

SSMS 2006 Lecture:
Semantic Multimedia Analysis

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Agenda

- Part I:
Real-Time and Distributed Multimedia Analysis System (~90 min)
- Break (15 min)
- Part II:
Multimedia Content Analysis Service Units in Distributed Content Analysis System (~75 min)

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Part 1: Real-Time and Distributed Multimedia Analysis System

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- Evolution of Technology and Consumer Trends
- Media Management with AmbientDB
- Real-Time and Distributed Multimedia Analysis System
- Conclusions

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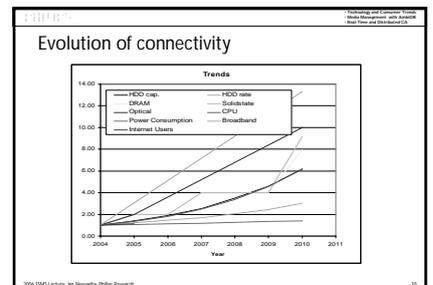
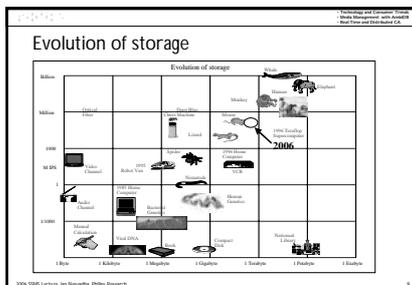
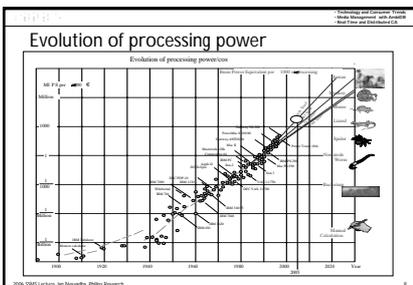
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Part 1a: Evolution of Technology and Consumer Trends

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Evolution of Technology and Consumer Trends

- Evolution of processing / storage / connectivity
- Trend 1: Passive consumption to active content selection
- Trend 2: From uniform reception to personalized content creation and individual consumption
- Trend 3: From passive devices to ambient & smart environments and smart content

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Trend in CE Networks

Towards anticipative, personalized, adaptive, ambient, self-organizing, and distributed systems

time →

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Architecture of a very solid & very general

anticipative, personalized, adaptive, self-organizing, distributed and generic

audiovisual processing and storage system

100b neurons each 25k connections, neuroarchitecture, 1.5 kg, 1300-1600 cm³, 20% energy of body

Specialized Units at (neo)cortex, thalamus, cerebellum and Hippocampus e.g. Visual Analysis at Visual Cortex

Van Essen Nature 1992

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Distributed multimedia content analysis system

- Component-based Streaming Framework
 - Specialized expert Service Units
 - Aim: generic / domain agnostic: in-home, security, mobile, automotive and medical (care) applications

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Part 1b: Media Management with AmbientDB

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Media Management with AmbientDB

- Vision of AmbiDB
- AmbiDB Requirements
- From Physical to Logical Approach
- Current implementations
- Conclusions for AmbiDB

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CE Networks

Device Class	Storage Capacity
Stationary (e.g. e-Flash or Home Server)	100s GB
Smart Mobile (e.g. Personal Replacement Companion, Mobile Server)	10s GB
Mobile Peripheral	10s-100s MB

Storage growth
→ need for integrated media management solutions

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Vision AmbientDB

- Integrated Media Management
 - Transparent across heterogeneous platforms (legacy & future devices and sensors)
 - high-level P2P (meta)data management functionality in distributed middleware layer
 - global DB abstraction layer over ad-hoc networks of heterogeneous peers
- Applications / consumers can transparently accessing media (meta) data on all devices

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Integrated Media Management example

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e.g. sensor data → support adaptive customization, personalization and behavior (new applications)

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Distributed Memory AmbientDB: Requirements

Distributed Memory Facilities
 → Need for integrated media / metadata management solutions

- P2P self-organization
- Distributed query processing
- Adaptive synchronization incl. on- / off-line media management ('Snapshot')
- Scalability (mobile – stationary)
- Robust media / metadata management across heterogeneous data sources

→ **Everything transparent to the application**

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AmbientDB: Distributed P2P DBMS

Traditional approach

Physical integration: Application, Application, Application
 Network Middleware
 DBMS, DBMS, DBMS
 Hardware, Hardware, Hardware

Data management solution per application / platform

Logical integration

AmbientDB
 Application, Application, Application
 Network Middleware
 DBMS, DBMS, DBMS
 Hardware, Hardware, Hardware

Mobile, Stationary, Sensor Net

(DBMS = database management system)

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Traditional Networks

- Single root (query source)
 - Base station
 - Global queries
- Many nodes
- Homogeneous network
- Power optimizations
- One (meta)data management solution per application / platform

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Networks in Connected Home

person, mobile, room, eHub, backbones

Services (low battery) collect context information person, location, mood environment → profiles

• Query can enter through any node → no central authority

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Networks in Connected Home

- Fewer nodes
- Heterogeneous system
- Complex ontology
- Complex network topology
- Dynamic
- Data Flow optimized

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Distributed query processing

Application Top Layer

AmbientDB

Network Middleware

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Distributed query processing

Application

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Network Middleware

Specific Node

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Distributed query processing

Application

AmbientDB

Network Middleware

Routing Table

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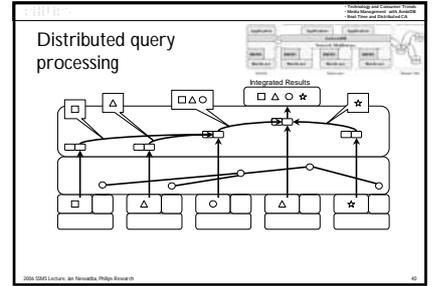
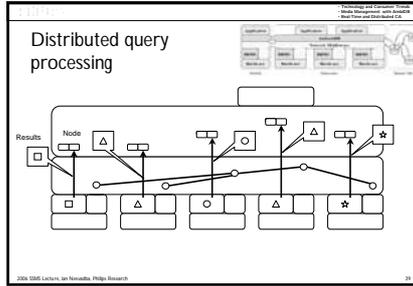
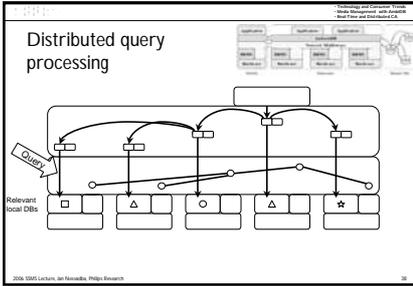
Distributed query processing

Application

AmbientDB

Network Middleware

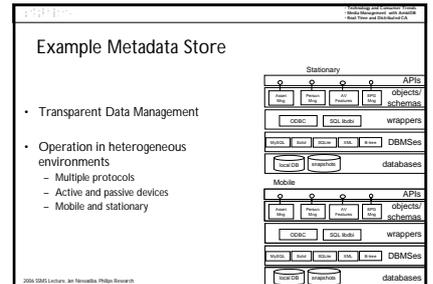
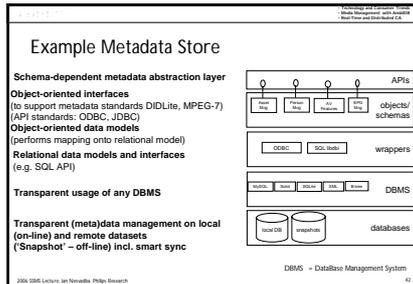
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Goal with AmbientDB

Provide user with experience of having all digital AV media available at any time, in any place, regardless of connection availability in heterogeneous environment

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Conclusions for AmbiDB

- Transparent distributed media (meta)data management is crucial for future Networks and Ambient Intelligence
 - Disconnect applications from hardware and network protocols
 - Connect all (relevant) heterogeneous (meta)data sources to present a single view

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Part 1c: Real-Time and Distributed Content Analysis System

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Real-Time and Distributed Content Analysis System

- Introduction to content analysis
- PC based content analysis feature assessment
- A content analysis system based on PC technology
- Real-Time and Distributed Content Analysis System
- Conclusions

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Introduction to content analysis

- **Contents**
 - Background / rationale
 - Example application
 - "How it works"

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Content Management in Consumer Systems

- The future:
 - Distributed storage capacity of >10 Tbyte in home networks
- The problem:
 - Easy categorizing, searching, managing and retrieving AV content
- Required:
 - Automatic generation of metadata (content descriptors)
 - System solutions for distributed content analysis and fast prototyping of applications
 - Self-organizing smart media management (e.g. AmbiDB)

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Overwhelming connected Storage Facilities

We need METADATA

1 TB hard disk can store:
 200 DVDs / 1000 VCDs
 2000 CDs / 200,000 MP3 songs @ 5 MB per MP3 song
 10,000,000 images JPEGS @ 100 KB per JPEG

What is the problem?
 - Storage devices with > 10 Terabyte capacity in 2007
 - How to find content? (e.g. one MP3 song among 1 million others)

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Introduction to content analysis

- **How to get the metadata?**
 - From content provider
 - Do it yourself
 - **CONTENT ANALYSIS**

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Introduction to content analysis

- **Why content analysis?**
 - When no metadata is available
 - To enrich the provided metadata
 - To enable searching within the content
 - To modify the content to improve the viewing experience / navigation
 - To enable new features

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Introduction to content analysis

- **Example application / feature**
 - Intelligent chaptering for DVD+RW

- Create chapter markers intelligently
 - Not every 5 minutes, but
 - at every scene boundary, but
 - not more often than 1 per minute

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Introduction to content analysis

- Example "Intelligent chaptering": **how it works**

video frames → A/V property extraction:

- color difference within frame
- block match difference
- sound level

 → A/V property analysis:

- scene changes

 → Chapter creation

chapter 1 (4:5 min) SC | chapter 2 (4:2 min) SC | chapter 3 (4:2 min) SC | chapter 4 (4:5 min) SC | chapter 5 (4:5 min) SC | chapter 6 (4:5 min) SC | chapter 7 (4:5 min) SC

Content Title A

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Introduction to Content Analysis (CA)

- Overall process / principle

Video frames → audio track

Low Level Feature Extraction:

- Average luminance / color / motion estimation error per frame
- Sound level / frequency spectrum per audio frame,

 → Mid Level Feature Extraction:

- Audio silence detection, speech/music classification
- Visual shot boundaries,

 → High Level Feature Extraction:

- Genre detection: commercials, action movie, sport
- High-light detection: touch-down in football game,

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- Example: **commercial detection with low-level features**

Black Frame Detection: white/black

Shot Boundary Detection: high/low information

Monochrome Frame Detection: new information, high/low information

Commercial Block

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PC technology for feature assessment

- **Contents**
 - Background / Rationale
 - Basic principles
 - The network as the system bus

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PC technology for feature assessment

- **Background: What do you want?**
 - Fast evaluation of content analysis features
 - Fast product-concept assessment

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PC technology for feature assessment

- **How**
 - PVR with Advanced Content Navigation*
 - Imagine** → **Inspect** → **Implement** → **Invent** → **Imagine**
 - Content Analysis: "Sponge Bob virtual channel"*
 - Check system functioning: Measure # OPS per feature*
 - Implement Content Matcher algorithm, Integrate with feature extractor*

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Requirements for MCA Feature Assessment

- **Problem**
 - Various expert teams (disciplines), various solution spaces (languages)
 - Frequent changes (updates) and CPU performance & memory hungry
- **Solution requirements**
 - Minimal modification to feature implementations (no optimization)
 - Minimal dependencies between features & control (decoupled)
 - Standardized, easy "add-on" communication
- **Solution space**
 - Heterogeneous environments
 - Linux, Windows, TCP/IP, UPnP, SDE's

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Requirements for MCA Feature Assessment

Basic principle

- Integration: minimal effort
- Pack into IP networked, executable component
- Connect & control (UPnP), stream (TCP/IP)

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- **Basic streaming application example**

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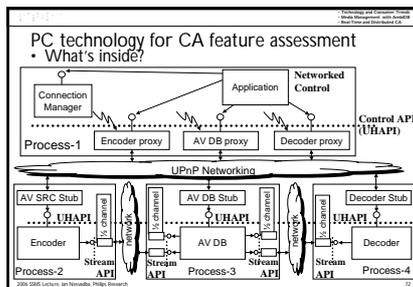
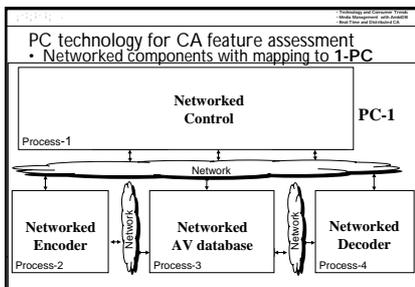
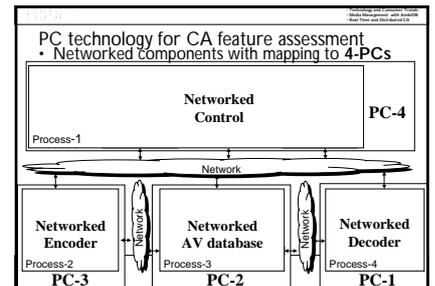
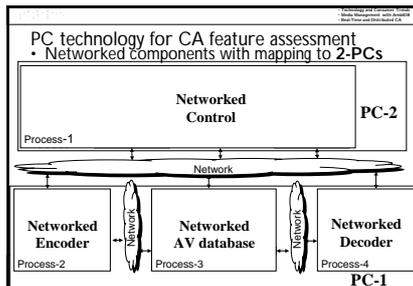
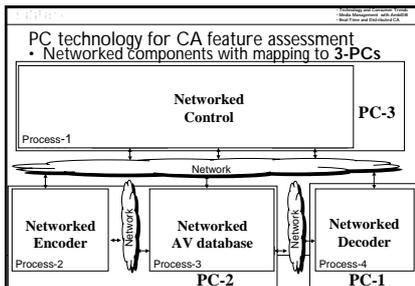
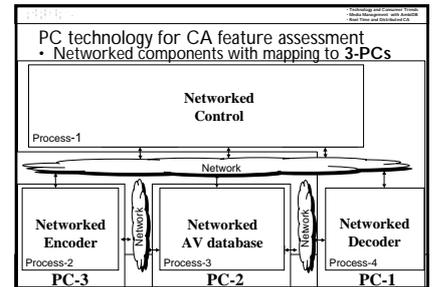
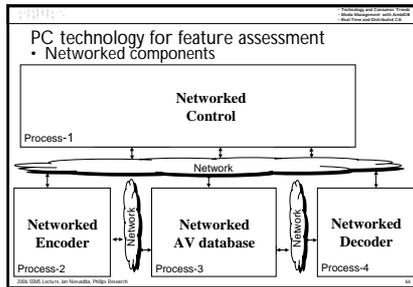
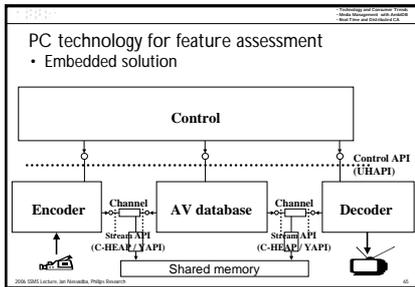
- **Software architecture with standardized interfaces**

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PC technology for feature assessment

- **Contents**
 - Background / Rationale
 - Basic principles
 - **The network as the system bus**
 - All components communicate via network
 - Takes advantage of fast developments in computer industry: HW & SW standards
 - Scalable
 - Minimal effort for integration

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A content analysis system based on PC technology

Contents

- Requirements
- Issues
- Architecture

Real-Time and Distributed Content Analysis System

Features of distributed content analysis system

- Reliability
 - No interference of unstable components
 - Auto-Error detection, Auto-recovery
 - Self-organizing, autonomous system
- Connectivity:
 - TCP/IP backbone (future WiFi / QoS)
- Fusion and management of data sources
 - Common DB, Auto-Sync

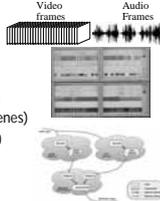


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Content-Awareness Creation

Multimedia Content Analysis (MCA) Features

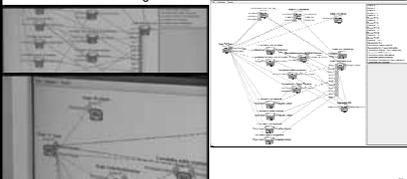
- Colour information
- Camera motion
- Video Segmentation (shots)
- Audio Classification
- Automatic Speech Recognition
- Semantic AV segmentation (scenes)
- AV Genre Classification (Adds)
- Face detection
- Emotion Recognition



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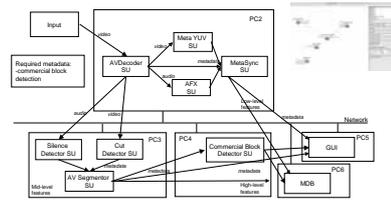
Self-organizing distributed system

Service Unit management



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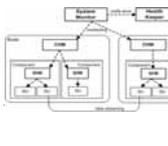
Example: commercial block detector



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Error detection in Cassandra Framework

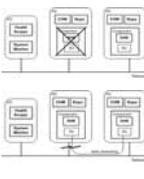
- Motivation
 - Services may disappear
 - More points of failure: no centralized maintenance of a big number of services (over 50)
 - Integration of 3rd party MCA components
- Efficiency parameters
 - Detection time
 - Overhead
 - Accuracy
- Fault model
 - Service / Component / host breakdowns
 - Communication (network) failures
- Fault model
 - push/pull (heartbeats / liveness requests) UNITS



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Error treatment in Cassandra Framework

- Performed by the Health Keeper
- Crash scenarios
 - Crash of a Service Unit
 - Crash of a component
 - Node disappearance
 - Any of the above combined with a network failure
- Treatment
 - Health Keeper rolls-back the system to a use case (restores connections graph)
 - Health keeper looks for new Service Units in Repositories (redundancy)
 - Resource-load is considered when choosing between same SUs in different Repositories
 - Treatment is performed transparently for applications
 - Selection of the most appropriate treatment strategy from a pre-defined set.



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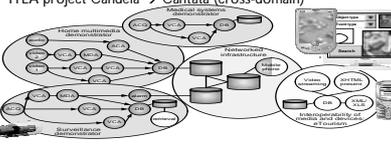
Content Analysis Service Units



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Real-Time and Distributed Content Analysis System

ITEA project Candela → Cantata (cross-domain)



Basic: Generic domain-unaware → Split: Domain-specific (narrow-scope solutions)

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Conclusions

- Real-Time and Distributed Content Analysis System
 - Modularized approach → Upgradable, Scalable, Flexible, Extendable
 - Enables efficient feature and application development
- Standardized interfaces and protocols
 - enables seamless collaboration of heterogeneous expert teams
 - distributed content analysis in heterogeneous CE networks
- One of the few ways to easily realize a
 - anticipative, personalized, adaptive, ambient, self-organizing, and distributed system

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Part II: Multimedia Content Analysis Service Units in Distributed Content Analysis System

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Agenda

- Semantic Multimedia Analysis – Film Grammar
- AV Content Analysis – Service Units
- Conclusions

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Part IIa: Semantic Multimedia Analysis – Film Grammar

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Semantic Multimedia Analysis

Human's audio and video analysis system extracts relevant information from incoming audio and video signal

- matching with memorized data
- interpretations and conclusions based on experiences from the past
- non-uniform interpretation of signals by various individuals (→ personalization) , BUT ..

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Semantic Multimedia Analysis – Film Grammar

→ Domain specific rules applicable:

Human language → grammatical rules → words (dictionaries) → sentences → chapters → books → series
Standardized rules enable transparent communication

Audiovisual content production → film grammar rules → shot sequences → scenes (chapters) → content items → series
→ Standardized rules enable production, but also analysis

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Production Metadata – Input: Storyboard & Script

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Production Metadata – Cinematographic rules

Dialogue A-B-A-B with Eye Line

Camera Motion
Centered at Eye Level

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Production Metadata – Shot Classification

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Production Metadata – Camera Position

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Production Metadata – Camera Motion

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Production Metadata – Camera Motion

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Production Metadata – 180° Rule

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Film Grammar – Cross-cuttings

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Film Grammar – Shot-Reverse-Shot

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Complexity: Audio Video standards

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Production Metadata Conclusions

- Semantic powerful production metadata → currently lost due to unresolved business model
- Production follows rules: Film Grammar → prior knowledge of rules can be applied in case of domain specific solutions
- Metadata standardization: objective low-level / mid-level standardized to some extent (e.g. MPEG-7) and ongoing, semantic (also subjective) metadata standardization difficult, but ongoing

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Part IIb: AV Content Segmentation – Service Units

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Why do we need Multimedia Analysis?

Due to

- increased storage capacity of CE devices,
- greater digital compression of A/V content and
- increasing number of A/V sources into the home

→ consumers do need guidance through the stored A/V jungle using content descriptors – metadata

Storage in connected home

Content Descriptors - Metadata

Question: How to get information about the content?
Broadcaster? Services?

Alternative: By local real-time multimedia content analysis
Alternative or in combination as enhancement

The Multimedia Analysis Pyramid

Service Units for Semantic Multimedia Analysis

- **Audio:**
 - Low-level audio features (power, zero-crossing, MFCC, ...)
 - Mid-level audio features (audio classification, speaker gender, ...)
 - High-level audio features (audio emotion, ASR, ...)
- **Video:**
 - Low-level video features (color, motion, texture, ...)
 - Mid-level features (shot boundaries, face localization, ...)
 - High-level features (scene boundaries, genre classification, ...)
- **Text:**
 - Close Caption, EPG data, Script data
- **Multimedia:**
 - combination of multiple media (audio, speech, video, text)
 - multimedia content analysis

Audio content analysis

- ❖ **Automatic audio classification**
(speech, music, noise, crowd, silence, highlights, ...)
- ❖ **Automatic music classification**
(music genres: pop, classical, jazz; tempo, beat, rhythm, ...)
- ❖ **Automatic speech analysis**
(speaker ID, speaker change, gender, speech-to-text, ...)

Automatic audio classification

- **Audio classes:**
 1. Cheering and applause
 2. Environmental noise
 3. Speech (female and male)
 4. Classical music
 5. Popular music
- **Feature vectors:**
 - Low-level features
 - MFCC features
 - Psycho-acoustic features

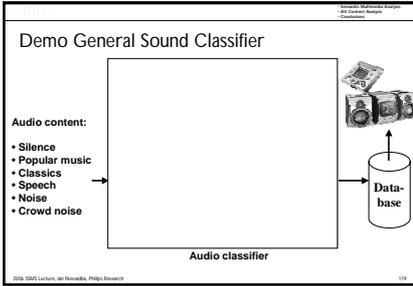
Based on single 743-ms frames

Automatic music classification

- **Popular music classes:**
 1. Rap
 2. Rock
 3. R&B
 4. Electronica
 5. Folk
 6. Pop
 7. Jazz
- **Features:**
 1. Rhythm
 2. Beat
 3. Tempo
 4. Swing

Automatic speech analysis

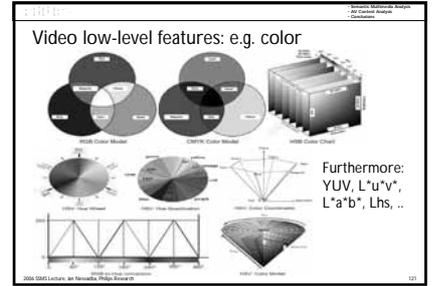
- Topic detection and speaker gender
- Content-focused transcription
- ASR: high-level semantic data (e.g. named entities or locations)



Video content analysis

- ❖ **Automatic low-level features** (color, motion, texture, ...)
- ❖ **Automatic mid-level features** (shot boundaries, face localization and pose estimation, text localization and extraction, ...)
- ❖ **Automatic high-level features and applications** (genre classification, face and emotion recognition, automatic summary, ...)

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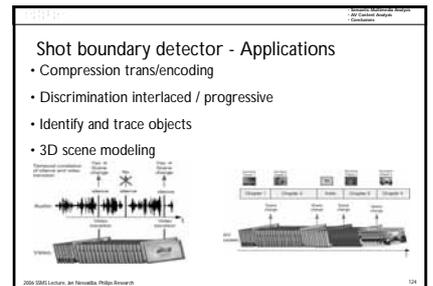
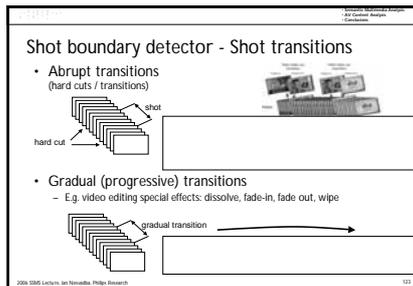


Video mid-level features: shot boundary detector

Video shot

- **Definition:**
 - a series of interrelated consecutive frames taken contiguously by a single camera and representing a continuous action in time and space
- **Meaning for content analysis:**
 - Partitioning a video sequence into shots is an important step toward video content analysis
 - VS are considered to be the primitives for higher level content analysis, indexing and classification
 - Reliable shot boundary detector is required

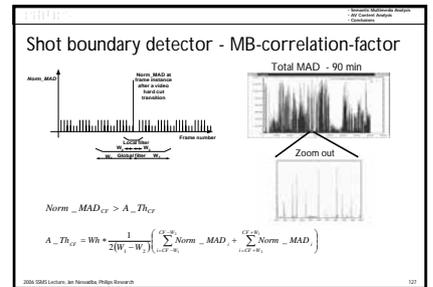
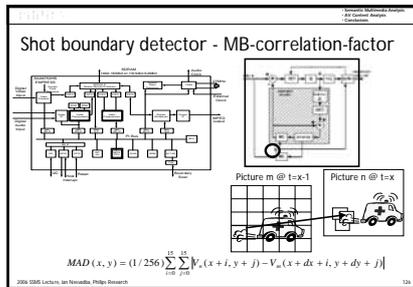
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Shot boundary detector - Feature extraction and metrics

- **Different approaches**
 - pixel, histogram, edges ...
 - averaging filters, motion compensation, various color spaces ...
 - most of visual content differences between consecutive frames in the same shot are caused by camera motion and lighting changes
- **Segmentation of frames**
 - insensitive to lighting changes
 - motion compensation can be used against camera motion sensitivity

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Shot boundary detector - Pixel-similarity-based

- Evaluates a history of differences: "Difference significantly greater than recent history"
- Differences calculated between consecutive fields
- De-interlace method: Vertical Temporal Median

Shot boundary detector - Pixel-similarity-based

Field Index: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
 Interlace Phase: E O E O E O E O
 Field Luminance Data: [Diagrams showing vertical bars for each field]

Inter-Field Dissimilarity: [Bar chart showing differences between fields]

Even Odd Even Odd

Median δ

$I(x,y,n)$ $I(x,y,n-1)$ $I(x,y,n-2)$

$$IFD = 1/N \sum_{i=1}^N |I(x,y,i) - T_{i-1}|$$

Shot boundary detector - Color segmentation

- "Division of image in regions of constant RGB"
- Can be considered as "content adaptive macroblocks"
- NOT intended to be object segmentation!

Shot boundary detector - Segmentation around SB

Segmentation Map

Properties of segmentation:

- Segments typically part of same object
- Consistent over time: segmentations of subsequent frames in same shot look similar

Shot boundary detector - Segmentation around SB

Green: "married" segments

hard cuts

Shot boundary detector - Measures for benchmark

- Recall: Do we find all the shot boundaries?

$$R = \frac{N_{correct}}{N_{correct} + N_{missed}} \cdot 100\%$$

- Precision: Don't we give false alarms?

$$P = \frac{N_{correct}}{N_{correct} + N_{false}} \cdot 100\%$$

Shot boundary detector - Benchmark Corpus

- ~ 20 hours real-world corpus of AV content
- MPEG-2 (PAL, D1 & 1/2 D1 resolution, various genres)
- International Benchmark: TreeVid

Shot boundary detector - Cut Detection Results

Genre	Total SBs (CDs)	Correct CDs	False CDs	Missed CDs	Recall [%]	Precision [%]
Movies	4942	4855	134	87	98.2	97.3
Series	1591	1551	24	40	97.5	98.5
M&S	6533	6406	158	127	98.1	97.6

Shot boundary detector - Segmentation into shots

Shot boundary detector - MPEG-7 representation of cuts

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Shot boundary detector - MPEG-7 representation into DB

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Video mid-level features: Embedded Text Localization – e.g. Subtitles

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Video mid-level features: Scrolling Text Localization – e.g. Credits

Input: Embedded Text Localization

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Video mid-level features: Embedded Text Extraction

Input: Embedded Text Localization

Integration over time \int_{x-N}^{x+N} Frame #

OCR

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Video mid-level features: Omni-directional Face Detector, Pose Estimator

Face localization (Omni-directional Face Detector → 15 poses, Output: XML/MPEG-7) and identification

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Video high-level features: Face Recognition

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Video high-level features: Genre classification

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Genre classification: Adds

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Semantic Multimedia Analysis

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Semantic Multimedia Analysis – Merge of Multiple Modalities

Service Units:
Combination of cross-domain (domain-independent generic) and domain specific expert systems (SUs)

Challenge:
- to find the right balance and
- many components are still missing
required to reach real semantic level

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Demonstrator: Analysis Results based on aggregated data from various SUs

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