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High Level Computer Vision

Introduction
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  - ▸ English
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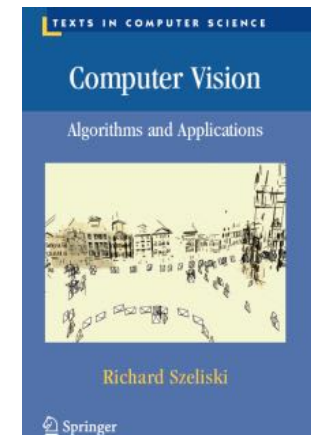   Rakshith Shetty <rshetty@mpi-inf.mpg.de>

Lecture & Exercise

- Officially: 2V (lecture) + 2Ü (exercise)
  - ▸ Lecture: Wed: 10:15am - 12pm (room 024)
  - ▸ Exercise: Mon: 10:15am - 12pm (room 024)

- typically 1 exercise sheet every 1-2 weeks
  - ▸ part of the final grade
  - ▸ some pencil and paper, mostly practical including a project
  - ▸ larger project in second half of lecture
    - we/you propose projects, mentoring, final presentation

- 1. exercise is Python tutorial

- Exam
  - ▸ oral exam (grading 50% oral exam and 50% exercises)
  - ▸ after the SS - there will be proposed dates

Material

- For "non-deep-learning" parts of the lecture:

  ▸ available online
    http://szeliski.org/Book

- Background on deep learning:
  Deep Learning Book

  ▸ available online
    http://deeplearning.org

Why Study Computer Vision

- Science
  - ▸ Foundations of perception. How do WE as humans see?
  - ▸ computer vision to explore "computational model of human vision"

- Engineering
  - ▸ How do we build systems that perceive the world
  - ▸ computer vision to solve real-world problems
    (e.g. self-driving cars to detect pedestrians)

- Applications
  - ▸ medical imaging (computer vision to support medical diagnosis, visualization)
  - ▸ surveillance (to follow/track people at the airport, train-station, ...)
  - ▸ entertainment (vision-based interfaces for games)
  - ▸ graphics (image-based rendering, vision to support realistic graphics)
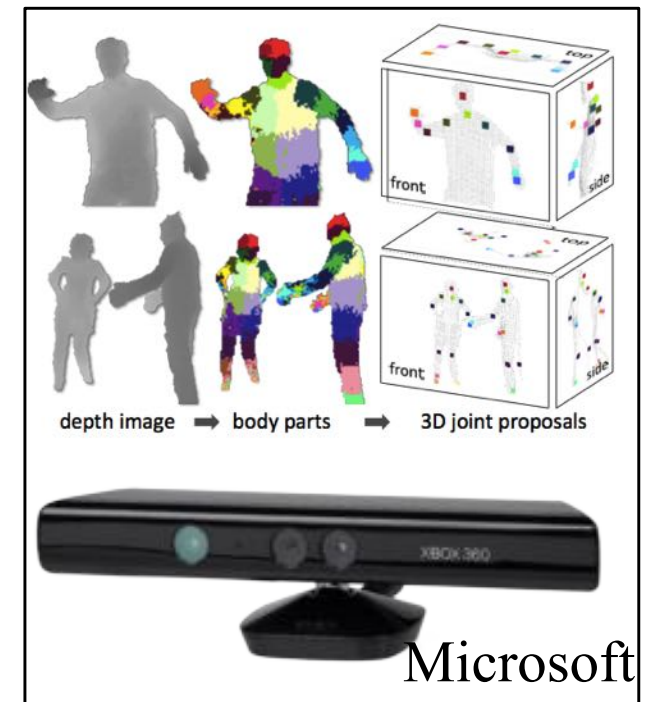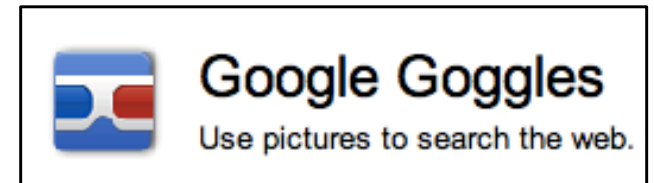 - ▸ car-industry (lane-keeping, pre-crash intervention, …)
  - ▸ …

Some Applications

- License Plate Recognition

  ‣ London Congestion Charge

  ‣ http://www.cclondon.com/imagingandcameras.html

  ‣ http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/London_congestion_charge

- Surveillance

  ‣ Face Recognition

  ‣ Airport Security (People Tracking)

- Medical Imaging

  ‣ (Semi-)automatic segmentation and measurements

- Autonomous Driving & Robotics

More Applications

- Vision on Cellphones:
  - ▸ e.g. Google Goggles

- Vision for Interfaces:
  - ▸ e.g. Microsoft Kinect

- Reconstruction

Google Goggles
Use pictures to search the web.

depth image ➡ body parts ➡ 3D joint proposals

Microsoft

Photo Tourism
Exploring photo collections in 3D

Microsoft

(a)   (b)   (c)

Goals of today's lecture

- First intuitions about

  ▶ What is computer vision?

  ▶ What does it mean to see and how do we (as humans) do it?

  ▶ How can we make this computational?

- Applications & Appetizers

- Role of Deep Learning

  - with several slides taken from Fei-Fei Li, Justin Johnson, Serena Yeung @ Stanford

- 2 case studies:

  ▶ Recovery of 3D structure

  - slides taken from Michael Black @ Brown University / MPI Intelligent Systems

  ▶ Object Recognition

  - intuition from human vision...

Applications & Appetizers

… work from our group

Detection & Recognition of Visual Categories

Challenges:
- multi-scale
- multi-view
- multi-class
- varying illumination
- occlusion
- cluttered background
- articulation
- high intraclass variance
- low interclass variance

Challenges of Visual Categorization

- high intra-class variation
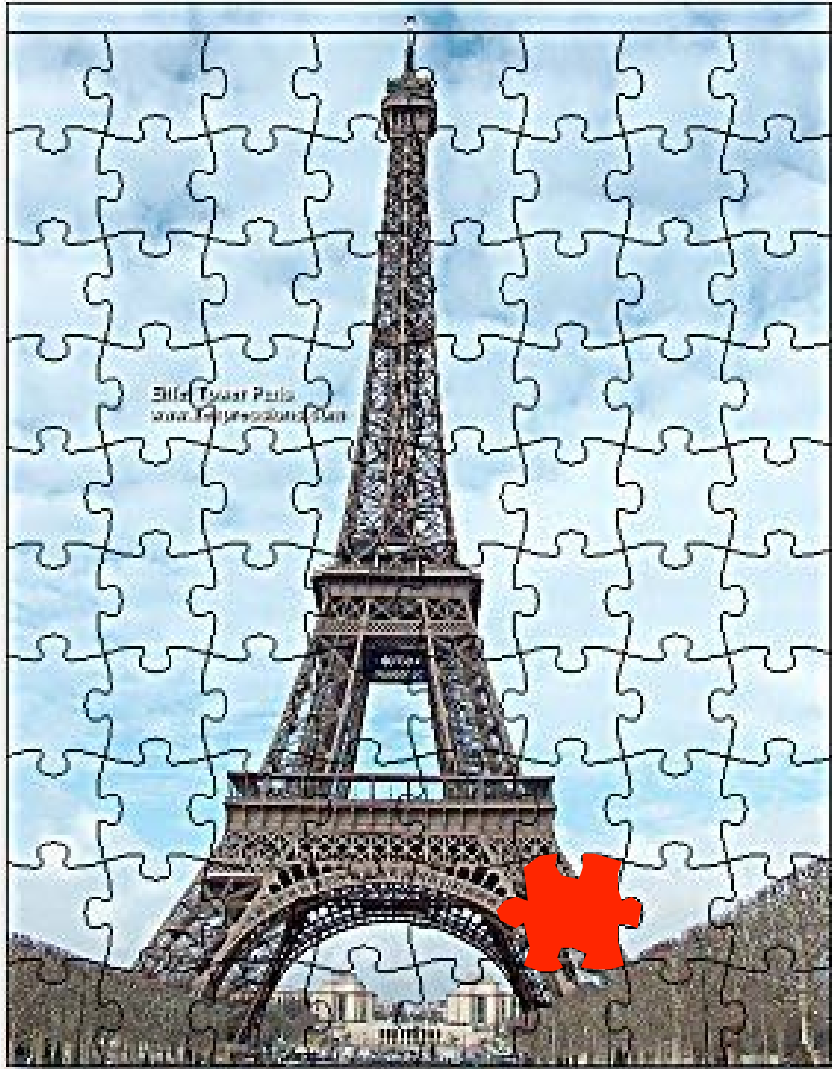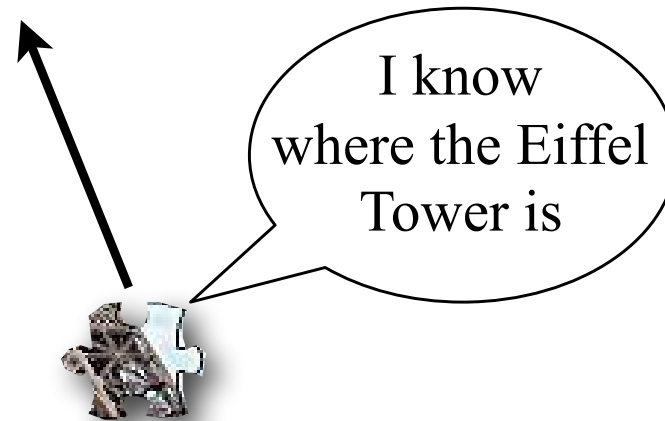

- low inter-class variation
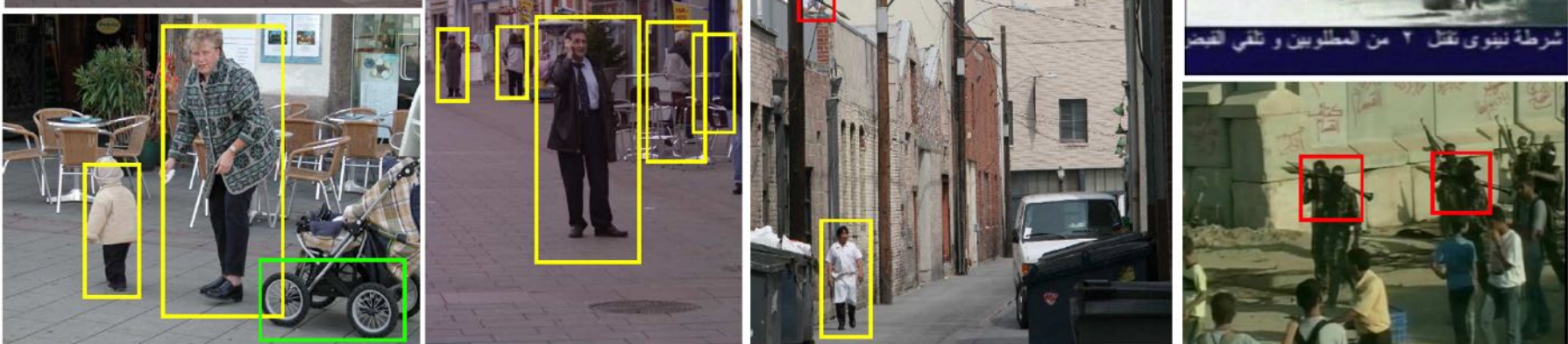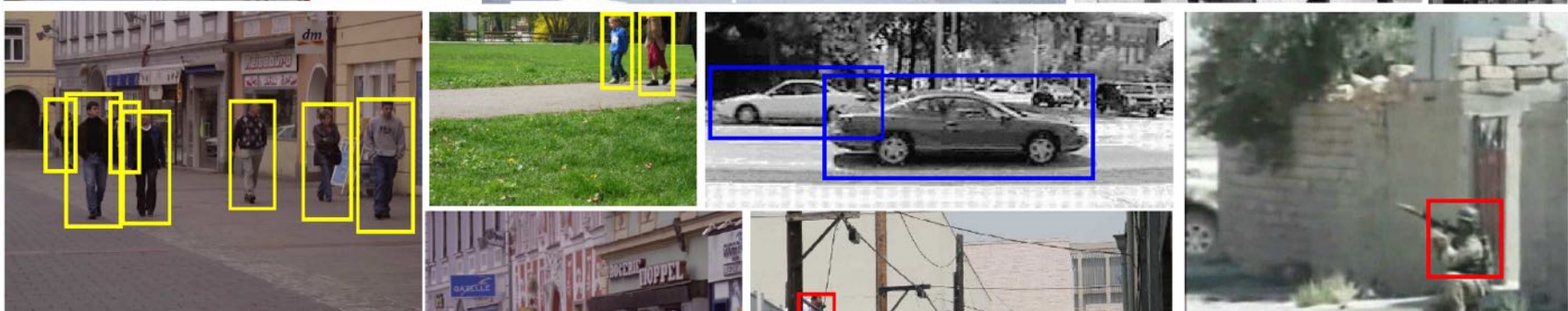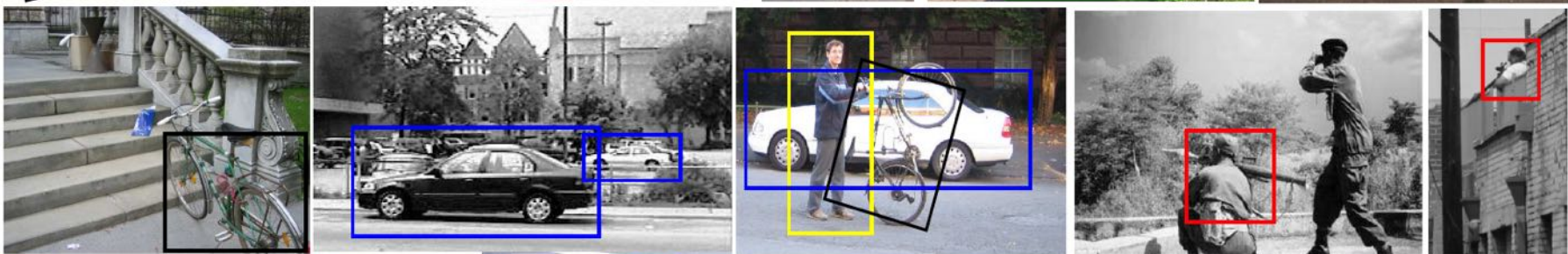
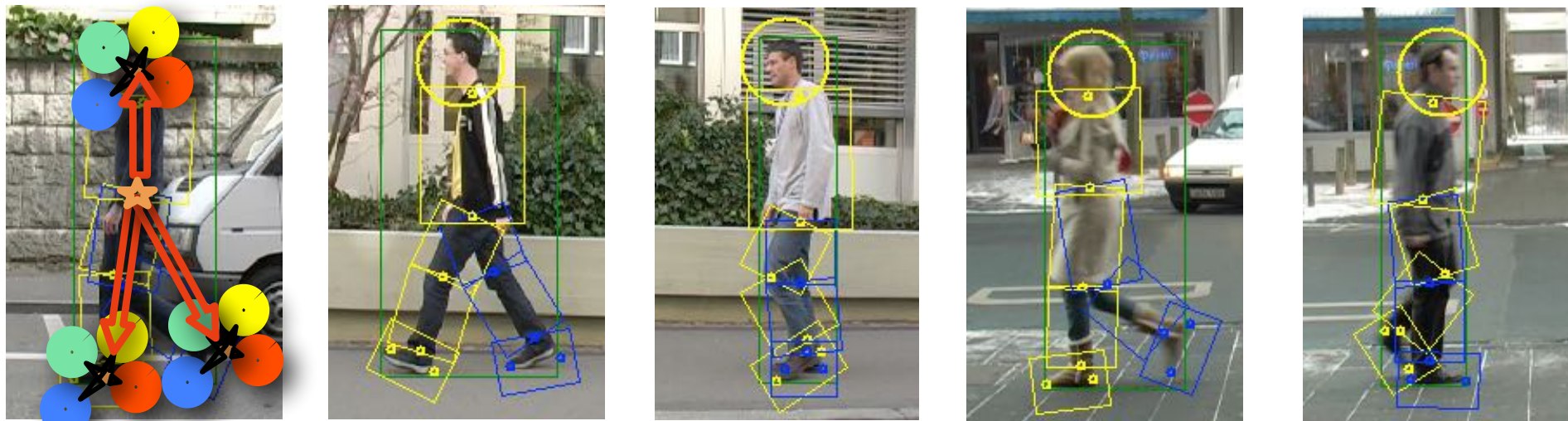- high intra-class variation

Sample Category: Motorbikes

Basic Idea

global

local

I know where the Eiffel Tower is

Video...

Articulation Model

- Assume uniform position prior for the whole body

- Learn the conditional relation between part position and body center from data:
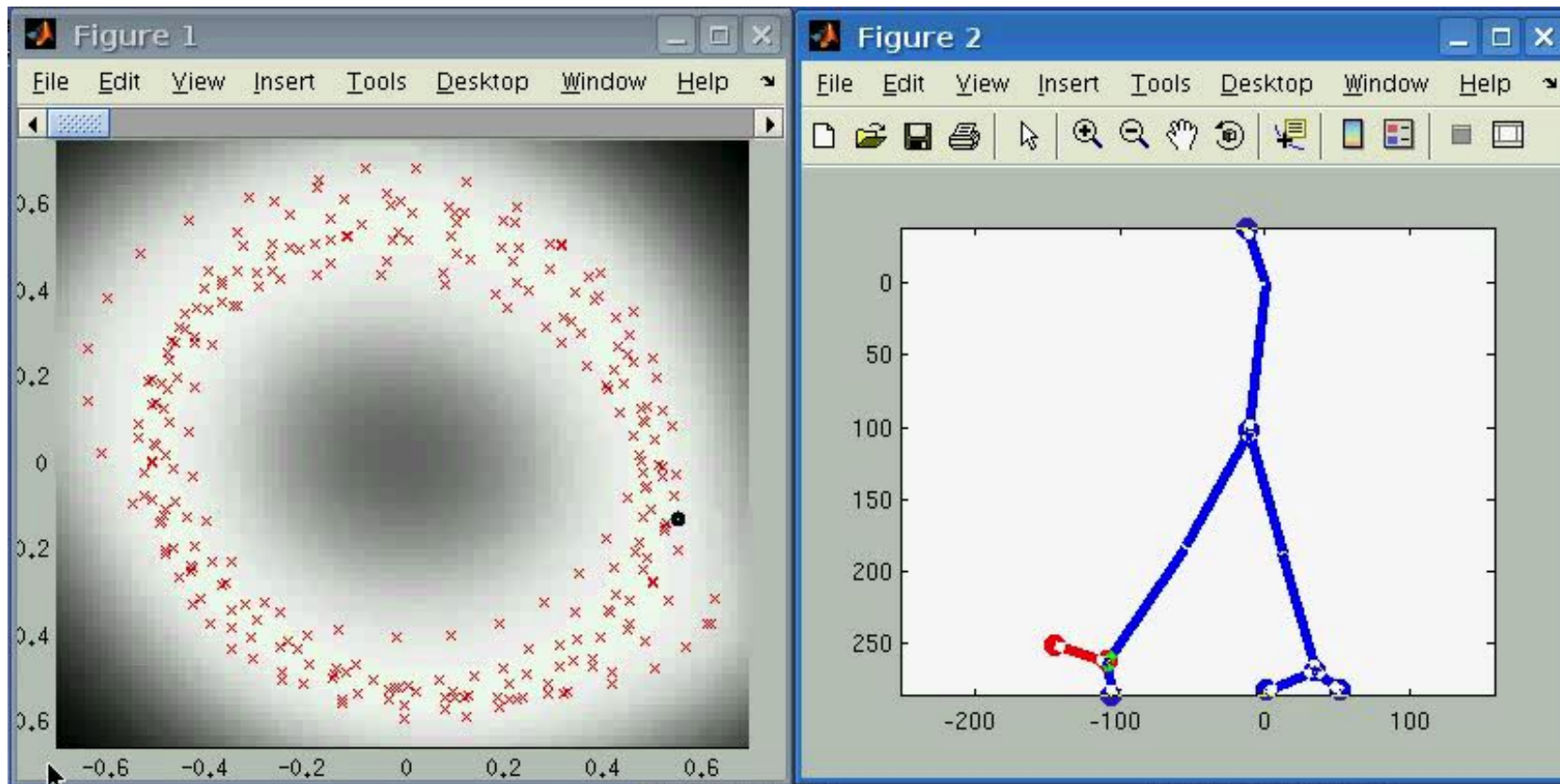
$$p(L|a) = p(\mathbf{x}^o) \prod_{i=1}^{N} p(\mathbf{x}^i | \mathbf{x}^o, a)$$
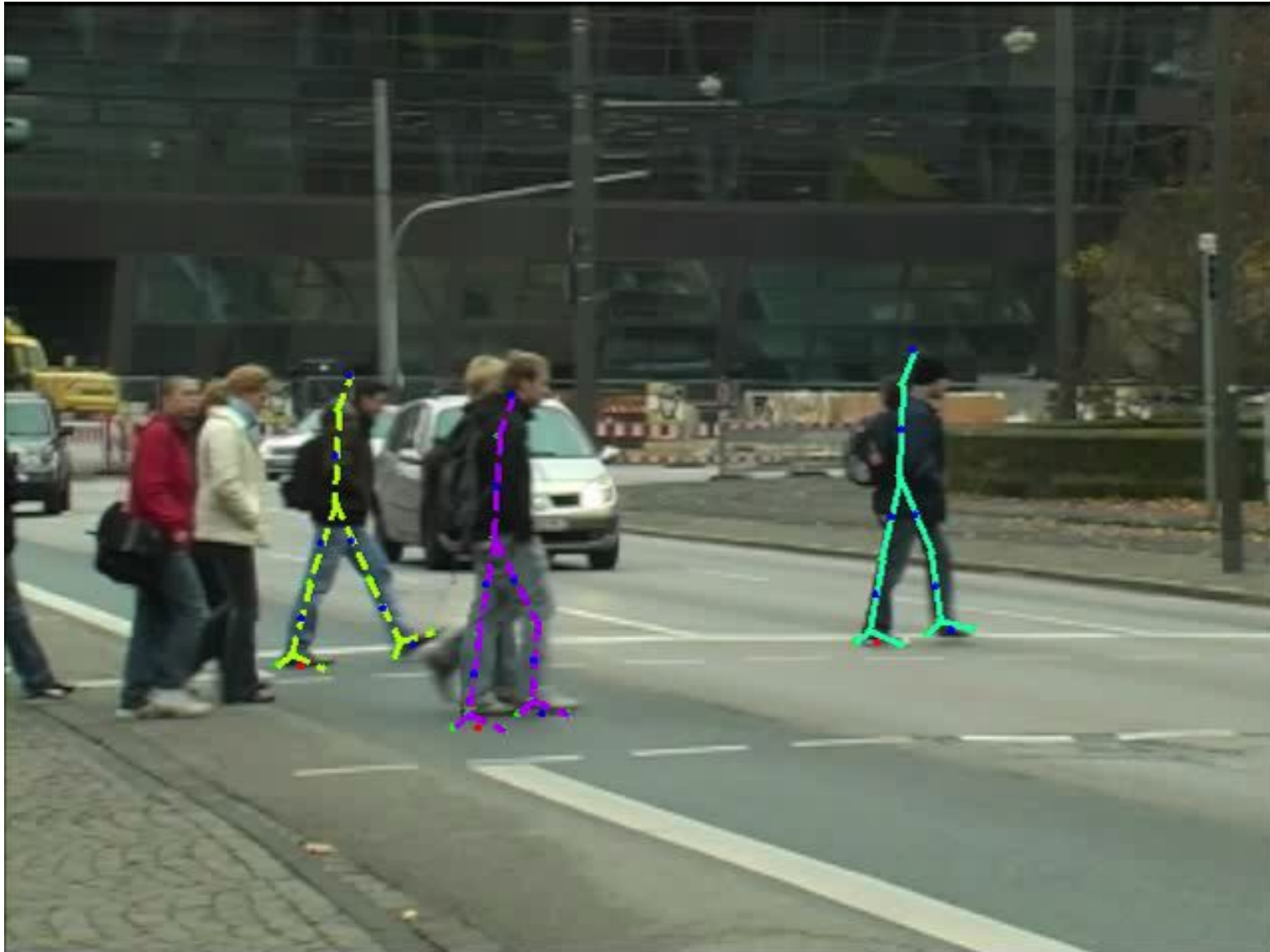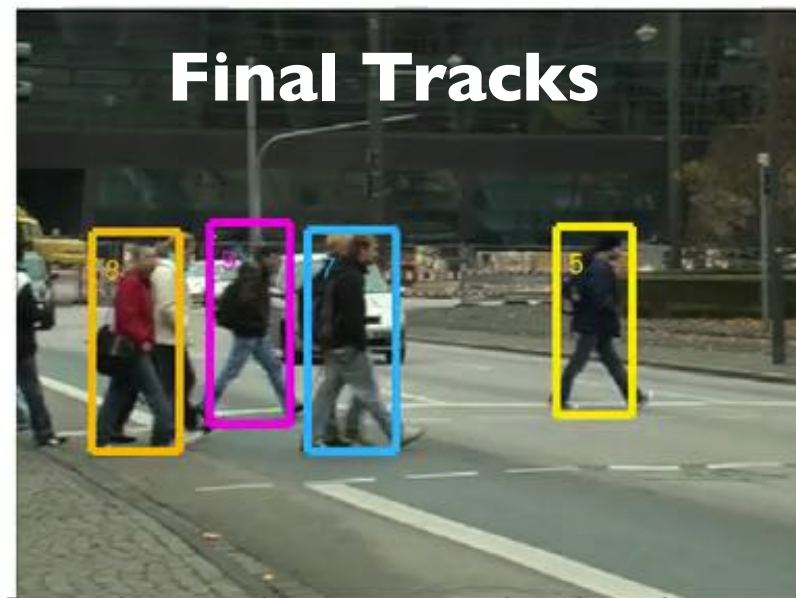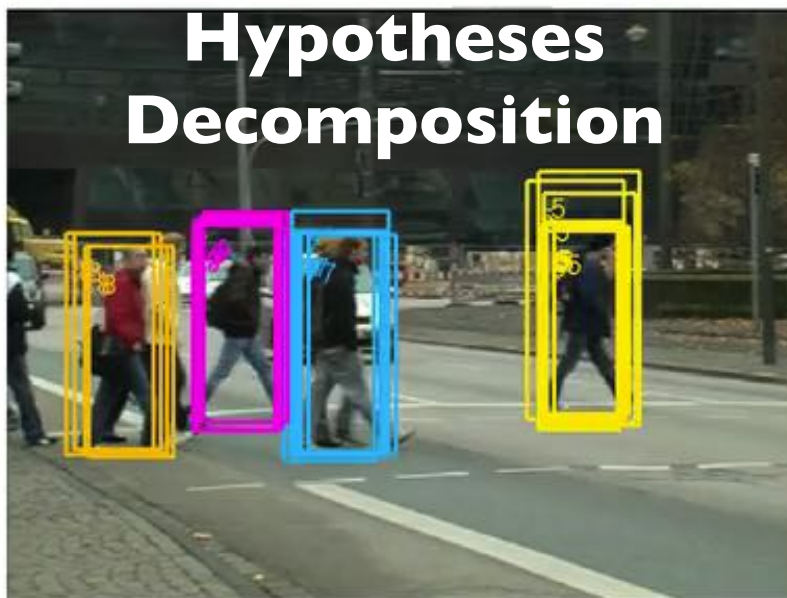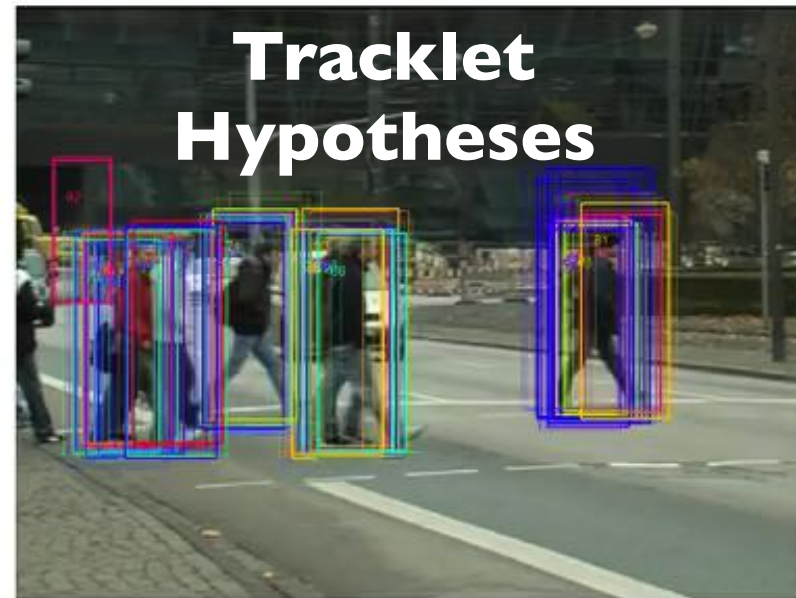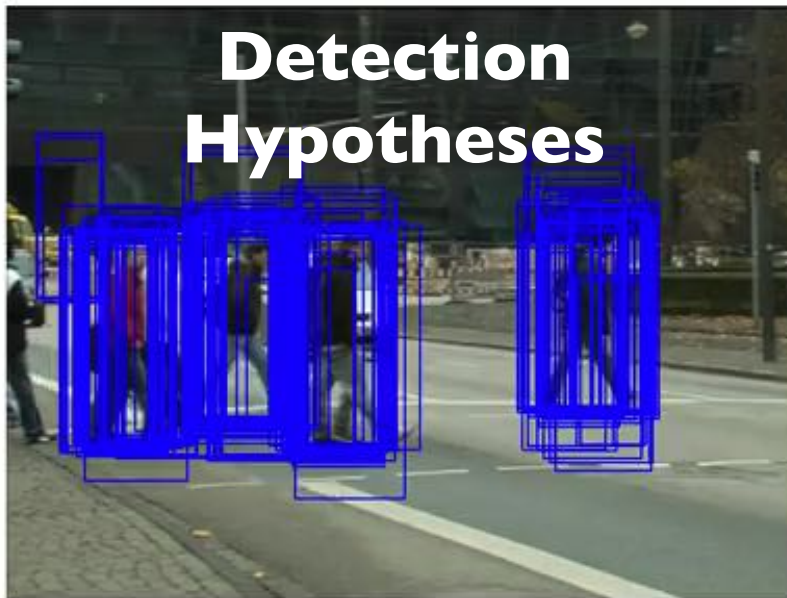

400 annotated training images

Modeling Body Dynamics

- Visualization of the hierarchical Gaussian process latent variable model (hGPLVM)

Our Subgraph Multicut Tracking Results

Detection Hypotheses

Tracklet Hypotheses

Hypotheses Decomposition

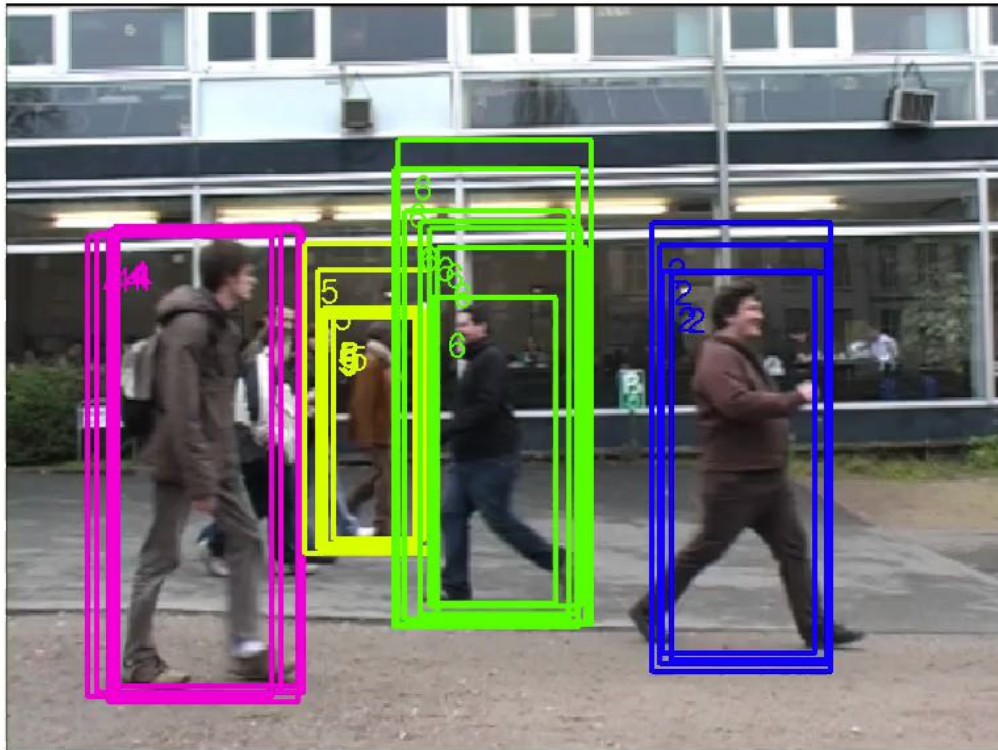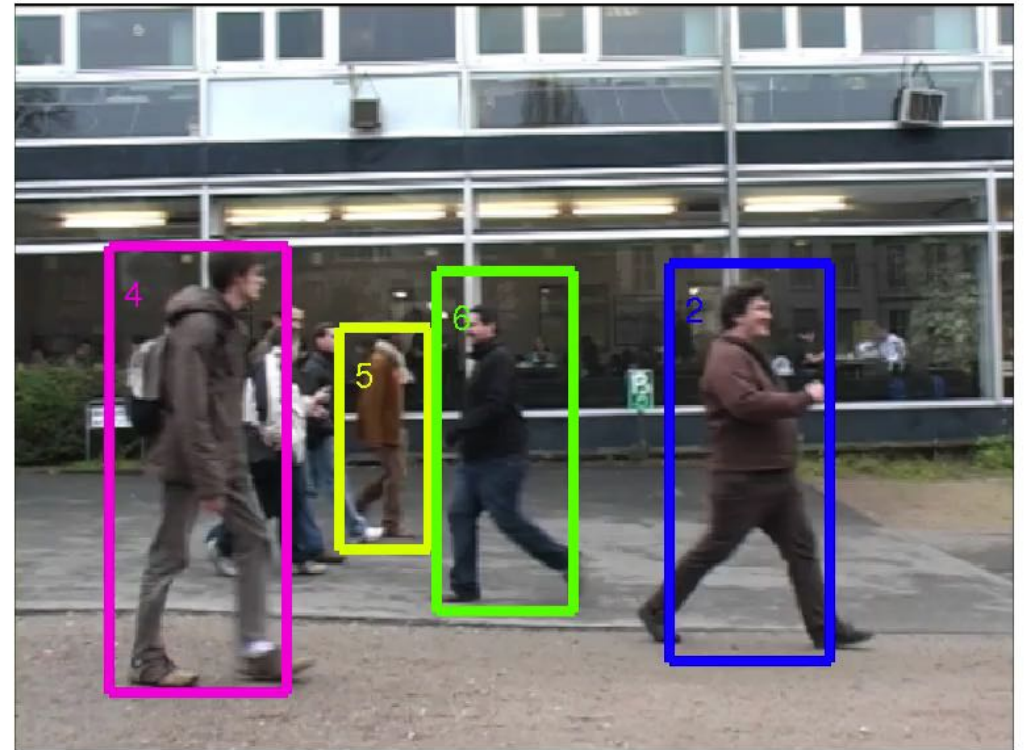Final Tracks

Dotted rectangles are interpolated tracks.

More Results

Decompositions (clusters)

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Tracks

More Results

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Decompositions (clusters)

Tracks

**Deep Learning
have become an important tool
for object recognition**

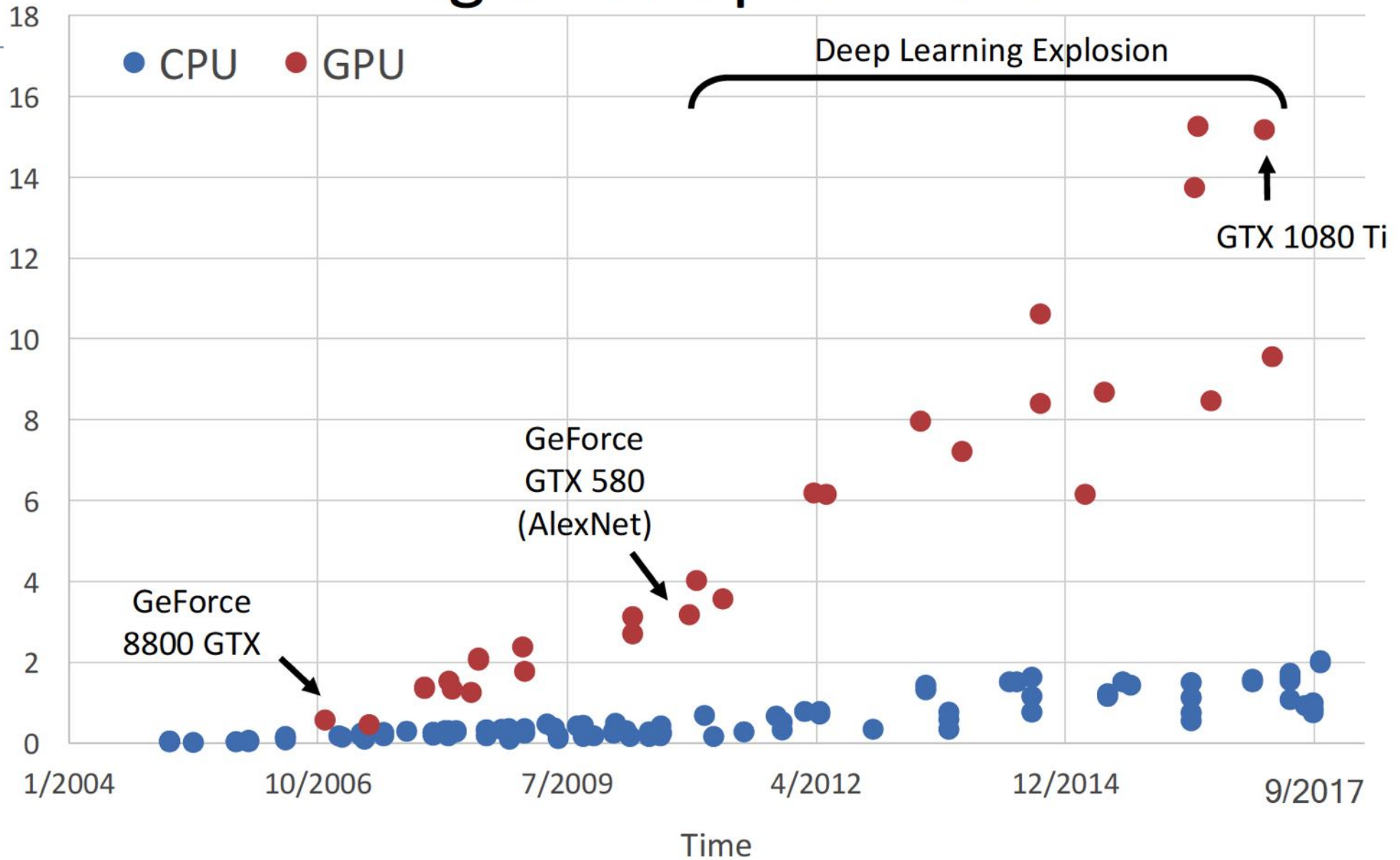(and other computer vision tasks)

Let's briefly discuss CNNs
(Convolutional Neural Networks)
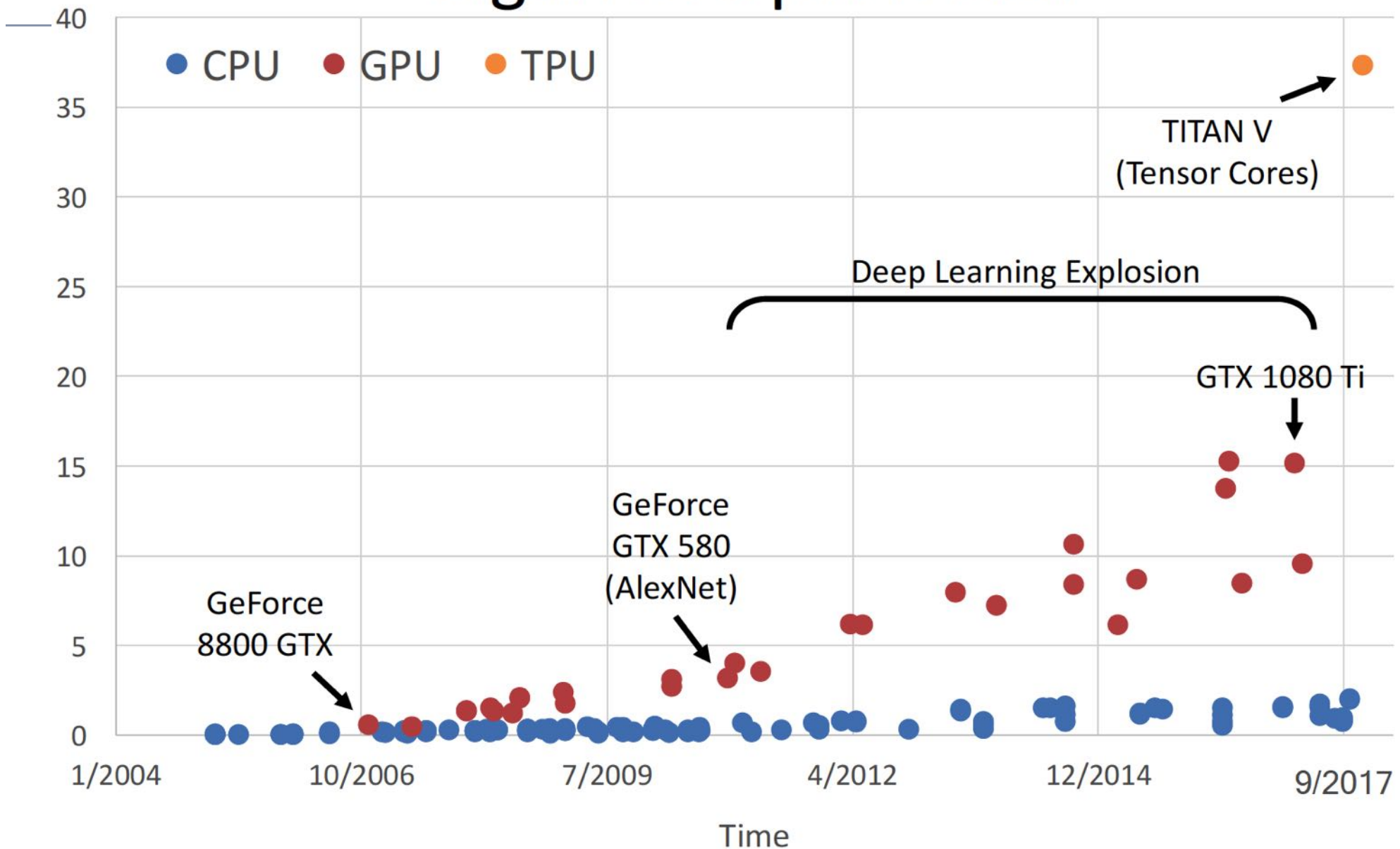
Ingredients for Deep Learning

slide credit: Fei-Fei, Justin Johnson, Serena Yeung

GigaFLOPs per Dollar

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IMAGENET

www.image-net.org

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

slide credit: Fei-Fei, Justin Johnson, Serena Yeung

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:
Scale
T-shirt
Giant panda
Drumstick
Mud turtle
✘

Russakovsky et al. IJCV 2015

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Validation classification

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IMAGENET Large Scale Visual Recognition Challenge

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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Sutskever, and Geoffrey Hinton, 2012.
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Year 2014
GoogLeNet

- Pooling
- Convolutio
- n
- Softmax
- Other

[Szegedy arxiv 2014]

VGG

| Image |
| conv-64 |
| conv-64 |
| maxpool |
| conv-128 |
| conv-128 |
| maxpool |
| conv-256 |
| conv-256 |
| maxpool |
| conv-512 |
| conv-512 |
| maxpool |
| conv-512 |
| conv-512 |
| maxpool |
| fc-4096 |
| fc-4096 |
| fc-1000 |
| softmax |

[Simonyan arxiv 2014]

Year 2015
MSRA

[He ICCV 2015]

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How deep is enough?

AlexNet (2012)

5 convolutional layers

3 fully-connected layers

How deep is enough?

AlexNet (2012)   VGG-M (2013)   VGG-VD-16 (2014)   GoogLeNet (2014)

How deep is enough?

GoogLeNet (2014)

VGG-VD-16 (2014)

VGG-M (2013)

AlexNet (2012)

ResNet 50 (2015)

ResNet 152 (2015)

16 convolutional layers

50 convolutional layers

152 convolutional layers

Krizhevsky, I. Sutskever, and G. E. Hinton. *ImageNet classification with deep convolutional neural networks*. In Proc. NIPS, 2012.

C. Szegedy, W. Liu, Y. Jia, P. Sermanet, S. Reed, D. Anguelov, D. Erhan, V. Vanhoucke, and A. Rabinovich. *Going deeper with convolutions*. In Proc. CVPR, 2015.

K. Simonyan and A. Zisserman. *Very deep convolutional networks for large-scale image recognition*. In Proc. ICLR, 2015.

K. He, X. Zhang, S. Ren, and J. Sun. *Deep residual learning for image recognition*. In Proc. CVPR, 2016.

Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs)
were not invented overnight...

1998
LeCun et al.

Input

Image Maps

Convolutions

Subsampling

Fully Connected

Output

of transistors
10^6
pentium II

of pixels used in training
10^7 NIST

2012
Krizhevsky et al.

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of transistors
10^9
intel Xeon processor

GPUs
nvidia

of pixels used in training
10^{14} IMAGENET

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Try it out yourself

- Caffe ist an open implementation from the Berkeley Vision Group

  ▸ http://caffe.berkeleyvision.org

  ▸ http://demo.caffe.berkeleyvision.org

**Deep Learning
have become an important tool
for object recognition / image classification**

but there exist many other computer vision tasks
where Deep Learning is also an essential ingredient

a few examples...

Human Pose Estimation

- **Single Person Pose Estimation** - two "phases"

  ▶ **Phase 1**: **pictorial structures models** e.g.
    [Felzenszwalb&Huttenlocher@ijcv05],
    [Andriluka&al@ijcv11], [Yang&Ramanan@pami13],
    [Pishchulin&al@iccv13], …

  ▶ **Phase 2**: using **deep learning** e.g.
    [Thoshev,Szegedy@cvpr14], [Thompson&al@nips14],
    [Chen&Yuille@nips14], [Carreira&al@cvpr16],
    [Hu&Ramanan@cvpr16], [Wei&al@cvpr16],
    [Newell&al@cvpr16], …

MPII Human Pose Dataset: Dataset demo

- 410 human activities (after merging similar activities)

- over 40,000 annotated poses

- over 1.5M video frames

http://human-pose.mpi-inf.mpg.de/

Analysis - overall performance

Best Methods today: deep learning "takes" over

PCKh total, MPII Single Person

Legend:
- Newell et al., arXiv'16
- Wei et al., CVPR'16
- Insafutdinov et al., arXiv'16
- Gkioxary et al., arXiv'16
- Lifshitz et al., arXiv'16
- Pishchulin et al., CVPR'16
- Hu&Ramanan, CVPR'16
- Tompson et al., CVPR'15
- Carreira et al., CVPR'16
- Tompson et al., NIPS'14
- Pishchulin et al., ICCV'13

x-axis: Normalized distance
y-axis: Detection rate, %

Best Method as of ICCV'13

✓ since CVPR'14, dataset has become **de-facto standard benchmark**

✓ **large training set** facilitated development of **deep learning methods**

Cityscapes: Large-Scale Datasets for Semantic Labeling of Street Scenes

- Joint effort of:

DAIMLER   max planck institut informatik   TECHNISCHE UNIVERSITÄT DARMSTADT

Towards 3D Visual Scene

Class	Group	Class	Group	Class	Group
road	ground	building		person[1]	human
sidewalk		wall		rider[1]	
car[1]		fence		tree	nature
truck[1]		traffic sign	infra-	terrain	
bus[1]		traffic light	structure	ground	
on rails[1]	vehicle	pole		dynamic	void
motorcycle[1]		bridge[2]		static	
bicycle[1]		tunnel[2]			
license plate[2]		sky	sky		

[1]Single instance annotation available
[2]Not included in fine label set challenges

Image Description

A female tennis player in action on the court.

A group of young men playing a game of soccer.

A man riding a wave on top of a surfboard.

Image Description

Ours: a person on skis jumping over a ramp

Ours: a skier is making a turn on a course

Ours: a cross country skier makes his way through the snow

Ours: a skier is headed down a steep slope

[Rakshith'17]

Baseline: a man riding skis down a snow covered slope

Towards a Visual Turing Challenge

Q: What is the object on the counter in the corner?
A: micro wave

...bject in the scene?

A: brown

QA: (what is beneath the candle holder, decorative plate)
Some annotators use variations on spatial relations that are similar, e.g. 'beneath' is closely related to 'below'.

QA: (what is in front of the wall divider?, cabinet)
Annotators use additional properties to clarify object references (i.e. wall divider). Moreover, the perspective plays an important role in these spatial relations interpretations

Q How many lights are on?
A: 6

1449 RG... ...(NYU depth dataset)

available

QA1: (what is in front of the curtain behind the armchair?, guitar)
QA2: (what is in front of the curtain?, guitar)
Spatial relations matter more in complex environments where reference resolution becomes more relevant. In cluttered scenes, pragmatism starts playing a more important...

QA: (How many drawers are there?, 8)
The annotators use their common-sense knowledge for amodal completion. Here the annotator infers the 8th drawer from the context

QA: (What is the shape of the green chair?, horse shaped)
In this example, an annotator refers to a "horse shaped chair" which requires a quite abstract reasoning about the shapes.

The annotators are using different names to call the same things. The names of the brown object near the bed include 'night stand', 'stool', and 'cabinet'.

Some objects, like the table on the left of image, are severely occluded or truncated. Yet, the annotators refer to them in the questions.

QA: (What is in front of toilet?, door)
Here the 'open door' is clearly visible, yet...

QA1:(How many doors are in the image?, 1)
QA2:(How many doors are in the image?, 5)
Different interpretation of 'door' results in different counts: 1 door at the end of the hall vs. 5 doors including lockers.

QA: (What is the object on the counter in the corner?, micro wave)
References like 'corner' are difficult to...

QA: (How many doors are open?, 1)
Notion of 'open' or 'close' is poorly not well captured by current vision techniques.

QA: (Where is oven?, on the right side of refrigerator)
On some occasions, the annotators prefer to...

A   B   C

0.7   0.8   0.9   1

Question Answering Results

What is on the right side of the cabinet?

Vision + Language: **bed**

Language Only: **bed**

What objects are found on the bed?

Vision + Language: **bed sheets, pillow**

Language Only: **doll, pillow**

How many burner knobs are there?

Vision + Language: **4**

Language Only: **6**

Video Object Segmentation

Goal: Separating a specific **foreground object** from **background** in a video given its **1st frame mask annotation**.

1st frame ———————————————→ *t*

DAVIS 2016
[Perazzi et al.'16]

MaskTrack - Proposed Approach

➔ we process video per-frame, using guidance from previous frame

MaskTrack

DeepLab
[Chen et al., ICLR'15]

Frame *t*
output mask

Frame *t-1*
output mask

Frame *t*
input

➔ **we want to train from static images only**

Qualitative Results

https://www.mpi-inf.mpg.de/masktrack

Basic Concepts and Terminology

Computer Vision vs. Computer Graphics

Pinhole Camera (Model)

- (simple) standard and abstract model today

  ▸ box with a small hole in it

Camera Obscura

- around 1519, Leonardo da Vinci (1452 - 1519)

  ▸ http://www.acmi.net.au/AIC/CAMERA_OBSCURA.html

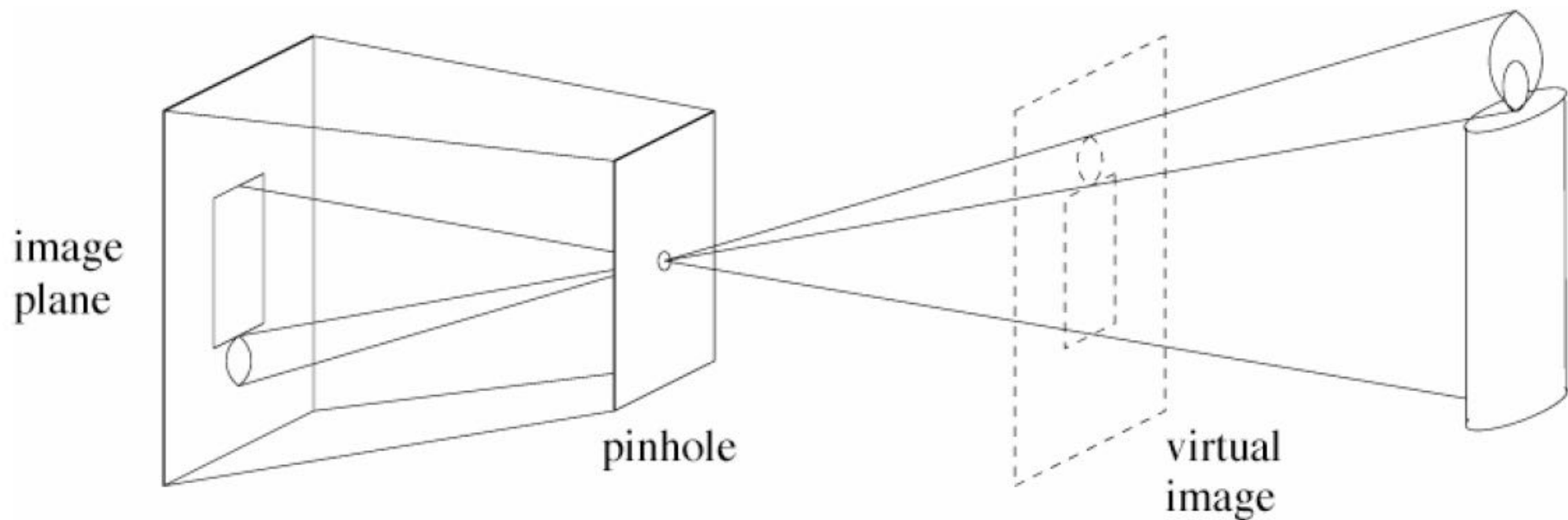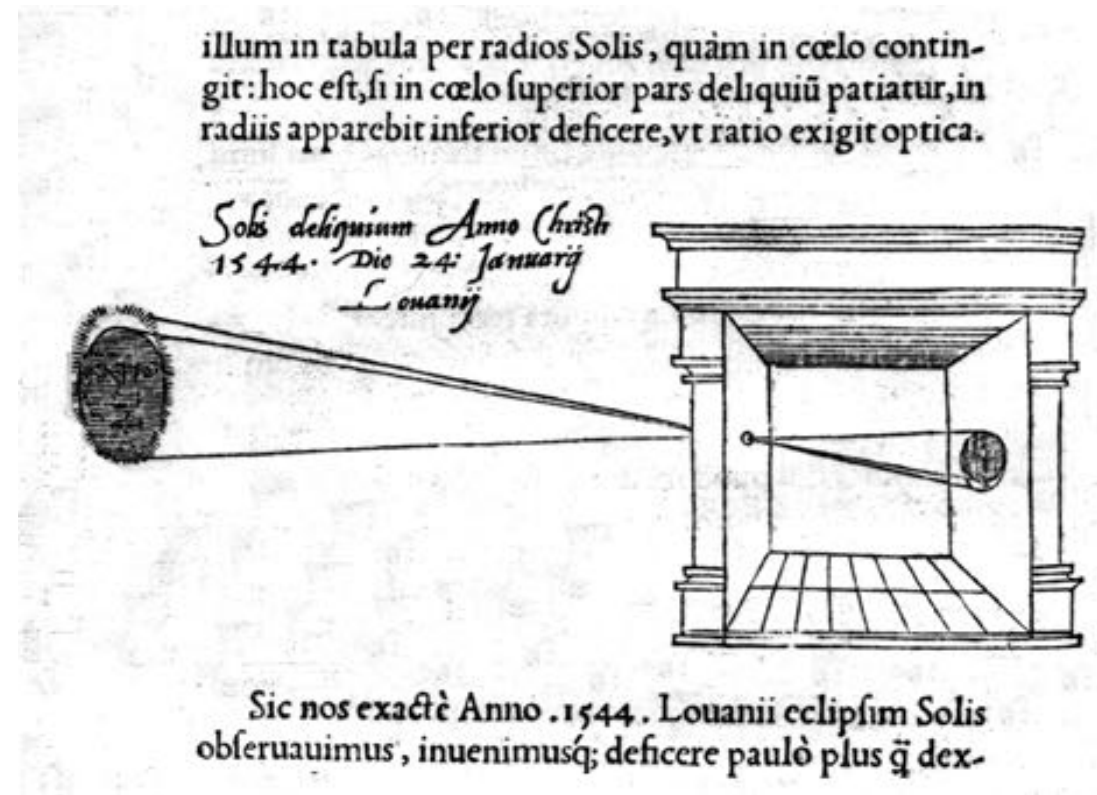 ▸ "when images of illuminated objects ... penetrate through a small hole into a very dark room ... you will see [on the opposite wall] these objects in their proper form and color, reduced in size ... in a reversed position owing to the intersection of the rays"

illum in tabula per radios Solis, quàm in cœlo contingit: hoc eft, fi in cœlo fuperior pars deliquiũ patiatur, in radiis apparebit inferior deficere, vt ratio exigit optica.

Solis deliquium Anno Chrifti 1544. Die 24. Januarij Louanij

Sic nos exactè Anno .1544. Louanii eclipfim Solis obferuauimus, inuenimusq; deficere paulò plus q̃ dex-

Principle of pinhole....
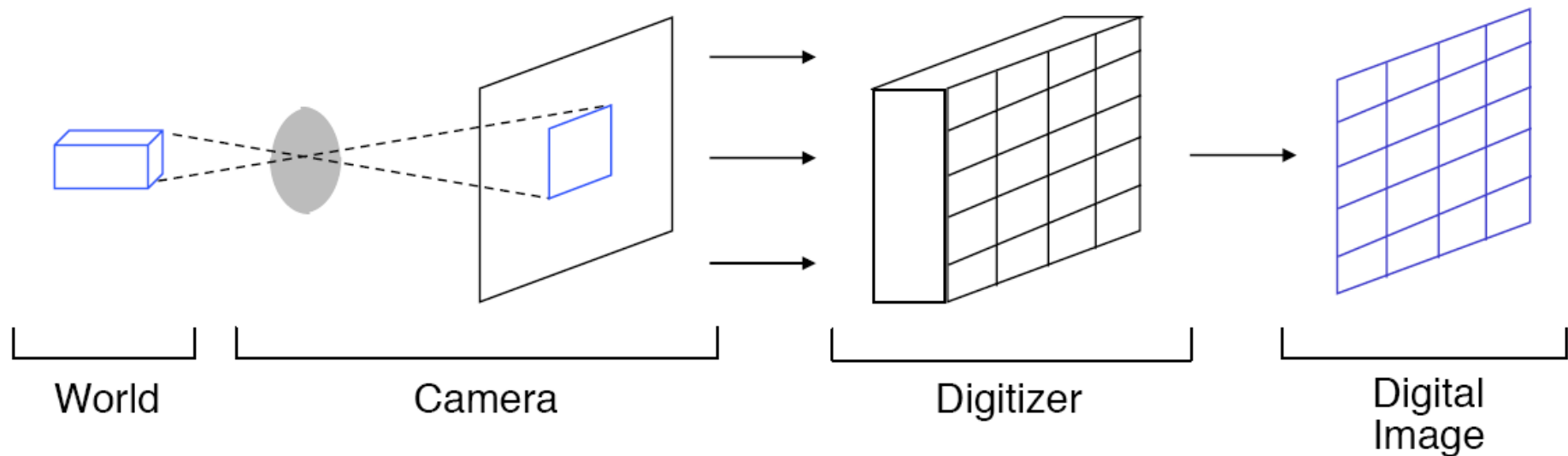
- ...used by artists
  - ▶ (e.g. Vermeer 17th century, dutch)
- and scientists

Digital Images

- Imaging Process:
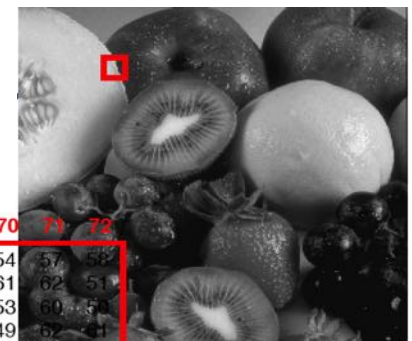 - ▶ (pinhole) camera model
  - ▶ digitizer to obtain digital image

World   Camera   Digitizer   Digital Image

(Grayscale) Image

- 'Goals' of Computer Vision

  ‣ how can we recognize fruits from an array of (gray-scale) numbers?

  ‣ how can we perceive depth from an array of (gray-scale) numbers?

  ‣ …

- 'Goals' of Graphics

  ‣ how can we generate an array of (gray-scale) numbers that looks like fruits?

  ‣ how can we generate an array of (gray-scale) numbers so that the human observer perceives depth?

  ‣ …

- computer vision = the problem of 'inverse graphics' …?

Visual Cues for Image Analysis

… in art and visual illusions

1. Case Study:
Human & Art - Recovery of 3D Structure

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Vincent van Gogh *Interior of a Restaurant at Arles* 1888

1. Case Study:
Human & Art - Recovery of 3D Structure

Vincent van Gogh *Snowy Landscape with Arles in the Background* 1888

1. Case Study
Computer Vision - Recovery of 3D Structure

- take all the cues of artists and
  'turn them around'

  ‣ exploit these cues to **infer**
    the structure of the world

  ‣ need **mathematical** and
    computational models of these cues

- sometimes called
  'inverse graphics'

http://www.vrvis.at/ar2/adm/shading/

A 'trompe l'oeil'

- depth-perception
  - ▸ movement of ball stays the same
  - ▸ location/trace of shadow changes

Another 'trompe l'oeil'

- illusory motion
  - ▶ only shadows changes
  - ▶ square is stationary

Color & Shading

Color & Shading

2. Case Study: Computer Vision & Object Recognition

- is it more than inverse graphics?

- how do you recognize
  - ▸ the banana?
  - ▸ the glas?
  - ▸ the towel?

- how can we make computers to do this?

- ill posed problem:
  - ▸ missing data
  - ▸ ambiguities
  - ▸ multiple possible explanations

Image Edges:
What are edges? Where do they come from?

- Edges are changes in pixel brightness

Image Edges:
What are edges? Where do they come from?

- Edges are changes in pixel brightness
    - **Foreground/Background Boundaries**
    - **Object-Object-Boundaries**
    - **Shadow Edges**
    - **Changes in Albedo or Texture**
    - **Changes in Surface Normals**

Line Drawings:
Good Starting Point for Recognition?

MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

PROJECT MAC

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

THE SUMMER VISION PROJECT

Seymour Papert

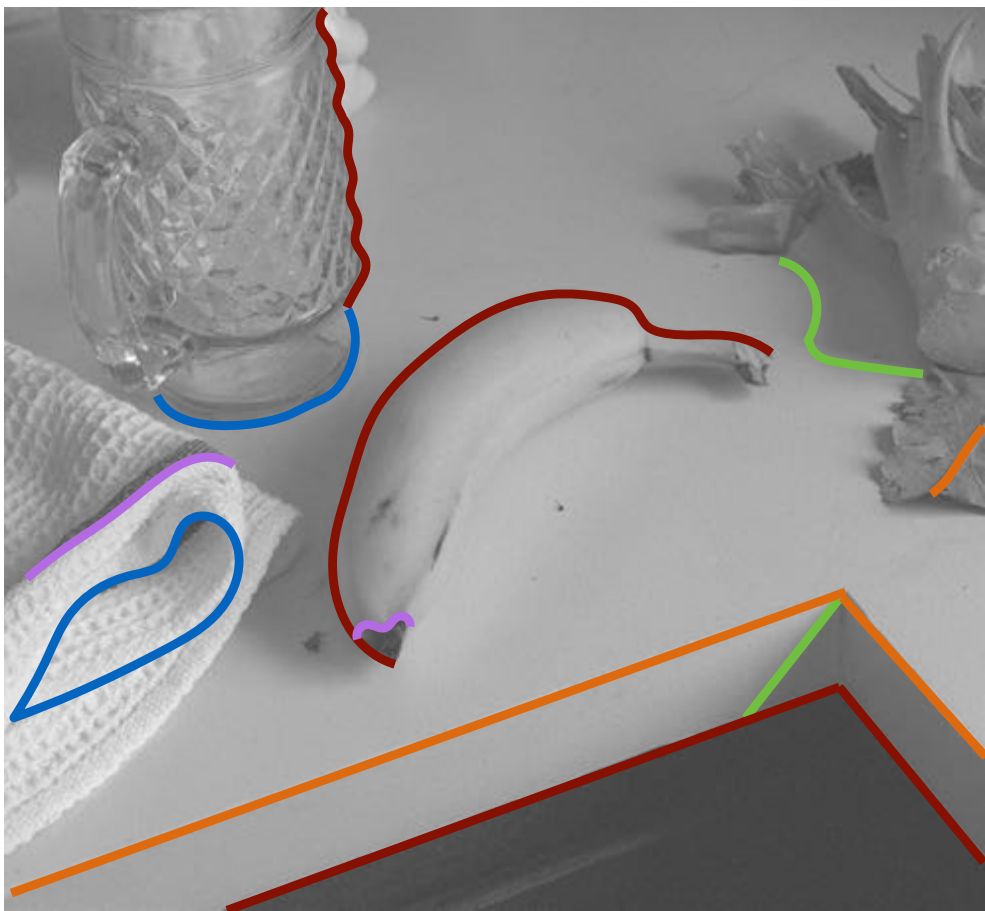The summer vision project is an attempt to use our summer workers effectively in the construction of a significant part of a visual system. The particular task was chosen partly because it can be segmented into sub-problems which will allow individuals to work independently and yet participate in the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

VISION

David Marr

FOREWORD BY
Shimon Ullman

AFTERWORD BY
Tomaso Poggio

David Marr, 1970s

Input image | Edge image | 2 ½-D sketch | 3-D model

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

Stages of Visual Representation, David Marr, 1970s

slide credit: Fei-Fei, Justin Johnson, Serena Yeung

Complexity of Recognition

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Recognition: the Role of Context

- Antonio Torralba

Recognition: the role of Prior Expectation

- Guiseppe Arcimboldo

Complexity of Recognition

One or Two Faces ?

Class of Models: Pictorial Structure

- Fischler & Elschlager 1973

- Model has two components
  - ▸ parts
    (2D image fragments)
  - ▸ structure
    (configuration of parts)

Deformations

A

B

C

D

Clutter

Example

Recognition, Localization, and Segmentation

a few terms

... let's briefly define what we mean by that

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First part of this Computer Vision class

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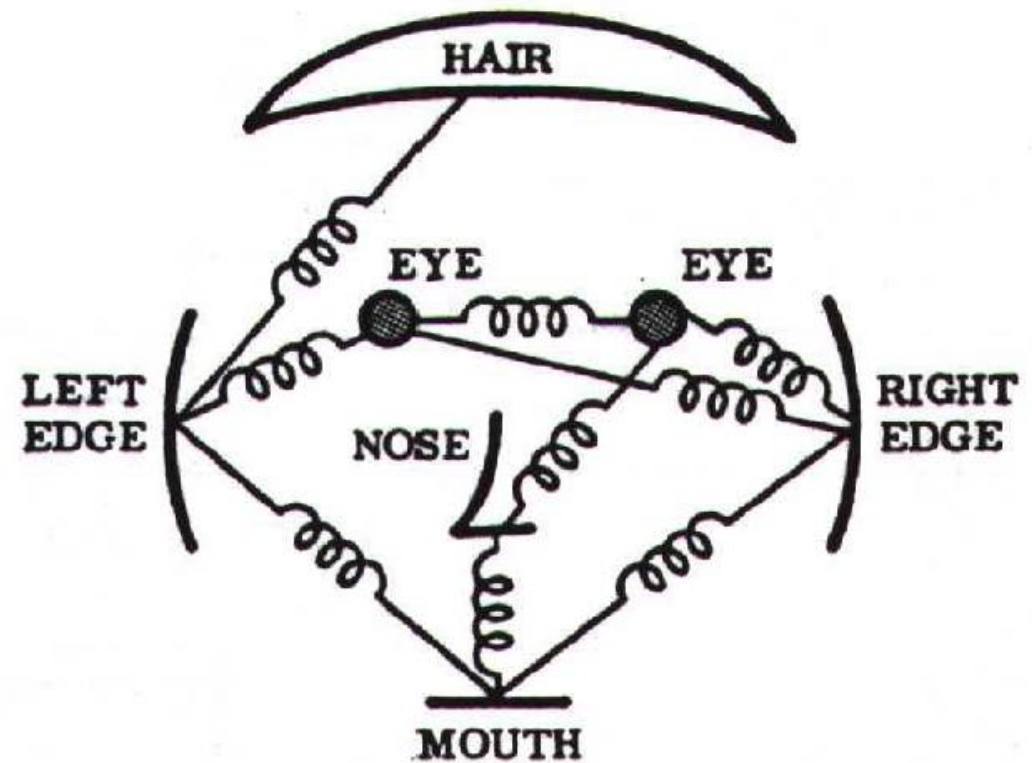
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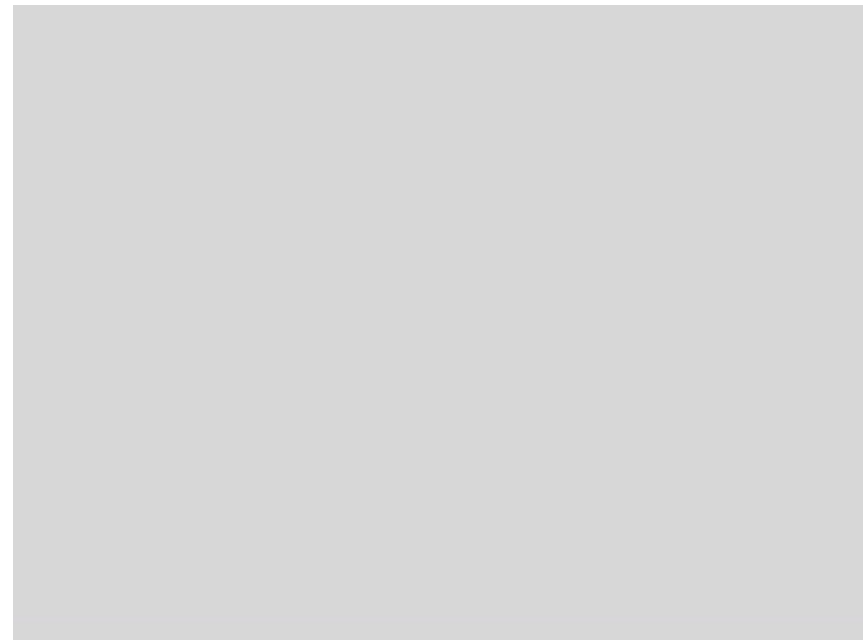   - typical definition:
      'basic level category'

Which Level is right for Object Classes?

- Basic-Level Categories
  - the highest level at which category members have **similar perceived shape**
  - the highest level at which a **single mental image** can reflect the entire category
  - the highest level at which a person uses similar **motor actions** to interact with category members
  - the level at which human subjects are usually **fastest** at identifying category members
  - the first level named and understood by **children**

  - (while the definition of basic-level categories depends on culture there exist a remarkable consistency across cultures...)

- Most recent work in object recognition has focused on this problem
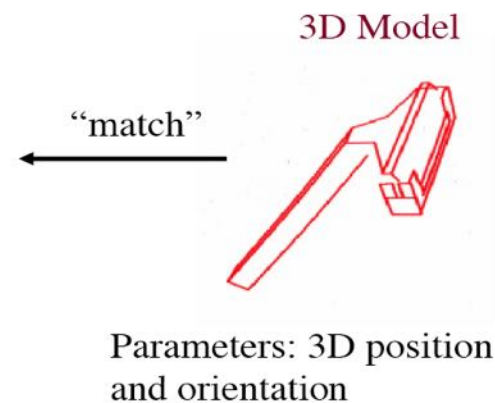 - we will discuss several of the most successful methods in the lecture :-)
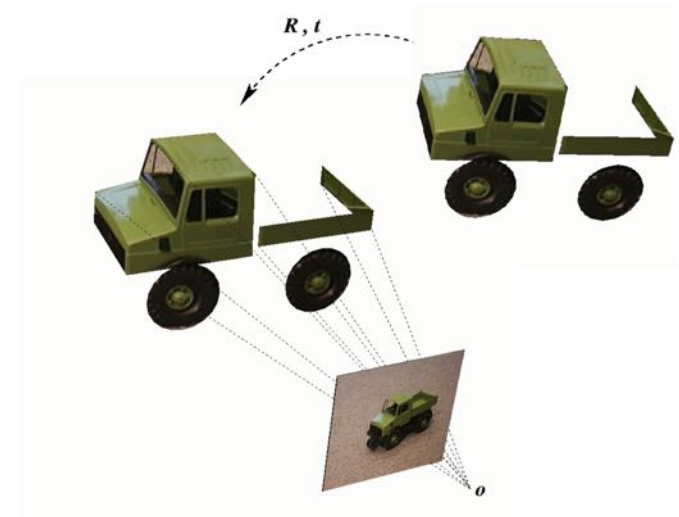
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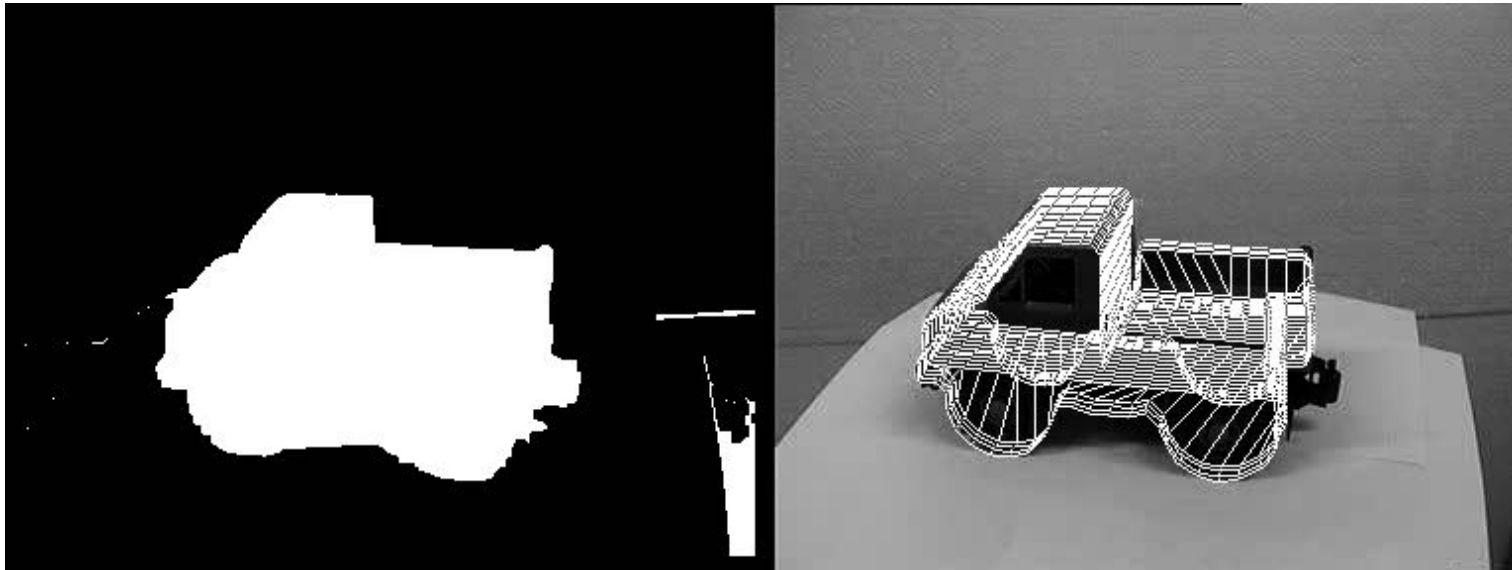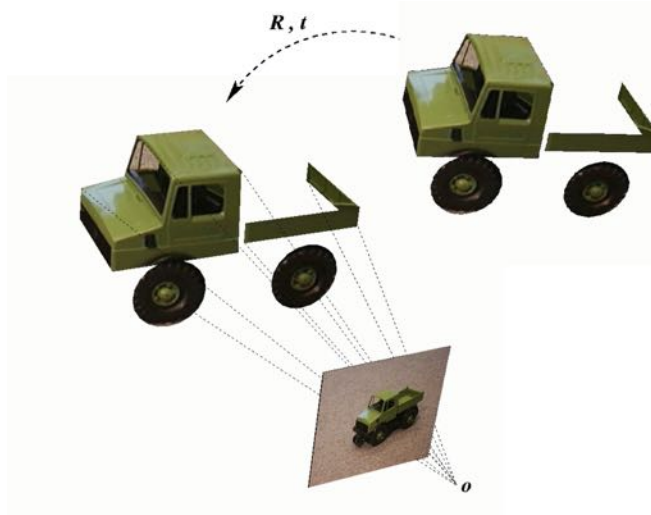# Object Recognition & Localization

- Recognition and

  ▸ **Localization**: to position the object in the scene, estimate the object's pose (orientation, size/scale, 3D position)

  ▸ Example from David Lowe:

Localization: Example Video 1

Localization: Example Video 2

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  - ▸ What is computer vision?
  - ▸ What does it mean to see and how do we (as humans) do it?
  - ▸ How can we make this computational?

- Applications & Appetizers

- Role of Deep Learning
  - – with several slides taken from Fei-Fei Li, Justin Johnson, Serena Yeung @ Stanford

- 2 case studies:
  - ▸ Recovery of 3D structure
    - – slides taken from Michael Black @ Brown University / MPI Intelligent Systems
  - ▸ Object Recognition
    - – intuition from human vision...