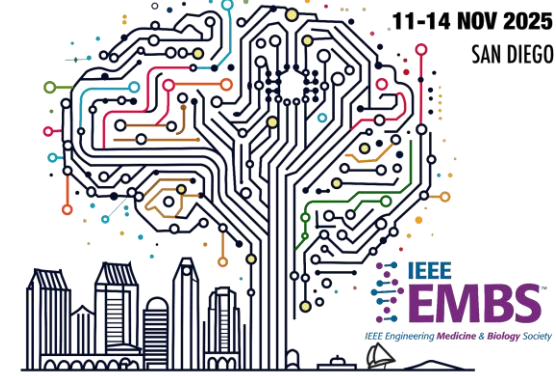




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What's catching your eye?

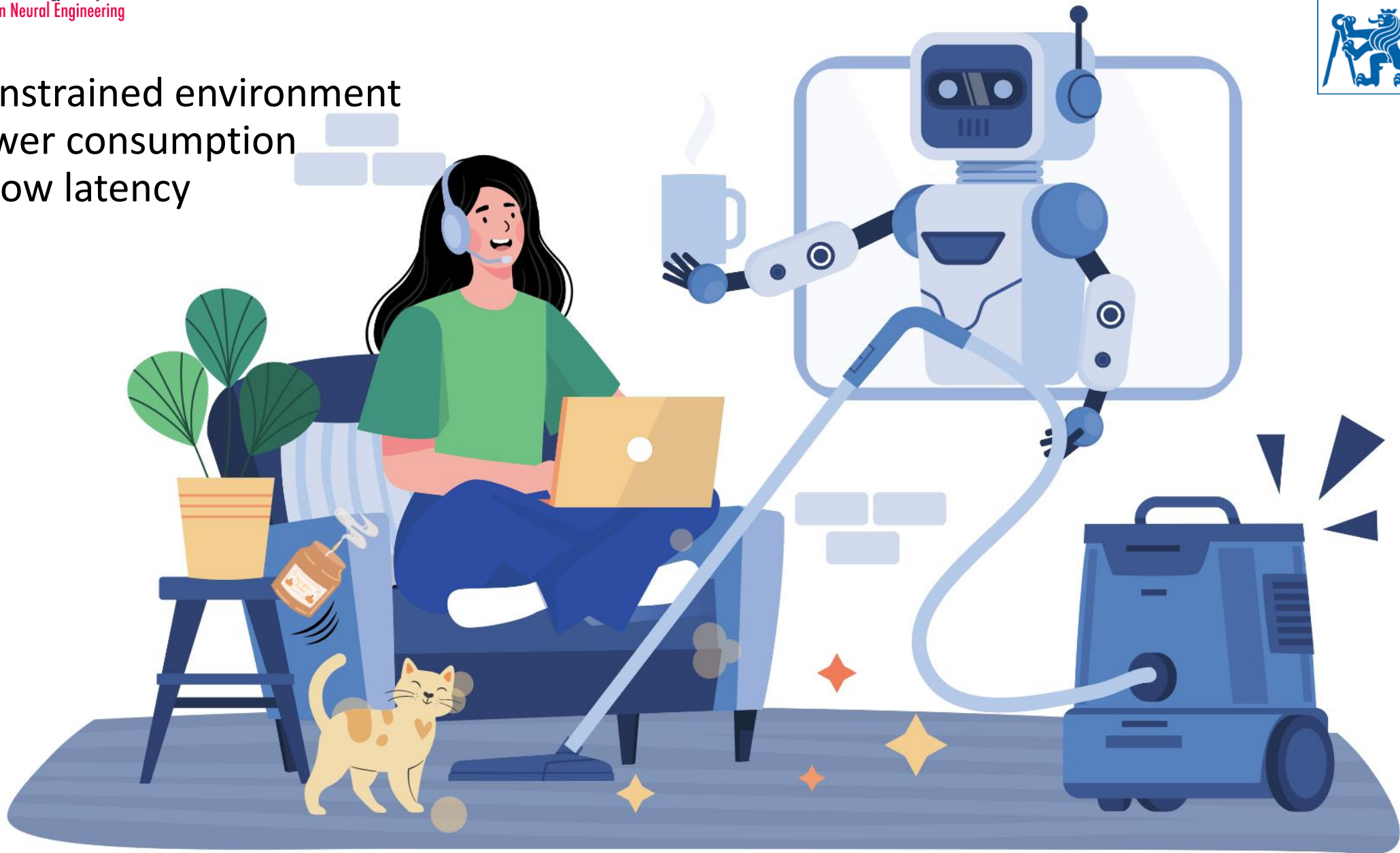
Event-driven sensing and neuromorphic computing for active vision



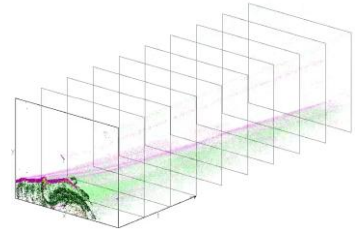
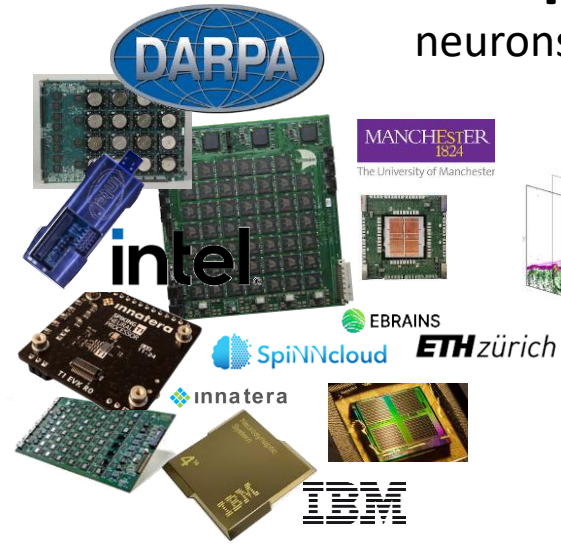
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Unconstrained environment
Low power consumption
Low latency



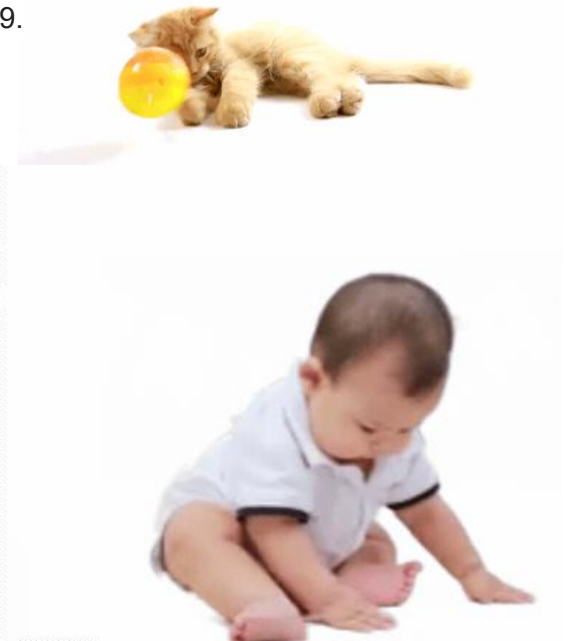
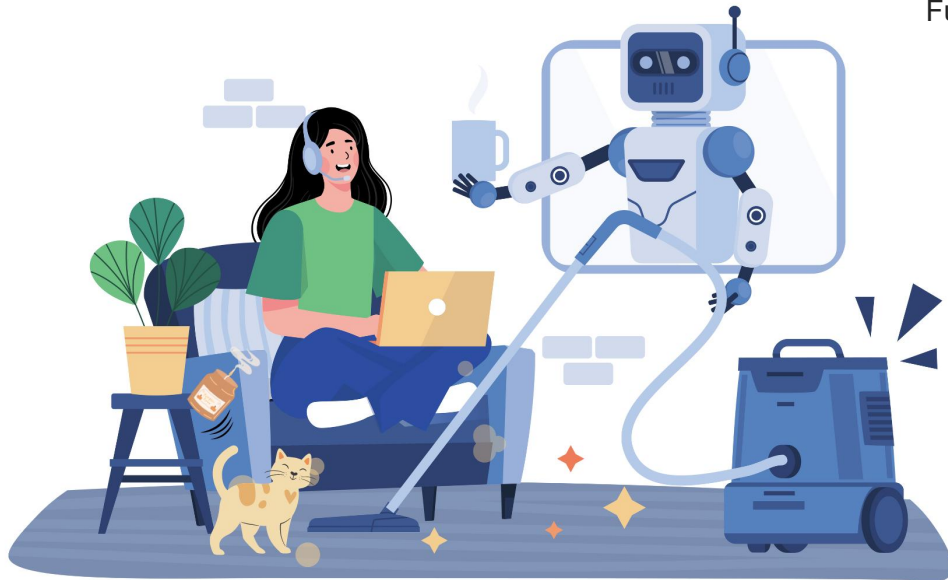
Neuromorphic sensing and computing, inspired by biological visual systems and neurons, enable low-latency (microseconds), low-power (milliwatts).



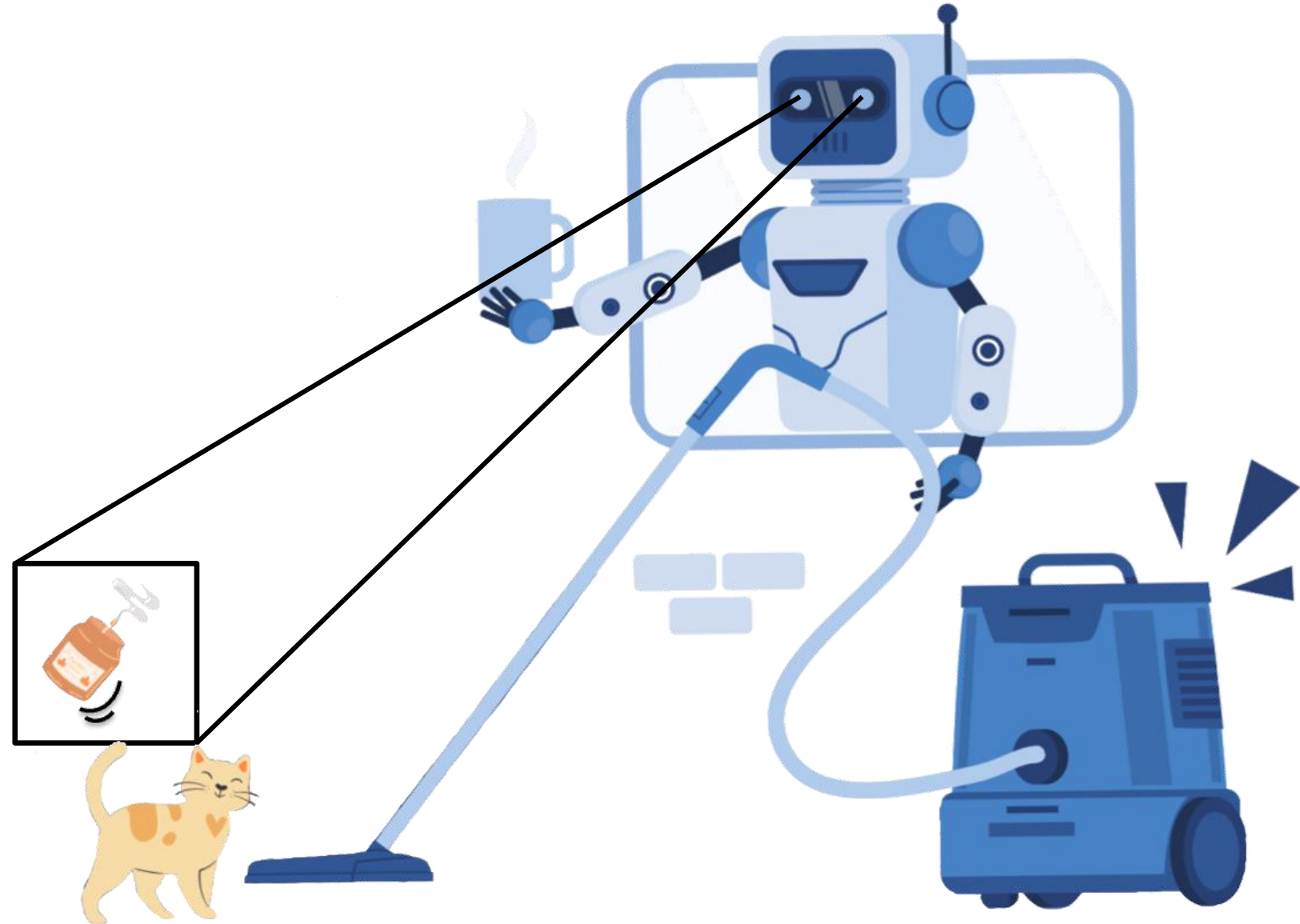
Someone has already done it!

“It consumes a paltry 20 watts, much less than a typical incandescent lightbulb”

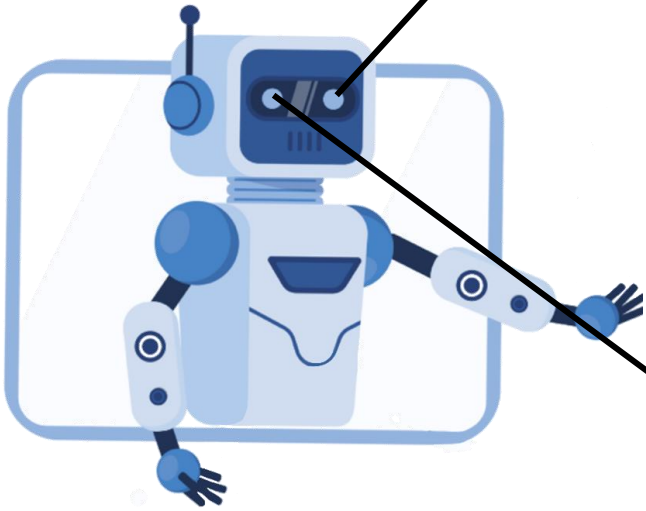
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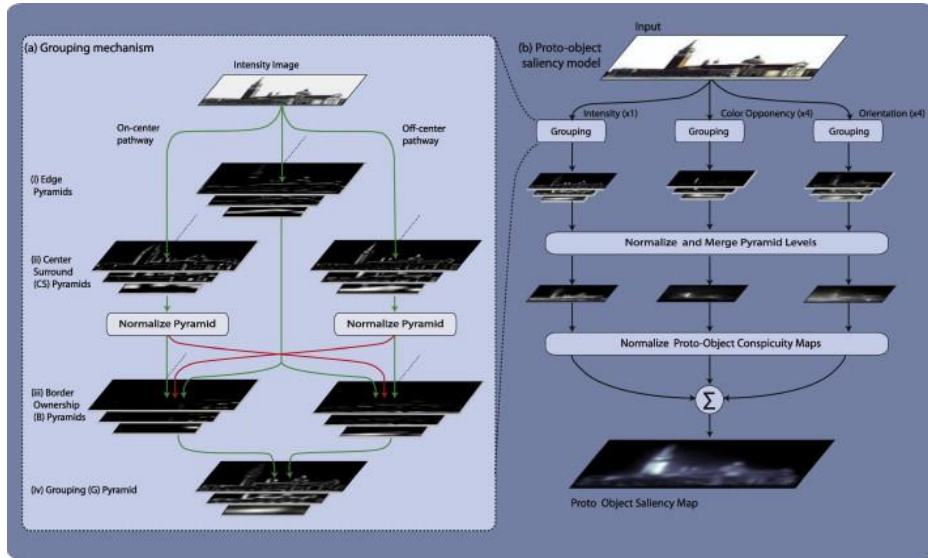
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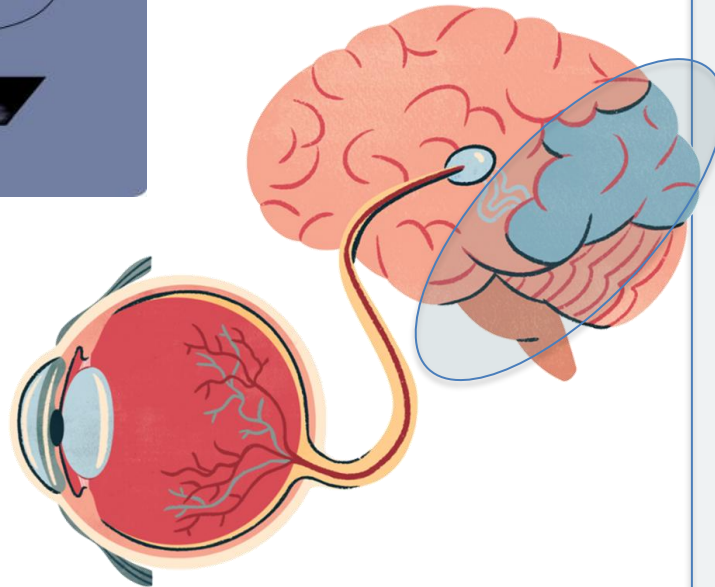
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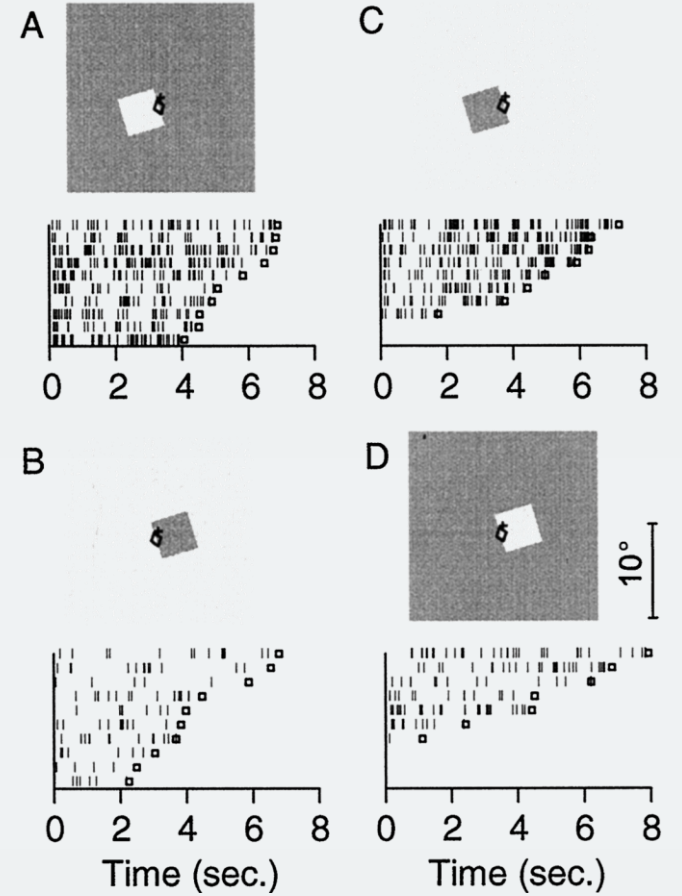
Depth

Motion

Intensity



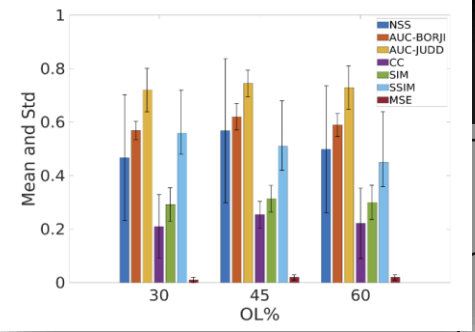
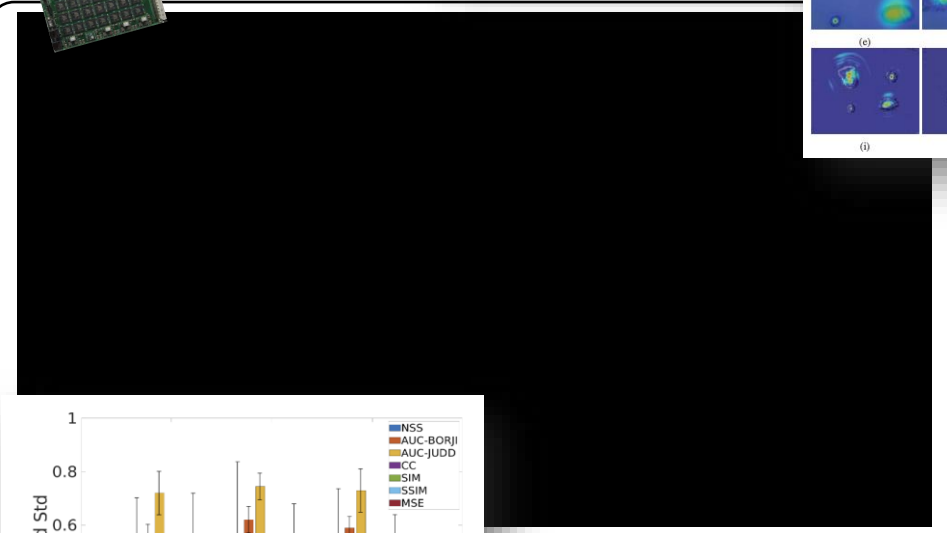
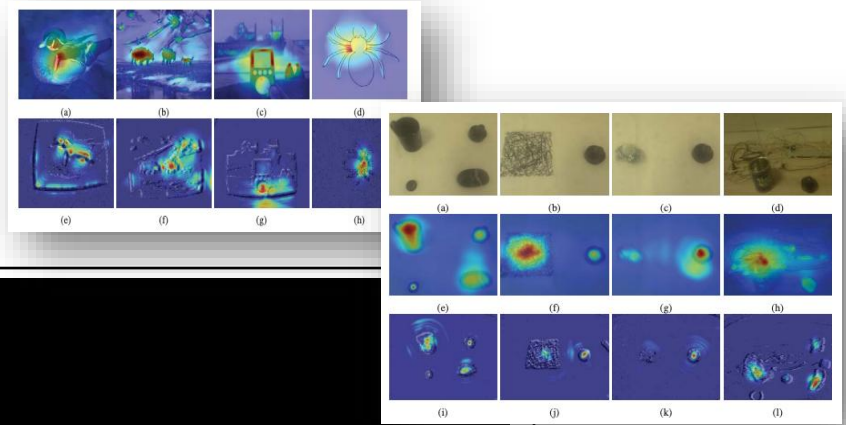
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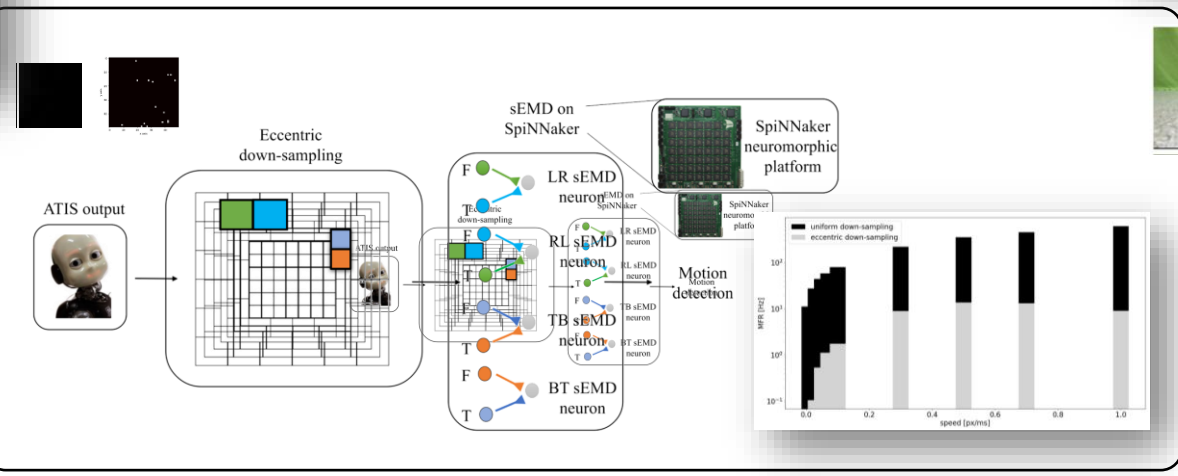
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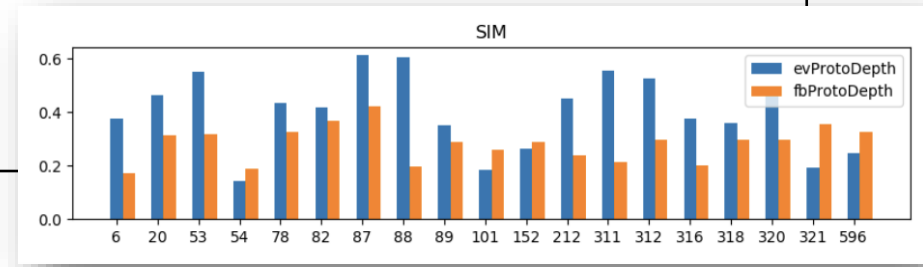


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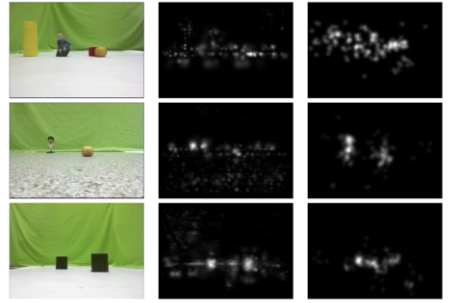
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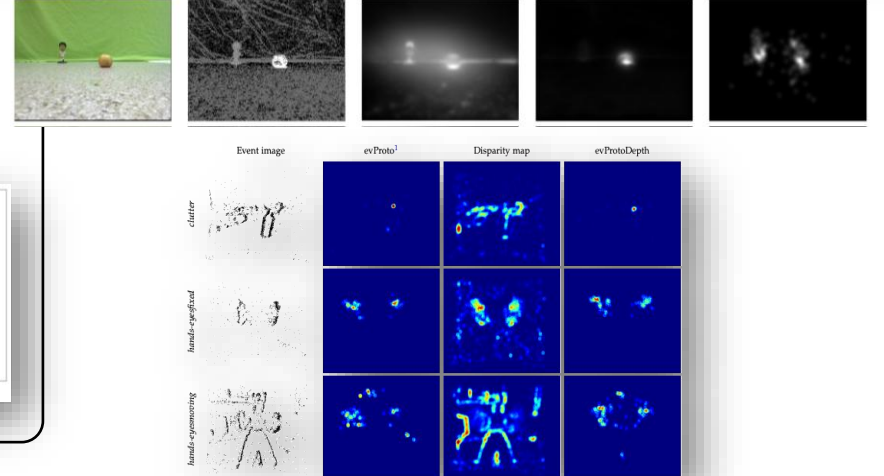
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Input ED sal map 3D fixations



Input Depth map RGB sal map ED sal map 3D fixations



Iacono, M. et al. 2019



~100 ms GPU

~170 ms GPU

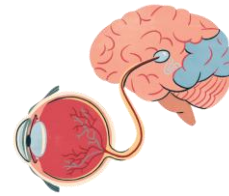
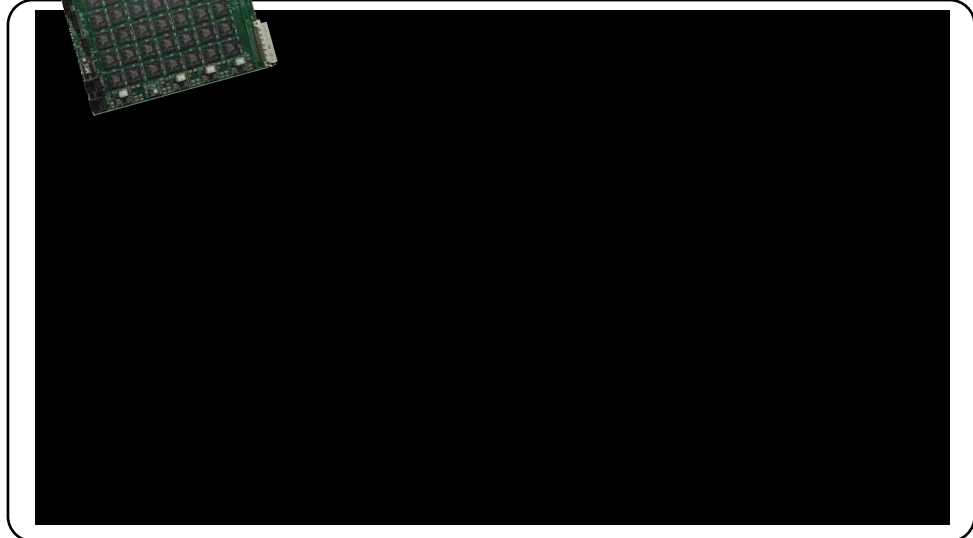
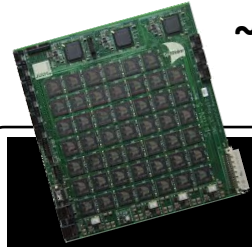


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~16 ms

Intensity



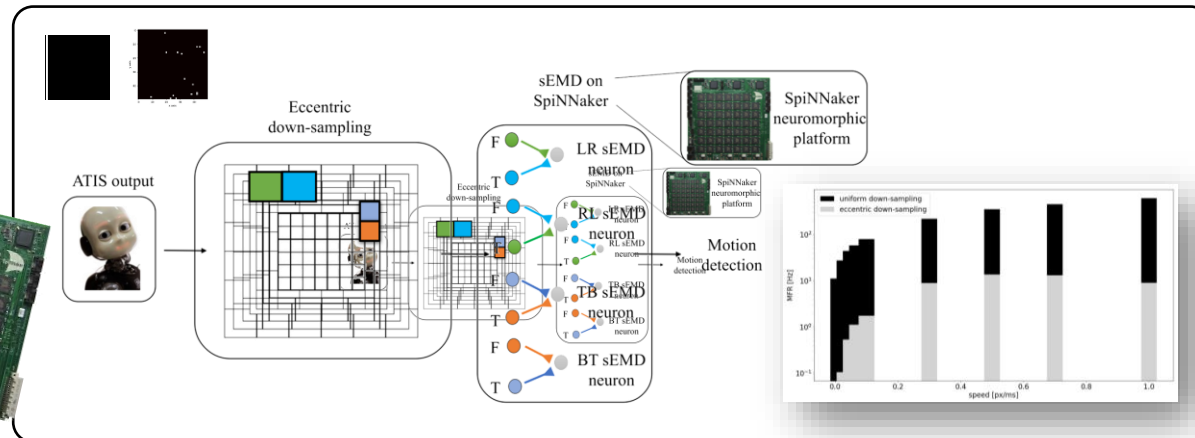
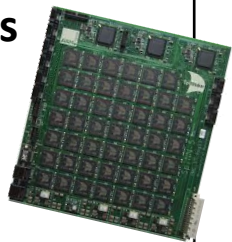
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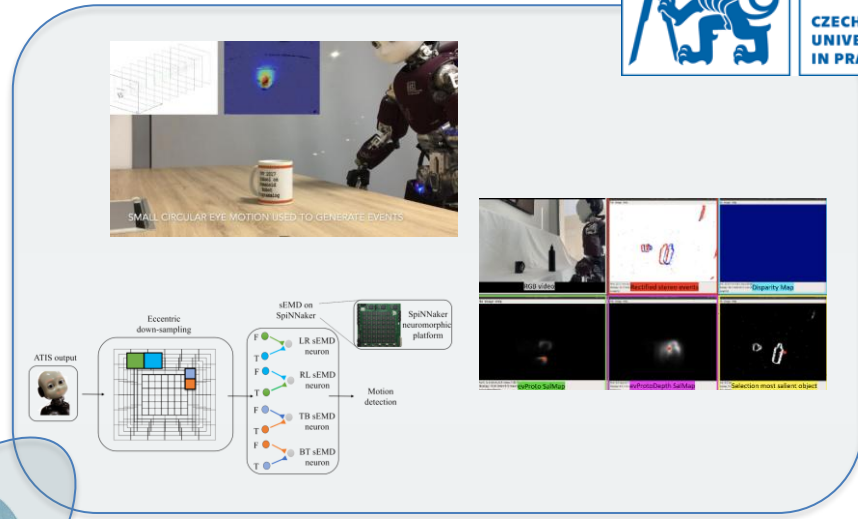
~4 ms



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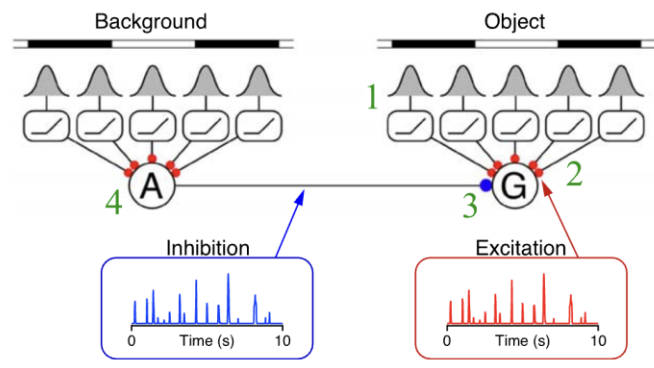
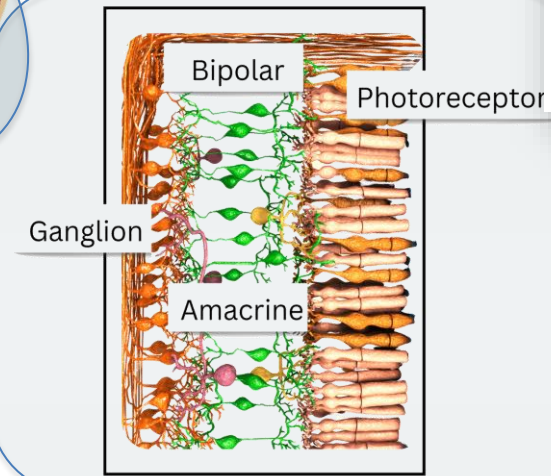
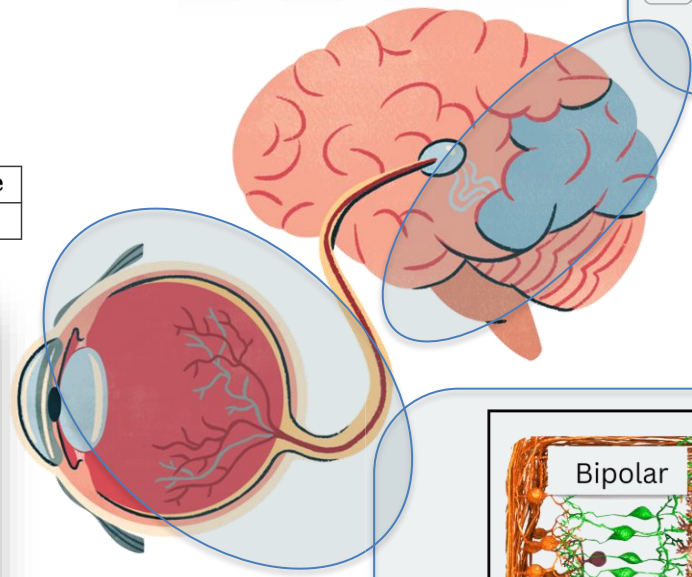
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00011							89.88
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00033							72.96
							55.55
							47.84

Visual attention



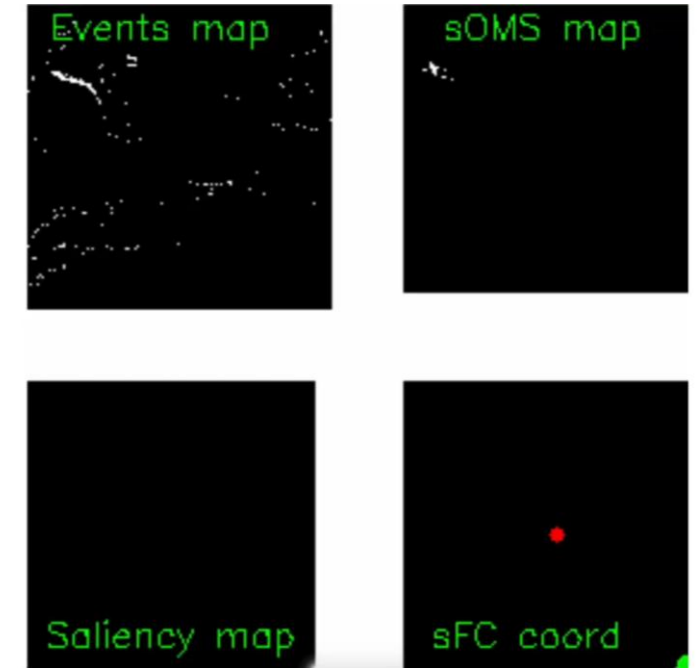
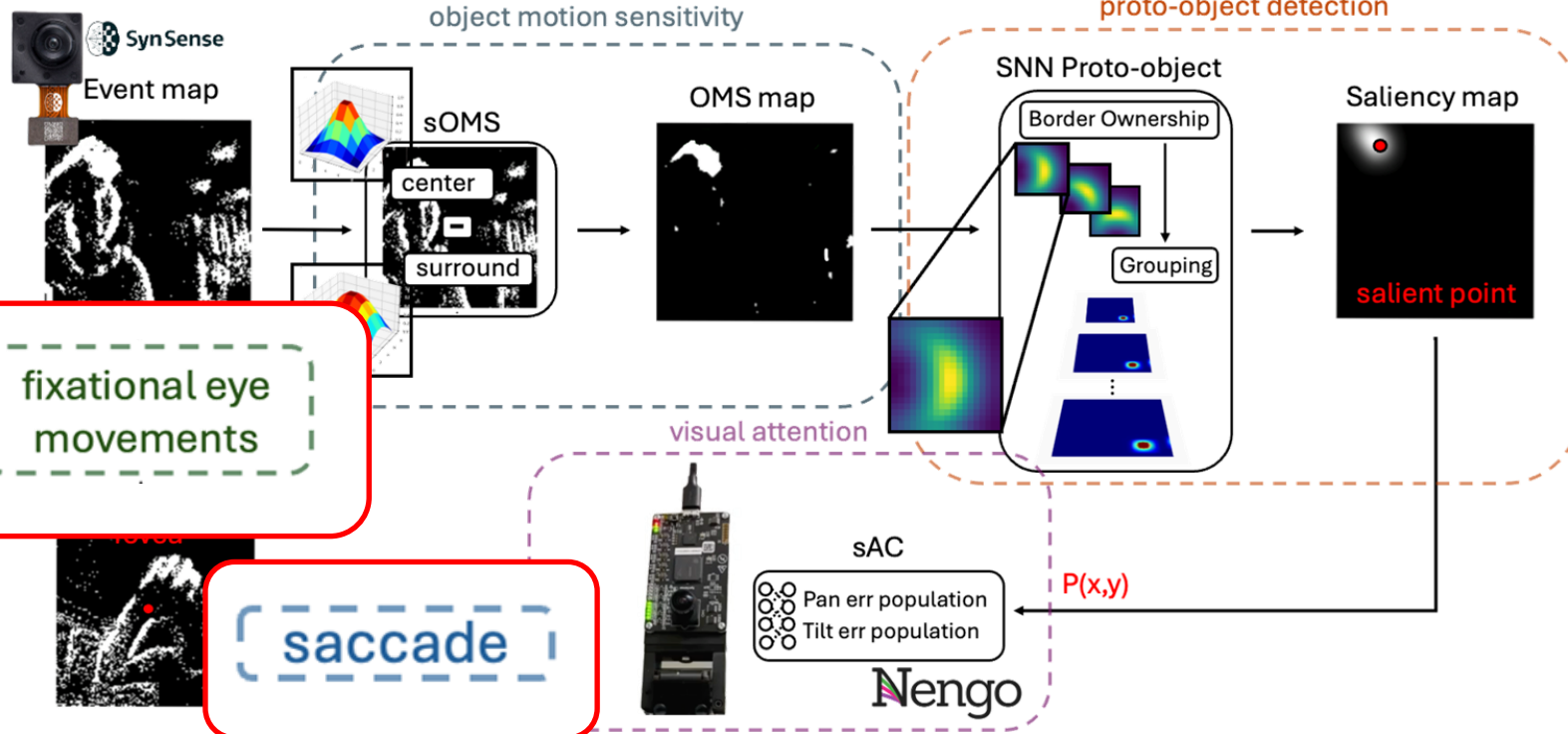
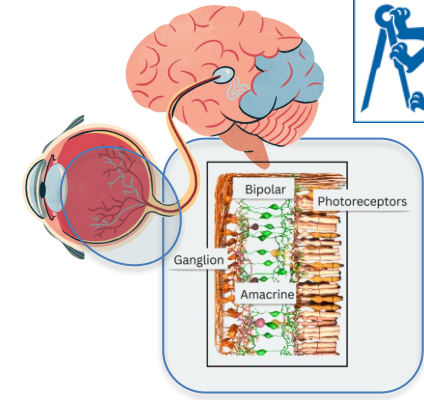
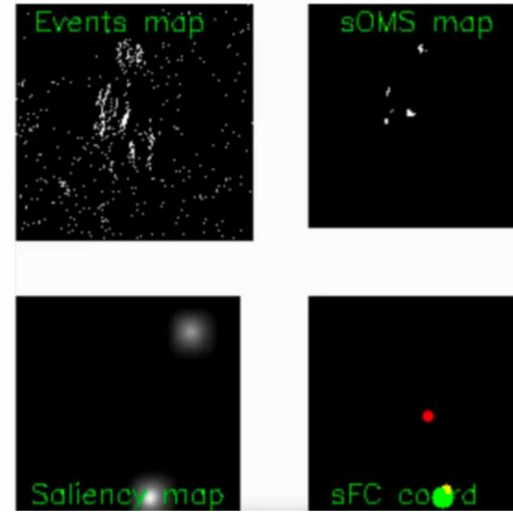
Trials	# Events	# sOMS Events	Percentage
10	14747.03 ± 2029.17	2189.15 ± 385.57	85.16%

Sub-dataset	Event map [51]	Ground Truth [51]	OMS map	mean IoU % [12]	mean IoU %	mean SSIM %
Box				72 ± 16	64.79 ± 0.02	89 ± 0.08
Fast				69 ± 3	69.85 ± 0.15	90 ± 0.06
Floor				94	63.21 ± 0.22	94 ± 0.22
Table				88 ± 10	73.59 ± 0.22	89 ± 0.11
Tabletop				72 ± 14	82.24 ± 0.18	96 ± 0.06
Wall				82 ± 6	64.49 ± 0.07	84 ± 0.04

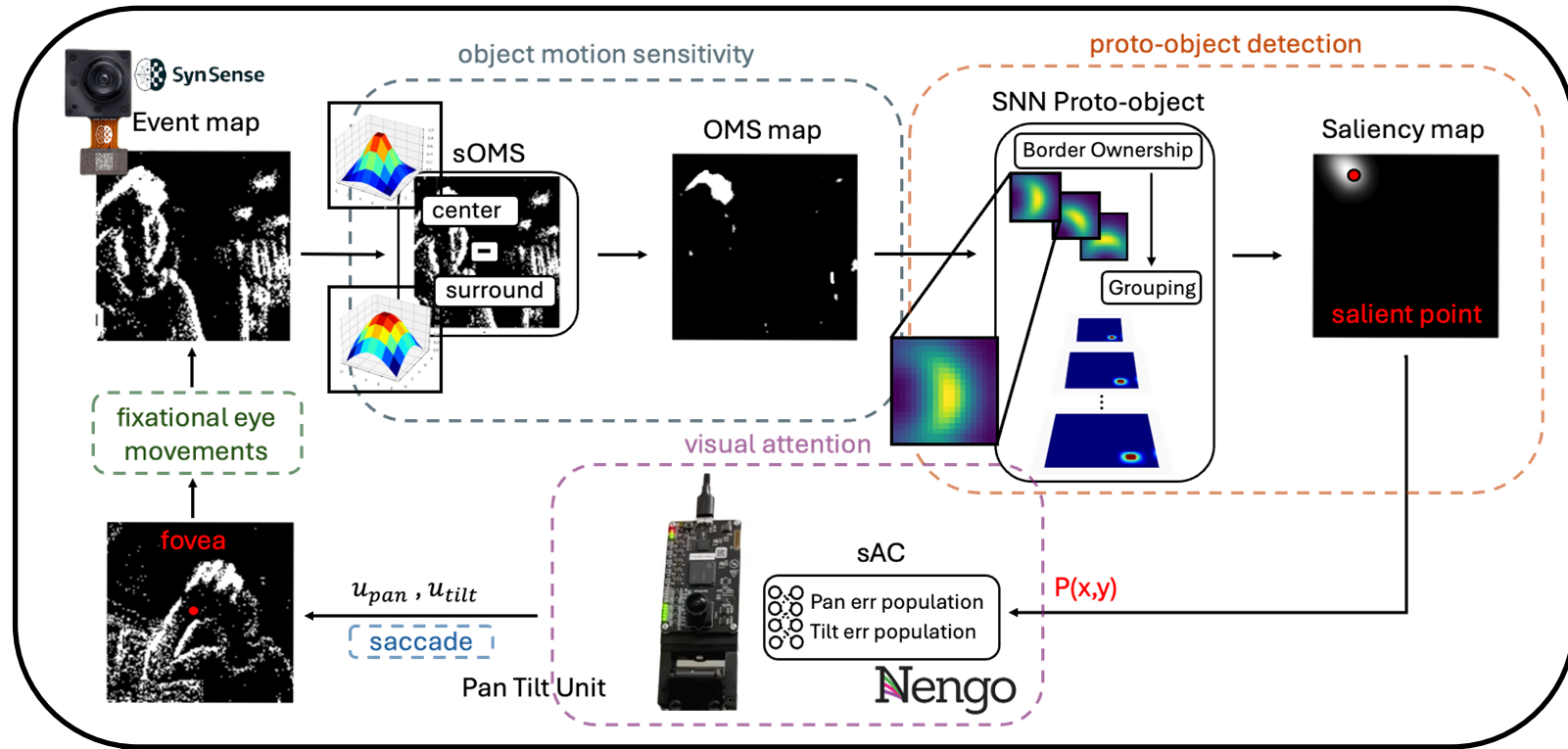


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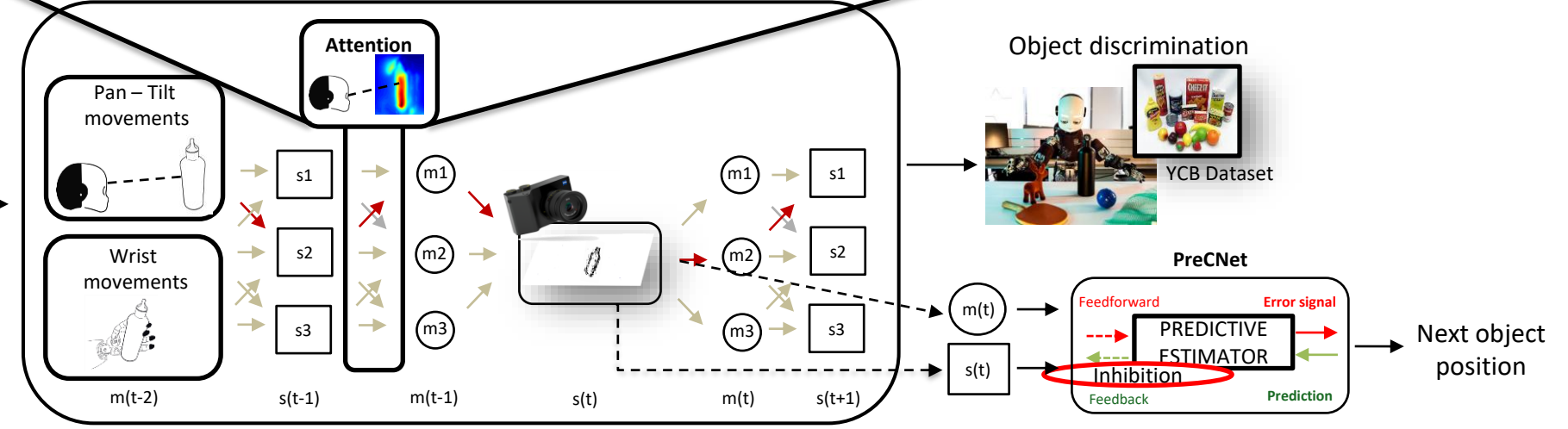
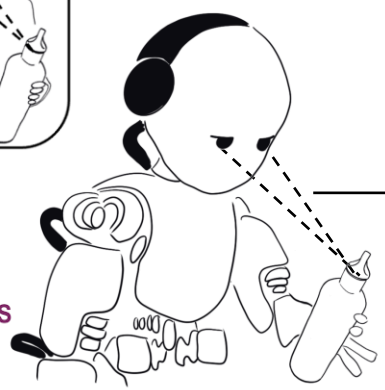
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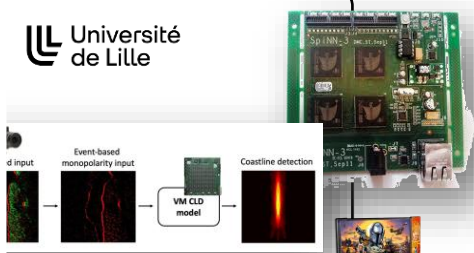
Attention



Sensorimotor Contingencies (SMCT) for object perception



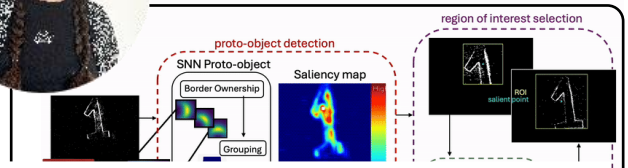
Object detection on SpiNNaker



10 ms is 0.3756 mW



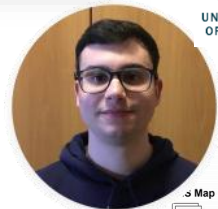
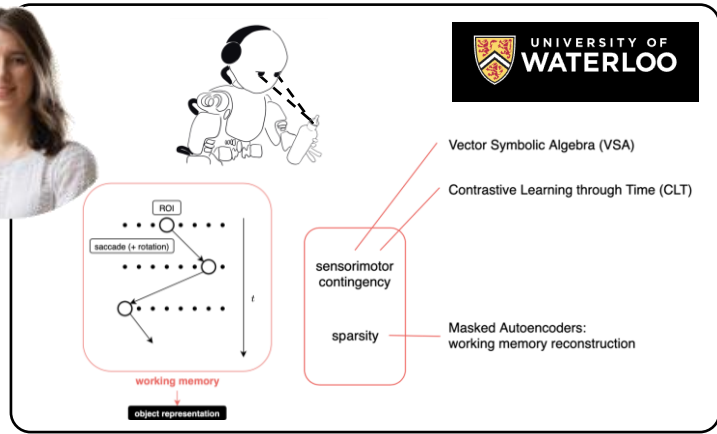
Visual stabilization for object recognition



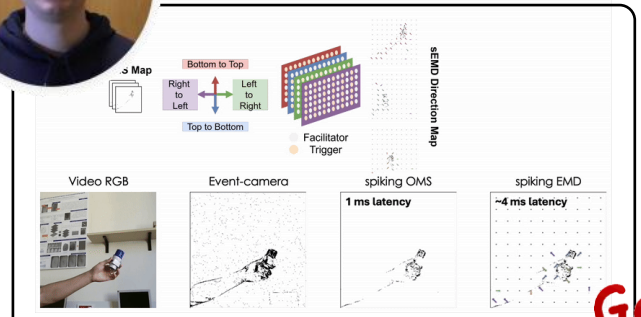
Visual prosthesis



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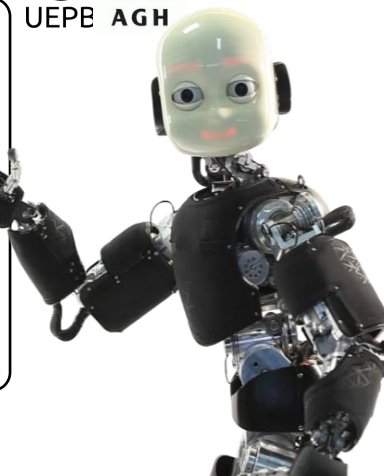
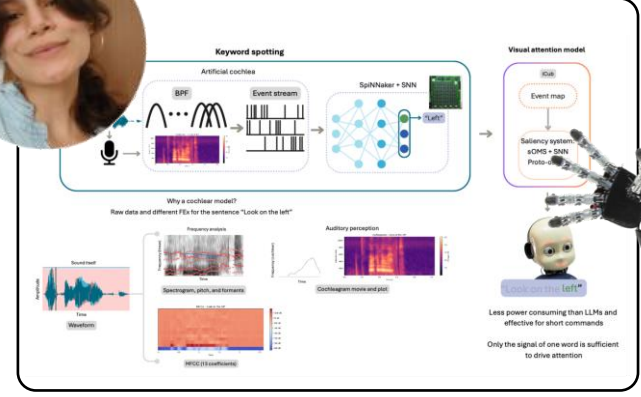


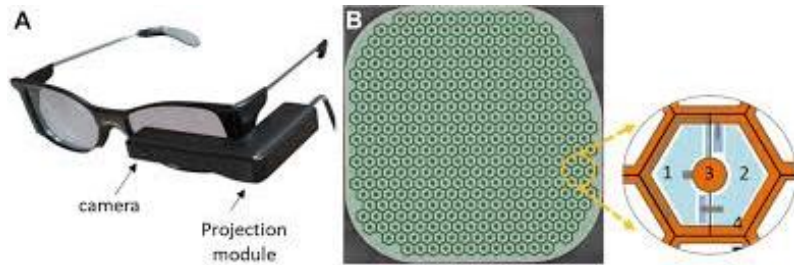
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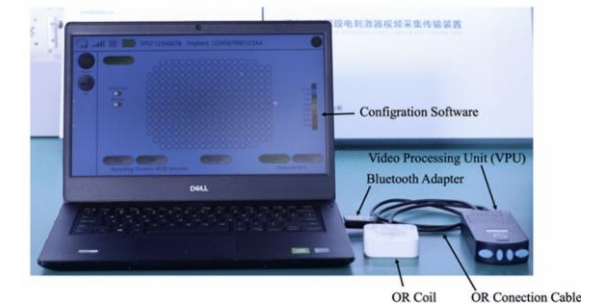
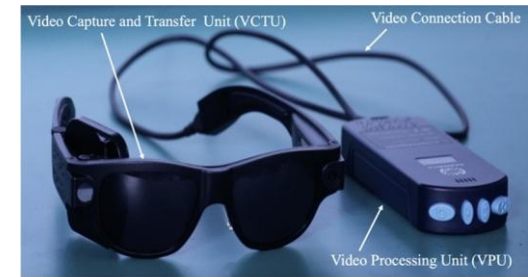
GeNN

Talk to look: visual attention influenced by spoken commands

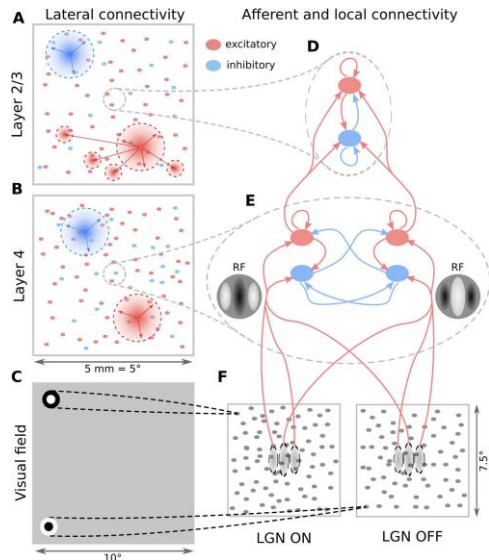




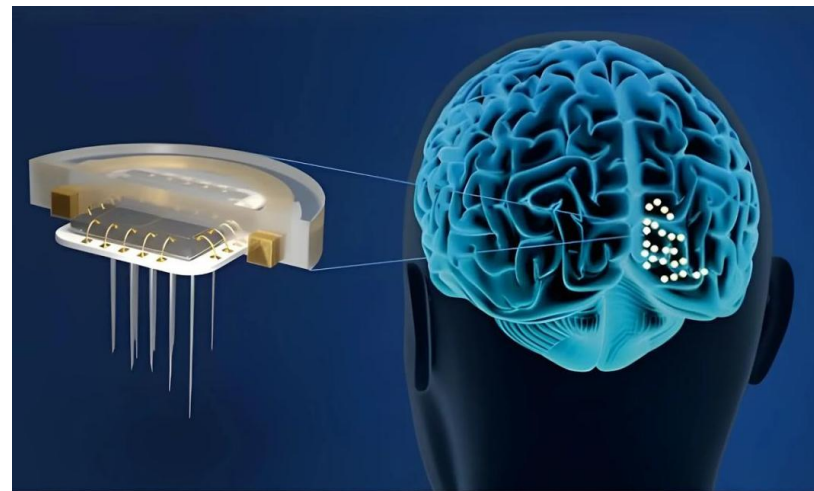
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