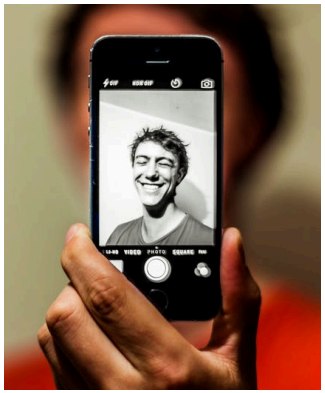
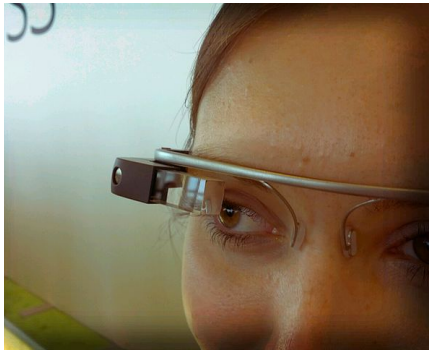
Lecture 1: Introduction

Welcome to CS231n





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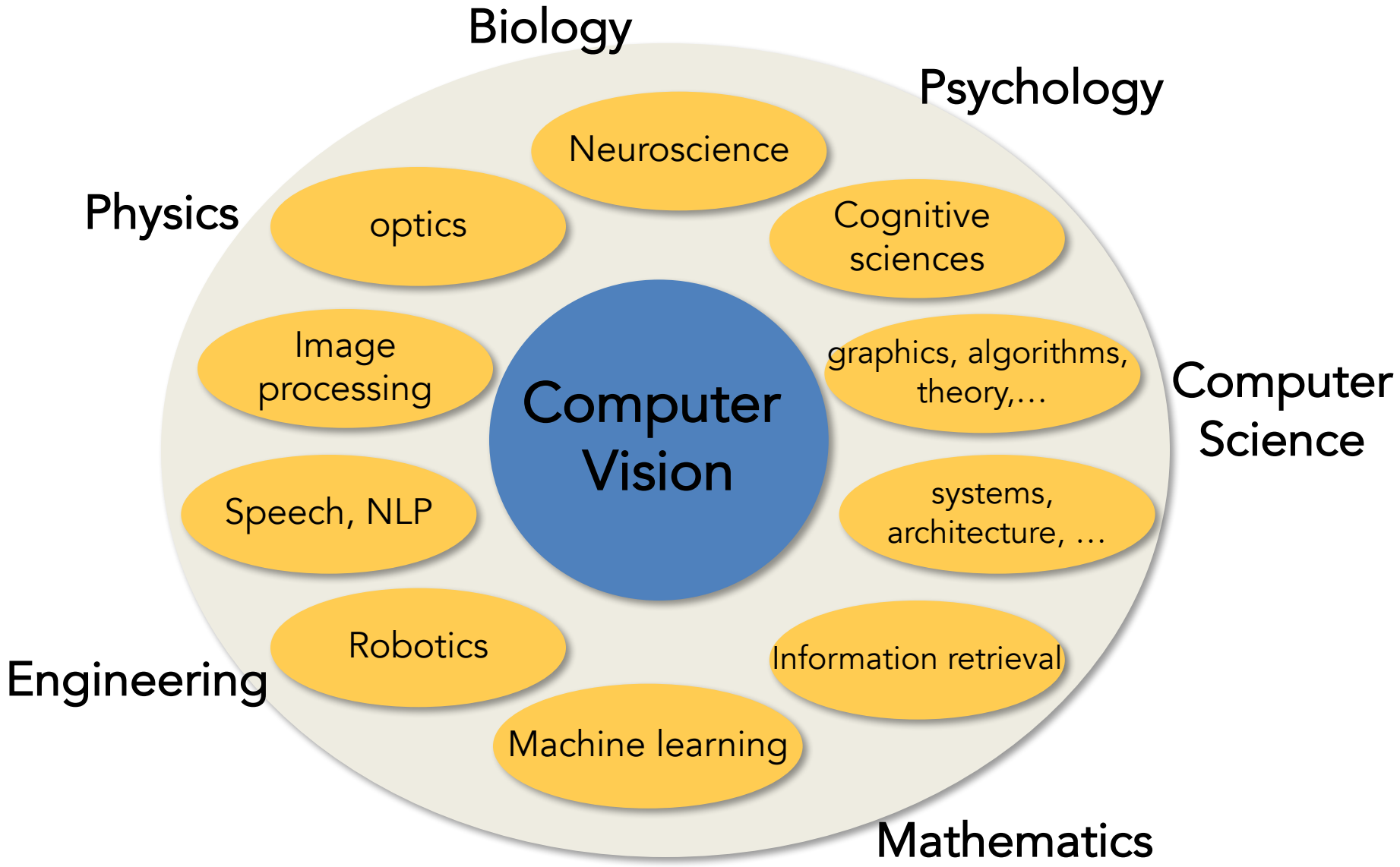
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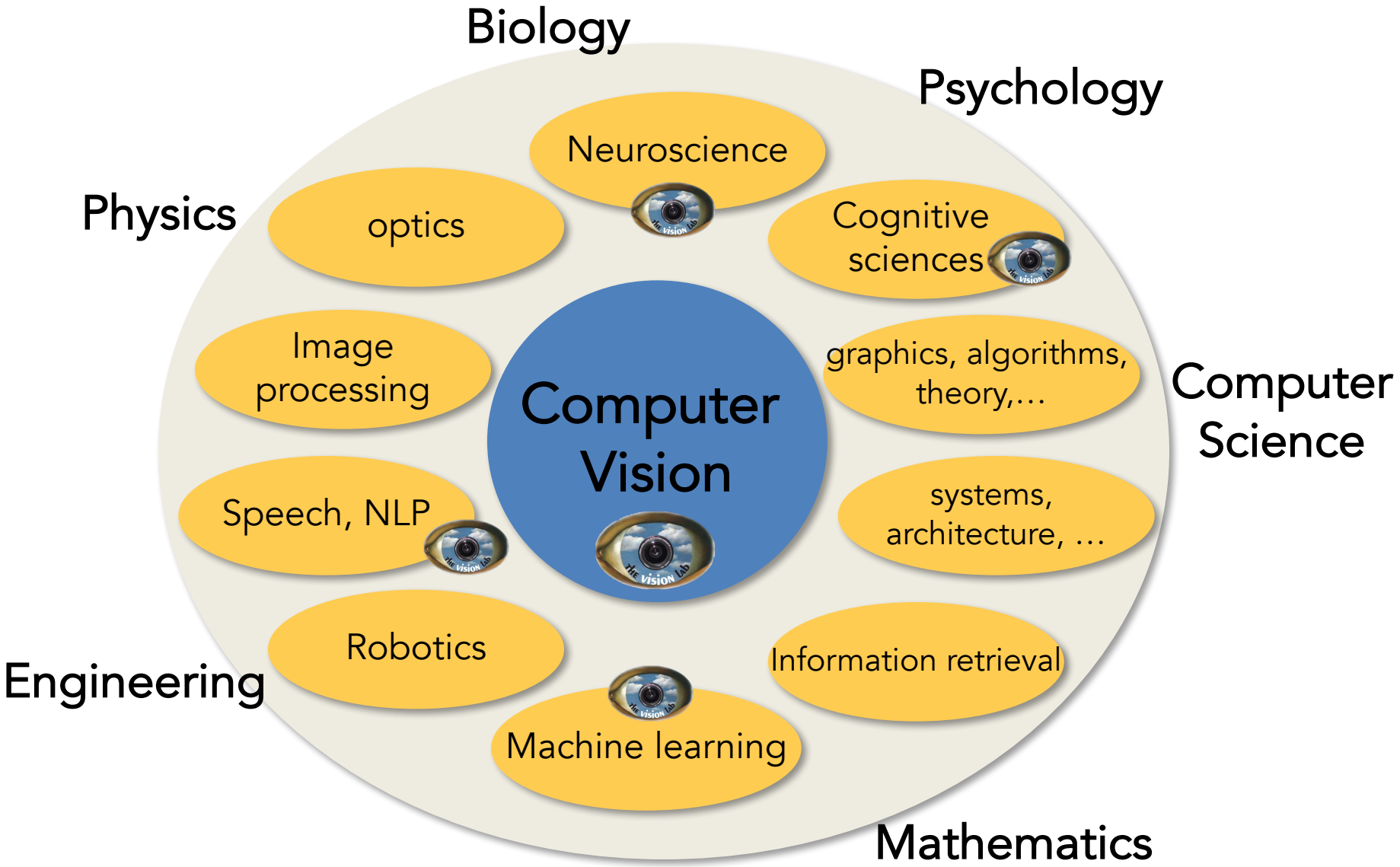
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Related Courses @ Stanford

- CS131: Computer Vision: Foundations and Applications
  - Fall 2017, Juan Carlos Niebles and Ranjay Krishna
  - Undergraduate introductory class
- CS231a: Computer Vision, from 3D Reconstruction to Recognition
  - Winter 2018, Professor Silvio Savarese
  - Core computer vision class for seniors, masters, and PhDs
  - Image processing, cameras, 3D reconstruction, segmentation, object recognition, scene understanding; not just deep learning
- CS 224n: Natural Language Processing with Deep Learning
  - Winter 2018, Richard Socher
- CS 230: Deep Learning
  - Spring 2018, Prof. Andrew Ng and Kian Katanforoosh
- CS231n: Convolutional Neural Networks for Visual Recognition
  - This course, Prof. Fei-Fei Li & Justin Johnson & Serena Yeung
  - Focusing on applications of deep learning to computer vision

Today's agenda

- A brief history of computer vision
- CS231n overview

Evolution's Big Bang

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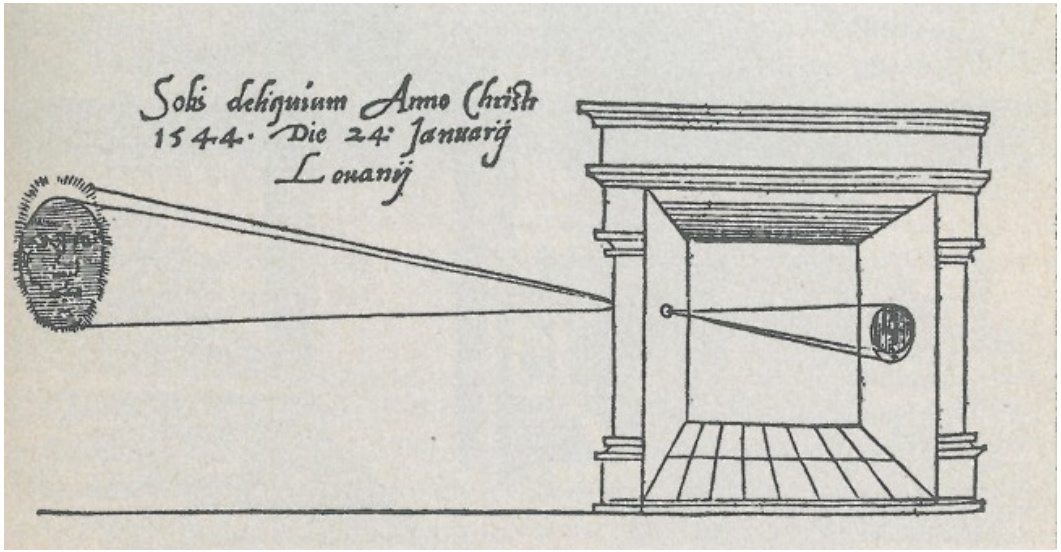
543 million years, B.C.

Camera Obscura

Gemma Frisius, 1545



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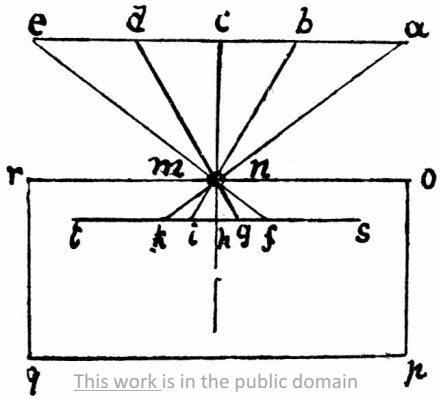

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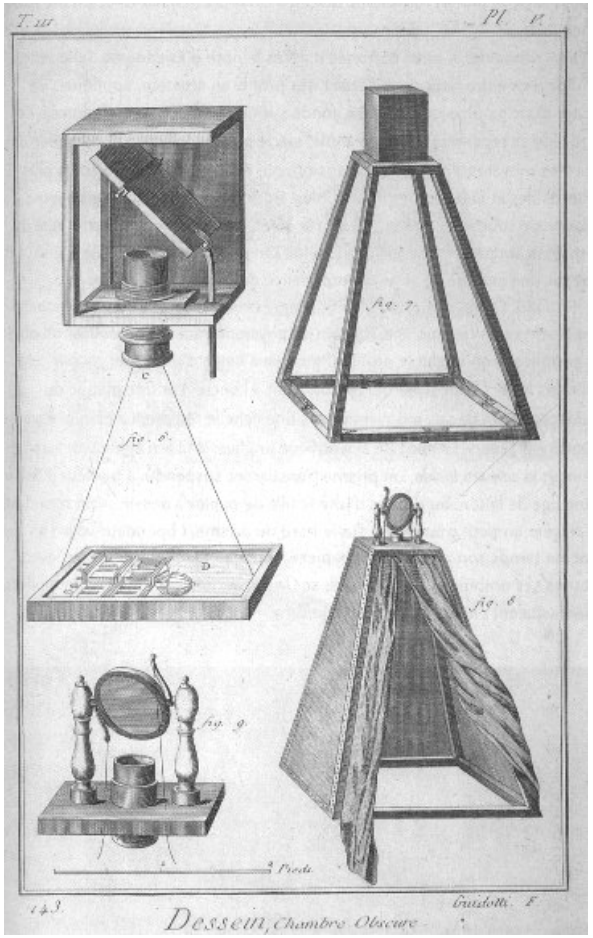
Leonardo da Vinci,
16th Century AD

Encyclopedie, 18th Century



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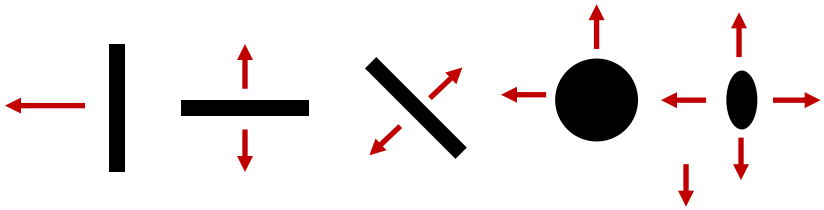
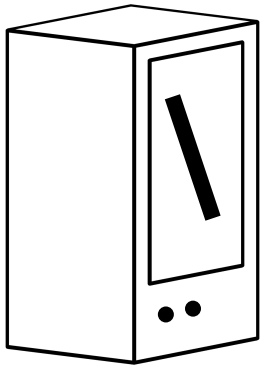
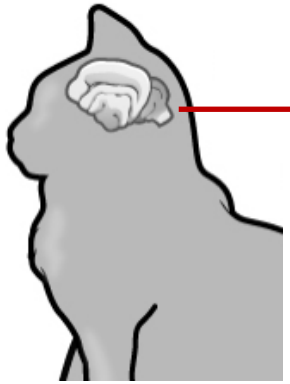
Hubel & Wiesel, 1959





Stimulus

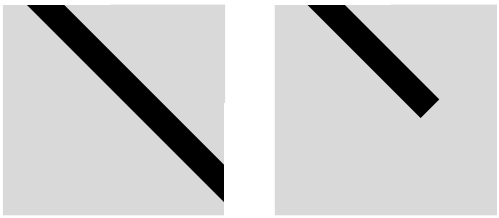
Electrical signal from brain



Simple cells:
Response to light orientation

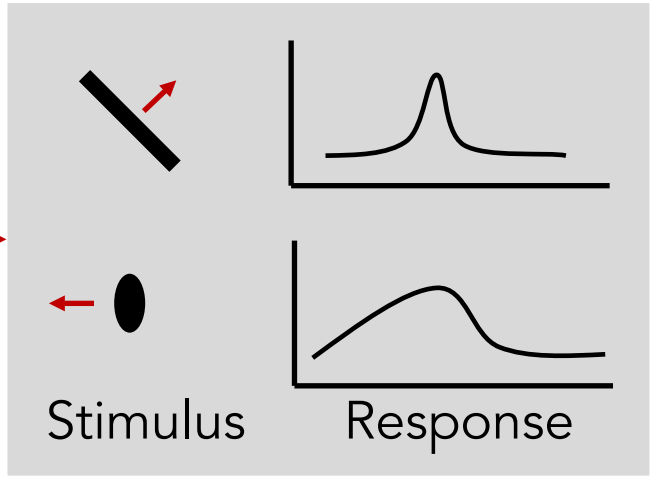
Complex cells:
Response to light orientation and movement

Hypercomplex cells:
response to movement with an end point



No response

Response (end point)



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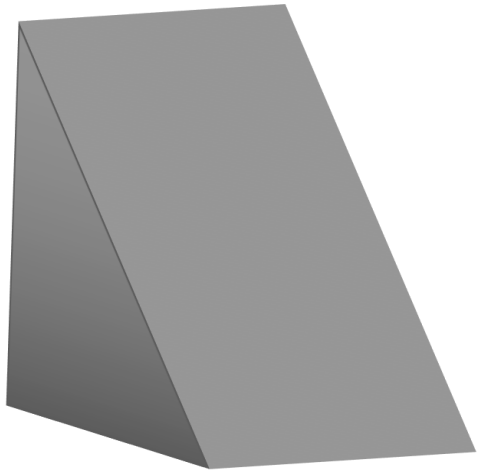
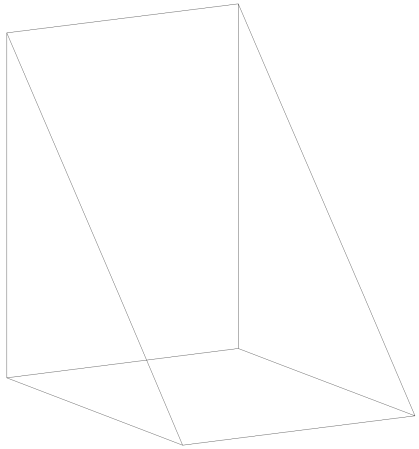
Block world

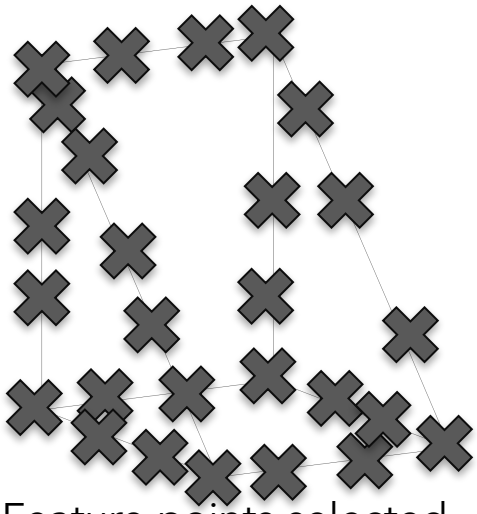
Larry Roberts, 1963



(a) Original picture



(b) Differentiated picture



(c) Feature points selected

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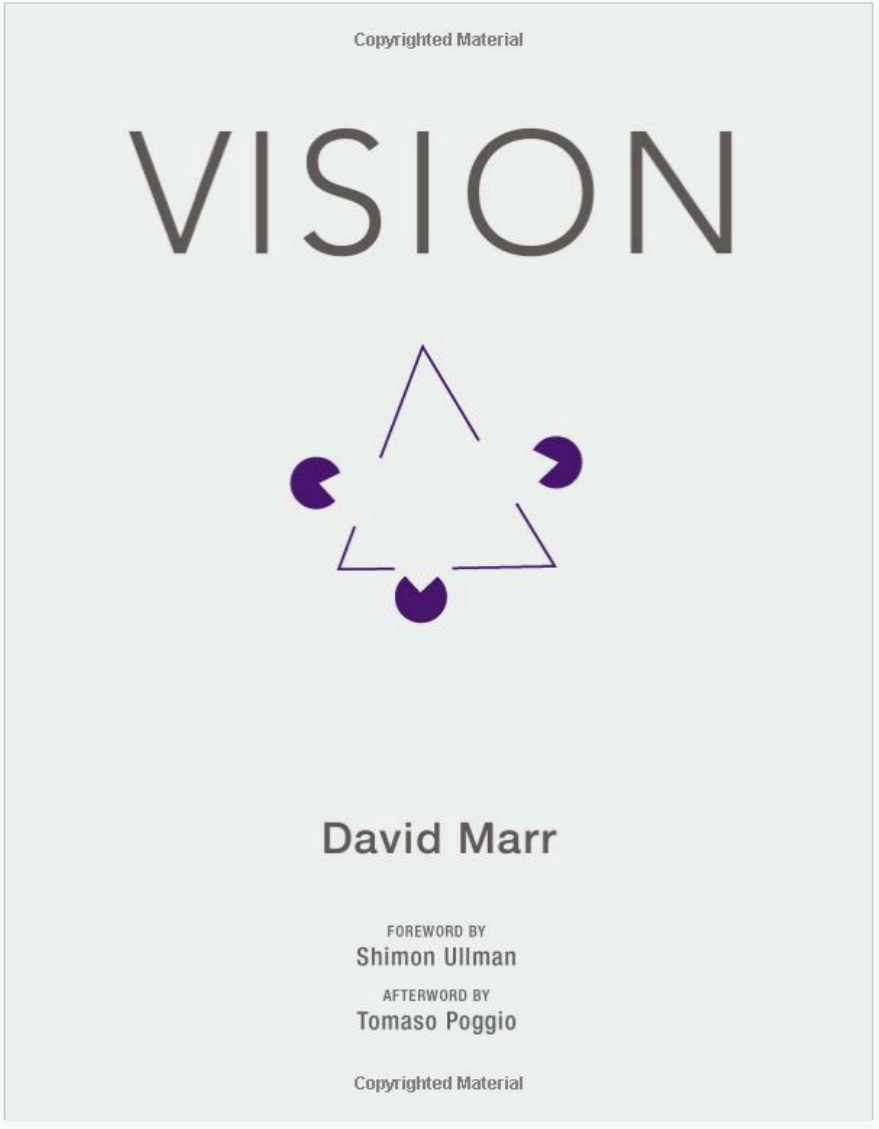
PROJECT MAC

Artificial Intelligence Group — July 7, 1966
Vision Memo. No. 100.

THE SUMMER VISION PROJECT

Seymour Papert

The summer vision project is an attempt to use our summer workers effectively in the construction of a significant part of a visual system. The particular task was chosen partly because it can be segmented into sub-problems which will allow individuals to work independently and yet participate in the construction of a system complex enough to be a real landmark in the development of "pattern recognition".



David Marr, 1970s

Input image

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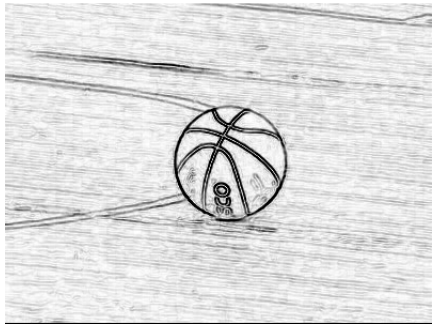
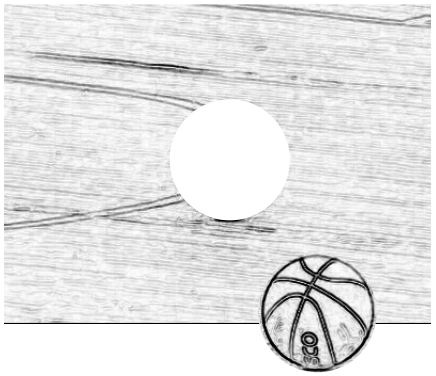
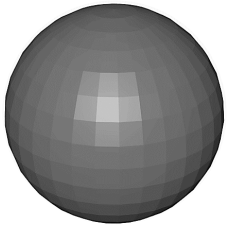
Edge image



2 ½-D sketch



3-D model



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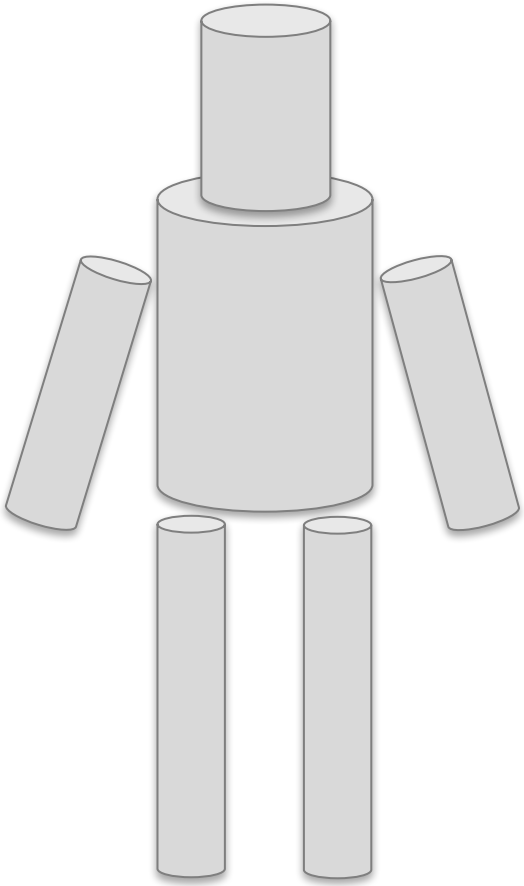
Input Image	Primal Sketch	2 ½-D Sketch	3-D Model Representation
Perceived intensities	Zero crossings, blobs, edges, bars, ends, virtual lines, groups, curves boundaries	Local surface orientation and discontinuities in depth and in surface orientation	3-D models hierarchically organized in terms of surface and volumetric primitives

Stages of Visual Representation, David Marr, 1970s

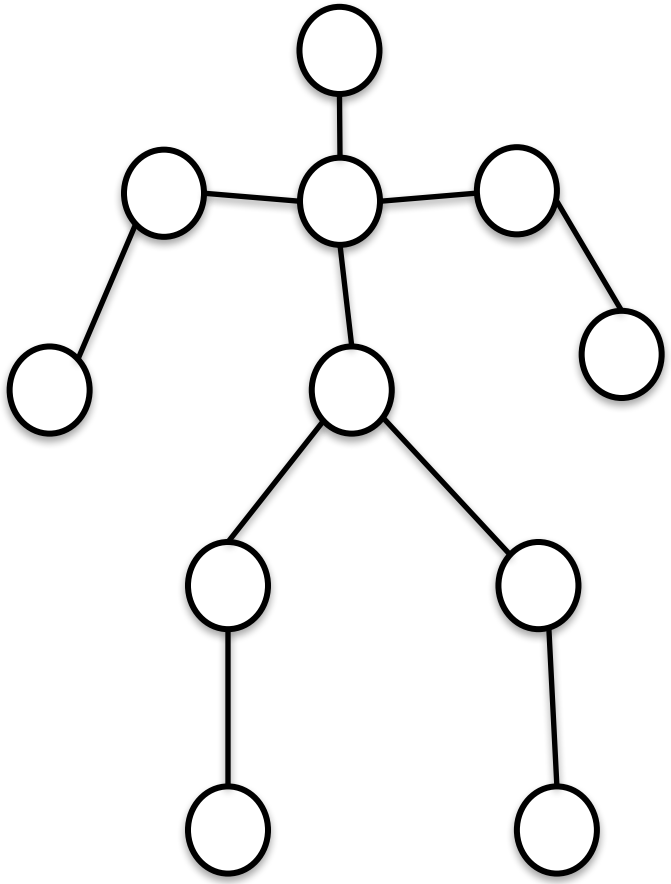
- Generalized Cylinder

  Brooks & Binford, 1979



- Pictorial Structure

  Fischler and Elschlager, 1973



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David Lowe, 1987

Normalized Cut (Shi & Malik, 1997)

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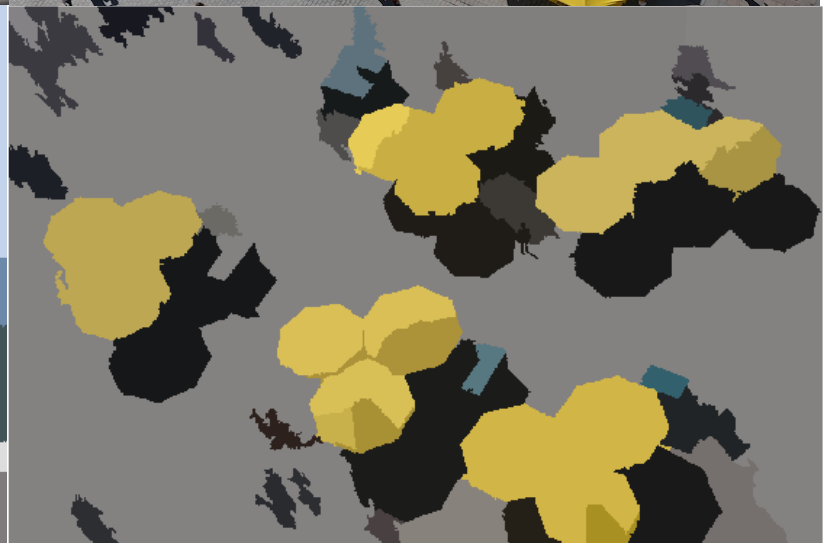
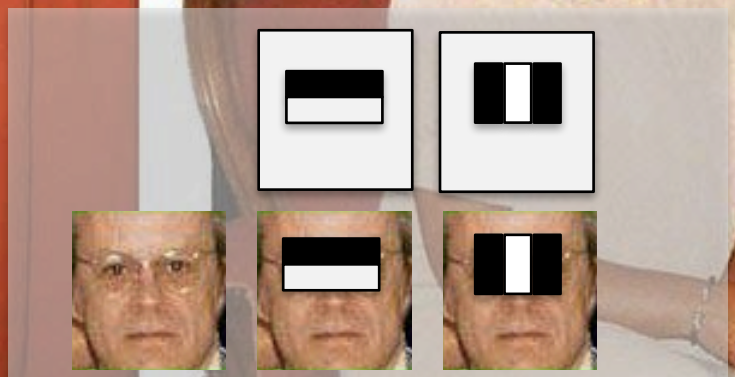


Face Detection, Viola & Jones, 2001



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"SIFT" & Object Recognition, David Lowe, 1999

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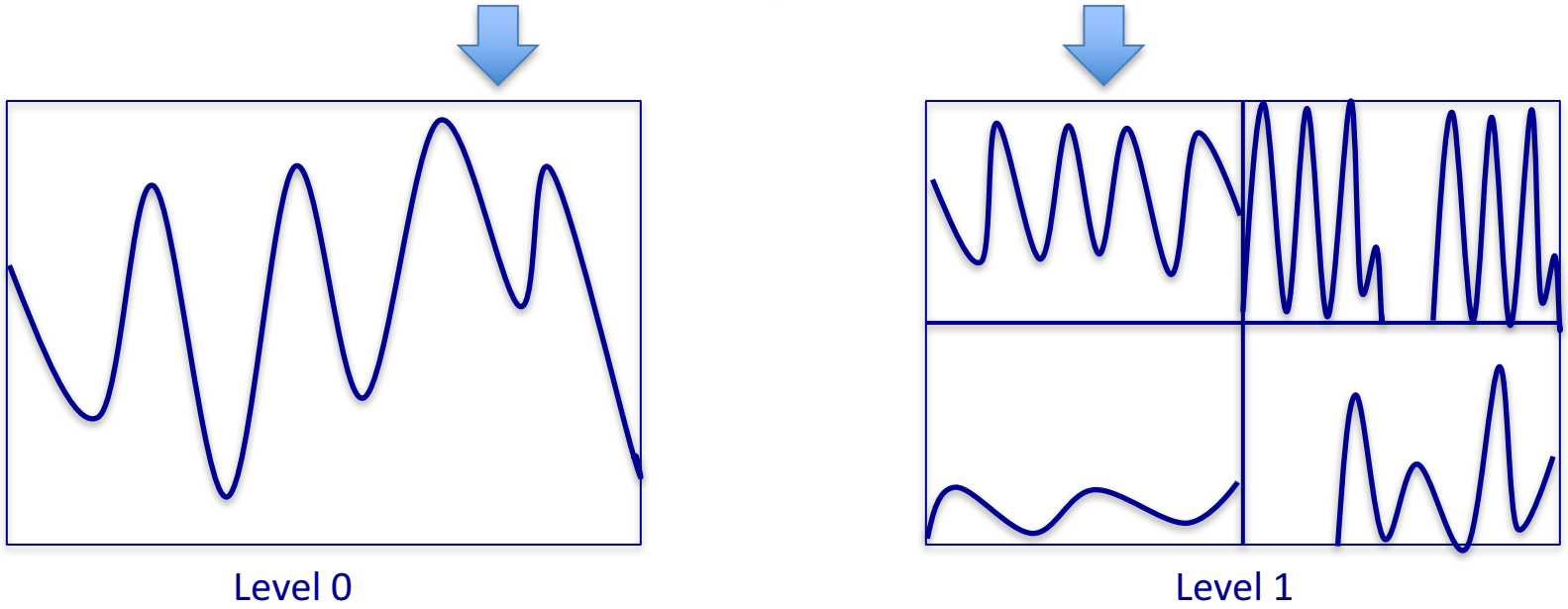

Spatial Pyramid Matching, Lazebnik, Schmid & Ponce, 2006

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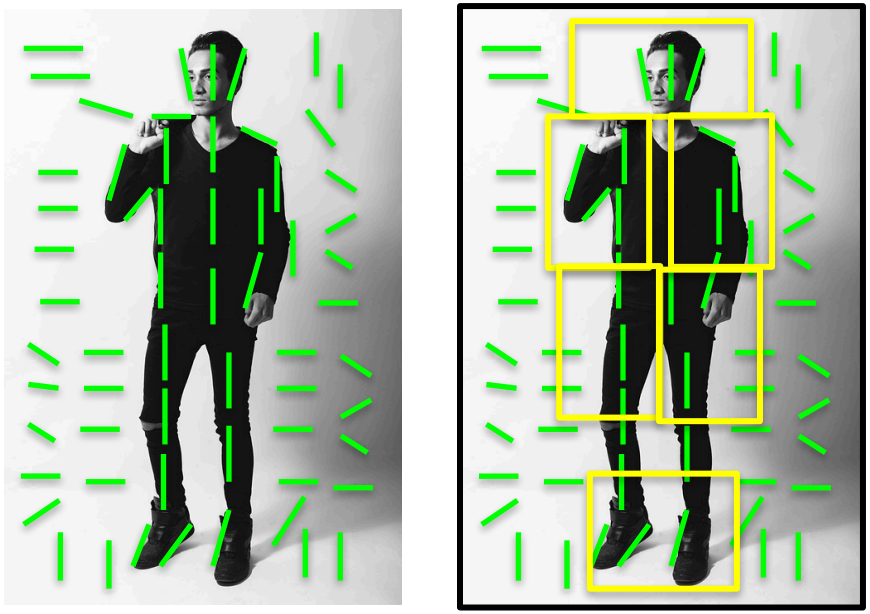
Histogram of Gradients (HoG)
Dalal & Triggs, 2005



Deformable Part Model
Felzenswalb, McAllester, Ramanan, 2009

PASCAL Visual Object Challenge (20 object categories)

[Everingham et al. 2006-2012]

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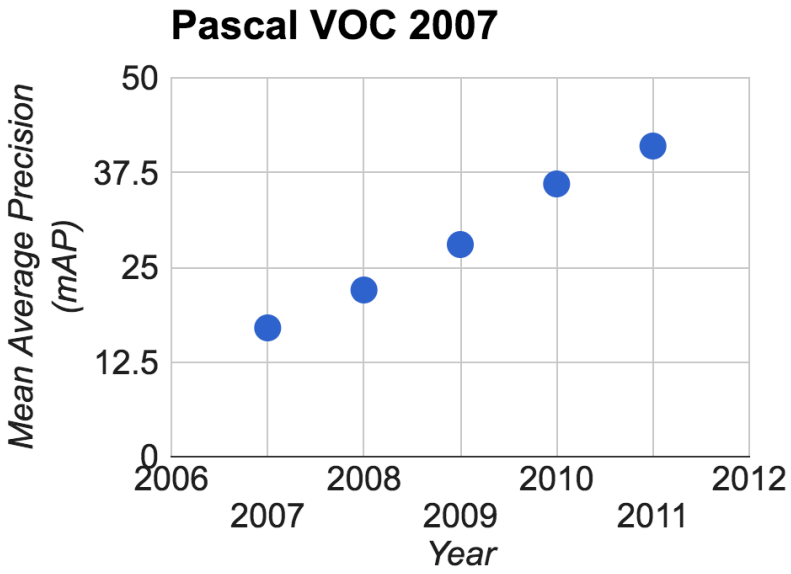

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22K categories and **14M** images

- Animals
  - Bird
  - Fish
  - Mammal
  - Invertebrate
- Plants
  - Tree
  - Flower
- Food
- Materials
- Structures
- Artifact
  - Tools
  - Appliances
  - Structures
- Person
- Scenes
  - Indoor
  - Geological Formations
- Sport Activities

Deng, Dong, Socher, Li, Li, & Fei-Fei, 2009

IMAGENET Large Scale Visual Recognition Challenge

The Image Classification Challenge:

1,000 object classes

1,431,167 images

Output:
Scale
T-shirt
Steel drum
Drumstick
Mud turtle

✔

Output:
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Russakovsky et al. IJCV 2015

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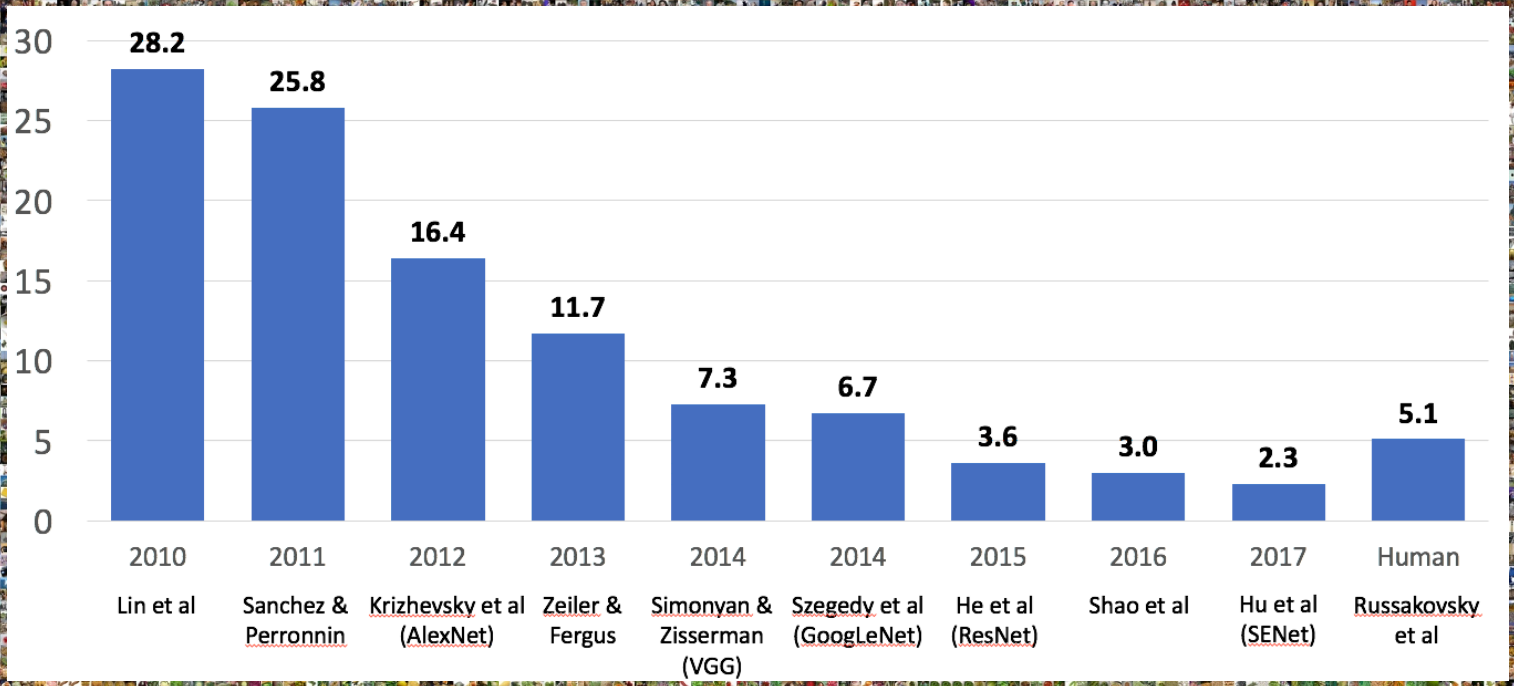

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CS231n focuses on one of the most fundamental problems of visual recognition – *image classification*

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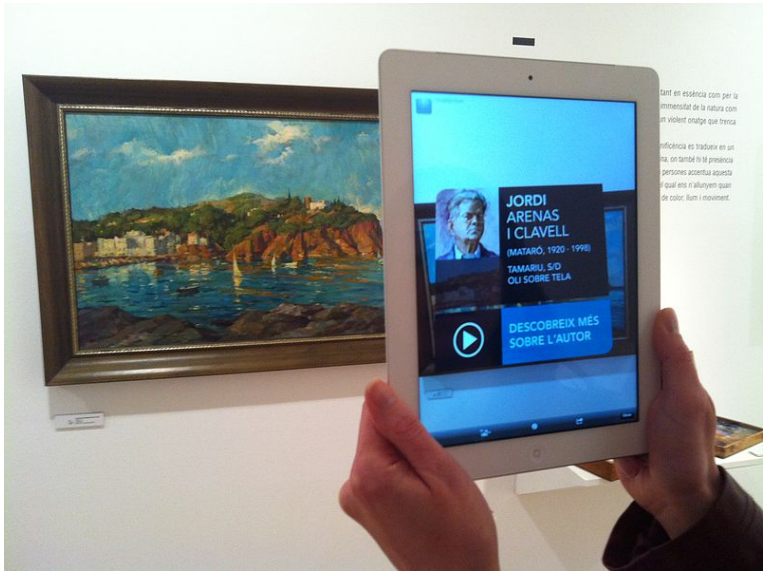

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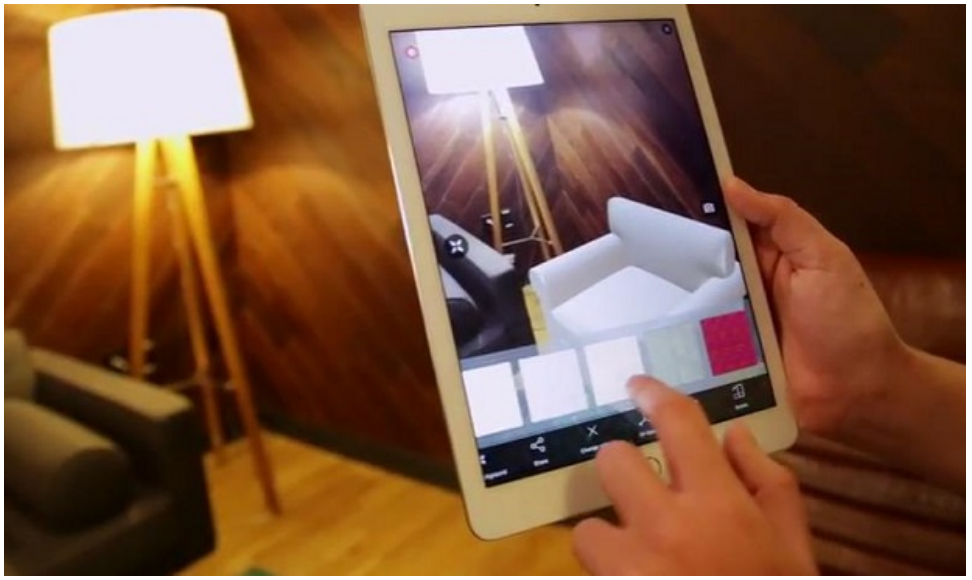

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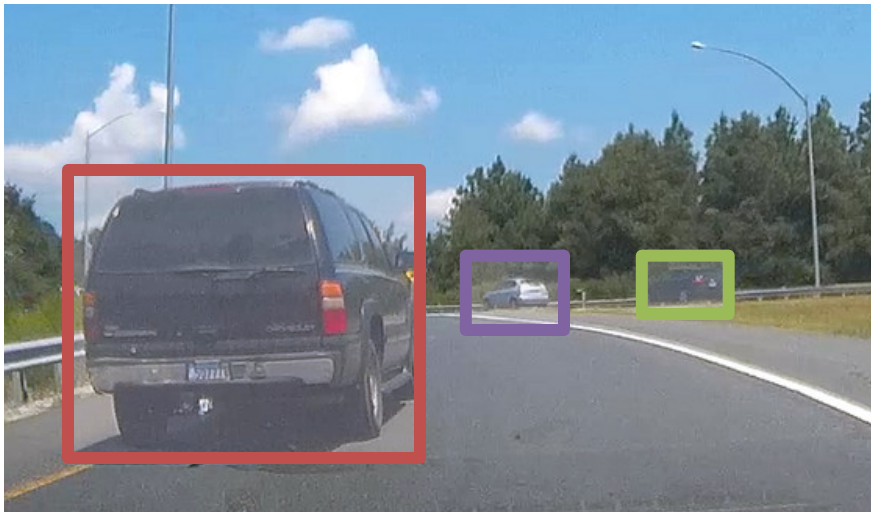
There are many visual recognition problems that are related to image classification, such as *object detection, image captioning*



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- Object detection
- Action classification
- Image captioning
- …

Person

Hammer

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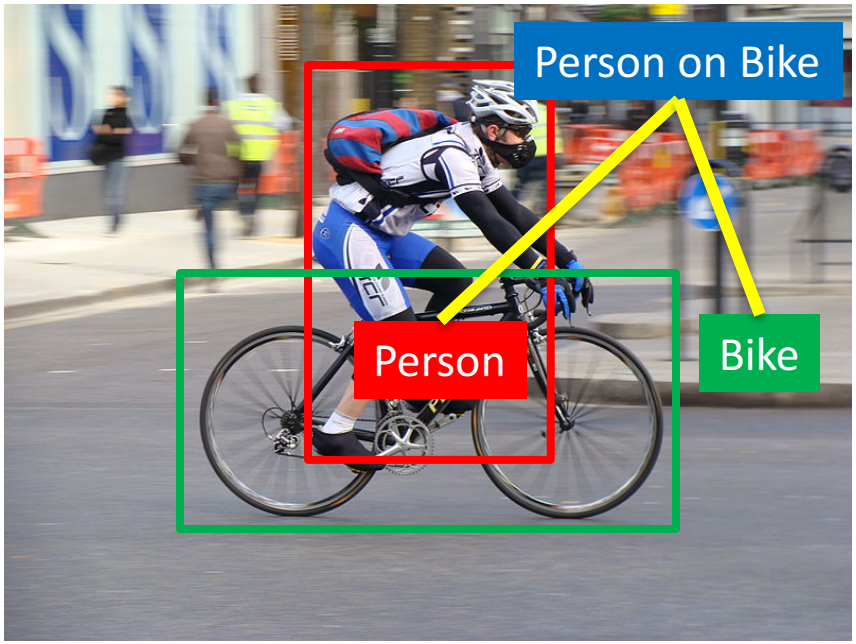

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Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN) have become an important tool for object recognition

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Year 2010

NEC-UIUC

Dense descriptor grid: HOG, LBP

Coding: local coordinate, super-vector

Pooling, SPM

Linear SVM

[Lin CVPR 2011]

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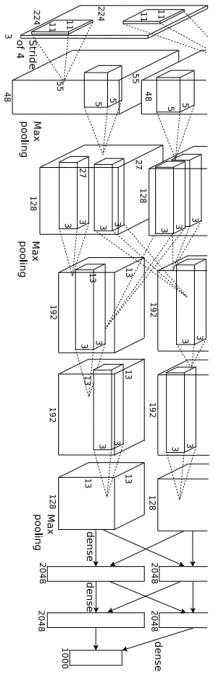
Year 2012

SuperVision



[Krizhevsky NIPS 2012]

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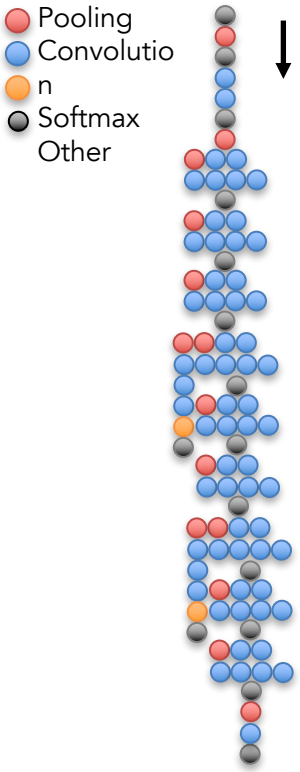
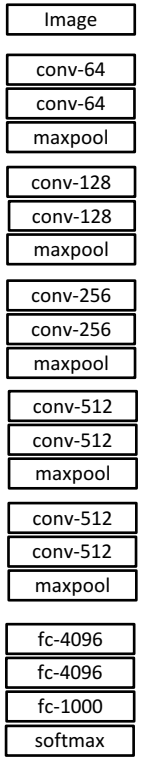
Year 2014

GoogLeNet



[Szegedy arxiv 2014]

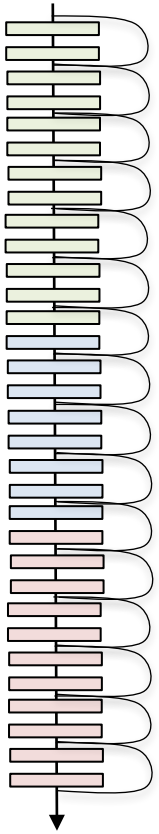
VGG



[Simonyan arxiv 2014]

Year 2015

MSRA

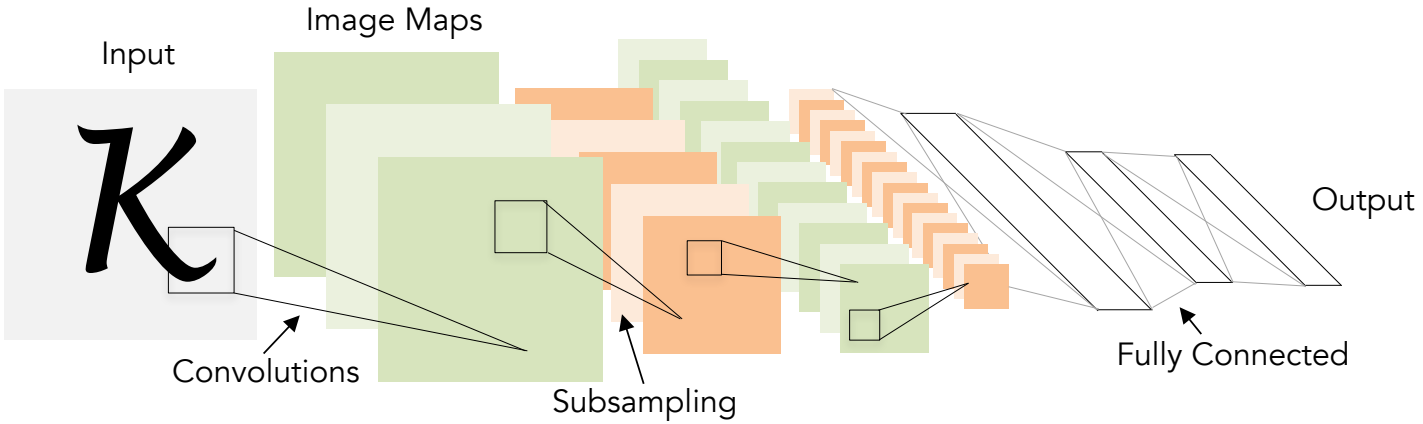


[He ICCV 2015]

Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN)
were not invented overnight

1998

LeCun et al.



# of transistors

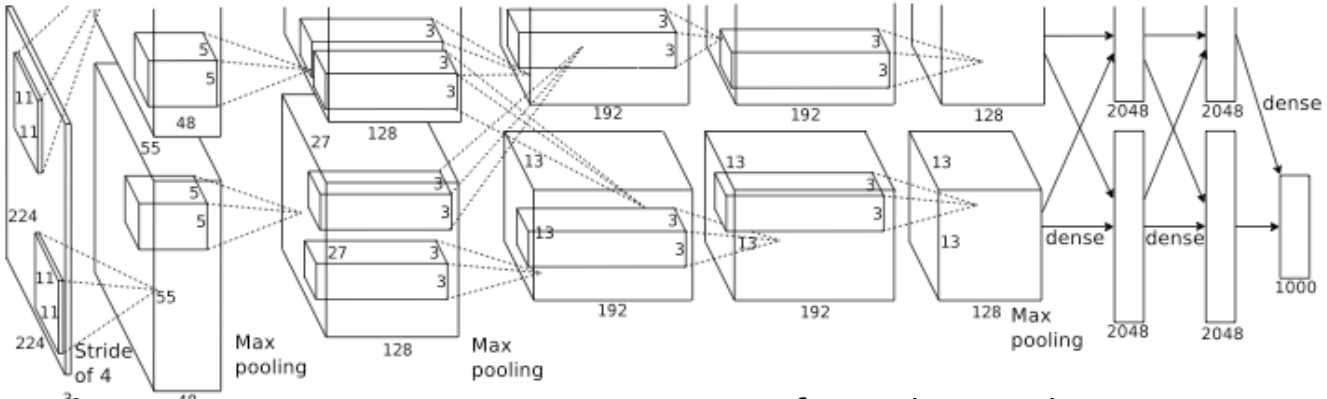
10^6

# of pixels used in training

10^7 NIST

2012

Krizhevsky et al.



# of transistors

10^9

GPUs

# of pixels used in training

10^{14} IMAGENET

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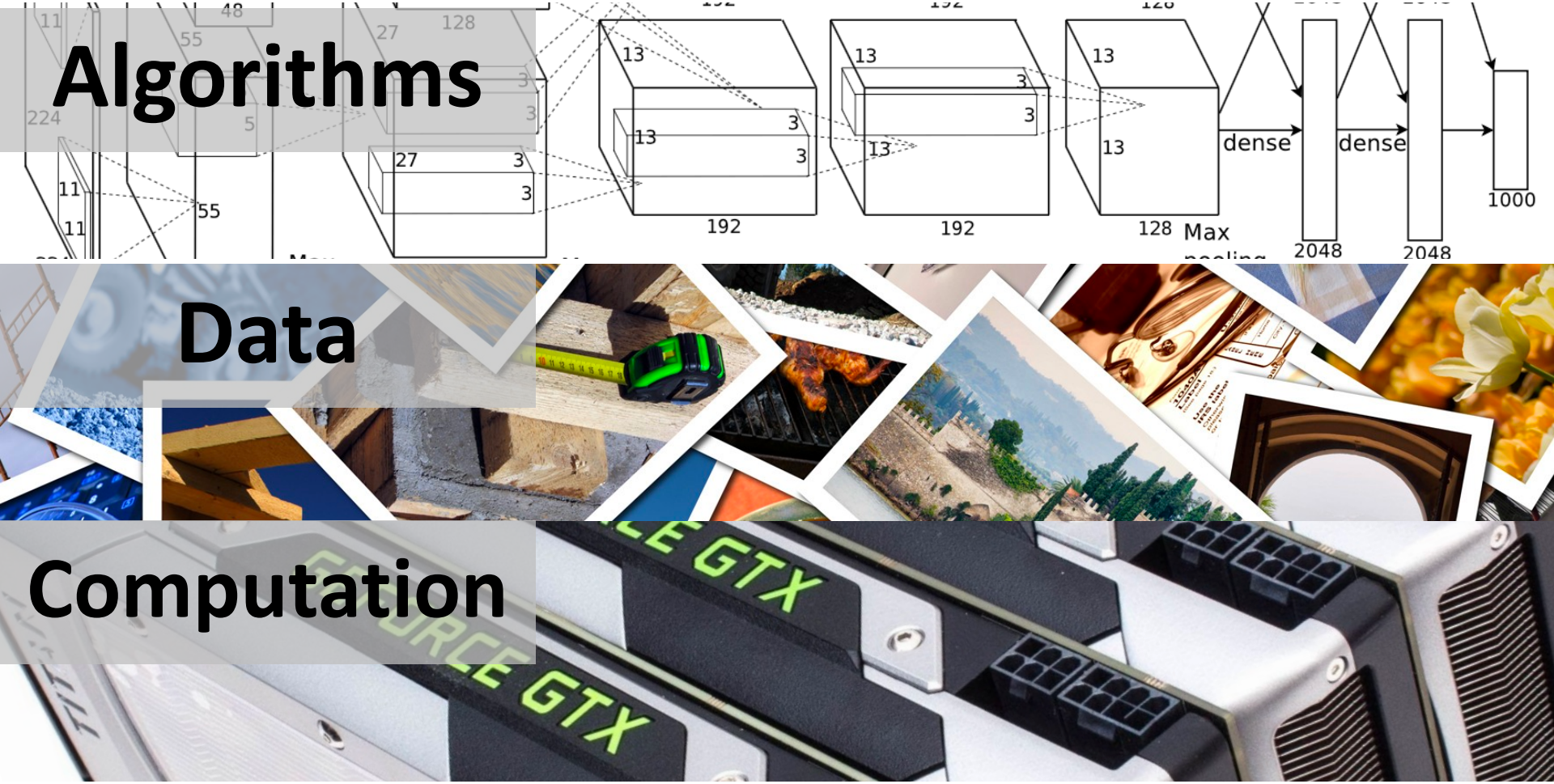
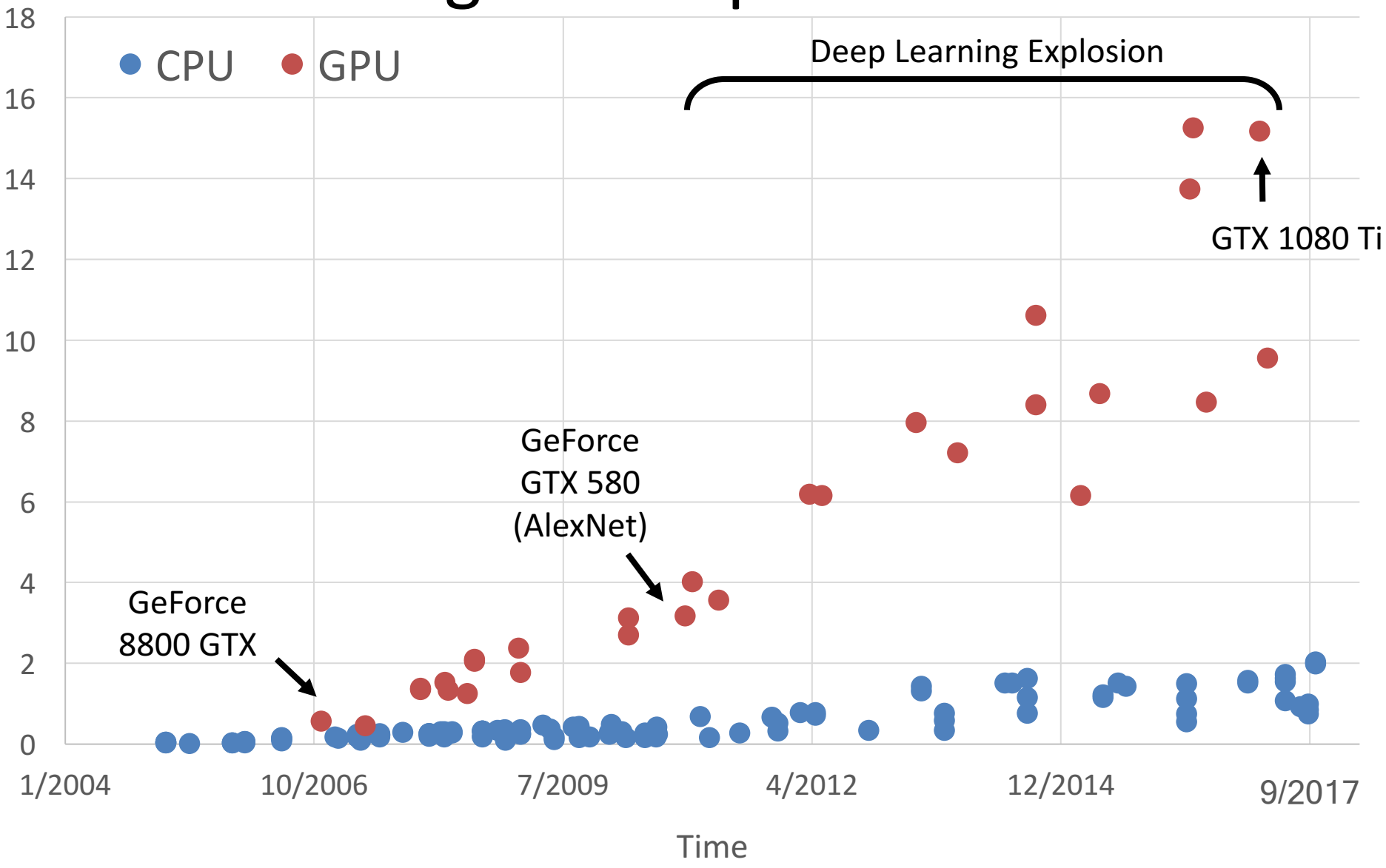
Ingredients for Deep Learning



GigaFLOPs per Dollar



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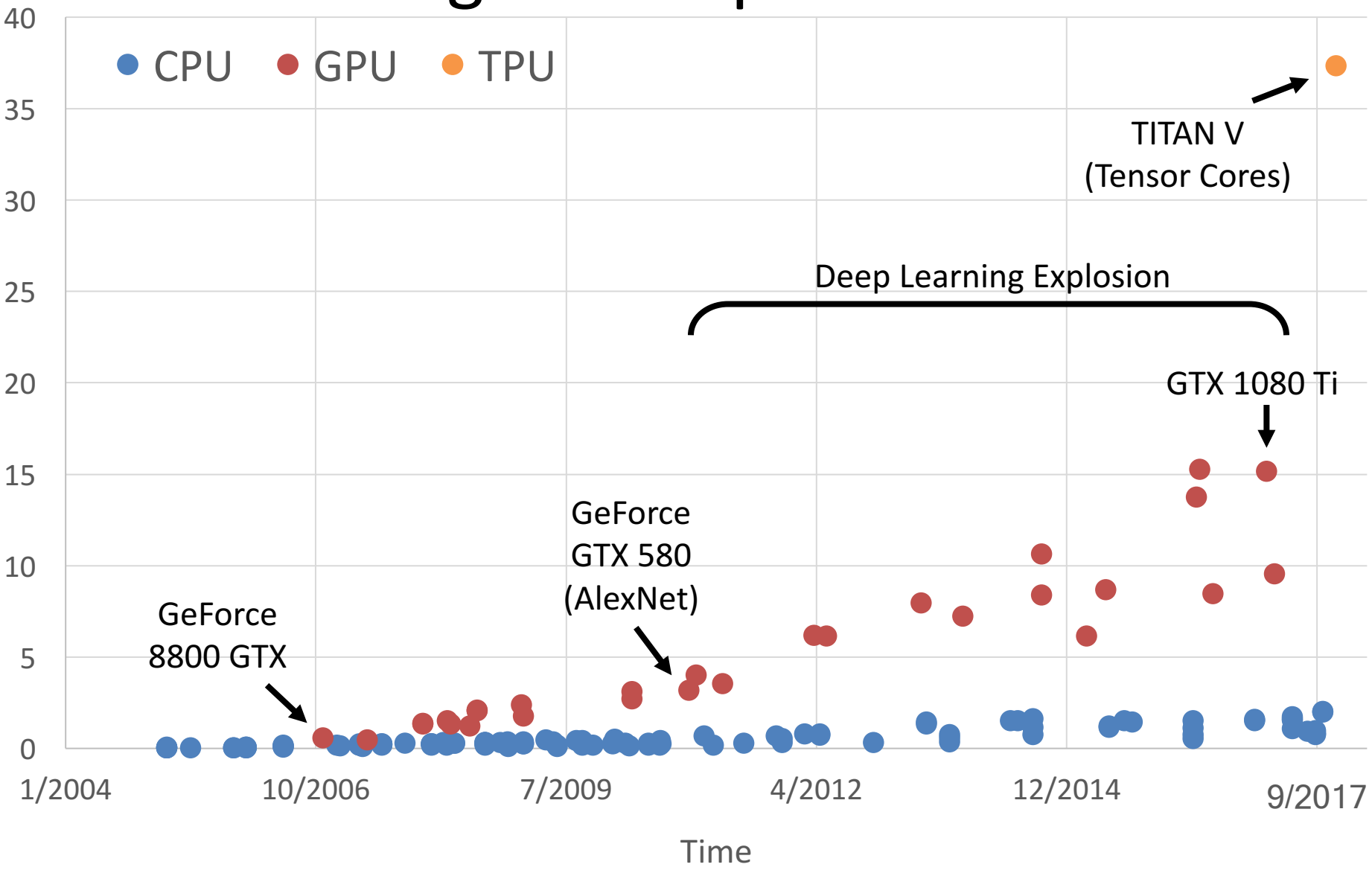

The quest for visual intelligence goes far beyond object recognition…

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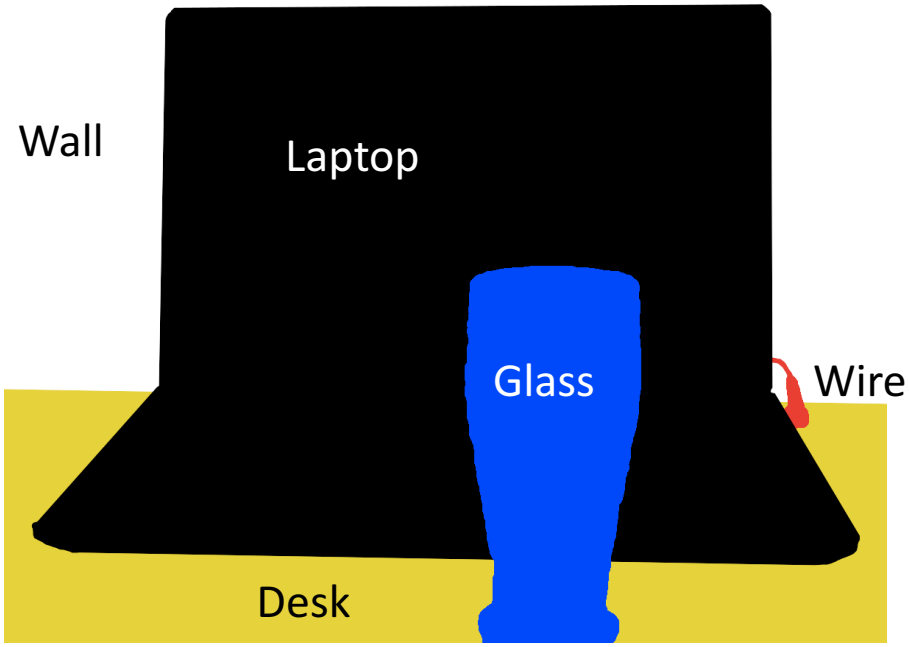

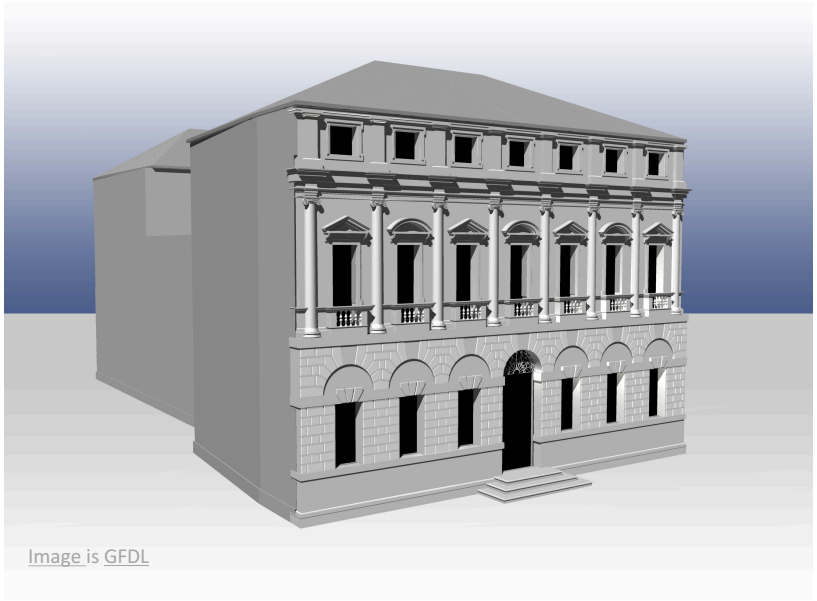

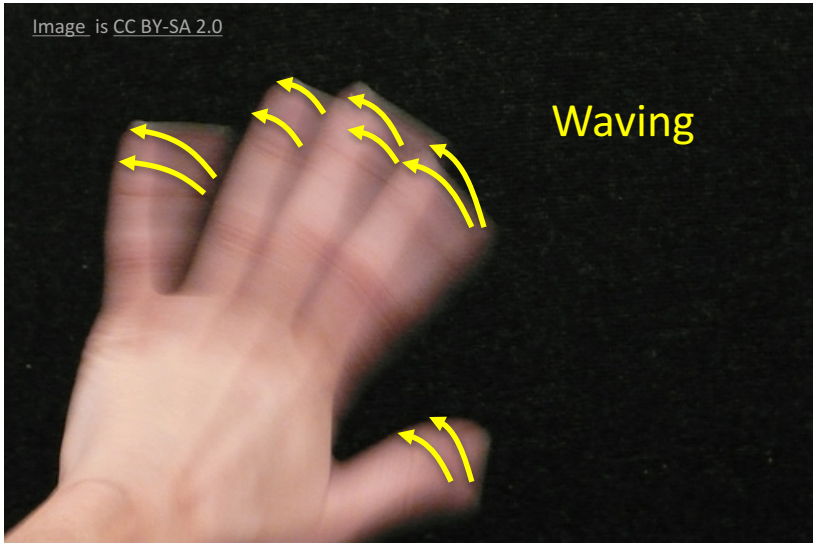

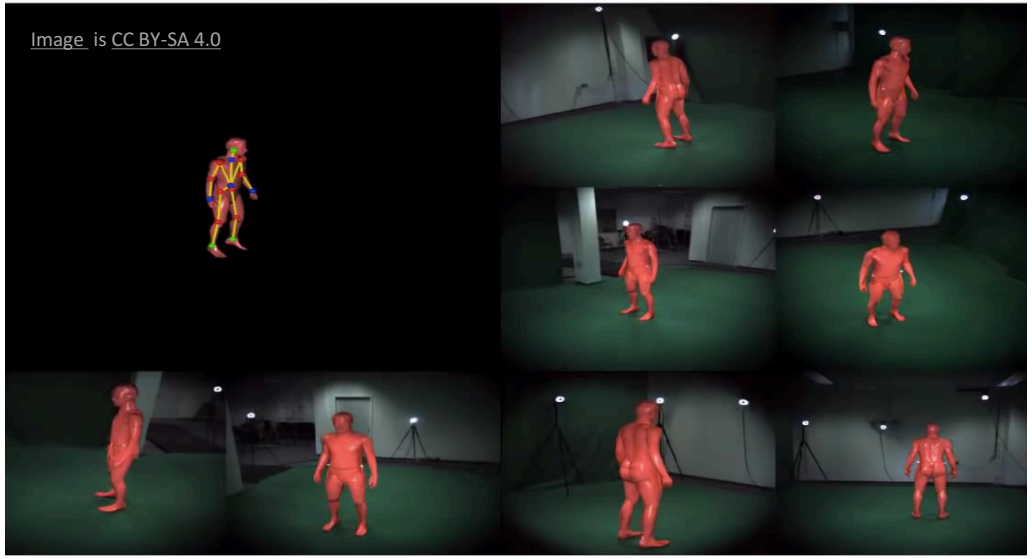

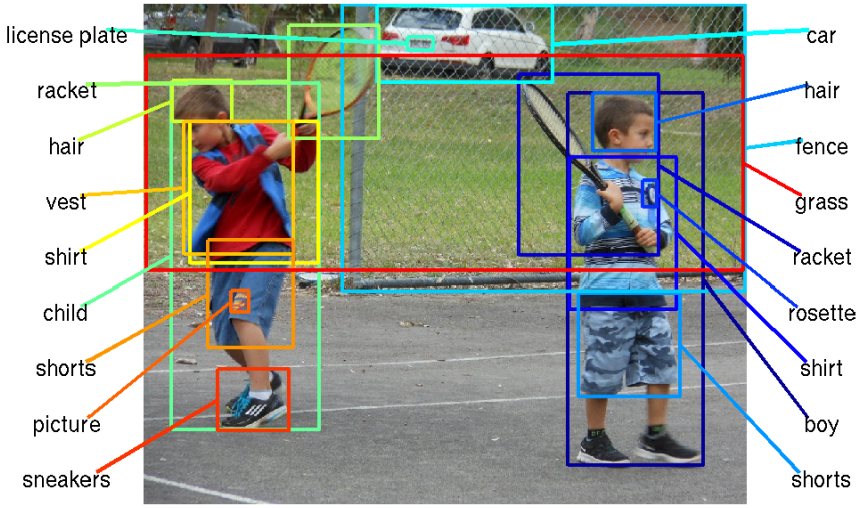

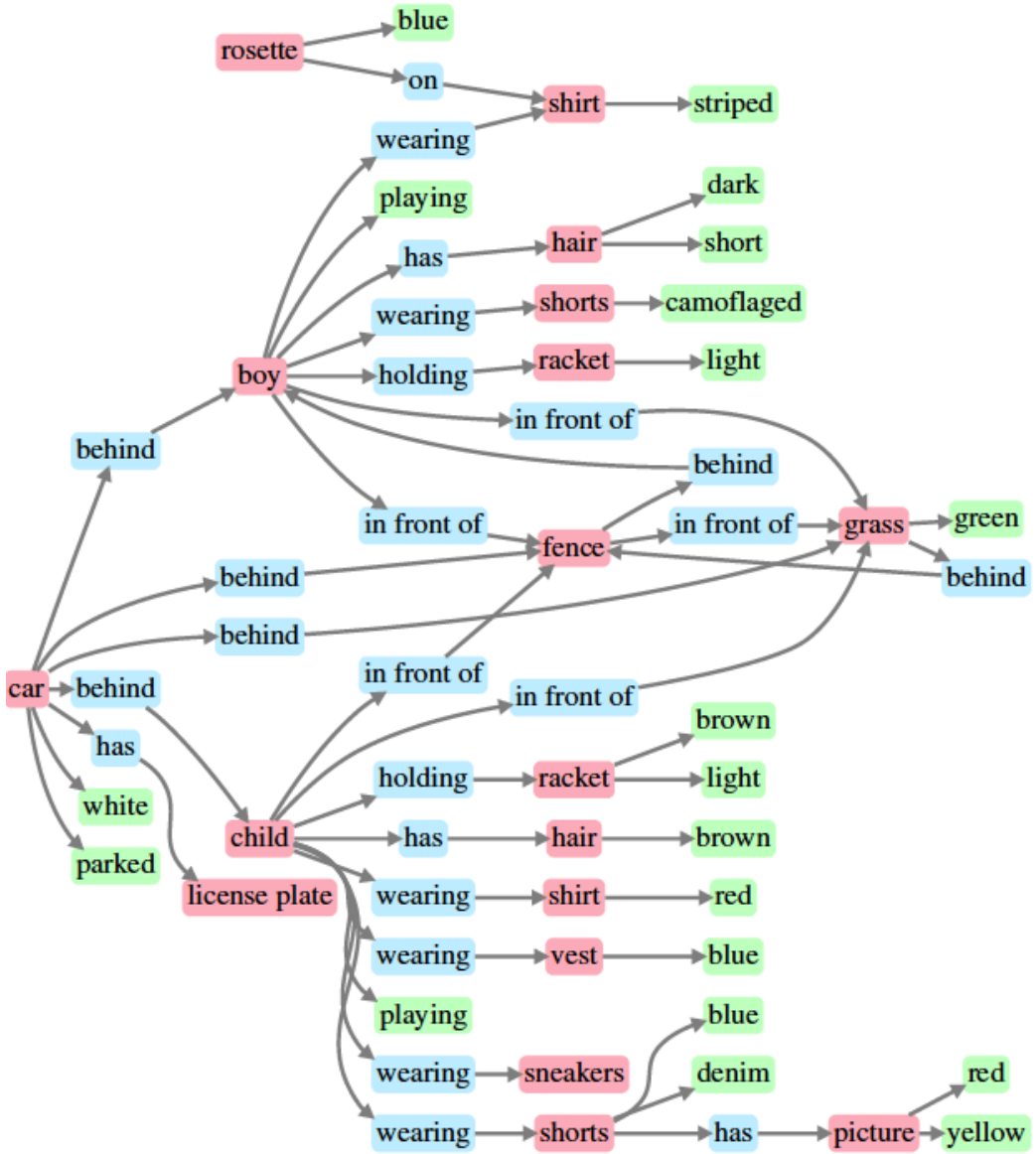

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Some kind of game or fight. Two groups of two men? The man on the left is throwing something. Outdoors seemed like because i have an impression of grass and maybe lines on the grass? That would be why I think perhaps a game, rough game though, more like rugby than football because they pairs weren't in pads and helmets, though I did get the impression of similar clothing. maybe some trees? in the background. (Subject: SM)

Fei-Fei, Iyer, Koch, Perona, *JoV,* 2007

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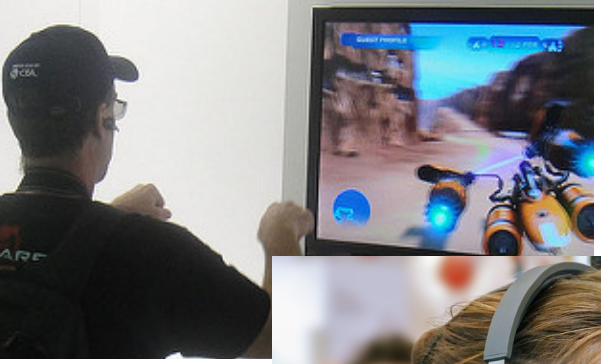

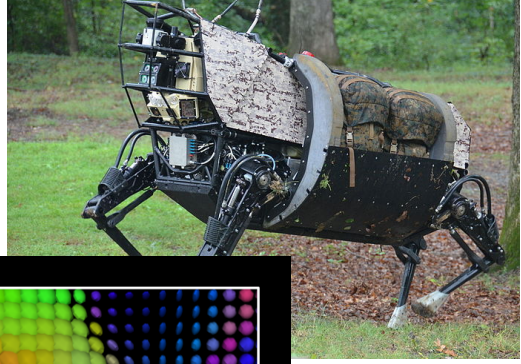

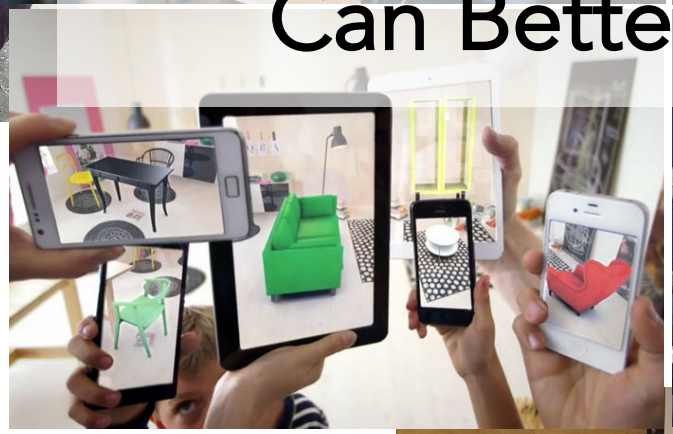

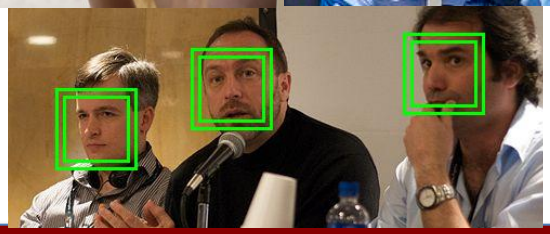

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- Course Website: http://cs231n.stanford.edu/
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- Piazza: http://piazza.com/stanford/spring2018/cs231n
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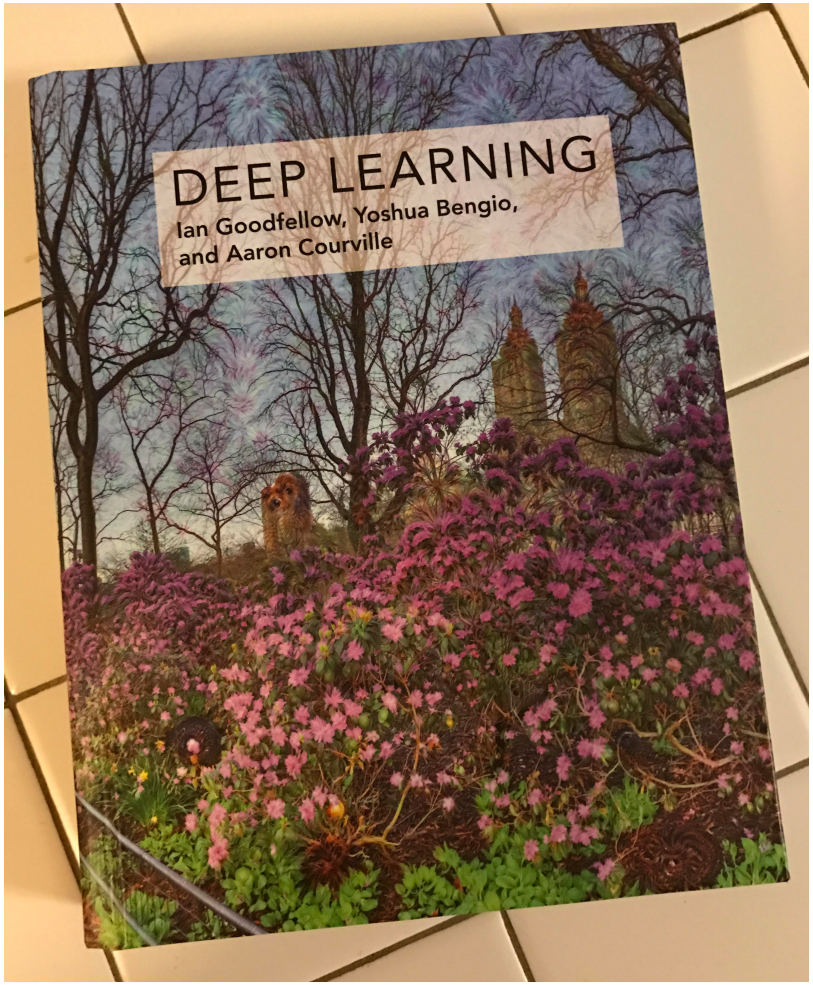
  - Ask questions about homework, grading, logistics, etc
  - Use private questions if you want to post code
- Gradescope
  - For turning in homework and receiving grades
- Canvas
  - For watching lecture videos

Optional Textbook

- *Deep Learning* by Goodfellow, Bengio, and Courville
- Free online

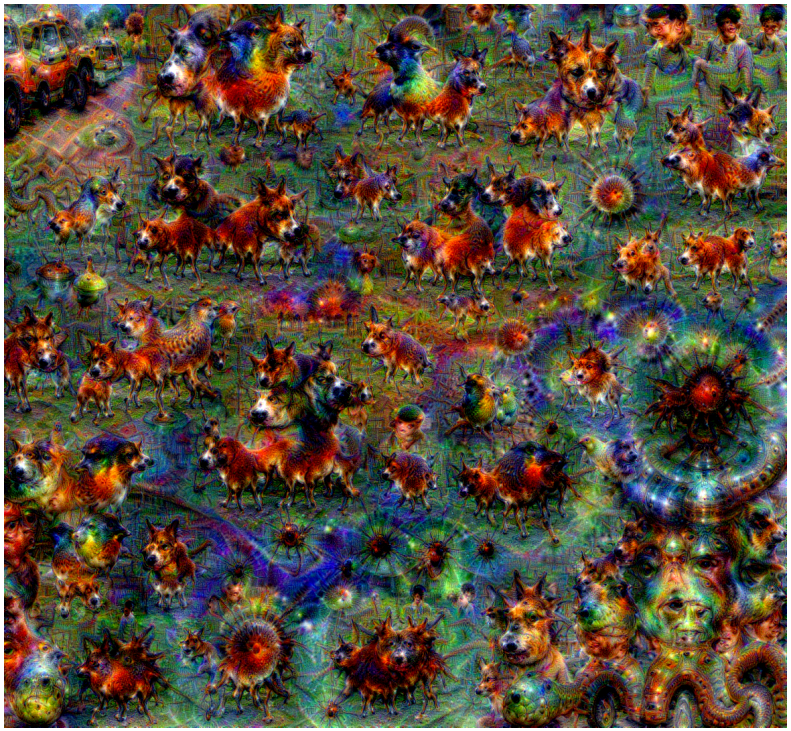


Our philosophy

- Thorough and Detailed.
  - Understand how to write from scratch, debug and train convolutional neural networks.
- Practical.
  - Focus on practical techniques for training these networks at scale, and on GPUs (e.g. will touch on distributed optimization, differences between CPU vs. GPU, etc.) Also look at state of the art software tools such as TensorFlow, and PyTorch
- State of the art.
  - Most materials are new from research world in the past 1-3 years. Very exciting stuff!

Our philosophy (cont'd)

- Fun.
  - Some fun topics such as Image Captioning (using RNN)
  - Also DeepDream, NeuralStyle, etc.



Pre-requisite

- Proficiency in Python, some high-level familiarity with C/C++
  - All class assignments will be in Python (and use numpy), but some of the deep learning libraries we may look at later in the class are written in C++.
  - A Python tutorial available on course website
- College Calculus, Linear Algebra
- Equivalent knowledge of CS229 (Machine Learning)
  - We will be formulating cost functions, taking derivatives and performing optimization with gradient descent.

Grading Policy

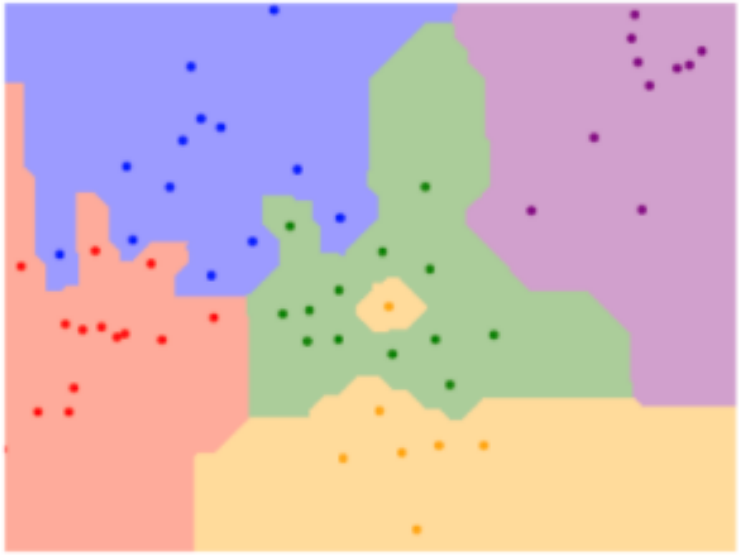
- 3 Problem Sets: 15% x 3 = 45%
- Midterm Exam: 20%
- Course Project: 35%
  - Project Proposal: 1%
  - Milestone: 2%
  - Poster: 2%
  - Project Report: 30%
- Late policy
  - 4 free late days – use up to 2 late days per assignment
  - Afterwards, 25% off per day late
  - No late days for project report

Collaboration Policy

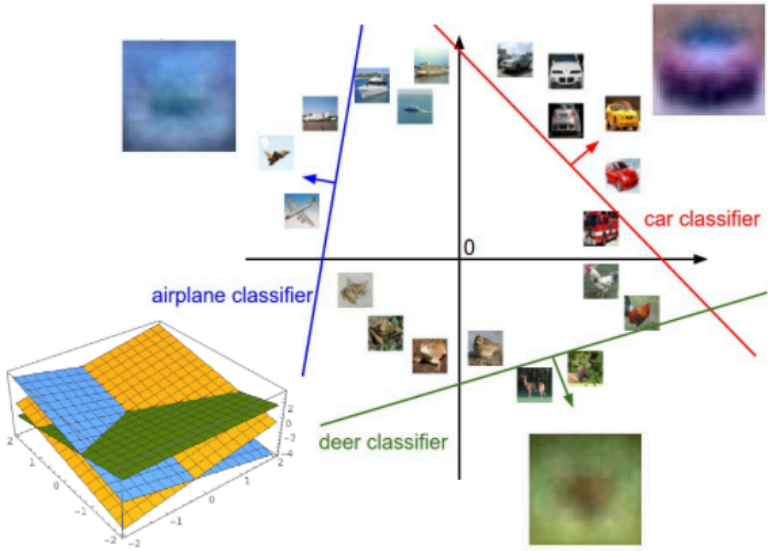
- We follow the Stanford Honor Code and the CS Department Honor Code – read them!
- **Rule 1**: Don't look at solutions or code that are not your own; everything you submit should be your own work
- **Rule 2**: Don't share your solution code with others; however discussing ideas or general strategies is fine and encouraged
- **Rule 3**: Indicate in your submissions anyone you worked with
- Turning in something late / incomplete is better than violating the honor code

Next Time: Image Classification

K-Nearest Neighbor



Linear Classifier



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