



# Vision and Cognitive Systems

*SCQ1097939 - LM CS,DS,CYB,PD*

Course “wrap up”  
Prof. Lamberto Ballan



# Who we are



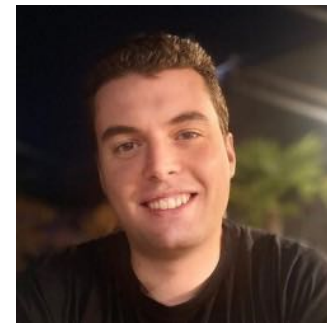
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## Visual Intelligence & Machine Perception (VIMP) group

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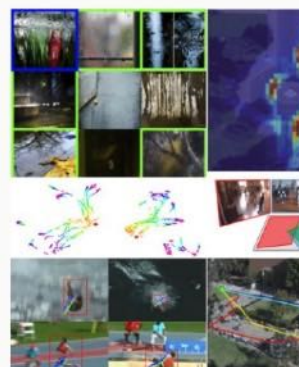
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# VCS: Syllabus

- ▶ Introduction  
*AI revolution; from human cognition to machine intelligence and cognitive systems*
- ▶ Brief Introduction to Machine (Deep) Learning  
*Classification; supervised learning; training and testing; bias*
- ▶ (Early) Computer vision and image processing  
*Image formation and filtering; feature detectors and descriptors*
- ▶ Visual Recognition and Representation Learning in Vision  
*Bag-of-Features; spatial pyramids and pooling; CNNs*
- ▶ Beyond Image Classification and Supervised Learning  
*R-CNN and segmentation; image captioning; sequential data in vision tasks; predictive vision; self-supervised learning*

# Our timeline

**1966:** Marvin Minsky assigns computer vision as an undergrad summer project

**1970s:** interpretation of synthetic worlds and carefully selected images

**1980s:** shift towards geometry and increased mathematical rigor

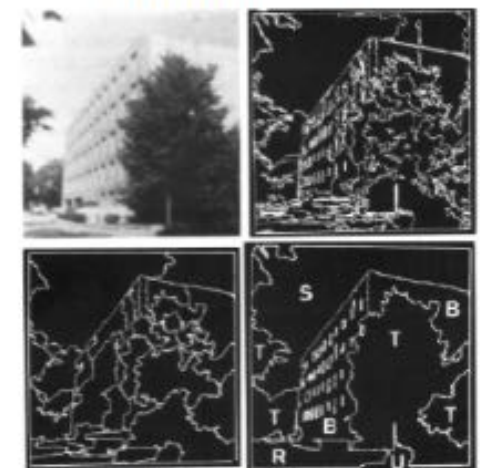
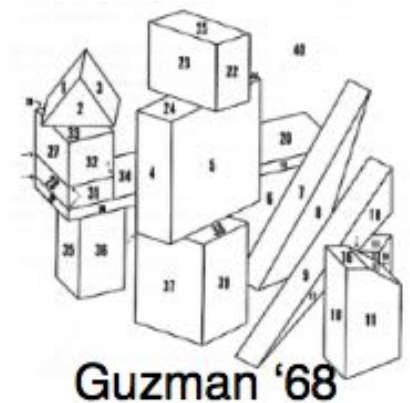
**1990s:** face recognition, statistical analysis

**2000s:** object recognition, categorization, annotated datasets available

**2010s:** large-scale visual recognition, visual intelligence

**2020s:** ???

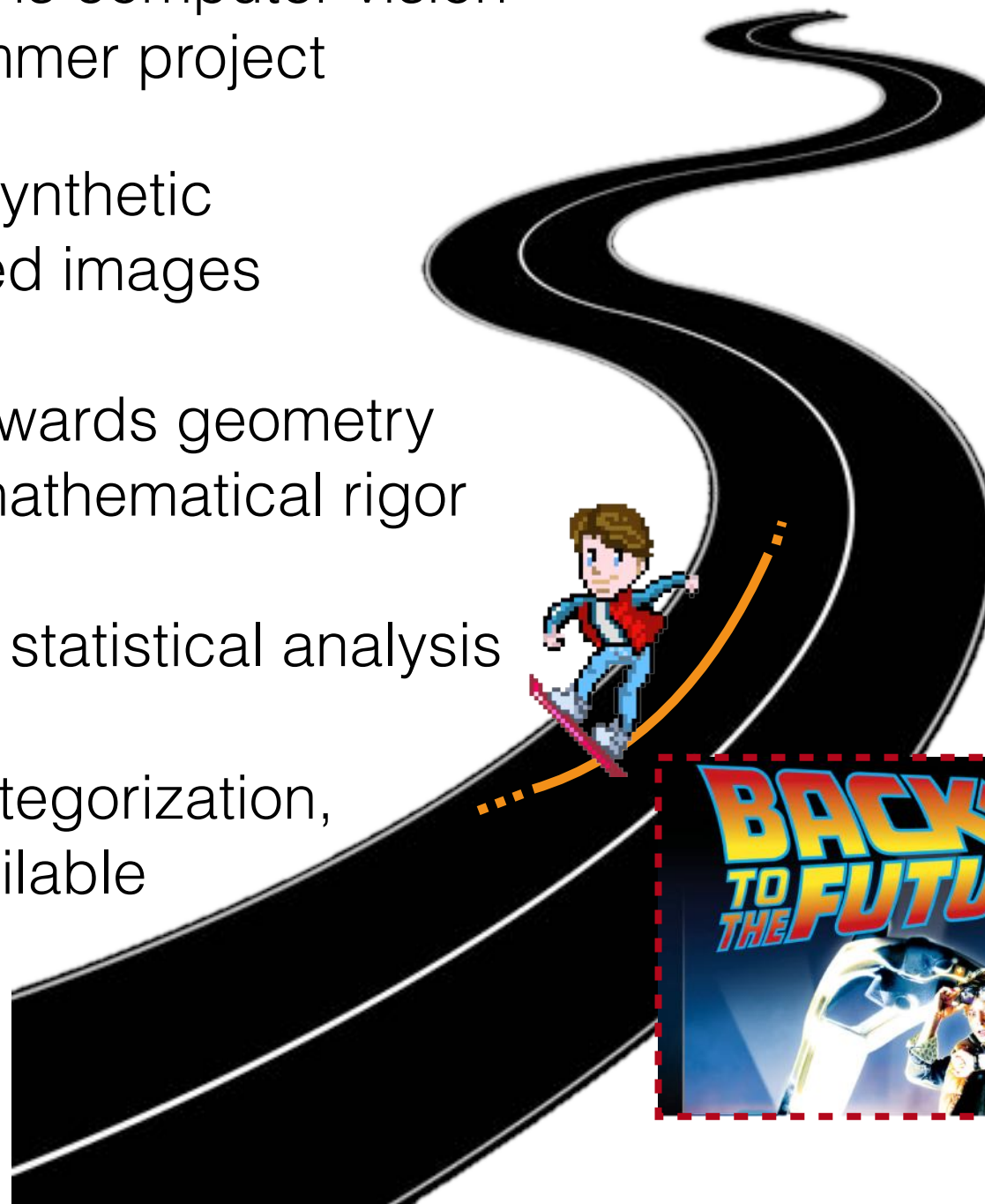
*(big/“foundation” models, ...)*



Ohta Kanade '78



Turk and Pentland '91





# Human and Artificial Intelligence

## Audience Question:

(Re-recorded by me because the question is poorly audible)

Do you think there will ever be  
a machine that will think like human beings  
and be more intelligent than human beings?

Richard Feynman - September 26th, 1985

# Human and Artificial Intelligence



First, intelligence has to be defined.

If you were to ask me: “are they better chess player than any human can possibly can be?”, yes, I’ll get you; someday! They are better chess players than most human being right now.

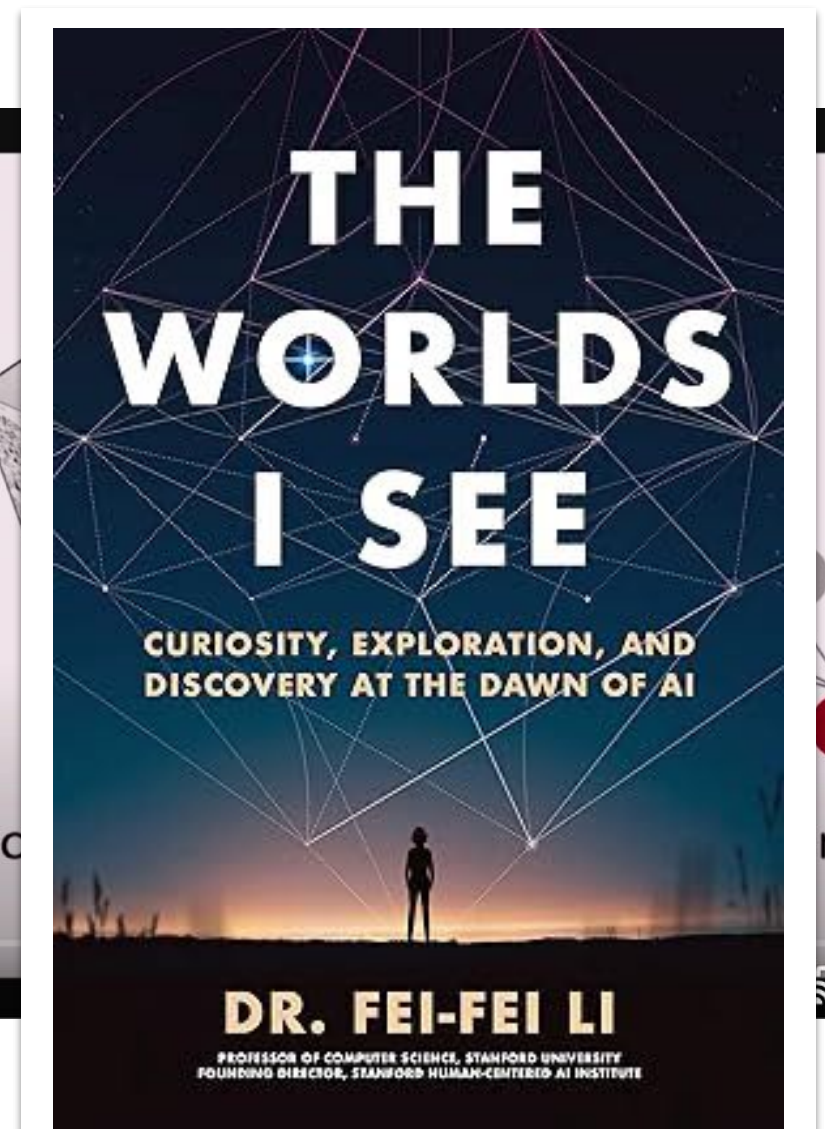
Kasparov vs. IBM Deep Blue (May 1997): 2.5-3.5

One of the things, by the way, that we always do, is that we want the machine to be better than anybody.

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# Course “wrap up” / food for thought

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*“advertisement”*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JIBvfxg2iJ0>

# Course schedule

- Our last lectures:

L12	W11	Monday, 11 December 2023	12:30	Object Detection & Segmentation
MT	W11	Tuesday, 12 December 2023	12:30	Written exam ("compitino")
Lab7	W12	Monday, 18 December 2023	12:30	Lab7 - CNN
OA1	W12	Tuesday, 19 December 2023	12:30	Open discussion about MLP/CNN solutions, projects
L13	W13	Monday, 8 January 2024	12:30	Sequential data in Vision, Predictive Vision
L14	W13	Tuesday, 9 January 2024	12:30	Course "wrap up", "Cognitive Inspired AI"
L15	W14	Monday, 15 January 2024	12:30	Vision Transformers and SSL
L16	W14	Tuesday, 16 January 2024	12:30	Embodied AI and visual navigation



# Visual Intelligence & Machine Perception



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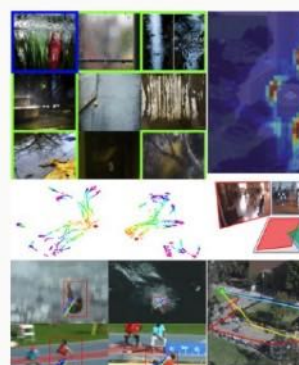
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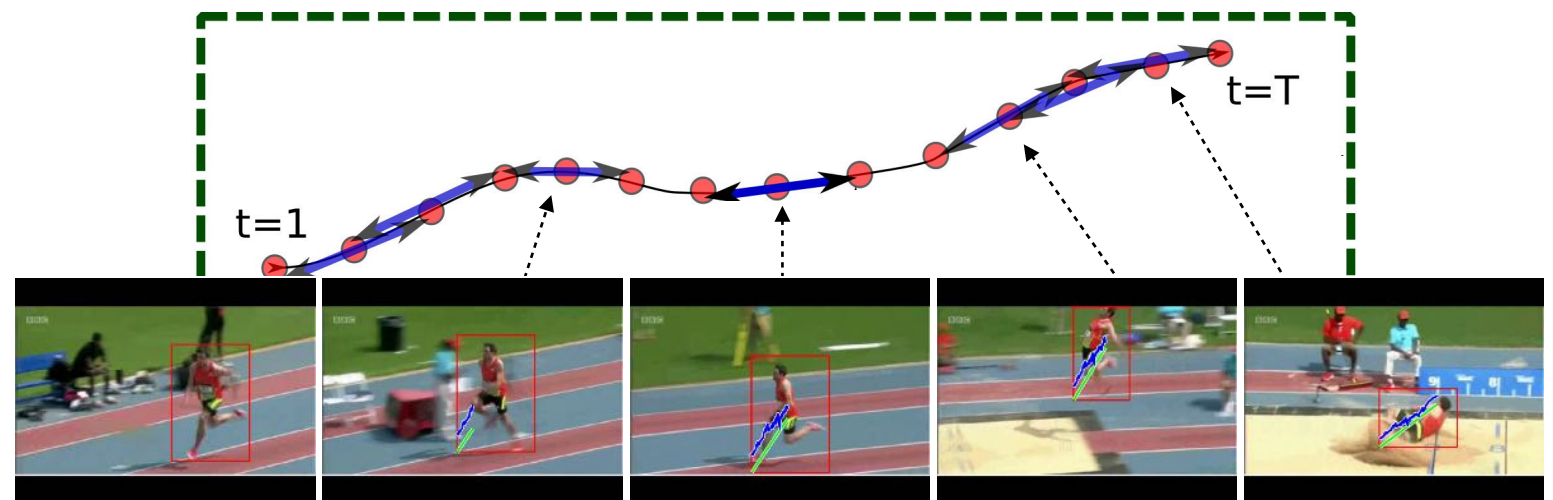
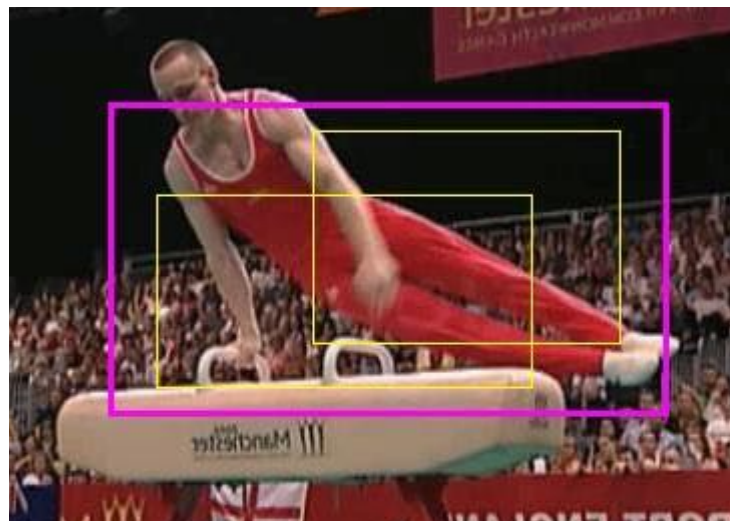


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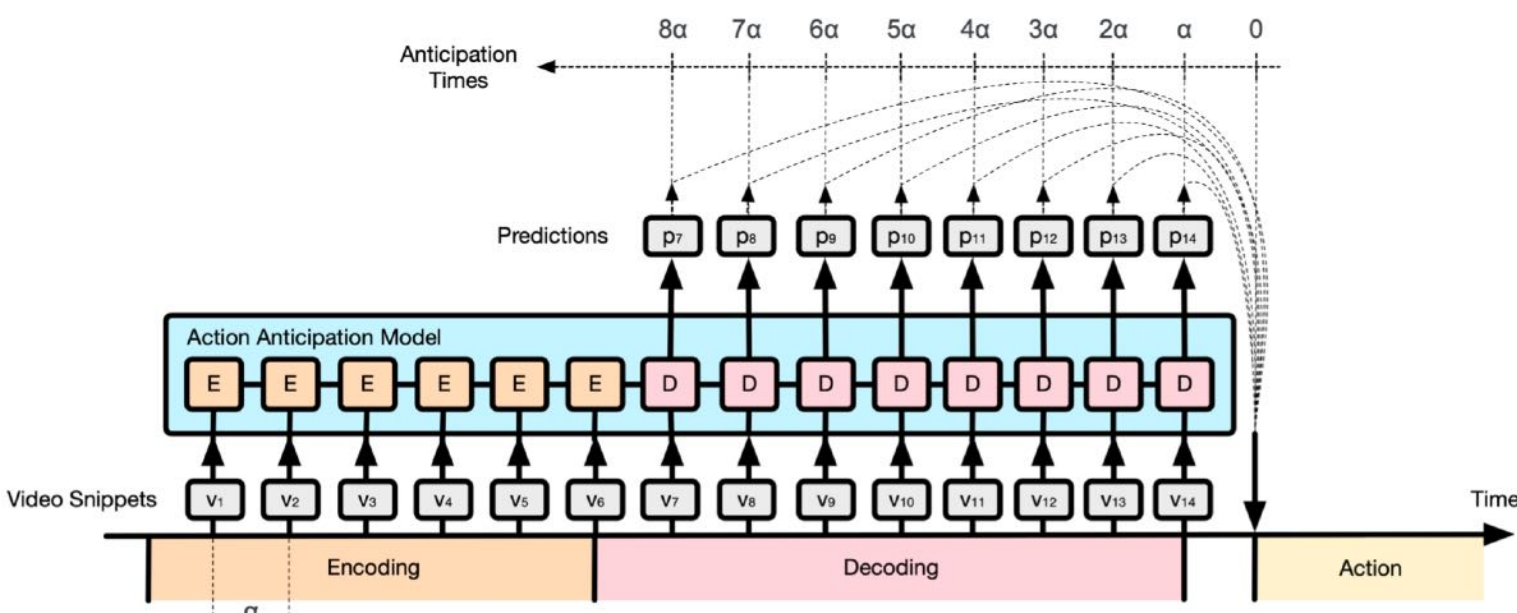


# Action detection and anticipation

- Predicting action progress/completion in videos



- Action anticipation and early action detection



## EPIC KITCHENS

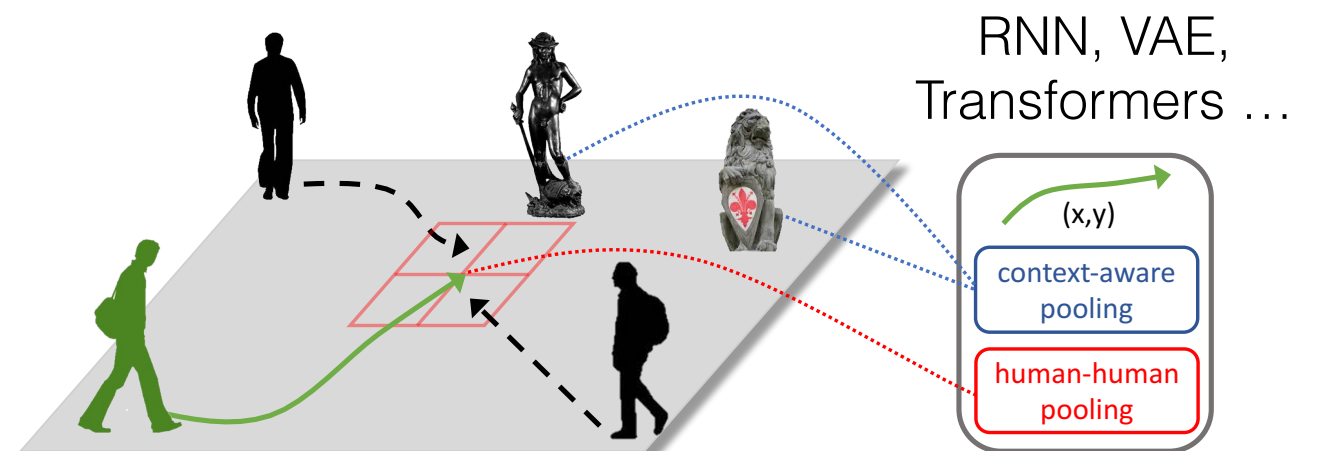
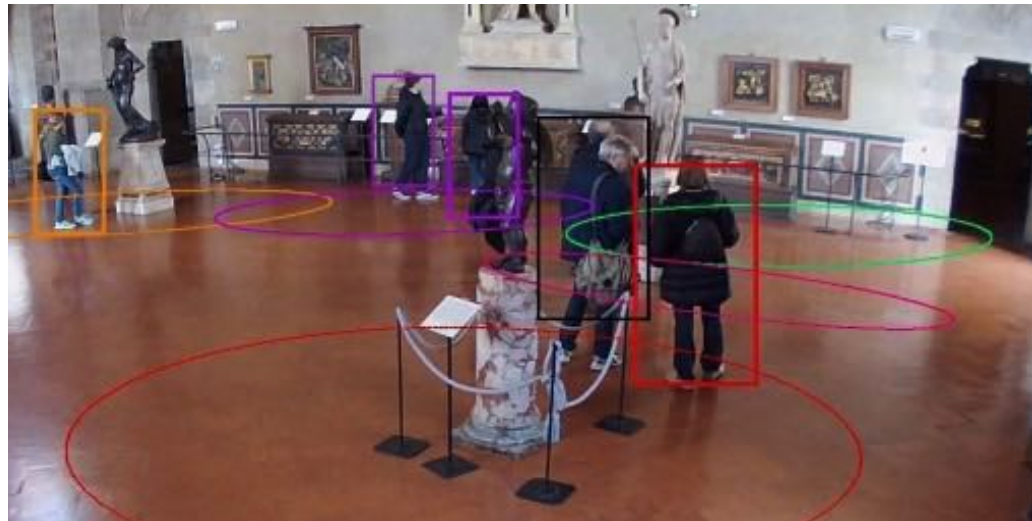
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**2513** actions

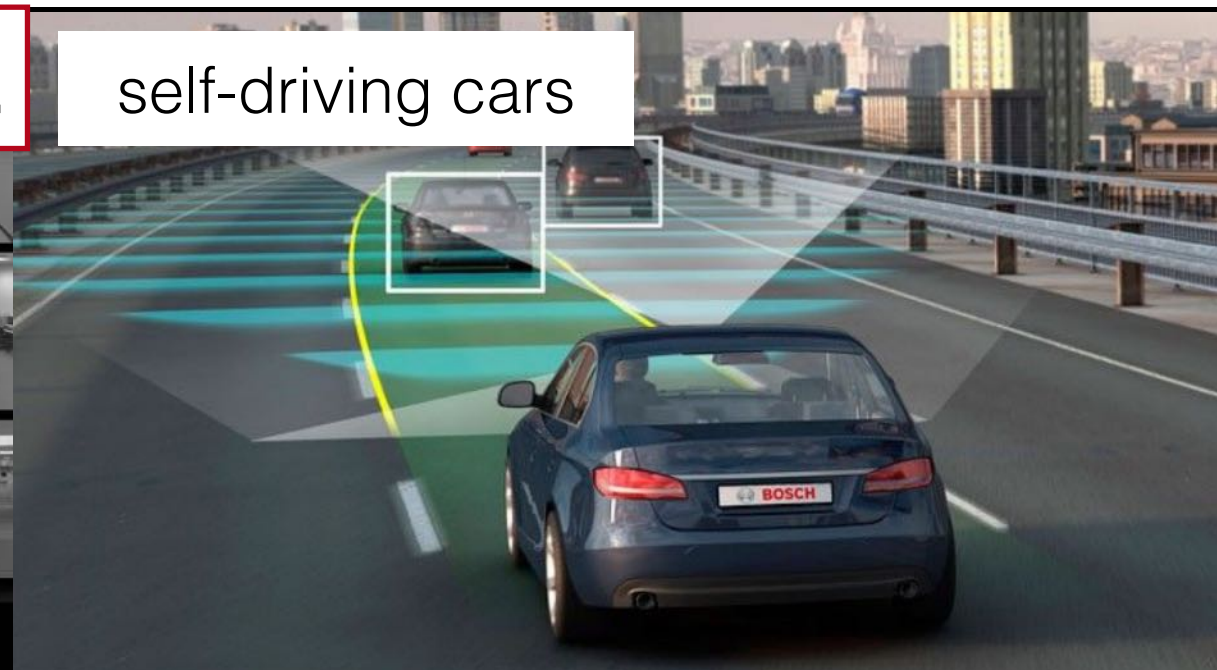
(125 verbs, 352 nouns)

# Trajectory prediction, tracking

- Context-aware trajectory prediction in the wild



Applications in various domains...

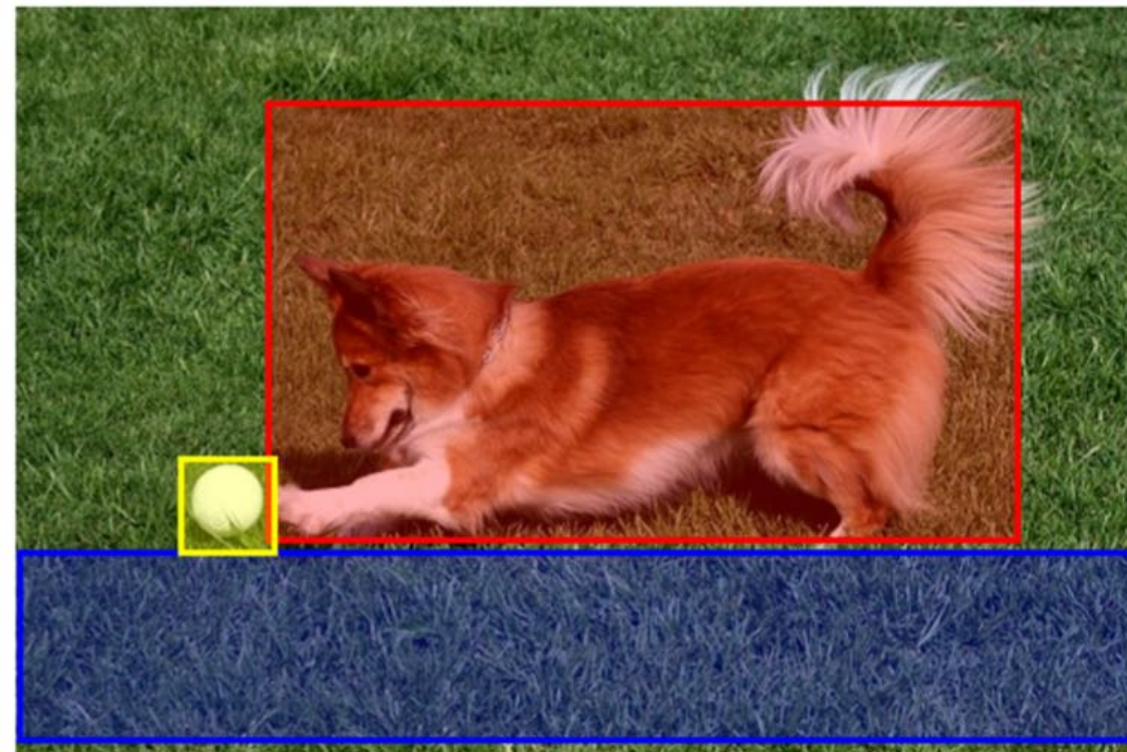




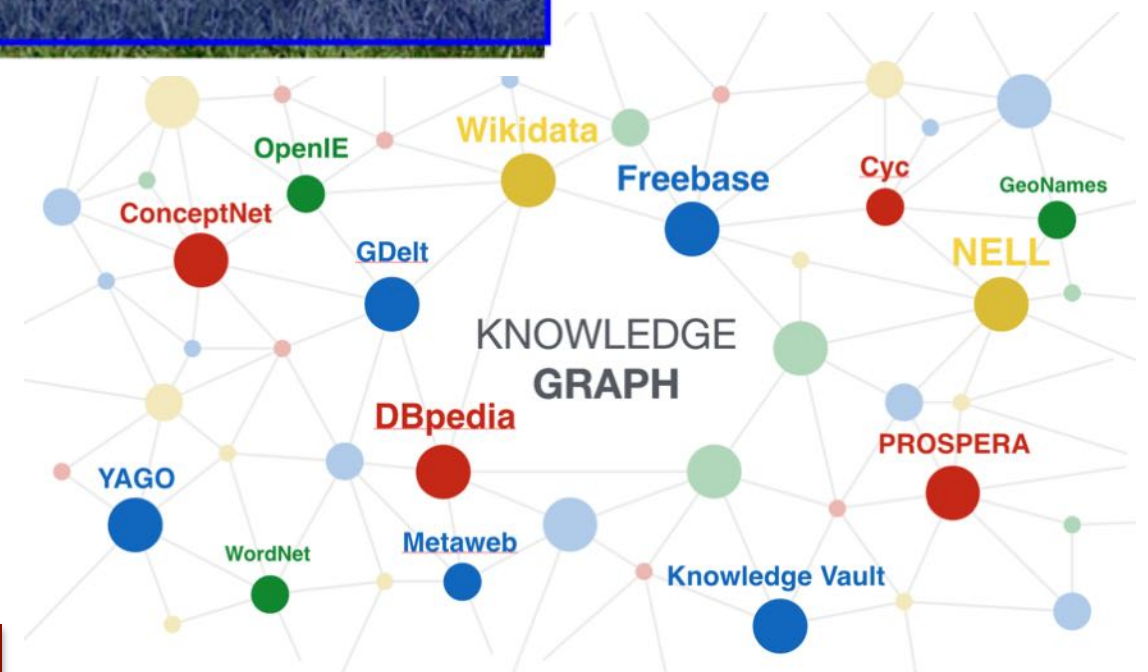
# Vision & language, multimedia

- Visual-textual grounding and knowledge acquisition

A collie plays with a  
white ball in  
a field of green grass

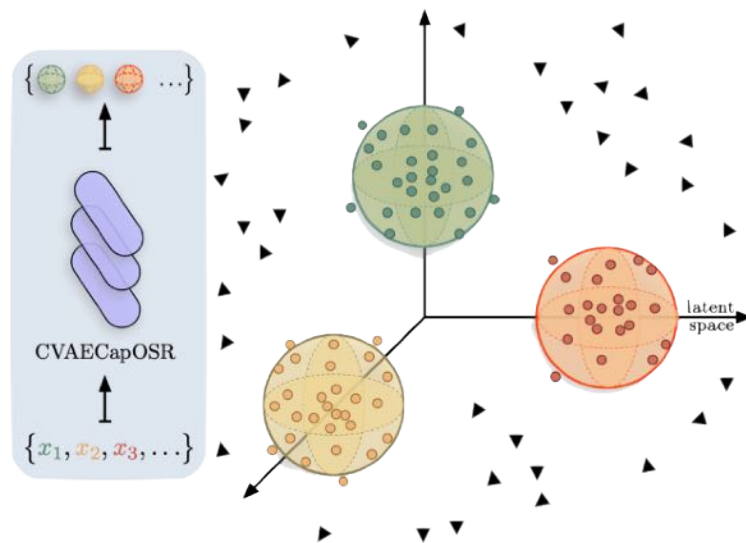


Visual-Textual-Knowledge  
Entity Linking



# Incremental learning, self-supervision

- Open-world (open-set) recognition



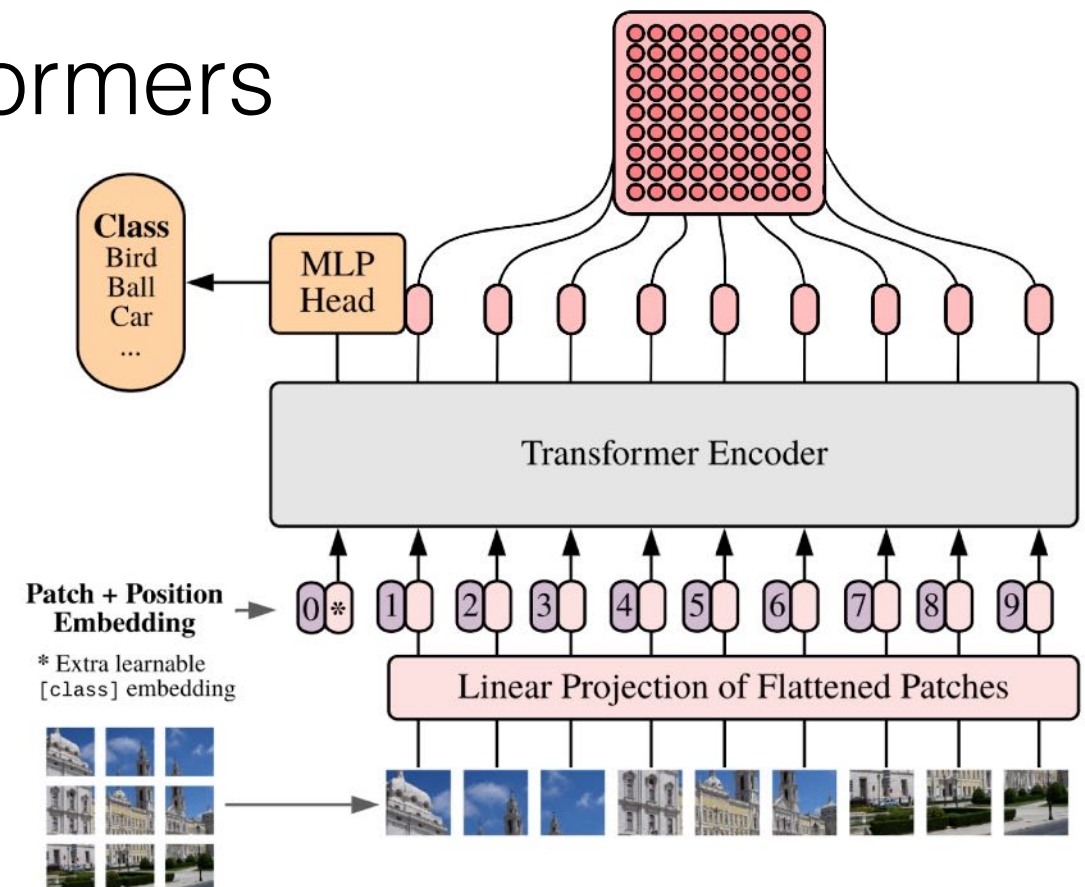
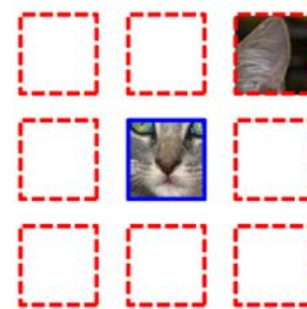
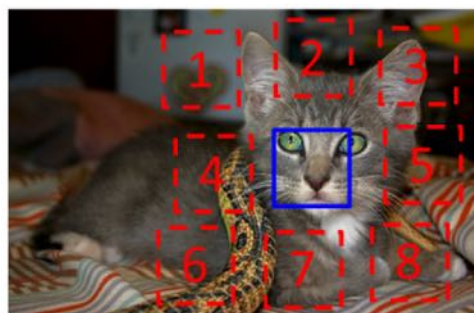
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Test



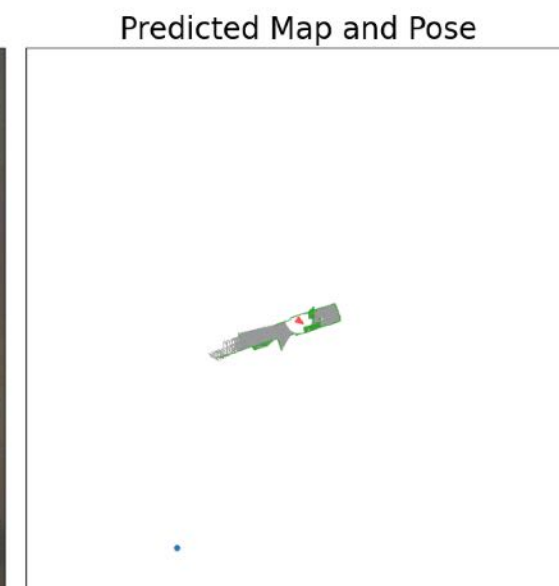
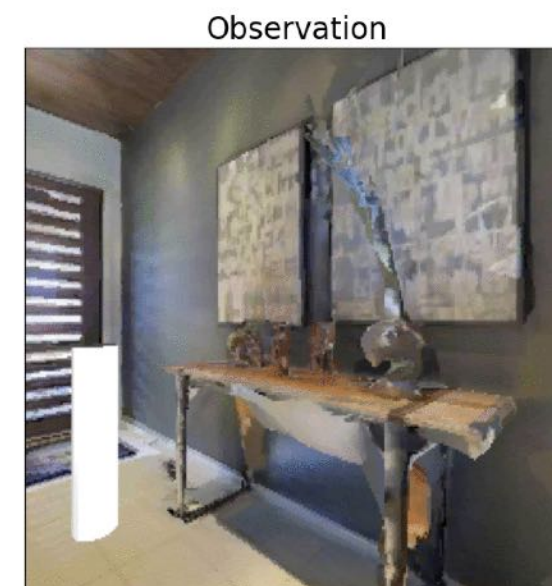
- Self-supervised vision transformers





# Embodied-AI & visual navigation

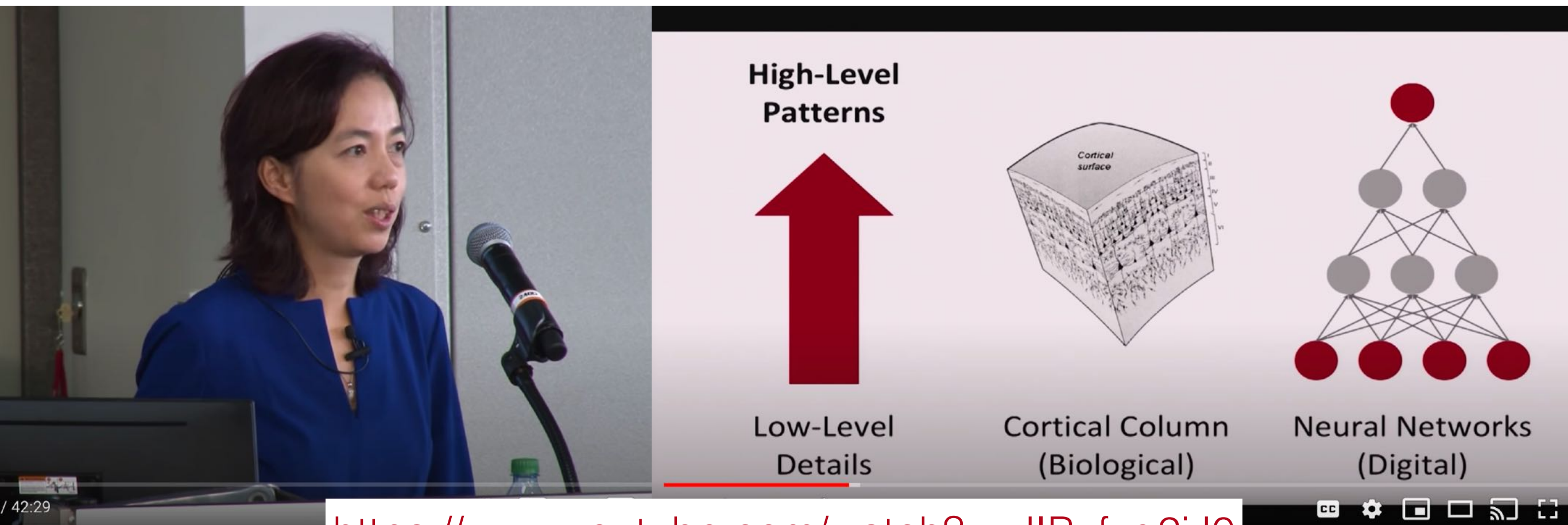
- Point Goal Navigation, Object Goal navigation, ...





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