

# Digital Image Processing

## Chapter 1: Introduction

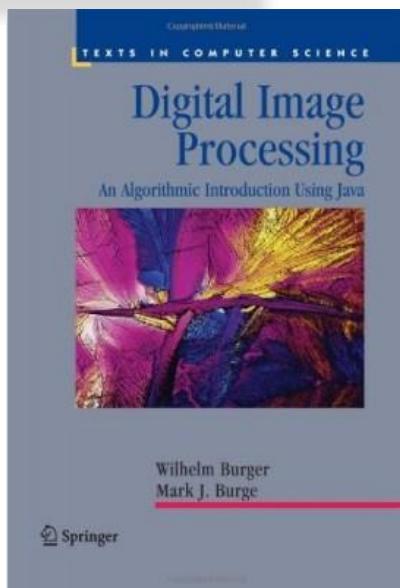
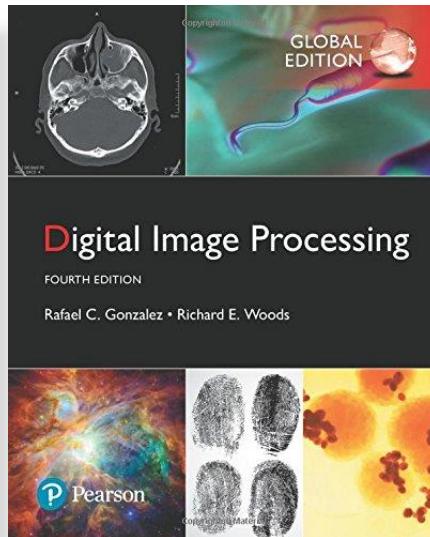
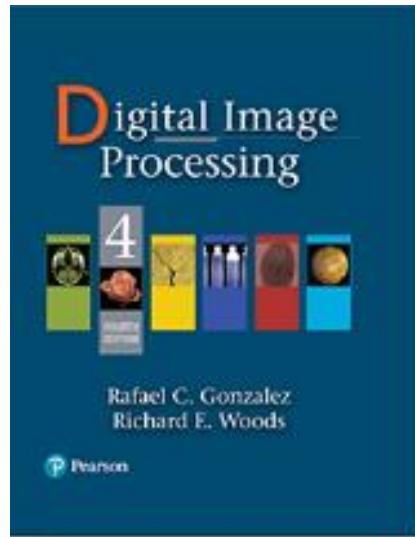
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(Slides are based on Rafael C. Gonzalez and Richard E. Woods, Sufyan Samara, and Samer Arandi)

# Programming Tools

- ImageJ
- Matlab
- **OpenCV**
- EasyBMP
- Native programming languages (build your own library)
- **CVIPTools**

# Textbook



- **Main textbook:**
  - *Digital Image Processing, 4<sup>th</sup> Edition, by Rafael C. Gonzalez and Richard E. Woods.*
- **Another very good book:**
  - *Digital Image Processing; An Algorithmic Introduction using Java, by Wilhelm Burger and Mark James Burge*

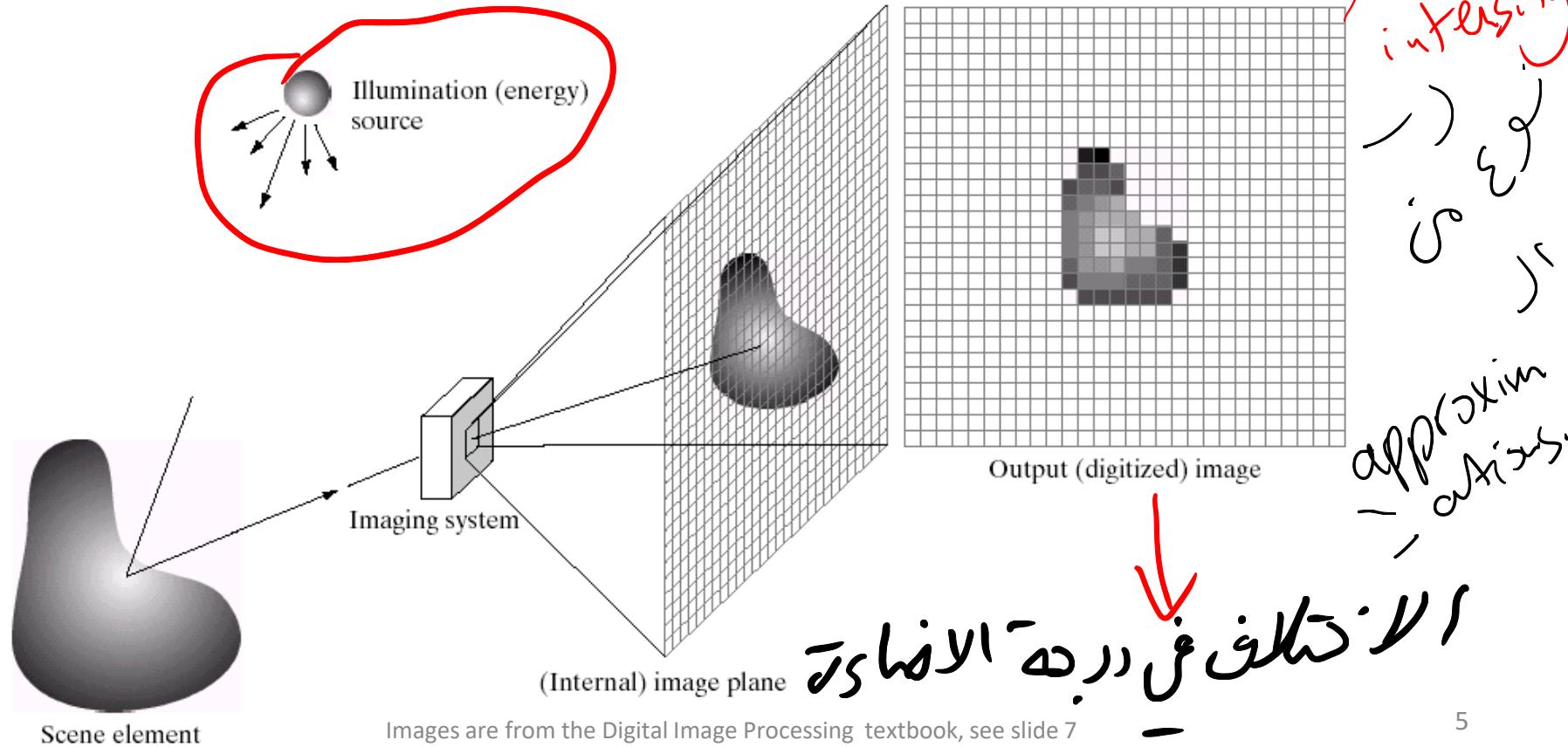
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- First Exam 20%
- Second Exam 20%
- Assignments/Project/Presentations 20%
- Final Exam 40%

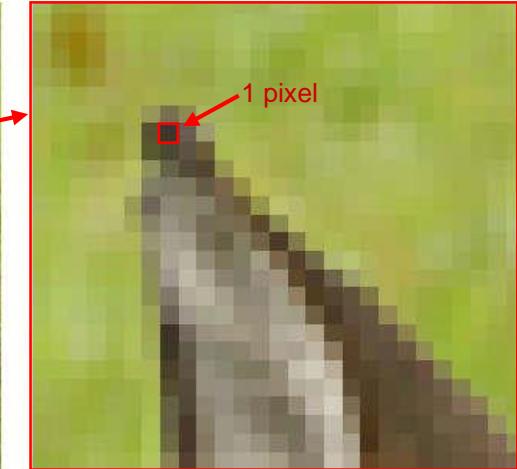
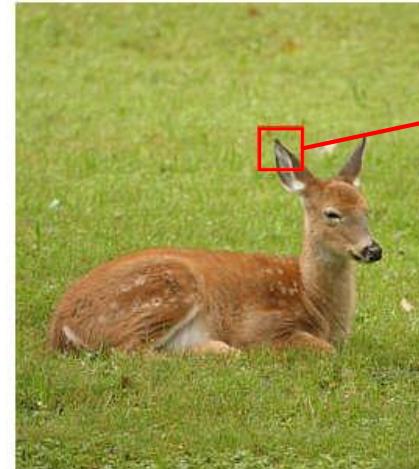
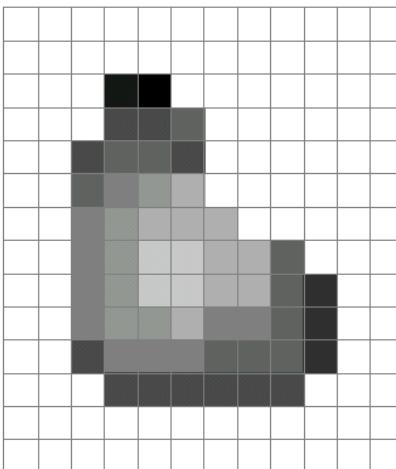
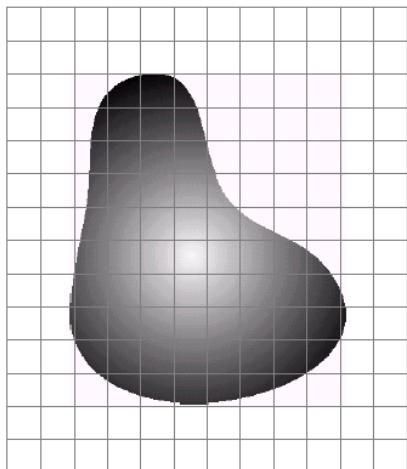
# What is a Digital Image?

- A **digital image** is a representation of a two-dimensional image as a finite set of digital values, called picture elements or **pixels**



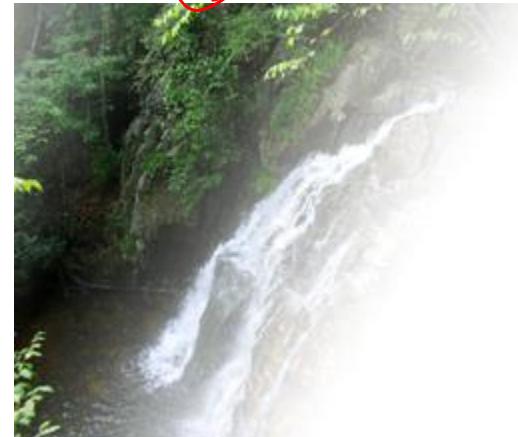
# What is a Digital Image? – cont.

- Pixel values typically represent gray levels, colors, heights, opacities etc
- Remember *digitization* implies that a digital image is an *approximation* of a real scene



# What is a Digital Image? – cont.

- Common image formats include:
  - ① – One sample per point (B&W or Grayscale)
  - ② – Three samples per point (Red, Green, and Blue)
  - ③ – Four samples per point (Red, Green, Blue, and “Alpha”, a.k.a. Opacity)



For most of this course we will focus on grey-scale images

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# What is Digital Image Processing (DIP)?

- Digital image processing focuses on **two major tasks**
  - Improvement of pictorial information for **human interpretation**
  - Processing of image data for storage, transmission and representation for autonomous **machine perception**
- Some argument about where image processing ends and fields such as image analysis and computer vision start

*(Input)*  
*(Image)*

Input/Output	Image	Description
Image	Image Processing	Computer Vision
Description	Computer Graphics	AI

# History of Digital Image Processing

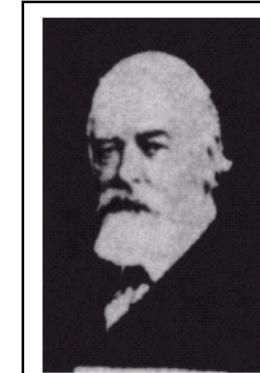
## Early 1920s: News-paper industry

- Images were transferred by submarine cable between London and New York
- Using a telegraph printer

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Early digital image



Improved  
digital image  
Five tone



Early 15 tone digital  
image in 1929

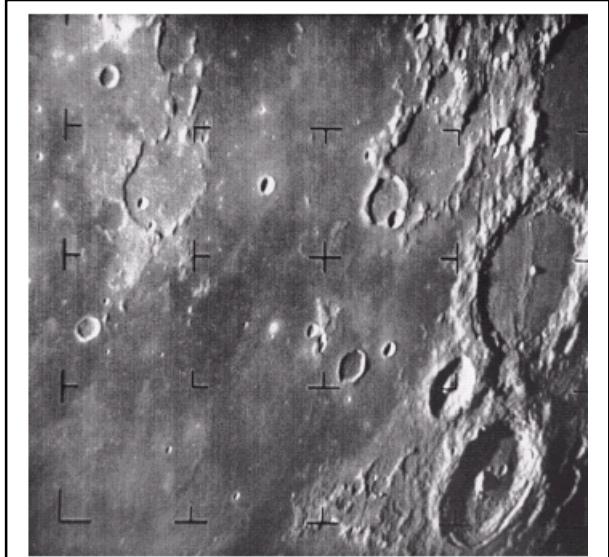
## Mid to late 1920s:

- Increased number of tones (gray levels)

# History of DIP – cont.

## 1960s: Space race

- 1964: Computers used to improve the quality of images of the moon taken by the *Ranger 7* probe
- Apollo landings



A picture of the moon taken by the Ranger 7 probe, 17 minutes before landing

# History of DIP – cont.

## 1970s: Medical applications

- 1979: Nobel Prize in medicine for the invention of **tomography**, the technology behind Computerised Axial Tomography (CAT) scans



Typical head slice CAT image

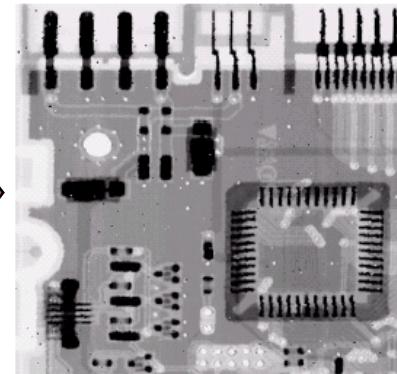
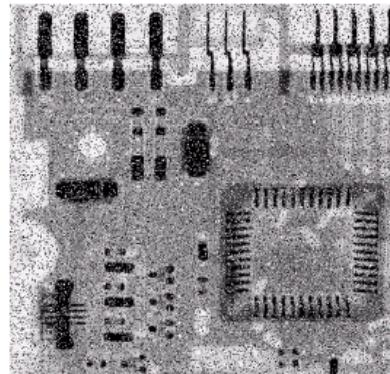
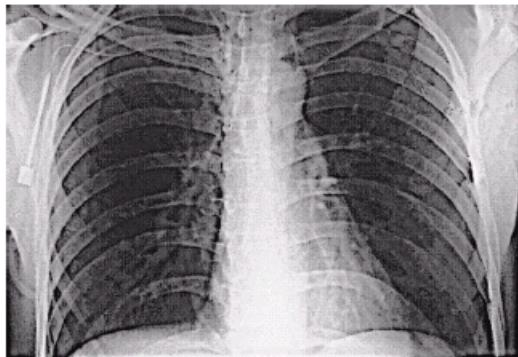
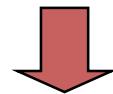
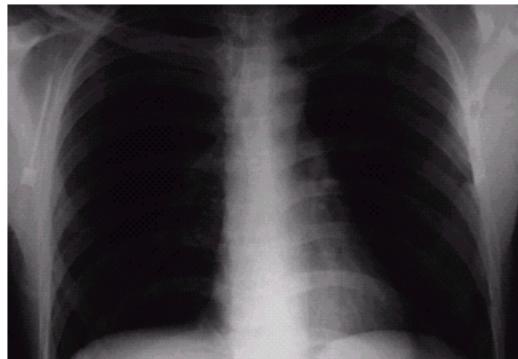
# History of DIP – cont.

**1980s - Today:** All kinds of tasks in all kinds of areas

- Image enhancement/restoration
- Artistic effects
- Medical visualisation
- Industrial inspection
- Law enforcement
- Human computer interfaces

# Examples: Image Enhancement

Improve quality, remove noise etc



# Examples: The Hubble Telescope

1990: the Hubble telescope

- taking images of very distant objects
- Incorrect mirror → Blurred images
- Image processing techniques were used to fix this



# Examples: Artistic Effects

- Artistic effects
- Make images more visually appealing
- Add special effects



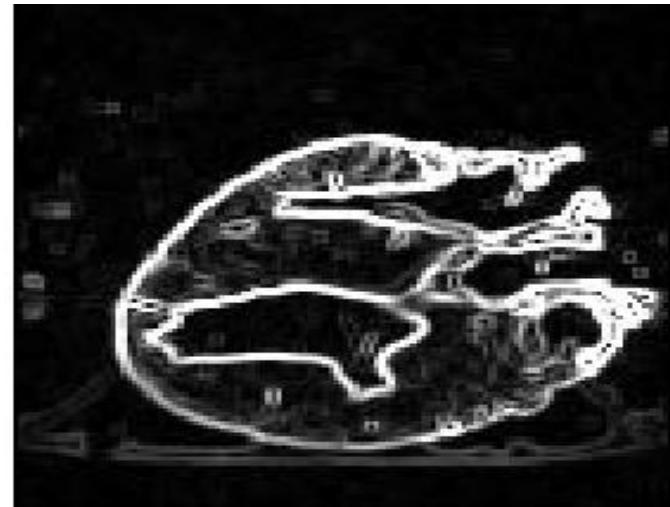
# Examples: Medicine

Find boundaries between types of tissue

- Use a suitable filter to highlight edges



Original MRI Image of a Dog Heart

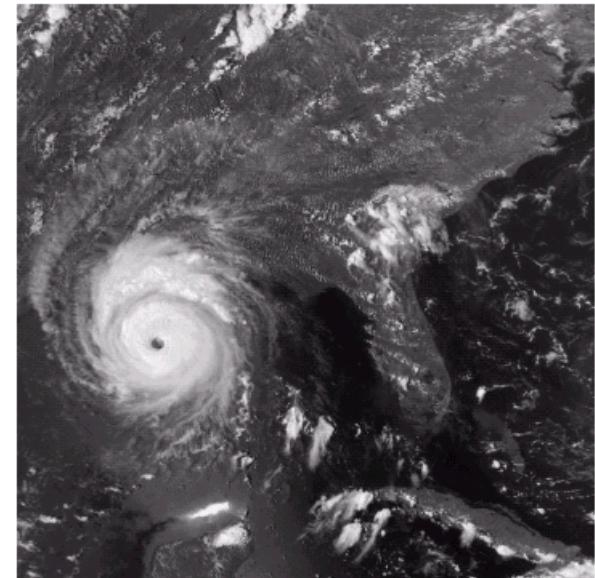
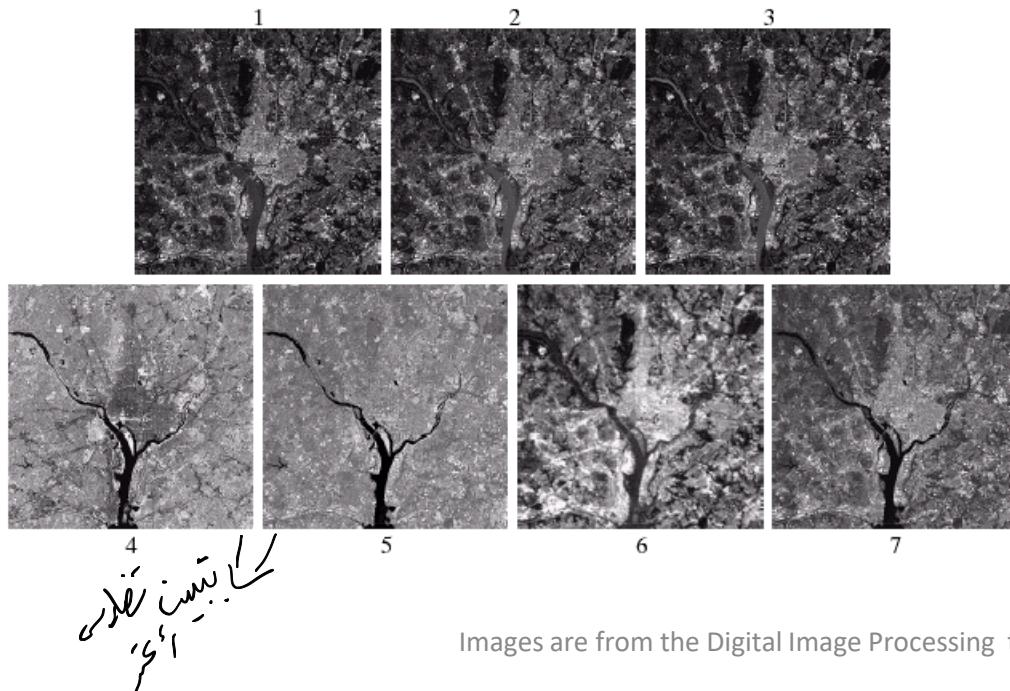


Edge Detection Image

# Examples: GIS

## Geographic Information Systems

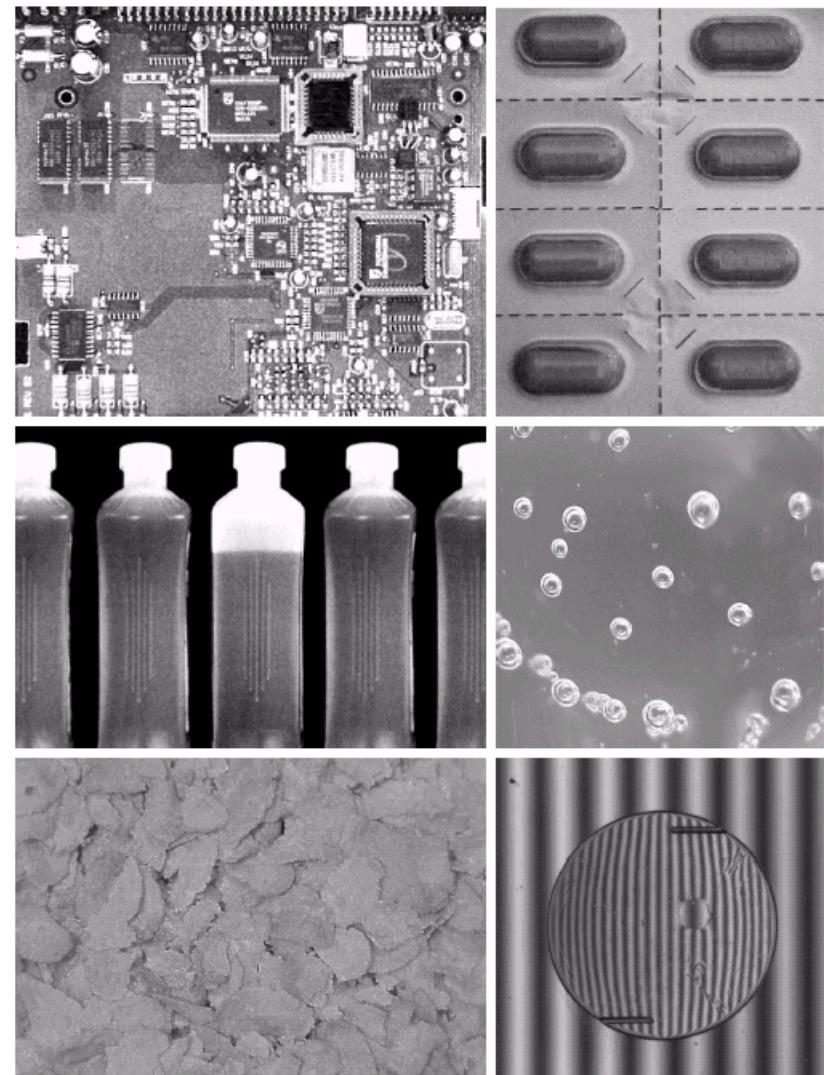
- Manipulate satellite imagery
- Terrain classification
- Meteorology



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# Examples: Industrial Inspection

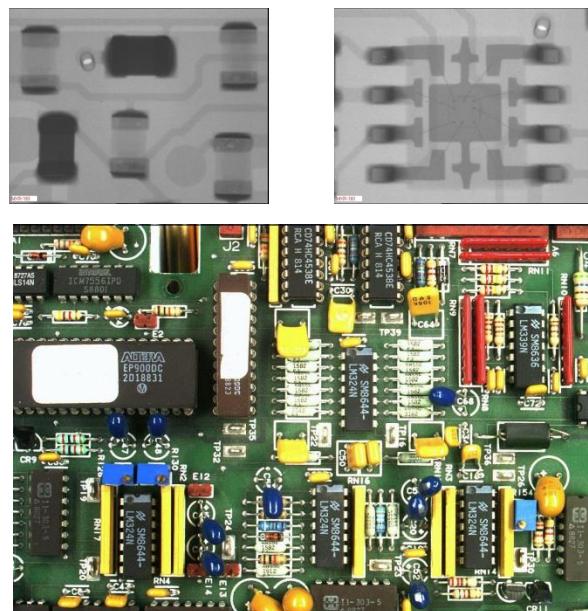
- Human operators are expensive, slow and unreliable
- Make machines do the job instead



# Examples: PCB Inspection

## Printed Circuit Board (PCB) inspection

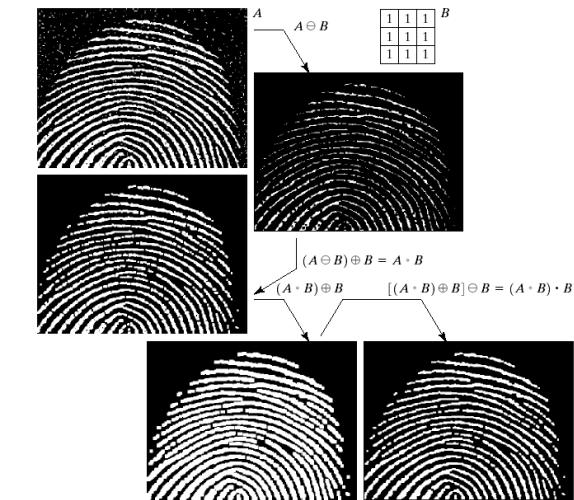
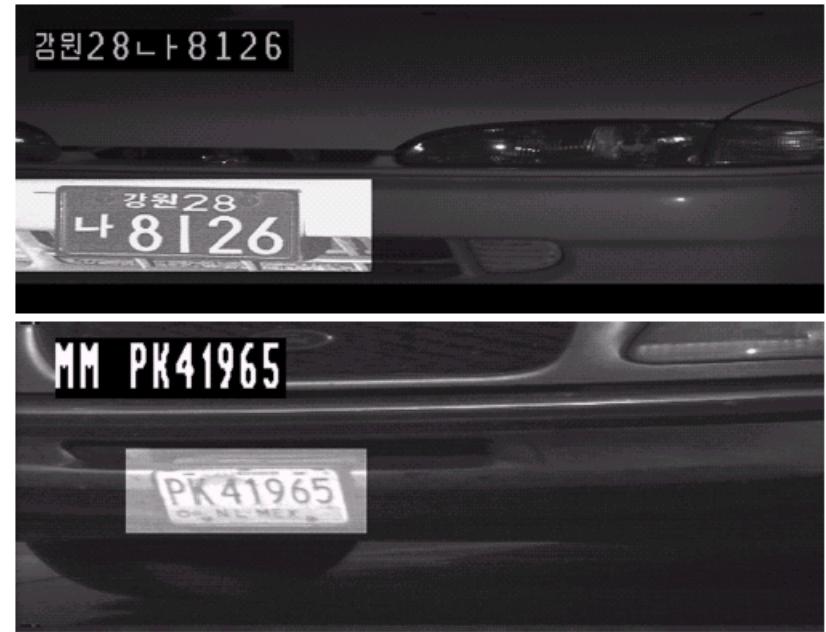
- Machine inspection is used to determine that all **components are present** and that all **solder joints** are acceptable
- Both conventional imaging and x-ray imaging are used



# Examples: Law Enforcement

Image processing techniques are used extensively by law enforcers

- Number plate recognition **for speed cameras/automated toll systems**
- Fingerprint recognition
- Enhancement of CCTV images

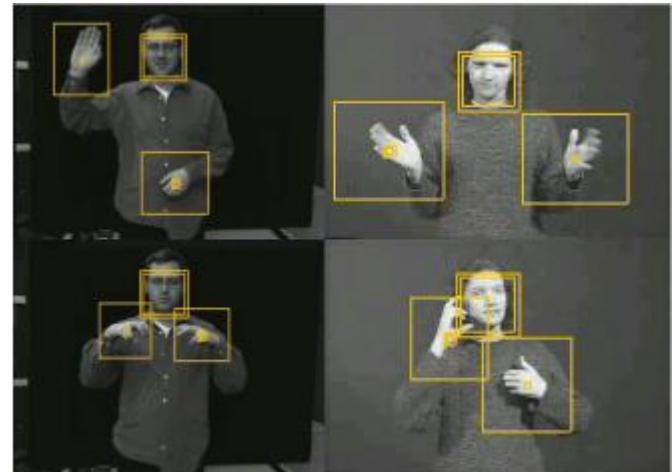


# Examples: HCI

Try to make **Human Computer Interfaces (HCI)** more natural

- Face recognition
- Gesture recognition

These tasks can be extremely difficult



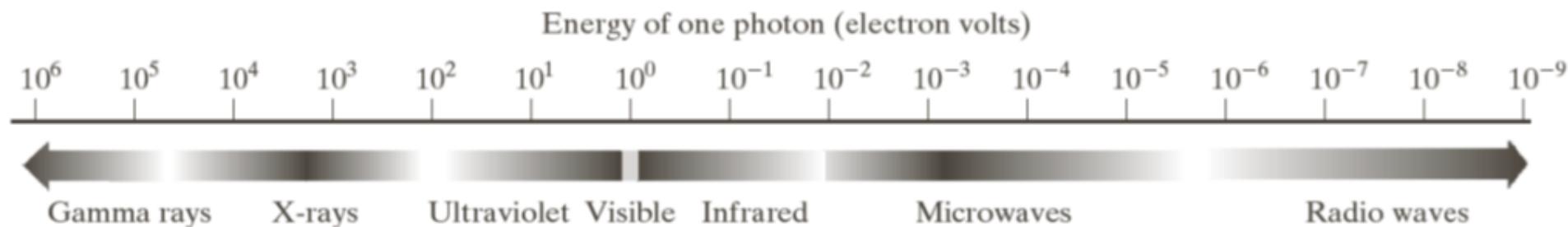
# Image Sources

*مکاتش* Image processing applications can be categorize according to their source

- Radiation from the Electromagnetic (EM) spectrum
- Acoustic
- Ultrasonic
- Electronic (in the form of electron beams used in electron microscopy)
- Computer (synthetic images used for modeling and visualization)

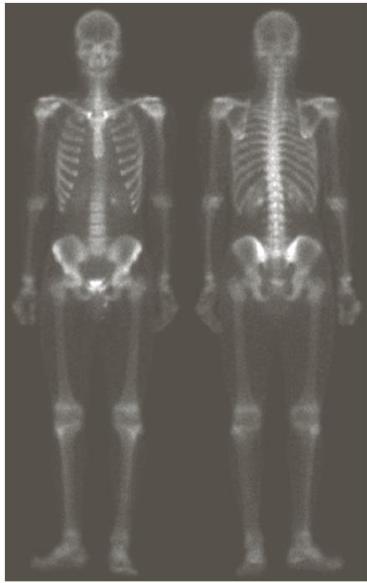
# Electromagnetic spectrum

- Images based on radiation from the EM are the **most familiar**, especially images in the X-ray and visual bands.
- EM waves = a stream of massless (proton) particles, each traveling in a wavelike pattern and moving at the speed of light.



**FIGURE 1.5** The electromagnetic spectrum arranged according to energy per photon.

# Gamma-Ray Imaging



a	b
c	d

## Nuclear Image

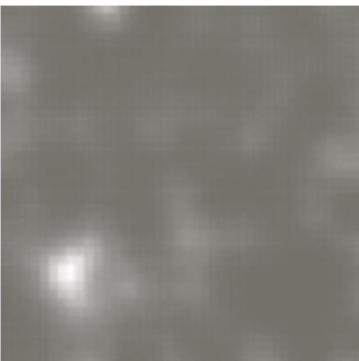
- (a) Bone scan
- (b) PET (Positron emission tomography) image

## Astronomical Observations.

- (c) Cygnus Loop (A star in the constellation of Cygnus exploded about 15,000 years ago)

## Nuclear Reaction

- (d) Gamma radiation from a reactor valve



# X-ray Imaging



a  
b  
c  
d  
e

## Medical diagnostics

(a) chest X-ray (familiar)

(b) aortic angiogram

(c) head Computerized Axial Tomography (CAT)

## Industrial imaging

(d) Circuit board

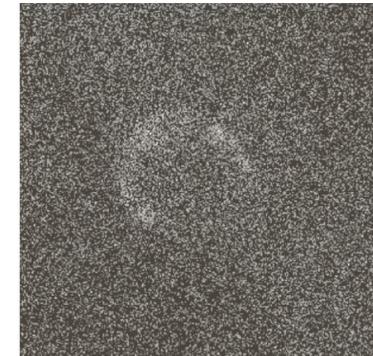
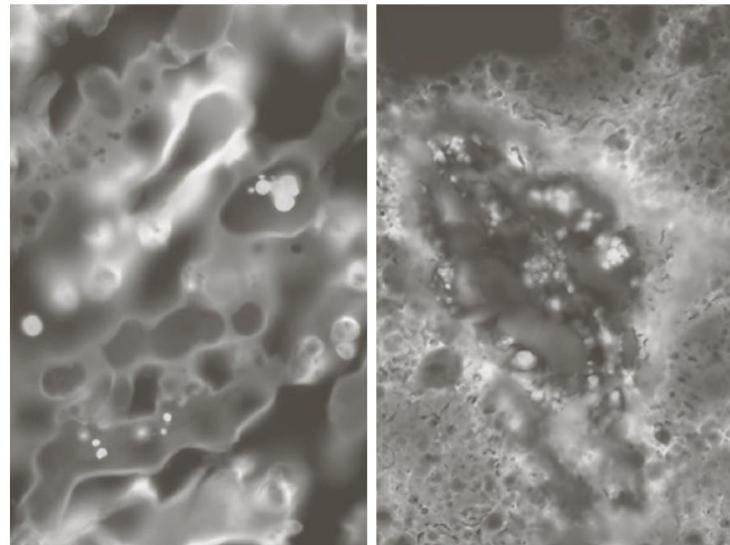
## Astronomy

(e) Cygnus Loop (A star in the constellation of Cygnus exploded about 15,000 years ago, sensed using X-ray)

# Imaging in Ultraviolet Band

- Industrial inspection (money)
- Microscopy (fluorescence)
  - (a) Normal corn
  - (b) Smut corn
- Lasers
- Biological imaging
- (c) Astronomical observations

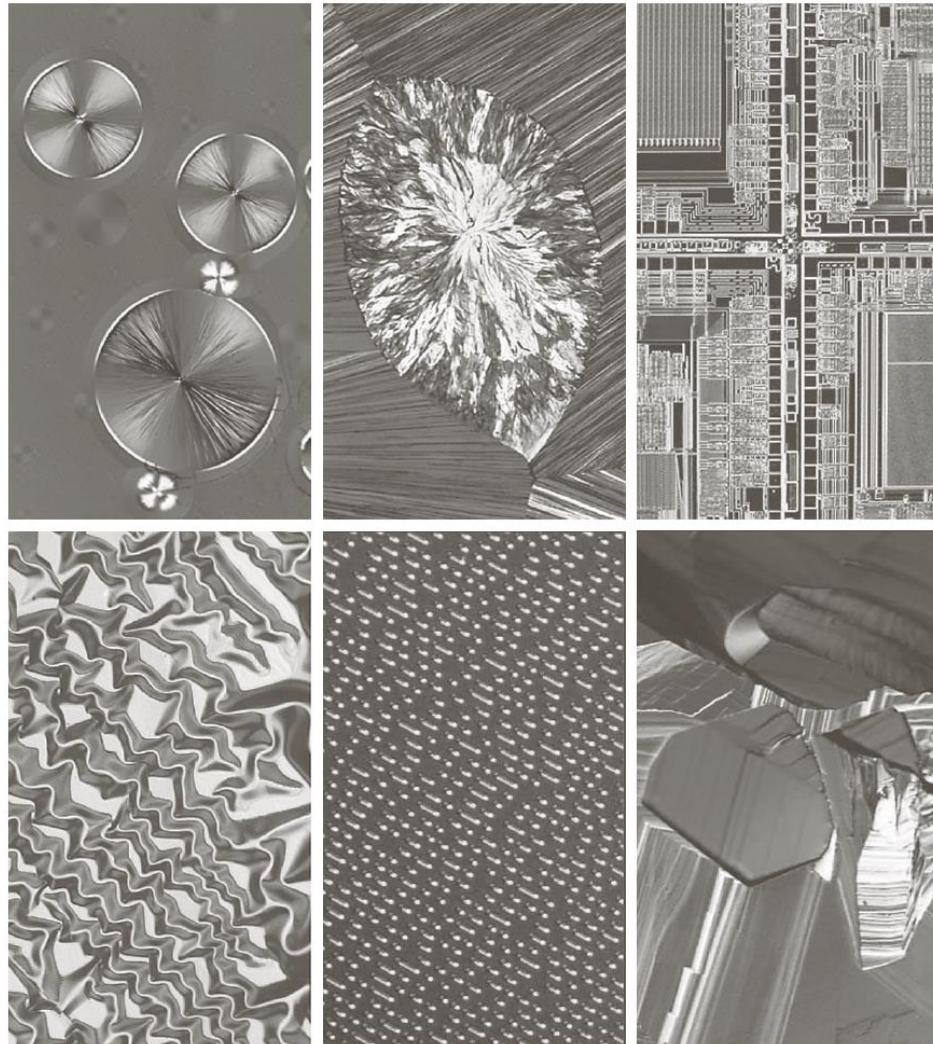
a b  
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# Imaging in Visible and Infrared Bands

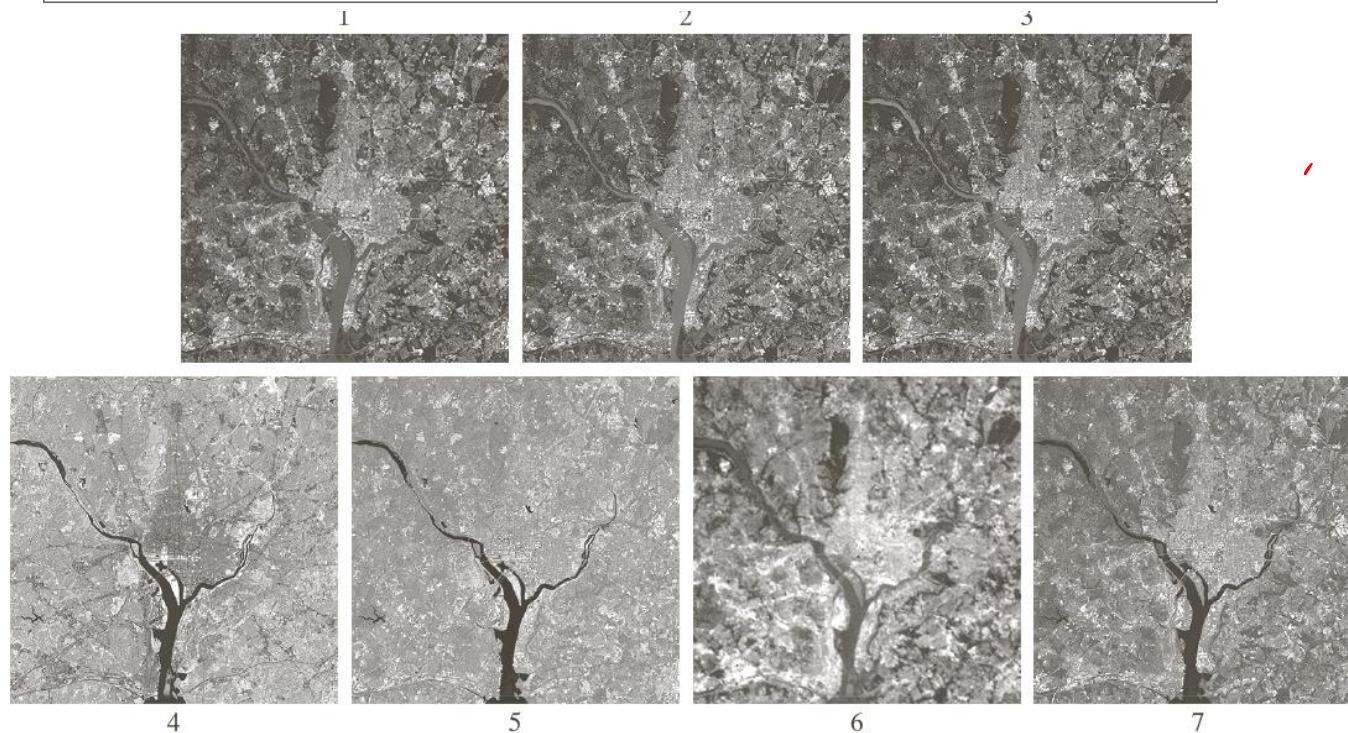
- Astronomy
- Light microscopy
  - Pharmaceuticals
    - (a). taxol (anticancer agent)
    - (b). cholesterol
  - Microinspection to materials characterization
    - (c). Microprocessor
    - (d). Nickel oxide thin film
    - (e). Surface of audio CD
    - (f). Organic superconductor

a	b	c
d	e	f

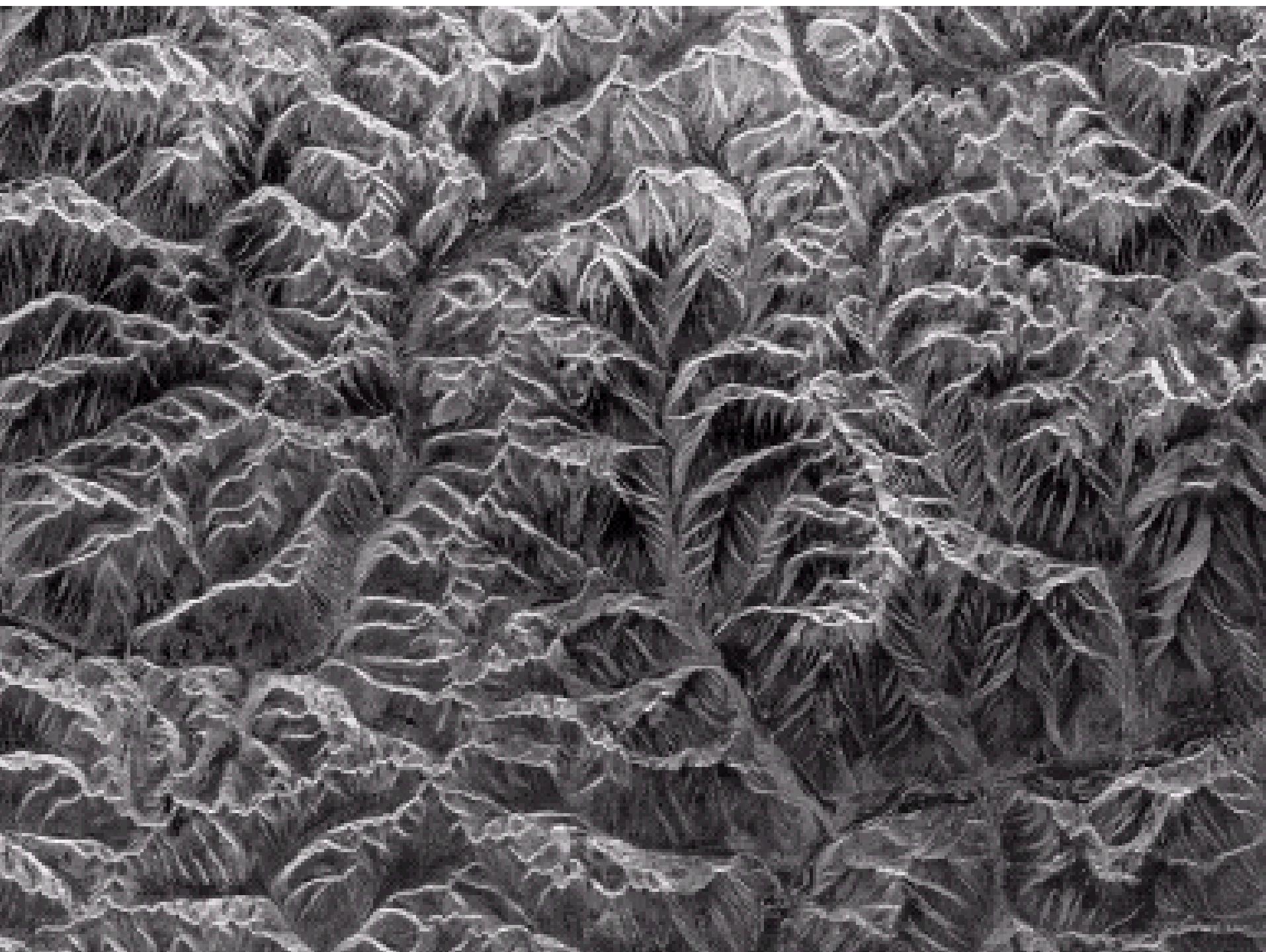


# *Thematic bands in NASA's LANDSAT satellite*

Band No.	Name	Wavelength ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	Characteristics and Uses
1	Visible blue	0.45–0.52	Maximum water penetration
2	Visible green	0.52–0.60	Good for measuring plant vigor
3	Visible red	0.63–0.69	Vegetation discrimination
4	Near infrared	0.76–0.90	Biomass and shoreline mapping
5	Middle infrared	1.55–1.75	Moisture content of soil and vegetation
6	Thermal infrared	10.4–12.5	Soil moisture; thermal mapping
7	Middle infrared	2.08–2.35	Mineral mapping

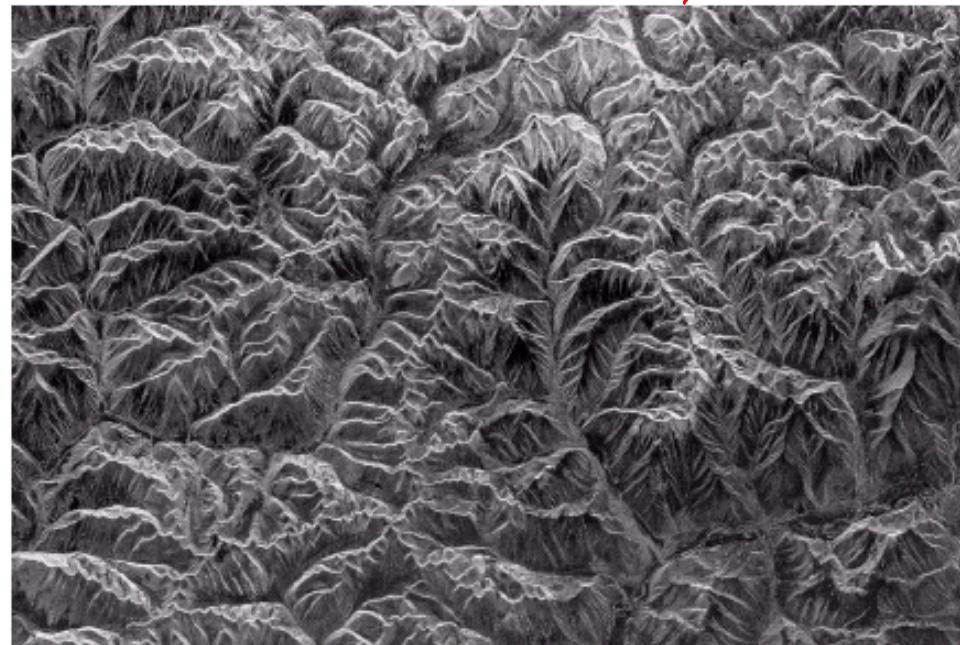


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# Imaging in Microwave Band

good example



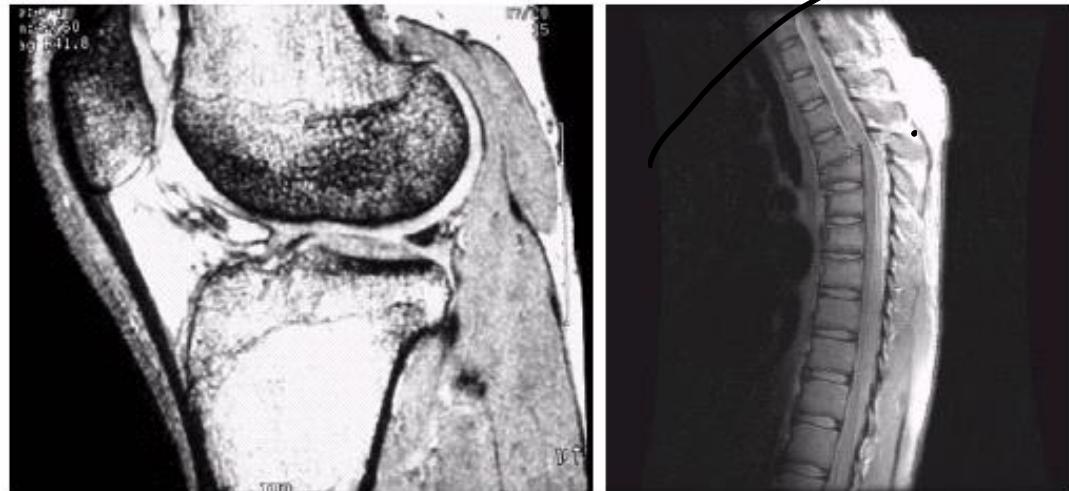
- Imaging radar : the only way to explore inaccessible regions of the Earth's surface
- Radar image of mountains in southeast Tibet
- Note the **clarity** and **detail** of the image, **unencumbered by clouds** or other **atmospheric conditions** that normally interfere with images in the **visual band**.

# Imaging in Radio Band

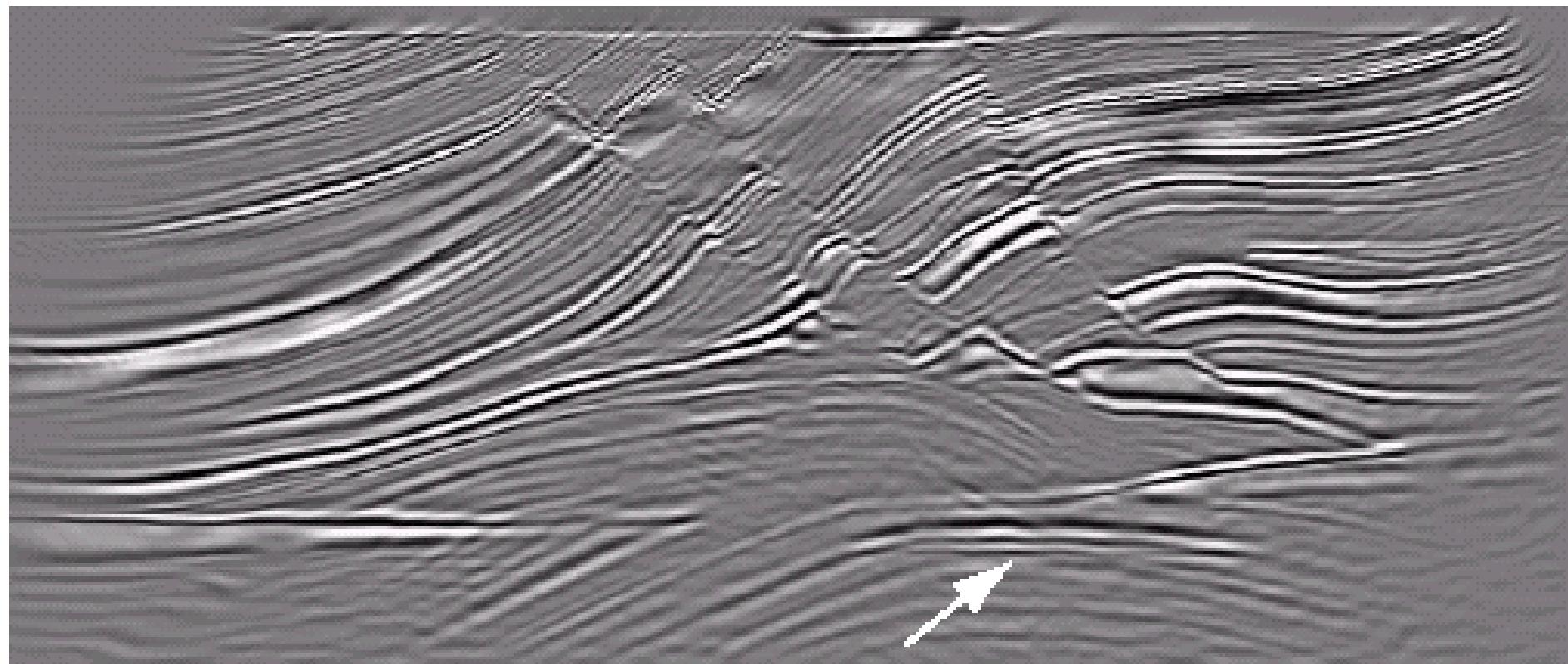


# Imaging in Radio Band

- Medicine
  - Magnetic resonance image (MRI) : 2D picture of a section of the patient
    - (a) knee
    - (b) spine
- Astronomy



# Acoustic Imaging

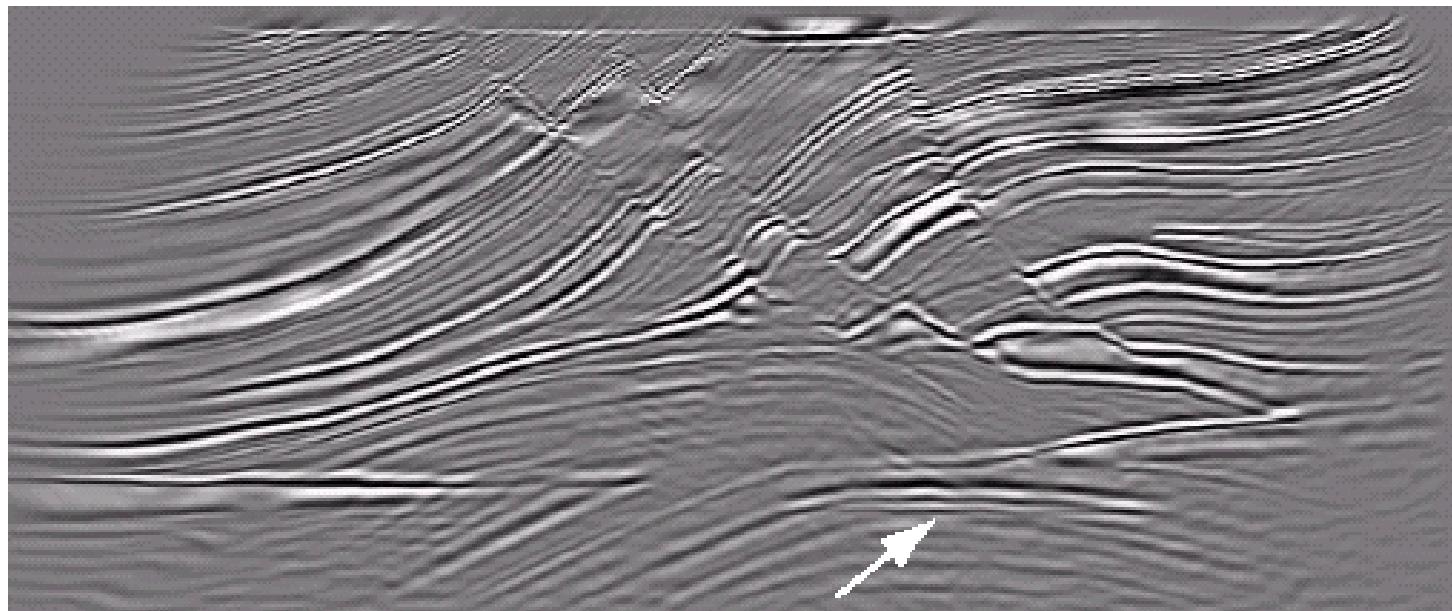


# Acoustic Imaging

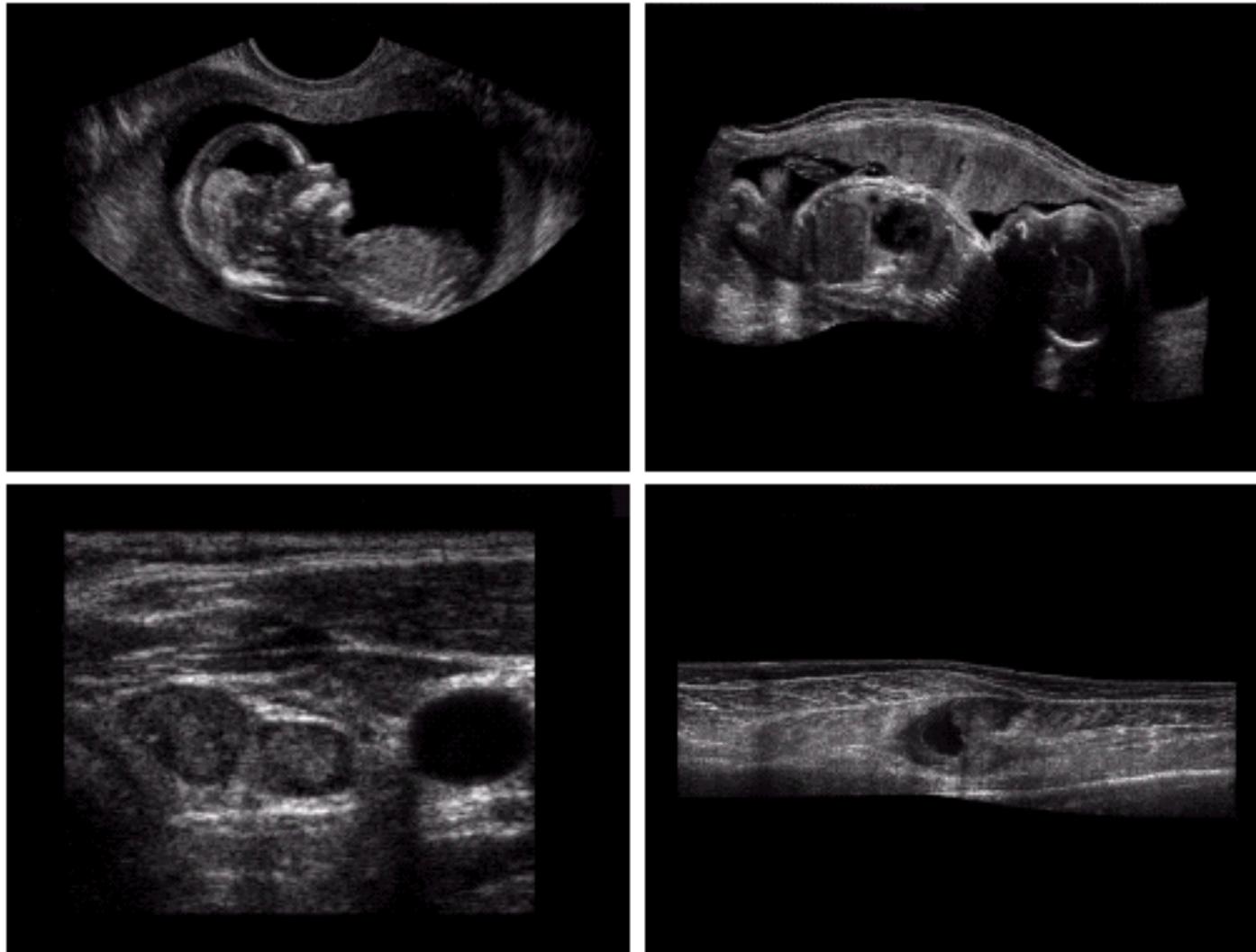
- Geological applications : use sound in the low end of the sound spectrum (hundred of Hz)
  - Mineral and oil exploration

**FIGURE 1.19**

Cross-sectional image of a seismic model. The arrow points to a hydrocarbon (oil and/or gas) trap. (Courtesy of Dr. Curtis Ober, Sandia National Laboratories.)

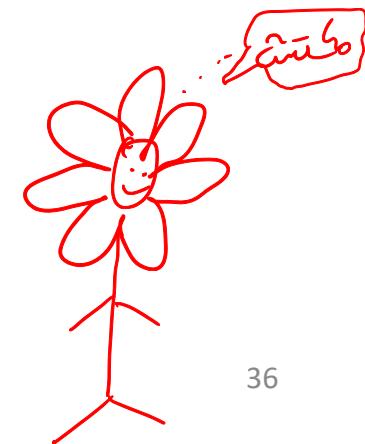


# Ultrasound Imaging

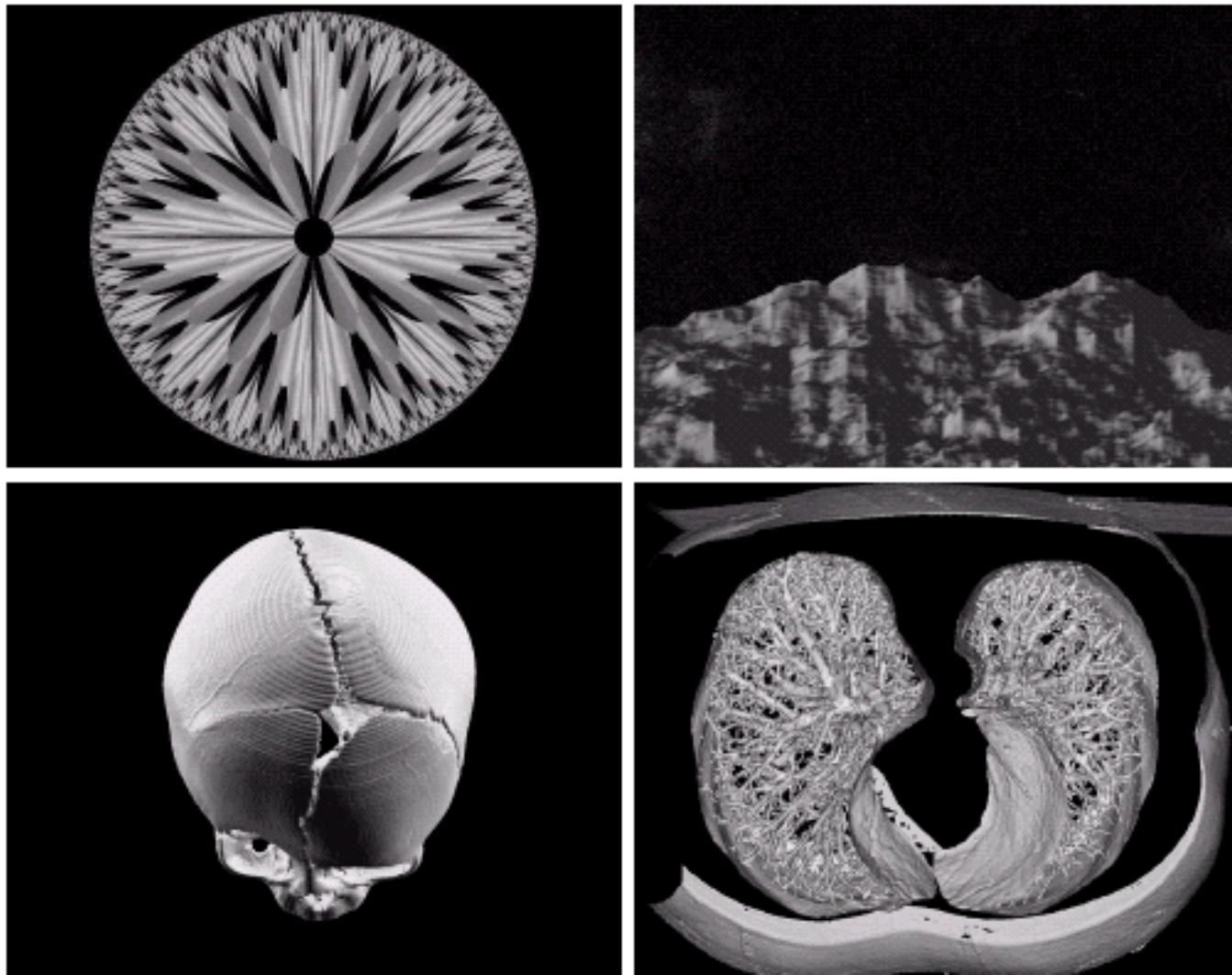


a  
b  
c  
d

**FIGURE 1.20**  
Examples of ultrasound imaging. (a) Baby. (2) Another view of baby. (c) Thyroids. (d) Muscle layers showing lesion. (Courtesy of Siemens Medical Systems, Inc., Ultrasound Group.)



# Generated images by computer



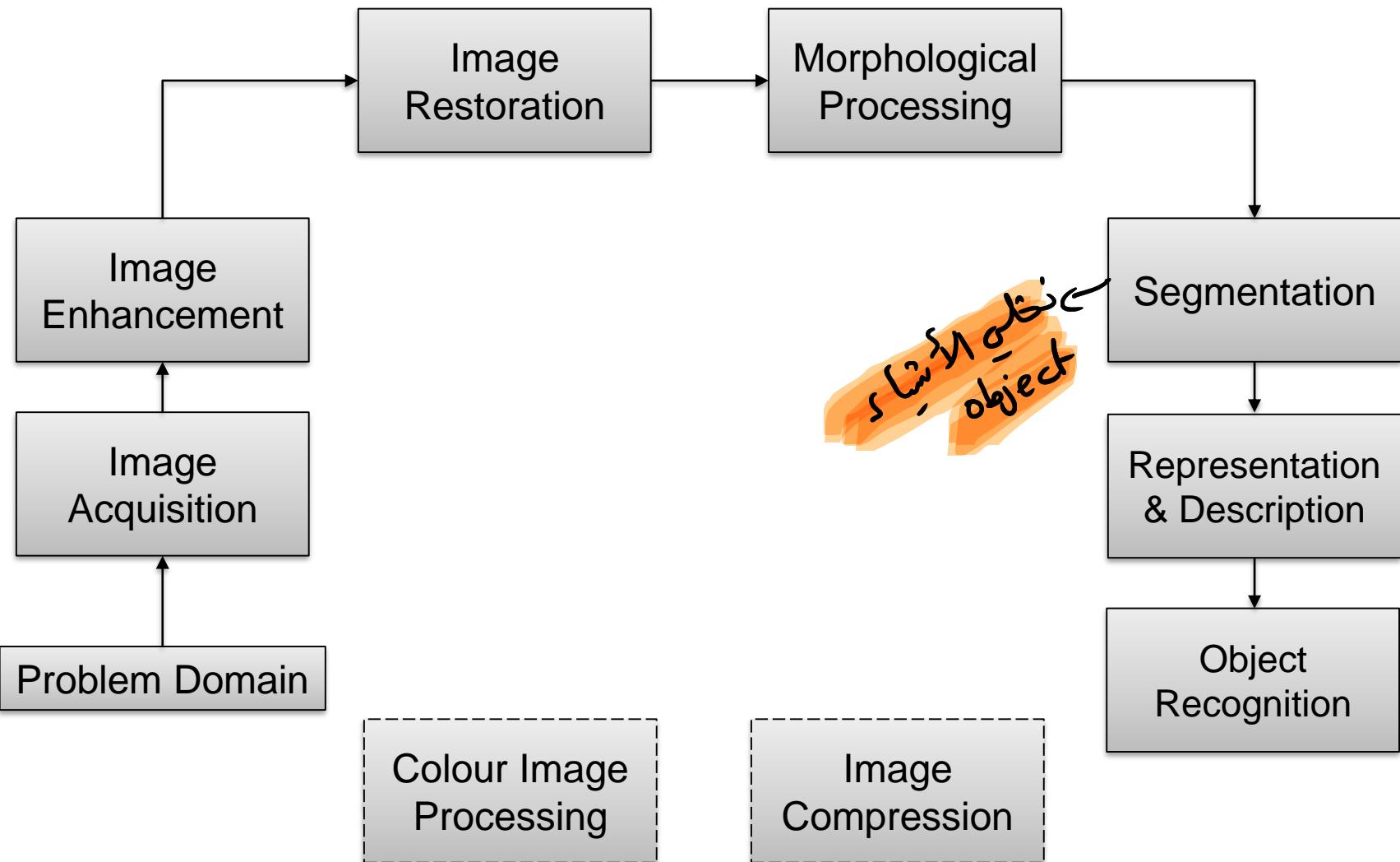
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**FIGURE 1.22**

(a) and (b) Fractal images. (c) and (d) Images generated from 3-D computer models of the objects shown. (Figures (a) and (b) courtesy of Ms. Melissa D. Binde, Swarthmore College, (c) and (d) courtesy of NASA.)

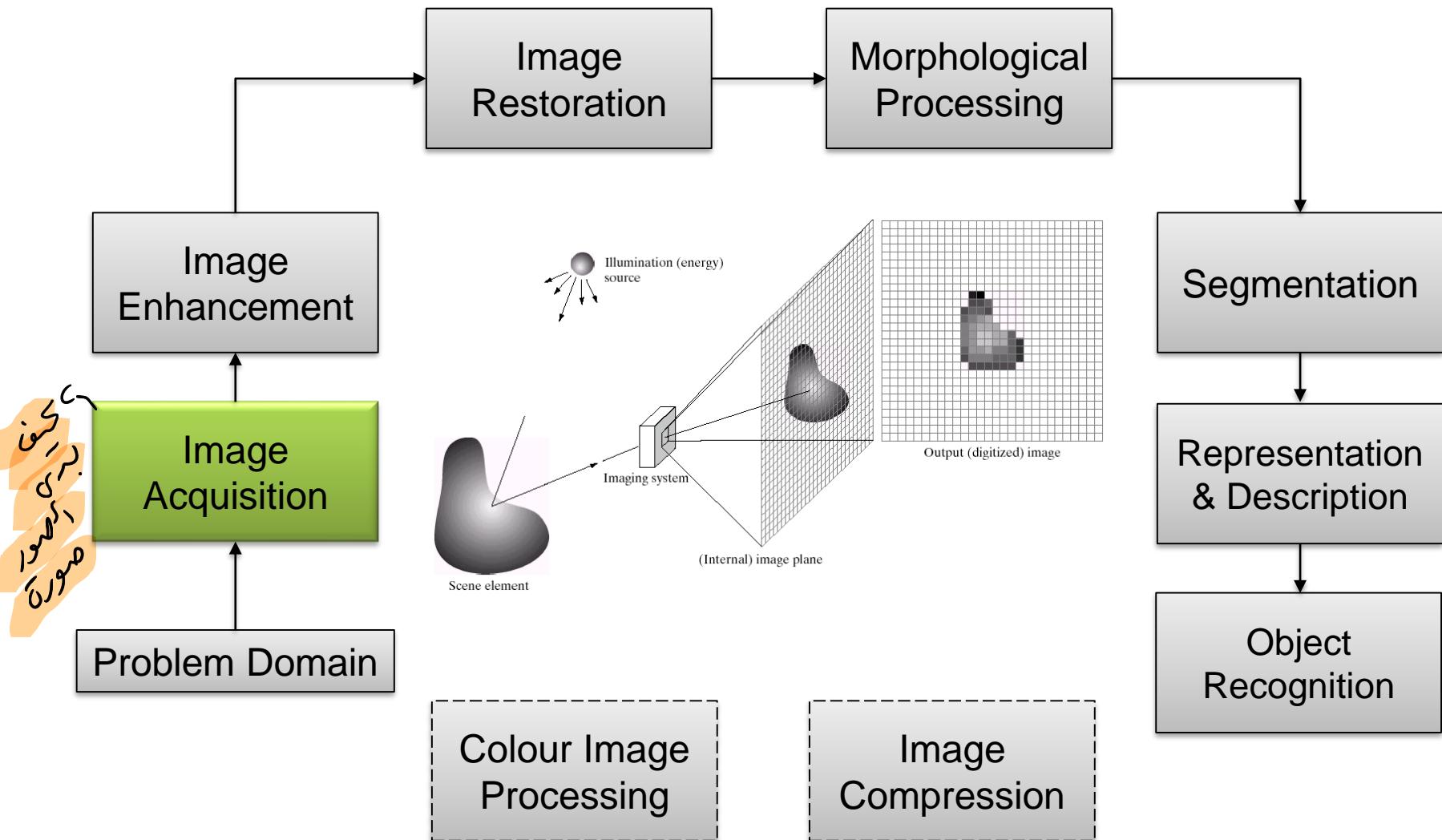
Curios

# Key Stages in Digital Image Processing



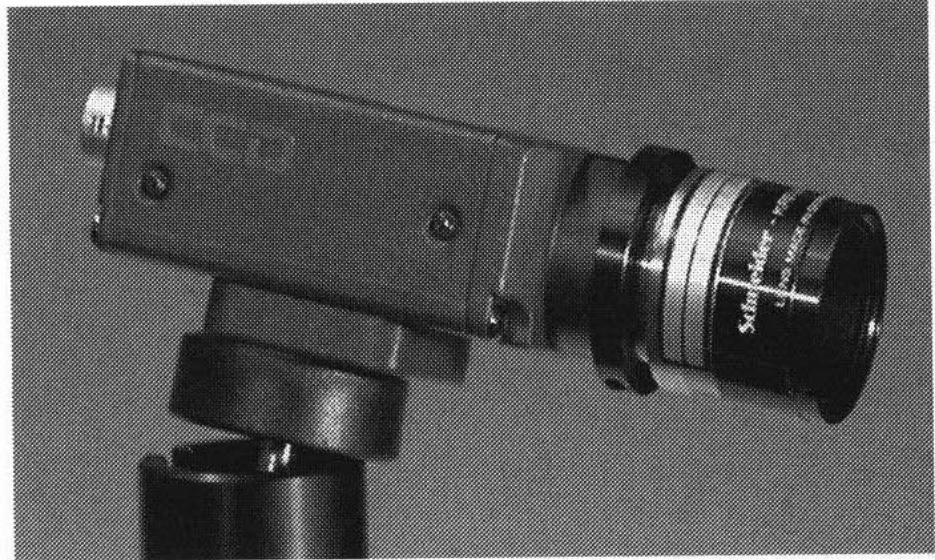
# Key Stages in Digital Image Processing:

## Image Acquisition



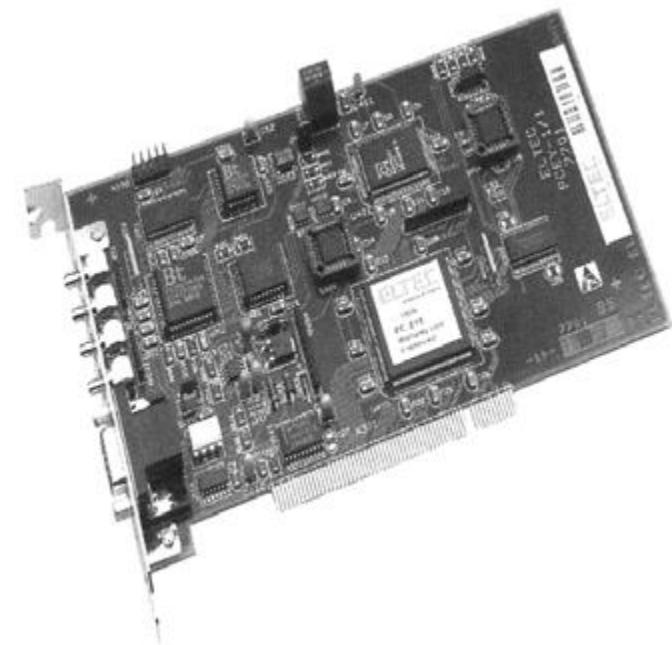
# Camera

- Camera consists of 2 parts
  - A **lens** that collects the **appropriate type of radiation** emitted from the object of interest and that forms an image of the real object
  - a semiconductor device, so called **charged coupled device** or **CCD**, which converts the image into an electrical signal

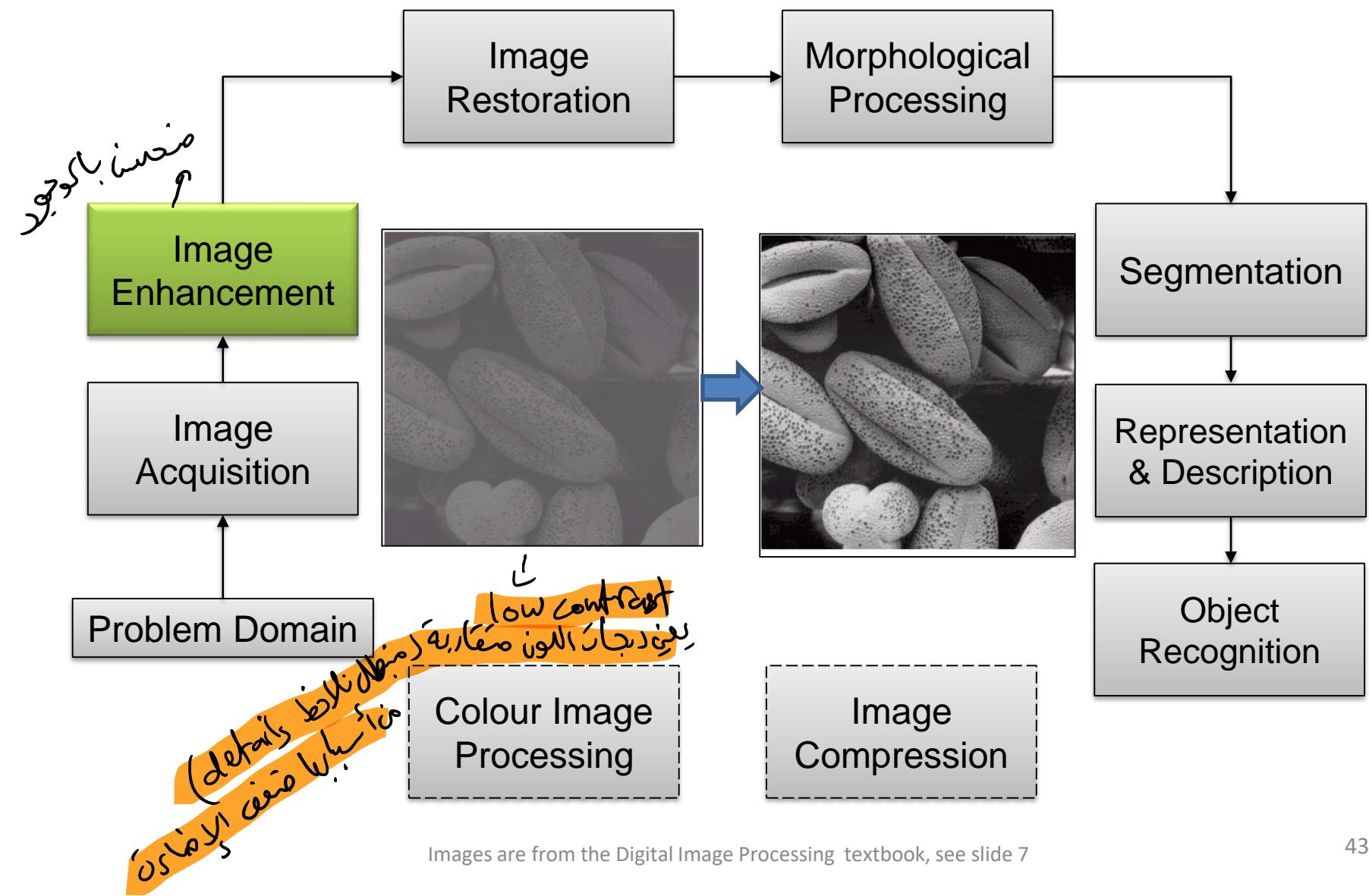


# Frame Grabber

- Frame grabber only needs circuits to **digitize the electrical signal** from the imaging sensor to store the **image** in the memory (RAM) of the computer

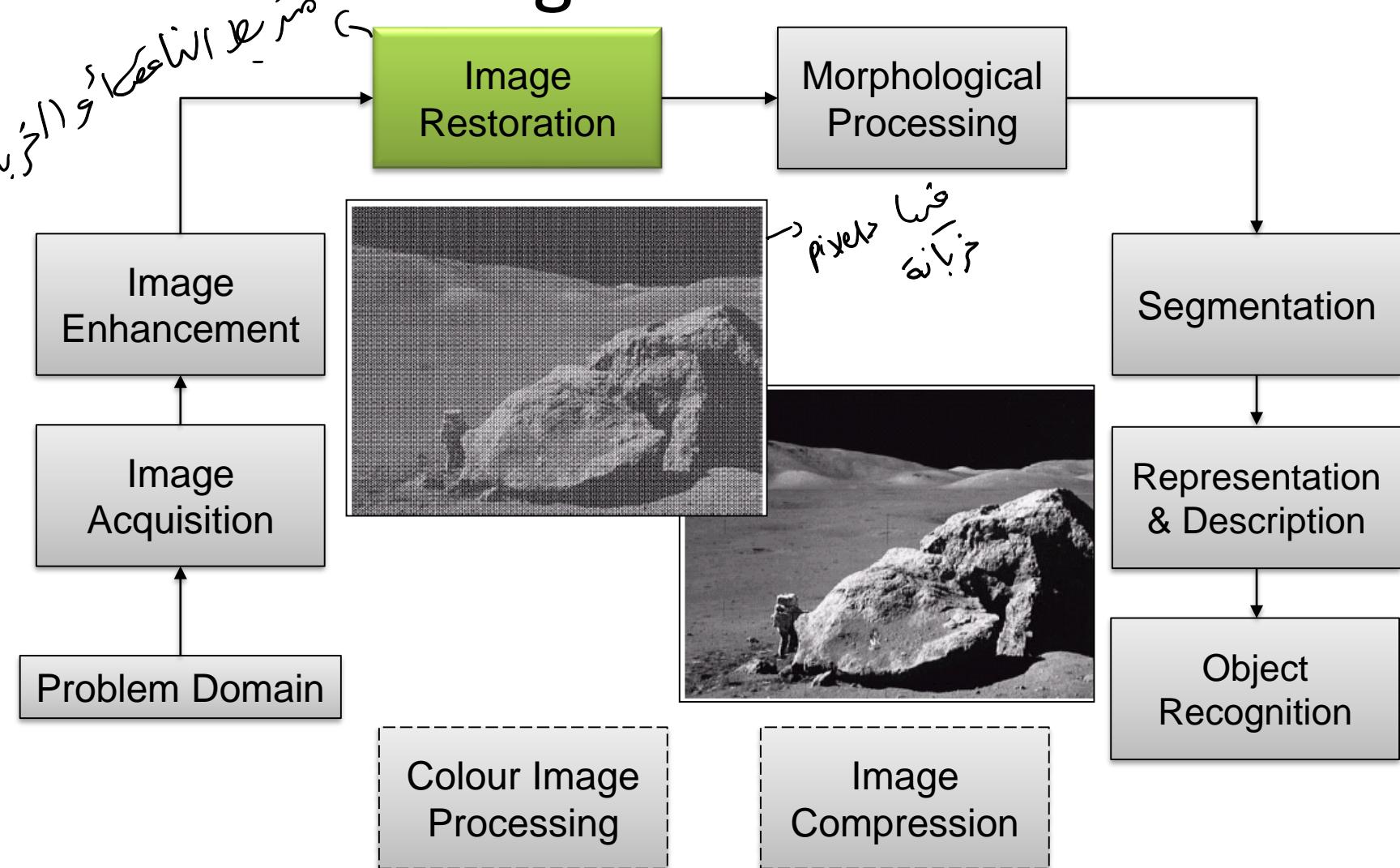


# Key Stages in Digital Image Processing: Image Enhancement

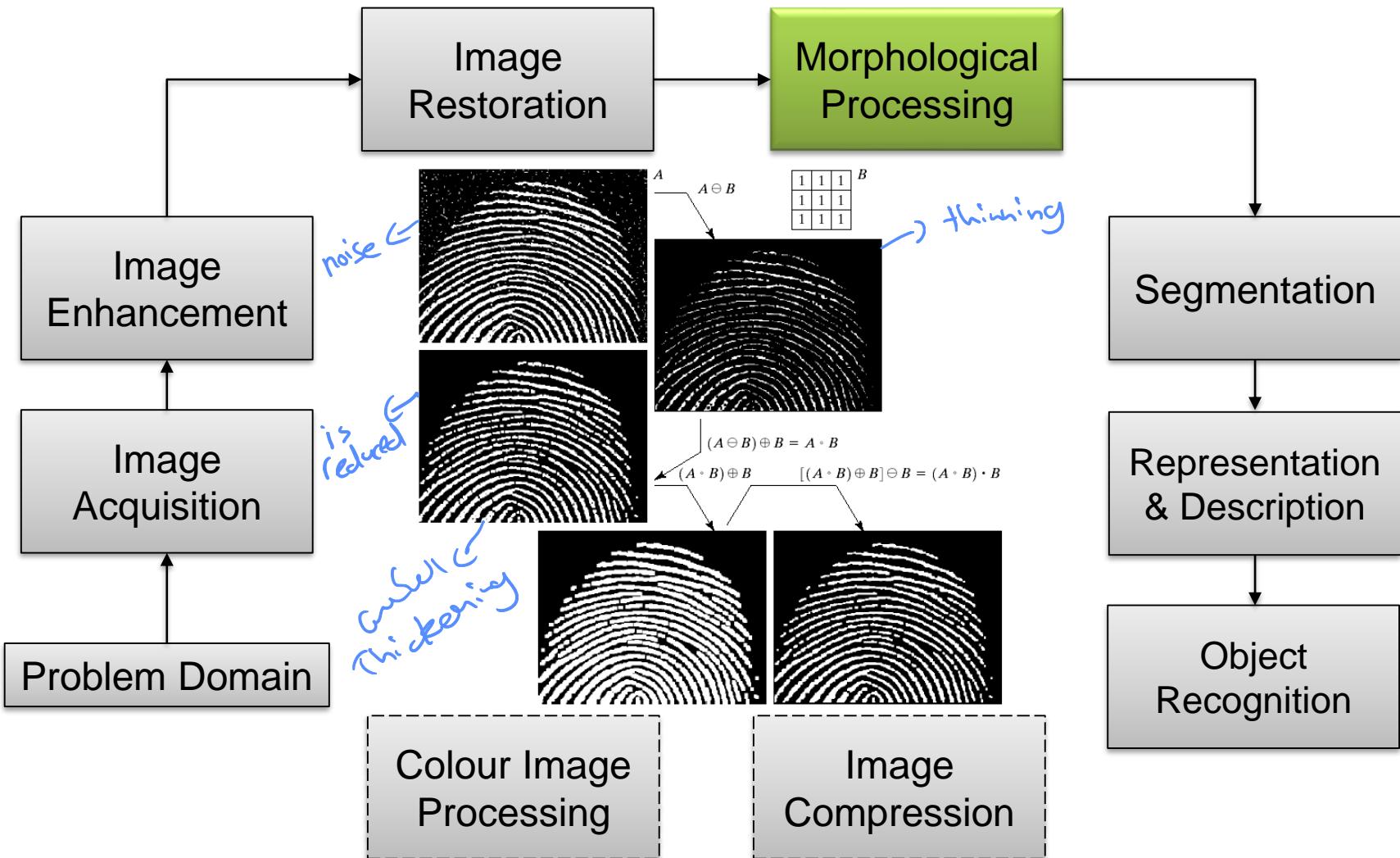


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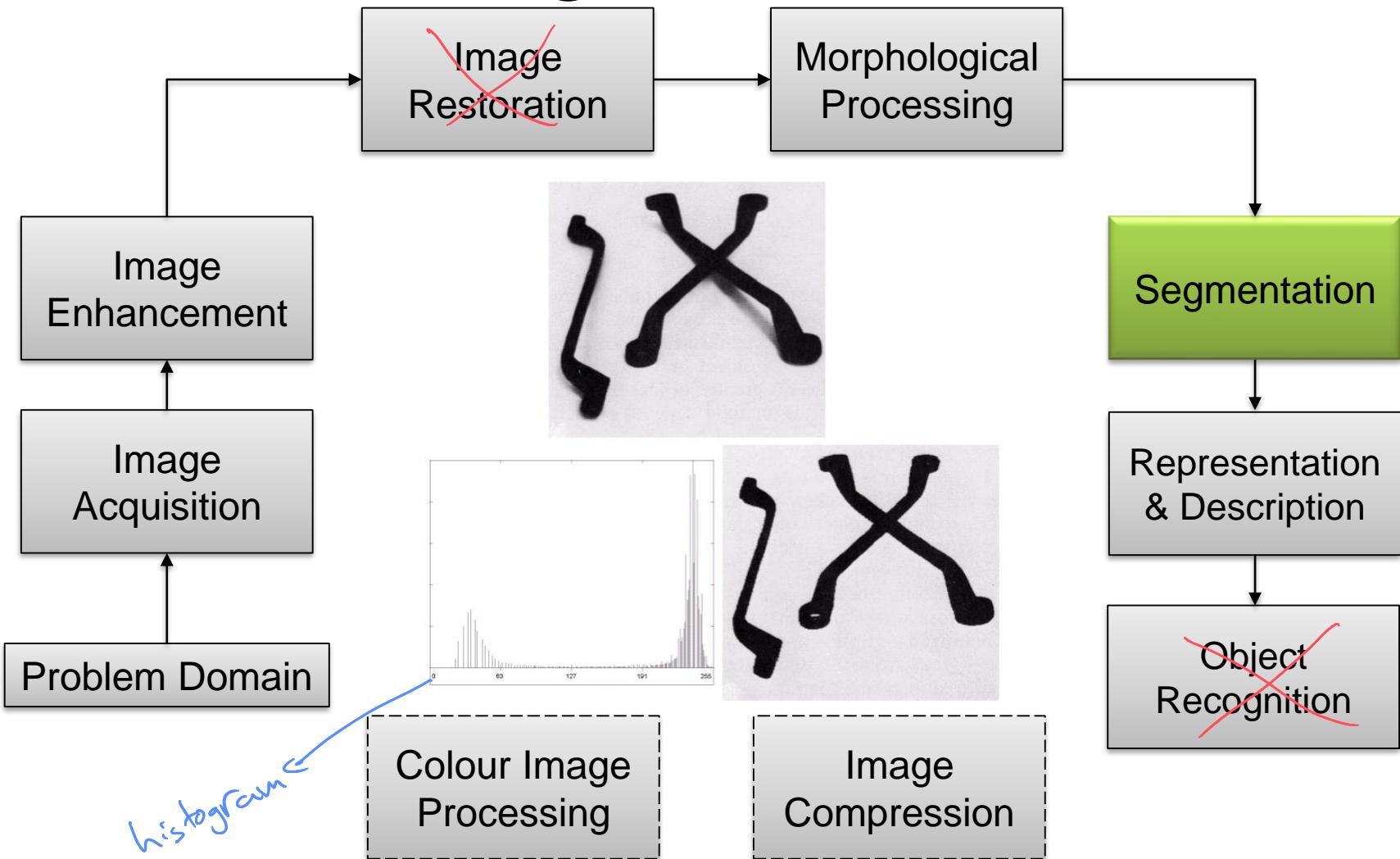
## Image Restoration



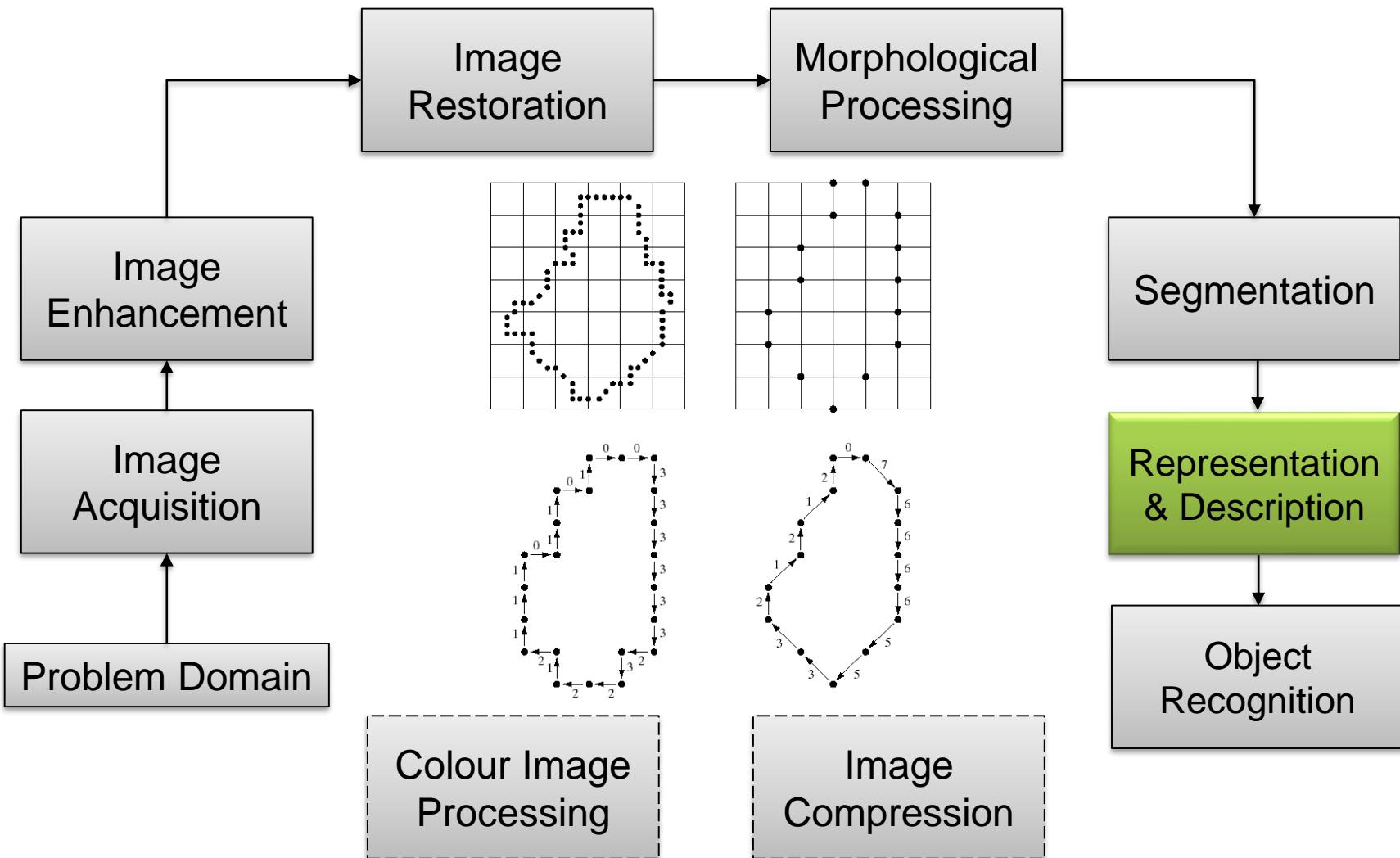
# Key Stages in Digital Image Processing: Morphological Processing



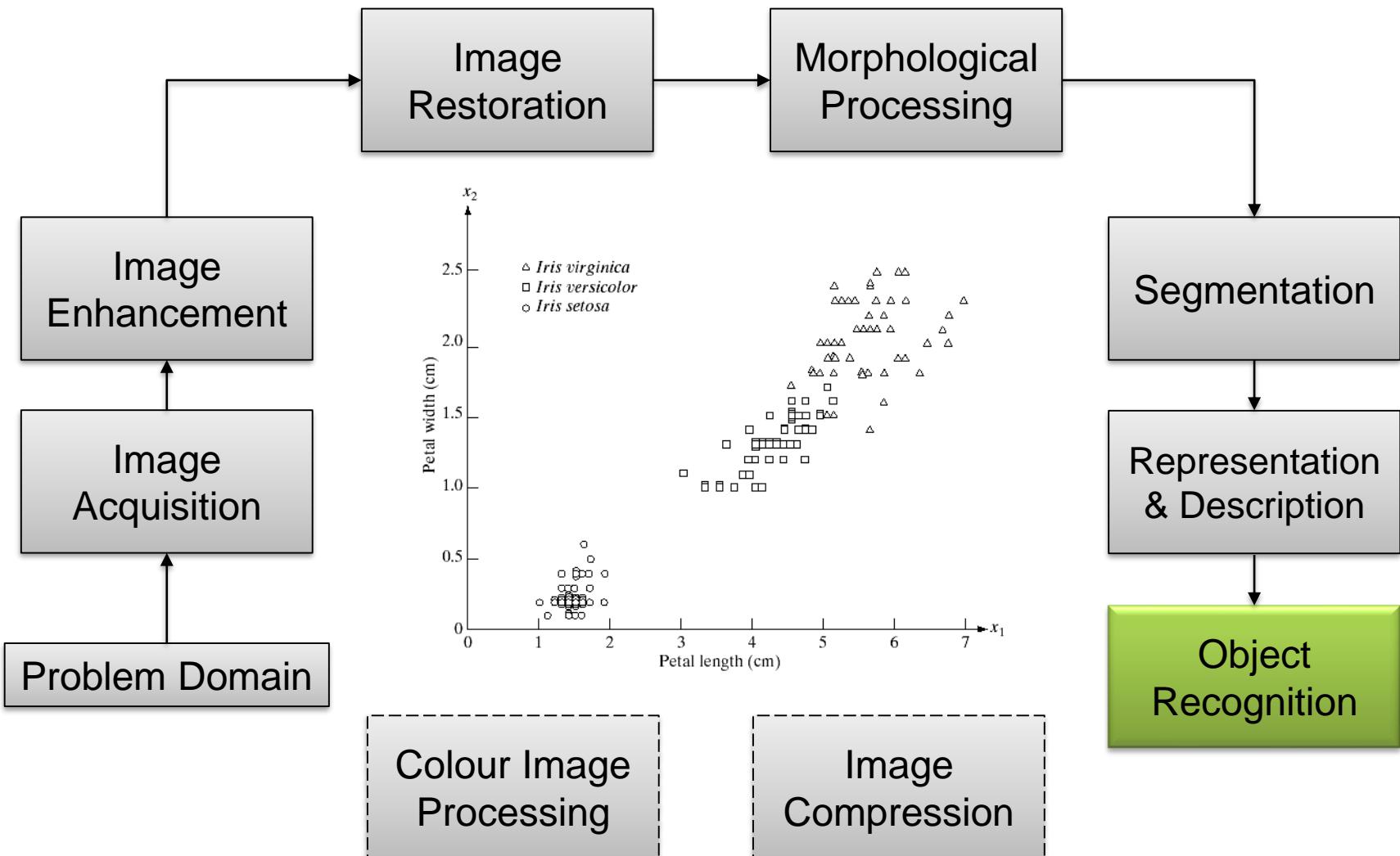
# Key Stages in Digital Image Processing: Segmentation



# Key Stages in Digital Image Processing: Representation & Description

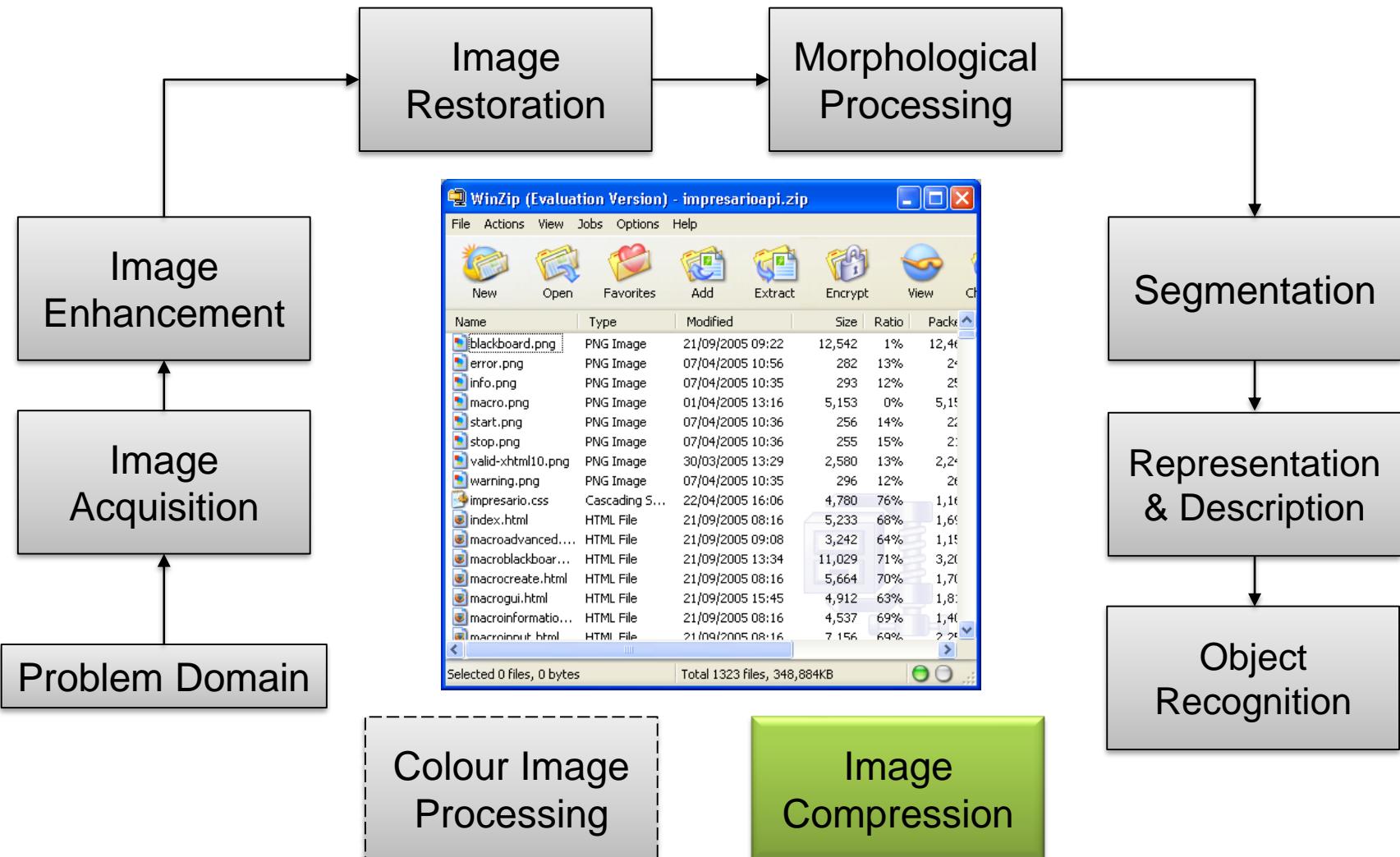


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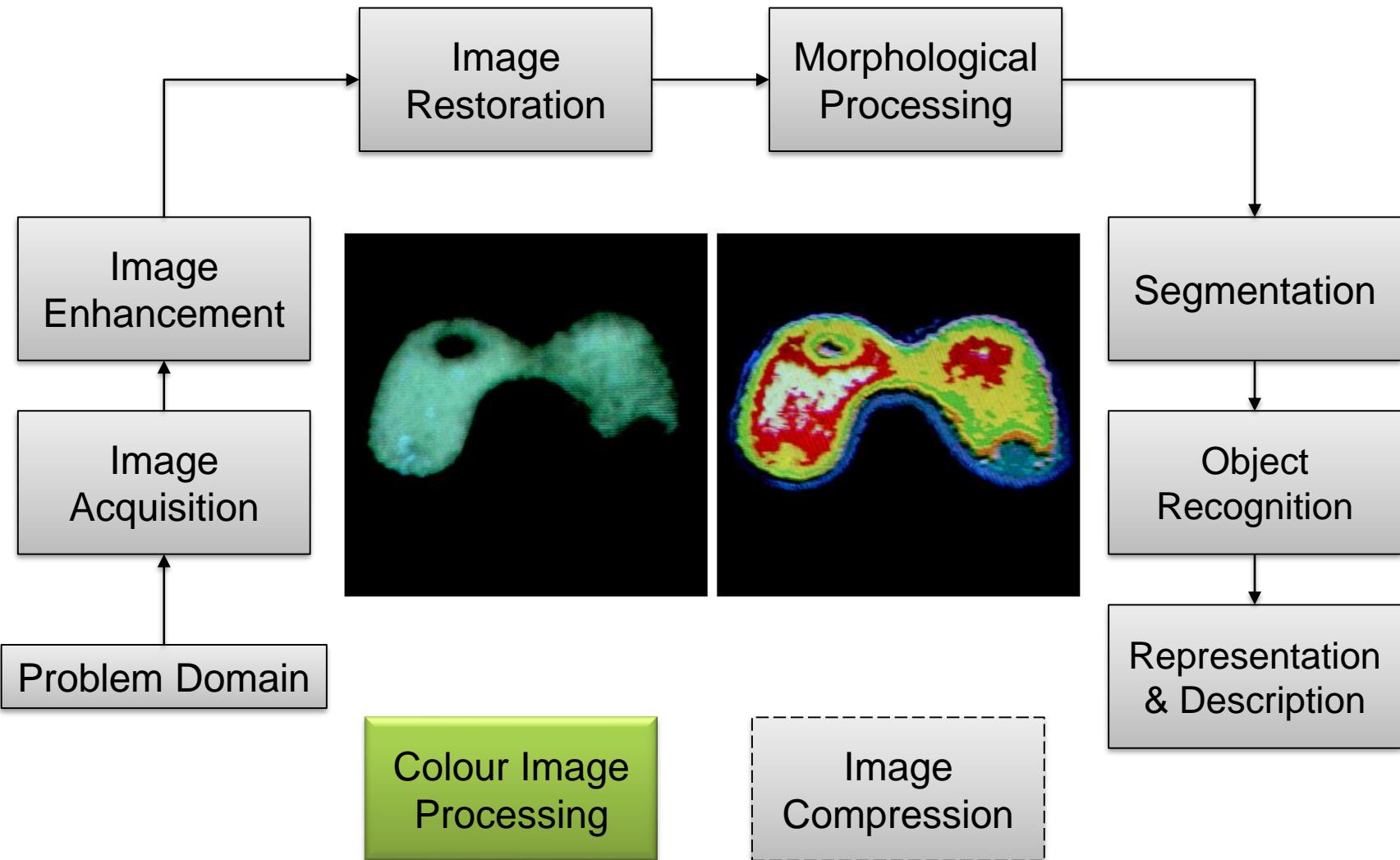


# Key Stages in Digital Image Processing:

## Image Compression



# Key Stages in Digital Image Processing: Colour Image Processing



# Fundamental Steps

Output of these processes generally are images

