

Mobile and Context-aware Interactive Systems

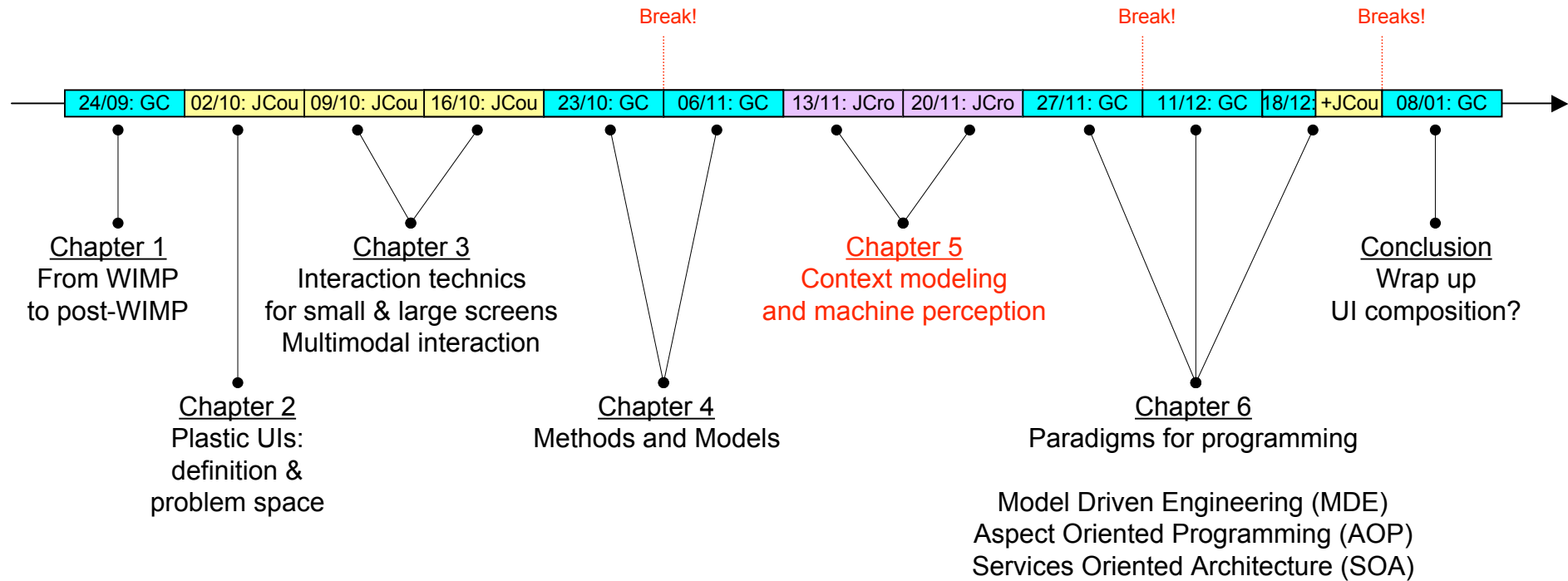


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- 1) Introduction: Context Aware Systems and Services
- 2) Software components for perception, action and interaction
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- 4) Acquiring situation models
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 - The acquisition problem
 - Hand-Crafting situation models
 - Off-line: Learning a Generic Situation Model
 - On-line: Accommodating Individual Preferences
- 5) Autonomic methods for software components

Situation Models:

An analytical tool for describing interactions

P. Johnson-Laird 1983 - Situation Model

An analytical tool to allow Human Psychologists to model human to human interaction.

Situation: Relations between entities

Entities: People and things;

Relations: An N-ary predicate (N=1,2,3 ...)

Example: John is facing Mary. John is talking to Mary.

Situation Models for Interaction

Proposal: Use situation models as a software framework for systems and services that interact with humans

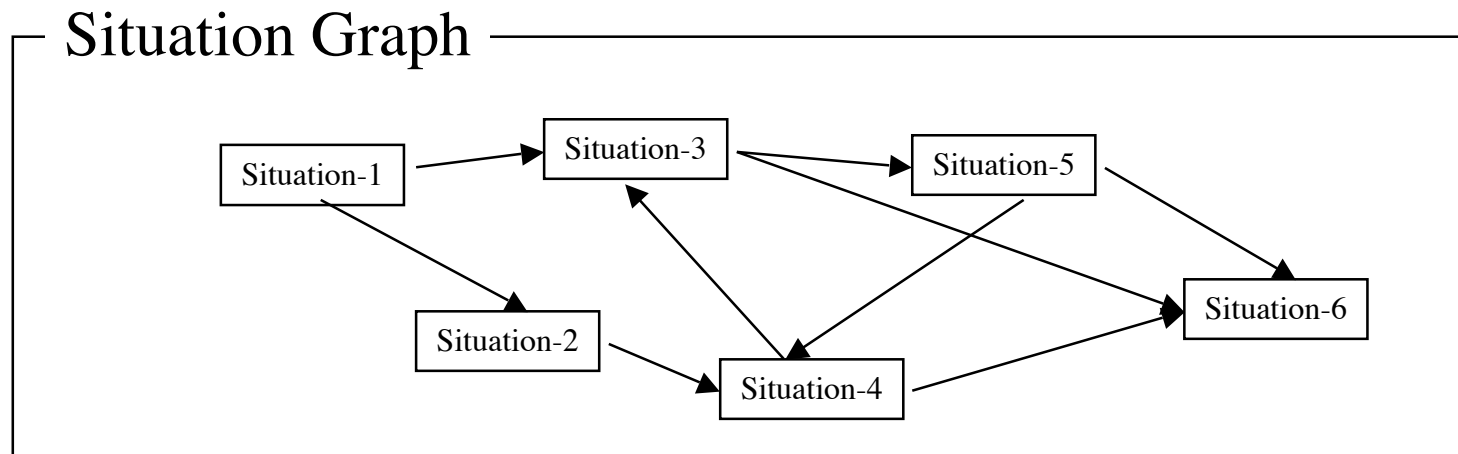
Situation:

- A configuration of relations between entities, with
- The appropriateness of actions for the situation.

Context:

- A situation network composed from
- A set of entities, relations, actions, and situations

Situation Graph



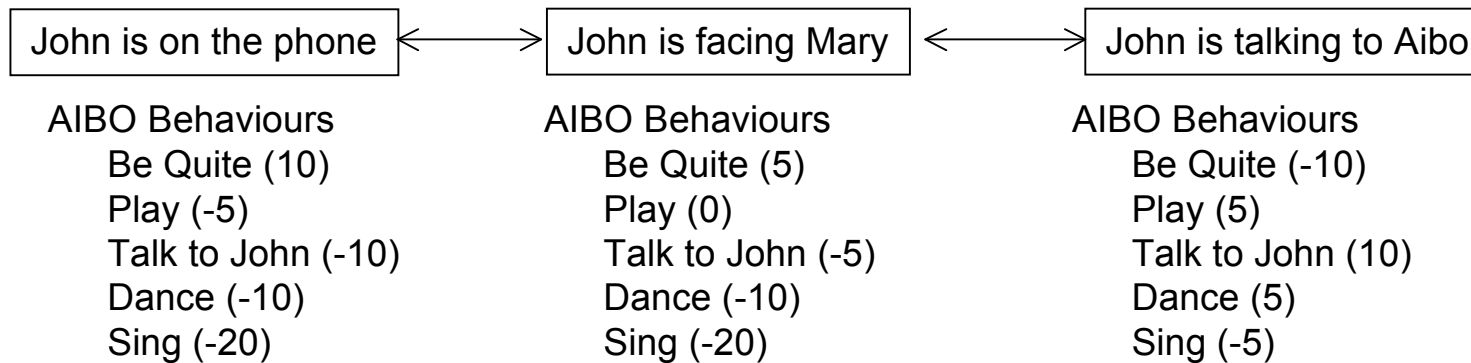
A situation graph describes a state space of situations

A Situation determines:

System Attention: entities and relations for the system to observe

System Behaviours: List of actions that are allowed or forbidden

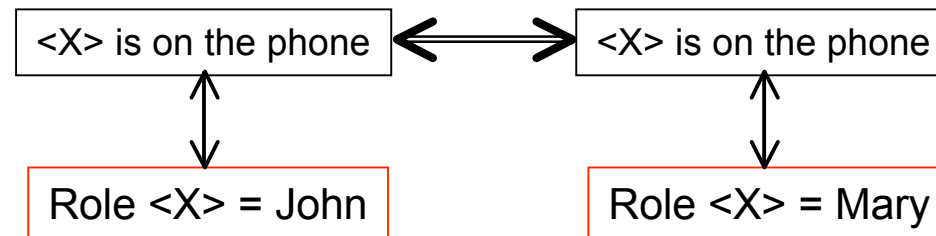
Situation Models for Interaction



Each situation indicates:

- Transition probabilities for accessible situations
- The appropriateness or inappropriateness of actions.

Roles and Situations



A role is a "variable" for entities.

Roles allow generalizations of situations.

Roles enable learning by analogy

Roles and Situations

Role: An abstract person or thing

A role predicts the actions that might be taken by an actor or the actions enabled by an object.

Entity: A correlated set of observed properties.

Two kinds of entities:

Actor: An entity that can spontaneously act to change a situation.

Prop: An entity that can not spontaneously act.

Situation Models as Scripts for Services

Many human activities follow scripts, but with variations.

Proposal: script services as a network of situations.

Formal Definitions:

Situation: A configuration of entities playing roles.

Configuration: A set of relations (predicates).

Relation: A predicate on properties of one or more entities.

Situation Models as Scripts for Services

Fundamental Problem

The Knowledge Barrier:

The extreme complexity of human activity and individual preferences

Proposed Solution

Machine Learning

Off-line: Learning of prototype scripts

On-line: Adaptation of scripts to accommodate preferences

Learning Situation Models

Four Learning Problems

Learning Service Behaviour

⇒ Supervised on-line Learning

Learning Situations Graphs

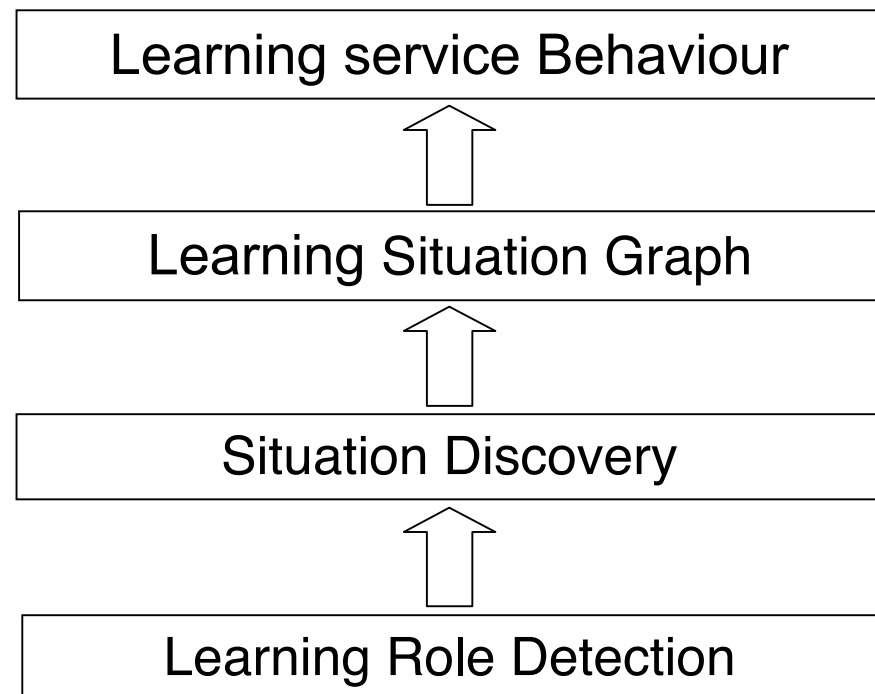
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Role Detection

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Learning Role Assignment

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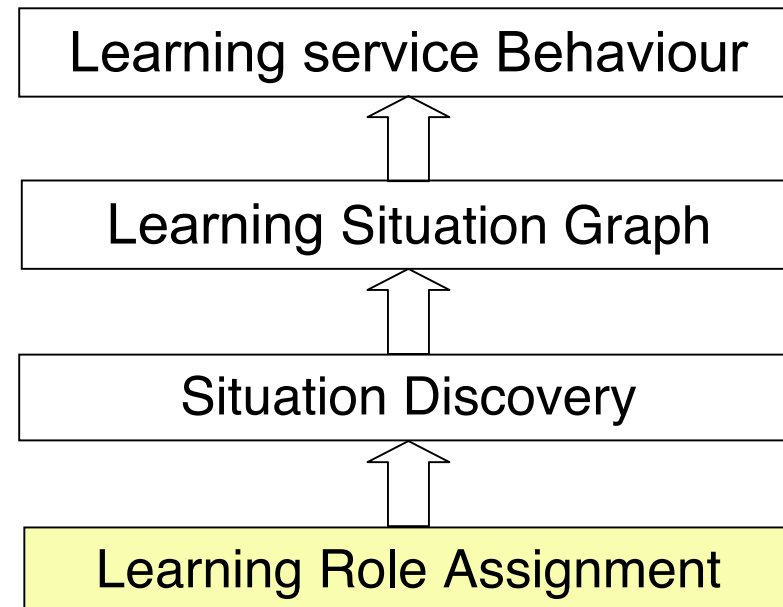
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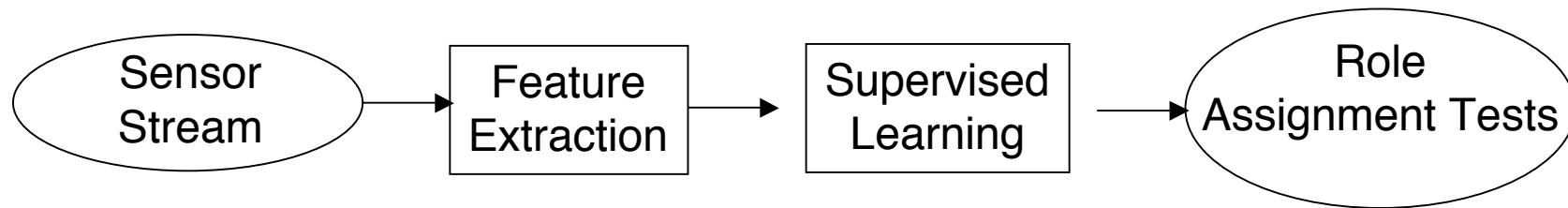
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Role Detection: Supervised learning using SVMs


Learning Role Assignment



Approach:

- 1) Visual and acoustic tracking
- 2) Compute feature stream
- 3) Hand Label examples
- 4) Train Role Recognition Classifiers

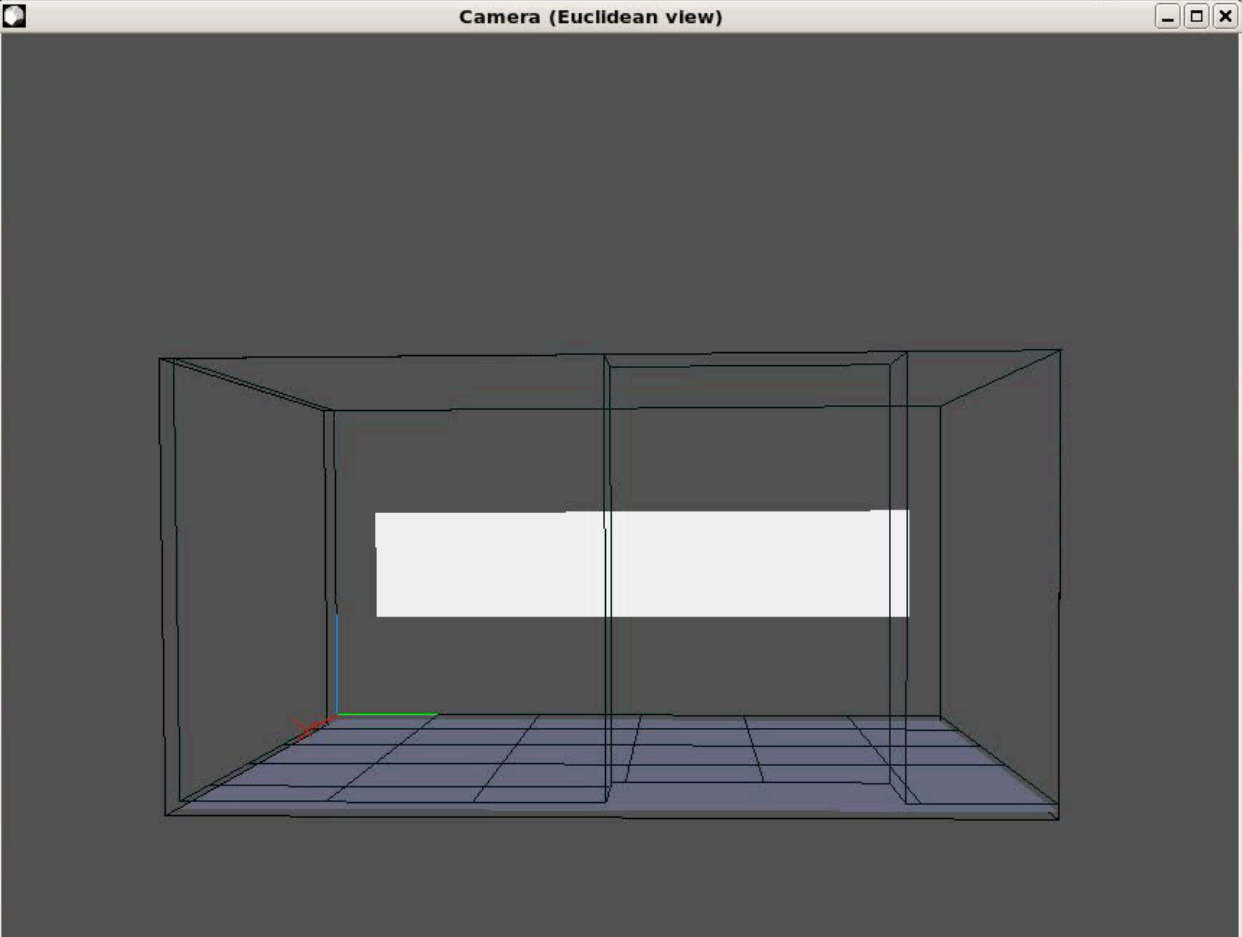
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Camera (Euclidean view)



Terminal

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capturedImages/capture0001.miff
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Simple Features from Tracker

1. Acoustic and Visual Blob tracking

2. Features for P persons

Visual Features:

3D Position

3D Blob Speeds

Lengths, orientation of 2nd moments

Face Orientation

Acoustic Features:

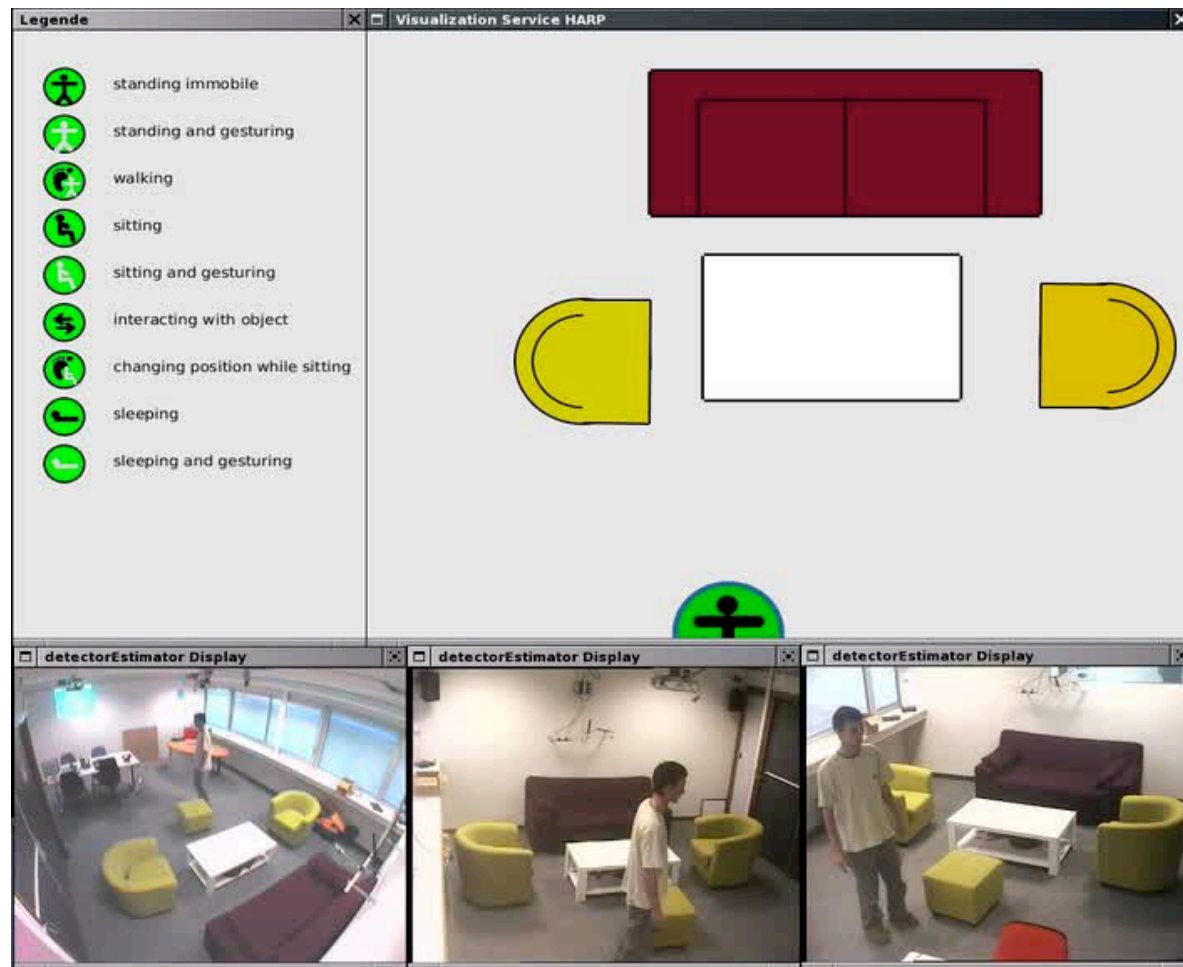
Speech activity detection

Also available: Statistical appearance features (not used here).

Role Assignment

Each blob is tested using statistical classifier.

Most likely blob is assigned to role.



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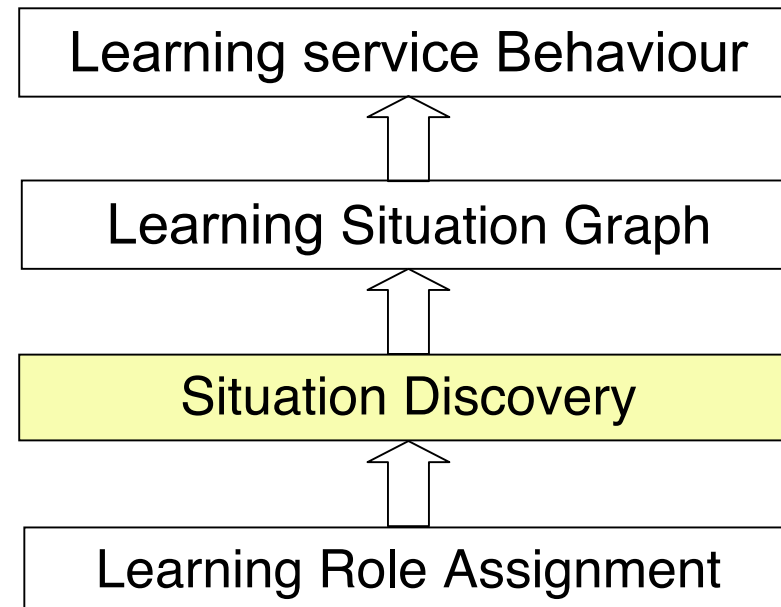
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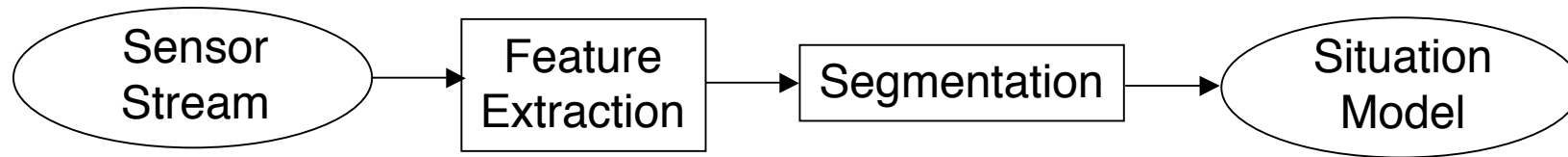
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Initial Situation Model: Learned by Segmenting Feature Stream

Learning an Initial Situation Model

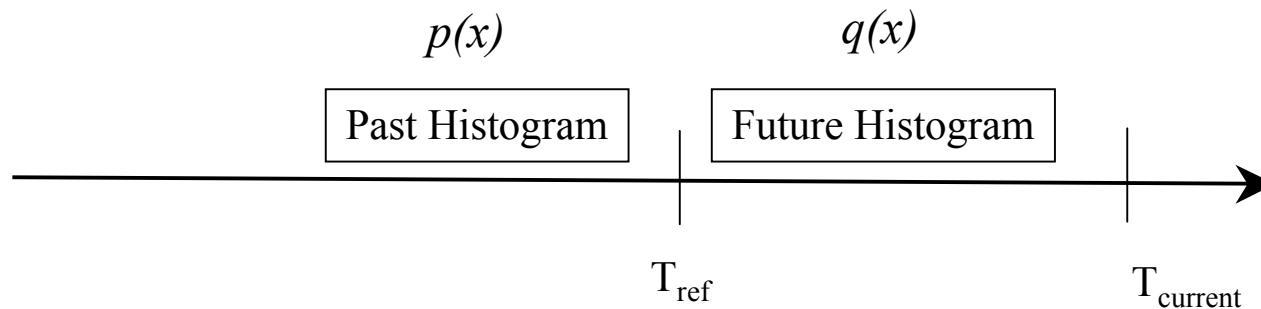


Approach:

- 1) Visual and acoustic tracking
- 2) Compute feature stream
- 3) Calculate running histograms of features
- 4) Calculate Jeffrey Divergence between past and future
- 5) Detect rupture in Jeffrey Divergence

segmenting feature stream

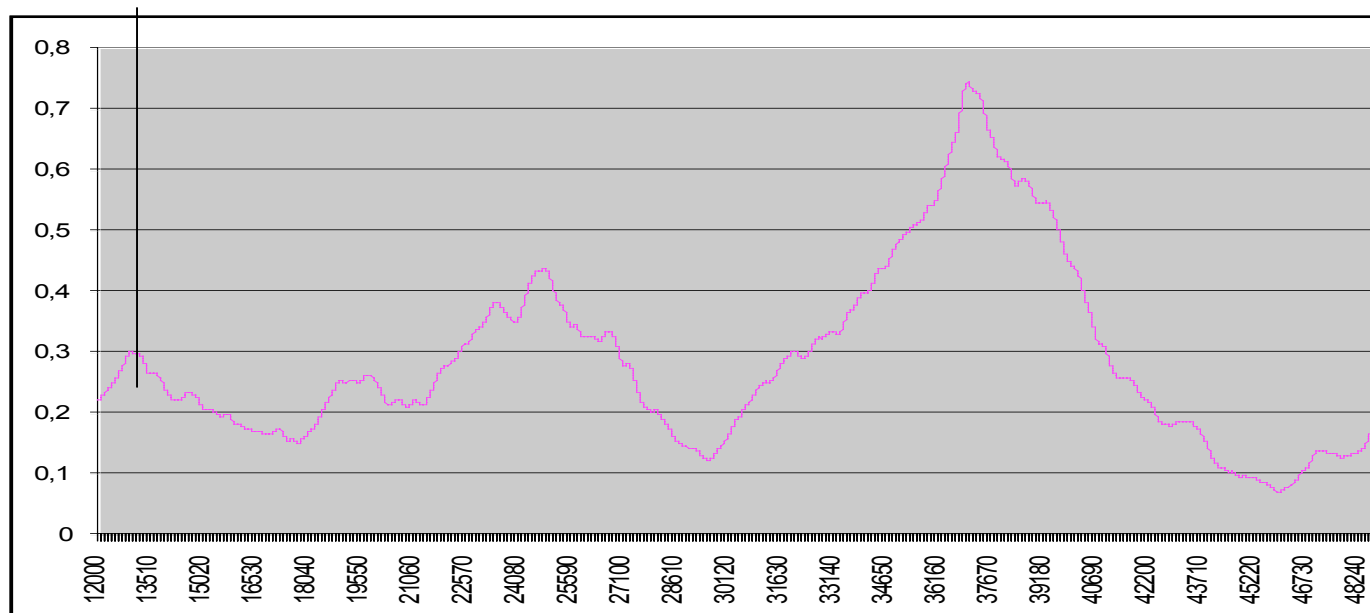
3. Compute D-Dimensional Histogram from last N frames
4. Compute Jeffery Divergence between Past and Future



$$J_{p,q} = \sum_{x \in X} p(x) \cdot \log \frac{p(x)}{p(x) + q(x)} + q(x) \cdot \log \frac{q(x)}{p(x) + q(x)}$$

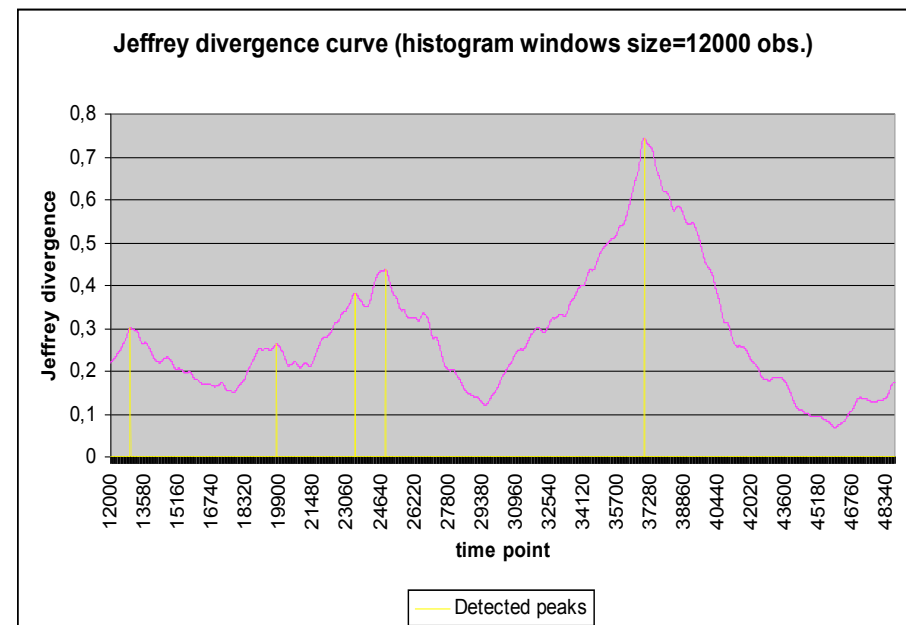
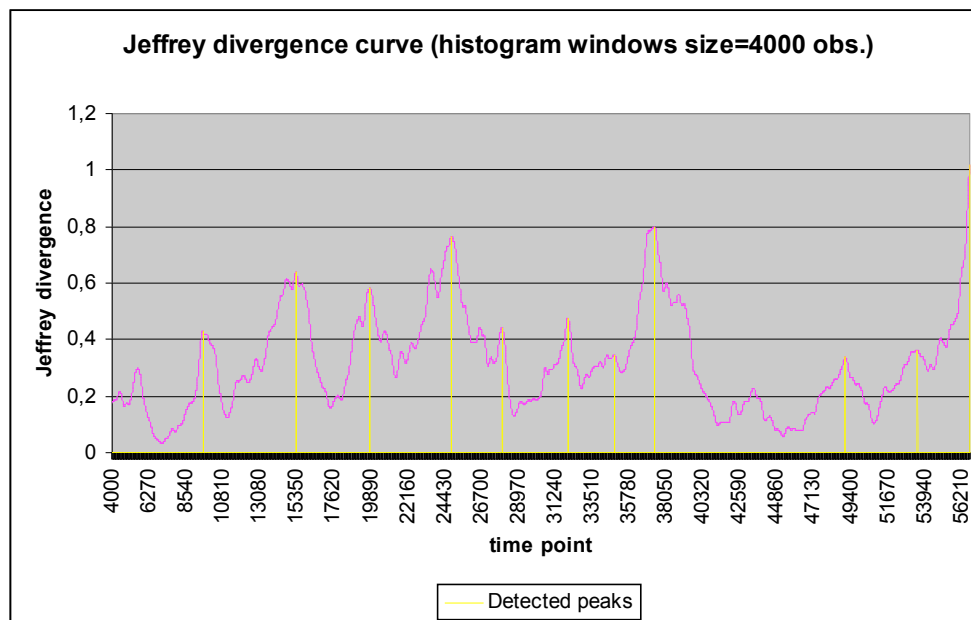
Segmenting Feature Stream

Slide two adjacent histograms from the beginning to the end of a recording, while calculating Jeffrey divergence



Segmenting Feature Stream

multi-scale analysis: Jeffrey divergence curves for different window sizes
4000-16000 observations (between 64sec and 4min 16sec)



Learning Situation Models

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Situation Discovery

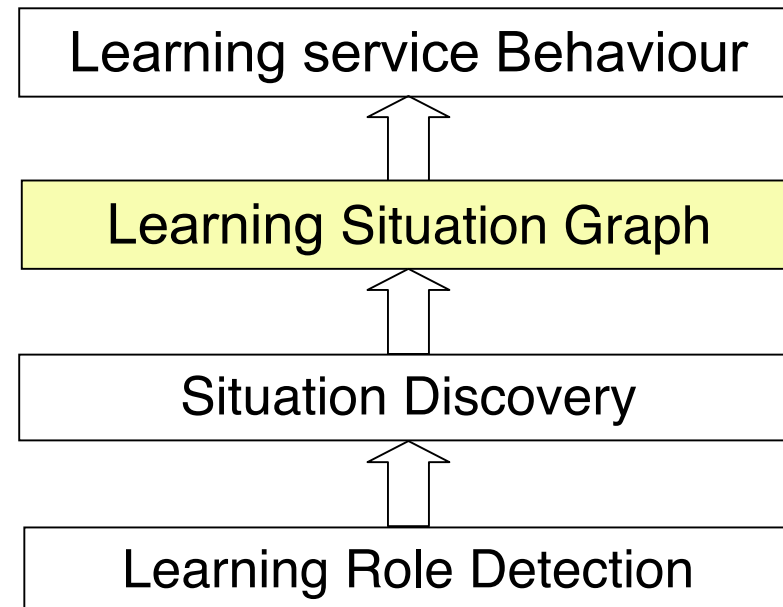
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⇒ Supervised Learning

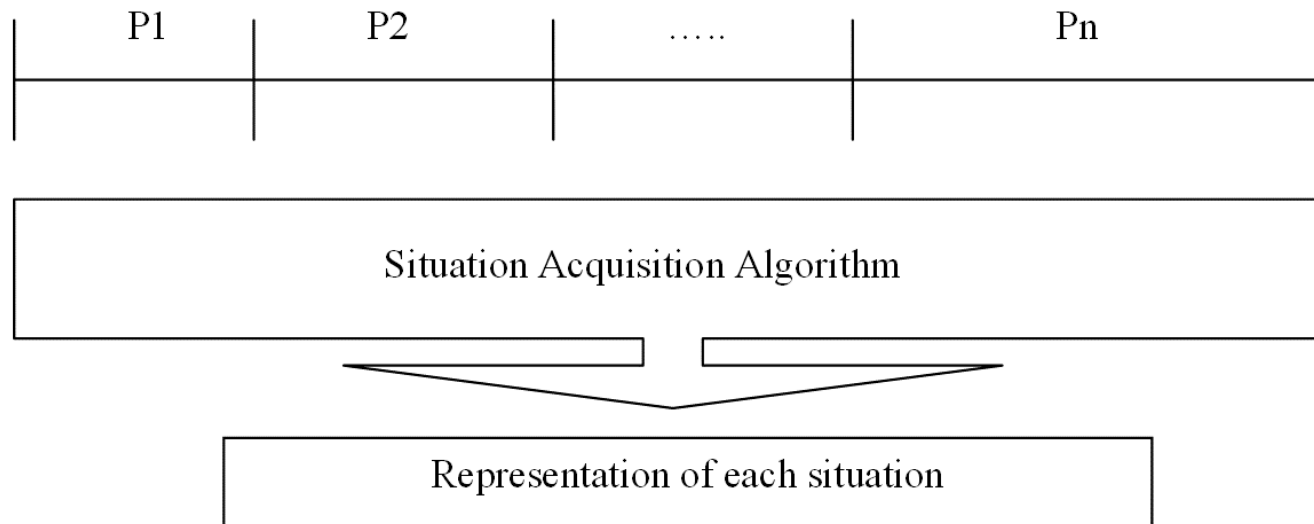
Learning service Behaviour

⇒ Supervised Learning



Supervised Situation Learning

n observation sequences associated to m situation labels ($m \leq n$)



Each sequence corresponds to one situation

Two or more sequences can have the same situation label

Supervised Situation Learning (2/2)

learner $L: \{P_1, P_2, \dots, P_k \mid k > 0\} \rightarrow$ situation representation S

- A. For each learner class do:
 - a. *{optimization step}*
For each situation label do:
 - Select learner/set of learners
 - Apply learner to given observations
 - b. *{validation step}*
Calculate quality of obtained situation representations
 - c. Repeat a.-b. until best quality is obtained
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-- Iterate over situation labels to be learned --

Supervised Situation Acquisition Algorithm

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Quality measure – principle: *maximize the distance between the means of the classes while minimizing the variance within each class [Fisher1938]*

# On-line: Adapting to User Preferences

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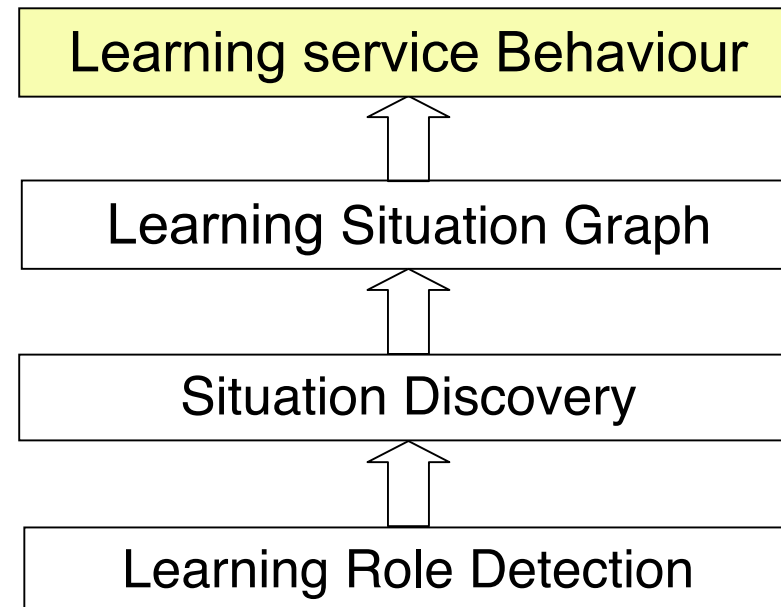
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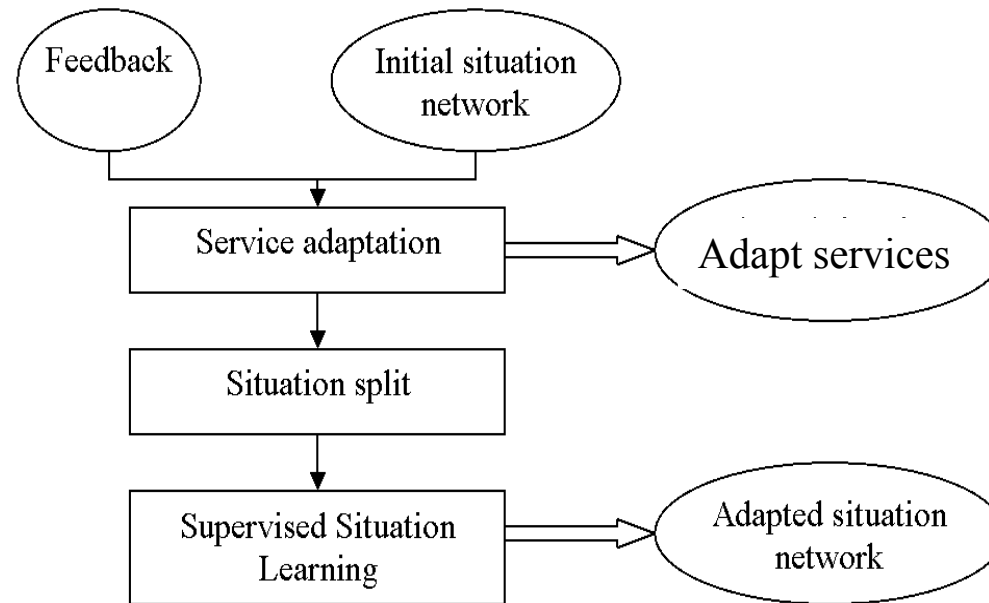
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Split and Merge Situations from User Feedback

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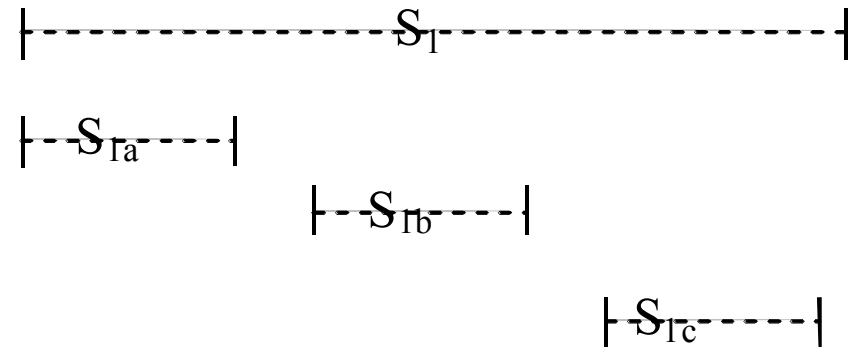
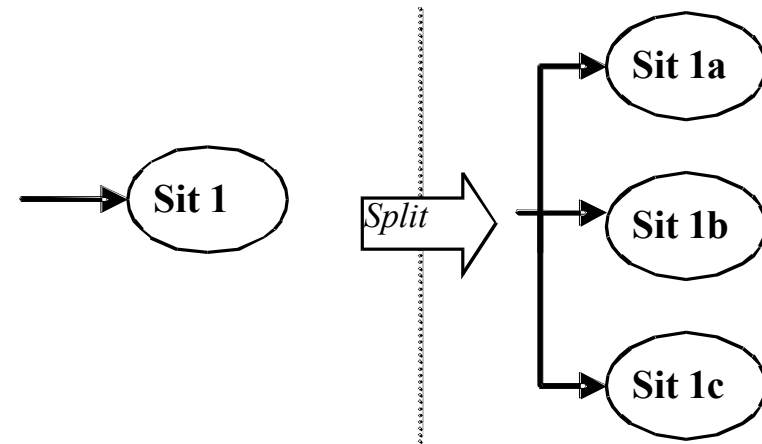


1. Modify association of service with situations
2. Split and Merge for Situations based on Human Feedback

# Situation Split

different disjunctive services for  
one situation → situation split

*supervised situation acquisition  
algorithm* for learning sub-  
situations





# Multimodal observation of the scene

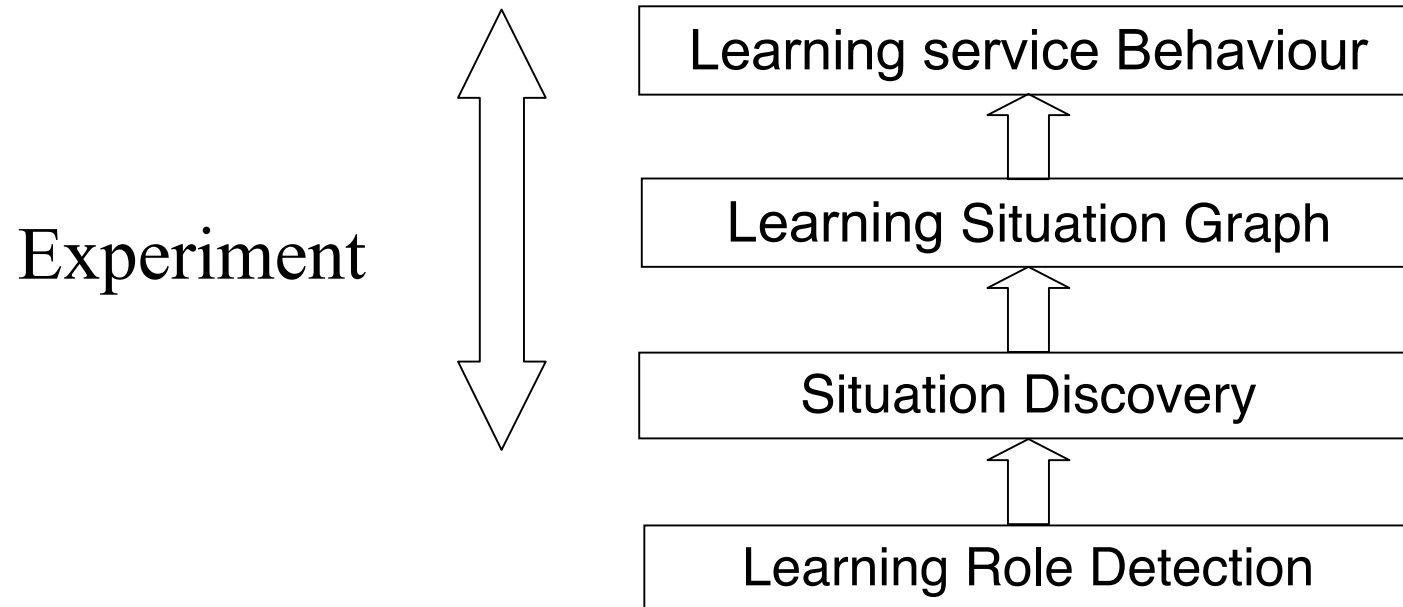
head set microphones + speech activity detection

ambient sound detection

multimodal entity observation codes:

- 0 : entity does not exist**
- 1 : standing immobile**
- 2 : standing and interacting with table**
- 3 : standing and gesturing**
- 4 : standing and interacting with table (in movement)**
- 5 : walking**
- 6 : sitting**
- 7 : sitting and interacting with table**
- 8 : sitting and gesturing**
- 9 : sitting and interacting with table (in movement)**
- 10 : changing position while sitting**
- 11 : lying down**
- 12 : lying down and gesturing**
- 13 : detection error**
  
- 14-26 : entity is speaking**
- 27-39 : there is noise in the environment**
- 40-52 : entity is speaking and there is noise**

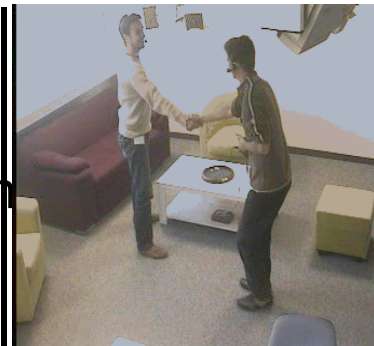
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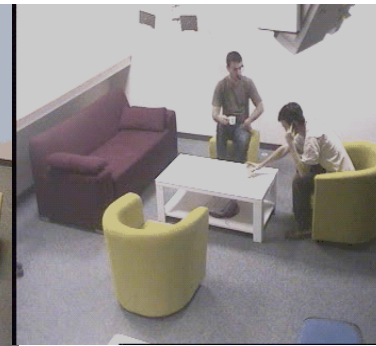
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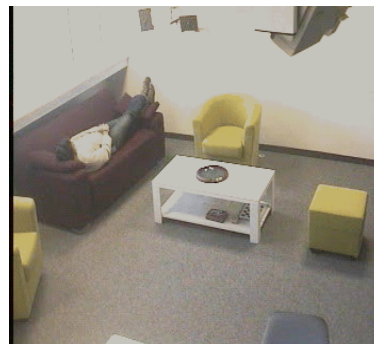
Situations: “introduction”, “aperitif”,  
“siesta”, “presentation”,  
“game”



Introduction



Aperitif



Siesta



Presentation

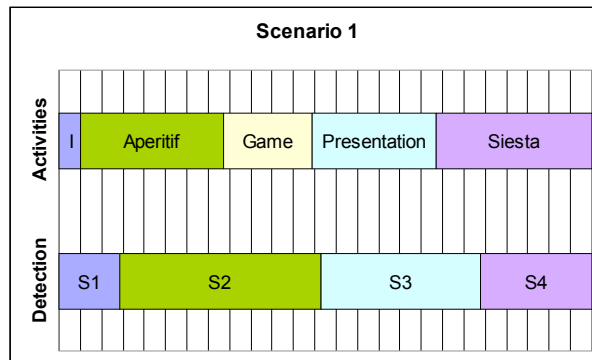


Game

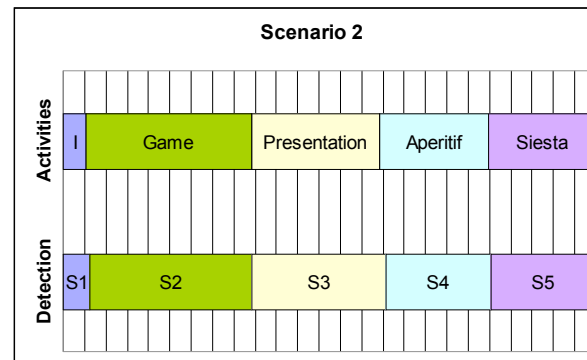
“online” in-scenario situation recognition

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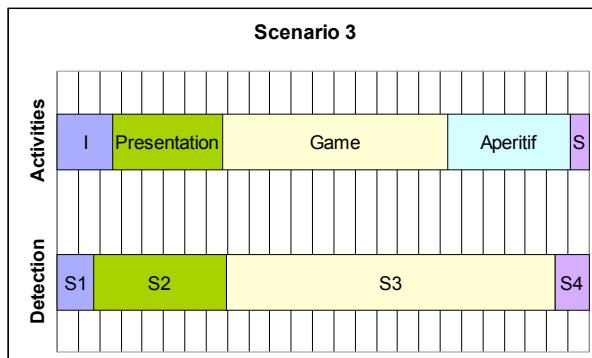
Off-line: unsupervised situation discovery for prototype situations



$Q = 0.68$



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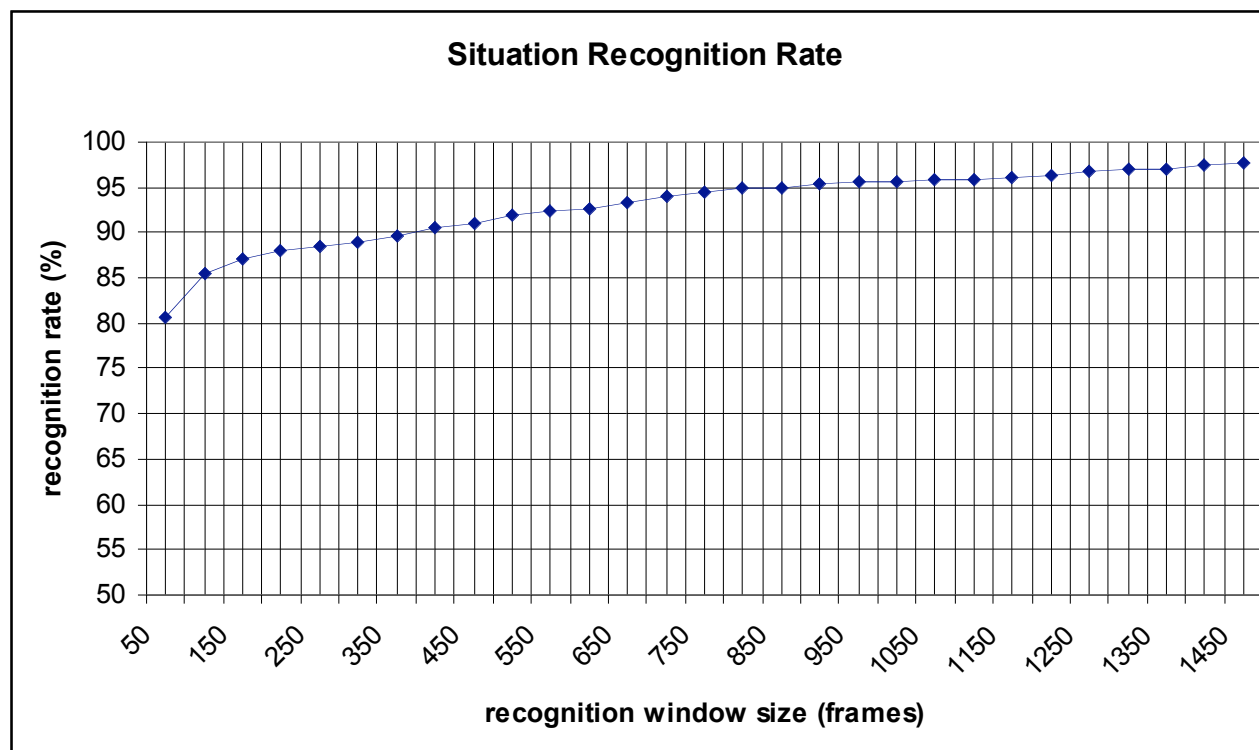


$Q = 0.74$

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## Supervised situation learning

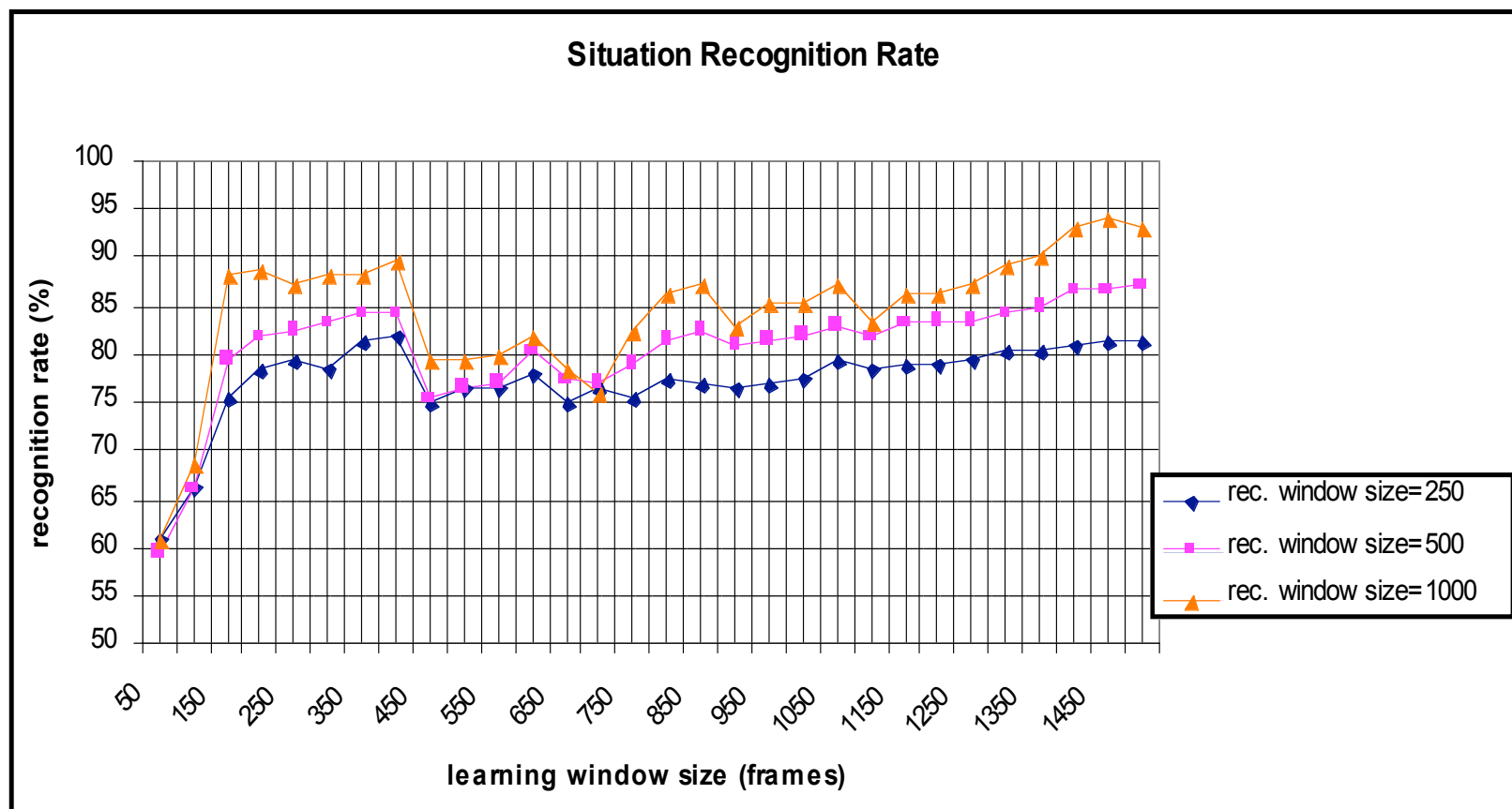
- 4 situations: “introduction”, “presentation”, “siesta” and “*group activity*”
- 3-fold cross-validation: 2 scenarios for learning, 1 scenario for testing
- EM as learner class
- HMMs (8-16 states)



# Experimental Demonstration

On-line: Integration of user preferences

- Split “group activity” and learn new sub-situations “aperitif” and “game”



# Summary and Conclusions

Situation networks provide scripts for services

Fundamental Problem: Knowledge Barrier

Proposed solution: machine learning

- Off-line: Learn prototype “generic” scripts.
  - ⇒ Initial situation discovery by unsupervised segmentation
  - ⇒ Supervised learning to build situation networks
- On-line: Adapt Networks and services to preferences
  - ⇒ Use feedback from people for on-line adaptation of situation models and services
  - ⇒ Split and merge Situation networks.
  - ⇒ Associate services to situations.



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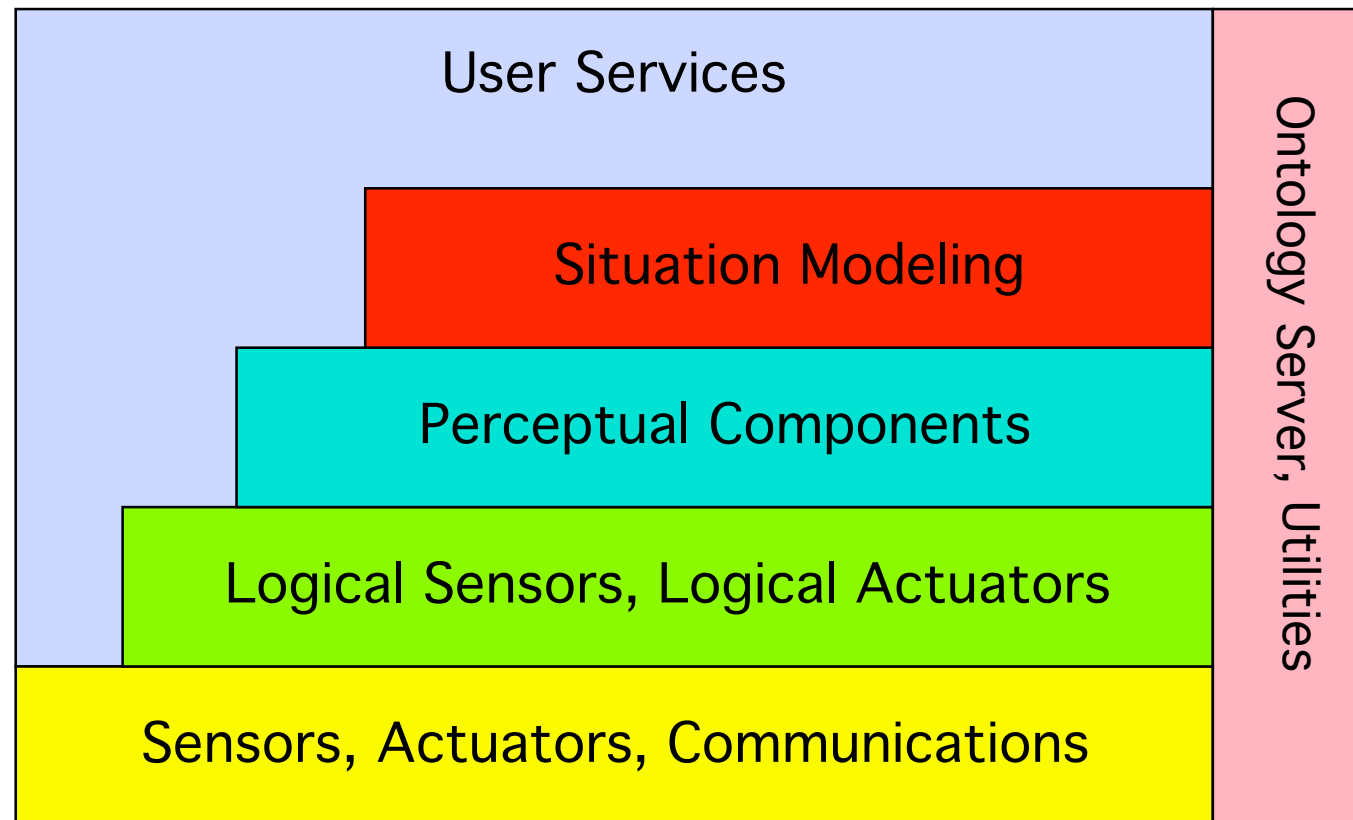




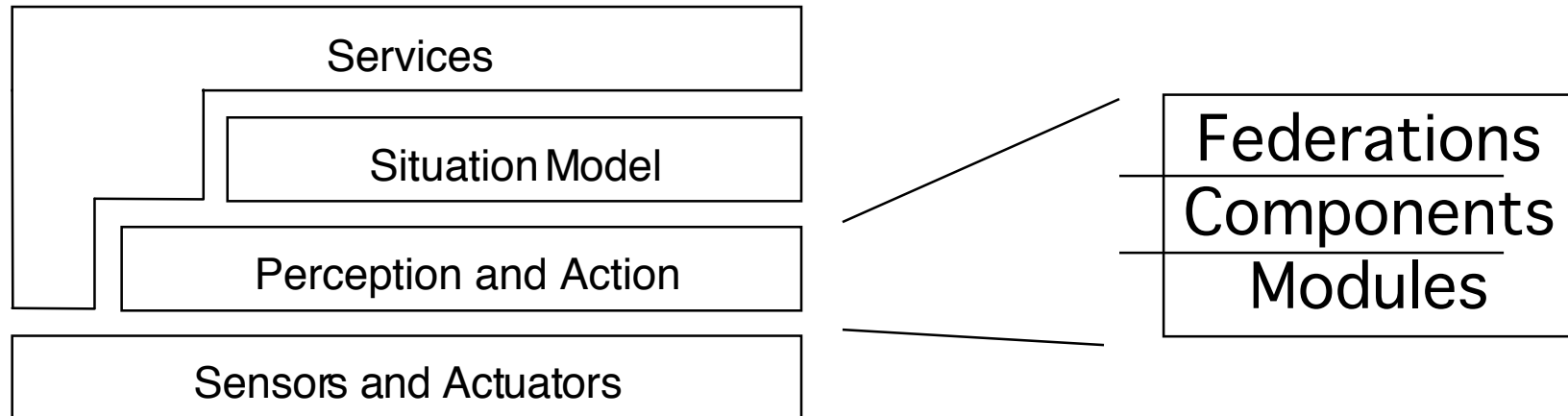
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  - Reminder: Components for Perception and Action
  - Need for Autonomic Components
  - Origins of Autonomic Computing
  - Autonomic Properties
  - Methods for building Autonomic perception/action components

# Software Architectural Reference Model



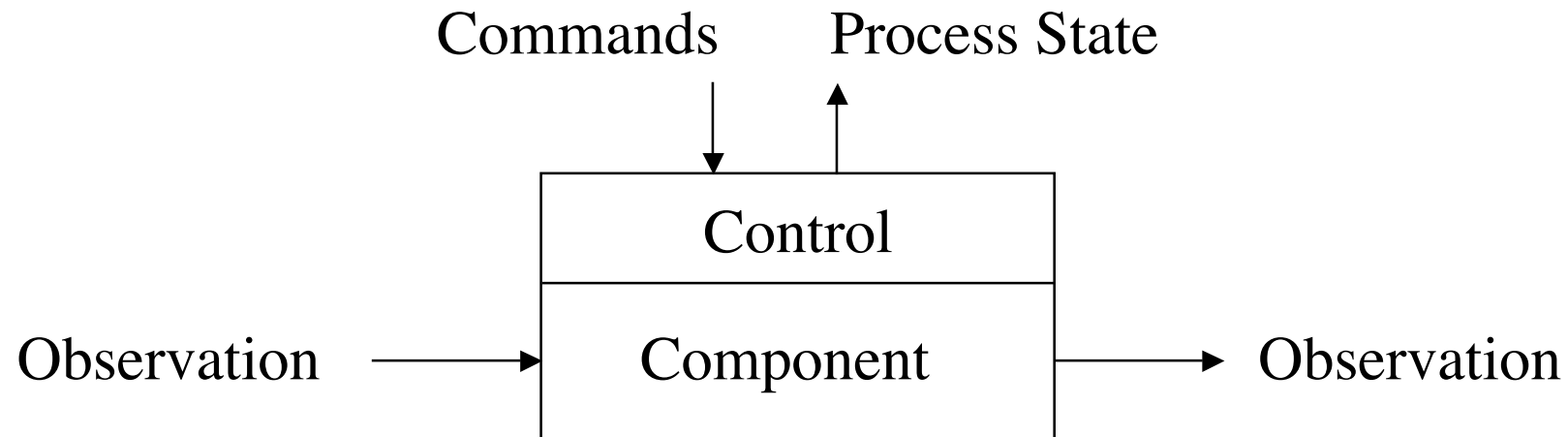
# Components for Perception and Action



## Perception - Action Layer:

Ad-hoc assembly of components to provide software services.

# Sensory Motor Components



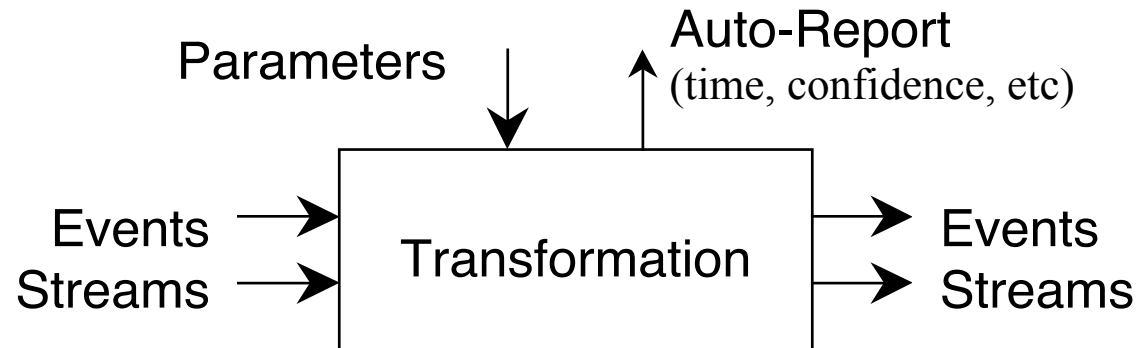
Process model (Finkelstein et al 94).

Data flow Software Architecture (Shaw-Garlan 96)

Process Federations (Estublier and Cunin 97)

# Auto-Critical Software Modules

Perceptual Components are composed of modules.



Module: Synchronous Data Transformation

Modules transform data and returns a report on results

Report describes resources used (time, memory) and quality of result

# Start-up: Blue Eye Video

PDG: Pierre de la Salle, Jean Viscomte, Stephane Richetto, Pierre-Jean Riviere, Fabien Pelisson, Sebastien Pesnel and James L. Crowley

Creation: 1 June 2003

Product: Autonomous IP-Camera with embedded detection and tracking.

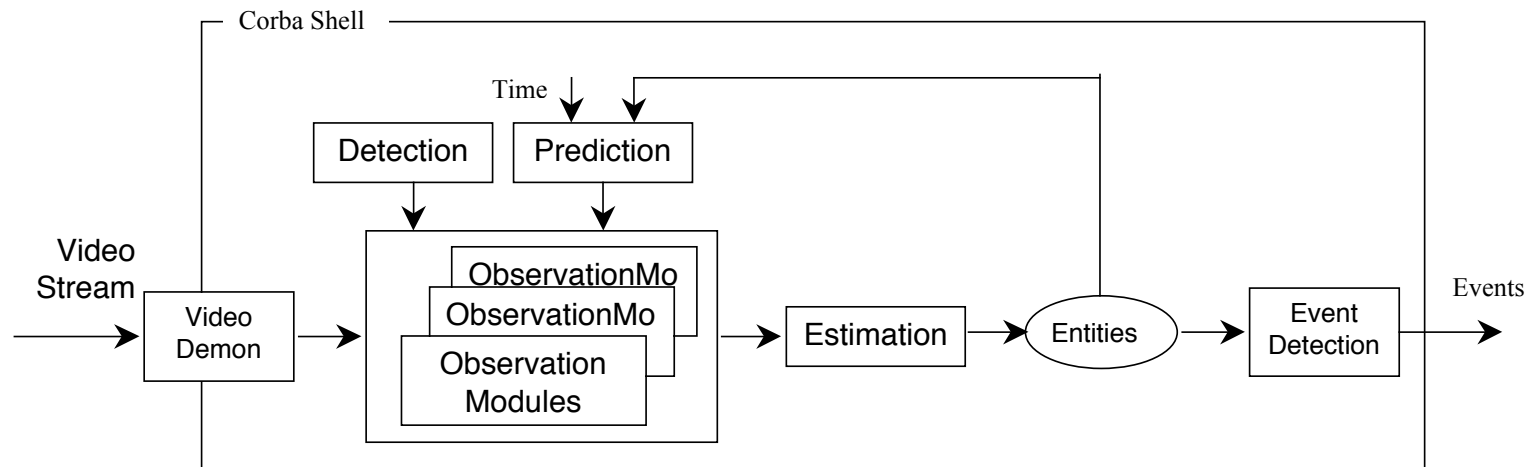
Market: Observation of human activity

Sectors: Commercial services, security, and traffic monitoring

Status: > 400 K Euros in sales in 2006, > 200 Systems installed  
Sales doubled every 12 months until 2006

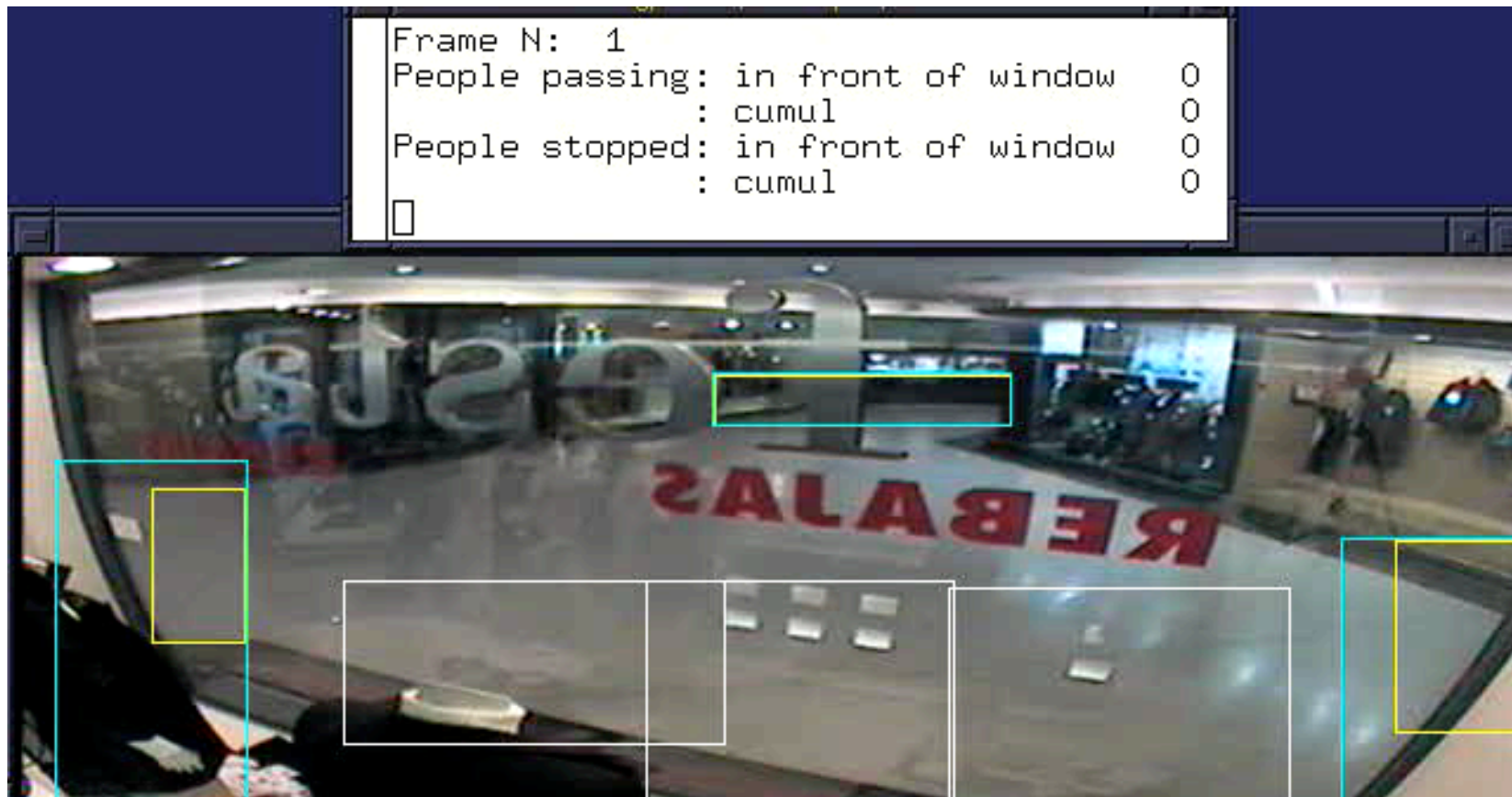
Barrier: **Installation and maintenance**

# Blue Eye Video Entity Detection and Tracking Process



- Hardwired Control in C++
- Observation Modules:
  - Color Histogram Ratio, Background Difference, Motion History Image,
  - Local Appearance, Receptive Field Histograms
- Industrial Grade System

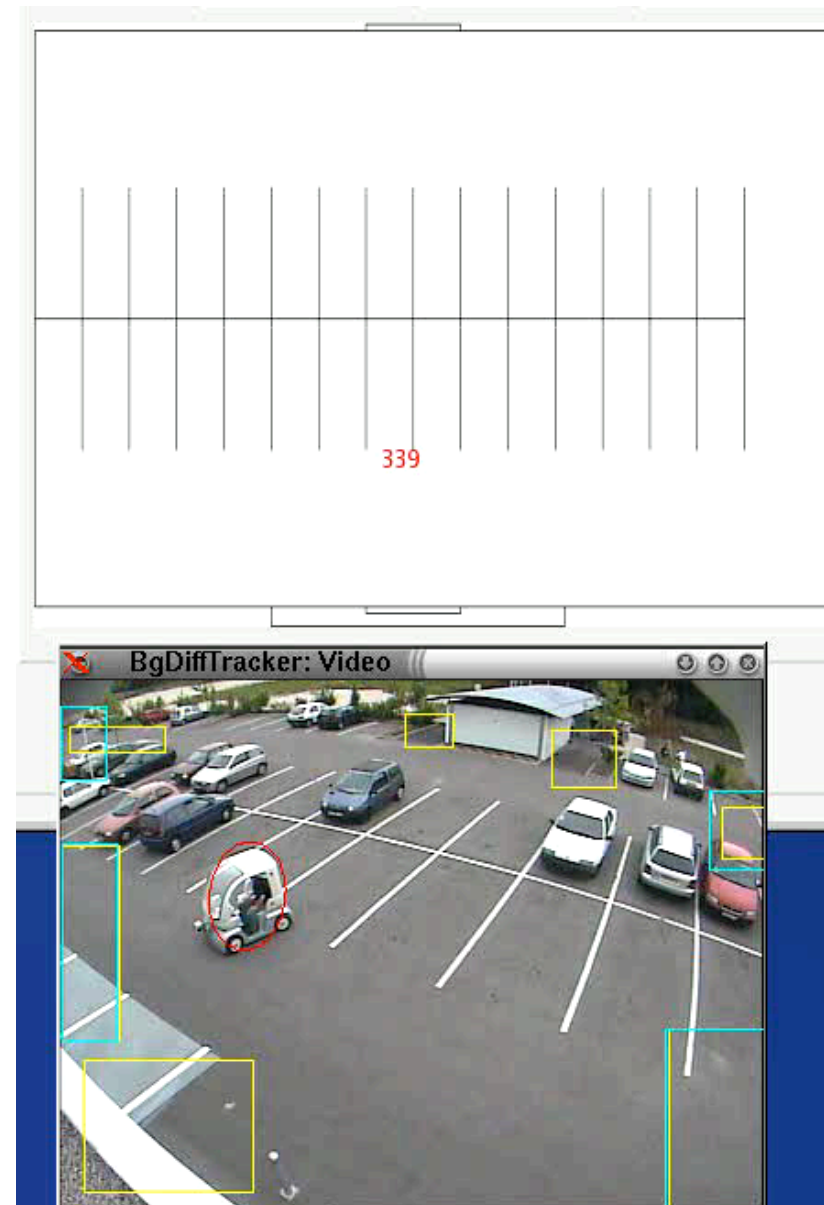
# Blue Eye Video Activity Sensor (PETS 2002 Data)

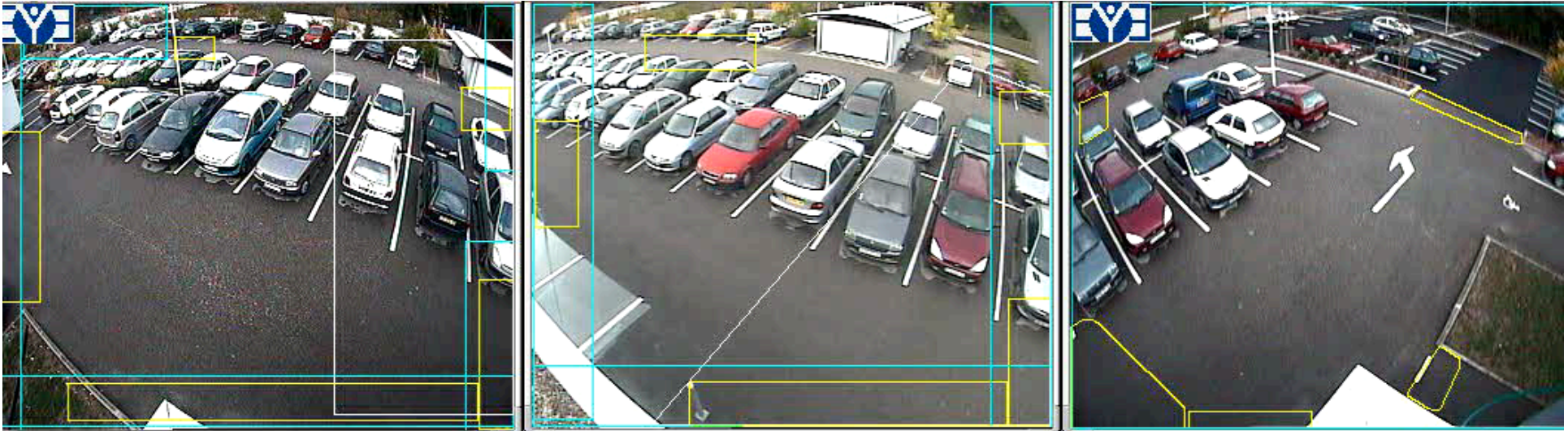




# CAVIAR Outdoor Test Bed INRIA Back Parking Lot

2 Outdoor Surveillance Platforms,  
3 m separation, 3 meter height





Export

Target Multi-Camera Network Config

| Id | Nb | Table | Display |
|----|----|-------|---------|
|    |    |       |         |

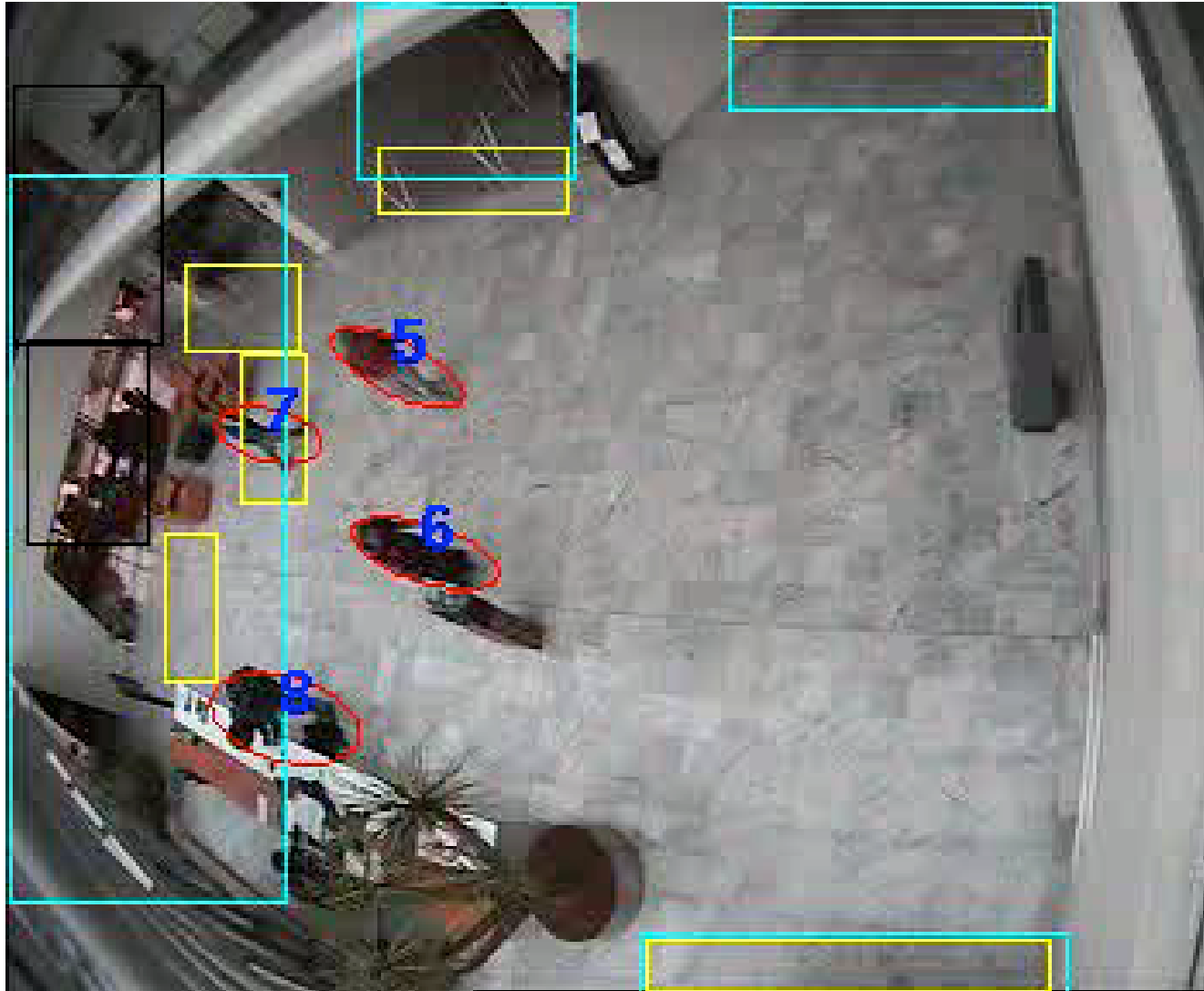
The diagram shows a layout of a parking lot. It features a central horizontal black line with vertical tick marks. Above and below this line are green and orange lines that form a complex, stepped pattern, likely representing the layout of the parking lot or the detection zones of the cameras. The diagram is contained within a window titled 'Export' with tabs for 'Target', 'Multi-Camera', and 'Network Config'. Below the tabs is a table with columns 'Id', 'Nb', 'Table', and 'Display'. The table is currently empty.

# CAVIAR Indoor Test-bed: INRIA Entrance Hall

2 Cameras:  
one w/wide  
angle lens,  
one steerable  
pan-tilt-zoom



# Tracking Multiple Targets



# Abandoned Bag Detection

The screenshot displays a software interface for video analysis. On the left, a 'Watcher' window for 'video0' shows a table with the following data:

| channel:id | age, in region, stopped | speed, average | direction | size | stops, in region |
|------------|-------------------------|----------------|-----------|------|------------------|
| video0:2   | 0, 0, 0                 | 2, 2.0         | 0         | 98   | 1, 1             |

Below the table is a 'clear objects' button. The 'Events' section has tabs for 'Definition', 'Log', and 'Counts and Assertions', with a table header including 'Date&Time' and 'event:chnl:ic'. On the right, a video window titled 'BgDiffTracker: Video' shows a fisheye view of a hallway. A person is tracked with a green circle and a purple bounding box. A cyan bounding box is visible in the lower right corner of the video frame.

# Reportage FR 2



# Lesson from Blue Eye Video

Market Size and potential growth rate were limited by:

- 1) Robustness,  
and
- 2) Installation Cost. Currently installation requires configuration by a trained engineers. Maintaining a 100 systems was a full time job for 4 engineers!

Lesson:

Systems must Self-Configure, Self-repair and Self-regulate

⇒ Autonomic Systems Methods are fundamental to Computer Vision  
and to autonomous robotic systems.

# Autonomous Systems

Autonomous: Self-governing, Self-protecting.  
Able to self-maintain functional integrity.

Autonomy:  
Self-maintenance of functional integrity

Enabling Technology for Autonomy:  
**Autonomic Computing**



# Origins of Autonomic Computing

March 2001 Keynote address to the National Academy of Engineers by Paul Horn (IBM vice president)

Autonomic computing systems as systems that manage themselves given high-level objectives from administrators.

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# Autonomic Nervous System (ANS)

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Commonly divided into three subsystems:

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# Autonomic Properties for Perceptual Components

Self-descriptive: The component supervisor provides descriptions of the capabilities (to component registry) and the current state of the process (on request).

Self-monitoring: The component supervisor estimates state and quality of service for each processing cycle.

Self-regulation: The component supervisor adapts parameters to maintain a desired process state.

Self-repair: The process controller can detect and correct conditions by reconfiguring modules.

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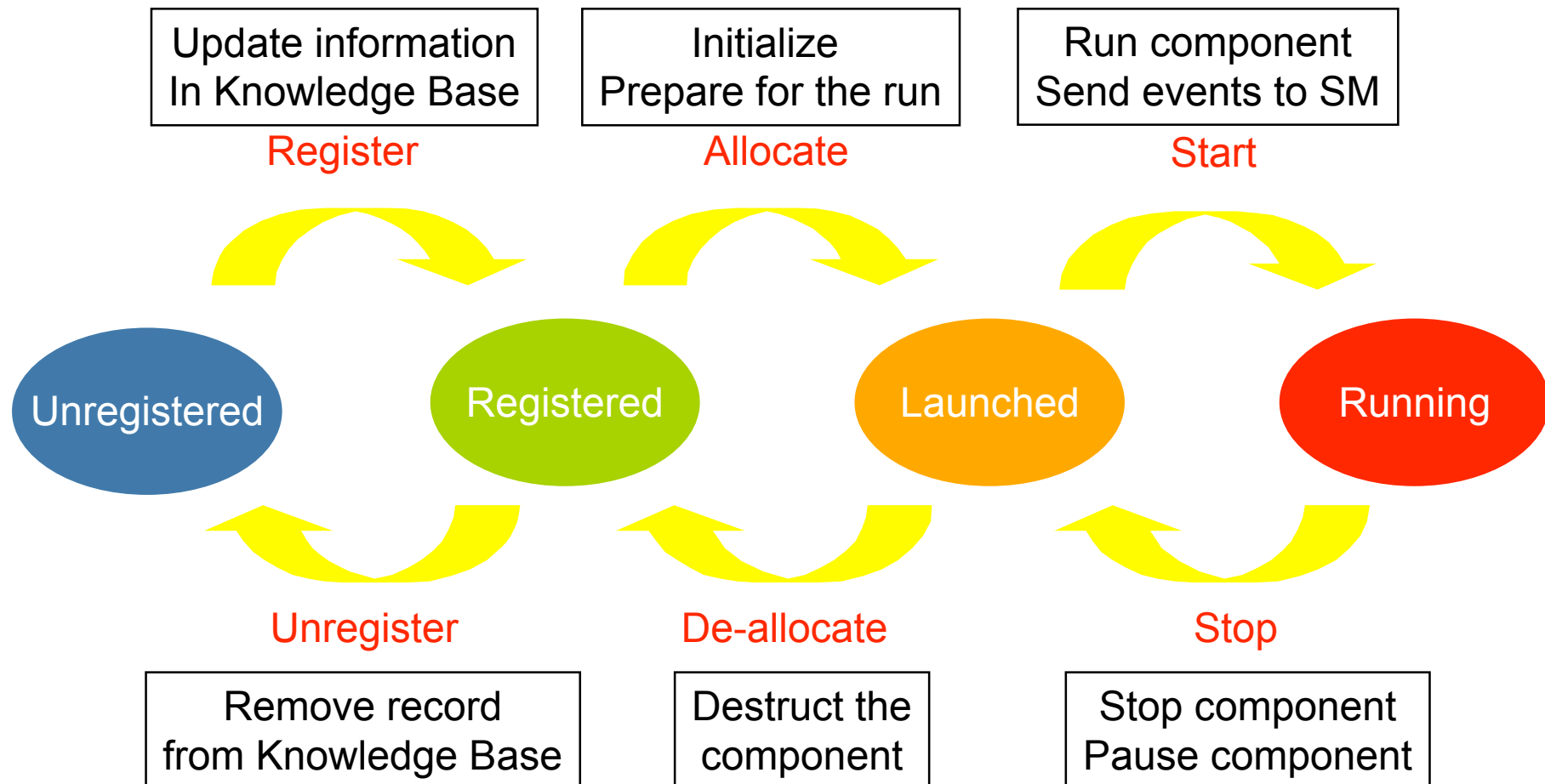
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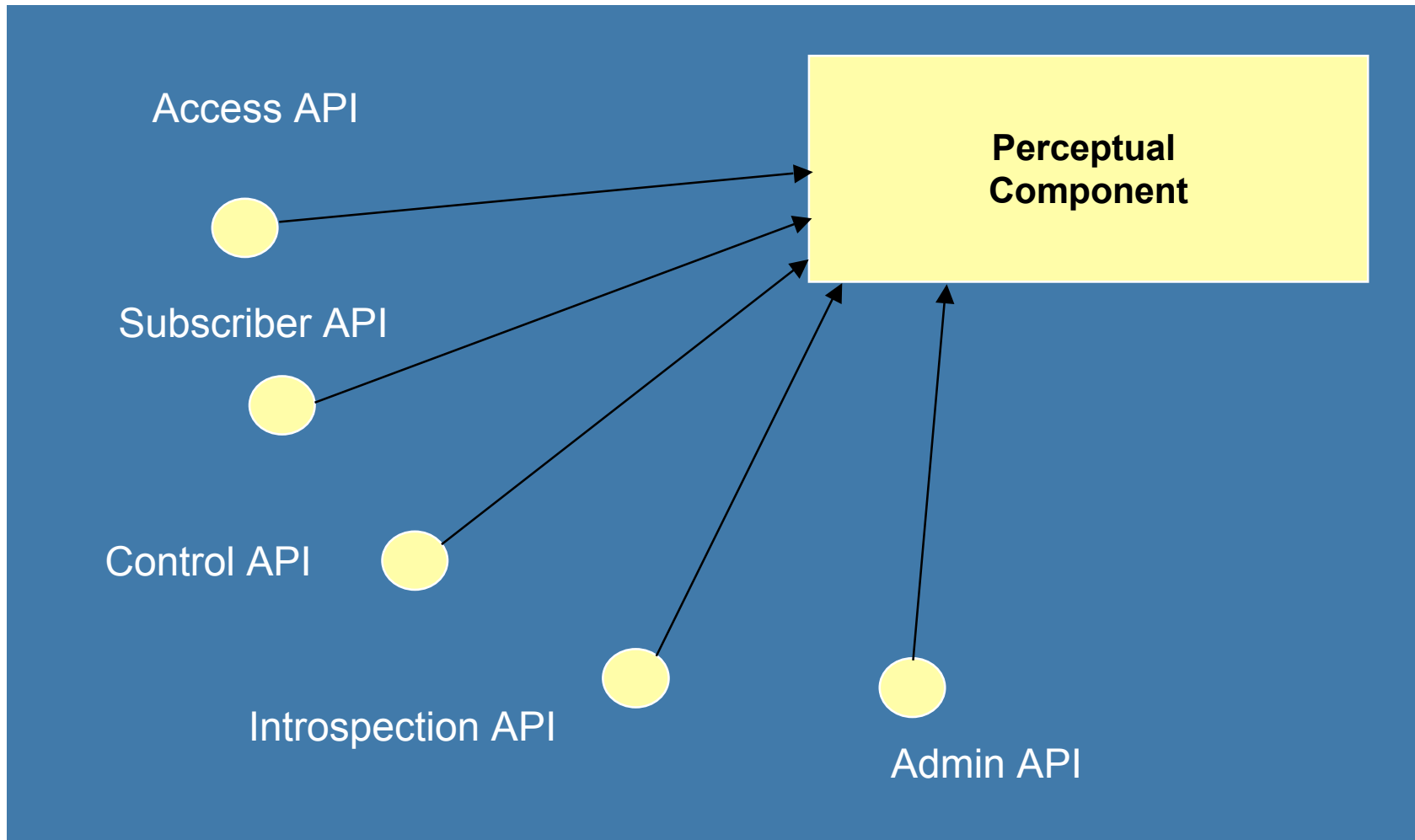
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# Perceptual Component LifeCycle



# Perceptual Components API





# Component Registry and Interconnection

O3MiSCID :  
Object-Oriented Open-source Middleware for Service  
Connection, Inspection and Discovery

## System Level

- Dynamic discovery of available hardware and software components
- Standardized communication protocol running on multiple platforms
- Support component auto-description and distributed assembly.

## Ontological Level

- An XML based ontology for multi-modal perceptual spaces
- Distributed knowledge base for a perceptual environment
- Path discovery with XPath
- Supports dynamic reasoning for automatic component interconnection

# Autonomic Properties for Perceptual Components

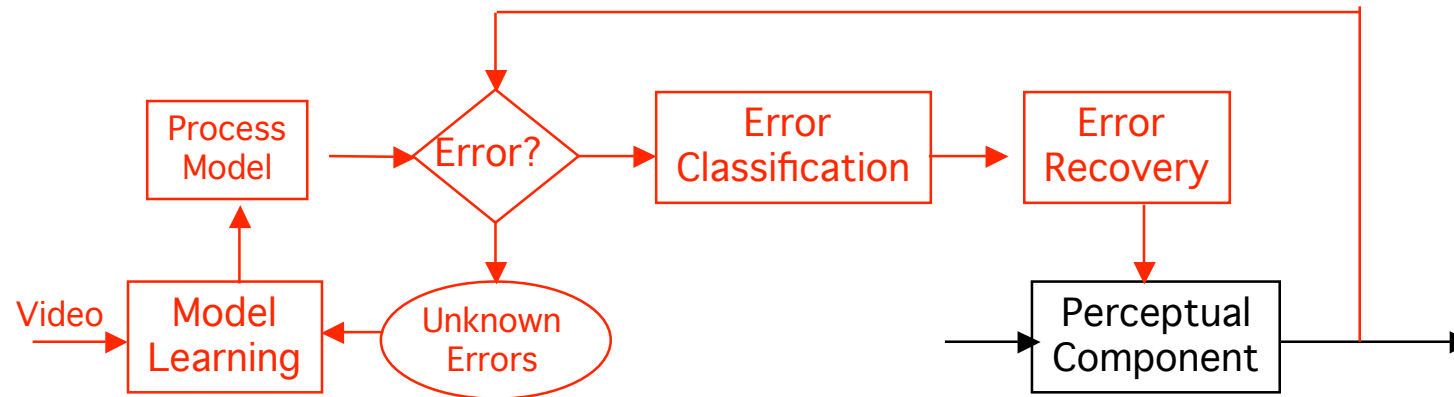
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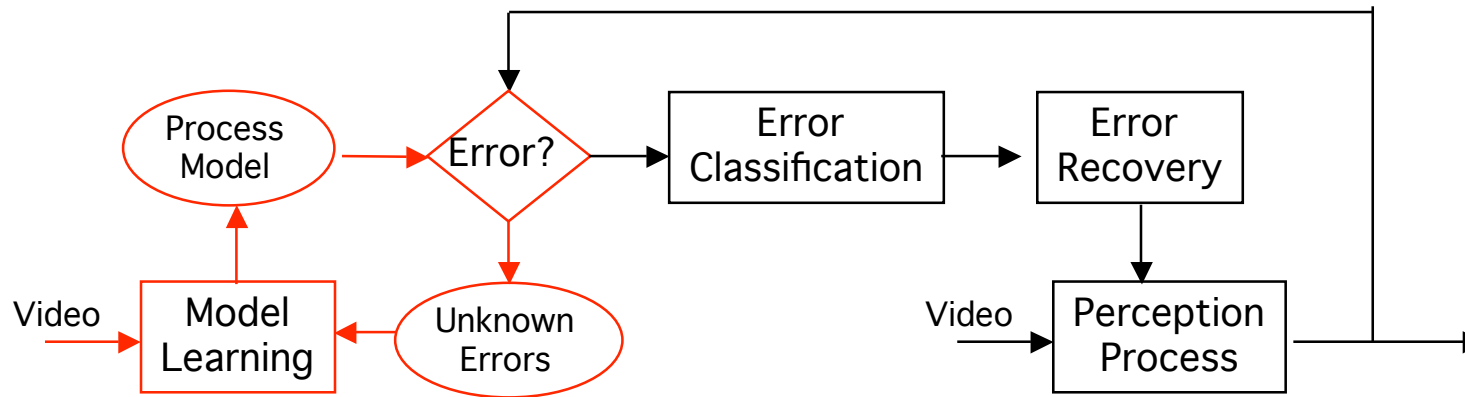
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# Self-monitoring Perceptual Components



- Component monitors likelihood of output
- When an performance degrades, process adapts processing (modules, parameters, and data)

# Training the Process Model



Process Model: histogram for process outputs

Semi-Supervised learning:

- User configures and launches a process.
- System classifies each frame as valid, known error, unknown.
- User validates classification, sequence stored.
- Model updated after each validation.
- Process converges after a few minutes (ex. using CAVIAR indoor testbed).

# Autonomic Properties for Perceptual Components

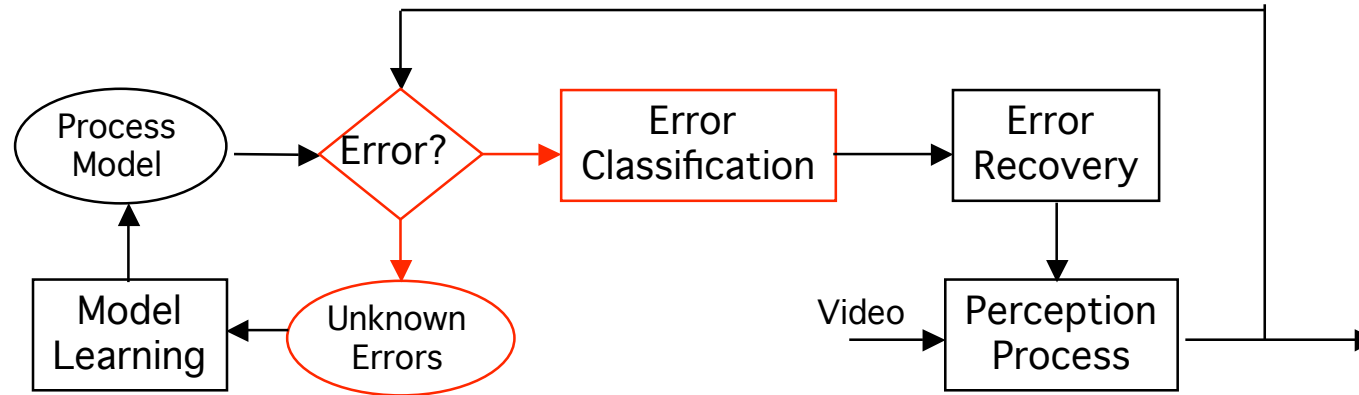
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# Error Recovery and Self Repair



## Two Cases:

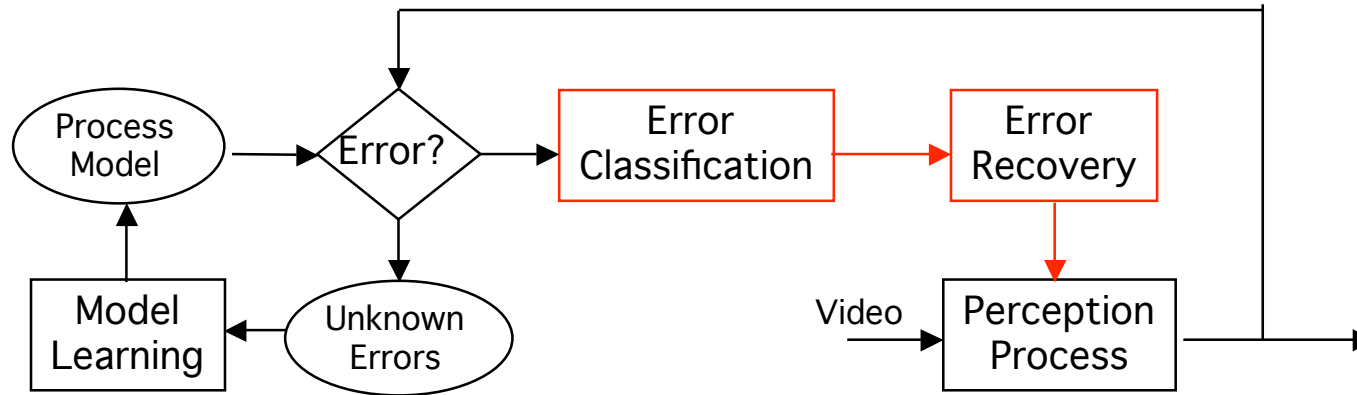
If Error labeled as a known class

- Use repair code for class to reconfigure process.

if Error labeled as *Unknown*

- Store data sequence in data base for off line learning.

# Error Recovery and Self Repair



If Error class is recognized, execute error recovery script.

Example Error Recovery Script:

- Change detection method
- Suppress false interpretation
- Merge false split of entities
- Raise/lower detection thresholds

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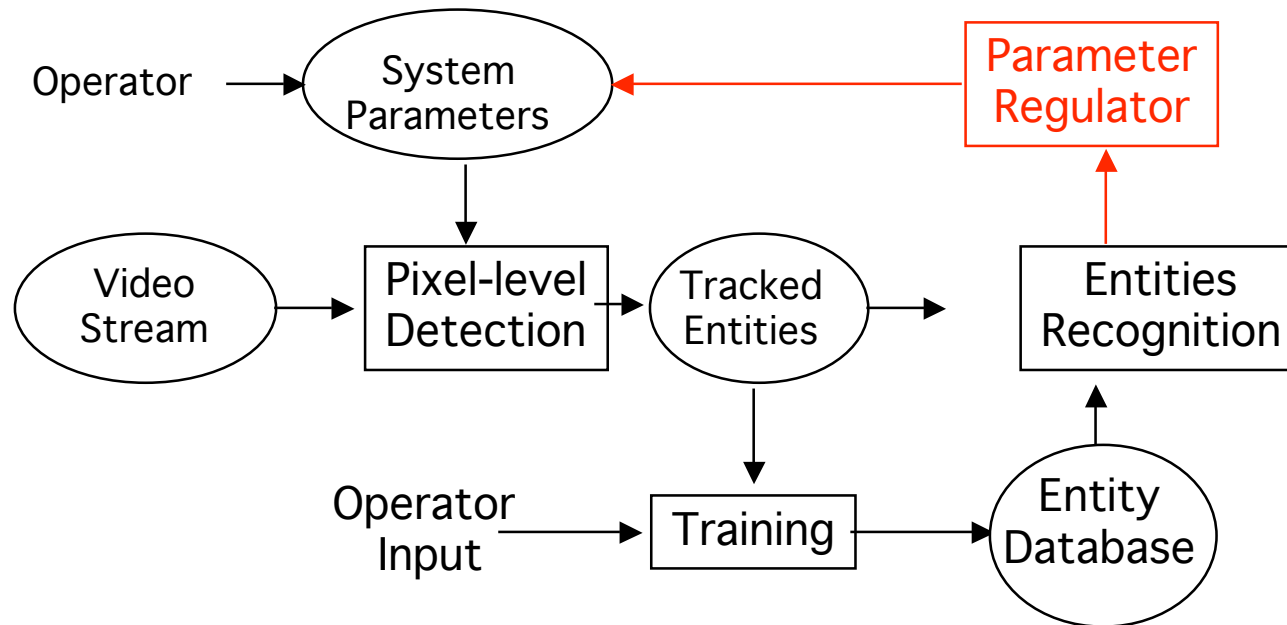
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# Autonomic Parameter Regulation



Parameter regulation provides robust adaptation to  
Changes in operating conditions.

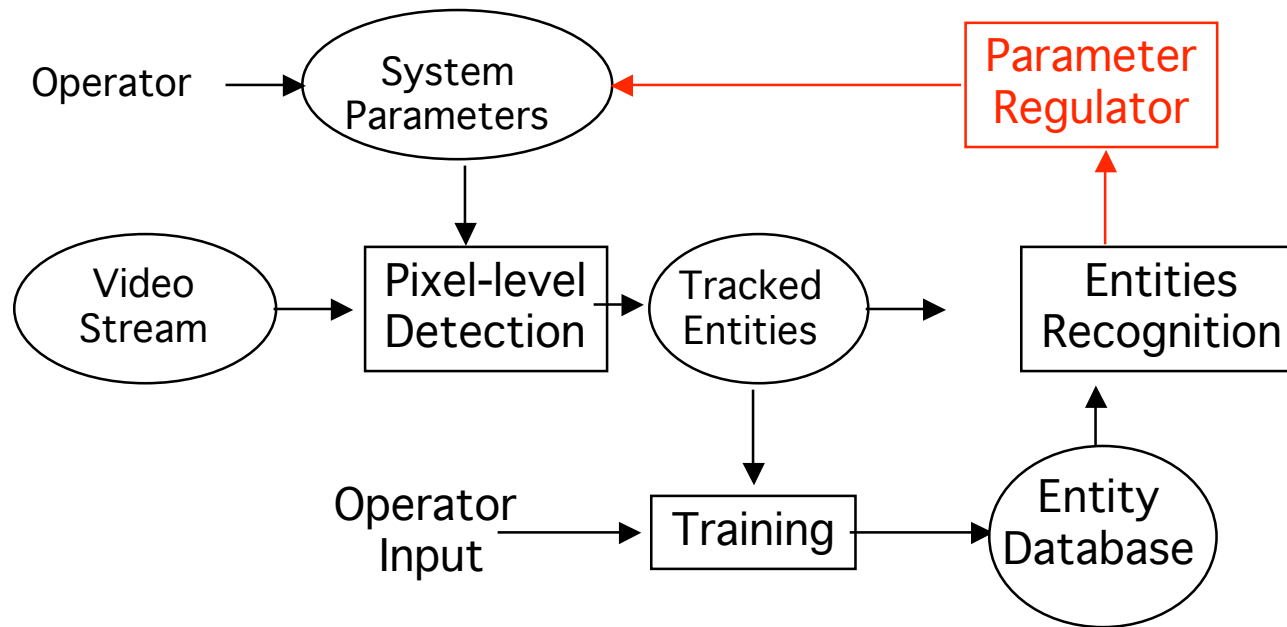
# Parameter Regulation

Process parameters depend on environment.  
Environmental conditions change.

## On-line Regulation:

- Measure quality of service
- Compare to reference
- Tweak parameters (local hill climbing)

# Autonomic Processes Regulation



For parameter regulation, we need

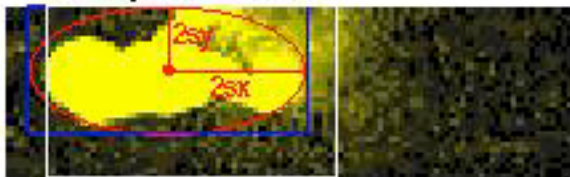
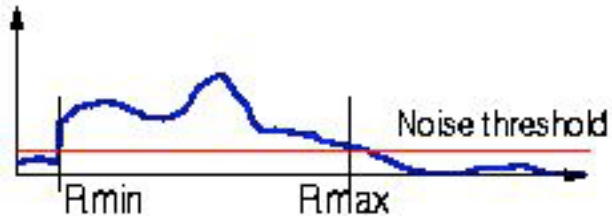
$r(t)$  - Reference Model: Model from Semi-supervised learning

$f(y(t))$  - Measure: A function of component output

# Target Detection



# Target Detection



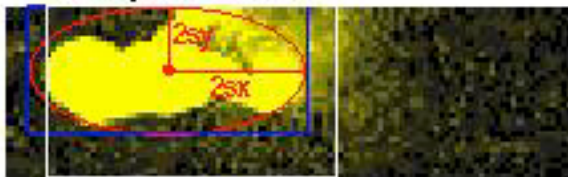
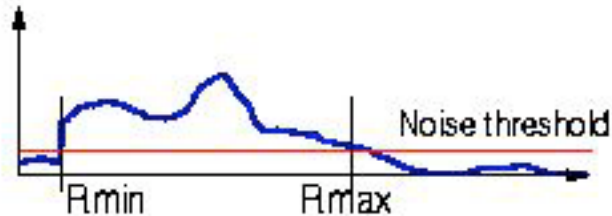
Pixel Level Detection:

Subtraction from adaptive Background

For each Detection ROI

- 1) Sum detection pixels along rows and along columns. (Two 1-D tables).
- 2) Determine region where sums are above threshold
- 3) Sum detection pixels within region
- 4) If above threshold then
  - Compute moments
  - Create target

# Target Detection Parameters



Detection Process:

Two Thresholds:

- Noise Threshold (row and column sums)
- Sensitivity (sum within region)

Problem: How to determine thresholds

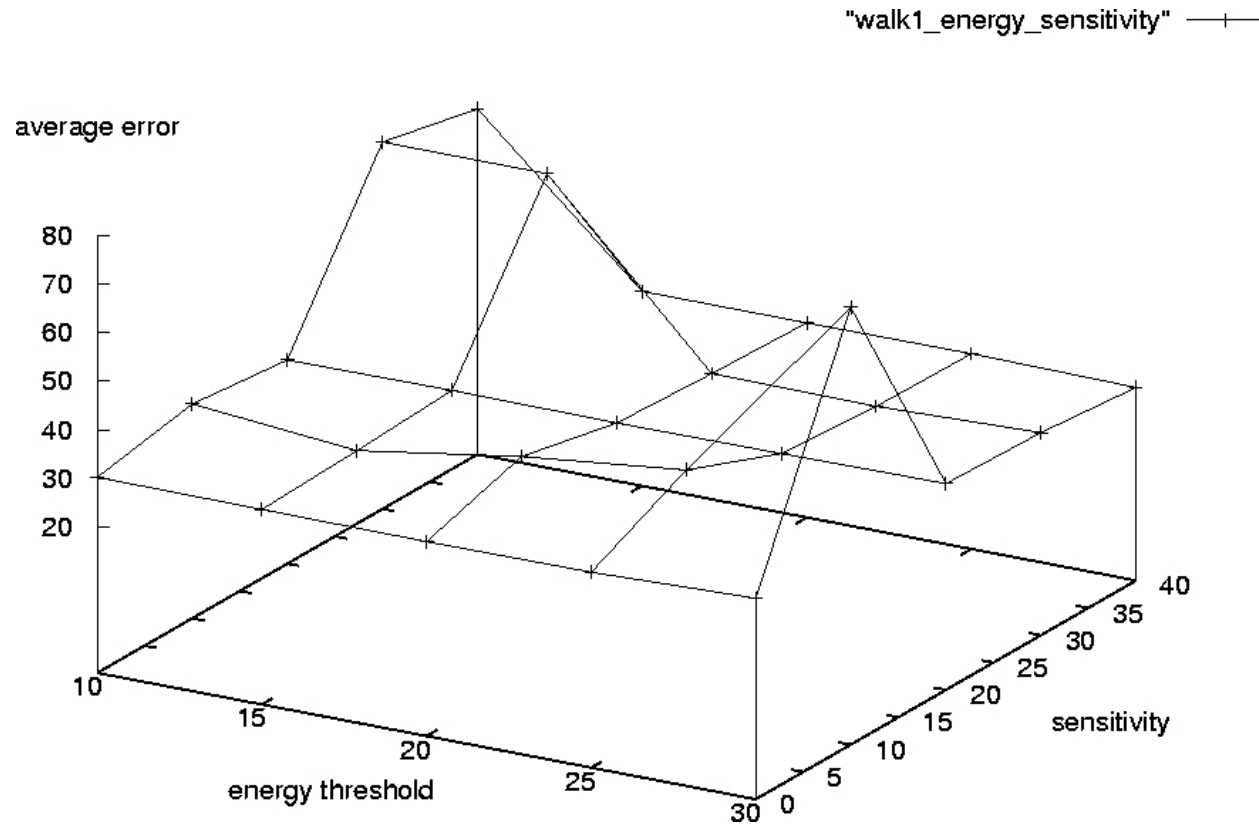
Solution: Use ground truth data as reference  
(Ground truth can be obtained by Semi-supervised learning)

# Target Detection: PETS 04 Data



# Detection error as a function of threshold and sensitivity

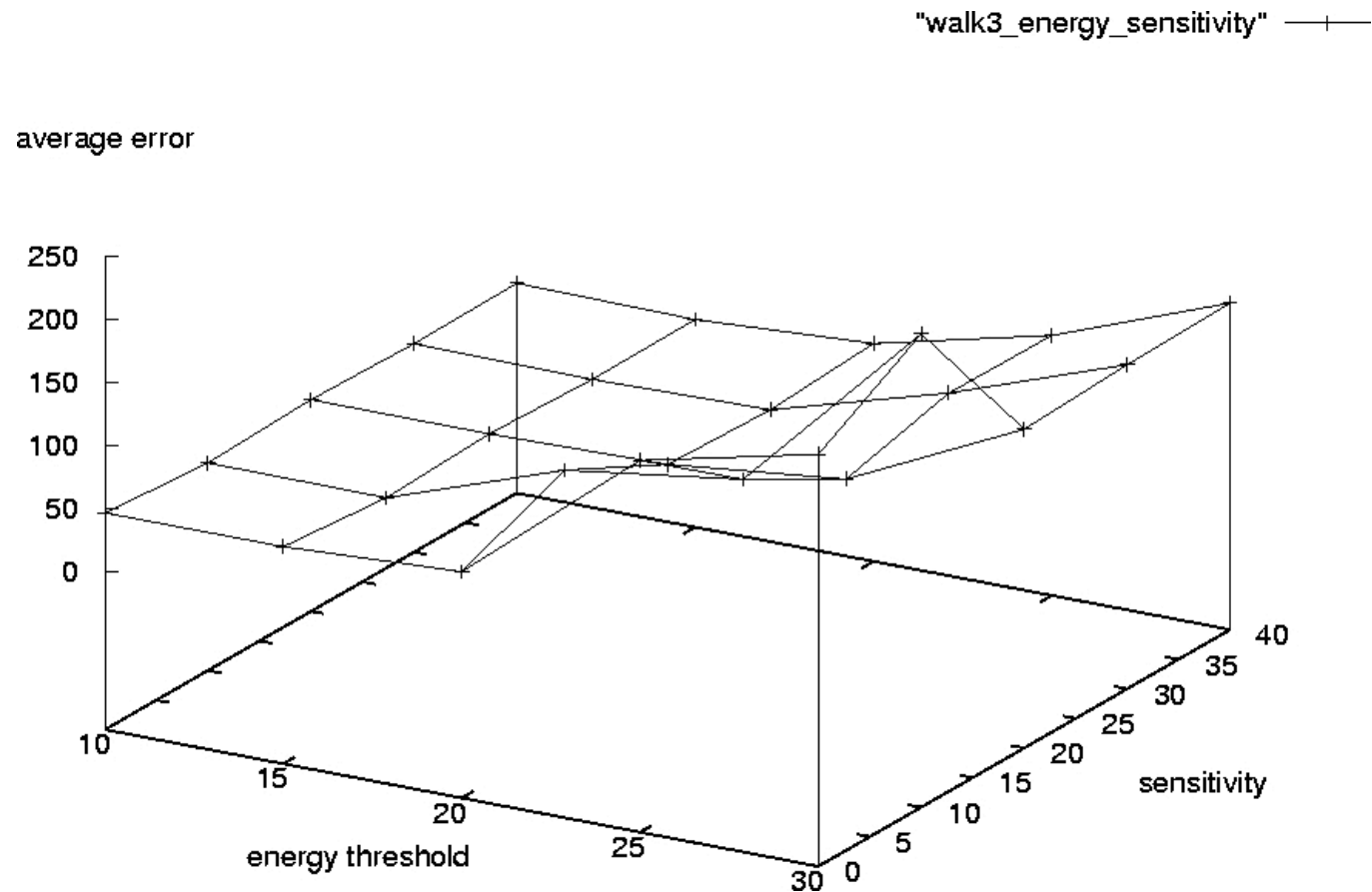
Sequence: Walk1



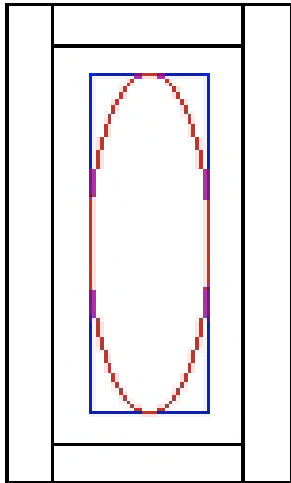


# Detection error as a function of threshold and sensitivity

Sequence: Walk3



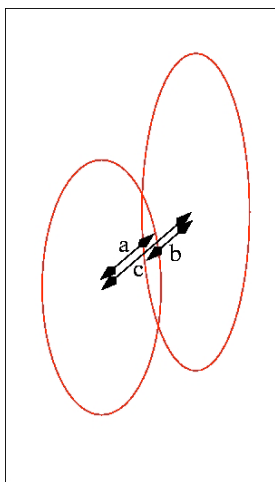
# Split and Merge



## Split:

Targets surrounded by a detection "halo"

Parameters: Size of Halo, Size of "dead-zone"

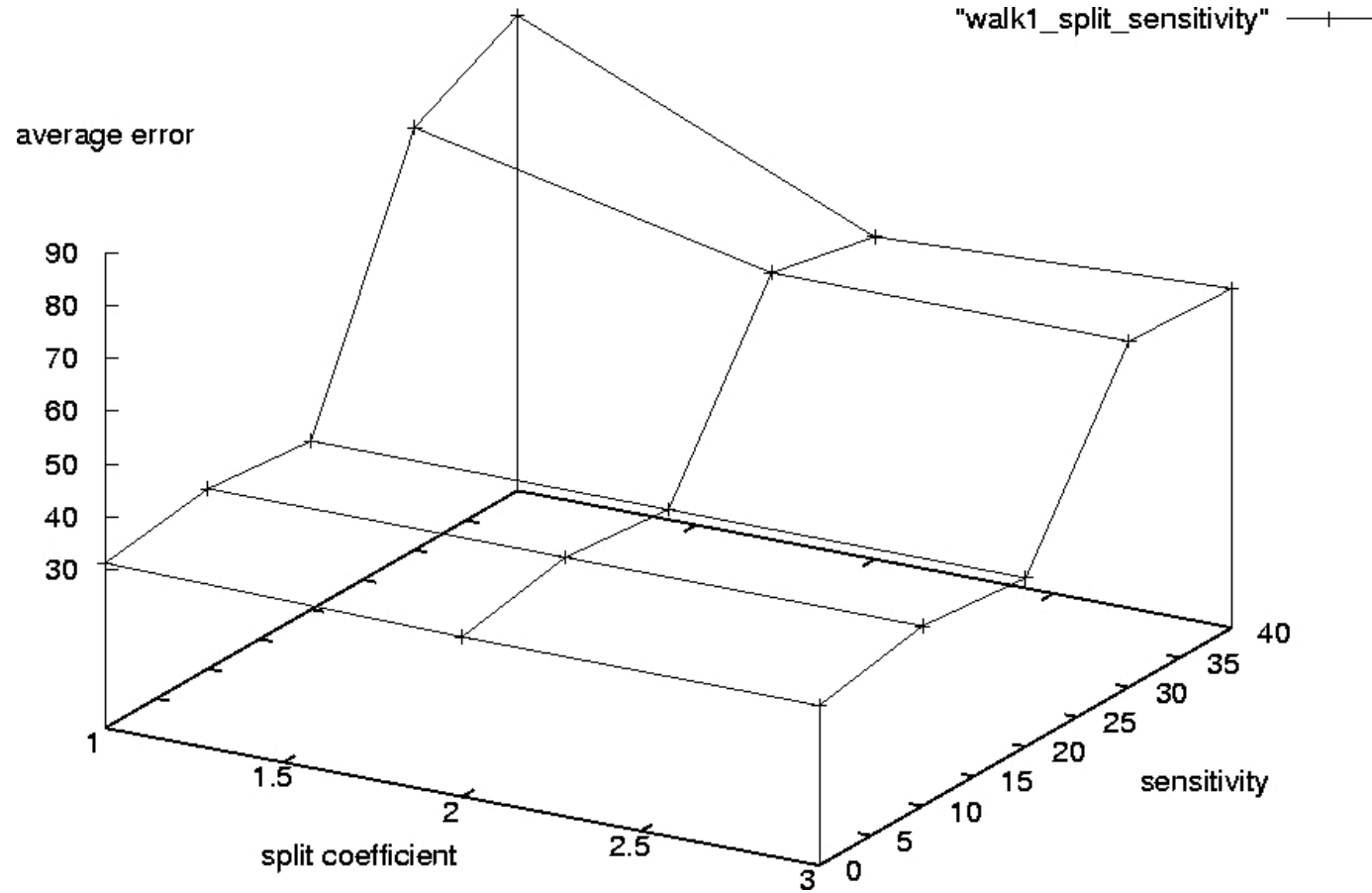


## Merge:

Target overlap

Parameter: Mahalanobis distance

# Split and Merge



# Lessons from Autonomic Vision

Statistical Learning is a powerful tool for Autonomic computing.

Machine perception is an ideal domain for experimenting with Autonomic Computing.

- Practical Machine Perception requires
  - 1) Robust Operation
  - 2) Dynamic reconfiguration.
  - 3) Adaptation to changes in operating conditions
- Robust operation requires [self-monitoring](#), [self-regulation](#) and [self-repair](#)
- Dynamic service composition requires [self-description](#) and [self-assembly](#)

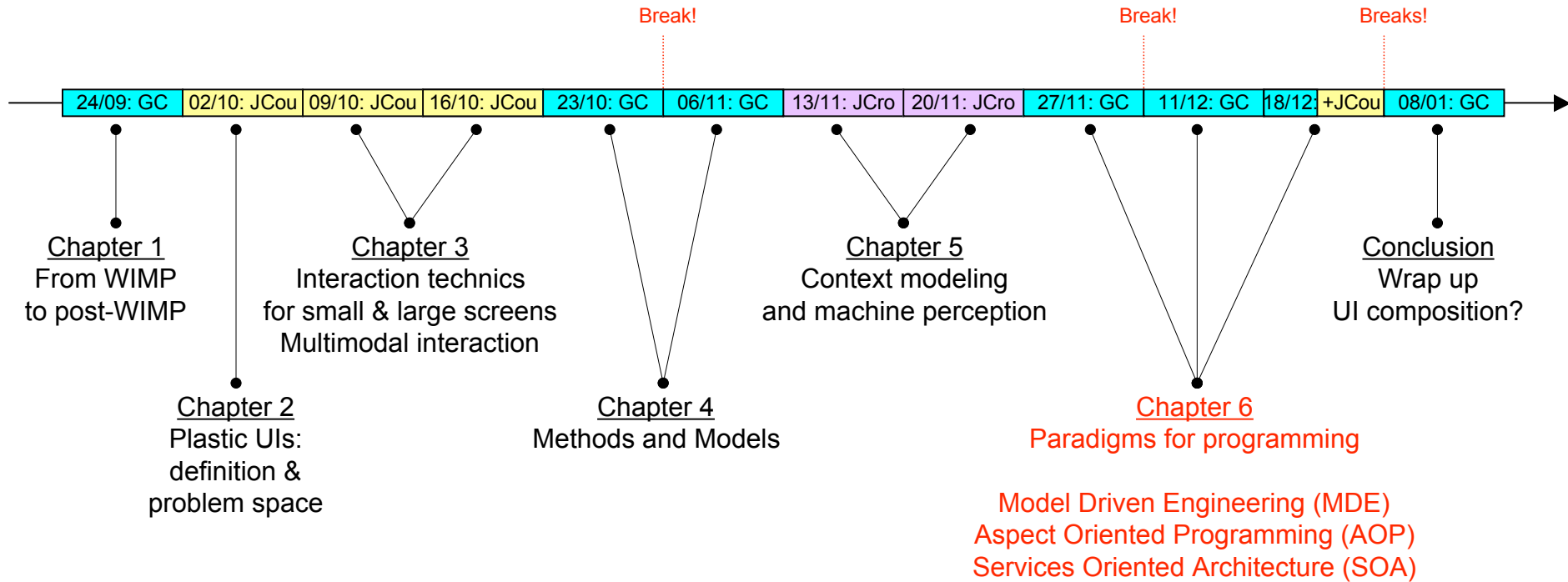


## Lesson Plan

- 1) Introduction: Context Aware Systems and Services
- 2) Software components for perception, action and interaction
- 3) Situation Models: a formal foundation for context modeling
- 4) Acquiring situation models
- 5) Situated interactive systems and services
- 6) Autonomic methods for software components



# Outline and schedule - What is next?



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