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FOREWORD

This book contains the proceedings of the 14th International Joint Conference on Computer Vision, Imaging and Computer Graphics Theory and Applications (VISIGRAPP 2019) which was organized and sponsored by the Institute for Systems and Technologies of Information, Control and Communication (INSTICC), in cooperation with ACM SIGCHI, ACM SIGGRAPH, AFIG, Eurographics and UXPA International.

The proceedings here published demonstrate new and innovative solutions and highlight technical problems in each field that are challenging and worthwhile being disseminated to the interested research audiences.

VISIGRAPP 2019 was organized to promote a discussion forum about the conference's research topics between researchers, developers, manufacturers and end-users, and to establish guidelines in the development of more advanced solutions.

We received a high number of paper submissions for this edition of VISIGRAPP, 396 in total, with contributions from all five continents. This attests to the success and global dimension of VISIGRAPP. To evaluate each submission, we used a double-blind evaluation method where each paper was reviewed by two to six experts from the International Program Committee (IPC).

The IPC selected for oral presentation and for publication as full papers 12 papers from GRAPP, 6 for HUCAPP, 12 papers for IVAPP, and 36 papers for VISAPP, which led to a result for the full-paper acceptance ratio of 17% and a high-quality program. Apart from the above full papers, the conference program also features 88 short papers and 115 poster presentations. We hope that these conference proceedings, which are submitted for indexation by Thomson Reuters Conference Proceedings Citation Index, SCOPUS, DBLP, Semantic Scholar, Google Scholar and EI, will help the Computer Vision, Imaging, Visualization and Computer Graphics communities to find interesting research work. Moreover, we are proud to inform that the program also includes four plenary keynote lectures, given by internationally distinguished researchers, namely Daniel McDuff (Microsoft, United States), Diego Gutierrez (Universidad de Zaragoza, Spain), Jiri Matas (Czech Technical University in Prague, Faculty of Electrical Engineering, Czech Republic) and Dima Damen (University of Bristol, United Kingdom), thus contributing to increase the overall quality of the conference and to provide a deeper understanding of the conference's interest fields.

Furthermore, a short list of the presented papers will be selected to be expanded into a forthcoming book of VISIGRAPP Selected Papers to be published by Springer during 2019 in the CCIS series. Also, a short list of presented papers will be selected for publication of extended and revised versions in a special issue of the Open Access Information Science Journal (IVAPP) and in a special issue of the Pattern Recognition and Artificial Intelligence Journal (VISAPP). All papers presented at this conference will be available at the SCITEPRESS Digital Library. Three awards are delivered at the closing session, to recognize the best conference paper, the best student paper and the best poster for each of the four conferences.

We would like to express our thanks, first of all, to the authors of the technical papers, whose work and dedication made possible to put together a program that we believe to be very exciting and of high technical quality. Next, we would like to thank the Area Chairs, all the members of the program committee and auxiliary reviewers, who helped us with their expertise and time. We would also like to thank the invited speakers for their invaluable contribution and for sharing their vision in their talks. Special thanks should be addressed to the INSTICC Steering Committee whose invaluable work made this event possible.

We wish you all an exciting conference and an unforgettable stay in Prague, Czech Republic. We hope to meet you again for the next edition of VISIGRAPP, details of which are available at <http://www.visigrapp.org>.

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Building Emotionally Intelligent AI: From Sensing to Synthesis

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Abstract: Emotions play an important role in our everyday lives. They influence memory, decision-making and well-being. In order to advance the fundamental understanding of human emotions, build smarter affective technology, and ultimately help people, we need to perform research in-situ. Leveraging exciting advances in machine learning and computer vision it is now possible to quantify emotional and physiological responses in new ways and on a large scale using webcams and microphones in everyday environments. I will present novel methods for physiological and behavioral measurement via ubiquitous hardware and show data from the largest longitudinal data collection of its kind. Then I will present state-of-the-art approaches for emotion synthesis (both audio and visual) that can be used to create rich human-agent or robot interactions. Finally, I will show examples of new human-computer interfaces that leverage behavioral and physiological signals, including emotion-aware natural conversational systems.

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Daniel McDuff (<http://alumni.media.mit.edu/~djmcduff/>) is a Researcher at Microsoft where he leads research and development of affective computing technology, with a focus on scalable tools to enable the automated recognition and analysis of emotions and physiology. He is also a visiting scientist at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston where he works on deploying these methods in primary care and surgical applications. Daniel completed his PhD in the Affective Computing Group at the MIT Media Lab in 2014 and has a B.A. and Masters from Cambridge University. Previously, Daniel was Director of Research at Affectiva and a post-doctoral research affiliate at the MIT Media Lab. During his Ph.D. and at Affectiva he built state-of-the-art facial expression recognition software and lead analysis of the world's largest database of facial expression videos. His work in machine learning, AR and affective computing has received nominations and awards from Popular Science magazine as one of the top inventions in 2011, South-by-South-West Interactive (SXSWi), The Webby Awards, ESOMAR and the Center for Integrated Medicine and Innovative Technology (CIMIT). His projects have been reported in many publications including The Times, the New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, BBC News, New Scientist, Scientific American and Forbes magazine. Daniel was named a 2015 WIRED Innovation Fellow and has spoken at TEDx Berlin and SXSW. We is a member of the ACM Future of Computing

Reinventing Movies: How Do We Tell Stories in VR?

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Abstract: Traditional cinematography has relied for over a century on a well-established set of editing rules, called continuity editing, to create a sense of situational continuity. Despite massive changes in visual content across cuts, viewers in general experience no trouble perceiving the discontinuous flow of information as a coherent set of events. However, Virtual Reality (VR) movies are intrinsically different from traditional movies in that the viewer controls the camera orientation at all times. As a consequence, common editing techniques that rely on camera orientations, zooms, etc., cannot be used. In this talk we will investigate key relevant questions to understand how well traditional movie editing carries over to VR, such as: Does the perception of continuity hold across edit boundaries? Under which conditions? Do viewers' observational behavior change after the cuts? We will make connections with recent cognition studies and the event segmentation theory, which states that our brains segment continuous actions into a series of discrete, meaningful events. This theory may in principle explain why traditional movie editing has been working so wonderfully, and thus may hold the answers to redesigning movie cuts in VR as well. In addition, and related to the general question of how people explore immersive virtual environments, we will present the main insights a second, recent study, analyzing almost 2000 head and gaze trajectories when users explore stereoscopic omni-directional panoramas. We have made our database publicly available for other researchers.

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Robust Fitting of Multiple Models in Computer Vision

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Abstract: Many computer vision problems can be formulated seen as multi-class multi-instance fitting, where the input data is interpreted as a mixture of noise and observations originating from multiple instances of multiple model types, e.g. as lines and circles in edge maps; as planes, cylinders and point clusters in 3D laser scans; as multiple homographies or fundamental matrices consistent with point correspondences in multiple views of a non-rigid scene. I will review properties of three popular data fitting methods - RANSAC, the Hough transform and Isack's and Boykov's PEARL, which disposes of the assumption of independent data errors. I will then present a novel method, called Multi-X, for general multi-class multi-instance model fitting. The proposed approach combines a random sampling strategy like RANSAC, local energy minimization using alpha-expansion as PEARL, and mode-seeking in the parameter domain like the Hough Transform. Multi-X outperforms significantly the state-of-the-art on standard datasets, runs in time approximately linear in the number of data points, an order of magnitude faster than available implementations of commonly used methods.

BRIEF BIOGRAPHY

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A Fine-grained Perspective onto Object Interactions from First-person Views

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Keywords: Egocentric Vision, First-Person Vision, Action Recognition, Fine-Grained Recognition, Object Interaction Recognition, Skill Determination, Action Completion, Action Anticipation, Wearable Cameras, First-Person Datasets, EPIC-Kitchens.

Abstract: This extended abstract summarises the relevant works to the keynote lecture at VISAPP 2019. The talk discusses understanding object interactions from wearable cameras, focusing on fine-grained understanding of interactions on realistic unbalanced datasets recorded in-the-wild.

1 INTRODUCTION

Humans interact with tens of objects daily, at home (e.g. cooking/cleaning), during working (e.g. assembly/machinery) or leisure hours (e.g. playing/sports), individually or collaboratively. The field of research, within computer vision and machine learning, that focuses on the perception of object interactions from a wearable cameras is commonly referred to as ‘first-person vision’. In this extended abstract, we cover novel research questions, particularly related to the newly released largest dataset in object interactions, recorded in people’s native environments: EPIC-Kitchens.

2 DEFINITIONS

Object interactions could be perceived from different ordinal-person viewpoints - where ‘ordinal’ is used to generalise between *first-*, *second-* and *third-*person views. A view is referred to as a first-person view, if the interaction is captured by a wearable sensor, worn by the actor performing the interaction itself. Conversely, a second-person view is when the interaction is captured by a camera of a co-actor, or a recipient of the action. Finally, a third-person view, common in remote static cameras, is when the interaction is captured by an observer not relevant to the interaction or the actor during that interaction.

3 DATASETS AND EPIC-Kitchens

For years, Computer Vision has focused on capturing videos from a third-person view, with the majority of action recognition datasets using a remote camera observing the action or interaction (Marszalek et al., 2009; Kuehne et al., 2011; Caba Heilbron et al., 2015; Carreira and Zisserman, 2017).

Increasingly, first-person vision datasets have been recorded, capturing full body motion such as sports (Kitani et al., 2011), social interactions (Alletto et al., 2015; Fathi et al., 2012a; Ryoo and Matthies, 2013) and object interactions (De La Torre et al., 2008; Fathi et al., 2012b; Pirsiavash and Ramanan, 2012; Damen et al., 2014; Georgia Tech, 2018; Sigurdsson et al., 2018).

In 2018, the largest dataset on wearable cameras was released through a collaboration led by the University of Bristol alongside the University of Catania and the University of Toronto - <http://epic-kitchens.github.io/>. EPIC-Kitchens (Damen et al., 2018) offers more than 11.5M frames, captured using a head-mounted camera in 32 different kitchens, with over 55 hours of natural interactions from cooking to washing the dishes (Fig 1).

4 FINE-GRAINED OBJECT INTERACTIONS

Datasets, such as EPIC-Kitchens, can offer unique opportunities to studying previously unexplored pro-

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Figure 1: Sample frames from EPIC-Kitchens.

blems in fine-grained object interactions. A few of these opportunities are highlighted here.

- *Overlapping Object Interactions:* Defining the temporal extent of an action is fundamentally an ambiguous problem (Moltisanti et al., 2017; Sigurdsson et al., 2017). This is usually resolved through multi-labels, i.e. allowing a time-segment to belong to multiple classes of actions. However, actual understanding of interaction overlapping requires an space of action labels that captures dependencies (e.g. filling a kettle requires opening the tap). Models that capture and predict overlapping interactions are needed for a finer-understanding of object interactions.
- *Object Interaction Completion/Incompletion:* Beyond classification and localisation, action completion/incompletion is the problem of identifying whether the action’s goal has been successfully achieved, or merely attempted. This is a novel fine-grained object interaction research question proposed in (Heidarivincheh et al., 2016). This work has been recently extended to locating the moment of completion (Heidarivincheh et al., 2018) - that is the moment in time beyond which the action’s goal is believed to be completed by a human observer.
- *Skill Determination from Video:* Even when an interaction is successfully completed, further understanding of ‘how well’ the task was completed would offer knowledge beyond pure classification. In this leading work (Doughty et al., 2018a), a collection of video could be ordered by the skill exhibited in each video, through deep pairwise ranking. This method has been recently extended to include rank-aware attention (Doughty et al., 2018b) - that is a novel loss function capable of attending to parts of the video that exhibit higher skill as well as parts that demonstrate lower skill including mistakes or hesitation.
- *Anticipation and Forecasting:* Predicting upcoming interactions has recently gathered additional

attention, triggered by the presence of first-person datasets (Furnari et al., 2018; Rhinehart and Kitani, 2017). Novel research on uncertainty in anticipating actions (Furnari et al., 2018), or relating forecasting to trajectory prediction (Rhinehart and Kitani, 2017) have recently been proposed.

- *Paired Interactions:* One leading work has attempted capturing both the action and its counteraction (or reaction), both from a wearable camera (Yonetani et al., 2016). This is a very exciting area of research, still under-explored.

5 CONCLUSION

Recent deep-learning research has only scratched the surface of potentials for finer-grained understanding of object interactions. As new hardware platforms for first-person vision emerge (Microsoft’s Hololens, Magic Leap, Samsung Gear, ...), applications of fine-grained recognition will be endless.

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