

**MATCHING MOTION DESCRIPTORS  
FOR SHORT TERM ACTION  
RECOGNITION**

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# MATCHING DESCRIPTORS I

Start with single frame matching

$$m(i, j) = \sum_{c=1}^4 \sum_{x, y \in I} a_c^i(x, y) b_c^j(x, y)$$

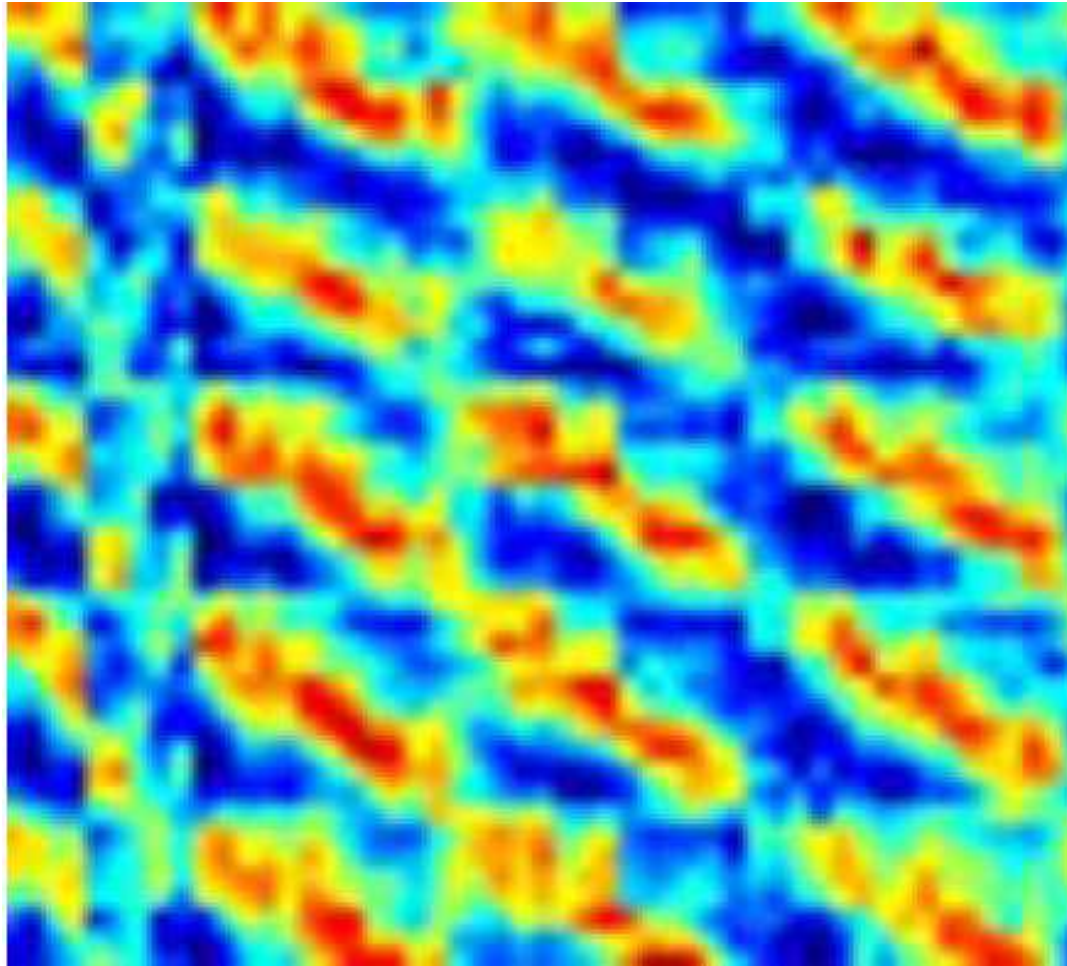
Where

Frame  $i$  of seq.  $a$ , frame  $j$  of seq.  $b$

$c = 1, 2, 3, 4$  optical flow components

$(x, y) =$  pixel positions

# FRAME $i$



$j$

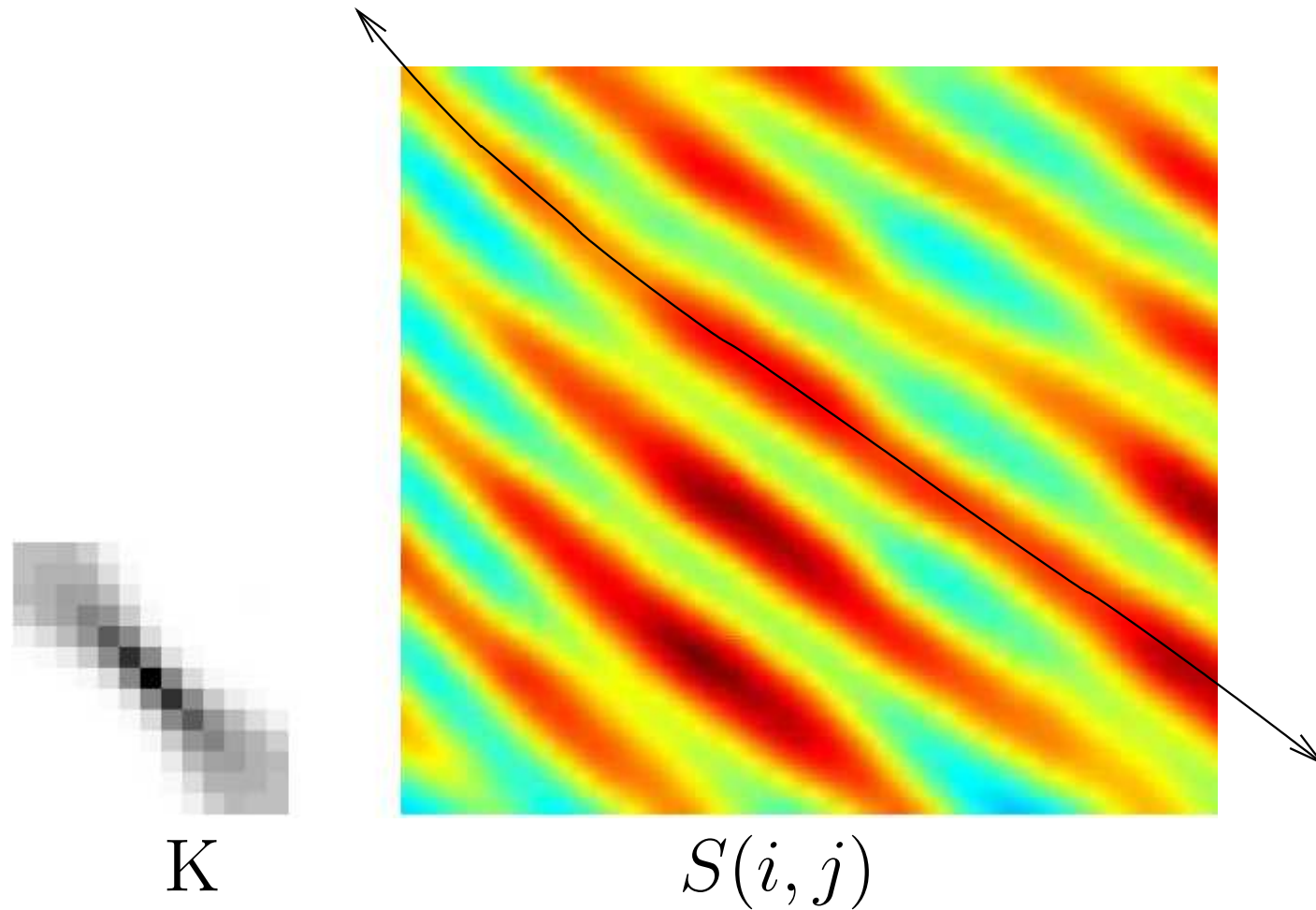
## MATCHING DESCRIPTORS II

Problem: match score from a single frame a bit noisy

So use time window of  $T = 50$  frames

$$S(i, j) = \sum_{r=-T/2}^{r=+T/2} \sum_{s=-T/2}^{s=+T/2} K(r, s) m(i + r, j + s)$$

Weighted sum of nearby in time frames  
(convolution)

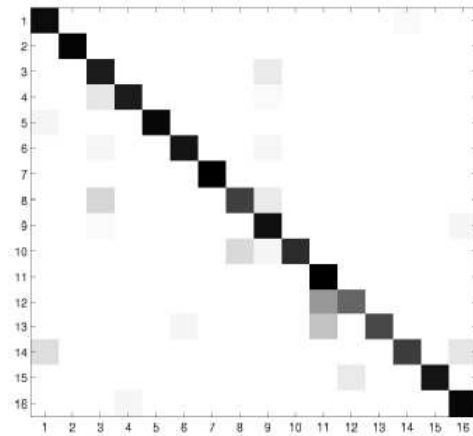


Near diagonal is matching frames  
Stripes from action periodicity

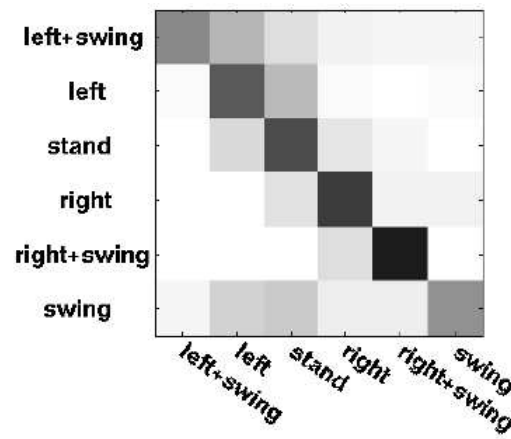
# EXAMPLE MATCHING SEQUENCES



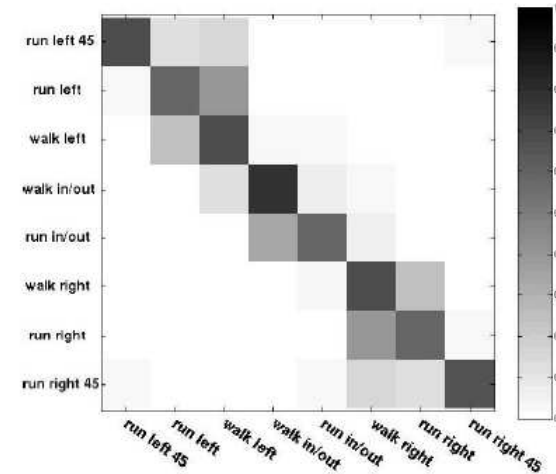
# CONFUSION MATRICES



Ballet



Tennis



Football

## WHAT WE HAVE LEARNED

1. Short term action recognition technique
2. Based on stabilized optical flow of local medium sized windows
3. Encodes temporal structure better
4. But: still viewpoint and scale dependent