



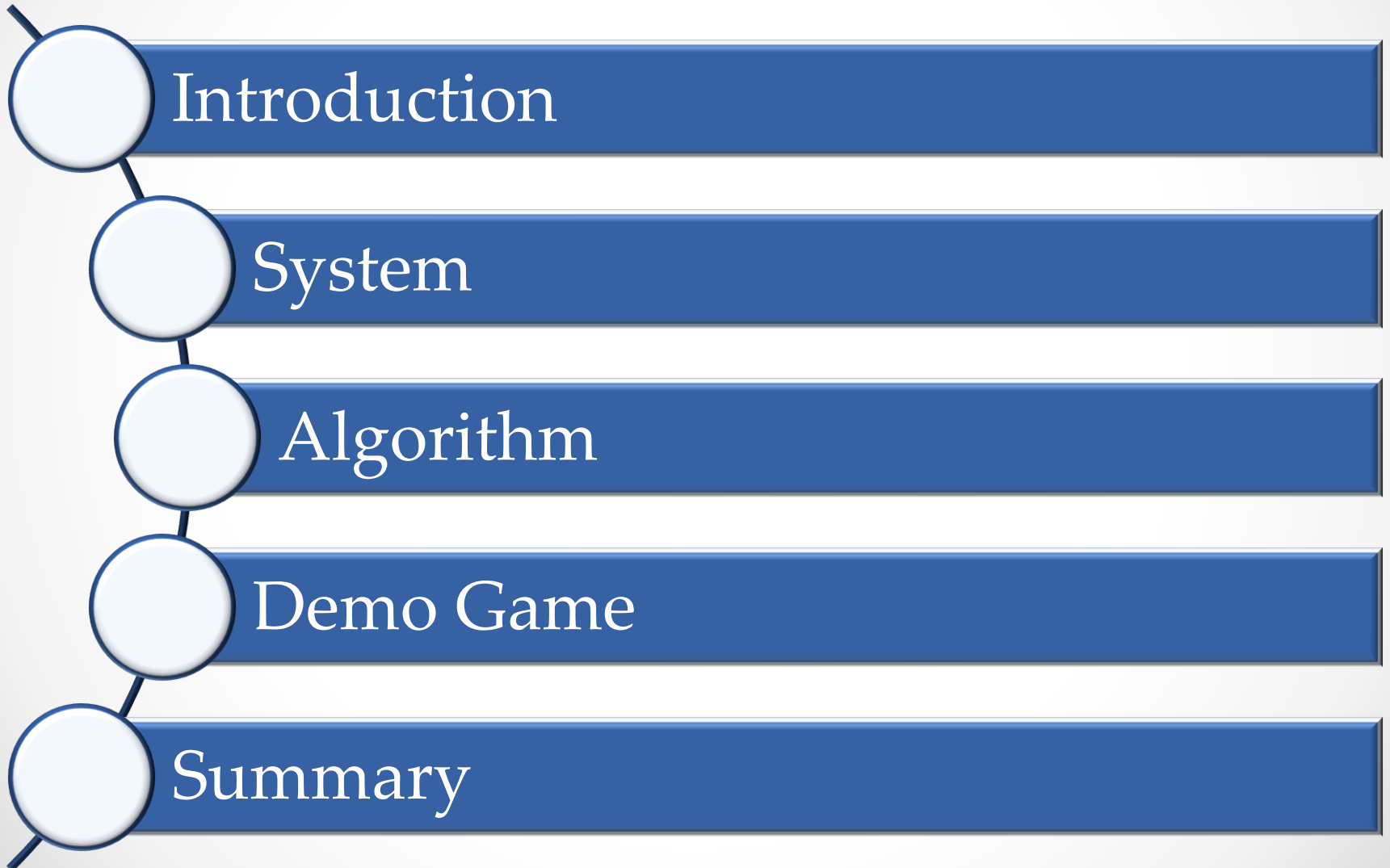
# Shape Recognition for Multi-Touch Table

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# Outline



# Background

- Multi-touch is starting to appear in every day computers
- New User Interfaces (NUI) are extensively pursued

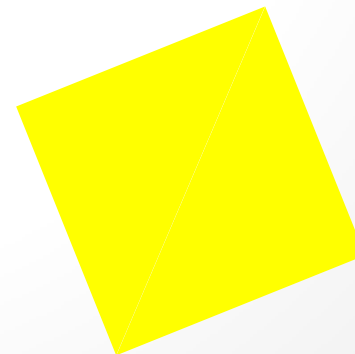
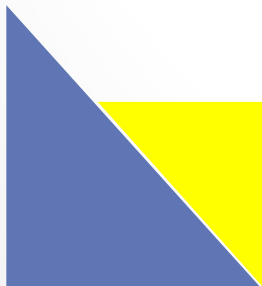


# Motivation

- Existing multi-touch surfaces are expensive
- Current technology is unable to recognize shapes
- Shape recognition enhances user interface

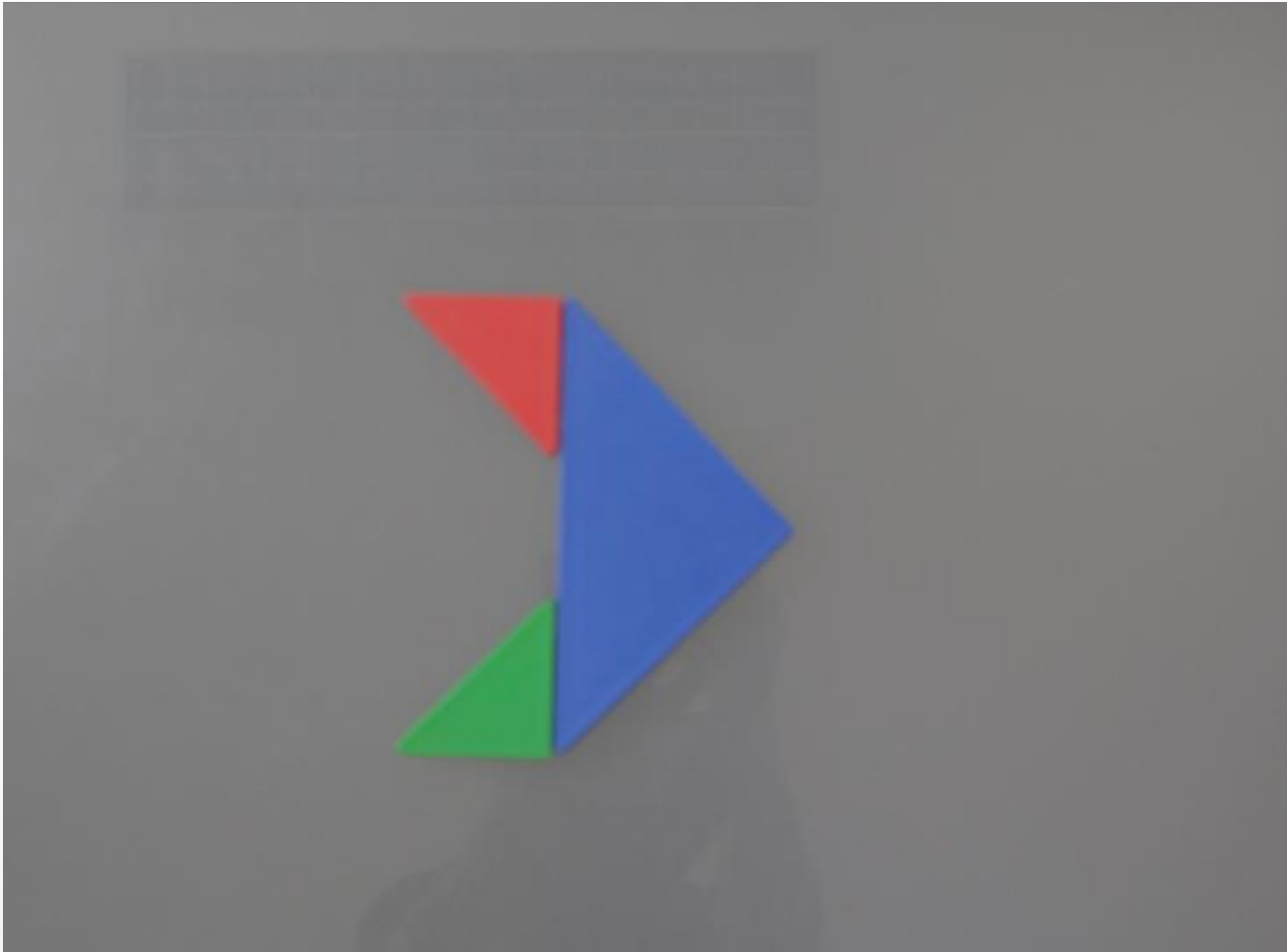
# Challenges

- Noisy input image
- Real-time constrains
- Implementing into open-source environment
- Creating a complete system solution
- Shape combinations and movement



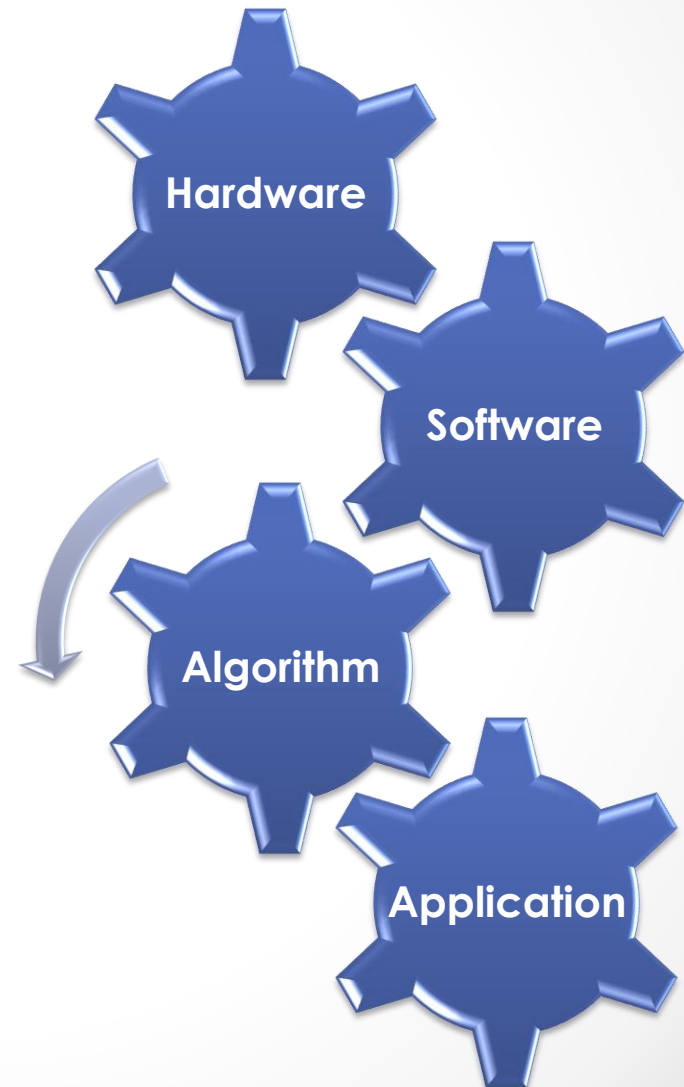
# Challenges (cont.)

- ~~Real~~ world view

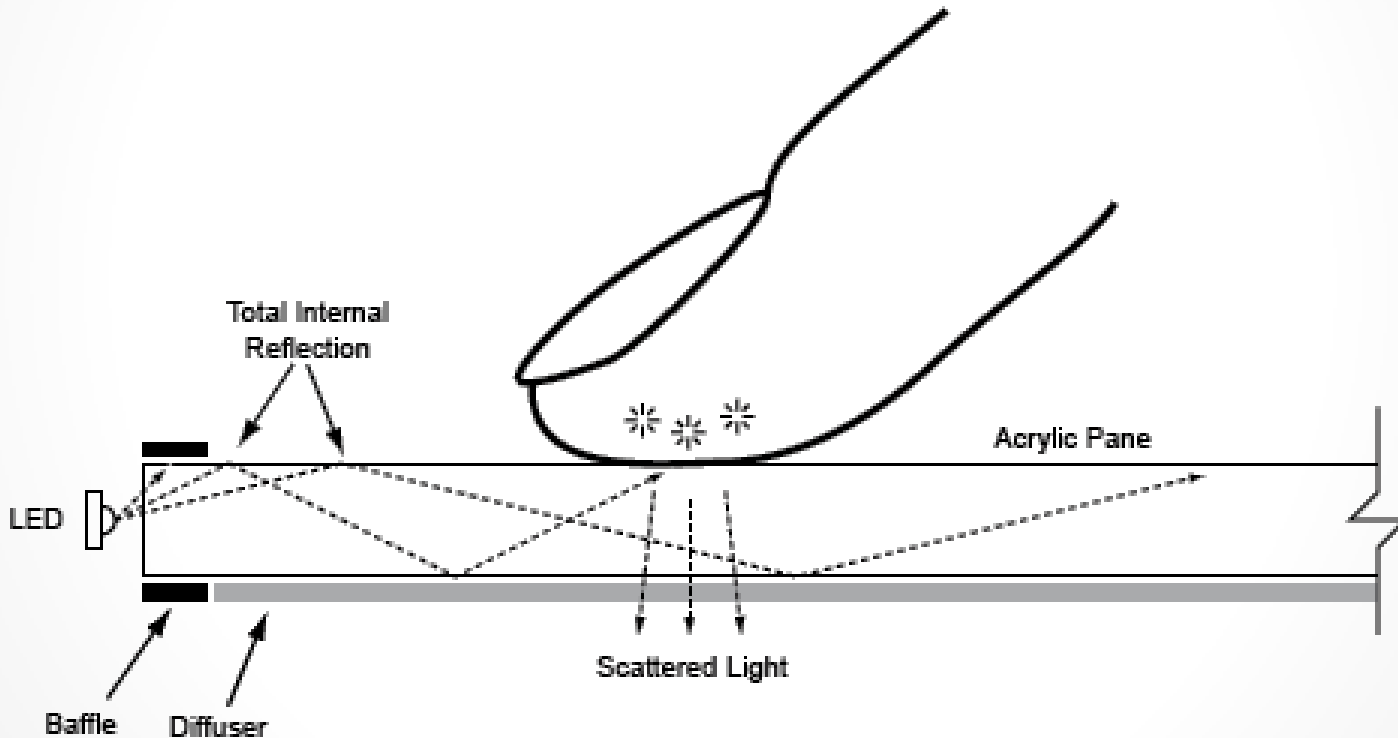


# System

- Hardware
  - Multi-Touch Table
  - FTIR Technology
- Software
  - Community Core Vision
  - Client / Server Model
- Algorithm
  - Image Processing
  - Shape Detection
  - Tracking
- Application
  - Game

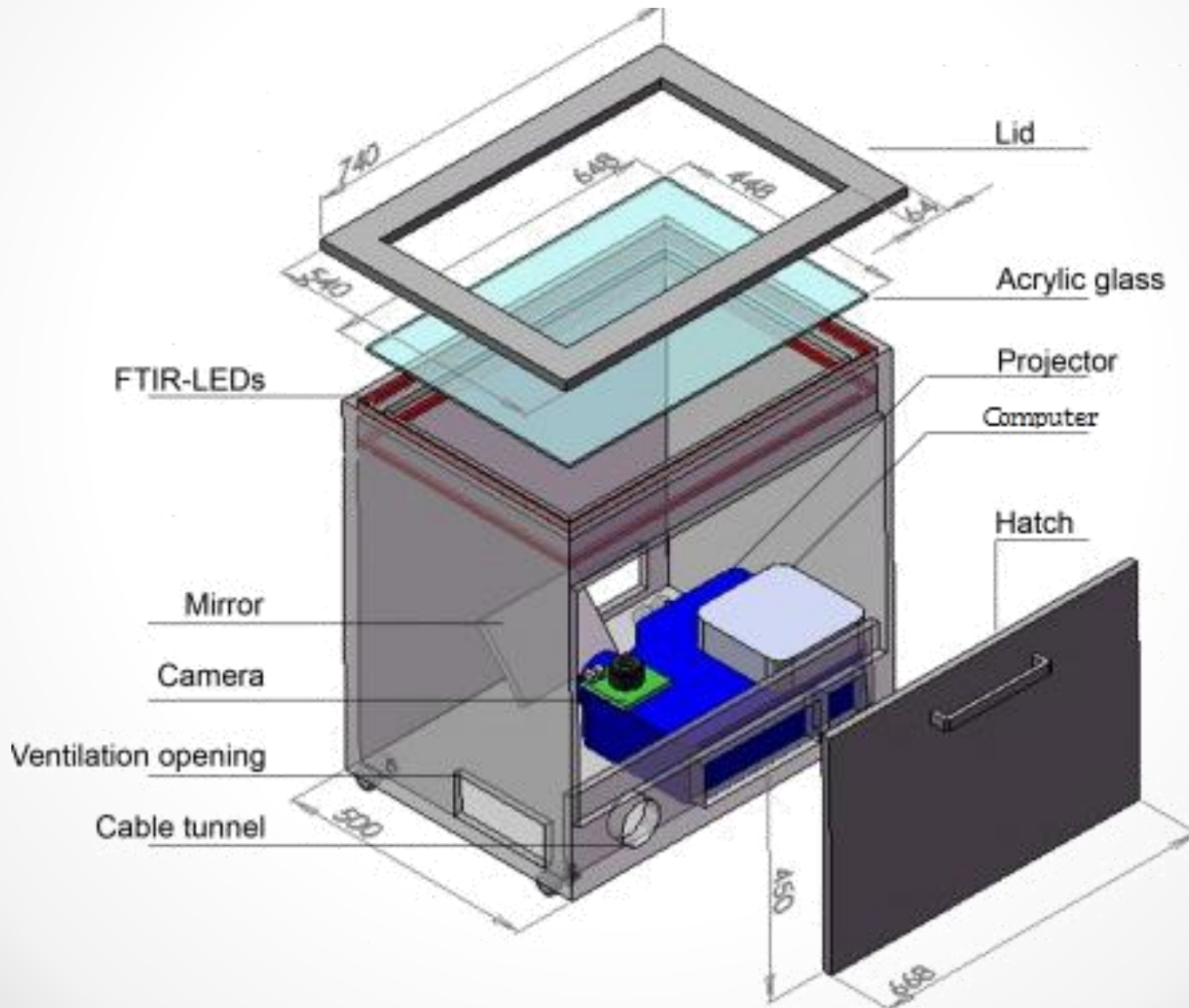


# Frustrated Total Internal Reflection



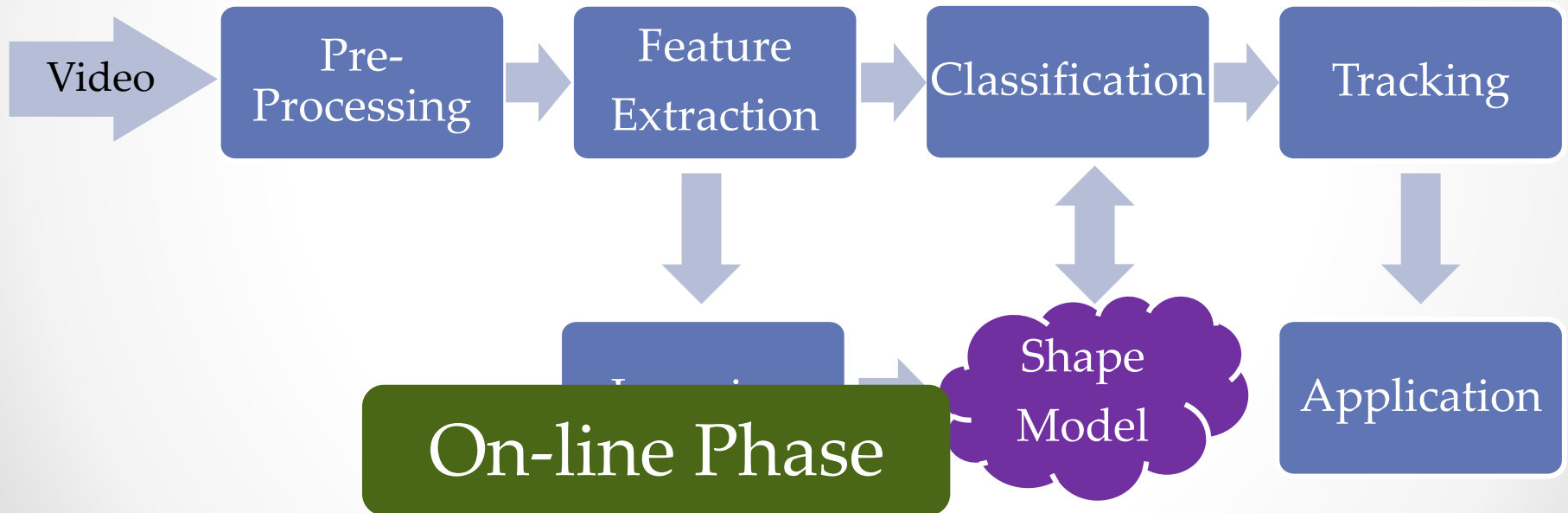


# Multi-Touch Table



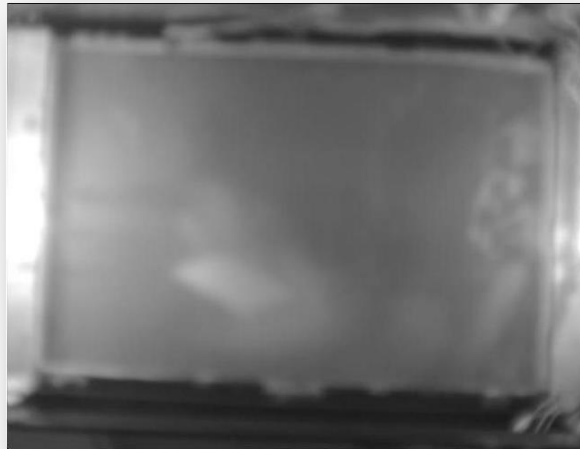
# Shape Recognition

## Learning Phase



# Pre-Processing

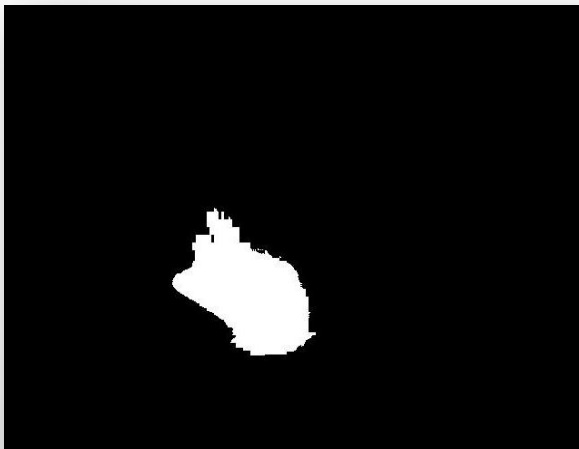
IR input



Background removed



Global threshold

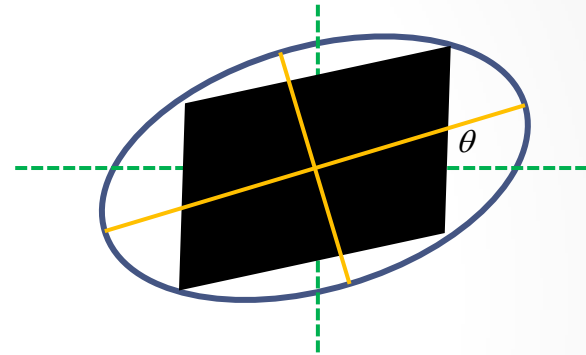


Adaptive threshold



# Selected Features

- Chosen features:
  - Area
  - Major & minor axis
  - Eccentricity
  - 4 Hu moments:  $\varphi_1$ ,  $\varphi_4$ ,  $\varphi_6$ ,  $\varphi_7$



- Empirical selection based on cross validation

[Hu, 1962]

[Sarfraz, 1993]

# Image Moments

- Complex moments:

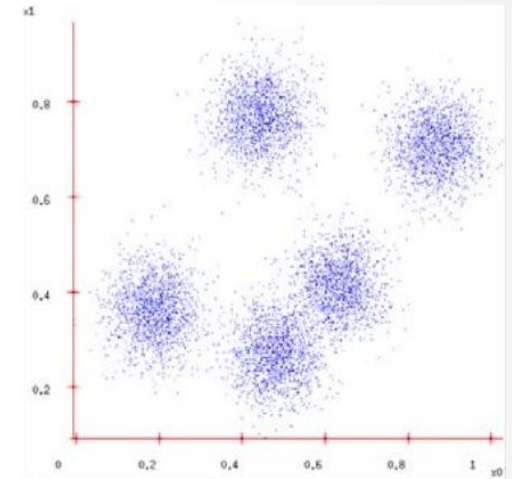
$$C_{pq} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (x + iy)^p (x - iy)^q \chi(x, y) dx dy$$

$\chi(x, y)$  - image indicator function

- Centralized moments  $\rightarrow$  translation invariance
- Chosen moments are rotation invariant

# Learning & Classification

- Independent Gaussian distributions
- Naïve Bayes Classifier
- For each shape  $s_j$  and feature  $f_i$   
assume:  $p(f_i | s_j) \sim N(\mu_i, \sigma_i^2)$



$$p(s_j | f_1, \dots, f_m) \propto p(s_j) \cdot \prod_{i=1}^m p(f_i | s_j)$$

$$\hat{s} = \underset{s_j}{\text{classify}}(f_1, \dots, f_m) = \underset{s_j}{\text{argmax}} p(s_j | f_1, \dots, f_m)$$

# Naïve Bayes Classifier

- Advantages:
  - Generic
  - Fast
  - Allows thresholding
  - Good performance
- Disadvantages:
  - Long offline learning process

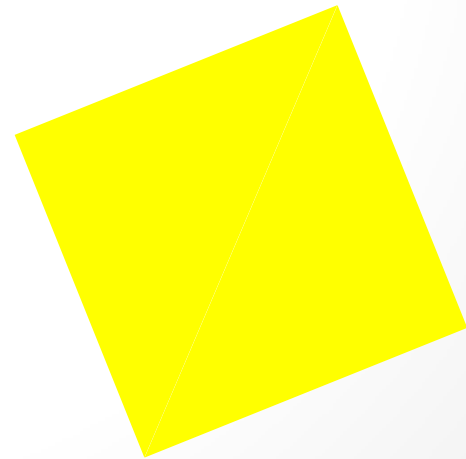
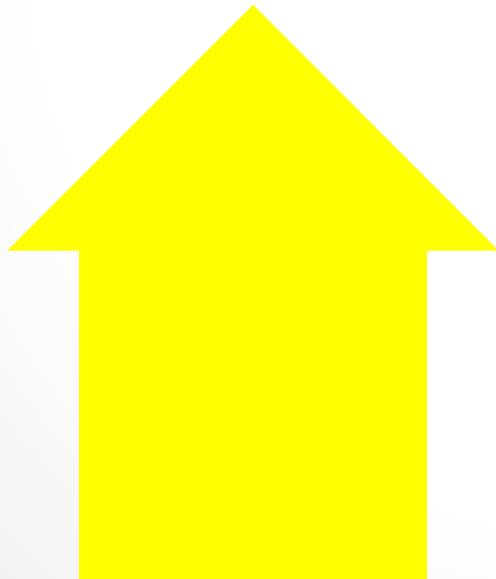
# Tracking

- Nearest neighbors tracking
- Simplifies data handling
- Prevents false detections
- Allows complex situations
  - Shape combinations
  - Internal movement in a combination



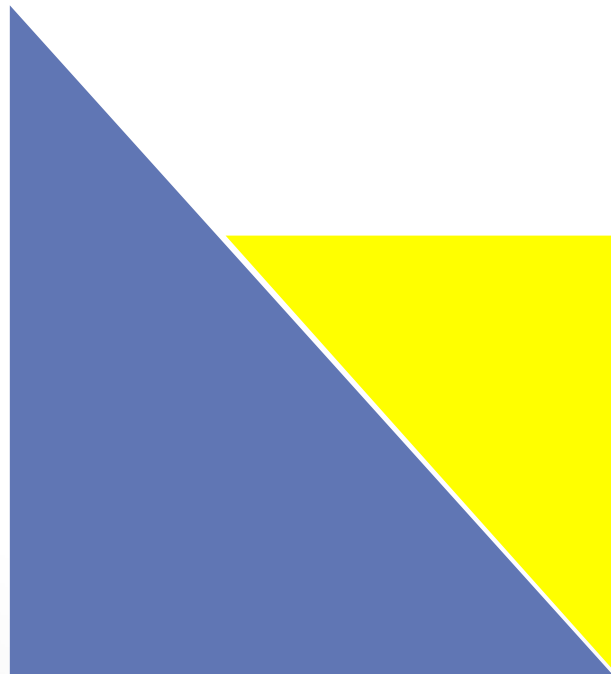
# Complex Situations

- Shape combinations can appear as one (legitimate) shape
- Possible classification mistakes:

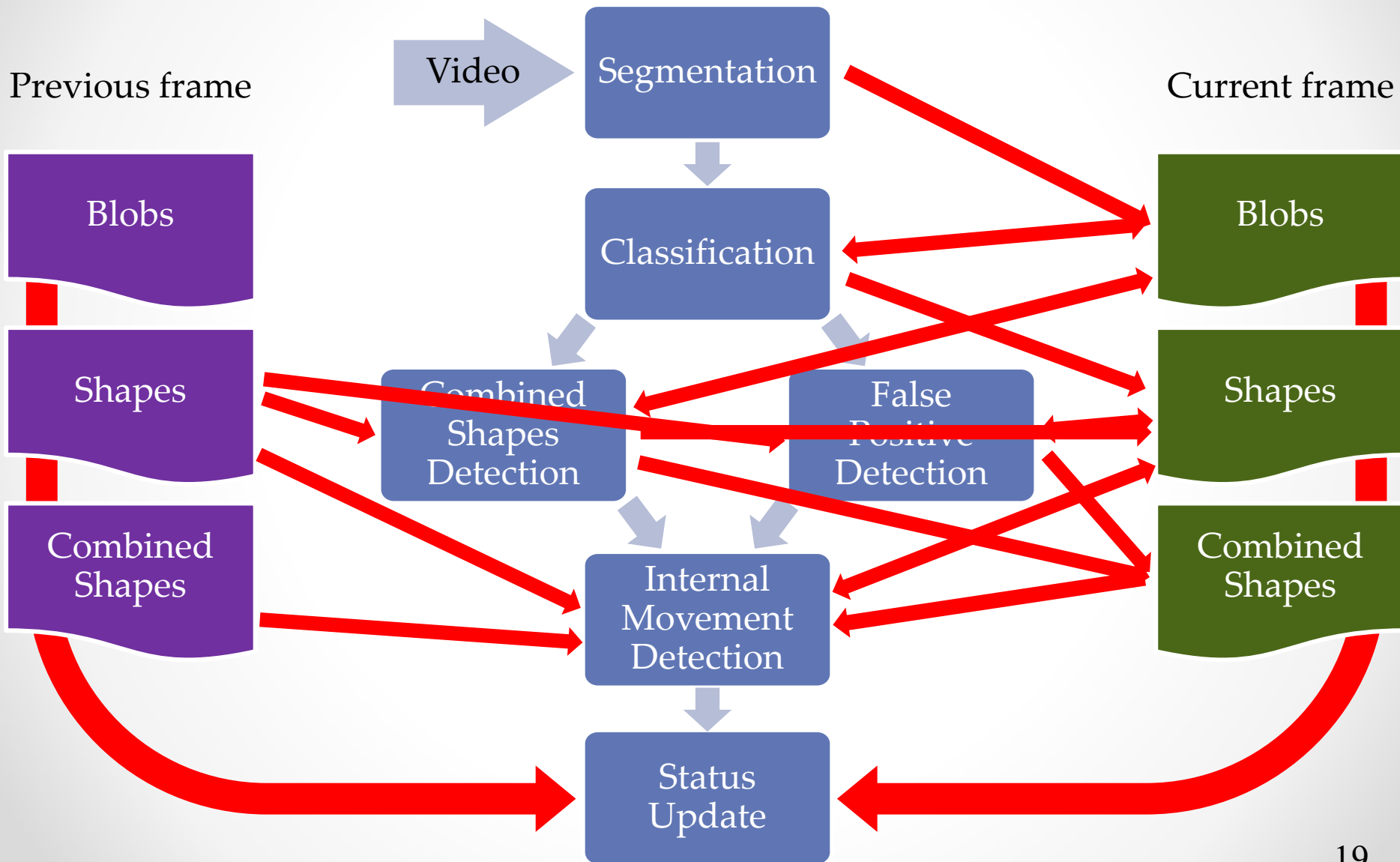


# Internal Shape Movement

- Complex shape modification
- Combined shape structure is maintained



# Tracking

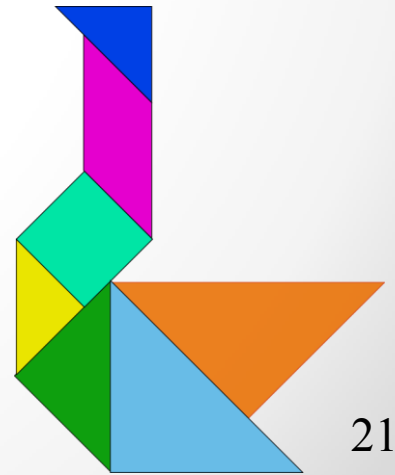
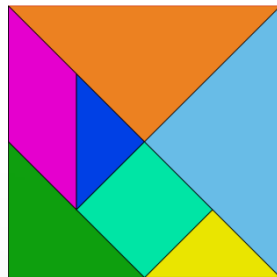
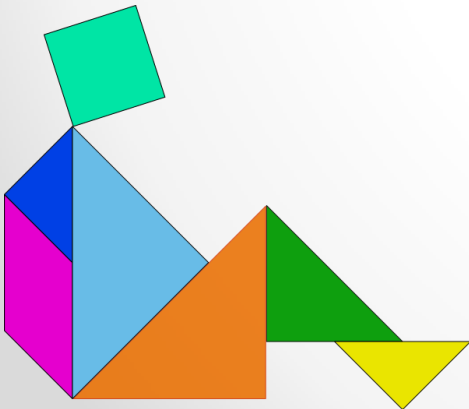


# Application

- Many possible applications
- Client / Server model established
- Community Core Vision (CCV)
- Tangible User Interface Objects (TUIO) protocol for data transfer

# Tangram

- Chinese dissection puzzle with seven shapes
- The objective is to fill a given silhouette
- Demonstrates the algorithm capabilities

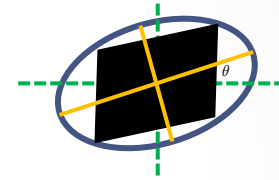


# Summary

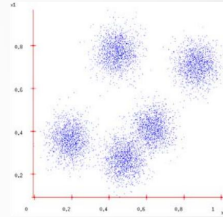
Multi-Touch table



Feature Extraction



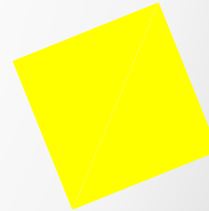
Shape Classification



Tracking



Complex situations



Open-source code



Tangram

