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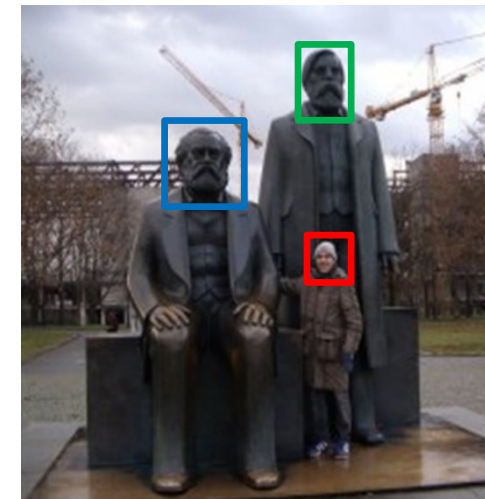
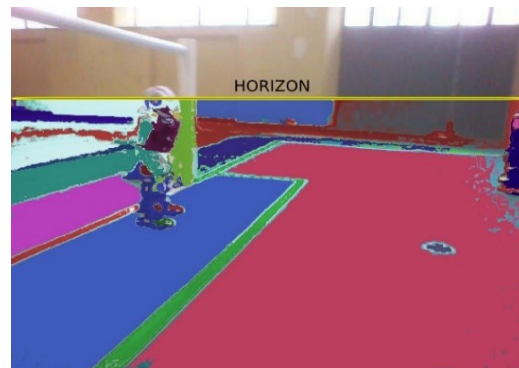
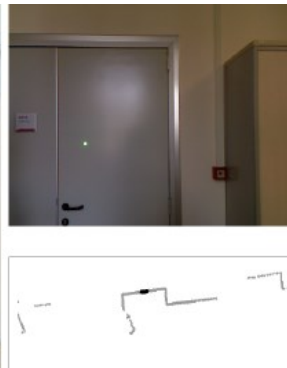
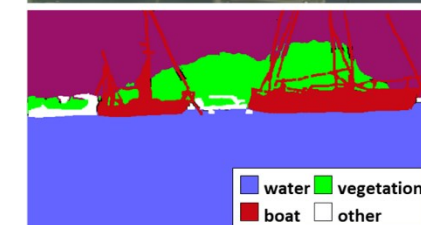
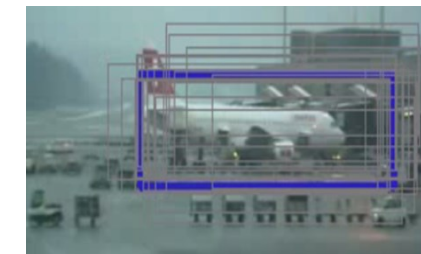
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# Feature Descriptors



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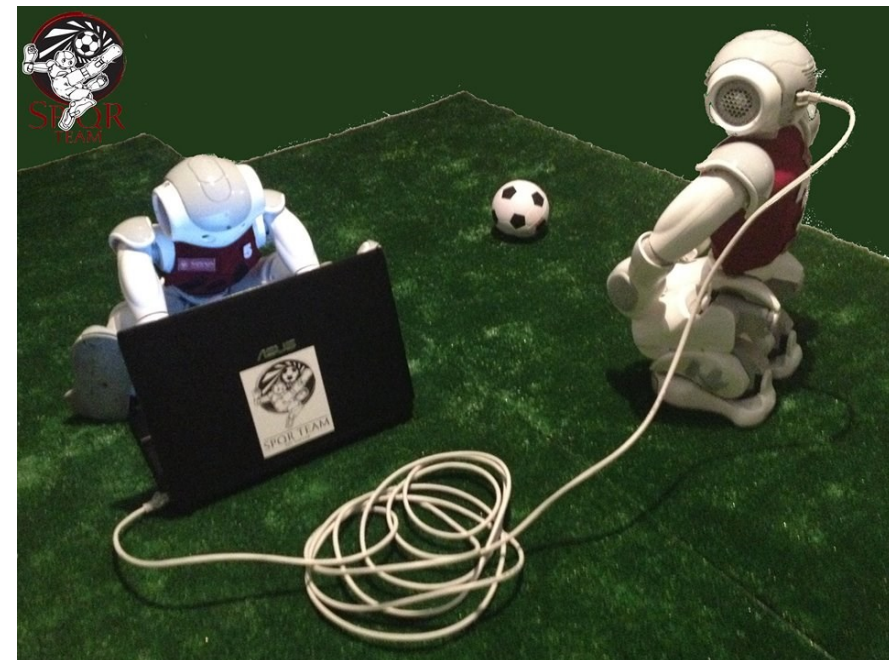
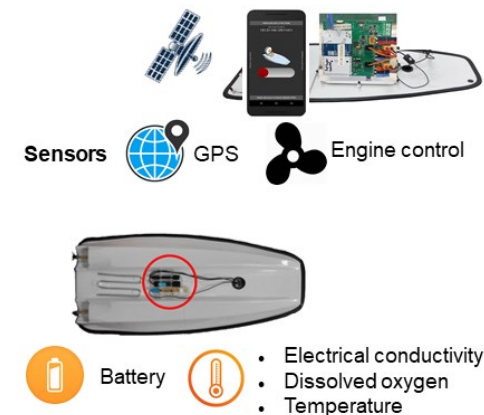
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- Home page del corso  
<http://web.unibas.it/bloisi/corsi/visione-e-percezione.html>
- Docente: Domenico Daniele Bloisi
- Periodo: **Il semestre** marzo 2021 – giugno 2021

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# Ricevimento

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- Su appuntamento tramite Google Meet

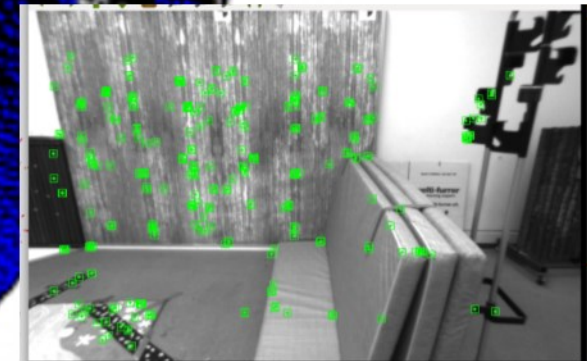
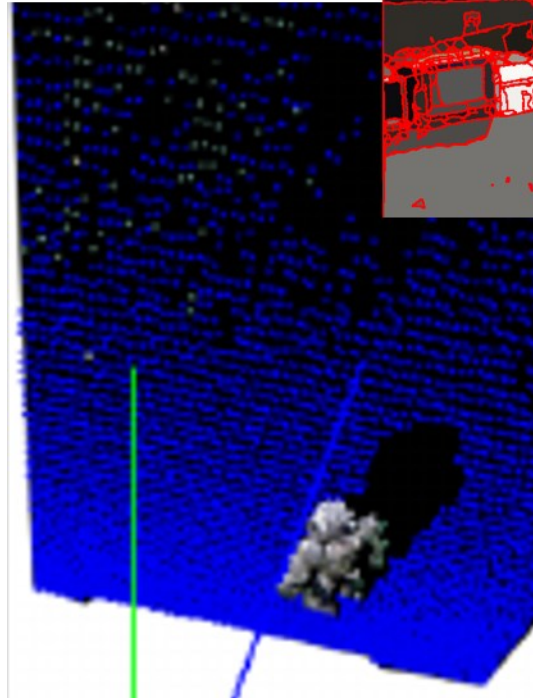
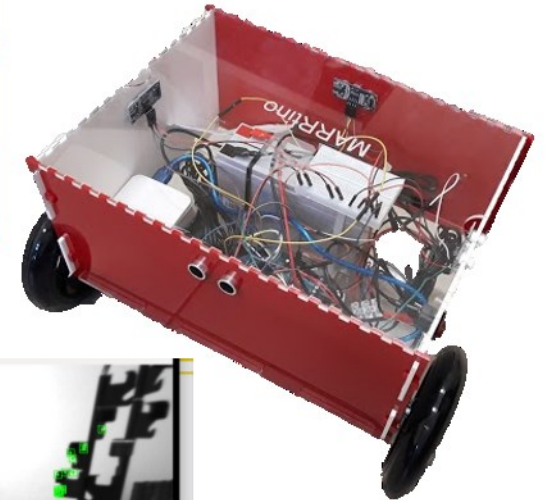
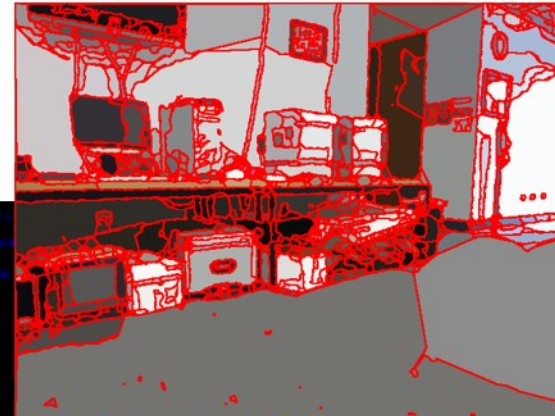
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# Programma – Visione e Percezione

- Introduzione al linguaggio Python
- Elaborazione delle immagini con Python
- **Percezione 2D – OpenCV**
- Introduzione al Deep Learning
- ROS
- Il paradigma publisher and subscriber
- Simulatori
- Percezione 3D - PCL



# Riferimenti

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- Queste slide sono adattate da Noah Snavely - CS5670: Computer Vision ["Lecture 5: Feature descriptors and matching"](#)
- I contenuti fanno riferimento al capitolo 4 del libro "Computer Vision: Algorithms and Applications" di Richard Szeliski, disponibile al seguente indirizzo <http://szeliski.org/Book/>

# Local features: main components

1) Detection:

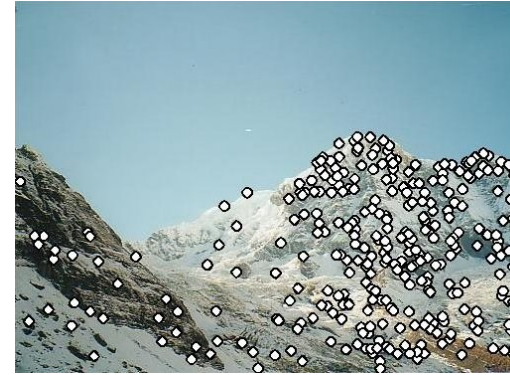
Identify the interest points

2) Description:

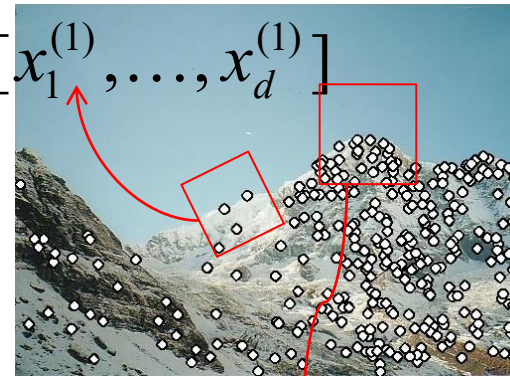
Extract vector feature descriptor surrounding each interest point

3) Matching:

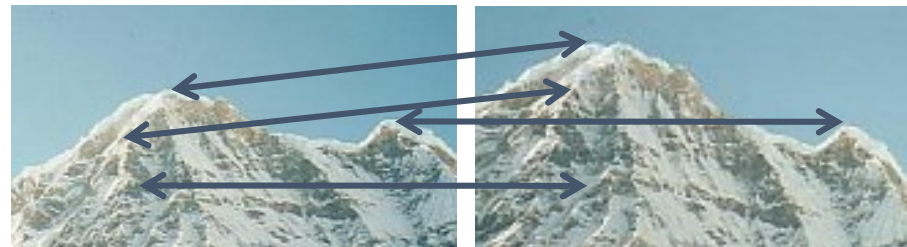
Determine correspondence between descriptors in two views



$$\mathbf{x}_1 = [x_1^{(1)}, \dots, x_d^{(1)}]$$



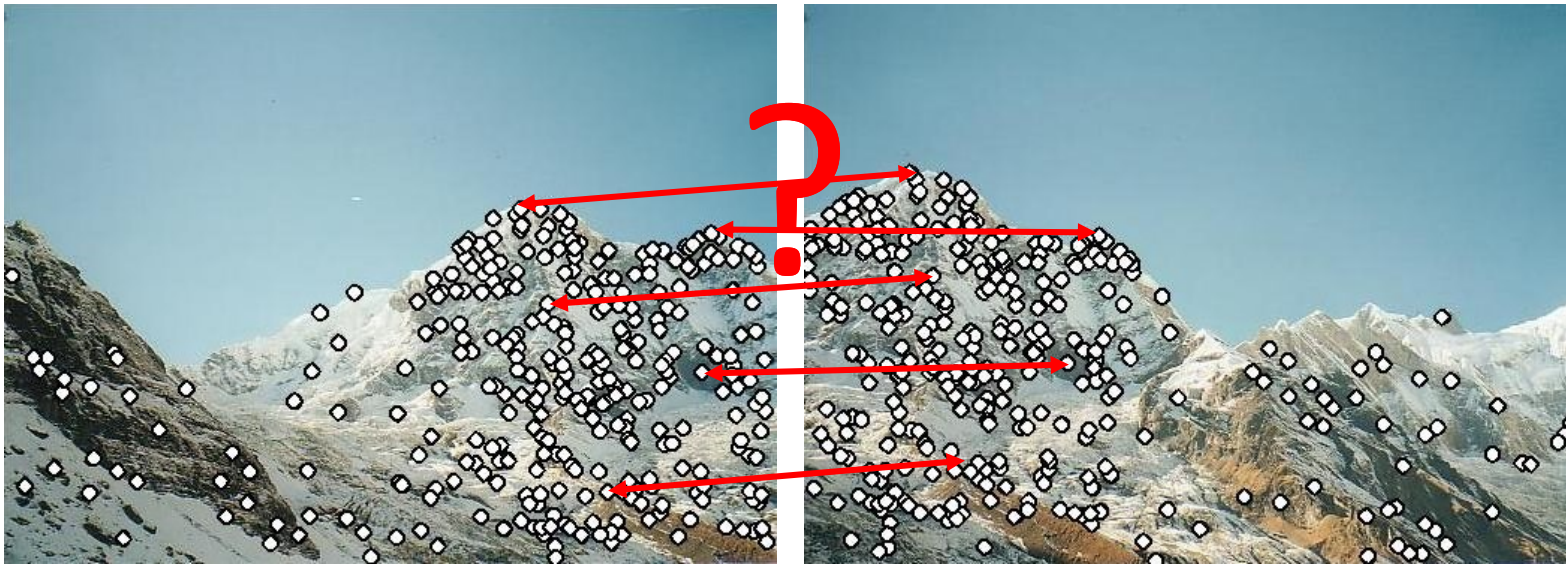
$$\mathbf{x}_2 = [x_1^{(2)}, \dots, x_d^{(2)}]$$



# Feature descriptors

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We know how to detect good points  
Next question: **How to match them?**



**Answer:** Come up with a *descriptor* for each point,  
find similar descriptors between the two images



# Come capire se due descrittori sono simili?

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Lots of possibilities:

- Simple option:
  - match square windows around the point
- Better option:
  - use invariant and discriminative descriptors (SIFT, SURF, BRIEF, BRISK, ORB, ...)

# Invariance vs. discriminability

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## Invariance:

Descriptor should **not change** even if image is transformed

## Discriminability:

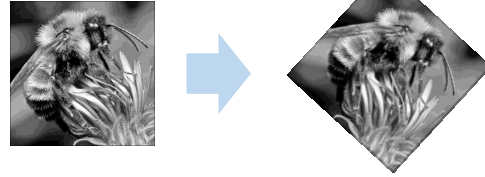
Descriptor should be highly **unique** for each point

# Image transformations

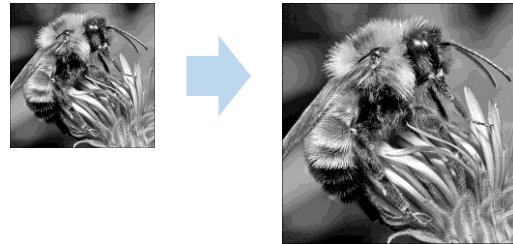
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Geometric

**Rotation**

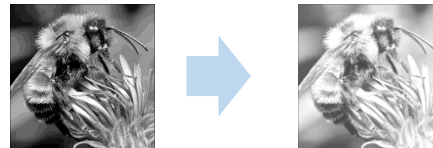


**Scale**



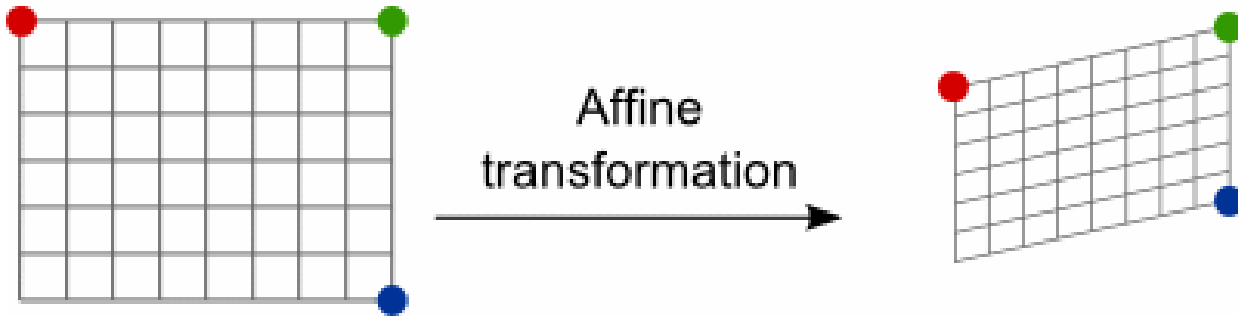
Photometric

**Intensity change**

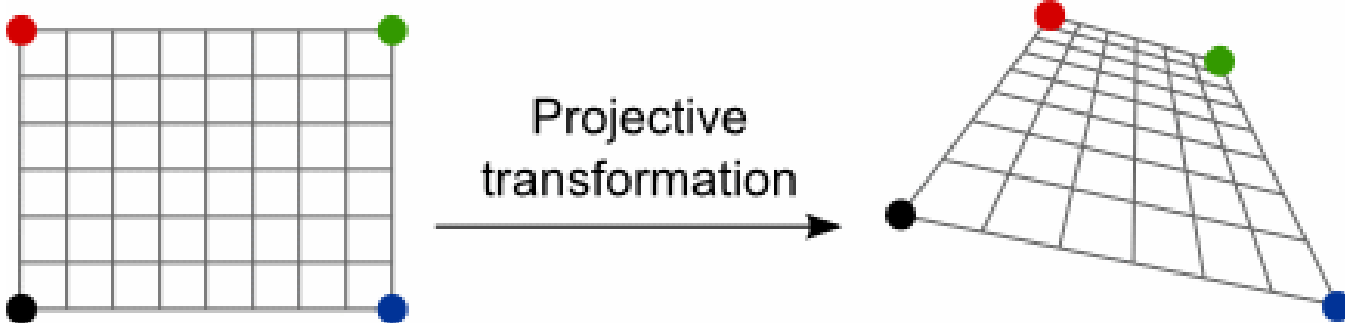


# Image transformations

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Affine transformations  
preserve parallelism



Projective  
transformations  
do not preserve  
parallelism, length,  
and angle

# Invariant descriptors

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- We looked at invariant / covariant **detectors**
- Most feature **descriptors** are also designed to be invariant to
  - Translation, 2D rotation, scale
- They can usually also handle
  - Limited 3D rotations (SIFT works up to about 60 degrees)
  - Limited affine transforms (some are fully affine invariant)
  - Limited illumination/contrast changes

# Rotation invariance for feature descriptors

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- Find dominant orientation of the image patch
- Rotate the patch according to this angle

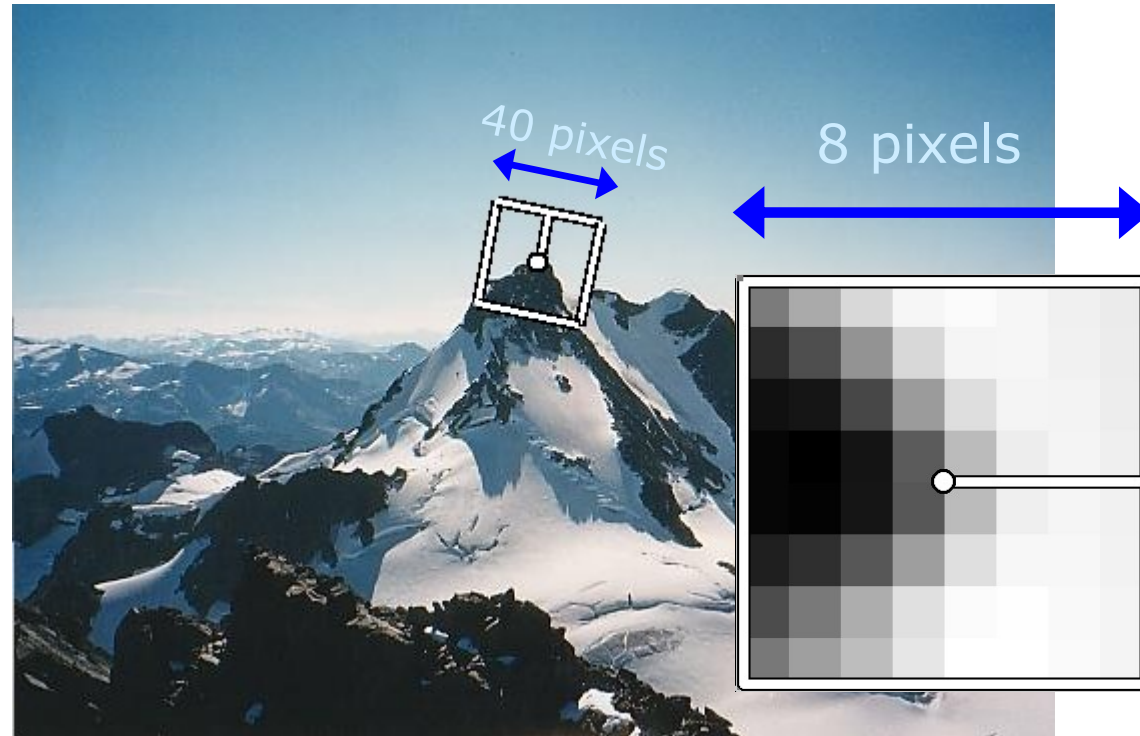


Figure by Matthew Brown

# Multiscale Oriented PatcheS descriptor

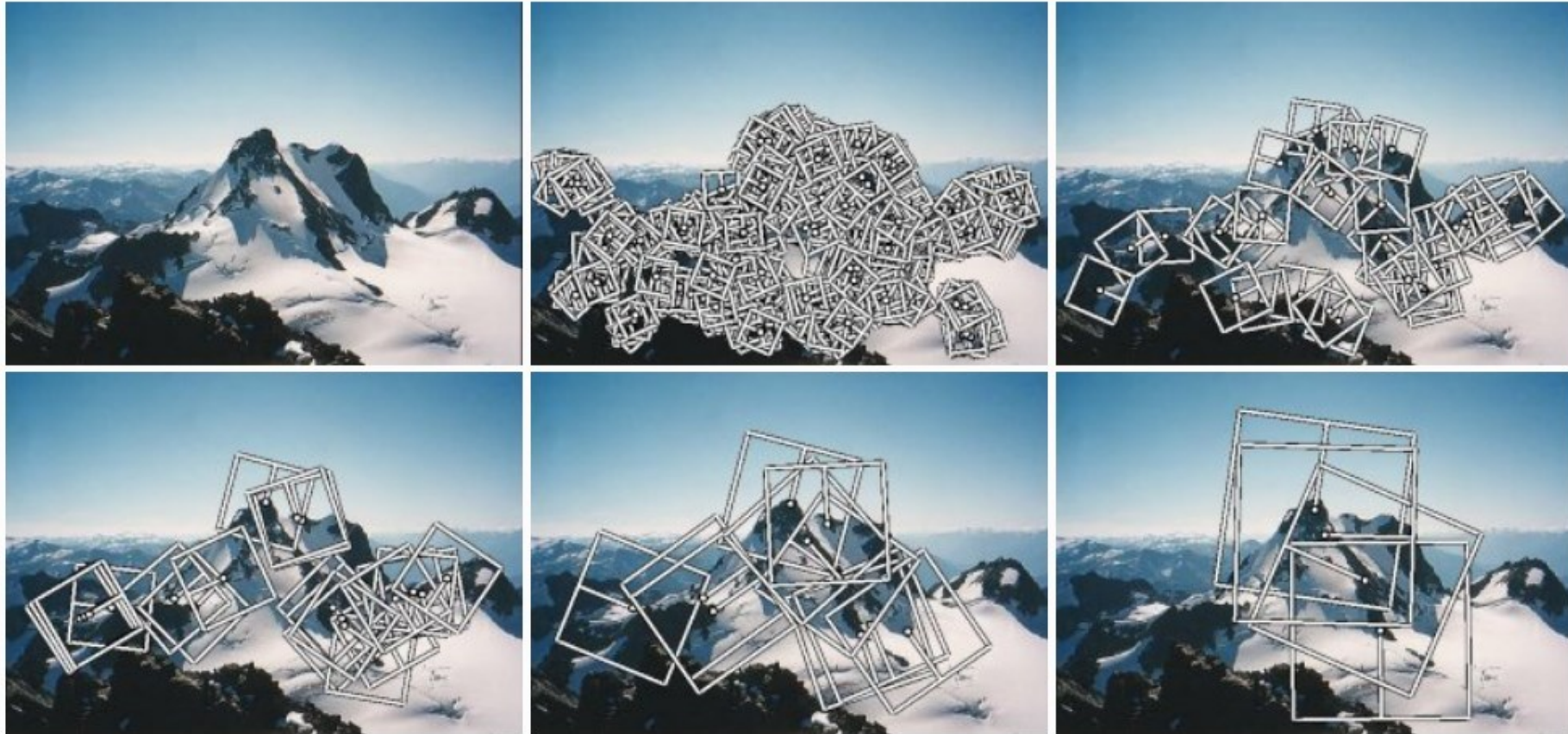
Take 40x40 square window around detected feature

- Scale to 1/5 size (using prefiltering)
- Rotate to horizontal
- Sample 8x8 square window centered at feature
- Intensity normalize the window by subtracting the mean, dividing by the standard deviation in the window (to obtain bias/gain normalised intensity values)



# Detection at multiple scales

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*Multi-scale Oriented Patches (MOPS) extracted at 5 pyramid levels*



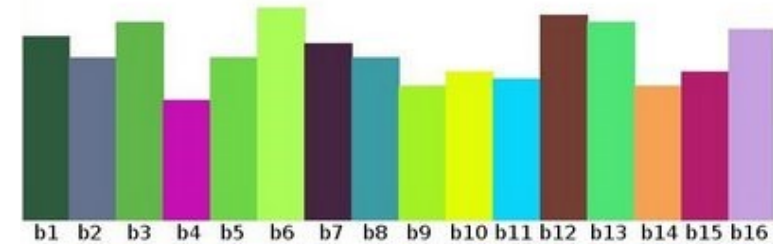
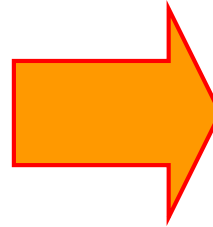
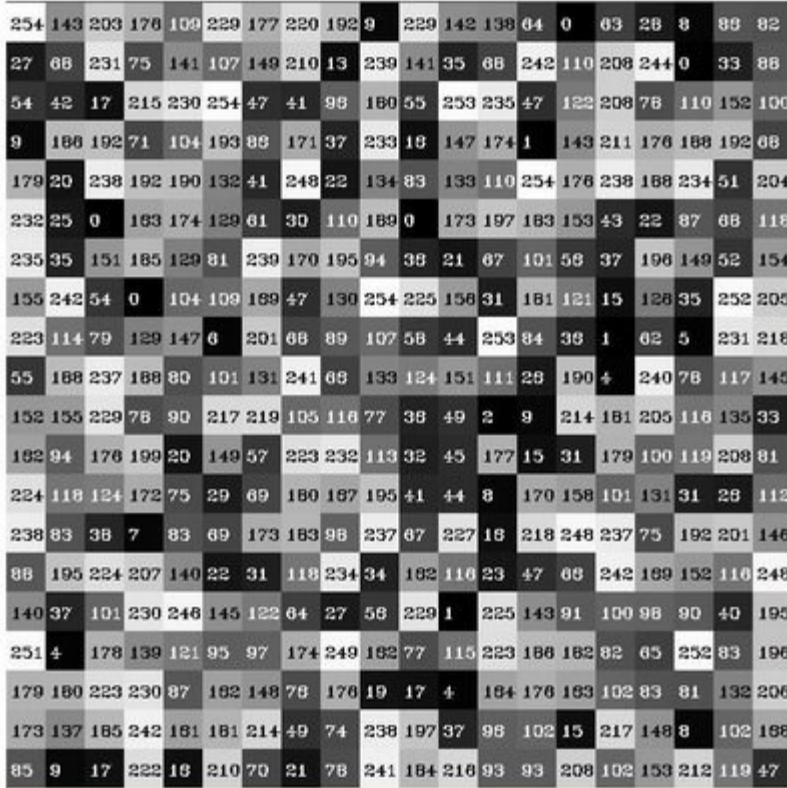
# Svantaggi delle patches come descrittori

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- Disadvantage of patches as descriptors:
  - Small shifts can affect matching score a lot



# Histograms as descriptors



# Scale Invariant Feature Transform

Basic idea:

- Take 16x16 square window around detected feature
- Compute edge orientation (angle of the gradient -  $90^\circ$ ) for each pixel
- Throw out weak edges (threshold gradient magnitude)
- Create histogram of surviving edge orientations

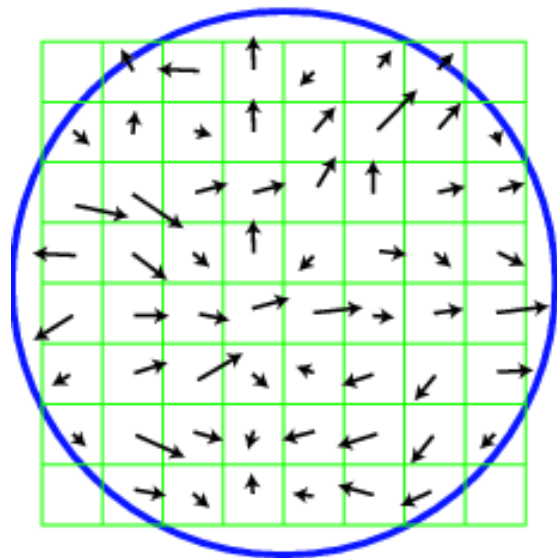
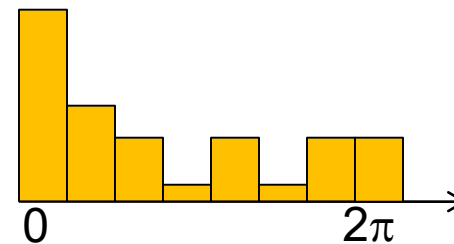
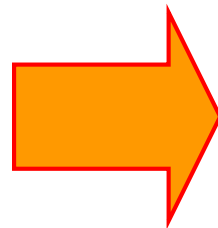
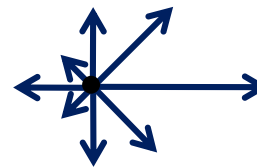


Image gradients

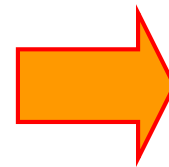
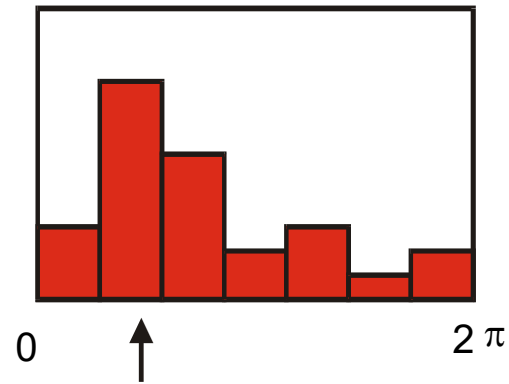
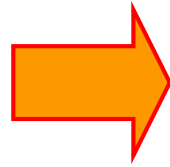
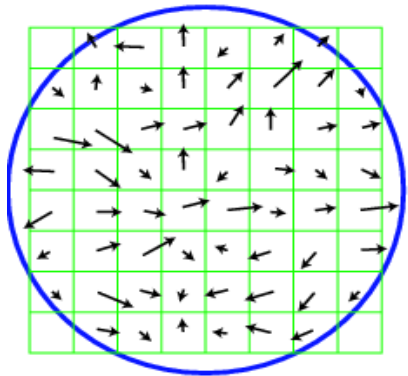


angle histogram



# Finding a reference orientation

Assign reference orientation at peak of smoothed histogram



# SIFT descriptor

## Full version

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

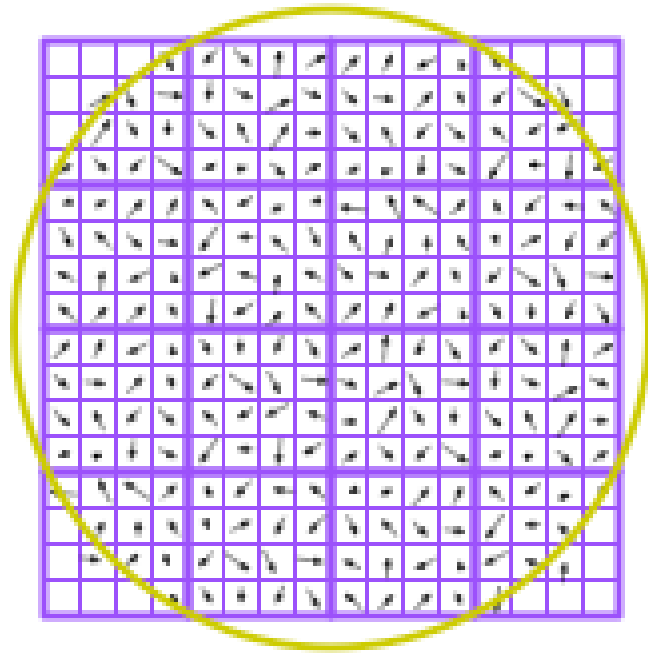
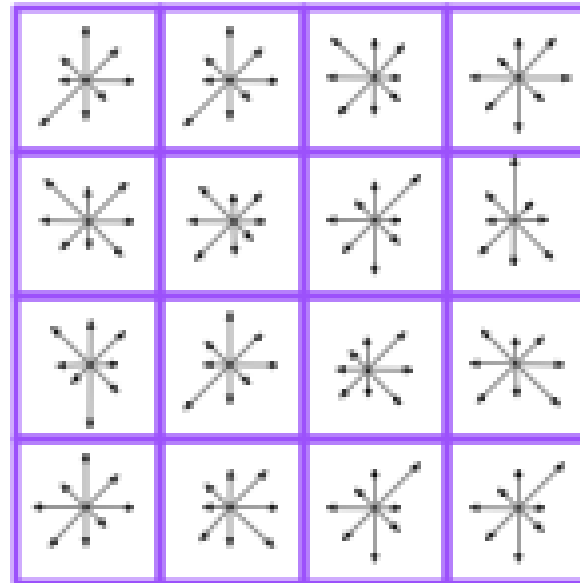


Image gradients



Keypoint descriptor

# What about 3D rotations?

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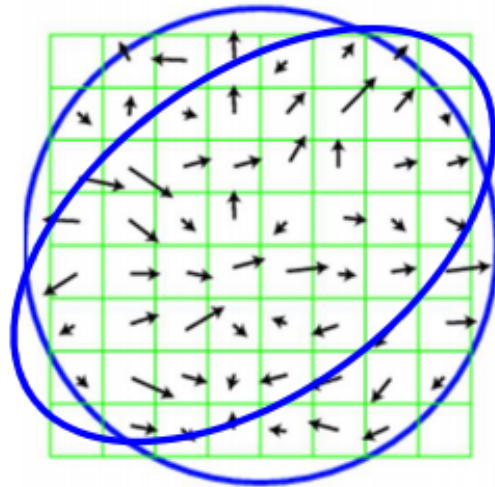
Affine transformation approximates viewpoint changes for roughly planar objects and roughly orthographic cameras



# Affine adaptation

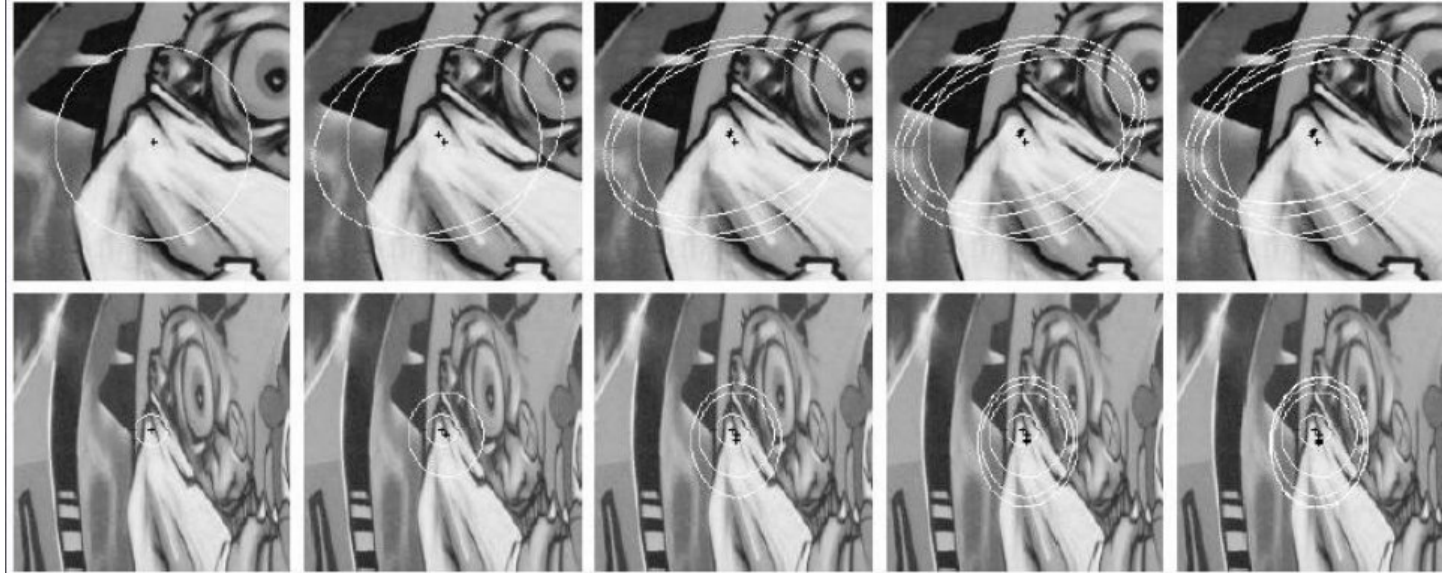
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- Problem:
  - Determine the characteristic shape of the region.
  - Assumption: shape can be described by “local affine frame”.
- Solution: iterative approach
  - Use a circular window to compute second moment matrix.
  - Compute eigenvectors to adapt the circle to an ellipse.
  - Recompute second moment matrix using new window and iterate...



# Affine normalization ('deskewing')

## Iterative Affine Adaptation



- Rotate the ellipse's main axis to horizontal
- Scale the x axis, such that it forms a circle



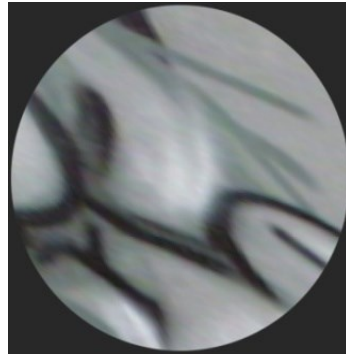


# Summary: Affine-Inv. Feature Extraction

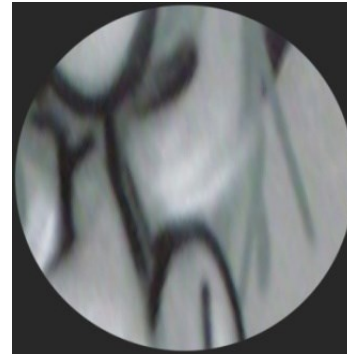
Extract affine regions



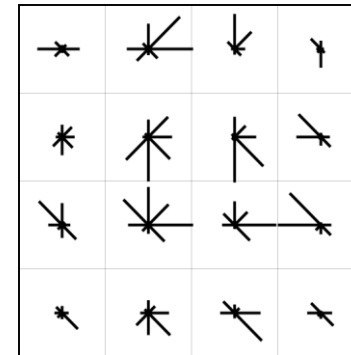
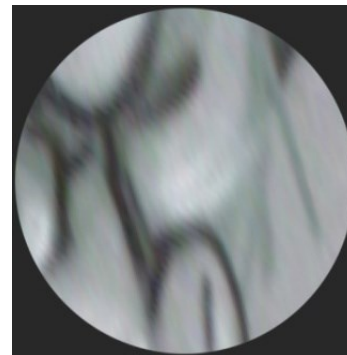
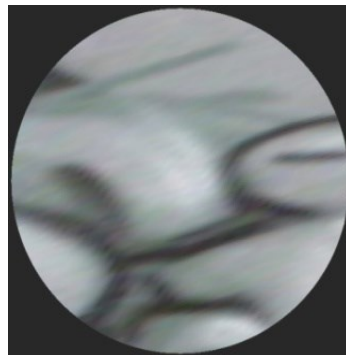
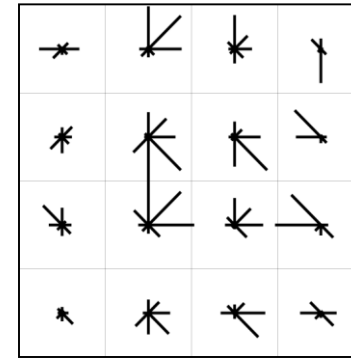
Normalize regions



Eliminate rotational ambiguity



Compare descriptors



# SIFT example

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sift



868 SIFT features

# Properties of SIFT

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## Extraordinarily robust matching technique

- Can handle changes in viewpoint
  - Up to about 60 degree out of plane rotation
- Can handle significant changes in illumination
  - Sometimes even day vs. night (below)
- Fast and efficient—can run in real time



# Storia dei feature descriptor

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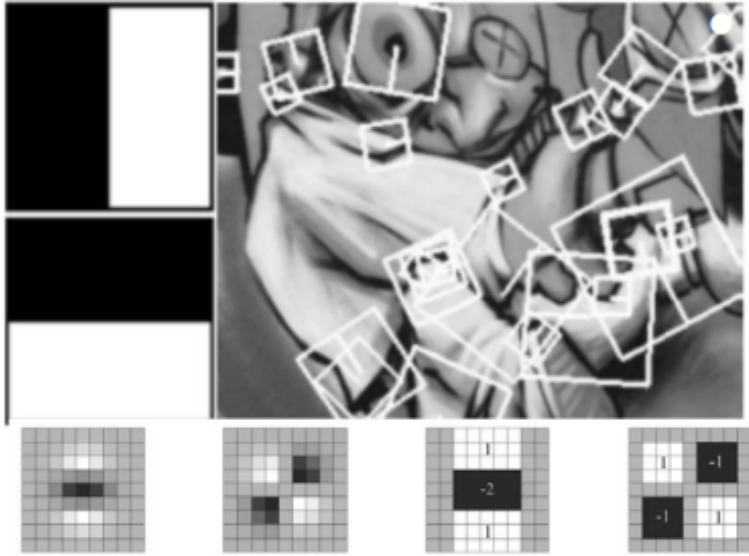
Traditional (slower, accurate):

- 1999 Scale Invariant Feature Transform (Lowe)
- 2006 Speeded Up Robust Features (Bay, Tuytelaars, Van Gool)

Binary (faster, real time, smartphone, performance):

- 2010 Binary Robust Independent Elementary Features (Michael Calonder et al.)
- 2011 Binary Robust Invariant Scalable Keypoints (Leutenegger, Chli, Siegwart)
- 2011 Oriented FAST and Rotated BRIEF (Ethan Rublee et al.)

# SURF Speeded Up Robust Features



## Fast approximation of SIFT idea

Efficient computation by 2D box filters & integral images

⇒ 6 times faster than SIFT

Equivalent quality for object identification

<http://www.vision.ee.ethz.ch/~surf>

## GPU implementation available

Feature extraction @ 100Hz

(detector + descriptor, 640×480 img)

<http://homes.esat.kuleuven.be/~ncorneli/gpusurf/>

<http://www.vision.ee.ethz.ch/~surf>

[Bay, ECCV'06], [Cornelis, CVGPU'08]

# (some) Features descriptors in OpenCV

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- [SIFT \(Scale Invariant Feature Transform\)](#)
  - [SURF \(Speeded Up Robust Features\)](#)
  - [BRISK \(Binary Robust Invariant Scalable Keypoints\)](#)
  - [BRIEF \(Binary Robust Independent Elementary Features\)](#)
  - [ORB \(Oriented FAST and Rotated BRIEF\)](#)
- NON FREE  
but the patent expired in  
the year 2020

# SIFT – Example

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```
import cv2 as cv
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import urllib.request

url = "https://web.unibas.it/bloisi/corsi/images/castelmezzano-panorama.jpg"

url_response = urllib.request.urlopen(url)
numpy_img = np.array(bytearray(url_response.read()), dtype=np.uint8)
img = cv.imdecode(numpy_img, -1)

gray = cv.cvtColor(img,cv.COLOR_BGR2GRAY)

# Initiate SIFT detector
sift = cv.SIFT_create()
# find the keypoints and descriptors with SIFT
kp = sift.detect(img, None)

img = cv.drawKeypoints(gray,kp, None, \
    | | | | | flags=cv.DRAW_MATCHES_FLAGS_DRAW_RICH_KEYPOINTS)

cv.imwrite("surf.png", img)
plt.axis('off')
plt.imshow(img),plt.show()
```



OpenCV  
Version 4.5.1

surf.png





# BRIEF – Example

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```
▶ import cv2 as cv
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import urllib.request

url = "https://dbloisi.github.io/corsi/images/castelmezzano-panorama.jpg"

url_response = urllib.request.urlopen(url)
numpy_img = np.array(bytearray(url_response.read()), dtype=np.uint8)
img = cv.imdecode(numpy_img, -1)

gray = cv.cvtColor(img,cv.COLOR_BGR2GRAY)

star = cv.xfeatures2d.StarDetector_create()

brief = cv.xfeatures2d.BriefDescriptorExtractor_create()

kp = star.detect(gray, None)

kp, des = brief.compute(gray, kp)

img = cv.drawKeypoints(gray,kp, None, \
                        flags=cv.DRAW_MATCHES_FLAGS_DRAW_RICH_KEYPOINTS)

plt.axis('off')
plt.imshow(img)

cv.imwrite('brief.png', img)
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brief.png



# BRISK – Example

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```
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import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import urllib.request

url = "https://dbloisi.github.io/corsi/images/castelmezzano-panorama.jpg"

url_response = urllib.request.urlopen(url)
numpy_img = np.array(bytearray(url_response.read()), dtype=np.uint8)
img = cv.imdecode(numpy_img, -1)

gray = cv.cvtColor(img, cv.COLOR_BGR2GRAY)

brisk = cv.BRISK_create(thresh=60, octaves=3, patternScale=1.0)

kp = brisk.detect(gray, None)

kp, des = brisk.compute(gray, kp)

img = cv.drawKeypoints(gray, kp, None, \
                        flags=cv.DRAW_MATCHES_FLAGS_DRAW_RICH_KEYPOINTS)

plt.axis('off')
plt.imshow(img)

cv.imwrite('brisk.png', img)
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brisk.png



# ORB – Example

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import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import urllib.request

url = "https://dbloisi.github.io/corsi/images/castelmezzano-panorama.jpg"

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gray = cv.cvtColor(img,cv.COLOR_BGR2GRAY)

orb = cv.ORB_create()

kp = orb.detect(gray, None)

kp, des = orb.compute(gray, kp)

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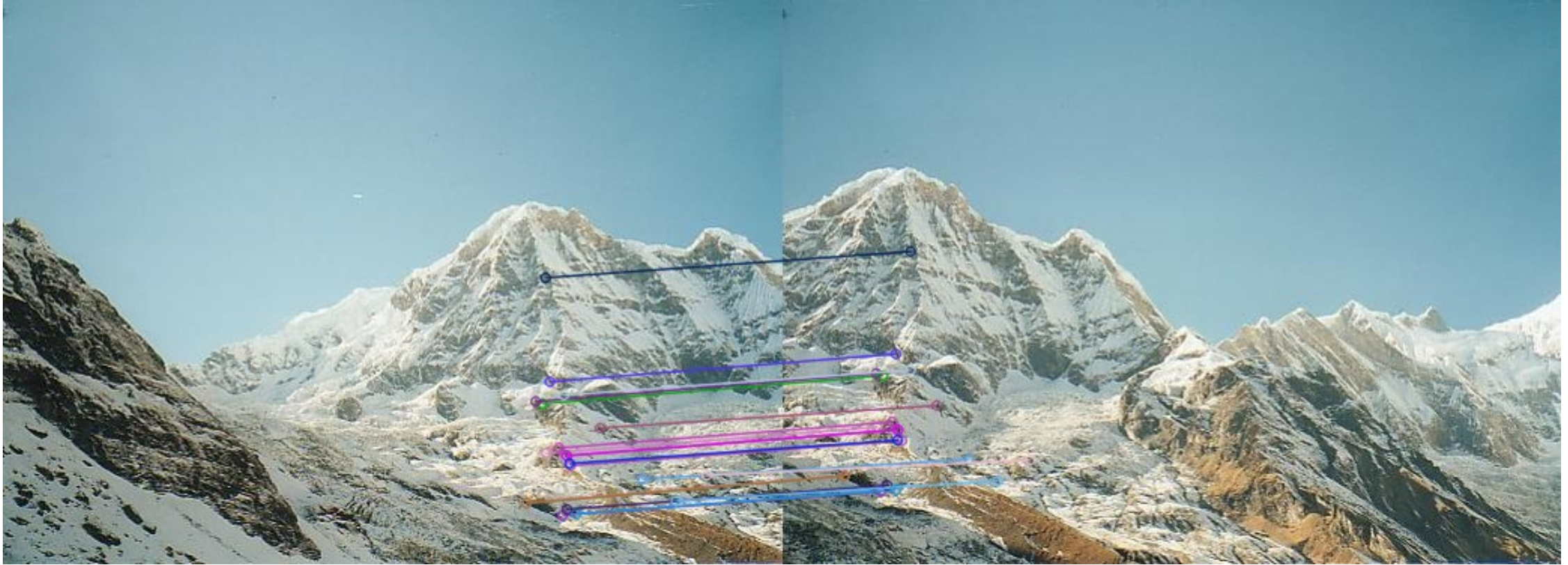
cv.imwrite('orb.png', img)
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orb.png



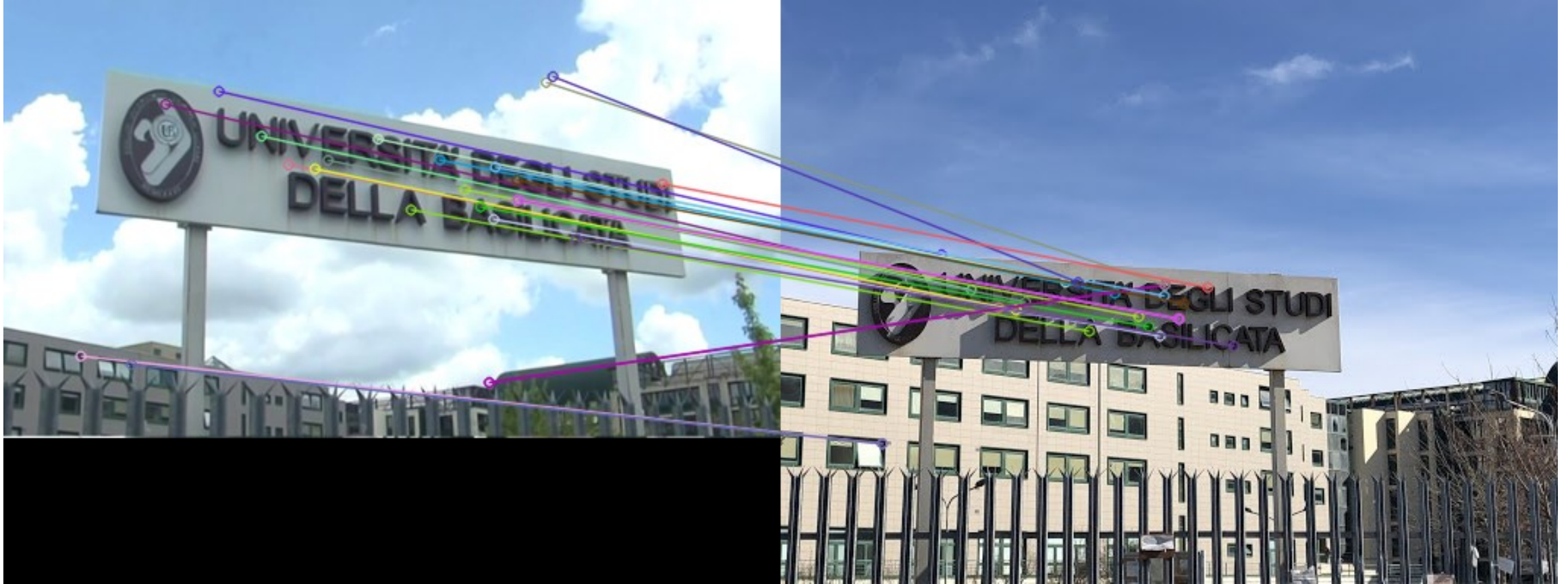
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