

Computer Vision for Human-Computer Interaction: Perceiving Faces

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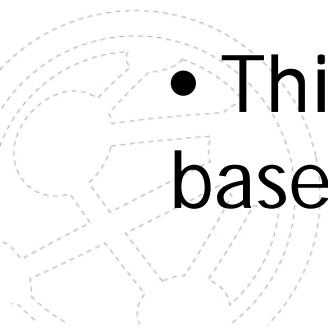


Introduction

- The human face conveys not only identity, but also other important information



- This talk describes two HCI applications based on perceiving the human face



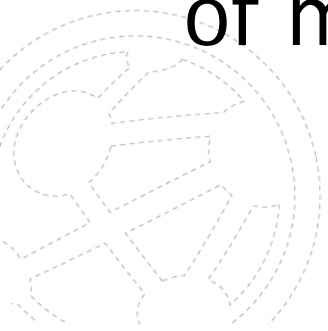
Glass selector

- Glass selection systems are becoming a necessity in optical shops as the market is saturated with an increasingly complex array of lenses, frames, coatings, tints, etc.



Glass selector

- A low-cost computer vision system has been developed that allows the user to visualize different glass models in live video
- Glass models are superimposed over the live-video image of the user
- The user can select and test a range of models

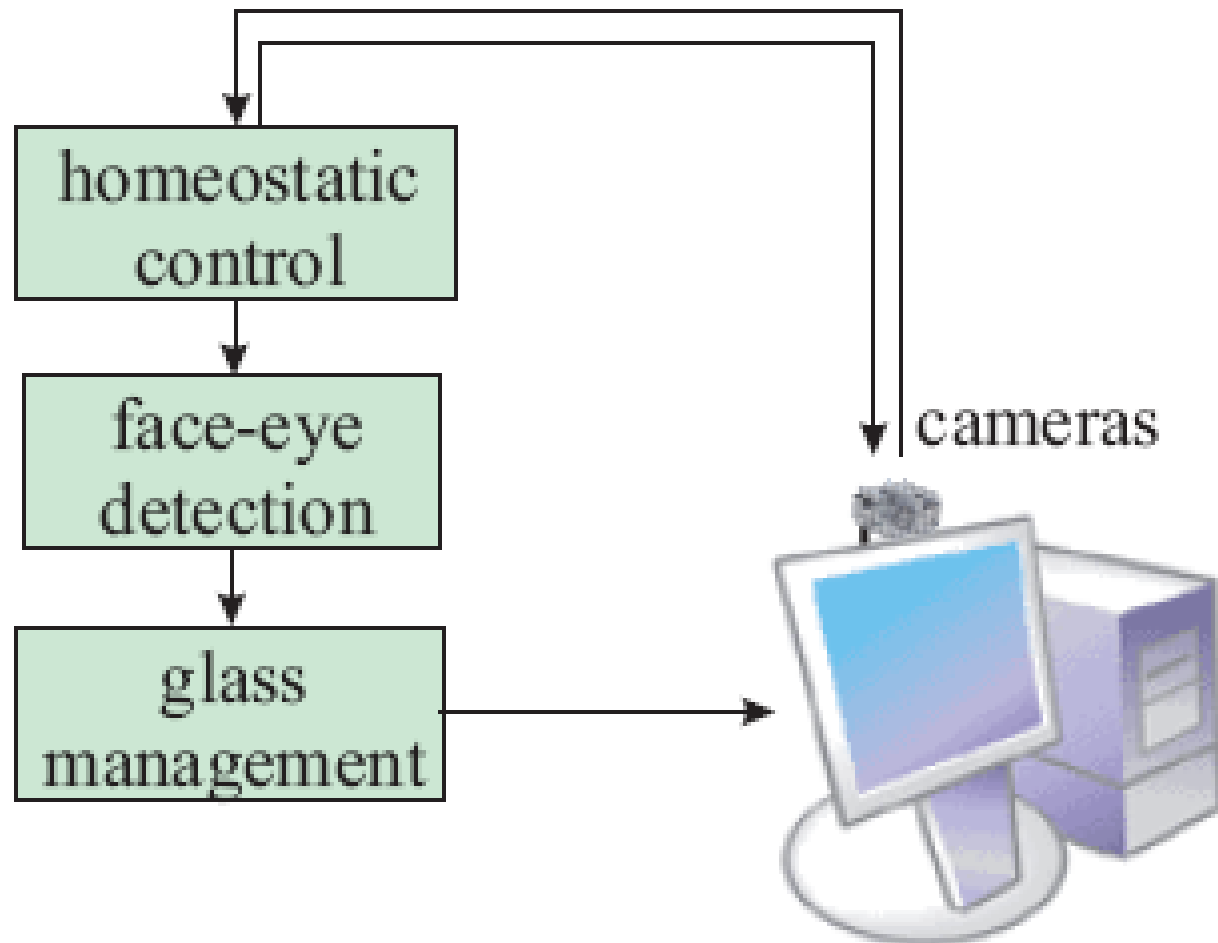


Glass selector

- Two cameras with motorized zoom, focus, white balance and shutter speed
- Cameras on top the computer monitor
- One of the cameras has a larger zoom and works with grey frames

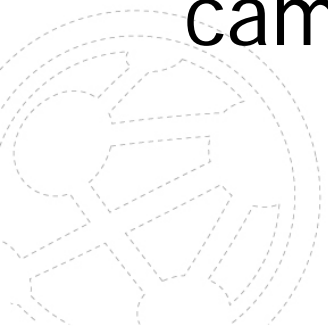


Glass selector



Glass selector

- The homeostatic control module tries to keep image parameters under control
- Suitable for dynamic scenarios (like an optical shop!)
- Currently only luminance (by adjusting iris and shutter speed of the cameras)



Glass selector

- The Face Detection module (ENCARA2) locates the face in the image
- Eyes are also located in images of the two cameras
- Viola-Jones cascade of classifiers based on Haar-like features

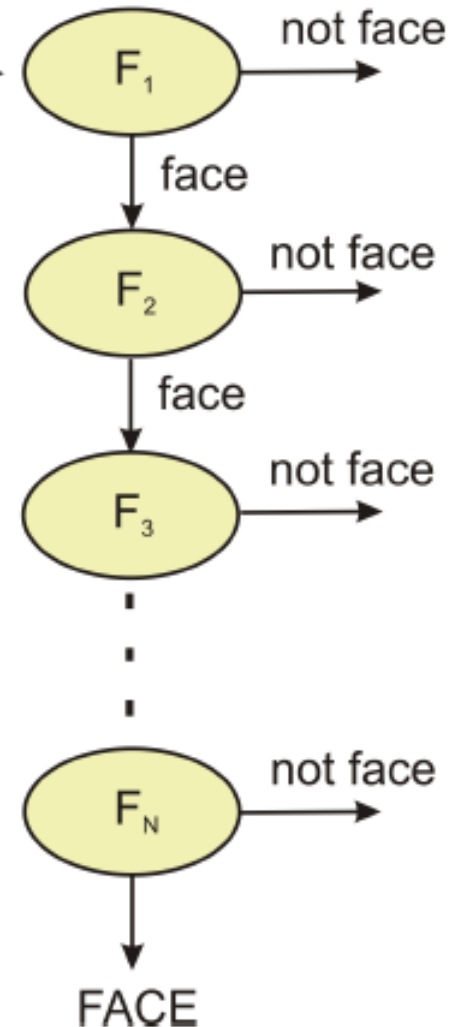
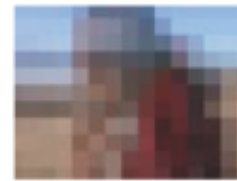


Class selector

- Viola-Jones cascade of classifiers based on Haar-like features
- Each single classifier has a high detection rate (d) and a low rejection rate (r)
- If, for example, $d=99\%$ and $r=50\%$, a 6-stage cascade would have:

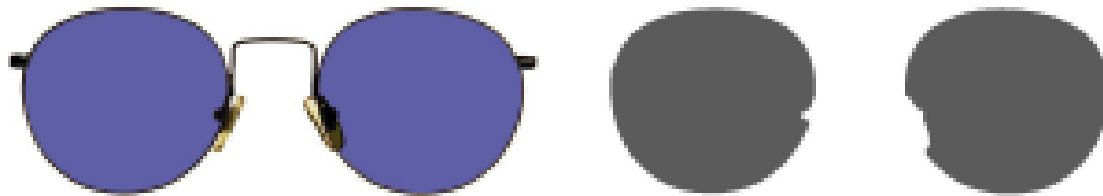
$$D=0.99^6=94\% \quad R=0.5^6=1\%$$

image subregion



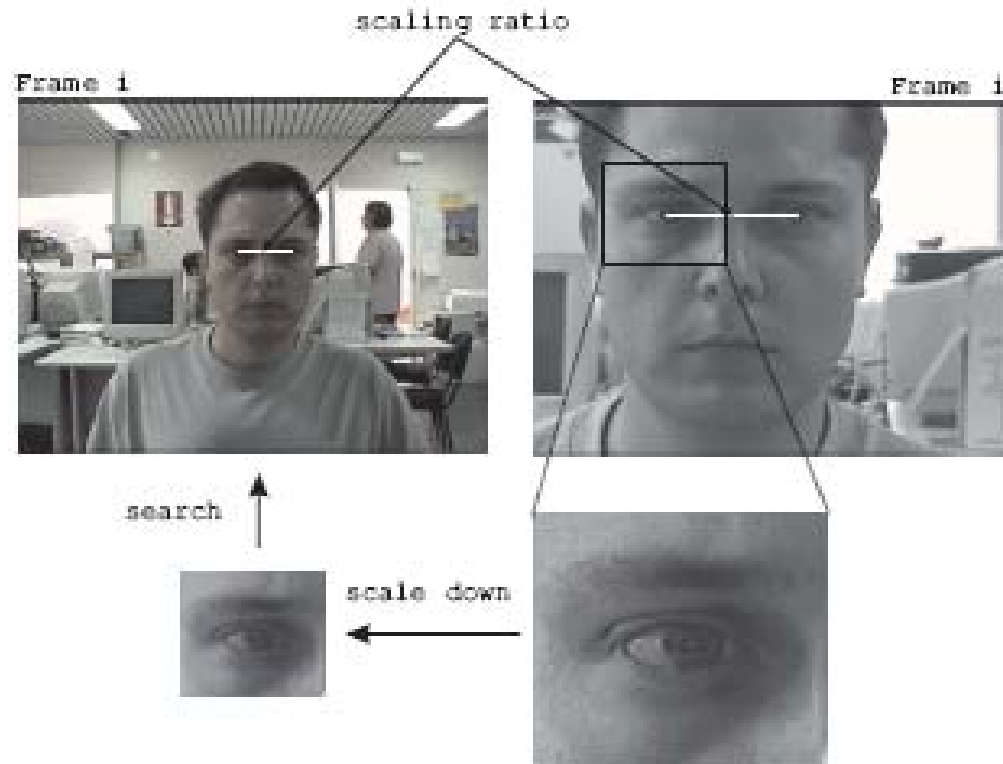
Glass selector

- Glasses are superimposed over camera live video using Alpha Blending
- Glass models were obtained by taking frontal photographs of real glasses at a local optical shop
- Image editing software was used to extract foreground and transparency channels



Glass selector

- The glass model is rotated and scaled, and then superimposed over live video
- The scaling ratio is based on the inter-eye distance detected
- Eye locations obtained in the zoom camera allow to get more precise eye positions



Glass selector

- On-screen buttons allow to visualize the next/previous model



Glass selector



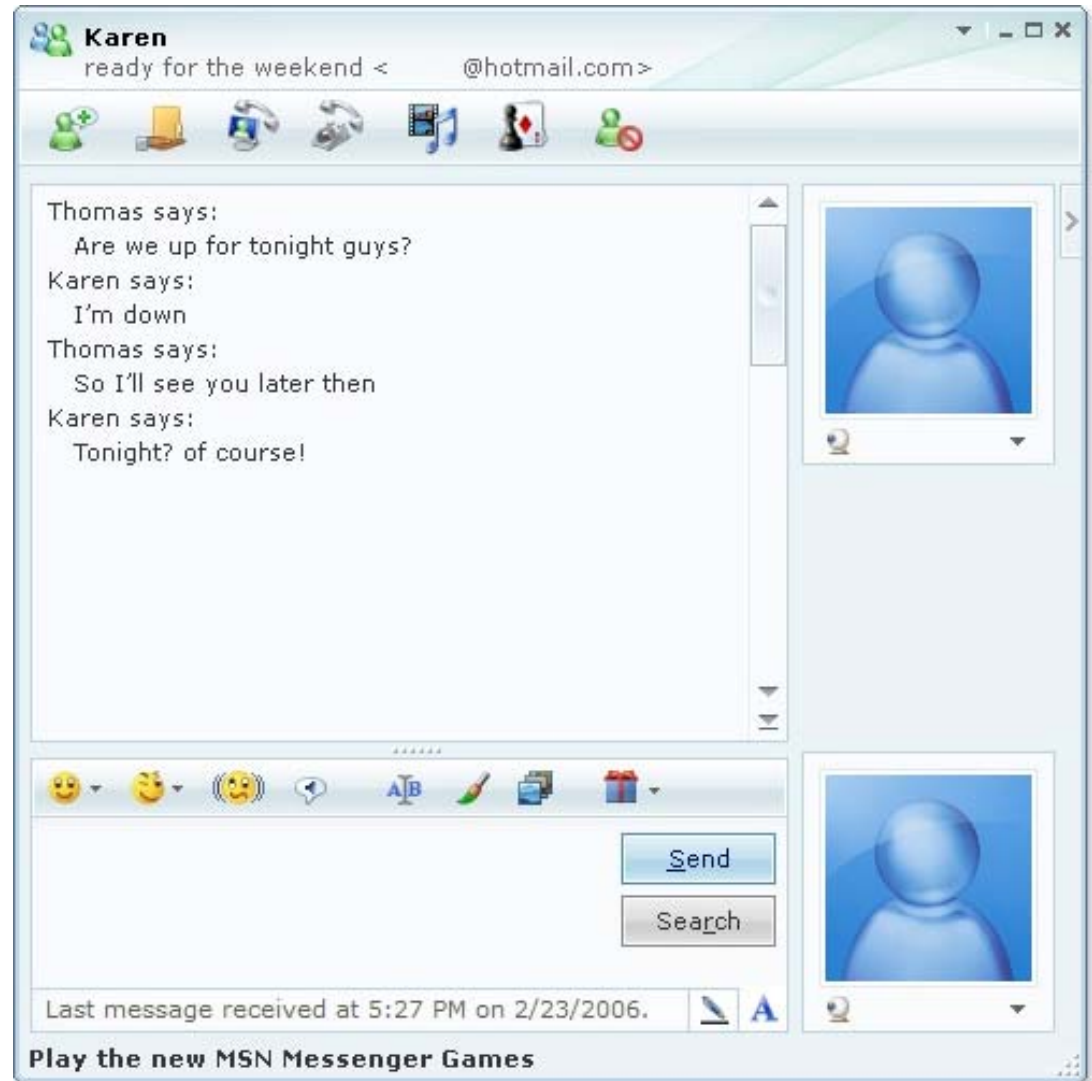
Glass selector

- Glasses can be fitted (vertically)



Face & Smile Detection for IM

- Instant Messaging (IM) is a form of real-time communication based on typed text



Face & Smile Detection for IM

- History of IM:
 - Appeared in the 1970s to facilitate communication with other users logged in to Unix machines
 - GUI-based clients appeared in the mid 1990s
 - Currently, actively used as a fast communication tool, specially among young people and in the workplace
- The benefits of IM include the ability to know when personal contacts are available, nearly instantaneous communication, and the ability to carry on several informal conversations at once.

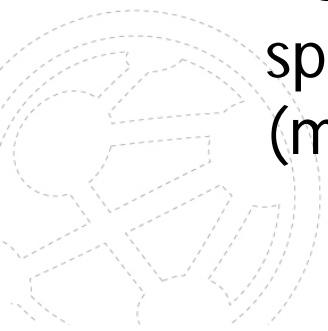


Face & Smile Detection for IM

- In IM users can use emoticons to convey emotional states or facial expressions:



- Problems of typed-text IM:
 - Emotions conveyed through emoticons can be fake
 - User status (online, away, etc.) has to be specifically controlled by the user himself (misunderstandings are common)



Face & Smile Detection for IM

- Modern laptops are equipped with a standard webcam:



Face & Smile Detection for IM

- We trained a face and smile detector to aid in the IM experience
- The face detector detects if the user is in front of the computer or away
- The smile detector detects user's smiles
- User status and emoticon insertion is achieved by sending keystrokes to the IM conversation window
- The camera works unobtrusively



Face & Smile Detection for IM

- ENCARA2 face detector
- Both face and smile detector based on Viola-Jones cascades of classifiers using Haar-like features
- Smile detector trained on 2436 positive images and 3376 negative images taken from Internet and previously processed by the face detector



Face & Smile Detection for IM

- The confidence measure of the smile detector is used to send smile and large smile emoticons:



Smile detection rate of 96% with under 3% false acceptance rate

Face detection rate of 99.92% with 8.07% false acceptance rate

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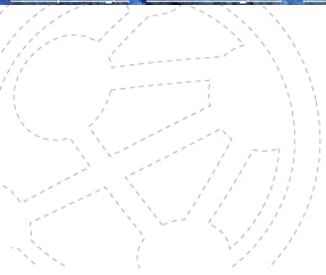


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Conclusions and Lines of Research

- Computer-vision applications for HCI
- Our current and future research also encompasses:
 - Face detection
 - Face recognition
 - Special interest in video processing and incremental learning
 - Surveillance:
 - Detection of abandoned packages
 - Detection of fights, of aiming gestures,...
 - X-Ray scanners at airports and stations
 - Detecting traffic infractions
 - ...
- CV for Human-robot interaction



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THANKS!

