**Human Activity and Vision Summer School** 

## Recognition of Visual Focus of Attention in group conversation Extraction of head and body pose cues in open spaces

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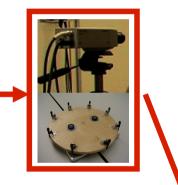
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## the overall goal: to infer relevant information from audio-visual human scenes







audio-visual scenes

representation (what is a person?)

detection (are there any people?)

localization (where are they?)

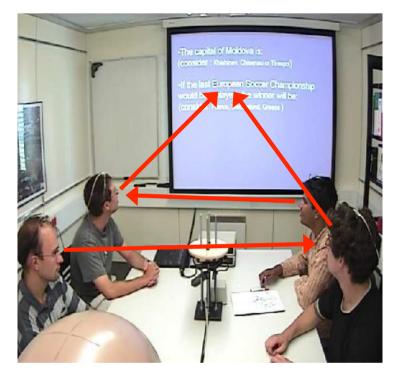
tracking (where do they go?)

identification (who are they?)

activity recognition & discovery (what do they do? what do they look at?, do they interact? who do they interact with? what do they do together?, ...)

#### **Visual focus of attention (VFOA)**

- Focus of attention (eye gaze)
   "who is looking at whom (or what)"
- Non-verbal signal which conveys rich information about a person
  - his interests, what is he doing
  - how does he explore a new environment?
  - reaction to different stimuli
- Gaze is a strong social interaction cue
  - regulate conversation turn taking/yelding cue
  - social control
    - => dominance, personality traits





## **Applications of VFOA recognition**

- **Group support** [DiMicco, MIT2004,Kaplan EPFL2006]
  - holding the floor too much is perceived as overcontrolling
  - people not looked at feel frustrated/excluded
  - affects group cohesiveness & effectiveness



Sturm, Eindhoven, 2007

- Addressee recognition
  - Human-computer/robot interaction
    - presence of several people
    - artificial agent: needs to know whether it/he is addressed or not





## **Surveillance and Smart rooms**



- Extraction of behavioral cues (head pose, body pose, VFOA)
  - Move beyond location based analysis
  - Better characterize the state/instantaneous activity of individuals
- Application
  - Security (e.g. left luggage attendance detection)
  - Group identification
  - Behavior and interaction analysis
  - Scene or poster attraction statistics

## **VFOA Recognition challenges**

- gaze can (often) not be measured directly
  - HCI gaze estimation approaches
    - invasive, restrict mobility
    - interfere with natural conversation
  - video resolution is not enough



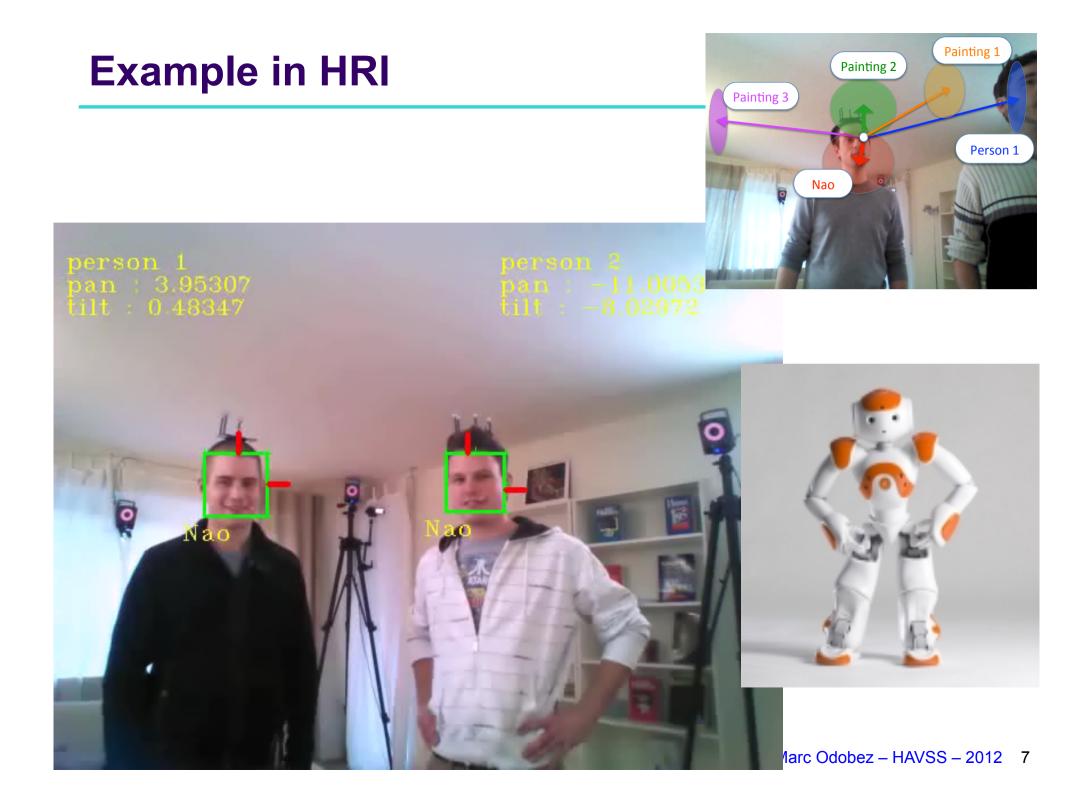




#### => use head pose as a surrogate

- psychological evidence [Langton et al, 2000]
- empirical evidence [Stiefelhagen et al, 2002, Otsuka 2006]





## **VFOA Recognition challenges**





Interpretation of head pose or gaze

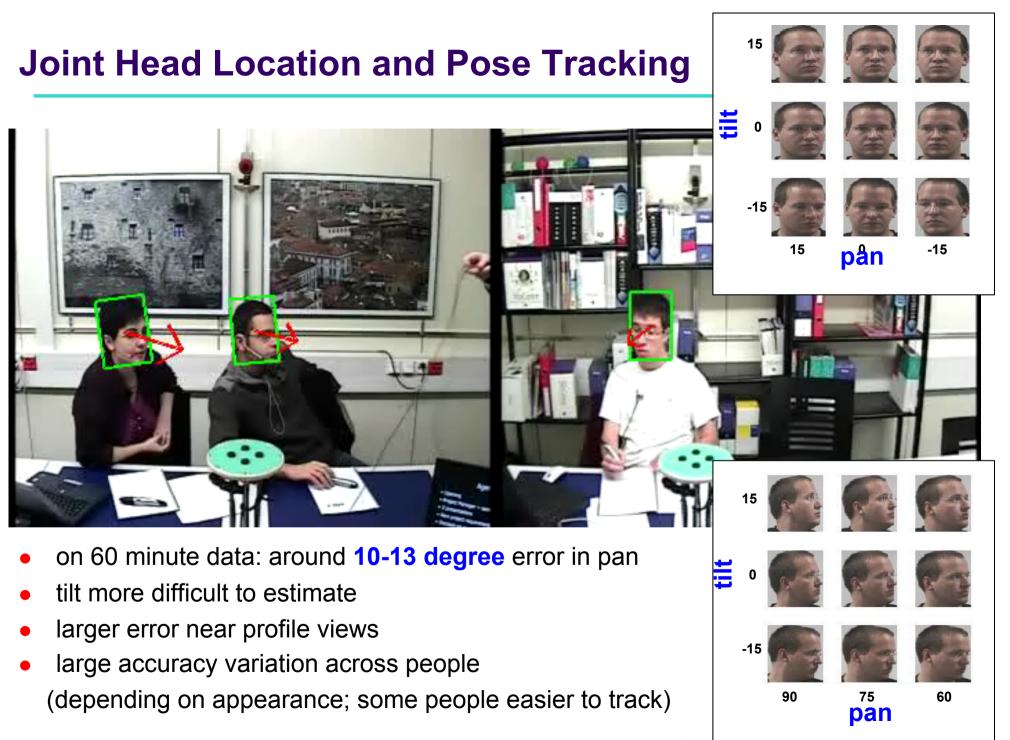
- gaze directions need to be mapped/associated to VFOA targets
  - = 3D objects/people in the 3D space
  - ⇒ knowledge and monitoring of the environment
- head pose ≠ gaze direction

=> pose needs to be mapped to gaze direction

=> mapping is ambiguous, depends on context (activity, social)

### **Presentation plan**

- VFOA analysis in group conversation
  - Head pose is the main cue how and how well can we estimate it ?
  - VFOA modeling
- Head and body pose extraction in open settings



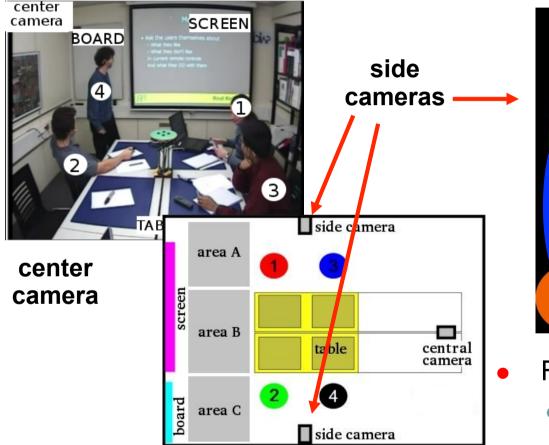
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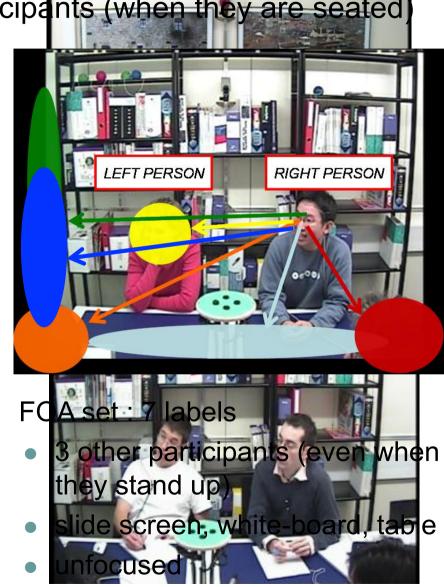
- VFOA analysis in groups
  - Head pose estimation
  - VFOA modeling in the context of meetings
    - Task
    - Dynamic Bayesian Networks for contextual multi-party VFOA recognition
    - Important issues
  - ⇒ Goals: illustrate one one example
    - How to integrate context in a recognition problem
    - How to introduce context which have temporal
    - How to exploit soft labels from prior knowledge about normal behavior to increase recognition accuracy
- Head and body pose extraction in surveillance scenarios

## Set-up and task

task: recognize the VFOA of all participants (when they are seated



- Setup: 4 persons
  - 3 cameras
  - head sets microphones



#### Dataset

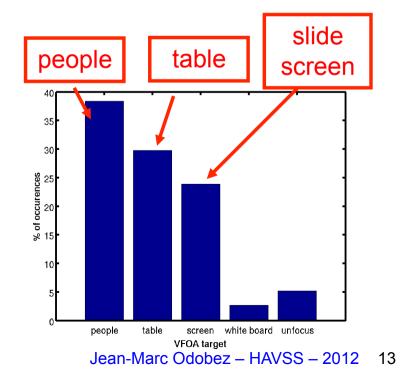
- 12 meeting from AMI public corpus
  - 4 **static** meetings (90min) only seating people
  - 8 dynamic meetings (210 min)- people standing (33% of the time)

#### real behavior

- body poses, gaze behavior, gestures
- laptop and object manipulation

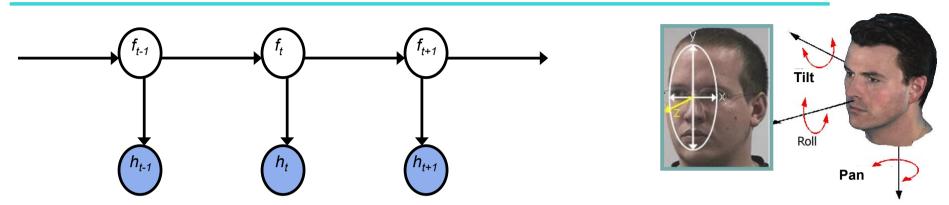
#### • VFOA analysis

- only 38% looking at people
- around 30% looking at table
  - looking at laptop
  - 'long-meeting' effect





#### VFOA modeling using HMM



- Input: head pose features  $h_t$  (pan/tilt angles at time step t)
- recognized VFOA f, • Ouput:

Dynamic model

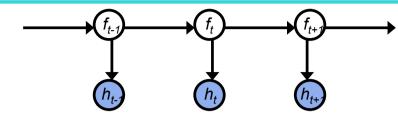
$$p(f_{0:T}, h_{1:T}) = p(f_0) \prod_{t=1}^{T} p(h_t | f_t) p(f_t | f_{t-1})$$
• Method: HMM statistical model
• Dynamic model
Dynamic model
Dynamical model

higher self-loop => smooth decoding

Observation model (likelihood) 

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#### **VFOA modeling using HMM**



#### observation likelihood p( h<sub>t</sub> | f<sub>t</sub> )

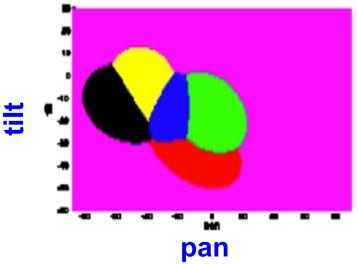
Gaussian distribution

$$p(h_t|f_t = i) = \mathcal{N}(h_t|\mu_i, \Sigma_i)$$

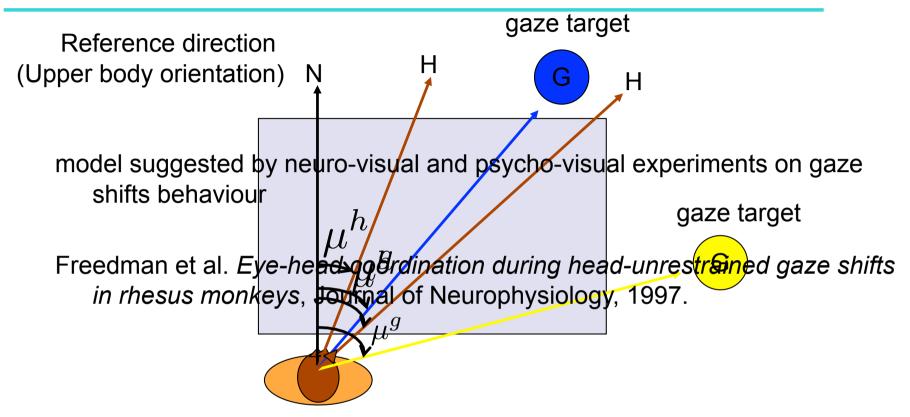
For considered person, mean head pose corresponding to looking at target i

- How to set these mean head pose values ?
  - Supervised learning ?
     labeling time consuming
     training data needed each time we change set-up
  - Use 3D information ?
     head pose orientation ≠ gaze direction
     => need for a gaze-to-head mapping function





## **Gaze mapping function**



- gaze direction head orientation relationship
  - linear relation  $\ \mu^h = lpha \mu^g$
- VFOA model parameters
  - Gaussian head pose mean parameters predicted by cognitive model
  - Requires approx. camera calibration, position of people and VFOA target

#### **Ambiguities + context**

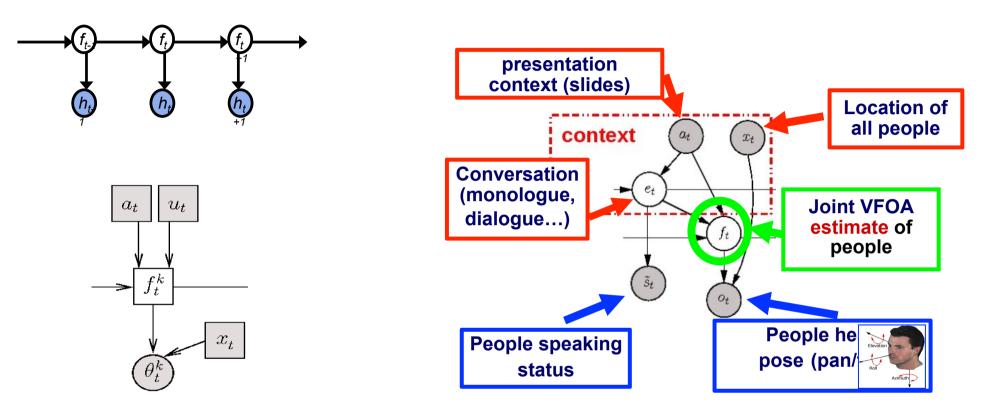


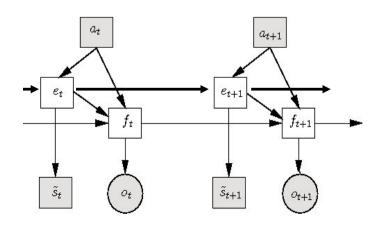


- People are not alone in meetings ! interaction and social conventions provides context
  - we often share the same VFOA
  - when a person speaks, we tend to look at her/him
  - exceptions:
    - when a new slide is displayed, we tend to look at it
    - people look at their laptop (...) ; people are bored...

#### Goal: integrate this knowledge into a principled model

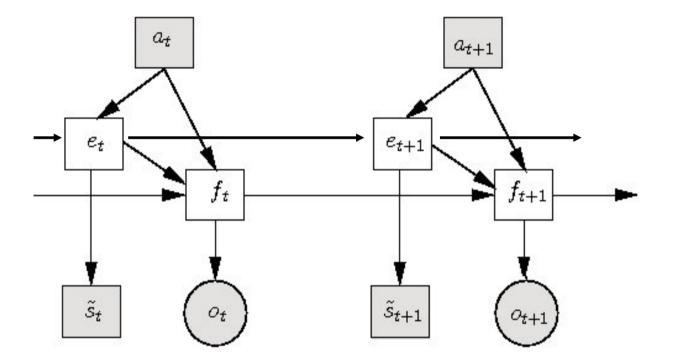
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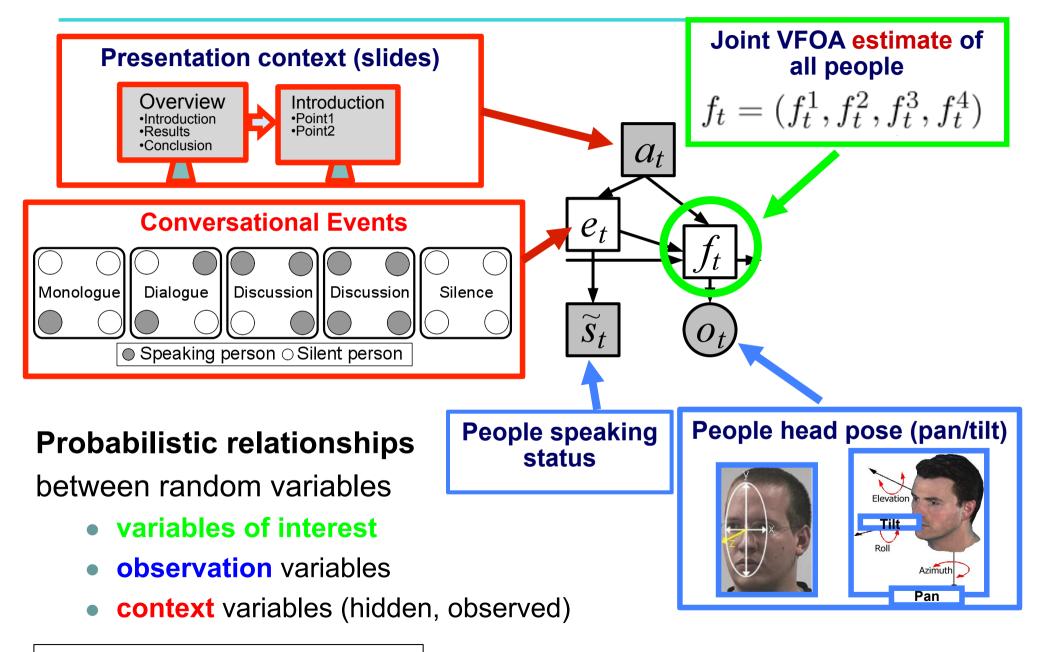


# DBN: models the **probabilistic relationships** between random variables

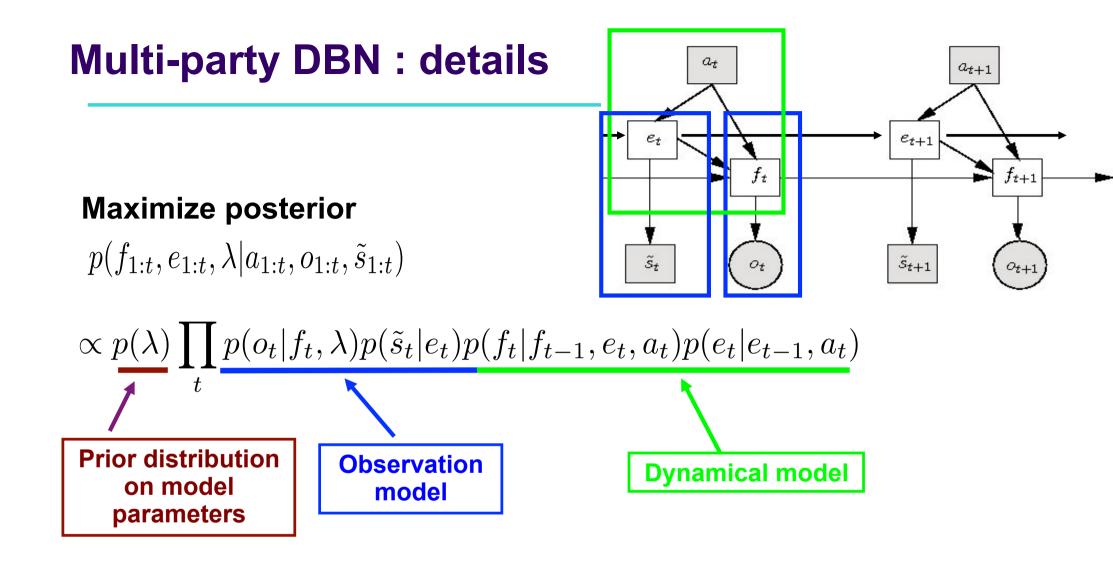
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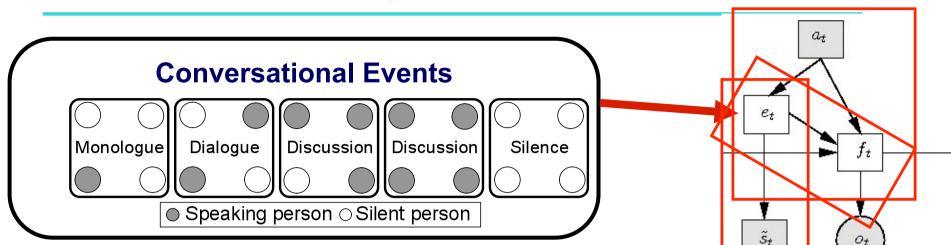
## **Multi-party Dynamic Bayesian Network Model**



Ba, Odobez, PAMI 2011



#### **Interaction modeling : conversational events**



- variable characterization communication flow specified by
  - event type (monologue, dialog,,..)
  - who is involved

#### assumptions

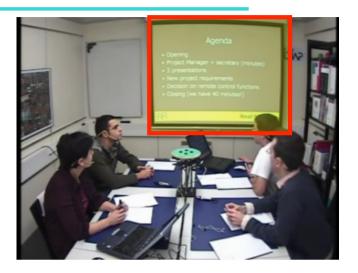
conversational event controls

- **speaking** activity
- dynamics of gaze
- this control is modulated by the slide activity variable

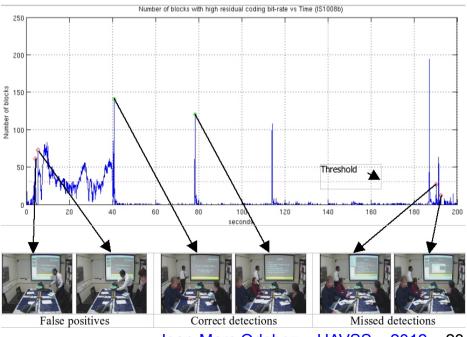


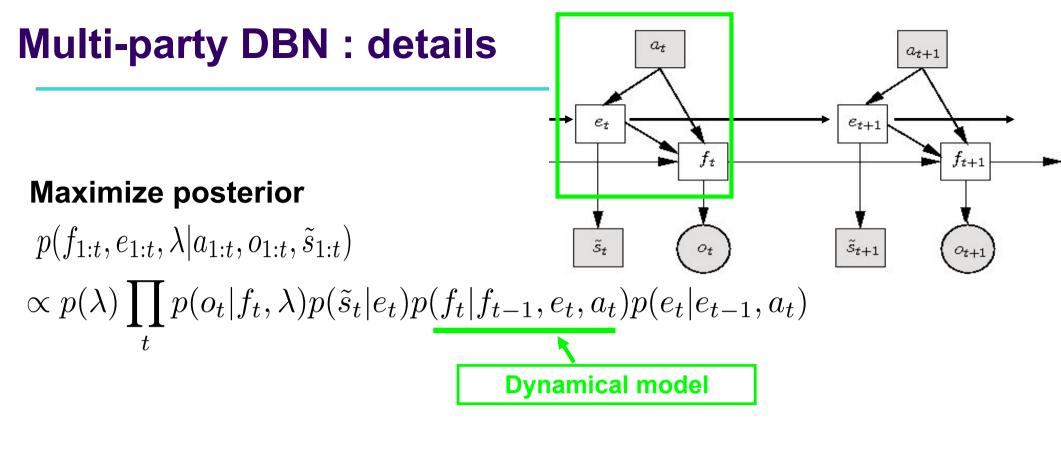
#### Contextual cue: presentation activity modeling at

- intuition: a new slide?
  - people turn their attention to it
  - then, attention **progressively** shifts back to the discussion
  - => timing information is important

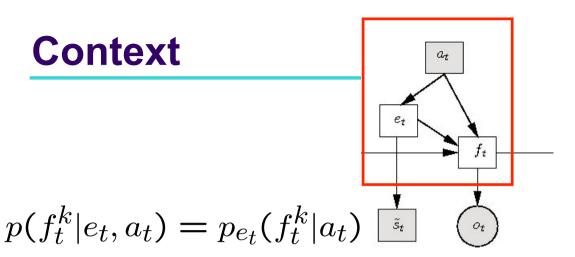


- presentation cue at "Elapsed time since the last slide change"
- automatic detection of slide changes from motion energy features

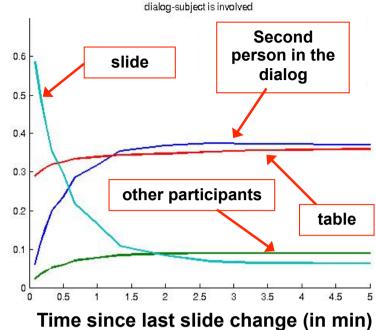


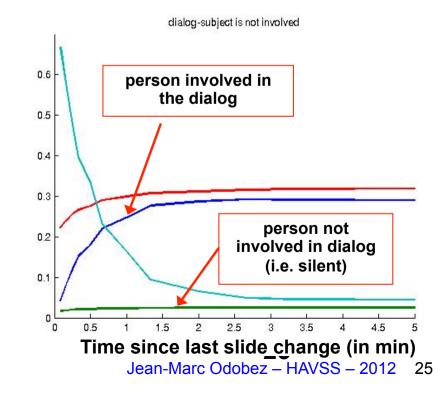


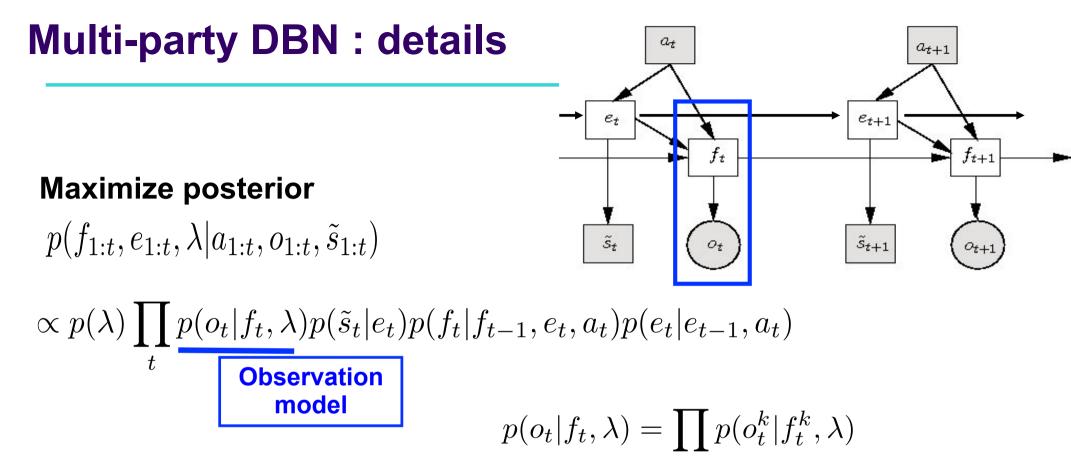
- Dynamical model  $p(f_t|f_{t-1}, e_t, a_t) \propto \prod_{all \ person \ k} p(f_t^k|f_{t-1}^k) p(f_t^k|e_t, a_t)$ 
  - VFOA temporal smoothness
  - Contextual prior on VFOA label



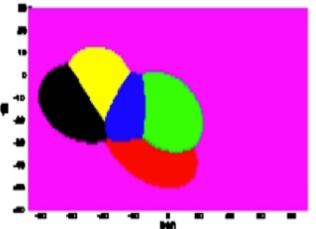
- joint influence of conversational event and slide activity on focus
- e.g. dialog
   learn prior probability of focus
  - person involved in the dialog
    - looks at slide when new slide displayed
    - after, looks mainly at dialog partner
    - looking at table important
  - person not involved
    - same focus behaviour w.r.t slide/table
    - looks almost exclusively at people involved in the dialog, not at the 4th participant

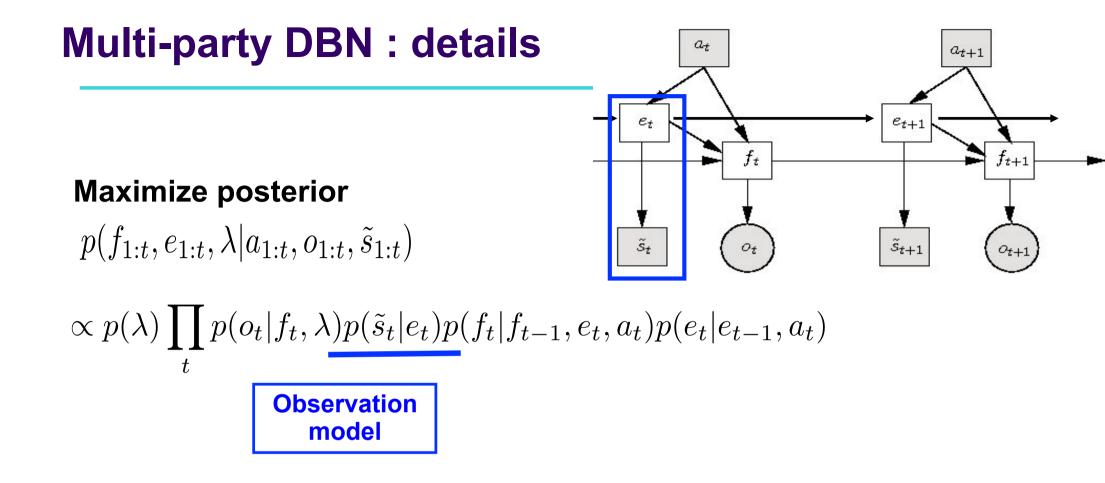






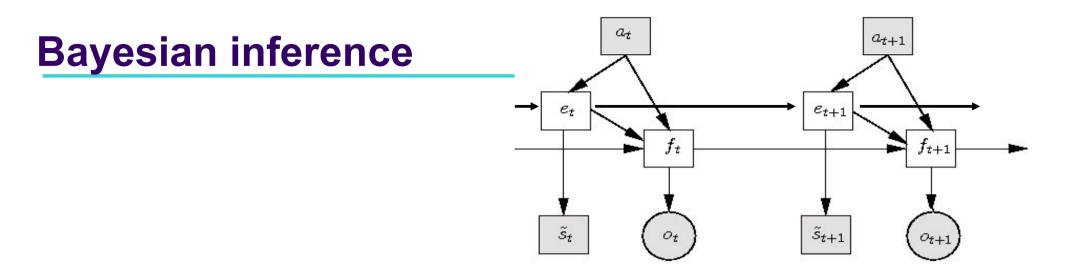
- head poses
  - same model as with the independent case





speaking status

probability (high, low), depending on who is expected to speak given the conversational event

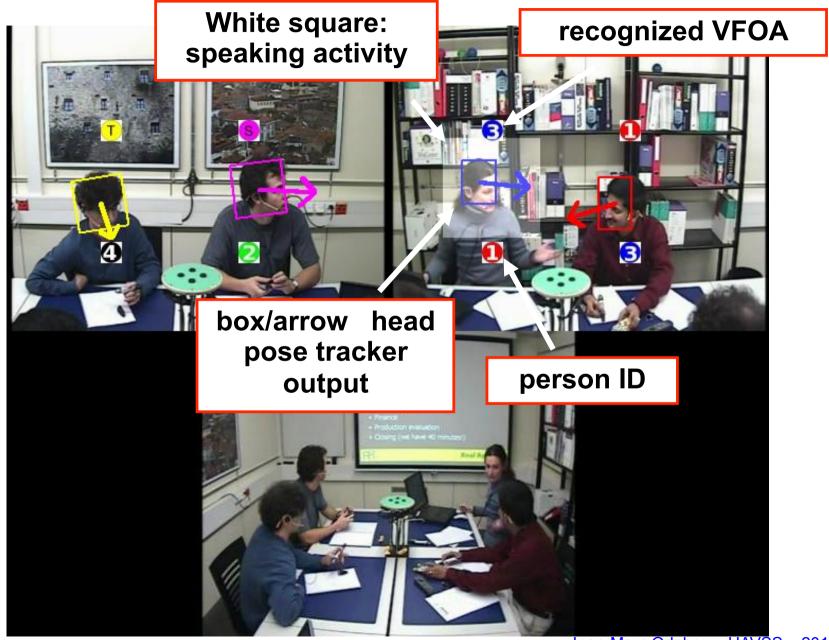


• Maximization of joint posterior distribution of hidden variables (including parameters) given observations

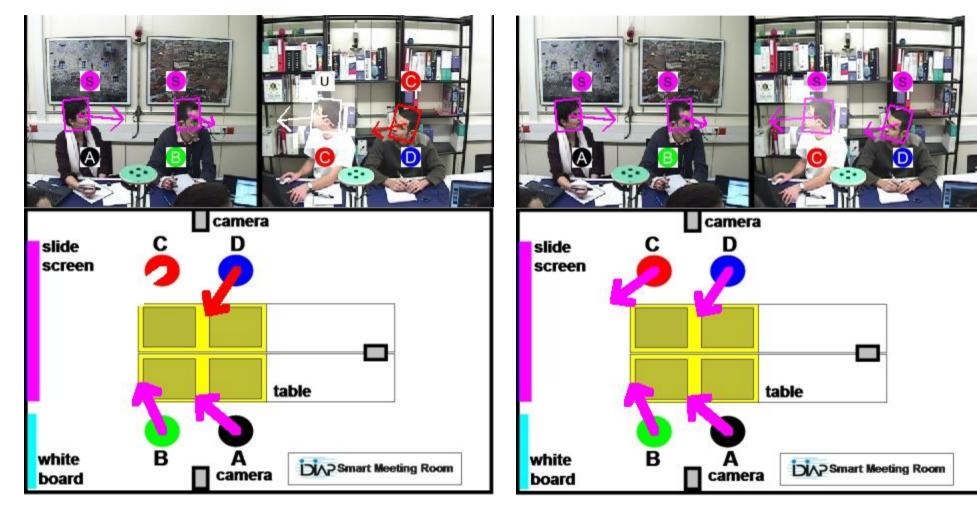
$$p(f_{1:t}, e_{1:t}, \lambda | a_{1:t}, o_{1:t}, \tilde{s}_{1:t})$$

- Inference more complex than with normal HMM
  - several interdependent hidden variables
  - however, we can exploit hierarchical structure
    - estimate the event assuming known VFOA
    - estimate VFOA and parameters assuming known events

#### **Multimodal multiparty VFOA recognition**



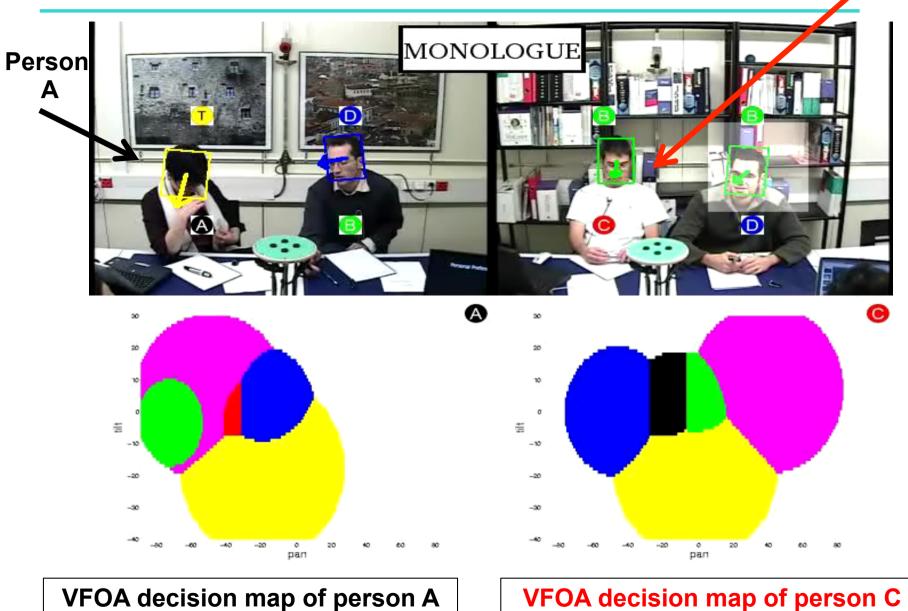
## Illustration: group and slide activity



#### independent recognition (head pose only)

multi-party recognition using contextual cues

## **Demonstration video: full context**



Lowest row: influence of conversation context on VFOA decision maps

person C

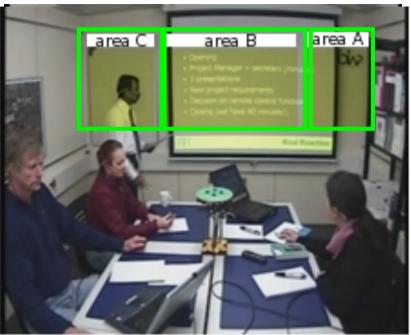
## handling moving people

- moving people standing for presentation
- direct impact on gaze
  - same semantic target different gaze directions
- two main implications
  - track people when they leave their seat
  - adapt gaze model of sitting participants dynamically



## **Contextual cue:** people location **x**<sub>t</sub>

- track people in 3D space
  - + precise location
  - -- precise camera calibration
  - -- difficult
  - precision might not be exploitable by gaze model
- alternative : use discrete locations
  - for person k
    - seat k
    - center of one of the 3 presentation areas A/B/C
  - tracking
    - side camera when people are seated (cf head pose tracking)
    - central camera: maximum of motion energy features in area A, B, C

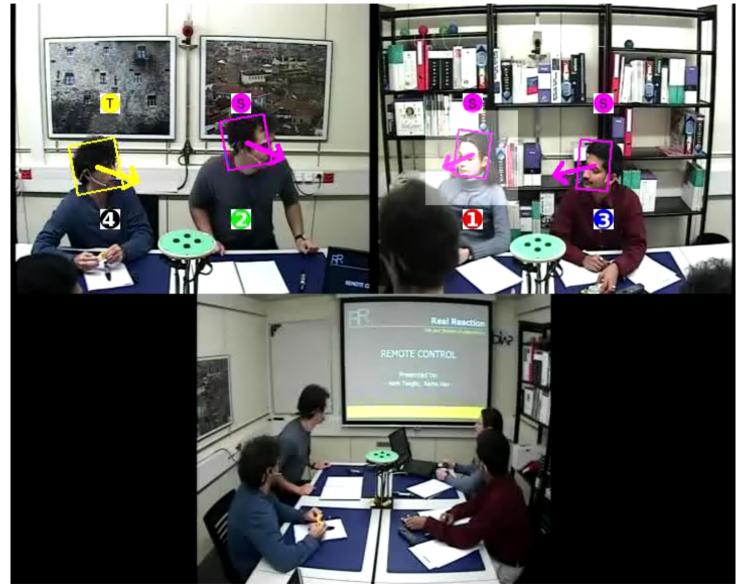


## **Multimodal multiparty VFOA recognition**

#### Notice

- Liveliness, difficulty of data
- person 3 focus changes according to context
   (between looking at person1, slide, standing person)
- slide changes favor looking at slides
- person 4

   erroneous VFOA
   estimation (mainly
   due to head pose
   estimation
   problems)

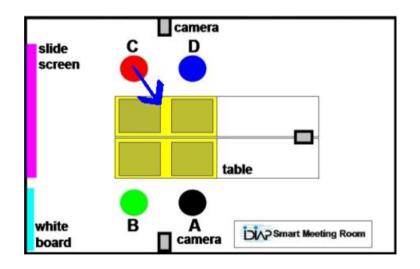


#### **Results**

- 12 full meetings: 5 hours of data
- performance measure : percentage of correctly recognized VFOA

position	Α	В	С	D	mear	L
Baseline (head pose only), independent	36.4	45.5	41.3	29.7	38.2	
Multi-party, <b>full context</b>	56.5	56.2	62.3	46.2	55.3	7

- baseline: 38.2% => challenging problem
- seats A and D: more VFOA ambiguities



- multi party
  - context helps: + 17% absolute improvement
  - higher improvement on seats with larger ambiguities

### **Presentation plan**

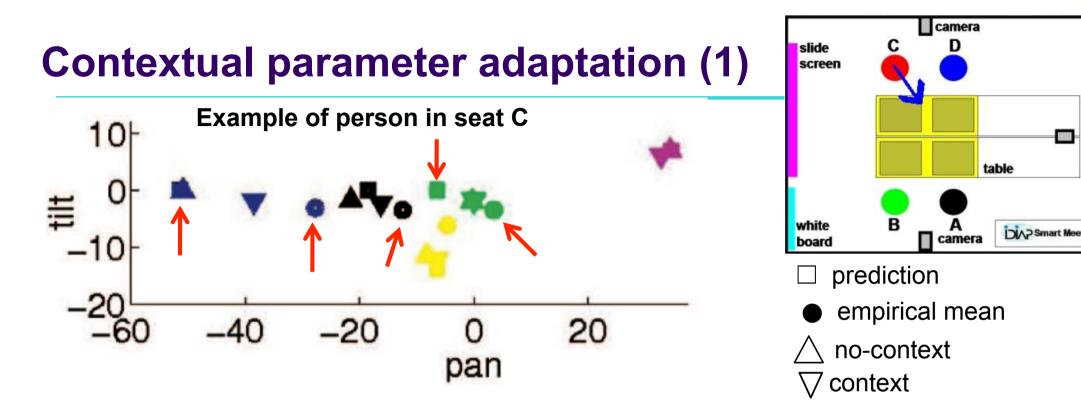
- VFOA analysis in groups
  - Head estimation accuracy
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    - Task
    - Contextual multi-party DBN VFOA recognition
    - Remarks

parameter adaptation head pose estimation

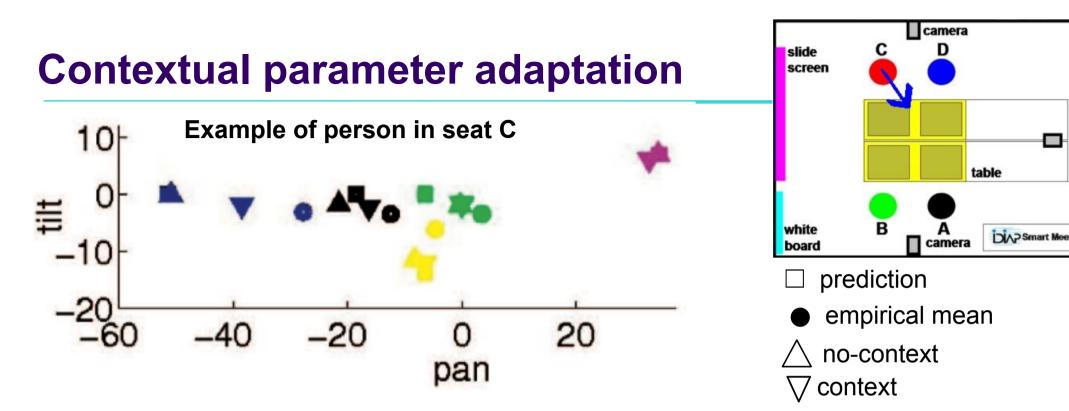
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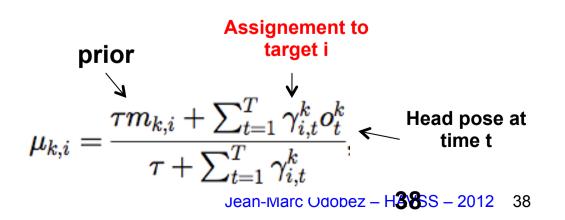
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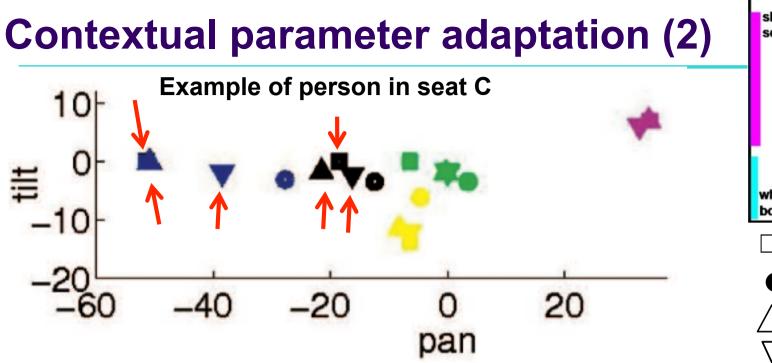


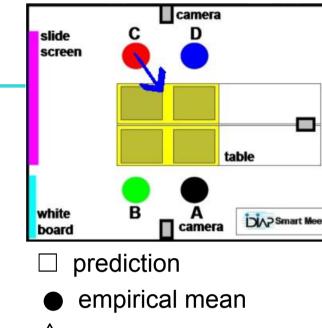
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  - Biased head pose estimated, different individual behaviors
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  - prior value (prediction model)
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- Probabilistic assignement
  - No-context

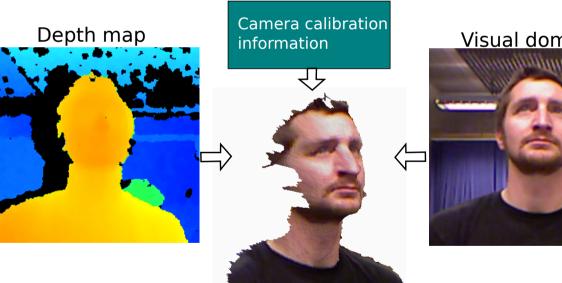
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- Context
  - Increases reliability of right pose to target assignement
  - more accurate parameter estimates
- Get 5% increase in recognition rate

## Head pose estimation

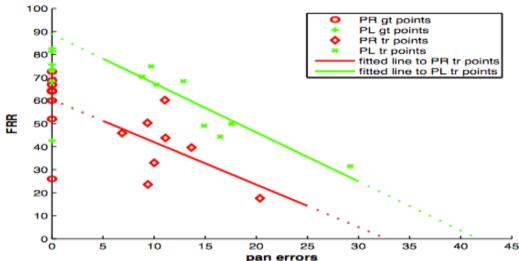
- Better head pose, better results !
  - measured in our dataset
- Gaze tracking strategy: use RGB



Textured 3D surface

Multimodal information

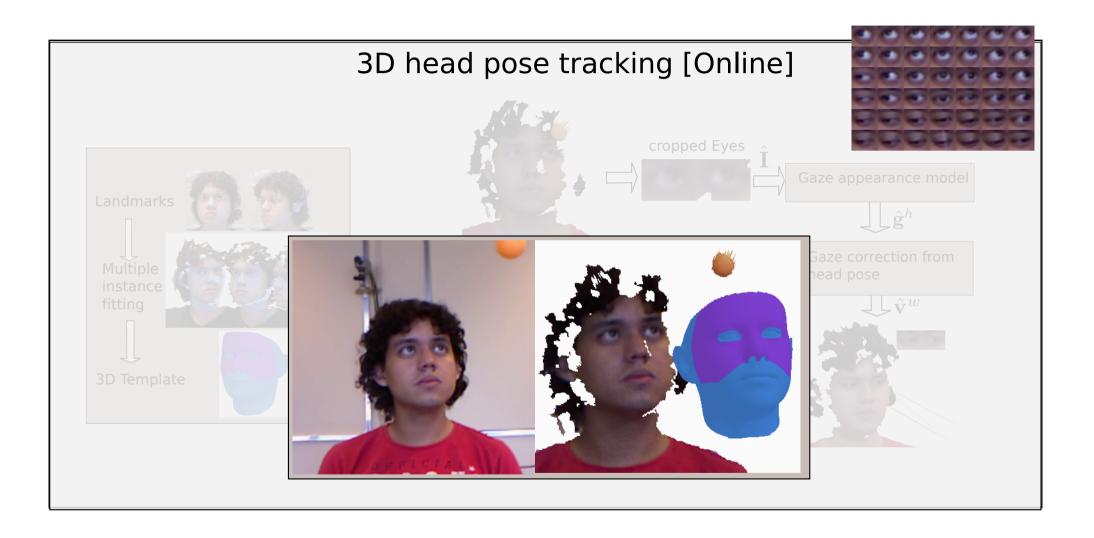
- Depth: strong cue for head pose estimation
- Vision: necessary for eye appearance





**Funes & Odobez, Gesture** workshop, CVPR 2012

### Gaze tracking: method overview



## Gaze estimation from multimodal Kinect data

Kenneth Funes Mora and Jean-Marc Odobez





 Accuracy between 5 and 10 degreees, depending on constraints (frontal vs person free to move head)

#### Modeling conversation context with visual activity (1)

Audio unavailable

- => conversation context ?
- visual activity encodes body langage ?
- common sense + studies
  - speaking is accompanied by visual activity
    - face/head, e.g mouth/speaking; rotation/addressing....
    - hand gestures rhythm (beat), deictic gestures (pointing)
  - visual activity when not speaking
    - head (focus change, backchannel)
    - hands (fidgeting, rubbing the chin, taking notes...)

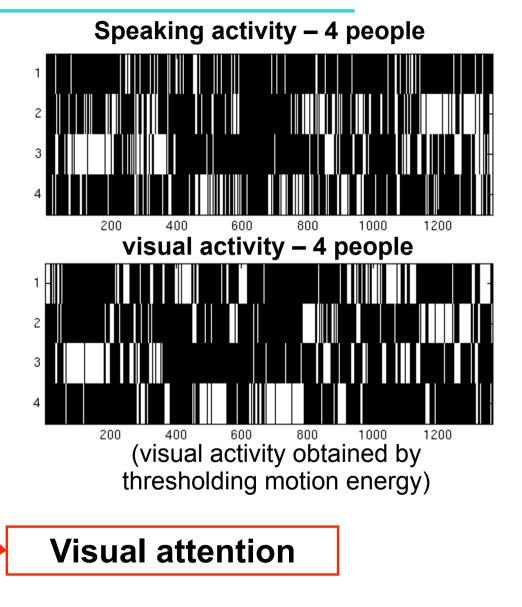




#### Modeling conversation context with visual activity (2)

- Chances of speaking
  - average 25%
  - If visually active 47%
- Chances of being visually active
  - average 35%
  - If speaking 66%
- => correlation between

speaking and visual activities



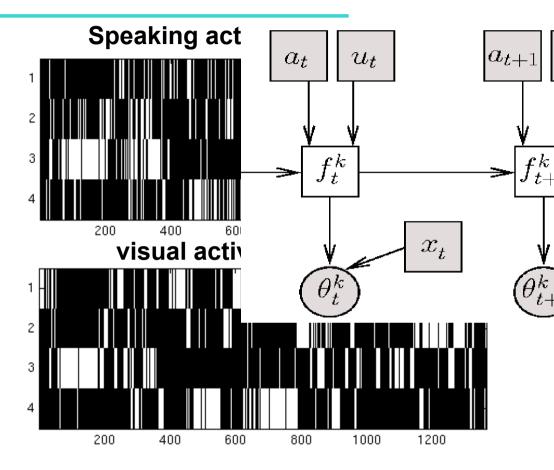
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speaking activity

visual activity

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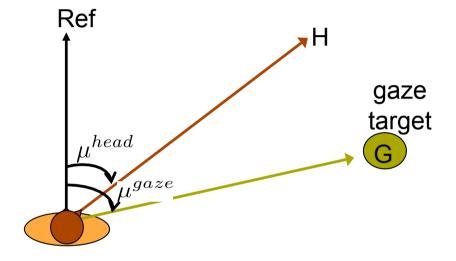
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- Experiments
  - Replacing speaking status by visual activity status in model
  - Results: 53.2% (visual) vs 52.7% (speaking)
  - => Visual activity as effective as speech to improve VFOA

#### Ba, Hung, Odobez, ICME 2009

## About the gaze mapping





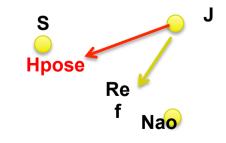




### About the gaze mapping









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#### Wandering Focus of Attention of people [Smith et al, PAMI 2008]

- Automatically determine:
  - # people exposed to the ad
  - # people viewed the ad
  - demographics (gender/age)
- → Multiple object tracking
- → One single focus but person is moving

we need to model this



#### Wandering Focus of Attention of people [Smith et al, PAMI 2008]

• Regression based approach: x = horizontal position

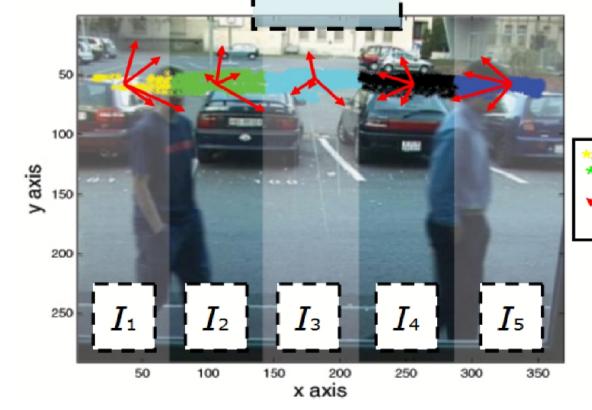
$$p(h|focus = 1) = \sum_{k} p(h|x \in I_k, f = 1)p(x \in I_k)$$

- for each region Ik, head pose probability is modeled with a Gaussian
- probability of being in a region modeled with a Gaussian as well

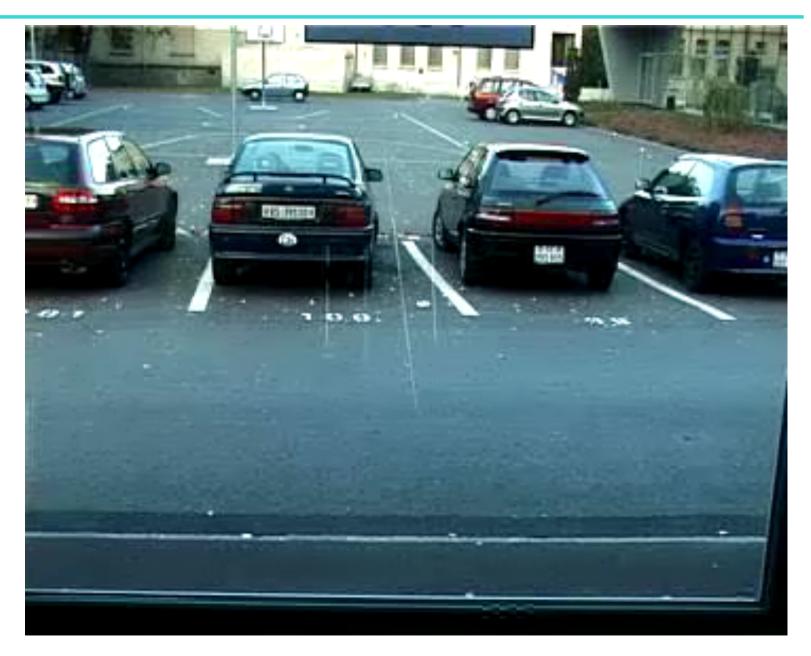
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Focused

Data Points Focused Pointing Vectors



## **Result example**



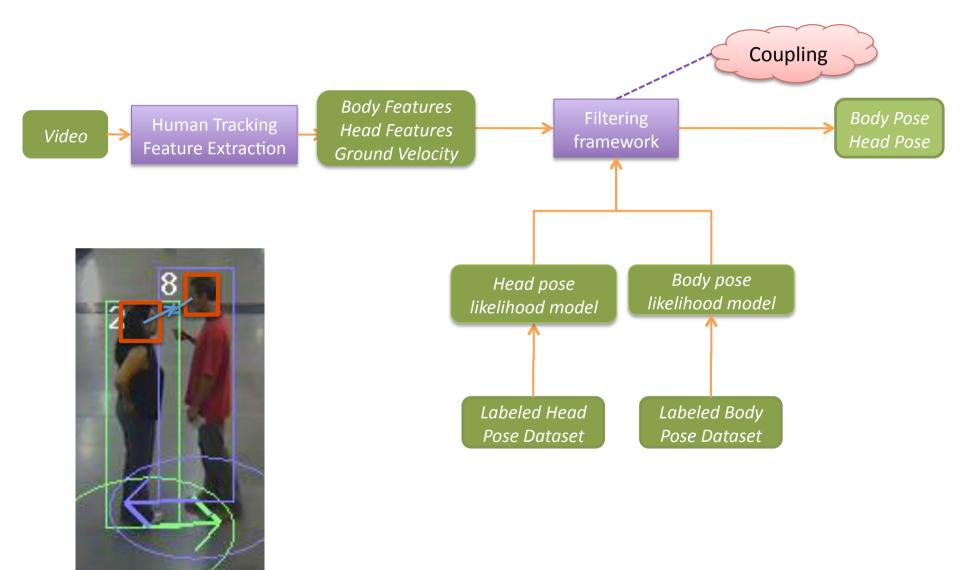
### Head and body pose estimation



Estimation is challenging

- Exploit coupling during filtering
- Exploit coupling for adaptation

#### Filtering framework with cue coupling (1)

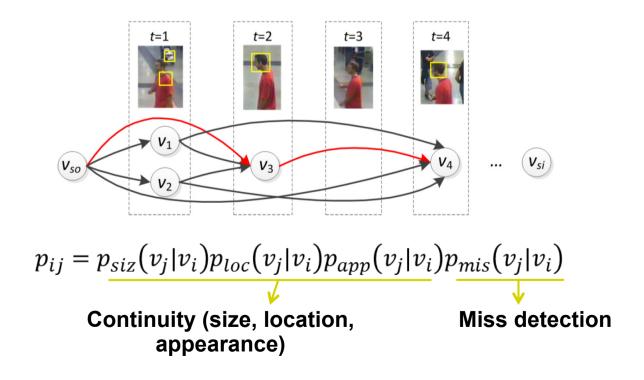


#### Filtering framework with cue coupling (2)

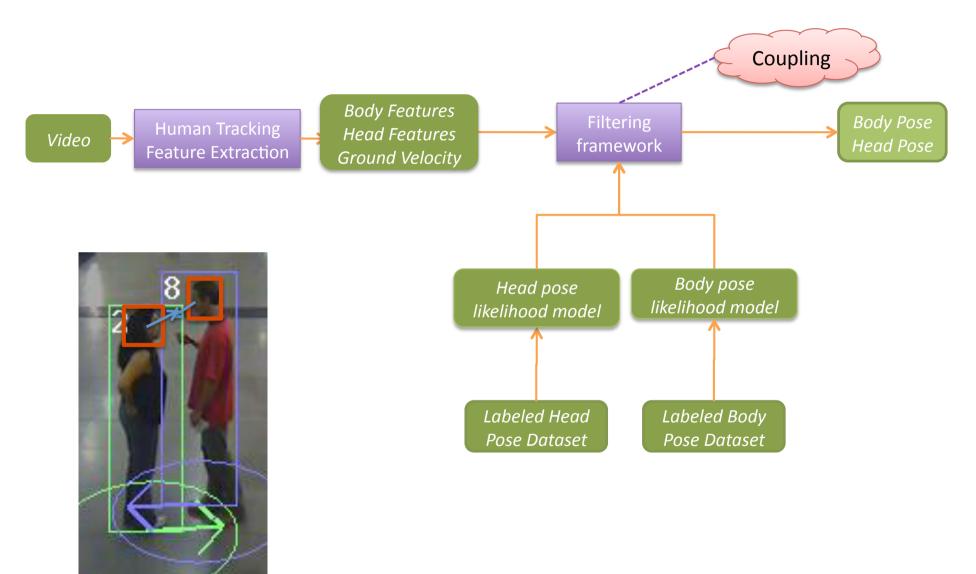


## **Body and Head Location Tracking**

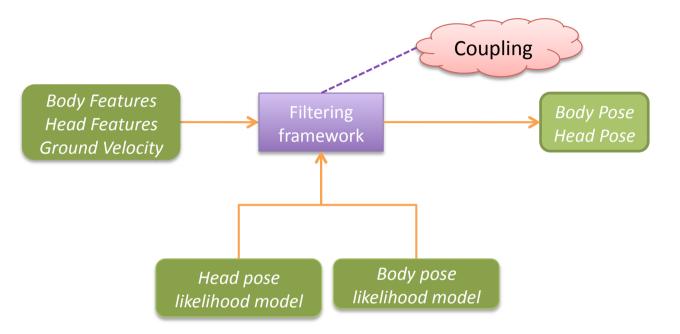
- Body location tracking: Multi-human tracking by CRF model [Heili 2011]
- Head location tracking
  - HoG-SVM head detector employed on extended body region
  - Detection based tracking: path probability optimization

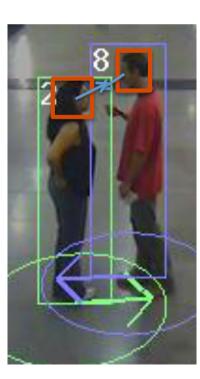


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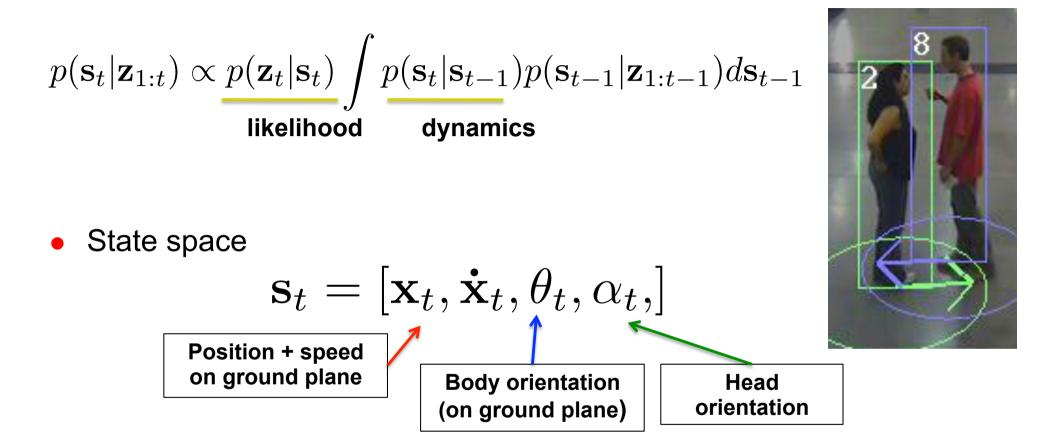


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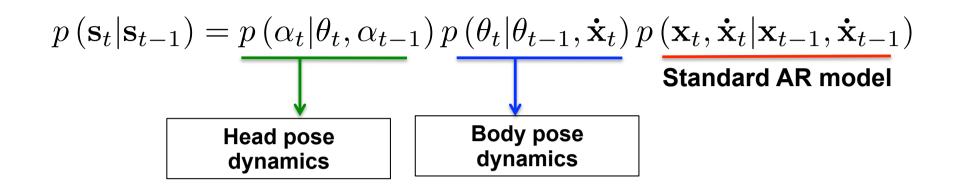


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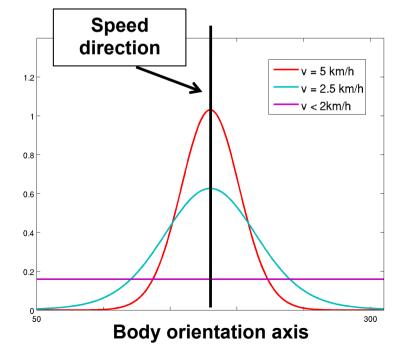


Likelihood for body and head

# Filtering framework with cue coupling (5)

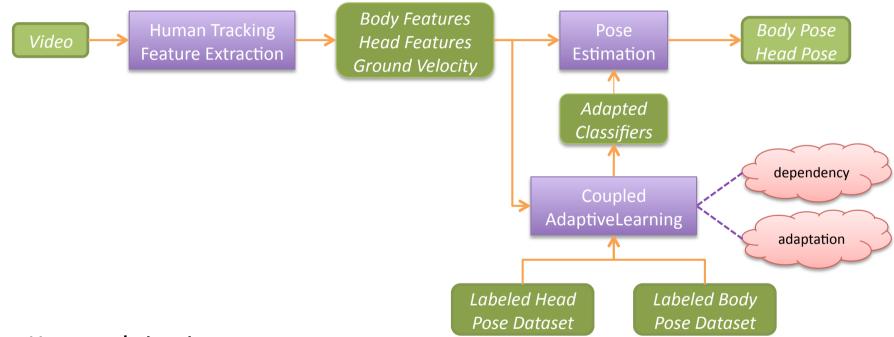


- Dynamics introduces coupling
   E. g. body orientation dynamics: two terms
   (i) favors alignment of body orientation ar speed direction
  - (ii) Speed dependent coupling



#### **Coupled adaptative classifier**

- However : Pre-trained models perform poorly on test data
  - Change of view point, different appearance, not enough training data

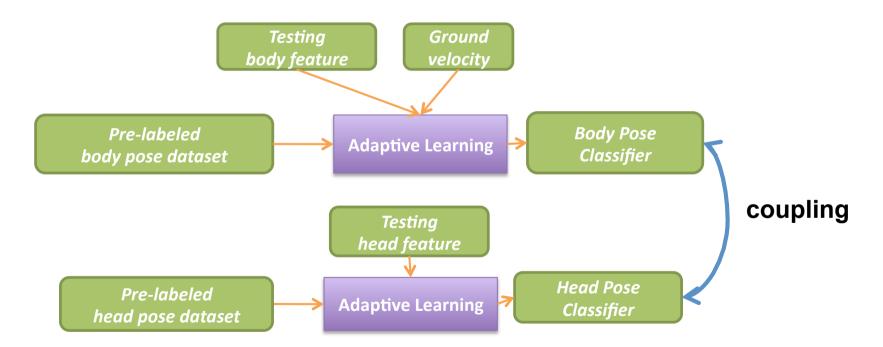


- Key exploitation
  - The adaptation of classifiers using unlabeled testing data
  - The inter-cue coupling (velocity, body pose, head pose)

Chen, Odobez, CVPR 2012

#### **Coupled adaptative classifier (2)**

- Adaptation of head and body pose classifiers
- Exploitation of the coupling between the two classifiers
  - Set constraints on adaptation



## **Coupled adaptive classifier learning (1)**

- Task: Learn classifiers  $\mathbf{y}^b = f^b(\mathbf{x}^b : \mathbf{W}^b)$ ,  $\mathbf{y}^h = f^h(\mathbf{y}^b : \mathbf{W}^h)$ 
  - pose vector feature parameter-— Kernel approach: mapping to infinite RKHS

Goal: Learning W<sup>b</sup> and W<sup>h</sup>

- Data
  - Labeled external data

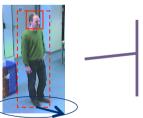
• 
$$\mathcal{D}_b = \{ (\mathbf{x}_i^b, \mathbf{y}_i^b) \}, \ \mathcal{D}_h = \{ (\mathbf{x}_i^h, \mathbf{y}_i^h) \}$$

Unlabeled target data

• 
$$\mathcal{D}_t = \{ (\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_i^b, \tilde{\mathbf{x}}_i^h, \tilde{\mathbf{x}}_i^h, \mathbf{v}_i, u_i) \}$$
  
body head velocity velocity  
feature feature direction reliability flag



Two separate labeled datasets for body and head pose respectively



Unlabeled test data where we exploit the coupling information

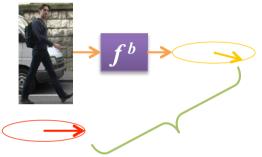
• Problem formulation: Energy minimization

$$- E(\mathbf{W}^{b}, \mathbf{W}^{h}) = E_{l} + \alpha E_{m} + \beta E_{c}^{bh} + \gamma E_{c}^{vb} + \lambda E_{r}$$

## **Coupled adaptive classifier learning (2)**

- Label factor  $E_l$ 
  - The classifiers should respect the labeled dataset

$$E_{l}^{b} = \frac{1}{n_{b}} \sum_{i=1}^{n_{b}} \left\| \mathbf{M} f^{b} \left( \mathbf{x}_{i}^{b} \right) - \mathbf{M} \mathbf{y}_{i}^{b} \right\|_{F}^{2}, E_{l}^{h} = \cdots$$



- Manifold structure factor  $E_m$ 
  - The mapping between feature space to pose space should be continuous and smooth
  - Close data points in feature space map to close points in pose space

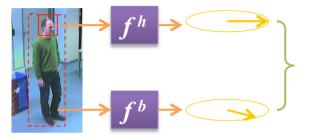
$$E_{m}^{b} = \frac{1}{\sum_{i \neq j} s_{ij}^{b}} \sum_{i \neq j} s_{ij}^{b} \| f^{b}(\mathbf{z}_{i}^{b}) - f^{b}(\mathbf{z}_{j}^{b}) \|_{F}^{2}, E_{m}^{h} = \cdots$$

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## **Coupled adaptive classifier learning (3)**

- Body pose and head pose coupling factor  $E_c^{bh}$ 
  - Body pose and head pose should be similar

$$E_c^{bh} = \frac{1}{n_t} \sum_{i=1}^{n_t} n_t \left\| \mathbf{M} f^b \left( \tilde{\mathbf{x}}_i^b \right) - \mathbf{M} f^b \left( \tilde{\mathbf{x}}_i^h \right) \right\|_F^2$$

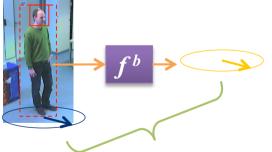


- Velocity and body pose coupling factor  $E_c^{vb}$ 
  - Body pose should be close to velocity direction, provided that the velocity magnitude is large enough

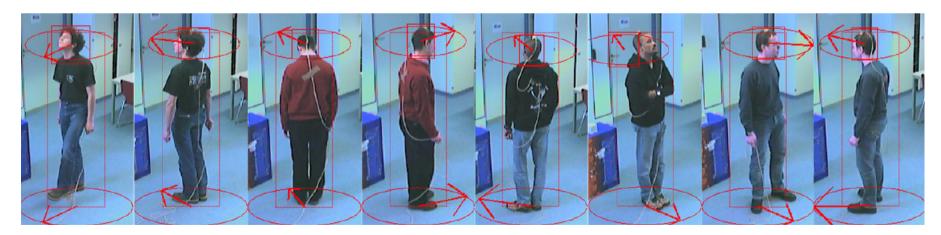
$$E_c^{\nu b} = \frac{1}{\sum u_i} \sum_{i=1}^{n_t} u_i \left\| \mathbf{M} f^b \left( \tilde{\mathbf{x}}_i^b \right) - \mathbf{M} \mathbf{v}_i \right\|_F^2$$

- Regularization factor  $E_r$ 
  - Better generality

Optimisation : closed form solution !



- CHIL data (CLEAR contest 2007)
  - Laboratory scenario
  - Static persons (velocity reliability  $\frac{1}{n_t} \sum u_i = 0\%$ )
  - Large body/head pose range
  - Ground-truth: ~7 min data
    - Body pose: Hand labeled; Head pose: provided by dataset.



- Metro station data
  - Metro station surveillance video at Torino, Italy
  - Both static and moving persons (velocity reliability 24%)



- Smart room dataset
  - Indoor scenario (velocity reliability 5%)
  - Ground-truth: hand labeld ~4 min data for body and head pose



- TownCentre data [Benfold 2011]
  - Mainly moving people (velocity reliability 73%)
  - Ground-truth data: hand labeled ~15 tracks for body and head pose



		Ours (default)	Walking direction	Ours (baseline)	Ours (no prior)	Ours (setting [5])	Coupled TF [7,16]	Ours +TF
CHIL	Body	35.3	78.7	50.7	80.7	80.7	44.5	37.7
	Head	36.0	79.5	56.9	85.1	85.1	46.7	35.2
Metro Station	Body	29.4	79.9	53.8	63.5	82.2	42.2	32.8
	Head	30.0	77.1	40.5	66.7	85.4	40.5	31.0
Smart	Body	23.6	66.3	59.9	63.9	63.5	36.3	24.9
Room	Head	23.6	66.7	29.4	68.2	66.7	33.8	23.9
Town Centre	Body	17.4	19.3	48.1	18.3	18.4	20.1	19.0
	head	18.4	22.9	44.8	19.4	20.5	24.9	25.0

Ours (default): 
$$E = E_l + \alpha E_m + \beta E_c^{bh} + \gamma E_c^{vb} + \lambda E_r$$
  
Ours (baseline):  $E = E_l + \alpha E_m + \beta E_c^{bh} + \gamma E_c^{vb} + \lambda E_r$   
Ours (no prior):  $E = E_l + \alpha E_m + \beta E_c^{bh} + \gamma E_c^{vb} + \lambda E_r$   
Ours (setting [5]):  $E = E_l + \alpha E_m + \beta E_c^{bh} + \gamma E_c^{vh} + \lambda E_r$ 

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## Conclusion

- head-pose tracking methods error from to 10-12 degrees
- DBN models for visual attention modeling
  - multimodal interaction (gaze, head pose, speech, people location)
  - contextual recognition (conversation, 'gestural activity', group activity...)
  - mapping function head pose <-> gaze
  - model parameter adaptation
    - benefit from context
- Coupled adaptation for body & head pose estimation

#### Future research

- Exploit/improve head pose tracker
- Extract gaze
- Apply extracted pose to the HRI or interaction analysis

#### THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION - QUESTIONS ?