Information Engineering

Options Talk

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Information Engineering Distinguished Lecture Series

This Lecture Series invites world-leading scientists to introduce today's high-impact research areas.

Everyone is welcome!

Daniela Rus (MIT)

Unleashing your inner maker

Monday February 18, 2019, 12.00 – 13.00, Room: LT2

David Silver (Google DeepMind)

TBA

Monday March 4, 2019, 11.00 – 12.00, Room: LT2

Naomi Leonard (Princeton University)

Symmetry, bifurcation, and multi-agent decision-making

Friday April 26, 2019, 16.00 – 17.00, Room: TBA

Andrea Goldsmith (Stanford University)

Can machine learning trump theory in communication system design?

Friday May 10, 2019, 12.00 – 13.00, Room: TBA

Language/Communication

Internet of Things

Bio Informatics

Mobile Devices/Communication

INFORMATION

Business Management

System Integration/Control

Artificial/Machine Intelligence

Financial Market

IIA Information Engineering broadly covers:

- Control
- Signal Processing
- Information Theory
- Communications
- Inference & Machine Learning

Control

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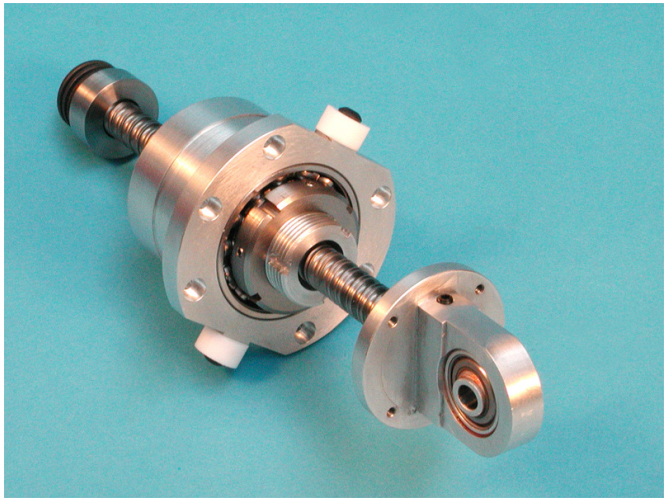

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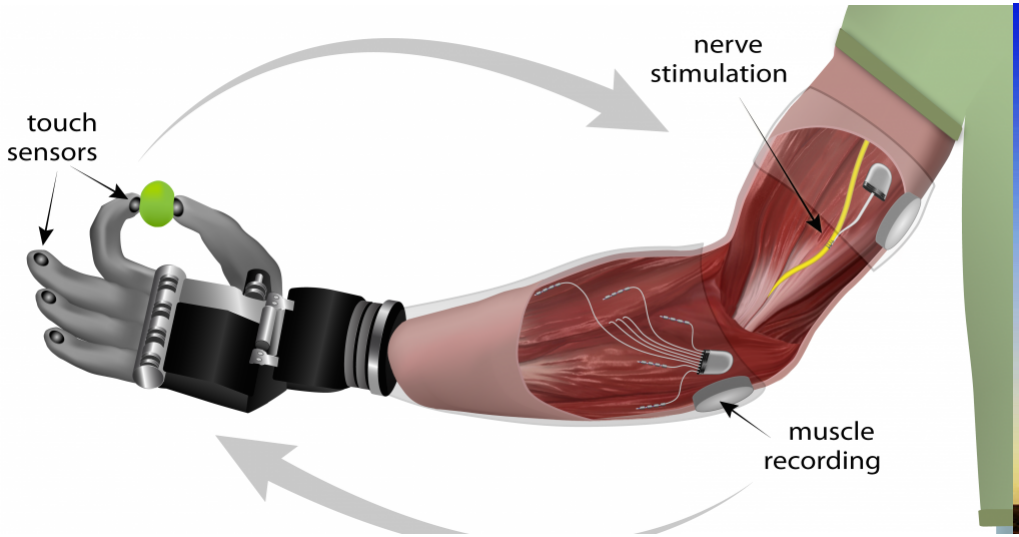
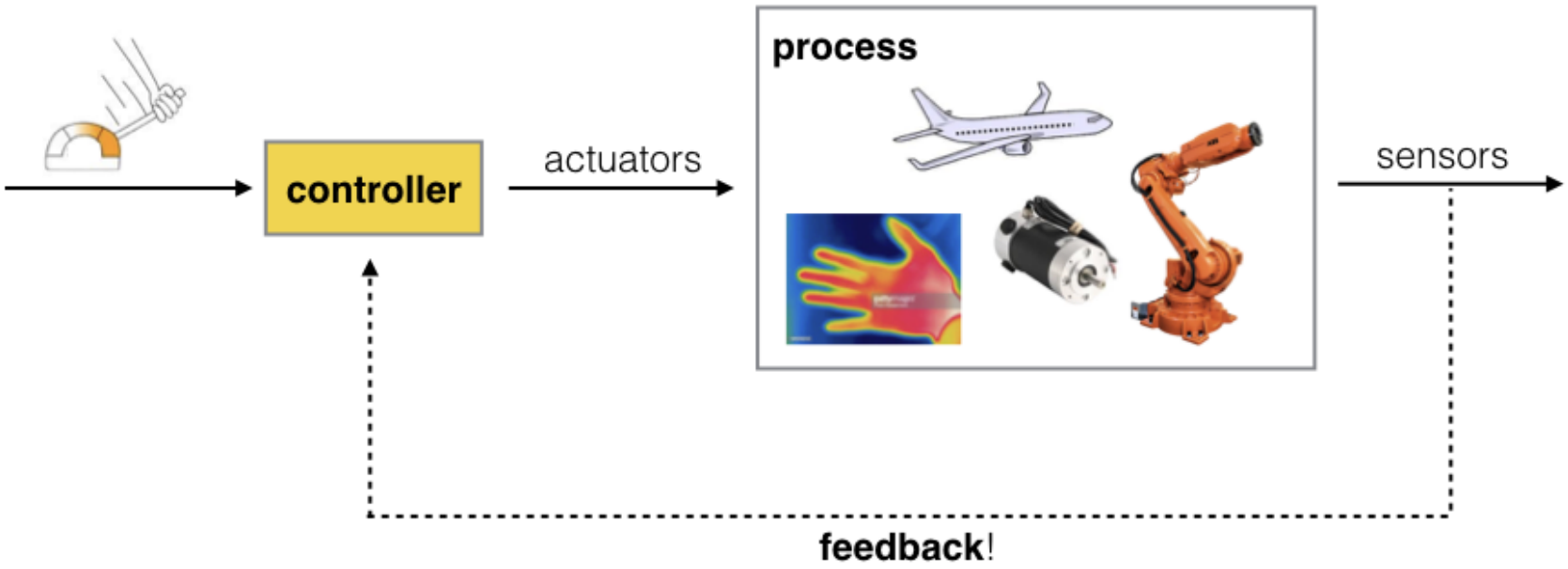


Control in biomedical engineering

In the smart grid

Control

We get the system to behave in a desired way by:



Control modules discuss how to address various challenges within this framework

Control

- Everything is implemented digitally!
  Discrete time systems, z-transforms, Fast Fourier Transform and Digital Filters (3F1)
- Not all important variables can be measured
  State estimation, State observers (3F2)
- Random variations occur
  Random processes (3F1), Kalman filters (3F2)
- Optimal operation is desirable
  Feedback system design, optimization in control (3F2, 4F3)
- Fundamental limitations, robust and nonlinear control (4F1, 4F2)

Control: it's not all hard Maths!

Modern applications of Control Engineering include:

- Control and dynamics in F1 (McLaren)
- Optimization and control in power systems and smart grids
- Motor control of bio-inspired robots (4M20 Robotics)
- Aircraft design: stability and control
- Feedback and regulation in neuroscience.

3F1 Signals and Systems

- Discrete-time signals and systems
- Digital Filters and Fast Fourier Transform
- Continuous-time Random Processes

3F1 is a key module for control, signal processing, and communications

3F2 Systems and Control

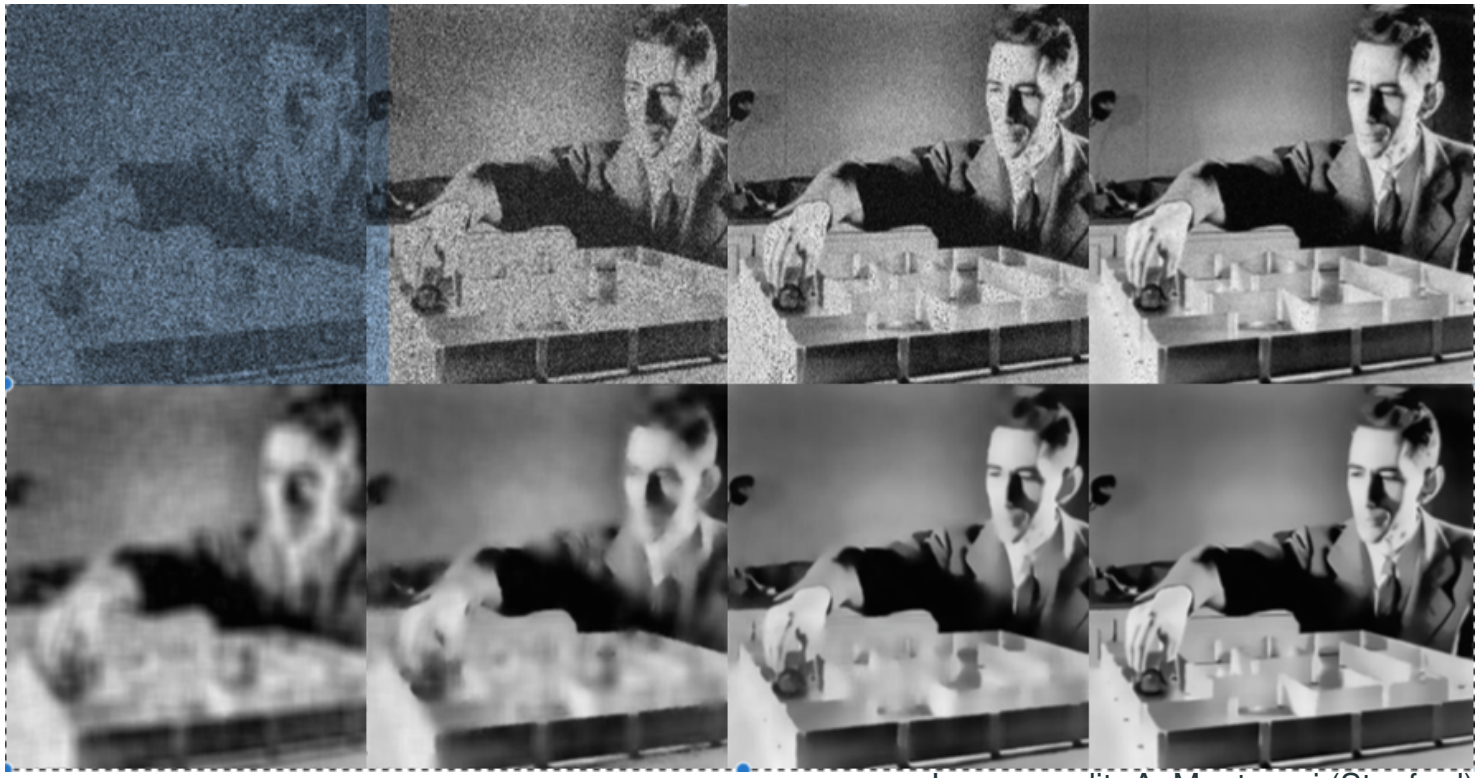
- State-space models
- Feedback System Design
- State Estimation
- Control in a state-space framework

Signal Processing

Example: Image Denoising

Noisy image

Denoised image



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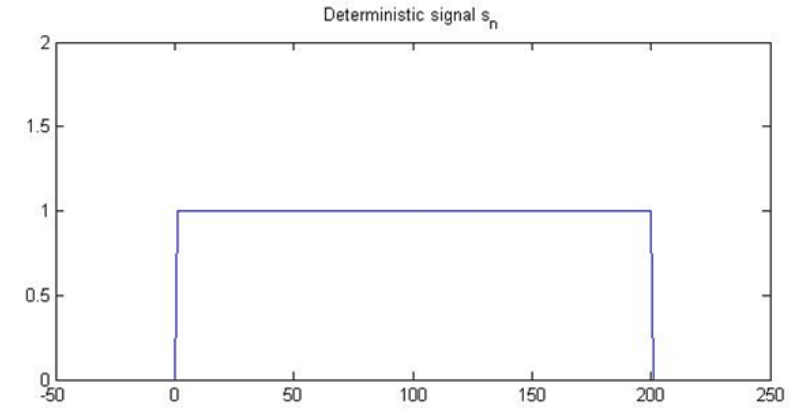
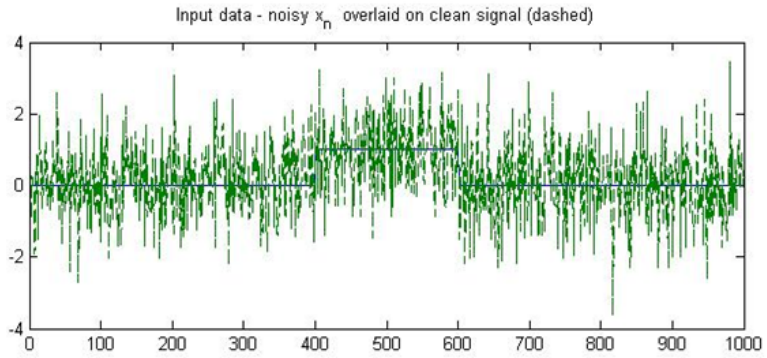
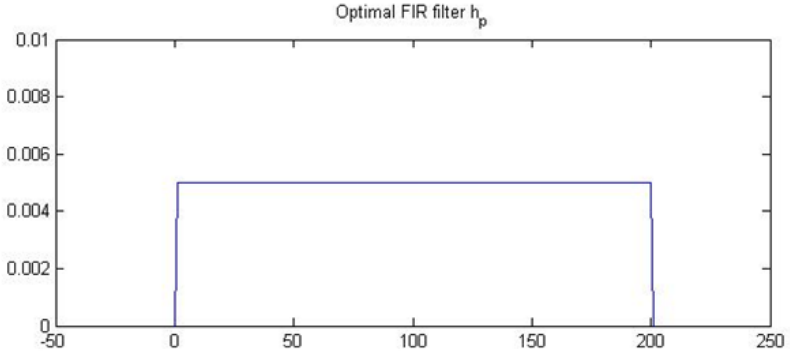
Signal Processing

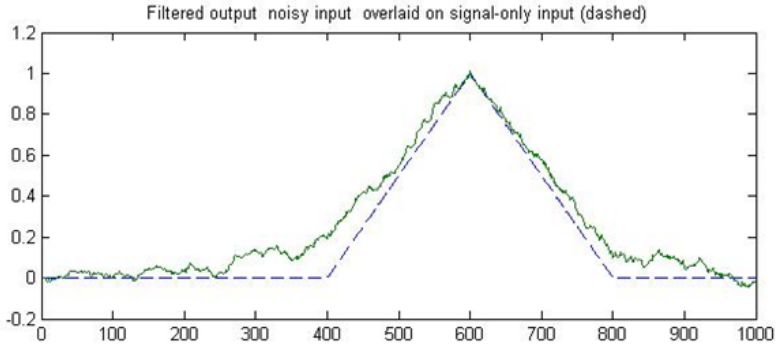
Optimal detection of signal buried in noise — Matched Filter

3F3 (Applications in Radar, Communications, . . .)









3F3 Statistical Signal Processing:

- Modelling and Analysis of random, or 'noise-like', signals and systems
- Effects of noise and randomness in digitised signals
- Module starts with advanced treatment of probability fundamentals
- This leads into the new topic of random processes: *how to characterise random signals through autocorrelation functions, power spectrum . . .*
- The second 8 lectures discuss signal detection, estimation, and inference using Wiener filters, matched filters, likelihood and Bayesian modelling

This module is fundamental to Communications, Speech & Image Processing, Machine Learning, (Big) Data Analysis, Computer Vision

3F3 Statistical Signal Processing:

- Runs alongside 3F1 (co-requisite) and leads into 3F8 (Inference) in Lent
- Also supports 3F4 (Data Transmission) and 3F7 (Information Theory)

3F1 Signals and Systems:

- Discrete-time signals and systems
- Digital Filters and Fast Fourier Transform
- Continuous-time Random Processes

3F1 + 3F3

Essential signal processing theory & techniques that are used in: speech/audio/video compression, wireless communication, echo cancellation, . . .

Signal processing: it's not all hard Maths!

Gravitational Wave Detection by LIGO

Analysis of LIGO data used classic signal processing techniques in 3F1 and 3F3 (FFTs, Power Spectral Density, Matched Filtering)

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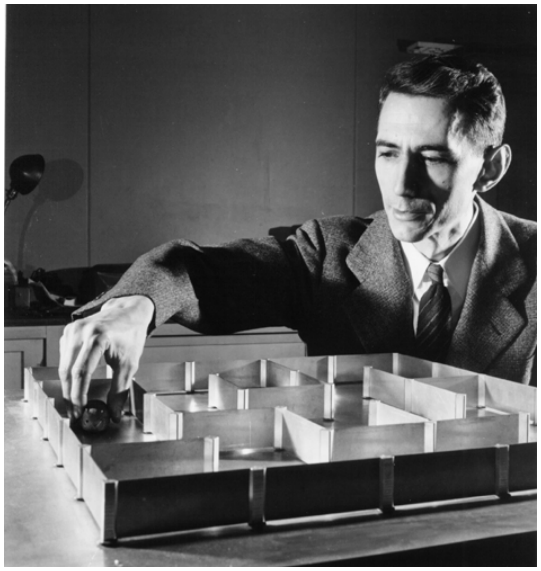
Information Theory and Communications

Information Theory



Claude Shannon, in 1948, showed how to quantify information using probability

Answered two fundamental questions:

- Given a source of data, how much can you compress it?
- Given a noisy communication channel, what is the maximum rate at which you can reliably transmit data?

Data Compression and Error Correction

Compression

Data is compressed by squeezing out redundancy from data:

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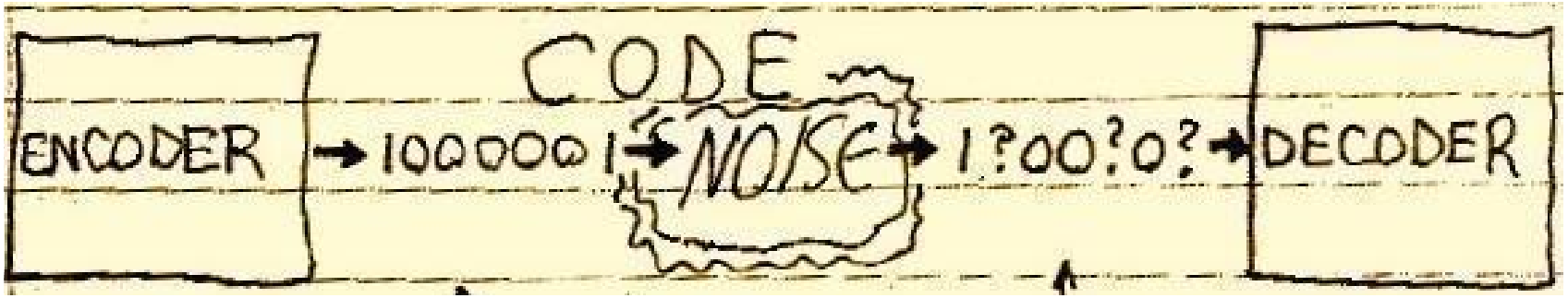
PPM compression achieves 1.5 bits per character of English text

Error Correction



Encode information by adding redundancy in a controlled way, so that it can be *decoded* from the noisy output at the receiver

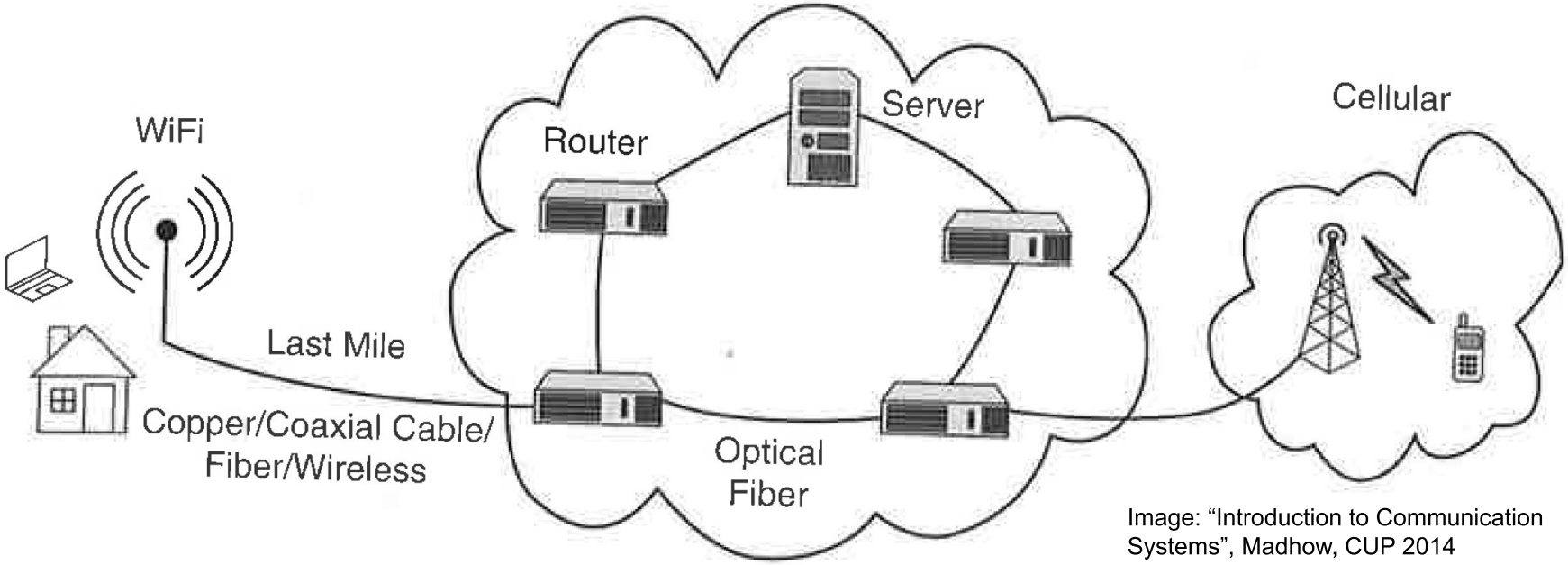
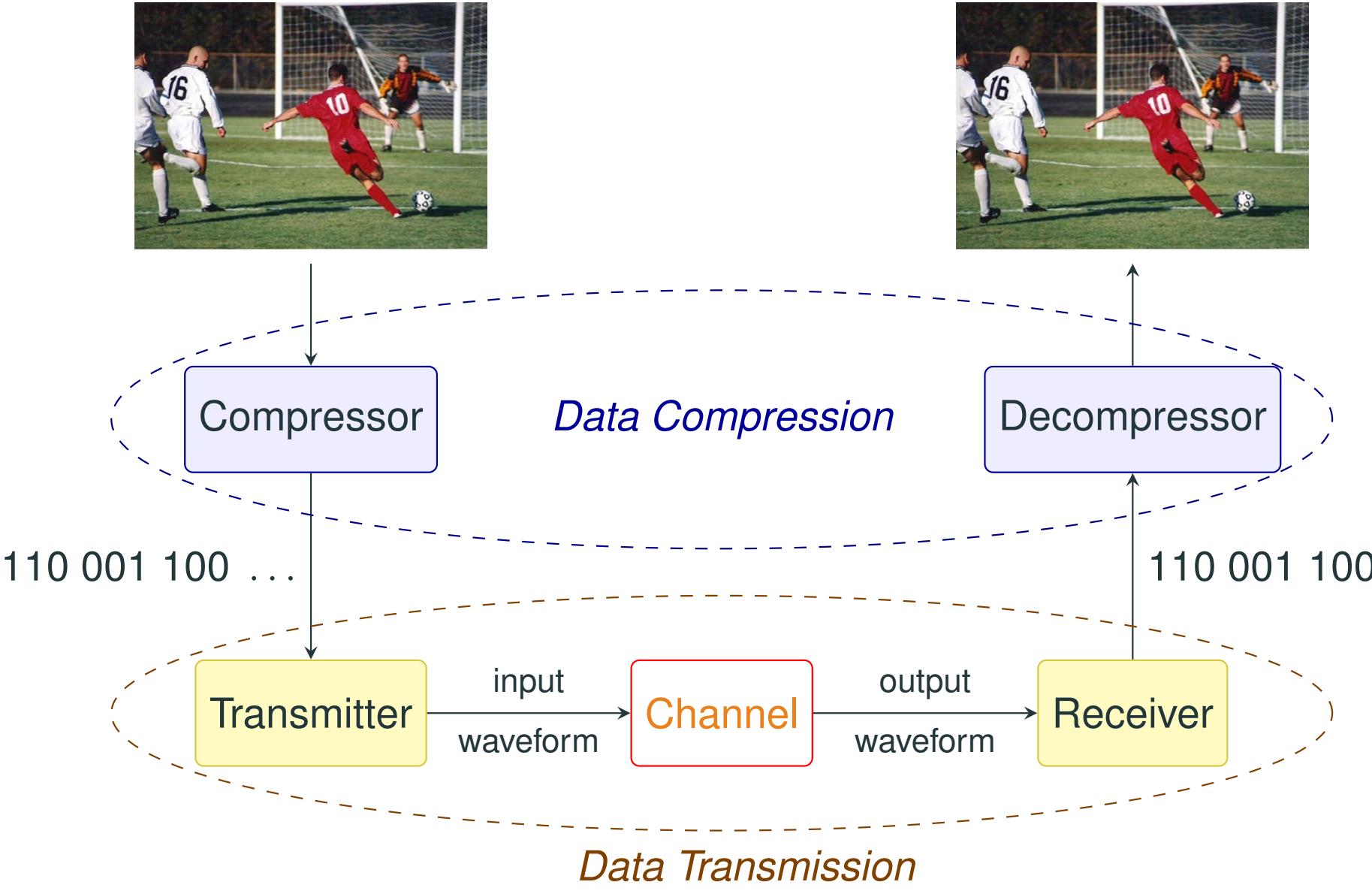
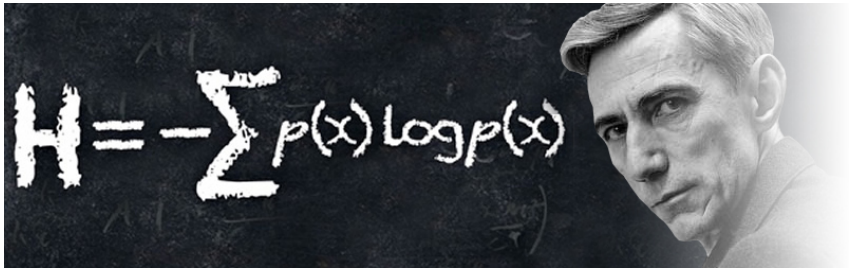


Image: “Introduction to Communication Systems”, Madhow, CUP 2014

An Point-to-Point Communication System



3F7 Information Theory and Coding:

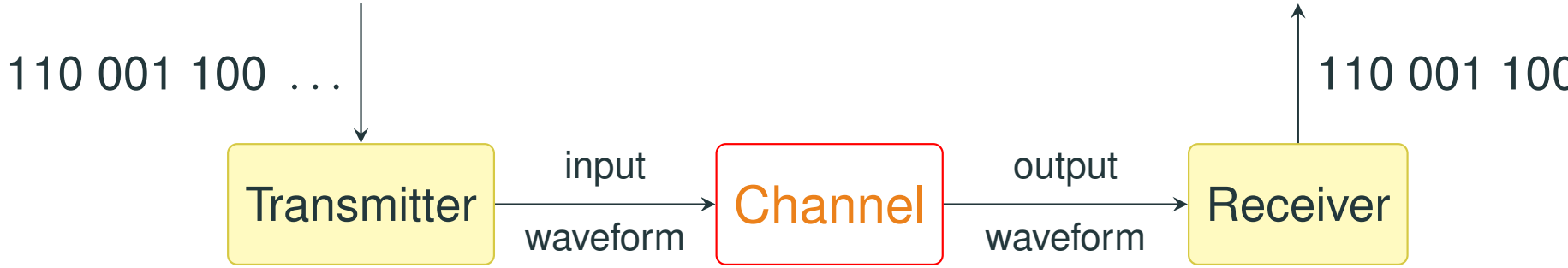


- How to quantify information — using *Entropy*, a measure of uncertainty
- What is the fundamental limit of data compression?
- The fundamental limit of reliable data transmission?

3F7 also covers *practical* techniques to attain optimal limits:

- Practical Data Compression algorithms (Huffman coding, Arithmetic Coding)
- State-of-the-art techniques for Error Correction (Linear Codes, Sparse Graph codes)

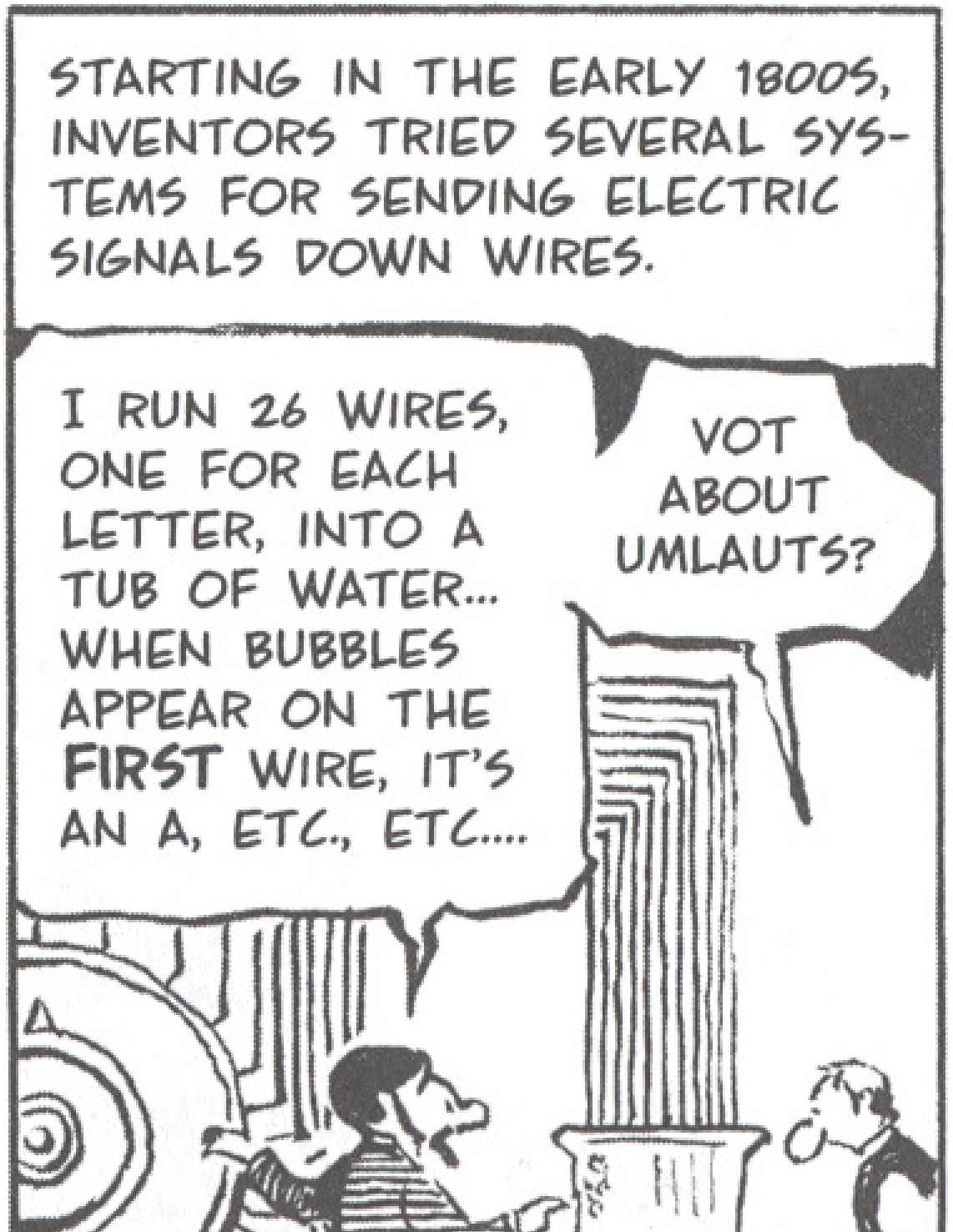
3F4 Data Transmission:



How do we transmit the bits across a real physical channel?

3F4 deals with:

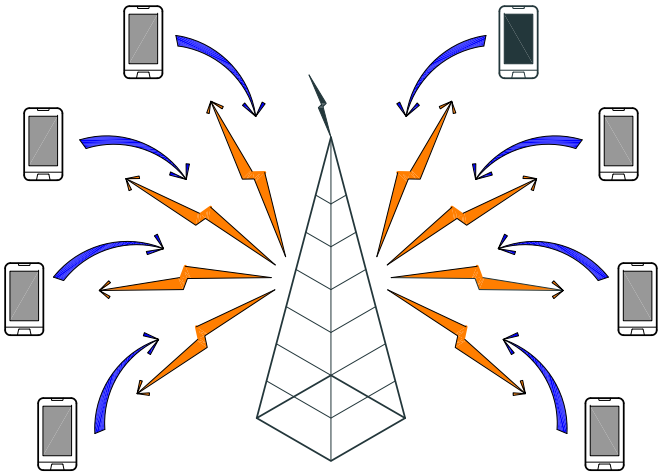
- How to design good input waveforms tailored to the channel?
- How to detect the bits from the output waveform?

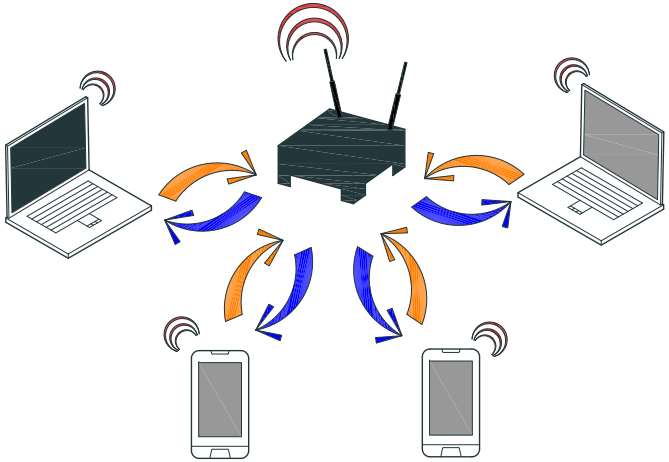

STARTING IN THE EARLY 1800S, INVENTORS TRIED SEVERAL SYSTEMS FOR SENDING ELECTRIC SIGNALS DOWN WIRES.
I RUN 26 WIRES, ONE FOR EACH LETTER, INTO A TUB OF WATER... WHEN BUBBLES APPEAR ON THE **FIRST** WIRE, IT'S AN A, ETC., ETC....
VOT ABOUT UMLAUTS?

Information theory / communication: it's not all hard Maths!

Some applications in your pocket

- Orthogonal Frequency Divison Multiplexing: modulation technique used in 4G (3F4)
- Transform coding and MP3 compression: digital filters, FFTs, entropy coding (3F1, 3F7)





Dealing with mobility & channel uncertainty in wireless networks (frequency diversity & antenna diversity 3F4, 4F5)

Inference & Machine Learning

3F8 Inference

- Non-linear regression
- Classification
- Clustering
- Dimensionality reduction
- Sequence models

Techniques:

- Optimisation
- Monte Carlo
- Bayesian methods

classification

cluster 1

cluster 2

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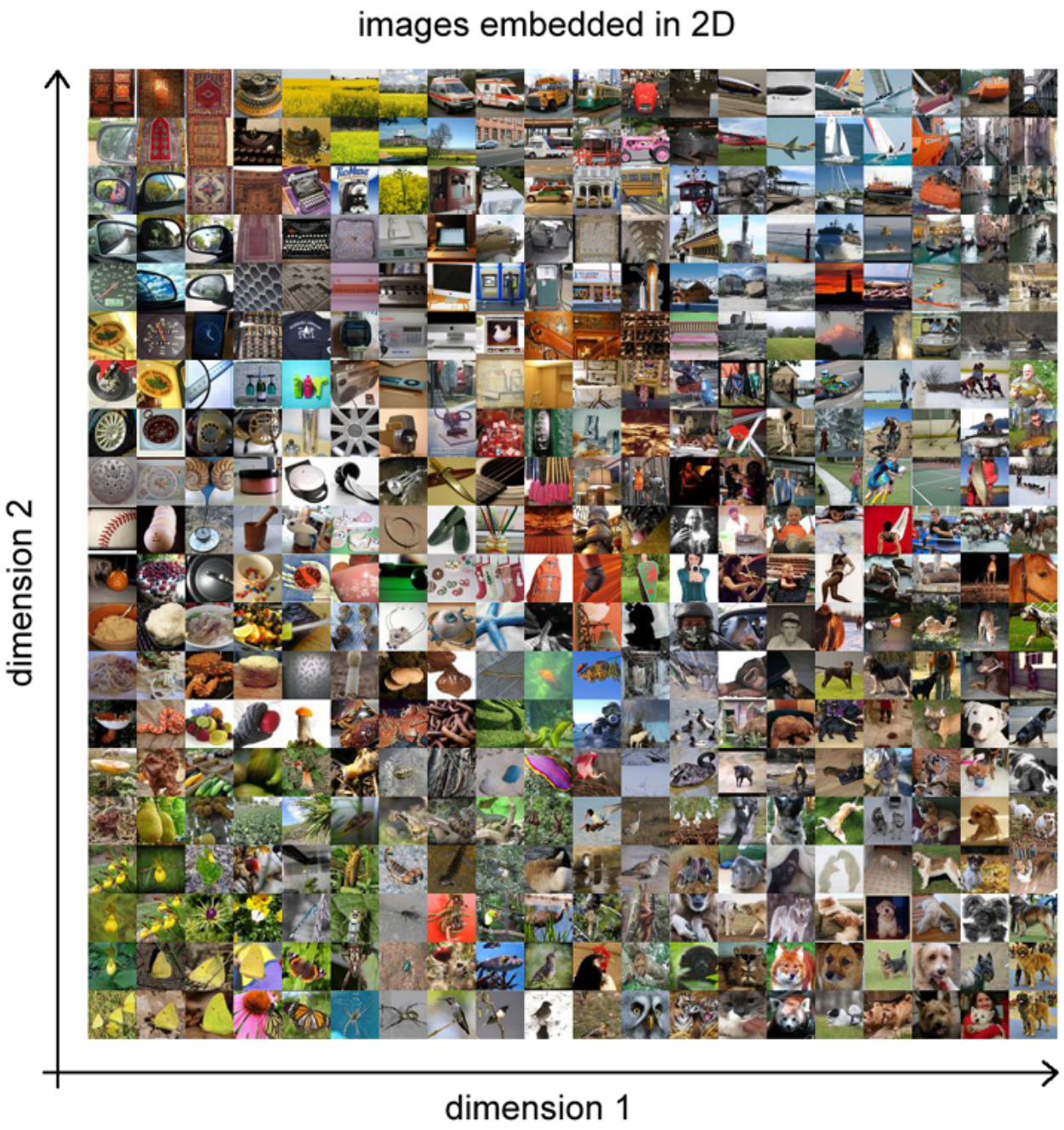

Dimensionality Reduction

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sequences of characters

私はでそれを信じて

predict the next character?

Thomas Bayes

represent uncertainty using probability distributions

Machine Learning

Algorithms that use input data to build models and make predictions or decisions

Search engines, spam filtering, computer vision, learn to play games (Go) . . .

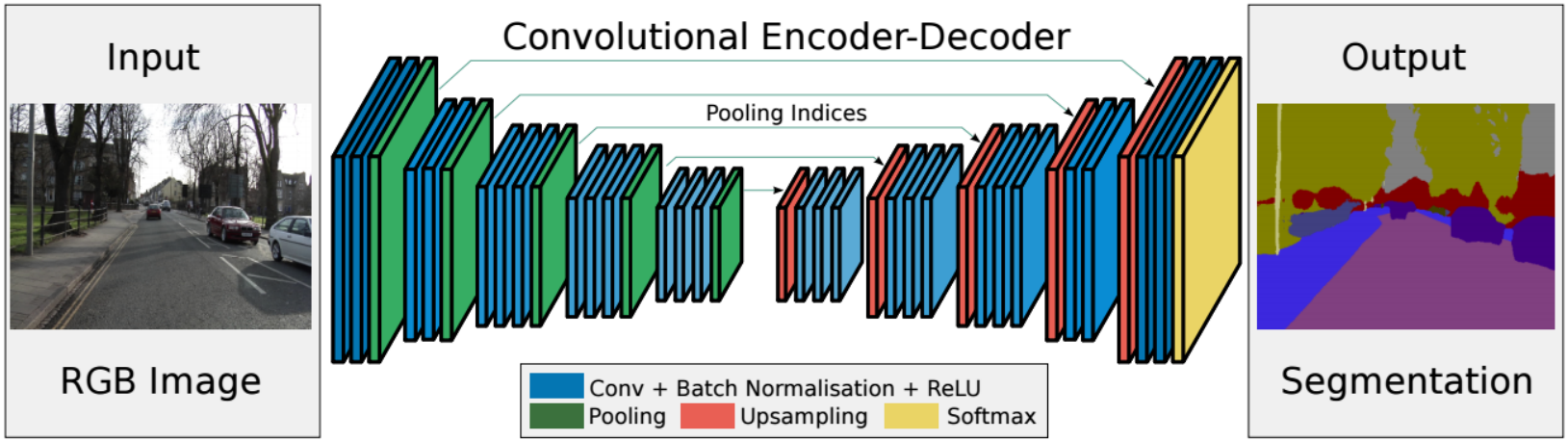

Image Segmentation using convolutional neural nets

Pre-Requisites and Co-Requisites

Third-year Modules:

3F1 (M) Signals and Systems (no pre-req)

3F3 (M) Statistical Signal Processing (3F1 is a co-requisite)

3F7 (M) Information Theory and Coding (no pre-req)

3F2 (L) Systems and Control (no pre-req)

3F4 (L) Data Transmission (3F1 is a pre-req)

3F8 (L) Inference (3F3 is a pre-requisite)

Fourth Year Modules

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4F1 Control System Design

4F2 Robust and Nonlinear Systems and Control

4F3 An Optimisation Based Approach to Control

4F5 Advanced Information Theory and Coding

4F7 Statistical Signal Analysis

4F8 Image Processing and Image Coding

4F10 Deep learning and Structured Data

4F12 Computer Vision

4F13 Probabilistic Machine Learning

4F14 Computer Systems

4M17 Practical Optimization

4M20 Robotics

Part IIA Information Engineering

- Control (3F1, 3F2)
- Signal Processing (3F1, 3F3)
- Information Theory (3F7)
- Communications (3F7, 3F4)
- Inference & Machine Learning (3F3, 3F8)

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