



Creating Smarter, More Interactive Apps and Systems with Computer Vision

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“Half of the human brain is devoted directly or indirectly to vision.”

- Paraphrased from Prof. Mriganka Sur, MIT

Computer Vision and Augmented Reality

- **Computer vision:** automatically extracting meaning from images
- For augmented reality, computer vision:
 - Identifies objects
 - Estimates and tracks objects' position and orientation
 - Locates the device in the environment
 - Locates the viewer's eyes



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The Evolution of Vision Technology

Computer vision: research and fundamental technology for extracting meaning from images



Machine vision: factory applications



Embedded vision: thousands of applications

- Consumer, automotive, medical, defense, retail, gaming, security, education, transportation, ...
- Embedded systems, mobile devices, PCs and the cloud



Machines are useful mainly to the extent that they **interact with the physical world**

Visual information is the richest source of information about the real world:
People, places, and things

Vision is the highest-bandwidth mode for machines to obtain real-world info

Embedded vision enables our things to be:

- **More responsive:** Knowing what's around and what's going on
- **More personal and secure:** Knowing who is around them
- **Safer, more autonomous:** Knowing location relative to objects, people
- **Easier to use:** Enabling natural user interfaces

Embedded Vision in Mobile



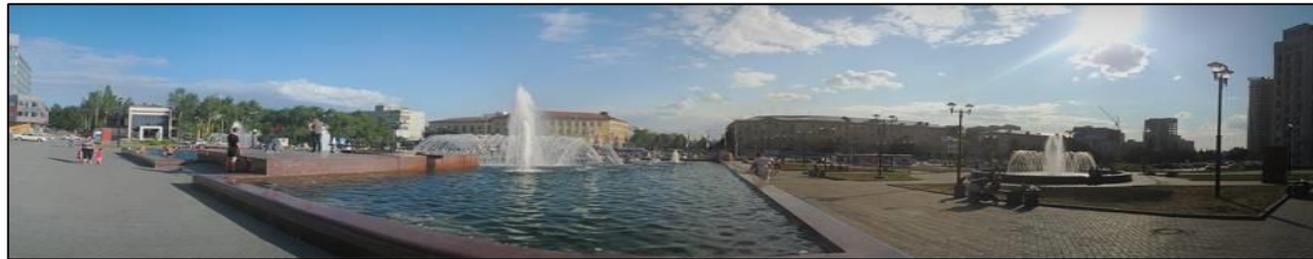
Vision enables capturing better photos and improving captured shots

- High dynamic range
- Automatic panorama
- Face and smile detection
- Object removal
- Trick shots



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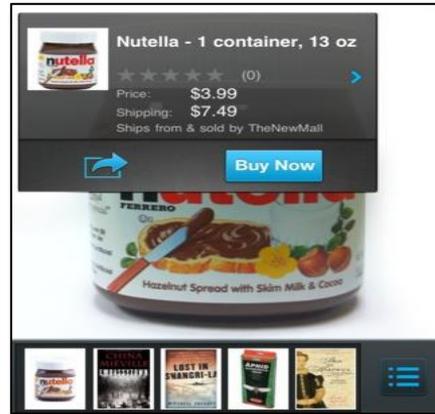
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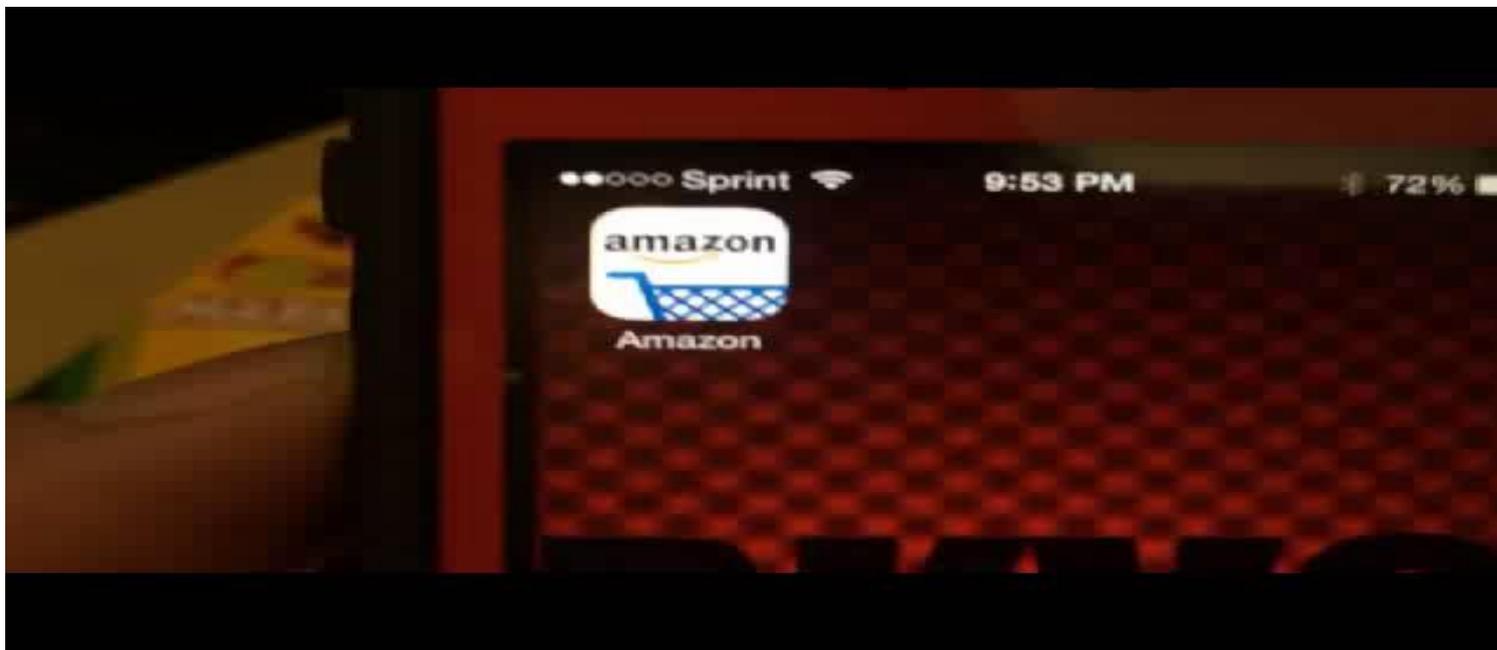
Visual search turns mobile phones into a powerful tools for learning about physical objects

- What is it?
- Do users like it?
- Where can I buy it?
- Is this price good?
- What else is like it?

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Interactive Visual Search: Amazon Flow



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Innovating with Embedded Vision: MotionSavvy Empowers the Deaf



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- Skeletal tracking
 - Detect humans and track joints, limbs, head, etc. (may not include fingers)
 - Typically requires 3D sensor
- Hand/finger tracking
 - Detect human hands and track hand and finger joints
- Some companies provide hardware + software combinations
- Examples: SoftKinetic, Kinect SDK, Leap Motion, Nible UX, Intel RealSense



skelTrackK2.mp4

- Gesture
 - Identify human gestures for user interaction
 - May or may not rely on skeletal/hand/finger tracking
 - Examples: PointGrab, eyeSight



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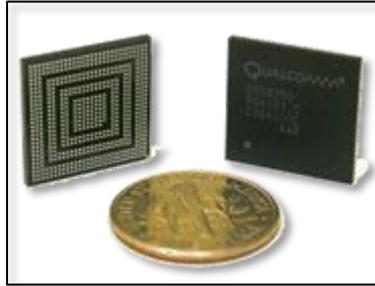
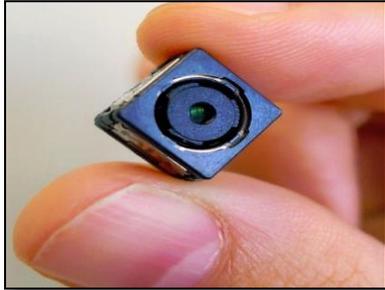
- Face analysis
 - Face detection: find faces in image
 - Face recognition: identify an individual person by matching facial features against a database
 - Emotion recognition: identify emotions based on facial expressions
 - Other: head pose, gender, age, track lips, track gaze, etc.
 - Examples: OpenCV, Lambda Labs, Animetrics, Libface, Eyeris, Visage



VisageFaceTrack_short.mp4

One Sensor, Many Uses





```
// convert cpu Mat to gpu array
void mat_to_array(cv::Mat& input, array& output) {
    input.convertTo(input, CV_32FC3); // floating point
    const unsigned size = input.rows * input.cols;
    const unsigned w = input.cols;
    const unsigned h = input.rows;
    float r[size];
    float g[size];
    float b[size];
    int tmp = 0;
    for (unsigned i = 0; i < h; i++) {
        for (unsigned j = 0; j < w; j++) {
            Vec3f ip = input.at<Vec3f>(i, j);
            tmp = j * h + i; // convert to column major
            r[tmp] = ip[2];
            g[tmp] = ip[1];
            b[tmp] = ip[0];
        }
    }
    output = join(2,
        array(h, w, r),
        array(h, w, g),
        array(h, w, b))/255.f; // merge, set range [0-1]
}
```

What Do You Want to Sense?

- People
 - Presence
 - Number
 - Location, trajectory
 - Pose, head pose, gaze, gestures
 - Age, gender, grouping
 - Identity
 - Emotional state, drowsiness
 - Heart rate, intoxication
 - ...
- Places
 - What's around?
 - Boundaries (map)
 - Location in space
- Things
 - Type
 - Number
 - Size, orientation
 - 3D location, trajectory
- Situations
 - Potential collision
 - Unexpected changes

Embedded Vision in Wearables





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Interpreter for the Visually Impaired



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- Augmented reality SDKs
 - Identify and track markers, images, or objects
 - Estimate pose of tracked objects, allowing graphical content to be overlaid
- Simultaneous Location and Mapping (SLAM)
 - Often uses vision in conjunction with other sensors (accelerometer, gyroscope)
 - Create a map of the environment
 - Identify user's location and orientation in the environment
- Examples: Vuforia, Metaio, Wikitude



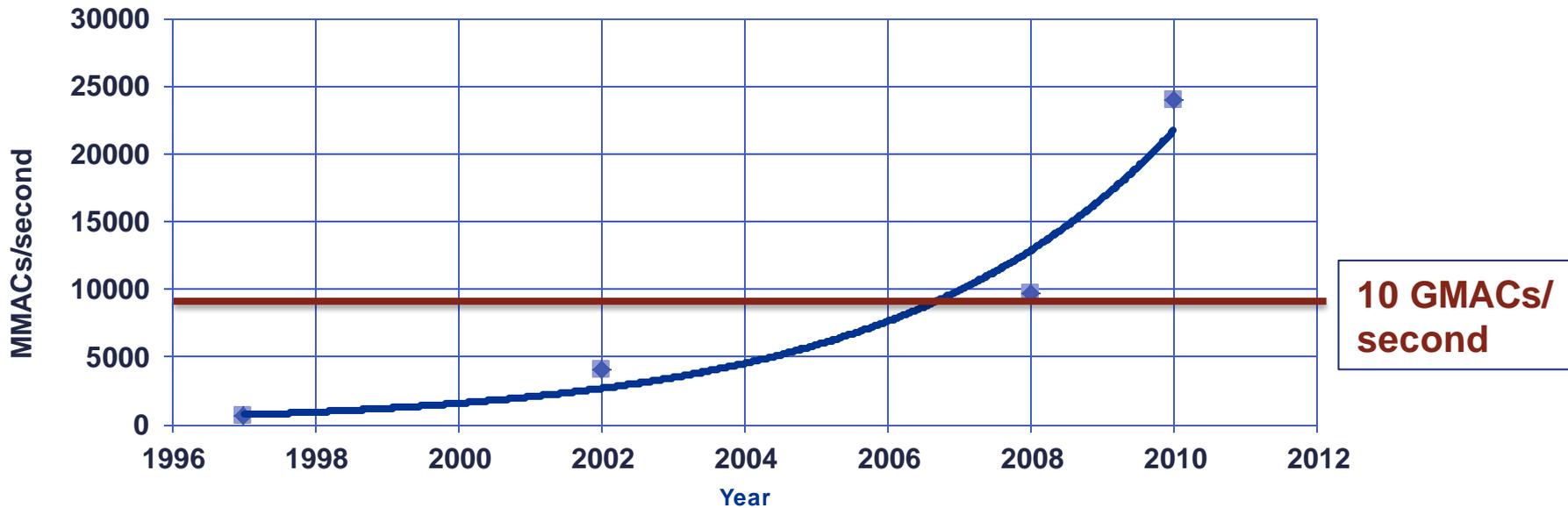
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Enabling Embedded Vision



Enabling Embedded Vision: Processor Performance

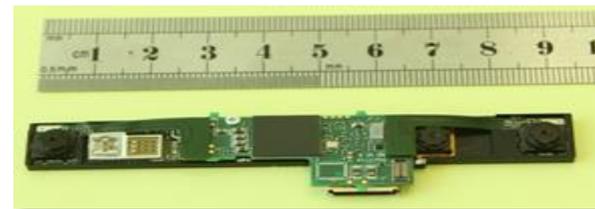
DSP Performance: High-end, Single-core DSPs from TI



Source: BDTI Analysis

Trend: Vision-specific Processor Chips

- Analog Devices BF609
- Freescale S32V
- Inuitive NU3000
- MobileEye EyeQ4
- Movidius Myriad 2
- Texas Instruments TDA3x

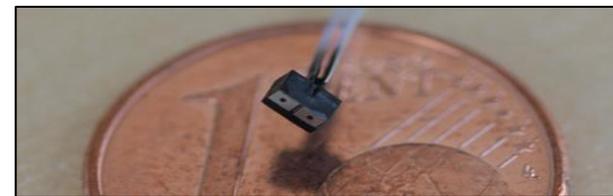


Inuitive M3 Reference Design

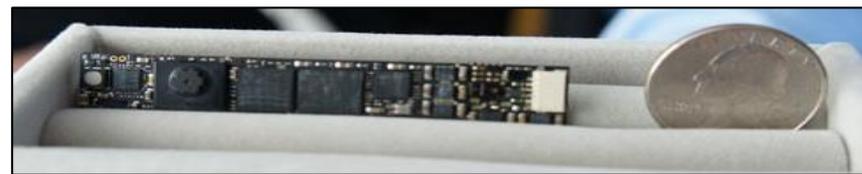


Movidius Myriad 2

Advances in Image Sensors



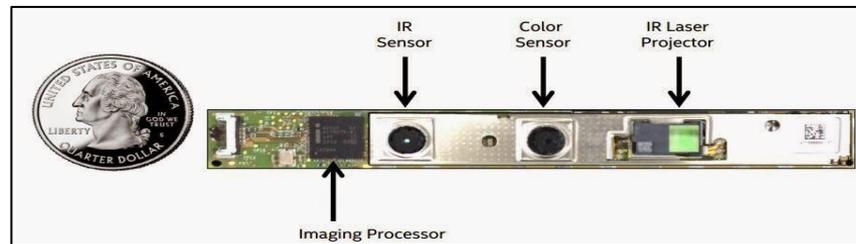
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SoftKinetic (Image:Engadget)



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Vision in Embedded Systems



Continental Augmented Reality Head-Up Display



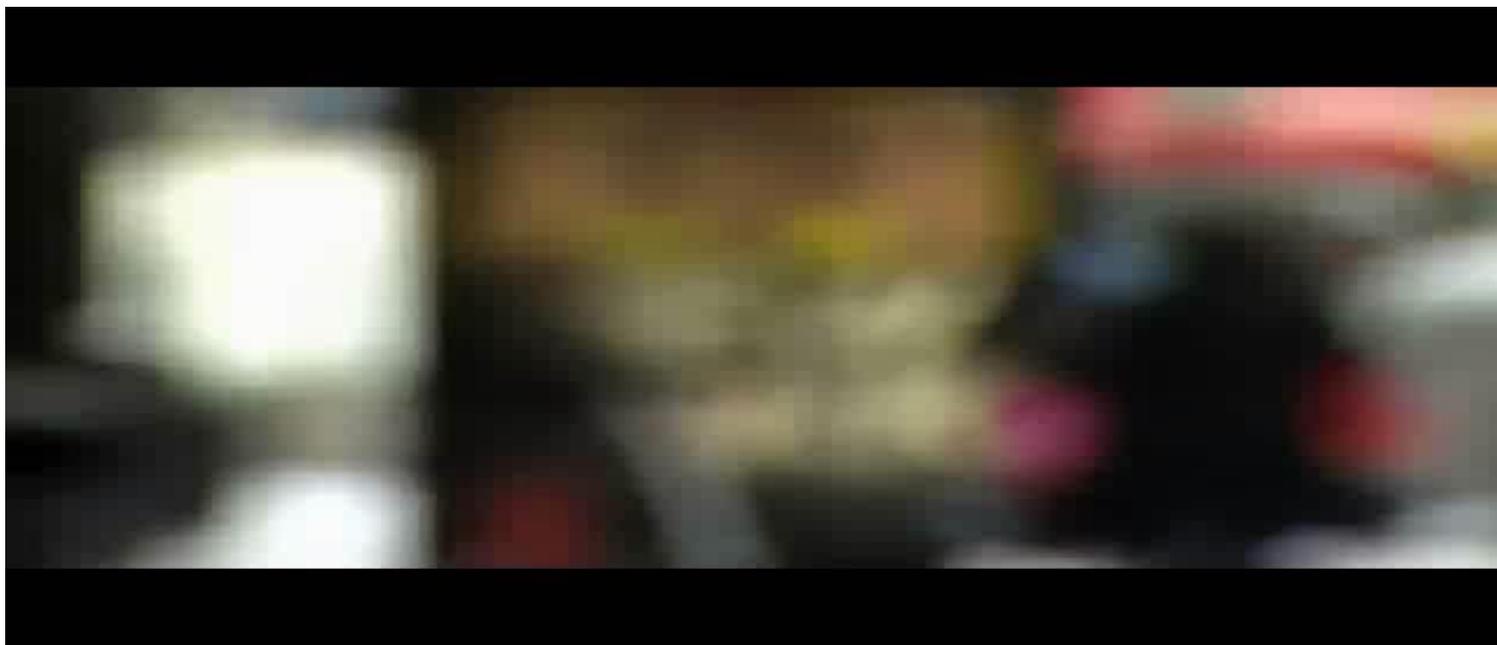
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Dyson Vacuum Robot with SLAM



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Smart Signs with Viewer Analytics



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- Out-of-the-Box vision acceleration framework
 - Enables low-power, real-time applications
 - Targeted at mobile and embedded platforms
- Functional Portability
- Performance portability across diverse hardware
 - Higher-level abstraction hides hardware details
- Enables low-power, always-on acceleration



Embedded Vision in the Cloud



Quickly Understand
Store Performance

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- Cloud-based vision service for image recognition
- Recognizes faces, objects, scenes, landmarks—and their attributes

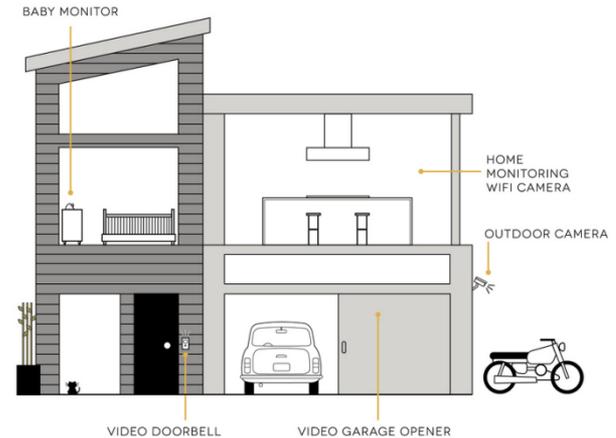


Face Metadata

```
confidence : 100% ( value : 1 )  
pose : roll(2.43) ,yaw(3.29) ,pitch(0.8)  
race : asian(0.42)  
emotion : happy:52%,confused:41%  
age : 20.86 ( value : 20.86 )  
smile : false ( value : 0.4 )  
glasses : no glass ( value : 0 )  
sunglasses : false ( value : 0 )  
eye_closed : open ( value : 0 )  
mouth_open_wide : 0% ( value : 0 )  
beauty : 73.16 ( value : 0.73162 )  
gender : male ( value : 1 )
```

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- Cloud-based vision service for connected home applications
 - Baby monitor, pet monitor, video doorbell, home security



Challenges and Techniques



What Makes Embedded Vision Hard?

- Infinitely varying inputs in many applications...
 - Uncontrolled conditions: lighting, orientation, motion, occlusion
- Lead to ambiguity...
- Leads to the need for complex, multi-layered algorithms...
- Leads to high computation requirements...
- Which, combined with cost, size, and power consumption constraints, creates design challenges...
- Hence, many vision applications require parallel and/or specialized processors
- And, most product creators lack experience with embedded vision



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Empowering Product Creators to Harness Embedded Vision



The Embedded Vision Alliance (www.Embedded-Vision.com) is a partnership of 50+ leading embedded vision technology and services suppliers



Mission: Inspire and empower product creators to incorporate visual intelligence into their products



The Alliance provides low-cost, high-quality technical educational resources for engineers

- Alliance website offers tutorial articles, video “chalk talks,” forums
- *Embedded Vision Insights* newsletter delivers news and updates
- Embedded Vision Summit conferences provide practical learning, exciting demos and keynotes, unique networking opportunities



- “Embedded vision” enables systems and apps that extract meaning from visual inputs
- **Embedded vision upgrades what devices know about the world, enabling them to be:**
 - **More responsive**
 - **More personal and secure**
 - **Safer, more autonomous**
 - **Easier to use**
- Thanks to improved processors, sensors , algorithms, tools and APIs **embedded vision can be deployed widely**
- **Leverage the Embedded Vision Alliance** to accelerate your success in embedded vision
 - www.Embedded-Vision.com

Thank You!



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