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# A Tutorial on First Person (Egocentric) Vision

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# Before we begin...

The slides of this tutorial are available online at:

<http://www.antoninofurnari.it/talks/visapp2023>



# Agenda

- 1) Part I: Definitions, motivations, history and research trends [14.45 - 16.30] – Antonino Furnari
  - a) Agenda of the tutorial;
  - b) Definitions, motivations, history and research trends of First Person (egocentric) Vision;
  - c) Seminal works in First Person (Egocentric) Vision;
  - d) Differences between Third Person and First Person Vision;
  - e) First Person Vision datasets;
  - f) Wearable devices to acquire/process first person visual data;
  - g) Main research trends in First Person (Egocentric) Vision;

Coffee Break [16.30 – 17.30]

- 1) **Part II: Fundamental tasks for First Person Vision systems [17.30 – 18.45] – Francesco Ragusa**
  - a) **Localization;**
  - b) **Hand/Object Detection;**
  - c) **Action Recognition;**
  - d) **Egocentric Human-Object Interaction;**
  - e) **Anticipation.**
  - f) **Example Applications;**
  - g) **Conclusion.**

# Part 2

Fundamental tasks for First Person Vision systems

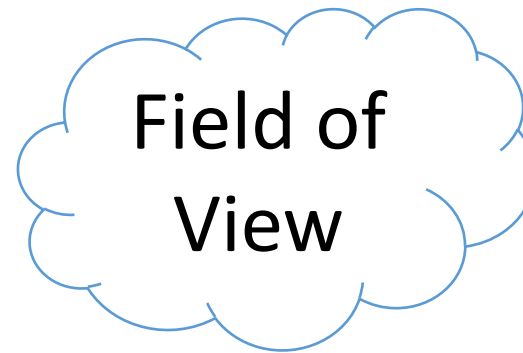


# Data Acquisition

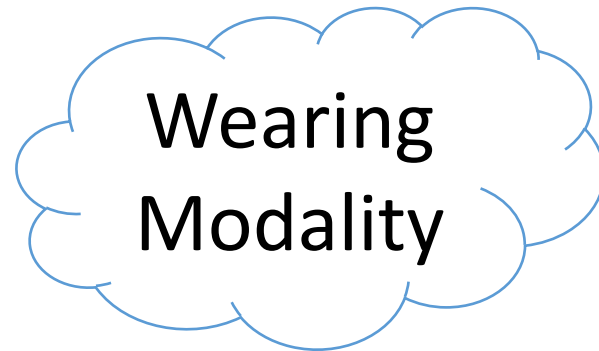
Four things to pay attention to when collecting first person visual data



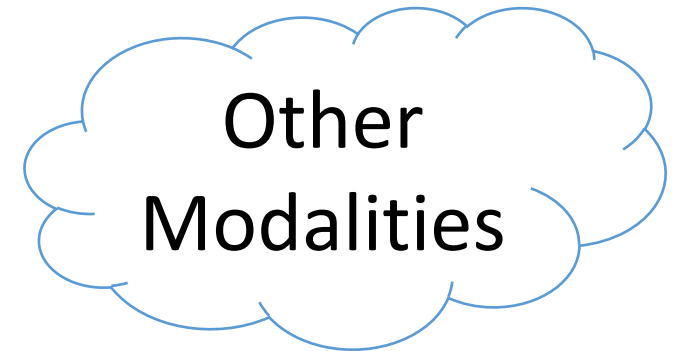
Video  
Quality



Field of  
View



Wearing  
Modality



Other  
Modalities

# Data Acquisition – Video Quality

- Try to get a high quality camera to get high quality images!
- Egocentric video is subject to motion blur and exposure issues.

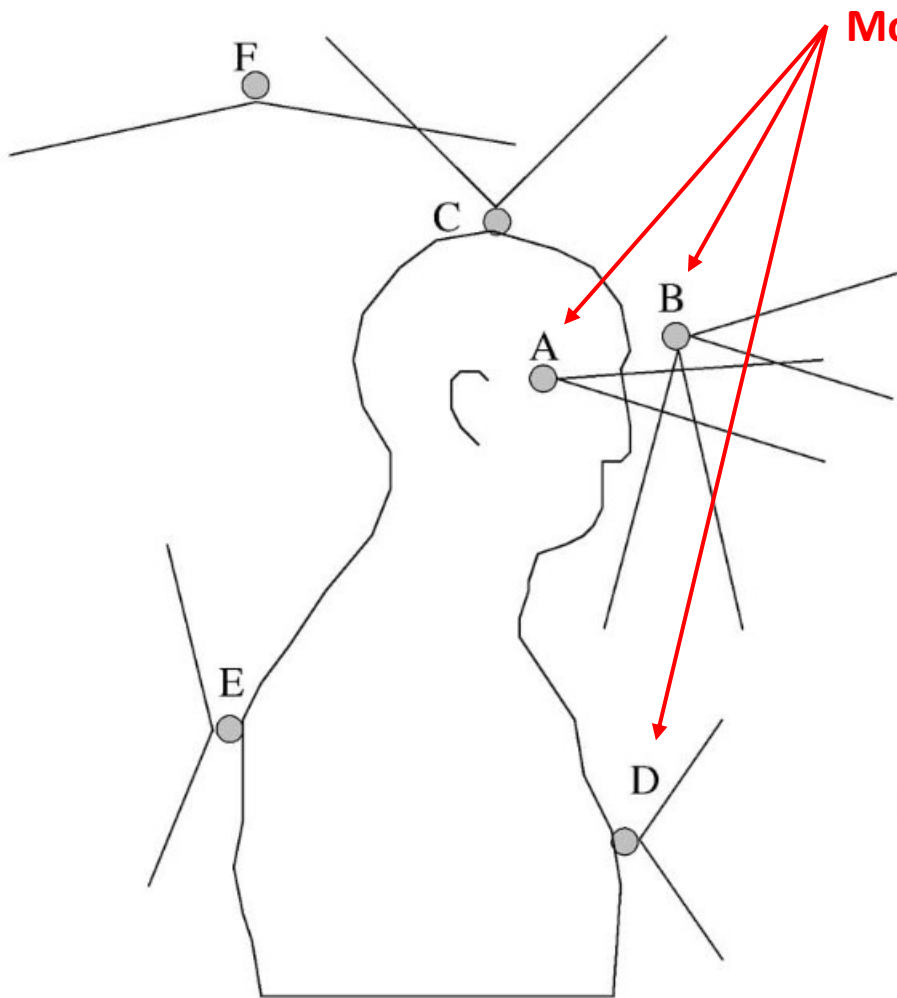
**High Quality Video Obtained with a GoPro**



**Average Quality Video**



# Data Acquisition – Camera Wearing Modalities



**Most Common Wearing Modalities**    **A,B: head mounted, D: chest mounted**

**A**



**B (frontward)**



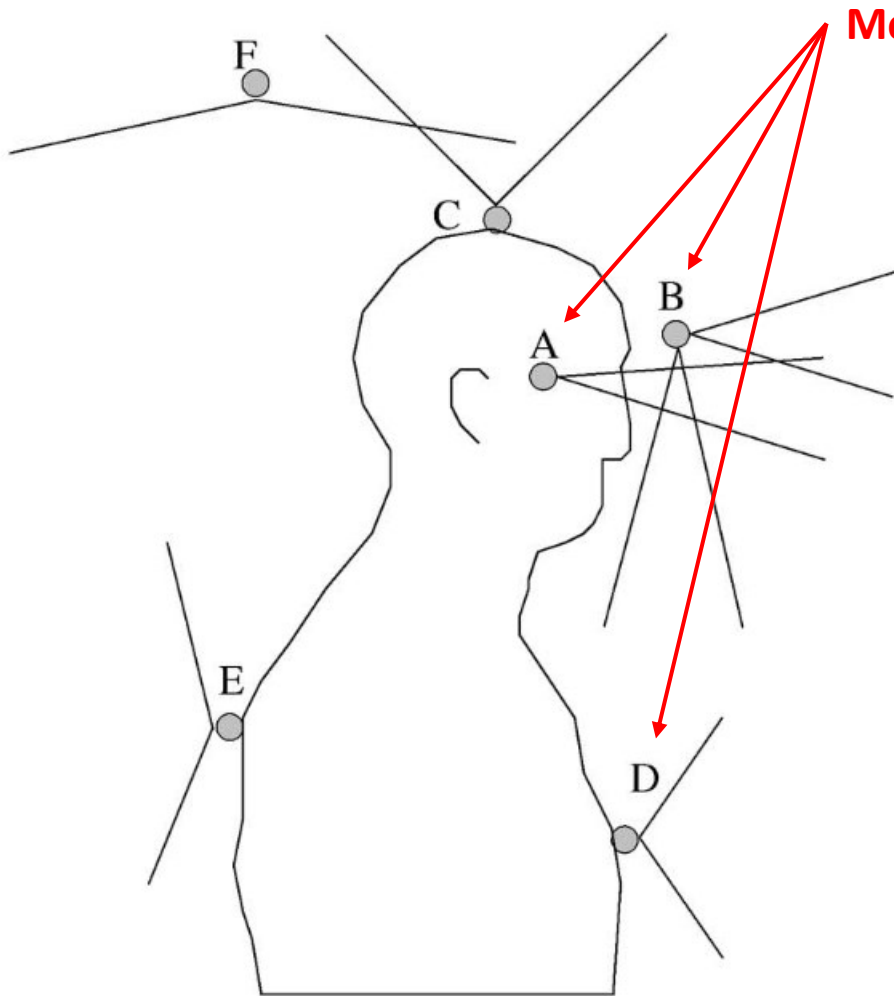
**B (downward)**



**D**



# Data Acquisition – Camera Wearing Modalities (2)



## Most Common Wearing Modalities

- A-B are best to capture objects:
  - A, B (frontward) to capture objects in front of the subjects (e.g., paintings in a museum);
  - B (downward) to capture objects manipulated with hands (e.g., kitchen);
- Chest-mounted cameras (D) are less obtrusive and give stable video, but they may miss details on what the user is looking at;



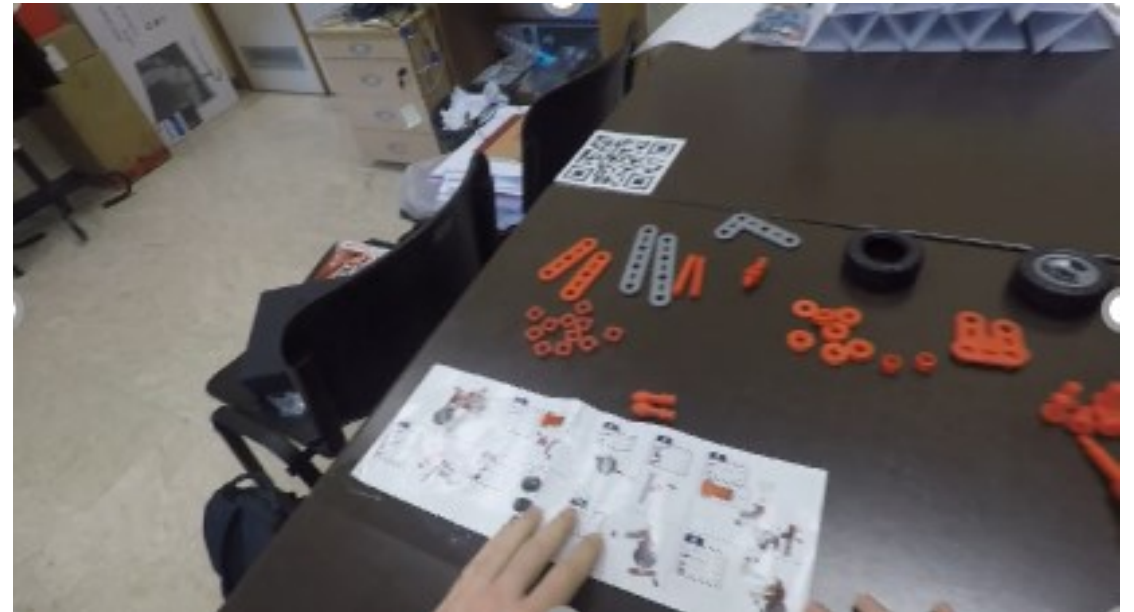
# Data Acquisition – Field of View (FOV)

A wide FOV allows to capture more scene but introduces distortion.

**Narrow Angle**



**Wide Angle**



# Data Acquisition – Other Modalities – Depth

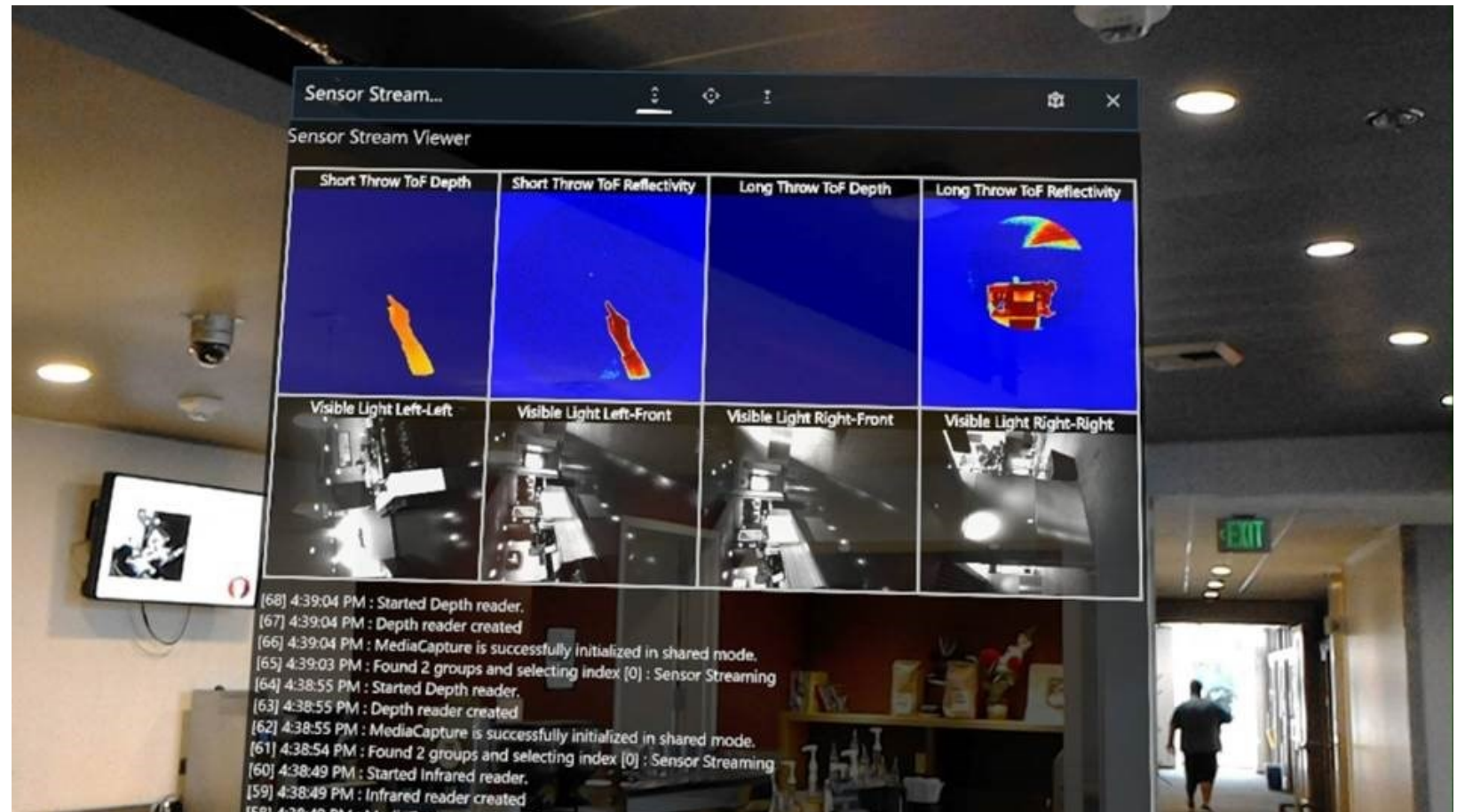
- If you can acquire depth, do it!
- Depth can improve scene understanding by highlighting the position of objects and hands;



# Data Acquisition – Other Modalities – Depth (2)

## Microsoft HoloLens Research Mode

- Microsoft HoloLens has a «Research Mode» which allows to access:
  - short-range depth
  - long-range depth;
  - IR reflectivity;





# Data Acquisition – Other Modalities – Gaze

Gaze can give information on what the user is paying attention to.

However, gaze trackers generally require a calibration process (and some expertise).



F. Ragusa, A. Furnari, S. Livatino, G. M. Farinella. The MECCANO Dataset: Understanding Human-Object Interactions from Egocentric Videos in an Industrial-like Domain. WACV 2021 (ORAL) (<https://arxiv.org/abs/2010.05654>).



# Datasets

- If you are trying to solve a specific FPV problem, chances are that someone already collected/labeled data that is suitable for you.
- Search on the internet first!
- In particular, there are quite a few dataset focusing on action/activity recognition;
- In the following, a (non-exhaustive) list of datasets.

# Datasets (non-exhaustive)

Dataset	URL	Settings	Annotations	Goal
EGO4D	<a href="https://ego4d-data.org/">https://ego4d-data.org/</a>	931 participants performing different activities in different domains.	Different temporal and spatial annotations related to 5 benchmarks	Episodic Memory, Hand-Object Interaction, Audio-Visual Diarization, Social Interactions, Forecasting
EPIC-KITCHENS-100	<a href="https://epic-kitchens.github.io/2020-100">https://epic-kitchens.github.io/2020-100</a>	Subjects performing unscripted actions in their native kitchens.	Temporal segments	Action recognition, detection, anticipation, retrieval.
MECCANO	<a href="https://iplab.dmi.unict.it/MECCANO/">https://iplab.dmi.unict.it/MECCANO/</a>	20 subjects assembling a toy motorbike.	Temporal segments, active objects, human-object interactions	Action recognition, Active object detection, Egocentric Human-Object Interaction Detection
ASSEMBLY101	<a href="https://assembly-101.github.io/">https://assembly-101.github.io/</a>	53 subjects assembling in a cage settings 101 children's toys.	Temporal segments, 3D hand poses	Action recognition, Action Anticipation, Temporal Segmentation

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EPIC-KITCHENS 2018	<a href="https://epic-kitchens.github.io/2018">https://epic-kitchens.github.io/2018</a>	32 subjects performing unscripted actions in their native environments	action segments, object annotations	Action recognition, Action Anticipation, Object Detection
Charade-Ego	<a href="https://allenai.org/plato/charades/">https://allenai.org/plato/charades/</a>	paired first-third person videos	action classes	Action recognition
EGTEA Gaze+	<a href="http://ai.stanford.edu/~alireza/GTEA/">http://ai.stanford.edu/~alireza/GTEA/</a>	32 subjects, 86 sessions, 28 hours	action segments, gaze, hand masks	Understanding daily activities, action recognition
ADL	<a href="https://www.csee.umbc.edu/~hpirsiav/papers/ADLdataset/">https://www.csee.umbc.edu/~hpirsiav/papers/ADLdataset/</a>	20 subjects performing daily activities in their native environments	activity segments, objects	Detecting activities of daily living
CMU kitchen	<a href="http://www.cs.cmu.edu/~espriggs/cmu-mmacc/annotations/">http://www.cs.cmu.edu/~espriggs/cmu-mmacc/annotations/</a>	multimodal, 18 subjects cooking 5 different recipes: brownies, eggs, pizza, salad, sandwiche	action segments	Understanding daily activities
EgoSeg	<a href="http://www.vision.huji.ac.il/egoseg/">http://www.vision.huji.ac.il/egoseg/</a>	Long term actions (walking, running, driving, etc.)	long term activity	Temporal Segmentation, Indexing

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First-Person Social Interactions	<a href="http://ai.stanford.edu/~alireza/Disney/">http://ai.stanford.edu/~alireza/Disney/</a>	8 subjects at disneyworld	Activities: walking, waiting, gathering, sitting, buying something, eating, etc.	Recognizing social interactions
UEC Dataset	<a href="http://www.cs.cmu.edu/~kkitani/datasets/">http://www.cs.cmu.edu/~kkitani/datasets/</a>	two choreographed datasets with different egoactions (walk, jump, climb, etc.) + 6 youtube sports videos	activities	Unsupervised activity recognition
JPL	<a href="http://michaelryoo.com/jpl-interaction.html">http://michaelryoo.com/jpl-interaction.html</a>	interaction with a robot	activities performed on the robot + pose	Interaction recognition/prediction
Multimodal Egocentric Activity Dataset	<a href="http://people.sutd.edu.sg/~1000892/dataset">http://people.sutd.edu.sg/~1000892/dataset</a>	15 seconds clips of 20 activities	activity (walking, elevator, etc.)	Life-logging
LENA: An egocentric video database of visual lifelog	<a href="http://people.sutd.edu.sg/~1000892/dataset">http://people.sutd.edu.sg/~1000892/dataset</a>	13 activities performed by 10 subjects (Google Glass)	activity (walking, elevator, etc.)	Life-logging

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FPPA	<a href="http://tamaraberg.com/prediction/Prediction.html">http://tamaraberg.com/prediction/Prediction.html</a>	Five subjects performing 5 daily actions	activity (drinking water, putting on clothes, etc.)	Temporal prediction
UT Egocentric	<a href="http://vision.cs.utexas.edu/projects/egocentric/index.html">http://vision.cs.utexas.edu/projects/egocentric/index.html</a>	3-5 hours long videos capturing a person's day	important regions	Summarization
VINST/ Visual Diaries	<a href="http://www.csc.kth.se/cvap/vinst/NovEgoMotion.html">http://www.csc.kth.se/cvap/vinst/NovEgoMotion.html</a>	31 videos capturing the visual experience of a subject walkin from metro station to work	location id, novel egomotion	Novelty detection
Bristol Egocentric Object Interaction (BEOID)	<a href="https://www.cs.bris.ac.uk/~damen/BEOID/">https://www.cs.bris.ac.uk/~damen/BEOID/</a>	8 subjects, six locations. Interaction with objects and environment	gaze, objects, mode of interaction (pick, plug, etc.)	Provide assistance on object usage
Object Search Dataset	<a href="https://github.com/Mengmi/deepfuturegaze_gan">https://github.com/Mengmi/deepfuturegaze_gan</a>	57 sequences of 55 subjects on search and retrieval tasks	gaze	gaze prediction

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UNICT-VEDI	<a href="http://iplab.dmi.unict.it/VEDI/">http://iplab.dmi.unict.it/VEDI/</a>	different subjects visiting a museum	location, observed objects	localizing visitors of a museum and estimating their attention
UNICT-VEDI-POI	<a href="http://iplab.dmi.unict.it/VEDI_POIs/">http://iplab.dmi.unict.it/VEDI_POIs/</a>	different subjects visiting a museum	object bounding boxes annotations, observed objects	recognizing points of interest observed by the visitors
Simulated Egocentric Navigations	<a href="http://iplab.dmi.unict.it/SimulatedEgocentricNavigations/">http://iplab.dmi.unict.it/SimulatedEgocentricNavigations/</a>	simulated navigations of a virtual agent within a large building	3-DOF pose of the agent in each image	egocentric localization
EgoCart	<a href="http://iplab.dmi.unict.it/EgocentricShoppingCartLocalization/">http://iplab.dmi.unict.it/EgocentricShoppingCartLocalization/</a>	egocentric images collected by a shopping cart in a retail store	3-DOF pose of the shopping cart in each image	egocentric localization
Unsupervised Segmentation of Daily Living Activities	<a href="http://iplab.dmi.unict.it/dailylivingactivities">http://iplab.dmi.unict.it/dailylivingactivities</a>	egocentric videos of daily activities	activities	unsupervised segmentation with respect to the activities

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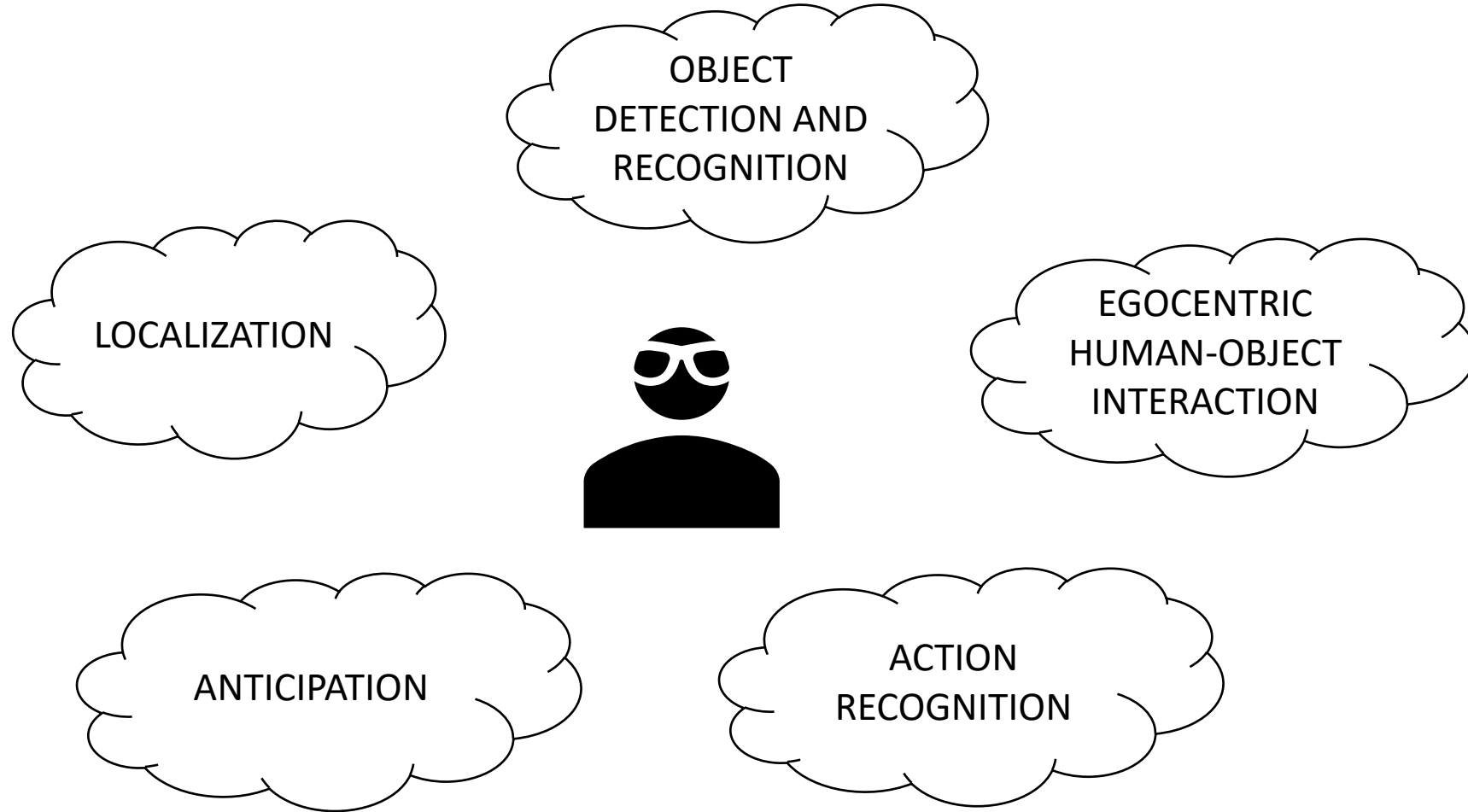
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Visual Market Basket Analysis	<a href="http://iplab.dmi.unict.it/vmba/">http://iplab.dmi.unict.it/vmba/</a>	egocentric images collected by a shopping cart in a retail store	class-location of each image	egocentric localization
Location Based Segmentation of Egocentric Videos	<a href="http://iplab.dmi.unict.it/PersonalLocationSegmentation/">http://iplab.dmi.unict.it/PersonalLocationSegmentation/</a>	egocentric videos of daily activities	location classes	egocentric localization, video indexing
Recognition of Personal Locations from Egocentric Videos	<a href="http://iplab.dmi.unict.it/PersonalLocations/">http://iplab.dmi.unict.it/PersonalLocations/</a>	egocentric videos clips of daily activities	location classes	recognizing personal locations
EgoGesture	<a href="http://www.nlpr.ia.ac.cn/iva/yfzhang/datasets/egogesture.html">http://www.nlpr.ia.ac.cn/iva/yfzhang/datasets/egogesture.html</a>	2k videos from 50 subjects performing 83 gestures	Gesture labels, depth	Gesture recognition
EgoHands	<a href="http://vision.soic.indiana.edu/projects/egohands/">http://vision.soic.indiana.edu/projects/egohands/</a>	48 videos of interactions between two people	Hand segmentation masks	Egocentric hand segmentation
DoMSEV	<a href="http://www.verlab.dcc.ufmg.br/sema-ntic-hyperlapse/cvpr2018-dataset/">http://www.verlab.dcc.ufmg.br/sema-ntic-hyperlapse/cvpr2018-dataset/</a>	80 hours/different activities	Scene/Action labels with IMU, GPS mad depth	Summarization

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EGO-HPE	<a href="http://imagelab.ing.unimore.it/imagelab2015/researchactivity.asp?idAttivita=23">http://imagelab.ing.unimore.it/imagelab2015/researchactivity.asp?idAttivita=23</a>	Egocentric videos for head pose estimation	Head pose of the subjects	Head-pose estimation
EGO-GROUP	<a href="http://imagelab.ing.unimore.it/imagelab2015/researchactivity.asp?idAttivita=23">http://imagelab.ing.unimore.it/imagelab2015/researchactivity.asp?idAttivita=23</a>	18 videos of people engaging social relationships	Social relationships	Understanding social relationships
DR(eye)VE	<a href="http://aimagelab.ing.unimore.it/dreyeve">http://aimagelab.ing.unimore.it/dreyeve</a>	74 videos of people driving	Eye fixations	Autonomous and assisted driving
THU-READ	<a href="http://ivg.au.tsinghua.edu.cn/dataset/THU_READ.php">http://ivg.au.tsinghua.edu.cn/dataset/THU_READ.php</a>	8 subjects performing 40 actions with a head-mounted RGBD camera	Action segments	RGBD egocentric action recognition
EGO-CH	<a href="https://iplab.dmi.unict.it/EGO-CH/">https://iplab.dmi.unict.it/EGO-CH/</a>	70 subjects visiting two cultural sites in Sicily, Italy.	Temporal segments, room-based localization, objects	Room-based localization, Object detection, Behavioral analysis



# Fundamental Tasks of a First Person Vision System



# Localization in First Person Vision

- Knowing the location of the user for a First Person Vision system is important to implement contextual awareness
  - Behave differently depending on the environment
    - Generate reminders when I get to a particular place
      - «remember to do the laundry when you get home»;
    - Turn notifications on or off when you are in given environments:
      - Put in silent mode when I am in a conference room;
  - Help localize/navigate the user
    - E.g., in a retail store or in a museum;
  - Implement augmented reality
    - Show location-specific information when I get to a place (e.g., a room in a museum)

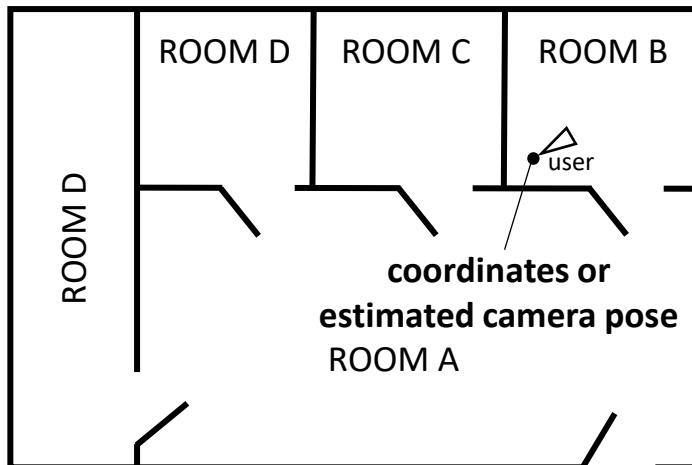
# Localization – Levels of Granularity

## SCENE RECOGNITION

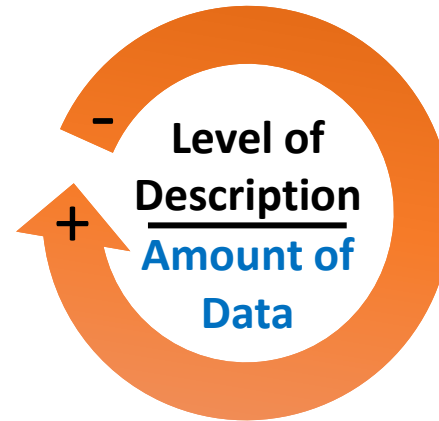


off-the-shelf detectors

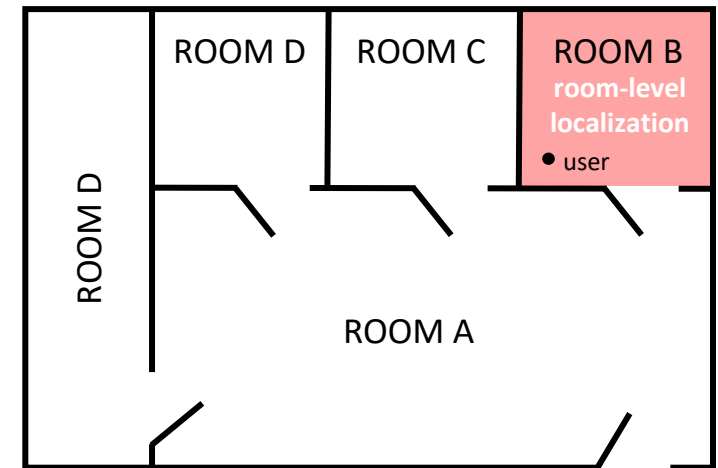
## CAMERA POSE-ESTIMATION



3D reconstruction of the building



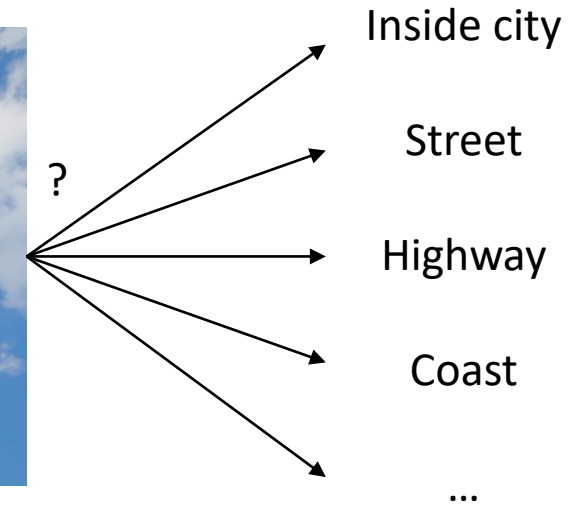
## ROOM-LEVEL RECOGNITION



moderate amount of training data

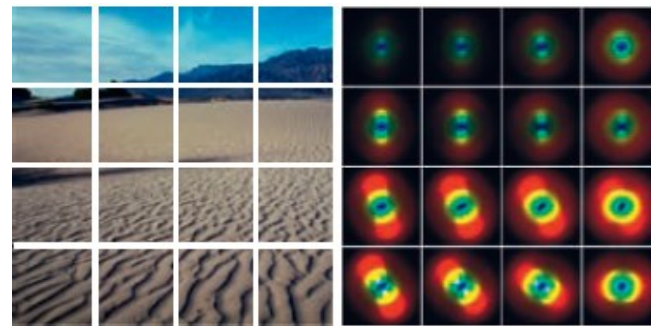
# Scene Recognition

- The most basic form of localization;
- Tells what kind of scene the user is in;
- Useful to distinguish between (even for unseen places) :
  - indoor/outdoor
  - natural/artificial
  - conf. room
  - Office
- Can use off-the-shelf detections.



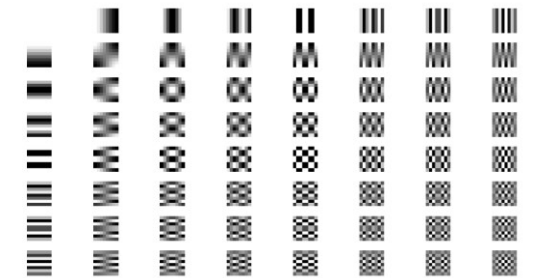
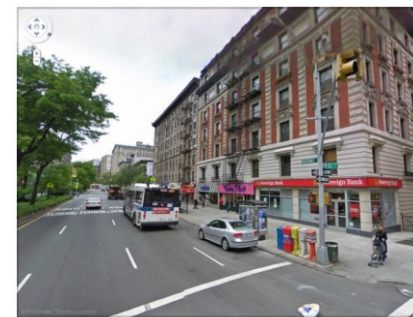
## COMPUTATIONALLY INEXPENSIVE ALGORITHMS

### GIST Descriptor



Oliva, Aude, and Antonio Torralba. "Modeling the shape of the scene: A holistic representation of the spatial envelope." *International journal of computer vision* 42.3 (2001): 145-175.

### DCT-GIST (runs on the IGP pipeline)



G. M. Farinella, D. Ravi, V. Tomaselli, M. Guarnera, S. Battiato, "Representing scenes for real-time context classification on mobile devices", *Pattern Recognition*, Elsevier, ISSN 0031-3203, Vol. 48, N. 4, pp. 1082-1096, doi: 10.1016/j.patcog.2014.05.014, 2015

DATA & CODE HERE -> <http://places2.csail.mit.edu/>

# Scene Recognition – Places



GT: cafeteria

top-1: cafeteria (0.179)

top-2: restaurant (0.167)

top-3: dining hall (0.091)

top-4: coffee shop (0.086)

top-5: restaurant patio (0.080)

- Places is a large (10M images – 400+ classes) dataset for scene recognition;
- CNN models trained to recognize 365 scene classes available for download;
- Can be used off-the-shelf!



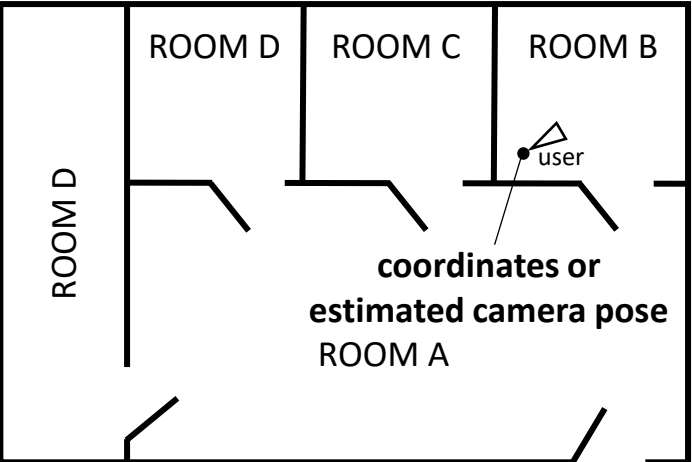
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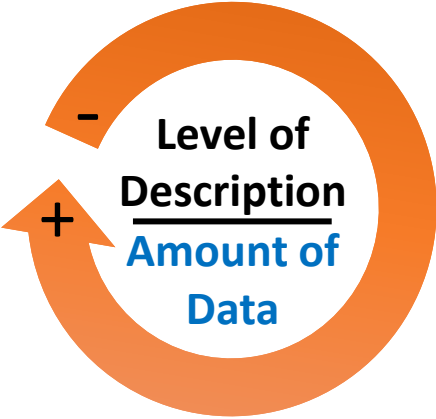


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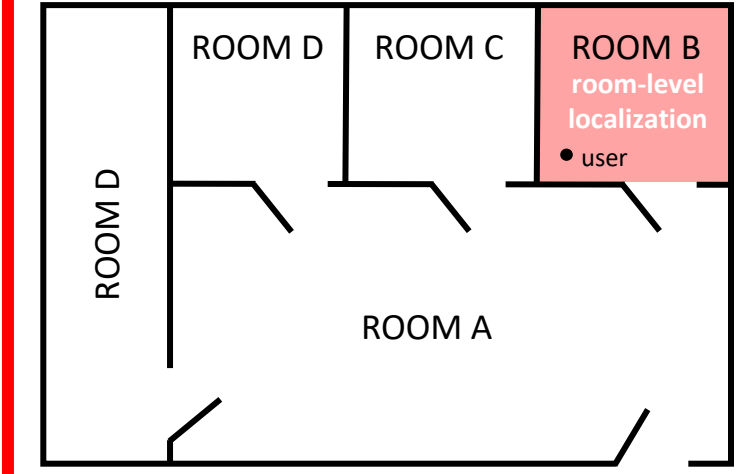
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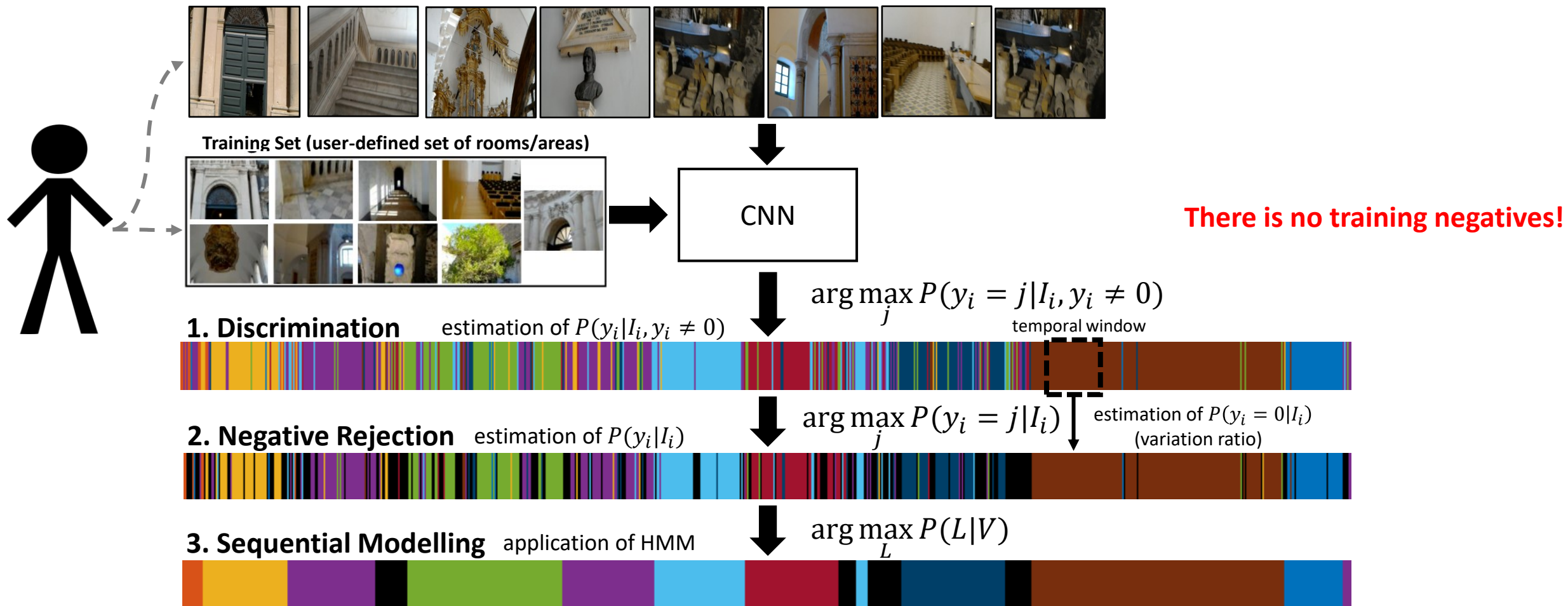


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# Room-Level Localization – Full Model



# Room-Level Localization

Localizing the user in a larger environment (e.g., a museum).



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Detected Shots for Storyboard Summary



Estimated Probabilities	Predicted Class	GT Class
Giardino dei Novizi		
Cortile	●	●
Scalone Monumentale		
Corridoi		
Coro di Notte		
Antirefettorio		
Aula Santo Mazzarino		
Cucina		
Ventre		
negative		

Time Spent at Location

LOC	EST	GT
G. Novizi	00:00	00:00
Cortile	00:03	00:03
Scalone	00:00	00:00
Corridoi	00:00	00:00
C. Notte	00:00	00:00
Antiref.	00:00	00:00
S. Mazz.	00:00	00:00
Cucina	00:00	00:00
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Negative	00:00	00:00





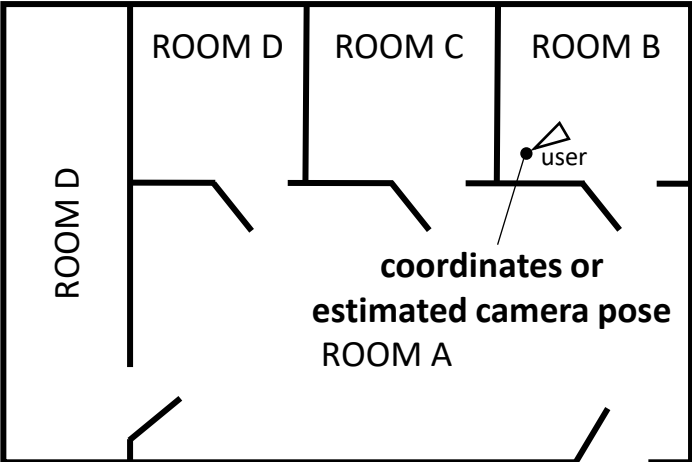
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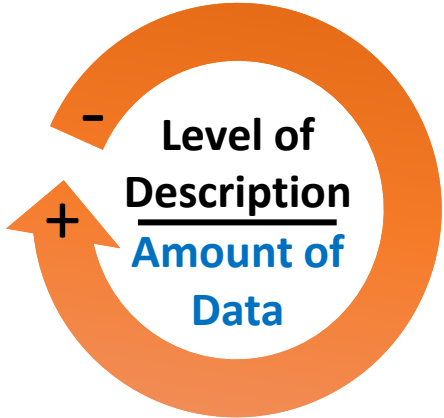


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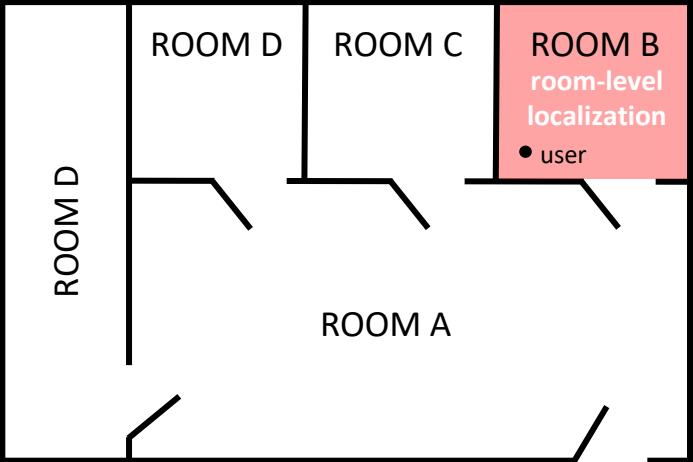
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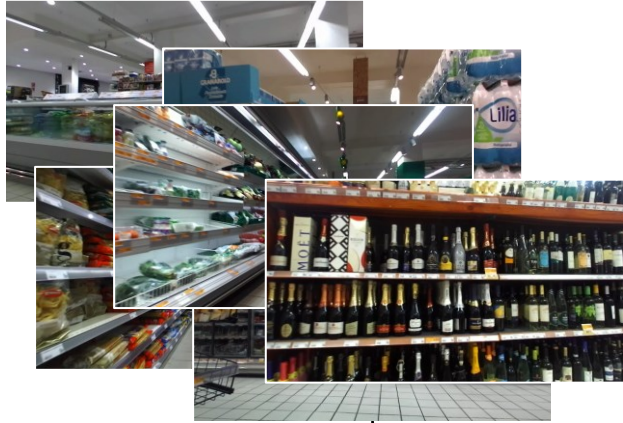
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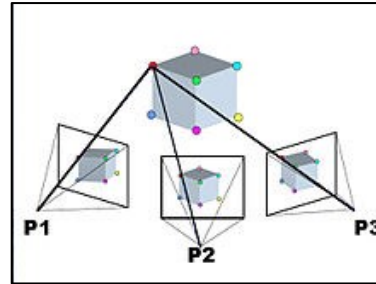
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# Camera Pose Estimation – Dataset Creation

Images



Structure from Motion (SfM)



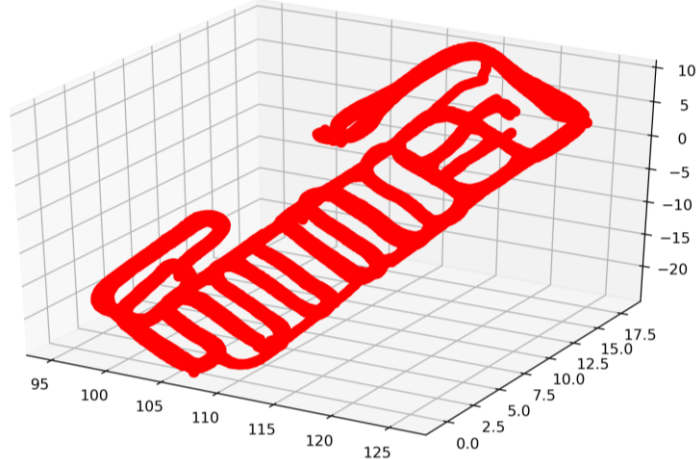
(P,Q)

Attach estimated 6DOF pose to each image

3D Model

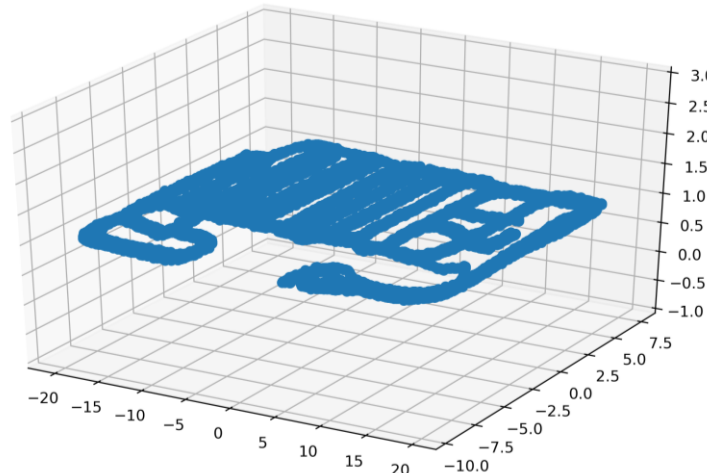


Arbitrary Coordinate System (pose/scale)

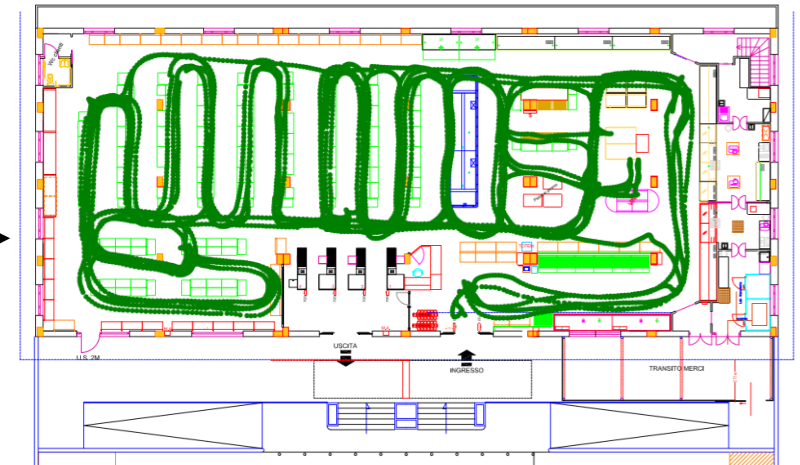


camera poses

PCA



rotated poses



scaled/aligned poses

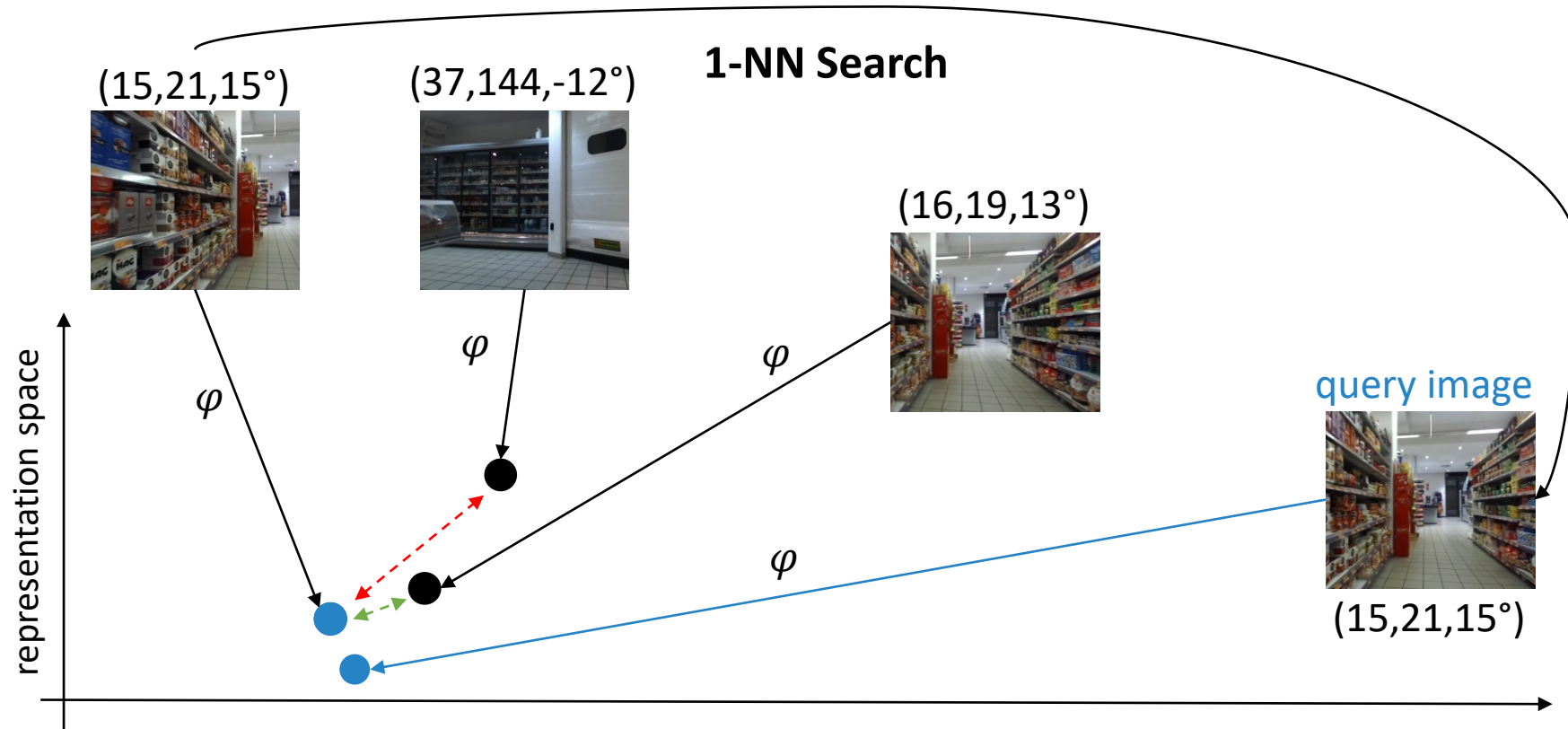
# Structure from Motion (SfM) Softwares

Many options available:

- COLMAP (free)
  - <https://colmap.github.io/>
- Visual SFM (free)
  - <http://ccwu.me/vsfm/>
- 3D Zephyr (paid)
  - <https://www.3dflow.net/it/3df-zephyr-pro-3d-models-from-photos/>

# Camera Pose Estimation – Retrieval Approach

Use deep metric learning to learn a representation function  $\varphi$  which maps close to each other images of nearby locations



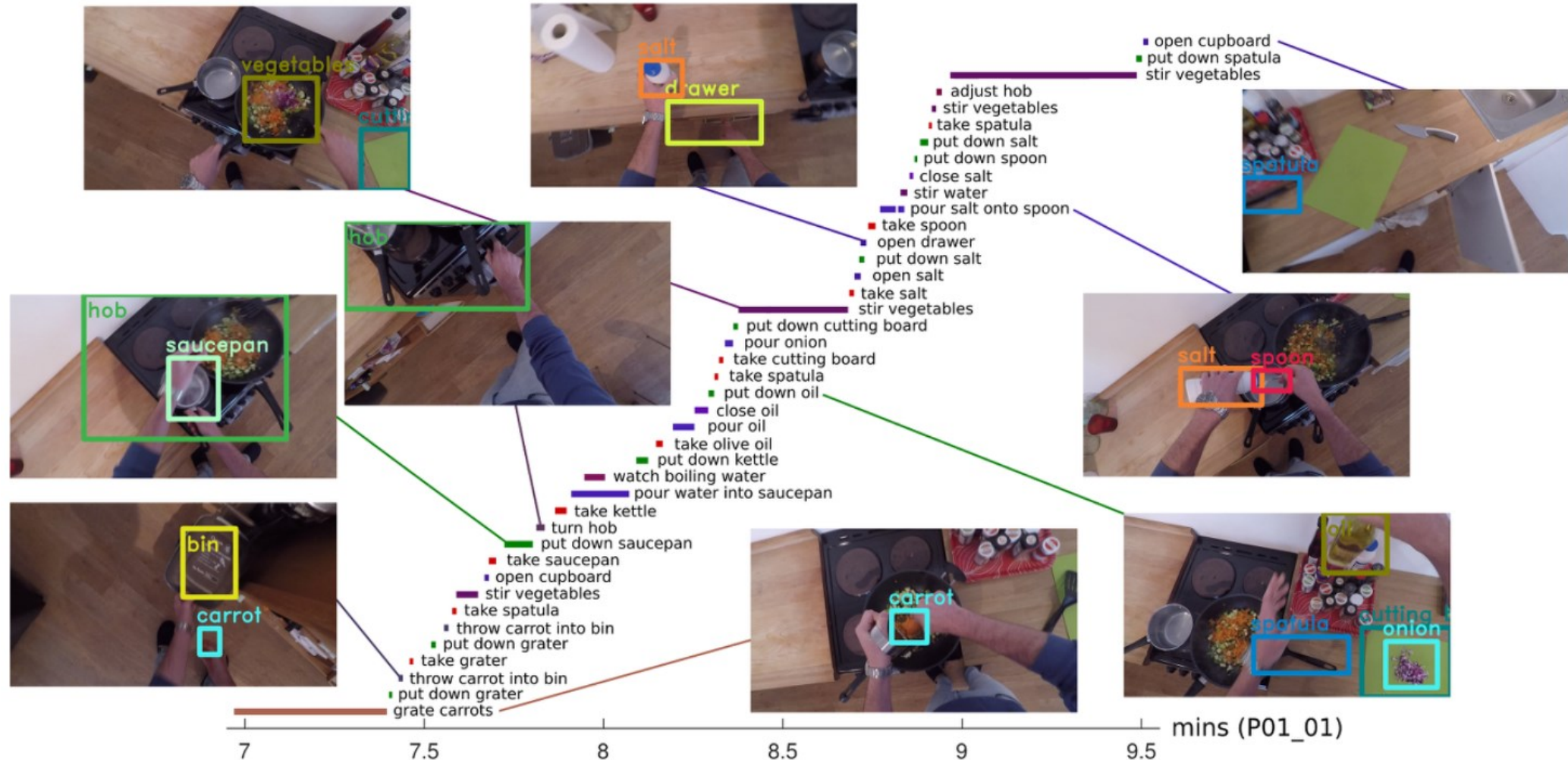


Objects and Actions are tight!

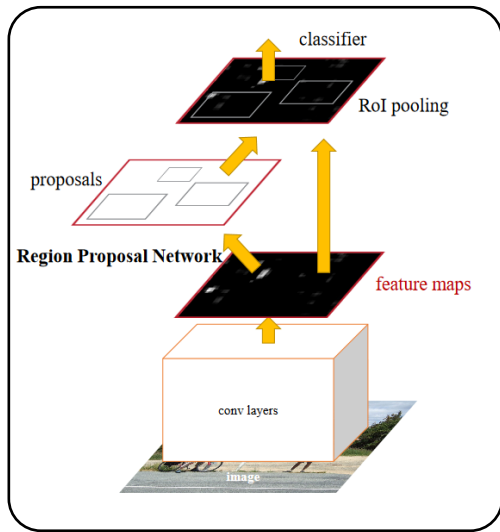
Useful to know what is in the scene

Useful to know what actions can be performed

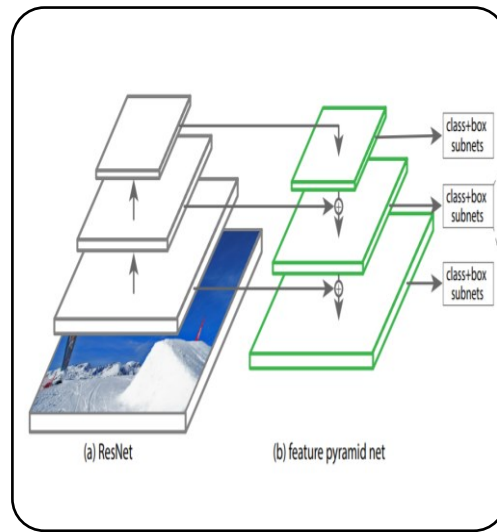
# Object Detection



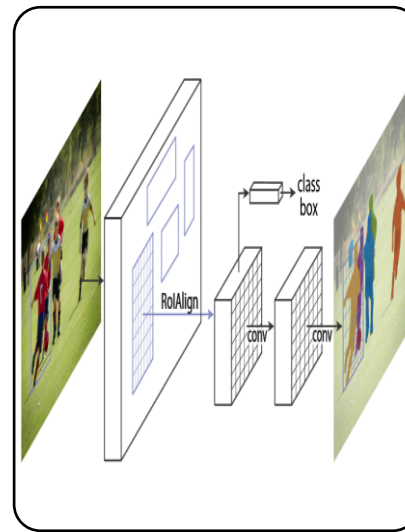
# Off-the-shelf object detectors



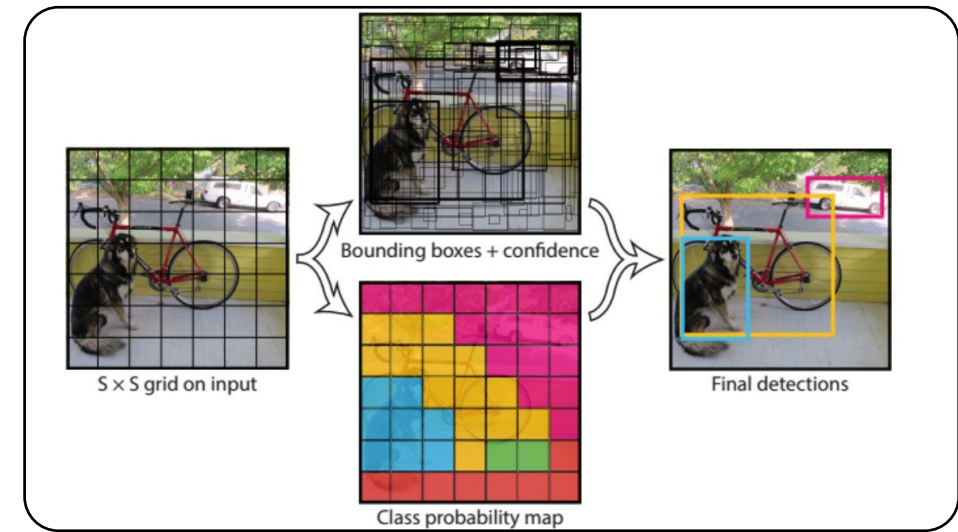
Faster-RCNN  
(bounding boxes)



RetinaNet  
(bounding boxes - faster)



Mask-RCNN  
(boxes + segments)



YOLO  
(much faster, but less accurate)

<https://github.com/facebookresearch/detectron2>

<https://pjreddie.com/darknet/yolo/>

Ren, S., He, K., Girshick, R., & Sun, J. (2015). Faster r-cnn: Towards real-time object detection with region proposal networks. In *NIPS*.

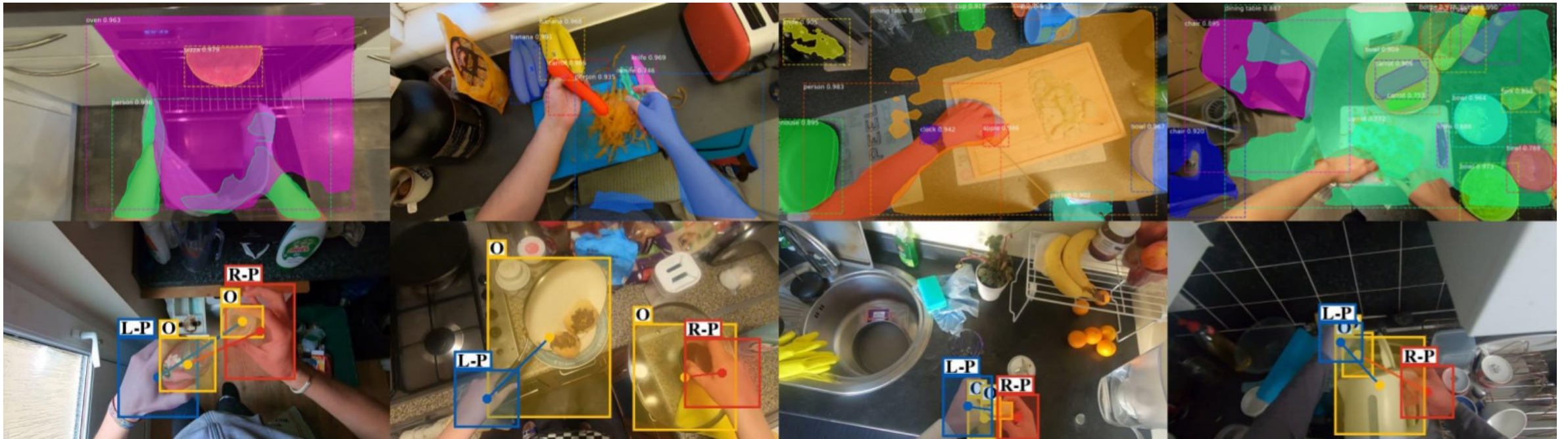
Joseph Redmon, Ali Farhadi, YOLO9000: Better, Faster, Stronger, The IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR), 2017

He, K., Gkioxari, G., Dollár, P., & Girshick, R. (2017, October). Mask r-cnn. In *Computer Vision (ICCV), 2017* (pp. 2980-2988). IEEE.



# Off-the-shelf detectors on EPIC-KITCHENS

Depending on the scenario, off-the-shelf detectors can be a starting point, but they are not always accurate.



Damen, Doughty, Farinella, Furnari, Kazakos, Moltisanti, Munro, Price, Wray (2020). Rescaling Egocentric Vision. *arXiv preprint arXiv:2006.13256* (2020).



# Train/Finetune your own object detector



<https://www.csee.umbc.edu/~hpirsiav/papers/ADLdataset/>



<http://epic-kitchens.github.io/>



<https://iplab.dmi.unict.it/EGO-CH/>

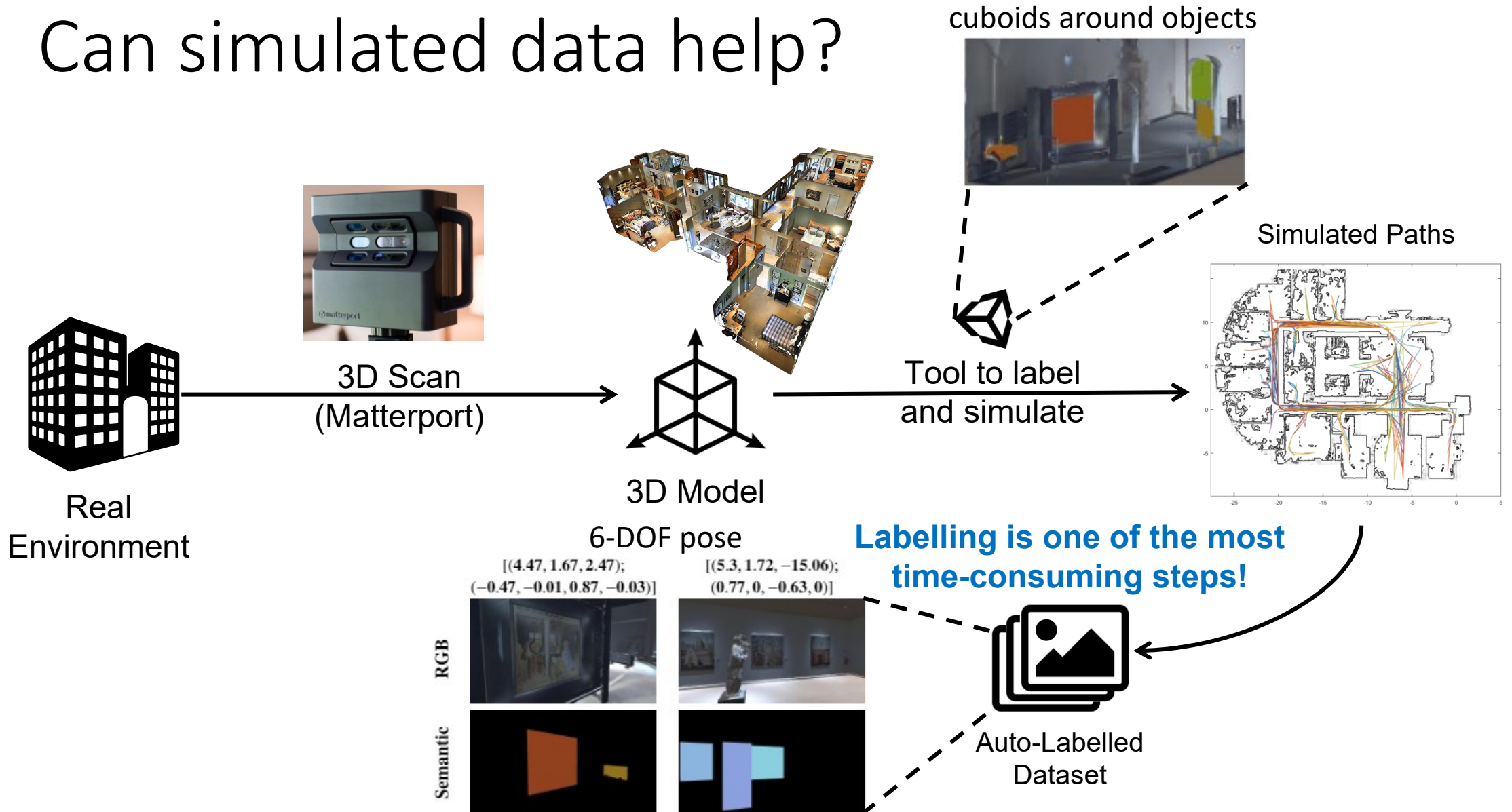


<https://iplab.dmi.unict.it/MECCANO/>

- In some scenario, it could be necessary to fine-tune an object-detector with application-specific data.
- On the left: main egocentric datasets providing bounding box annotations.
- Recently, EGO4D has been released and it has been annotated with bounding boxes.



# Can simulated data help?



DATA HERE -> <https://iplab.dmi.unict.it/EGO-CH-OBJ-SEG/>

# Domain Adaptation for Semantic Object Segmentation Dataset



**Synthetic Images**



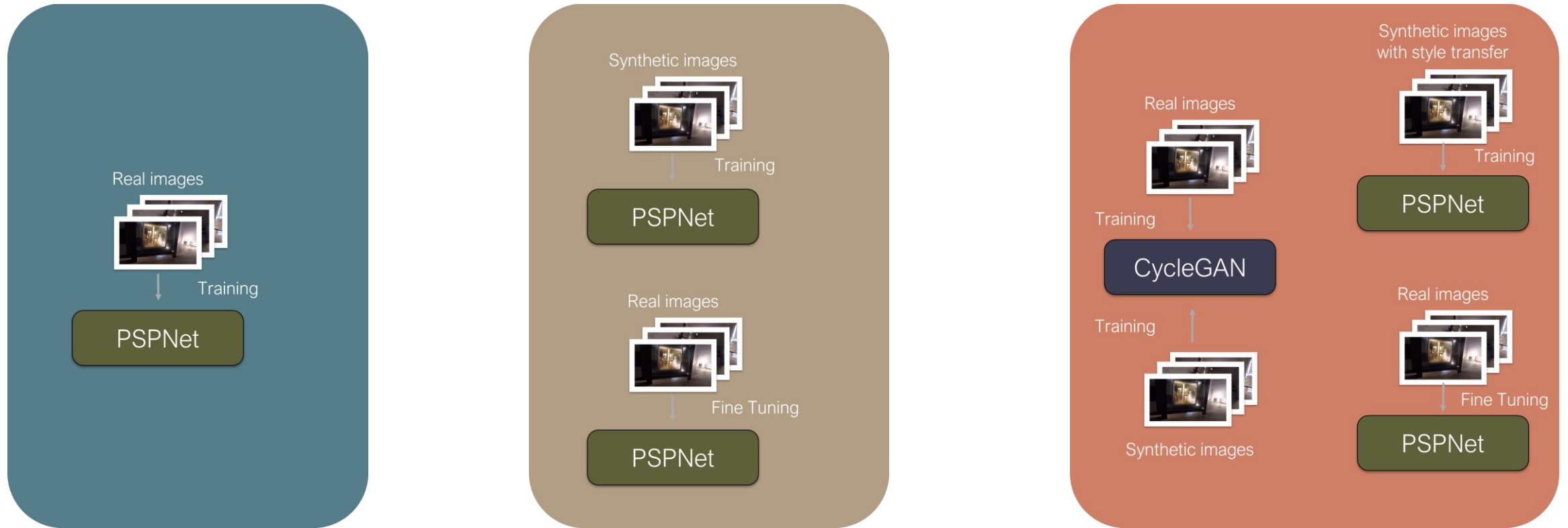
**Real Images**

24 objects, ~25k synthetic images, ~5k real labeled images, semantic segmentations masks

Francesco Ragusa, Daniele DiMauro, Alfio Palermo, Antonino Furnari, Giovanni Maria Farinella (2020). Semantic Object Segmentation in Cultural Sites using Real and Synthetic Data. International Conference on Pattern Recognition (ICPR).

DATA HERE -> <https://iplab.dmi.unict.it/EGO-CH-OBJ-SEG/>

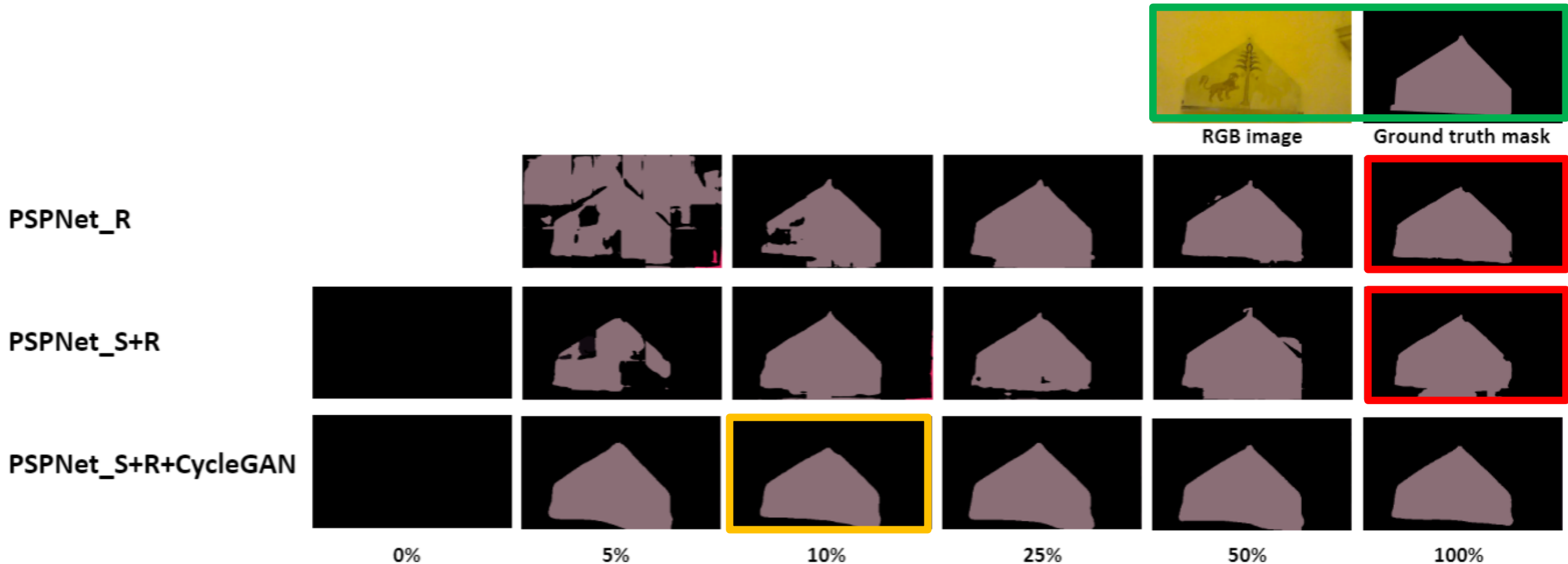
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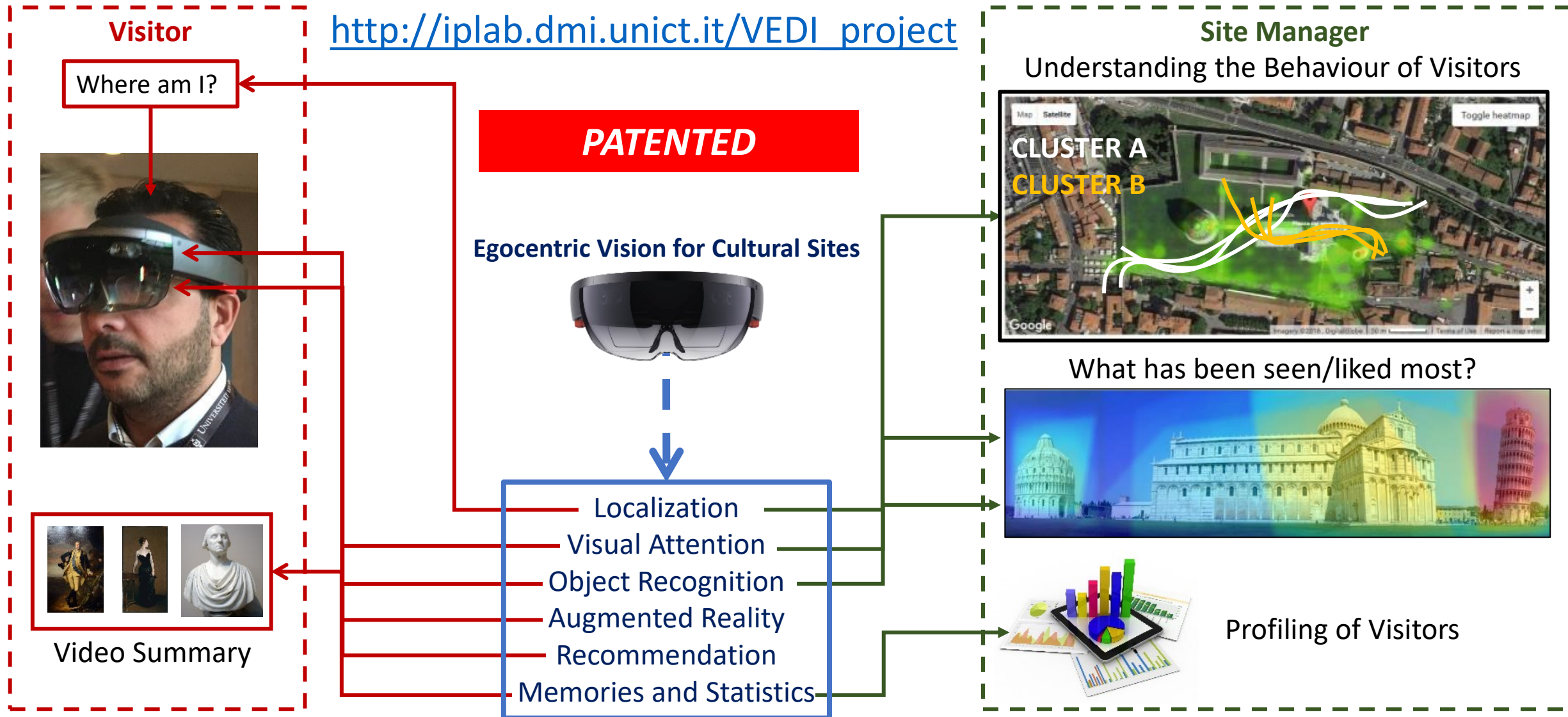
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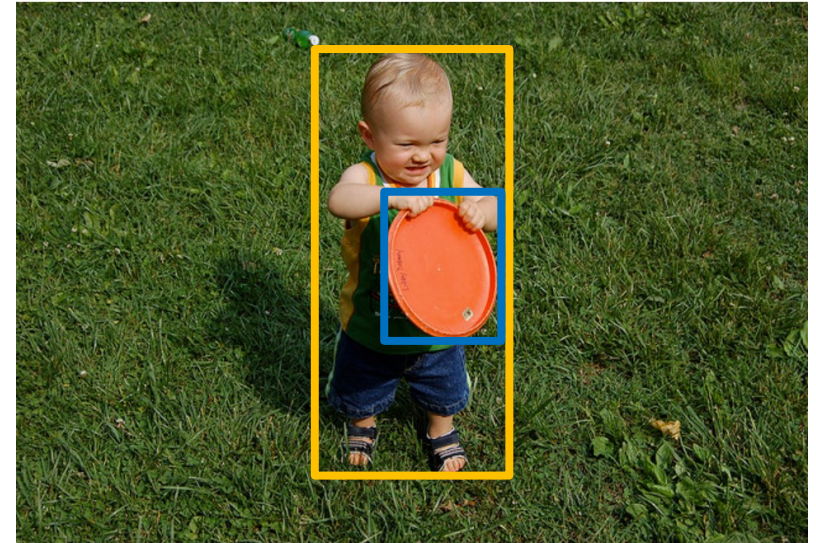
# Vision Exploitation for Data Interpretation (VEDI)



# Human-Object Interaction



<human, talks, cellphone>



<human, holds, freesbe>

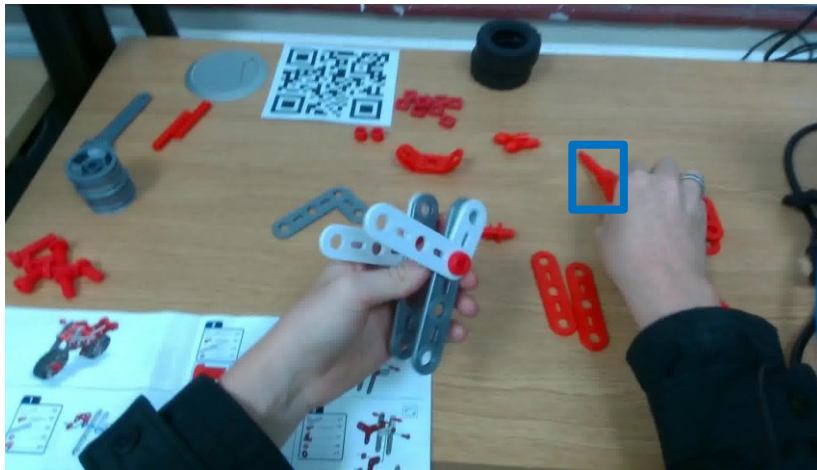


# Egocentric Human-Object Interaction

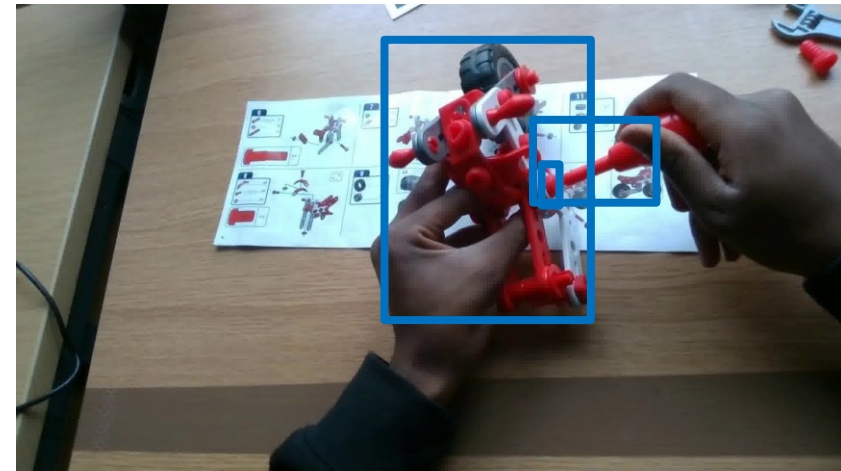
$$O = \{o_1, o_2, \dots, o_n\}$$

$$V = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_m\}$$

$$e = (v_h, \{o_1, o_2, \dots, o_i\})$$

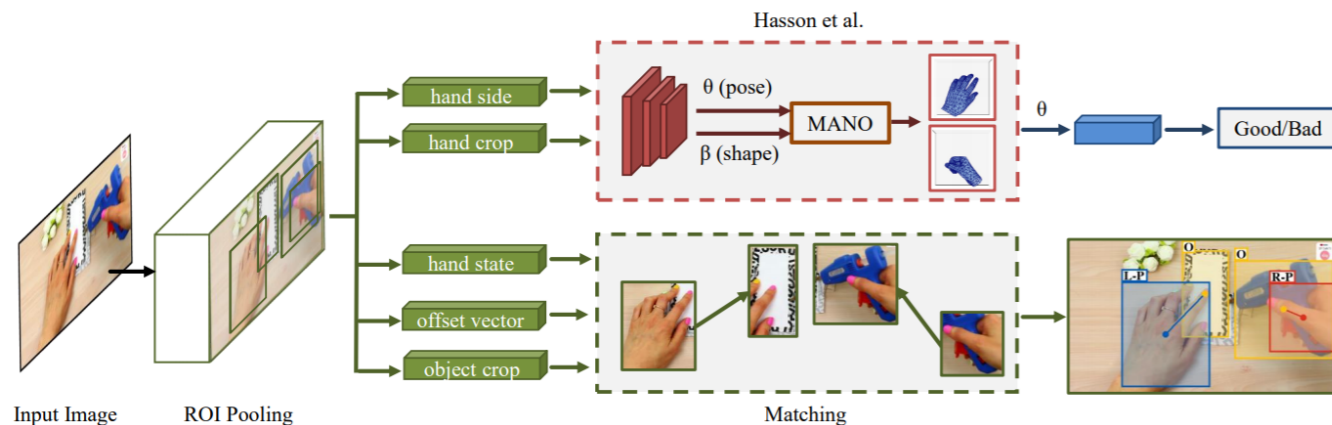
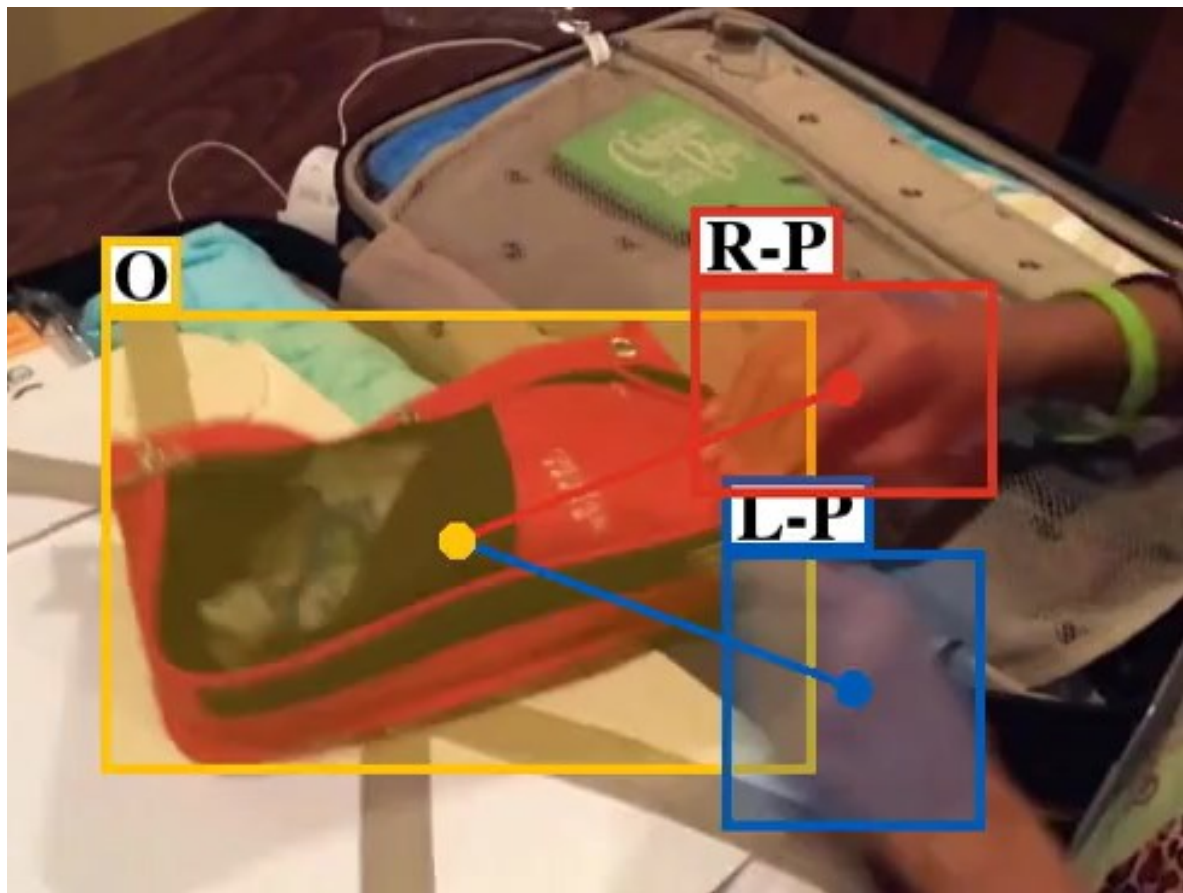


<take, screwdriver>



<screw, {screwdriver, screw, partial\_model}>

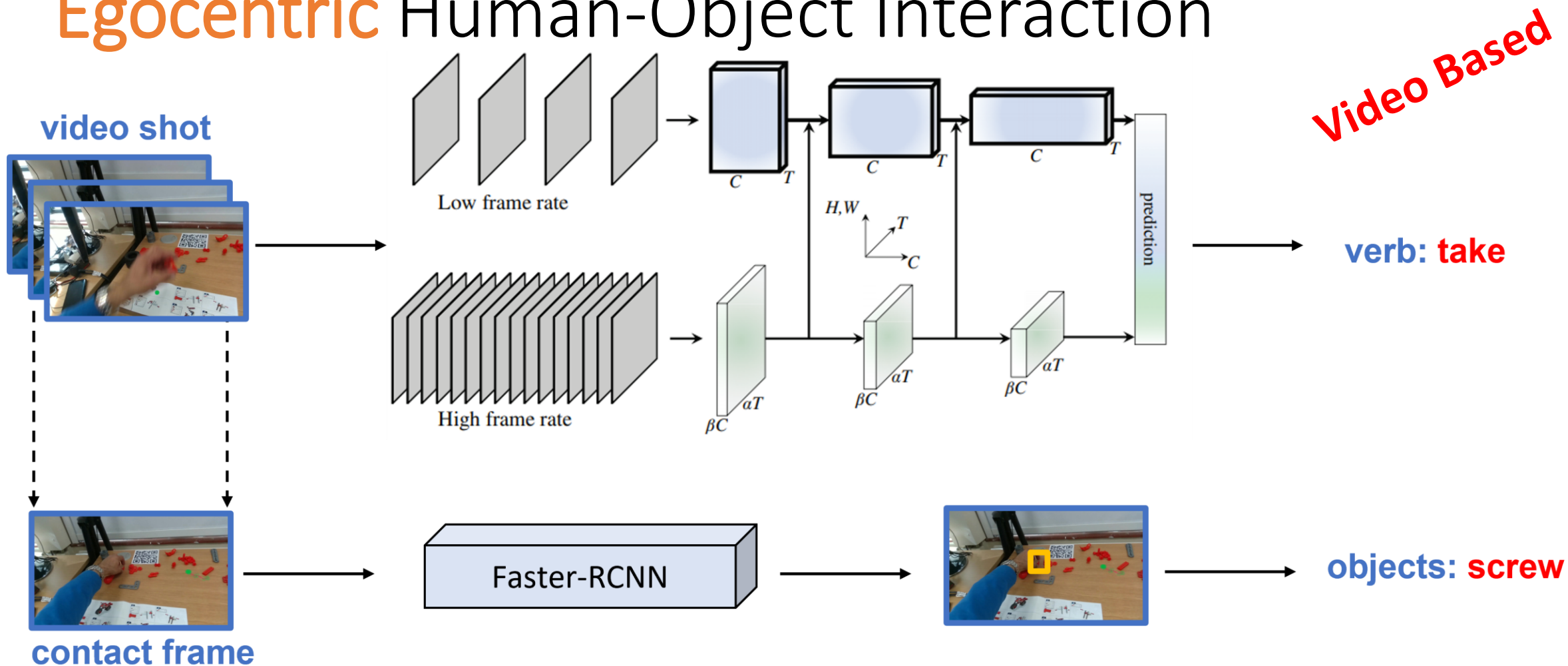
# Hands in Contact – Hands + Objects



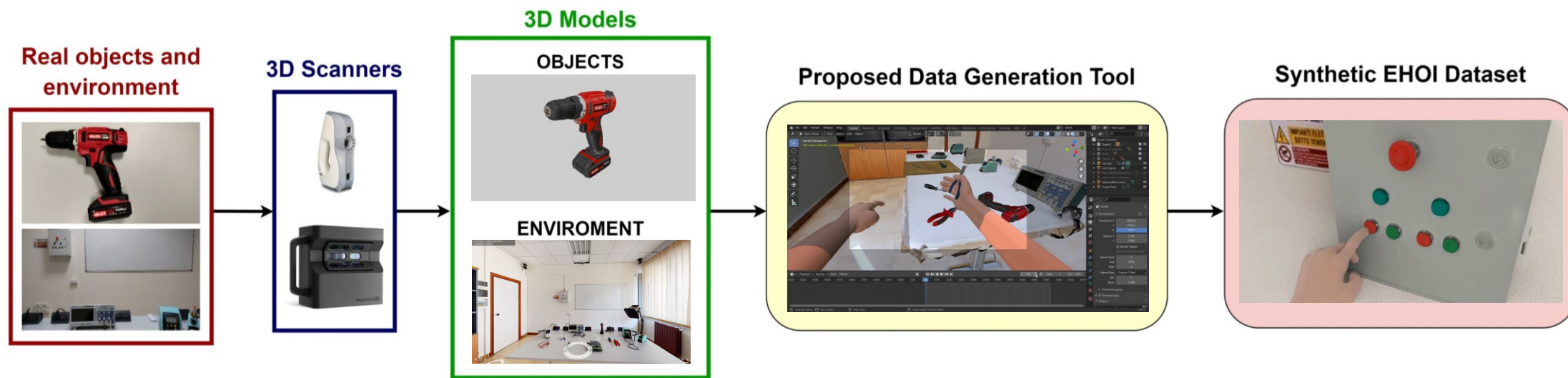
An «augmented» detector which recognizes:

- The left hand;
- The right hand;
- The interacted object.

# Egocentric Human-Object Interaction



# Can simulated data help?





DATA HERE -> [https://iplab.dmi.unict.it/EHOI\\_SYNTH/](https://iplab.dmi.unict.it/EHOI_SYNTH/)

# Can simulated data help?

## ENIGMA Laboratory

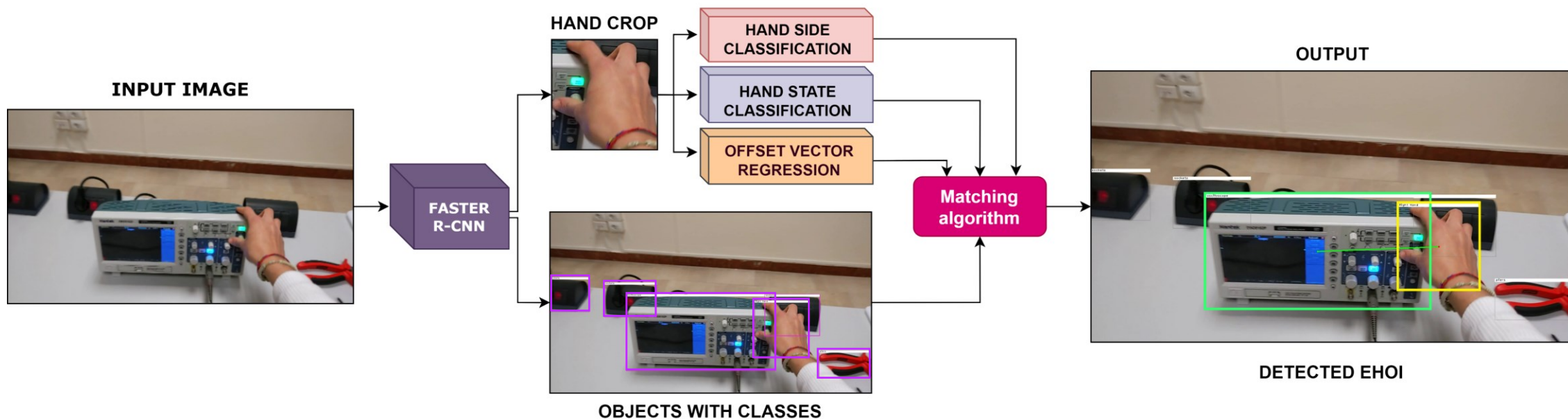


## 19 objects categories





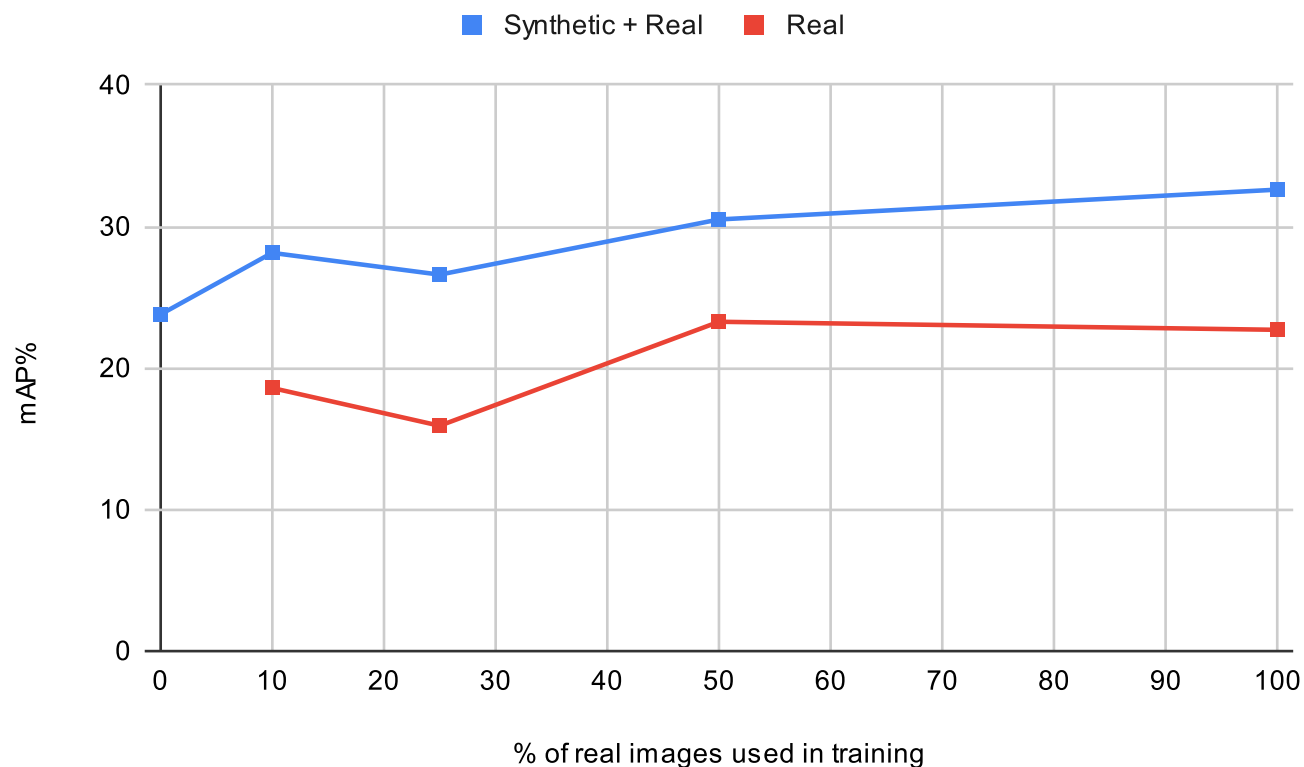
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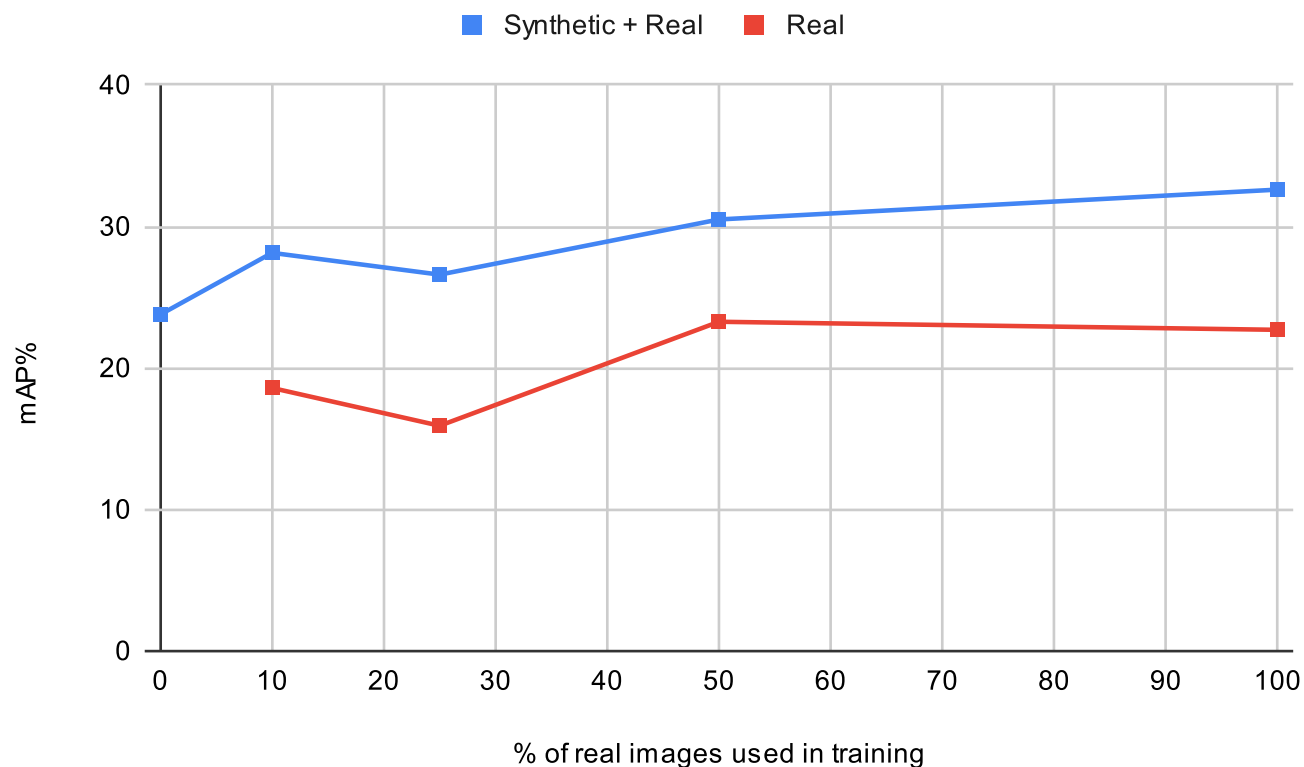
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-	100	22.7
Synthetic	100	<b>32.61</b>



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# Can simulated data help?

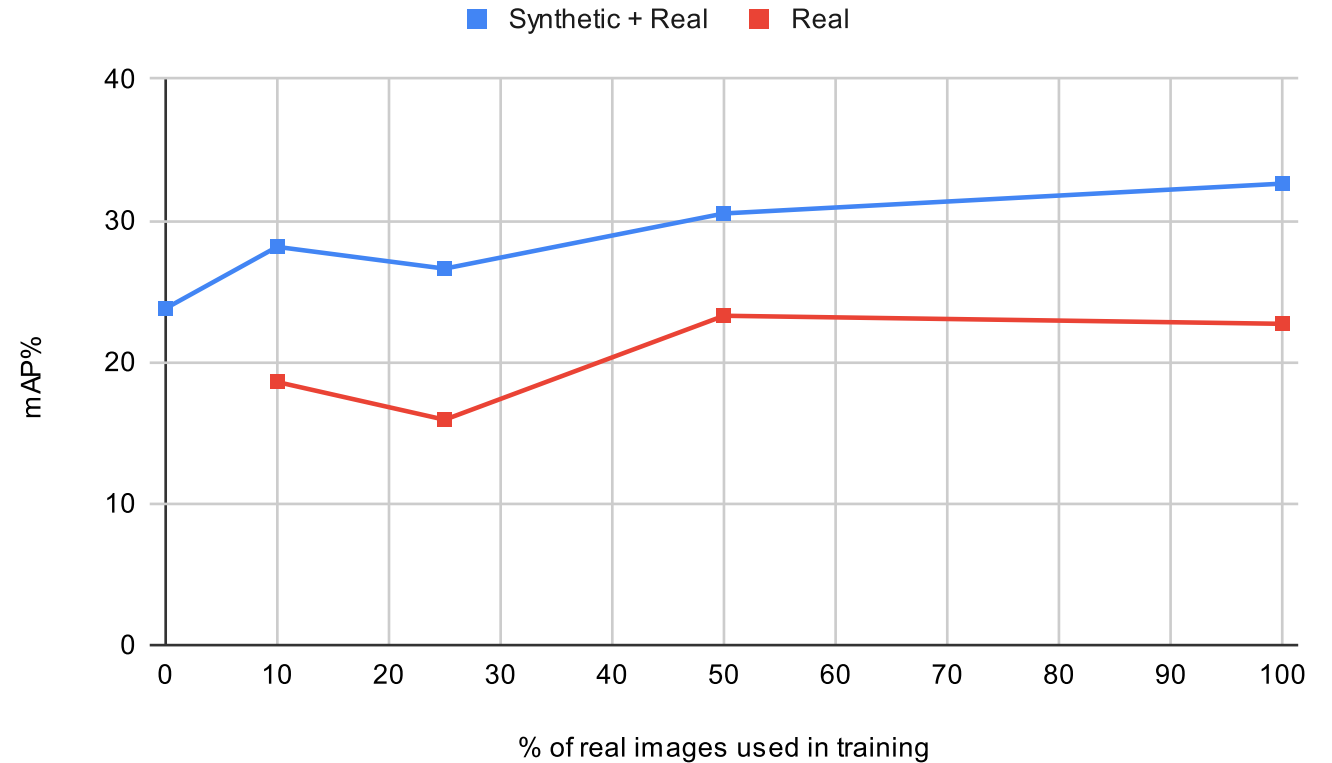
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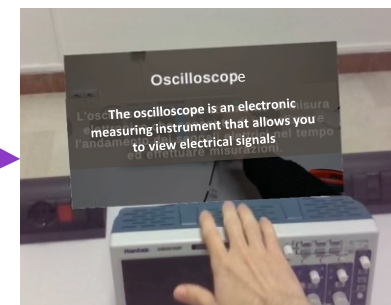
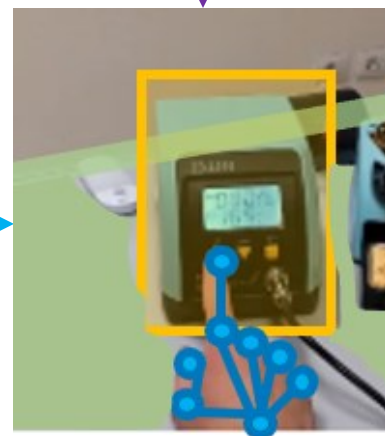
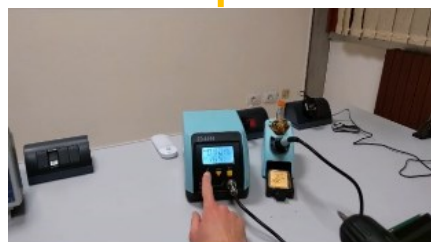
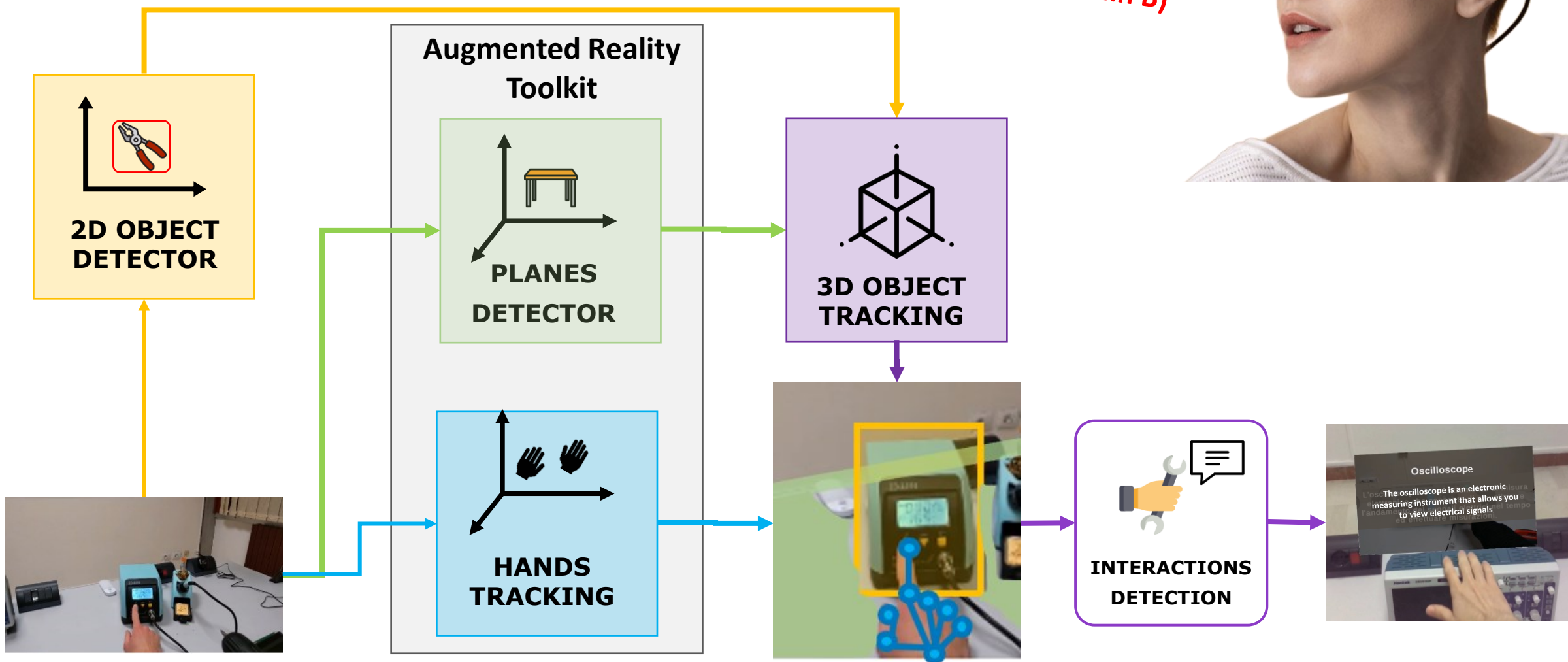
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# Wearable Application

*At this conference!*  
20 February 10:45-12:15  
Oral Session (Room Berlin B)





# Wearable Application



# Understanding Actions

- Recognizing and detecting the actions performed by user allows to understand what happens in the video;
- This can be useful to:
  - Segment the video into coherent temporal units for:
    - Summarization;
    - Video understanding;
  - Understand the user's goals to assist them;

# Relation between Action and Interaction

**TAKE SCREWDRIVER**



# Relation between Action and Interaction

**TAKE SCREWDRIVER**



**Start Action**

**Start Interaction (H-O)**

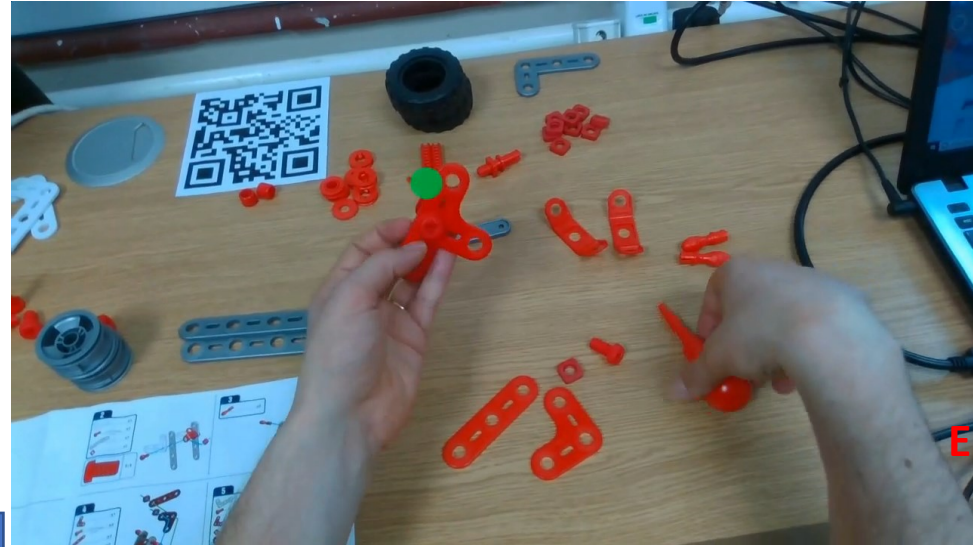


**Frame of Contact**



# Relation between Action and Interaction

## TAKE SCREWDRIVER

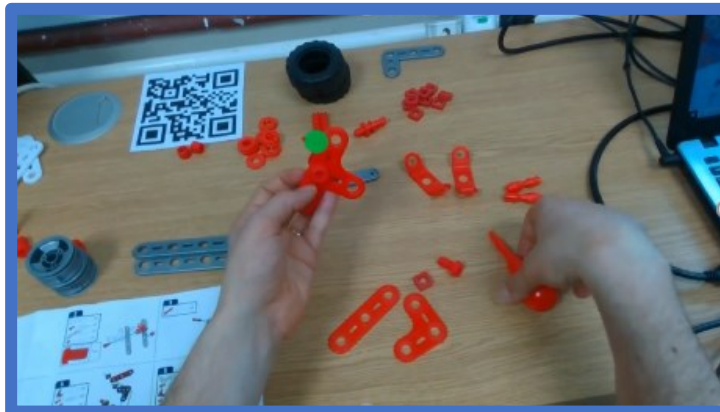


End Interaction

Start Action

Start Interaction (H-O)

End Action



Frame of Contact



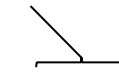
Frame of Decontact



Model

VERB

NOUN



Open - Box  
 $v = 3$     $n = 23$

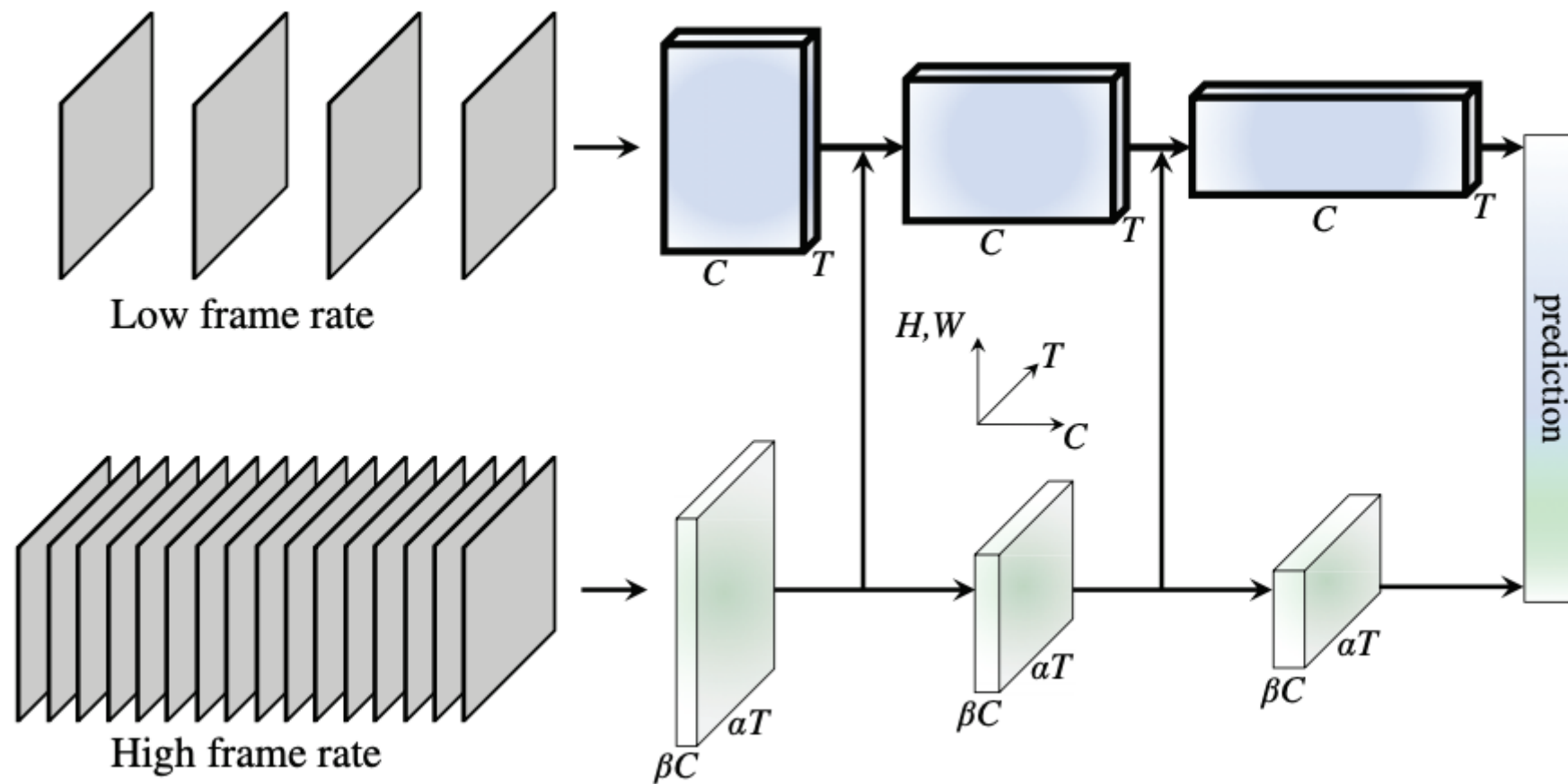


*"observe a trimmed segment denoted by start and end time and classify the action present in the clip"*

As defined in EPIC-KITCHENS-2020

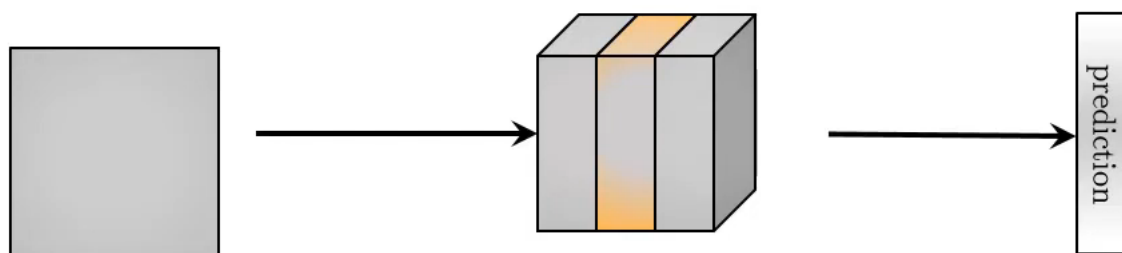
CODE HERE -> <https://github.com/facebookresearch/SlowFast>

# SlowFast Networks for Video Recognition



CODE HERE -> <https://github.com/facebookresearch/SlowFast>

# X3D: Expanding Architectures for Efficient Video Recognition



- X-Fast
- X-Temporal
- X-Spatial
- X-Depth
- X-Width
- X-Bottleneck

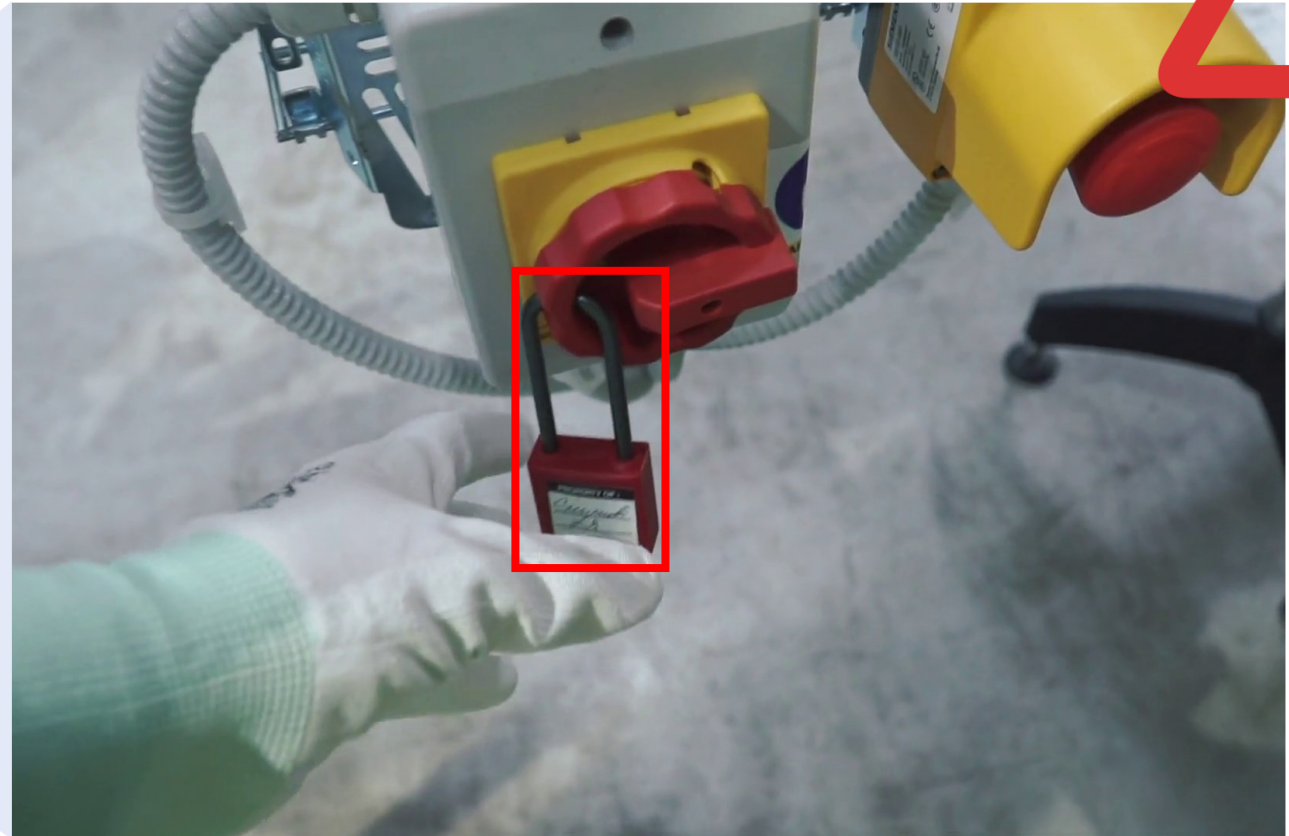


# Personal assistants and Future Predictions

Intelligent assistants should be able to understand what are the user's goals and what is going to happen in the future.

Next-active-object: **LOCKER**

Next action: **OPEN LOCKER**



# Next-Active Objects Detection



# Next-Active Objects Detection

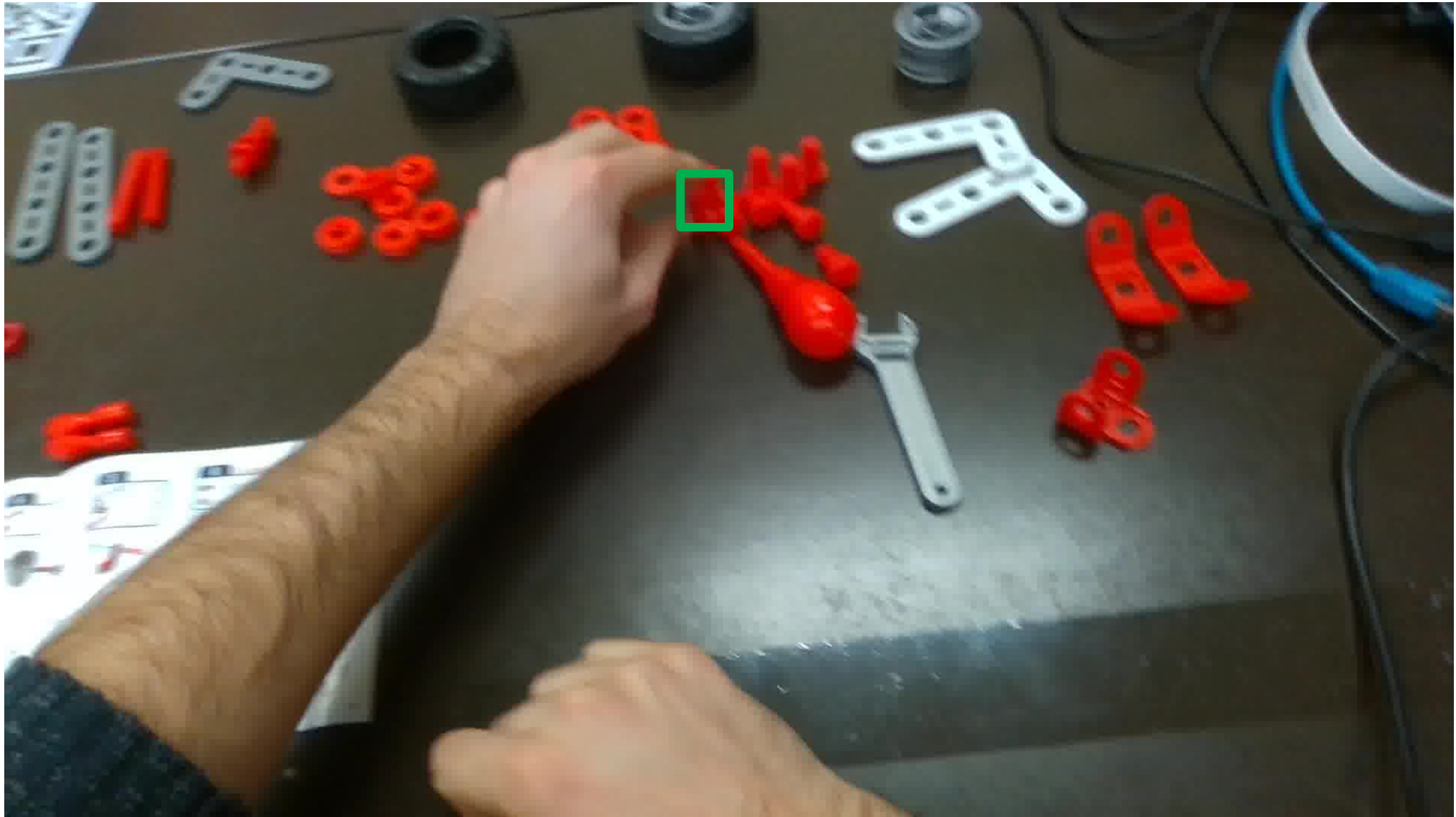


# Next-Active Objects Detection



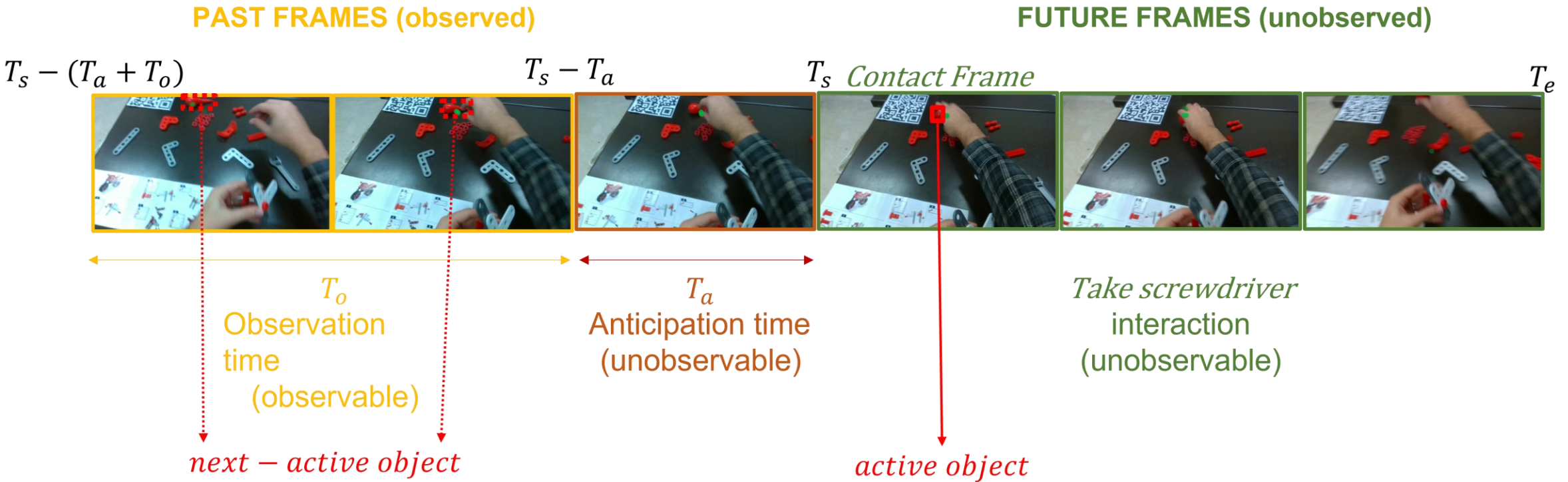


# Next-Active Objects Detection



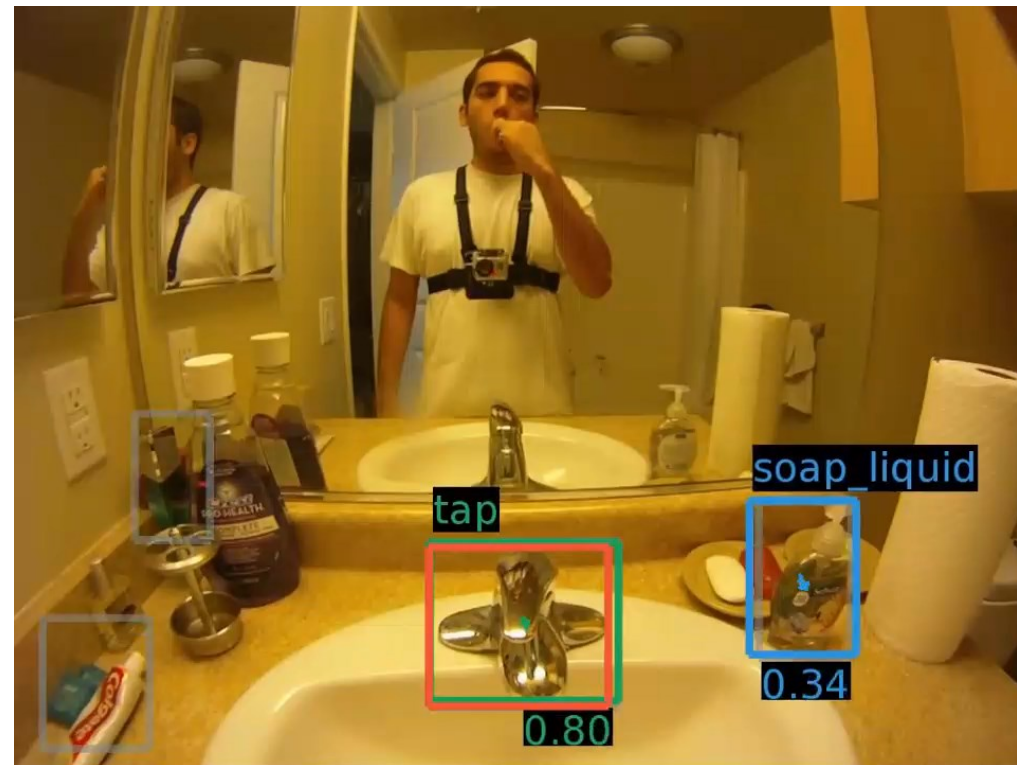
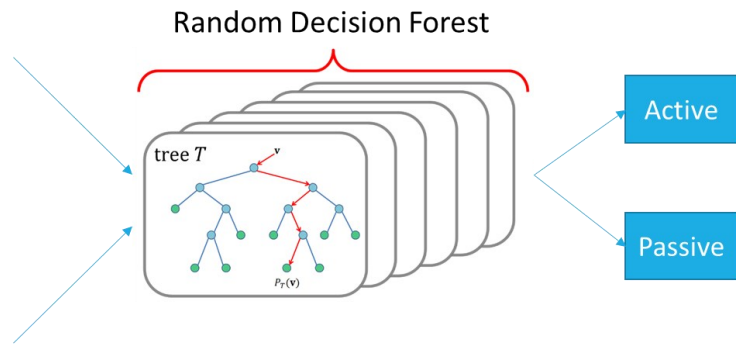
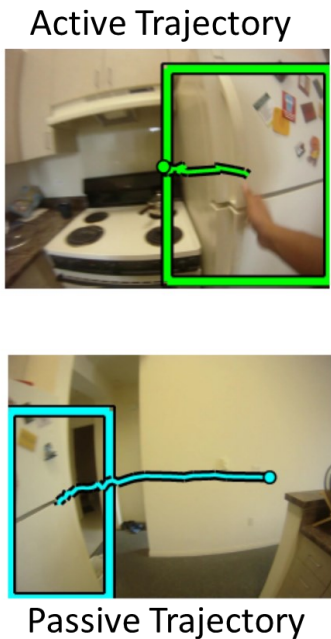


# Next-Active Objects Detection



# Anticipation – Next-Active-Objects

Use egocentric object trajectories to distinguish passive from next-active-objects (i.e., those which will be used soon by the user).



THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN  
IMAGE PROCESSING LABORATORY  
Next Active Object Prediction from Egocentric Videos  
<http://iplab.dmi.unict.it/NextActiveObjectPrediction/>

**SUCCESS EXAMPLES**

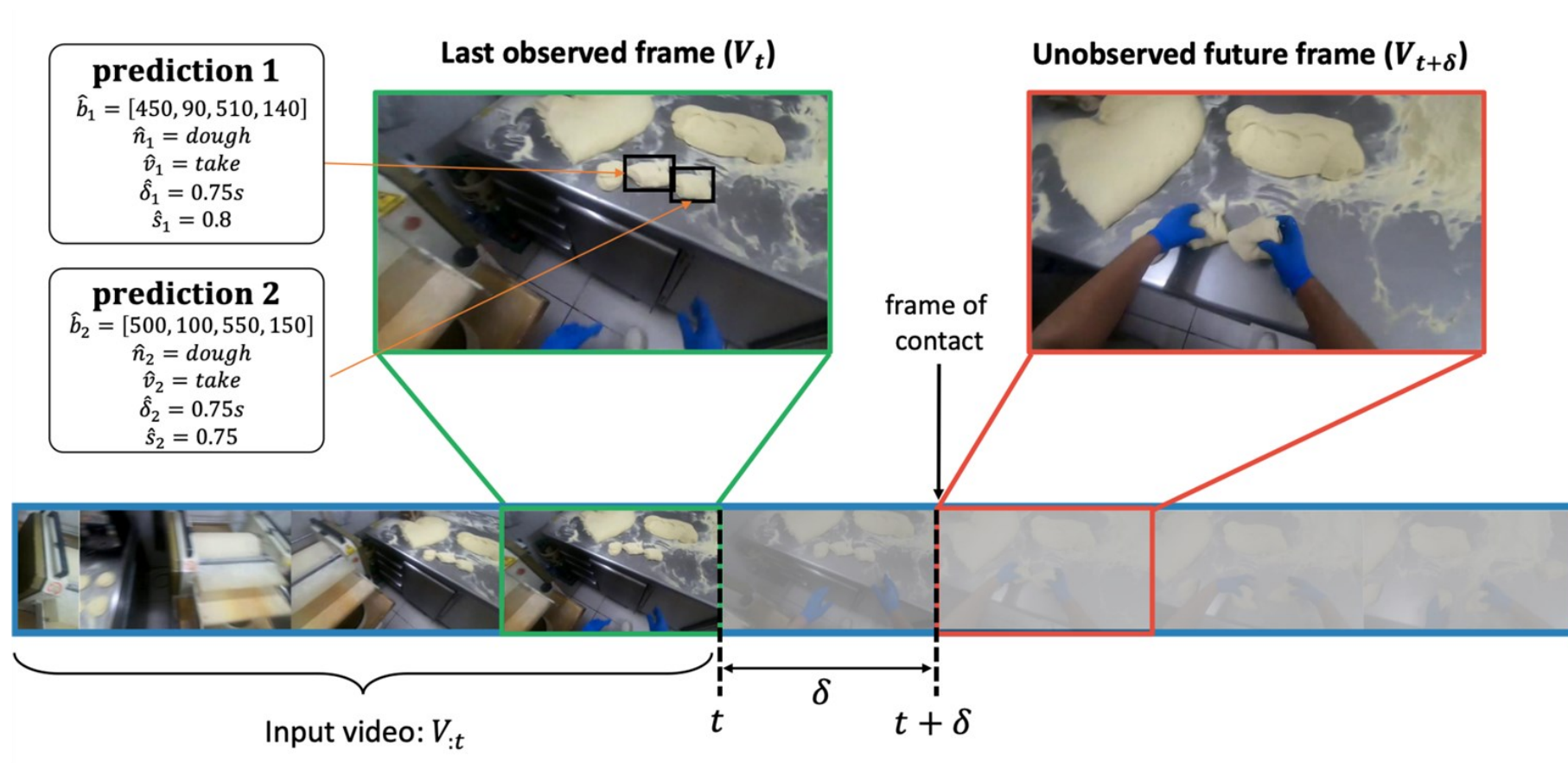
object class  
positive predictions (score>0.5)

object class  
negative predictions (score<=0.5)

discarded objects

gt next active object

# Short Term Object Interaction Anticipation (STA)

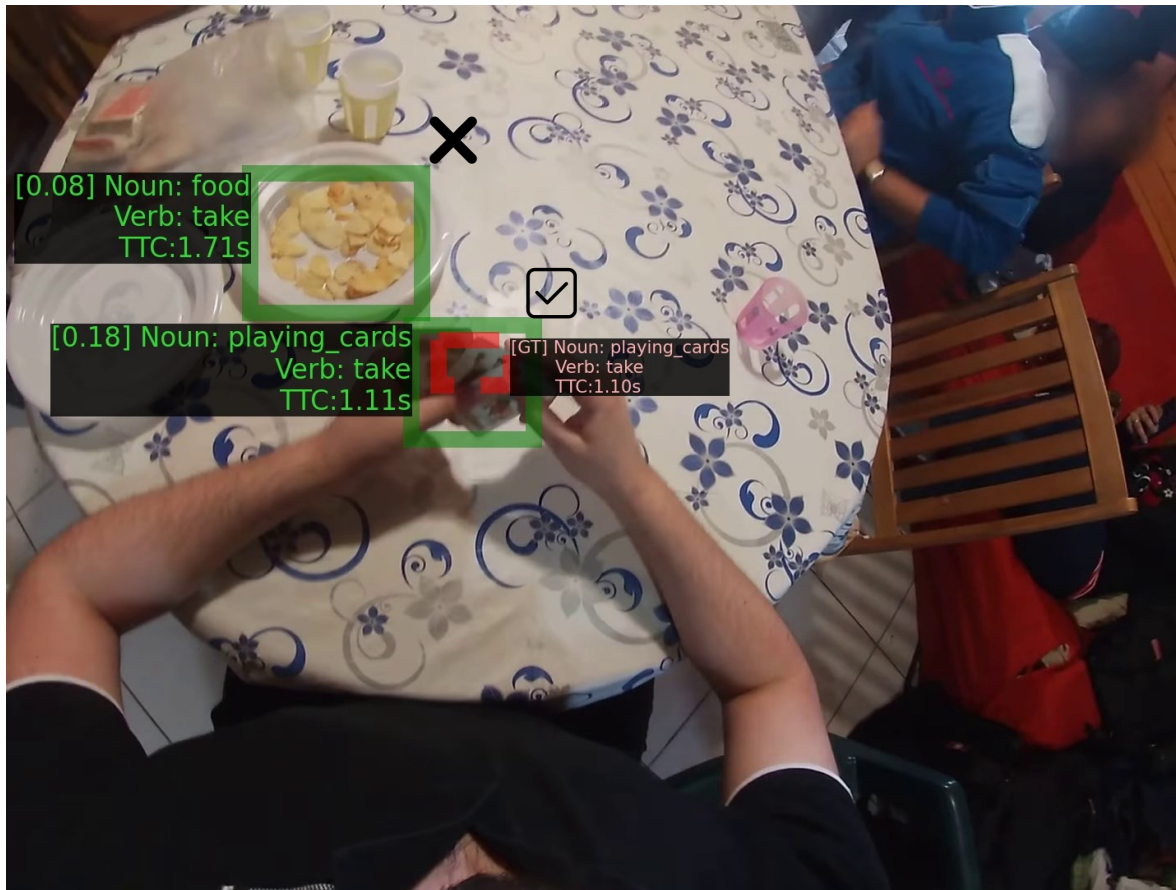




# Short Term Object Interaction Anticipation (STA)



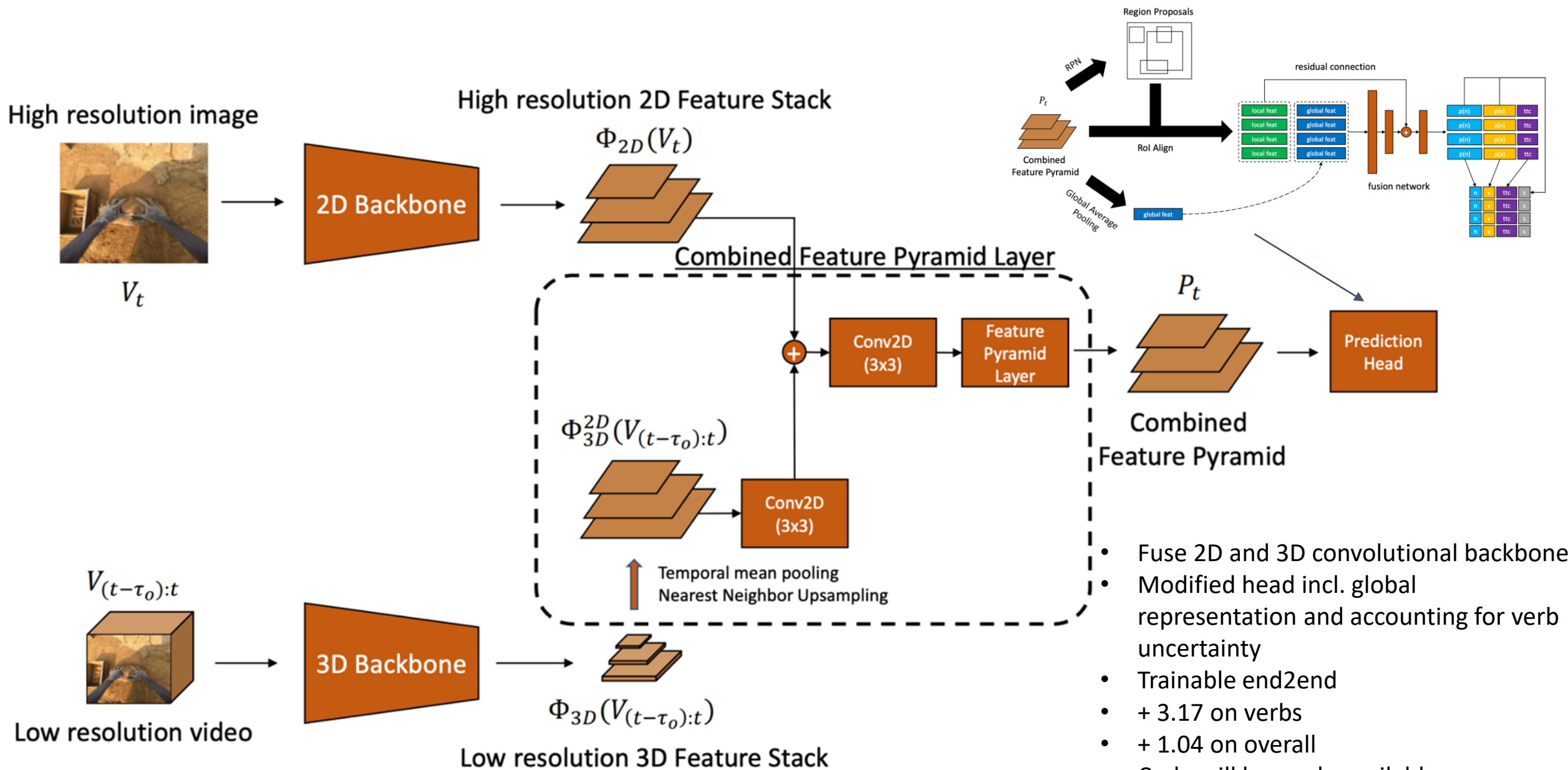
Top-5 mAP “discounts” up to 4 false positives per GT box



mAP: 1 True Positive + 1 False Positive



Top-5 mAP: 1 True Positive



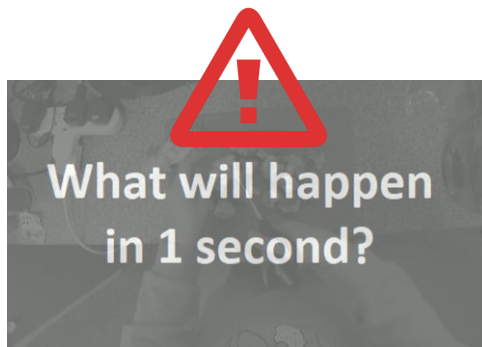
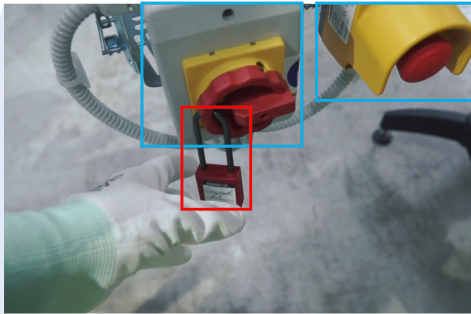
- Fuse 2D and 3D convolutional backbone
- Modified head incl. global representation and accounting for verb uncertainty
- Trainable end2end
- + 3.17 on verbs
- + 1.04 on overall
- Code will be made available



# Can we bring egocentric vision to industry?

Next-active-object: **LOCKER**

Next action: **OPEN LOCKER**



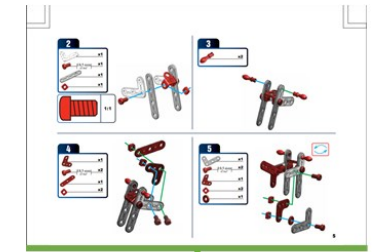
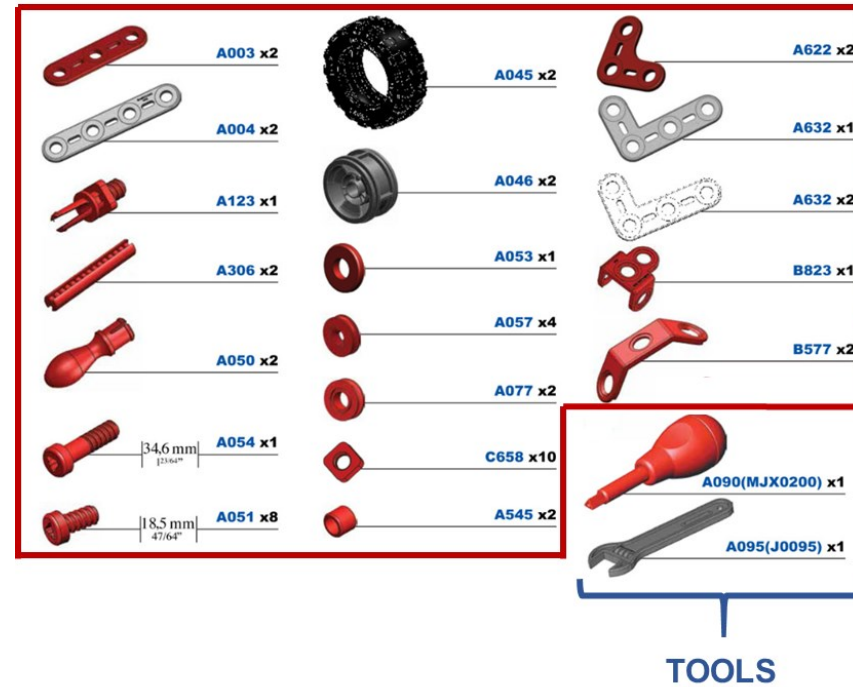
- The factory is a natural place for a wearable assistant;
- Closed-world assumption;
- Current research has considered different scenarios;
- No datasets in industrial-like scenarios;

# The MECCANO Dataset

Data HERE -> <https://iplab.dmi.unict.it/MECCANO/>

We asked subjects to record egocentric videos while assembling a toy motorbike.

The assembly required to interact with several parts and two tools.



COMPONENTS

BOOKLET

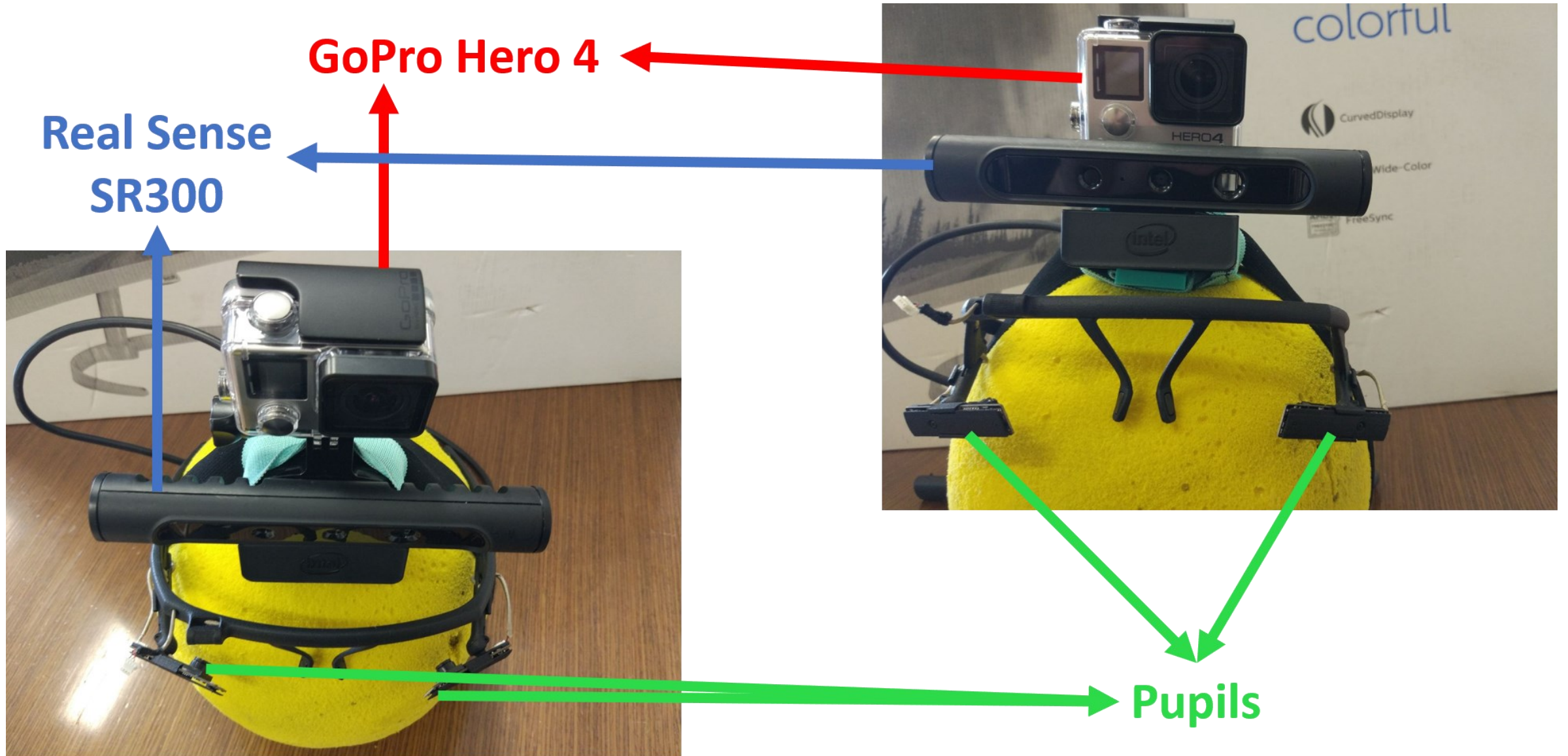


The scenario is industrial-like, with subjects undertaking interactions with tiny objects and tools in a sequential fashion to reach a goal.

F. Ragusa, A. Furnari, S. Livatino, G. M. Farinella. The MECCANO Dataset: Understanding Human-Object Interactions from Egocentric Videos in an Industrial-like Domain. WACV, 2021 (<https://arxiv.org/abs/2010.05654>). ORAL.

F. Ragusa, A. Furnari, G. M. Farinella. MECCANO: A Multimodal Egocentric Dataset for Humans Behavior Understanding in the Industrial-like Domain, 2022 (<https://arxiv.org/abs/2209.08691>).

# Data Collection





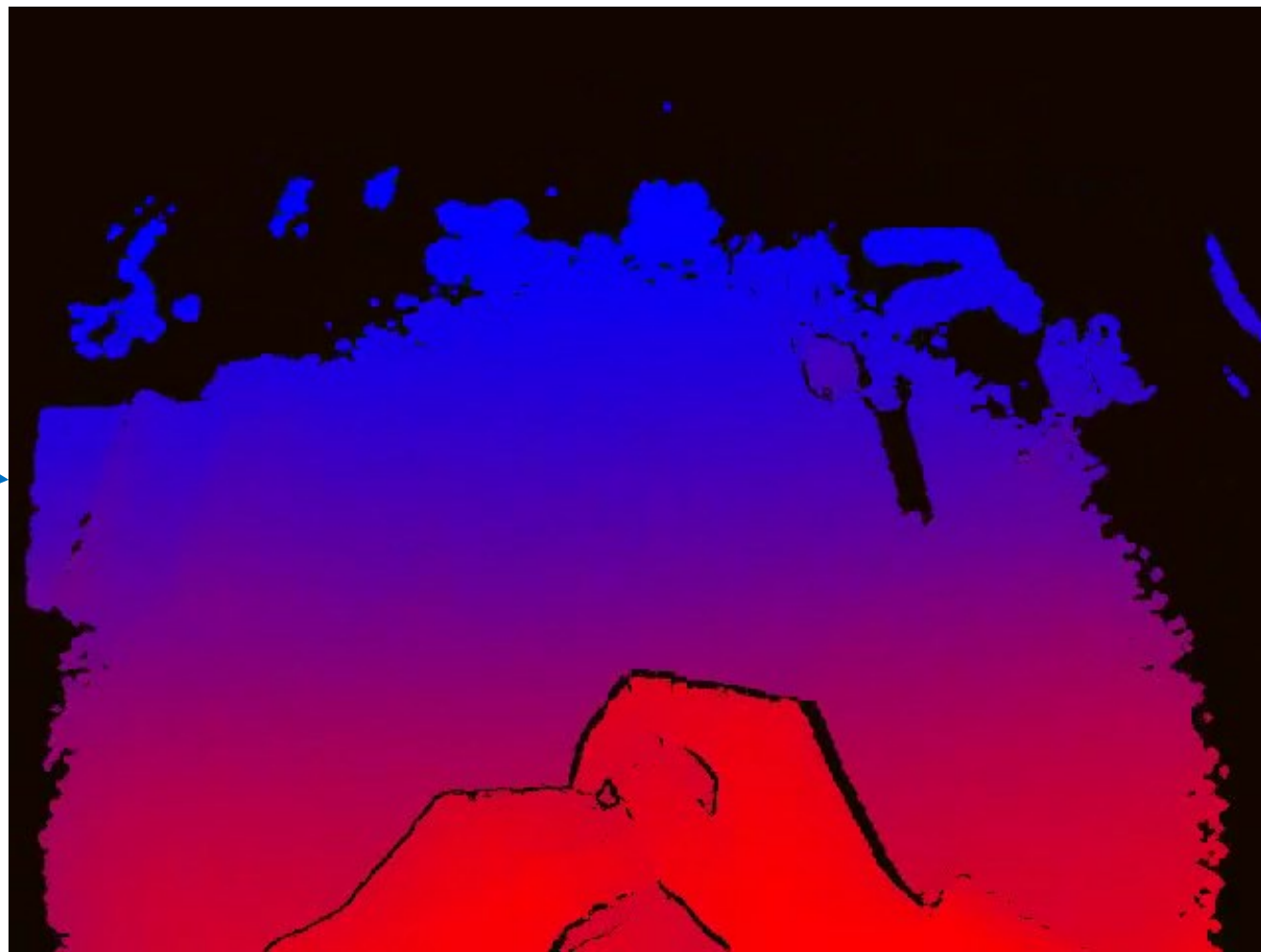
# The MECCANO Dataset

RGB



# The MECCANO Dataset

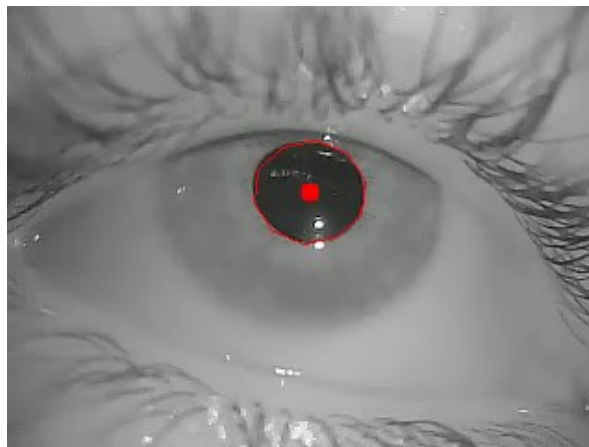
Depth





# The MECCANO Dataset

## Gaze



# The MECCANO Dataset: Statistics



20 Subjects



3 Modalities



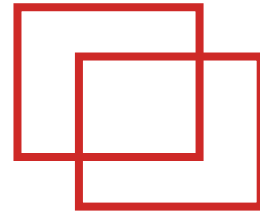
20 min. avg. Video length



5 Tasks



8858 Segments



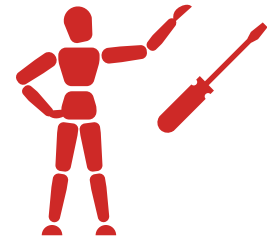
64349 Boxes



20 Objects



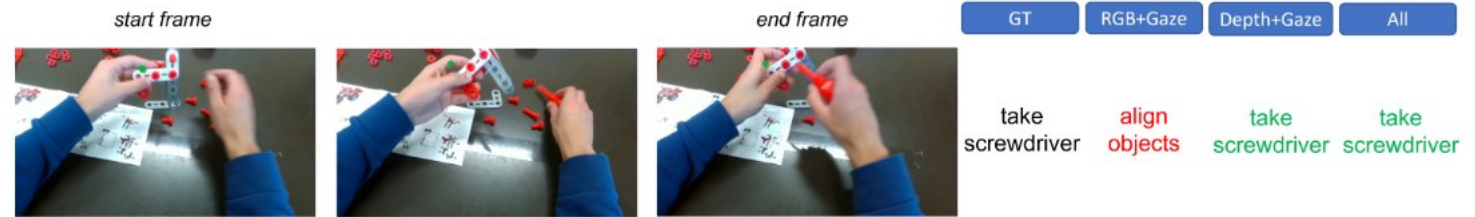
12 Verbs



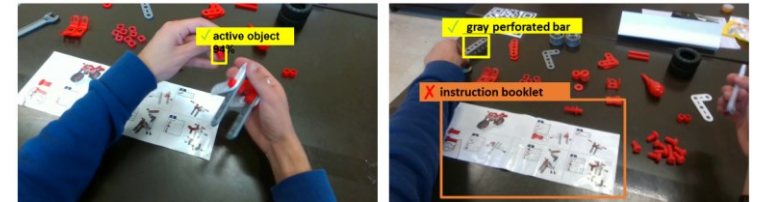
61 Actions

# The MECCANO Dataset: Tasks

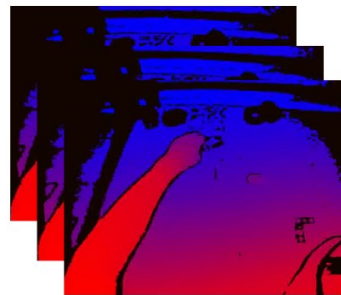
## 1) Action Recognition



## 2) Active Object Detection and Recognition

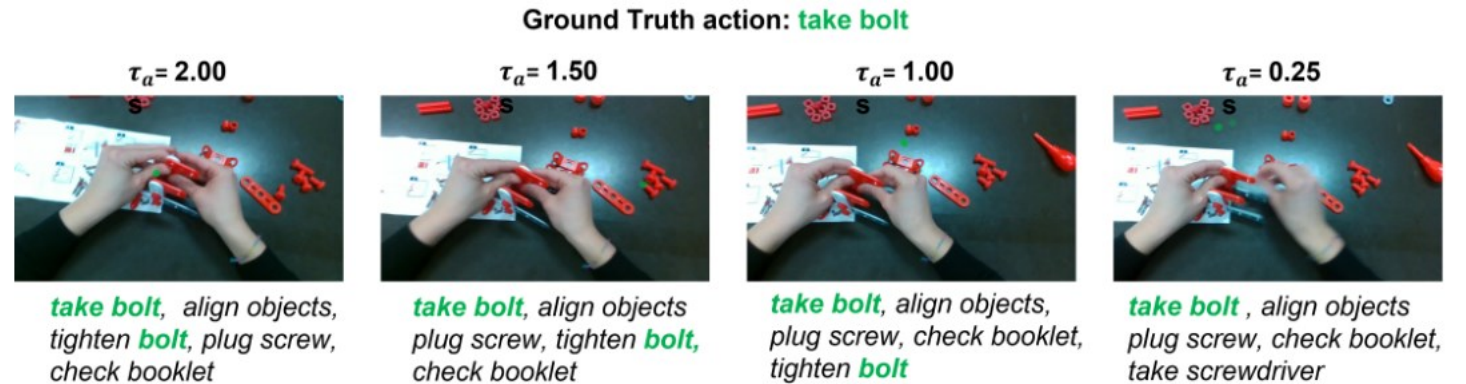


## 3) EHOI Detection

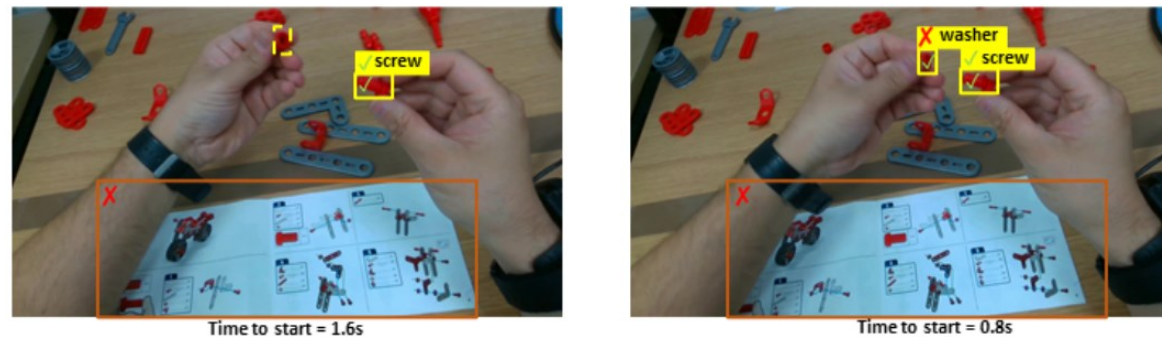


# The MECCANO Dataset: Tasks

## 4) Action Anticipation



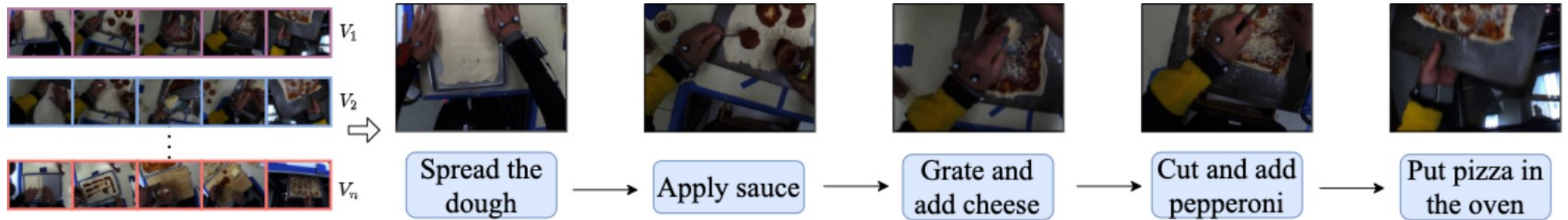
## 5) Next-Active Object (NAO) Detection





# Procedural Learning

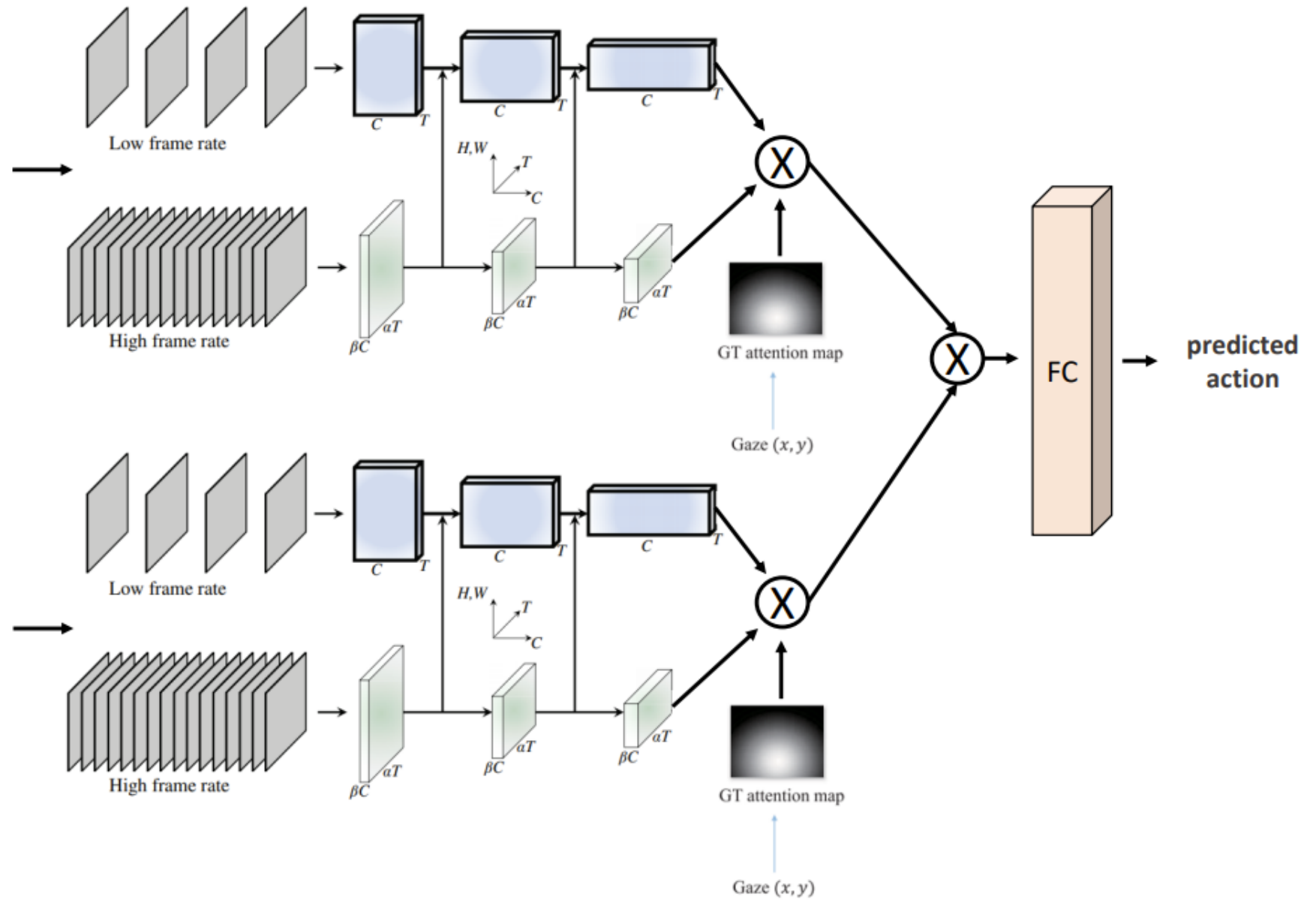
Given multiple videos of a task, the goal is to identify the key-steps and their order to perform the task.



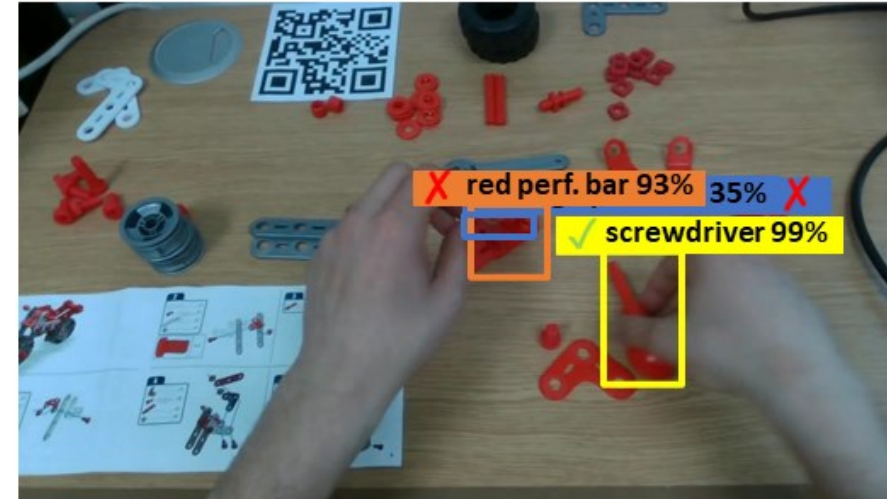
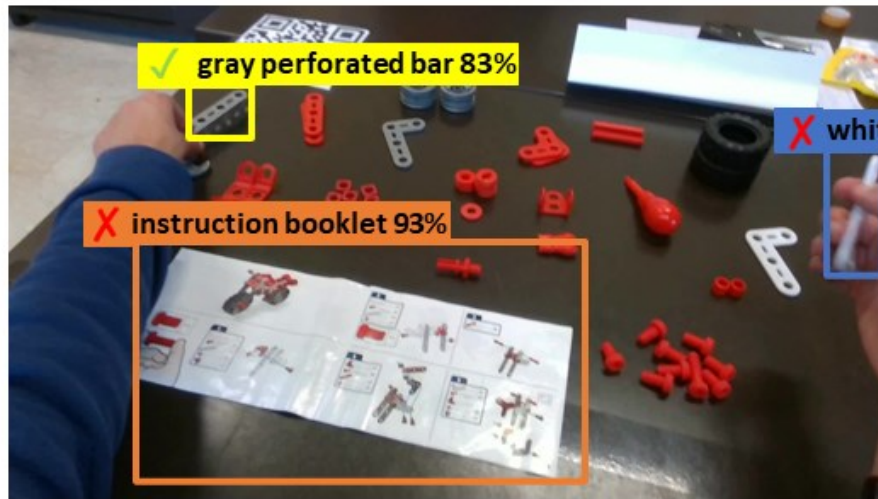
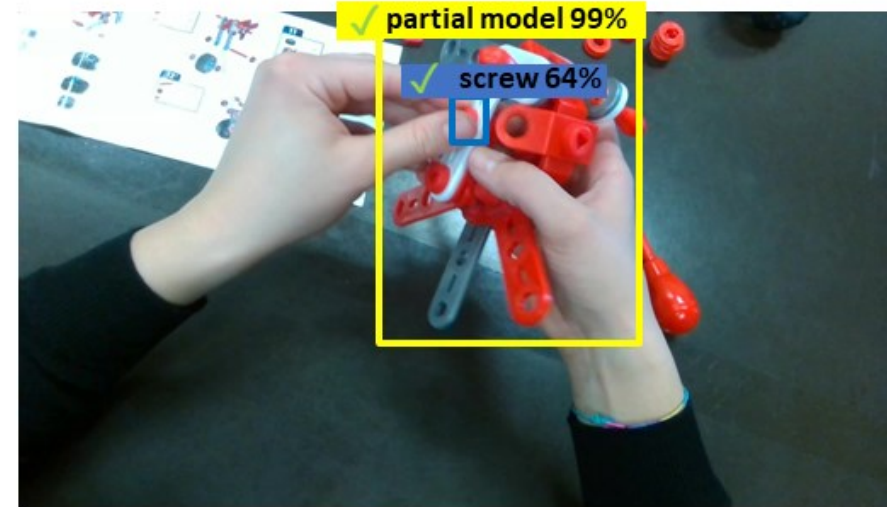
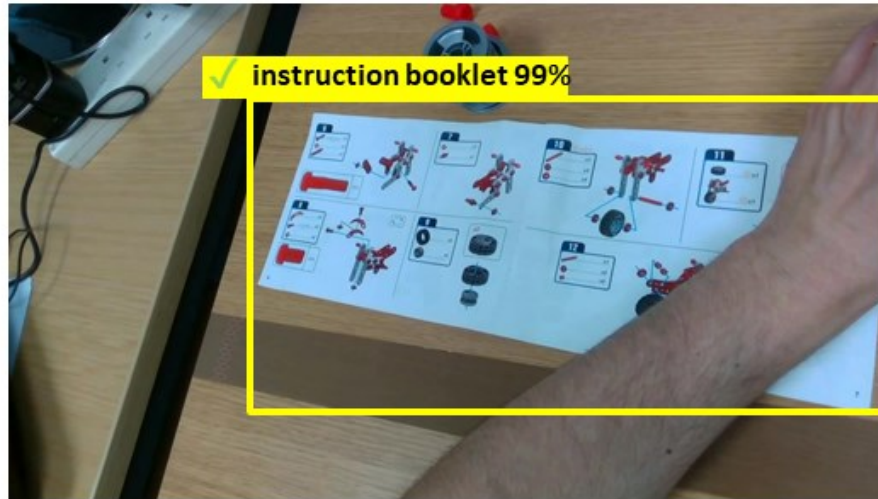
- 1) EgoProceL (proposed)
- 2) CMU-MMAC
- 3) EGTEA Gaze+
- 4) MECCANO
- 5) EPIC-Tent



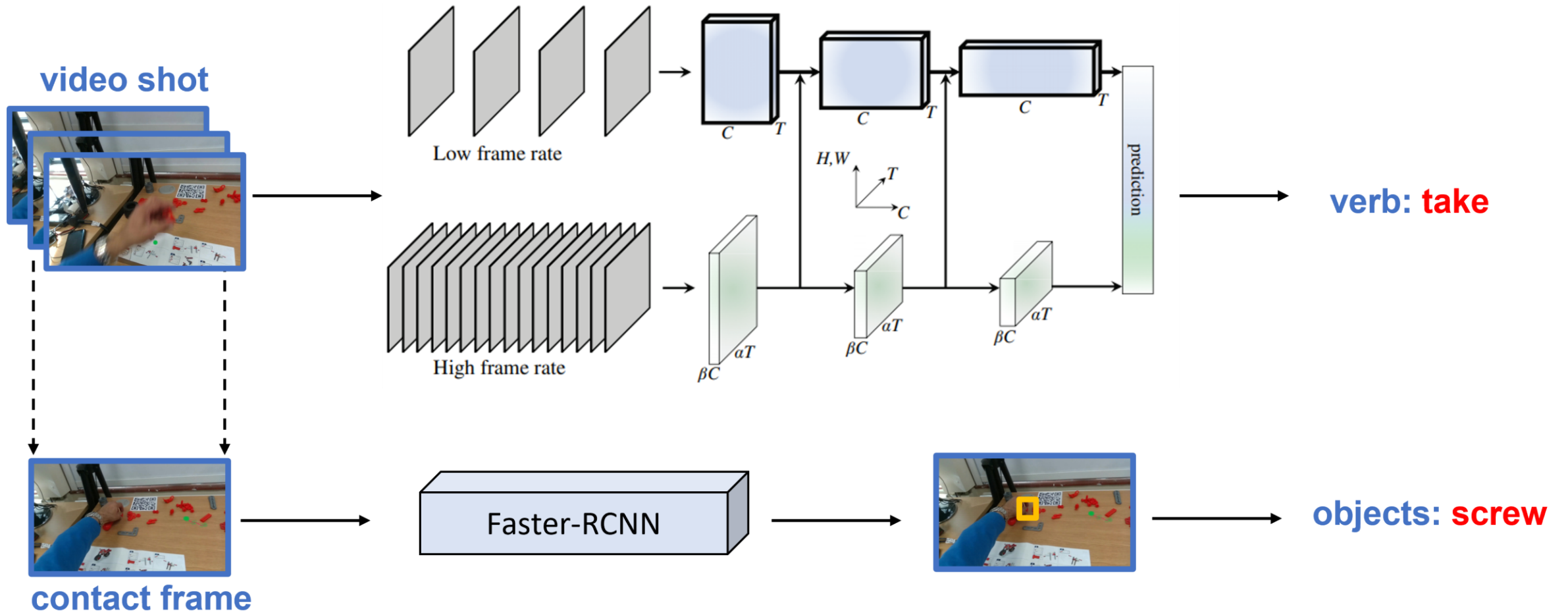
# Action Recognition



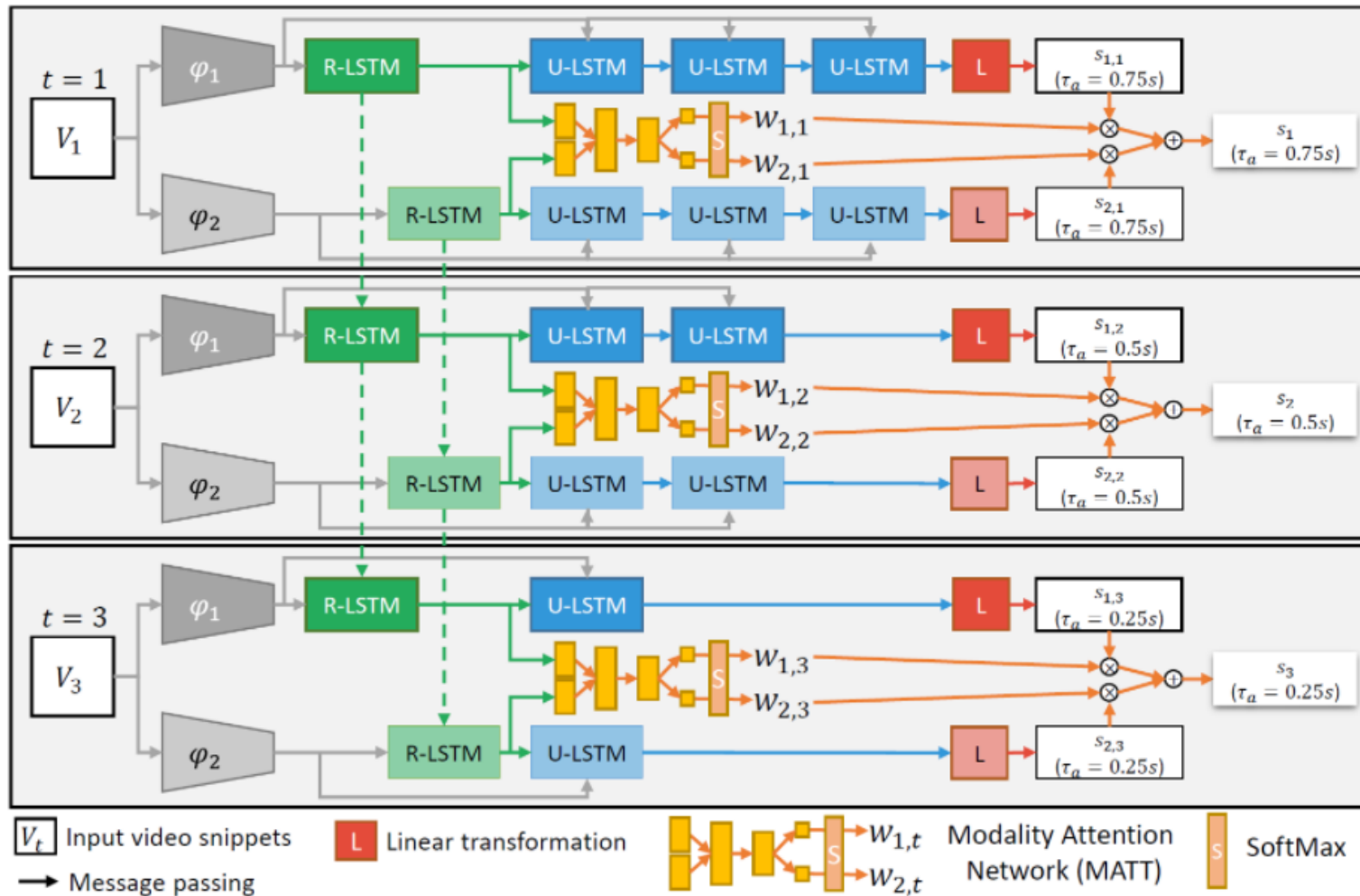
# Active Object Detection and Recognition



# EHOI Detection



# Action Anticipation



## Modalities:

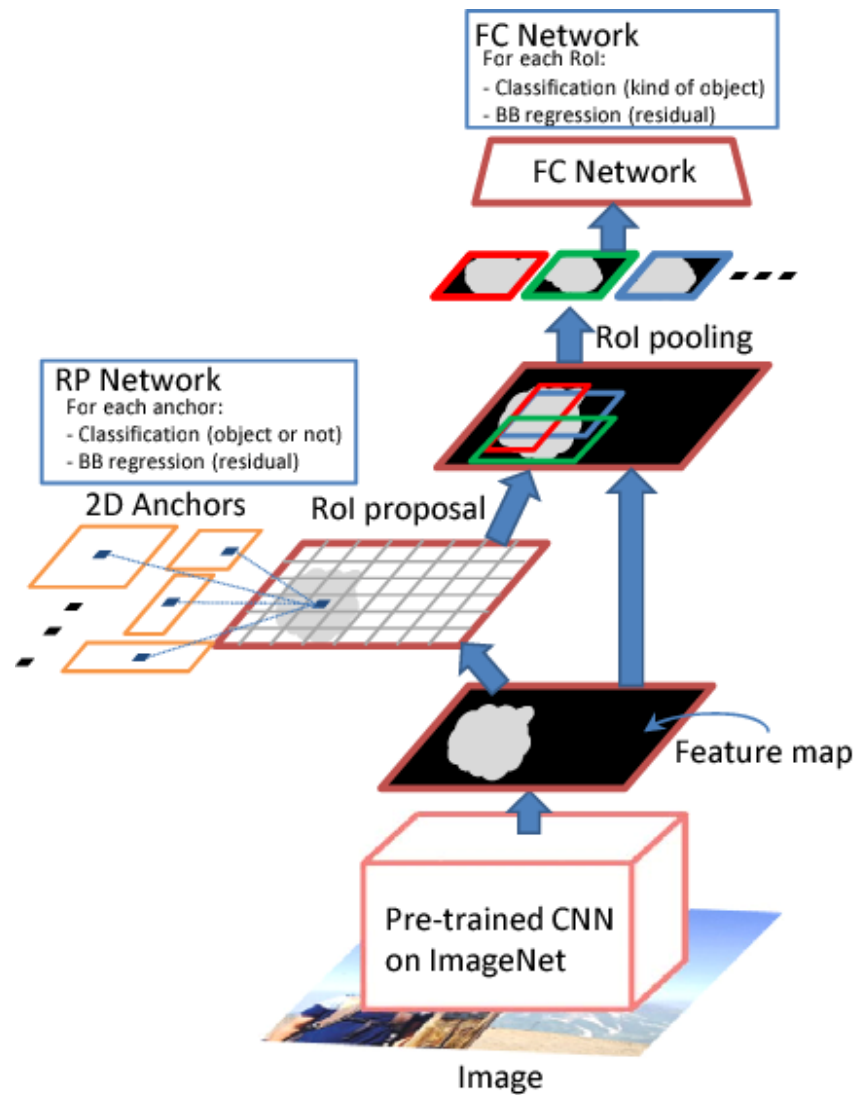
- RGB
- Optical Flow
- Objects

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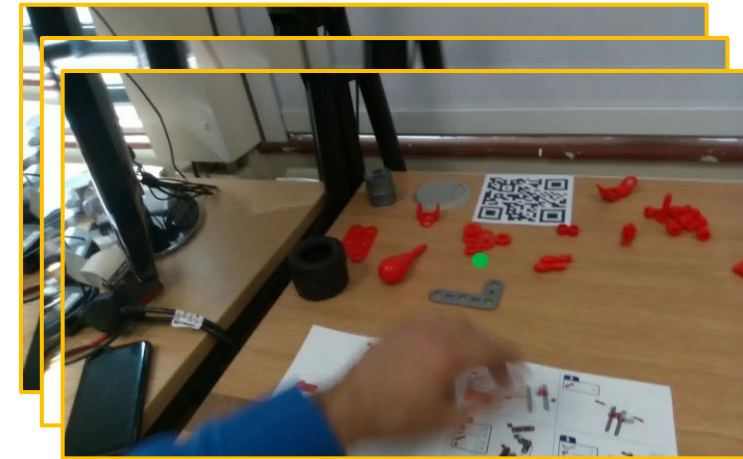
- RGB + Flow
- Depth
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- Hands
- Gaze



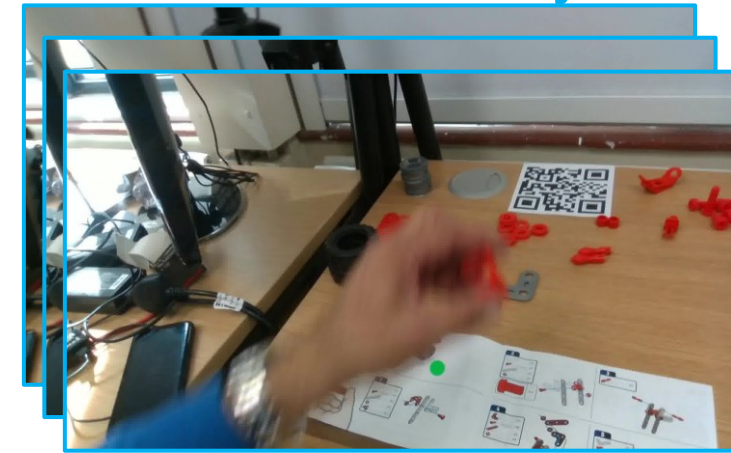
# Next-Active Objects Detection



## Active Objects



## Next-Active Objects



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Microsoft HoloLens 2



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Magic Leap 2



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**+ INTELLIGENCE**

Smartphone Android



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Artificial Vision for Human Safety Prevention

Mixed Reality for Guidance and Enhanced Training on Wearable Glasses

Detection of Active Objects

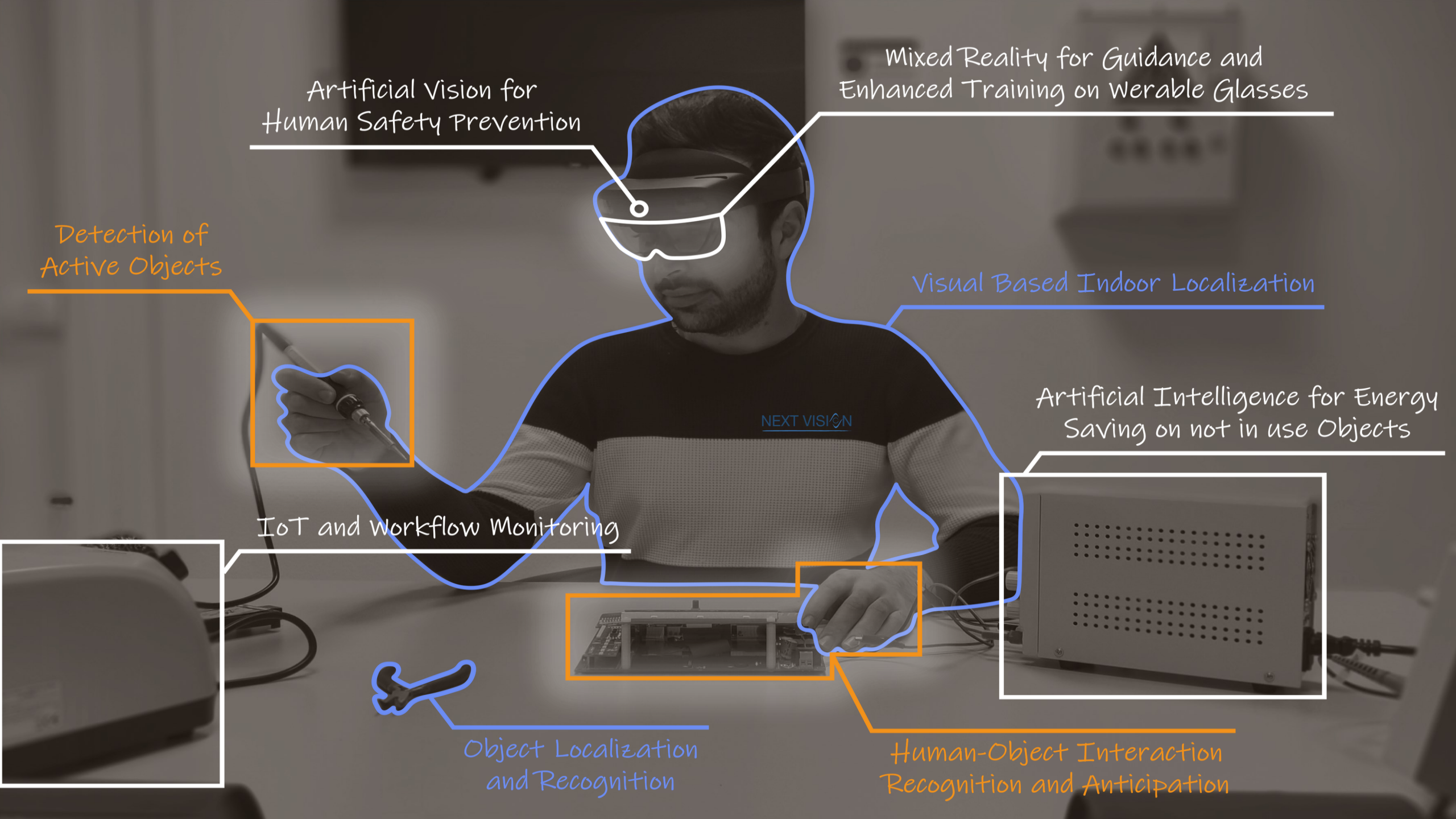
Visual Based Indoor Localization

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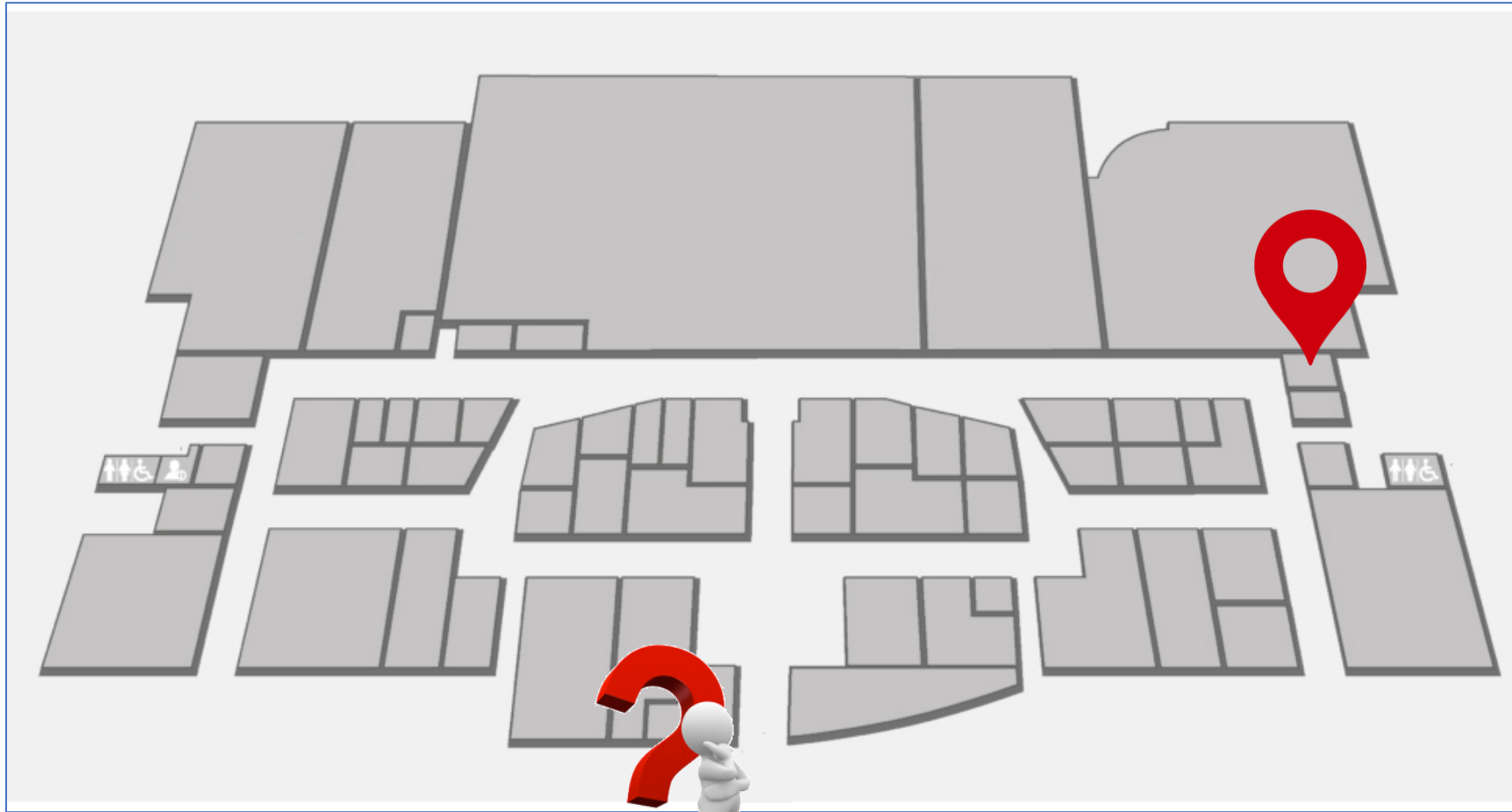
Object Localization and Recognition

Human-Object Interaction Recognition and Anticipation





# Navigation


















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# Conclusion

- First Person Vision paves the way to a variety of user-centric applications;
- However, we are still missing solid building blocks related to fundamental problems of First Person Vision such as action recognition, object detection, action anticipation and human-object interaction detection;
- Consumer devices are starting to appear, but the near future of First Person Vision is in focused applications such as the ones in industrial scenarios.

# Look for us

- **20 February 10:45-12:15 Oral Session (Room Berlin B)**
  - A Wearable Device Application for Human-Object Interactions
- **20 February 16:30 - 17:30 Poster Session (Mediterranean 1)**
  - ENIGMA: Egocentric Navigator for Industrial Guidance, Monitoring and Anticipation
- **20 February 17:30-18:45 Oral Session (Room Geneva)**
  - Put Your PPE on: A Tool for Synthetic Data Generation and Related Benchmark in Construction Site Scenarios

# Before we begin...

The slides of this tutorial are available online at:

<http://www.antoninofurnari.it/talks/visapp2023>



Thank you!



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