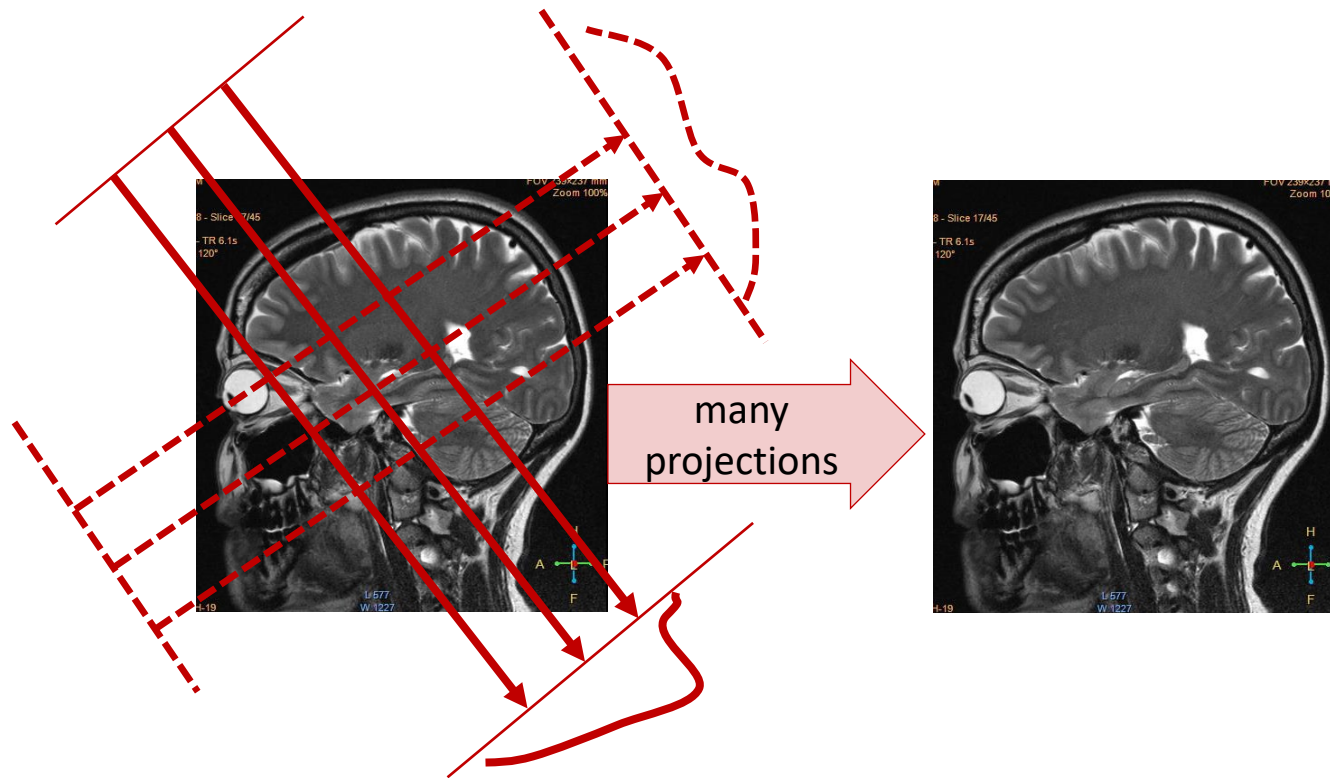


WELCOME TO
THE MATRIX!!!!!!

EE16A Lec1

Systems of Linear Equations and Gaussian Elimination

Last time: Tomography



If you like tomography,
you'll love EE123, EE145B,
EECS261, EE225E!

Or research with profs:
Miki Lustig
Chunlei Liu

What is a projection?

Sum of values along a line.

Vectors are arrays of numbers

represents a SINGLE POINT in N-dimensional space

$$\vec{\mathbf{X}} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_N \end{bmatrix}$$

column vector

$$\mathbf{X} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & x_2 & x_3 & \cdots & x_N \end{bmatrix}$$

row vector

What are the dimensions
of this vector?

$$\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^3$$

3-dimensional vector $\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix}$

A matrix is a rectangular array of numbers

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & A_{12} & \cdots & A_{1n} \\ A_{21} & A_{22} & \cdots & A_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ A_{m1} & A_{m2} & \cdots & A_{mn} \end{bmatrix}$$

This is element
(component) A_{2n} of
the matrix

What are the dimensions of \mathbf{A} ?

m rows and **n columns** means
it is a **m x n** matrix

Some special types of matrices

zero matrix

$$\vec{0} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

diagonal matrix

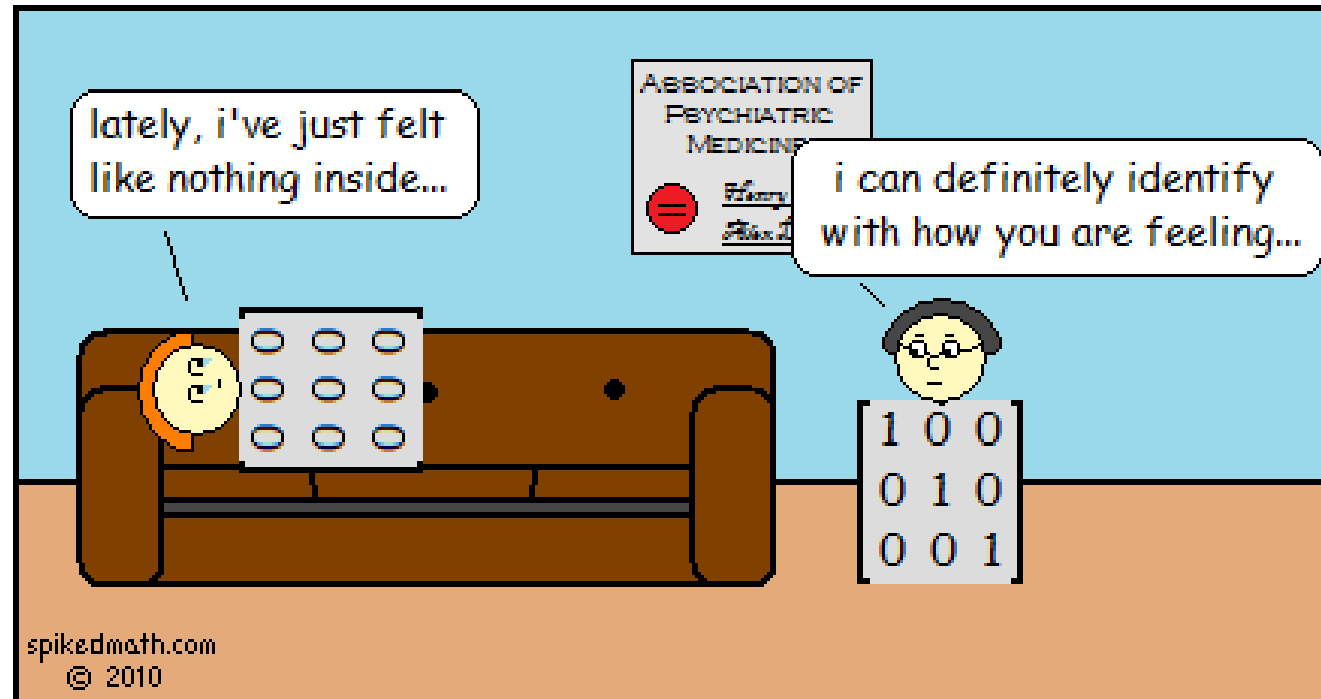
$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & a_{22} & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a_{33} & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$

identity matrix

$$\mathbf{I} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

upper triangular matrix

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & a_{14} \\ 0 & a_{22} & a_{23} & a_{24} \\ 0 & 0 & a_{33} & a_{34} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & a_{44} \end{bmatrix}$$



Ways of representing linear systems of equations

$$\begin{aligned} ax_1 + ax_2 &= b_1 \\ ax_3 + ax_4 &= b_2 \\ ax_1 + ax_3 &= b_3 \\ ax_2 + ax_4 &= b_4 \end{aligned}$$



Can also be represented as:

$$\left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} a & a & 0 & 0 & b_1 \\ 0 & 0 & a & a & b_2 \\ a & 0 & a & 0 & b_3 \\ 0 & a & 0 & a & b_4 \end{array} \right]$$

Or:



$$\begin{bmatrix} a & a & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a & a \\ a & 0 & a & 0 \\ 0 & a & 0 & a \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \\ x_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \\ b_4 \end{bmatrix}$$

Or:



$$Ax = b$$



The lazy way

Today: Solving a linear system of equations

First, write in simple form:

$$\textcircled{1} \quad x + 4y = 6$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad -y + 2x = 3$$



$$\left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 4 & 6 \\ 2 & -1 & 3 \end{array} \right]$$

Don't forget to put x in one column and y in another

Now solve it. How?

Start plugging equations into each other....
See what happens?

e.g.

1) Solve $\textcircled{1}$ for x and plug into $\textcircled{2}$

2) $4 \times \textcircled{2} + \textcircled{1}$

$\left. \begin{array}{l} \textcircled{1} \quad x + 4y = 6 \\ \textcircled{2} \quad 2x - y = 3 \end{array} \right\}$ Solving example

$4 \times \textcircled{2} + \textcircled{1} \rightarrow \begin{array}{r} 8x - 4y = 12 \\ + \quad x + 4y = 6 \\ \hline 9x = 18 \\ \boxed{x = 2} \end{array}$

plug into $\textcircled{1}$:
 $(2) + 4y = 6$
 $4y = 4$
 $\boxed{y = 1}$

GOAL: to develop a systematic way of solving systems of equations with clear rules that *can be done by a computer*



(then I can be even lazier)

Gaussian Elimination for solving a linear system of equations

- Specifies the order in which you combine equations (rows) to “eliminate” (make zero) certain elements of the matrix
- Goal is to transform your system of equations into ***upper triangular***

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & a_{13} & a_{14} \\ 0 & a_{22} & a_{23} & a_{24} \\ 0 & 0 & a_{33} & a_{34} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & a_{44} \end{bmatrix}$$

diagonal elements are called pivots

$$\textcircled{1} \ x + 4y = 6$$

$$\textcircled{2} \ 2x - y = 3$$

in simple form:

$$\left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 4 & 6 \\ 2 & -1 & 3 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\textcircled{2} - 2\textcircled{1} \rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 4 & 6 \\ 0 & -9 & -9 \end{array} \right]$$

we 'eliminated' x

to make this

UPPER TRIANGULAR

↳ can now read off

bottom row variable

$$-9y = -9$$

$$\boxed{y = 1}$$

then plug into top row

$$x + 4y = 6$$

$$x + 4 = 6$$

$$\boxed{x = 2}$$

The Gauss. elim. way to solve is just a specific

$$\textcircled{2} - 2\textcircled{1} \quad \underline{2x - y} - 2(\underline{x + 4y}) = \underline{3} - 2(\underline{6})$$

$$-9y = -9$$

$$\boxed{y = 1}$$

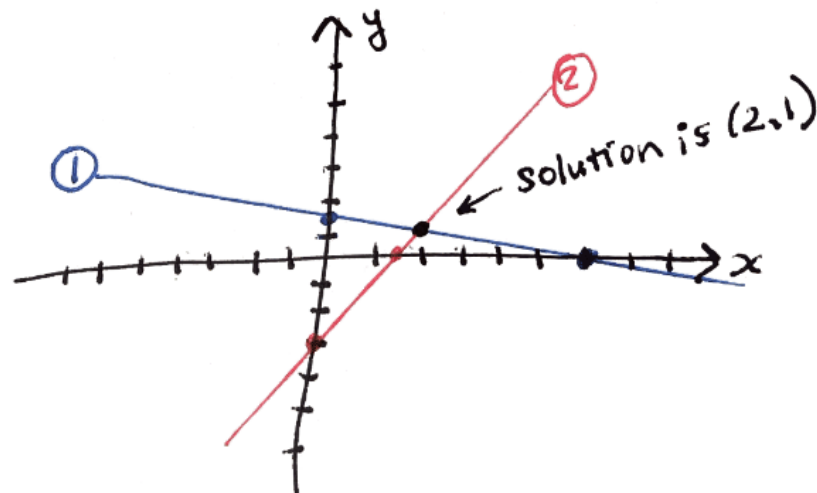
~~use~~ use $\textcircled{1}$ to "eliminate" x from $\textcircled{2}$

then plug it in, say to $\textcircled{1}$:

$$x + 4(1) = 6$$

$$\boxed{x = 2}$$

could also solve graphically:
(find x, y intercept)



3D example

Could you solve this graphically? Intersection of 3 planes. Good luck with that!

$$\begin{aligned} 2y + z &= 1 & \textcircled{1} \\ 2x + 6y + 4z &= 10 & \textcircled{2} \\ 2 - 3y + 3z &= 14 & \textcircled{3} \end{aligned} \rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 0 & 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 6 & 4 & 10 \\ 1 & -3 & 3 & 14 \end{array} \right]$$

Now follow the same procedure:

→ use 1st eqn to eliminate 1st variable from 2nd eqn.

Ann... But it's a ZERO! What to do?

We are allowed to swap rows, so swap Row 1 & 2 giving

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & 6 & 4 & 10 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -3 & 3 & 14 \end{array} \right]$$

Now what?

divide 1st row by 2

Why is that allowed?

doesn't change equation.

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 3 & 2 & 5 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -3 & 3 & 14 \end{array} \right]$$

Now what?

Subtract Row 1 from Row 3

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 3 & 2 & 5 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -6 & 1 & 9 \end{array} \right]$$

zeros! Good. What to make zero (eliminate) first? the -6

which row should I use? Row 2 because if we use Row 1 we'll lose a zero (=BAD!)

Pivots.

upper triangular

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 3 & 2 & 5 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & 12 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow 4z = 12 \rightarrow z = 3$$

Now how many letters have I saved myself from writing??

To be systematic, we should instead make matrix manipulation so that 3rd row pivot is 1:

divide Row 3 by 4

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 3 & 2 & 5 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \end{array} \right]$$

ELIMINATION PART

Now we read off $z=3$

For the "Plug in" part, now we need to back-substitute upwards from bottom:

e.g. plug $z=3$ into row 2 $\rightarrow 2y + 1(z) = 1$
 $2y + 3 = 1$
 $y = -1$

then plug $z=3$ and $y=-1$ into Row 1

$$\begin{aligned} x + 3y + 2z &= 5 \\ x + 3(-1) + 2(3) &= 5 \\ x = 5 + 3 - 6 &= 2 = x \end{aligned}$$

To translate this into matrix manipulations:

(Row 2 - Row 3)

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 3 & 2 & 5 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \end{array} \right]$$

divide Row 2 by 2

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 3 & 2 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \end{array} \right]$$

Now we read off $y=-1$

Finally, (Row 1 - 3Row 2 + 2Row 3)

$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 3 \end{array} \right] \text{ Read off } x=2 \checkmark$$

What is allowed in Gaussian elimination?

- Linear combinations of equations (adding scalar multiples of rows to other rows)
- Multiply a row by a scalar
- Swap rows

Goals of Gaussian Elimination algorithm

- Equation with i^{th} variable in the i^{th} row
- Coefficient of the i^{th} variable in the i^{th} row becomes 1
- For rows $j=i+1$ and higher, subtract row i times the entry in (j,i) to cancel variable i

Gaussian elimination was part of the work of human computers



What might be the variables/measurements in calculating rocket trajectories?

Position, direction of motion, tilt, power/thrust, weight...

Will it always work?

Example 1:

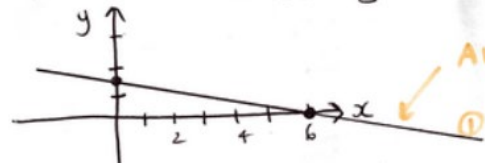
$$\begin{cases} x + 4y = 6 & \textcircled{1} \\ 2x + 8y = 12 & \textcircled{2} \end{cases} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} 2\textcircled{1} = \textcircled{2} \\ \text{No new info!} \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 4 & 6 \\ 2 & 8 & 12 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\text{try Gauss. Elim.}} \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 4 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

pivot is zero!
 $0x + 0y = 0$

Can you solve this? No. (1 equation, 2 unknowns)

Let's look at it graphically:



Any point on this line is a solution.

Questions:

Is there a situation where infinitely many solutions is a good thing?

↳ Yes. In design, gives flexibility.

If you can't solve → UNDER DETERMINED, what should you do?

↳ take more meas!?

Example 2:

$$\begin{cases} x + 4y = 6 \\ 2x + 8y = 10 \end{cases} \rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 4 & 6 \\ 2 & 8 & 10 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 4 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 \end{array} \right]$$

Inconsistent
NO SOLUTION!
 $0 = -2$
cannot solve!

Let's look at it graphically:



parallel lines!

No intersection = no solution

In both cases (~~over~~ under-determined, + inconsistent), the zero pivot was a red flag!

Try $\begin{cases} x + 4y = 6 \\ 2x + 8y = 12 \end{cases} \rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 4 & 6 \\ 2 & 8 & 12 \end{array} \right]$

1) no need to normalize

2) $R_2 - 2R_1 \rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & 4 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$
 $0x + 0y = 0$
Infinite solns

In both cases, the number in the pivot position* being zero was a red flag! (*technically, it's not called a pivot if zero)

Possible situations

- Unique solution
- Infinitely many solutions (underdetermined)
- No solution (inconsistent)

Is it possible to have exactly 2 solutions?

No. consider graphically: two lines cannot intersect in exactly two places

Cats vs. Dogs

These measurements are different linear combinations of two images.

Can you guess what the measurements are?

Top: $0.6 \text{ (dog)} + 0.4 \text{ (cat)}$

Bottom: $0.6 \text{ (cat)} + 0.4 \text{ (dog)}$

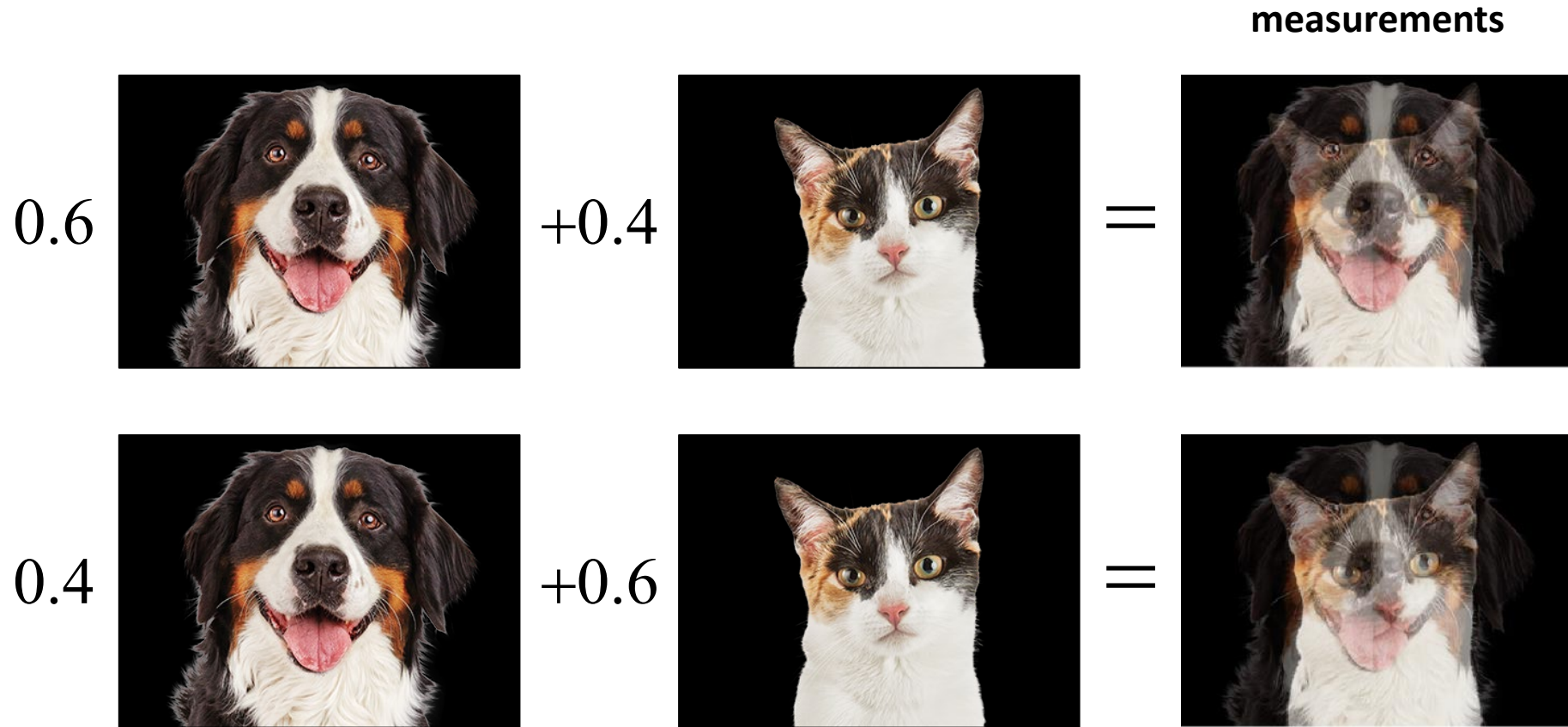
Can I solve for both images from just these two linearly combined images? Just one? None?
How many images do I need minimum?

Two images is enough if they're linearly independent at each pixel!

measurements






Cats vs. Dogs






What are the ideal measurements?

Depends. Maybe direct measurements of cat and dog...

Cats vs. Dogs: Direct measurements

1  + 0  =  measurements

0  + 1  = 

Very easy to solve!

CATS vs. DOGS

How would you set up the Linear System of equations?

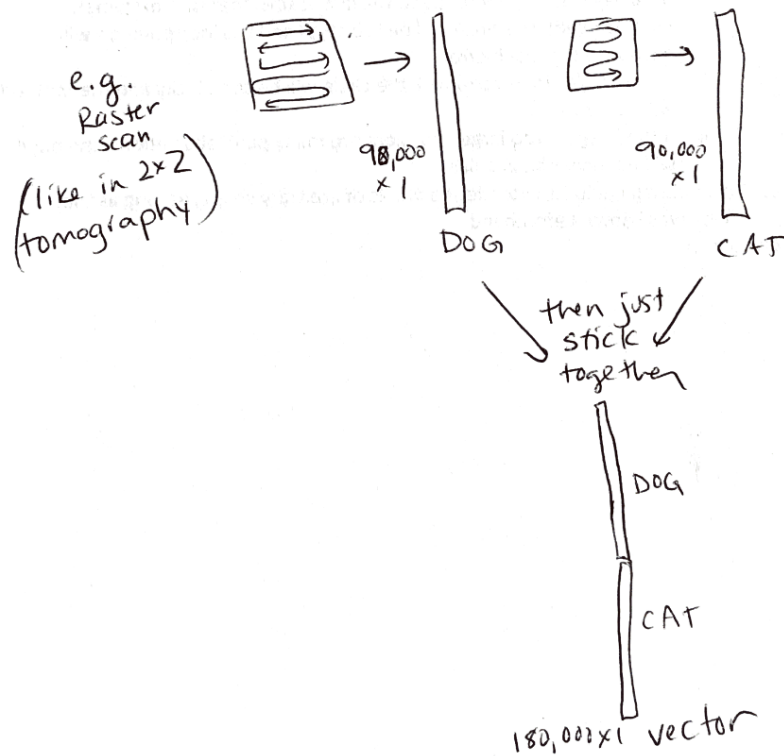
$$0.6 \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \text{DOG} \\ \hline \end{array} + 0.4 \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \text{CAT} \\ \hline \end{array} = \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \text{MIX} \\ \hline \end{array}$$

What are unknowns? ALL pixels of DOG image
And ALL pixels of CAT image!

i.e. $(300 \text{ pixels} \times 300 \text{ pixels}) \times 2$

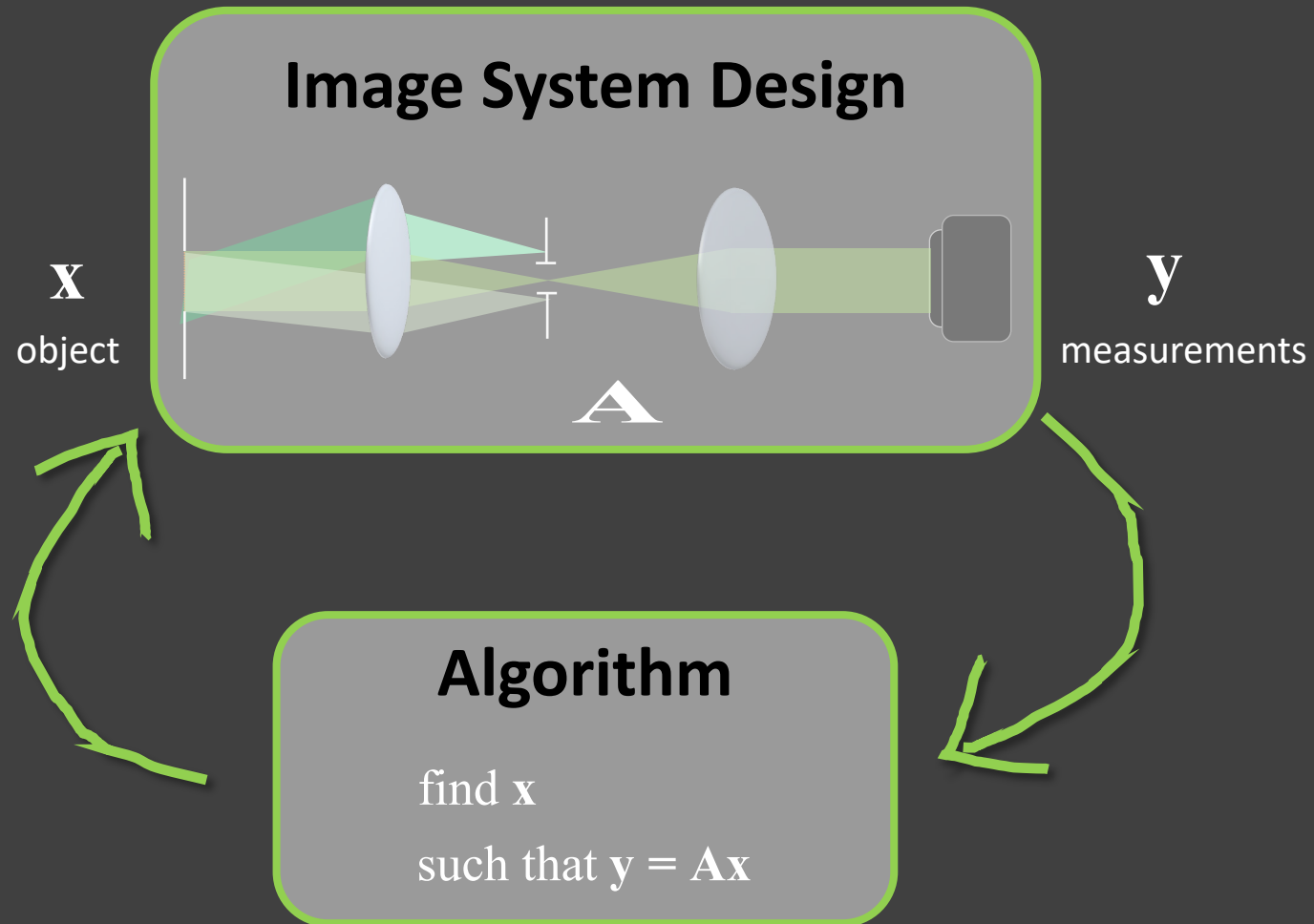
$= 180,000 \text{ pixels}$

Need to put them all into one vector:

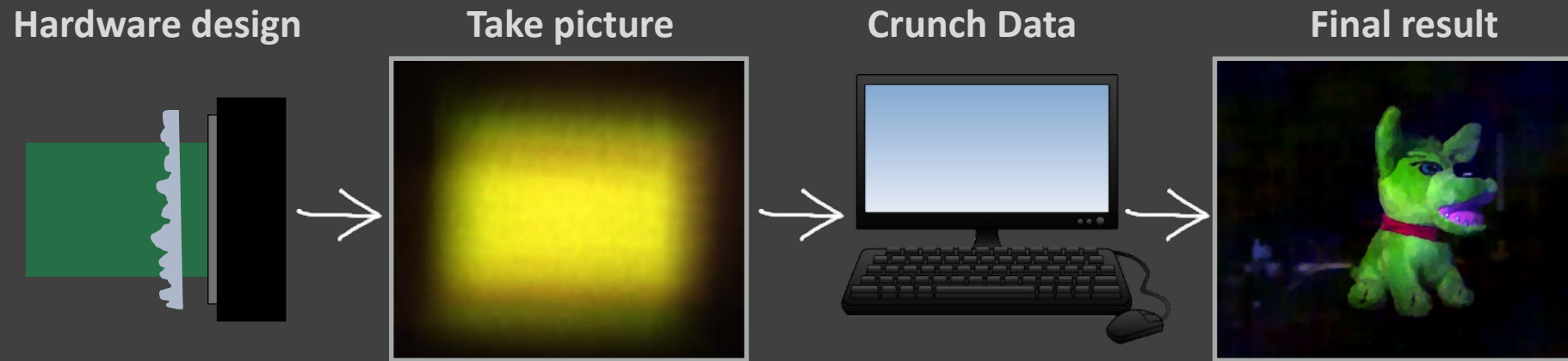


My Research uses linear algebra

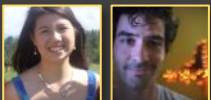
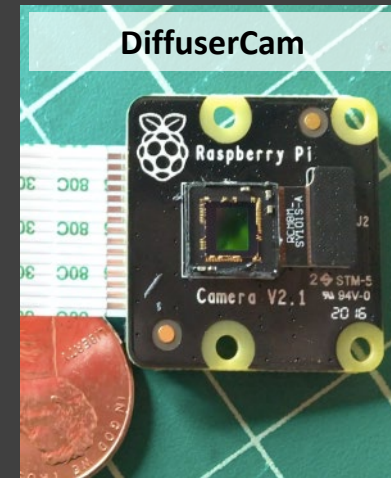
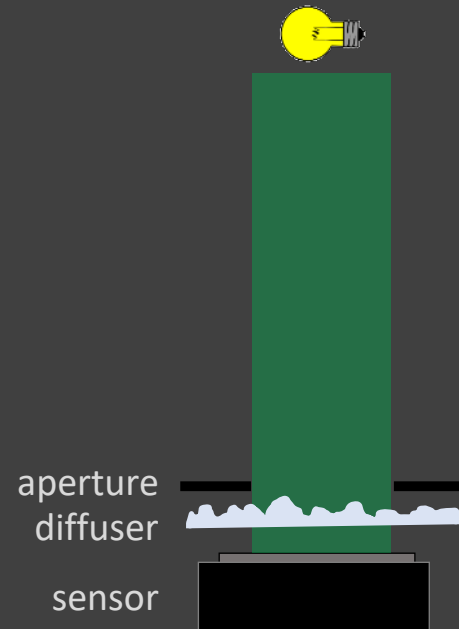
Computational Imaging: joint design of hardware and software



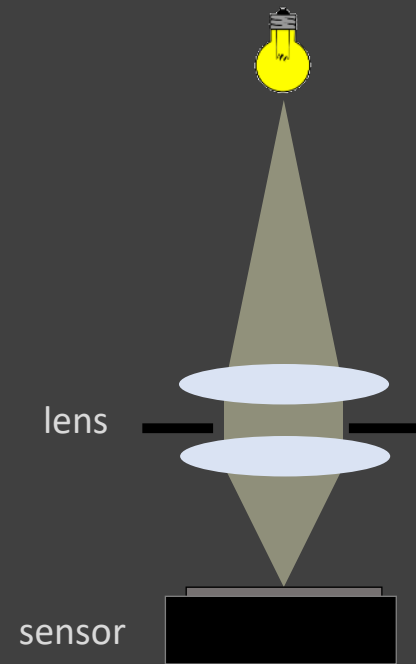
Computational imaging pipeline



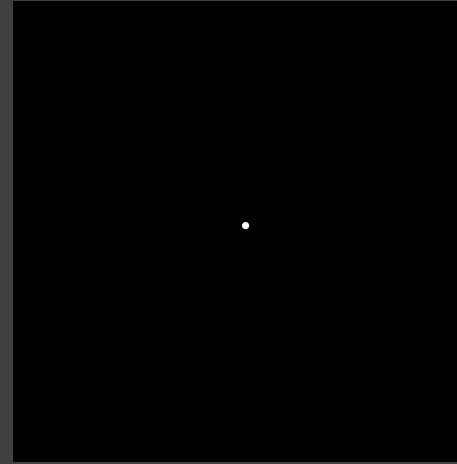
DiffuserCam: tape a diffuser onto a sensor



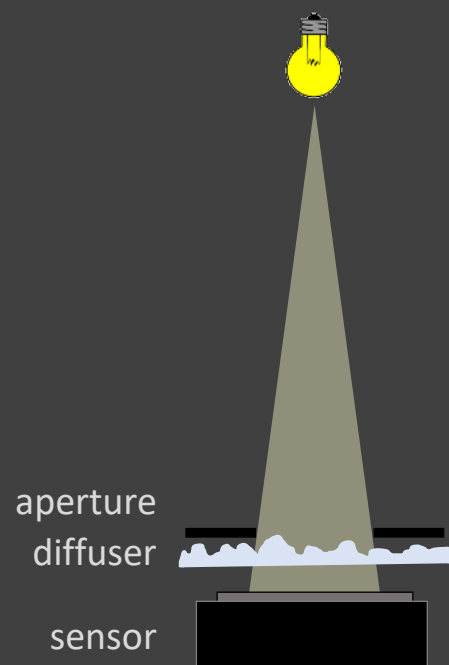
Lenses map a point to a point



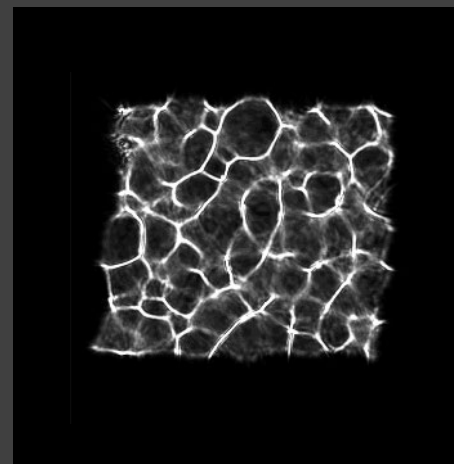
Point Spread Function (PSF)



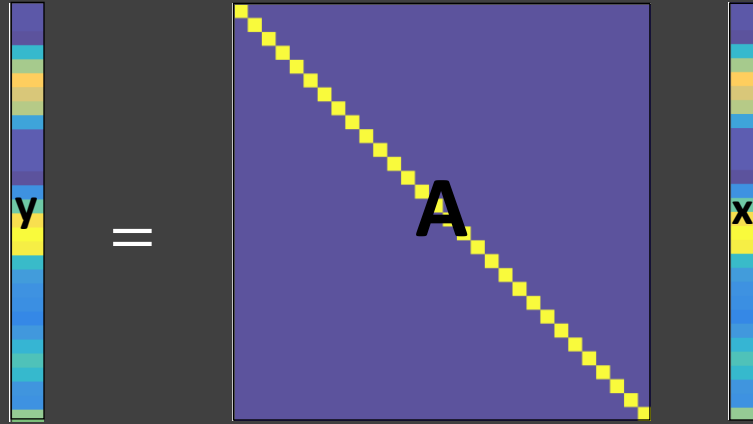
Diffuser maps points to many points (linear combination!)



Point Spread Function (PSF)

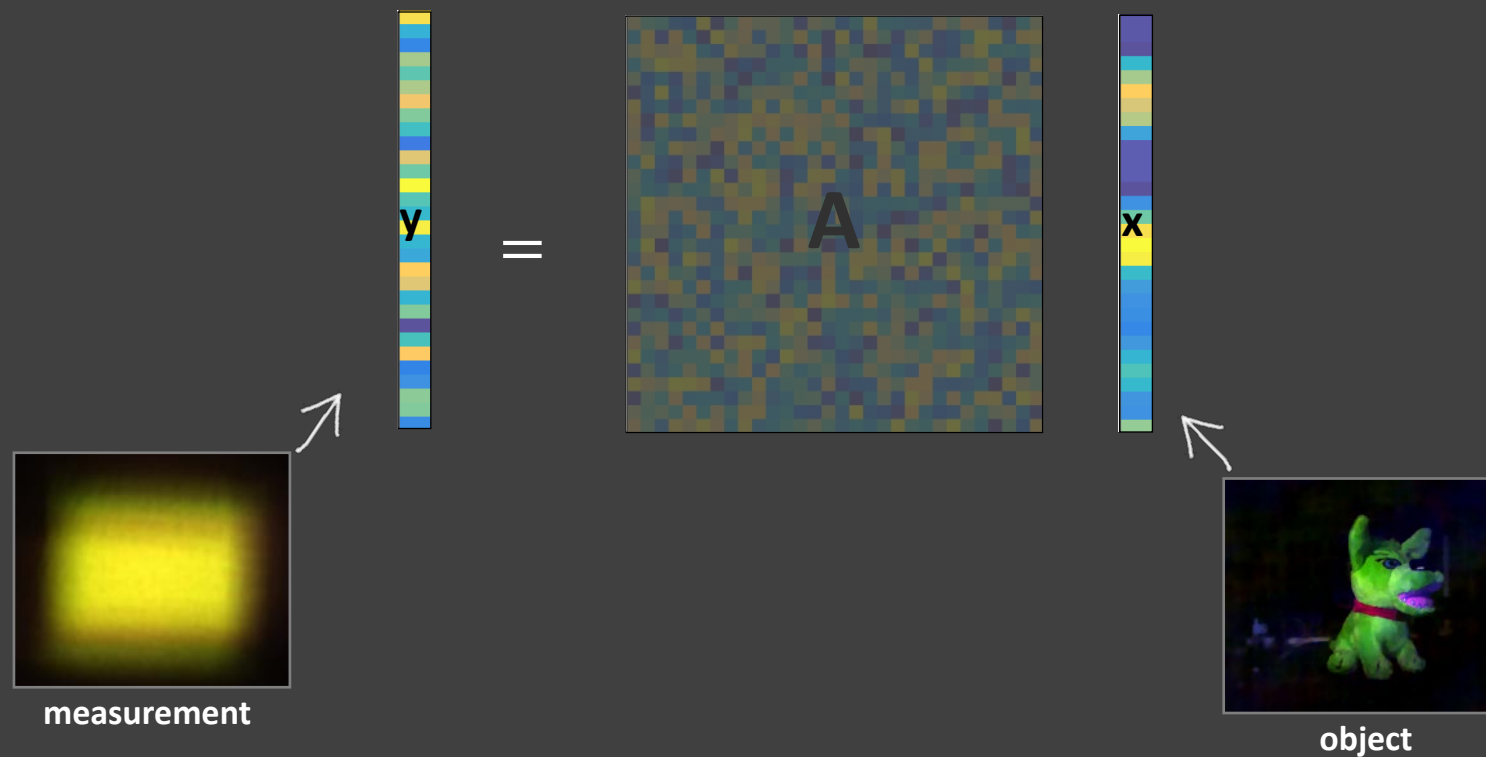


Traditional cameras take direct measurements



The diagram illustrates the equation $y = Ax$ using colored blocks to represent vectors and matrices. On the left, a vertical column of blocks labeled y is shown. In the center is an equals sign. To the right of the equals sign is a square matrix of blocks labeled A , which has a diagonal of yellow blocks and purple blocks elsewhere. To the right of the matrix is another vertical column of blocks labeled x .

Computational cameras can multiplex

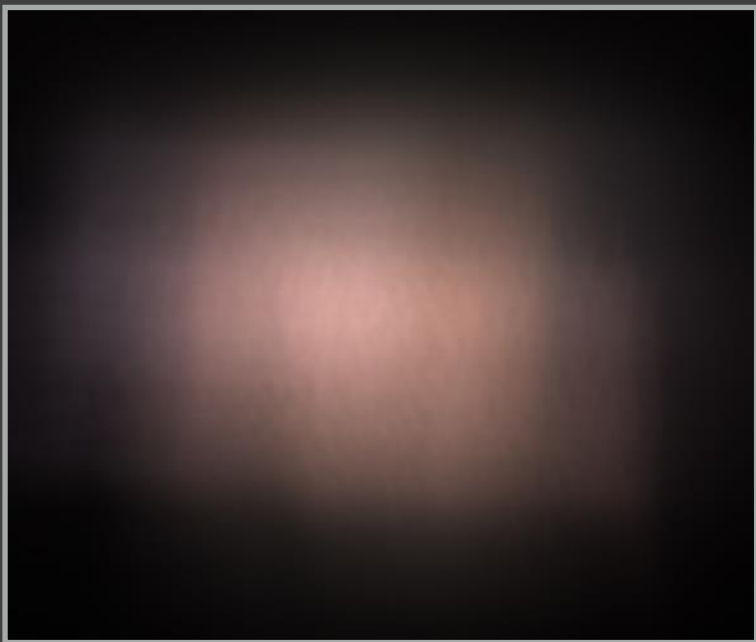




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recovered scene



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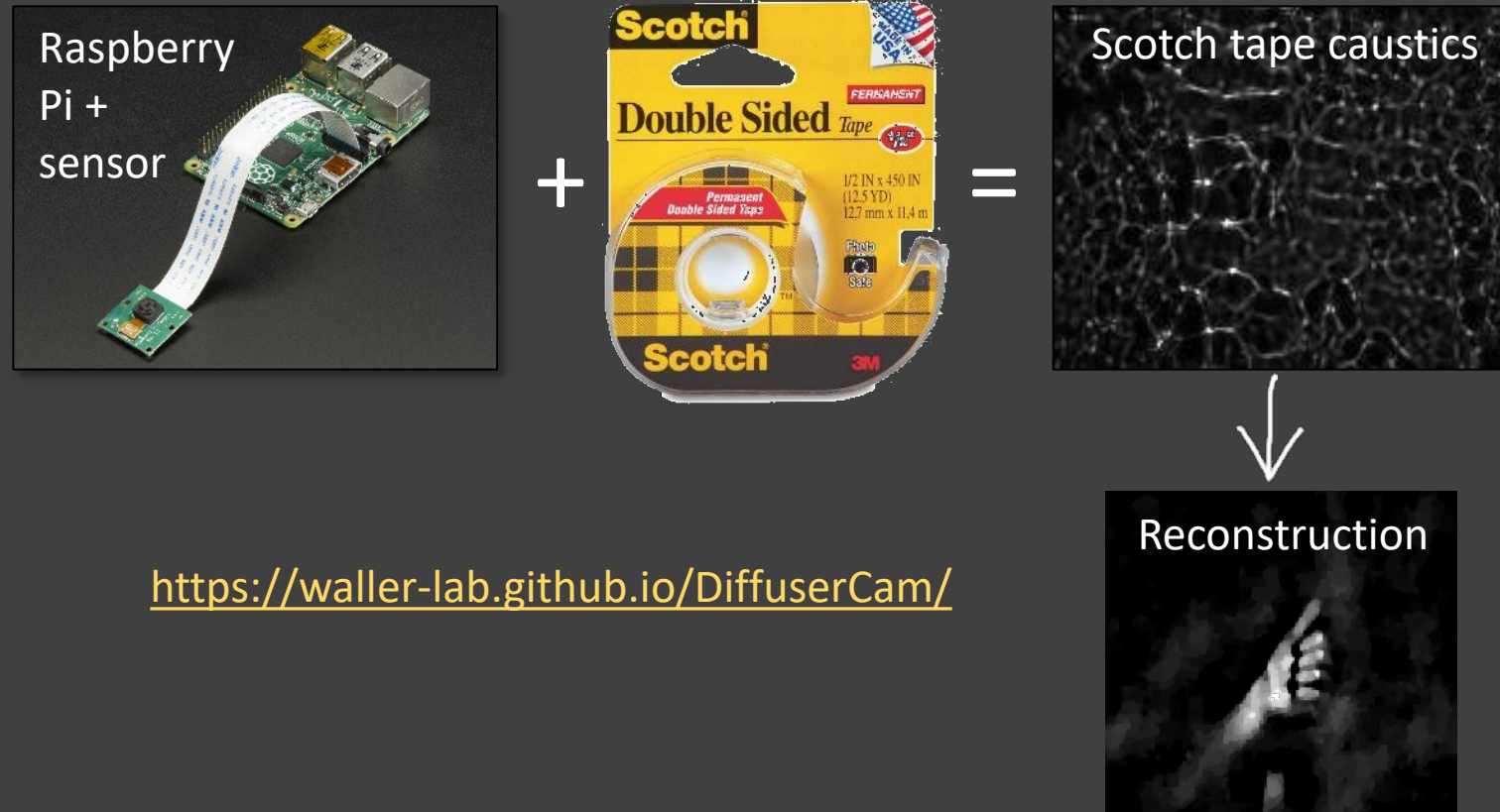


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El cheapo version – ScotchTapeCam!



<https://waller-lab.github.io/DiffuserCam/>



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