

Deep-Learning for Robotics & Autonomous Vehicles

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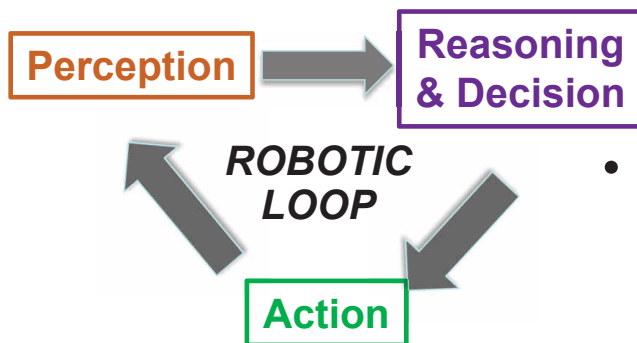
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- **Intelligence = reasoning?**
or Intelligence = adaptation?
- **In fact, MANY DIFFERENT TYPES OF INTELLIGENCE**

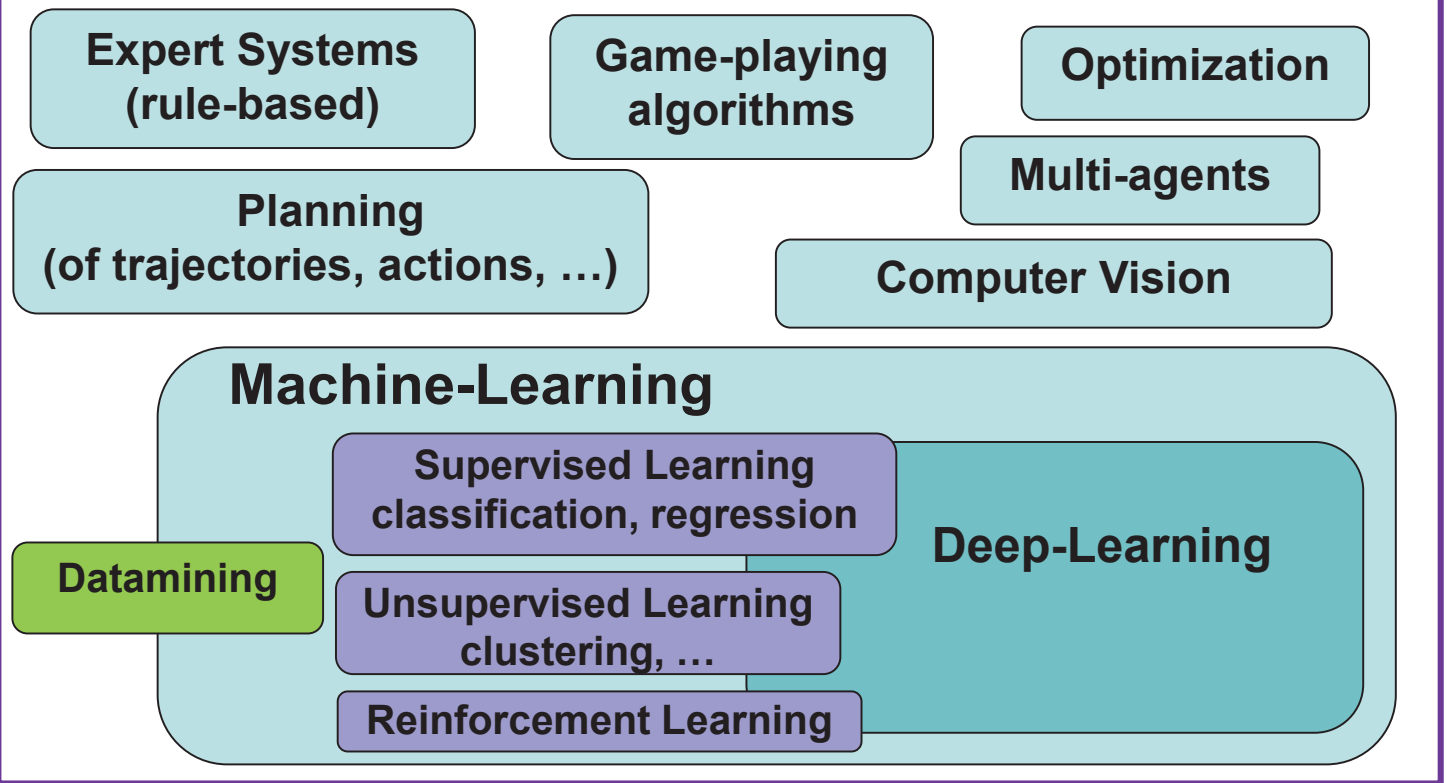


- **A possible typology:**
 - *Perception Intelligence*
 - *Prediction Intelligence*
 - *Reasoning Intelligence*
 - *Behavior Intelligence*
 - *Interaction Intelligence*
 - *Curiosity*

Artificial Intelligence, a vast and heterogeneous domain:

- Rule-based reasoning, expert systems
- Algorithms for playing games (chess, Go, etc..)
- Multi-agents, emergence of collective behavior
- ...
- Optimization, Operational Research, Dynamic Programming
- Planning (of trajectories, tasks, etc...)
- Computer vision, pattern recognition
- Machine-Learning
= empirical data-driven modelling
(*optimization, based on examples, of a parametric model*)

Artificial Intelligence (AI)



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Repetitive actions, fast, strong, ...
BUT dangerous and NOT VERY ADAPTIVE
(simple "*automatons*")

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"Intelligents" robots (\approx adaptive and/or interactive)

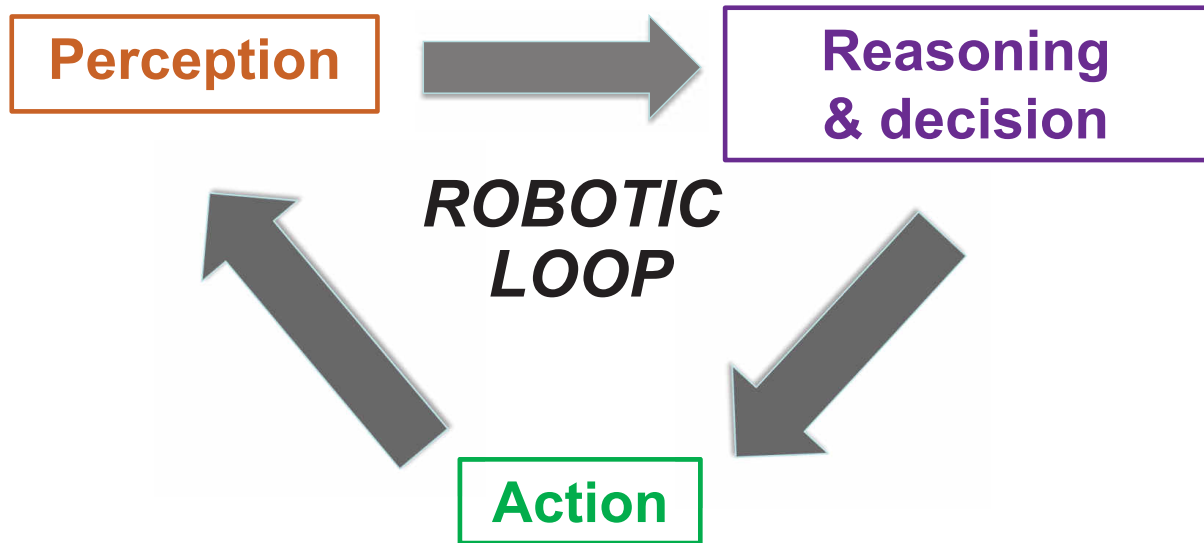


React adaptively to environment...



... and/or interact with Humans

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Autonomous Vehicles are mobile robots!



What types of AIs are needed for Autonomous Vehicles?

- **"Semantic" interpretation of vehicle's environment:**
 - Detect and categorize/recognize objects (cars, pedestrians, bicycles, traffic signs, traffic lights, ...)
 - Ego-localization
 - *Predict movements of other road users*
 - *Infer intentions of other drivers and pedestrians (or policeman!) from their movements/gestures/gazes*
- **Planning of trajectories (including speed)**
In a dynamic and uncertain environment
- **Coordinated/cooperative planning of multiple vehicles**
- **For Advanced Driving Assistance Systems (ADAS) and partial automated driving (level 3-4):**
 - Analyze and understand attention and activities or gestures of the "driver-supervisor"

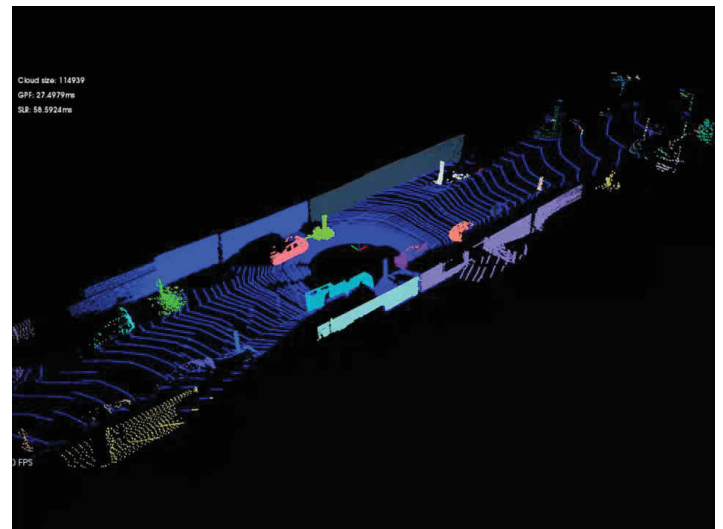
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Intelligent Perception for Autonomous Vehicles

Essential need:
real-time "understanding" of surroundings



From camera

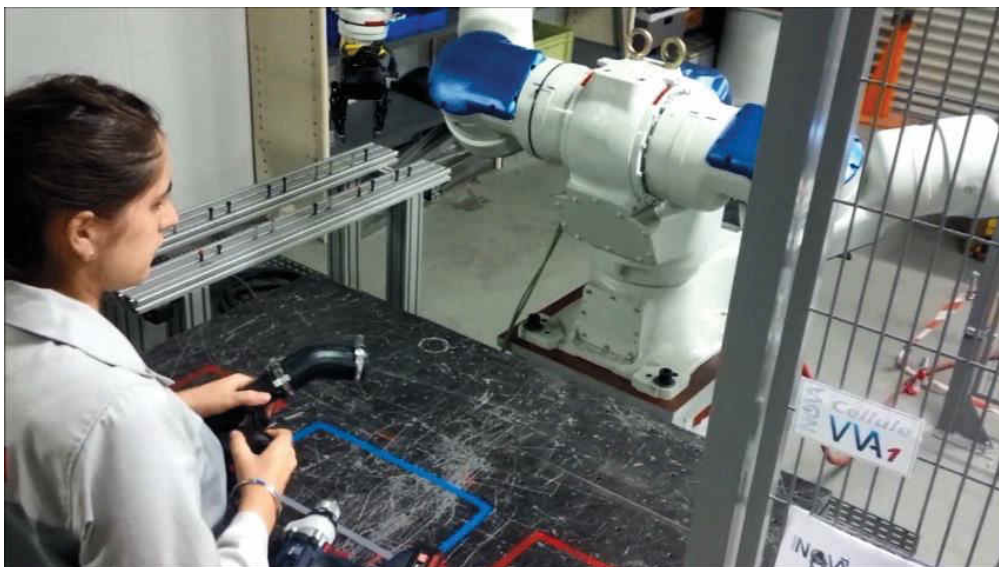


From LIDAR

Strong real-time constraint: process ≥ 15 frames/seconde

- **Analyze & interpret** a dynamic environment
 - Recognize a place & ego-localize
 - Detect/localize & categorize "objects"
 - Track & predict their movements
 - Guess "intentions"
- **Choose** action/movement to be performed
 - Decision logics
- **Adapt/optimize** chosen action/movement
 - Having a BEHAVIOR rather than rigid rules
- **Interact** with humans or other robots
 - Speech Recognition
 - Natural Language Processing, ability to dialog
 - Recognition of Gestures/Actions, of emotions?
 - Coordination/collaboration between robots

Strong need:
monitoring and interpreting movements,
actions & activities of Humans around



Action recognition for Human-Robot Collaboration

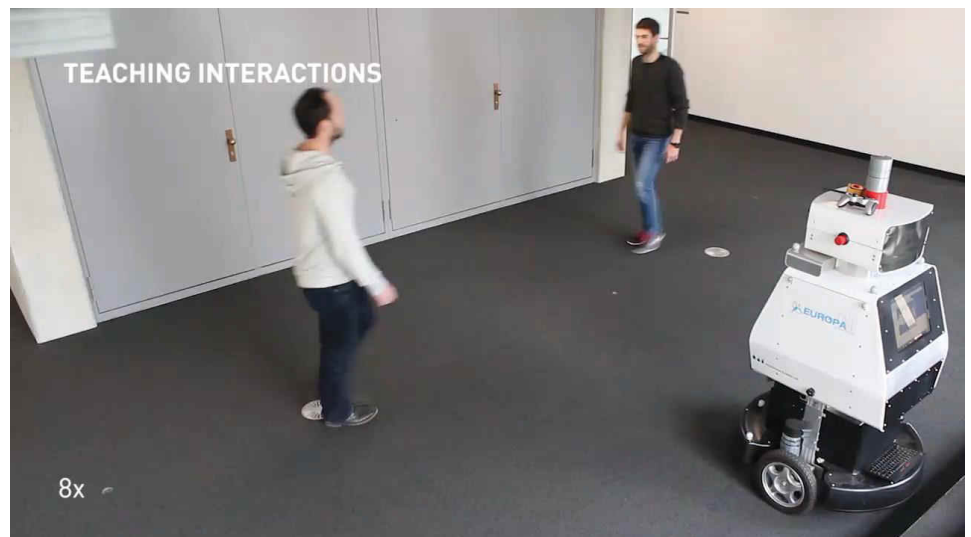
[centre de Robotique de MINES ParisTech, Chaire PSA "Robotique et Réalité Virtuelle"]

- Inference of INTENTIONS of Humans
- Human activity understanding
- Learning of adaptive BEHAVIOR
 - Learning by demonstration/imitation
 - Learning by reinforcement
 - Abstraction of task rather than recording of trajectory
 - One/few shot(s) learning
- Coordination/collaboration
 - between robots (cooperative planning, etc...)
 - with Humans:
 - Non-verbal communication (gestures, movement, gaze)
 - Learning of implicit "social rules"

Coordination with Humans: "human-aware" AI



Challenge:
learn implicit
"social rules" of
interaction



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Image-based Deep-Learning

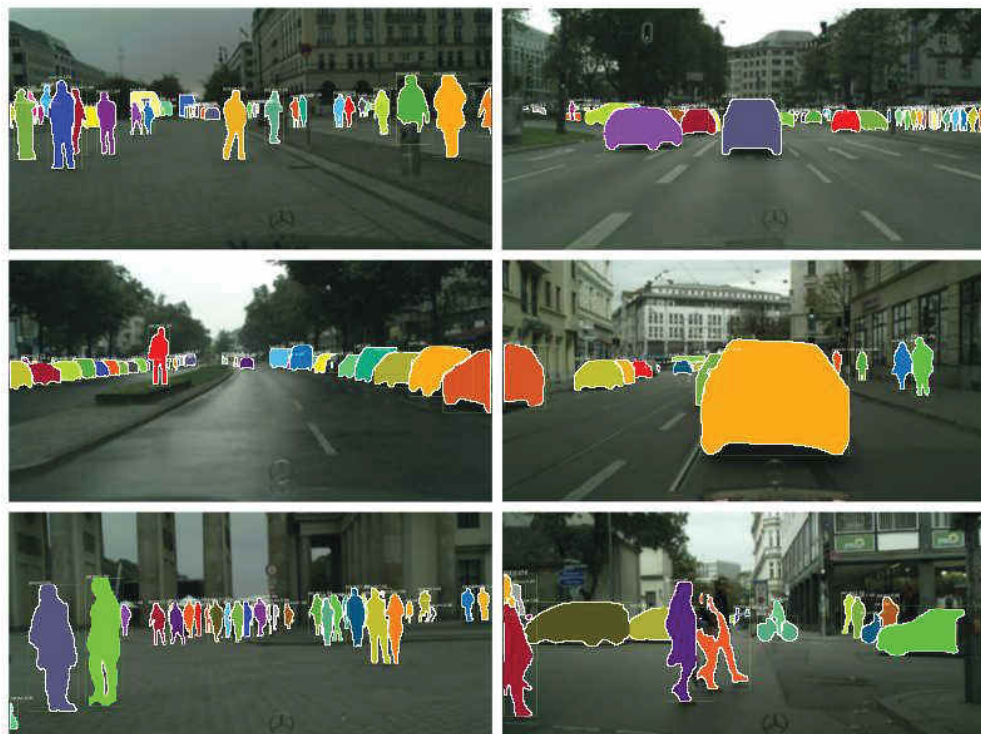
- Image classification
- Visual object detection and categorization
- Semantic segmentation of images
- Realistic image synthesis
- Image-based localization
- Estimation of Human pose
- Inference of 3D (depth) from monocular vision
- Learning image-based behaviors
 - End-to-end driving from front camera
 - Learning robot behavior from demonstration/imitation



Visual objects Simultaneous Detection and Categorization with Faster_RCNN

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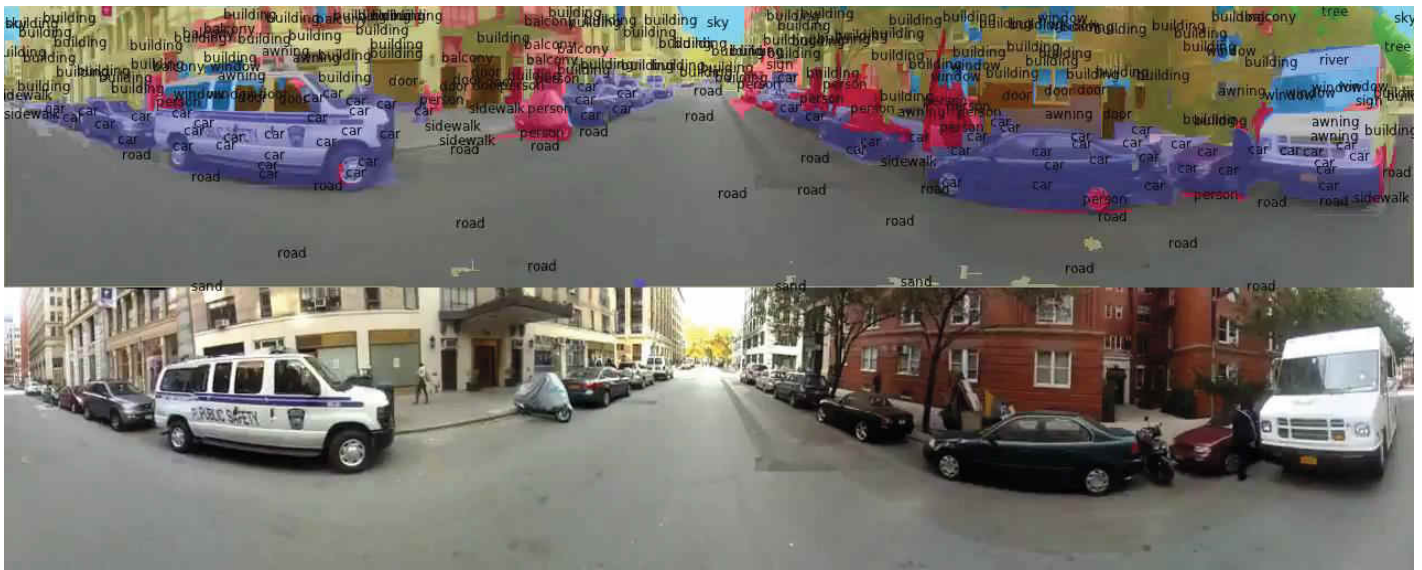
Beyond bounding-boxes: getting contours of objects



Mask R-CNN extracts detailed contours and shapes of objects instead of just bounding-boxes

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Example result of semantic segmentation by Deep-Learning



[C. Farabet, C. Couprie, L. Najman & Yann LeCun: Learning Hierarchical Features for Scene Labeling, IEEE Trans. PAMI, Aug.2013.]

Semantic segmentation provides category information also for large regions (not only individualized « objects ») such as « road », « building », etc...

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DL for realistic Image synthesis



**"Video-to-Video Synthesis", NeurIPS'2018 [Nvidia+MIT]
Using Generative Adversarial Network (GAN)**



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PoseNet: 6-DoF camera-pose regression with Deep-Learning

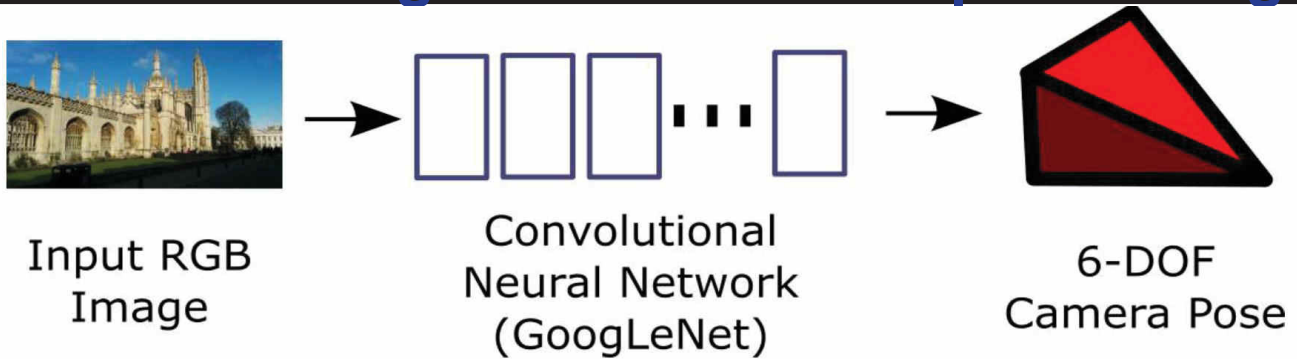
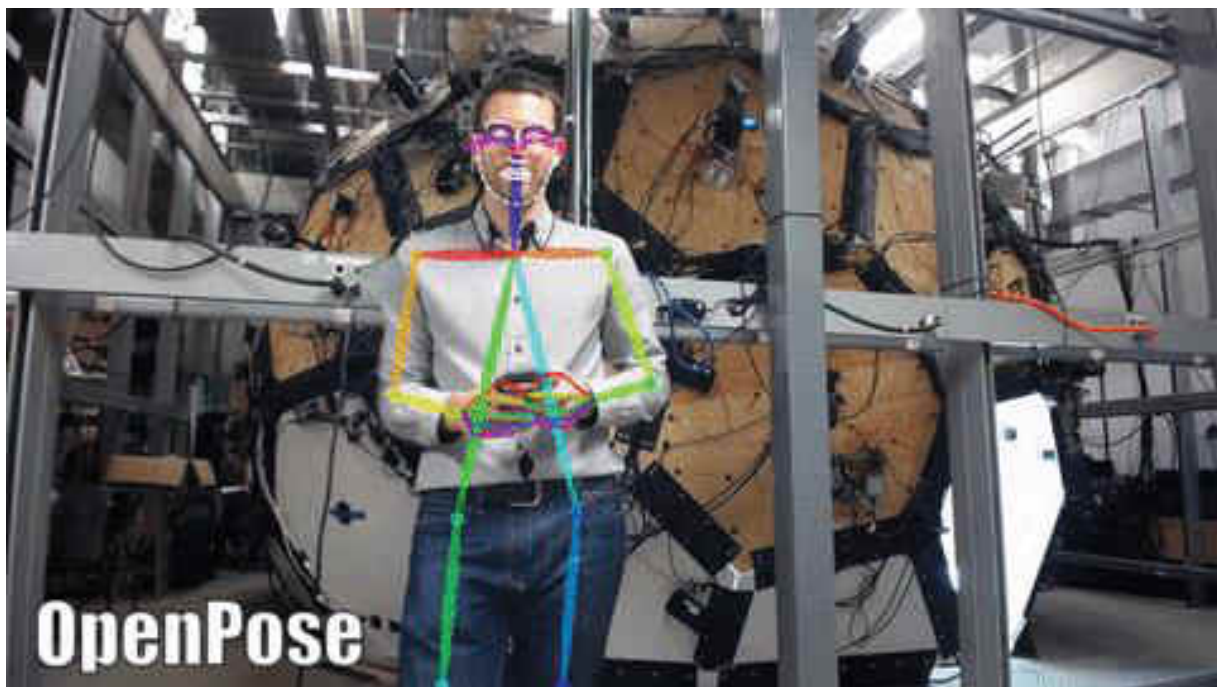


Figure 4: **Map of dataset** showing training frames (green), testing frames (blue) and their predicted camera pose (red). The testing sequences are distinct trajectories from the training sequences and each scene covers a very large spatial extent.

[A. Kendall, M. Grimes & R. Cipolla, "PoseNet: A Convolutional Network for Real-Time 6-DOF Camera Relocalization" , ICCV'2015, pp. 2938-2946]

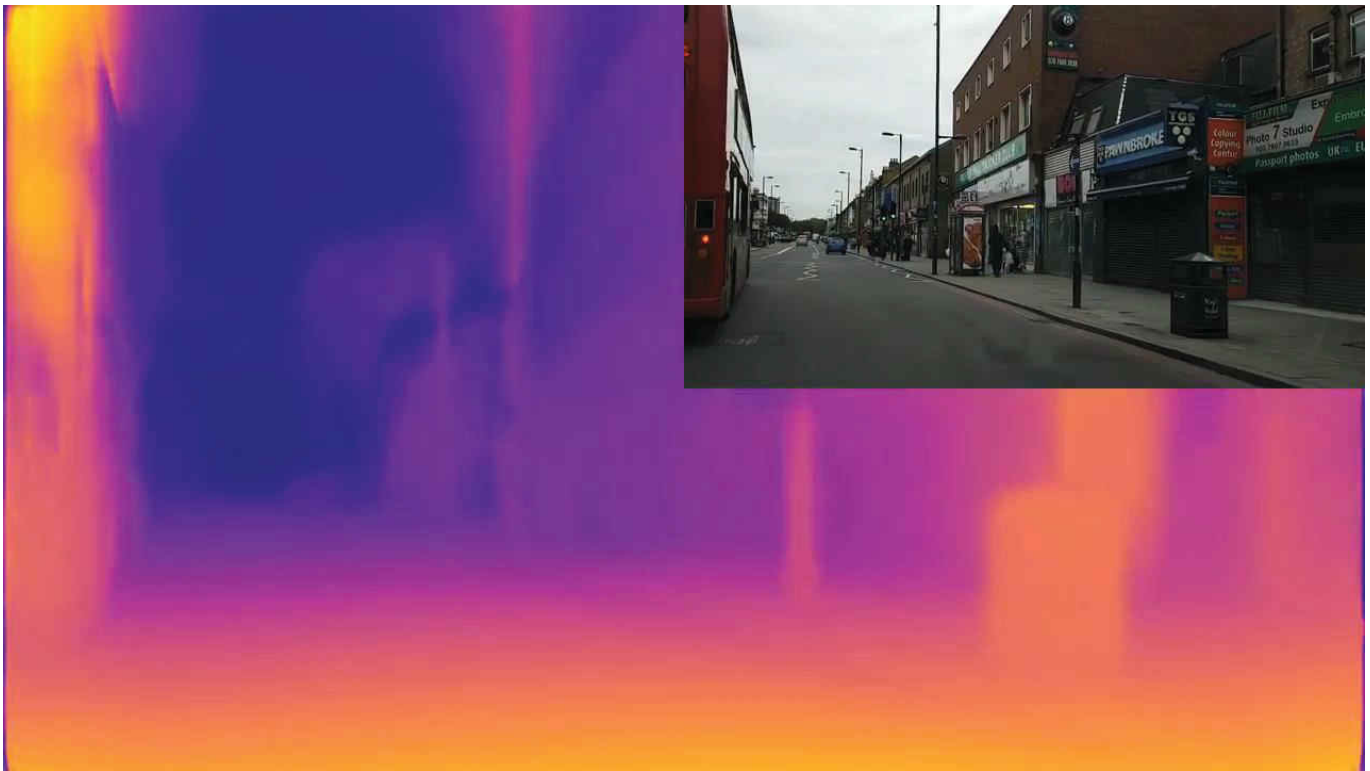
Human pose estimation by Deep-Learning



Real-time estimation of Human poses on RGB video

[Realtime Multi-Person 2D Pose Estimation using Part Affinity Field, Cao et al., CVPR'2017 [CMU]]

Inference of 3D (depth) from monocular vision



Unsupervised monocular depth estimation with left-right consistency
C Godard, O Mac Aodha, GJ Brostow - CVPR'2017 [UCL]

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Autonomous learning of a task by a robot



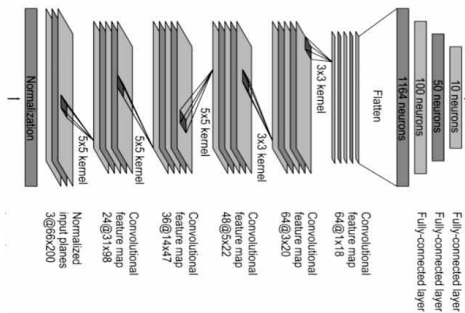
**Supervised learning, but with success/failure easily
estimated automatically, for a bin-picking task**

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End-to-end driving from camera by Deep-Learning

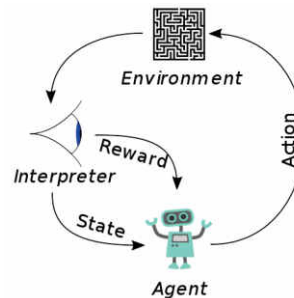


ConvNet input:
Cylindrical projection of
fisheye camera



ConvNet output:
steering angle

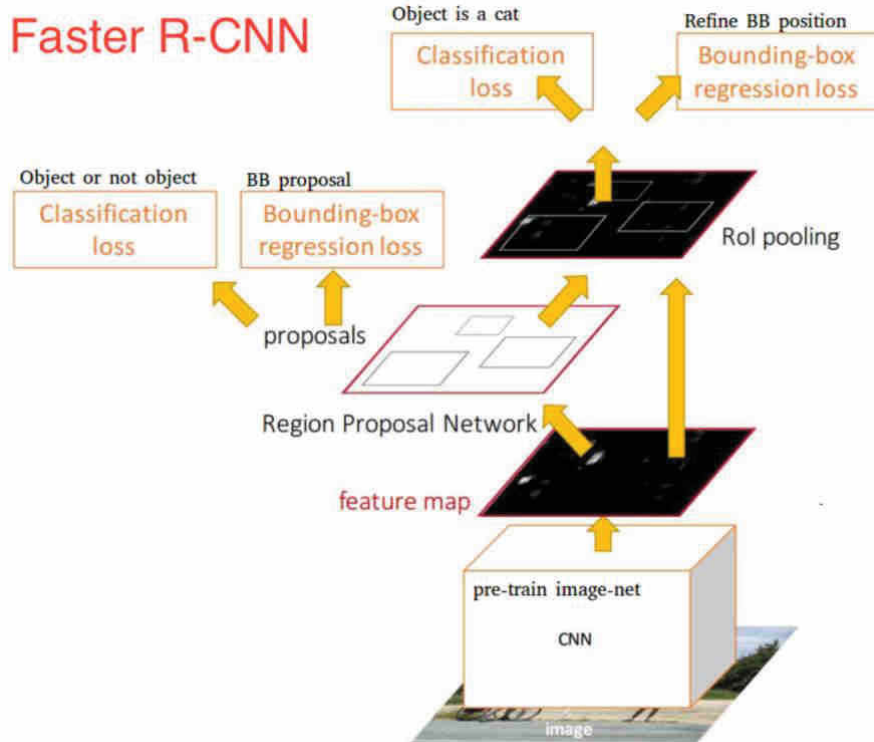
Imitation Learning from Human driving on real data



End-to-end driving via Deep Reinforcement Learning [thèse CIFRE Valeo/MINES-ParisTech en cours]

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Visual objects Detection and Categorization: Faster RCNN

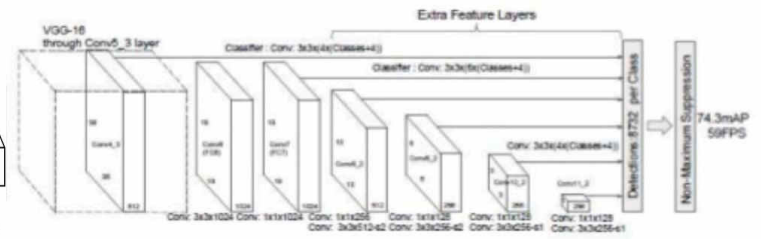


Region Proposal Network (RPN) on top of standard convNet. End-to-end training with combination of 4 losses

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YOLO and SSD

SINGLE SHOT MULTIBOX DETECTOR(SSD)

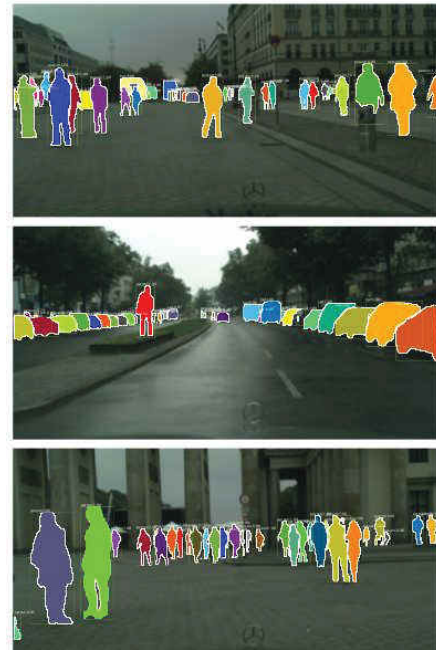
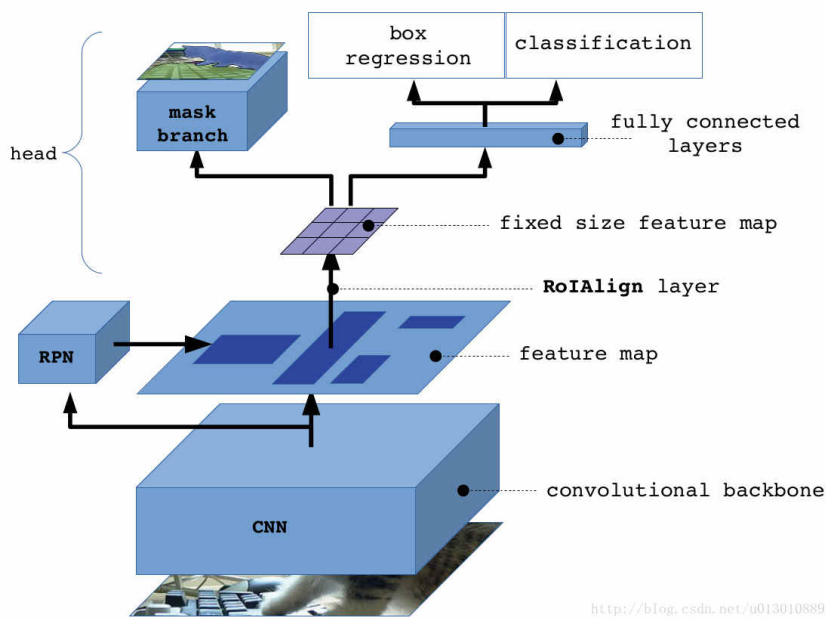


Both are faster, but less accurate, than Faster_R-CNN

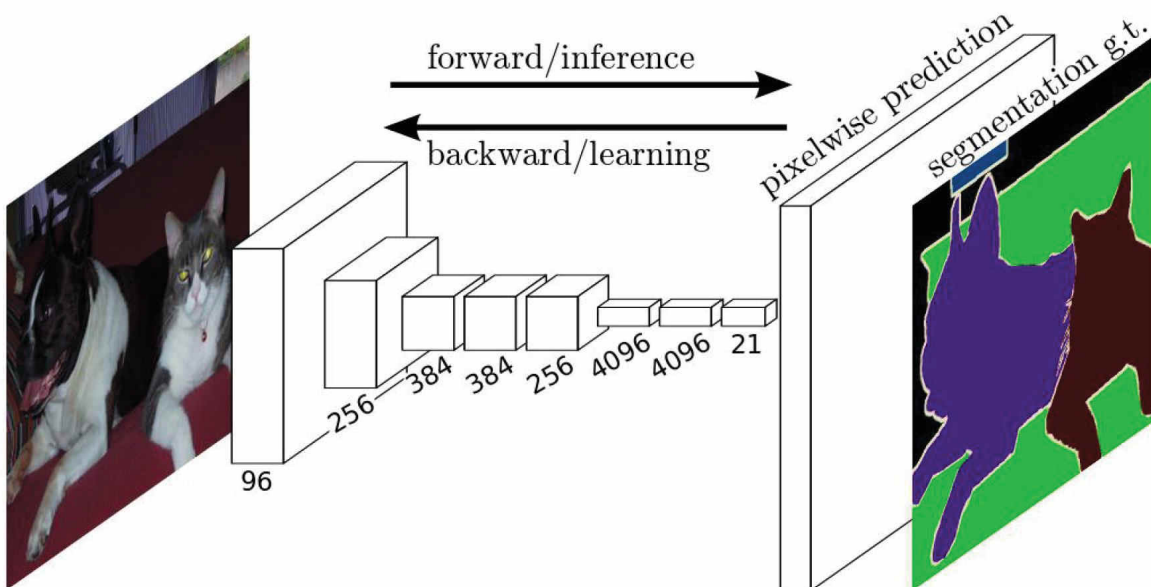


Recent comparison of object detection convNets

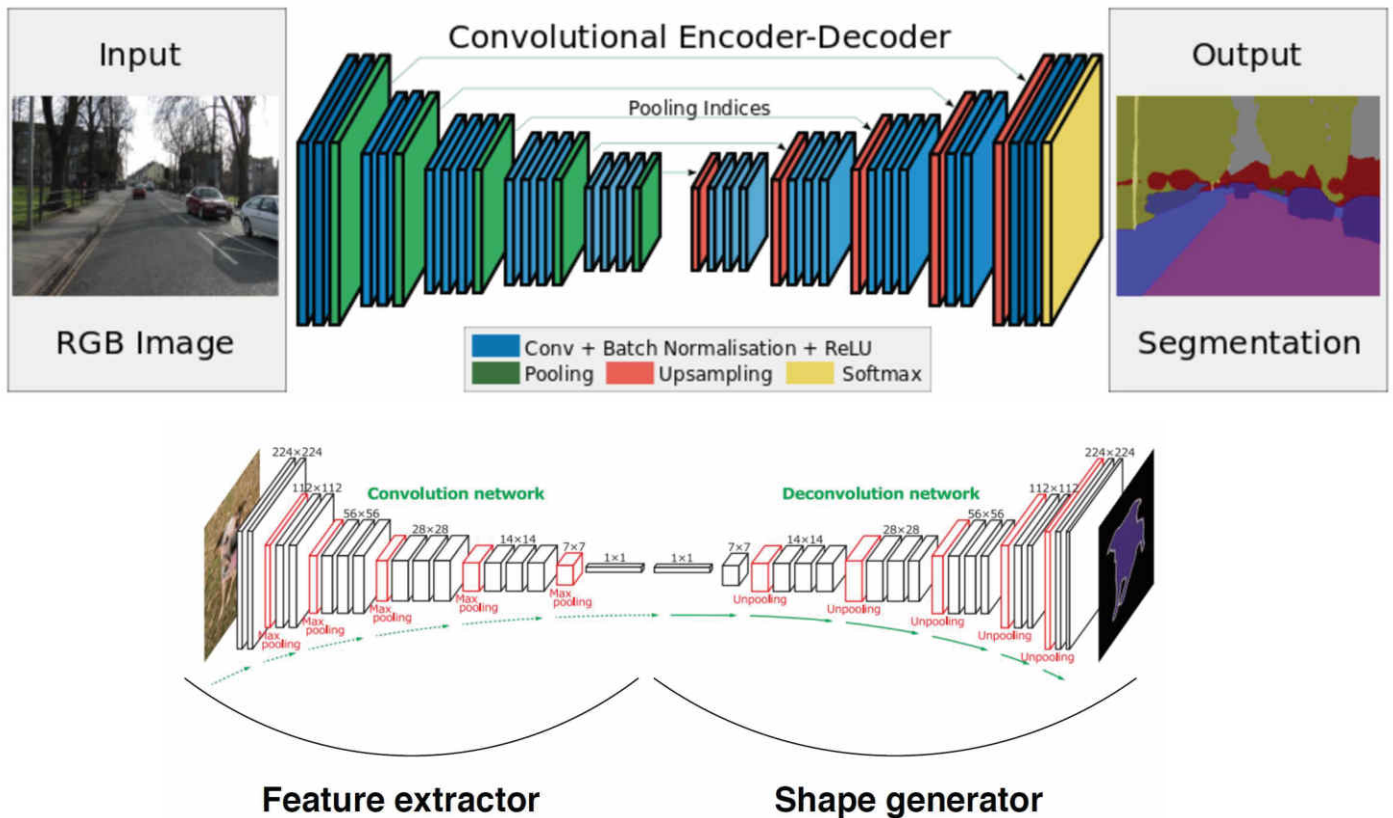




Mask R-CNN architecture (left) extracts detailed contours and shape of objects instead of just bounding-boxes



Convolutional Encoder-Decoder



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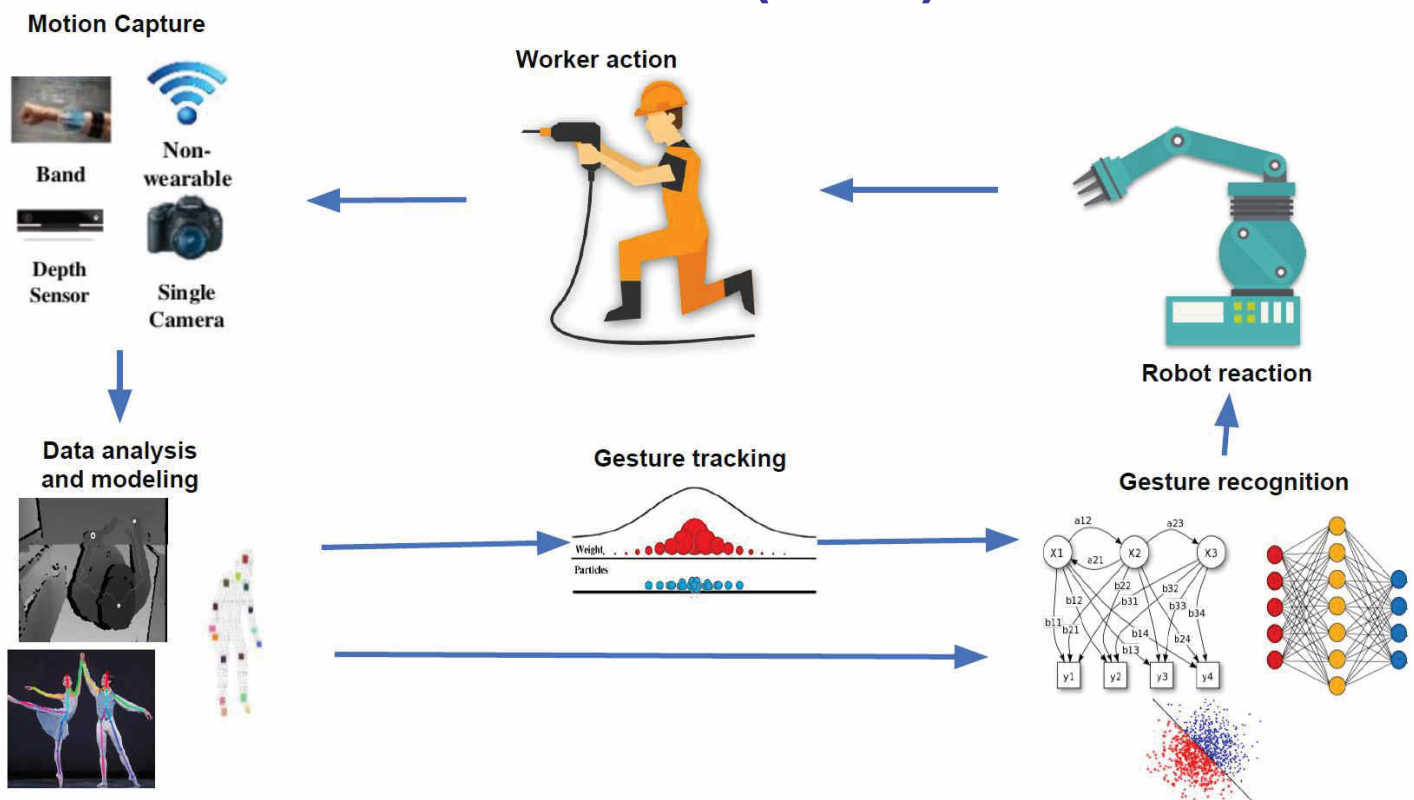
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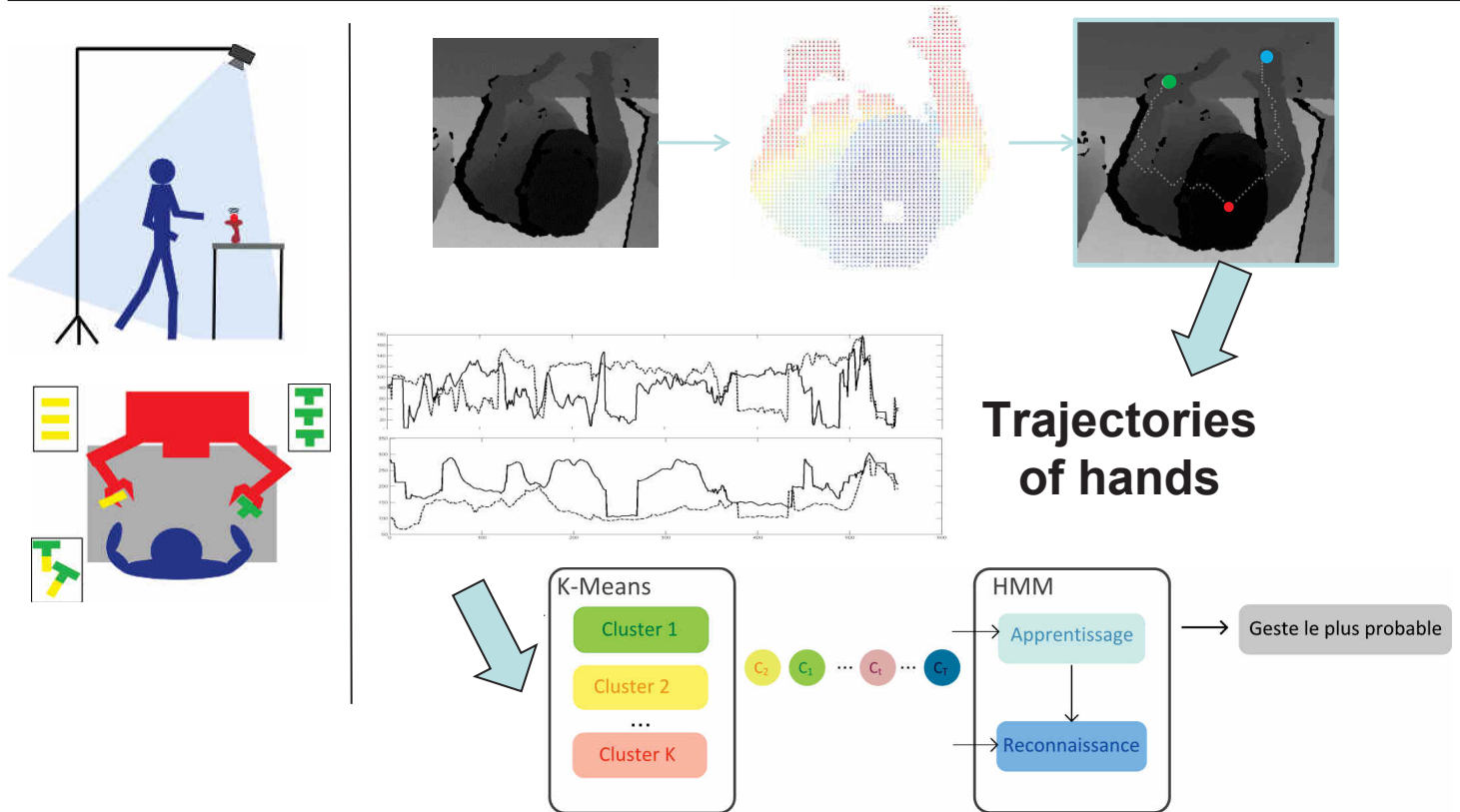
Need to monitor and interpret Human movements, actions & activities:

- Action recognition for collaborative robots
- Inference of Human intentions (pedestrians and drivers) for Autonomous Vehicles
- Gestual communication with Humans for both

Human-Robot Collaboration (HRC)



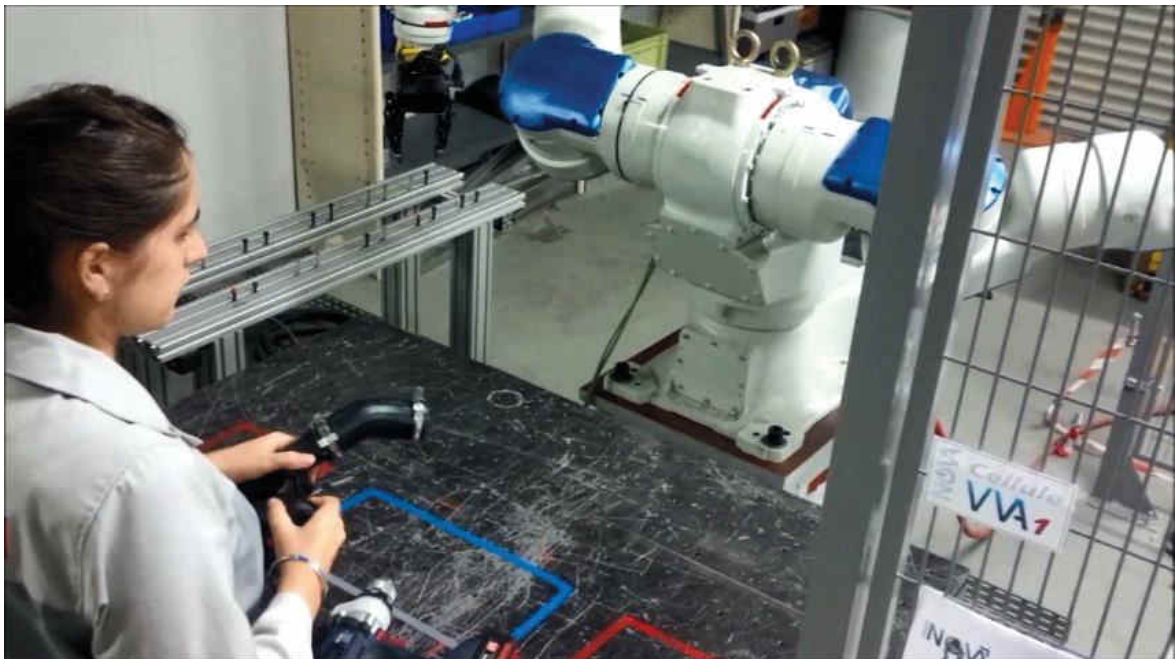
Example of Action Recognition for HRC



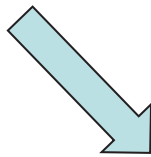
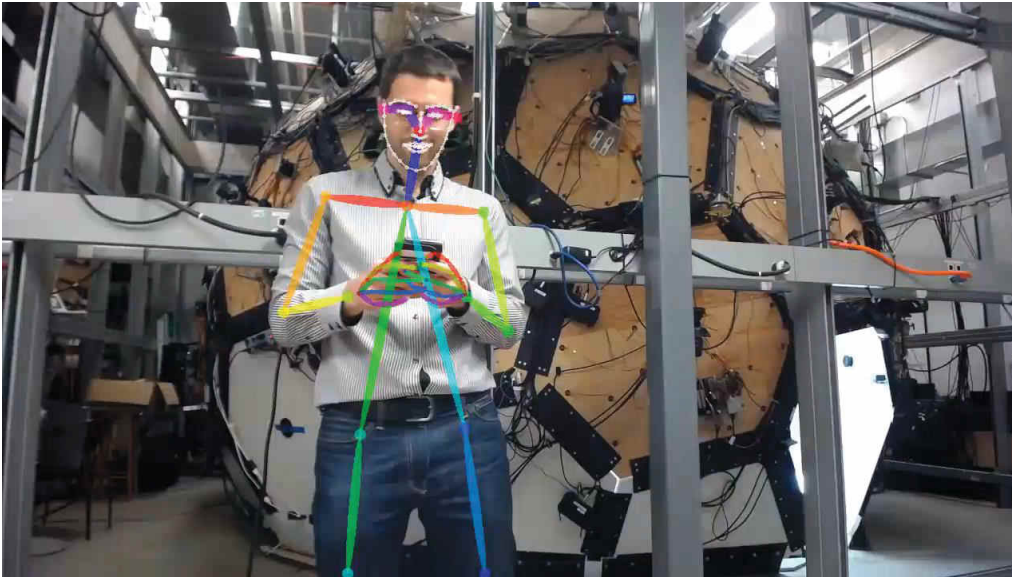
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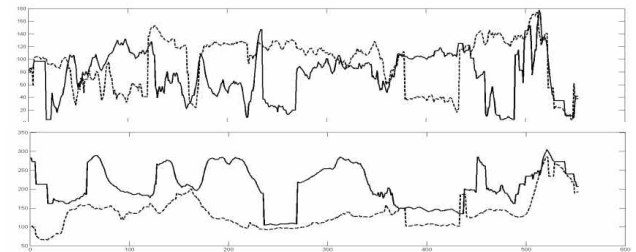
Example of Action Recognition result



Action recognition for Human-Robot Collaboration
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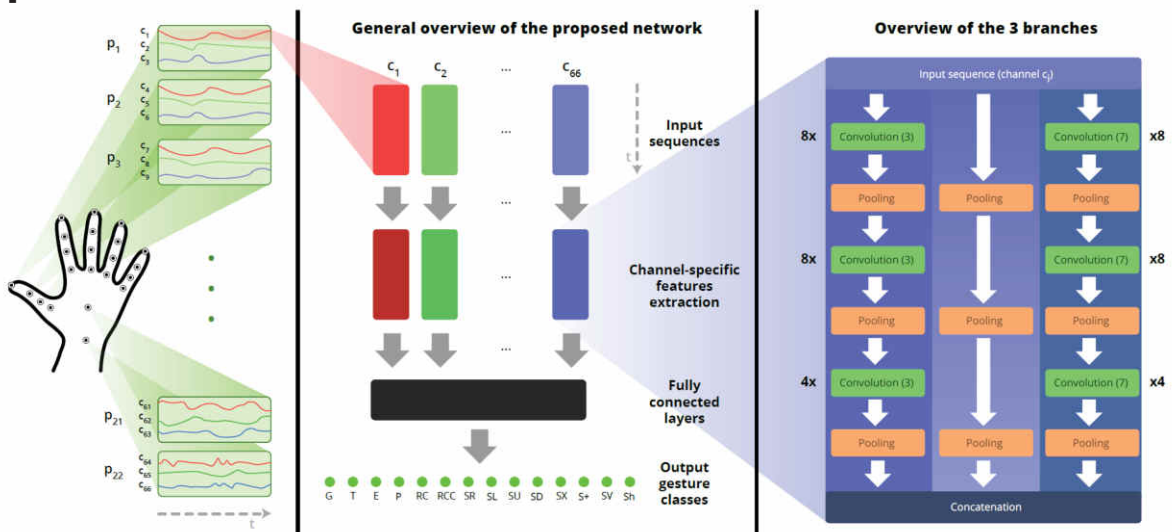


Trajectories of joints



Two main approaches:

- Deep Recurrent Neural Network (RNN) e.g. LSTM or GRU
- Temporal Convolutions



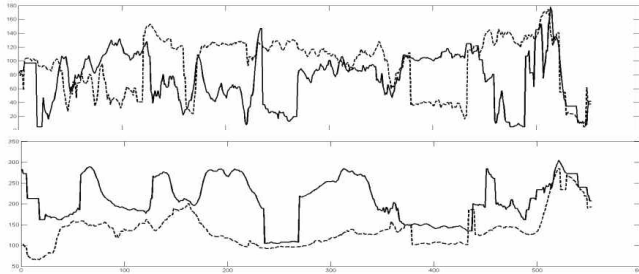
"Convolutional Neural Networks for Multivariate Time Series Classification using both Inter- and Intra- Channel Parallel Convolutions", G. Devineau, W. Xi, F. Moutarde and J. Yang, RFIAP'2018.

"Deep Learning for Hand Gesture Recognition on Skeletal Data", G. Devineau, W. Xi, F. Moutarde and J. Yang, FG'2018.

[PhD thesis of Guillaume Devineau @ MINES_ParisTech, supervised by me]

Camera

DL pose estimation
(openPose/alphaPose)



Deep Temporal Convolution (or/and
Deep RNN?) for Multivariate Time-Series

Recognized
action/gesture

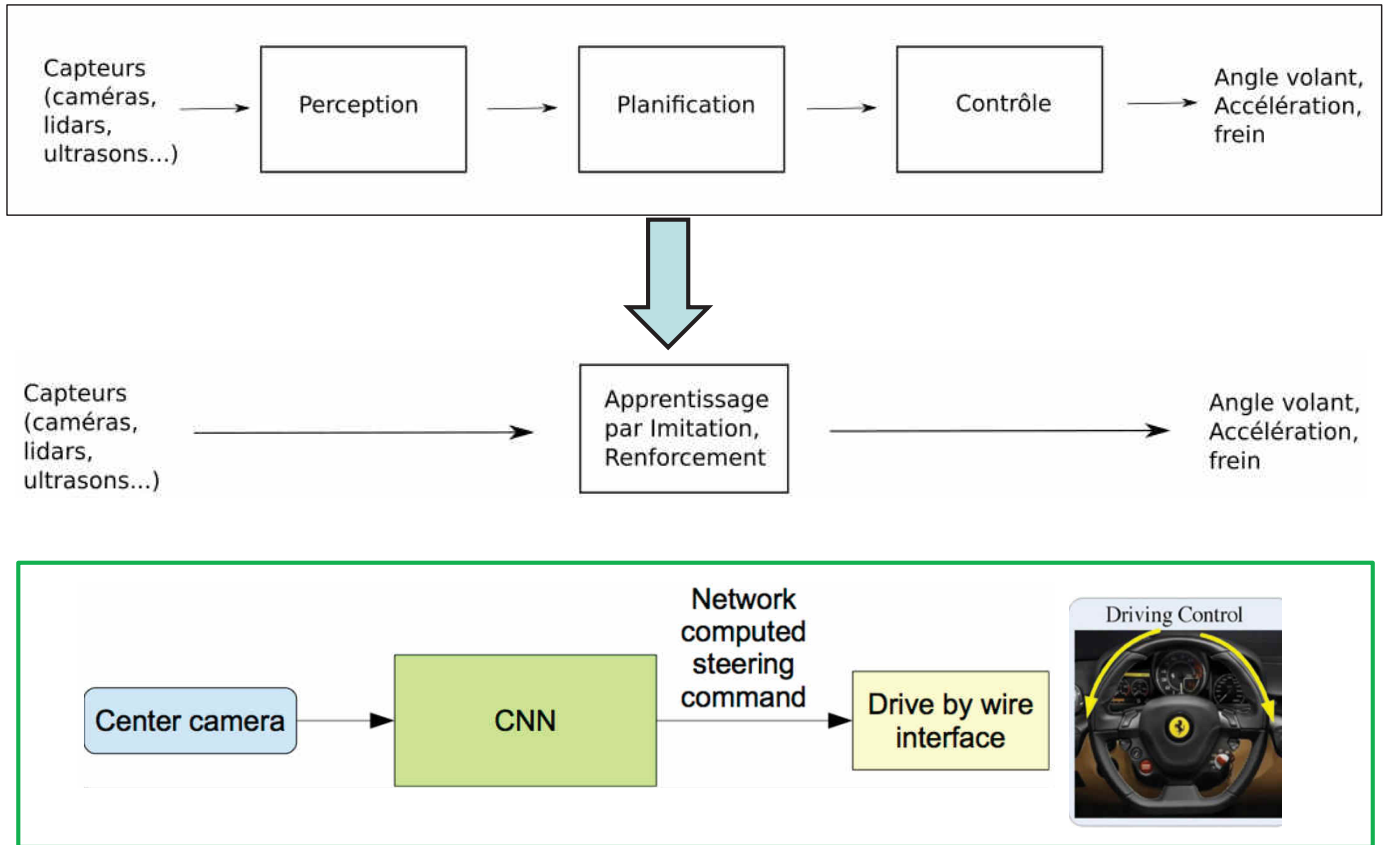
*Work in Progress (PhD thesis of Salwa El Kaddaoui at MINES_ParisTech,
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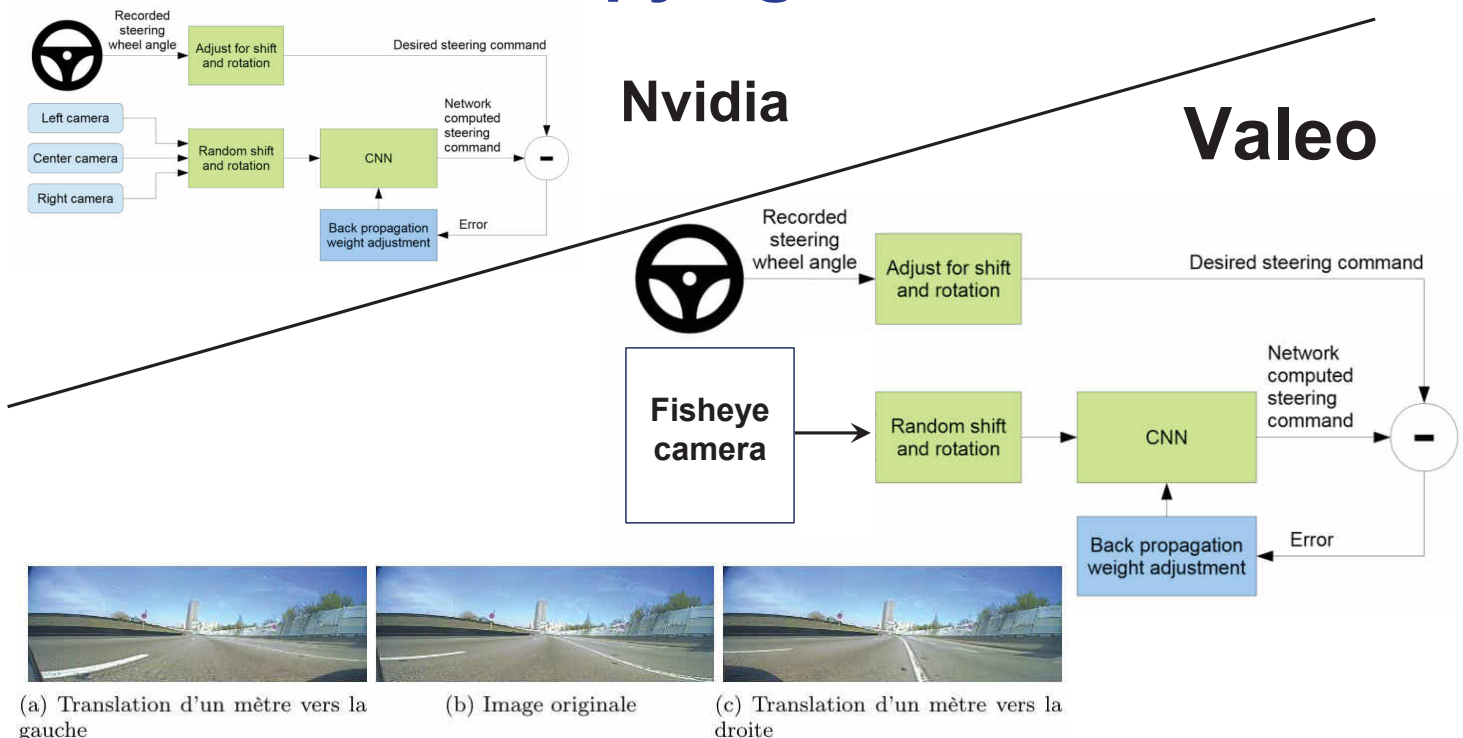
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Idea of end-to-end driving



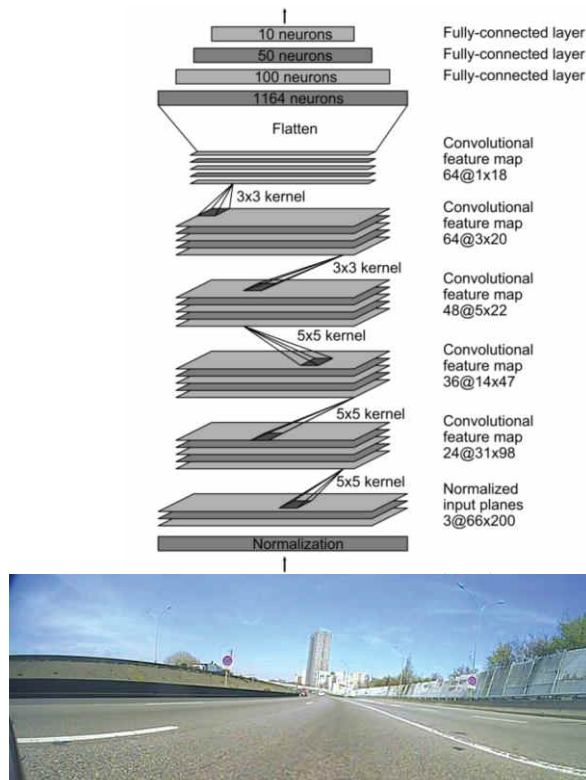
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Imitation Learning: “copying” human driver



"End to End Vehicle Lateral Control Using a Single Fisheye Camera", Marin Toromanoff, Emilie Wirbel, Frédéric Wilhelm, Camilo Vejarano, Xavier Perrotton et Fabien Moutarde, 2018 IEEE/RSJ International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems (IROS 2018), Madrid, Spain, 1-5 oct. 2018.

ConvNet output: steering angle

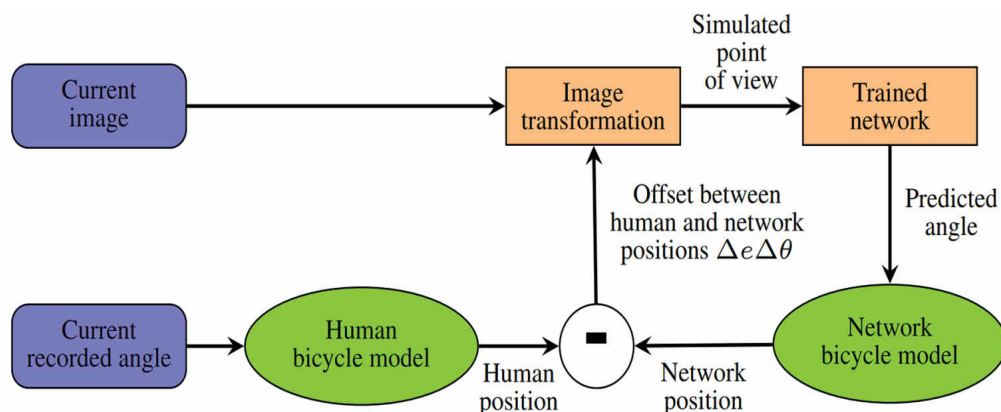


ConvNet input:
Cylindrical projection of
fisheye camera

Real data + “simulator” with real images

Training+testing dataset = 10000 km and 200 hours of human driving
in openroad (highways, urban streets, country roads, etc...)
under various weather conditions

TrainSet = 10 million images, TestSet = 3 million images.



“ConvNet in-the-loop” simulator with real images

End-to-end driving: closed loop evaluation

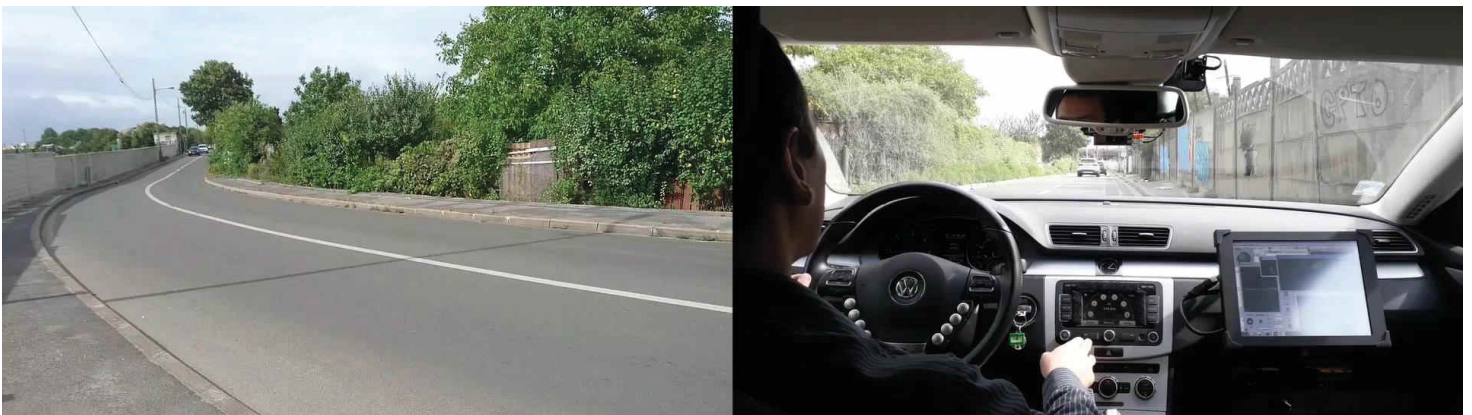
TABLE V: Autonomy (%) and mean absolute distance (MAD, in cm) according to data distribution and validation scenario, the baseline is just going straight.

Scenario	Urban		Highways		Sharp turns	
	Aut. (%)	MAD (cm)	Aut. (%)	MAD (cm)	Aut. (%)	MAD (cm)
Original	99.3	16	98.7	19	73.7	30
Sel. #1	98.9	15	97.7	25	83.7	27
Sel. #2	99.5	16	97.2	24	87.5	28
Oversamp.	98	18	91.8	29	82.5	29
Baseline	8	36	14	41	0	35

TABLE VI: Comparison of performance between individual networks and bagging

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Weights #4	98.6	18	92	26	85	29
Weights #5	98.4	15	96.4	21	83.7	28
Bagging	99.5	13	98.7	19	87.5	27

Real vehicle end-to-end driving (learnt by imitation)



*[Work by Valeo using ConvNet trained by
my CIFRE PhD student Marin Toromanoff]*

The car stops on the barrier



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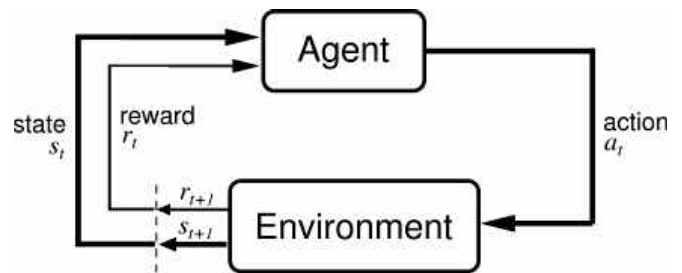
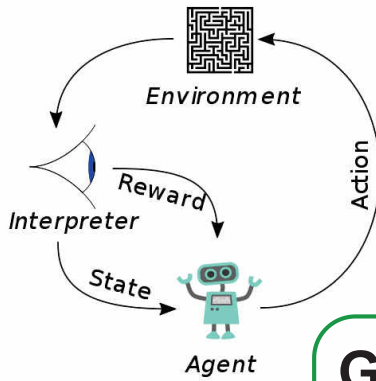
Transferability from real-world to simulator



Test of driving convNet in GTA simulator

Note that learning was done *only on real-world data*
(by human driving imitation)

[Work by my Valeo CIFRE PhD student Marin Toromanoff]



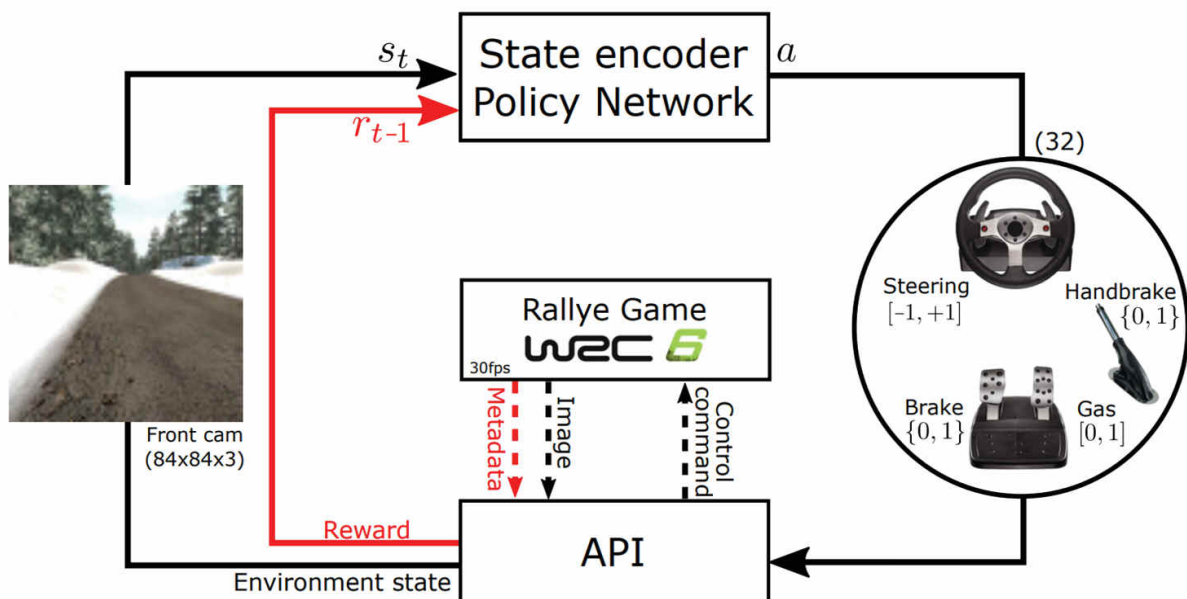
Goal: find a “policy” $a_t = \pi(s_t)$ that

Maximizes $R_t = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \gamma^k r_{t+k}, \gamma \in [0, 1[$

Deep Reinforcement Learning (DRL) if Deep NeuralNet used as model (for policy and/or its “value”): DQN, Actor-Critic A3C

End-to-end driving: policy π searched as ConvNet(front-image)

End-to-end driving learning by RL in racing-car simulator



Etienne Perot, Maximilian Jaritz, Marin Toromanoff, Raoul De Charette. End-to-End Driving in a Realistic Racing Game with Deep Reinforcement Learning, International conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition - Workshop, Honolulu, United States, Jul. 2017.

End-to-end driving learnt by RL (in a racing-car simulator)

Performance

Trained for 196 million steps

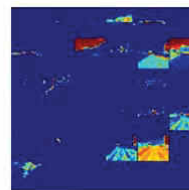


Game graphics

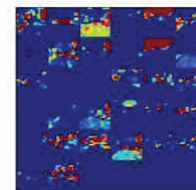
Test on training track



Network input and guided backpropagation



Layer 1



Layer 2

Activations

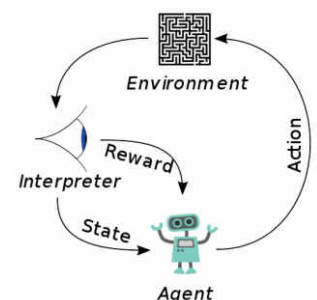
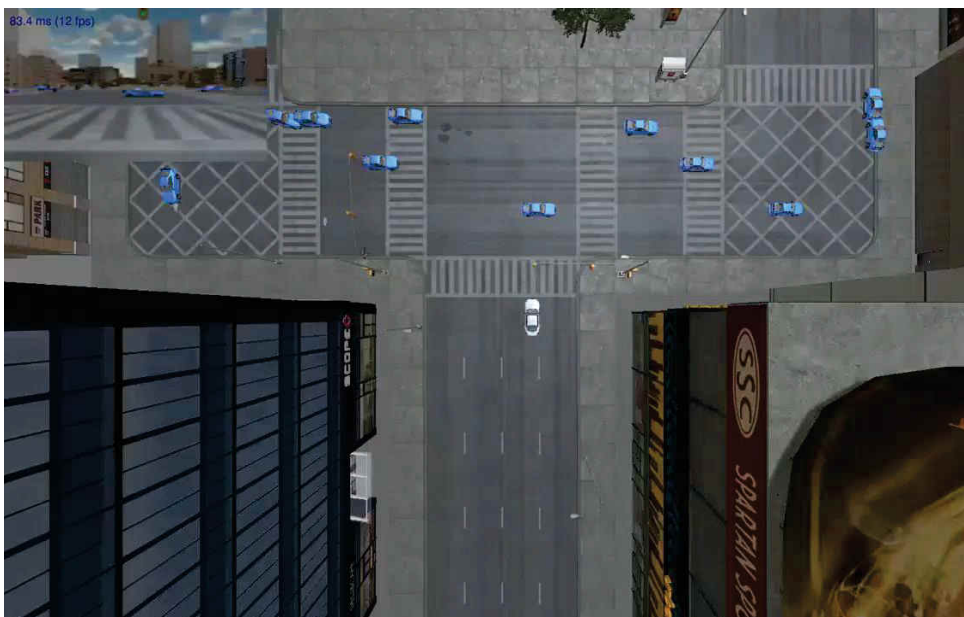
Snow (SE)



[End-to-End Race Driving with Deep Reinforcement Learning](#), Maximilian Jaritz, Raoul De Charette, Marin Toromanoff, Etienne Perot, Fawzi Nashashibi, ICRA 2018 - IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation, Brisbane, Australia, May 2018.

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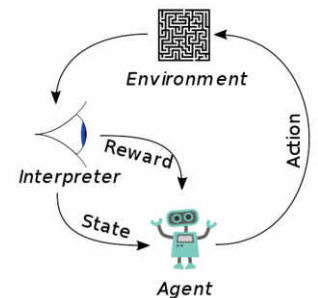
First RL experiment for end-to-end driving in urban environment



End-to-end driving via Deep Reinforcement Learning
[thèse CIFRE Valeo/MINES-ParisTech en cours]

WORK IN PROGRESS...

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Conclusions

- Most current AI challenges for Robotics and Autonomous Vehicles are related either to: Human-Robot Interaction, understanding of Human actions or behaviors, inference of Human intents, or learning of complex adaptive behaviors
- Deep Convolutional Neural Networks already can perform many more things than just image classification: semantic segmentation, localization from vision, estimation of Human pose, inference of depth from monovision, generation of realistic synthetic images, and learning complex image-based adaptive behaviors
- For Human movements or intents analysis, combining human-pose estimation by DL with Deep Temporal Convolution of time-series seems promising
- For behavior learning, Deep Reinforcement Learning from images already produces interesting results

Questions ?

