

# Deep-Learning for Robotics & Autonomous Vehicles

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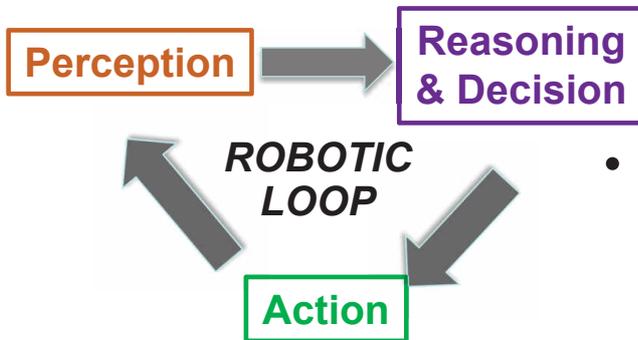
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- **Intelligence = reasoning?  
or Intelligence = adaptation?**
- **In fact, MANY DIFFERENT TYPES OF INTELLIGENCE**

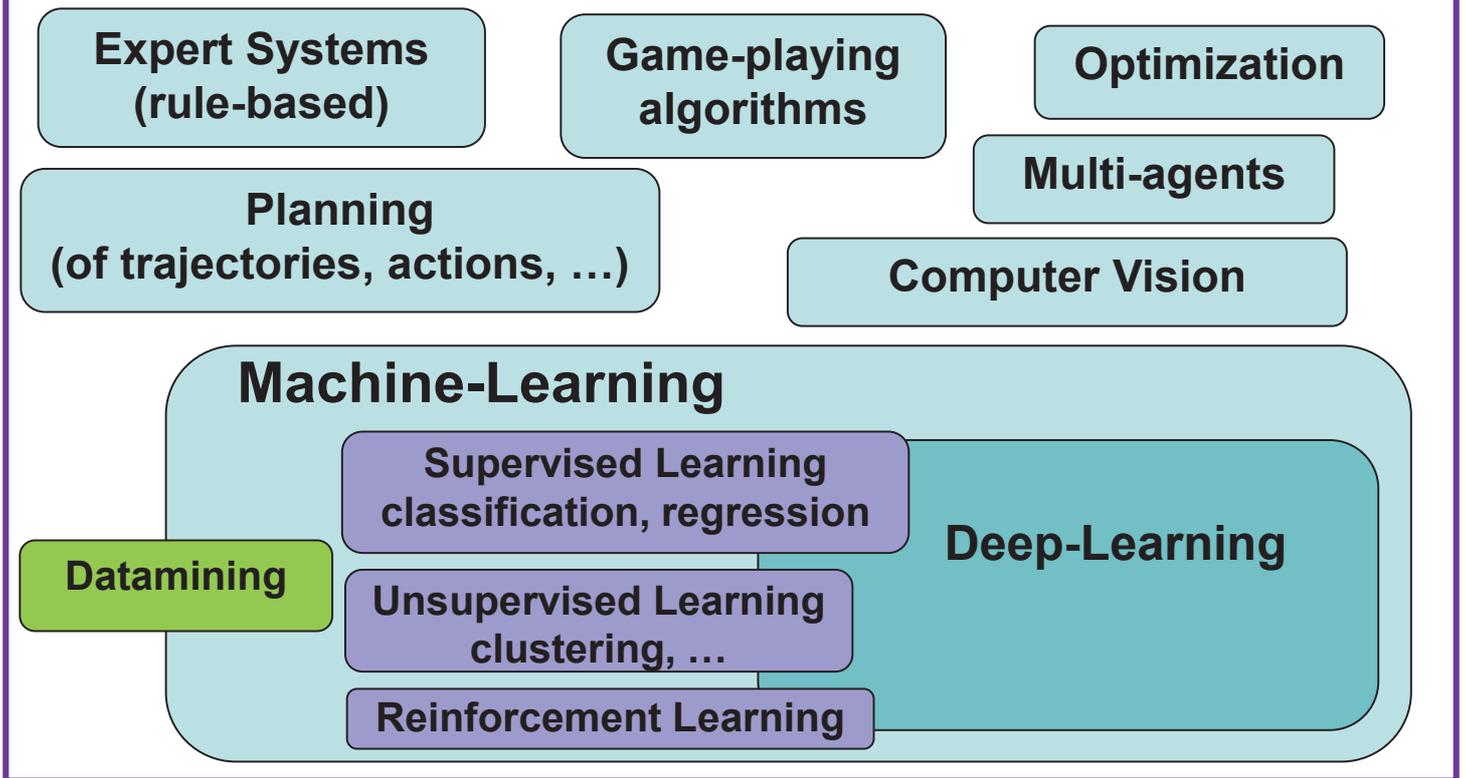


- **A possible typology:**
  - *Perception* Intelligence
  - *Prediction* Intelligence
  - *Reasoning* Intelligence
  - *Behavior* Intelligence
  - *Interaction* Intelligence
  - *Curiosity*

## 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")

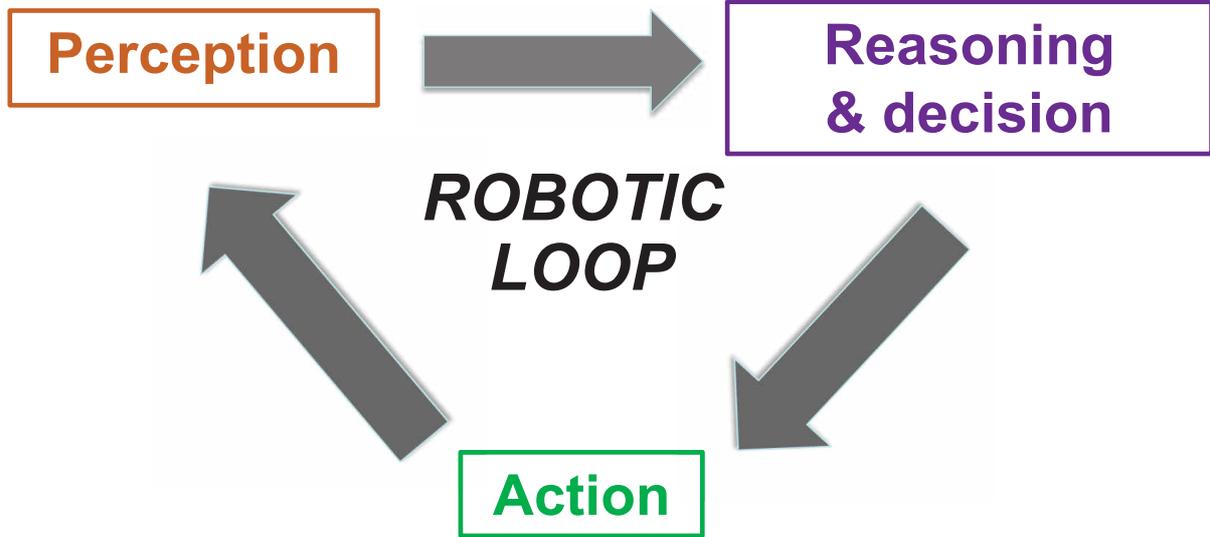
# "Intelligents" robots ( $\approx$ adaptive and/or interactive)



React adaptively to environment...



... and/or interact with Humans



## Autonomous Vehicles are mobile robots!

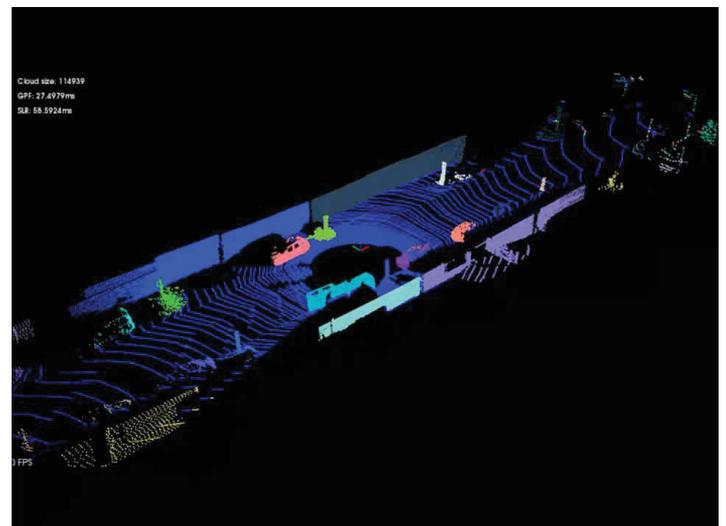


- **"Semantic" interpretation of vehicle's environment:**
  - Detect and categorize/recognize objects (cars, pedestrians, bicycles, traffic signs, traffic lights, ...)
  - Ego-localization
  - *Predict movements of other road users*
  - *Infer intentions of other drivers and pedestrians (or policeman!) 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"

Essential need:  
**real-time "understanding" of surroundings**



From camera

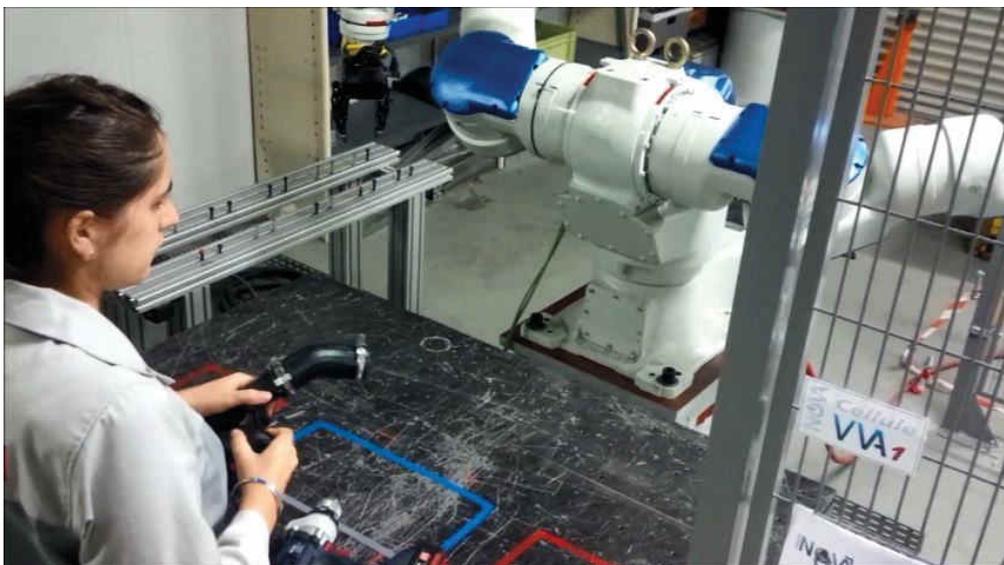


From LIDAR

**Strong real-time constraint: process  $\geq 15$  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**

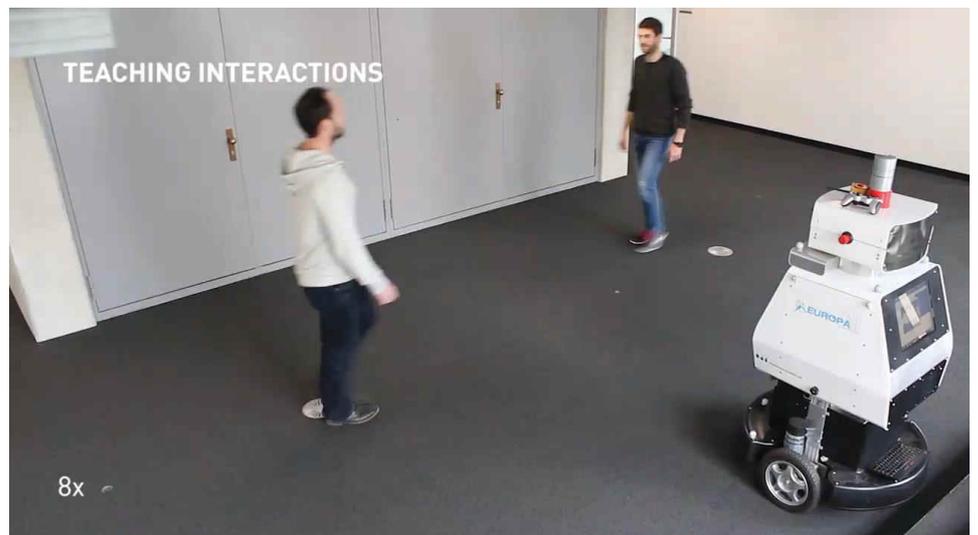
*[centre de Robotique de MINES ParisTech, Chaire PSA "Robotique et Réalité Virtuelle"]*

- 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



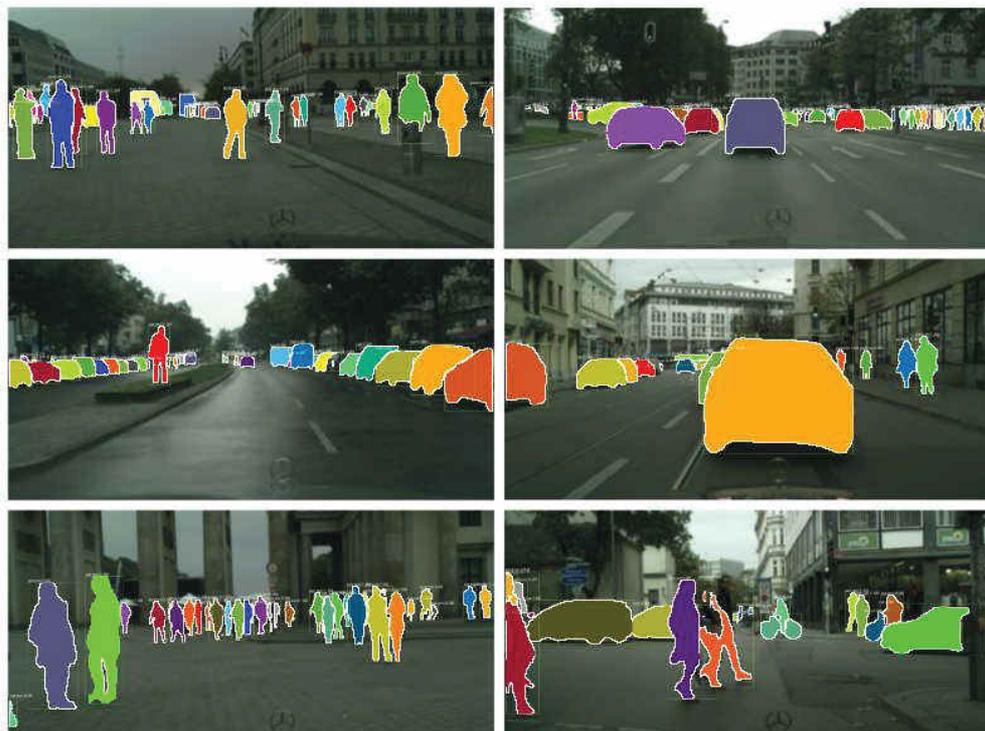
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- **Image classification**
- **Visual object detection and categorization**
- **Semantic segmentation of images**
- **Realistic image synthesis**
- **Image-based localization**
- **Estimation of Human pose**
- **Inference of 3D (depth) from monocular 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**

**Beyond bounding-boxes: getting contours of objects**



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

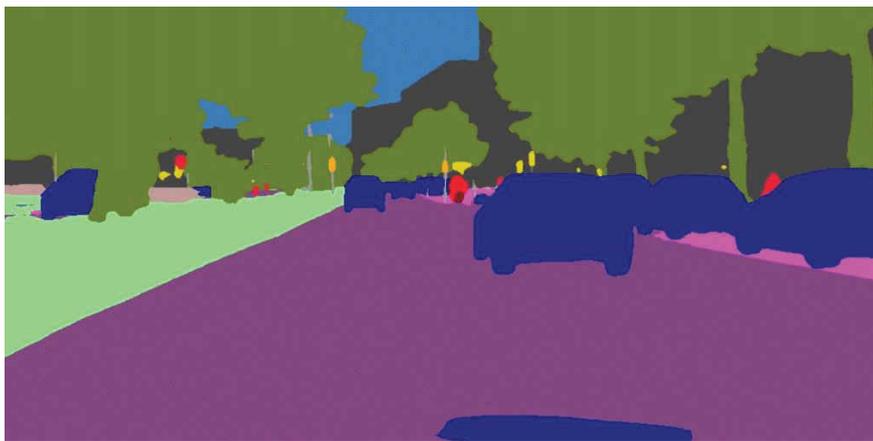
# Example result of semantic segmentation by Deep-Learning



[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...**

## DL for realistic Image synthesis



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



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

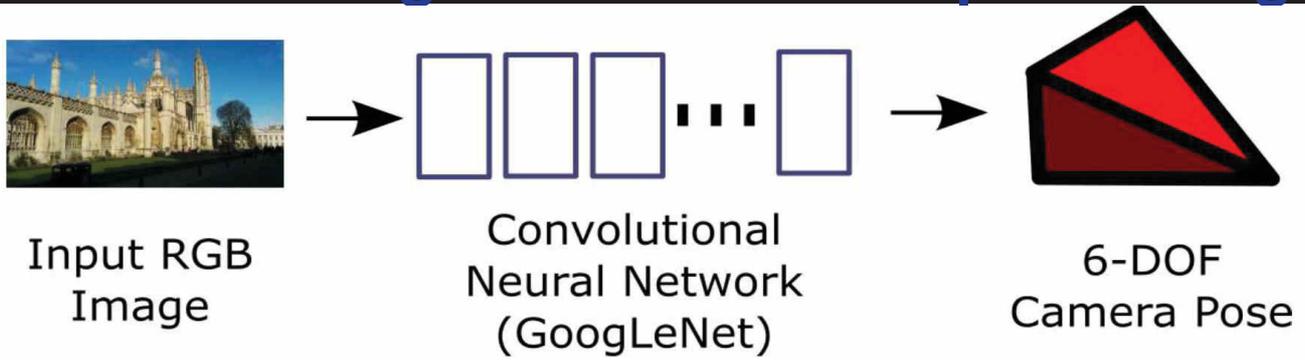
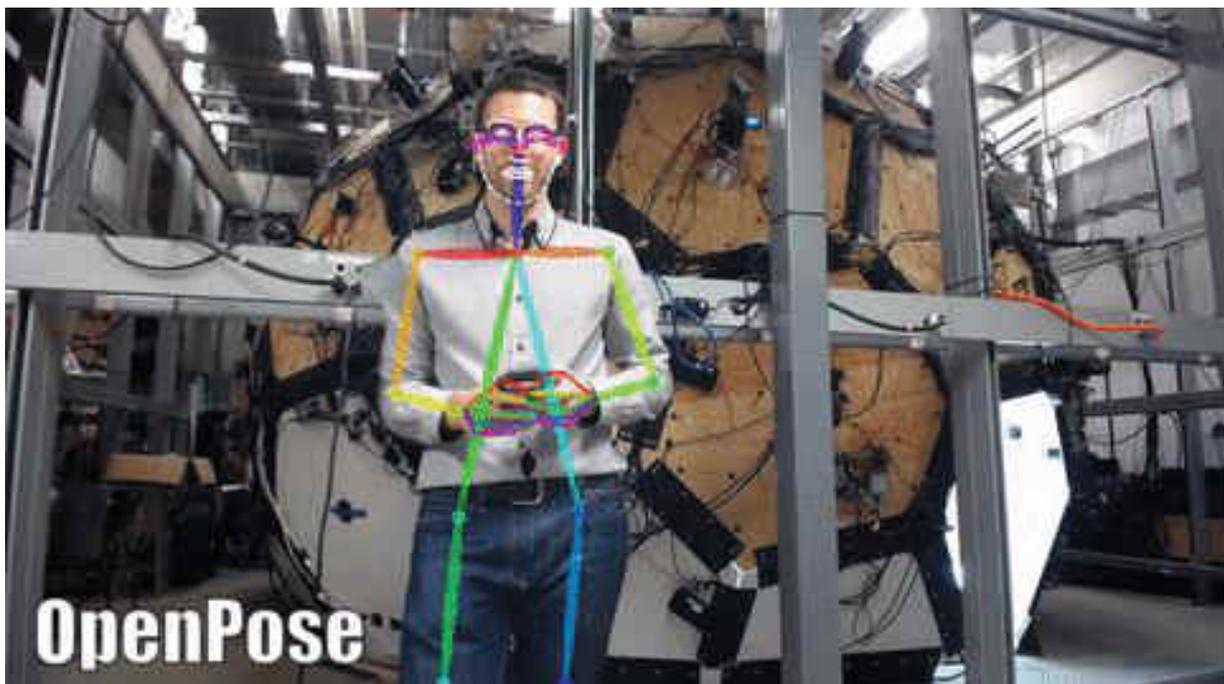


Figure 4: **Map of dataset** showing training frames (green), testing frames (blue) and their predicted camera pose (red). The testing sequences are distinct trajectories from the training sequences and each scene covers a very large spatial extent.

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

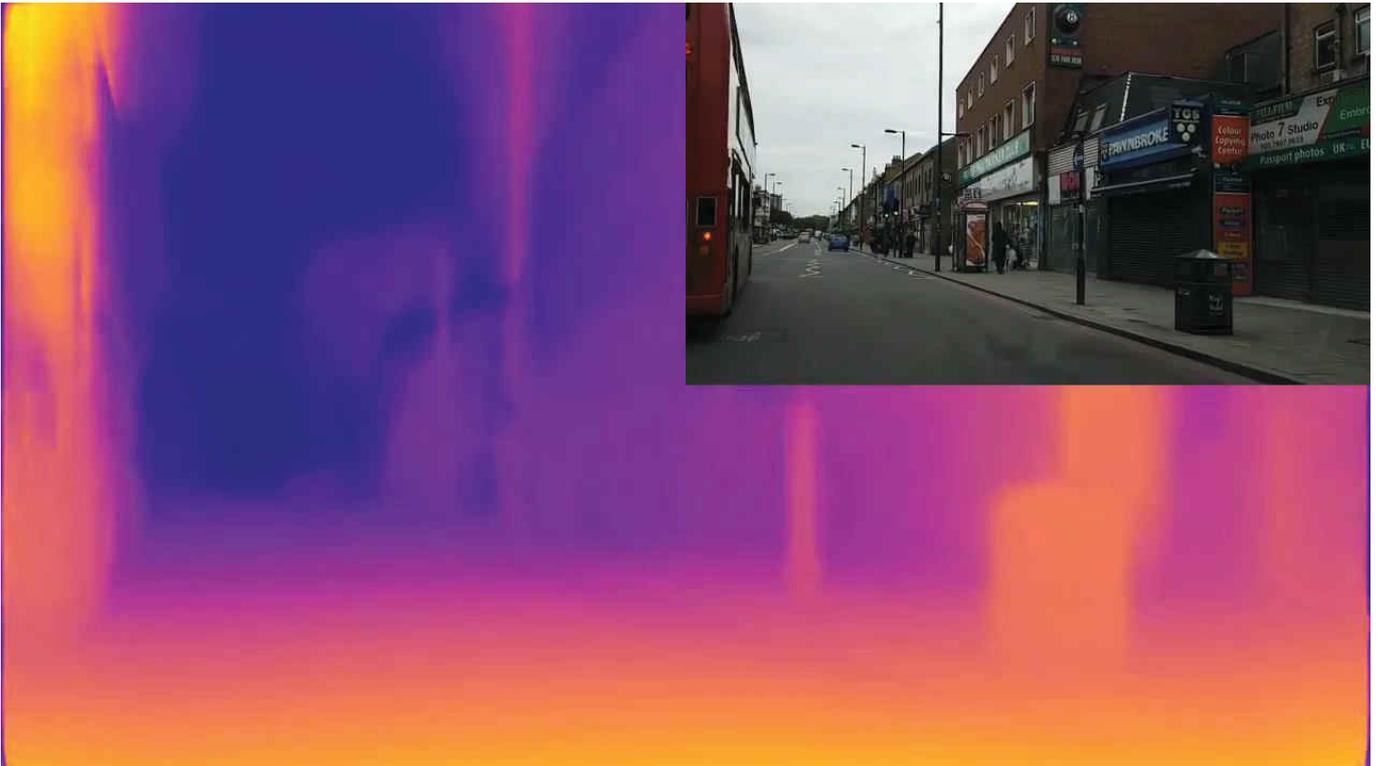
# Human pose estimation by Deep-Learning



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]*

# Autonomous learning of a task by a robot



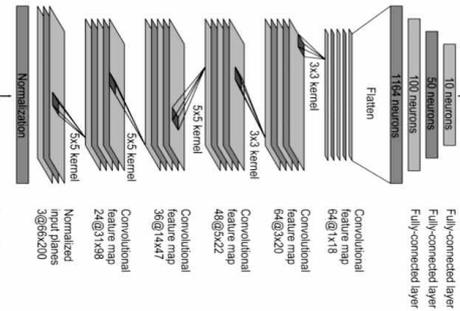
Robot autonomously learns bin picking without human instruction

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

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

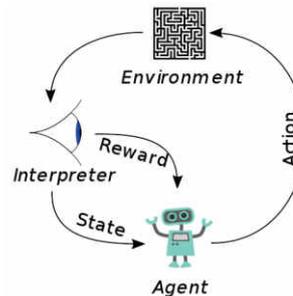


ConvNet input:  
Cylindrical projection of  
fisheye camera



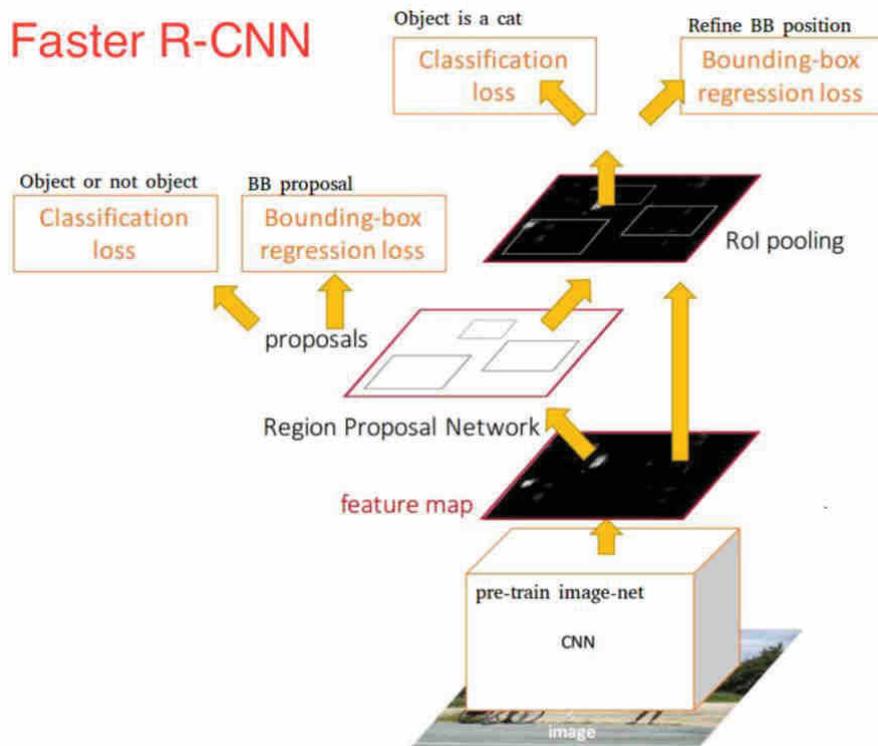
ConvNet output:  
steering angle

## Imitation Learning from Human driving on real data



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

# Visual objects Detection and Categorization: Faster RCNN



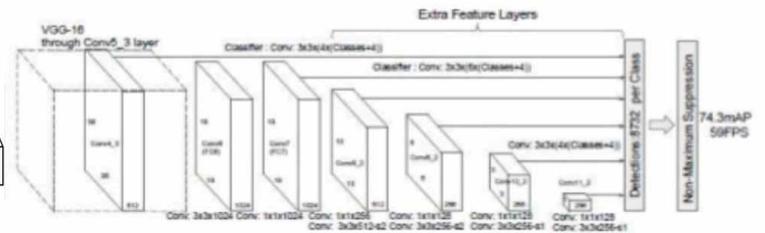
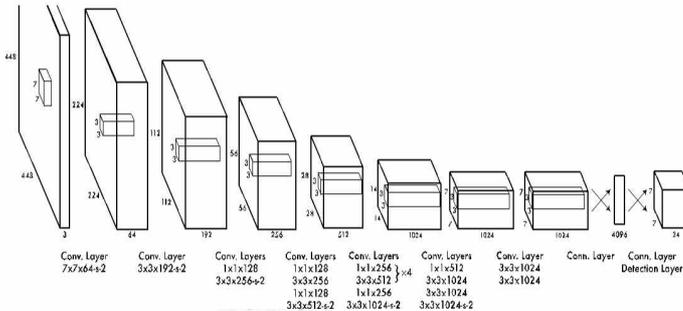
## Region Proposal Network (RPN) on top of standard convNet. End-to-end training with combination of 4 losses

## Solve detection as a regression problem (“single-shot” detection)

### YOLO and SSD

YOU ONLY LOOK ONCE(YOLO)

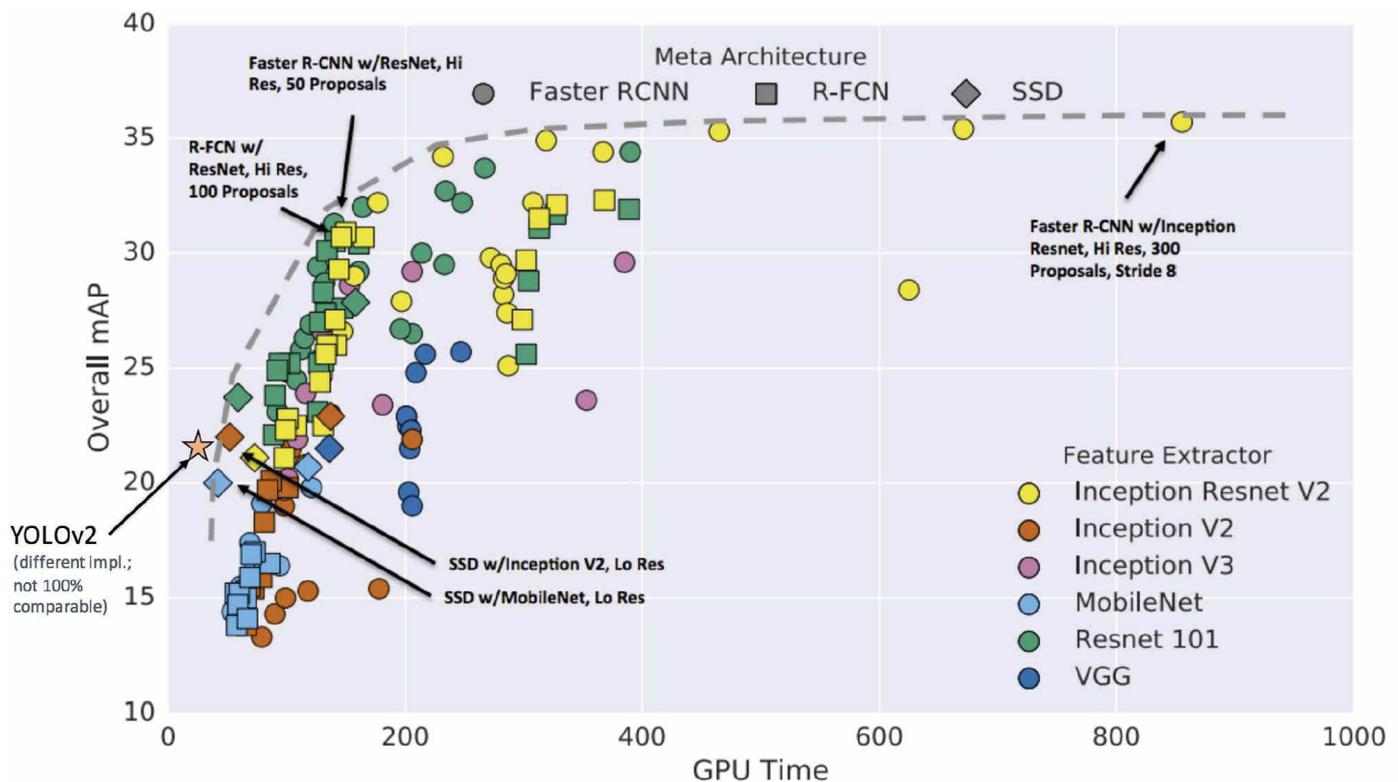
SINGLE SHOT MULTIBOX DETECTOR(SSD)



Images from: <https://www.slideshare.net/TaegyunJeon1/pr12-you-only-look-once-yolo-unified-realtime-object-detection>

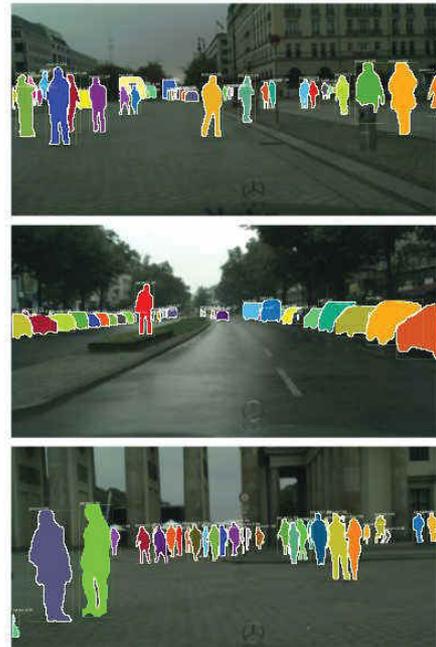
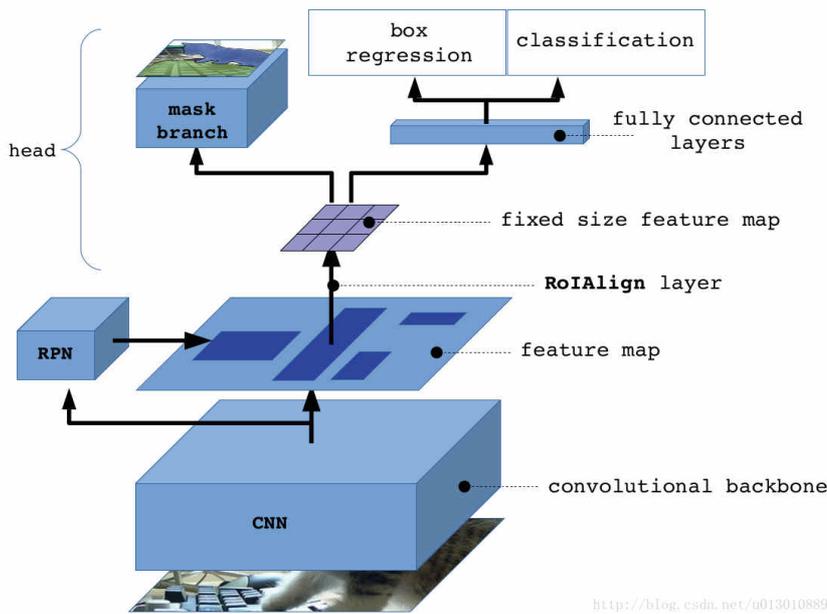
Both are faster, but less accurate, than Faster\_R-CNN

## Recent comparison of object detection convNets



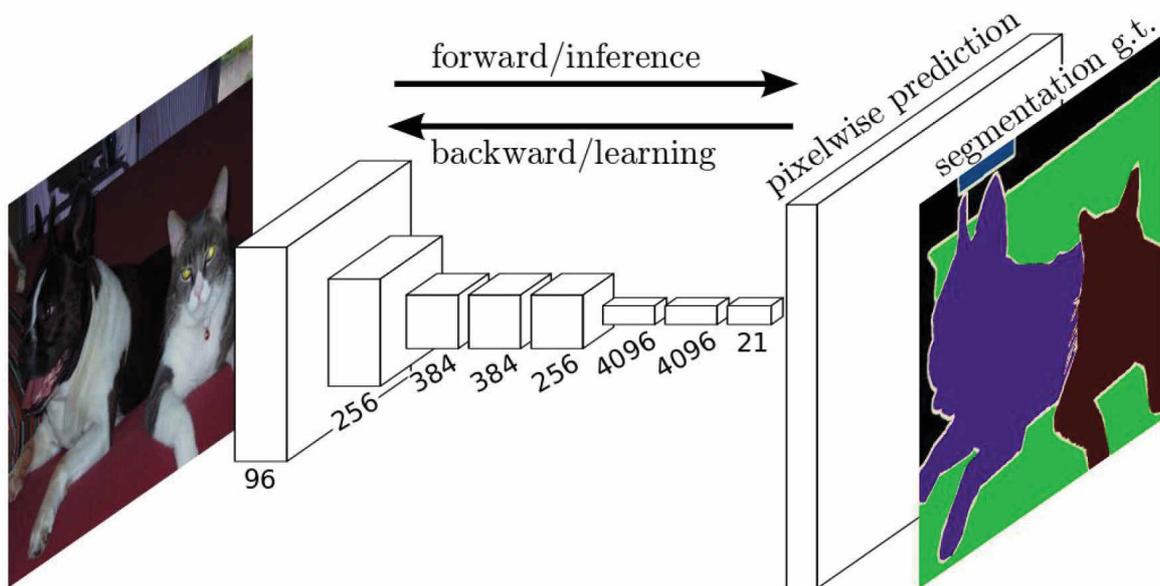
Slide from Ross Girshick's [CVPR 2017 Tutorial](#), Original Figure from Huang et al

# Mask RCNN: Categorization and Localization with shape/contours

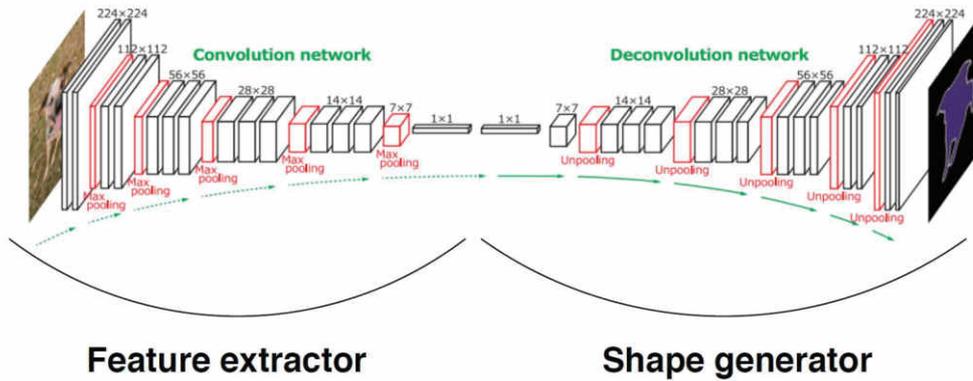
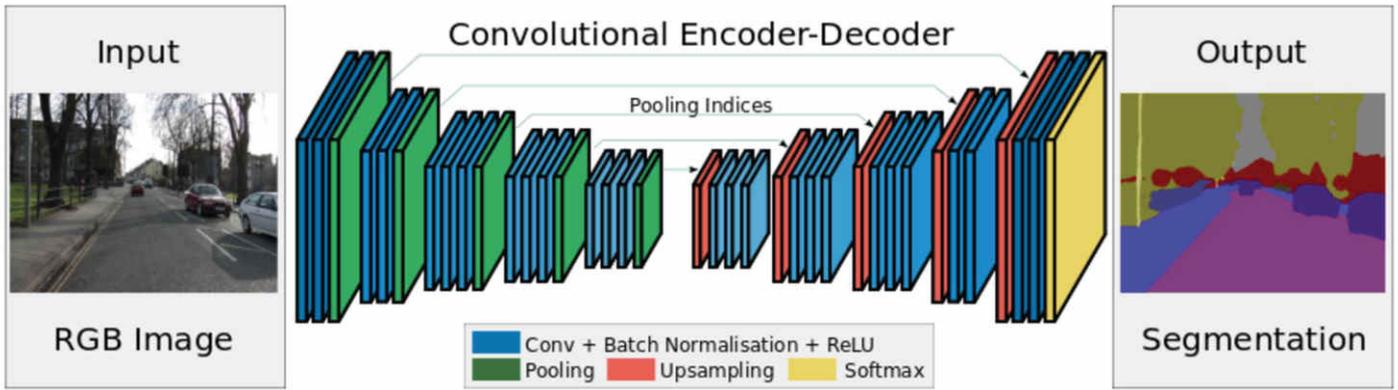


**Mask R-CNN architecture (left) extracts detailed contours and shape of objects instead of just bounding-boxes**

# Deep-Learning approach for semantic segmentation



# Convolutional Encoder-Decoder



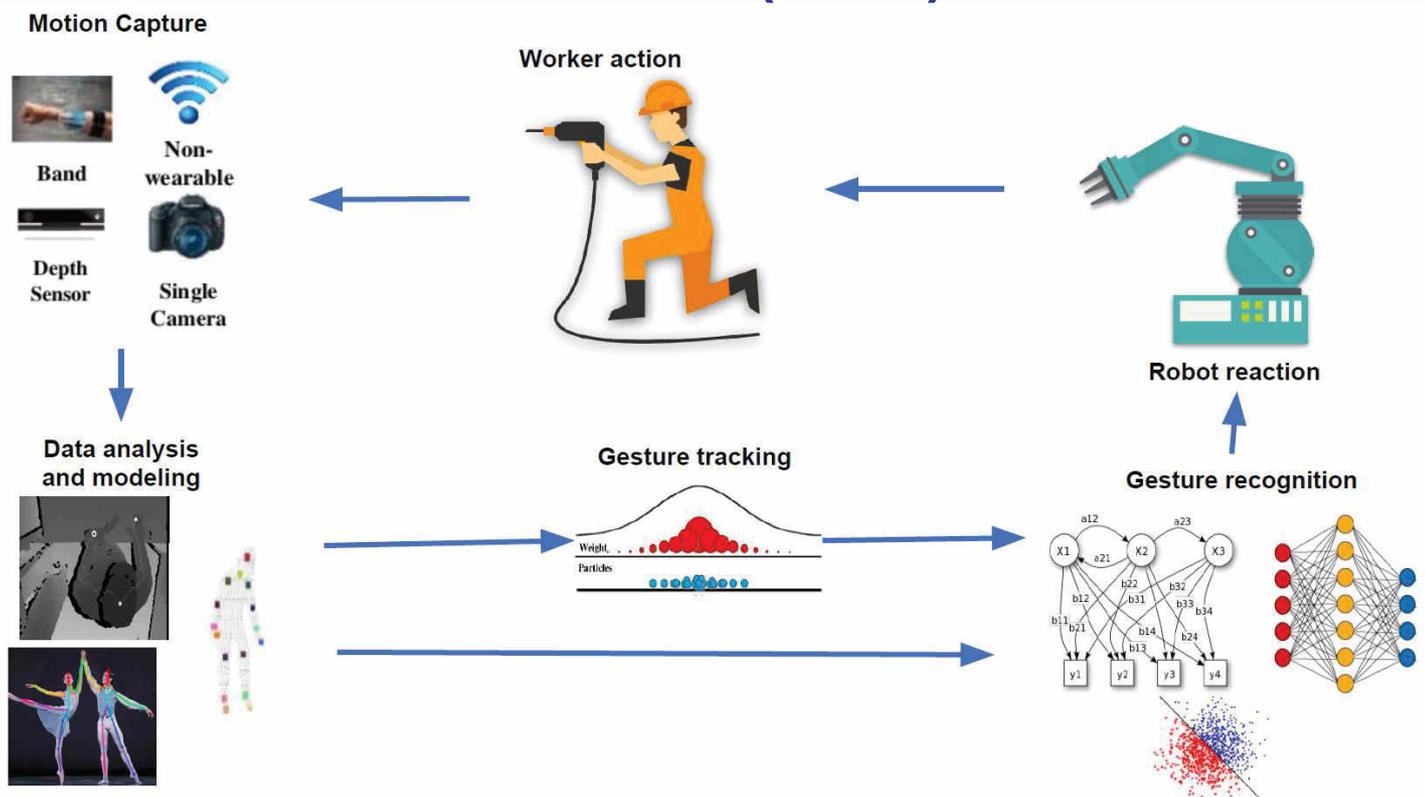
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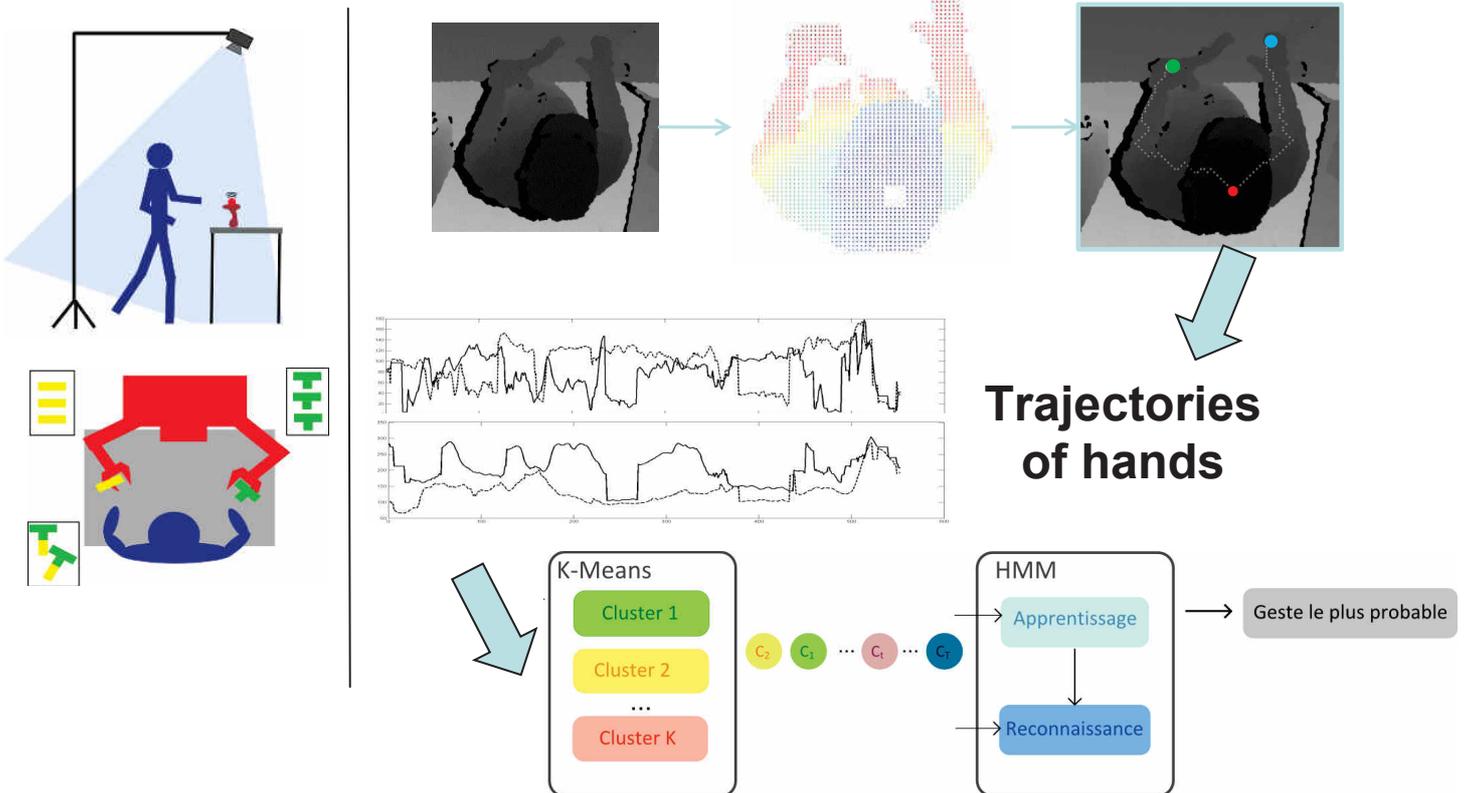
## Need to monitor and interpret Human movements, actions & activities:

- 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)

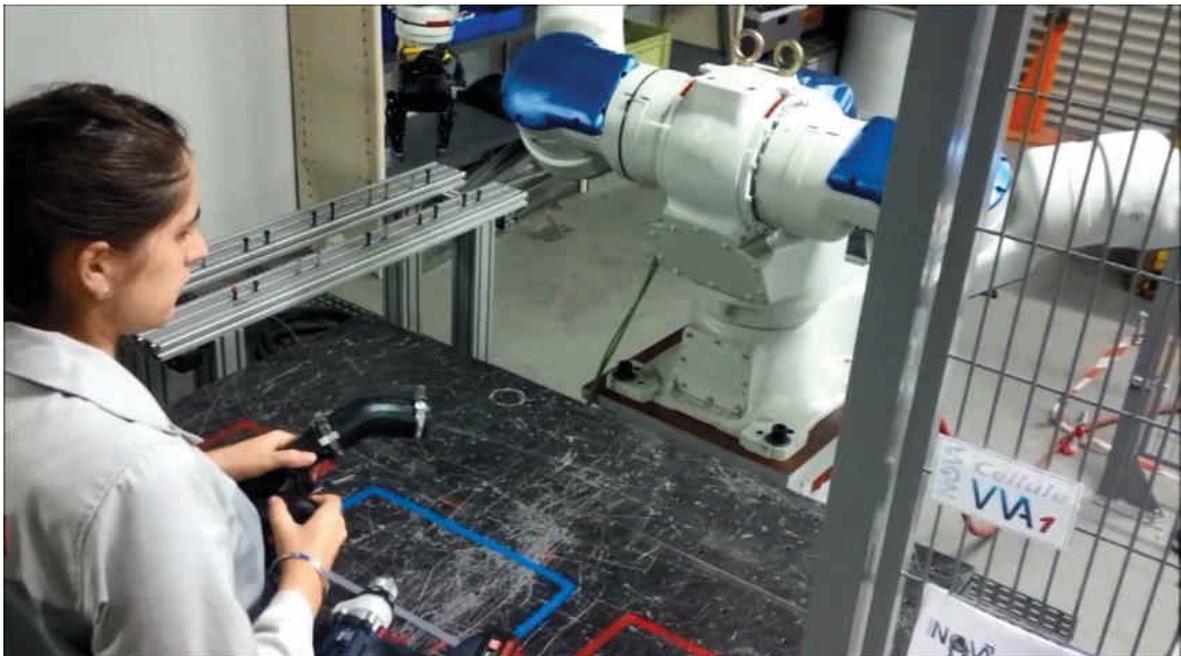


# Example of Action Recognition for HRC

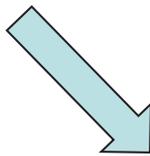


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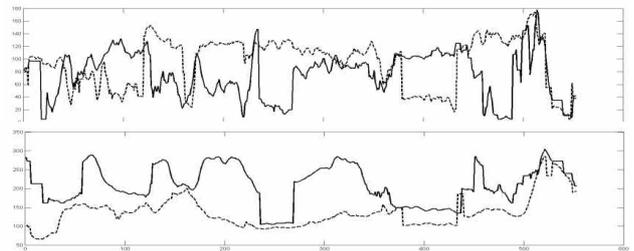
# Example of Action Recognition result



**Action recognition for Human-Robot Collaboration**  
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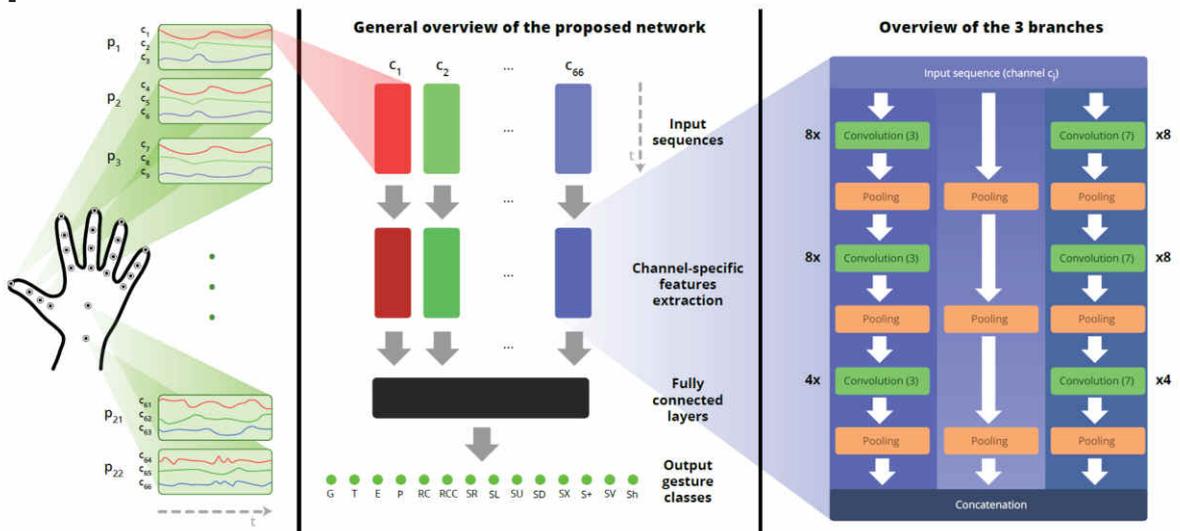


Trajectories of joints



## Two main approaches:

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



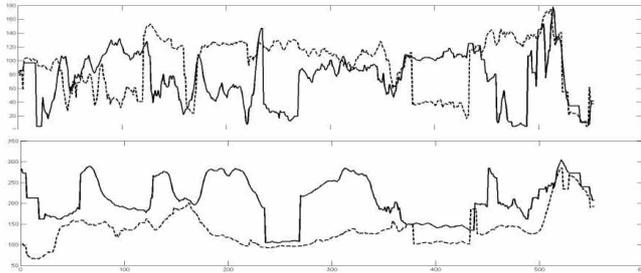
*"Convolutional Neural Networks for Multivariate Time Series Classification using both Inter- and Intra- Channel Parallel Convolutions", G. Devineau, W. Xi, F. Moutarde and J. Yang, RFIAP'2018.*

*"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)



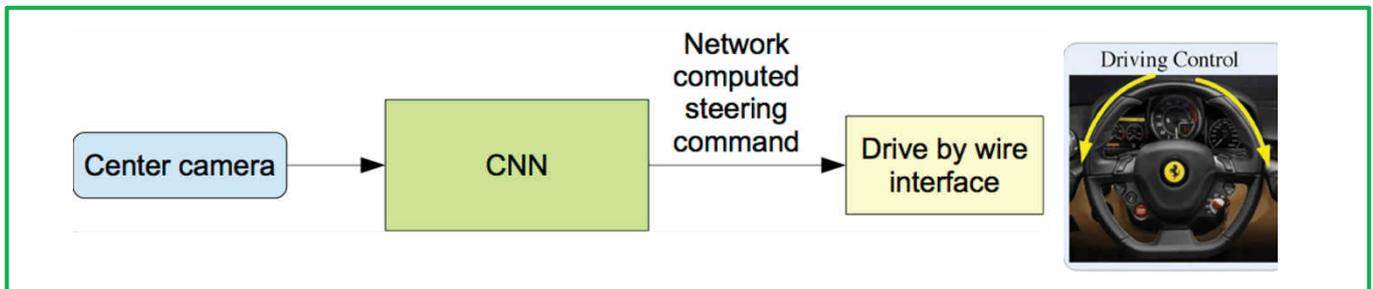
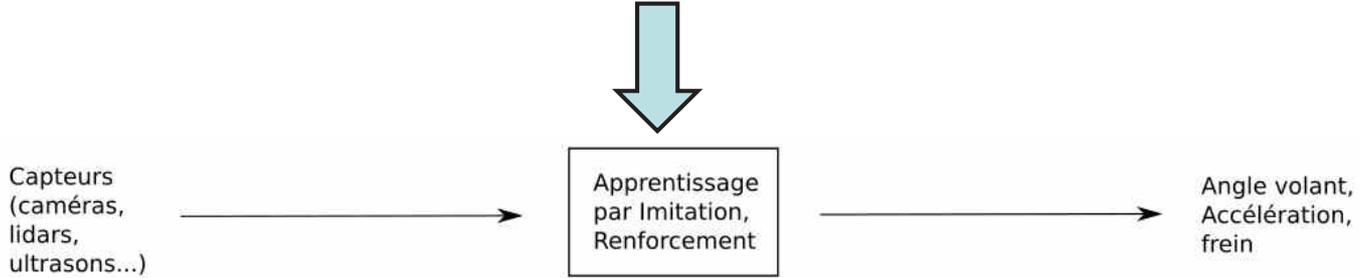
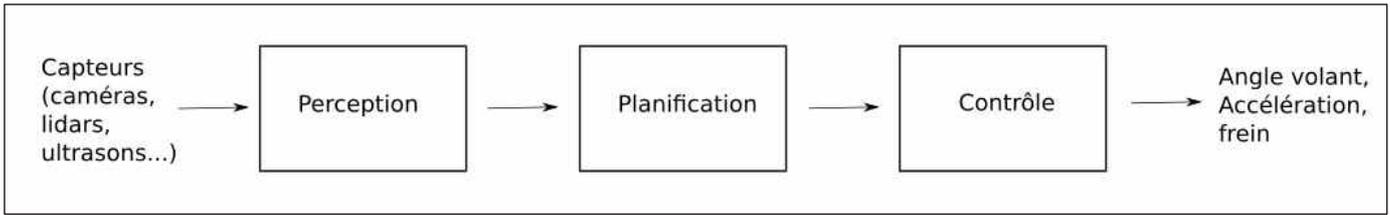
Deep Temporal Convolution (or/and Deep RNN?) for Multivariate Time-Series

Recognized action/gesture

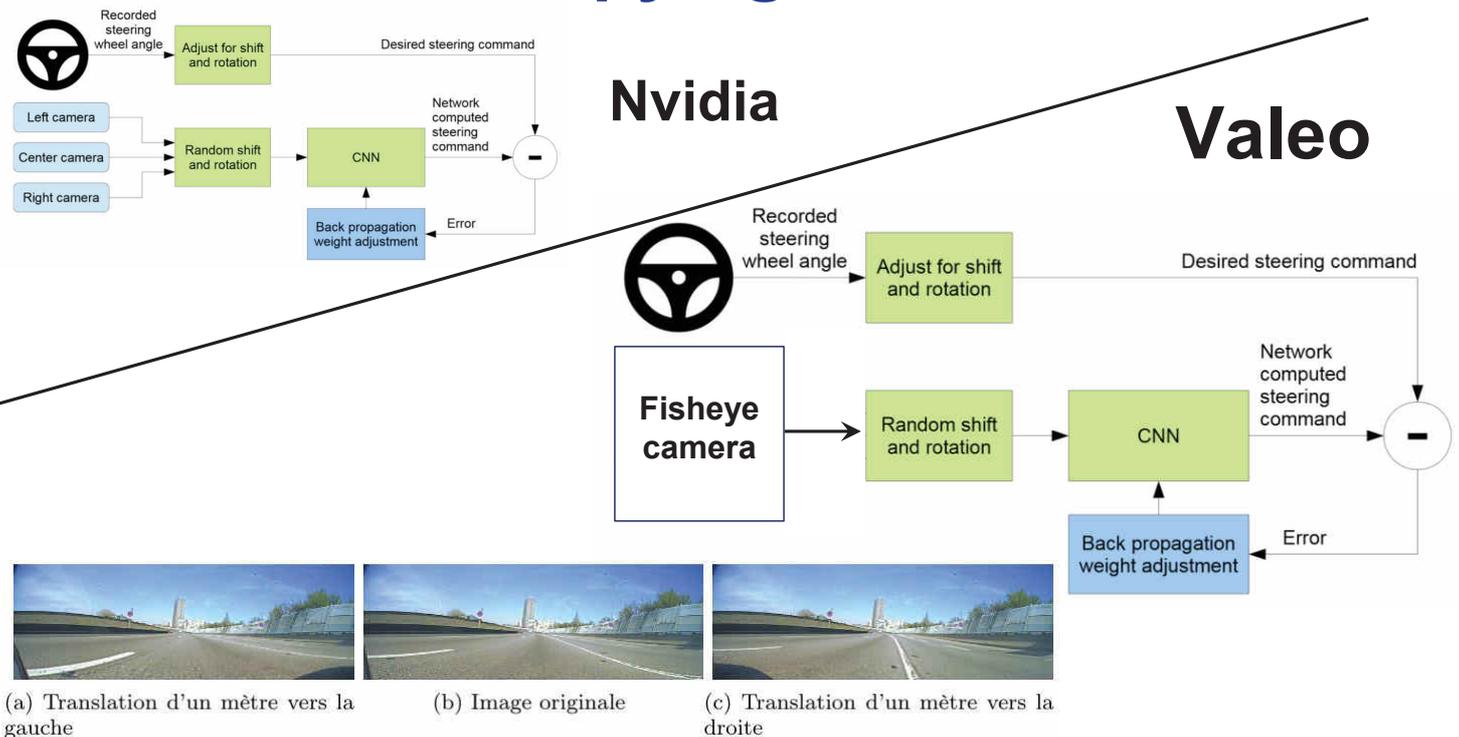
*Work in Progress (PhD thesis of Salwa El Kaddaoui at MINES\_ParisTech, within H2020 European project COLLABORATE)*

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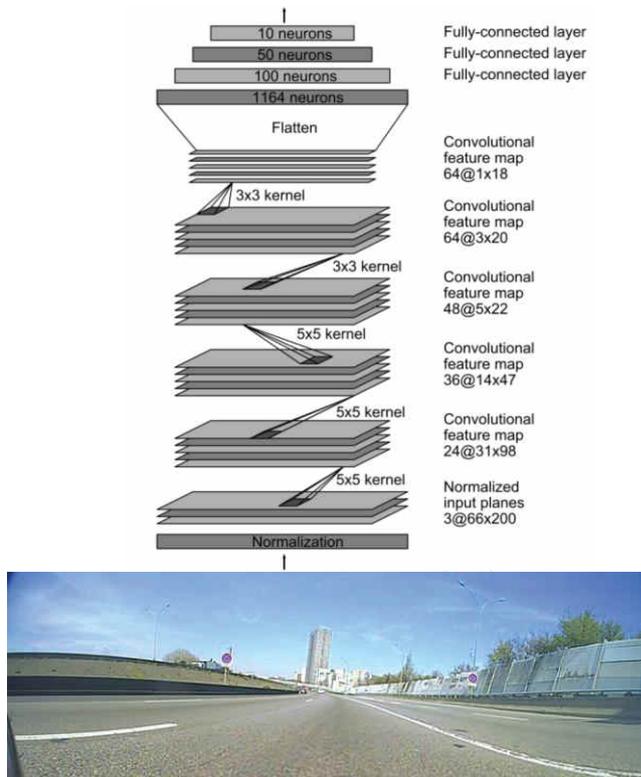


## Imitation Learning: "copying" human driver



**"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



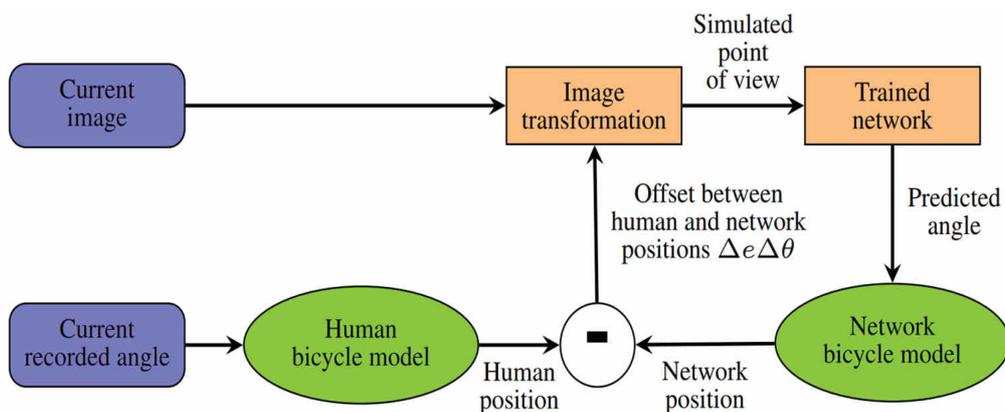
**ConvNet input:**  
Cylindrical projection of  
fisheye camera

## 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	<b>98.7</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>73.7</b>	<b>30</b>
Sel. #1	98.9	<b>15</b>	97.7	25	83.7	<b>27</b>
Sel. #2	<b>99.5</b>	16	97.2	24	<b>87.5</b>	28
Oversamp.	<b>98</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>91.8</b>	<b>29</b>	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	<b>18</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>26</b>	85	29
Weights #5	<b>98.4</b>	15	96.4	21	83.7	28
Bagging	<b>99.5</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>98.7</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>87.5</b>	<b>27</b>

# 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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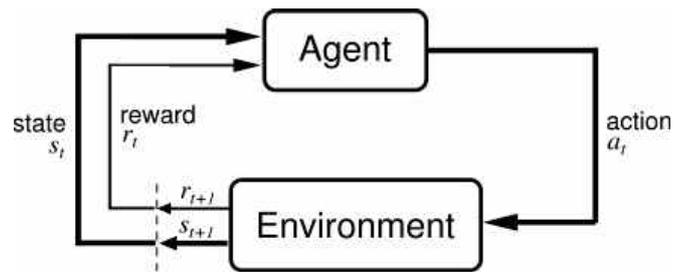
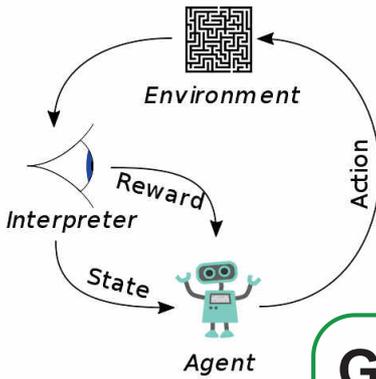
## Transferability from real-world to simulator



Test of driving convNet in GTA simulator

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

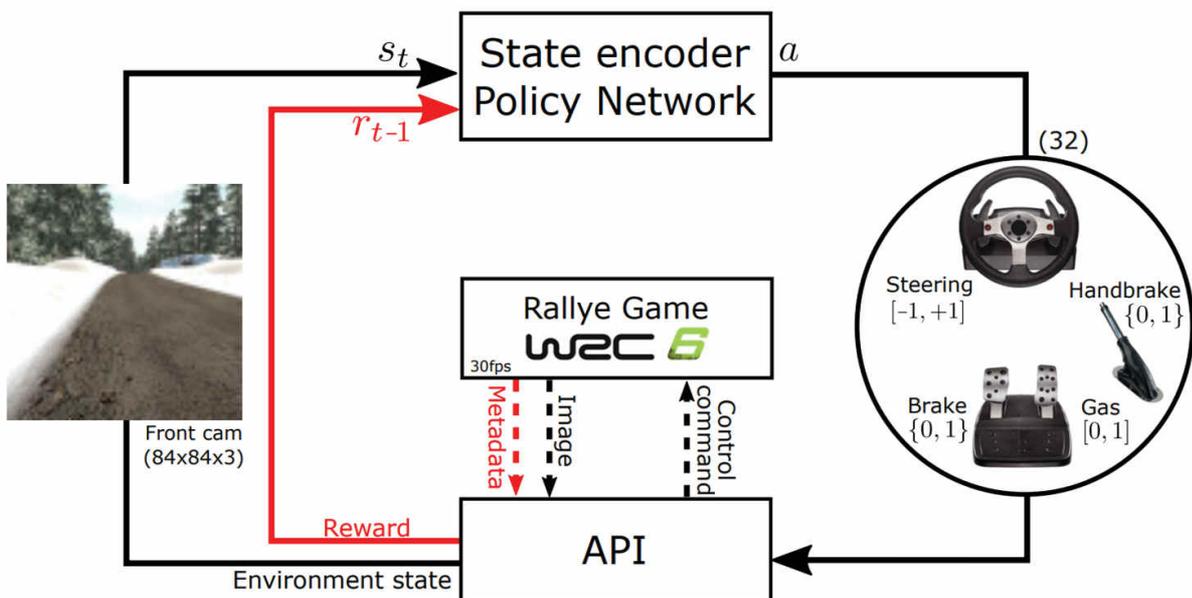
*[Work by my Valeo CIFRE PhD student Marin Toromanoff]*



**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  $\pi$  searched as ConvNet(front-image)**



**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

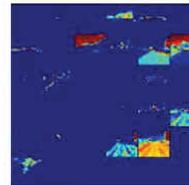


Game graphics

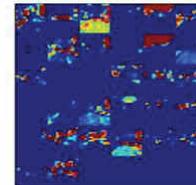
Test on training track



Network input and guided backpropagation



Layer 1



Layer 2

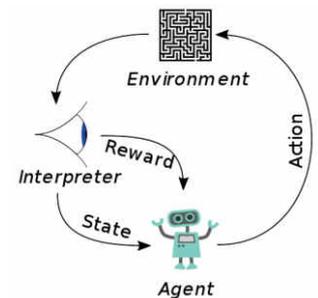
Activations

Snow (SE)



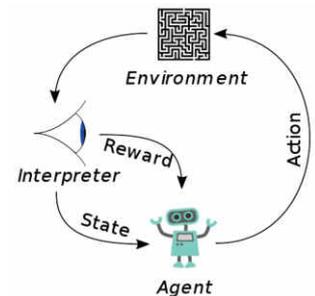
*End-to-End Race Driving with Deep Reinforcement Learning*, Maximilian Jaritz, Raoul De Charette, Marin Toromanoff, Etienne Perot, Fawzi Nashashibi, ICRA 2018 - IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation, Brisbane, Australia, May 2018.

# 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...**



## 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**

