Interactive Search Using a Lexicon too Large to Remember

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Interactive Retrieval

Text does not always describe the visual content

Information need

Query

Nice, but only if you have examples to begin with ...

Textual?

Visual?

Semantic?

Our preferred choice

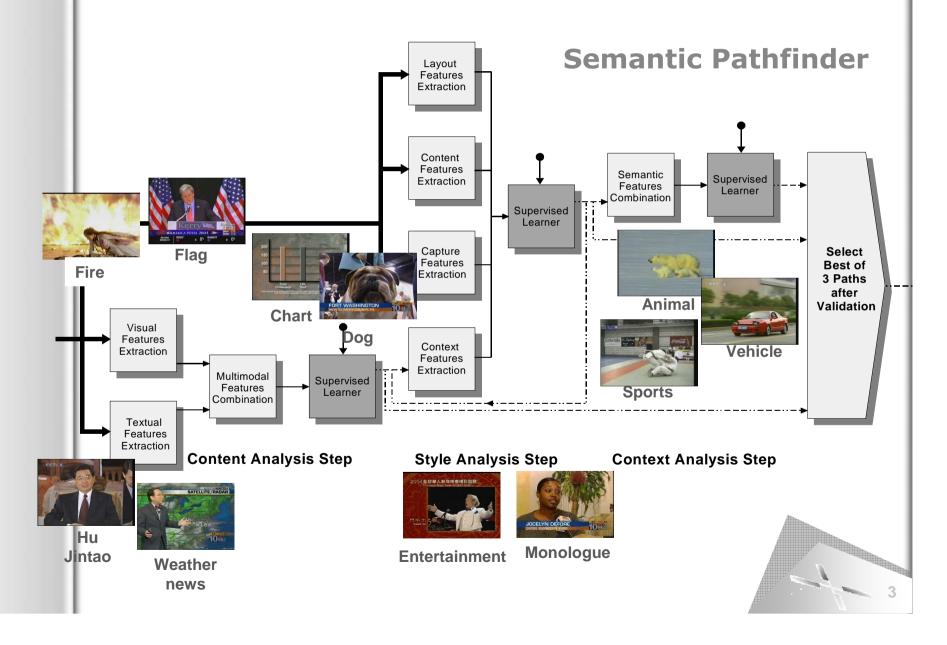


Saturday evening a hotel in Gaithersburg got on fire due to an Elvis look-a-like who played with fire on stage.

Find fragments such as this in the database



Generic Semantic Indexing



TRECVID 2004

Learned lexicon of 32 concepts



TRECVID 2005

Learned lexicon of 101 concepts

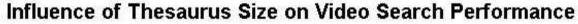


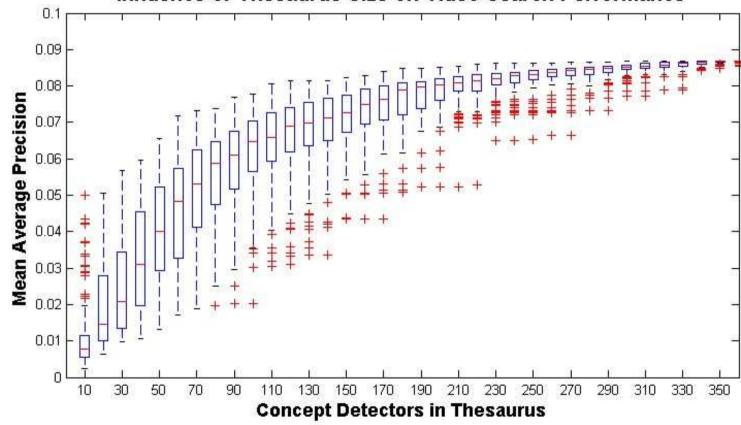
2006: 491 concepts

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001 exiting car	091_golf_course	158 bar pub	274_cigar_boats	368 photographers	484 baker	cycling	268_car_racing
	093 warehouse	159_emergency_room	275_classroom	369 pickup truck	487_banks	dog	276_clouds
	094 airport terminal	162_forest	277 cloverleaf	370 pipelines	490 barracks	drawing	292_dogs
	095 bazaar	163_grassland	280 communications tower	371_pipes	535_clocks	drawing cartoon	306_flags
006 demonstration or protest		165 lawn	281_computers	372_police	541_network_logo	duo_anchor	320_sketches
	098 foxhole	167_administrative_assistant	282 conference buildings	374_porches	609 ground vehicles	female	383 colin powell
	099 hill	169_gym	283 construction vehicles	375_powerplants	677 military buildings	fireweapon	014 baseball
	100_marsh	172_kitchen	285_cordless	376_coal_powerplants	685_moonlight	fish	015_basketball
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	102_subway_station	176_dining_room	287_cruise_liner	380 power transmission line t		food	229_weather
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	112_first_lady	184_girl	297_driver	387_rainy	charts	horse	011_golf
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	121_logos_full_screen	194_male_news_subject	310 freighter	400_runway	maps	newspaper	204 maps
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	133_golf_caddy	241_antenna	329_interview_sequences	414_speaker	sky	tank	434_tower
057_shopping_mall	134 construction worker	242_apartments	330 interview on location	415_sports	snow	tennis	435_trees
058_stadium	135_toll_booth	243 apartment complex	333 john edwards	416 stock m	sports	tony_blair	017_soccer
	136 guard	244 armored vehicles	335 lakes	417 store	studio	tower	018 tennis
	137_hunter	245_artillery	337_landlines	418 streets	truck	tree	024_snow
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	139_factory_worker	247 baby	340 machine guns	421 suits	vegetation	Y	448_yasser_arafat
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Should we bother?

TRECVID2005

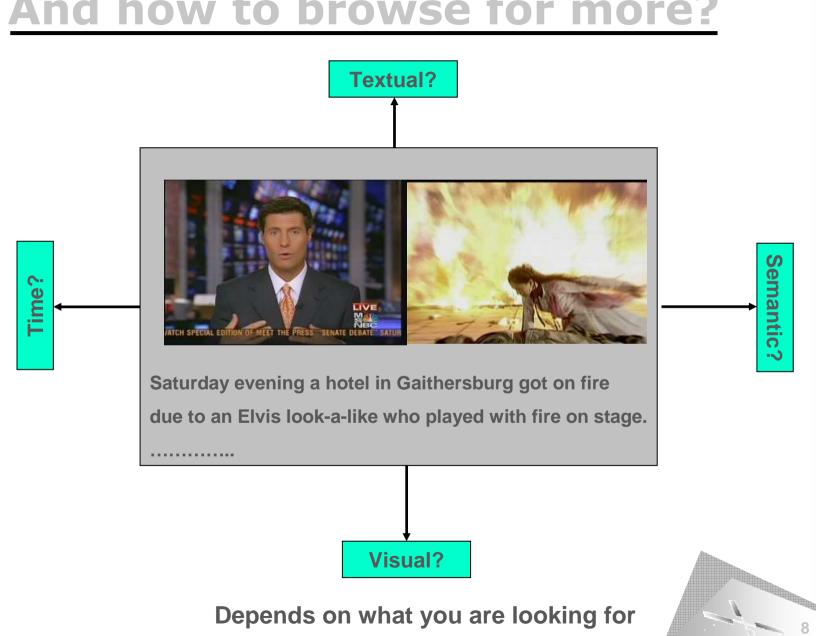




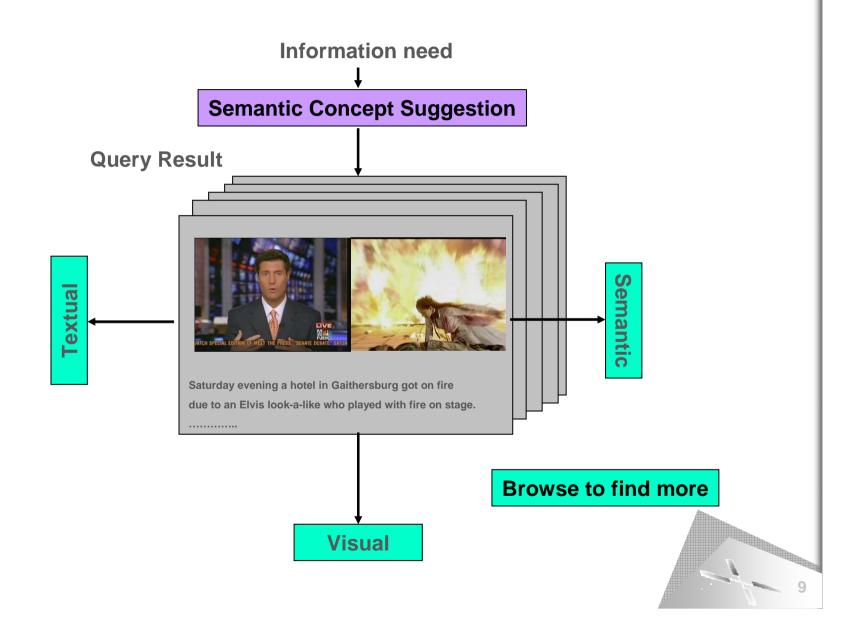
Yes size does matter.

So we need to help the user in selecting the right concept

And how to browse for more?



Overview of the system

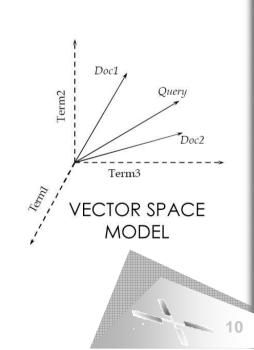


Suggestion based on text matching

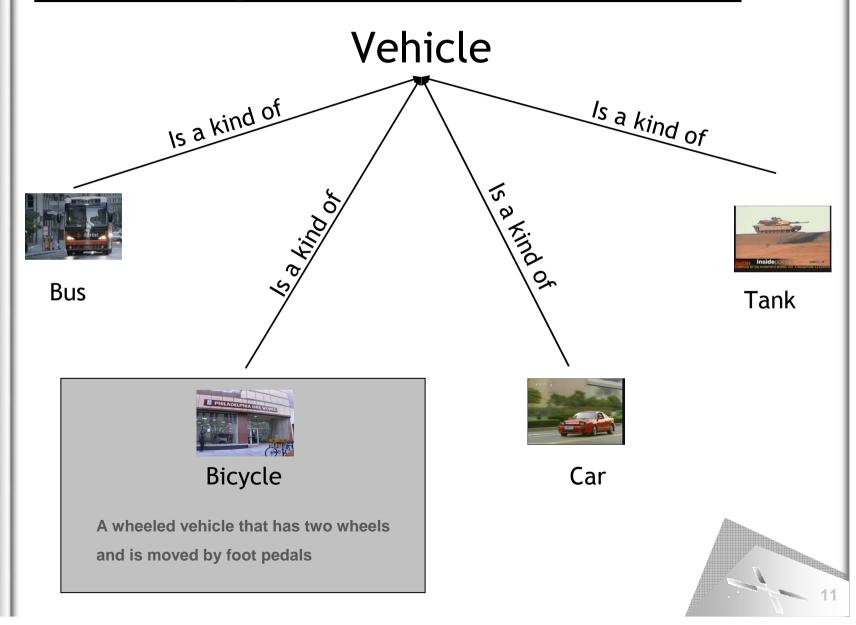
Ø Index concept descriptions



- ü Represent as term vector
- ü Only 363, so rather small collection
- Ø Need to increase recall?
 - ü Porter stemming algorithm
 - ü Character *n*-gramming, here sequences of 4 characters
- Ø We use the vector space model to match queries to descriptions
 - ü Pick detector that maximizes query/document similarity
- Ø Turns out that perfect match yields best performance



Next step: use Wordnet



Suggestion using ontology querying

"Find a report from the desert showing a house or car on fire."

1. Identify objects in WordNet



car







house



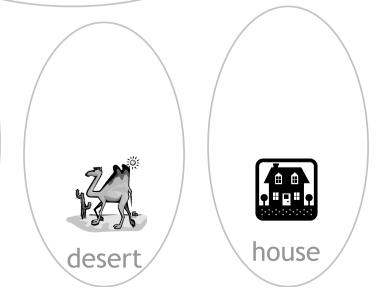
Ontology querying

"Find a report from the desert showing a house or car on fire."

2. Identify related concept detectors









Ontology querying

"Find a report from the desert showing a house or car on fire."

3. Find most similar and specific detector using Resnik's measure



car



car



vehicle

desert





fire





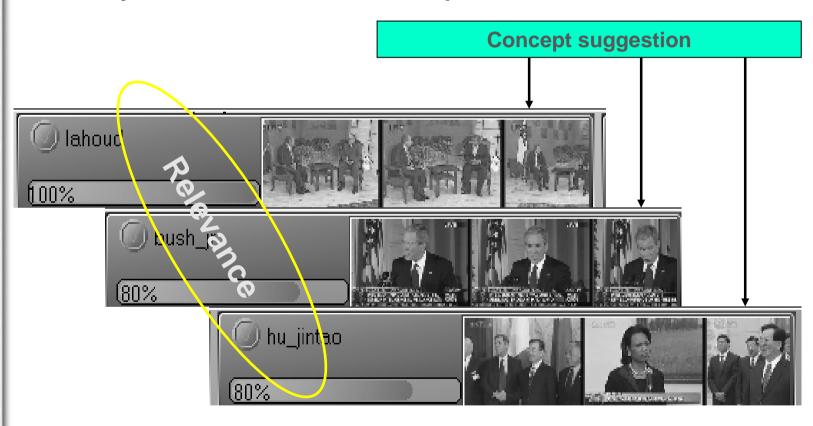


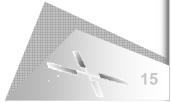
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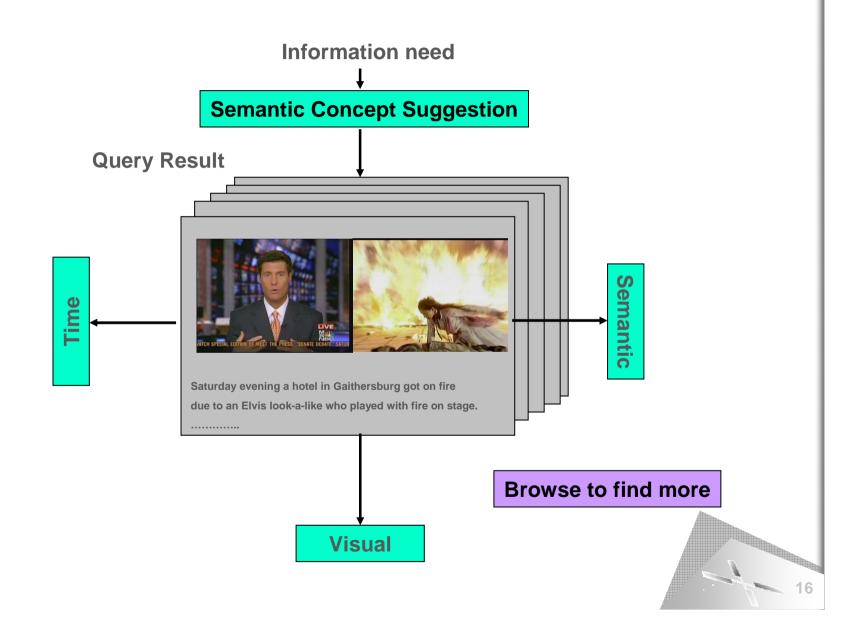
Automatic concept suggestion

Query: Find shots of the current president of America

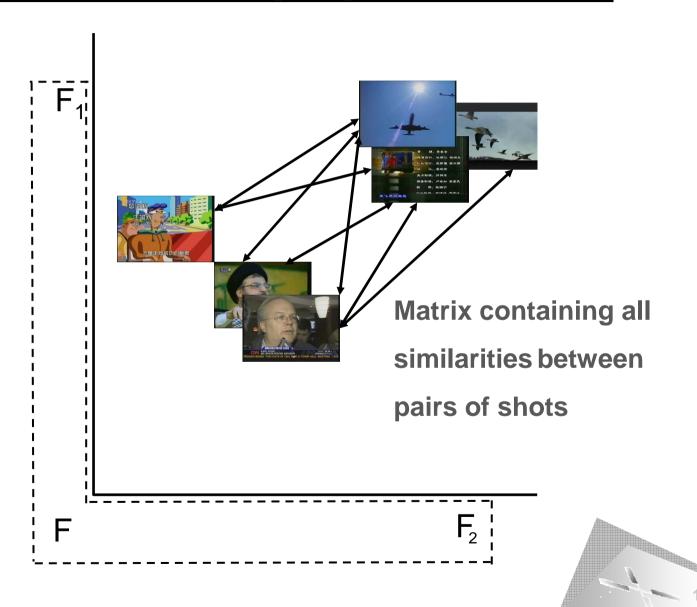




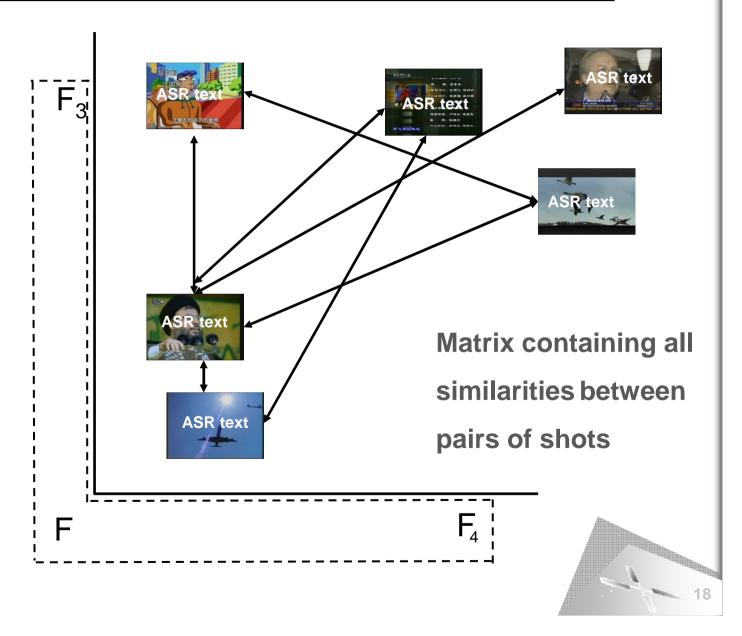
Overview



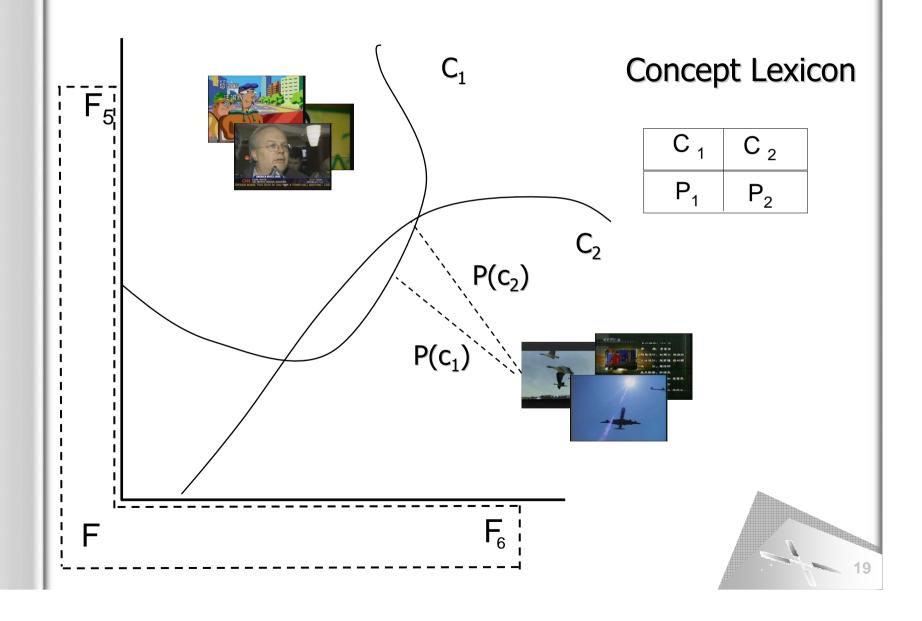
Visual Similarity Space



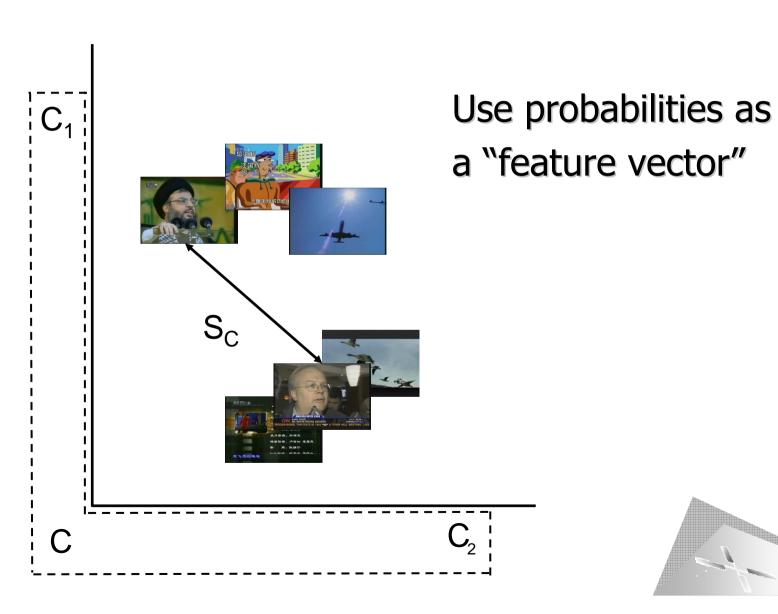
Textual Similarity Space



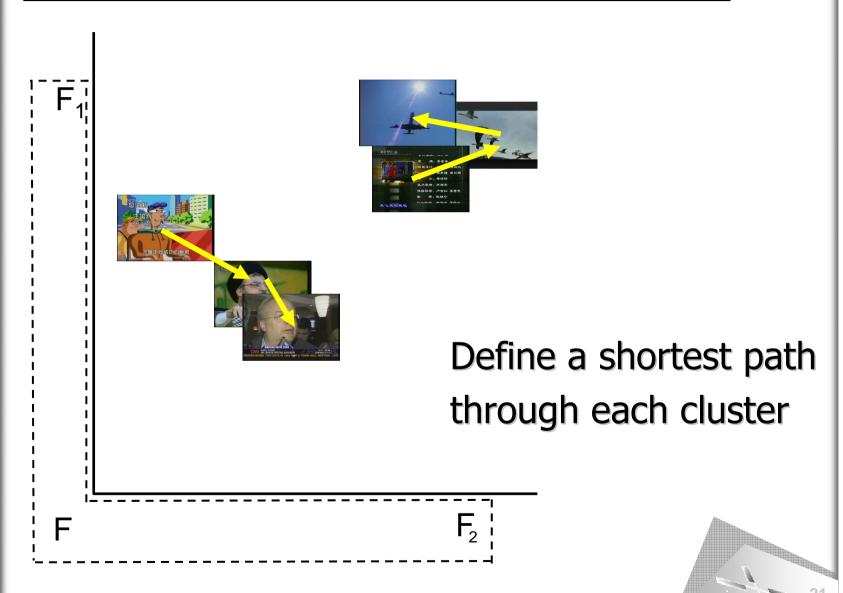
Semantic probabilities



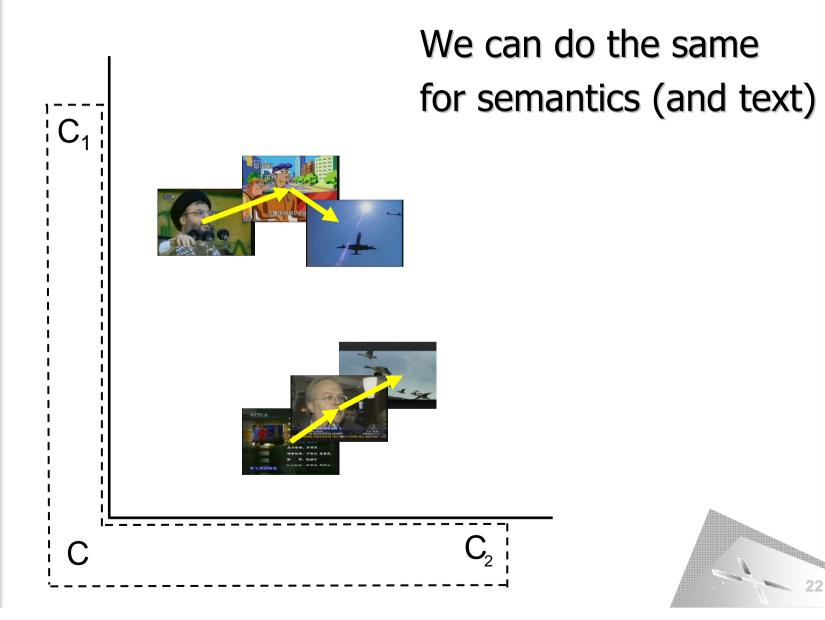
Semantic Similarity Space



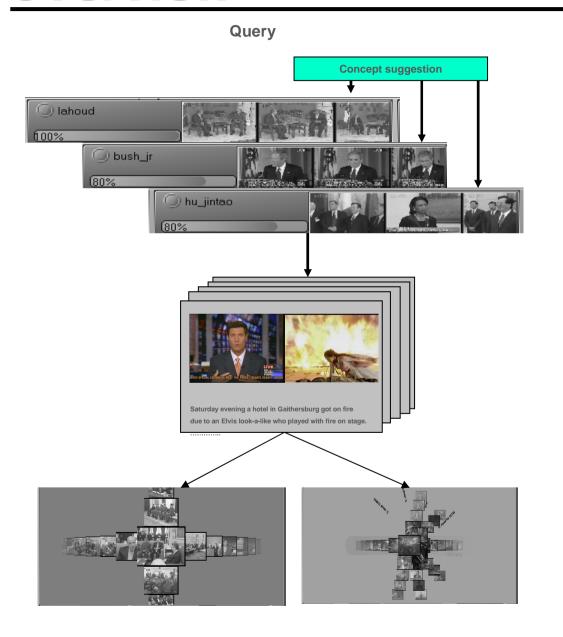
Visual Thread Space



Semantic Thread Space



Overview



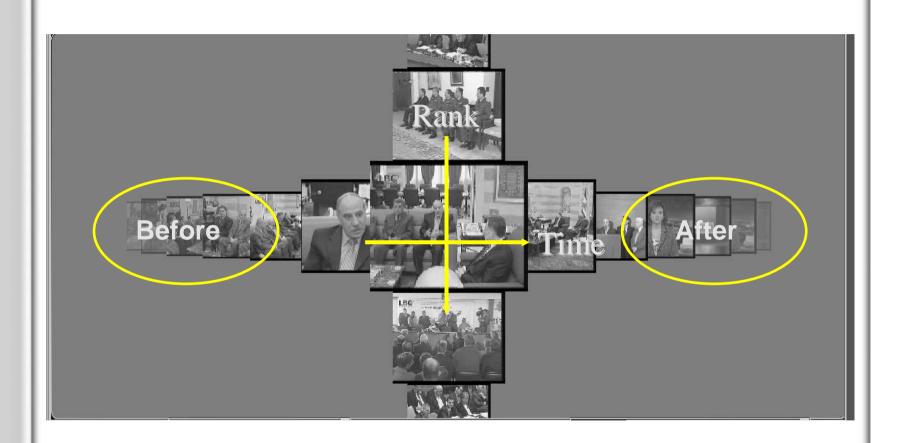
Semantic Concept Suggestion

Query result

Browse to find more



The CrossBrowser



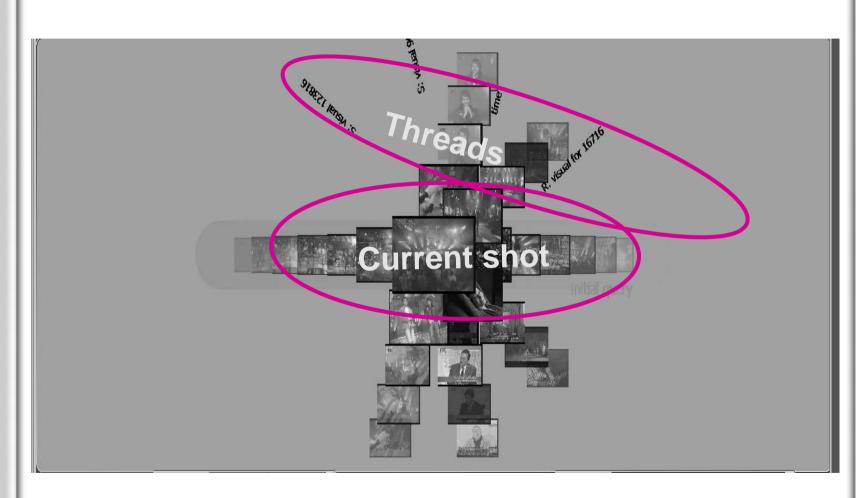
Other browsing dimensions

- Ø Time
 - ü The timeline of the original video
- Ø Keypoint based similarity
 - ü Requires interaction by the user, cannot be pre-computed



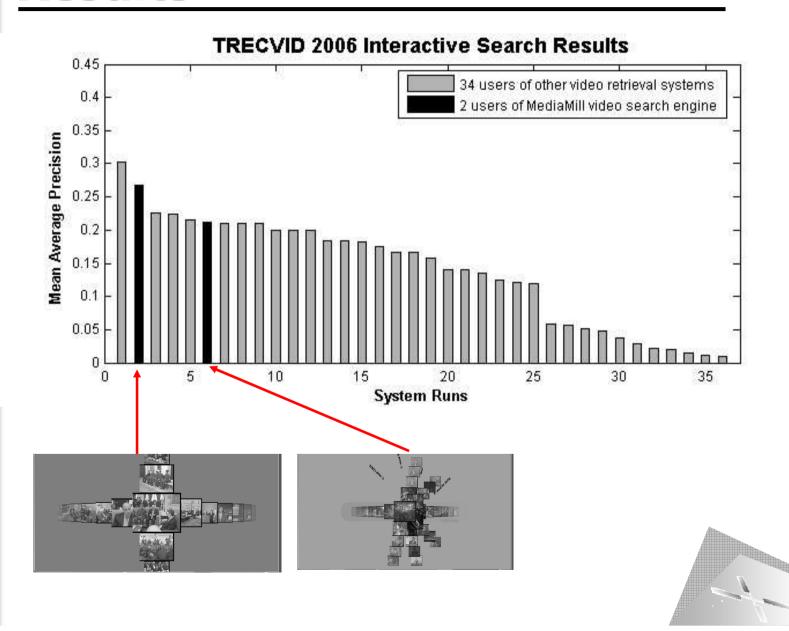
Ø The concept for which the shot receives a top-rank

The RotorBrowser

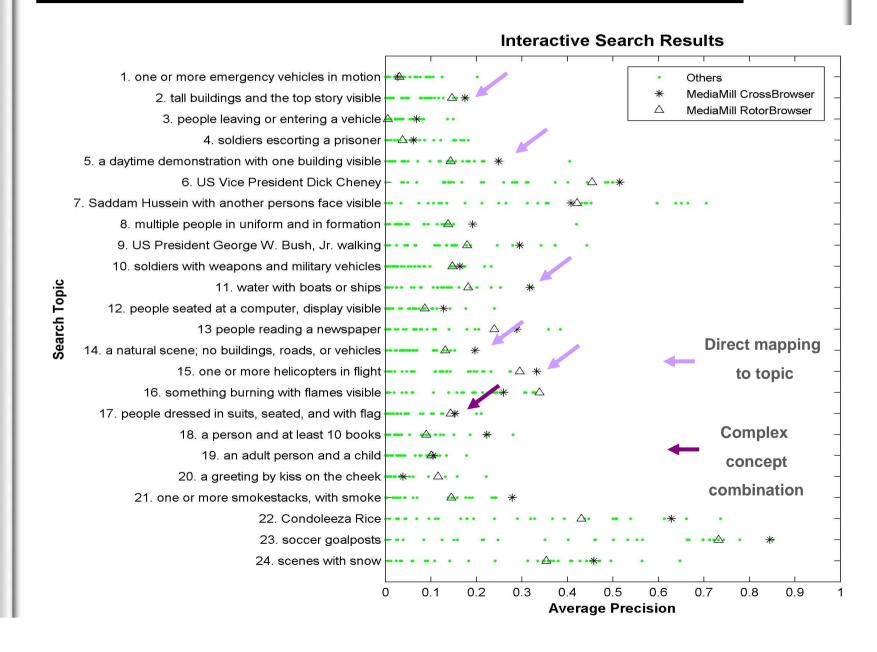




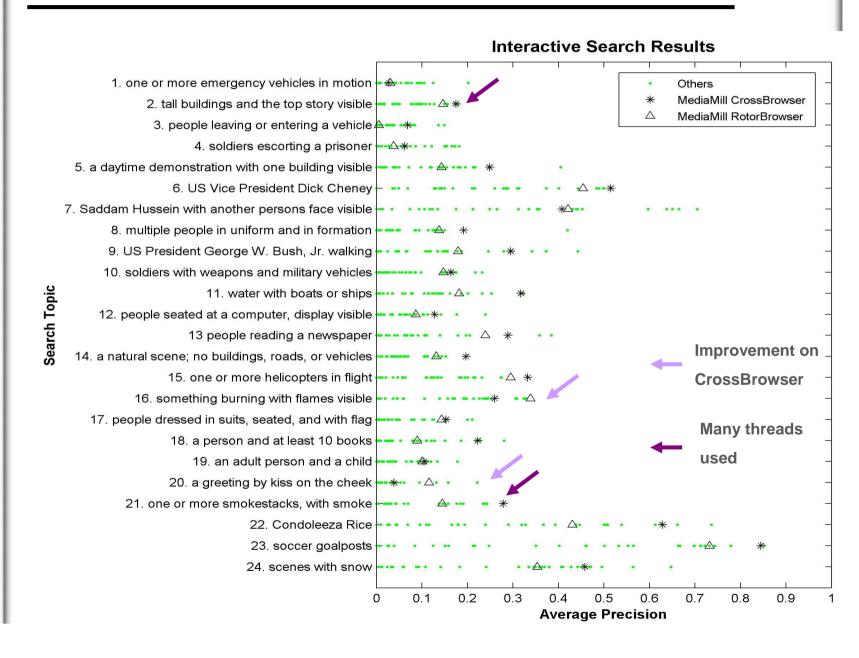
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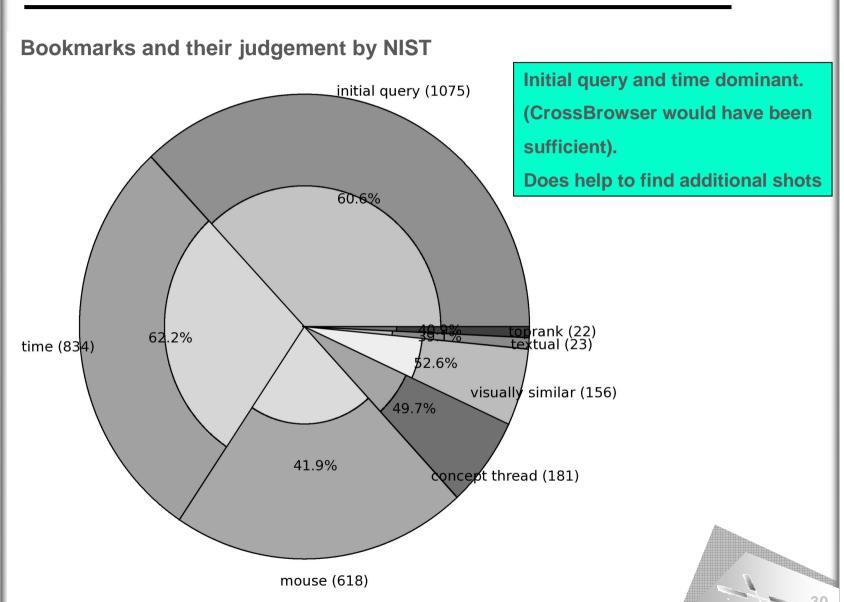
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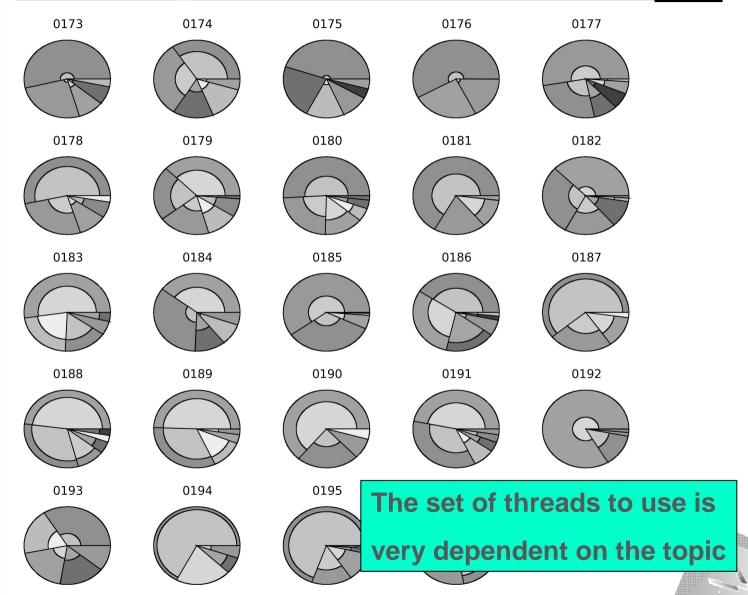
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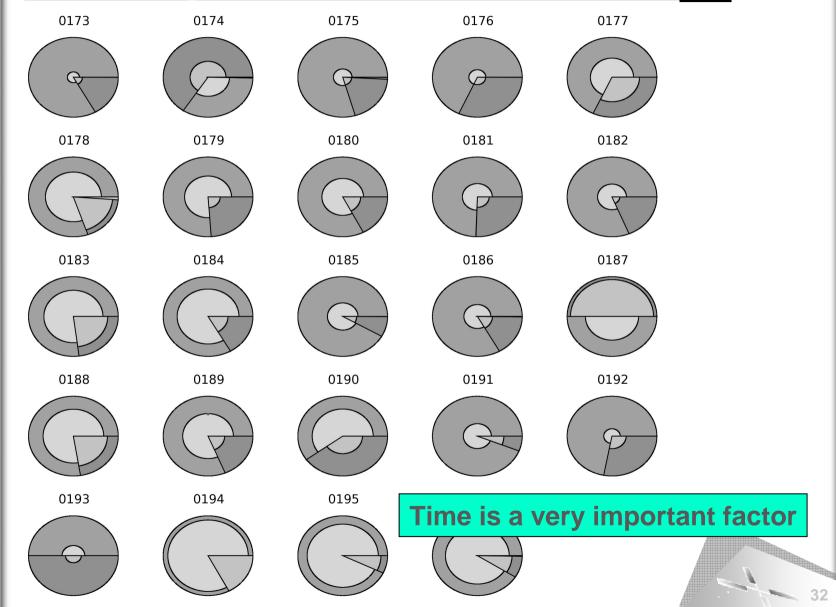
Our RotorBrowse run



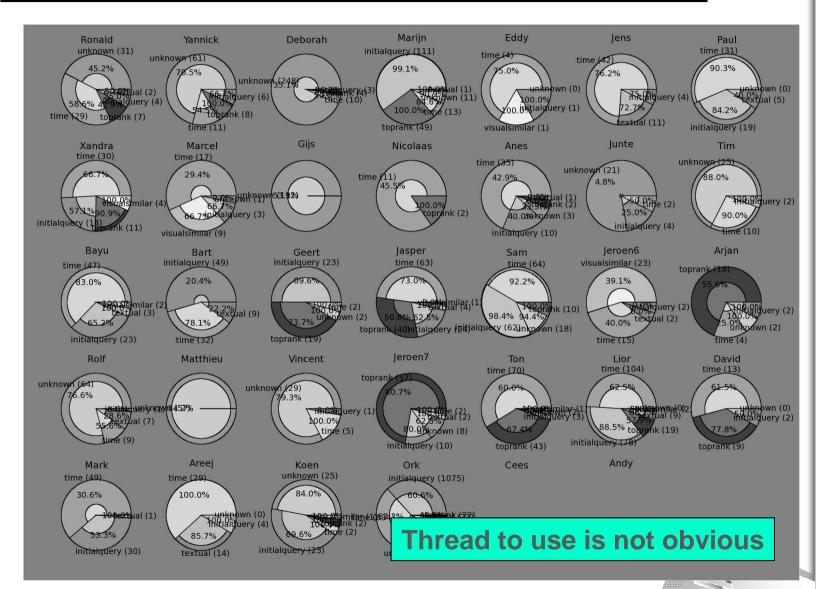
Decomposition: RotorBrowser



Decomposition: CrossBrowser



30 novice users using RotorBrowser



Lessons learned

- Ø Region based querying
 - ü For the current TRECVID topics of limited use
- Ø CrossBrowser versus RotorBrowser
 - ü For most topics initial query and time are contributing most to the final result, so CrossBrowser often sufficient
 - ü But in specific cases the use of additional threads can boost performance
- Ø The optimal threads
 - ü Do not exist, depends on the topic
- Ø Choosing the threads
 - ü For a novice user not evident from the visualization, performance of threads still too poor



