



Computer Vision



Chapter 1 Introduction

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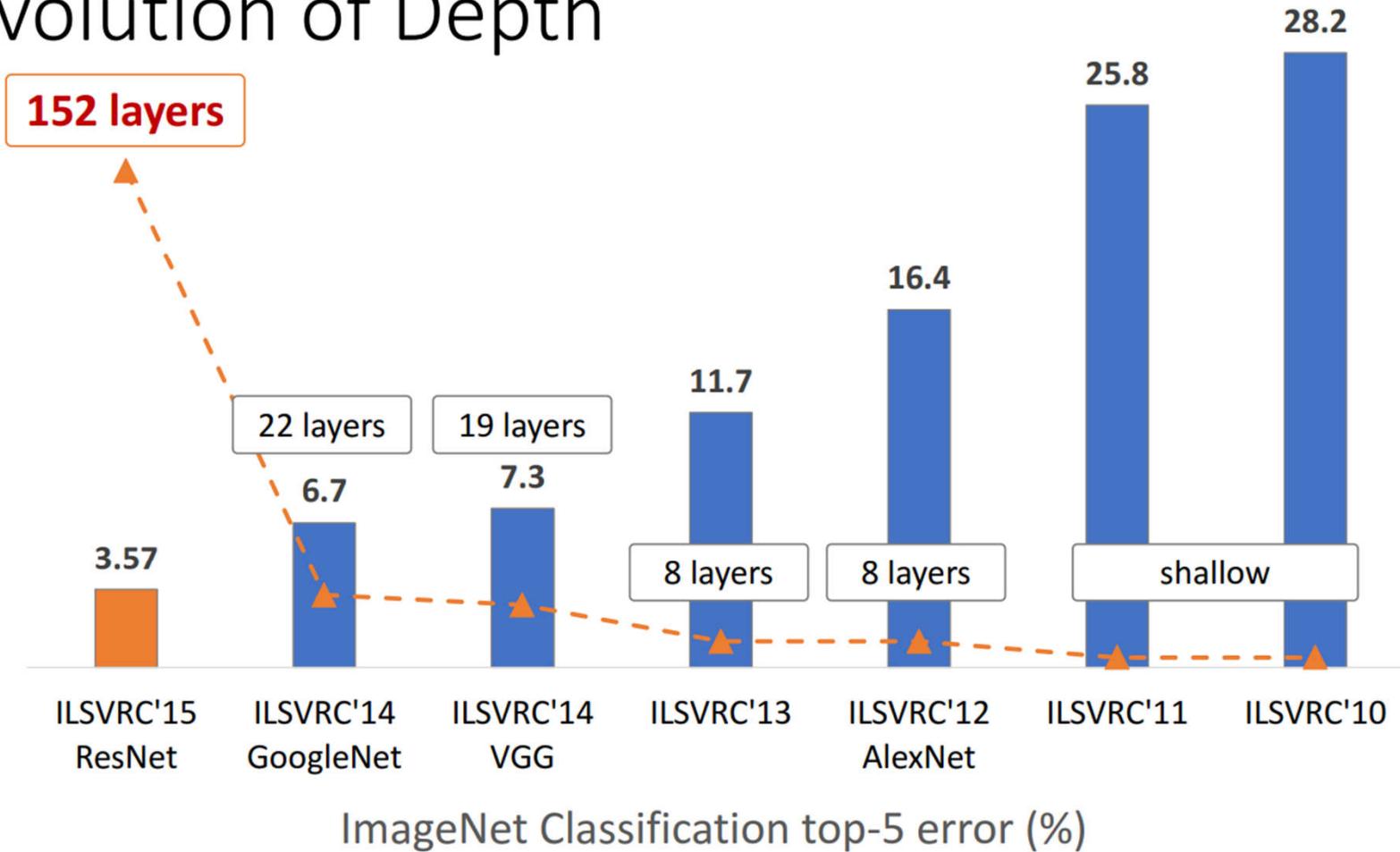
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The development of deep learning

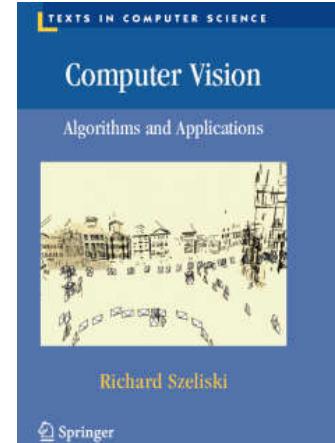
Revolution of Depth





About the Course

- Textbook and Reference Material
 - Richard Szeliski. Computer Vision: Algorithms and Applications, Second Edition. Springer, 2021
<https://szeliski.org/Book/>
 - David A. Forsyth, Jean Ponce. Computer Vision: A Modern Approach. Second Edition. Publishing House of Electronics Industry, 2012
<https://eclass.teicrete.gr/modules/document/file.php/TM152/Books/Computer%20Vision%20%20A%20Modern%20Approach%20-%20D.%20Forsyth,%20J.%20Ponce.pdf>
 - Related papers





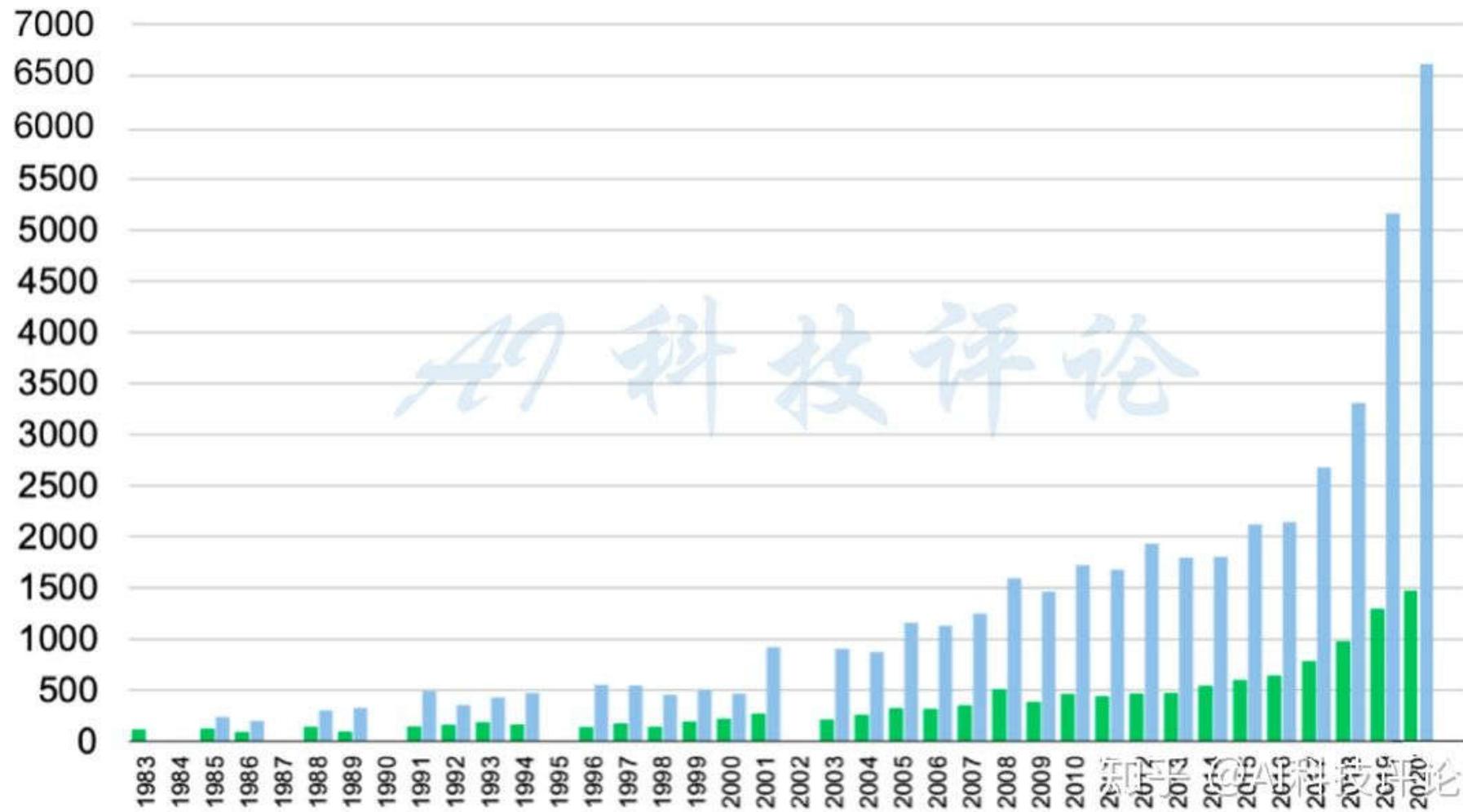
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- Main Conferences
 - Int. Conf. on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR)
 - Int. Conf. on Computer Vision (ICCV)
 - European Conf. on Computer Vision (ECCV)
 - Asian Conf. on Computer Vision (ACCV)
 - Int. Conf. on Pattern Recognition (ICPR)
 - Int. Conf. on Image Processing (ICIP)
 - The Chinese Conference on Pattern Recognition and Computer Vision (PRCV)
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<https://openaccess.thecvf.com/menu>
- Main Journals
 - IEEE Trans. on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence (TPAMI)
 - Int. J on Computer Vision (IJCV)
 - IEEE Trans. on Image Processing (TIP)
 - IEEE Trans. on Neural Networks and Learning Systems(TNNLS)
 - Computer Vision and Image Understanding (CVIU)
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Related material

CVPR投稿及录用论文统计
(1983~2020)





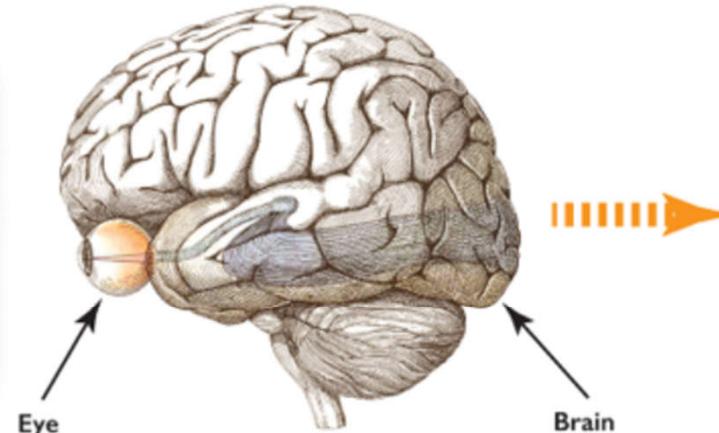
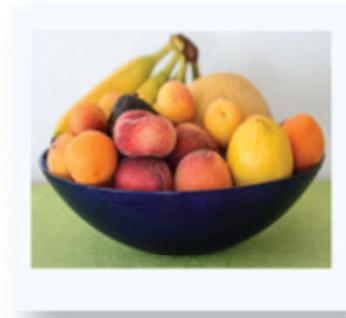
Outline

- What is computer vision
 - The goal of computer vision
 - Applications of computer vision
 - Challenges
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What is Computer Vision

Human Vision System



(sensing device responsible for capturing images of the environment)

(interpreting device responsible for understanding the image content)

bowl, oranges, bananas, lemons, peaches

Perceptual
+

Cognitive

Computer Vision System



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Input

Sensing device

Interpreting device

Output



What is Computer Vision



What we see



What is Computer Vision

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What a computer sees

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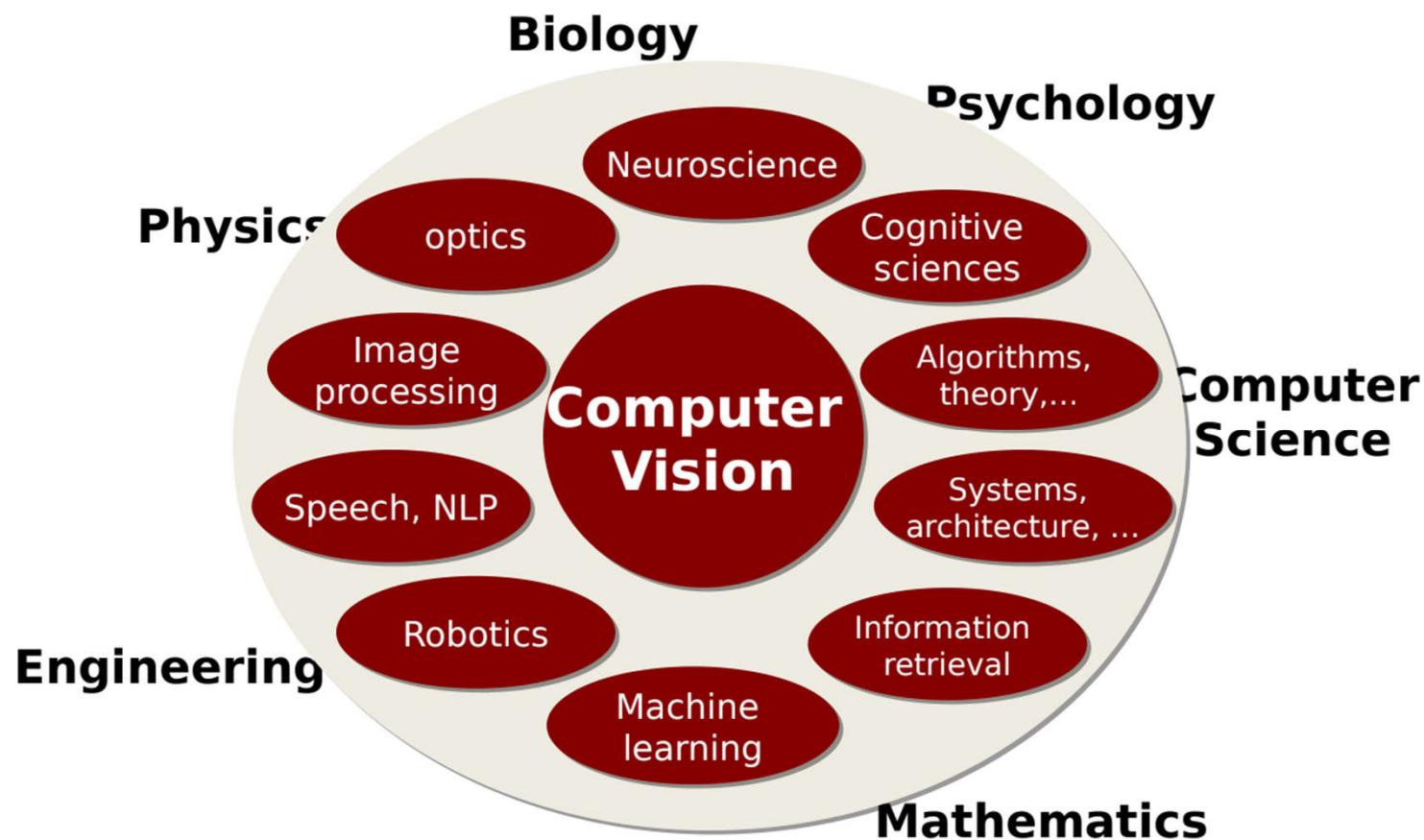
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What is Computer Vision

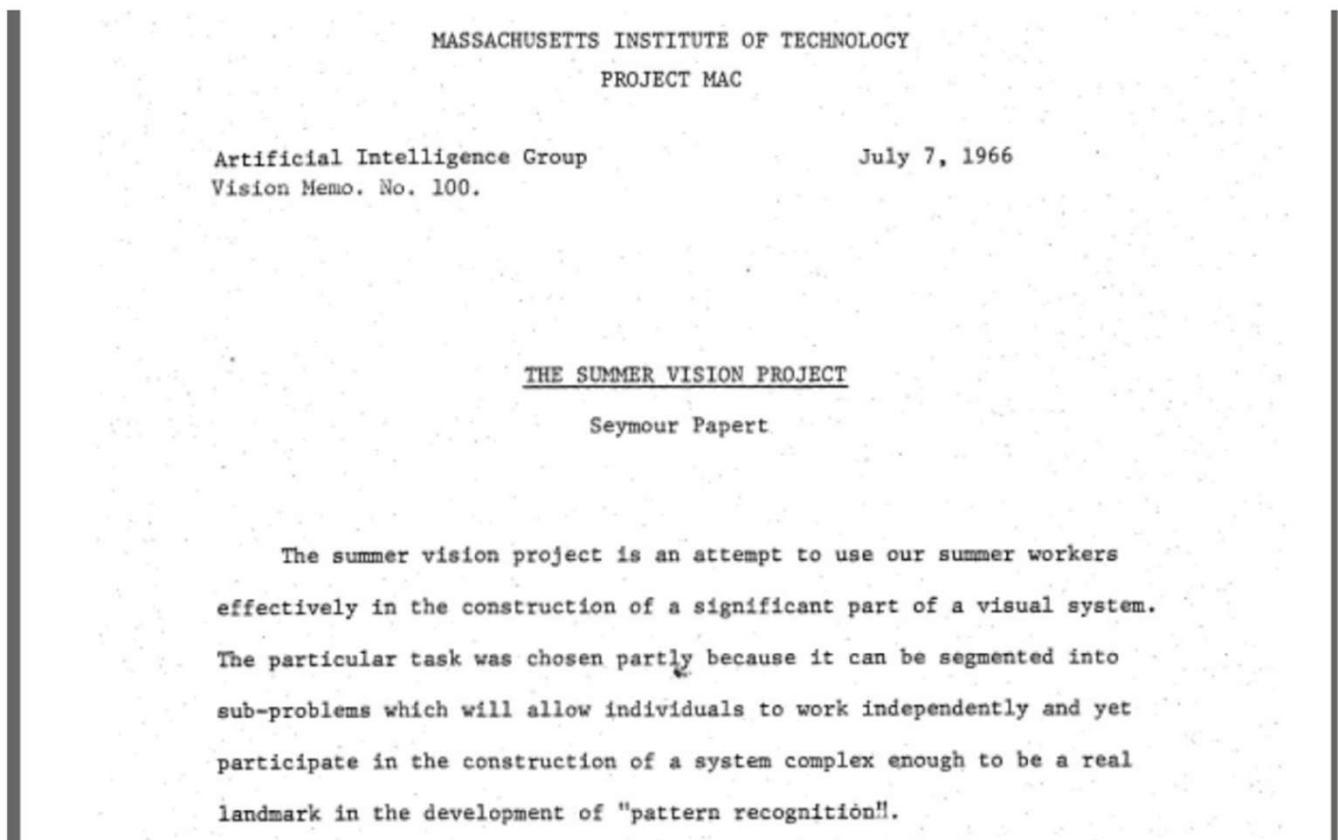
- Interdisciplinary field





Origins of computer vision

- An MIT undergraduate summer project





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Digital Image

- Digital image can be regarded as two-dimensional matrix or array.
- The basic element of digital image is pixel.
- For intensity image, each pixel has a value (0-255) to represent its brightness.
- For color image, each pixel has a vector to represent its color



255

0



Every image tells a story



- Goal of computer vision:
perceive the “story” behind the
picture
- Compute properties of the world
 - 3D shape
 - Names of people or objects
 - What happened?



The Goal of Computer Vision

- To give computers (super) human-level perception
- Perceive the “story” behind the picture
- To bridge the gap between pixels and “meaning”



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What we see

What a computer sees

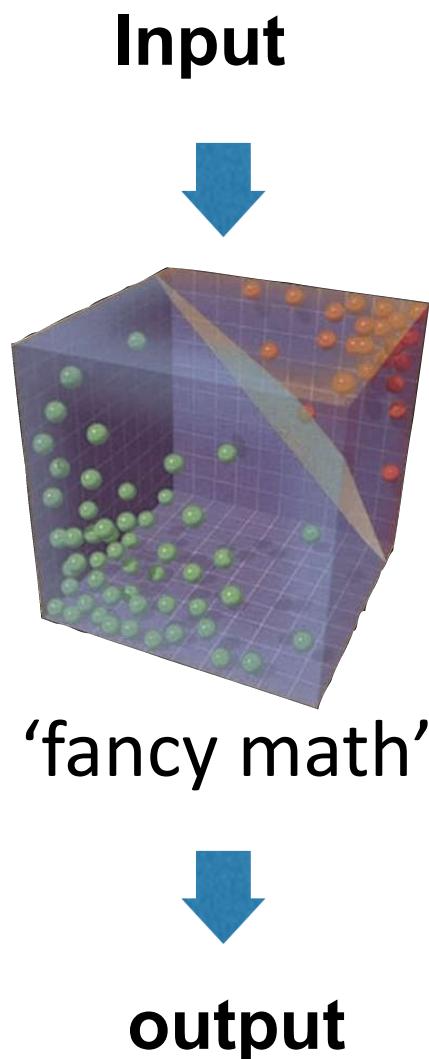
Can computers match human perception?



- Yes and no (mainly no)
 - computers can be better at “easy” things
 - humans are better at “hard” things
- But huge progress
 - Accelerating in the last five years due to deep learning
 - What is considered “hard” keeps changing

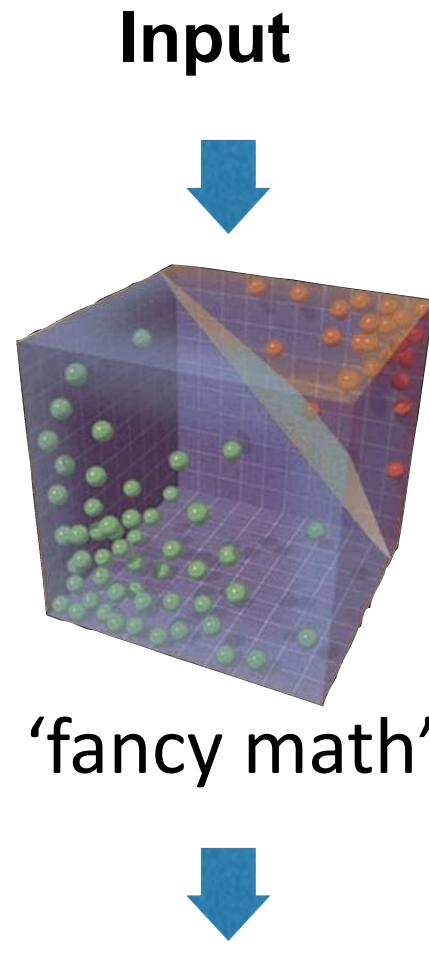


Typical perception pipeline

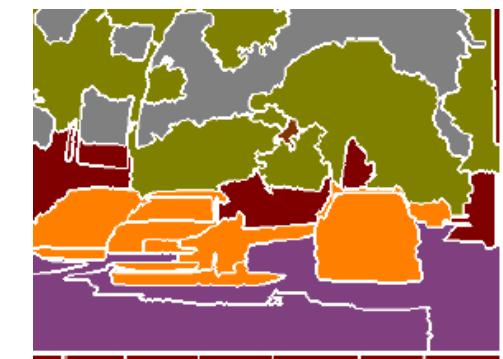




Typical perception pipeline



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(image features)

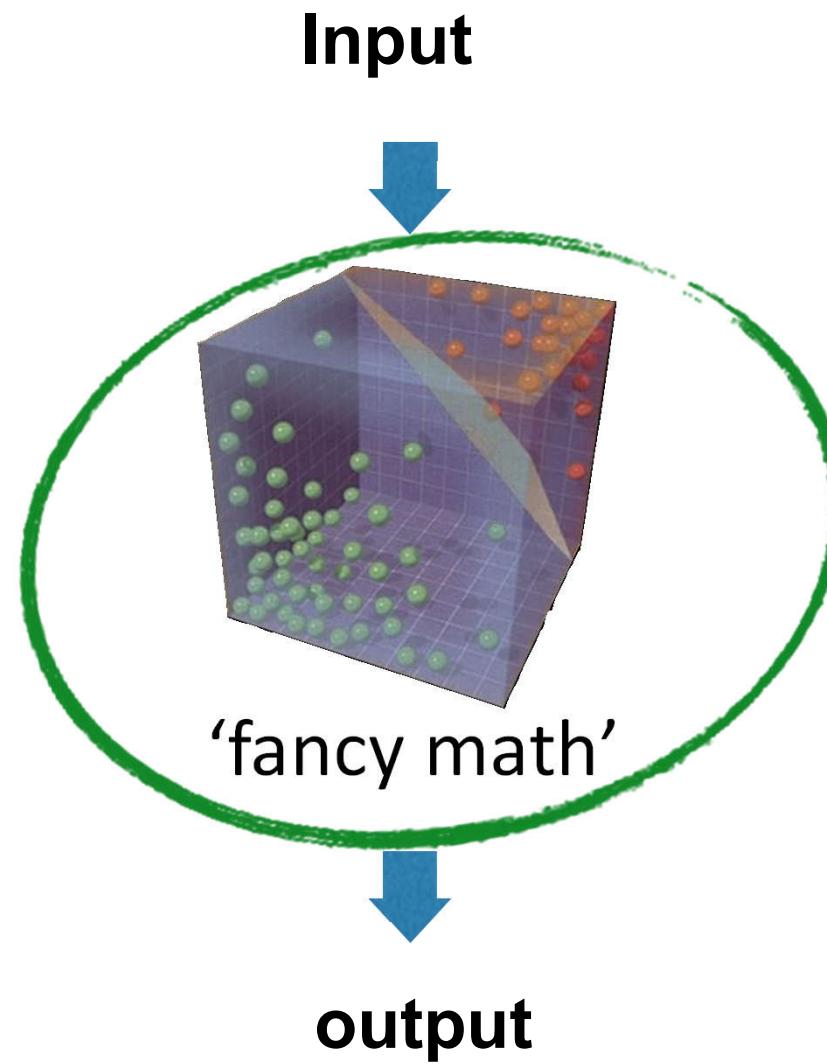


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(semantic segmentation)

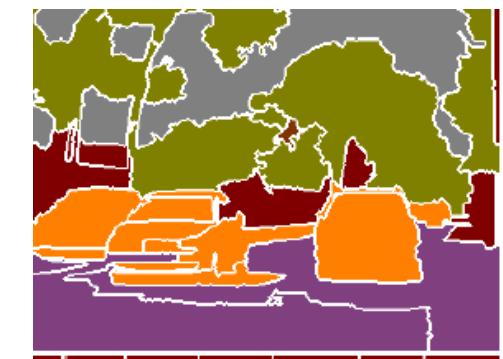


Typical perception pipeline

Easy to get lost in the techniques



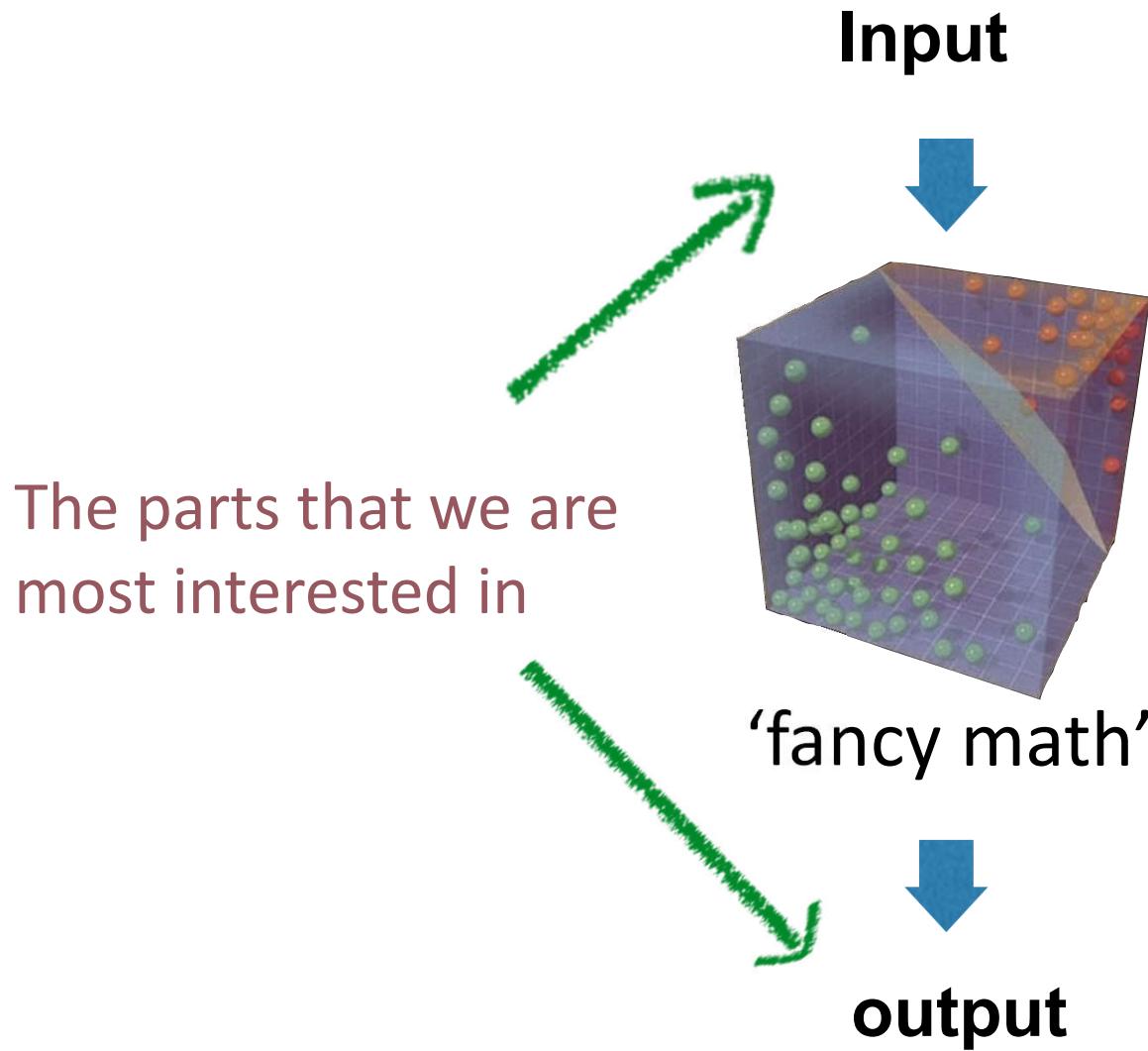
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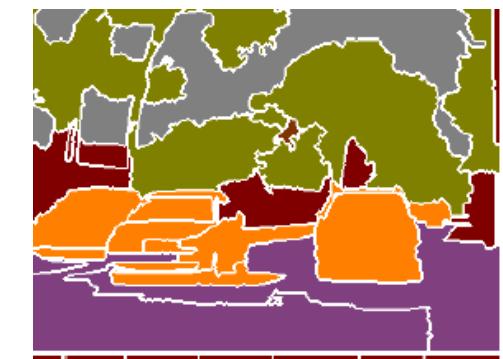
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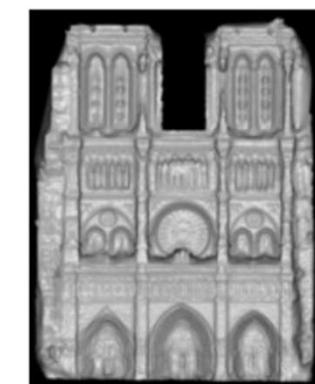
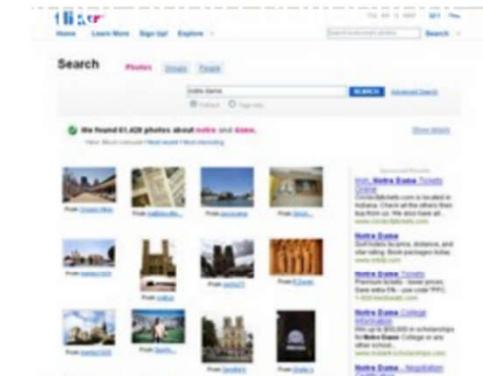
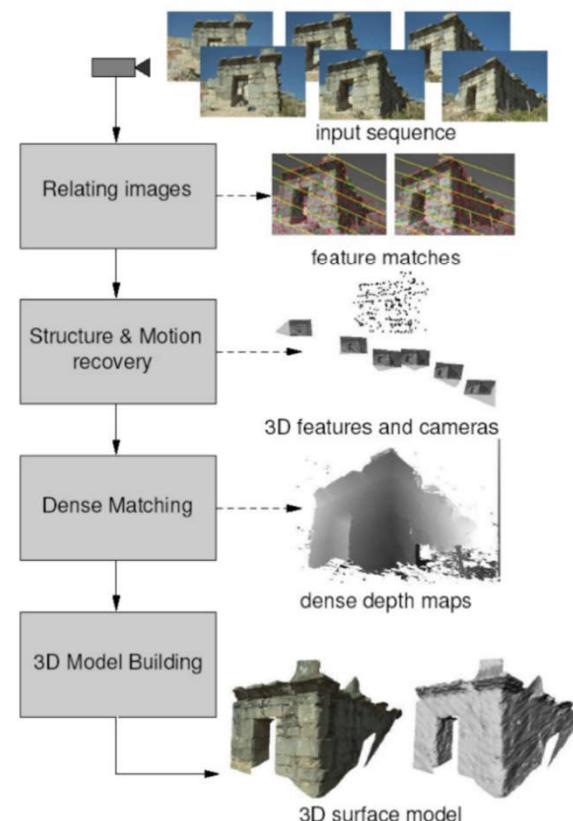


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What kind of information can we extract from an image?

- Metric 3D information
 - Vision as measurement device





What kind of information can we extract from an image?

- Semantic information
 - Vision as a source of semantic information

Slide credit: Kristen Grauman





What kind of information can we expect from an image?

- High-quality photos
 - Improve photos (Computational Photography)



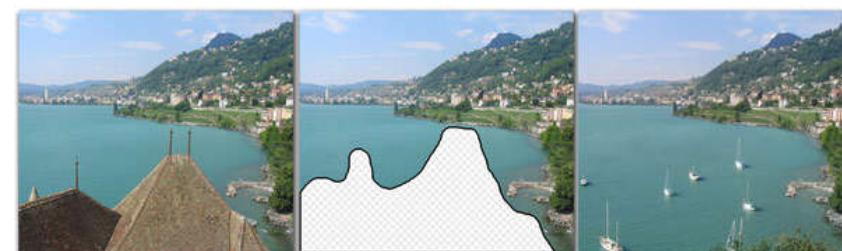
Super-resolution (source: 2d3)



Low-light photography
(credit: [Hasinoff et al., SIGGRAPH ASIA 2016](#))



Depth of field on cell phone camera
(source: [Google Research Blog](#))



Inpainting / image completion
(image credit: Hays and Efros)



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Why study computer vision?

- Vision is useful: Images/video are everywhere
 - Billions of images/videos captured per day



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Image Search

Google Photos

flickr™
GAMMA

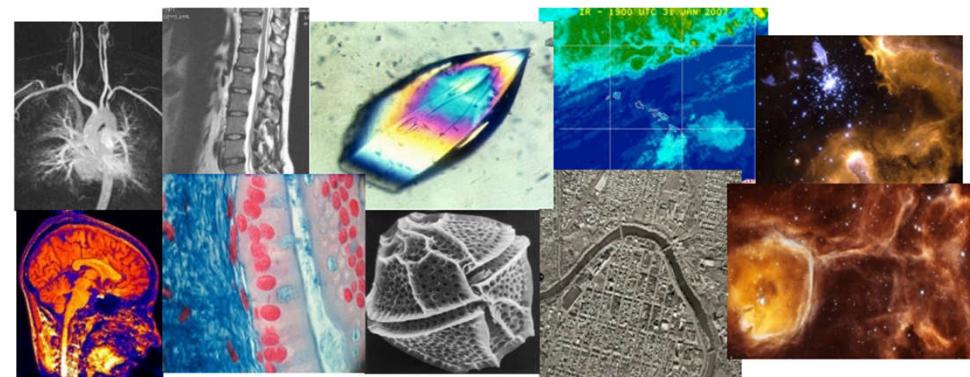
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Surveillance and security



Medical and scientific images



Earth viewers (3D modeling)

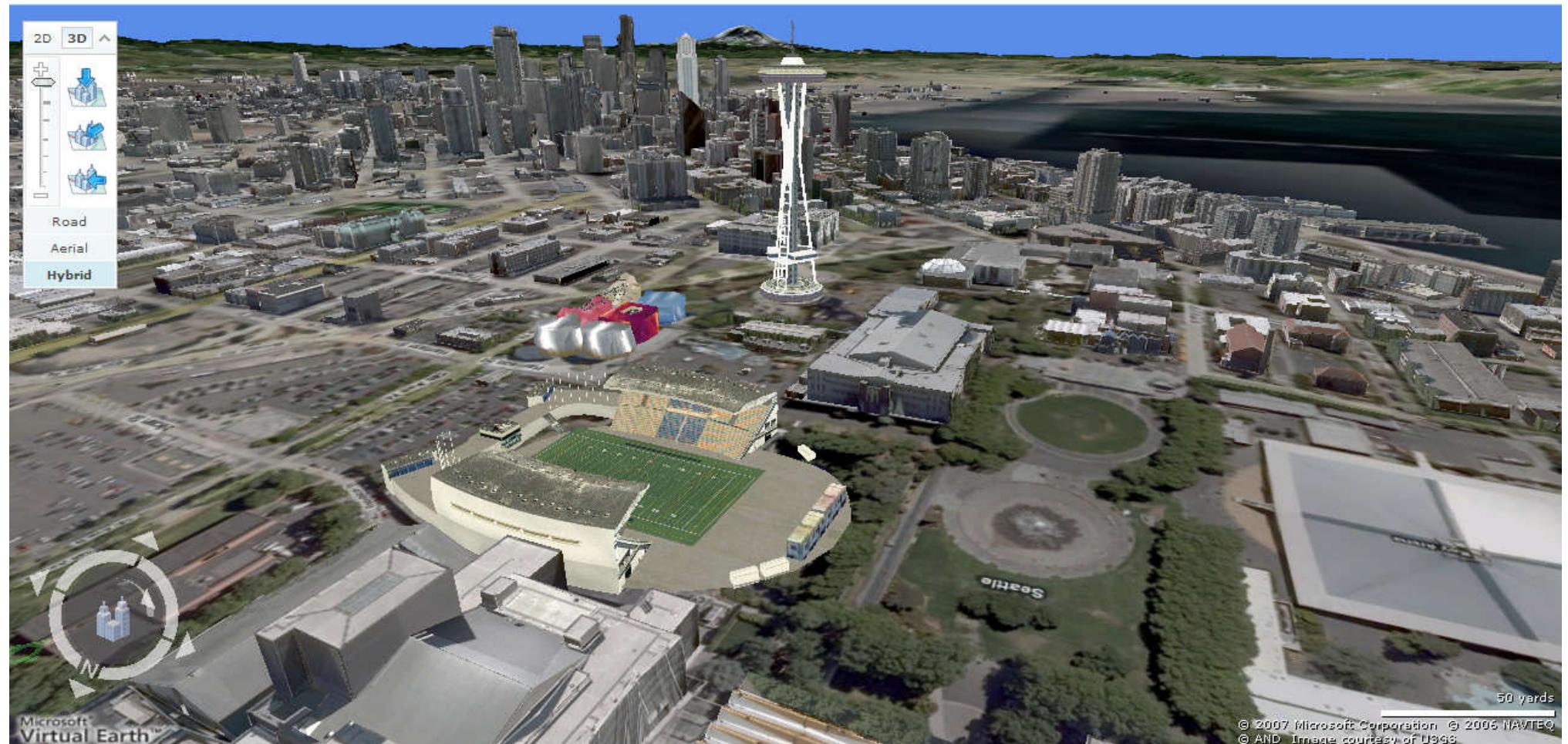


Image from Microsoft's [Virtual Earth](#)
(see also: [Google Earth](#))

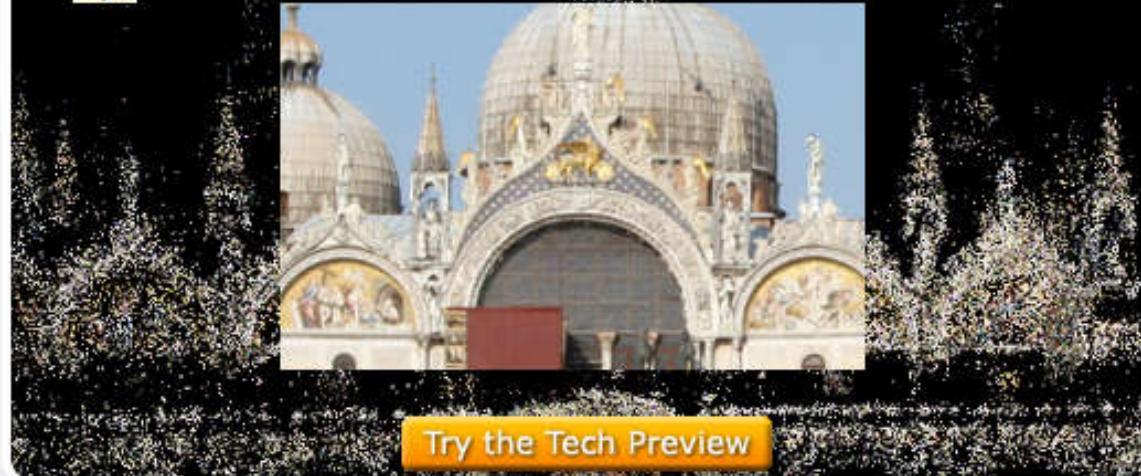
[\(Demo\)](#)



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*"What if your photo collection was an entry point into the world,
like a wormhole that you could jump through and explore..."*

[Try it](#)



[Try the Tech Preview](#)

The **Photosynth Technology Preview** is a taste of the newest - and, we hope, most exciting - way to **view photos** on a computer. Our software takes a large collection of photos of a place or an object, analyzes them for similarities, and then displays the photos in a reconstructed **three-dimensional space**, showing you how each one relates to the next.

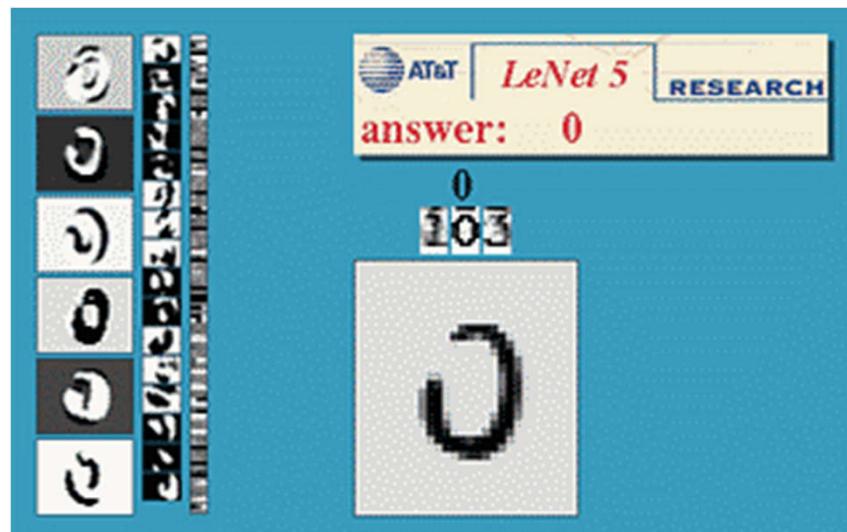
<http://labs.live.com/photosynth/>

Based on Photo Tourism technology developed here in CSE!
by Noah Snavely, Steve Seitz, and Rick Szeliski



Optical character recognition (OCR)

- Technology to convert scanned docs to text
 - If you have a scanner, it probably came with OCR software



Digit recognition, AT&T labs
<http://www.research.att.com/~yann/>



License plate readers
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Automatic_number_plate_recognition



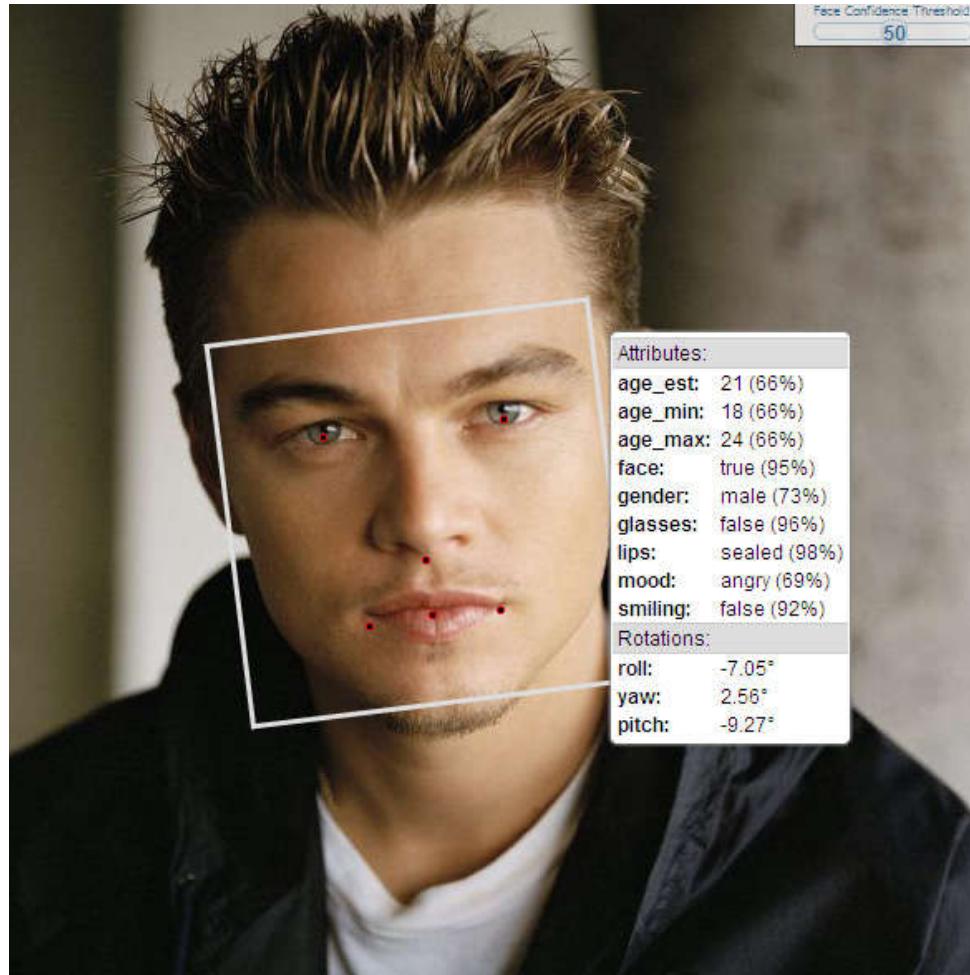
Face detection

- Many new digital cameras now detect faces
 - Canon, Sony, Fuji, ...





Face analysis and recognition



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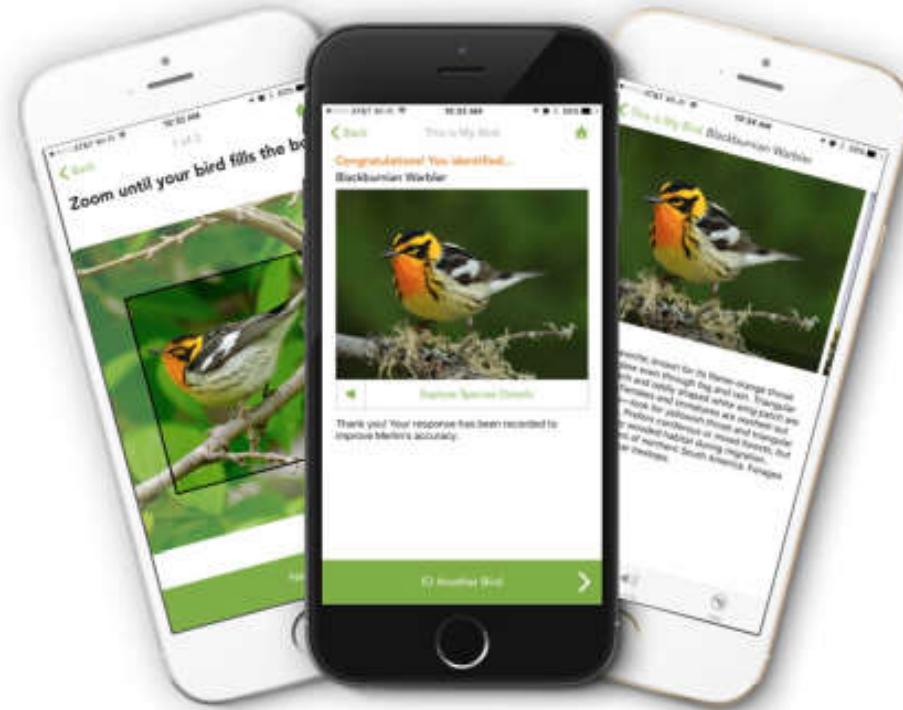
- age_est: 21 (66%)
- age_min: 18 (66%)
- age_max: 24 (66%)
- face: true (95%)
- gender: male (73%)
- glasses: false (96%)
- lips: sealed (98%)
- mood: angry (69%)
- smiling: false (92%)

Rotations:

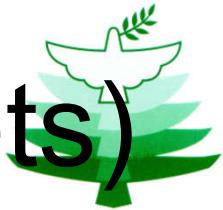
- roll: -7.05°
- yaw: 2.56°
- pitch: -9.27°



Bird identification



Merlin Bird ID (based on Cornell Tech technology!)



Object recognition (in supermarkets)



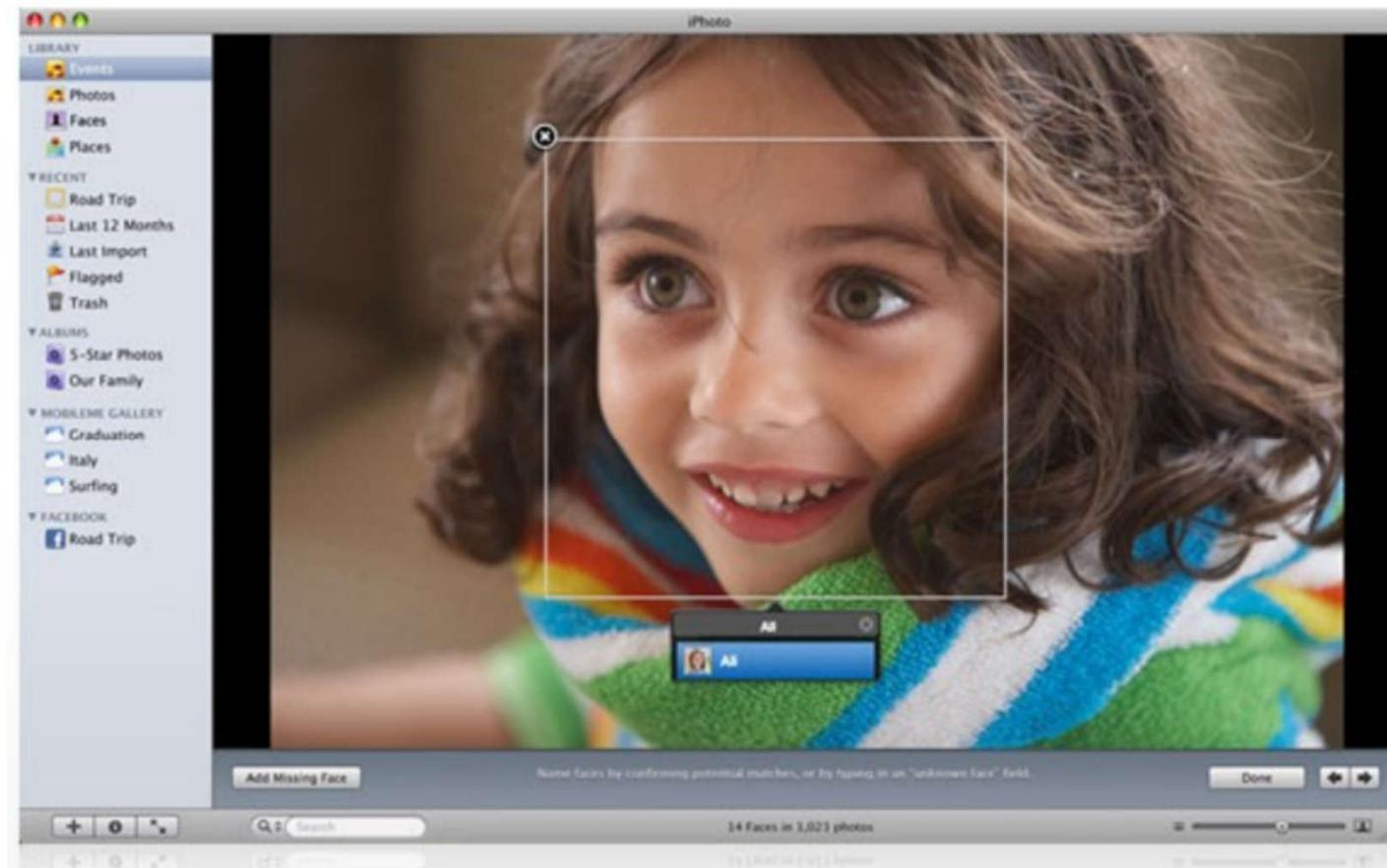
[LaneHawk by EvolutionRobotics](#)

“A smart camera is flush-mounted in the checkout lane, continuously watching for items. When an item is detected and recognized, the cashier verifies the quantity of items that were found under the basket, and continues to close the transaction. The item can remain under the basket, and with LaneHawk, you are assured to get paid for it...”



Face recognition

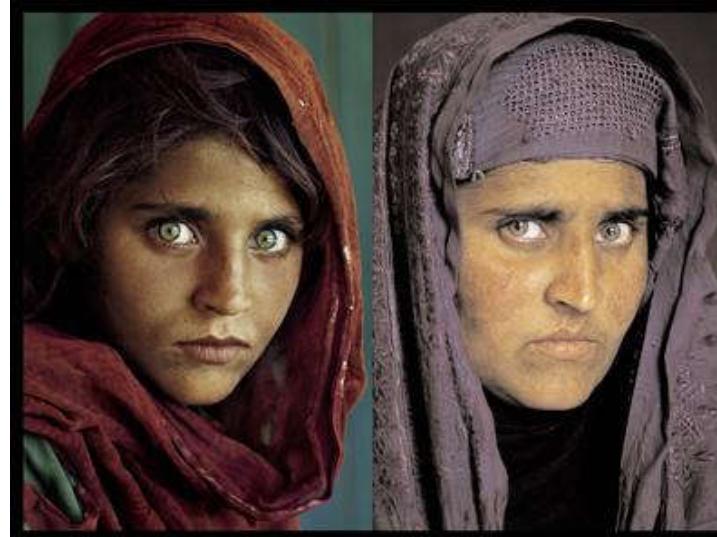
- Apple iPhoto software



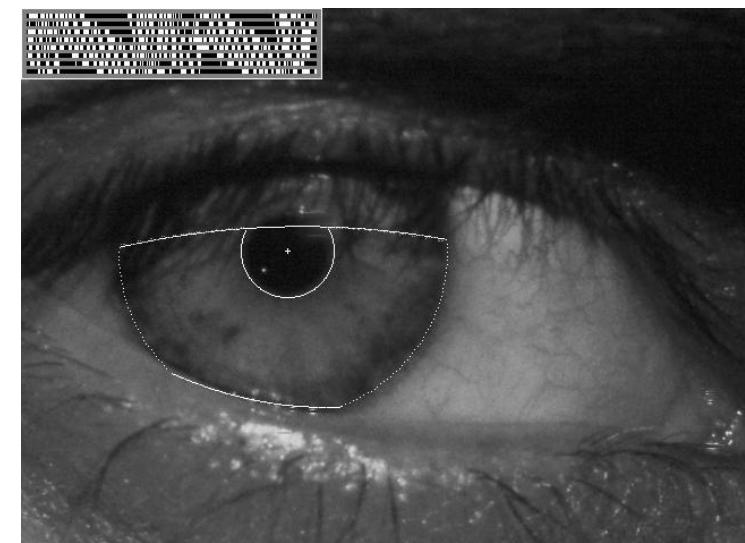
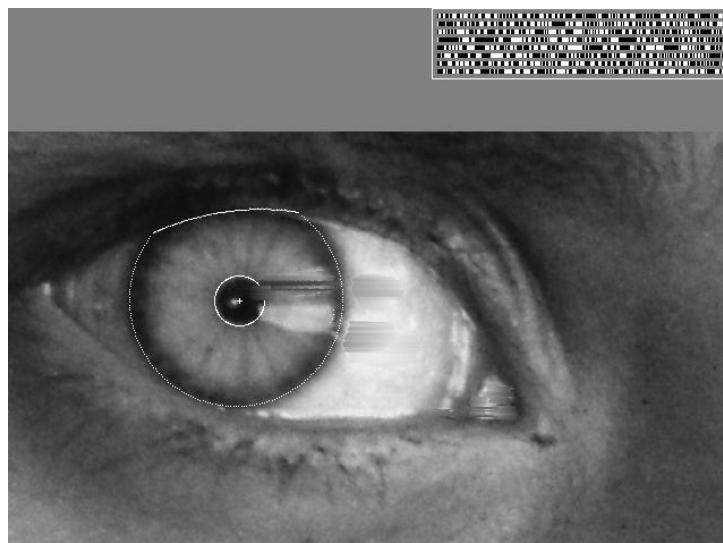
<https://www.apple.com/macos/photos/>



Vision-based biometrics

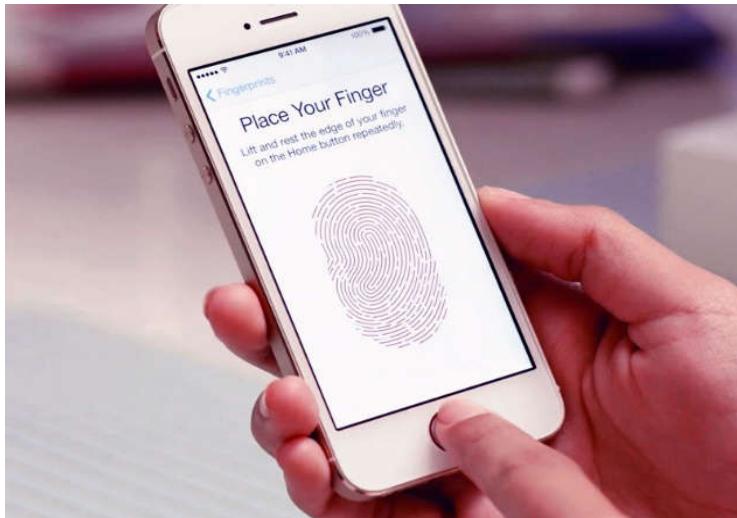


“How the Afghan Girl was Identified by Her Iris Patterns” Read the [story](#)





Login without a password



Fingerprint scanners on many new smartphones and other devices



Face unlock on Apple iPhone X
See also <http://www.sensiblevision.com/>

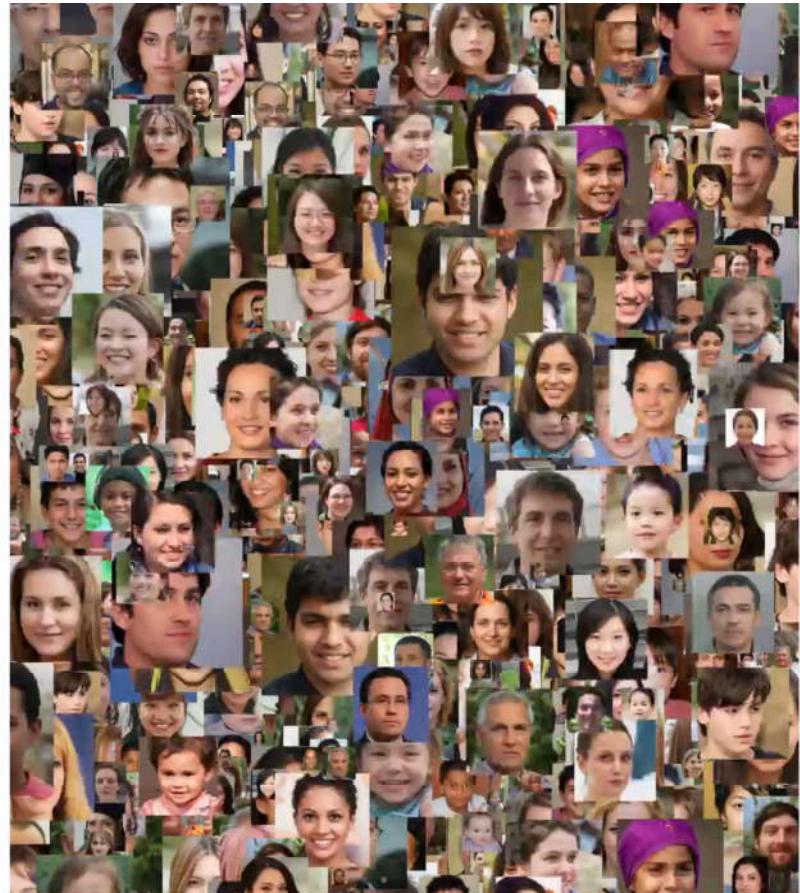


The New York Times

Account ▾

The Secretive Company That Might End Privacy as We Know It

A little-known start-up helps law enforcement match photos of unknown people to their online images — and “might lead to a dystopian future or something,” a backer says.



New York Times, Jan. 18, 2020
by Kashmir Hill

Researchers warn peace sign photos could expose fingerprints

But the likelihood of anyone actually using images to recreate prints is pretty slim.



Jamie Rigg, @jmerigg

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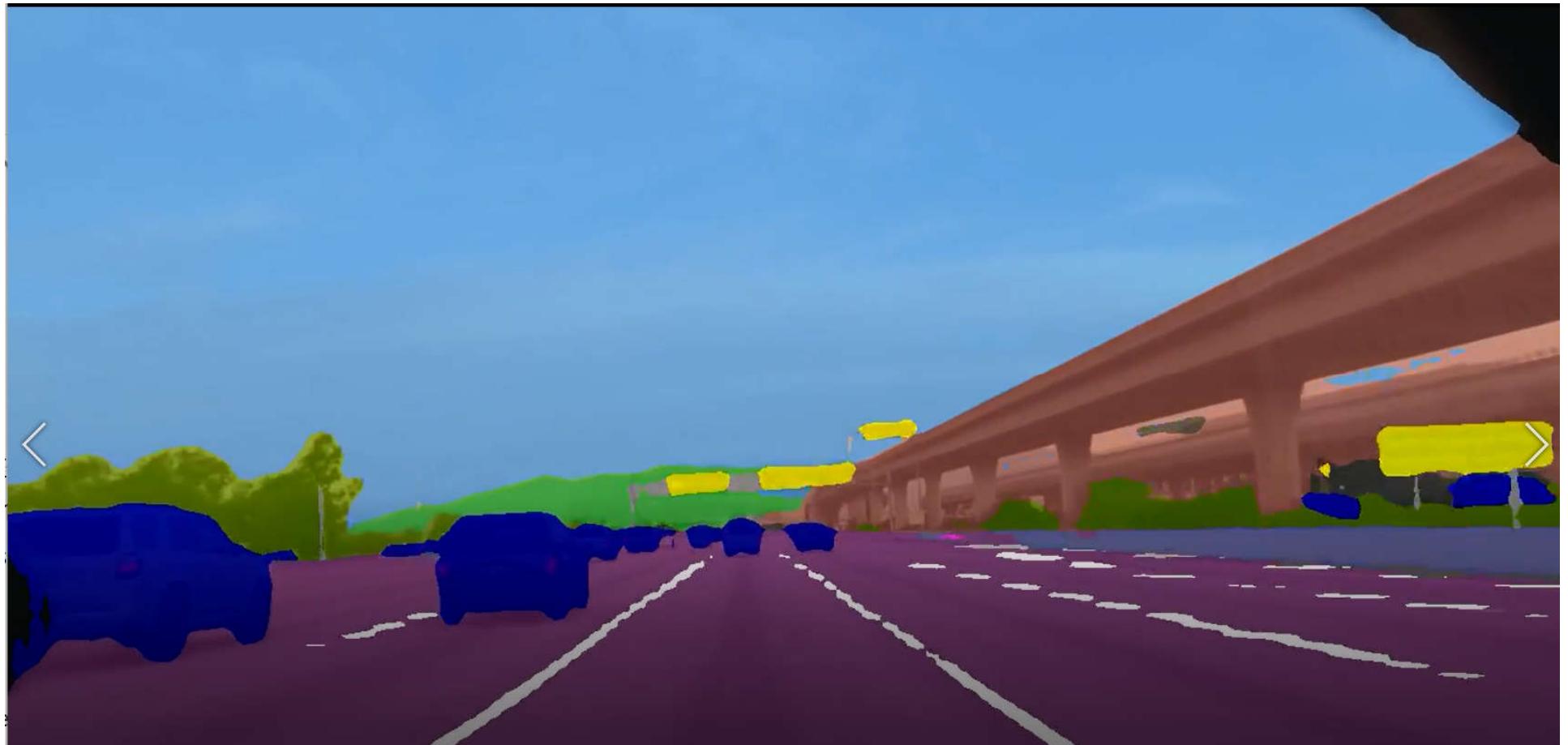
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Semantic Segmentation

- ([Demo](#))





Instance Segmentation

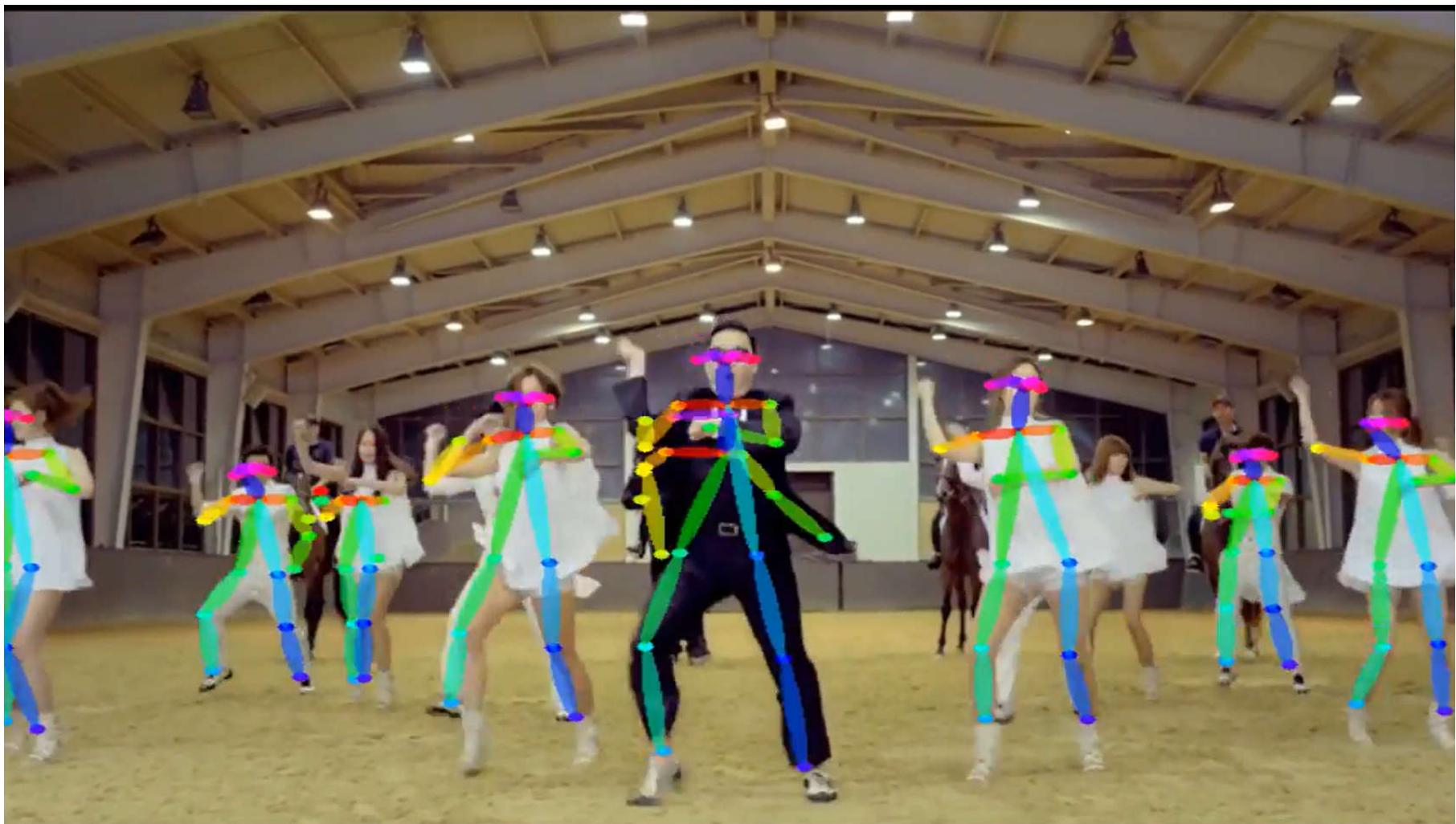
- ([Demo](#))



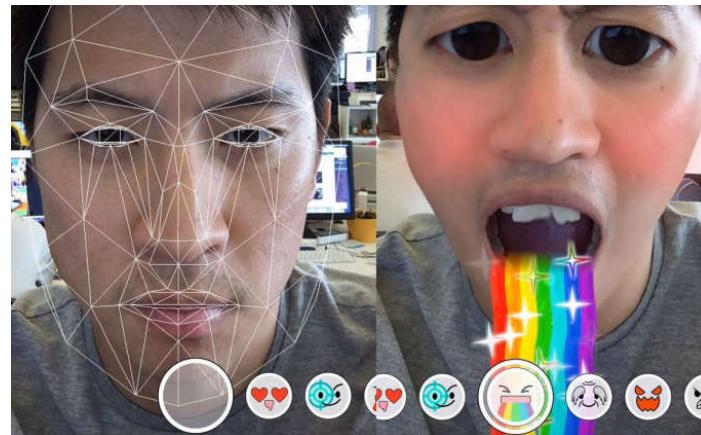


Pose Estimation

- ([Demo](#))



3D face tracking with consumer cameras



Snapchat Lenses



[Face2Face system](#) (Thies et al.) ([demo](#))



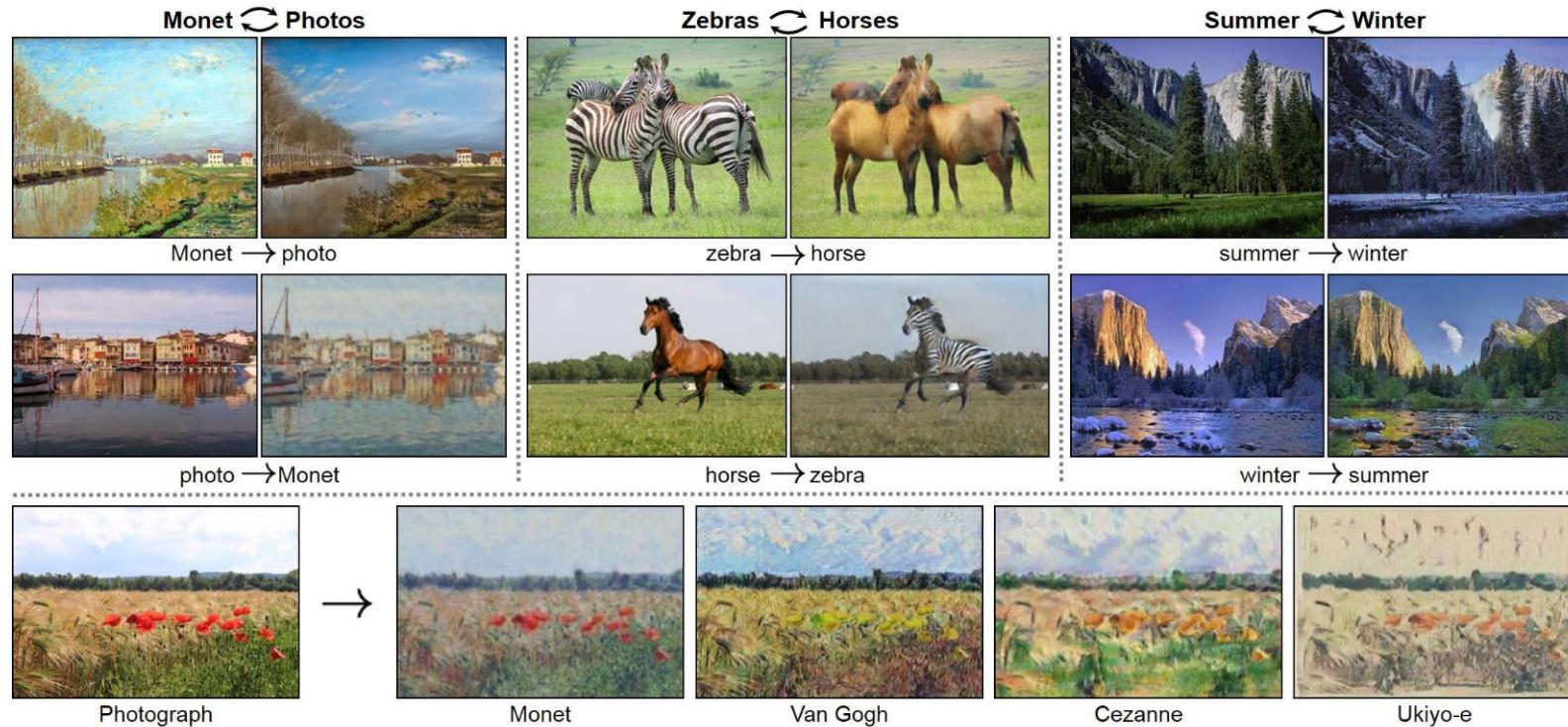
Face synthesis



Karras, et al., *Progressive Growing of GANs for Improved Quality, Stability, and Variation*, ICLR 2018 ([Demo](#))



Image synthesis

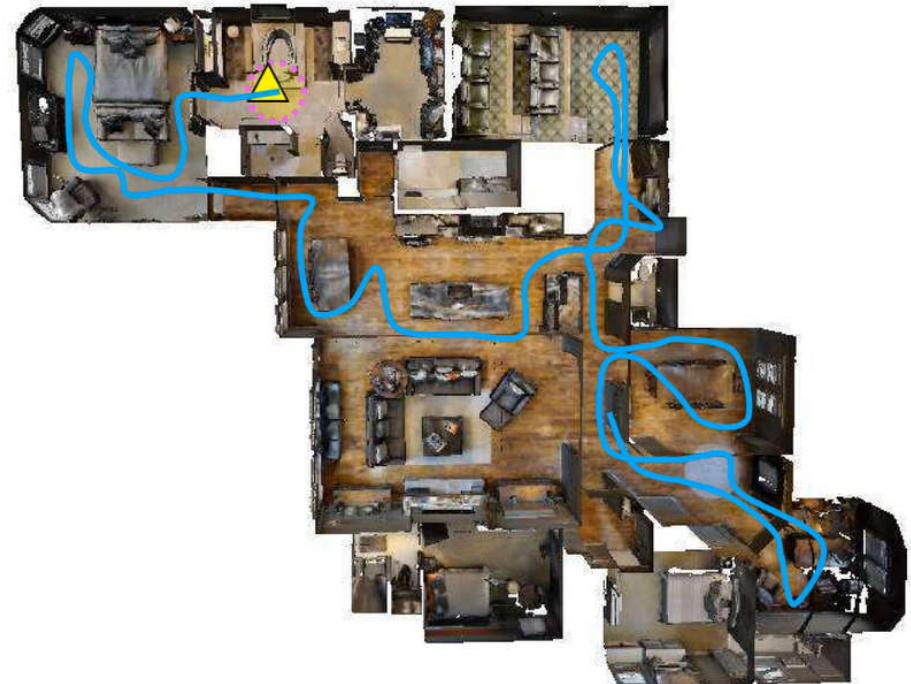
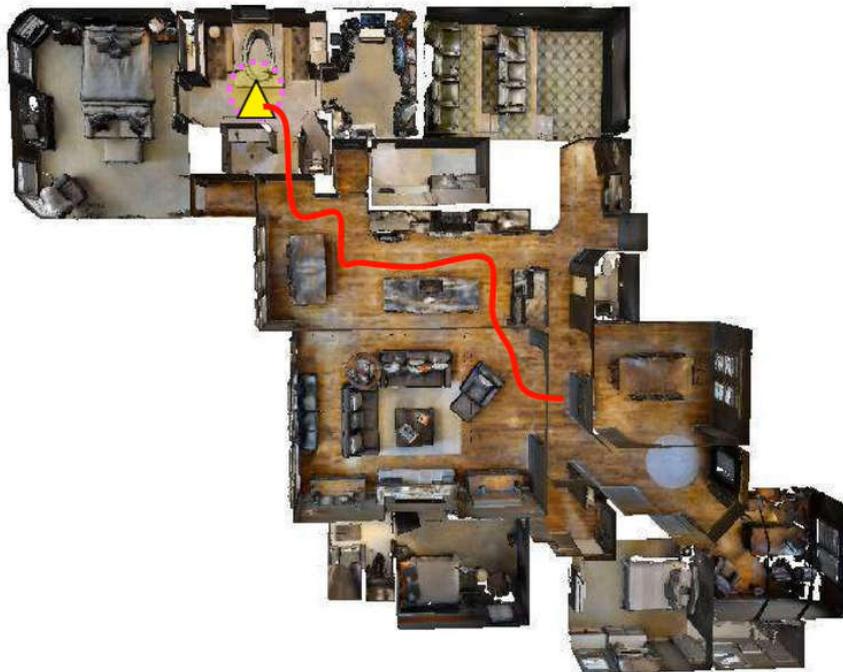


Zhu, et al., *Unpaired Image-to-Image Translation using Cycle-Consistent Adversarial Networks*, ICCV 2017 ([Demo](#))



Navigation

- ([Demo](#))



Both trajectories are considered same in terms of the success signal.





Smart cars

- Mobileye(Demo)
 - Vision systems currently in high-end BMW, GM, Volvo models

The screenshot shows the Mobileye website's homepage. At the top, there are two tabs: "manufacturer products" (highlighted in blue) and "consumer products". Below the tabs, the slogan "Our Vision. Your Safety." is displayed. A central image shows a car from a top-down perspective with three cameras labeled: "rear looking camera" (at the back), "forward looking camera" (at the front), and "side looking camera" (on the sides). In the bottom left, there's a section about the "EyeQ Vision on a Chip" with a close-up image of the chip. The middle section is titled "Vision Applications" and includes a small image of a person walking. The right section is titled "AWS Advance Warning System" and shows a circular device with a car icon and a digital display. To the right of the main content area, there are two vertical columns: "News" and "Events". The "News" column lists articles like "Mobileye Advanced Technologies Power Volvo Cars World First Collision Warning With Auto Brake System" and "Volvo: New Collision Warning with Auto Brake Helps Prevent Rear-end". The "Events" column lists "Mobileye at Equip Auto, Paris, France" and "Mobileye at SEMA, Las Vegas, NV". Each news item has a "read more" link.

► manufacturer products consumer products ◀ ▶

Our Vision. Your Safety.

rear looking camera forward looking camera side looking camera

EyeQ Vision on a Chip

Vision Applications
Road, Vehicle, Pedestrian Protection and more

AWS Advance Warning System

News

- > [Mobileye Advanced Technologies Power Volvo Cars World First Collision Warning With Auto Brake System](#)
- > [Volvo: New Collision Warning with Auto Brake Helps Prevent Rear-end](#)

Events

- > [Mobileye at Equip Auto, Paris, France](#)
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Vision-based interaction (and games)



[Digimask](#): put your face on a 3D avatar.



Leap, LeapMotion
([Demo](#))



Vision in space

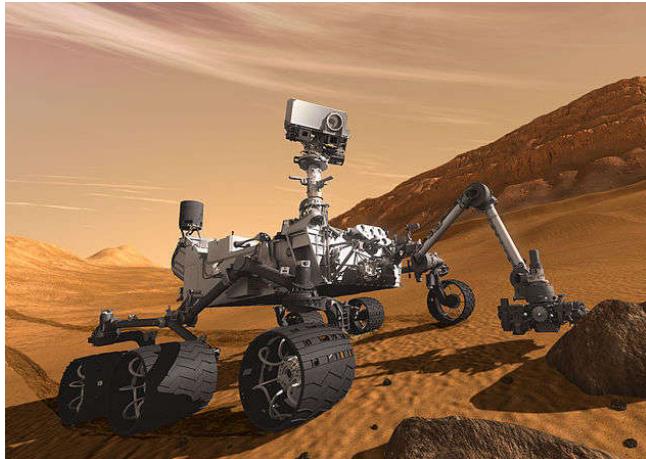
- Vision systems (JPL) used for several tasks. (For more, read “[Computer Vision on Mars](#)” by Matthies et al.)
 - Panorama stitching
 - 3D terrain modeling
 - Obstacle detection, position tracking



[NASA'S Mars Exploration Rover Spirit](#) captured this westward view from atop a low plateau where Spirit spent the closing months of 2007.



Robotics



NASA's Mars Curiosity Rover

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Curiosity_\(rover\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Curiosity_(rover))



Amazon Picking Challenge

<http://www.robocup2016.org/en/events/amazon-picking-challenge/>



Amazon Prime Air



Amazon Scout



Movie





Movie

- Shape capture



The Matrix movies, ESC Entertainment, XYZRGB, NRC

Source: S. Seitz



Movie

- Motion capture



Pirates of the Caribbean, Industrial Light and Magic

Source: S. Seitz



Sports



Sportvision first down line
Nice [explanation](#) on www.howstuffworks.com

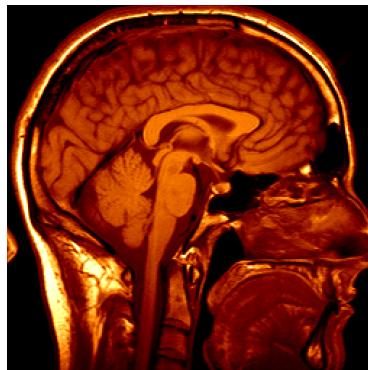


Highlights of the men's 4x200m relay final on Day 5.

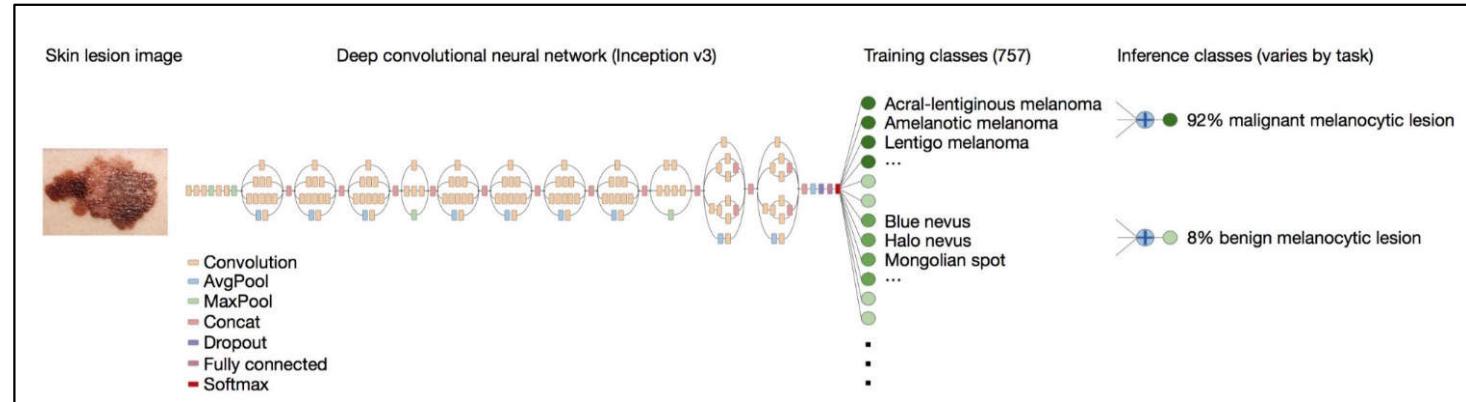
Source: S. Seitz



Medical imaging



3D imaging
(MRI, CT)



Skin cancer classification with deep learning
<https://cs.stanford.edu/people/esteva/nature/>



Current state of the art

- You just saw many examples of current systems.
 - Many of these are less than 5 years old
- Computer vision is an active research area, and rapidly changing
 - Many new apps in the next 5 years
 - Deep learning powering many modern applications
- Many startups across a dizzying array of areas
 - Deep learning, robotics, autonomous vehicles, medical imaging, construction, inspection, VR/AR, ...



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Why is computer vision difficult?



Viewpoint variation



Illumination



Credit: Flickr user mich

Scale



Why is computer vision difficult?



Intra-class variation



Motion (Source: S. Lazebnik)



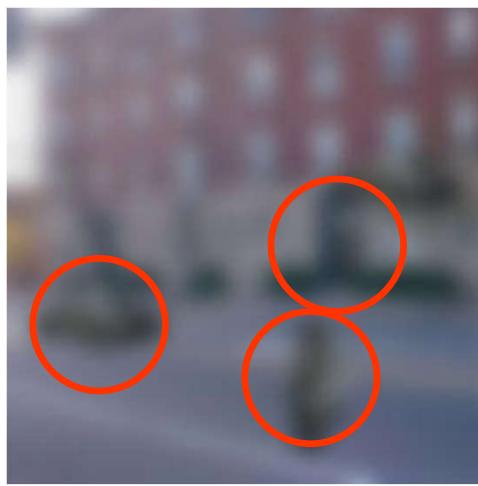
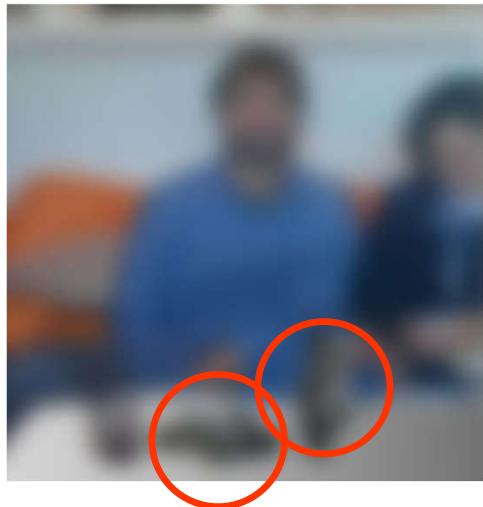
Background clutter



Occlusion



Challenges: local ambiguity



slide credit: Fei-Fei, Fergus & Torralba

But there are lots of visual cues we can use...



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Bottom line

- Perception is an inherently ambiguous problem
 - Many different 3D scenes could have given rise to a given 2D image



- We often must use prior knowledge about the world's structure



The state of computer vision and AI

- We are really, really far.

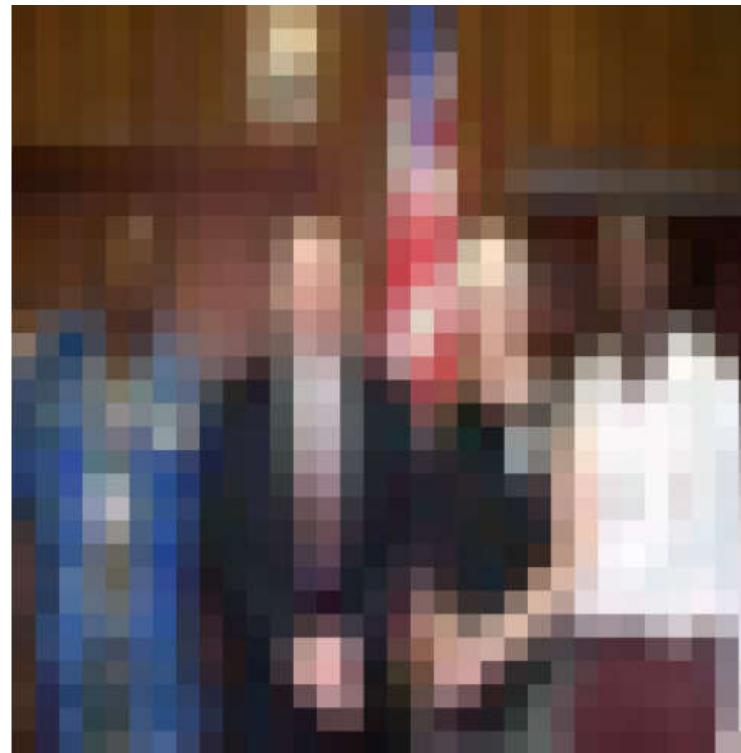


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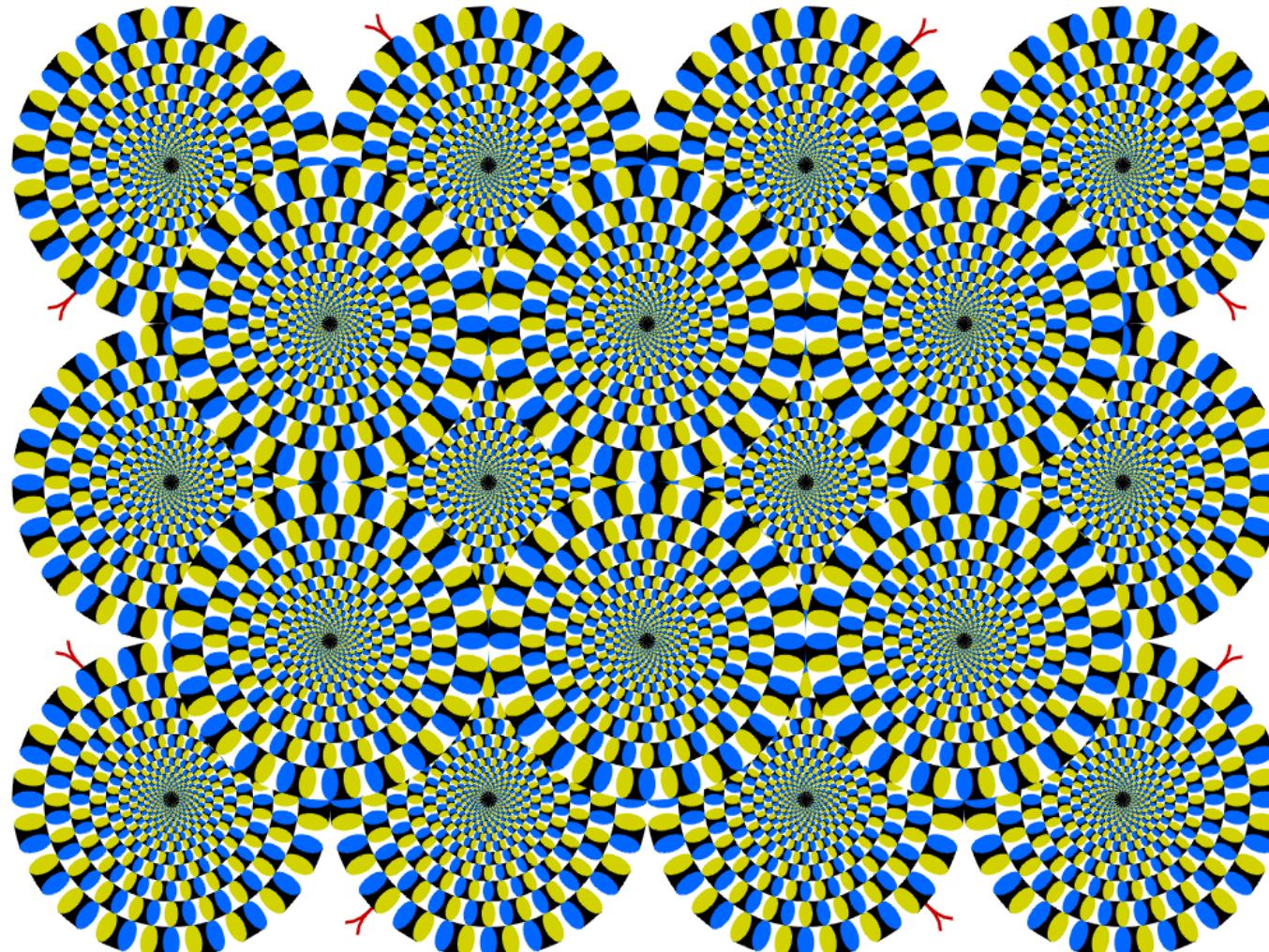
The state of computer vision and AI

- humans can tell a lot about a scene from a little information...





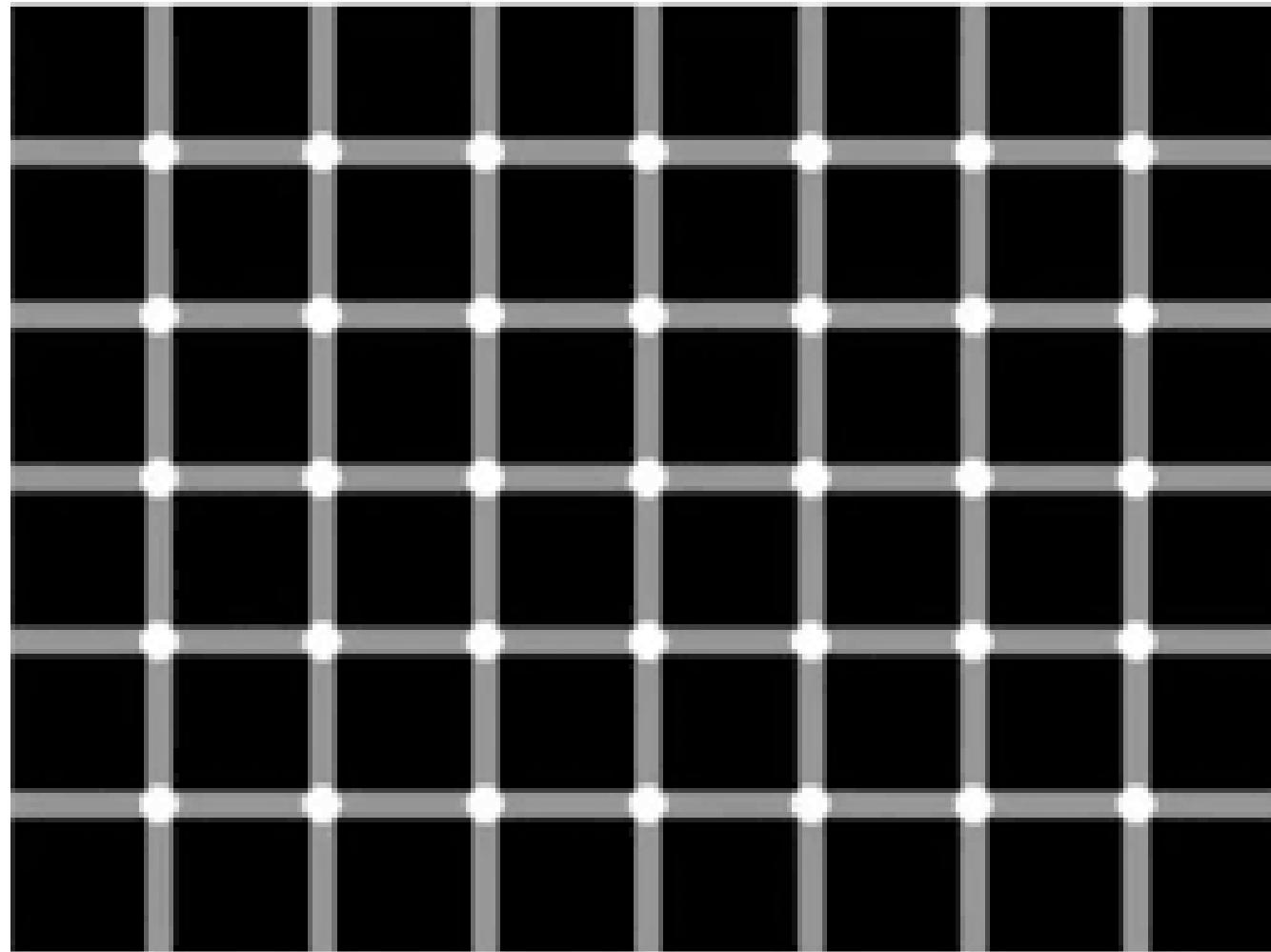
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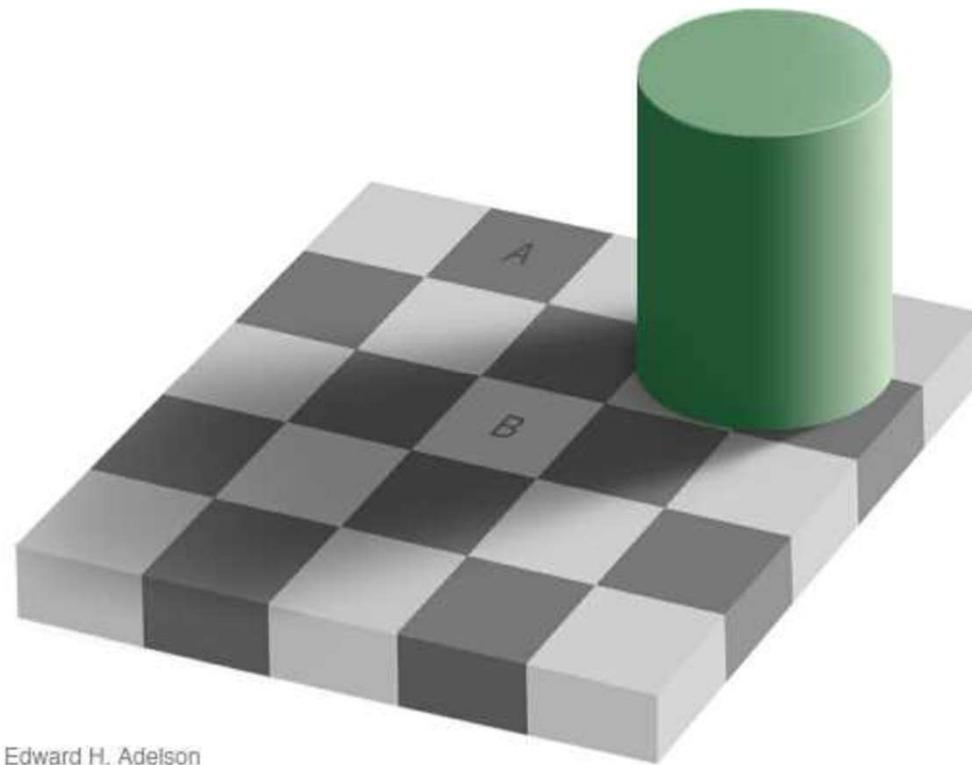


Optical illusions





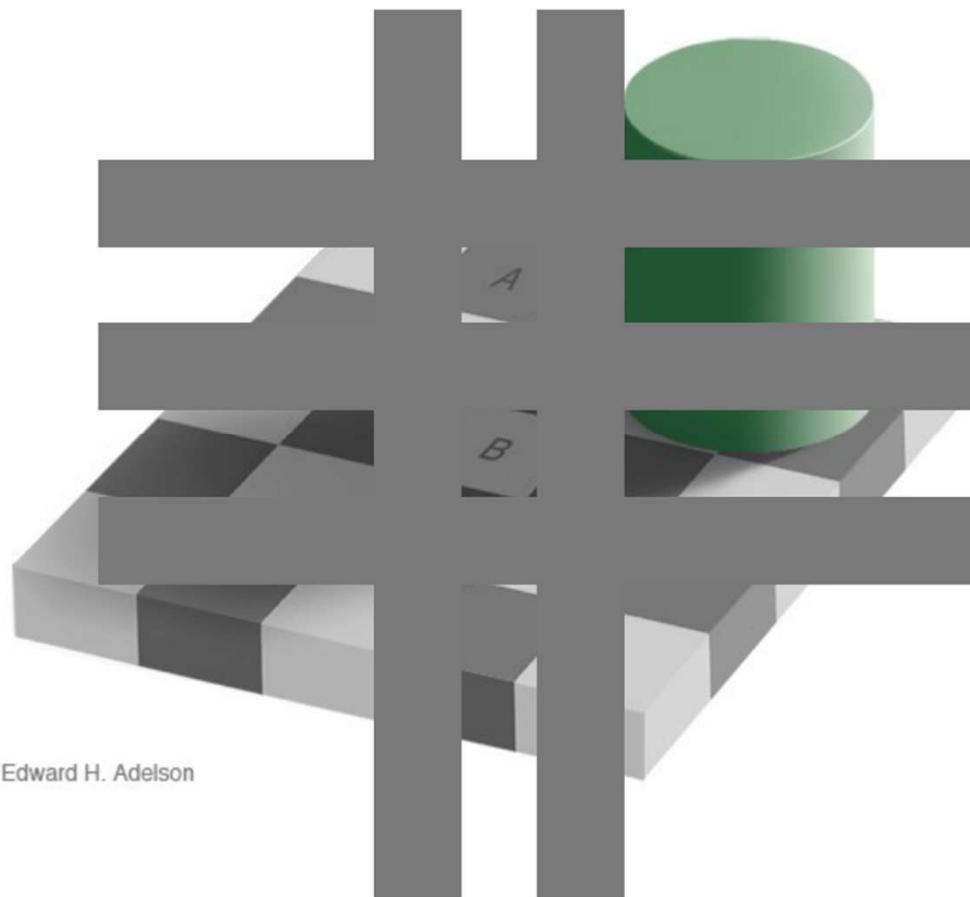
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Important note

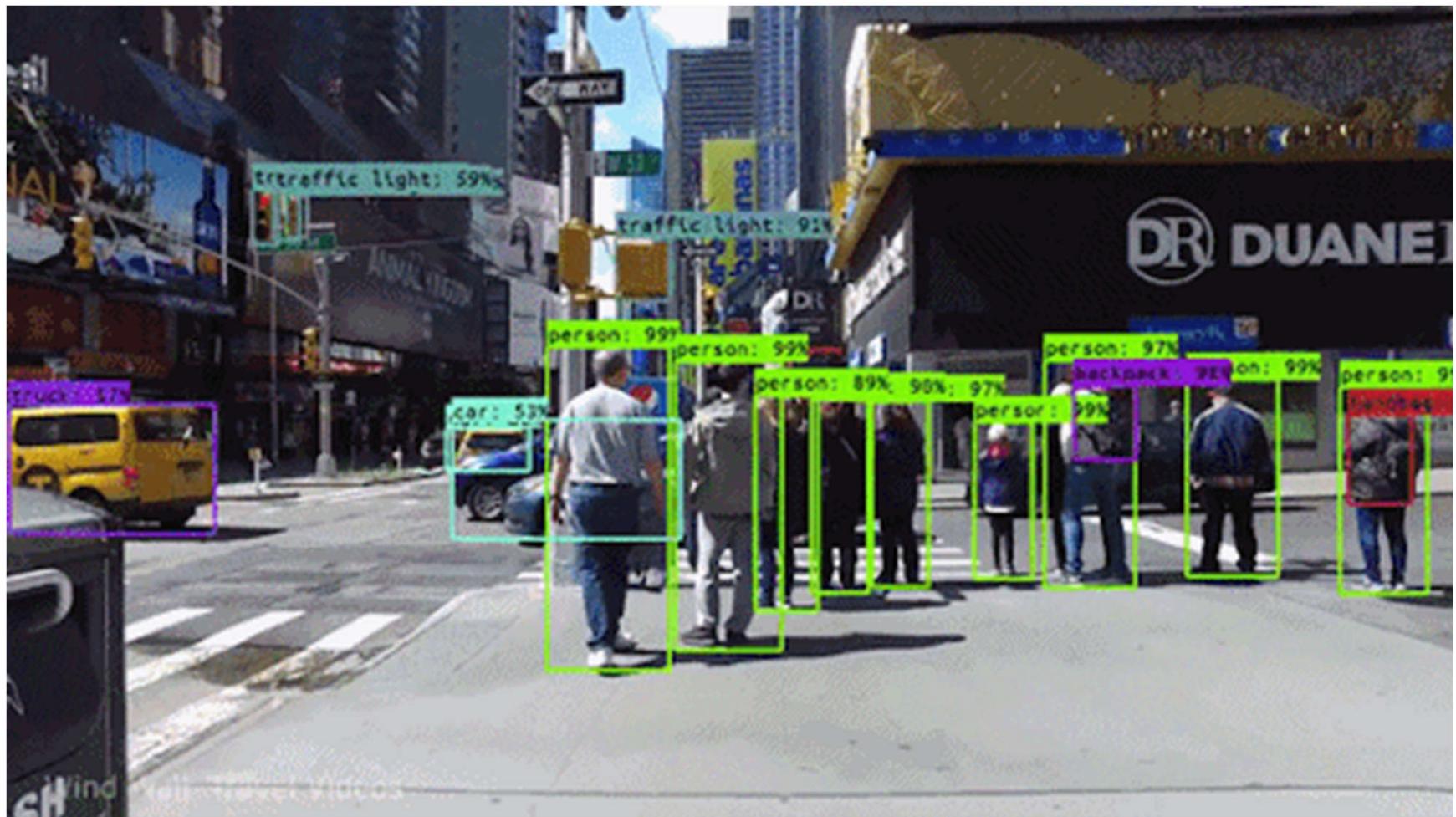
- In general, computer vision does not work





Important note

- Work except in certain situations/conditions





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The goal of this course

- Project-based course whose goal is to teach you the basics of computer vision – image processing, geometry, recognition – in a hands-on way

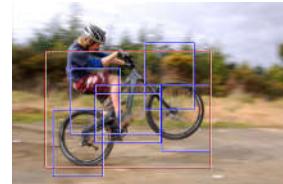
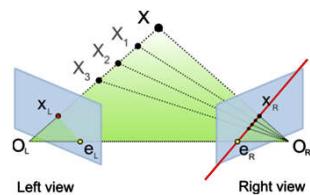
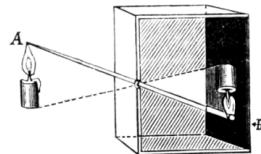


Course requirements

- Prerequisites
 - Data structures
 - Good working knowledge of Python programming
 - Linear algebra
 - Vector calculus
- Course does ***not*** assume prior imaging experience
 - computer vision, image processing, graphics, etc.



Course overview (tentative)



1. Low-level vision

- image processing, edge detection, feature detection, cameras, image formation

2. Geometry and algorithms

- projective geometry, stereo, structure from motion, optimization

3. Recognition

- face detection / recognition, category recognition, segmentation



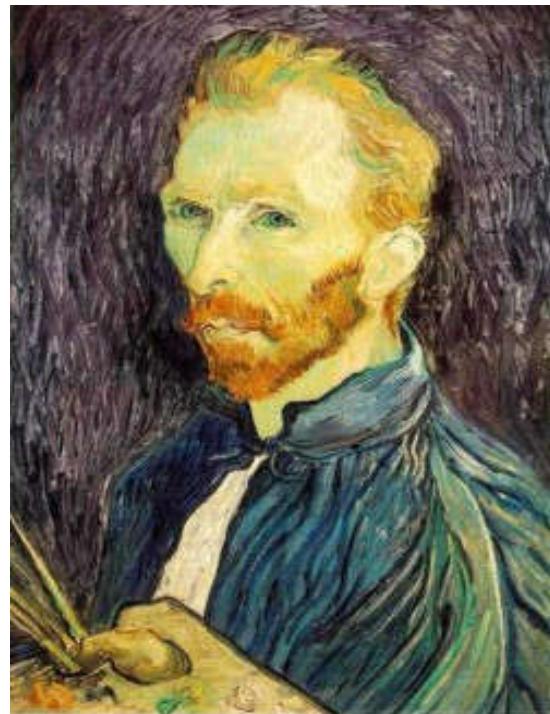
Grading policy

- Homework and participation in class
 - 20%-40% (30%)
- Term project
 - 40%-20% (30%)
Proposal / report/ survey+Presentation
- Final Exam
 - 40%



Project1: Image Blending

- Blending based on Laplacian pyramid



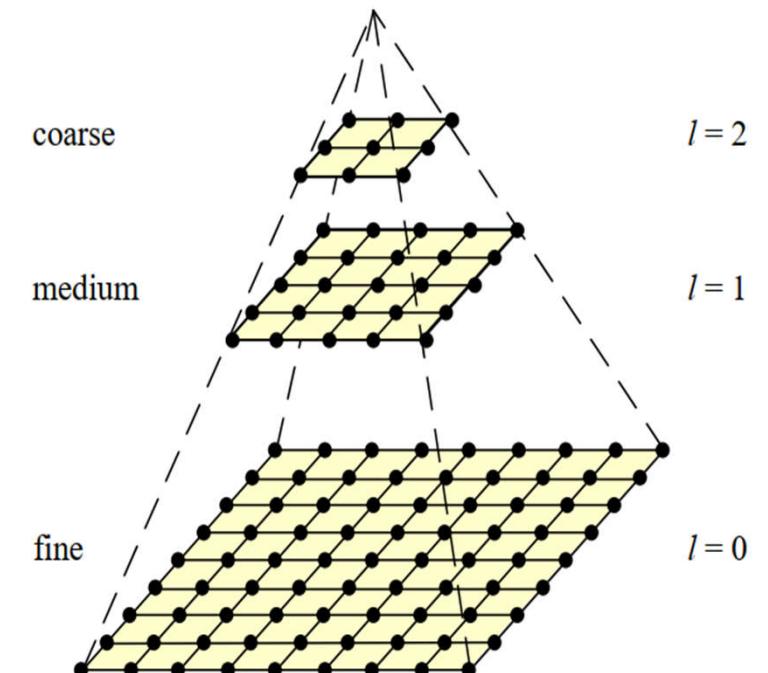
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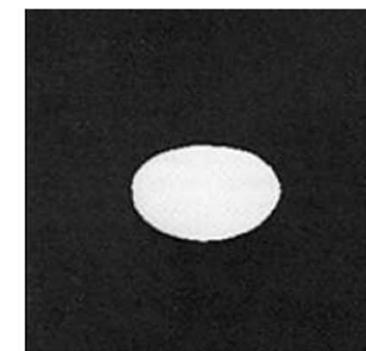
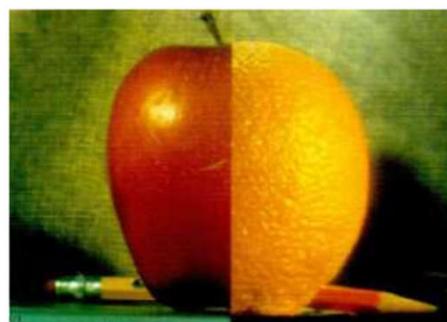
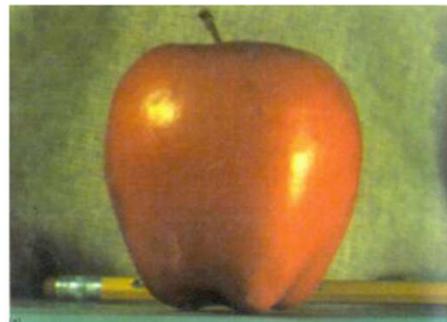
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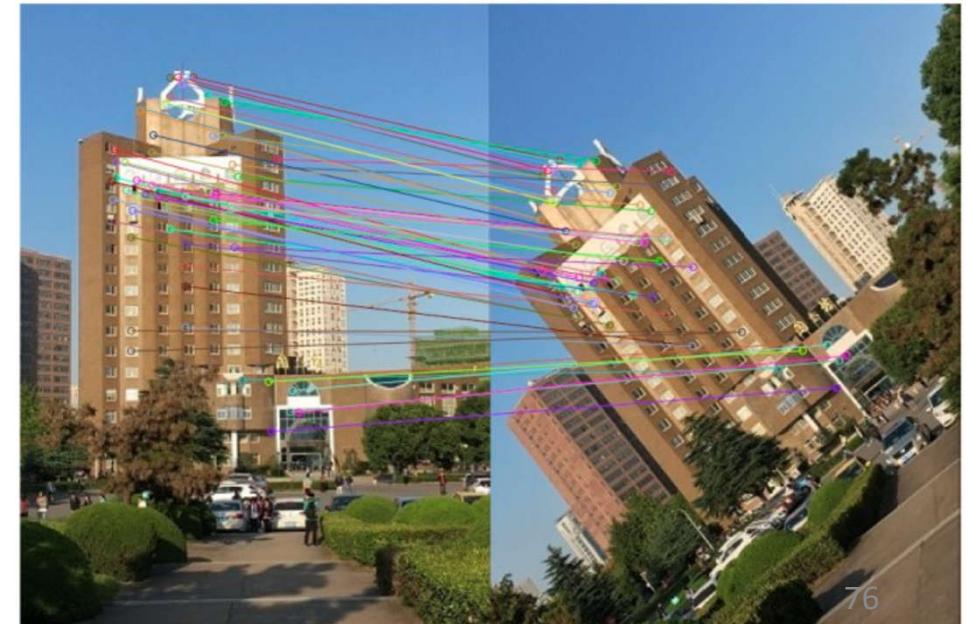
- Blending based on Laplacian pyramid





Project2: SIFT

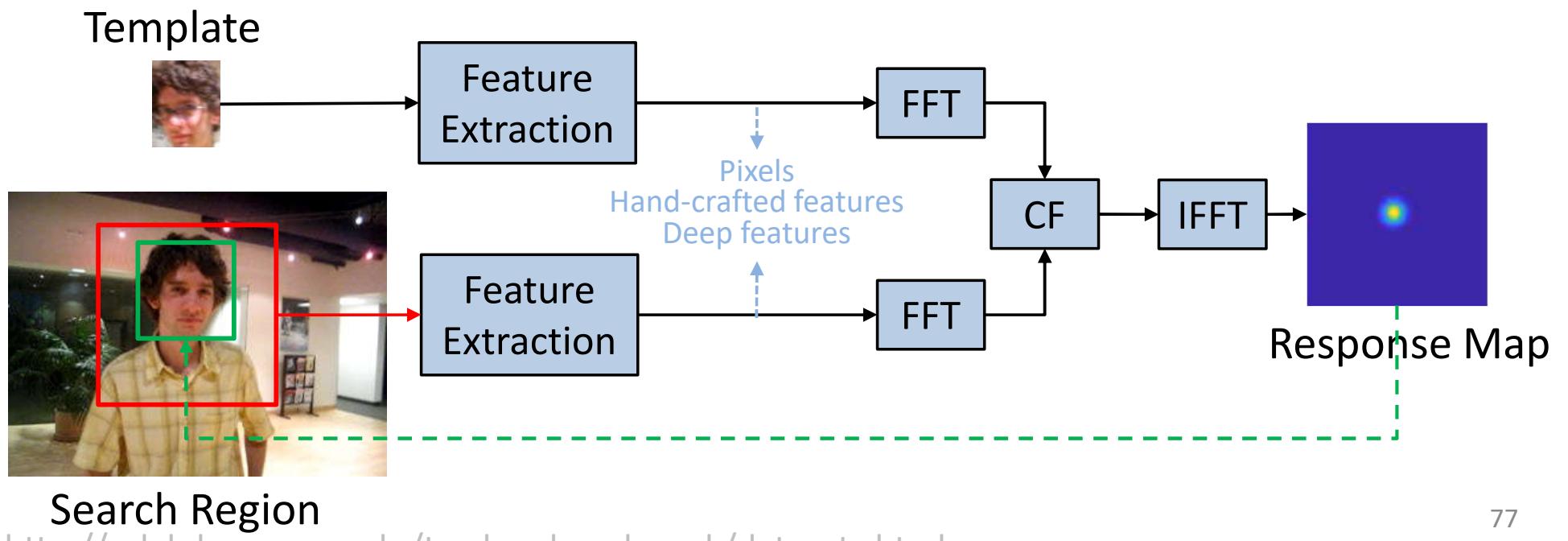
- Implement SIFT (detection and matching)
 - Python or MATLAB
 - CUDA is recommended (optional)
- Compare with OpenCV





Project3: Tracking

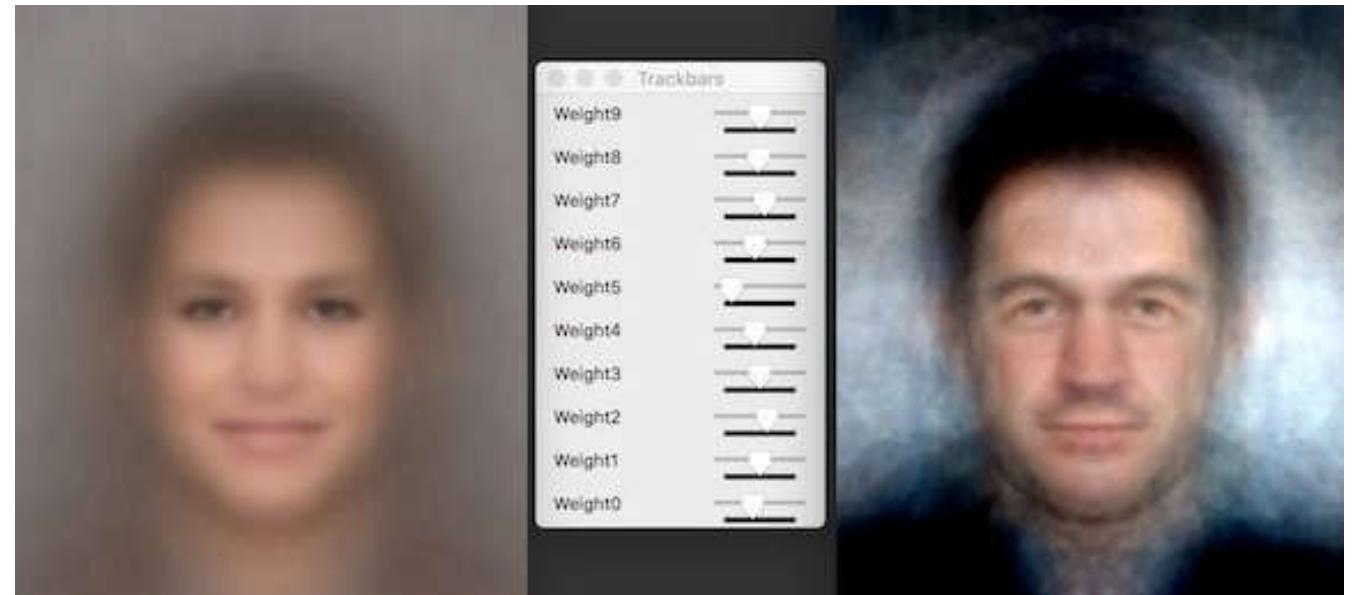
- Single object tracking based on Correlation Filters (CF). Different types of data can be used for CF:
 - Pixels, Hand-crafted features, Deep features





Project4: Eigen Face

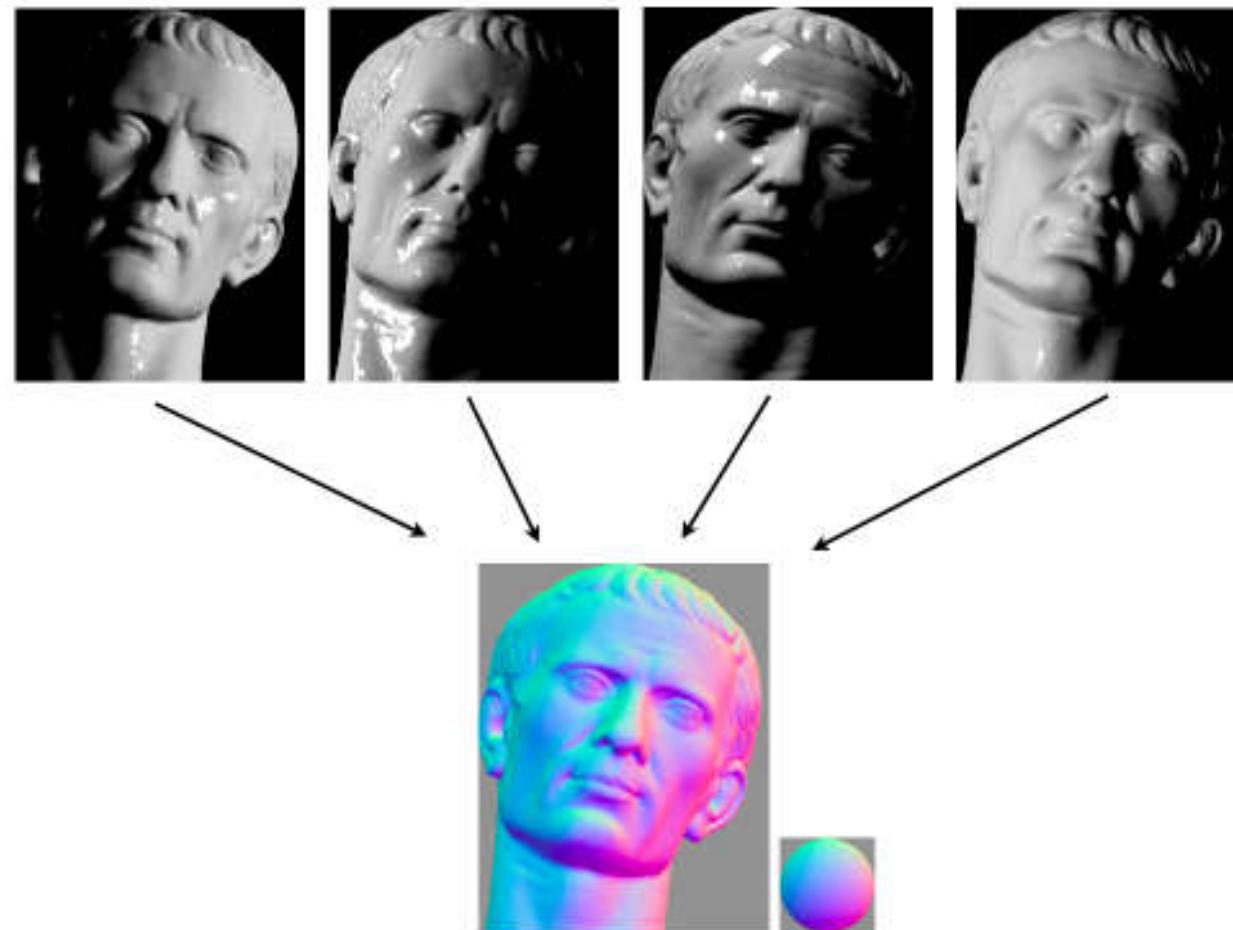
- Eigen face
 - with dimensionality reduction (e.g. PCA)
 - for the recognition of different attributes (e.g. smiling vs. unsmiling, or different persons)



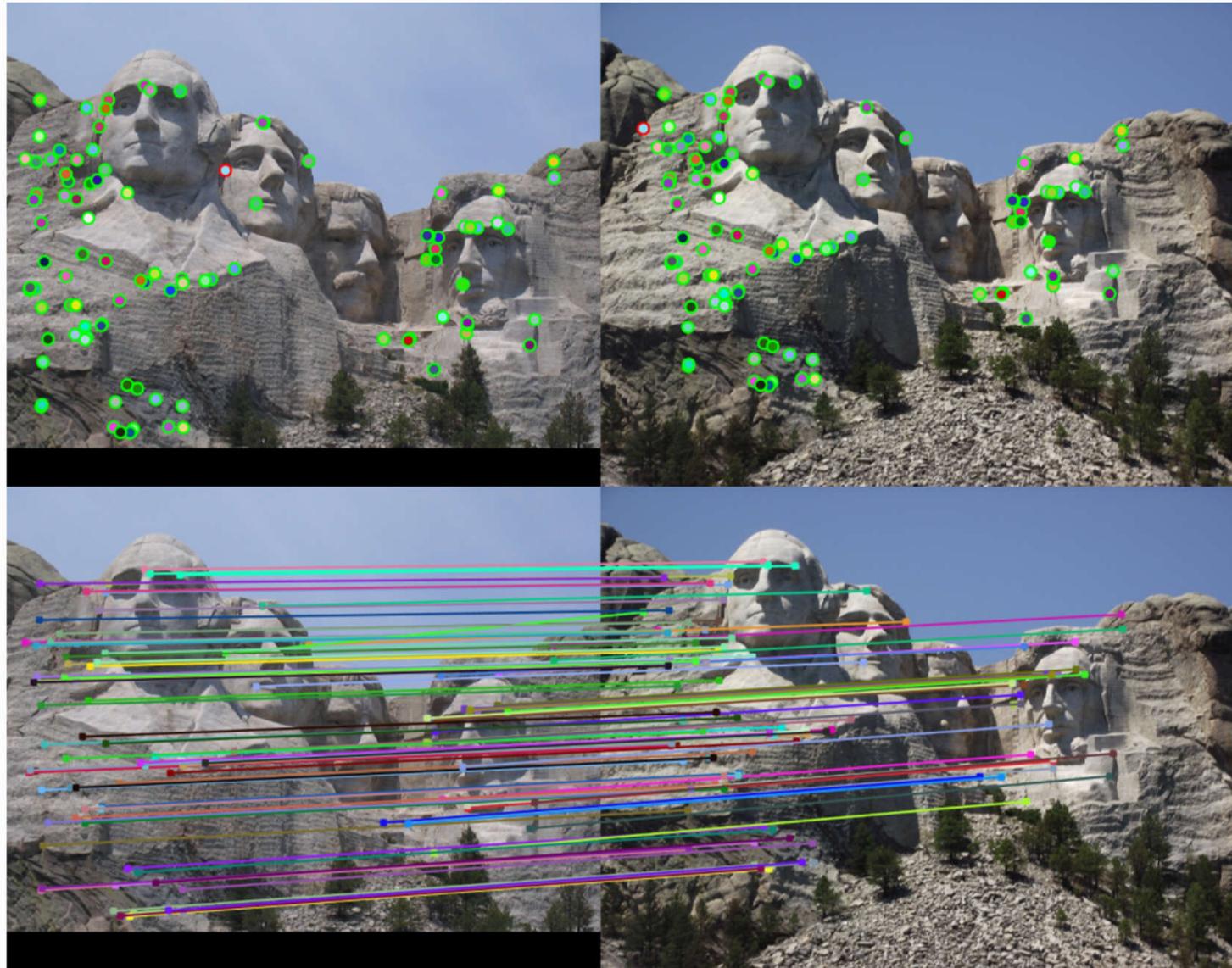


Project5: Photometric stereo

- 3D Reconstruction



Project6: Feature detection and matching





Project

- Image blending
- SIFT implementation
- Tracking (based on Correlation Filters)
- Eigen Face
- Photometric stereo
- Feature detection and matching
- Panorama stitching
- Corner detection
- Face recognition
- Image segmentation (Graphcut)
- Depth estimation (based on stereo Images)



Project

- Object detection
- Image segmentation
- Classification (clustering)
- Recognition (Face/object)
- Deep learning (Hinton)
- Generative adversarial net (GAN)
- variational autoencoder (VAE)
- Object Tracking
- Image Denoising/super-resolution.....



Assignments

- Select 3 projects
 - Image blending
 - SIFT implementation
 - Tracking based on correlation filters
- Reproduce code for each project
- Submit code and report



Term Project

- Project: Systematic
- Regular paper/proposal: Novelty
- Presentation: Up to 15% (Extra Credit)
- Submit code, PPT, and paper
(Chinese/English, Word/Latex)



Homework 1

- Send an email to liuqk3@163.com
- Title: CV-student ID+name+homework1
e.g., CV-1120181100 张三 homework1
please attach a word file with the same name
- Content:
 - 1.个人简介，不少于100字
 - 2.期望的课程学习目标
 - 3.未来两年目标规划



Schedule

Date	Submission	Date	Submission
Sep. 7th		Nov.2ed	Project 3,Due
Sep.14ed	Homework1,Due	Nov.9th	
Sep.21th		Nov.16th	
Sep.28th		Nov.23rd	Term project, ppt
Oct.5th	Project 1,Due	Nov.30th	
Oct.12th		Dec.7th	Term project, Due
Oct.19th	Project2,Due	Dec.14th	
Oct.26th		Dec.21th	