



Robotics

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Goal for this course

- **Design: soft hand design x1**
- **Perception: vision, point cloud, tactile, force/torque x1**
- **Planning: sampling-based, optimization-based, learning-based x3**
- **Control: feedback, multi-modal x2**
- **Learning: imitation learning, RL x2**
- **Simulation tool (pybullet, matlab, OpenRAVE, Isaac Nvidia, Gazebo)**
- **How to get a robot moving!**



Today's Agenda

- **What is robot perception? (~12)**
- **Robot vision and computer vision (~5)**
- **Force sensing (~5)**
- **Tactile sensing (~5)**
- **Challenges of robot perception (10)**
- **Algorithms for perception**
 - **State estimation (~5)**
 - **End to end learning (~5)**
 - **Active perception (~5)**
- **Quick Review of Deep Learning (~20)**

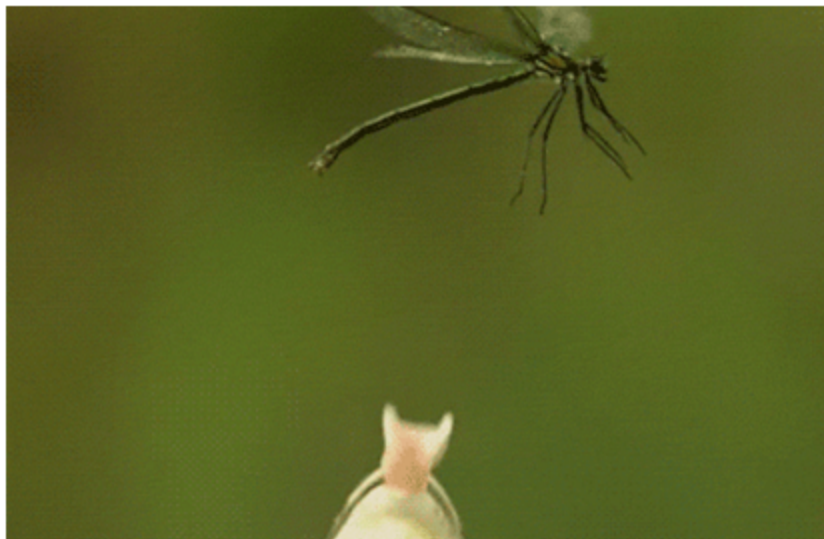


Incredible human skills





Incredible animal skills

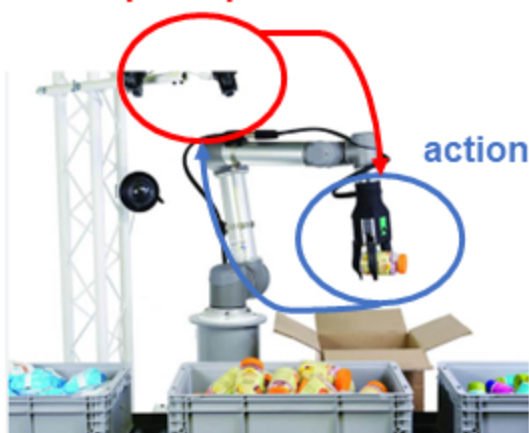




perception



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action



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Robotics – Learn the mapping from **perception to action**

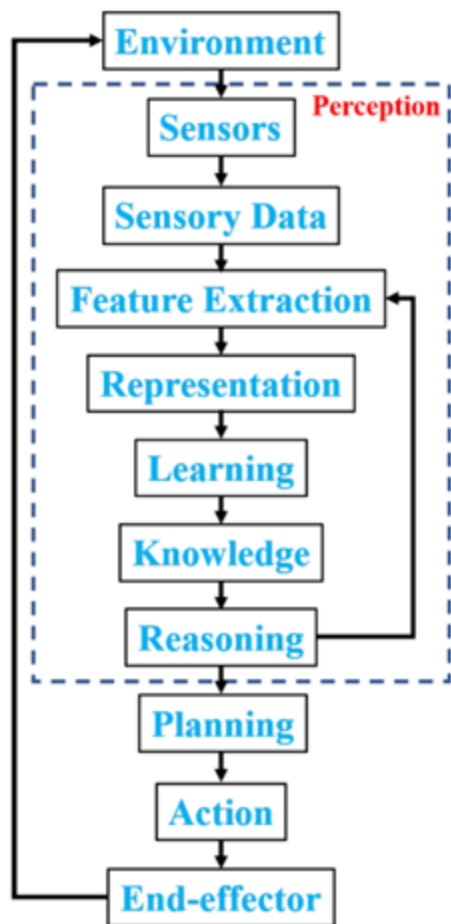


Optimus is now capable of self-calibrating its arms and legs

Tesla's Optimus Robot Sort Objects Autonomously

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oL5YNtDUQXU&ab_channel=CNETHighlights

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Why robot perception?

Making sense of the unstructured environment ...

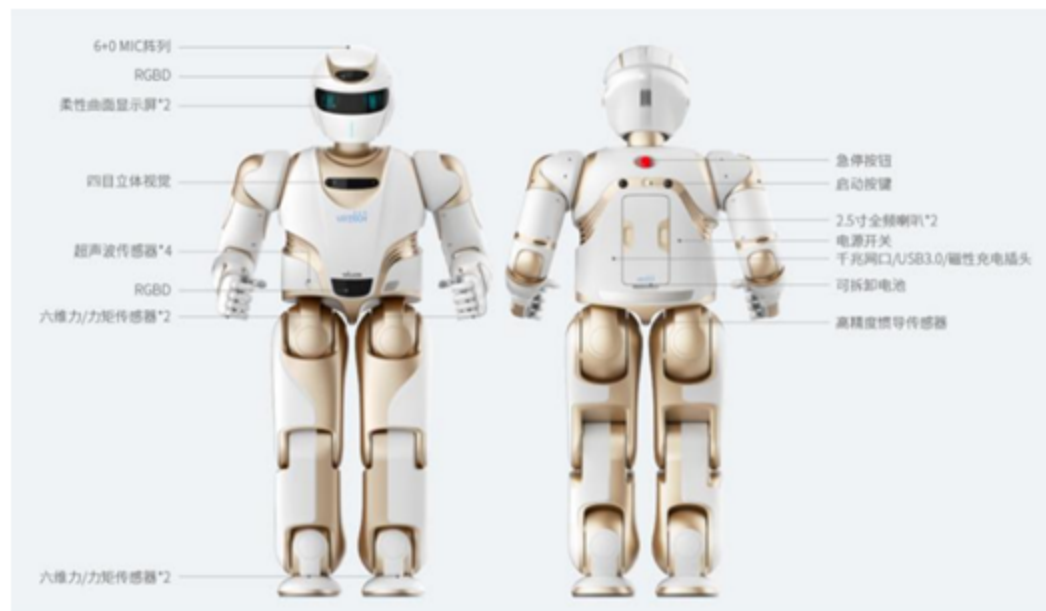


- Incomplete knowledge of the scene
- Imperfect actions may lead to failure
- Environment dynamics



Robot sensor

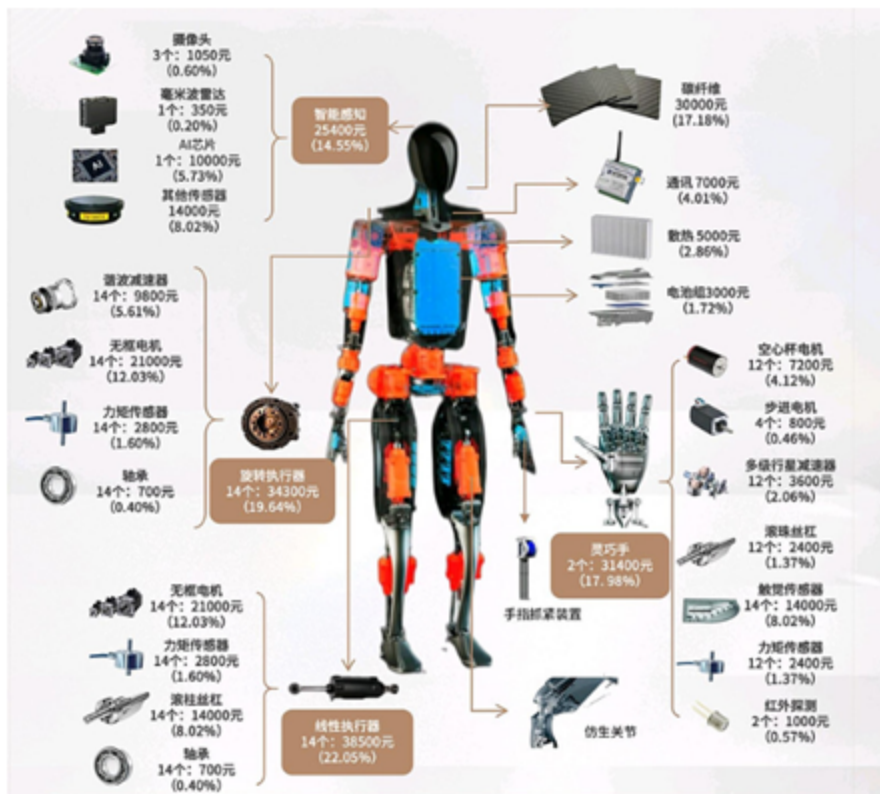
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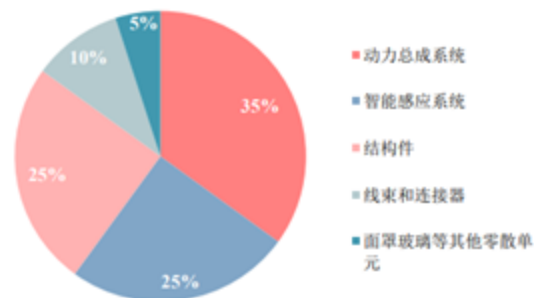


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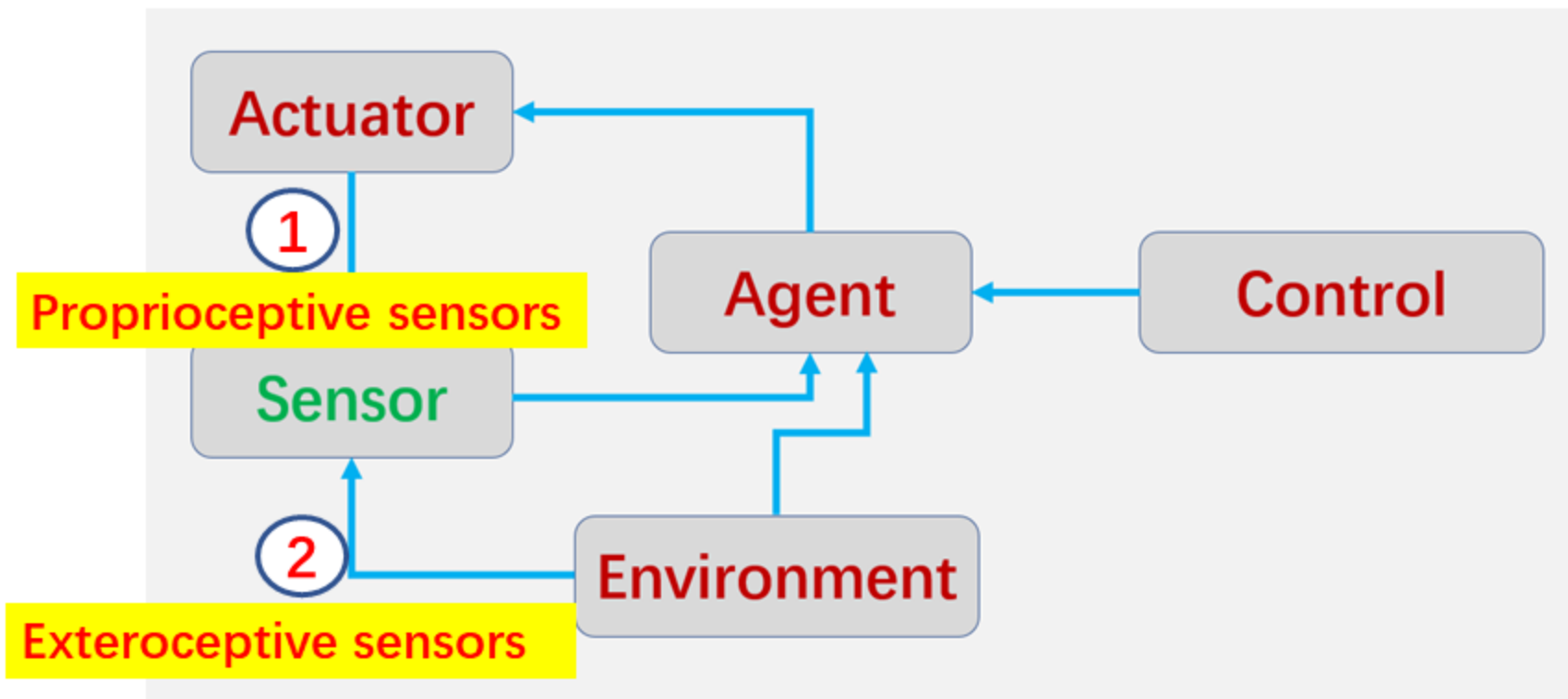


图表：Tesla Bot结构件成本占比估计





Robot sensor





Robot sensor

- **proprioceptive sensors** measure the internal state of the robot (**position** and **velocity** of joints, but also **torque** at joints or **acceleration** of links)
 - kinematic calibration, identification of dynamic parameters, control
- **exteroceptive sensors** measure/characterize robot interaction with the environment, enhancing its autonomy (**forces/torques**, **proximity**, **vision**, but also sensors for sound, smoke humidity, ...)
 - control of interaction with the environment, obstacle avoidance
localization of mobile robots, navigation in unknown environments



Robot vision vs. Computer vision

Computer vision tasks include methods for acquiring, processing, analyzing and understanding digital images, and extraction of high-dimensional data from the real world in order to produce numerical or symbolic information, e.g. in the forms of decision.

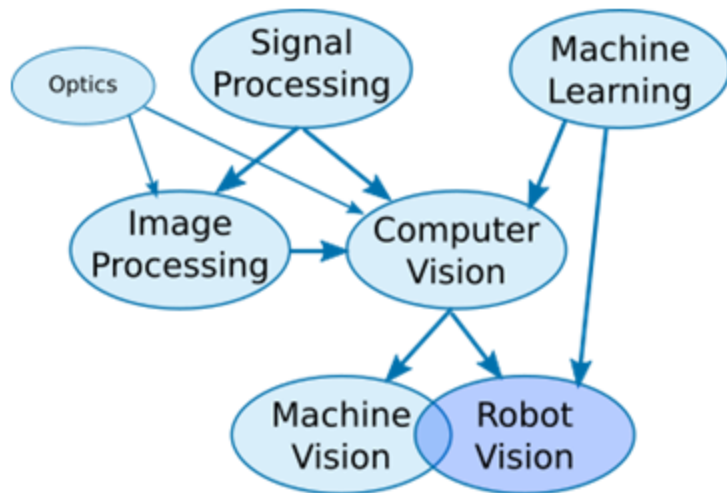


Deep Learning



Robot vision vs. Computer vision

Technique	Input	Output
Signal Processing	Electrical signals	Electrical signals
Image Processing	Images	Images
Computer Vision	Images	Information/features
Pattern Recognition/Machine Learning	Information/features	Information
Machine Vision	Images	Information
Robot Vision	Images	Physical Action



<https://blog.robotiq.com/robot-vision-vs-computer-vision-whats-the-difference>



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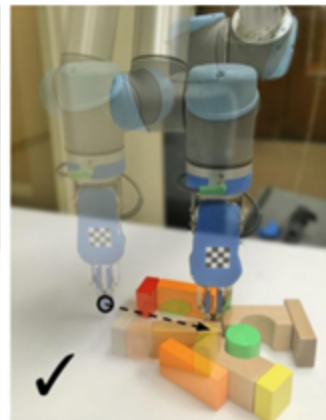
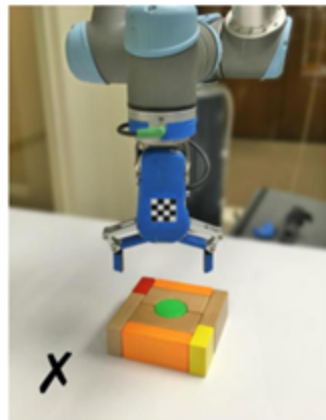
- Robot vision is **embodied**, **active**, and environmentally **situated**.
- **Embodied**: Robots have physical bodies and experience the world directly. Their actions are part of a dynamic with the world and have immediate feedback on their own sensation.
- **Active**: Robots are active perceivers. It knows why it wishes to sense, and chooses what to perceive, and determines how, when and where to achieve that perception.
- **Situated**: Robots are situated in the world. They do not deal with abstract descriptions, but with the here and now of the world directly influencing the behavior of the system.



Robot vision vs. Computer vision



[Levine et al., IJRR 2016]



[Zeng et al., IROS 2018]



2D camera

1963 – Lawrence Roberts, the Father of Computer Vision publishes “Machine Perception Of Three-Dimensional Solids” where he discusses extracting 3D information about solid objects from 2D images. This led to much research in MIT’s artificial intelligence lab and other research institutions looking at computer vision in the context of blocks and simple objects.



1966 – The summer project at MIT marks the landmark in the development of pattern recognition.

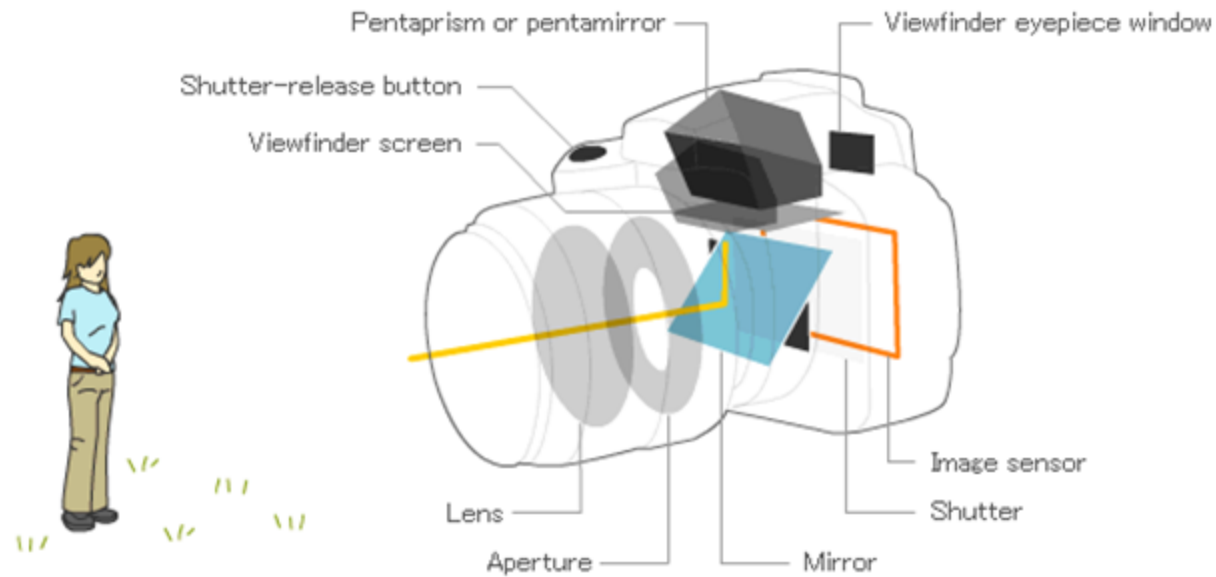


<https://emergentvisiontec.com/tech-portal/evolution-of-machine-vision/>



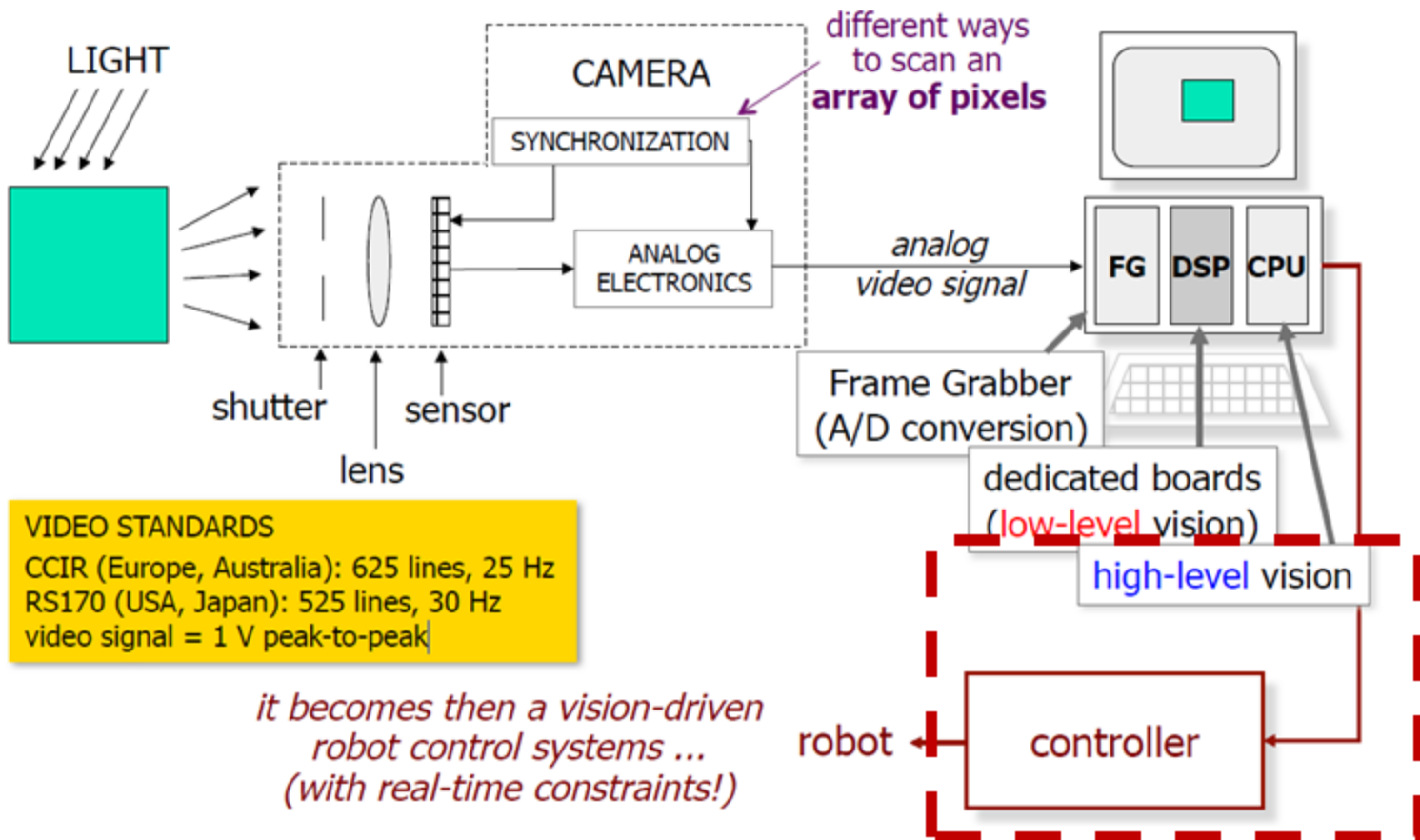
2D camera

The Optical Path from the Lens Through the Mirror to the Viewfinder





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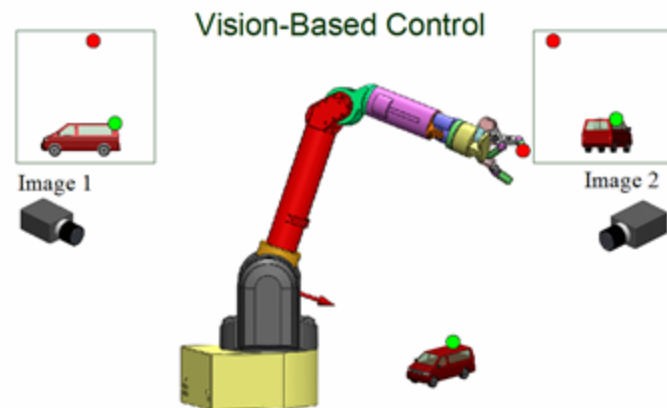


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Visual servoing, also known as **vision-based robot control** and abbreviated **VS**, is a technique which uses feedback information extracted from a vision sensor (visual feedback) to control the motion of a [robot](#). One of the earliest papers that talks about visual servoing was from the SRI International Labs in 1979.

1. ["Basic Concept and Technical Terms"](#). *Ishikawa Watanabe Laboratory, University of Tokyo*. Retrieved 12 February 2015.

2. [^] Agin, G.J., "Real Time Control of a Robot with a Mobile Camera". Technical Note 179, SRI International, Feb. 1979.





2D image format



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What the computer sees

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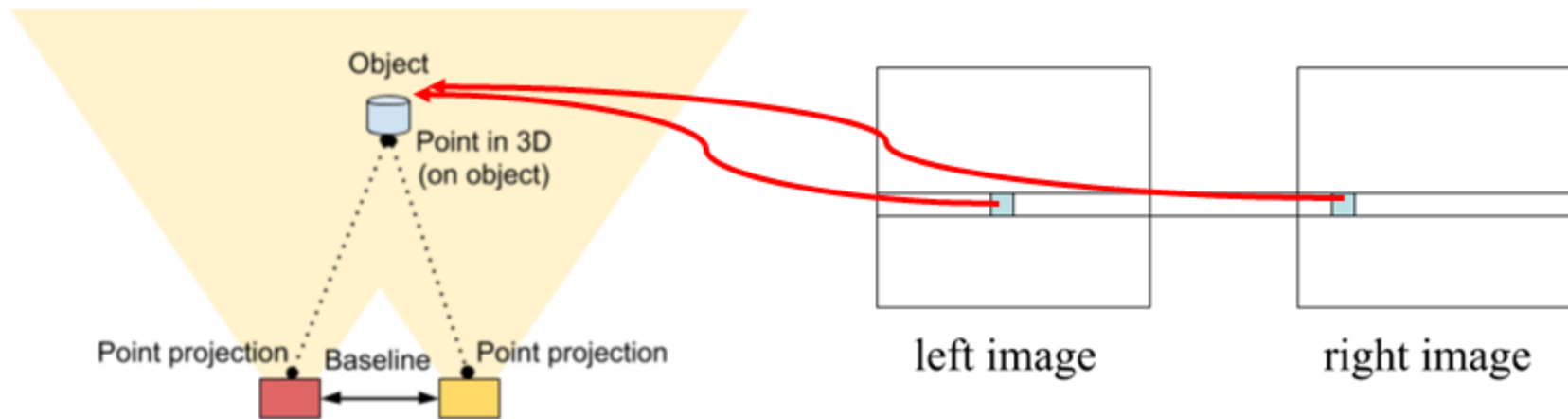
An image is just a matrix of numbers $[0,255]$!
i.e., $1080 \times 1080 \times 3$ for an RGB image

Slide Credit: Ava Soleimany, MIT

Images Are Numbers



3D from stereo

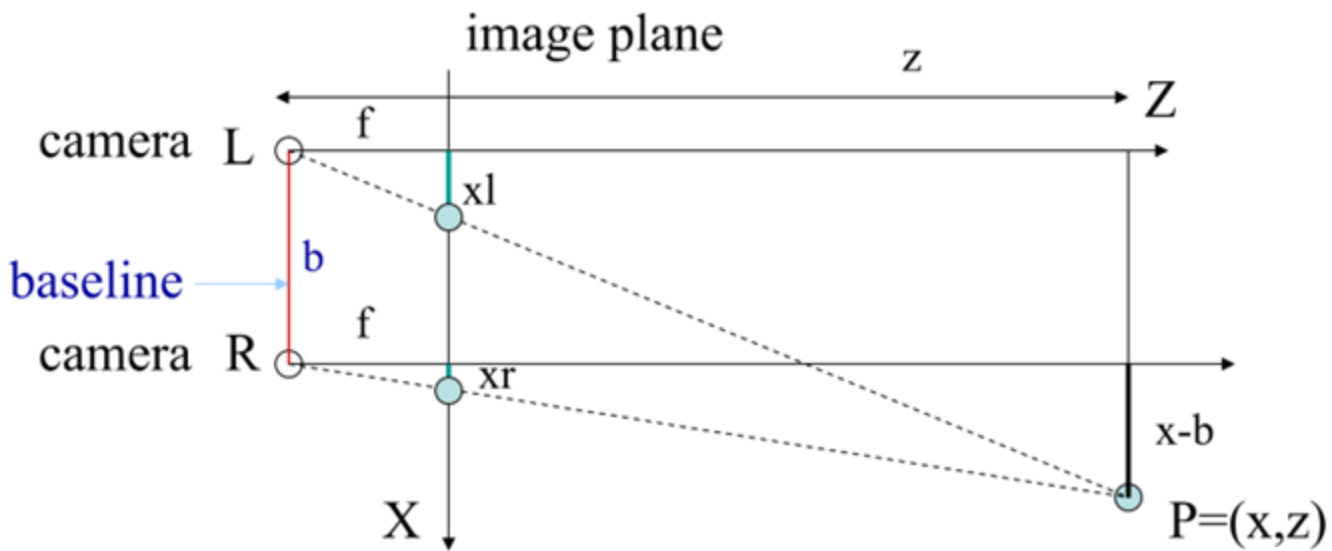


disparity: the difference in image location of the same 3D point when projected under perspective to two different cameras.

$$d = x_{\text{left}} - x_{\text{right}}$$



3D from stereo



$$\frac{z}{f} = \frac{x}{x_l}$$

$$\frac{z}{f} = \frac{x-b}{x_r}$$

$$\frac{z}{f} = \frac{y}{y_l} = \frac{y}{y_r}$$

y -axis is perpendicular to the page.



3D from stereo

For stereo cameras with parallel optical axes, focal length f , baseline b , corresponding image points (x_l, y_l) and (x_r, y_r) with disparity d :

$$z = f \cdot b / (x_l - x_r) = f \cdot b / d$$

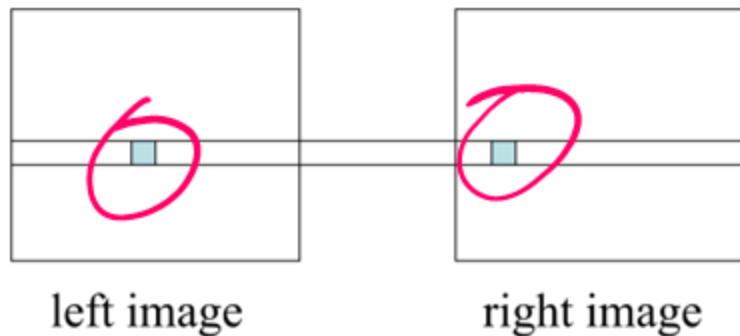
$$x = x_l \cdot z / f \quad \text{or} \quad b + x_r \cdot z / f$$

$$y = y_l \cdot z / f \quad \text{or} \quad y_r \cdot z / f$$

This method of determining depth from disparity is called **triangulation**.



3D from stereo



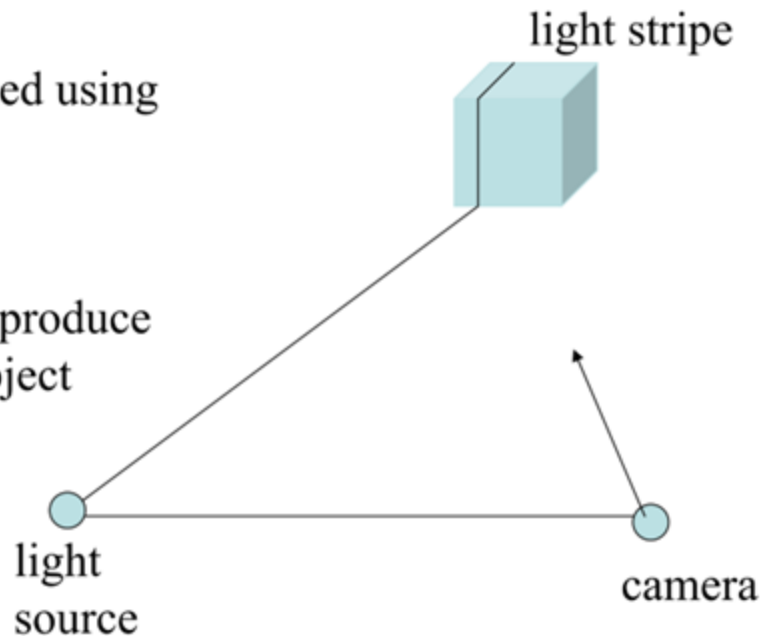
We need to find the "correspondence"^{p.t.d}



3D from structure

3D data can also be derived using

- a single camera
- a light source that can produce stripe(s) on the 3D object

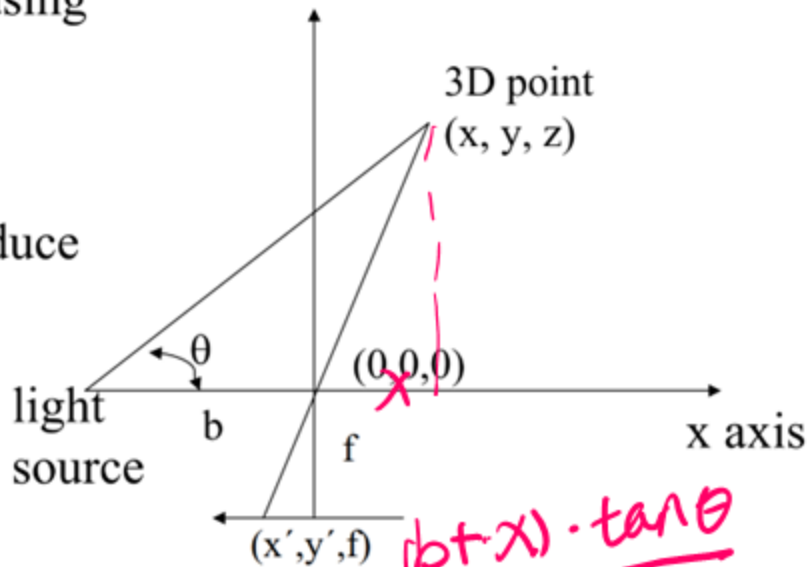




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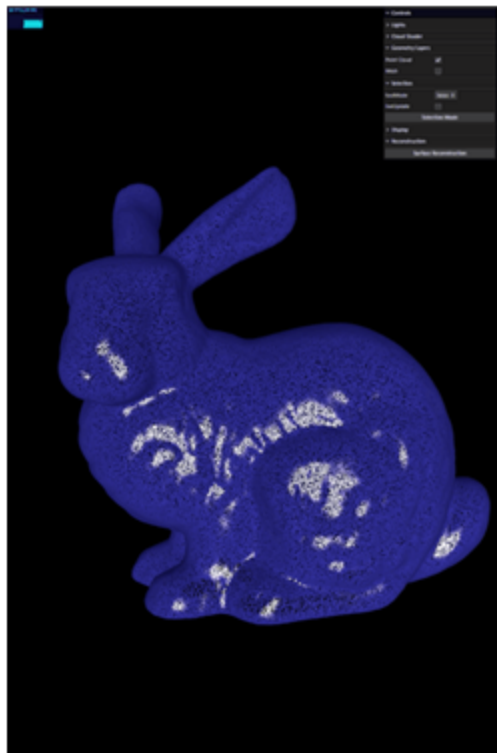


$$\begin{matrix} & b & \\ [x & y & z] = \frac{}{f \cot \theta - x'} [x' & y' & f] \\ \text{3D} & & \text{image} \end{matrix}$$

$$\frac{x}{x'} = \frac{(b-x) \cdot \tan \theta}{f}$$



3D vision format



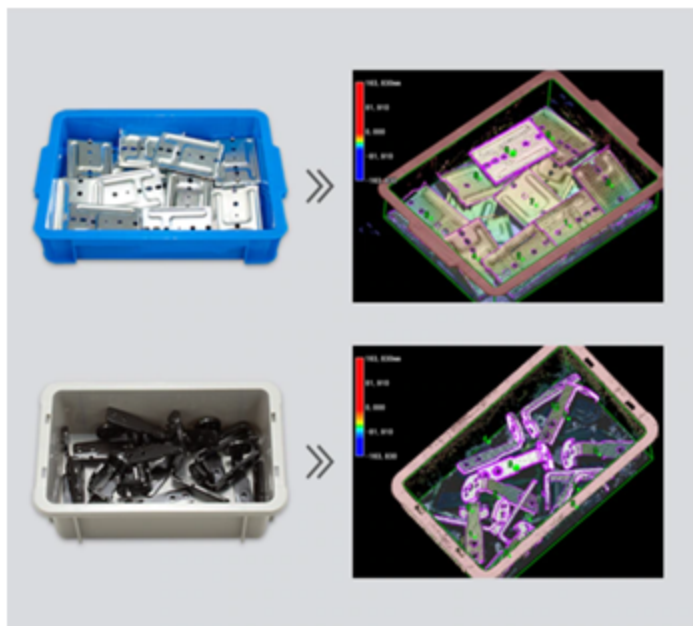
- [PLY](#) - a polygon file format, developed at Stanford University by Turk et al
- [STL](#) - a file format native to the stereolithography CAD software created by 3D Systems
- [OBJ](#) - a geometry definition file format first developed by Wavefront Technologies
- [X3D](#) - the ISO standard XML-based file format for representing 3D computer graphics data
- [and many others](#)

https://pointclouds.org/documentation/tutorials/pcd_file_format.html

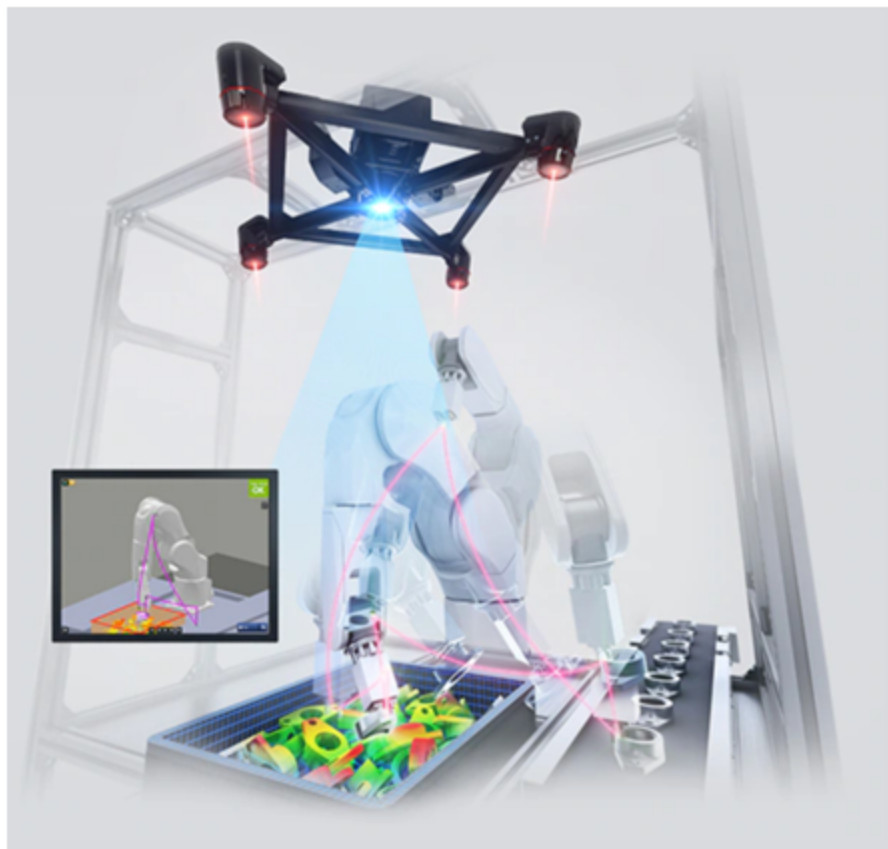




3D camera application

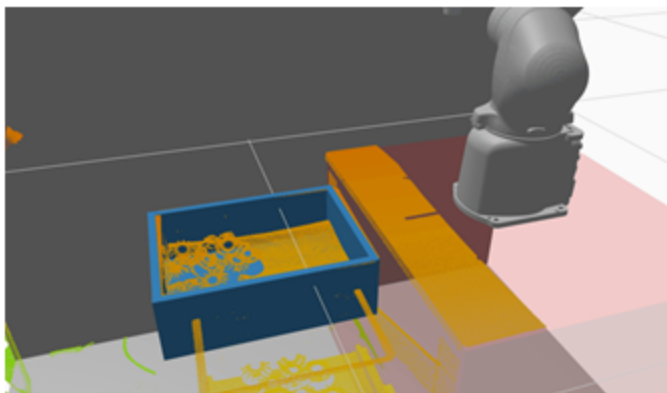
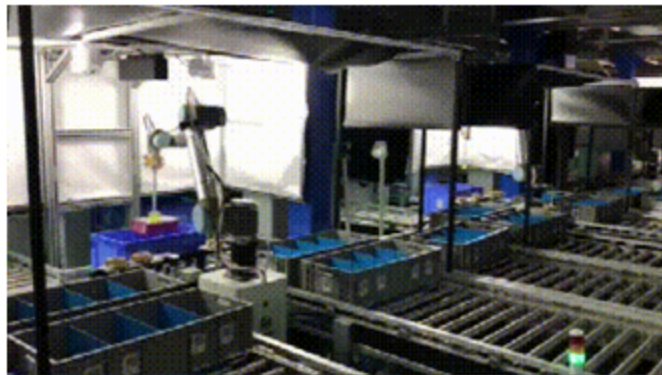


Source: Keyence website





3D camera application



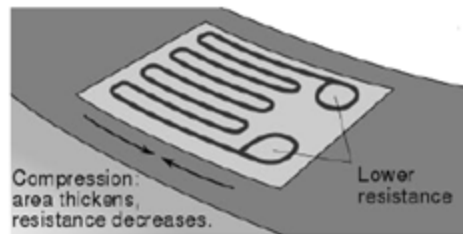
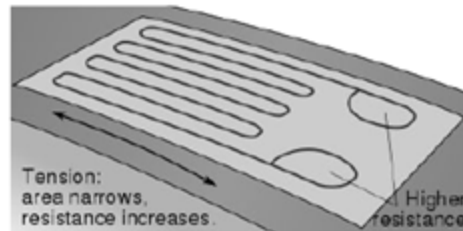
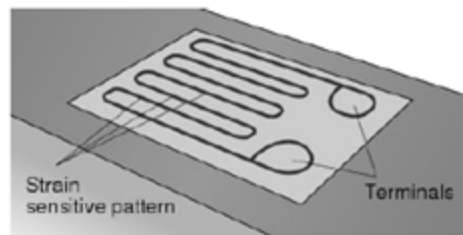


F/T sensor principle

- indirect information obtained from the measure of **deformation** of an elastic element subject to the force or torque to be measured
- basic component is a *strain gauge*: uses the variation of the resistance R of a metal conductor when its length L or cross-section S vary

$$\frac{\partial R}{\partial L} > 0 \quad \frac{\partial R}{\partial S} < 0$$

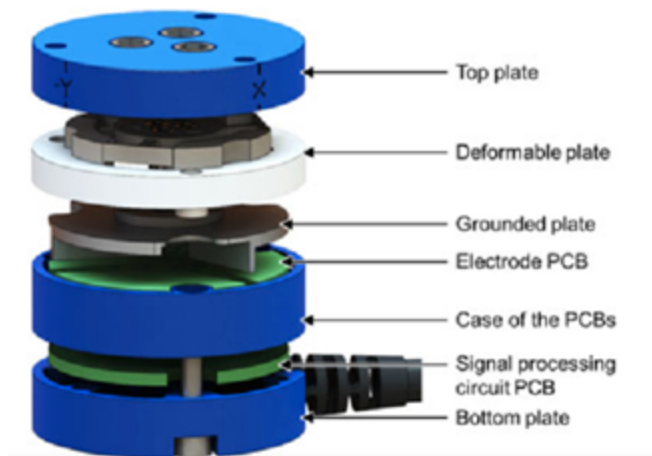
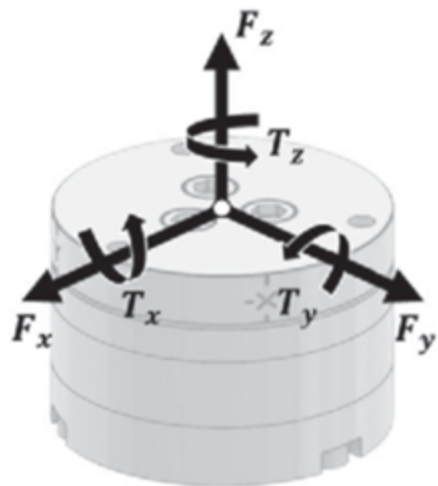
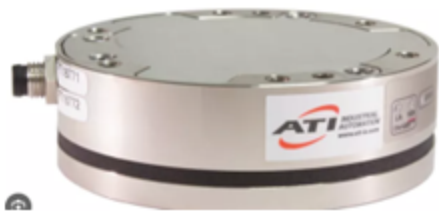
$$\frac{\partial R}{\partial T} \text{ small}$$



temperature

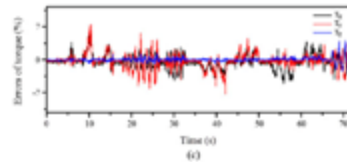
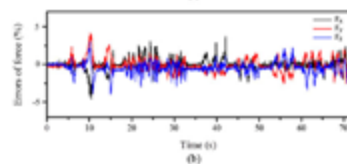
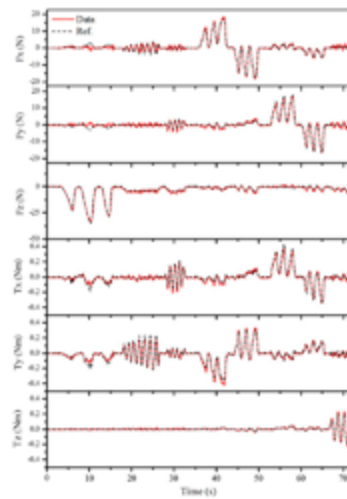


F/T sensor principle





F/T information format

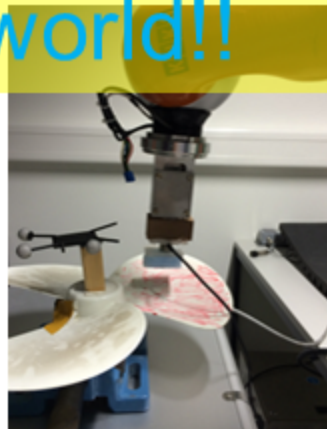




F/T sensor application

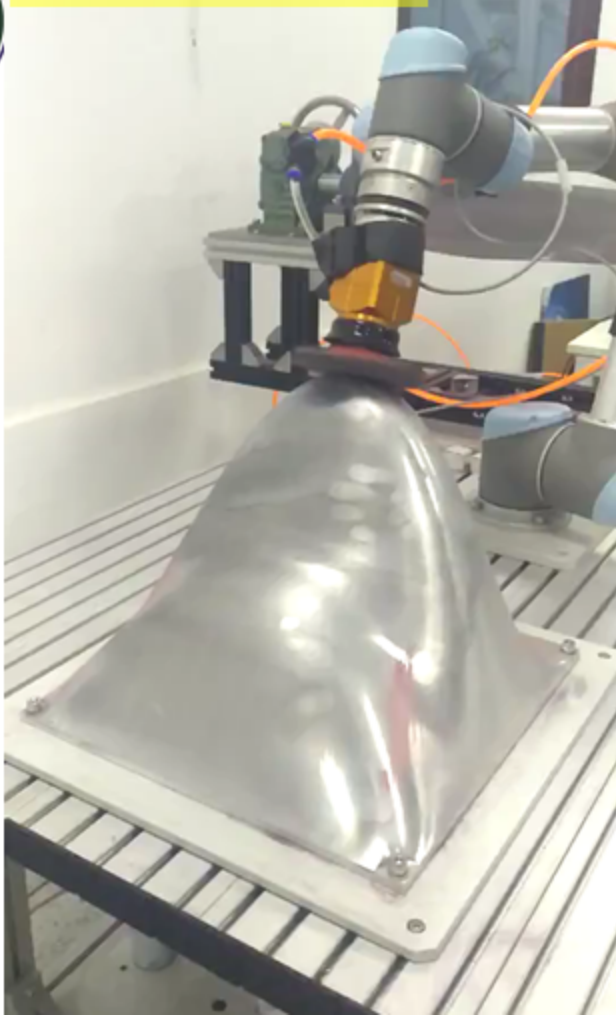


Force is an essential information for the robots to physically interact with the world!!

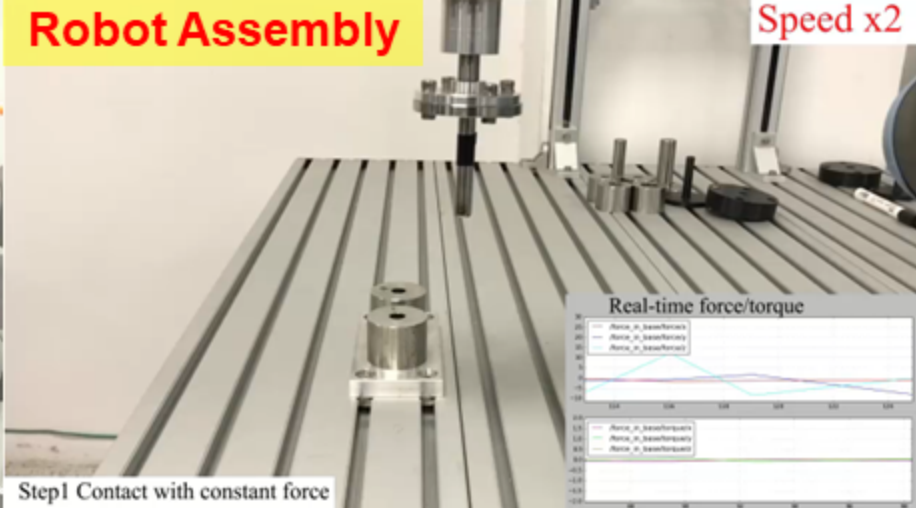




Robot Polishing



Robot Assembly



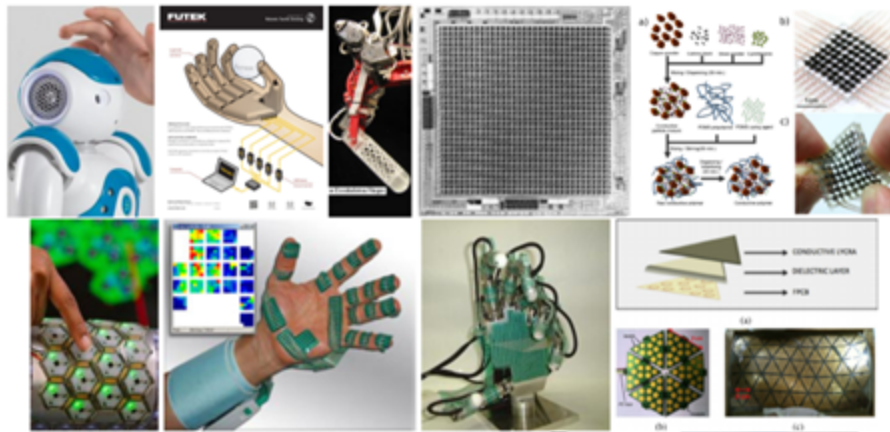
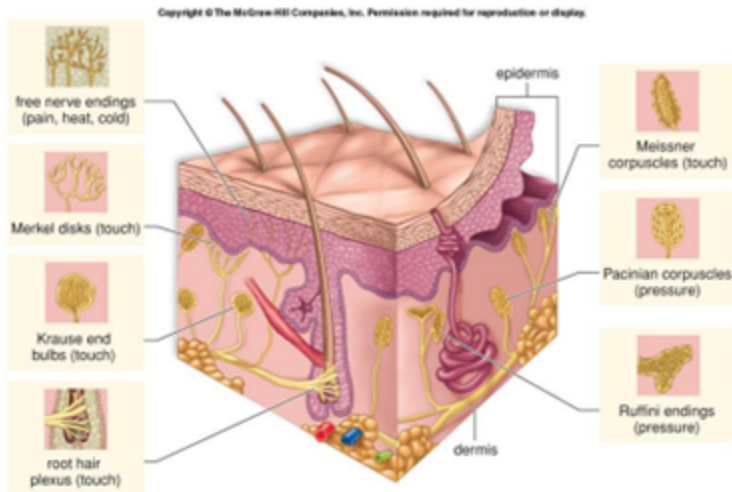
Step1 Contact with constant force

Kinesthetic Teaching





Tactile sensor principle



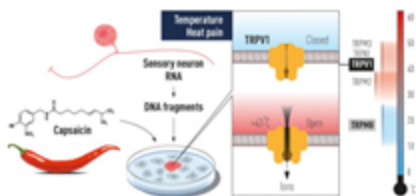


Tactile sensor history

The 2021 Nobel Prize Laureates

David Julius and Ardem Patapoutian were awarded the 2021 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine "for their discoveries of receptors for temperature and touch".

CREDIT: H. Niklas Elmehed © Nobel Prize Outreach



Key Discoveries On Tactile Sensing

Aristotle, 400 BC Known for demarcating 5 senses. But wondered touch: one or many sense(s)	Abraham Vater, 1741 Discovered Vater-Pacini Corpuscles without its functional role
Charles Bell 1811 Francoise Magend 1822 Investigation on spinal nerves Posterior root (Sensation) Anterior root to (Motor functions)	E. H. Weber, 1834 Weber's two point test
Filippo Pacini, 1835 Rediscovered Vater-Pacini Corpuscles	Johannes R. Müller, 1835 Law of specific nerve energies
Wagner, Meissner, 1852 Meissner Tactile Corpuscles	B. Seward, 1840-1860s Cross-over of pathways in spinal cord
Helmholtz, 1850 Concept of sensory modalities Velocity of nerve impulses	Friedrich Merkel, 1875 Merkel Discs
Wilhelm Krause, 1859 Krause end bulbs, Cold receptors	C. Golgi, 1873, S. R. y Cajal, 1877 Neuro anatomy
Blix, Goldscheider, Donaldson, Independently, 1882-1885 Sensory spots on the skin	Henry C. Bestian, 1890 Coined "kinesthesia"
Angelo Ruffini, 1894 Ruffini Endings	Max von Frey, 1890 Theory of Specific Skin Sense Receptors
C. Sherrington, 1898 N. Head, Campbell, 1990 O. Foerster, 1933 Dermatomes	Thunberg, Ahnelt (Indep.), 1896 Indication of population coding of thermal sensations
M. Meitner, L. Lagnado, D. A. Baylo, 1995 Temporal Coding observed in Retinal Ganglion Cells	C. Sherrington, 1906 Microreceptors
Fingerprint and neural firing graph showing temporal coding.	ED Adrian, Y Zotterman, 1926, Sata, Cadotte Gasser and Erlanger, 1929, Specificity of peripheral nerves
	RS Johansson, I Birzniece, 2004 Temporal Coding observed in human tactile afferents

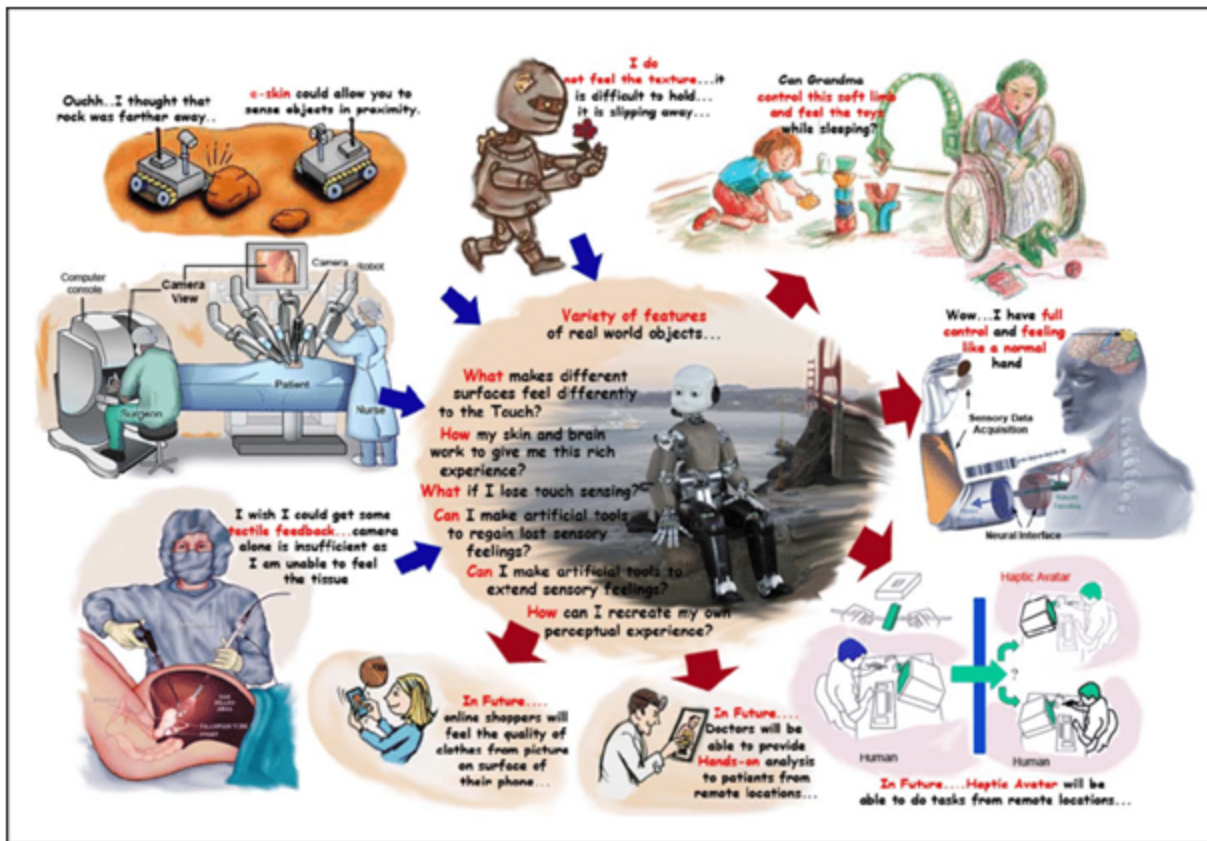
Evolution of Tactile e-Skin

Sensors	Powering	Data-addressing /processing	Robotic/prosthetic
Development of large-area sensors Finger driven Touch Screen, 1965 Resistive Touch Screen, 1971 First multi-touch system, 1982 1st Touch screen computer HP-150, 1982	2004, Pressure sensor with OFET addressing,	2000, Honda ASIMO with tactile sensor	
Infrared e-skin 8 X 8 array, 1984 Optical sensor tactile matrix (8x4), 2005 Piezoelectric ZnO NWFT based NanoForce Sensor, 2006 POFET-Electronics and Transducer, 2007 Microstructure PDMS Skin, 2010	2005, Stretchable Pressure/Thermal sensors with OFET for addressing	2008, BioTIC	
Transparent Triboelectric nanogenerator Human finger-tip inspired microstructure for enhanced sensitivity, 2014	2013, User Interactive e-skin based on NWFT	2010 iCUB ROBOskin	
Multifunctional E-skin, 2014	2015, e-mechanoreceptor with biomimetic rate coding capability	2012 Nao Hex-O-Skin	
Energy Autonomous Skin, 2017	2017, Neural NWFT for Data Processing 2017, Neuromorphic Temporal coding and classification 2018, Artificial Afferent Nerve 2018, Neuromorphic e-dermis	2018 Moley, Robotic Chef	
Supercapacitor Skin, 2019			

Large-Area Soft e-Skin: The Challenges Beyond Sensor Designs

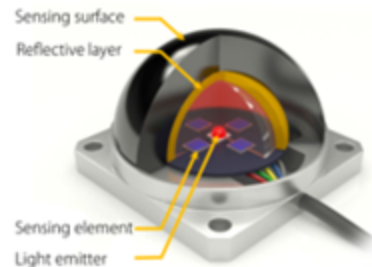
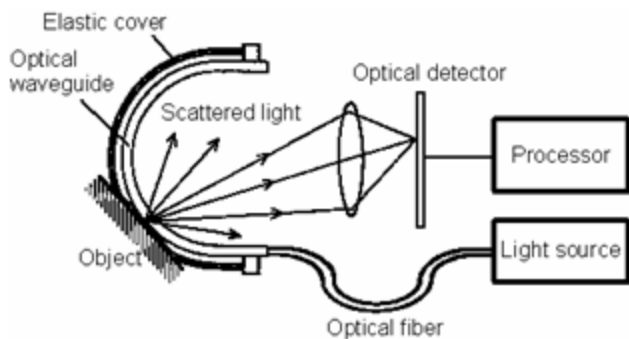
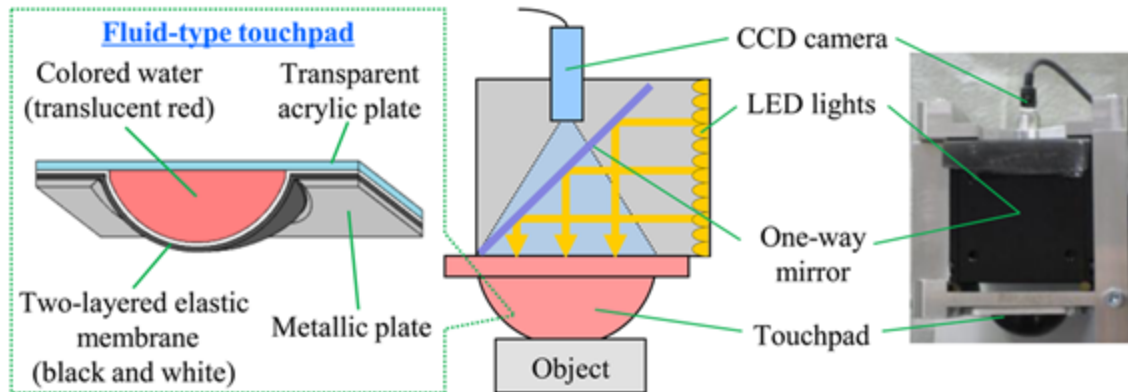


Tactile sensor applications





Tactile sensor principle





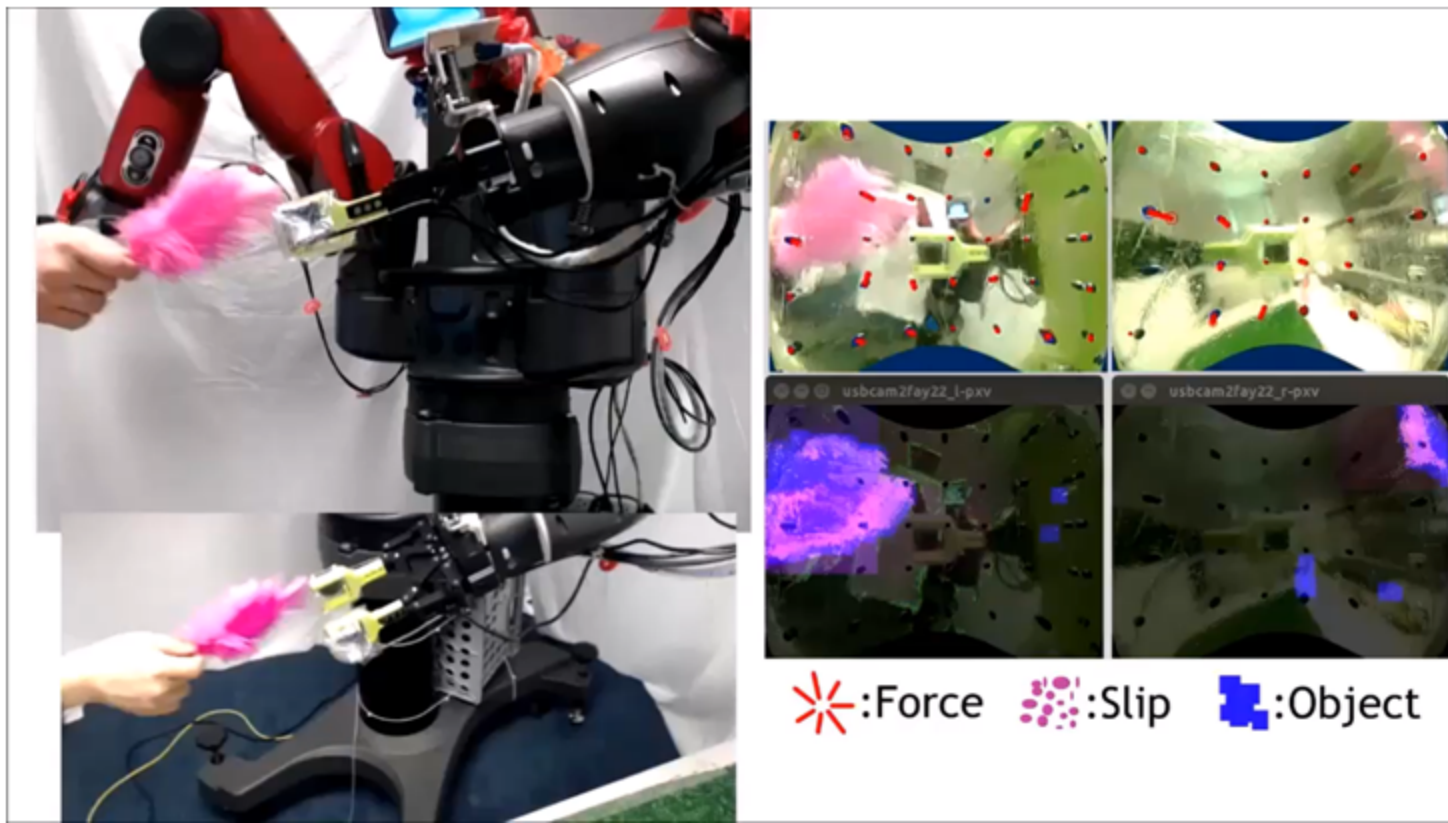
Robot Skin



Why is “optical skin” a good idea?

- Easy to get millions of sensors (pixels)
- Bonus: Proximity Sense.
- **Separate deformation and its measurement.**
- Outer layer has nothing in it. Cheap to repair or replace. Can be optimized for desired mechanical and lifetime properties.
- Connections (solder joints etc.) and wires aren't deforming.
- Reliability – fewer wires, components. Cameras are already reliable.
- Whole-body vision: reduce occlusion.
- Avoid rigid printed circuit boards or chips.

Finger Vision: Proximity Sensing Seeing with your fingers



Whole Body Vision: Origins



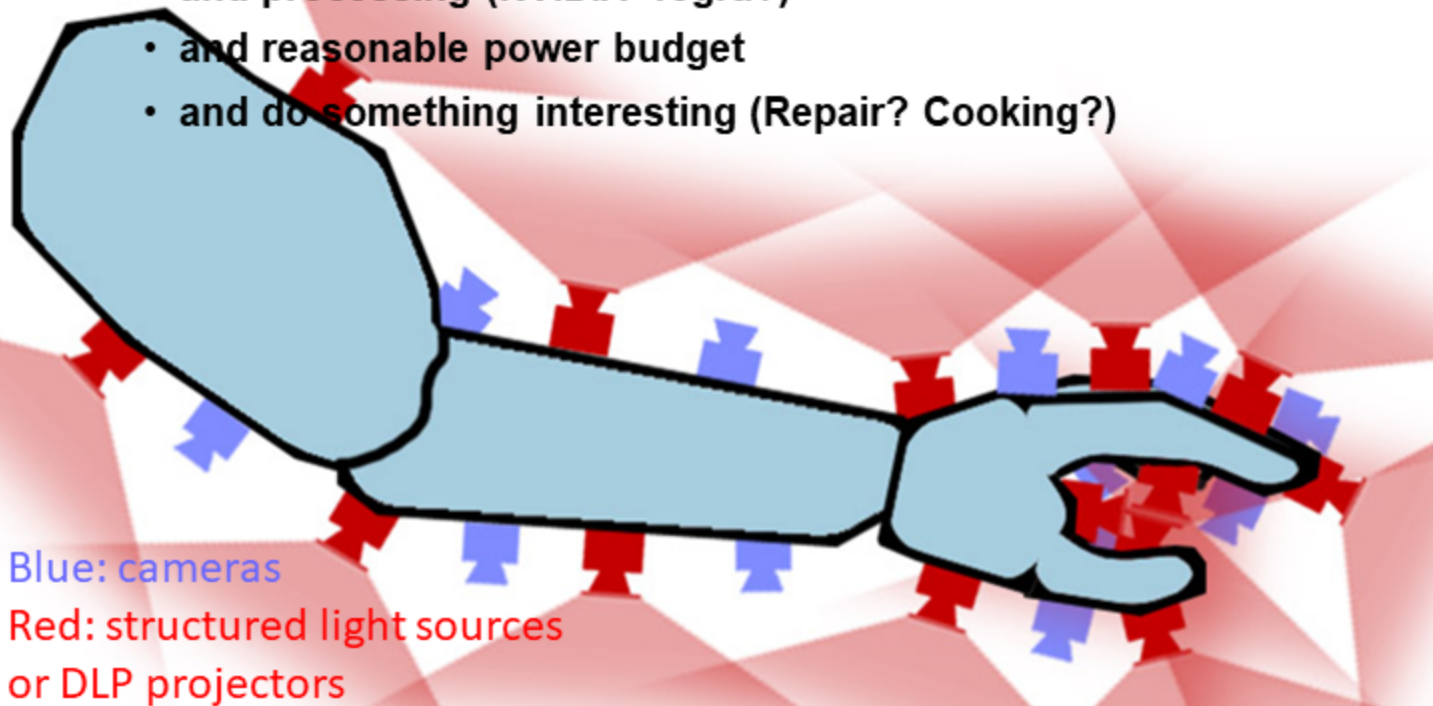
Argus (Greece)



Hyakume (Japan)

Goal and Challenge

- Can we build 100 camera system on full robot
- with full multimodal sensor suite
- and networking (GigE?)
- and processing (NVIDIA Tegra?)
- and reasonable power budget
- and do something interesting (Repair? Cooking?)

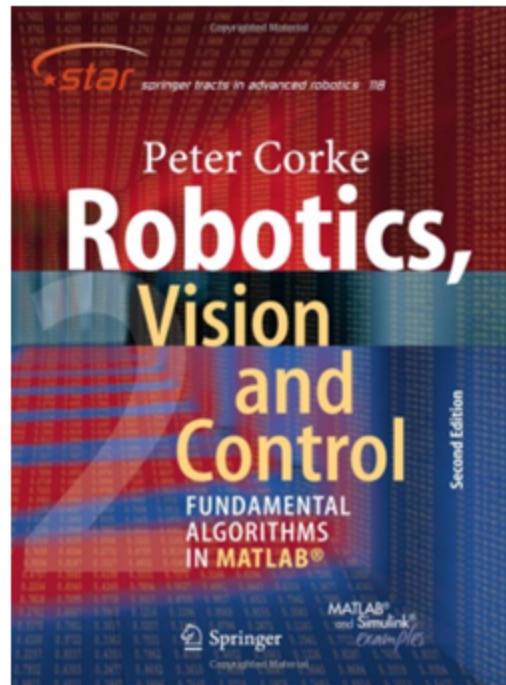
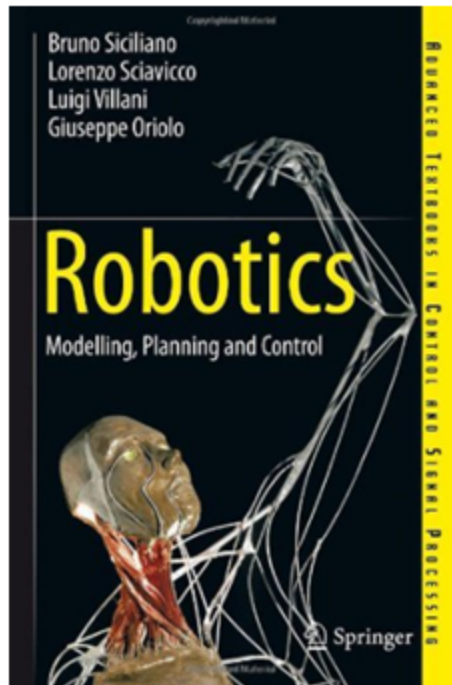
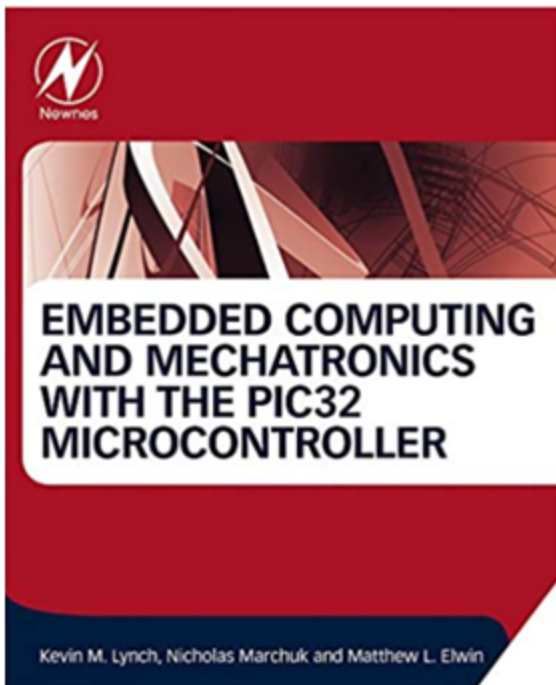


Blue: cameras

Red: structured light sources
or DLP projectors



Some reference books on sensors using in mechatronics, robotics, vision control...





Today's Agenda

- **What is robot perception? (~12)**
- **Robot vision and computer vision (~5)**
- **Force sensing (~5)**
- **Tactile sensing (~5)**
- **Challenges of robot perception (10)**
- **Algorithms for perception**
 - State estimation (~5)
 - End to end learning (~5)
 - Active perception (~5)
- **Quick Review of Deep Learning (~20)**



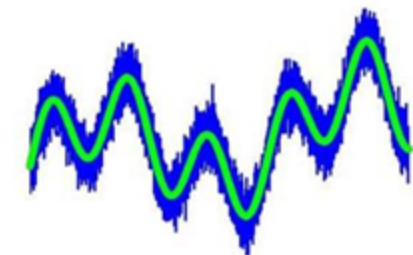
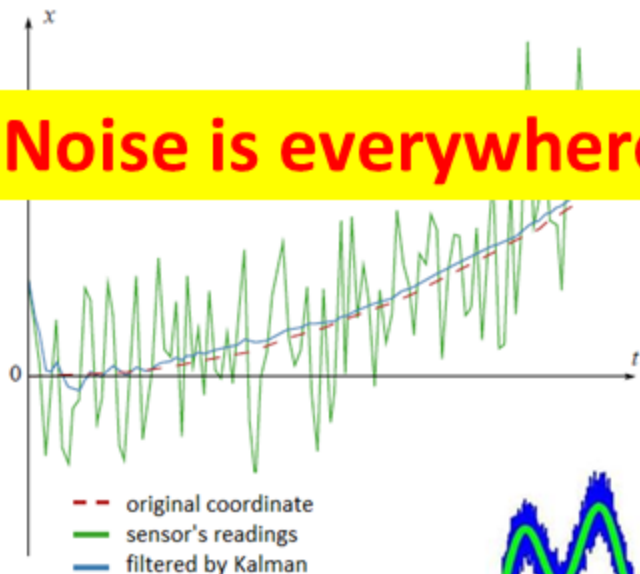
Why robot perception is difficult?

1. **Uncertainty**: noise is everywhere!
2. **Modalities**: neural network architectures designed for different sensory modalities
3. **Representations**: representation learning algorithms without strong supervision
4. **Tasks**: state estimation tasks for robot navigation and manipulation
5. **Embodiment**: active perception for embodied visual intelligence



Why do we need a filter?

Noise is everywhere!



Engineers use filtering to extract the useful information from noisy signals.

- The main reason to filter a signal is to reduce and smooth out **high-frequency noise** associated with a measurement such as flow, pressure, level or temperature
- When a noisy signal is used in control, filtering is important for effective derivative action and for avoiding excessive movement in the controller output that causes valve wear or disturbs other control loops.
- Ideally, we want to estimate the underlying signal without noise, introducing as little distortion as possible.

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Smoothing>

Algorithm	Overview and uses	Pros
Additive smoothing	used to smooth categorical data.	
Butterworth filter	Slower roll-off than a Chebyshev Type I/Type II filter or an elliptic filter.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• More linear phase response in the pass-band than Chebyshev Type I/Type II and elliptic filters can achieve.• Designed to have a frequency response as flat as possible in the passband.
Chebyshev filter	Has a steeper roll-off and more passband ripple (type I) or stopband ripple (type II) than Butterworth filters.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minimizes the error between the idealized and the actual filter characteristics over the range of the filter.
Digital filter	Used on a sampled, discrete-time signal to reduce or enhance certain aspects of that signal.	
Elliptic filter		
Exponential smoothing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Used to reduce irregularities (random fluctuations) in time series data, thus providing a clearer view of the true underlying behaviour of the series.• Also, provides an effective means of predicting future values of the time series (forecasting).^[1]	
Kalman filter	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Uses a series of measurements observed over time, containing statistical noise and other inaccuracies by estimating a joint probability distribution over the variables for each timeframe.	Estimates of unknown variables it produces tend to be more accurate than those based on a single measurement alone
Kernel smoother	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• used to estimate a real valued function as the weighted average of neighboring observed data.• most appropriate when the dimension of the predictor is low ($p < 3$), for example for data visualization.	The estimated function is smooth, and the level of smoothness is set by a single parameter.



Kalman Filter

motion and sensing discrete-time model for estimation

$$\xi(k) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & T \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \xi(k-1) + \mu$$

$$z(k) = (1 \ 0) \xi(k) + \nu$$

noisy position measure (encoder output)

zero mean Gaussian noises with (co)variances Q (a matrix) and R

T = sampling time

$$\xi(k) = (x(k) \ \dot{x}(k))^T$$

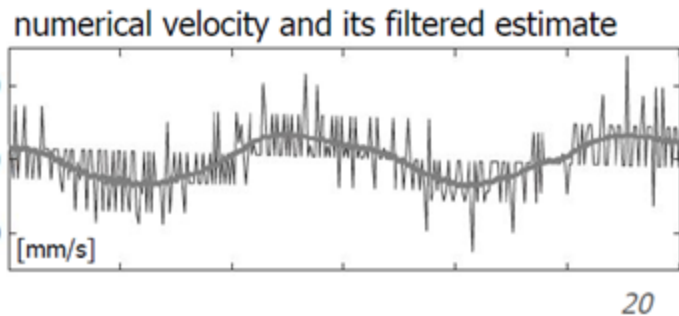
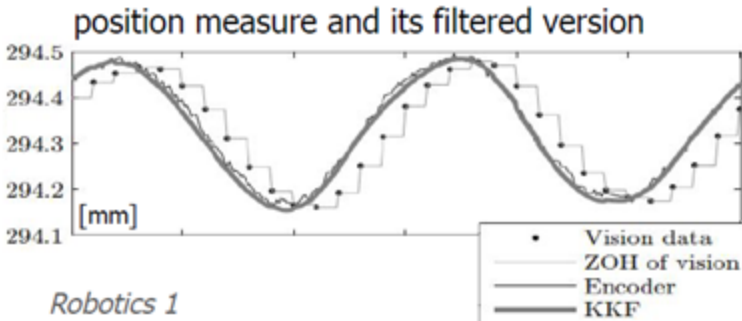
actual state

unmeasured velocity

design a (linear) Kalman filter providing an estimate $\hat{\xi}(k)$ of the model state

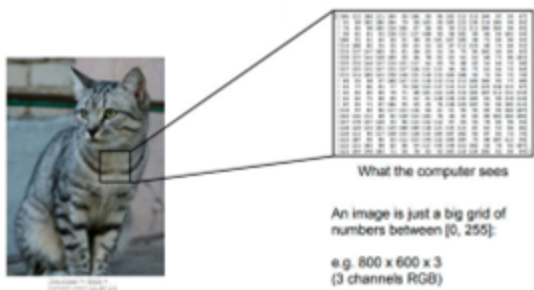
$$\hat{\xi}(k) = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & T \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \hat{\xi}(k-1)}_{\text{(a priori) prediction}} + \underbrace{K_k \left(z(k) - (1 \ 0) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & T \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \hat{\xi}(k-1) \right)}_{\text{correction (based on the measured output)}}$$

using the optimal Kalman gain K_k

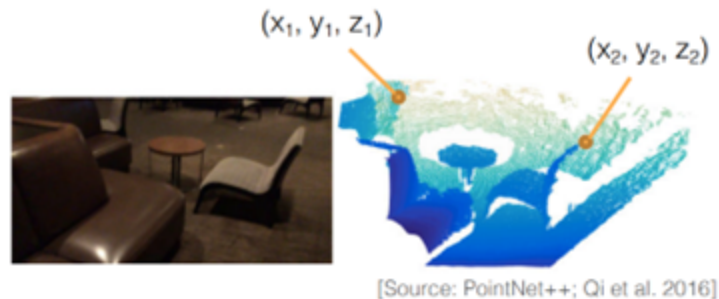




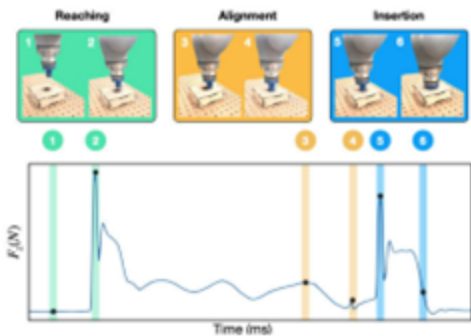
Robot Perception: Modality



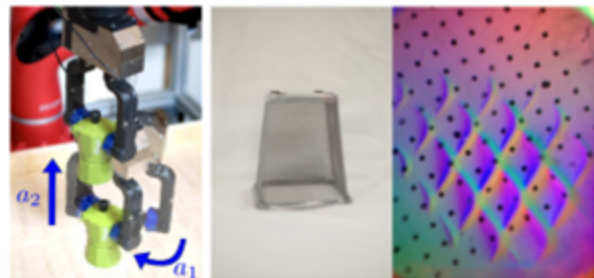
Pixels (from RGB cameras)



Point cloud (from structure sensors)



Time series (from F/T sensors)



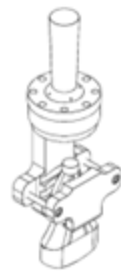
Tactile data (from the GelSights sensors)



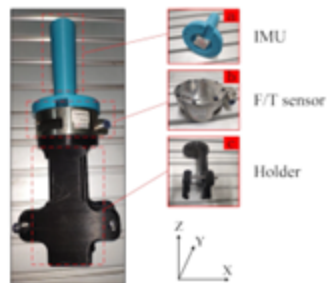
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Sonographer ultrasound scanning process

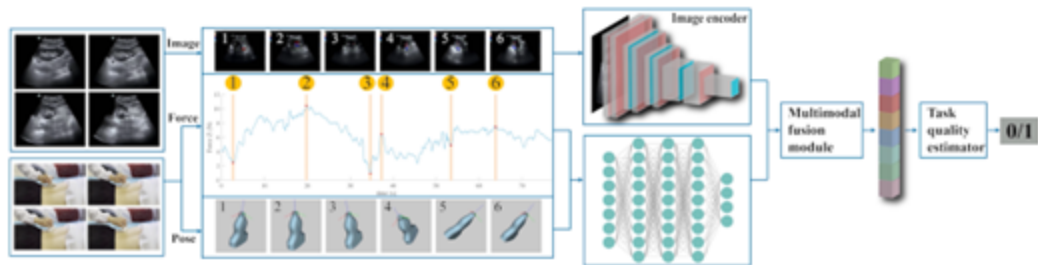
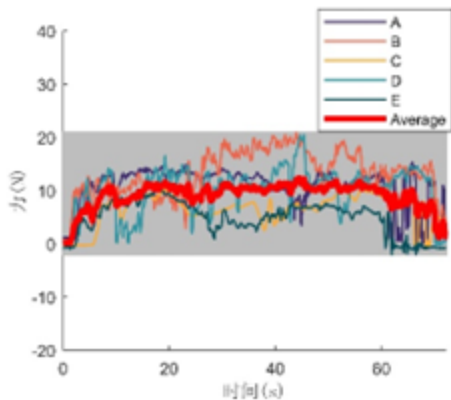


CAD model of probe holder



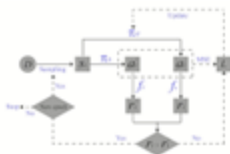
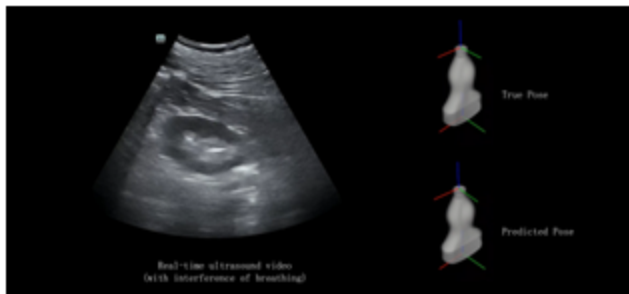
Coordinate of sensors

Probe holder with sensors

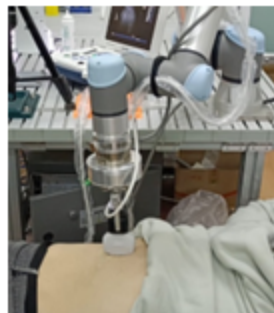
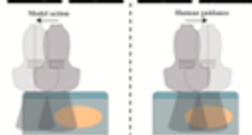
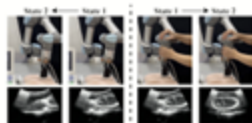




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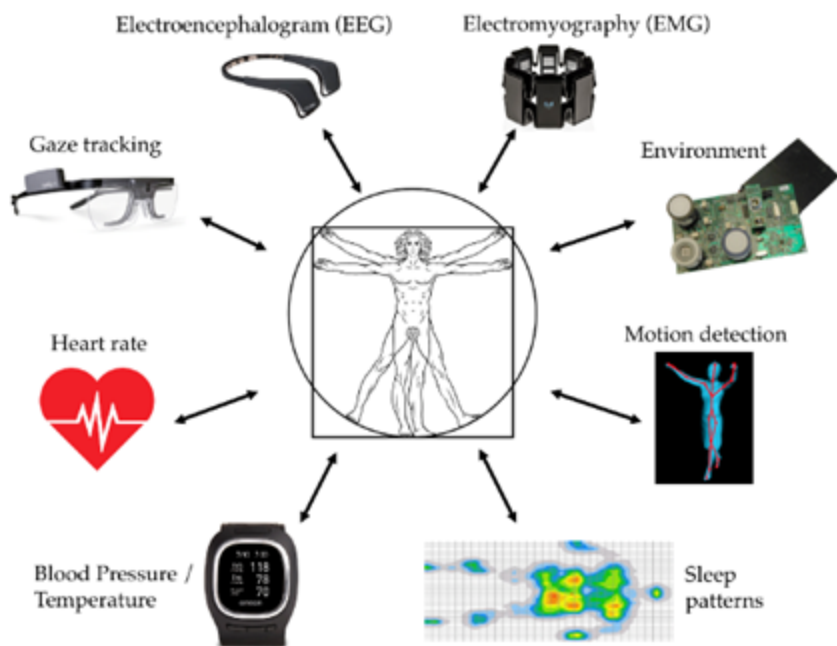


- 0) describe the dataset.
- 1) describe the task state.
- 2) describe the task predicted action.
- 3) describe the task sensor suggested action.
- 4) describe the task reward.
- 5) describe the loss function.
- 6) describe the neural function.
- 7) describe the policy network.
- 8) describe the sensor policy.



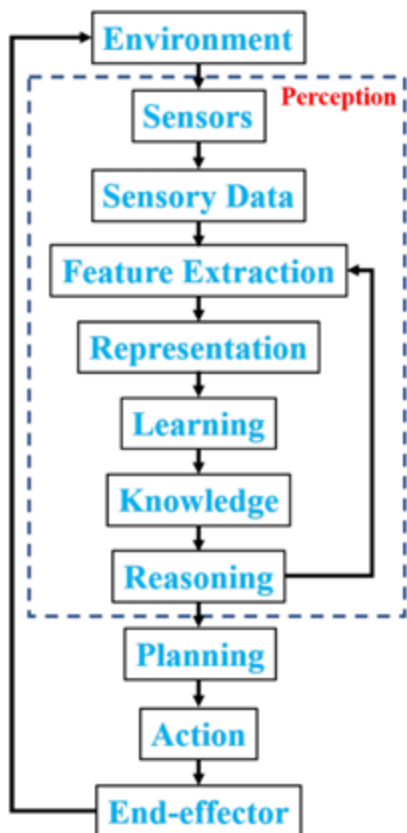


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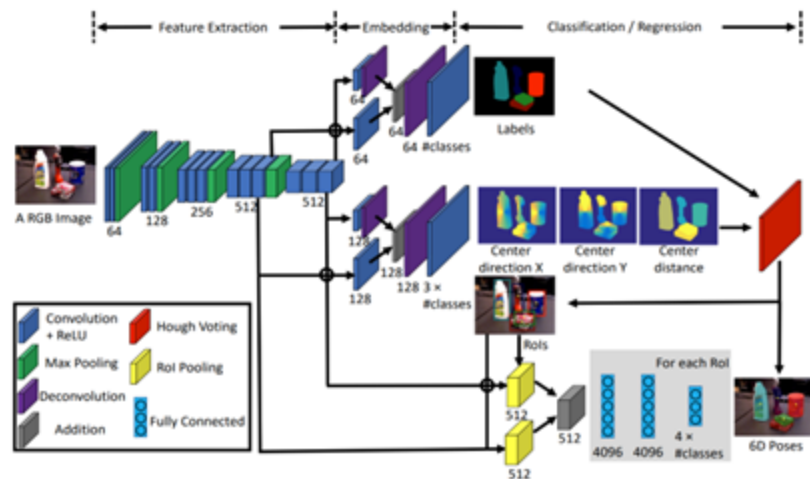
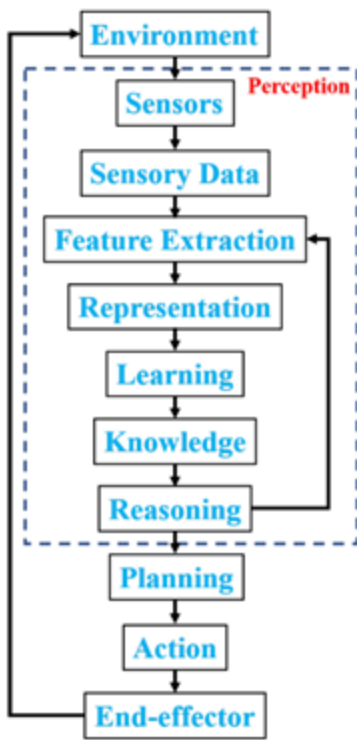
Robot Perception: Modality



- How can we design the **algorithms** (neural networks) that can effectively process the **raw sensory data** in different forms?



Robot Perception: Modality



PoseCNN: A Convolutional Neural Network for 6D Object Pose Estimation in Cluttered Scenes

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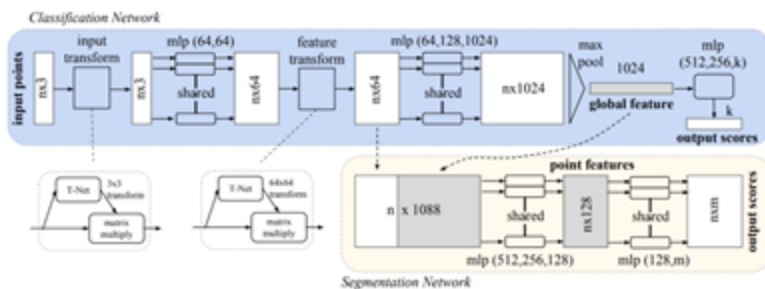
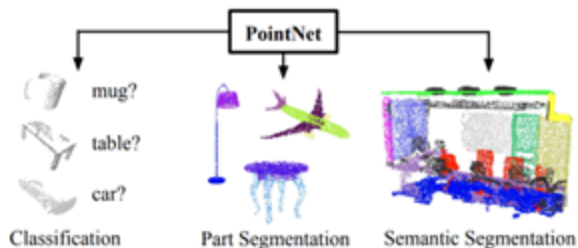
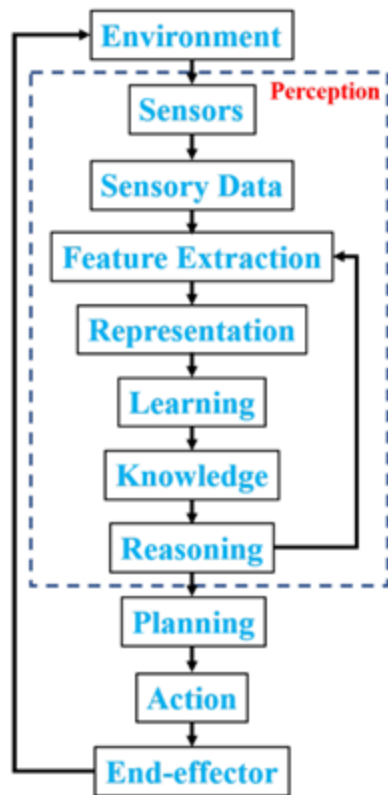


Figure 2. **PointNet Architecture.** The classification network takes n points as input, applies input and feature transformations, and then aggregates point features by max pooling. The output is classification scores for k classes. The segmentation network is an extension to the classification net. It concatenates global and local features and outputs per point scores. "mlp" stands for multi-layer perceptron, numbers in bracket are layer sizes. Batchnorm is used for all layers with ReLU. Dropout layers are used for the last mlp in classification net.

PointNet: Deep Learning on Point Sets for 3D Classification and Segmentation



Robot Perception: Modality

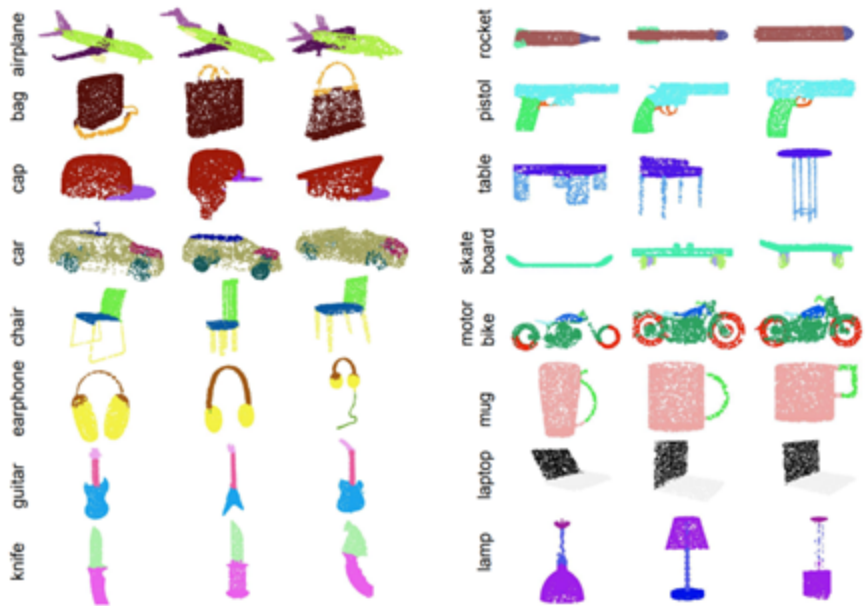
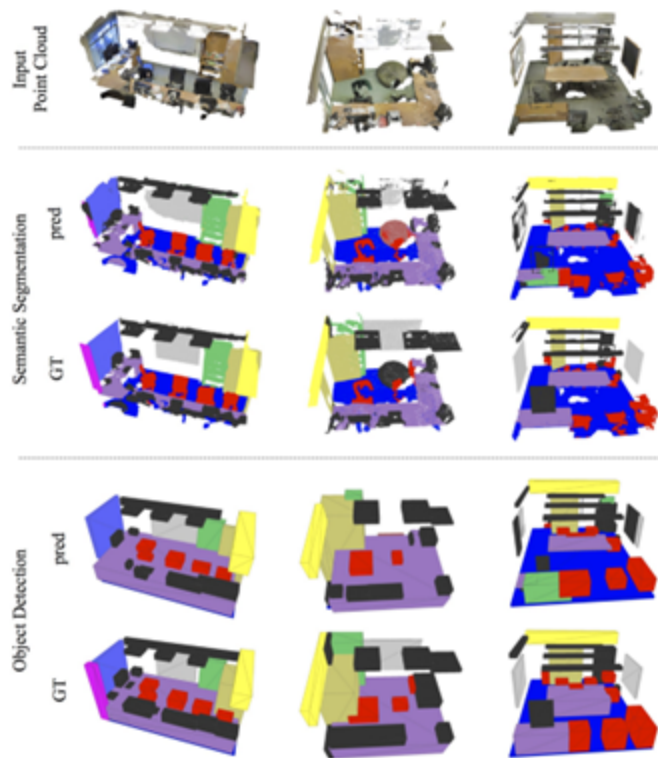


Figure 21. PointNet segmentation results on complete CAD models.





Robot Perception: Representation

A fundamental problem in robot perception is to learn the proper **representations** of the unstructured world.

Things...

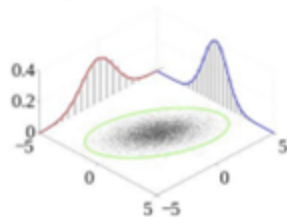
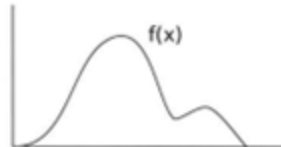
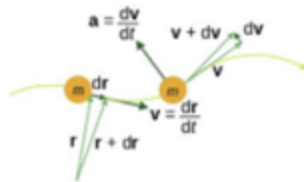


My heart beats as if the world is dropping, you may not feel the love but i do its a heart breaking moment of your life. enjoy the times that we have, it might not sound good but one thing it rhymes it might not be romantic but i think it is great,the best rhyme i've ever heard.



Representation

Engineering Knowledge...



$$\begin{aligned}
 & a^2 + b^2 = c^2, \quad c = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}, \\
 & c^2 = a^2 + b^2, \quad c^2 \cdot b^2 = a^2 b^2 \\
 & \frac{a}{c} = \frac{HB}{a} \text{ and } \frac{b}{c} = \frac{BH}{b} \\
 & a^2 = c \times HB \text{ and } b^2 = c \times H. \quad \text{tg} \alpha = \frac{\text{opposite}}{\text{adjacent}} \\
 & a^2 + b^2 = c \times HB + c \times AH = c \times (HB + AH) = c^2 \\
 & a^2 + b^2 = c^2, \quad \text{sin} \alpha = \frac{a}{c}; \quad \text{cos} \alpha = \frac{b}{c} \\
 & \text{ctg} \alpha = \frac{b}{a}; \quad \text{tg} \alpha = \frac{a}{b}; \quad \text{cctg} \alpha = \frac{\text{adjacent}}{\text{opposite}}
 \end{aligned}$$

[Source: Stanford CS331b]



Robot Perception: Representation

“Solving a problem simply means representing it so as to make the solution transparent.”

Herbert A. Simon, Sciences of the Artificial

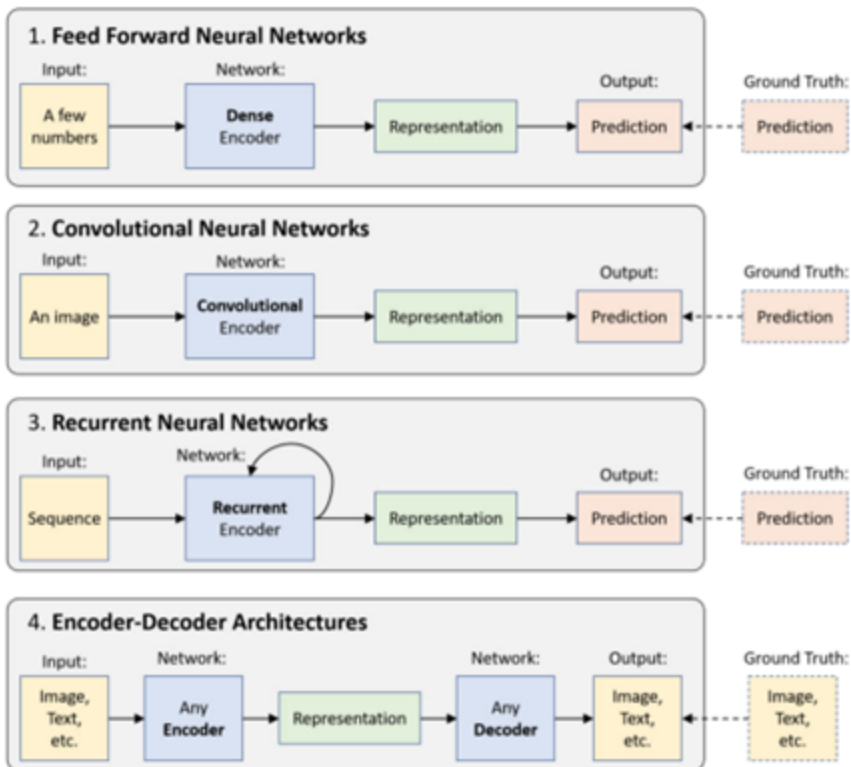


A screenshot of the ICLR 2024 website. The page features a navigation bar with links for 'Dates', 'Calls', 'Guides', 'Attend', and 'Organization'. On the left, there is a sidebar menu with options like 'Year (2024)', 'Help', 'Contact ICLR', 'My Staff Registrations', 'Profile', 'Code of Conduct', 'Journal to Conference Track', 'Diversity & Inclusion', 'Future Meetings', 'Press', and 'Exhibitor Info'. The main content area includes the title 'The Twelfth International Conference on Learning Representations', the location 'Vienna Austria' and dates 'May 7th, 2024 to May 11th, 2024'. Below this is a photograph of the Ferris wheel in Vienna. An 'Announcements' section contains two bullet points: one about a self-nomination form for reviewers and another warning about predatory conferences.

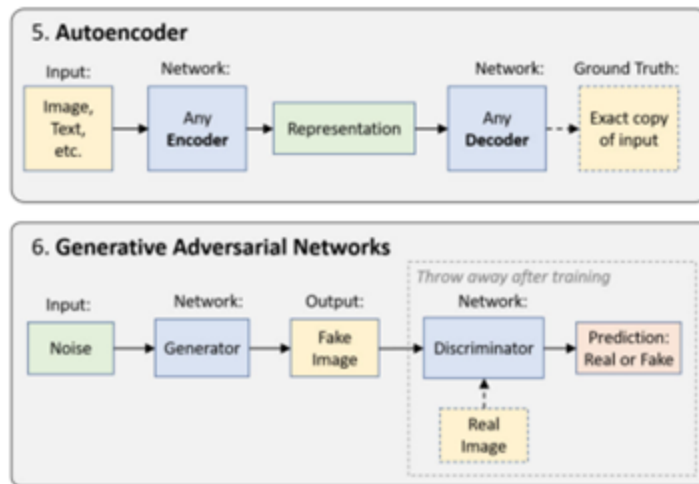


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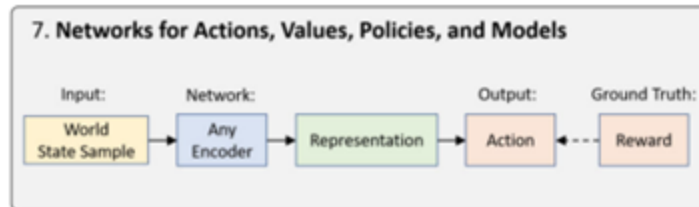
Supervised Learning



Unsupervised Learning



Reinforcement Learning



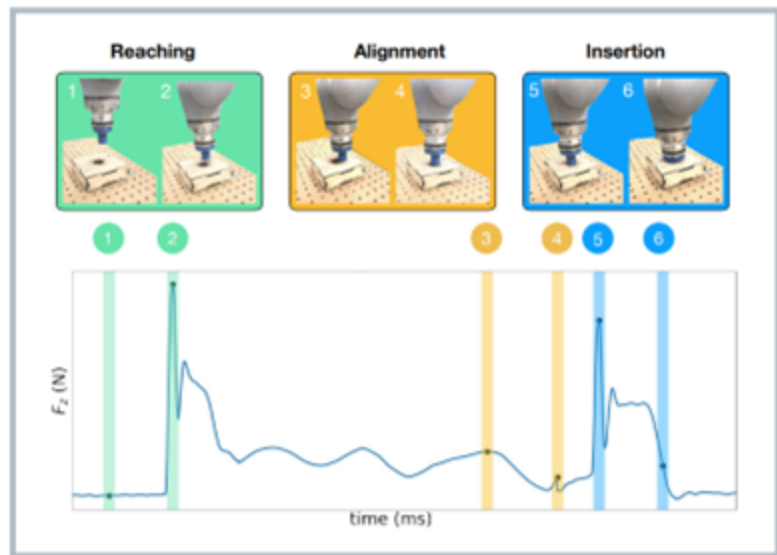


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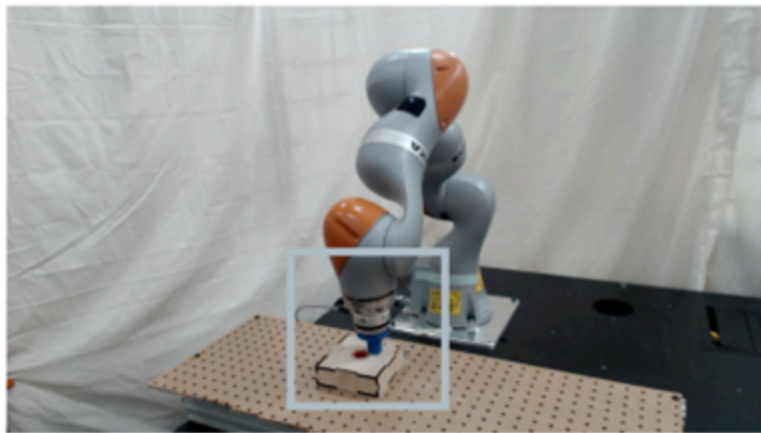
How can we learn representations that fuse **multiple sensory modalities** together?



Next course will cover this part



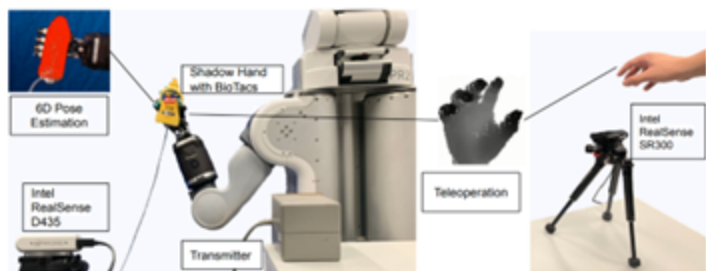
combining **vision** and **force** for manipulation



[Lee*, Zhu*, et al. 2018]



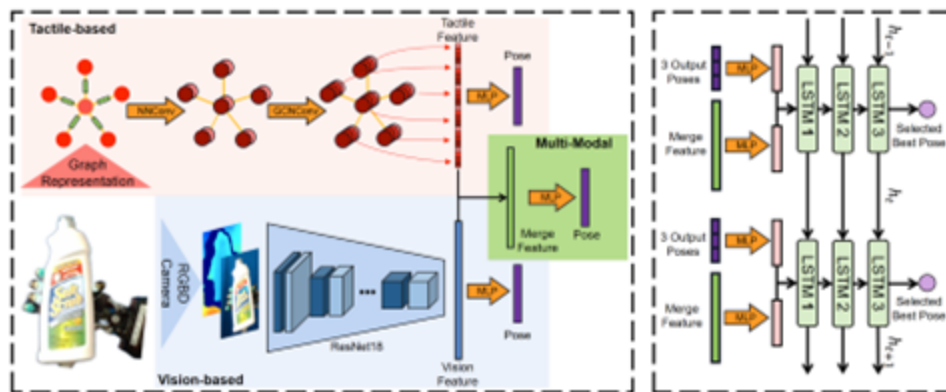
Robot Perception: Representation



PoseFusion: Robust Object-in-Hand Pose Estimation with SelectRNN

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(a) Three Poses Estimate

(b) SelectLSTM

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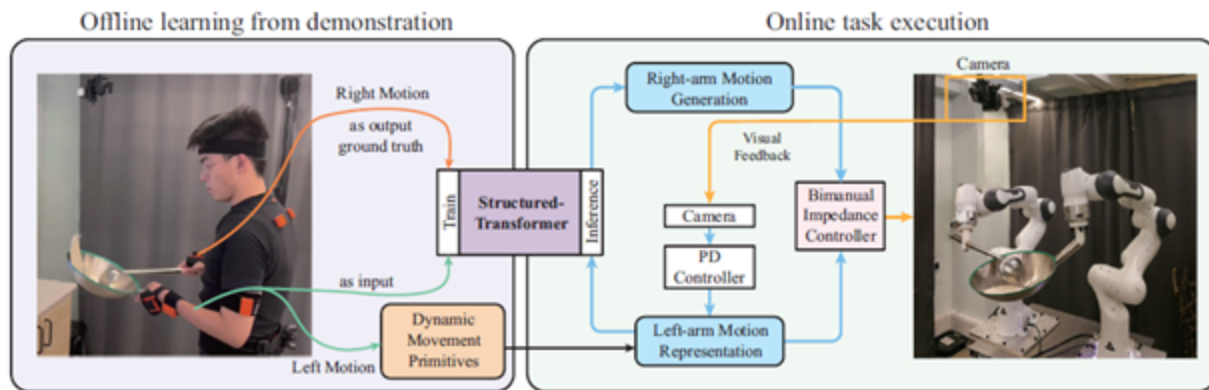
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Robot Cooking with Stir-fry: Bimanual Non-prehensile Manipulation of Semi-fluid Objects

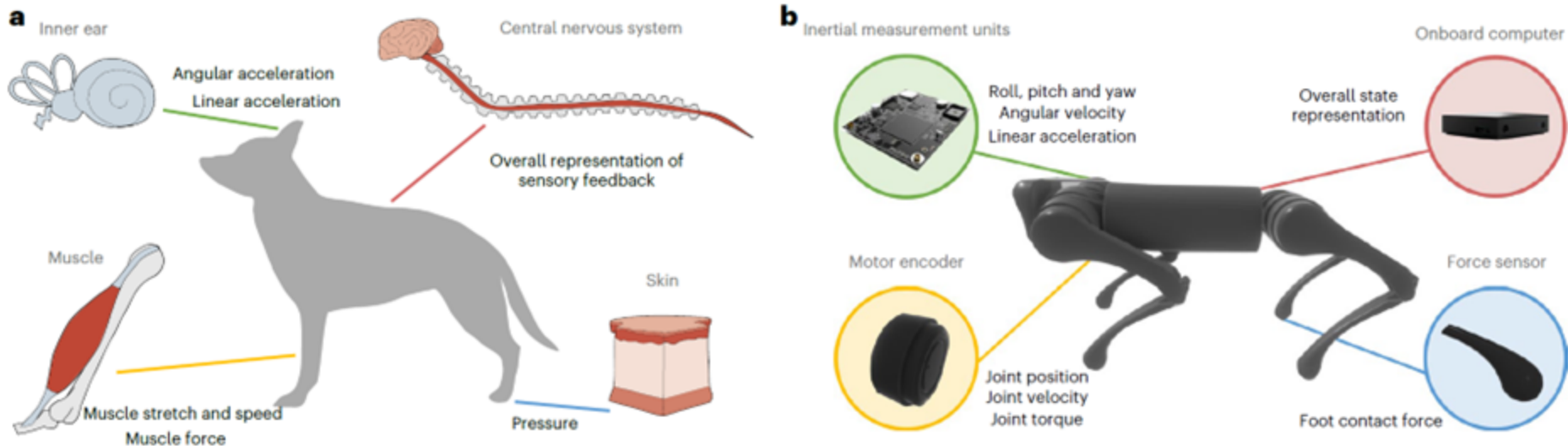
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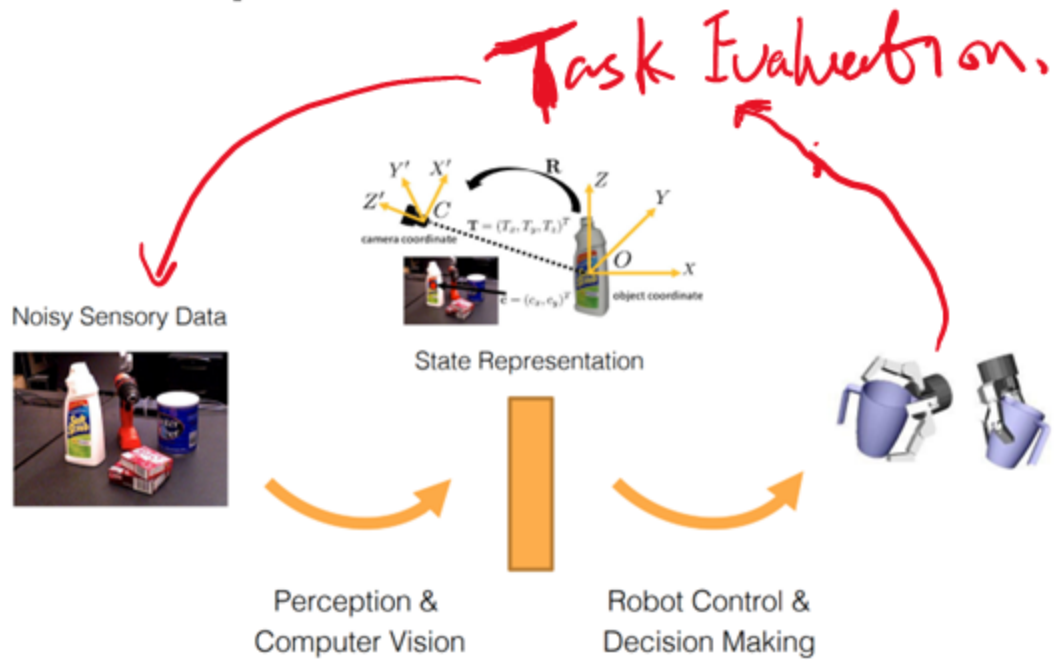
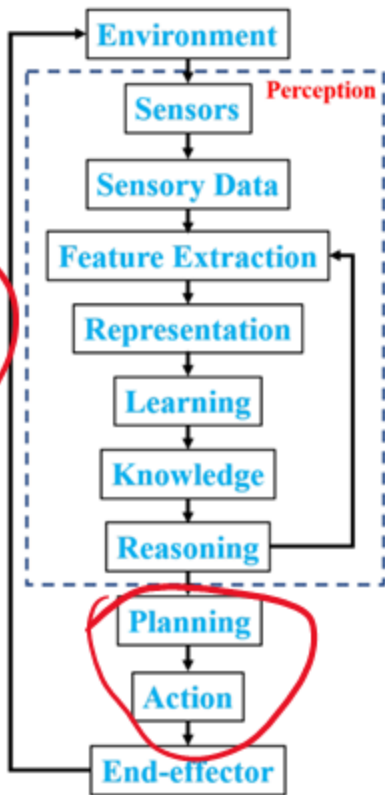
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Identifying important sensory feedback for learning locomotion skills



Robot Perception: Task

Task
?



Robotic grasping, manipulation, navigation, exploration, ...



Robot Perception: Task

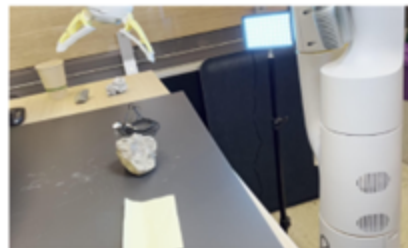


Instruction:

I need to hammer a nail,
what object from the scene
might be useful?

Prediction:

Rocks. Action: 1 129 138 122
132 132 106 127

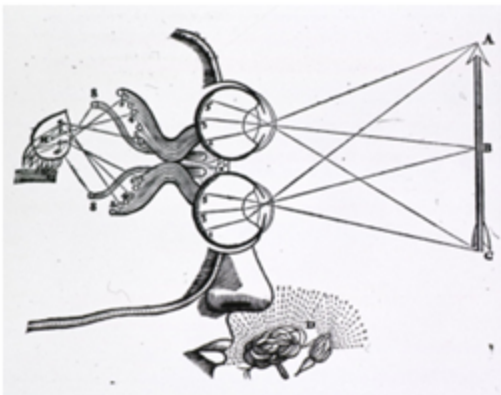


<https://www.deepmind.com/blog/rt-2-new-model-translates-vision-and-language-into-action>

It is in general very difficult to represent a task, human use everyday language to express it.



Robot Perception: Embodiment



Input-Output Picture (Susan Hurley, 1998)

Conventional View of Perception

- Perception is the process of building an internal representation of the environment
- Perception is input from world to mind, and action is output from mind to world, thought is the mediating process.

[Action in Perception, Alva Noë 2004]

“We see in order to move; we move in order to see.” – William Gibson



Robot Perception: Embodiment



Pebbles (James J. Gibson 1966)

Embodied View of Perception

- Subjects asked to find a reference object among a set of irregularly-shaped objects
- Three groups
 - a. Passive observers of one static image (49%)
 - b. Observers of moving shapes (72%)
 - c. Interactive observers (99%)
- The ability to condition input signals with actions is crucial to perception.

Gibson, J. J. (1950). *The Perception of the Visual World*. Oxford England: Houghton Mifflin. [ISBN 978-1114828087](https://doi.org/10.1017/CBO9780511524397).

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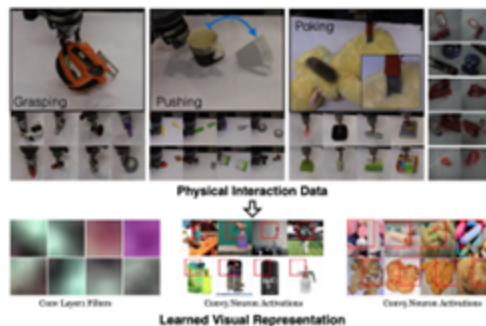
Robot Perception: Embodiment

View
Selection



[Ramakrishnan et al. 2019]

Physical
Interaction



[Pinto et al. 2016]

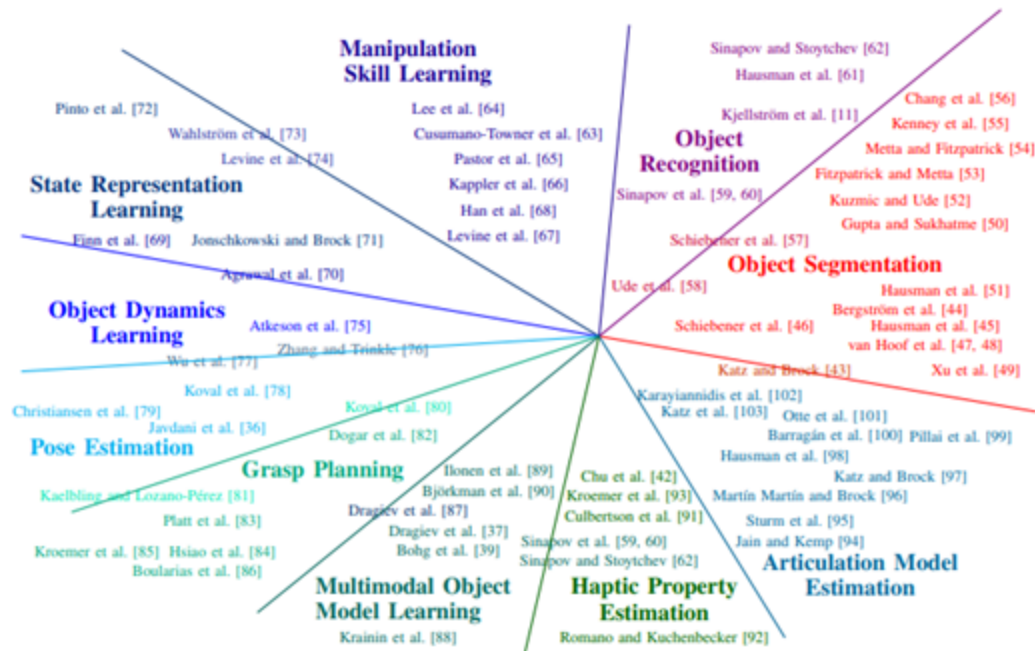
active perception



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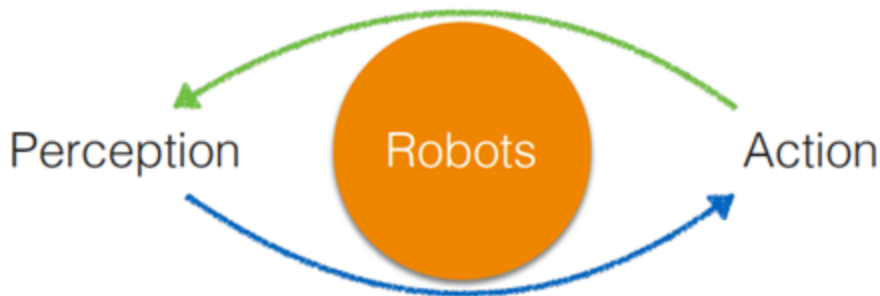
Interactive Perception: Leveraging Action in Perception and Perception in Action

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Robot Perception: Embodiment



How robots develop better perception from embodied sensorimotor experiences

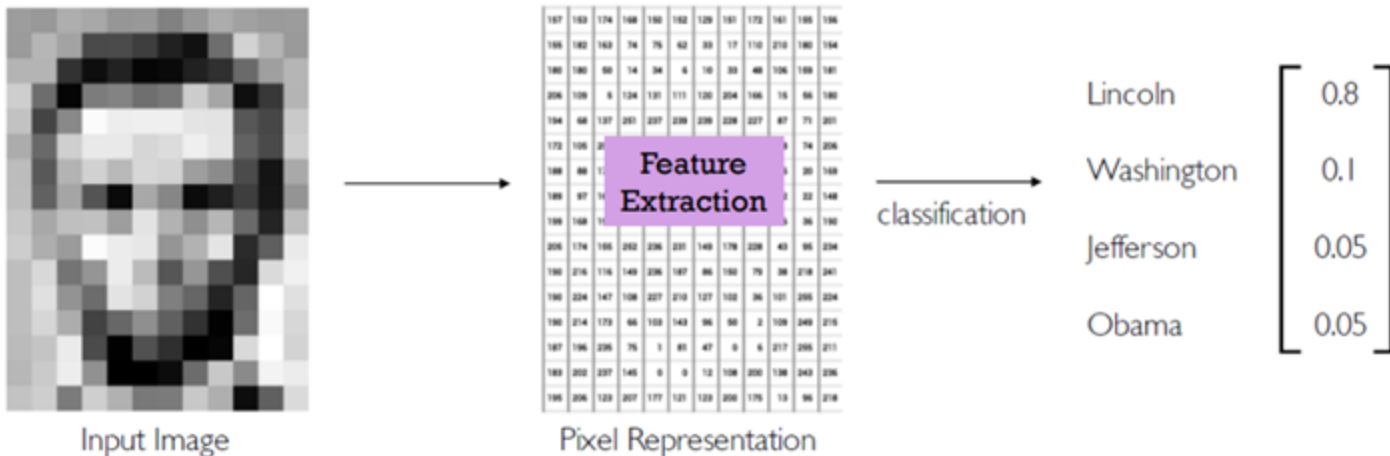
How robots' intelligent behaviors are guided by their interactive perception

How to close the loop?



Quick review of DL

Tasks in Computer Vision



- **Regression:** output variable takes continuous value
- **Classification:** output variable takes class label. Can produce probability of belonging to a particular class



Quick review of DL

High Level Feature Detection

Let's identify key features in each image category



Nose,
Eyes,
Mouth



Wheels,
License Plate,
Headlights

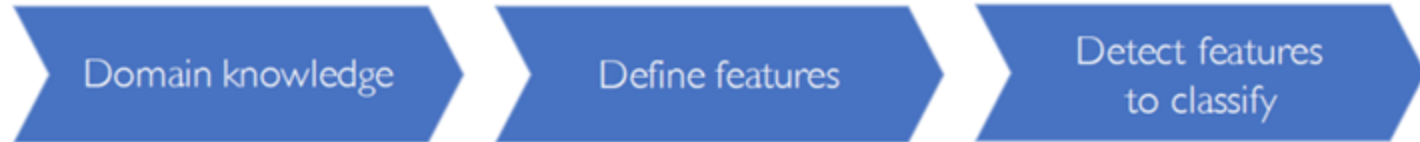


Door,
Windows,
Steps



Quick review of DL

Manual Feature Extraction



Problems?



Quick review of DL

Manual Feature Extraction

Domain knowledge

Define features

Detect features
to classify

Viewpoint variation



Scale variation



Deformation



Occlusion



Illumination conditions



Background clutter



Intra-class variation



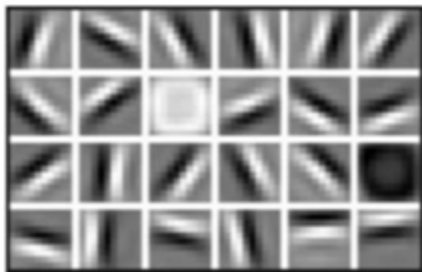


Quick review of DL

Hand engineered features are time consuming, brittle and not scalable in practice

Question 1 Can we learn the **underlying features** directly from data?

Low Level Features



Lines & Edges

Mid Level Features



Eyes & Nose & Ears

High Level Features



Facial Structure

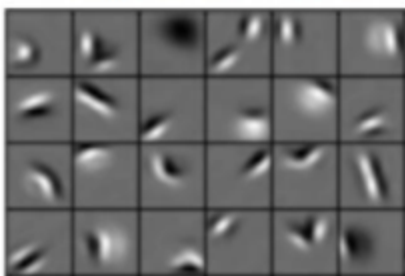


Quick review of DL

Question 2

Can we **learn hierarchy of features** directly from the data instead of hand engineering?

Low level features



Edges, dark spots

Mid level features



Eyes, ears, nose

High level features

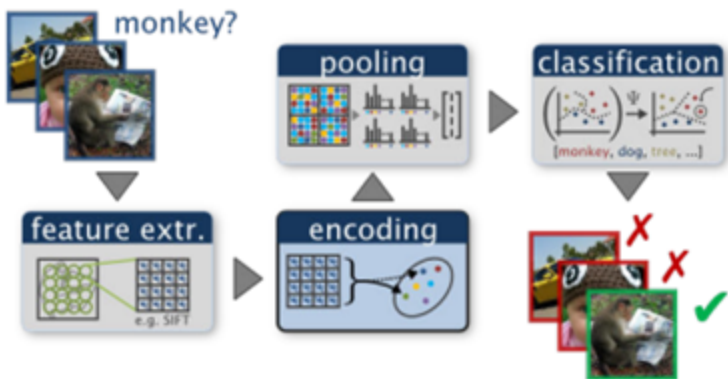


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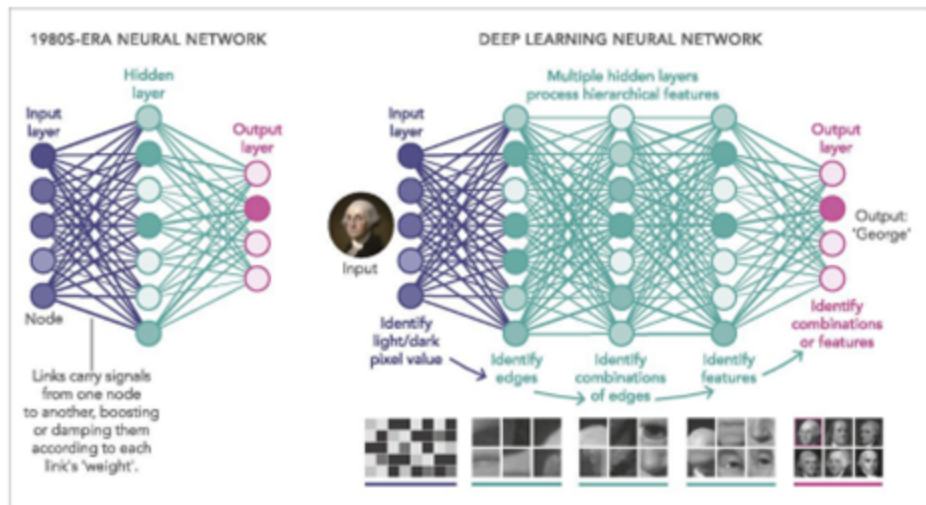


Quick review of DL

What is new since 1980s?



Staged Visual Recognition Pipeline

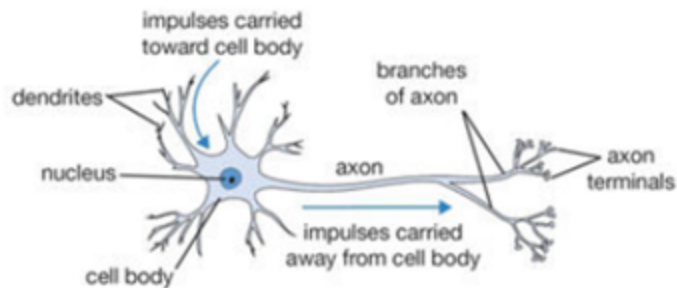


End-to-end Deep Learning



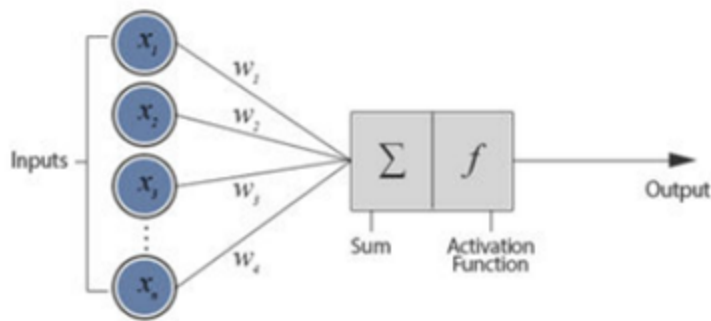
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Biological Neuron versus Artificial Neural Network



Biological Neuron

Computational building block for the brain



Artificial Neuron

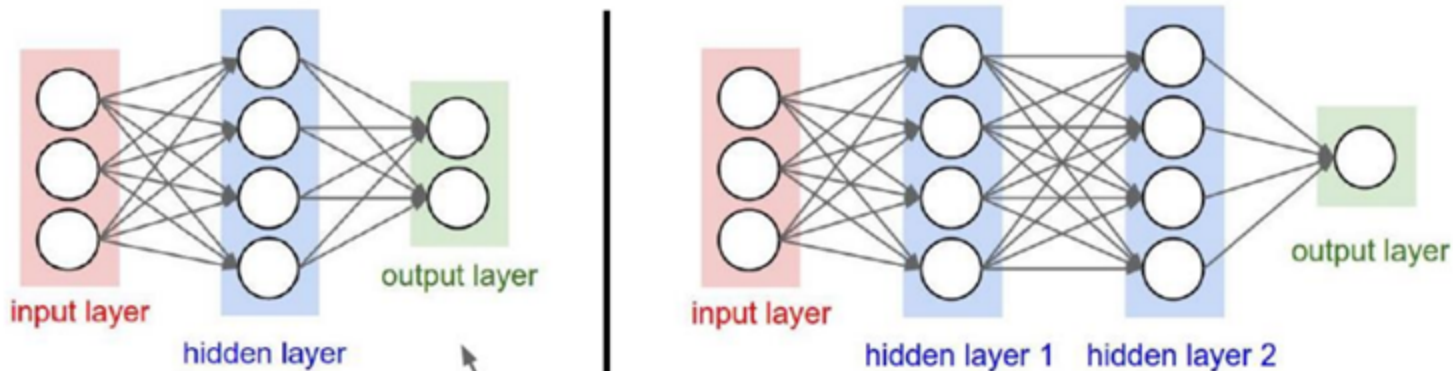
Computational building block for the neural network

Note: Many differences exist – be careful with the brain analogies!



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Neural Networks: Architectures



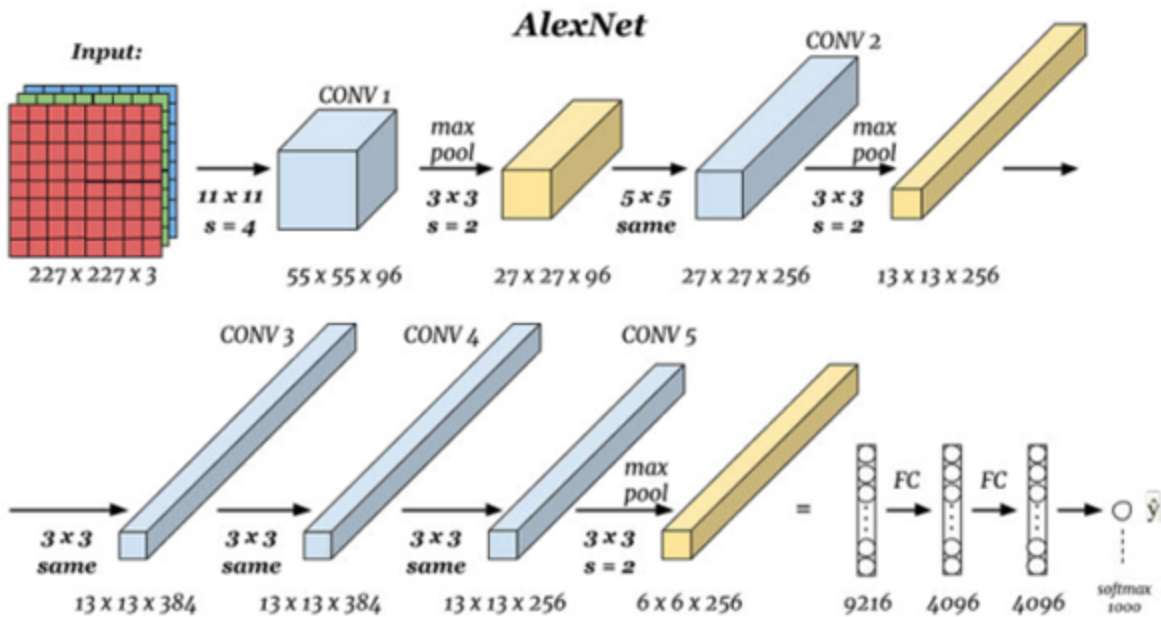
“2-layer Neural Net”, or
“1-hidden-layer Neural Net”

“Fully-connected” layers

“3-layer Neural Net”, or
“2-hidden-layer Neural Net”



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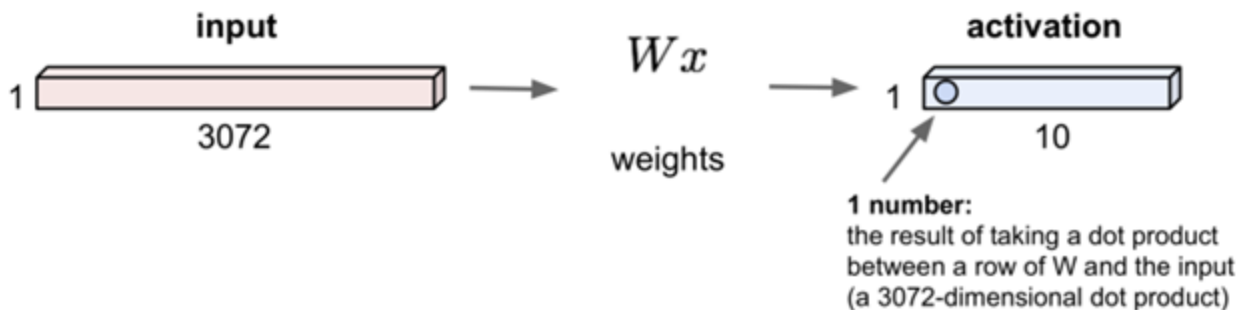




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Fully-Connected Layers

32x32x3 image -> stretch to 3072 x 1

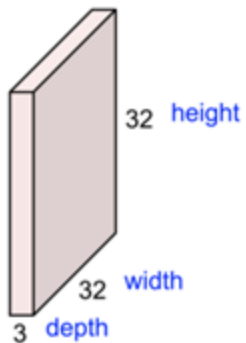


What is the dimension of W ?



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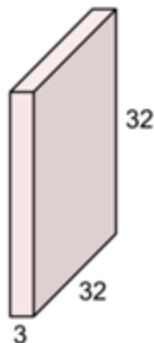
32x32x3 image -> preserve spatial structure



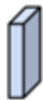


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32x32x3 image



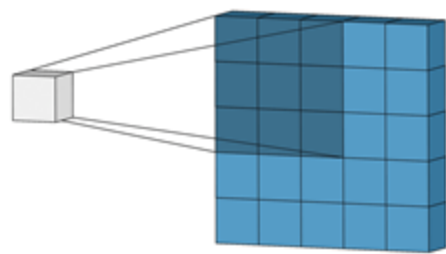
5x5x3 filter



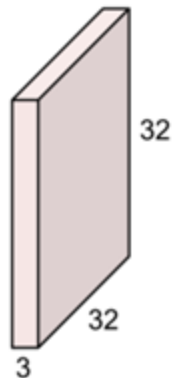
Convolve the filter with the image
i.e. "slide over the image spatially,
computing dot products"



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32x32x3 image



Filters always extend the full depth of the input volume

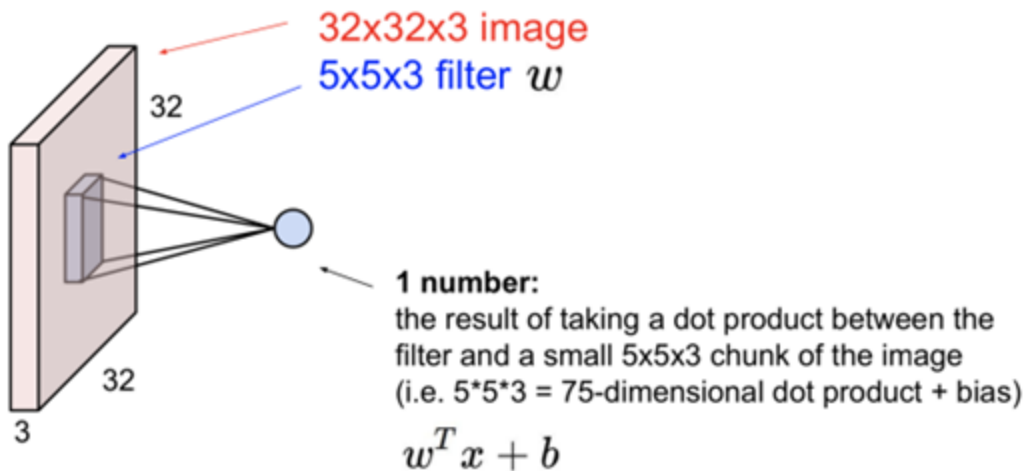
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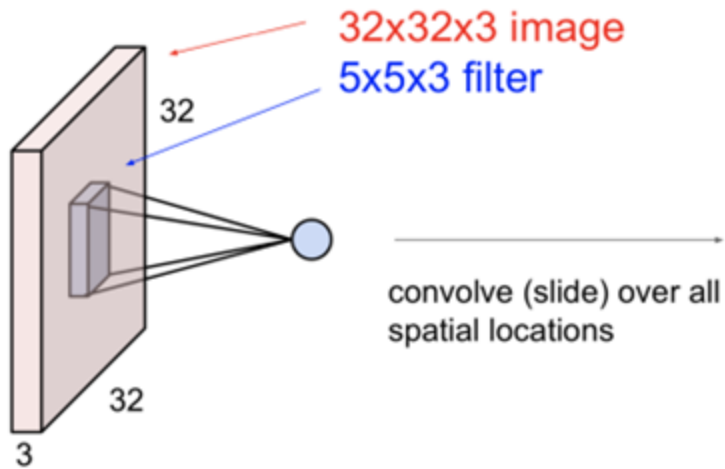
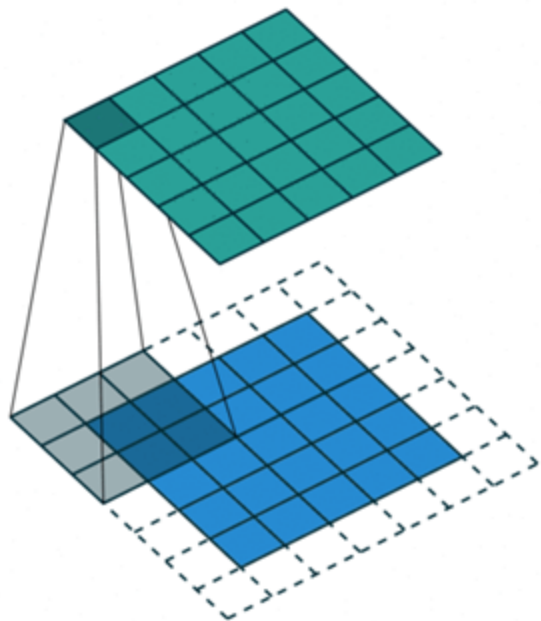


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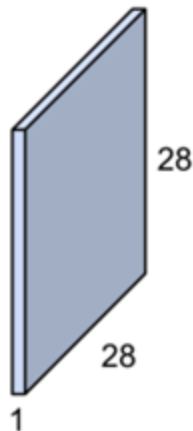




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activation map





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3_0	3_1	2_2	1	0
0_2	0_2	1_0	3	1
3_0	1_1	2_2	2	3
2	0	0	2	2
2	0	0	0	1

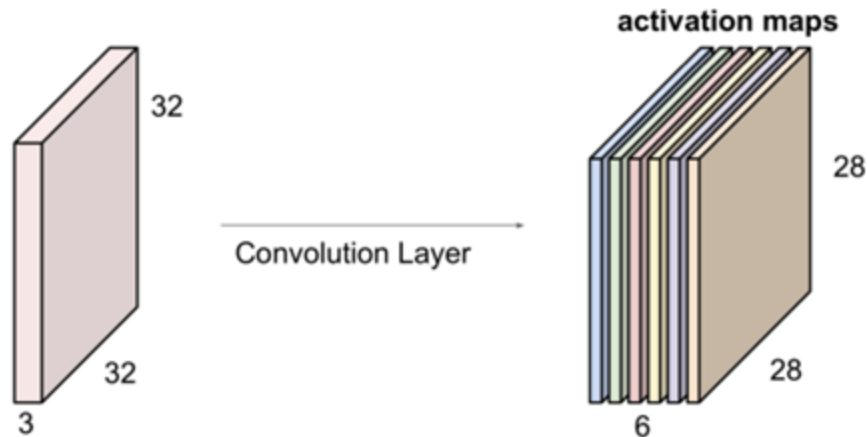
12.0	12.0	17.0
10.0	17.0	19.0
9.0	6.0	14.0





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For example, if we had 6 5x5 filters, we'll get 6 separate activation maps:

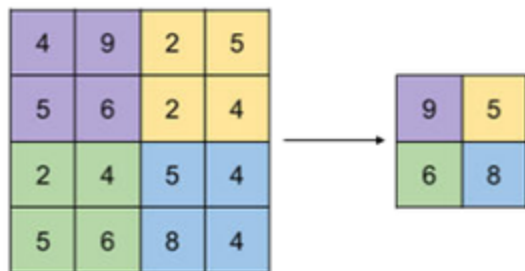


We stack these up to get a "new image" of size 28x28x6!

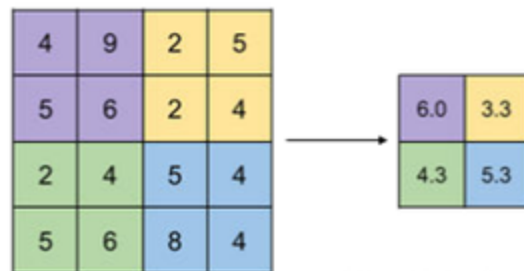


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Max Pooling



Avg Pooling



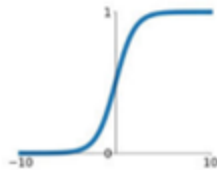
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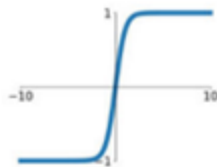
Sigmoid

$$\sigma(x) = \frac{1}{1+e^{-x}}$$



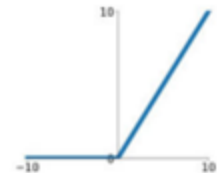
tanh

$$\tanh(x)$$



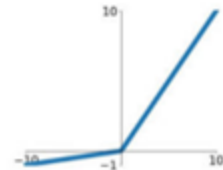
ReLU

$$\max(0, x)$$



Leaky ReLU

$$\max(0.1x, x)$$

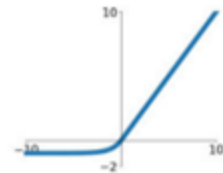


Maxout

$$\max(w_1^T x + b_1, w_2^T x + b_2)$$

ELU

$$\begin{cases} x & x \geq 0 \\ \alpha(e^x - 1) & x < 0 \end{cases}$$





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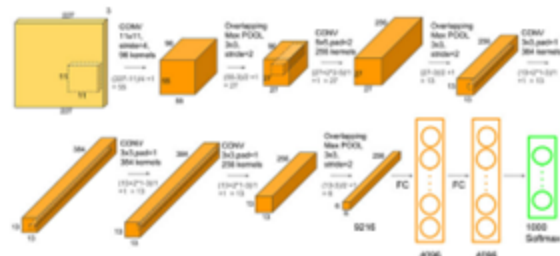
LeNet



ResNet



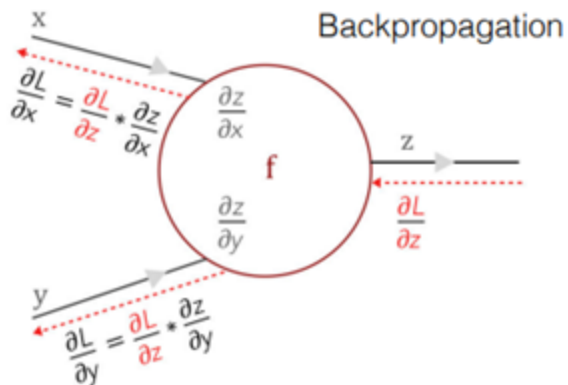
VGG-16



AlexNet

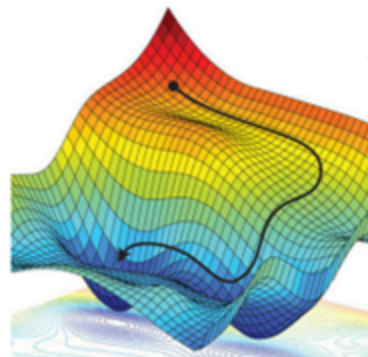


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$\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}$ & $\frac{\partial z}{\partial y}$ are local gradients

$\frac{\partial L}{\partial z}$ is the loss from the previous layer which has to be backpropagated to other layers



Stochastic Gradient Descent (SGD)

$$\theta = \theta - \eta \nabla_{\theta} J(\theta; x^{(i)}; y^{(i)})$$

learning rate

weights

input

label



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Tutorial coming in late September / early October

```
[ ] import torch
    from torch import nn

    class MNISTClassifier(nn.Module):

        def __init__(self):
            super(MNISTClassifier, self).__init__()

            # mnist images are (1, 28, 28) (channels, width, height)
            self.layer_1 = torch.nn.Linear(28 * 28, 128)
            self.layer_2 = torch.nn.Linear(128, 256)
            self.layer_3 = torch.nn.Linear(256, 10)

        def forward(self, x):
            batch_size, channels, width, height = x.size()

            # (b, 1, 28, 28) -> (b, 1*28*28)
            x = x.view(batch_size, -1)

            # layer 1
            x = self.layer_1(x)
            x = torch.relu(x)

            # layer 2
            x = self.layer_2(x)
            x = torch.relu(x)

            # layer 3
            x = self.layer_3(x)

            # probability distribution over labels
            x = torch.log_softmax(x, dim=1)

            return x
```




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Online Courses

- CS231N: Convolutional Neural Networks for Visual Recognition
<http://cs231n.stanford.edu/>
- MIT 6.S191: Introduction to Deep Learning
<http://introtodeeplearning.com/>

Textbooks:

- Deep Learning. Ian Goodfellow, Yoshua Bengio, Aaron Courville
<http://www.deeplearningbook.org/>

