

# Welcome to the Computer Vision Course

## UCS 532

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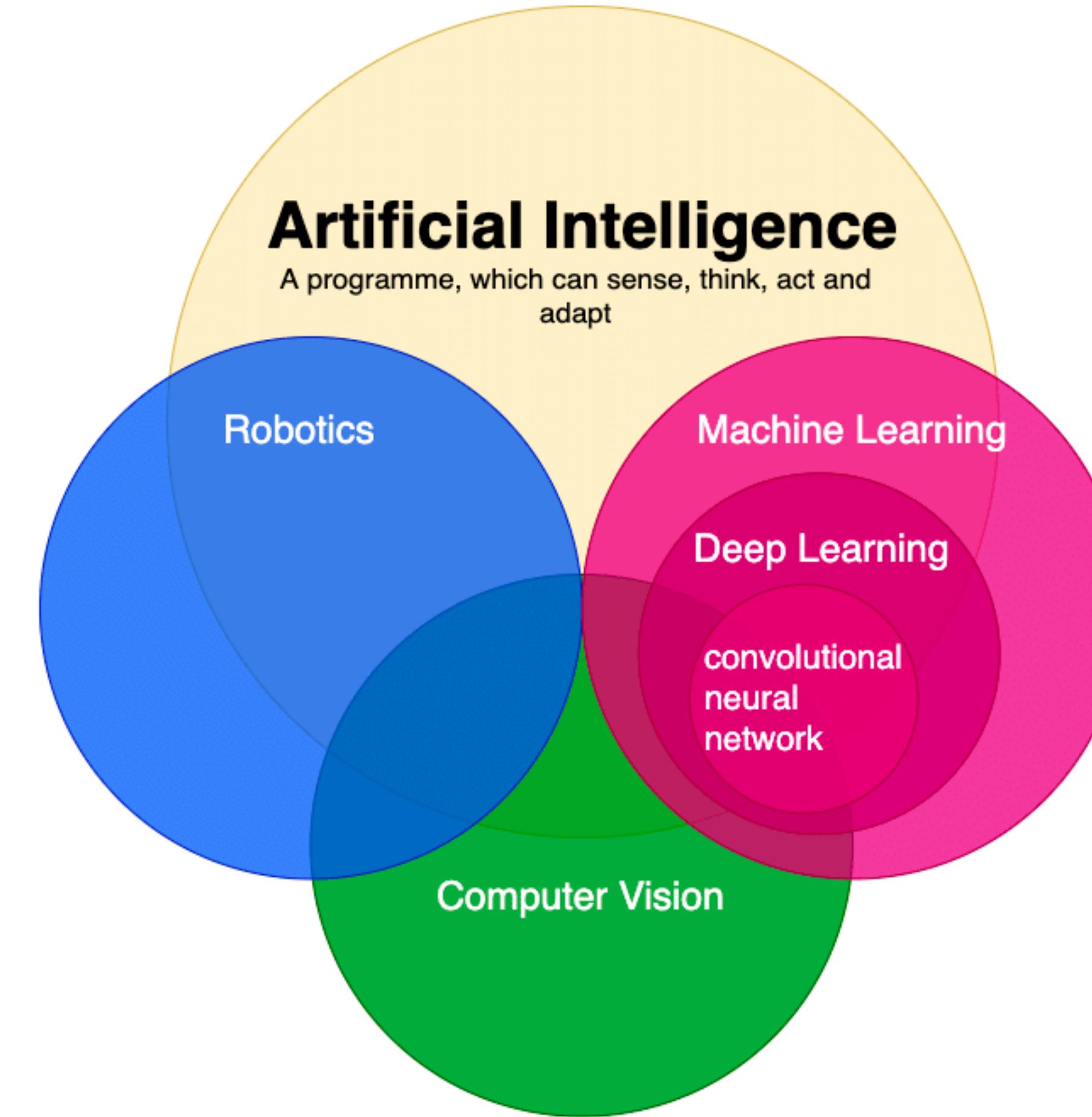
# So what exactly is Computer Vision?

“An interdisciplinary field that aims to enable computers to gain **understanding of what is being seen in** images and videos.”



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# Is Computer Vision Artificial Intelligence?



Relation between Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning and Deep Learning, Computer Vision.

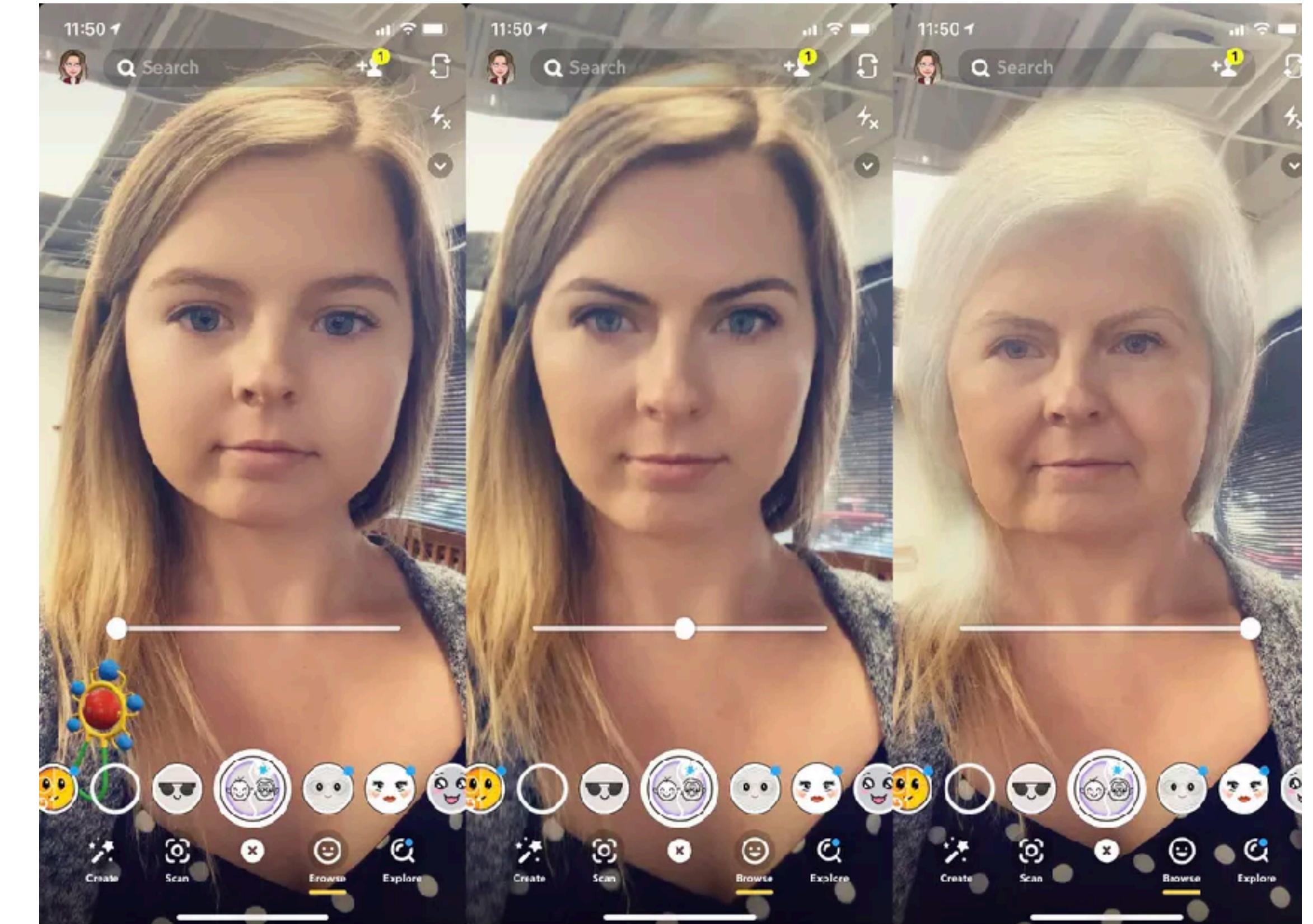
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# **Computer Vision is an amalgamation of many fields**

# So what can Computer Vision do?

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- Optical Character Recognition (OCR)
- Licence Plate Reading
- Self-driving cars
- Sporting Analysis
- Facial Recognition

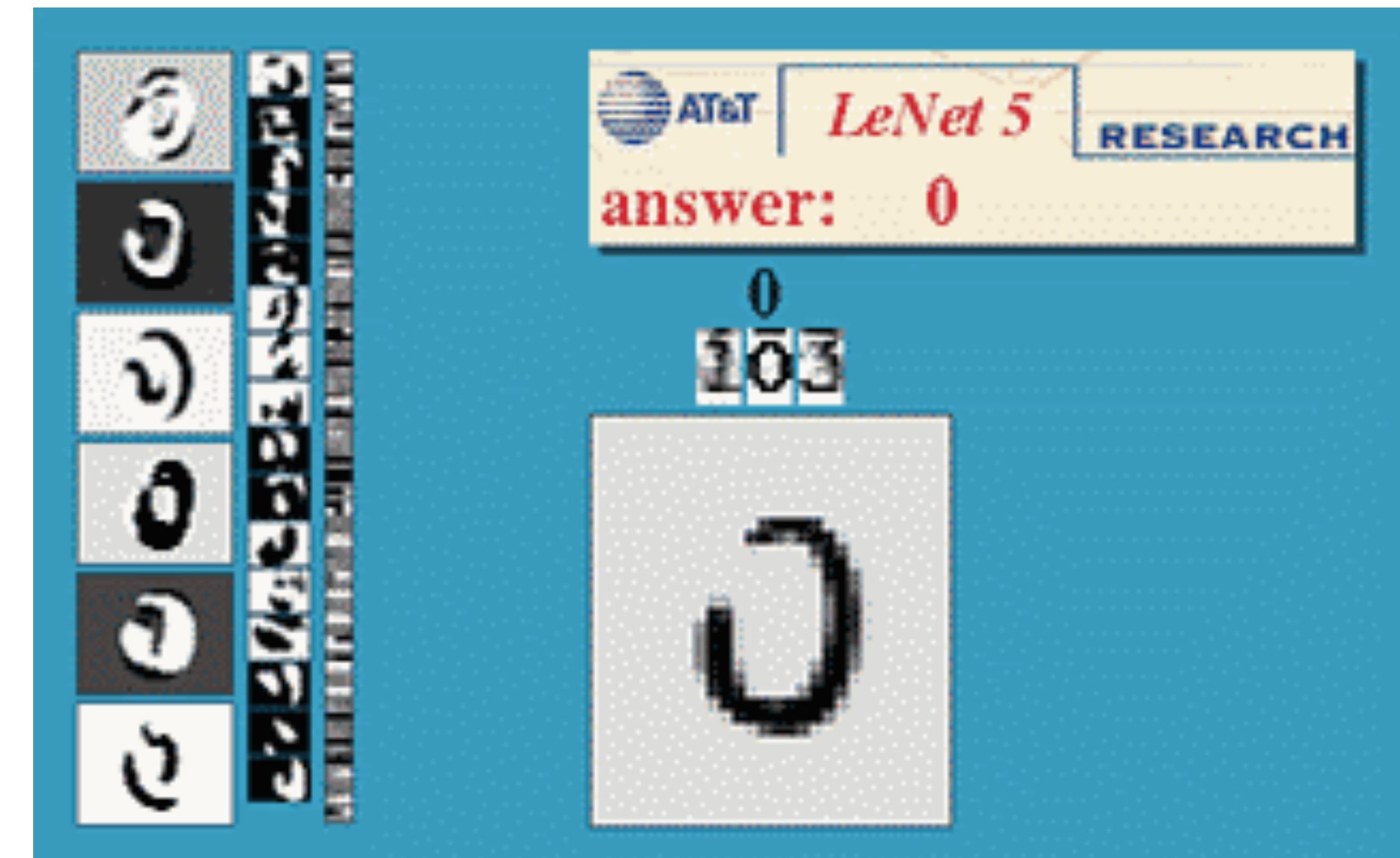


Source - Cnet - Snapchat's Time Machine AR lens creepily shows what you'll look like old

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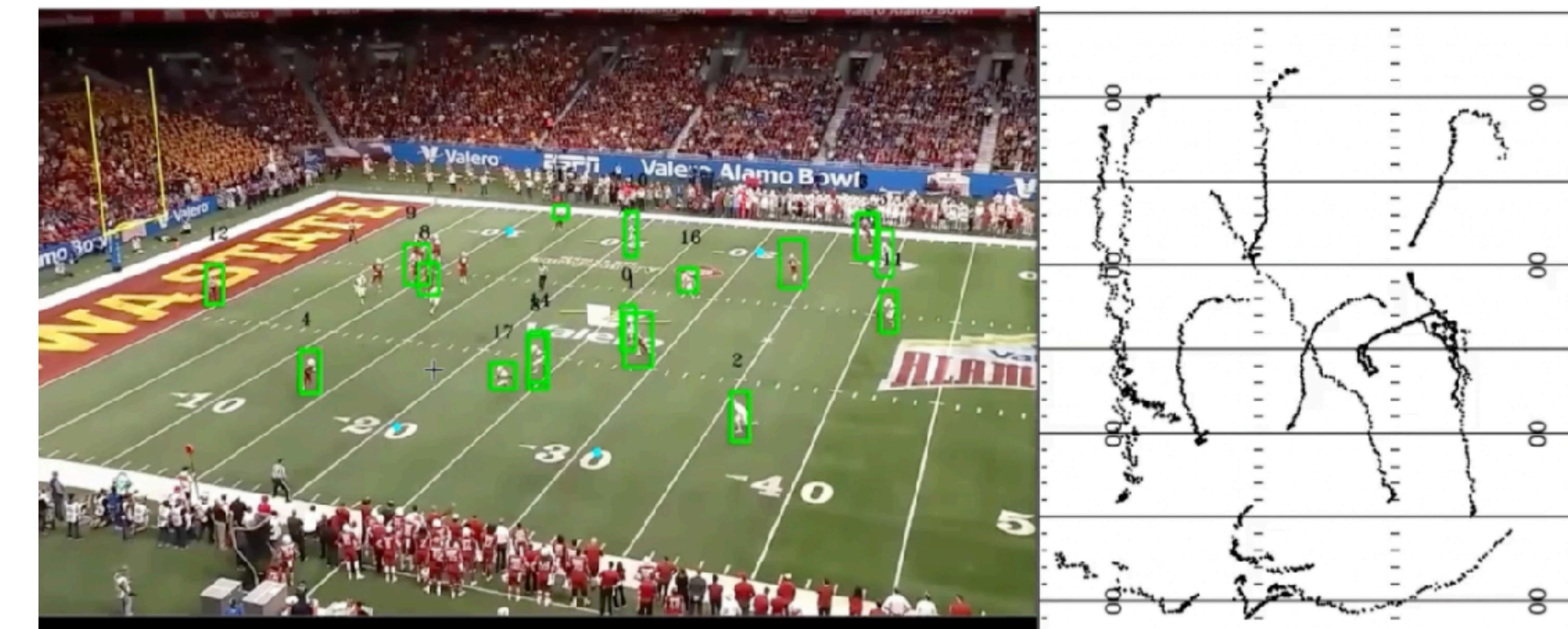
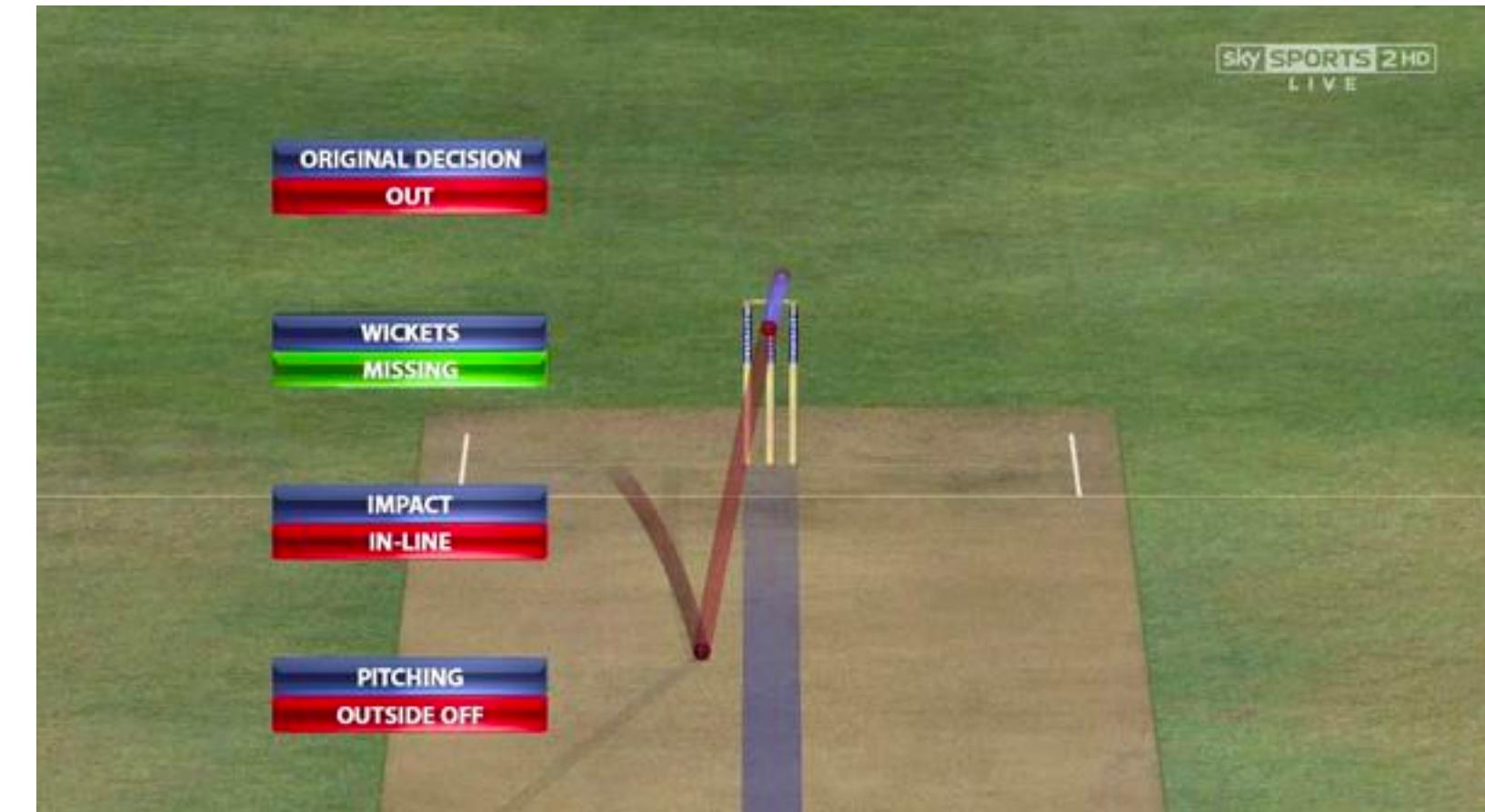
Source Inc. - The Tech That Powers Your Self-Driving Car Might  
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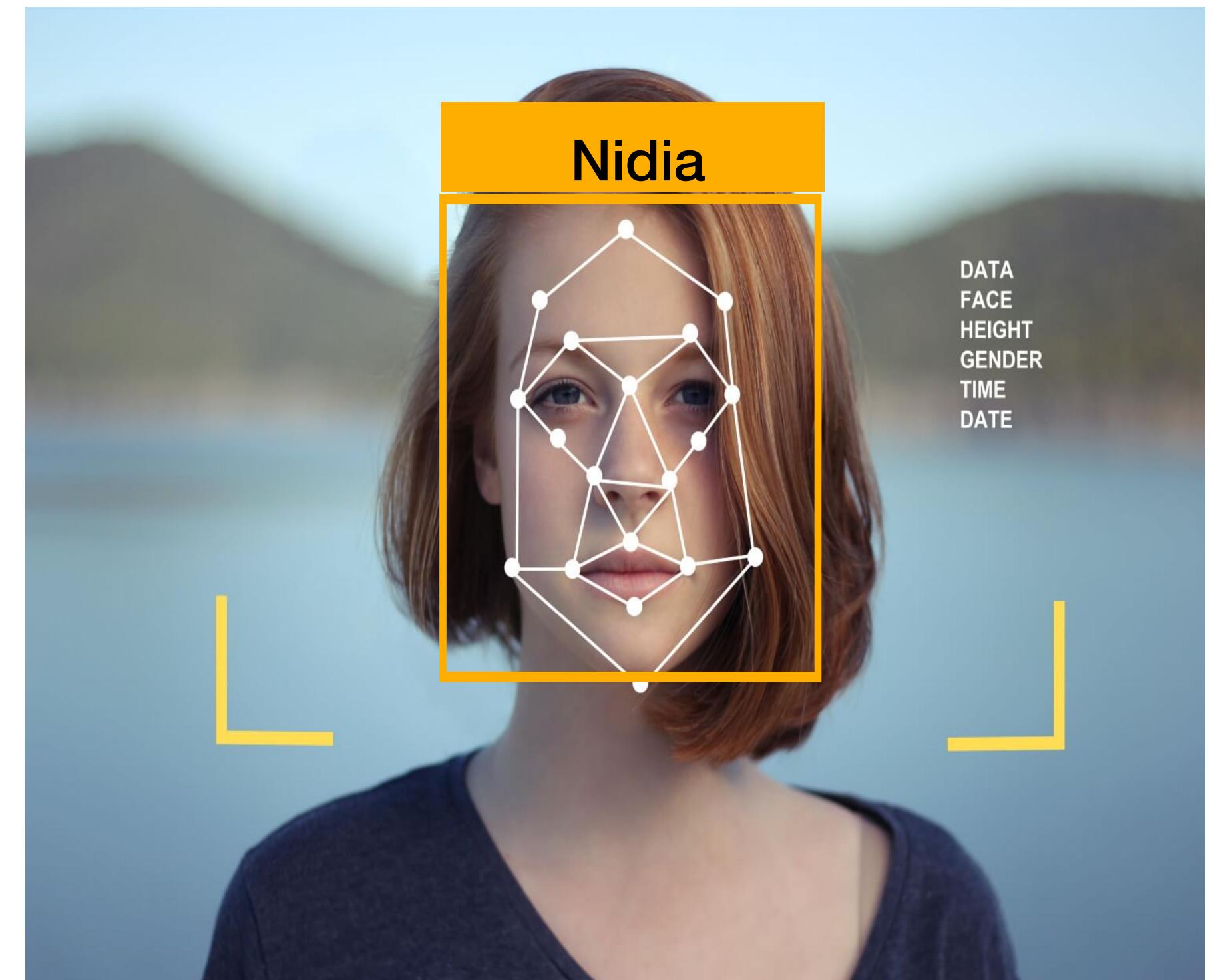
HawkEye in Cricket



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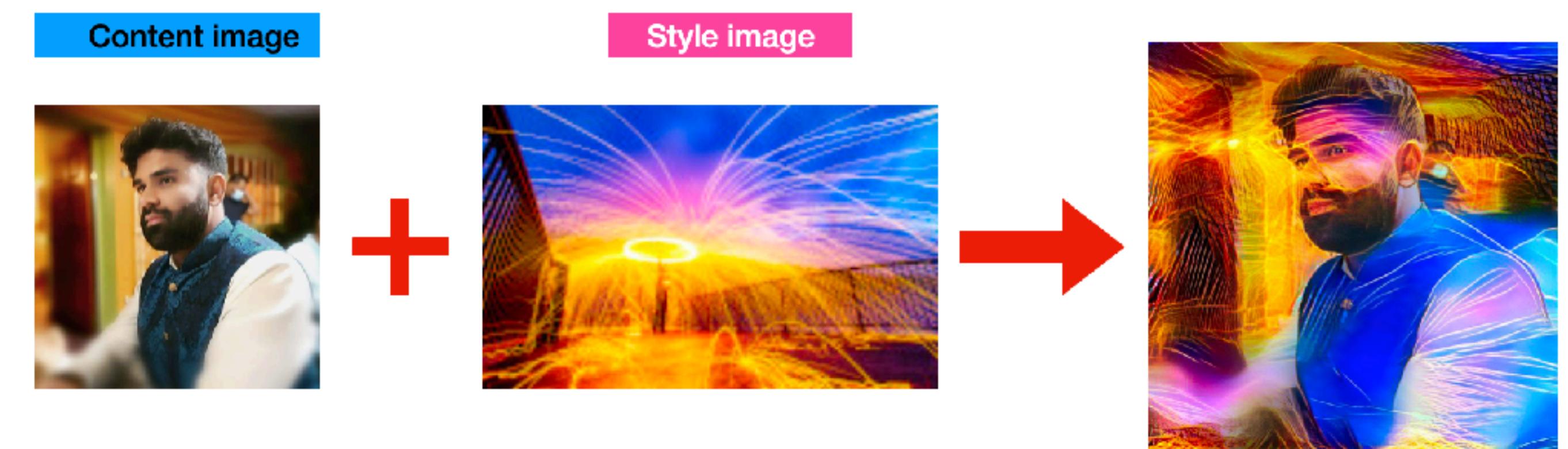
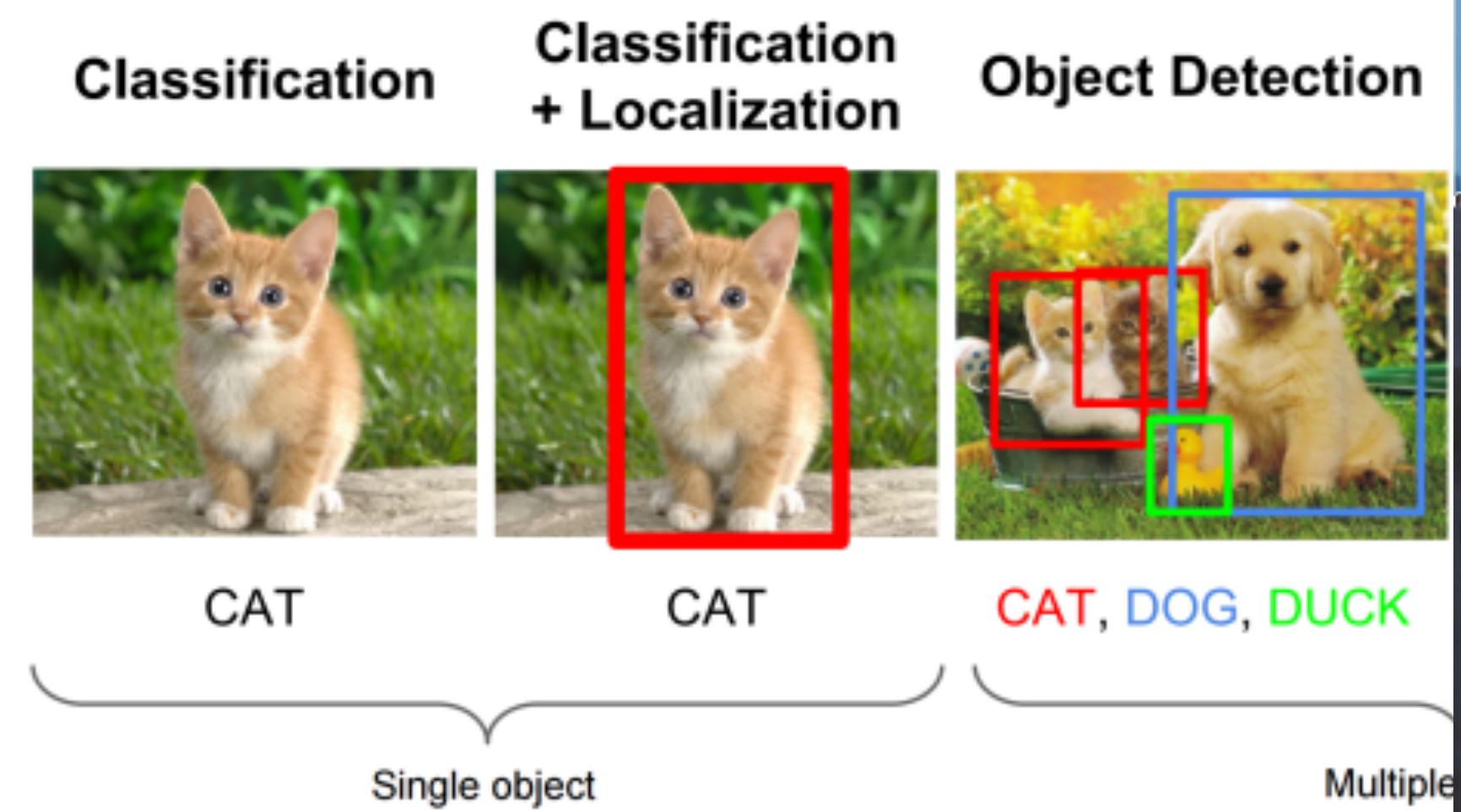
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- **Segmentation**
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- **Deep Fakes**
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# Computer Vision Applications are endless!

Electric Scooter ID

## Gas Leak Detection

Document Digitization

Plant Phenotyping

Flare Stack Monitoring

Resume Parsing

Augmented Reality

## Weed Detection

Microscopy

Bean Counting

Garbage Cleanup

Drone Video Analysis

## Conveyer Belt Debris

Traffic Counter

Pothole Identification

Soccer Player Tracker

Steelyard Throughput

Security Cam Analysis

Self Driving Cars

## Fish Measuring

Remote Tech Support

Tennis Line Tracking

Know Your Customer

Endangered Species Tracking

Inventory Management

## Hard Hat Detection

Pest Identification

OCR Math

Basketball Shot Tracking

Logo Identification

## Satellite Imagery

Traffic Cone Finder

## Airplane Maintenance

Tumor Detection

D&D Dice Counter

Plant Disease Finder

X-Ray Analysis

## Roof Damage Estimator

City Bus Tracking

Board Game Helpers

Dental Cavity Detection

Drought Tracking

Hog Confinements

## Sushi Identifier

Oil Storage Estimator

Car Wheel Finder

License Plate Reader

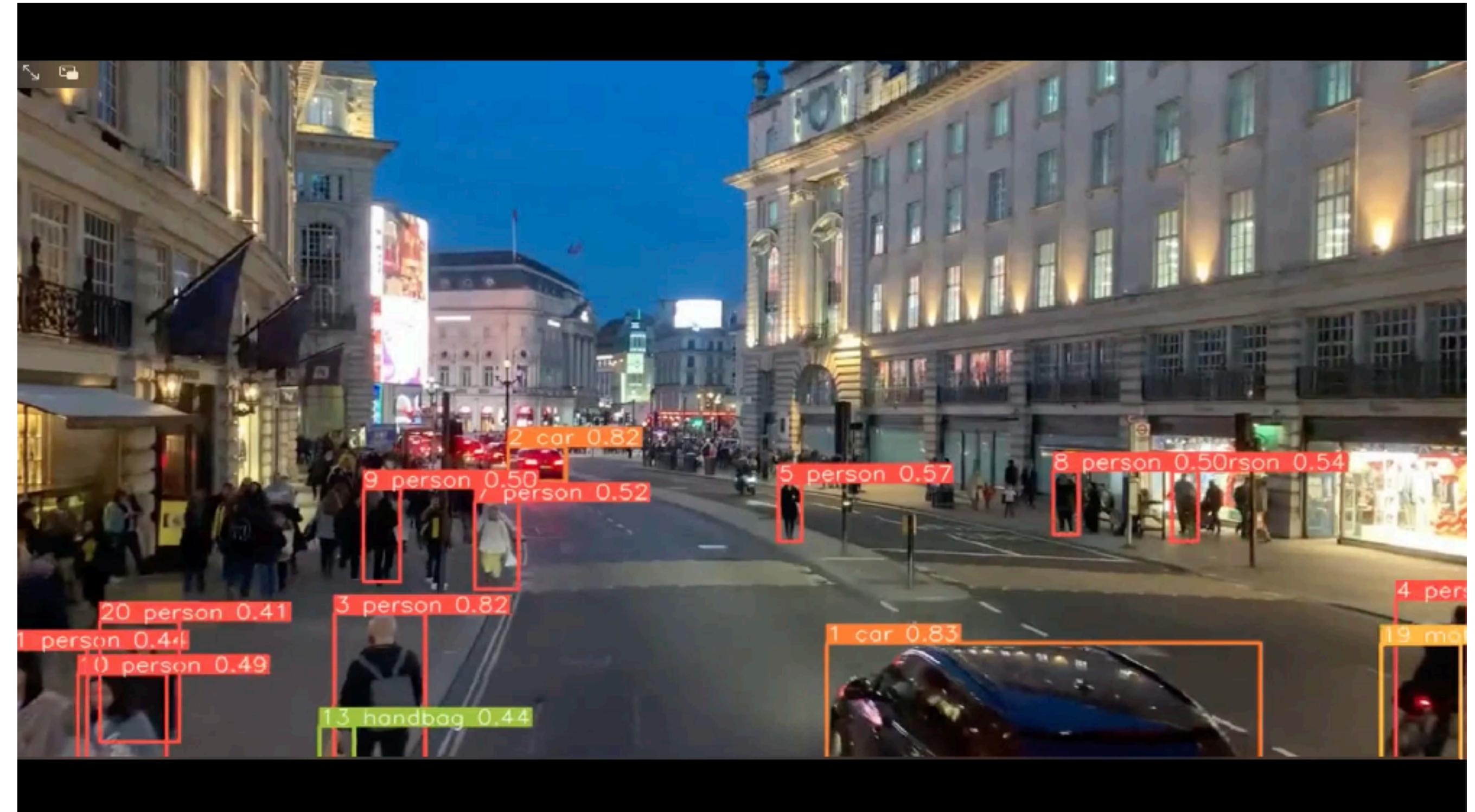
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# Why do this course?

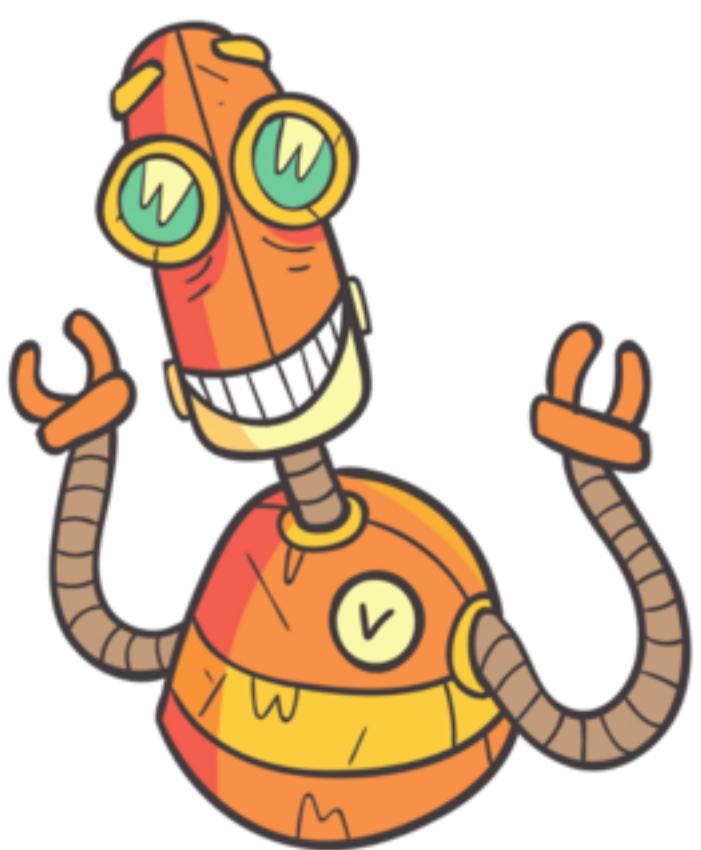
What are you going to learn exactly?

- Foundation in **Classical Computer Vision** with **OpenCV**
- **Deep Learning** applied to Computer Vision
  - PyTorch
  - TensorFlow Keras



# Requirements?

- **Internet connection** (preferably at least 2mb) and web browser
- **High school level math** knowledge (preferred, not required)
- **Basic programming** knowledge is **not required** but preferred (especially if it's Python)
- **Enthusiasm** about Artificial Intelligence!



# **High Level Overview**

## **OpenCV - Classical Computer Vision Outline**

- 1.Image Manipulations
- 2.Segmentation
- 3.Feature Extraction
- 4.Object Detection with Haar Cascade Classifiers
- 5.Image analysis and Transformations
- 6.Background Removal
- 7.Tracking - Optical Flow and MeanShift
- 8.Face Swapping
- 9.OCR and text detection
- 10.QR and Barcode reading
- 11.YOLOv3 & SSDs in OpenCV
- 12.Neural Style Transfer
- 13.Colorising Black and White Photos
- 14.Computation Photography (noise removal, in-painting)
- 15.Facial Recognition
- 16.Working with Video and Video Stream

# High Level Overview

## Deep Learning Outline

- 1. Introduction to Deep Learning in Computer Vision
- 2. Deep Learning Basics with PyTorch and TensorFlow Keras
- 3. Comparing Libraries and Analysing Performance
- 4. Regularisation and Overfitting
- 5. Understanding What CNN's See
- 6. Designing CNNs and Overview of Modern CNN Architectures
- 7. PyTorch Lightning
- 8. Transfer Learning
- 9. Google DeepDream
- 10. Neural Style Transfer
- 11. Autoencoders
- 12. Generative Adversarial Networks
- 13. Siamese Networks
- 14. Facial Recognition
- 15. Object Detection
- 16. Deep Segmentation
- 17. Tracking with Deep Learning
- 18. Vision Transformers
- 19. Depth Estimation
- 20. Video Classification
- 21. Point Cloud Classification and Segmentation
- 22. 3D Image Classification
- 23. OCR Readers
- 24. Image Captioning
- 25. Computer Vision APIs

# Course Overview

**This is a BIG course! Let's get started!**

# So how do we do Computer Vision? What makes it possible?

- We need tools! Namely a programming language
  - Many exist such as:
    - Matlab
    - C++ & Java
    - **Python**

```
3   require File.expand_path("../support/helpers", __FILE__)
4   # Prevent database truncation if the environment is test
5   abort("The Rails environment is running in production mode") if Rails.env == "production"
6   require 'spec_helper'
7   require 'rspec/rails'
8
9   require 'capybara/rspec'
10  require 'capybara/rails'
11
12  Capybara.javascript_driver = :webkit
13  Category.delete_all; Category.create!(name: "Ruby")
14  Shoulda::Matchers.configure do |config|
15    config.integrate do |with|
16      with.test_framework :rspec
17      with.library :rails
18    end
19  end
20
21  # Add additional require statements for external libraries
22  #
23  # Requires supporting files within the same directory as this file
24  # to enable referring to `*_support.rb` files
25  #
26  # in _spec.rb will both be required by specs
27  #
28  # run twice. It is recommended you do not name
29  # your file `spec_helper.rb` as it can cause
30  # conflicts with this file
31
32  # Load fixtures from the local
33  # fixture directory
34  # instead of 'Rails.root.fixture'
35  #
36  # You can also make fixtures
37  # available from outside this
38  # directory with the
39  # :path option:
40  #
41  #   fixtures :users, :path => "../fixtures/users"
42
43  # Make RSpec output its
44  # results to the browser
45  # when it runs in the
46  # 'rails' environment
47  #
48  # If you prefer to run
49  # RSpec in the
50  # 'rspec' environment
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52  # configuration
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55  #   config.tty = true
56  # end
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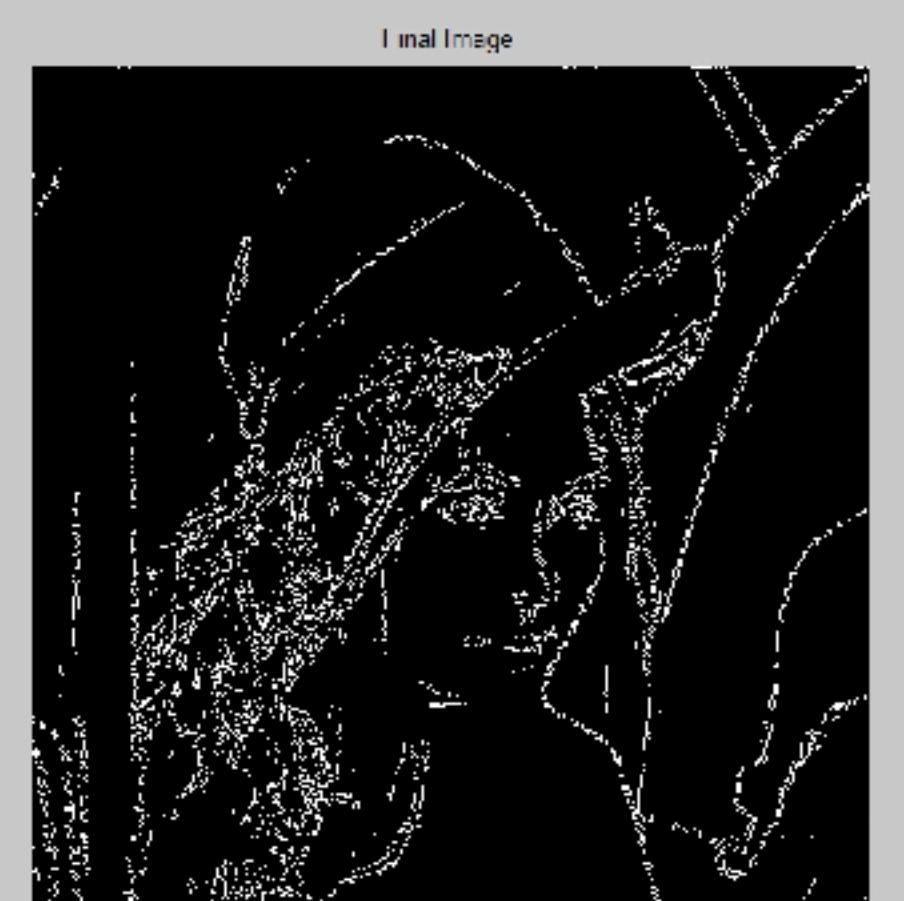
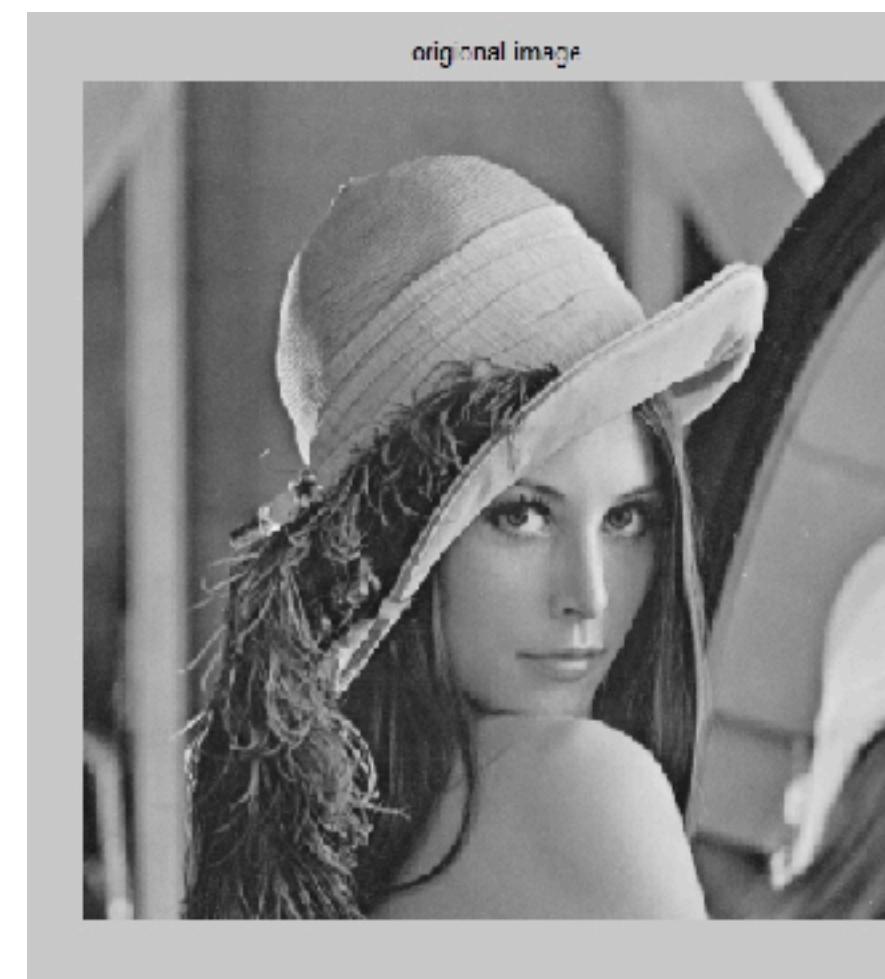
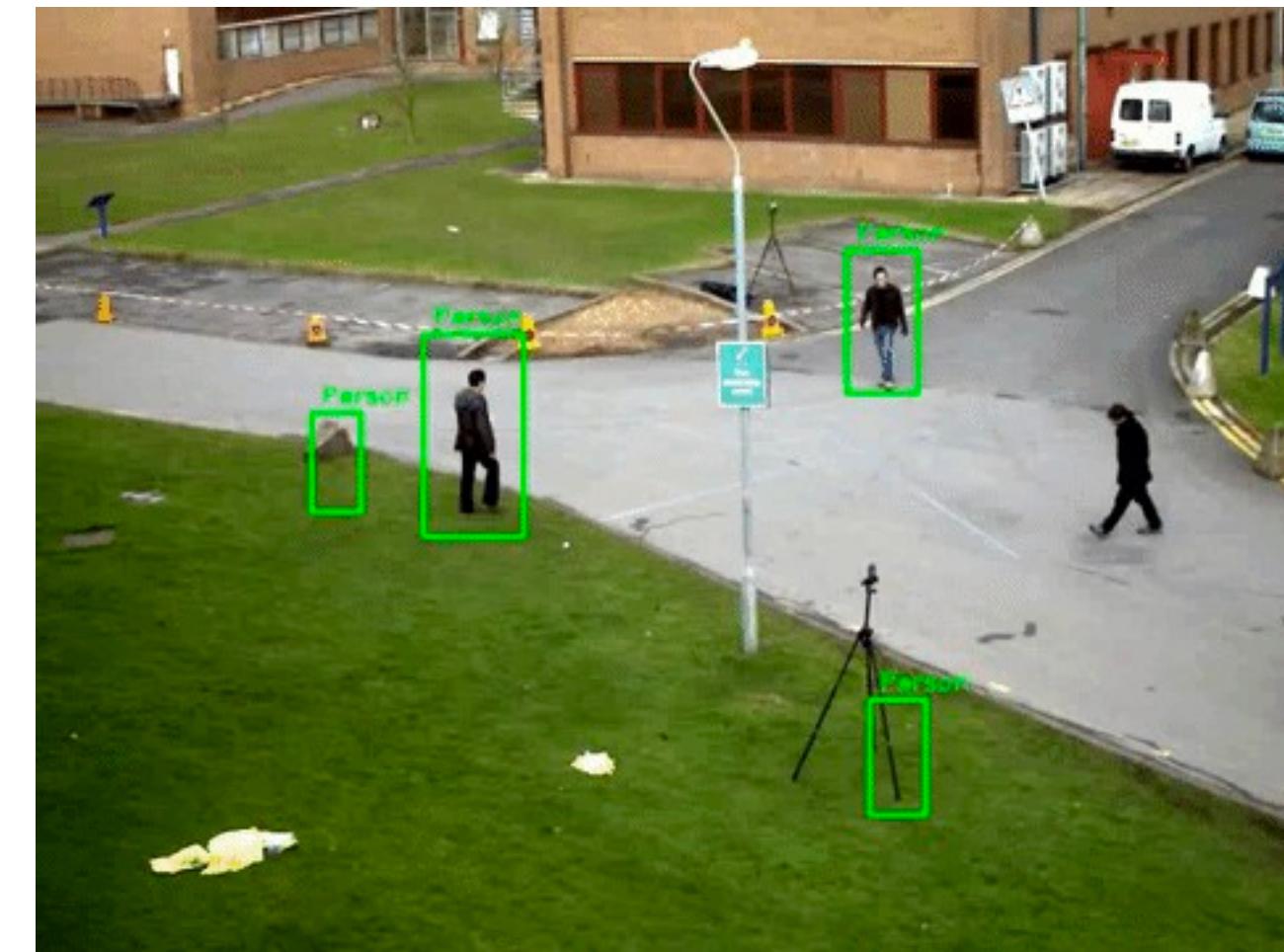
# What makes Python so great for Computer Vision?

- Easy to learn and accessible
- Language of Artificial Intelligence
- The best and easiest to use Libraries, such as:
  - **OpenCV** for Classical Computer Vision
  - **PyTorch** (Facebook) and **TensorFlow with Keras** (Google)



# Classical Computer Vision?

- What is meant by **Classical Computer Vision?**
- It encompasses Computer Vision algorithms that **do not** involve Machine Learning
- Before the advent of Machine Learning and Deep Learning, Computer Vision was a deeply explored field and many useful algorithms were developed for things like **feature extraction, OCR, Segmentation and simple transformations.**
- **OpenCV** is the Classical Computer Vision library of choice!



# Deep Learning Computer Vision

- Deep Learning was used in Computer Vision since the 1990s, however due to the computational requirements and intricate design, it remained on the sidelines for decades.
- Until the mid 2010s...which brought **two important building blocks** together.
  - **Mature Deep Learning libraries** (TensorFlow, Keras, Theano, Caffe)
  - **Accessible GPU processing** (NVIDIA's CUDA)



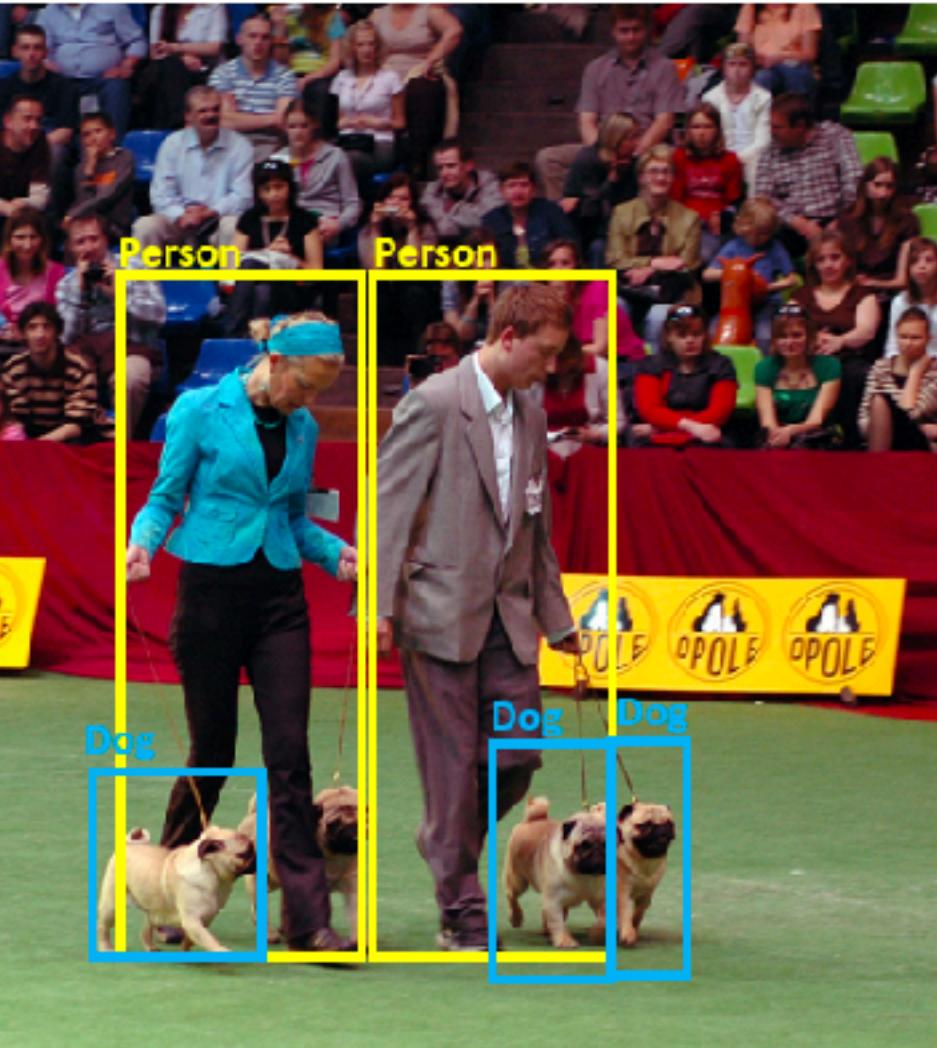
# Deep Learning Examples

Image Classification



{Dog}

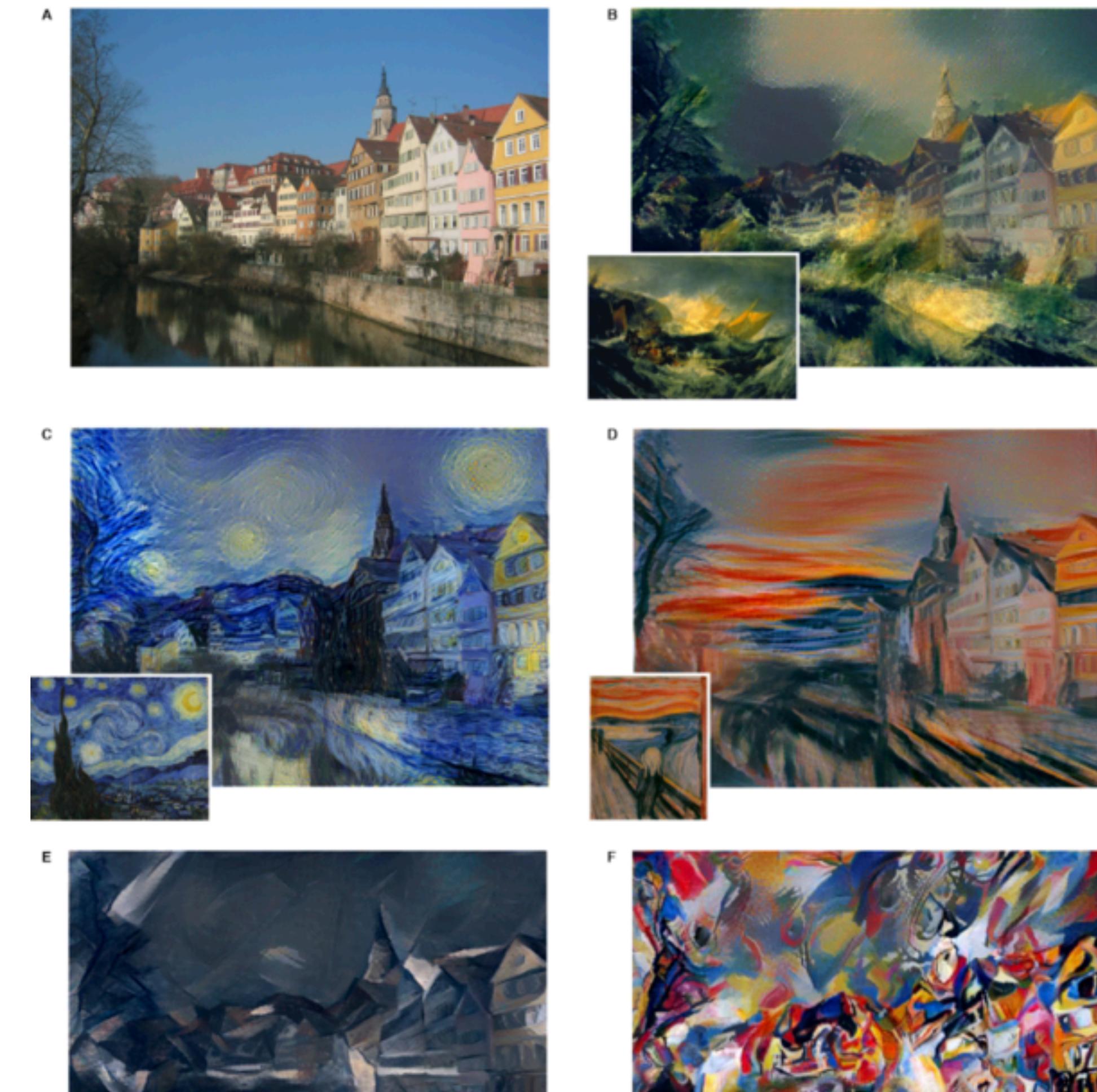
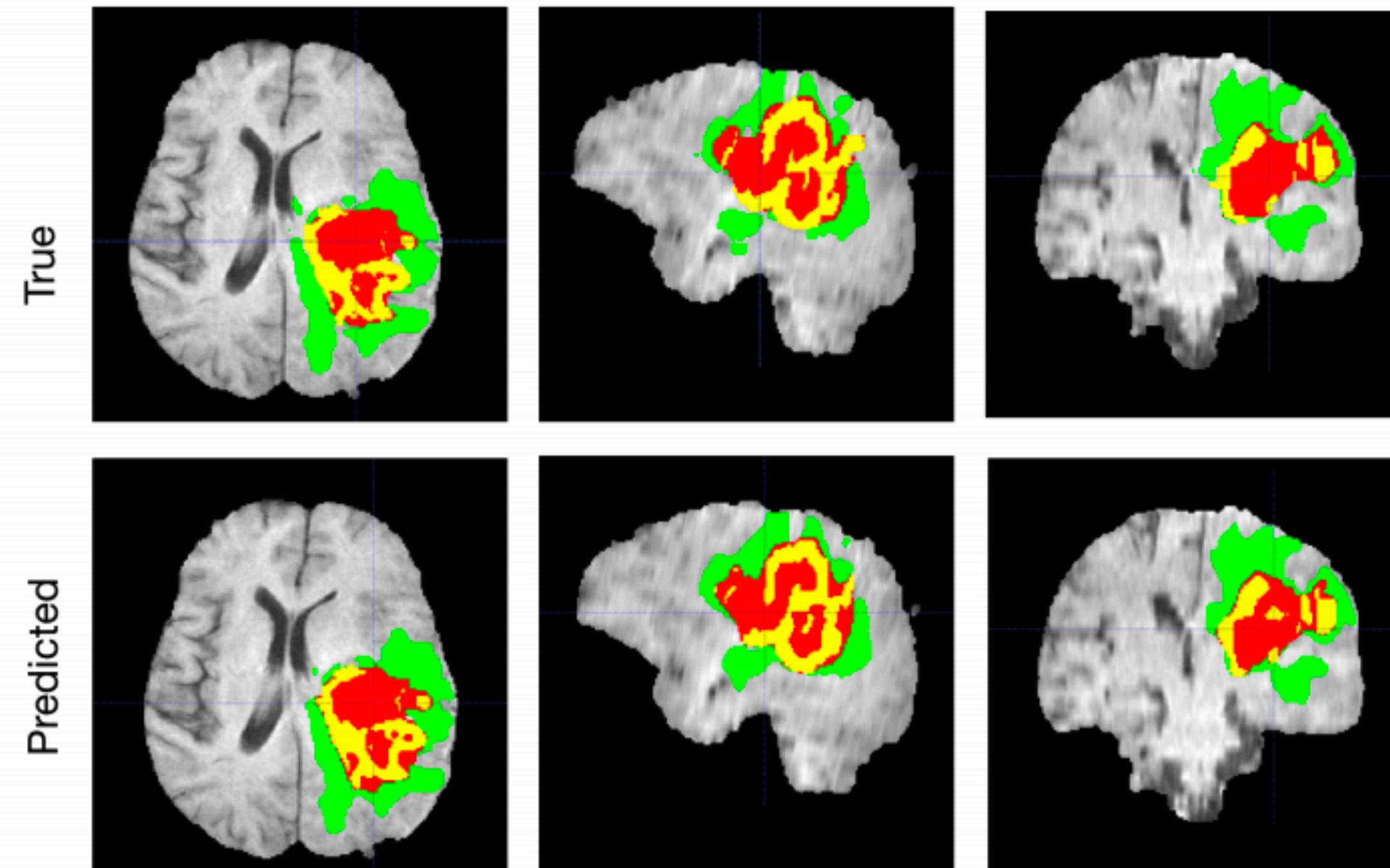
Object Detection



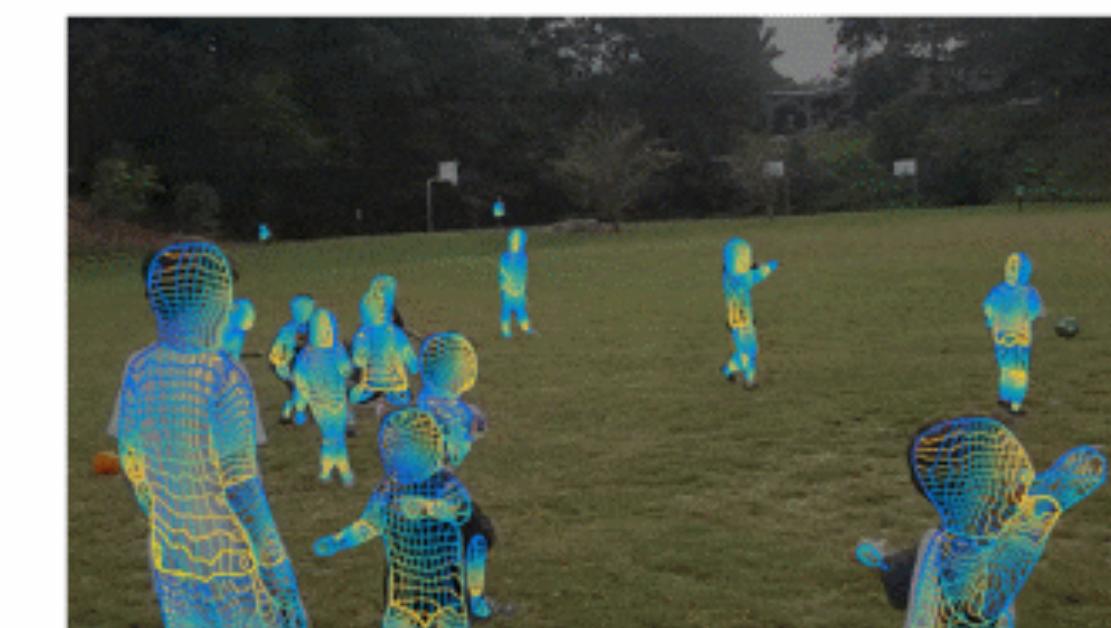
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# Deep Learning CV vs Classical CV

<b>Deep Learning</b>	<b>Classical Computer Vision</b>
Adapts to new images well (assuming it's similar to the data it was trained on)	Small changes can have big negative impacts
Requires Models to be trained	Doesn't require training and can be used once coded
Model weights learn to adapt to varying image conditions	Relies on hardcoded features and parameters
Requires GPU hardware (most times)	Can be run on CPU

# Our OpenCV Outline

1. Getting Started with OpenCV
2. Grey-scaling Images
3. Color Spaces (HSV & RGB)
4. Drawing on Images
5. Transformations - Translations and Rotations
6. Scaling and re-sizing and Cropping
7. Arithmetic and Bitwise Operations
8. Convolutions, Blurring and Sharpening
9. Thresholding & Binarization
10. Dilation, Erosion and Edge Detection
11. Contours - Drawing and Hierarchy and Modes
12. Moments, Matching and Sorting Contours
13. Line, Circle, Blob Detection
14. Counting Circles, Ellipses and Finding Waldo
15. Finding Corners
16. Face and Eye Detection with HAAR Cascade Classifiers
17. Vehicle & Pedestrian Detection
18. Perspective Transforms
19. Histograms and K-means clustering for finding dominant colours
20. Comparing Images with MSE and Structural Similarity

# Our OpenCV Outline

21. Filtering Colors
22. Watershed Algorithm marker-based image segmentation
23. Background and Foreground Subtraction
24. Motion tracking using Mean Shift and CAM-Shift
25. Optical Flow Object Tracking
26. Simple Object Tracking by Colour
27. Facial Landmarks Detection with Dlib
28. Face Swapping with Dlib
29. Tilt Shift Effect
30. Grabcut Algorithm for Background Removal
31. OCR with PyTesseract and EasyOCR
32. Barcode and QR generation and reading
33. YOLOv3 in OpenCV
34. Neural Style Transfer with OpenCV
35. SSDs in OpenCV
36. Colorise Black and White Photos
37. Repair Damaged Photos with Inpainting
38. Add and remove Noise, Fix Contrast with Histogram Equalisation
39. Detect Blur in Images
40. Facial Recognition

# **Next...**

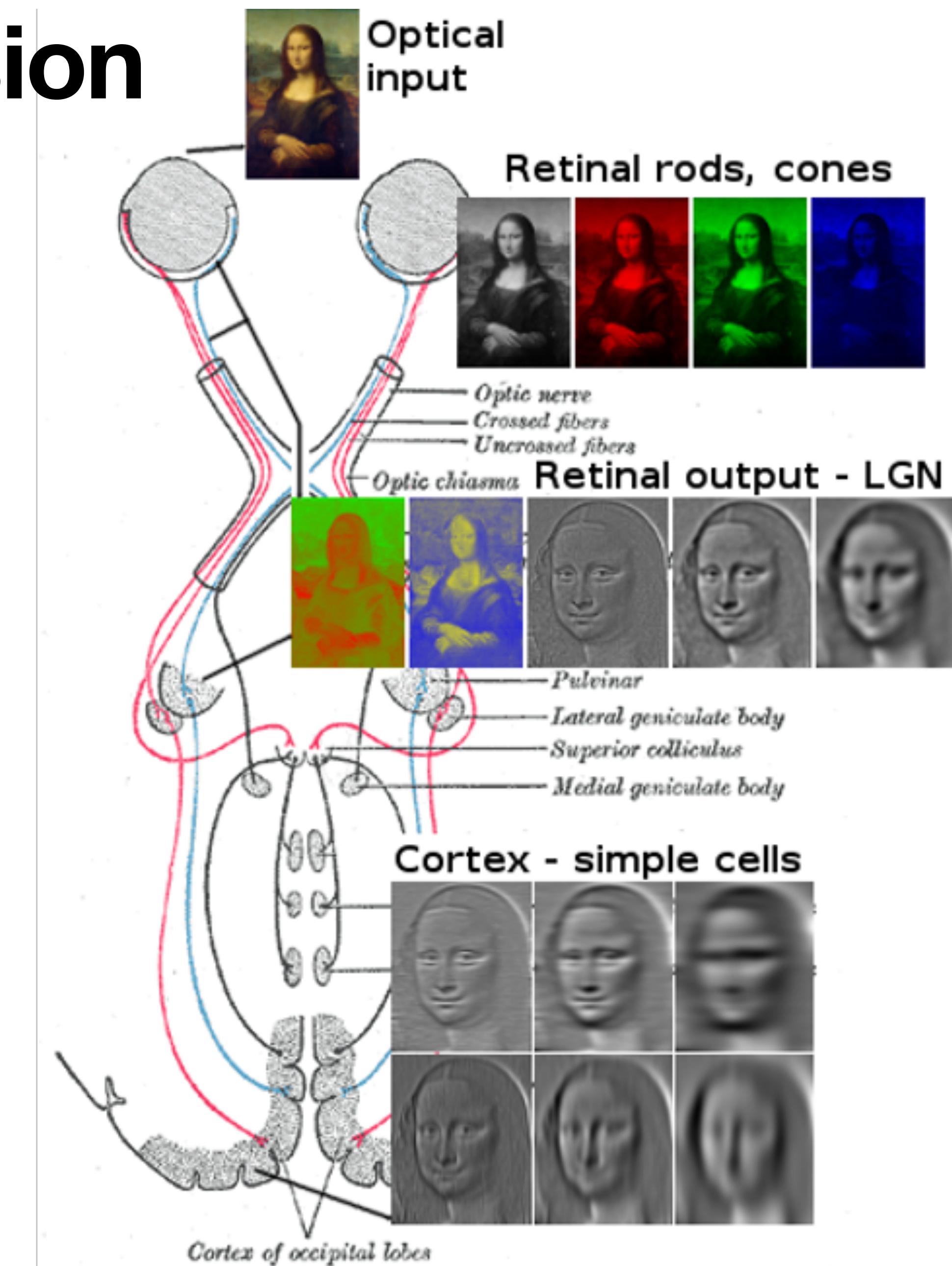
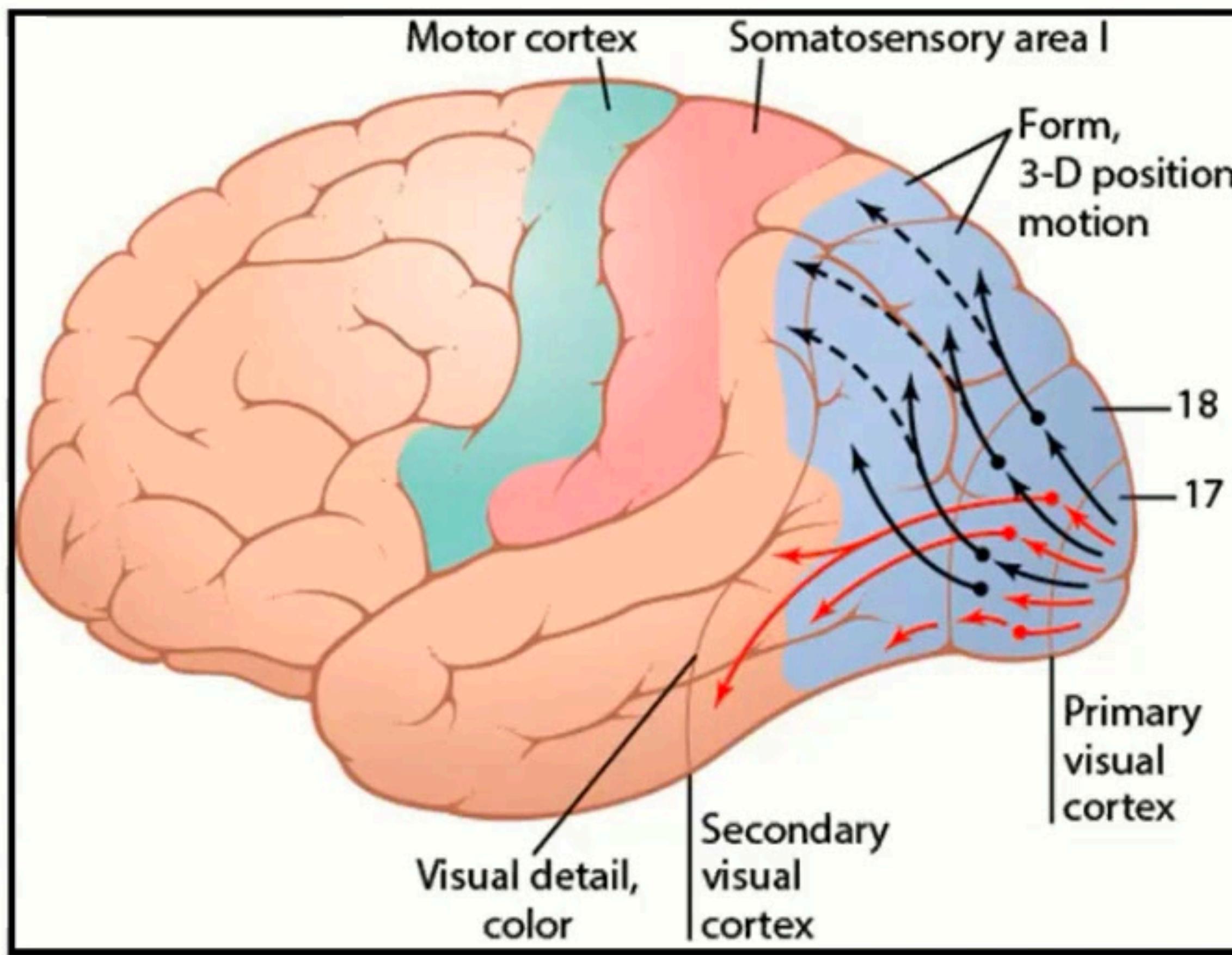
**Introduction to Computer Vision**

# What Makes Computer Vision Hard?

**Nothing worth having comes easy**

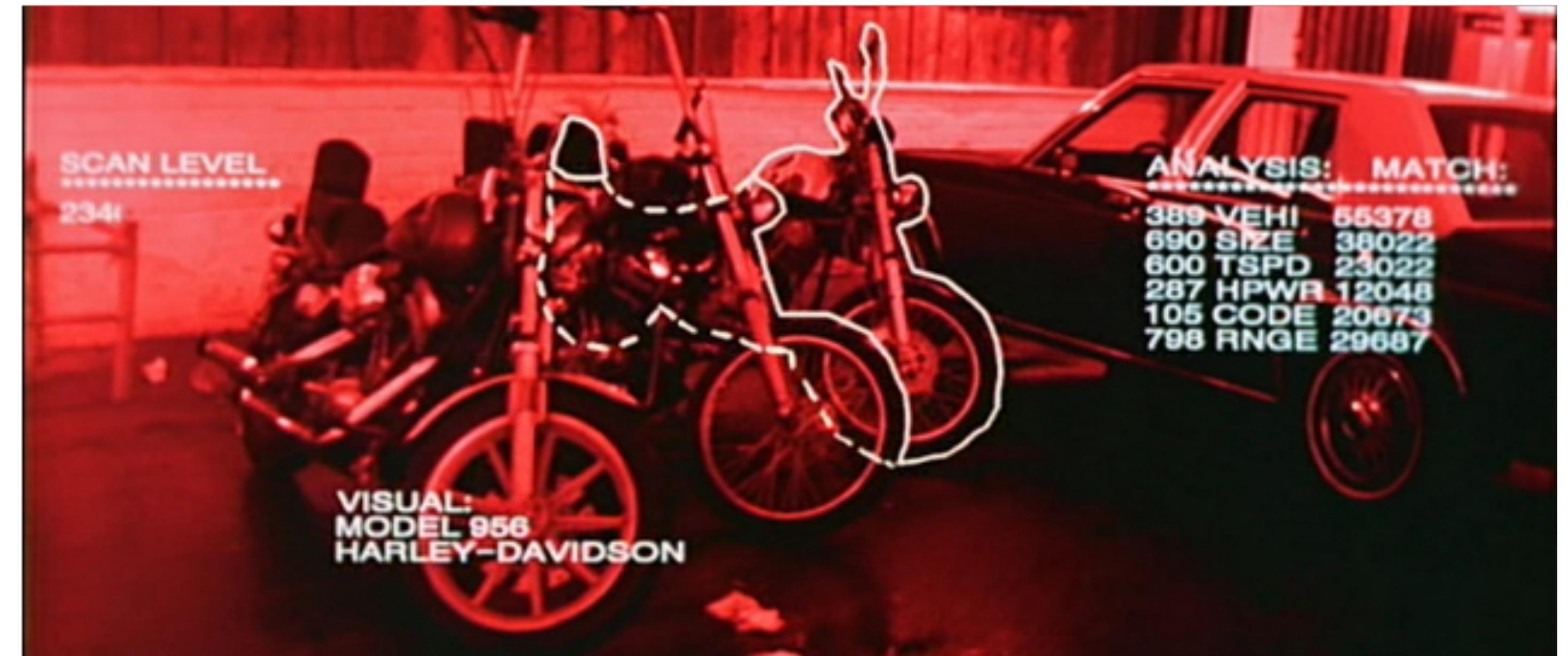
# Our Brains are amazing at Vision

The **visual cortex** (located in the occipital lobe) is the primary cortical region of the brain that receives, integrates and processes visual information relayed from the retinas



# Can Artificial Intelligence Come Close?

The AI Dream, a machine that can see and understand better than humans.



Source - Terminator 2: Judgement Data (1991)

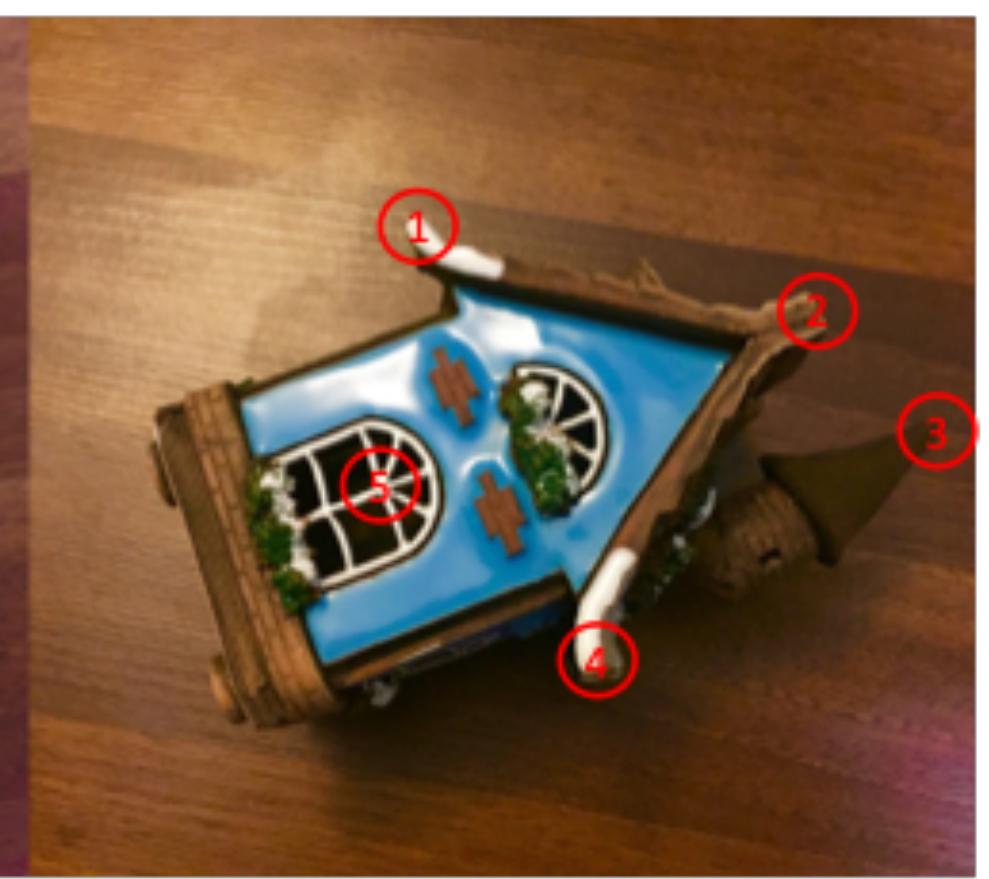
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## Camera and Sensor Limitations



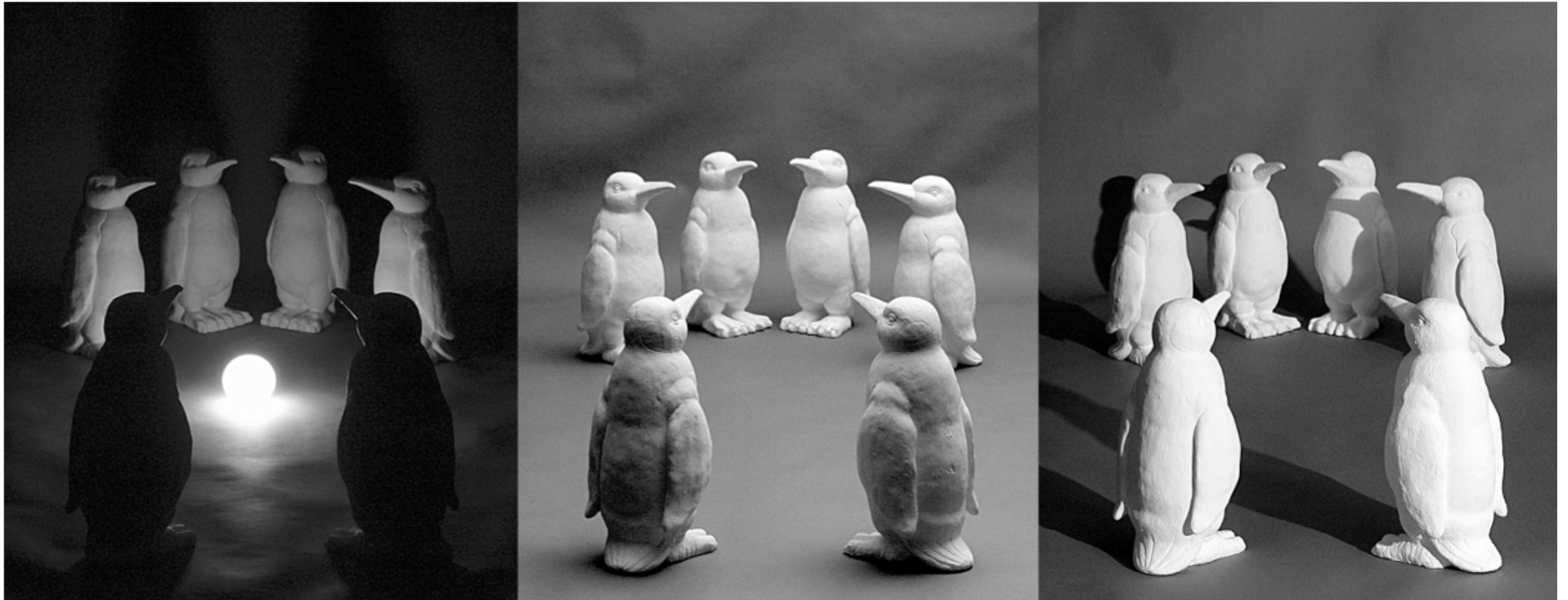
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## Viewpoint Variations



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## Changing Lighting Conditions



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## Scaling Issues



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## Non-rigid Deformations



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## Occlusion



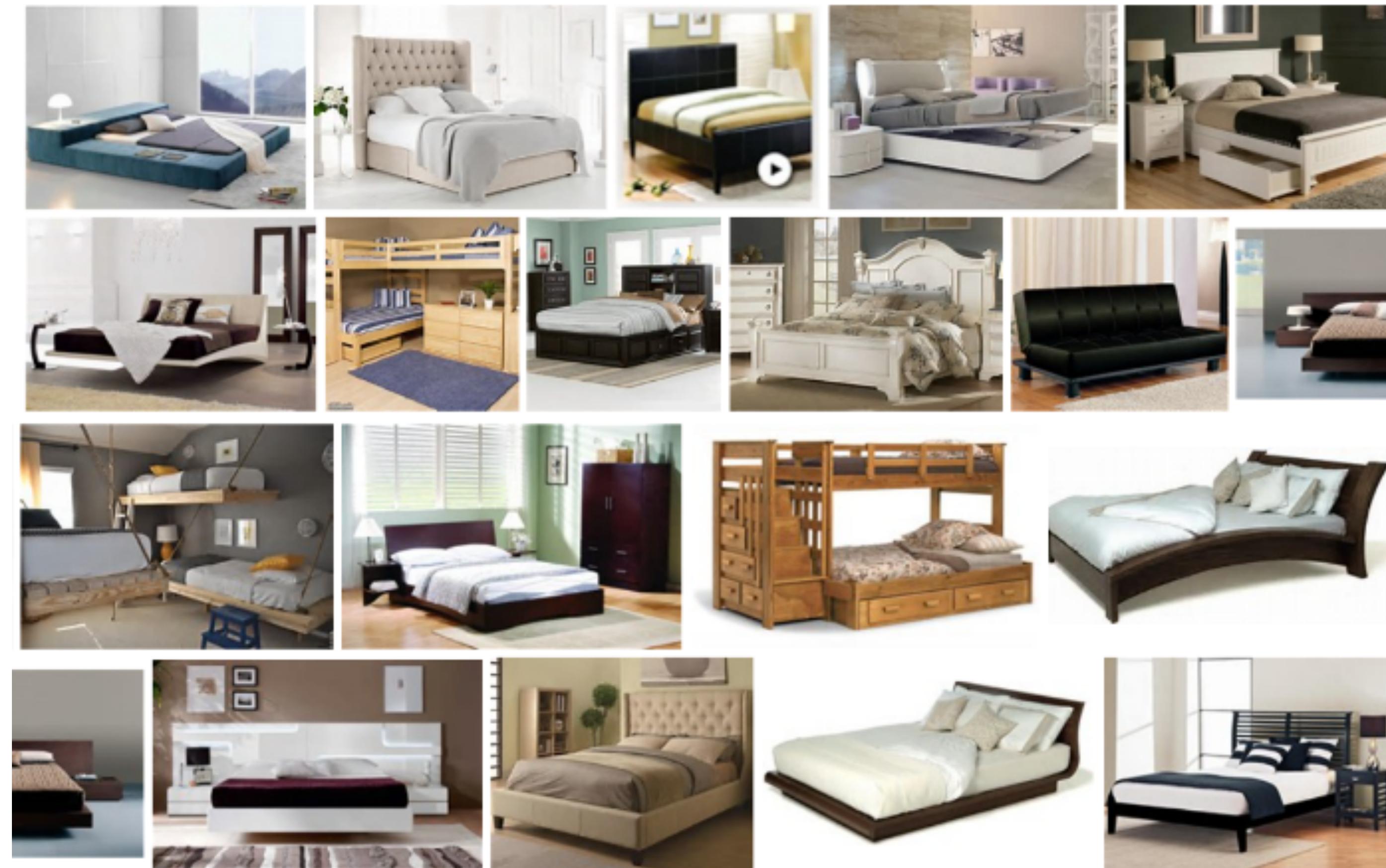
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## Clutter



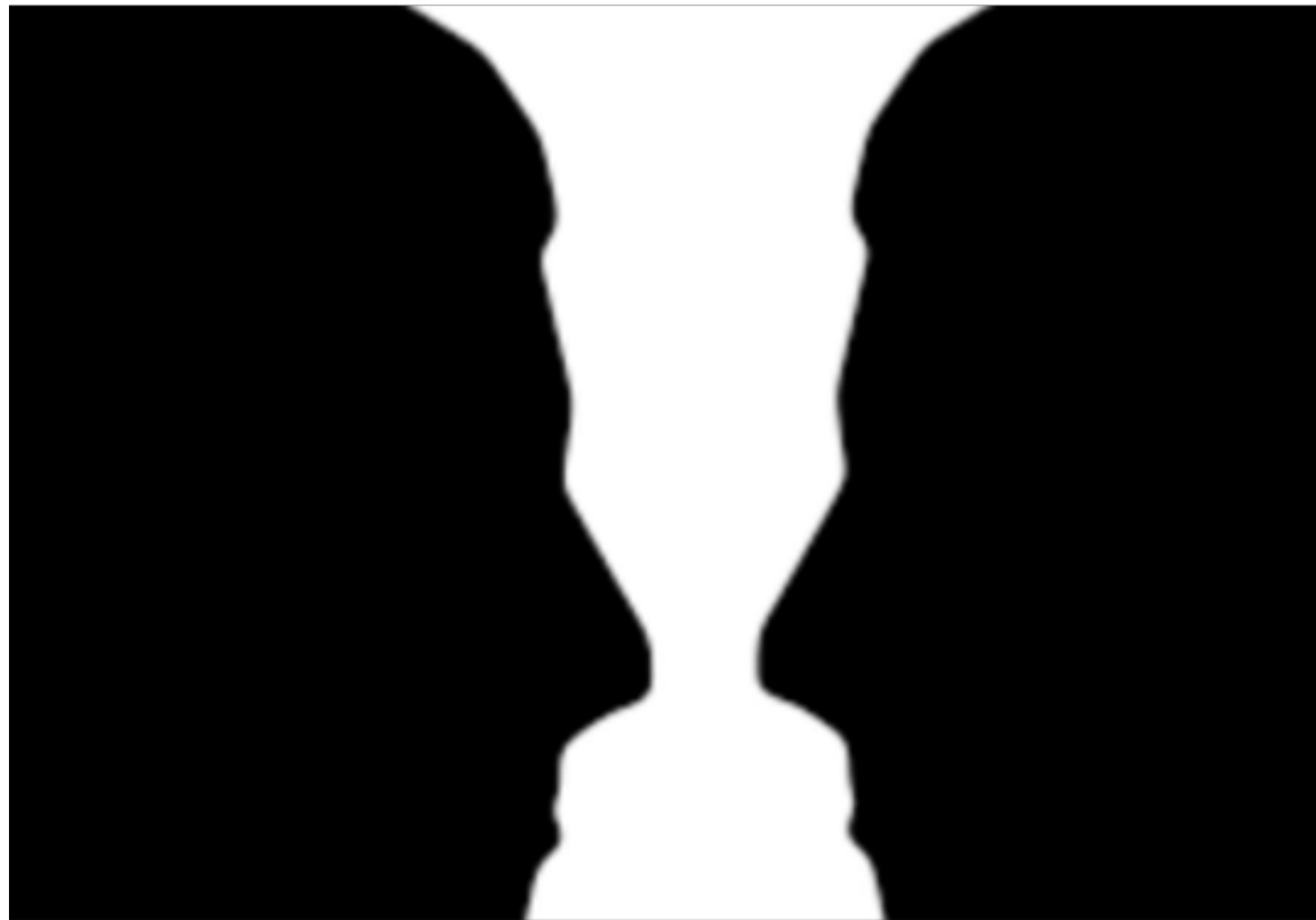
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## Object Class Variation



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## Ambiguous Optical Illusions



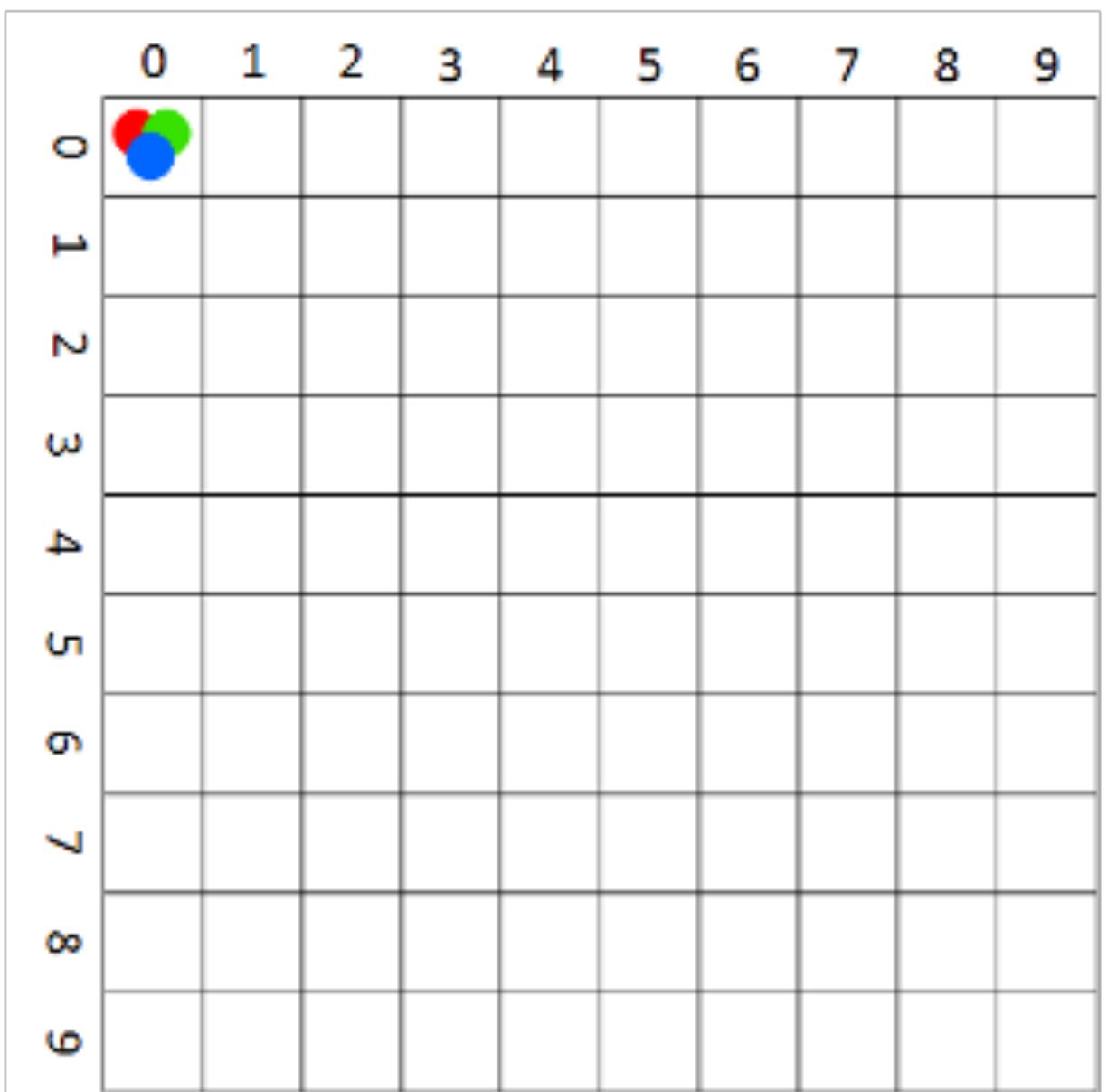
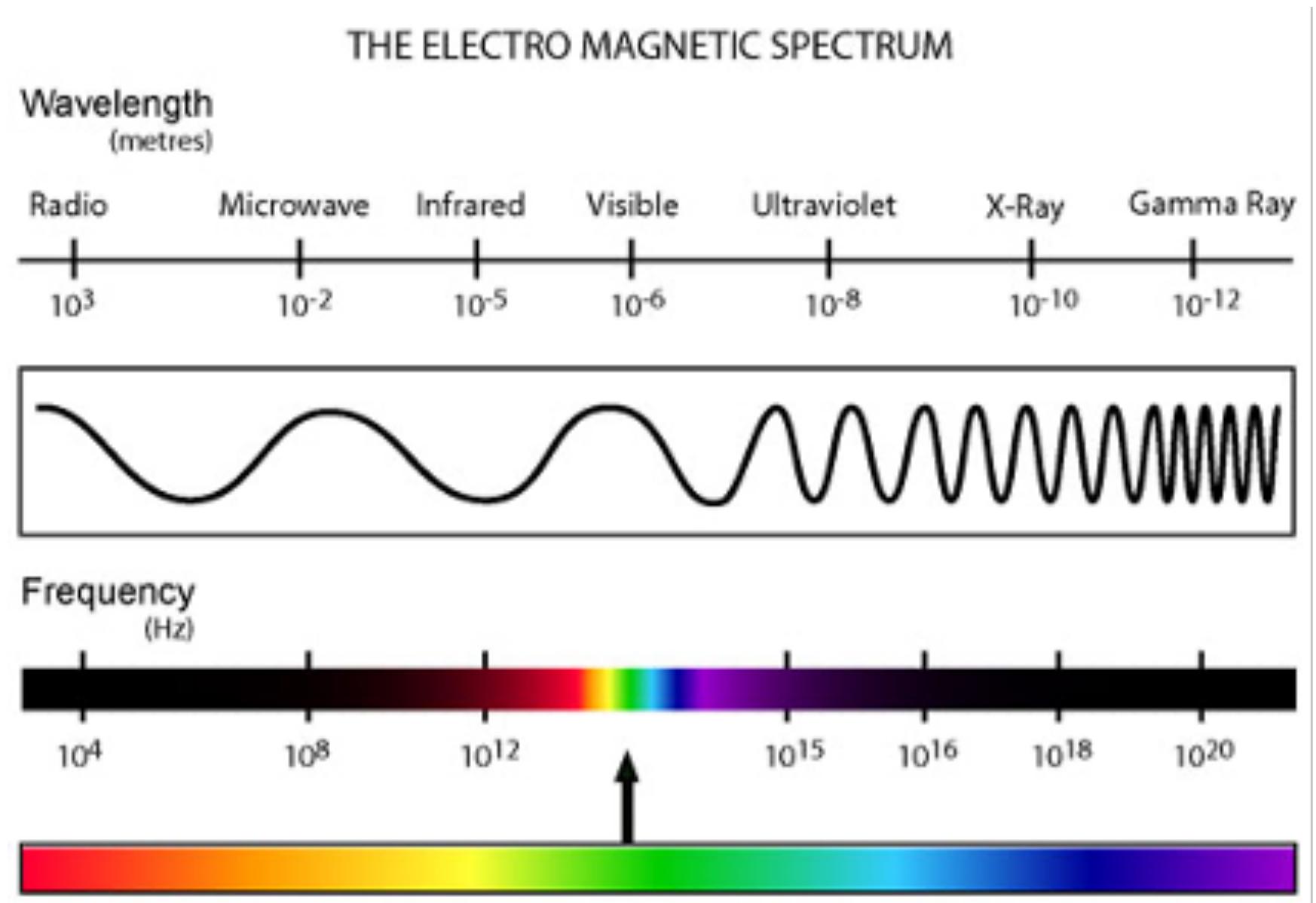
# What Are Images?

A foundation in understanding digital images

# How do Computers ‘see’ Images?

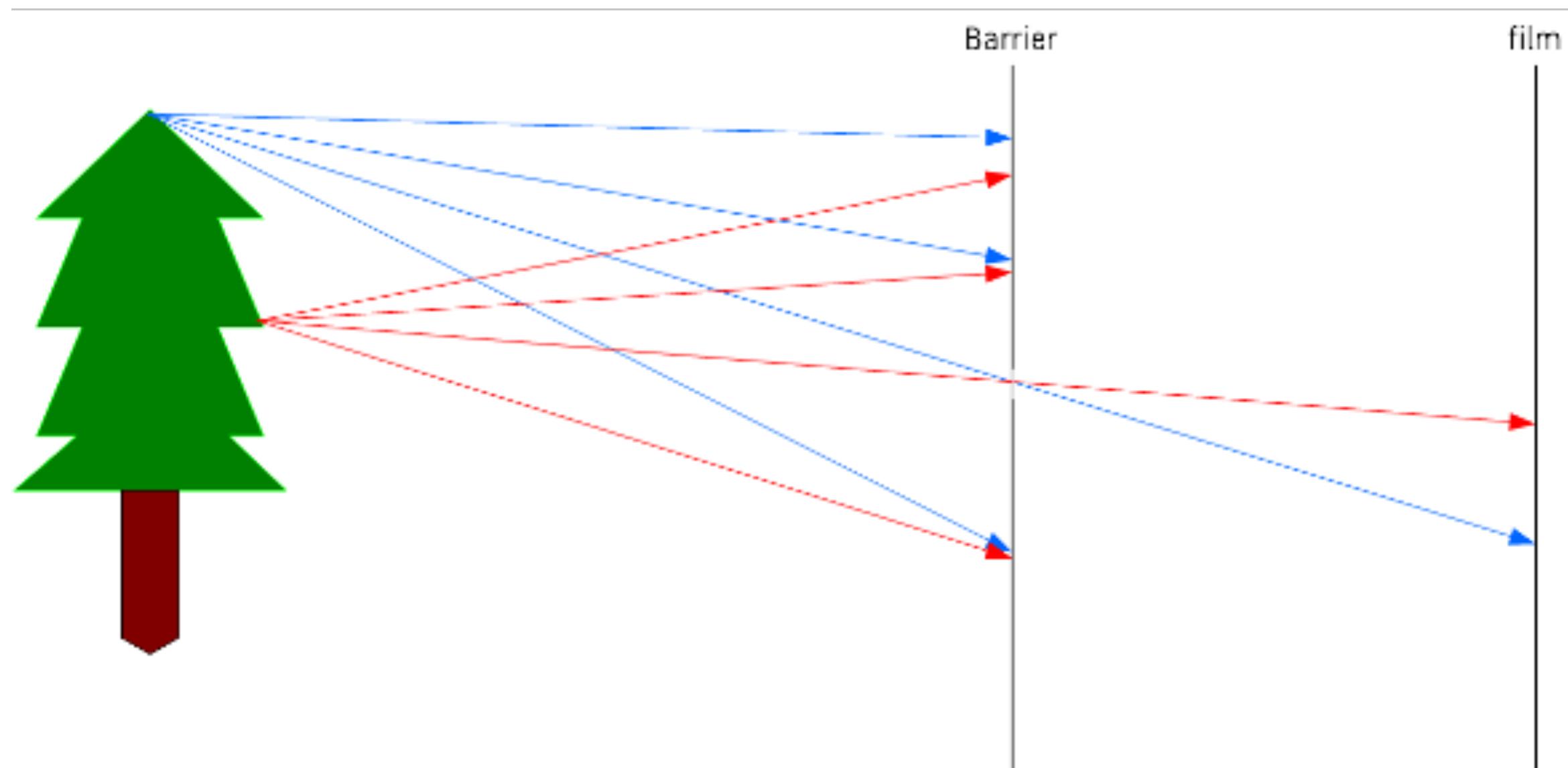
# What are Images?

- Images are 2-D representations of the **visible light spectrum**



# Image Creation

- Digital images are created either by using software on computer (think clip art or logos) or by digital cameras (or scanners).

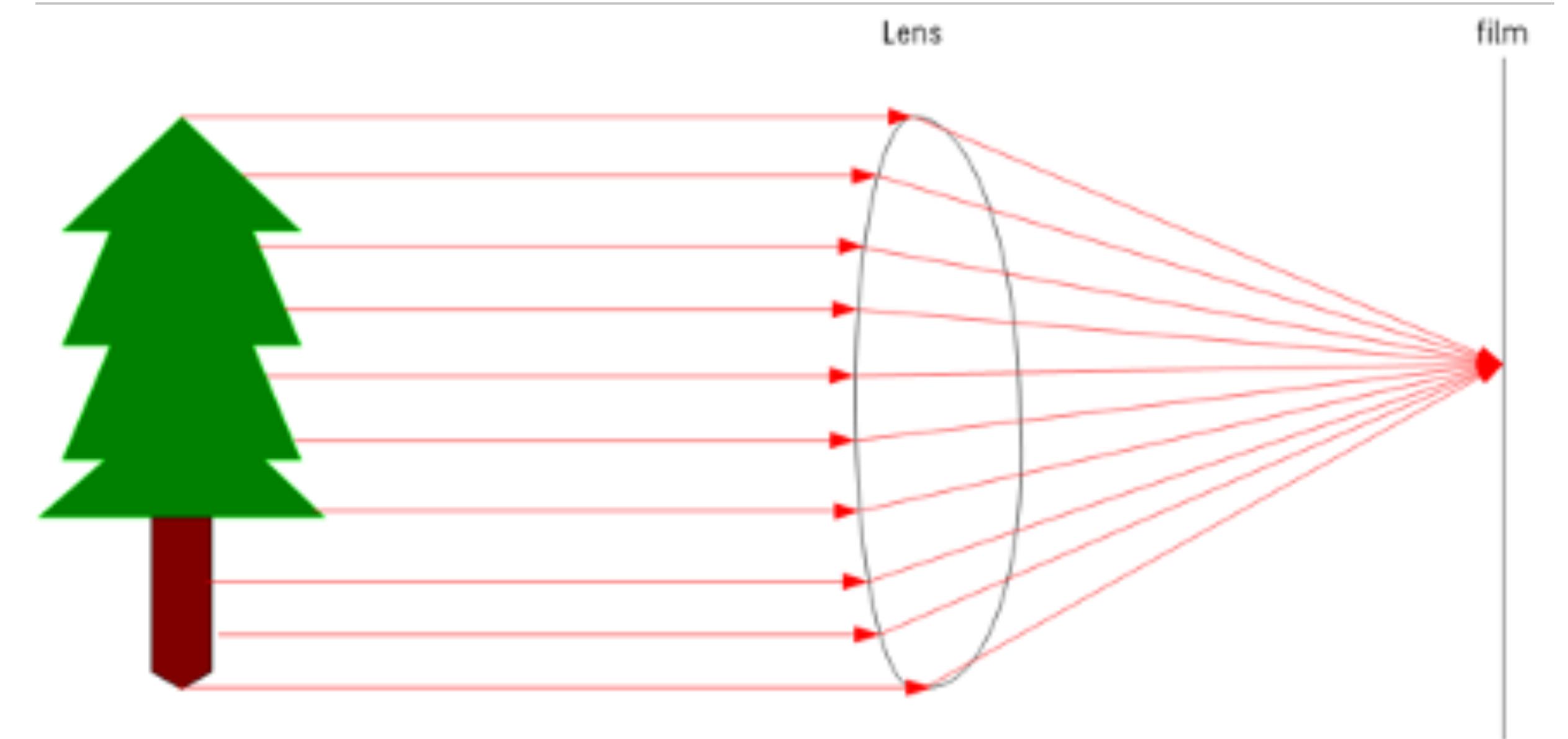


- The pinhole camera model is the basis of how we form an image using a photosensitive sensor

# Modern Cameras

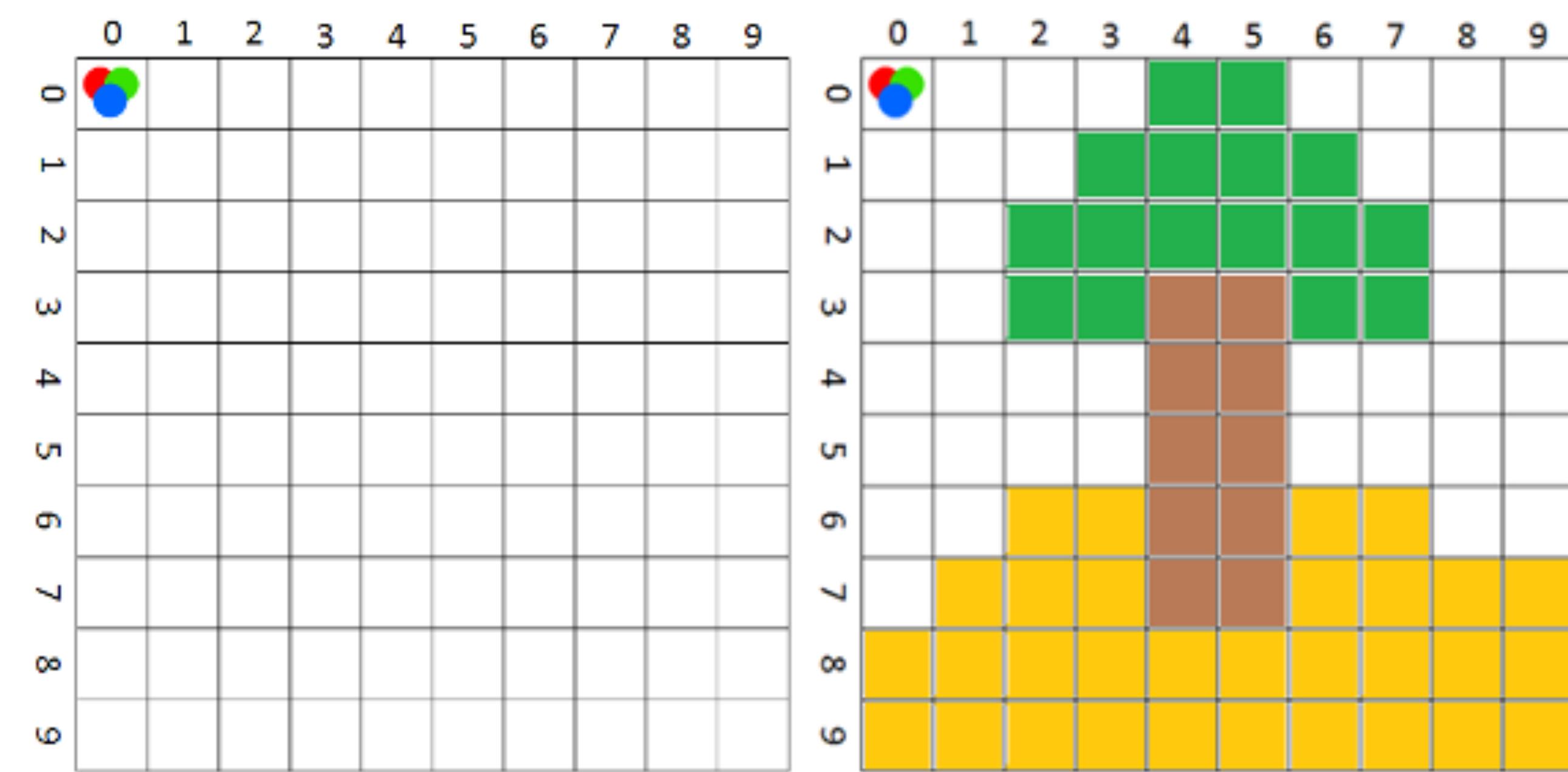
Our eyes as well as cameras use an **adaptive lens** to control many aspects of image formation such as:

- **Aperture Size**
  - Controls the amount of light allowed through (f-stops in cameras)
  - Depth of Field (Bokeh)
- **Lens width** - Adjusts focus distance (near or far)



# Digital Images

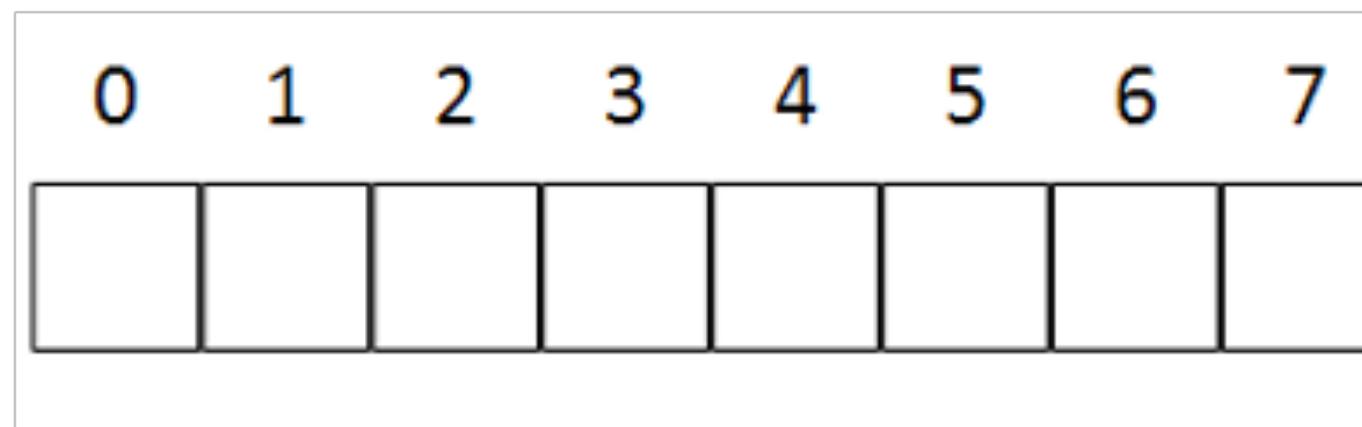
- Computers store images in a variety of formats, however they all involve mixing some of the following such as: colours, hues, brightness or saturation.
- The one most commonly used in Computer Vision is **RGB (Red, Green, Blue)**
- Each pixel is a combination of the brightness of blue, green and red, ranging from 0 to 255 (brightest)
- Yellow is represented as:
  - Red – 255
  - Green – 255
  - Blue - 0



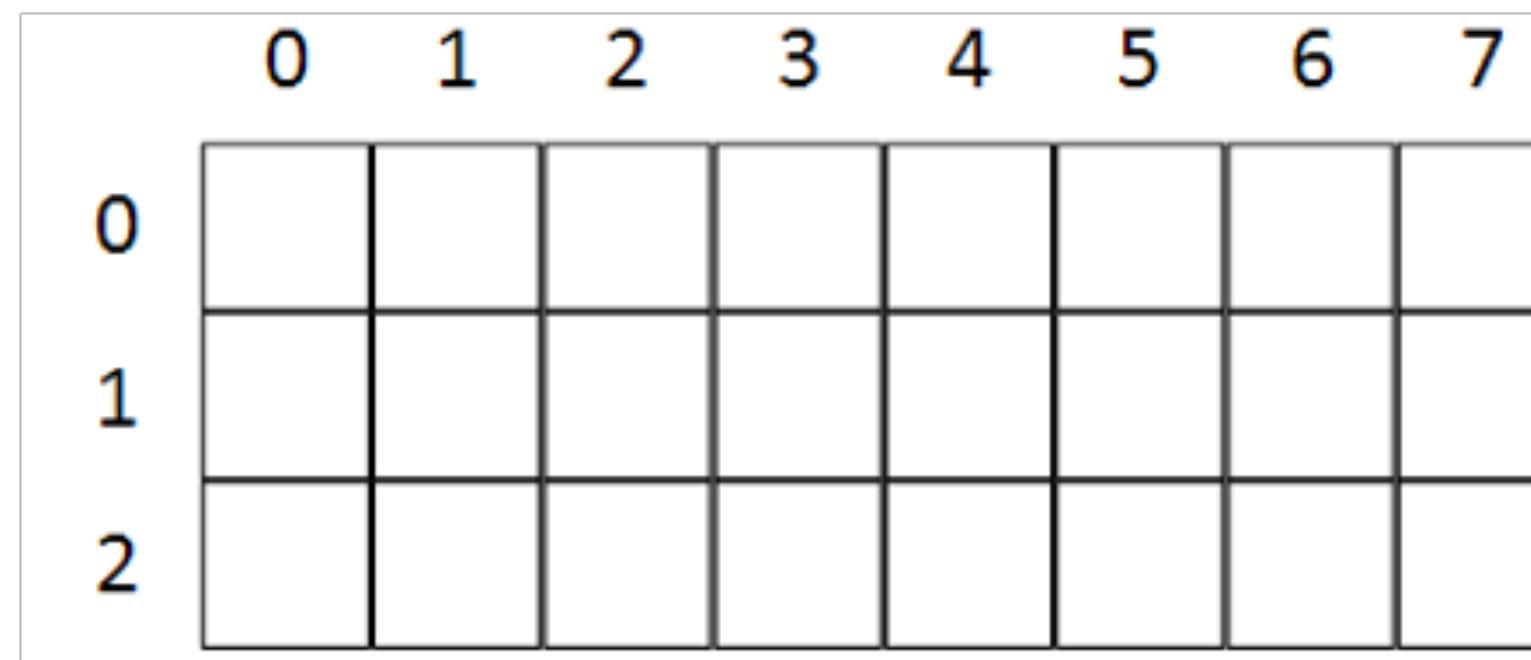
# Digital Images Format

Images are stored in Multi-Dimensional Arrays

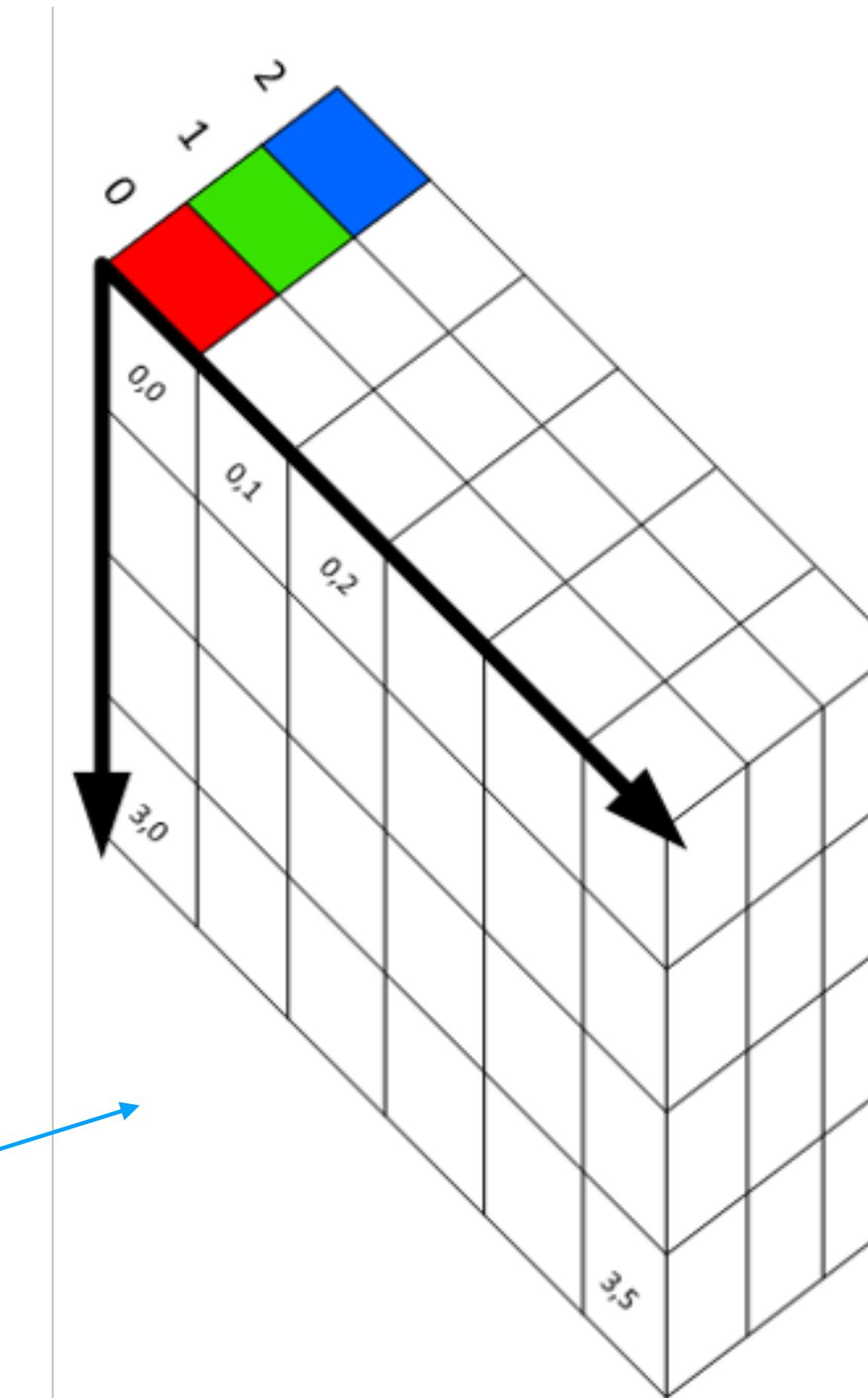
- A 1-Dimensional array looks like this



- A 2-Dimensional array looks like this



- A 3-Dimensional array looks like this

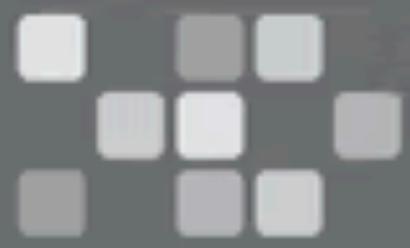


# A Grayscale Image

Sometimes referred to as black and white image

- Info is stored in a 2-Dim array

# Image File Formats



## Raster images

Pixel-based graphics  
Resolution dependent  
Photos & web graphics

JPG

Web & print  
photos and  
quick previews

GIF

Animation &  
transparency in  
limited colors

PNG

Transparency  
with millions  
of colors

TIFF

High quality  
print graphics  
and scans

RAW

Unprocessed  
data from  
digital cameras

PSD

Layered Adobe  
Photoshop  
design files



## Vector images

Curve-based graphics  
Resolution independent  
Logos, icons, & type

PDF

Print files and  
web-based  
documents

EPS

Individual  
vector design  
elements

AI

Original Adobe  
Illustrator  
design files

SVG

Vector files  
for web  
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