



# 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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[laptopmag.com](http://laptopmag.com)

# 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



# The Highest Bandwidth Input Channel

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

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Vision enables capturing better photos and improving captured shots

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



SnapPhun by MacHeal LLC

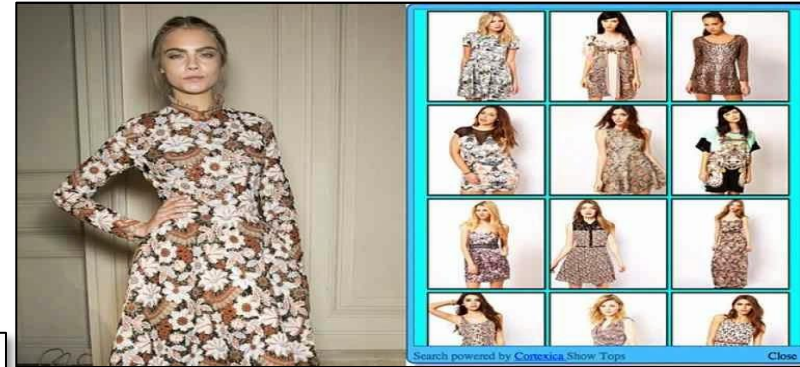
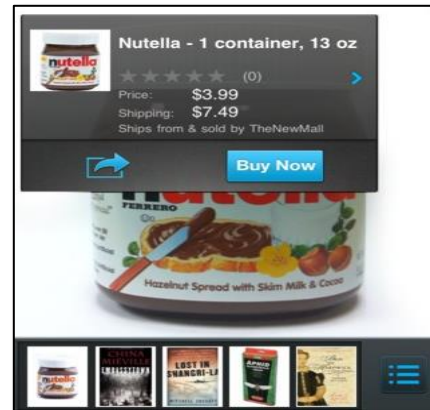
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Visual search turns mobile phones into a powerful tools for learning about physical objects

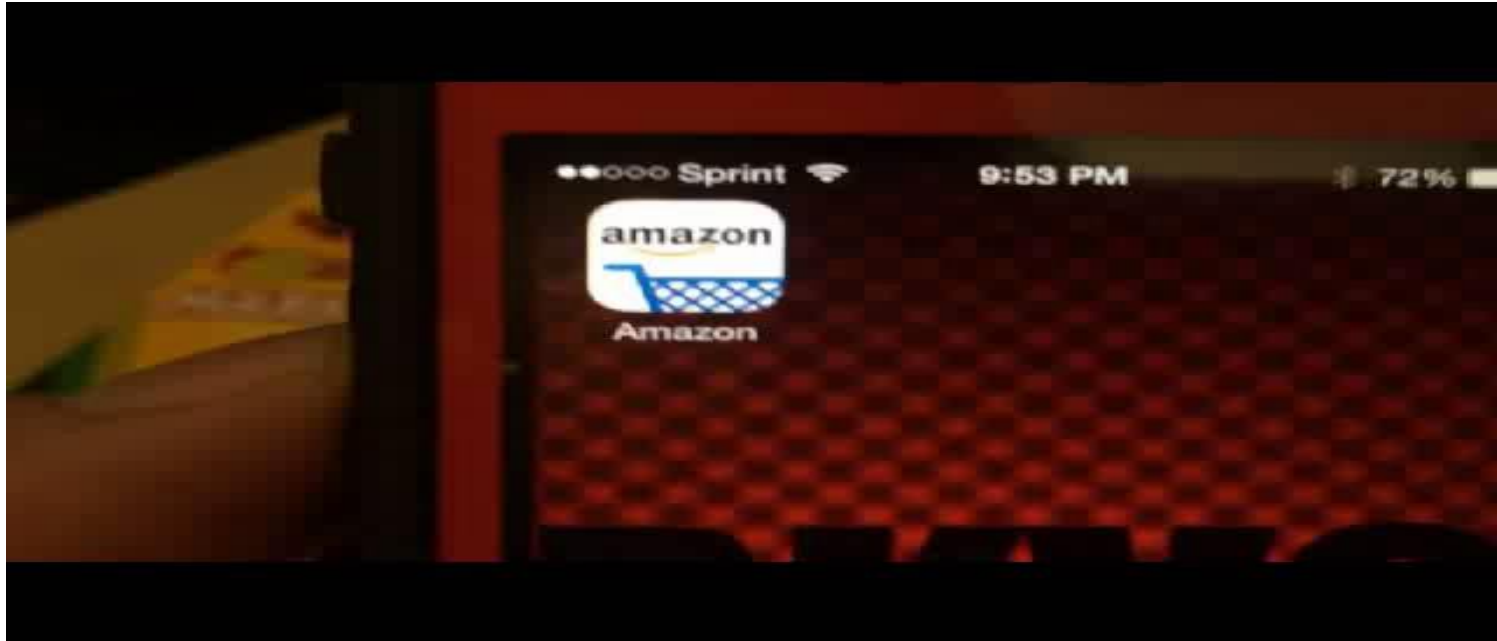
- What is it?
- Do users like it?
- Where can I buy it?
- Is this price good?
- What else is like it?

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# Interactive Visual Search: Amazon Flow



[www.youtube.com/watch?v=etusHx633fU](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=etusHx633fU)

# Innovating with Embedded Vision: MotionSavvy Empowers the Deaf



[www.youtube.com/watch?v=sqAbOZMZp\\_E](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sqAbOZMZp_E)

- 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



Navdy\_gesture.mp4





- 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



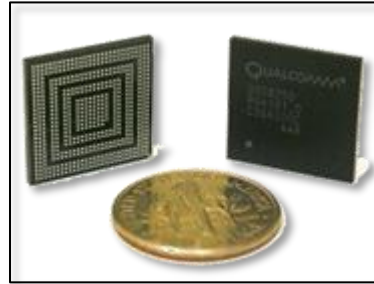
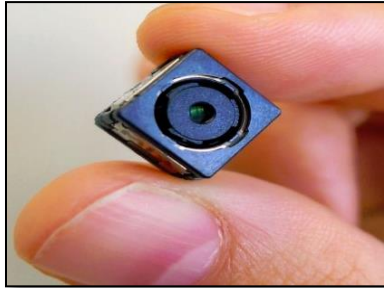
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## One Sensor, Many Uses

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# Software-Defined Sensor



```
// 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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[www.youtube.com/watch?v=9Wv9k\\_ssLcl](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9Wv9k_ssLcl)

# Interpreter for the Visually Impaired



[www.youtube.com/watch?v=ykDDxWbt5Nw](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ykDDxWbt5Nw)

- 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



slam.mp4



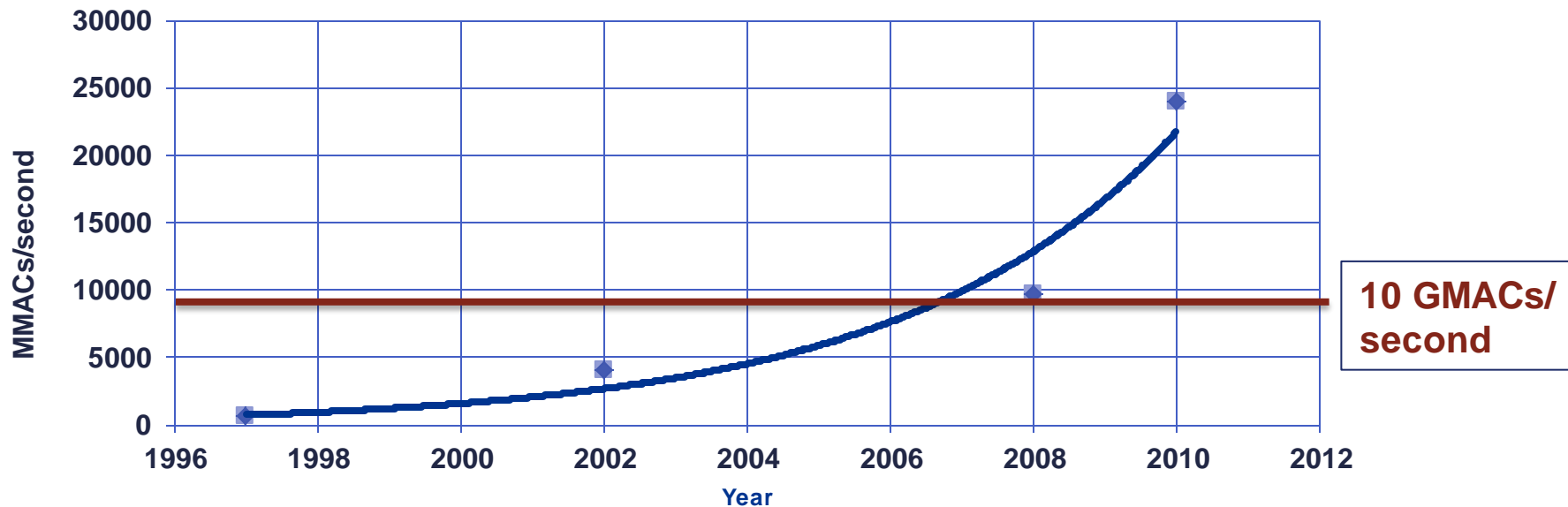
## Enabling Embedded Vision

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# Enabling Embedded Vision: Processor Performance

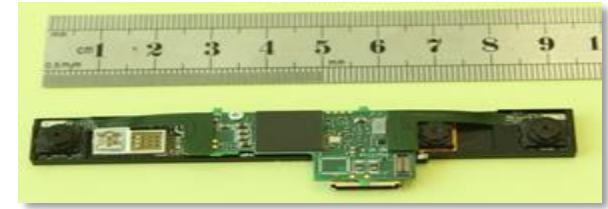
## DSP Performance: High-end, Single-core DSPs from TI



Source: BDTI Analysis

# Trend: Vision-specific Processor Chips

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

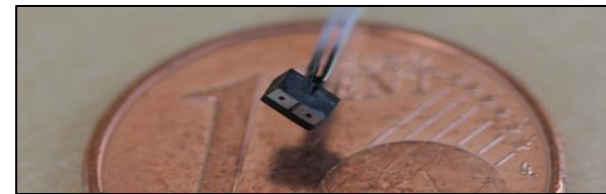


Inuitive M3 Reference Design



Movidius Myriad 2

# Advances in Image Sensors



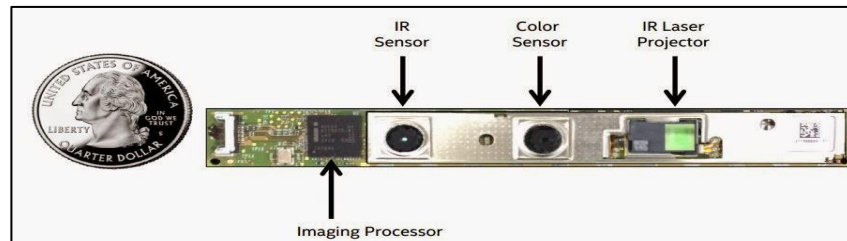
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SoftKinetic (Image:Engadget)



Heptagon



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## Vision in Embedded Systems

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# Continental Augmented Reality Head-Up Display



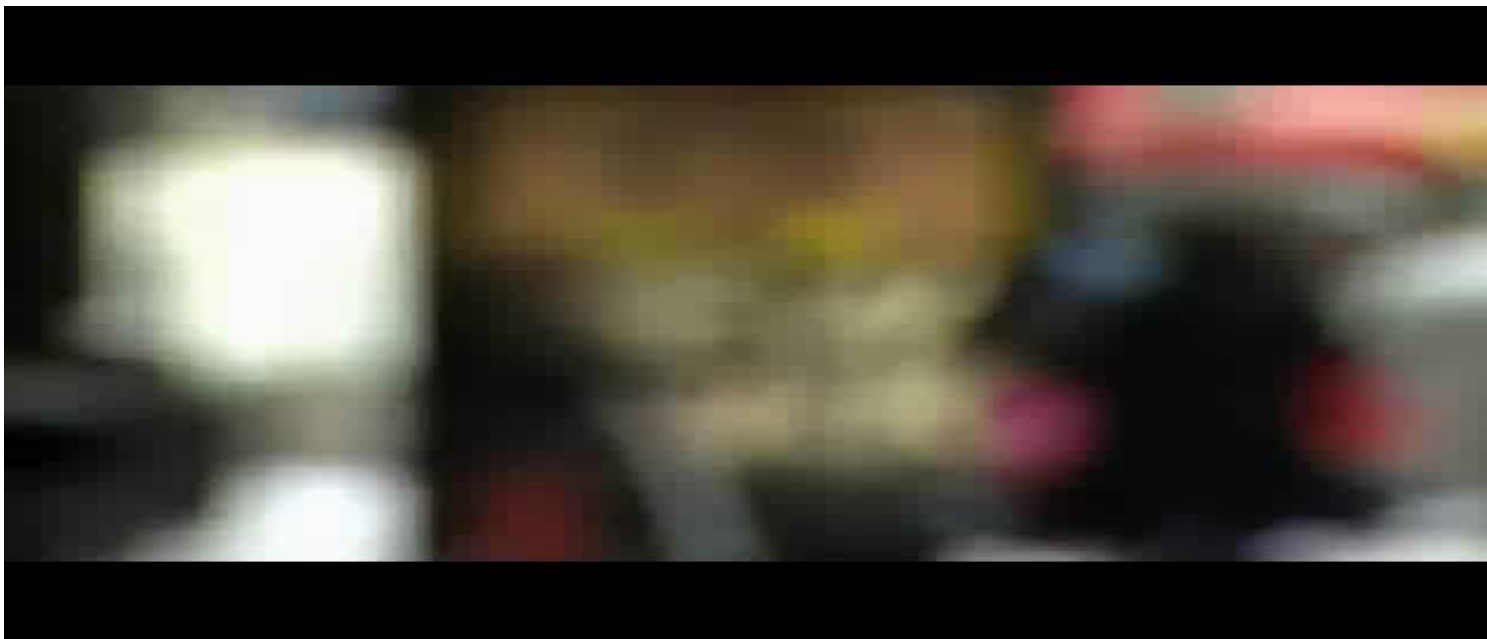
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=3uuQSSnO7IE](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3uuQSSnO7IE)

# Dyson Vacuum Robot with SLAM



[www.youtube.com/watch?v=oguKCHP7jNQ](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oguKCHP7jNQ)

# Smart Signs with Viewer Analytics



[www.youtube.com/watch?v=wwfe8tlhsNA](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wwfe8tlhsNA)



# OpenVX—Power Efficient Vision Acceleration

- 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

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Quickly Understand  
Store Performance

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=aqbAoTT2ZJU](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aqbAoTT2ZJU)

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



Face Metadata

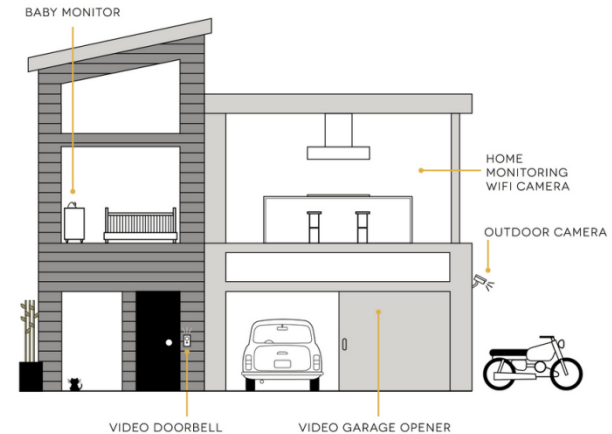
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age : 20.86 ( value : 20.86 )  
smile : false ( value : 0.4 )  
glasses : no glass ( value : 0 )  
sunglasses : false ( value : 0 )  
eye\_closed : open ( value : 0 )  
mouth\_open\_wide : 0% ( value : 0 )  
beauty : 73.16 ( value : 0.73162 )  
gender : male ( value : 1 )

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# Cloud-based Vision APIs: Tend Insights

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



## Challenges and Techniques

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# 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



[www.selectspecs.com](http://www.selectspecs.com)

# Empowering Product Creators to Harness Embedded Vision



The Embedded Vision Alliance ([www.Embedded-Vision.com](http://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](http://www.Embedded-Vision.com)

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More?

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## Back-up Slides

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# More Links for Later

Mercedes: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=WGgSyA8HXyY](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WGgSyA8HXyY)

Philips: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=2M7AFoqJyDI](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2M7AFoqJyDI)

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Stanley: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=orTO3E0Vvok](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=orTO3E0Vvok)

Audi: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=2YqflcbCVZg](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2YqflcbCVZg)

Tesco: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=bMCw7-lYUKw](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bMCw7-lYUKw)

Major League Baseball: [bit.ly/1qylyRI](http://bit.ly/1qylyRI)

CENTR Cam: [vimeo.com/91037496](http://vimeo.com/91037496)

# Alliance Member Benefits

- Alliance Member companies position themselves as leaders in front of thousands of product creators who visit the Alliance web site each month
- Multiple Embedded Vision Summit conferences introduce Member companies and their products to hundreds of prospective customers
- Our Member companies meet quarterly to develop business partnerships and gain insights into embedded vision markets and technology trends
- We secure frequent press coverage on embedded vision topics, gaining exposure for our members as thought leaders

