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High Speed Snapshots

Ever seen a photo in a magazine, article or online and thought to yourself “that must’ve been some pretty good timing”, well all it takes to capture something that “perfectly” is high speed photography. High Speed photography is the action of capturing fast events at single precise moments. The camera’s on our phone have gotten really powerful over the years, to the point that we can hold the power of 4k recording devices in one hand, but there is only so much we can do with a device whose main function isn’t photography. Motion blur and slow snapping shots are restraints which would make it impossible for someone to truly master high speed photography on an inadequate device. This process may be accomplished by taking a series of quick snapshots(camera’s fast enough to take at-least 69 photos per second) or making a photo seem to have freeze motion.

From visually pleasing images on google to trippy slow motion videos of people shooting bullets through all types of objects, we can see daily applications of high speed photography everyday. This method has been around for a while, where it served a more practical use that did not really fall in the category of entertainment. In modern times the uses for it are becoming more abstract as time goes on where people of all ages and background can really appreciate the increasingly popularized art form.

The power of of this method of photography has unlimited potential. Even during its early years, camera's were able to catch a clear picture of a hummingbird's wings while flying which become a blur when viewed by the human eye alone. This method of this photography has been used to analyze many phenomena such as that. Wonders like this make one wonder what is truly possible with the power of a camera and the unforeseeable future that lies ahead