



Artistic Image Analysis using Graph-based Learning Approaches

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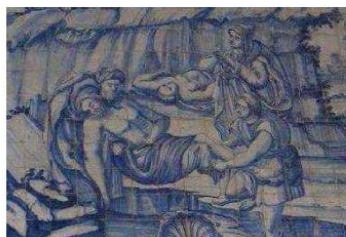
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ICMR'11, ECCV'12, TIP'13

Background...

- National Tile Museum (Museu Nacional do Azulejo), Lisbon

PROBLEM 1



Artist?
Influences?
When?
Where?
PRINTART

PROBLEM 2



PrintArt

- System for organizing art image databases
- Image annotation
- Image retrieval
 - Text query
 - Image query

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Image Annotation

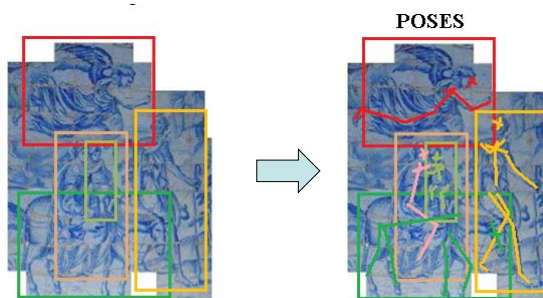
Query image:



1. Initial annotation: Black and white print, Italy, XV century, Christian Art, Angel, Donkey, Robes, Saint Mary Blessed Virgin, Sain Joseph

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Image Annotation

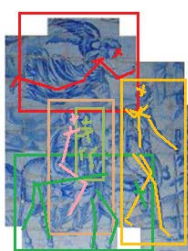


2. User correction: infant Jesus Christ, XVII century

3. Fixed annotation: Black and white print, Italy, XVII century, Christian Art, Angel Donkey,
Robes, Saint Mary Blessed Virgin, Saint Joseph, Infant Jesus Christ,
flight into Egypt, Print by Pietro de Po, Paint by Nicolas Poussin

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Image Annotation & Print Retrieval



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Robes, Saint Mary Blessed Virgin, Saint Joseph, Infant Jesus Christ,
flight into Egypt, Print by Pietro de Po, Paint by Nicolas Poussin



4. Image returned.

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Image Retrieval

- Query:

“Jesus Christ”, “Saint Mary Blessed Virgin”, and “Saint Joseph”.

The system then returns the following images:



User selects the last two images above as relevant

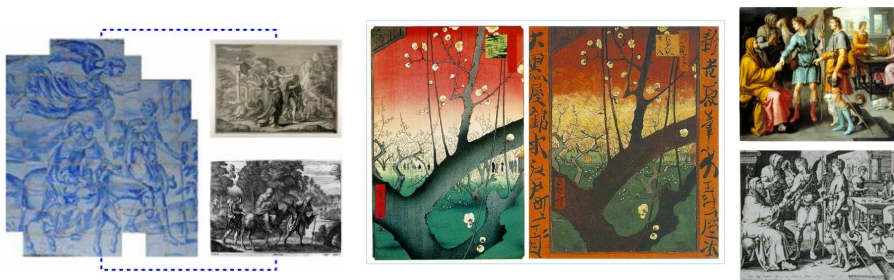


User selects the last image above as the target image, and search is done.

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Art Prints

- Source of inspiration for generations of artists



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- Discover influences between art works
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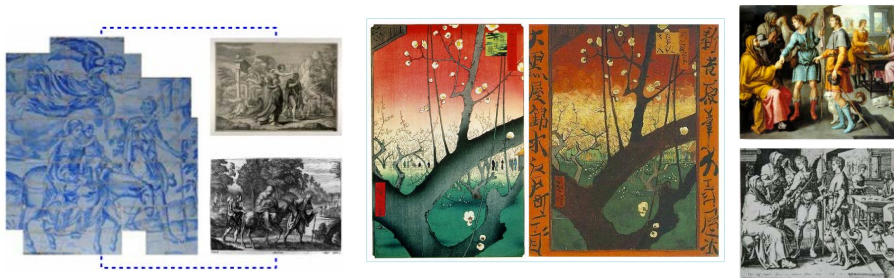


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Art Prints

- Printmaking
 - Create art works by printing
 - 1400s (engraving, etching, etc.)
 - Even a “copy” of a painting is an original work of art (impression)



[Source: Moma web page]



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Different from Photo and Painting



a) photographic image



b) painting



c) art print

- Cons: no colour, texture does not represent visual classes
- Pros: artistic influence network, composition

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Interesting example...

- How can you characterize the visual class “sea” in these examples



Fig. 1. Different paintings showing the visual class “sea” with remarkably different patterns of color and texture. In (a), we show Pieter Bruegel il Giovane’s *Christ on the Storm on the Sea of Galilee*; in (b) we have Claude Monet’s *Shadows on the Sea*”; and (c) displays John Marin’s *Sea Piece*.

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Example of Network of Influences & Composition (Annunciation)



Anonymous, 1580

Allaert Claes, ?

Virgil Solis, 1550

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Background - Art Analysis

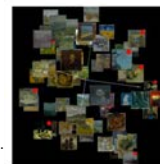
- Fake vs Original



[A Digital Technique for Art Authentication. Lyu et al. Nat. Acad. Sciences '04]

Daubechies and students featured in NOVA program on art forgeries

by TERESA RODRIGUEZ - JULY 9, 2004 - ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING



- Multiclass classification of brushwork

Pointillism	Divisionism	Impasto	Scumbling

[Yelizaveta et al. Semi-supervised annotation of brushwork in paintings domain using serial combinations of multiple experts. *ACM Multimedia '06*]

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Our Goal

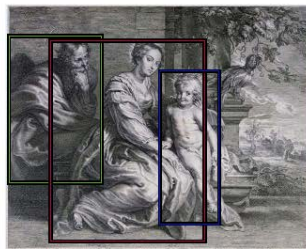
- Produce three levels of artistic image annotation for a previously unseen print
 - Global (theme, things present in the scene)
 - Local (localize in the image the things identified in the global annotation)
 - Pose (localize head, torso and limbs of human/animal subjects from local annotation)

Global



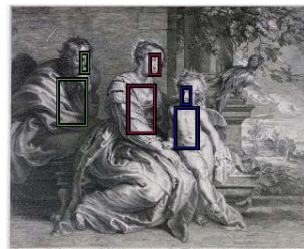
Holy Family,
Christ child, Mary,
St. Joseph

Local



Christ child (blue),
Mary (red),
St. Joseph (green)

Pose



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Why is this Interesting

- Although a common task for photographic images, never done before for artistic images
 - Shed some light in computer vision problems?
- Can be used in tools to annotate artistic images and find influential prints
- Therefore, interdisciplinary (art history + computer vision)
 - New projects
 - Education

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Why is this Interesting



Sculpture by Karel Nepras, entitled "Great Dialogue," Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art in Prague

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Problem Set-up

- Database
 - 988 annotated images
 - Global annotation: 49 classification problems (1 multi-class with 27 classes and 48 binary problems)
 - label cardinality = 4.22, label density = 0.05
 - Local annotation: 48 detection problems
 - Pose: 40 pose identification problems (37 human, 3 animal)
- $\mathcal{D} = \{(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}, \mathcal{L}, \mathcal{P})_i\}_{i=1}^{|\mathcal{D}|}$
 - \mathbf{x}_i feature vector representing an image I_i
 - $\mathbf{y}_i = [\mathbf{y}_i(1), \dots, \mathbf{y}_i(M)] \in \{0, 1\}^Y$
 - $\mathcal{L}_i = \{\mathbf{l}_{i,j}\}_{j=1}^{|\mathcal{L}_i|}$ with $\mathbf{l}_{i,j} = [y, \mathbf{b}]$
 - $\mathcal{P}_i = \{\mathbf{p}_{i,j}\}_{j=1}^{|\mathcal{P}_i|}$ with $\mathbf{p}_{i,j} = [y, \mathbf{b}^{head}, \mathbf{b}^{torso}]$

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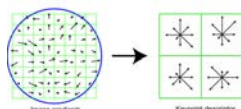
Problem Set-up

- Training set with 90% (889 images) and test set with 10% (99 images)
- Global Annotation
 - maximize $p(\mathbf{y}|\tilde{\mathbf{x}})$
 - subject to $\mathbf{y} = [\mathbf{y}(1), \dots, \mathbf{y}(M)] \in \{0, 1\}^Y$,
 - $\|\mathbf{y}(k)\|_1 = 1$ for $\{k \in \{1, \dots, M\} | |\mathbf{y}(k)| > 1\}$,
- Local Annotation
 - maximize $p(\mathcal{L}|\mathbf{y}, \tilde{\mathbf{x}})$
 - each k that $|\mathbf{y}(k)| = 1$ and $\mathbf{y}(k) = 1$ has a respective bounding box $\mathbf{l}_j^* \in \mathcal{L}^*$
- Pose Annotation
 - maximize $p(\mathcal{P}|\mathcal{L}, \mathbf{y}, \tilde{\mathbf{x}})$,
 - head and torso are within the bounds of the local annotation
- Retrieval
 - $\tilde{\mathbf{x}}^* = \arg \max_{\tilde{\mathbf{x}} \in \mathcal{T}} p(\tilde{\mathbf{x}}|\mathbf{q})$

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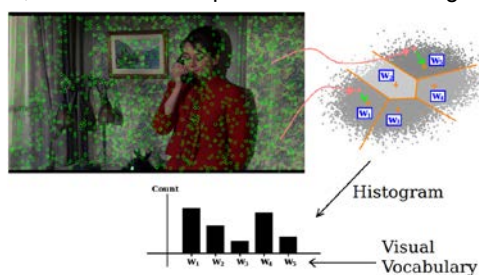
Image Representation

- Scale Invariant Feature Transform (SIFT) [Lowe'04]



- Visual vocabulary – hierarchical K-means [Zisserman'03, Nister'06]

- 3 levels, 10 descendants per node = 1111 histogram bins



- Spatial pyramid pooling [Lazebnik'06]

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Methodologies

- Random (RND)

- Global:

$\mathbf{y}^*(k) = \begin{cases} \pi_1, & r < p(\mathbf{y}(k) = \pi_1) \\ \vdots \\ \pi_{ \mathbf{y}(k) }, & \sum_{j=1}^{ \mathbf{y}(k) -1} p(\mathbf{y}(k) = \pi_j) \leq r < 1 \end{cases}$	$\mathbf{y}^*(k) = \begin{cases} 1, & r < p(\mathbf{y}(k) = 1) \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$
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$r \sim \mathcal{U}(0, 1)$: uniform distribution

- Local and pose (search training image and propagate label)

$$i^* = \arg \min_{j \in \{1, \dots, |\mathcal{D}|\}} \Delta(\mathbf{y}^*, \mathbf{y}_j)$$

- Retrieval

- Annotate all test images, and given a query annotation, search for closest ones in terms of Hamming distance

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Methodologies

- Bag of features (BoF) [Zisserman'03,Csurka'04]
 - Train Y support vector machine classifiers (SVM) with one-versus-all
 - $p(\mathbf{y}(k) = \pi_j | \tilde{\mathbf{x}}, \theta_{SVM}(k, j))$, $k \in \{1, \dots, M\}$, $j \in \{1, \dots, |\mathbf{y}(k)|\}$, $\pi_j \in \{0, 1\}^{|\mathbf{y}(k)|}$
 - Annotate by maximizing the global, local and pose annotation objective functions
 - Retrieval by first annotating test images, and then retrieving using query vector

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Methodologies

- Label Propagation (LP) [Scholkopf'04]
 - Find annotation matrix \mathbf{F}^* with

$$\sum_{i,j=1}^n w_{ij} (f_i - f_j)^2$$

$$\text{minimize } 0.5 \text{tr}(\mathbf{F}^\top (\mathbf{D} - \mathbf{W}) \mathbf{F})$$

$$\text{subject to } \mathbf{f}_i = \mathbf{y}_i, \text{ for } i = 1, \dots, |\mathcal{D}|$$

where $\mathbf{W}, \mathbf{F}, \mathbf{D} \in \mathbb{R}^{(|\mathcal{D}|+|\mathcal{T}|) \times (|\mathcal{D}|+|\mathcal{T}|)}$ with $\mathbf{W}_{ij} = \exp\{-0.5 \|\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}_j\|_2^2 / \sigma^2\}$
 \mathbf{D} is a diagonal matrix with its (i, i) -element = sum of the i^{th} row of \mathbf{W}
 - Closed form solution: $\mathbf{F}^* = \beta (\mathbf{I} - \alpha (\mathbf{D} - \mathbf{W}))^{-1} \mathbf{Y}$
- Label Propagation with Label Correlation (LP-CC) [Wang'09,Zha'08]
 - $$\text{minimize } 0.5 \text{tr}(\mathbf{F}^\top (\mathbf{D} - \mathbf{W}) \mathbf{F}) + (1 - \mu) \text{tr}((\mathbf{F} - \mathbf{Y}) \mathbf{A} (\mathbf{F} - \mathbf{Y})) + \mu \text{tr}(\mathbf{F} \mathbf{C} \mathbf{F}^\top)$$

\mathbf{A} is a matrix containing ones in the diagonal from indices 1 to $|\mathcal{D}|$
 $\mathbf{C} \in [-1, 1]^{Y \times Y}$ containing the correlation between classes
 - Closed form solution: $\mathbf{F}^* = (\mathbf{D} - \mathbf{W})^{-1} \mathbf{Y} (\mathbf{I} - \mu \mathbf{C})$

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Methodologies

- Inverted Label Propagation (ILP)
- Graph $\mathcal{G} = (\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{E})$
- Test image $\tilde{\mathbf{x}}$, random walk $\mathbf{t} = [(\mathbf{x}^{(1)}, \mathbf{y}^{(1)}), \dots, (\mathbf{x}^{(U)}, \mathbf{y}^{(U)})]$

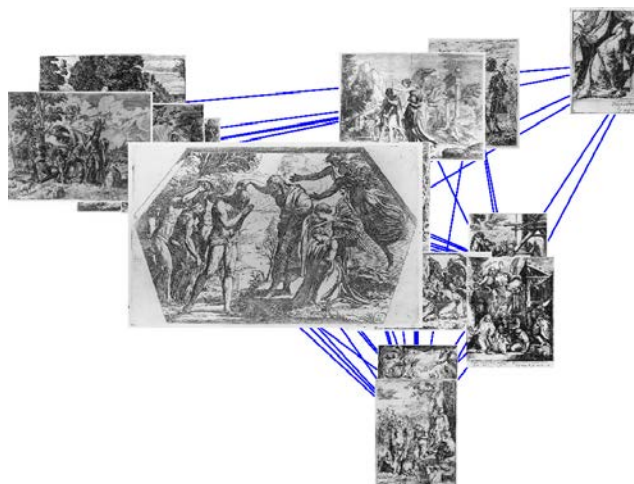
- Label given random walk: $p(\mathbf{y}|\tilde{\mathbf{x}}) = Z \sum_{r=1}^R p(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{t}_r) p(\mathbf{t}_r|\tilde{\mathbf{x}})$

- Assume Markov process:

$$\begin{aligned}
 p(\mathbf{t}|\tilde{\mathbf{x}}) &= p([(x^{(1)}, y^{(1)}), \dots, (x^{(U)}, y^{(U)})]|\tilde{\mathbf{x}}) \\
 &= \left[\prod_{u=2}^U p((x^{(u)}, y^{(u)})|(x^{(u-1)}, y^{(u-1)}), \tilde{\mathbf{x}}) \right] p((x^{(1)}, y^{(1)})|\tilde{\mathbf{x}})
 \end{aligned}$$

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Inverse Label Propagation



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Methodologies

- Inverted Label Propagation (ILP)
 - Instead of finding \mathbf{F} , estimate a vector containing the probability of landing in one of the training images after a random walk process
 - Combinatorial Harmonics (CH) approach [Carneiro'11]
 - Adjacency matrix takes into consideration visual and label similarity

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{U}(j, i) &= I_y(\mathbf{y}_i, \mathbf{y}_j) \times I_x(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j) \times I_x(\mathbf{x}_j, \tilde{\mathbf{x}}) \\ I_y(\mathbf{y}_i, \mathbf{y}_j) &= \sum_{k=1}^M \lambda_k \times \mathbf{y}(k)_i^\top \mathbf{y}(k)_j \\ I_x(\mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j) &= \sum_{d=1}^X \min(x_i(d), x_j(d)) \end{aligned}$$

- Extend adjacency matrix with test image

$$\tilde{\mathbf{U}} = \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{\mathbf{U}} & \tilde{\mathbf{u}} \\ \tilde{\mathbf{u}}^\top & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{with } \tilde{\mathbf{u}} = [I_x(\mathbf{x}_1, \tilde{\mathbf{x}}), \dots, I_x(\mathbf{x}_{|\mathcal{D}|}, \tilde{\mathbf{x}})]^\top$$

- Minimize the energy function

$$E(\mathbf{G}, \mathbf{g}) = \frac{1}{2} \left\| \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{G}^\top \\ \mathbf{g}^\top \end{bmatrix} \tilde{\mathbf{L}} \right\|_2^2 \quad \tilde{\mathbf{L}} \text{ is the Laplacian from the the adjacency matrix } \tilde{\mathbf{U}}$$

- Closed form solution: $\mathbf{g}^* = (-\mathbf{L}_2^{-1} \mathbf{B}^\top \mathbf{I})^\top$ with $\tilde{\mathbf{L}} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{L}_1 & \mathbf{B} \\ \mathbf{B}^\top & \mathbf{L}_2 \end{bmatrix}$

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Methodologies

- Matrix Completion (MC) [Nowak'10]

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{minimize } \text{rank}(\mathbf{Z}) \\ &\text{subject to } \mathbf{Z}_y = [\mathbf{y}_1 \dots \mathbf{y}_{|\mathcal{D}|}], \mathbf{Z}_x = [\mathbf{x}_1 \dots \mathbf{x}_{|\mathcal{D}|}], \mathbf{Z}_{\tilde{x}} = [\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_1 \dots \tilde{\mathbf{x}}_{|\mathcal{T}|}] \\ &\text{where } \mathbf{z} = \begin{bmatrix} z_x \\ z_y \\ z_{\tilde{x}} \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

- Replace $\text{rank}(\cdot)$ by convex nuclear norm $\|\mathbf{Z}\|_* = \sum_{k=1}^{\min\{|\mathcal{D}|, Y+X\}} \sigma_k(\mathbf{Z})$
- Equality constraints replaced by squared losses
- Find annotation for each test image and estimate local/pose annotations and retrieval

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Methodologies

- Structural Learning (SL) [Joachims'05]
 - Margin maximization quadratic problem

$$\min_{\mathbf{w}, \xi} \|\mathbf{w}\|^2 + C \sum_{i=1}^{|\mathcal{D}|} \xi_i$$

$$s.t. \quad \mathbf{w}^\top \Psi(\mathbf{y}_i, \mathbf{x}_i) - \mathbf{w}^\top \Psi(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{x}_i) + \xi_i \geq \Delta(\mathbf{y}_i, \mathbf{y}), \quad i = 1 \dots |\mathcal{D}|, \quad \forall \mathbf{y} \in \{0, 1\}^Y$$

$$\xi_i \geq 0, \quad i = 1 \dots |\mathcal{D}|$$

$$\text{where } \Delta(\mathbf{y}_i, \mathbf{y}) = \|\mathbf{y}_i - \mathbf{y}\|_1 \quad \Psi(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x} \otimes \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^{X \times Y}$$

- Again, find global annotations for test images and then estimate local/pose annotations and retrieval

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Results

- Average precision, recall and F1 score for annotations
 - Label based (global annotation)

$$pga(y) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{|\mathcal{T}|} (\pi_y \odot \mathbf{y}_i^\top)^\top \bar{\mathbf{y}}_i}{\sum_{i=1}^{|\mathcal{T}|} \pi_y^\top \bar{\mathbf{y}}_i}, \quad rga(y) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{|\mathcal{T}|} (\pi_y \odot \mathbf{y}_i^\top)^\top \bar{\mathbf{y}}_i}{\sum_{i=1}^{|\mathcal{T}|} \pi_y^\top \bar{\mathbf{y}}_i}, \quad fga(y) = \frac{2pga(y)rga(y)}{pga(y) + rga(y)}$$

- Example based (global annotation)

$$pge = \frac{1}{|\mathcal{T}|} \sum_{i=1}^{|\mathcal{T}|} \frac{(\mathbf{y}_i^\top)^\top \bar{\mathbf{y}}_i}{\|\mathbf{y}_i^\top\|_1}, \quad rge = \frac{1}{|\mathcal{T}|} \sum_{i=1}^{|\mathcal{T}|} \frac{(\mathbf{y}_i^\top)^\top \bar{\mathbf{y}}_i}{\|\bar{\mathbf{y}}_i\|_1}, \quad fge = \frac{1}{|\mathcal{T}|} \sum_{i=1}^{|\mathcal{T}|} \frac{2(\mathbf{y}_i^\top)^\top \bar{\mathbf{y}}_i}{\|\mathbf{y}_i^\top\|_1 + \|\bar{\mathbf{y}}_i\|_1}$$

- Mean average precision (MAP) for retrieval

$$pr(\mathbf{q}, Q) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^Q \delta(\tilde{\mathbf{y}}^\top \mathbf{q} - \mathbf{1}^\top \mathbf{q})}{Q}, \quad \text{and } rr(\mathbf{q}, Q) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^Q \delta(\tilde{\mathbf{y}}^\top \mathbf{q} - \mathbf{1}^\top \mathbf{q})}{\sum_{i=1}^{|\mathcal{T}|} \delta(\tilde{\mathbf{y}}^\top \mathbf{q} - \mathbf{1}^\top \mathbf{q})}$$

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Results

- Global Annotation/Retrieval Results:

Models	Retrieval	Label-based global annotation			Example-based global annotation		
	Label MAP	Average Precision	Average Recall	Average F1	Average Precision	Average Recall	Average F1
RND	0.08 ± .06	0.06 ± .01	0.07 ± .01	0.06 ± .01	0.26 ± .02	0.21 ± .01	0.22 ± .01
BoF	0.12 ± .05	0.14 ± .11	0.10 ± .06	0.11 ± .08	0.35 ± .03	0.26 ± .08	0.30 ± .05
LP	0.11 ± .01	0.12 ± .02	0.12 ± .02	0.12 ± .02	0.32 ± .03	0.28 ± .02	0.26 ± .02
LP-CC	0.11 ± .01	0.13 ± .02	0.14 ± .02	0.13 ± .02	0.27 ± .03	0.26 ± .03	0.25 ± .03
ILP	0.14 ± .02	0.19 ± .03	0.35 ± .03	0.25 ± .04	0.24 ± .02	0.48 ± .05	0.30 ± .02
ILP-O	0.18 ± .04	0.26 ± .05	0.26 ± .05	0.26 ± .05	0.39 ± .03	0.39 ± .04	0.38 ± .03
MC	0.17 ± .01	0.24 ± .03	0.11 ± .02	0.15 ± .02	0.37 ± .02	0.28 ± .02	0.32 ± .02
SL	0.14 ± .01	0.18 ± .04	0.14 ± .03	0.16 ± .03	0.34 ± .04	0.31 ± .04	0.32 ± .04

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Results

- Local Annotation Results:

Models	Label-based local annotation			Example-based local annotation		
	Average Precision	Average Recall	Average F1	Average Precision	Average Recall	Average F1
RND	0.04 ± .01	0.04 ± .01	0.04 ± .01	0.13 ± .03	0.18 ± .04	0.15 ± .02
BoF	0.25 ± .08	0.05 ± .03	0.07 ± .03	0.28 ± .05	0.17 ± .06	0.20 ± .04
LP	0.12 ± .05	0.06 ± .02	0.08 ± .02	0.21 ± .02	0.19 ± .04	0.20 ± .02
LP-CC	0.08 ± .02	0.06 ± .01	0.07 ± .01	0.12 ± .02	0.17 ± .04	0.14 ± .02
ILP	0.06 ± .03	0.10 ± .03	0.07 ± .03	0.13 ± .02	0.19 ± .03	0.16 ± .02
ILP-O	0.15 ± .05	0.16 ± .05	0.15 ± .05	0.21 ± .03	0.24 ± .03	0.23 ± .03
MC	0.07 ± .01	0.03 ± .01	0.04 ± .01	0.12 ± .03	0.14 ± .06	0.13 ± .03
SL	0.09 ± .00	0.06 ± .01	0.07 ± .01	0.18 ± .03	0.20 ± .04	0.19 ± .01

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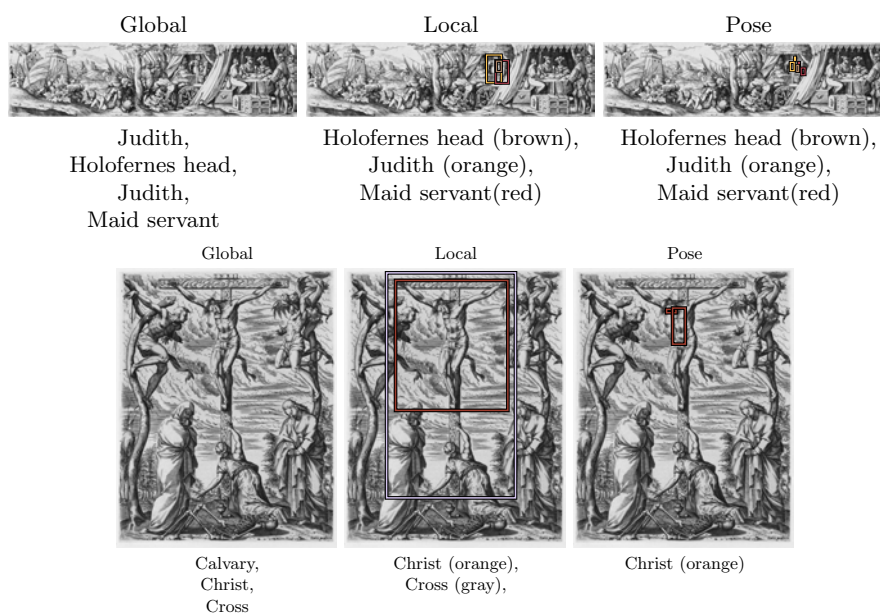
Results

- Pose Annotation Results

Models	Label-based Pose annotation			Example-based Pose annotation		
	Average Precision	Average Recall	Average F1	Average Precision	Average Recall	Average F1
RND	0.00 ± .01	0.00 ± .01	0.00 ± .01	0.00 ± .02	0.00 ± .01	0.00 ± .01
BoF	0.01 ± .01	0.01 ± .01	0.01 ± .01	0.01 ± .01	0.01 ± .01	0.01 ± .01
LP	0.00 ± .00	0.00 ± .00	0.00 ± .00	0.00 ± .00	0.00 ± .00	0.00 ± .00
LP-CC	0.00 ± .00	0.00 ± .00	0.00 ± .00	0.00 ± .00	0.00 ± .00	0.00 ± .00
ILP	0.01 ± .01	0.01 ± .01	0.01 ± .01	0.01 ± .01	0.01 ± .01	0.01 ± .01
ILP-O	0.05 ± .04	0.08 ± .06	0.06 ± .05	0.06 ± .02	0.07 ± .02	0.06 ± .02
MC	0.00 ± .00	0.00 ± .00	0.00 ± .00	0.00 ± .00	0.00 ± .00	0.00 ± .00
SL	0.00 ± .00	0.00 ± .00	0.00 ± .00	0.00 ± .00	0.00 ± .00	0.00 ± .00

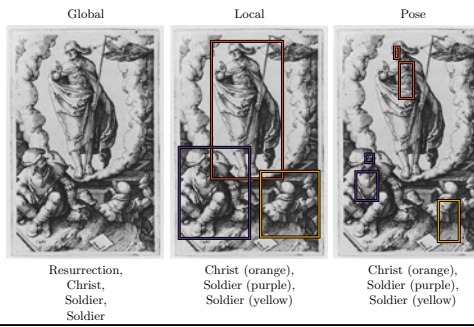
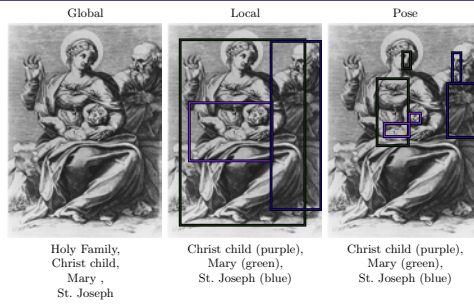
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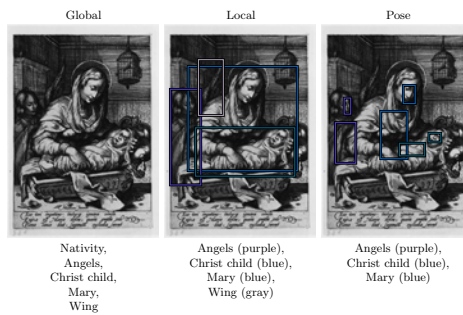
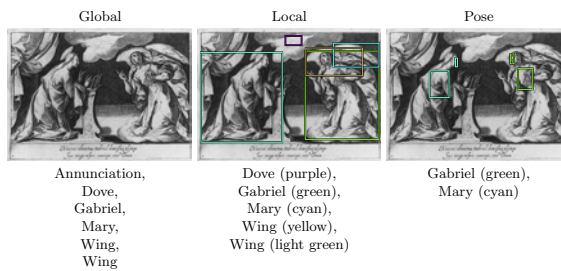
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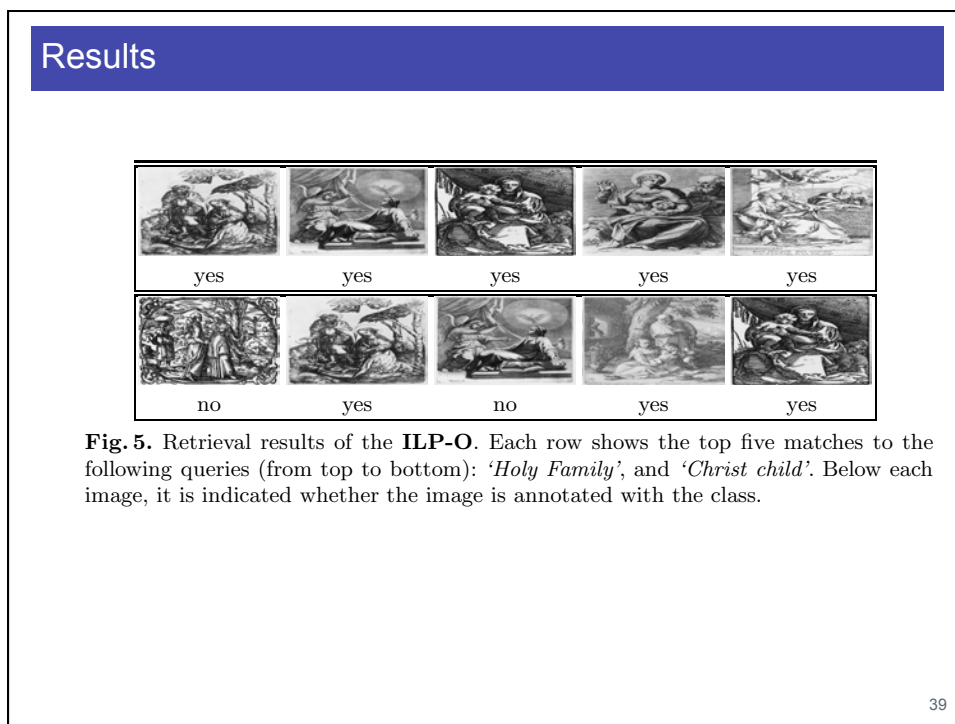
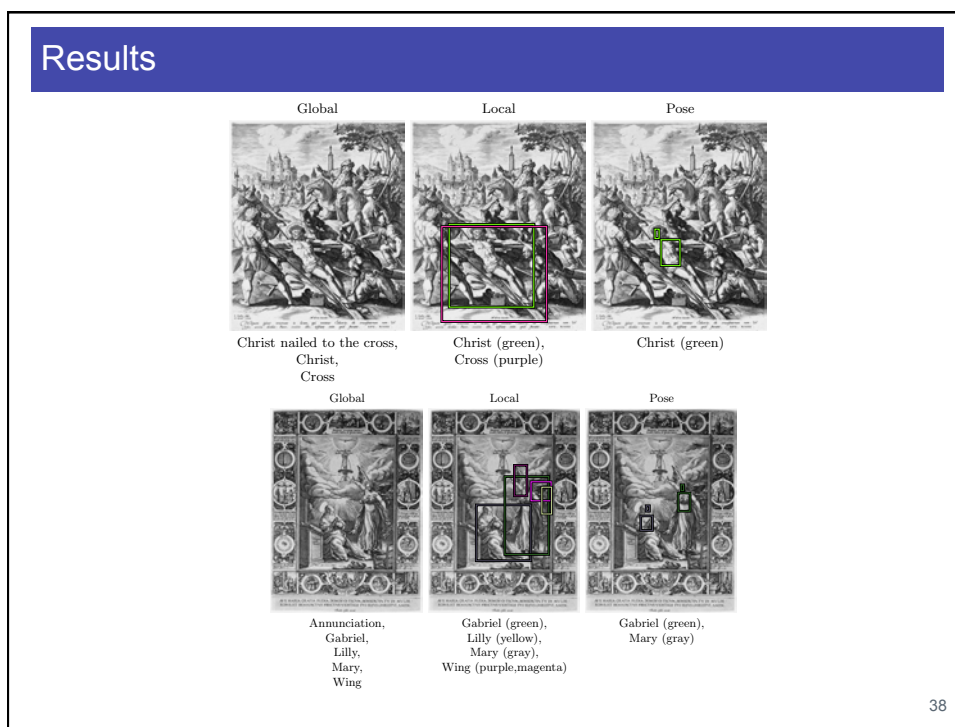


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Conclusions

- Inverted label propagation produces best results
- Small training sets for most of classes are a problem for inductive methods (BoF, SL)
- Artistic influence network – facilitates good results from random walk processes
- Face/person detector to improve results
- Sketch-based Interface and Modeling

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