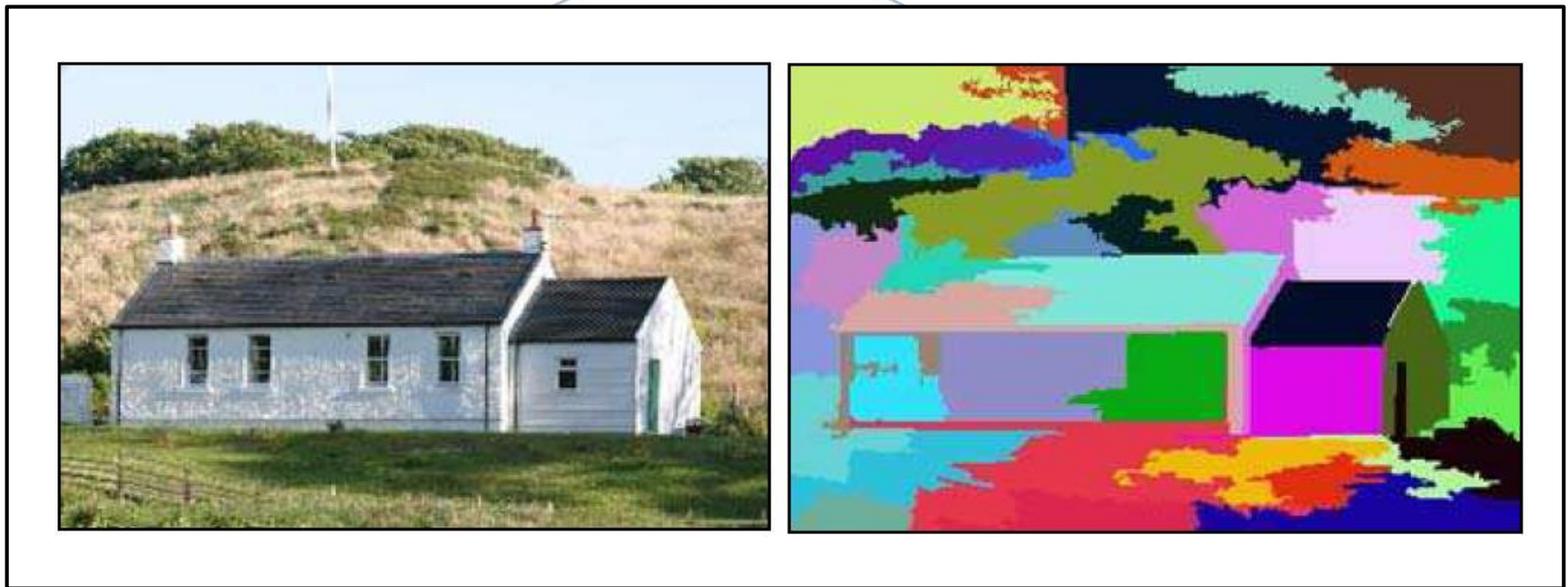
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# Label to Region: Correspondence

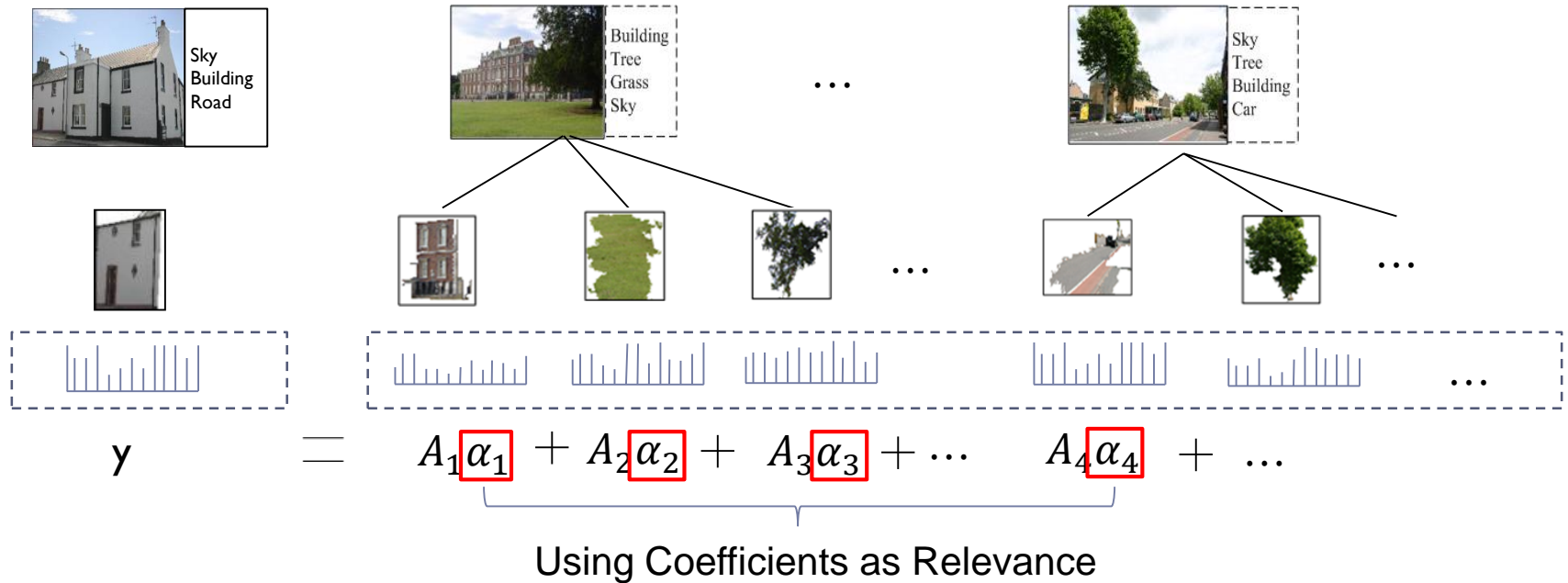
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## Step-I: Over-Segmentation



# Label to Region: Our Approach

## Step-2: cross-image correspondence



Criteria:

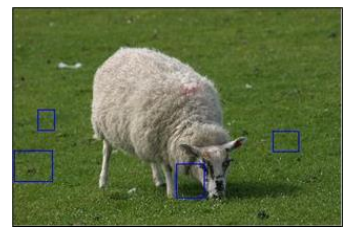
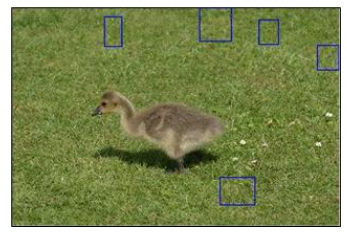
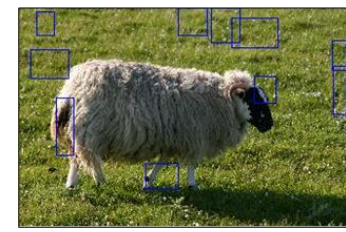
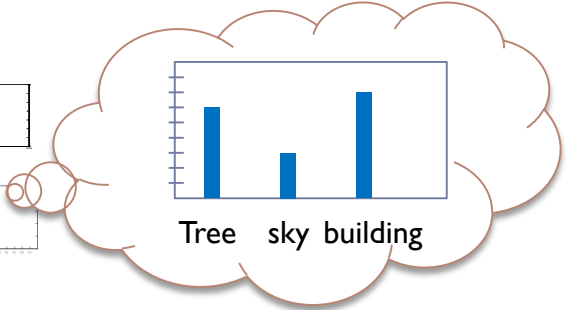
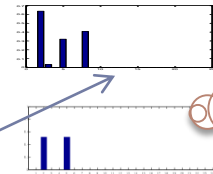
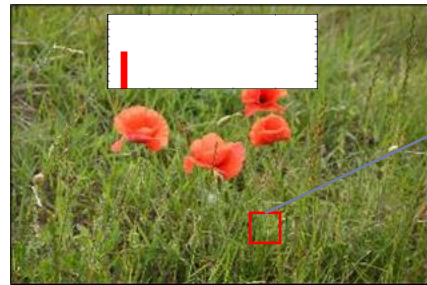
- Select as few patches as possible;
- Select patches from as few images as possible:

$$\arg \min_{\alpha, \epsilon, \gamma} \|\alpha\|_1 + \|\epsilon\|_1 + \|\gamma\|_1 \quad s.t. \quad y = A\alpha + \epsilon, \quad \gamma = B\alpha$$

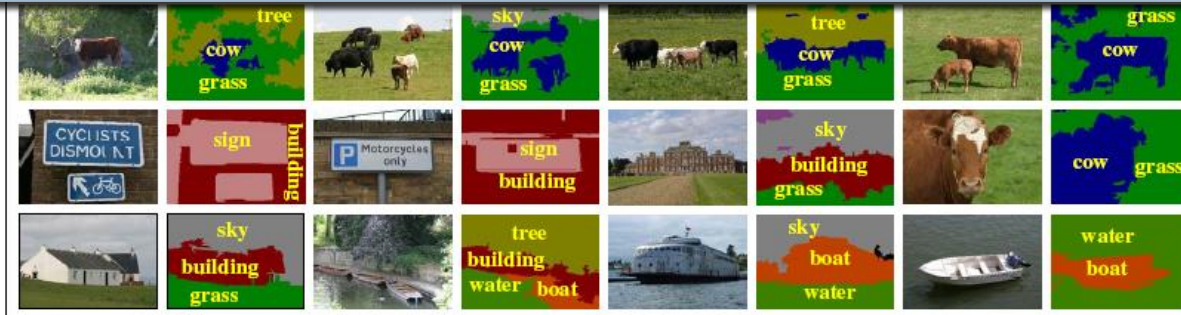
► **Bi-Layer Sparse Representation**

# Label to Region: Label Assignment

## Step-3: label-propagation



# Label to Region: Results



MSRC dataset

# Label to Region: Accuracies

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| Dataset | SVM-1 | SVM-2 | SVM-3 | SVM-4 | One-Layer | Bi-Layer         |
|---------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----------|------------------|
| MSRC    | 0.22  | 0.20  | 0.24  | 0.23  | 0.47      | 0.63 <b>0.81</b> |
| COREL   | 0.29  | 0.32  | 0.33  | 0.32  | 0.51      | 0.61 <b>0.76</b> |

The SVM-based algorithm is implemented with different values for the parameter of maximal patch size, namely, SVM-1: 150 pixels, SVM-2: 200 pixels, SVM-3: 400 pixels, and SVM-4: 600 pixels.



# Summary of Label-to-Region

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## Contributions

- ▶ Label-to-Region task
- ▶ Label propagation
- ▶ Bi-Layer sparsity Model

## Limitations

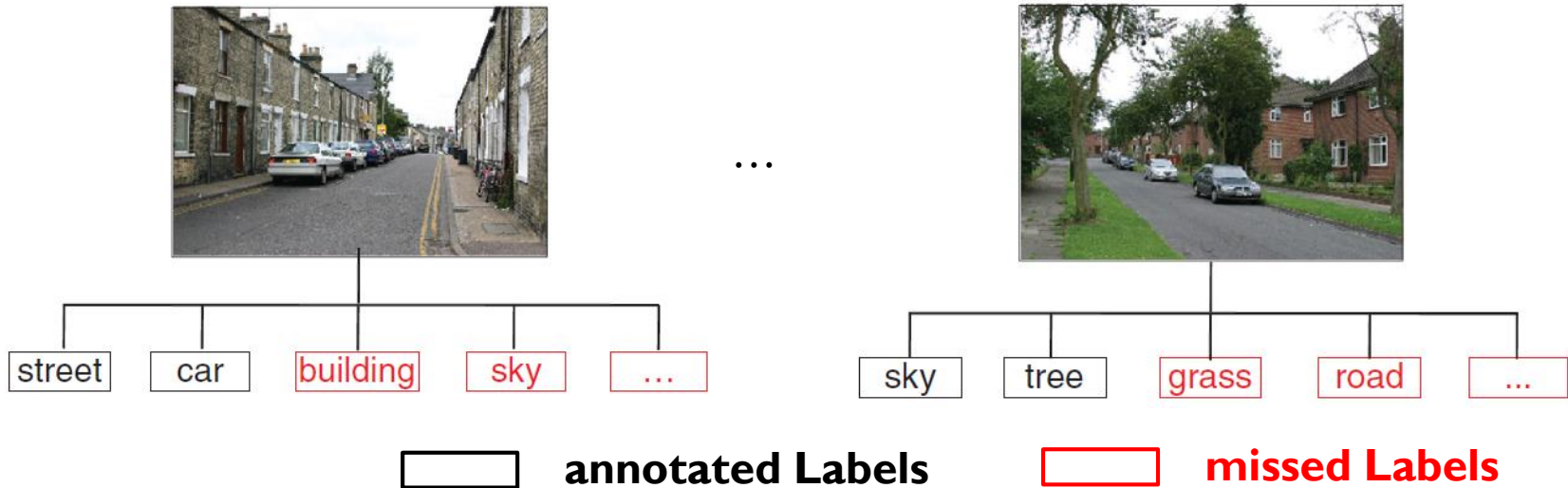
- ▶ Can only handle labels corresponds with local region, e.g. road;
- ▶ Process a set of images at the same time;
- ▶ **Cannot handle partially annotated images or noisy tags;**





## II. Image Label Completion

Partially annotations or noisy labels

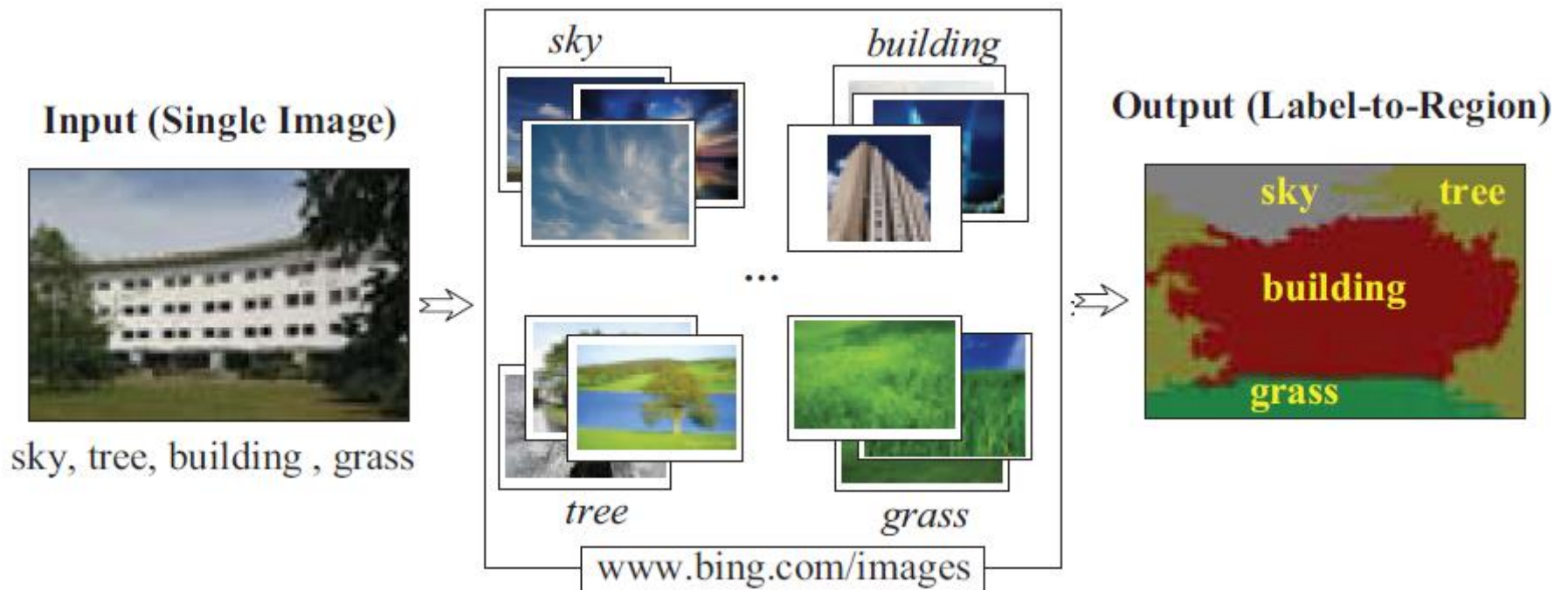


Label Completion via Nonnegative Decomposition

$$\min_{W, Y} \alpha \text{Tr}(WBW^T) + \beta \text{Tr}(CYLY^T C^T) + \gamma \|\tilde{Z}_0 \circ (CY)\|^2 + \|X - WY\|^2,$$

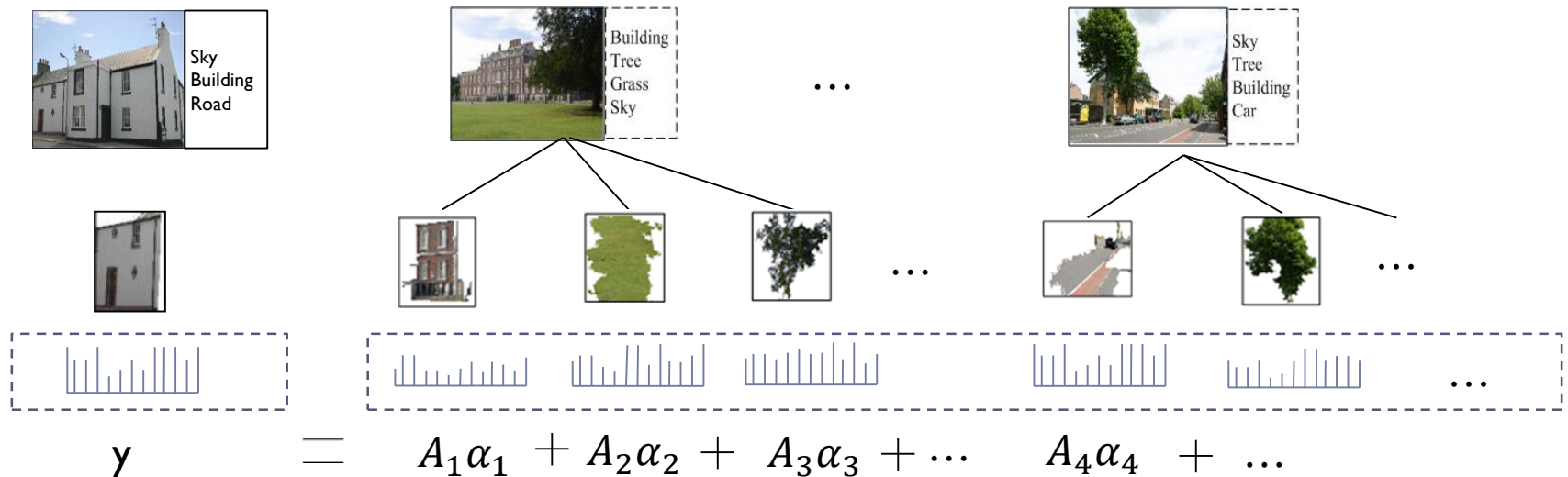
*s.t.*  $W, Y \geq 0,$

# III. Label-to-region by Search



[Liu et al. IEEE CVPR'2010]

# IV. Tree Structure Sparsity

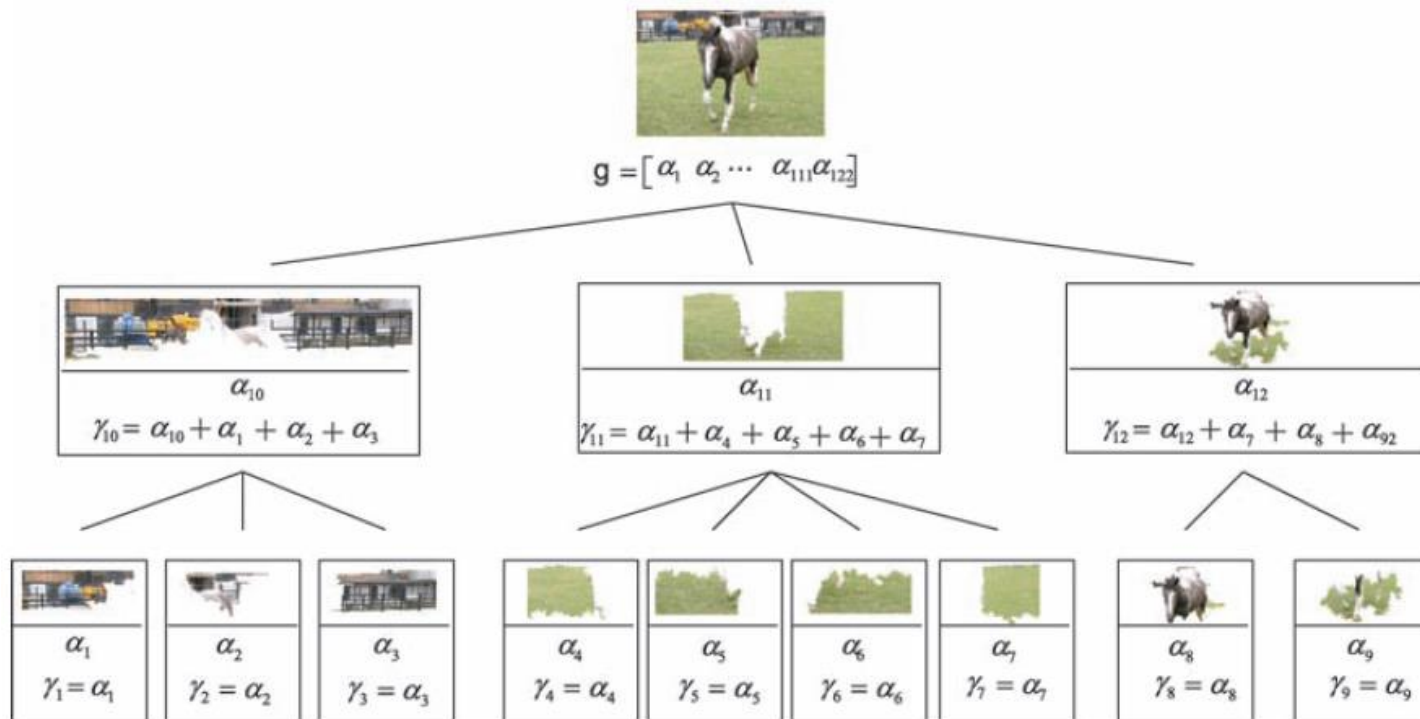


$$\arg \min_{\alpha, \epsilon, \gamma} \|\alpha\|_1 + \|\epsilon\|_1 + \|\gamma\|_1 \quad s.t. \quad y = A\alpha + \epsilon, \quad \gamma = B\alpha$$

Bi-Layer Sparse representation

[X. Liu, ACM Transaction on MCCAP 2012]

# IV. Tree Structure Sparsity



From Bi-Layer to Tree Structure

[X. Liu, ACM Transaction MCCAP 2012]

# Summary

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- ▶ Weakly supervised image parsing
  - ▶ Label-to-Region (ACM '2009)
  - ▶ Label-to-region by search (IEEE CVPR'2010)
  - ▶ Image Label Competition (IEEE TIP'2010)
  - ▶ Tree-structure sparsity (ACM TOMCAP'2012)



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# Question & Answer

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