Analyzing, Optimizing and Synthesizing Scenes by Reasoning About Relationships Between Objects

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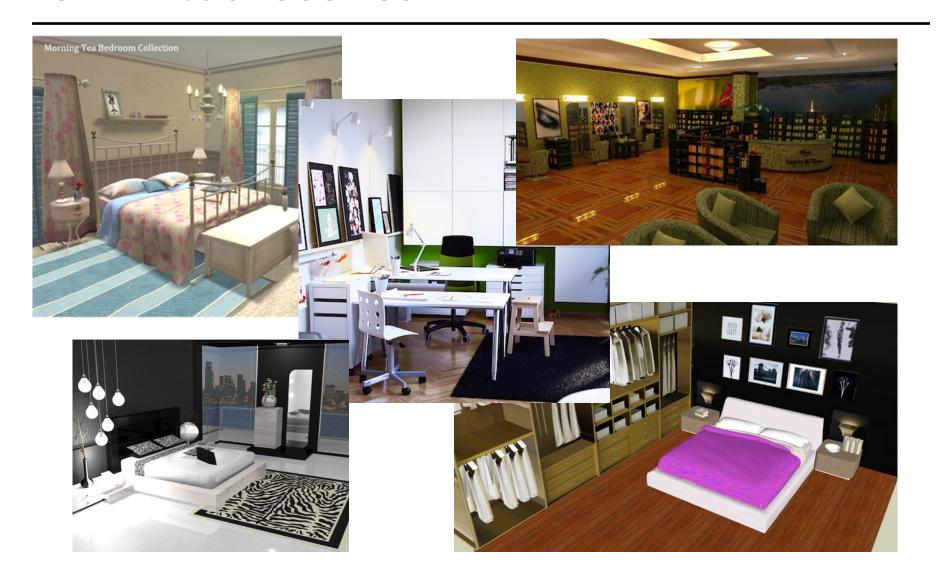
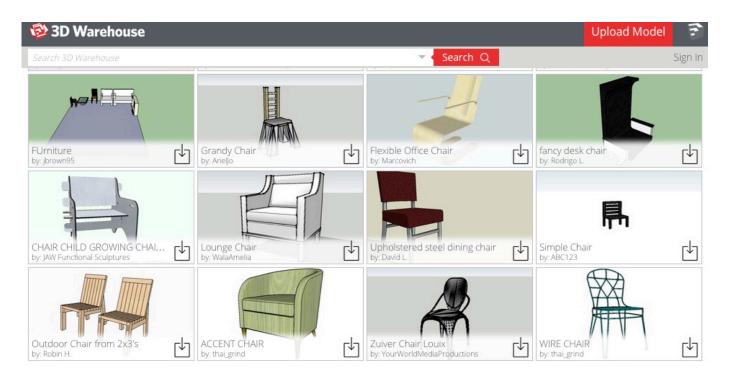


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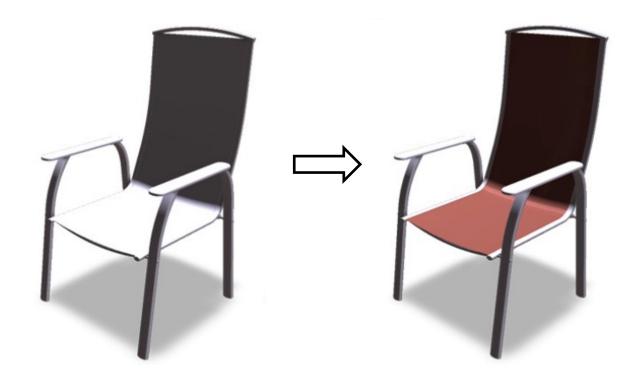
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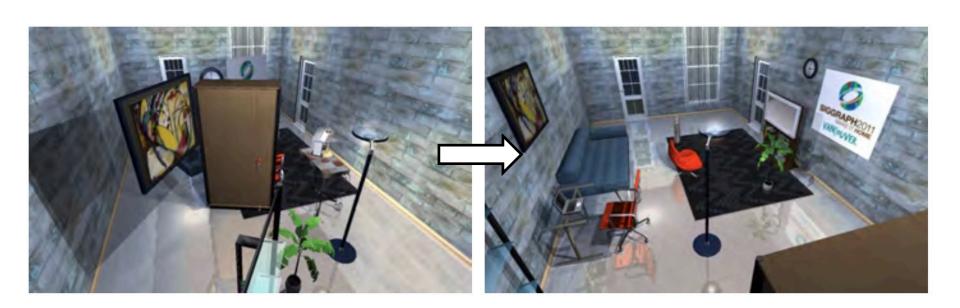


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Data-driven methods

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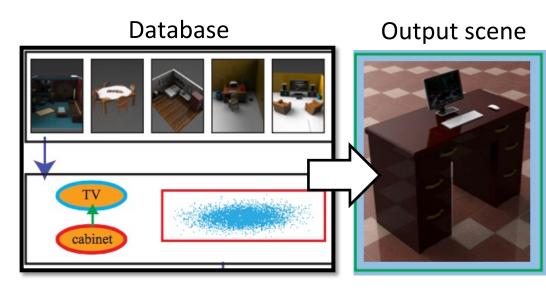
Related work: Data-driven scene modeling

Previous work requires

- Perfect segmentation
- Perfect annotation



[Fisher et al. 2012]



[Xu et al. 2013]

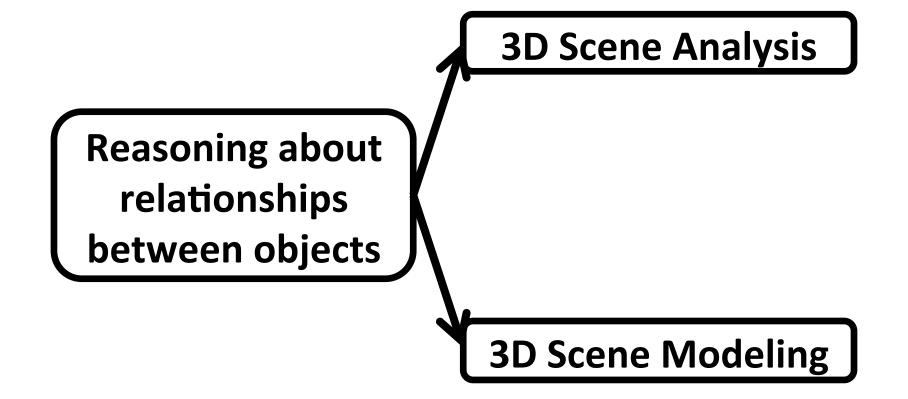
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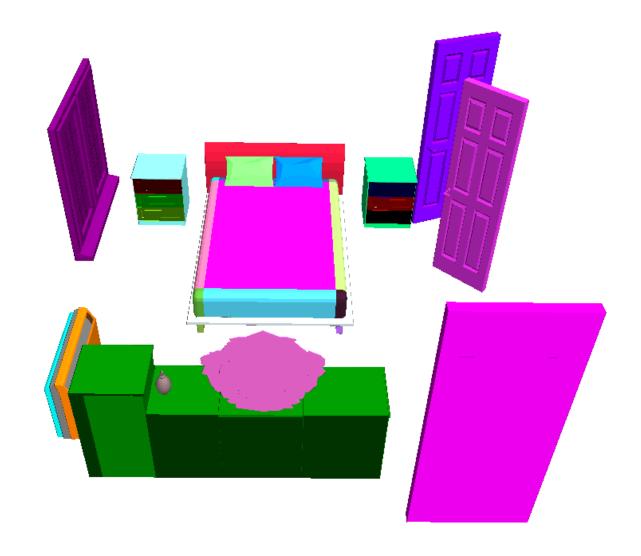
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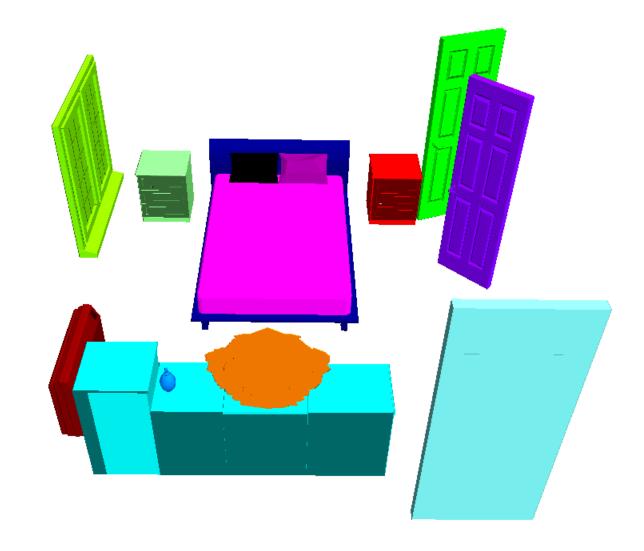
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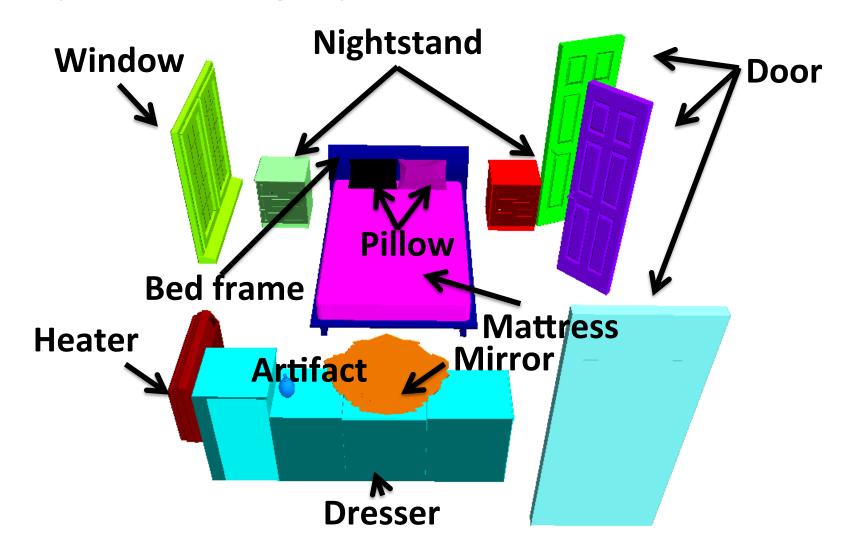
Input: A scene from Trimble 3D Warehouse



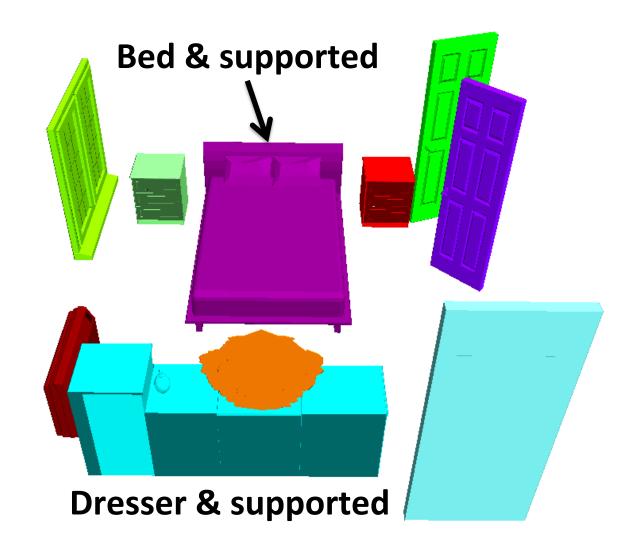
Output 1: Semantic segmentations



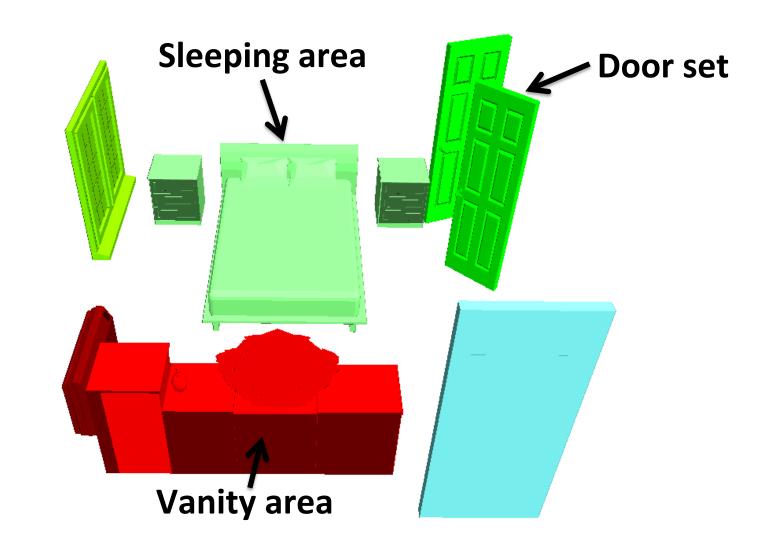
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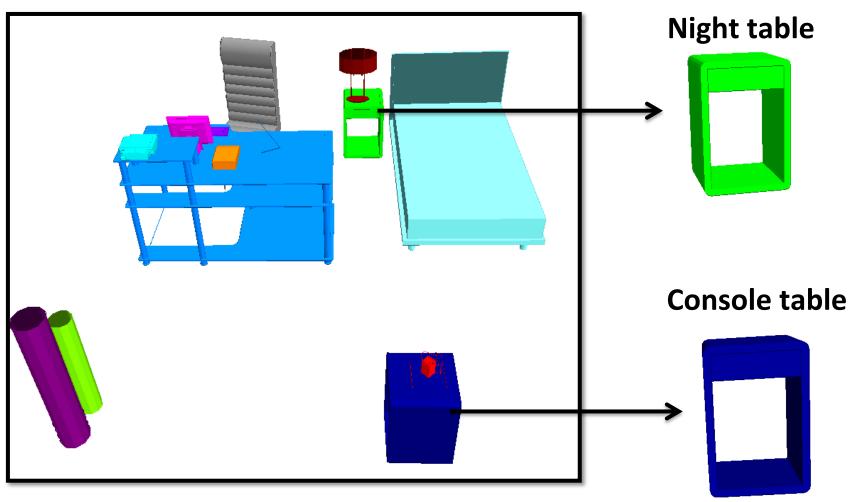
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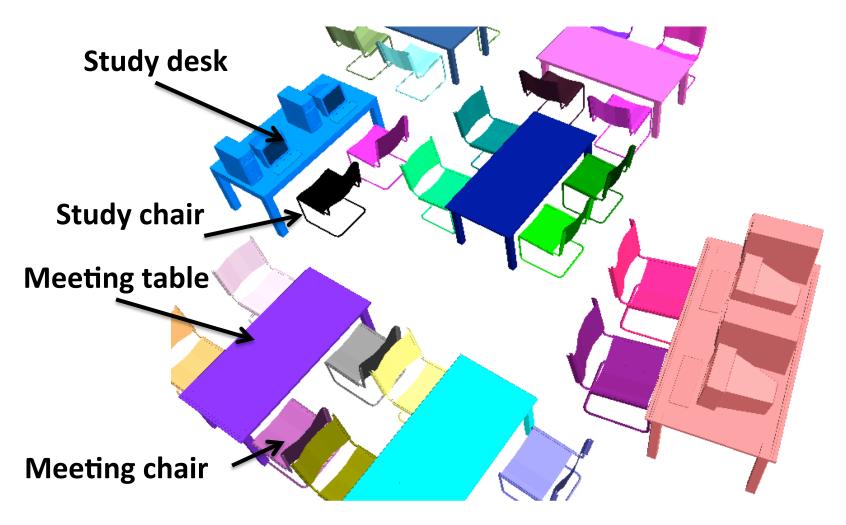
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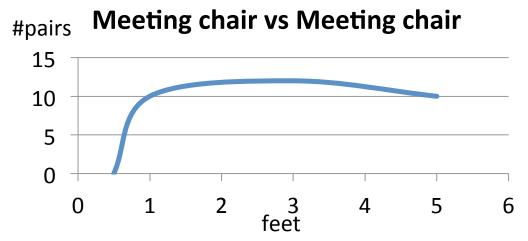


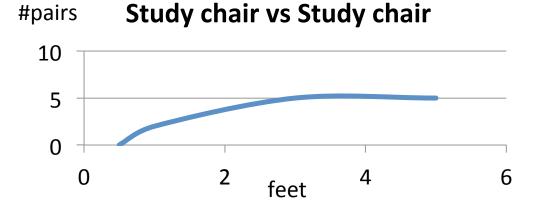
Contextual information

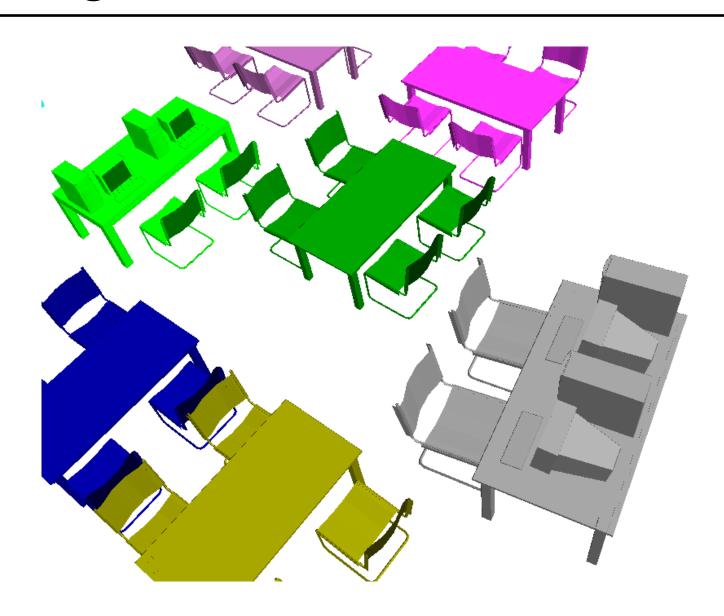


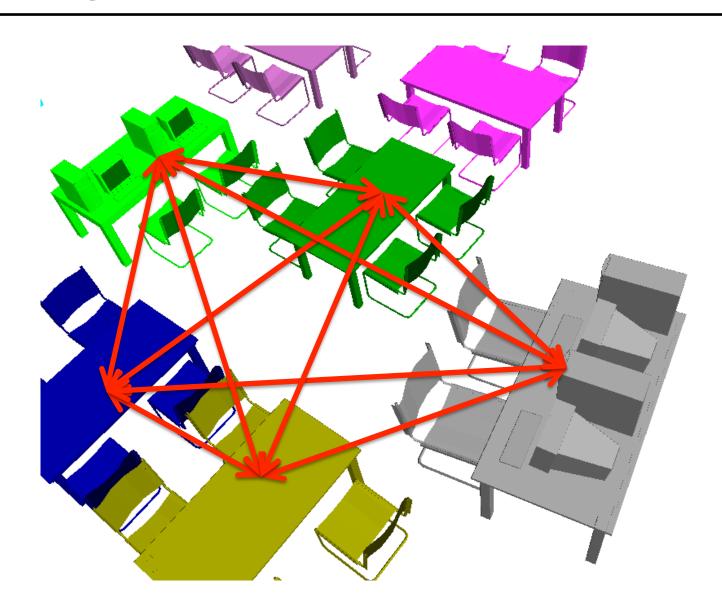
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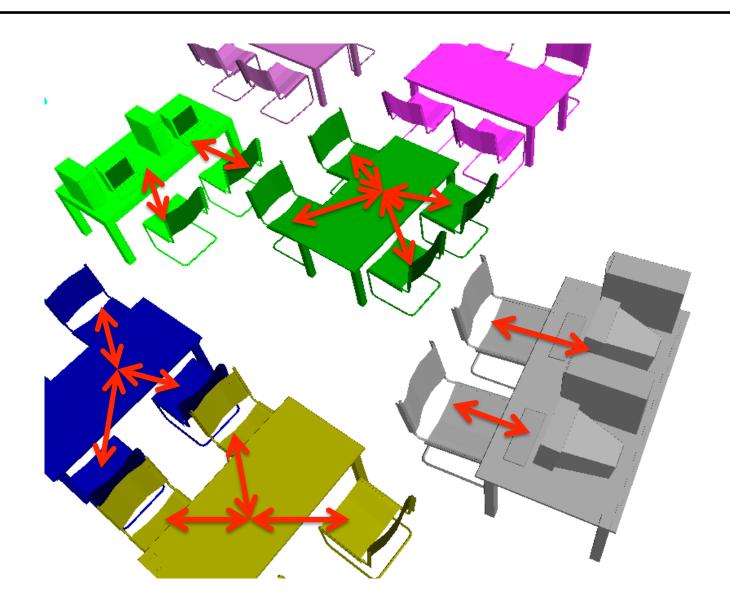




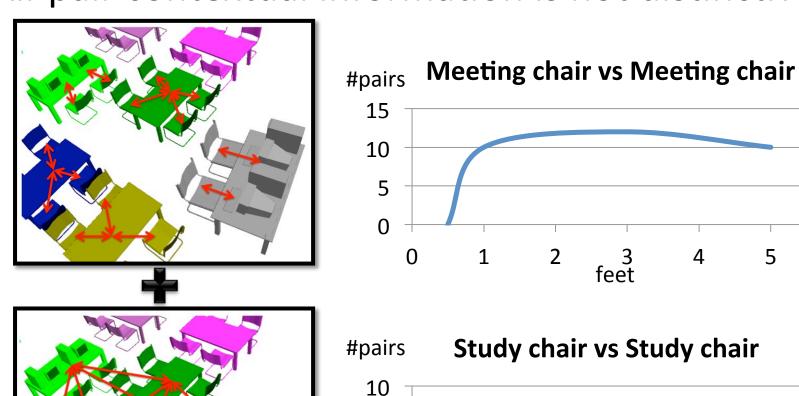


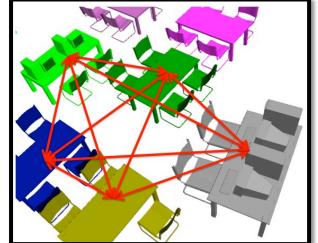


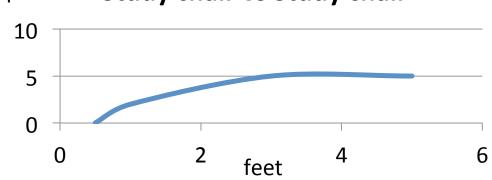




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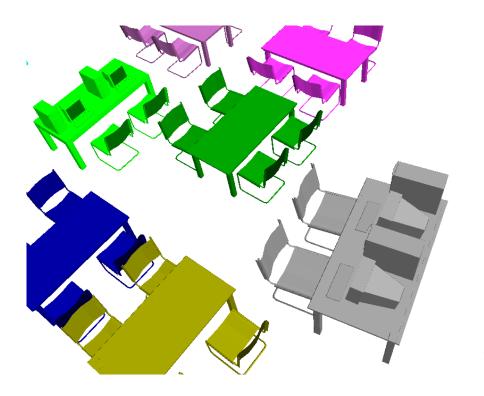




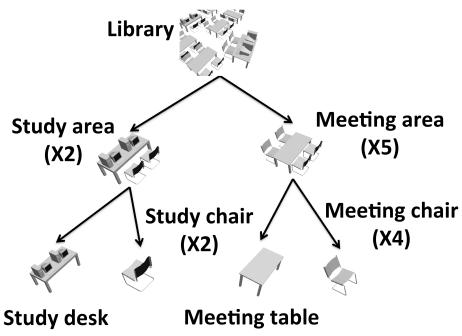


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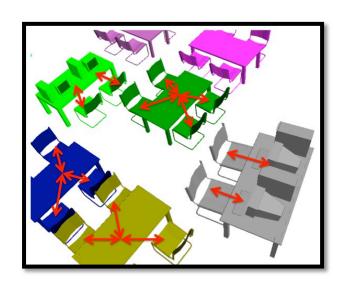
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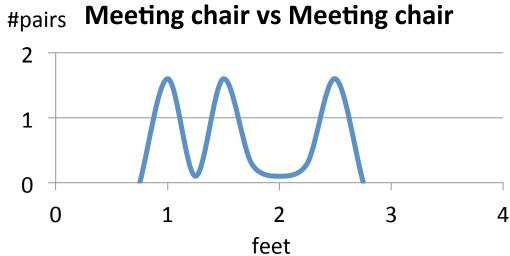


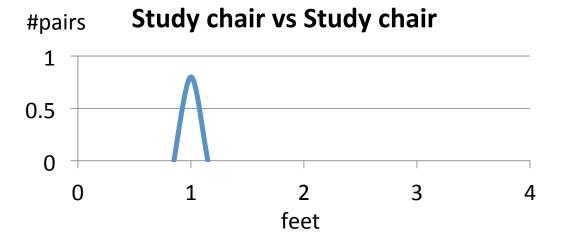
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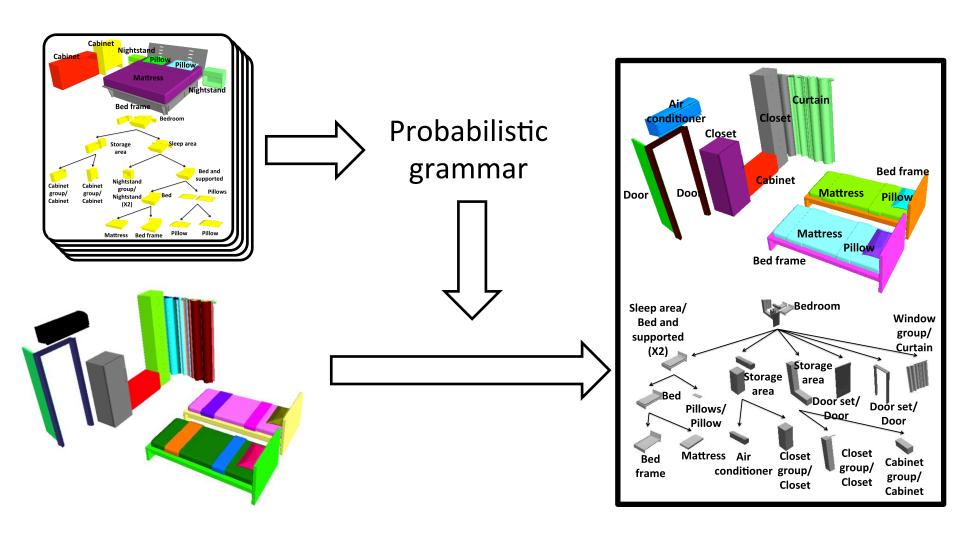
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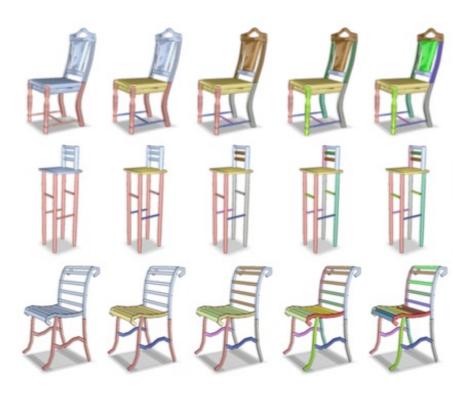




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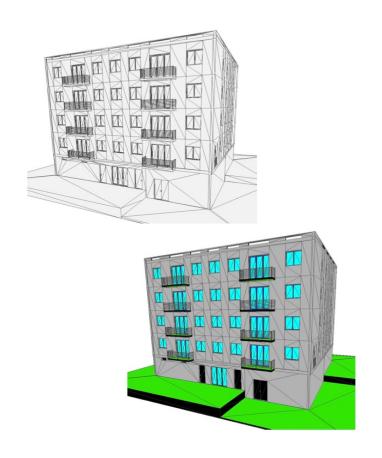
Related work



Van Kaick et al. 2013

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Probabilistic grammar

Labels

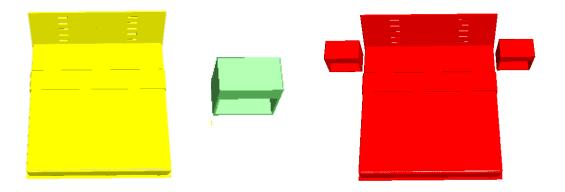
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Examples:

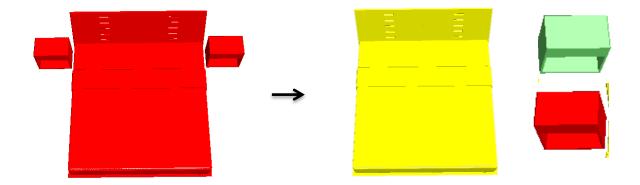
bed, night table, sleeping area



Rules

Example:

sleeping area → bed, night table



Probabilities

Derivation probabilities

Cardinality probabilities

Geometry probabilities

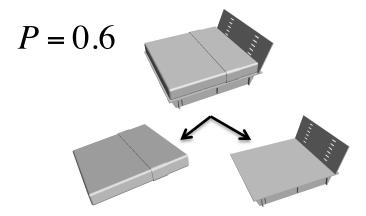
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Derivation probability

 P_{nt}

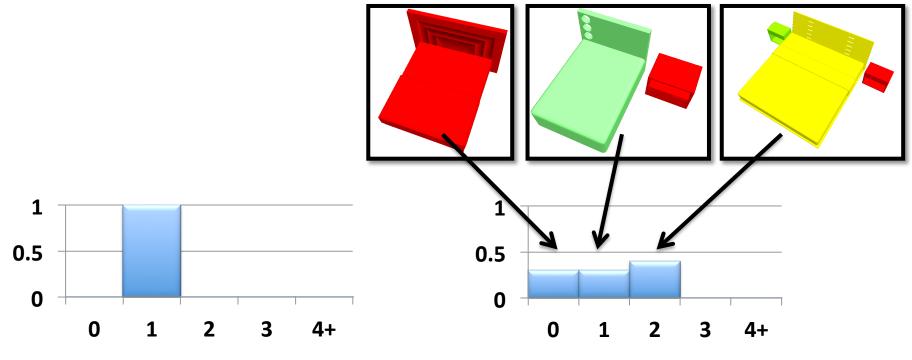
bed \longrightarrow bed frame, mattress





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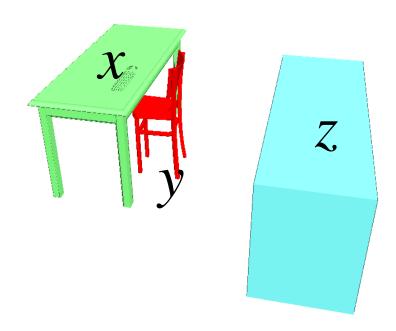
 $P_{card}(bed | sleepingarea)$ $P_{card}(nighttable | sleepingarea)$

Geometry probability P_g



 $P_g(x | bedframe) > P_g(y | bedframe)$

Spatial probability



 $P_s(x,y \mid desk, chair, studyarea) > P_s(z,y \mid desk, chair, studyarea)$

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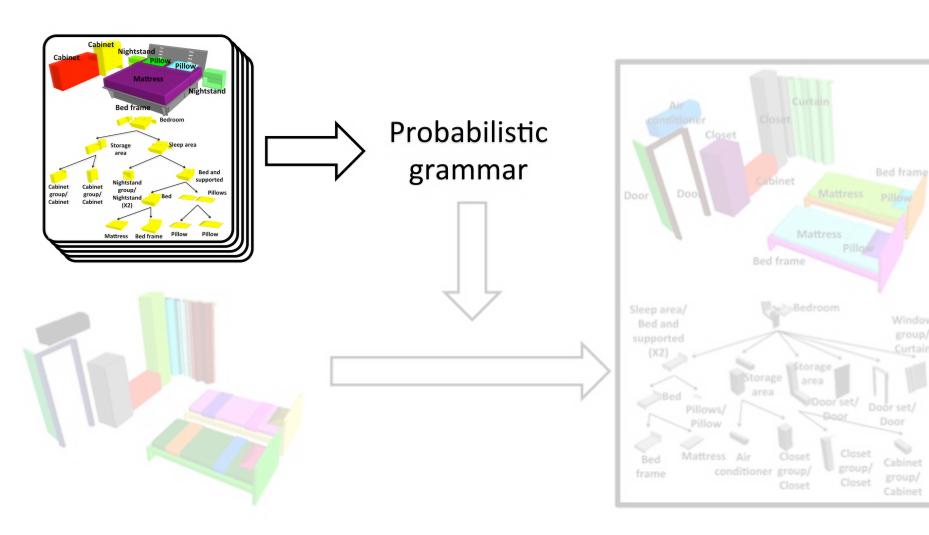
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Identify objects

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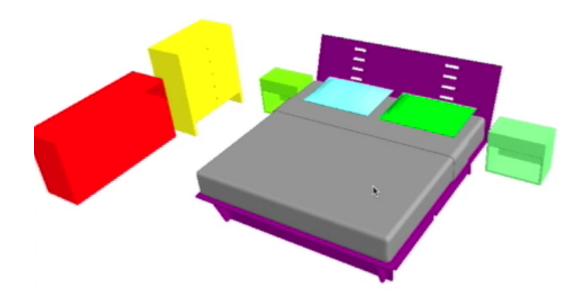


Label objects

Node(16); NULL bedroom000032(17,21,)



Group objects



Grammar generation

→ Labels all unique labels

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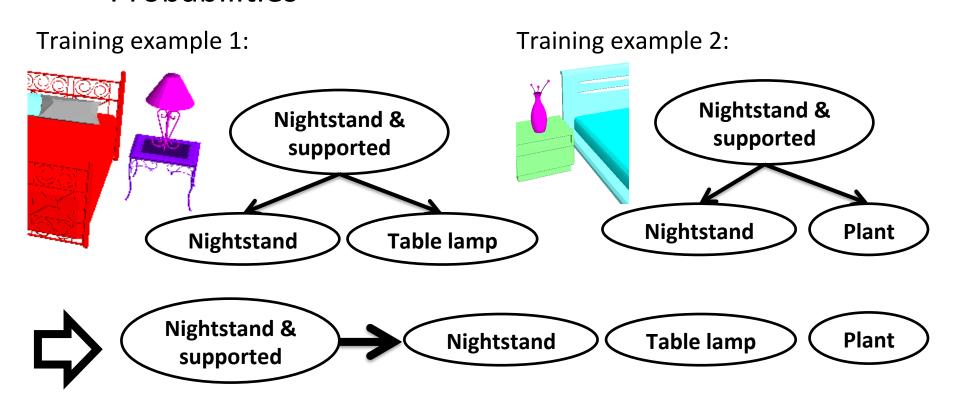
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concatenating all children for each label

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 P_{nt}, P_{card} : learning from occurrence statistics

 $P_{\scriptscriptstyle g}$: estimating Gaussian kernels

 $P_{\rm s}$: kernel density estimation

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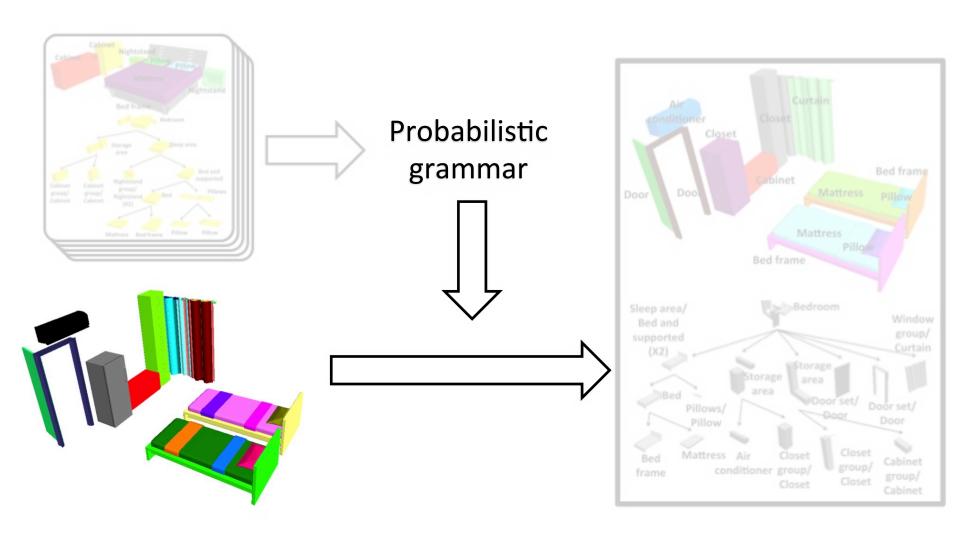
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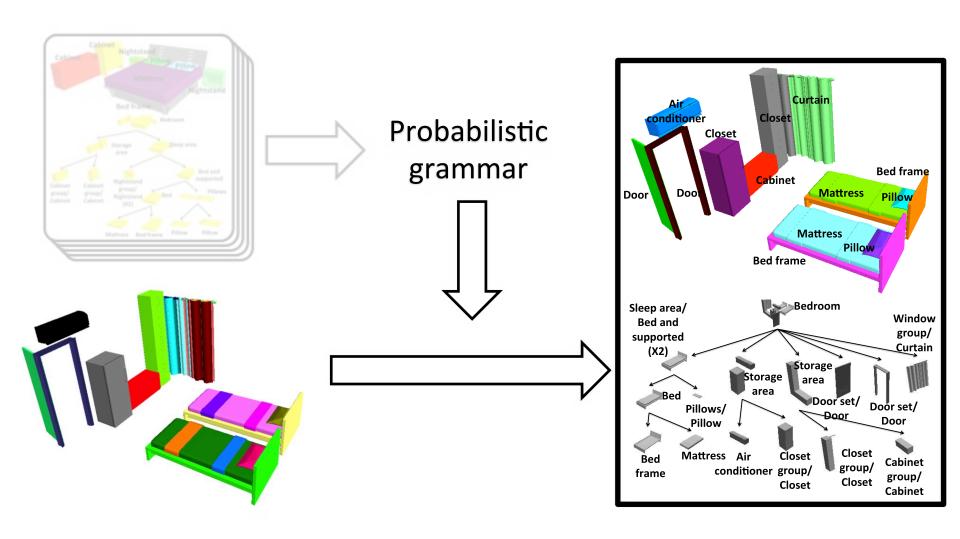
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Objective function

$$H^* = \operatorname{argmax}_H P(H \mid S, G)$$

- H is the unknown hierarchy
- S is the input scene
- G is the probabilistic grammar

After applying Bayes' rule

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 $P_{prod}(x)$: probability of a single derivation

formulated using P_{nt}, P_{card}

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T(x) compensates for decreasing probability as H has more internal nodes.

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 $P_s^*(x)$: sum of all pairwise spatial probabilities $P_s(x)$

We work in the negative logarithm space

$$E(H) = \log P(H \mid G)P(S \mid H, G)$$

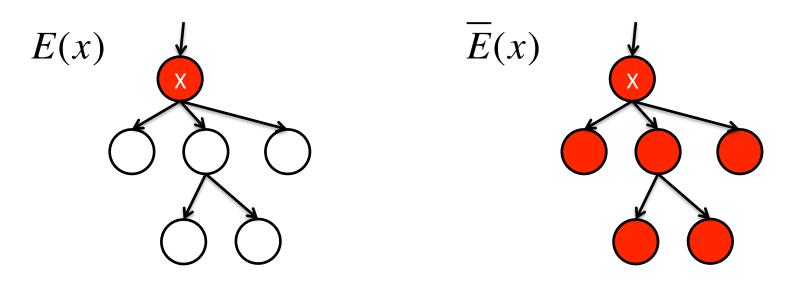
$$= -\sum_{x \in H} T(x) \log \left(P_{prod}(x) P_{g}(x) P_{s}^{*}(x) \right)$$

Rewrite the objective function recursively

$$E(H) = \overline{E}(R)$$

$$\overline{E}(x) = E(x) + \sum_{y \in x. children} \overline{E}(y)$$

where R is the root of H, E is the energy of a sub-tree.

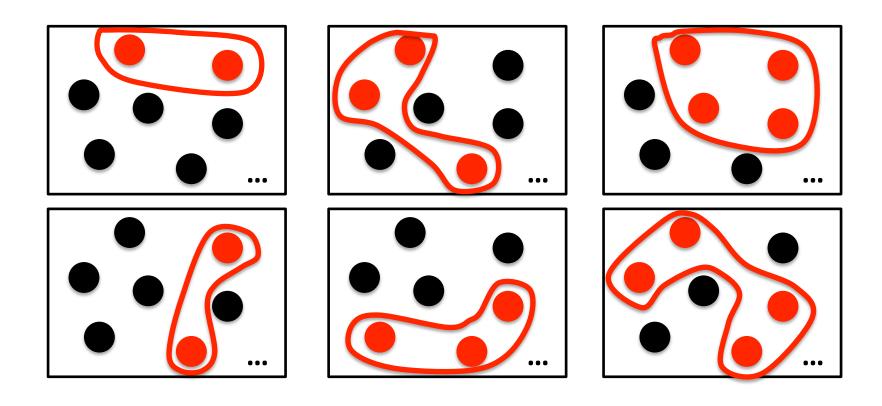


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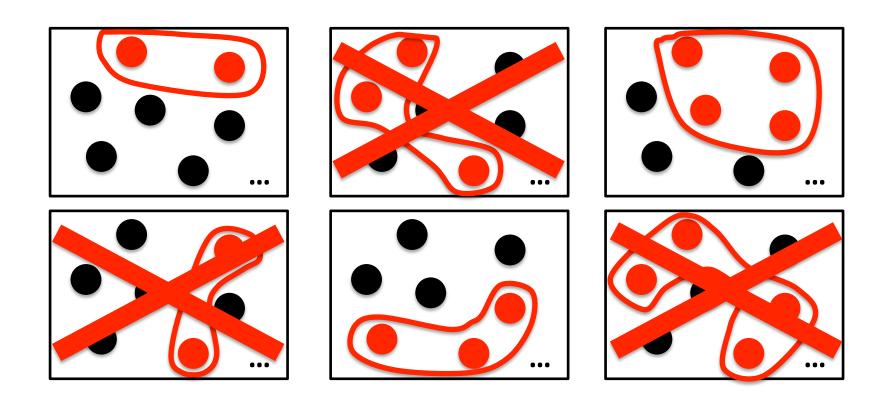
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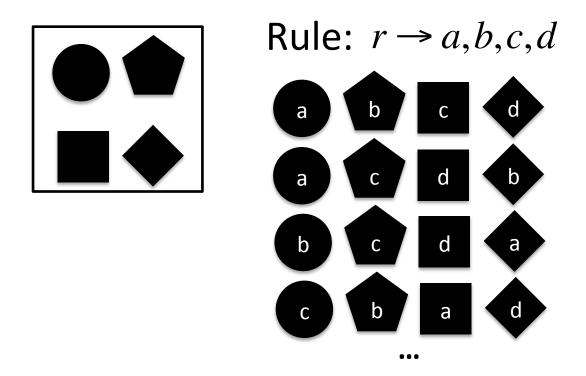


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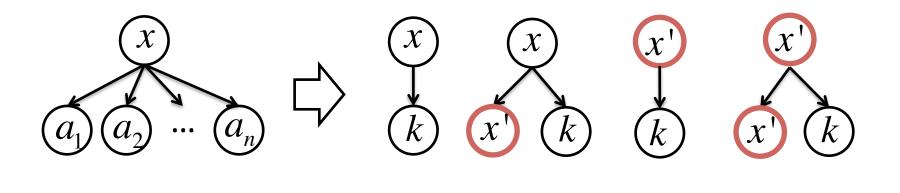


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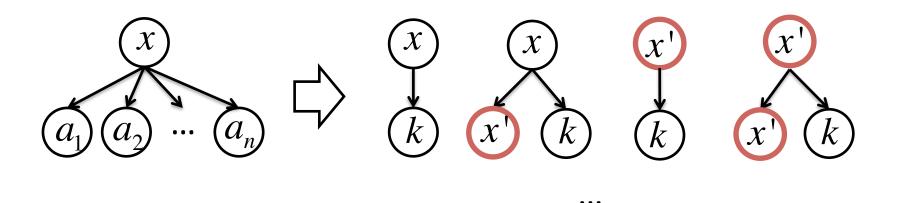
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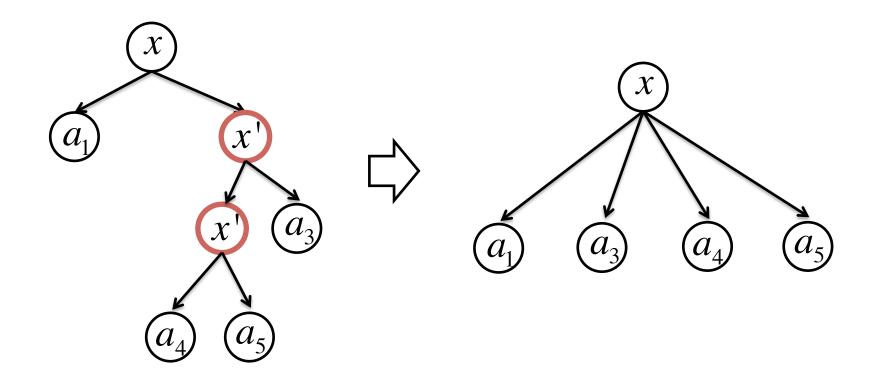
Now #rules and #assignments are both polynomial.

The problem can be solved by dynamic programming.

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Convert the result to a parse tree of the original grammar



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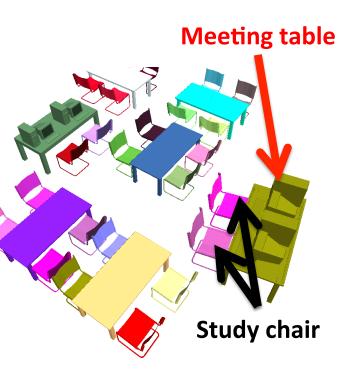
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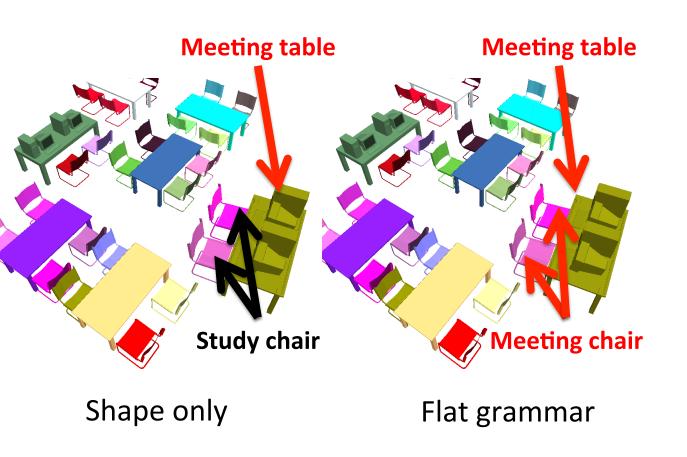
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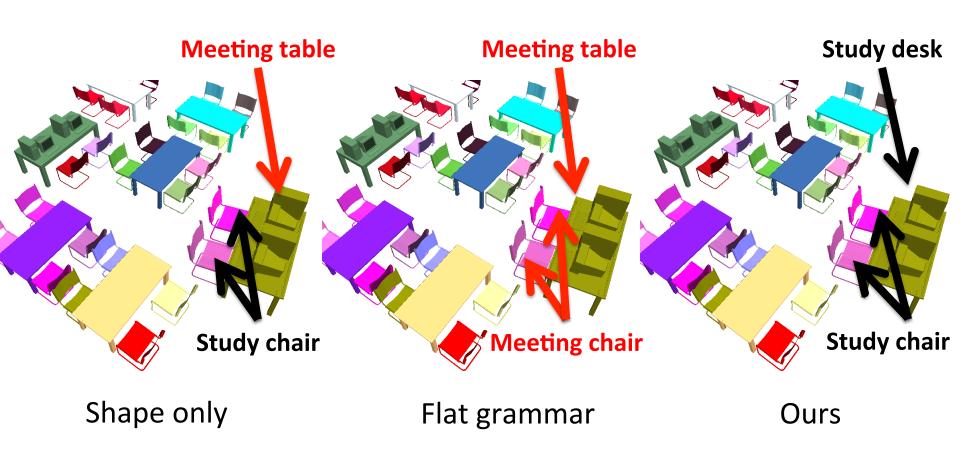


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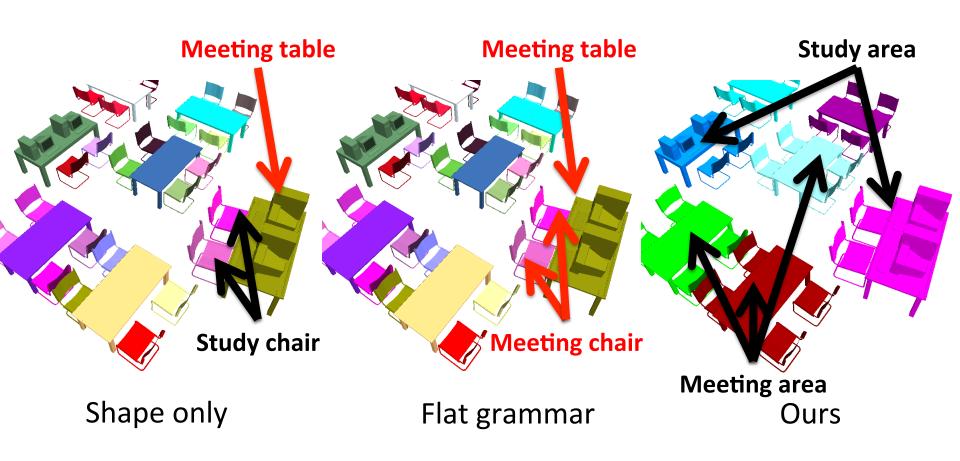
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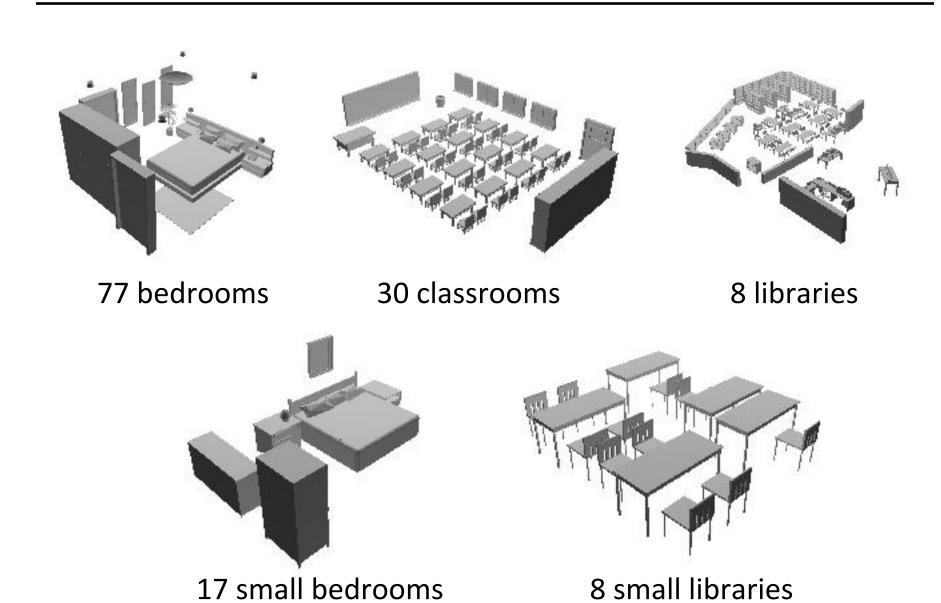
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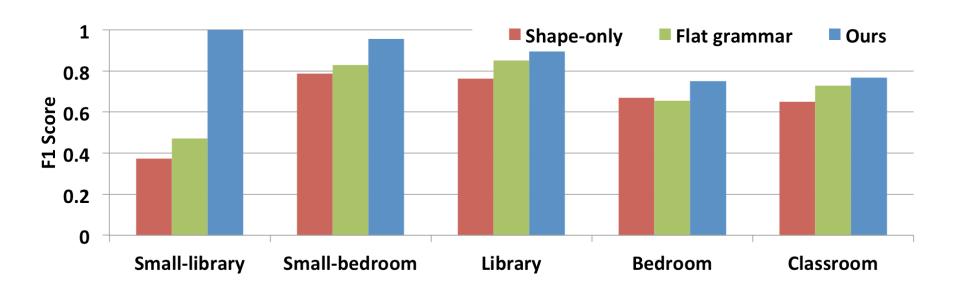
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Datasets



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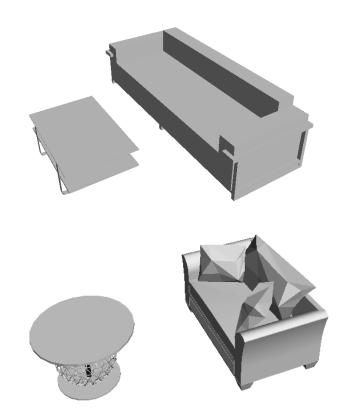
Object classification

Summary

Modeling hierarchy improves scene understanding.

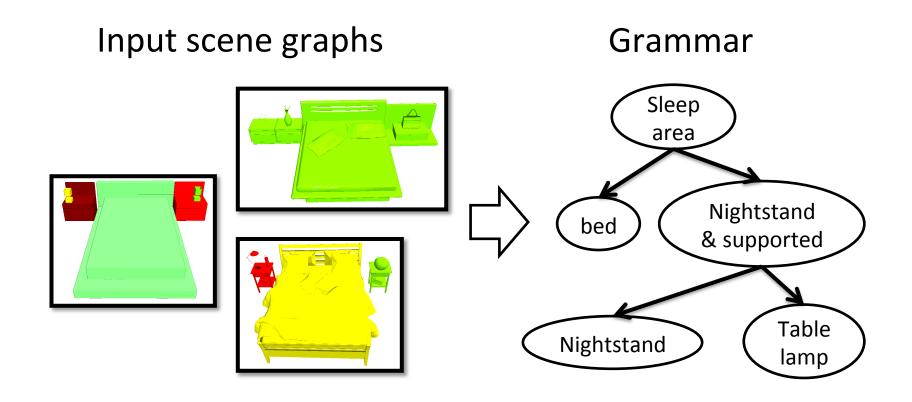
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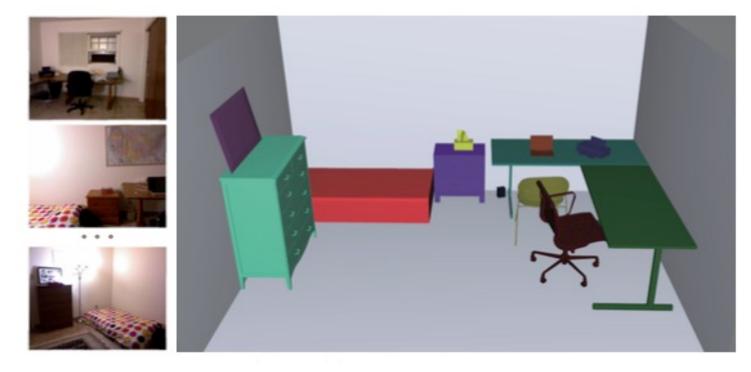
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Modeling from RGB-D data [Chen et al. 2014]

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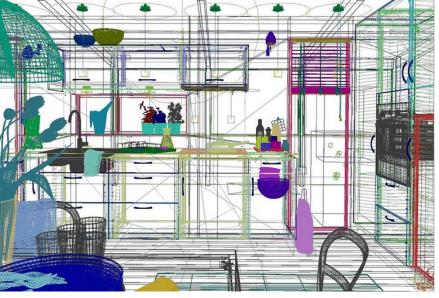
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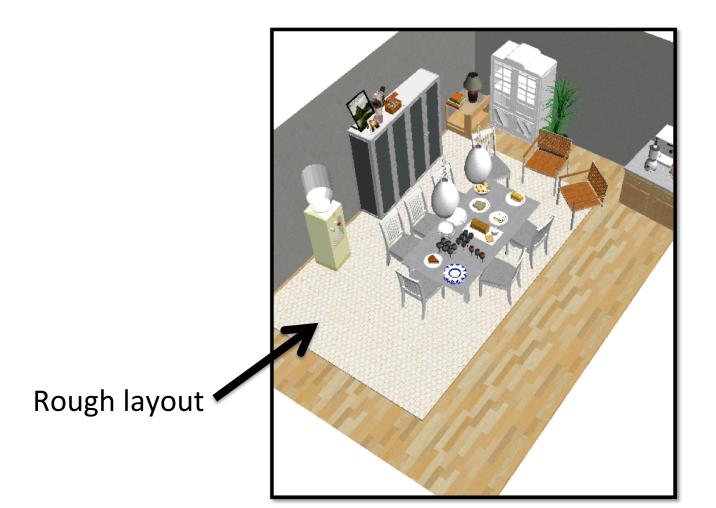




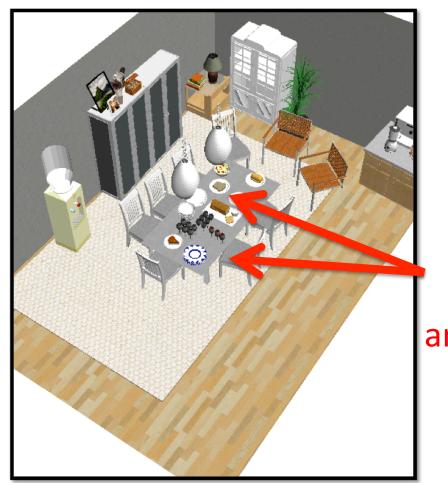




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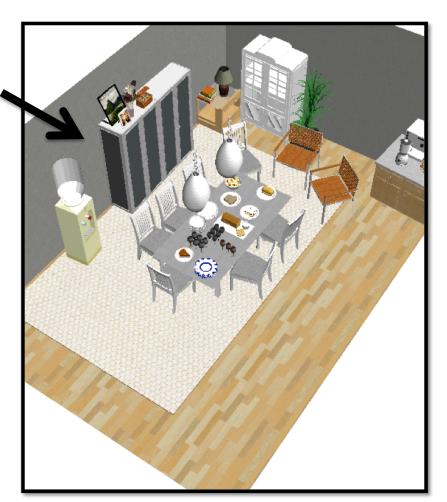
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Camera view



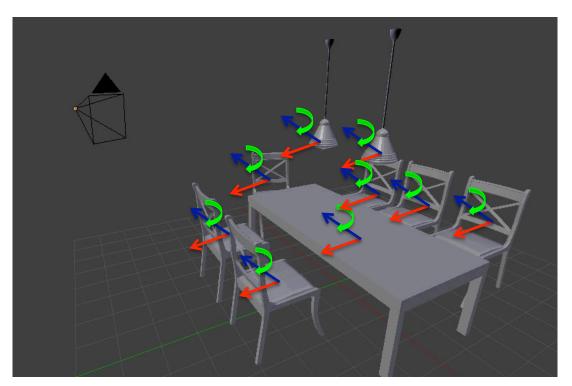
Output: a scene with optimized *object placement*, *materials* and *camera view* that produce an appealing 2D composition.



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4*N + 6 parameters

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- 1 material per object
- 6 DOF for camera

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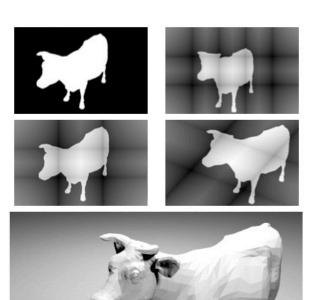




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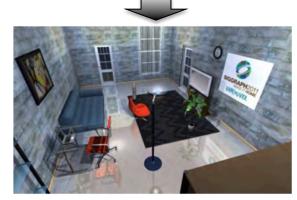


Image optimization [Liu et al. 2010]



Camera optimization [Gooch et al. 2001]





Scene optimization [Yu et al. 2011]

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Overview

→ Composition rules and constraints

Optimization

Applications

Composition rules

- 1. Object placement within 2D frame $E_{\it op}$
- 2. Object saliency within 2D frame E_{os}
- 3. Image composition E_{ic}
- 4. Camera placement E_{cp}
- 5. Object constraints within 3D scene $\,E_{3d}\,$
- 6. Regularization E_r

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Term 4: Camera placement

- Canonical views
- Typical views









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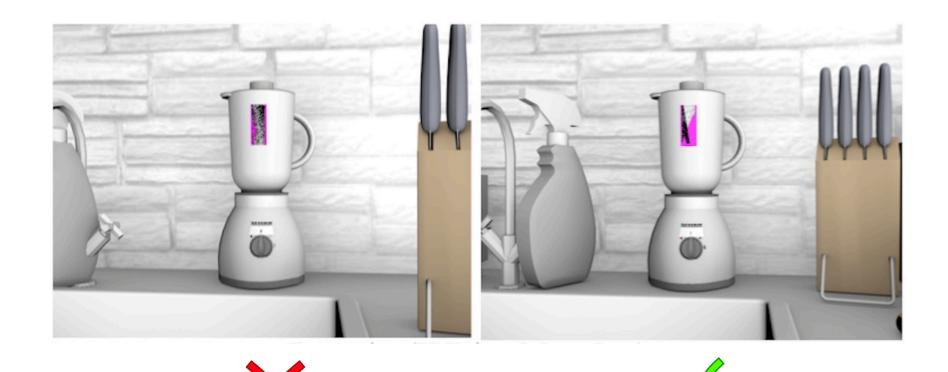


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Overview

Composition rules and constraints

→ Optimization

Applications

Energy function

$$E(\{x_i, y_i, \theta_i\}, \{m_i\}, C) = E_{op} + E_{os} + E_{ic} + E_{cp} + E_{3d} + E_r$$
Continuous variables

Discrete variables

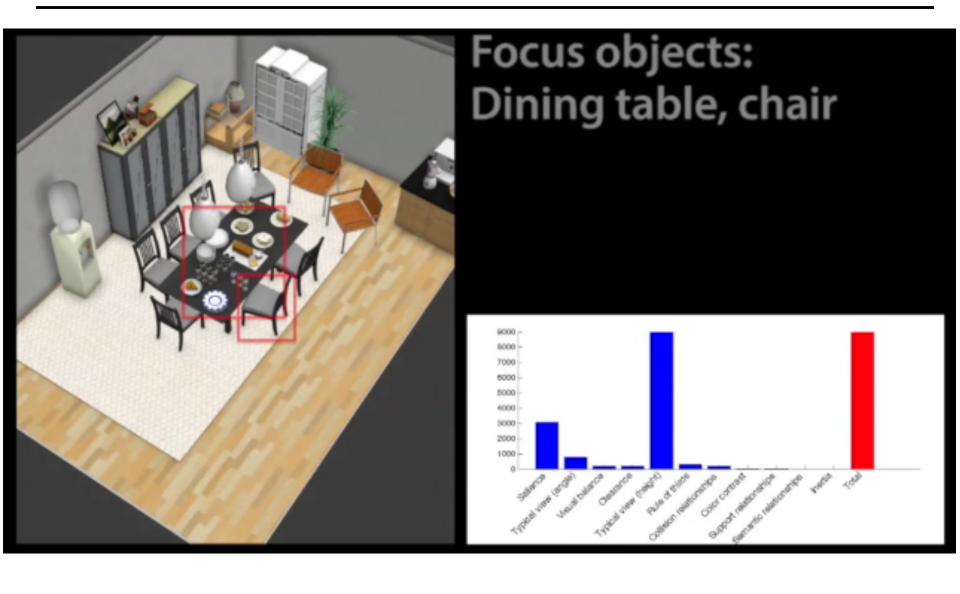
Optimization



Continuous optimization – camera view and object placement

Discrete optimization – materials

Example



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Applications

- 1. Refining rough compositions
- 2. Retargeting for different aspect ratios
- 3. Retargeting for different cultural preferences
- 4. Text-incorporated composition
- 5. Generating detail images from an overview







Optimized composition

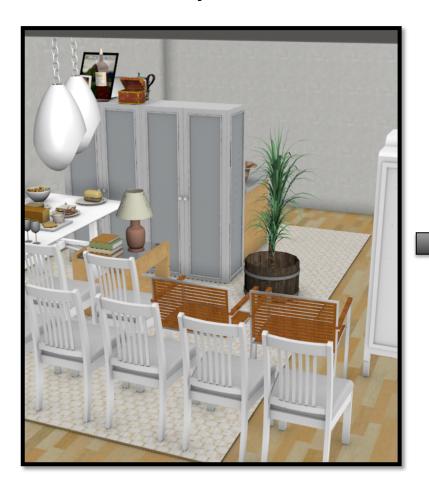
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Reference



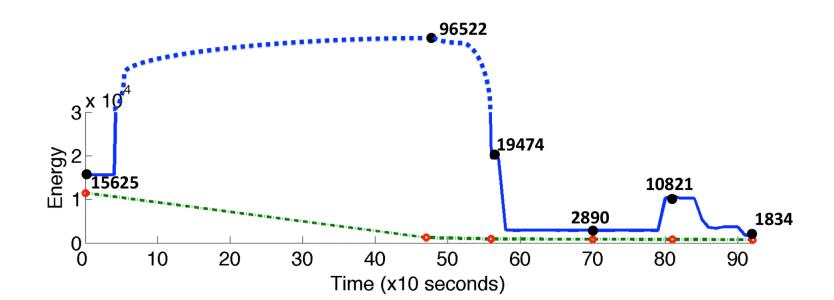
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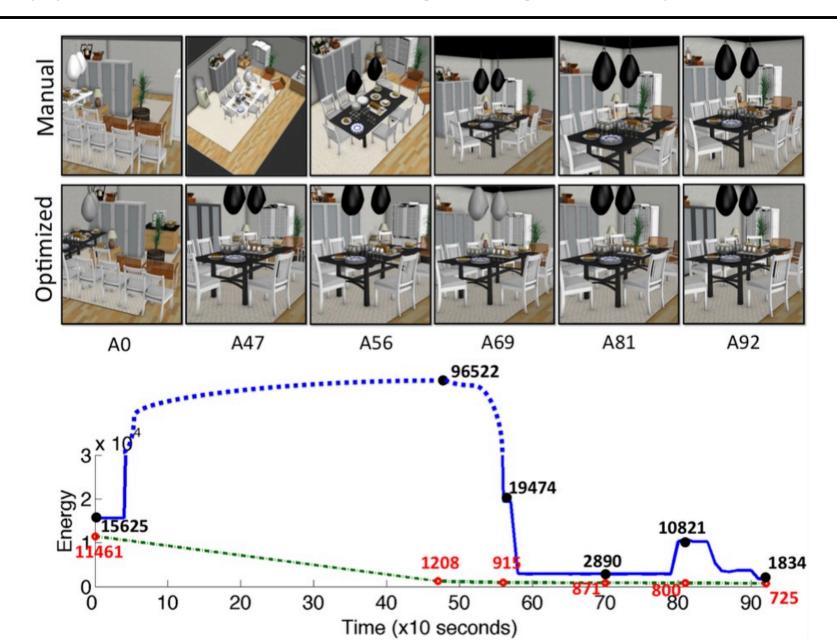


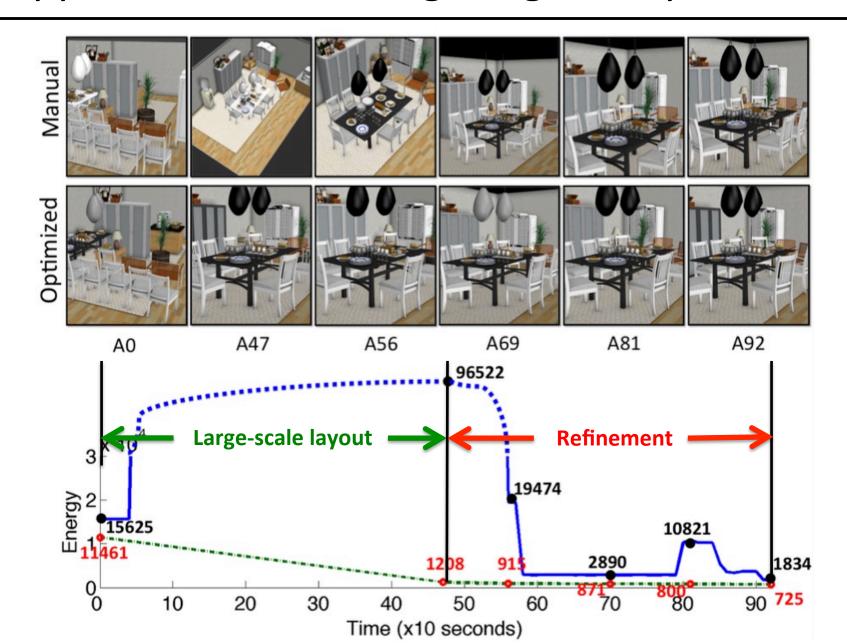


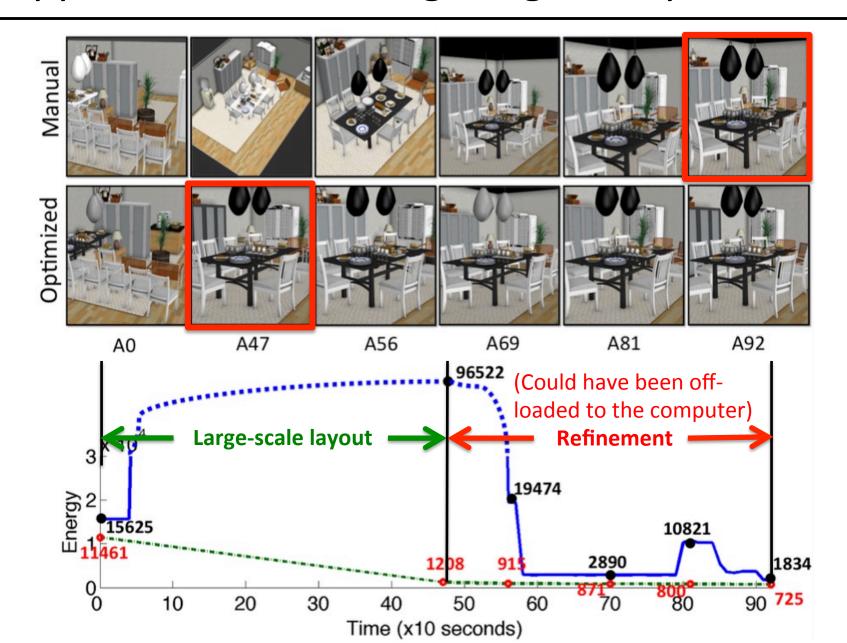












App 2: Retargeting for different aspect ratios





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Input (4:3)

Camera-only

App 2: Retargeting for different aspect ratios







Input (4:3)

Camera-only Ours (1:2)

App 3: Retargeting for different cultural preferences





App 3: Retargeting for different cultural preferences





(a) Original

(b) Objects replaced

App 3: Retargeting for different cultural preferences







(a) Original

(b) Objects replaced

(c) Optimized





Input



Input

Extra terms for overlaid text

Contrast term



Input

Extra terms for overlaid text

- Contrast term
- Variance term



Input

Camera only



Input

Camera only

Our result

App 5: Generating detail images from an overview









(a) Overview





(a) Overview

(b) Speaker







(a) Overview

(b) Speaker

(c) Shelf

A perceptual study

Comparing the results of our method and optimizing camera only.







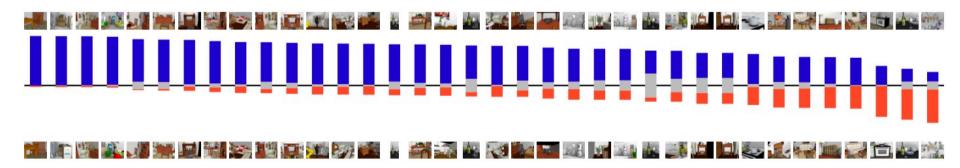
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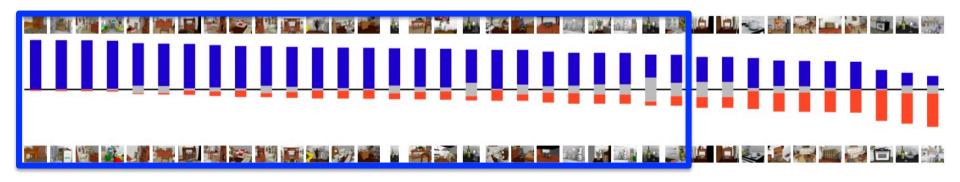
Study

Living room

Expert study results

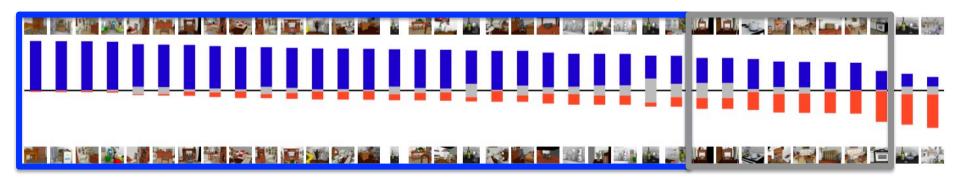
ID	Ours	Camera Only	No preference
Expert 1	22	12	2
Expert 2	17	14	3
Expert 3	22	11	3
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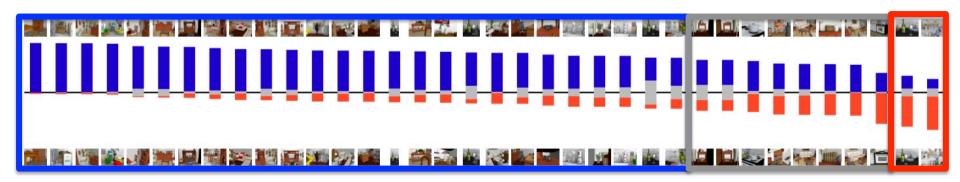
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Summary

 Reasoning about relationships between objects in the image space and the scene space helps create good compositions.

 Moving objects and changing materials significantly improves the quality of compositions.

Our optimization framework benefits a variety of applications.

- Interactive scene optimization
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Symmetry



Vanishing points

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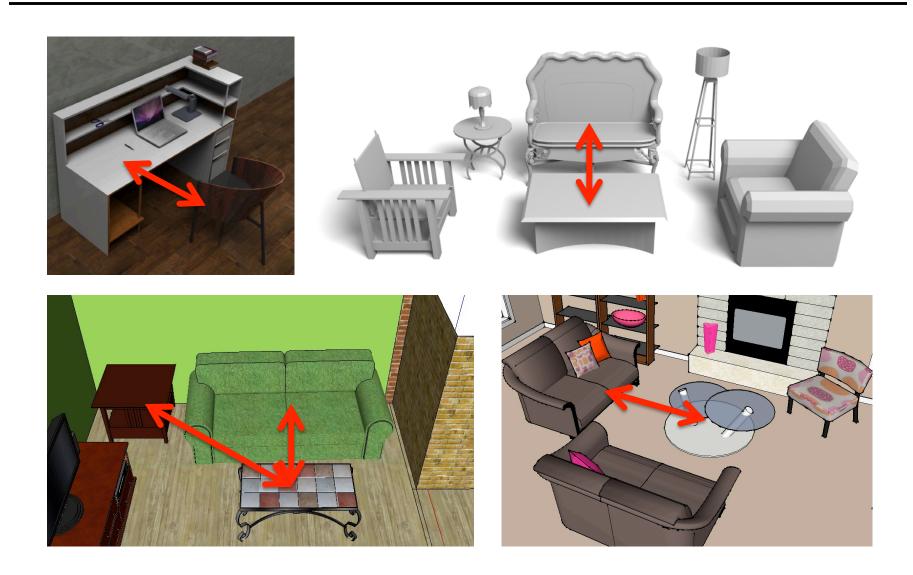
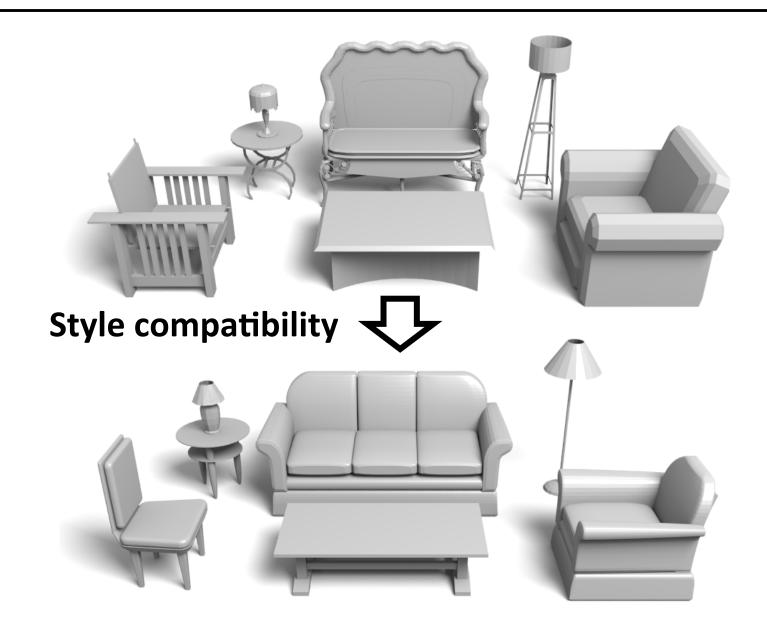


Image courtesy: smartnick100, Designer_Tina, Xu et al.

Motivation



Goal

Modeling pairwise style compatibility





How likely would a person put the two furniture pieces together in the same room if he was furnishing an apartment?

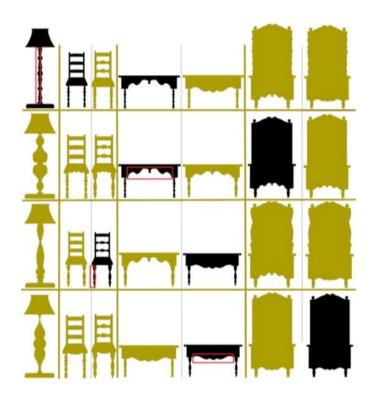
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Previous work – shape style



[Xu et al. 2010]



[Li et al. 2013]

Previous work – virtual world synthesis



[Merrell et al. 2011] [Fisher et al. 2012]

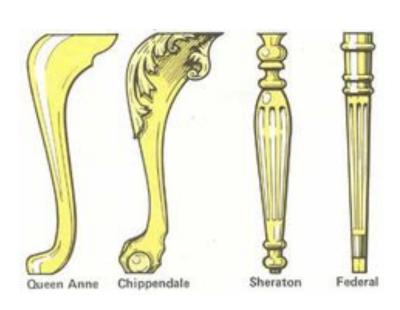
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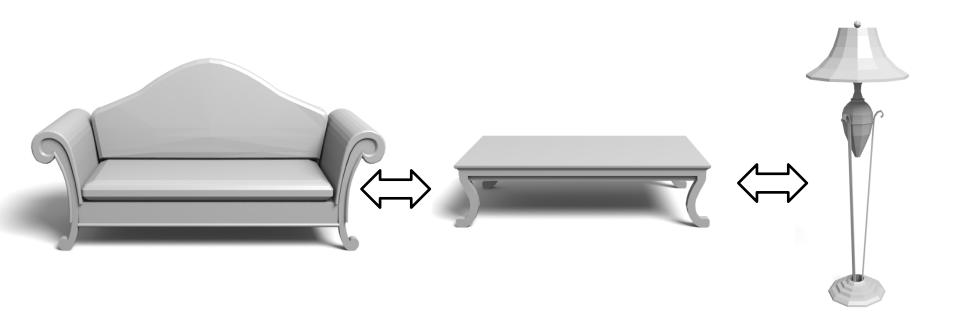


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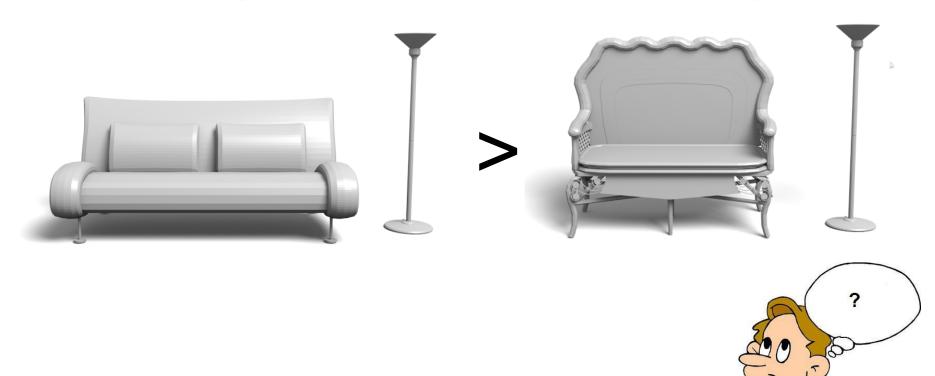


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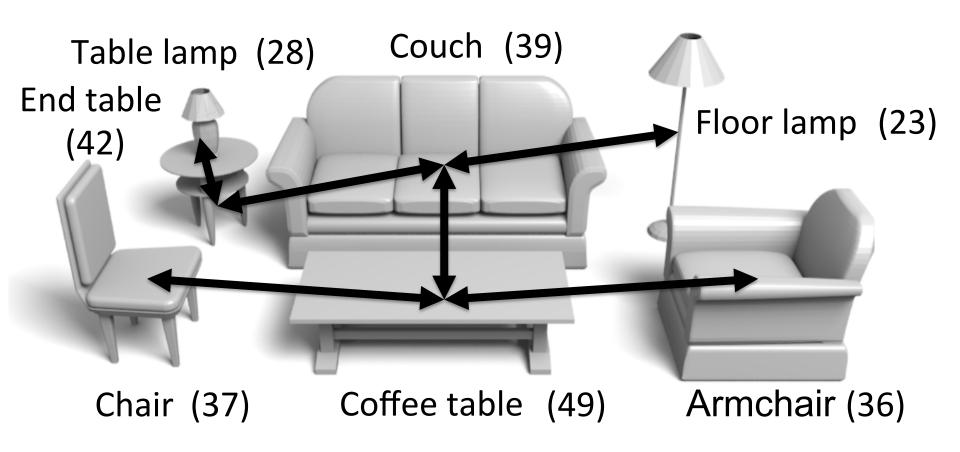
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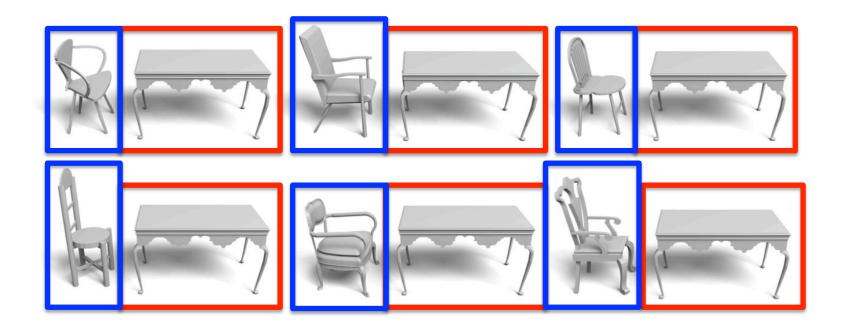
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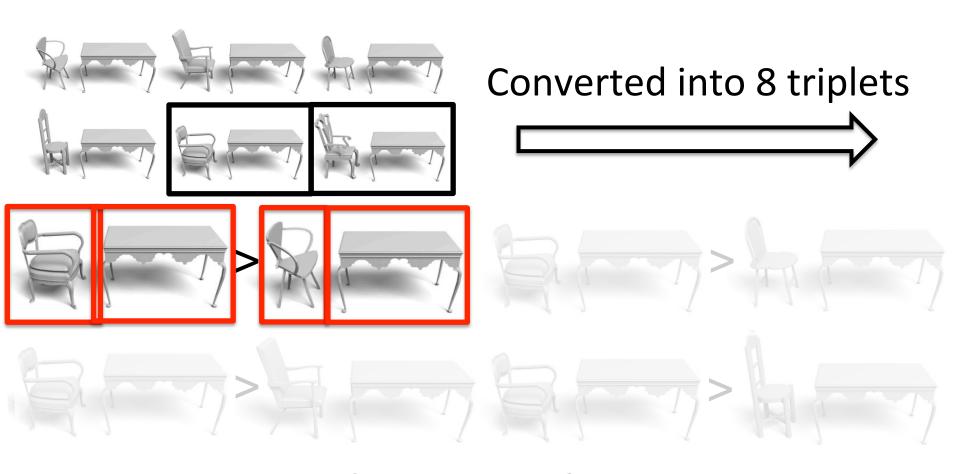
Design of user study [Wilber et al. 2014]



Please select the two most compatible pairs.

Rater's selection





and 4 more triplets ...

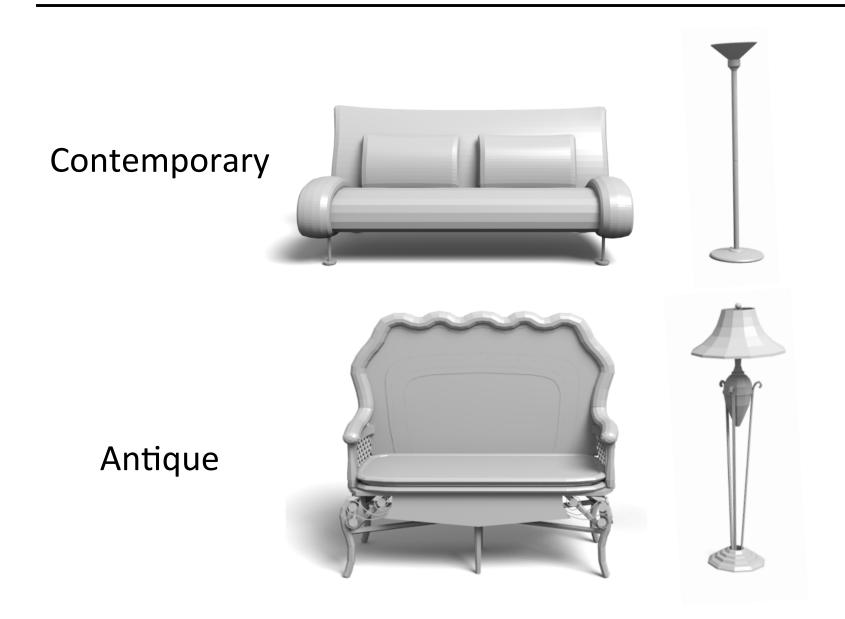


Collected 63,800 triplets for living room and 20,200 for dining room

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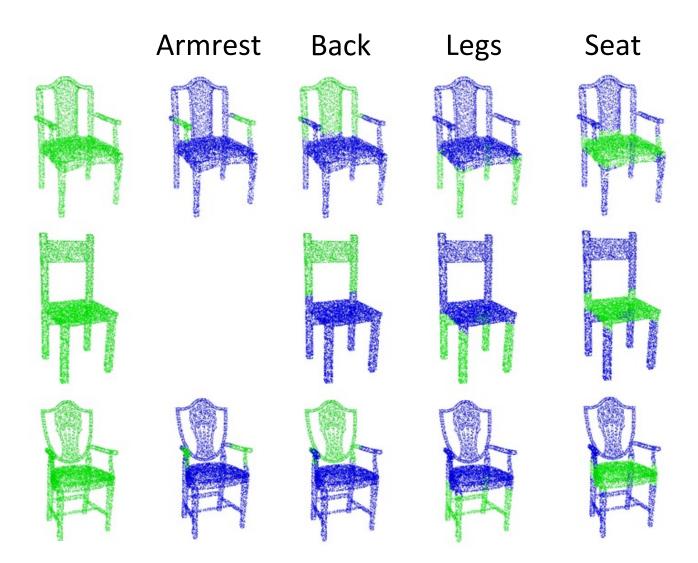
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Part-aware geometric features

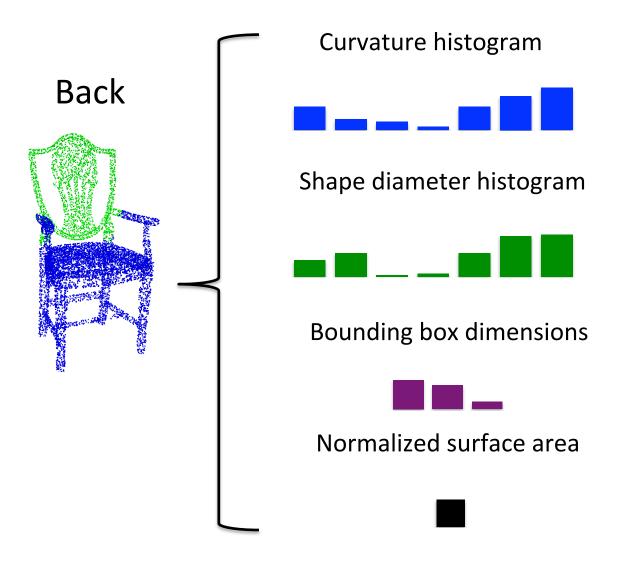


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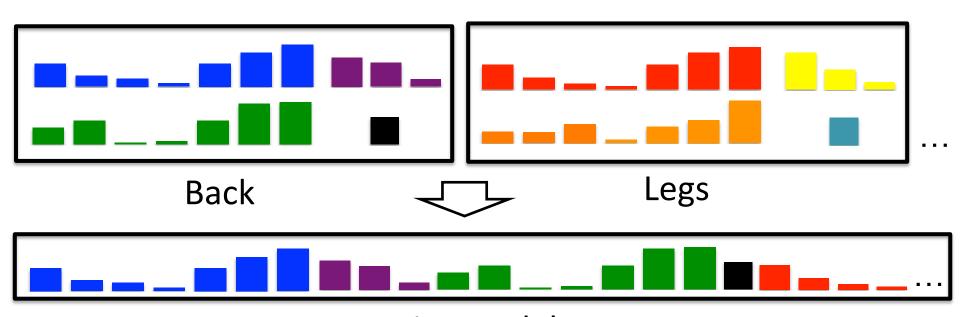
Step 1: Consistent segmentation [Kim et al. 2013]



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Entire model

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Previous approach [Kulis 2012]:

$$d_{symm}(x_i, x_j) = ||W(x_i - x_j)||_2$$

 d_{symm} is the compatibility distance

 X_i, X_j are feature vectors of two shapes

Previous approach [Kulis 2012]:

The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog.

The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog.

Fonts [O'Donovan et al. 2014]



Illustration styles [Garces et al. 2014]

Assumptions of the previous approach

- Feature vectors have the same dimensionality
- Corresponding dimensions are comparable

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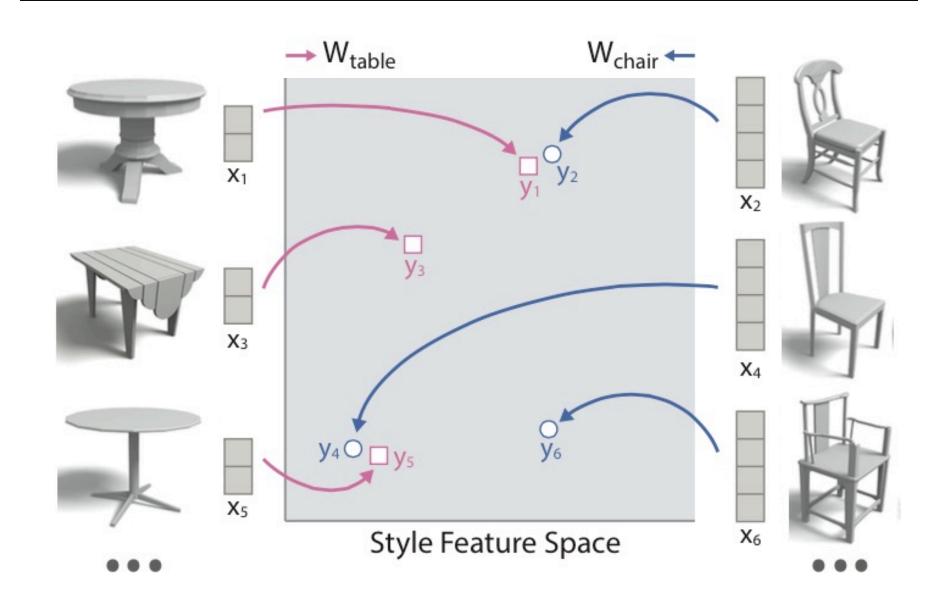


Our approach:

$$d_{asymm}(x_i, x_j) = \|W_{c(i)} x_i - W_{c(j)} x_j\|_2$$

c(i) is the object class of X_i

c(j) is the object class of x_j



Learning procedure [O'Donovan et al. 2014]

- Using a logistic function to model rater's preferences
- Learning by maximizing the likelihood of the training triplets with regularization

Results of triplet prediction

Test set: triplets that human agree upon

- 264 triplets from dining room
- 229 triplets from living room

Method	Dining room	Living room
Chance	50%	50%
No part-aware, Symmetric	63%	55%
Part-aware, Symmetric	63%	65%
No part-aware, Asymmetric	68%	65%
Part-aware, Asymmetric (Ours)	73%	72%
People	93%	99%

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(Most incompatible chairs)











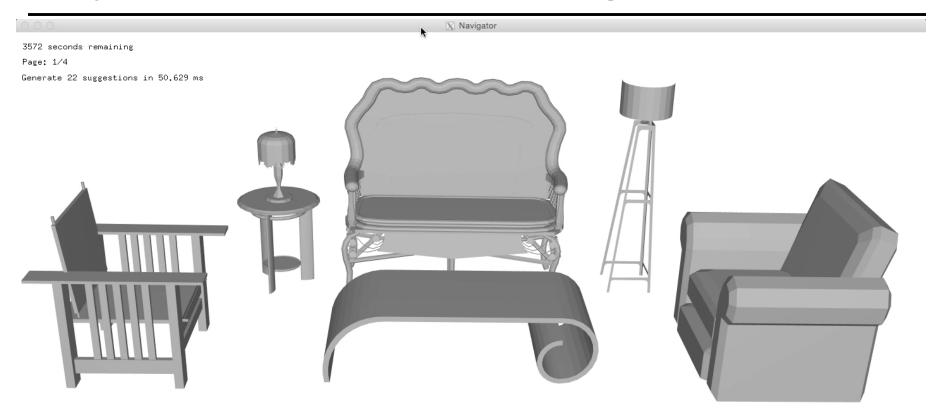
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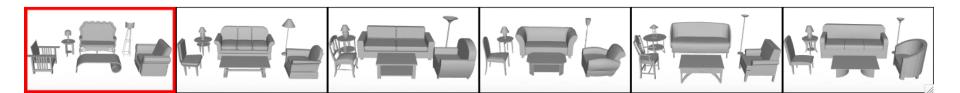
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Style-aware scene building



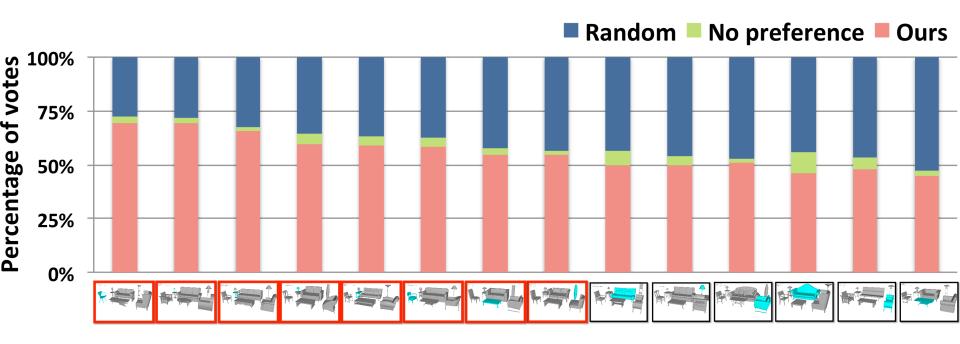


Style-aware scene building

User study

- 12 participants, each works on 14 tasks.
- Half of the tasks are assisted by our metric, and the other half are not.
- Results from the two settings are compared on Amazon Mechanical Turk.

Style-aware scene building



Summary

 It is possible to learn a compatibility metric for furniture of different classes.

 The learned compatibility metric is effective in styleaware scene modeling.

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Duncan Phyfe style with eagle motif (Courtesy: Carswell Rush Berlin)



Sheraton style with lyre motif

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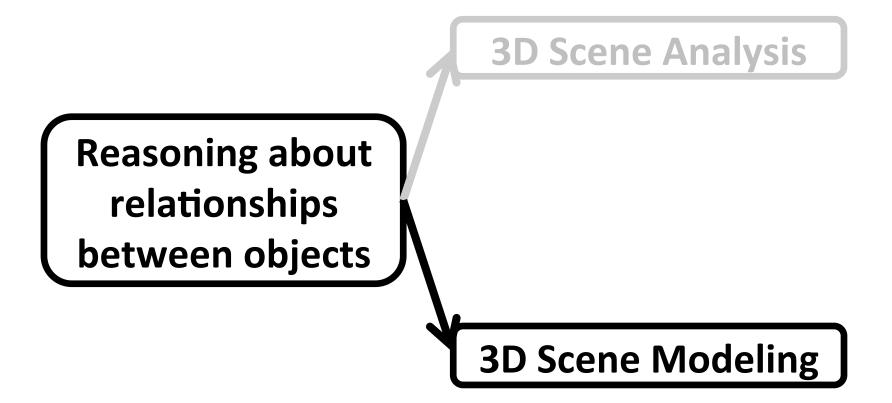
3D Scene Analysis

3D Scene Modeling

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Image courtesy: IKEA

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Image courtesy: Xiao et al.

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Materials are strongly related to style compatibility

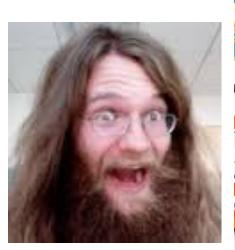
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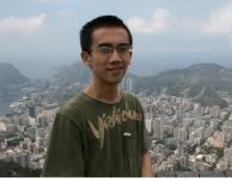
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