



BRINGING CINEMATIC RENDERING INTO CASUALLY-TAKEN PHOTOS AND VIDEOS

To Make Casual Imaging Context-Aware

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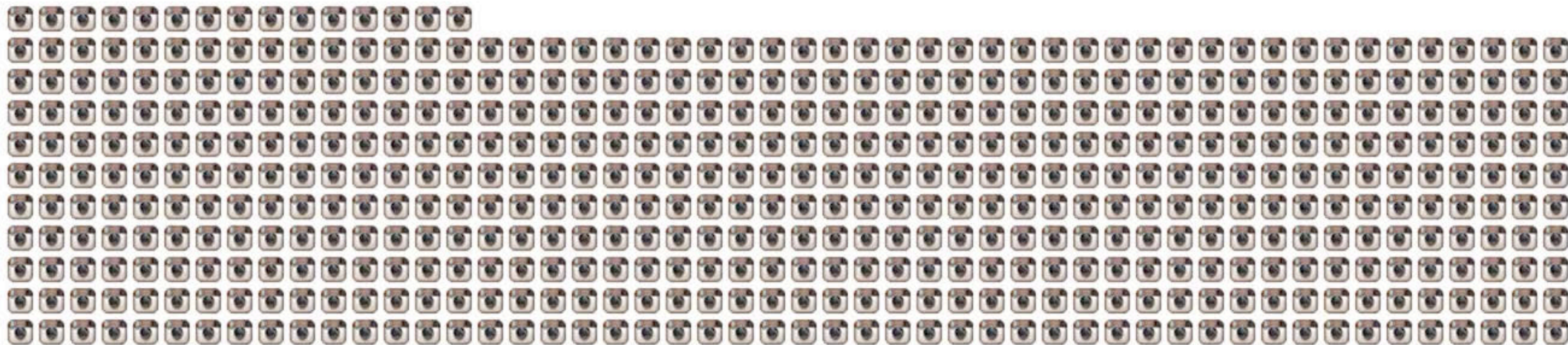
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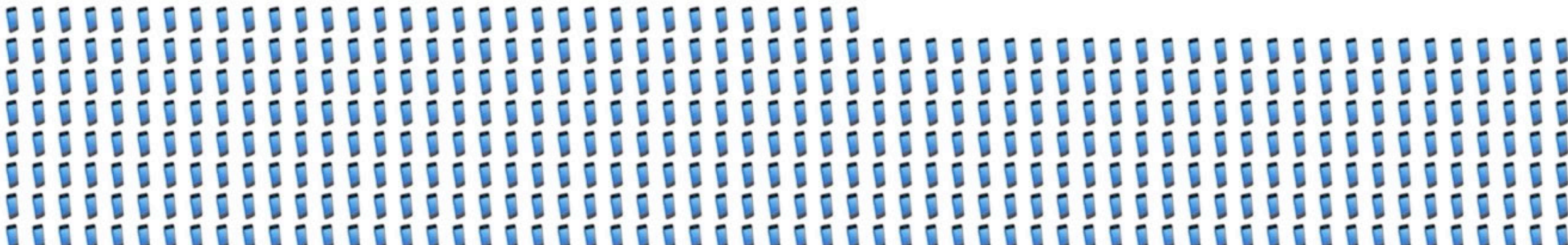


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- **Visual Human Beings**
- **Cheap Cloud Storage**
- **High Speed Telecommunication**

Film — the Best Visual Storytelling Formats



What Makes the Cinematic Look

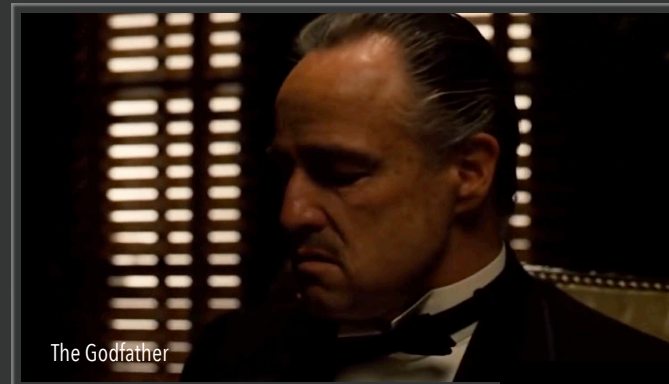
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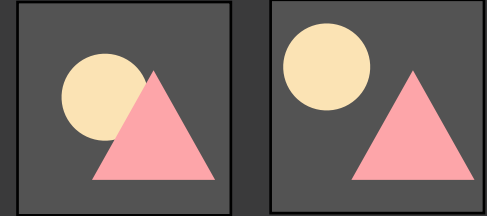
Lighting



Other Cinematic-Look

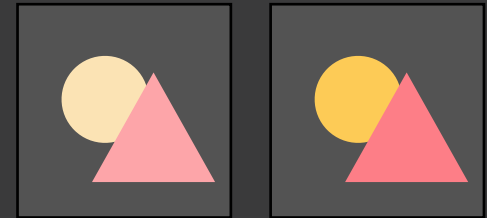
Composition

– how the elements on screen appear in respect to each other and within the frame itself.



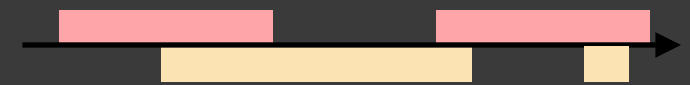
Color Grading

– the process of creatively altering the appearance of your footage to give it the desired emotional impact.



Timeline Editing

– cuts from one shot to another to create a seamless finished product, with no trace of their tampering.



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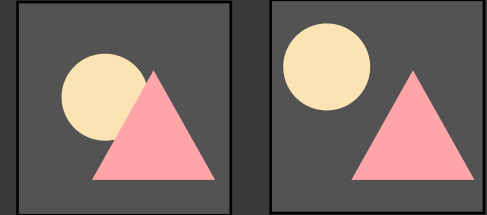
– how to reinforce the drama and lead the audience's emotions.



Other Cinematic Aspects

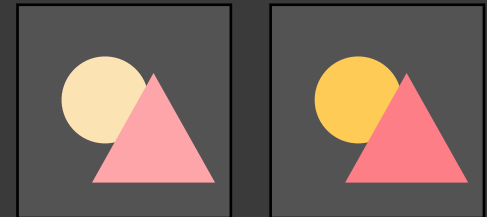
Composition

- Badki et al, "Computational Zoom: A Framework for Post-Capture Image Composition", SIGGRAPH **2017**
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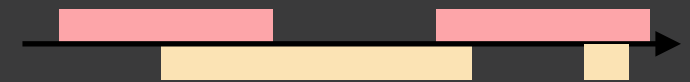
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- Bonneel et al, "Example-based Video Color Grading", SIGGRAPH Asia, **2013**



Timeline Editing

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- Truong et al. "QuickCut: An Interactive Tool for Editing Narrated Video" UIST **2016**
- Leake et al, "Computational video editing for dialogue-driven scenes", SIGGRAPH **2017**



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- Rubin et al, "Content-based tools for editing audio stories", UIST **2013**
- Rubin et al, "Generating emotionally relevant musical scores for audio stories", UIST **2014**



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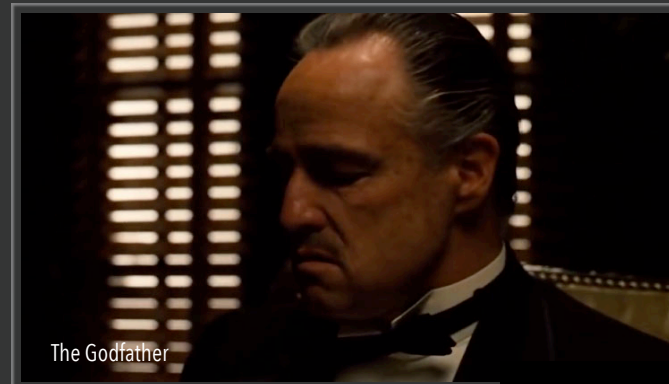


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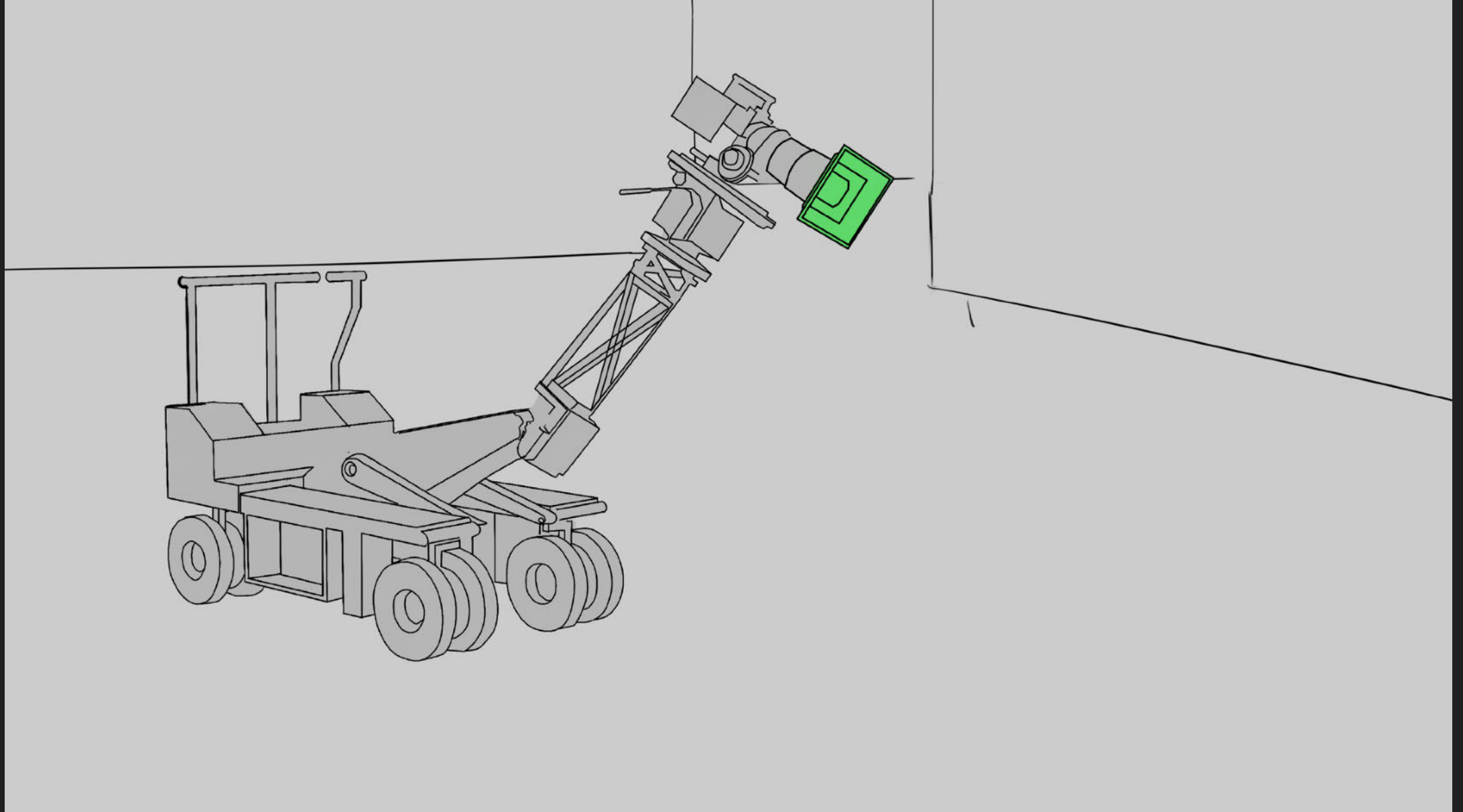


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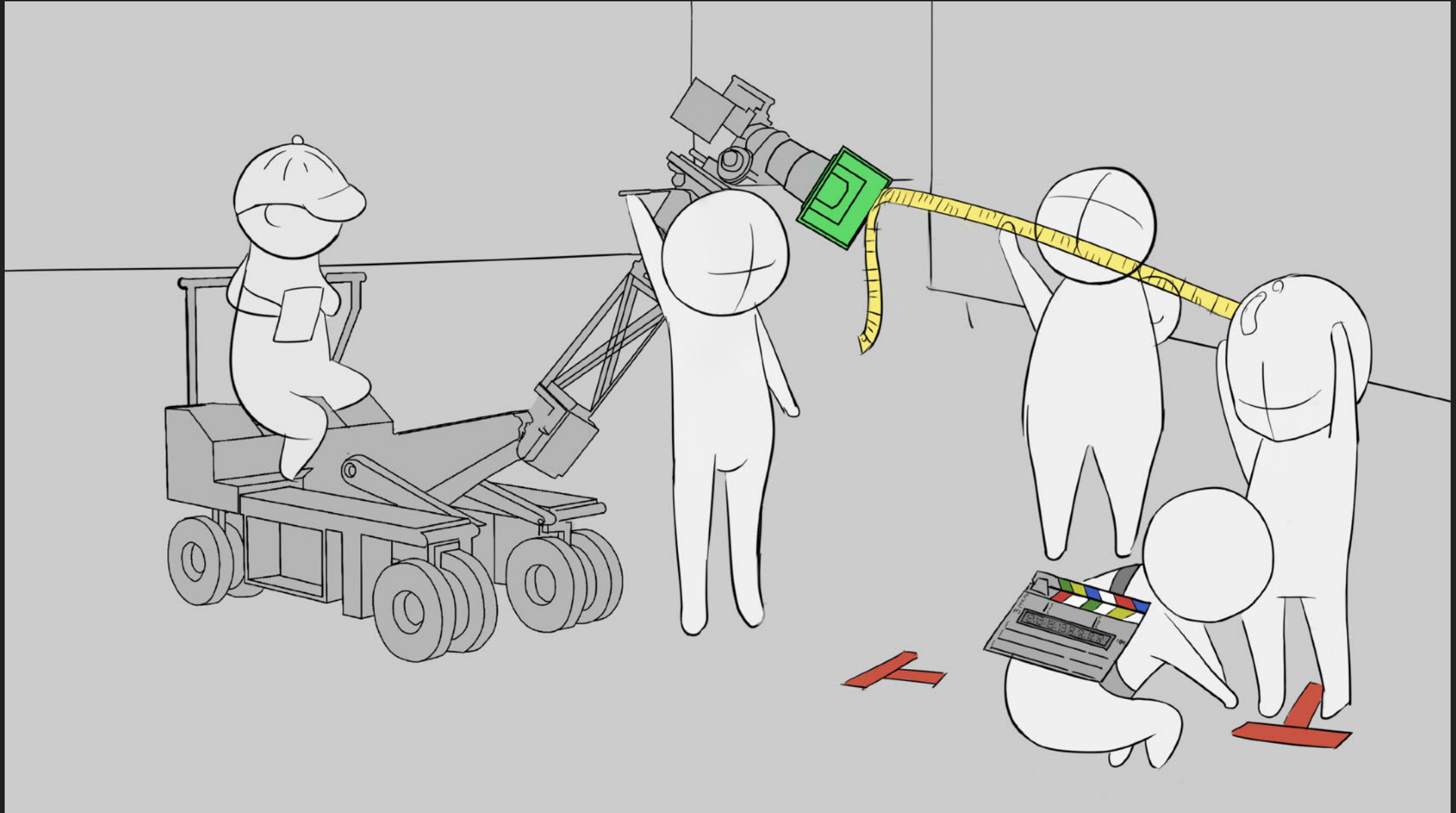


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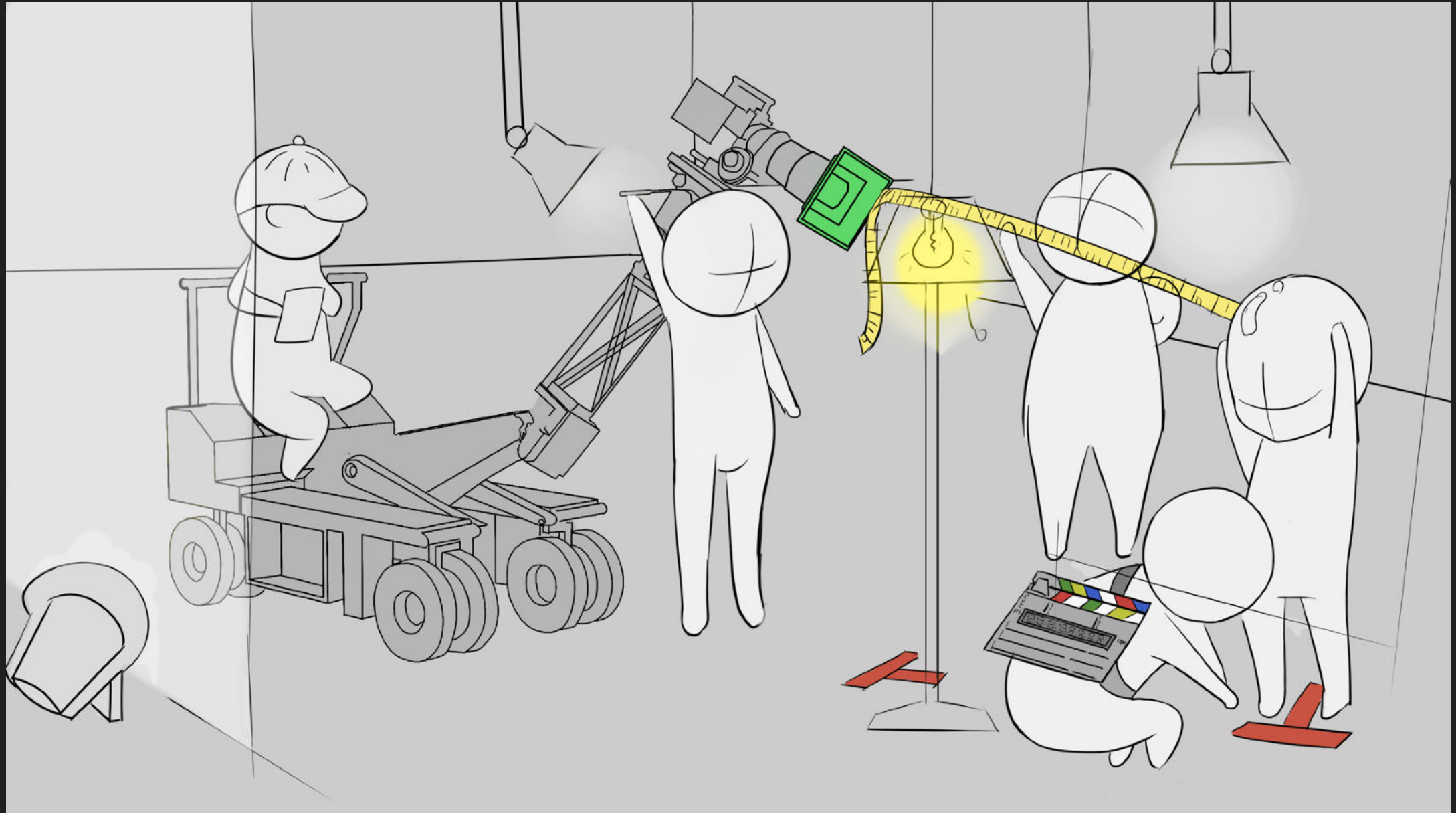
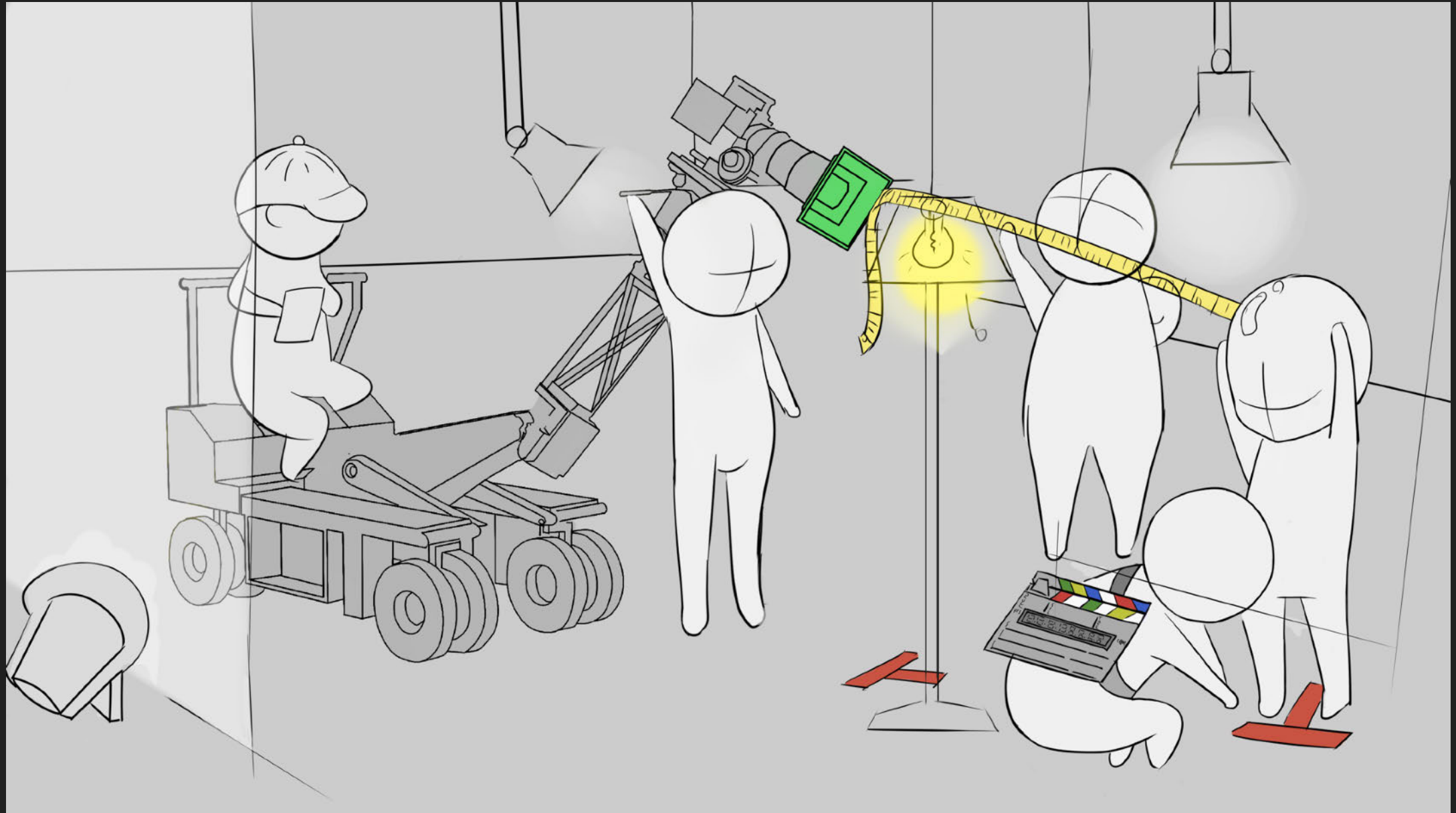


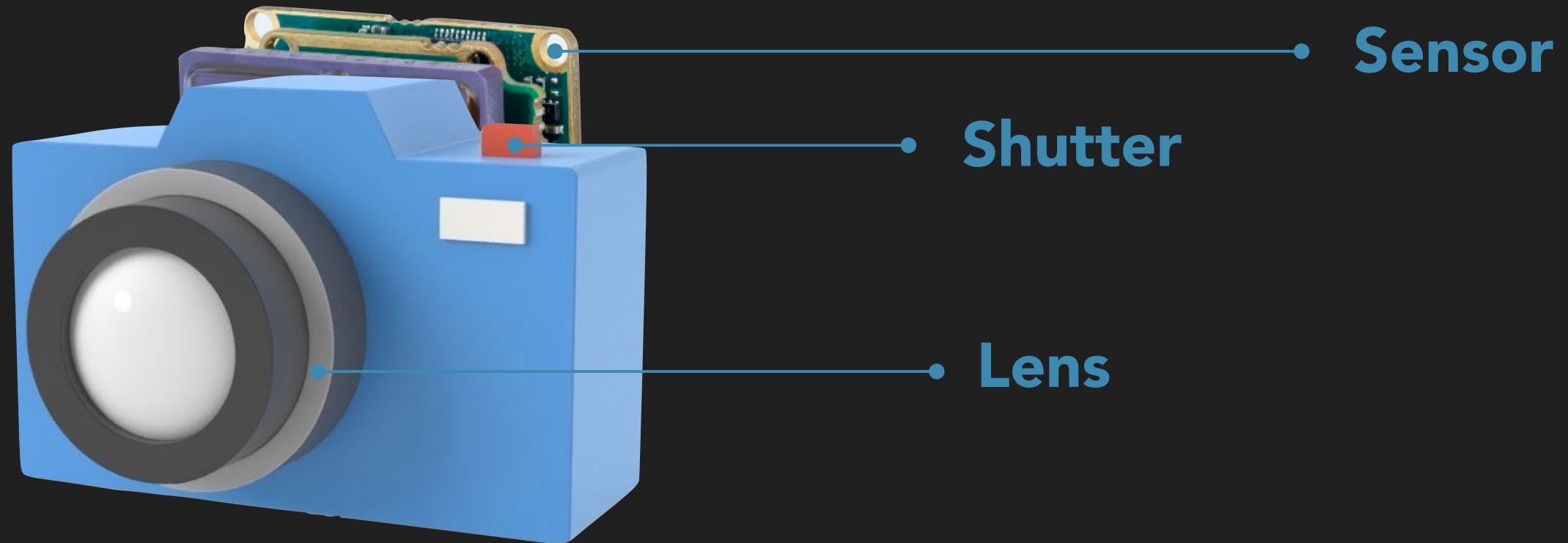
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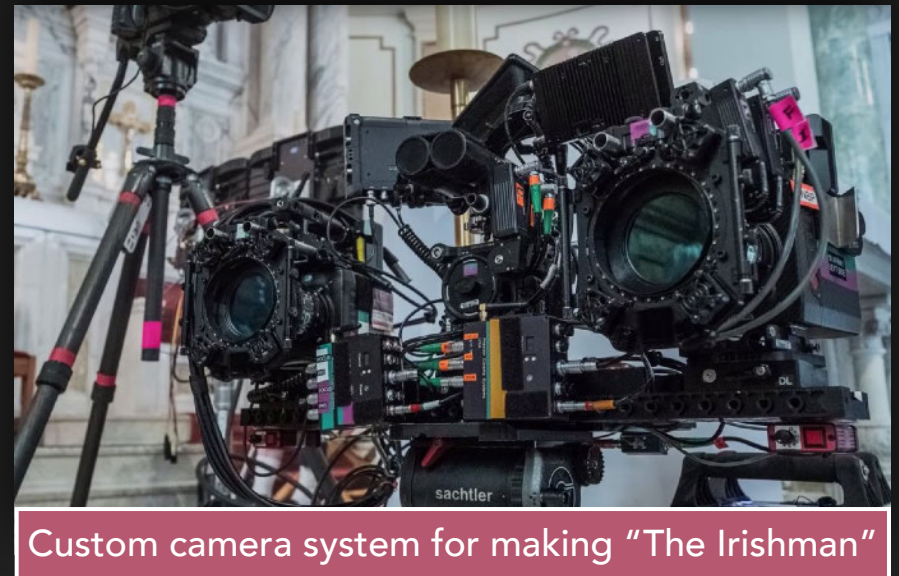
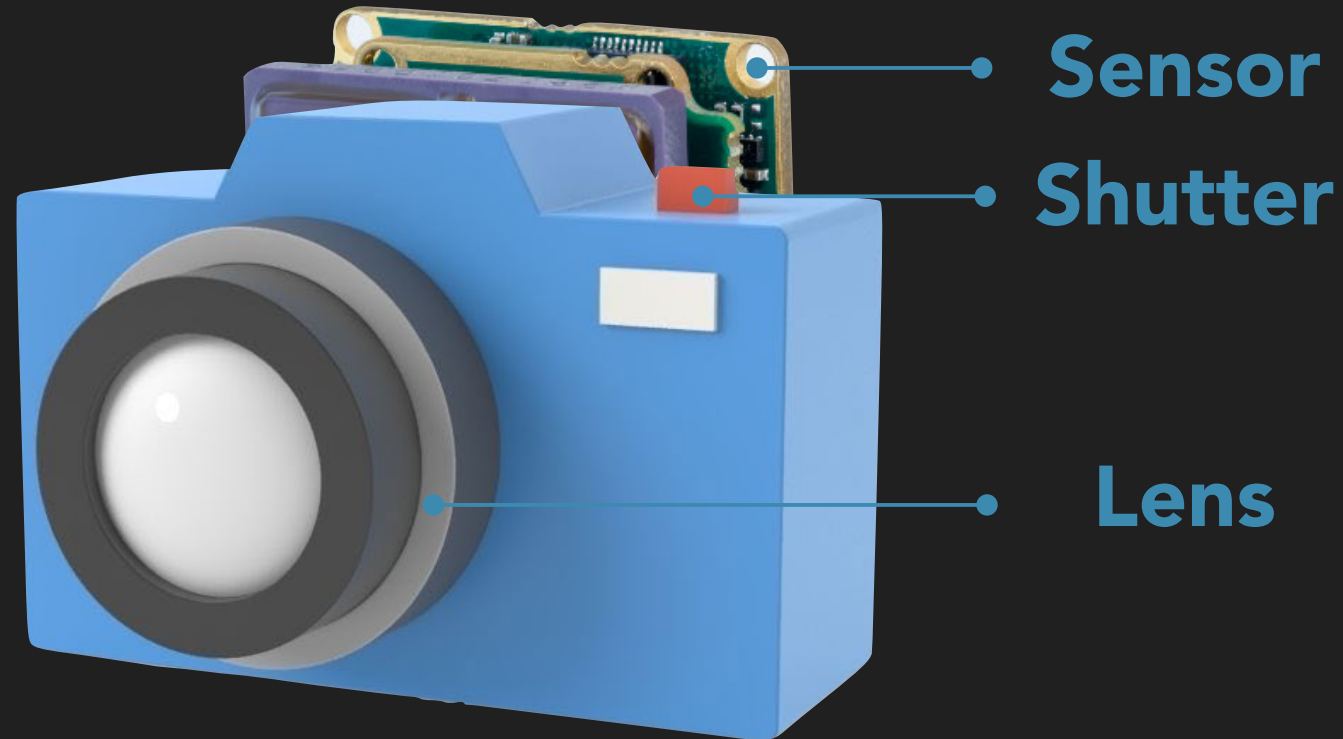
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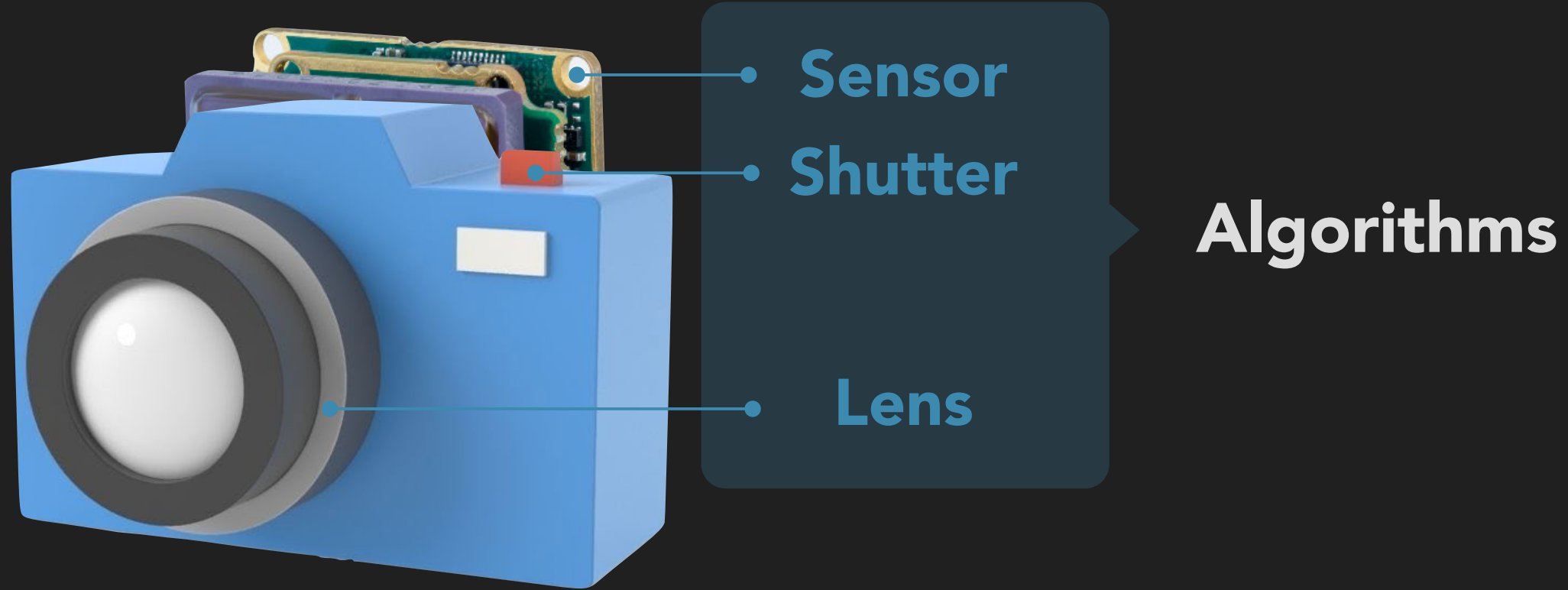
What We Have in a Casual Imaging Device



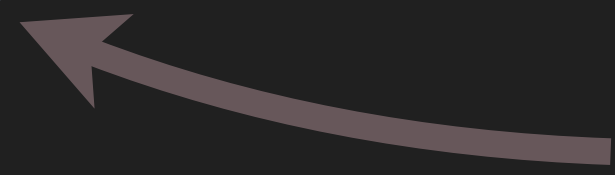
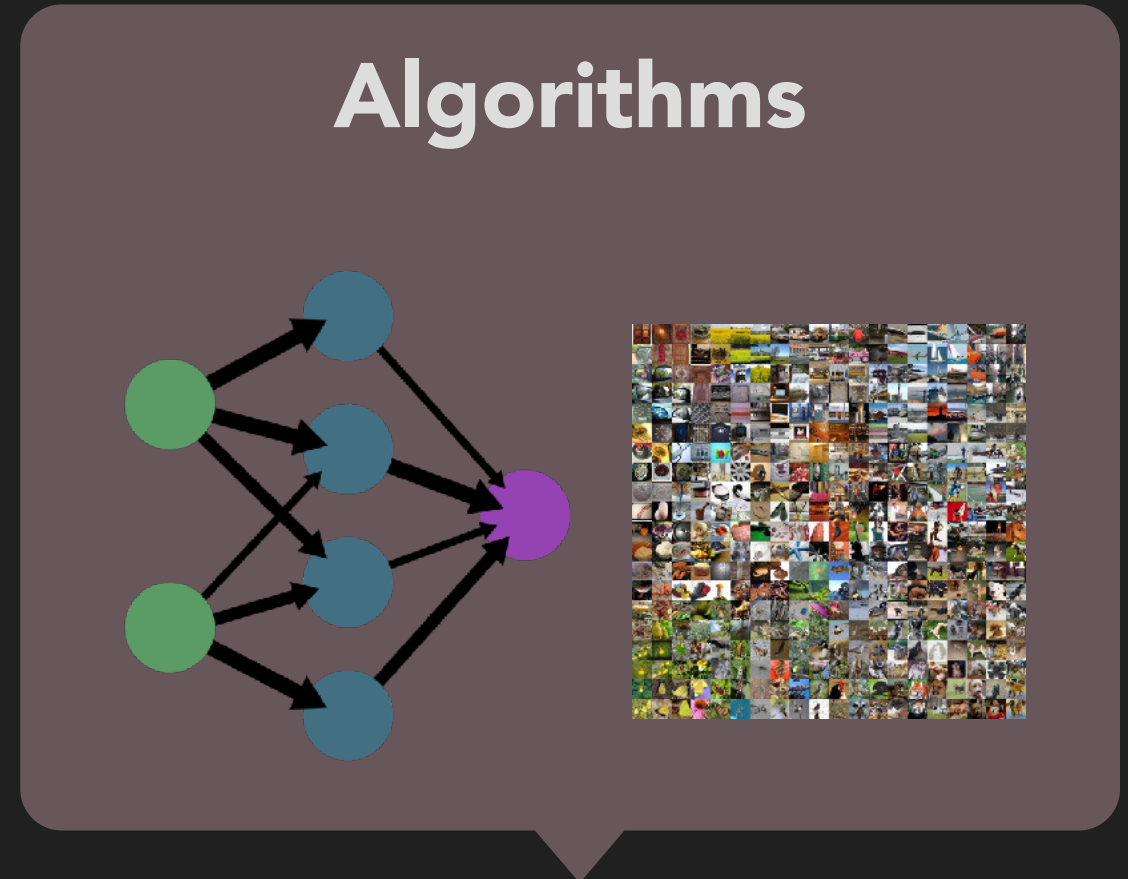
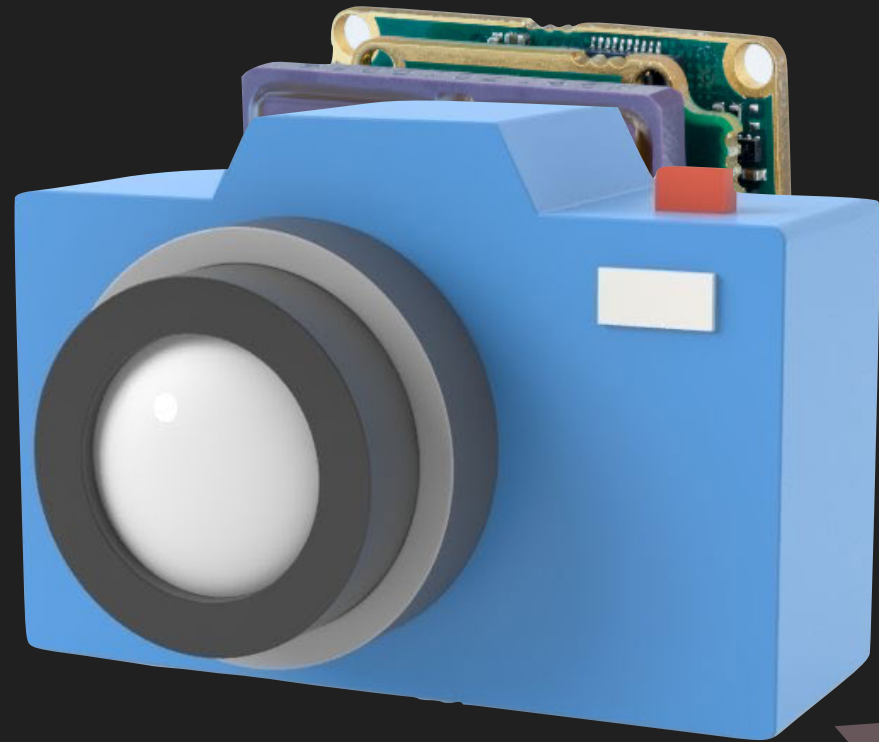
Lens, Shutter, Sensor



Lens, Shutter, Sensor, and Algorithms



Connecting Imaging and Context



Context

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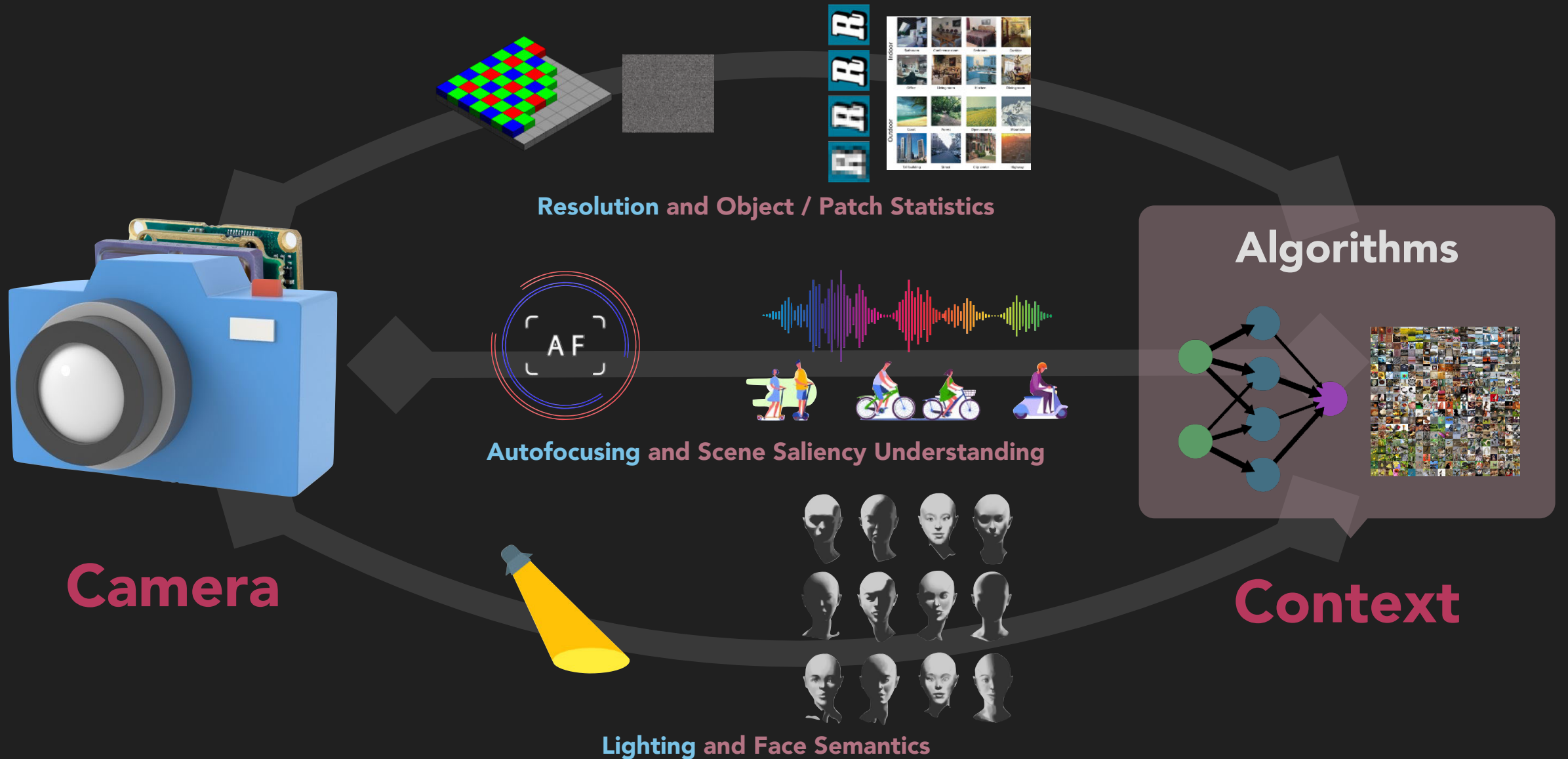


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Super-Resolution — Digital Zoom



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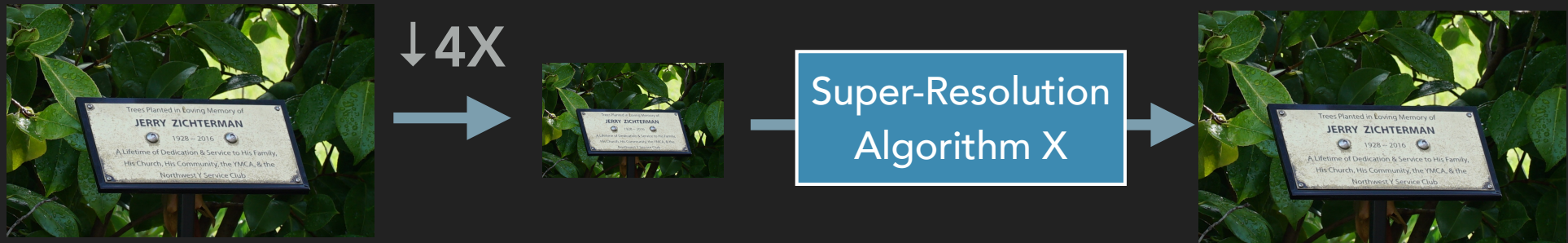


Apply

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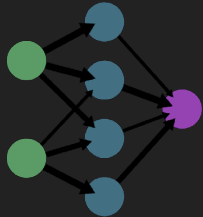
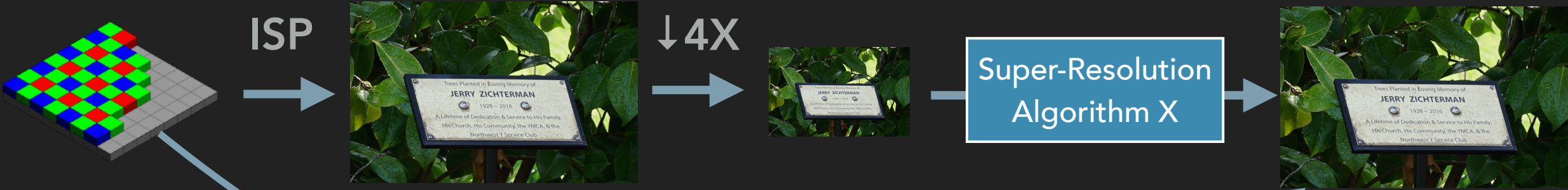
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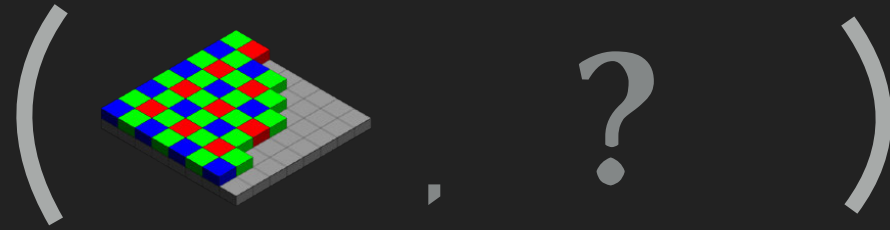
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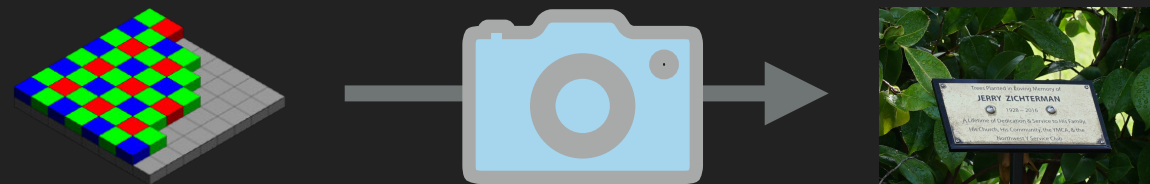


From Raw Sensor to Super-Resolved RGB

How Do We Get Ground Truth for Raw Sensor Data?



How Do We Do Better Than the Built-in Camera ISP?



The Upper Bound of Computational Zoom Is Optical Zoom



G.T. Capture With Optical Zoom

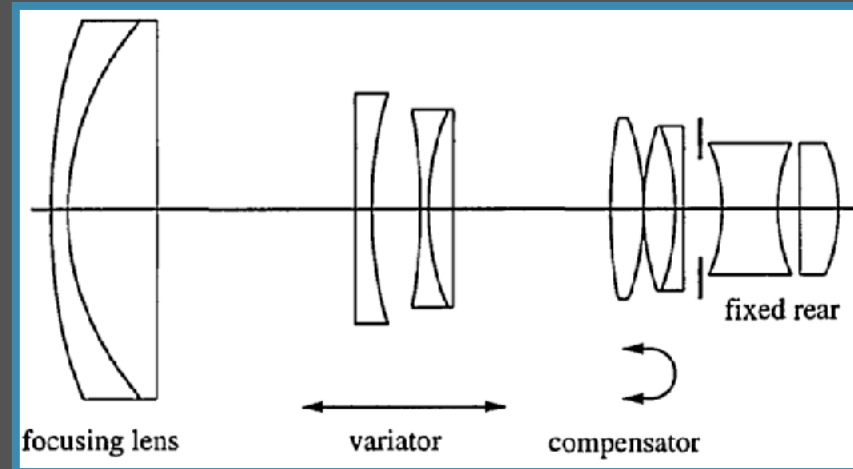


G.T. Capture With a Zoom Lens



Sources of Slight Mis-Alignment

Change in Effective Camera Center

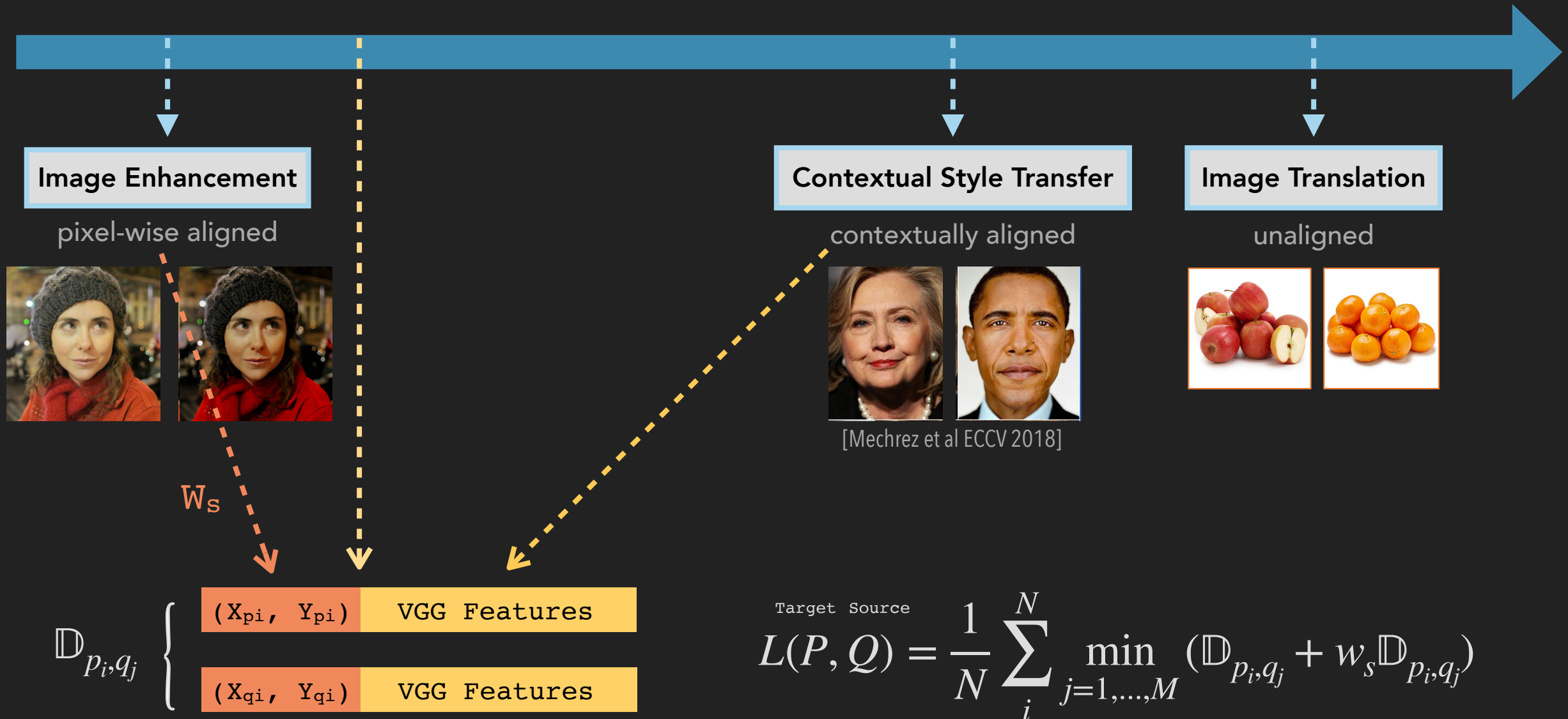


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Aligning Different Resolution



A Loss Function for Slightly Unaligned Data Pairs



Encoding Position Into Feature Vector

4X Results

Bicubic Upsampling

Contextual Loss

Contextual Bilateral Loss (CoBi)



Input (Bicubic Upsample)



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Ours 4X



4X Results



4X
Results



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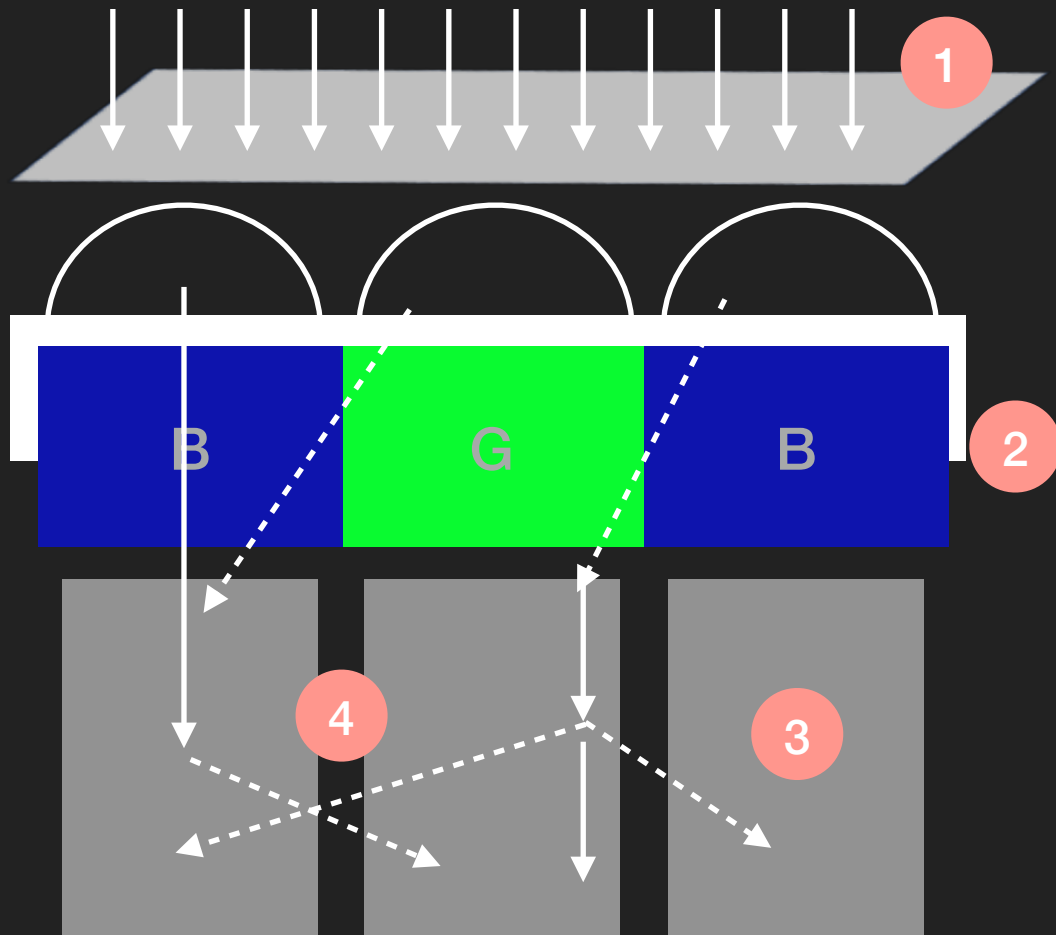
Train With Synthetic Sensor



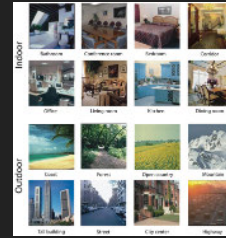
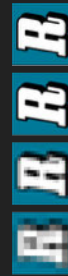
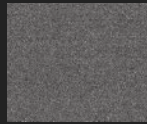
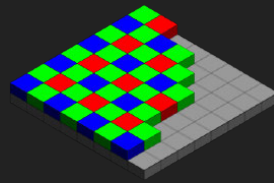
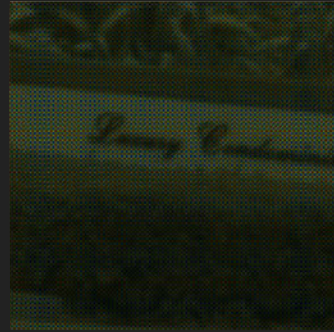
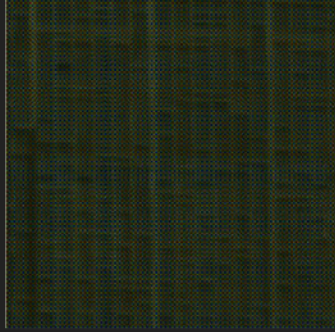
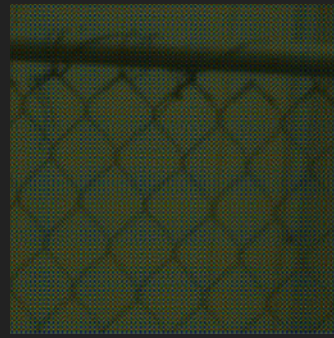
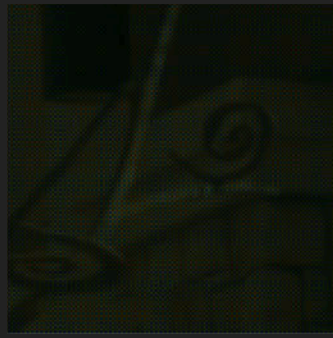
Train With Real Sensor (Ours)



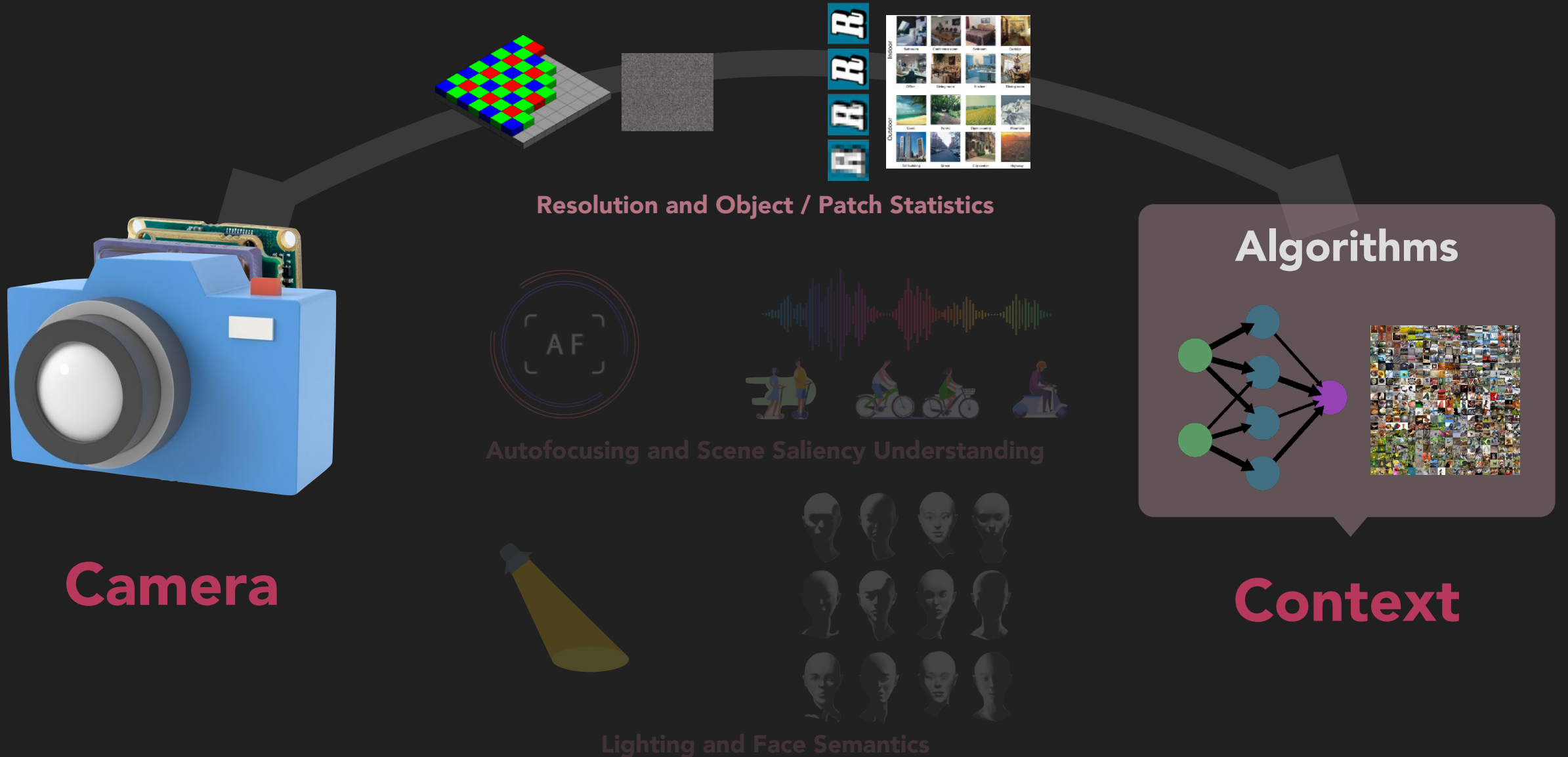
Raw Noise Is Difficult To Model

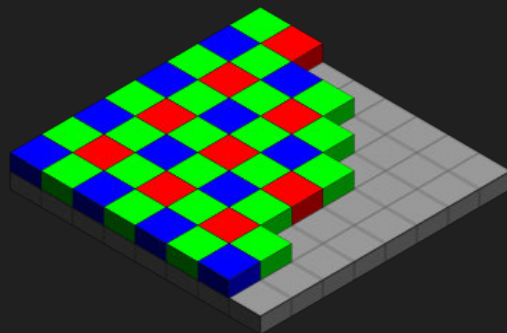


Features	Synthetic	Real
1 AA Filter	No	Yes / No
2 Bit Depth	8	12-14
3 Crosstalk	No	Yes
4 Fill Factor	100%	<100%



Context-Aware Casual Imaging





Sensor: 35.8 x 23.9 mm



Sensor: 5.12 x 3.84 mm

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Cinematic Focus is Appealing but Challenging

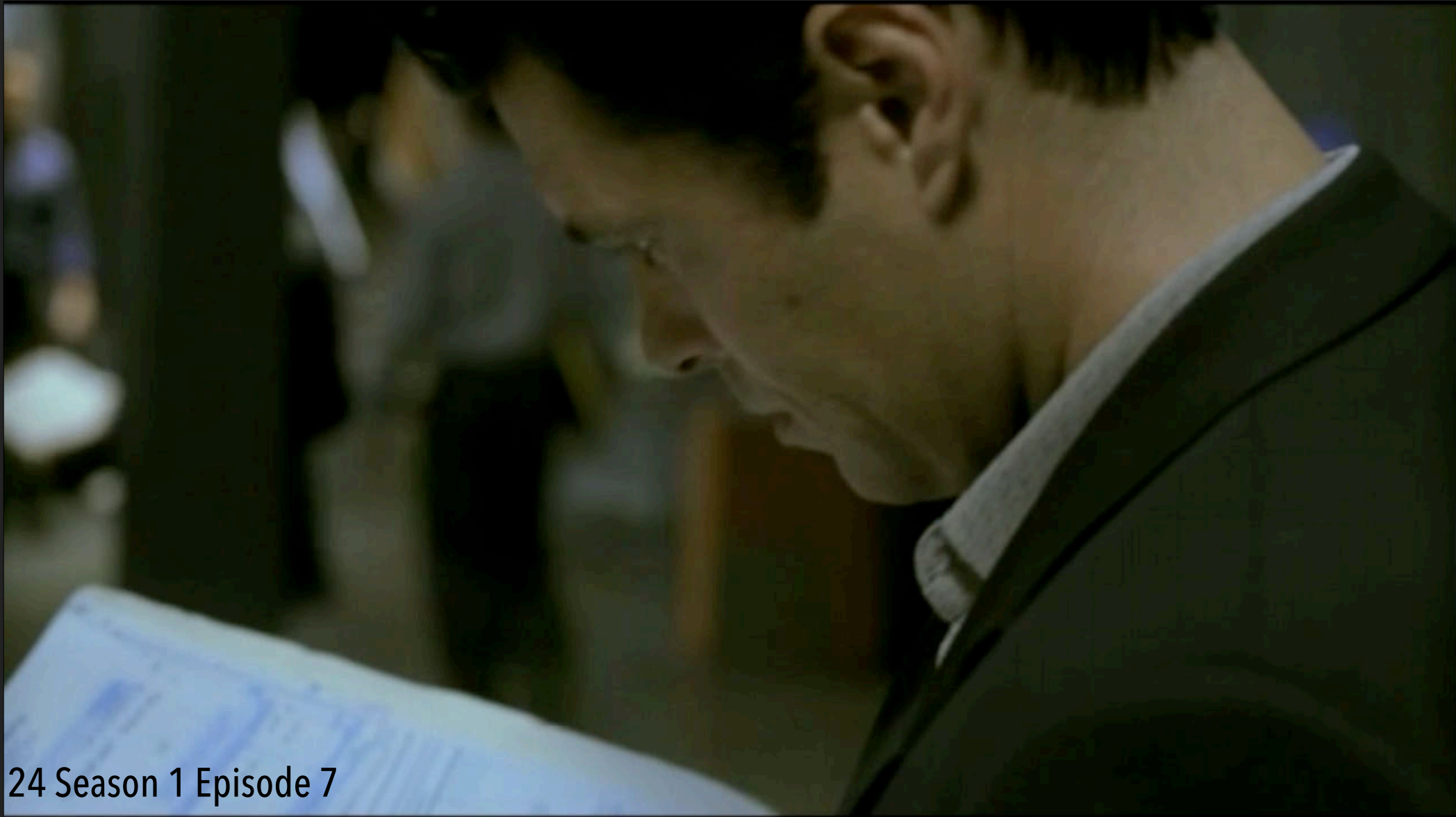
12 years a slave

Shallow Depth of Field (DOF) Is Visually Appealing



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Focus Guides the Viewer's Gaze



24 Season 1 Episode 7

Casual Videos Rely on Autofocus, Always Have Focus Errors



Small Phone Cameras Don't Give Shallow DOF



OUR GOAL

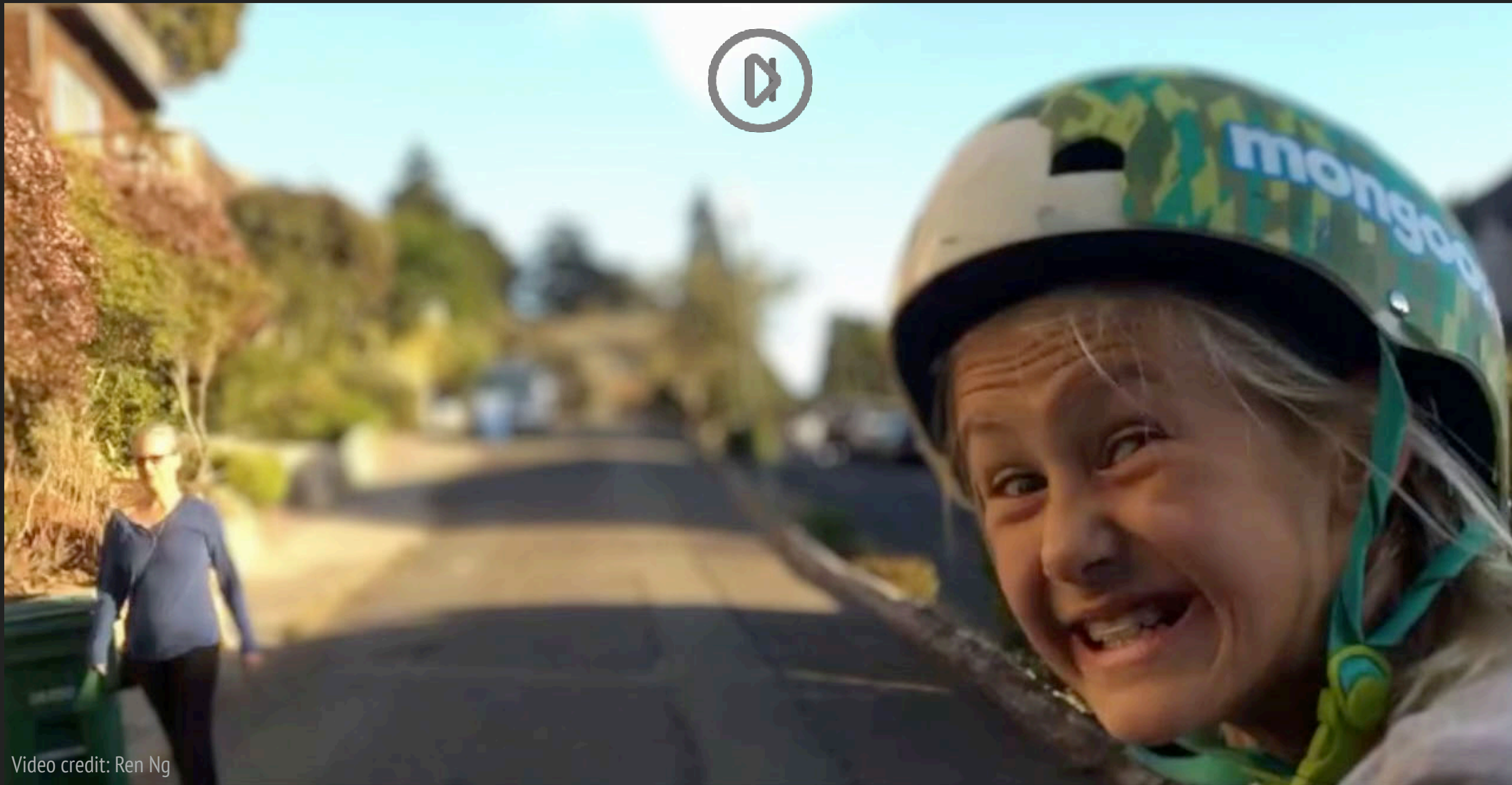
Cinematic Focusing for Casual Video.

Input Casual Video



Vid 5

Output Autofocus Video From our System



Video credit: Ren Ng

Good Video Autofocus Needs Future Information

- We identify that good video autofocus needs information about the future
- We make that future information available to video autofocus for the first time
- We built a prototype system to demonstrate the potential of this approach

RVR

Making Videos Refocusable

- Synthesizing shallow DOF from deep DOF videos

LAAF

Look-Ahead Autofocus

- A class of autofocus algorithms that looks at future frames

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Making Videos Refocusable

Input
Deep DOF
Video



RVR: Refocusable Video Renderer

RGBD-HDR Estimator

Temporal-Stabilizer

Occlusion-aware
Defocus Renderer

Refocusable
Shallow DOF
Video



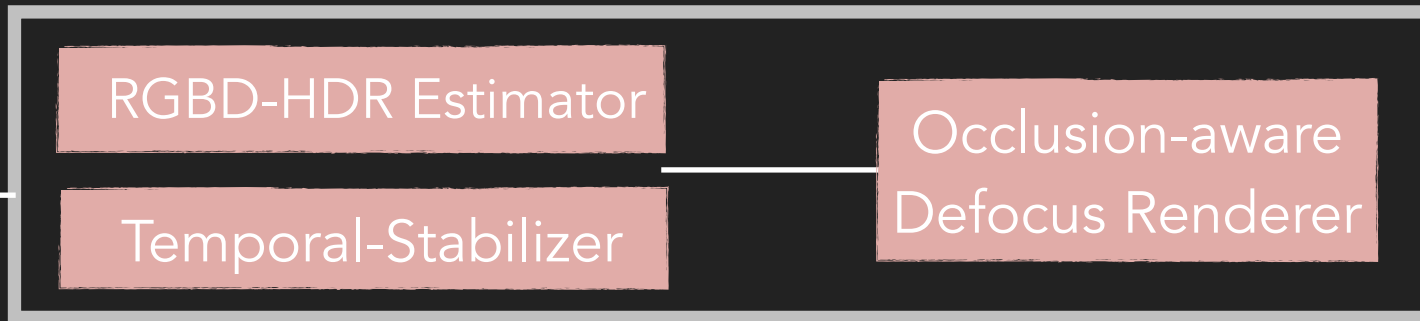
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APERTURE DATASET



HDR RECOVERY



TEMPORAL COHERENCY



Shallow DOF Makes Casual Videos Appealing



When and Where To Focus?



Vid 7

RVR-Only: Shallow DOF From RVR Gives Wrong Focus!



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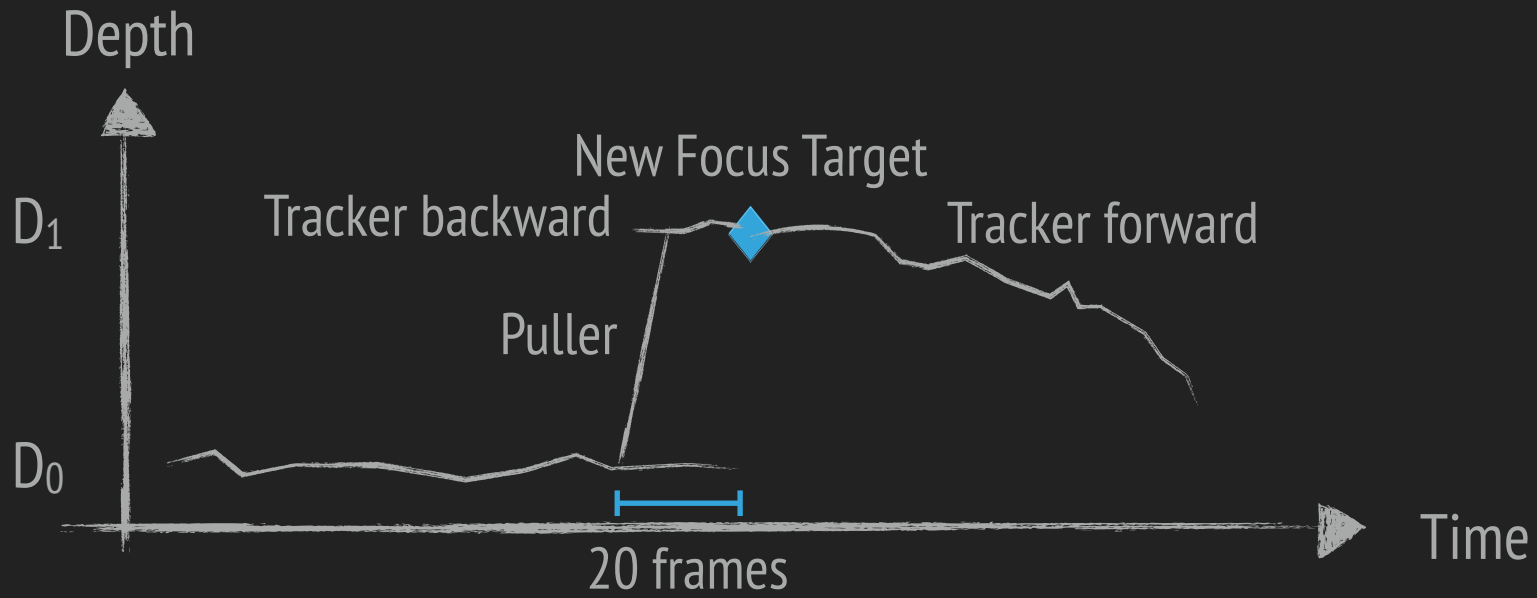
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New Focus Target + Tracking + Focus Puller

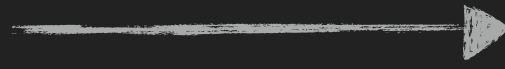
Previous Focus Target

◆ New Focus Target



Previous Focus Target (baby)

Focus Puller

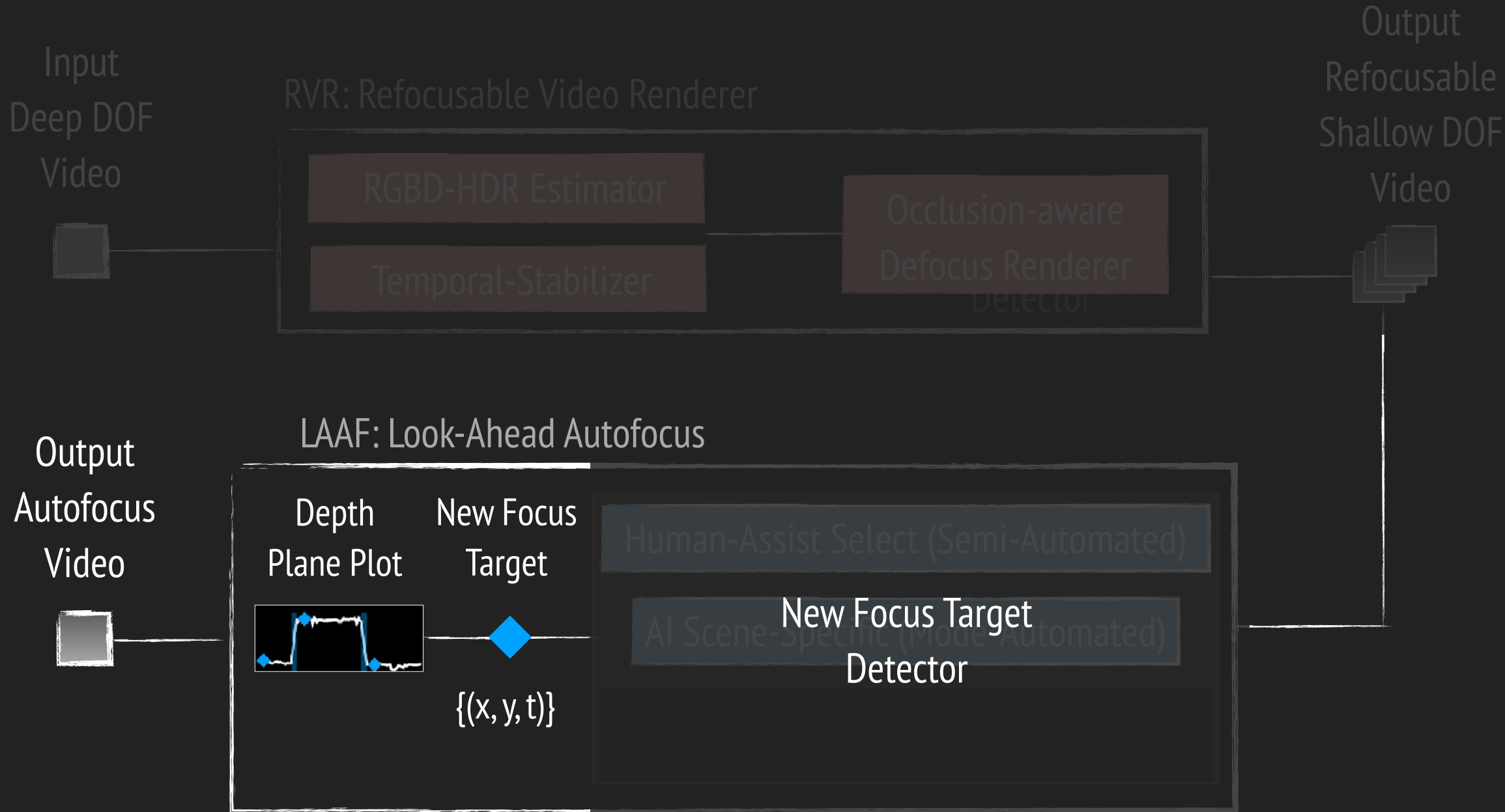


New Focus Target (mom)



Played 2X slower

LAAF Tells When and Where To Focus

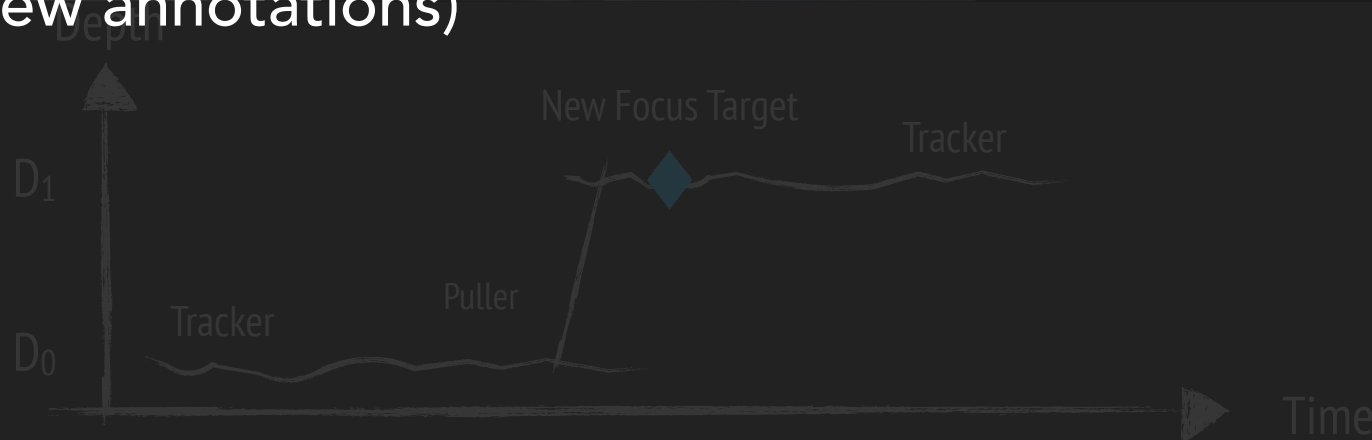
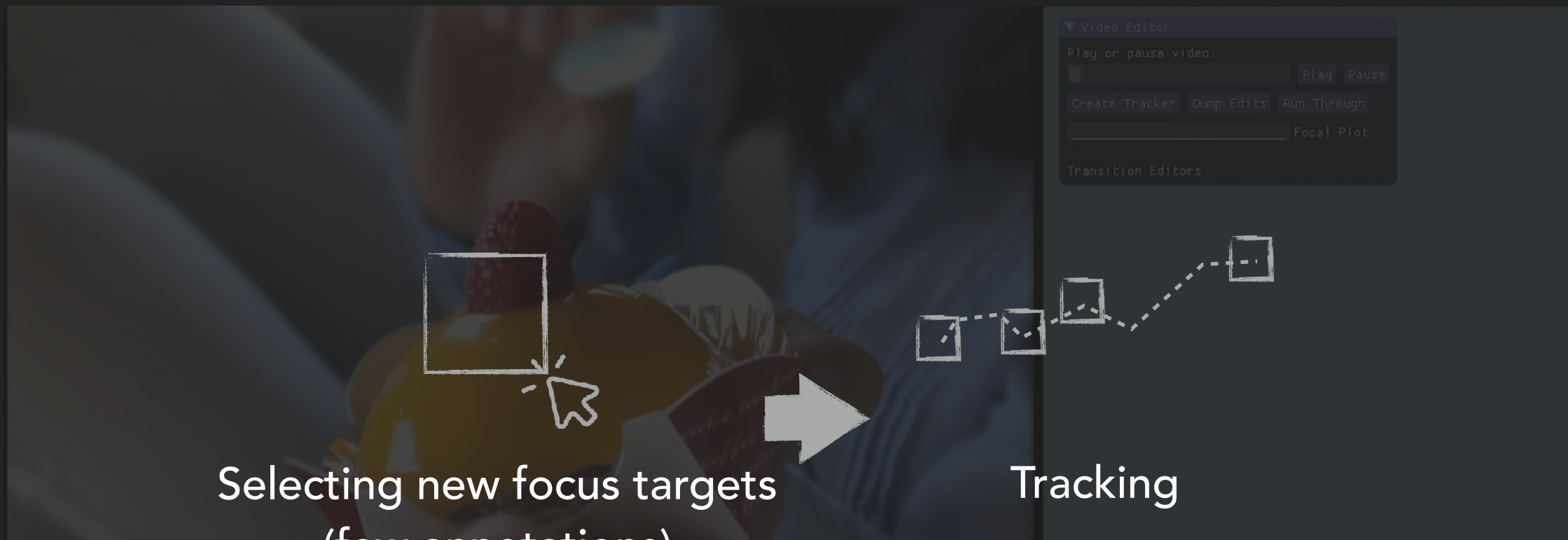


New Focus Target Detector

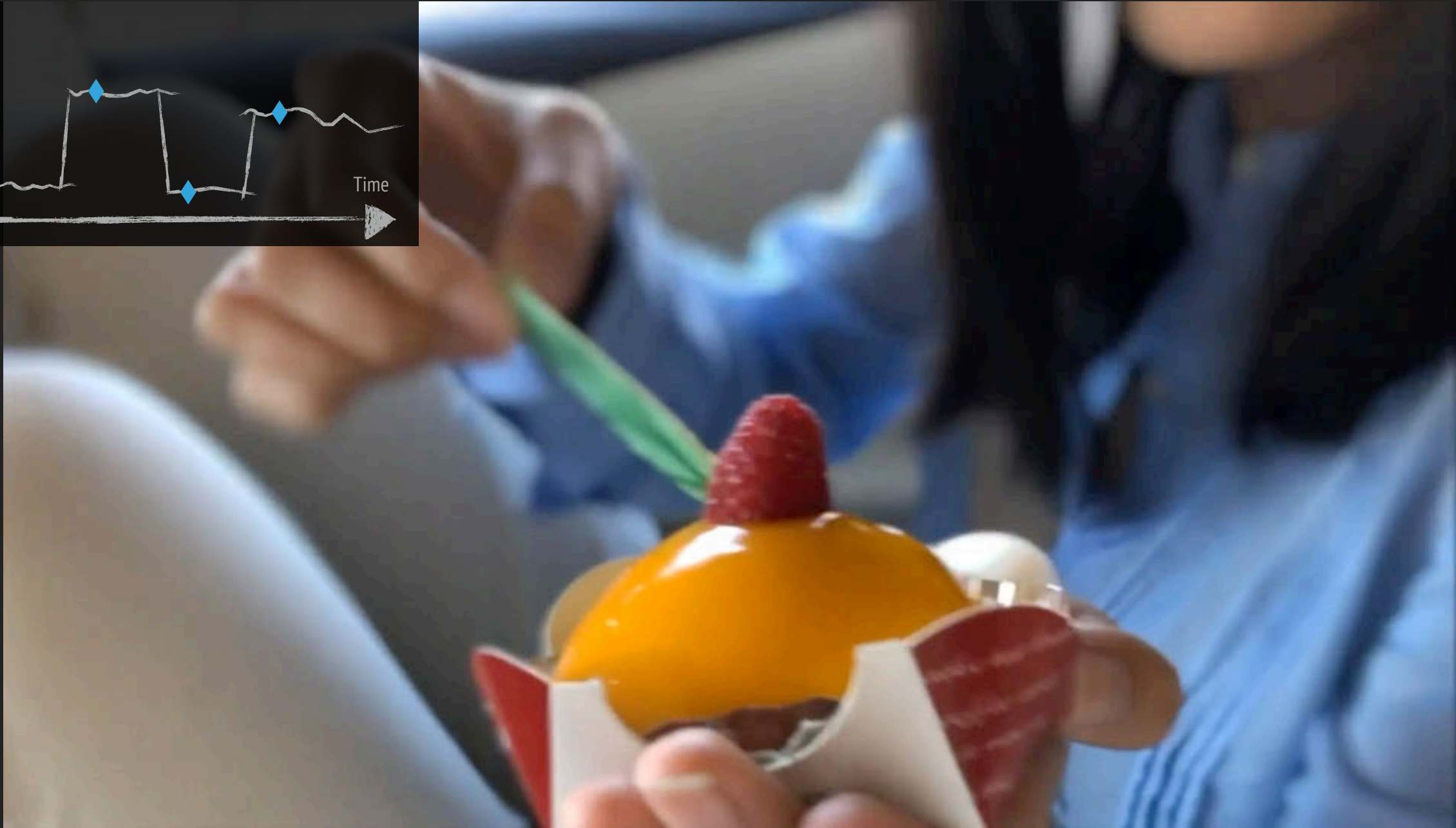
Human-Assisted Semi-Autofocus

Scene-Specific Autofocus

GUI + Tracking To Get New Focus Targets



Autofocus Result With LAAF-GUI



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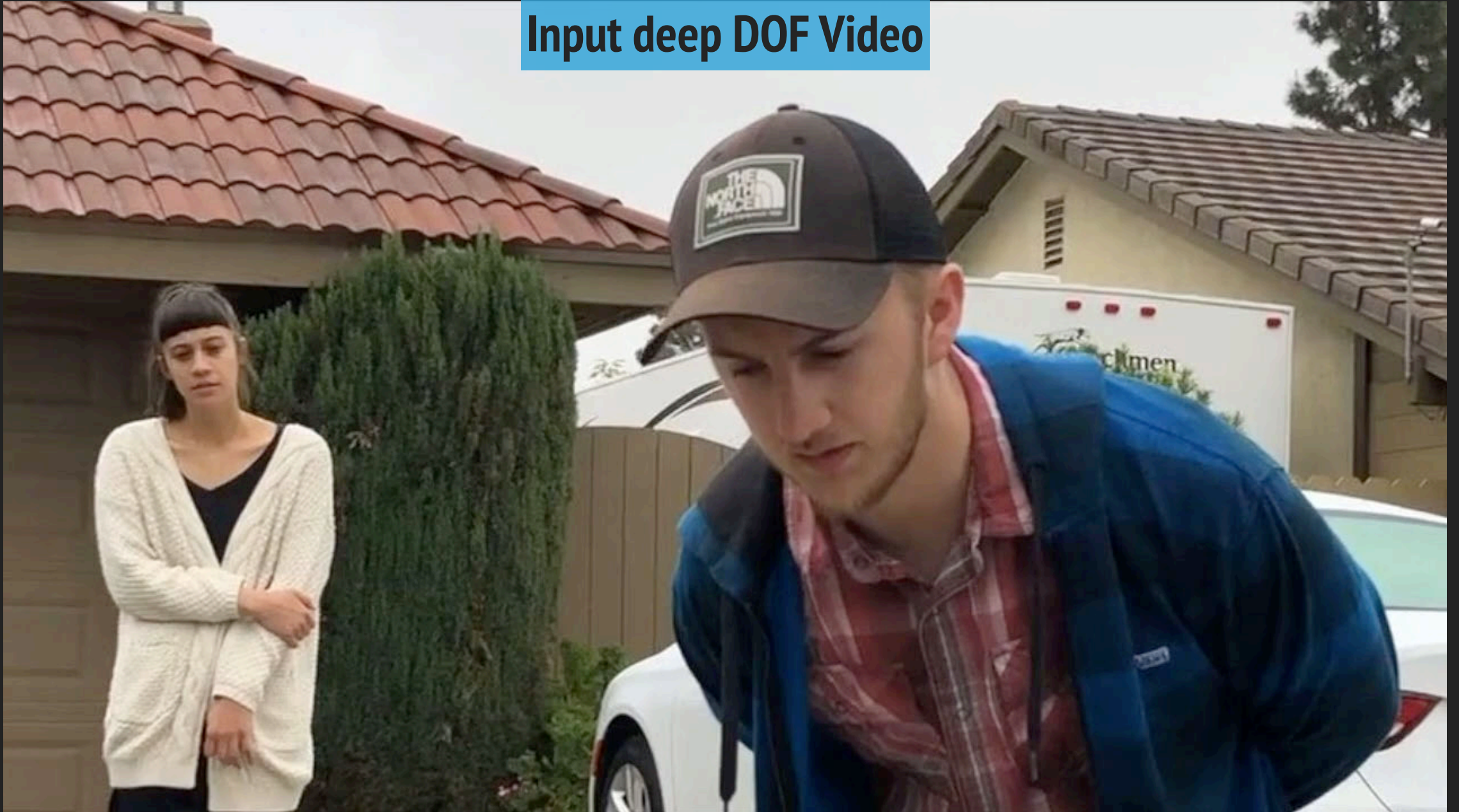
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Audio-Driven LAAF Example — Come See the Spider?

Vid 9

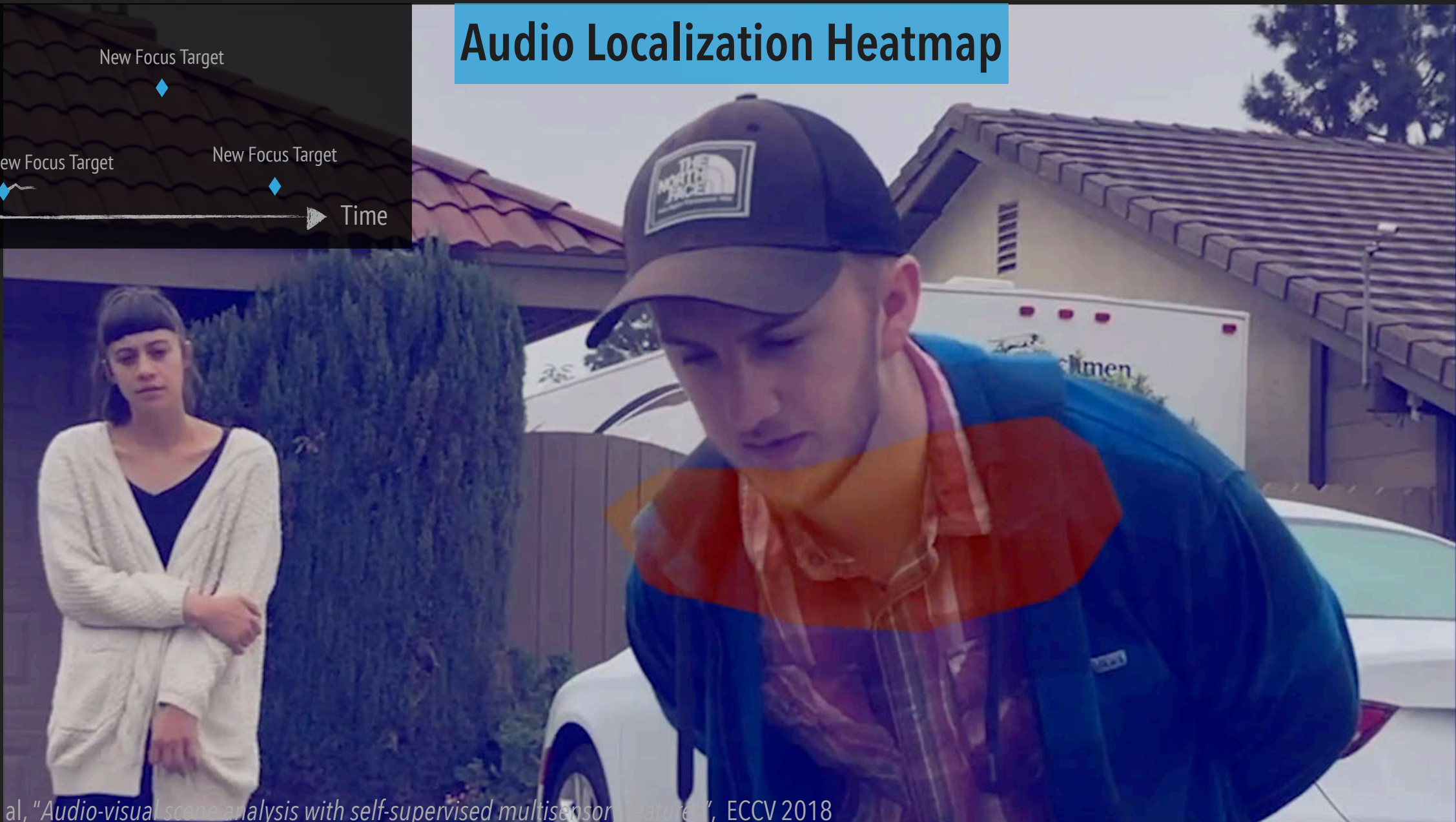
Input deep DOF Video



Scene-Specific Heatmap Identifies New Focus Targets



Audio Localization Heatmap



Autofocus Output With Audio-Aware LAAF

Output Video with Autofocus



What if We Use RVR to Naïvely Apply Shallow DOF ?

No LAAF, only RVR



Mode-Automatic: Scene-Specific Autofocus

Set focus **right before**

one speaks

an action happens



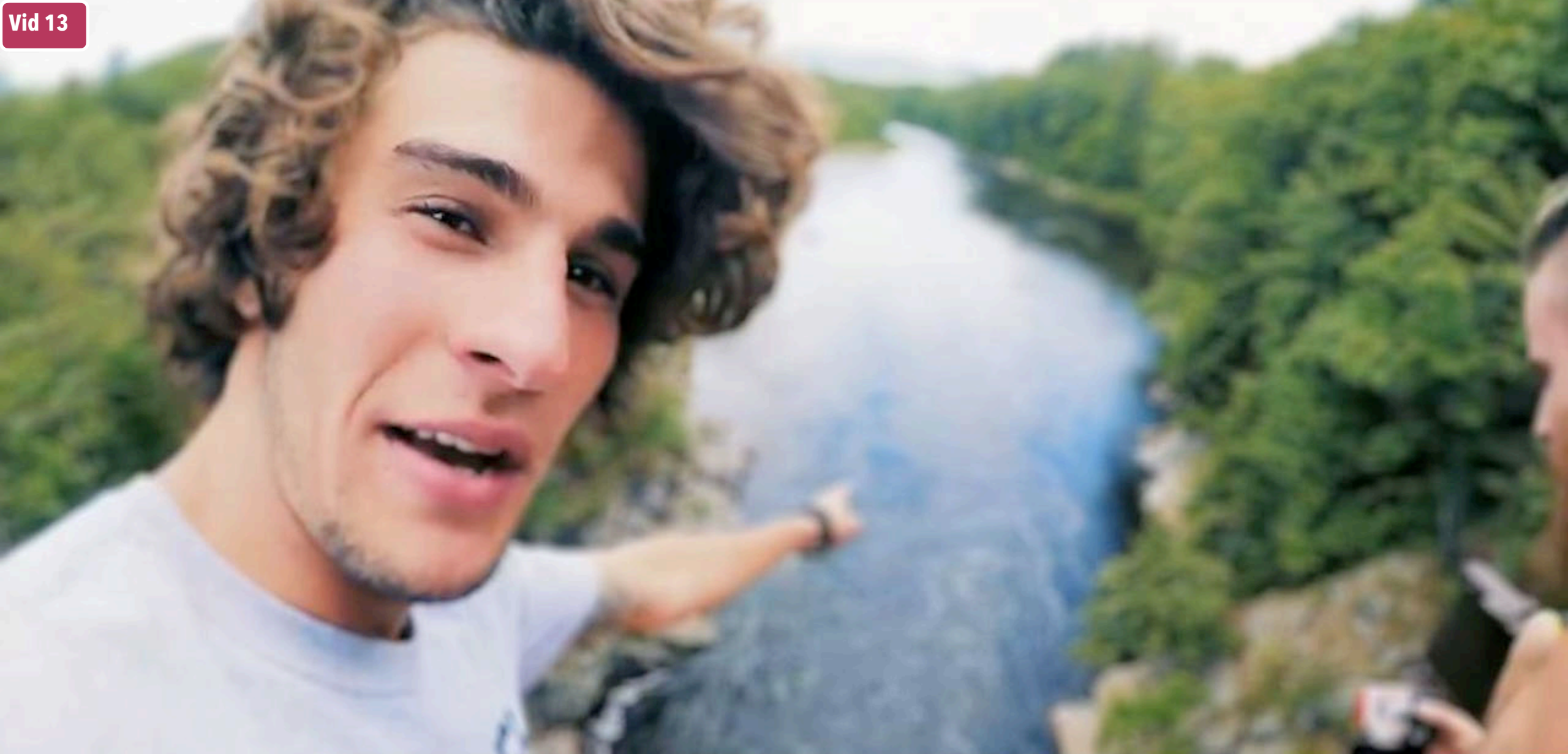
Audio-aware RVR-LAAF



Action-aware RVR-LAAF

LAAF Makes Casual Videos Contextually Meaningful

Vid 13



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Video Saliency as New Focus Targets

Make focusing fully automatic

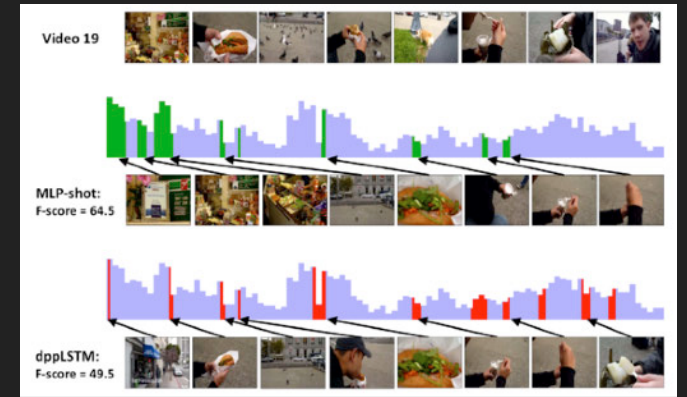


Data-driven
Autofocus

(video clip , mask + t)

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Video Summarization



New video saliency dataset

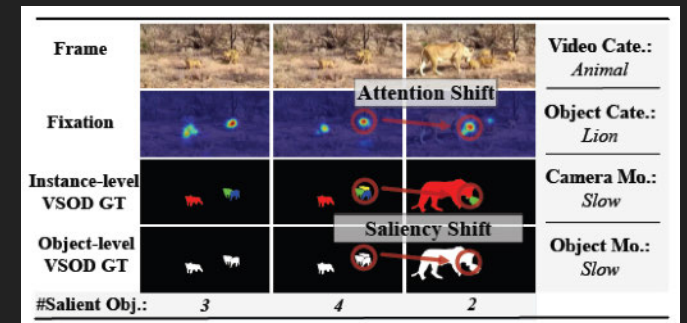
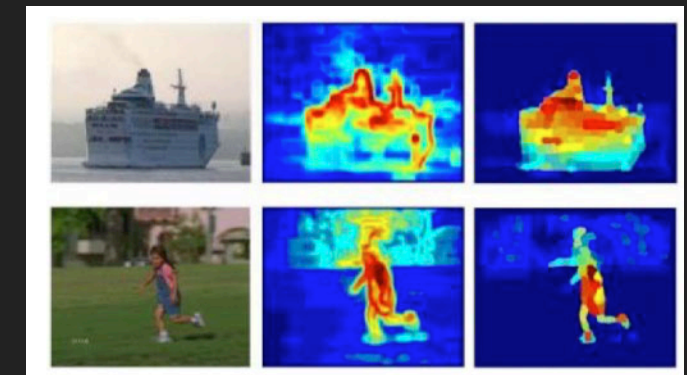


Image and Video Saliency





More results: ceciliavision.github.io/vid-auto-focus/

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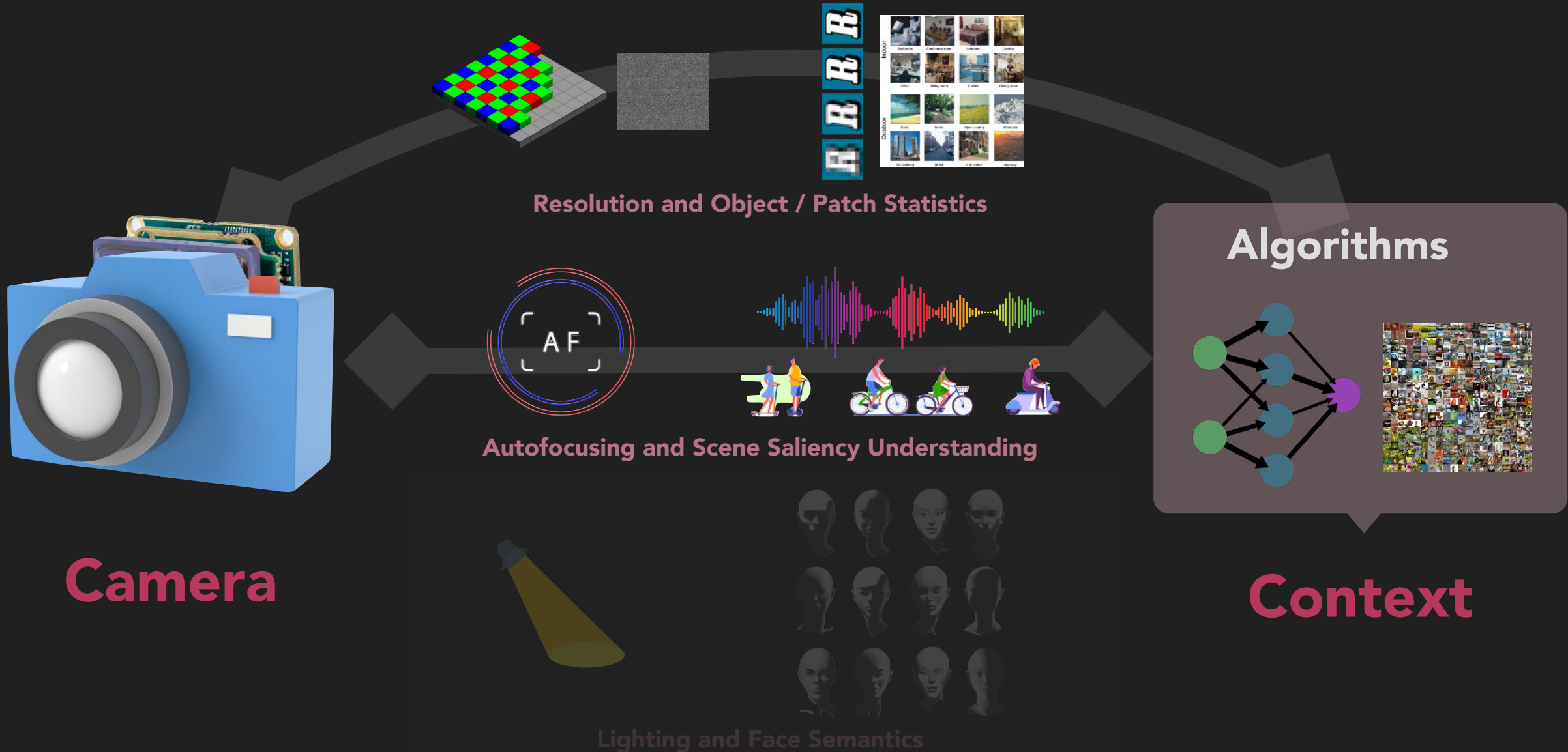


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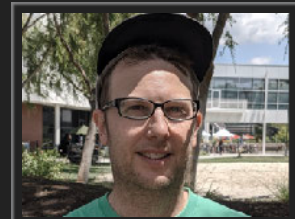
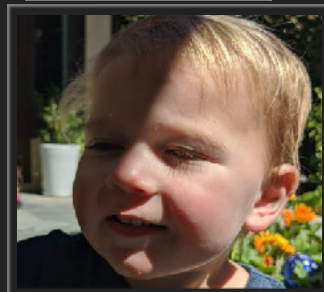
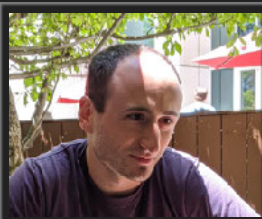
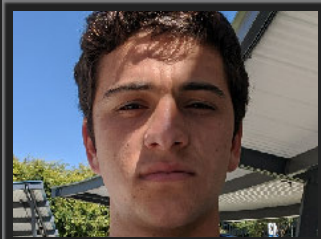
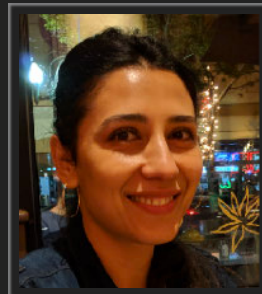
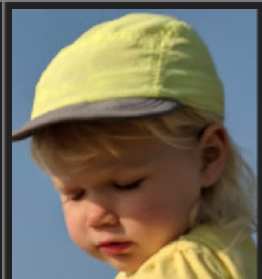
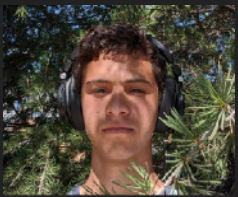
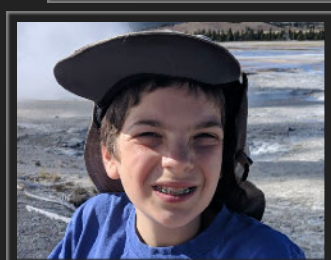
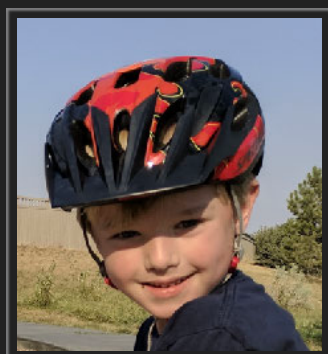
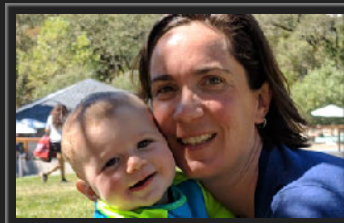
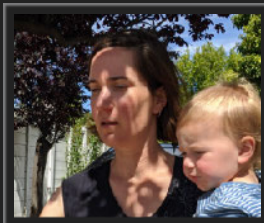
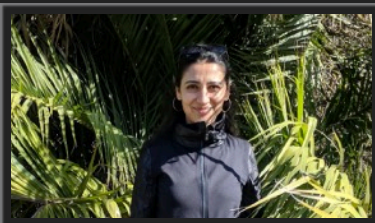
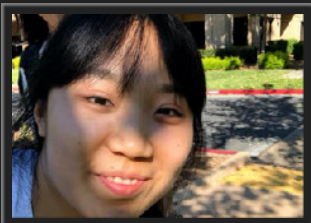
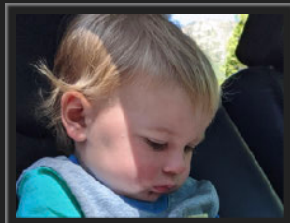
- Video Synthetic Defocus
- 'Future' Scene Understanding

Lighting



Portrait Shadow Manipulation
Zhang et al, SIGGRAPH 2020

- Shadow Editing Post-Capture
- Embedding Professional Lighting Principals

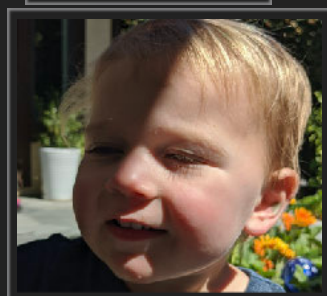
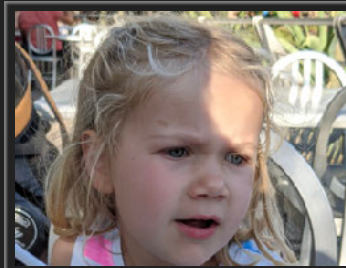
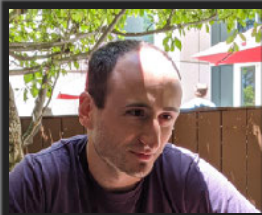
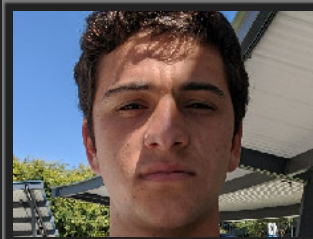
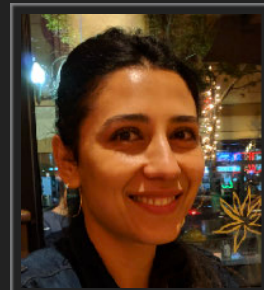
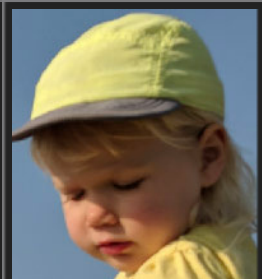
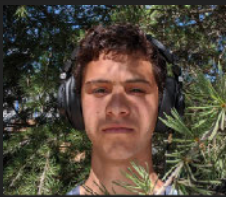
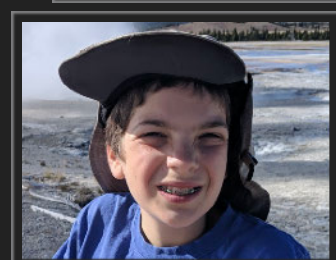
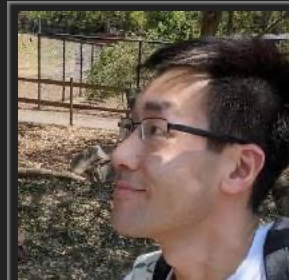
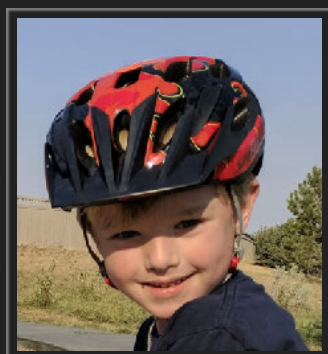
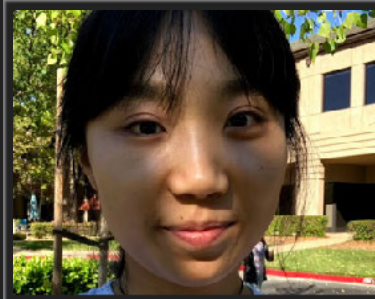
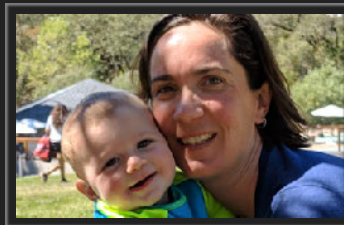
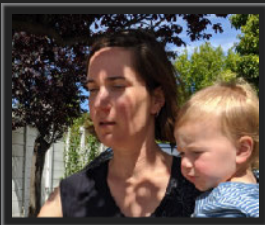
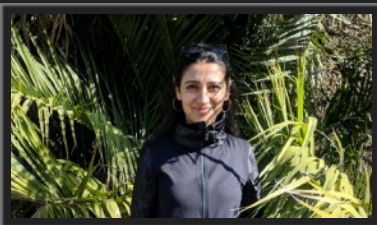
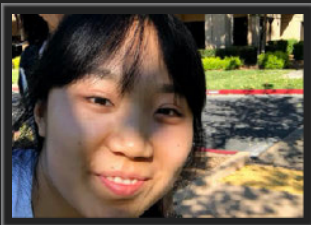
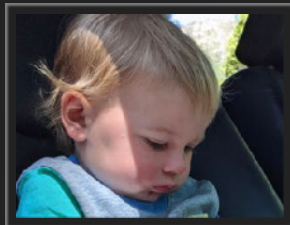




**Shadows
Cast by Hat**

**Highlights
(High Contrast)**

**Facial Harsh Shadows
(High Contrast)**





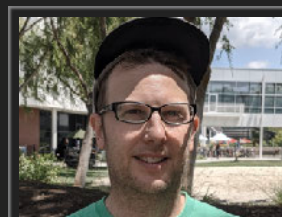
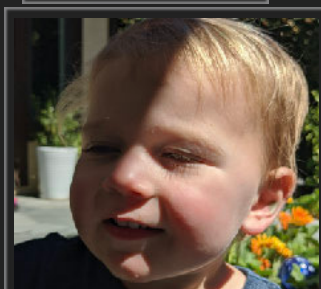
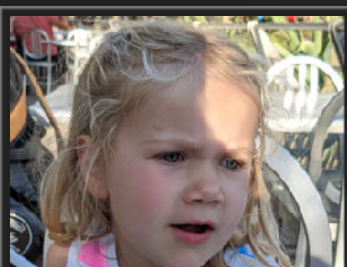
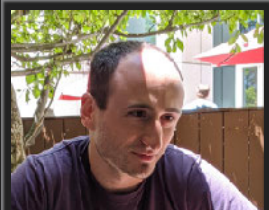
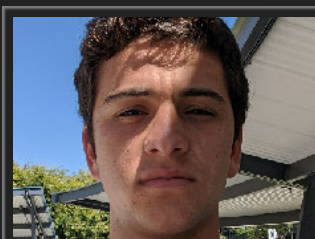
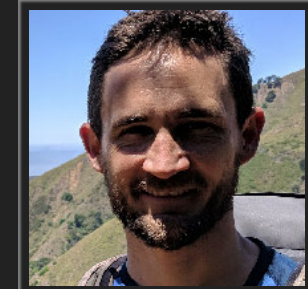
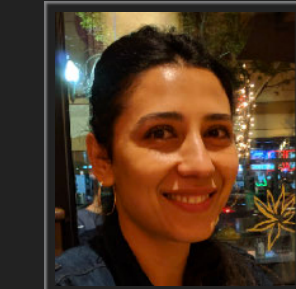
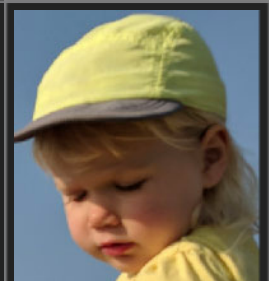
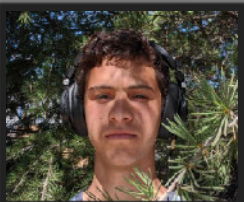
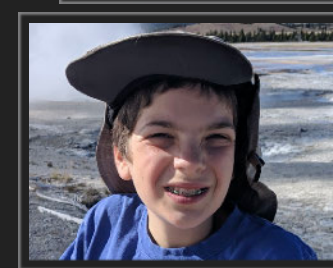
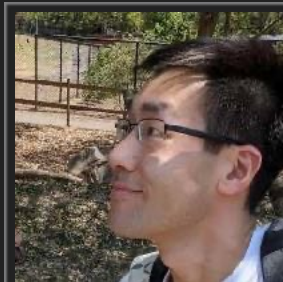
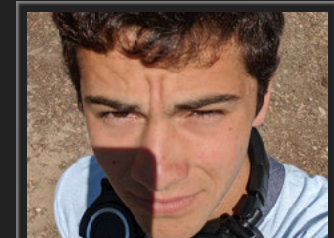
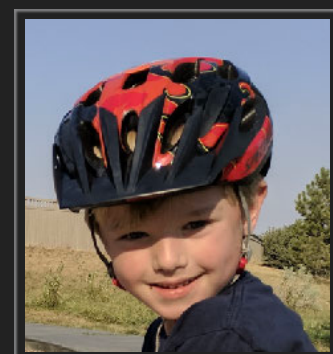
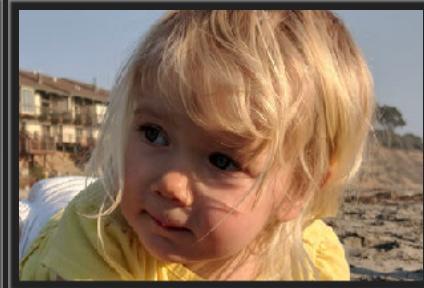
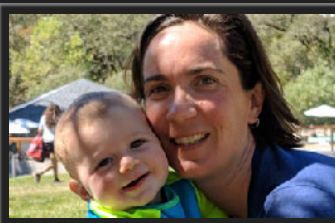
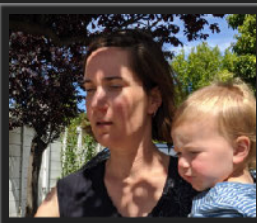
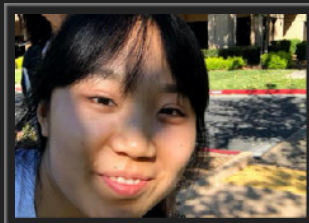
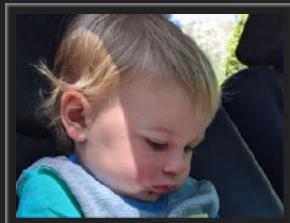
**Shadows
Cast External Objects**

Casual Portraits Are Often Badly-Lit

- Natural Lighting Can Be Suboptimal
- Casual Photographers Do Not Have Control Over Natural Lighting

Two Sources of Portrait Shadows

- Facial Features Cast High Contrast Shadows
- External Objects Cast Randomly Shaped Shadows



Portrait Shadow By Two Types

Foreign Shadow:

cast by external objects and hats



Facial Shadow:

cast by facial features



We Enable Shadow-Lighting Editing

Foreign Shadow

Facial Shadow

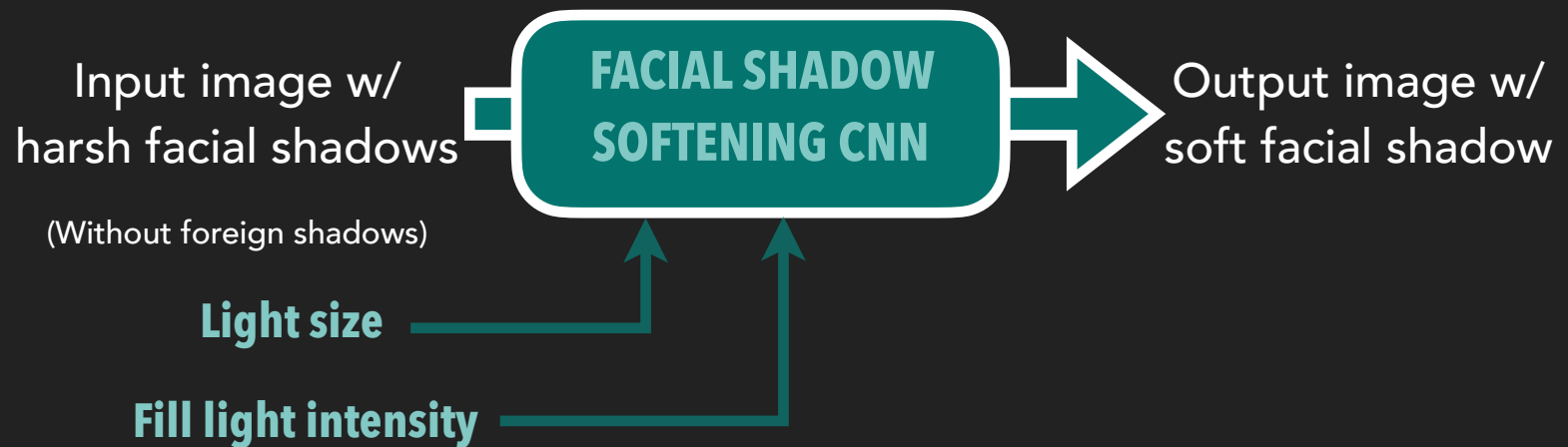
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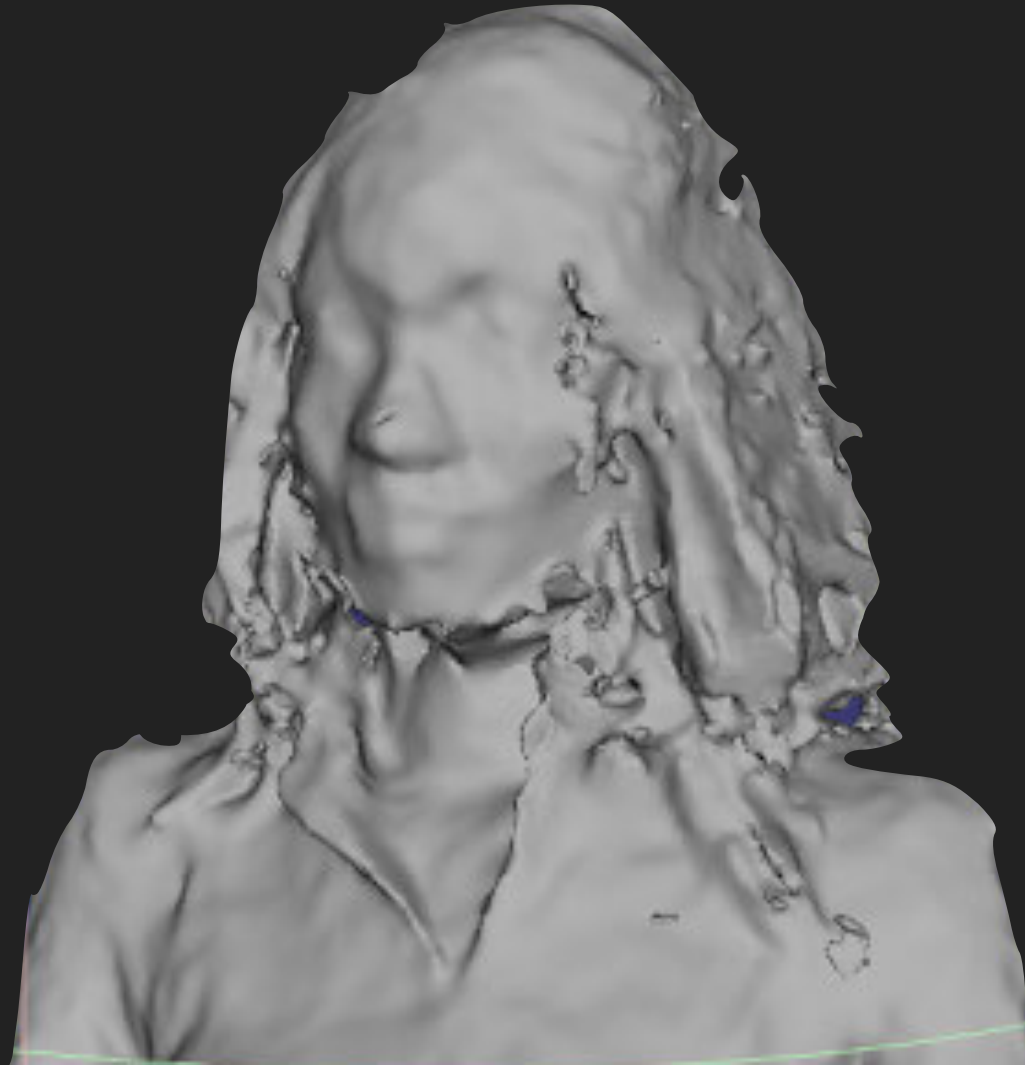
Badly-Lit Portrait Shadow Can Be Enhanced Using Knowledge of Good Lighting

- We identify the two types of portrait shadows and edit them differently according to different lighting principles
- We embed good lighting principles into the system using machine learning and synthesized data
- We show facial shadow manipulation benefits from symmetry modeling
- We demonstrate the system on real-world casually taken portrait photos

Two Models: Input and Output



3D Data Is Noisy and Non-Scalable



Two Data Synthesis Models

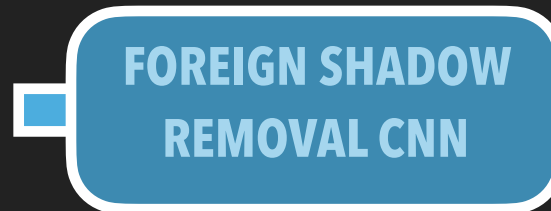
Foreign Shadow Synthesis

- Image of faces in the wild
- Synthesized foreign shadows



Input image w/
foreign shadows

(Contain soft or harsh facial shadows)



Output image w/o
foreign shadow

Facial Shadow Synthesis

- Light stage scans
- Synthesized light environment



Input image w/
harsh facial shadows

(Without foreign shadows)



Output image w/
soft facial shadow

Light size

Fill light intensity



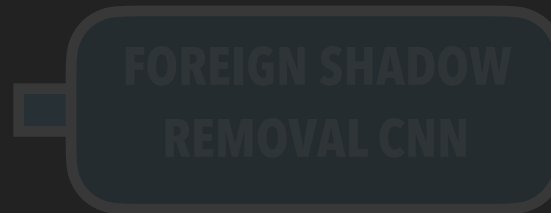
Foreign Shadow Removal Model and Controllable Facial Shadow Softening Model

Foreign Shadow Synthesis

- Image of faces in the wild
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Input image w/
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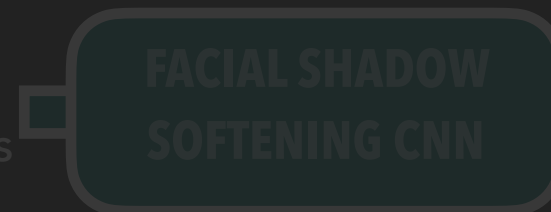
Output image w/o
foreign shadow

Facial Shadow Synthesis

- Light stage scans
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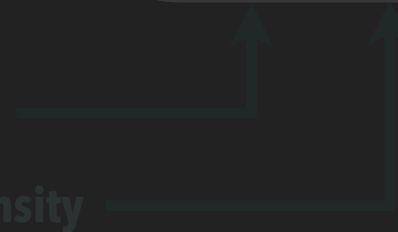
Input image w/
harsh facial shadows



Output image w/
soft facial shadow

Light size

Fill light intensity



Foreign Shadow Synthesis Model

$$I = I_l \circ (1 - M) + I_s \circ M$$

Synthesized input

Lit-image

Shadow-image

with color variation

Shadow mask

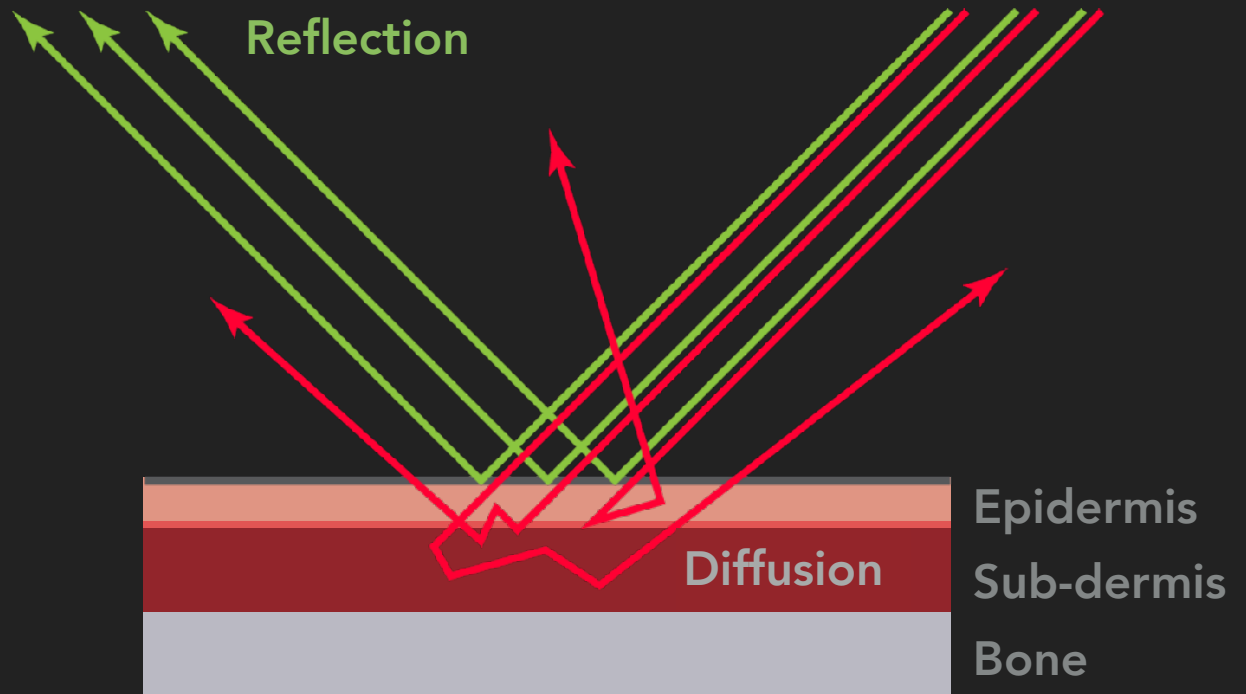
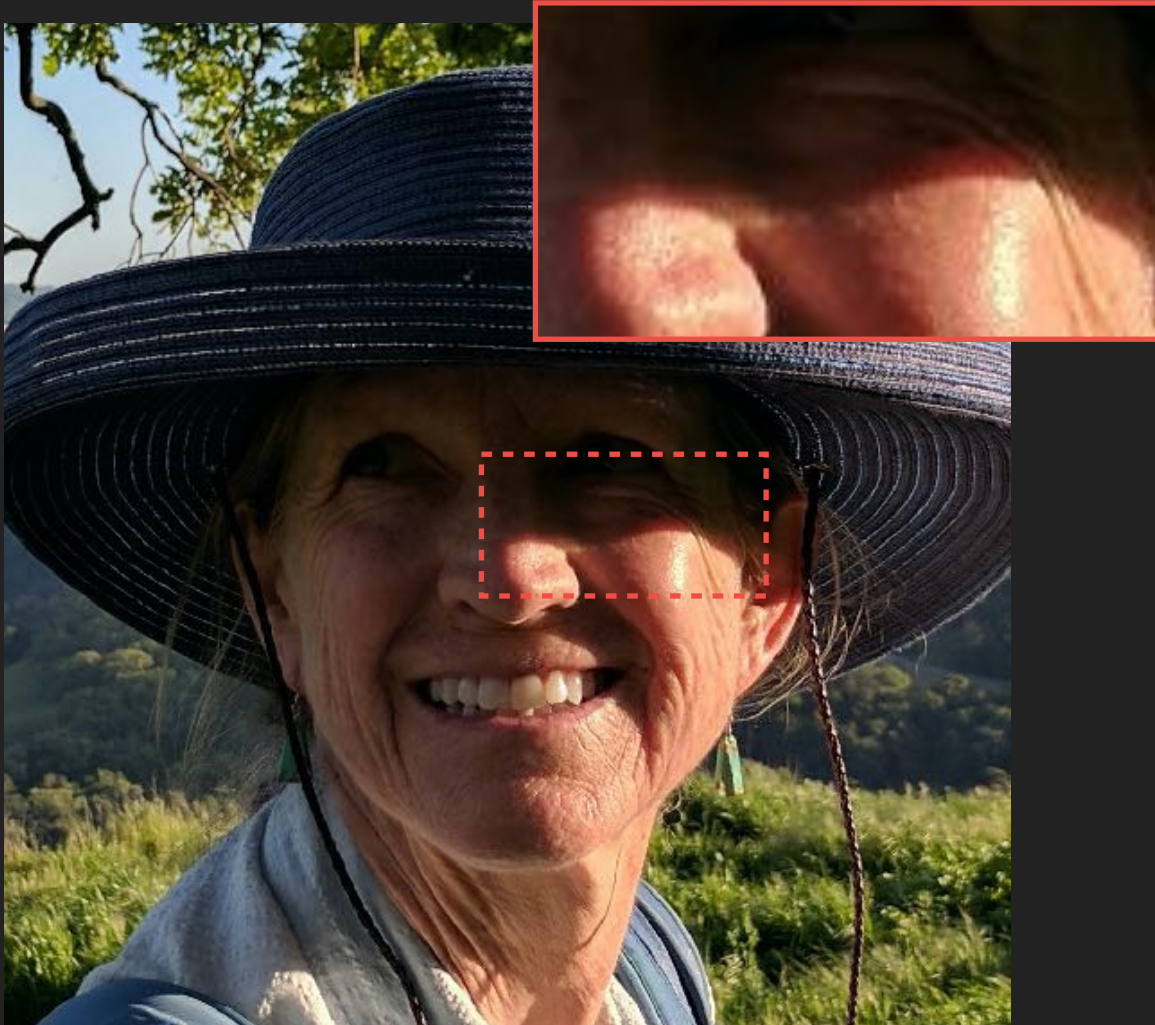
with subsurface scattering

with spatial intensity variation

with spatially-varying blur

How Does Shadow Appear On Faces

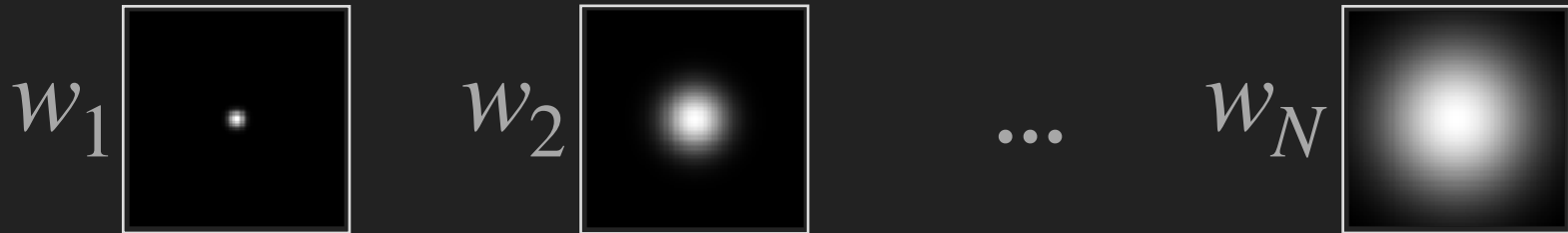
1. Subsurface Scattering Approximation



Subsurface Scattering on Skin

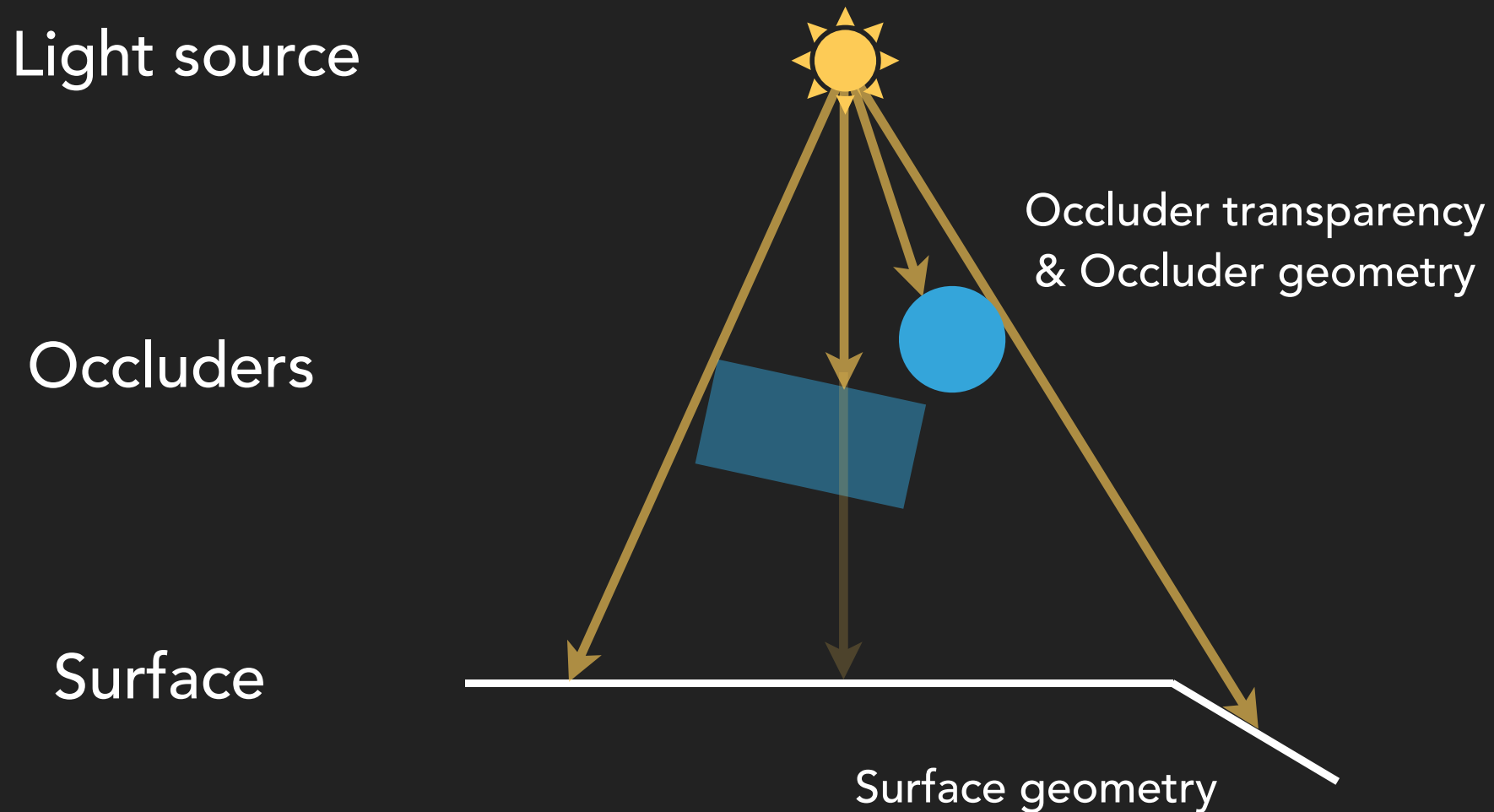
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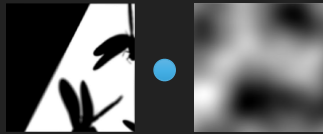
How Does Shadow Appear On Faces

2. Spatially-Varying Appearance



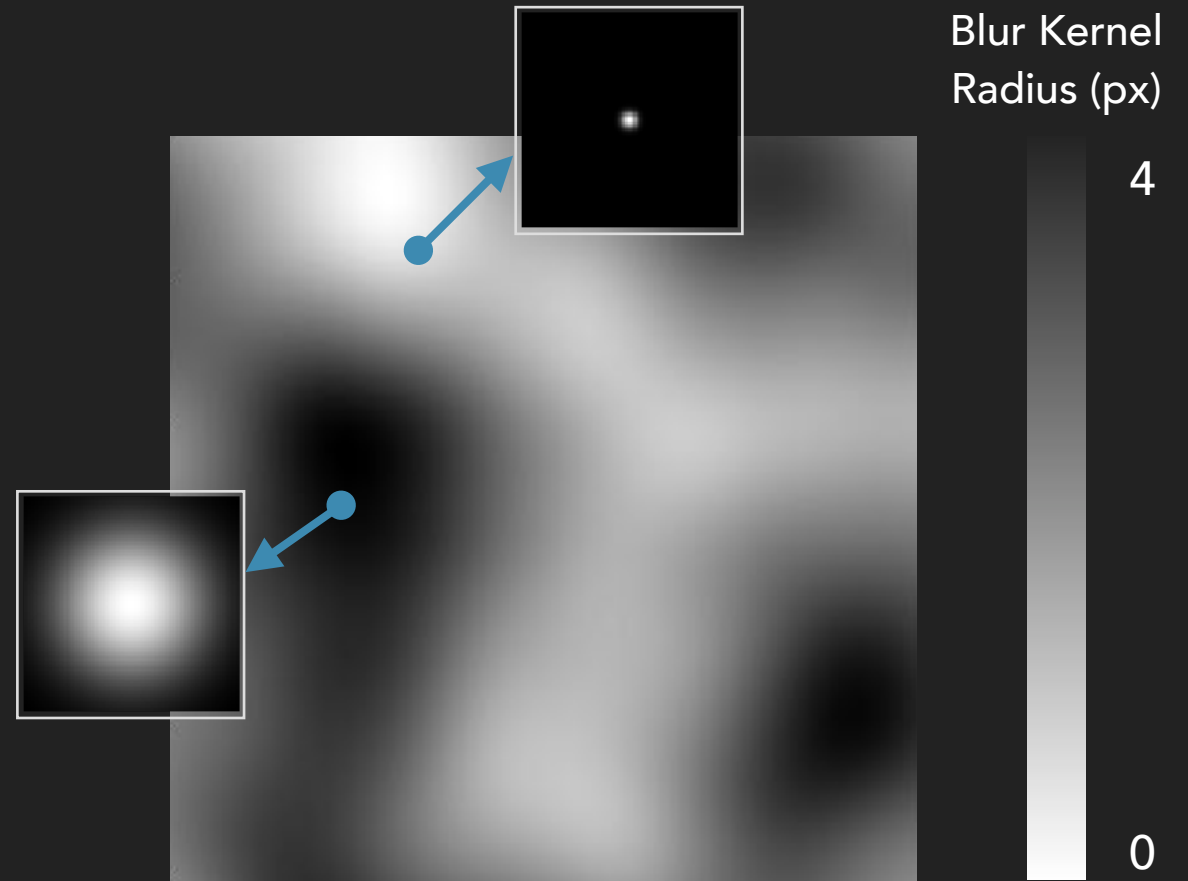
How Does Shadow Appear On Faces

Spatially-Varying Blur



Per-pixel Intensity Map modeled by Perlin Noise

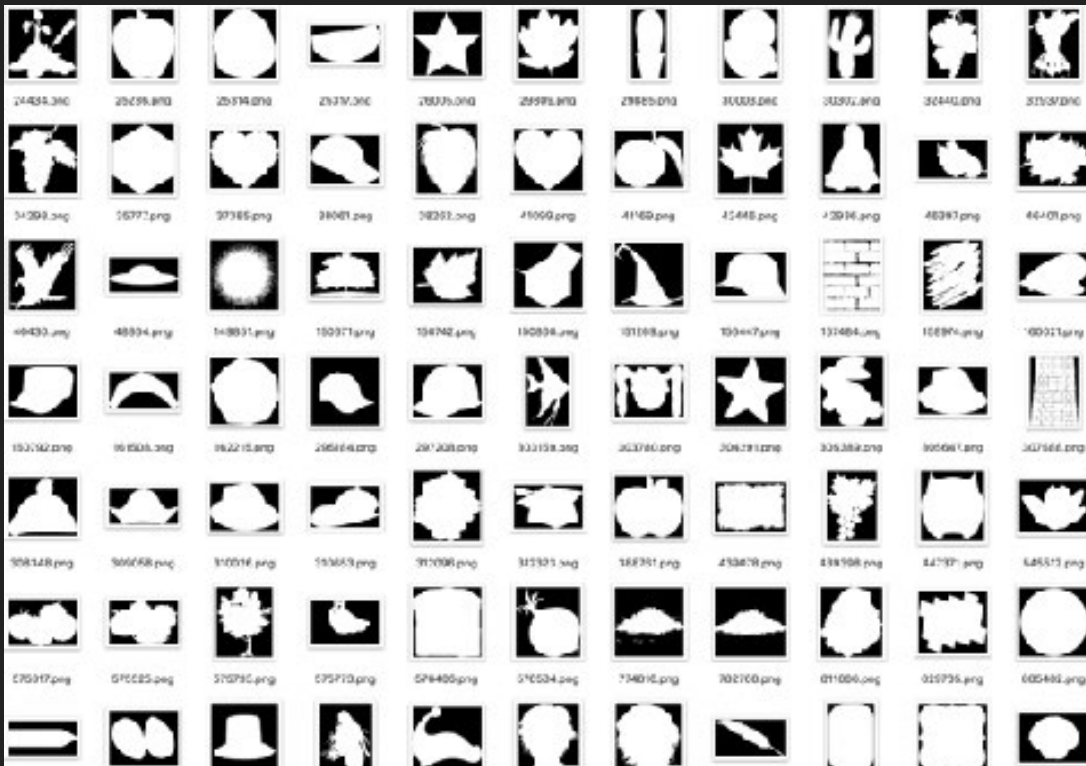
Spatially-Varying Intensity



Per-pixel Blur Map modeled by Perlin Noise

How Does Shadow Appear On Faces

3. Shape Variation



Source 1: geometry randomly sampled from a collection of silhouette images



Source 2: geometry randomly generated using Perlin noise

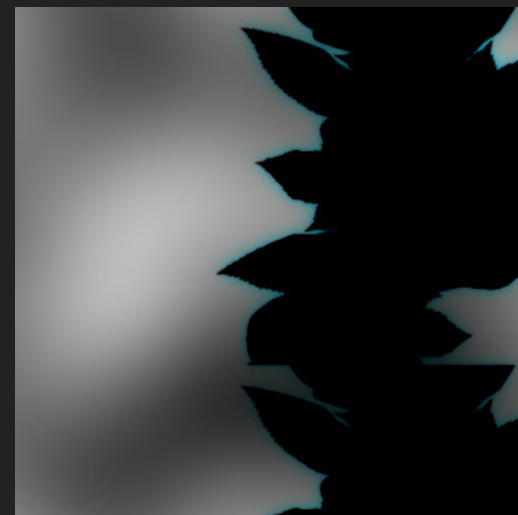
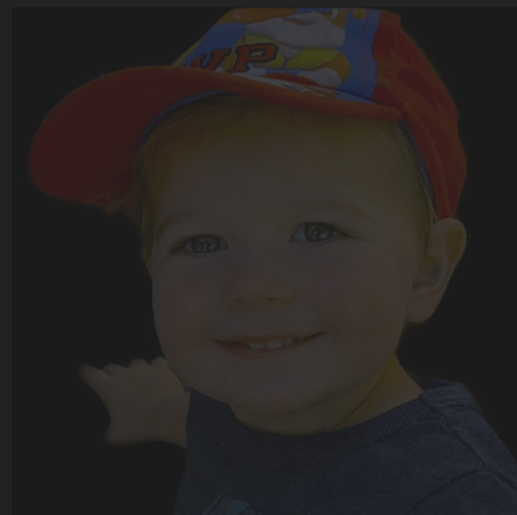
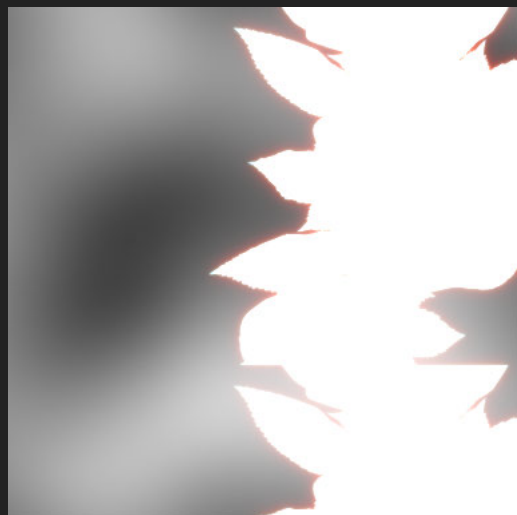
$$I = I_l \circ (1 - M) + I_s \circ M$$



with color variation

4. Color Variation

$$I = I_l \circ (1 - M) + I_s \circ M$$



with color variation

with spatial intensity variation

with spatially-varying blur

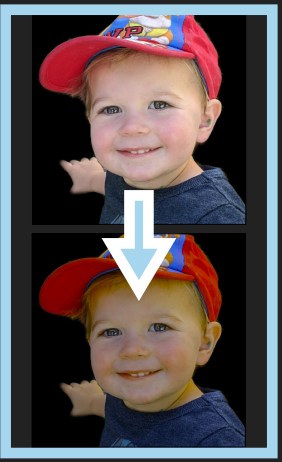
with subsurface scattering approximation

$$I = I_l \circ (1 - M) + I_s \circ M$$



Synthesized image
with foreign shadow

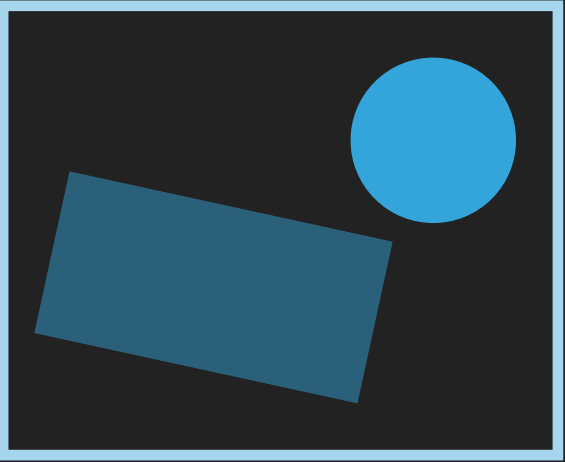
Generate A "Super-Set" Of Foreign Shadow



color jitter **matrix**

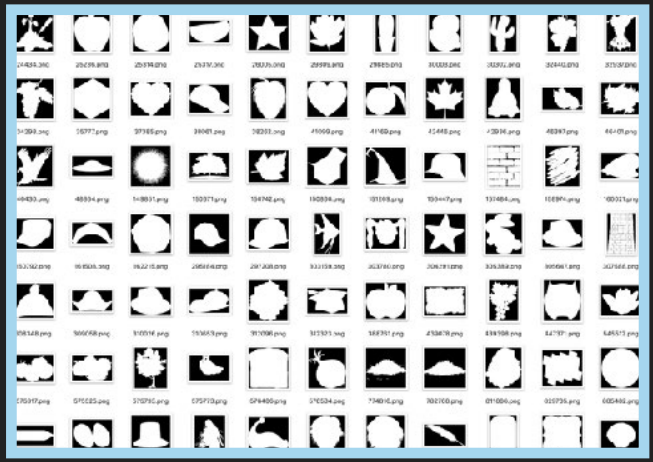


subsurface scattering approximation **weights**



spatial intensity **variance**

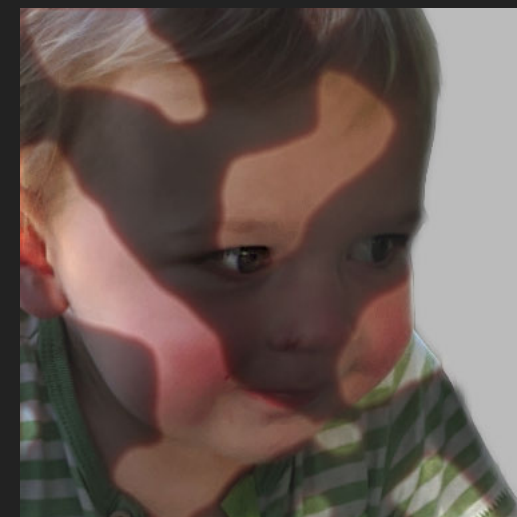
spatially-varying blur **size**



random shape **sampling**

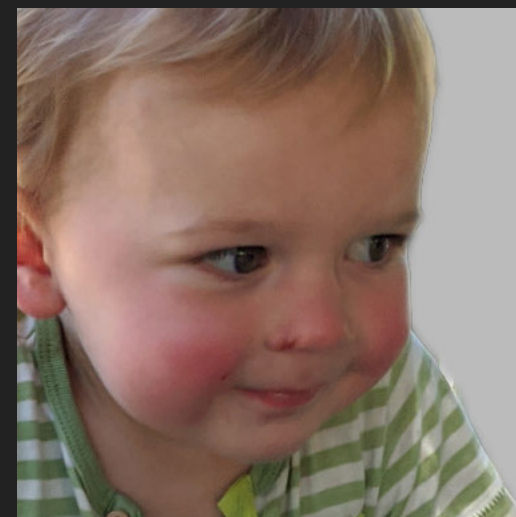
Example Foreign Shadow Removal Training Data

— Input Image With Foreign Shadow



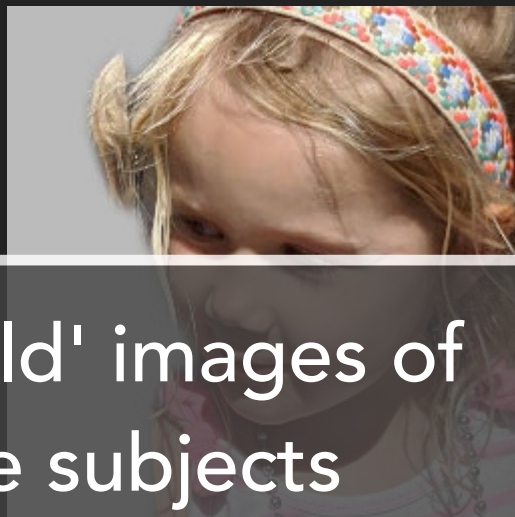
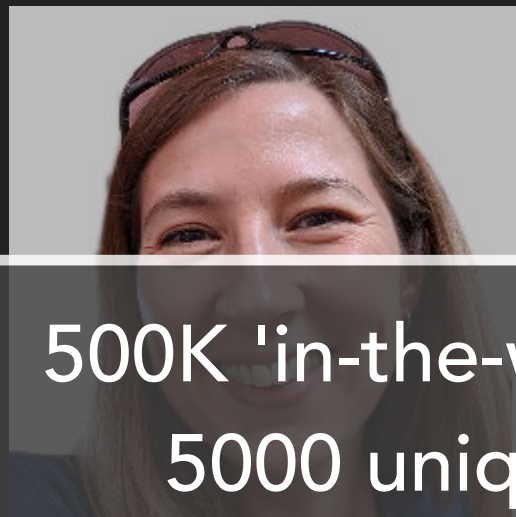
Example Foreign Shadow Removal Training Data

— Ground Truth Image With No Foreign Shadow



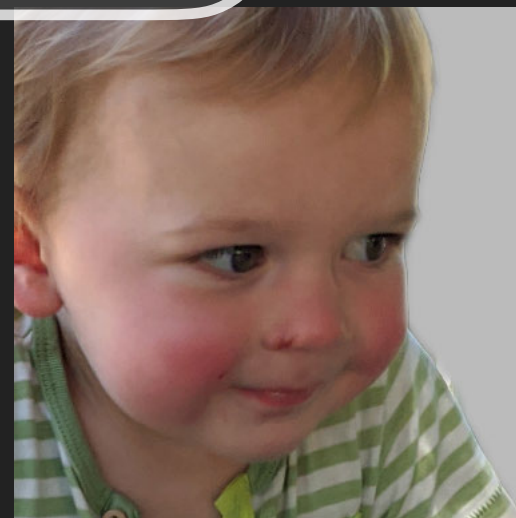
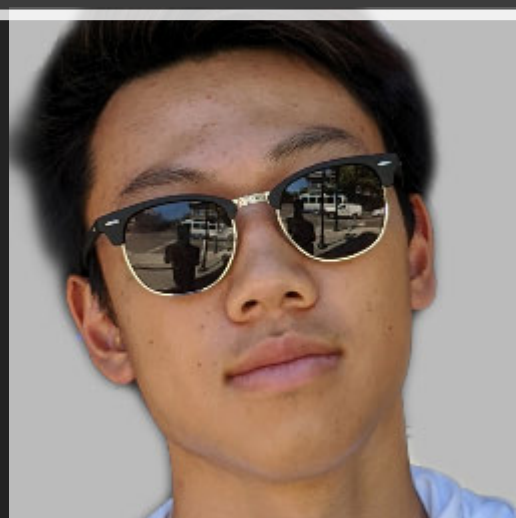
Example Foreign Shadow Removal Training Data

— Ground Truth Image With No Foreign Shadow



500K 'in-the-wild' images of
5000 unique subjects

Full synthesis code and demo are now online: eecs.berkeley.edu/~cecilia77/project-pages/portrait



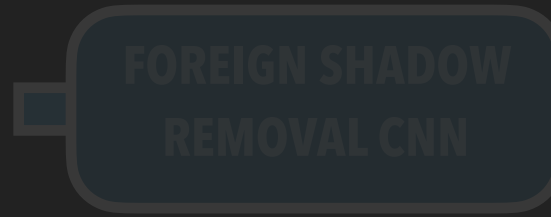
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Foreign Shadow Synthesis

- Image of faces in the wild
- Synthesized foreign shadows



Input image w/
foreign shadows



Output image w/o
foreign shadow

Facial Shadow Synthesis

- Light stage scans
- Synthesized light environment

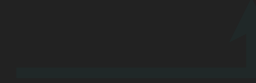


Input image w/
harsh facial shadows

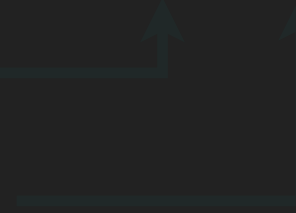


Output image w/
soft facial shadow

Light size



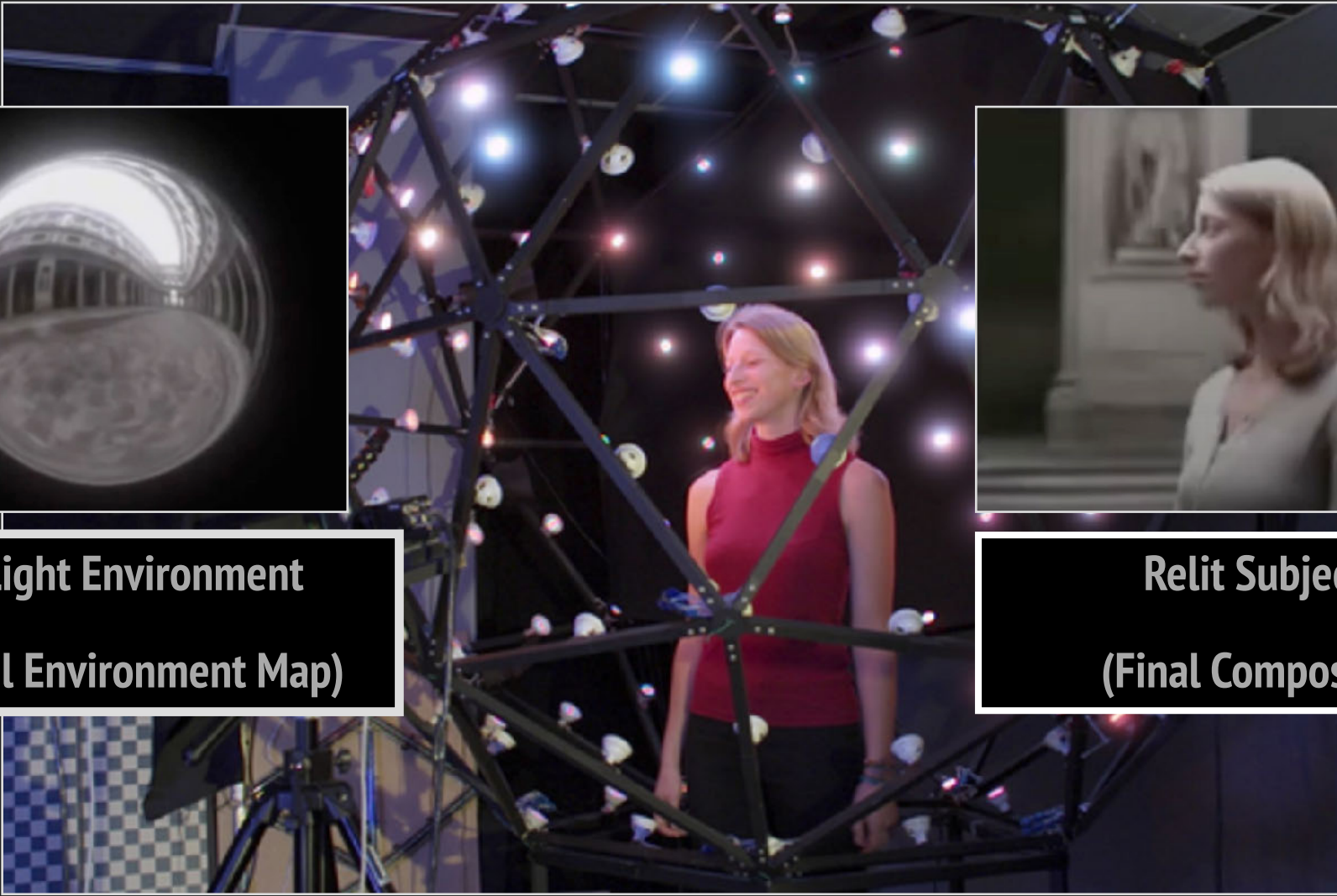
Fill light intensity



The Light Stage

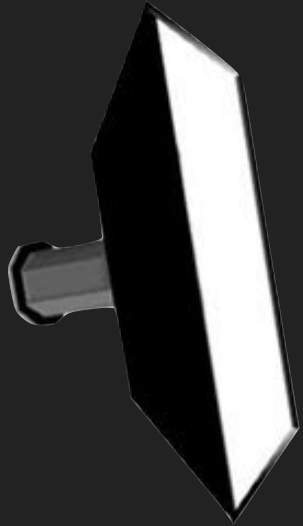


**Input Light Environment
(Spherical Environment Map)**

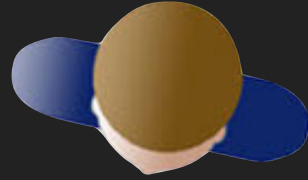


**Relit Subject
(Final Composite)**

Studio Lighting Principals



Key Light

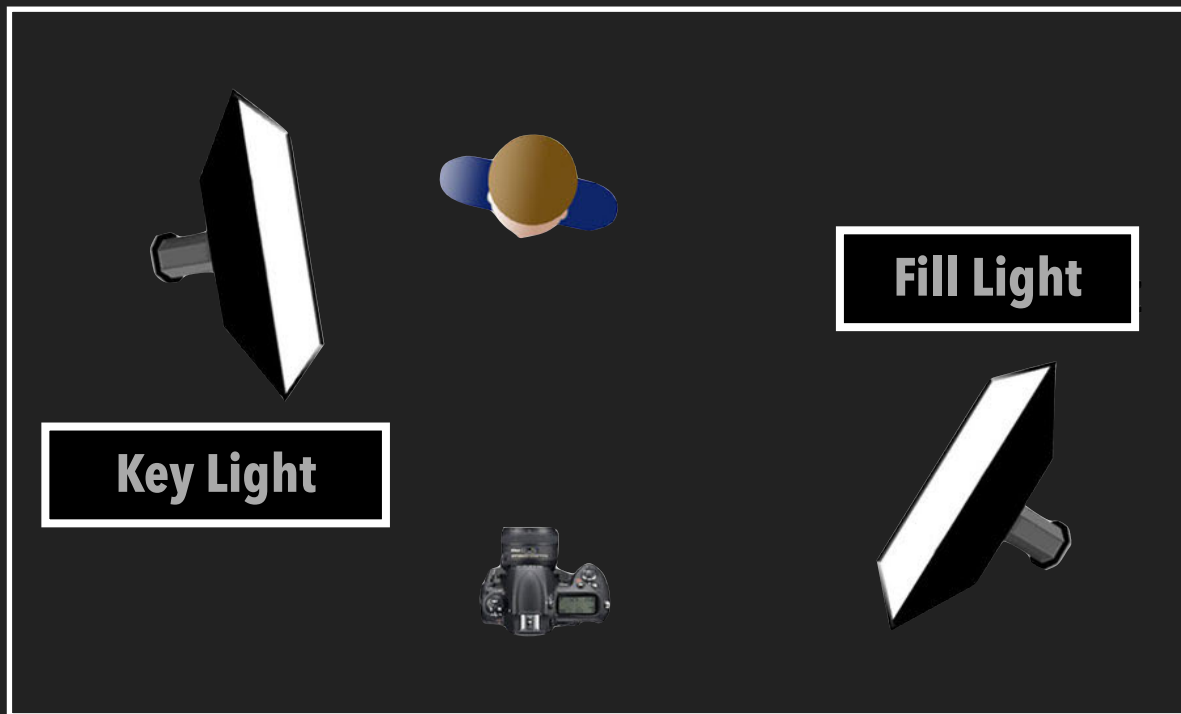


Fill Light



- 
- Ambient Light
 - Hair / Rim Light
 - Kicker
 - Multiple Key
 - ...

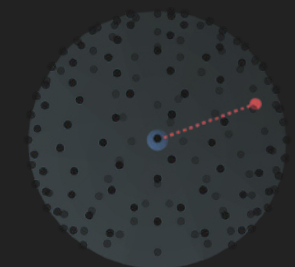
Studio Lighting To Light Stage



Synthetic studio lighting environment

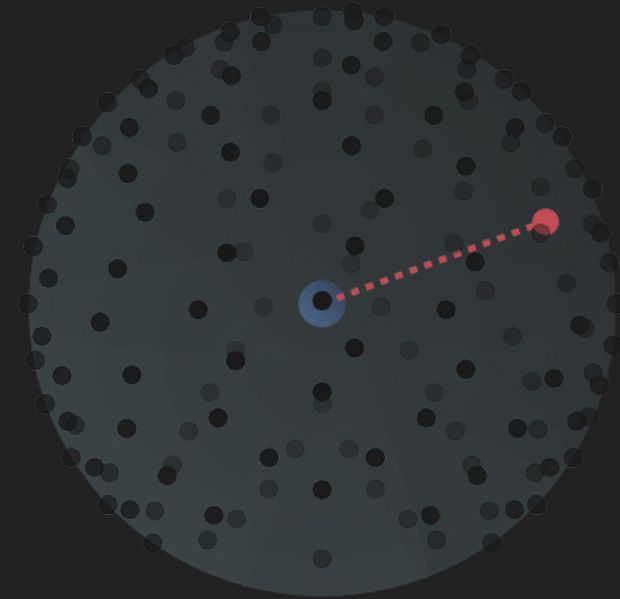
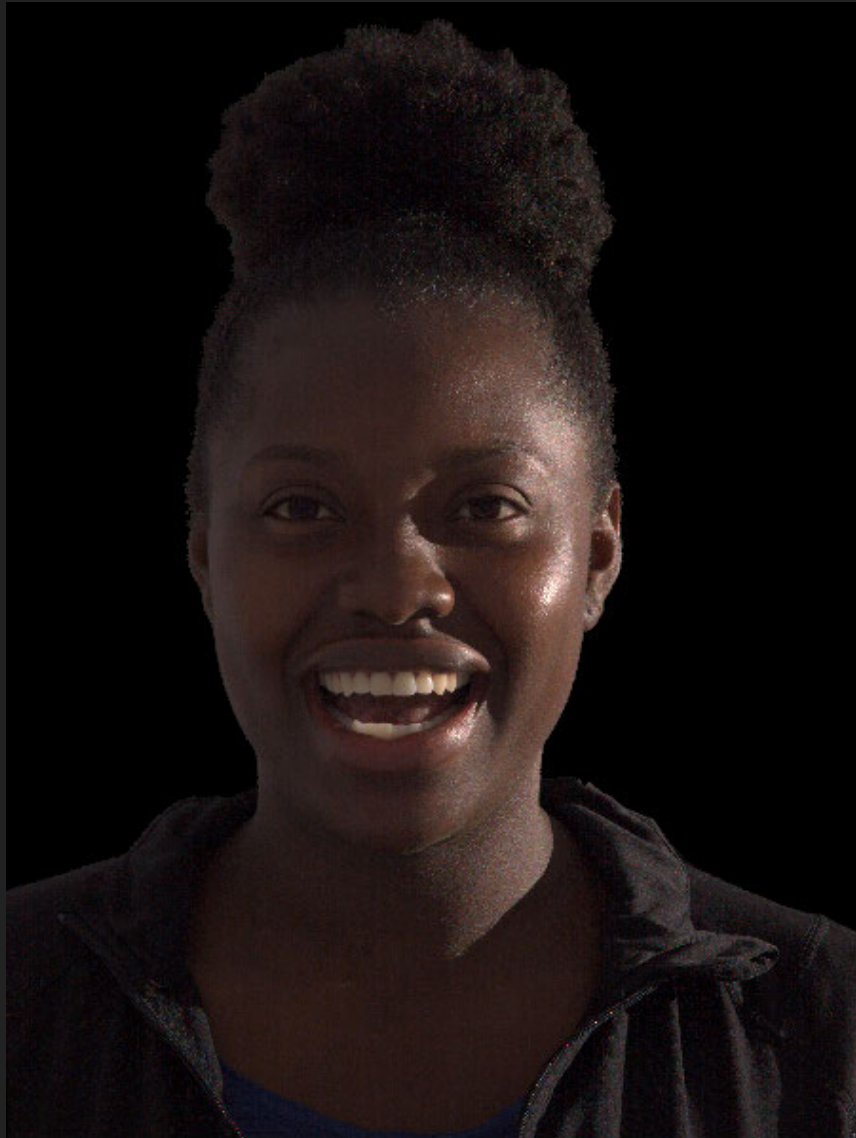


Light stage representation



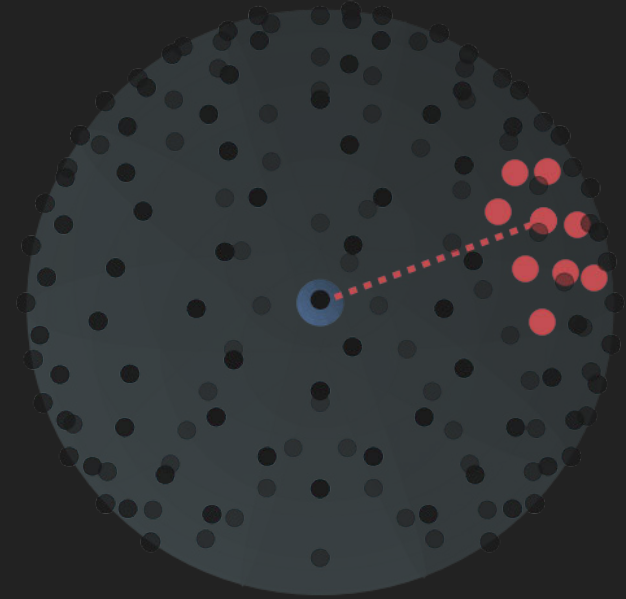
Simplified illustration

Using Light Stage Scan To Synthesize Facial Shadow



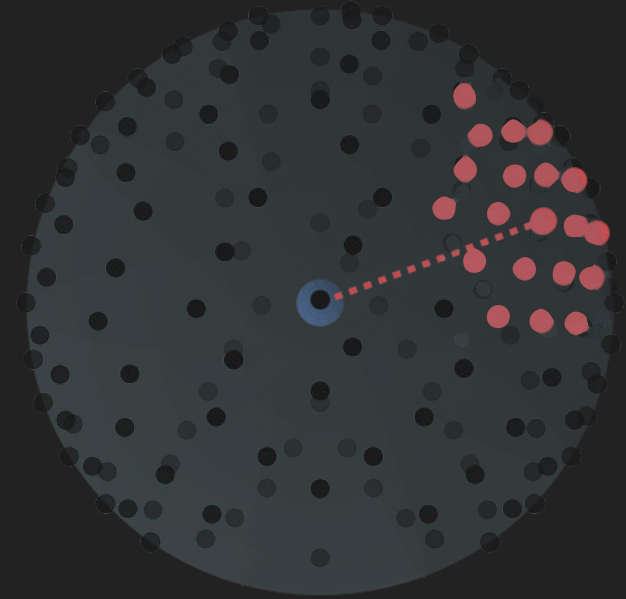
• Key light

Using Light Stage Scan To Synthesize Facial Shadow



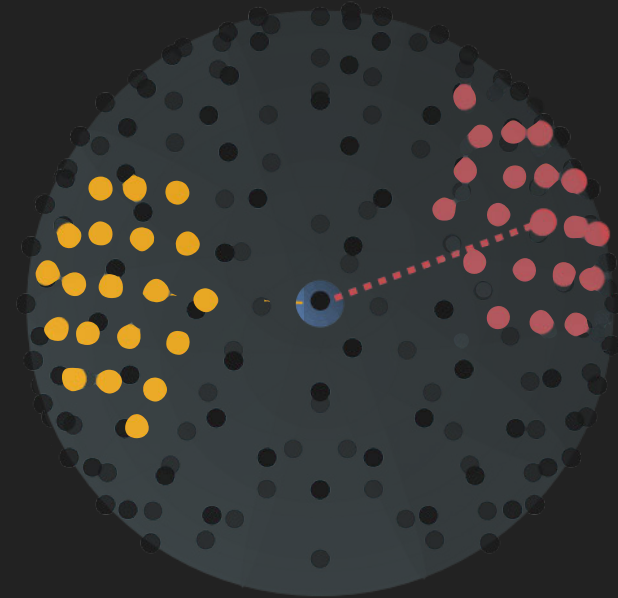
- Key light softened with light size 10

Using Light Stage Scan To Synthesize Facial Shadow



- Key light softened with light size 40

Using Light Stage Scan To Synthesize Facial Shadow



● Key light softened
with light size 40

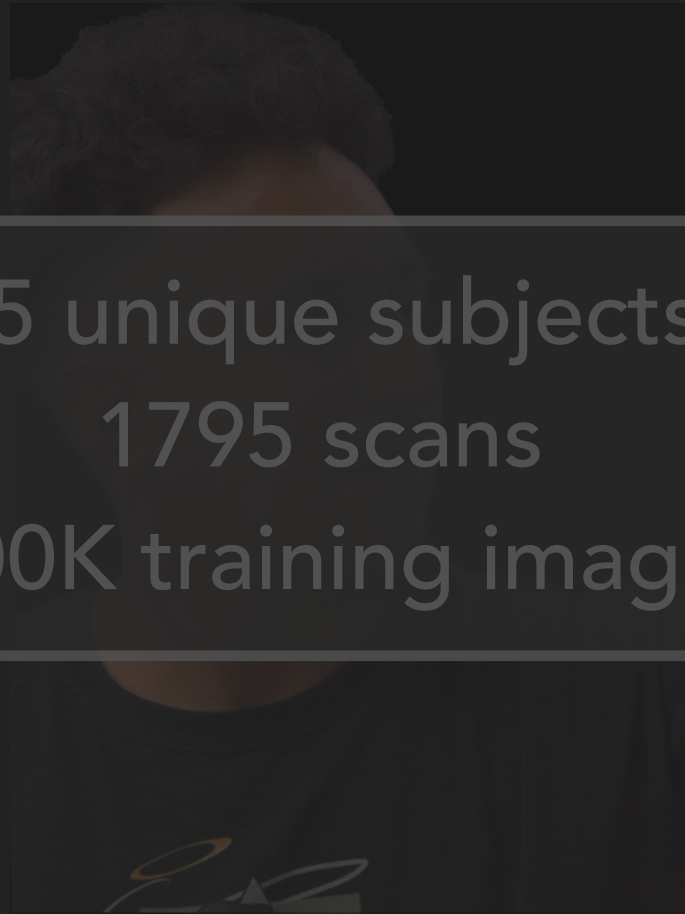
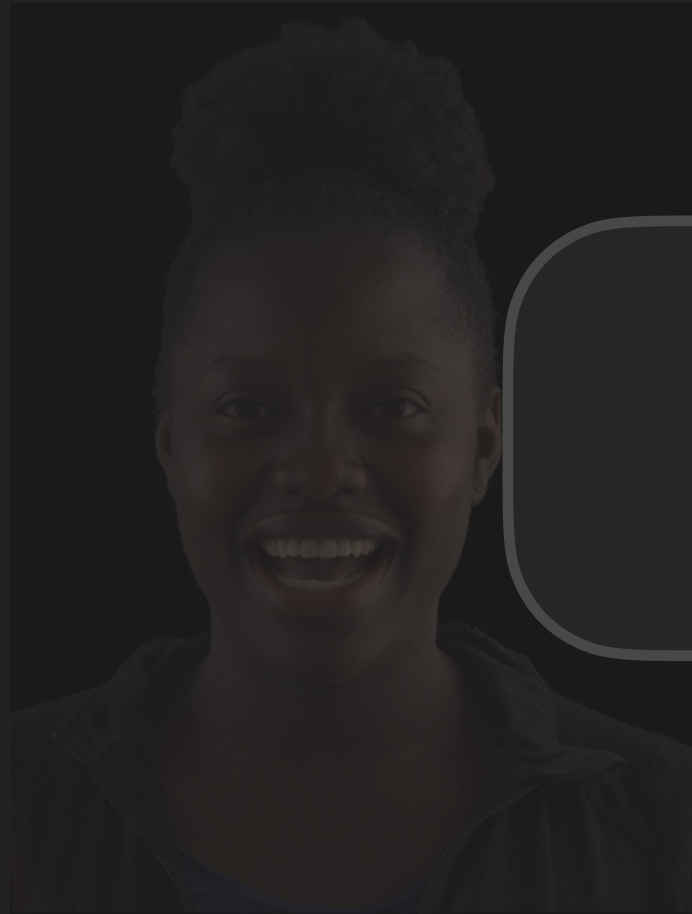
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● Fill light max intensity*

*max intensity set to 1/10 of key light intensity

Light size  0 5 10 20 40

Fill intensity  0 1



85 unique subjects
1795 scans
500K training image

Examples of synthesized facial shadow data

Modeling Facial Symmetry

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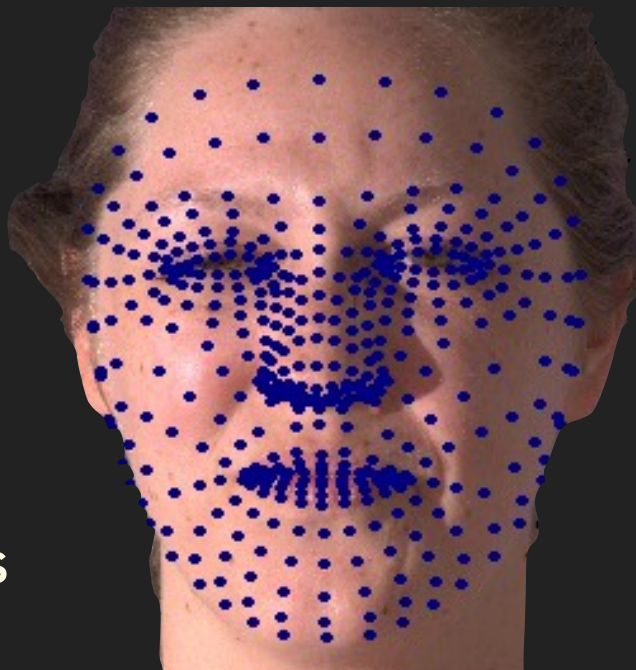
- Human faces tend to be symmetric
- Facial shadow cast upon a face is likely not symmetric



Synthesizing Symmetrized Face



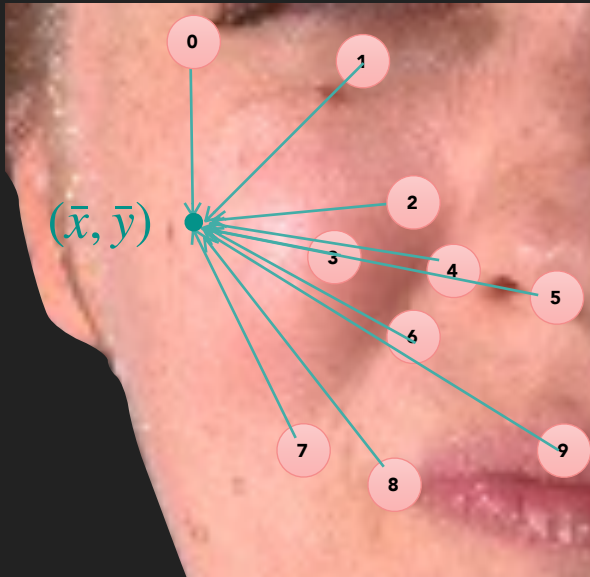
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Facial
Landmarks



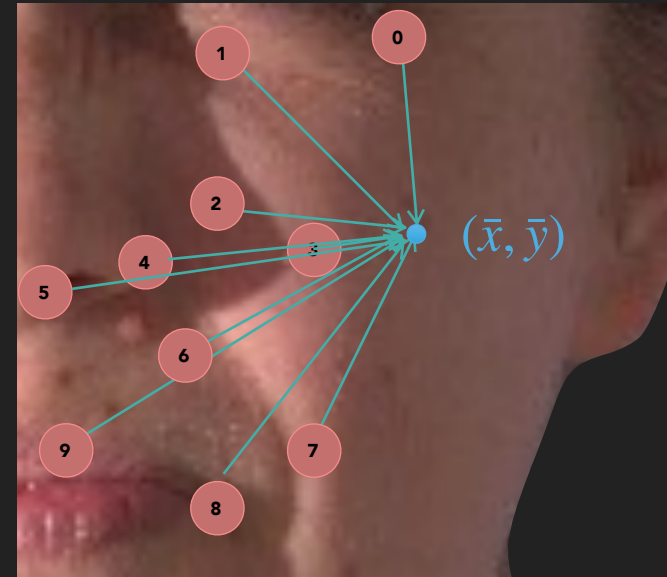
➔
Symmetrized
Face



Synthesizing Symmetrized Face



Facial Landmarks (u_i, v_i)



Facial Landmark Pairs $(u_{\bar{i}}, v_{\bar{i}})$

$$\bar{I} = I \left(\sum_j w_{i,j} u_{\bar{j}}, \sum_j w_{i,j} v_{\bar{j}} \right)$$

Input Faces



Input Faces and Their 'Mirrored' Pairs



Model and Training

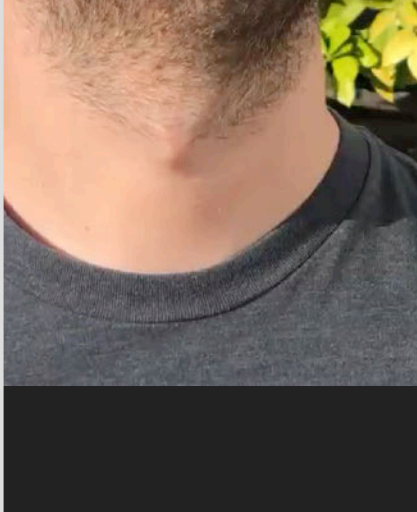
- GridNet[1] architecture for both foreign shadow removal and facial shadow softening model
- Facial softening model is conditioned on the light size and fill intensity
- $I_{out} = I_{in} \cdot A + B$

Results — Foreign Shadow Removal

- Evaluation dataset: from high-frame rate video capture
- Test dataset: In-the-wild portrait photos

High Frame-Rate (60fps) Video For Evaluation

Vid 14



Multiple image pairs from a single video capture

Examples of Captured Videos

- 8 subjects
- 100 evaluation image pairs



Results on Foreign Shadow Removal



Cun et al. [1]



Ours

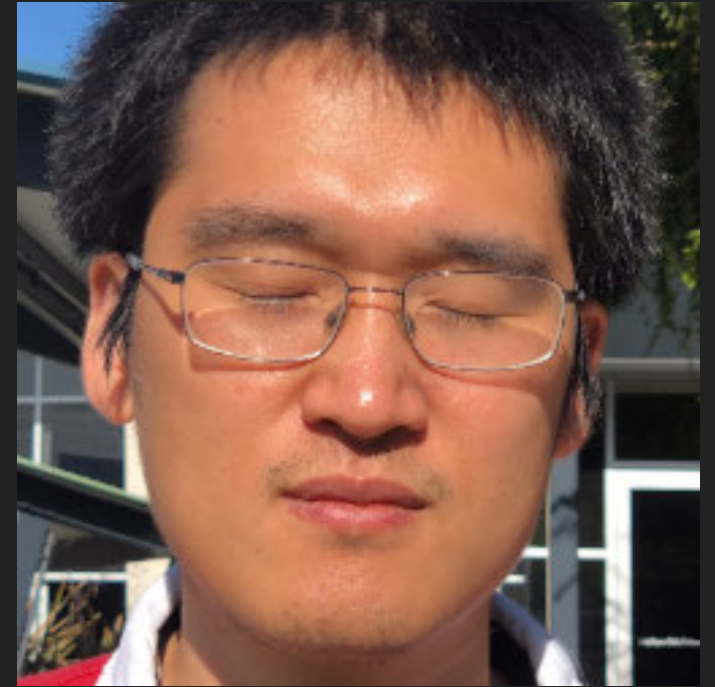
Results on Foreign Shadow Removal



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Ground Truth

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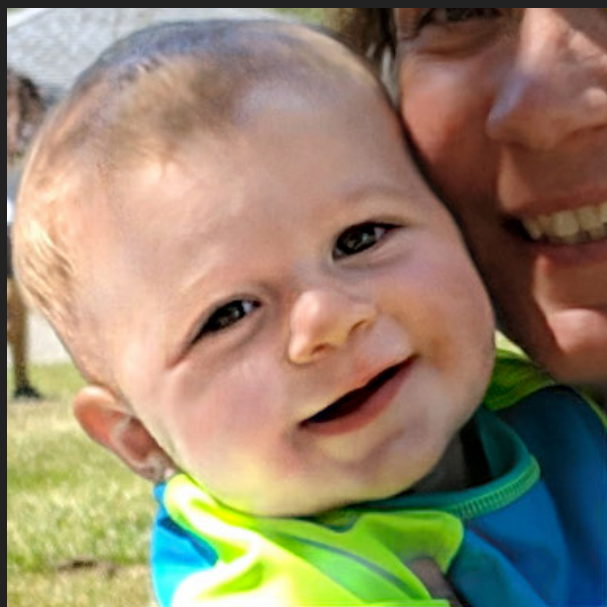
Results on Foreign Shadow Removal

Baseline Removal Model	Rendered Test Set			Real Test Set		
	PSNR \uparrow	SSIM \uparrow	LPIPS \downarrow	PSNR \uparrow	SSIM \uparrow	LPIPS \downarrow
Input Image	20.657	0.807	0.206	19.671	0.766	0.115
[Guo et al. 2012]	19.170	0.699	0.359	15.939	0.593	0.269
[Hu et al. 2019]	20.895	0.742	0.238	18.956	0.699	0.148
[Cun et al. 2020]	22.405	0.845	0.173	19.386	0.722	0.133
Ours	<u>29.814</u>	<u>0.926</u>	<u>0.054</u>	<u>23.816</u>	<u>0.782</u>	<u>0.074</u>









Results — Facial Shadow Softening

- Evaluation dataset: from Light Stage rendering
- Test dataset: In-the-wild portrait photos

Results on Facial Shadow Softening

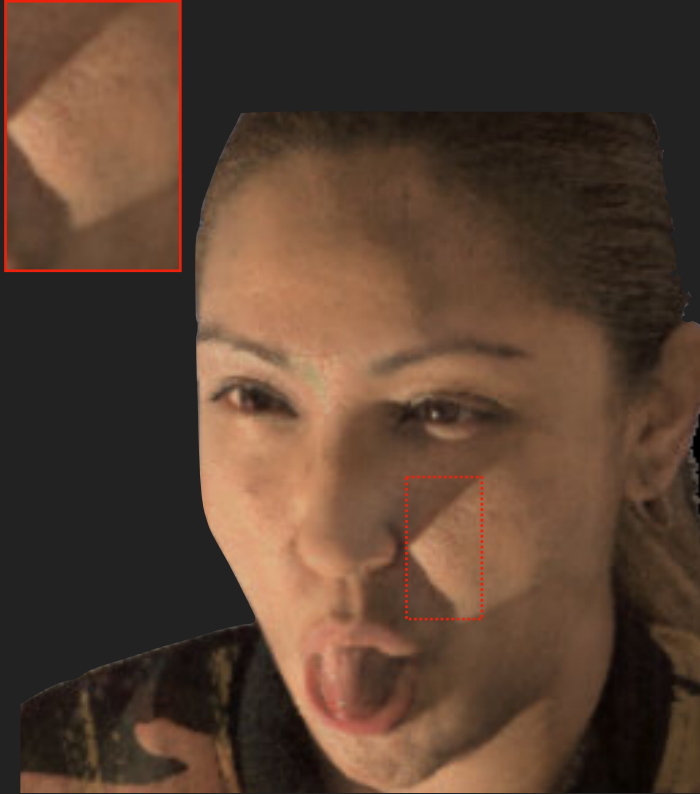


Sun et al. [1]



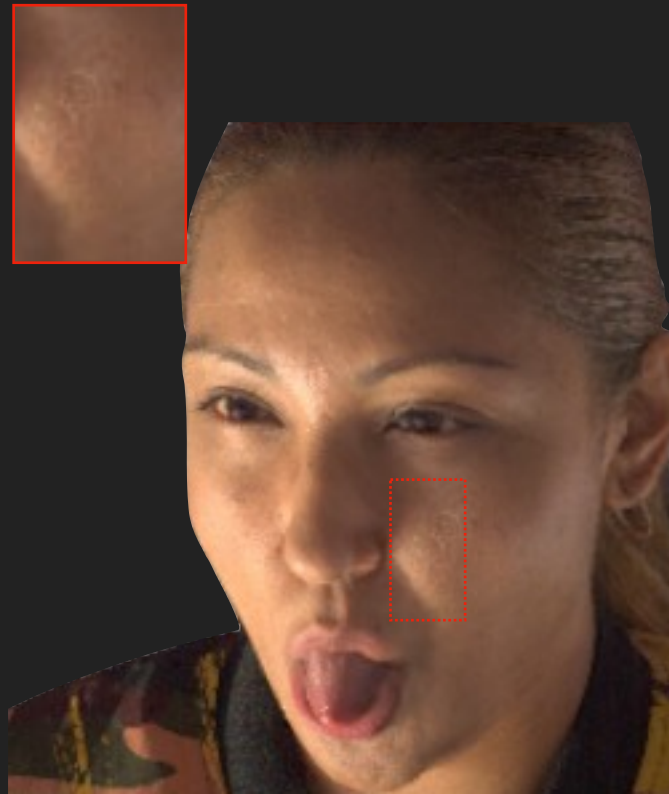
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Results on Facial Shadow Softening

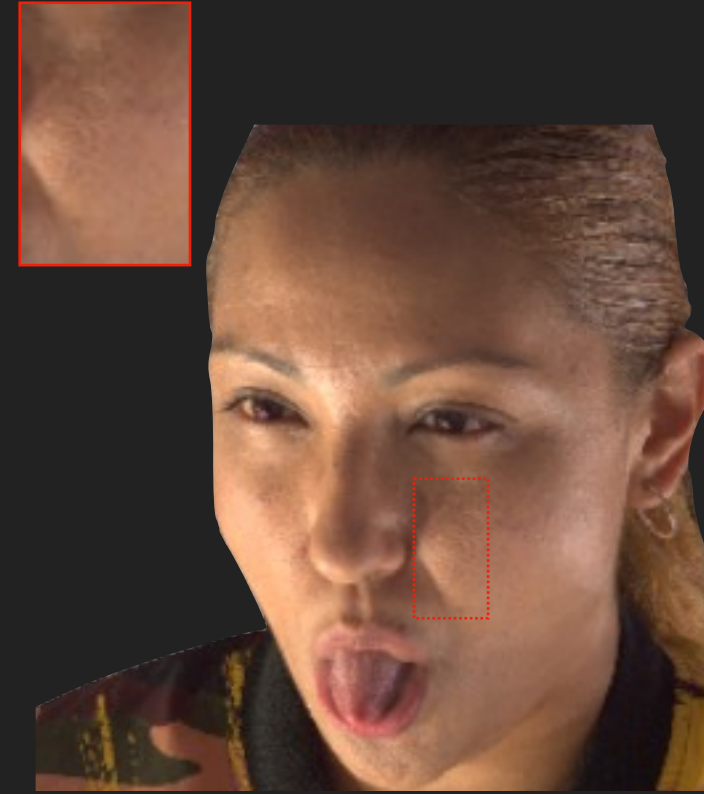


Sun et al. [1]

(blur environment map and relight)



Ours



Ground Truth

Results on Facial Shadow Softening

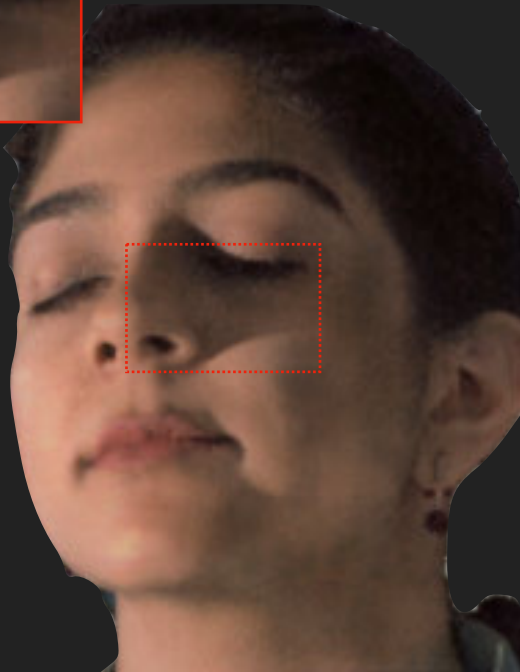
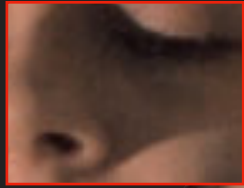


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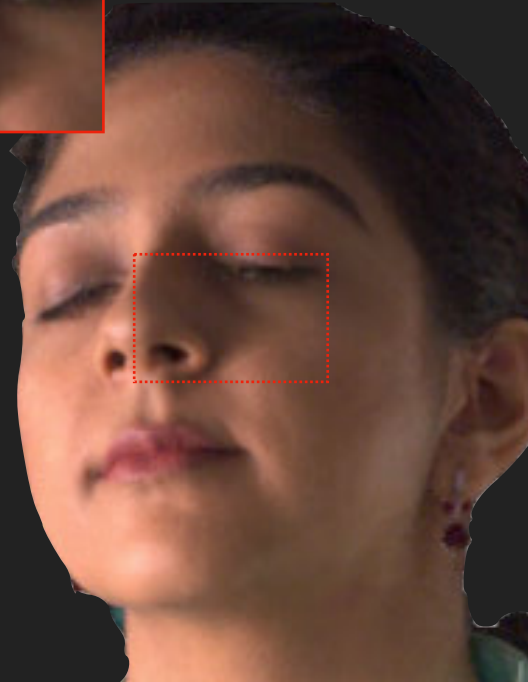
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Results on Facial Shadow Softening

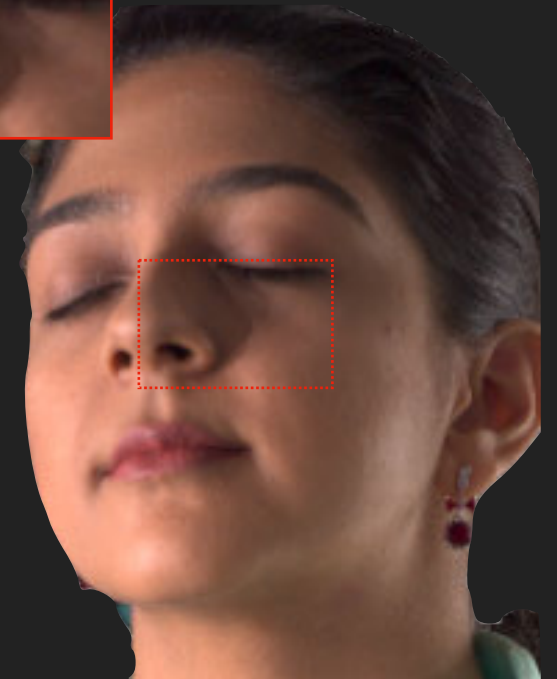
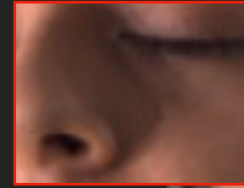


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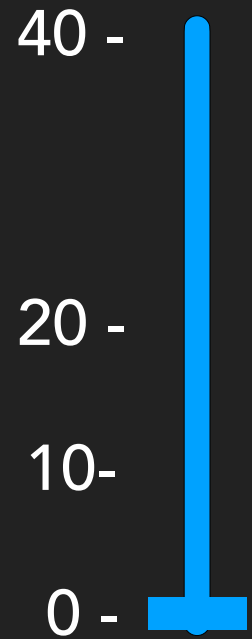
Ground Truth

Results on Facial Shadow Softening

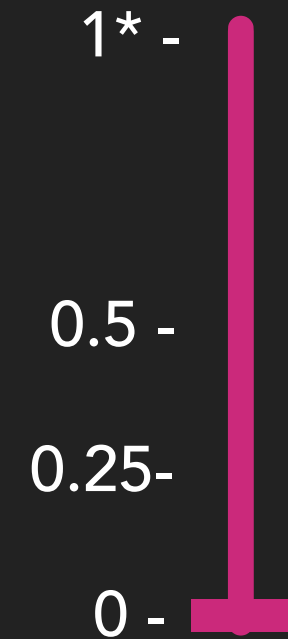
Baseline Shadow Reduction Model	PSNR↑	SSIM↑	LPIPS↓
PR-net [Sun et al. 2019]	21.639	0.709	0.152
Ours w/o Symmetry	24.232	0.826	0.065
Ours w/ Symmetry	<u>26.740</u>	<u>0.914</u>	<u>0.054</u>

Results on facial shadow softening

Light size



Fill intensity



Light size: 40, Fill intensity: 1*

*1 corresponds to the max fill light intensity

Results on facial shadow softening

Before

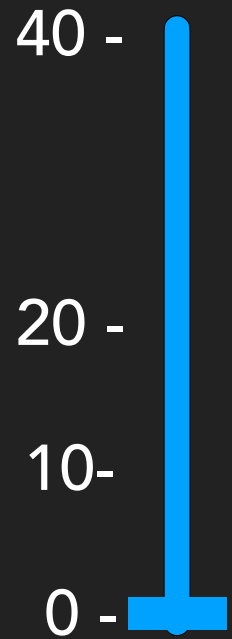


After



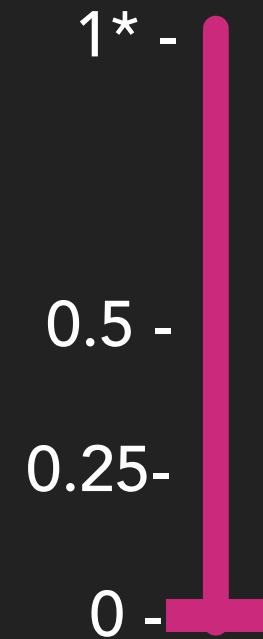
Results on facial shadow softening

Light size



Output light size 40, fill 1005

Fill intensity



*1 corresponds to the max fill light intensity

Results on facial shadow softening

Before



After



Results — 2-Stage Portrait Enhancement



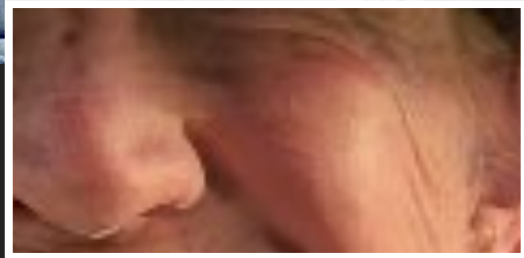
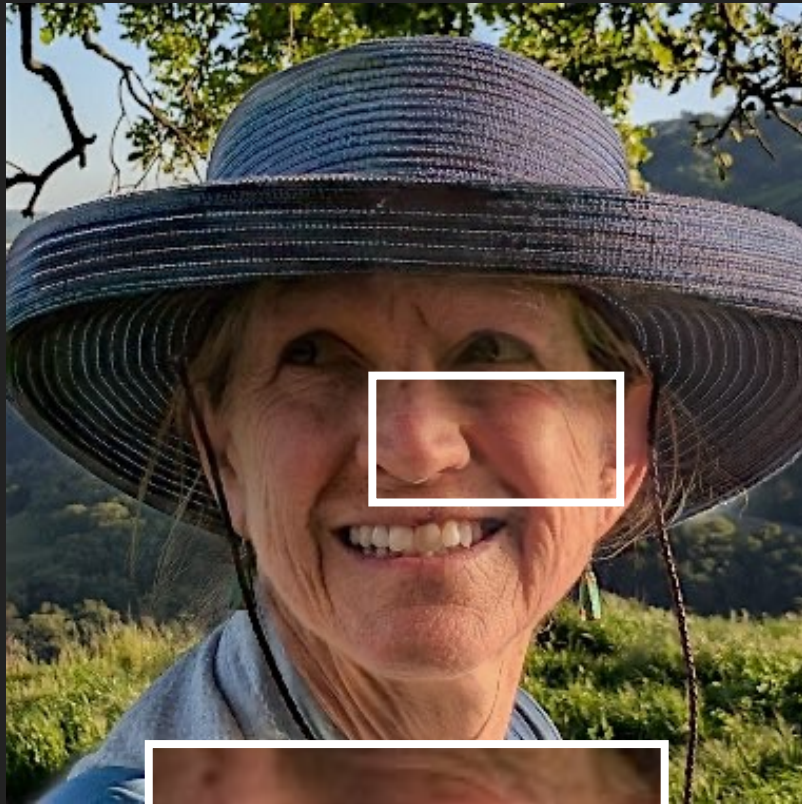
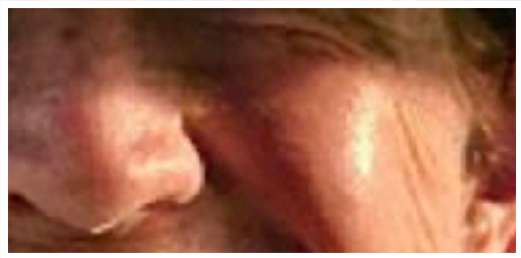
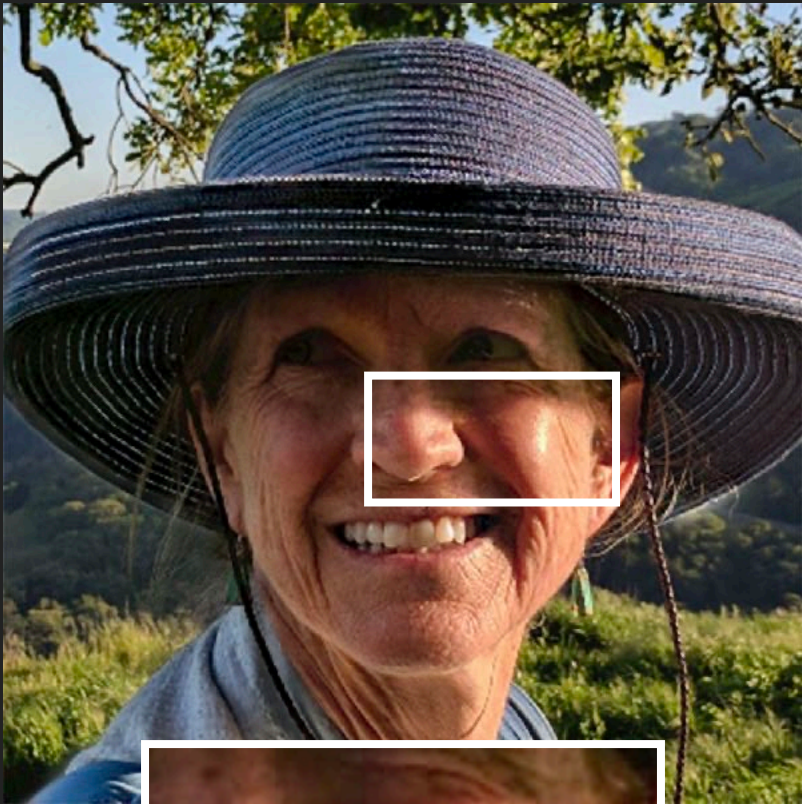
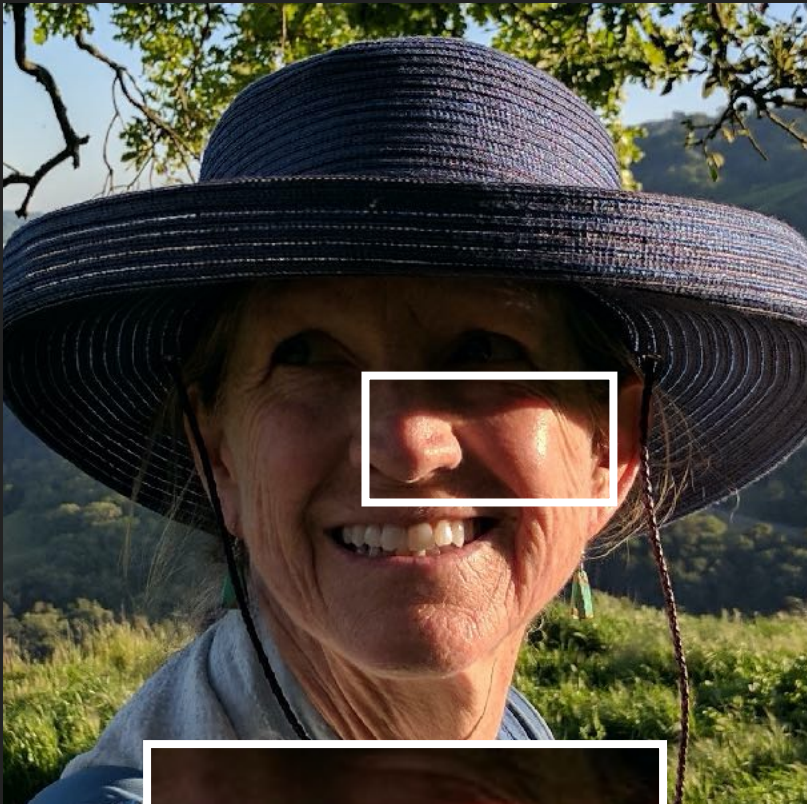
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FOREIGN SHADOW
REMOVAL CNN



FACIAL SHADOW
SOFTENING CNN



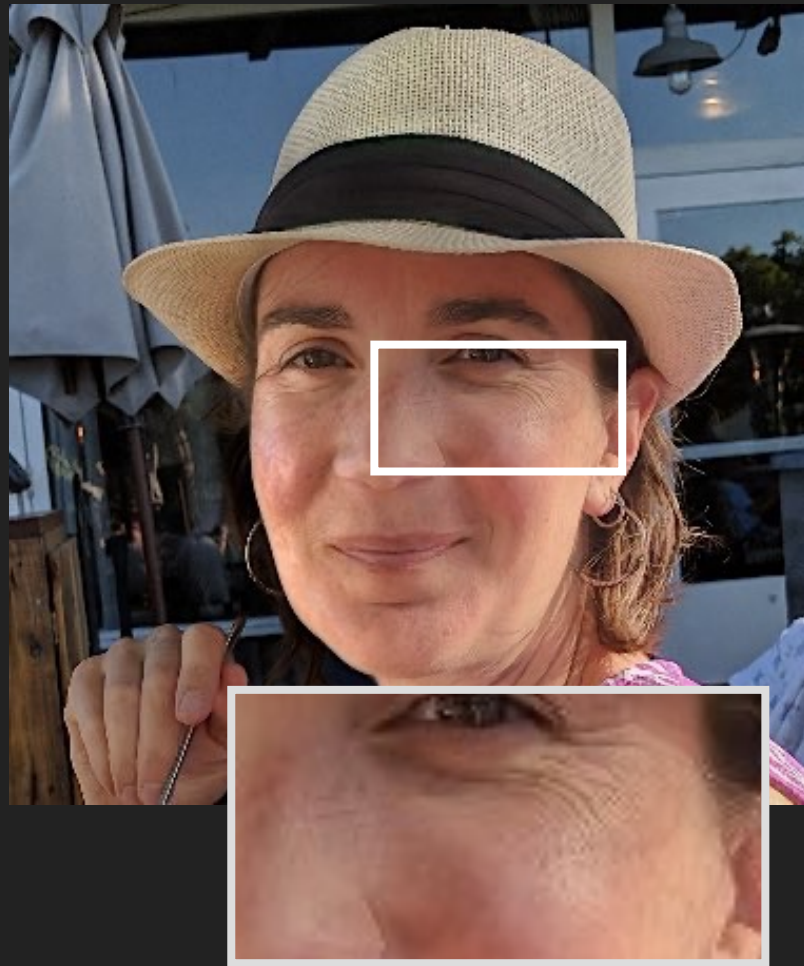
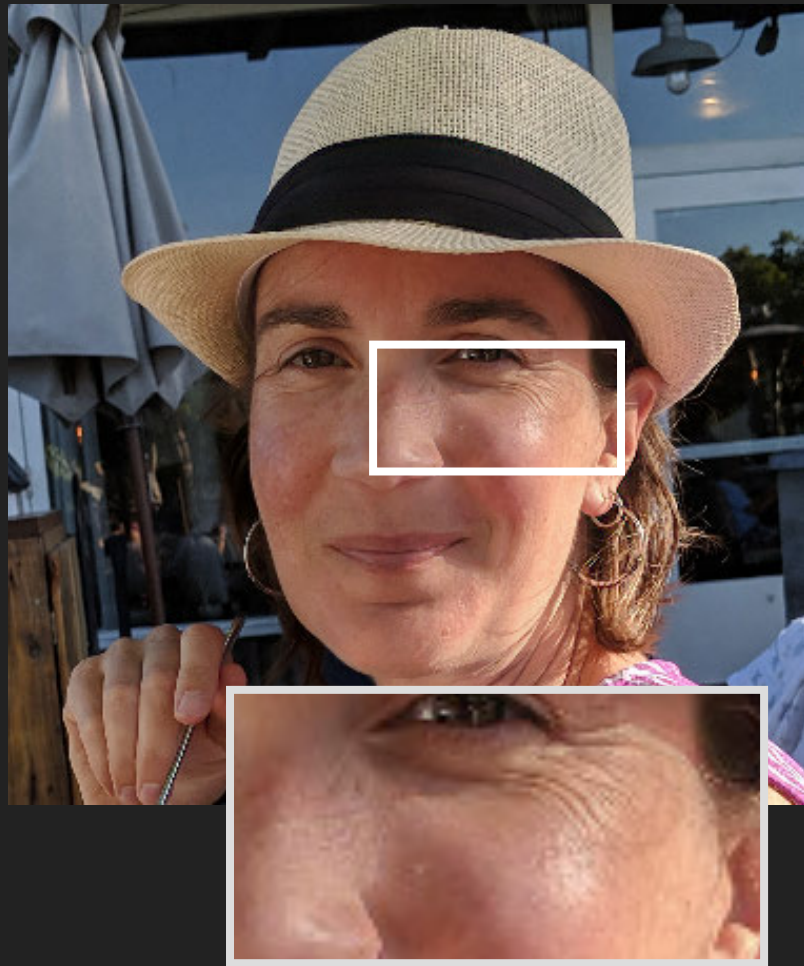
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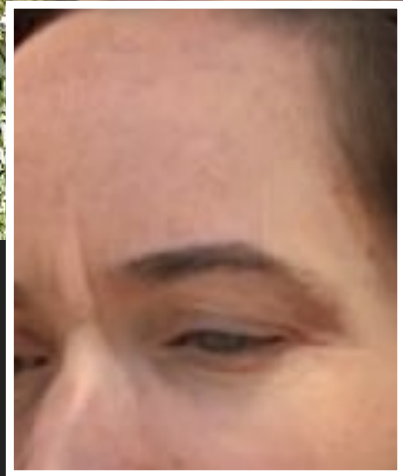
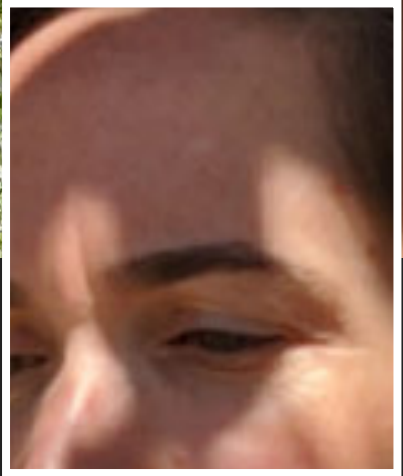
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REMOVAL CNN



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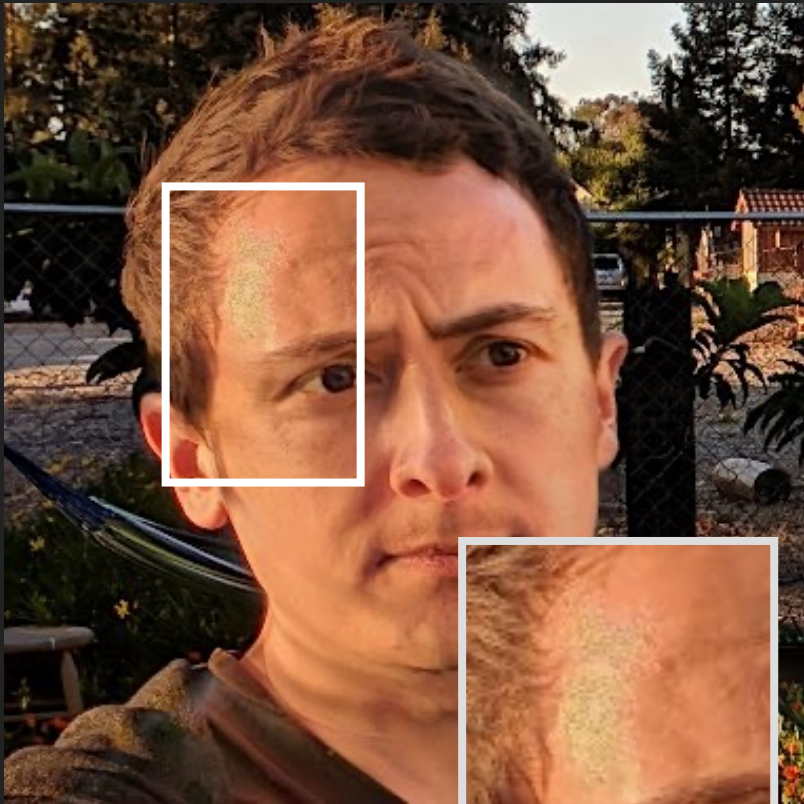
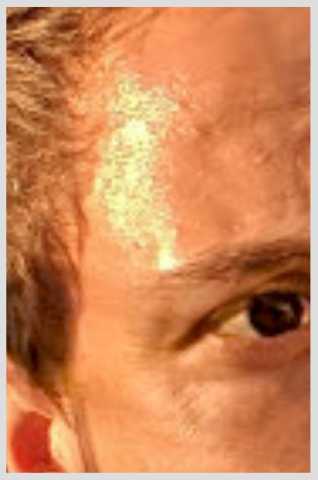
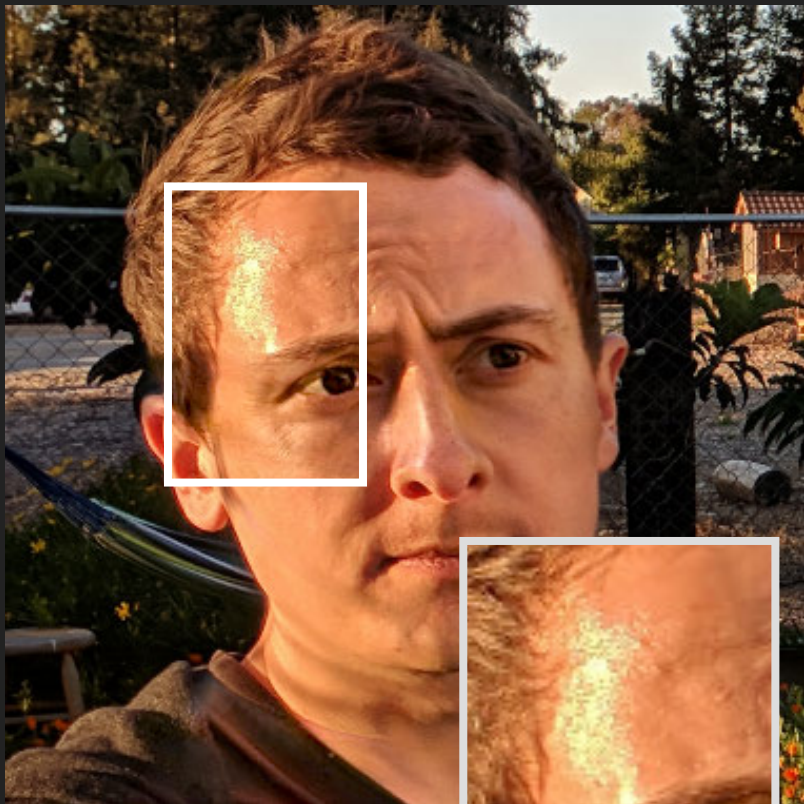
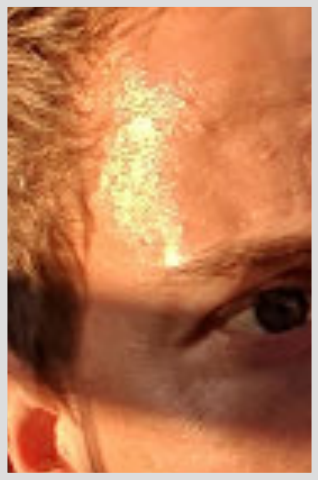
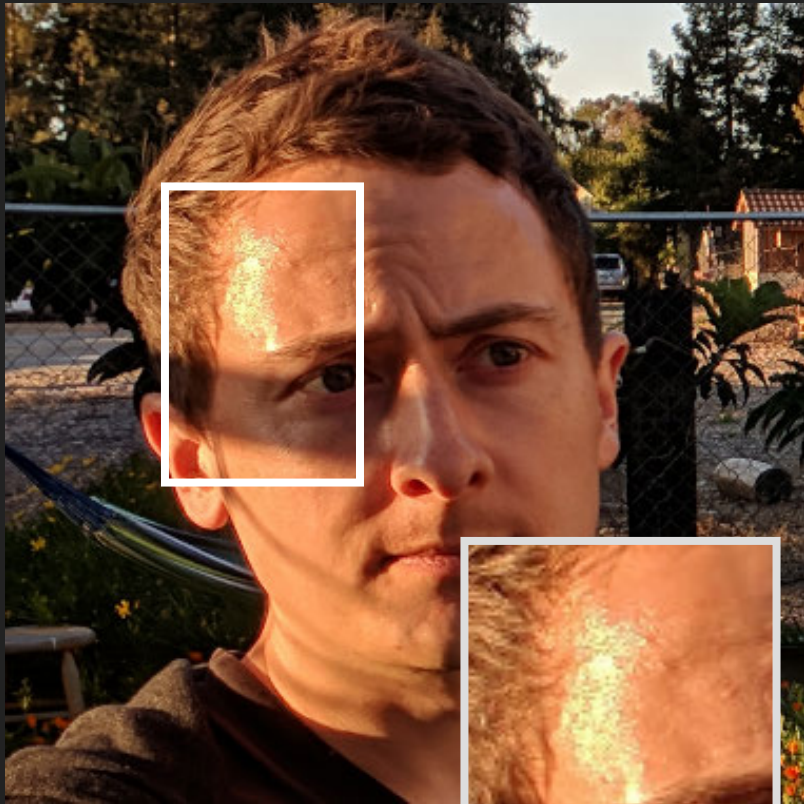
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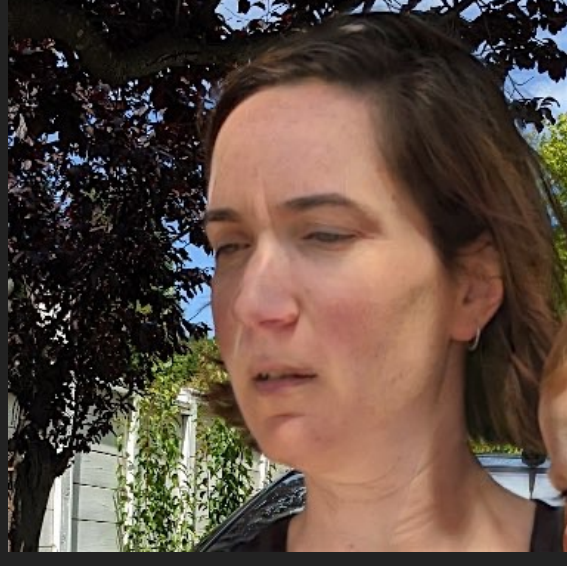
FOREIGN SHADOW
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FACIAL SHADOW
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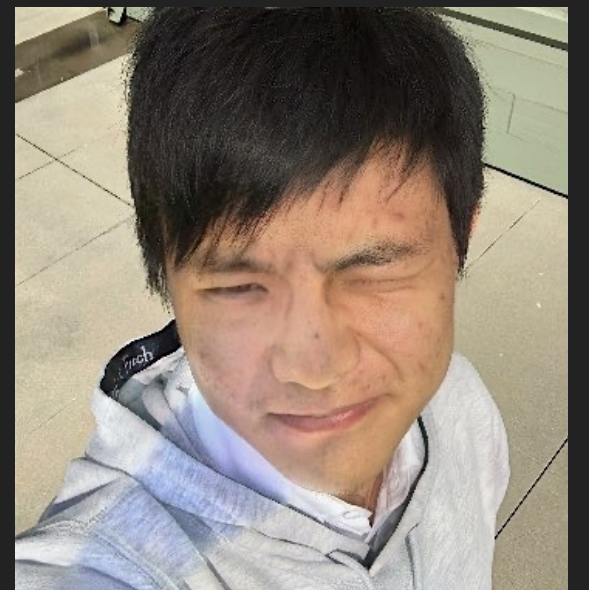






More Results on Portrait Enhancement





























Context-Aware Casual Imaging



Image Quality



Zoom To Learn, Learn To Zoom

Zhang et al, CVPR 2019

- Learning From Raw Sensor
- Image Super-Resolution

Focus



Synthetic Defocus and Look-Ahead Autofocus for Causal Videography

Zhang et al, SIGGRAPH 2019

- Video Synthetic Defocus
- 'Future' Scene Understanding

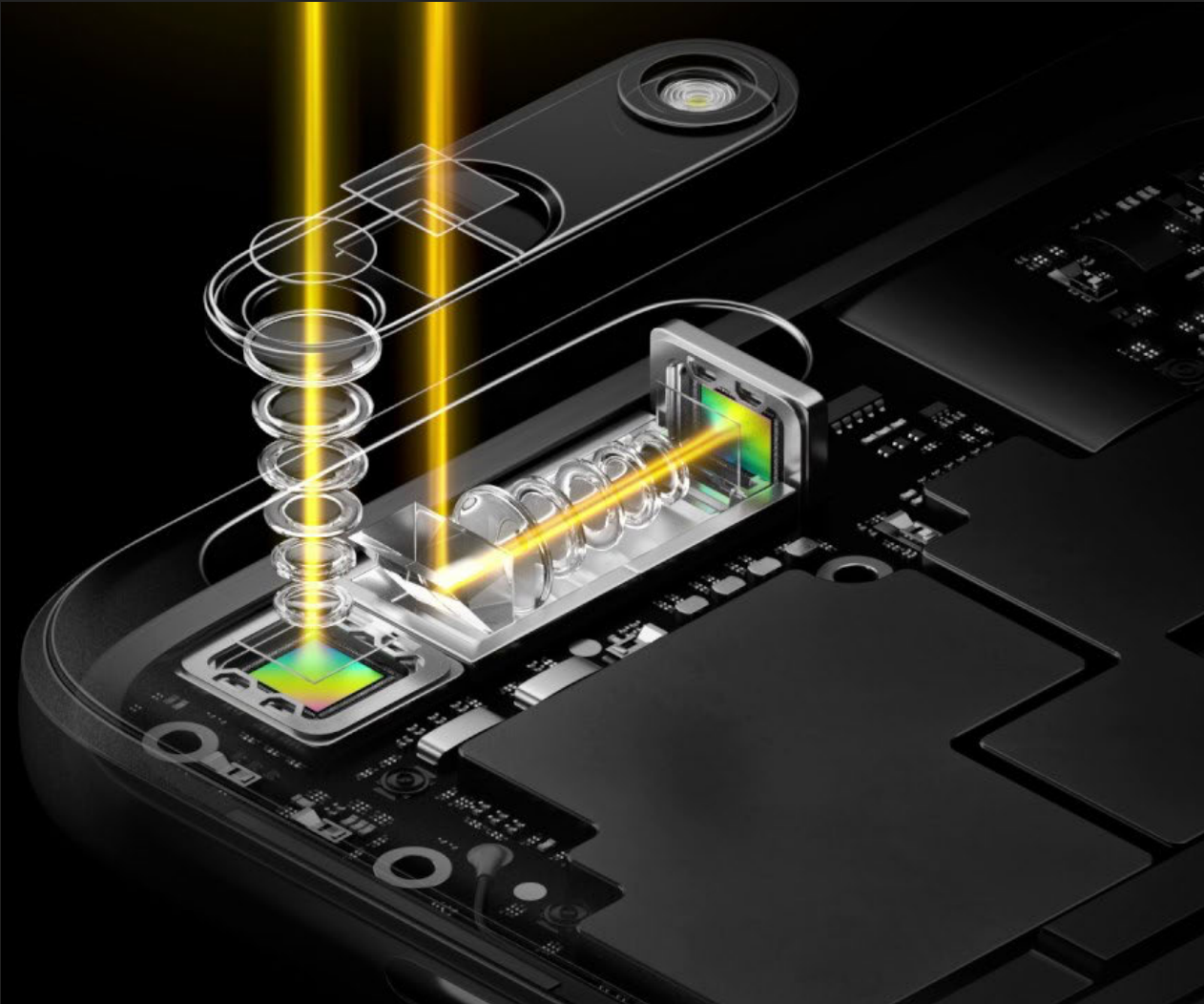
Lighting



Portrait Shadow Manipulation

Zhang et al, SIGGRAPH 2020

- Shadow Editing Post-Capture
- Embedding Professional Lighting Principals



- **Multi-Camera Systems for Cinematic Storytelling**
- **Generative Models for Photo Editing Systems**
- **Recent Advancement in Imaging Devices**

What's Next?

Image Quality

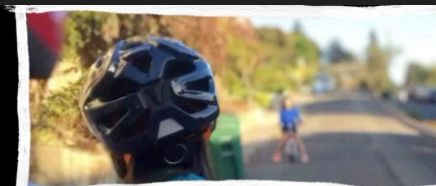


Zoom To Learn, Learn To Zoom

Zhang et al, CVPR 2019

Focus

Conventional
autofocus



Our solution



Synthetic defocus and look-ahead autofocus for causal videography

Zhang et al, SIGGRAPH 2019



Single Image Reflection Removal With Perceptual Losses

Zhang et al, CVPR 2018

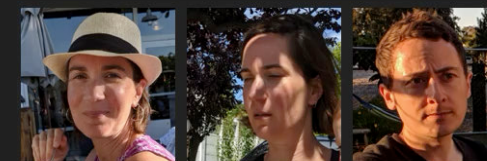


Learned Dual-View Reflection Removal

Niklaus et al



Lighting



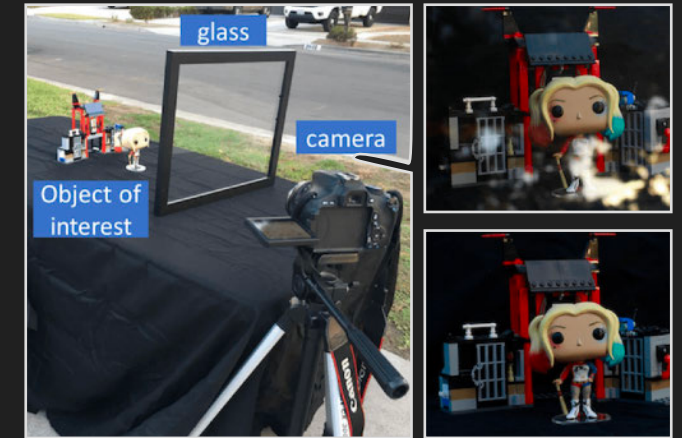
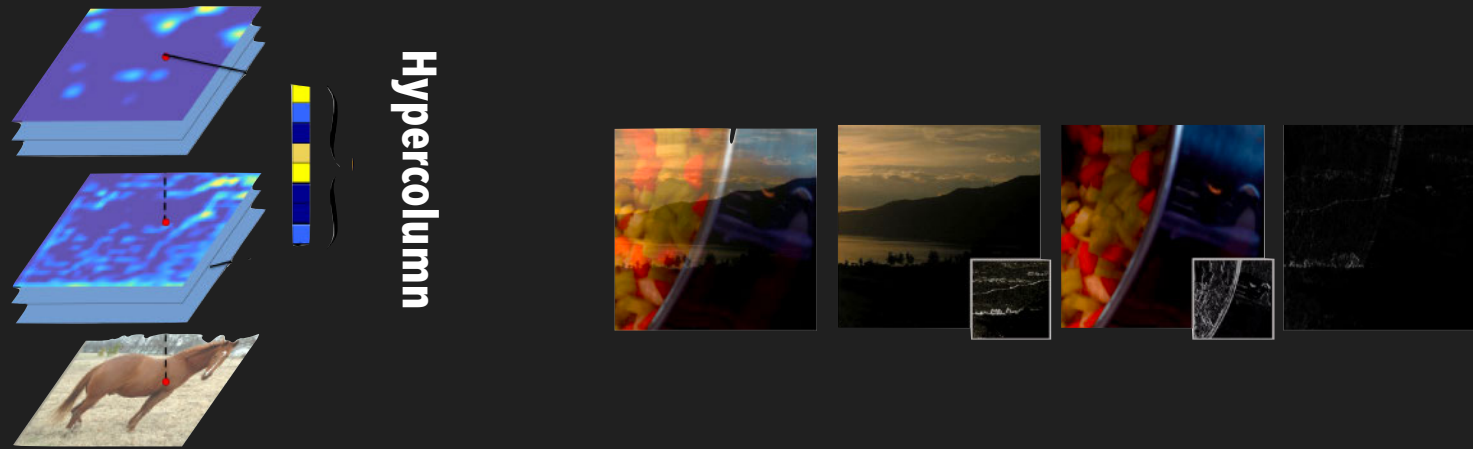
Portrait Shadow Manipulation

Zhang et al, SIGGRAPH 2020

Reflection Removal



Reflection Removal With a Single Image



[CVPR2015 Hariharan et al]

- Use all-level features to bring 'context' into the reflection removal
- Sparsity of image gradients as a differentiable constraint
- Real-world dataset for benchmark evaluation

Reflection Removal With a Single Image



Single Image Input

Output Transmission Layer

Output Reflection Layer

Reflection Removal With a Single Image

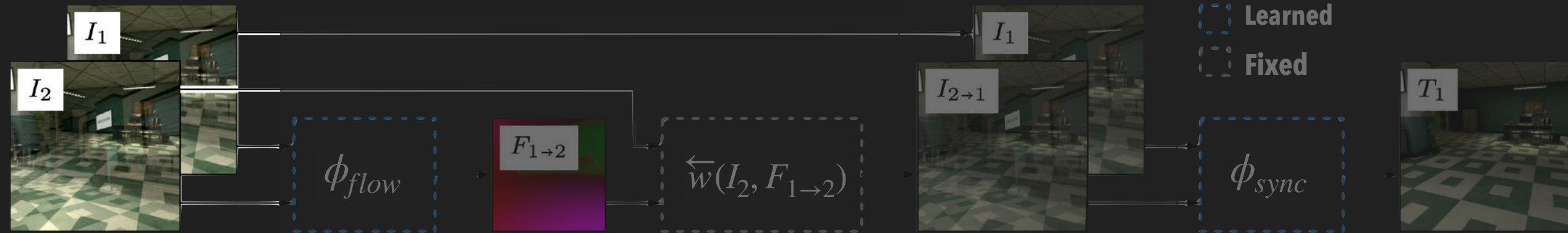
Failure Case: Intrinsic Ambiguity of Single-Image
Separating Transmission and Reflection



Input

Output Transmission Layer

Reflection Removal With Dual-View

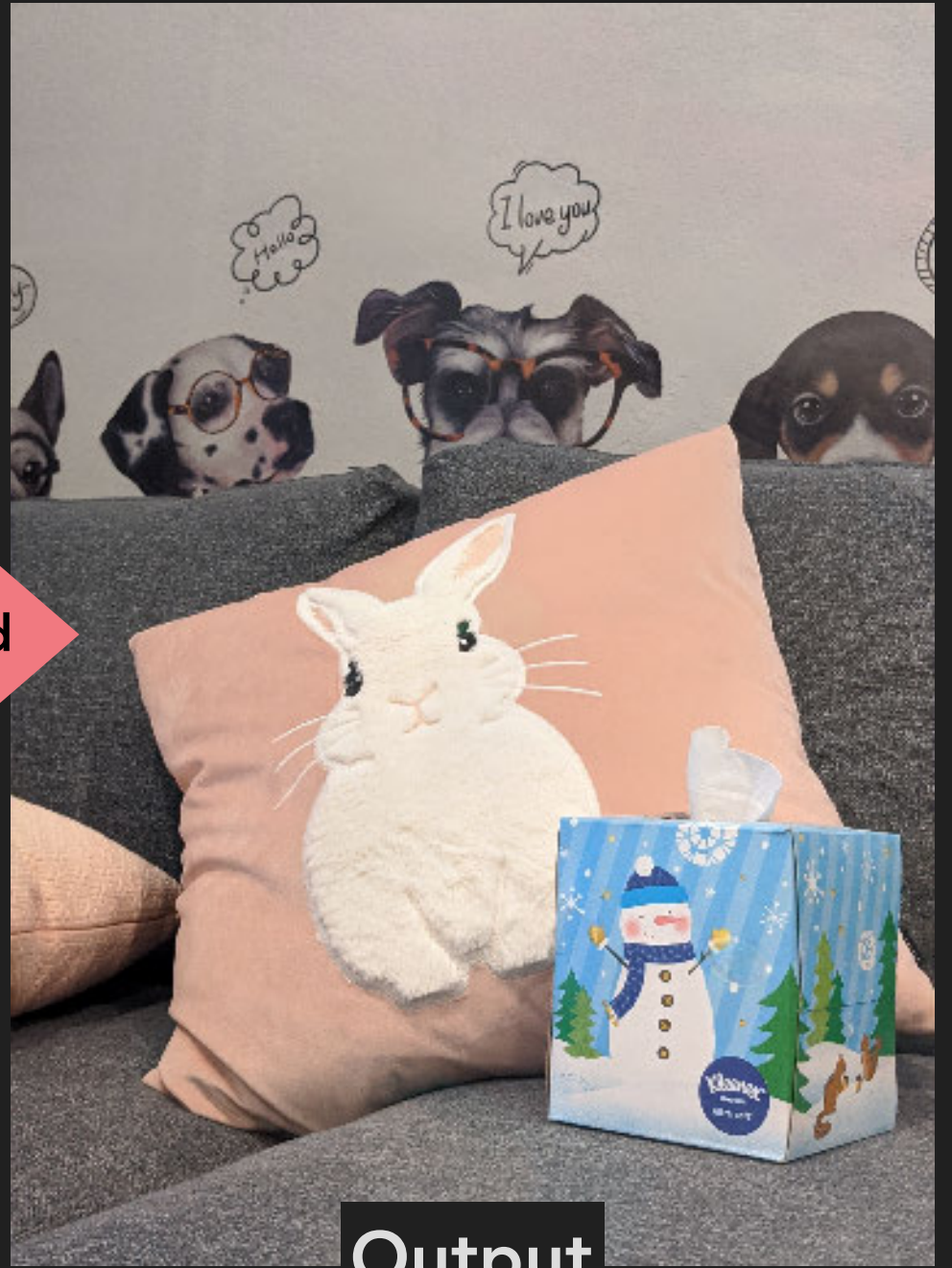


- Reflection-Invariant Optical Flow
- Parallax Only in Reflection Layer
- Fully Differentiable

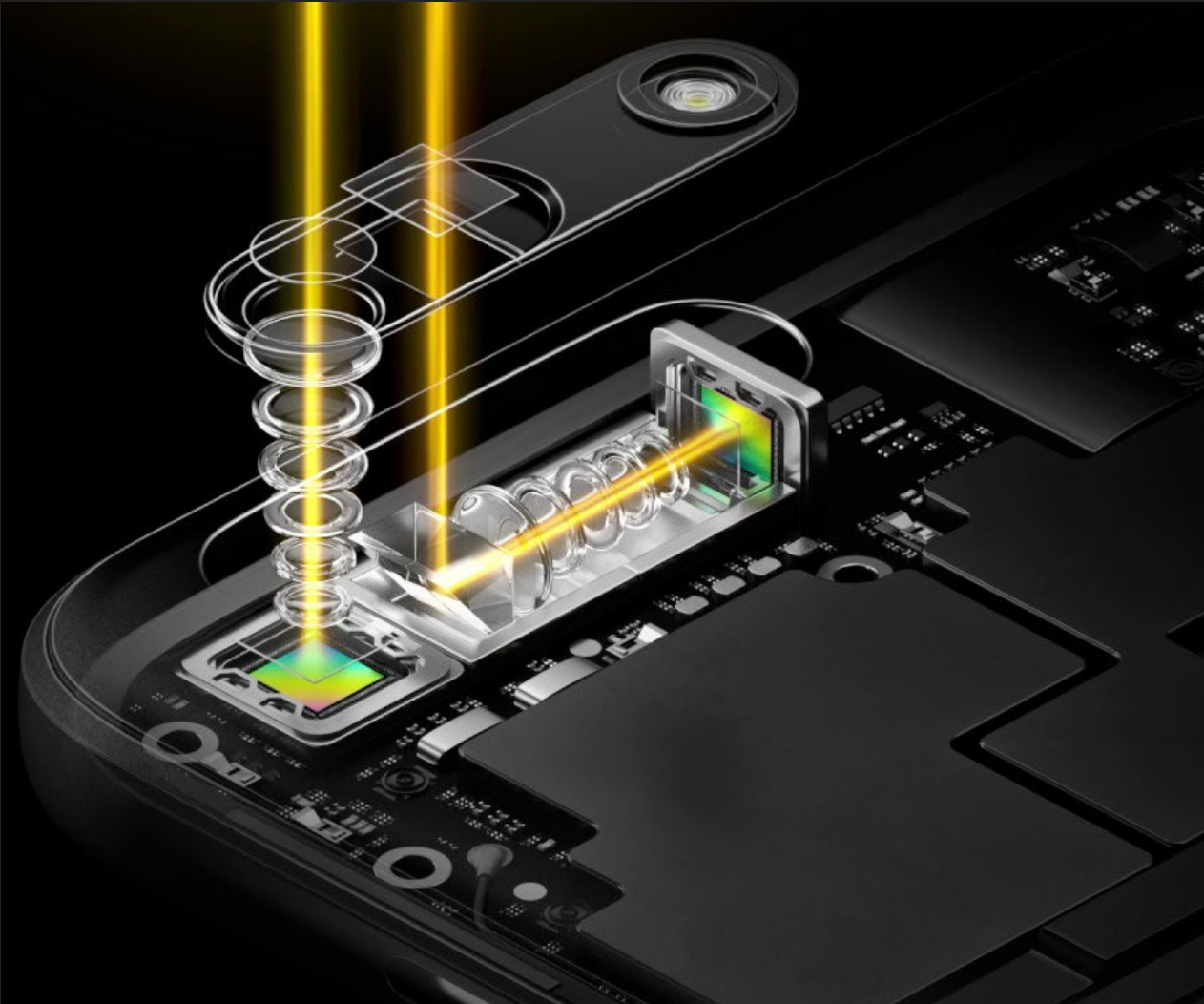




Visualized as Anaglyph



Output

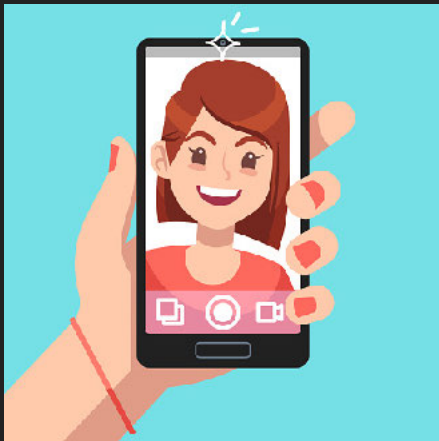


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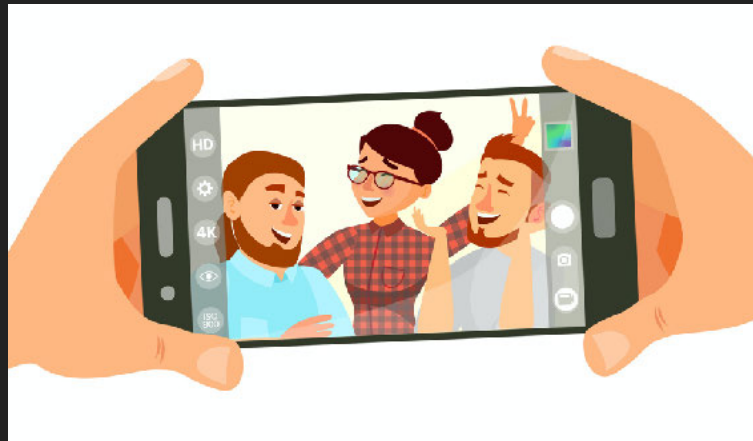
What's Next?

Multi-Camera System

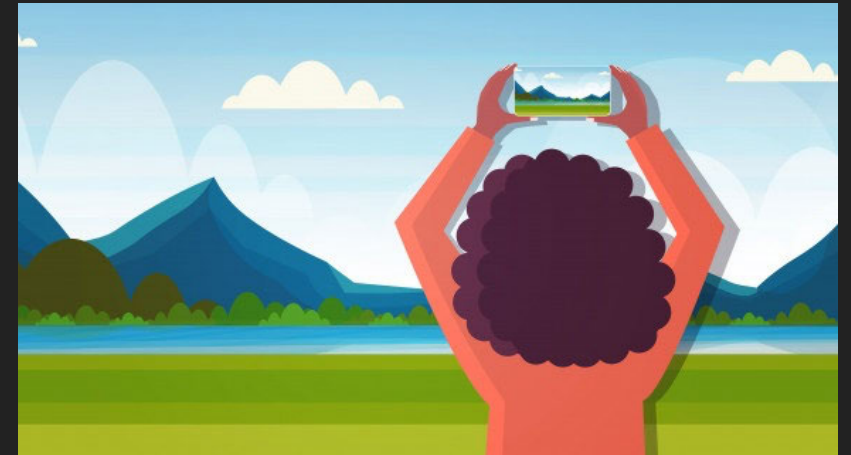
- Most phones are equipped with ≥ 2 cameras
 - But they hardly interact



Front Camera



Rear Camera



Wide-Angle Camera

Multi-Camera System Brings More Context

- Additional information
 - Lighting
 - Content
 - Vlog-like storytelling



Multi-Camera for Storytelling



- 8K raw

- Wide-angle lens

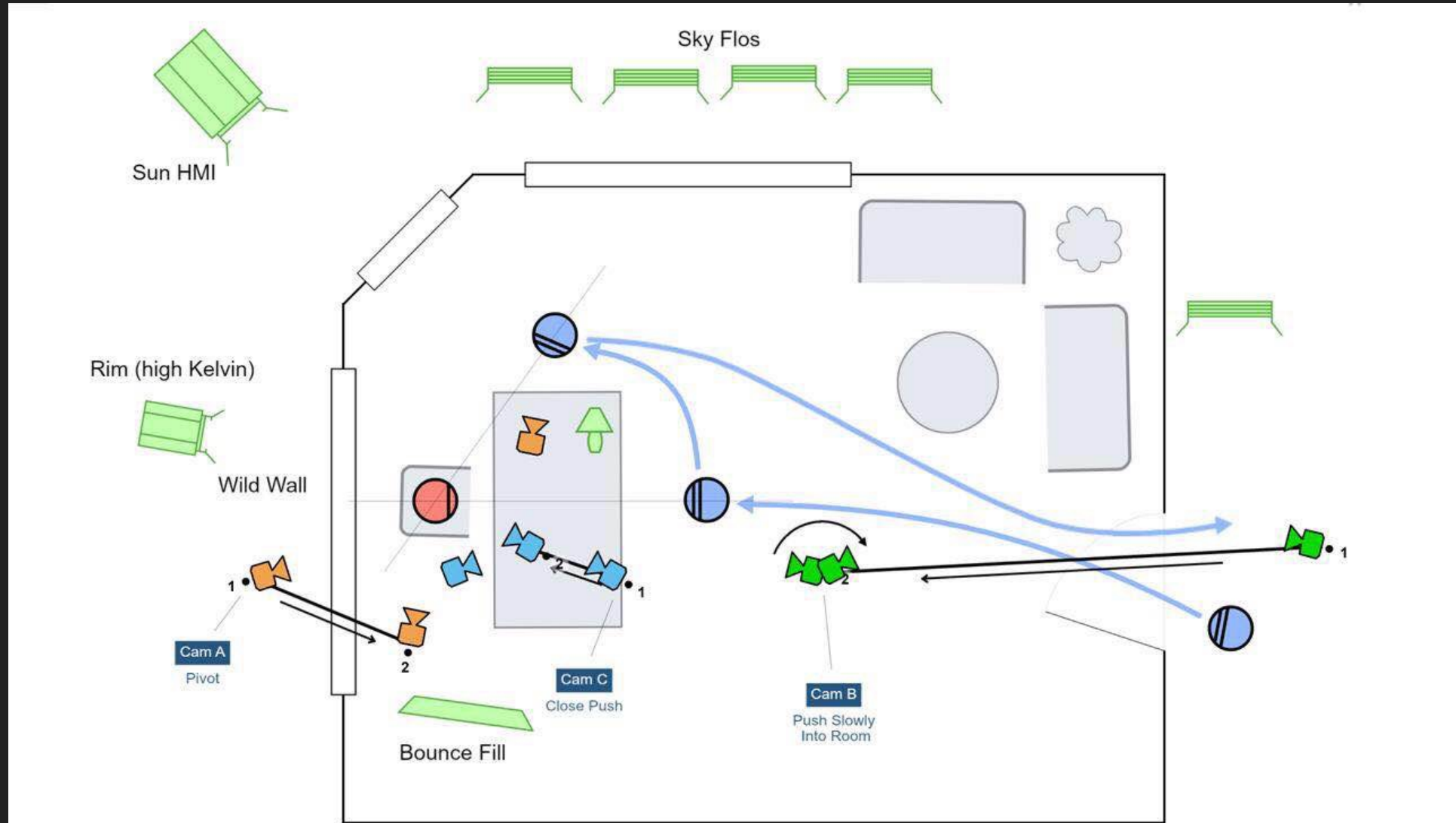


CONFIRM



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FPS

In a Film Crew: Staging & Blocking Finds the Optimal (X, Y, Z, T)



Neural Rendering for AI Driven Photo-editing Systems



AI Driven Photo-editing Systems *

- **Practicality:** generalize well
- **Controllability:** intuitive, high-level abstraction
- **Identity:** preserves the identity and details My Shot in, my Shot out

Practicality: Generalization and Robustness



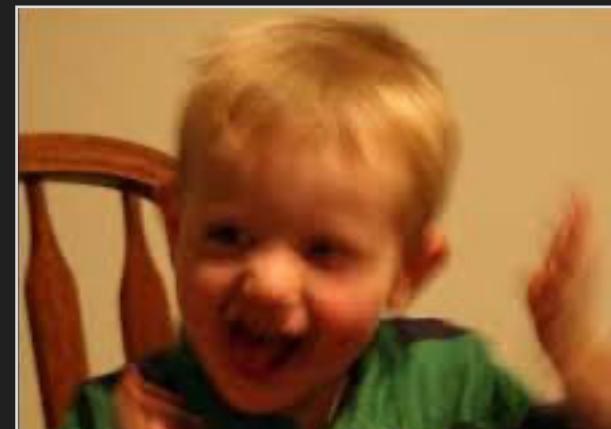
- Casual photos are noisy



Uncommon style



Uncommon accessories

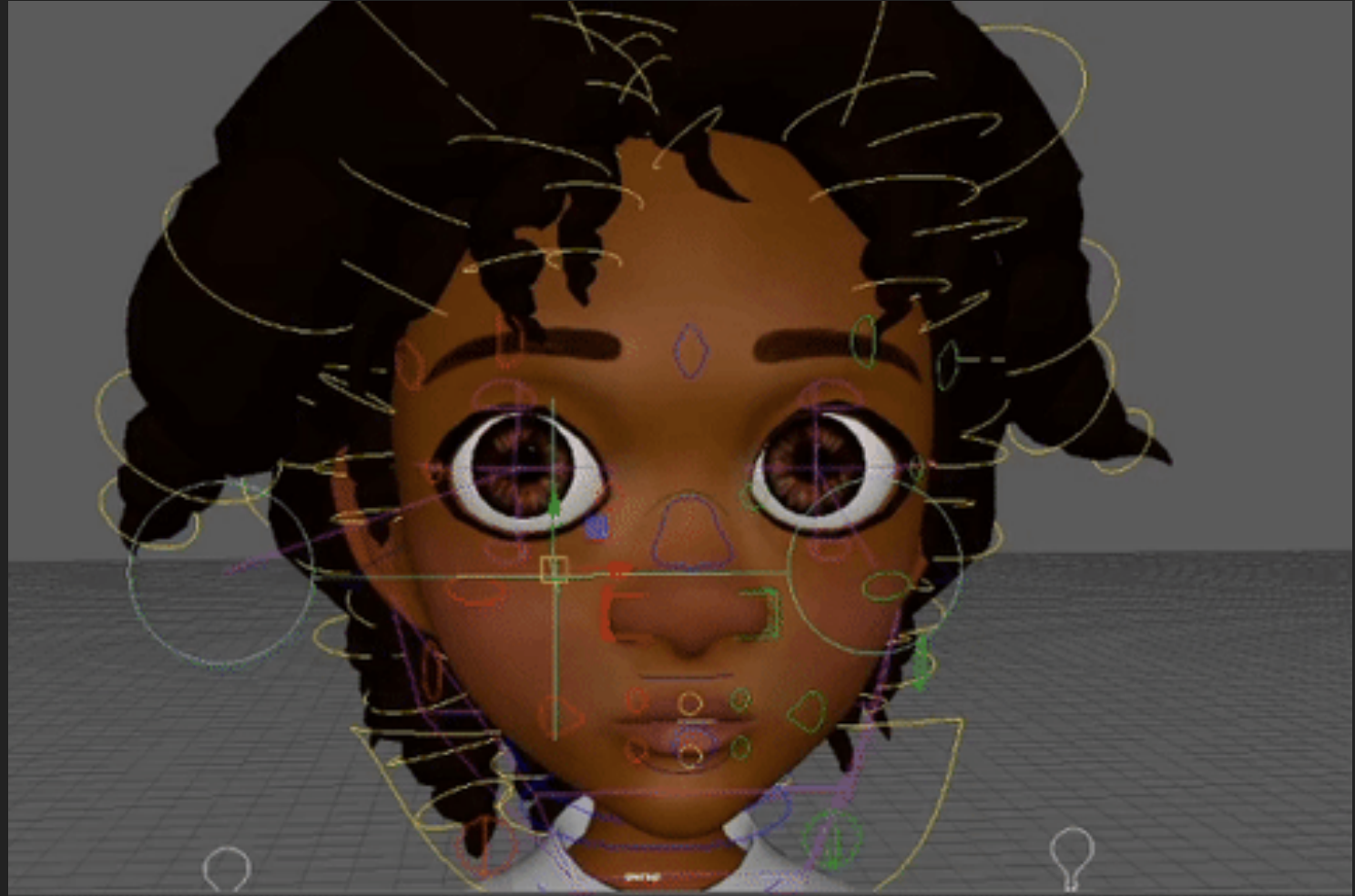


Noisy and defocus



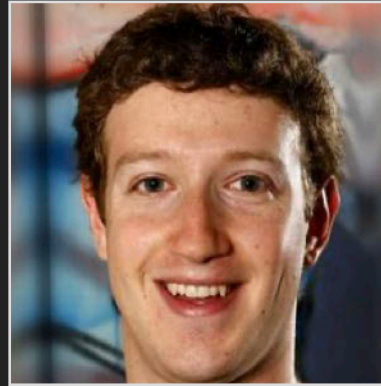
Pose and upper body

Controllability: Intuitive, High-Level Abstraction

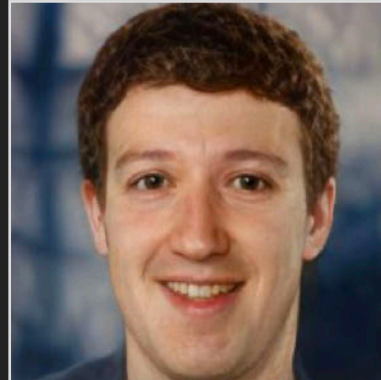
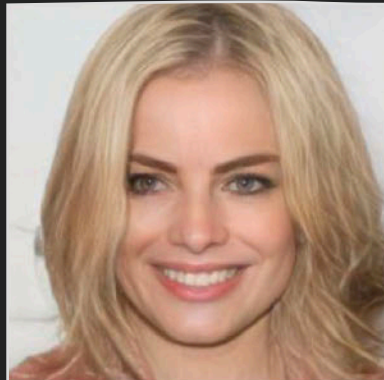
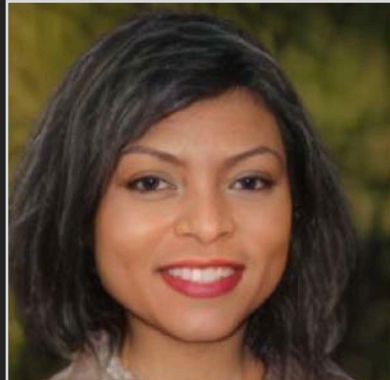


Identity: Preserves the Identity and Details

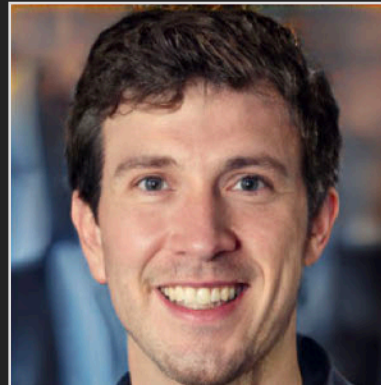
Input



Inverter 1



Inverter 2



[Richardson et al Arxiv 2020]

[Pidhorskyi et al CVPR 2020]

Neural Rendering for Photo-editing Systems

Controllability

Per-Pixel

Per-Segment

Per-Global-Style

Identity

Transform

Adding / Removing

Replacement / Reenactment

Photo-Editing

Enhancement

Manipulation (Resampling)

Fake

UI / UX

Data Bias

Forensics

Privacy

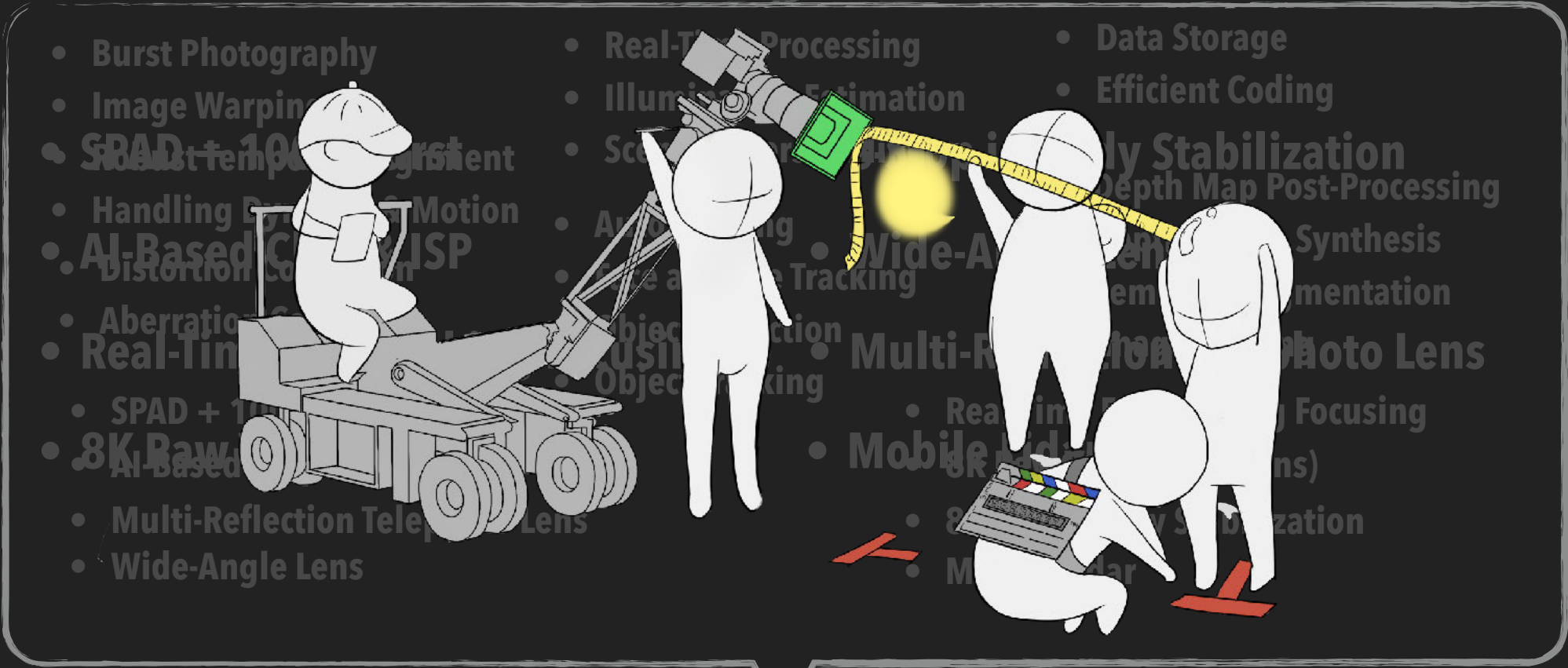
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Hardware Efforts

- SPAD + 100K Burst
- AI-Based Chip & ISP
- Real-Time Eye Tracking Focusing
- 8K Raw Videos (30 mins)
- 8-Stop in-Body Stabilization ...
- Wide-Angle Lens ...
- Multi-Reflection Telephoto Lens ...
- Mobile Lidar ...

Software Efforts

- Burst Photography
- Image Warping
- Robust Temporal Alignment
- Handling Dynamic & Motion
- Real-Time Processing
- Auto-X Algorithms
- Illumination/Scene Understanding
- Distortion Correction
- Aberration Correction
- Autofocusing
- Face and Eye Tracking
- Object Detection
- Object Tracking
- Data Storage
- Efficient Encoding
- Depth Map Post-Processing
- Depth-Aware Synthesis
- Semantic Segmentation
- Image Matting



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- Efficient Coding
- Image Stabilization
- Depth Map Post-Processing
- Synthesis
- Photo Lens
- Real-time Focusing
- Mobile (Smartphones)
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A Preview of my Acknowledgment

- You will see
 - The people (and stuff) who help me survive until this moment
 - Words I've always wanted to say but didn't say
 - Photos of many cute people (and maybe a dog)
 - Many fancy (and unnecessary) Keynote animation that I never had a chance to use
 - How I see myself in 5 years (😳)

Feel free to unmute yourself ❤️



Ren



Alyosha

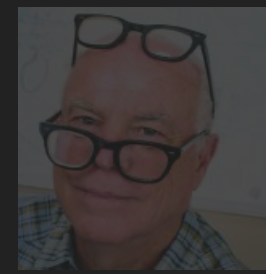
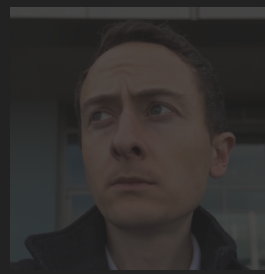


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Don



Ashok



Jason



Vivek



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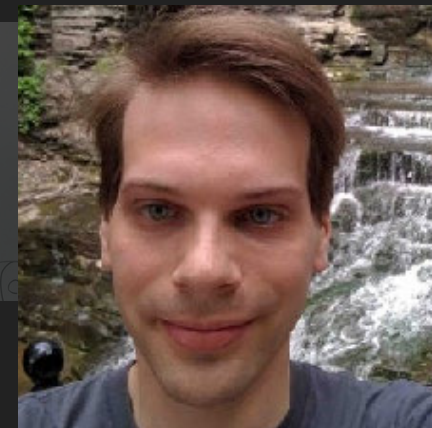
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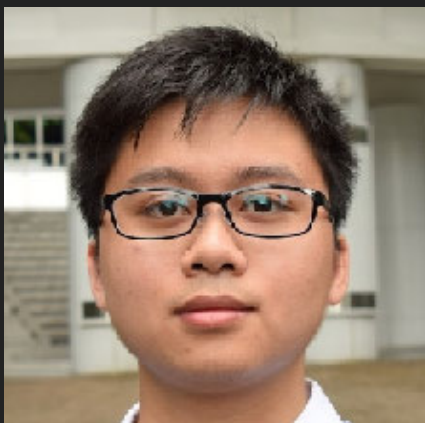
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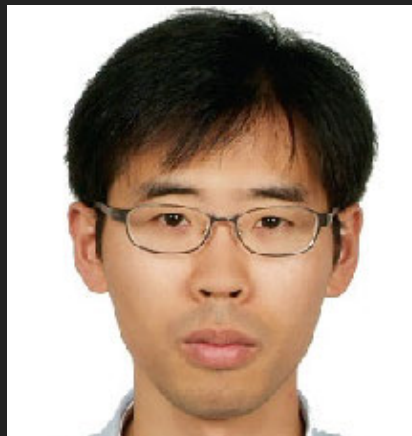
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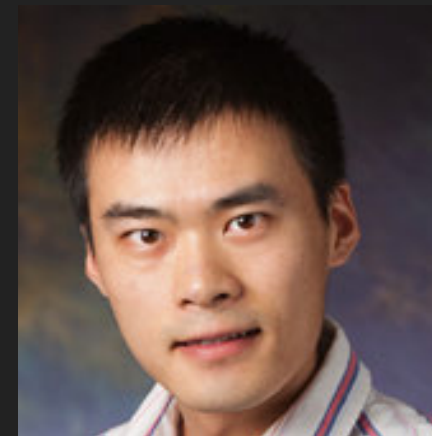
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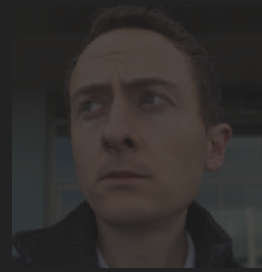


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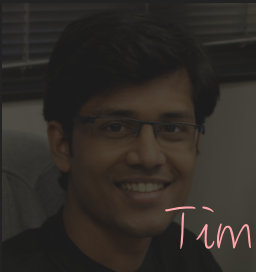
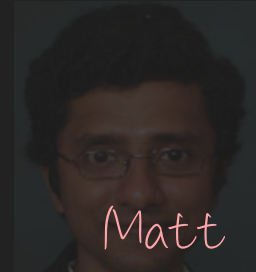
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Pratul

Ben



Grace

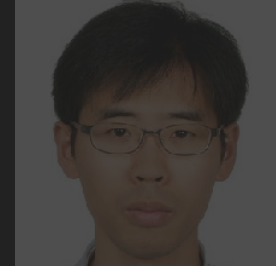
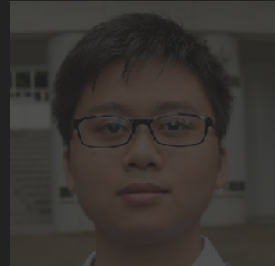
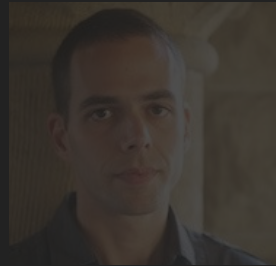
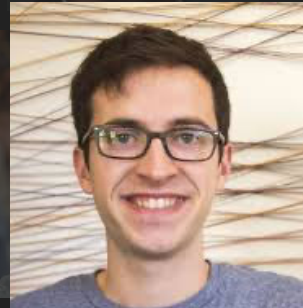
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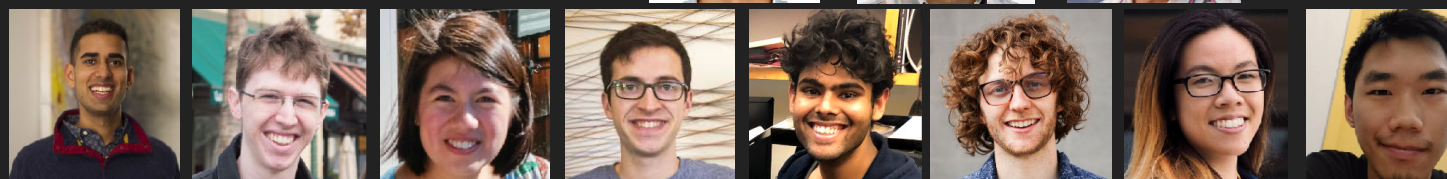
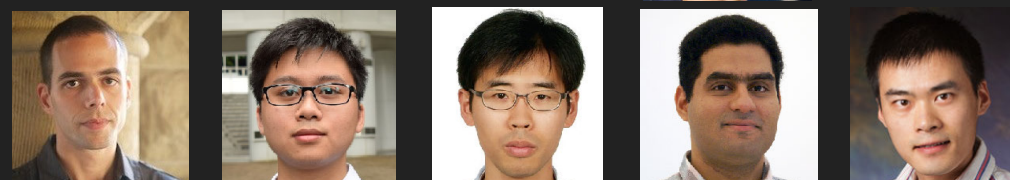
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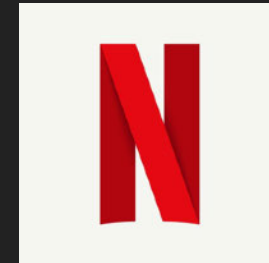
Daniel



Hezheng



Thanks



Specially, ...

For Ren and Ren's "kids" (besides Reya and Lana)











The Man Behind the Lens



Thanks Ren!

For bringing me here...

Fri, Jan 16, 2015, 10:23 PM

Ren Ng <ren@berkeley.edu>

to me ▾

Hi Xuaner,

I'm Ren Ng from UC Berkeley, and would love to cha

Sat, Jan 17, 2015, 7:09 AM

Xuaner Zhang <xuanerceciliazhang@gmail.com>

to Ren ▾


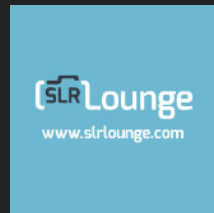
Hi Dr. Ng,

Thanks a lot for your invitation from UC Berkeley. S

For Mom, Dad and Yoo



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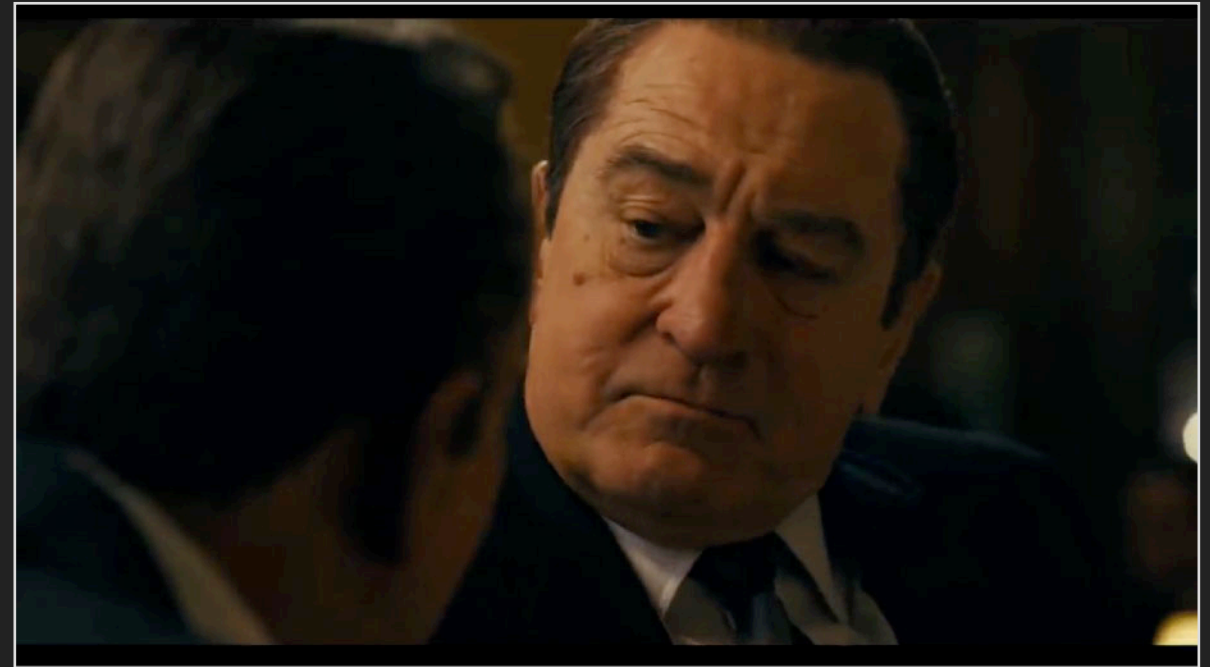


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The technology involves two machine learning models, one to remove unwanted shadows and another to soften natural facial shadows.

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Thank you all!

It's been an incredible journey!