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Dynamic Scene Classification

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Introduction | Motivation

- Vision-based **scene classification** from a moving vehicle
 - *part of SP2 advanced research (mono-vision approach)*

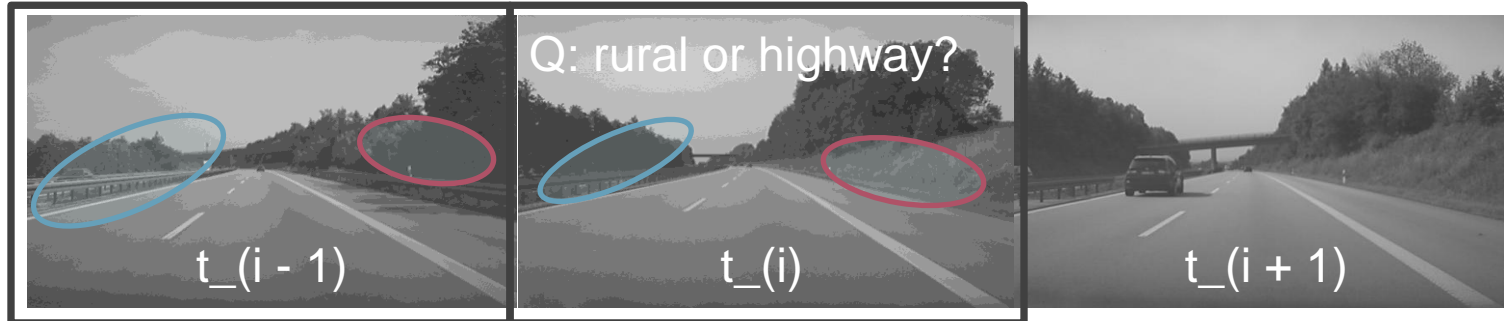


Motivation: Provide holistic scene understanding information based on a **cost-effective monochrome camera system**

(challenges)

- Cope with lower quality images coming from a moving vehicle (pitch effect, low-cost sensor)
- Select efficient visual features for fast processing

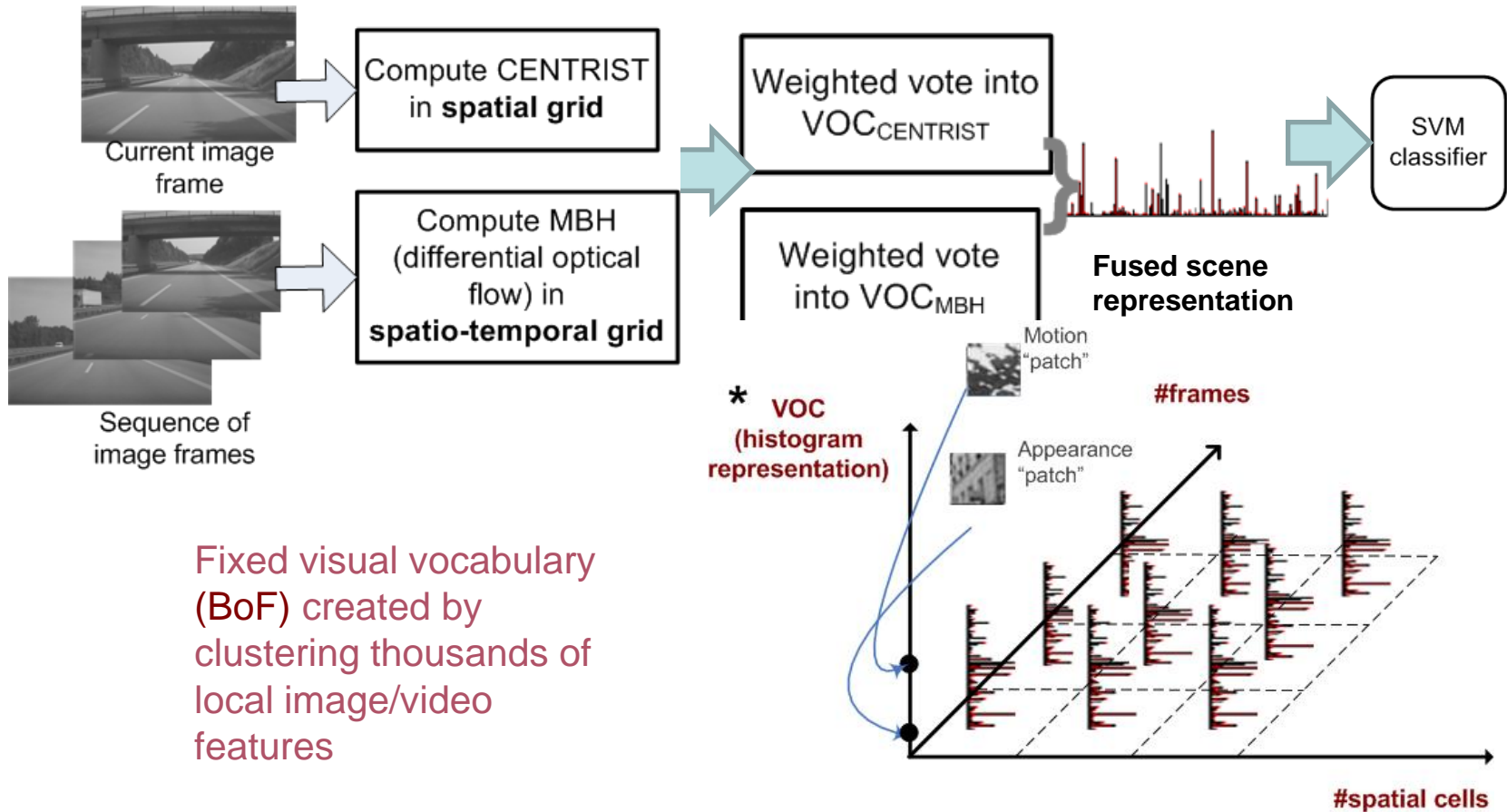
Introduction | Problem setting



- Motion attributes can show different properties in different time or spatial scale space
 - >> **local degree of busyness varies**
 - >> **optical flow granularity varies**
- Video = visual history record (overcome occlusions, restricted field of view)

The algorithm | Overview

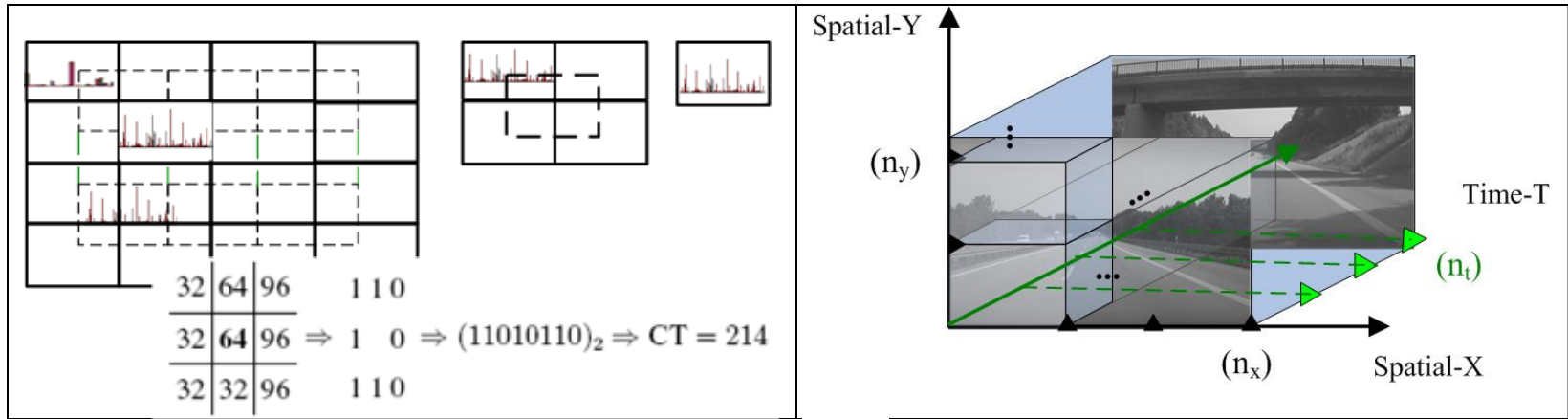
- Histogram-based Time & Space representation



Fixed visual vocabulary (BoF) created by clustering thousands of local image/video features

The algorithm | Scene representation

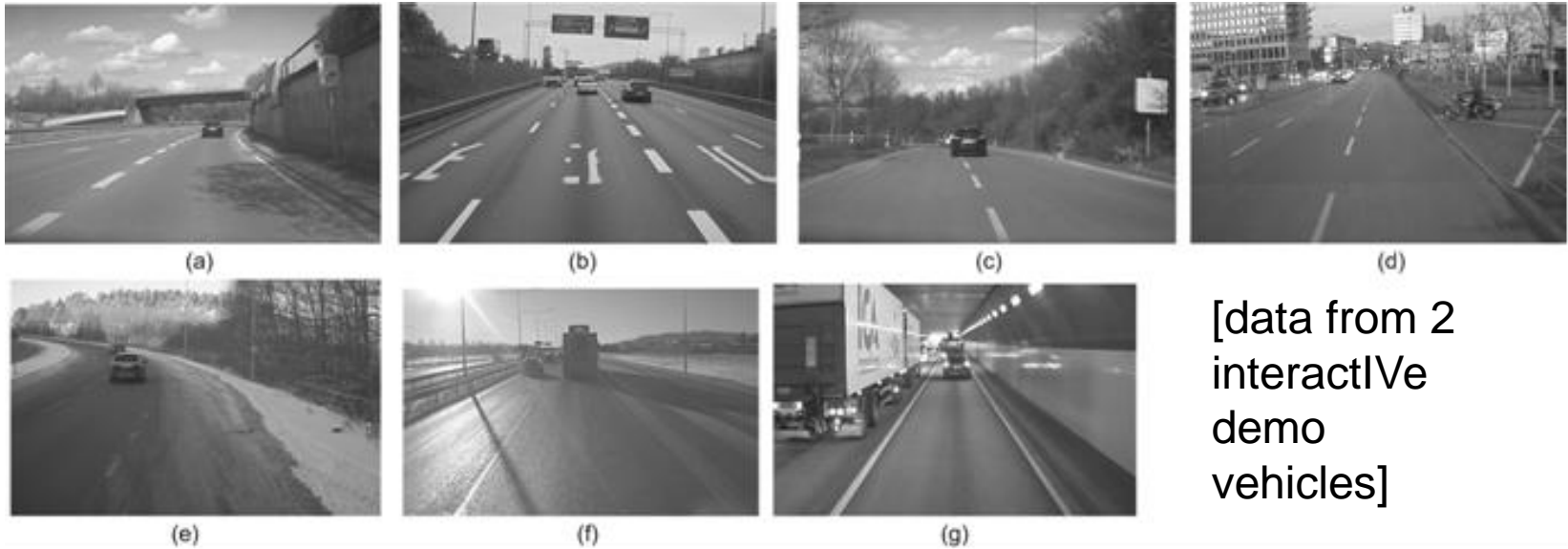
- Feature extraction from grid pyramids in time and space



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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appearance record: CENTRIST on 31 spatial sectors of different sizes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion records: MBH on 3x3 spatial sectors x 9 frames |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For Voc_length = 200, 6200-d image representation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For Voc_length = 200 and #sampled frames = 9, 16200-d video representation |
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Experimental setup (dataset + parameterization)

Video database was split in **7 classes**:



Fusion method:

vector concatenation

SVM kernels for comparison:

X2 radial-basis kernel, HI kernel

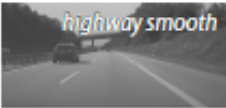






Grid partitions for comparison:

$\{[n_x] \times [n_y] \times [n_t]\} = \{[1,2,3], [1,2,3], [3,6,9]\}$

Results

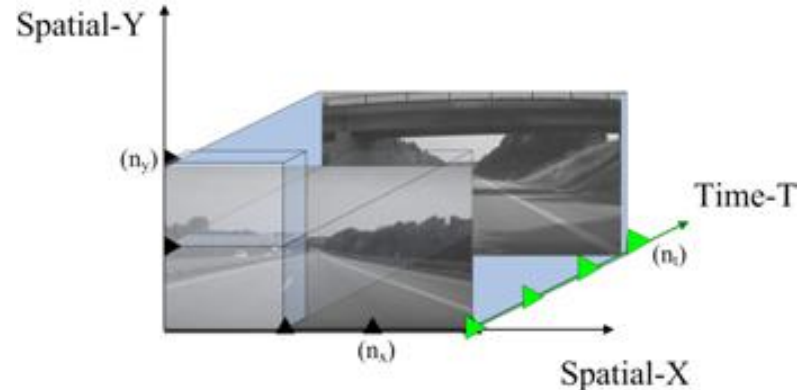
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| Scene Classes | Mean Performance (%) per scene class | | | | |
|--|--------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------|---------------------|
| | only static (CENTRIST) | only Dynamics | | | Static+ Dynamics |
| | | MBH _x | MBH _y | MBH | |
|  highway smooth | 83.6 | 71.6 | 73.2 | 74.8 | 86.2 |
|  highway traffic | 82.4 | 69.6 | 70.9 | 72.0 | 88.6 |
|  rural | 73.3 | 63.4 | 66.1 | 67.9 | 74.8 |
|  urban | 85.2 | 72.2 | 74.6 | 78.2 | 89.1 |
|  snow | 71.2 | 60.5 | 69.3 | 70.7 | 73.8 |
|  back lighting | 72.3 | 34.6 | 41.2 | 43.8 | 68.4 |
|  tunnel | 84.1 | 77.2 | 74.1 | 79.5 | 88.9 |
| Avg (%) | 78.9 | 64.2 | 67.0 | 69.5 | 81.4 |

Future work

- Large dataset evaluation in order to quantify empirical observations
- Investigate other motion features (faster than optical flow)
- Investigate robustness of the algorithm in fast scene changes and night vision



Conclusions

- Recent scene classification methods based on local features can be used to discriminate among many semantic classes (used for big data mining)
- Motion analysis in different directions can help
- Motion consideration helps more in busy scenes
- For real-time apps, faster motion feature extraction is needed OR regions of interest should be pre-selected.
- Include camera motion compensation pre-processing



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