### **Steganalysis with Streamwise Feature** Selection

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## **Motivation**



- Catch bad people trying to communicate in secret
- Catch good people trying to communicate in secret?
- Research opportunities:
  - Improve detection
  - · Disrupt secret communication without harming legitimate image sharing
  - Improve theoretical guarantees

# **Steganography: An Example** "Hello, I am the "Hello, I am the Original Image



amazing Mr. Moulin..."

**Triangle of Peril** Robustness Target region Detectable Useless Secrecy Bate

### **Theoretical work in** Steganography

- Complexity theory
- Provably Secure Steganography [Hopper et al.]
- Information theory
  - An Information-Theoretic Model for Steganography [Cachin]
  - Perfectly Secure Steganography [Wang and Moulin]
- · Basic conclusion: perfect security means useless rate
- No available, practical algorithm allows smooth adjustment of rate, robustness, and secrecy\*



#### Let Intel do the work



- Have a computer separate the useless features from the good ones
- Do this in a suboptimal but very fast way, so that you can evaluate loads of features, more than there are observations
- Streamwise Feature Selection [Zhou et al.]











