

CS 4476-B: Computer Vision

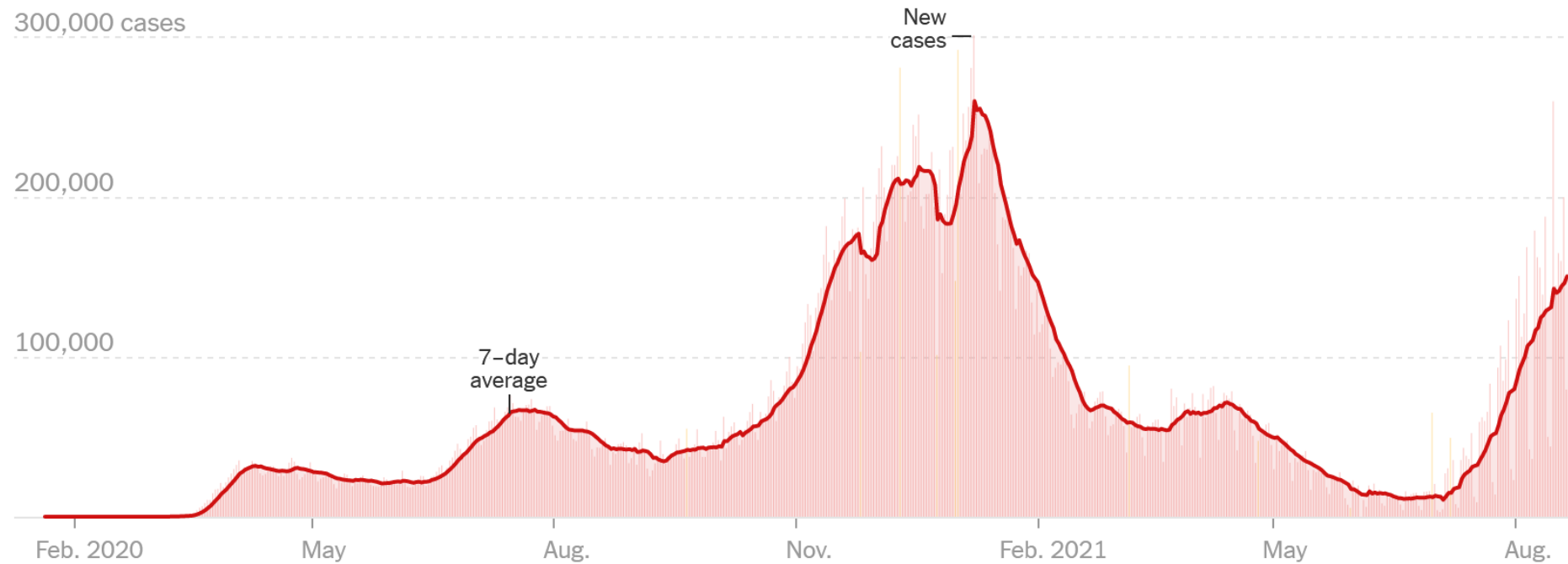
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Today's Class

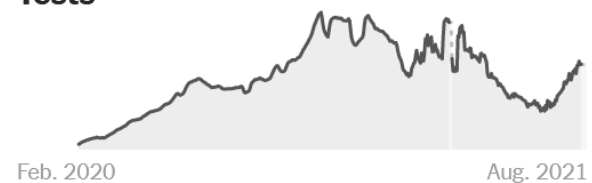
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New reported cases

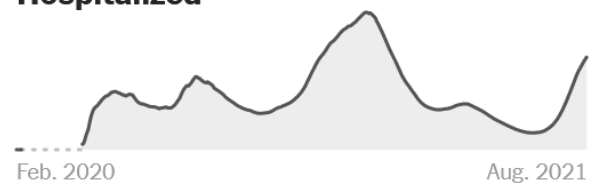


These are days with a reporting anomaly. Read more [here](#).

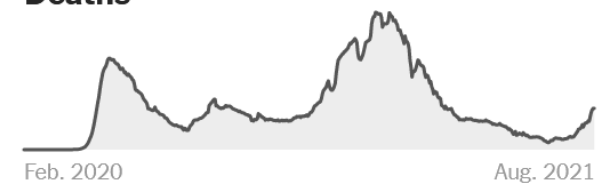
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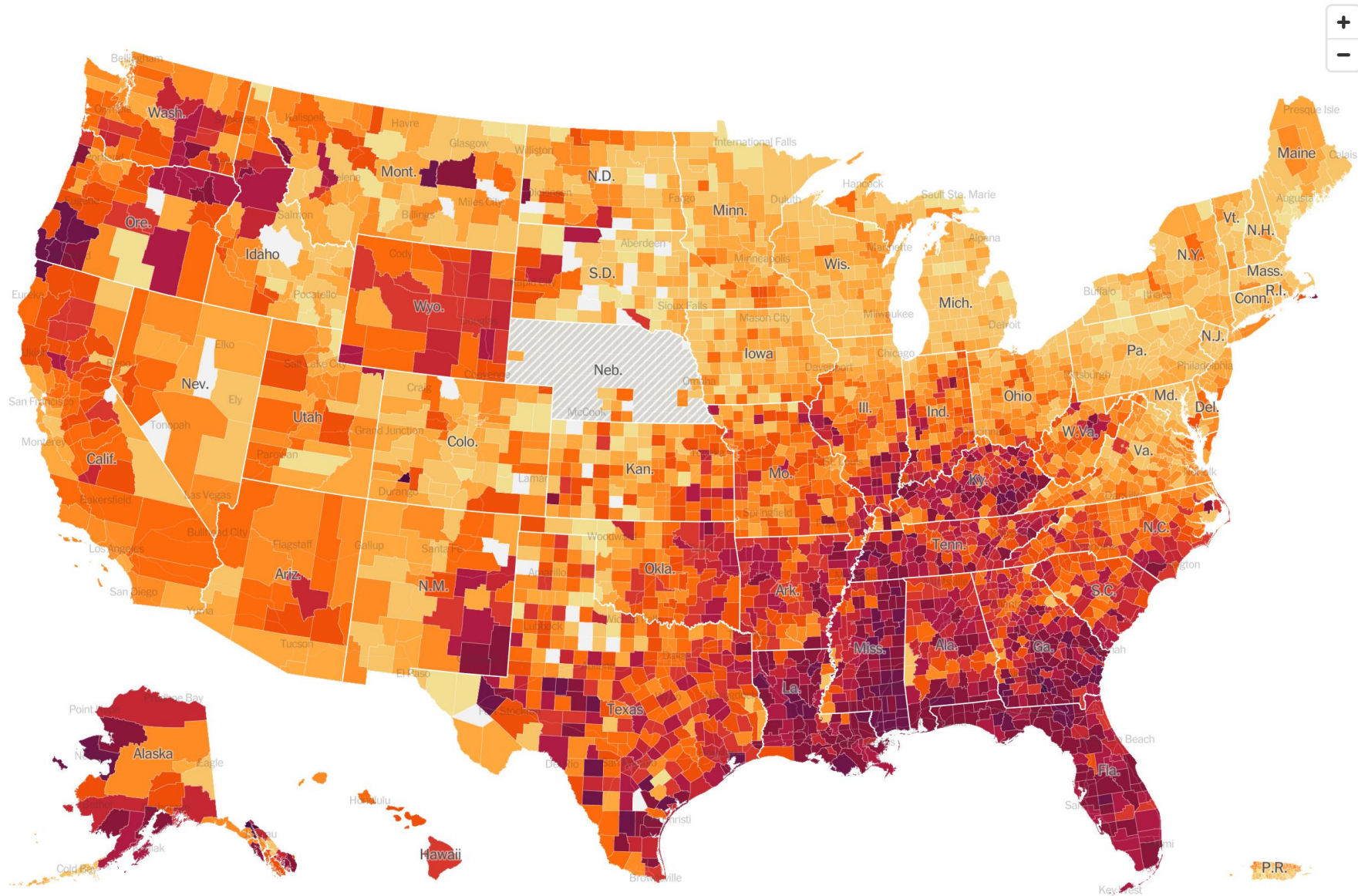


Hospitalized



Deaths



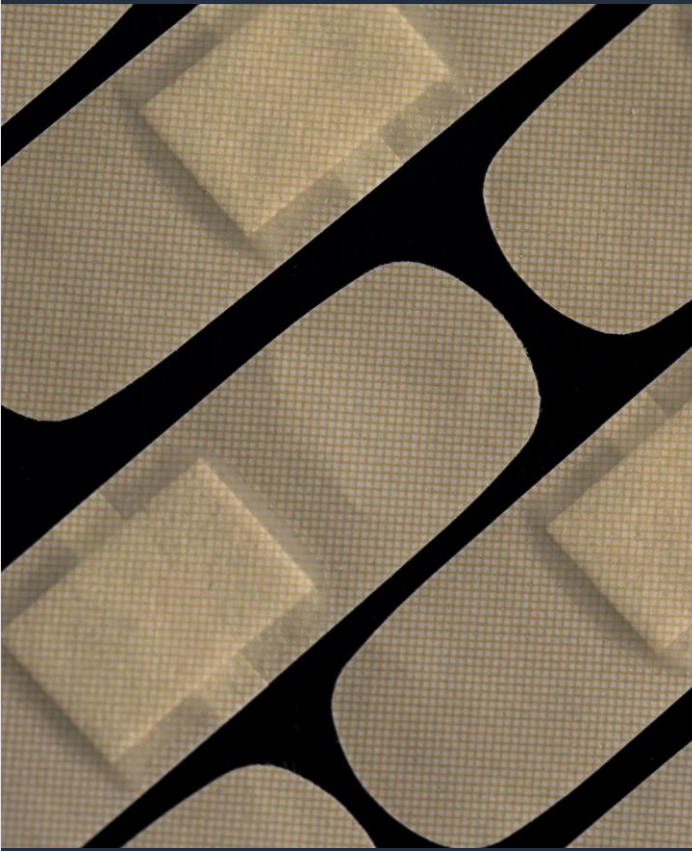


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Some Facts for Students

By Deven R. Desai, Scheller
College





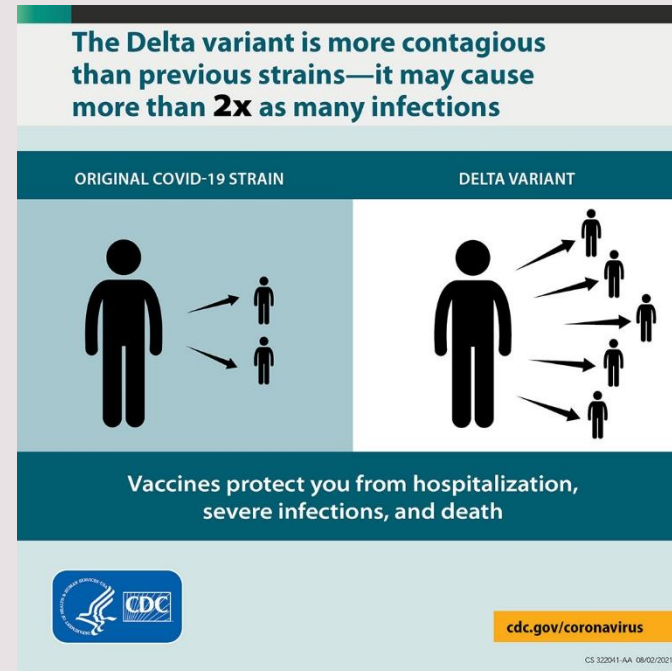
Layered Protection is the strongest protection

- Getting vaccinated is vital!
- Masking protects everyone!
- Getting tested weekly helps keep GA Tech open!
- Doing all three is the highest level of protection for you and the GA Tech community.
- Now, let's dig in a bit.

Delta Is Different

The Delta Variant “is about a thousand times more infectious than the original strains of the virus”

Céline Gounder, a clinical assistant professor of medicine and infectious disease at NYU’s Grossman School of Medicine, [STATNews](#)





Getting vaccinated is vital!

"We know that the vaccines work," Kemp said. [Fox5-Atlanta](#)

"My family, myself, and other state leaders have all rolled up their sleeves and gotten their shot," Kemp tweeted. "I encourage all Georgians who have concerns or questions to talk to a medical provider and get vaccinated as quickly as possible." [U.S. News](#)

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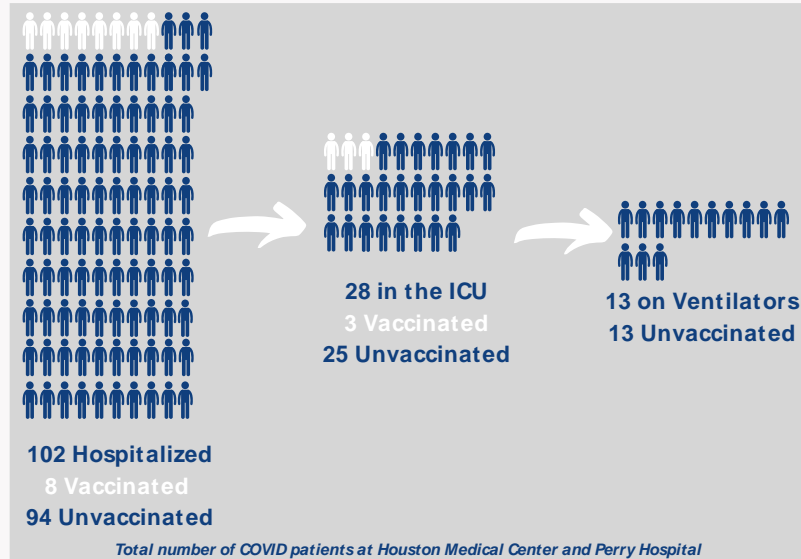
Myth - Vaccination means no illness.

Reality: Vaccination prevents severe illness and reduces death.

Example: Provincetown outbreak - Of at least 965 positive cases that were traced to heavily vaccinated Provincetown, where around **60,000 people had gathered** for the holiday weekend, ***not a single death was reported and just seven people were hospitalized.*** [NY Times](#)

Getting vaccinated is vital!

Vaccinated versus Unvaccinated outcomes



COVID Hospitalizations
August 16, 2021



[Houston Healthcare](#)

Vaccination Protects Others and Reduces the Chance of Spreading Covid.

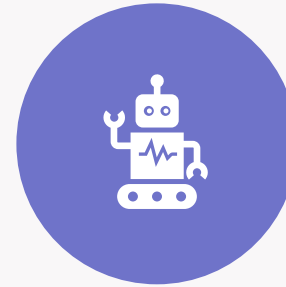
A recent study has shown that those who are fully vaccinated may carry the virus, and therefore be contagious, for fewer days than their unvaccinated counterparts. That suggests an even bigger overall difference in transmission between places with high and low vaccination rates. -- NY Times

In short: When you are vaccinated, you ensure that you are less likely to carry Covid to your family, friends, and those you love.

Masking protects everyone!



Q: WHY WEAR A MASK? AFTER
ALL, IT'S NOT REQUIRED.



A: FACTS AND LOGIC.

Masking protects everyone! Facts

Exposure Matters: “The way to think about your exposure is dose times time. So your dose is a reflection of how much virus the person is carrying, but it’s also diluted in the air around them.”

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Breathing – “Airborne transmission arises through the inhalation of aerosol droplets exhaled by an infected person and is now thought to be the primary transmission route of COVID-19.” [Bazant and Bush, PNAS, 2021](#)

Masking protects everyone! Facts

1. You breathe through your nose and mouth.
2. "There's a lot of virus in my nose and throat, therefore, there's a lot of virus in the air that I cough out or breathe out." Michael Marks, associate professor at the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, [Gothamist](#).
3. To work, your mask **MUST** cover your NOSE and MOUTH.

Masking Protects You Inside a Room

Facts – Nerd out GA Tech Style!

“Our theoretical model quantifies the extent to which transmission risk is reduced in large rooms with high air exchange rates, increased for more vigorous respiratory activities, and dramatically reduced by the use of face masks. Consideration of a number of outbreaks yields self-consistent estimates for the infectiousness of the new coronavirus.” – [Bazant and Bush, PNAS, 2021](#)

Huh?

In short, the more vaccinated people in a room who are also masked, the lower the exposure risk.

Masking protects everyone! Logic

1. The idea that you can not be masked while inside rested on *everyone being vaccinated*.
2. Problem: One cannot know whether everyone in the room is vaccinated.
3. Solution: When one cannot know the status of other folks, wearing your mask is the best move to
 - A. Decrease the chance of becoming ill and especially severely ill (as in hospitalized)
 - B. Decrease the chance you might spread Covid to family, friends, and loved ones.

Conclusion

GA Tech continues to work to protect our community, but we all need to do our part. The simplest, strongest things you can do to protect our community, you, and our ability to stay open are

1. Get vaccinated,
2. Wear a mask, and
3. Get tested weekly.

United States | 18 - 29 Years

131,261

Total Admissions

Aug 01, 2020 - Aug 20, 2021

726

Current 7-Day Average

Aug 14, 2021 - Aug 20, 2021

715

Prior 7-Day Average

Aug 07, 2021 - Aug 13, 2021

744

Peak 7-Day Average

Aug 12, 2021 - Aug 18, 2021

+1.5%

Percent change from prior 7-day
avg. of Aug 07, 2021 - Aug 13, 2021

-2.4%

Percent change from peak 7-day
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New Admissions of Patients with Confirmed COVID-19 per 100,000 Population by Age Group, United States Aug 01, 2020 - Aug 20, 2021

By Jurisdiction and Age Group

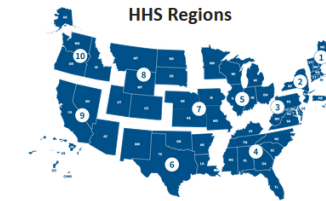
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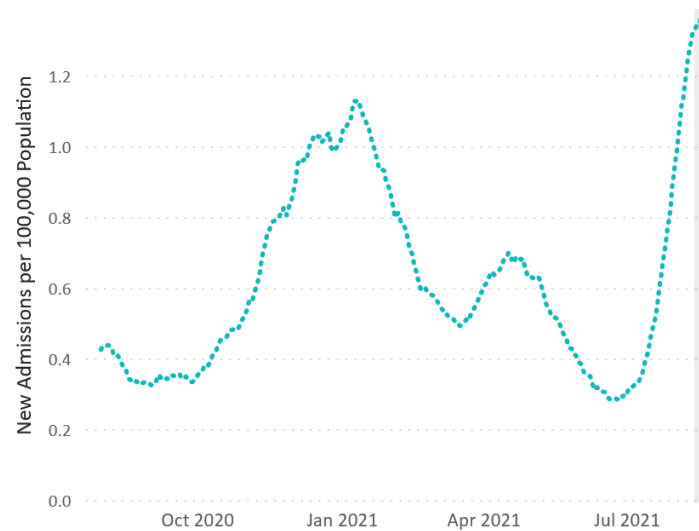
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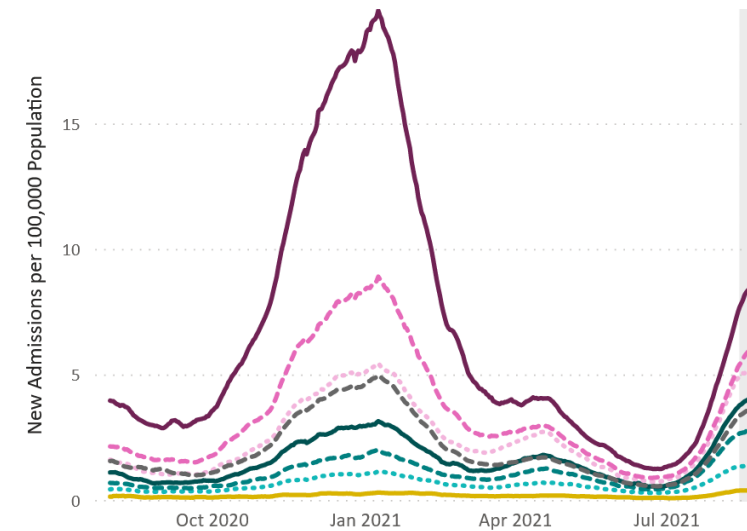


United States | 18 - 29 Years



Age Group — 0 - 17 Years — 18 - 29 Years — 30 - 39 Years — 40 - 49 Years — 50 - 59 Years — 60 - 69 Years — 70+ Years — All Ages

United States | All Age Groups



Based on reporting from all hospitals (N=5,251). Due to potential reporting delays, data reported in the most recent 7 days (as represented by the shaded bar) should be interpreted with caution.

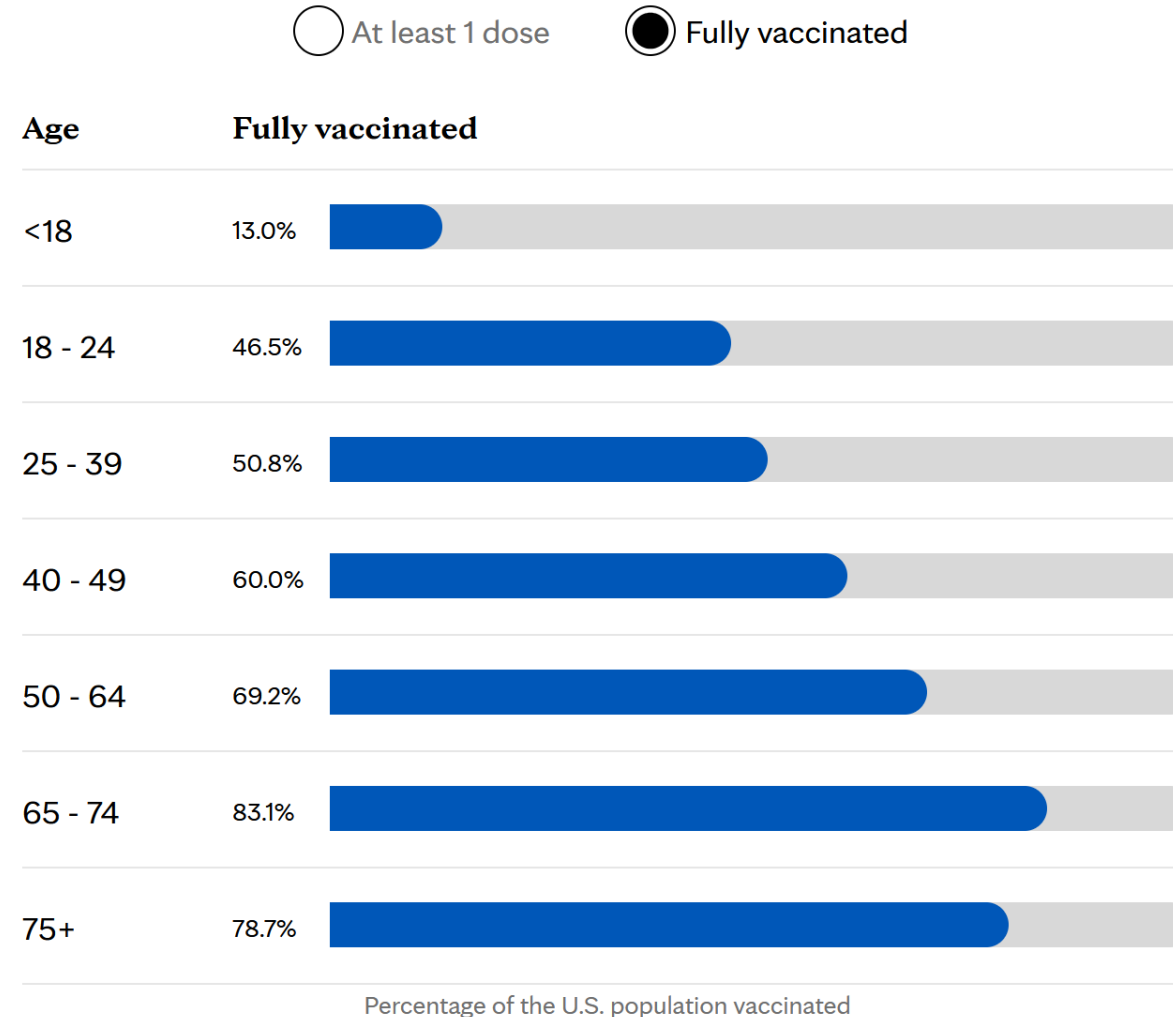
Small shifts in historic data may occur due to changes in the CMS Provider of Services file, which is used to identify the cohort of included hospitals. Data since December 1, 2020 have had error correction methodology applied. Data prior to this date may have anomalies that are still being resolved. Note that the above graphs are often shown on different scales. Data prior to August 1, 2020 are unavailable.

Last Updated: Aug 22, 2021

























Unified Hospital Dataset, White House COVID-19 Team, Data Strategy and Execution Workgroup

U.S. COVID-19 vaccines by age

This chart shows the percentage of the U.S. population that has received a vaccination, broken down by age.



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For all of these reasons, in-person attendance is **discouraged** unless you are

Masking

Vaccinated

Symptom free

Even doing all of those things, there is risk, so I am happy for students to attend lecture through Bluejeans

in person for students who do not want to attend in person or who are under quarantine.

[^] Every 1st Week; from August 23rd 2021 on Monday, Wednesday, at 12:30 pm for 1 hours 15 minutes till December 8th 2021

BlueJeans Meetings Currently In Progress

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Office hours poll

How would you prefer to attend TA office hours?

- ☐ In person, indoors
- ☐ In person, outdoors
- ☐ via Bluejeans

Submit

You have **not yet** voted.

Revoting is **allowed**. Select your vote and click submit to register your vote.

Your name will **not be visible to anyone**.

logistics

edit

good poll | 0

Office hours poll closes in 2 day(s)

A total of 0 votes in 0 hours

0 (0% of users)



In person, indoors

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In person, outdoors

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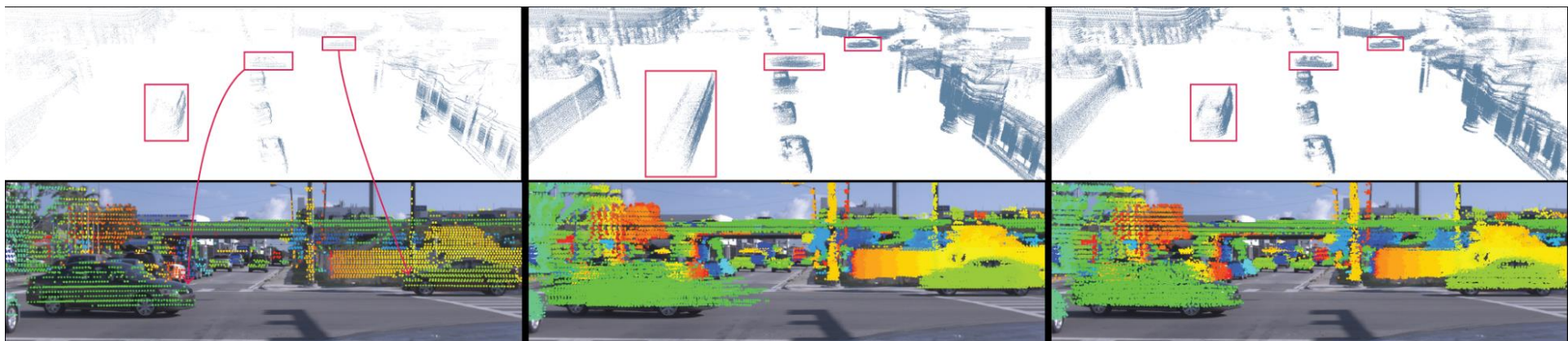
A bit about me





What type of stuff do I work on?

Understanding Lidar

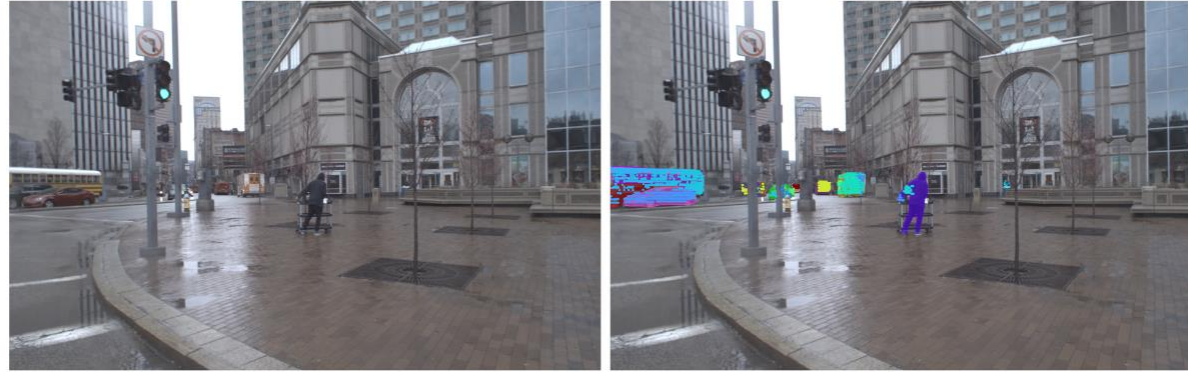


Scene Flow from Point Clouds with or without Learning

[Jhony Kaesemodel Pontes](#), [James Hays](#), [Simon Lucey](#)

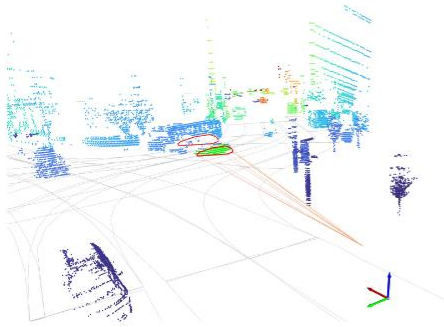
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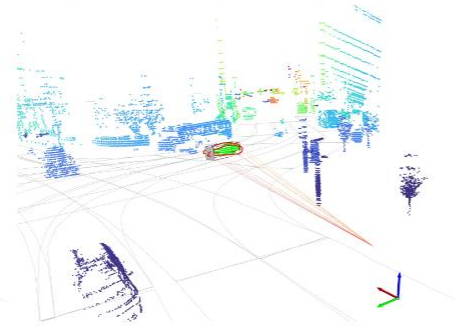


(a) Original camera image

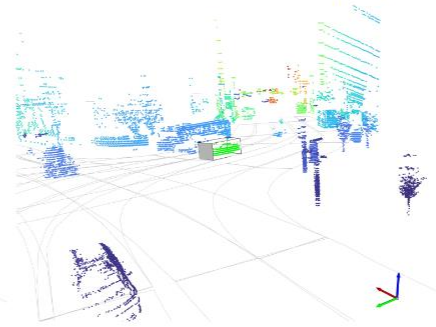
(b) Frustum proposals



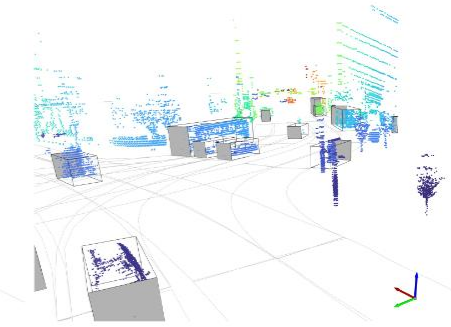
(c) Object frustum proposal



(d) LiDAR instance segmentation



(e) Amodal completion



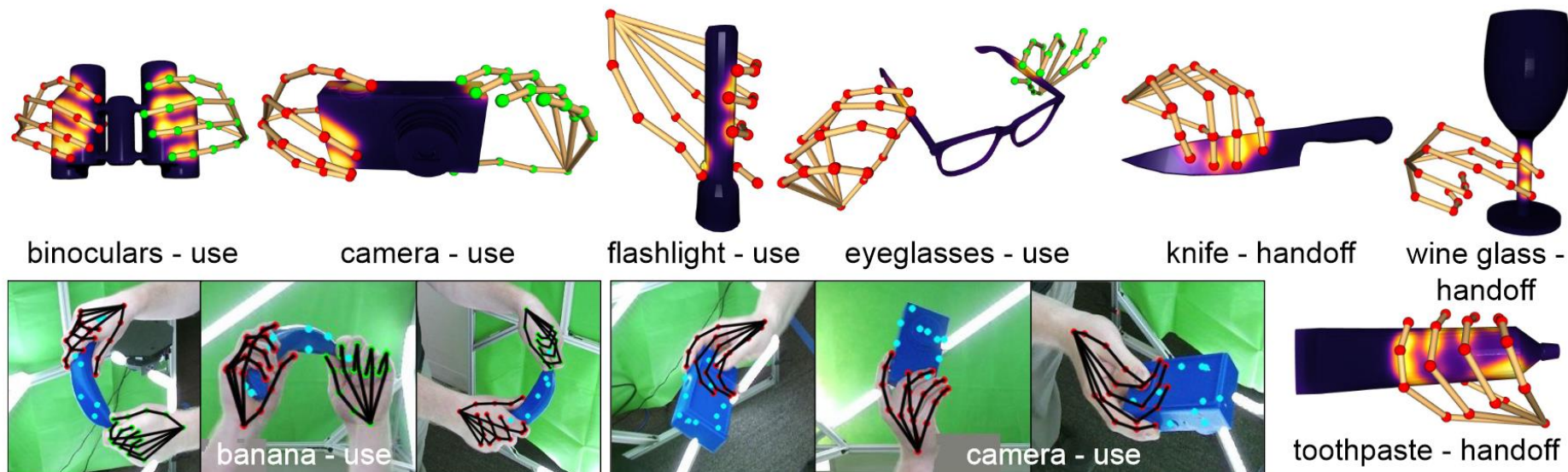
(f) Final cuboids

3D for Free: Crossmodal Transfer Learning using HD Maps

[Benjamin Wilson](#), [Zsolt Kira](#), [James Hays](#)

<https://arxiv.org/abs/2008.10592>

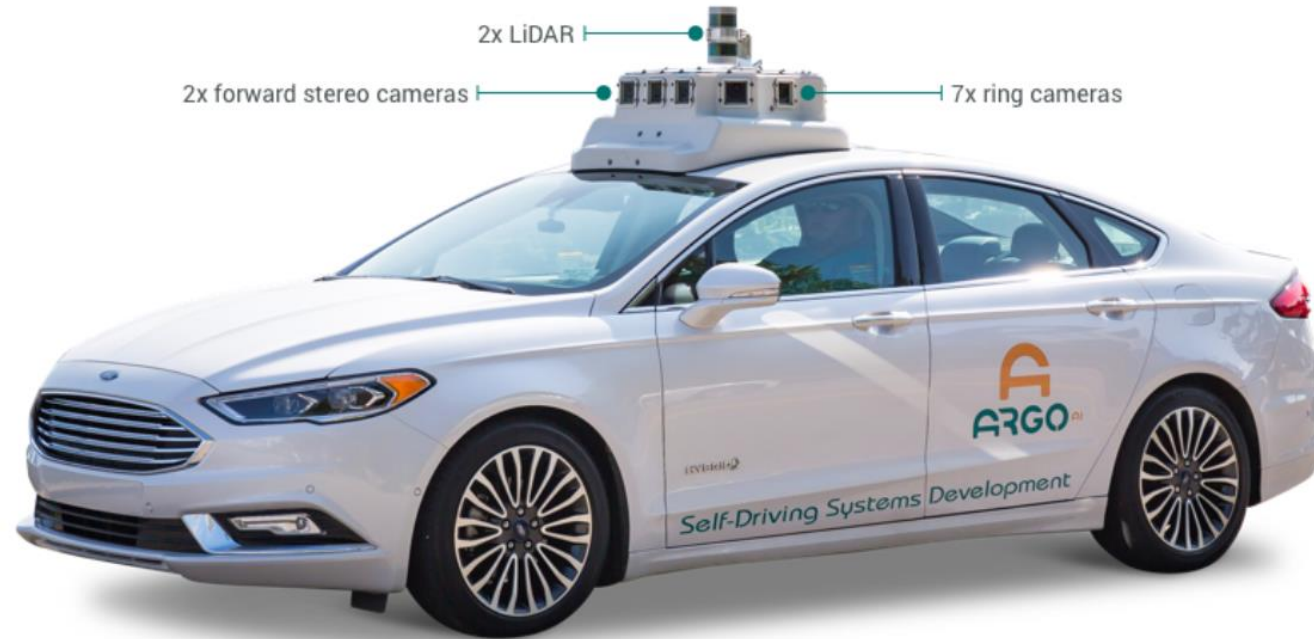
Exploring new data sources



ContactPose: A Dataset of Grasps with Object Contact and Hand Pose

[Samarth Brahmbhatt](#), [Chengcheng Tang](#), [Christopher D. Twigg](#), [Charles C. Kemp](#), [James Hays](#) ECCV 2020

Exploring new data sources



LIDAR

- 2 roof-mounted LiDAR sensors
- Overlapping 40° vertical field of view
- Range of 200m
- On average, our LiDAR sensors produce a point cloud with ~ 107,000 points at 10 Hz

Cameras

- Seven high-resolution ring cameras (1920 x 1200) recording at 30 Hz with a combined 360° field of view
- Two front-view facing stereo cameras (2056 x 2464) sampled at 5 Hz

Localization

We use a city-specific coordinate system for vehicle localization. We include 6-DOF localization for each timestamp, from a combination of GPS-based and sensor-based localization methods.

Calibration

Sensor measurements for each driving session are stored in "logs." For each log, we provide intrinsic and extrinsic calibration data for LiDAR and all nine cameras.

<https://www.argoverse.org/>

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What is Computer Vision?

Derogatory summary of computer vision:
Machine learning applied to visual data

Computer Vision

- Automatic understanding of images and video
 1. Computing properties of the 3D world from visual data
(measurement)

1. Vision for measurement

Real-time stereo



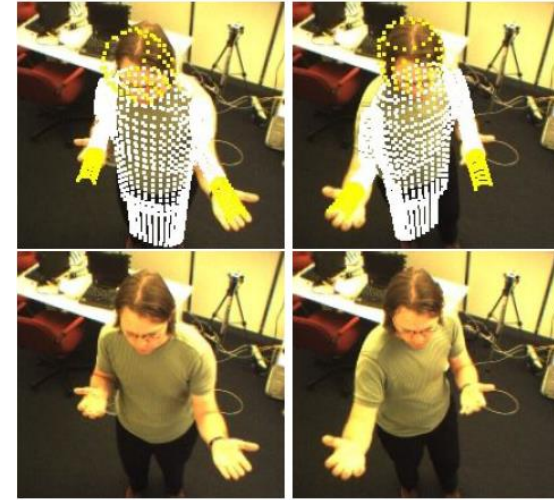
Wang et al.

Structure from motion



Snavely et al.

Tracking

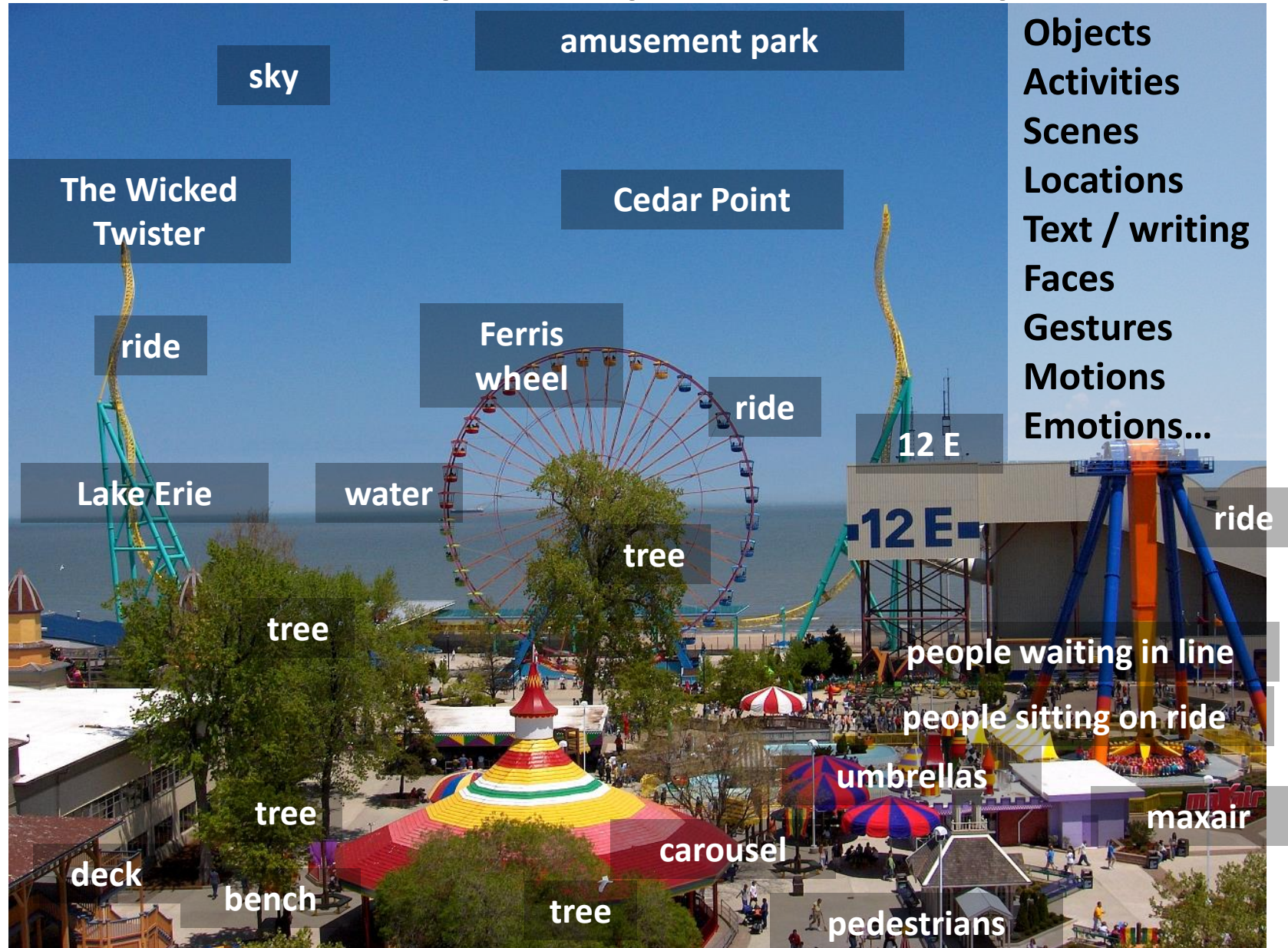


Demirdjian et al.

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2. Vision for perception, interpretation

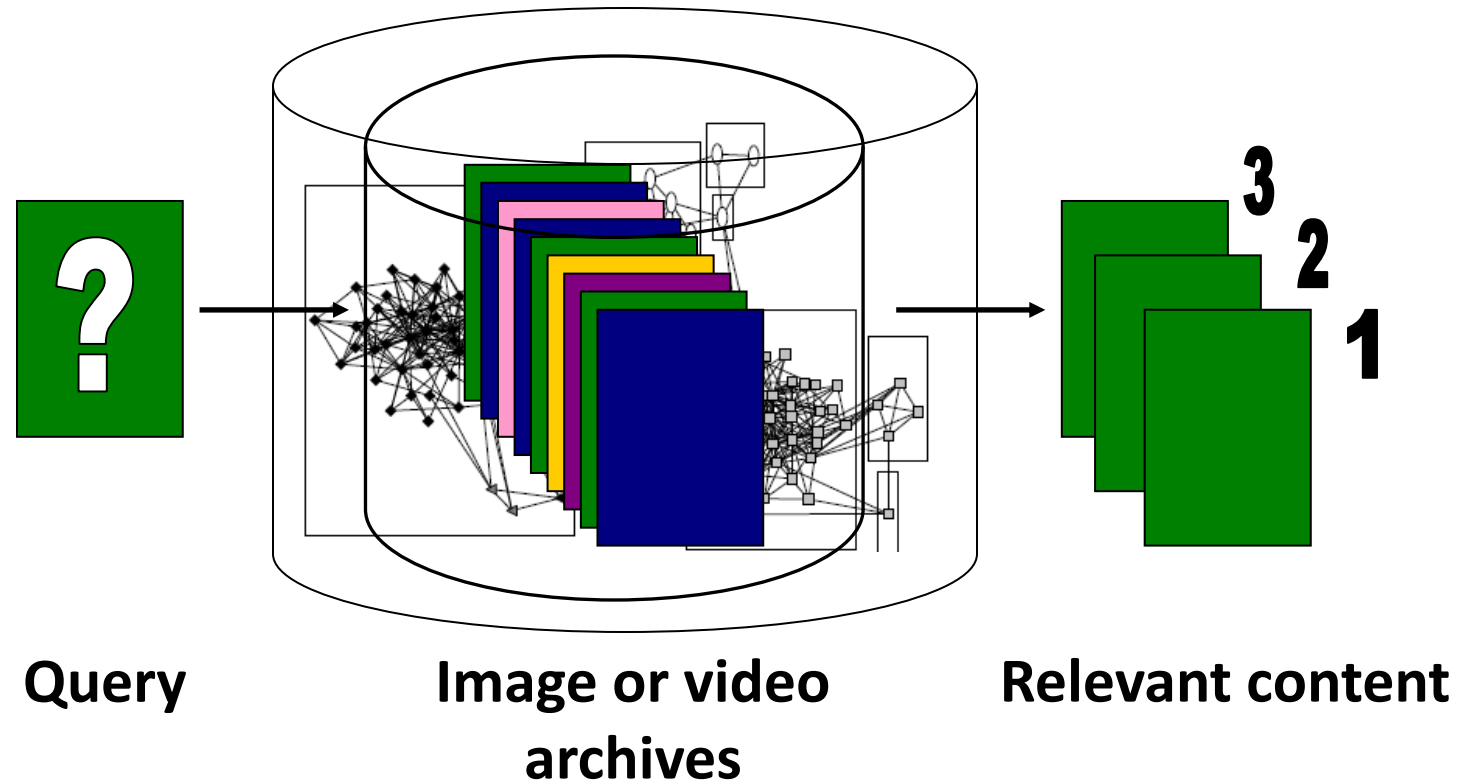


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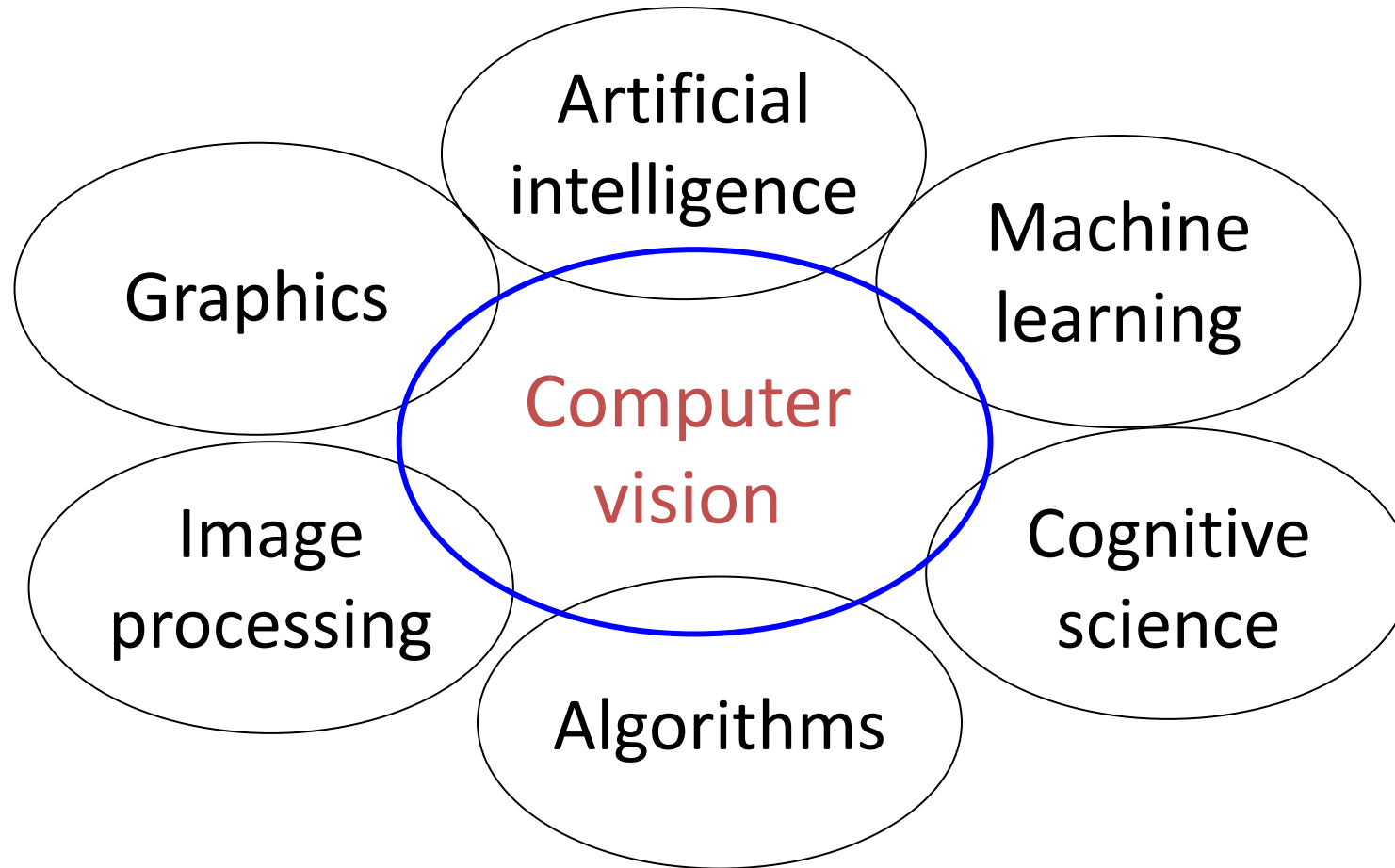
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 3. Algorithms to mine, search, and interact with visual data (*search and organization*)

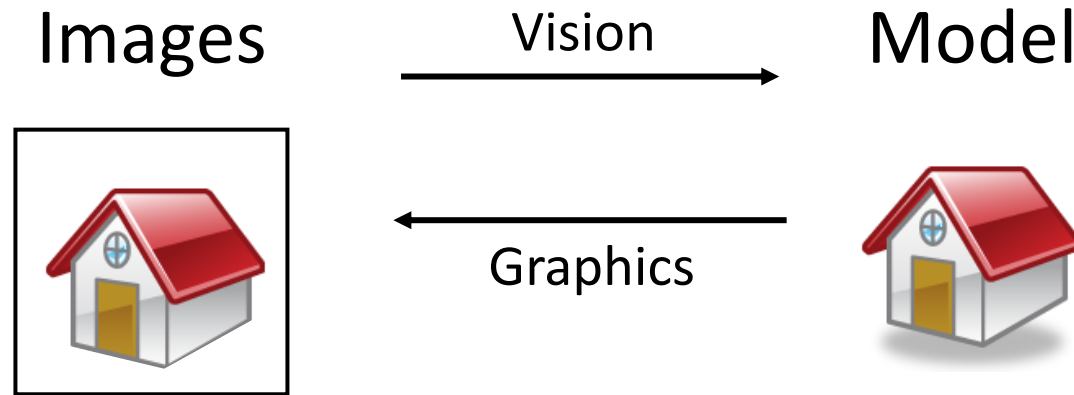
3. Visual search, organization



Related disciplines

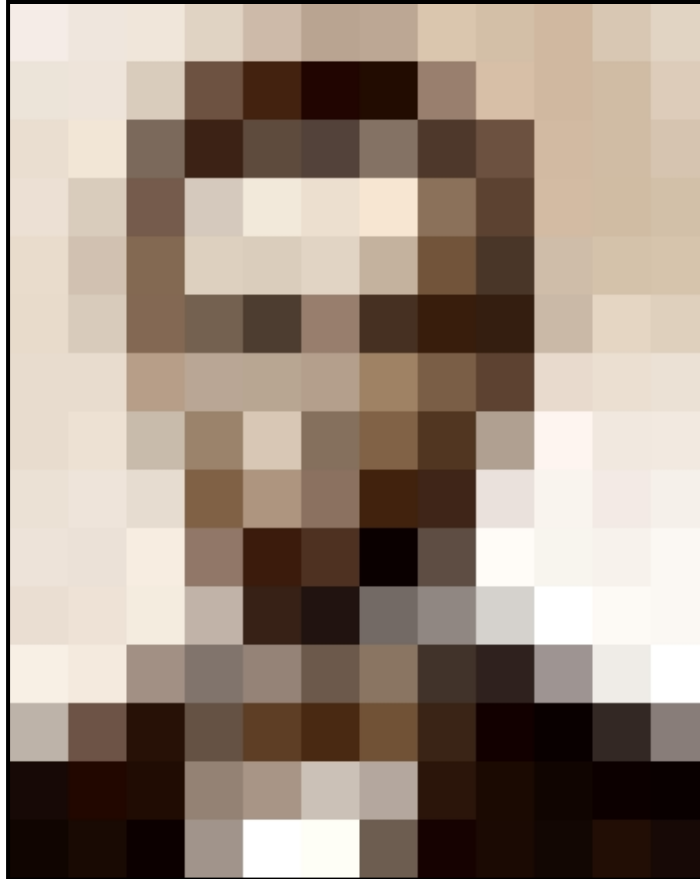


Vision and graphics

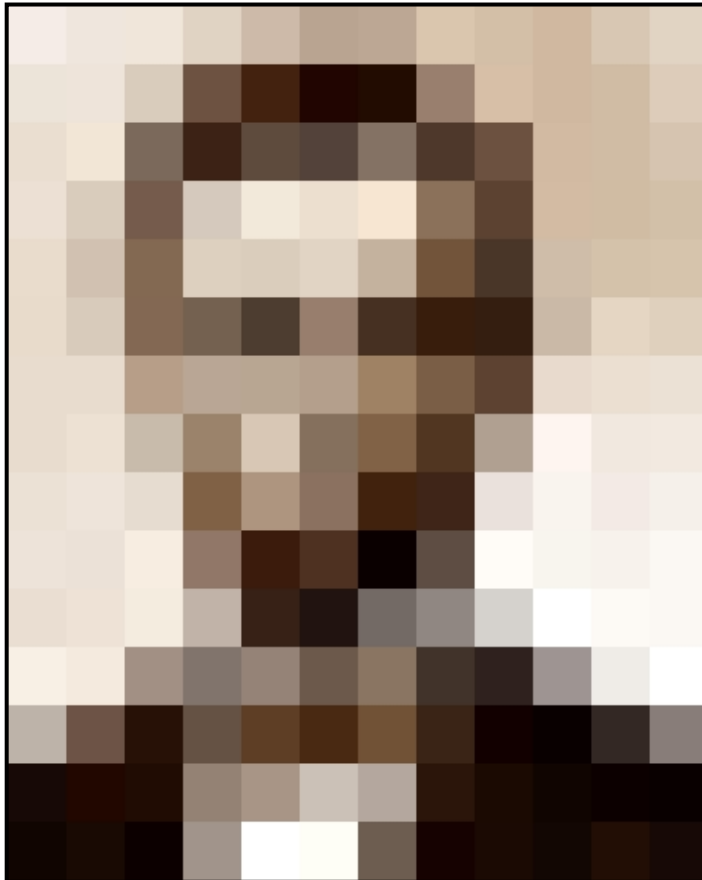


Inverse problems: analysis and synthesis.

What humans see



What computers see

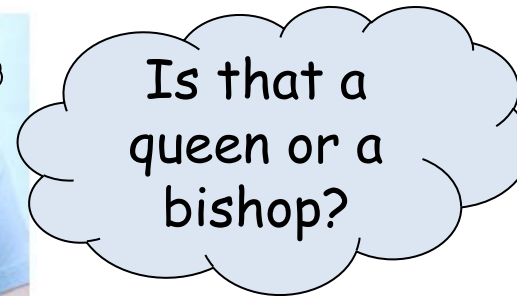


What do humans see?



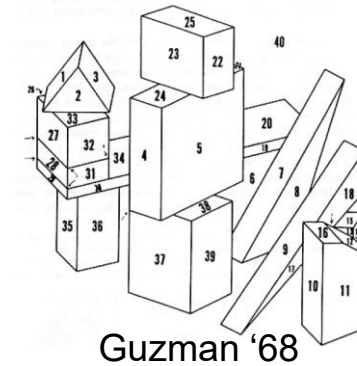
Vision is really hard

- Vision is an amazing feat of natural intelligence
 - Visual cortex occupies about 50% of Macaque brain
 - One third of human brain devoted to vision (more than anything else)

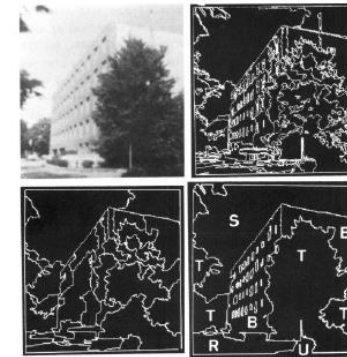


Ridiculously brief history of computer vision

- 1966: Minsky assigns computer vision as an undergrad summer project
- 1960's: interpretation of synthetic worlds
- 1970's: some progress on interpreting selected images
- 1980's: ANNs come and go; shift toward geometry and increased mathematical rigor
- 1990's: face recognition; statistical analysis in vogue
- 2000's: broader recognition; large annotated datasets available; video processing starts
- 2010's: Deep learning with ConvNets
- 2020's: Widespread autonomous vehicles?
- 2030's: robot uprising?



Guzman '68



Ohta Kanade '78



Turk and Pentland '91

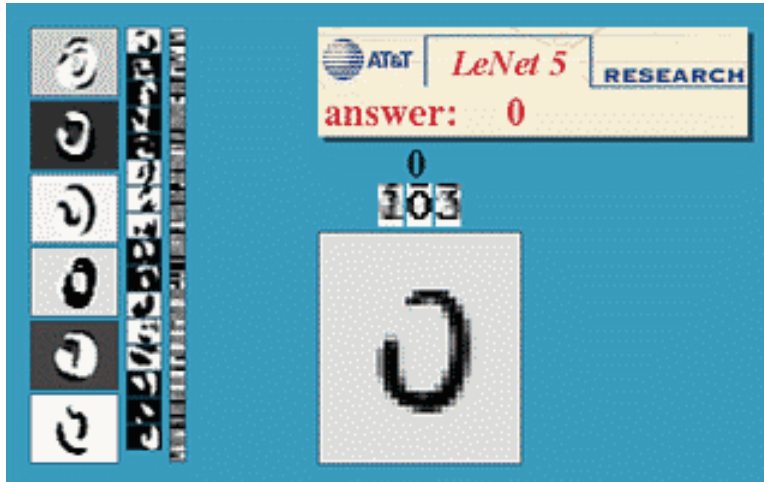
How vision is used now

- Examples of real-world applications

Optical character recognition (OCR)

Technology to convert scanned docs to text

- If you have a scanner, it probably came with OCR software



Digit recognition, AT&T labs

<http://www.research.att.com/~yann/>



License plate readers

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Automatic_number_plate_recognition

Face detection



- Digital cameras detect faces

Vision in space

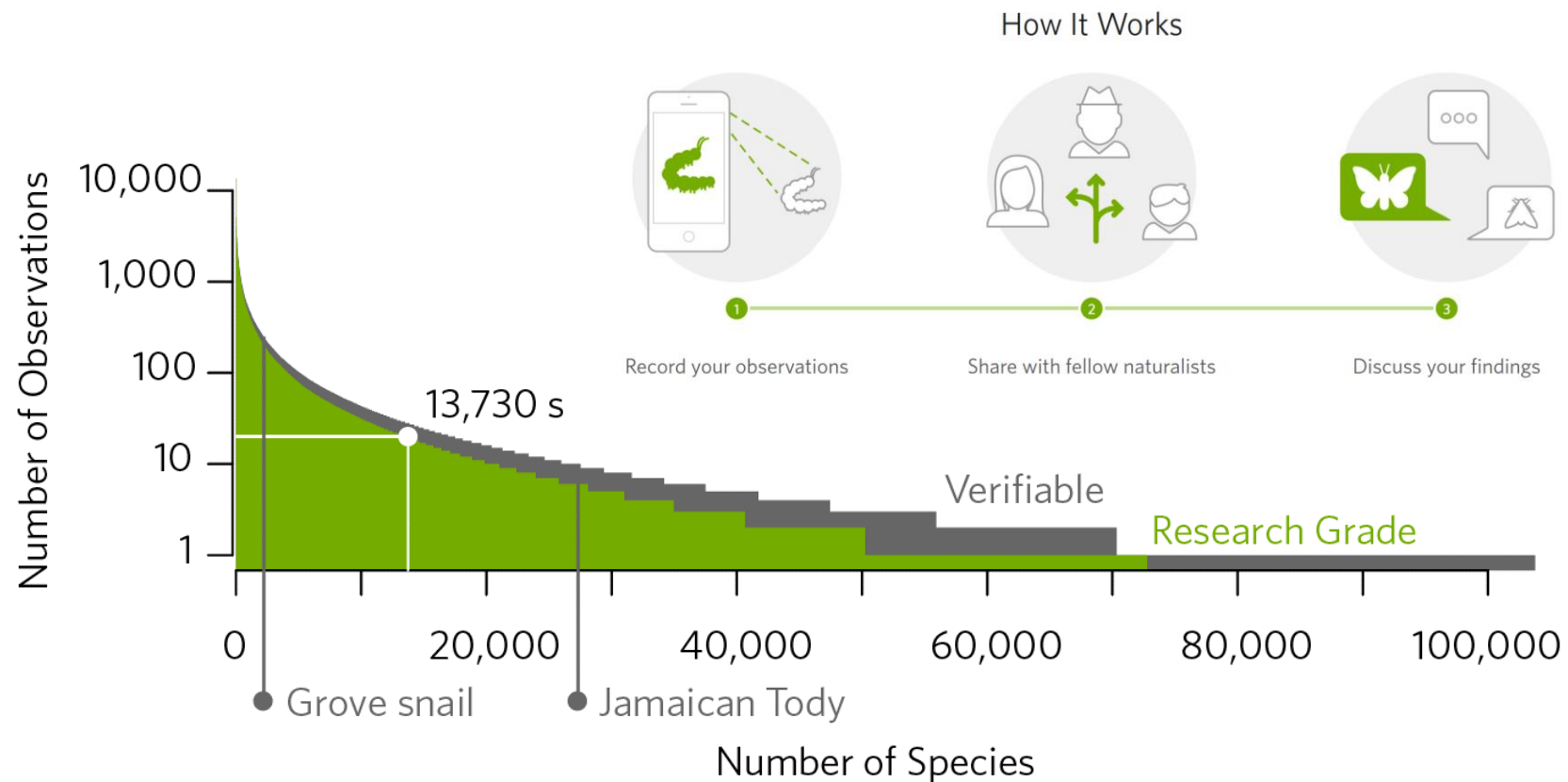


[NASA'S Mars Exploration Rover Spirit](#) captured this westward view from atop a low plateau where Spirit spent the closing months of 2007.

Vision systems (JPL) used for several tasks

- Panorama stitching
- 3D terrain modeling
- Obstacle detection, position tracking
- For more, read “[Computer Vision on Mars](#)” by Matthies et al.

iNaturalist



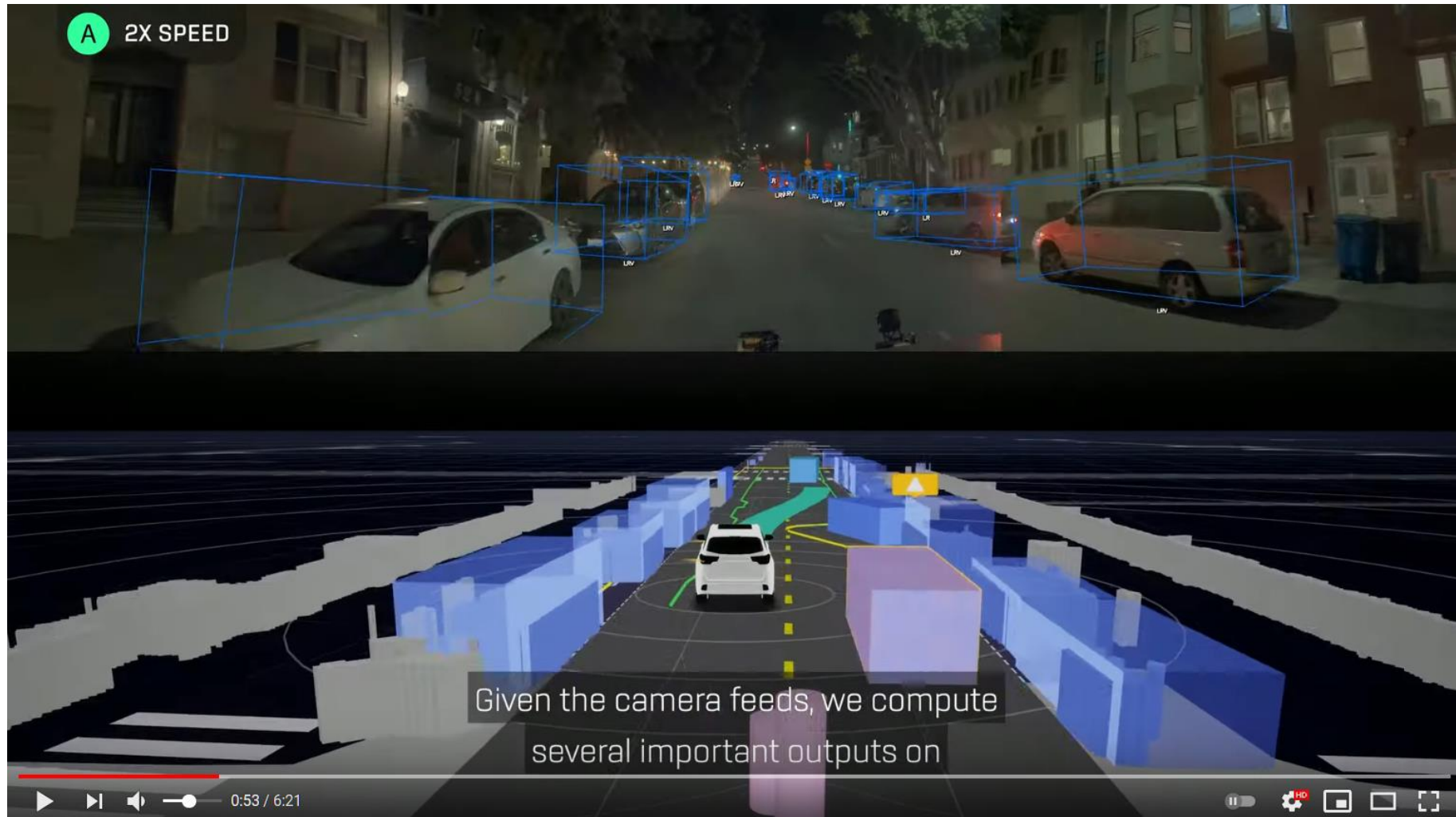
https://www.inaturalist.org/pages/computer_vision_demo

Skydio



<https://www.skydio.com/>

Zoox Computer Vision Demo



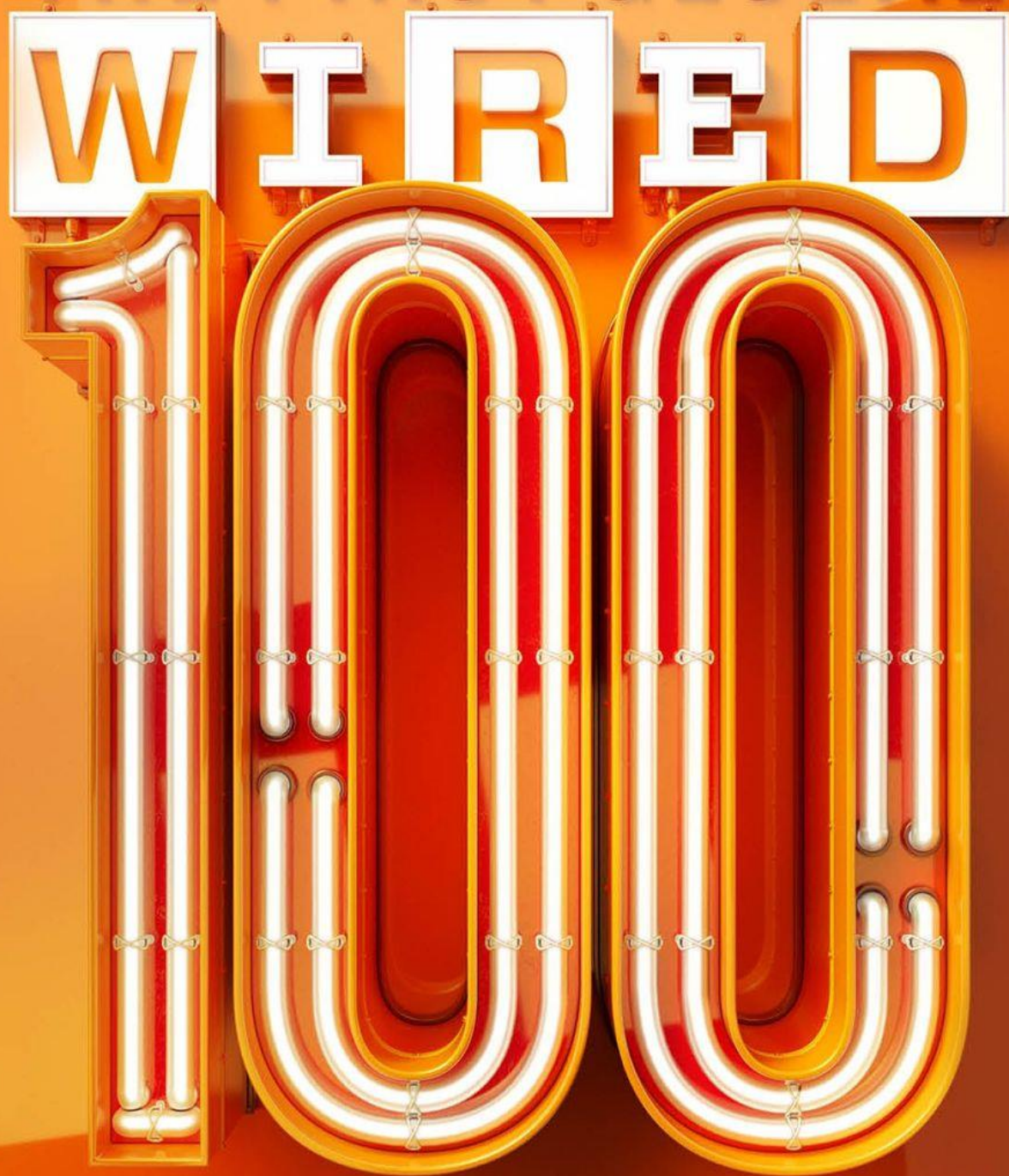
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State of the art today?

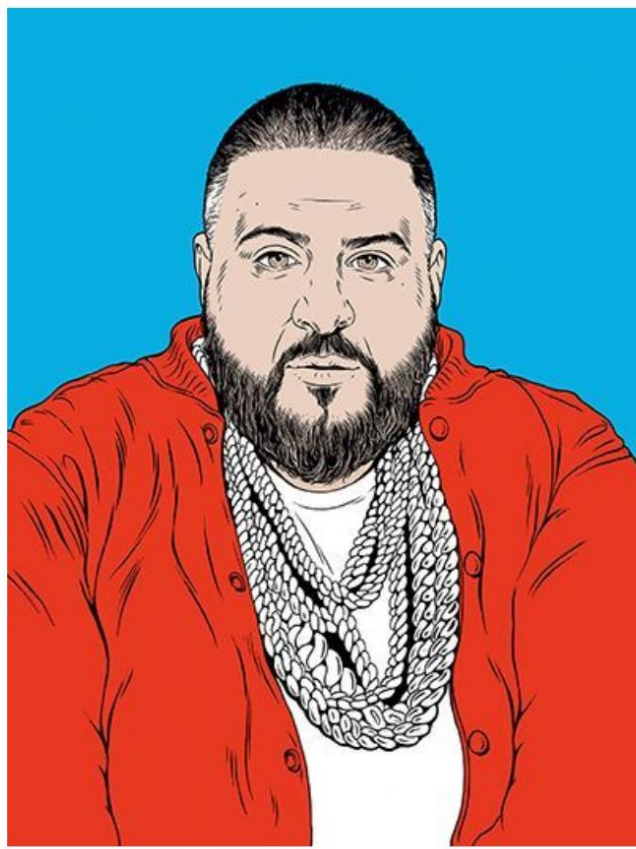
With enough training data, computer vision ~~now~~ nearly matches human vision at most recognition tasks

Deep learning has been an enormous disruption to the field. More and more techniques are being “deepified”.

WIRED 100



WHO'S SHAPING THE DIGITAL WORLD?



DJ Khaled

Credit **Louise Zergaeng Pomeroy**

73. DJ Khaled

Snapchat icon; DJ and producer

Louisiana-born Khaled Mohamed Khaled, aka DJ Khaled, cut his musical chops in the early 00s as a host for Miami urban music radio WEDR. He proceeded to build a solid if not dazzling career as a mixtape DJ and music producer (he founded his label We The Best Music Group in 2008, and was appointed president of Def Jam South in 2009).

69. Geoffrey Hinton

Psychologist, computer scientist; researcher, Google Toronto

British-born Hinton has been dubbed the "godfather of deep learning". The Cambridge-educated cognitive psychologist and computer scientist started being an ardent believer in the potential of neural networks and deep learning in the 80s, when those technologies enjoyed little support in the wider AI community.

But he soldiered on: in 2004, with support from the Canadian Institute for Advanced Research, he launched a University of Toronto programme in neural computation and adaptive perception, where, with a group of researchers, he carried on investigating how to create computers that could behave like brains.

Hinton's work – in particular his algorithms that train multilayered neural networks – caught the attention of tech giants in Silicon Valley, which realised how deep learning could be applied to voice recognition, predictive search and machine vision.

The spike in interest prompted him to launch a free course on neural networks on e-learning platform Coursera in 2012. Today, 68-year-old Hinton is chair of machine learning at the University of Toronto and moonlights at Google, where he has been using deep learning to help build internet tools since 2013.

63. Yann Lecun

Director of AI research, Facebook, Menlo Park

LeCun is a leading expert in deep learning and heads up what, for Facebook, could be a hugely significant source of revenue: understanding its user's intentions.

62. Richard Branson

Founder, Virgin Group, London

Branson saw his personal fortune grow £550 million when Alaska Air bought Virgin America for \$2.6 billion in April. He is pressing on with civilian space travel with [Virgin Galactic](#).

61. Taylor Swift

Entertainer, Los Angeles

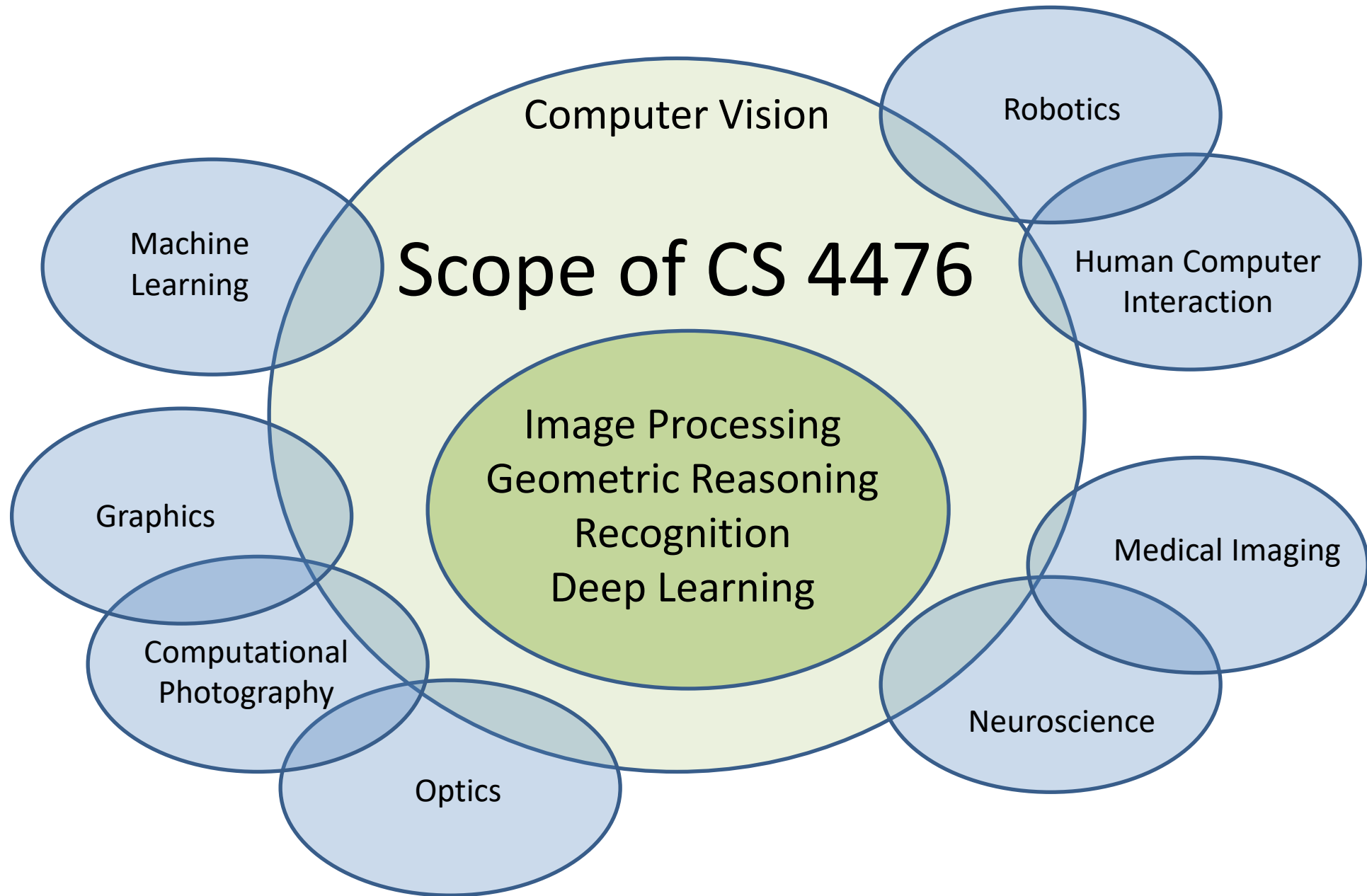


Today's Class

- ~~Covid safety~~
- ~~Who am I?~~
- ~~What is Computer Vision?~~
- Specifics of this course
- Geometry of Image Formation
- Questions

Grading

- 80% programming projects (5 total)
- 20% Quizzes or Problem sets



Textbook

Computer Vision: Algorithms and Applications, 2nd ed.

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<http://szeliski.org/Book/>

Prerequisites

- **Linear algebra**, basic calculus, and probability
- Experience with image processing will help but is not necessary
- Experience with Python or Python-like languages will help

Projects

- Image Filtering and Hybrid Images
- Local Feature Matching
- Camera Calibration and Fundamental Matrix Estimation with RANSAC
- Image Classification with Deep Learning
- Semantic Segmentation with Deep Learning

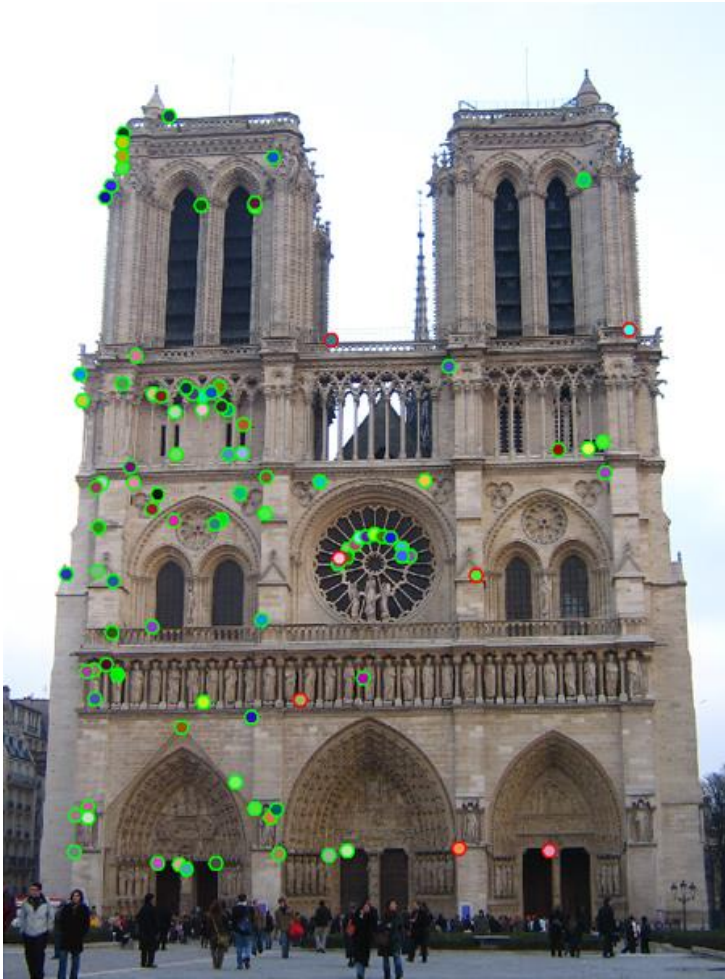
Proj1: Image Filtering and Hybrid Images

- Implement image filtering to separate high and low frequencies
- Combine high frequencies and low frequencies from different images to create an image with scale-dependent interpretation



Proj2: Local Feature Matching

- Implement interest point detector, SIFT-like local feature descriptor, and simple matching algorithm.



Course Syllabus (tentative)

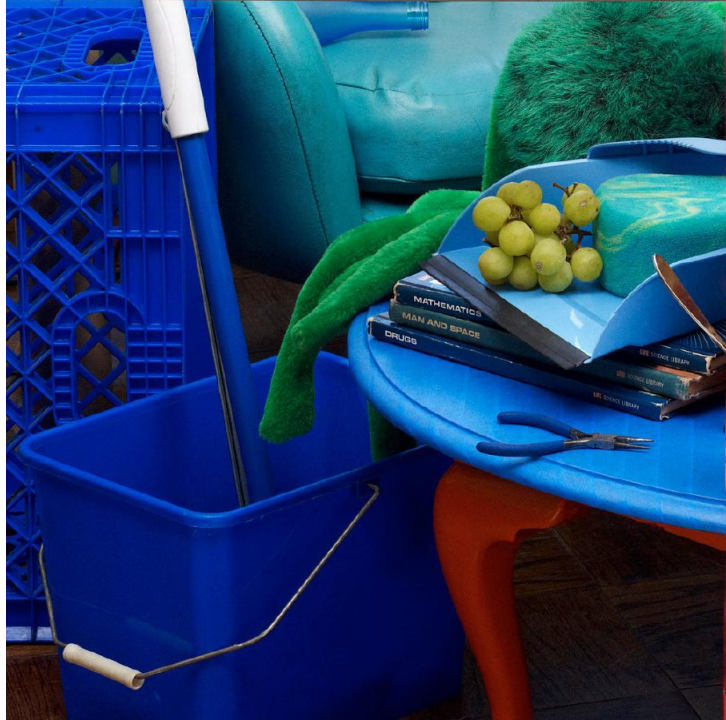
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Code of Conduct

Your work must be your own. We'll look for cheating. Don't talk at the level of code with other students.

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The Geometry of Image Formation

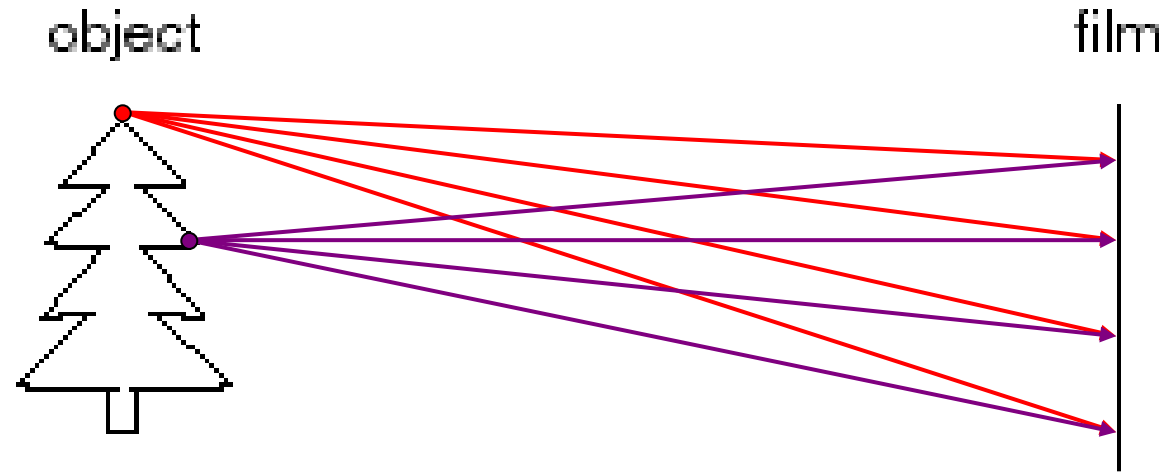
Mapping between image and world coordinates

- Pinhole camera model
- Projective geometry
 - Vanishing points and lines
- Projection matrix

What do you need to make a camera from scratch?



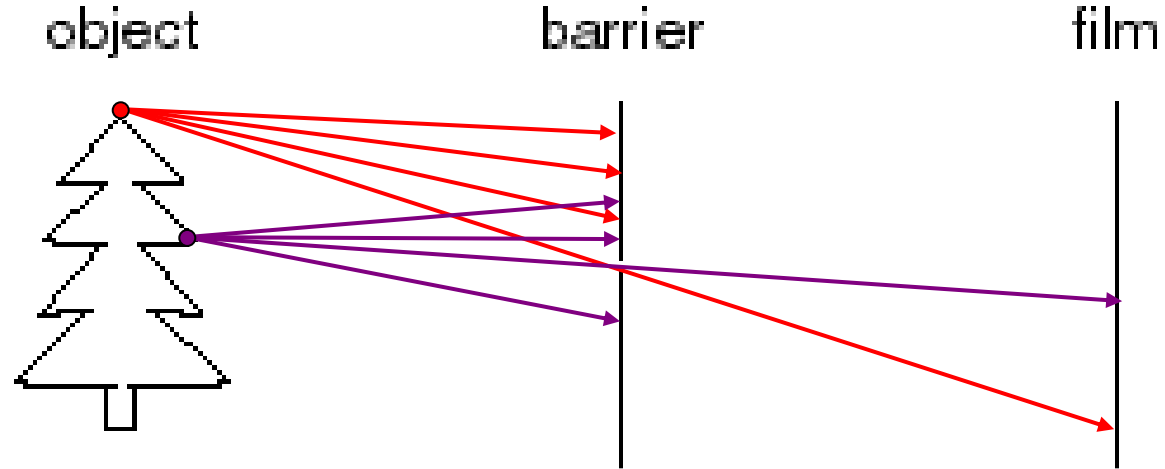
Image formation



Let's design a camera

- Idea 1: put a piece of film in front of an object
- Do we get a reasonable image?

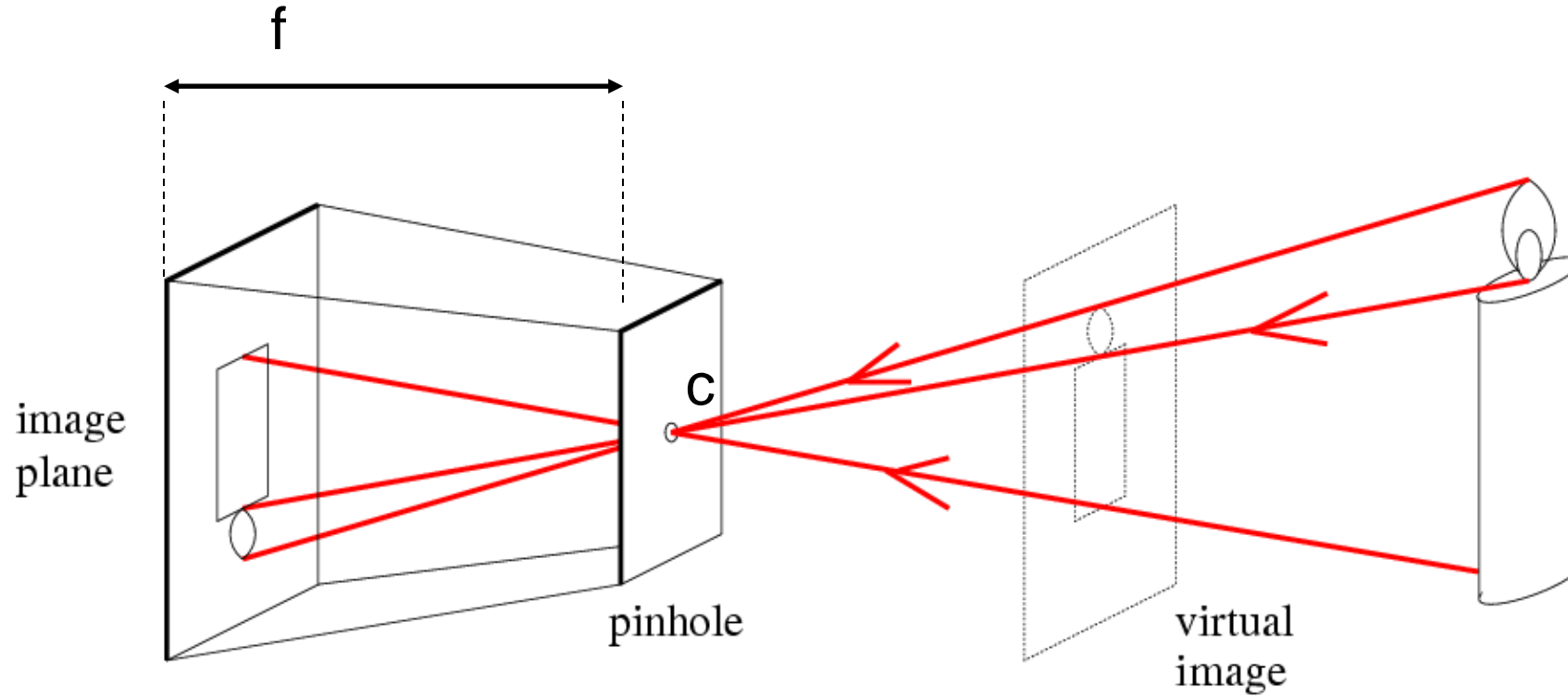
Pinhole camera



Idea 2: add a barrier to block off most of the rays

- This reduces blurring
- The opening known as the **aperture**

Pinhole camera



f = focal length
 c = center of the camera

Camera obscura: the pre-camera

- Known during classical period in China and Greece (e.g. Mo-Ti, China, 470BC to 390BC)

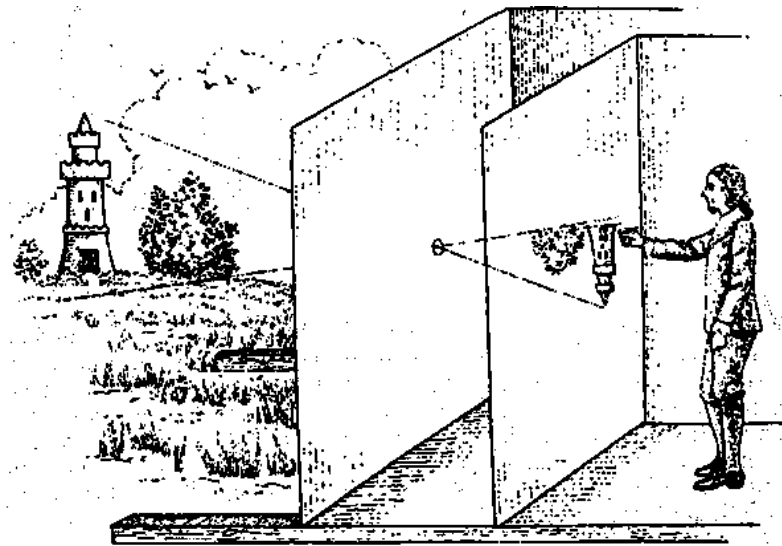


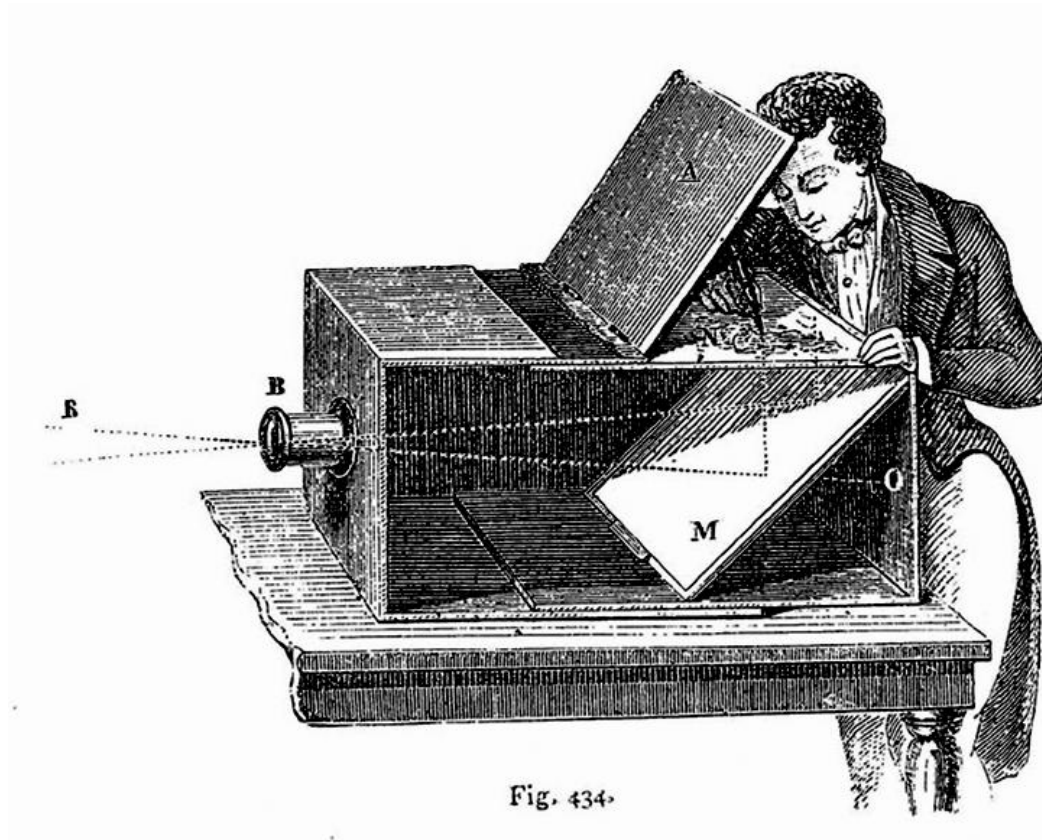
Illustration of Camera Obscura



Freestanding camera obscura at UNC Chapel Hill

Photo by Seth Ilys

Camera Obscura used for Tracing



Lens Based Camera Obscura, 1568

Accidental Cameras



Accidental Pinhole and Pinspeck Cameras
Revealing the scene outside the picture.
Antonio Torralba, William T. Freeman

Accidental Cameras



a) Input (occluder present)



b) Reference (occluder absent)



c) Difference image (b-a)



d) Crop upside down



e) True view



First Photograph

Oldest surviving photograph
– Took 8 hours on pewter plate



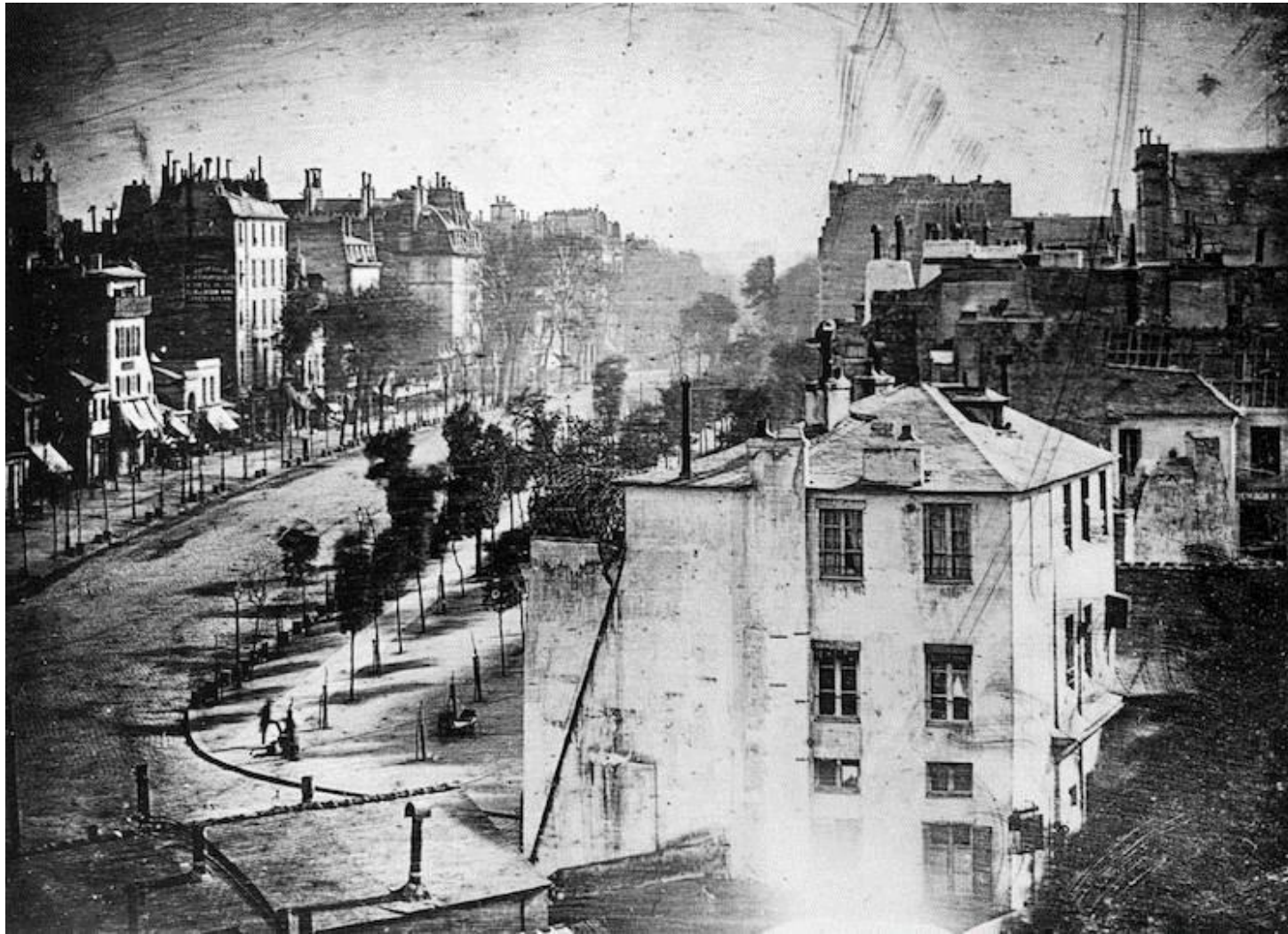
Joseph Niepce, 1826

Photograph of the first photograph



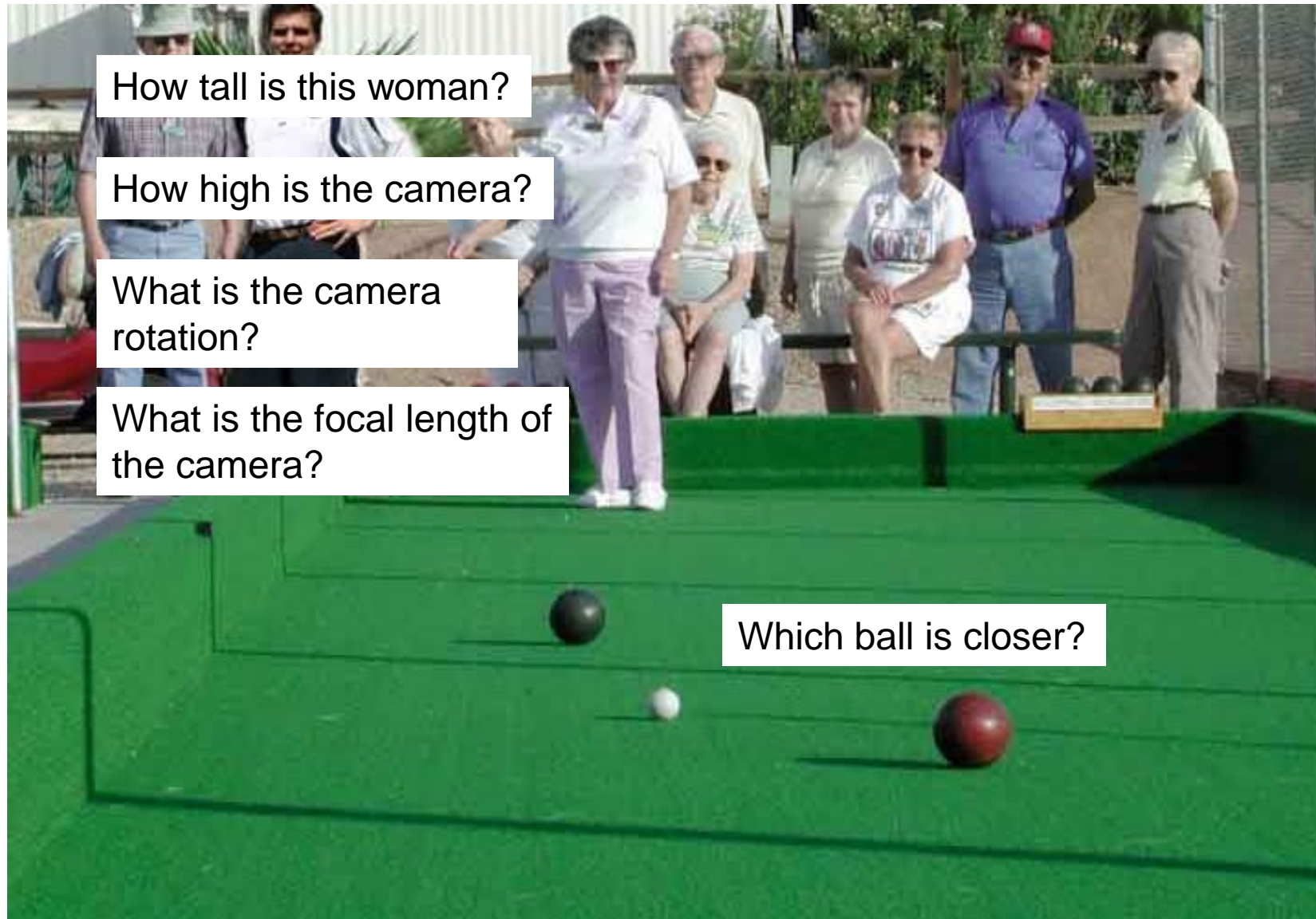
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Niepce later teamed up with Daguerre, who eventually created Daguerrotypes



“Louis Daguerre—the inventor of daguerreotype—shot what is not only the world's oldest photograph of Paris, but also the first photo with humans. The 10-minute long exposure was taken in 1839 in Place de la République and it's just possible to make out two blurry figures in the left-hand corner.”

Camera and World Geometry



How tall is this woman?

How high is the camera?

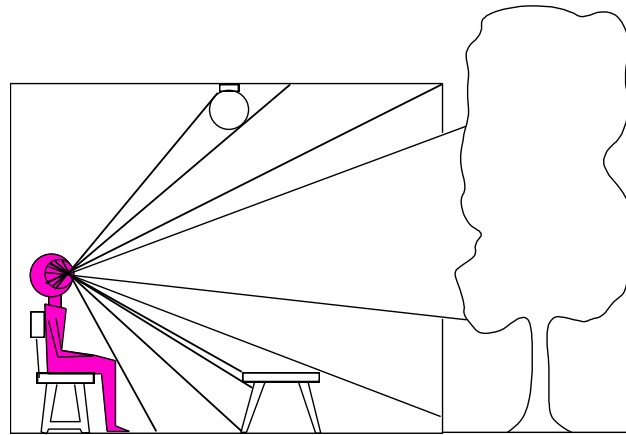
What is the camera rotation?

What is the focal length of the camera?

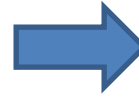
Which ball is closer?

Dimensionality Reduction Machine (3D to 2D)

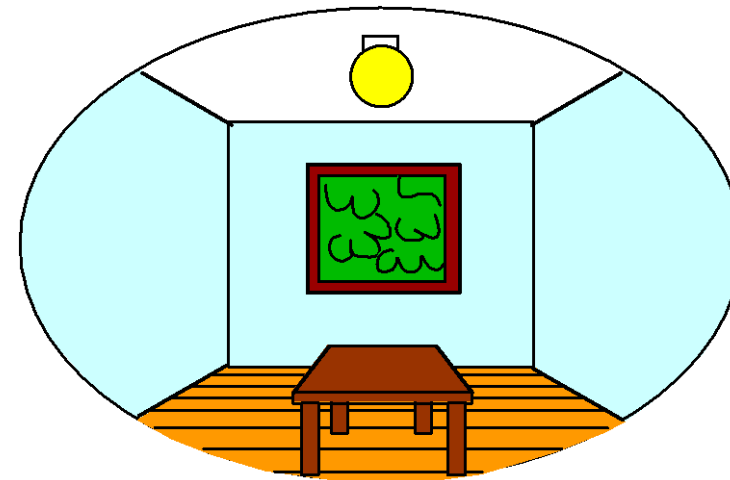
3D world



Point of observation



2D image



Projection can be tricky...



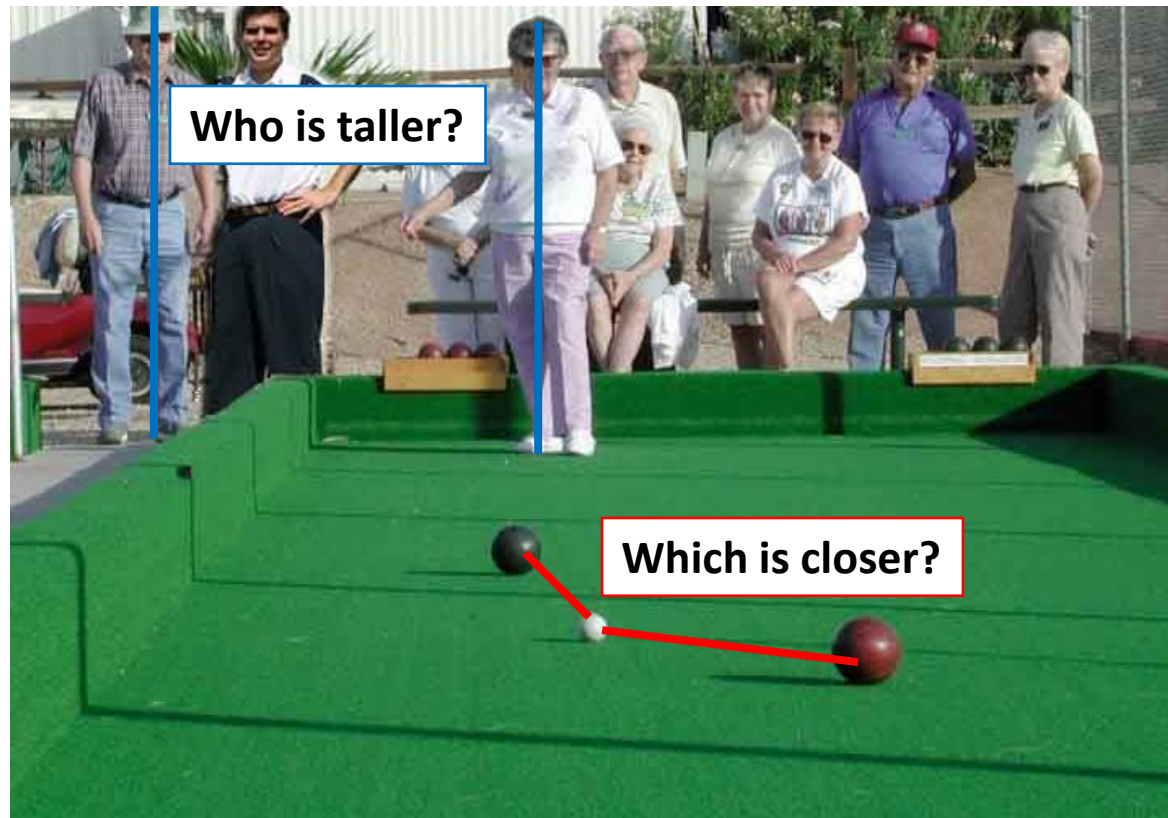
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Projective Geometry

What is lost?

- Length



Length and area are not preserved

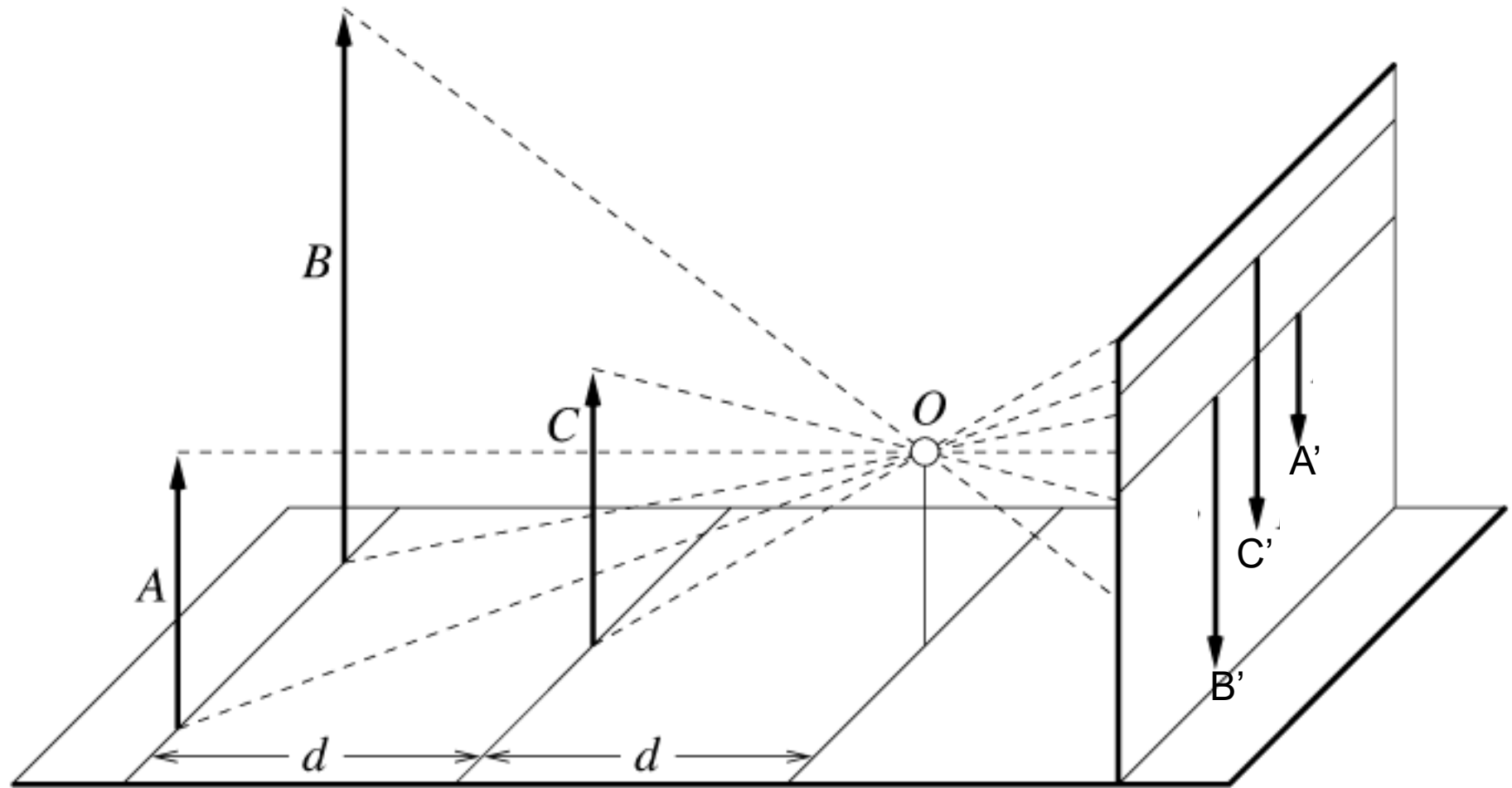
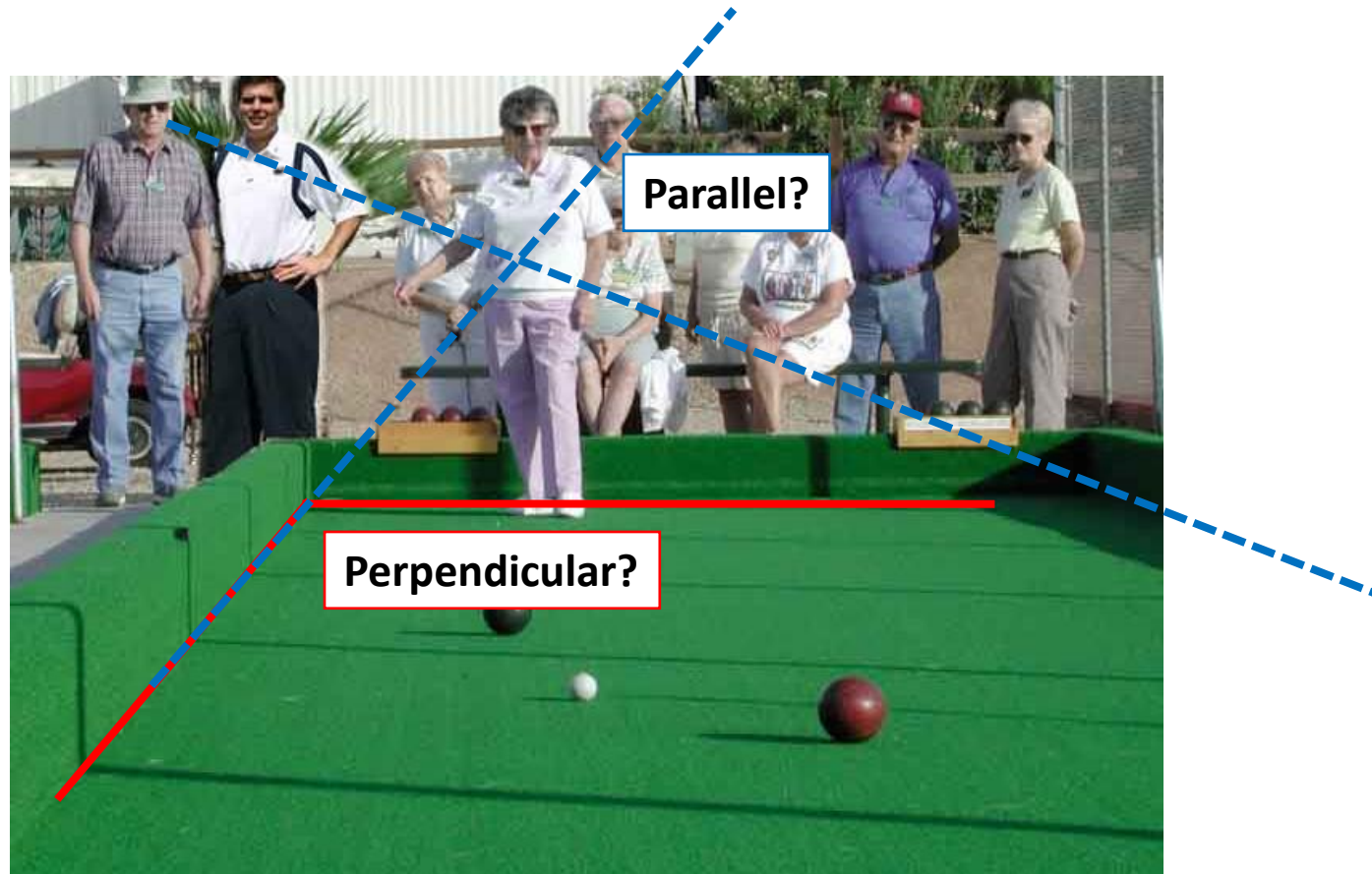


Figure by David Forsyth

Projective Geometry

What is lost?

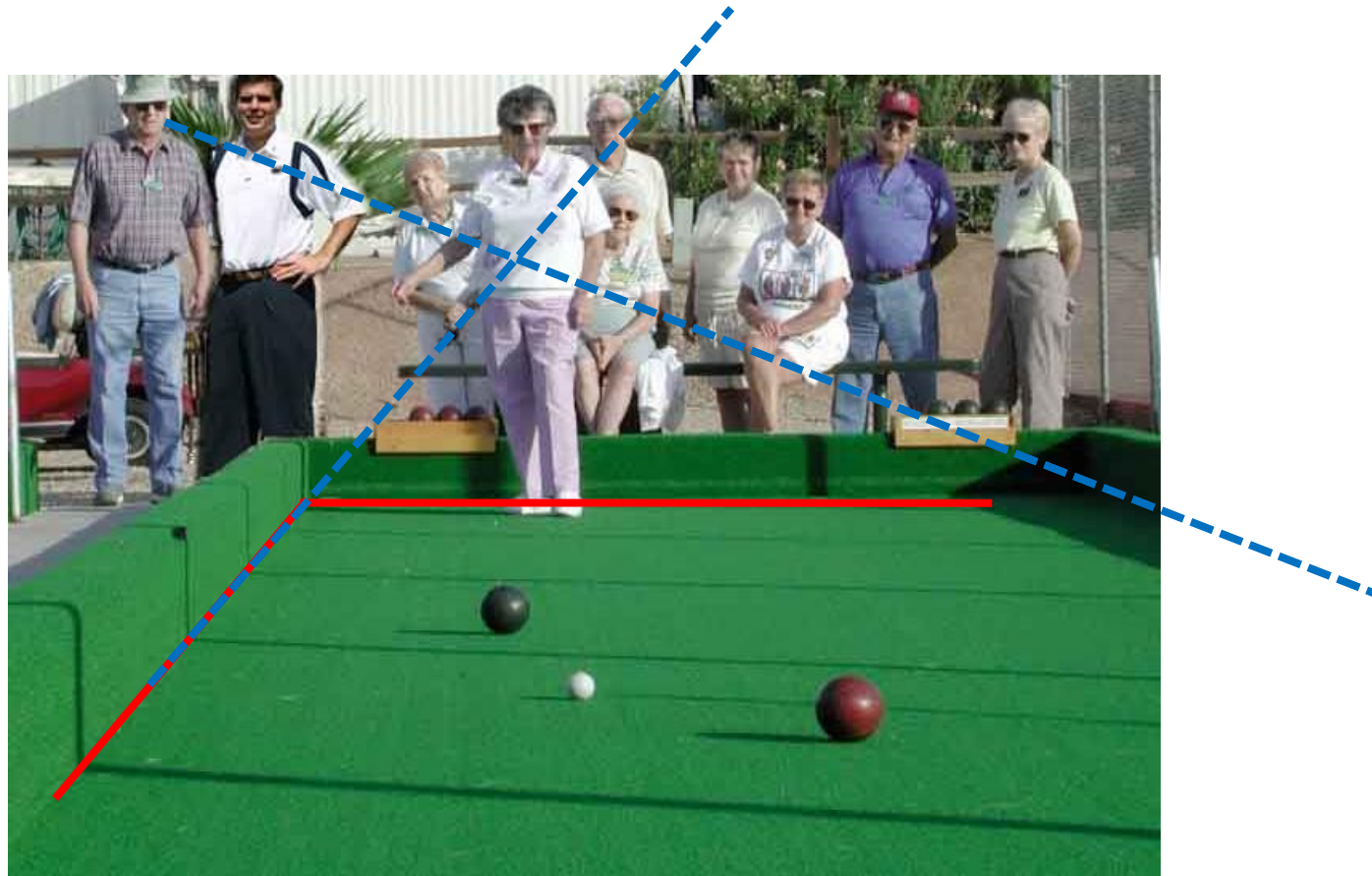
- Length
- Angles



Projective Geometry

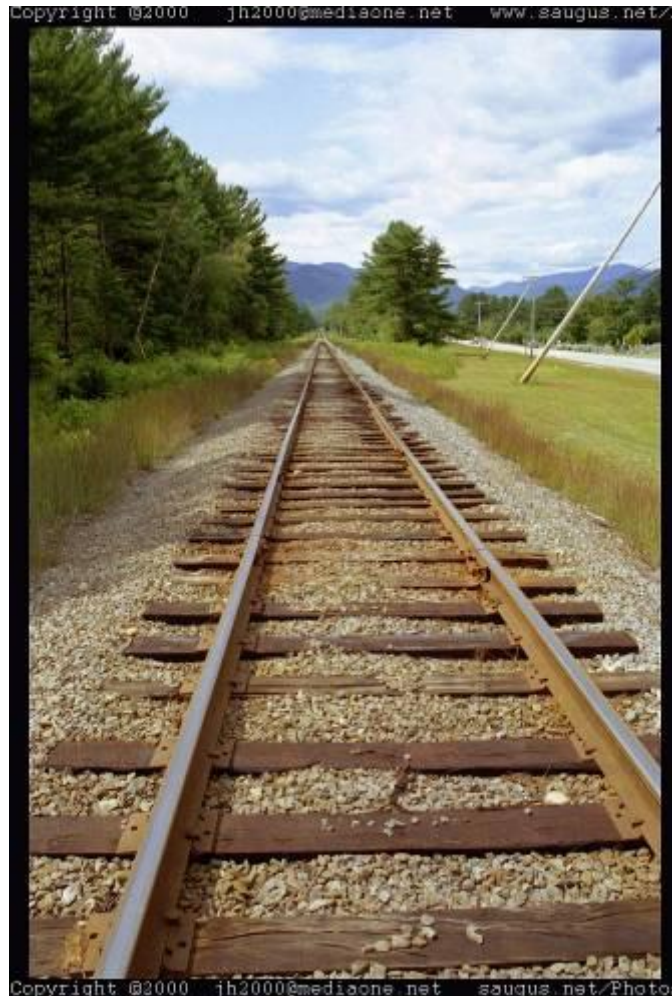
What is preserved?

- Straight lines are still straight

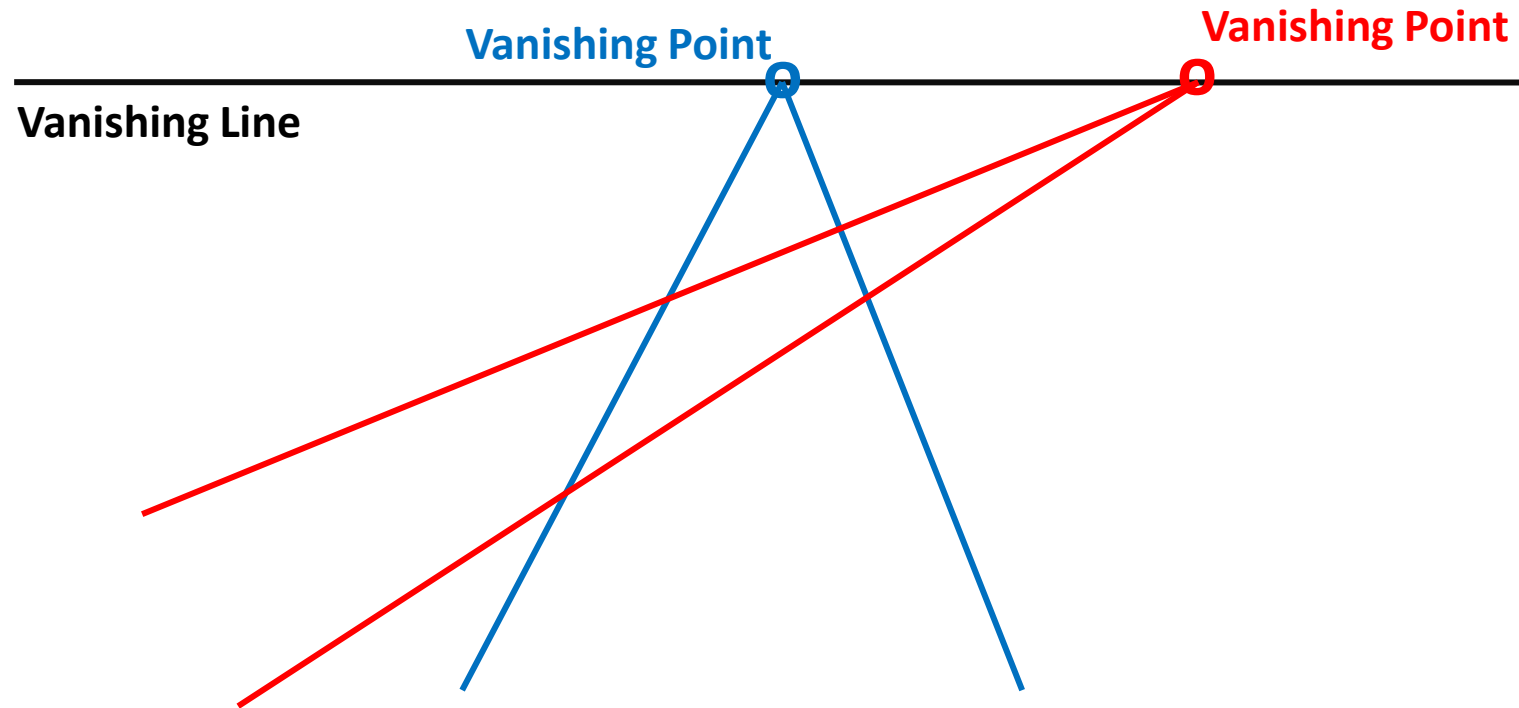


Vanishing points and lines

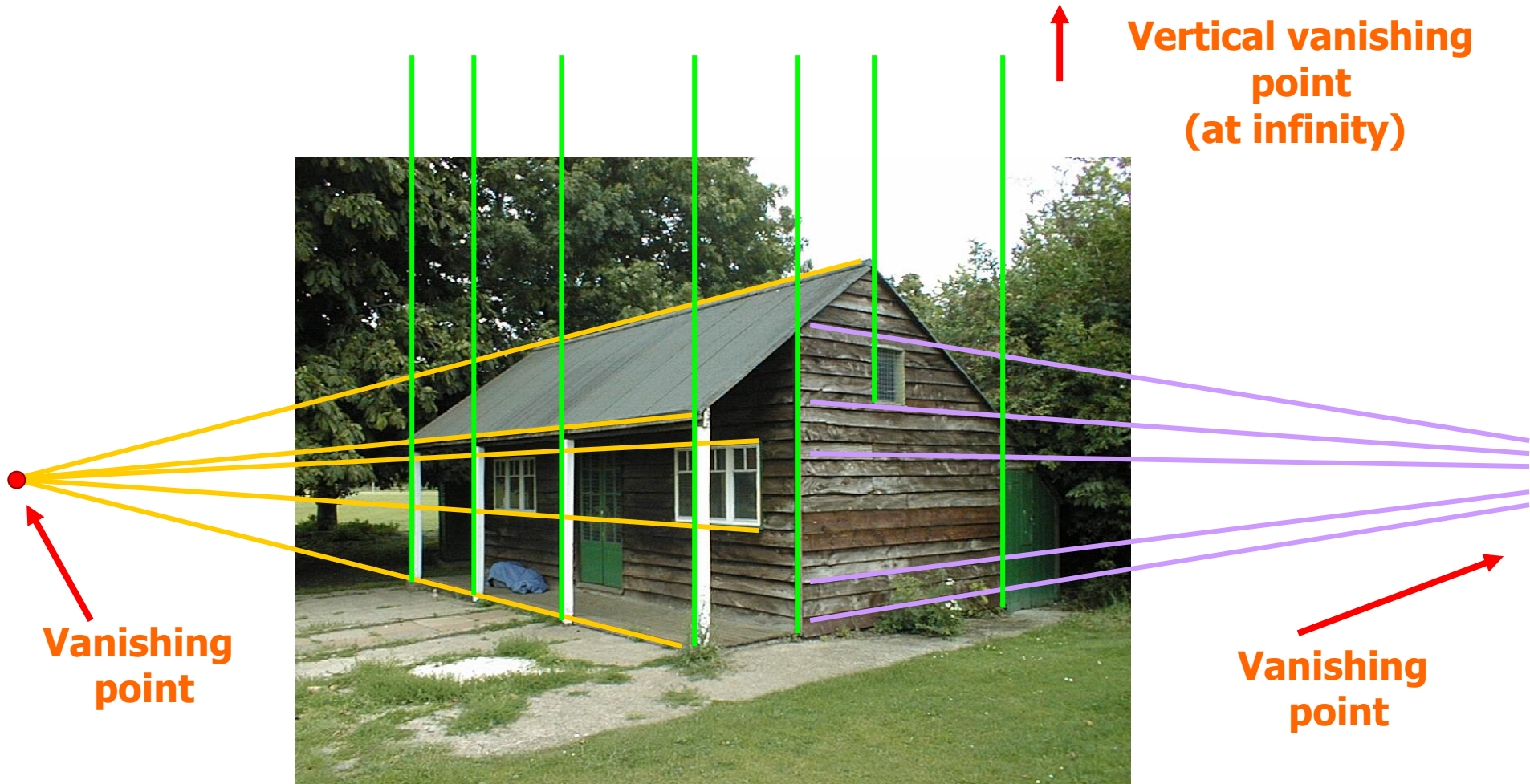
Parallel lines in the world intersect in the image at a “vanishing point”



Vanishing points and lines



Vanishing points and lines

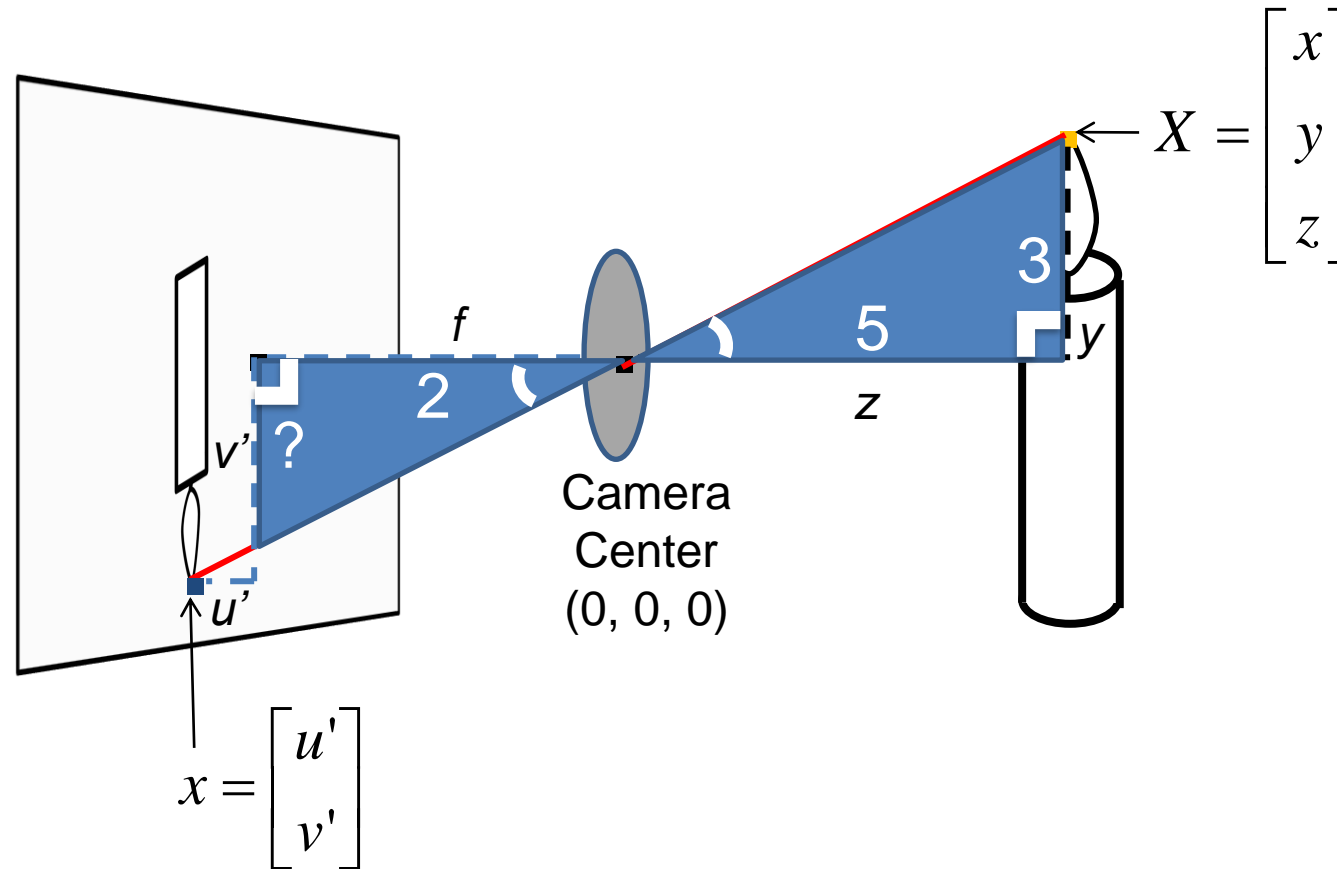


- Project 1 will be out soon
- Read Szeliski 2.1, especially 2.1.4
- Image projection
- Filtering

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Projection: world coordinates \rightarrow image coordinates



If $X = 2$, $Y = 3$,
 $Z = 5$, and $f = 2$
What are U and V ?

$$\frac{v'}{-f} = \frac{y}{z}$$

$$u' = -x * \frac{f}{z}$$
$$v' = -y * \frac{f}{z}$$

$$u' = -2 * \frac{2}{5}$$
$$v' = -3 * \frac{2}{5}$$