

# EL7021: Deep Drive

## Computer Vision Applications for Autonomous Cars

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Three main areas of research:

- Scene understanding.
- State estimation.
- Autonomous Driving.



# Scene Understanding

**Objective:** Provide environment related information to produce correct driving behavior.

## Tasks:

- Object Recognition
- Semantic Segmentation

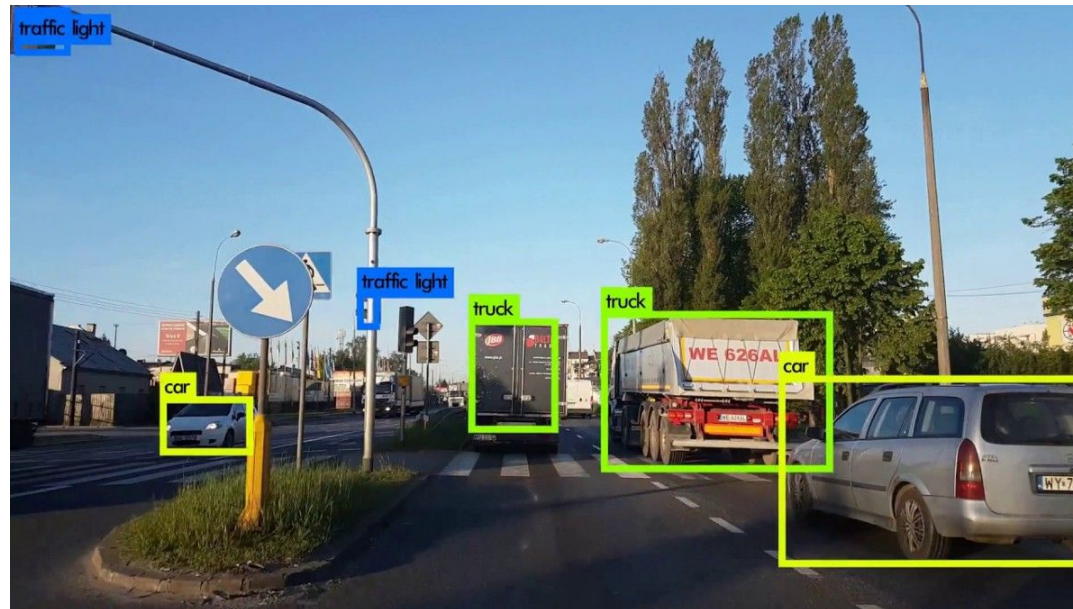
Static nature allows the use of image databases (test performance holds as long as the test data distributes similar)



# YOLO: Real-Time Object Detection

Object recognition was previously splitted between **object detection** and **object classification**.

Brute force sliding windows cannot be used in real time, since performance and execution times depend strongly on the window stride.



# YOLO: Real-Time Object Detection

	R-CNN	Fast R-CNN	Faster R-CNN	YOLO
Embedded ROI Generation	✗	✗	✓	✓
# Inferences / Image	2000	1	1	1
End-to-end	✗	✗	✓	✓
Global Information	✗	✗	✗	✓

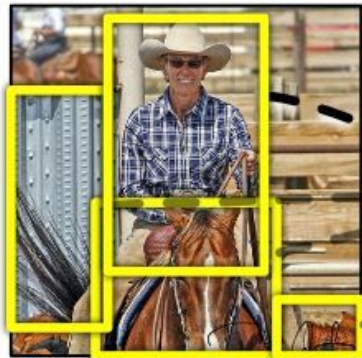




# R-CNN

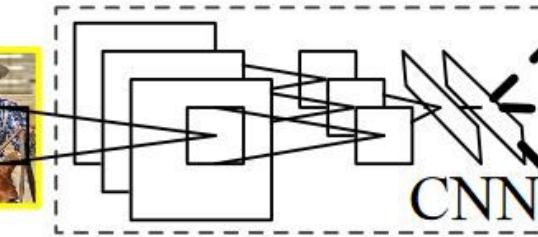


1. Input image



2. Extract region proposals (~2k)

warped region



CNN

aeroplane? no.

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person? yes.

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tvmonitor? no.

4. Classify regions

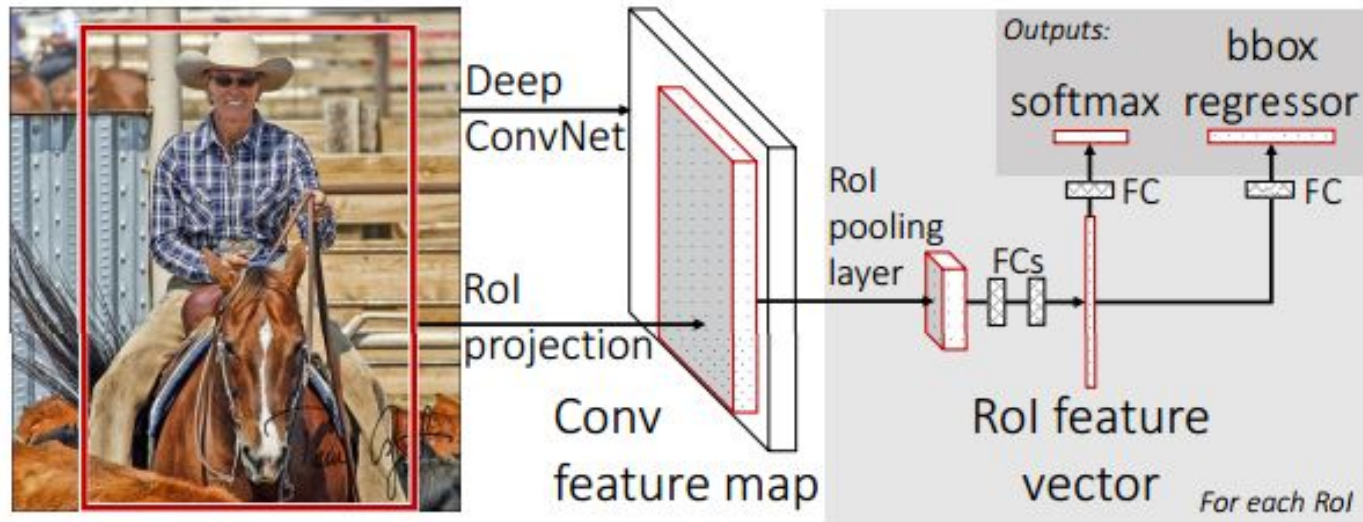


## R-CNN\*

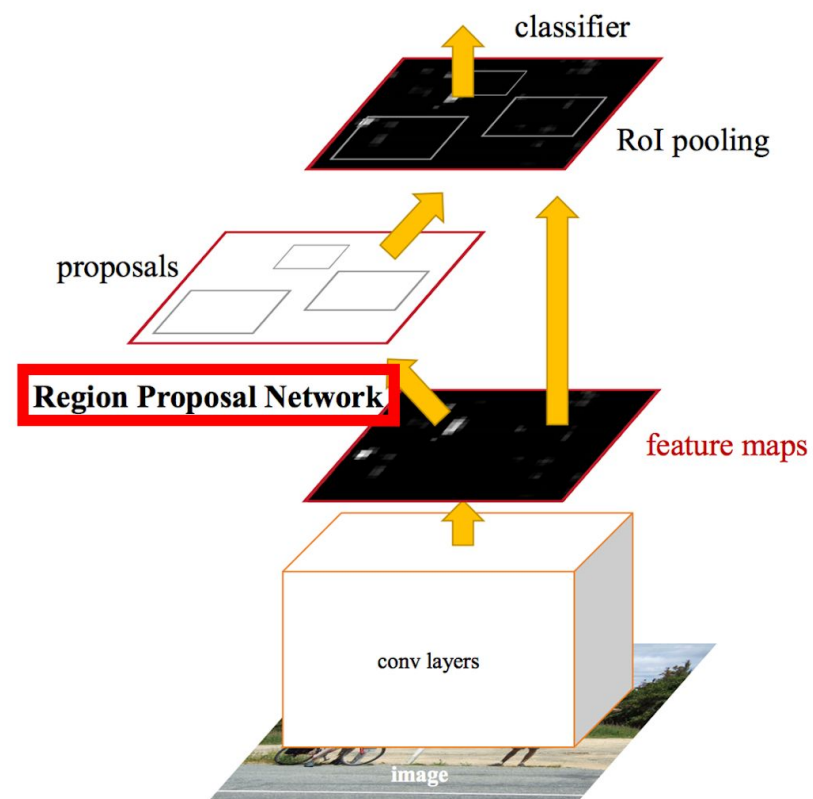
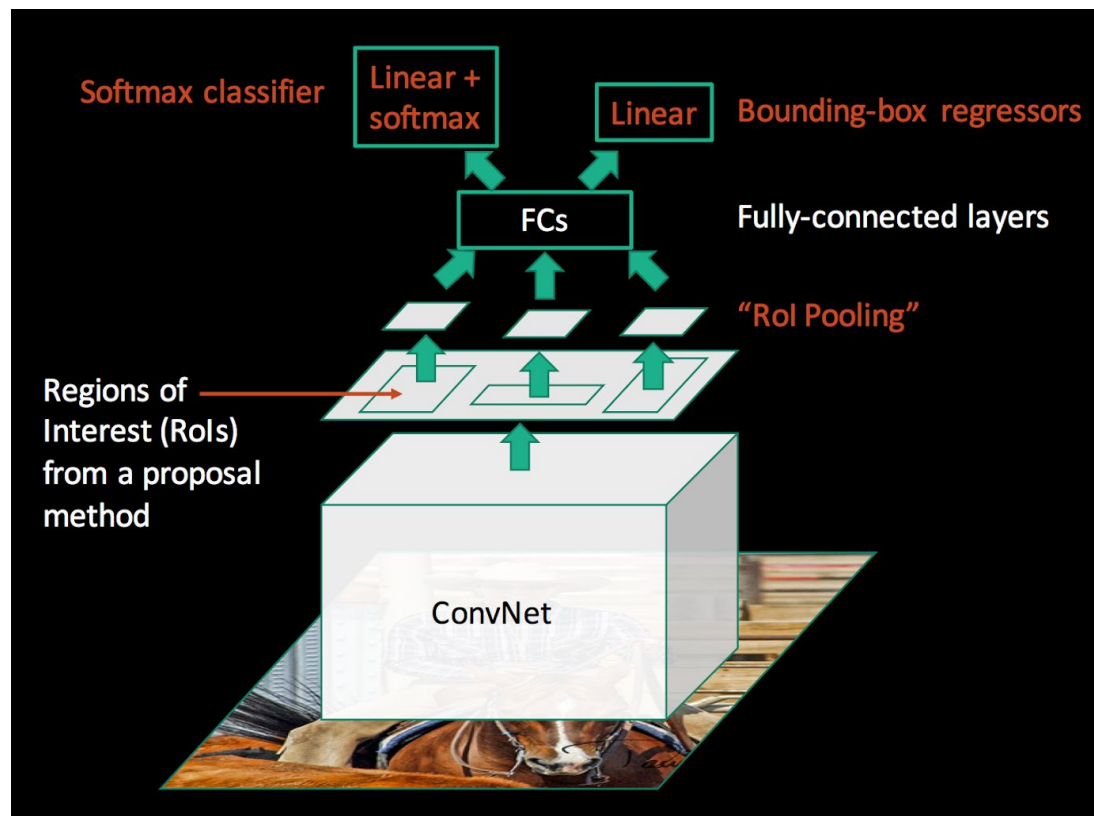




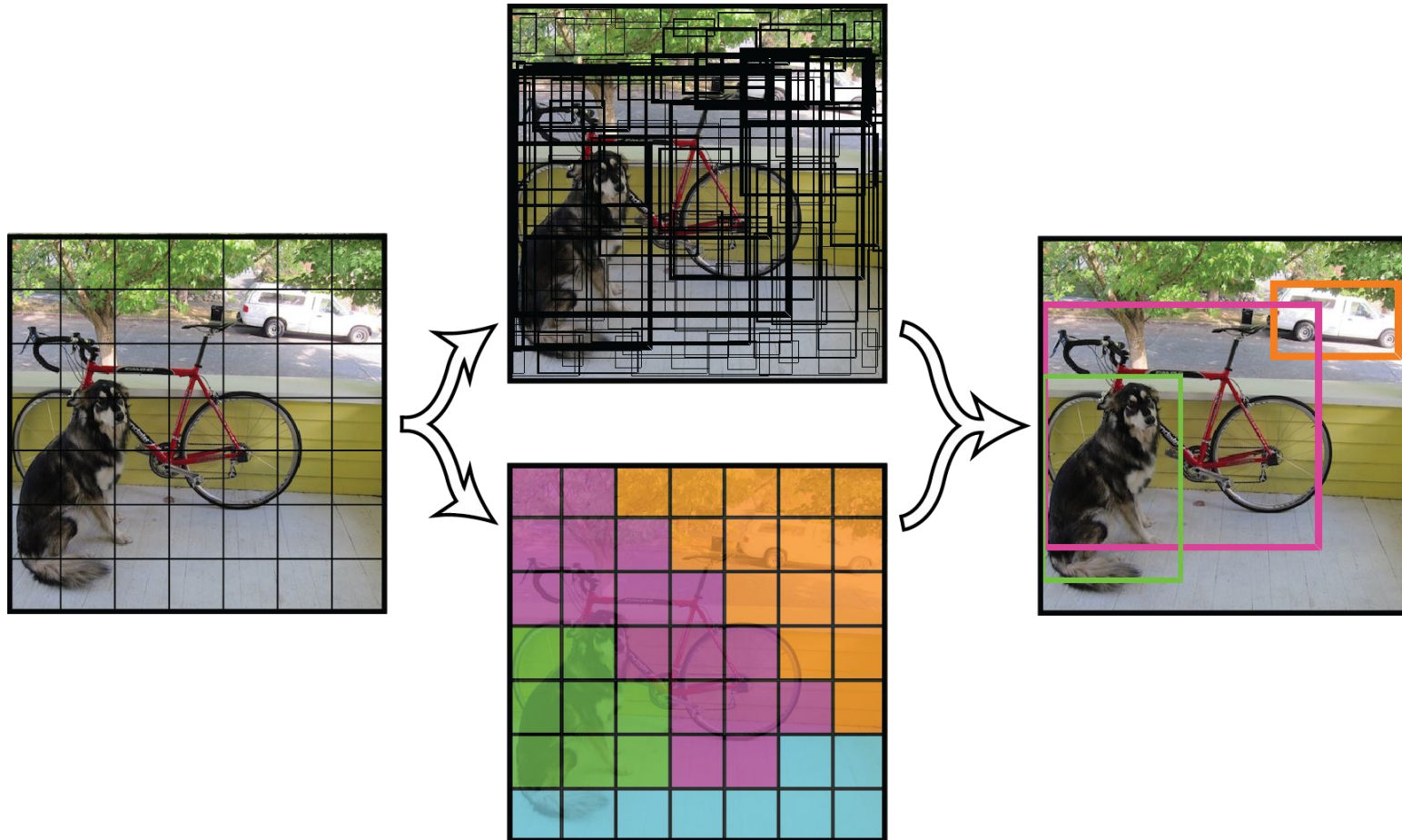
# Fast R-CNN



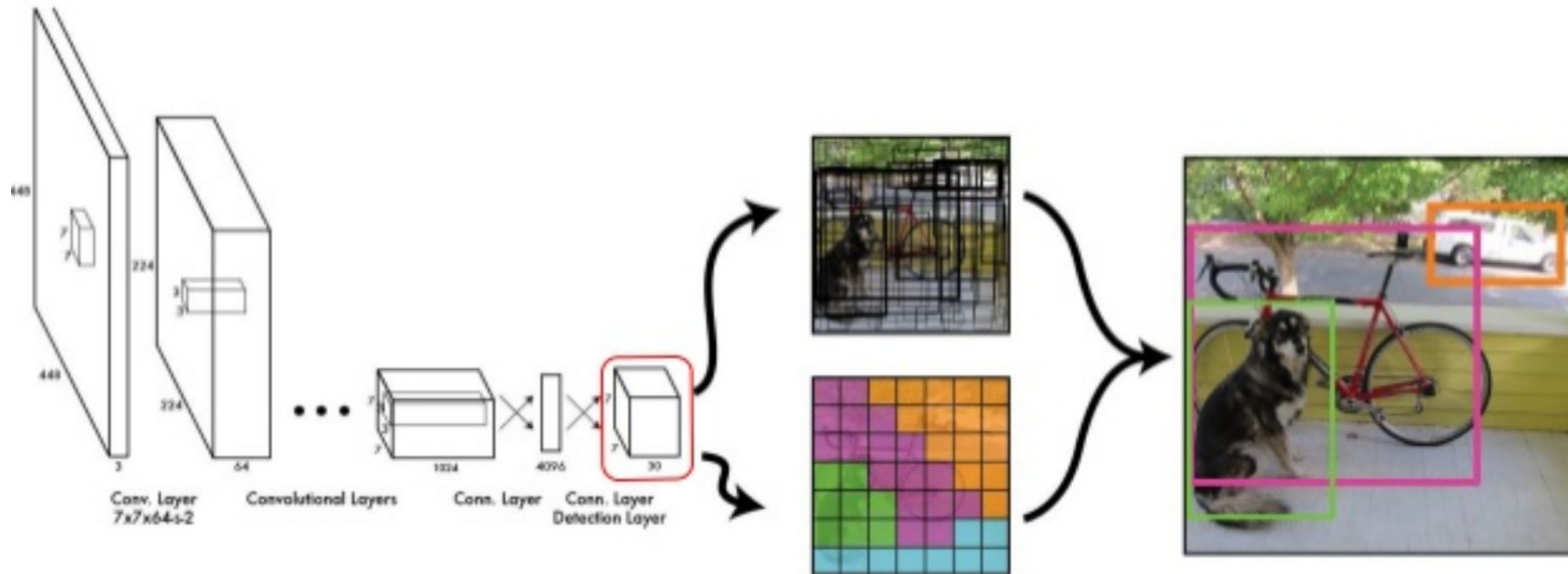
# Faster R-CNN



# YOLO v1: Real-Time Object Detection

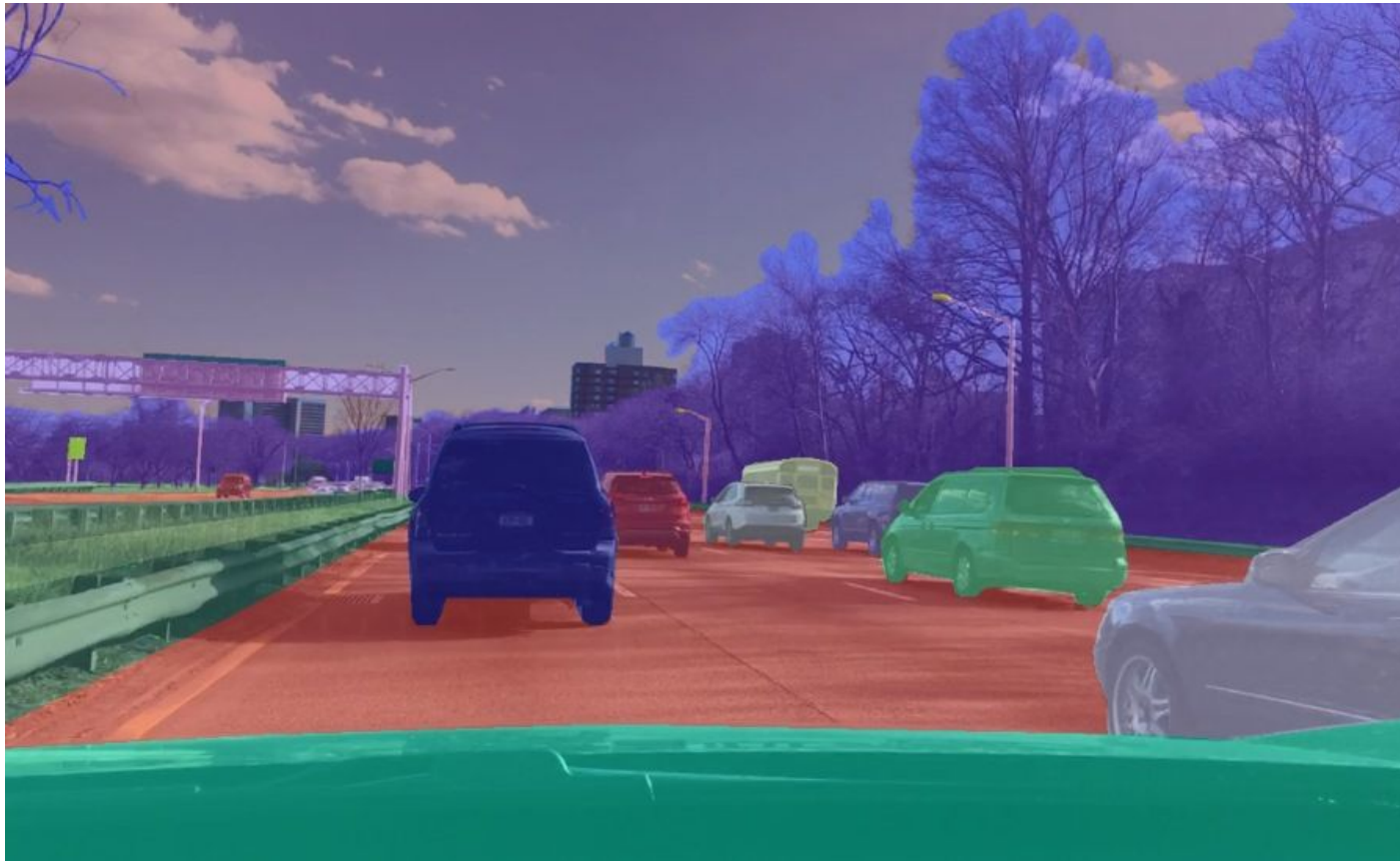


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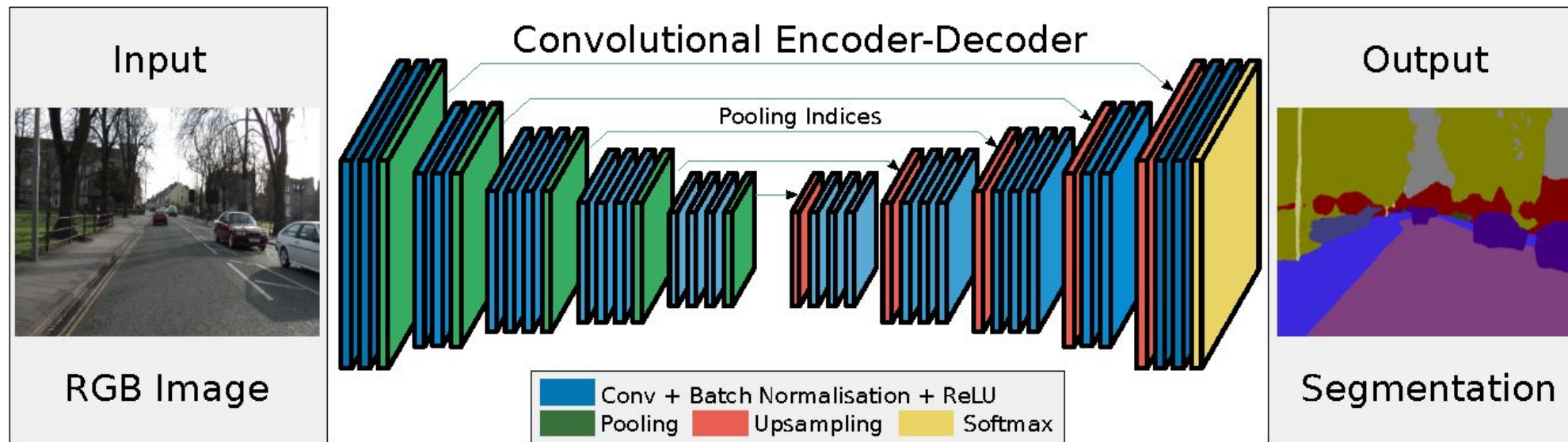


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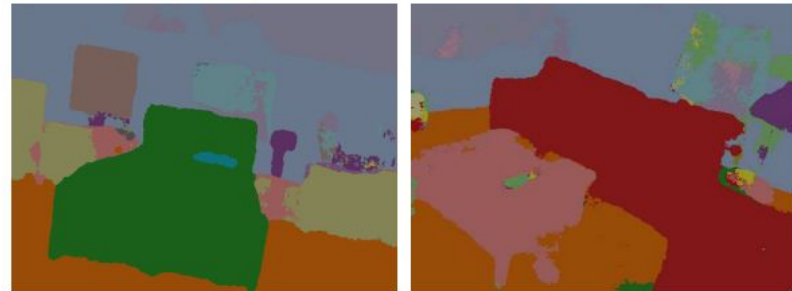


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Ground Truth



SegNet



DeepLab-LargeFOV



# State Estimation

**Objective:** Integrate visual information to produce state related information.

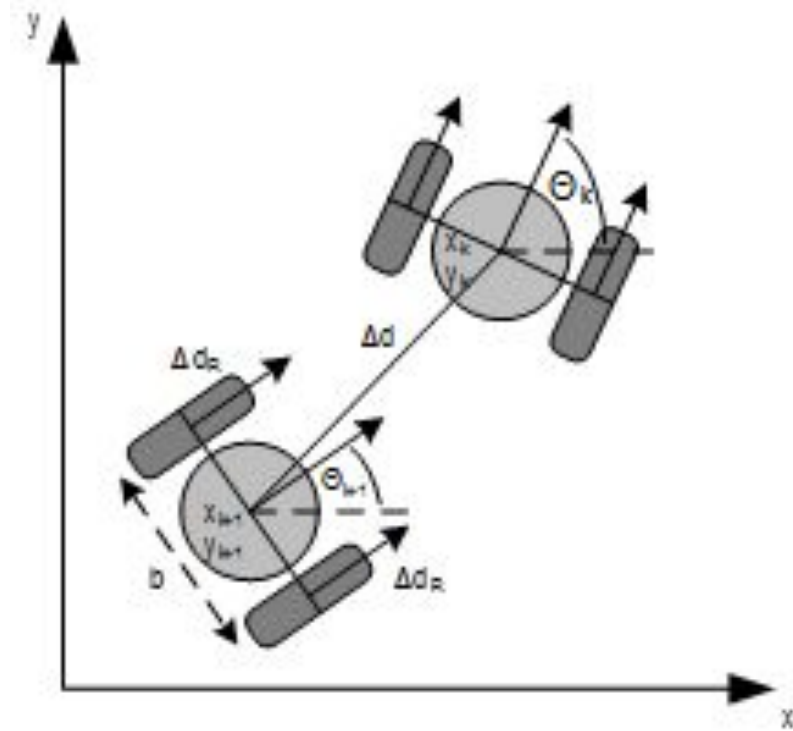
## Tasks:

- Visual Odometry
- Visual SLAM

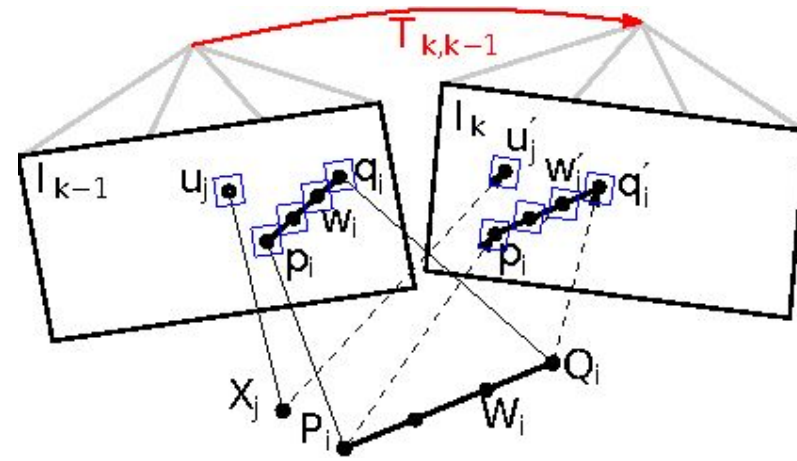
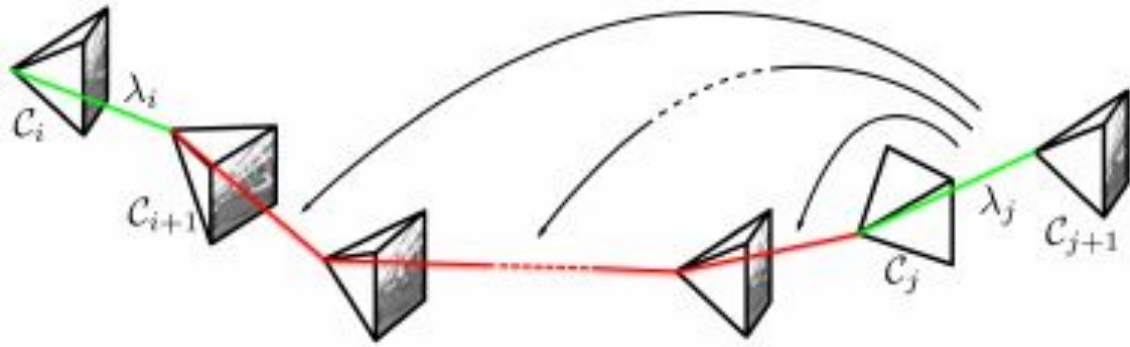
Assumes markov processes. However, since actions are independent from the system, video databases can be used.



# Visual Odometry

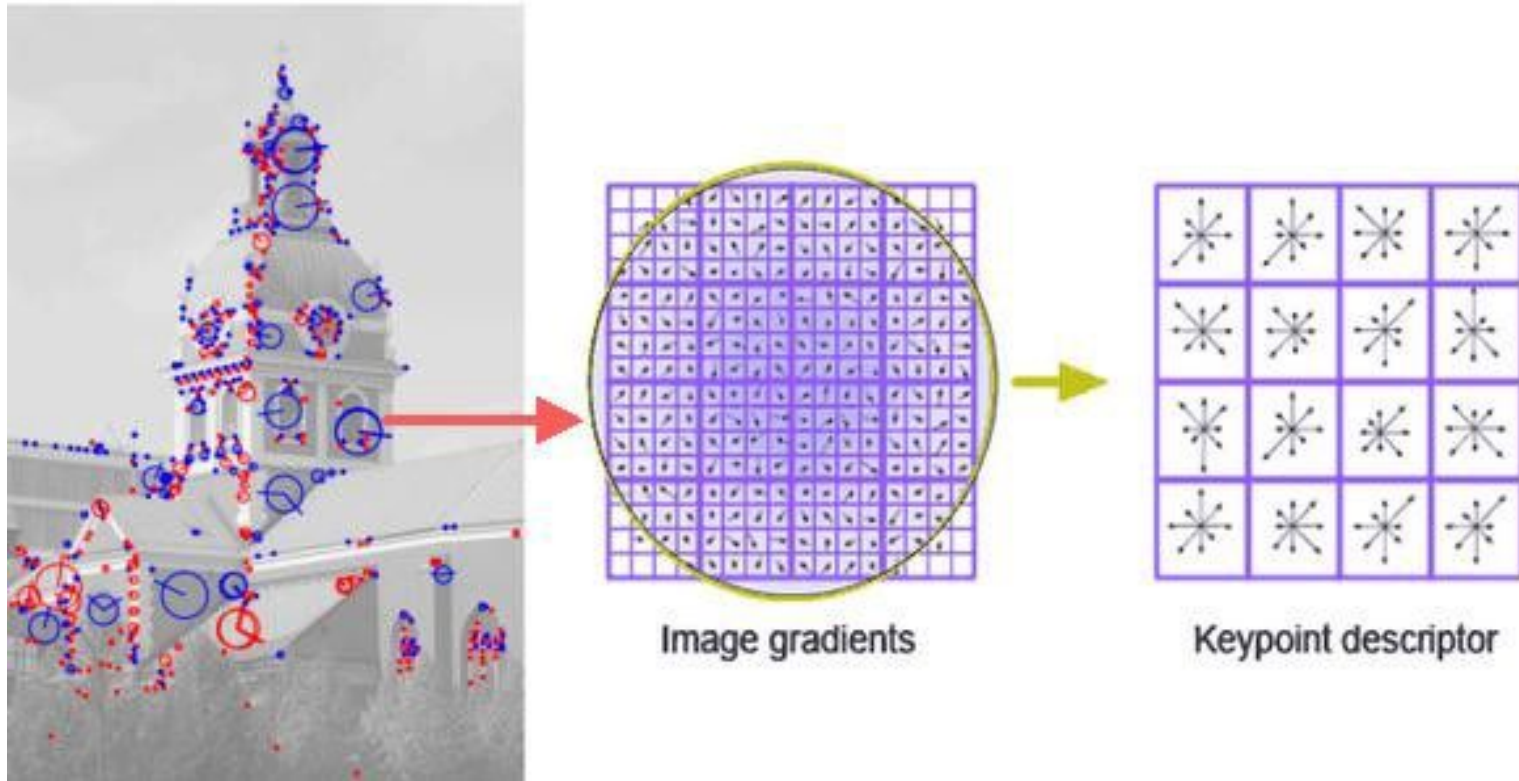


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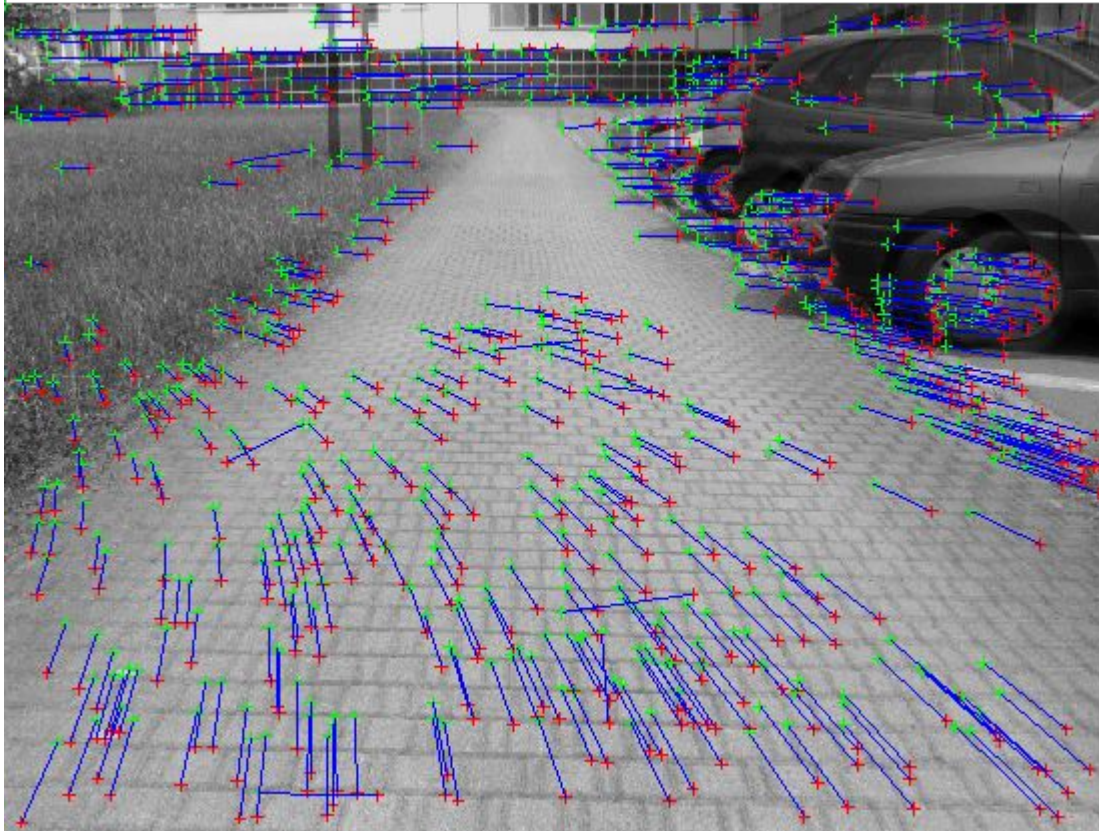




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# Visual SLAM



# Autonomous Driving

**Objective:** Produce steering actions for autonomous driving.

The most integrated and complex task for autonomous car.  
Several approaches exist.

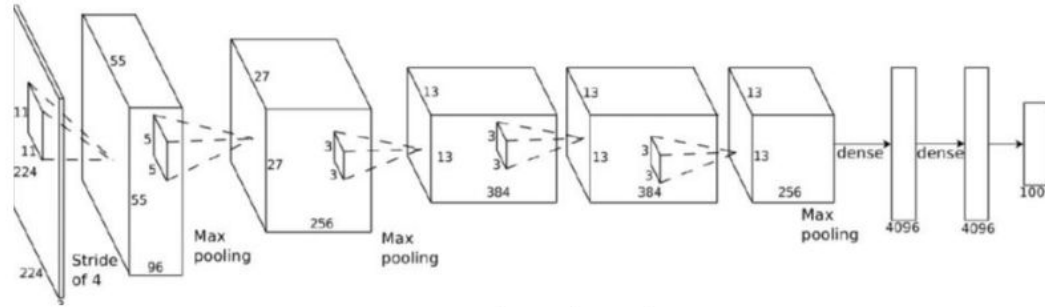
Assumes markov processes. The system's actions affect the chain (data distribution). The use of databases is NOT representative of test performance.



# Visual Navigation (Imitation Learning)



$\mathbf{O}_t$



$$\pi_{\theta}(\mathbf{u}_t | \mathbf{O}_t)$$



$\mathbf{u}_t$

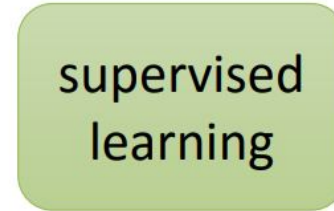
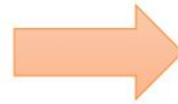
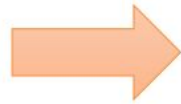




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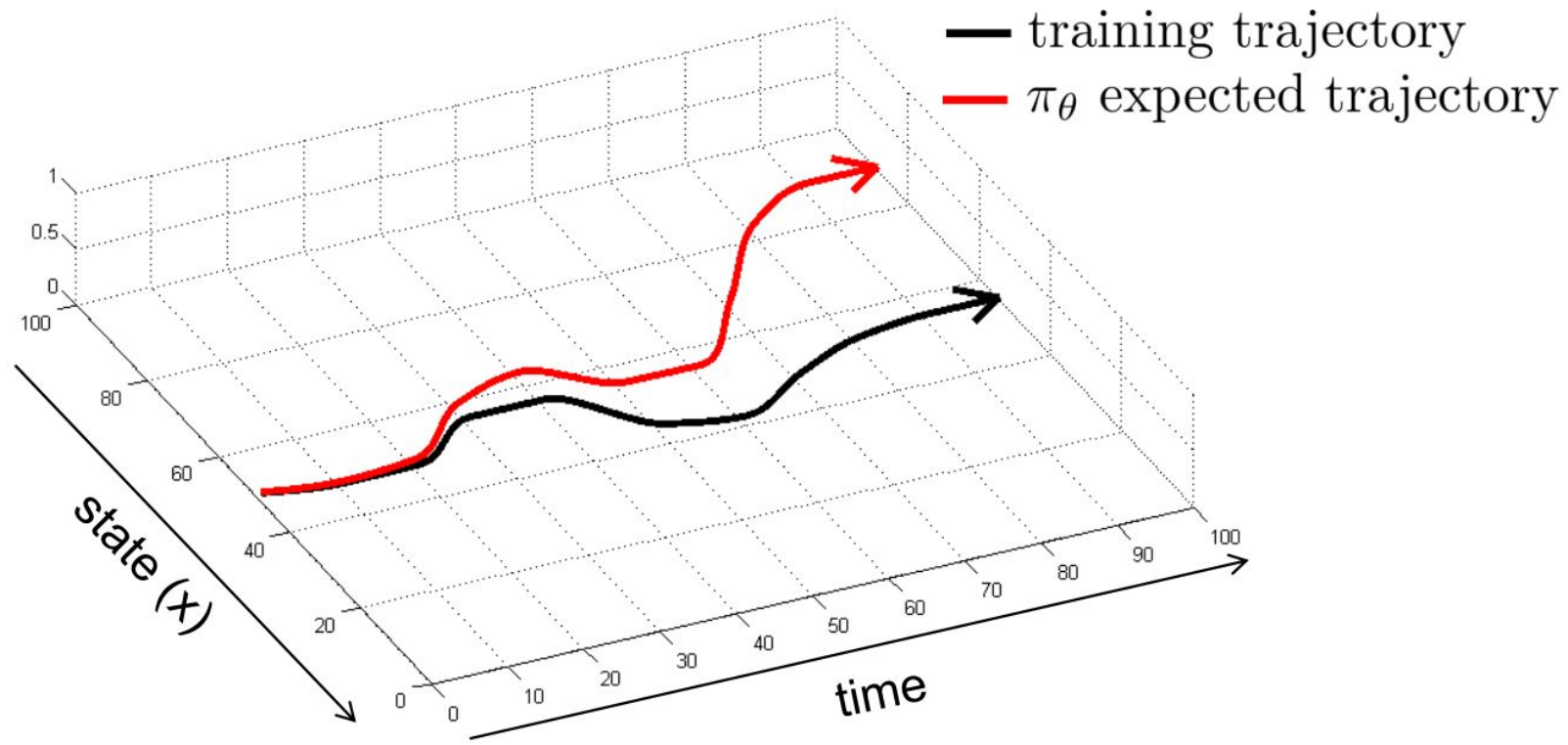
$\mathbf{o}_t$   
 $\mathbf{u}_t$



$\pi_{\theta}(\mathbf{u}_t | \mathbf{o}_t)$



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## Why does it not work ???

Policy  $\pi(u|o, \theta)$  was trained to copy  $\pi_{\text{train}}(u|o)$  under  $p_{\text{train}}(x)$ , more specifically  $x_t \sim p(x_{t-1}, u_{t-1})$ .

Since during test  $u \sim \pi(u|o, \theta)$ , the state distributions are expected to differ. This implies that test performance is usually really low (especially, in high dimensional problems).




# Visual Navigation (Imitation Learning)

## DAgger: Dataset Aggregation

goal: collect training data from  $p_{\pi_{\theta}}(\mathbf{o}_t)$  instead of  $p_{\text{data}}(\mathbf{o}_t)$

how? just run  $\pi_{\theta}(\mathbf{u}_t|\mathbf{o}_t)$

but need labels  $\mathbf{u}_t$ !

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1. train  $\pi_{\theta}(\mathbf{u}_t|\mathbf{o}_t)$  from human data  $\mathcal{D} = \{\mathbf{o}_1, \mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{o}_N, \mathbf{u}_N\}$
  2. run  $\pi_{\theta}(\mathbf{u}_t|\mathbf{o}_t)$  to get dataset  $\mathcal{D}_{\pi} = \{\mathbf{o}_1, \dots, \mathbf{o}_M\}$
  3. Ask human to label  $\mathcal{D}_{\pi}$  with actions  $\mathbf{u}_t$
  4. Aggregate:  $\mathcal{D} \leftarrow \mathcal{D} \cup \mathcal{D}_{\pi}$



# Deep Learning Frameworks

## Tensorflow

C++ written. Provides an API for several languages.

Mature library. Active community.

Focus on deployment

## PyTorch

C++ written. Python interface.

Relatively new. Growing community.

Similar to numpy, easy to use.

## Darknet

C written. C, C++, and python interfaces.

Lightweight and the easiest to deploy.

Single contributor.

