

## Recent Advances in Pedestrian Detection

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## Pedestrian Detection in Realistic Environments



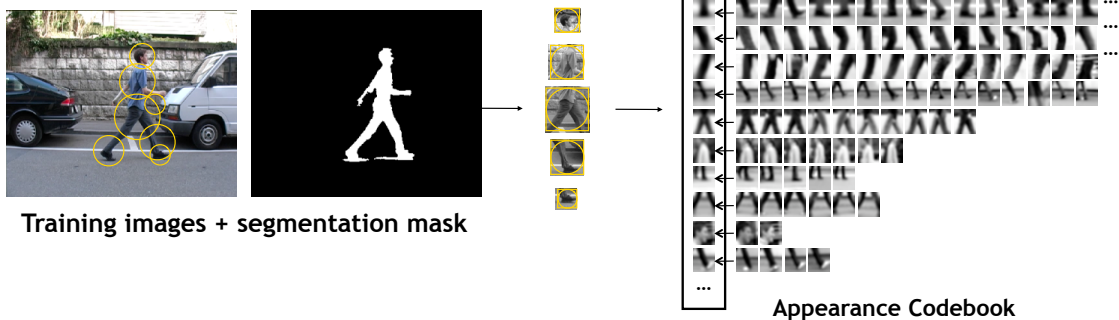
- General Object Detection Challenges:
  - clutter, partial occlusion, illumination, ...
- For Pedestrians:
  - body articulation greatly influences appearance
- Fundamental Ideas:
  - learn and recognize possible body articulations
  - explicitly share features across body articulations



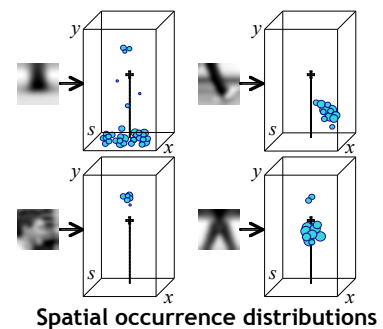
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- Implicit Shape Model (ISM)
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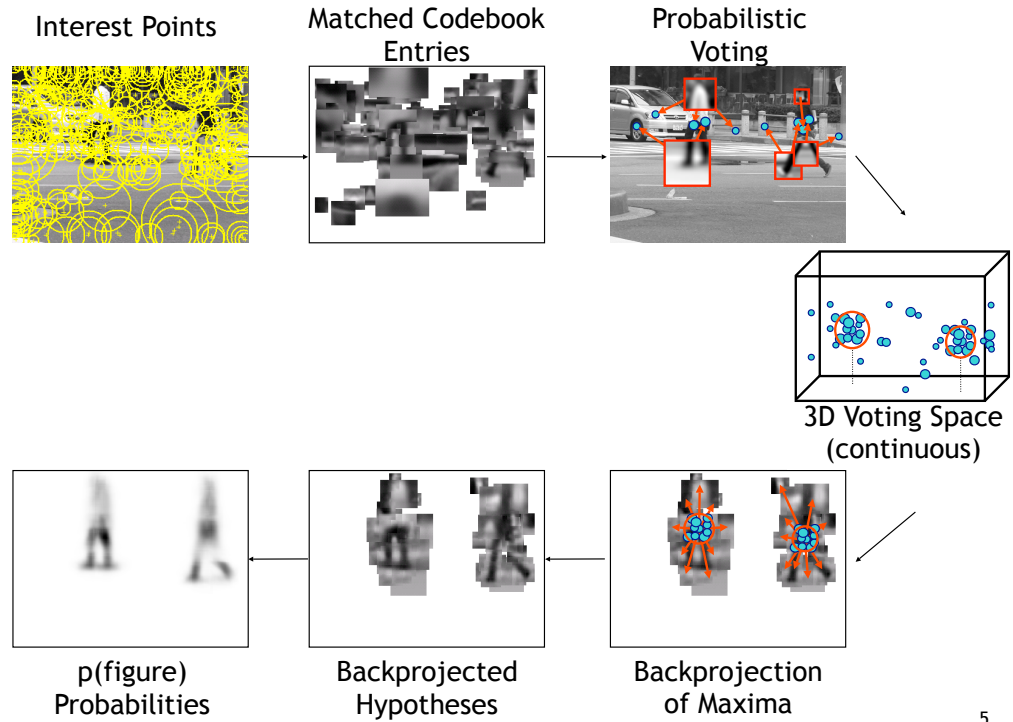
## Implicit Shape Model (ISM) - Representation



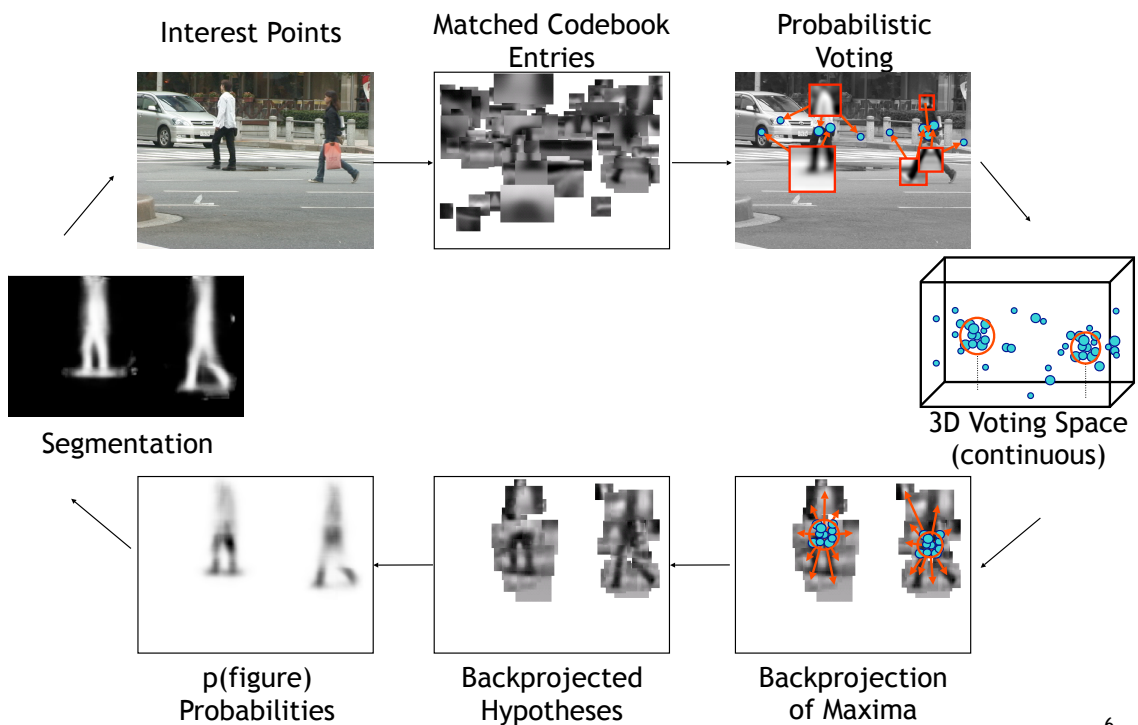
- Learn Appearance Codebook
  - extract features at DoG interest points
  - agglomerative clustering  $\Rightarrow$  codebook
- Learn Spatial Occurrence Distributions
  - match codebook to training images
  - record 3D-distributions:  
location(x,y) & scale



## Implicit Shape Model (ISM) - Recognition

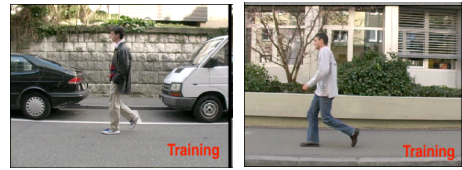


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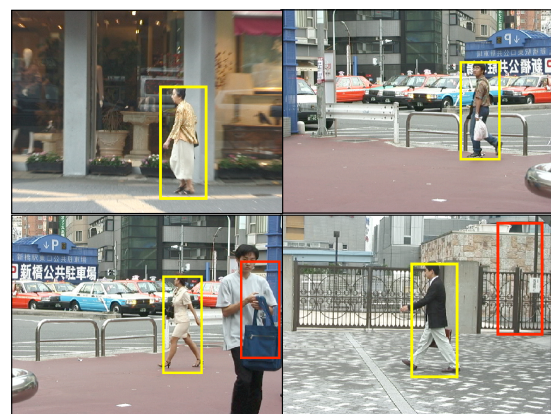
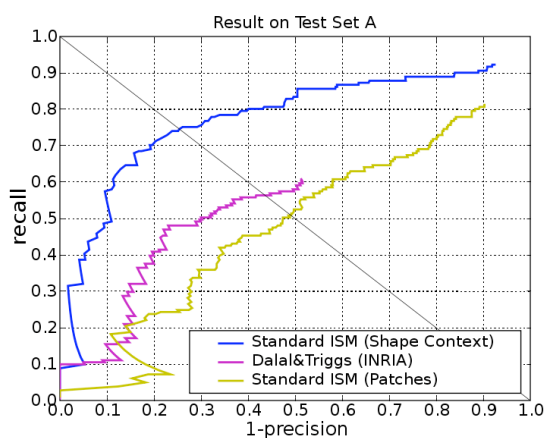
## Experimental Setup

- Training:
  - 210 side views
  - two backgrounds
- Test Set A
  - 181 street scene images
  - one pedestrian per image
- Test Set B - ‘crowded scenes’
  - 209 street scene images
  - 595 pedestrians in total



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## Results - Standard Implicit Shape Model

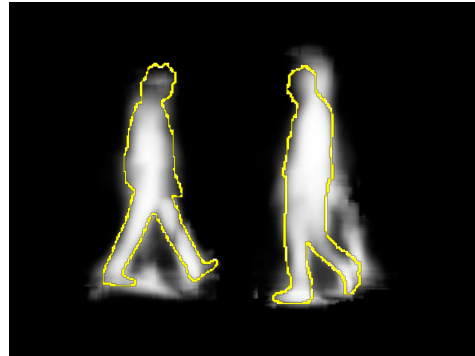
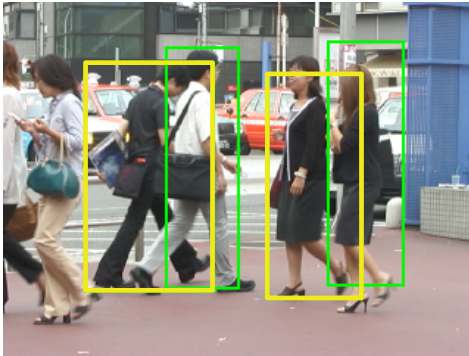


- Good performance, when using shape context as feature
- Competitive w.r.t. other state-of-the-art methods (ISM trained on side-views only)

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## Problem for Articulated Objects



- **Over-complete Segmentations**
  - flexible spatial model
  - segmentations may contain superfluous body parts
    - ⇒ score of neighboring hypotheses may be reduced!
- **Idea: Enforce Global Consistency**
  - silhouette verification [cvpr05]
  - 4D-ISM [cvpr06]

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## 4D-ISM

- Learn typical articulations by silhouettes clustering:

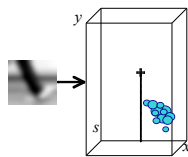


Fig.: Resulting articulation clusters

- Learning the occurrence distribution:

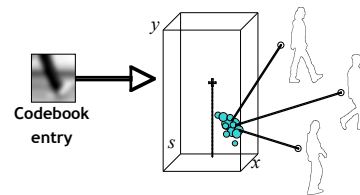
- 3D-distribution of feature: location  $(x,y)$  & scale
- +1D: on which articulation cluster the feature occurs (pose)

### 3D Occurrence Distributions



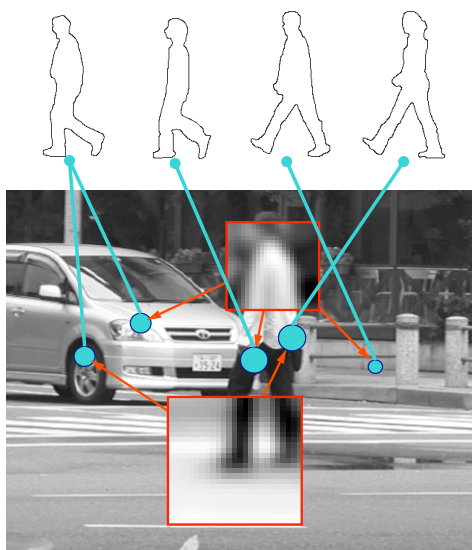
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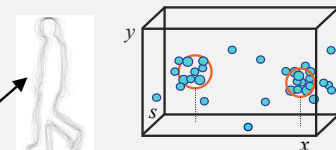


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## 4D-ISM - Voting

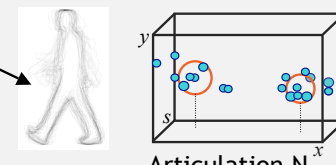


### 4D Voting Space



Articulation 1

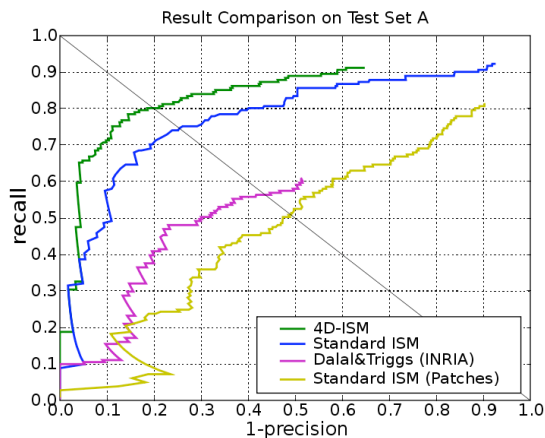
Articulation Clusters



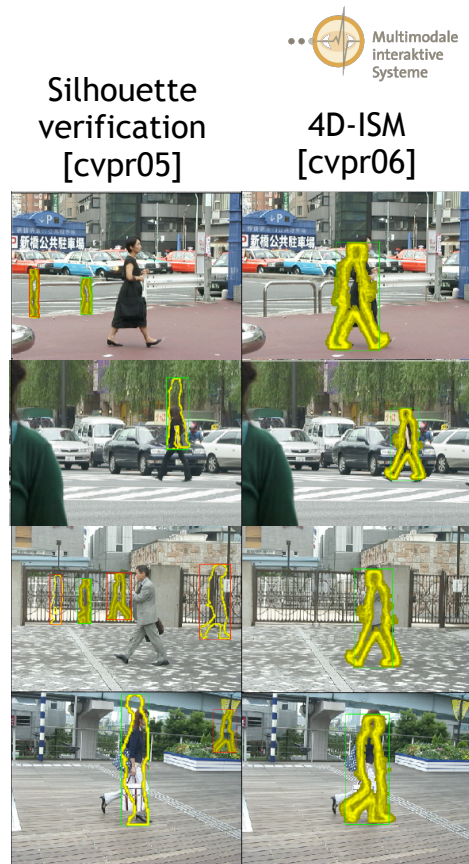
Articulation N

- Resulting hypotheses are consistent w.r.t. body articulations

## Results - 4D-ISM



- 6% improvement in EER
- reduces false positives
- more flexible than global silhouette verification (can handle partial occlusions)

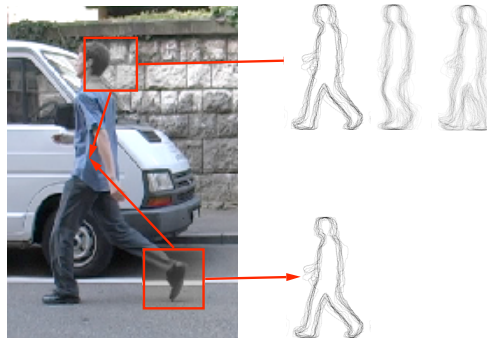


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## Cross-Articulation Learning

Training image



Idea:

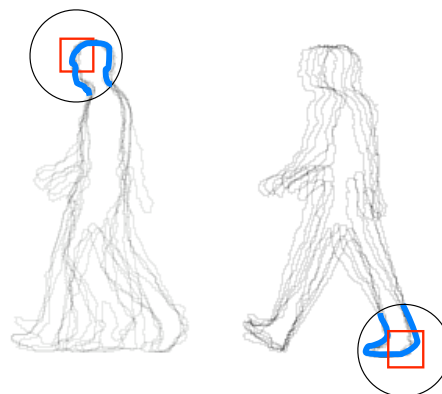
- explicitly share features across articulations
  - less training data needed
  - better generalization
- ⇒ learn for each feature, with with articulations it is consistent

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## Explicit Feature Sharing

- For each feature:
  - check consistency with all articulations by matching local contexts / neighborhoods

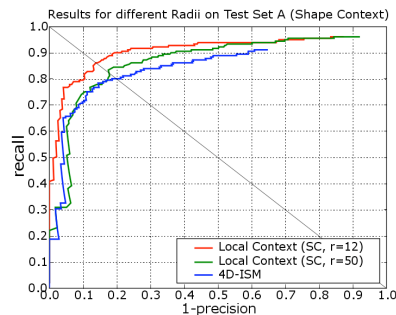
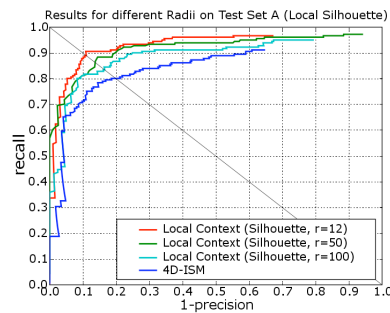
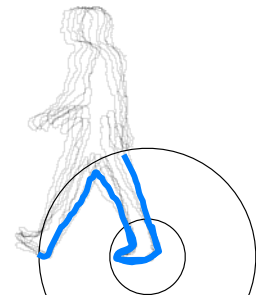
⇒ Share feature if local context is similar
- Local context matching is independent of feature descriptor
  - Local silhouette segments
  - Shape context descriptors



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## Local Context & Feature Sharing

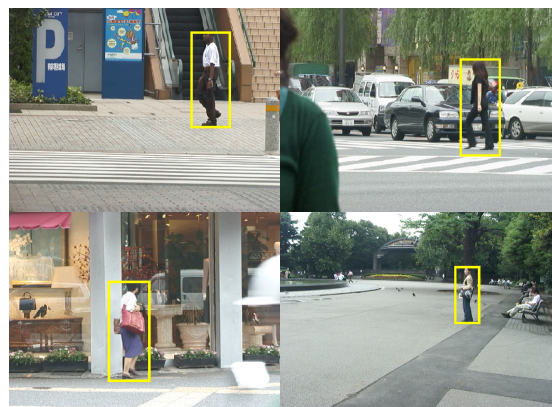
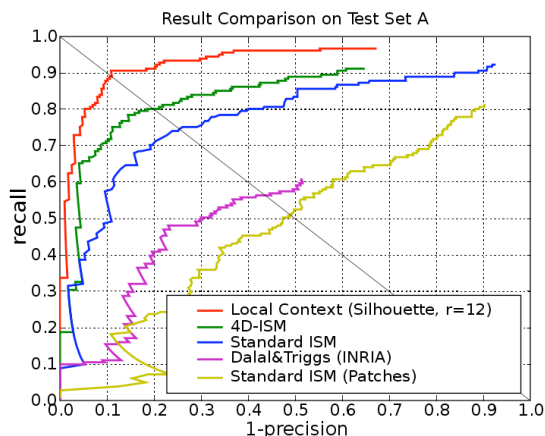
- Local Context Radius
  - can be varied and determines ‘locality’ of feature sharing
  - 4D-ISM is special case for radius = “object size”
- Smaller Context Radius
  - allows more feature sharing & performs better



- Cross-Articulation learning from clean silhouettes is superior to local shape context regions (with background)

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## Comparison to Previous Results (Test Set A)

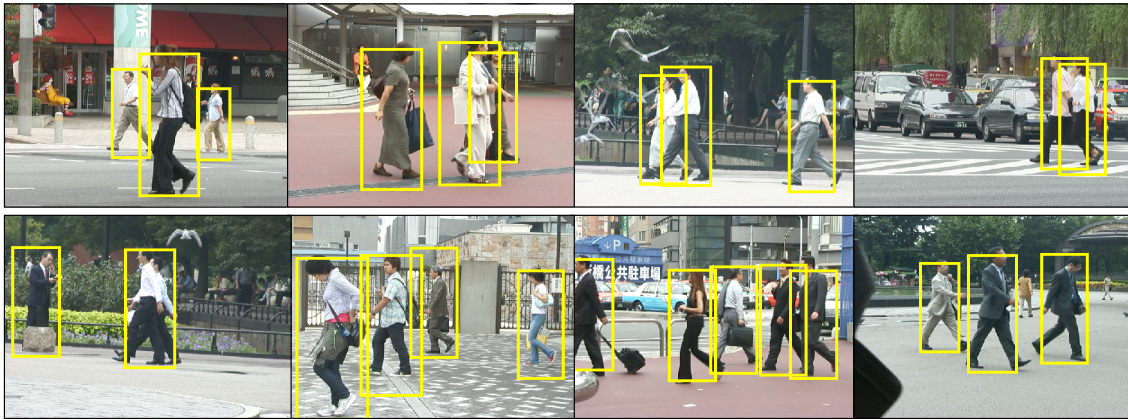


- Using body articulations improves EER by 15%
  - 5% from 4D-ISM
  - 10% from cross-articulation learning
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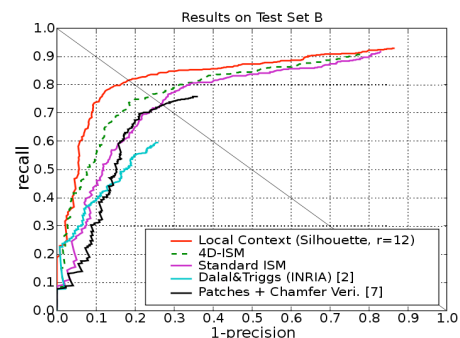
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## Detections on 'Crowded Scenes' (Test Set B)



- Use of Articulations improves EER by 8-9%
  - cross-articulation learning  
4-5% improvement over 4D-ISM
- Better precision throughout



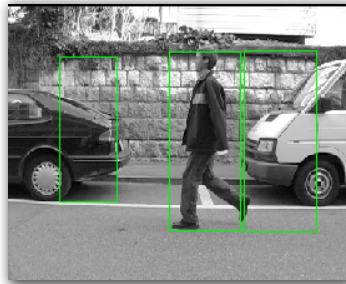
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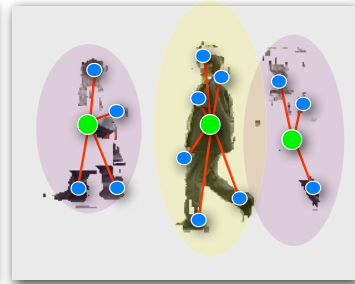
## ISM with Integrated SVM Verification



Input image



ISM hypotheses



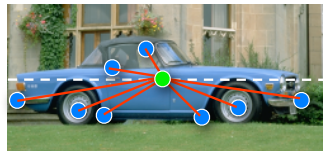
SVM training examples

- Learn a discriminative detection model
  - as opposed to the generative nature of the ISM
- Learning on top of ISM output
  - directly use local feature representation of ISM
- SVM verification based on the spatial relationships of local features

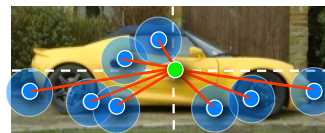
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## Local Kernel SVM

- uses local features similarity kernel:



$X$



$Y$

$$K((x, \lambda_x, s_x), (y, \lambda_y, s_y)) = \underbrace{\exp(-\gamma(1 - d(x, y)))}_{\text{appearance similarity}} \cdot \underbrace{\exp\left(-\frac{\lambda_x - \lambda_y}{2\sigma_\lambda^2}\right)}_{\text{position constraint}} \cdot \underbrace{\exp\left(-\frac{\log(s_x - s_y)}{2\sigma_s^2}\right)}_{\text{scale constraint}}$$

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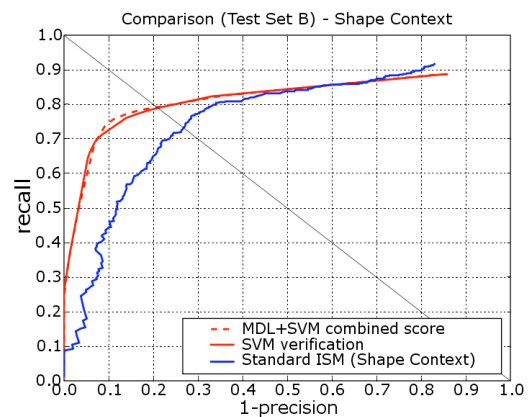
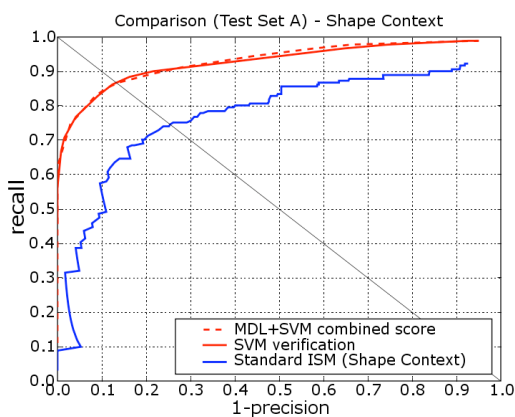
- Kernel to match sets of local features inspired by
  - [Wallraven03, Caputo04, Fritz05]

$$K(X, Y) = \frac{1}{k} \max_{\Phi, \Psi} \sum_{j=1}^k K_l((x_{\Phi(j)}, \lambda_{x, \Phi(j)}, s_{x, \Phi(j)}), (y_{\Psi(j)}, \lambda_{y, \Psi(j)}, s_{y, \Psi(j)}))$$

maximum over permutations    
 local feature similarity kernel    
 descriptor    
 position    
 scale

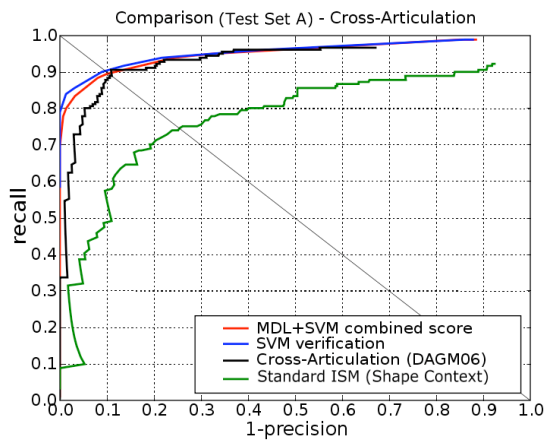
- greedy approximation of maximum/matching
- non-mercer kernel
  - in most practical settings kernel matrix is positive definite [Boughorbel04]

## ISM & SVM



- SVM improves EER by 11%
- Precision considerably better at 70-80% recall
- 7% improvement in EER for overlapping pedestrians

## Cross-Articulation Learning & SVM



- Training SVM on top of cross-articulation learning
  - further improves performance
  - Detection precision is particularly increased

- Overall Improvement
  - 15% EER through by using explicitly articulation clusters
  - 5-10% EER through the use of cross-articulation learning
  - SVM increased precision

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## 'Crowded Scene' Movie



- single frame detection (no temporal information used)
  - yellow = true positive detections
  - red = false positive detections

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