

Every image tells a story



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

The goal of computer vision



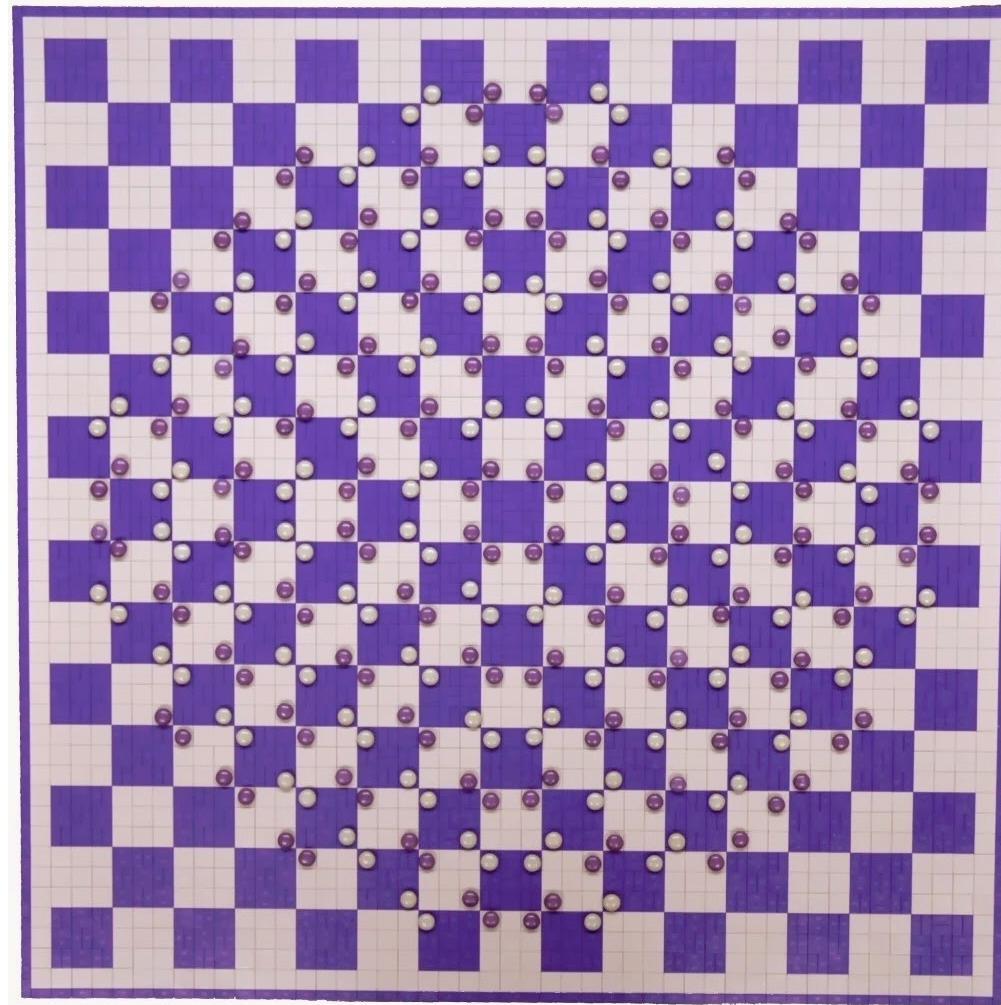
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Can computers match human perception?



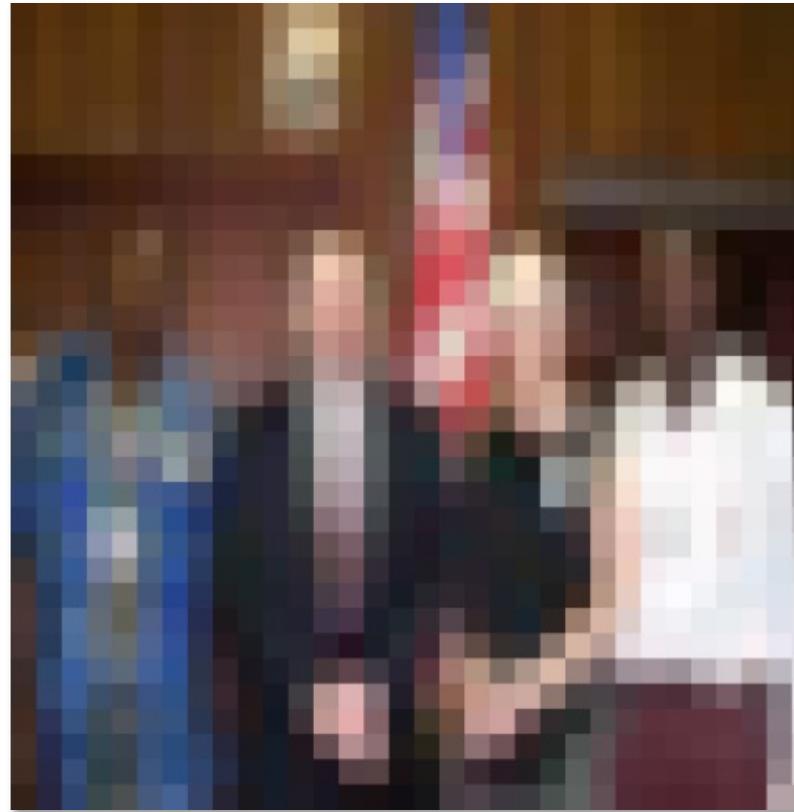
- Yes and no (mainly no)
 - computers can be better at “easy” things
 - humans are better at “hard” things
- But huge progress
 - Accelerating in the last five years due to deep learning
 - What is considered “hard” keeps changing

Human perception has its shortcomings



<https://twitter.com/pickover/status/1460275132958662657/>

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



Source: "80 million tiny images" by Torralba, et al.



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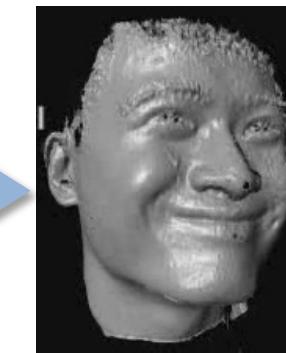
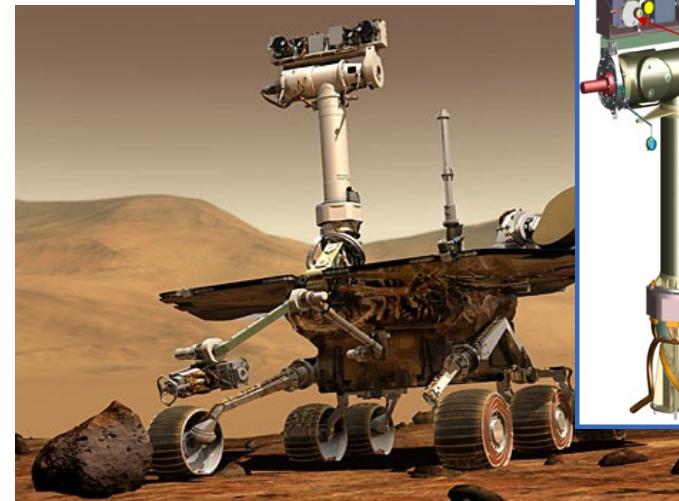
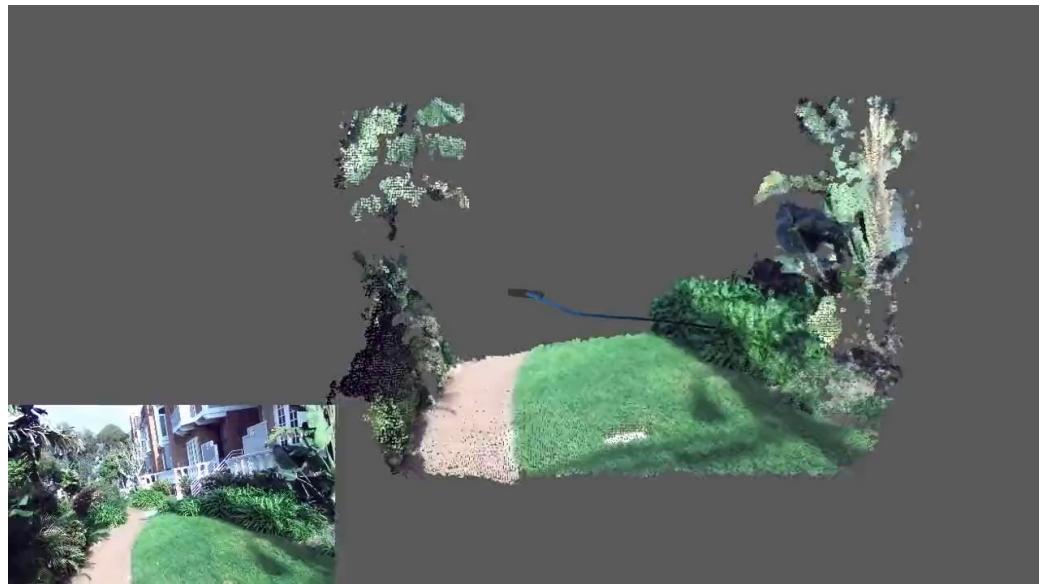


The goal of computer vision

- Compute the 3D shape of the world



ZED 2i Camera



The goal of computer vision

- Recognize objects and people



Terminator 2, 1991



sky

building

flag

banner

中华人民

和国万岁

face

bus



世界人民大团结万岁

wall

street lamp

bus

cars

slide credit: Fei-Fei, Fergus & Torralba

The goal of computer vision

- “Enhance” images





The goal of computer vision

- Forensics



Source: Nayar and Nishino, "Eyes for Relighting"



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Source: Nayar and Nishino, "Eyes for Relighting"

The goal of computer vision

- Improve photos ("Computational Photography")



Super-resolution (source: 2d3)



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



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

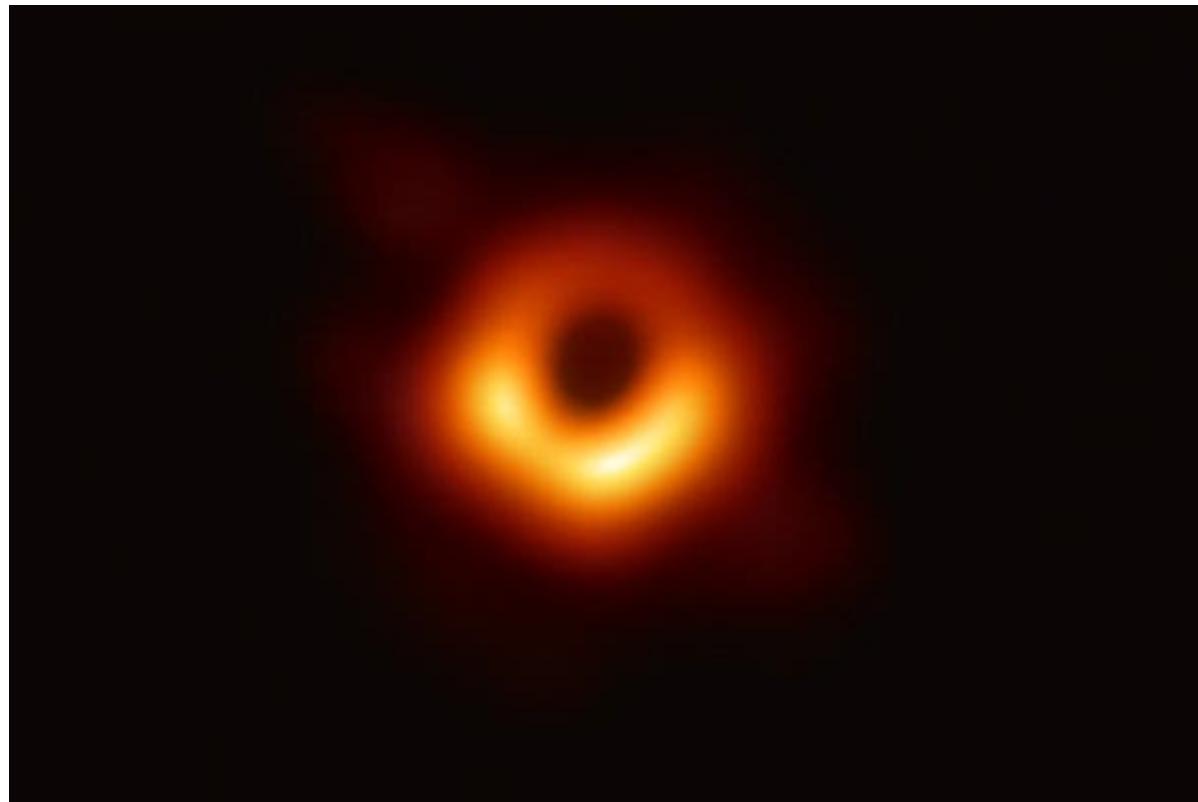


Removing objects
([Google Magic Eraser](#))

Darkness Visible, Finally: Astronomers Capture First Ever Image of a Black Hole

Astronomers at last have captured a picture of one of the most secretive entities in the cosmos.

April 10, 2019



Why study computer vision?

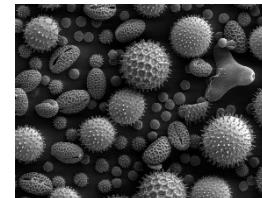
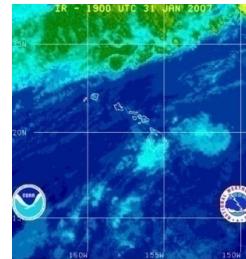
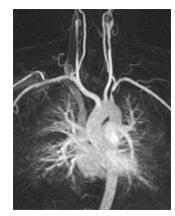
- Billions of images/videos captured per day



flickr



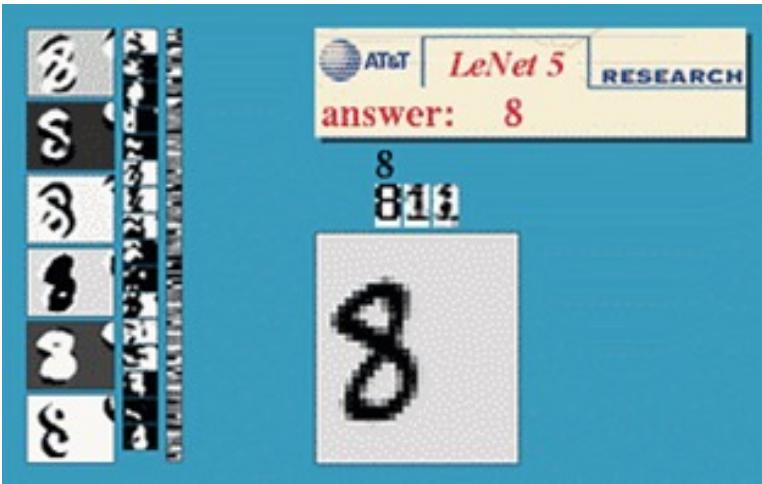
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- Huge number of potential applications
- The next slides show the current state of the art

Optical character recognition (OCR)

- If you have a scanner, it probably came with OCR software



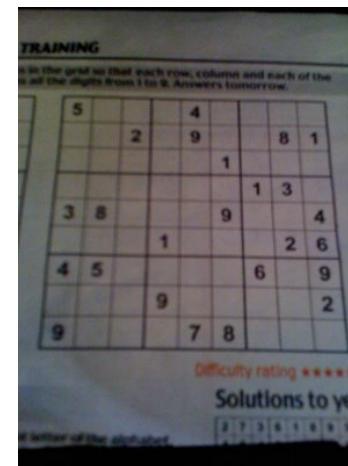
Digit recognition, AT&T labs (1990's)
<http://yann.lecun.com/exdb/lenet/>



Automatic check processing



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



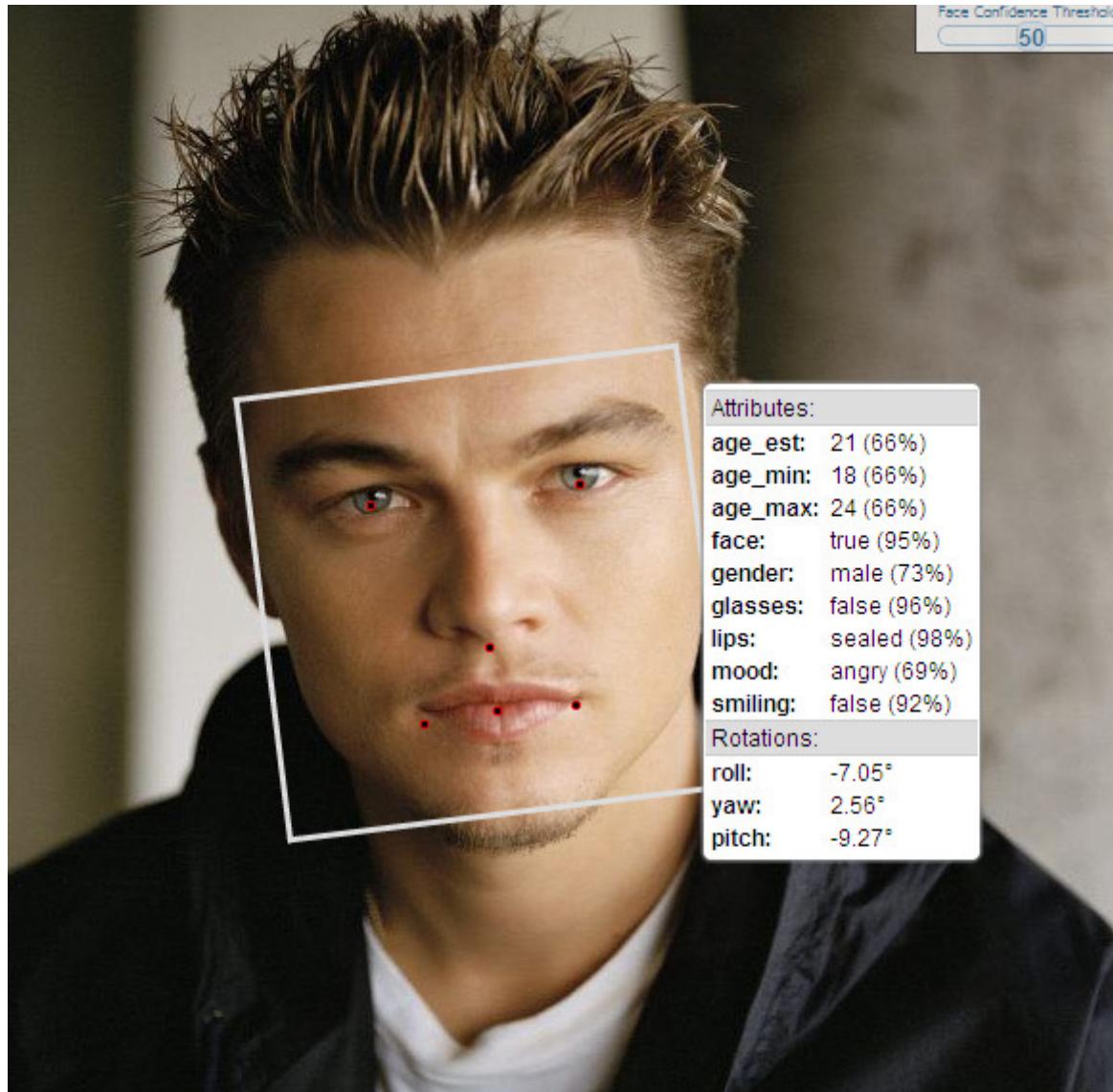
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<http://sudokugrab.blogspot.com/>

Face detection

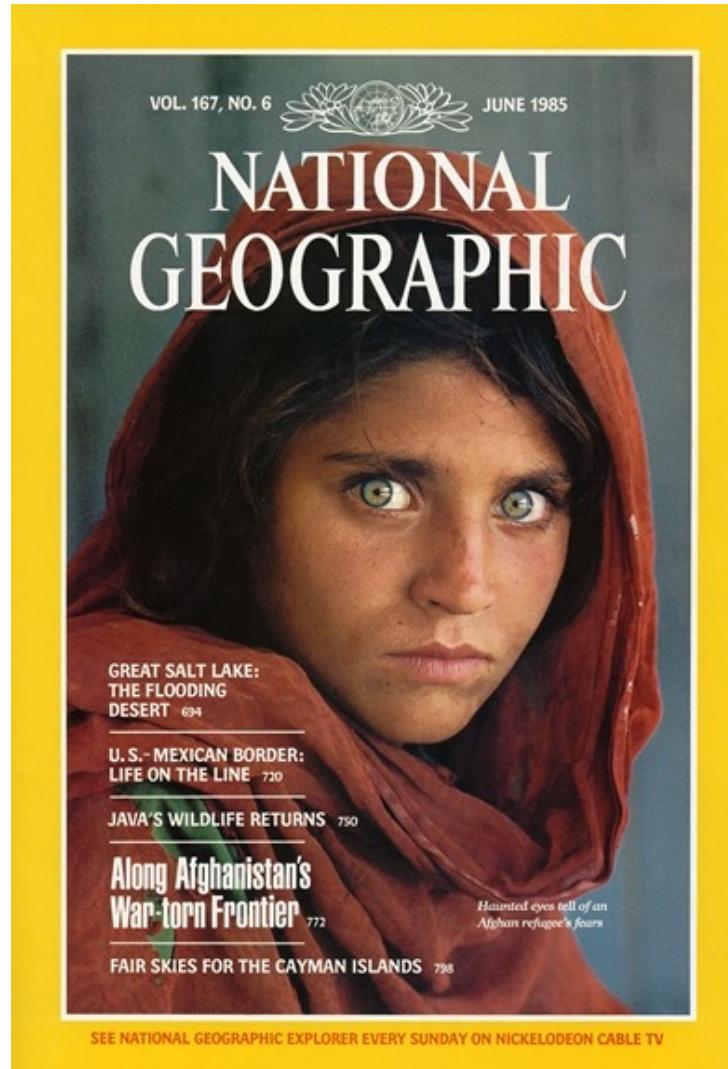


- Nearly all cameras detect faces in real time
 - (Why?)

Face analysis and recognition



Vision-based biometrics



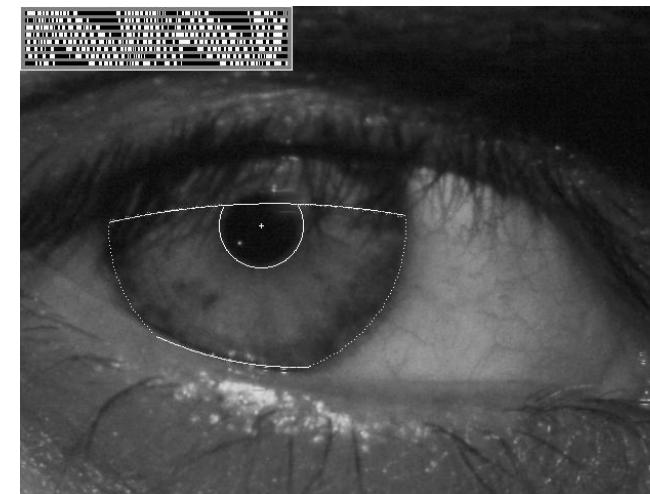
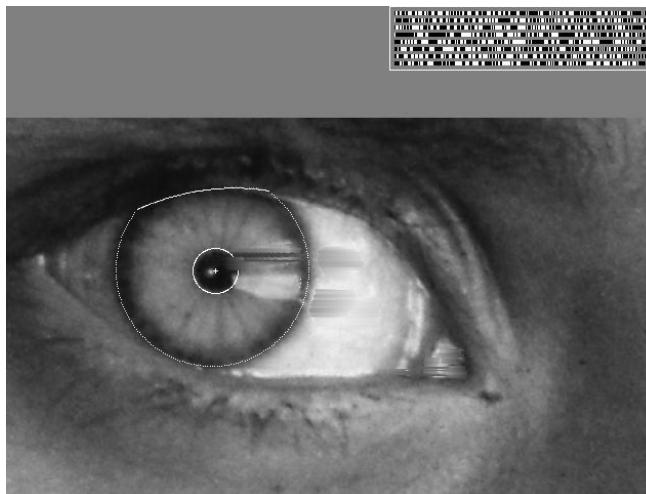
Who is she?

Source: S. Seitz

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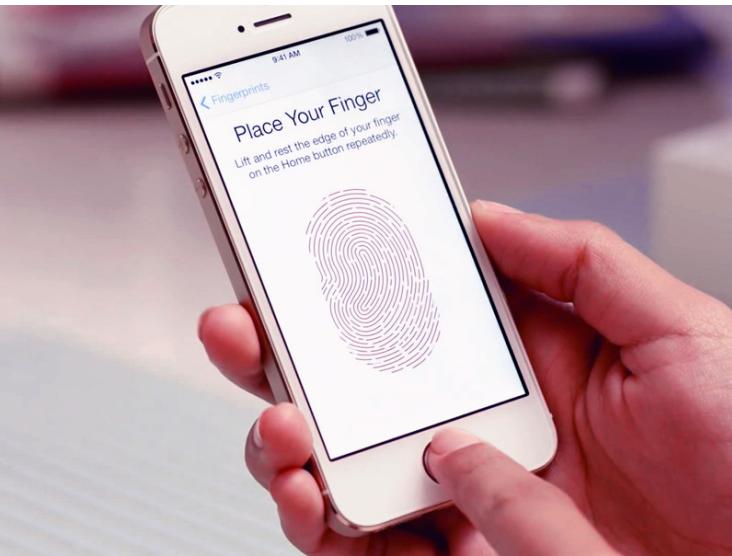


"How the Afghan Girl was Identified by Her Iris Patterns" Read the [story](#)



Source: S. Seitz

Login without a password



Fingerprint scanners on
many new smartphones
and other devices



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

The Secretive Company That Might End Privacy as We Know It

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



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

Researchers warn peace sign photos could expose fingerprints

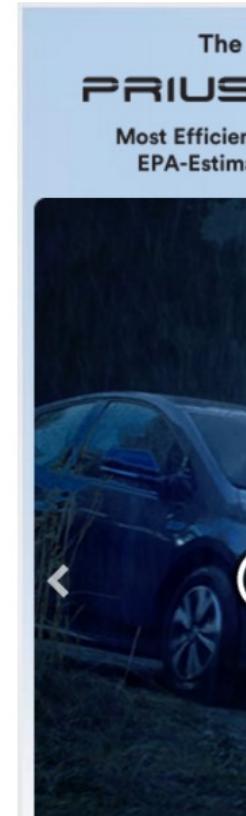
But the likelihood of anyone actually using images to recreate prints is pretty slim.



Jamie Rigg, @jmerigg
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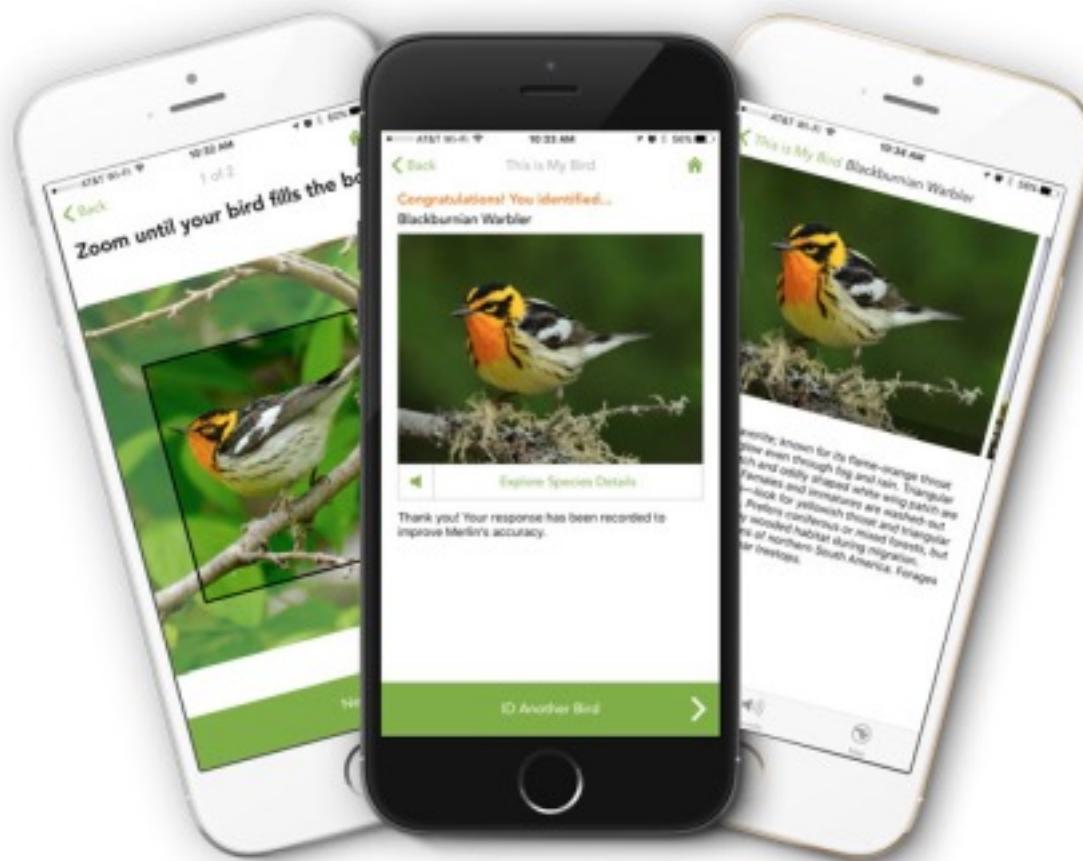
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Bird identification



Merlin Bird ID (based on Cornell Tech technology!)

Special effects: shape capture



The Matrix movies, ESC Entertainment, XYZRGB, NRC

Source: S. Seitz

Special effects: motion capture



Pirates of the Caribbean, Industrial Light and Magic

Source: S. Seitz

MOVIES



Robert De Niro said no green screen. No face dots. How ‘The Irishman’s’ de-aging changes Hollywood



Makeup and wig work got Robert De Niro partway to his character, Frank Sheeran, at 41, left. It took a specially built camera and visual artists to get all the way there, as before-and-after images show. (Netflix)

Los Angeles Times



3D face tracking w/ consumer cameras

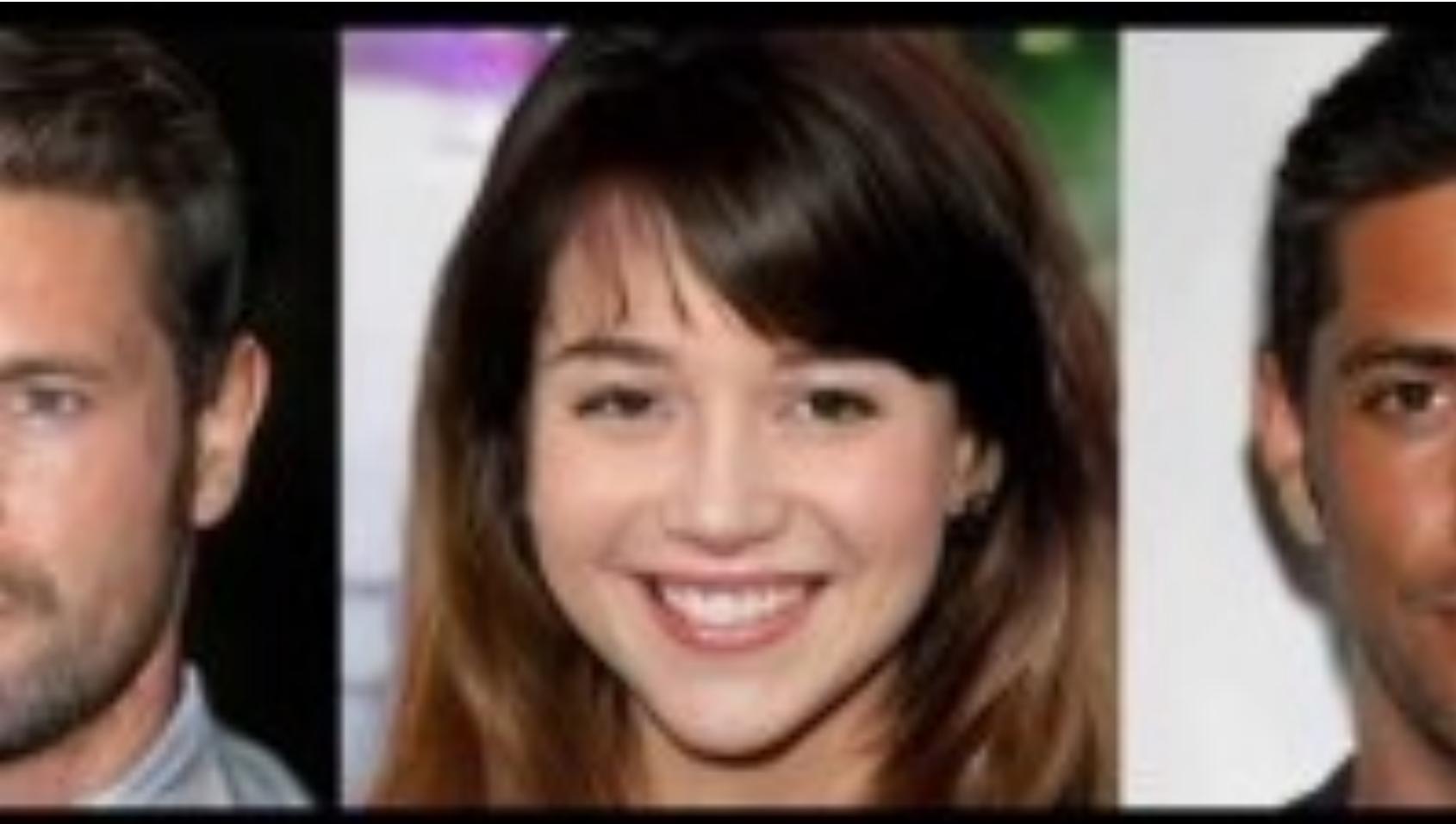


Snapchat Lenses



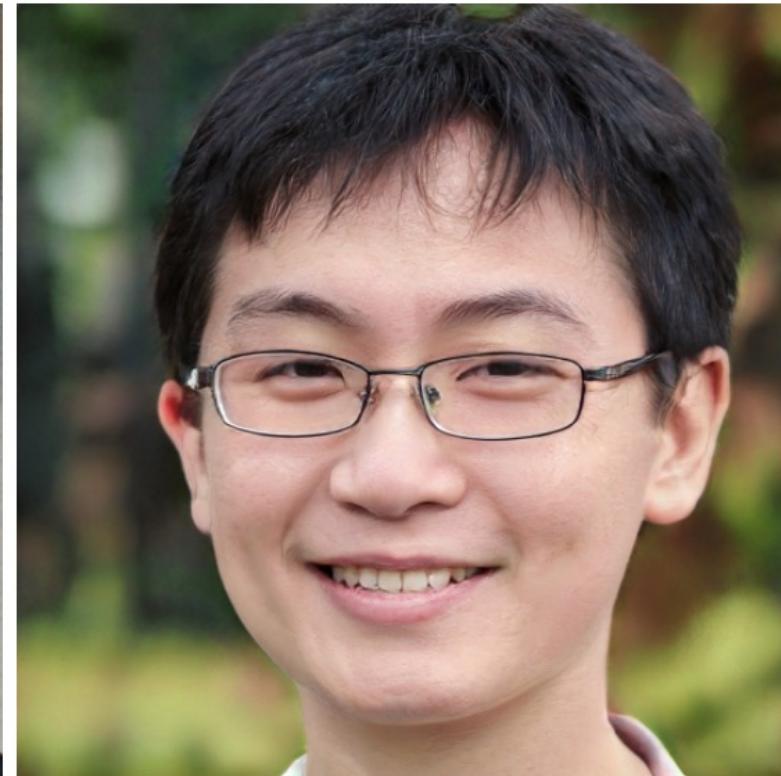
[Face2Face system](#) (Thies et al.)

Image synthesis



Which face is real?

Click on the person who is real.



<https://www.whichfaceisreal.com/>

Image synthesis



"An astronaut riding a horse in a photorealistic style" – DALL-E 2



"A photo of a Corgi dog riding a bike in Times Square. It is wearing sunglasses and a beach hat" – Imagen

Sports



Sportvision first down line
[Explanation](http://www.howstuffworks.com) on www.howstuffworks.com



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

Source: S. Seitz

Smart cars

The image shows a screenshot of the Mobileye website. At the top, there are navigation tabs: 'manufacturer products' (highlighted in blue) and 'consumer products'. Below this is a main heading 'Our Vision. Your Safety.' with a central image of a car from above, showing three cameras: 'rear looking camera' (top left), 'forward looking camera' (top right), and 'side looking camera' (bottom). Below the main heading are three cards: 'EyeQ Vision on a Chip' (with an image of a chip), 'Vision Applications' (with an image of a pedestrian crossing), and 'AWS Advance Warning System' (with an image of a display screen). To the right, there are two columns: 'News' (listing articles like 'Mobileye Advanced Technologies Power Volvo Cars World First Collision Warning With Auto Brake System') and 'Events' (listing events like 'Mobileye at Equip Auto, Paris, France').

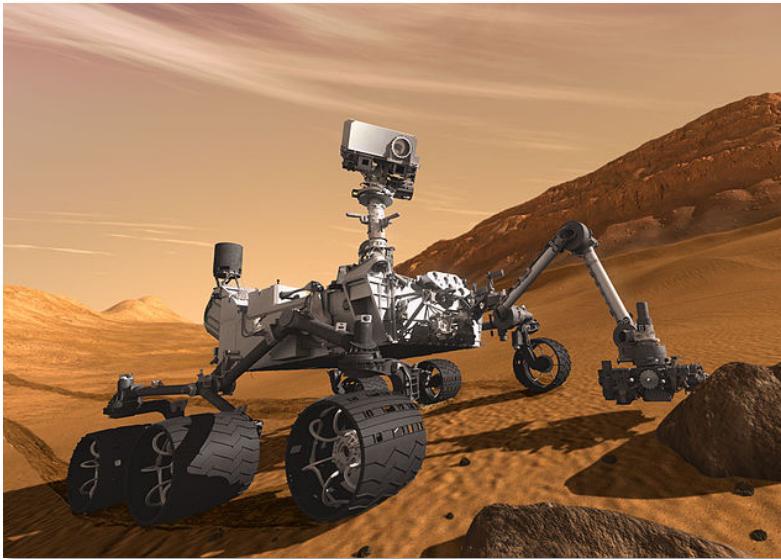
- [Mobileye](#)
- Tesla Autopilot
- Safety features in many cars

Self-driving cars



Waymo

Robotics



NASA's Mars Curiosity Rover
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Curiosity_\(rover\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Curiosity_(rover))



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

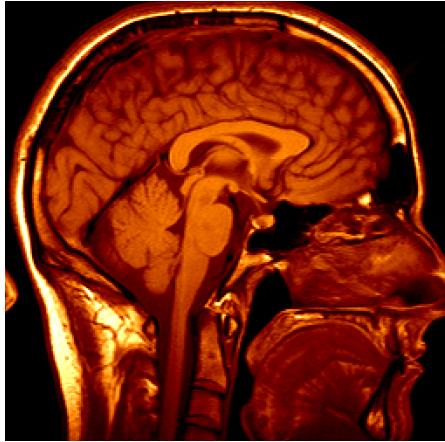


Amazon Prime Air

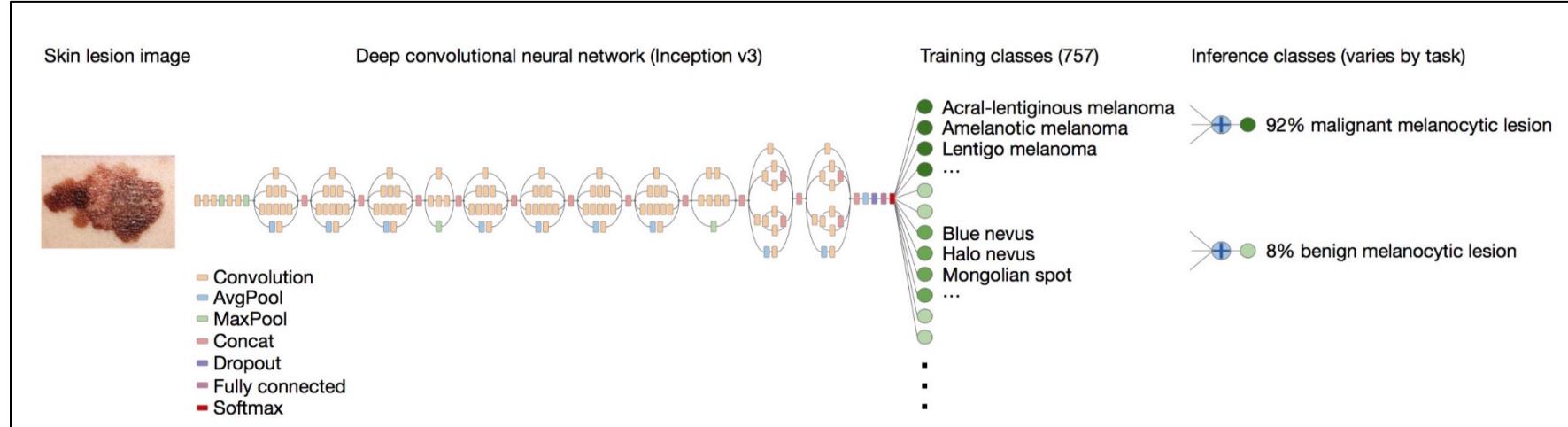


Amazon Scout

Medical imaging



3D imaging
(MRI, CT)



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

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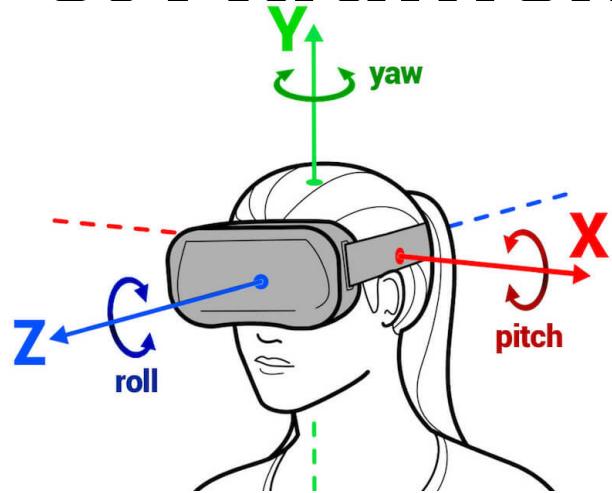
Facebook Buys Oculus, Virtual Reality Gaming Startup, For \$2 Billion

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Virtual & Augmented Reality



6DoF head tracking



Hand & body tracking



3D scene understanding



3D-360 video capture

Current state of the art

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

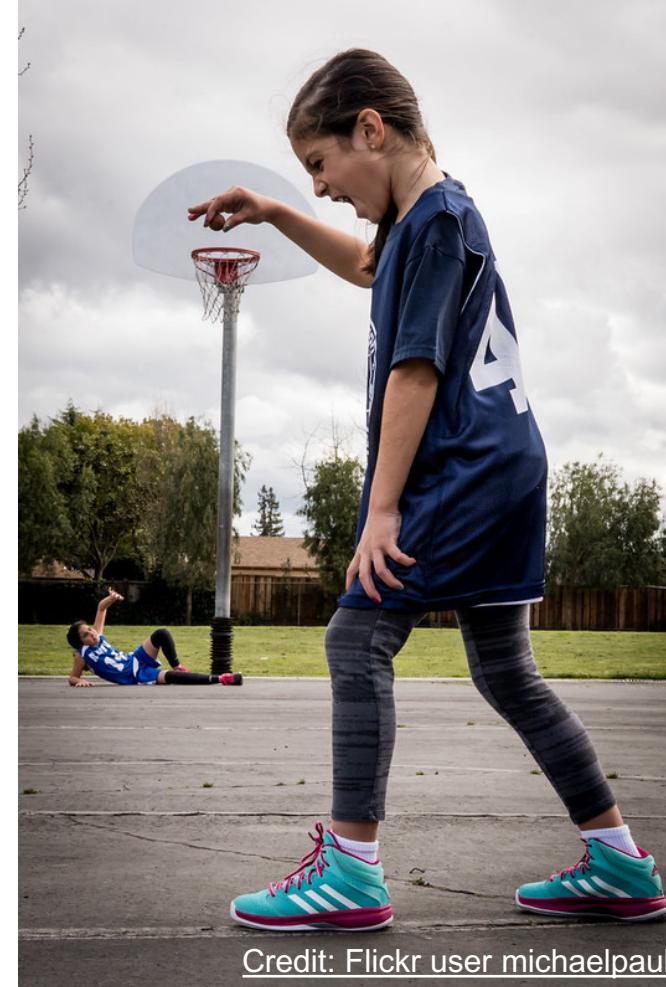
Why is computer vision difficult?



Viewpoint variation



Illumination



Credit: Flickr user michaelpaul

Scale

Why is computer vision difficult?



Intra-class variation



Motion (Source: S. Lazebnik)

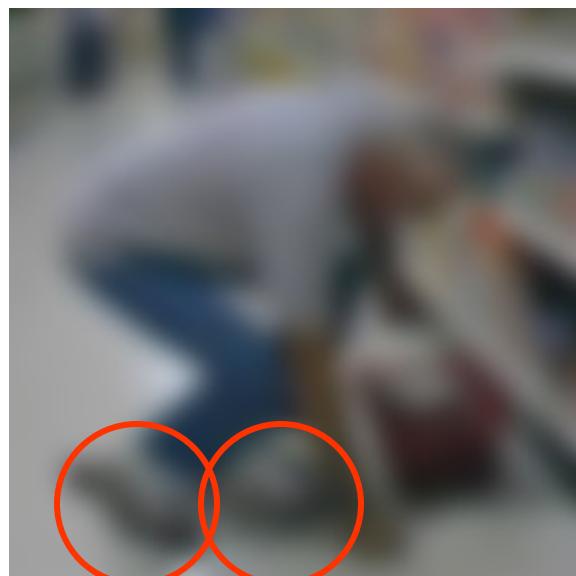
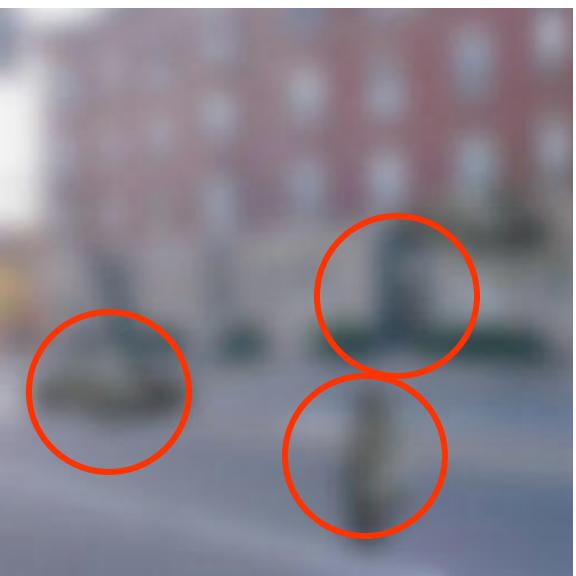
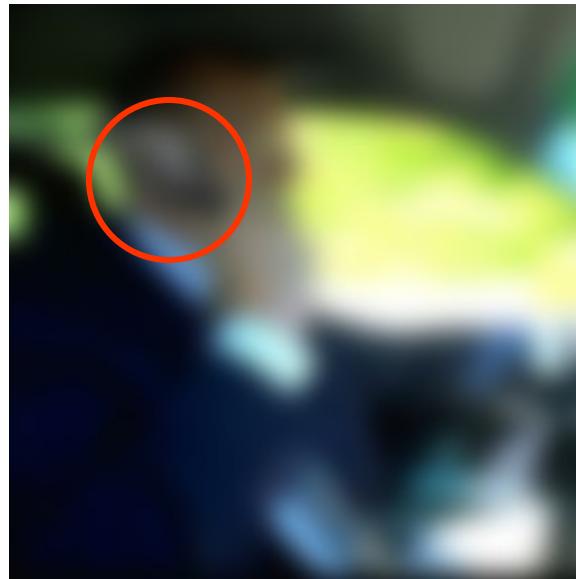
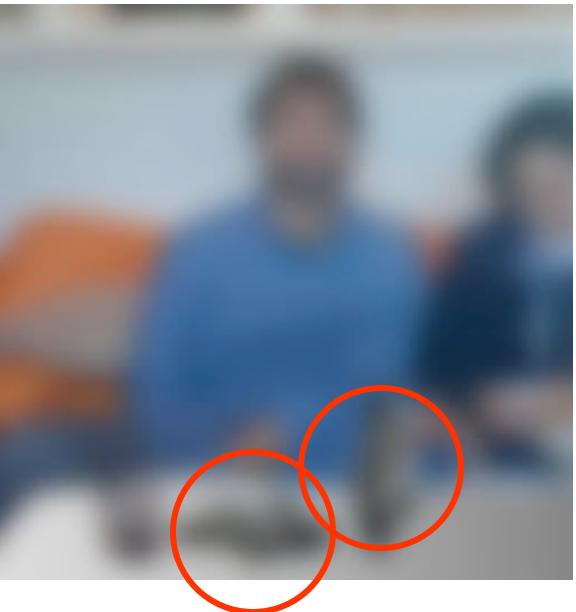


Background clutter



Occlusion

Challenges: local ambiguity



slide credit: Fei-Fei, Fergus & Torralba

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



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Source: S. Lazebnik

Bottom line

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



Artist Julian Beever with his anamorphic Coke bottle

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



The state of Computer Vision and AI: we are really, really far.

Oct 22, 2012



The picture above is funny.

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- You recognize that there's a person standing on a scale, even though the scale occupies only very few white pixels that blend with the background. But, you've used the person's pose and knowledge of how people interact with objects to figure it out.
- You recognize that Obama has his foot positioned just slightly on top of the scale. Notice the language I'm using: It is in terms of the 3D structure of the scene, not the position of the leg in the 2D coordinate system of the image.
- You know how physics works: Obama is leaning in on the scale, which applies a force on it. Scale measures force that is applied on it, that's how it works => it will over-estimate the weight of the person standing on it.
- The person measuring his weight is not aware of Obama doing this. You derive this because you know his pose, you understand that the field of view of a person is finite, and you understand that he is not very likely to sense the slight push of Obama's foot.
- You understand that people are self-conscious about their weight. You also understand that he is reading off the scale measurement, and that shortly the over-estimated weight will confuse him because it will probably be much higher than what he expects. In other words, you reason about implications of the events that are about to unfold seconds after this photo was taken, and especially about the thoughts and how they will develop inside people's heads. You also reason about what pieces of information are available to people.
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