

Unsupervised Layered Image Decomposition into Object Prototypes

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Pytorch code



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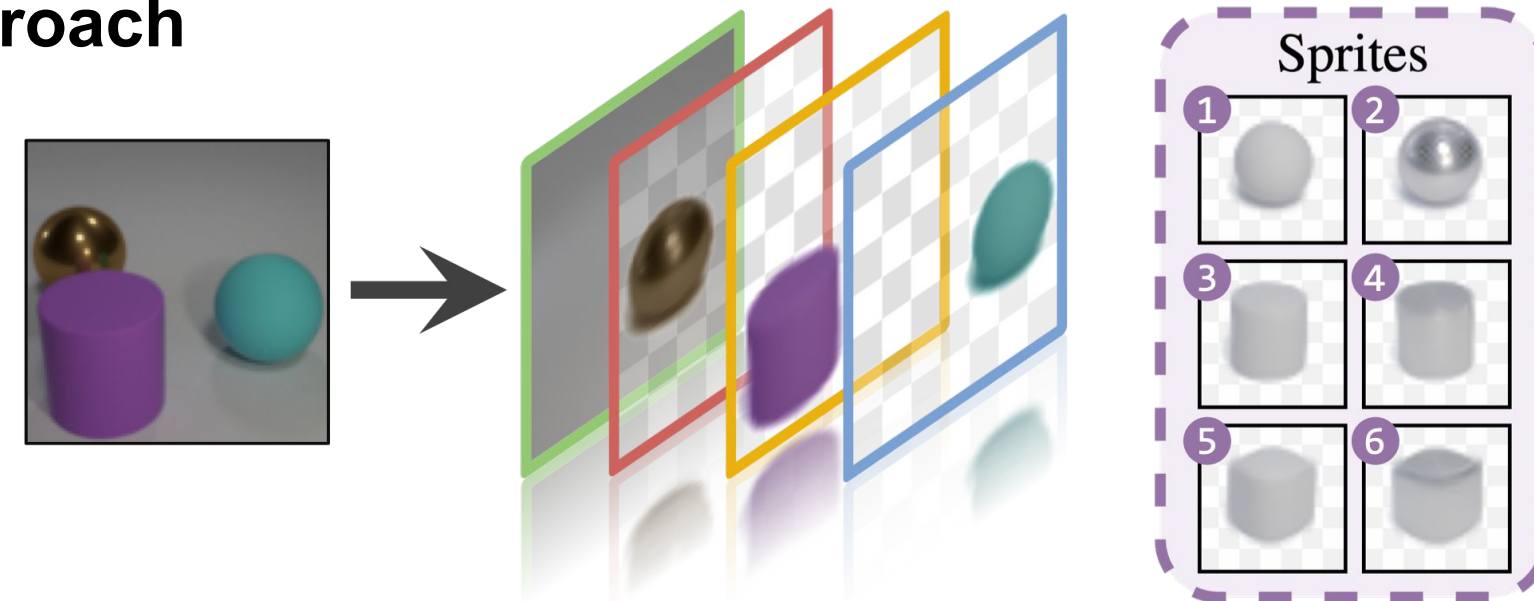
Motivation

Goal → decompose images into object layers without supervision

Previous works → no object types & mostly synthetic images

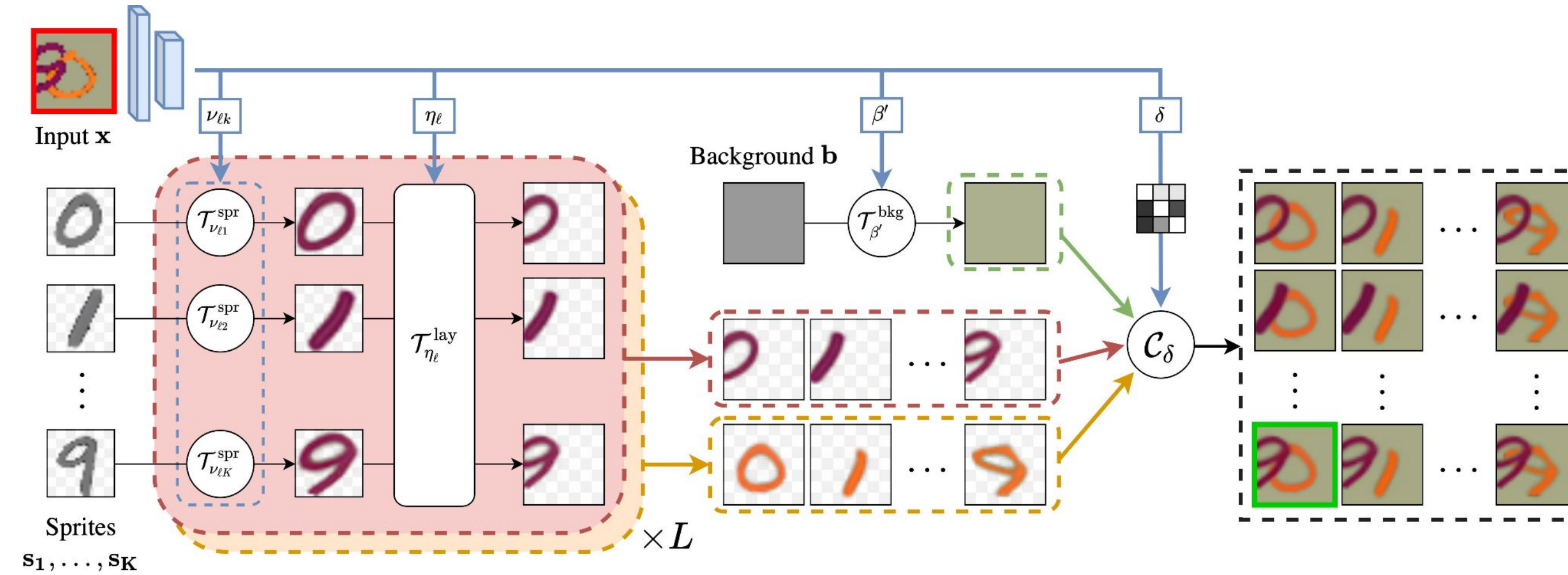
1. Spatial mixture models: MONet [1], IODINE [2], Slot Att. [3], etc.
2. Spatial attention based: AIR [4], SQAIR [5], SPACE [6], etc.

Our approach



1. New image formation model defined as a **layered composition** of **transformed 2D prototypes**
2. New **unsupervised learning framework** for image decomposition
3. **Strong results** on multi-object benchmarks in both **instance** and **semantic segmentation** + application to **real images**

Method



Unsupervised learning loss

$$\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{s}_{1:K}, \phi_{1:L}, \psi) = \sum_{i=1}^N \min_{k_1, \dots, k_L} \left[\lambda \sum_{j=1}^L 1_{[k_j \neq 0]} + \left\| \mathbf{x}_i - \mathcal{C}_{\psi(\mathbf{x}_i)} \left(\mathcal{T}_{\phi_1(\mathbf{x}_i)}(\mathbf{s}_{k_1}), \dots, \mathcal{T}_{\phi_L(\mathbf{x}_i)}(\mathbf{s}_{k_L}) \right) \right\|_2^2 \right]$$

Image formation model

L object **layers** $\{\mathbf{o}_1, \dots, \mathbf{o}_L\}$ where $\mathbf{o}_\ell = (\mathbf{o}_\ell^\alpha, \mathbf{o}_\ell^c)$

Layers are composed following a predicted **occlusion matrix** δ :

$$\mathcal{C}_\delta(\mathbf{o}_1, \dots, \mathbf{o}_L) = \sum_{\ell=1}^L \left(\prod_{j=1}^L (1 - \delta_{j\ell} \mathbf{o}_j^\alpha) \right) \odot \mathbf{o}_\ell^\alpha \odot \mathbf{o}_\ell^c$$

K learnable **sprites** $\{\mathbf{s}_1, \dots, \mathbf{s}_K\} \cup \{\mathbf{s}_0 = \mathbf{0}\}$

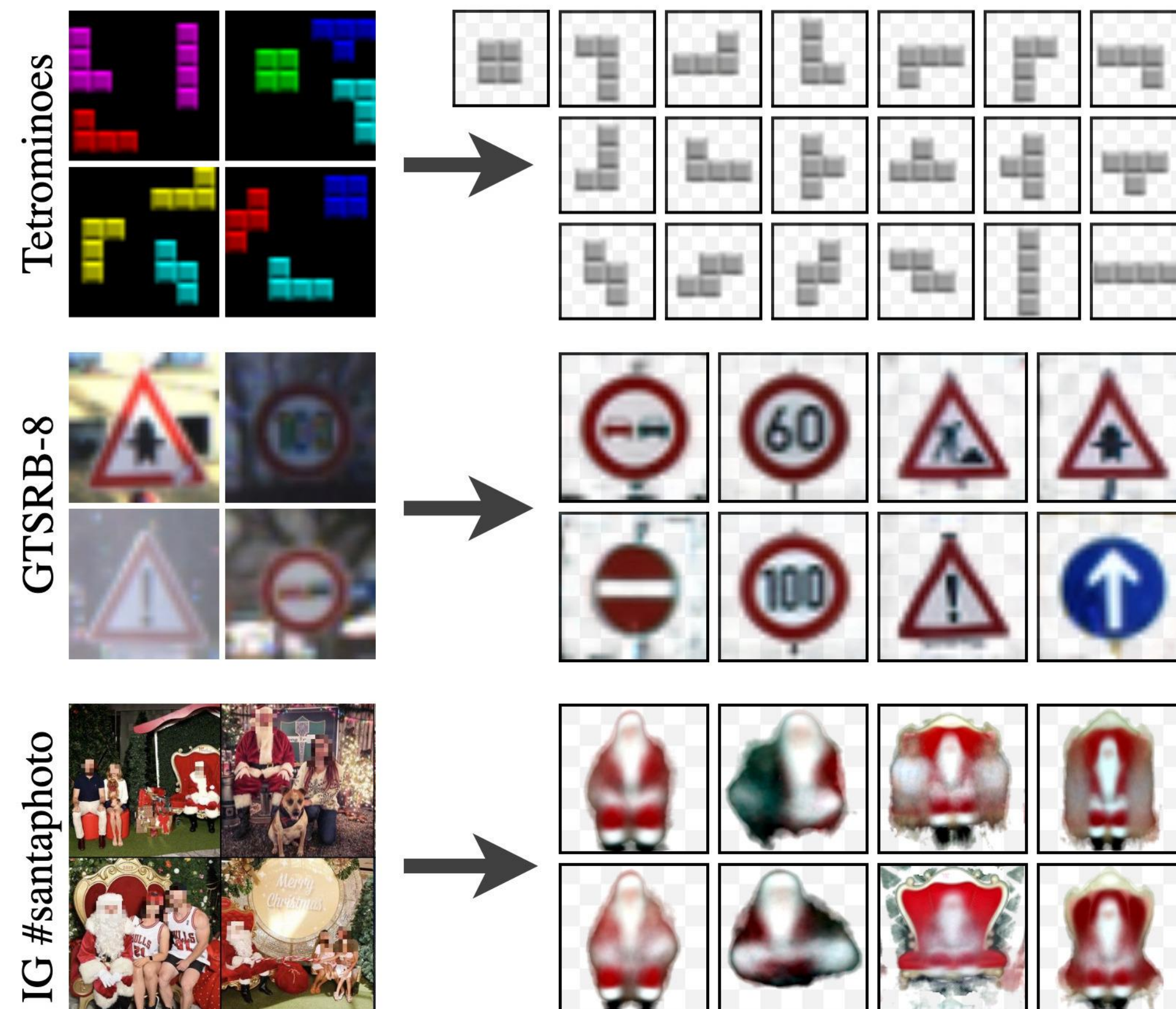
Sprite-specific and/or shared **parametric transformations** $\mathcal{T}_\beta$

Each layer is modeled as a transformation of one of the K sprites: $\mathbf{o}_\ell = \mathcal{T}_\beta(\mathbf{s}_{k_\ell})$

$$\mathbf{x} = \mathcal{C}_\delta \left(\mathcal{T}_{\beta_1}(\mathbf{s}_{k_1}), \dots, \mathcal{T}_{\beta_L}(\mathbf{s}_{k_L}) \right)$$

Results

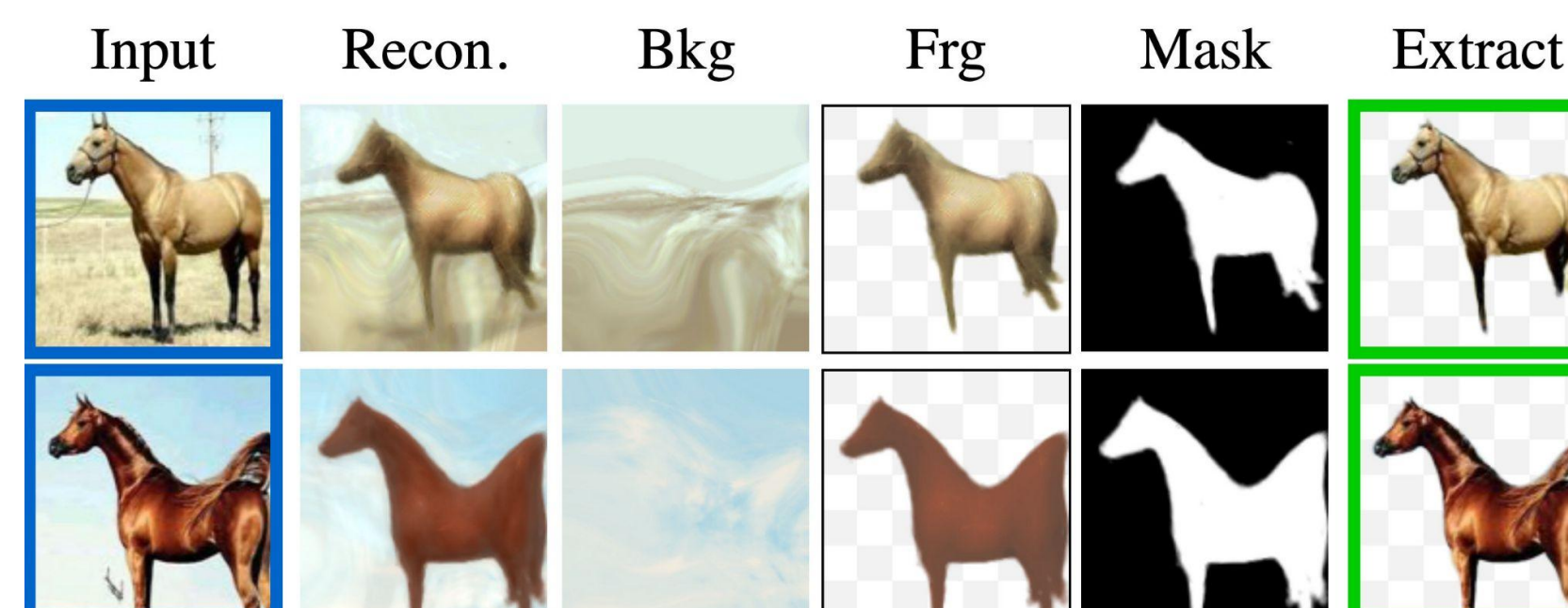
Examples of automatically discovered sprites



Multi-object discovery comparisons

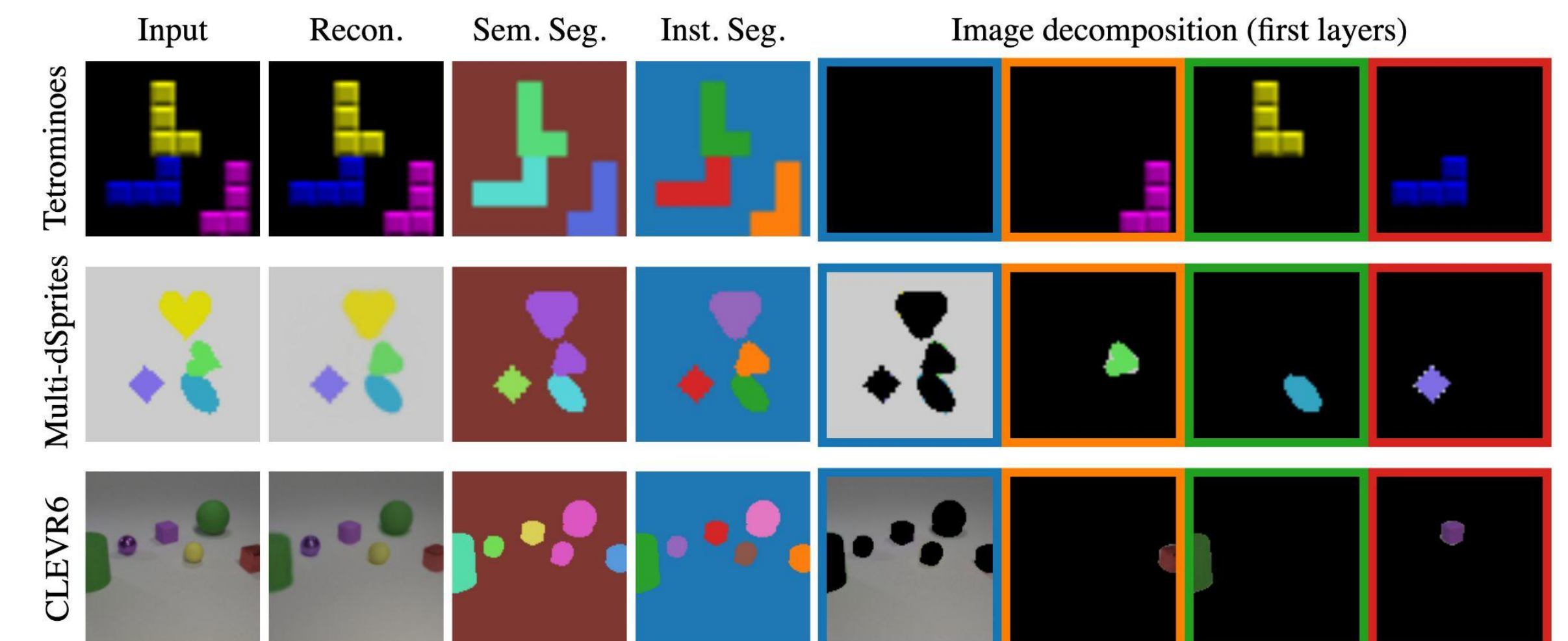
	Metric	Tetriminoes	Multi-dSprites	CLEVR6
MONet [1]	ARI-FG	-	90.4 ± 0.8	96.2 ± 0.6
IODINE [2]	ARI-FG	99.2 ± 0.4	76.7 ± 5.6	98.8 ± 0.0
Slot Att [3]	ARI-FG	99.5 ± 0.2	91.3 ± 0.3	98.8 ± 0.3
Ours	ARI-FG	99.6 ± 0.2	92.5 ± 0.3	97.2 ± 0.2
Ours	ARI	99.8 ± 0.1	95.1 ± 0.1	90.7 ± 0.1

Cosegmentation on Weizmann Horse database



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 [4] Attend, Infer, Repeat: Fast Scene Understanding with Generative Models, Eslami et al., NIPS 2016
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 [6] Unsupervised Object-Oriented Scene Representation via Spatial Attention and Decomposition, Lin et al., ICLR 2020

Unsupervised segmentation and image decomposition



Object-centric image manipulation

