



REAL-TIME SEMANTIC BACKGROUND SUBTRACTION

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Real-time semantic background subtraction

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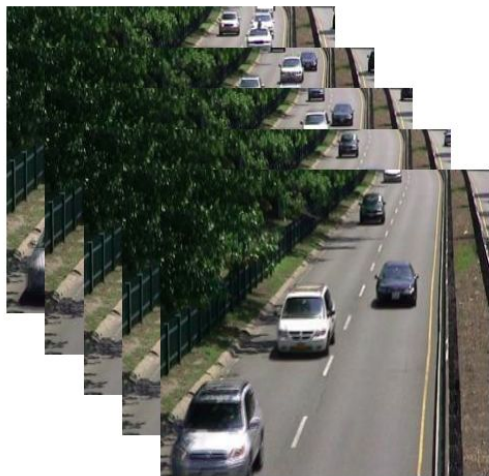
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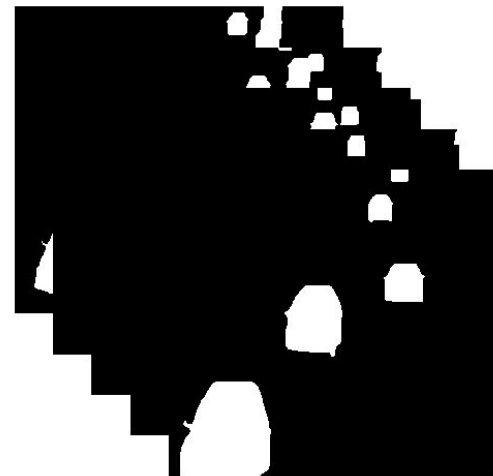
Background subtraction in video sequences



Input video

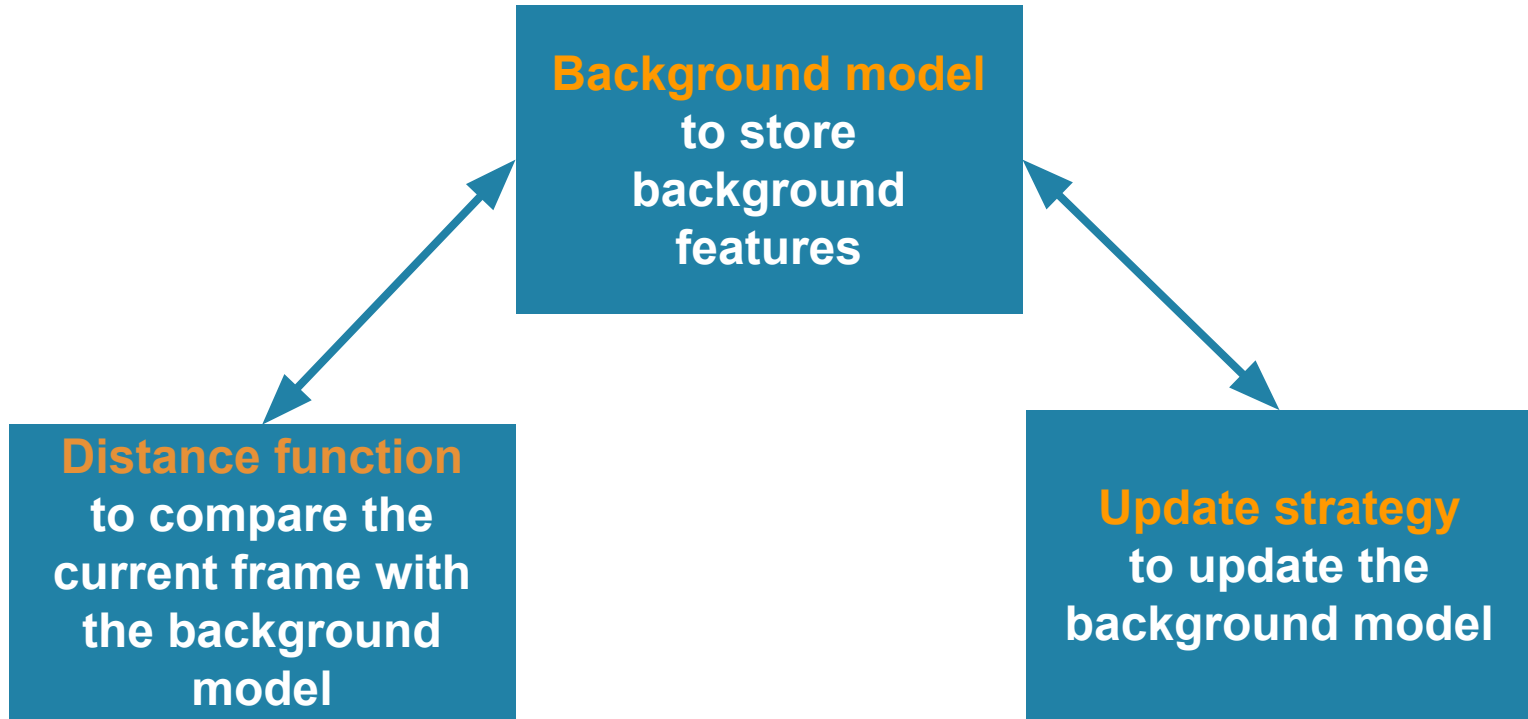


BGS algorithm



Output masks

Principle of BGS algorithms



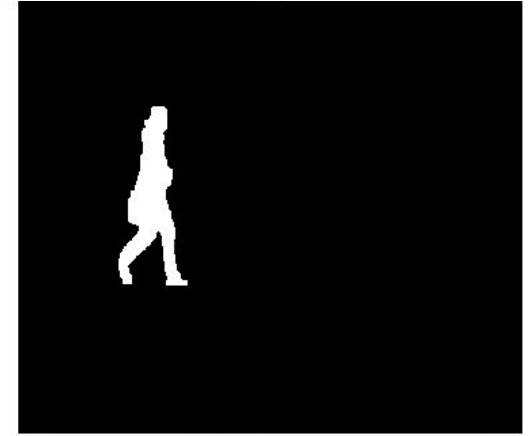
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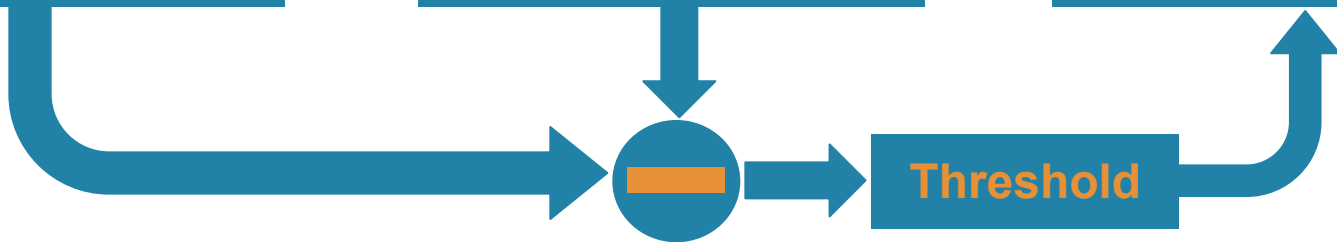
Current frame



Background model



Output binary mask



Typical challenges and traditional solutions

Typical challenges

Color camouflage

Light changes

Dynamic backgrounds

Shadows

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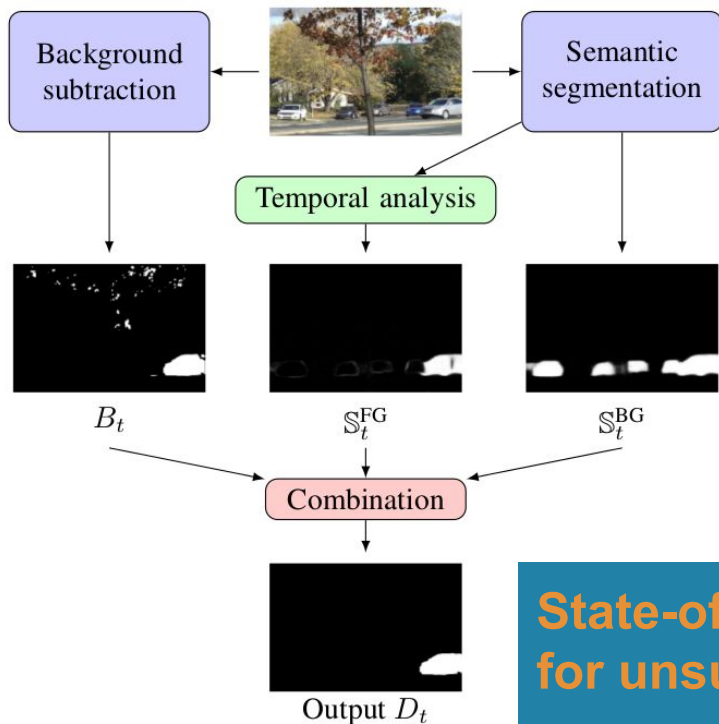
Traditional solutions

Complex background modeling strategies (GMM, KDE, Codebook, ViBe, ...)

Sophisticated hand-crafted features (LBP, LBSP, HRI, ...)

More recently : deep learning

Semantic background subtraction (SBS)

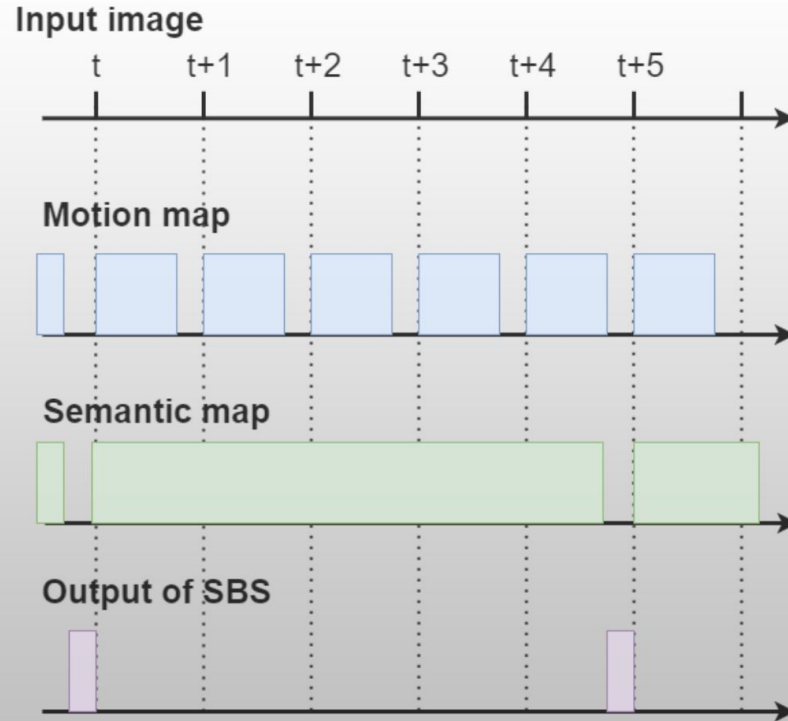


Decision table of SBS

| | Classifiers | | Output |
|------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | $B_t(x, y)$ | $S_t(x, y)$ | $D_t(x, y)$ |
| (L1) | BG | "?" | BG |
| (L2) | BG | BG | BG |
| (L3) | BG | FG | FG |
| (L4) | FG | "?" | FG |
| (L5) | FG | BG | BG |
| (L6) | FG | FG | FG |

State-of-the-art classification performance
for **unsupervised BGS** on the CDNet 2014 dataset.

Time diagram of SBS



Practical difficulty with SBS

SBS requires a semantic segmentation map for each frame

But...

The best semantic segmentation networks

are not real-time

Lower performances are obtained with

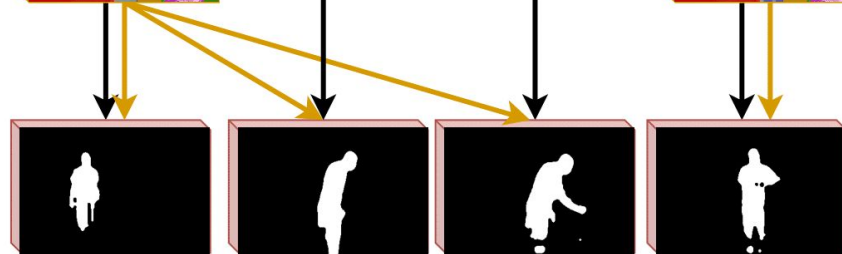
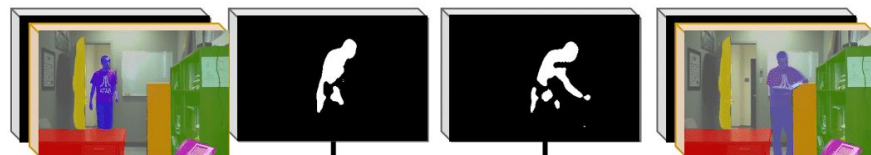
the fastest semantic segmentation networks

How can we obtain **high-quality segmentation** maps for BGS **in real-time**?

Real-time semantic background subtraction (RT-SBS)



Background subtraction
& **Semantic information**



Decision table of RT-SBS

Key idea for missing semantics:

Reuse previous semantic decision

if pixel color hasn't changed too much!

| | <i>Decision table of RT-SBS</i> | | | |
|------|---------------------------------|-----------------|-------------|---------------|
| | Classifiers | | | Output |
| | $B_t(x, y)$ | $S_{t^*}(x, y)$ | $C_t(x, y)$ | $D_t(x, y)$ |
| (L1) | BG | "?" | "✘" | BG |
| (L2) | BG | BG | "✘" | BG |
| (L3) | BG | FG | No Change | FG |
| (L4) | BG | FG | Change | BG |
| (L5) | FG | "?" | "✘" | FG |
| (L6) | FG | BG | No Change | BG |
| (L7) | FG | BG | Change | FG |
| (L8) | FG | FG | "✘" | FG |

Decision table of RT-SBS

The pixel color change at time t , $C_t(x, y)$, is computed by a threshold on the **Manhattan distance** between the pixel **current color value** and its **previous color value** when semantic information was last available.

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Decision table of RT-SBS

Foreground and background have **different color dynamics**.

Hence, the **threshold** used to compute $C_t(x,y)$ **depends on** $S_t(x,y)$.

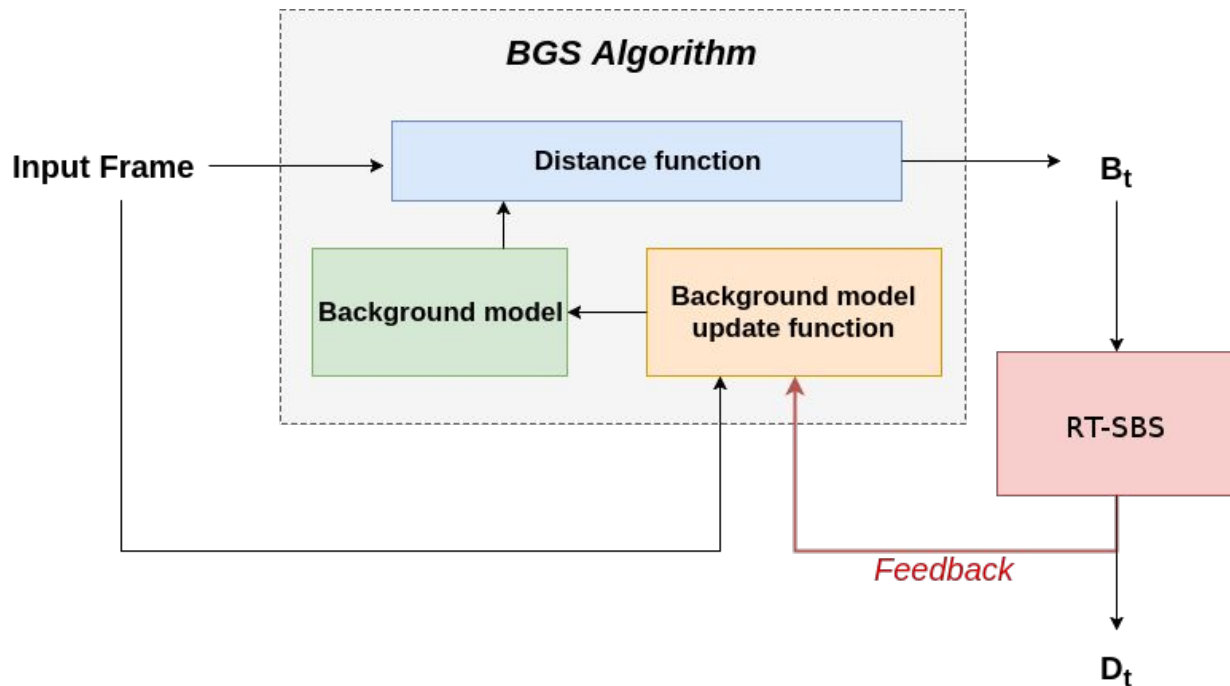
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Improving the BGS algorithm with a feedback loop

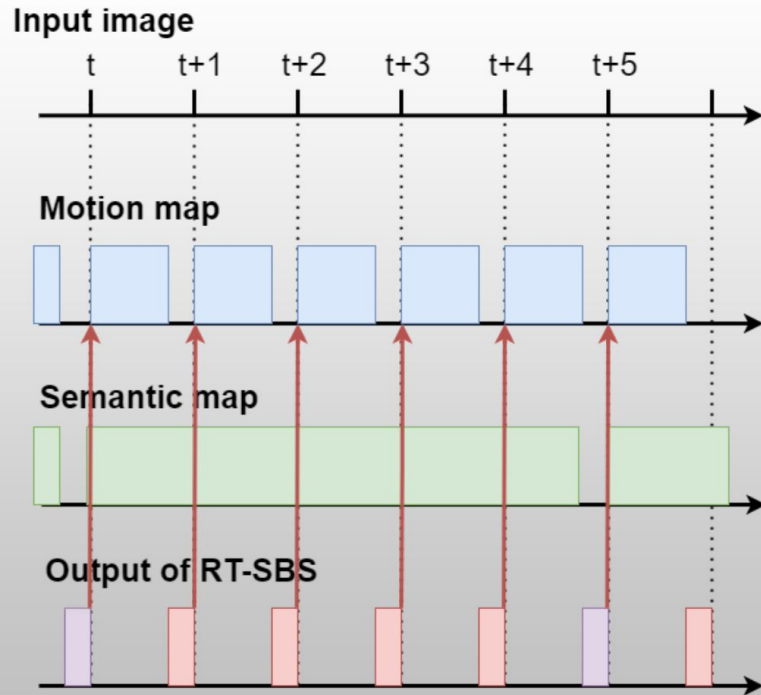
We use **ViBe** as BGS algorithm as it is the **best real-time** one.

We add a **feedback loop** to upgrade ViBe's decisions.

D_t replaces **B_t** as updating mask for the background model.



Time Diagram of RT-SBS

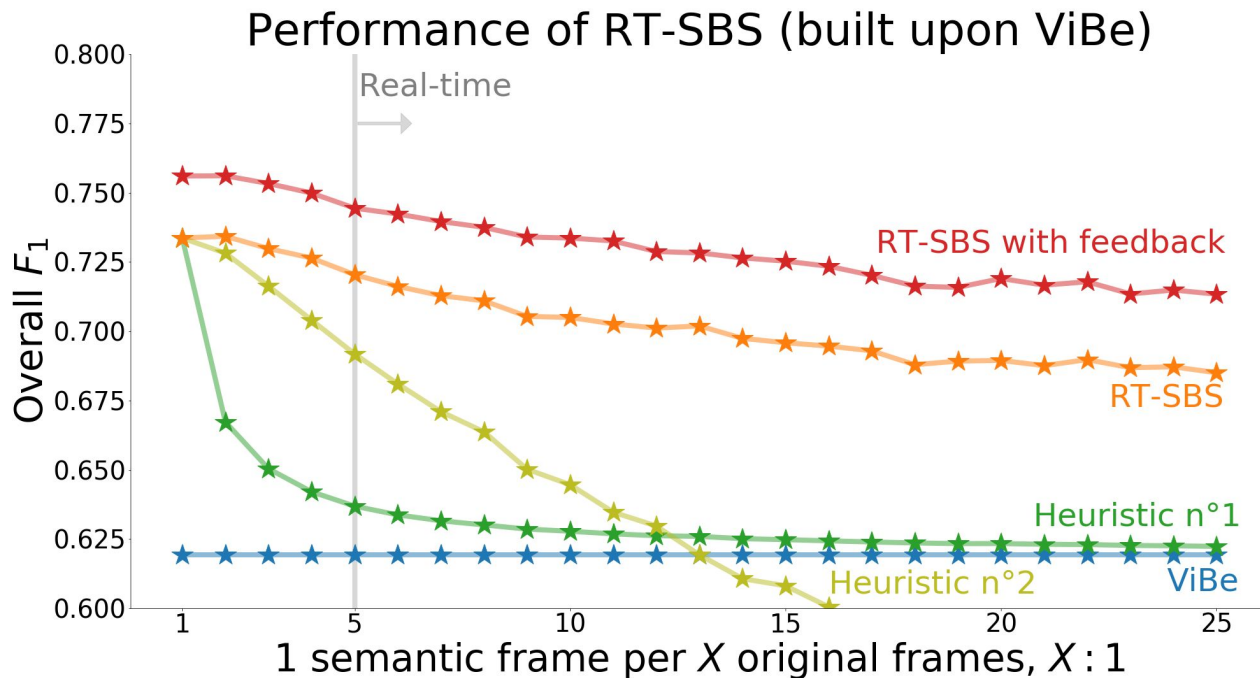


Performance of RT-SBS (built upon ViBe)

Evaluation on the
CDNet 2014 dataset

PSPNet used as
semantic segmentation
algorithm (~ 5 fps)

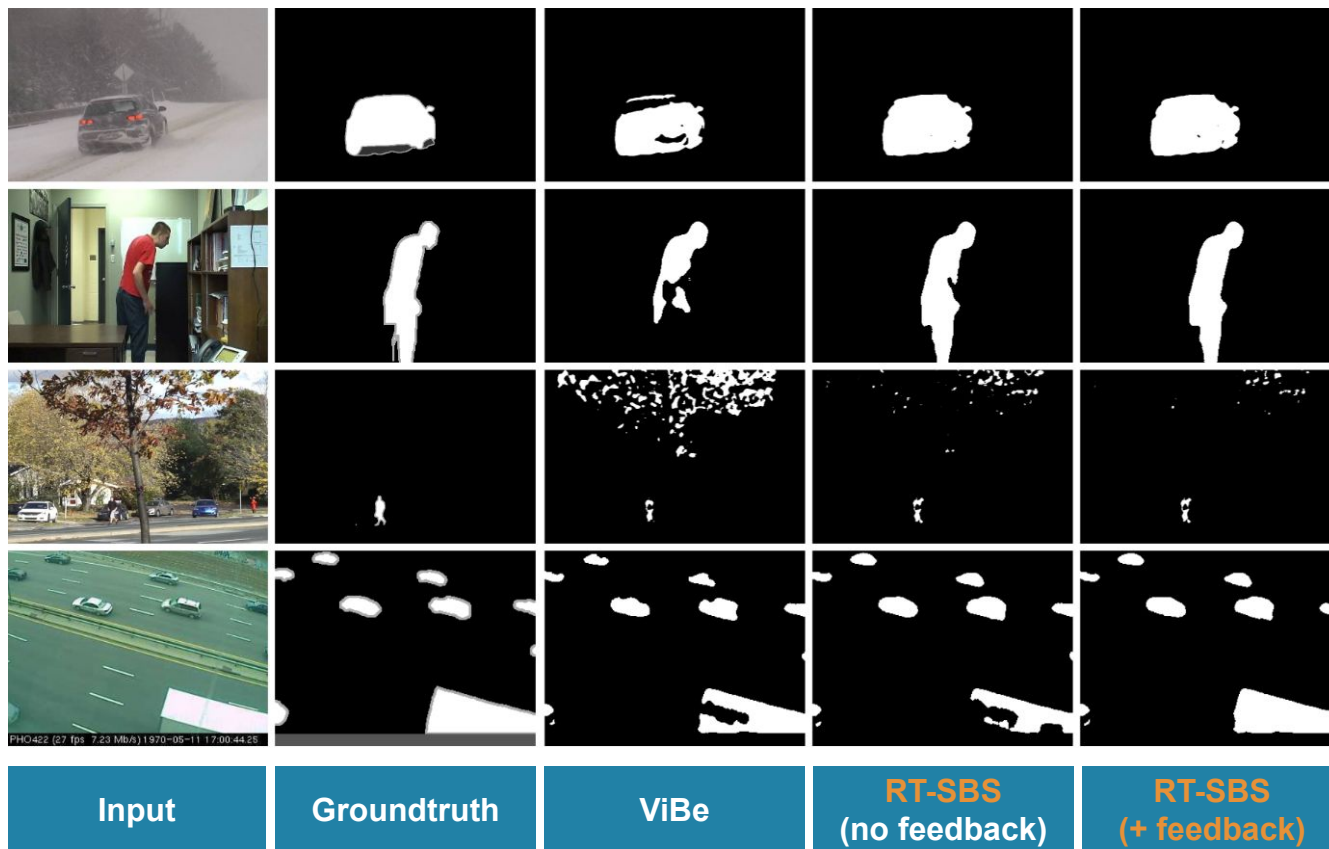
Parameters of RT-SBS
optimized to **maximize**
the overall F_1 -score
for each semantic
frame rate X .



Comparison with unsupervised BGS algorithms

| Unsupervised BGS algorithms | F_1 | fps |
|--|--------------|-----------------|
| SemanticBGS (SBS with IUTIS-5) [14] | 0.789 | ≈ 7 |
| IUTIS-5 [9] | 0.772 | ≈ 10 |
| IUTIS-3 [9] | 0.755 | ≈ 10 |
| WisenetMD [20] | 0.754 | ≈ 12 |
| WeSamBE [21] | 0.745 | ≈ 2 |
| PAWCS [22] | 0.740 | $\approx 1 - 2$ |
| ViBe [7] | 0.619 | ≈ 152 |
| RT-SBS at $X : 5$ | 0.746 | 25 |
| RT-SBS at $X : 10$ | 0.734 | 50 |
| RT-SBS at $X : 5$ and scene-specific optimization | 0.828 | 25 |

Qualitative results



Conclusion

RT-SBS extends the semantic background subtraction (**SBS**) algorithm **for real-time applications**.

RT-SBS uses high-quality semantic information which can be provided **at any pace** and independently for each pixel and checks its **relevance** through time using a **change detection** algorithm.

RT-SBS outperforms real-time background subtraction **algorithms** and **competes with** the non-real-time **state-of-the-art** ones.



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