

Lecture 1: Introduction

COS 429: Computer Vision



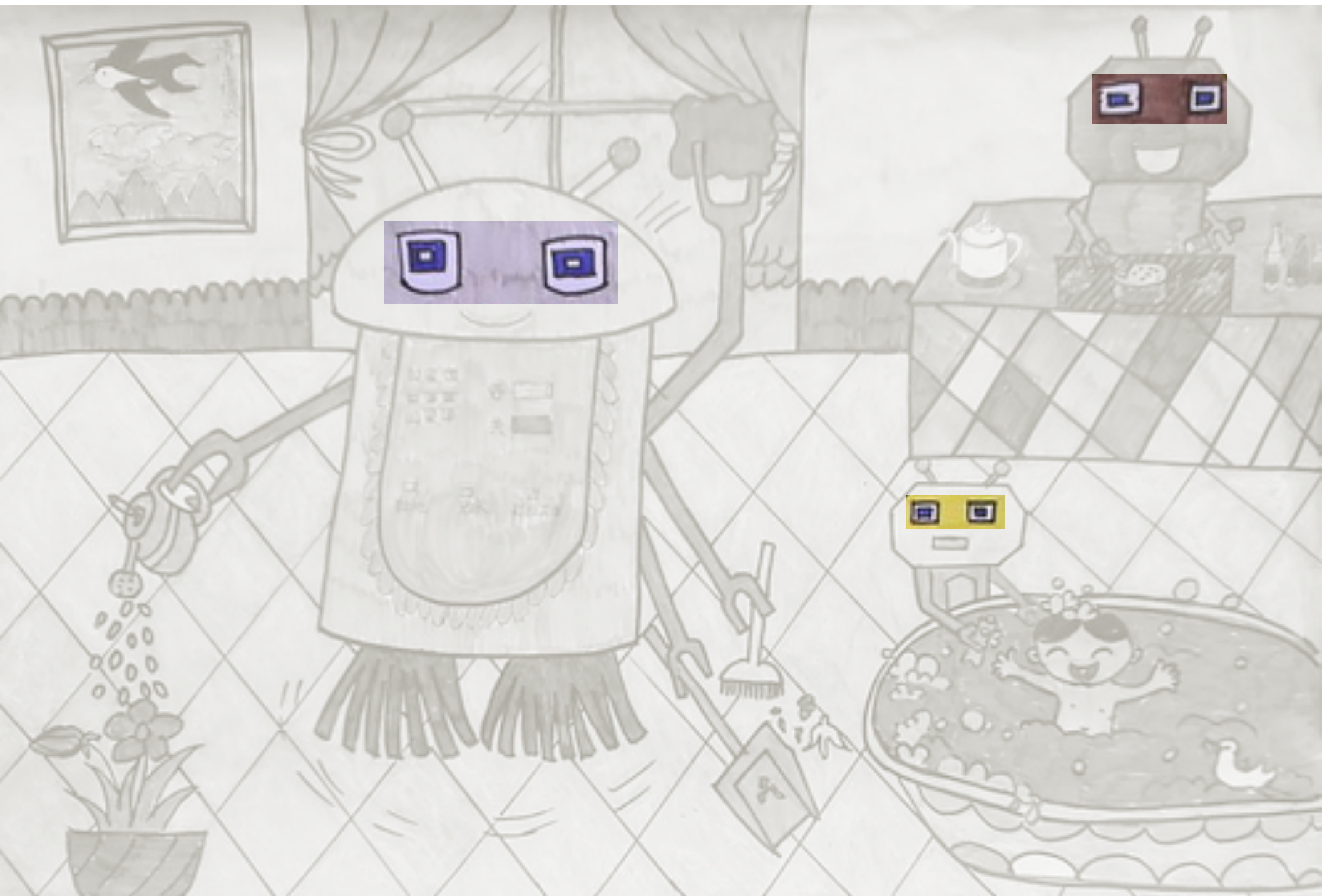
<http://cs.princeton.edu/~cos429/>

What does the future world look like?



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Y.Z. Dai, 7 year old



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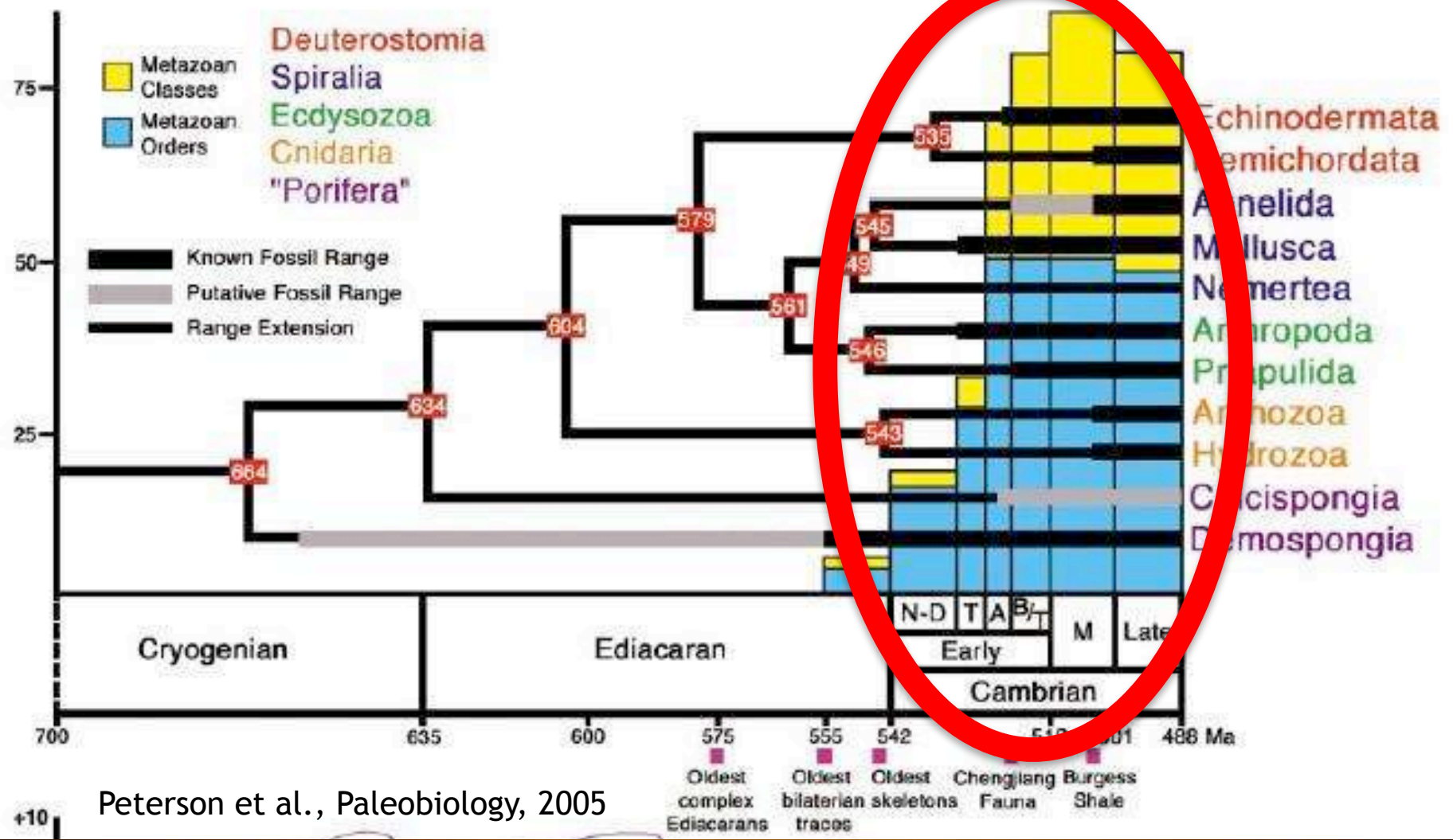
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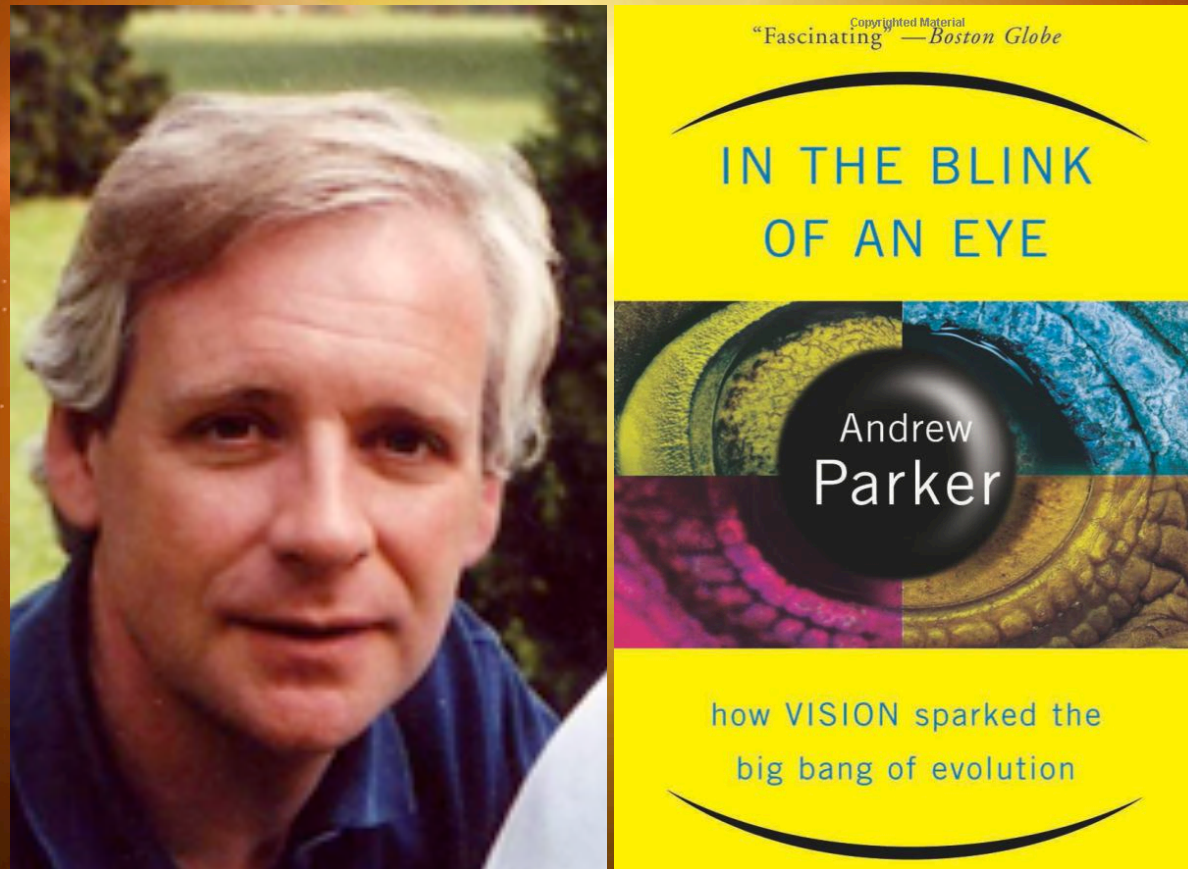
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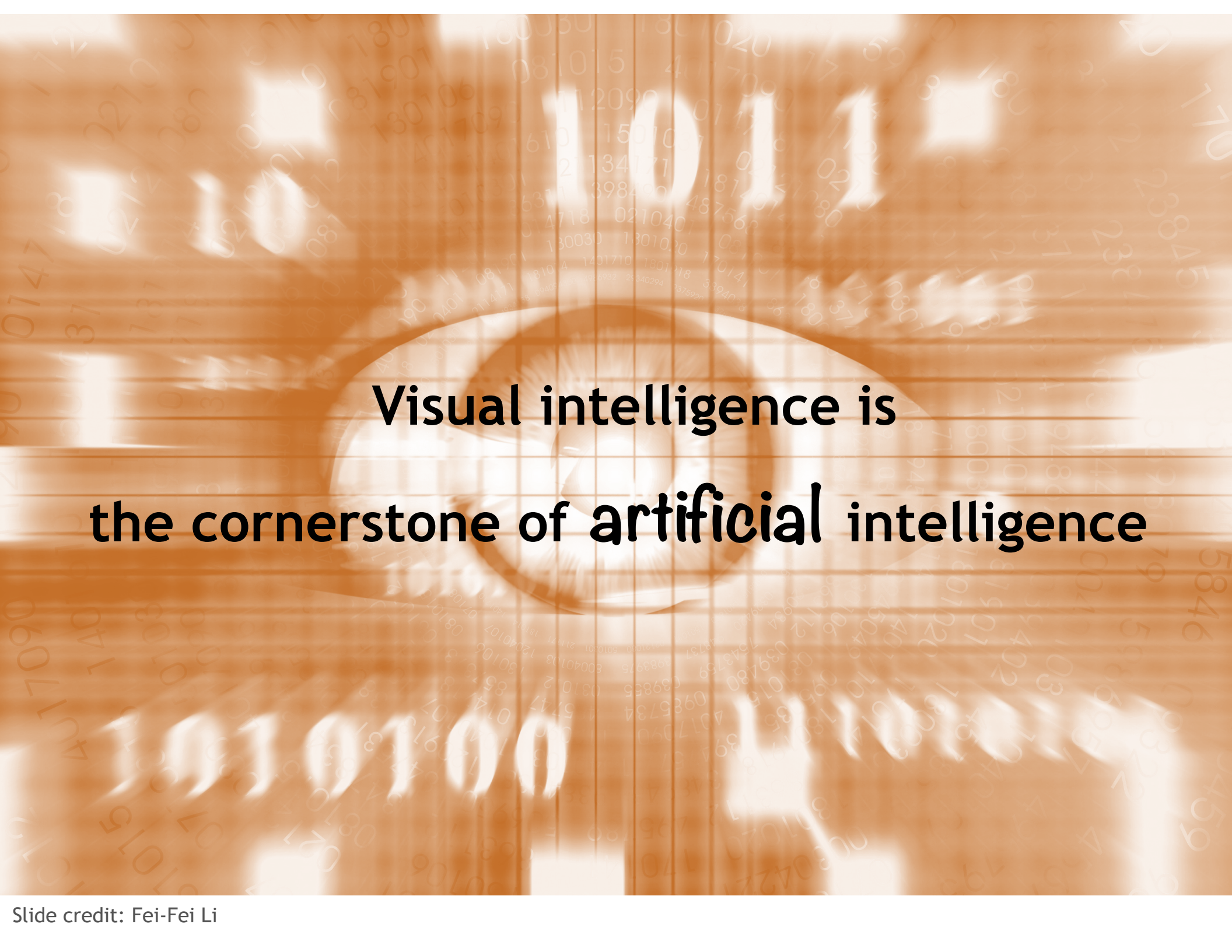


Peterson et al., Paleobiology, 2005

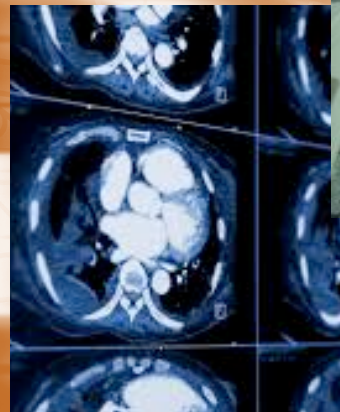
“The Cambrian Explosion is triggered by the sudden evolution of vision,” which set off an evolutionary arms race where animals either evolved or died.

---- Andrew Parker, zoologist



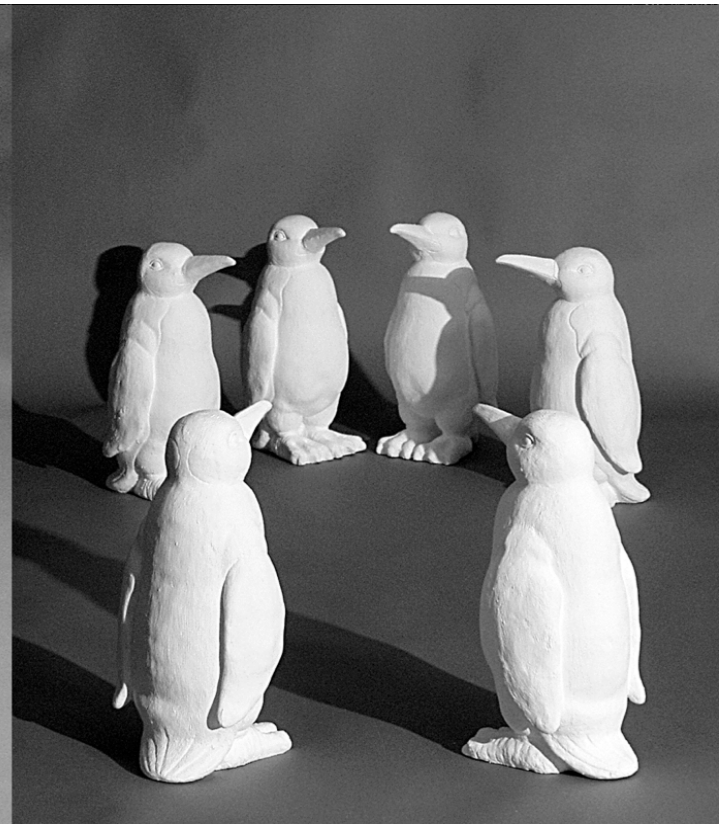


**Visual intelligence is
the cornerstone of artificial intelligence**

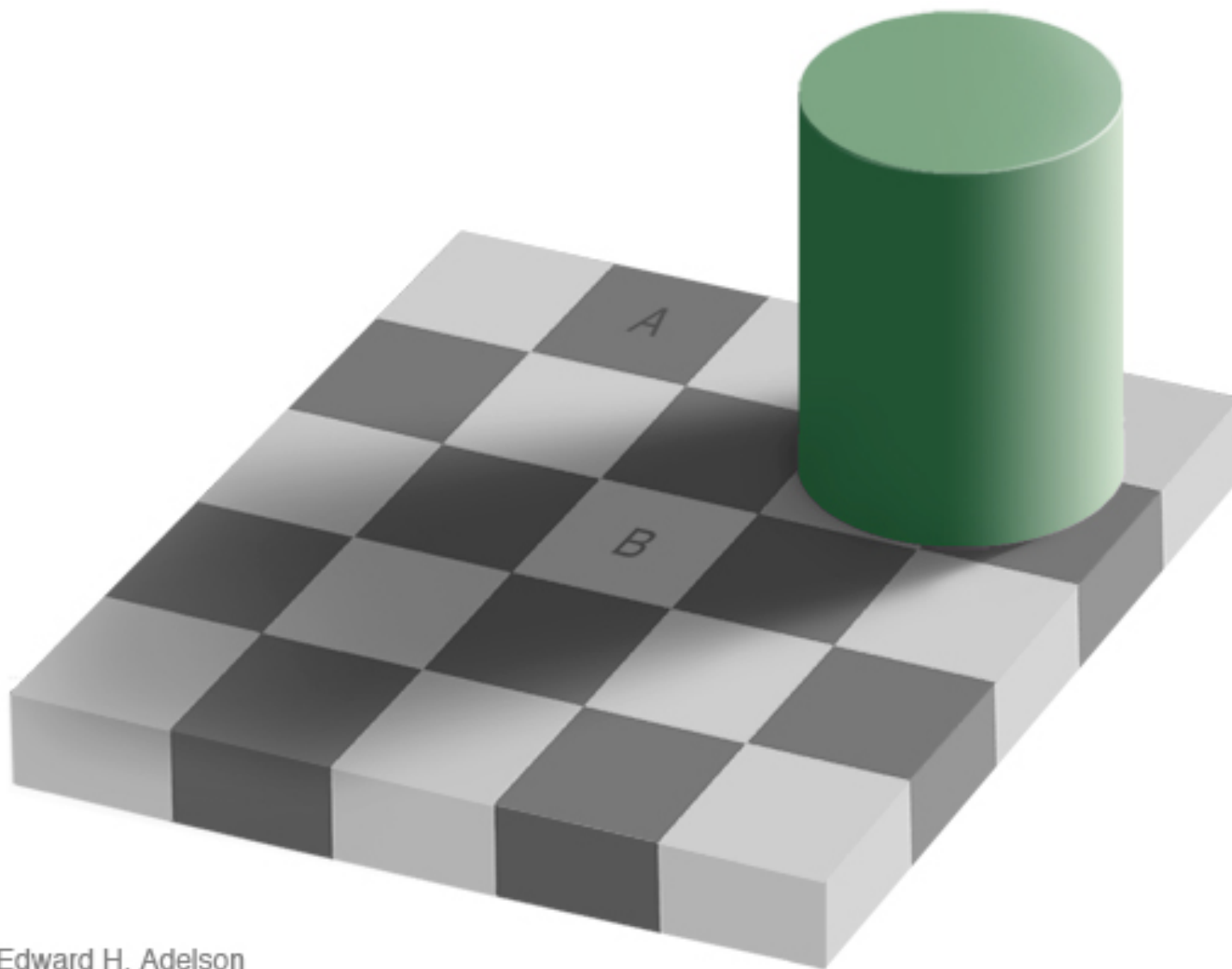


Seeing is challenging

Challenge: illumination

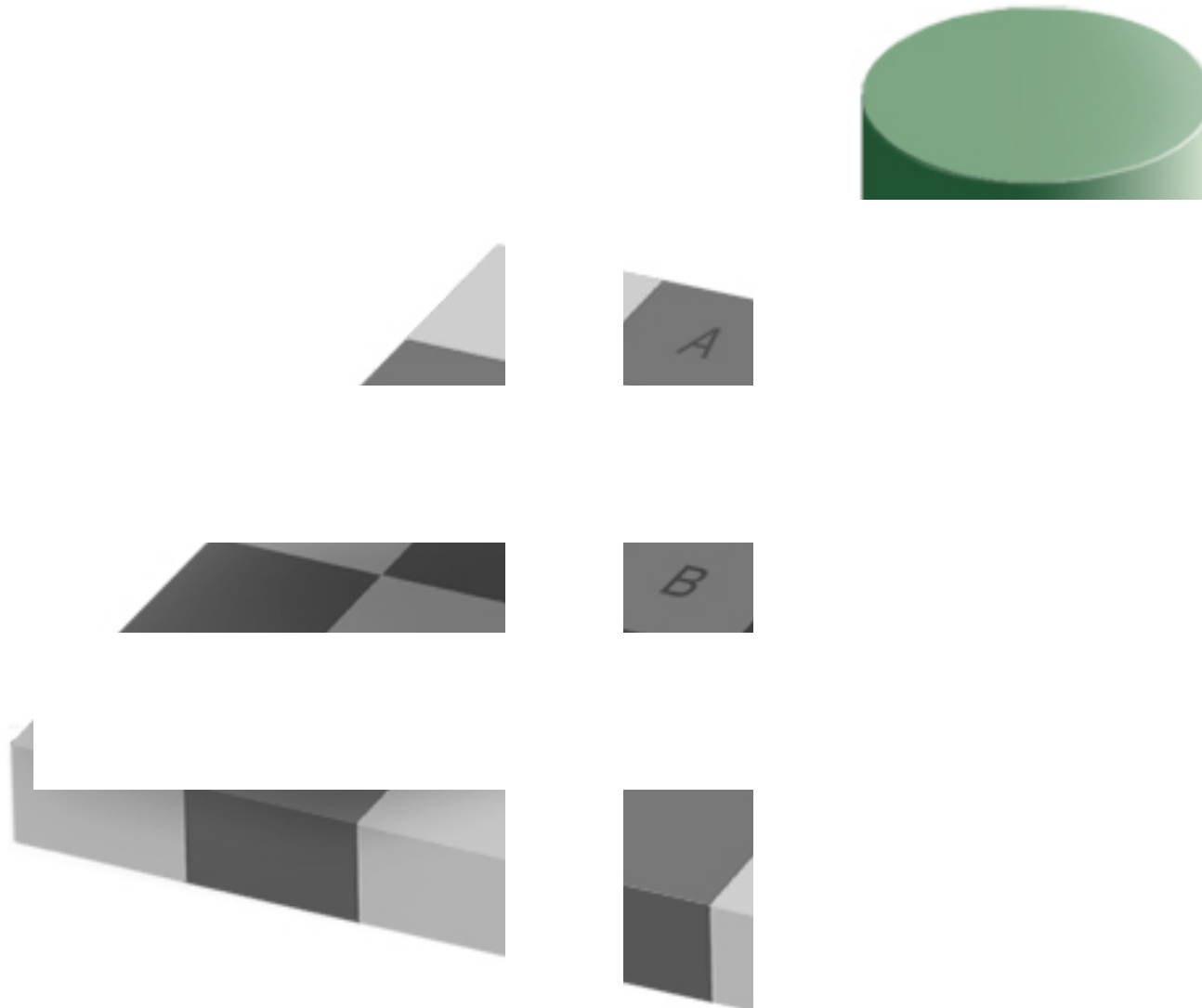


Challenge: light and shadow



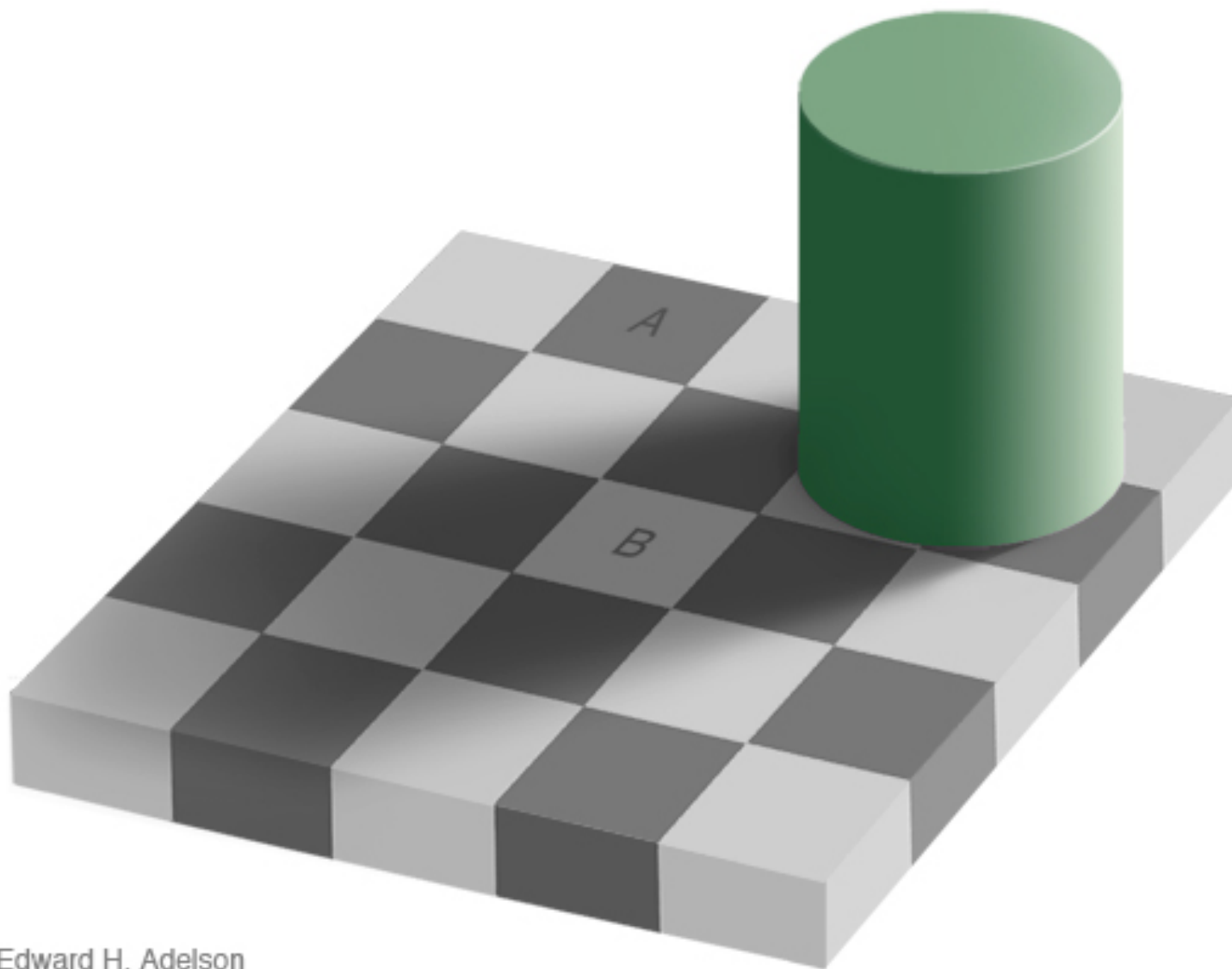
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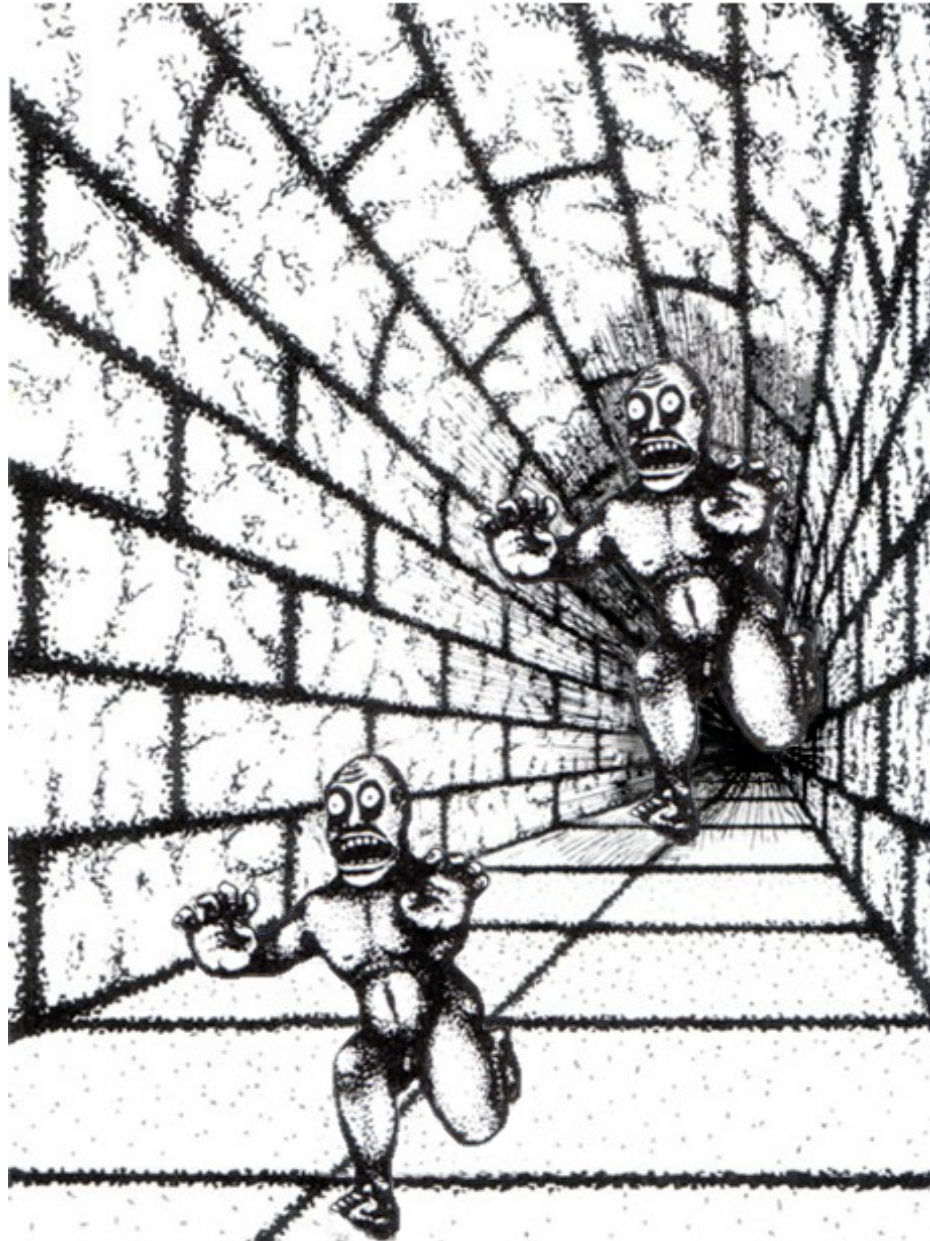
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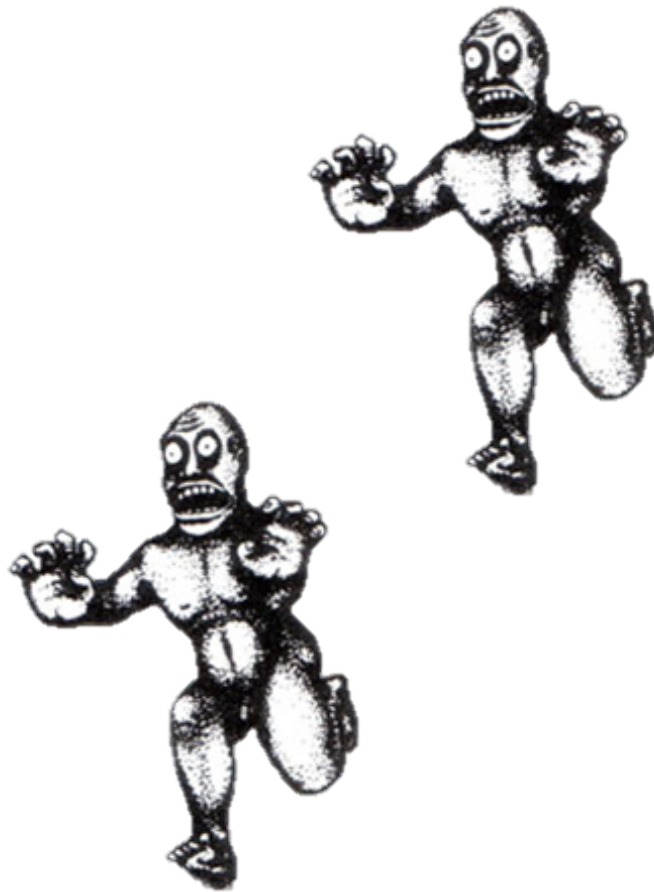


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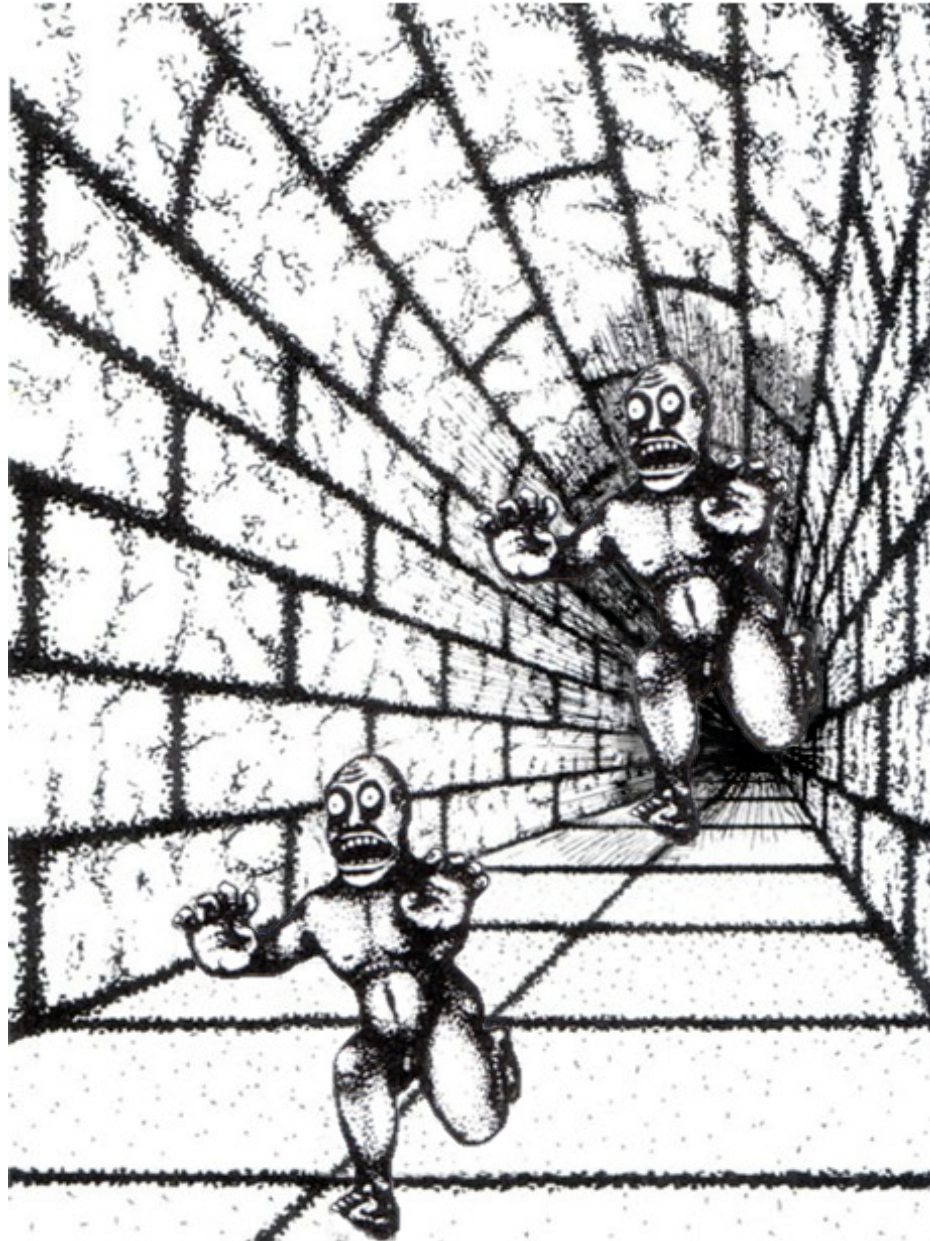
Challenge: scale



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Challenge: occlusion and clutter



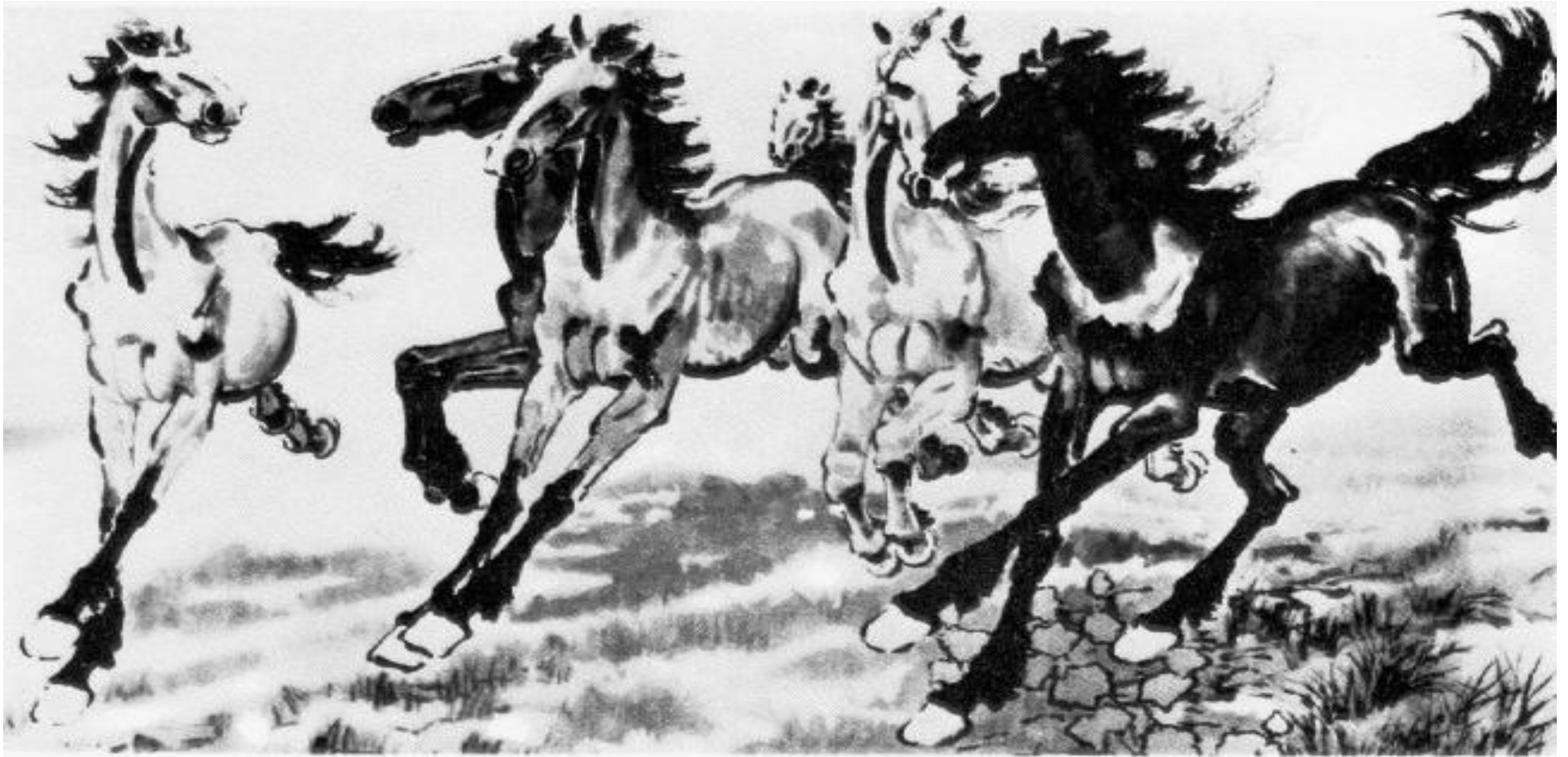
Image source: National Geographic

Challenge: intra-class variation



slide credit: Fei-Fei, Fergus & Torralba

Challenge: deformation



Xu, Beihong 1943

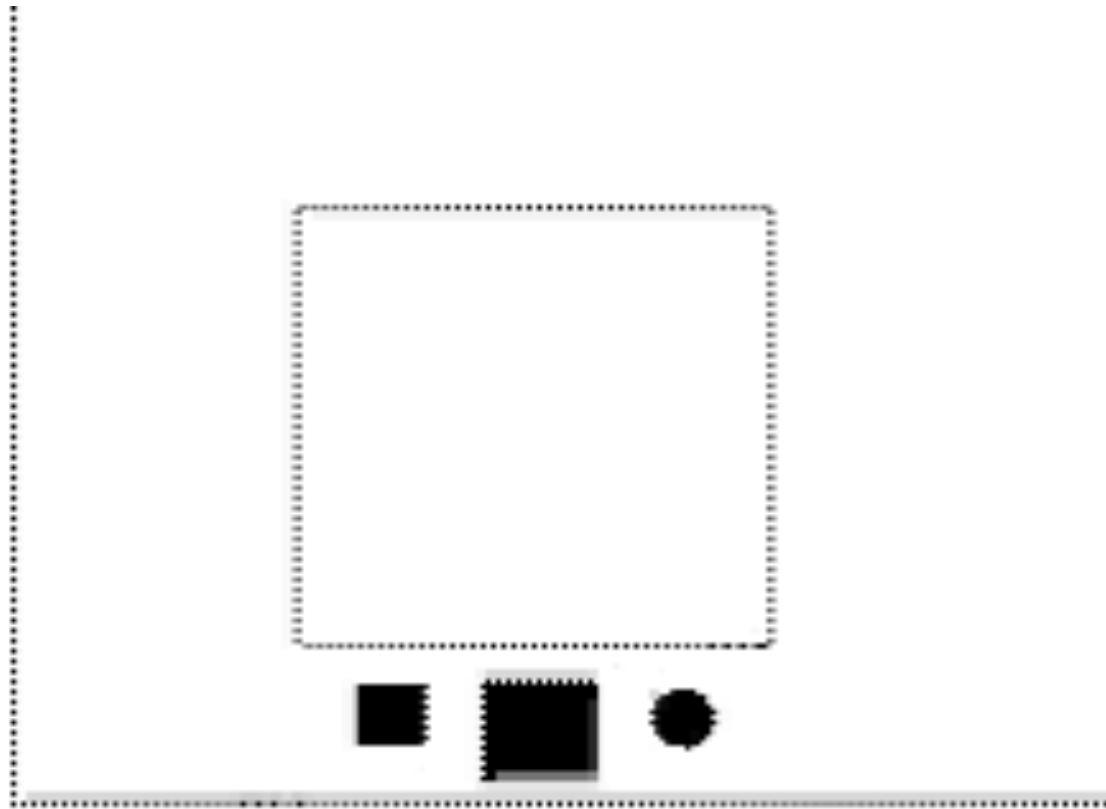
Challenge: motion

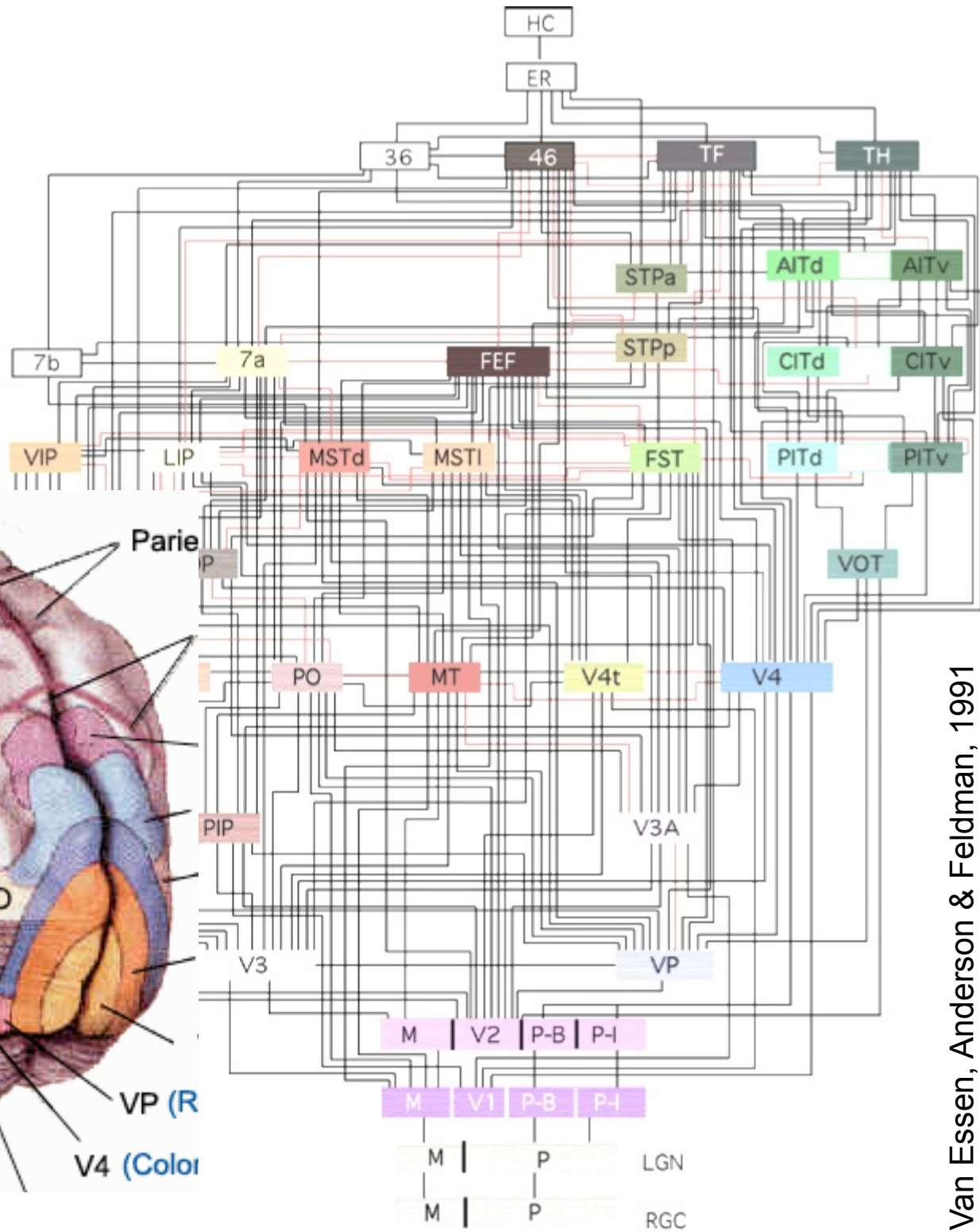
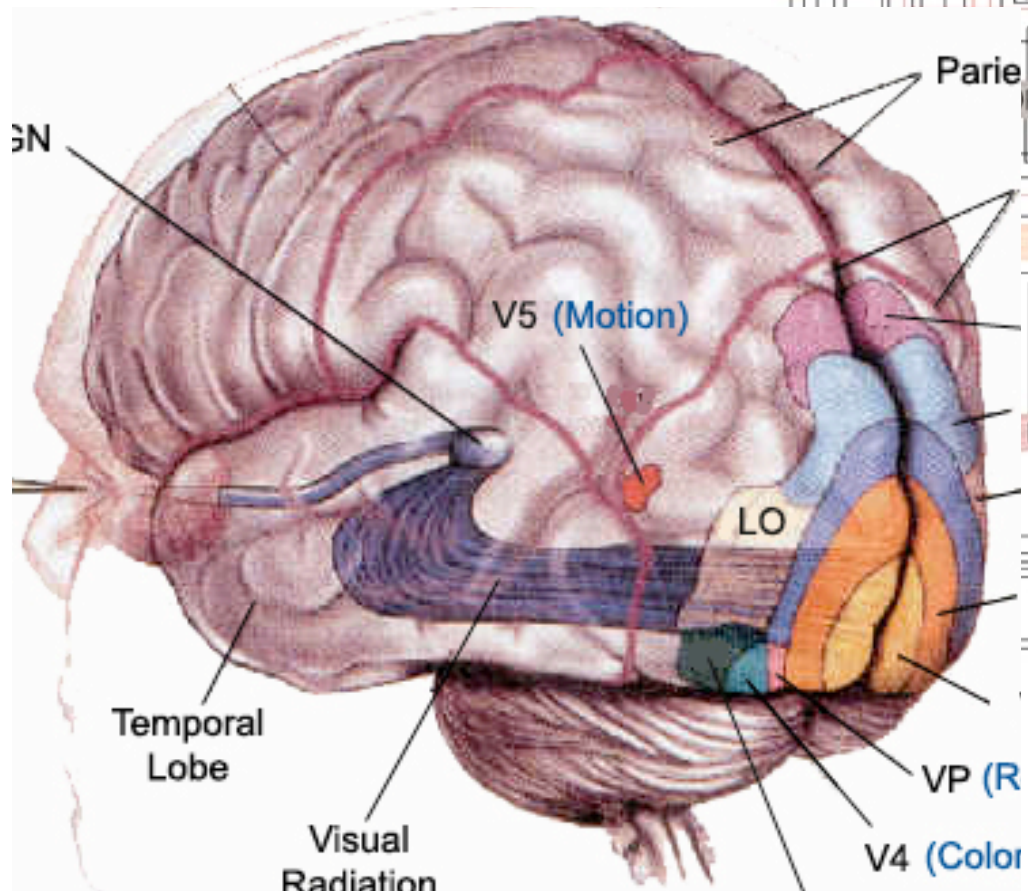


Challenge: perspective



(Aside) Challenge: intentions and goals

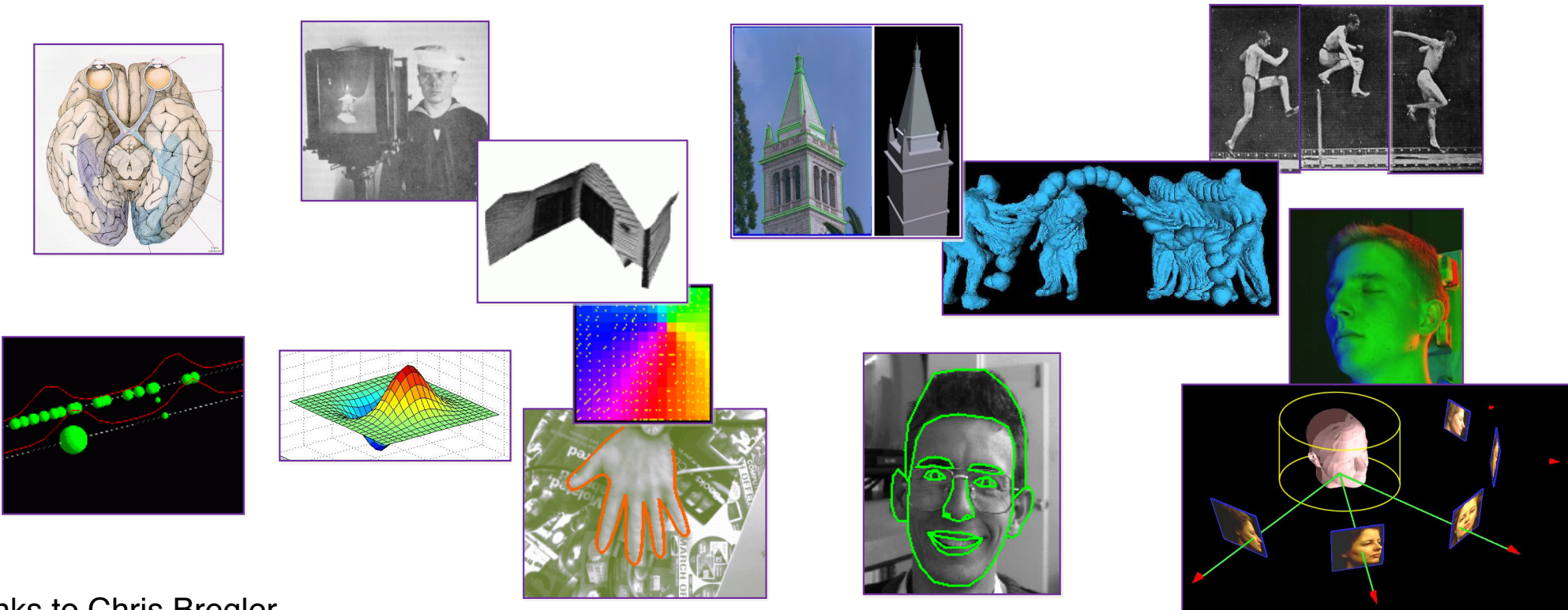




What is computer vision?

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

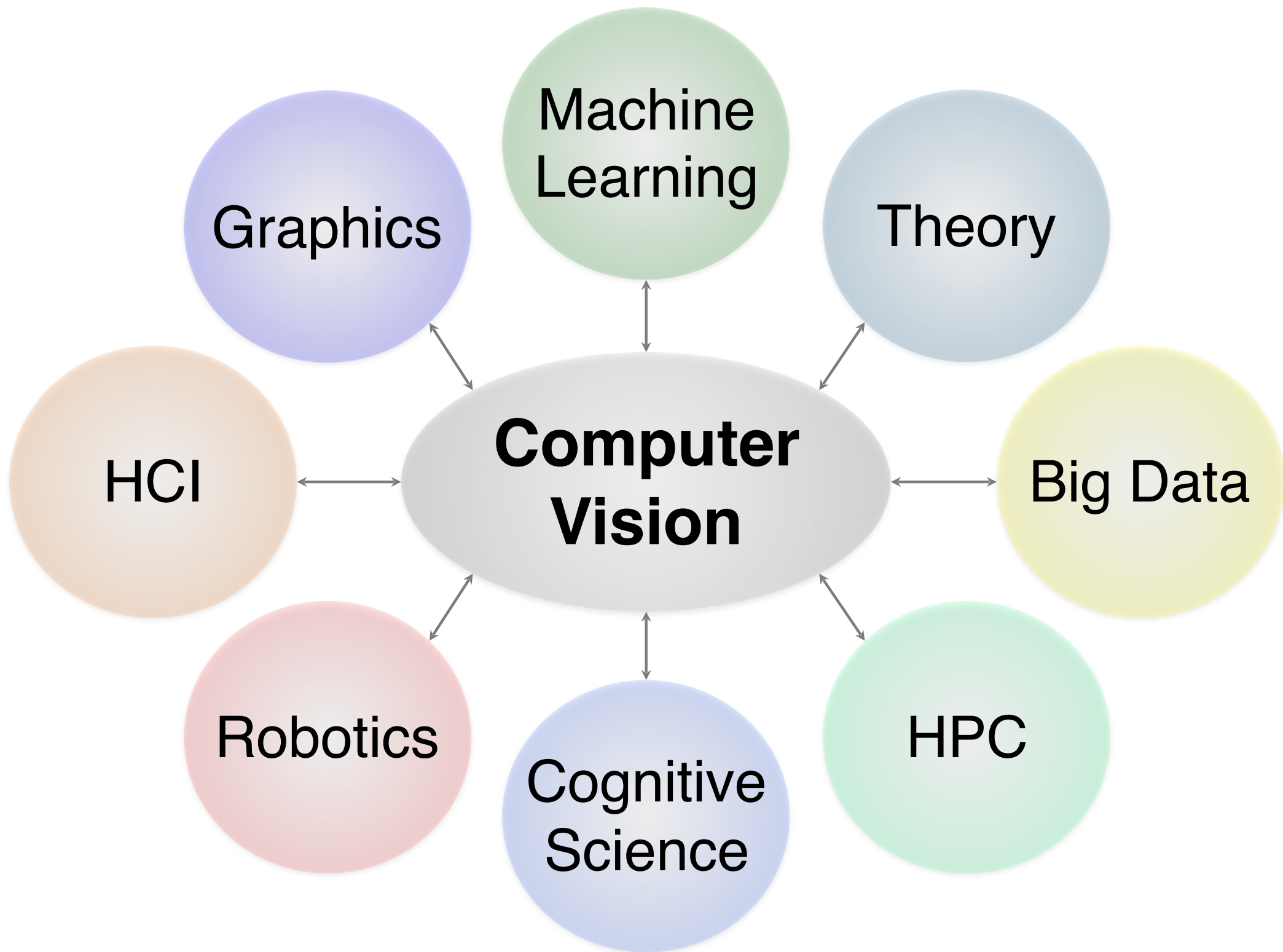
“It’s a chair! It’s in a room!”



What We Would Like to Infer...



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



Computer vision success stories

MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
PROJECT MAC

Artificial Intelligence Group
Vision Memo. No. 100.

July 7, 1966

THE SUMMER VISION PROJECT

Seymour Papert

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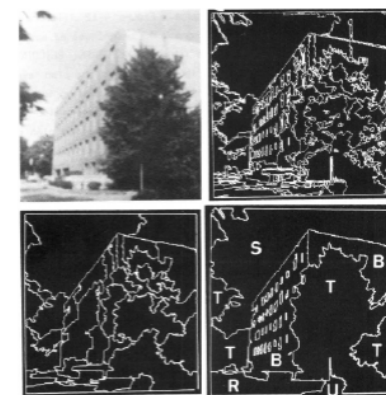
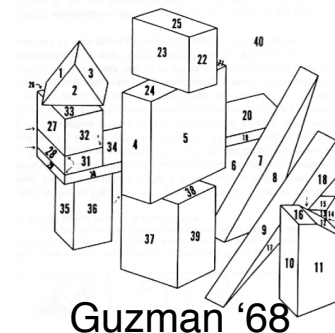
2017

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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

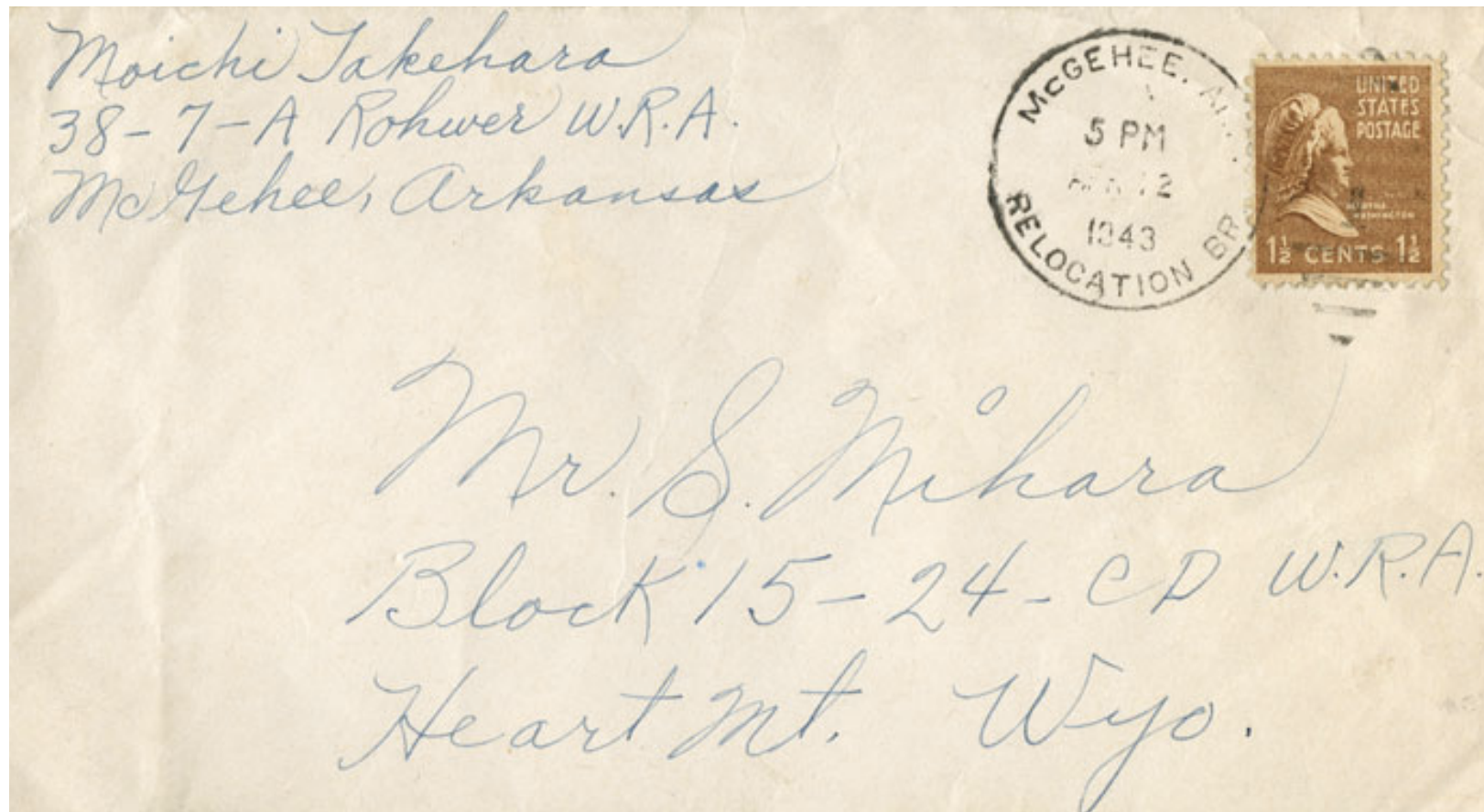


Ohta Kanade '78



Turk and Pentland '91

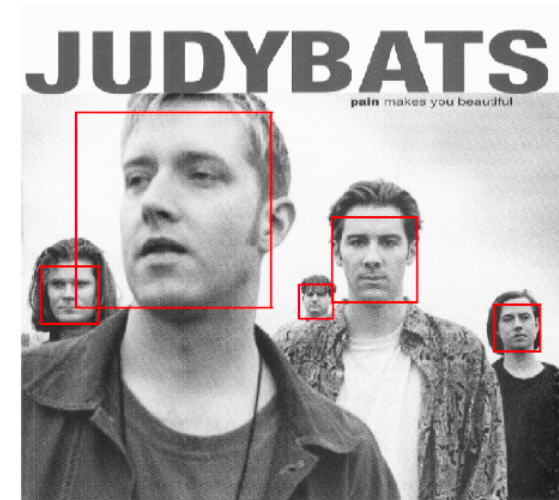
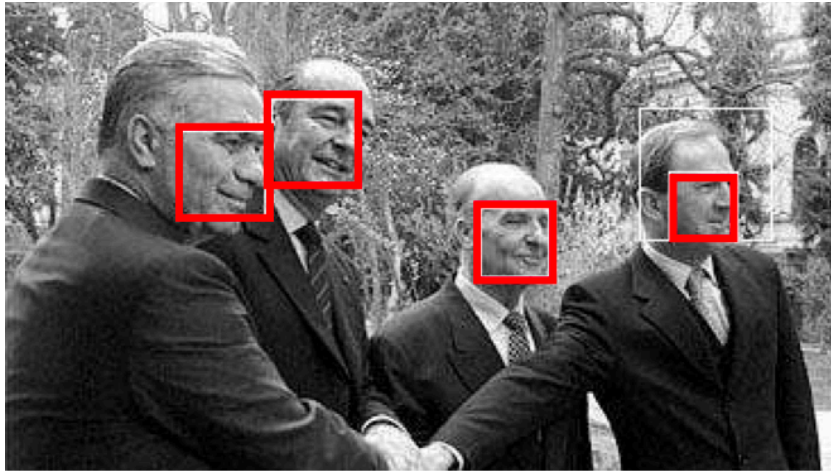
Sorting our mail



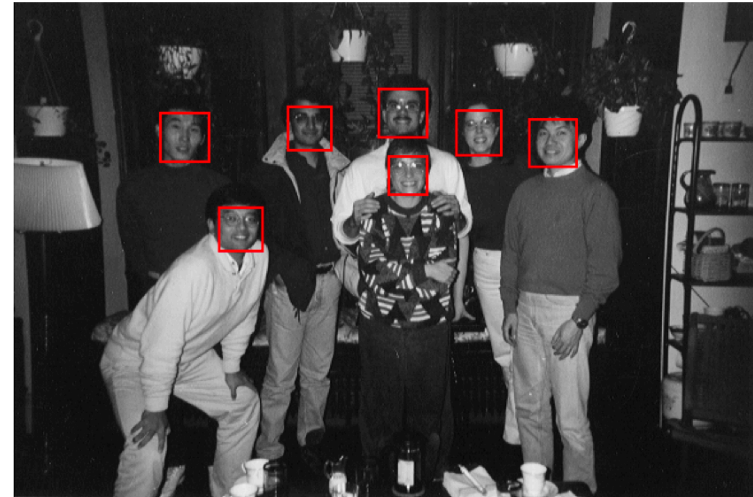
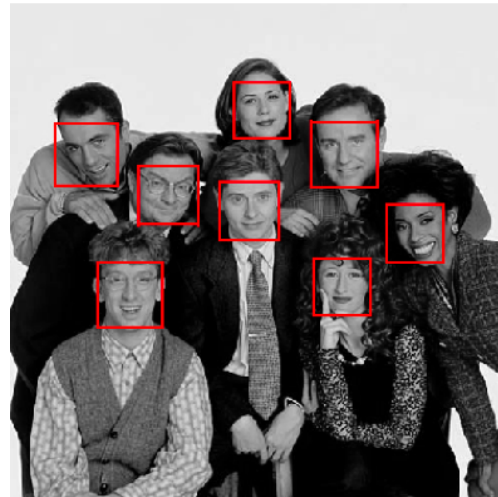
Depositing checks



Detecting (frontal) faces

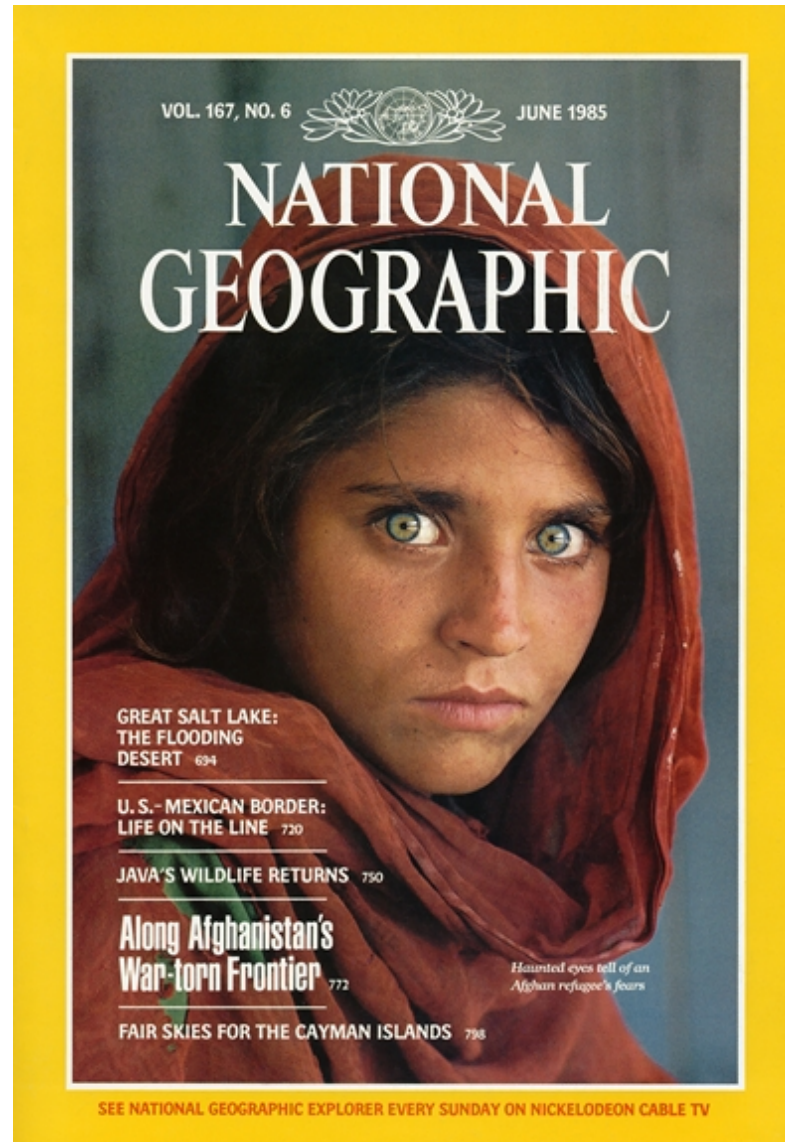


FinePix S6000fd, by Fujifilm, 2006



Viola & Jones, 2001

Face Recognition



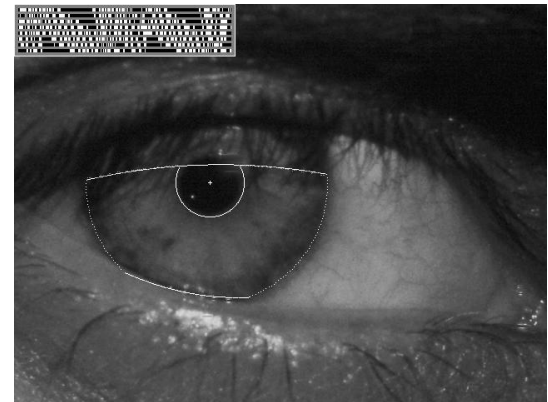
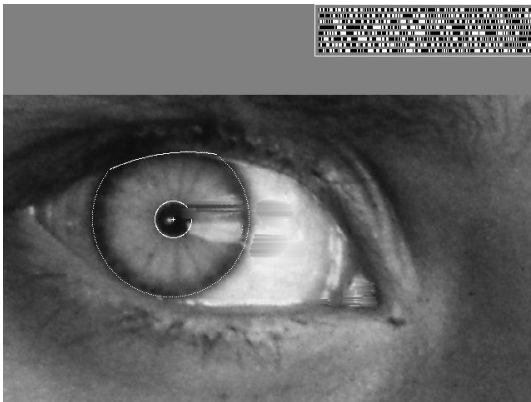
Slide credit: Deva Ramanan

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

Slide credit: Deva Ramanan

3D Shape Capture for Special Effects



The Matrix movies, ESC Entertainment, XYZRGB, NRC

3D Maps

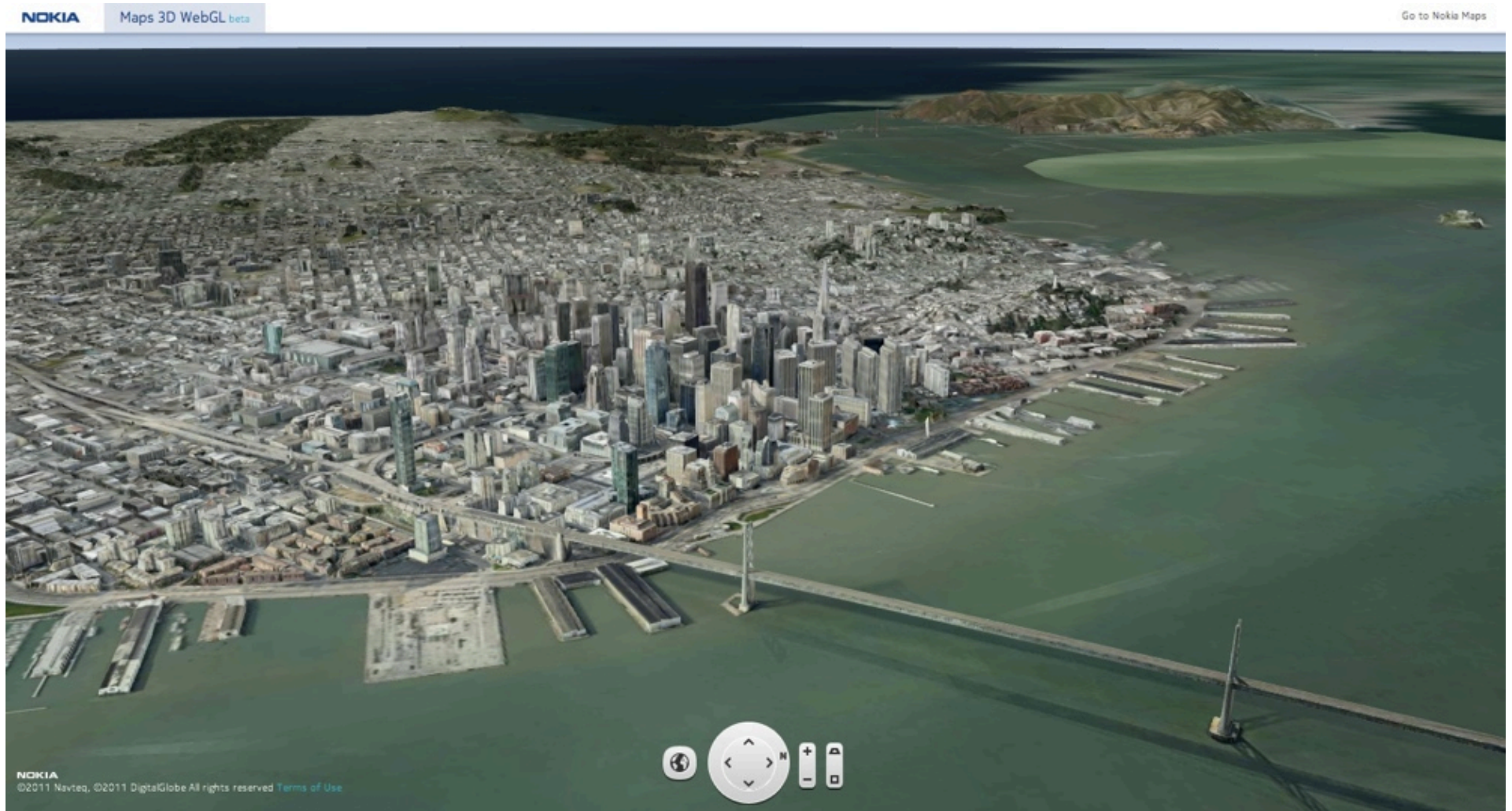


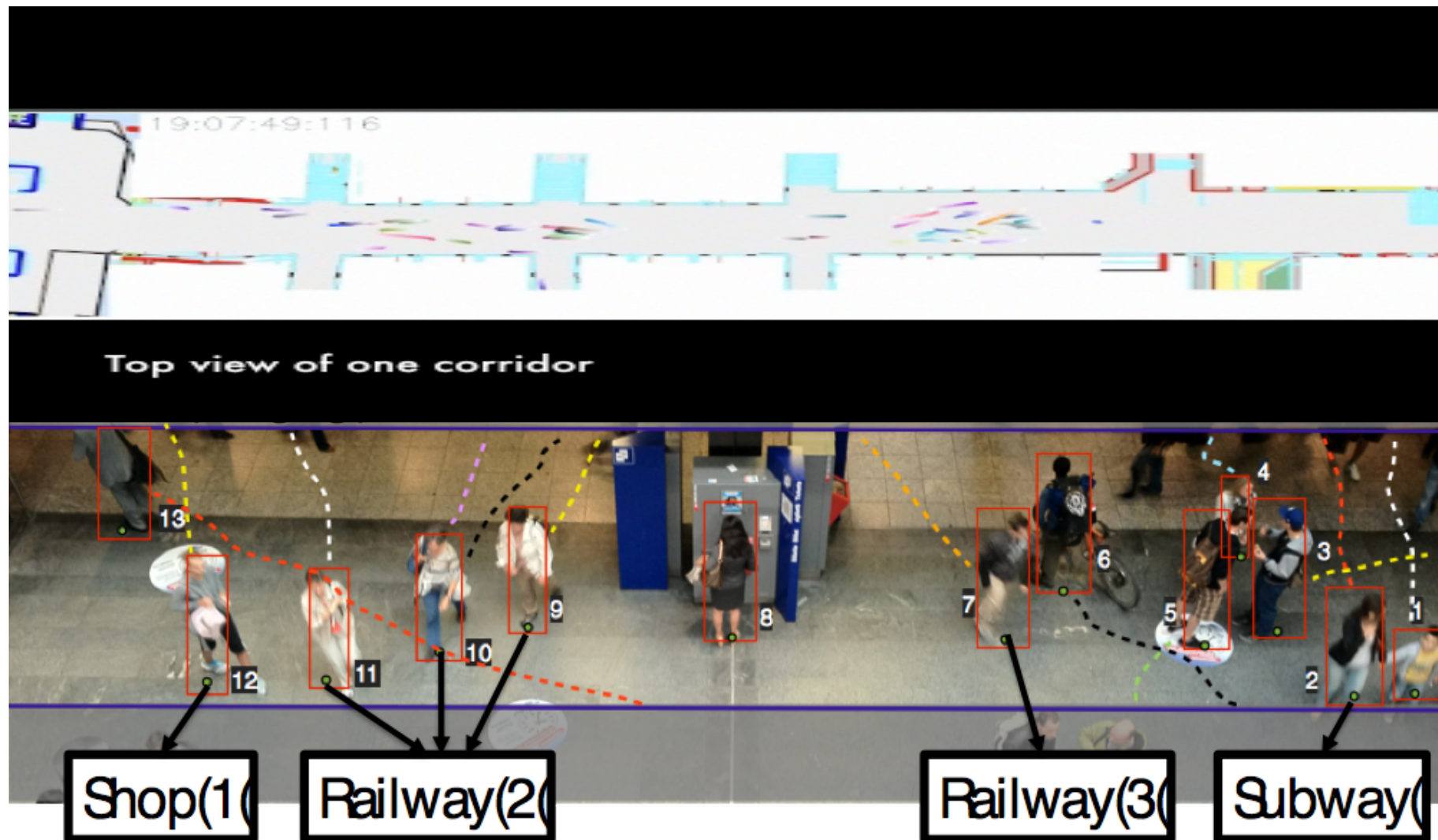
Image from Nokia's [Maps 3D WebGL](#)
(see also: [Google Maps GL](#), [Google Earth](#))

Photo tourism

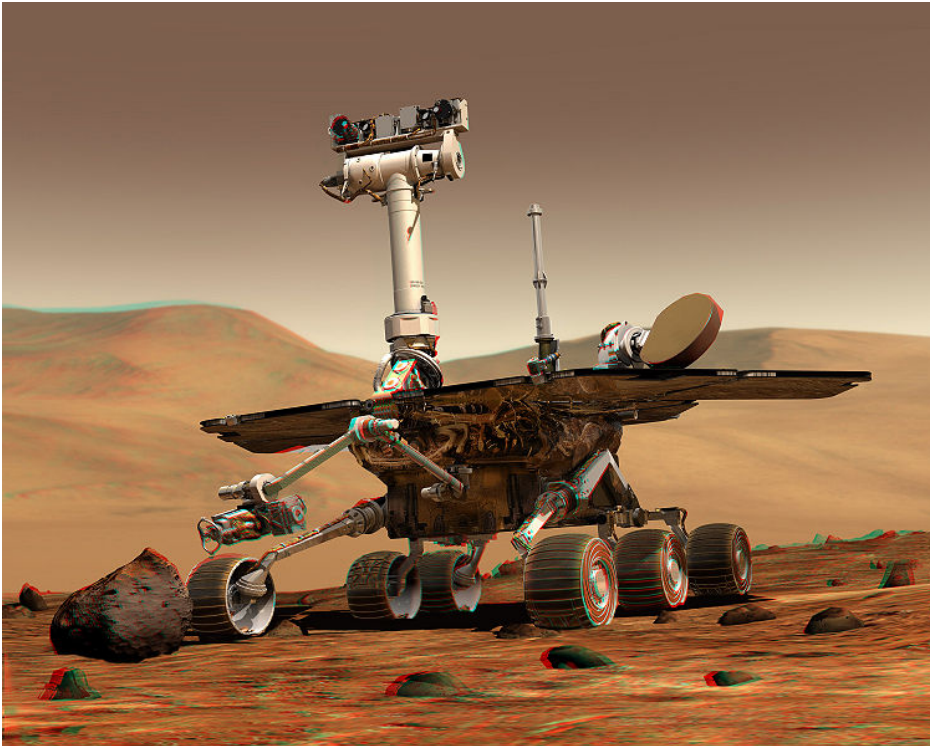


Reconstructing the 4D world
(UWashington/Microsoft)

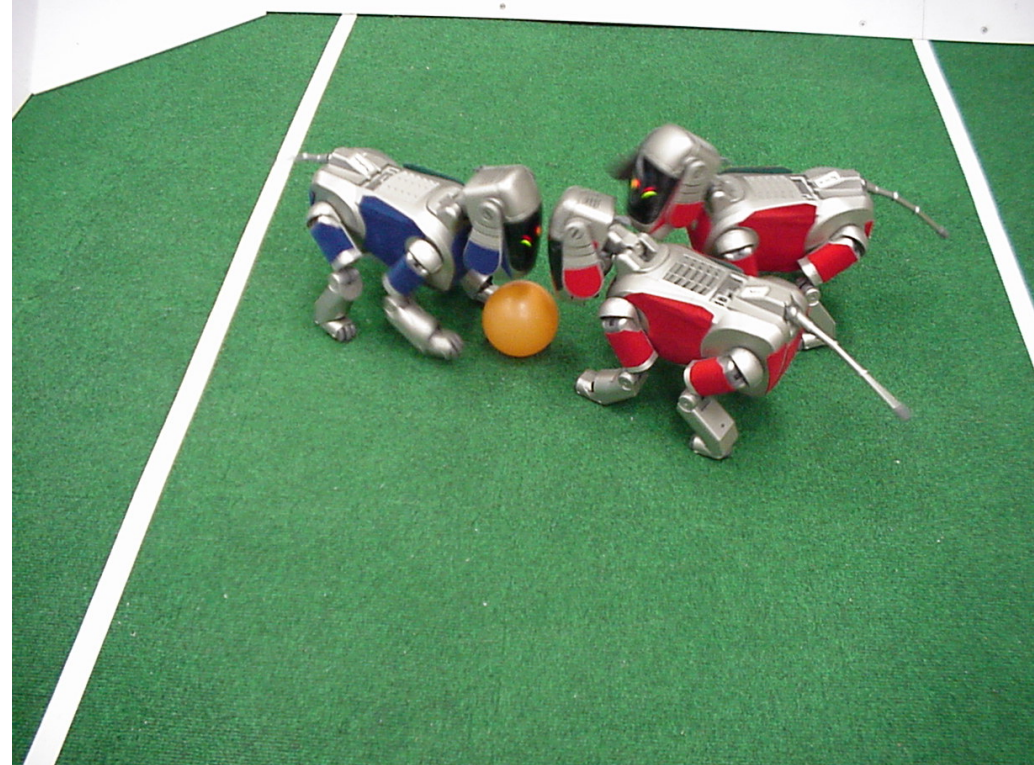
Understanding traffic patterns



Robotics

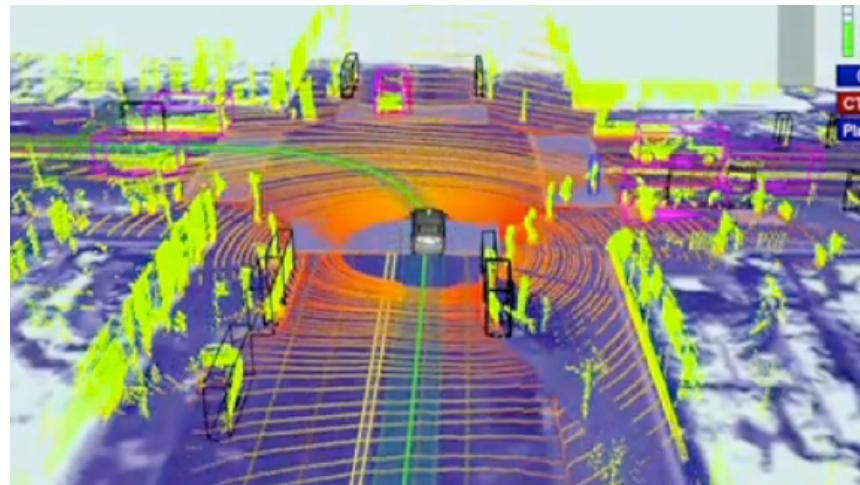


NASA's Mars Spirit Rover
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Spirit_rover

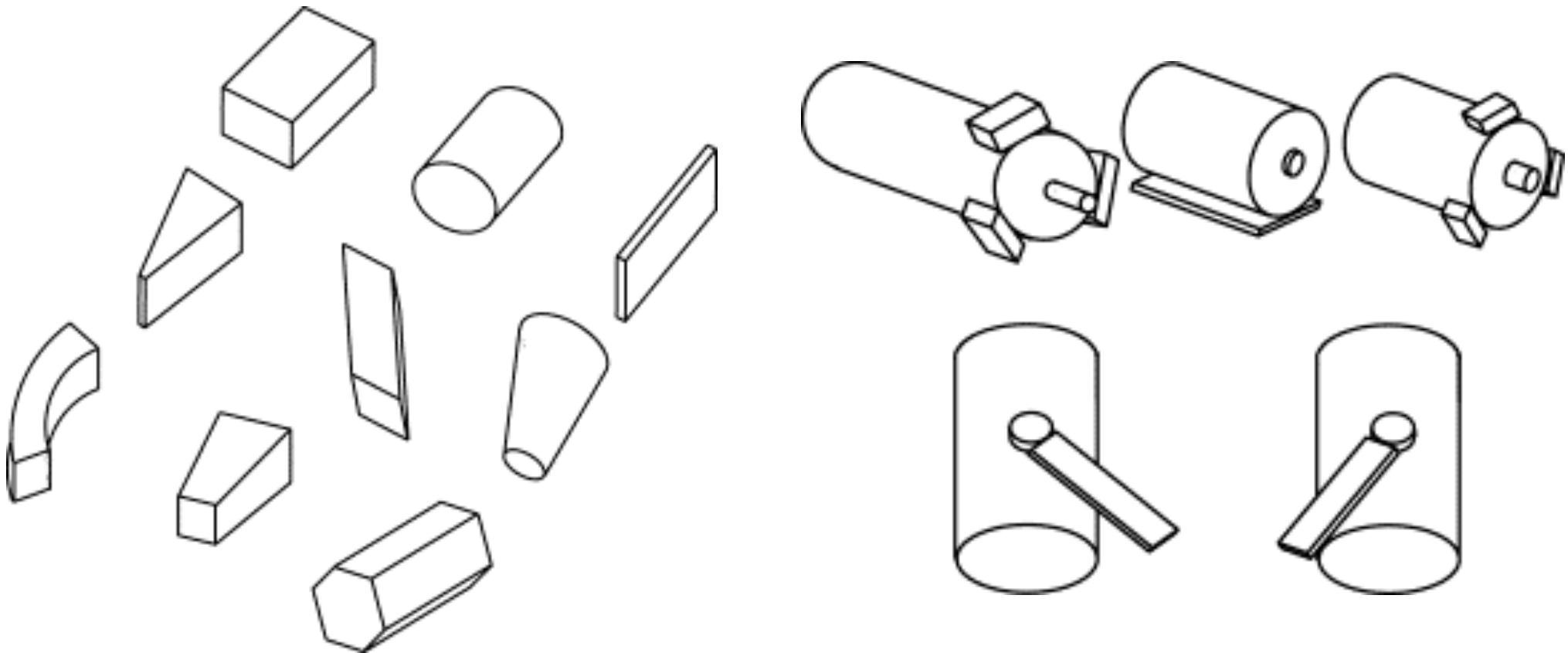


<http://www.robocup.org/>

Self-Driving Cars

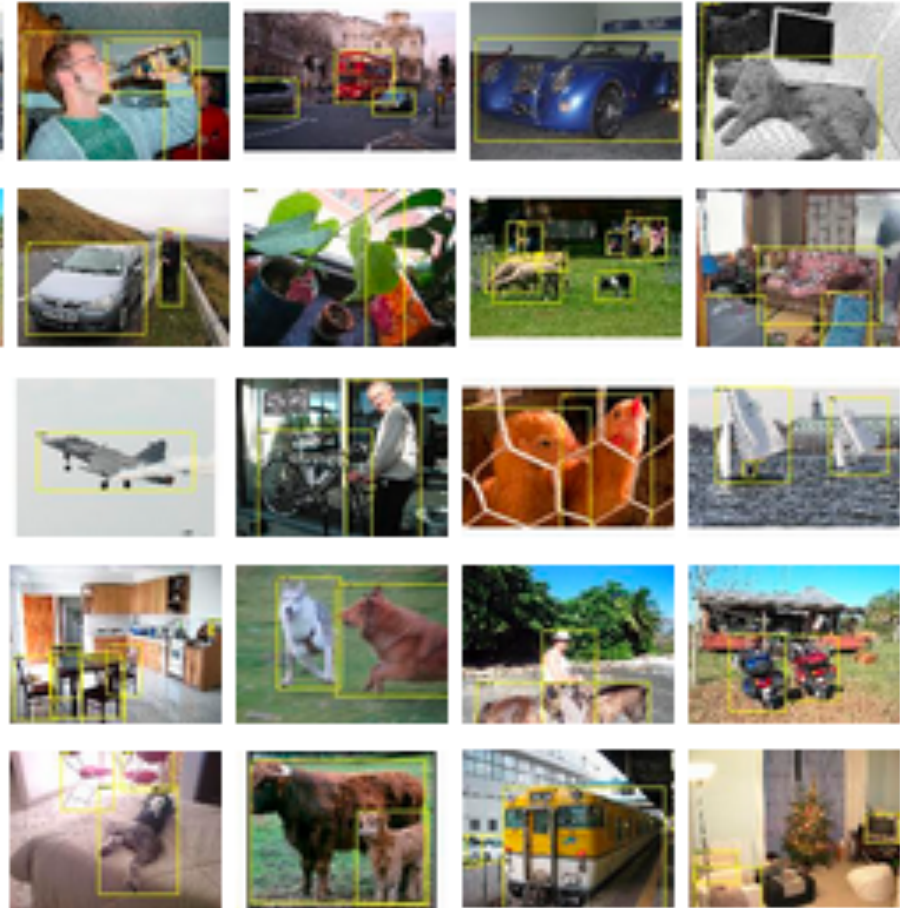


Object recognition: 1979



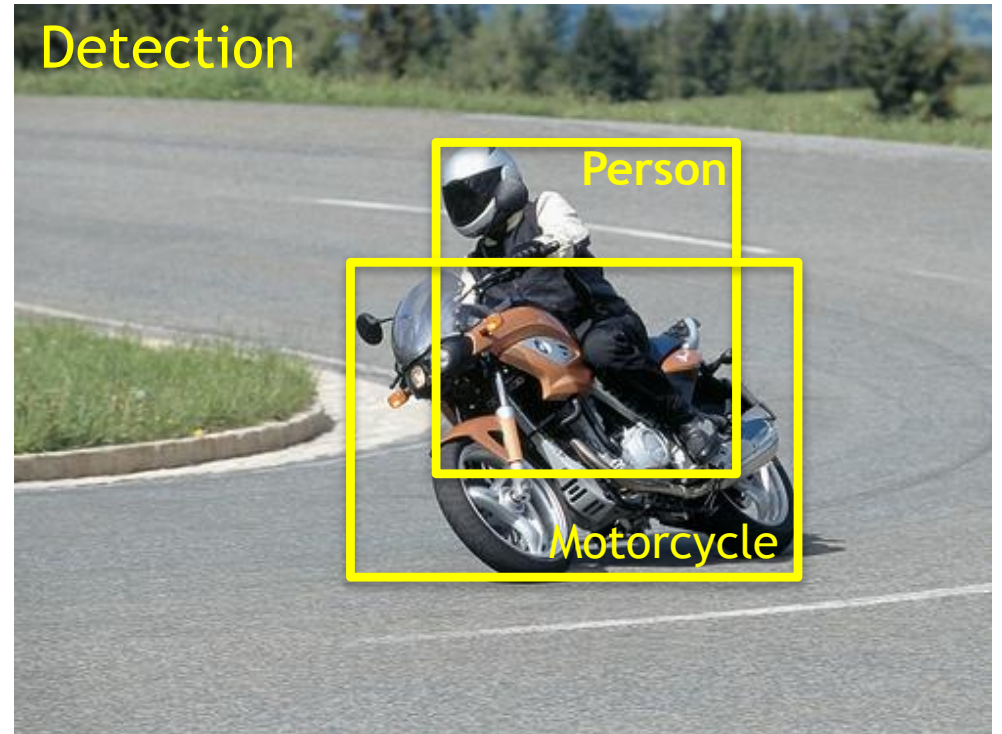
“Generalized Cylinders”, by Brooks & Binford, 1979

Object recognition: 2010



Classification: person, motorcycle

Detection

A blurry image of a person on a motorcycle, likely a delivery person, with a yellow text overlay "Detection". The image is out of focus, showing a person in a uniform riding a motorcycle through a wooded area. The text "Detection" is written in a bold, yellow font in the bottom left corner of the image.

Object recognition: now

The logo for ImageNet, featuring the word "IMAGENET" in a sans-serif font. The "A" is stylized with three colored squares (green, orange, red) above it.

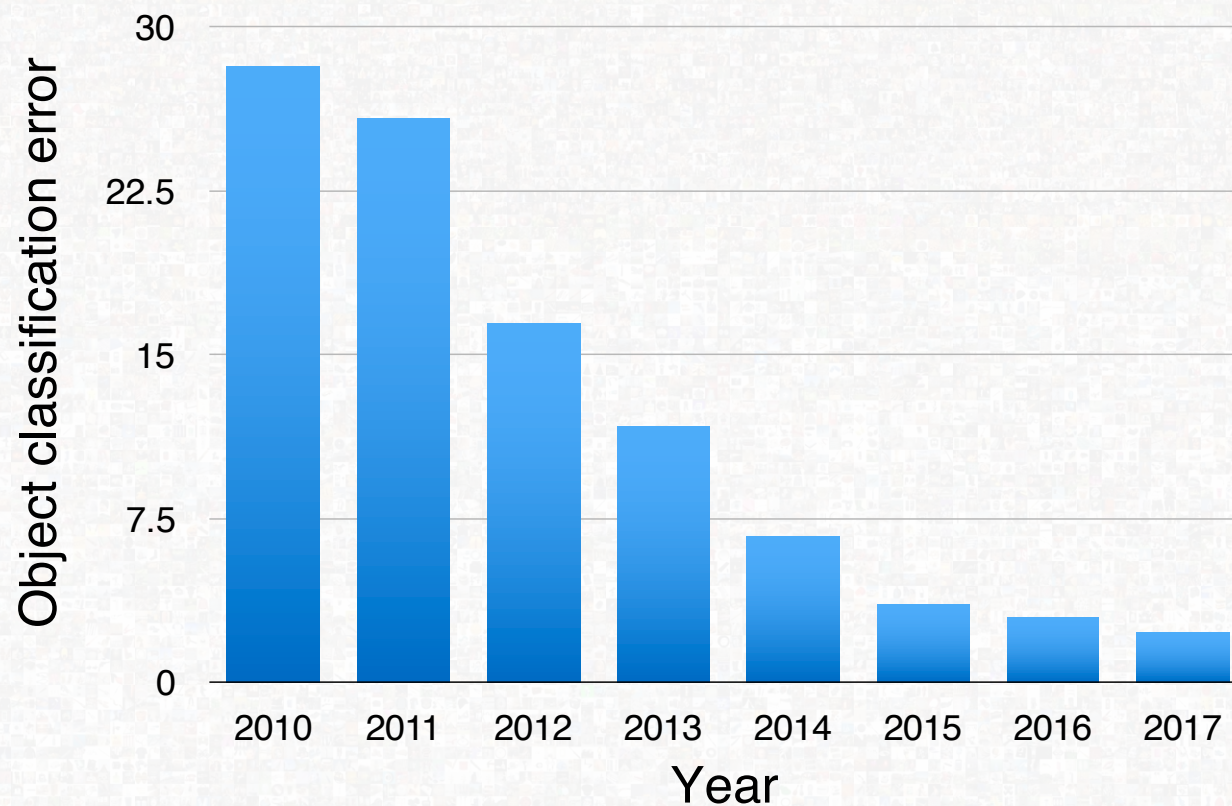
IMAGENET

22M images, 15K objects

Object recognition: now

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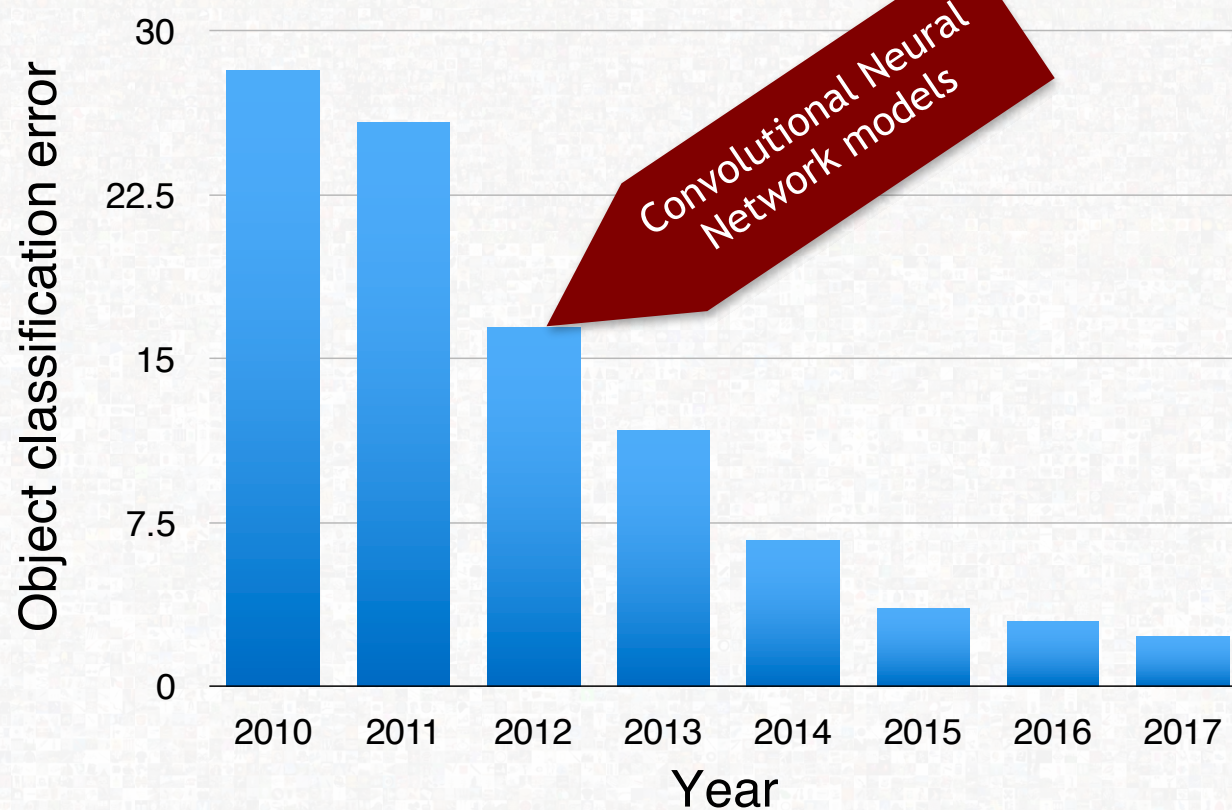
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Object recognition: now

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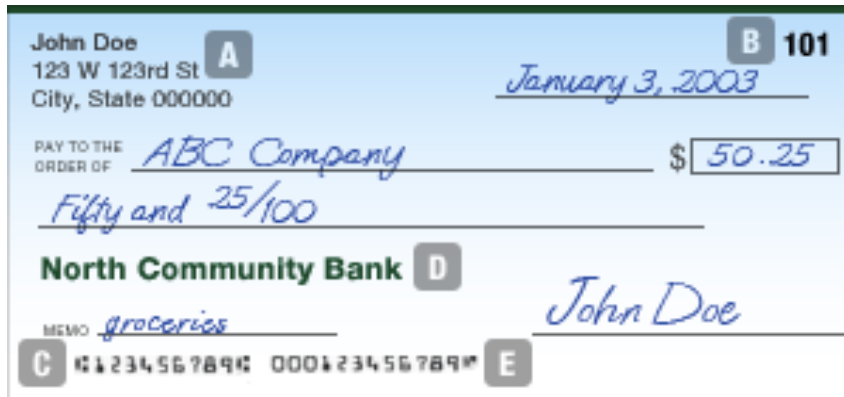
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<http://image-net.org>

Although haven't quite solved everything

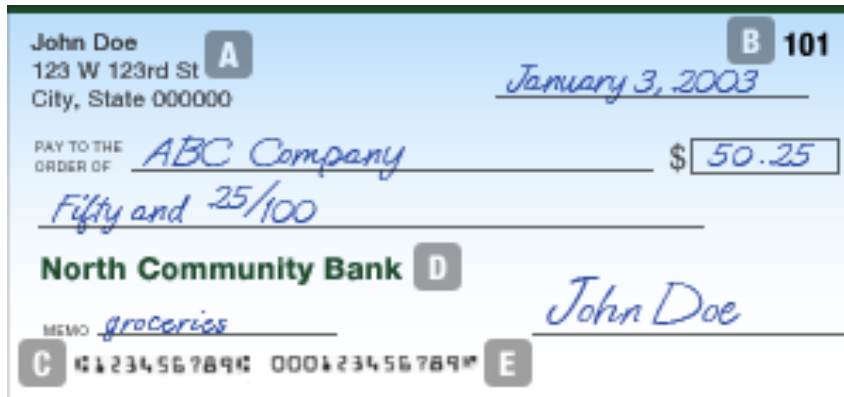
Unconstrained environments



VS



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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	22.4

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



Detection Leaderboard

BBOX: Dev Standard15 Chal15 Chal16 Chal17

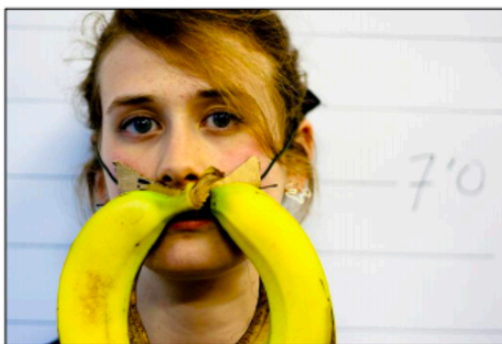
SEGM: Dev Standard15 Chal15 Chal16 Chal17 Chal18

		AP	AP ⁵⁰	AP ⁷⁵	AP ^S	AP ^M	AP ^L	AR ¹	AR ¹⁰	AR ¹⁰⁰	AR ^S	AR ^M	AR ^L	date
+	MMDet	0.486	0.730	0.530	0.339	0.520	0.602	0.368	0.593	0.632	0.464	0.665	0.777	2018-08-18
+	Megvii (Face++)	0.485	0.737	0.532	0.298	0.500	0.641	0.369	0.594	0.630	0.474	0.659	0.767	2018-08-18
+	FirstShot	0.463	0.681	0.508	0.258	0.488	0.636	0.359	0.580	0.622	0.445	0.655	0.776	2018-08-17
+	VISION DU	0.455	0.694	0.494	0.248	0.488	0.629	0.353	0.566	0.604	0.418	0.641	0.762	2018-08-17
+	DL-61	0.442	0.687	0.478	0.238	0.468	0.616	0.350	0.557	0.591	0.402	0.629	0.751	2018-08-18
+	BingBing	0.438	0.686	0.471	0.239	0.468	0.609	0.347	0.564	0.605	0.417	0.643	0.768	2018-08-18

<http://cocodataset.org/#detections-leaderboard>, Aug 30, 2019

Pitfalls of looking at “overall accuracy”

Visual Question Answering



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

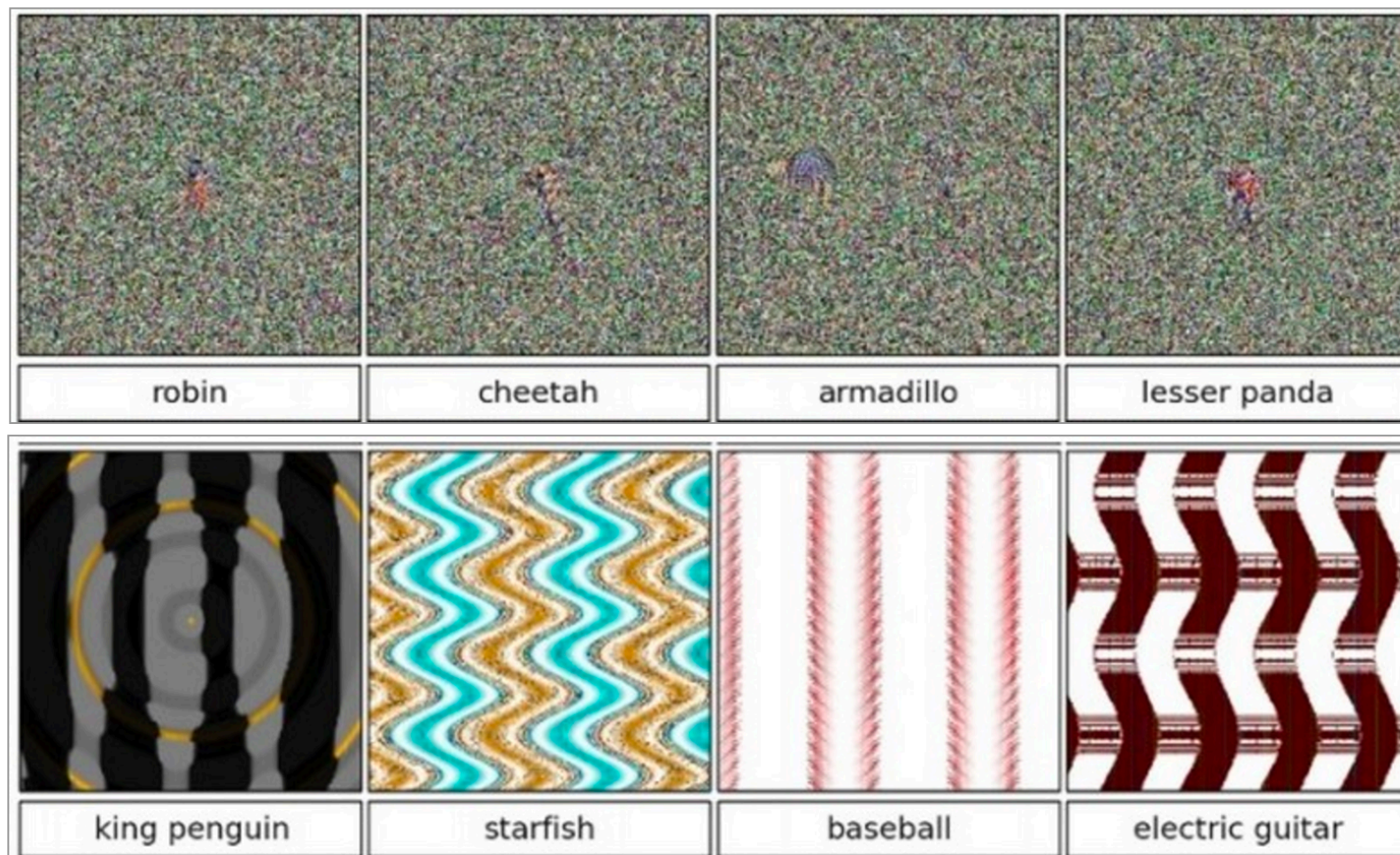


How many slices of pizza are there?
Is this a vegetarian pizza?

Rank	Participant Team	yes/no	number	other	overall	Last Submission at
1	AIOZ	87.96	54.99	63.28	72.61	9 months ago
2	HDU-UCAS-USYD	87.97	52.51	63.58	72.49	1 year ago
3	MSRA-MSM	87.17	55.19	62.56	71.96	7 months ago
4	casia_iva	86.98	51.05	62.31	71.31	1 year ago
5	Tohoku CV Lab	87.29	53.25	61.13	71.12	1 year ago
6	MIL-UT	87.00	51.65	61.62	71.06	1 year ago

<https://evalai.cloudcv.org/featured-challenges/80/leaderboard/124>, results as of 08/2019

Surprising failures

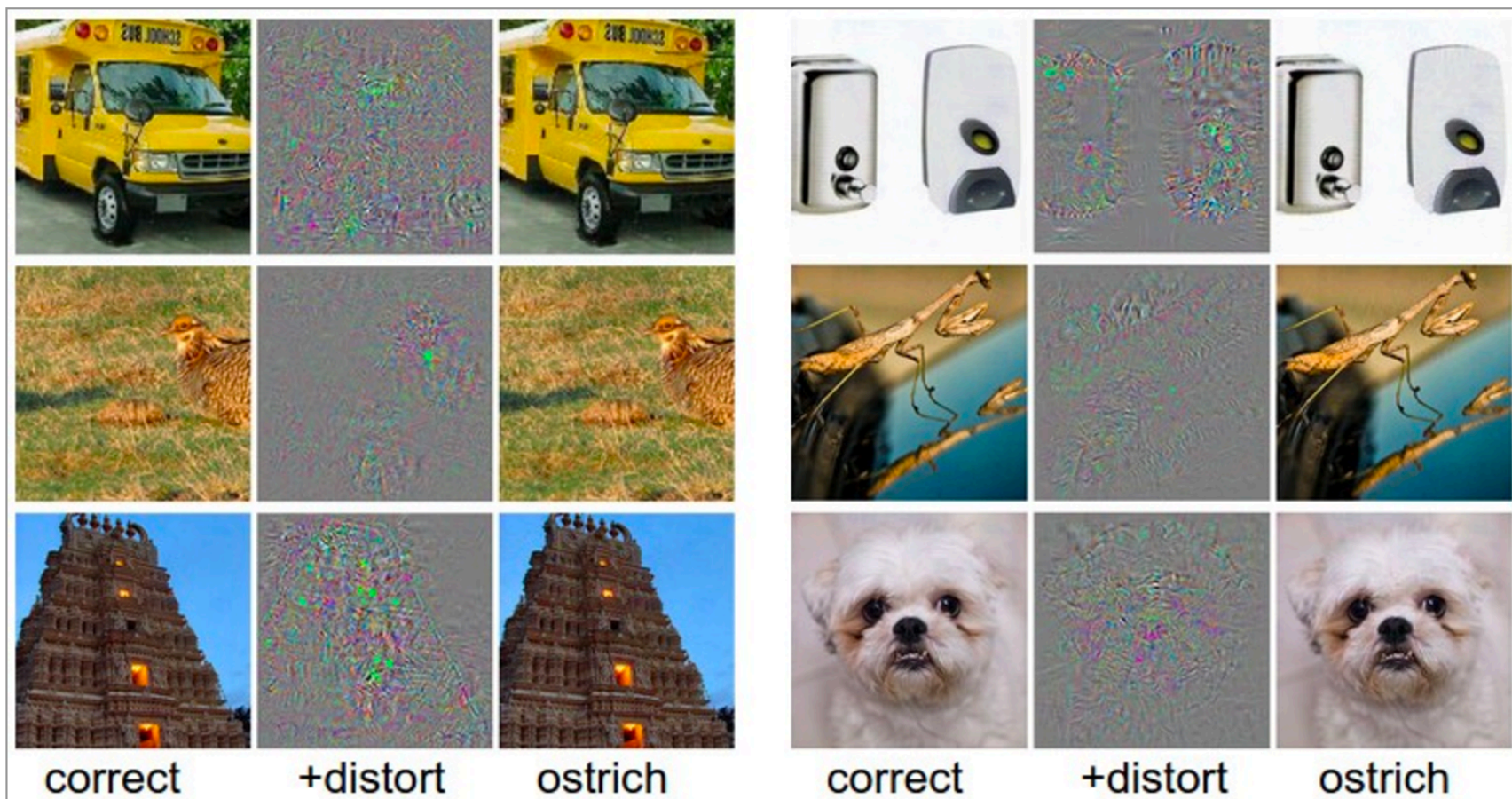


These images are classified with >99.6% confidence as the shown class by a Convolutional Network.

[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]

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(aside) Assignment 0

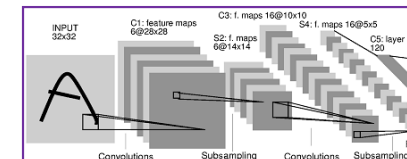
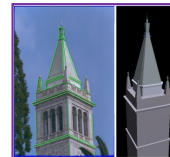
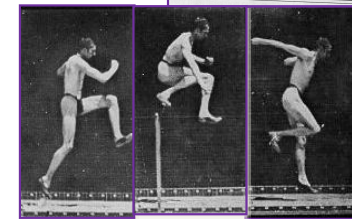
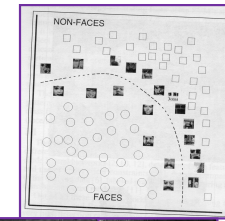
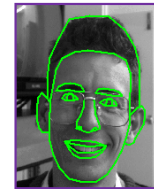
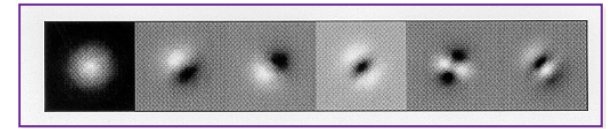
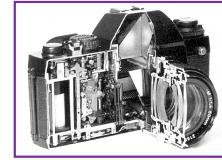
- See if you can fool a modern image classification model



Our plan in COS 429

Course Outline

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



Course Staff

Instructor: Prof. Olga Russakovsky

TAs: Xingyuan Sun, Fangyin Wei, Jimmy Wu and Felix Yu

Q&A

- We will use piazza for Q&A. Please direct all non-private questions there. If emailing the Professor, [consult the FAQ first](#).
- Feel free to answer each others' questions (we will monitor and endorse students' answers) but keep in mind the 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 24th, **no exceptions**
- **24%:** Final project
 - Small groups of 1-3 people
 - Start working soon and do a cool project!
 - Milestone due Dec 13, poster session Mon, Jan 13 3-6pm
 - Writeup due on Dean's date Tue Jan 14

Python

- The assignments will be re-written to use the Python language instead of Matlab
 - Be sure to thank the TAs!

Next class: image formation and capture

