

Computer Vision / Robot Vision

- Lecturer: Takayuki Okatani, Prof. at GSIS
- Room: Here
- Date: Every Monday in the 3rd quarter
 - 10/7, 14(holiday), 21, 28, 11/11, 18, 25
- Time 8:50-10:20, 10:30-12:00 → 9:00-12:00 w/ 10 min break

Requirements: knowledge and skills for students

- Basic knowledge of linear algebra & statistics
 - E.g., you need to understand the followings:
 - Eigenvalues/vectors of a matrix
 - Pseudo inverse of a matrix
 - Solving an overdetermined/underdetermined system of linear equations
 - Newtons' method
 - Joint probability, conditional probability etc.
 - Random variables and their expected values
 - Bayes theorem
 - Maximum likelihood/maximum posteriori inference
- Can (learn to) write code in Python
 - You need to be at least ready to learn
 - You will be using Google Colaboratory for your assignments

Grading

- Grading: Several assignments
 - All need to be completed and submitted properly
 - All assignments will be able to be completed in *Google Colaboratory*
 - Brief intro to Google Colaboratory will be given but no further explanation on Python etc. will not be given
 - You must learn how to use Python and relevant modules(OpenCV & DL/ML frameworks) by yourself!

Outline of this course

1. Introduction
2. Physics of Imaging
3. Camera Model and Projective Transform
4. Multi-view Geometry
5. Basic Design of Neural Networks
6. Training of Neural Networks
7. Convolutional Neural Networks
8. Object Recognition
9. Object Detection/Estimation of Position and Pose
10. Various Learning Methods
11. Visualization and Understanding of Networks
12. Generative Models and Image Generation
13. Networks for Sequential Data
14. Various Applications
15. Summary and Conclusion

Updated version of course outline (*still under construction*)

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4. Convolutional Neural Networks I
5. Convolutional Neural Networks II
6. Networks for Sequences, Sets, and Graphs
7. Apps to Standard CV Problems
8. Various Learning Methods
9. Explainability of Deep Learning Methods
10. Efficient Models
11. Generative Models and Image Generation
12. Model-based Computer Vision I
13. Model-based Computer Vision II
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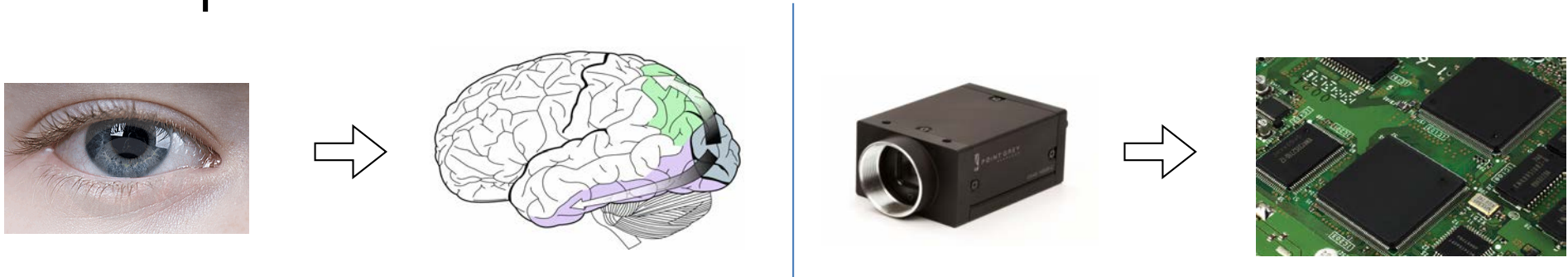
INTRODUCTION TO COMPUTER VISION

History of Computer Vision

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Computer Vision ~ The Early Days

- Goal: Implement high-level functions of human vision on a computer



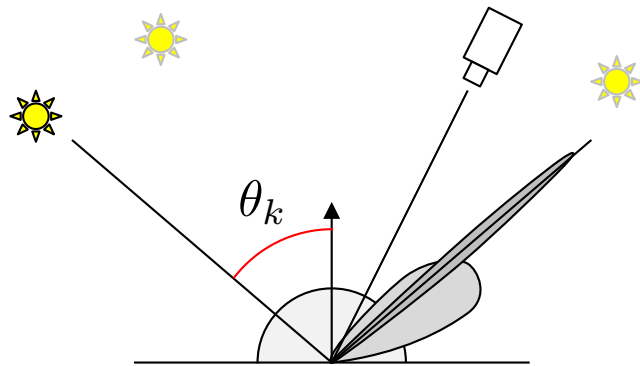
- Background: Scientific interests in human vision
 - Why vision? Because it is a good initial step for understanding intelligence
- D. Marr --- Three levels of analysis
 - Computational level (What problem is solved?)
 - Algorithmic level (How is it solved?)
 - Implementation level (What hardware?)



Photometric stereo [Woodham 1980]

- Surface shape can be recovered from multiple images of a single object under different illumination directions
 - Brightness of a surface point is modeled by: $x_k = \rho \cos \theta_k = \rho(\mathbf{n}^\top \mathbf{l}_k)$

(An ideal case: Lambertian reflectance)



$$\begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_L \end{bmatrix} = \rho \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{l}_1^\top \\ \mathbf{l}_2^\top \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{l}_L^\top \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{n}$$

Assuming knowledge of illuminant directions $\mathbf{l}_1, \dots, \mathbf{l}_L$, it's easy to compute \mathbf{n}

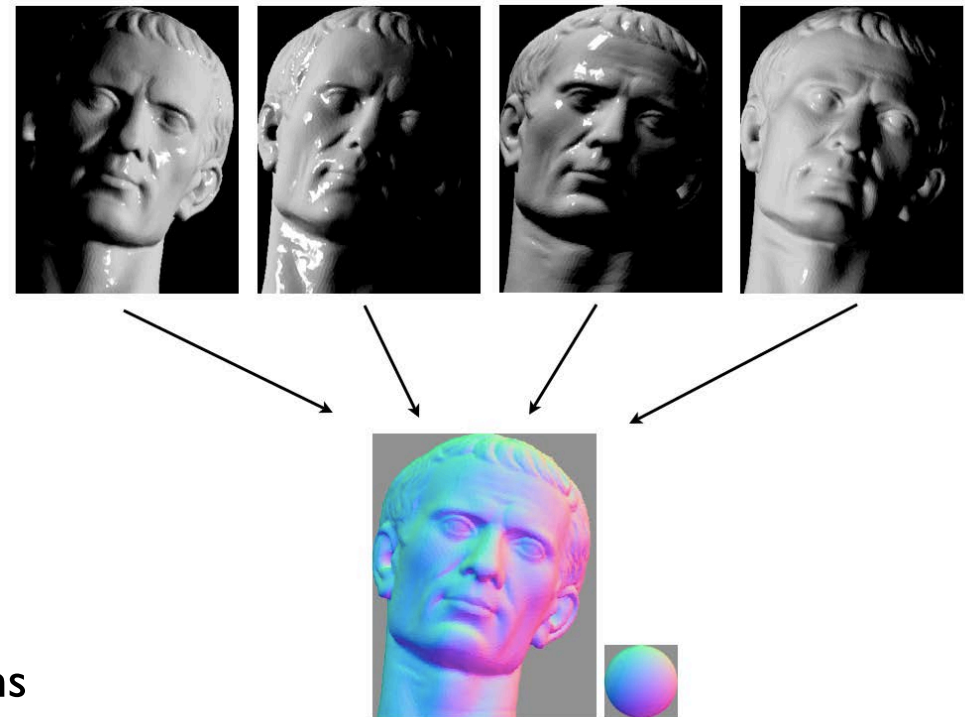
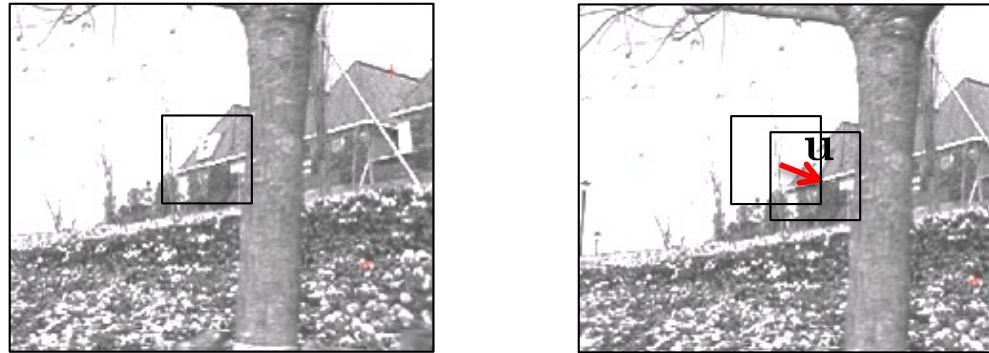


Image by [Meekohi](#)

Lucas-Kanade tracker [Lucas-Kanade 1982]

- Want to estimate displacement of a scene point from I_0 to I_1



- Minimize squared difference between a fixed patch in I_0 and its displaced patch in I_1 by Newton's *method*
 - Starting from an initial guess, update a solution iteratively solving a linear equation

$$\begin{aligned}
 E_{\text{LK-SSD}}(\mathbf{u} + \Delta\mathbf{u}) &= \sum_i [I_1(\mathbf{x}_i + \mathbf{u} + \Delta\mathbf{u}) - I_0(\mathbf{x}_i)]^2 \\
 &\approx \sum_i [I_1(\mathbf{x}_i + \mathbf{u}) + \mathbf{J}_1(\mathbf{x}_i + \mathbf{u})\Delta\mathbf{u} - I_0(\mathbf{x}_i)]^2 \\
 &= \sum_i [\mathbf{J}_1(\mathbf{x}_i + \mathbf{u})\Delta\mathbf{u} + e_i]^2,
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbf{A}\Delta\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{b}$$

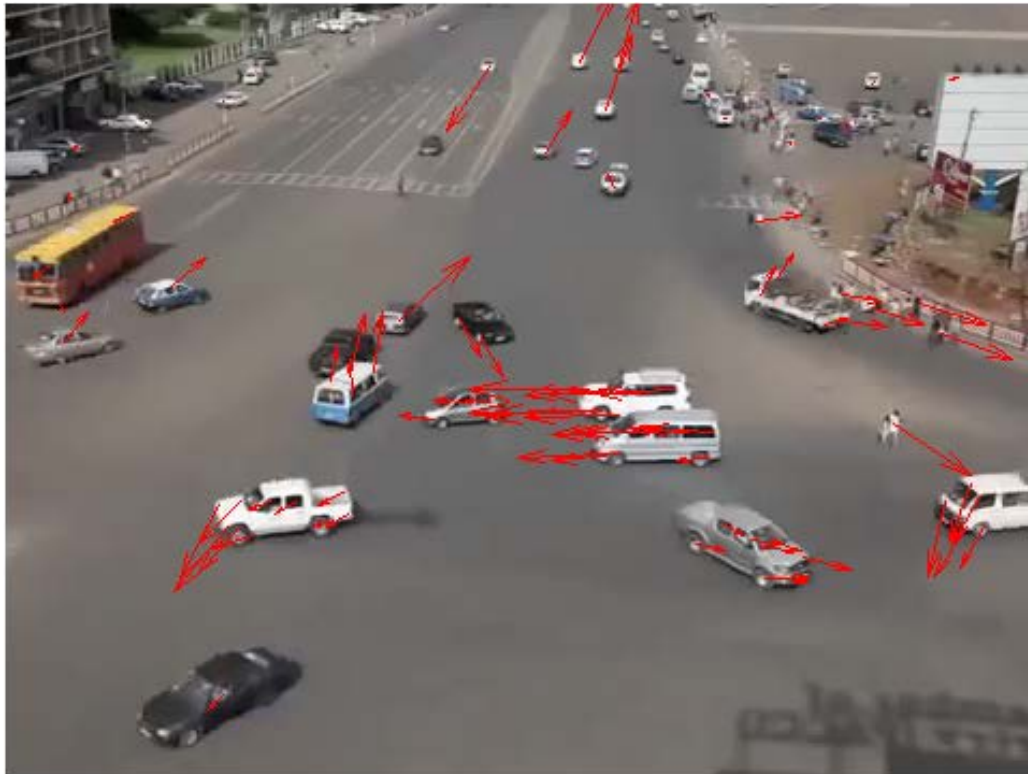
$$\mathbf{J}_1(\mathbf{x}_i + \mathbf{u}) = \nabla I_1(\mathbf{x}_i + \mathbf{u}) = \left(\frac{\partial I_1}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial I_1}{\partial y} \right) (\mathbf{x}_i + \mathbf{u})$$

$$e_i = I_1(\mathbf{x}_i + \mathbf{u}) - I_0(\mathbf{x}_i)$$

$$\mathbf{A} = \sum_i \mathbf{J}_1^T(\mathbf{x}_i + \mathbf{u}) \mathbf{J}_1(\mathbf{x}_i + \mathbf{u})$$

$$\mathbf{b} = - \sum_i e_i \mathbf{J}_1^T(\mathbf{x}_i + \mathbf{u})$$

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Selected points/windows are tracked between two images from a video clip



Target plane is parametrized by 2D homography (8DOF), for which similar iterative optimization is performed [Ito-Okatani, 2011]

SIFT (Scale Invariant Feature Transform) [Lowe 1999]

- We wish to match points of an object between its two images captured at different viewpoints
 - Difficulties: Changes in scale, rotation, etc.
- Originally developed for estimating pose of objects; later applied to multi-view geometry



SIFT (Scale Invariant Feature Transform) [Lowe 1999]

- Good points for matching are chosen; *key points* or interest points
 - Salient points are chosen with their inherent orientation and scale



Scale space

- Local appearance of each key point is encoded; *descriptors*
 - Orientation histogram of brightness gradients

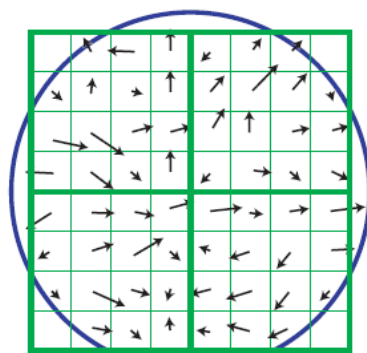
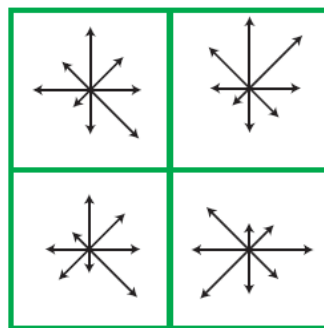


Image gradients



Keypoint descriptor



Structure-from-Motion

- Given m images of n scene points captured from different viewpoints, we want to estimate the 3D coordinates of the n points and the camera matrices of the m views

Geometric imaging model

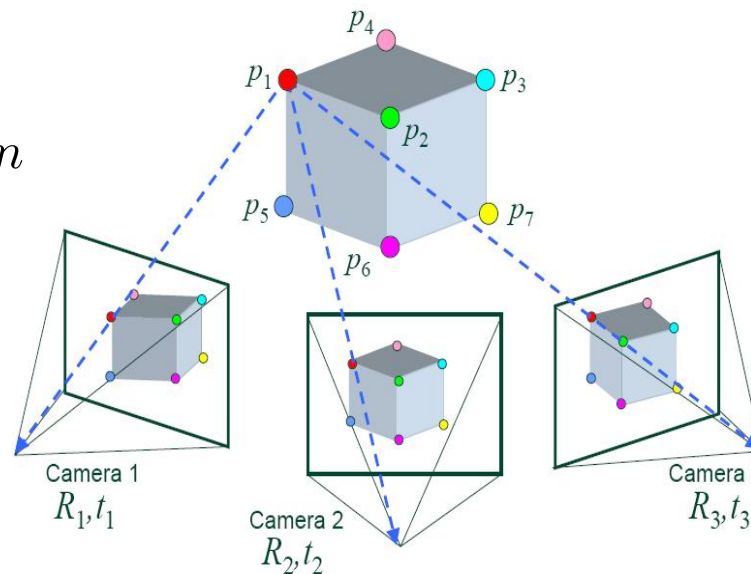
Input

$$\mathbf{x}_j^{(i)} = \begin{bmatrix} x_j^{(i)} & y_j^{(i)} & 1 \end{bmatrix}^\top$$

$$i = 1, \dots, m, \quad j = 1, \dots, n$$

$$2mn$$

$$\mathbf{x}_j^{(i)} \propto \mathbf{P}_i \mathbf{X}_j$$



Output

$$\mathbf{X}_j = \begin{bmatrix} X_j & Y_j & Z_j & 1 \end{bmatrix}^\top$$

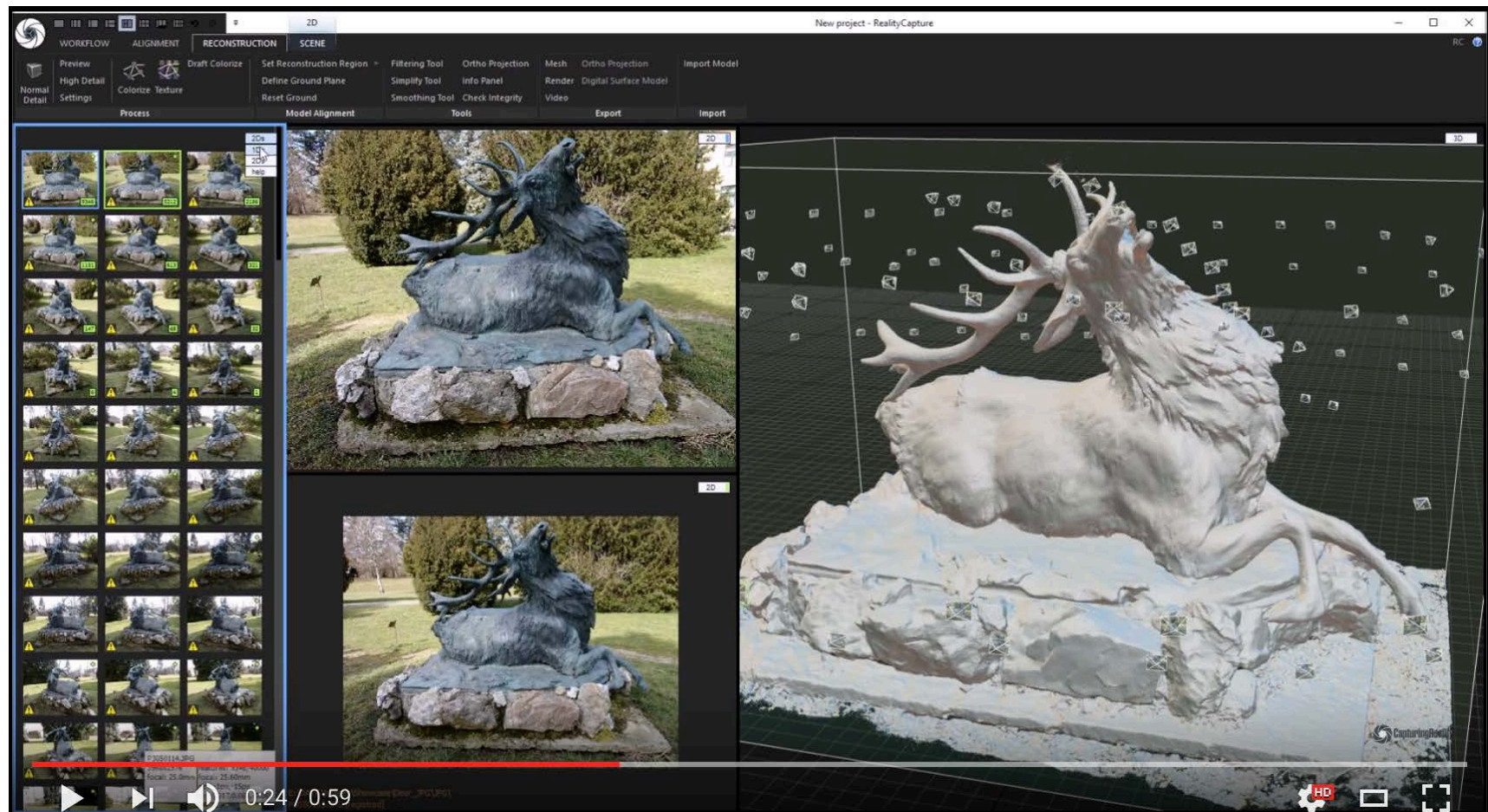
$$3n$$

$$\mathbf{P}_i = \mathbf{K}_i \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{R}_i & \mathbf{t}_i \end{bmatrix}$$

$$11m$$

Structure-from-Motion: Example

- SfM = Recovering Camera pose + 3D position of interest points
 - Visual SLAM (Simultaneous Localization And Mapping): Does this in real time
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A Versatile Visual SLAM Framework

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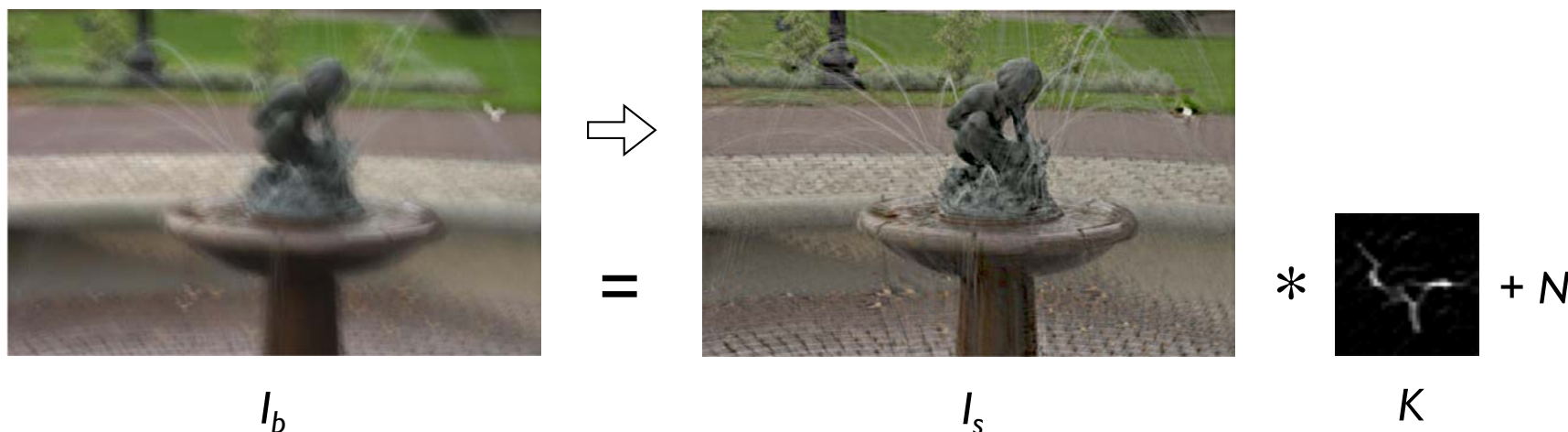
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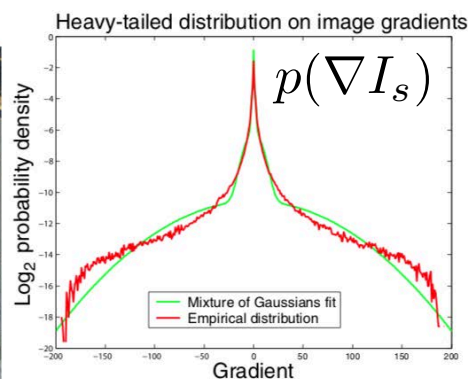
ACM Multimedia 2019
Open Source Software Competition

Blind image deblurring [Fergus+2006]

- Problem: Given an image I_b of a scene with (motion) blur, we want to recover its sharp image I_s



- Model of blurred images: $I_b(x, y) = I_s(x, y) * K(x, y) + N(x, y)$
 - We use a prior knowledge on (statistics) of sharp images and K



$$p(\nabla I_s, K \mid \nabla I_b) \propto p(\nabla I_b \mid \nabla I_s, K) p(\nabla I_s) p(K)$$

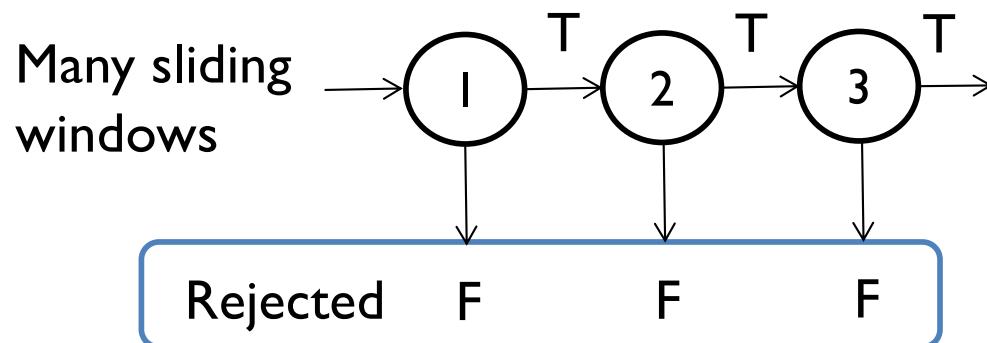
MAP (maximum a posteriori) estimation is conducted

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Object detection: Viola-Jones framework [Viola-Jones01]

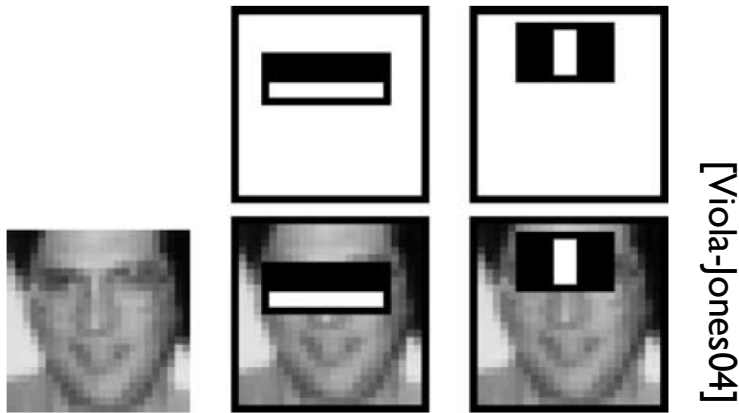
- An approach to object detection: Sliding window w/ binary classification
 - Scan the input image w/ a small window and judge if a face resides inside it
 - Large computational cost → How to cope with it?
- Simple image feature that can be computed quickly
 - *Haar-like* feature; Efficient computation using *integral images* [Papageorgiou+98]
- Strong learning algorithm: *Boosting*, e.g., AdaBoost
 - Boosting is a machine learning method that builds a strong classifier using many weak classifiers
- Fast decision making using cascaded classifiers



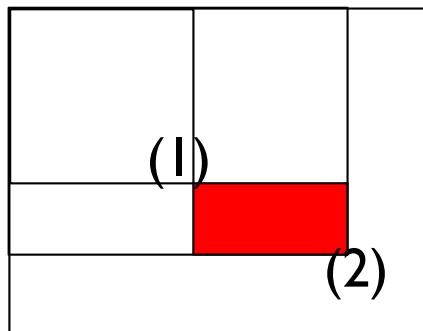
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Haar-like feature

- Binary filters with rect. shapes



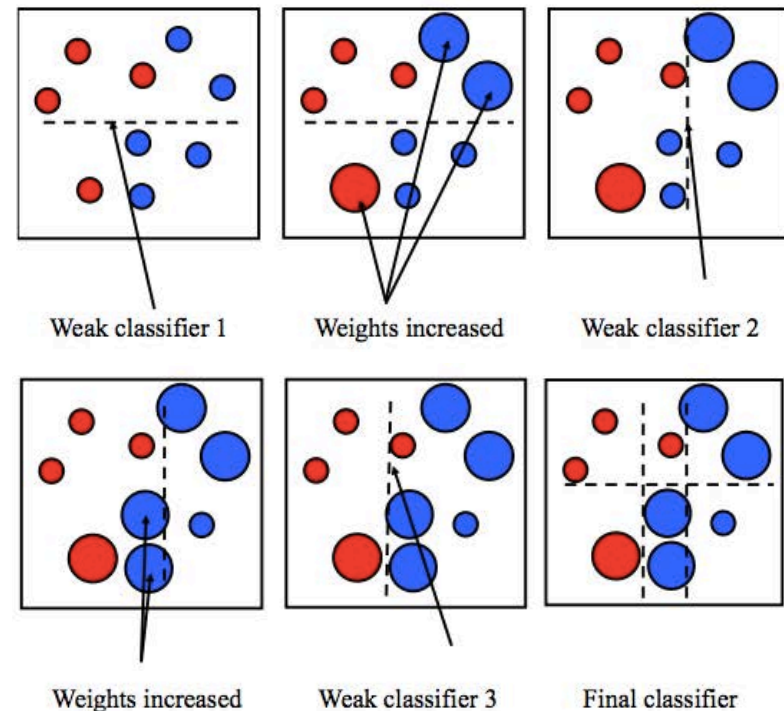
- Integral image
 - Input image is integrated from the top-left to (x,y)



(2)-(1) gives the filter response

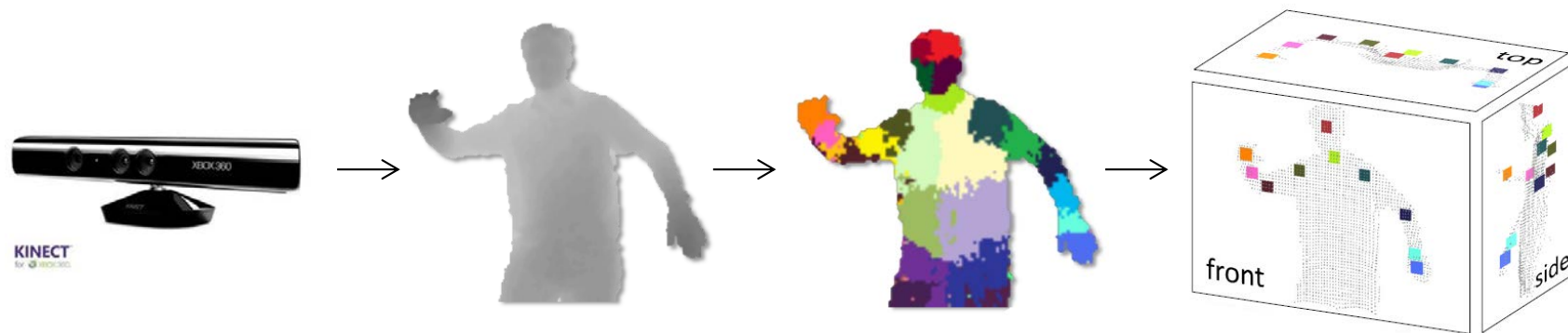
Boosting

- Each weak classifier builds a *decision boundary* by thresholding a feature score
- A set of such classifiers generates a complex decision boundary



Mocap for Kinect [Shotton+2011]

- 1st marker-less motion capture in the history
 - Developed for Microsoft Xbox
- Problem formulation
 - Input: a single depth image
 - Output: class-label of each pixel representing which body part it belongs to; 31 body parts



Real-Time Human Pose Recognition in Parts from Single Depth Images

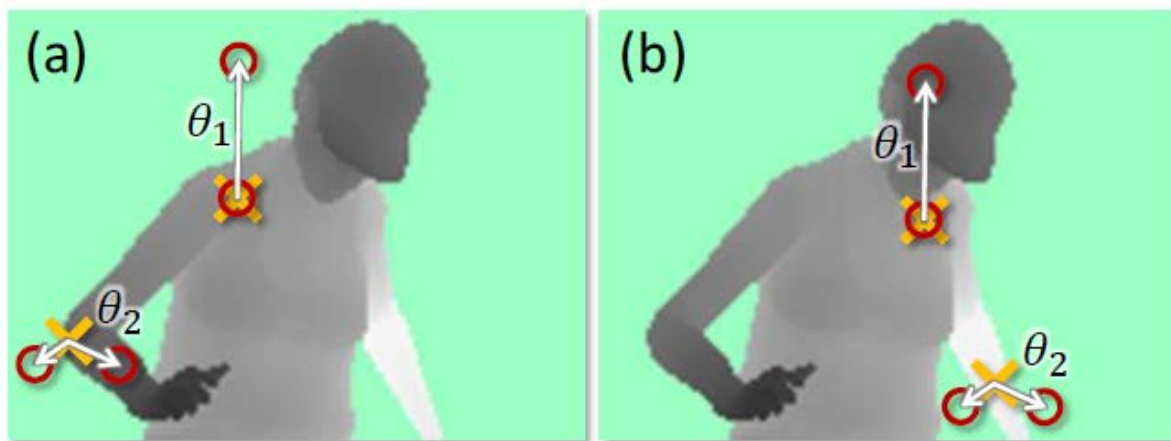
CVPR 2011

Jamie Shotton, Andrew Fitzgibbon, Mat Cook, Toby Sharp, Mark Finocchio, Richard Moore, Alex Kipman, Andrew Blake
Microsoft Research Cambridge & Xbox Incubation

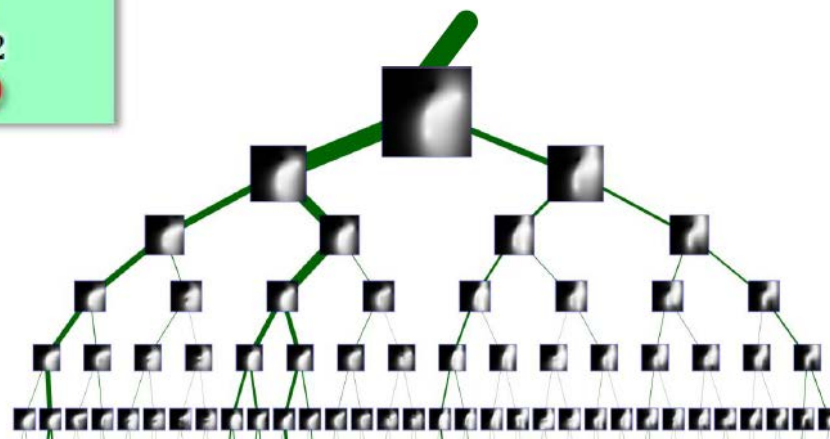
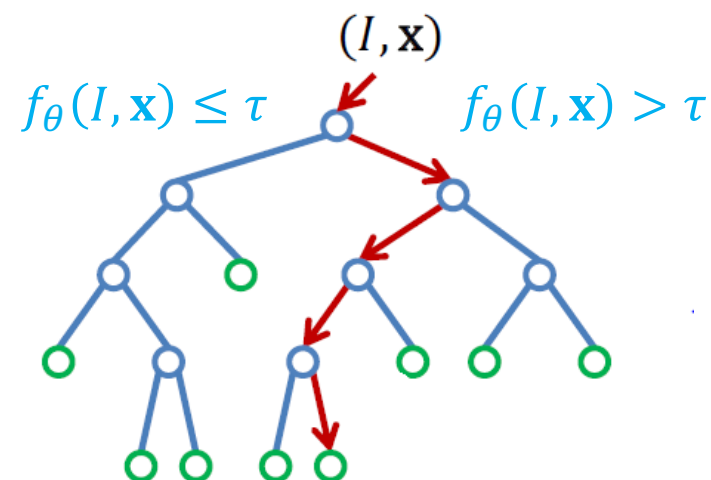
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- For each pixel \mathbf{x} , its class is predicted by a decision tree
- At each node, difference in depth at two chosen points \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} is computed and used as a feature

$$f_{\theta}(I, \mathbf{x}) = d_I\left(\mathbf{x} + \frac{\mathbf{u}}{d_I(\mathbf{x})}\right) - d_I\left(\mathbf{x} + \frac{\mathbf{v}}{d_I(\mathbf{x})}\right)$$



Ensemble of such decision trees
are used: *Random forest*



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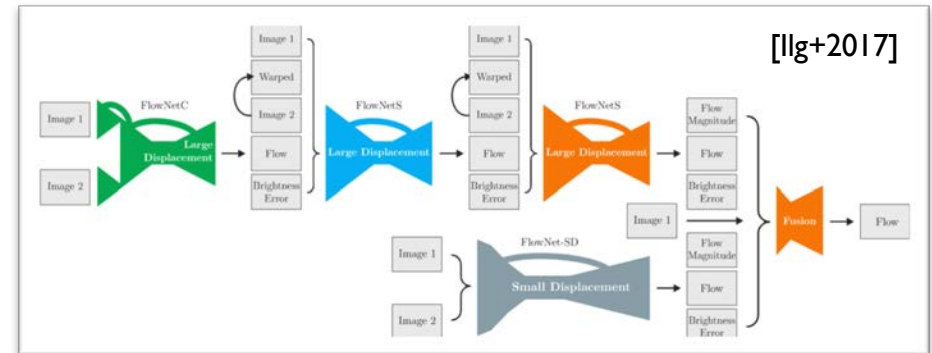
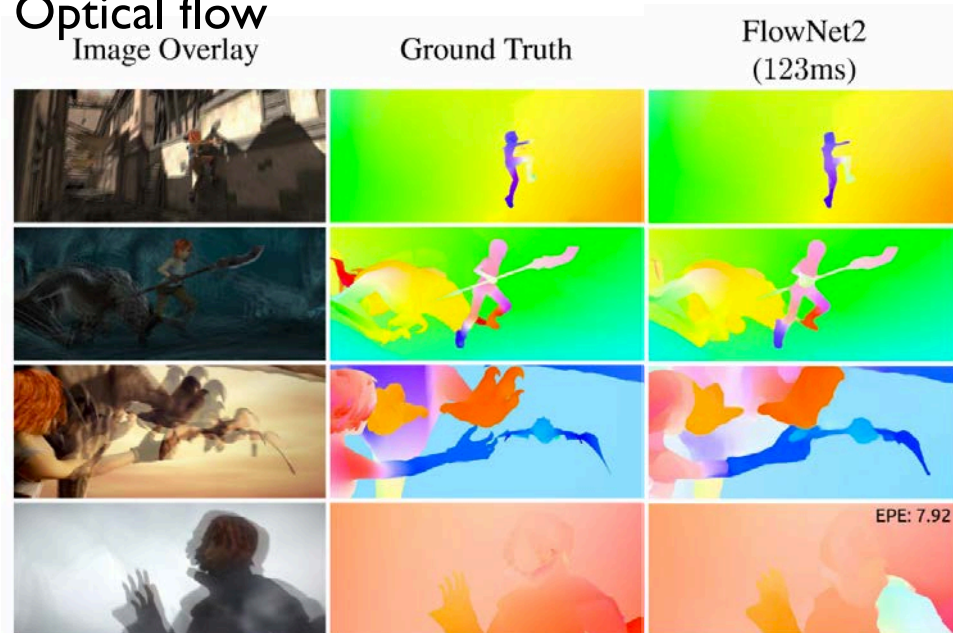
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VI. Paradigm shift: deep learning

- Deep learning has been applied to almost every problem
- Every attempt has achieved a great success almost without any exception!
 - Problems that were (considered to be) too hard to solve in the past
 - Object recognition, semantic segmentation, human pose estimation, monocular depth estimation, image captioning and many other tasks related to “image understanding”, etc.
 - Problems for which good solutions were (considered to be) already found
 - Improved performance in terms of accuracy or computational speed
 - Face detection/recognition, object detection, optical flow estimation, stereo matching, super-resolution, etc.
 - Unclear yet if DL approaches surpass old solutions
 - Structure-from-motion, visual SLAM, etc.

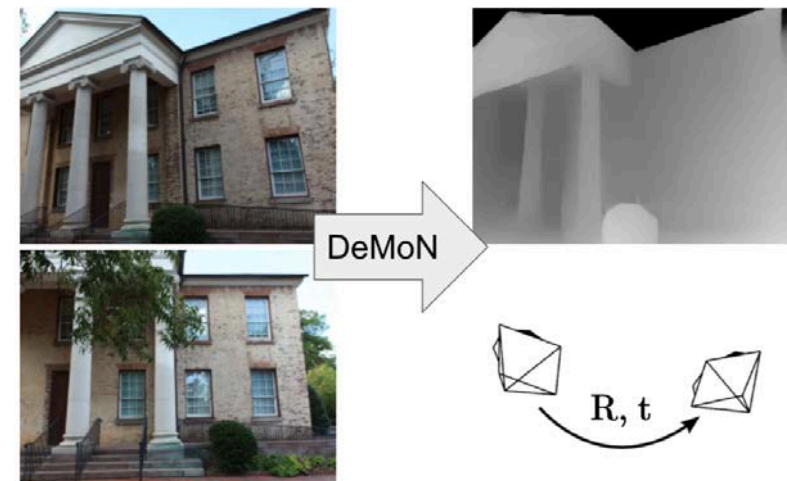
Motion and geometry

Optical flow



Depth & cam. pose

[Ummenhofer+2017]



Stereo matching

[Mayer+2017]

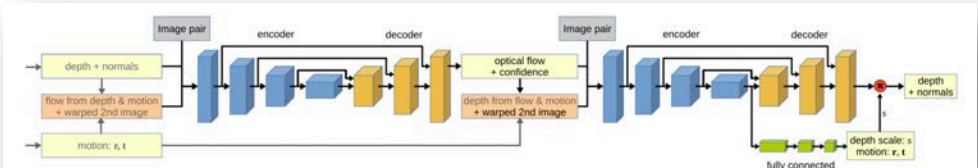
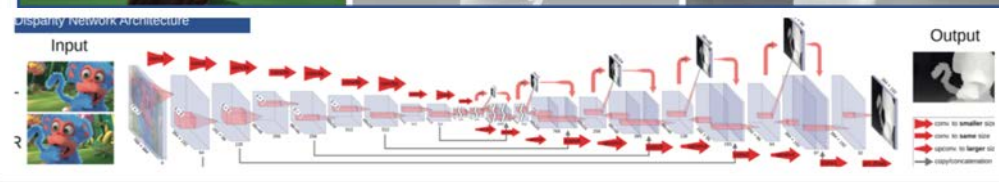
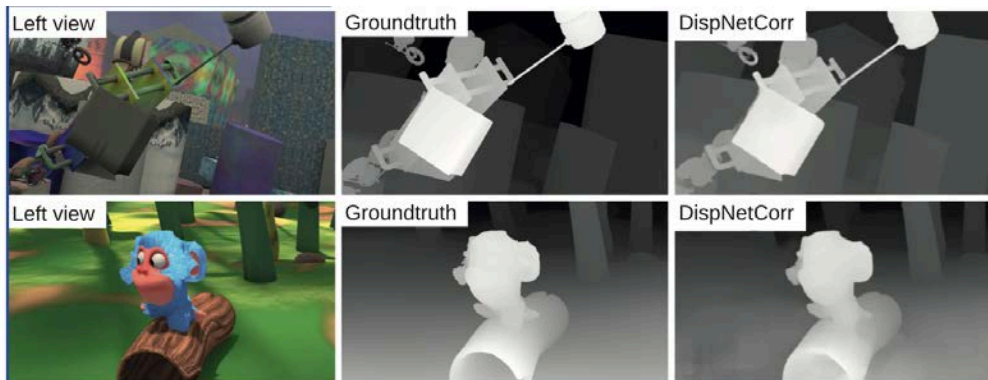
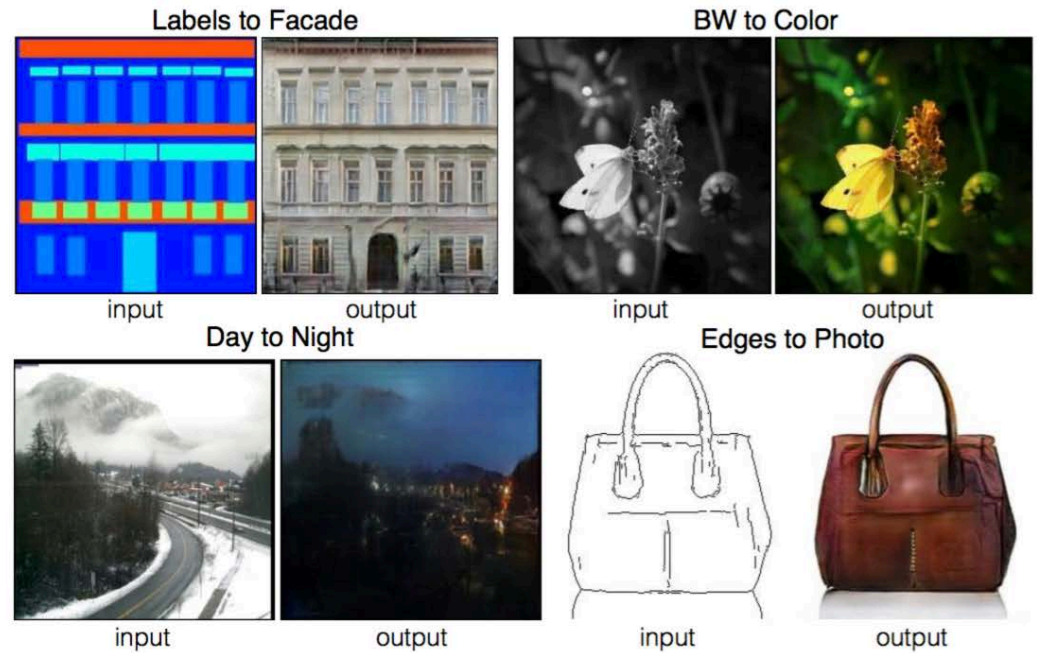


Image synthesis & conversion

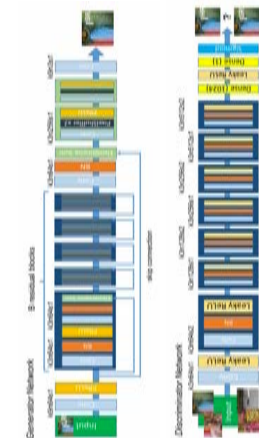
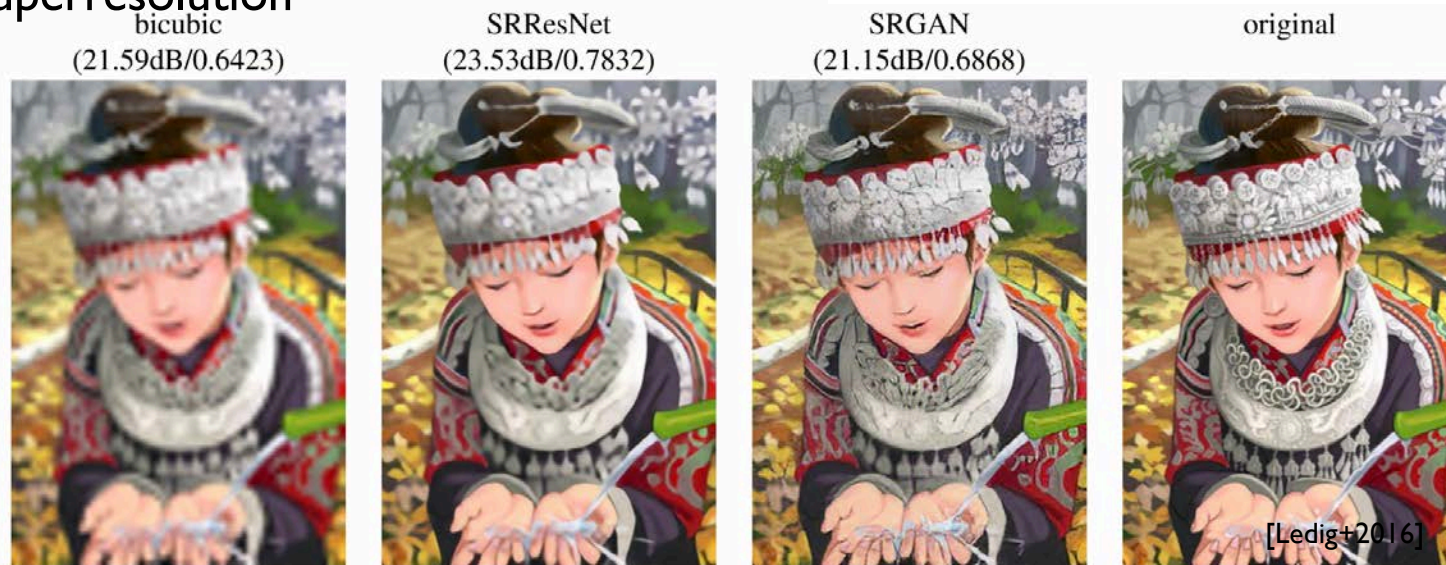
Style transfer



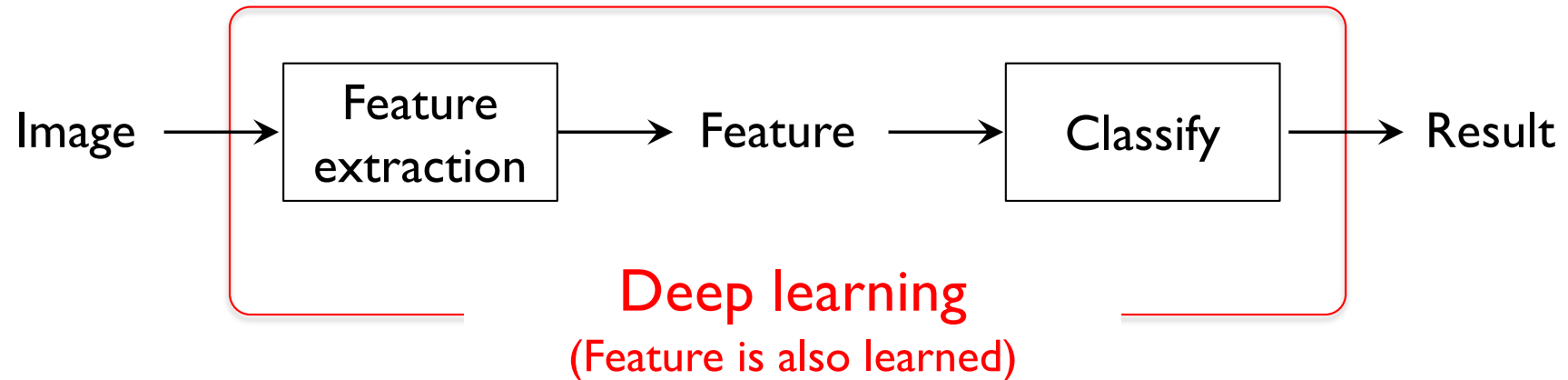
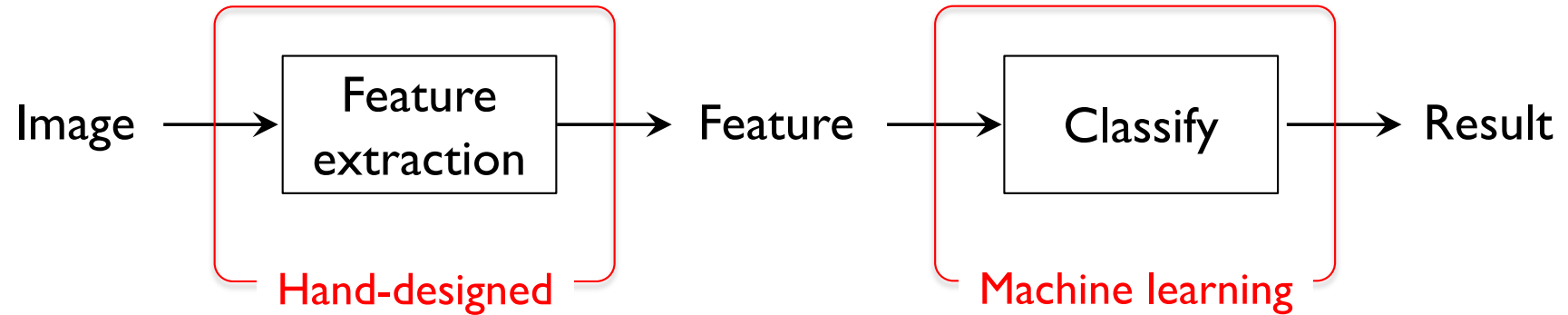
Colorization, etc.



Superresolution



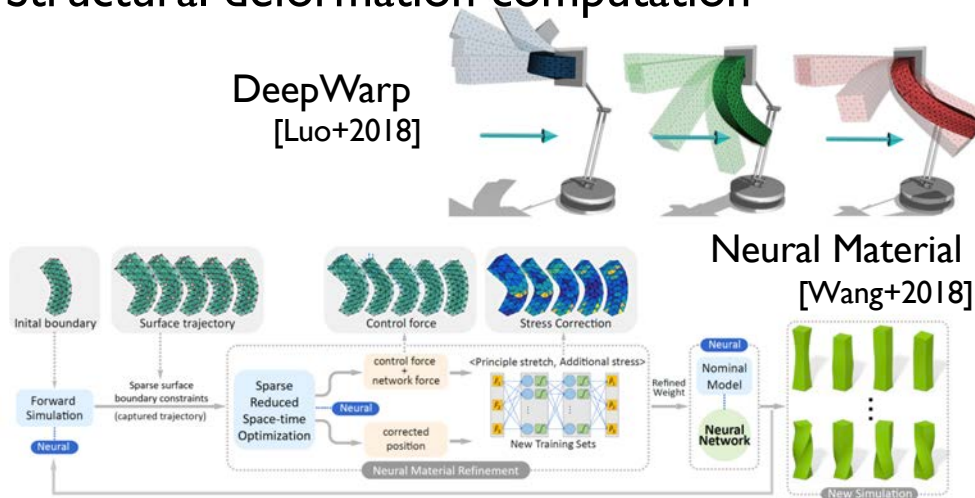
Paradigm has shifted...



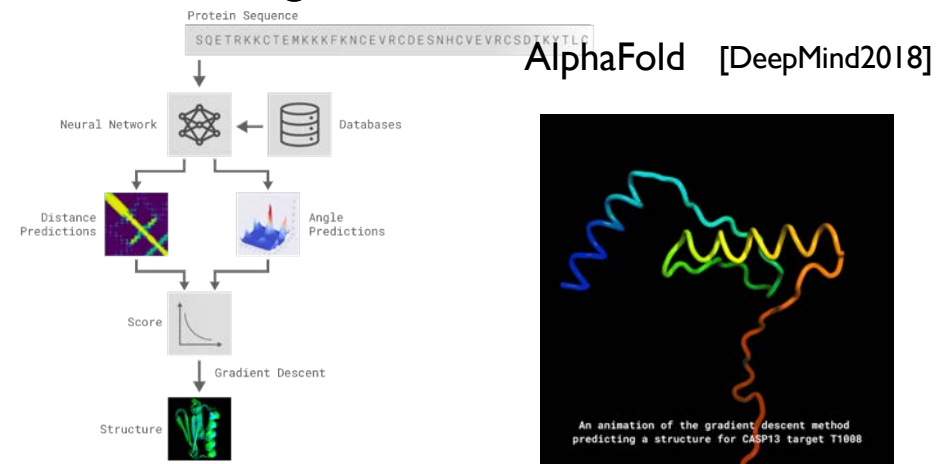
Deep learning is beginning to go beyond CV/AI

- Problems in all engineering/science fields → To solve unsolved problems
- Toward faster computation than simulation → Forward propagation is quick

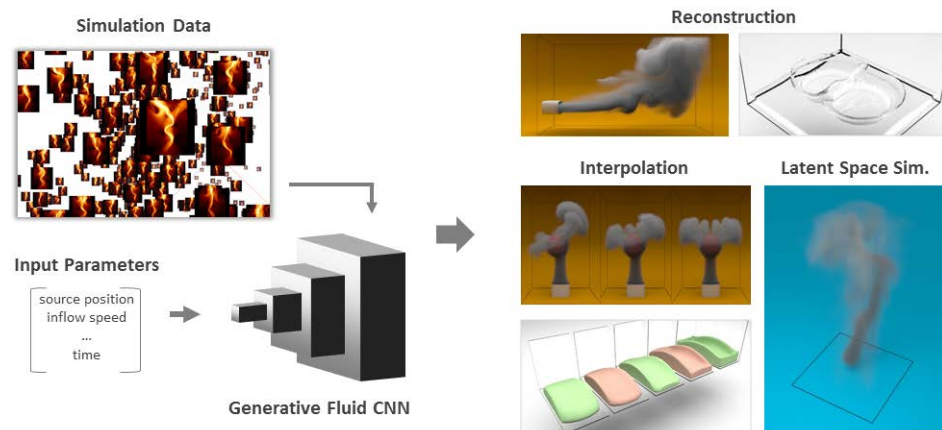
Structural deformation computation



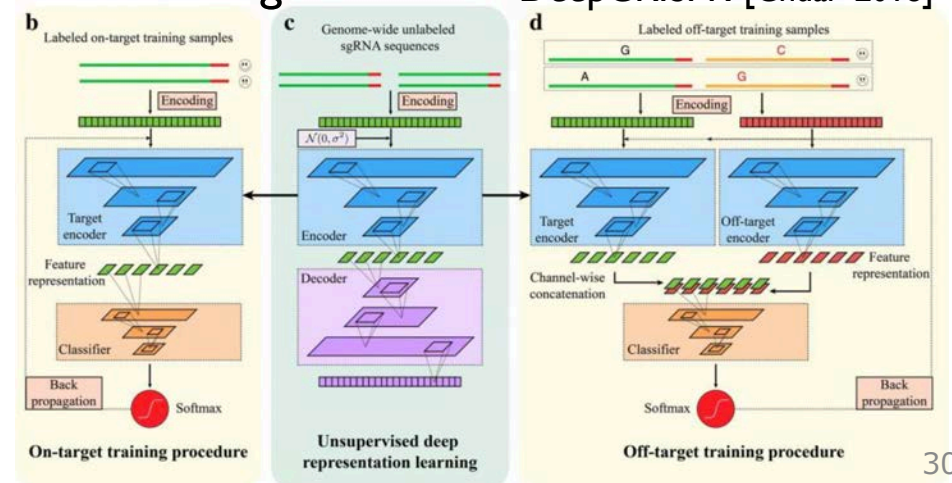
Protein folding



Fluid mechanics



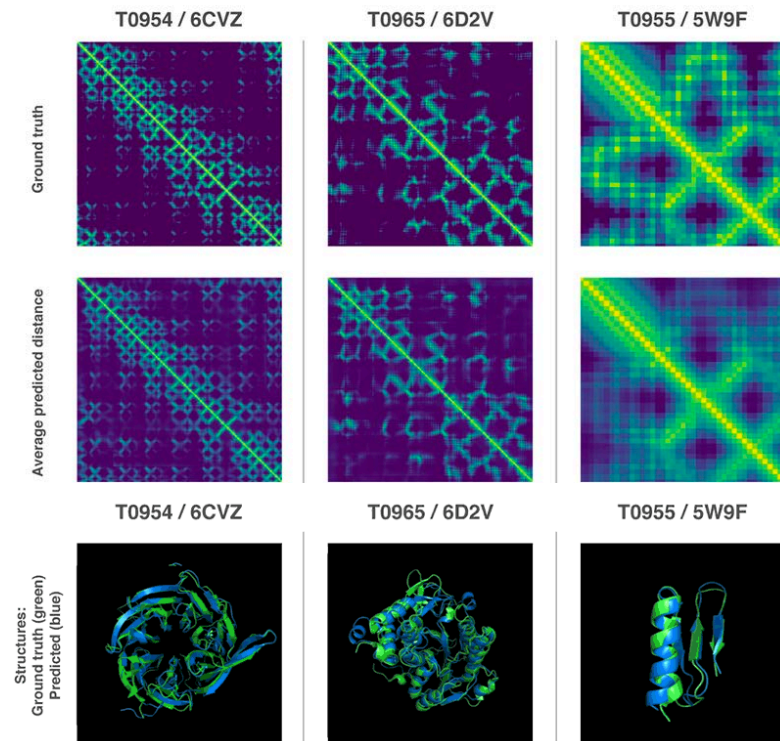
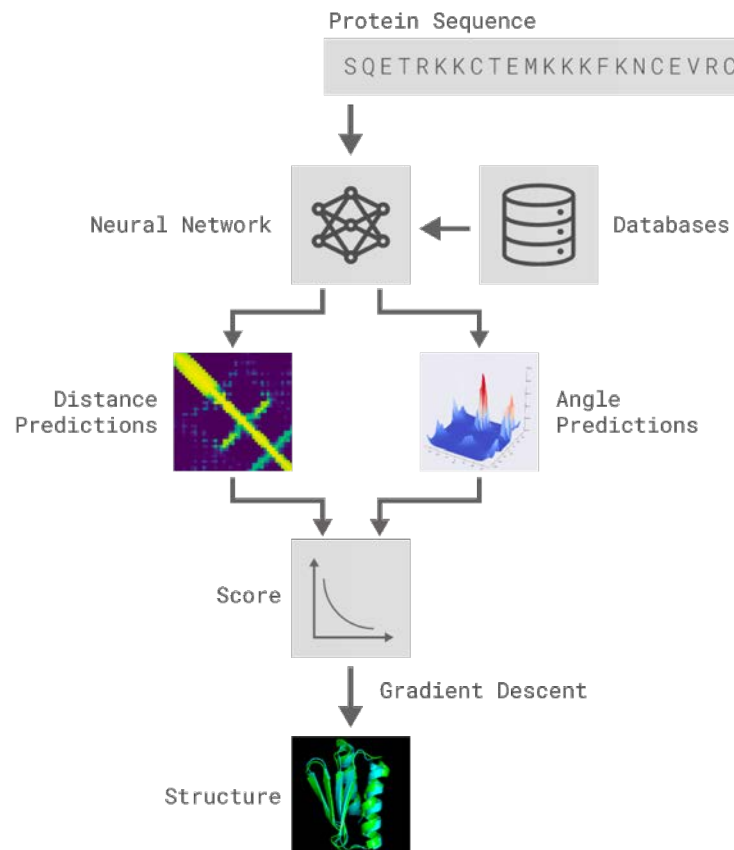
Gene editing



Protein folding problem

DeepMind, <https://deepmind.com/blog/alphafold/>

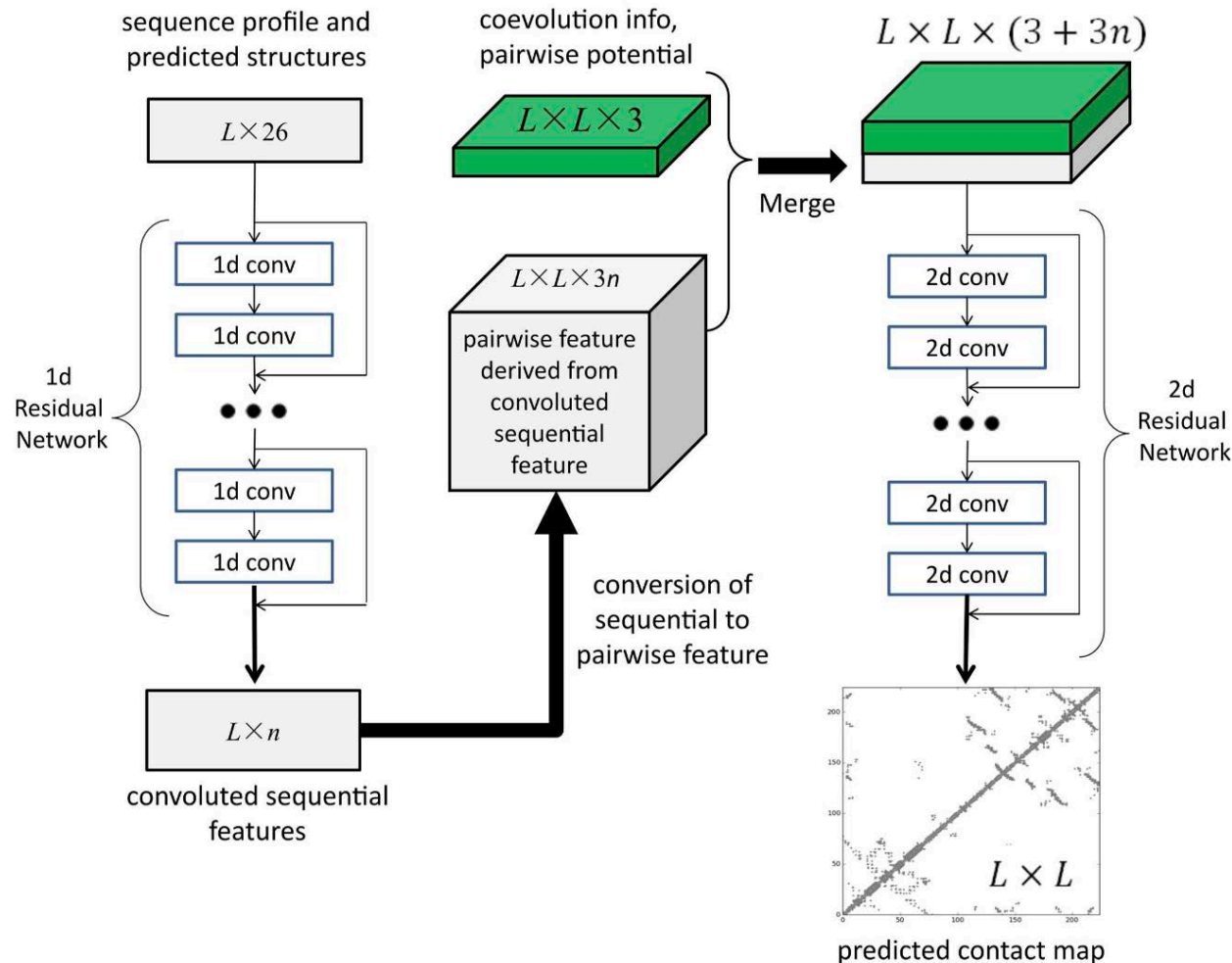
- Want to predict 3D structure of a protein from its genetic sequence
 - Distance and angle between pairs of amino acids are predicted
 - A score function based on these is minimized, yielding 3D structure



Protein folding--- 1st successful application of DNNs

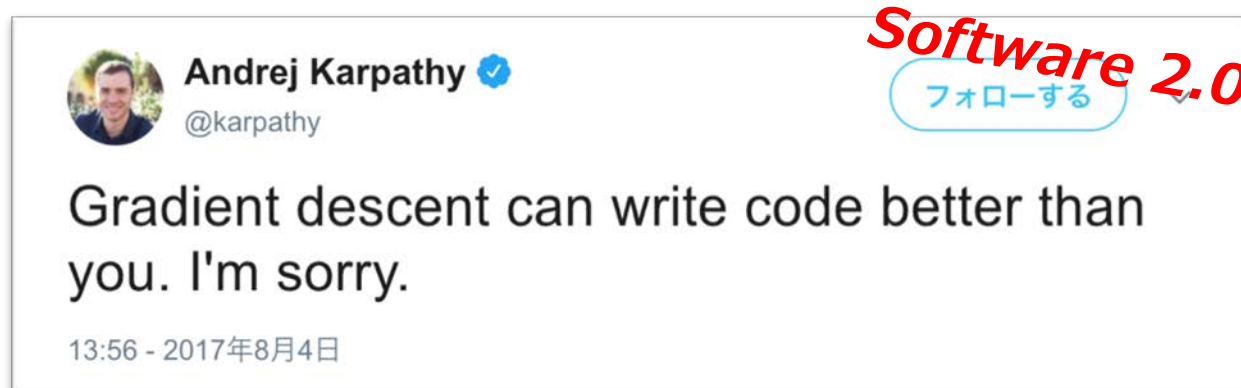
Wang, ... Xu, Accurate DeNovo Prediction of Protein Contact Map by Ultra-Deep Learning Model, PLOS Computational Biology, 2017

- A DNN is applied to predict contacting probability of pairs of amino acids



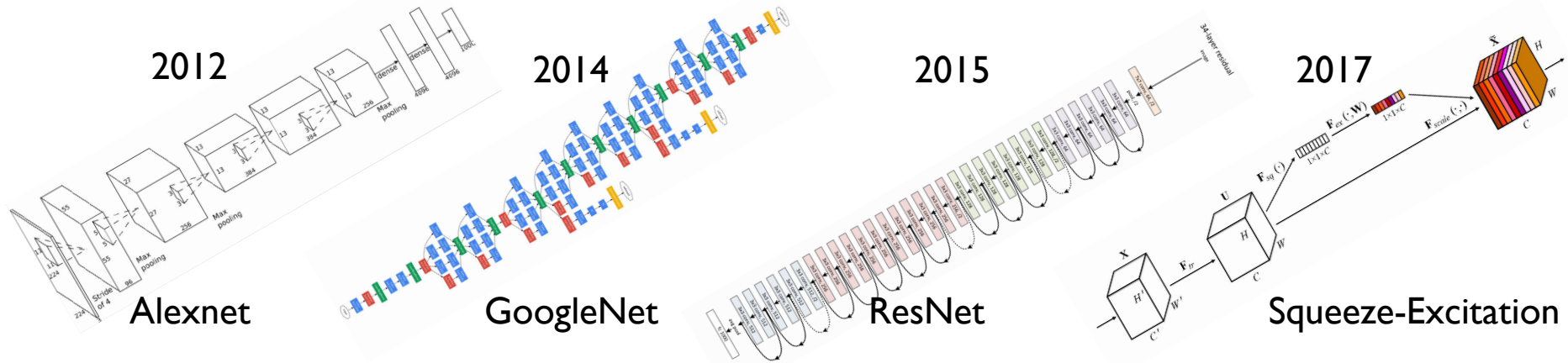
Deep learning in practice

- To apply deep learning to solve a particular task...
 1. Design a network (including determination of inputs/outputs)
 2. Collect (a large, sometimes huge, amount of) training data



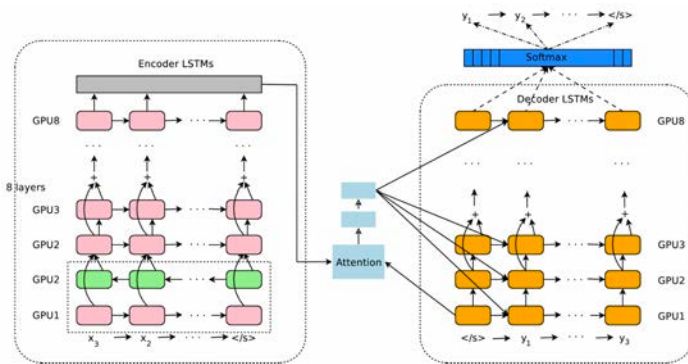
Advancements of network design

- ILSVRC Winners



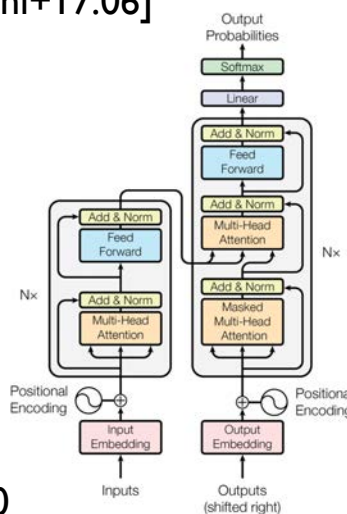
- Neural machine translation

Google's NMT [Wu+16.09]



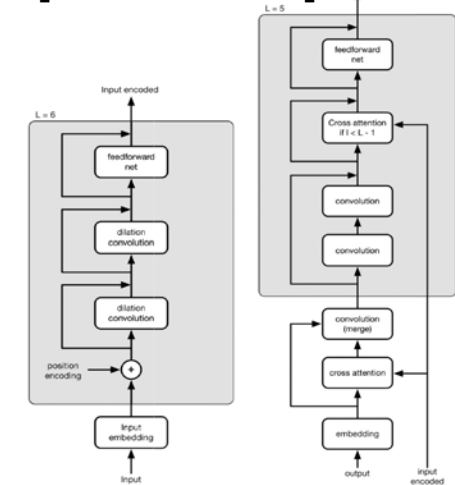
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Attention is all you need [VasWani+17.06]



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CNN is all you need [Chen-Wu,17.12]



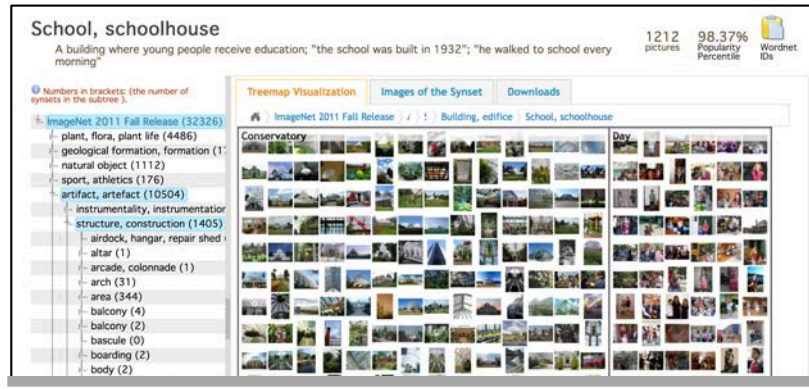
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Examples of datasets

IMAGENET

<http://image-net.org/index>

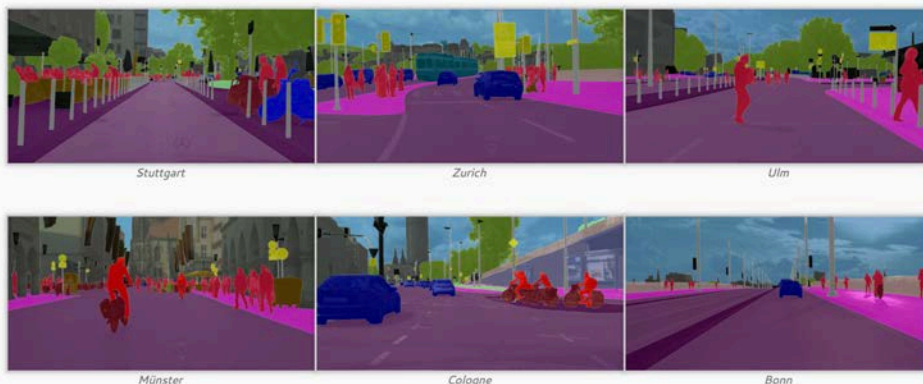
- Object category recognition
- 21841 classes • 14,197,122 images
- Stanford U, Princeton U



CITYSCAPES

<https://www.cityscapes-dataset.com/examples/>

- Semantic segmentation
- 30 classes • 50 cities • 5,000/20,000 images



COCO

<http://cocodataset.org>

- Object classes and segmentation
- 80 objects + 91 stuffs; 330,000 images
- Cornell U, Microsoft



KITTI Vision

<http://www.cvlibs.net/datasets/kitti/index.php>

- Stereo vision, optical flow etc. > 100GB
- Karlsruhe Institute of Tech., TTI Chicago



Examples of datasets

MPII Human Pose Dataset

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

- Human pose
- All joints; 40,000 persons; 25,000 images
- Max Planck Institute Informatik



CelebA

<http://mmlab.ie.cuhk.edu.hk/projects/CelebA.html>

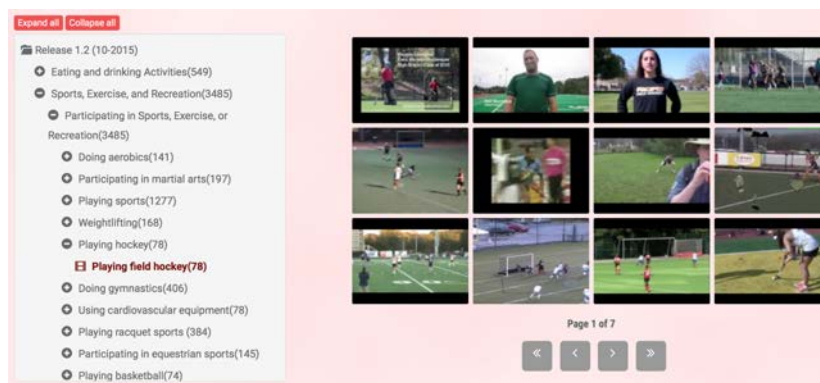
- Face images
- 40 attributes • 10,177 persons • 202,599 images
- 香港中文大学



ACTIVITYNET

<http://activity-net.org>

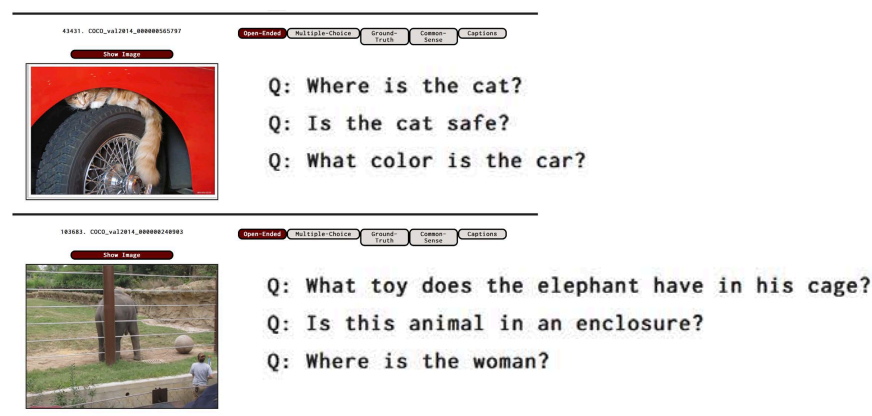
- Human activity in video
- 200 classes; 20,000 video clips (648 hours)
- サウジ王立科技大・ノルテ大 (コロンビア)



VQA

<http://visualqa.org/index.html>

- Visual question and answering
- 5.4 questions per image; 10 ans; 265,016 images
- Virginia Tech., Georgia Tech.



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