

Fragment Simulation and Characterization



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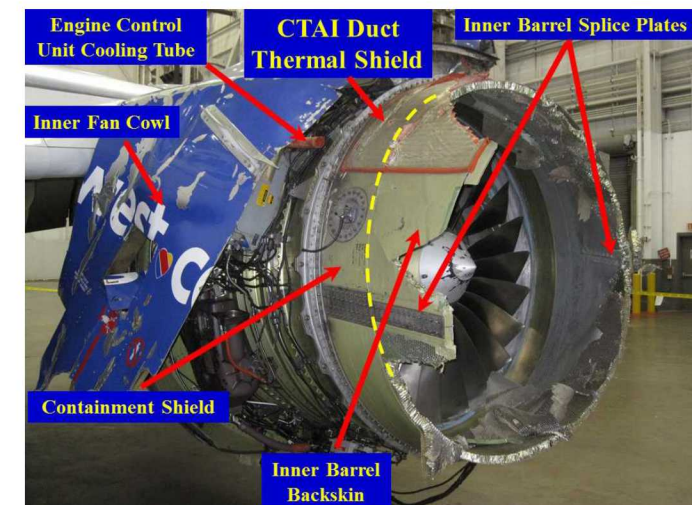
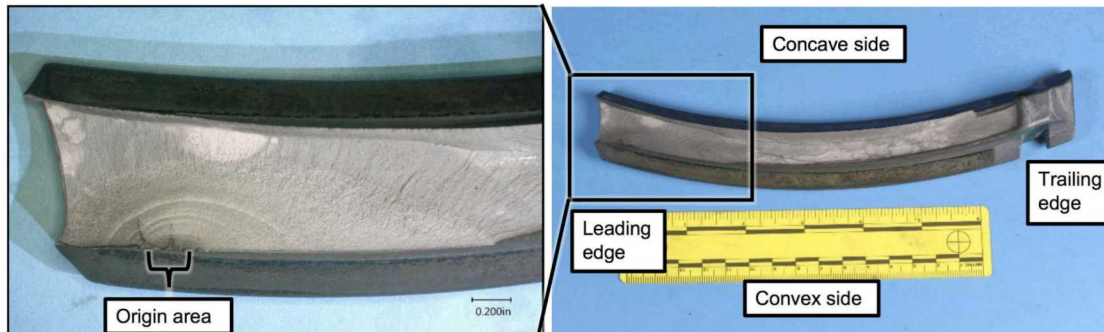
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Case Study: Southwest Airlines Engine Explosion

Southwest flight 1380, April 17th, 2018

- Engine failure after takeoff from New York LaGuardia
- Metal fragments from explosion punctured fuselage
- 1 fatality, several injuries

How can we understand fragment flight to prevent future safety incidents?



Fragment characterization

- Case Study
- Problem Scope

Current Solutions for Detection & Tracking

- Challenges
- Future ideas from Deep Learning & Computer Vision

Conclusion

- Applications and Impact



Problem Scope



Definition of the problem and experimental setups

Problem Statement

Multi-camera stereo system with synchronized videos

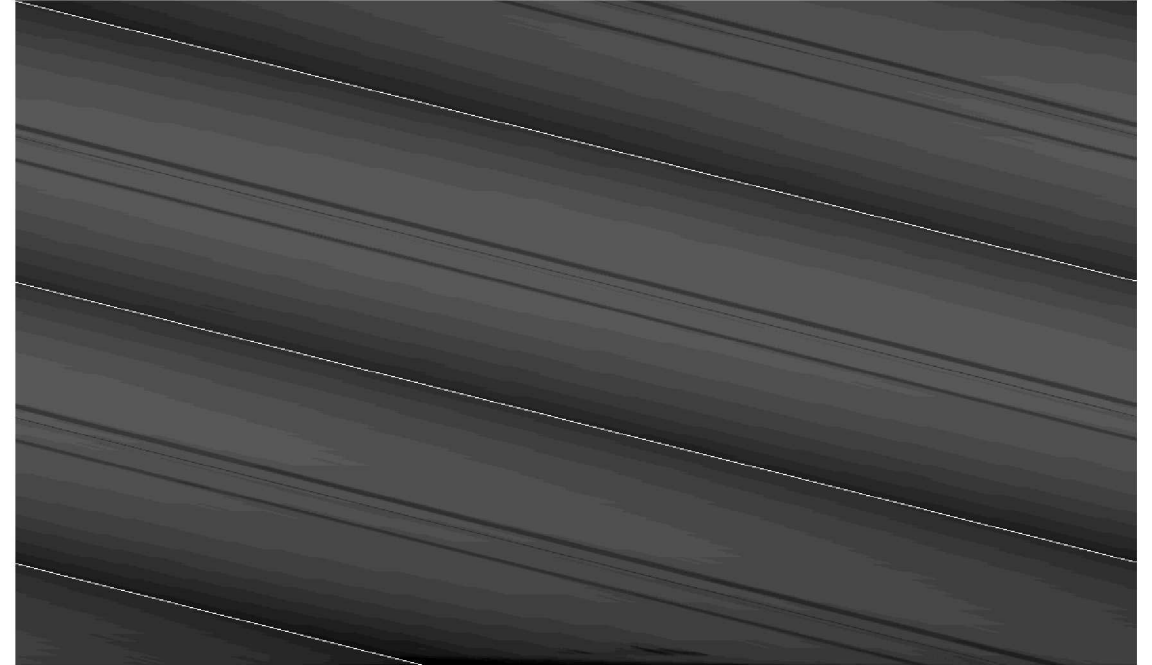
Fragments from experiment fly across field-of-view

Using machine learning & computer vision techniques, can we answer:

- How do fragments form?
- Where are the fragments located in 3d space?
- What are their velocities?
- What are their masses?



Stereo camera
system



Fragment experiment

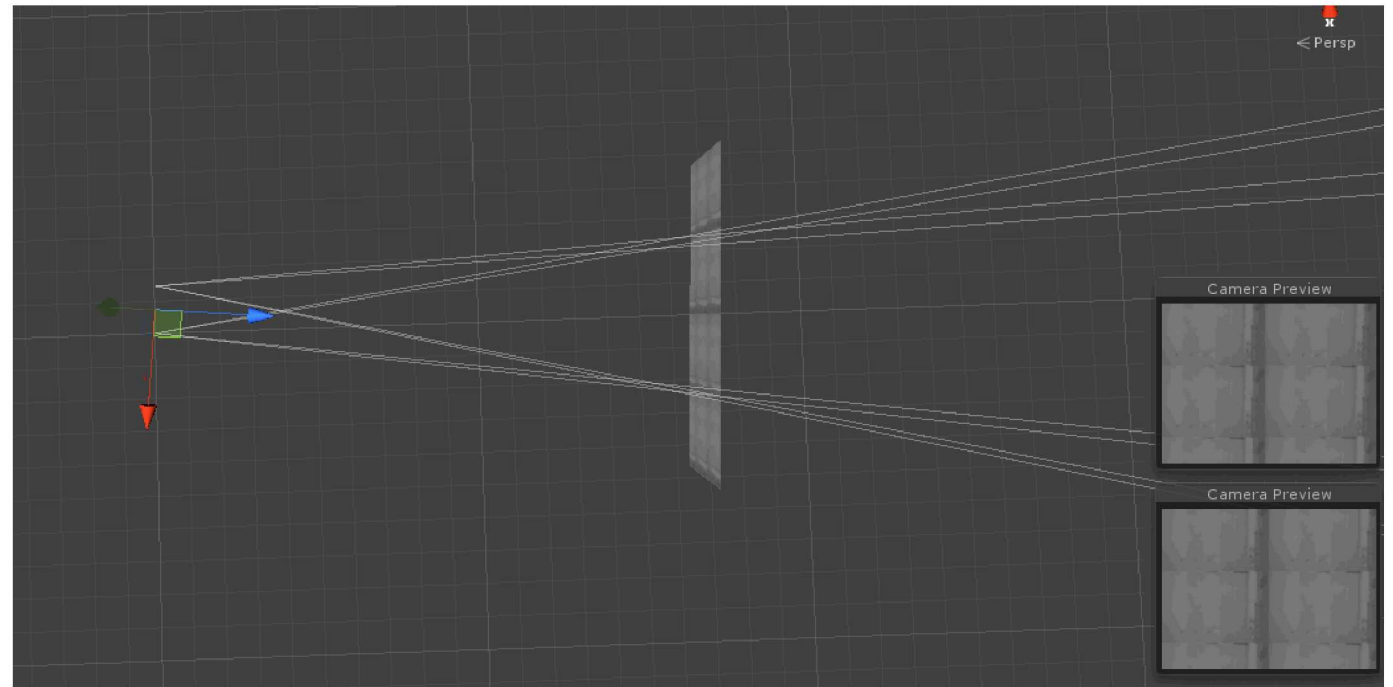
6 Simulated experiments

Simulate an experimental setup with a stereo camera system

- Verifiable against known ground truth
- Avoid confusers and noisy data

Allow any positioning of cameras, informing experiment design

Can quickly and cheaply simulate a ton of experiments



Bird's eye view of simulation environment



Current Progress



Detection and tracking of fragments from simulated videos

Fragment characterization method

Simulate fragment experiments

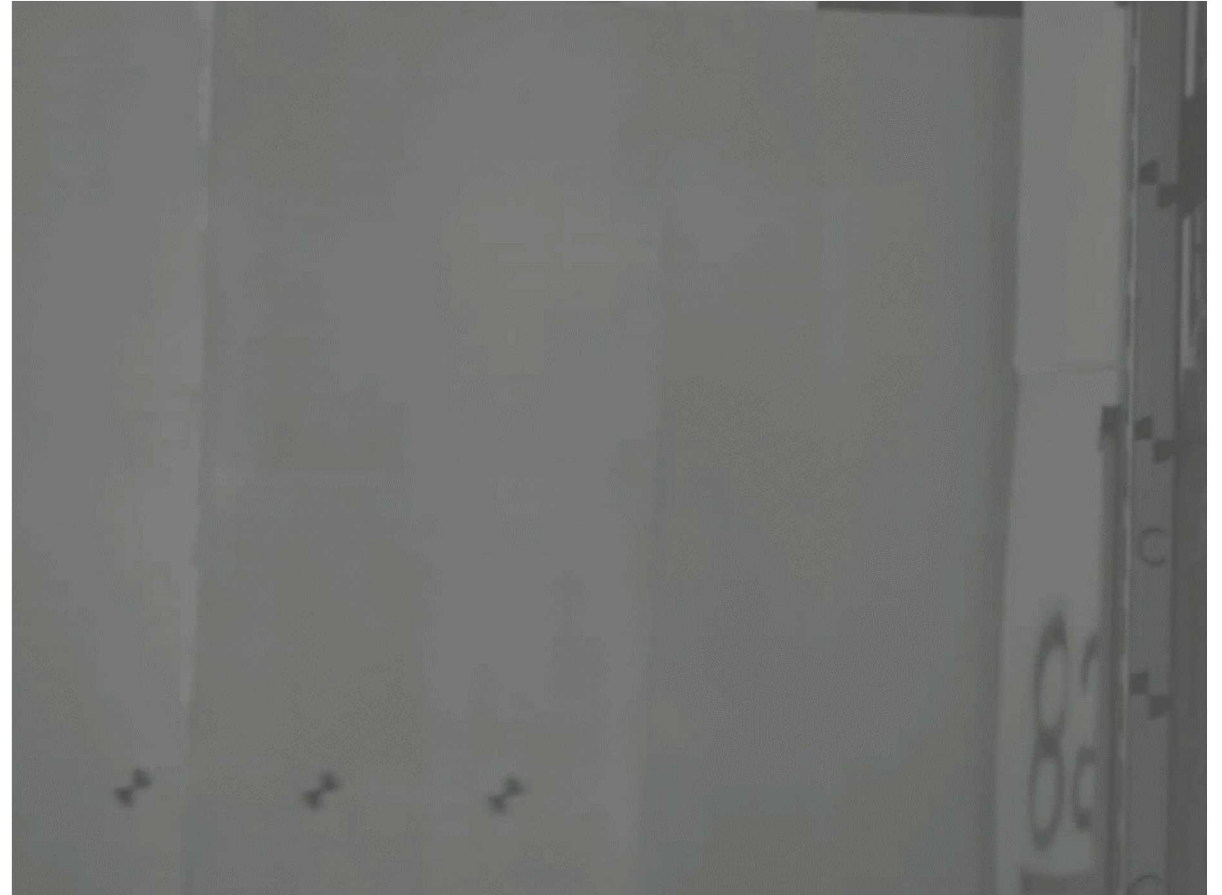
Use deep learning to segment fragment locations

Track fragments

Stereo matching between fragments

Characterize each fragment

- Positions
- Velocity
- 3D reconstruction

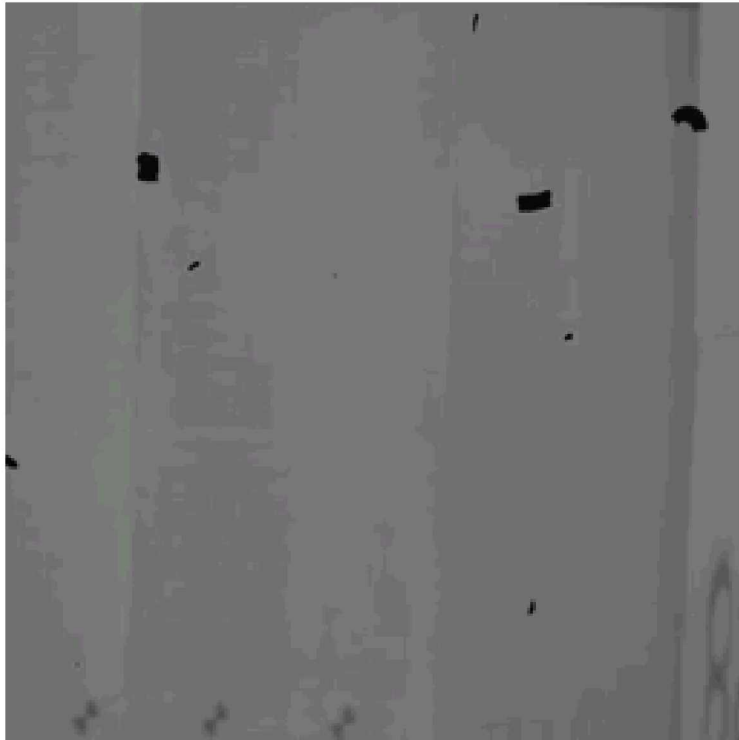


Simulated experiment

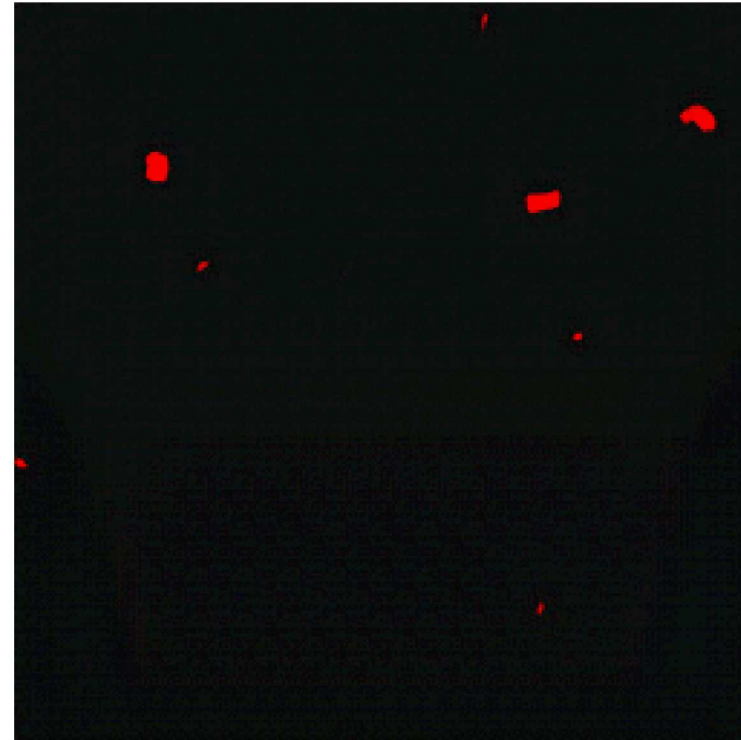
9 Detection & segmentation

Used pix2pix on simulated video frames

- Have “ground truth” positions of fragments, used that as a transformation target



Simulated Input

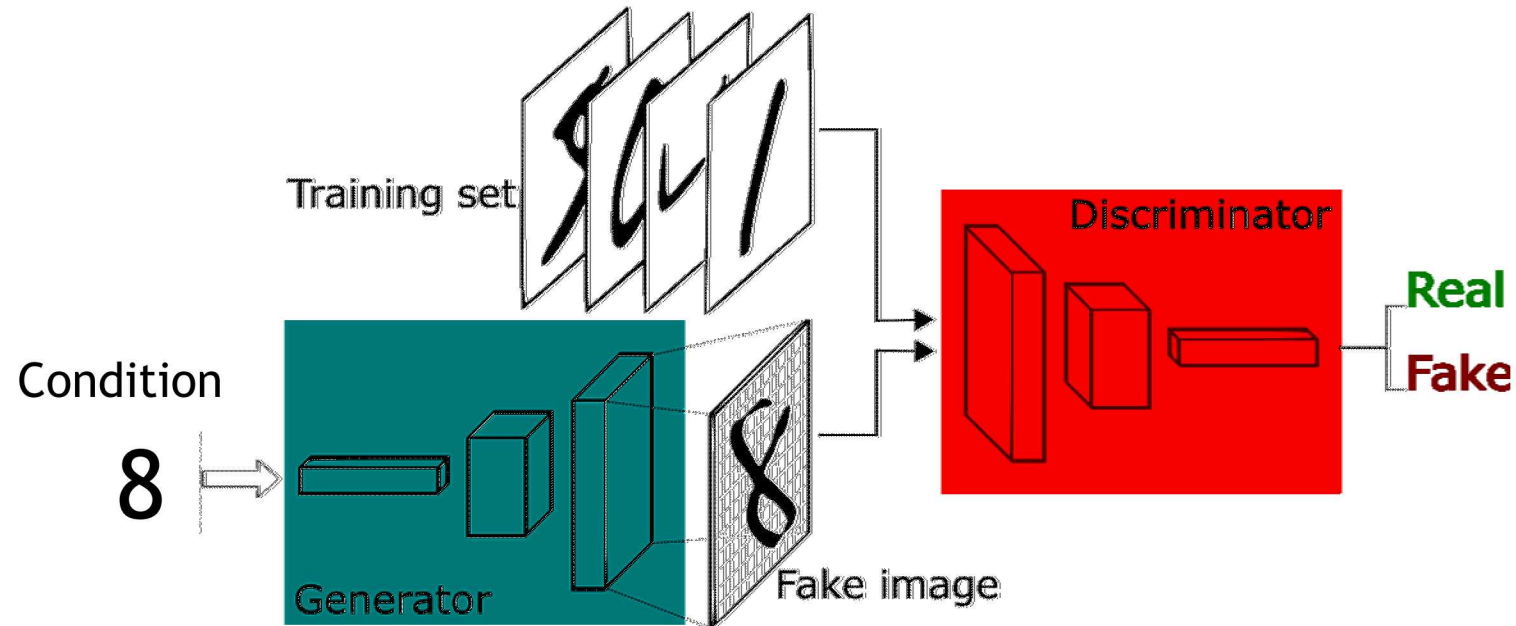


ML segmentation

Generative Adversarial Networks: a game theoretic approach to machine learning

Generative Adversarial Networks (GANs) pit two competing neural networks against each other

- **The generator**, tries to mimic real results
- **The discriminator**, tries to identify mimicked results from real results



Pix2pix model

- Condition is an image instead of a label
 - E.g. color segmentation of a scene
- GAN has to learn how to fill in segmentations convincingly
- Training goal is to fool the discriminator

Input labels



Synthesized image



Idea: frame the tracking problem as a graph optimization problem

- Nodes are detection locations for all frames from pix2pix
- Edges are all possible tracks from fragments in one frame to fragments in next frame

3-way matching algorithm

- Given edges between 3 successive frames
- Find the edges that make physical sense:
 - Approximately constant velocity
 - Fragment shapes are similar

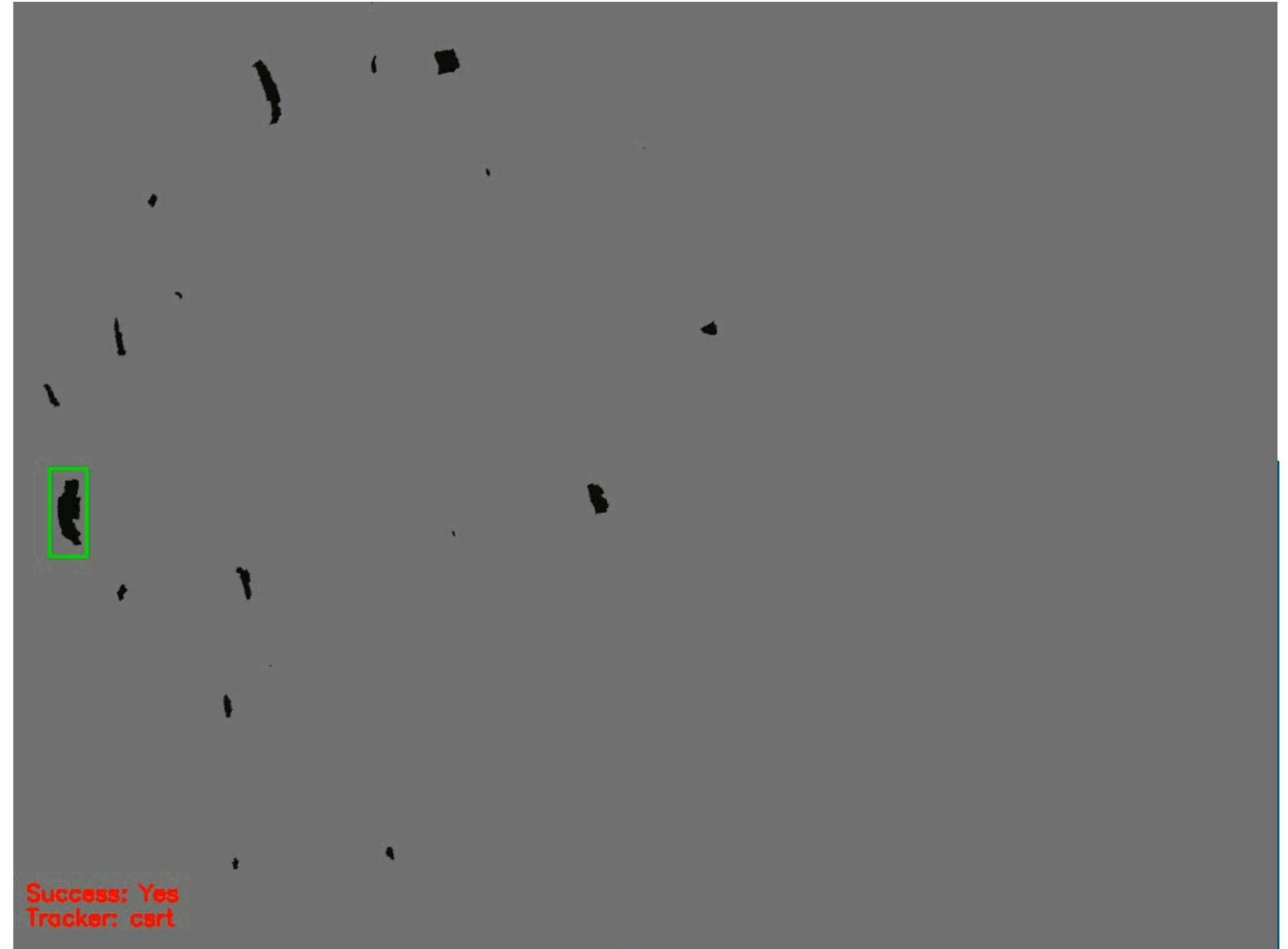


Fragment correlation

CSRT algorithm:

- User specifies first bounding box (or automatic segmentation algorithm)
- Algorithm learns a filter from affine transformations of the image patch
- Filter correlated with next frame, max response is the detected location

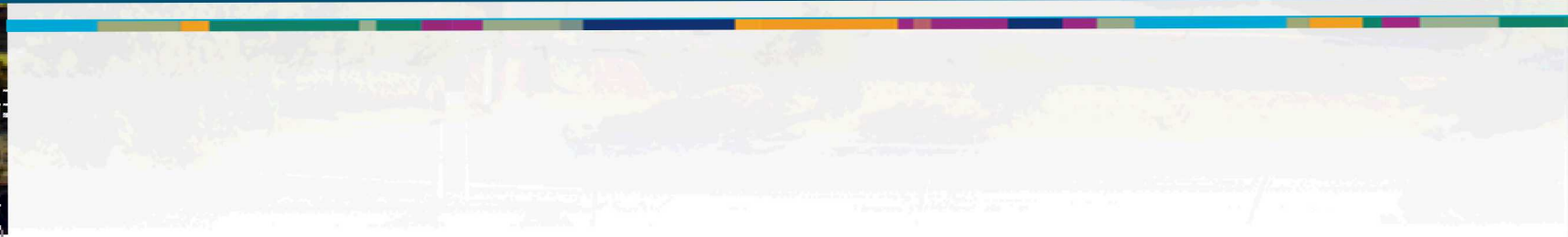
Future research: improve tracking by incorporating 3-way matching



CSRT algorithm applied to simulated video



Challenges



Stereo Tradeoff

Stereo cameras that are close together (i.e. small baseline) have greater depth error



Stereo Tradeoff

...but stereo cameras with a wide baseline have ambiguous matches



Stereo Reconstruction Tradeoff

A 2-camera (or multi-camera) system can mimic how the eyes perceive depth

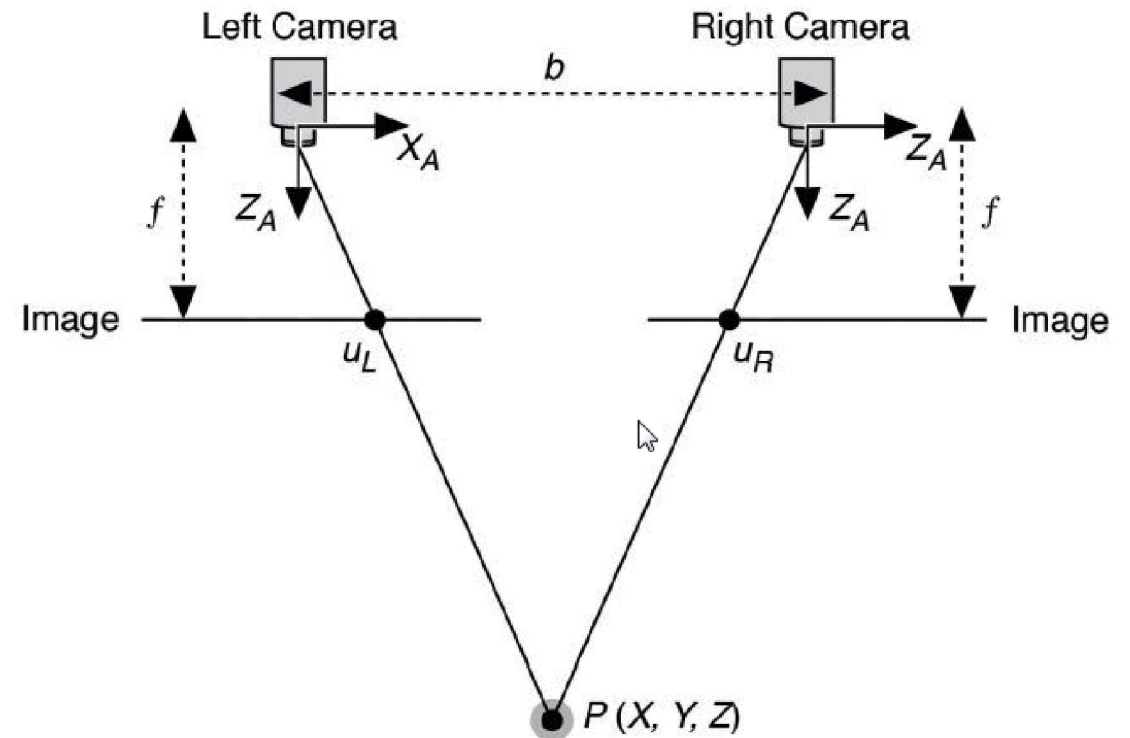
Can find distance to the matching point with triangulation

Stereo angle tradeoff:

- More distance between the cameras reduces depth error
- ...but increases difficulty in matching image points

Can add more cameras, but this can become expensive

Requires careful design of number of cameras and their positions

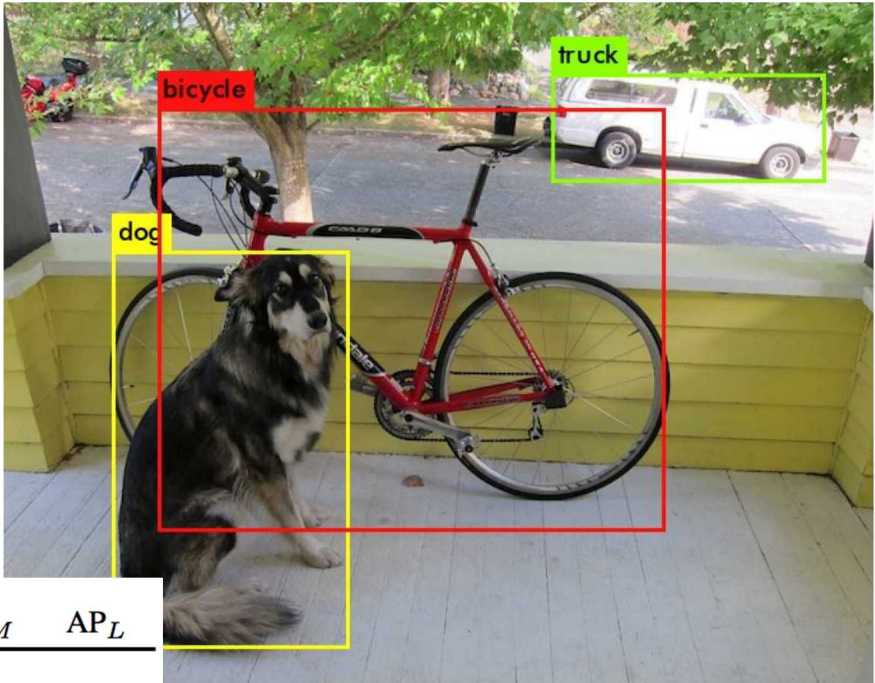


Conventional object detection

Recent computer vision techniques using deep neural networks have shown impressive results on object detection & tracking in pictures and videos

Challenge: datasets used for training these networks use objects from many different categories with labels and hand-drawn bounding boxes

- i.e. Supervised methods



Results from YOLO v3 network

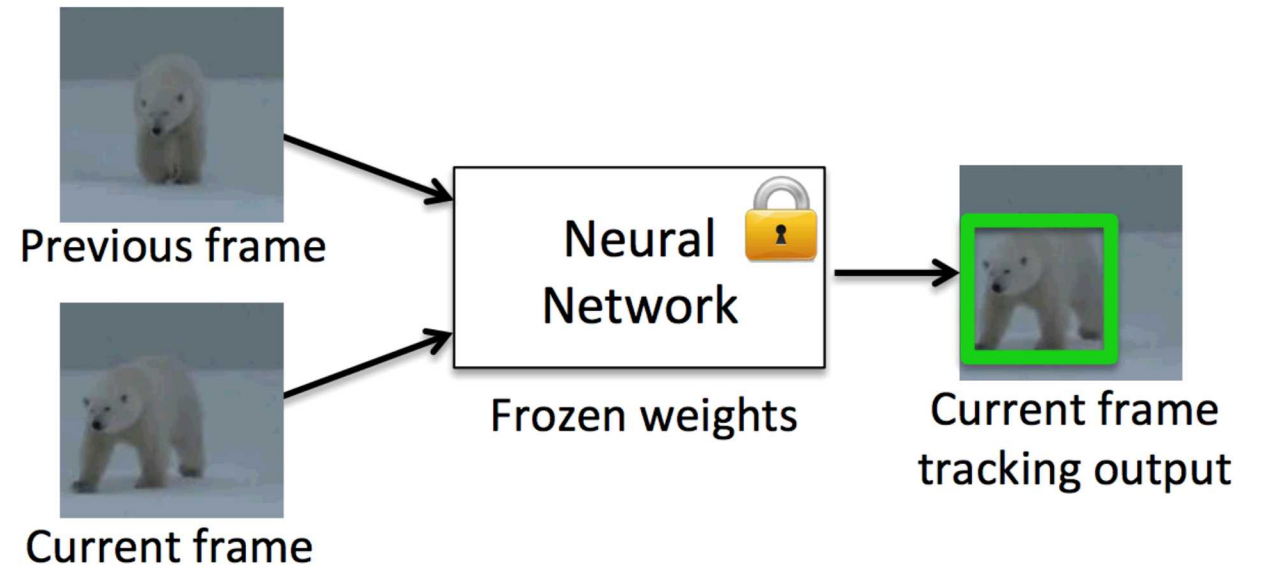
	backbone	AP	AP ₅₀	AP ₇₅	AP _S	AP _M	AP _L
<i>Two-stage methods</i>							
Faster R-CNN+++ [5]	ResNet-101-C4	34.9	55.7	37.4	15.6	38.7	50.9
Faster R-CNN w FPN [8]	ResNet-101-FPN	36.2	59.1	39.0	18.2	39.0	48.2
Faster R-CNN by G-RMI [6]	Inception-ResNet-v2 [21]	34.7	55.5	36.7	13.5	38.1	52.0
Faster R-CNN w TDM [20]	Inception-ResNet-v2-TDM	36.8	57.7	39.2	16.2	39.8	52.1
<i>One-stage methods</i>							
YOLOv2 [15]	DarkNet-19 [15]	21.6	44.0	19.2	5.0	22.4	35.5
SSD513 [11, 3]	ResNet-101-SSD	31.2	50.4	33.3	10.2	34.5	49.8
DSSD513 [3]	ResNet-101-DSSD	33.2	53.3	35.2	13.0	35.4	51.1
RetinaNet [9]	ResNet-101-FPN	39.1	59.1	42.3	21.8	42.7	50.2
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YOLOv3 608 × 608	Darknet-53	33.0	57.9	34.4	18.3	35.4	41.9

Deep Learning-based Tracking

Deep learning has made huge strides in many computer vision challenges, including object tracking

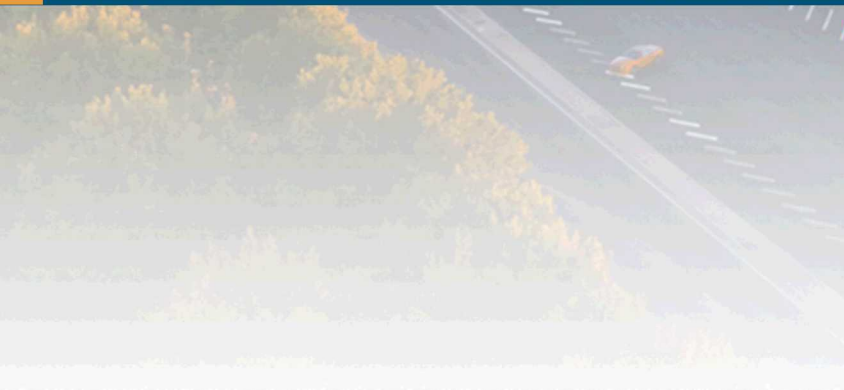
e.g. GOTURN

- Use a pre-trained CNN on videos
- Learns how to track an object in a video given a single image crop of the object
- Downside: Supervised training
- Downside :Trained on conventional color videos

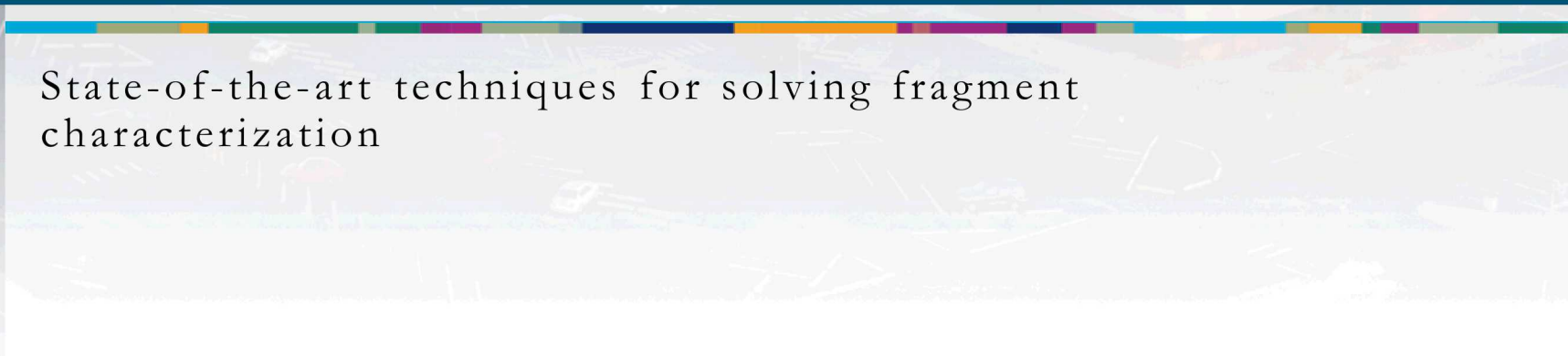




Future directions



State-of-the-art techniques for solving fragment characterization



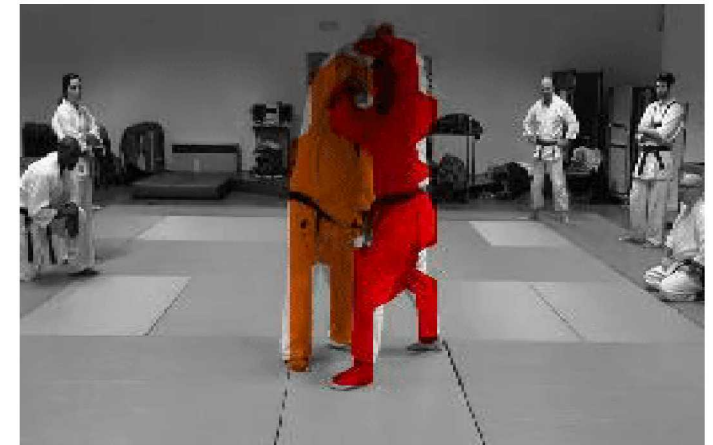
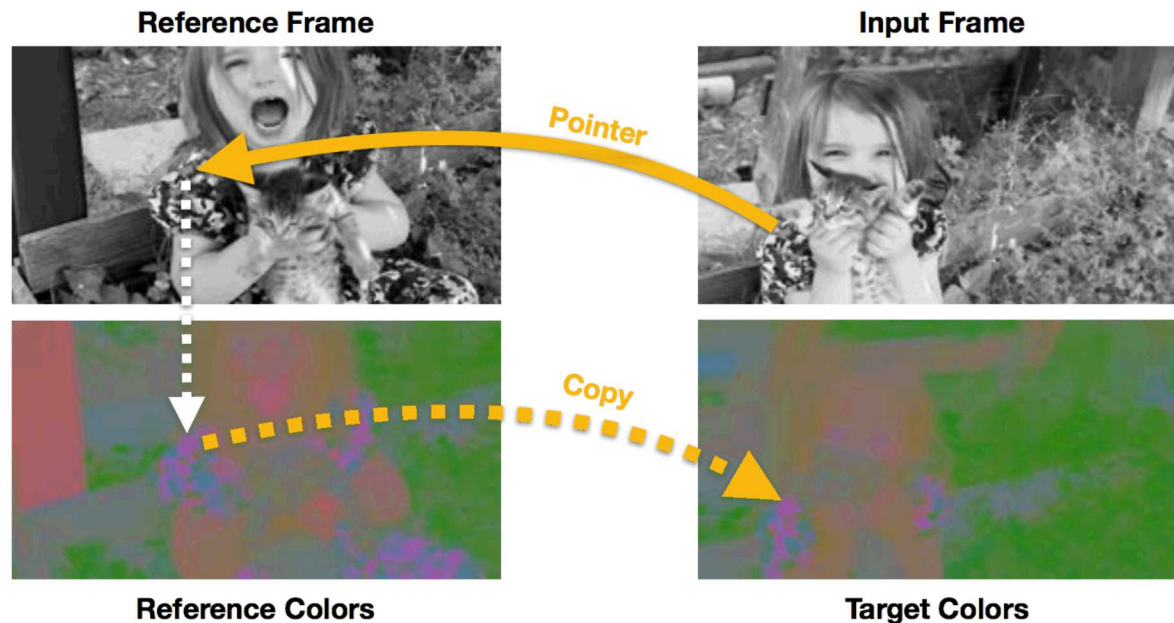
Object tracking via color

Vondrick, et. al. “Tracking emerges by Colorizing Videos”, Google Research

Train a CNN to colorize grayscale images from video frames

Since the trained CNN can color an object, it can also track that object via color between sequential video frames

Unsupervised technique



Object reconstruction

DeepMind: Neural scene representation and rendering

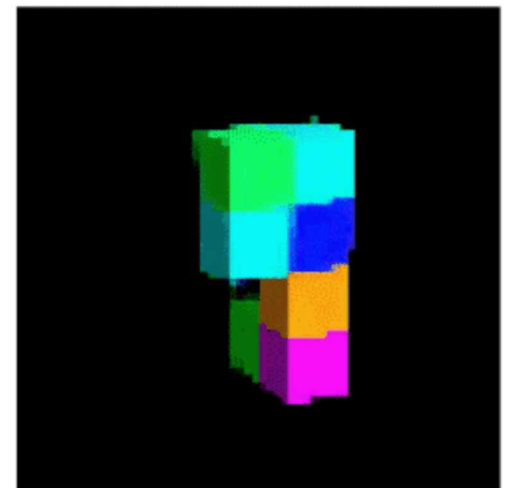
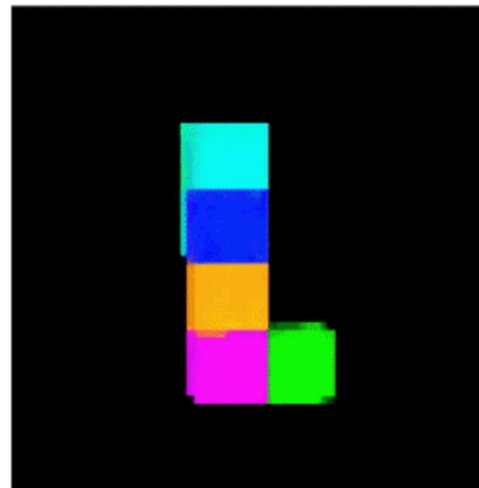
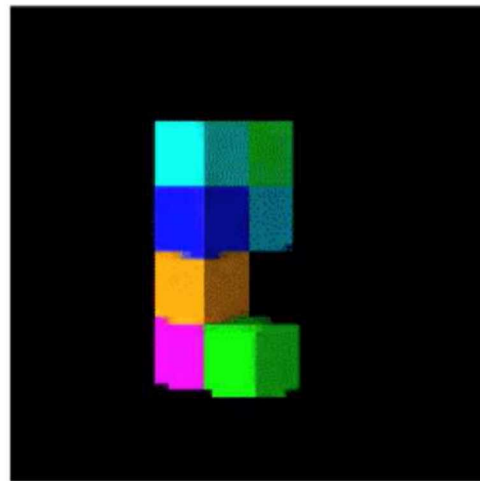
Generative Query Network (GQN):

- Learns to perceive its “world” by training only on observed data during exploration
- Makes 3-dimensional sense of objects with many 2-dimensional examples

observation



neural rendering

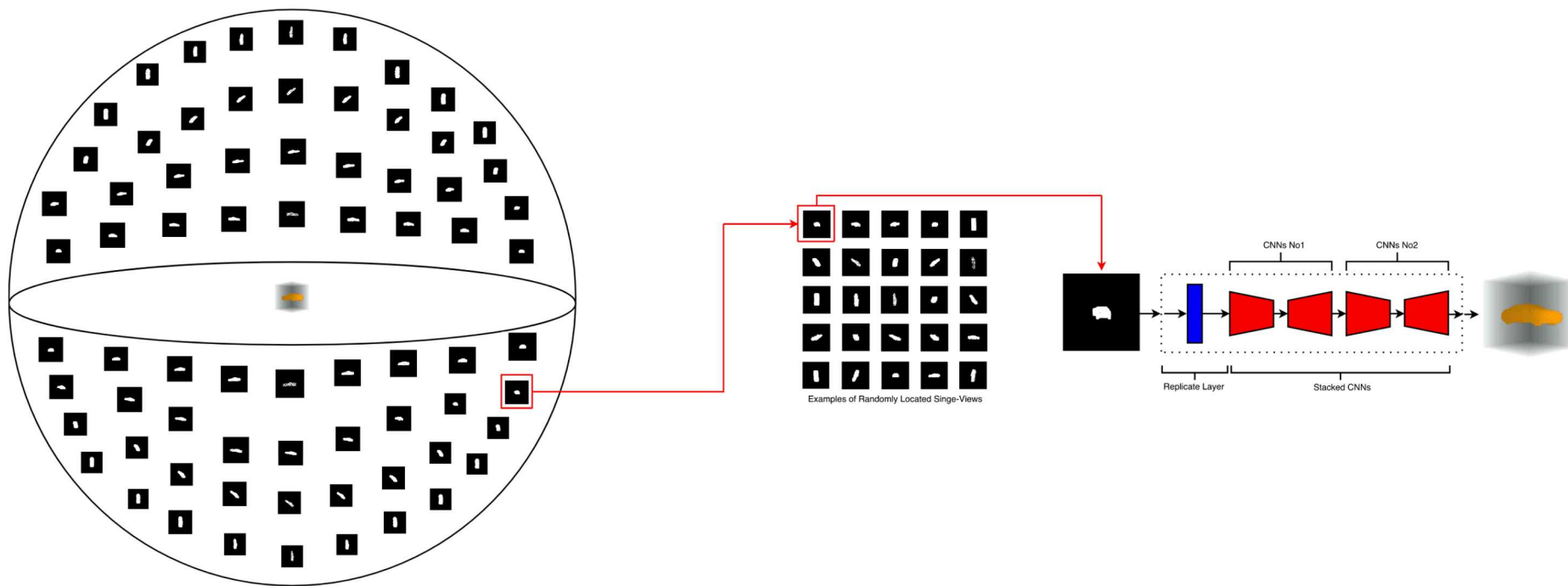


Object reconstruction from silhouettes

Di, Yu 2016: 3D Reconstruction of Simple Objects from A Single View Silhouette Image

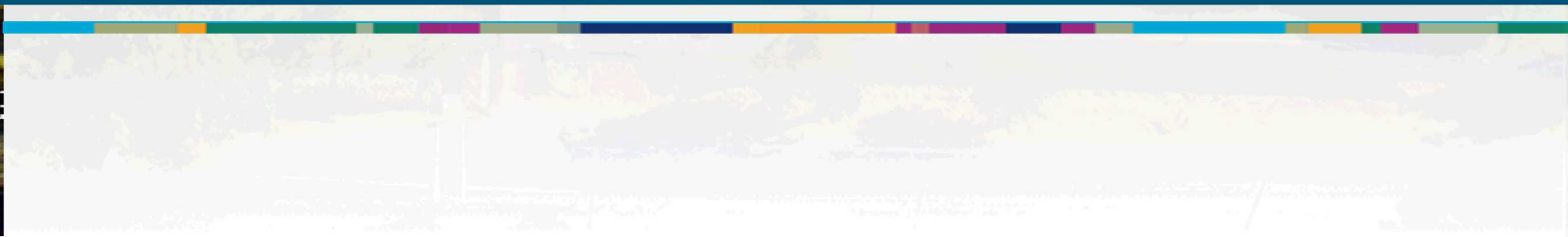
Idea:

- Use 3D models of shapes to generate many silhouette images
- Train a CNN to generate a 3D model by training on 2D silhouettes





Conclusion



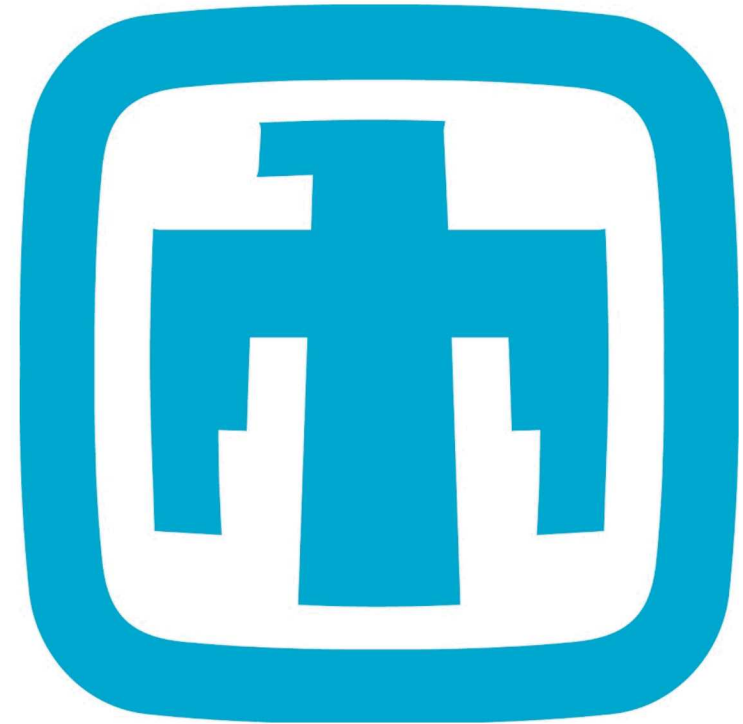
Applications and Impact

National security is Sandia's business

- Take on high-risk (i.e. too expensive for industry) projects with a focus on improving safety and security

Understanding fragment flight could reduce risk for many applications

- Airplane engines
- Industrial environments





Thank you!

