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CPSC 425: Computer Vision



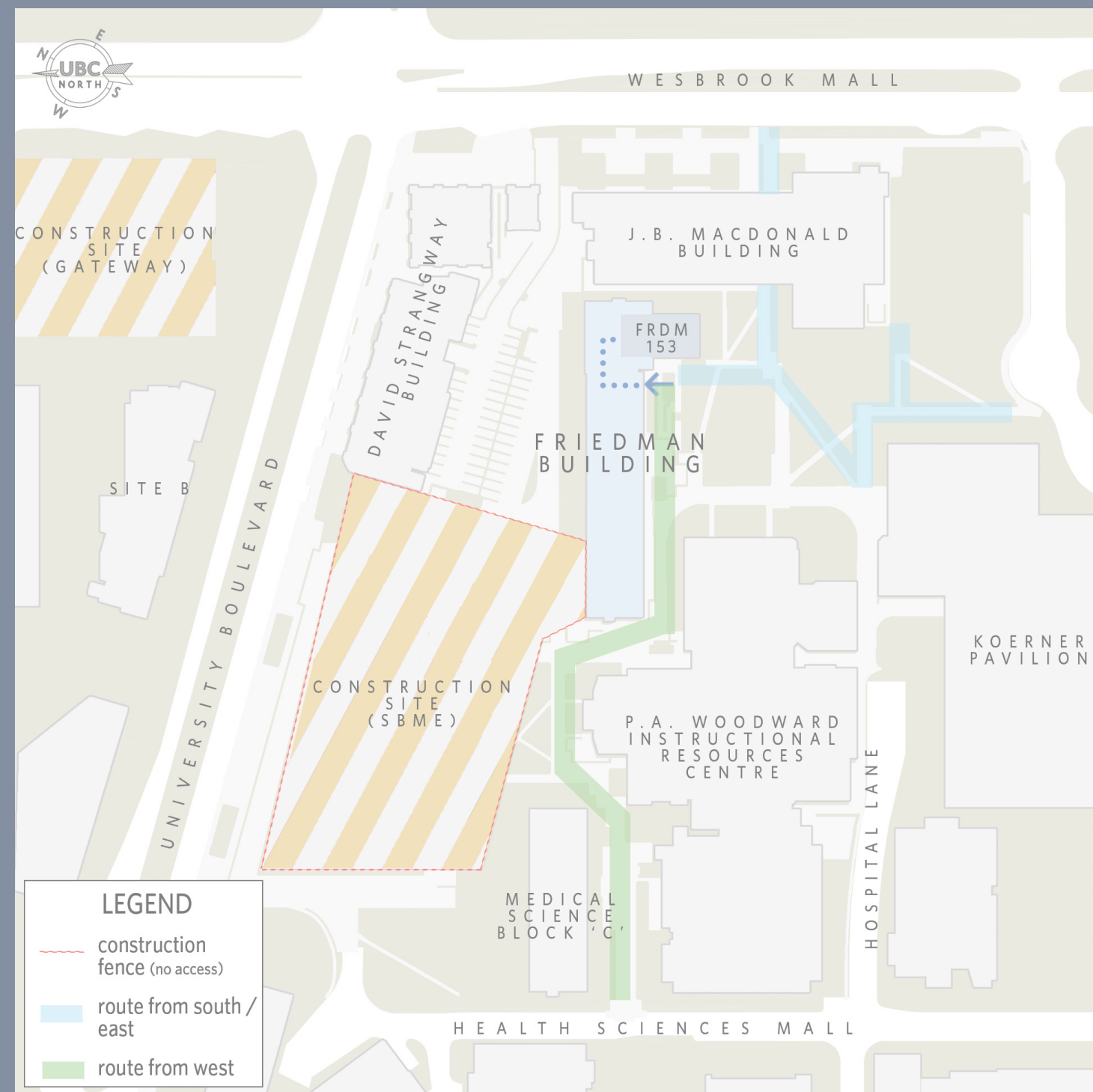
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Lecture 1: Introduction and Course Logistics

Course logistics

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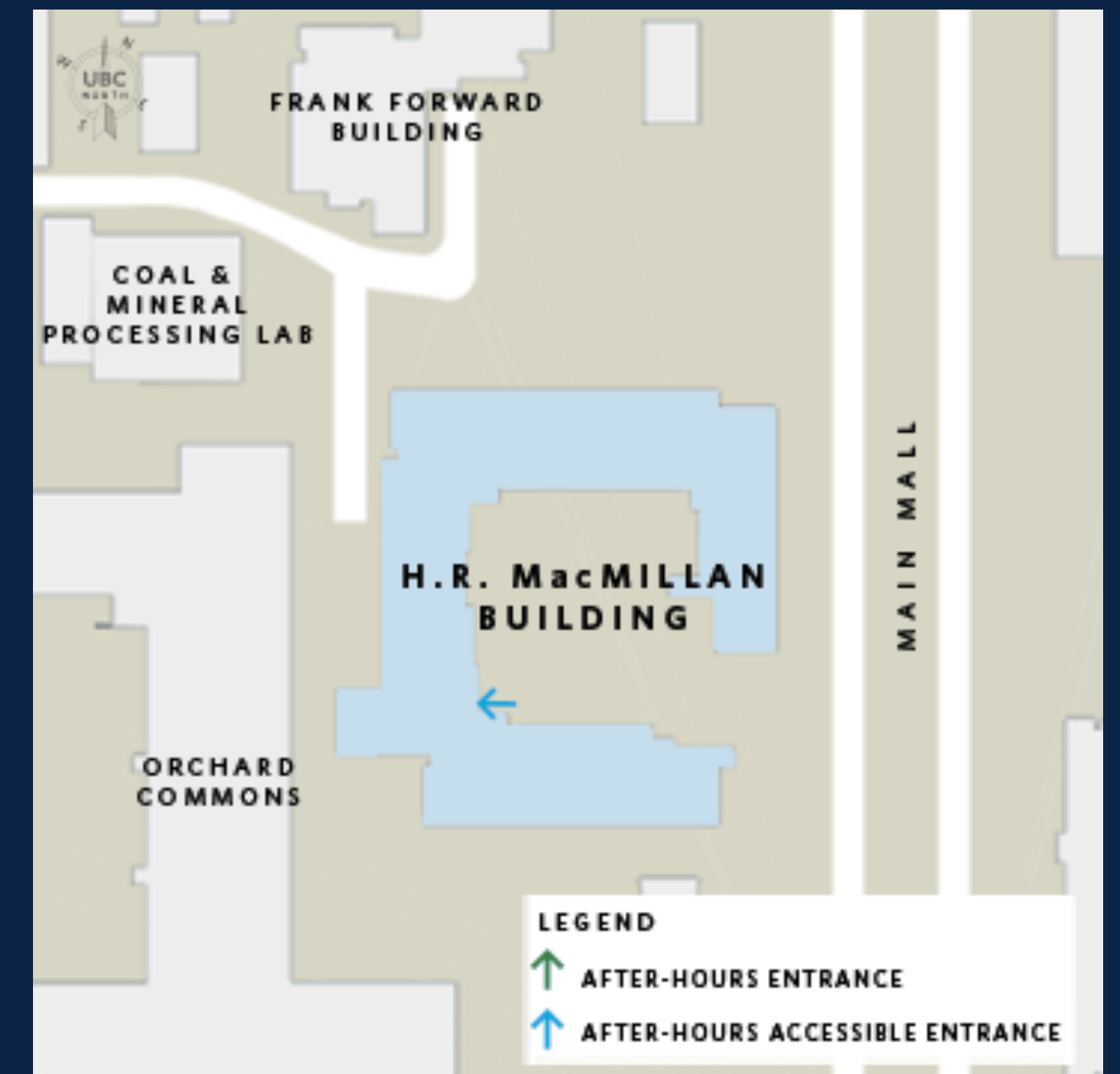


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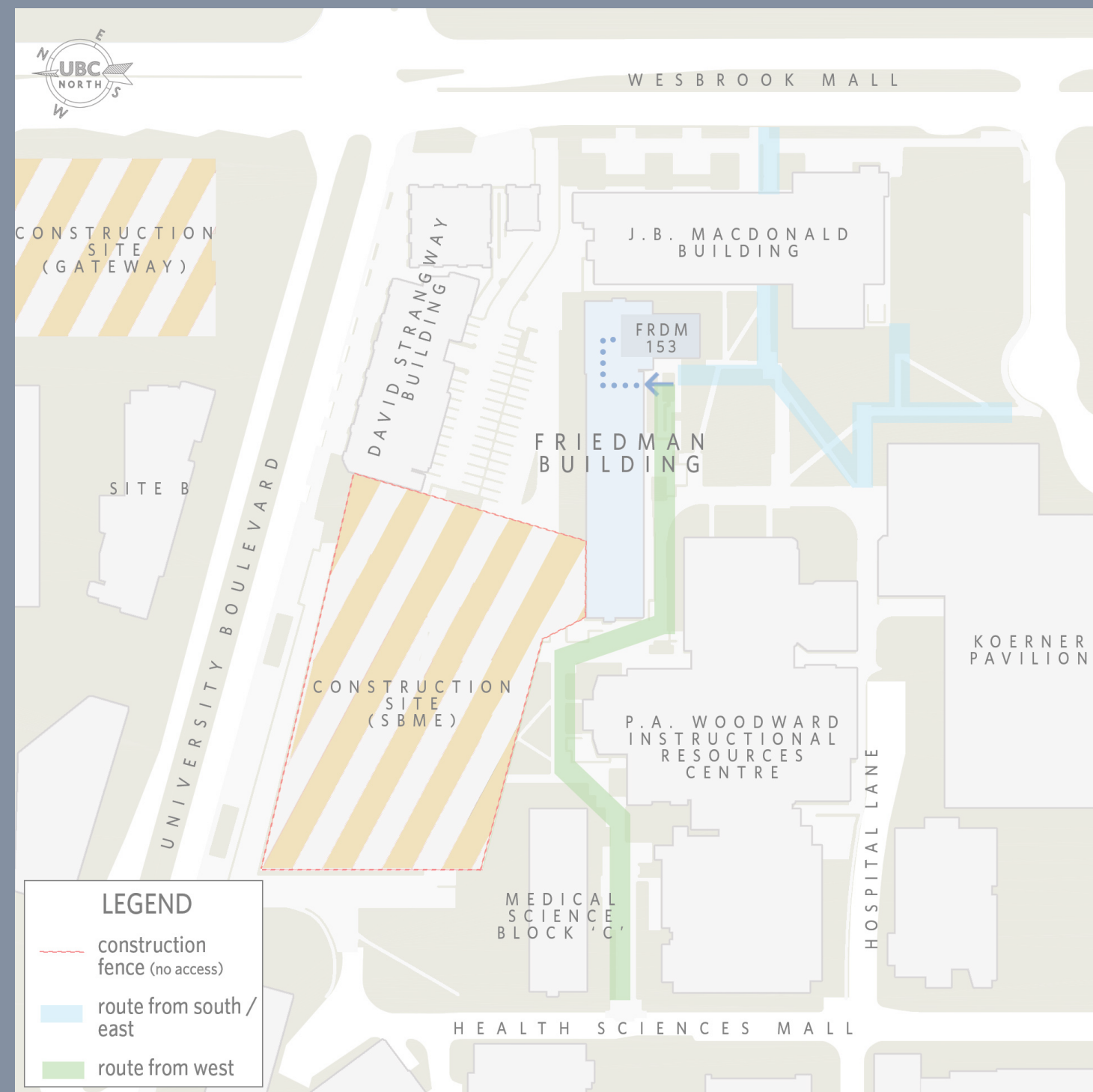
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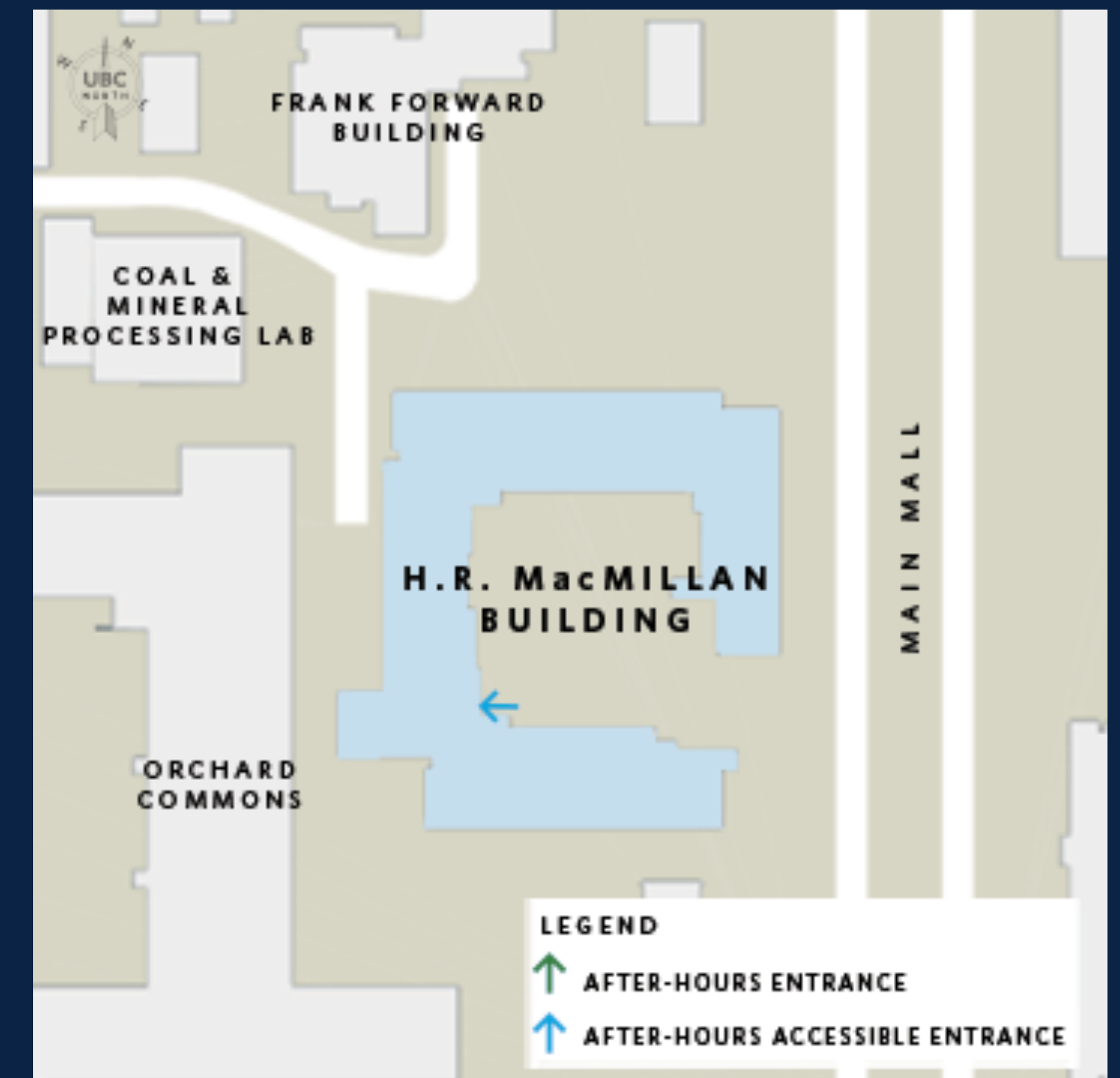


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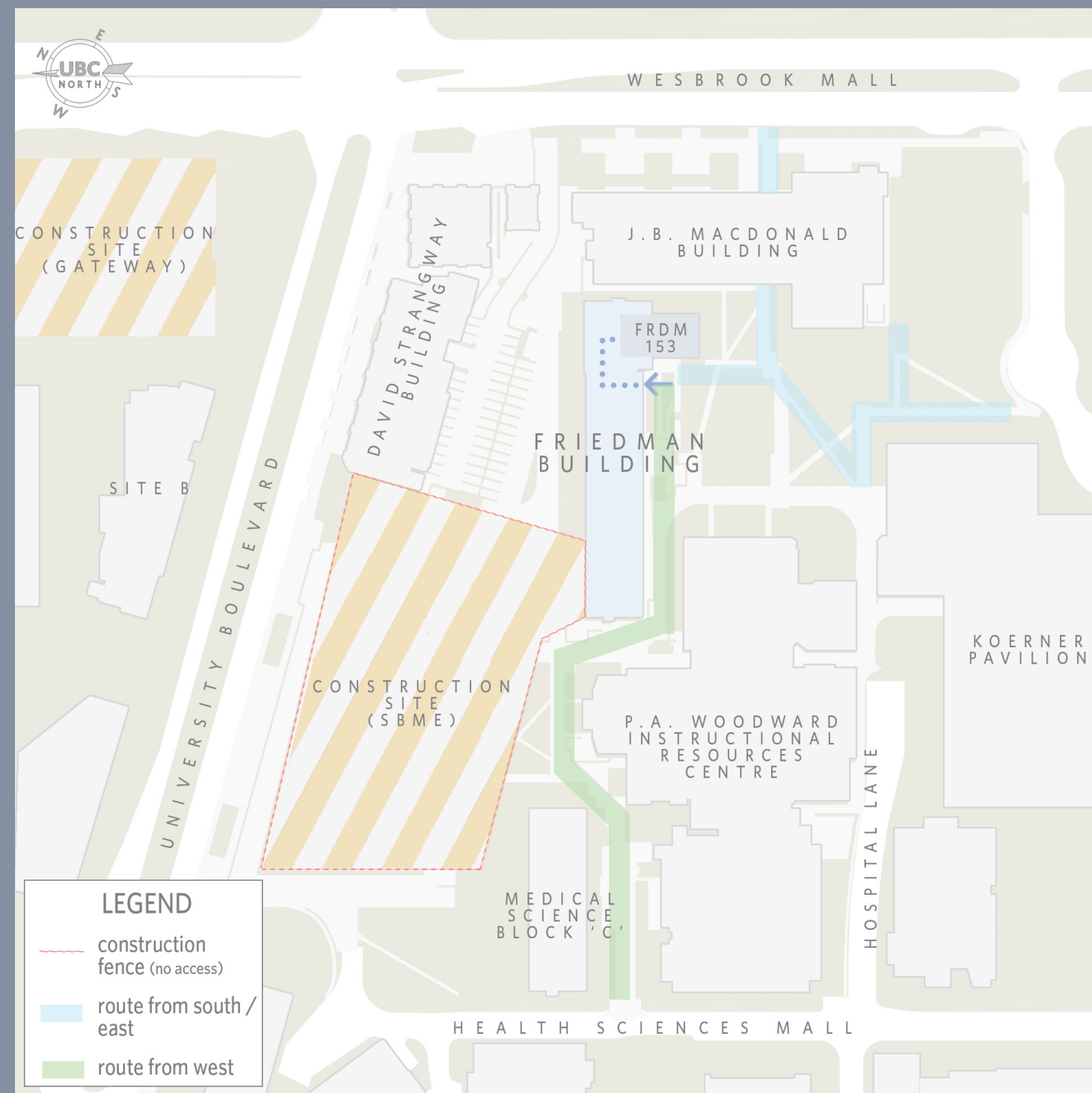
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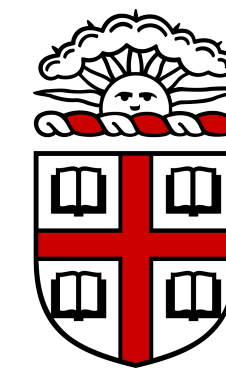


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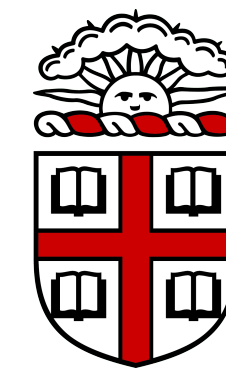
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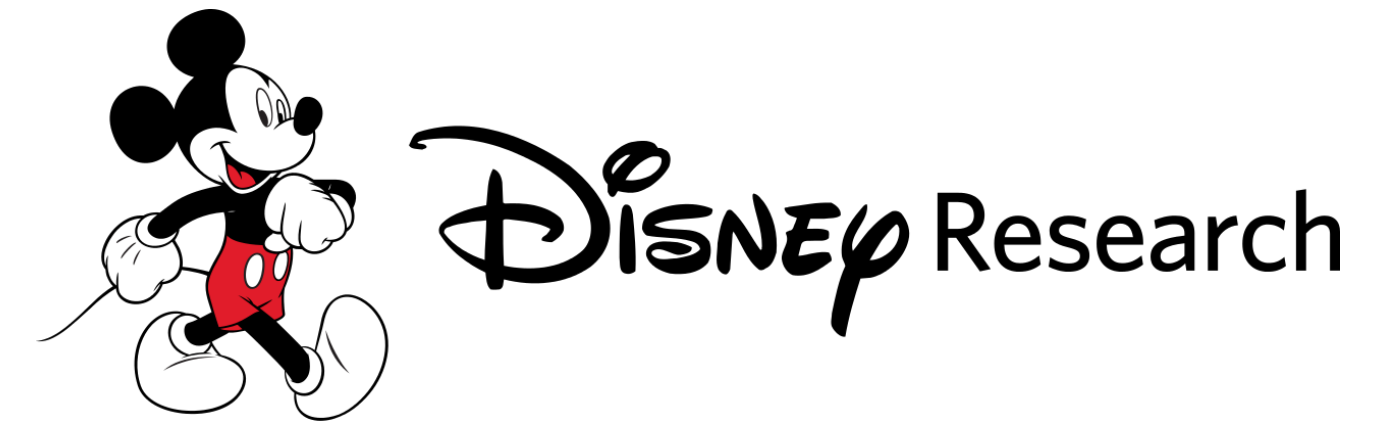
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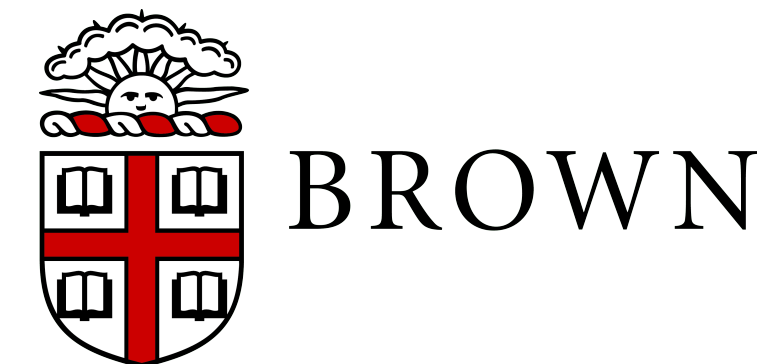
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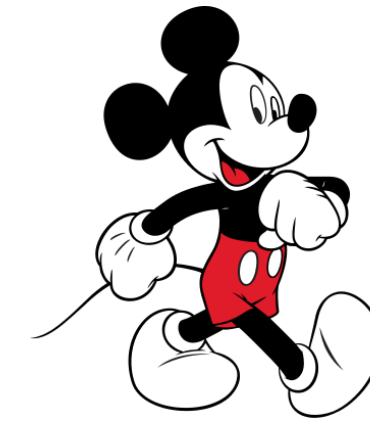
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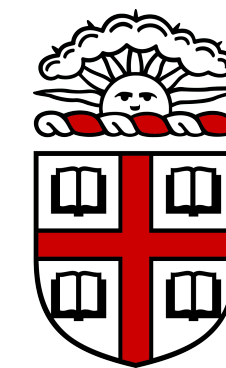
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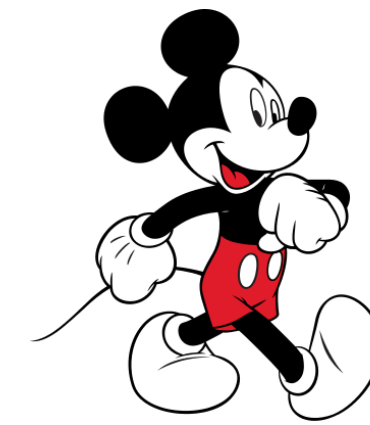
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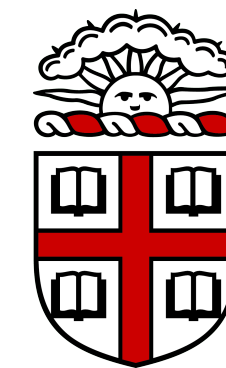
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Multi-modal Learning (now known as Vision-Language Models)

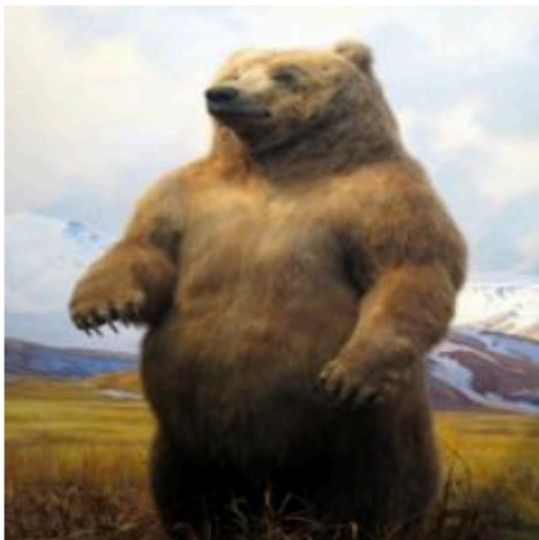
Dialog Information

Input image

Attended image

Current question: *What color is it's fur ?*

Predicted answer: *Brown*



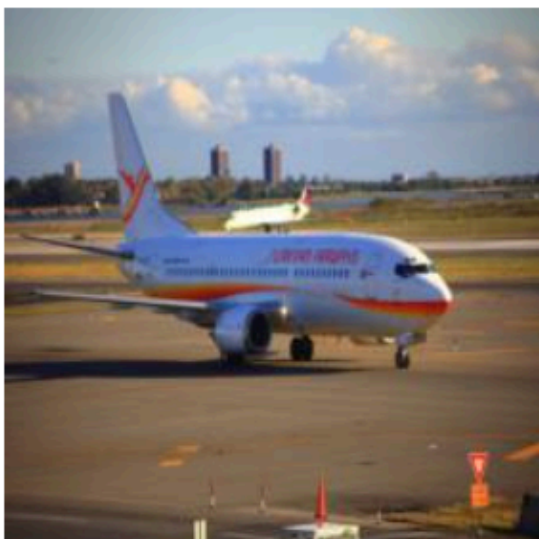
Current question: *What color is the train ?*

Predicted answer: *It is white and red with some blue on it*



Current question: *Is it a sunny day ?*

Predicted answer: *Yes*



Video Understanding



[Xu et al., WACV 2019]

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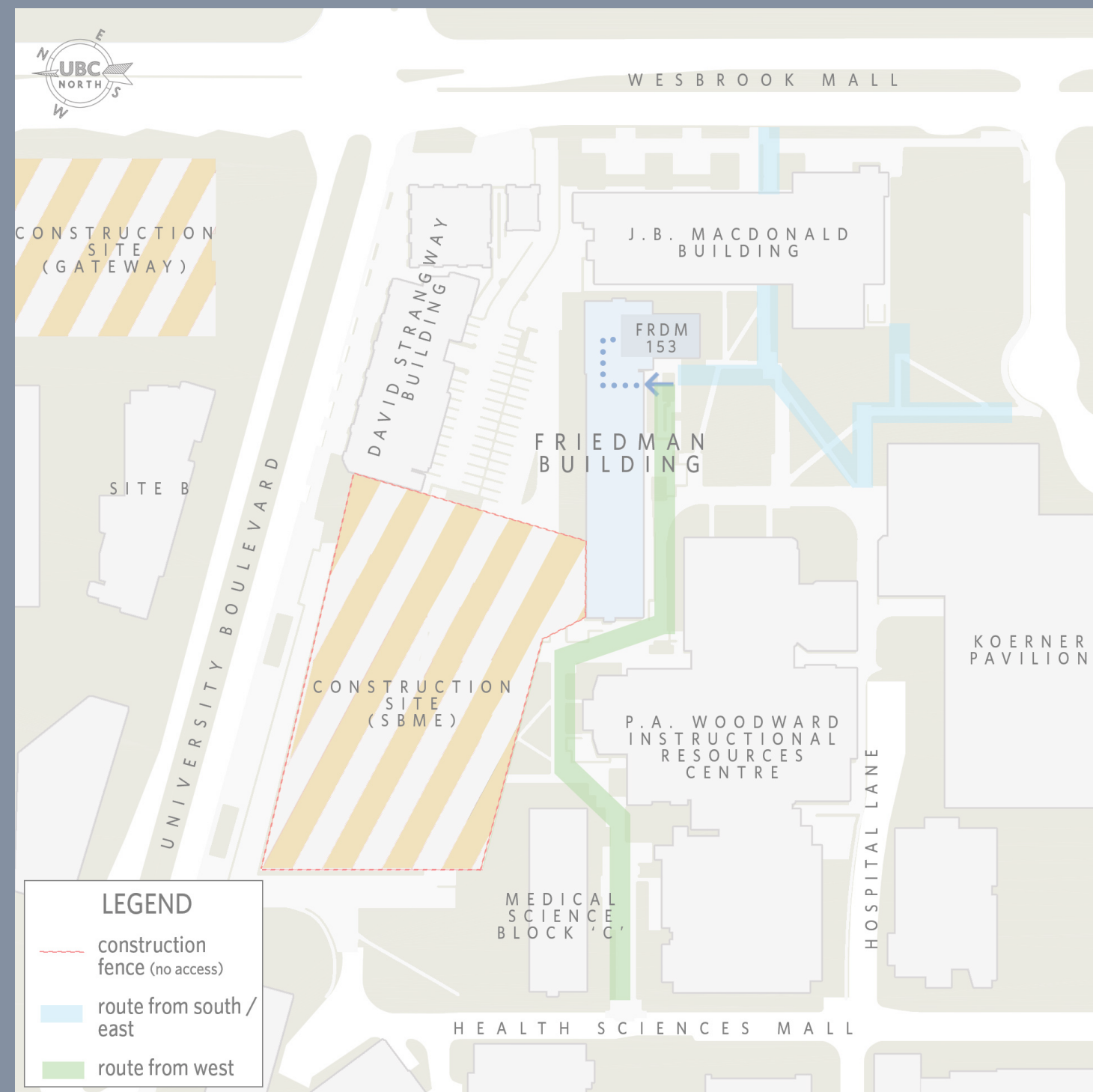


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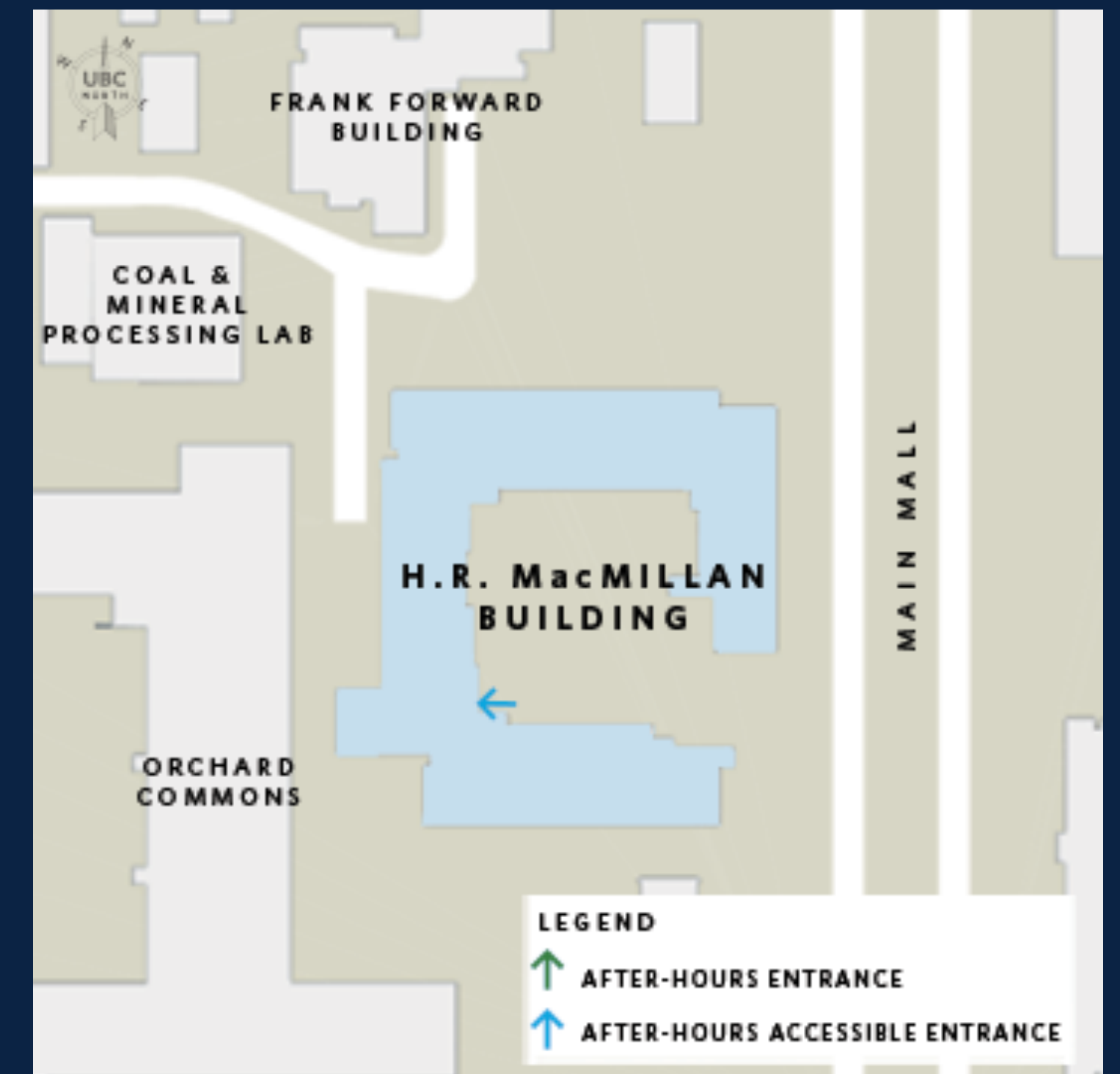


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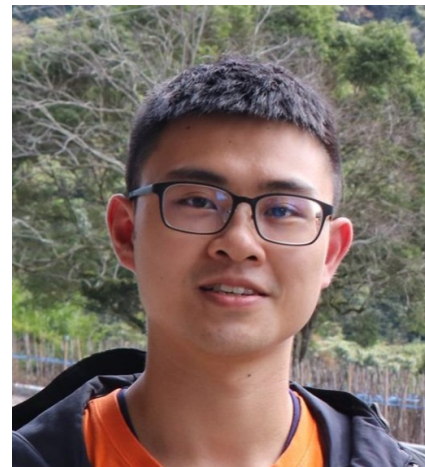
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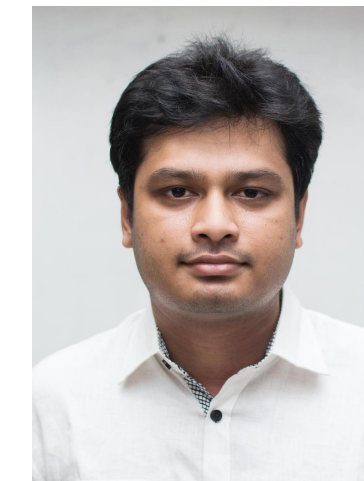
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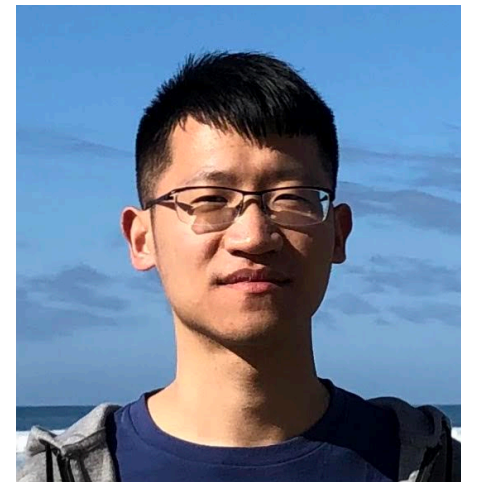
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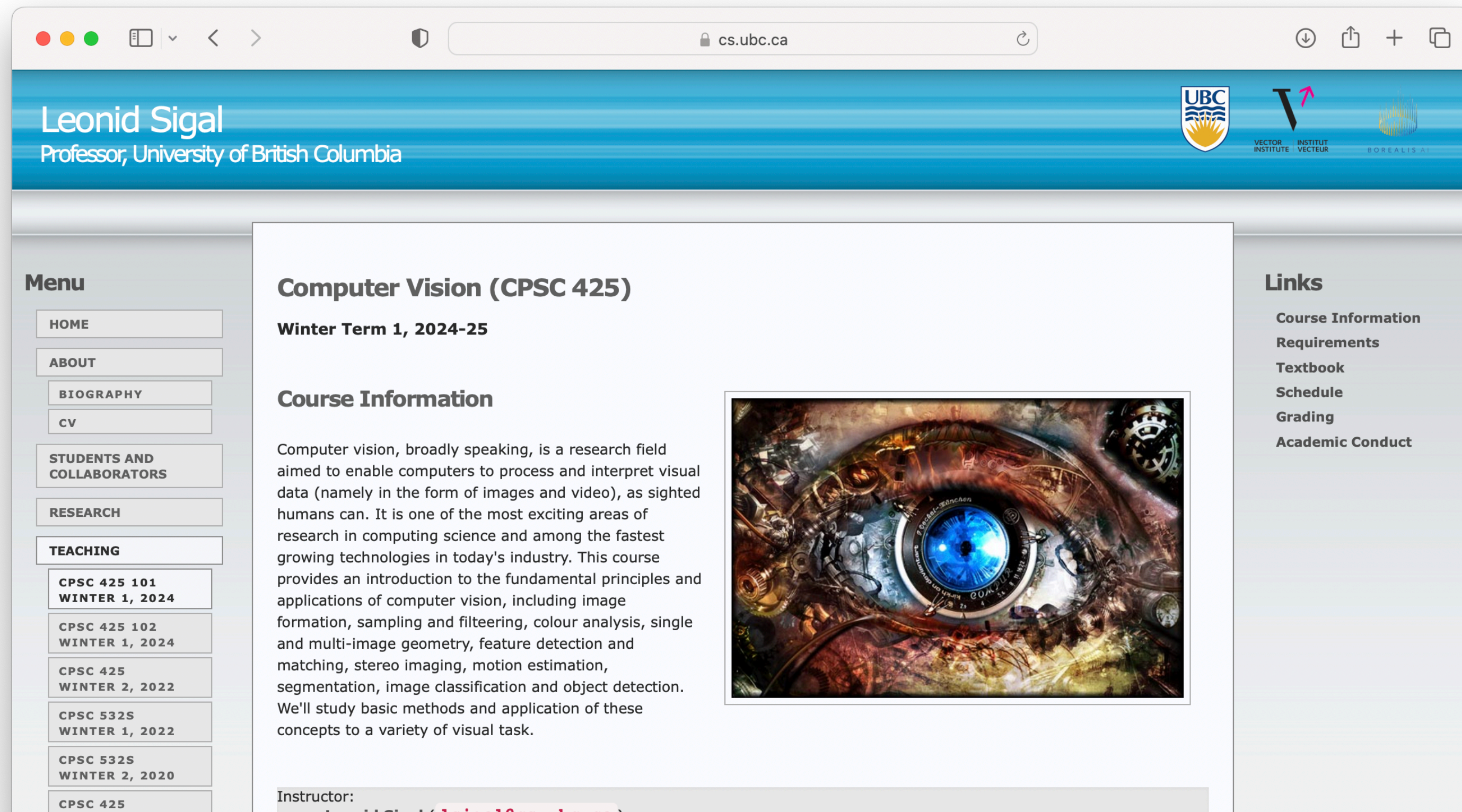


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Course Webpage

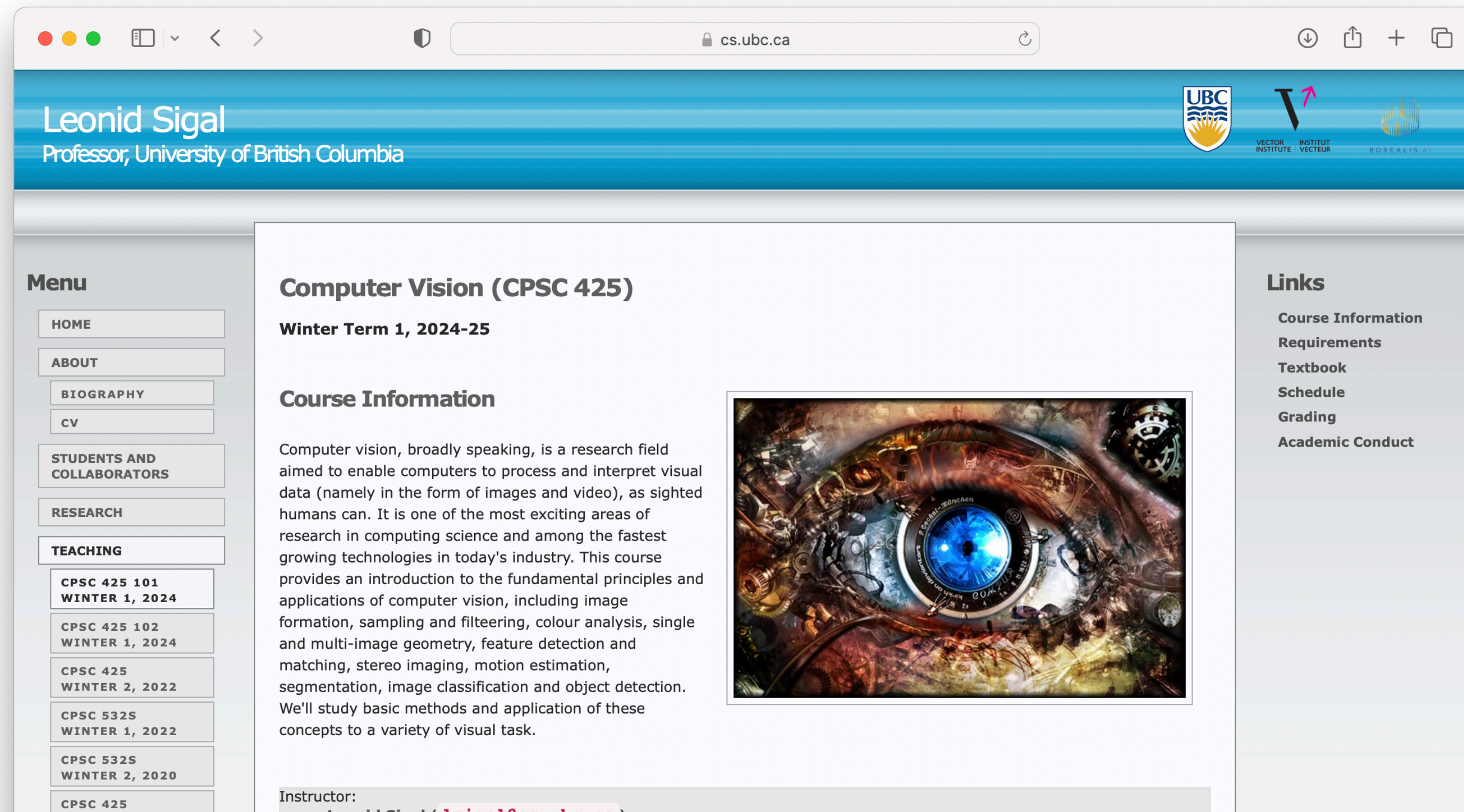


- Schedule, Assignments
- Lecture Slides and Notes
- Readings
- Course Information (public)

Section 101: https://www.cs.ubc.ca/~lsigal/teaching24_Term1a.html

Section 102: https://www.cs.ubc.ca/~lsigal/teaching24_Term1b.html

Course **Webpage**: Section 101 vs. 102



- Section 101 has three extra lectures (compared to 102)

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Jump to Today

Edit

Computer vision, broadly speaking, is a research field aimed to enable computers to process and interpret visual data (namely in the form of images and video), as sighted humans can. It is one of the most exciting areas of research in computing science and among the fastest growing technologies in today's industry. This course provides an introduction to the fundamental principles and applications of computer vision, including image formation, sampling and filtering, colour analysis, single and multi-image geometry, feature detection and matching, stereo imaging, motion estimation, segmentation, image classification and object detection. We'll study basic methods and application of these concepts to a variety of visual task.

Course Information

Lectures: Monday and Wednesday 3:30-5:00pm

Location: Friedman (FRDM), Room 153

Course Webpage: https://www.cs.ubc.ca/~lsigal/teaching22_Term2.html

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< January 2023 >

25	26	27	28	29	30	31
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Assignments are weighted by group:

Group	Weight
Assignments	45%
Midterm	15%
Quizzes	10%
Final	30%
Total	100%

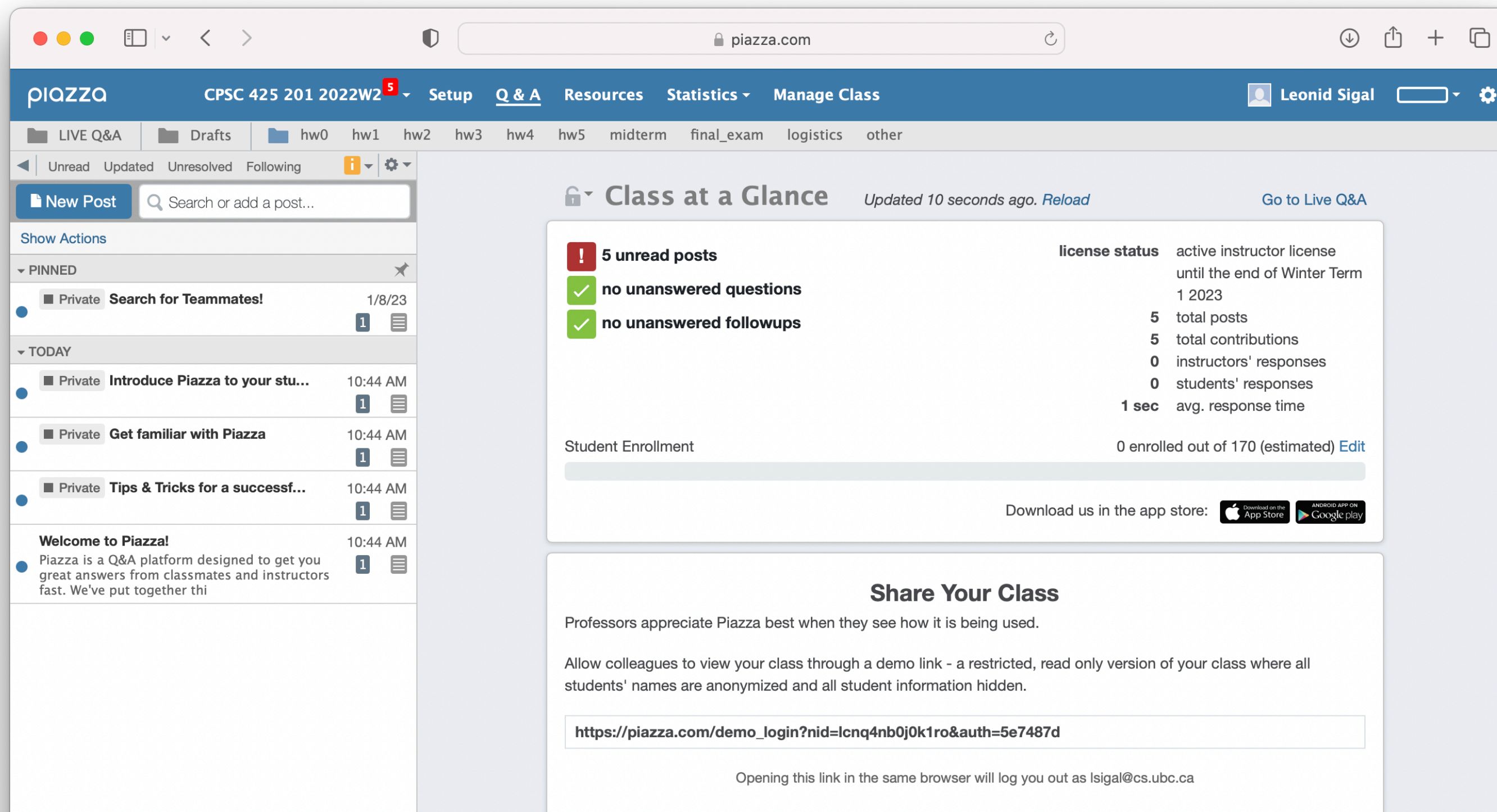
- Assignment hand-in
- Course Information (private)
- Piazza link

<https://canvas.ubc.ca/courses/146440>

Piazza

Discussion: https://piazza.com/ubc.ca/winterterm12024/cpsc_v4251011022024w1/home

65 students were enrolled as of AM



- Discussions and Q+A
- Confused? Likely someone else has the same question as you!
- Lecture questions, Technical Issues, Assignments ...

Sign up code in e-mail

Office Hours

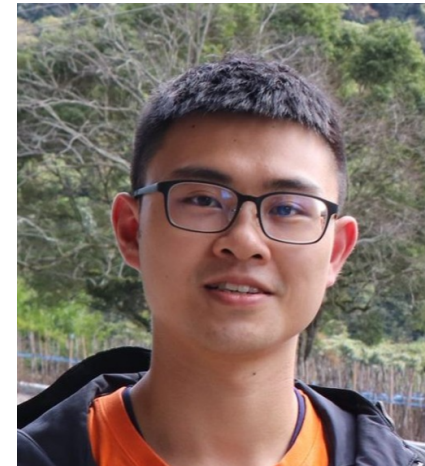
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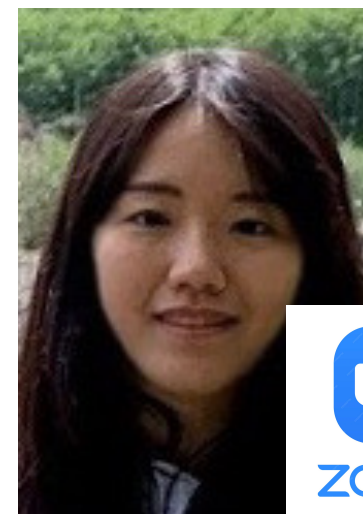
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Wednesday 7-8pm

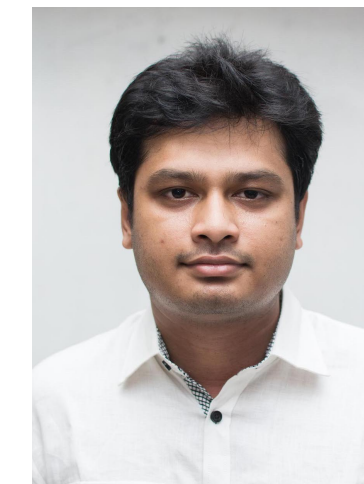


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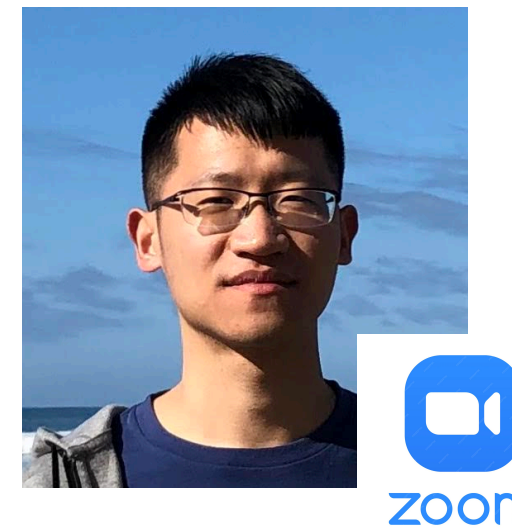
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Tuesday noon-1pm

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Monday 7-8pm



See Piazza for Links and Locations (mix of in-person and Zoom)

Special **Circumstances**

I will be **away** September 12th — 17th (inclusively)

Kwang Moo Yi



September 16th, 17th

I will also make recordings of these lectures from past year available



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To answer this questions, we need to go back to about

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Vision is really fundamental to life and evolution



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What do **you** see?



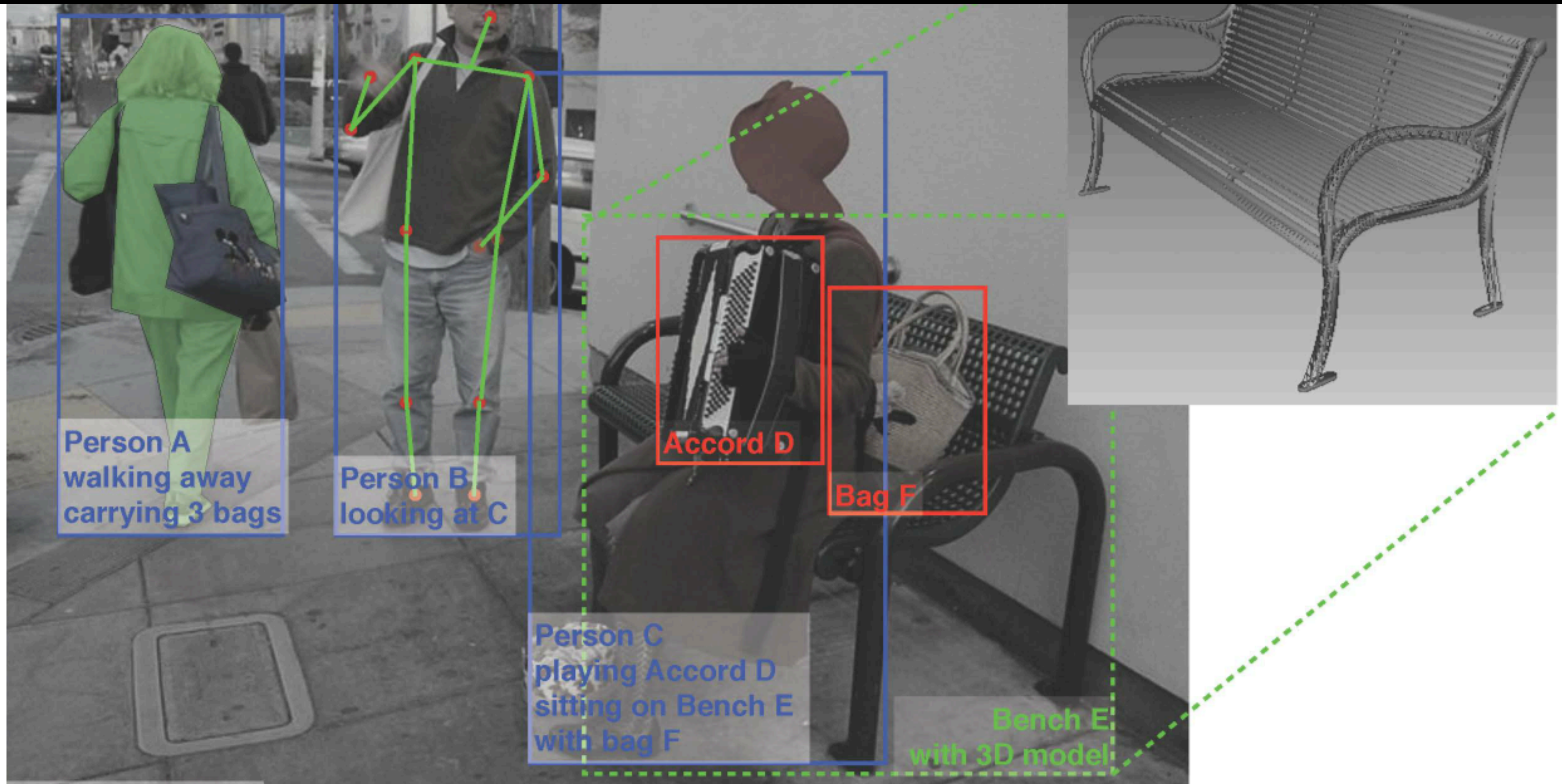
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What we would like **computer to infer**?



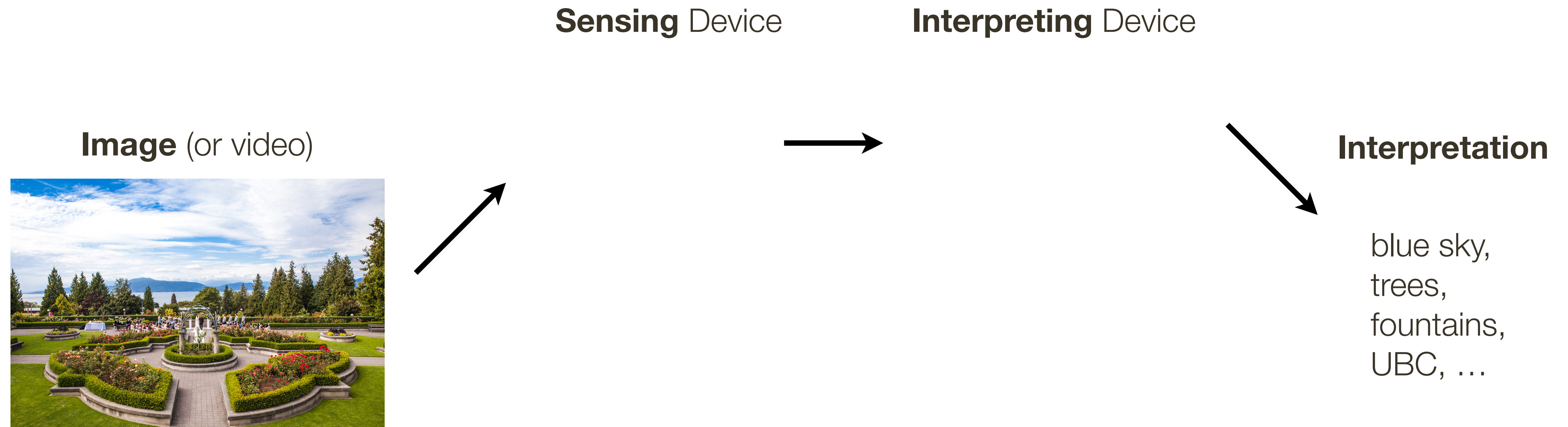
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Will person B put some money into person C's cup?



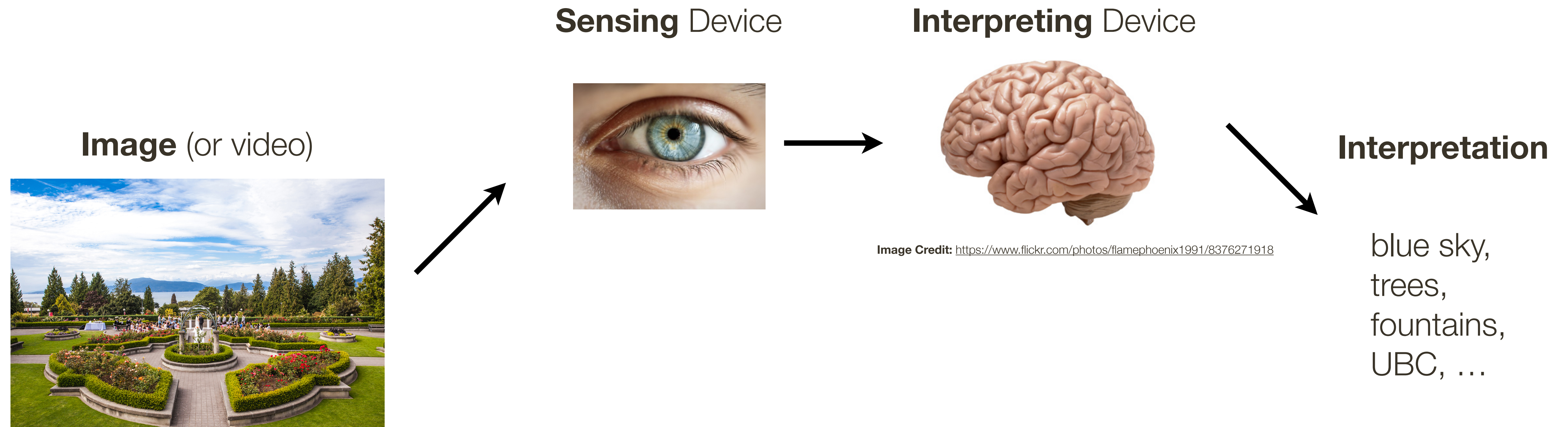
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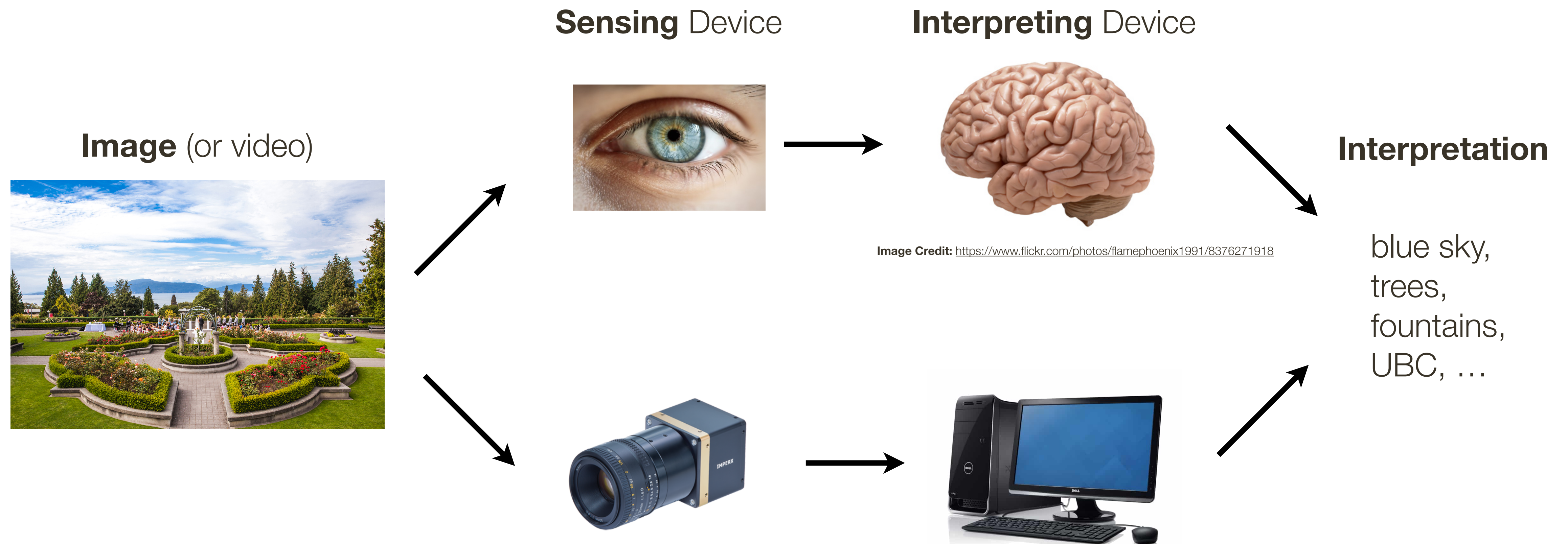
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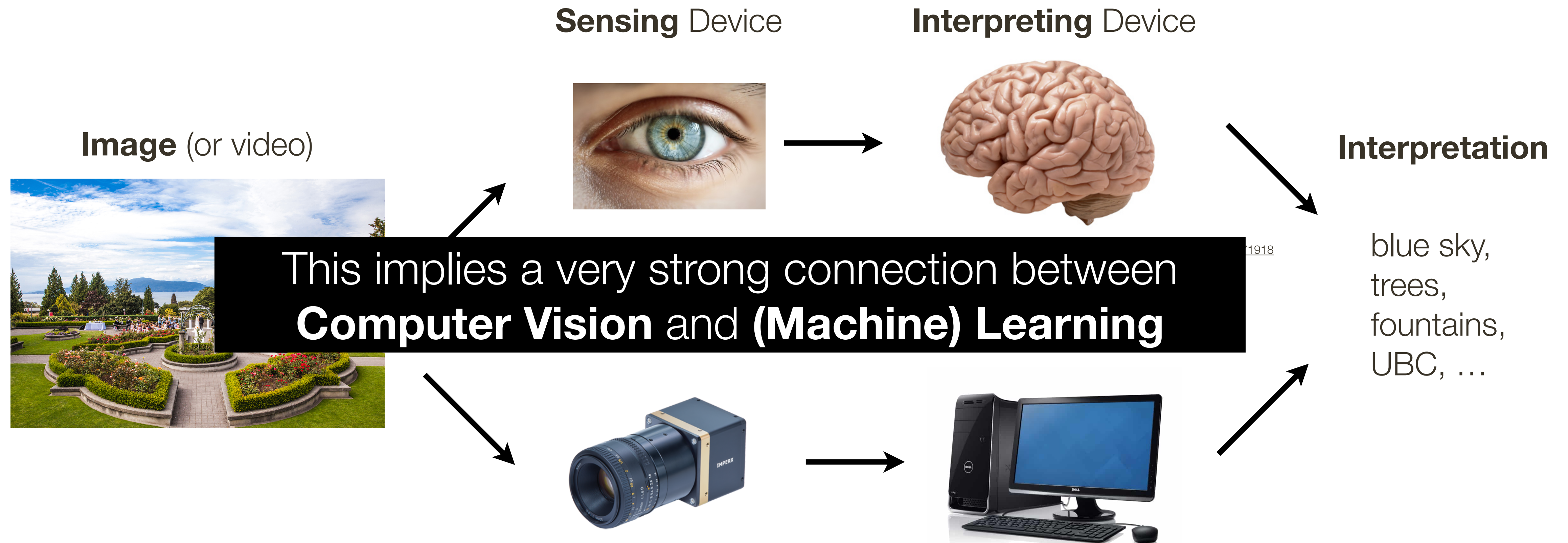
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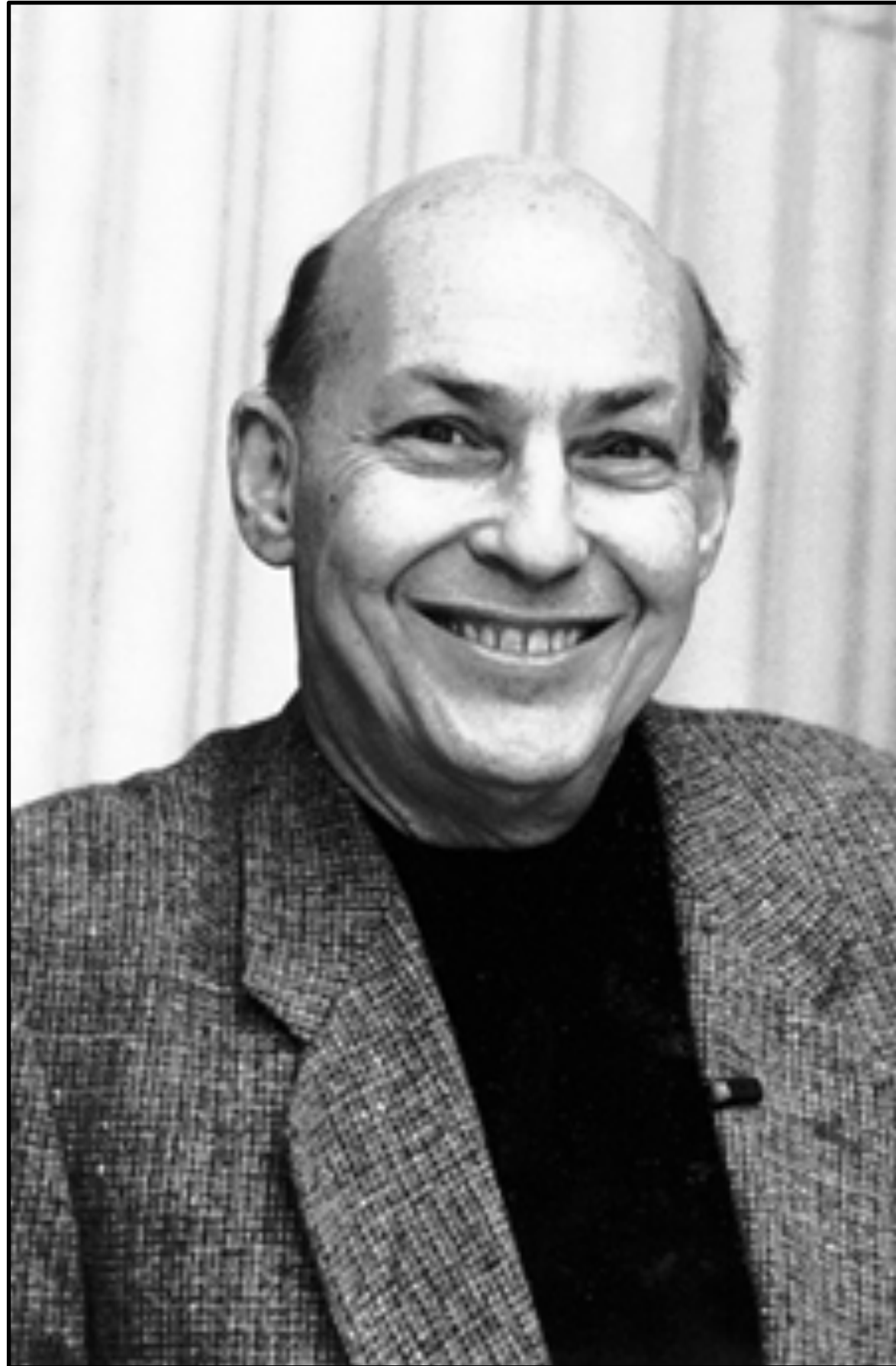


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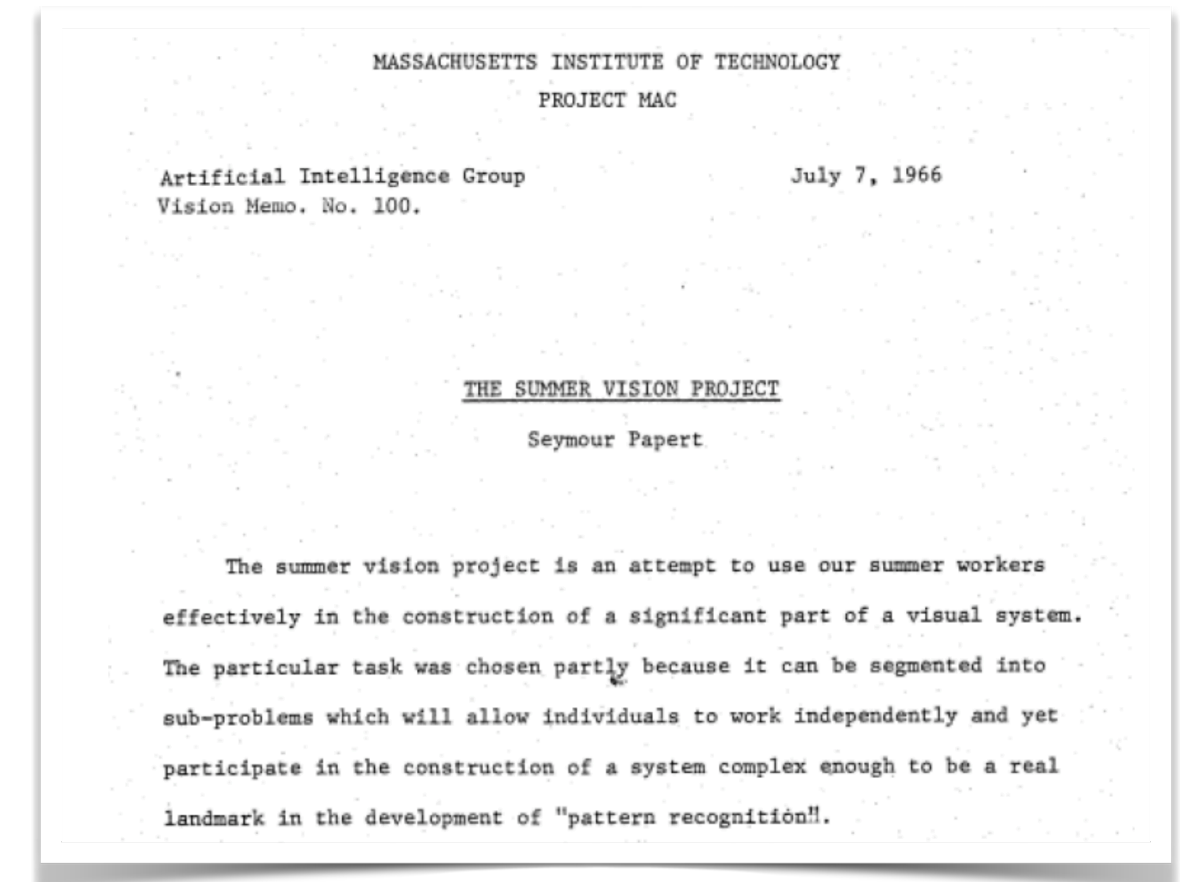


The Summer Vision Project

“spend the summer linking a camera to a computer and getting the computer to describe what it saw”

- Marvin Minsky (1966), MIT
Turing Award (1969)

... >50 years later



Computer vision ... the beginning ...



Gerald Sussman, MIT

“You’ll notice that **Sussman** never worked in vision again!” – Berthold Horn

Can computers **match (or beat)** human vision?

- We've been at it for 50 years

Can computers **match (or beat)** human vision?

- How good is human vision?

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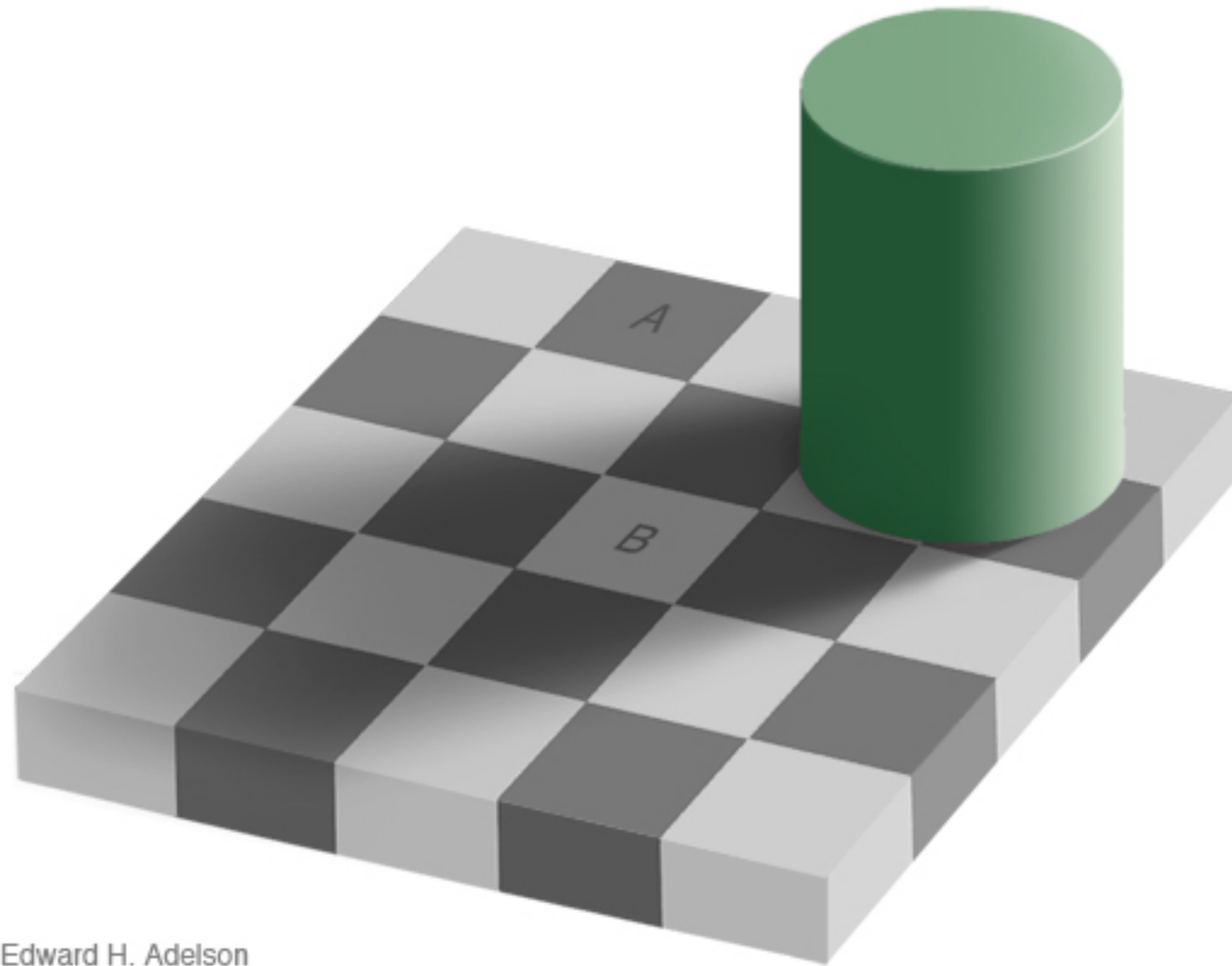
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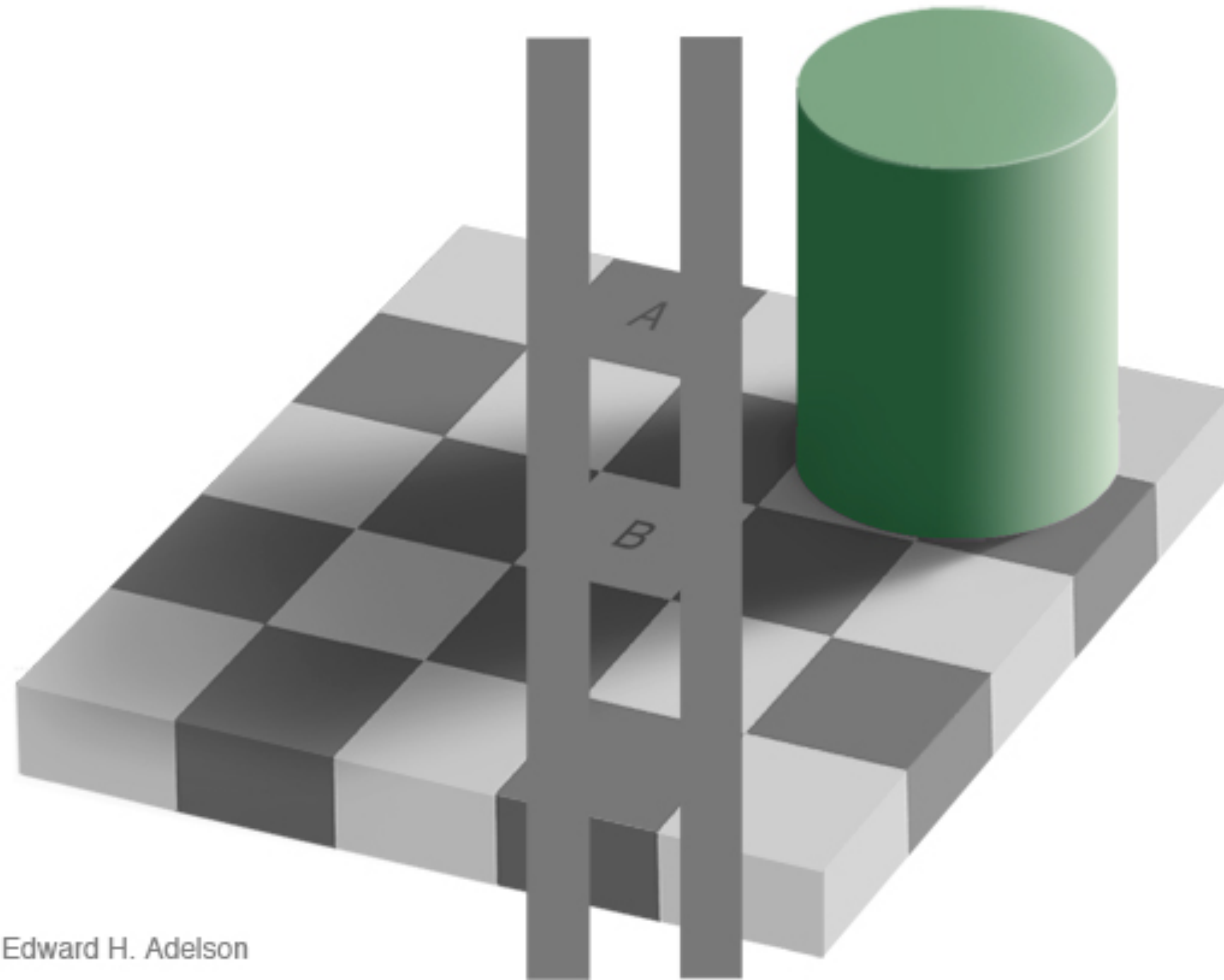


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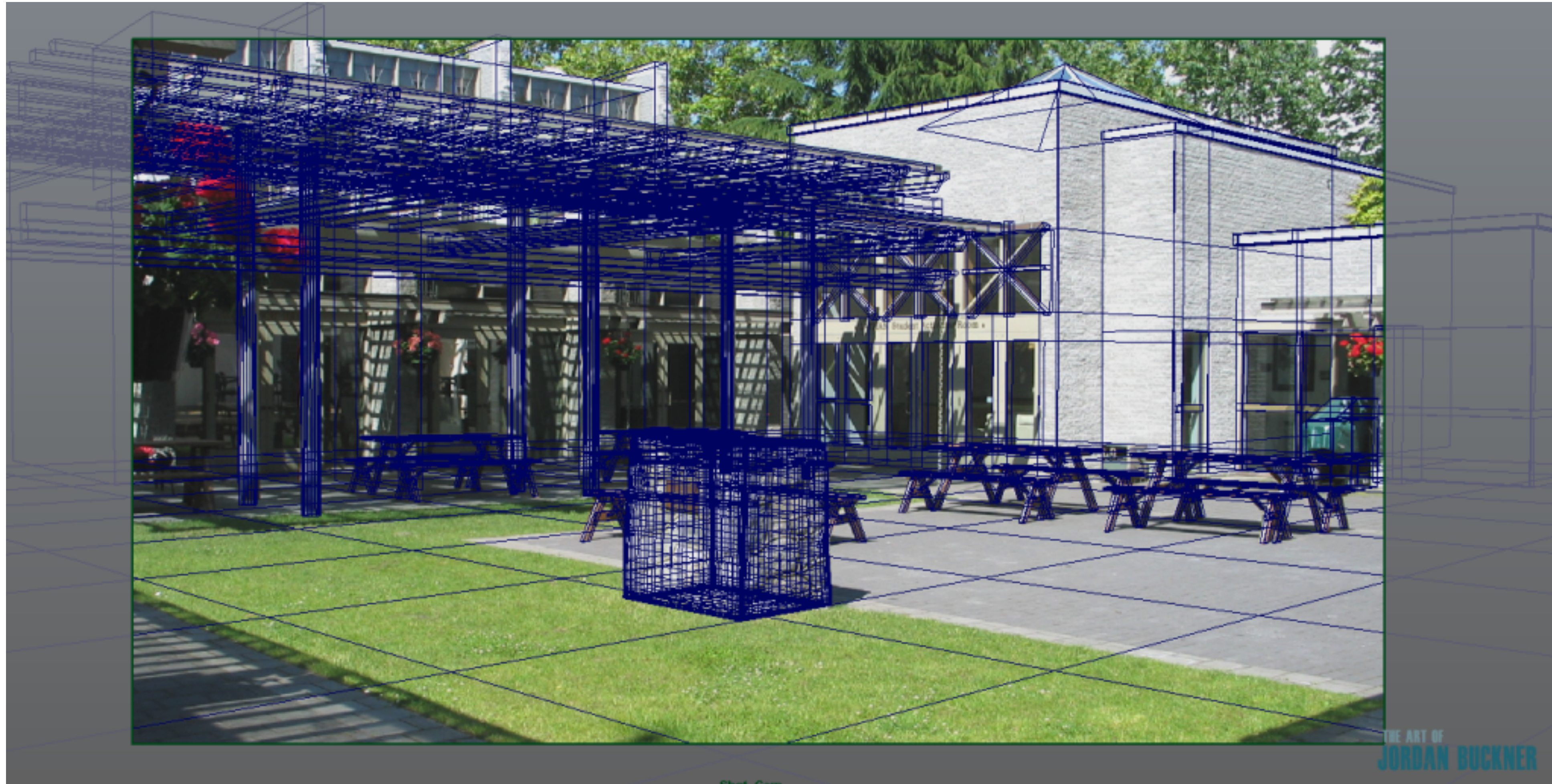
As a measuring device not very good, as a functioning device really good

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- **Yes and No** (mostly NO)

Alternative definition of computer vision

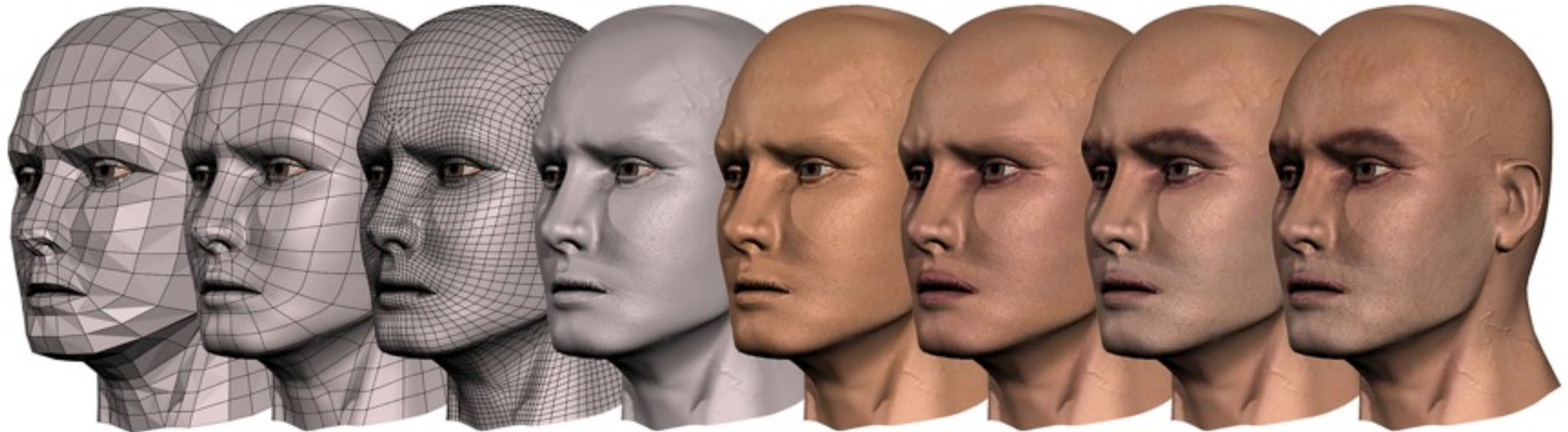
“Inverse Computer Graphics”



[J. Buckner]

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Graphics



Vision



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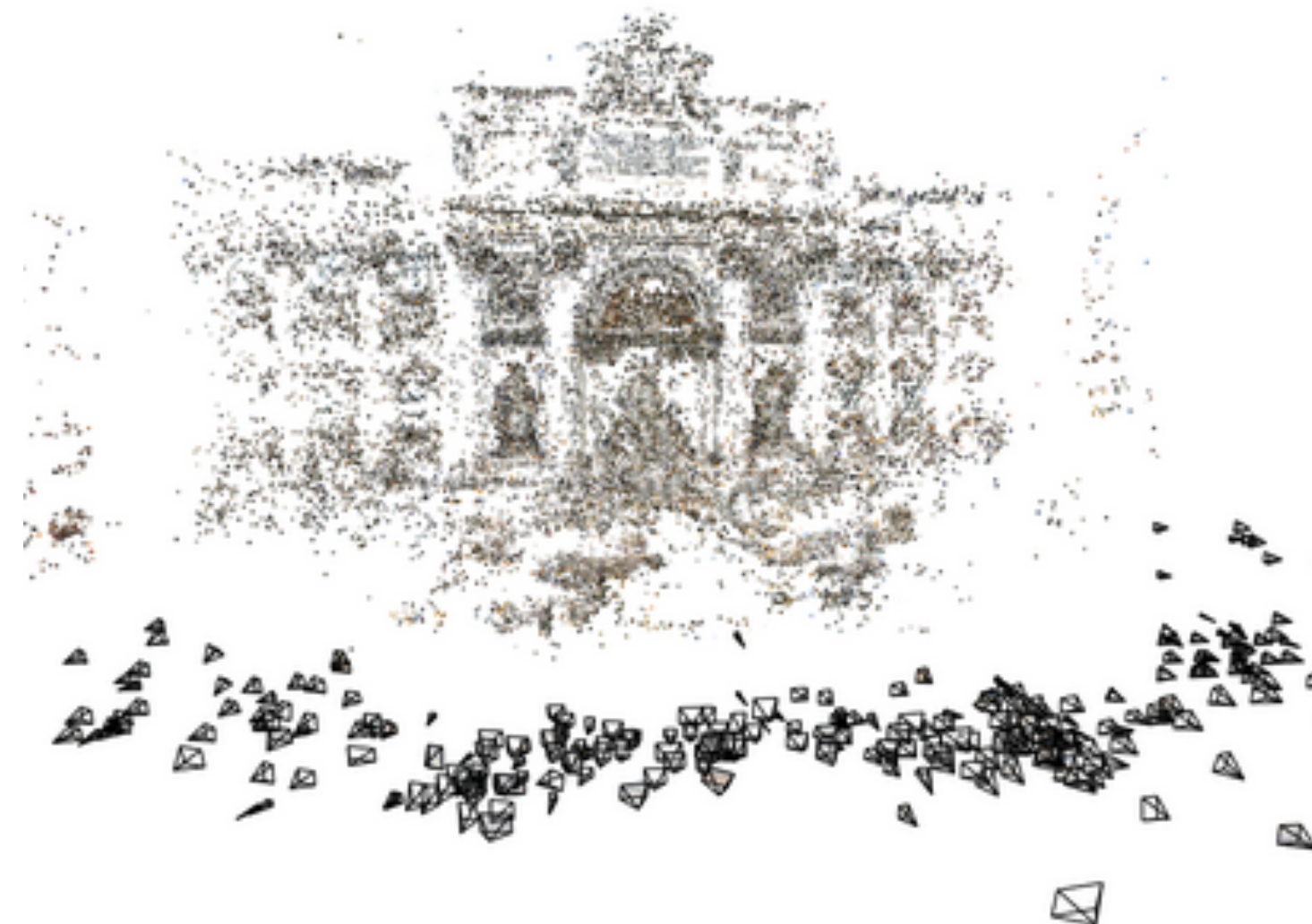
1. Vision for **Measurement**

Real-time stereo



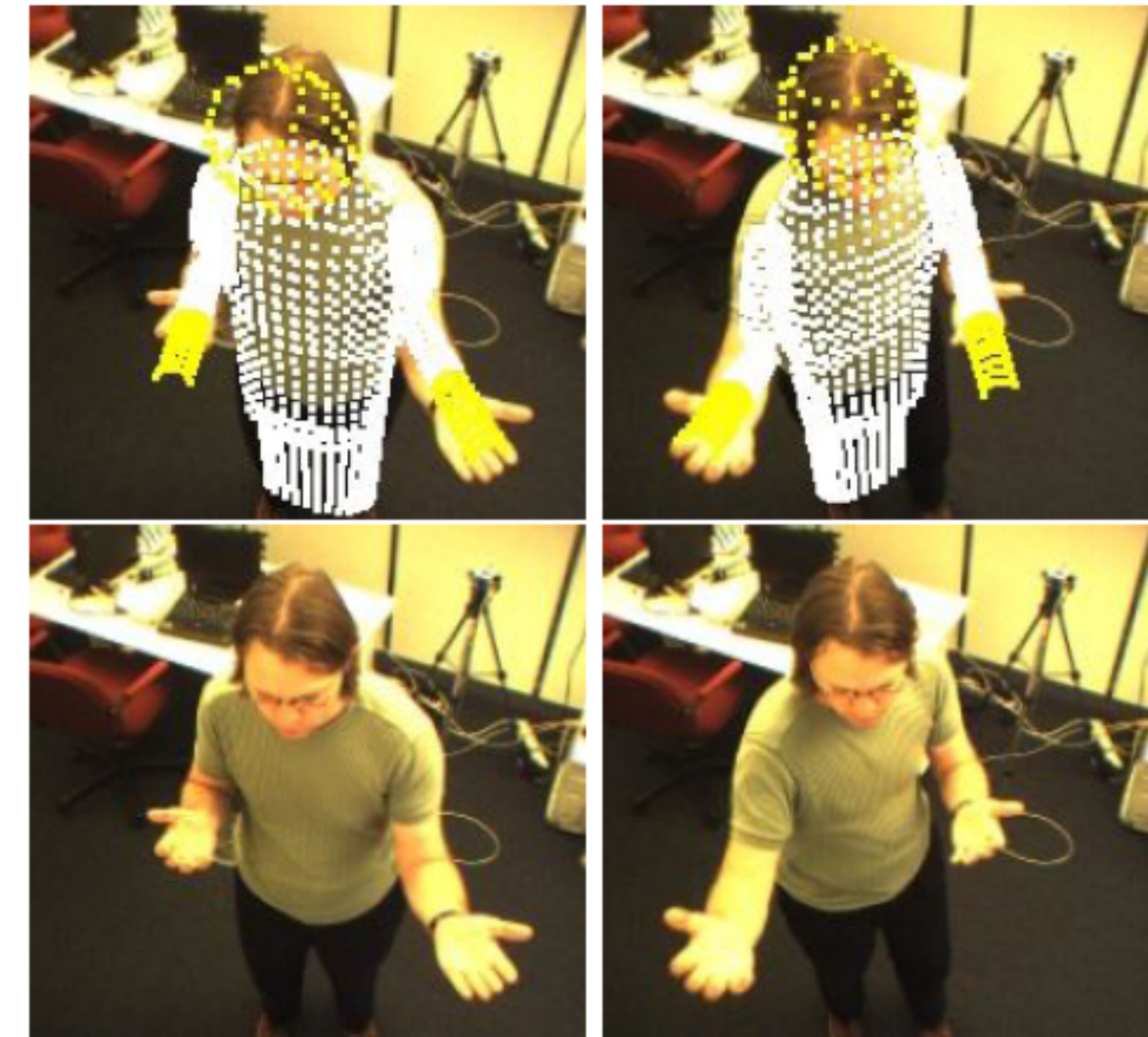
Wang et al.

Structure from motion



Snavely et al.

Tracking



Demirdjian et al.

Computer **Vision Problems**

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Ill-posed problem: real world is much more complex than what we can measure in images: 3D \rightarrow 2D

It is (literally) impossible to invert the image formation process

Computer **Vision Problems**

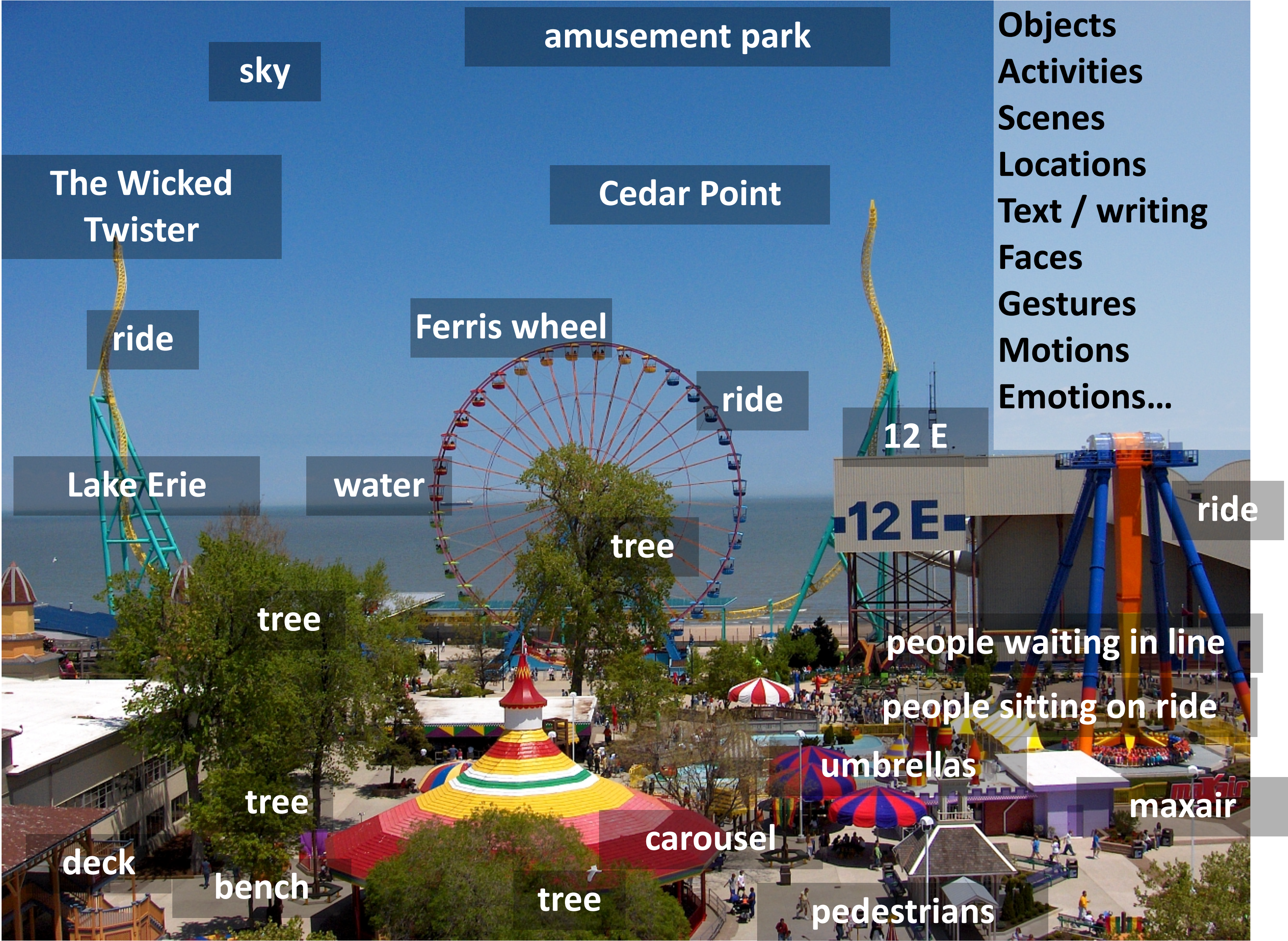
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2. Vision for **Perception and Interpretation**



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2. Vision for **Perception and Interpretation**

~ 55% of **cerebral cortex** in humans (13 billion neurons) are devoted to vision
more human brain devoted to vision than anything else



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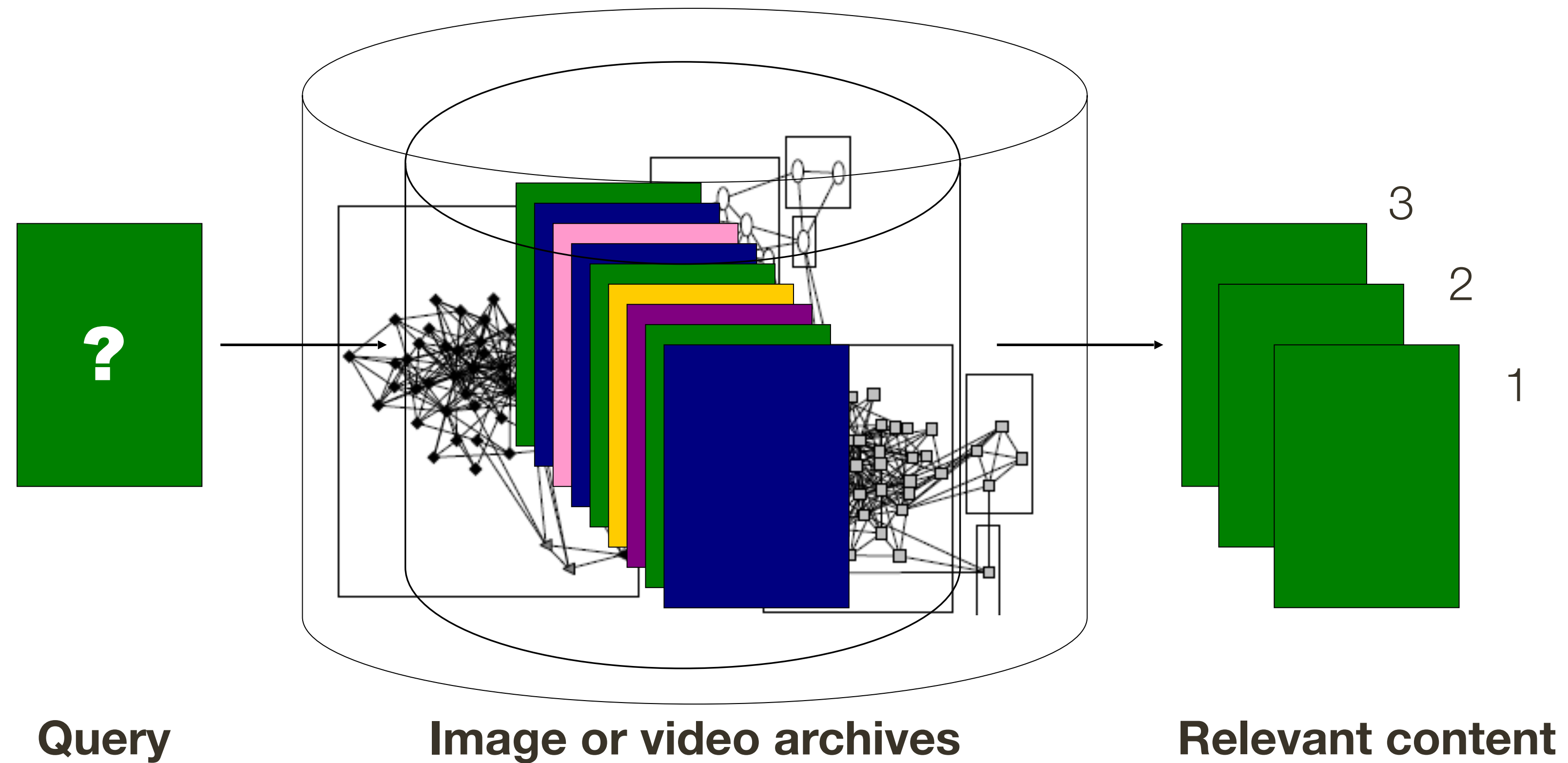
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We do not (fully) understand the processing mechanisms involved

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Scale is enormous, explosion of visual content

3. Search and Organization



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Snapchat



31.7 Million
/ hour

WhatsApp



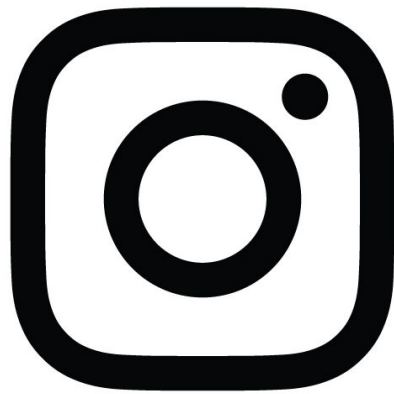
29.2 Million
/ hour

Facebook



14.6 Million
/ hour

Instagram



2.9 Million
/ hour

Flickr



0.2 Million
/ hour



18K hours
/ hour

*based on article by Kimberlee Morrison in Social Times (2015)

3. Search and Organization



> 85% of all web content is multimedia content of visual form

*from iStock by GettyImages

Snapchat



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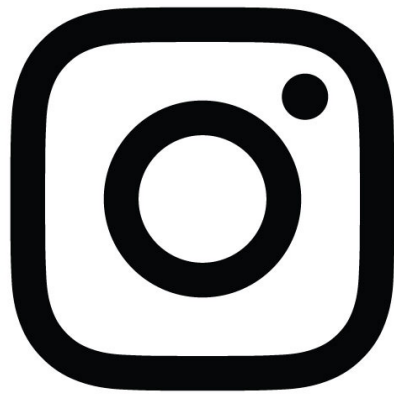
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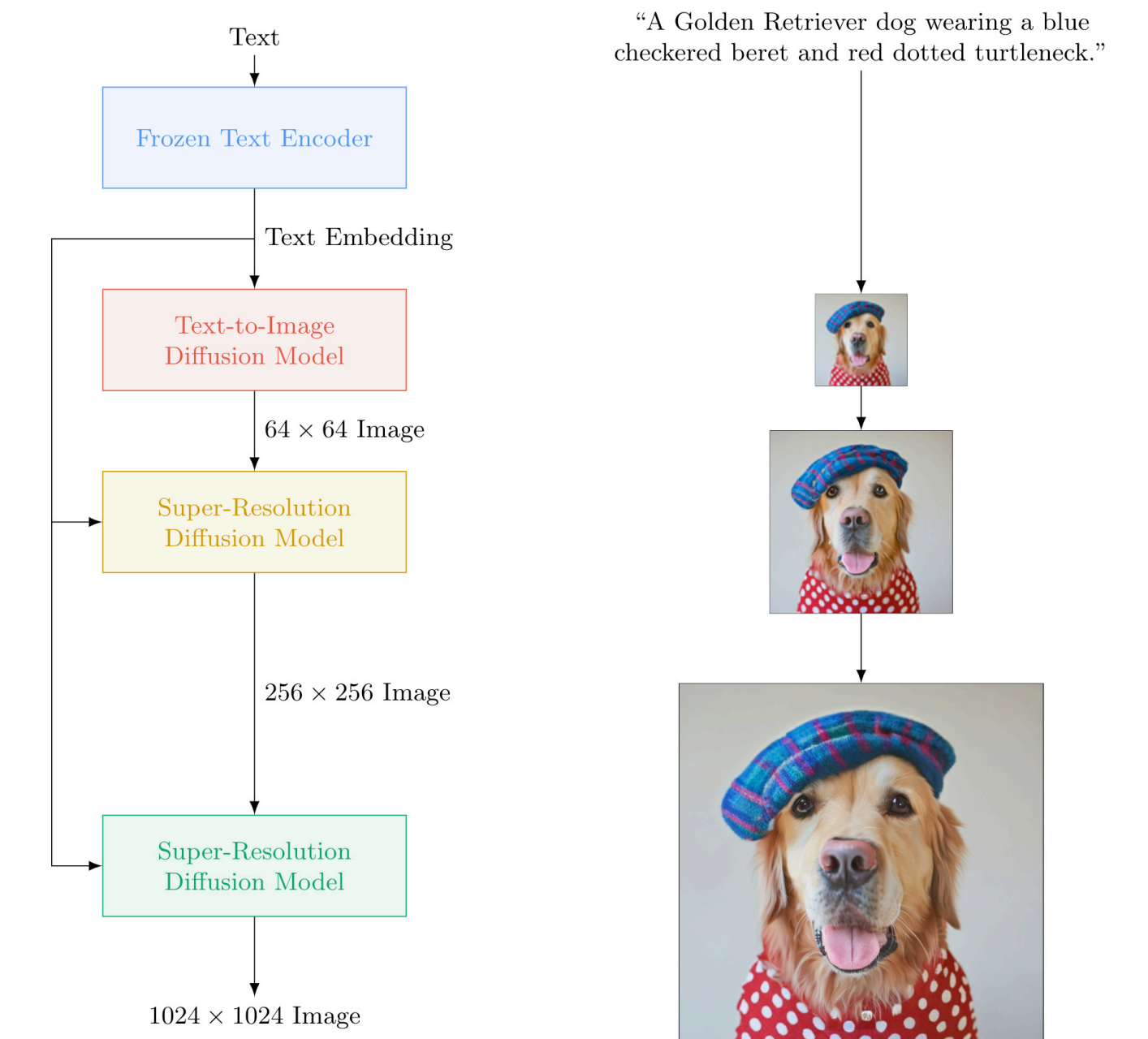
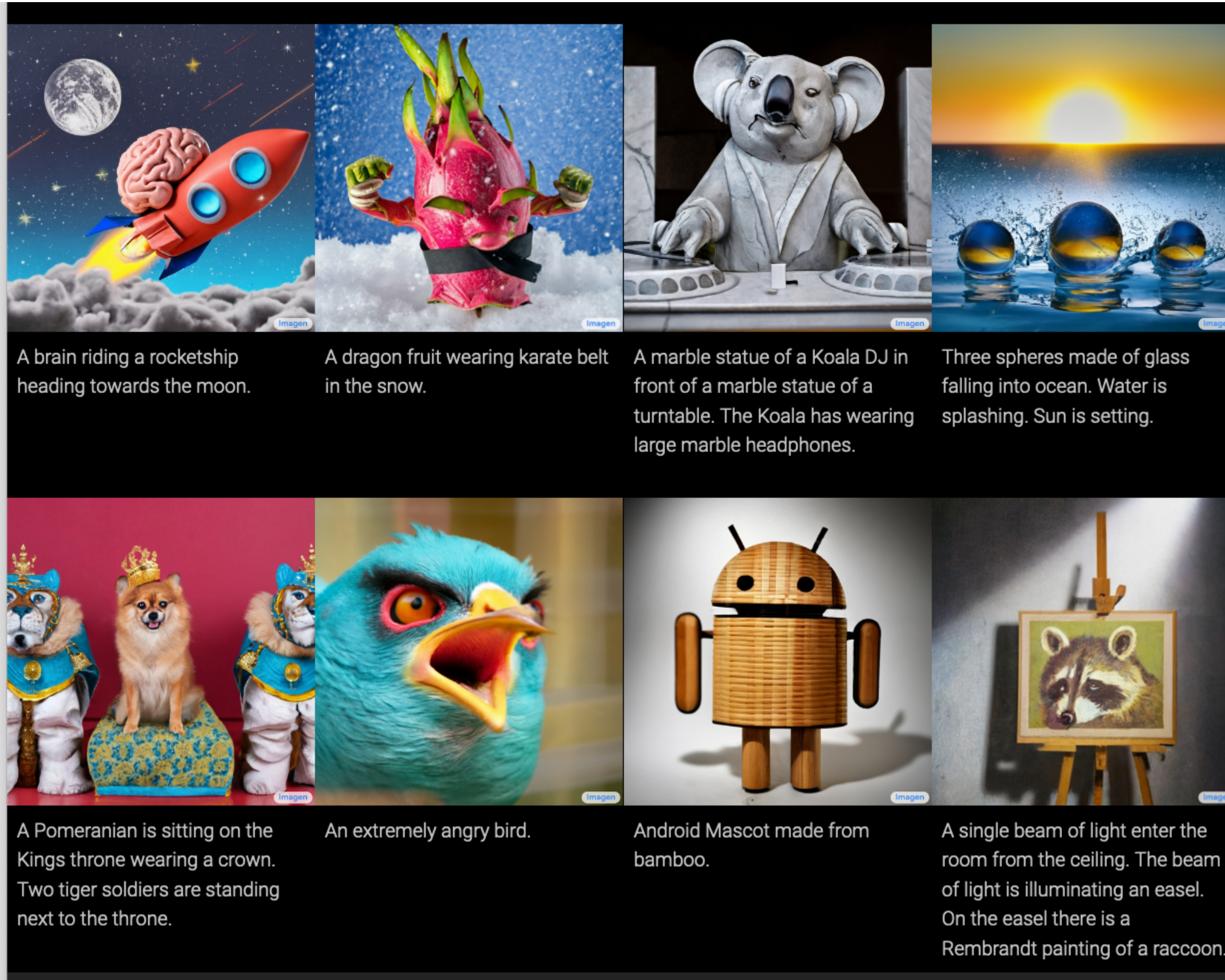
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4. Algorithms for manipulation or creation of image or video content (***visual imagination***)

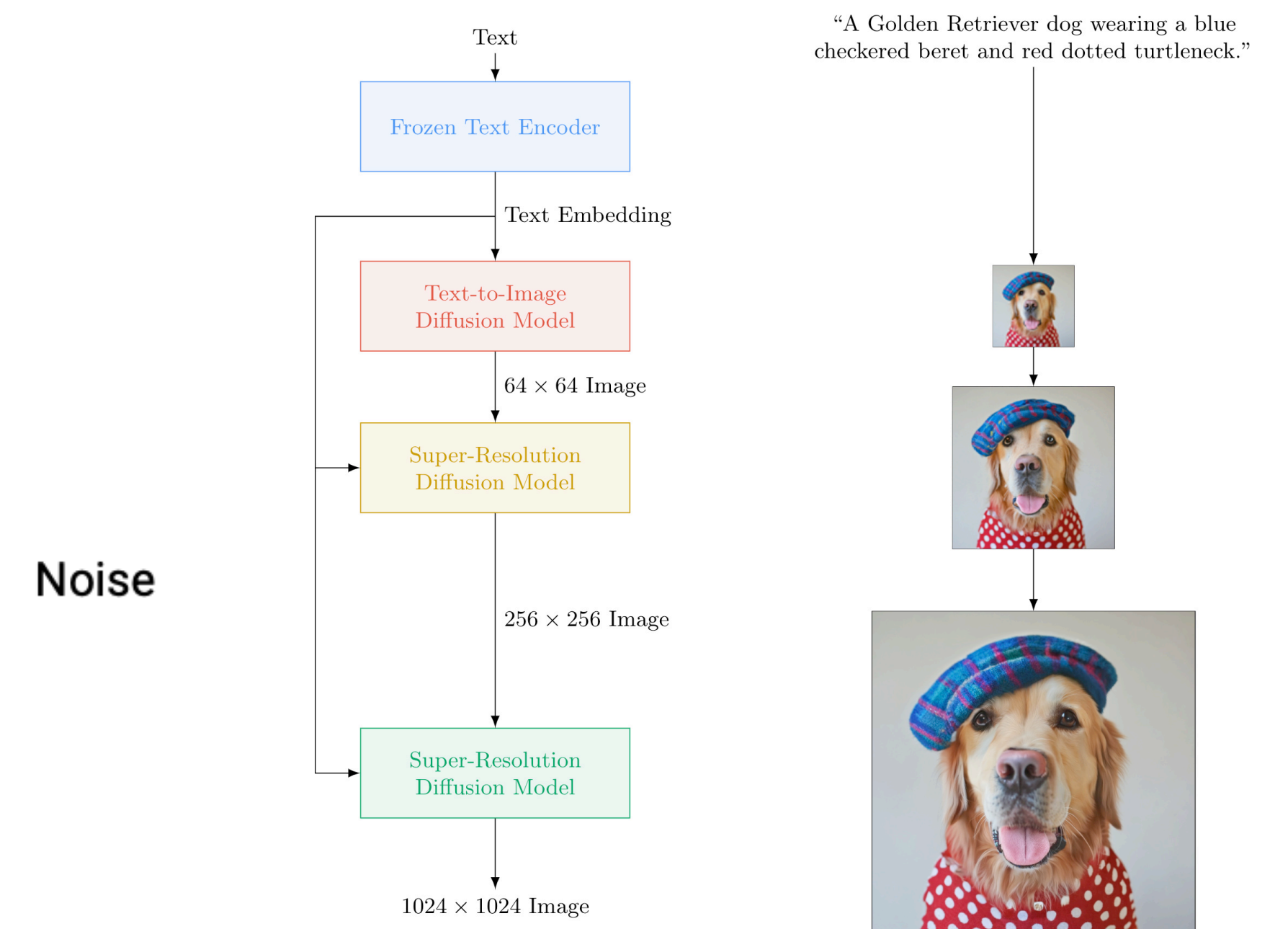
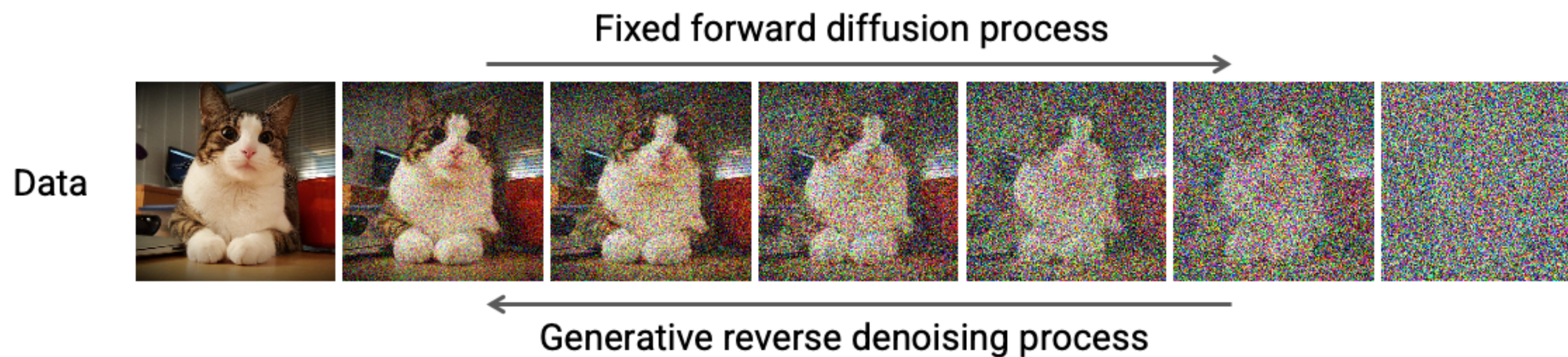
4. Visual Imagination

- imagen.research.google
- Text to image generation
- Uses diffusion process, training using large dataset of text (web scale) and image-text (400M) pairs



4. Visual Imagination

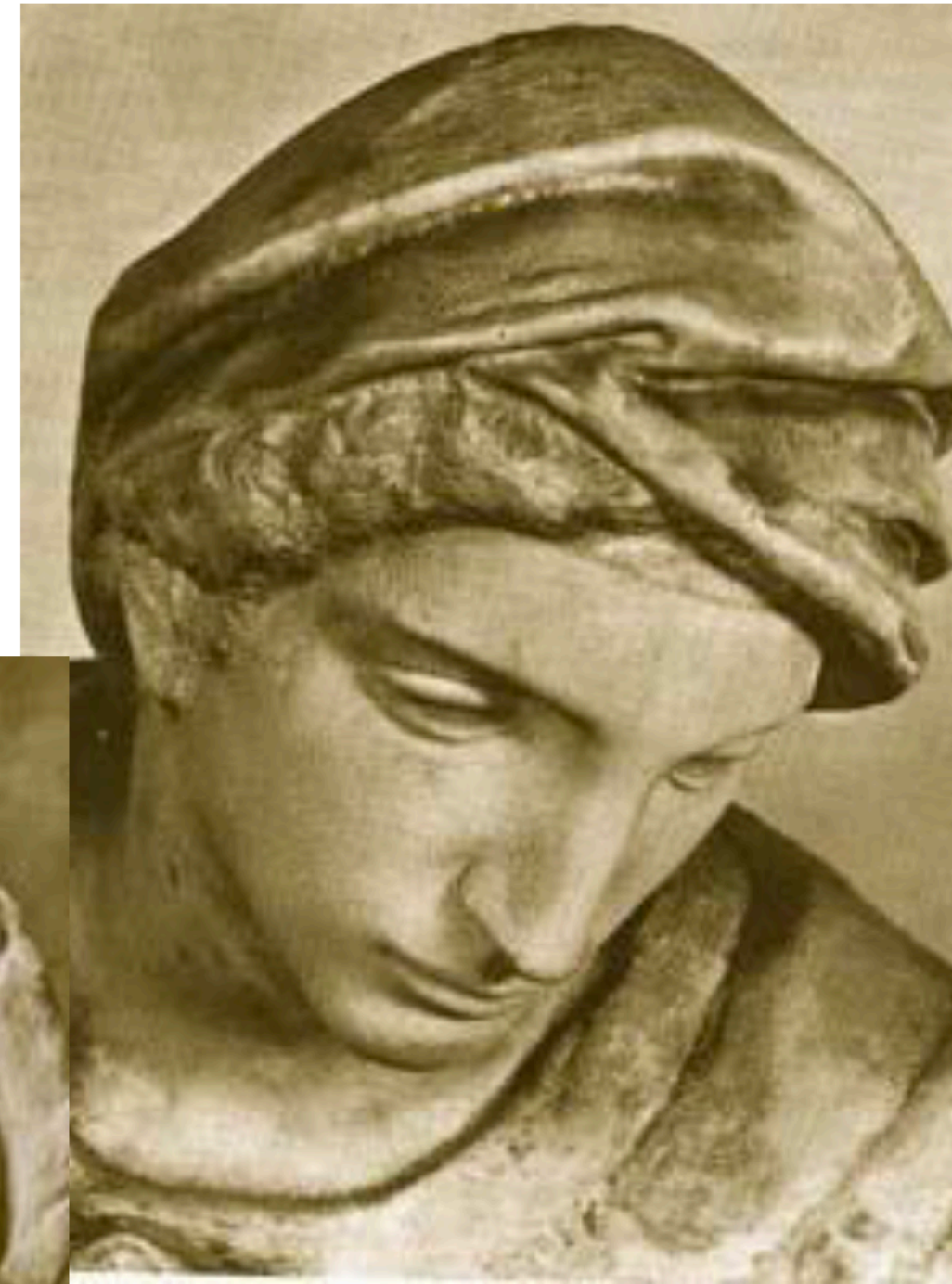
- imagen.research.google
- Text to image generation
- Uses diffusion process, training using large dataset of text (web scale) and image-text (400M) pairs



Computer **Vision Problems**

1. Computing properties of the 3D world from visual data (***measurement***)
2. Algorithms and representations to allow a machine to recognize objects, people, scenes, and activities (***perception and interpretation***)
3. Algorithms to mine, search, and interact with visual data (***search and organization***)
4. Algorithms for manipulation or creation of image or video content (***visual imagination***)

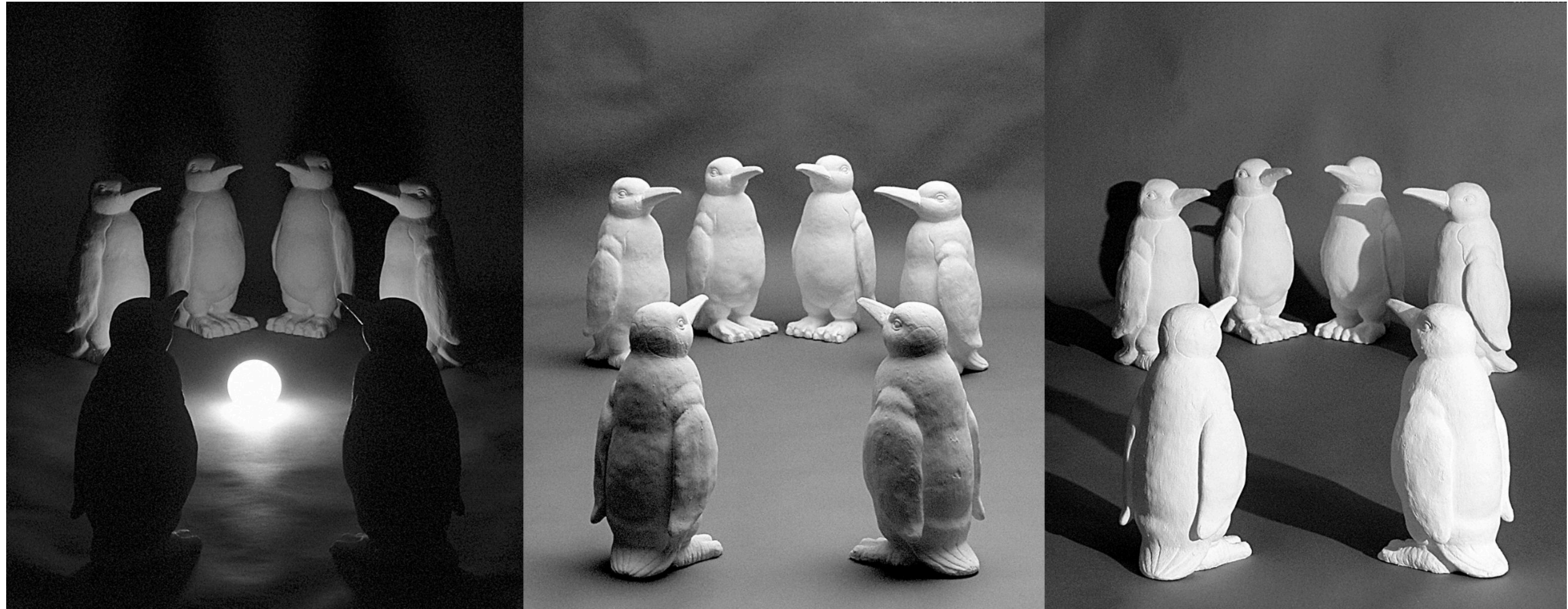
Challenges: Viewpoint invariance



Michelangelo 1475-1564

*slide credit Fei-Fei, Fergus & Torralba

Challenges: Lighting



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Challenges: Scale



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Challenges: Deformation



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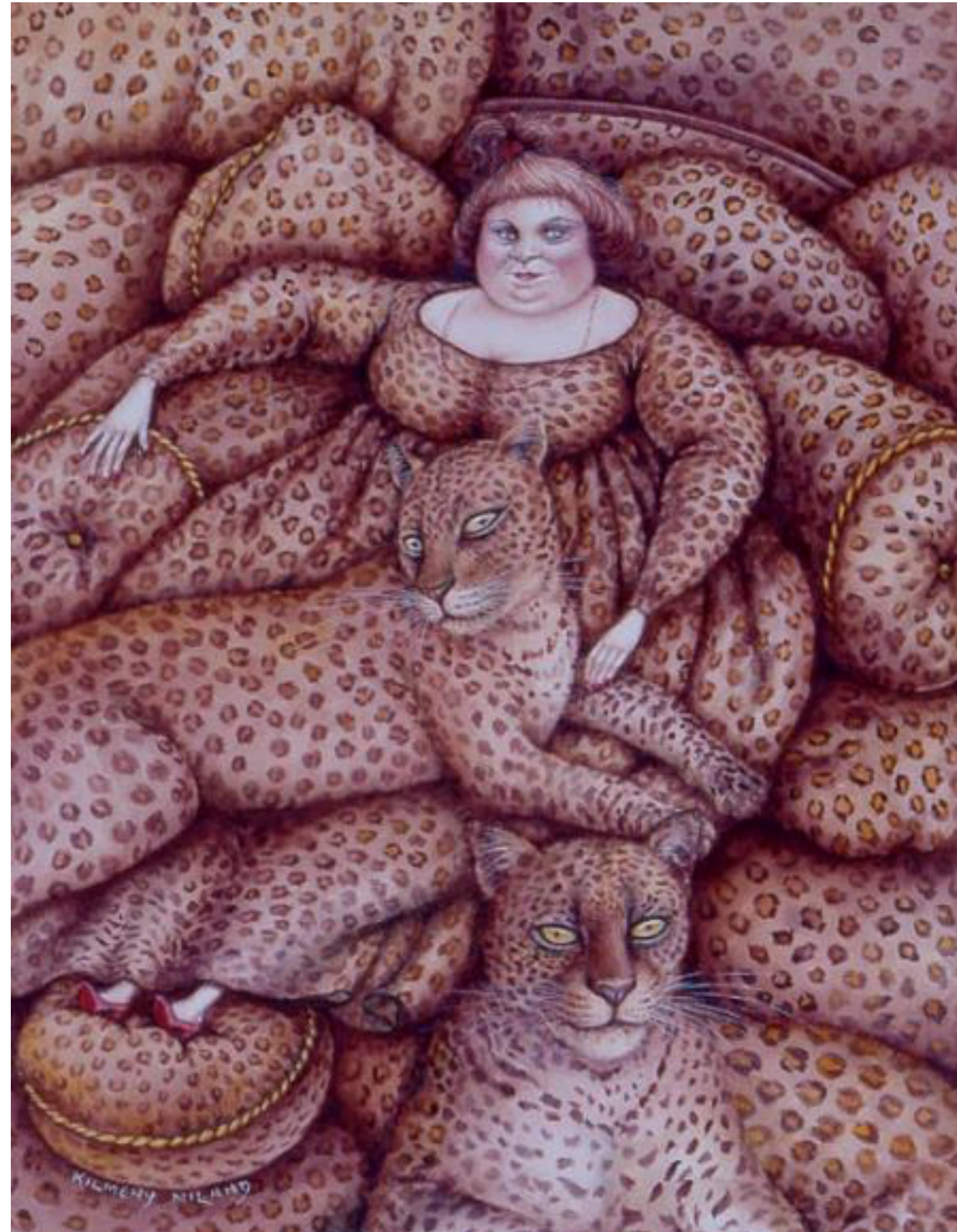
Challenges: Occlusions

Rene Magritte 1965



Challenges: Background clutter

Kilmeny Niland 1995



Challenges: Local ambiguity and context



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Challenges: Local ambiguity and context



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Challenges: Motion



*image credit Peter Meer

Challenges: Object inter-class variation



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Computer Vision **Applications**

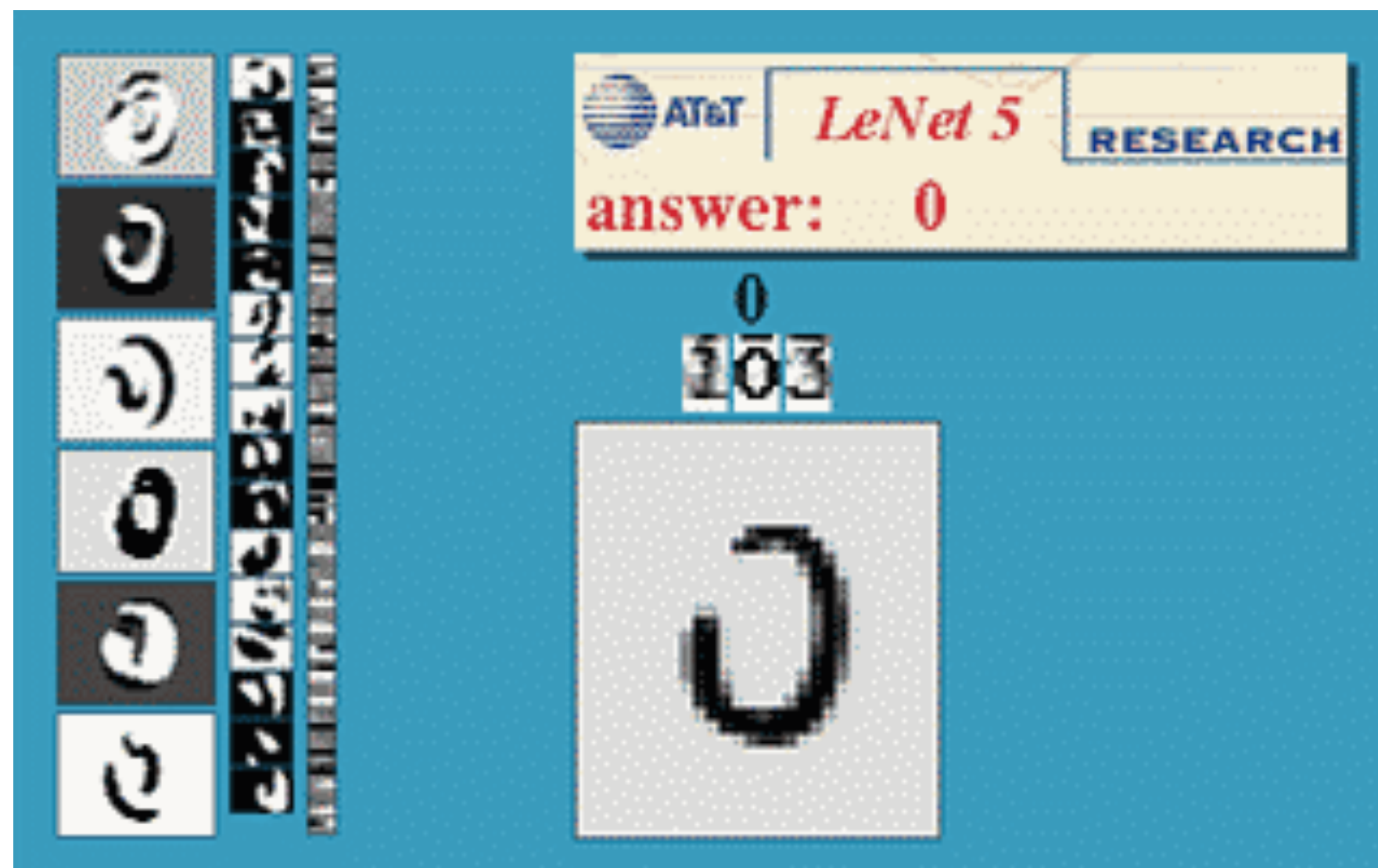
- Let's see some examples of state-of-the-art and where it is used

Optical Character Recognition (**OCR**)

Technology to convert **scanned documents to text**
(comes with any scanner now days)



Yann LeCun



Digit recognition, AT&T labs
<http://www.research.att.com/~yann/>



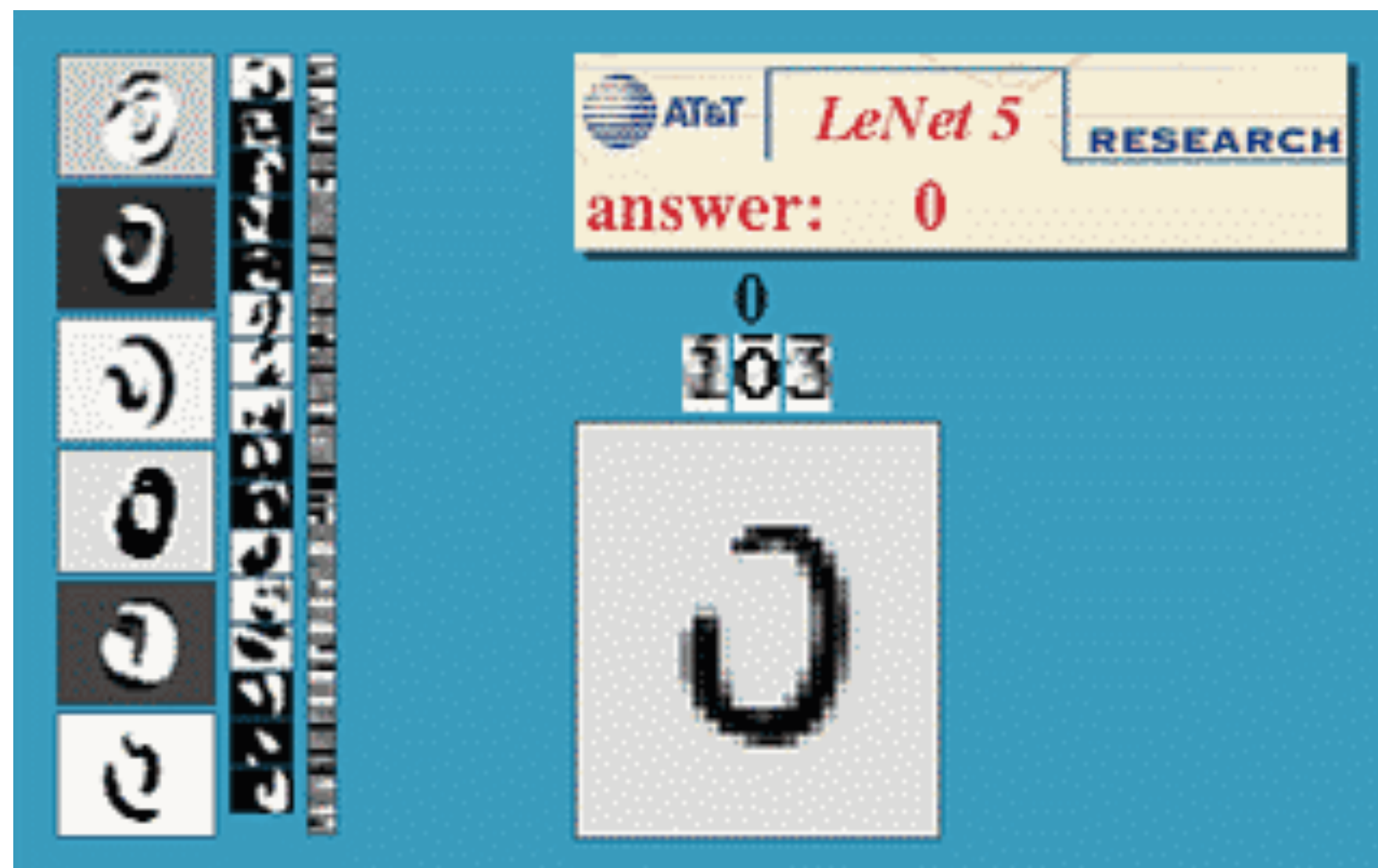
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Face Detection

Technology available in any digital camera now
(one of the first big commercial successes of vision algorithms)



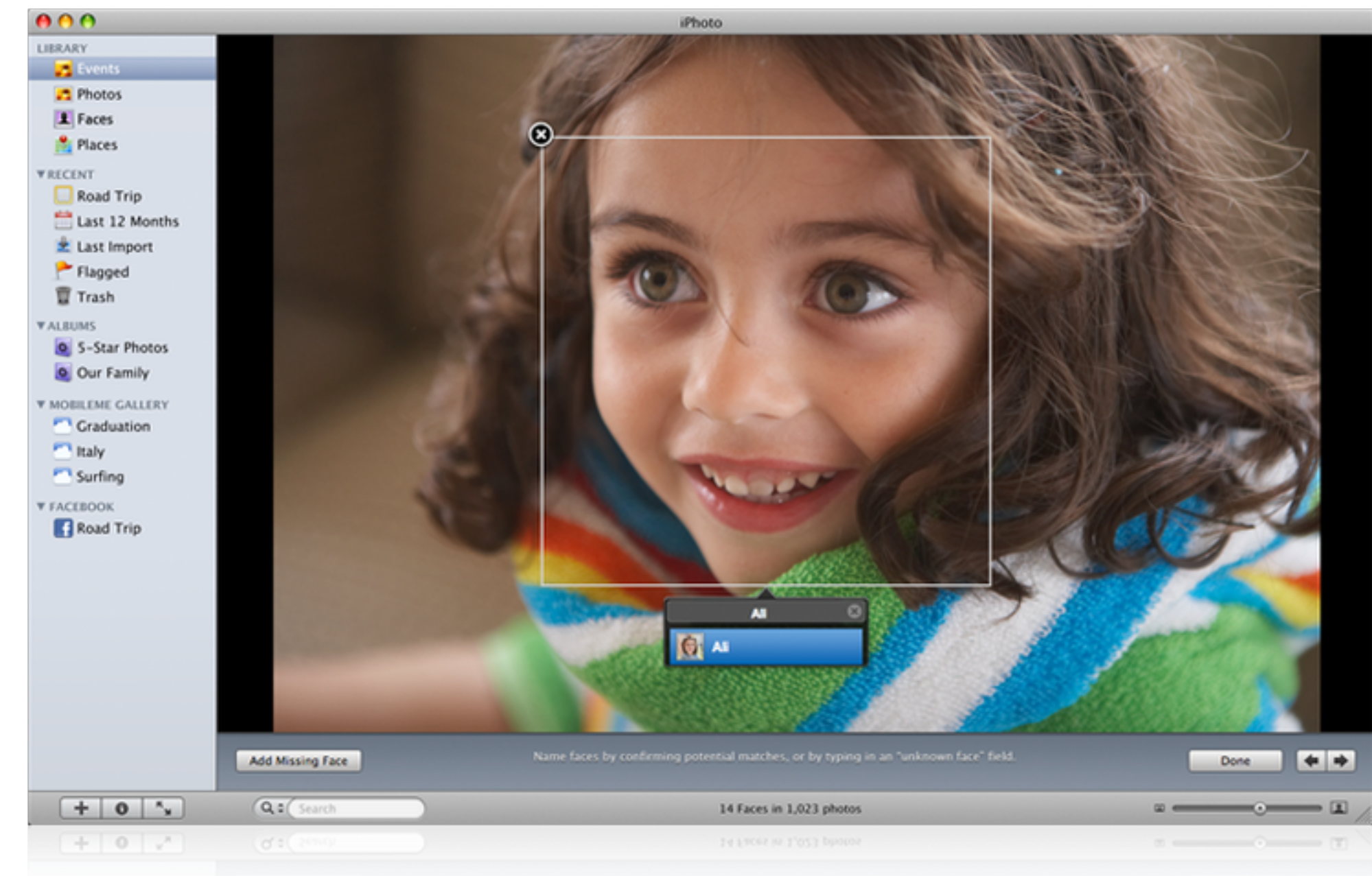
[Motorola]

Face Recognition



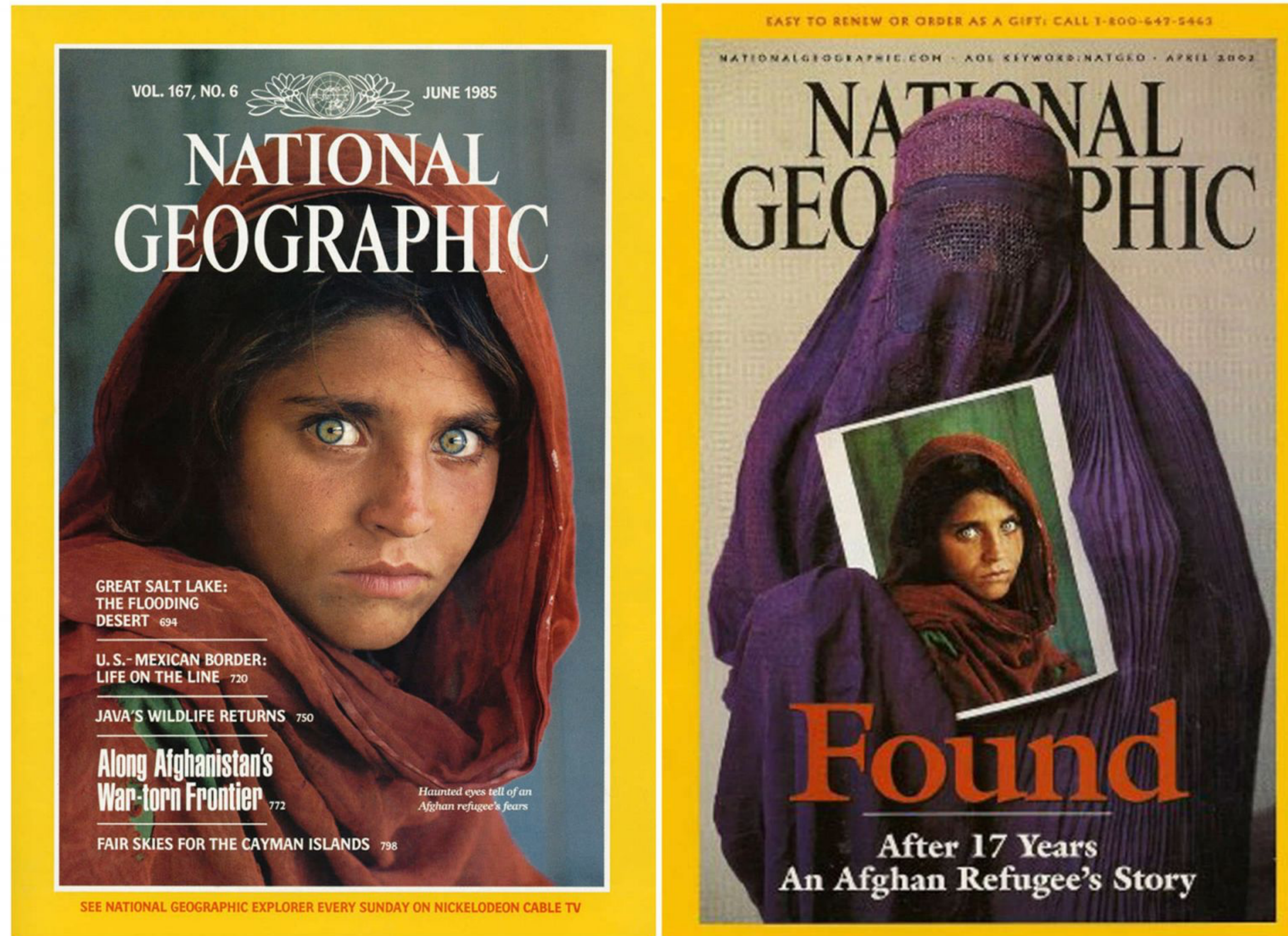
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Apple's iPhoto



<http://www.apple.com/ilife/iphoto/>

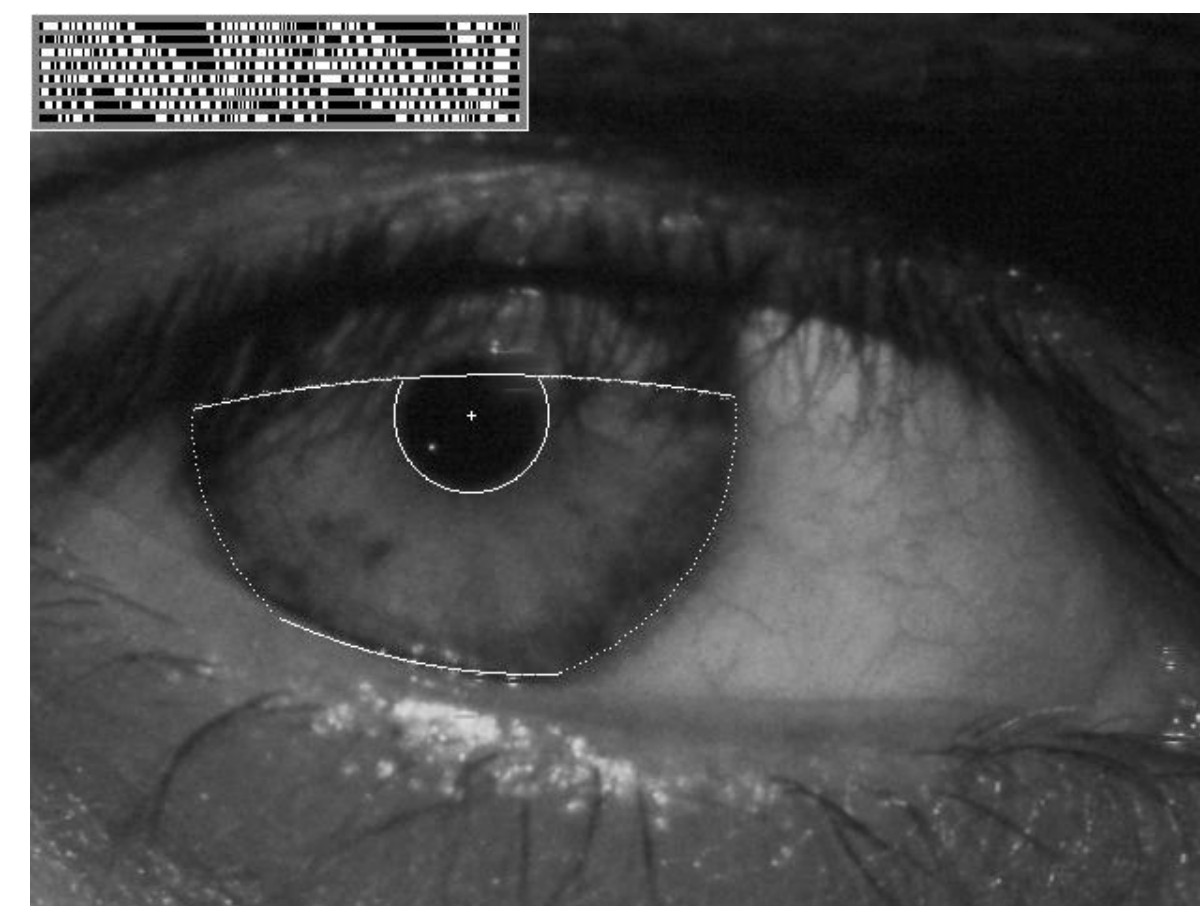
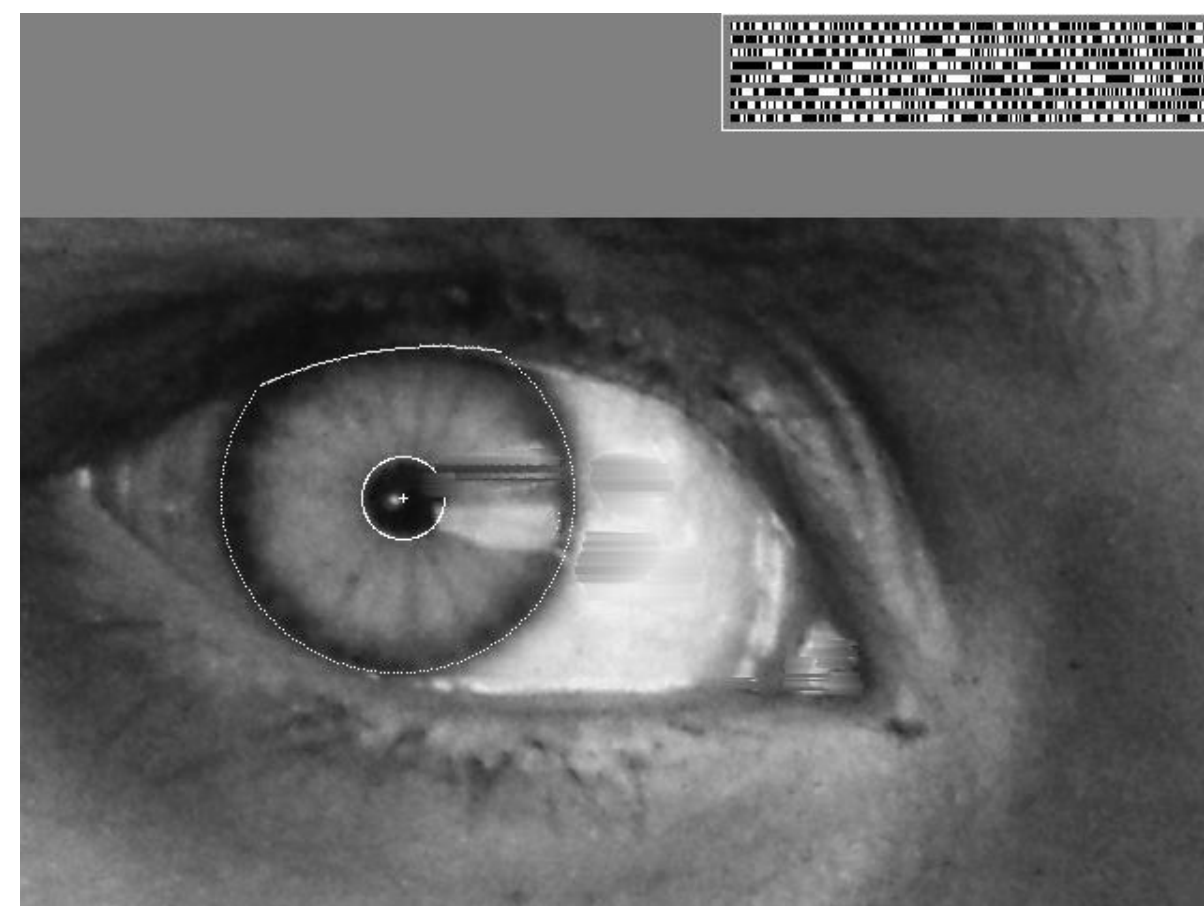
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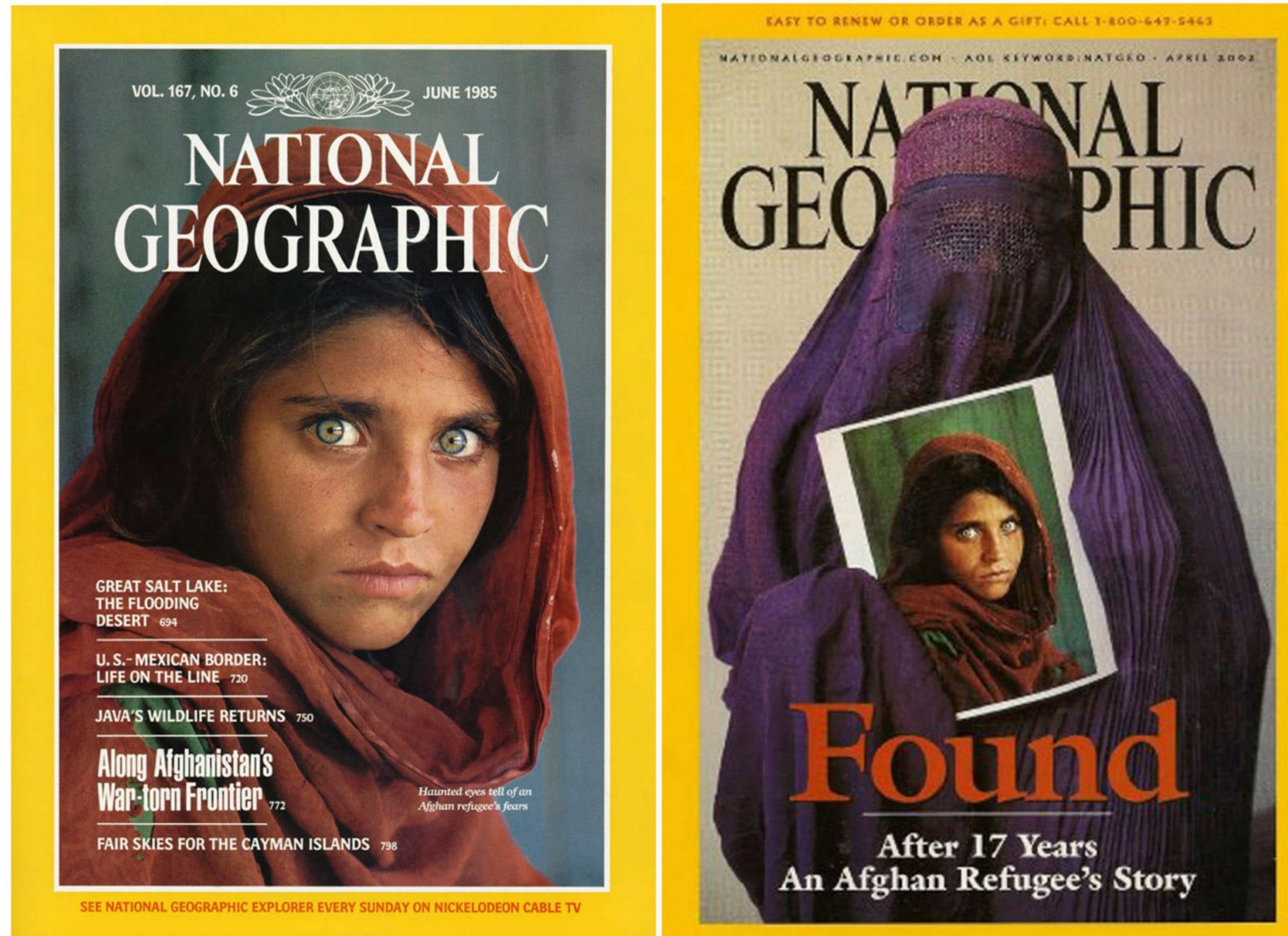
Vision for **Biometrics**



“How the Afghan Girl was Identified by Her Iris Patterns” Read the [story wikipedia](#)



Vision for **Biometrics**



Vision for **Biometrics**



Fingerprint scanners on many new laptops,
other devices

iPhone X Face ID



Face recognition systems are not part of
widely used technologies

How it works and how to fool it:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FhbMLmsCax0>

Camera **Tracking**



[Boujou — Vicon / OMG]

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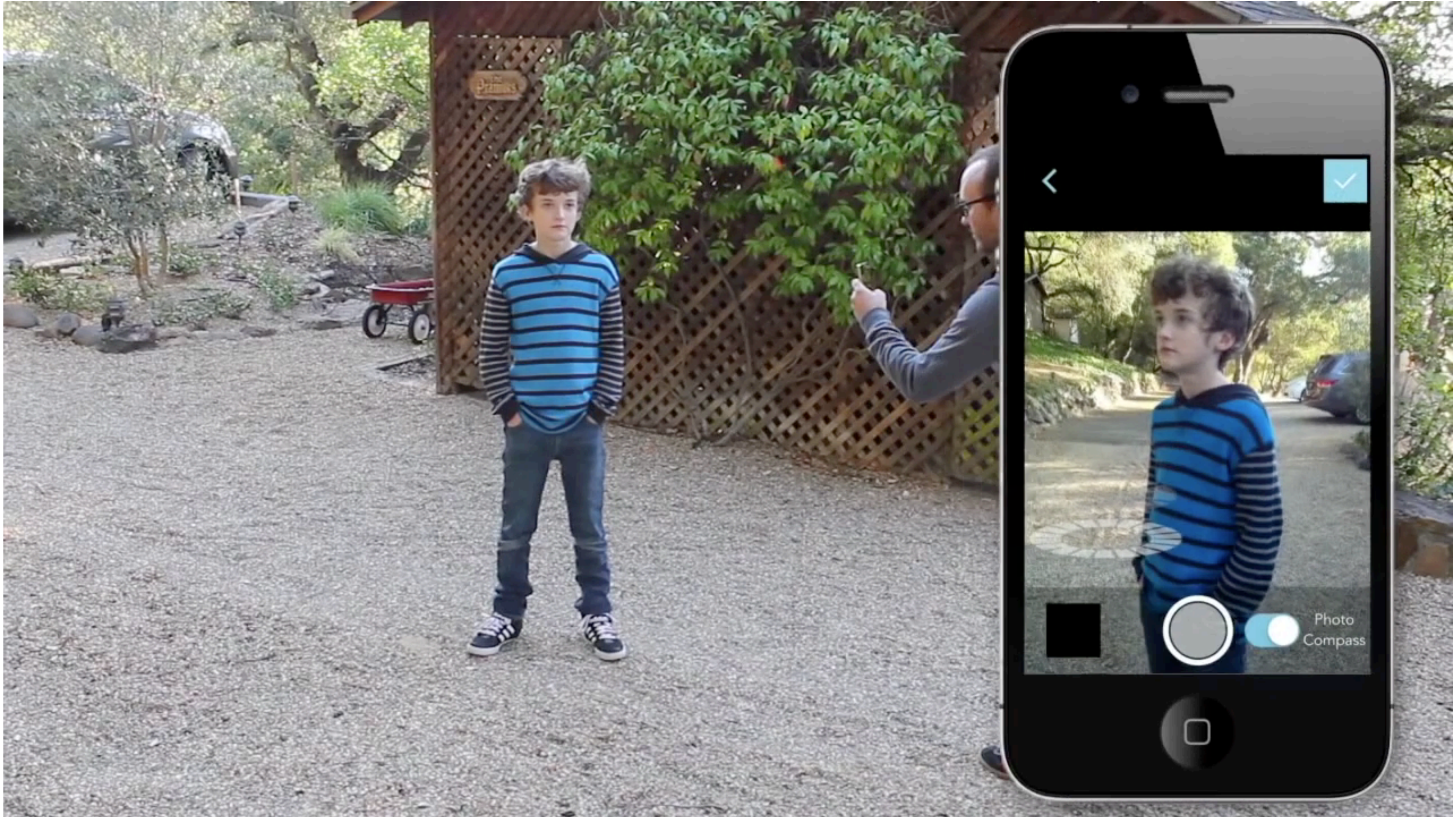
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3D Reconstruction



[Autodesk 123D Catch]

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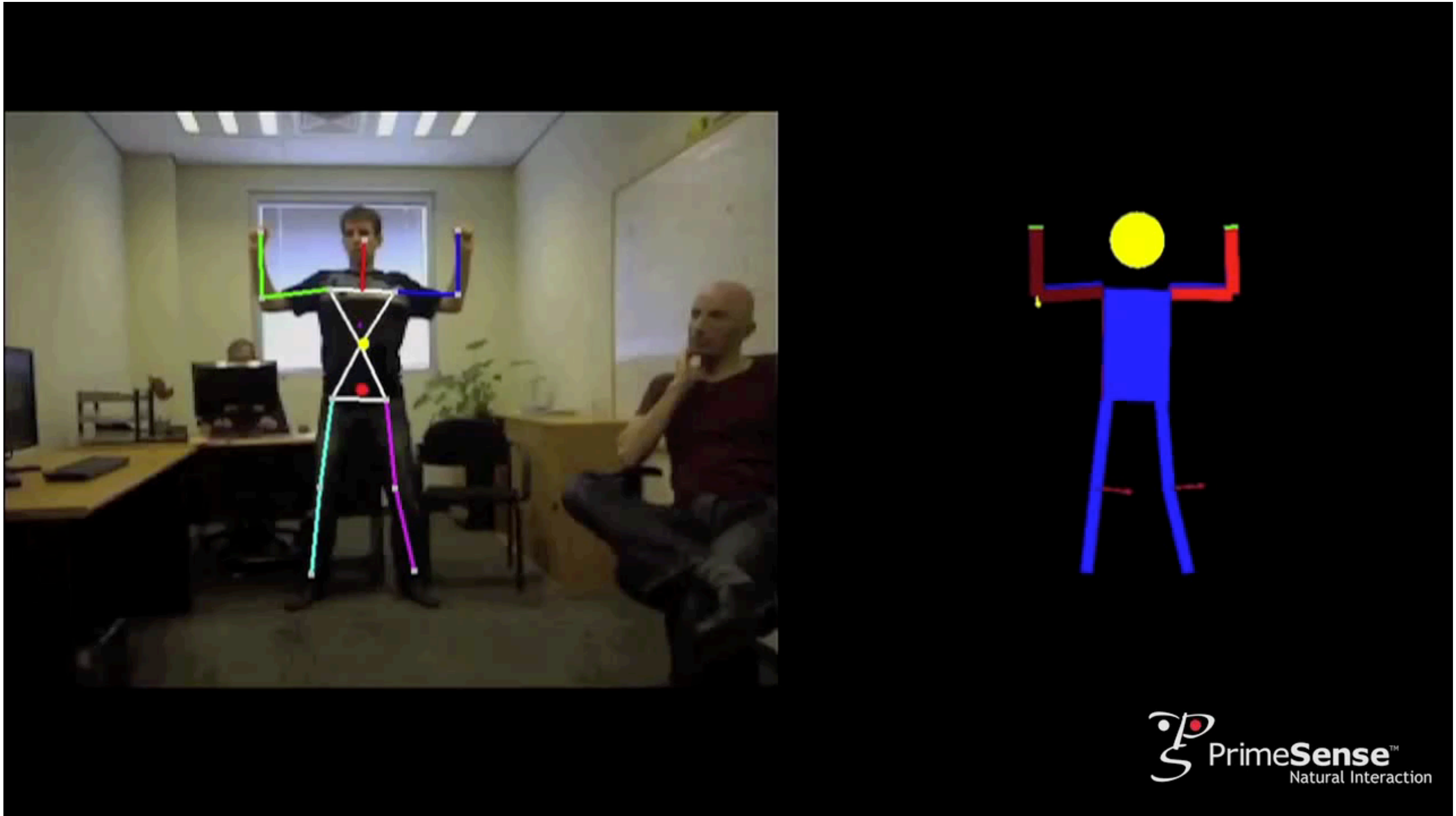
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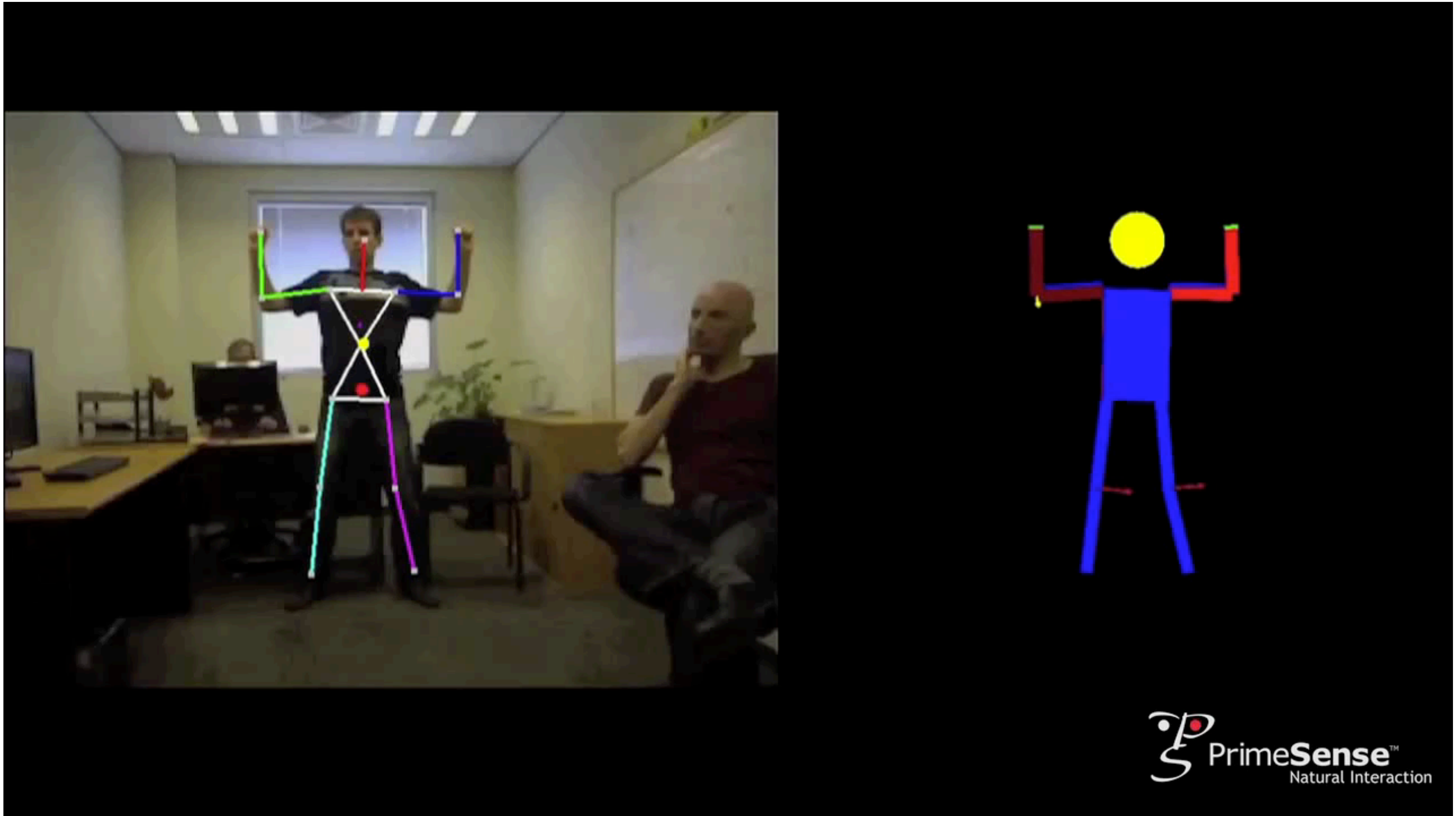
[Microsoft Xbox Kinect]

Body Pose Tracking



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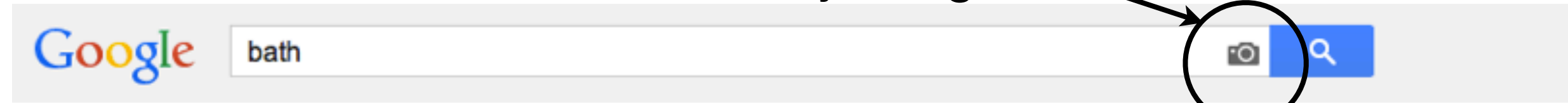
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Image Recognition and Search

Search by image



Google
Images

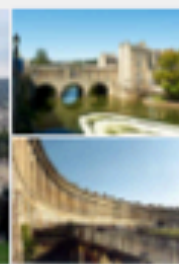
Web Maps **Images** Shopping News More Search tools



Things To Do



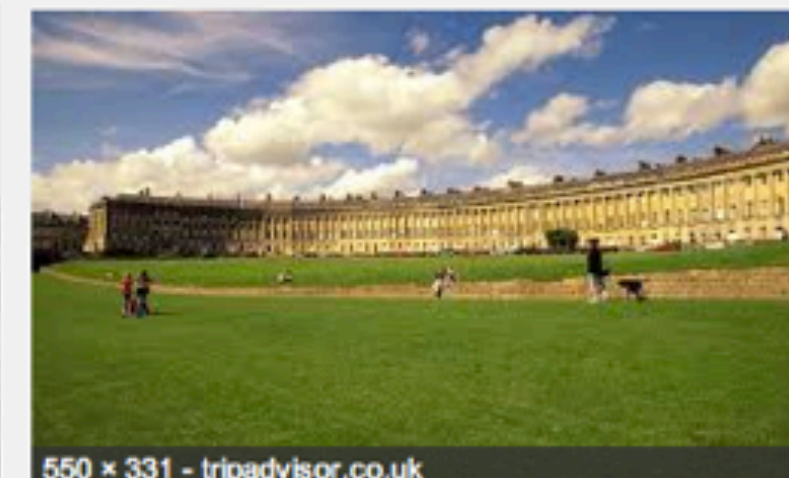
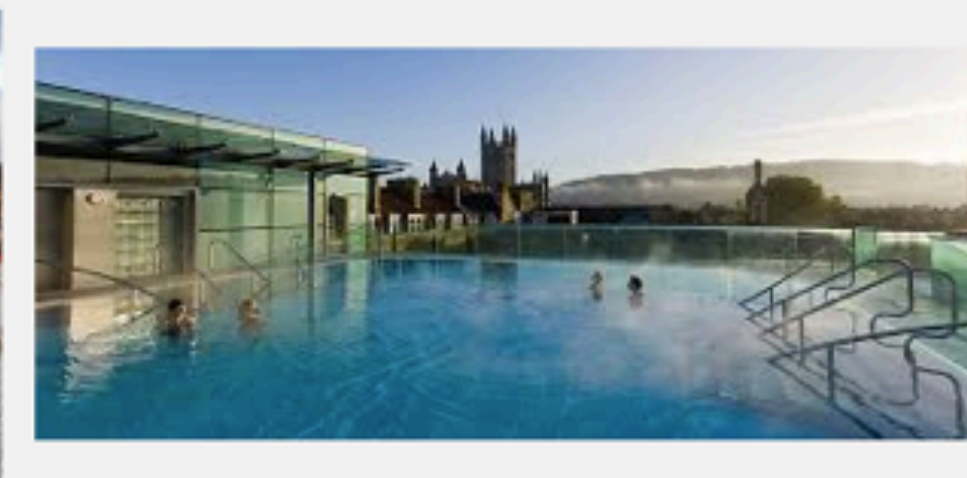
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Self-Driving Cars



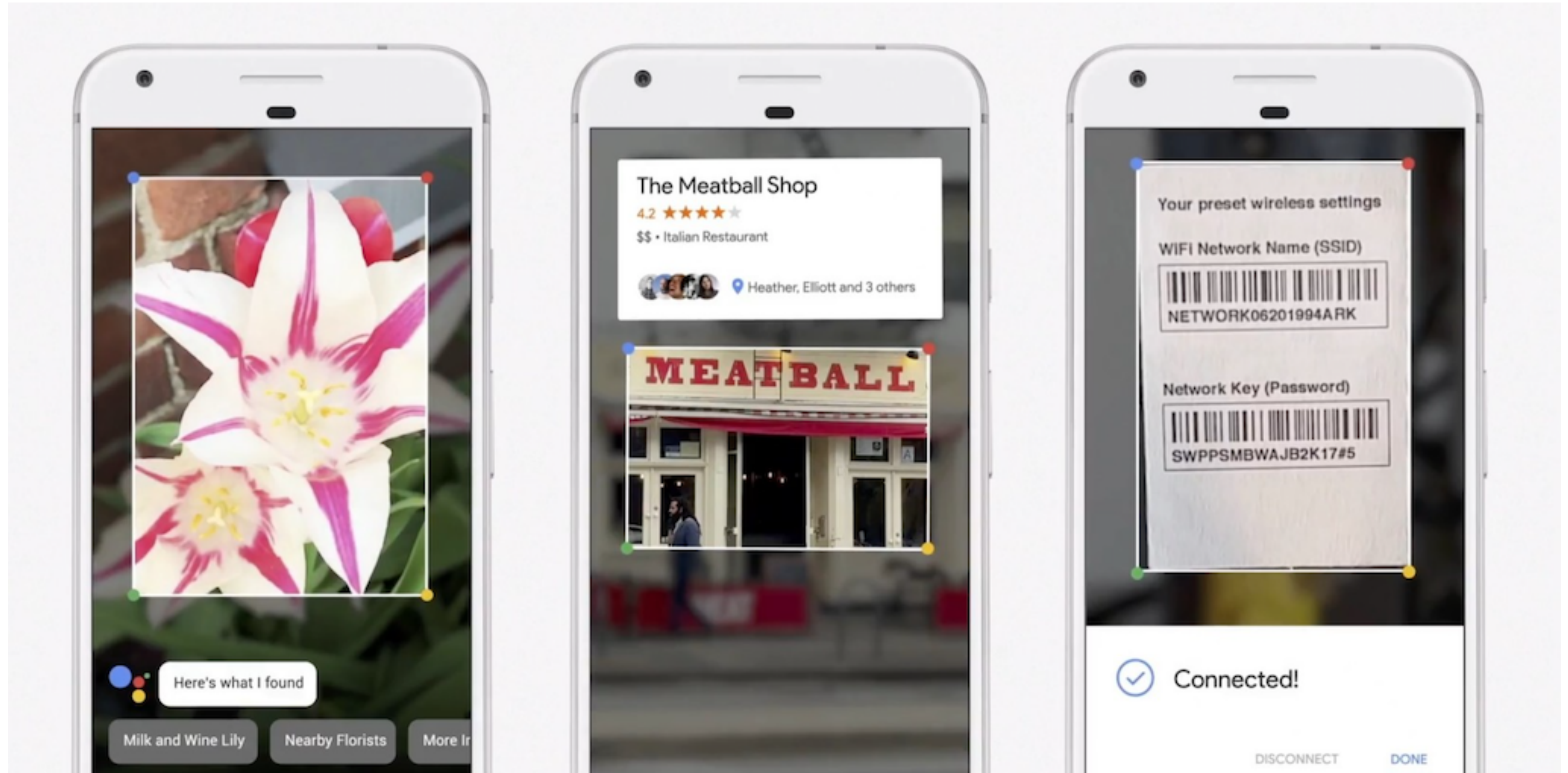
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AR / VR



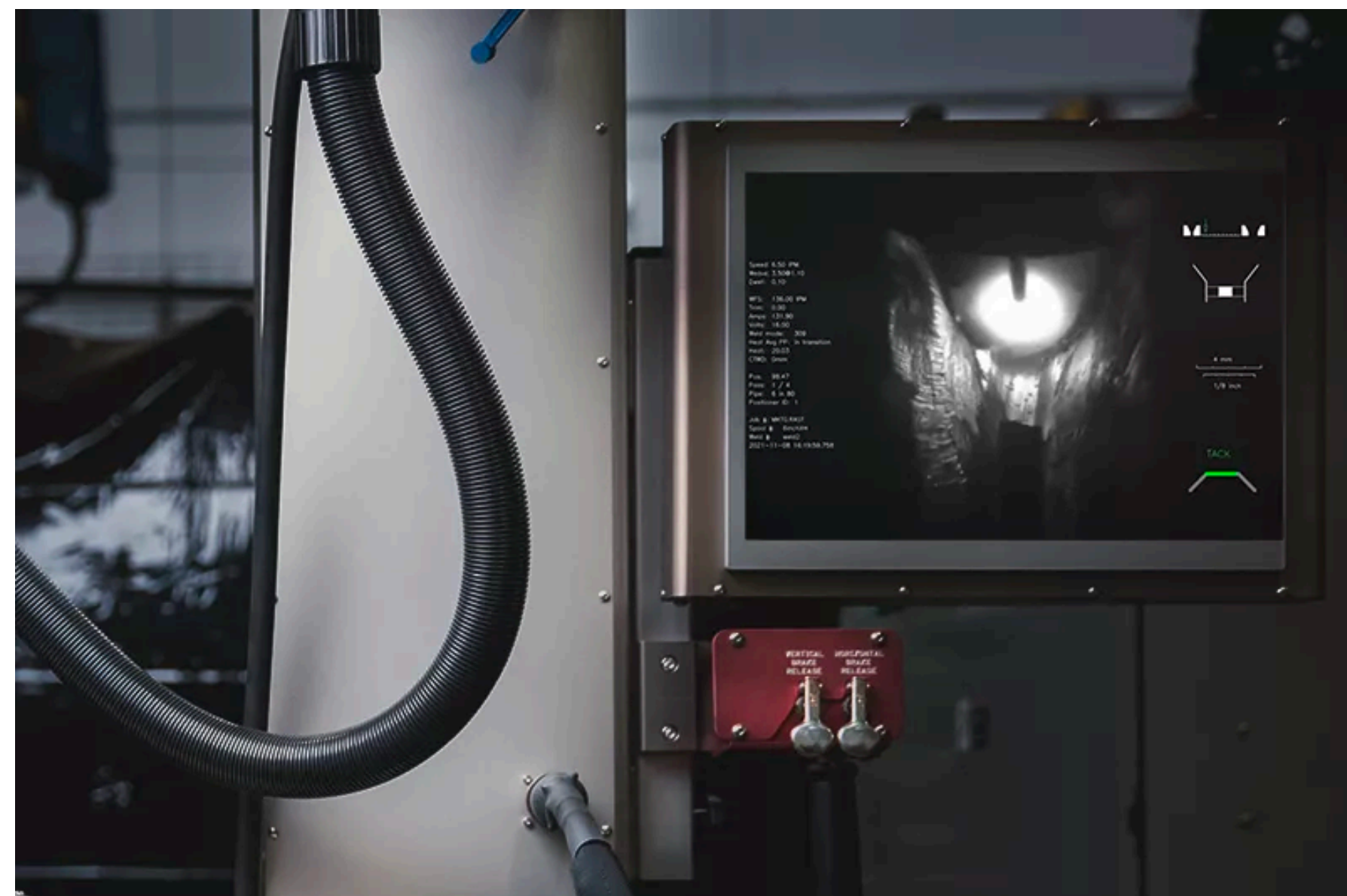
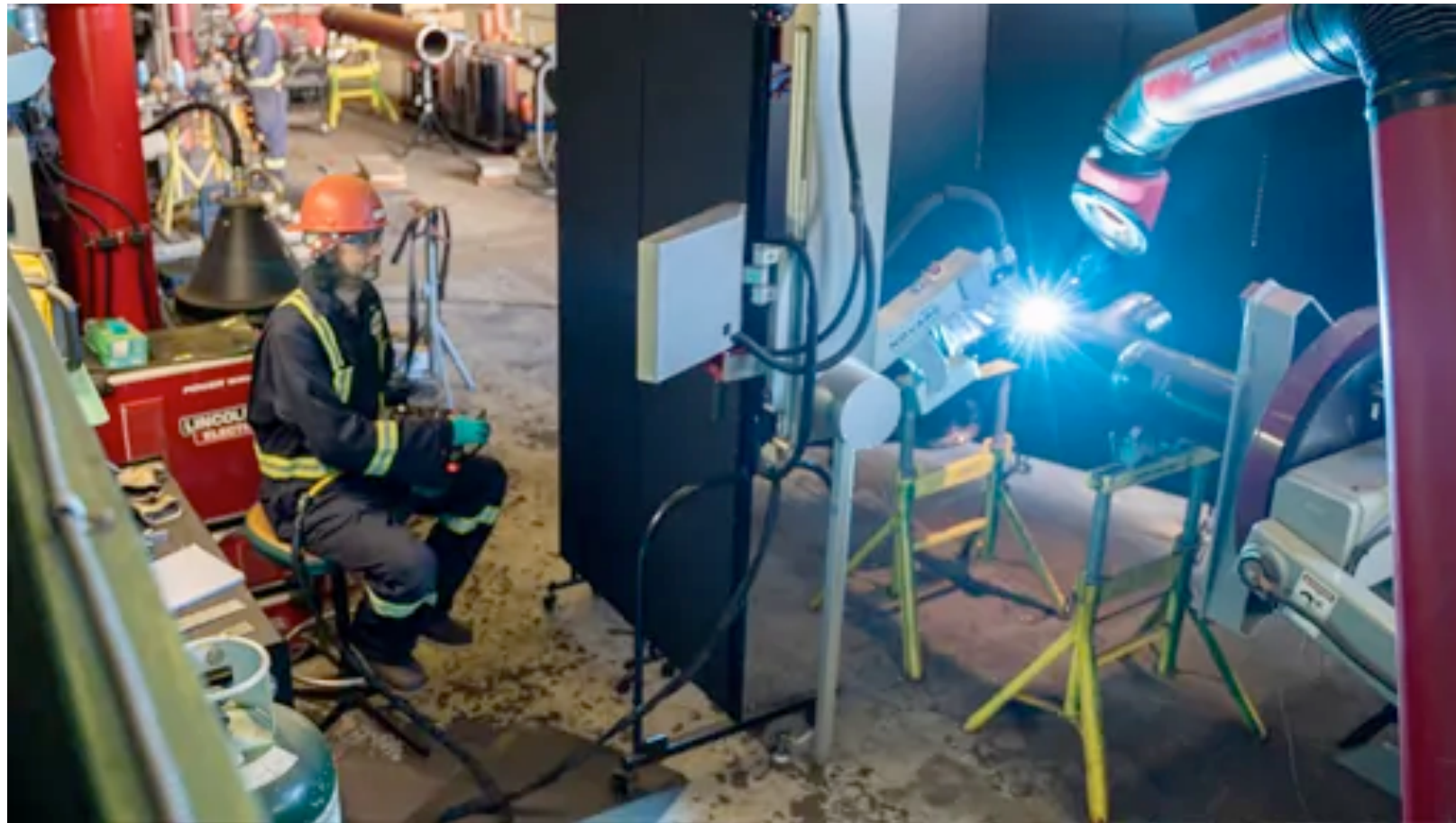
[Microsoft HoloLens]

Mobile Apps



[Google Lens]

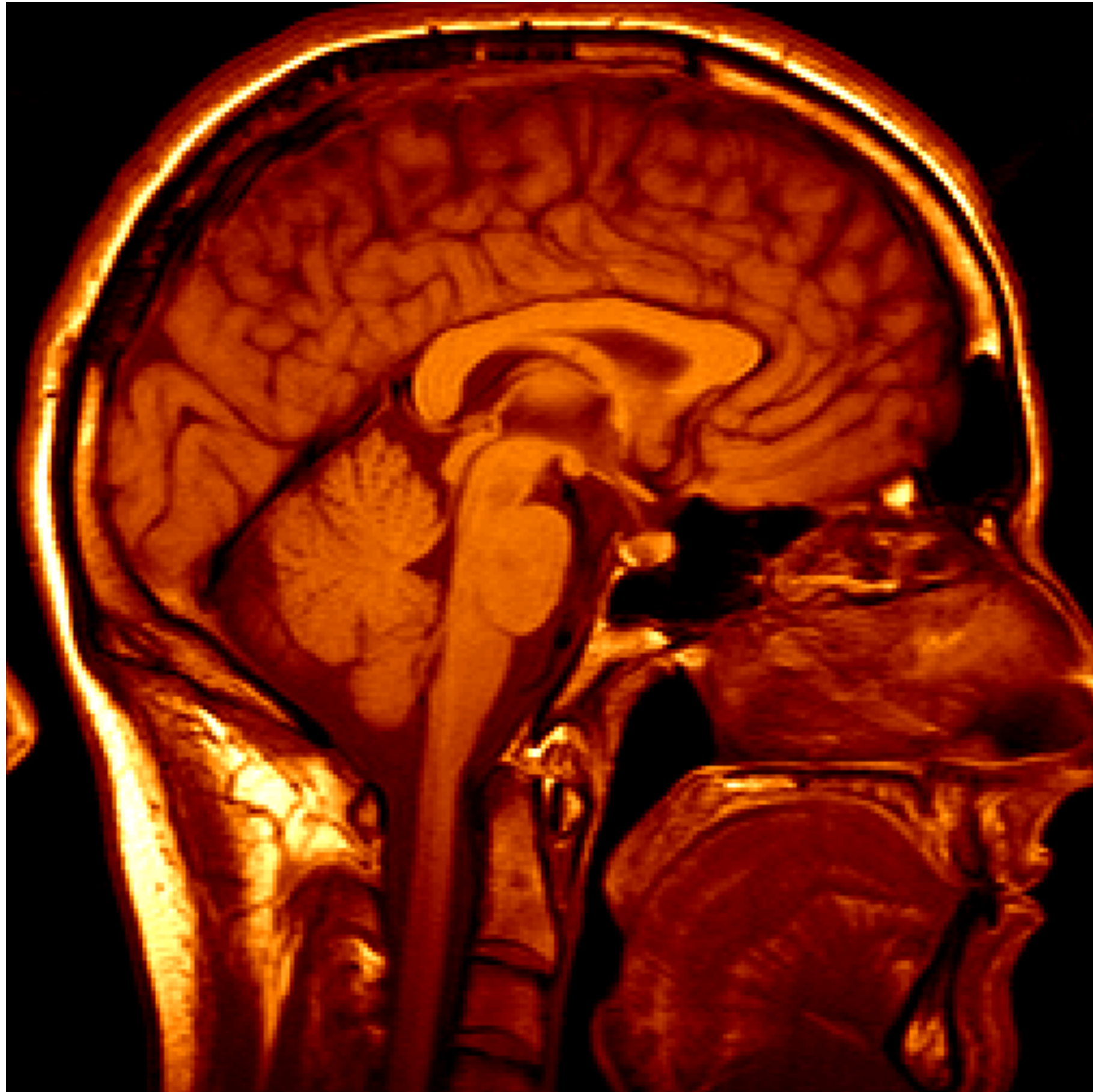
Industrial



Machine Vision controlled welding robotics

NOVARC
TECHNOLOGIES

Medicine



3D imaging
MRI, CT



Image guided surgery
[Grimson et al., MIT](#)

Art



[Gatys, Ecker, Bethge 2015]

Art

TEXT DESCRIPTION

An astronaut Teddy bears A bowl
of soup

riding a horse lounging in a
tropical resort in space playing
basketball with cats in space

in a photorealistic style in the style
of Andy Warhol as a pencil
drawing



DALL-E 2



[Dall-E v2]

Why Study Computer Vision?

It is one of the **most exciting areas of research** in computer science

Among the **fastest growing technologies** in the industry today

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WHO'S SHAPING THE DIGITAL WORLD?

Wired's 100 **Most Influential People** in the World

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



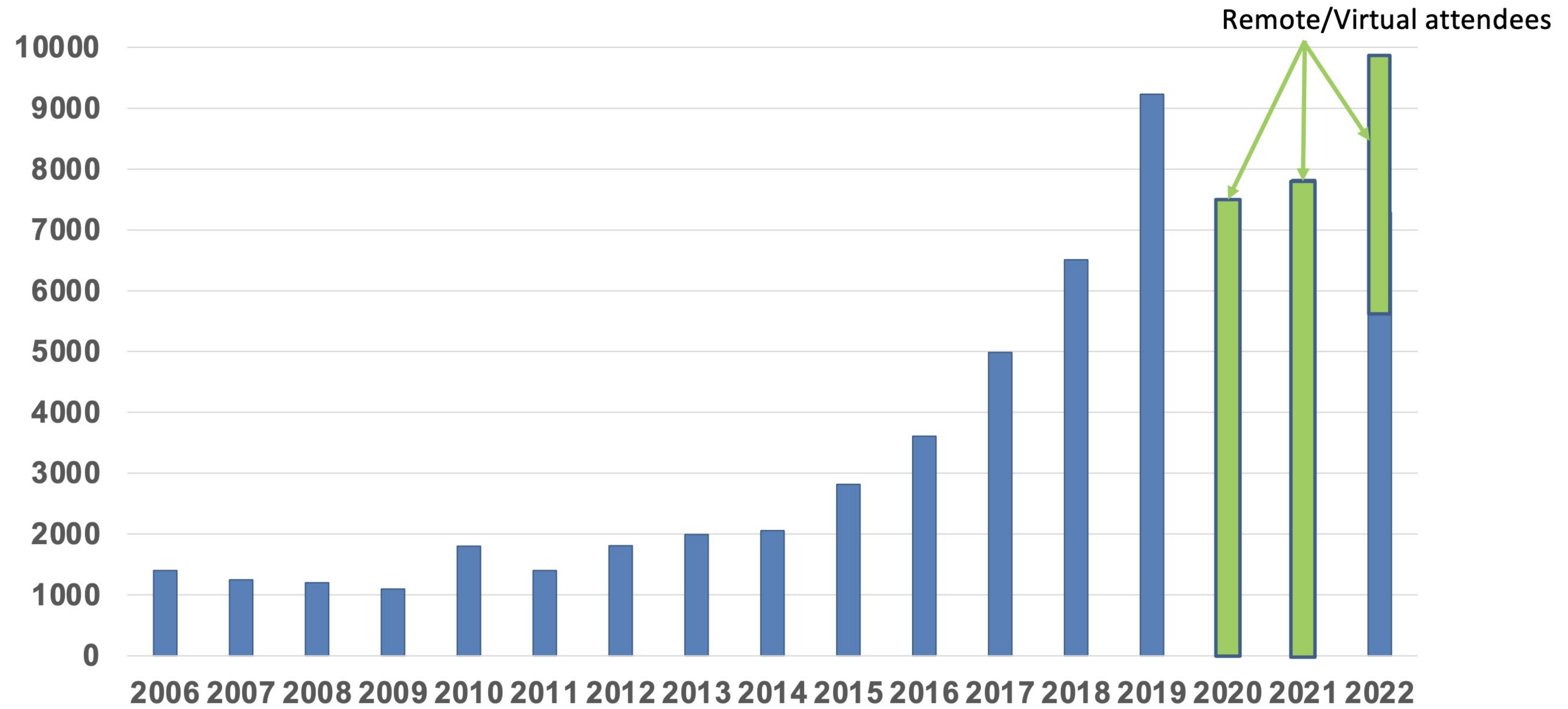


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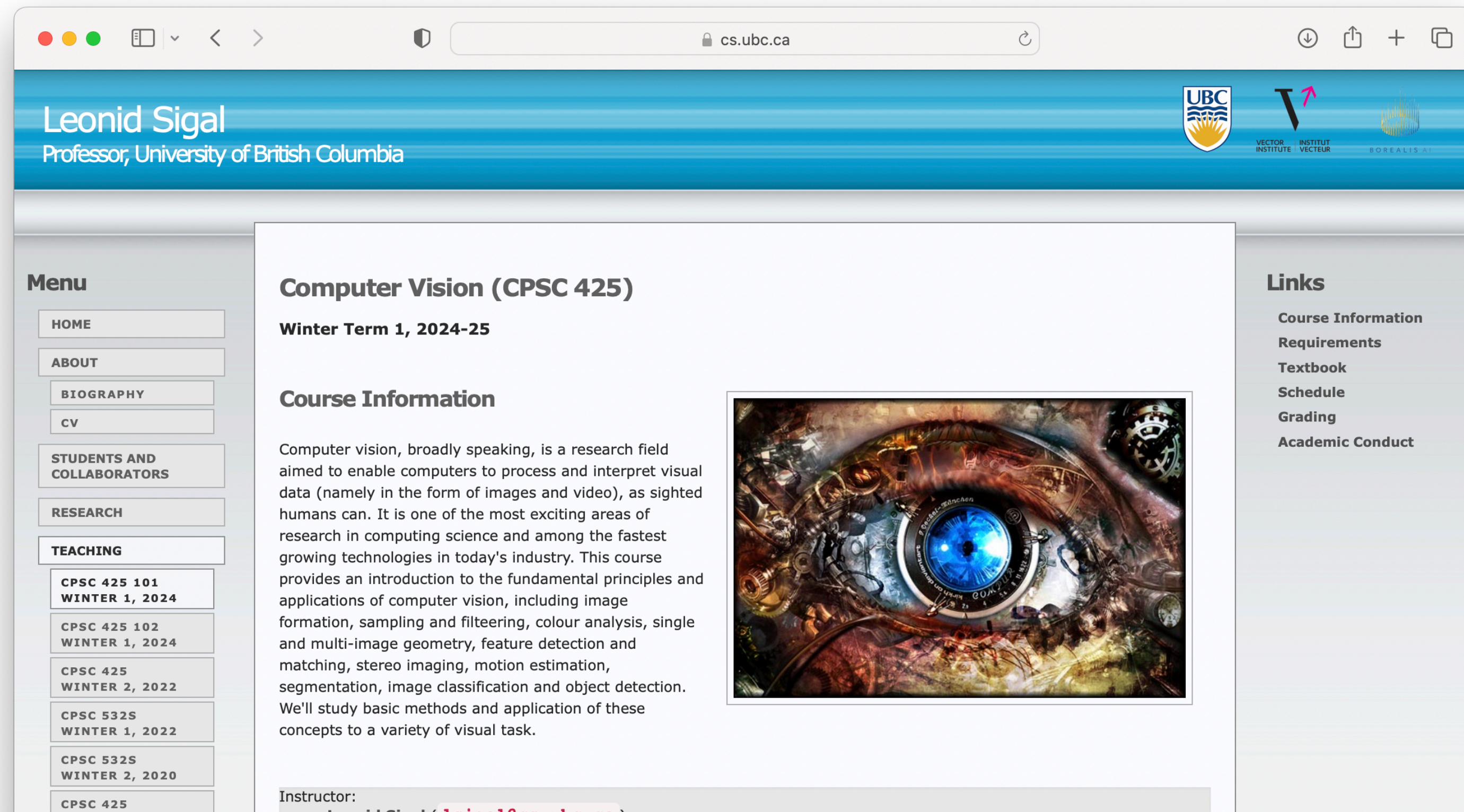


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Course Schedule



- Schedule, Assignments
- Lecture Slides and Notes
- Readings
- Course Information (public)

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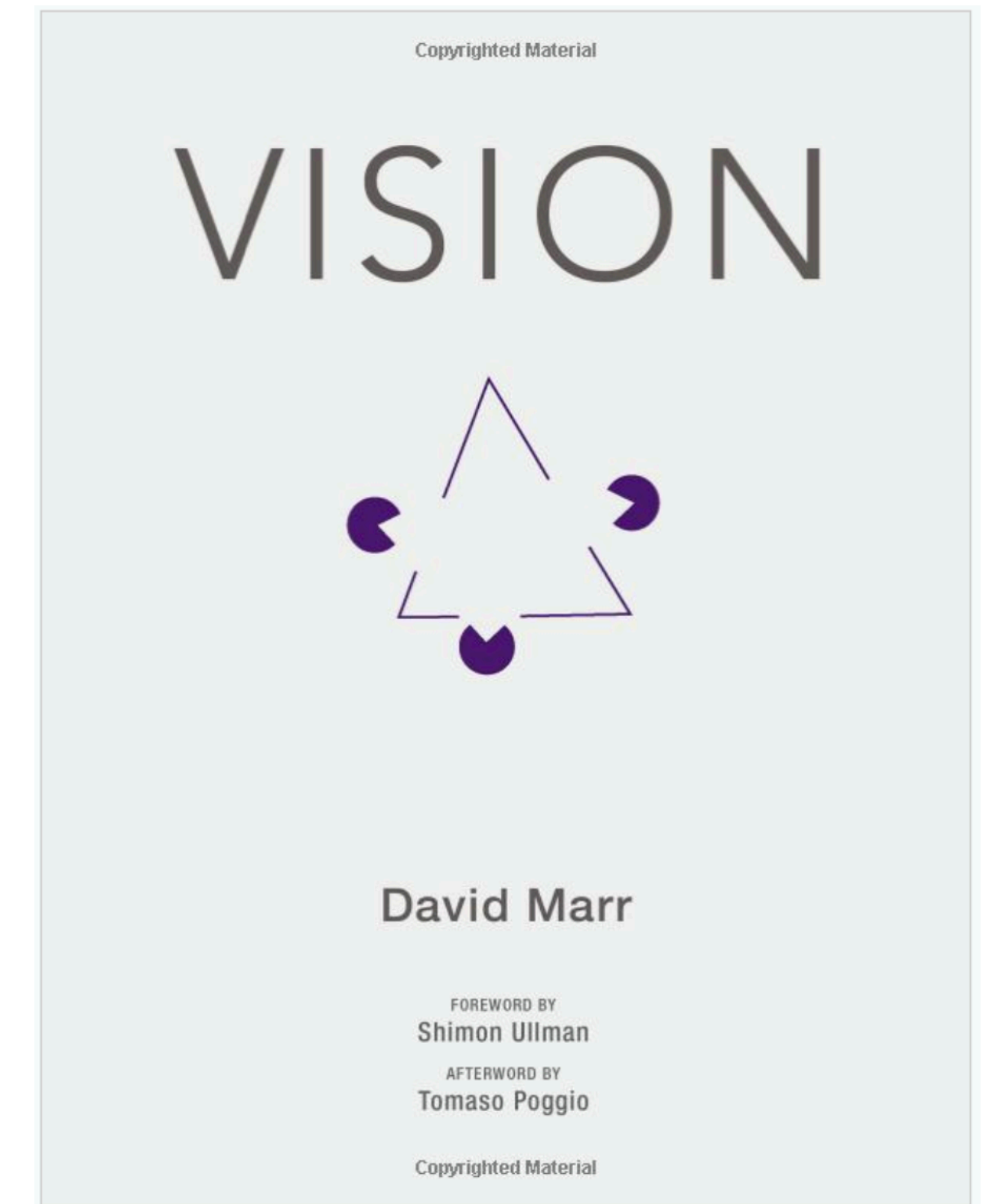
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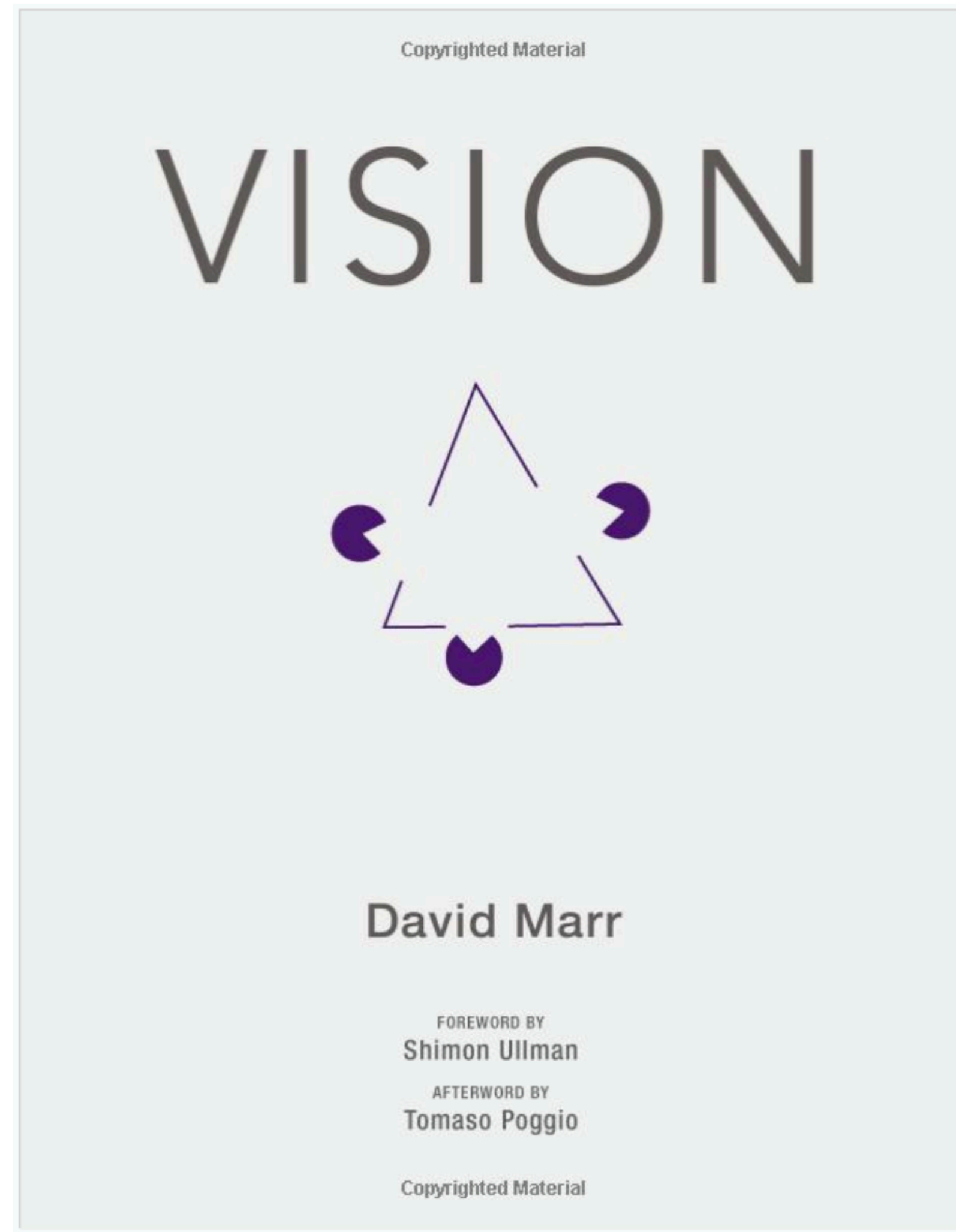
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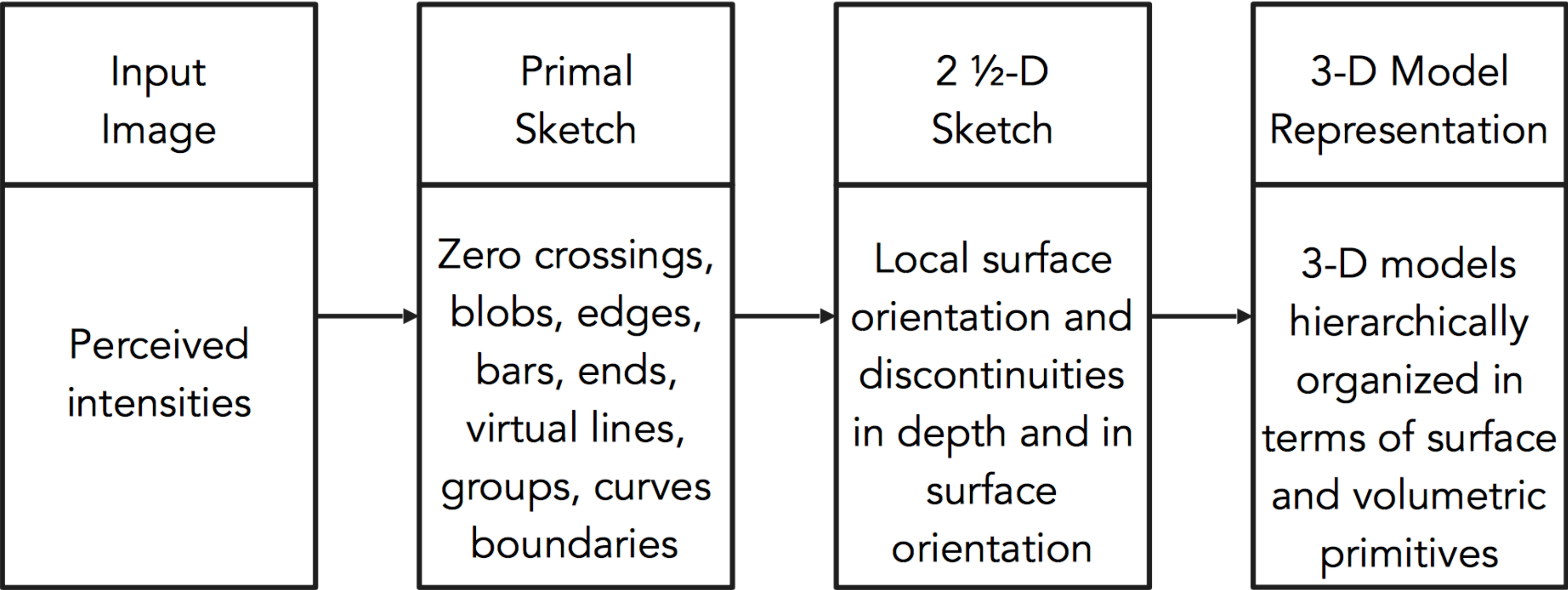
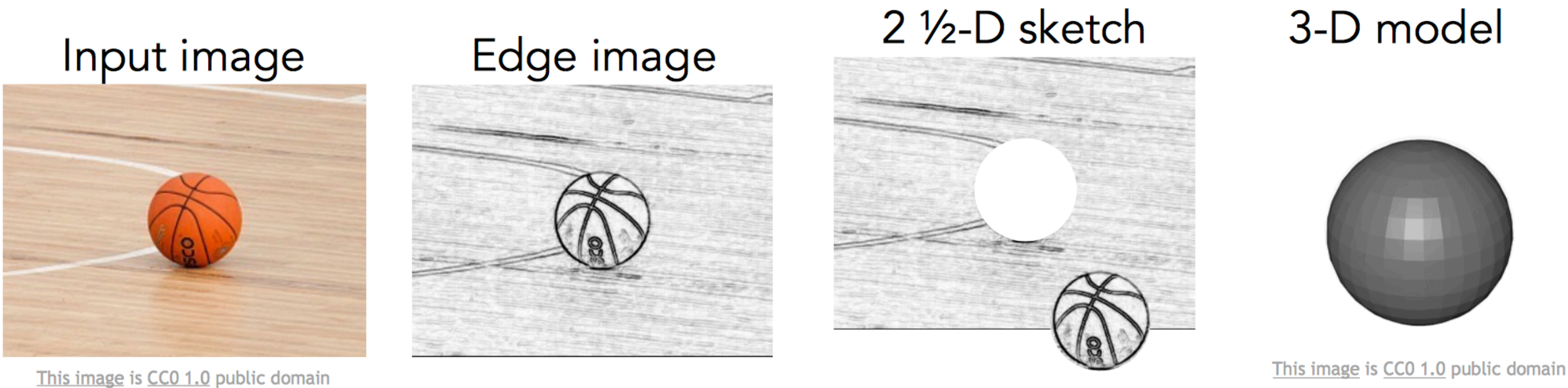
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David **Marr**, 1970s



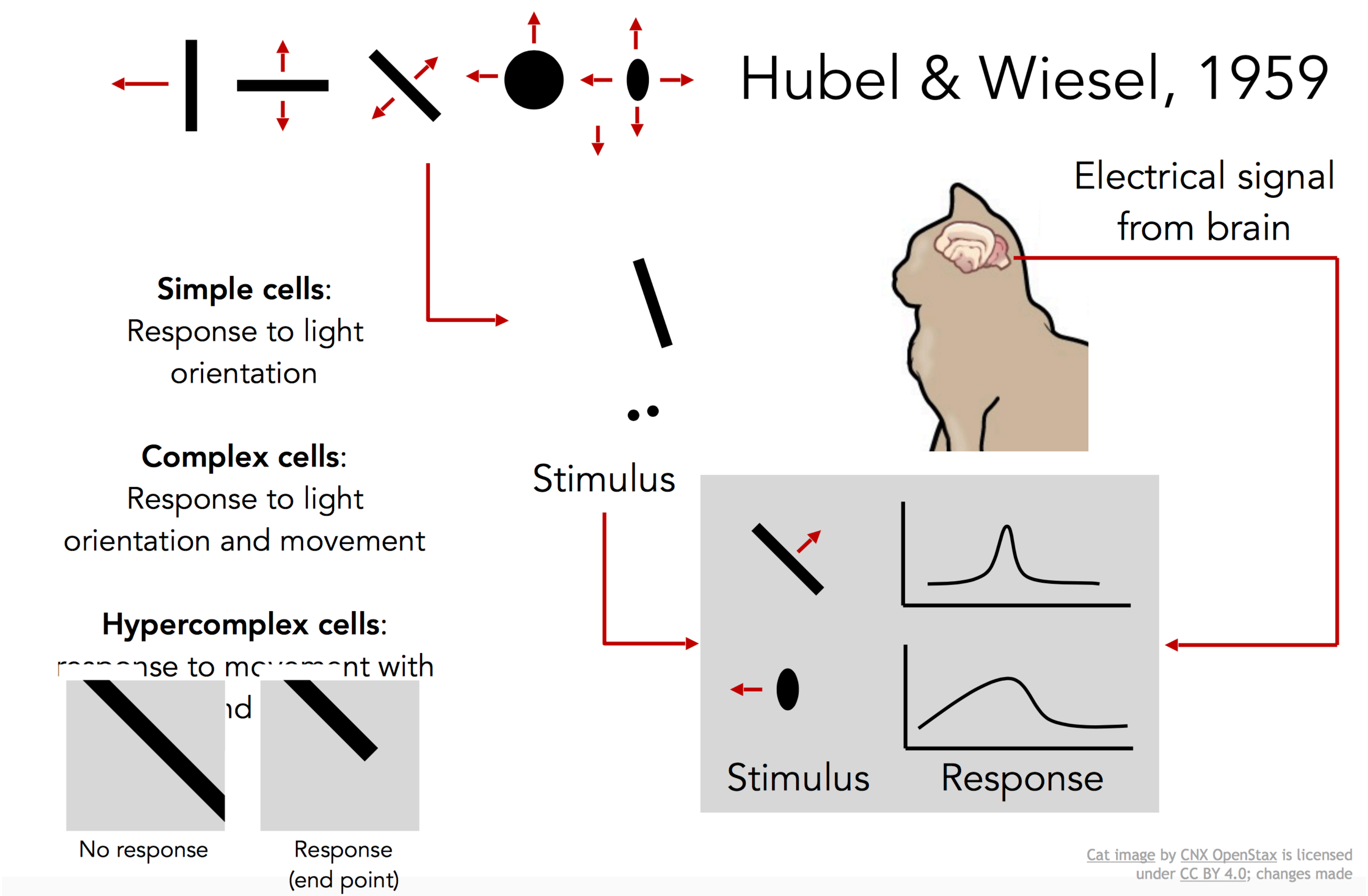
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[Stages of Visual Representation, **David Marr**]

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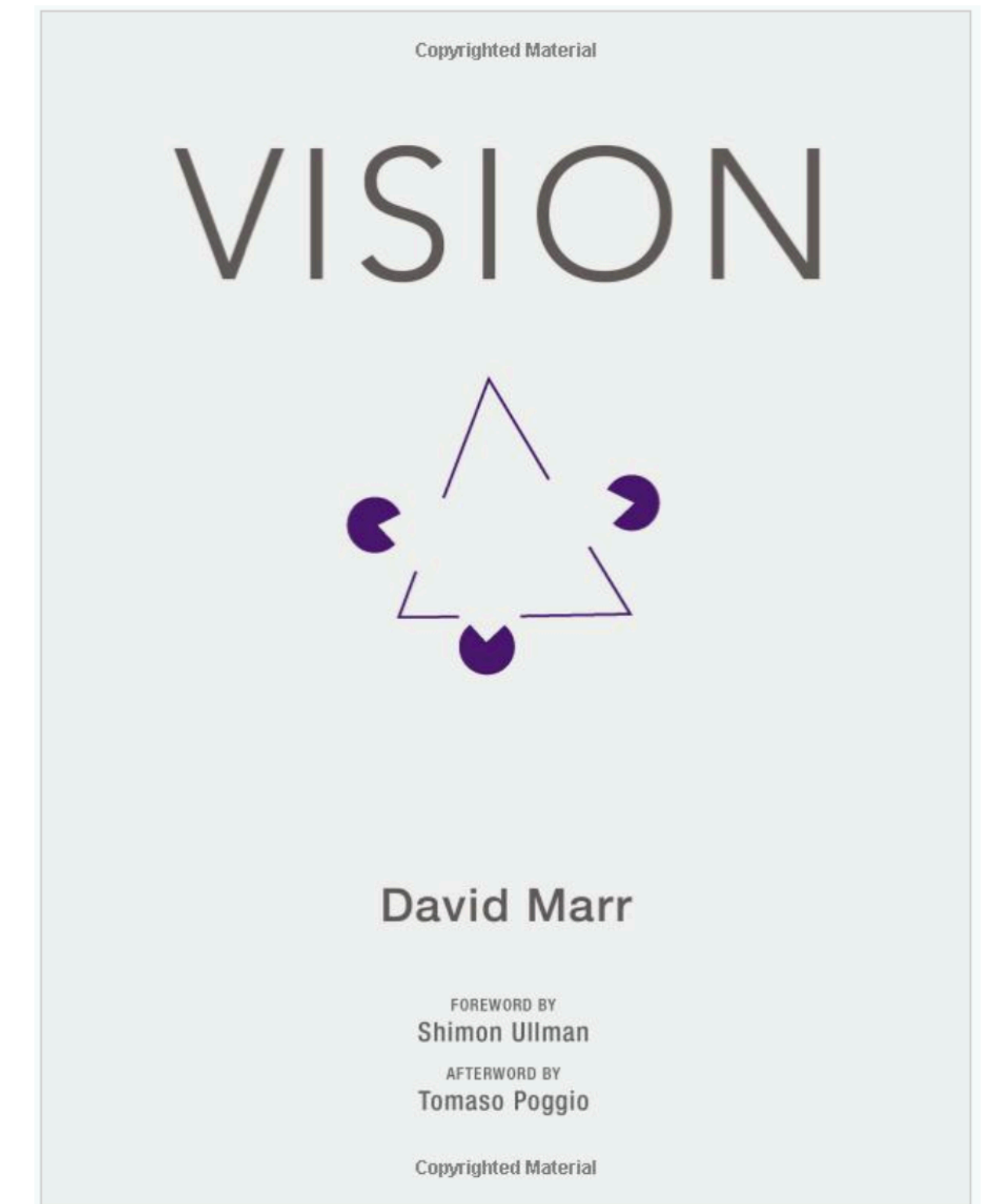
Human vision ...



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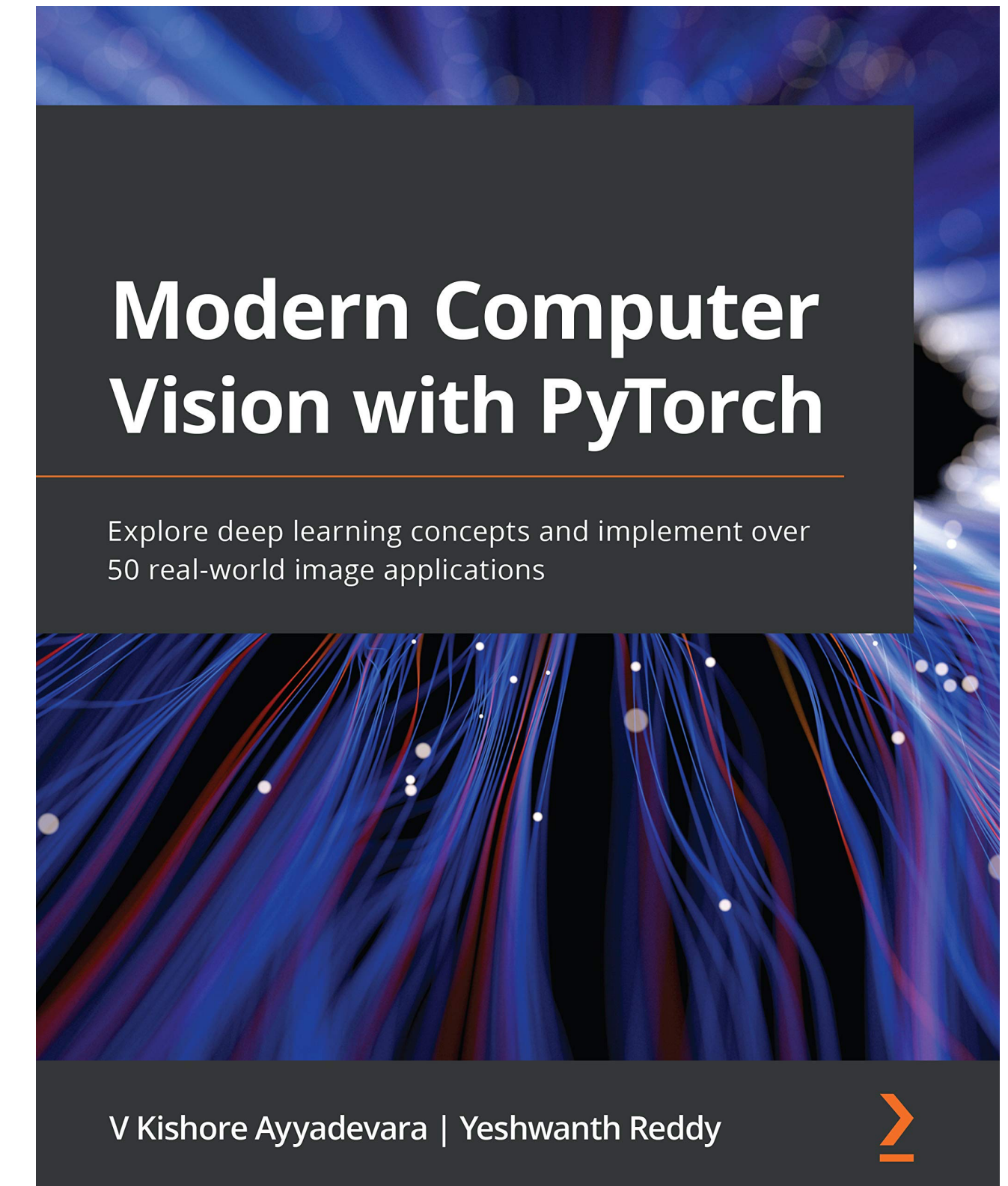
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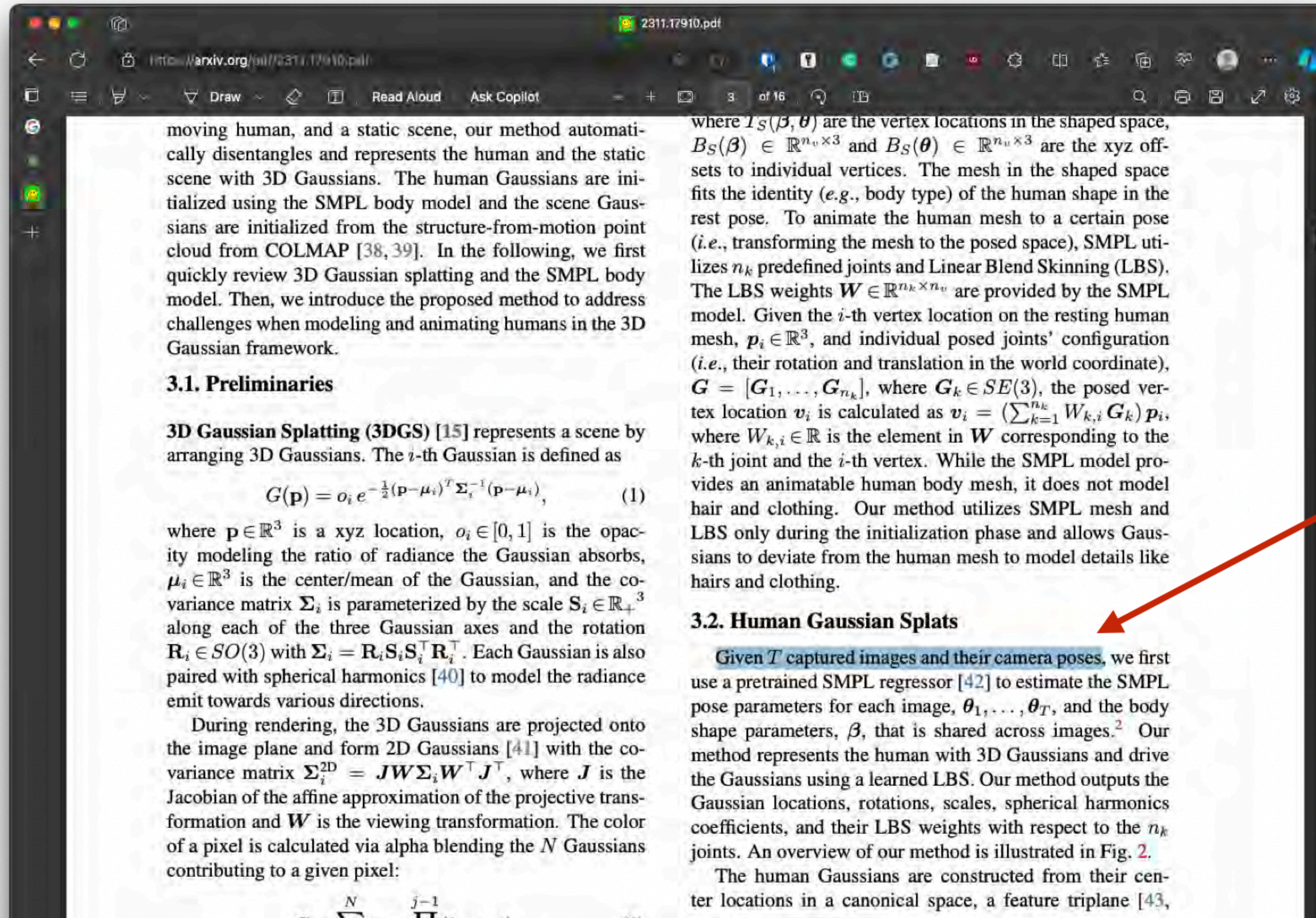


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Modern Approaches Rely on a Lot of Traditional Stuff



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How to **Learn** from the **Course**?

- The course is very **broad**, but relatively **shallow** introduction to a very diverse and complex field that draws material from geometry, statistics, AI, machine learning, computer graphics, psychology and many others.
- It is easy to think that material is easy and course requires no studying
- Part of your job should be going over the slides and carefully analyzing not just what is on them, but the underlying assumptions, algorithmic steps and so on
- Don't strive for “**template matching**” strive for true “**understanding**”

Grading Criteria



Short **canvas quizzes**: 10%



Programming Assignments: 45%

6 graded and 1 ungraded (optional) assignment



Midterm Exam (October 21 & 22*): 15%

Final Exam (TBD): 30%

*depending on section (subject to change)

Assignments (done individually)

There will be **7 assignments** in total (6 marked)

- Approximately 1 every 2 weeks
- You will hand these in by 11:59pm on the due date ([read hand in instructions and late policy on course webpage](#))



You will use the **Python**, with the following libraries:
Python Imaging Library (PIL), NumPy, Matplotlib, SciPy,
Scikit-Learn

- Assignment 0 (which is ungraded) will introduce you to this.

Assignments contribute 45% to your final score

Midterm Exam

Scheduled for **October 21 & 22** (depending on the section)

- Here in class during the lecture period
- Closed book, no notes allowed

Multiple choice, true / false and short answer questions

- Aimed to test your “understanding” of the content of the course

The Midterm exam will contribute 15% to your final score

Final Exam

The Final exam is held during the regular examination period, and is scheduled by the Registrar's Office

Similar to the midterm but longer and with more extensive short/medium answer questions

The Final exam will contribute 30% to your final score

Final Exam

You **don't need to pass the final** to pass the course
The grade you earn is the grade you get!

Grading issues & Academic Misconduct

Strict policy: Grading mistakes happen, it's just a nature of life. If you see an issue with your grade, you have 1 week from the release of any assignment grade to bring a specific issue to our attention.

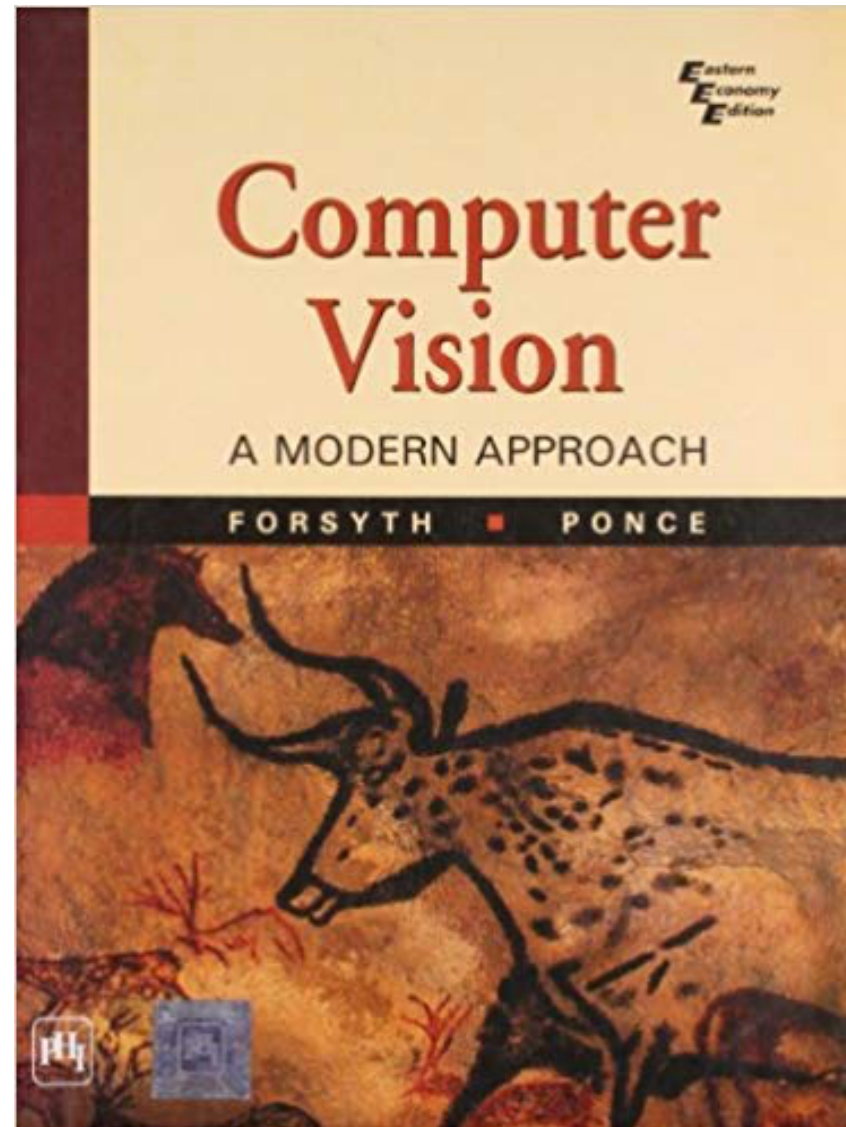
(Regrade requests are handled as private messages through Piazza)

Academic Misconduct: Please don't do it. Trust me it is not worth it.



Textbooks

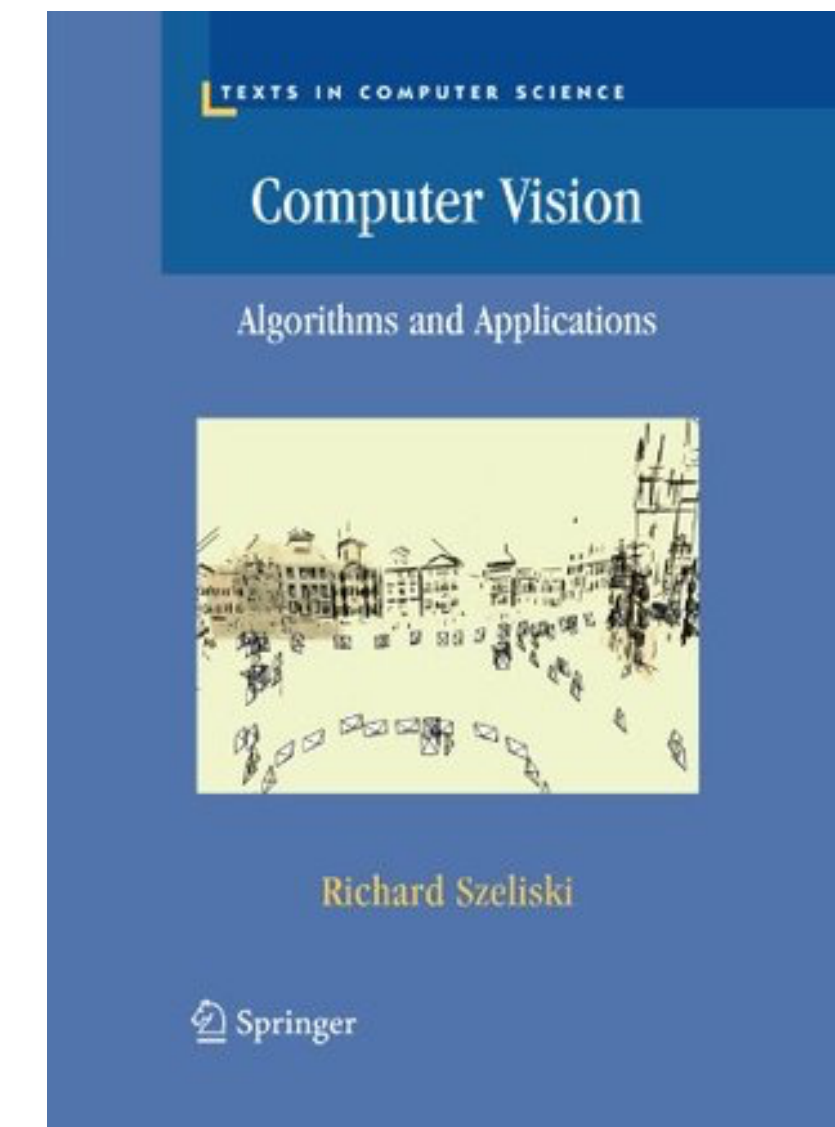
The course uses the following textbooks, which are recommended (but **not required**):



Computer Vision: A Modern Approach (2nd ed)

By: D. Forsyth & J. Ponce

Publisher: Pearson 2012



Computer Vision: Algorithms and Applications (2nd ed)

By: R. Szeliski

Publisher: Springer 2022

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

Readings

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- Sometimes you will be assigned readings from other sources

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Borealis AI's Let's SOLVE it undergraduate program

Borealis AI's Let's SOLVE it, AI undergrad student mentorship program, now is open for applications for our upcoming fall cycle. It would be a great help if you could spread the news among the undergrad students at your department, and/or courses! We are looking for undergrad students from diverse backgrounds to support kickstart their career in AI, while helping them solve a problem from their communities. Your help with this can go a long way!

For application guidelines, please visit our [Let's SOLVE it webpage](#).

Application deadline: **Sept. 8, 2024** (@11.59pm ET)

Program dates: October-November 2023 (2 months)

Additional info here: [University Students Harness the Power of AI for Social Good](#)

For questions, please email us at: mi.research@borealisai.com
Use subject line: Let's SOLVE it

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Prepare for the **Next Lecture**

Readings:

- **Next** Lecture: Szeliski Chapter 2, Forsyth & Ponce (2nd ed.) 1.1.1 — 1.1.3

Reminders:

- Start working on **Assignment 0** (ungraded) suggest complete by Sept 11