Clustering and nearest neighbor search

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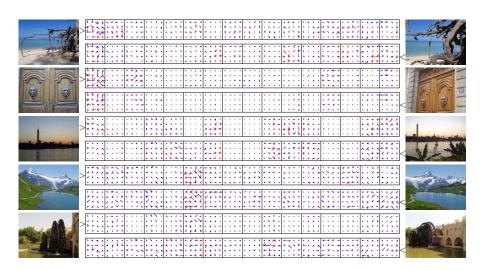
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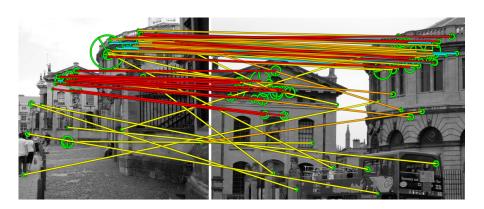
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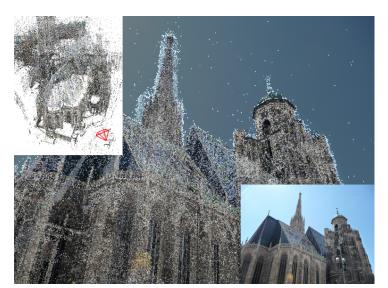
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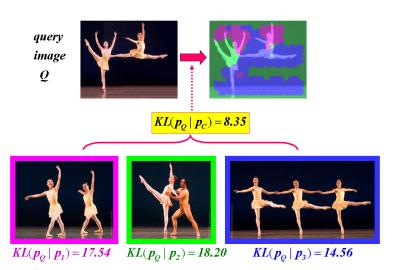
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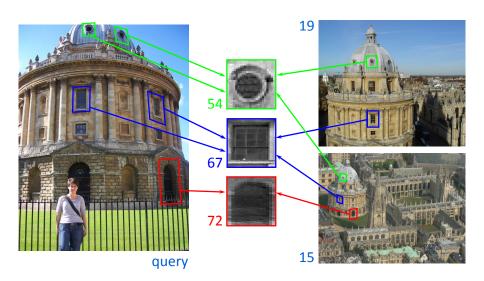
Localization, pose estimation [Sattler et al. '12][Li et al. '12]



Classification [Boiman et al. '08][McCann & Lowe '12]



BoW (patch quantization) [Sivic et al. '03][Philbin et al. '07]



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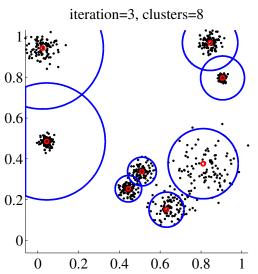
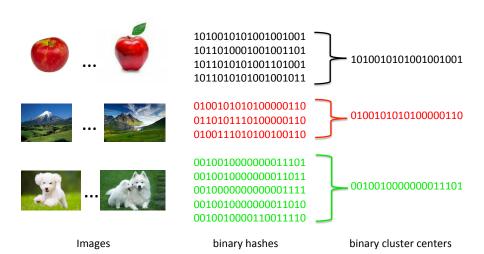


Image clustering [Gong et al. '15][Avrithis '15]



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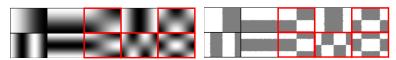
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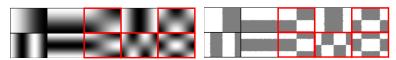
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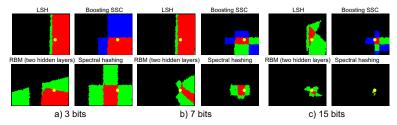


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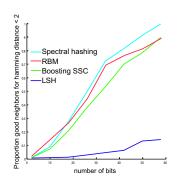
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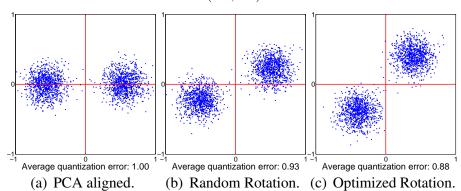




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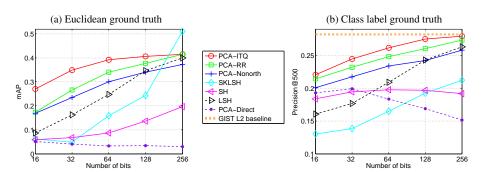
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Quantize each data point to the closest vertex of the binary cube, $(\pm 1, \pm 1)$.

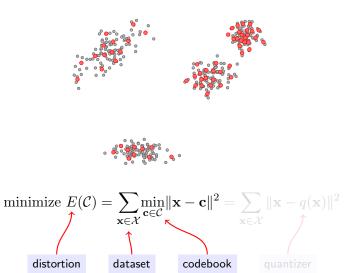


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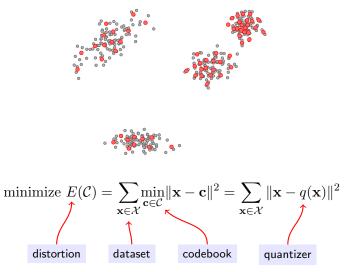
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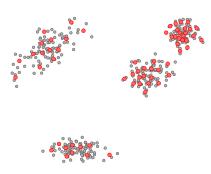
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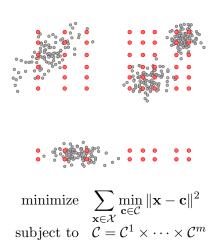
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- For small distortion \rightarrow large $k = |\mathcal{C}|$:
 - hard to train
 - too large to store
 - too slow to search

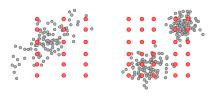
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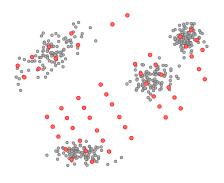
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- train: $q=(q^1,\ldots,q^m)$ where q^1,\ldots,q^m obtained by VQ
- store: $|\mathcal{C}| = k^m$ with $|\mathcal{C}^1| = \cdots = |\mathcal{C}^m| = k$
- search: $\|\mathbf{y} q(\mathbf{x})\|^2 = \sum_{j=1}^m \|\mathbf{y}^j q^j(\mathbf{x}^j)\|^2$ where $q^j(\mathbf{x}^j) \in \mathcal{C}^j$

[Ge et al. '13]



minimize
$$\sum_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{X}} \min_{\hat{\mathbf{c}} \in \hat{\mathcal{C}}} \|\mathbf{x} - R^{\top} \hat{\mathbf{c}}\|^{2}$$
subject to
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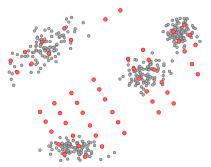
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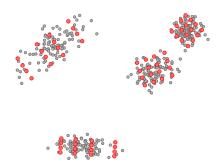
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- balanced variance: permute Λ by π such that $\prod_i \lambda_i$ is constant in each subspace; $R \leftarrow UP_\pi^\top$
- find $\hat{\mathcal{C}}$ by PQ on rotated data $\hat{X} = RX$

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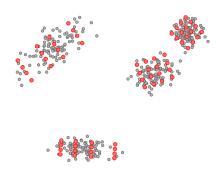
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- ullet compute residuals $r(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x} Q(\mathbf{x})$ on coarse quantizer Q
- collect residuals $\mathcal{Z}_i = \{r(\mathbf{x}) : Q(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{c}_i\}$ per cell
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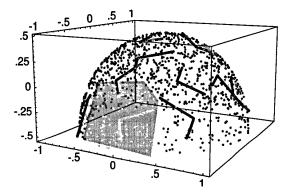
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- residual distributions closer to Gaussian assumption
- better captures the support of data distribution, like local PCA
 - multimodal (e.g. mixture) distributions
 - distributions on nonlinear manifolds

Local principal component analysis

[Kambhatla & Leen '97]



But, we are not doing dimensionality reduction!

Non-exhaustive search

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IVFADC [Jégou et al. '11]

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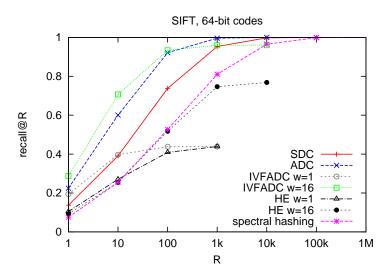
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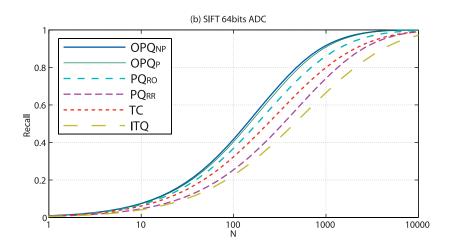
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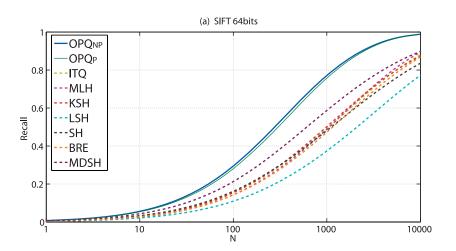
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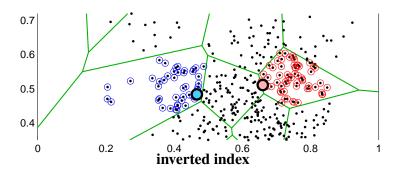


Optimized product quantization

vs. binary codes on SIFT1M

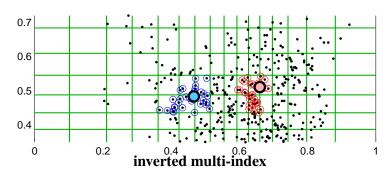


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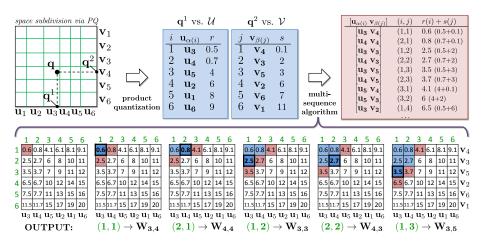
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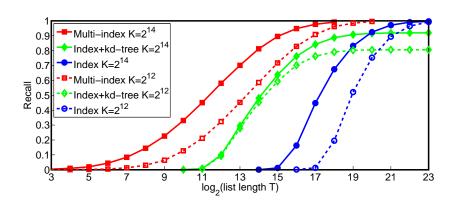


- decompose vectors as $\mathbf{x} = (\mathbf{x}^1, \mathbf{x}^2)$
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- ullet induced codebook $\mathcal{C}^1 imes \mathcal{C}^2$ gives a finer partition
- given query y, visit cells $(c^1, c^2) \in \mathcal{C}^1 \times \mathcal{C}^2$ in ascending order of distance to y

Multi-sequence algorithm

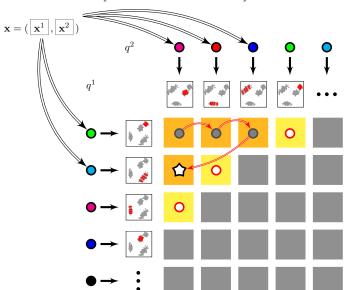


Result on SIFT1B: are NN in candidate lists?



Multi-LOPQ

[Kalantidis & Avrithis '14]



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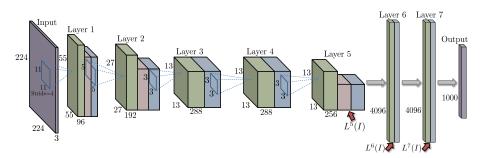
Result on SIFT1B, 128-bit codes

T	Method	R=1	10	100
20K	IVFADC+R [Jégou et al. '11]	0.262	0.701	0.962
	LOPQ+R [Kalantidis & Avrithis '14]	0.350	0.820	0.978
10K	Multi-D-ADC [Babenko & Lempitsky '12]	0.304	0.665	0.740
	OMulti-D-OADC [Ge et al. '13]	0.345	0.725	0.794
	Multi-LOPQ [Kalantidis & Avrithis '14]	0.430	0.761	0.782
30K	Multi-D-ADC [Babenko & Lempitsky '12]	0.328	0.757	0.885
	OMulti-D-OADC [Ge et al. '13]	0.366	0.807	0.913
	Multi-LOPQ [Kalantidis & Avrithis '14]	0.463	0.865	0.905
100K	Multi-D-ADC [Babenko & Lempitsky '12]	0.334	0.793	0.959
	OMulti-D-OADC [Ge et al. '13]	0.373	0.841	0.973
	Multi-LOPQ [Kalantidis & Avrithis '14]	0.476	0.919	0.973

Application: image search

Deep learned image features

[Krizhevsky et al. '12]



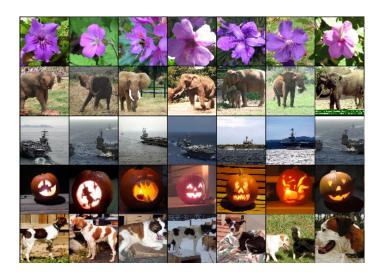
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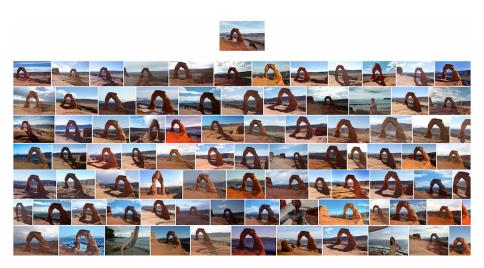
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Search



Multi-LOPQ

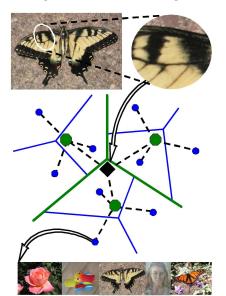
Image query on Flickr 100M (deep learned features, 4k ightarrow 128 dimensions)



Clustering

Hierarchical k-means

[Nister & Stewenius '06]



Approximate *k*-means

[Philbin et al. '07]

- centroids updated as in k-means
- points assigned to centroids by approximate search
- search by randomized k-d trees, even before the latter was published or FLANN was available
- index rebuilt in every k-means iteration

Approximate k-means

vs. Hierarchical k-means

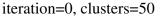
Method	Dataset	mAP		
		Bag-of-words	Spatial	
(a) HKM-1	5K	0.439	0.469	
(b) HKM-2	5K	0.418		
(c) HKM-3	5K	0.372		
(d) HKM-4	5K	0.353		
(e) AKM	5K	0.618	0.647	
(f) AKM	5K+100K	0.490	0.541	
(g) AKM	5K+100K+1M	0.393	0.465	

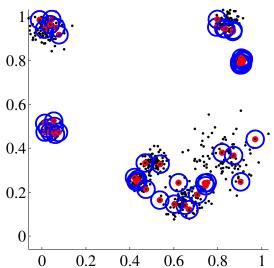
Robust approximate *k*-means

[Li et al. '10]

- the nearest neighbor in one iteration is re-used in the next
- less effort spent for new neighbor search
- faster convergence at same quality

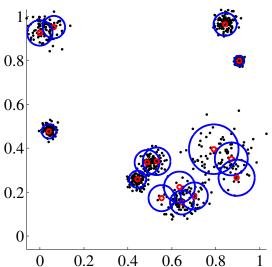
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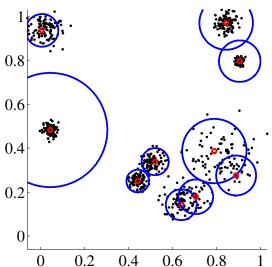
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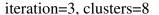


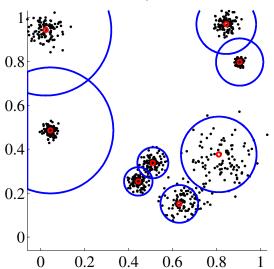
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Expectation-maximization

[Dempster et al. '77]

Mixture of K d-dimensional normal densities or components,

$$p(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{k=1}^{K} \pi_k \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x} | \mu_k, \mathbf{\Sigma}_k).$$

• Responsibility of component k for point \mathbf{x} :

$$\gamma_k(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{\pi_k \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}|\mu_k, \Sigma_k)}{\sum_{j=1}^K \pi_j \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}|\mu_j, \Sigma_j)}.$$

• Maximum likelihood solution for π, μ, Σ given N i.i.d. observations:

$$\pi_k = \frac{N_k}{N}$$

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[Dempster et al. '77]

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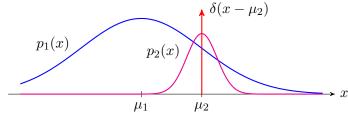
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5k	0.471	0.479	0.486	0.485	0.476	0.485	0.492
5k + 20k	0.439	0.440	0.448	0.441	0.437	0.447	0.459
5k + 1M	_	_	0.250	_	_	_	0.280

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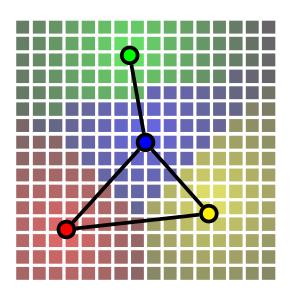
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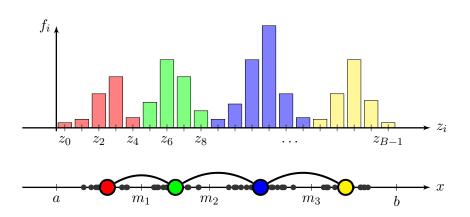
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Dimensionality-recursive vector quantization

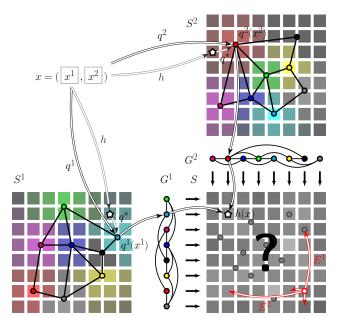
[Avrithis '13]



DRVQ base case: d = 1



DRVQ recursion: $d \rightarrow 2d$



DRVQ: vector quantization

k	16k	8k	4k	2k	1k	512
Approximate (μs)	0.95	0.83	0.80	0.73	0.80	0.90
Approximate (μs) Exact (ms)	1.19	0.79	0.51	0.26	0.21	0.11

averaged over the $n=75\mathrm{k}$ SIFT descriptors of the 55 cropped query images of Oxford 5k

DRVQ: clustering

k		log	time (m)				
K	1	2	4	8	16	32	time (m)
16k	6	7	8	9	11	14	129.96
8k	6	7	8	9	11	13	119.43
4k	6	7	8	9	10	12	20.07
2k	5	6	7	8	9	11	2.792
1k	5	6	7	8	9	10	2.608
512	4	5	6	7	8	9	0.866
4k	Approximate k -means					504.2	

4 codebooks at d= 32 dimensions each on n= 12.5M 128-dimensional SIFT descriptors of Oxford 5k

Approximate *k*-means

[Philbin et al. '07]

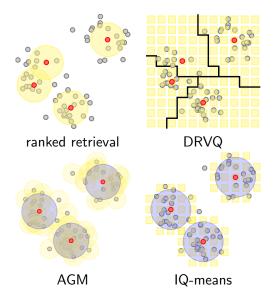
- centroids updated as in k-means
- points assigned to centroid by approximate search
- index rebuilt in every k-means iteration

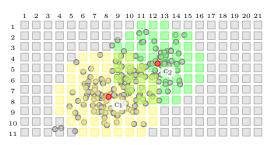
Ranked retrieval

[Broder et al. '14]

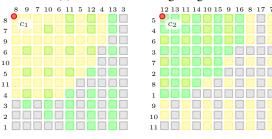
- centroids updated as in k-means
- points assigned by inverse search from centroids to points
- points may remain unassigned
- index built only once

[Avrithis et al. '15]





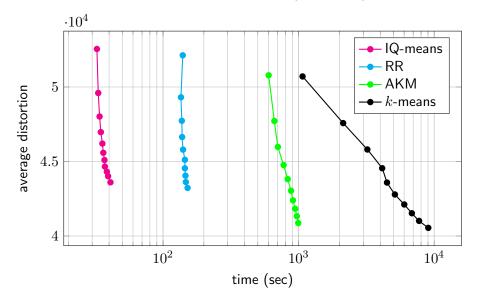
(a) visited cells on original grid



(b) search block of c_1

(c) search block of c_2

Comparison on SIFT1M with $k \in \{10^3, \dots, 10^4\}$



Time / iteration & average precision on YFCC100M, initial $k=10^5\,$

	Cell-KM	DKM (×300)	D-IQ-Means
k/k'	100000	100000	85742
time (s)	13068.1	7920.0	140.6
precision	0.474	0.616	0.550

Mining on a 100M image collection



Paris500k



Paris500k + YFCC100M

http://image.ntua.gr/iva/research/

Thank you!