

# Lecture 1: Introduction

## COS 429: Computer Vision



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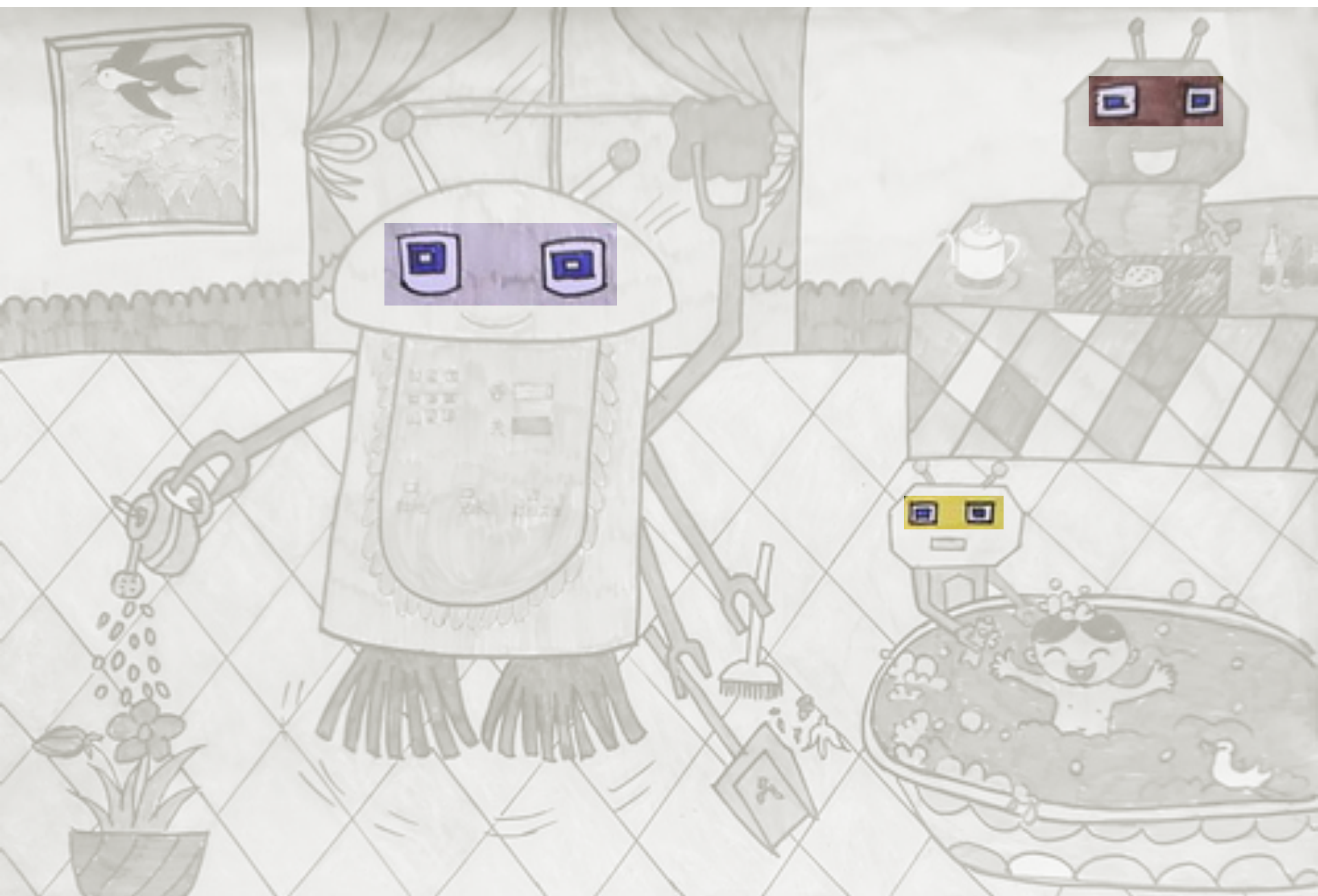
What does the future world look like?



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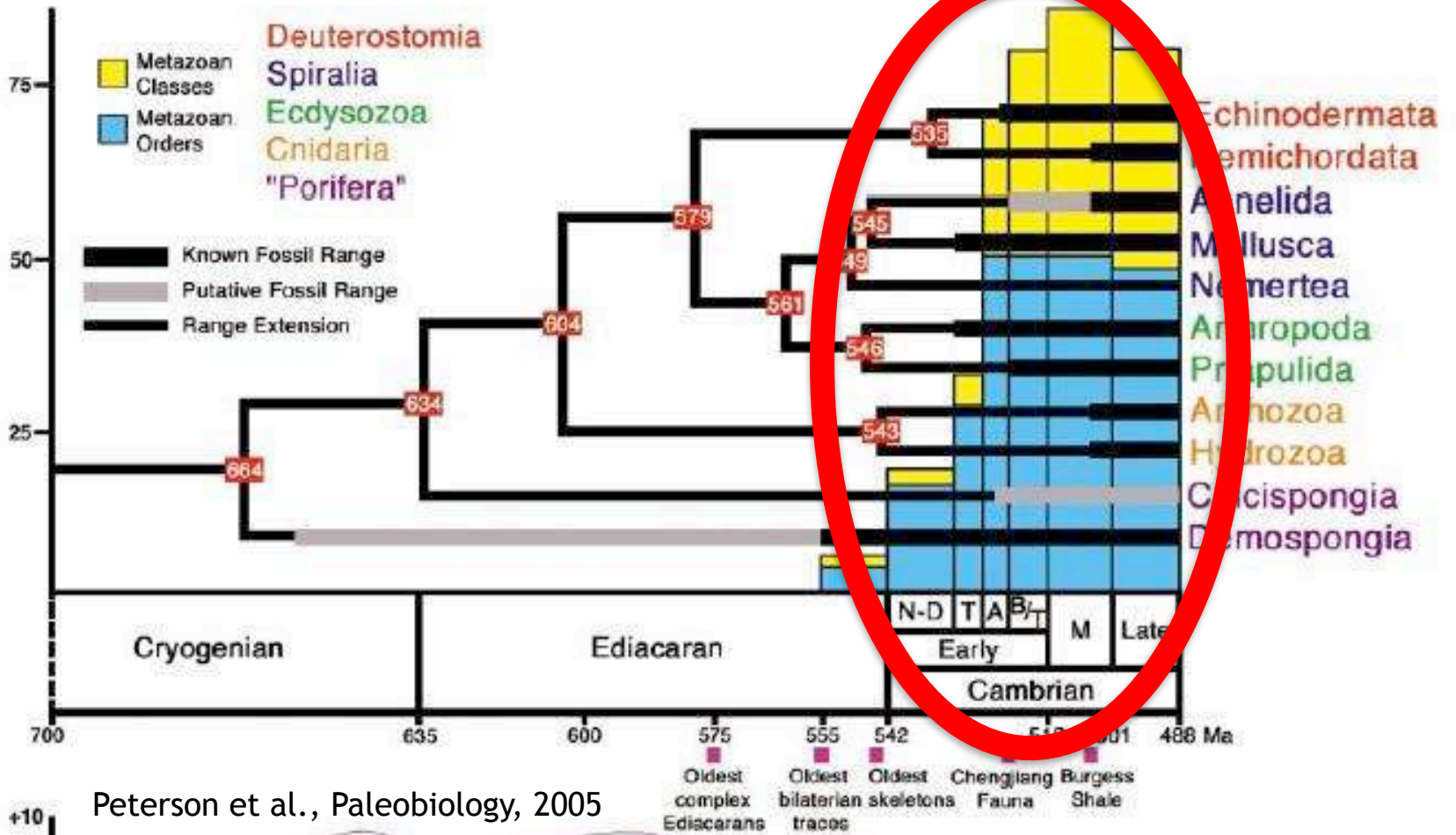






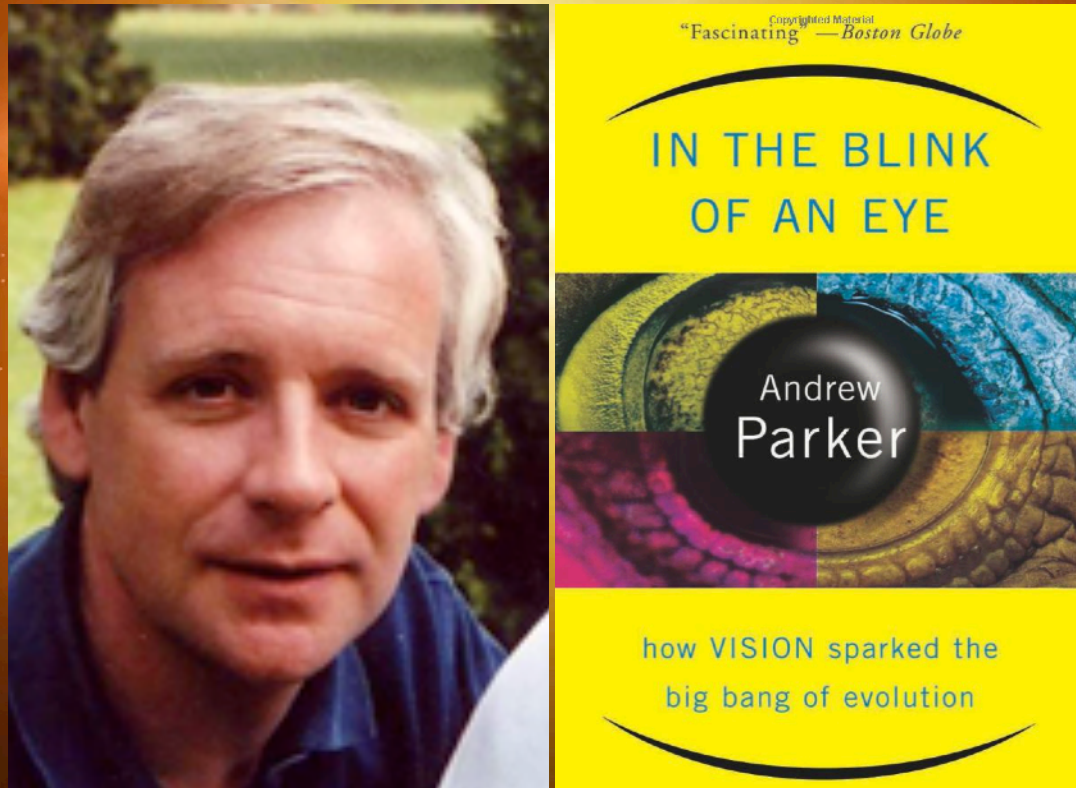
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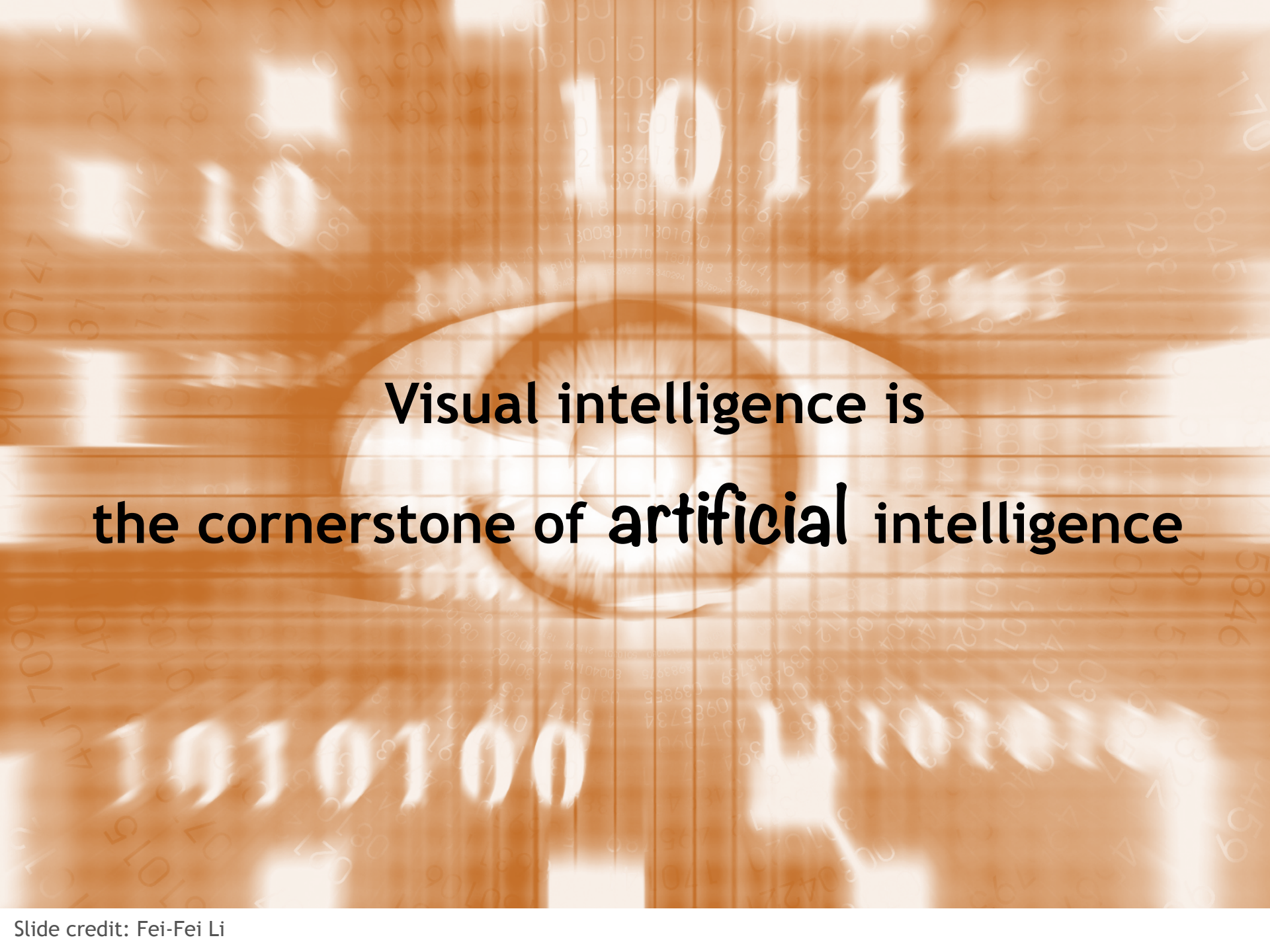


“The Cambrian Explosion is triggered by the sudden evolution of vision,” which set off an evolutionary arms race where animals either evolved or died.

---- Andrew Parker, zoologist

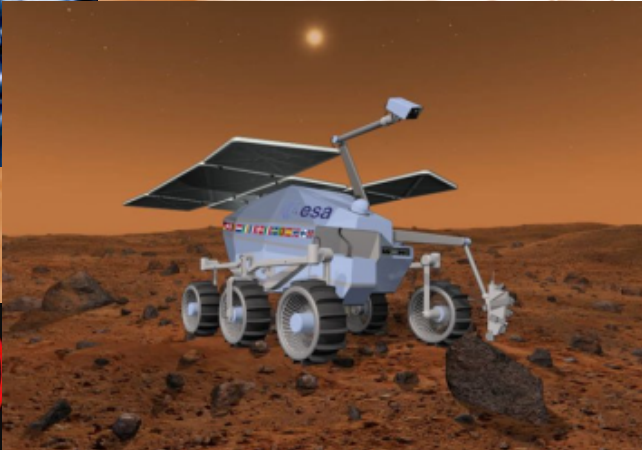
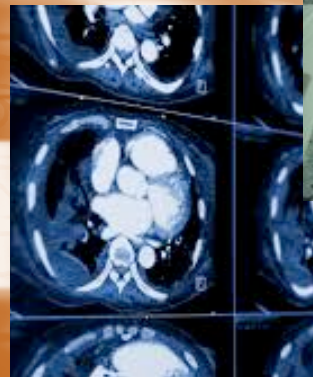






**Visual intelligence is  
the cornerstone of artificial intelligence**



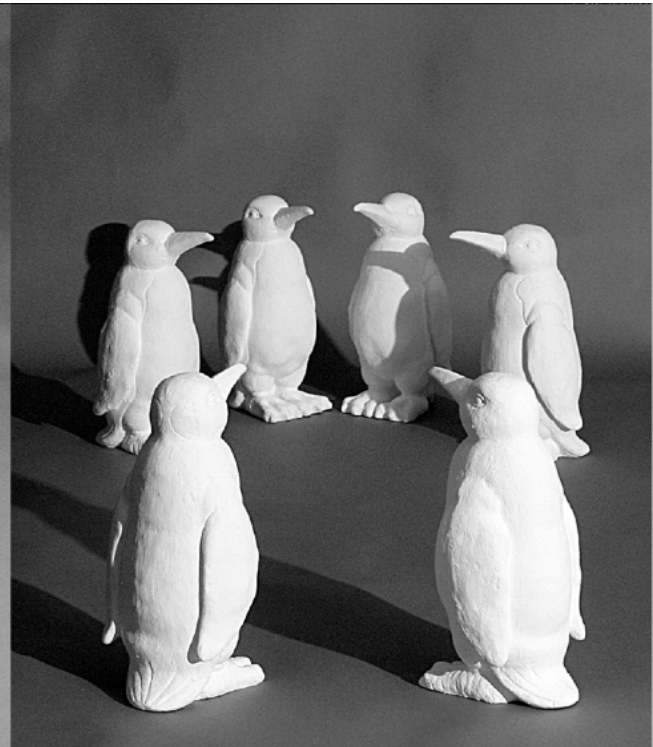
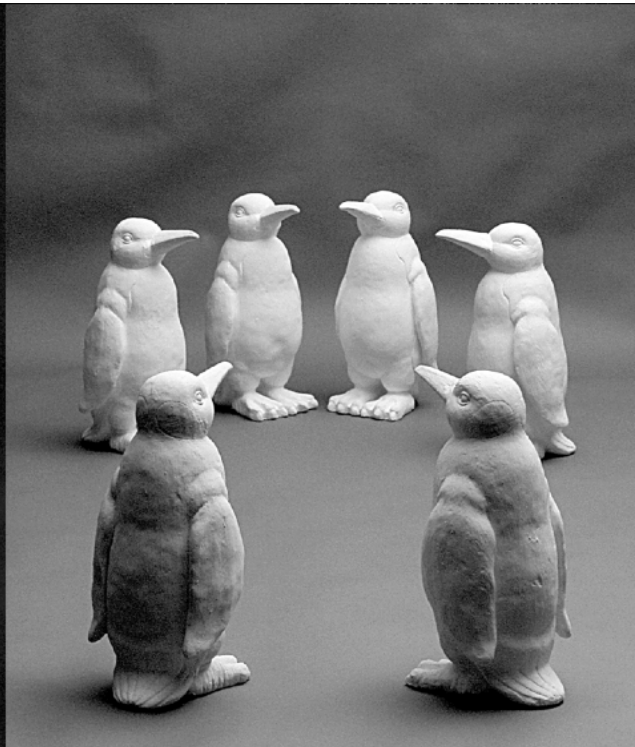


Seeing is challenging

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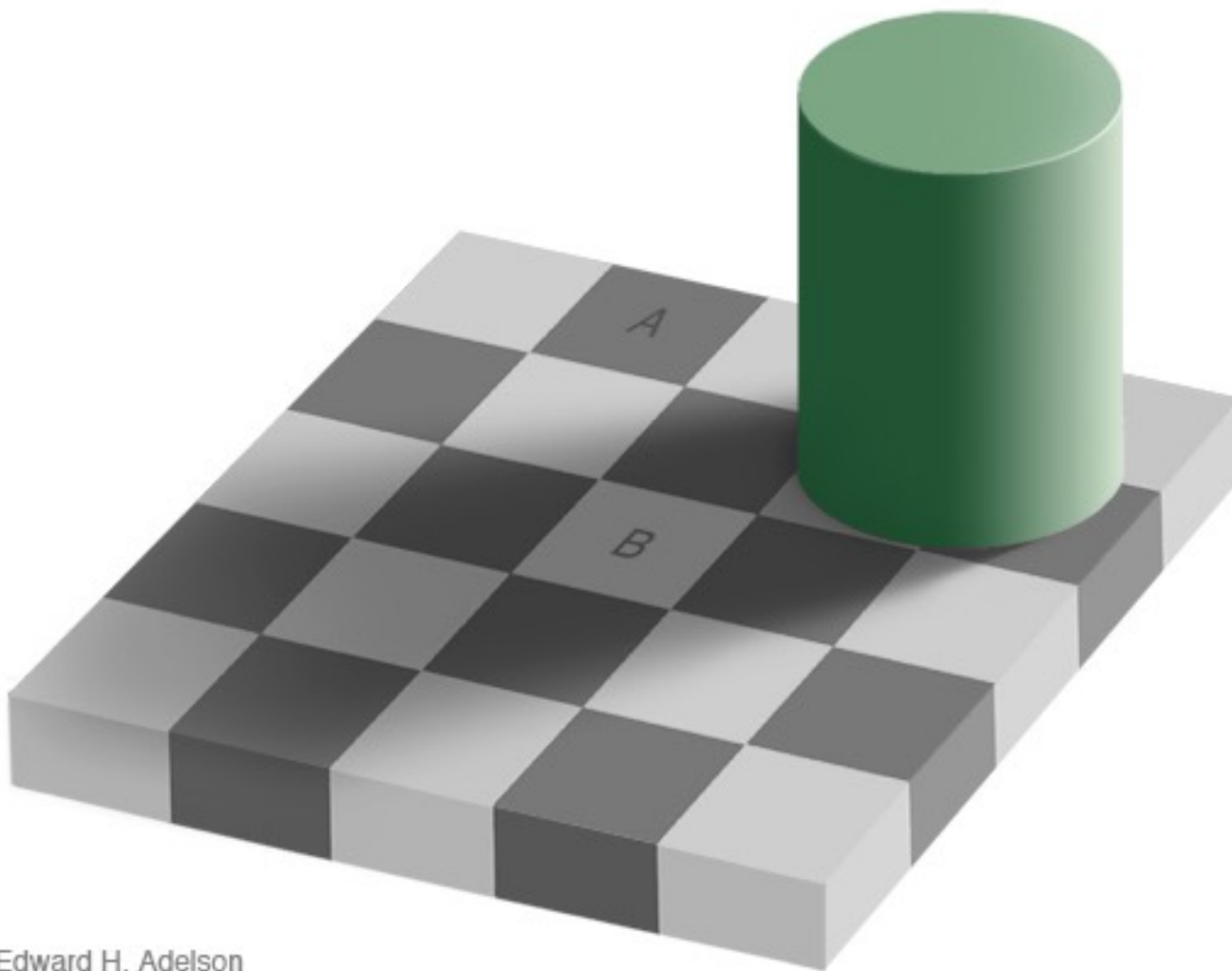


# Challenge: illumination



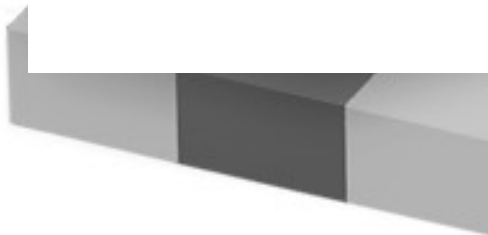


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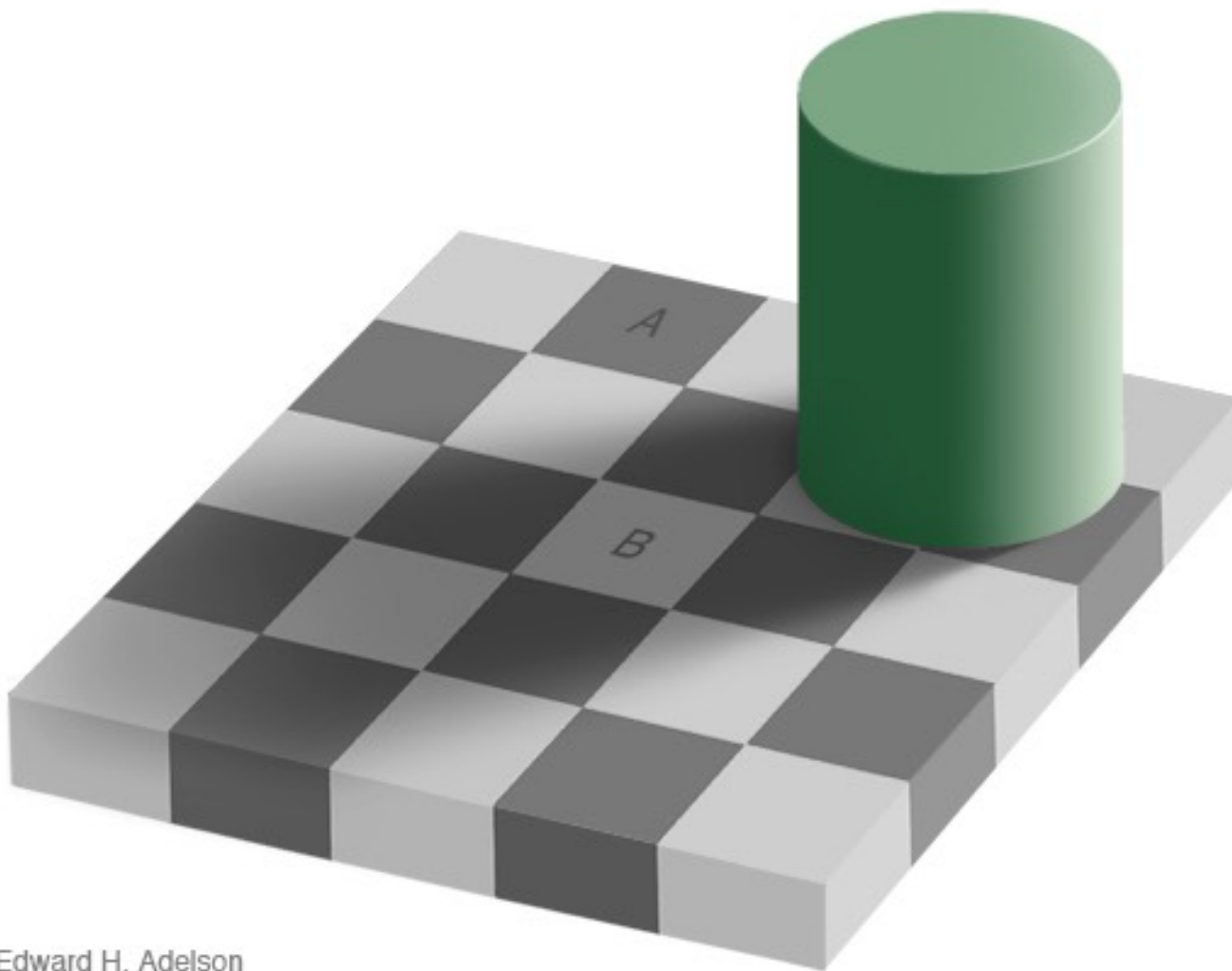
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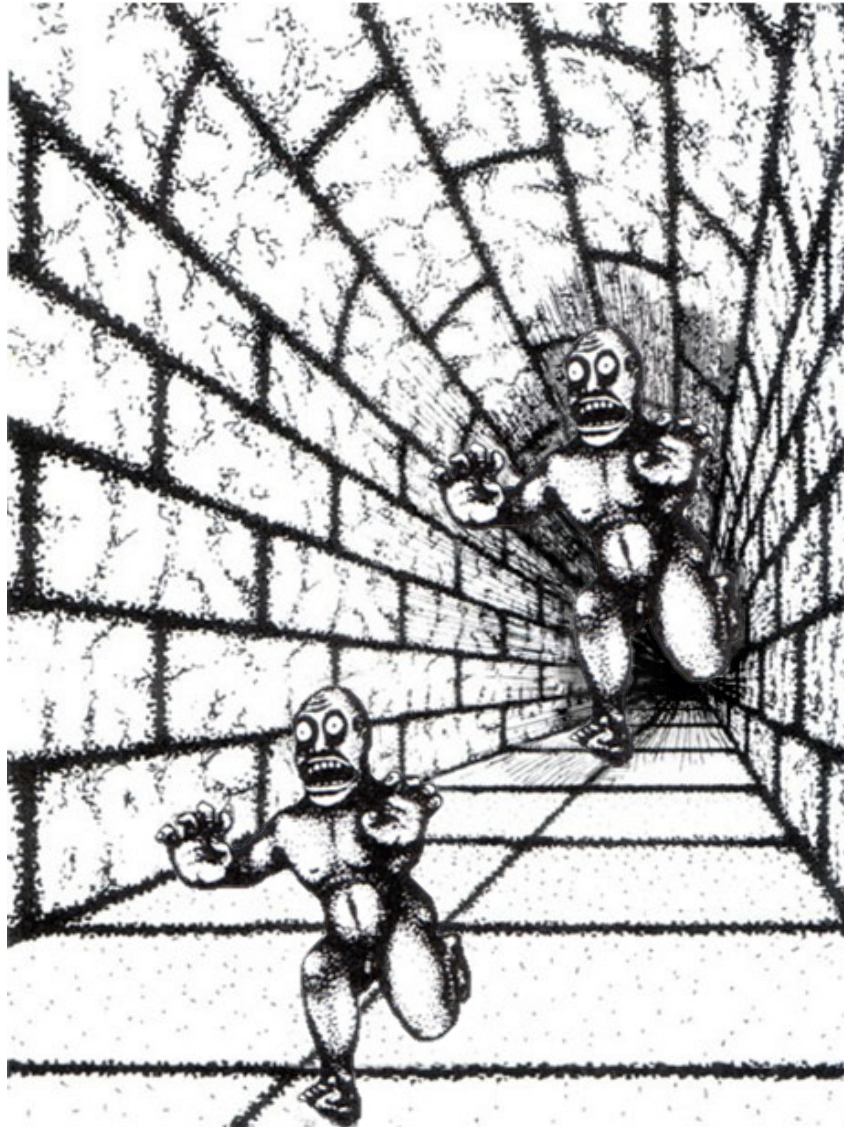
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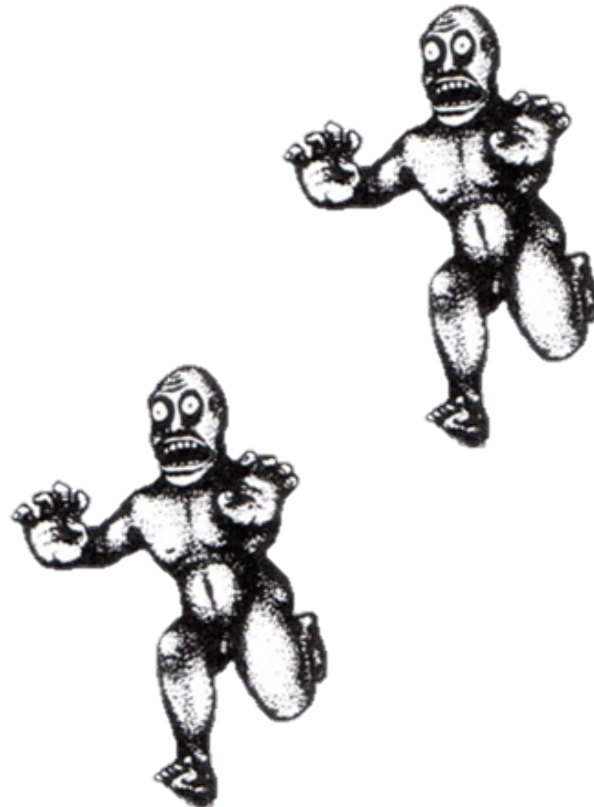
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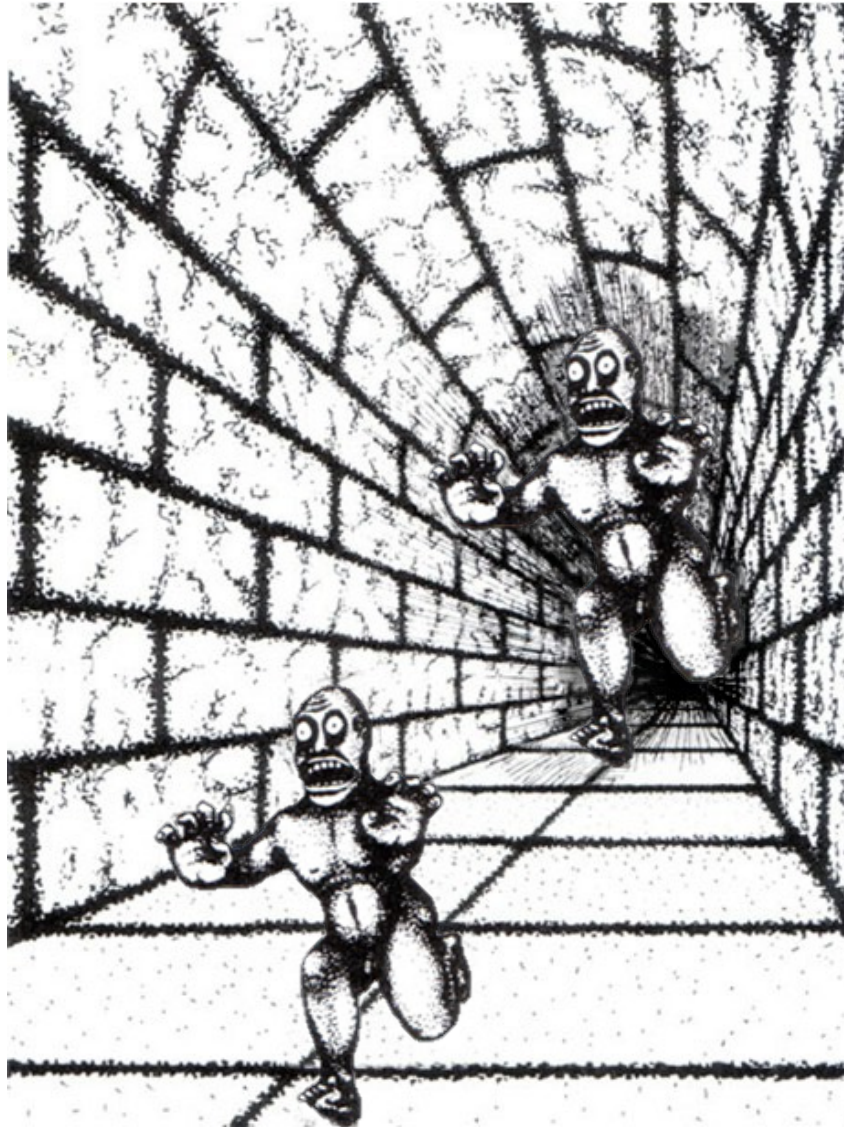
# Challenge: scale



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# Challenge: occlusion and clutter



Image source: National Geographic

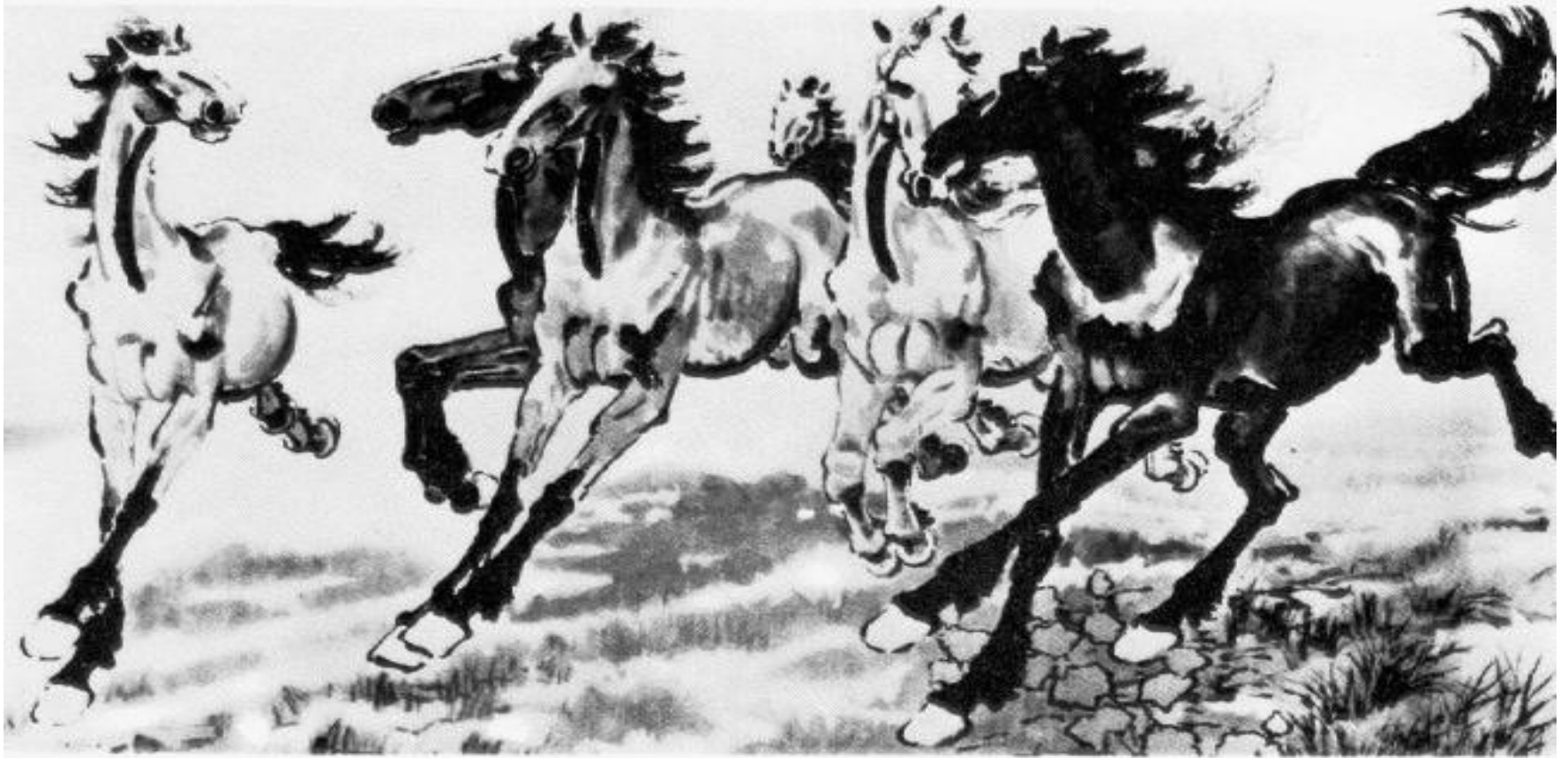
# Challenge: intra-class variation



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# Challenge: deformation



Xu, Beihong 1943

# Challenge: motion

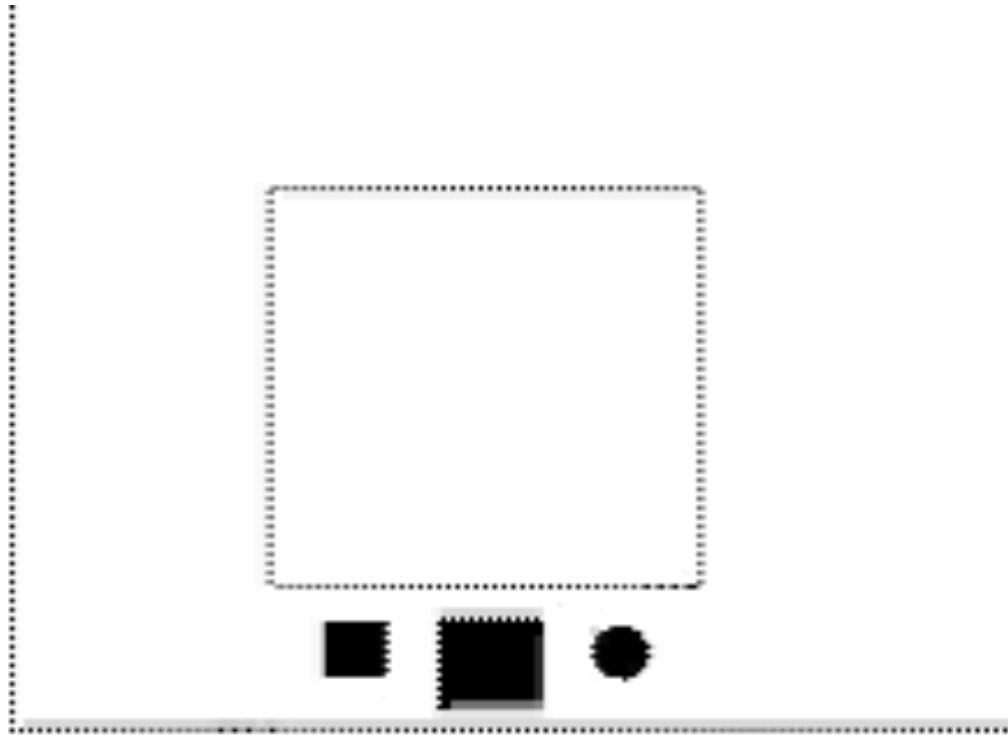




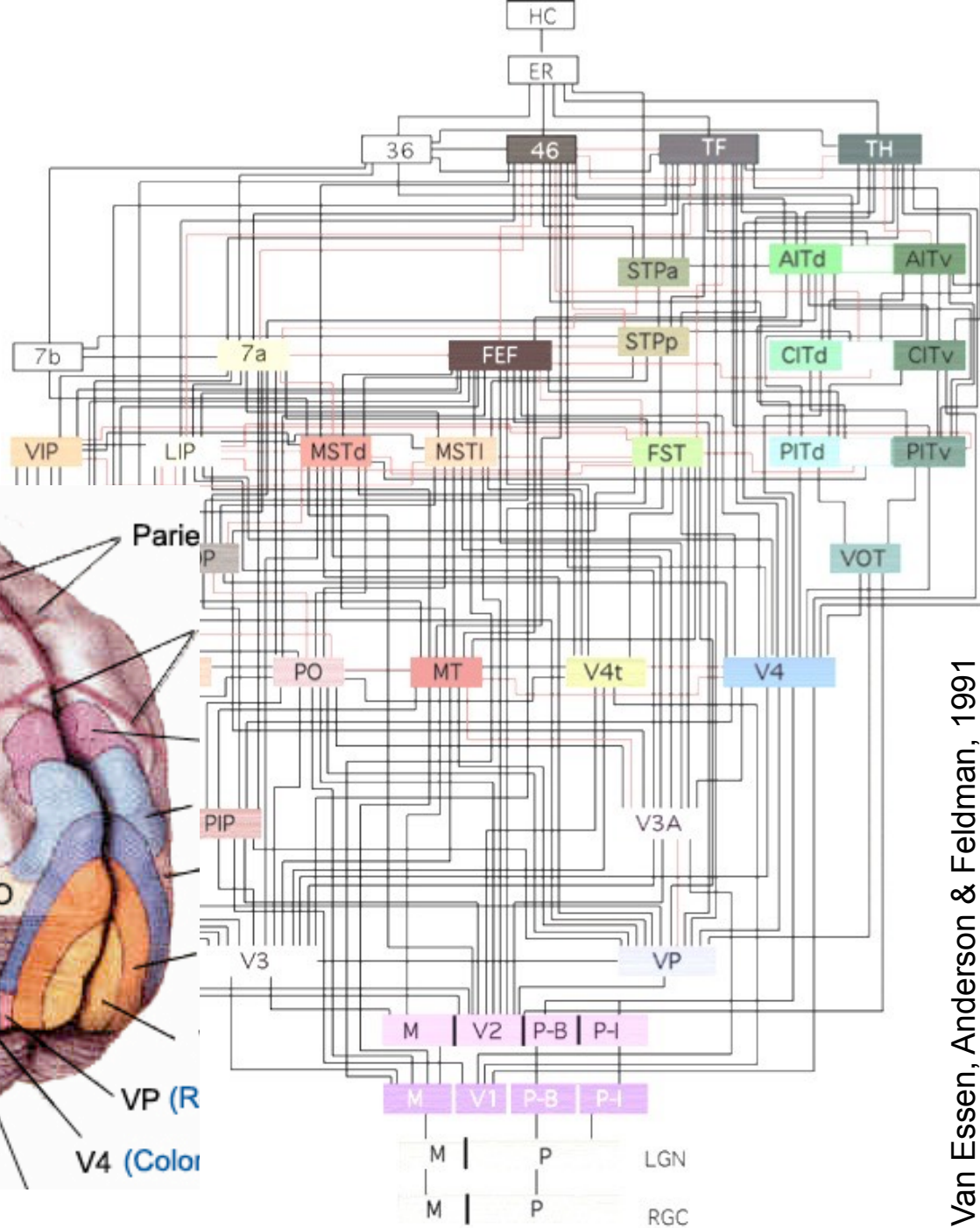
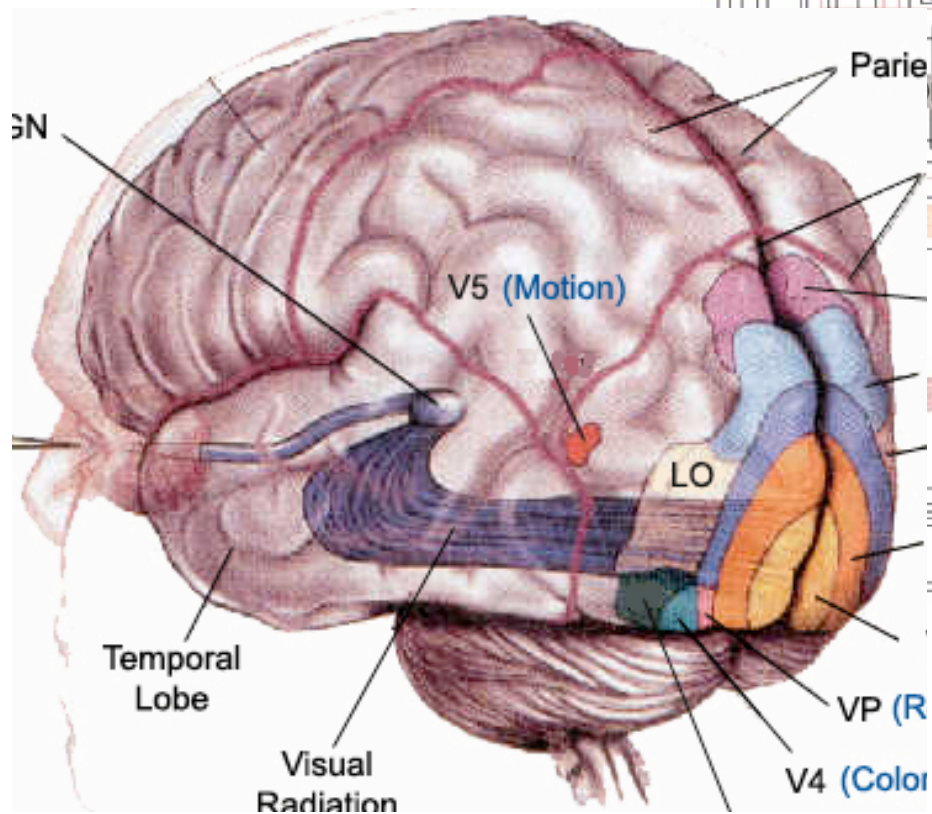
# Challenge: perspective



# (Aside) Challenge: intentions and goals







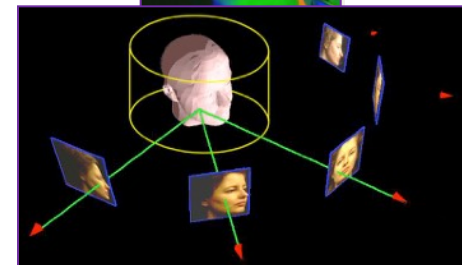
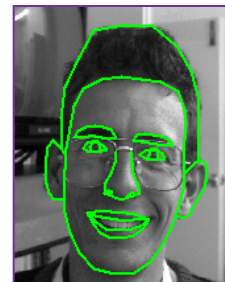
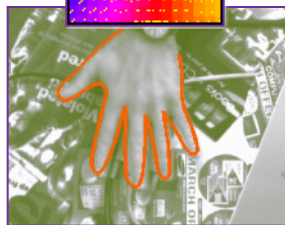
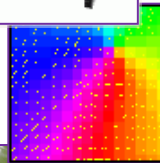
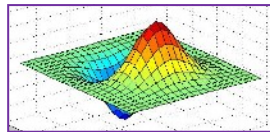
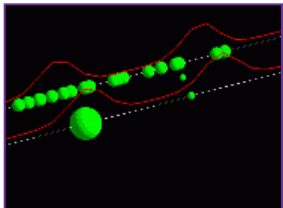
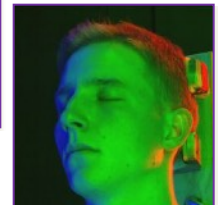
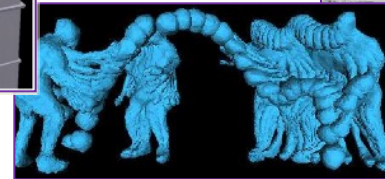
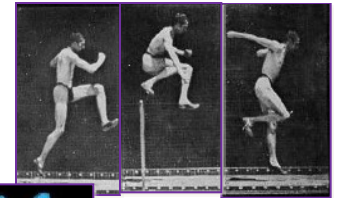
What is computer vision?

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# Computer vision

- **Input:** images or video
- **Output:** description of the world
  - Also: measuring, classifying, interpreting visual information



# One Pixel

- Amount of light recorded by a photoreceptor



“Is this the object’s color?  
Illumination? Noise?  
I can’t tell!”

# Low-Level or “Early” Vision

- Local image/shape properties



“There’s an edge!”



# Mid-Level Vision

- Grouping and segmentation



“There’s an object  
and a background!”

# High-Level Vision



- Recognition
- Classification

“It’s a chair! It’s in a room!”

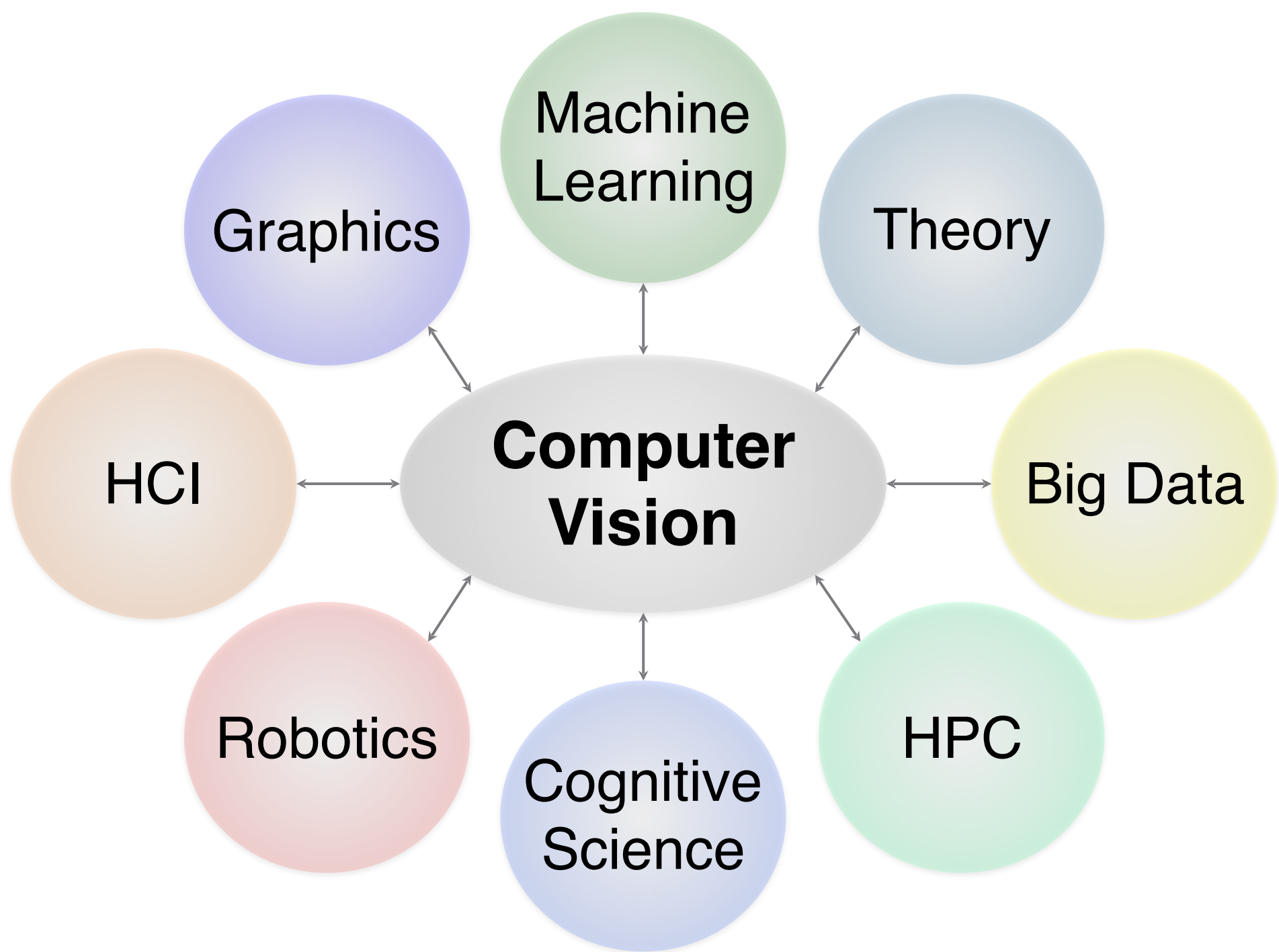




# What We Would Like to Infer...



Will person B put some money into Person C's tip bag?



# Computer vision success stories

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Seymour Papert

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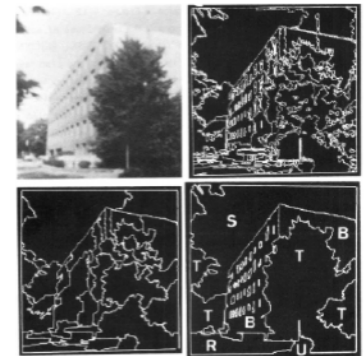
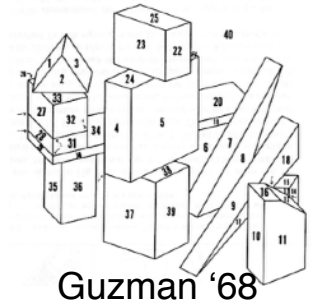
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# A Brief History of Computer Vision

- **1966:** Marvin Minsky assigns computer vision as an undergrad summer project
- **1960s:** interpretation of synthetic worlds
- **1970s:** interpretation of carefully selected images
- **1980s:** NNs come and go; shift towards geometry and increased mathematical rigor
- **1990s:** face recognition; statistical analysis
- **2000s:** broader recognition; large annotated datasets available; video processing



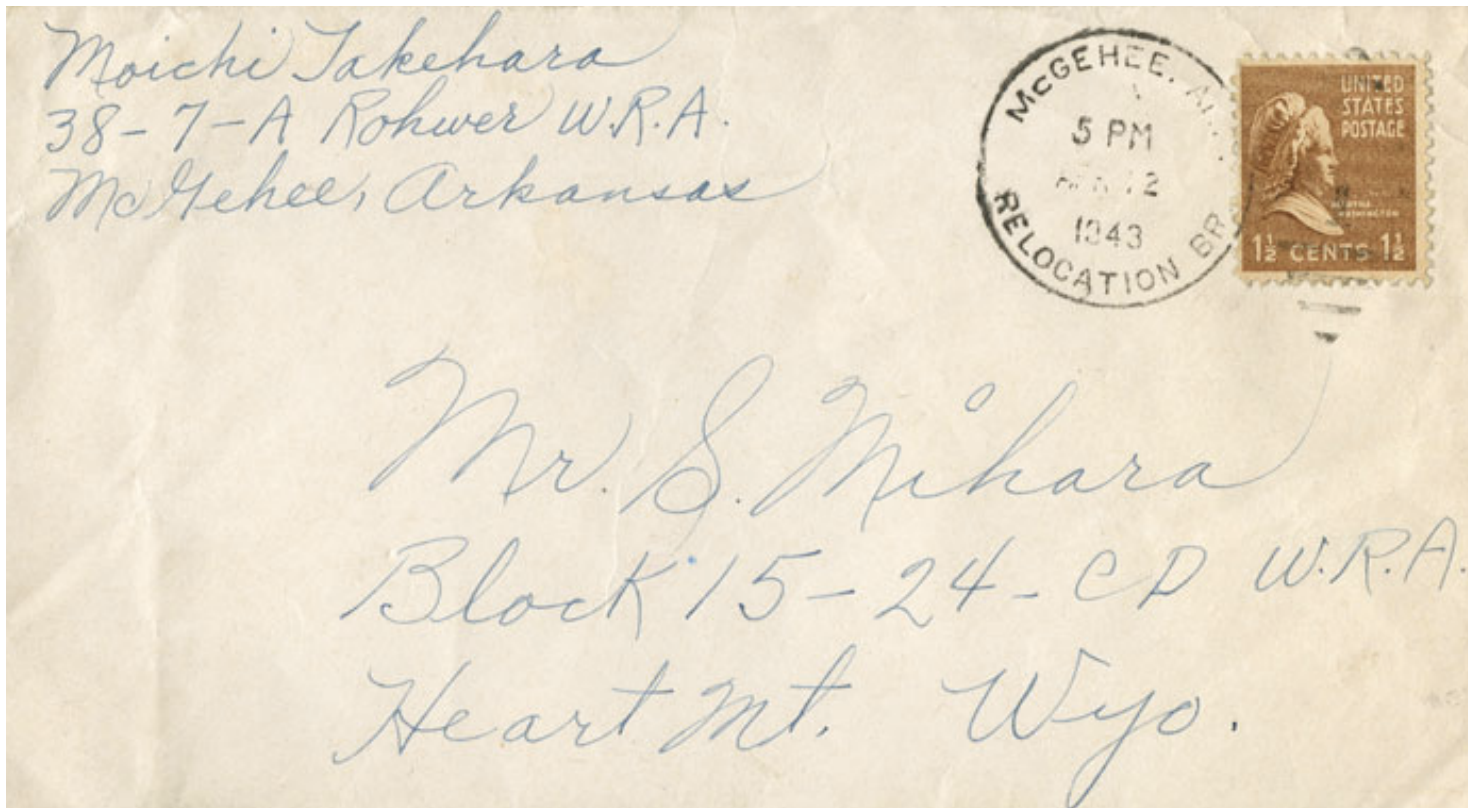
Ohta Kanade '78



Turk and Pentland '91



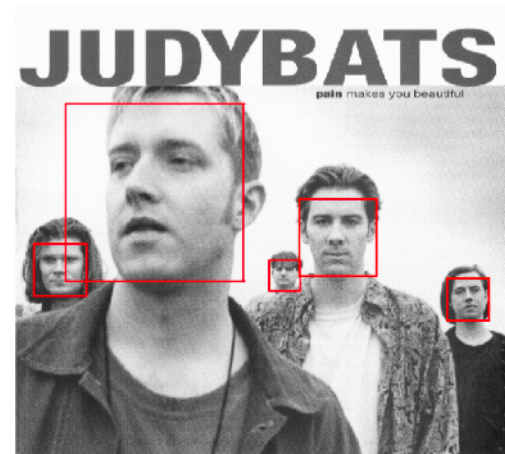
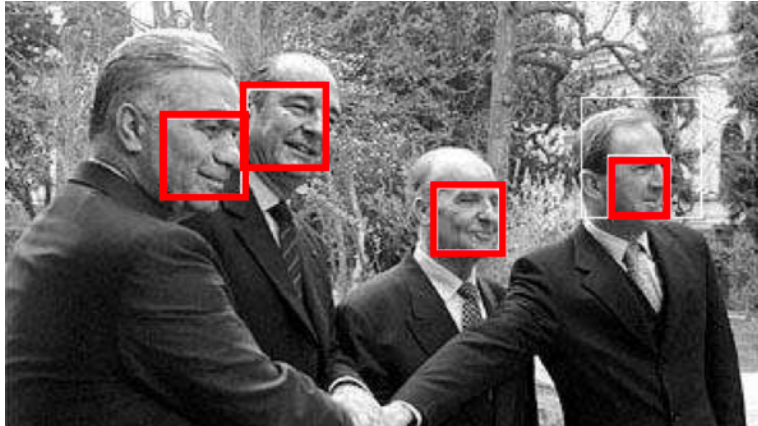
# Sorting our mail



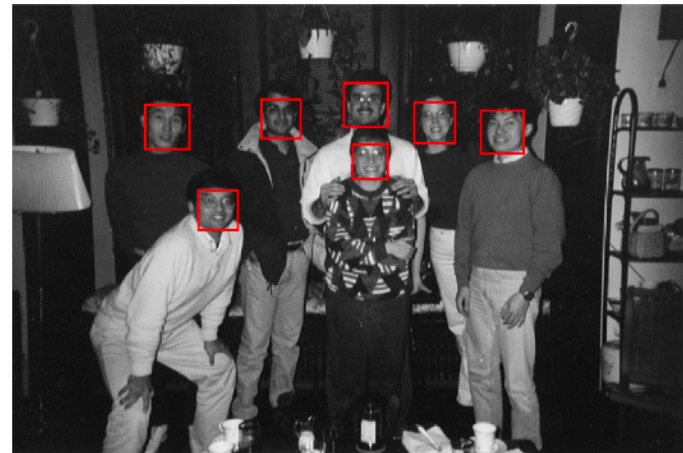
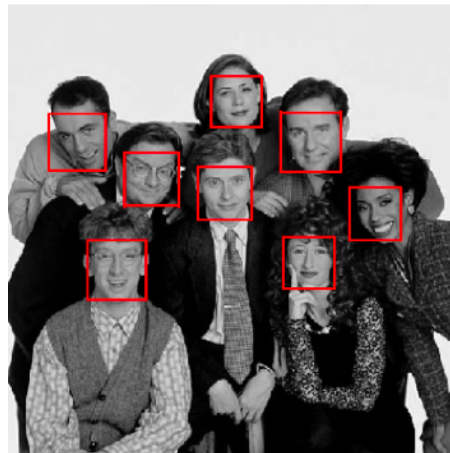
# Depositing checks



# Detecting (frontal) faces



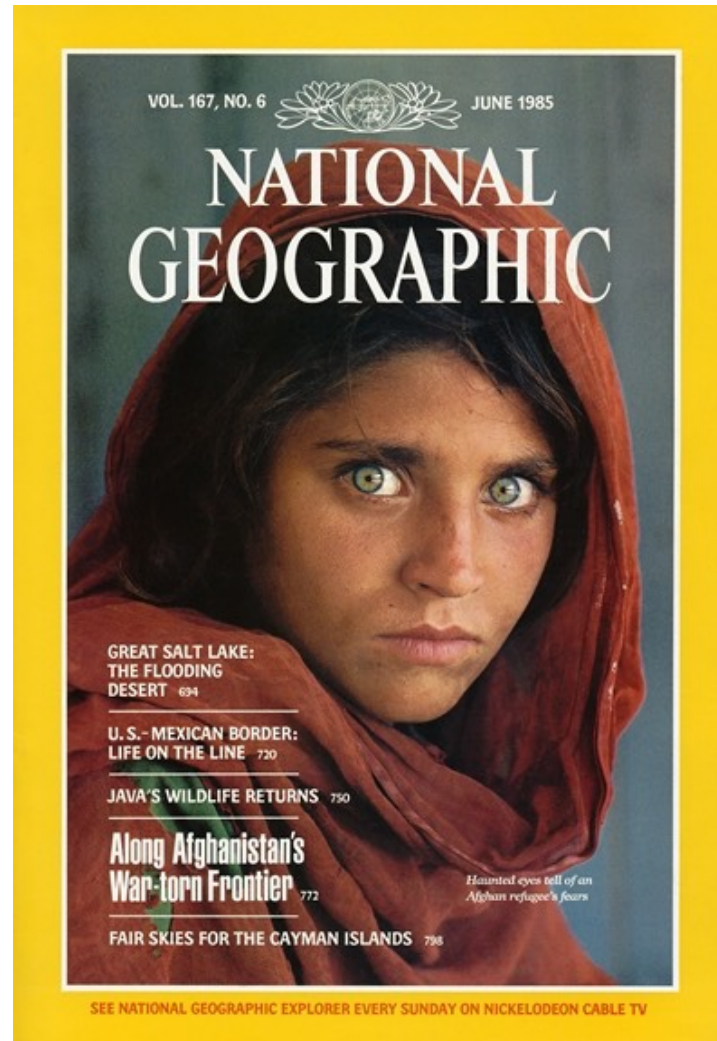
FinePix S6000fd, by Fujifilm, 2006



Viola & Jones, 2001



# Face Recognition



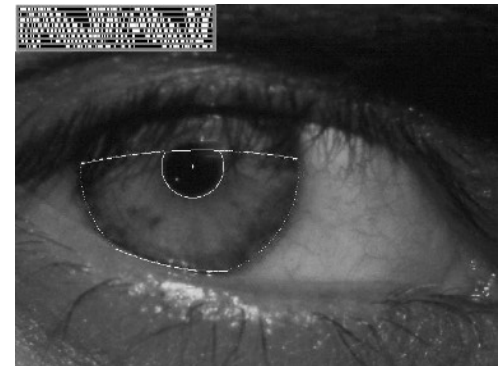
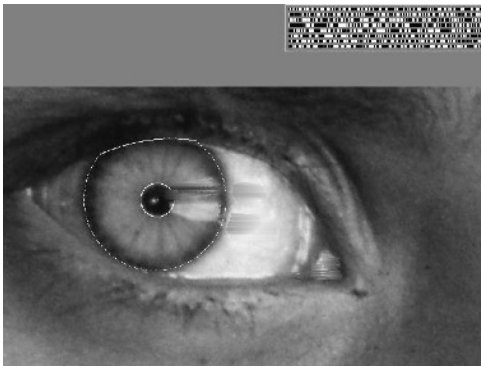
Slide credit: Deva Ramanan

Who is she?

# Vision-Based Biometrics



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



# Vision-based security

iPhone X



Secure  
Authentication

Your face is now your password. Face ID is a secure new way to unlock, authenticate, and pay.



# Sports



*Sportvision* first down line

Nice [explanation](http://www.howstuffworks.com) on [www.howstuffworks.com](http://www.howstuffworks.com)

Slide credit: Deva Ramanan

# 3D Shape Capture for Special Effects



*The Matrix* movies, ESC Entertainment, XYZRGB, NRC

# 3D Maps

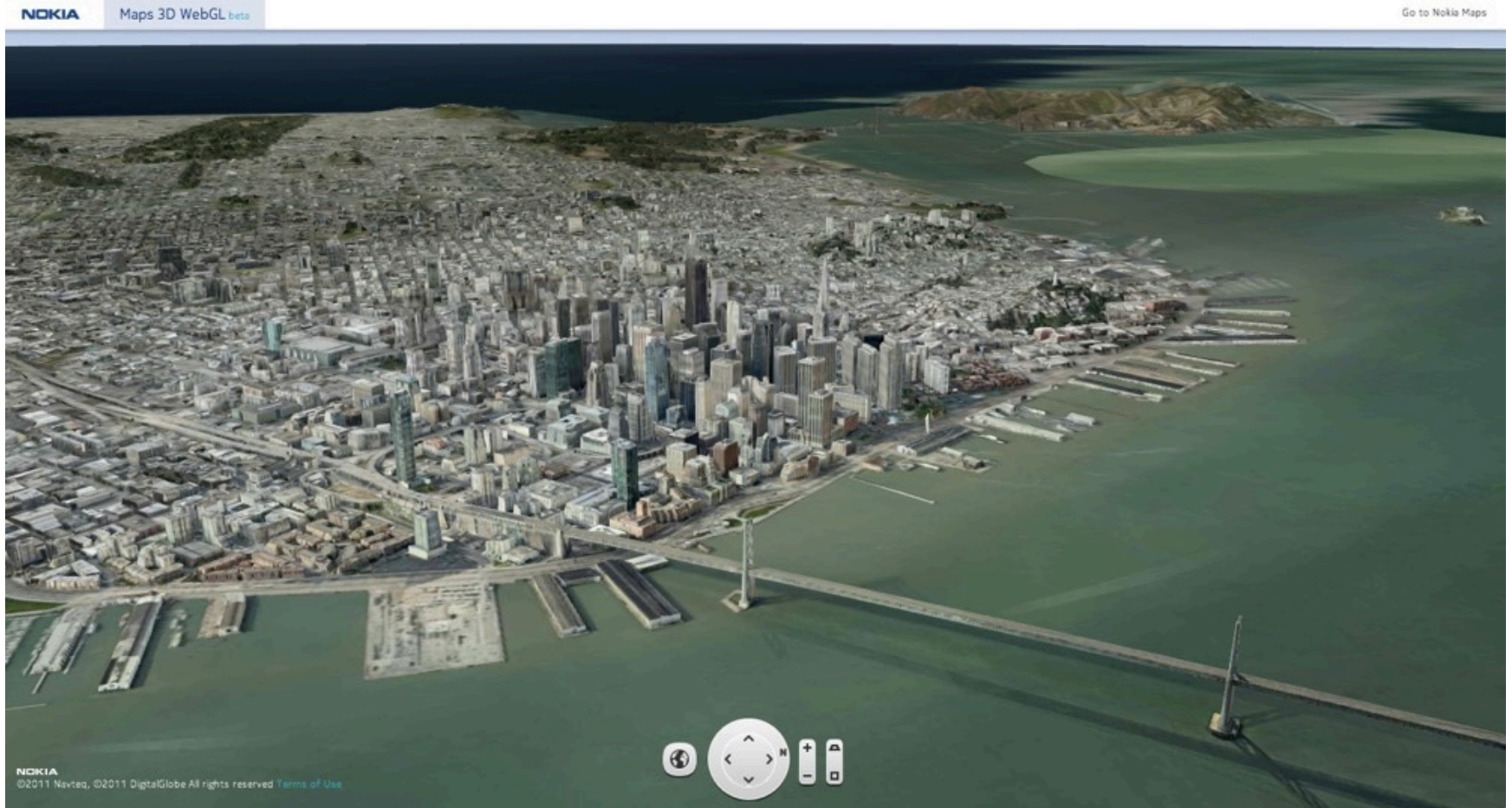


Image from Nokia's [Maps 3D WebGL](#)  
(see also: [Google Maps GL](#), [Google Earth](#))

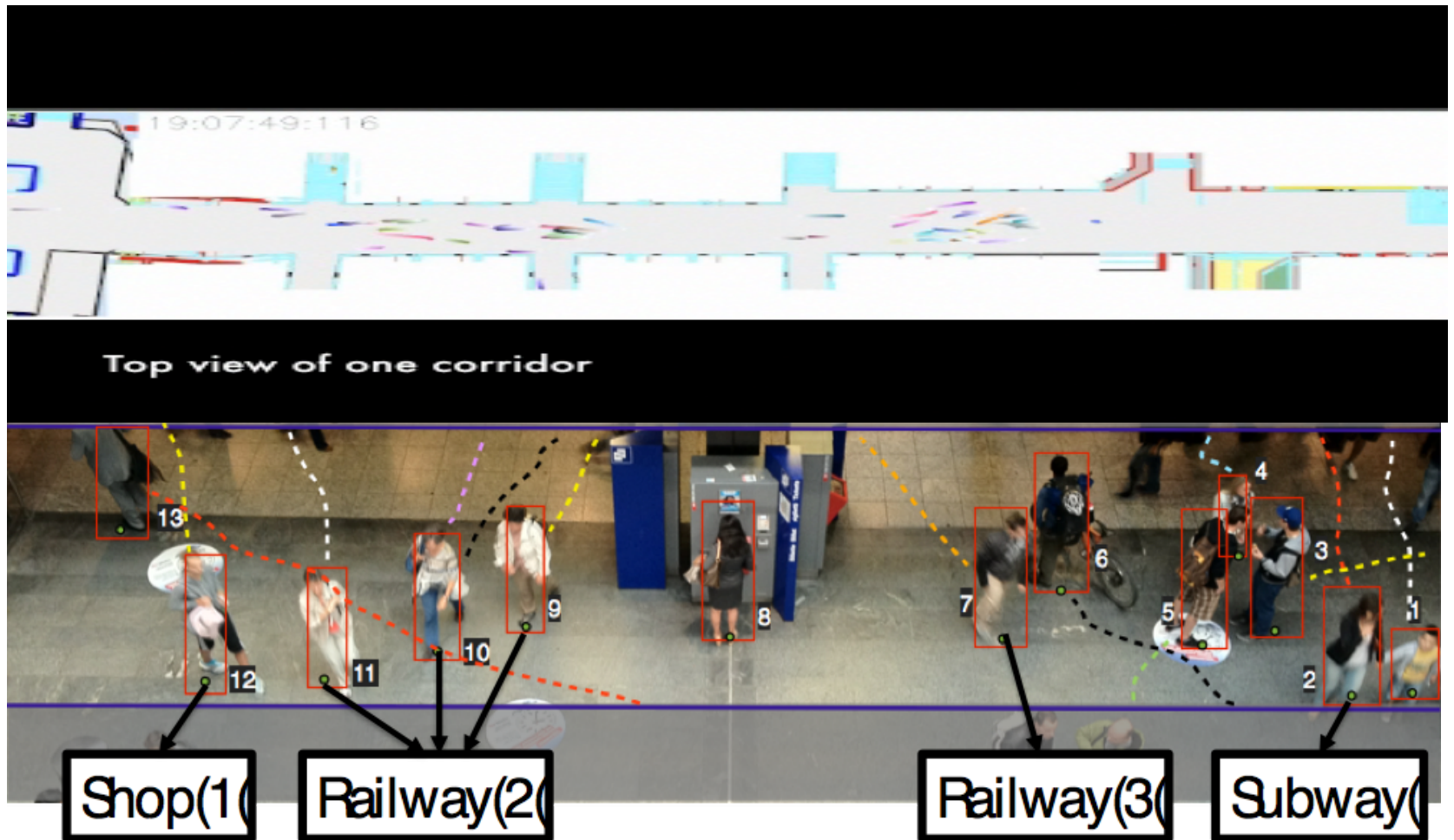


# Photo tourism

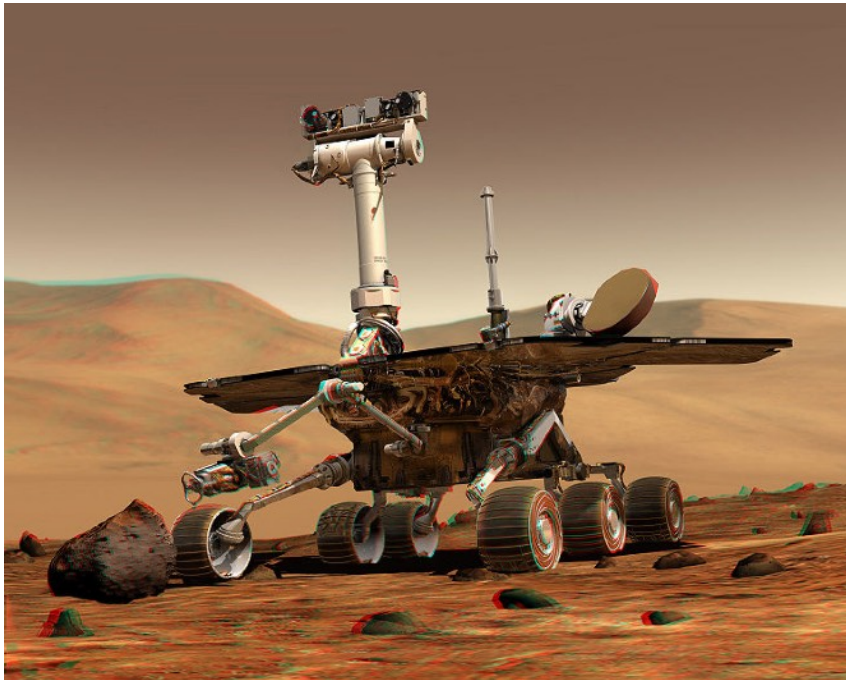


Reconstructing the 4D world  
(UWashington/Microsoft)

# Understanding traffic patterns

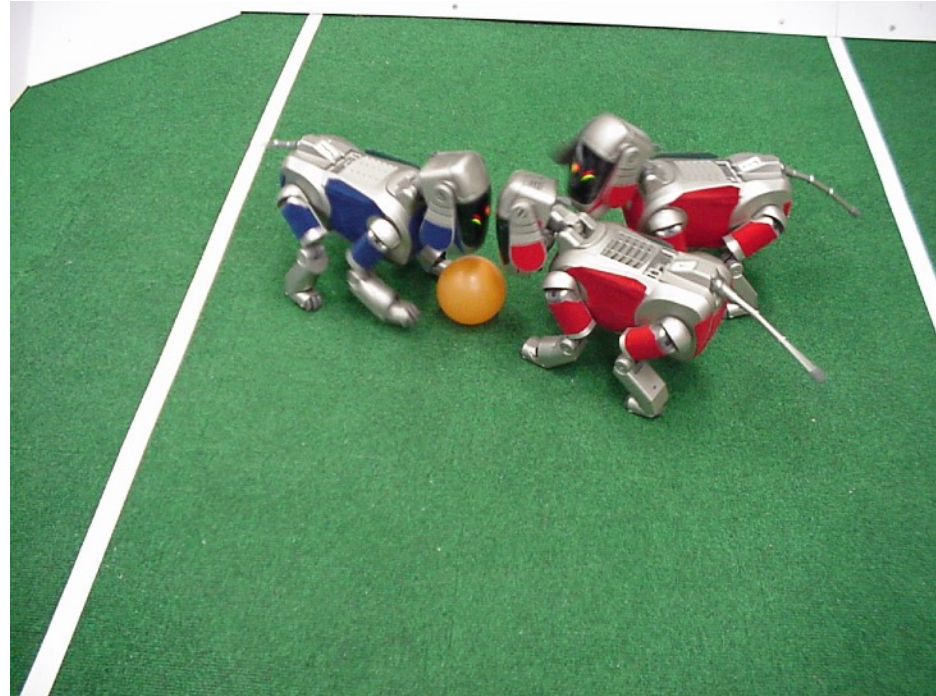


# Robotics



NASA's Mars Spirit Rover

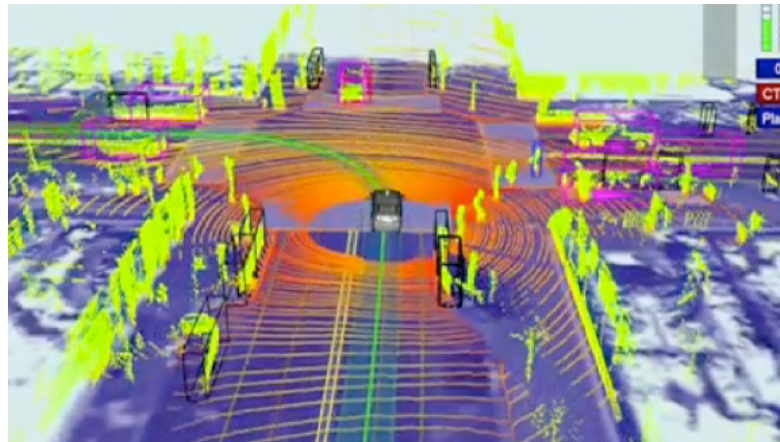
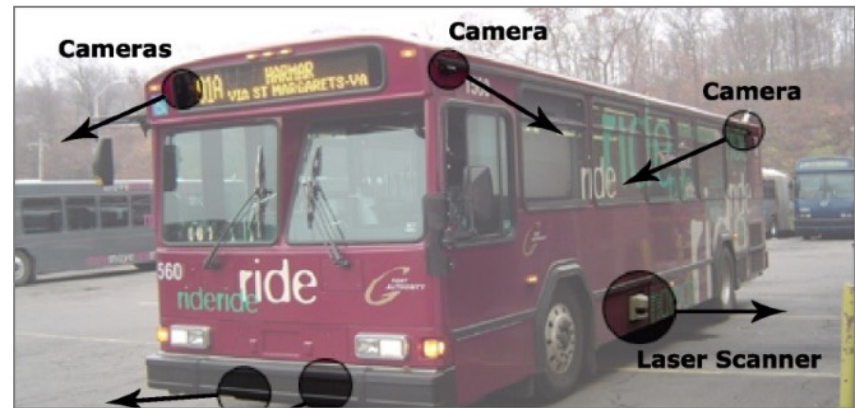
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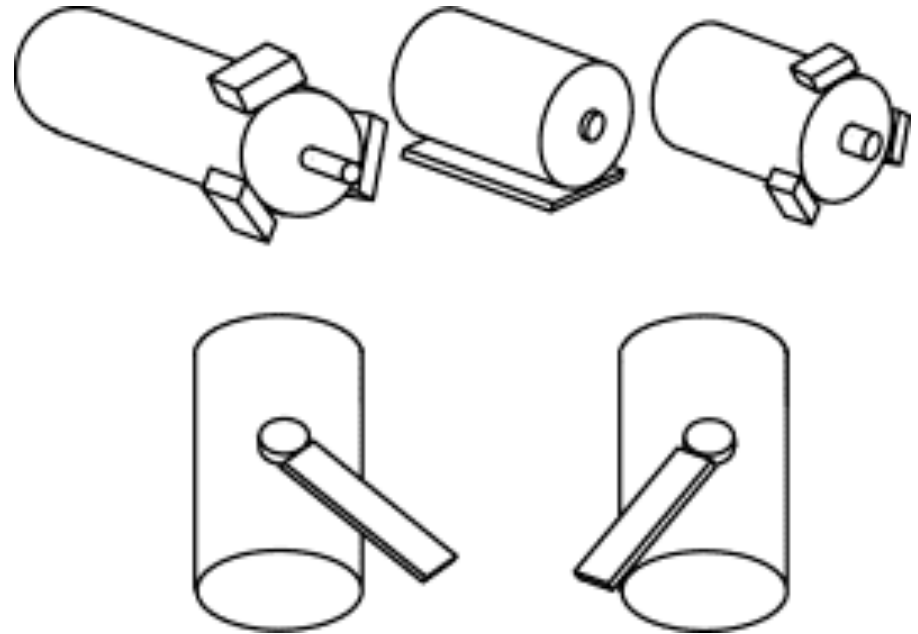
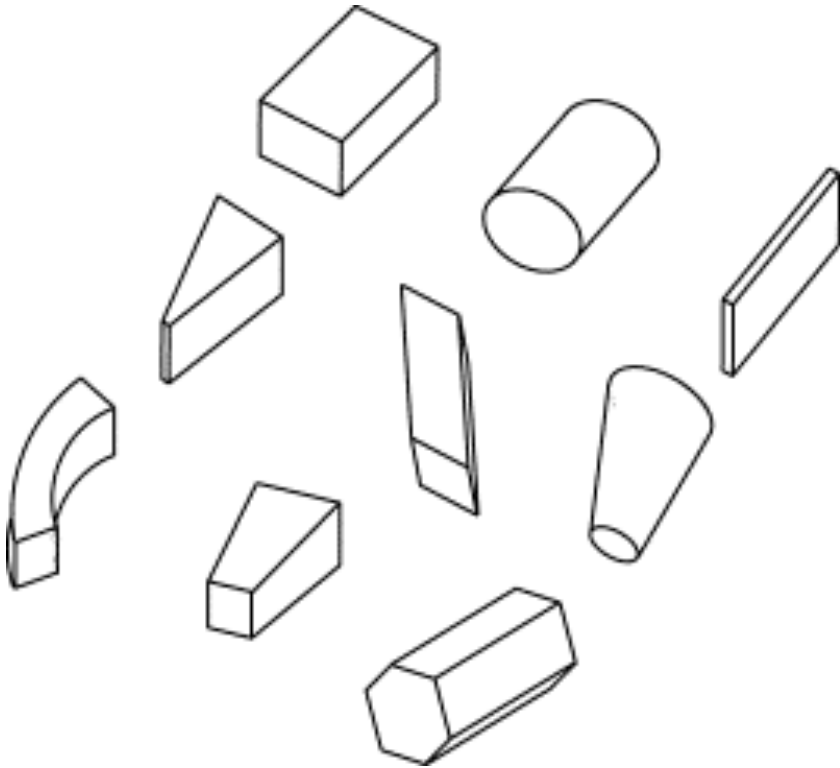
<http://www.robocup.org/>



# Self-Driving Cars

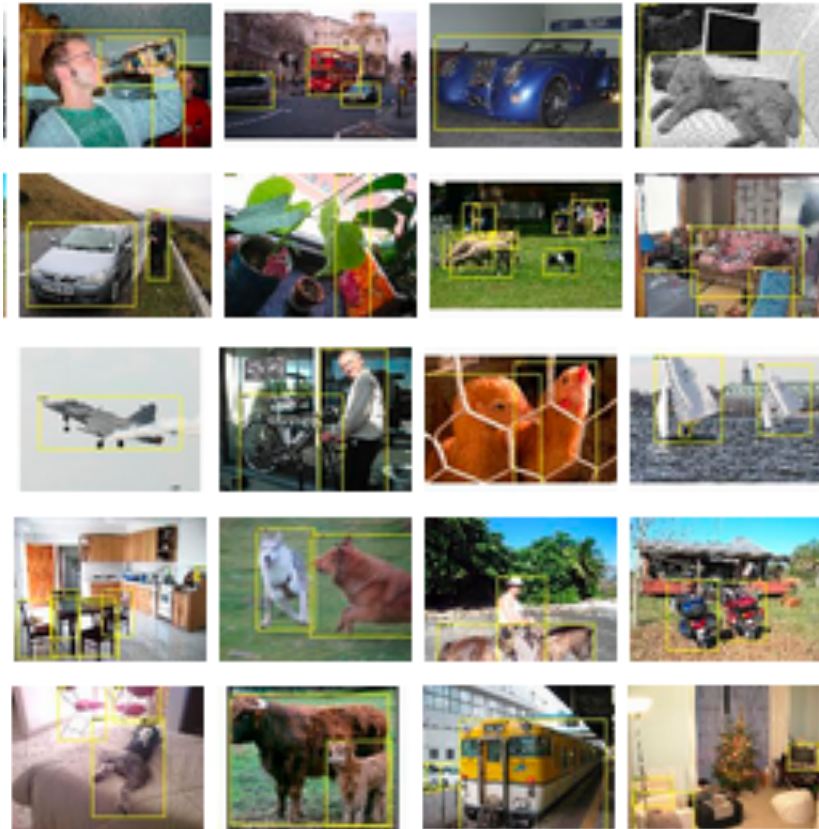


# Object recognition: 1979

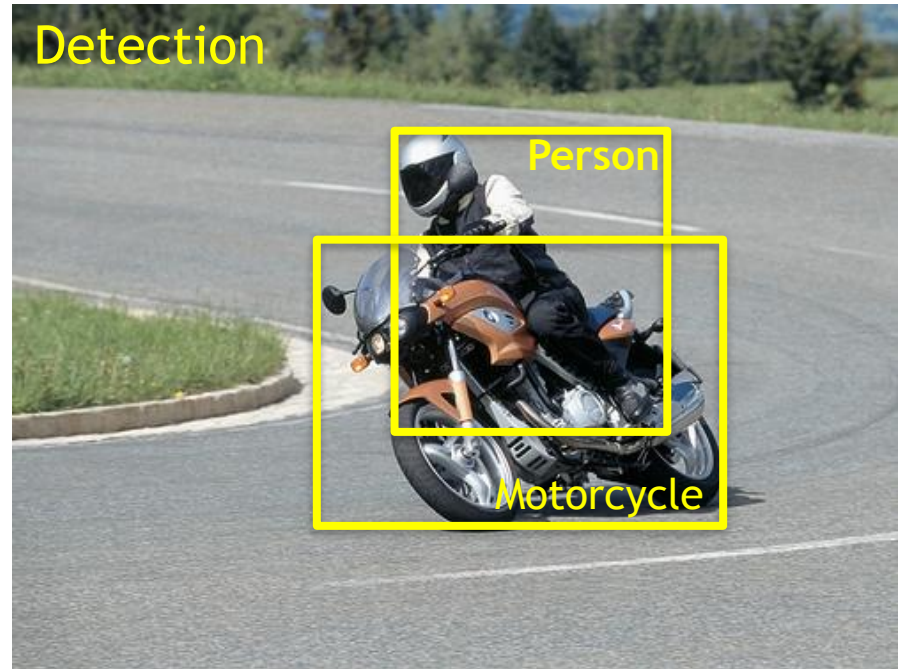


“Generalized Cylinders”, by Brooks & Binford, 1979

# Object recognition: 2010



Classification: person, motorcycle  
Detection





# Object recognition: now

The logo for ImageNet, featuring the word "IMAGENET" in a sans-serif font. The "A" is replaced by a stylized icon of three overlapping squares in green, orange, and red.

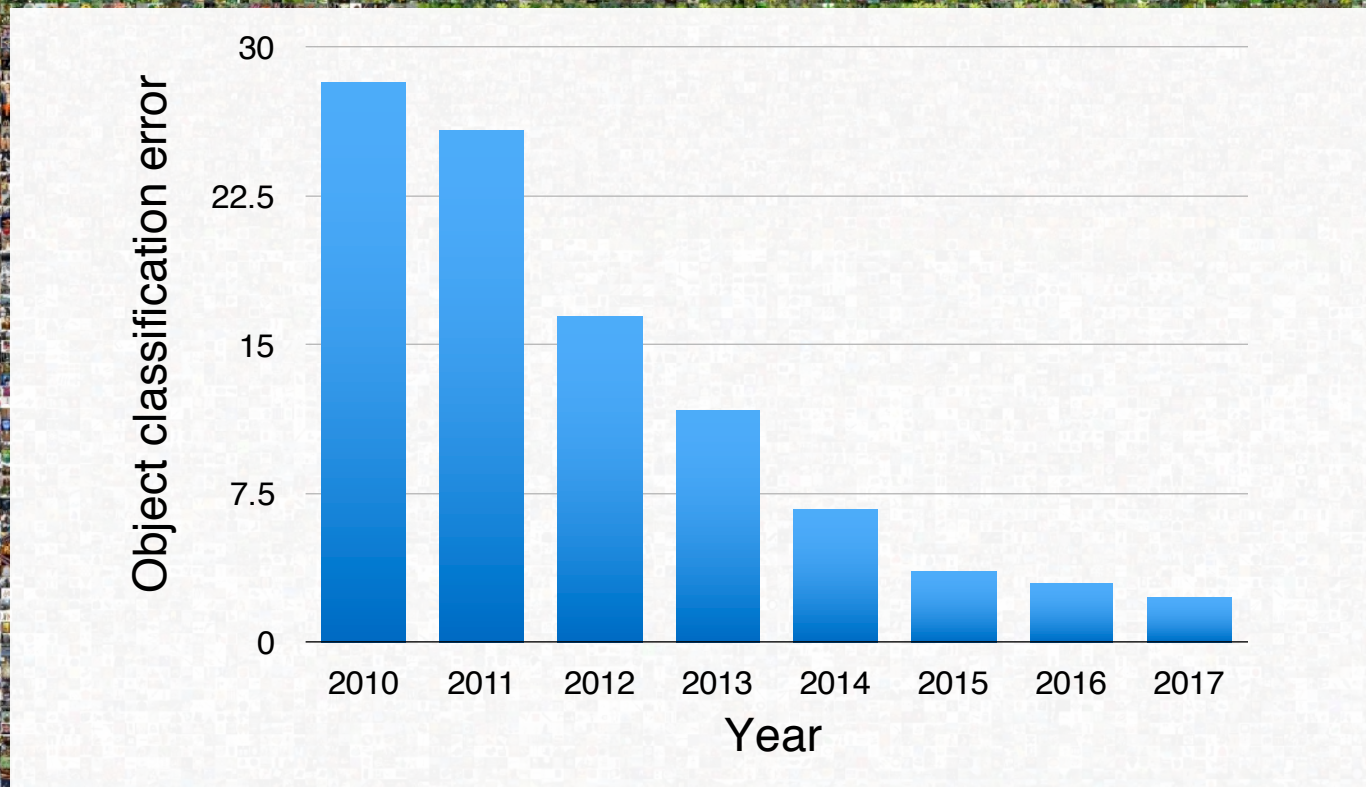
22M images, 15K objects



# Object recognition: now

IMAGENET

(1.2M images, 1000 objects)

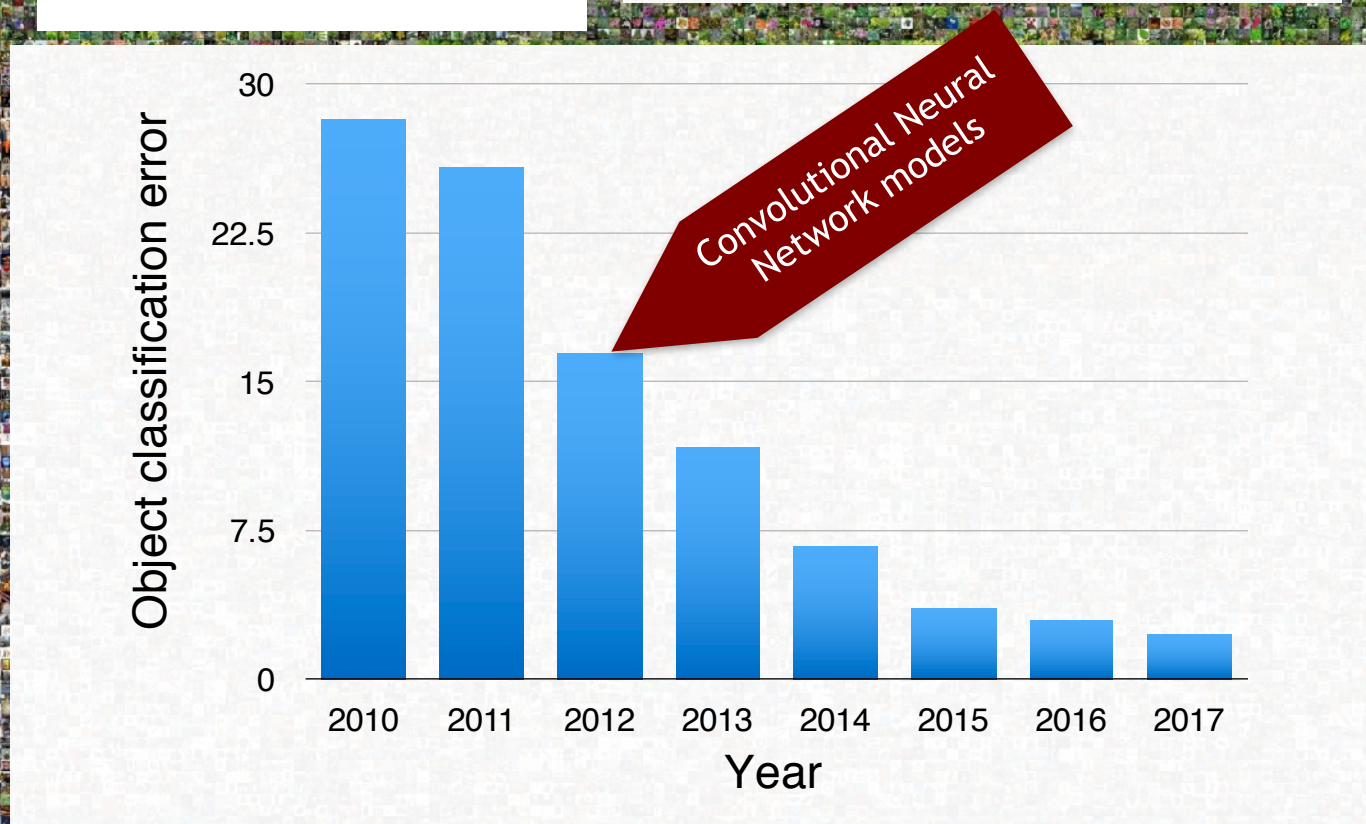




# Object recognition: now

IMAGENET

22M images, 15K objects





Although haven't quite solved everything

# Unconstrained environments

John Doe  
123 W 123rd St  
City, State 000000

**A**

**B** 101

*January 3, 2003*

PAY TO THE ORDER OF *ABC Company* \$ *50.25*

*Fifty and 25/100*

**North Community Bank** **D**

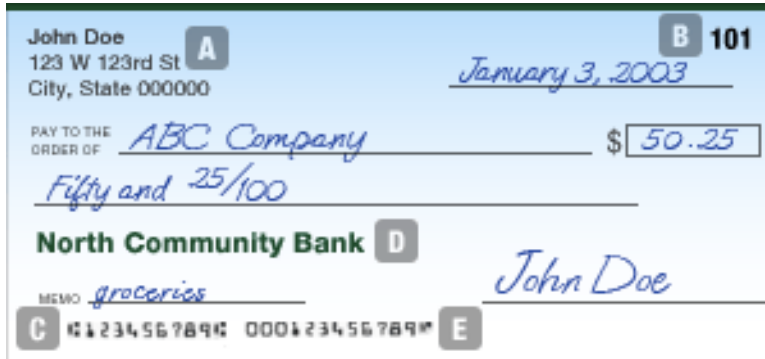
MEMO *groceries* *John Doe*

**C** ⑆123456789⑆ 000123456789⑆ **E**

VS



# Unconstrained environments



VS



VS





# Pushing the limits with new tasks

## Action recognition in videos

Approach	mAP	Approach	mAP
Random [43]	5.9	RGB++	15.6
C3D [54]	10.9	Two-Stream++	16.8
AlexNet [20]	11.3	Two-Stream+LSTM	17.8
IDT [57]	17.2	Two-Stream Extended	18.6
Two-Stream [44]	14.3	Ours (RGB Only)	18.2
		Ours	<b>22.4</b>

Table 1. Video classification results on Charades [43]. The left shows the published baselines from [43] and the right show additional new baselines. Our proposed approach outperforms all competing methods on this dataset.

# Pitfalls of looking at “overall accuracy”

## Object Segmentation



SEGM: **Standard** Dev Challenge2015 Challenge2016

Search:

	AP	AP <sup>50</sup>	AP <sup>75</sup>	AP <sup>S</sup>	AP <sup>M</sup>	AP <sup>L</sup>	AR <sup>1</sup>	AR <sup>10</sup>	AR <sup>100</sup>	AR <sup>S</sup>	AR <sup>M</sup>	AR <sup>L</sup>	date
MSRA	0.370	0.592	0.39	0.162	0.40	0.549	0.310	0.469	0.489	0.281	0.553	0.673	2016-09-16
G-RMI	0.333	0.564	0.34	0.145	0.35	0.499	0.291	0.444	0.466	0.262	0.517	0.646	2016-09-17
MSRA_2015	0.279	0.512	0.27	0.086	0.30	0.453	0.254	0.371	0.380	0.166	0.433	0.578	2015-11-27
FAIRCNN	0.250	0.454	0.24	0.072	0.28	0.390	0.238	0.366	0.385	0.170	0.467	0.535	2015-11-26
1026	0.167	0.315	0.15	0.018	0.17	0.302	0.172	0.240	0.246	0.045	0.282	0.403	2015-11-27

Show  entries

Previous  Next

<http://cocodataset.org/dataset.htm#detections-leaderboard>, Aug 28, 2017

# Pitfalls of looking at “overall accuracy”

## Visual Question Answering



What color are her eyes?  
What is the mustache made of?

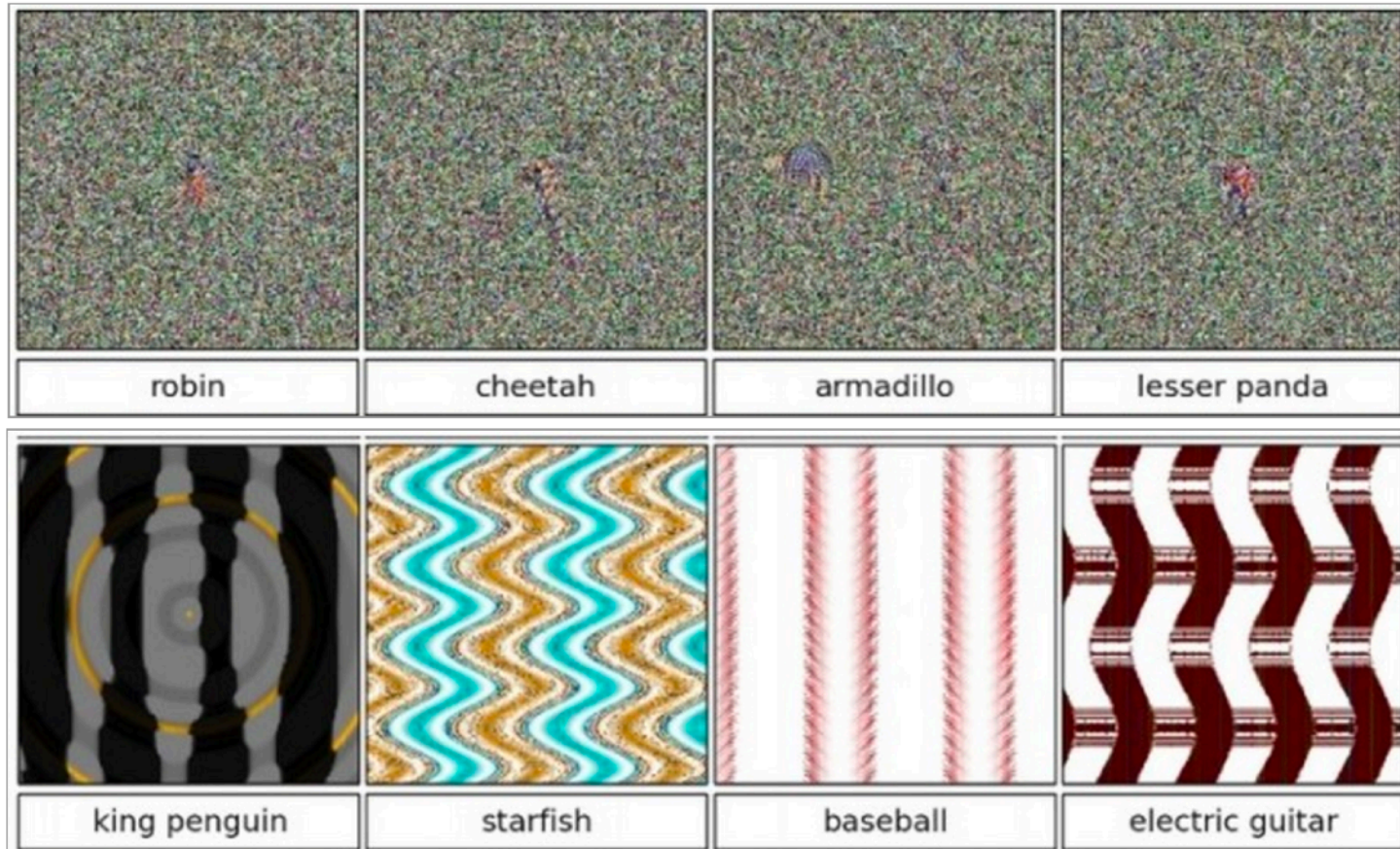


How many slices of pizza are there?  
Is this a vegetarian pizza?

	By Answer Type			Overall ▼
	Yes/No	Number	Other	
Adelaide-Teney ACRV MSR	85.18	47.35	59.95	69
HDU-USYD-UNCC	84.28	45.36	59.42	68.16
DLAIT	82.92	46.42	60.17	68.07
LV_NUS	81.71	48.55	59.79	67.62



# Surprising failures

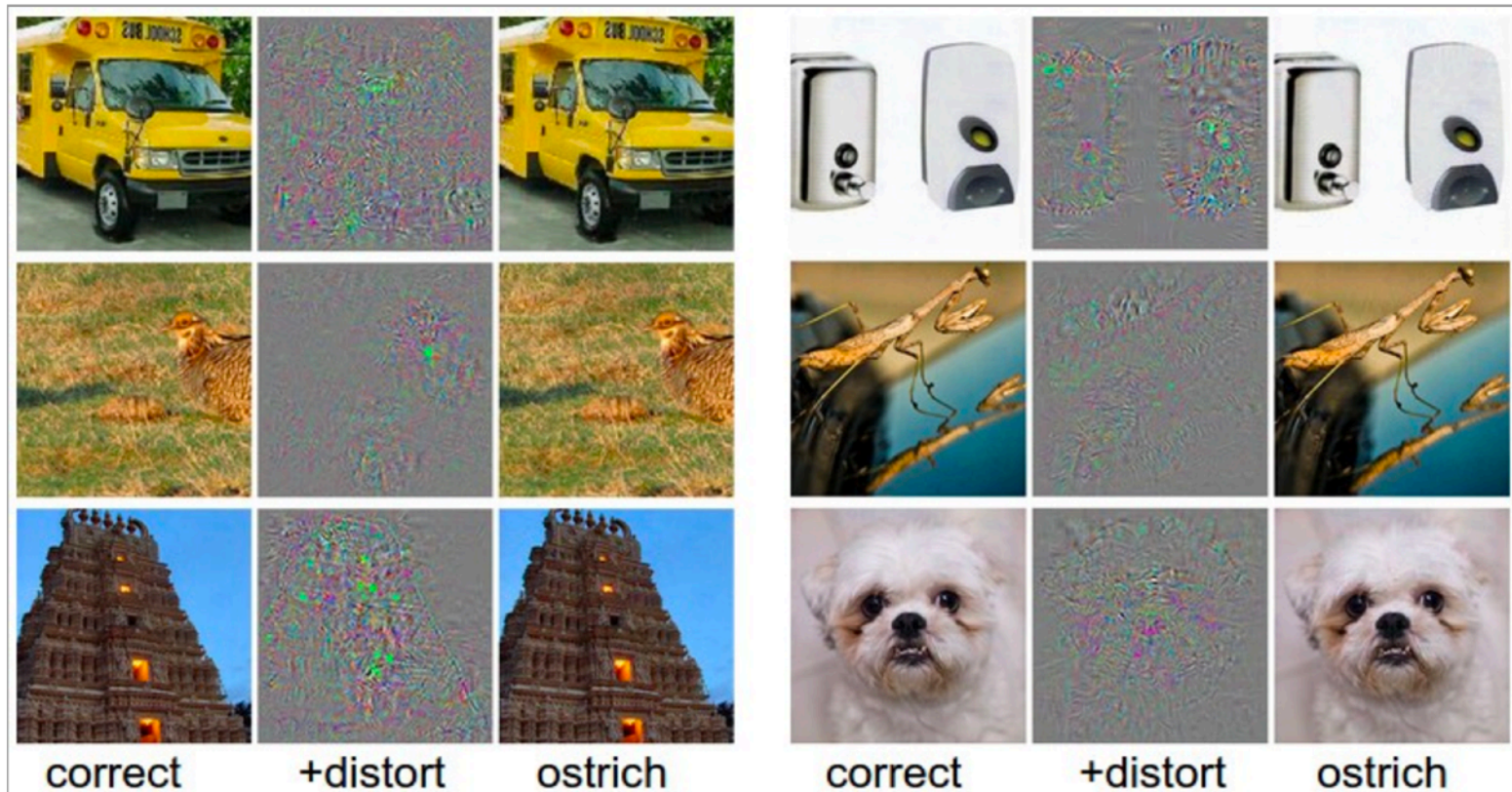


These images are classified with >99.6% confidence as the shown class by a Convolutional Network.

[Nguyen, Yosinski, Clune CVPR 2015]

<http://karpathy.github.io/2015/03/30/breaking-convnets/>

# Surprising failures



Take a correctly classified image (left image in both columns), and add a tiny distortion (middle) to fool the ConvNet with the resulting image (right).

[Szegedy et al. Intriguing properties of neural networks]

<http://karpathy.github.io/2015/03/30/breaking-convnets/>



# (aside) Assignment 0

- See if you can fool a modern image classification model



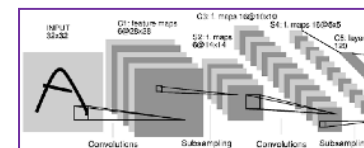
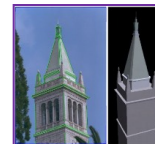
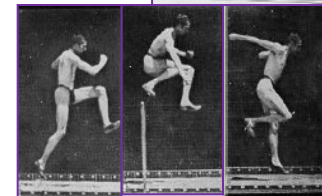
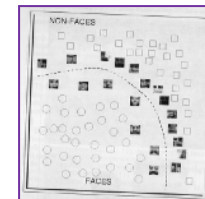
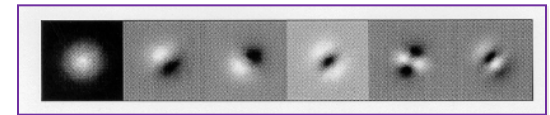
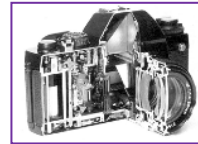


# Our plan in COS 429

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# Course Outline

- Image formation and capture
- Filtering and feature detection
- Segmentation and clustering
- Recognition and classification
- Motion estimation and tracking
- 3D shape reconstruction
- Convolutional neural nets / deep learning



# Course Staff

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**Guest lecturer:** Dr. Andras Ferencz, MobilEye

**TAs:** Kyle Genova and Riley Simmons-Edler



# Q&A

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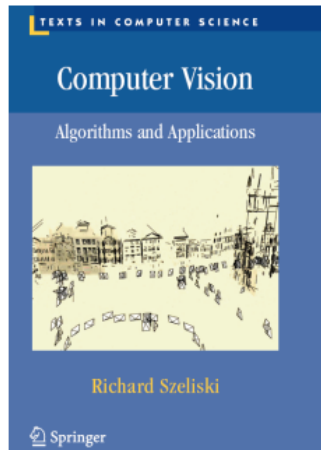
- We will use piazza for Q&A. Please direct all non-private questions there.
- Feel free to answer each others' questions (we will monitor and endorse students' answers) but keep in mind collaboration policy

# Course Mechanics

- Recommended book:

## Computer Vision: Algorithms and Applications

© 2010 [Richard Szeliski](http://szeliski.org), Microsoft Research



- Also available online: <http://szeliski.org/Book/>
- Assigned papers / other readings

# Course Mechanics

- 56%: 4 written / programming assignments
  - Individual or with a partner (but same partner on at most 2 assignments)
  - 4 free late days, at most 2 per assignment
- 20%: Midterm
  - Thu, Oct 26th, **no exceptions**
- 24%: Final project
  - Small groups of 1-3 people
  - Start working soon and do a cool project!
  - Milestone due Dec 15, poster session in January
  - Writeup due on Dean's date



# MATLAB

- The assignments use the MATLAB language.
- Assignment 0 will walk you through the basics
  - Highly recommended, by Sept 21st
- Install on your computer:
  - `http://www.princeton.edu/software/licenses/software/matlab/`
- Matlab workshop offered by School of Engineering
  - Sept 18-19, registration required
  - `https://www.tfaforms.com/4634935`

# Next class: image formation and capture

