



# Robotics

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# Goal for this course

- Design: soft hand design **x1**
- Perception: vision, point cloud, tactile, force/torque **x1**
- Planning: sampling-based, optimization-based, learning-based **x3**
- Control: feedback, multi-modal **x2**
- Learning: imitation learning, RL **x2**
- Simulation tool (pybullet, matlab, OpenRAVE, Issac Nvidia, Gazebo)
- **How to get a robot moving!**



# Today's Agenda

- What is robot perception? (~12)
- Robot vision and computer vision (~5)
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- Tactile sensing (~5)
- Challenges of robot perception (10)
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  - End to end learning (~5)
  - Active perception (~5)
- Quick Review of Deep Learning (~20)

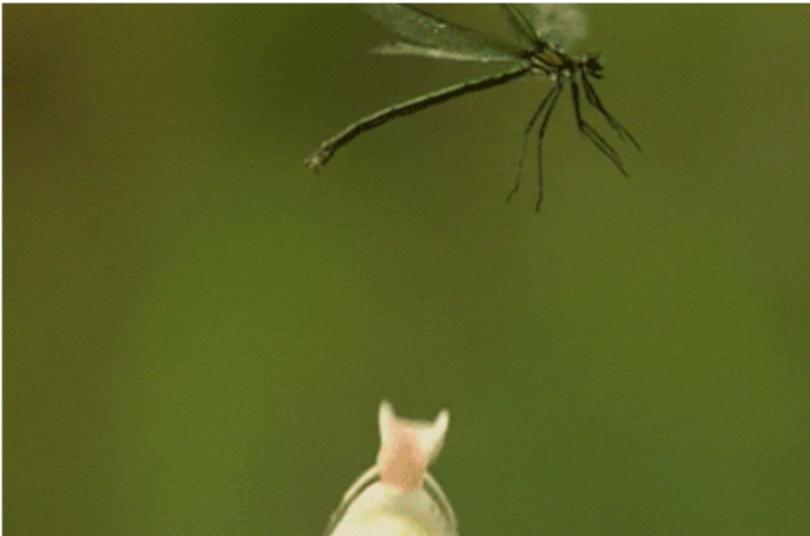


# Incredible human skills





# Incredible animal skills

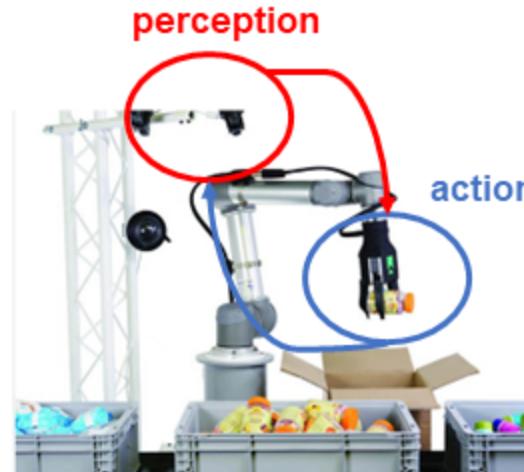




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action

perception



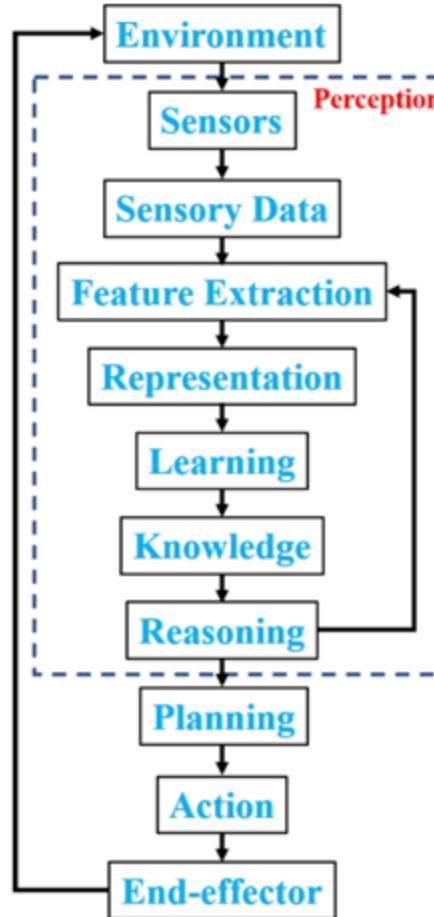
Robotics – Learn the mapping from **perception** to **action**



**Tesla's Optimus Robot Sort Objects Autonomously**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oL5YNtDUQXU&ab\\_channel=CNETHighlights](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oL5YNtDUQXU&ab_channel=CNETHighlights)

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# Why robot perception?

**Making sense of the unstructured environment ...**

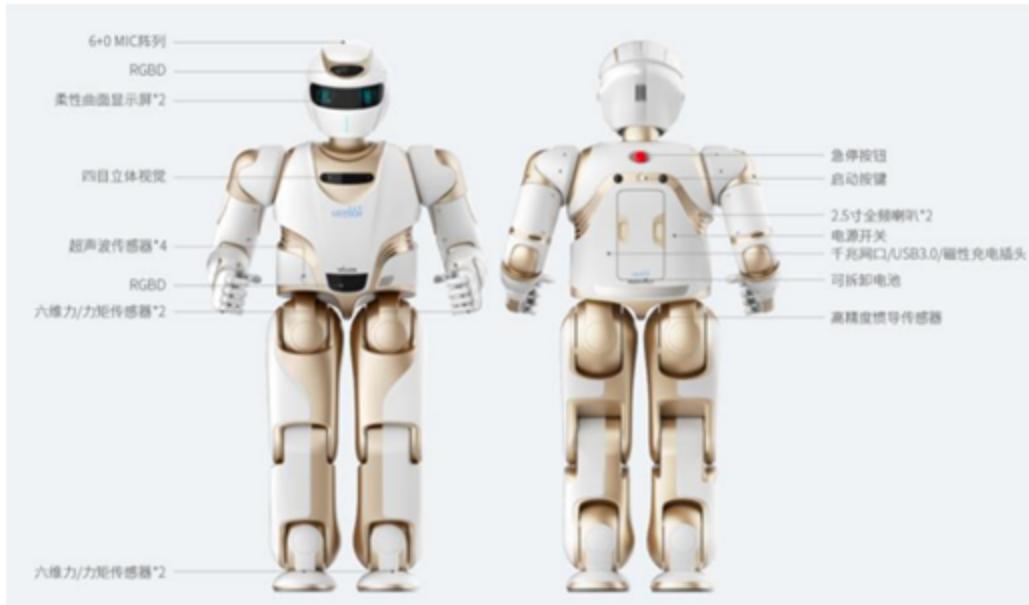


- Incomplete knowledge of the scene
- Imperfect actions may lead to failure
- Environment dynamics



# Robot sensor

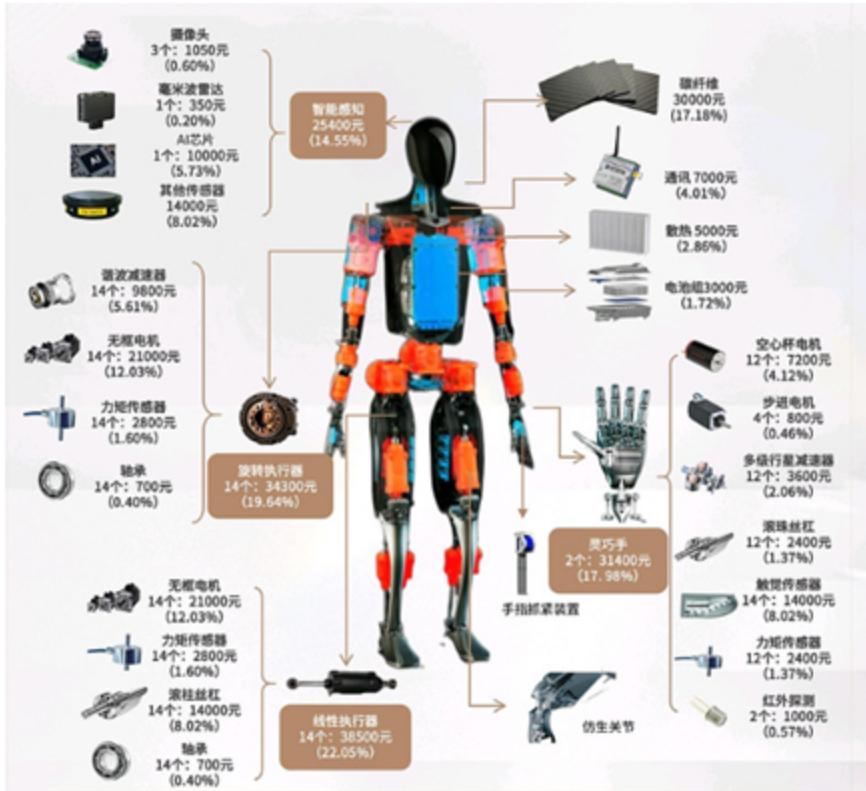
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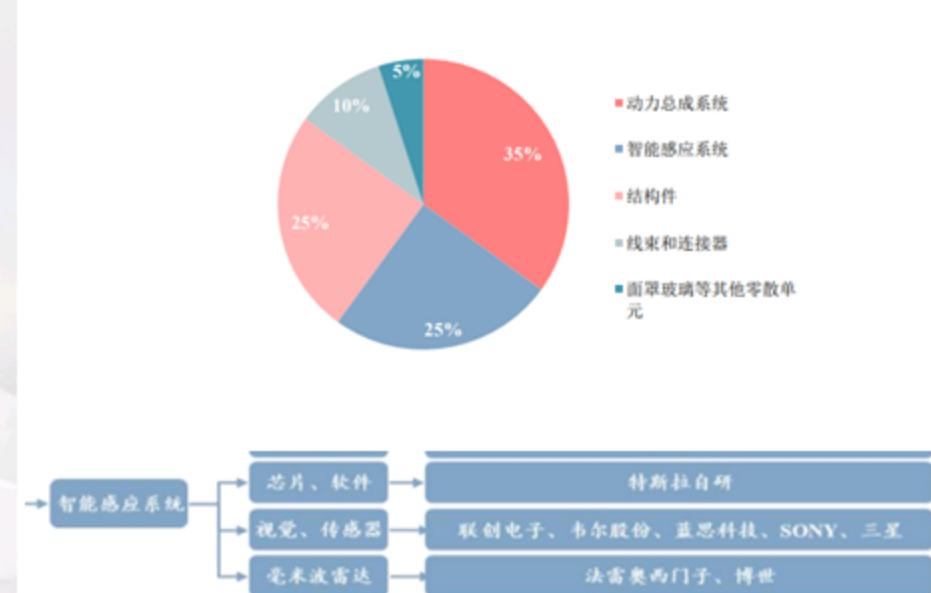


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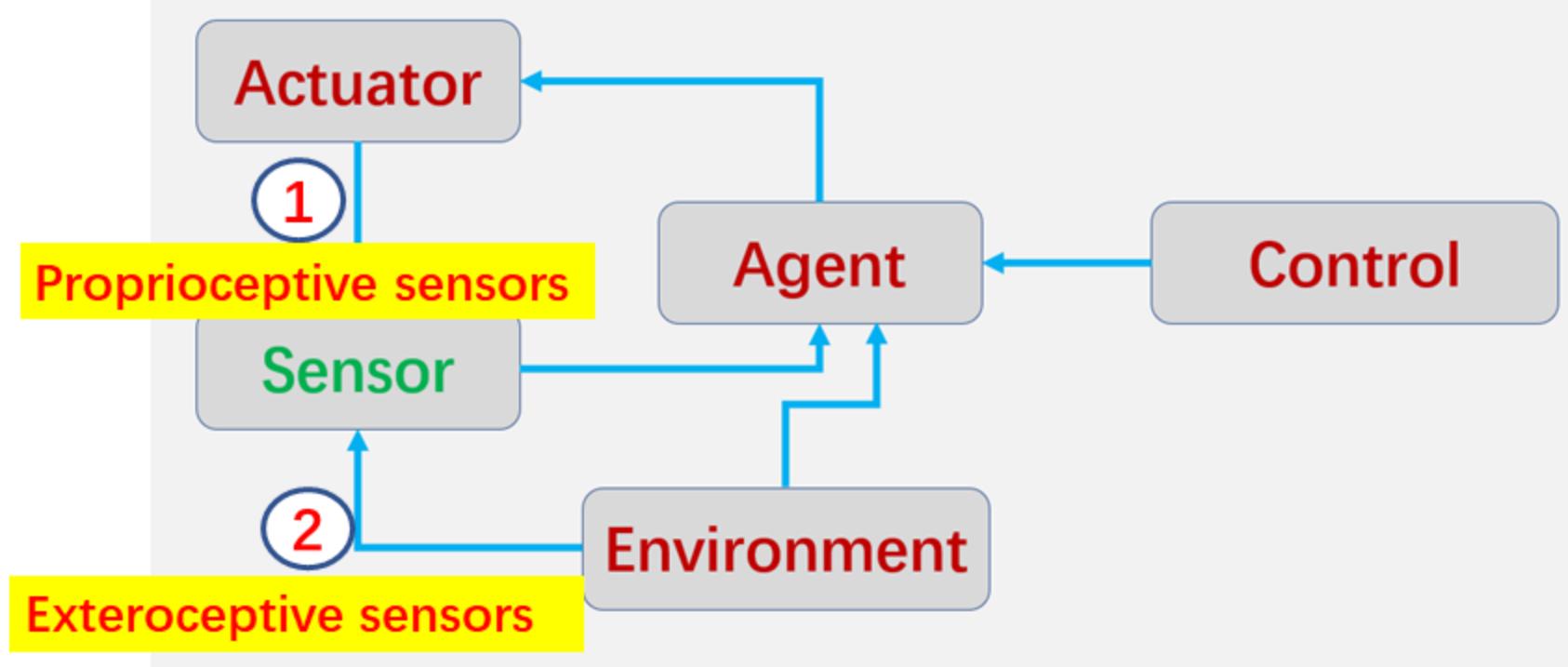


图表：Tesla Bot结构件成本占比估计





# Robot sensor





# Robot sensor

- **proprioceptive sensors** measure the internal state of the robot (**position** and **velocity** of joints, but also **torque** at joints or **acceleration** of links)
  - kinematic calibration, identification of dynamic parameters, control
- **exteroceptive sensors** measure/characterize robot interaction with the environment, enhancing its autonomy(**forces/torques**, **proximity**, **vision**, but also sensors for sound, smoke humidity, ...)
  - control of interaction with the environment, obstacle avoidance localization of mobile robots, navigation in unknown environments



# Robot vision vs. Computer vision

**Computer vision** tasks include methods for acquiring, processing, analyzing and understanding digital images, and extraction of high-dimensional data from the real world in order to produce numerical or symbolic information, e.g. in the forms of decision.

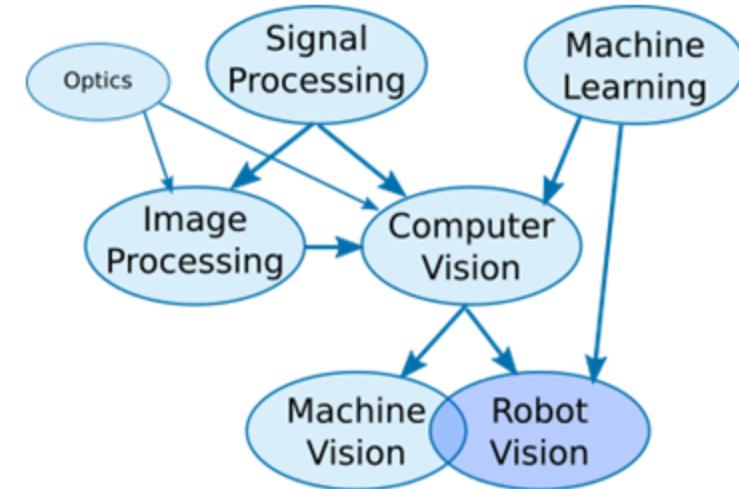


Deep Learning



# Robot vision vs. Computer vision

Technique	Input	Output
Signal Processing	Electrical signals	Electrical signals
Image Processing	Images	Images
Computer Vision	Images	Information/features
Pattern Recognition/Machine Learning	Information/features	Information
Machine Vision	Images	Information
Robot Vision	Images	Physical Action





# Robot vision vs. Computer vision

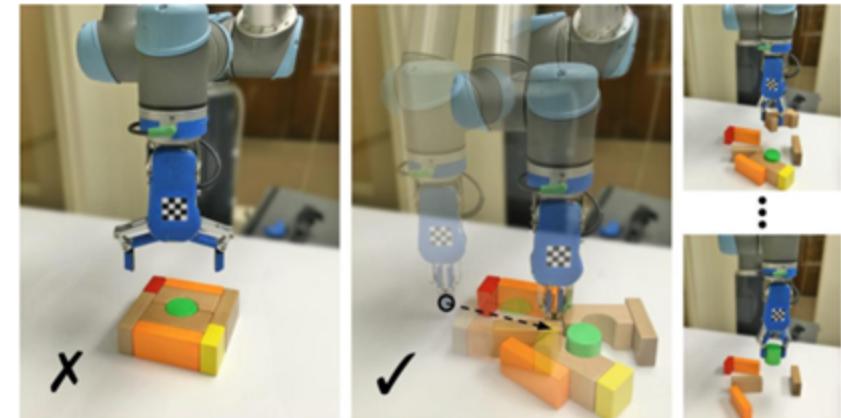
- Robot vision is **embodied**, **active**, and environmentally **situated**.
- **Embodied**: Robots have physical bodies and experience the world directly. Their actions are part of a dynamic with the world and have immediate feedback on their own sensation.
- **Active**: Robots are active perceivers. It knows why it wishes to sense, and chooses what to perceive, and determines how, when and where to achieve that perception.
- **Situated**: Robots are situated in the world. They do not deal with abstract descriptions, but with the here and now of the world directly influencing the behavior of the system.



# Robot vision vs. Computer vision



[Levine et al., IJRR 2016]



[Zeng et al., IROS 2018]



# 2D camera

1963 – Lawrence Roberts, the Father of Computer Vision publishes “Machine Perception Of Three-Dimensional Solids” where he discusses extracting 3D information about solid objects from 2D images. This lead to much research in MIT’s artificial intelligence lab and other research institutions looking at computer vision in the context of blocks and simple objects.



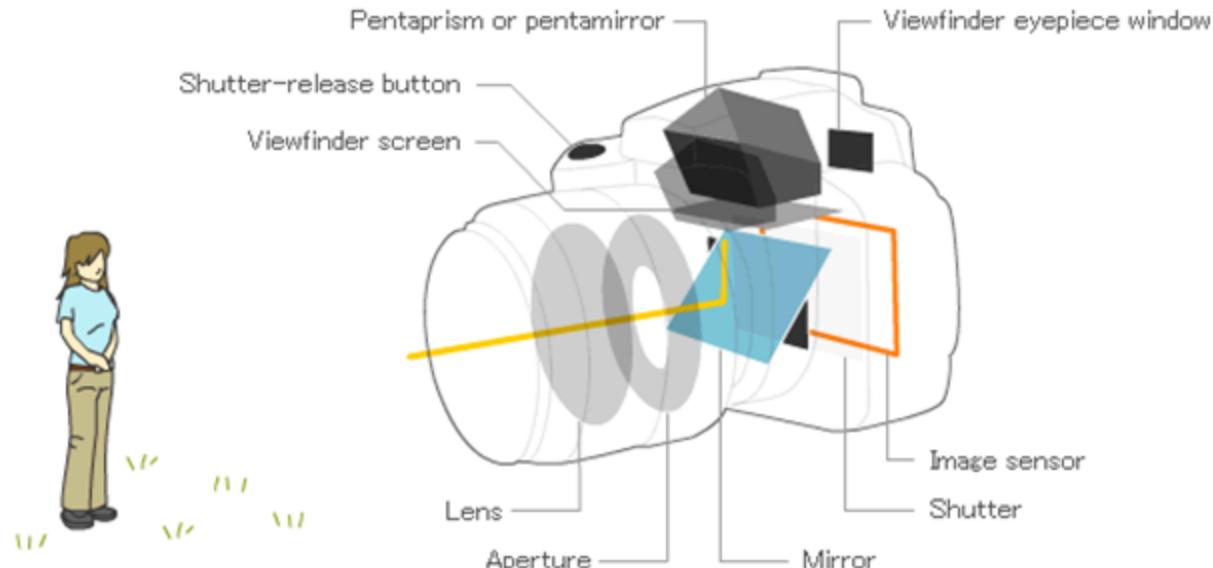
1966 – The summer project at MIT marks the landmark in the development of pattern recognition.





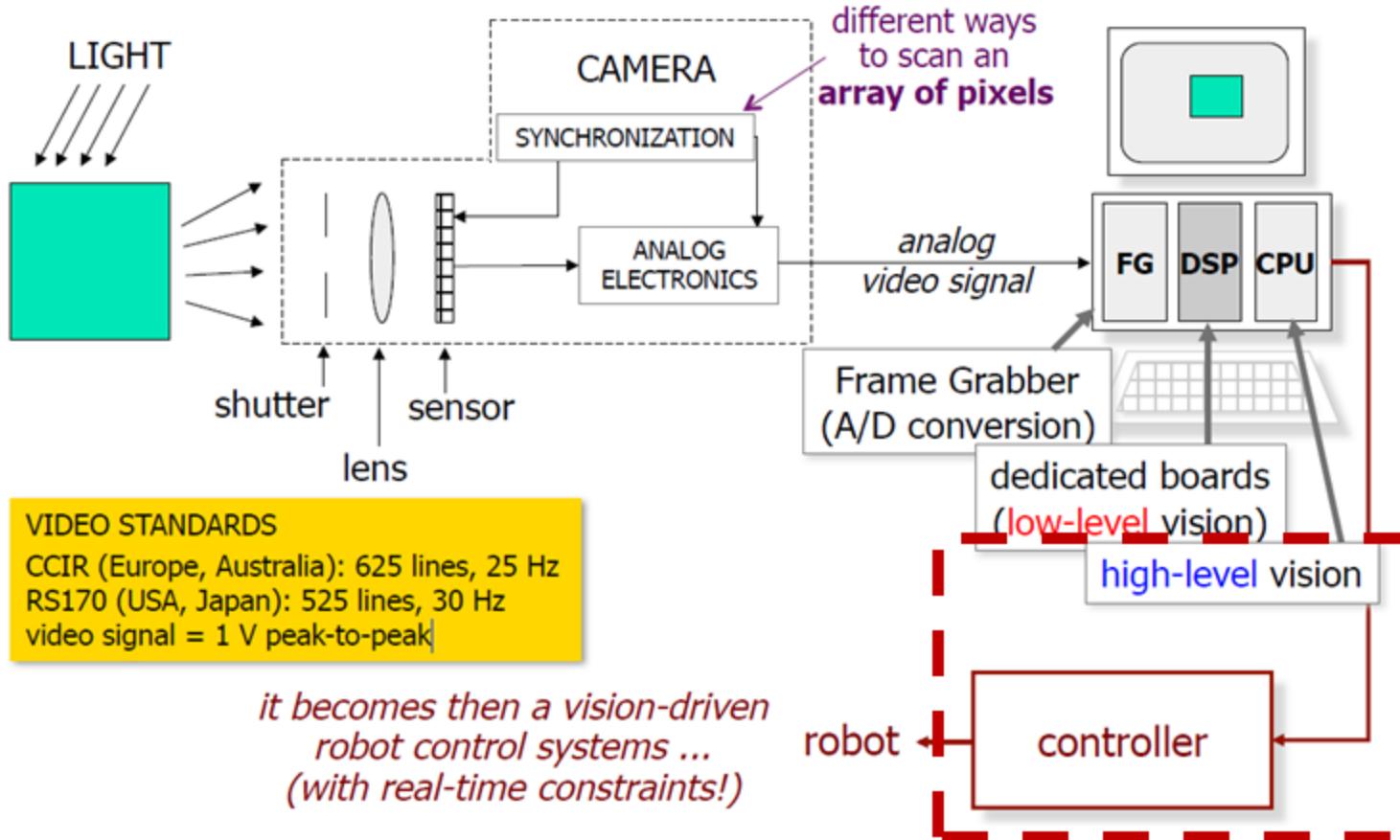
# 2D camera

The Optical Path from the Lens Through the Mirror to the Viewfinder





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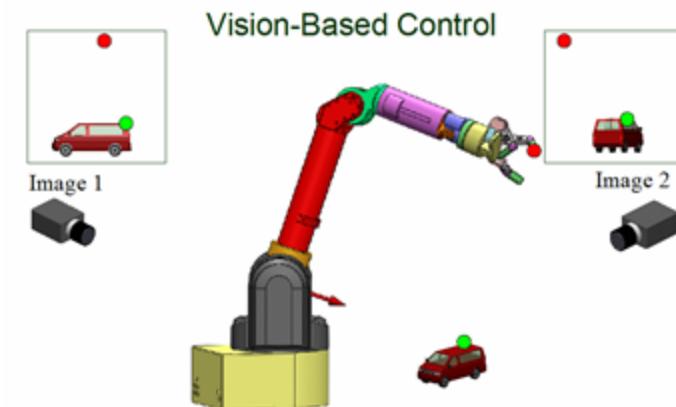




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Visual servoing, also known as **vision-based robot control** and abbreviated **VS**, is a technique which uses feedback information extracted from a vision sensor (visual feedback) to control the motion of a robot. One of the earliest papers that talks about visual servoing was from the SRI International Labs in 1979.

1. "Basic Concept and Technical Terms". Ishikawa Watanabe Laboratory, University of Tokyo. Retrieved 12 February 2015.
2. <sup>▲</sup> Agin, G.J., "Real Time Control of a Robot with a Mobile Camera". Technical Note 179, SRI International, Feb. 1979.





# 2D image format



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What the computer sees

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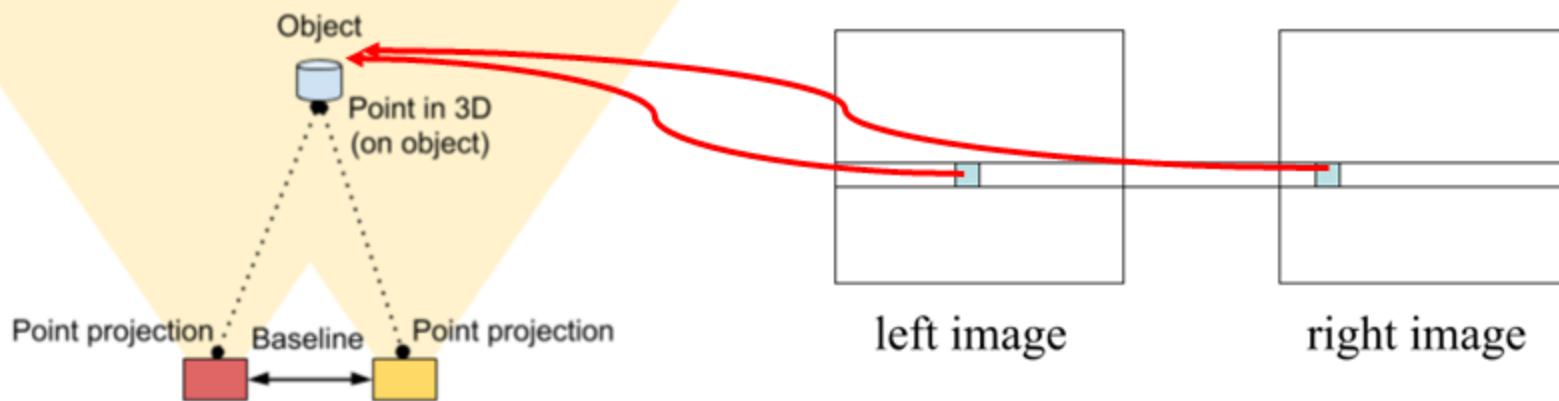
An image is just a matrix of numbers [0,255]!  
i.e., 1080x1080x3 for an RGB image

Slide Credit: Ava Soleimany, MIT

Images Are Numbers



# 3D from stereo

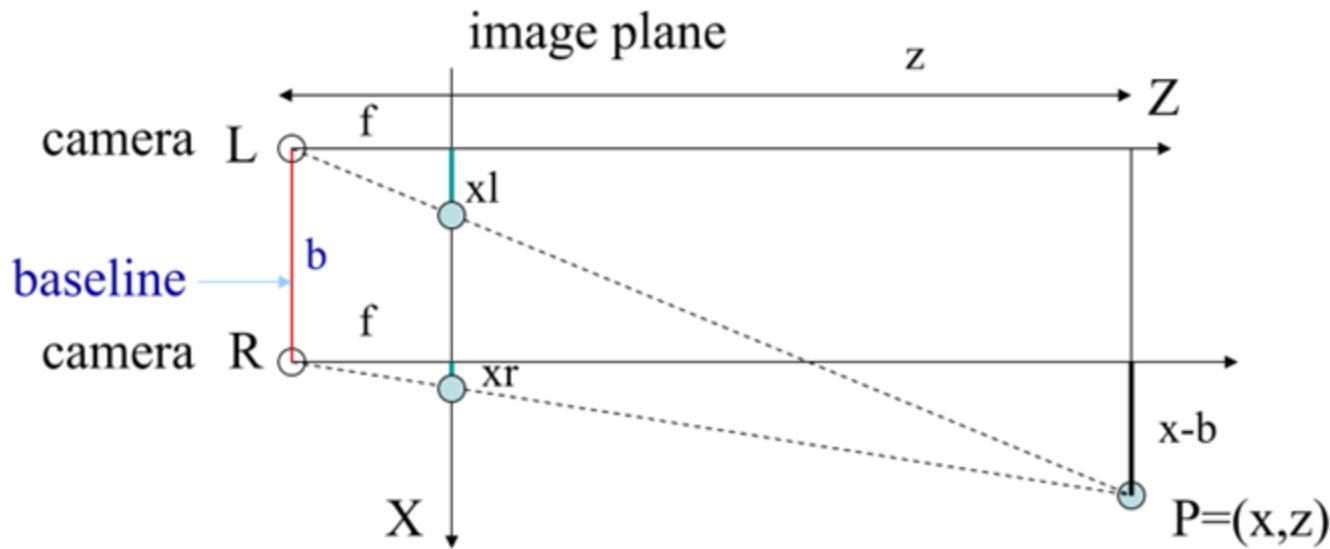


disparity: the difference in image location of the same 3D point when projected under perspective to two different cameras.

$$d = x_{\text{left}} - x_{\text{right}}$$



# 3D from stereo



$$\frac{z}{f} = \frac{x}{xl}$$

$$\frac{z}{f} = \frac{x-b}{xr}$$

$$\frac{z}{f} = \frac{y}{yl} = \frac{y}{yr}$$

y-axis is  
perpendicular  
to the page.



# 3D from stereo

For stereo cameras with parallel optical axes, focal length  $f$ , baseline  $b$ , corresponding image points  $(x_l, y_l)$  and  $(x_r, y_r)$  with disparity  $d$ :

$$z = f * b / (x_l - x_r) = f * b / d$$

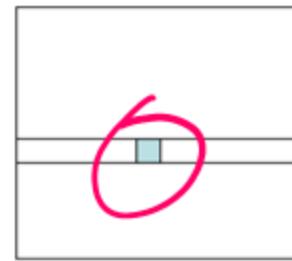
$$x = x_l * z / f \text{ or } b + x_r * z / f$$

$$y = y_l * z / f \text{ or } y_r * z / f$$

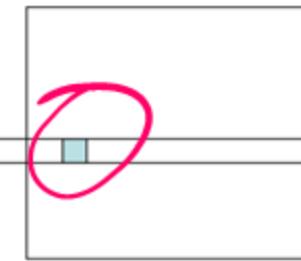
This method of determining depth from disparity is called **triangulation**.



# 3D from stereo



left image



right image

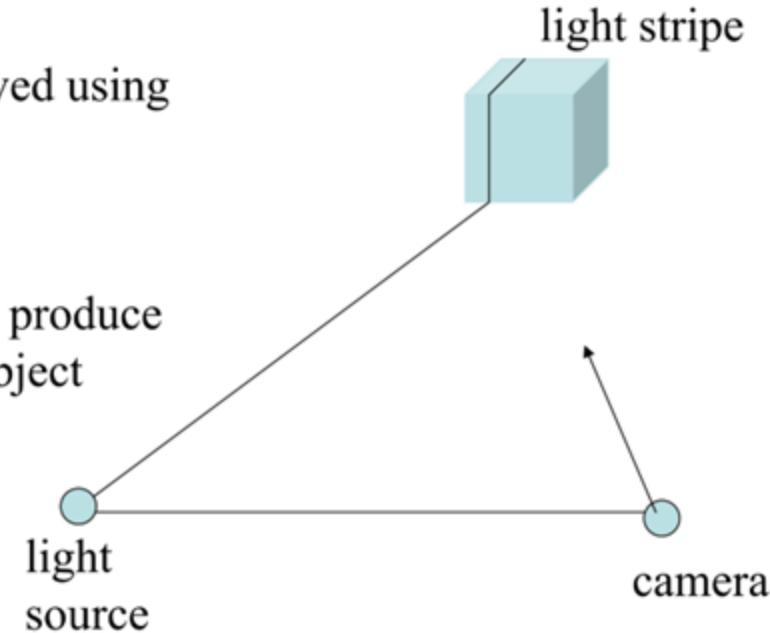
We need to find the "correspondence".  
P.T.D



# 3D from structure

3D data can also be derived using

- a single camera
- a light source that can produce stripe(s) on the 3D object



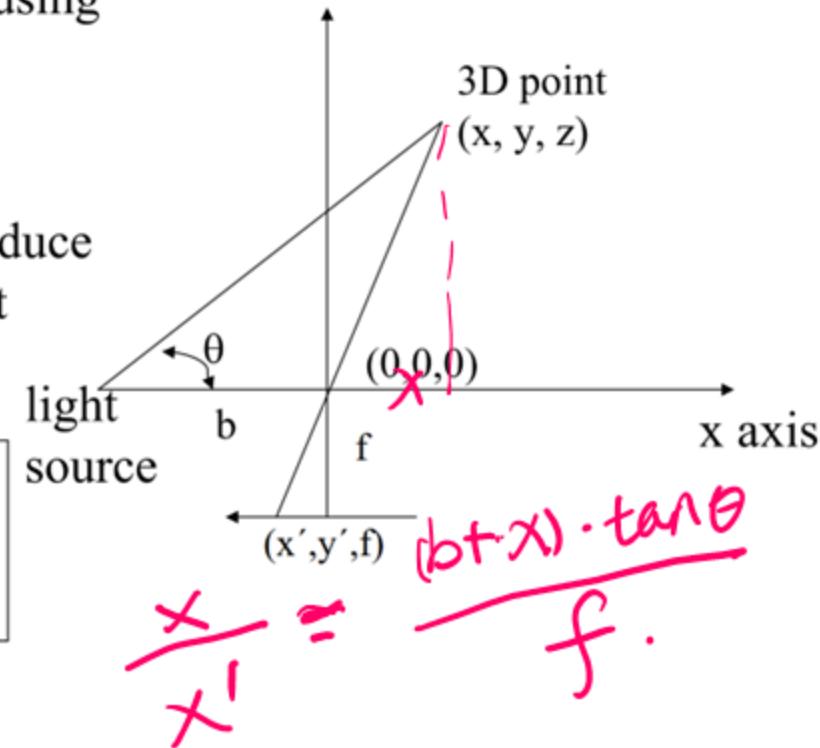


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$$\frac{b}{3D} = \frac{[x \ y \ z]}{f \cot \theta - x'} \quad [x' \ y' \ f]_{\text{image}}$$





# 3D vision format



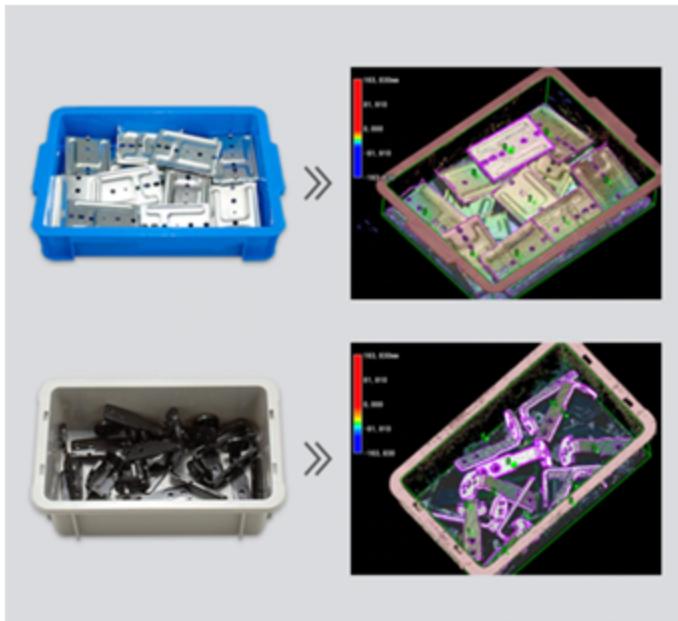
- [PLY](#) - a polygon file format, developed at Stanford University by Turk et al
- [STL](#) - a file format native to the stereolithography CAD software created by 3D Systems
- [OBJ](#) - a geometry definition file format first developed by Wavefront Technologies
- [X3D](#) - the ISO standard XML-based file format for representing 3D computer graphics data
- [and many others](#)

[https://pointclouds.org/documentation/tutorials/pcd\\_file\\_format.html](https://pointclouds.org/documentation/tutorials/pcd_file_format.html)

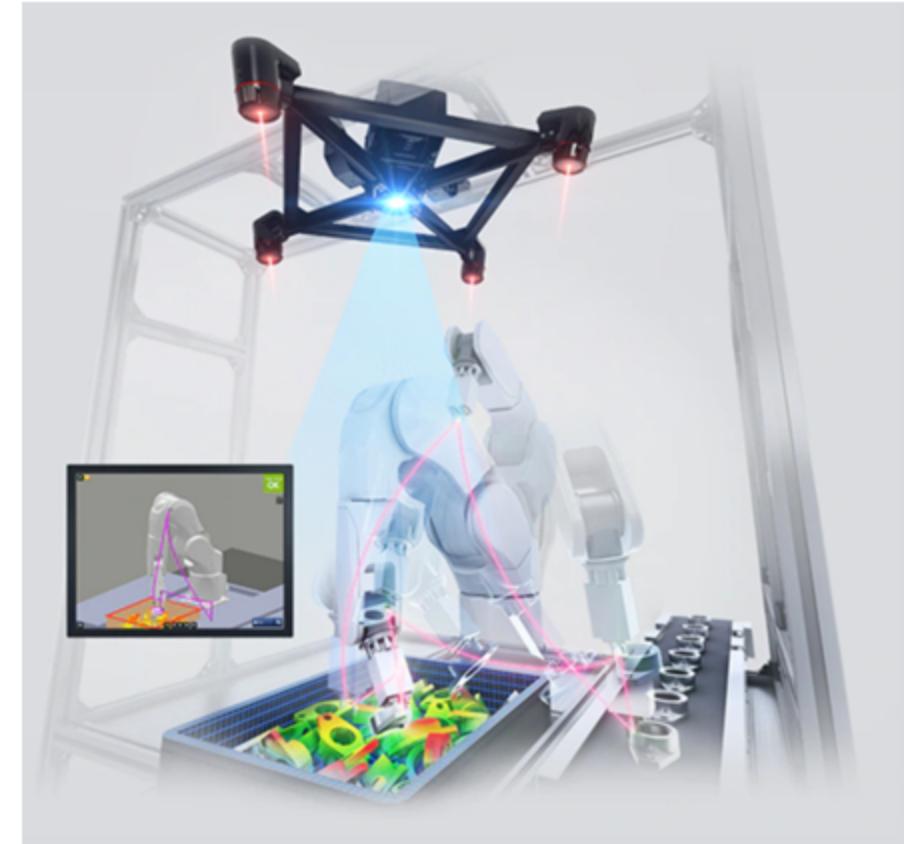




# 3D camera application

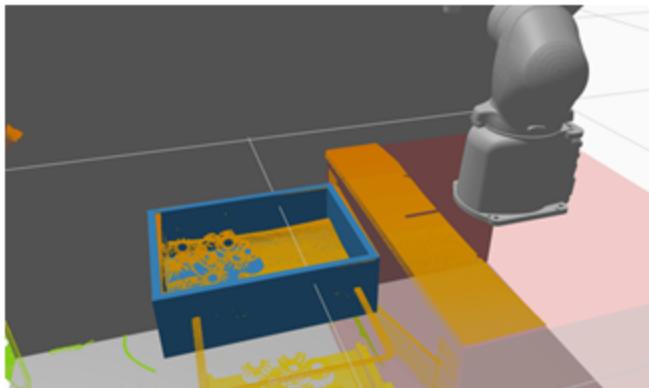


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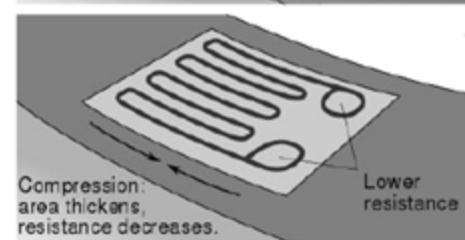
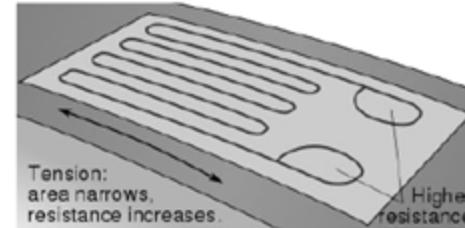
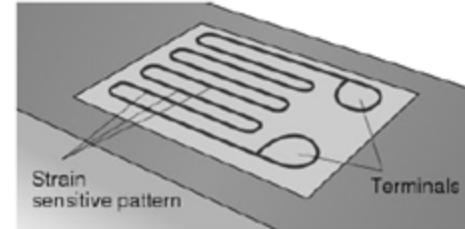
# F/T sensor principle

- indirect information obtained from the measure of **deformation** of an elastic element subject to the force or torque to be measured
- basic component is a *strain gauge*: uses the variation of the resistance  $R$  of a metal conductor when its length  $L$  or cross-section  $S$  vary

$$\frac{\partial R}{\partial L} > 0$$

$$\frac{\partial R}{\partial S} < 0$$

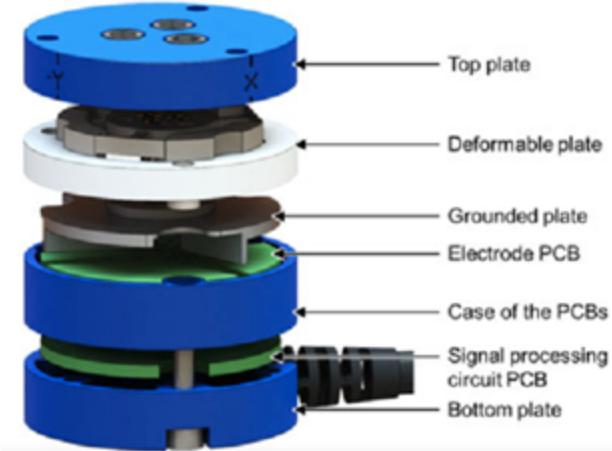
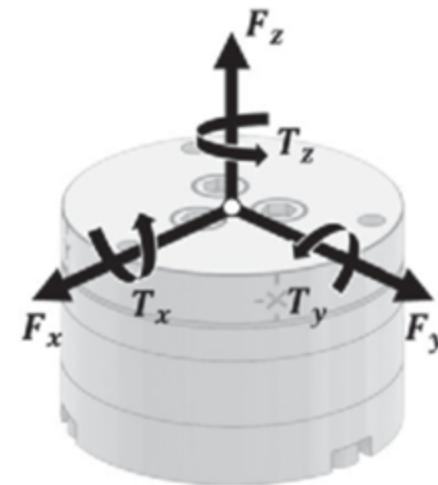
$$\frac{\partial R}{\partial T} \leftarrow \text{small}$$



temperature

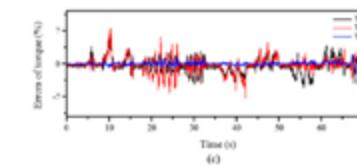
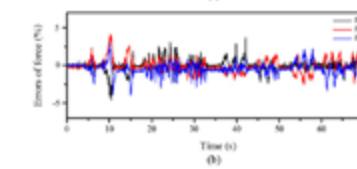
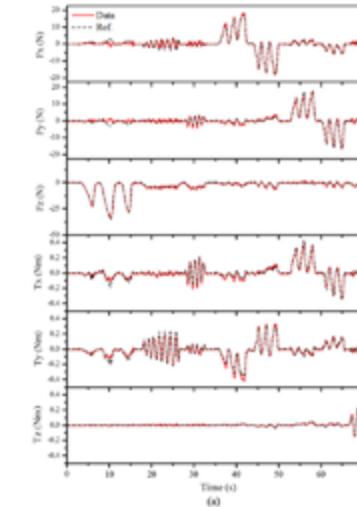
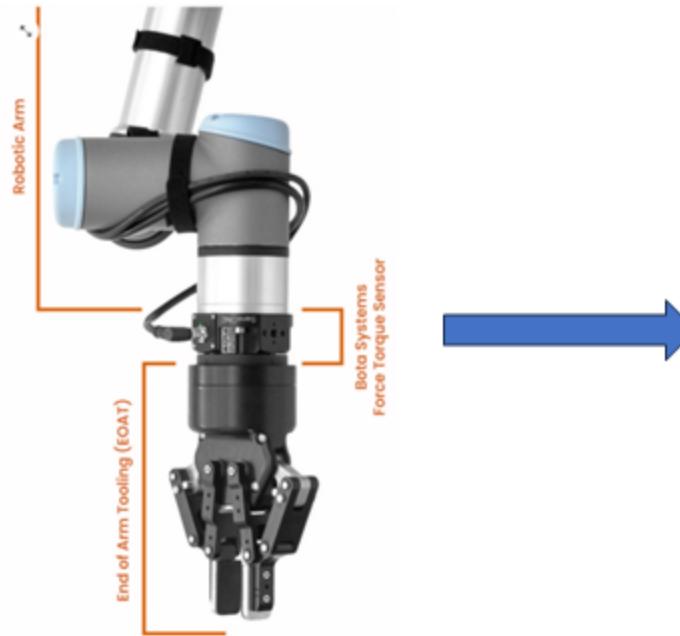


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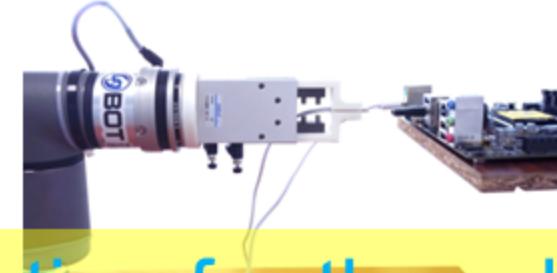


# F/T information format





# F/T sensor application

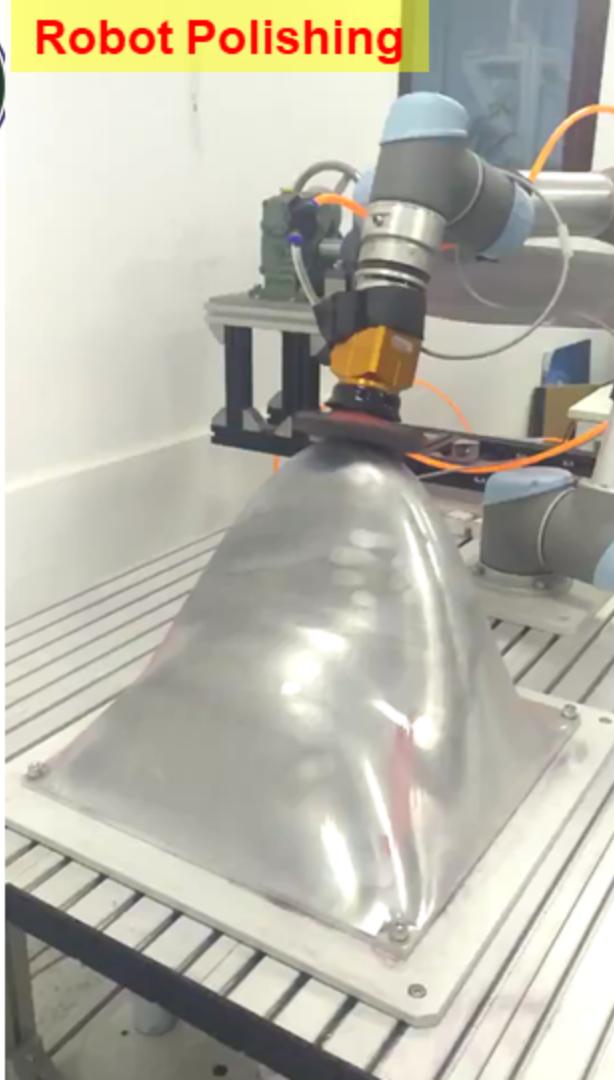


Force is an essential information for the robots to physically interact with the world!!

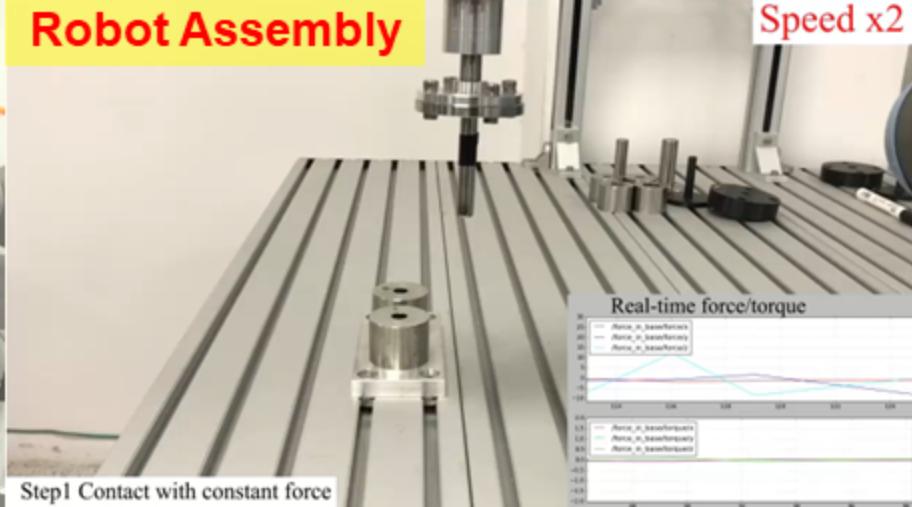




## Robot Polishing



## Robot Assembly



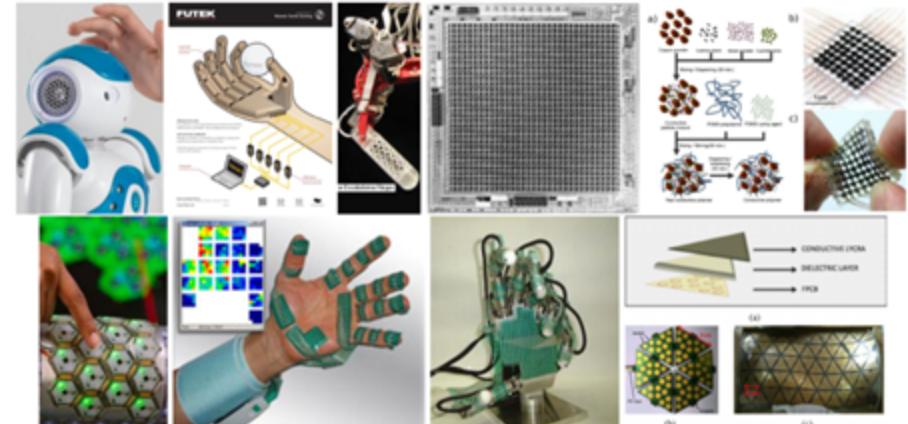
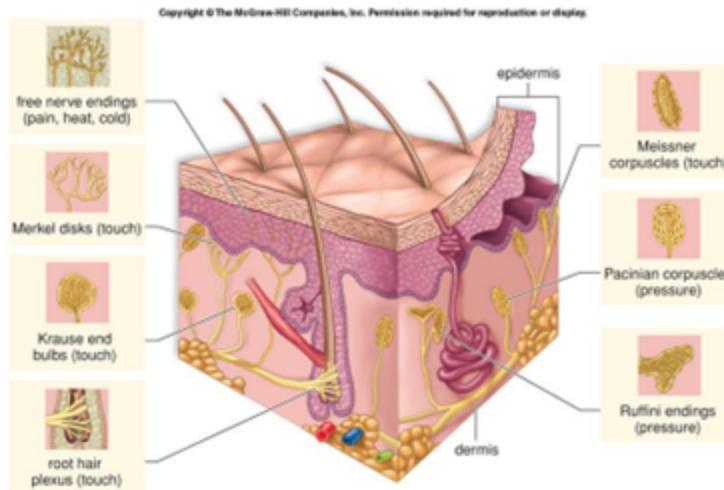
Speed x2

## Kinesthetic Teaching



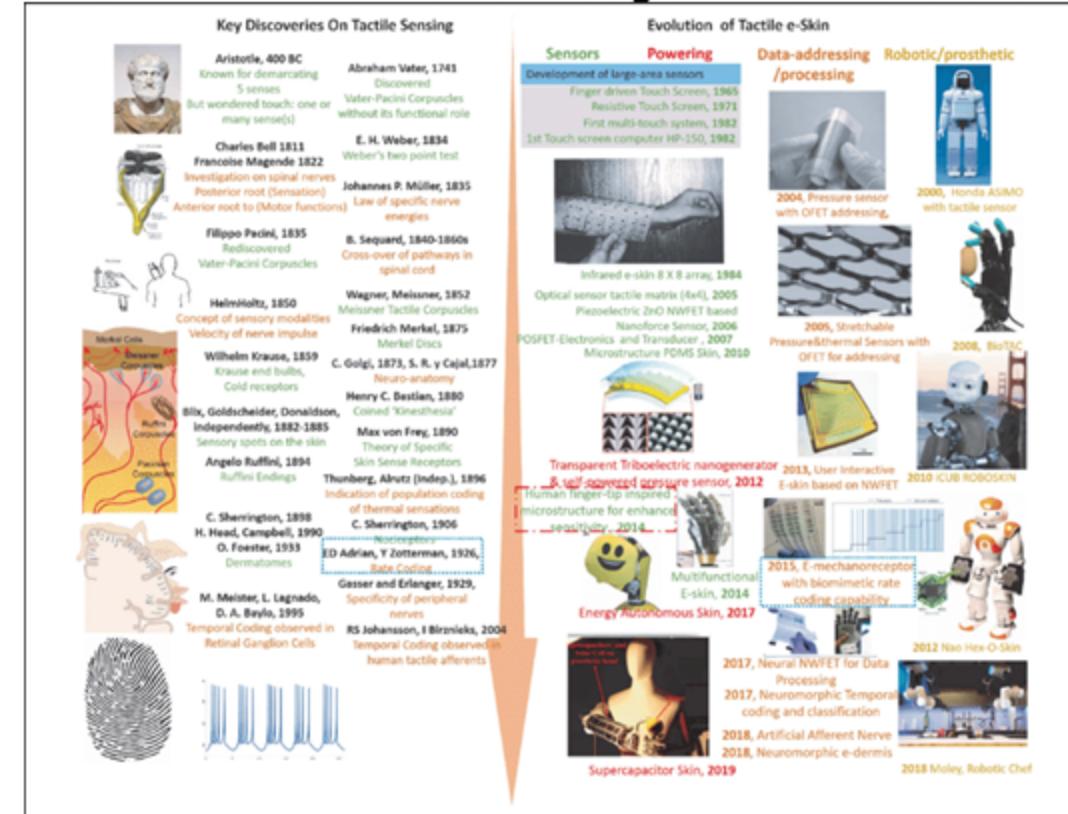
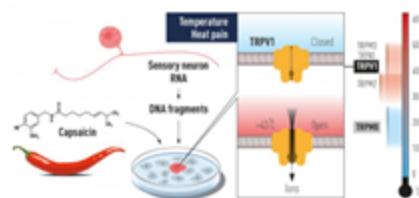
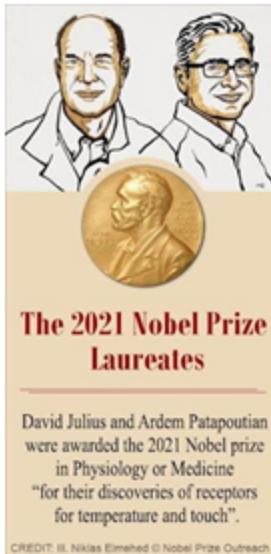


# Tactile sensor principle





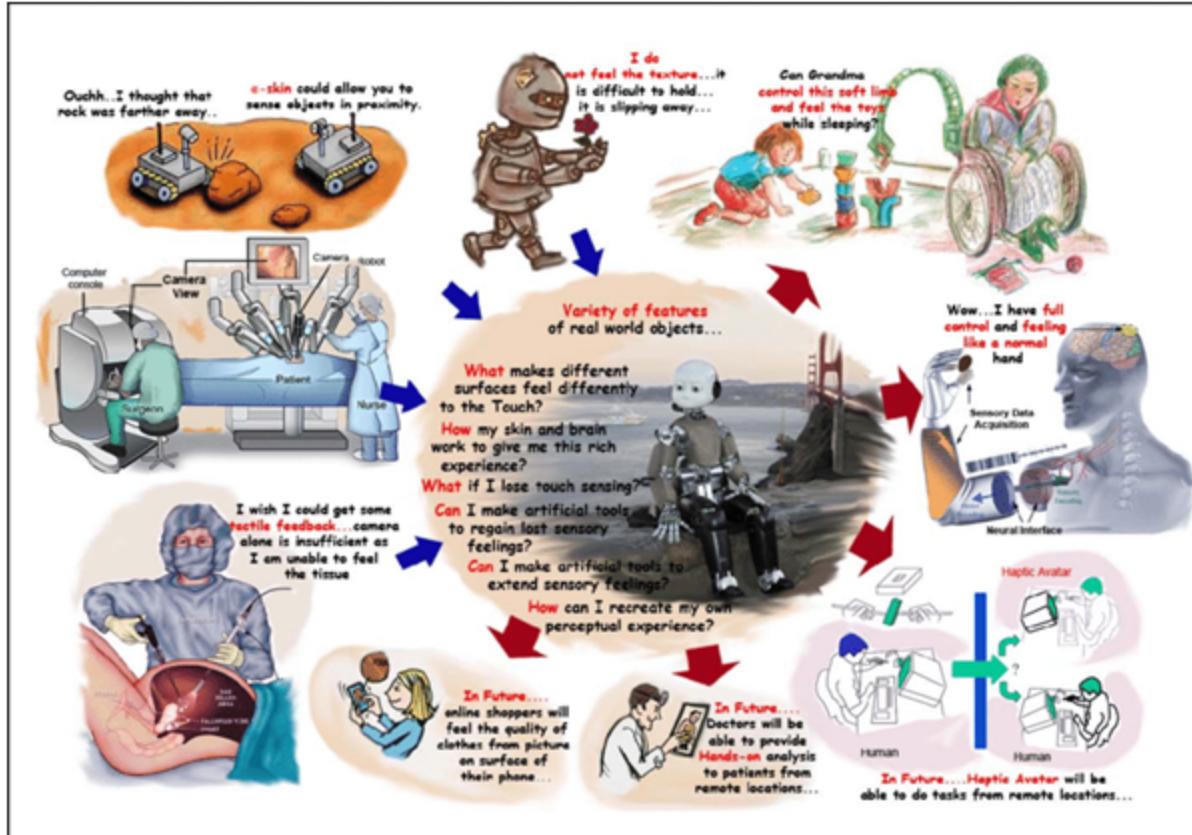
# Tactile sensor history



**Large-Area Soft e-Skin: The Challenges Beyond Sensor Designs**

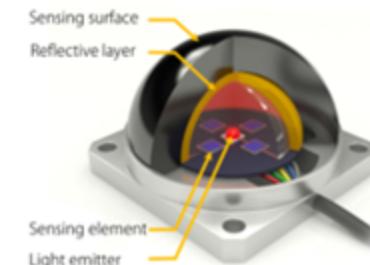
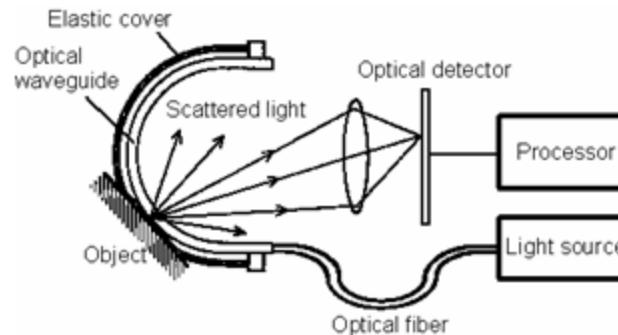
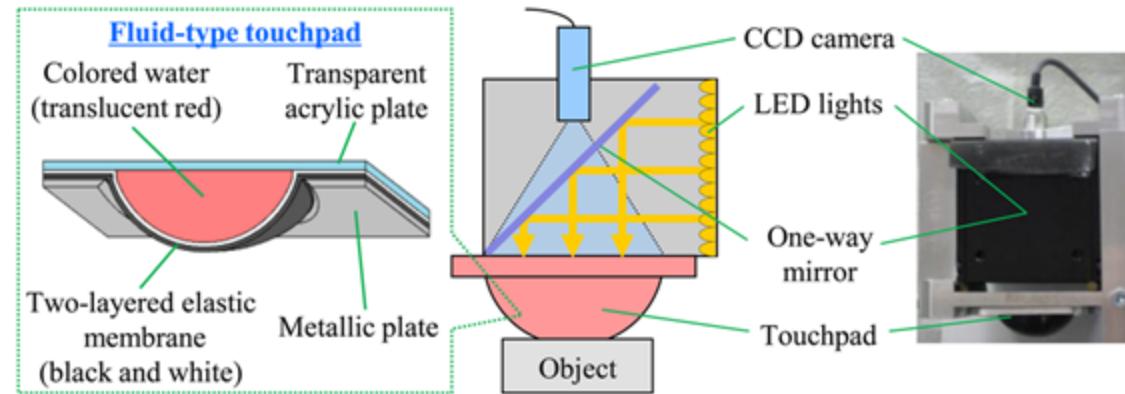


# Tactile sensor applications





# Tactile sensor principle





# Robot Skin



# Why is “optical skin” a good idea?

- Easy to get millions of sensors (pixels)
- Bonus: Proximity Sense.
- Separate deformation and its measurement.
- Outer layer has nothing in it. Cheap to repair or replace. Can be optimized for desired mechanical and lifetime properties.
- Connections (solder joints etc.) and wires aren't deforming.
- Reliability – fewer wires, components. Cameras are already reliable.
- Whole-body vision: reduce occlusion.
- Avoid rigid printed circuit boards or chips.

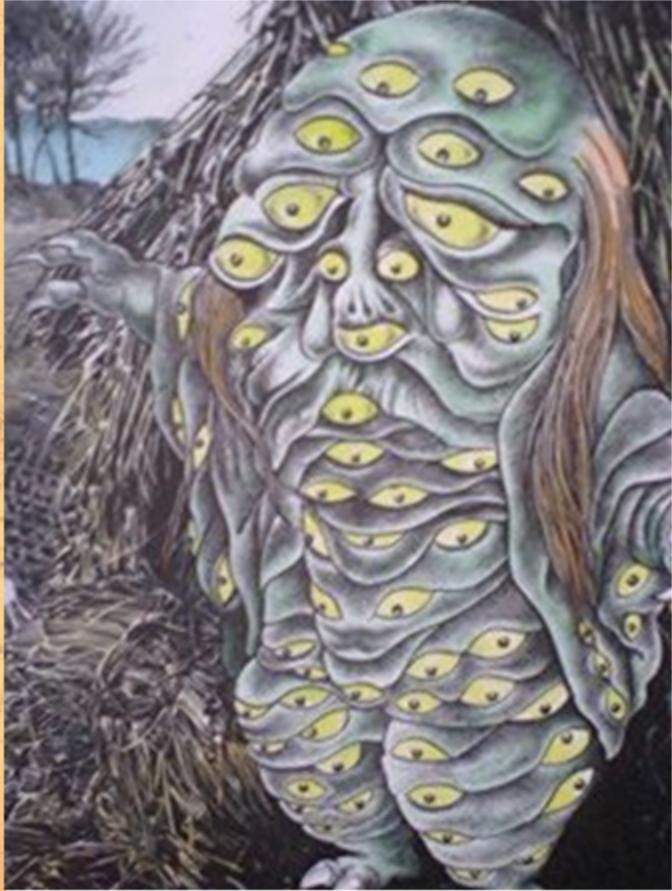
# Finger Vision: Proximity Sensing Seeing with your fingers



# Whole Body Vision: Origins



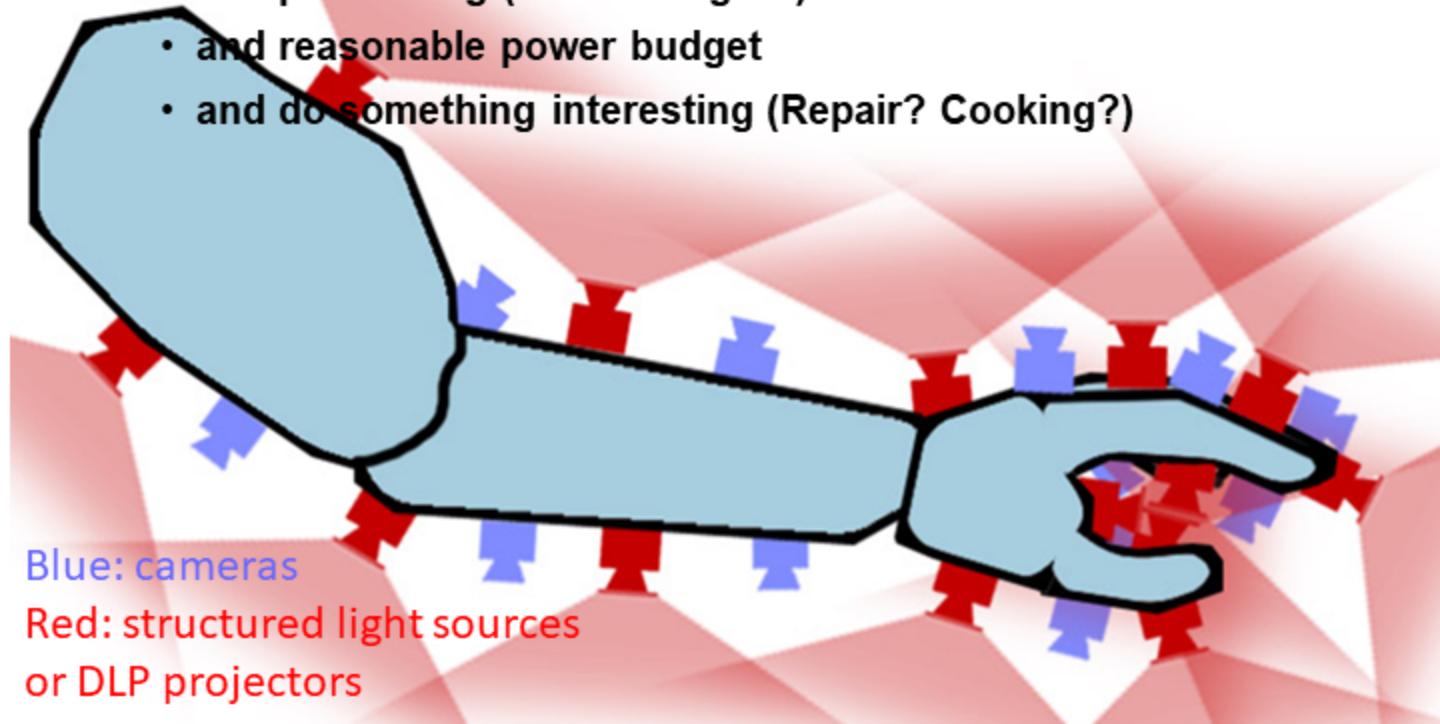
Argus (Greece)



Hyakume (Japan)

# Goal and Challenge

- Can we build 100 camera system on full robot
- with full multimodal sensor suite
- and networking (GigE?)
- and processing (NVIDIA Tegra?)
- and reasonable power budget
- and do something interesting (Repair? Cooking?)

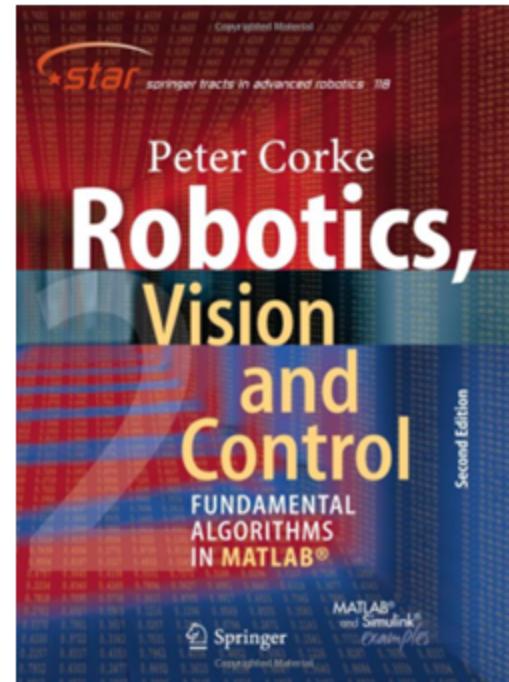
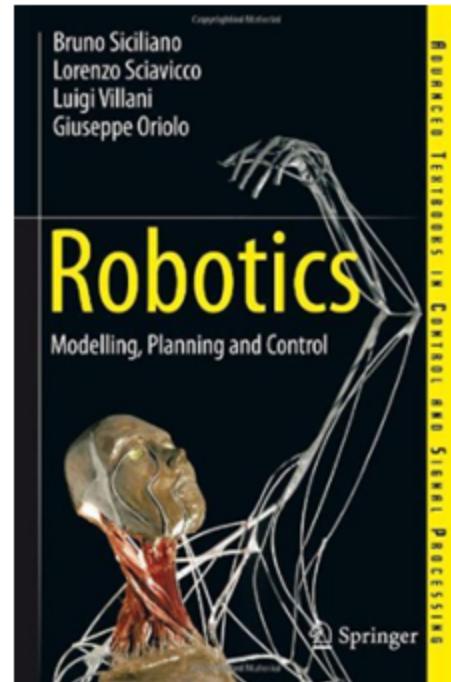
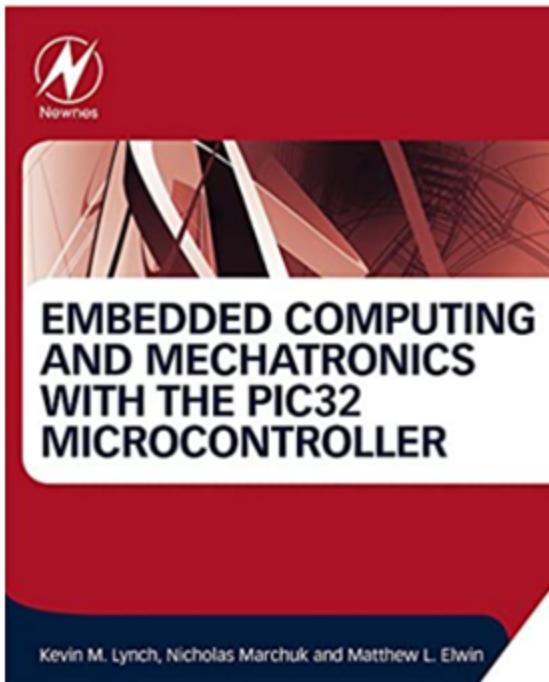


Blue: cameras

Red: structured light sources  
or DLP projectors



# Some reference books on sensors using in mechatronics, robotics, vision control...





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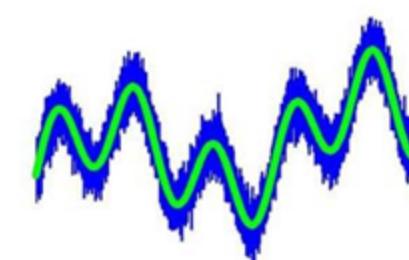
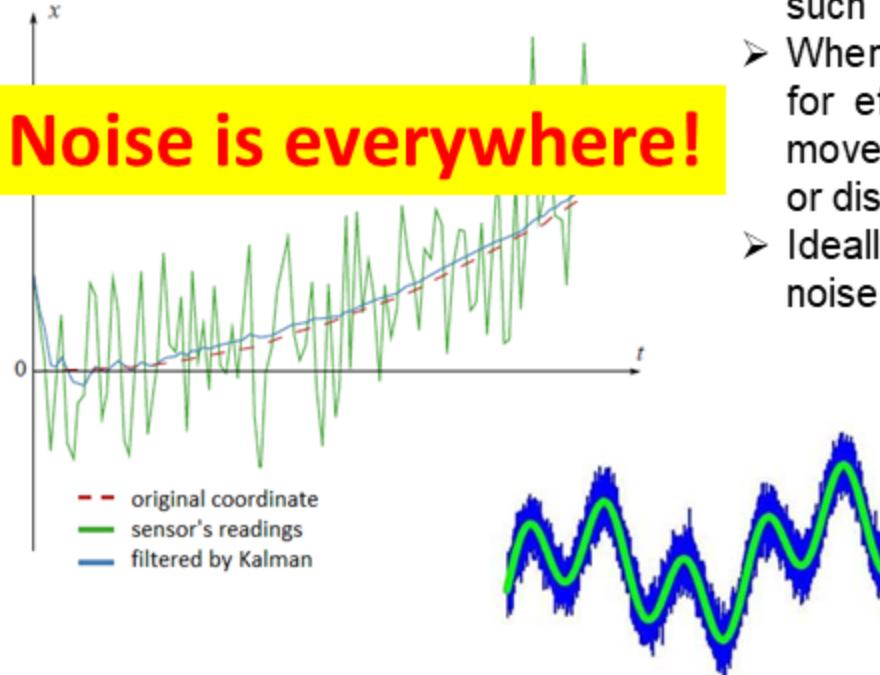


# Why robot perception is difficult?

1. **Uncertainty:** noise is everywhere!
2. **Modalities:** neural network architectures designed for different sensory modalities
3. **Representations:** representation learning algorithms without strong supervision
4. **Tasks:** state estimation tasks for robot navigation and manipulation
5. **Embodiment:** active perception for embodied visual intelligence



# Why do we need a filter?



Engineers use filtering to extract the useful information from noisy signals.

- The main reason to filter a signal is to reduce and smooth out **high-frequency noise** associated with a measurement such as flow, pressure, level or temperature
- When a noisy signal is used in control, filtering is important for effective derivative action and for avoiding excessive movement in the controller output that causes valve wear or disturbs other control loops.
- Ideally, we want to estimate the underlying signal without noise, introducing as little distortion as possible.

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Smoothing>

Algorithm	Overview and uses	Pros
Additive smoothing	Used to smooth categorical data.	
Butterworth filter	Slower roll-off than a Chebyshev Type I/Type II filter or an elliptic filter.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>More linear phase response in the pass-band than Chebyshev Type I/Type II and elliptic filters can achieve.</li><li>Designed to have a frequency response as flat as possible in the passband.</li></ul>
Chebyshev filter	Has a steeper roll-off and more passband ripple (type I) or stopband ripple (type II) than Butterworth filters.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Minimizes the error between the idealized and the actual filter characteristic over the range of the filter.</li></ul>
Digital filter	Used on a sampled, discrete-time signal to reduce or enhance certain aspects of that signal.	
Elliptic filter		
Exponential smoothing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Used to reduce irregularities (random fluctuations) in time series data, thus providing a clearer view of the true underlying behaviour of the series.</li><li>Also, provides an effective means of predicting future values of the time series (forecasting).</li></ul>	
Kalman filter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Uses a series of measurements observed over time, containing statistical noise and other inaccuracies by estimating a joint probability distribution over the variables for each timestamp.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Estimates of unknown variables. It produces tend to be more accurate than those based on a single measurement alone.</li></ul>
Kernel smoother	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Used to estimate a real-valued function as the weighted average of neighboring observed data.</li><li>Most appropriate when the dimension of the predictor is low (<math>p &lt; 3</math>), for example for data visualisation.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The estimated function is smooth, and the level of smoothness is set by a single parameter.</li></ul>



# Kalman Filter

motion and  
sensing  
discrete-time  
**model** for  
estimation

noisy **position measure**  
(encoder output)

$$\begin{aligned}\xi(k) &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & T \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \xi(k-1) + \mu \\ z(k) &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \xi(k) + \nu\end{aligned}$$

zero mean  
Gaussian noises  
with (co)variances  
 $Q$  (a matrix) and  $R$

$T$  = sampling time

$$\xi(k) = (x(k) \dot{x}(k))^T$$

actual state

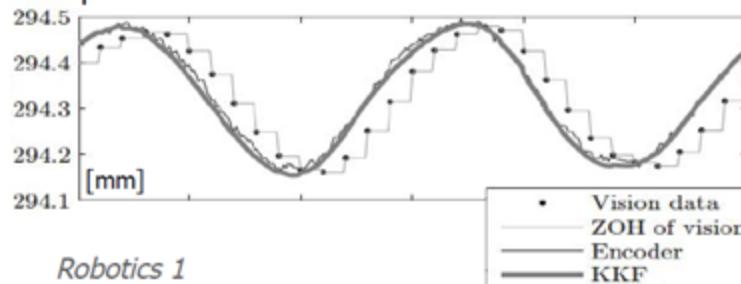
unmeasured  
velocity

design a (linear) **Kalman filter** providing an **estimate**  $\hat{\xi}(k)$  of the model state

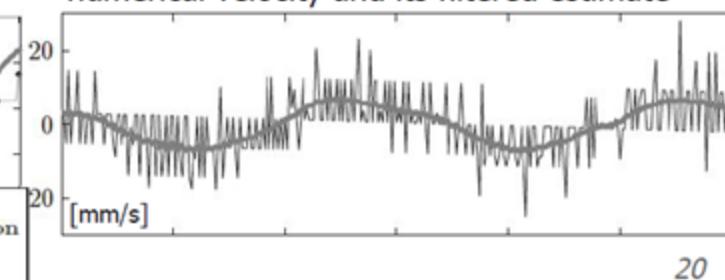
$$\hat{\xi}(k) = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & T \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \hat{\xi}(k-1)}_{\text{(a priori) prediction}} + K_k \underbrace{\left( z(k) - \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & T \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \hat{\xi}(k-1) \right)}_{\text{correction (based on the measured output)}}$$

using the **optimal**  
Kalman gain  $K_k$

position measure and its filtered version

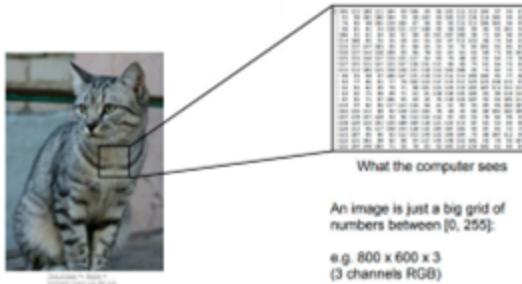


numerical velocity and its filtered estimate

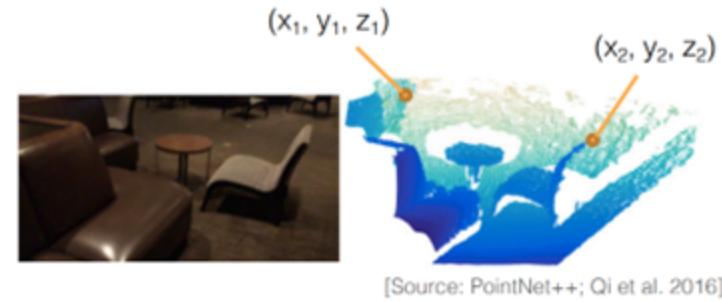




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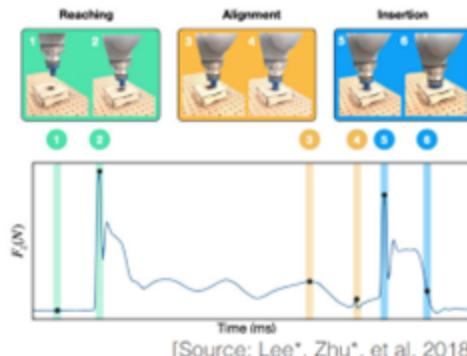


Pixels (from RGB cameras)



[Source: PointNet++; Qi et al. 2016]

Point cloud (from structure sensors)



[Source: Lee\*, Zhu\*, et al. 2018]

Time series (from F/T sensors)

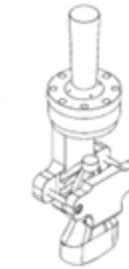
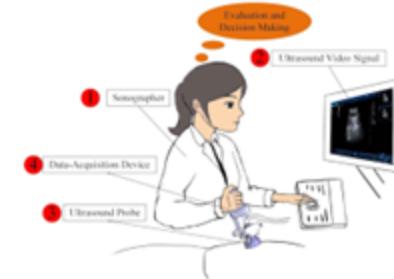
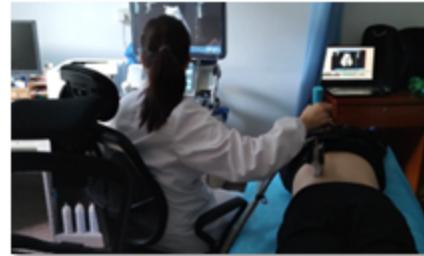


[Source: Calandra et al. 2018]

Tactile data (from the GelSights sensors)



# Robot Perception: Modality

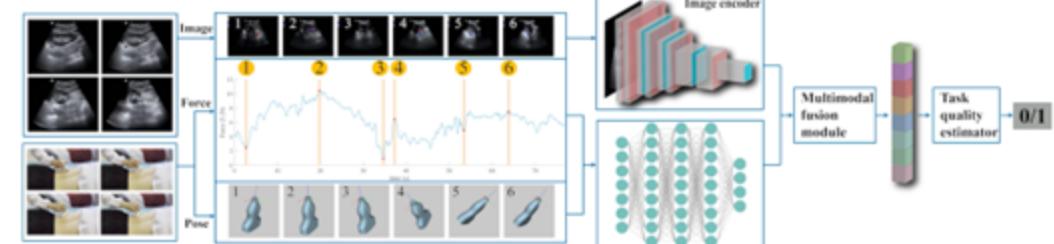
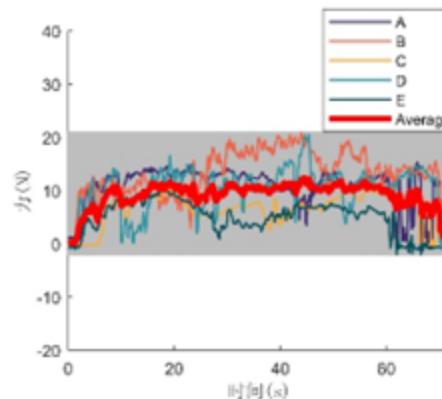


Coordinate of sensors

Sonographer ultrasound scanning process

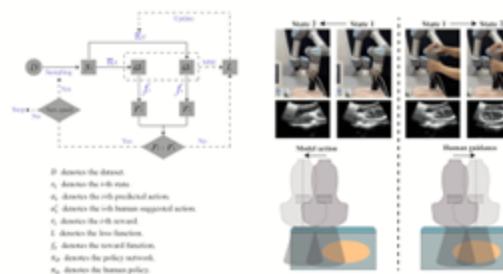
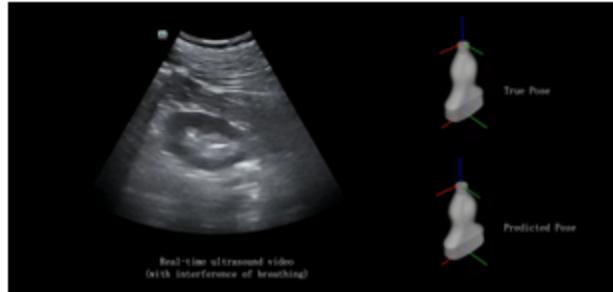
CAD model of probe holder

Probe holder with sensors



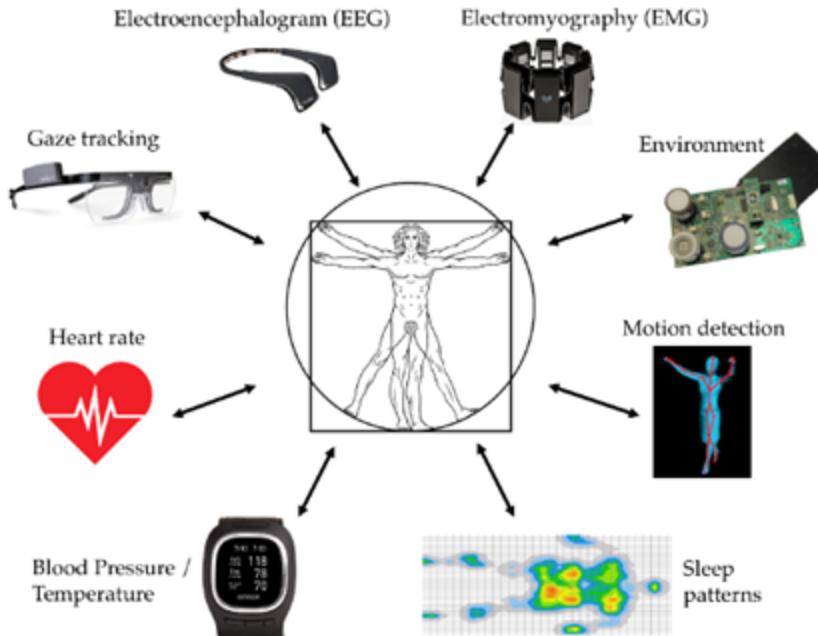


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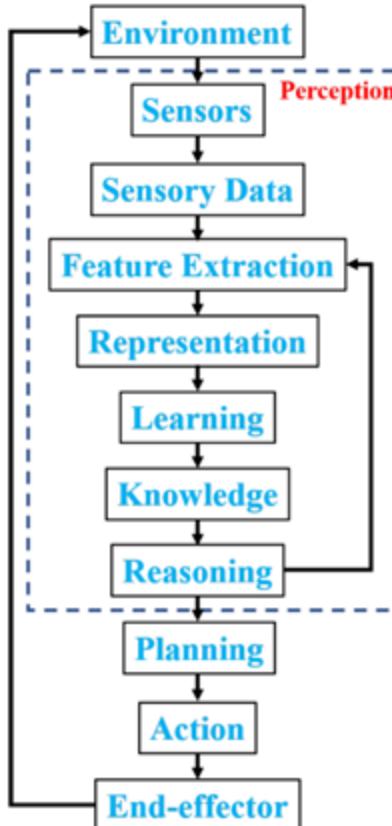


# Robot Perception: Modality





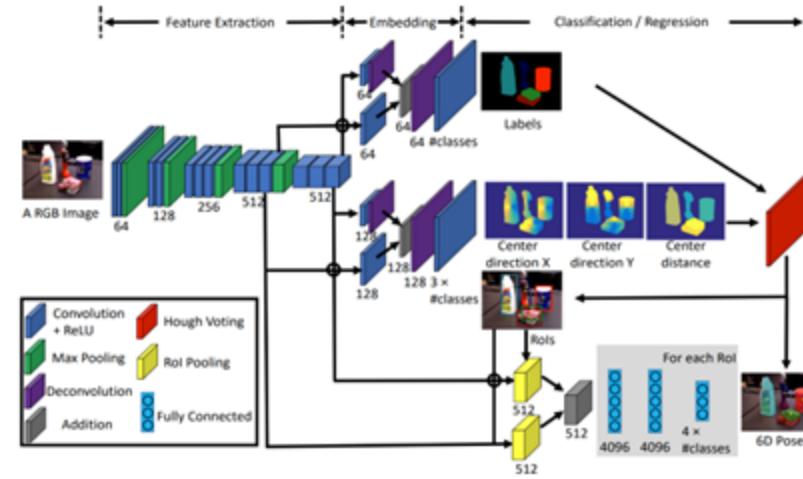
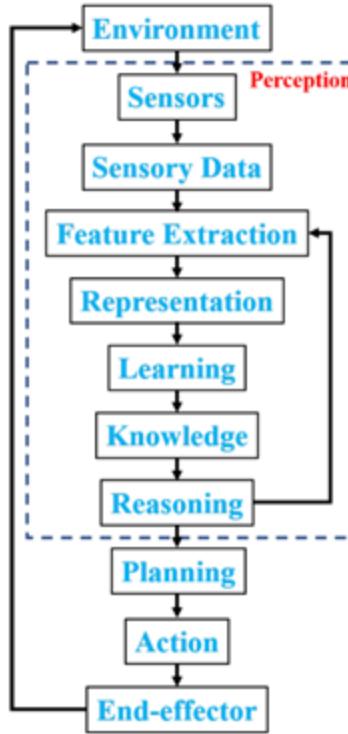
# Robot Perception: Modality



- How can we design the **algorithms** (neural networks) that can effectively process the **raw sensory data** in different forms?



# Robot Perception: Modality



PoseCNN: A Convolutional Neural Network for 6D Object Pose Estimation in Cluttered Scenes

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# Robot Perception: Modality

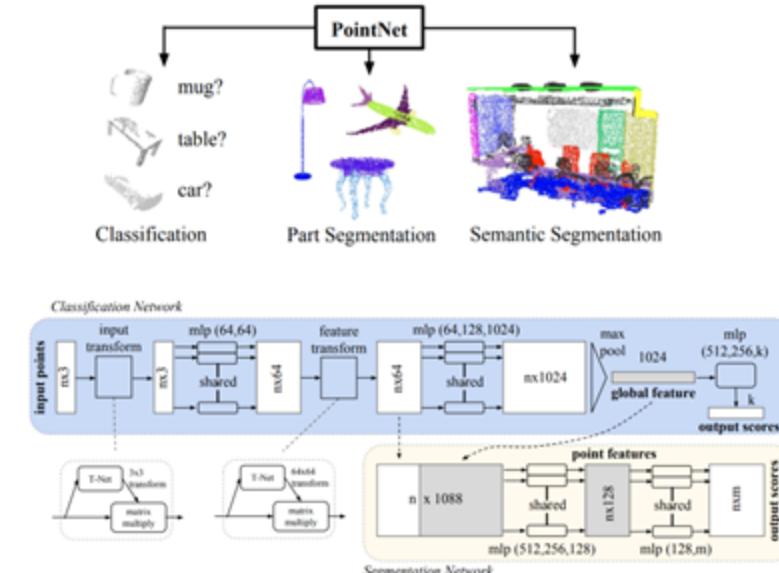
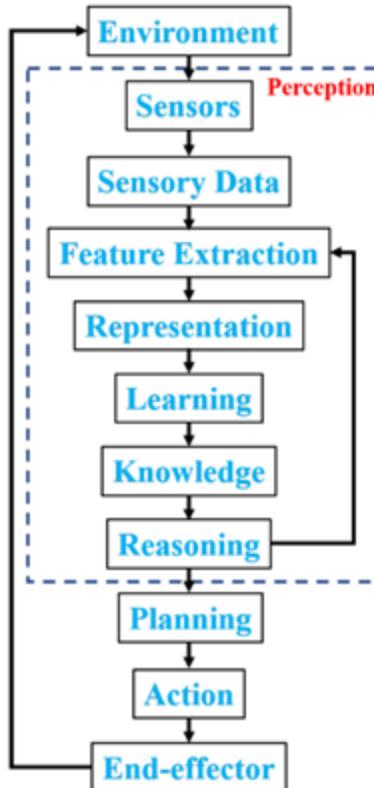


Figure 2. PointNet Architecture. The classification network takes  $n$  points as input, applies input and feature transformations, and then aggregates point features by max pooling. The output is classification scores for  $k$  classes. The segmentation network is an extension to the classification net. It concatenates global and local features and outputs per point scores. “mlp” stands for multi-layer perceptron, numbers in bracket are layer sizes. Batchnorm is used for all layers with ReLU. Dropout layers are used for the last mlp in classification net.

## PointNet: Deep Learning on Point Sets for 3D Classification and Segmentation

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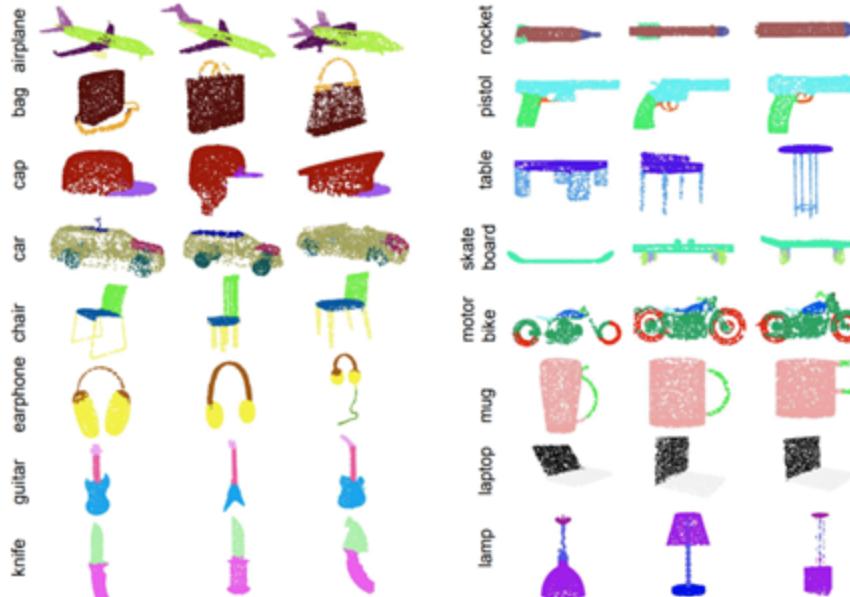
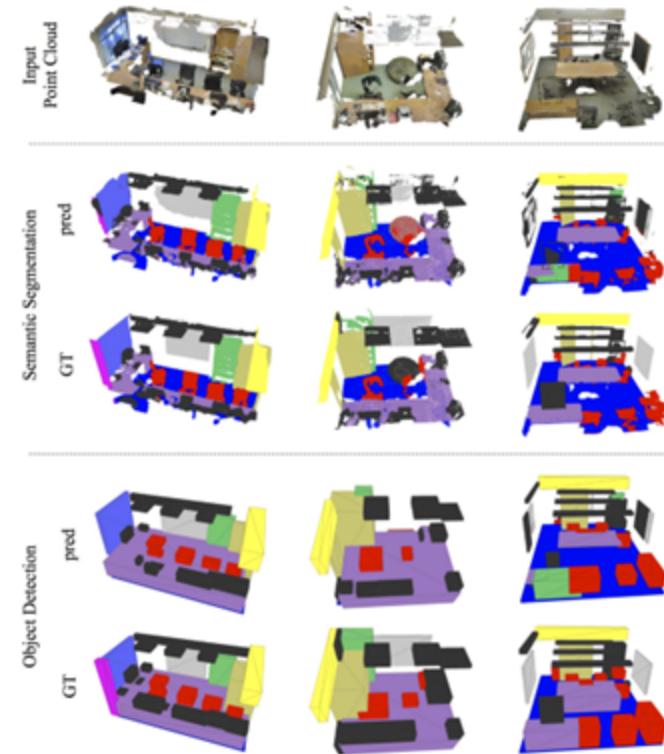


Figure 21. PointNet segmentation results on complete CAD models.

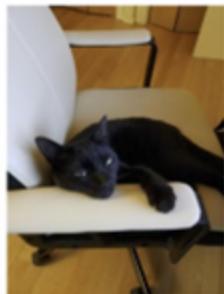




# Robot Perception: Representation

A fundamental problem in robot perception is to learn the proper **representations** of the unstructured world.

## Things...

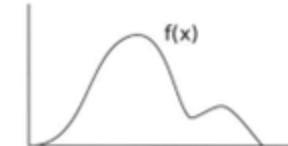
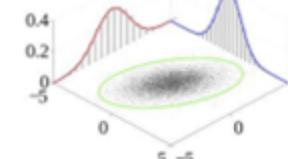
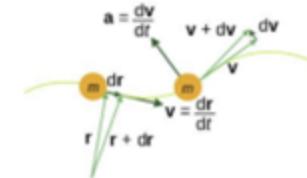


My heart beats as if the world is dropping,  
you may not feel the love but i do its a heart  
breaking moment of your life. enjoy the times  
that we have, it might not sound good but  
one thing it rhymes it might not be romantic  
but i think it is great, the best rhyme i've ever  
heard.



Representation

## Engineering Knowledge...



$$\begin{aligned} a^2 + b^2 = c^2, \quad c = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}, \\ c^2 - a^2 = b^2, \quad a^2 = b^2 + c^2 \\ \frac{b}{c} = \frac{HB}{AC} \text{ and } f(x) = \frac{b}{c}x \\ a^2 = CXHB \text{ and } b^2 = CXH, \\ a^2 + b^2 = CXHB + CXAH = CX(HB + AH) = CX^2 \\ a^2 + b^2 = C^2, \quad \sin\theta = \frac{b}{c}; \cos\theta = \frac{a}{c} \\ \operatorname{ctg}\theta = \frac{b}{a}; \quad \operatorname{tg}\theta = \frac{b}{a}; \quad \operatorname{cltg}\theta = \frac{a}{b} \end{aligned}$$

[Source: Stanford CS331b]



# Robot Perception: Representation

“Solving a problem simply means representing it so as to make the solution transparent.”

Herbert A. Simon, Sciences of the Artificial



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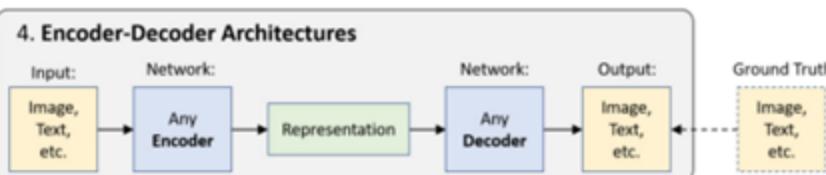
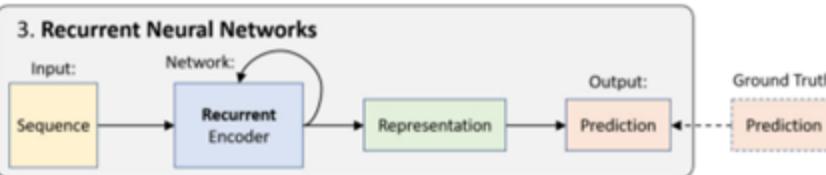
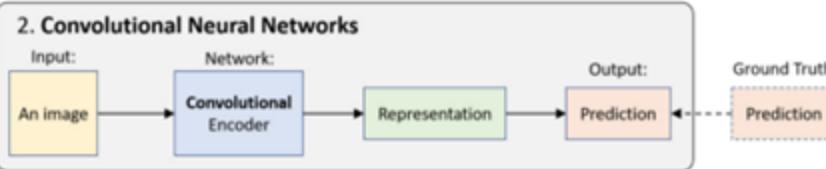
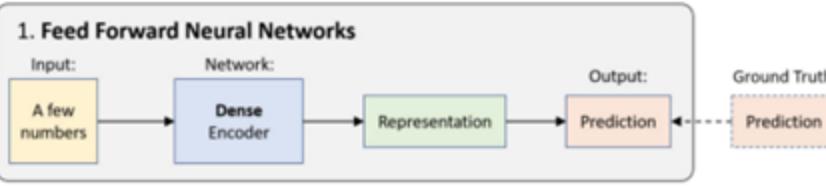
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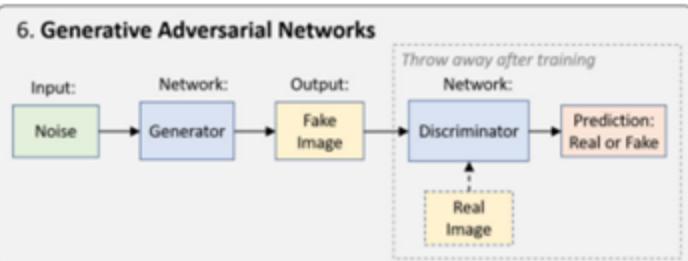
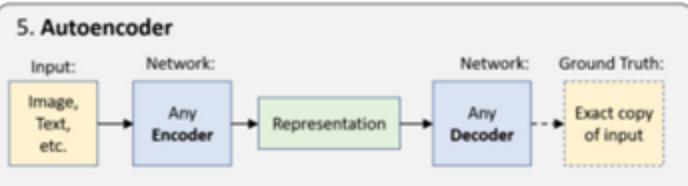


# Robot Perception: Representation

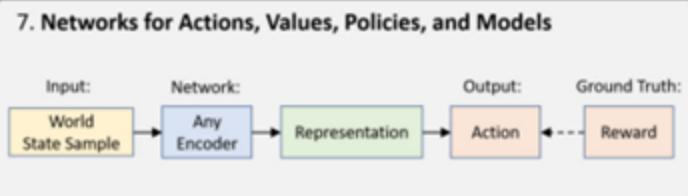
## Supervised Learning



## Unsupervised Learning



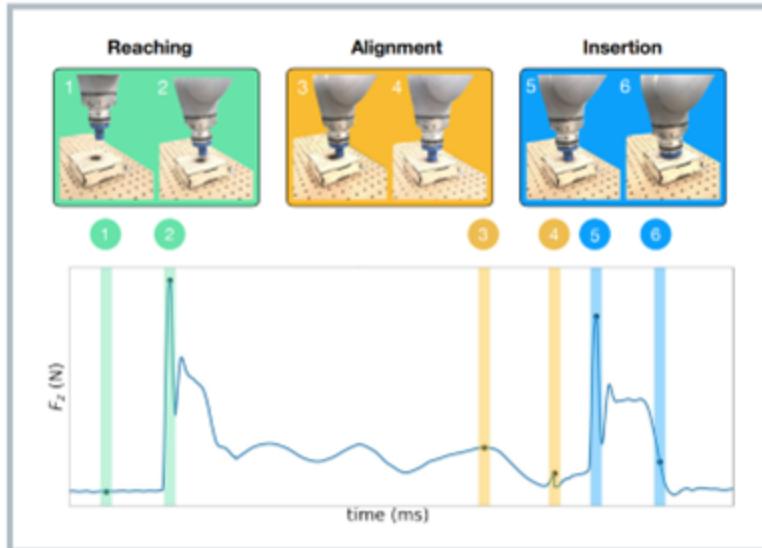
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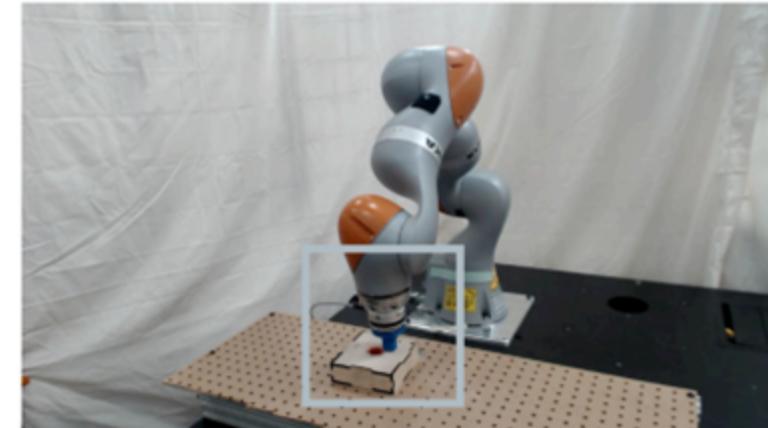
# Robot Perception: Representation

How can we learn representations that fuse **multiple sensory modalities** together?



combining **vision** and **force** for manipulation

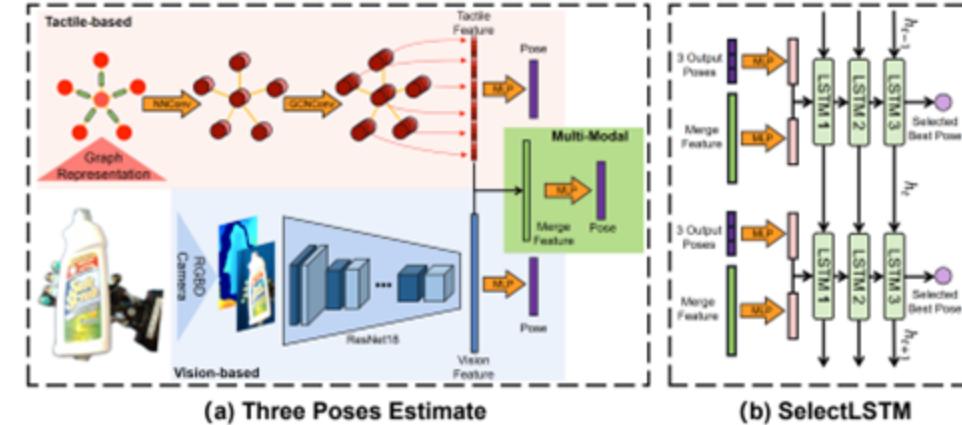
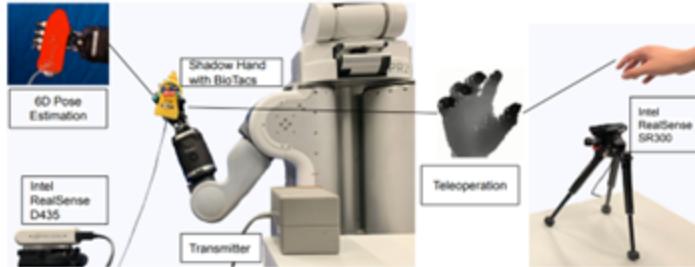
Next course will cover this part



[Lee\*, Zhu\*, et al. 2018]



# Robot Perception: Representation



## PoseFusion: Robust Object-in-Hand Pose Estimation with SelectRNN

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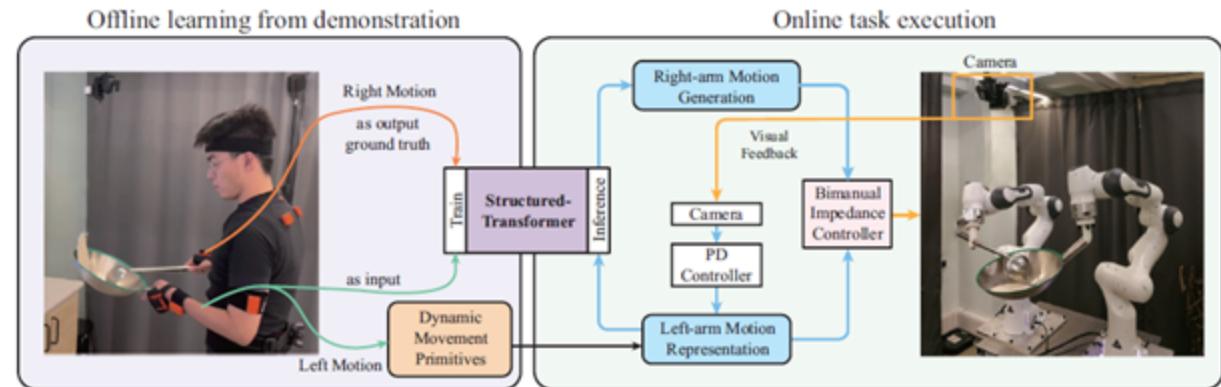


# Robot Perception: Representation



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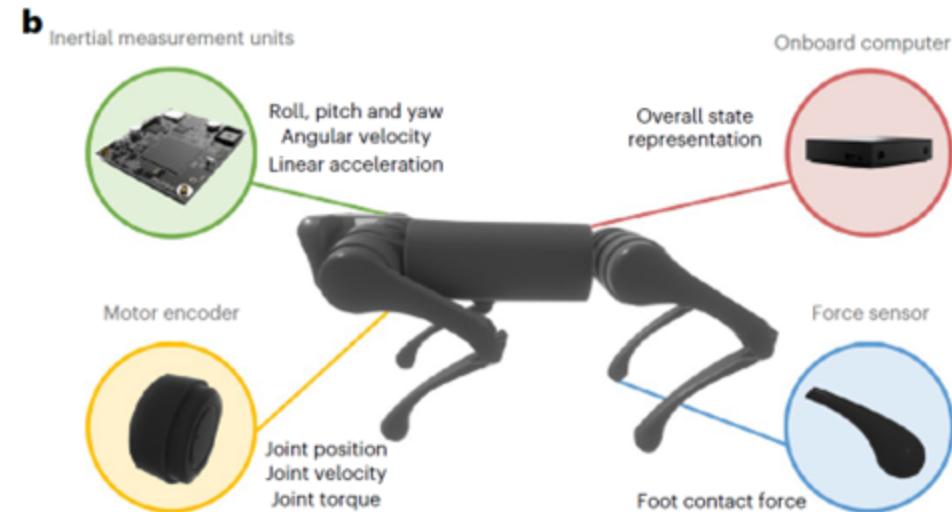
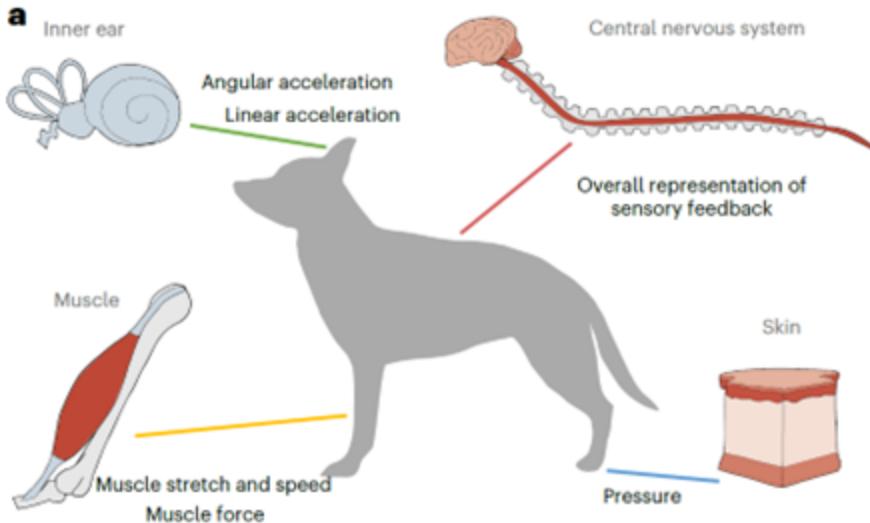
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# Robot Perception: Representation



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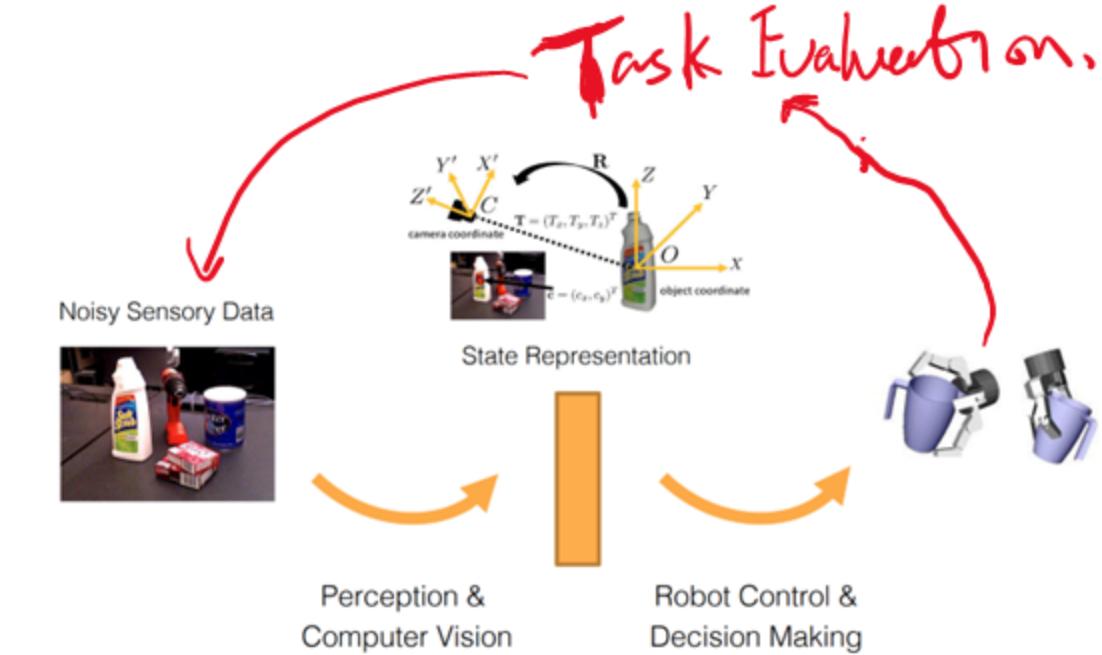
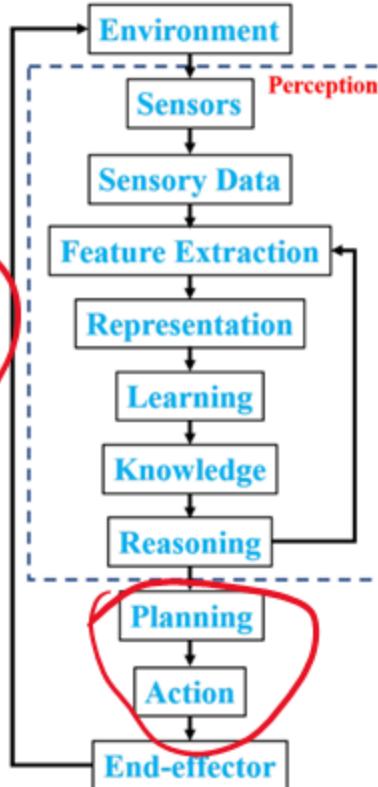
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# Robot Perception: Task

Task  
?



Robotic grasping, manipulation, navigation, exploration, ...

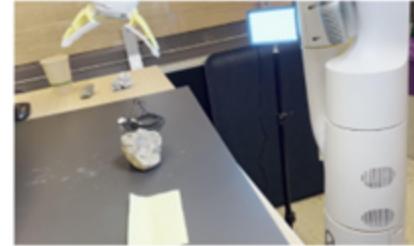
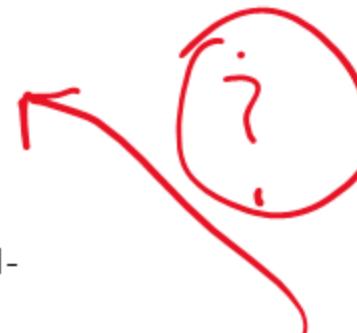


# Robot Perception: Task



**Instruction:**  
I need to hammer a nail,  
what object from the scene  
might be useful?

**Prediction:**  
Rocks. Action: 1 129 138 122  
132 132 106 127

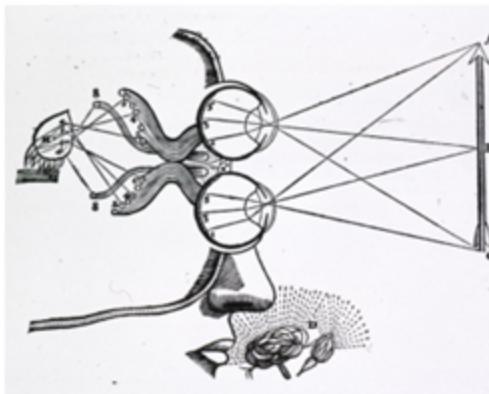


<https://www.deepmind.com/blog/rt-2-new-model-translates-vision-and-language-into-action>

**It is in general very difficult to represent a task, human use everyday language to express it.**



# Robot Perception: Embodiment



## Conventional View of Perception

- Perception is the process of building an internal representation of the environment
- Perception is input from world to mind, and action is output from mind to world, thought is the mediating process.

[Action in Perception, Alva Noë 2004]

Input-Output Picture (Susan Hurley, 1998)

"We see in order to move; we move in order to see." – William Gibson



# Robot Perception: Embodiment



Pebbles (James J. Gibson 1966)

## Embodied View of Perception

- Subjects asked to find a reference object among a set of irregularly-shaped objects
- Three groups
  - a. Passive observers of one static image (49%)
  - b. Observers of moving shapes (72%)
  - c. Interactive observers (99%)
- The ability to condition input signals with actions is crucial to perception.

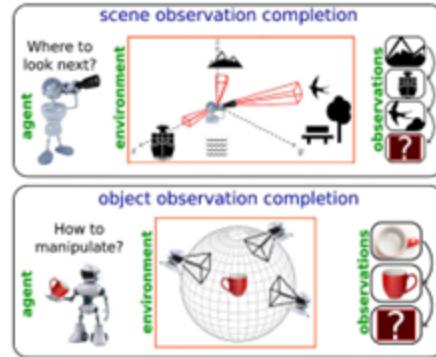
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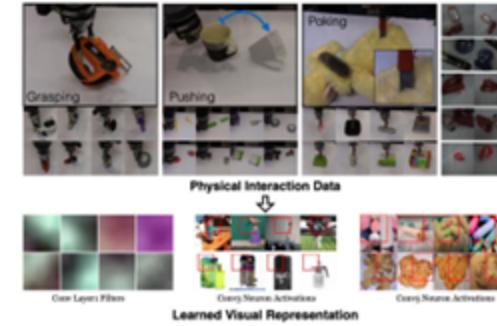


# Robot Perception: Embodiment

View  
Selection



Physical  
Interaction



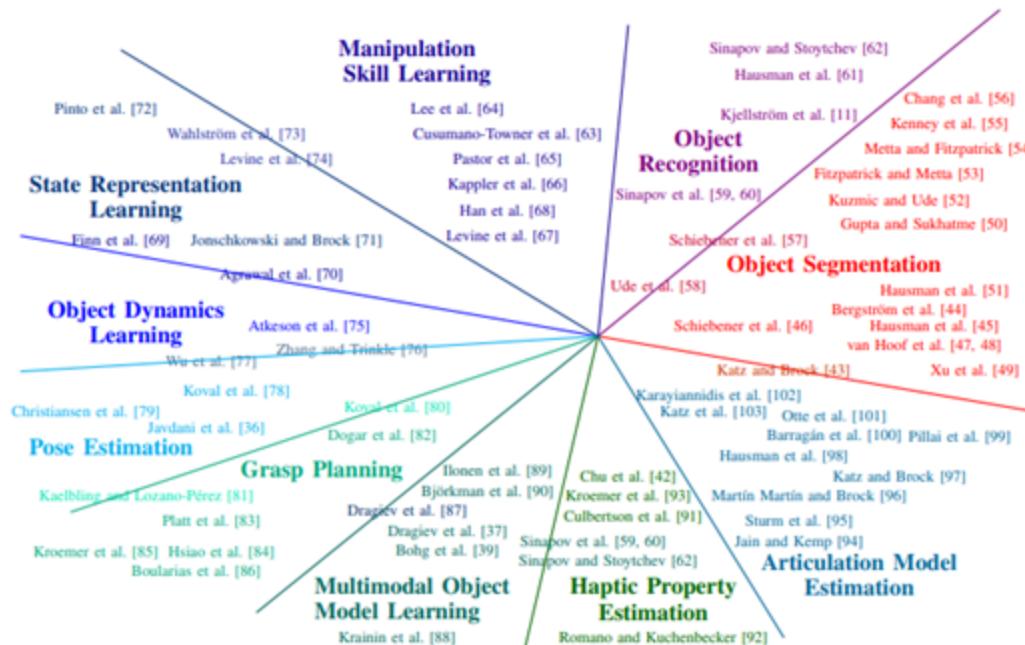
active perception



# Robot Perception: Embodiment

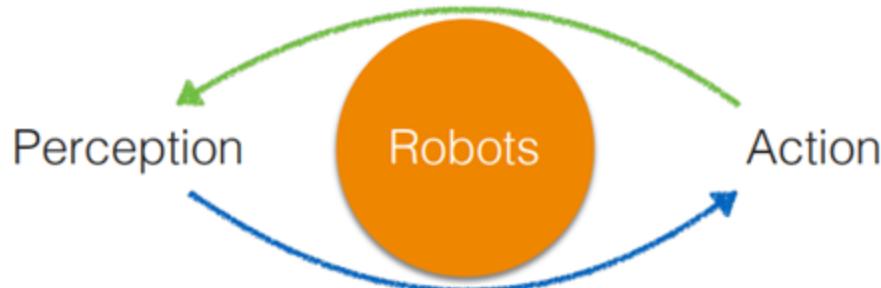
## Interactive Perception: Leveraging Action in Perception and Perception in Action

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# Robot Perception: Embodiment



How robots develop better perception  
from embodied sensorimotor  
experiences

How robots' intelligent behaviors  
are guided by their interactive  
perception

How to close the loop?



# Quick review of DL

## Tasks in Computer Vision



Input Image



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165	182	163	74	76	42	33	17	110	218	182	194	
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182	202	237	146	0	0	12	108	200	138	243	236	
199	206	123	207	177	121	123	200	176	13	98	218	

Feature  
Extraction

Pixel Representation



Lincoln

Washington

Jefferson

Obama

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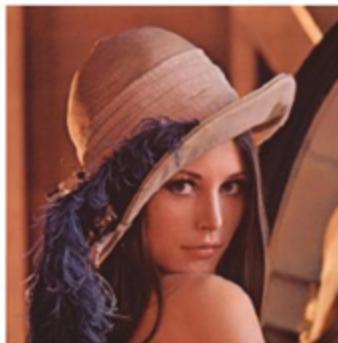
- **Regression:** output variable takes continuous value
- **Classification:** output variable takes class label. Can produce probability of belonging to a particular class



# Quick review of DL

## High Level Feature Detection

Let's identify key features in each image category



Nose,  
Eyes,  
Mouth



Wheels,  
License Plate,  
Headlights

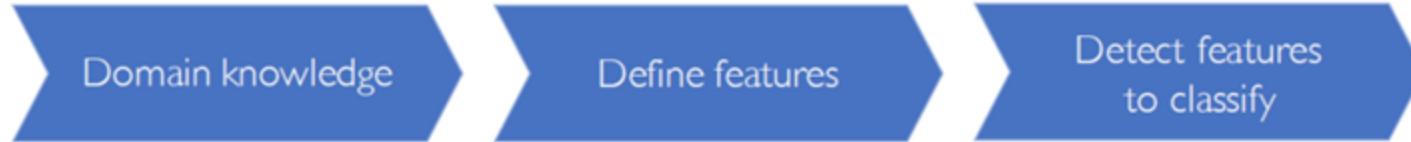


Door,  
Windows,  
Steps



# Quick review of DL

## Manual Feature Extraction



Problems?



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## Manual Feature Extraction



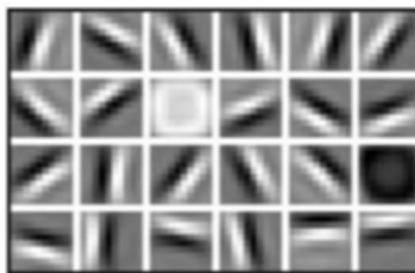


# Quick review of DL

Hand engineered features are time consuming, brittle and not scalable in practice

**Question 1** Can we learn the **underlying features** directly from data?

Low Level Features



Lines & Edges

Mid Level Features



Eyes & Nose & Ears

High Level Features



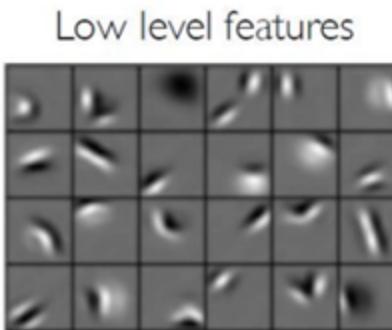
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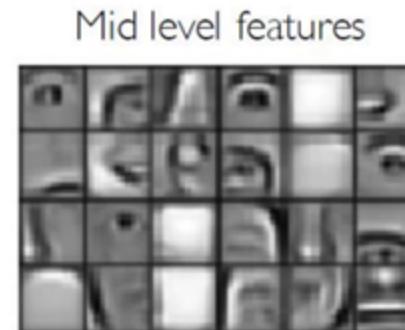
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## Question 2

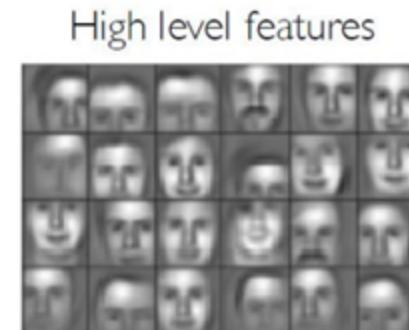
Can we **learn hierarchy of features** directly from the data instead of hand engineering?



Edges, dark spots



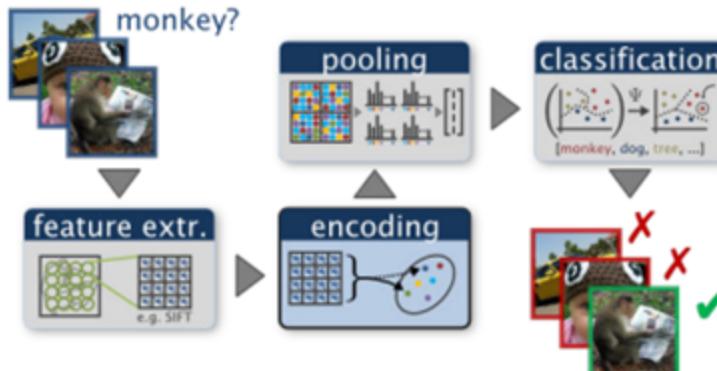
Eyes, ears, nose



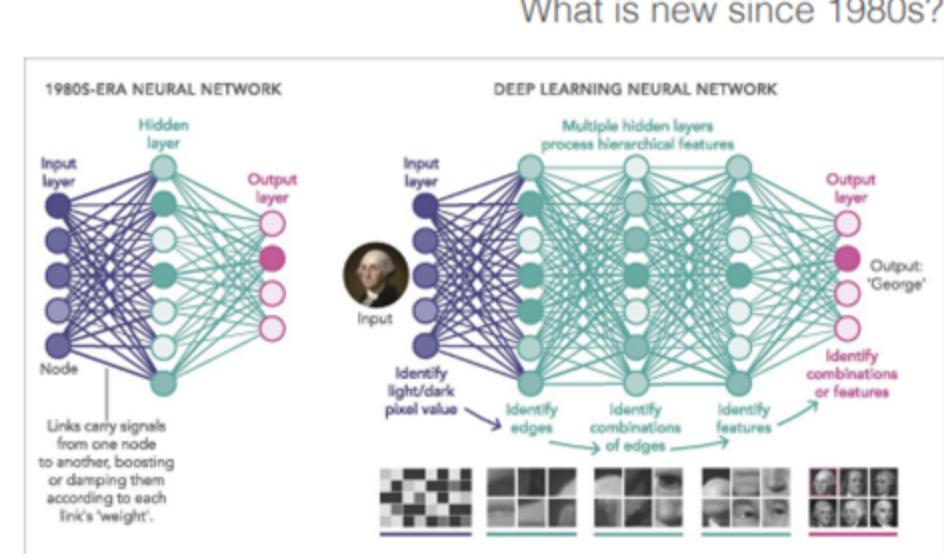
Facial structure



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Staged Visual Recognition Pipeline

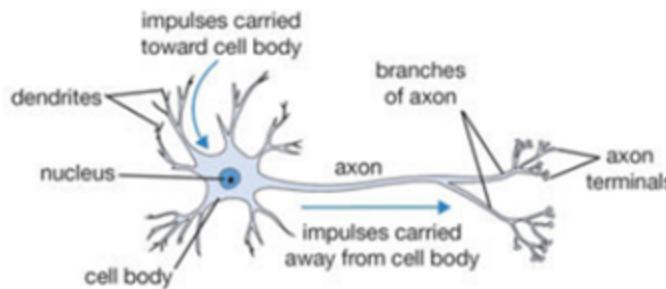


End-to-end Deep Learning



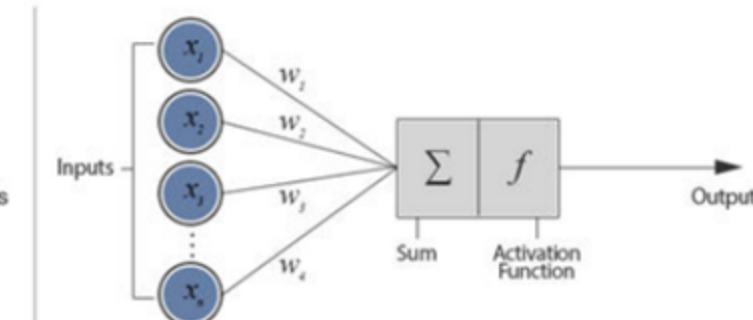
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## Biological Neuron versus Artificial Neural Network



Biological Neuron

Computational building block for the brain



Artificial Neuron

Computational building block for the neural network

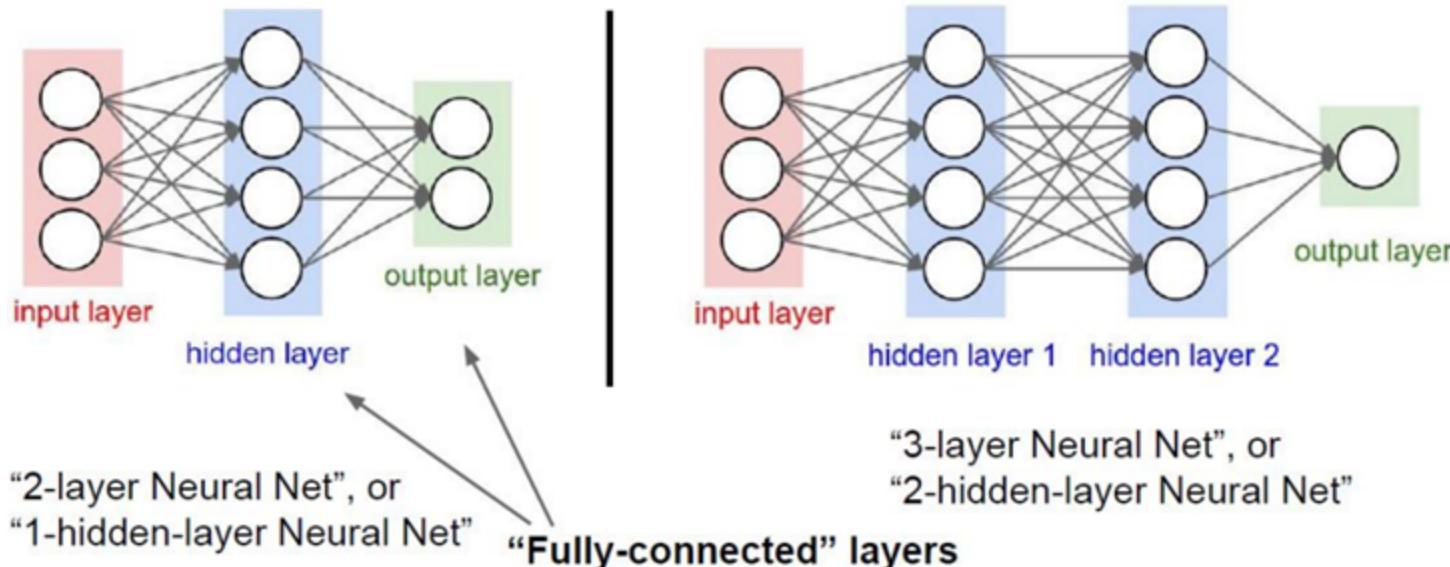
**Note:** Many differences exist – be careful with the brain analogies!

[Dendritic Computation, Michael London and Michael Häusser 2015]



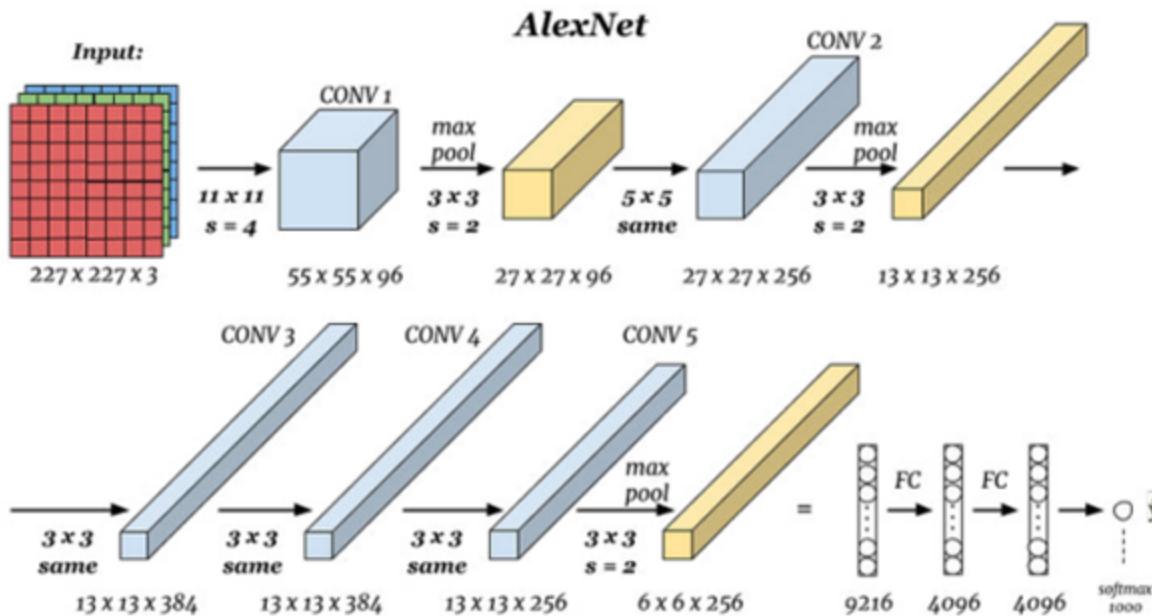
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## Neural Networks: Architectures





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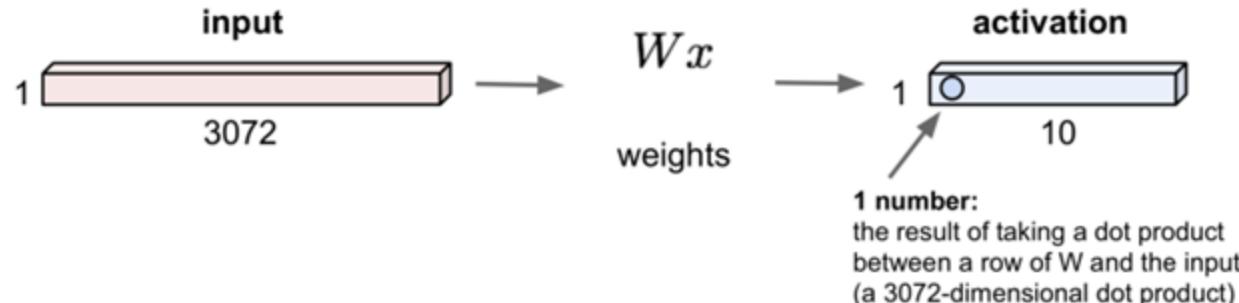
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## Fully-Connected Layers

32x32x3 image -> stretch to 3072 x 1



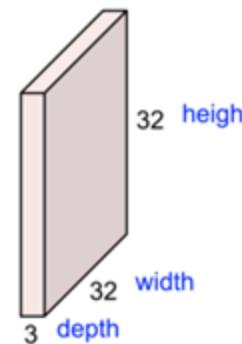
What is the dimension of  $W$ ?

[Source: Stanford CS231N]



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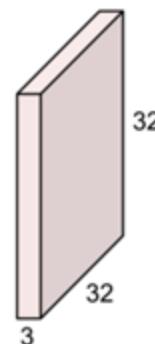
32x32x3 image -> preserve spatial structure





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32x32x3 image



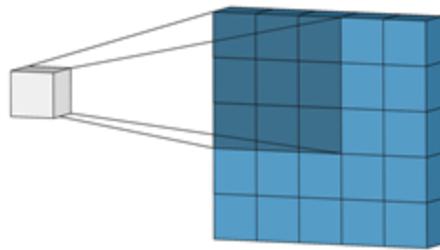
5x5x3 filter



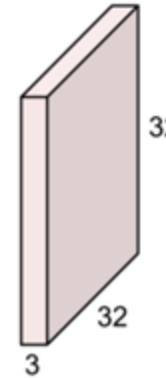
**Convolve** the filter with the image  
i.e. "slide over the image spatially,  
computing dot products"



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32x32x3 image



Filters always extend the full depth of the input volume

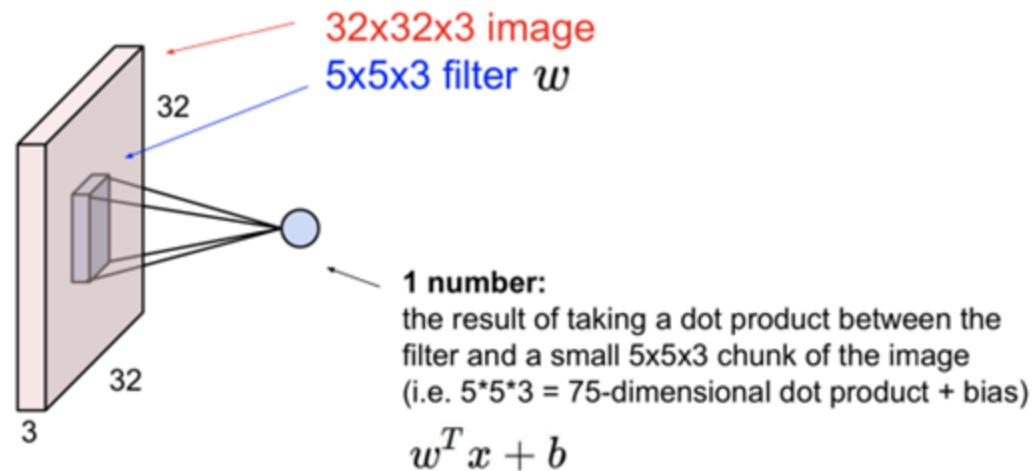
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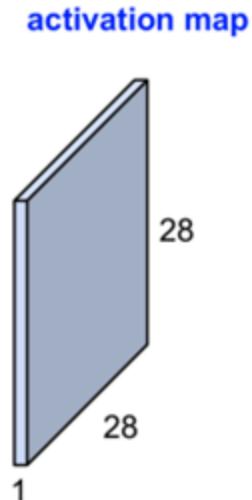
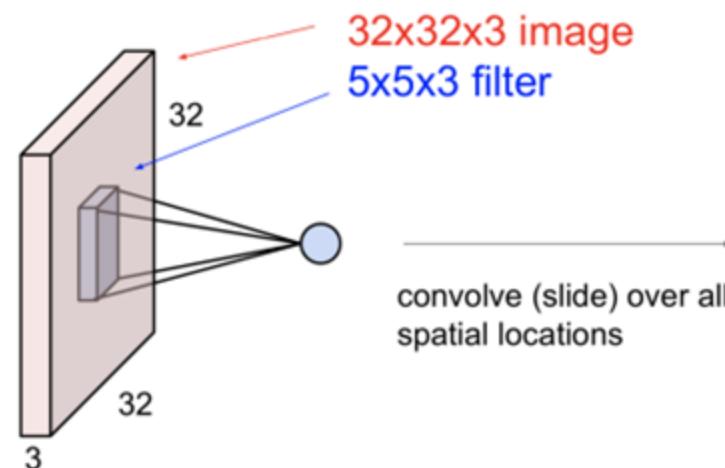
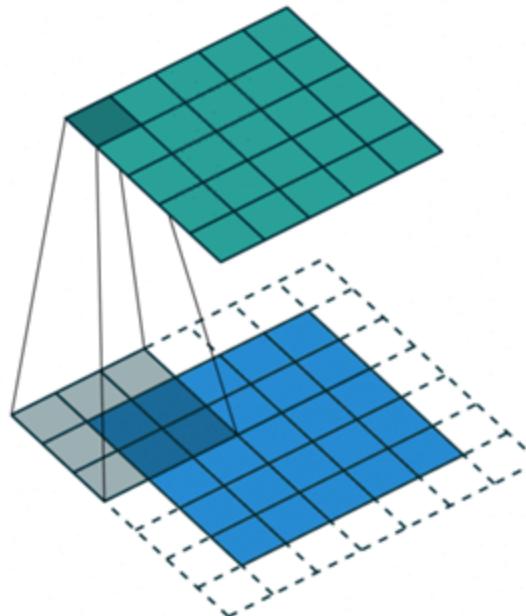


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3 <sub>0</sub>	3 <sub>1</sub>	2 <sub>2</sub>	1	0
0 <sub>2</sub>	0 <sub>2</sub>	1 <sub>0</sub>	3	1
3 <sub>0</sub>	1 <sub>1</sub>	2 <sub>2</sub>	2	3
2	0	0	2	2
2	0	0	0	1

12.0	12.0	17.0
10.0	17.0	19.0
9.0	6.0	14.0

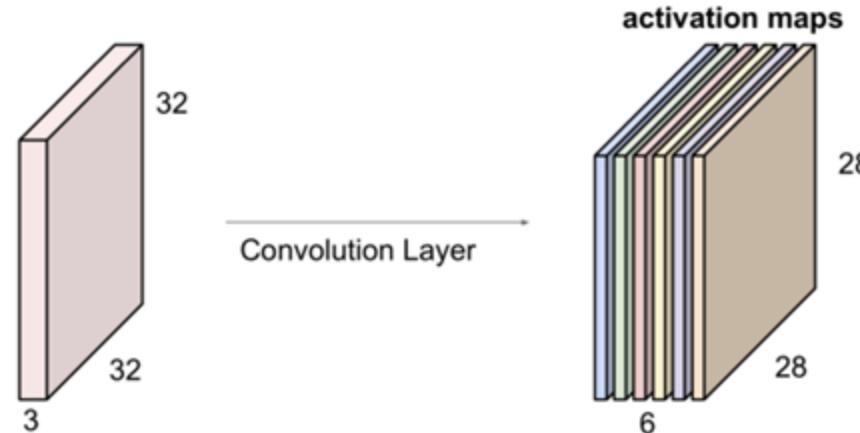
consider a second, green filter





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For example, if we had 6 5x5 filters, we'll get 6 separate activation maps:



We stack these up to get a “new image” of size  $28 \times 28 \times 6$ !



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*Max Pooling*

4	9	2	5
5	6	2	4
2	4	5	4
5	6	8	4

→

9	5
6	8

*Avg Pooling*

4	9	2	5
5	6	2	4
2	4	5	4
5	6	8	4

→

6.0	3.3
4.3	5.3

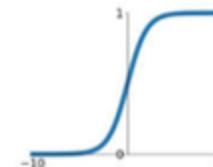
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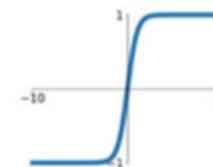
**Sigmoid**

$$\sigma(x) = \frac{1}{1+e^{-x}}$$



**tanh**

$$\tanh(x)$$



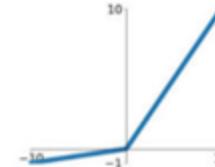
**ReLU**

$$\max(0, x)$$



**Leaky ReLU**

$$\max(0.1x, x)$$

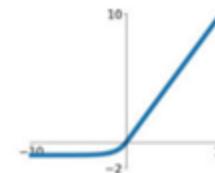


**Maxout**

$$\max(w_1^T x + b_1, w_2^T x + b_2)$$

**ELU**

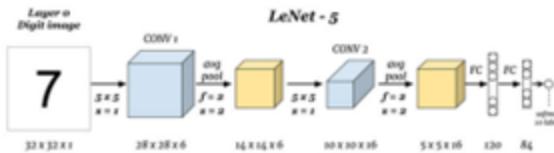
$$\begin{cases} x & x \geq 0 \\ \alpha(e^x - 1) & x < 0 \end{cases}$$



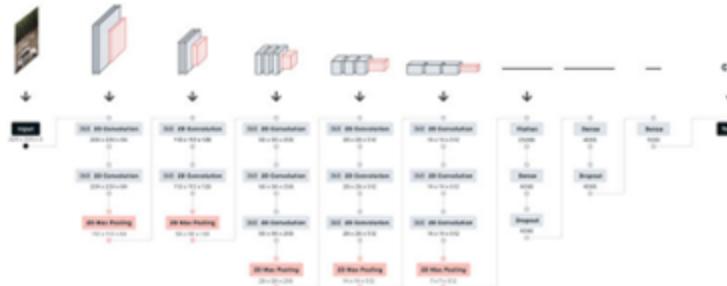
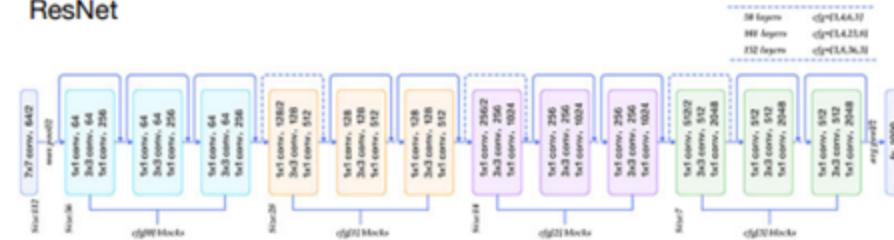


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LeNet

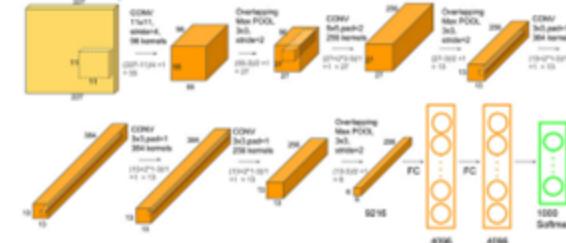


ResNet



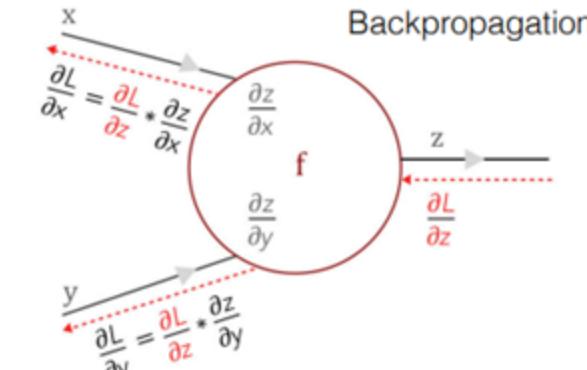
VGG-16

AlexNet



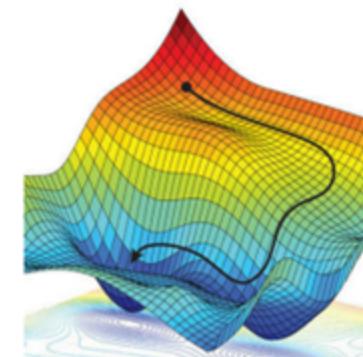


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$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}$  &  $\frac{\partial z}{\partial y}$  are local gradients

$\frac{\partial L}{\partial z}$  is the loss from the previous layer which has to be backpropagated to other layers



Stochastic Gradient Descent (SGD)

learning rate

$$\theta = \theta - \eta \nabla_{\theta} J(\theta; x^{(i)}; y^{(i)})$$

weights      input      label



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 PyTorch



 TensorFlow

Tutorial coming in late September / early October

```
[ ] import torch
from torch import nn

class MNISTClassifier(nn.Module):

    def __init__(self):
        super(MNISTClassifier, self).__init__()

        # mnist images are (1, 28, 28) (channels, width, height)
        self.layer_1 = torch.nn.Linear(28 * 28, 128)
        self.layer_2 = torch.nn.Linear(128, 256)
        self.layer_3 = torch.nn.Linear(256, 10)

    def forward(self, x):
        batch_size, channels, width, height = x.size()

        # (b, 1, 28, 28) -> (b, 1*28*28)
        x = x.view(batch_size, -1)

        # layer 1
        x = self.layer_1(x)
        x = torch.relu(x)

        # layer 2
        x = self.layer_2(x)
        x = torch.relu(x)

        # layer 3
        x = self.layer_3(x)

        # probability distribution over labels
        x = torch.log_softmax(x, dim=1)

    return x
```



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## Online Courses

- CS231N: Convolutional Neural Networks for Visual Recognition  
<http://cs231n.stanford.edu/>
- MIT 6.S191: Introduction to Deep Learning  
<http://introtodeeplearning.com/>

## Textbooks:

- Deep Learning. Ian Goodfellow, Yoshua Bengio, Aaron Courville  
<http://www.deeplearningbook.org/>

