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Chapter1 - Section 2

Image and Video Processing

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Part 1 **Image and video representation**

Part 2 **Image processing**

Part 3 **Video processing**

Outline



Highlights

Image & video representation in computer

Basic applications of image processing

Traditional video processing and feature extraction methods

Common algorithms for image and video compression

History of digital image processing



- Part 1** **Image and video representation**

- Part 2** **Image processing**

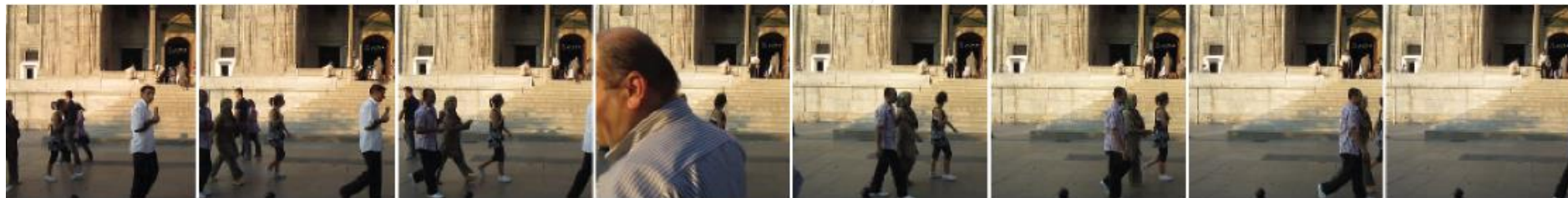
- Part 3** **Video processing**

Outline

- Image -- A 2D discrete signal

111	115	113	111	112	111	112	111
135	138	137	139	145	146	149	147
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180	184	206	219	202	200	195	193
189	193	214	216	104	79	83	77
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195	205	216	222	113	68	69	83
199	203	223	228	108	68	71	77

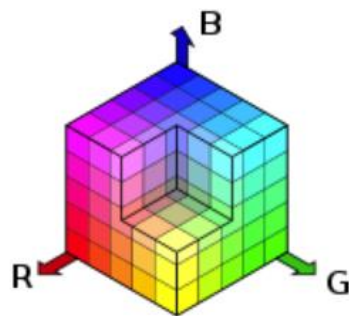
- Video -- Sequences of images



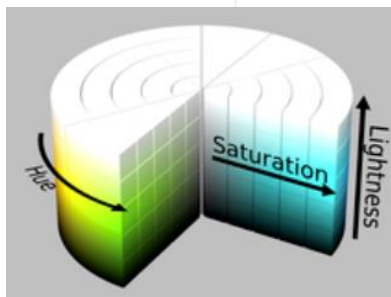
time

- **Color Model**

- RGB



- HSL

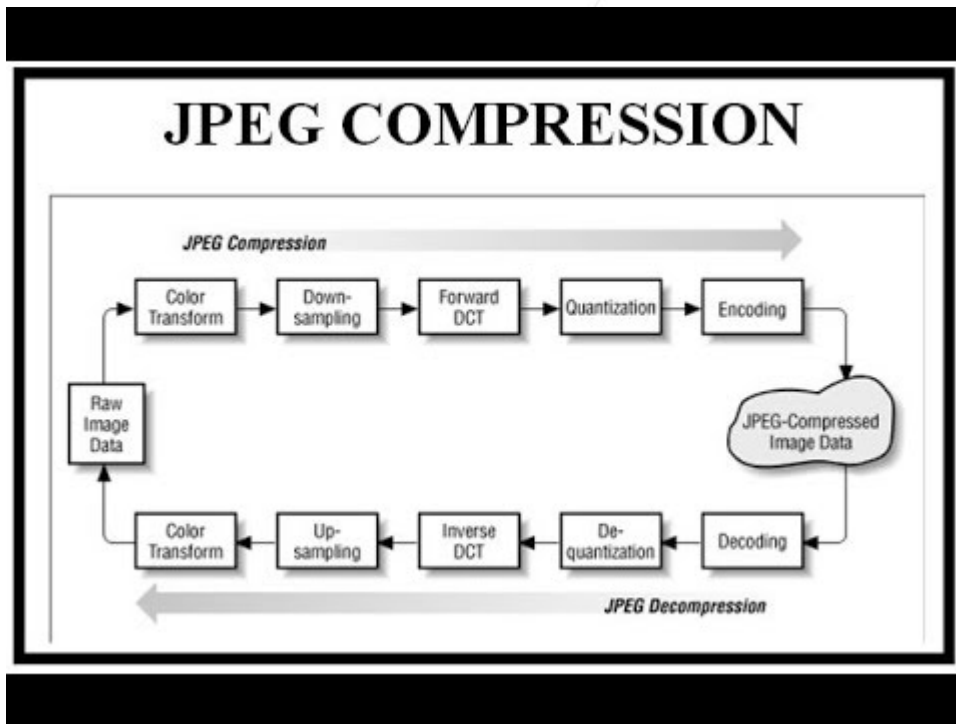


- CMYK

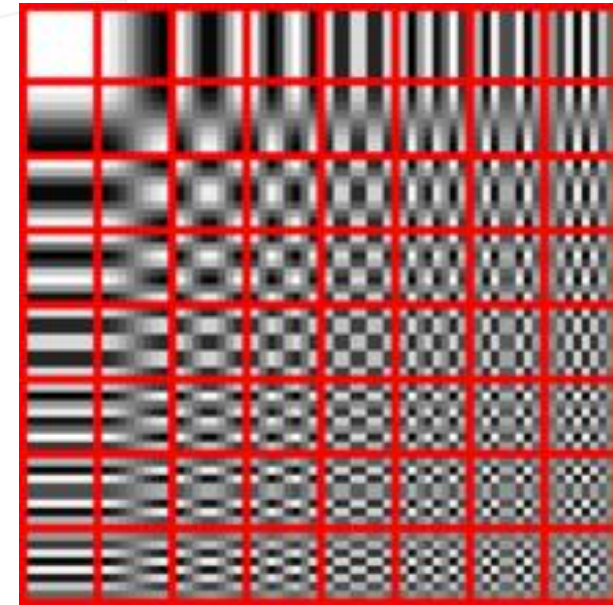


- **Compression methods for image**

- JPG, PNG, GIF, Webm



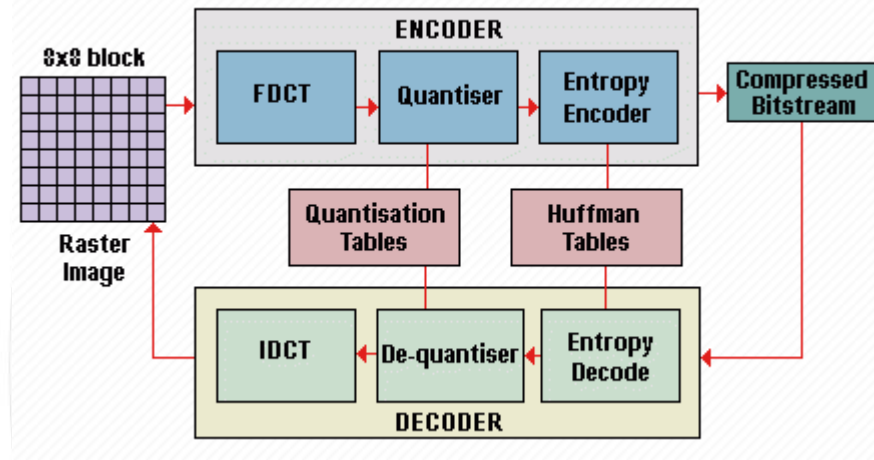
For JPG: discrete cosine transform



The DCT transforms an 8x8 block of input values to a linear combination of these 64 patterns. The patterns are referred to as the two-dimensional DCT basis functions, and the output values are referred to as transform coefficients.

- **Compression method for video**

- H.261, H.262, H.263, H.264, H.265, AV1, WMV



Example: Encoder decoder structure

- **Frame types of video**

Input:

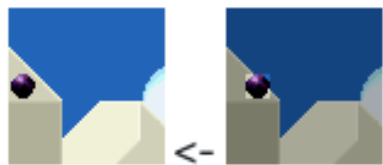


- **I Frame (intra, keyframe)**



An I-frame (reference, keyframe, intra) is a self-contained frame. It doesn't rely on anything to be rendered, an I-frame looks similar to a static photo.

- **P Frame (predicted)**

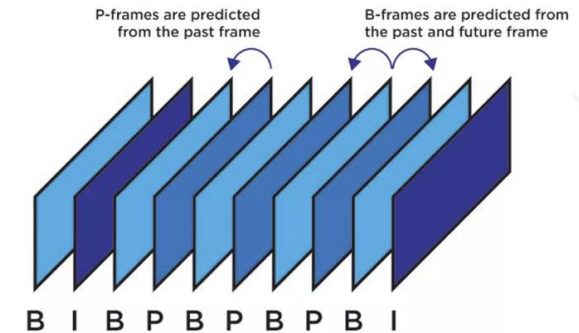


A P-frame takes advantage of the fact that almost always the current picture can be rendered using the previous frame.

- **B Frame (bi-predictive)**



B-frame refers the past and future frames to provide even a better compression





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- **History of Digital Image Processing**

1960s: Improvements in computing technology and the onset of the **space race** led to a surge of work in digital image processing

- **1964:** Improve the quality of images of moon
- Such techniques were used in Apollo landings

Image Enhancement



A picture of the moon taken by the Ranger 7 probe minutes before landing

- **History of Digital Image Processing**

1970s: Digital Image processing begins to be used in medical applications

- **1979:** Sir Godfrey & Prof. Allan share the Nobel Prize in medicine for the tomography.

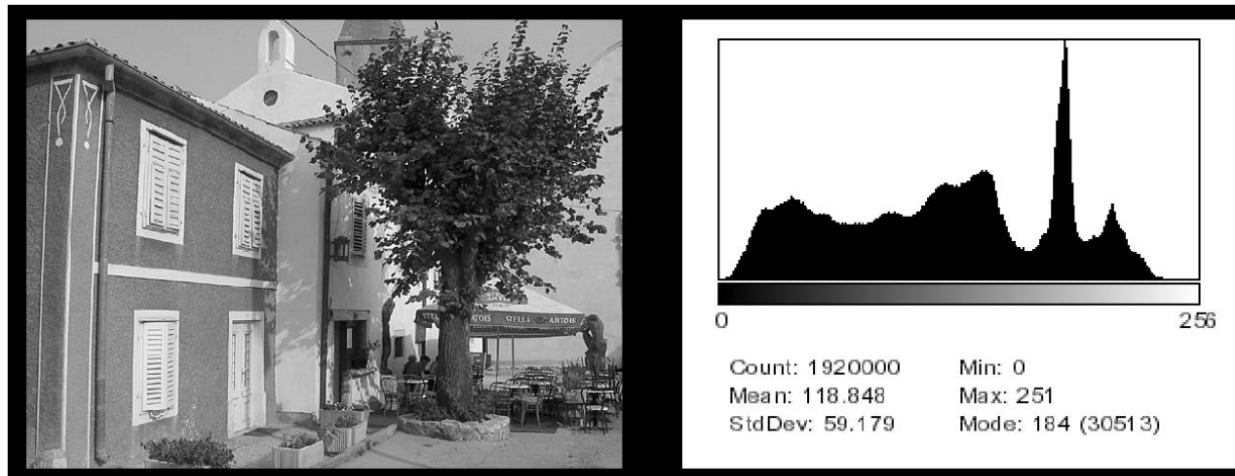
Image Restoration



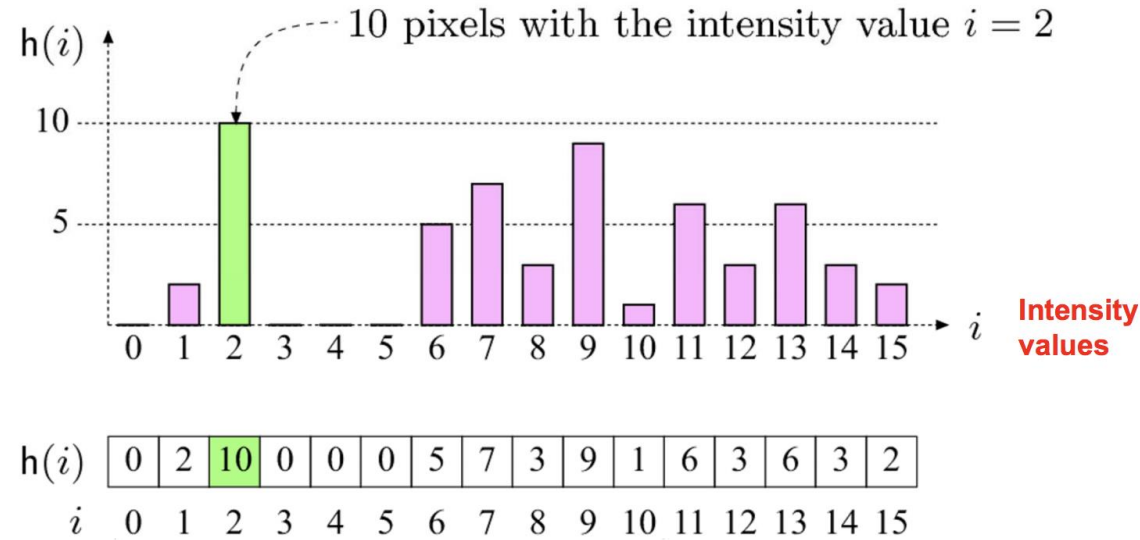
Typical head slice CAT
image

- **Histograms**

- Histograms plots how many times (frequency) each intensity value in image occurs
- **Example:**
 - Image (left) has 256 distinct gray levels (8 bits)
 - Histogram (right) shows frequency (how many times) each gray level occurs



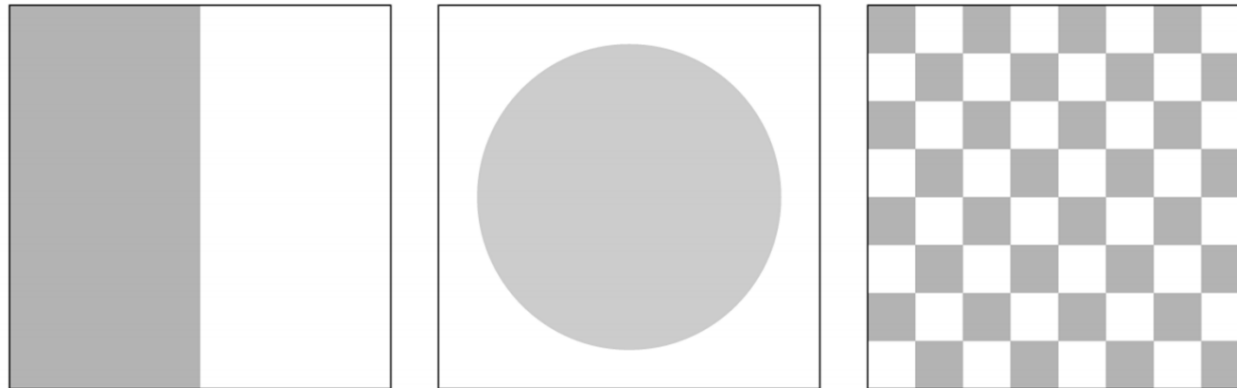
• Histograms



- Histograms: only statistical information
- No indication of location of pixels

• Histograms

- Different images can have same histogram
- 3 images below have same histogram



- Half of pixels are gray, half are white
 - Same histogram = same statistics
 - Distribution of intensities could be different

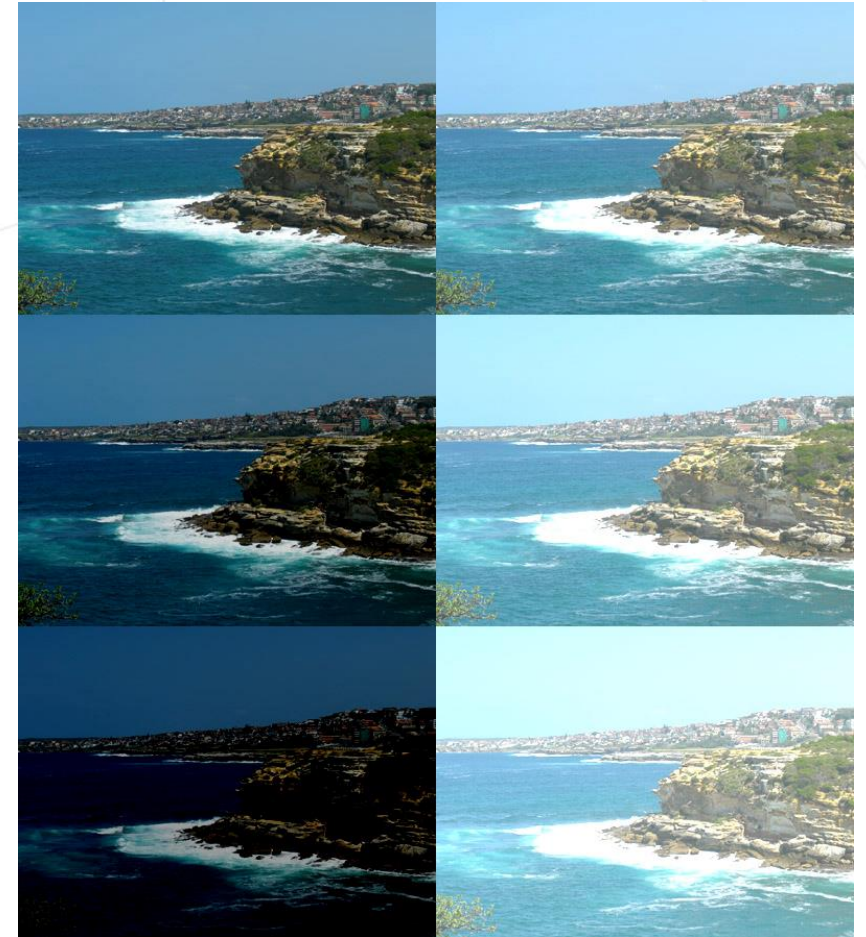
- **Brightness**

- Brightness of a grayscale image is the average intensity of all pixels in image

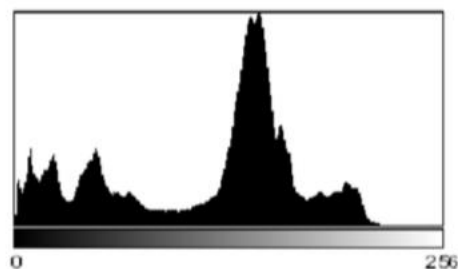
$$B(I) = \frac{1}{wh} \sum_{v=1}^h \sum_{u=1}^w I(u, v)$$

1. Sum up all pixel intensities

2. Divide by total number of pixels

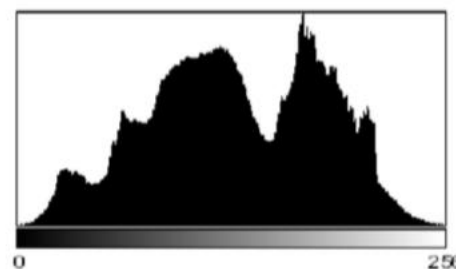


- **Brightness and Histogram**



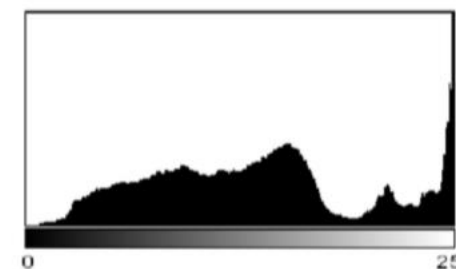
(a)

Underexposed



(b)

Properly Exposed



(c)

Overexposed

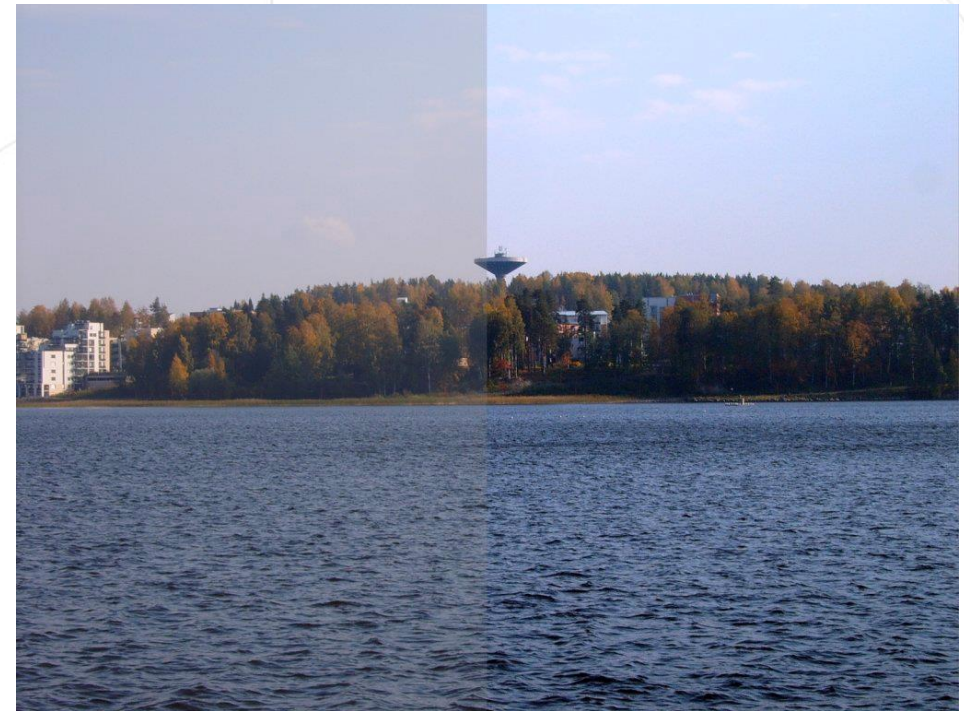
Image

Histogram

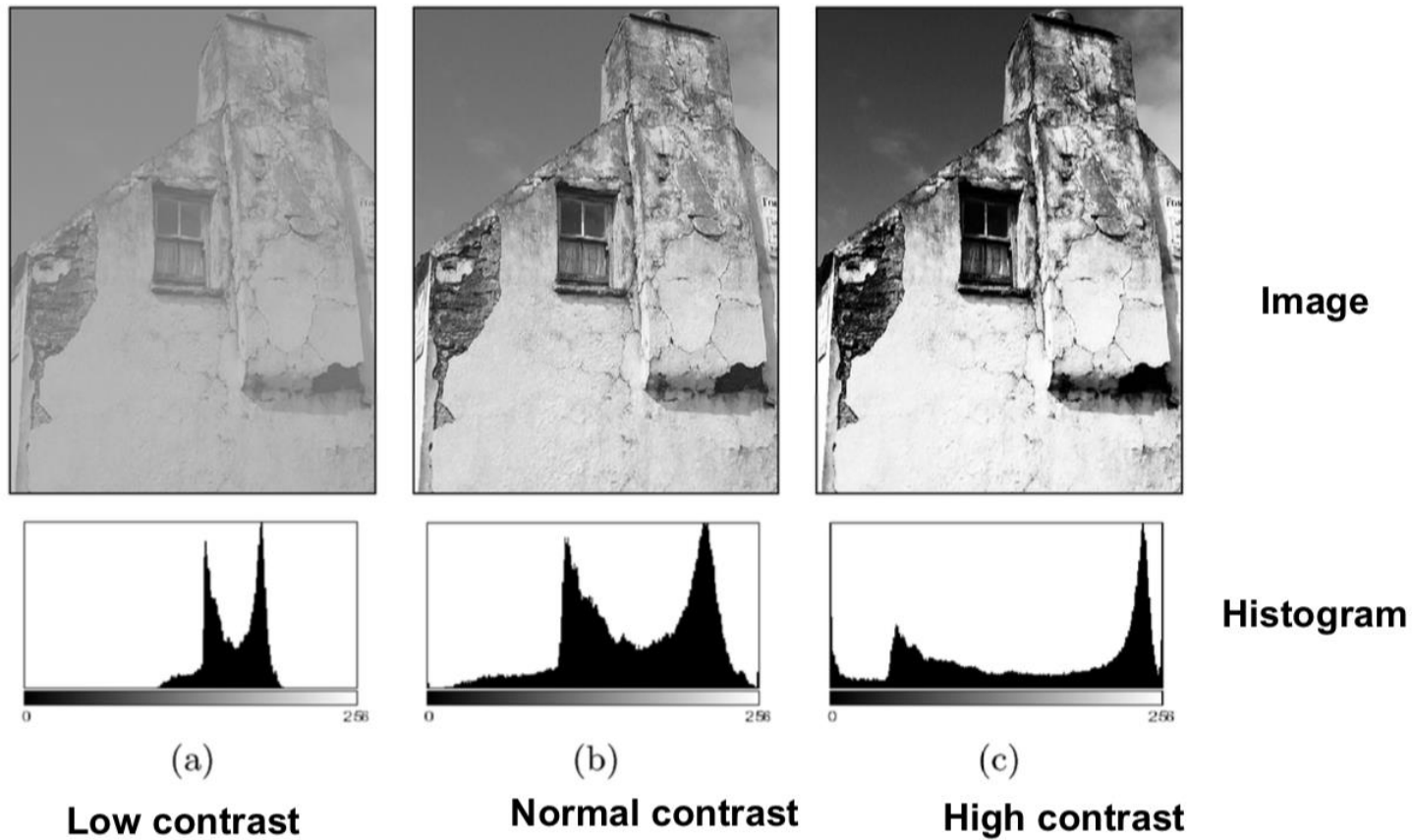
- **Image Contrast**

- The contrast of a grayscale image indicates how easily objects in the image can be distinguished
 - **High contrast:** many distinct intensity values
 - **Low contrast:** image uses few intensity values
- Many different equations for contrast exist

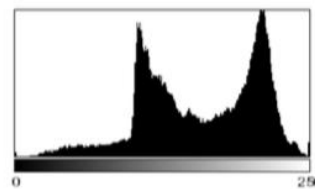
$$\text{Contrast} = \frac{\text{Change in Luminance}}{\text{Average Luminance}}$$



- **Contrast and Histogram**

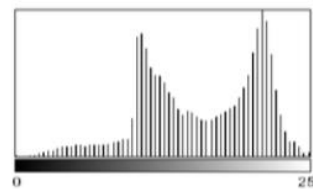


- **Dynamic Range and Histogram**
- **Dynamic Range:** Number of distinct pixels in image



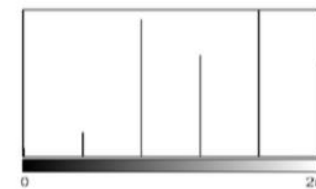
(a)

High Dynamic Range



(b)

**Low Dynamic Range
(64 intensities)**



(c)

**Extremely low
Dynamic Range
(6 intensity values)**

- **Image Enhancement - intensity transformation**

- **Image negatives**

- Transform function $T : g(x, y) = L - f(x, y)$,
where L is the max intensity.

```
1 import cv2
2 import numpy as np
3 # Load the image
4 img = cv2.imread('D:/downloads/forest.jpg')
5 # Check the datatype of the image
6 print(img.dtype)
7 # Subtract the img from max value(calculated from dtype)
8 img_neg = 255 - img
9 # Show the image
10 cv2.imshow('negative',img_neg)
11 cv2.waitKey(0)
```



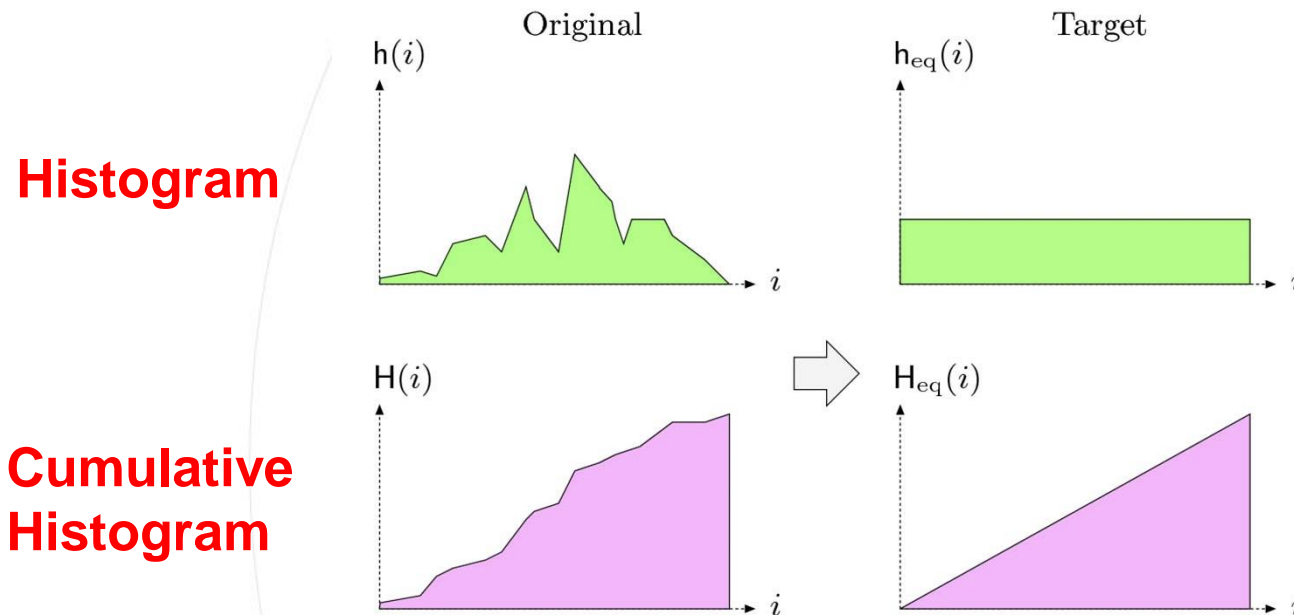
Original



Negative

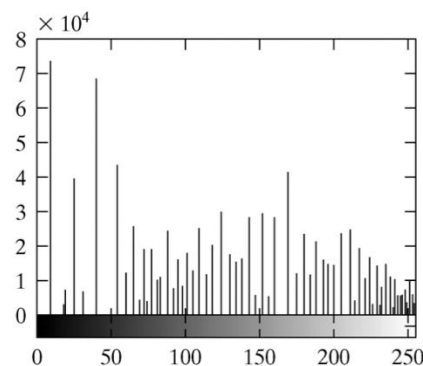
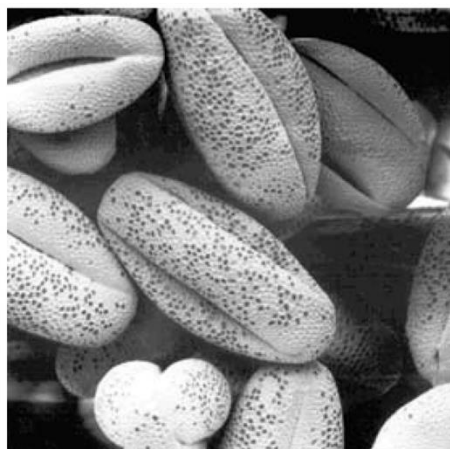
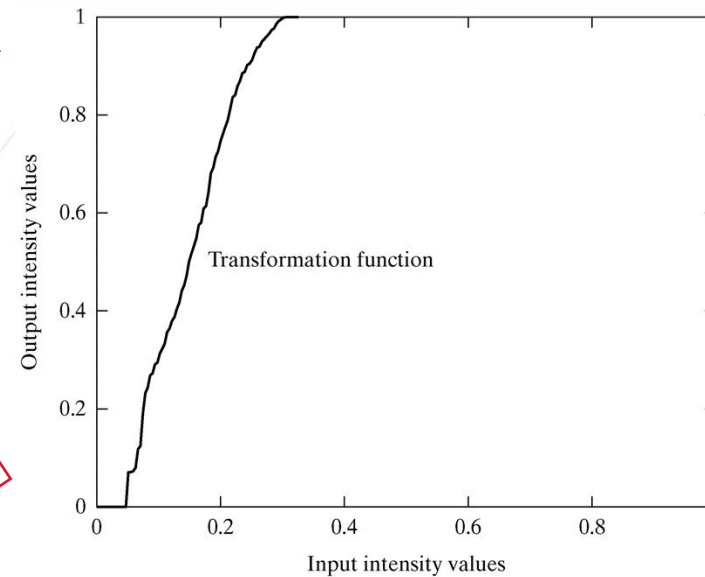
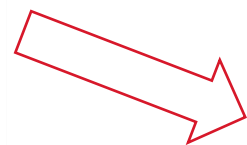
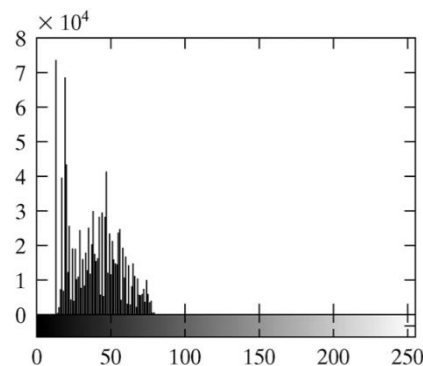
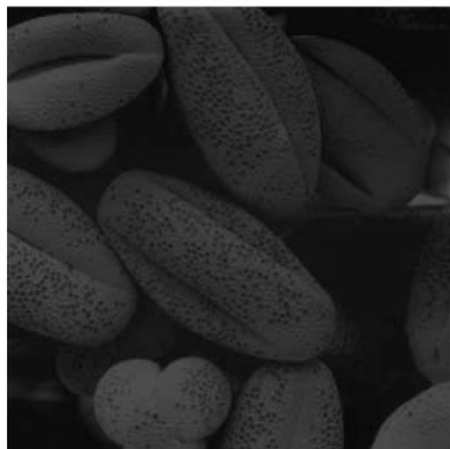
• Image Enhancement - Histogram equalization

- Apply a point operation that changes histogram of modified image into **uniform distribution**



```
1 img = cv2.imread('test.jpg',0)
2 equ = cv2.equalizeHist(img)
3 res = np.hstack((img,equ)) #stacking images side-by-side
4 cv2.imwrite('output.png',res)
```

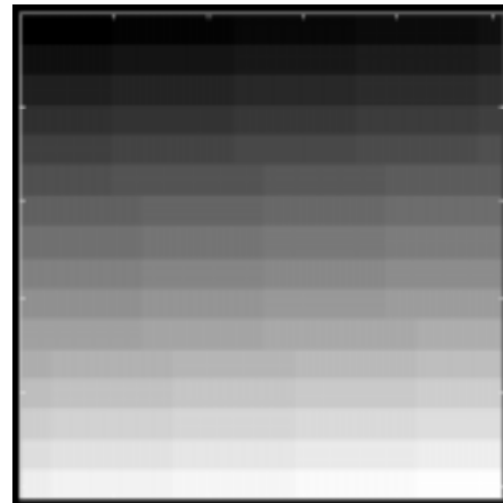
- Image Enhancement - Histogram equalization



- **Image Enhancement - Compression of dynamic range**

$$s = c \log(1+|r|)$$

- where c is a scaling constant, and the logarithm function performs the desired compression.



Original



Processed output

Image Enhancement - Gray-level slicing

- A function that highlights a range $[A,B]$ of transformation intensities while diminishing all others to a constant.

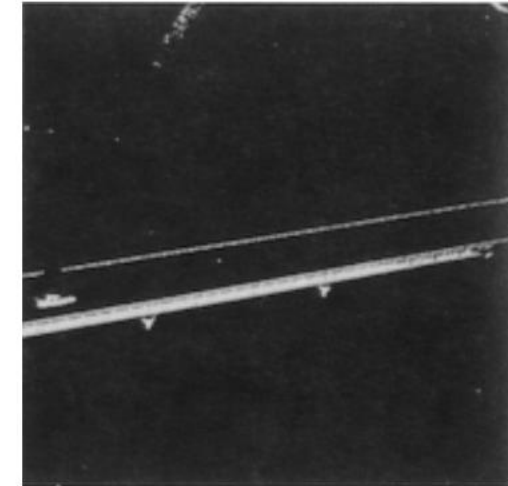
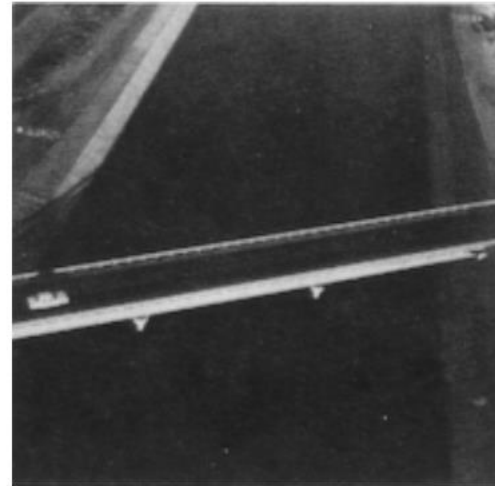
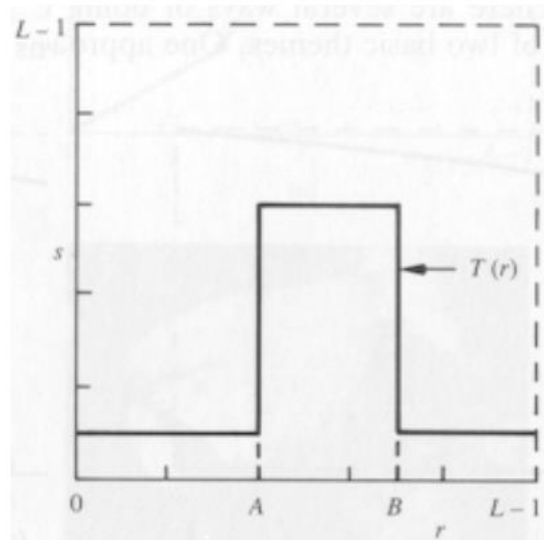


Fig 1. (a) Transfer function, (b) Original image, (c) Processing output.

• Image Enhancement - Spatial Filtering

1. Low pass filtering

$$\frac{1}{9} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

2. Median filtering

replacing each point with the median of neighboring points.

3. Sharpening Filter

$$\frac{1}{9} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & 8 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$



Original with (a) spike noise (b) white noise



Median filtering output



Low-pass filtering output

- Image Enhancement in the frequency domain

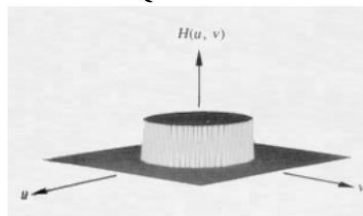
Spatial domain: $g(x,y)=f(x,y)*h(x,y)$



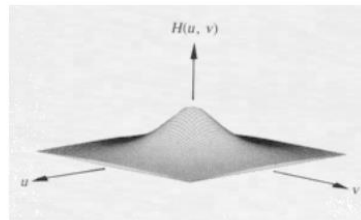
Frequency domain: $G(w_1,w_2)=F(w_1,w_2)H(w_1,w_2)$

- Lowpass filtering

$$H(u,v) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } D(u,v) \leq D_o \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$



(a)

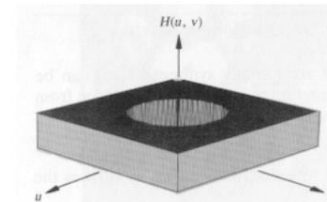


(b)

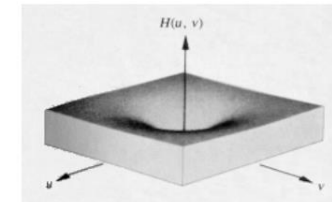
Fig 6. (a) Ideal LPF; (b) Butterworth LPF.

- Highpass filtering

$$H(u,v) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } D(u,v) \leq D_o \\ 1 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$



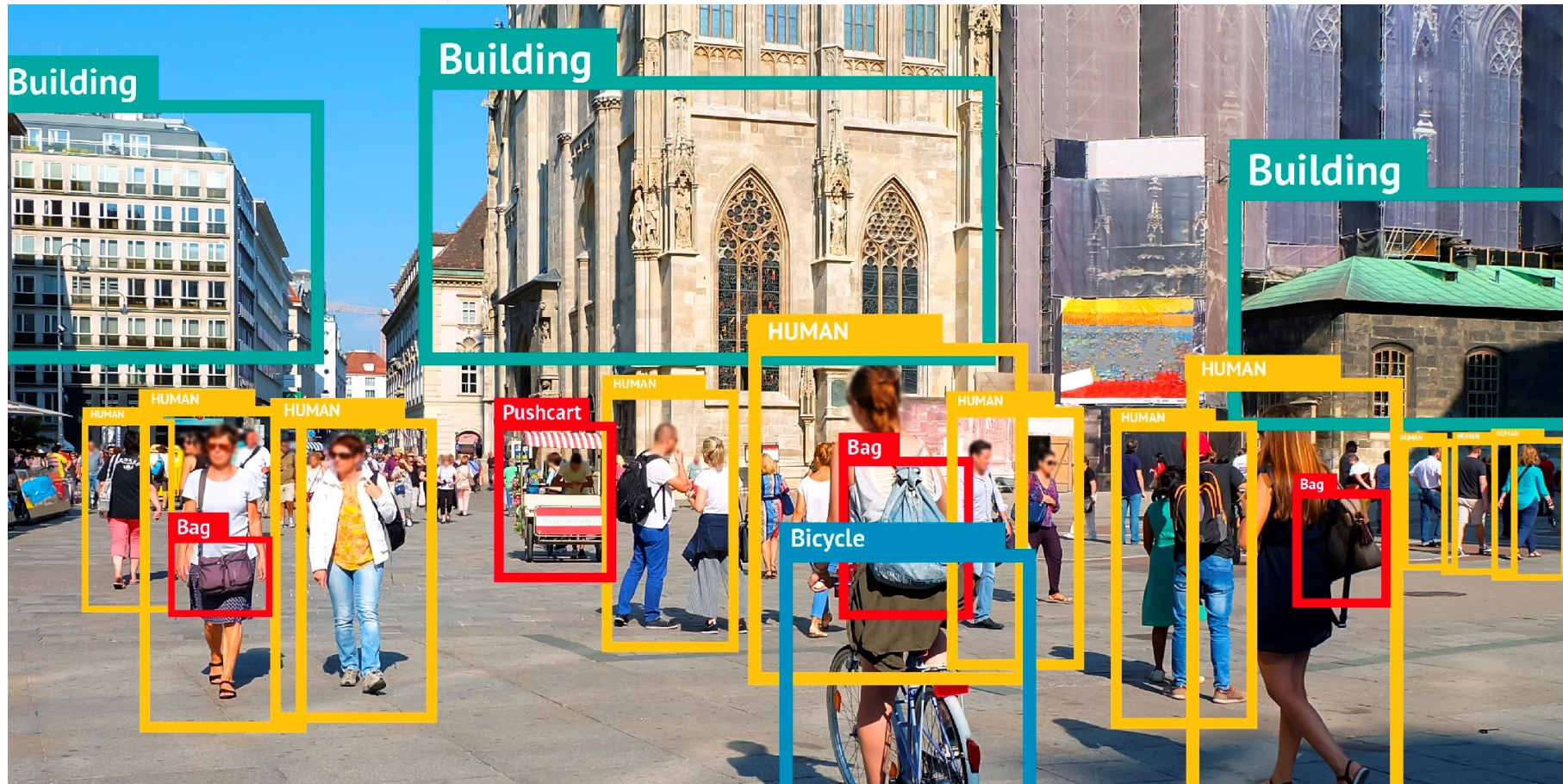
(a)



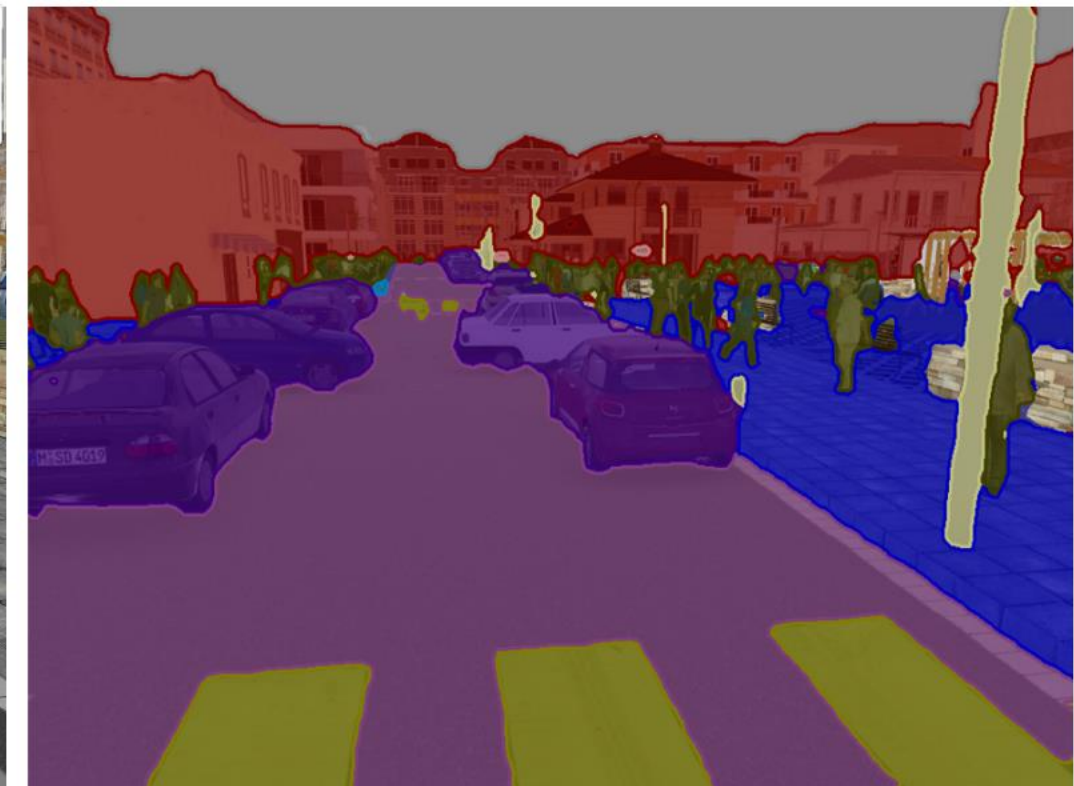
(b)

Fig 7. (a) Ideal HPF; (b) Butterworth HPF.

- Image Detection



- Image Segmentation



■ Sky ■ Building ■ Road ■ Sidewalk ■ Fence ■ Vegetation ■ Pole ■ Car ■ Sign ■ Pedestrian ■ Cyclist



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- **Optical Flow**

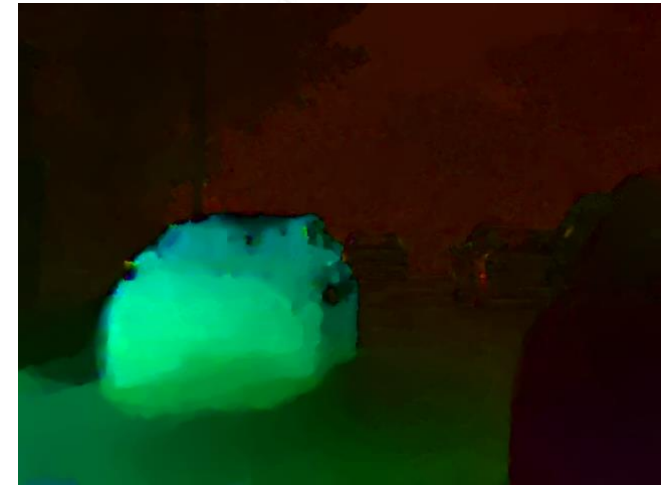
Optical flow is the pattern of apparent motion of objects, surfaces, and edges in a visual scene caused by the relative motion between an observer and a scene.



$T = t$



$T = t + 1$



Optical flow

- **Two types of Optical Flow**



Sparse



Dense

- **Optical Flow demo**



Gif by: <https://gfycat.com/fr/wetcreepygecko>

• Optical Flow Estimation

$$I(x, y, t) = I(x + \Delta x, y + \Delta y, t + \Delta t)$$

- Assuming the movement is small

$$I(x + \Delta x, y + \Delta y, t + \Delta t) = I(x, y, t) + \frac{\partial I}{\partial x} \Delta x + \frac{\partial I}{\partial y} \Delta y + \frac{\partial I}{\partial t} \Delta t + \text{higher-order terms}$$

- By truncating the higher order terms, a linearization, it follows that

$$\frac{\partial I}{\partial x} \Delta x + \frac{\partial I}{\partial y} \Delta y + \frac{\partial I}{\partial t} \Delta t = 0 \quad \frac{\partial I}{\partial x} V_x + \frac{\partial I}{\partial y} V_y + \frac{\partial I}{\partial t} = 0$$

- Thus

$$I_x V_x + I_y V_y = -I_t$$

- This is an equation in two unknowns and cannot be solved as such. This is known as the aperture problem of the optical flow algorithms
- To find the optical flow another set of equations is needed, given by some additional constraint. All optical flow methods introduce additional conditions for estimating

- **Lucas–Kanade method (Sparse, Local)**

- It assumes that the flow is essentially constant in a local neighborhood of the pixel under consideration, and solves the basic optical flow equations for all the pixels in that neighborhood, by the least squares criterion

$$\begin{aligned}
 I_x(q_1)V_x + I_y(q_1)V_y &= -I_t(q_1) \\
 I_x(q_2)V_x + I_y(q_2)V_y &= -I_t(q_2) \\
 \vdots & \\
 I_x(q_n)V_x + I_y(q_n)V_y &= -I_t(q_n)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} I_x(q_1) & I_y(q_1) \\ I_x(q_2) & I_y(q_2) \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ I_x(q_n) & I_y(q_n) \end{bmatrix} \quad v = \begin{bmatrix} V_x \\ V_y \end{bmatrix} \quad b = \begin{bmatrix} -I_t(q_1) \\ -I_t(q_2) \\ \vdots \\ -I_t(q_n) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} V_x \\ V_y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sum_i I_x(q_i)^2 & \sum_i I_x(q_i)I_y(q_i) \\ \sum_i I_y(q_i)I_x(q_i) & \sum_i I_y(q_i)^2 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} -\sum_i I_x(q_i)I_t(q_i) \\ -\sum_i I_y(q_i)I_t(q_i) \end{bmatrix}$$

- Since it is a purely local method, it cannot provide flow information in the interior of uniform regions of the image.

- **Horn–Schunck method (Dense, Global)**

The Horn-Schunck algorithm assumes smoothness in the flow over the whole image. Thus, it tries to minimize distortions in flow and prefers solutions which show more smoothness.

Let the image be $p = (x,y)$ and the underlying flow field be $w(p) = (u(p),v(p), 1)$, where $u(p)$ and $v(p)$ are the horizontal and vertical components of the flow field, respectively.

$$E(u, v) = \int \|I_2(\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{w}) - I_1(\mathbf{p})\|^2 + \lambda(|\nabla u|^2 + |\nabla v|^2) d\mathbf{p}$$

To solve Eq. (1), we use an iterative flow framework. It assumes that an estimate of the flow field is w , and one needs to estimate the best increment $dw(dw=(du,dv))$, to update w . The objective function in Eq. (1) is then changed to

$$E(du, dv) = \int \|I_2(\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{w} + d\mathbf{w}) - I_1(\mathbf{p})\|^2 + \lambda(|\nabla(u + du)|^2 + |\nabla(v + dv)|^2) d\mathbf{p}$$

The main idea to solve the above equation is to find dU,dV so that the gradient

$$\left[\frac{\partial E}{\partial dU}; \frac{\partial E}{\partial dV} \right] = 0$$

- **Horn–Schunck method**

We can derive

$$\frac{\partial E}{\partial dV} = 2((I_y^2 + \lambda L)dV + I_x I_y dU + I_y I_z + \lambda LV)$$

where L is a Laplacian filter defined as

$$L = D_x^T D_x + D_y^T D_y$$

$$I_z(p) = I_2(p + w) - I_1(p)$$

$$I_x(p) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} I_2(p + w)$$

$$I_y(p) = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} I_2(p + w)$$

The term of dU in gradient is derived similarly. Therefore, solving the gradient equation can be performed in the following linear system

$$\begin{bmatrix} I_x^2 + \lambda L & I_x I_y \\ I_x I_y & I_y^2 + \lambda L \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} dU \\ dV \end{bmatrix} = - \begin{bmatrix} I_x I_z + \lambda LU \\ I_y I_z + \lambda LV \end{bmatrix}$$

- **Horn–Schunck method**



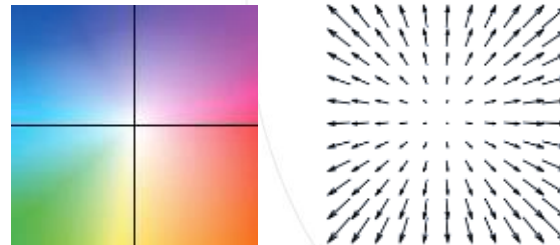
Input two frames



Dense optical flow



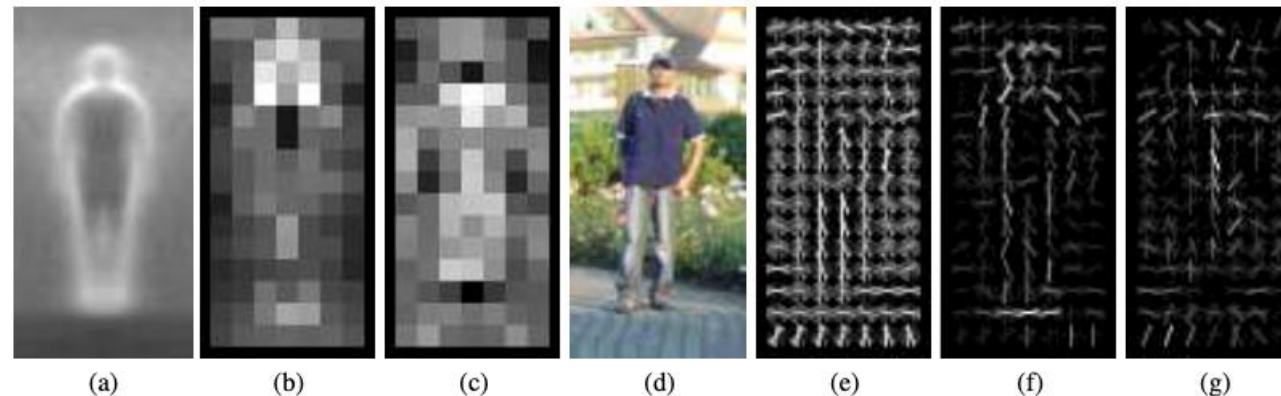
Wrapped frame



Flow Visualization

• Video Descriptors

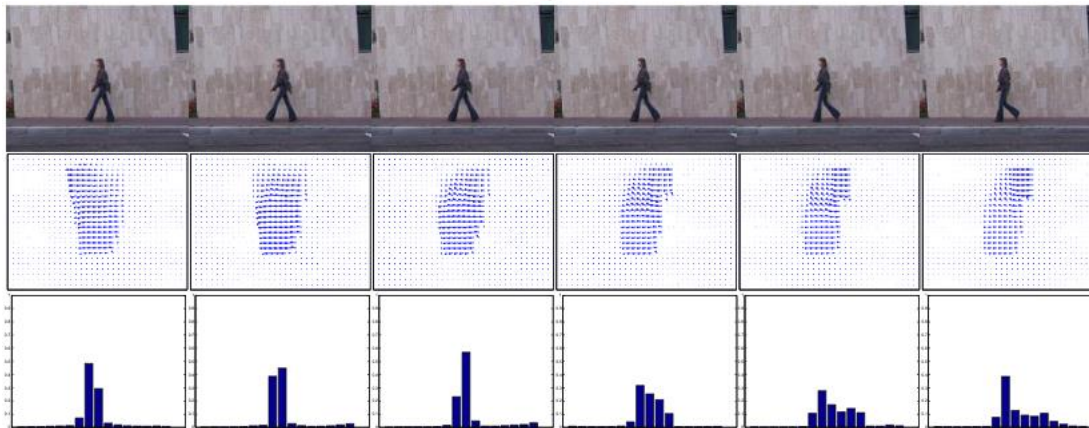
HOG: Histogram of oriented spatial grad



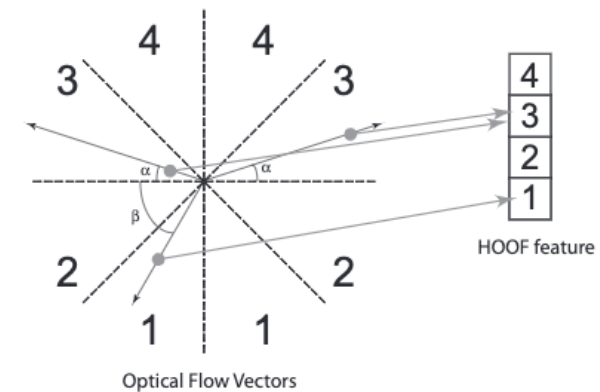
- (a) The average gradient image over the training examples.
- (b) Each 'pixel' shows the maximum positive SVM weight in the block centred on the pixel.
- (c) Likewise for the negative SVM weights.
- (d) A test image.
- (e) It's computed R-HOG descriptor.
- (f,g) The R-HOG descriptor weighted by respectively the positive and the negative SVM weights.

- **Video Descriptors**

HOF: Histogram of oriented optical flow



Optical flows and HOF feature trajectories



Histogram formation with four bins, $B=4$

Chaudhry R, Ravichandran A, Hager G, et al. Histograms of oriented optical flow and binet-cauchy kernels on nonlinear dynamical systems for the recognition of human actions[C]//2009 IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition. IEEE, 2009: 1932-1939.

• Video Descriptors

MBH: Motion Boundary Histograms

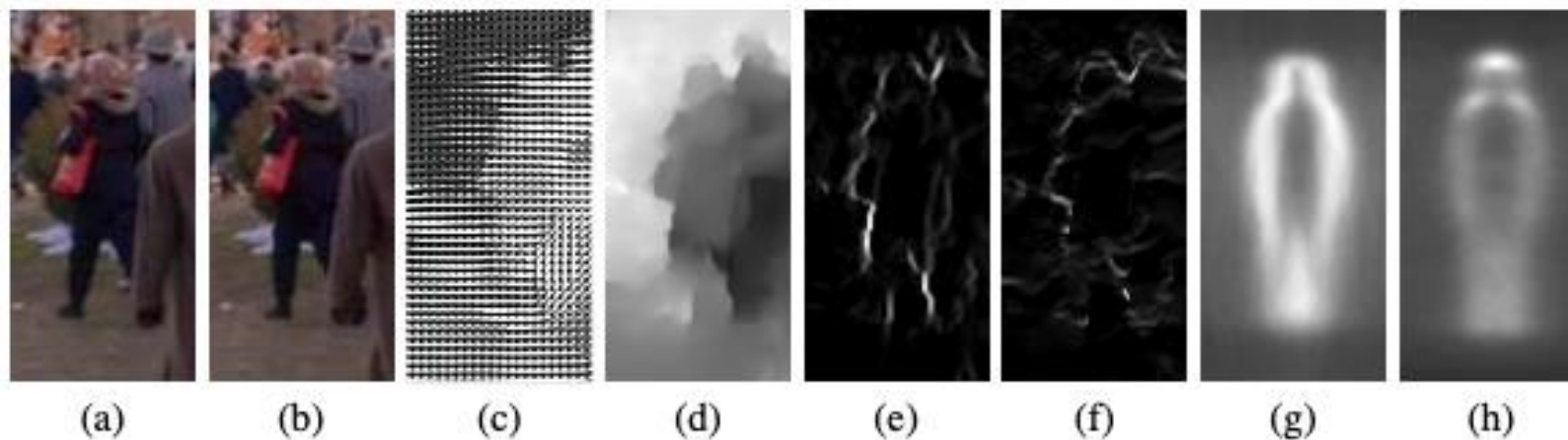


Illustration of the MBH descriptor.

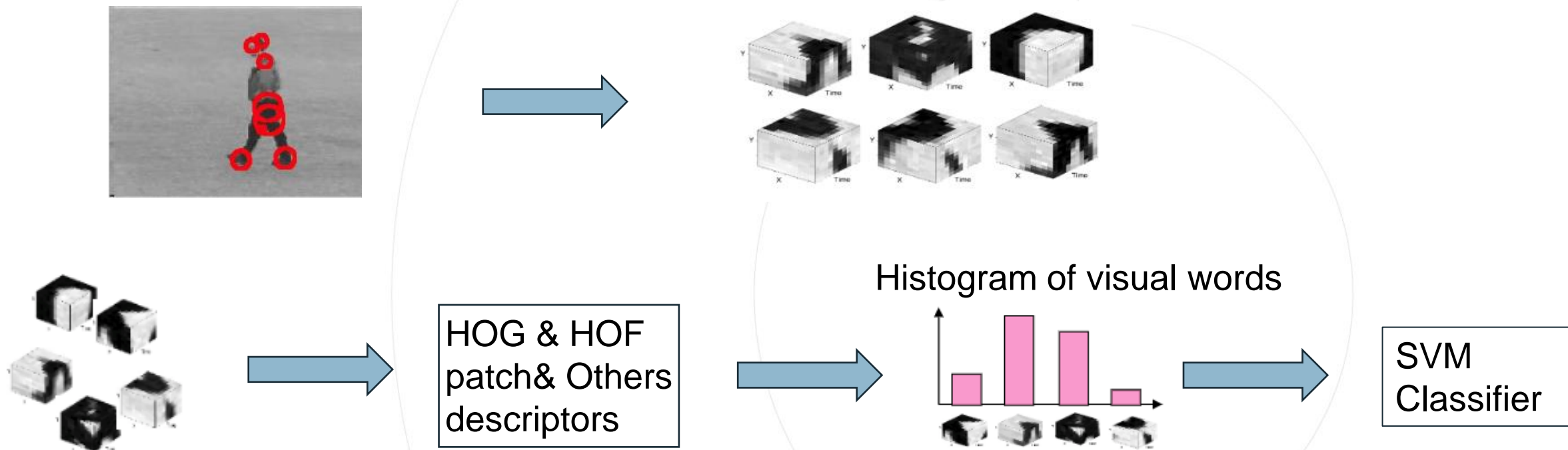
(a,b) Reference images at time t and $t + 1$.

(c,d) Computed optical flow, and flow magnitude showing motion boundaries. (e,f)

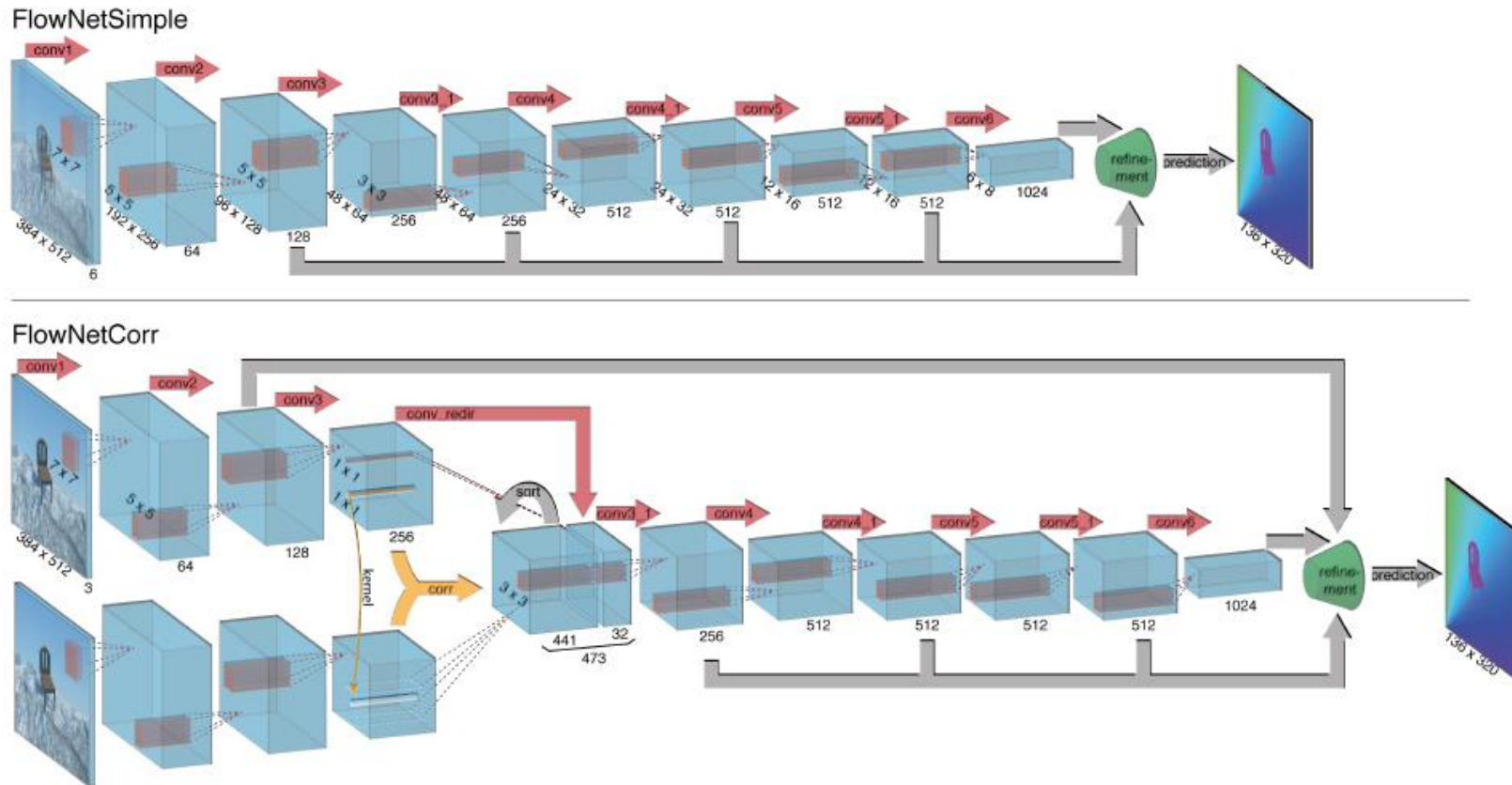
Gradient magnitude of flow field J^x, J^y for image pair (a,b). (g,h) Average MBH descriptor over all training images for flow field J^x, J^y .

- **Traditional Action classification**

- Bag of space-time features + SVM

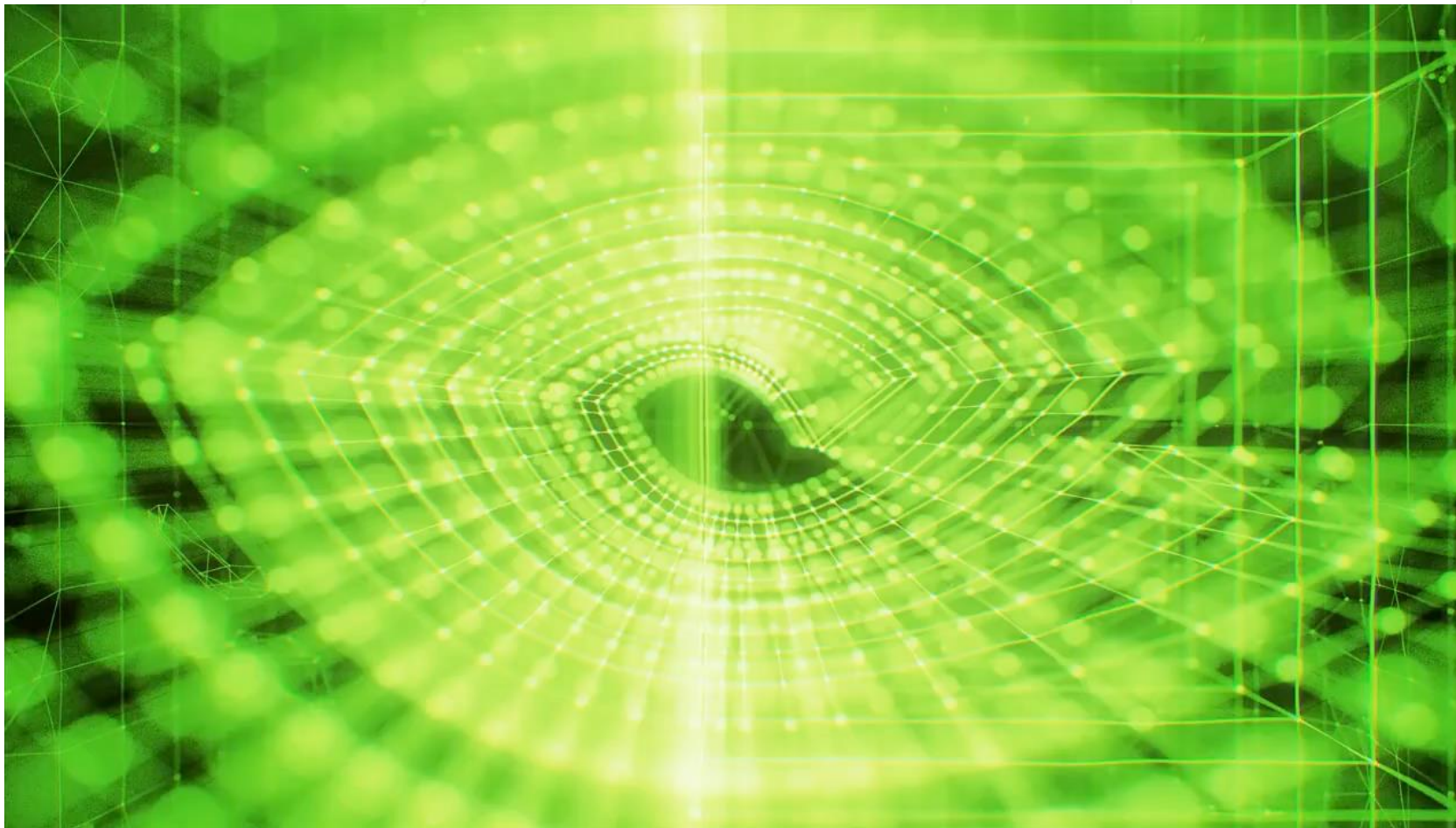


- **Optical flow estimation via deep networks**



Fischer et al.: FlowNet: Learning Optical Flow with Convolutional Networks, ICCV 2015.

- **Video Interpolation**

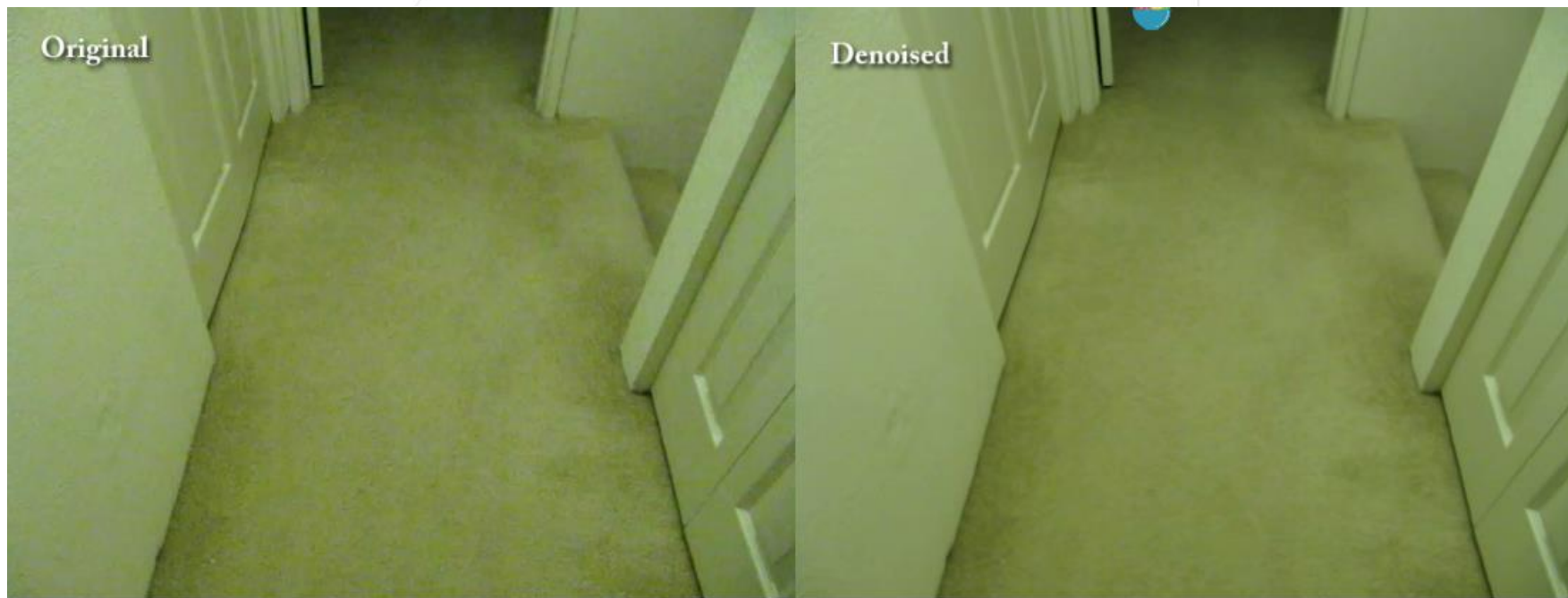


<http://jiangz.me/projects/superslomo/>

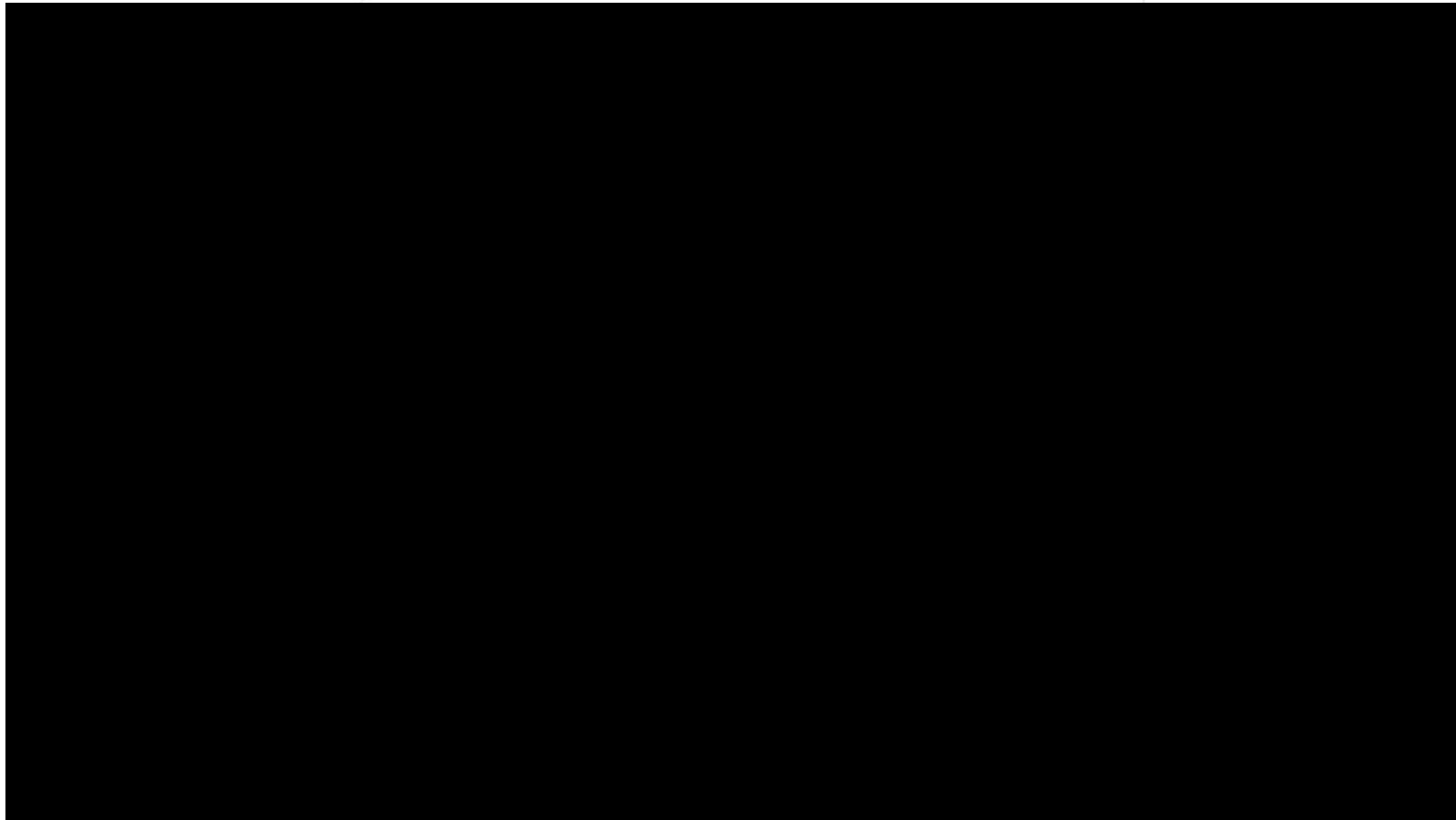
- **Video Stabilization**



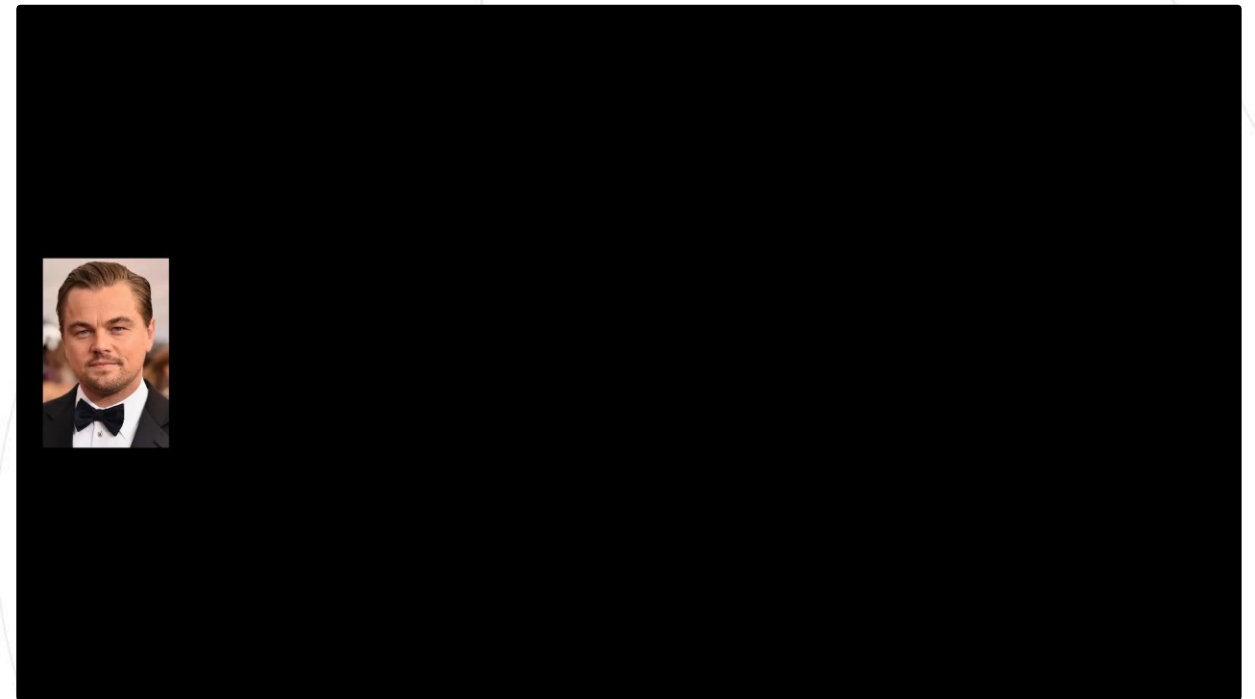
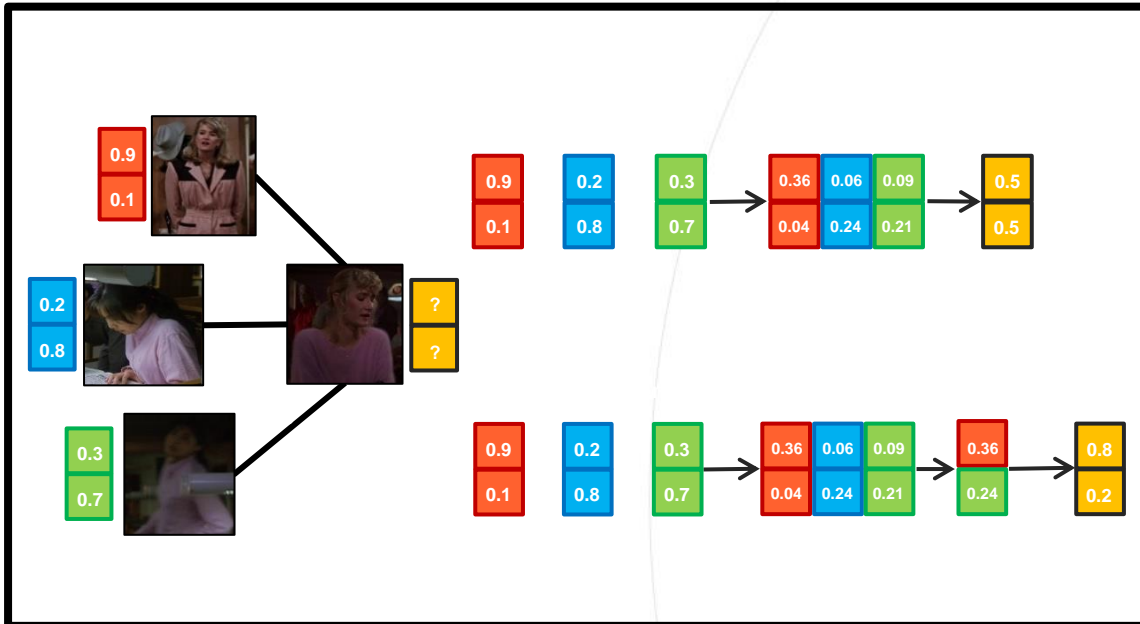
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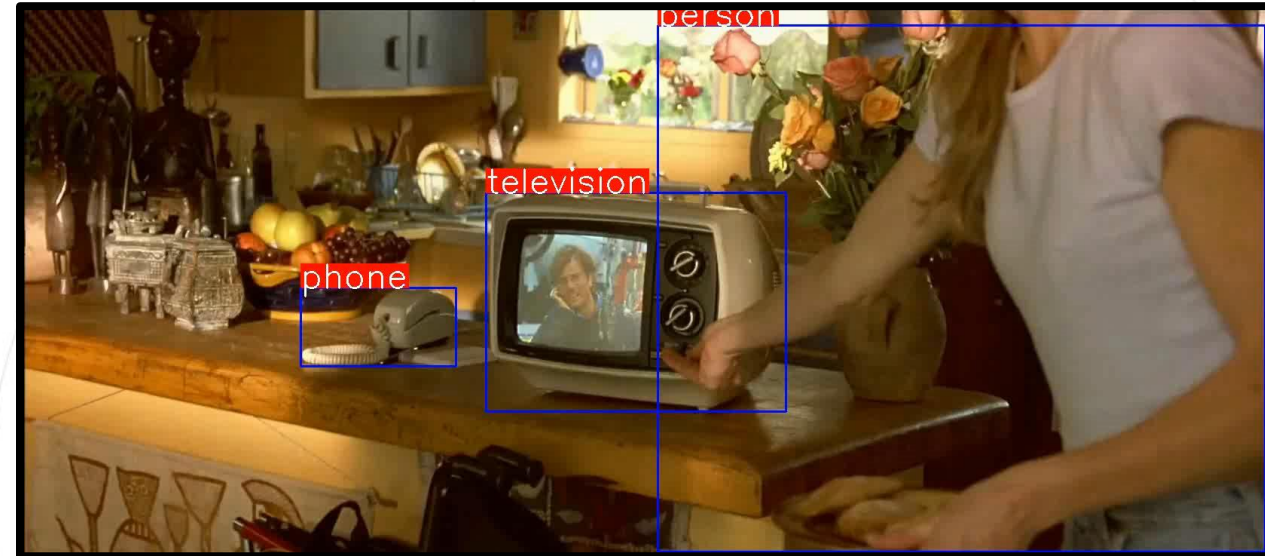
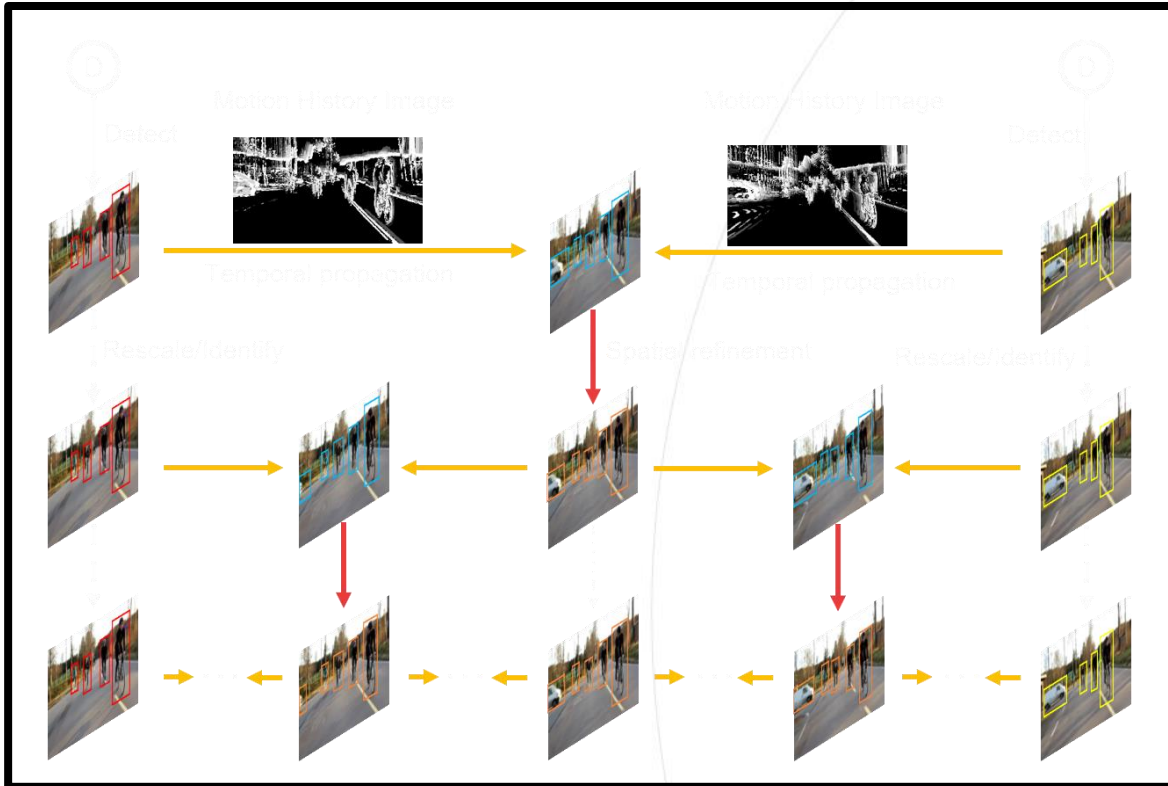
- **Video Super-Resolution**



- Video Understanding - Human



- Video Understanding - Object



- Video Understanding - Context

