

Vision based obstacle avoidance using AI tools

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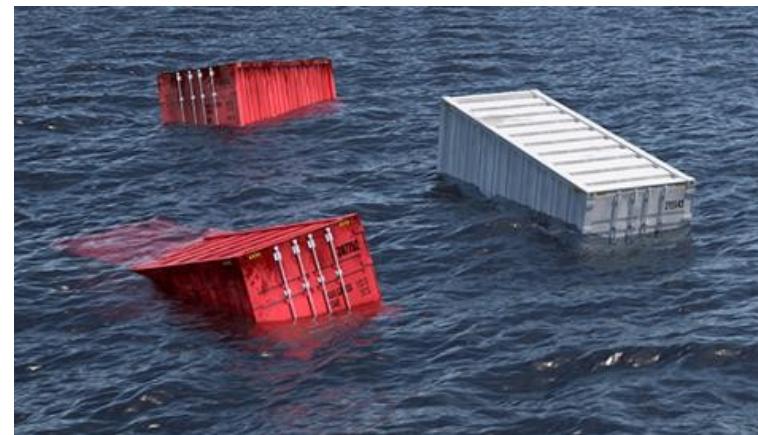
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Introduction

Obstacles in maritime robotics



Boats

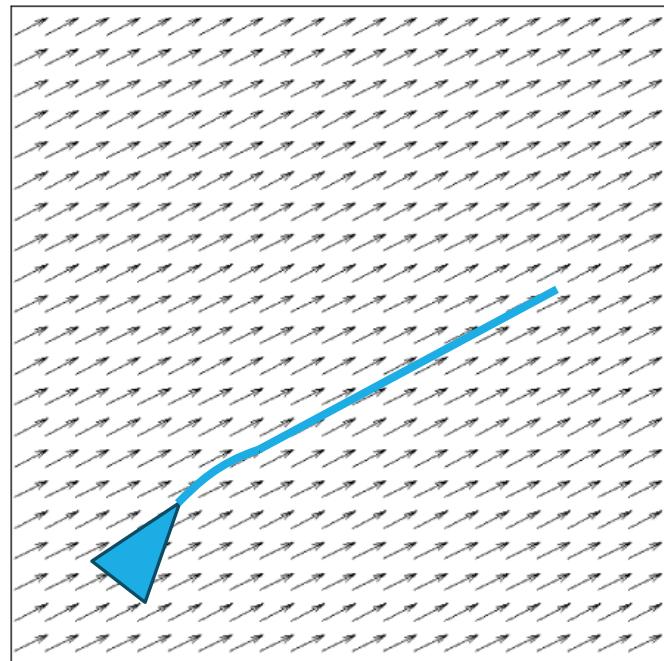


Unidentified floating object



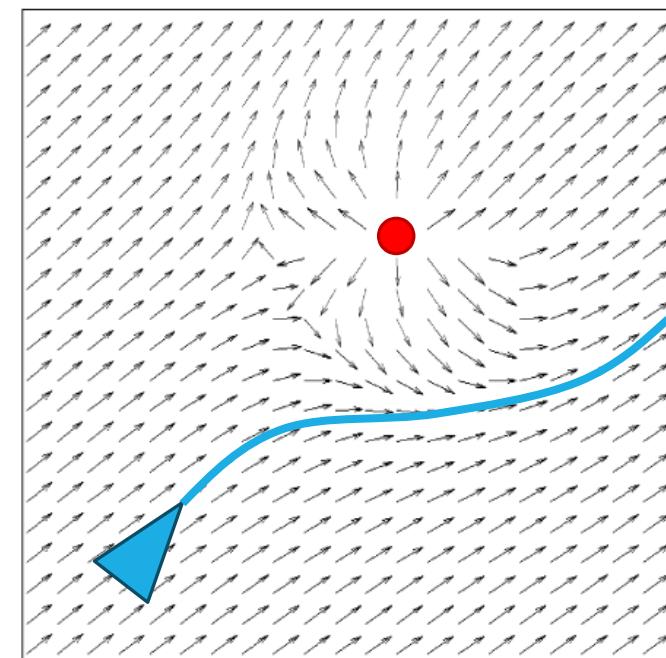
Animals

Obstacle avoidance



From heading tracking

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To obstacle avoidance

Obstacle Detection in maritime robotics

What kind of sensors can we use ?

- Vision

- RGB (Webcam)

- Thermal camera

- LIDAR

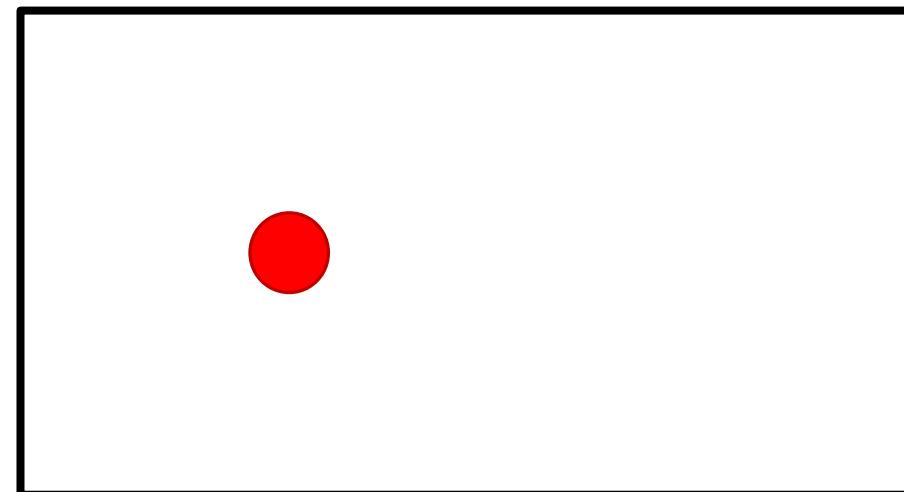
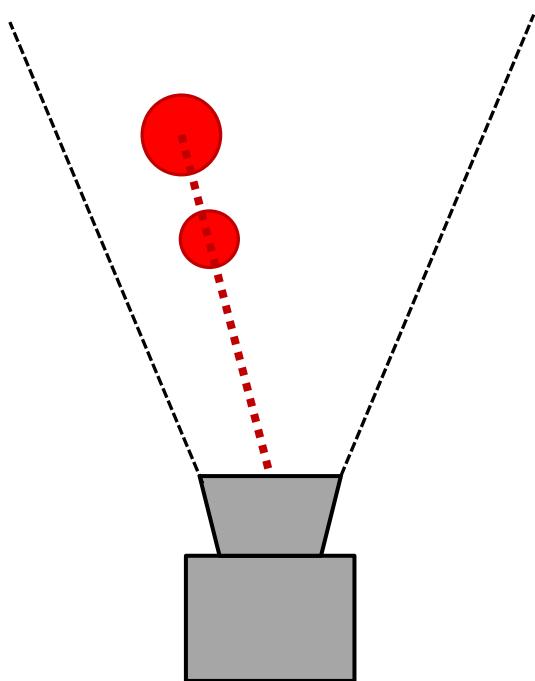
- RADAR

- Acoustics

Seeing an obstacle is good, locating it is better !

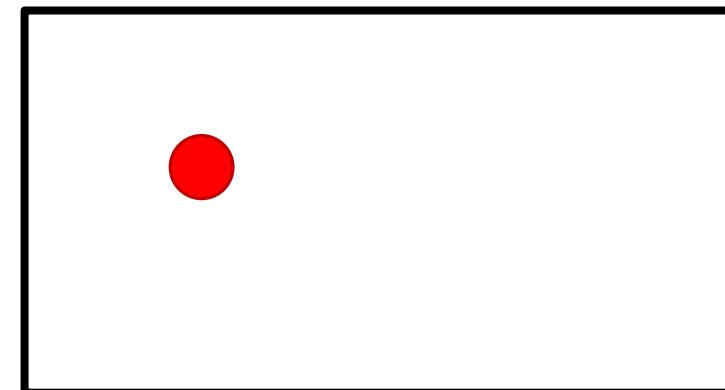
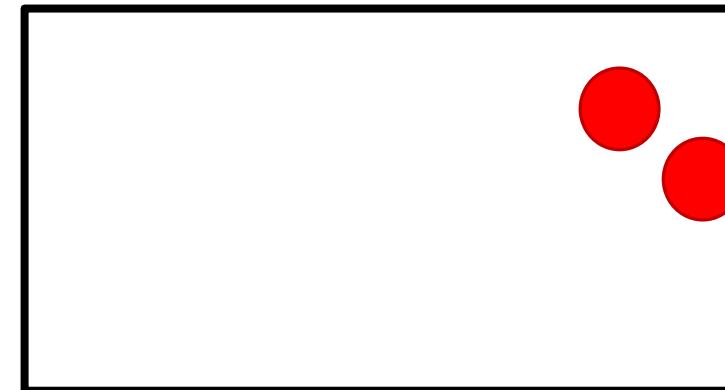
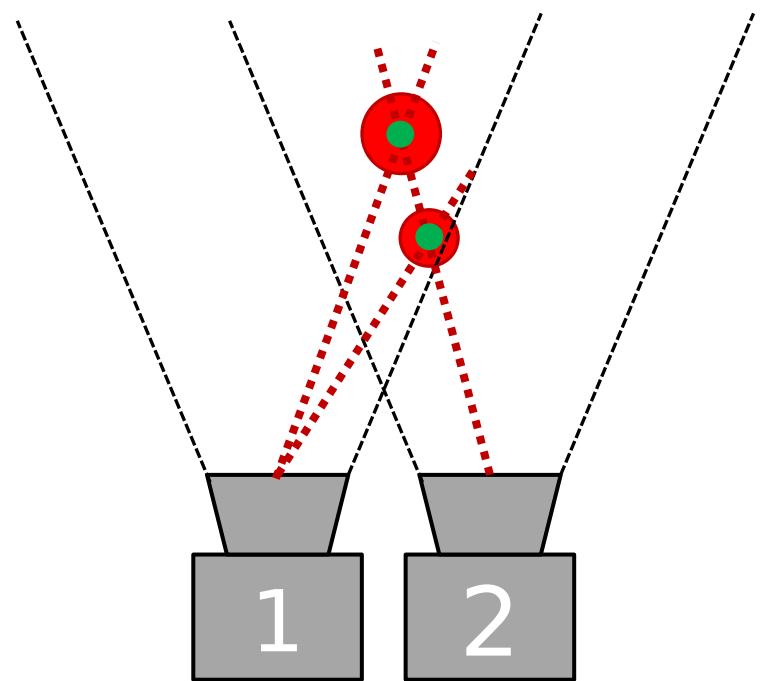
Vision

With a single camera



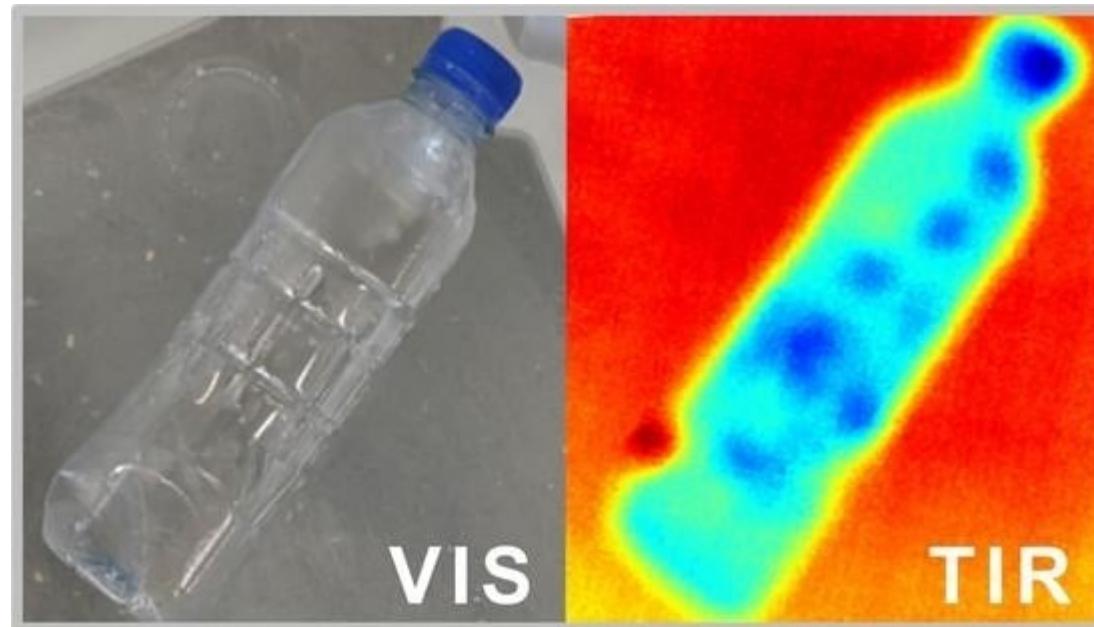
Vision

With two cameras : stereovision



Vision

With thermal camera



Vision

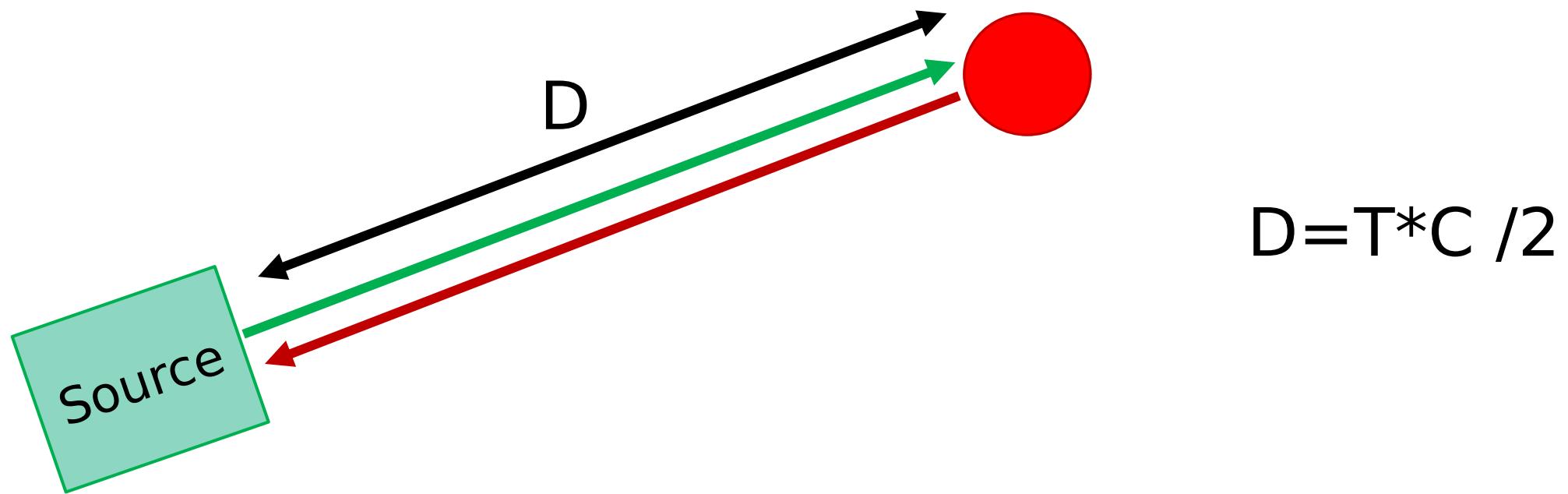
Pros / Cons

- + Works under water (short range)
- Obstacles hard to distinguish from the sea
- Waves



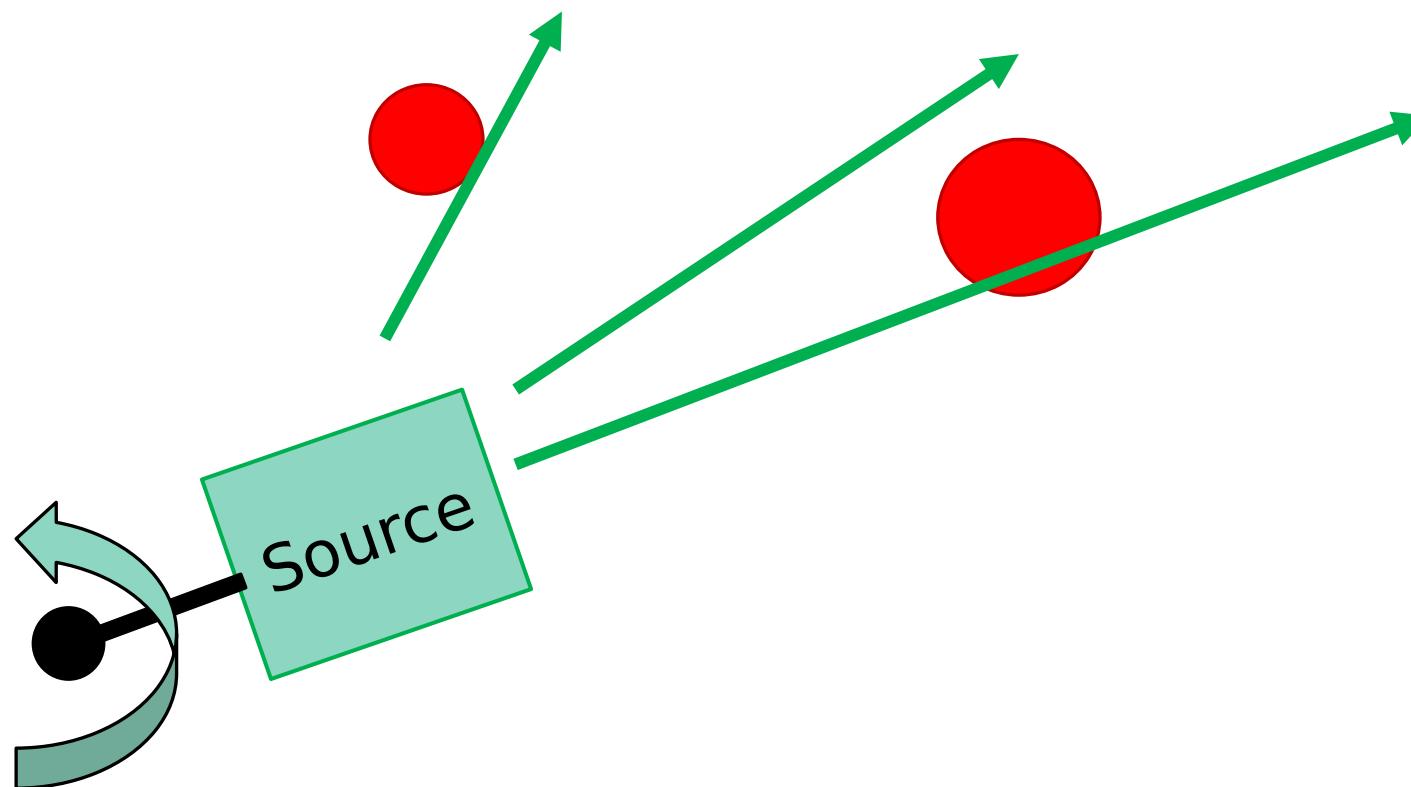
LIDAR/RADAR

Base principle



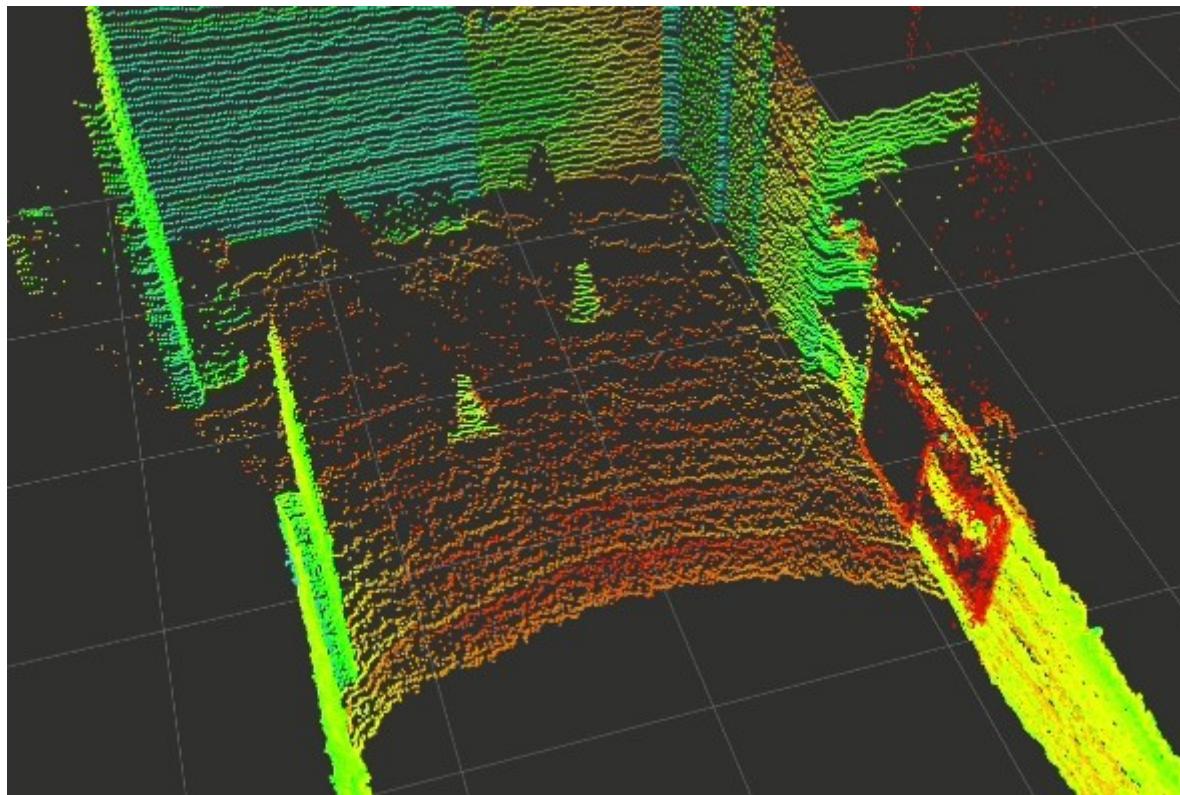
LIDAR/RADAR

360°



LIDAR/RADAR

Result



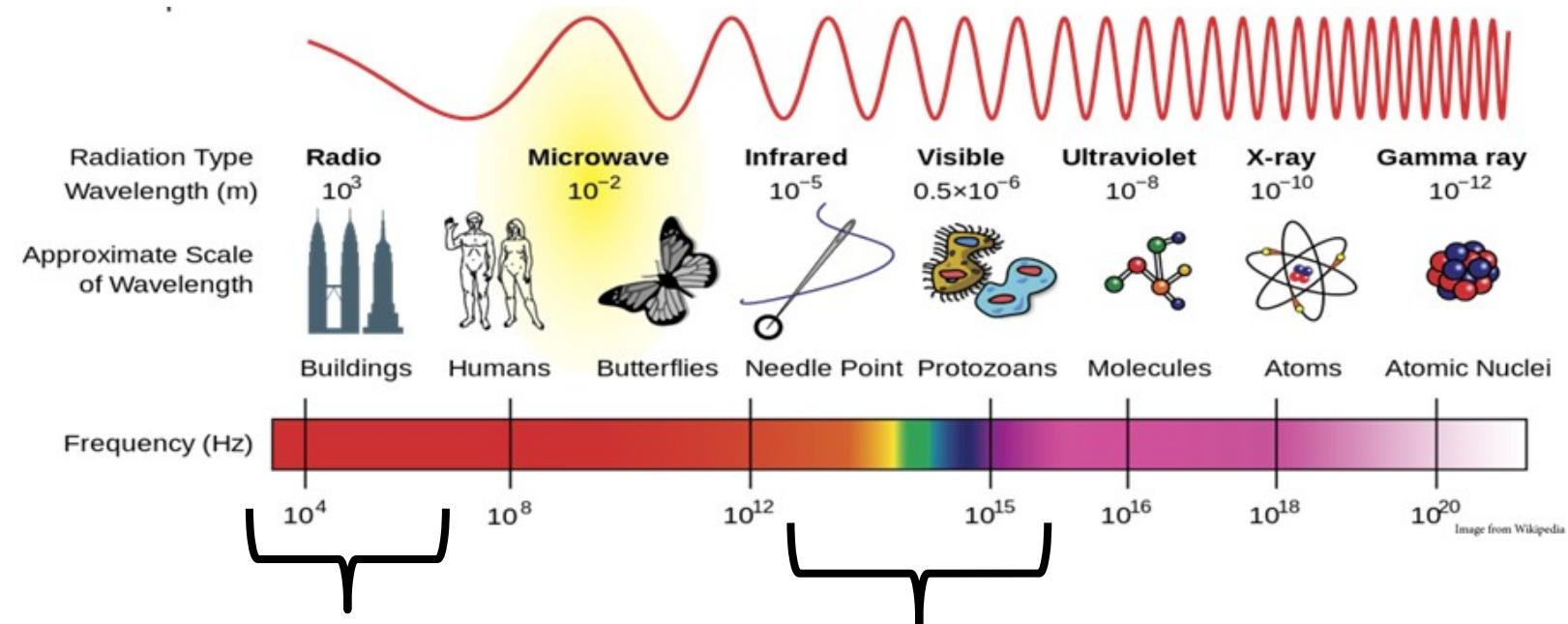
LIDAR/RADAR

Pros / Cons

- + Efficient for boat detections
- Cannot detect objects close to the water
- Active detection (pings)

What about under water ?

LIDAR/RADAR

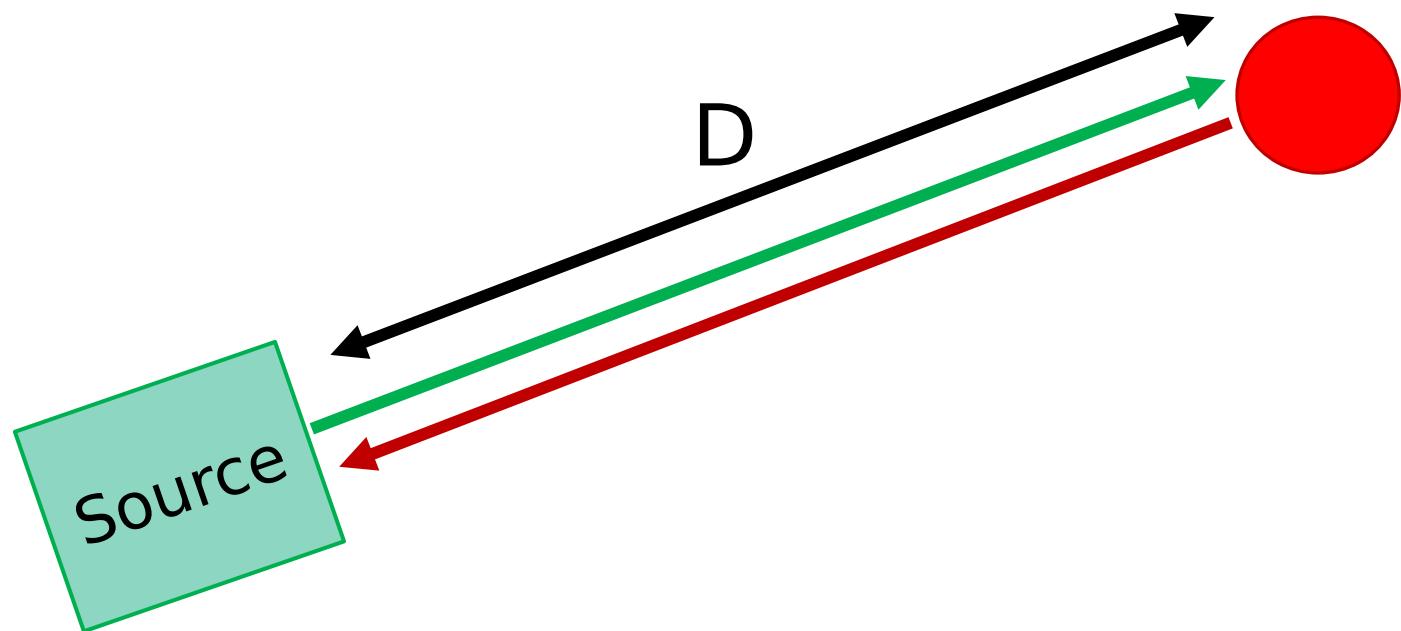


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400 MHz – 36
GHz

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200 THz – 300
THz

Acoustics

Base principle

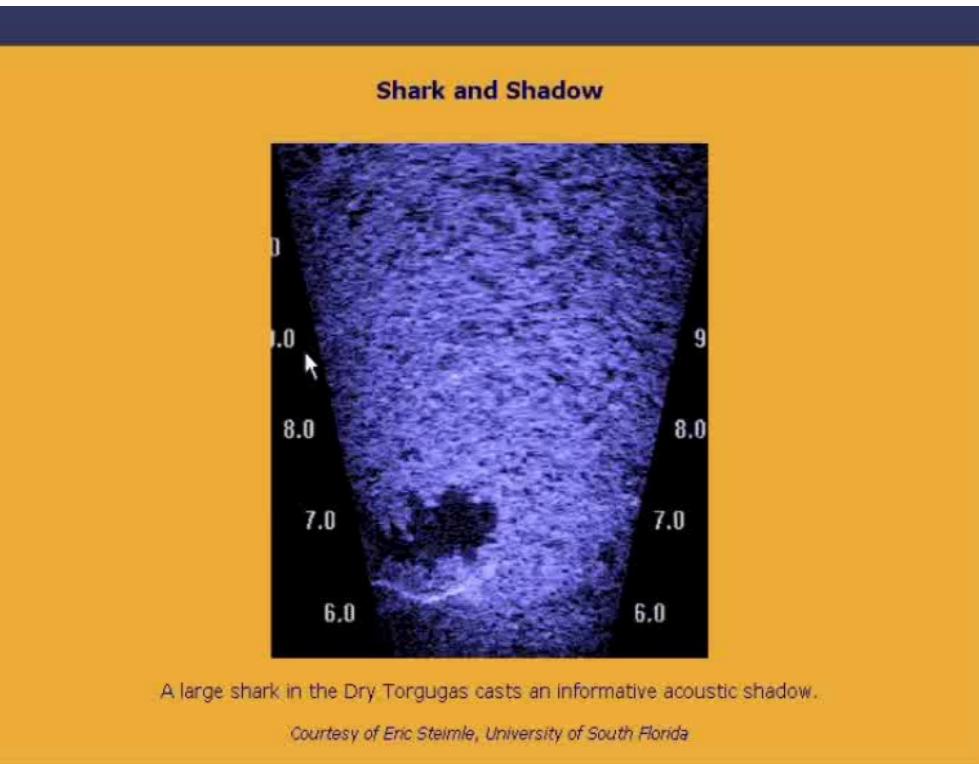


Acoustics

Frontal sonar



Acoustics



Benoit Zerr

Acoustics

Passive

The source may be anything



Whales



Submarines

Acoustics

How far I'll go ?

How far do Whalesongs travel ?

Over 3000 km ! (1900 miles)

Acoustics

Pros / Cons

- + Low frequency (1 kHz - 100 KHz) = Good ranges (up to 10km)
- + Can be passive
- Slower than LIDAR/RADAR

Introduction to YOLO for object detection

YOLO

What is it ?

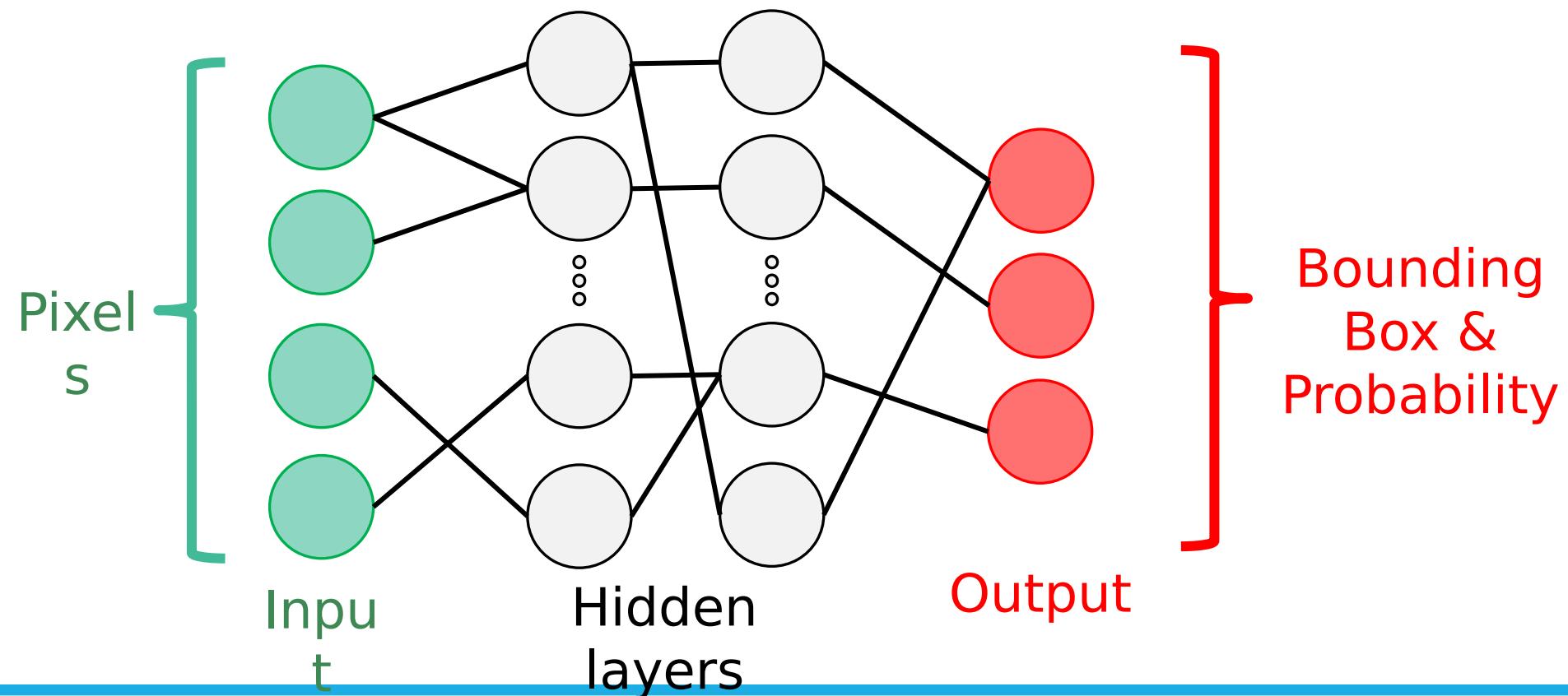
You Only Look Once

AI and Computer Vision

Simultaneous object detection and classification

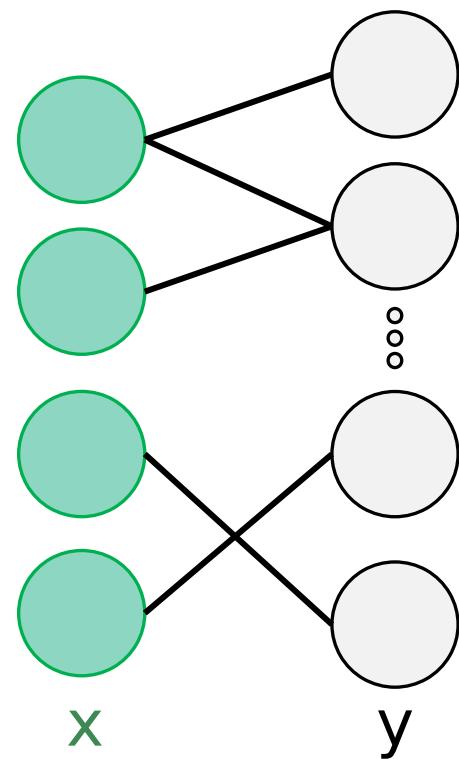
YOLO

Convolutional neural network (CNN)

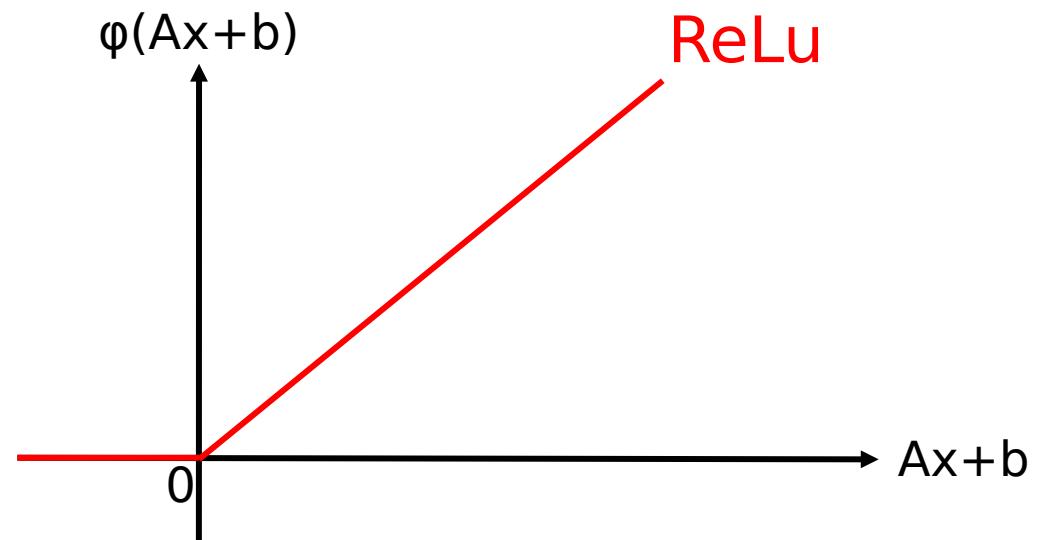


YOLO

A Layer

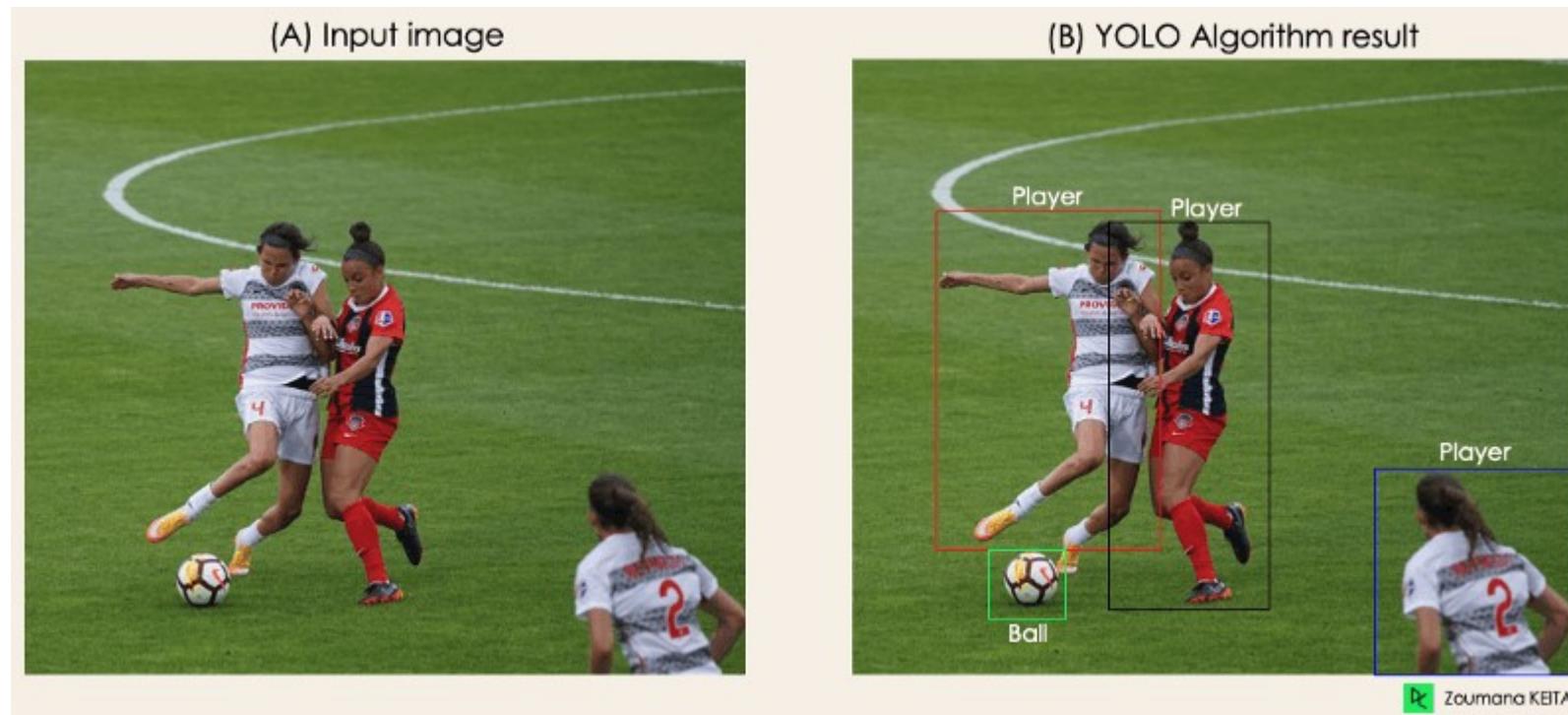


For each layer :
 $y = \varphi(Ax + b)$



YOLO

Result



Questions ?

Now some practice
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