Digital Perception and Human Perception

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- It is located in the center of Paris



Which Digital Perception?

- What is digital perception?
 - I define it as the abilities of a numeric system to sense and interpret the surrounding world
- Is it better to be bio-inspired or bio-mimetic?
 - Bio-inspired systems consist of taking some inspiration from Nature and proposed new concepts based on these observations.
 - Bio-mimetic systems have the purpose to mimic Nature and to be an exact copy of some biological mechanisms.

Stereovision

- Stereovision is a triangulation based on 2 images.
- Humans have two eyes and can perceive the depth thanks to the disparity between the two views (finger experiment).
- With two cameras, it is also possible to obtain the depth



Depth: robot drainbot

• Robot: Drainbot collaboration with NUS





Extreme conditions

Input Image



Depth Map



Indoor detection

Carte de profondeur+RGB



Centre de masse position 3D



Comparison between Kinect and my results

Challenging scene



Kinect results



My results



Stereovision

- Stereovision was initially inspired by Nature
- Many algorithms that appeared afterward were not connected at all with biology
- Computationally speaking, the brain still outperforms computers for realtime processing
- New approaches inspired by the brain begin to appear in stereovision.

IA and Deep Learning

- *Deep Learning* is a new trend in computer science
- The principle is to learn a very complex function with unit called "neurons" that are inspired by the electrical behavior of real neurons
- Deep learning algorithms are state-of-the-art in many applications.
- Did these algorithms perceive like humans?

CNN

- Convolutional layers
- Fully connected layers (dense)
- Pooling



Example of perception with DNN

• What are you seeing?



Example of perception with DNN

• This is what the Deep Learning network is perceiving:



Is Deep Learning a kind of super-perception?

• What are you seeing?



Is Deep Learning a kind of super-perception?

• This is what the DNN is perceiving.



Is Deep Learning a kind of super-perception?

- Deep Neural Nets are not better to perceive compared to humans.
- In fact the strategy of DNN is different from what our brain is doing to understand our surrounding world

Two ways

- Now, two ways are opened: "mimicry" or "inspiration" from living animals.
- Do we need digitals system that are exactly like humans? There are some advantages because it could help for our cohabitation with robots.



Two ways

- However, another way is possible, inspired by aeronautic technology.
- After a first inspiration from birds, humans learn the most intimate principles of flight and succeeded to design tools beyond the capabilities of birds.



Thank you

• Questions?



French Concorde first commercial supersonic plane