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## DSECOP280: Automated Object Detection

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# Goals

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- Relevant course: Introductory Classical Mechanics Lab Courses (also relevant Advanced Labs)
- Physics goals:
  - Basic numerical methods
  - Experiment setup
  - Dealing with noise
- Machine learning goals:
  - Introduction to Computer Vision (CV) from scratch
  - Application of CV for analyzing experiments

# Structure



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- Prerequisites:
  - Basic classical mechanics (already satisfied by being in lab)
  - `numpy` and `matplotlib`
- Lesson 1: Representation and manipulation of images in Python
- Lesson 2: Object tracking from scratch
- Lesson 3: Ready-to-use code for lab videos
- Components:
  - In-built interactive demonstrations and exercises
  - Mini-projects
  - In-lab use



# Submodules



# Lesson 1

## Introduction to CV (and manipulation using Linear Algebra)

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```

Array representation

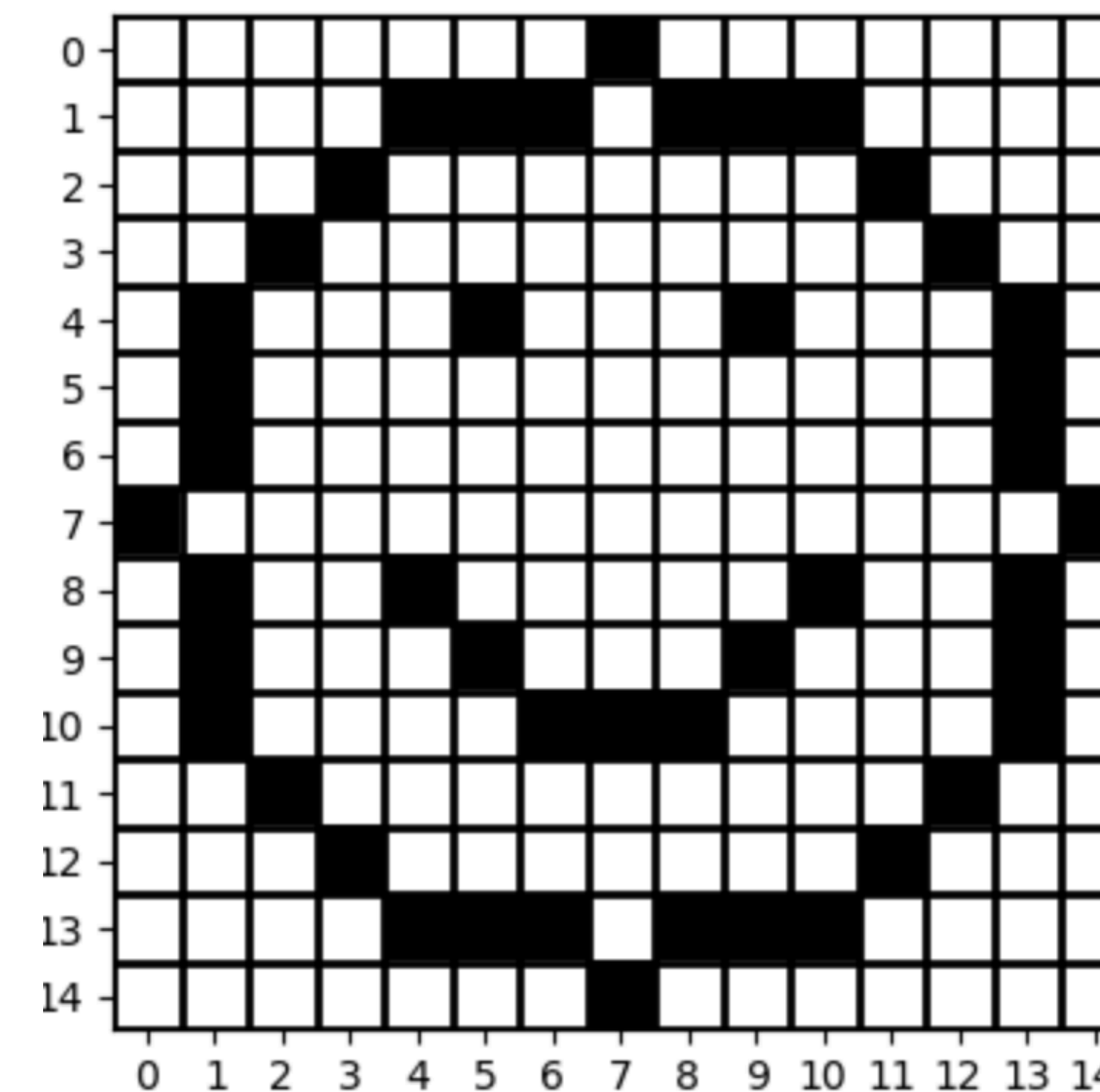
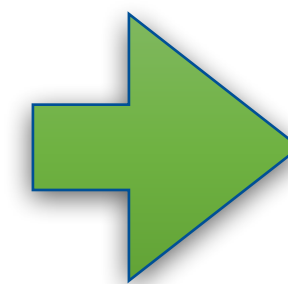
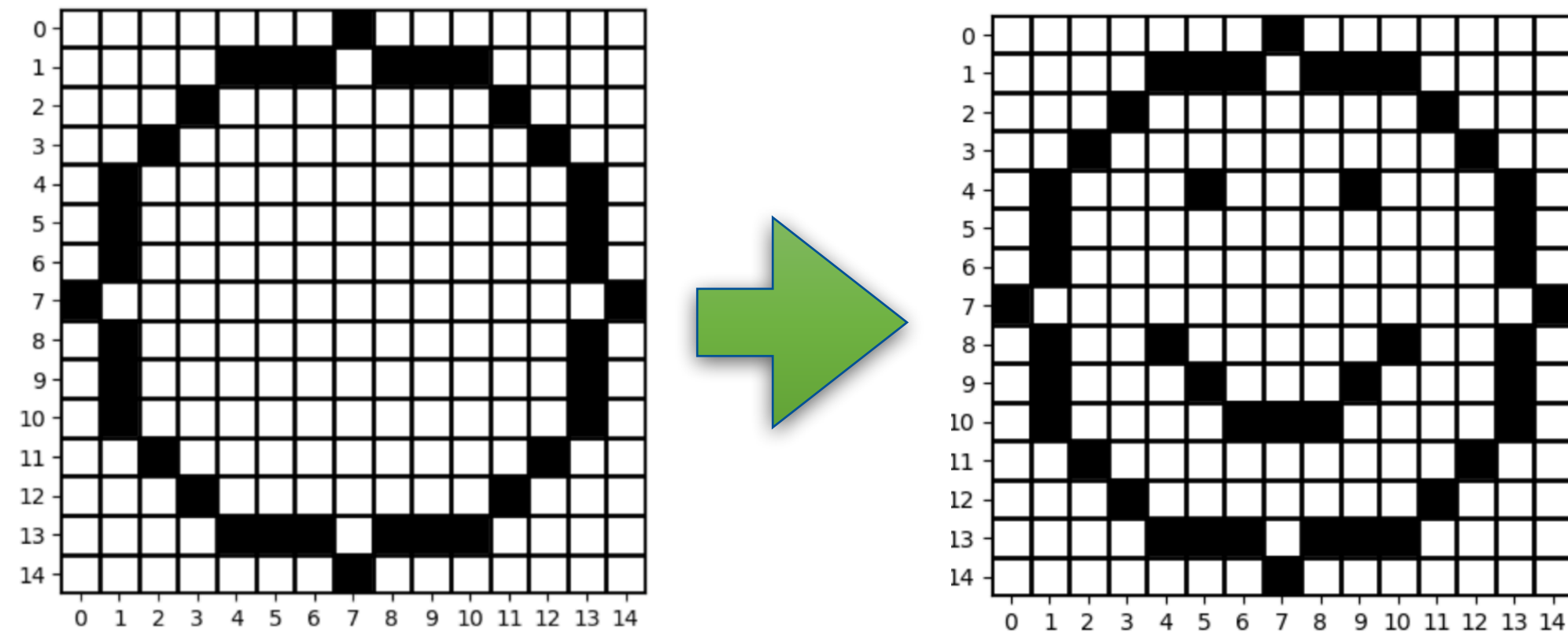


Image representation



# Lesson 1

## Introduction to CV - Pixel art warmup



Manipulate pixels

```
# Define the positions of the eyes and the smile. Student code:
```

```
eye1 = (4, 5)
```

```
eye2 = (4, 9)
```

```
# Set these positions to 0 (black). Student code:
```

```
image[eye1] = 0
```

```
image[eye2] = 0
```

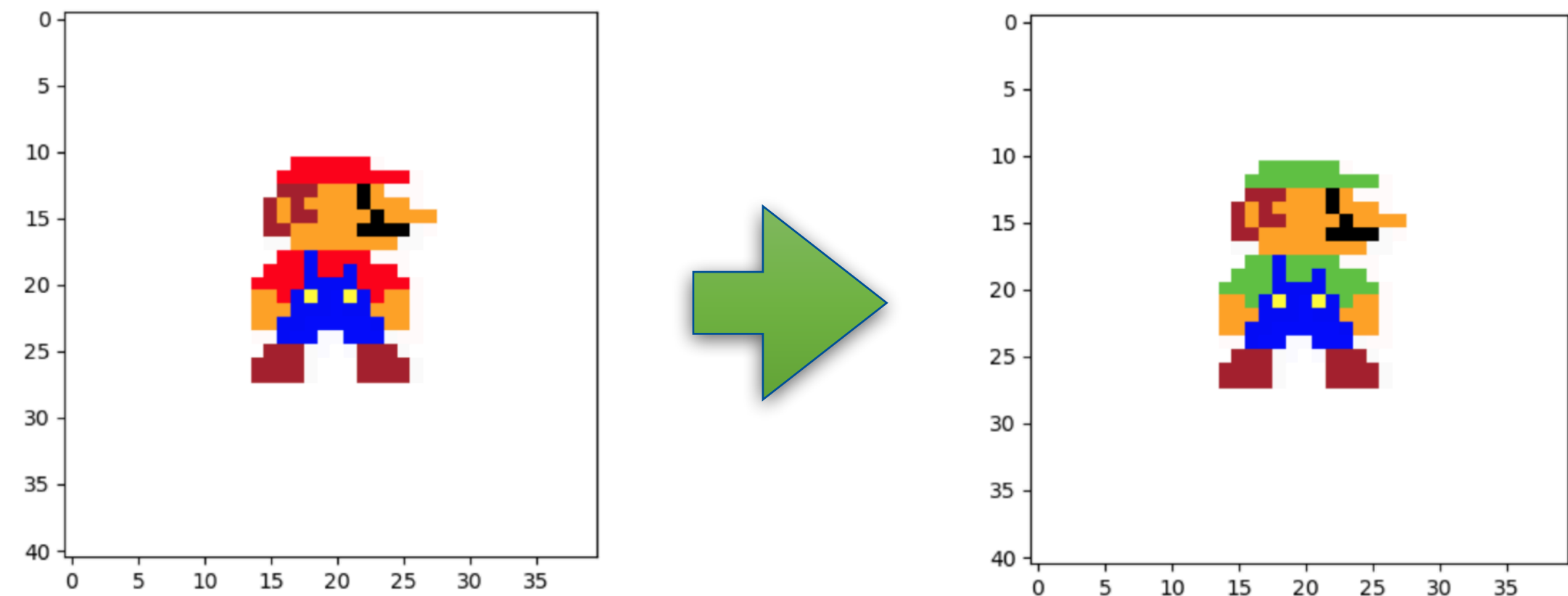
```
# Fill in the smile. Student code:
```

```
image[(10,7)] = 0
```

```
for i in range(1,4):
```

```
    image[(10-i+1, 7-i)] = 0
```

```
    image[(10-i+1, 7+i)] = 0
```



Manipulate pixel colors

```
# Fill in the code snippets, hints in comments:
```

```
# Pick a pixel.
```

```
hat_pixel = (11,18)
```

```
# Get pixel color.
```

```
mario_red = mario_image[hat_pixel][:]
```

```
# Set Luigi pixel color.
```

```
luigi_green = [96, 196, 69]
```

```
luigi_image = mario_image
```

```
# Select all red pixels, all three channels.
```

```
r_mask = mario_image[:, :, 0] == mario_red[0]
```

```
g_mask = mario_image[:, :, 1] == mario_red[1]
```

```
b_mask = mario_image[:, :, 2] == mario_red[2]
```

```
# Combine the masks.
```

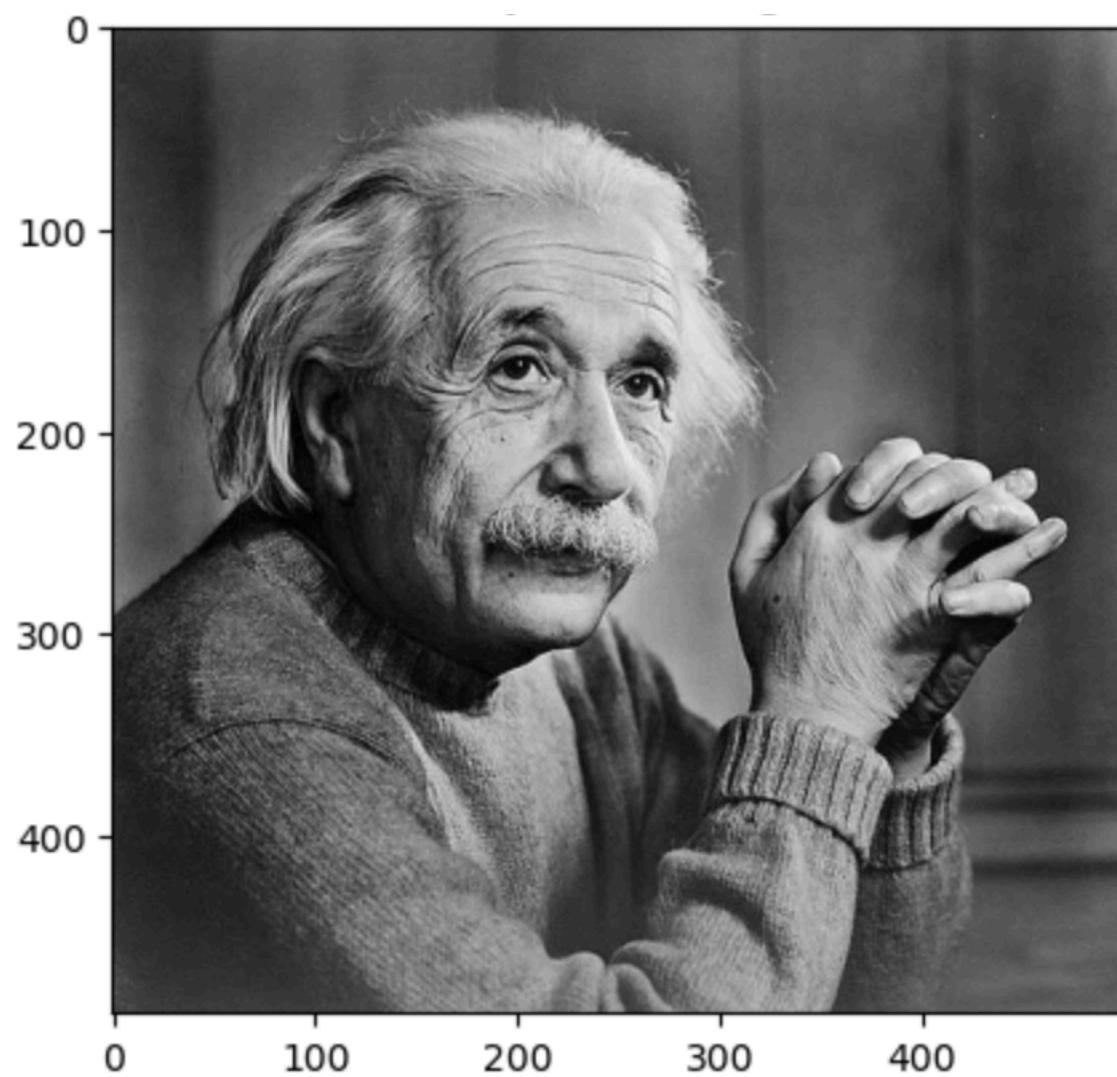
```
combined_mask = r_mask & g_mask & b_mask
```

```
# Change red pixels to green.
```

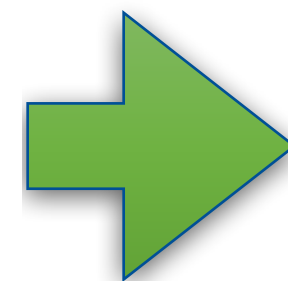
```
luigi_image[combined_mask] = luigi_green
```

# Lesson 1

## Introduction to CV - Basic manipulations

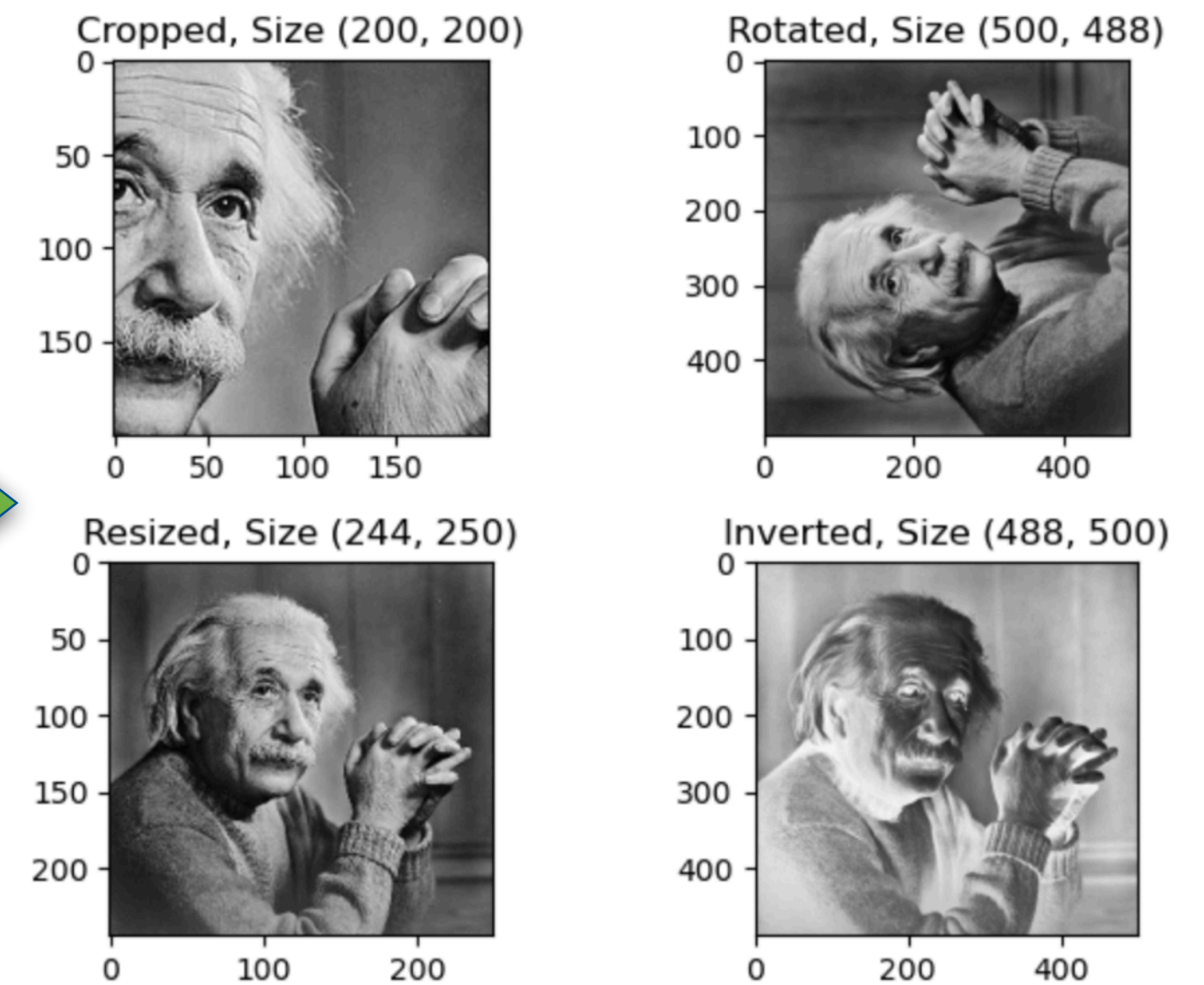
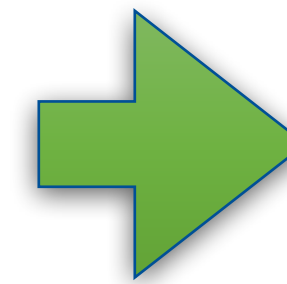


Input image



```
# Fill in the following lines:  
# Cropping  
cropped_image = bw_image[100:300, 200:400]  
# Rotation (90 degrees)  
rotated_image = np.rot90(bw_image)  
# Resize  
resized_image = bw_image[::2, ::2]  
# Invert  
inverted_image = np.abs(255 - bw_image)
```

Student code

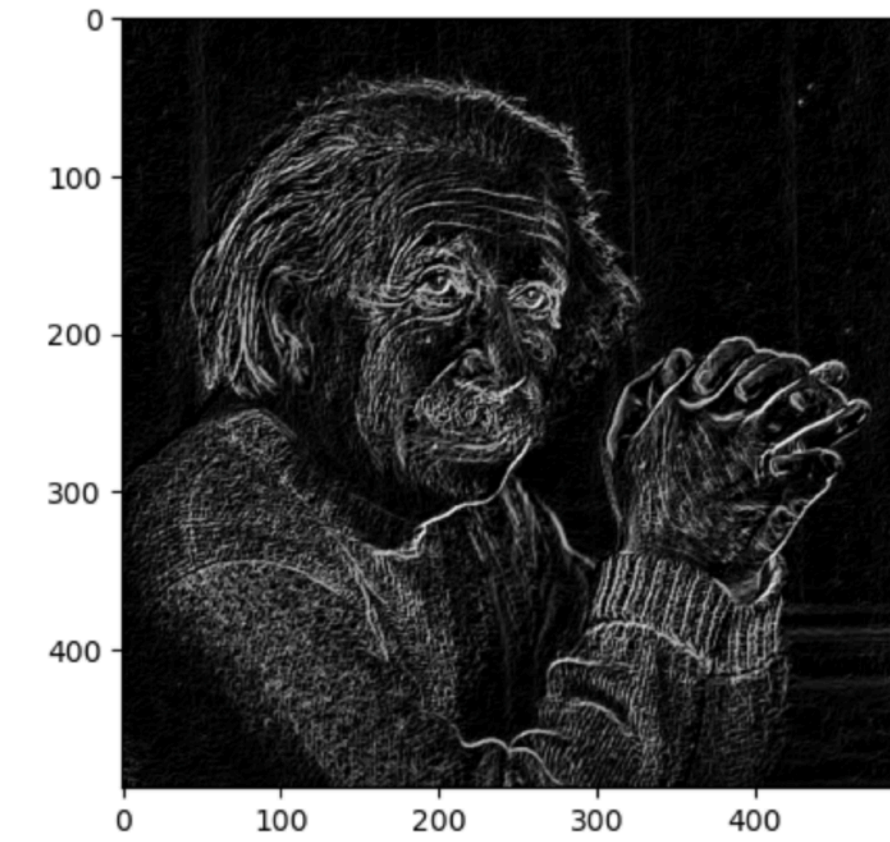
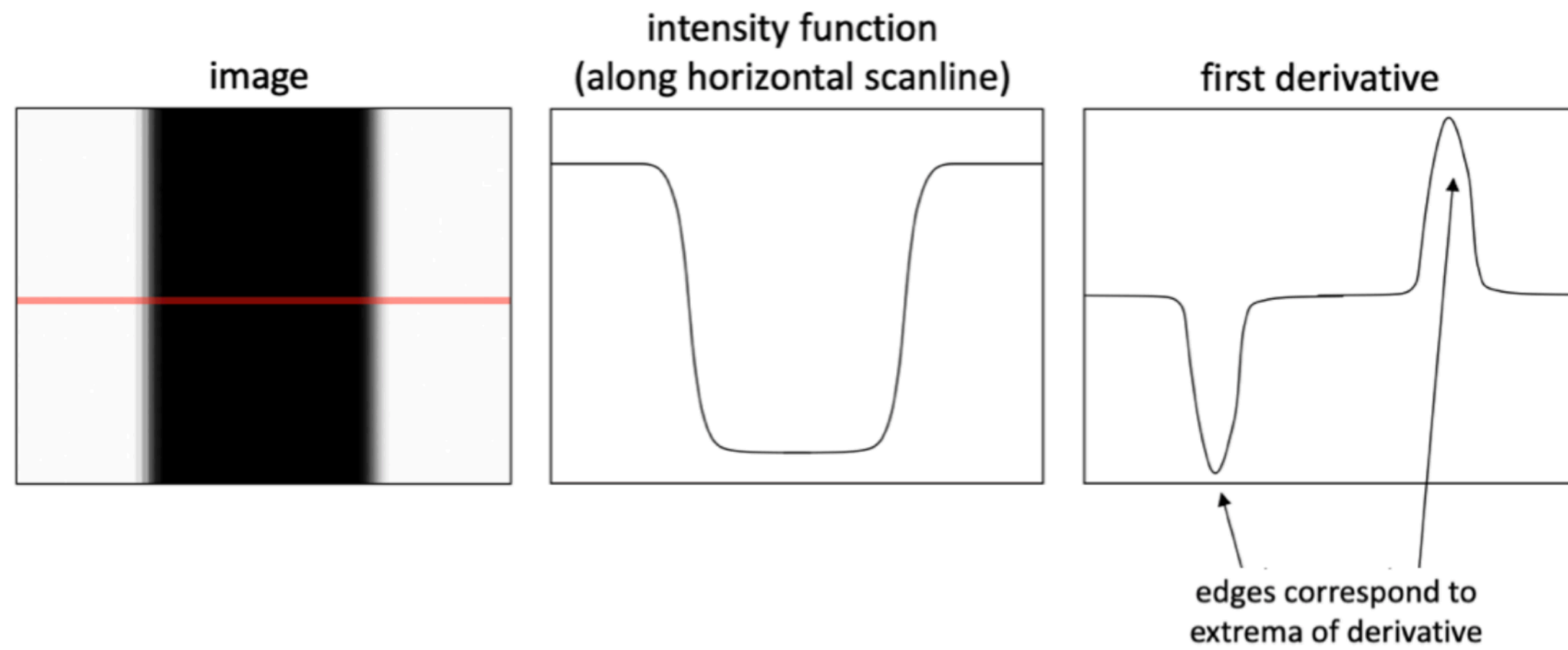


Basic manipulations

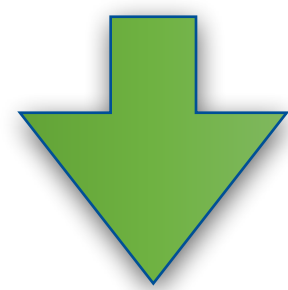


# Lesson 1

## Introduction to CV - Kernels and Convolutions - Example: Edge Detection

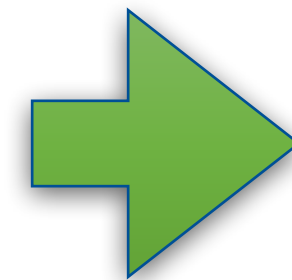


Build intuition



$$S_x = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 & 1 \\ -2 & 0 & 2 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad S_y = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & -2 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Operator definition

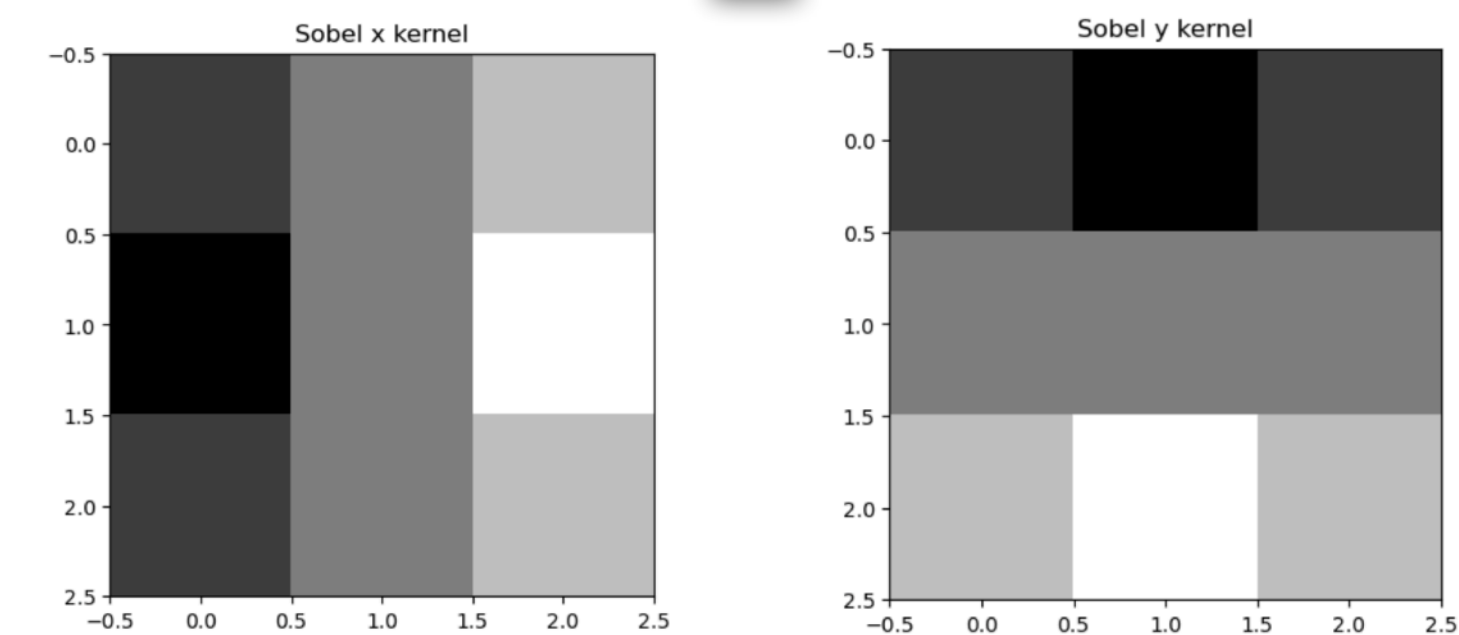
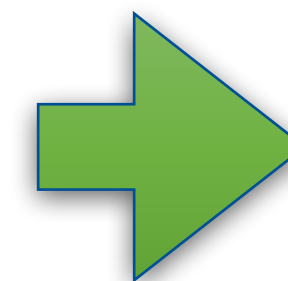


```
def sobel_operator(image):
    # Fill in the operators. Student code:
    sobel_x = np.array([[ -1,  0,  1],
                       [-2,  0,  2],
                       [-1,  0,  1]])
    sobel_y = np.array([[ -1, -2, -1],
                       [ 0,  0,  0],
                       [ 1,  2,  1]])

    # End student code.
    grad_x = cv2.filter2D(image, -1, sobel_x)
    grad_y = cv2.filter2D(image, -1, sobel_y)

    grad_x = rescale(grad_x)
    grad_y = rescale(grad_y)
    return grad_x, grad_y
```

Student code (boilerplate provided)



Visualize kernels

Results

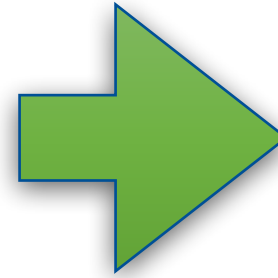


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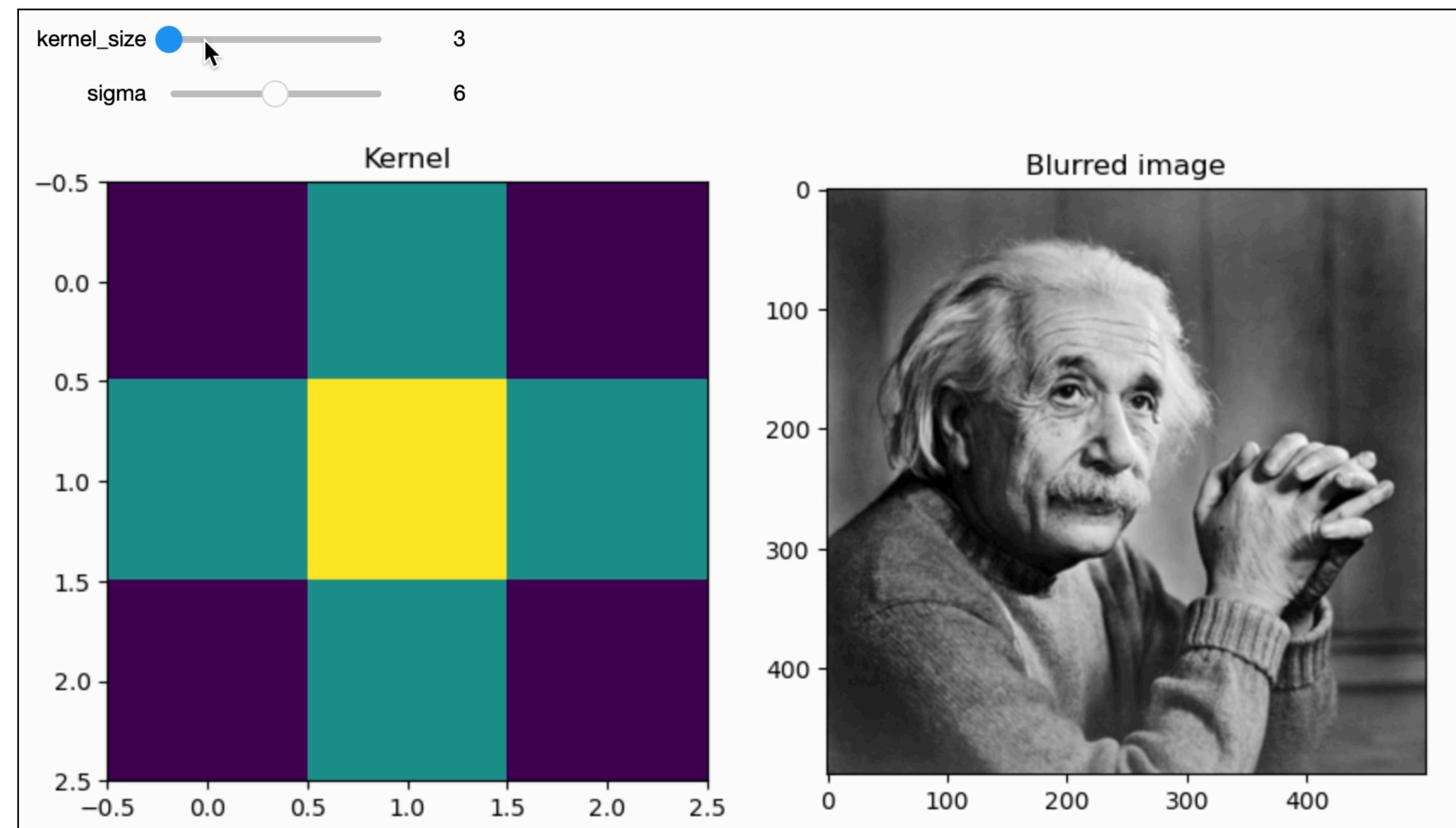
## Introduction to CV - Kernels and Convolutions - Example: Gaussian blur

Implement 2D Gaussian blur:

$$G(x, y) = \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma^2} e^{-\frac{x^2+y^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$



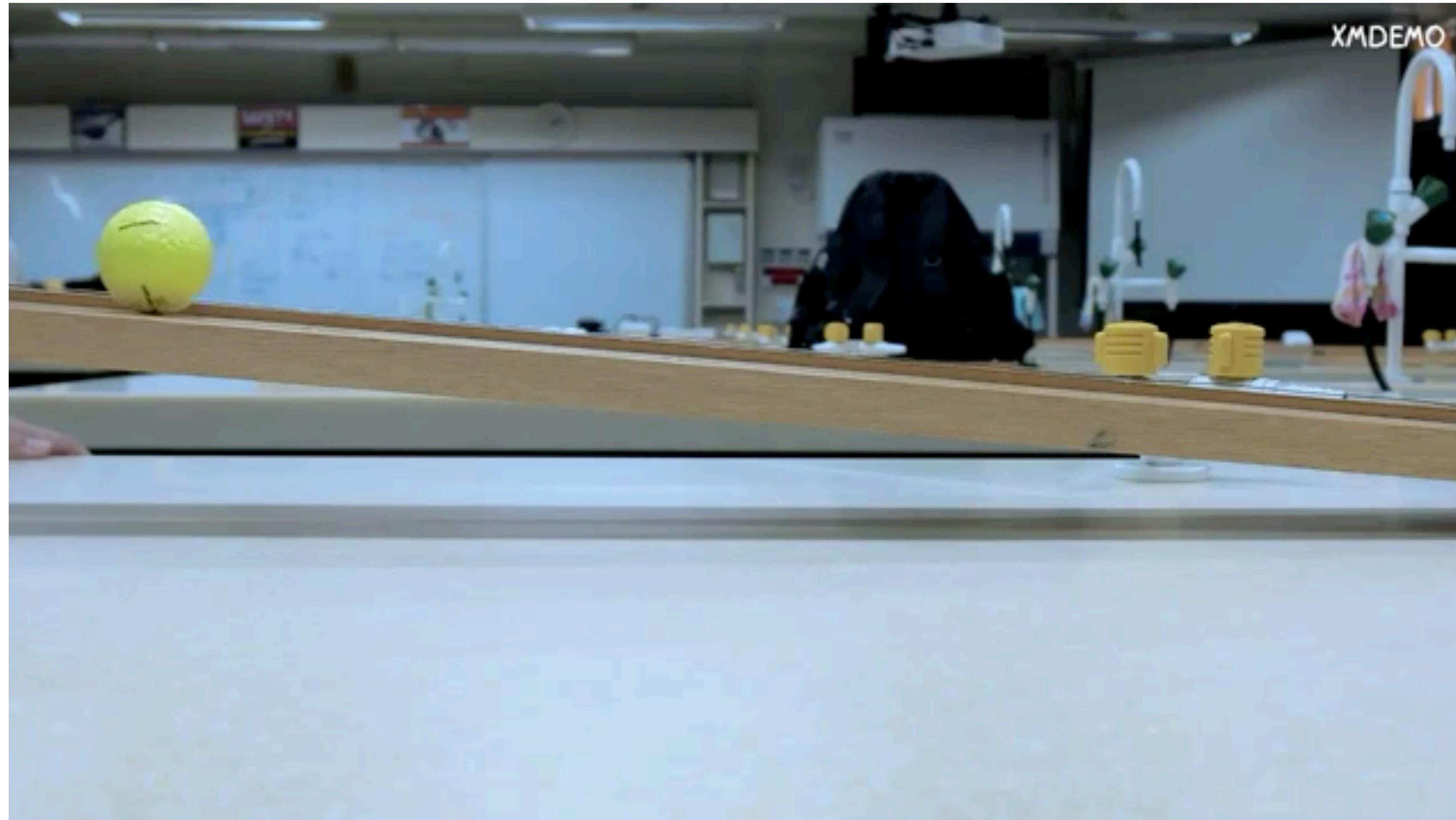
```
def gaussian_blur(kernel_size=20, sigma=5, ret = False):  
    ax = np.arange(-kernel_size // 2 + 1., kernel_size // 2 + 1.)  
    xx, yy = np.meshgrid(ax, ax)  
    # Student code:  
    kernel = np.exp(-(xx**2 + yy**2) / (2. * sigma**2))  
    kernel = kernel / np.sum(kernel)  
    # End student code  
    blurred_image = cv2.filter2D(image, -1, kernel)
```





# Lesson 2

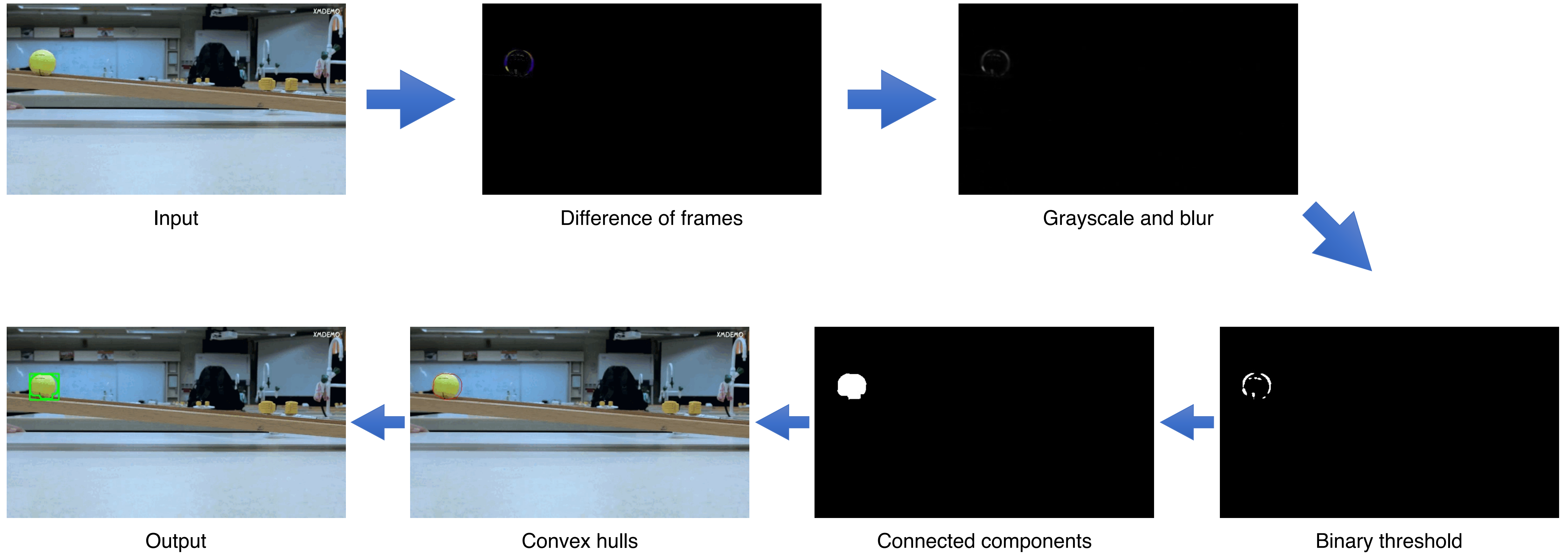
## Object tracking



Example experiment video

# Lesson 2

## Object tracking - Simple algorithm with OpenCV operations





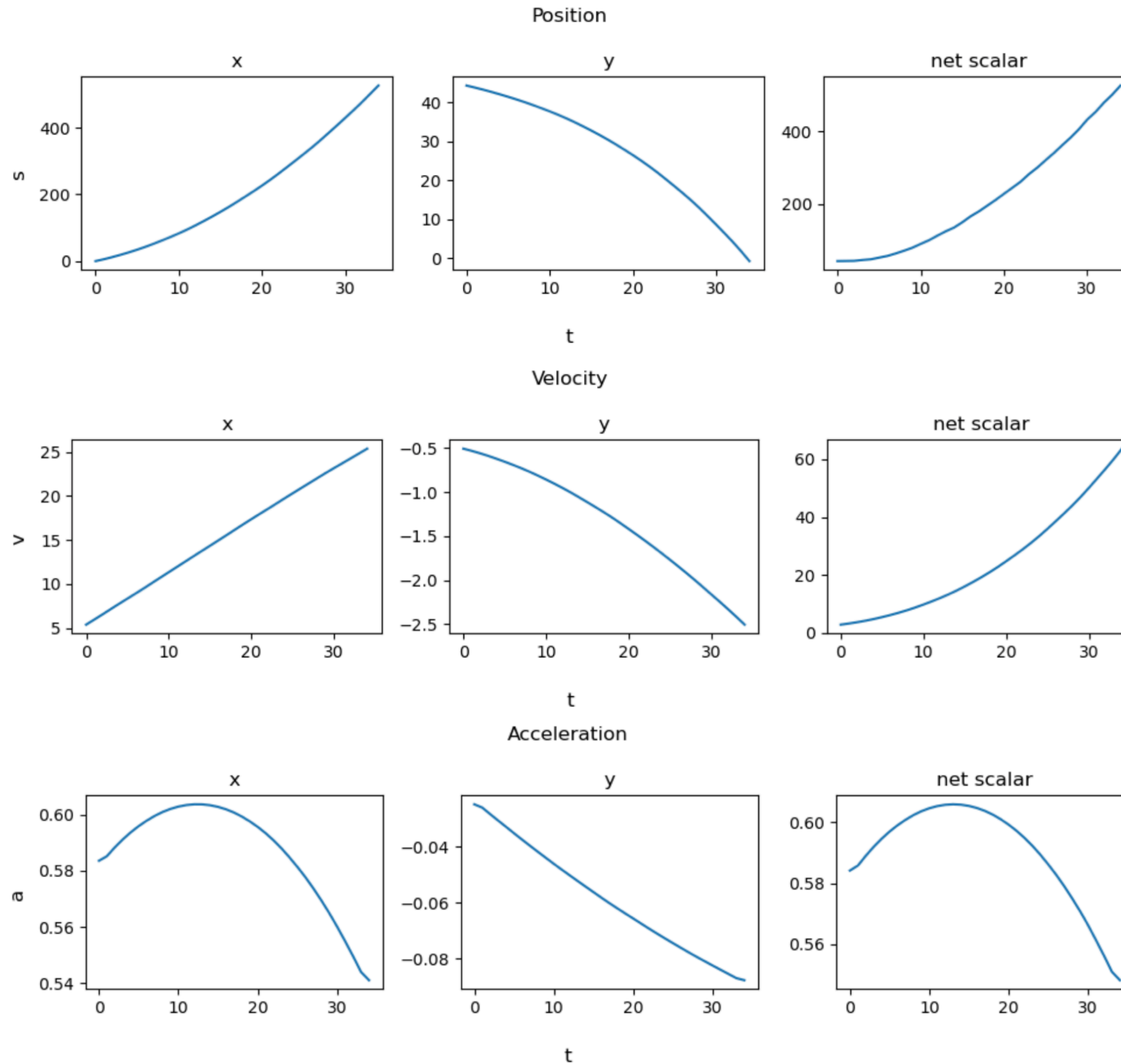
# Lesson 2

## Trajectory estimation

- Filtering noise
- Gradient calculation

```
i=0 | Coords: x=43, y=88, w=55, h=49 | Detections: 1
i=1 | Coords: x=47, y=88, w=56, h=51 | Detections: 1
i=2 | Coords: x=52, y=88, w=55, h=51 | Detections: 1
i=3 | Coords: x=57, y=88, w=56, h=52 | Detections: 1
i=4 | Coords: x=64, y=89, w=56, h=51 | Detections: 1
i=5 | Coords: x=71, y=89, w=56, h=53 | Detections: 1
i=6 | Coords: x=77, y=90, w=58, h=52 | Detections: 1
i=7 | Coords: x=85, y=90, w=59, h=54 | Detections: 1
i=8 | Coords: x=93, y=91, w=60, h=53 | Detections: 1
```

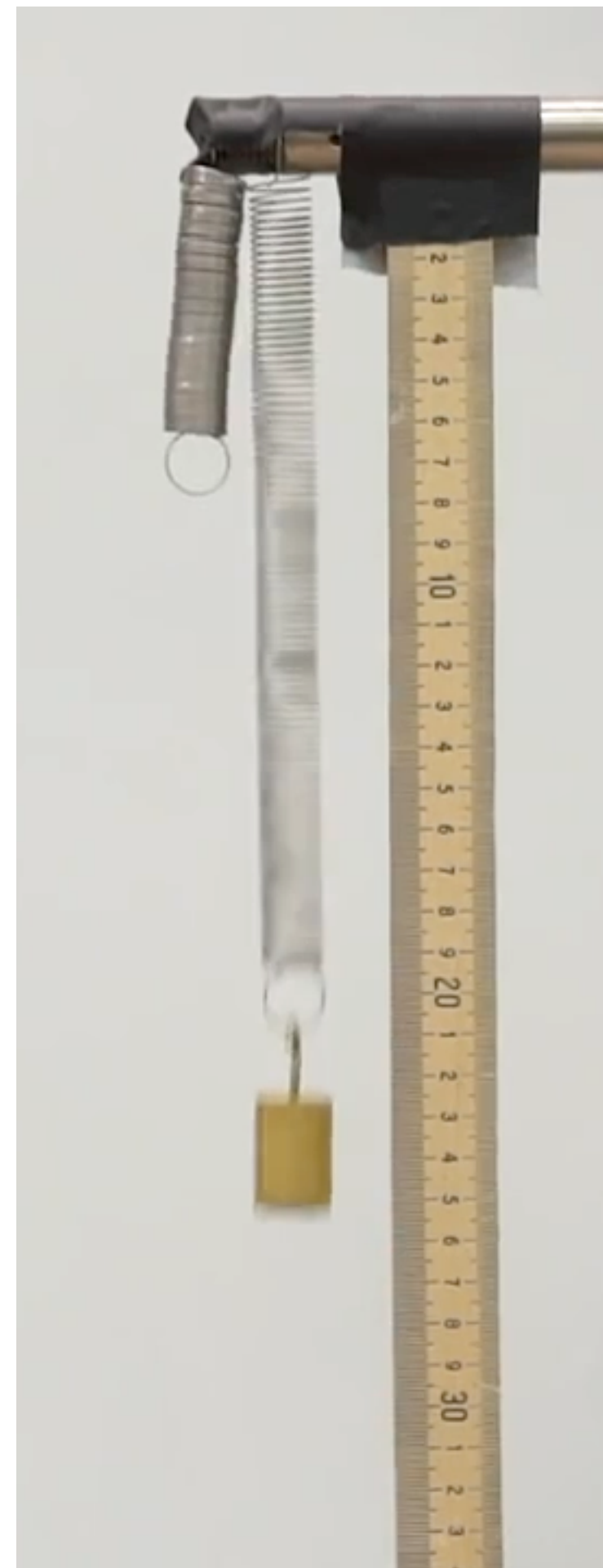
Sample output



Trajectory extracted from the example.

# Lesson 3

## Automatic Tracking



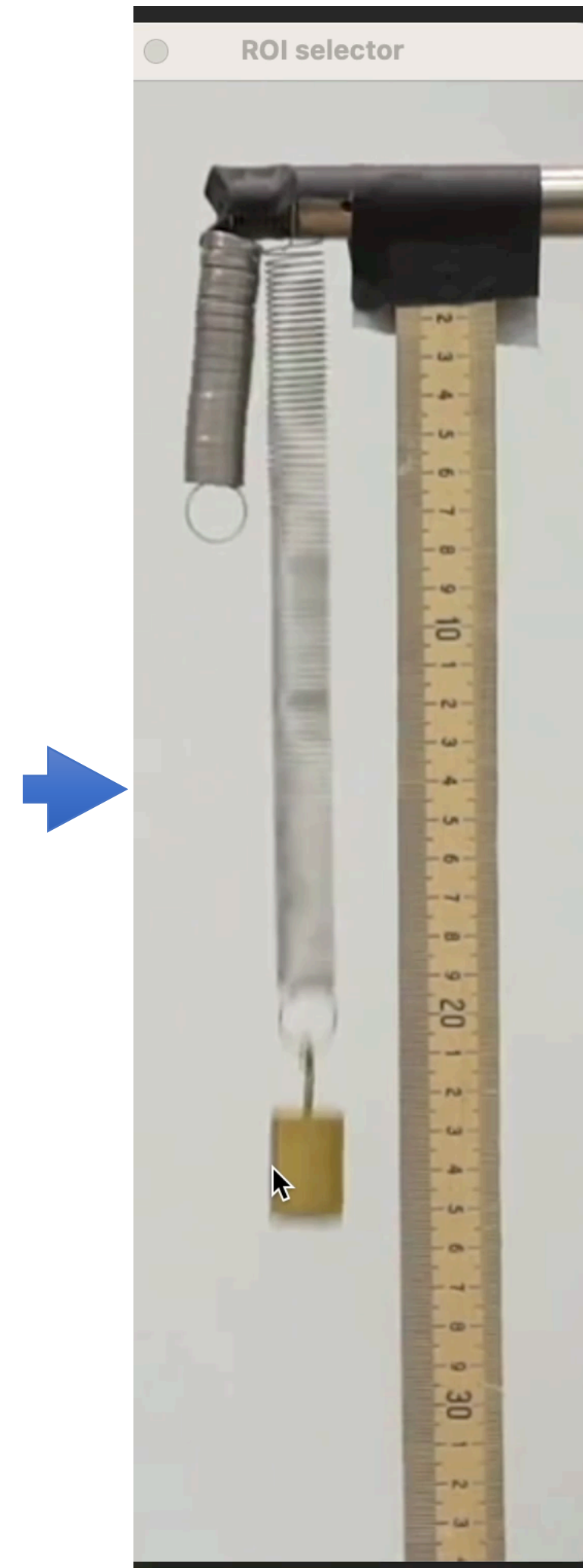
Input video

```
python 03_auto_tracking.py spring
spring
Found directory spring. Moving there.
[INFO] Read video file in spring
Detection mode:
1. Manual Region of Interest Selection
2. Automatic using YOLO
(Default 1)1
[INFO] Detection mode 1
[INFO] Manual detection
Select a ROI and then press SPACE or ENTER button!
```

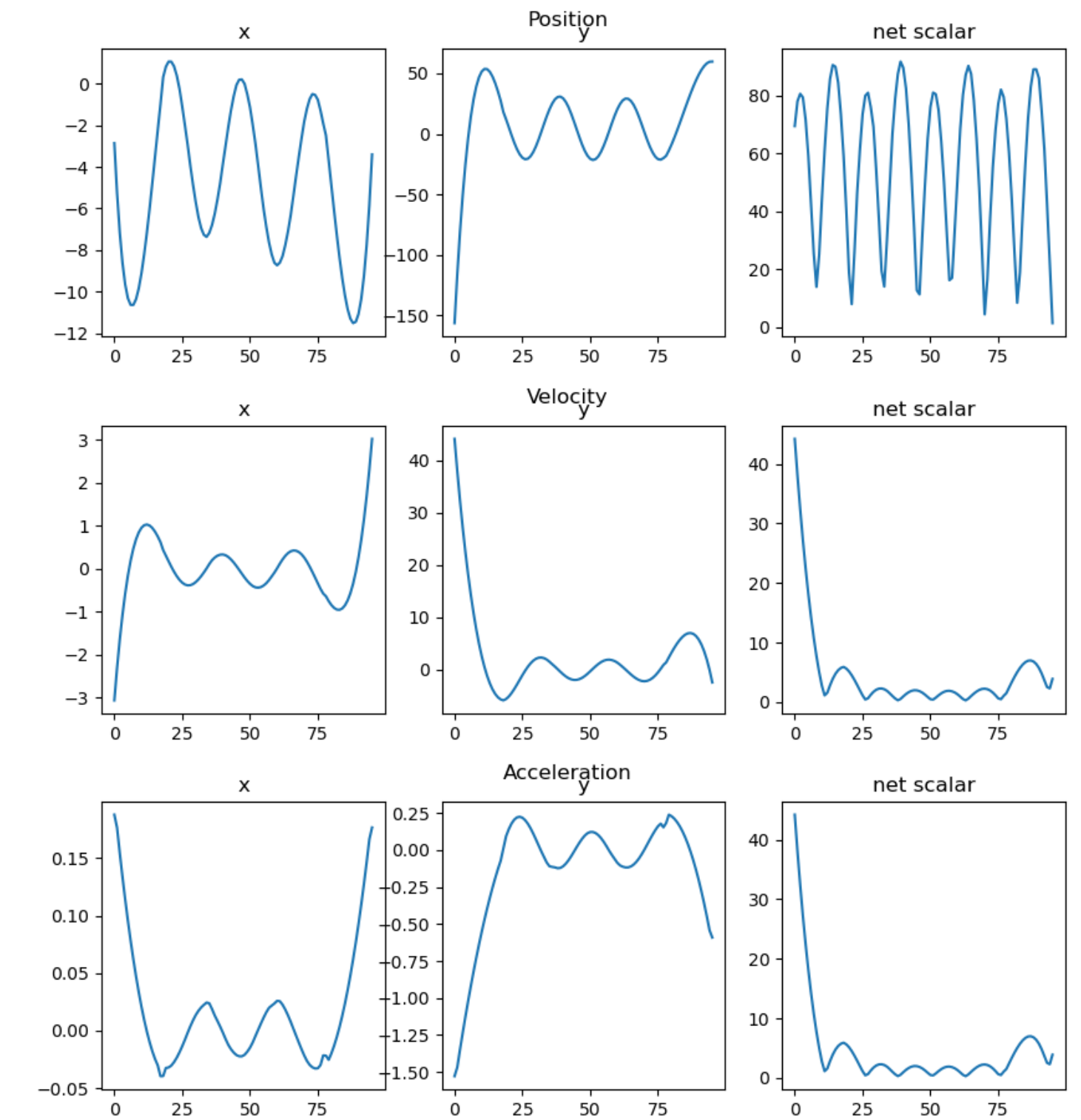
Run provided code

2 options:

- 1) OpenCV Tracking
- 2) Automatic NN tracking (recognizes circular objects)



Video annotation



Trajectory extraction

CSV + Recording + Plots



# Lesson 3

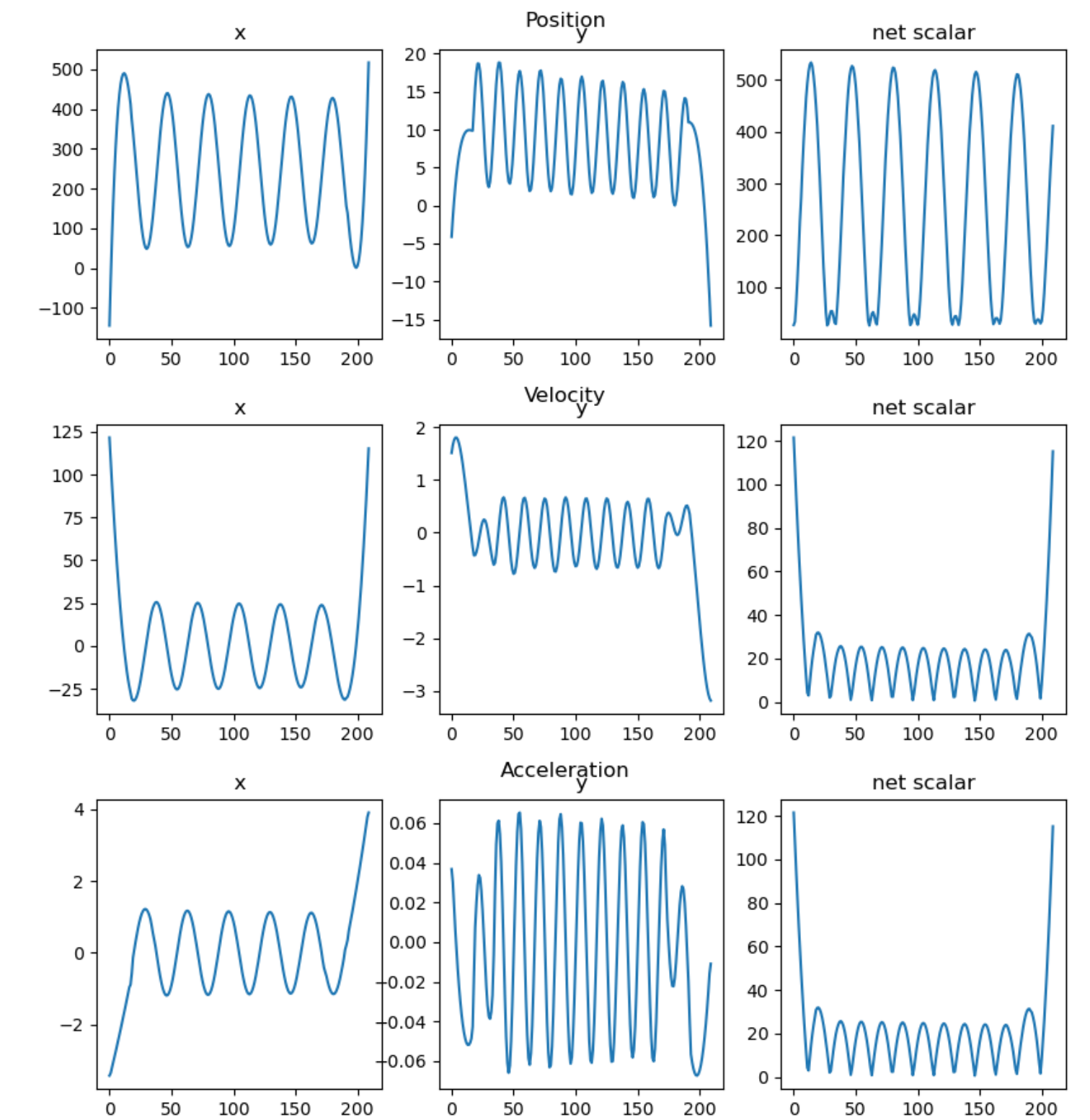
## Not so automatic



Example of bad annotation



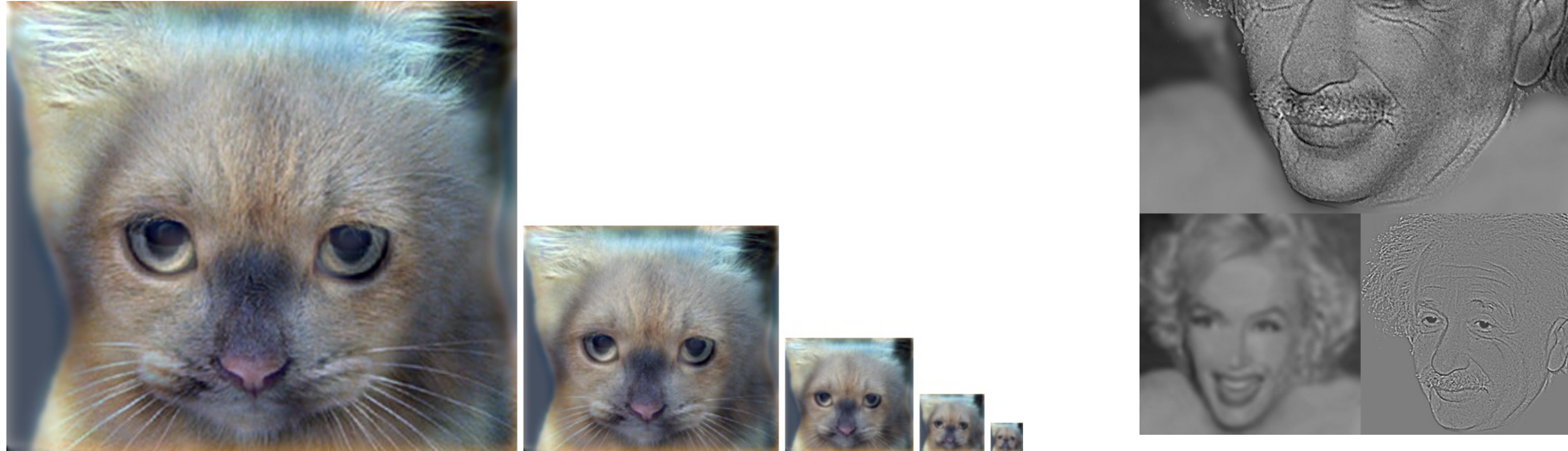
Good annotation



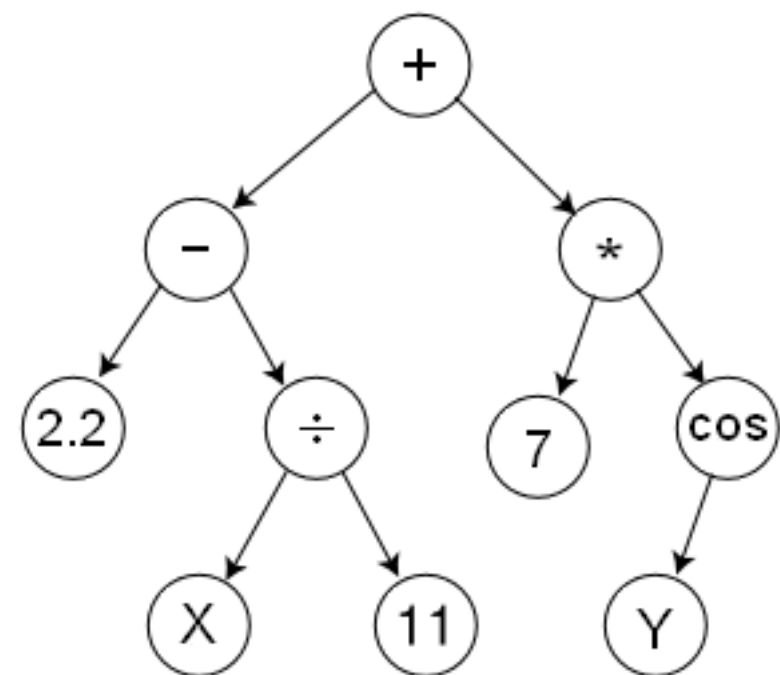
Trajectory for good annotation case

# Mini-projects

## 1. Hybrid Images (After Notebook 1)



## 2. Combine with Symbolic Regression and Numerical Methods modules (After Notebook 2)



$$\left(2.2 - \left(\frac{X}{11}\right)\right) + (7 * \cos(Y))$$

[Symbolic Regression](#)

- Joseph Dominicus Lap

$$\frac{1}{(\Delta X)^2} \begin{vmatrix} -2 & 1 & & & \\ 1 & -2 & 1 & & \\ & 1 & -2 & 1 & \\ & & 1 & -2 & 1 \\ & & & 1 & -2 \end{vmatrix} \begin{vmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \\ u_4 \\ u_5 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} d_1 \\ d_2 \\ d_3 \\ d_4 \\ d_5 \end{vmatrix}$$

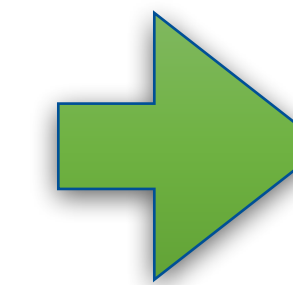
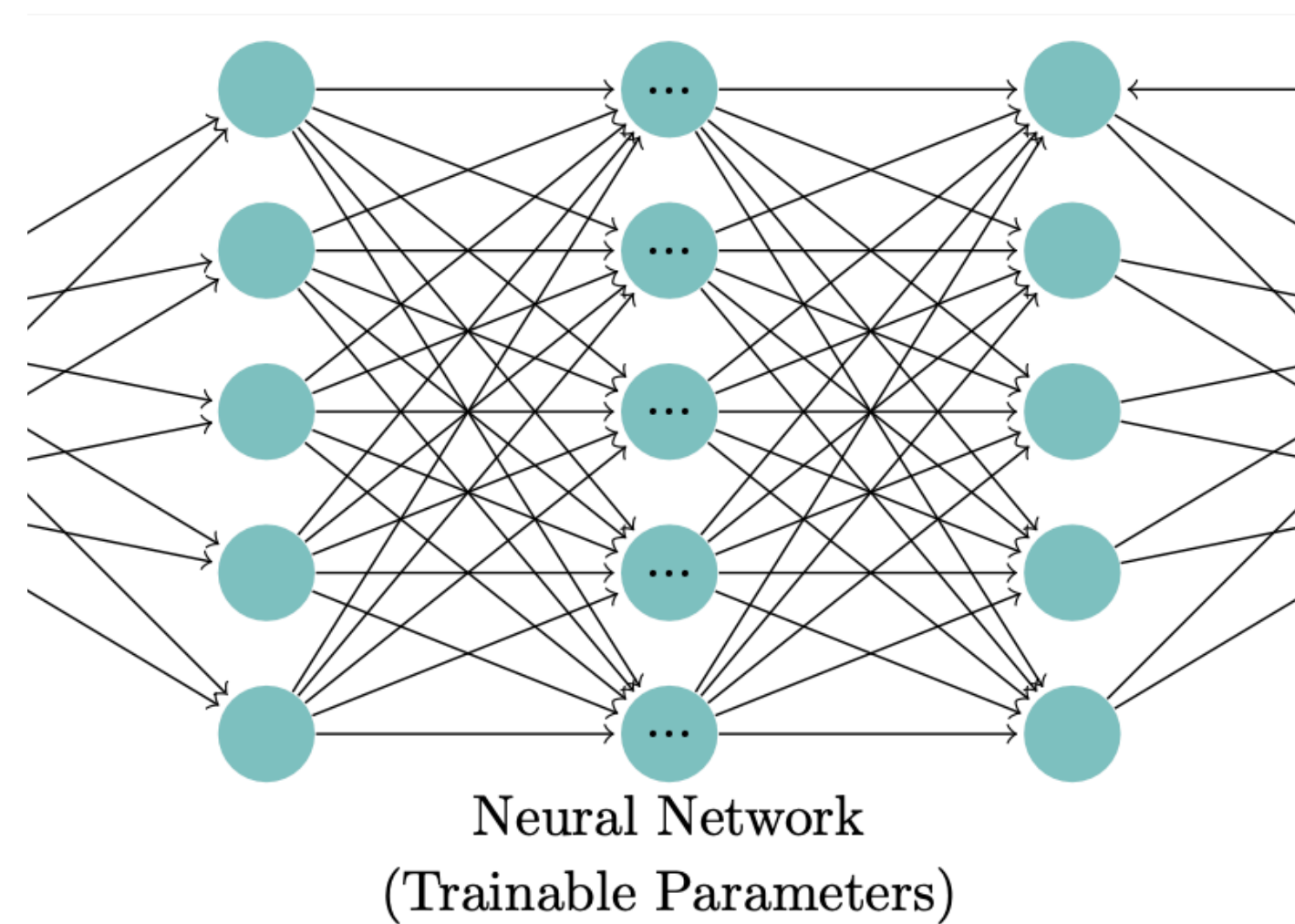
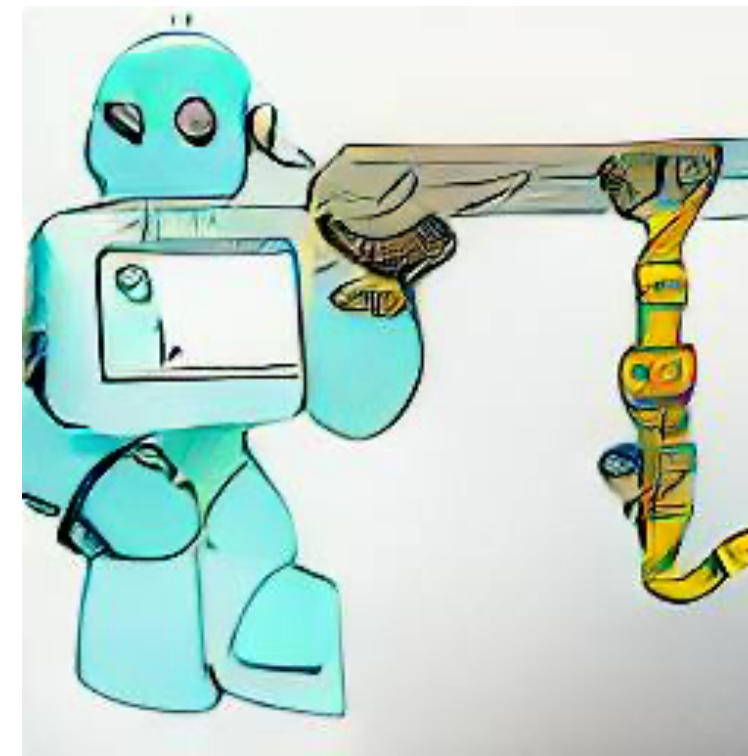
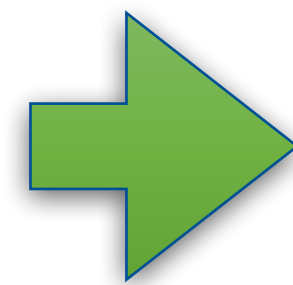
[Solving Differential Equations in Classical Mechanics with Neural Networks](#)

- Julie Butler



# Supplementary:

## Gentle Introduction to Neural Networks (with plumbing and colors)



In module: [Learning the Schrödinger Equation](#)

# Sample Lesson Plan

- Take home - Lesson 1: Image Manipulation (2 hours)
- In class - General discussion of requisite Linear Algebra (1 hour)
- Take home - Lesson 2 and Lesson 3: With included examples (1 hour)
- Mini-Project (2 - 4 hours)
- In lab - Lesson 2 and Lesson 3 - With videos of own experiments



# Alternatives

- LoggerPro - Frame by frame annotation
- Physlets Tracker - Java based, Open source
- Vernier sensors - Need sensor hardware

## Request for videos

- If you use this module in your lab course, can you also share some sample videos that your students take?
- Can be used to train a custom neural network specialised for lab experiments.
- Question: What tools are already being used in lab?



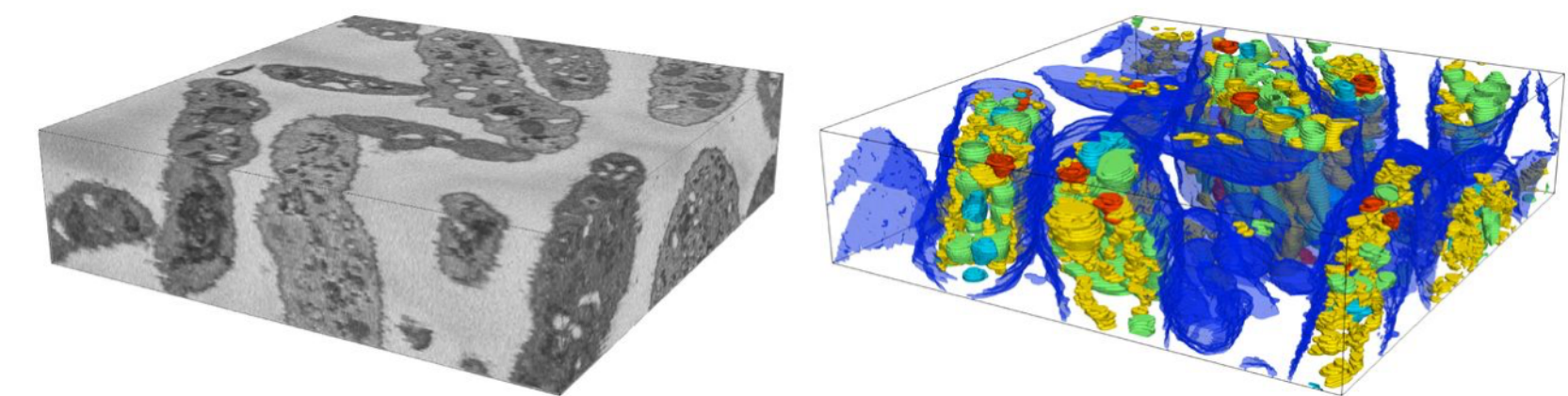
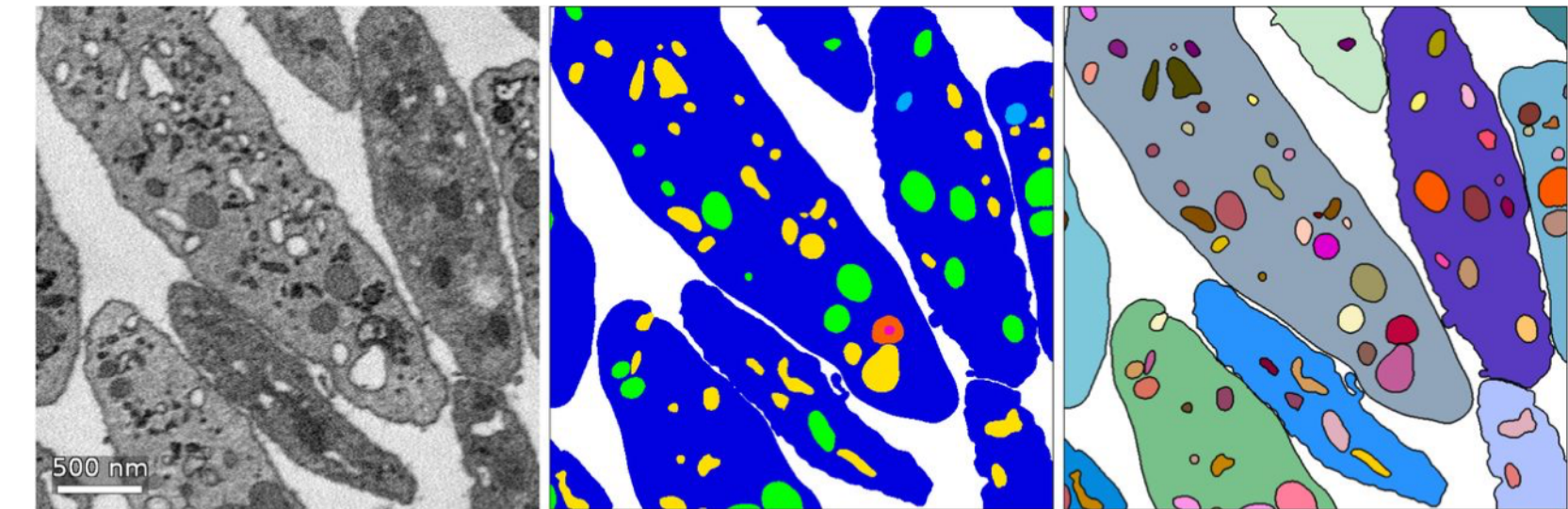
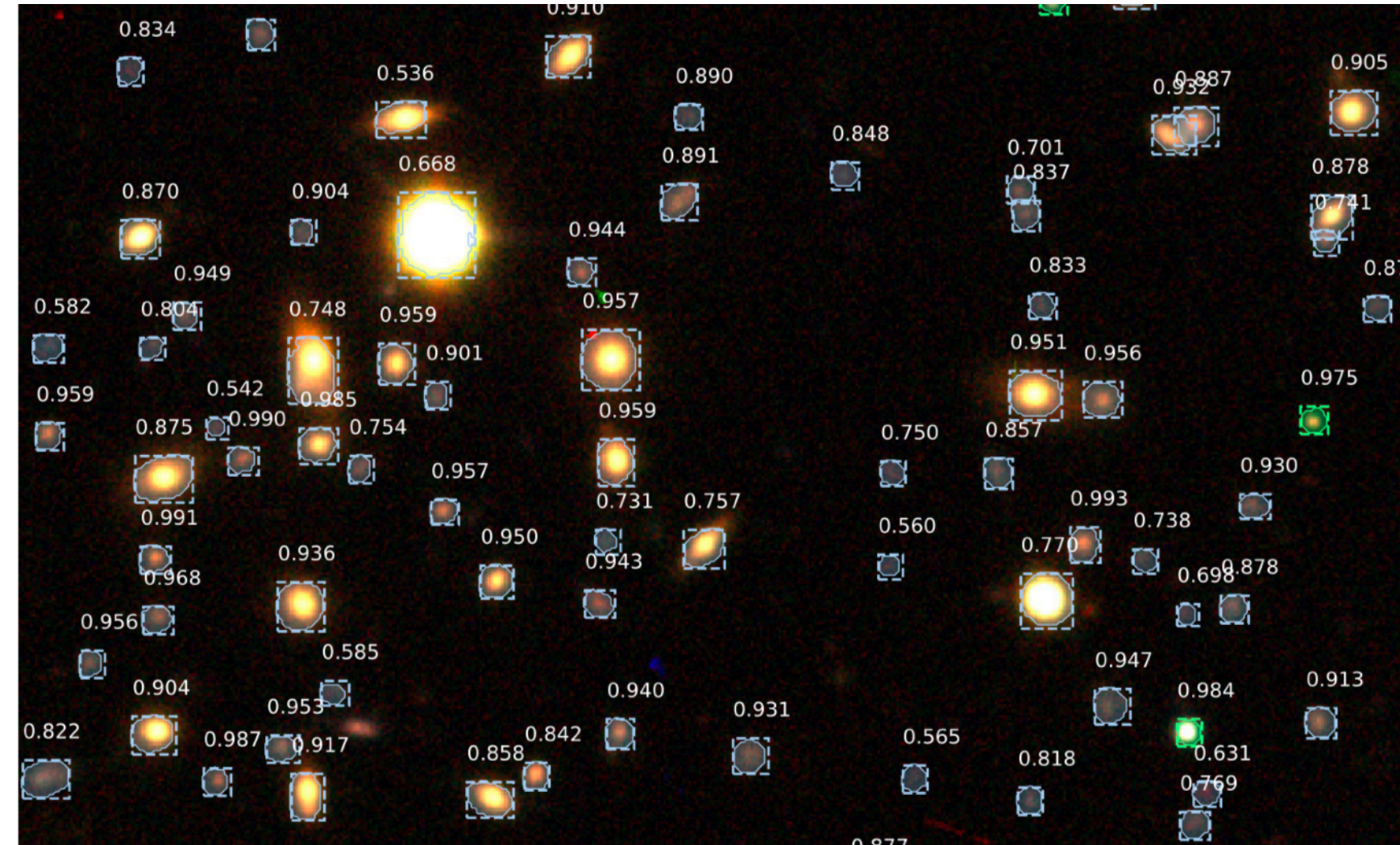
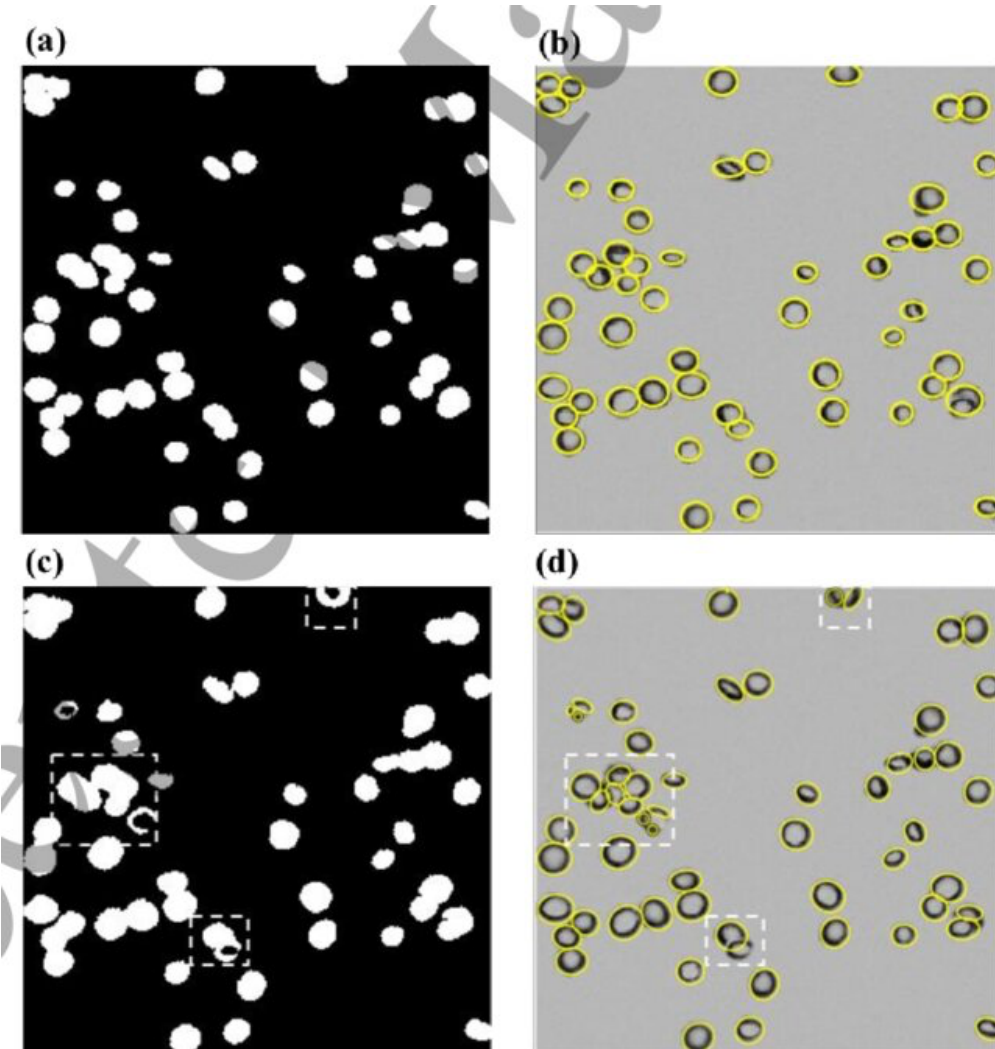
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# Conclusion



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- Module can be used for a lab course
- Should be actively modified by students during labs
- Can be combined with DSECOP Modules: Symbolic Regression, Numerical Methods
- Computer vision can be useful in research too (eg image segmentation)

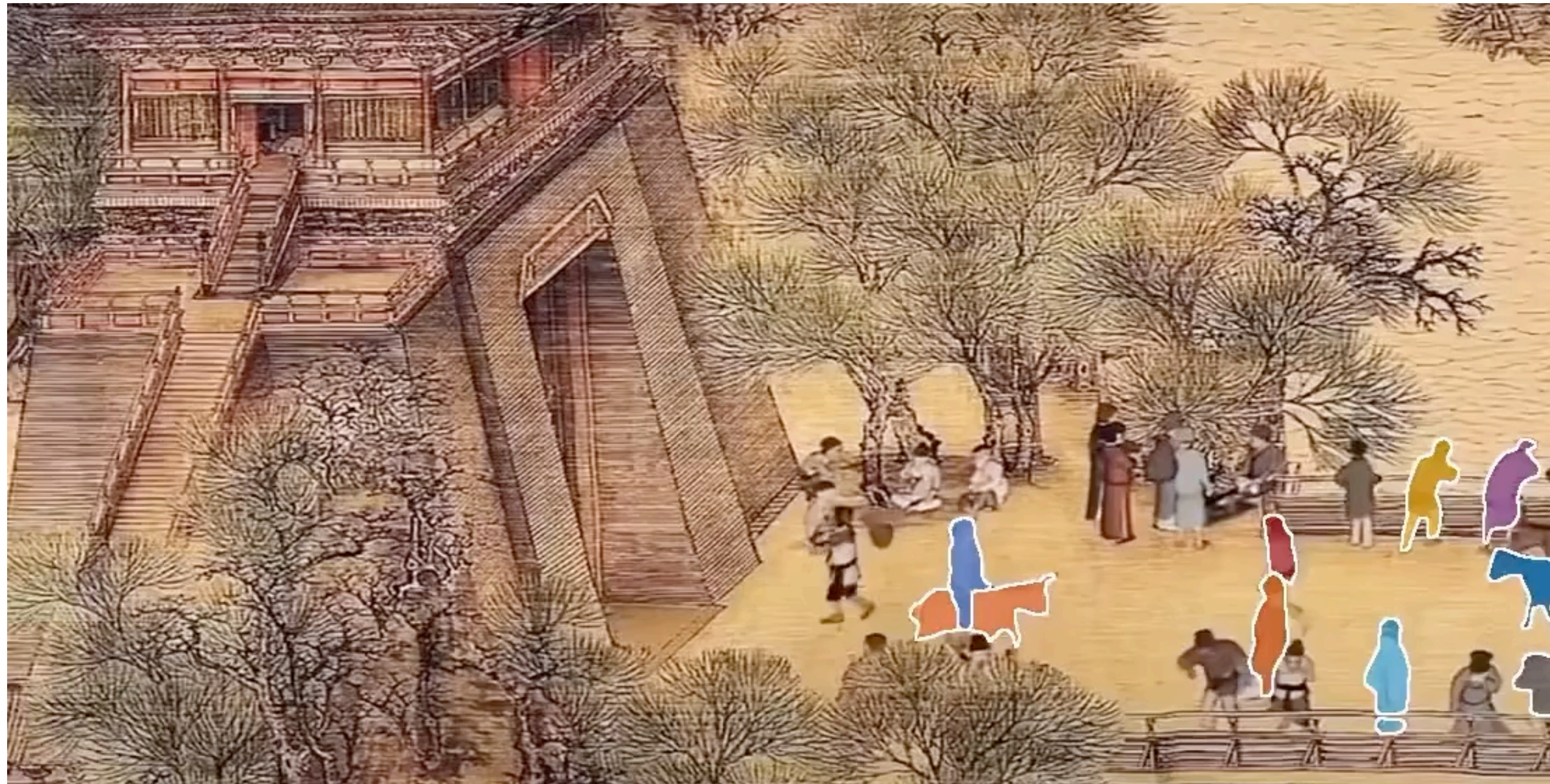


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# Future work

- Fine-tuning Yolo network used here to detect common lab objects
- Advanced models: “Track Anything”





# Thank you!

## Questions Comments Concerns?

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