

Gaze Estimation

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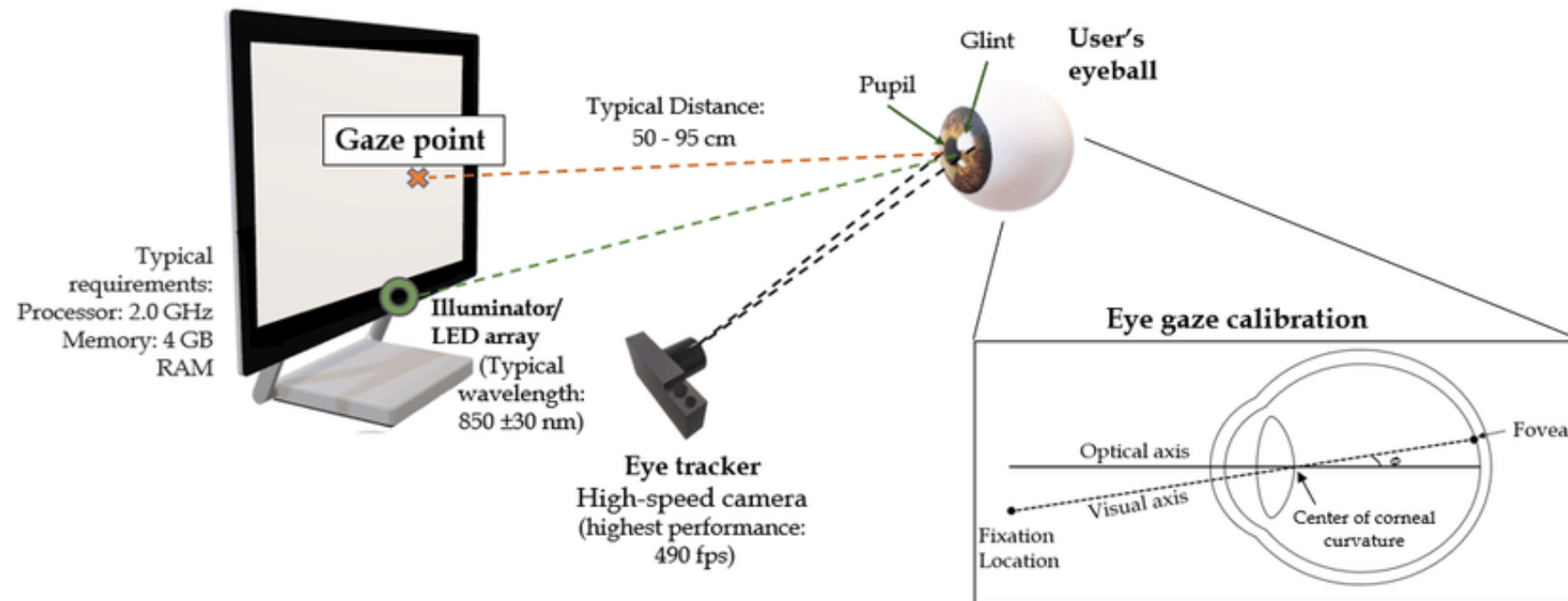
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*“Sarvendriyaanaam Nayanam Prad hanam”
which loosely translates into,
“Of all the sense organs, vision is the most important”.*



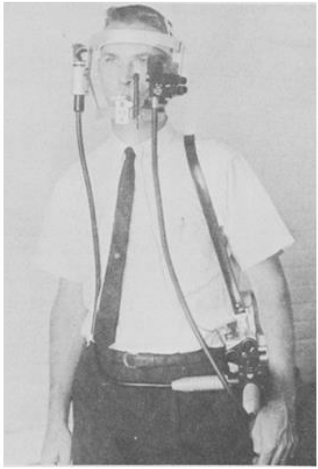
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Introduction to Human Vision



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Early approaches to gaze estimation



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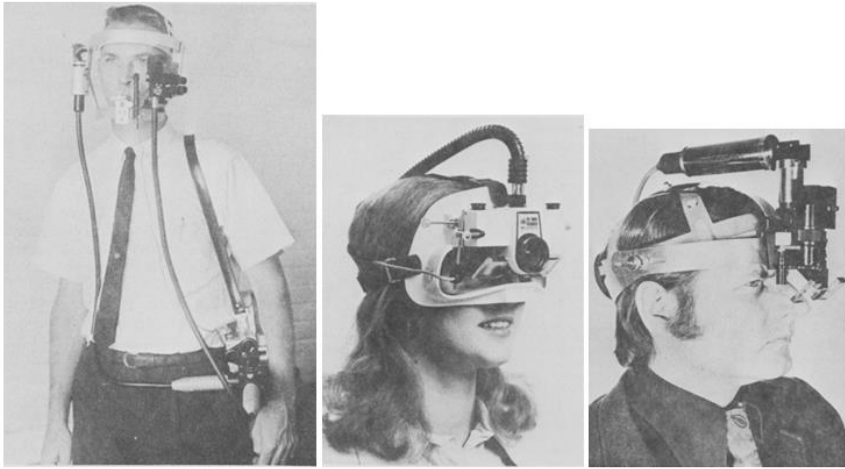
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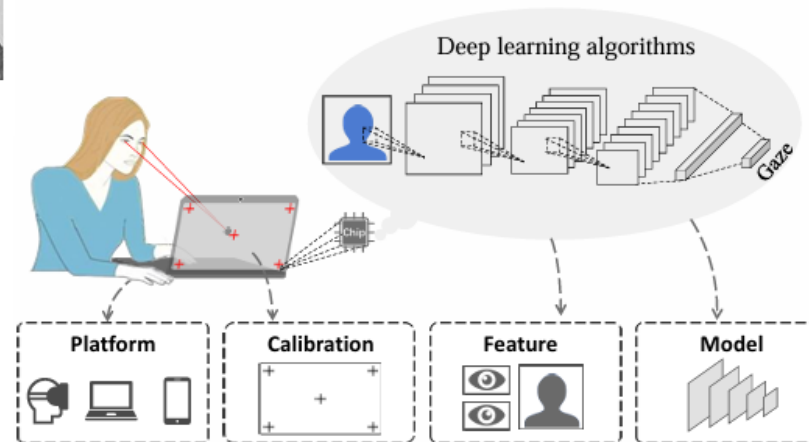
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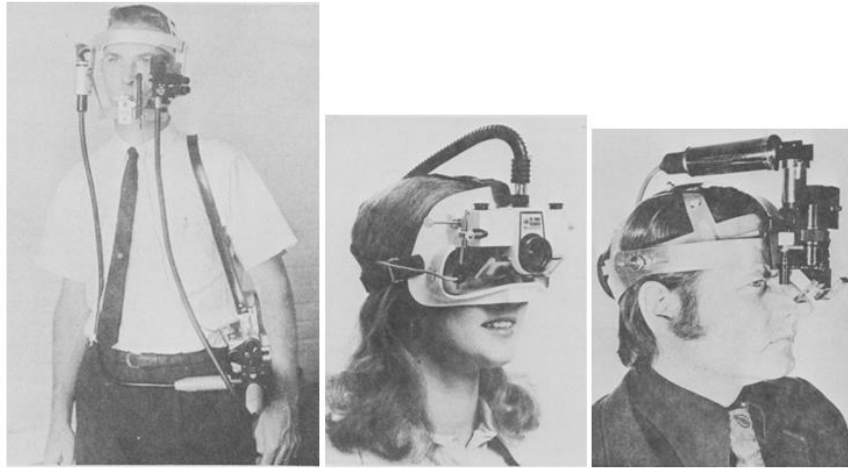


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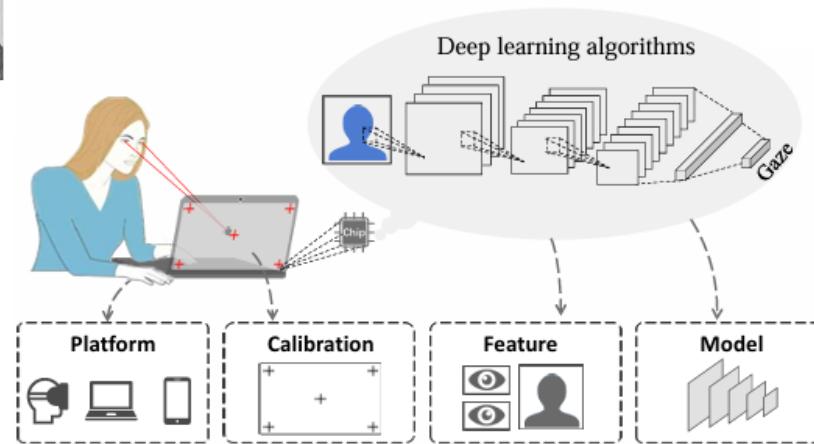
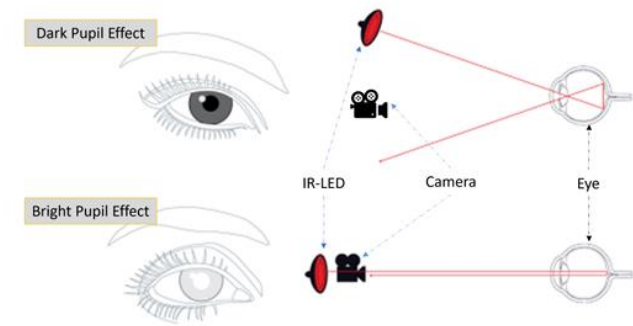
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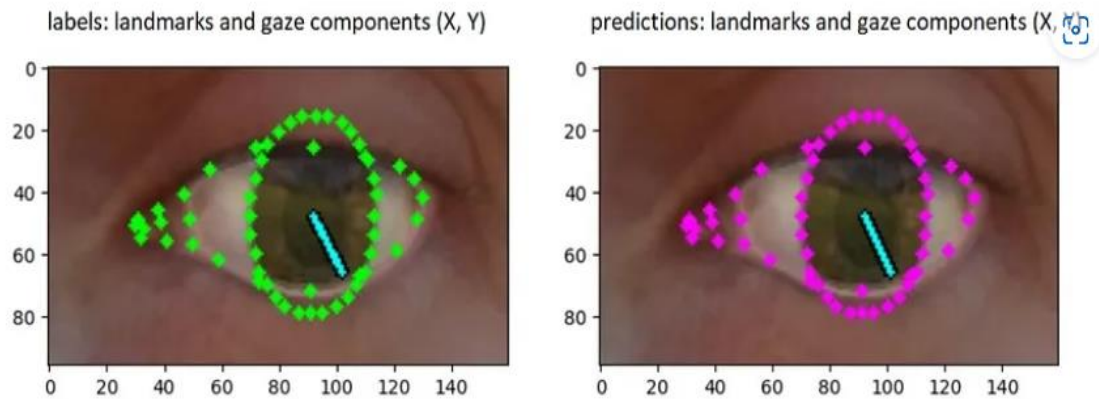
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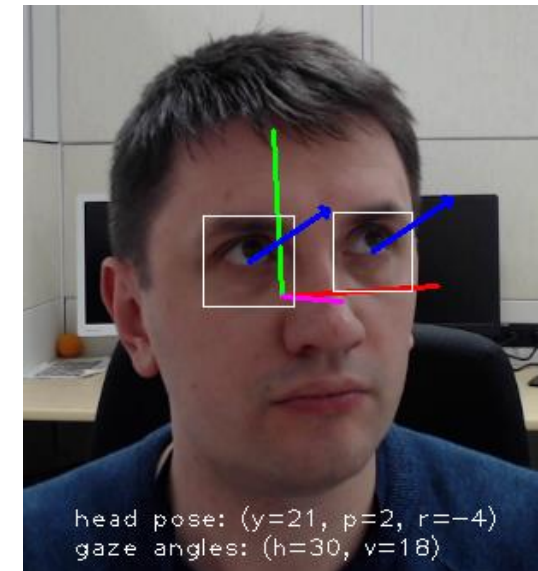
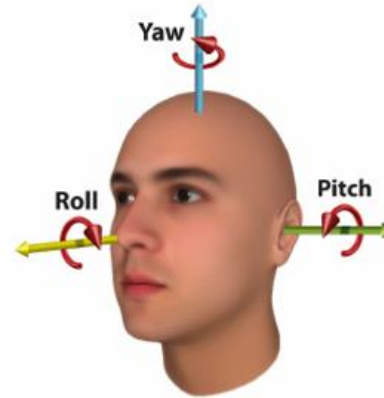
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Understanding the Perspective



Pupil Detection



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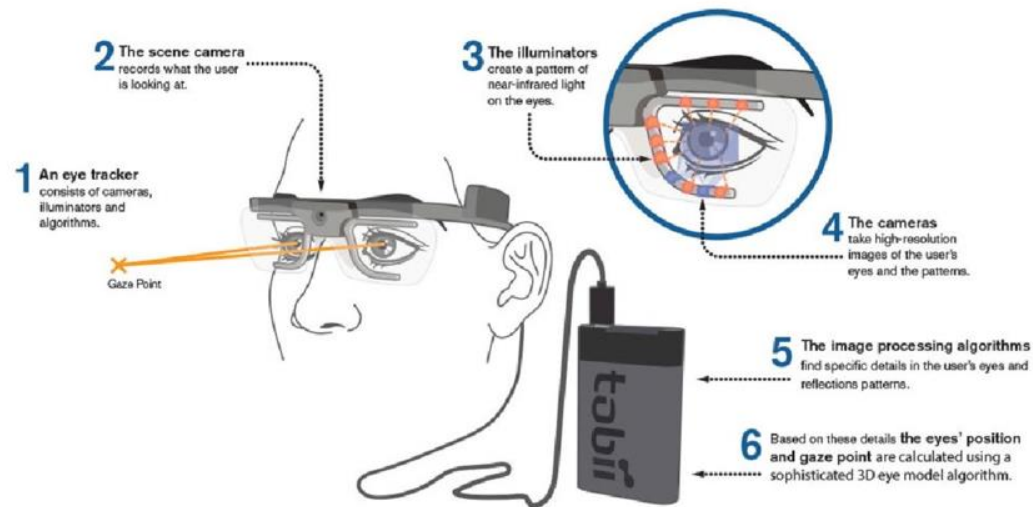
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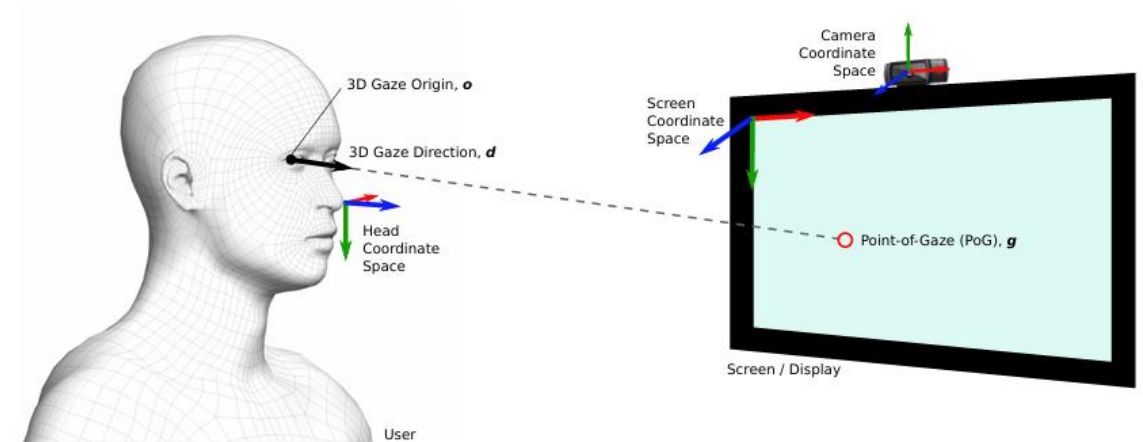
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Types of Gaze Estimation

IR based Tracking



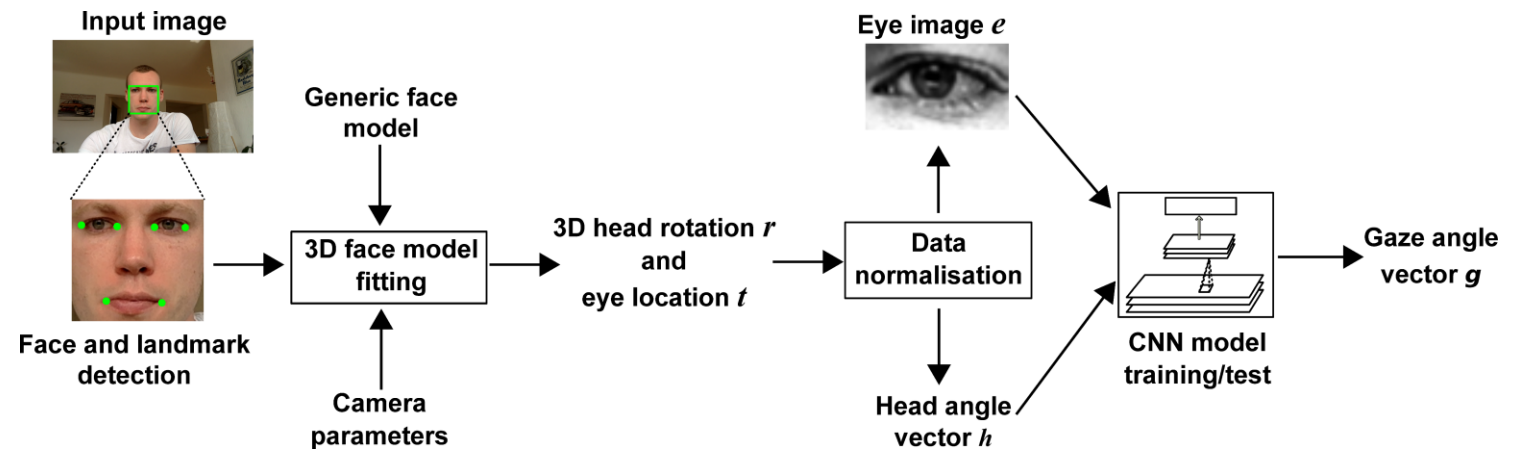
Webcam based Tracking



Also called the Appearance Based Gaze Estimation

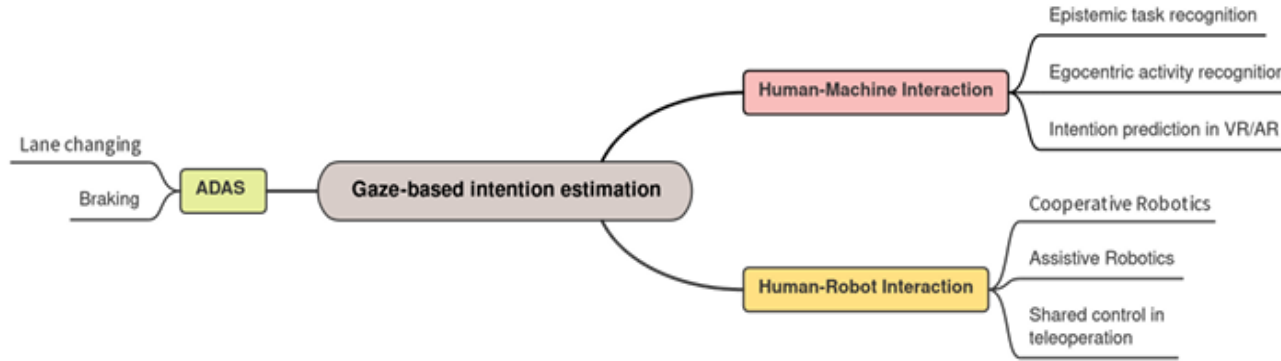
Different aspects of eye tracking

- Face tracking
- Face landmark
- Data normalization
- Gaze origin
- Gaze direction

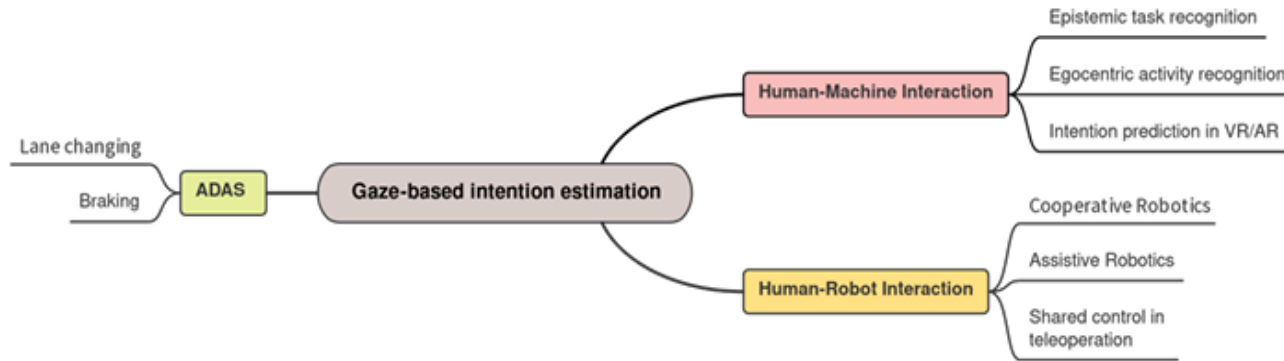


Introduction of MPIIGaze Dataset along with its CNN model

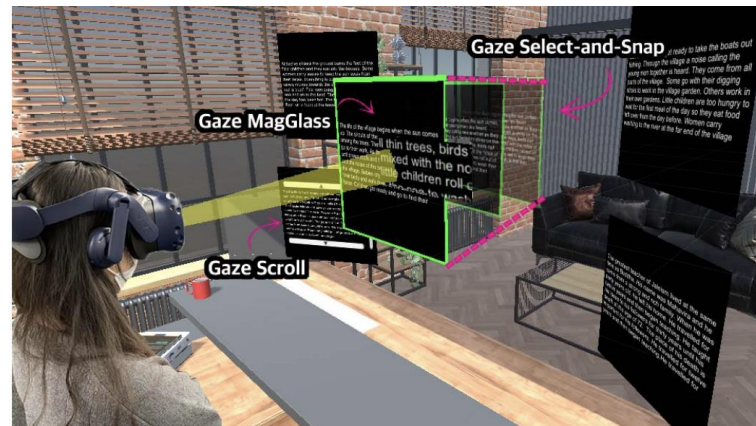
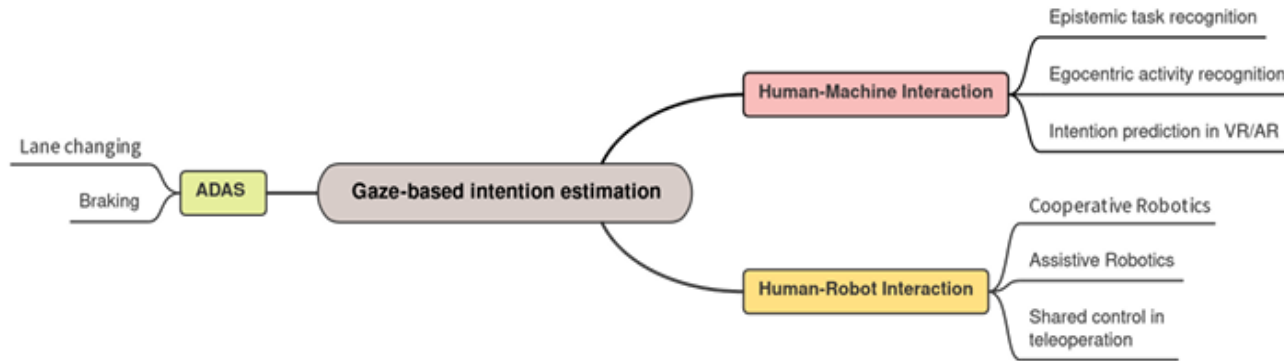
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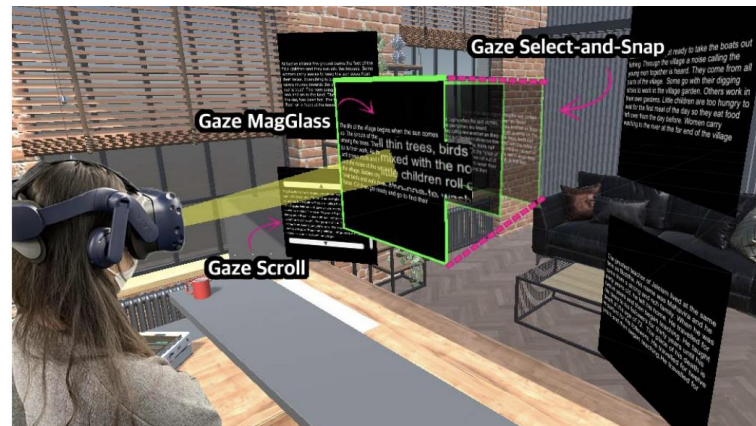
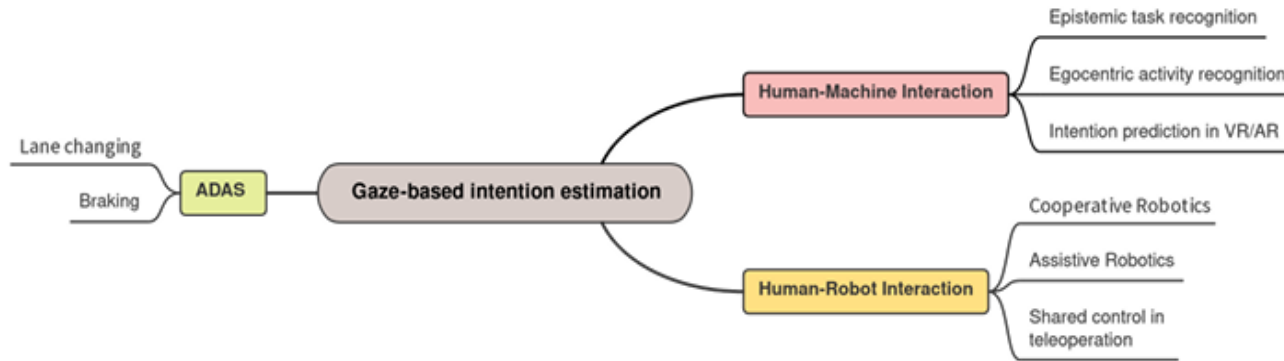
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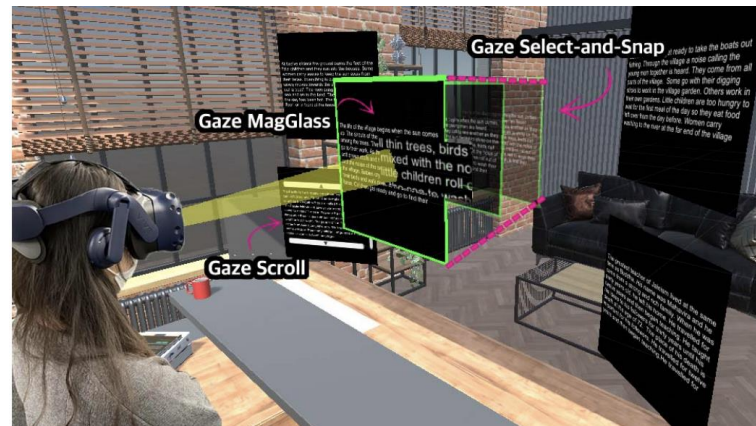
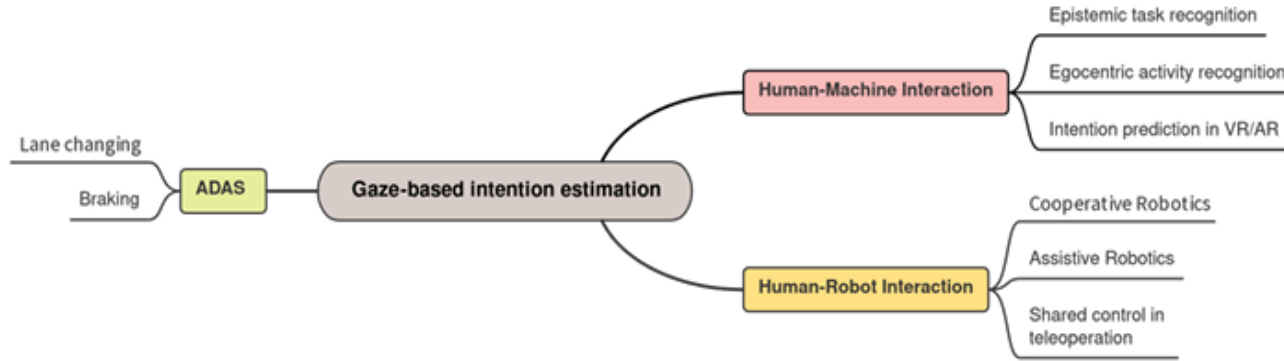
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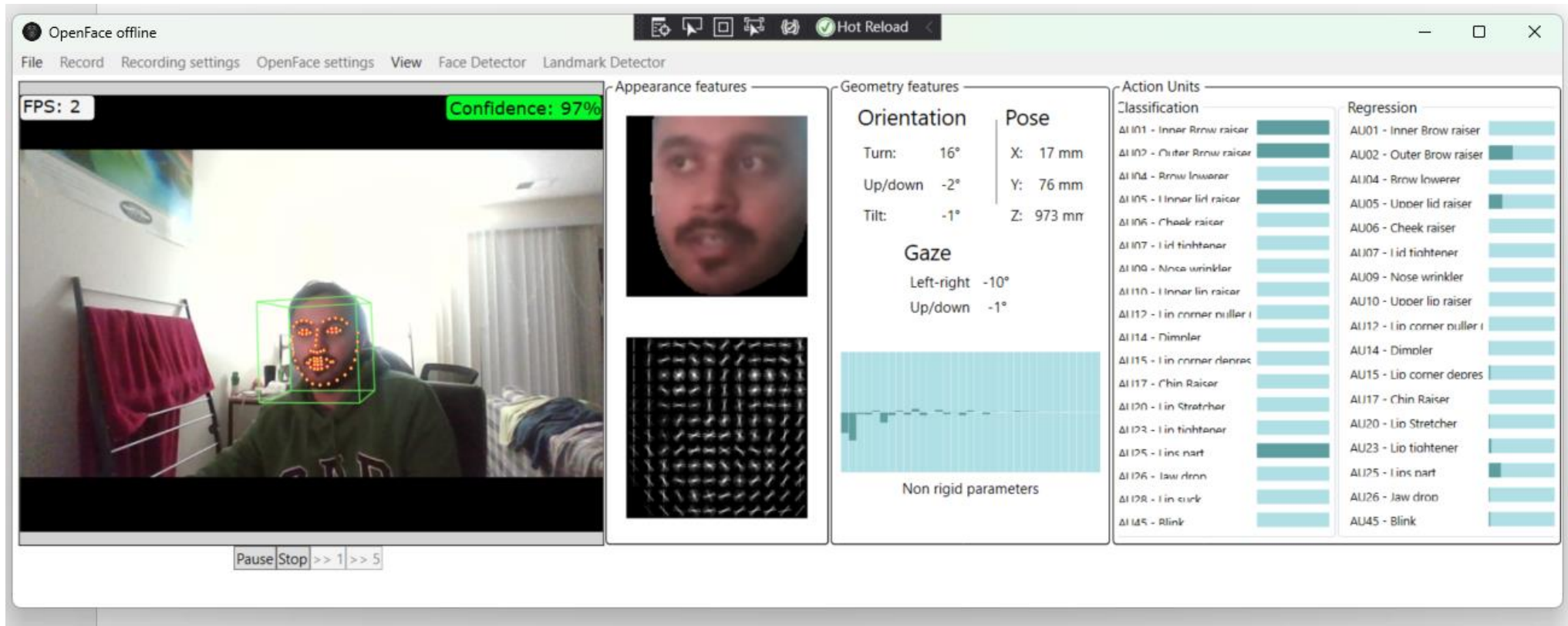
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Other Applications?

Live Demo of Appearance Based Gaze Estimation

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OpenFace Offline Gaze Estimation Demo

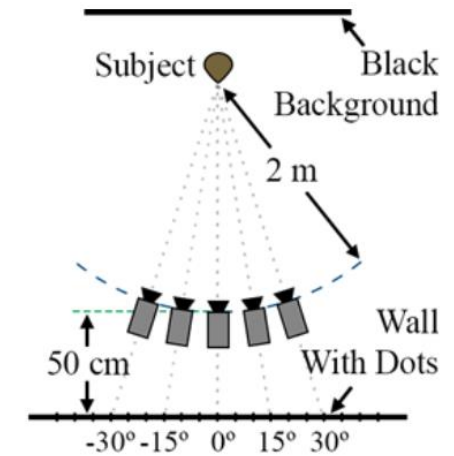
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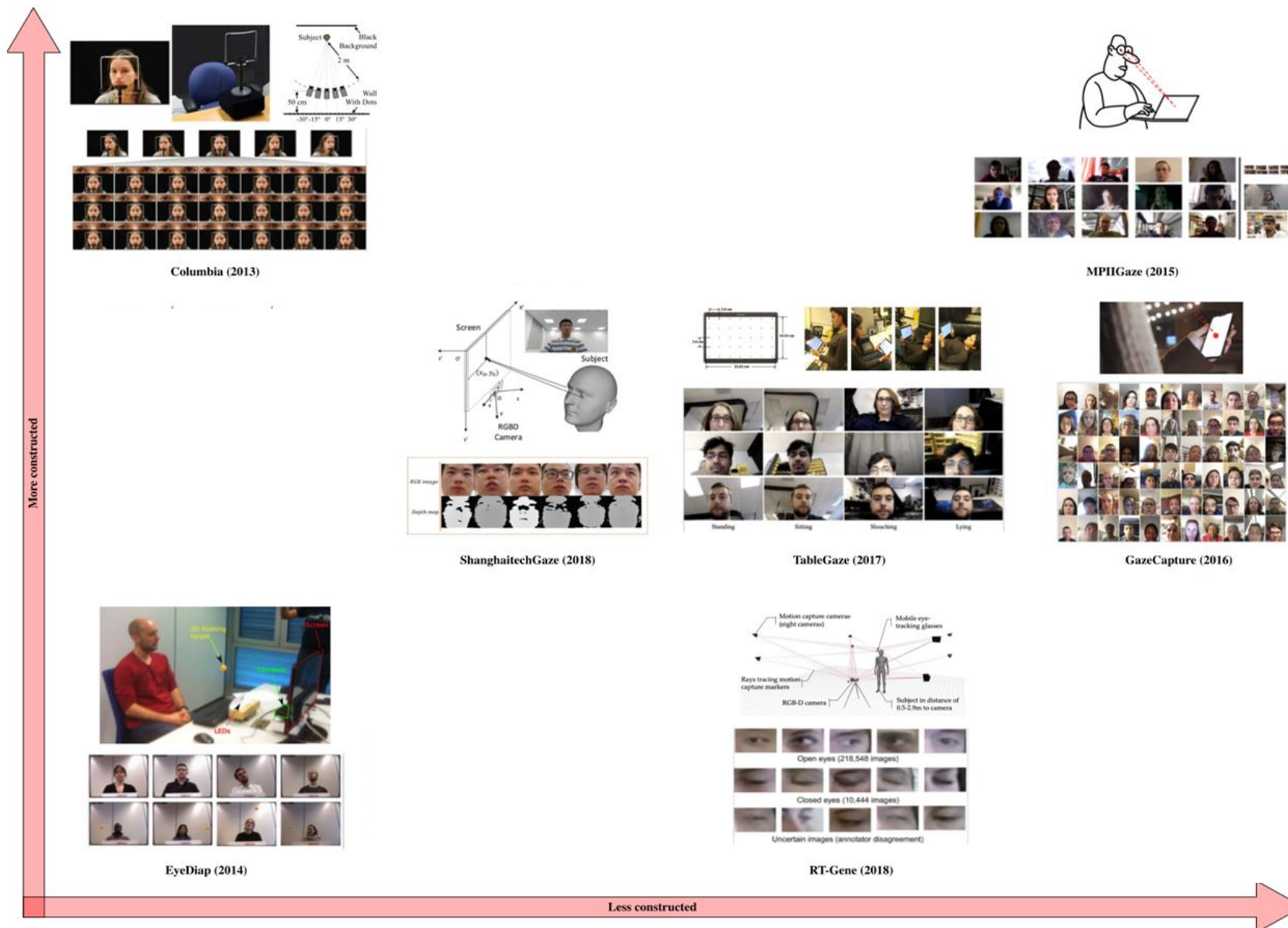
How to create the Datasets?

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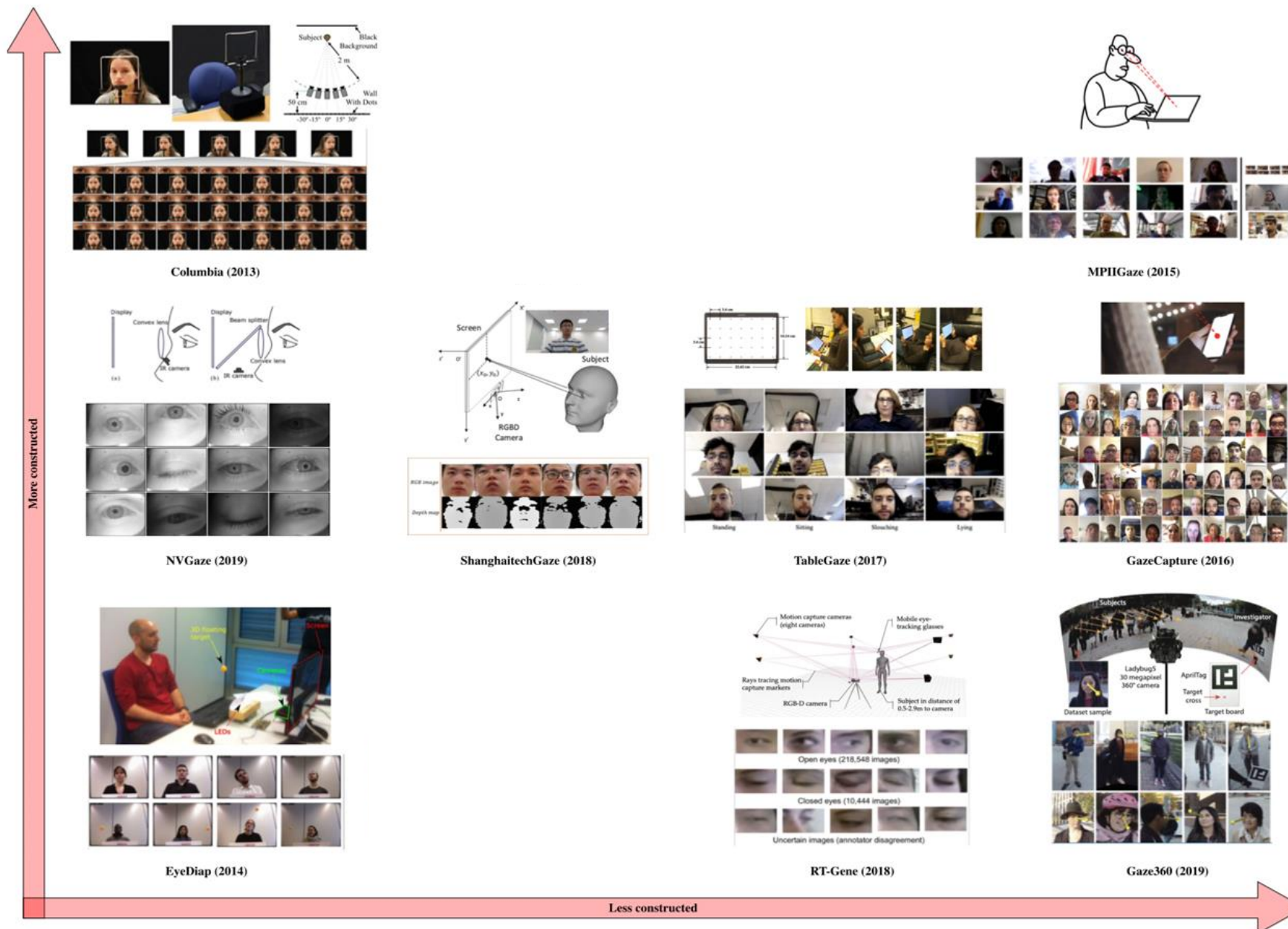
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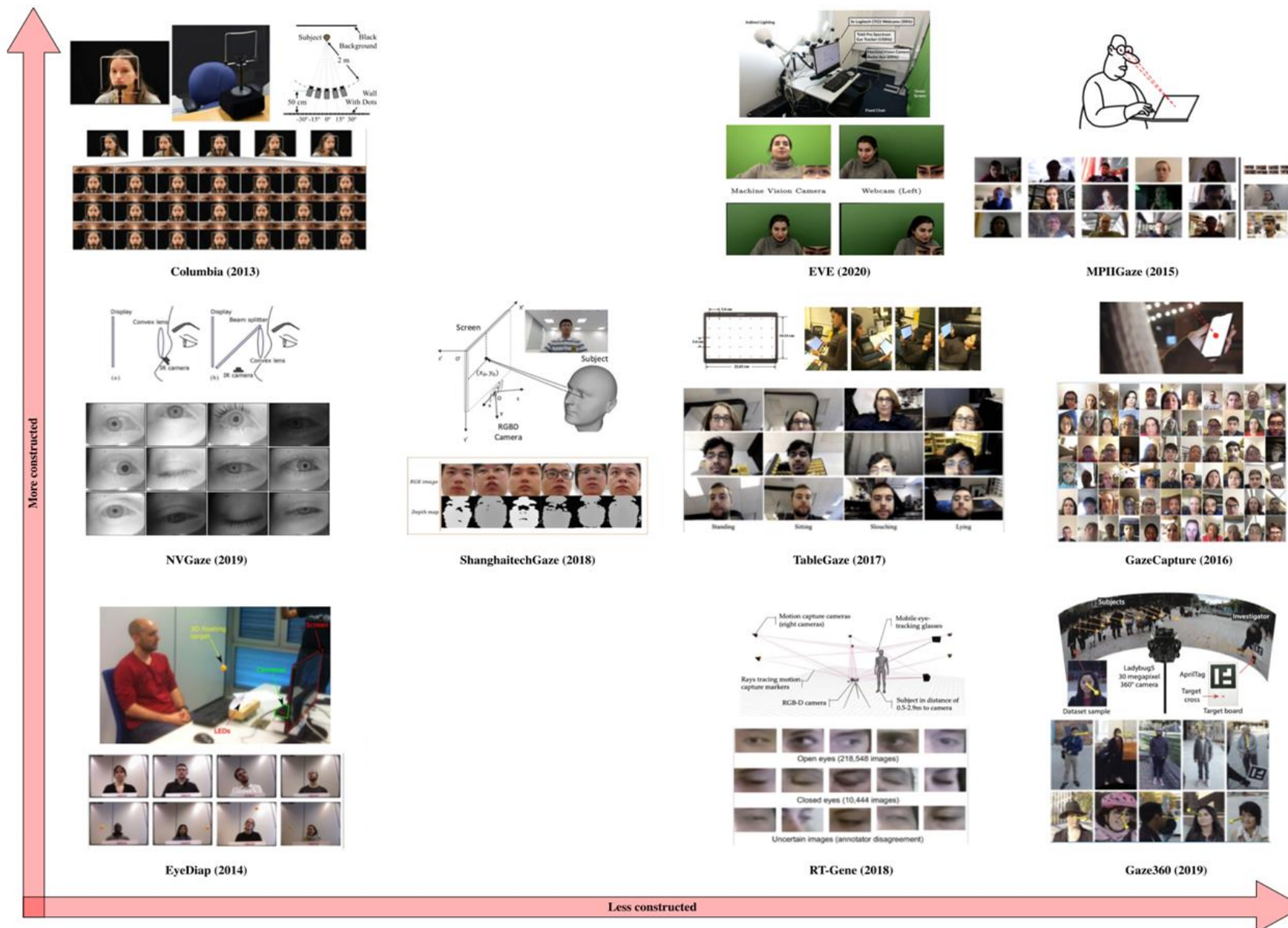
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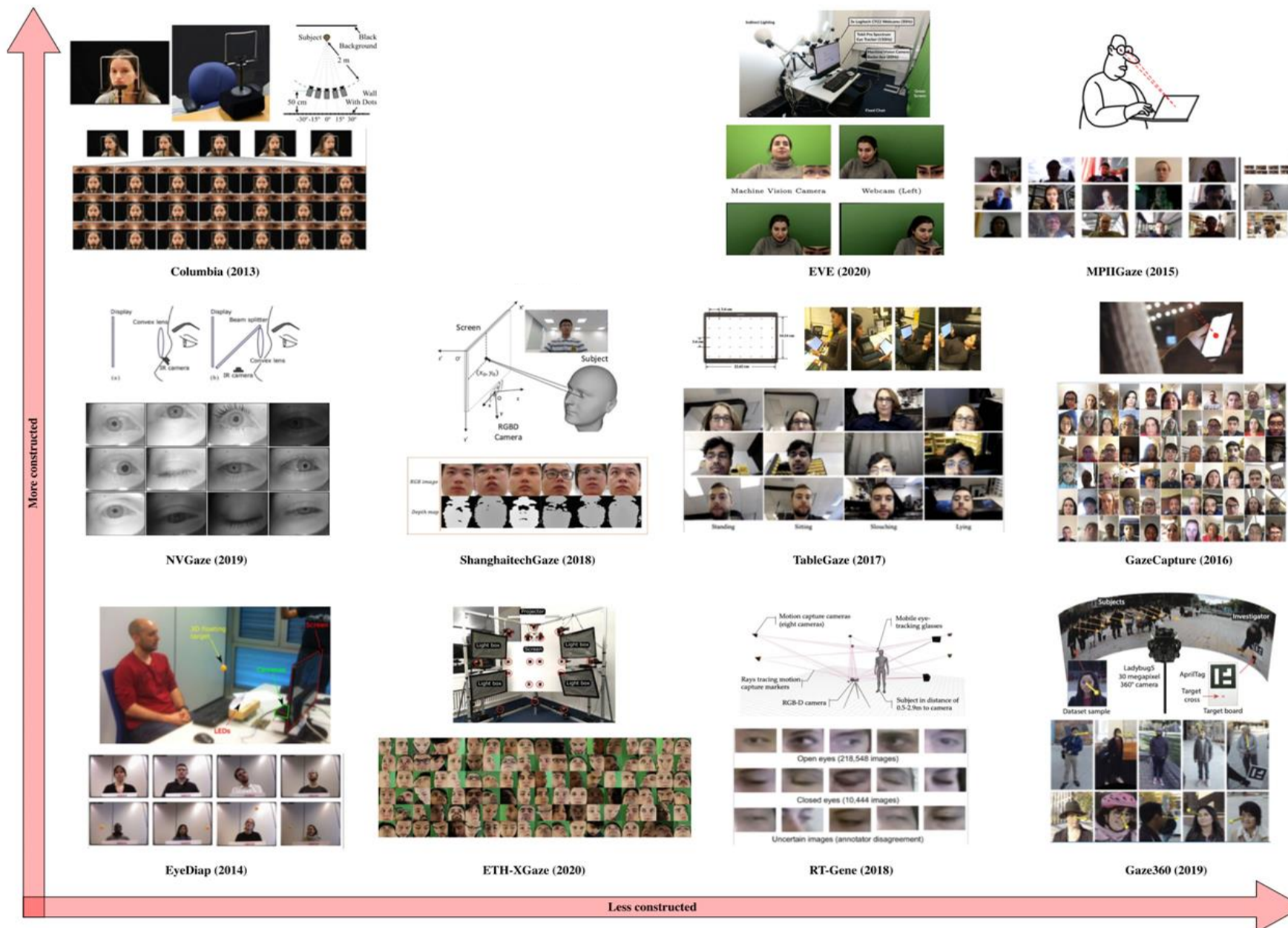
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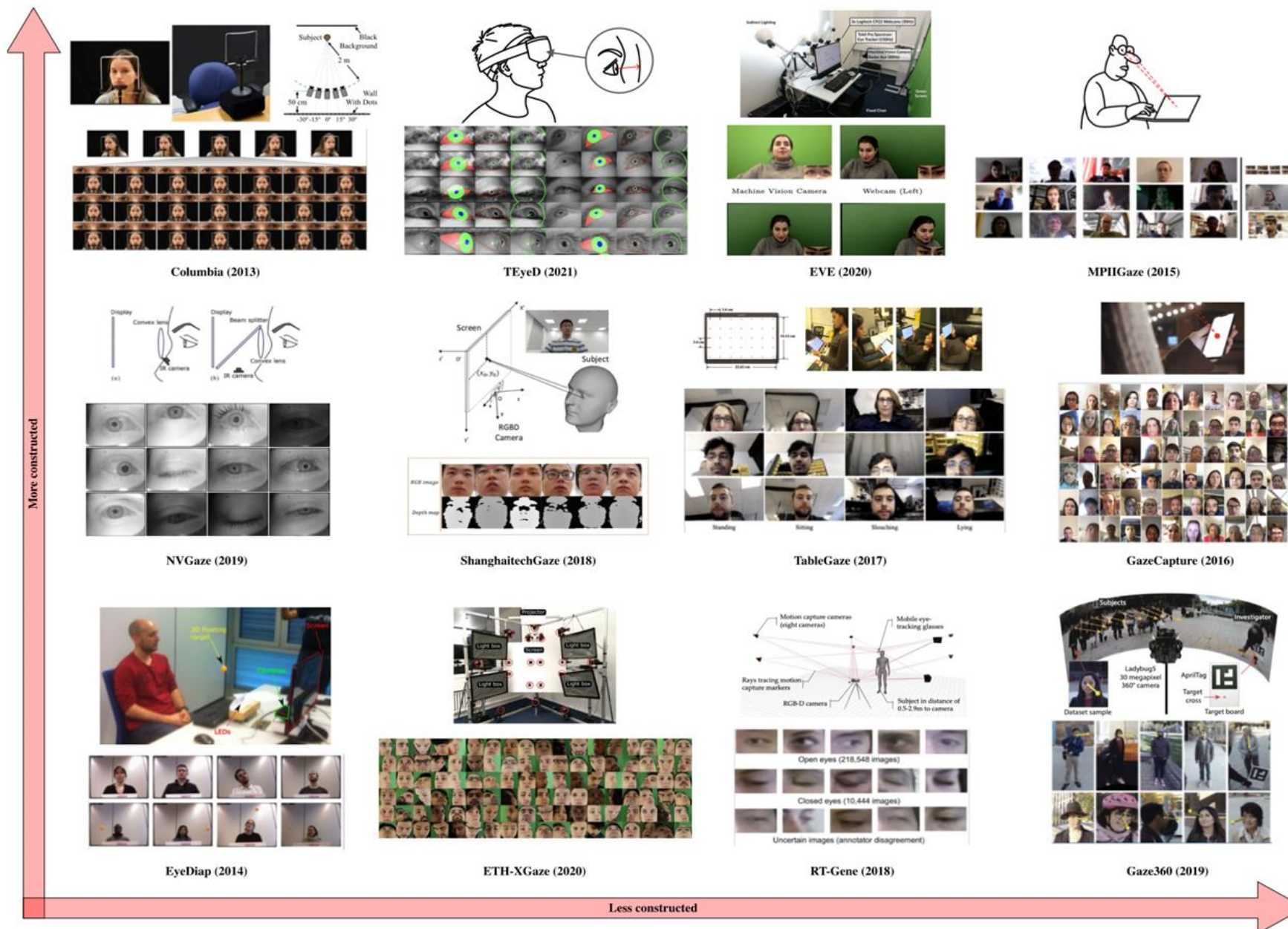
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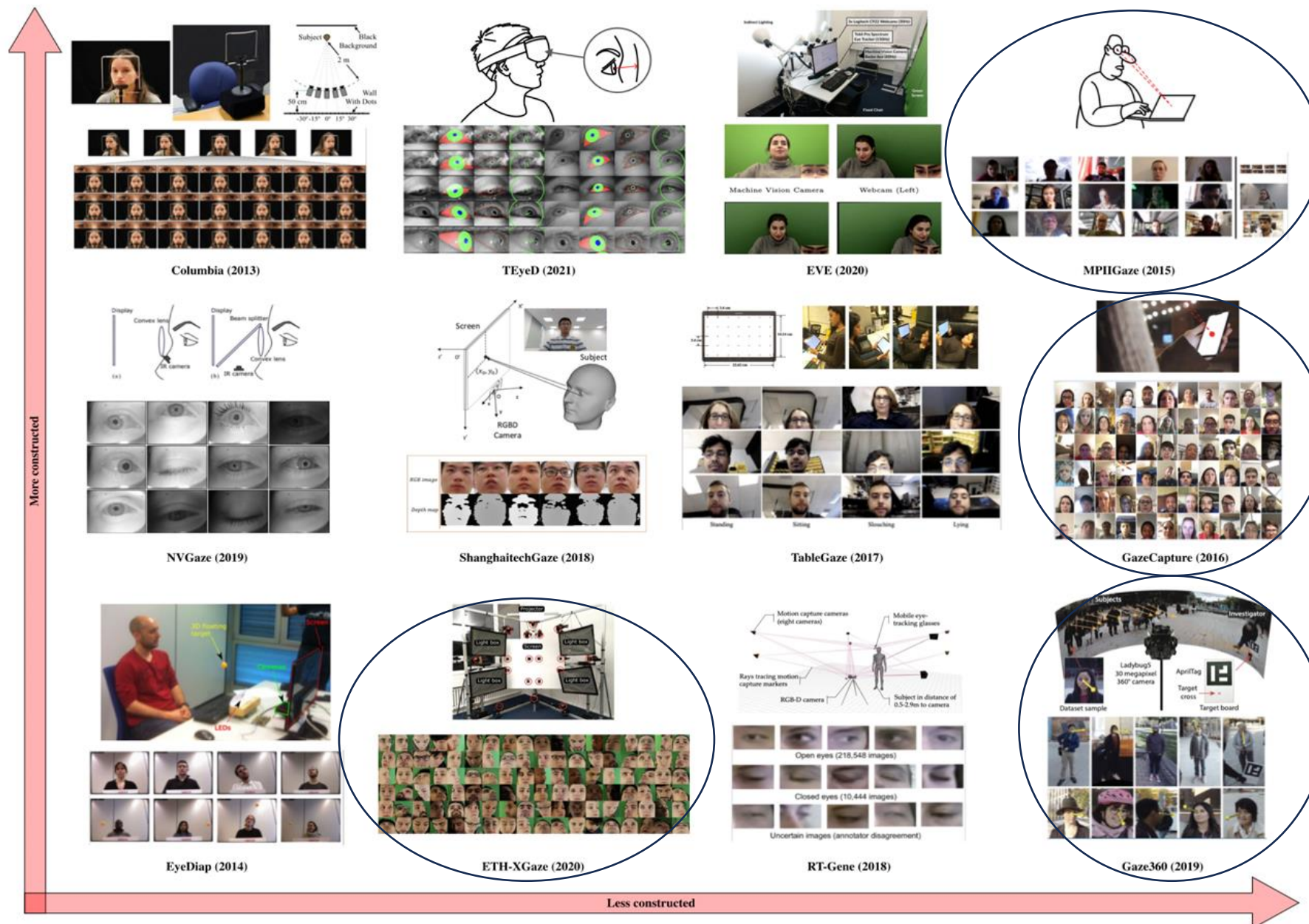
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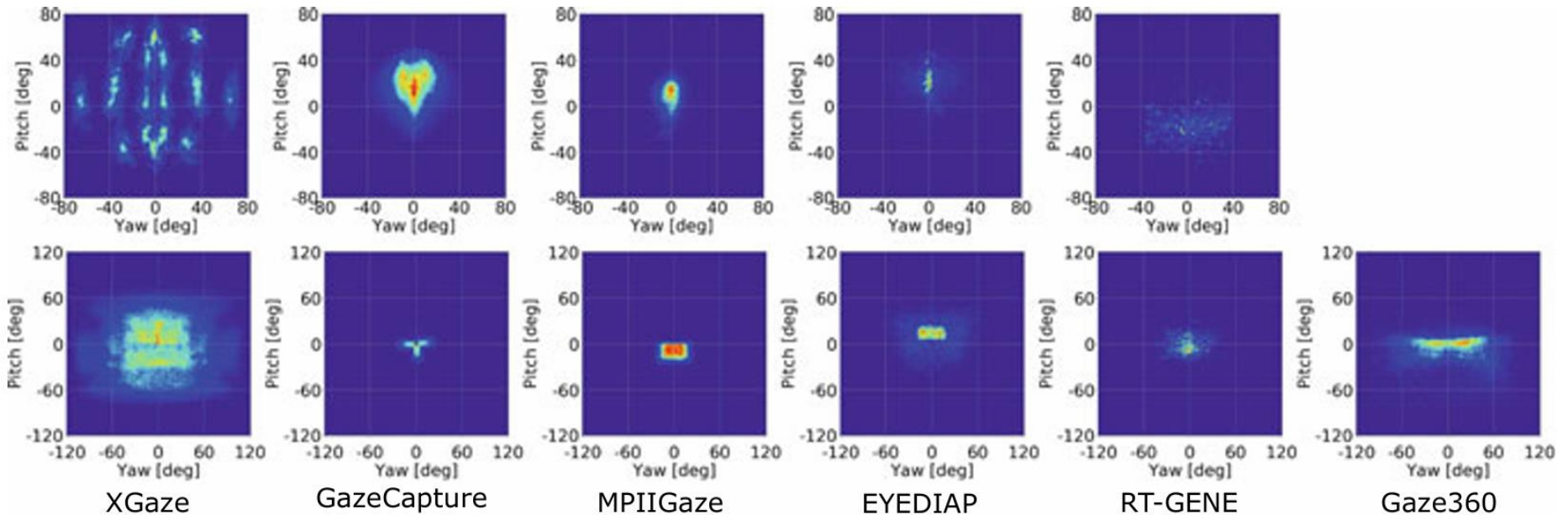


Gaze Plot of various datasets

How extensively do these gaze angles cover real world in each dataset?

Gaze Plot of various datasets

Head Pose



Gaze Capture

Area covered by these models are show the area of the gaze points collected via each dataset

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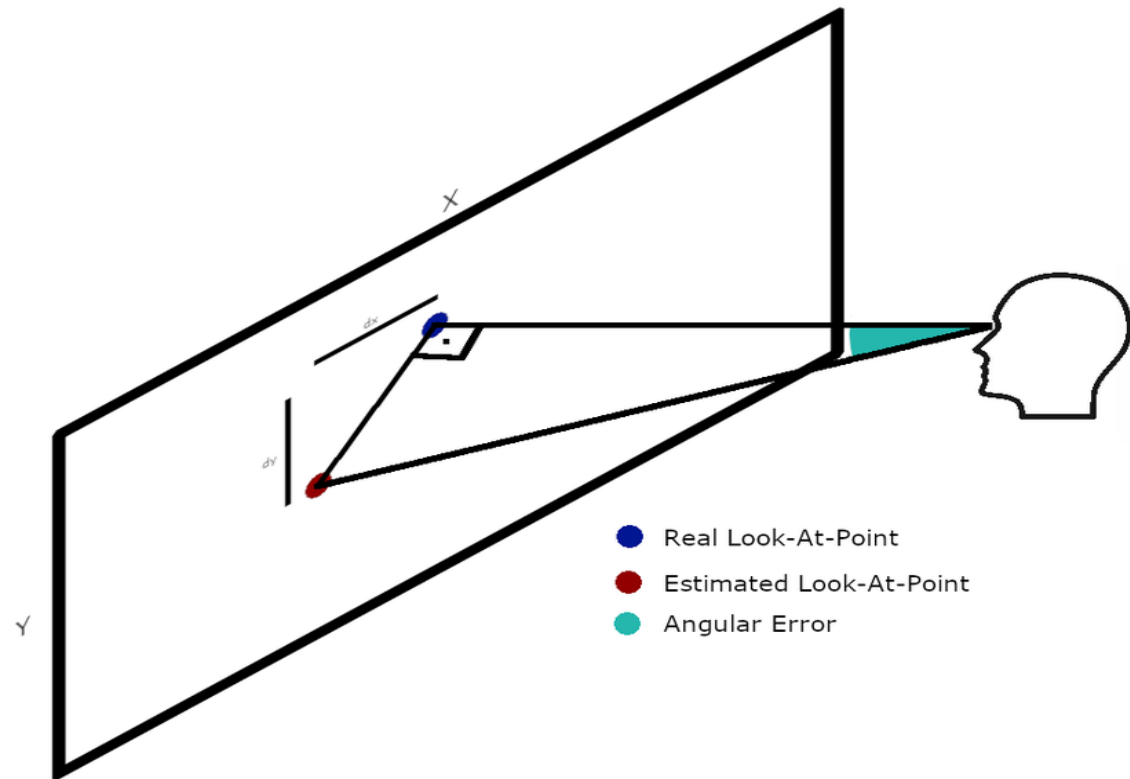
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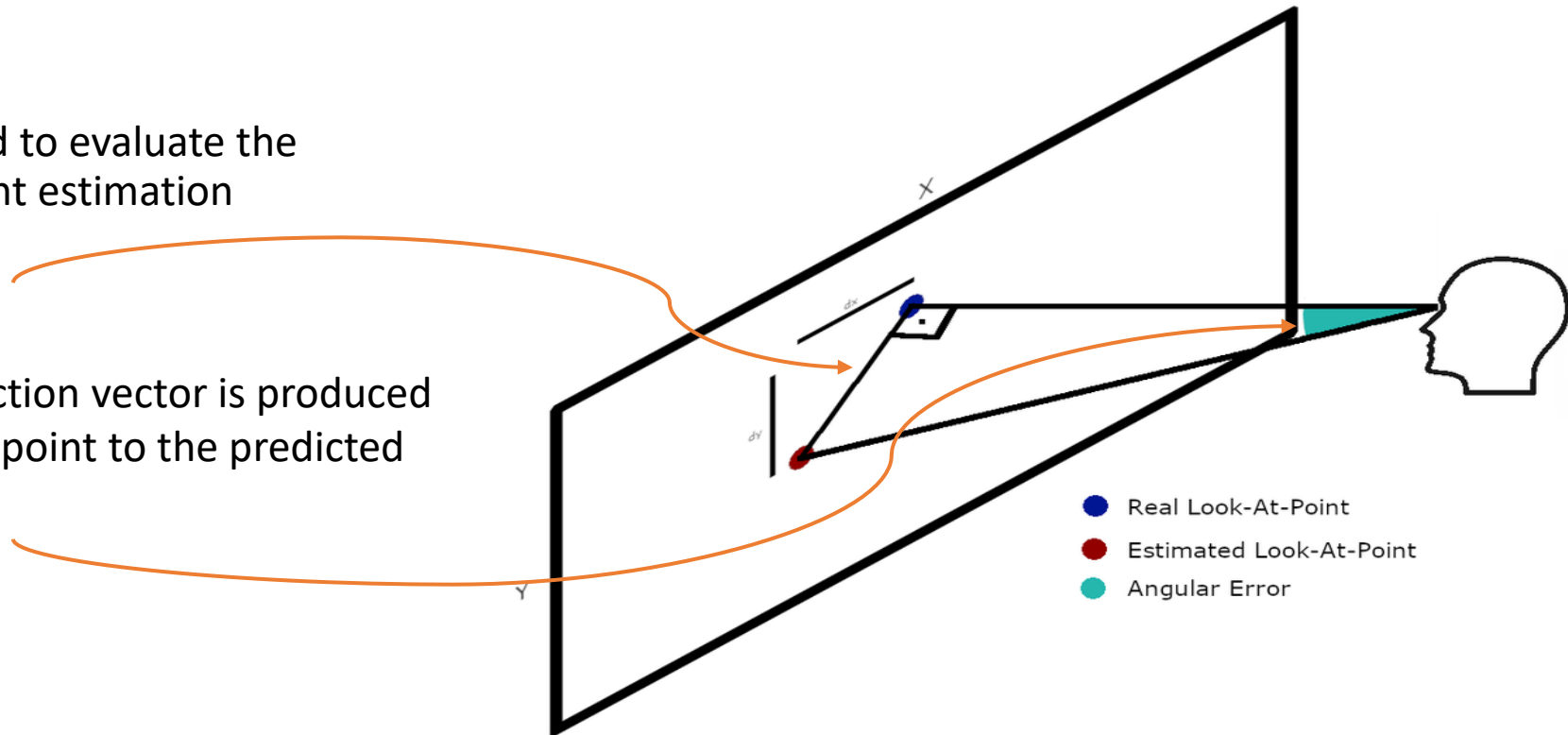
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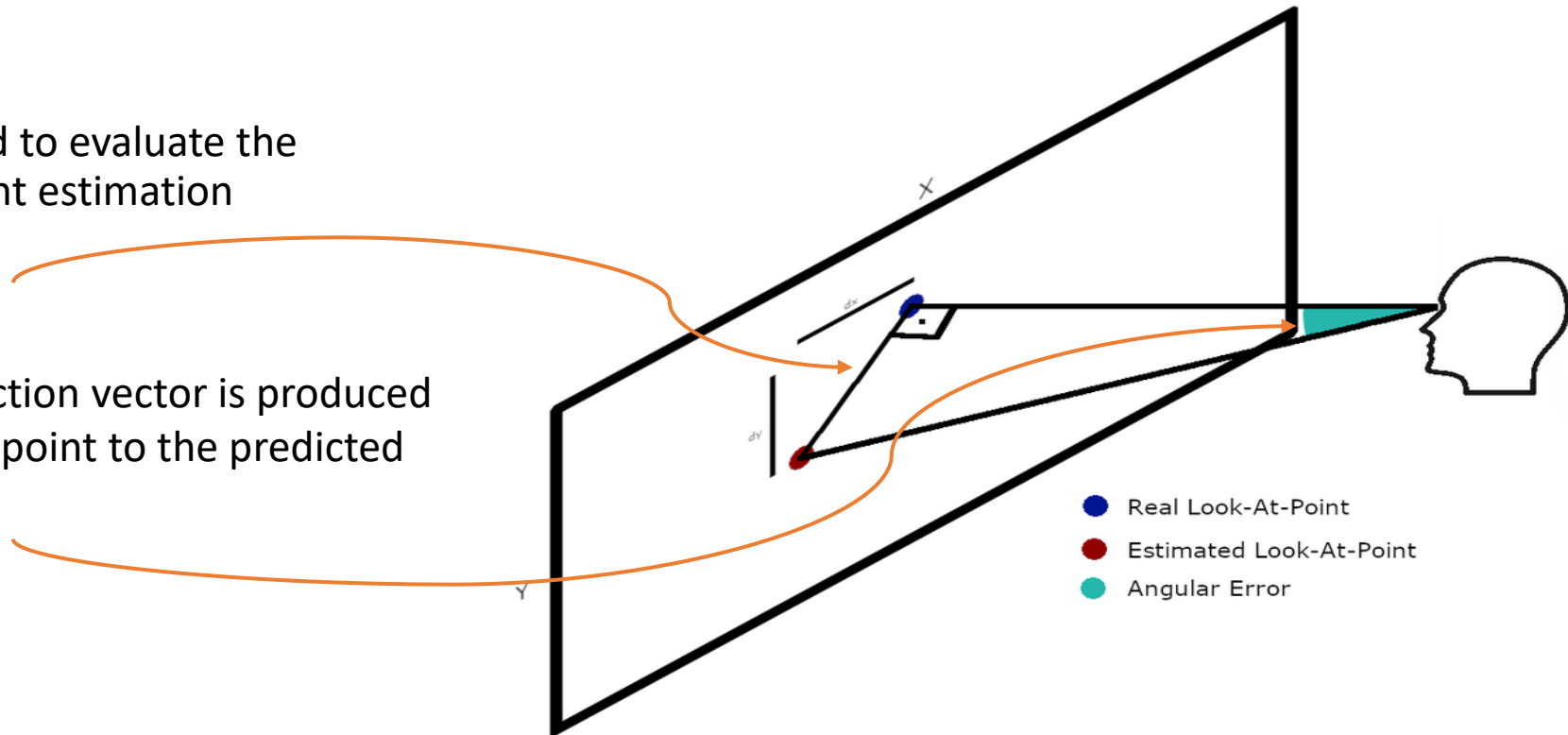
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2. Mean Square Error (MSE)
3. Average Precision (AP)
4. Classification Accuracy



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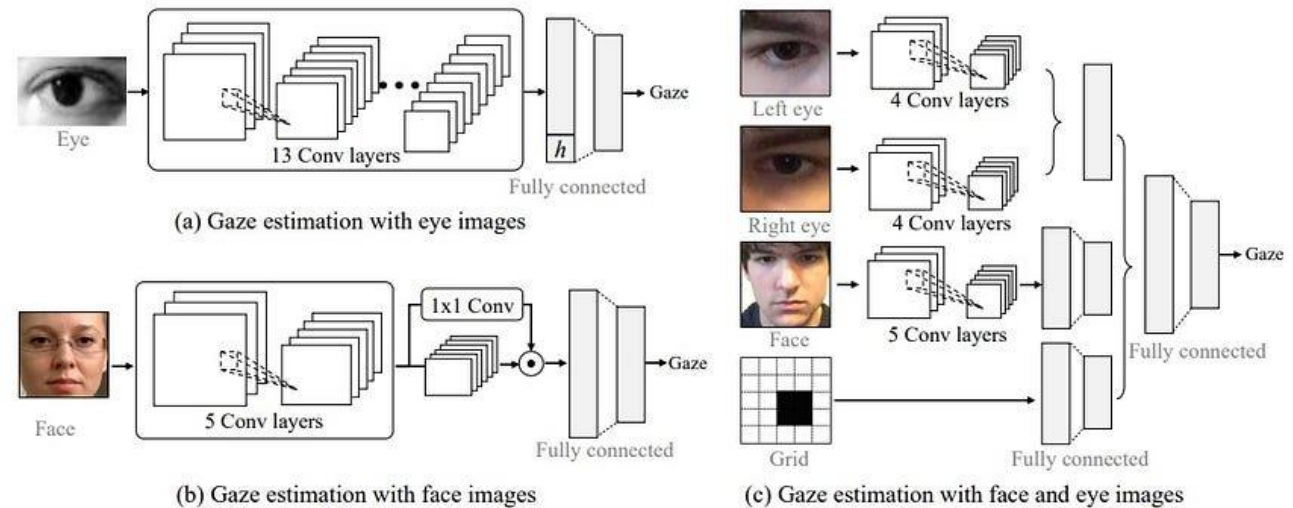
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- Person specific
- Person Independent

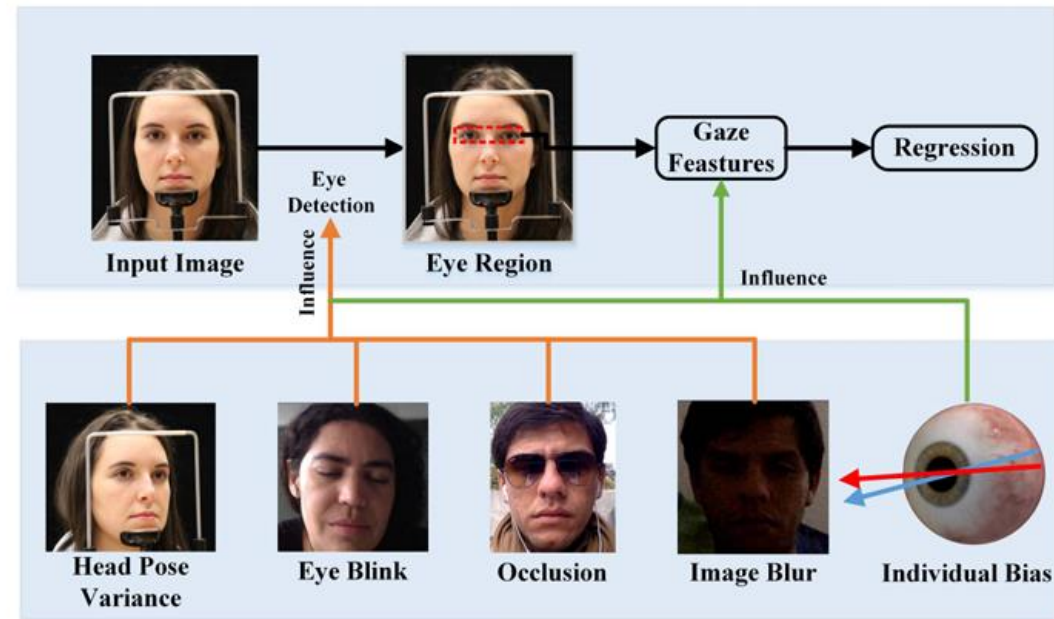
Calibrations Requirement

1. No calibration
2. One point calibration
3. Multiple point calibration



What are some of the problems in
Appearance Based Gaze Estimation?

Problems in Appearance based Gaze Estimation



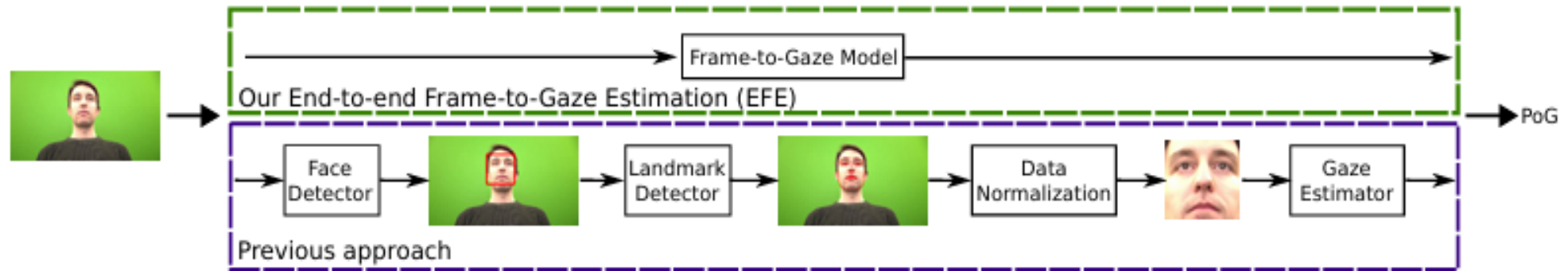
Overview of a simple gaze estimation which consist of eye detection, feature extraction, and gaze regression. Challenges of gaze estimation are head pose variance, eye blink, occlusion, blur images and individual bias.

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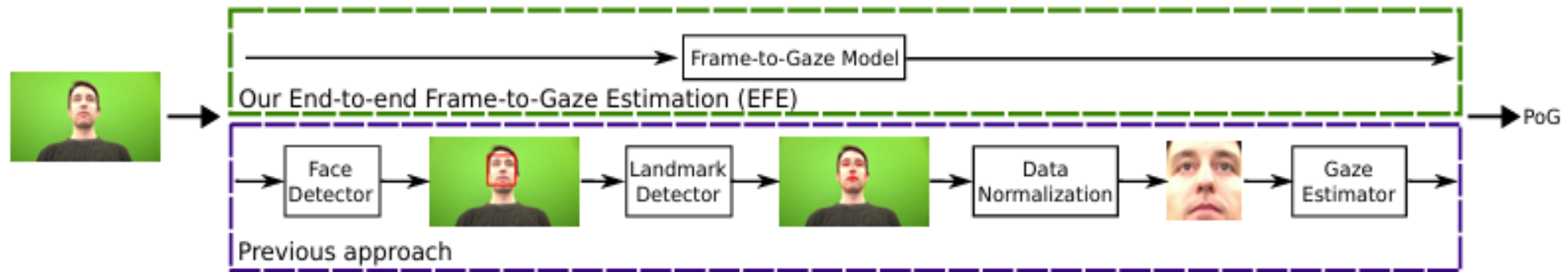
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Goal of the new approach

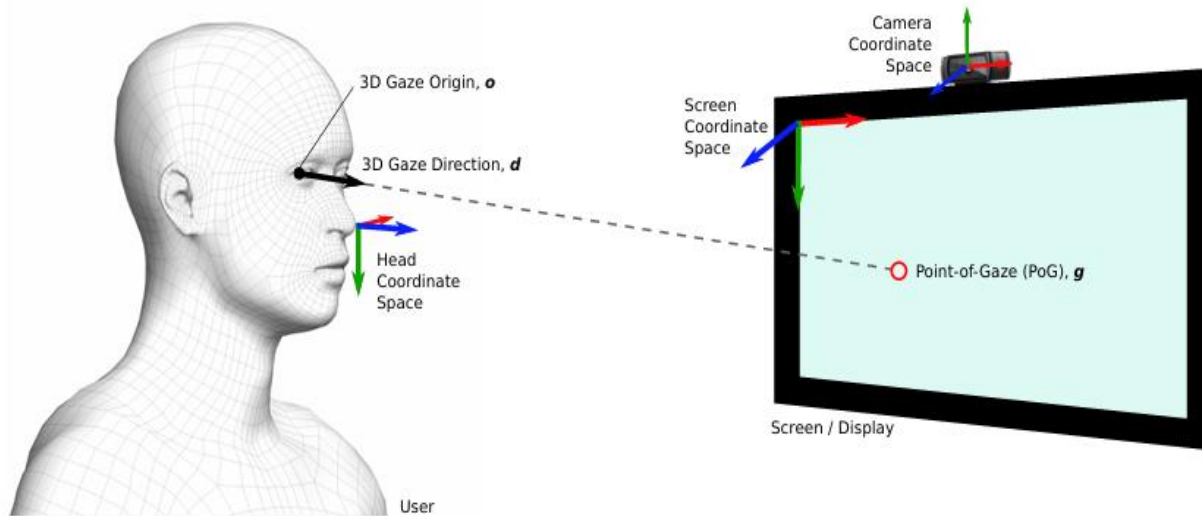
directly regresses a 6D gaze ray i.e.
(3D origin and 3D direction)
Use frames of the images without
preprocessing as the model input

Main Challenges in new approach

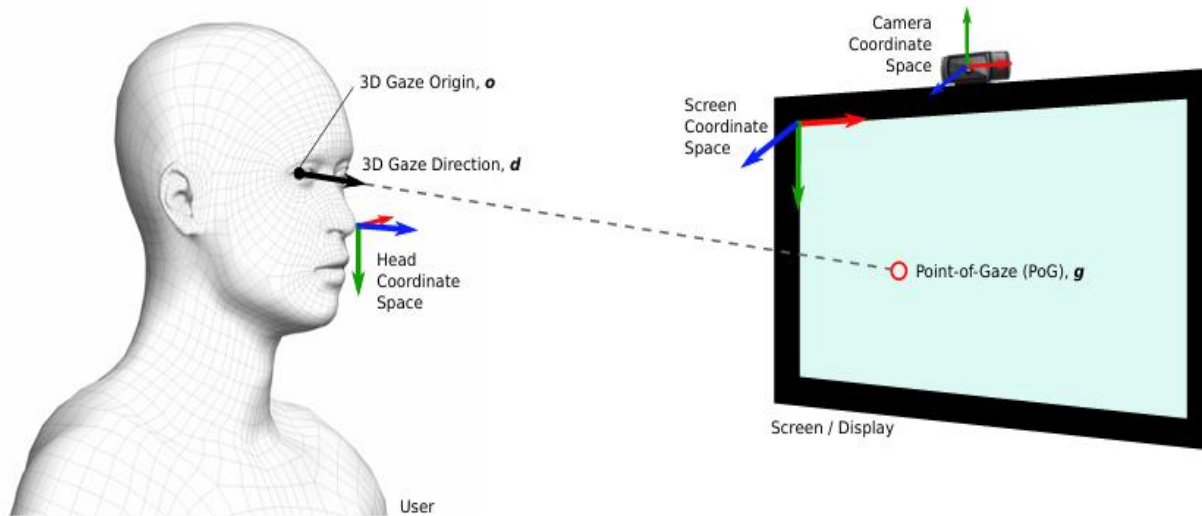
Small Eye Region
Gaze Origin Estimation

How did we get there?

Looking at the traditional approach using the webcam.....



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Main assumptions of the approach:

- Person head pose is co-planar to the screen i.e it always faces the screen
- Calculating the 3D head translation estimation from a 2D image without any error
- Diverse head pose with corresponding gaze points calculated
- Ground truth of the datasets are perfect

Before we go into the related works....



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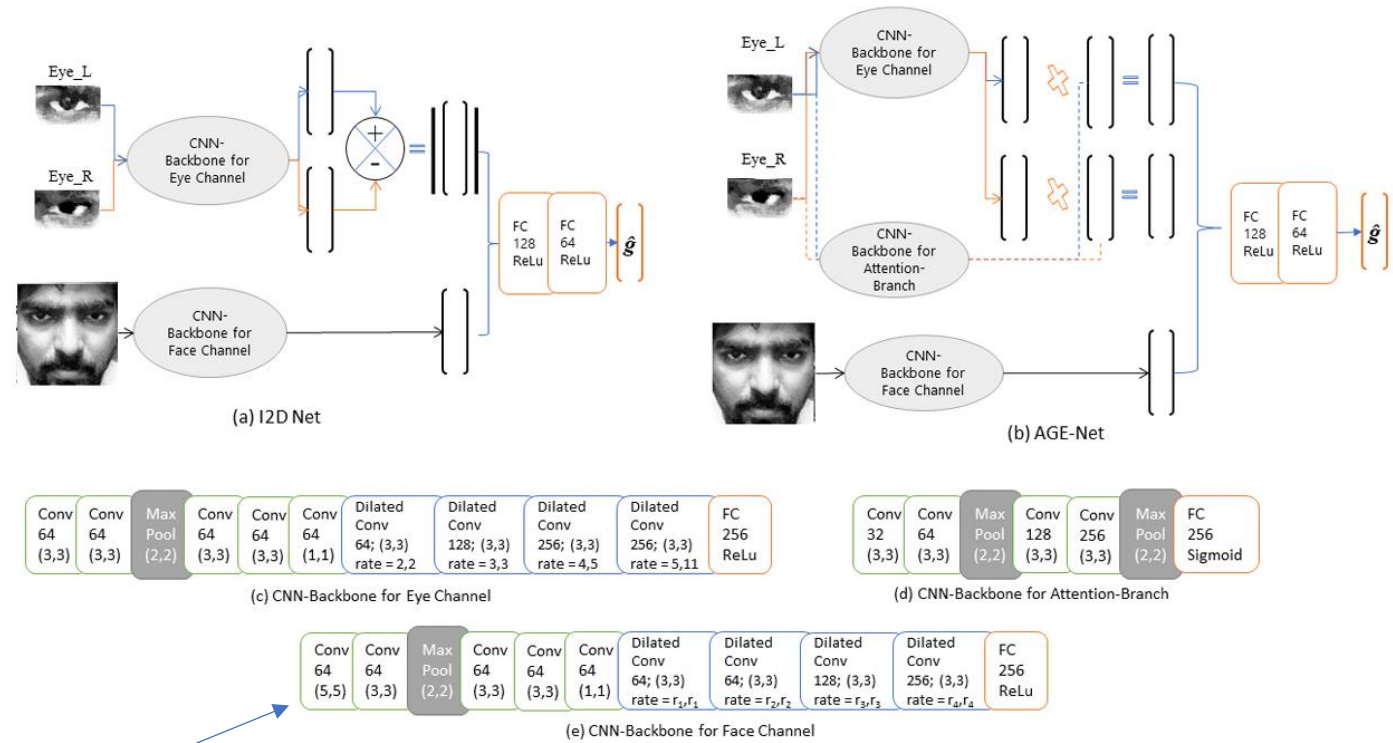
Vision Transformers ? Attention Models ?

Feature pyramids ? Larger Datasets ?

Utterly Confused?

CNN based learning

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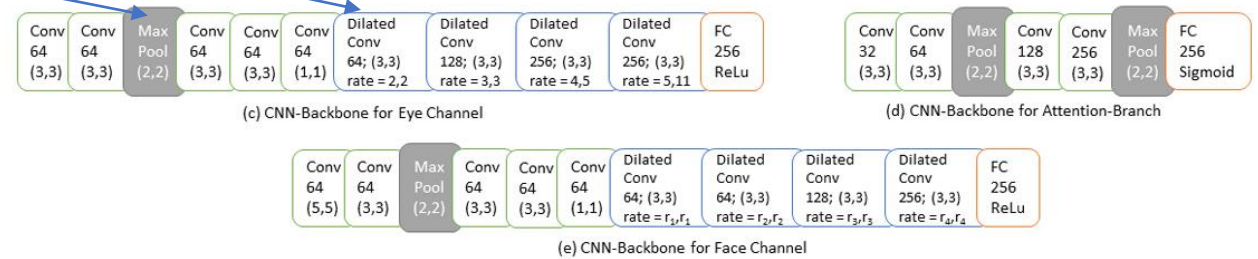
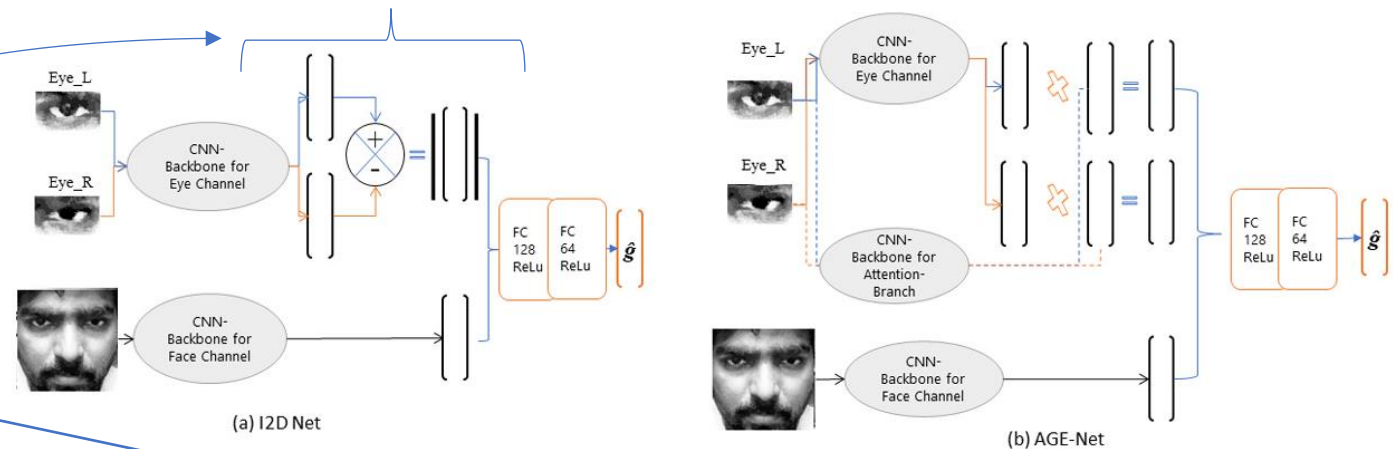
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2. Modification of model layers

- Diluted Convolution
- Global Max Pooling
- Ensemble model approach

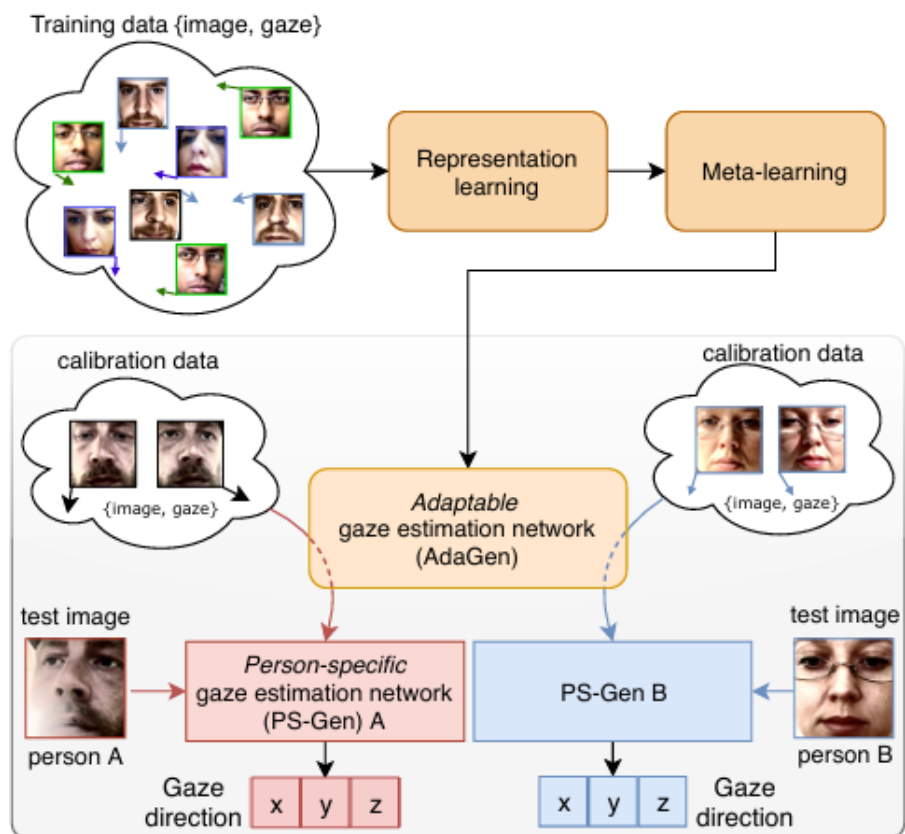


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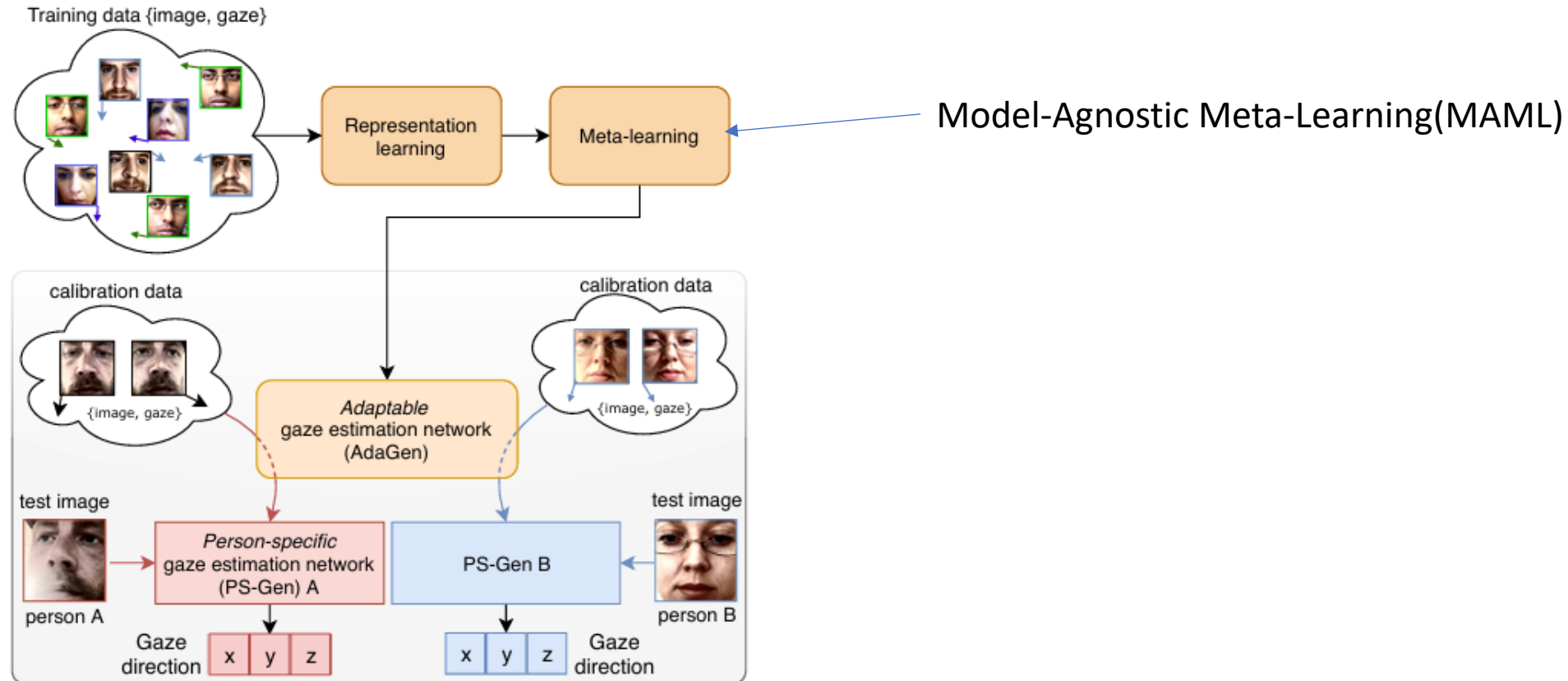
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Dilated-Net [9]	4.8°	-
RT-GENE (1 model) [16]	4.8°	-
RT-GENE (4 model) [16]	4.3°	8.6°
FAR* Net [12]	4.3°	8.4°
Bayesian Approach [34]	4.3°	-
I2D-Net (Proposed)	4.3°	8.44°
AGE-Net (Proposed)	4.09°	7.44°

Lower is better

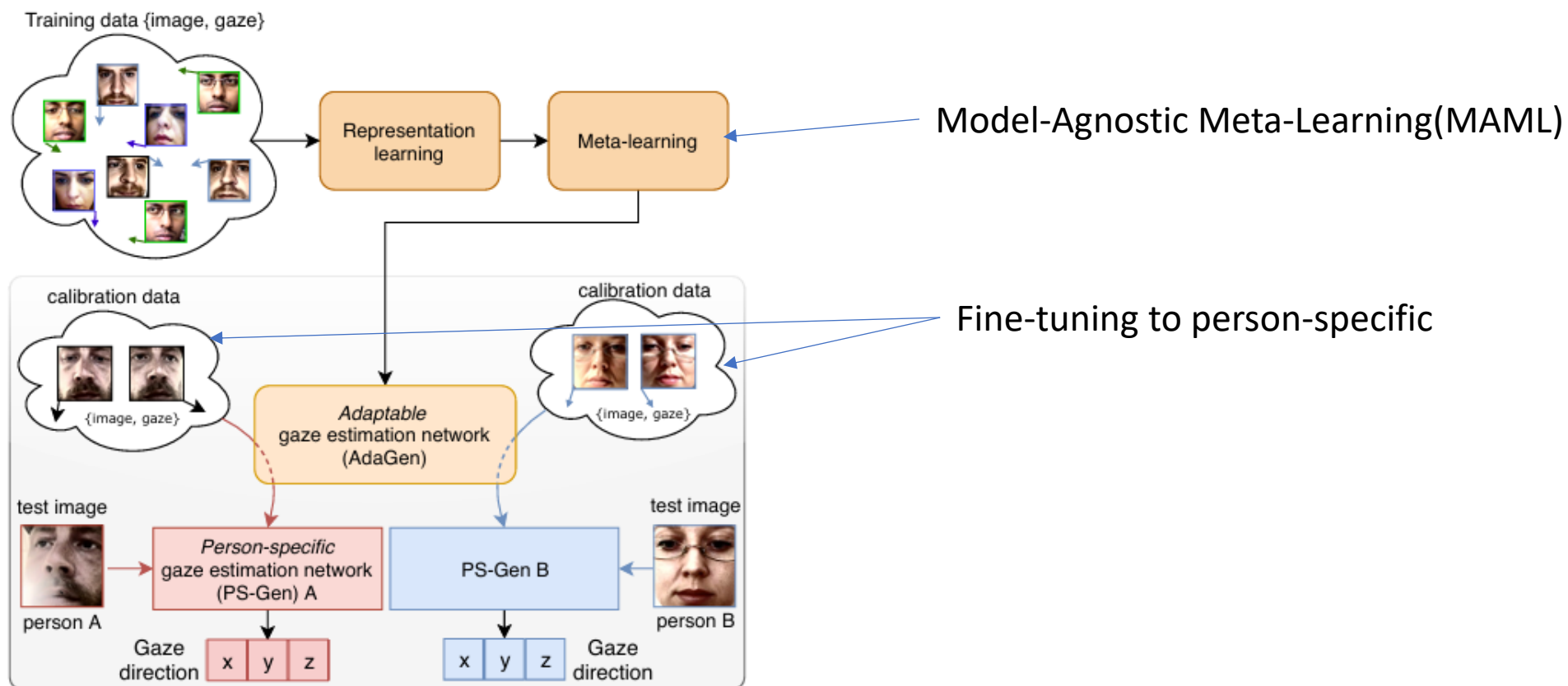
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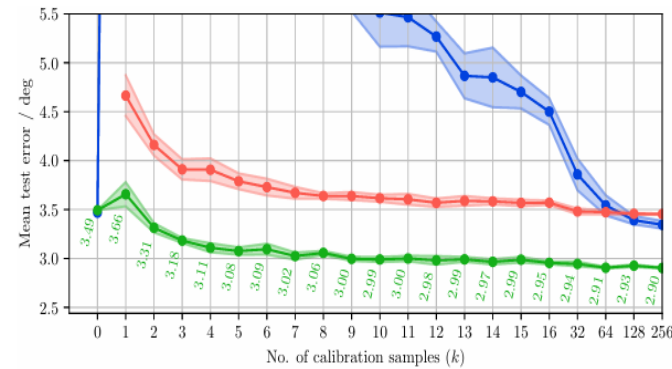
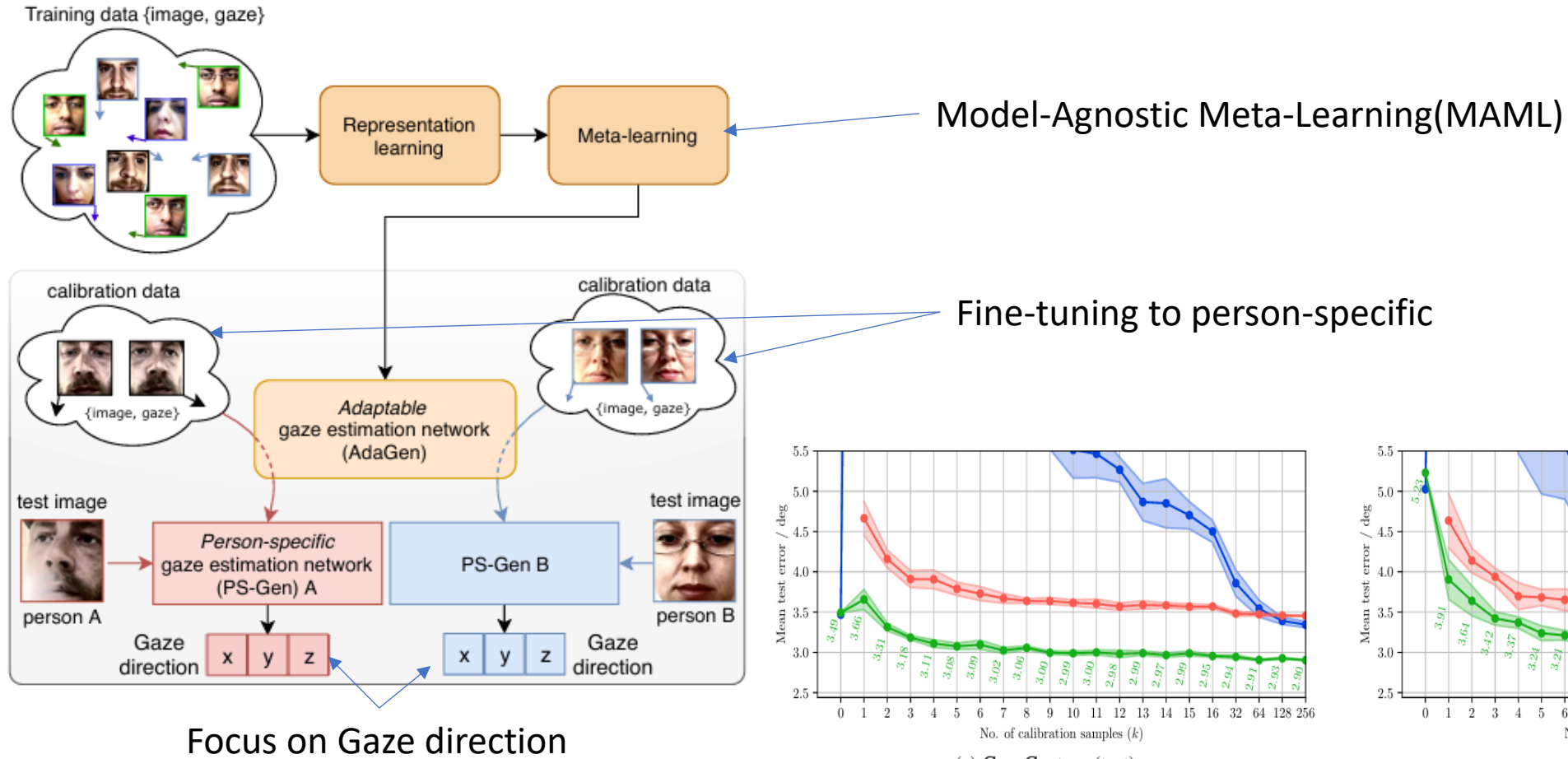
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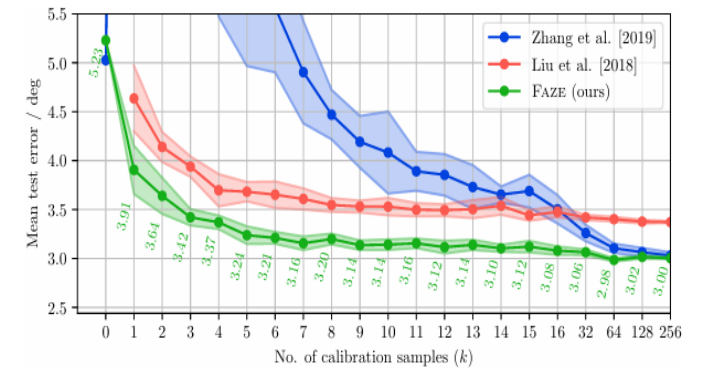
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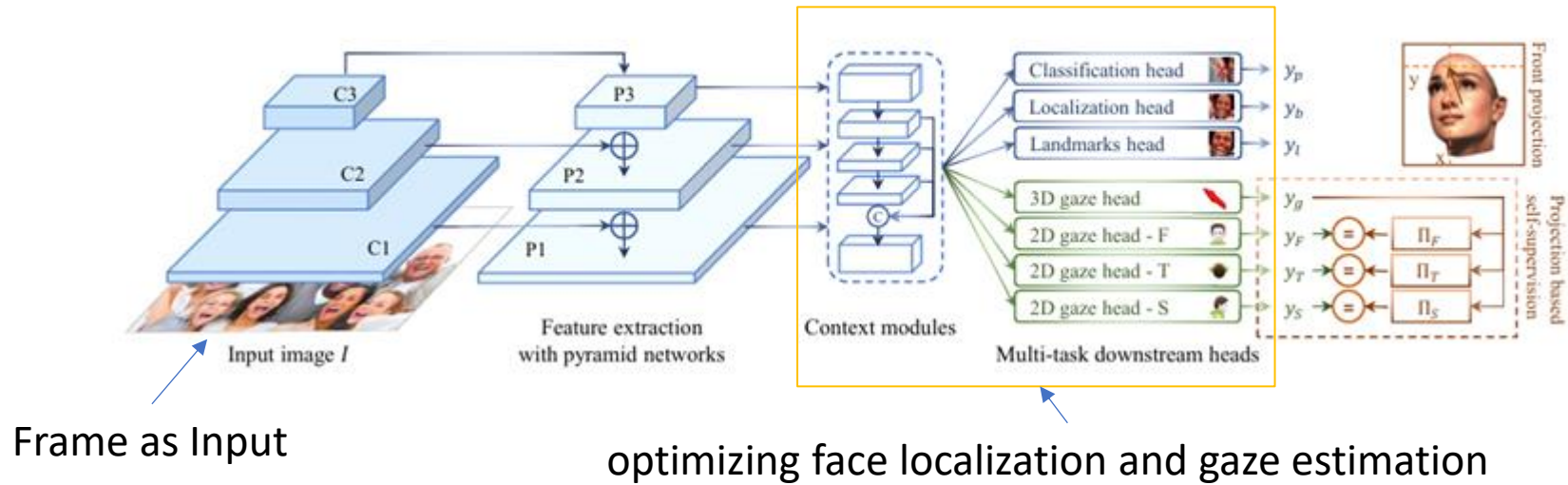


(a) GazeCapture (test)

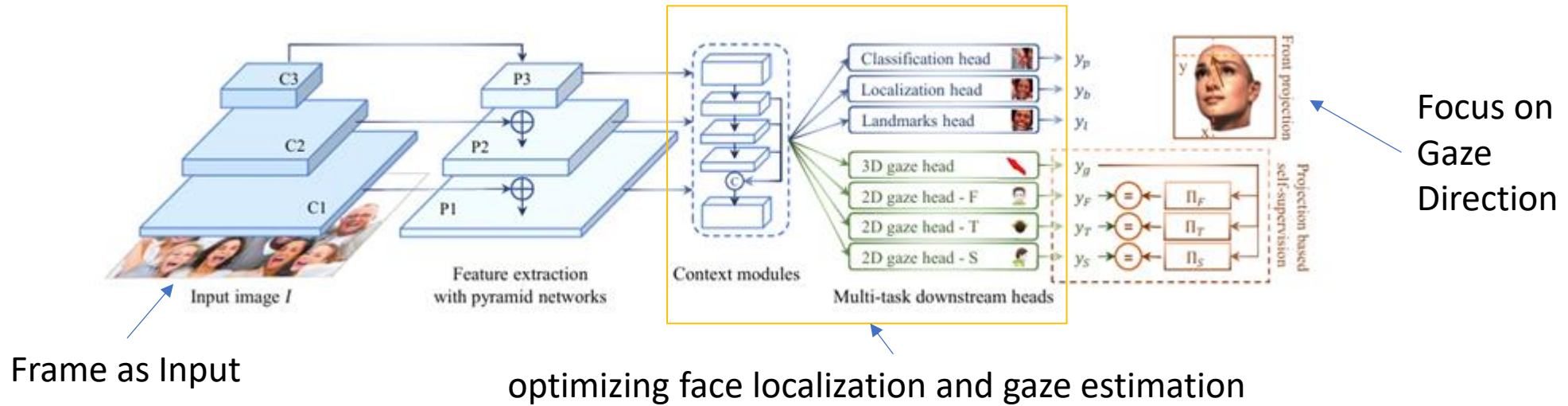


(b) MPIIGaze

Gaze Once



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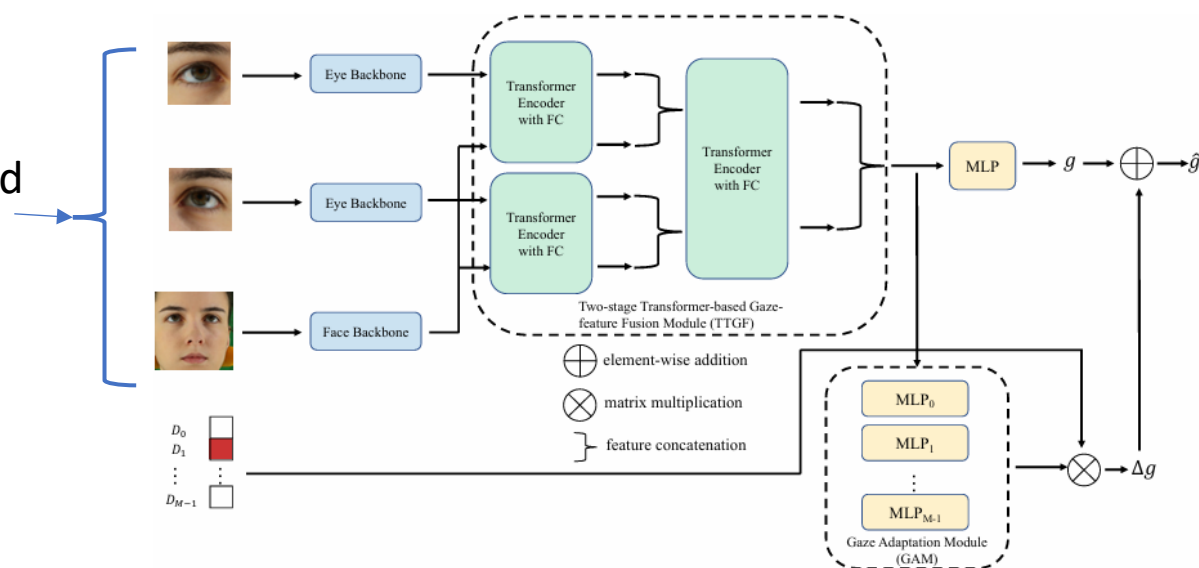


Method	Backbone	Input	Gaze error (lower is better) w.r.t. the width of faces							
			30-60	60-90	90-120	120-150	150-180	180-210	210-240	>240
Full-face	AlexNet	1 normalized face	24.99	20.00	17.56	17.03	16.47	14.74	13.43	12.31
ETH-18	ResNet18	1 normalized face	28.89	21.93	16.66	14.90	14.33	12.44	11.68	10.32
ETH-50	ResNet50	1 normalized face	29.82	21.87	16.93	14.76	13.87	11.79	11.13	9.98
GazeTR	ResNet18	1 normalized face	24.51	<u>16.84</u>	14.59	13.37	13.65	11.72	10.71	9.96
Ours	MobileNet0.25	1 full image	<u>22.94</u>	17.55	<u>13.69</u>	<u>11.08</u>	<u>11.13</u>	<u>9.41</u>	<u>8.17</u>	<u>7.74</u>
Ours	ResNet50	1 full image	21.17	13.77	10.58	7.9	8.57	6.68	6.01	5.56



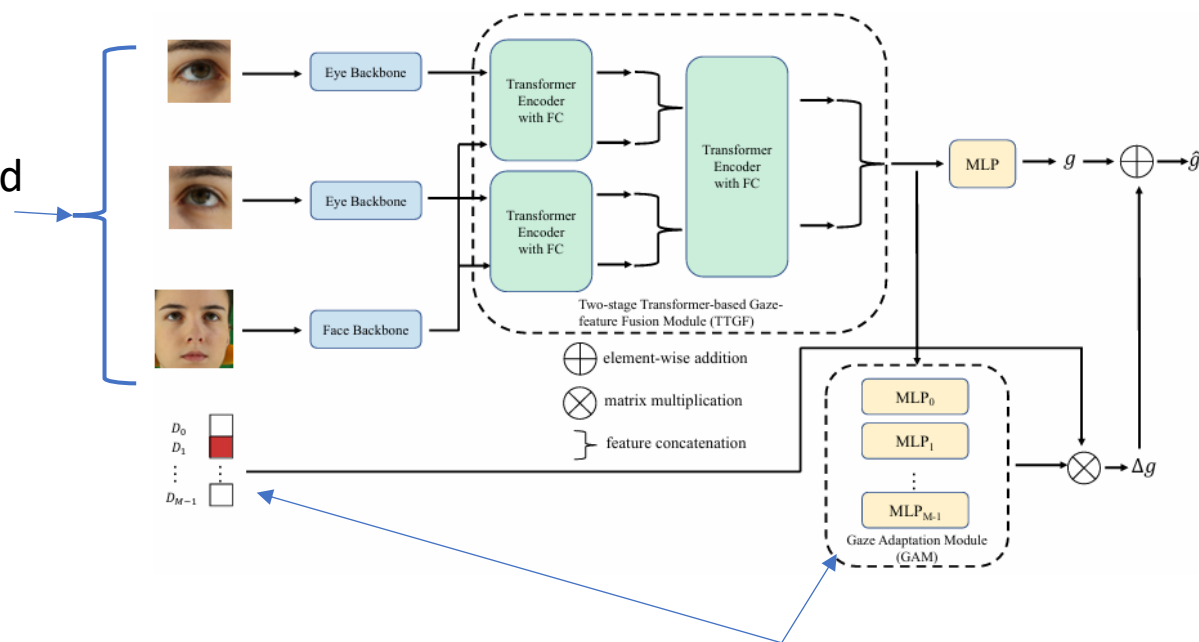
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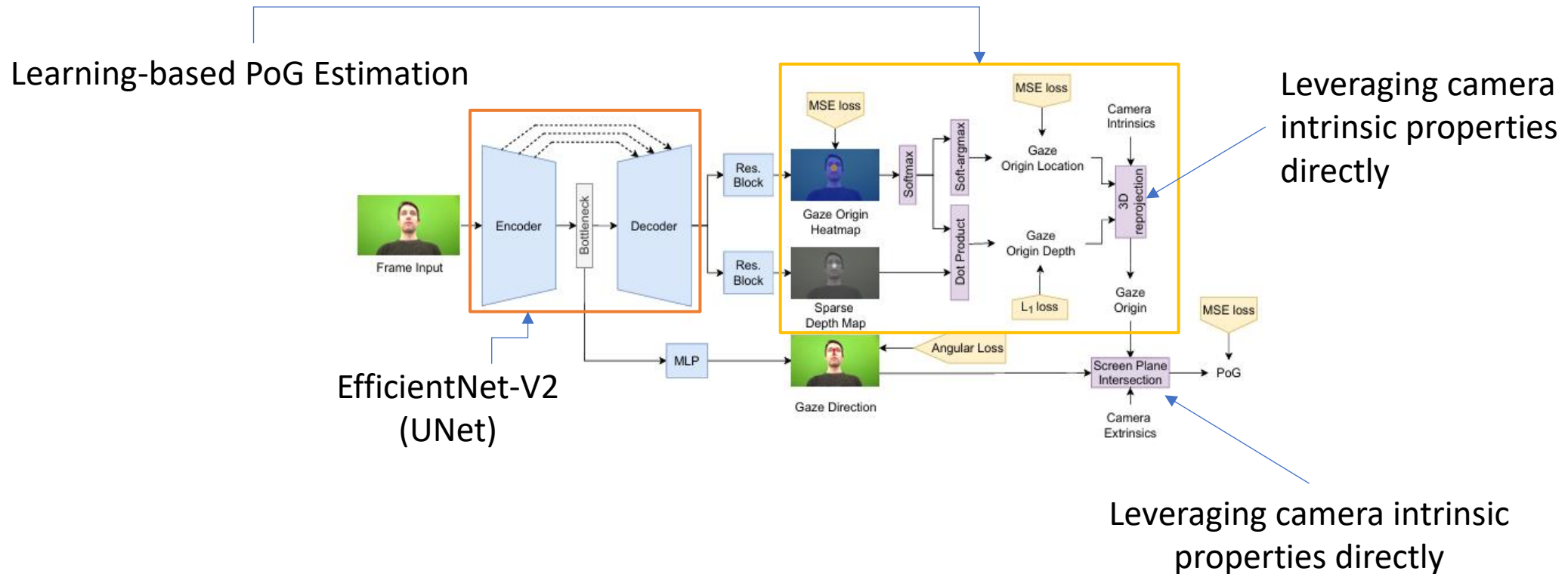


Feature Extraction from multiple datasets

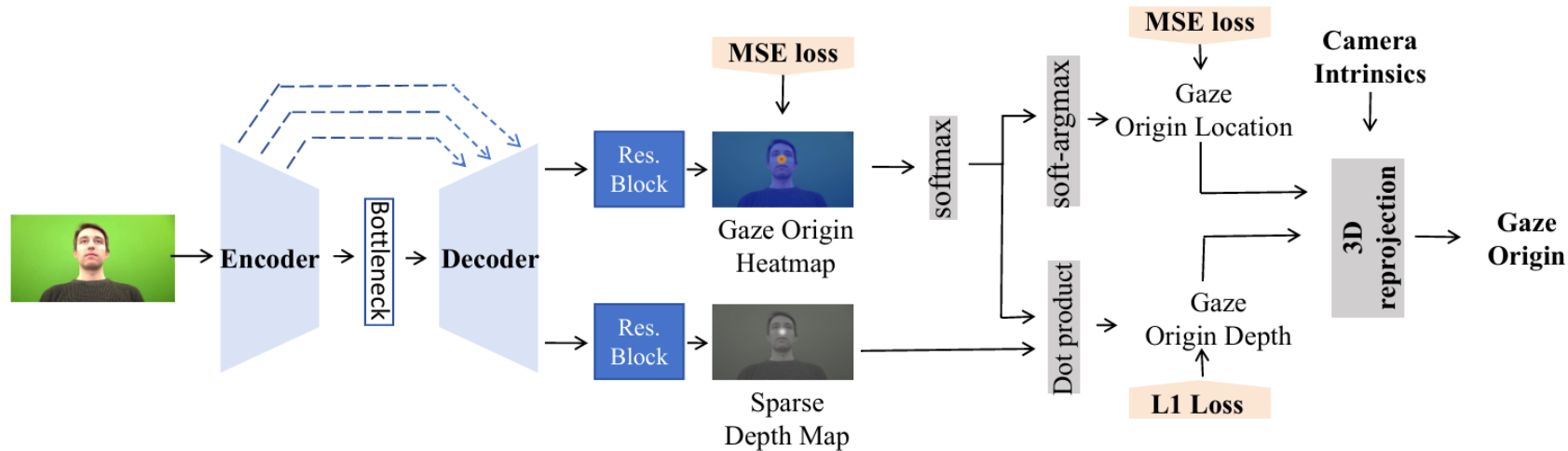
Model	Transformer	Feature Fusion	MPIIFaceGaze	RT-GENE	EYEDIAP
FullFace [8]	NO	Face Only	4.93°	10.00°	6.53°
RT-GENE [10]	NO	Two Eyes	4.66°	8.00°	6.02°
DilatedNet [9]	NO	PAR	4.42°	8.38°	6.19°
iTracker [12]	NO	LR-EH	4.33°	7.12°	5.28°
iTracker-MHSA [21]	YES	LR-EH	4.05°	7.06°	5.17°
GazeTR-Hybrid [19]	YES	Face Only	4.18°	7.12°	5.33°
GazeCADSE [42]	YES	Face Only	4.04°	7.00°	5.25°
Proposed	YES	EH-LR	3.88°	6.46°	4.89°

What are we still missing?

End-to-End Frame-to-Gaze Estimation (EFE)



Predicting Gaze Origin



Heatmap Prediction:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{heatmap}} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \|\mathbf{h} - \hat{\mathbf{h}}\|_2^2,$$

Sparse depth map loss:

$$\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{h} \cdot \mathbf{d} \quad \mathcal{L}_d = \|\mathbf{z} - \hat{\mathbf{z}}\|_1,$$

2D location of gaze origin loss:

$$\mathcal{L}_g = \|\mathbf{g} - \hat{\mathbf{g}}\|_2^2,$$

$\mathbf{h}$: The 2D gaze origin heatmap

$\mathbf{d}$: The Sparse depth map

$\mathbf{g}$: 2D position of gaze origin predicted using $\mathbf{h}$

$\mathbf{z}$: The gaze depth

$\hat{\mathbf{h}}$: The ground truth heatmap generated by drawing a 2D Gaussian centered at the gaze origin

$\hat{\mathbf{g}}$: The ground truth gaze location on the cameraframe

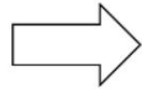
Calculating the Origin of 3D Gaze

$$K = \begin{bmatrix} f_x & 0 & c_x \\ 0 & f_y & c_y \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

1. camera intrinsic matrix K

2. The 2D Gazing Point
Coordinates g = (x, y)

3. The 2D Gazing Point
Depth d



1. Normalize 2D gaze points

$$u = \frac{x - c_x}{f_x}$$

$$v = \frac{y - c_y}{f_y}$$

2. Calculate the origin of 3D gaze

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = K^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} u \\ v \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot d$$

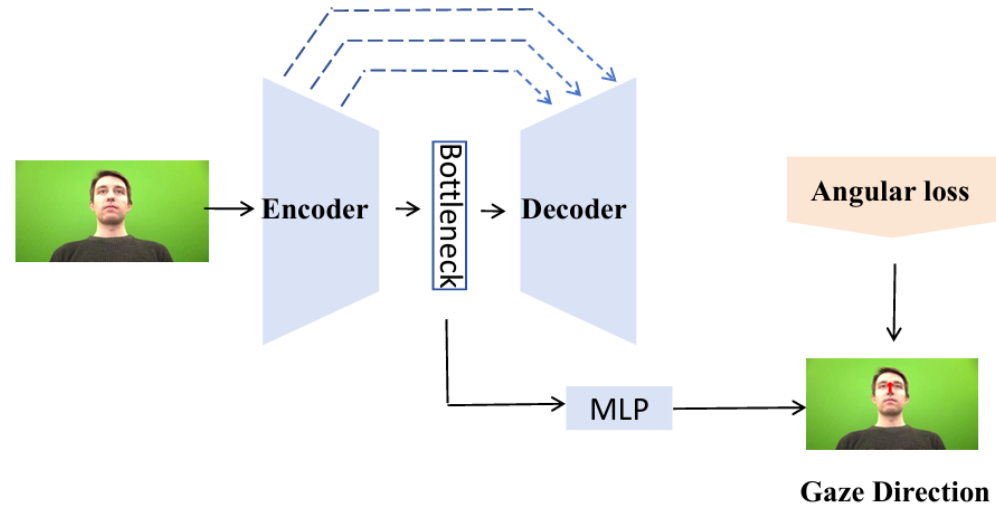
3. Finally obtaining 3D gaze point o = (x, y, z)

Predicting Gaze Direction

Gaze Direction loss:

$$\mathcal{L}_r = \arccos \left(\frac{\hat{\mathbf{r}} \cdot \mathbf{r}}{\|\hat{\mathbf{r}}\| \|\mathbf{r}\|} \right)$$

We can obtain the 3D gaze direction ($\mathbf{r}$).

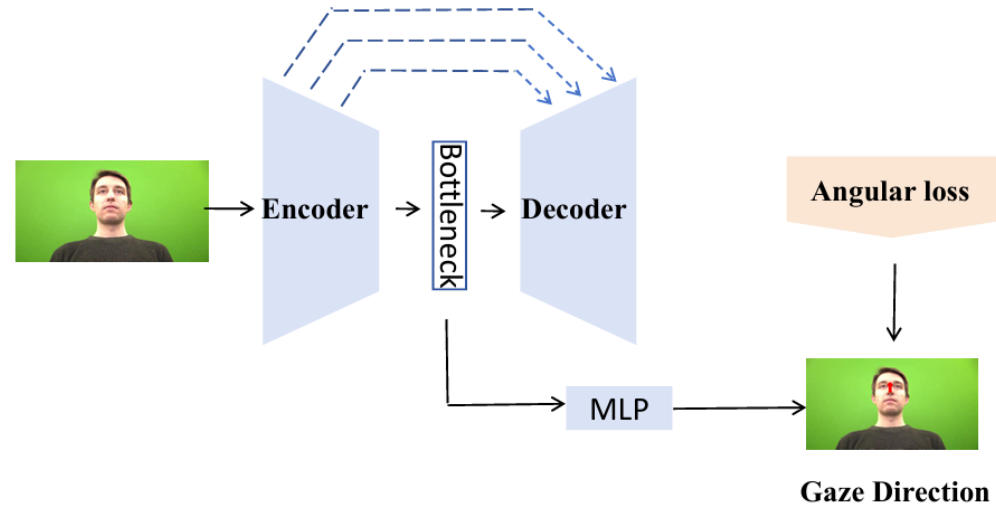


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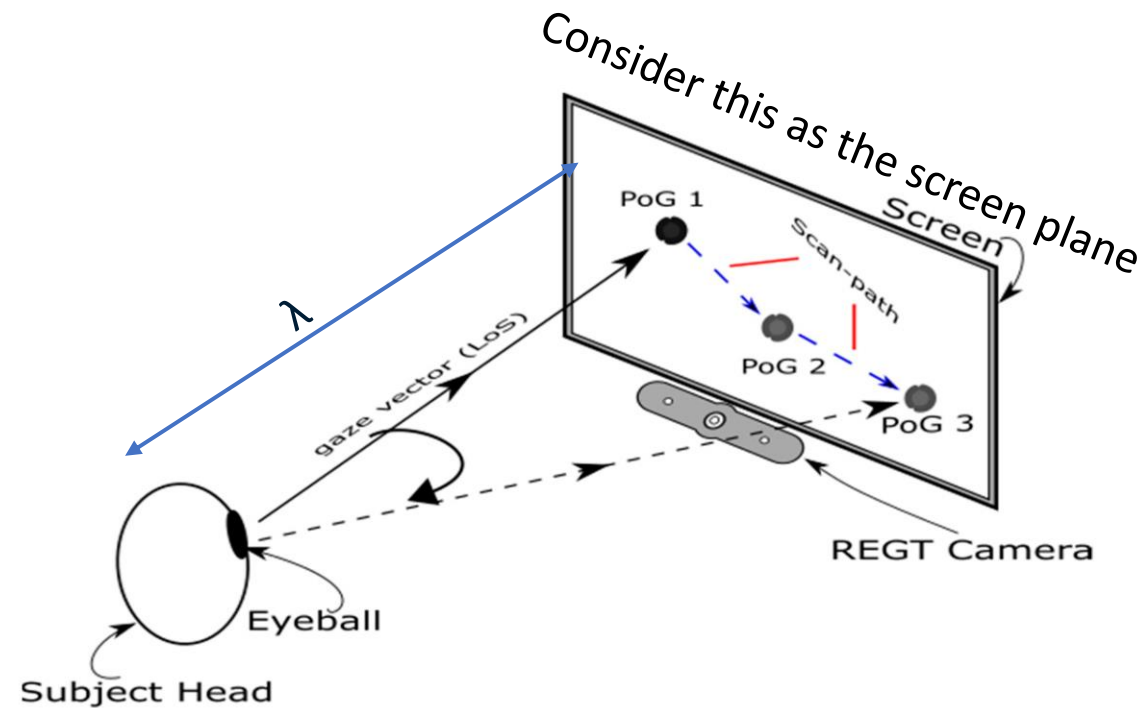
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Total Loss

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{Total}} = \lambda_g \mathcal{L}_{\mathbf{g}} + \lambda_h \mathcal{L}_{\text{heatmap}} + \lambda_d \mathcal{L}_{\mathbf{d}} + \lambda_r \mathcal{L}_{\mathbf{r}} + \lambda_{PoG} \mathcal{L}_{\text{PoG}}$$

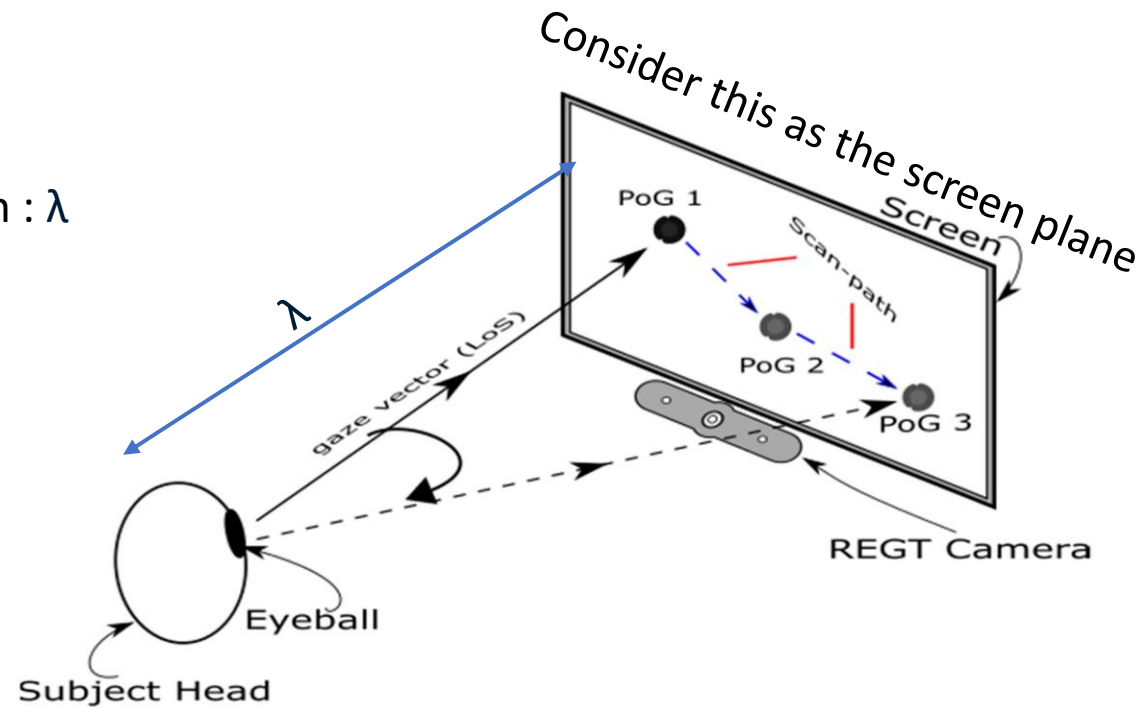
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$$\lambda = \frac{\mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{n}_s}{(\mathbf{a}_s - \mathbf{o}) \cdot \mathbf{n}_s}$$



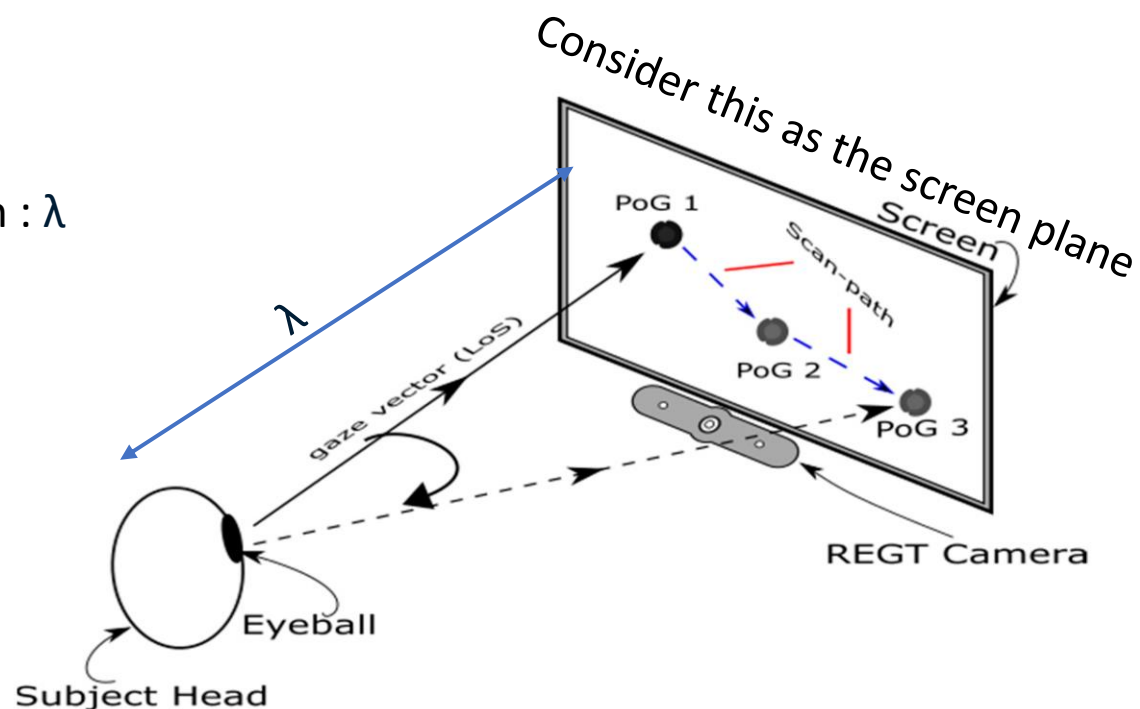
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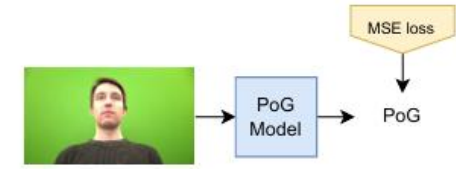
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PoG estimation

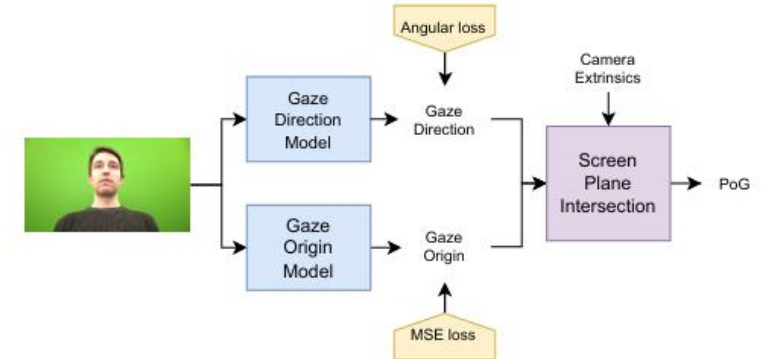
$$L_{PoG} = ||\mathbf{p} - \hat{\mathbf{p}}||_2^2$$

Baseline Models for EFE

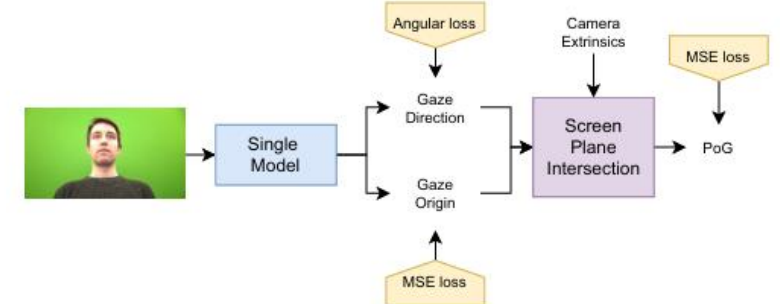
How to understand the importance of this complex model?



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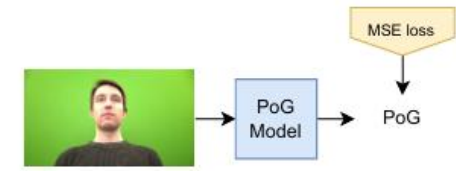


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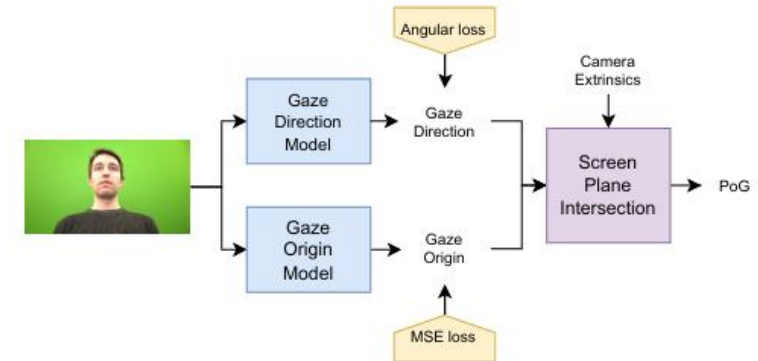
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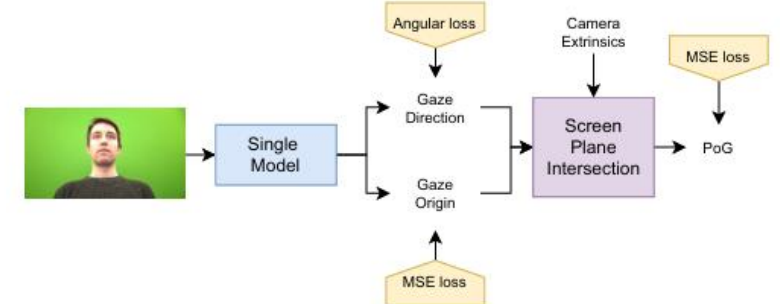
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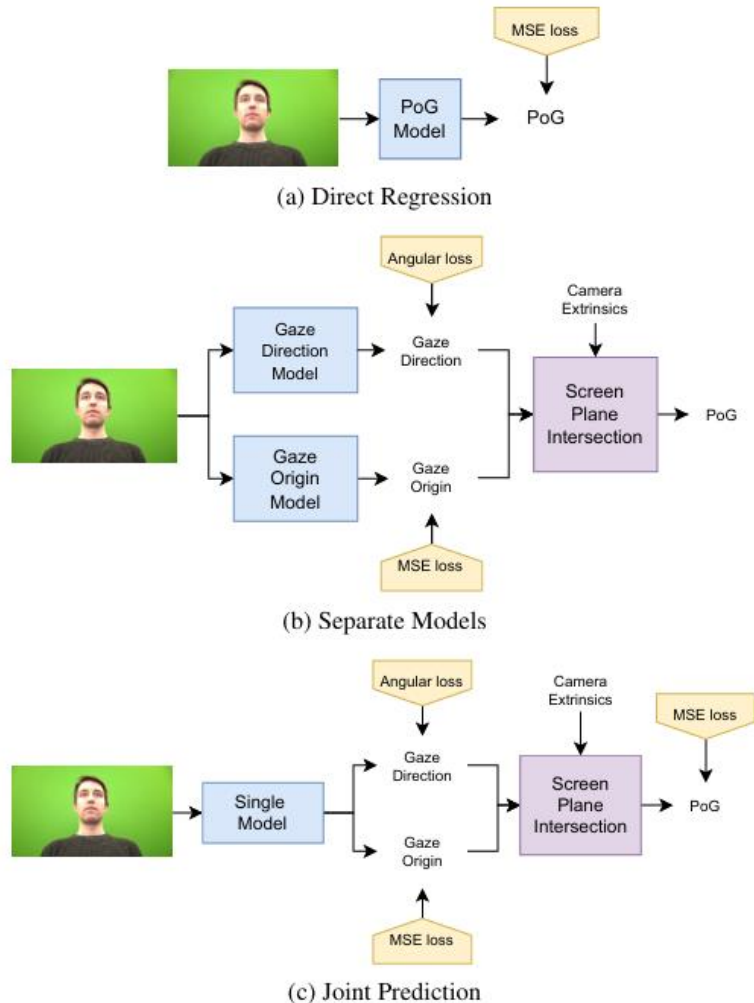
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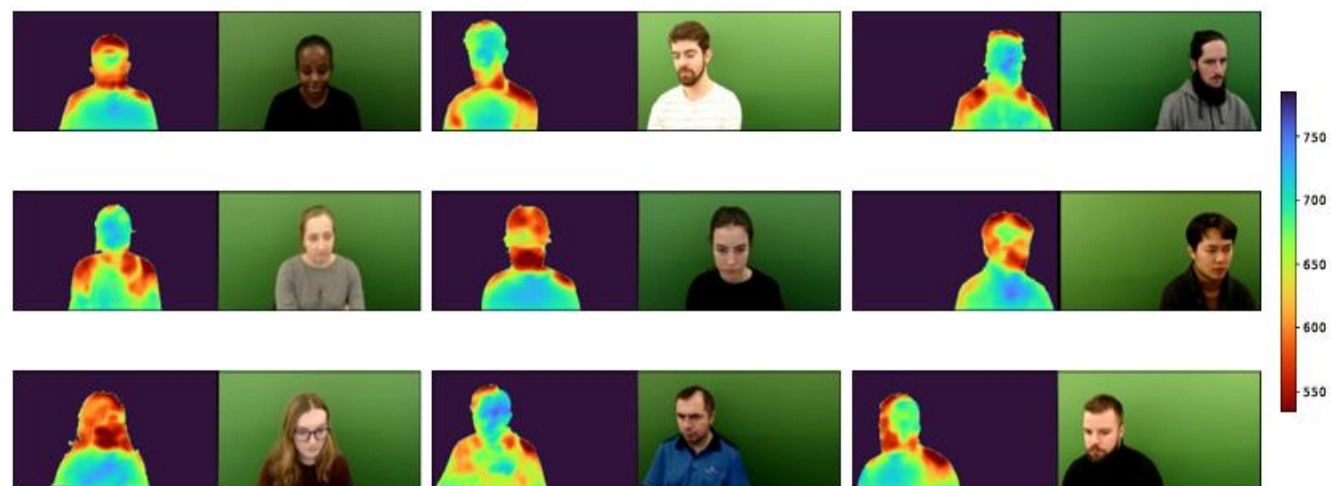
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Model	Heatmap pred.	Depth map pred.	Gaze Origin (mm)	Gaze Dir. (°)	PoG (px)
Direct Regression			-	-	143.83
Separate Models			16.18	3.63	141.35
Joint Prediction			20.14	3.73	143.39
EFE w/o depth map	✓		18.28	3.82	146.82
EFE (ours)	✓	✓	16.07	3.53	133.73

So, Depth is important feature contributing to PoG estimation



Importance of Heatmaps



Supervises the distance of the person from screen

Experimentation

Model	Inputs	GazeDir.(°)	PoG(px)
EyeNet (static)	Right Eye	4.75	181.0
EyeNet (static)	Left Eye	4.54	172.7
FaceNet	Face	3.47	134.10
EFE(ours)	Frame	3.53	133.73

1. Comparison with state-of-the-art methods on the **EVE** dataset.

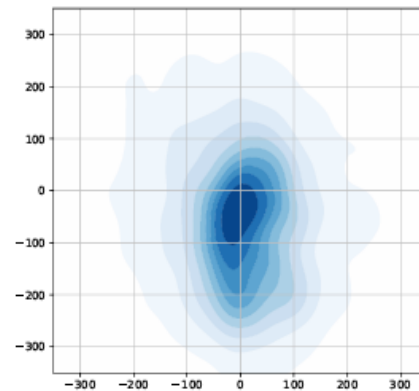
Model	Inputs	PhonePoG	TabletPoG
iTracker	Face&Eyes	2.04	3.32
iTracker (train aug)	Face&Eyes	1.86	2.81
SAGE	Eyes	1.78	2.72
TAT	Face	1.77	2.66
AFF-Net	Face&Eyes	1.62	2.30
EFE(ours)	Frame	1.61	<u>2.48</u>

2. Comparison with state-of-the-art methods on the **GazeCapture** dataset.

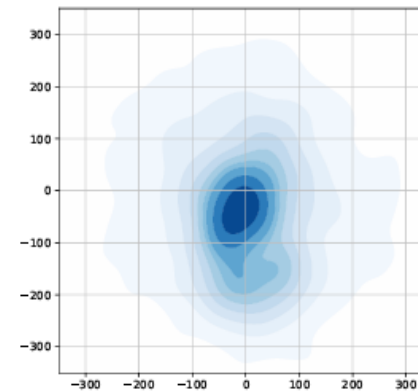
Model	Input	GazeDir.(°)	PoG(mm)
Full-Face	Face	4.8	42.0
FAR-Net*	Face&Eyes	4.3	-
AFF-Net	Face&Eyes	4.4	39.0
EFE(ours)	Frame	<u>4.4</u>	38.9

3. Comparison with state-of-the-art methods on the **MPIIFaceGaze** dataset.

PoG residual Maps
on EVE Dataset



Traditional Approach



New EFE approach

What are we going to discuss?

- ~~Types of Gaze Estimation~~
- ~~Datasets~~
- ~~Evaluation Metrics of Gaze Estimation~~
- ~~Appearance Based Gaze Estimation (AGE)~~
- ~~End to End Frame to Gaze Estimation (EFE)~~
- Real World Case Study of Appearance Based Gaze Estimation



User Evaluation



Fig. 3. User Interface Design on Head Up Display

Study Statistics:

- 8 (5 Male; 1 left handed, Avg. Age: 24.75yr) participants (None of the participants had any motor impairment or color blindness)

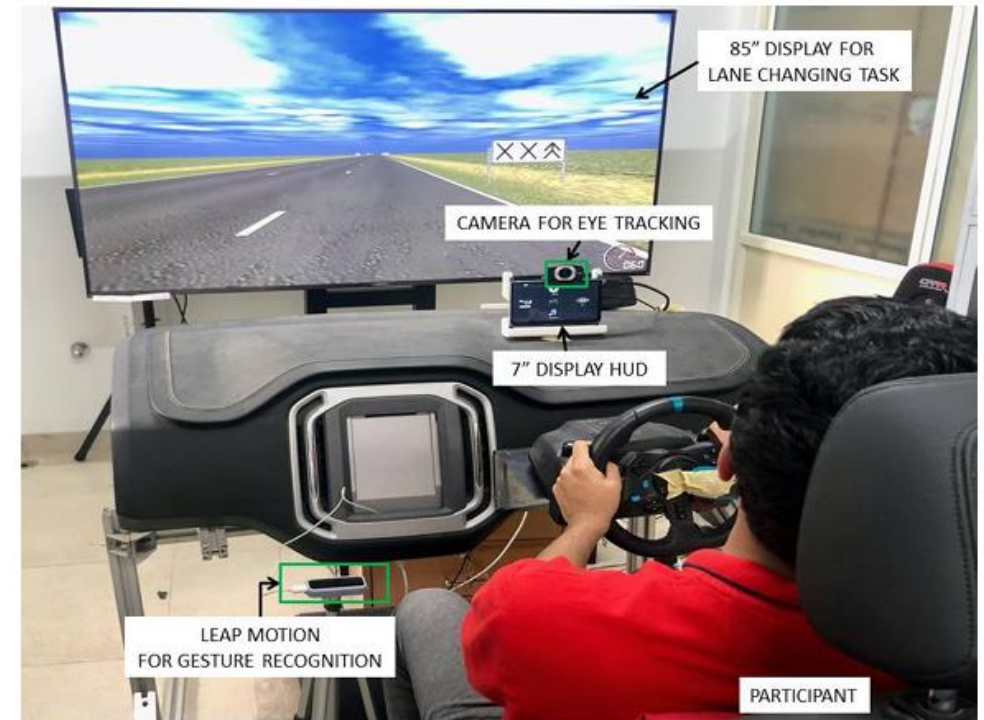


Fig. 2. Illustration of the Experimental Setup

Understanding Subjective Analysis

Rating Sheet

Mental Demand
How mentally demanding was the task? Low ————— High

Physical Demand
How physically demanding was the task? Low ————— High

Temporal Demand
How hurried or rushed was the pace of the task? Low ————— High

Performance
How successful were you in accomplishing the task? Poor ————— Good

Effort
How hard did you have to work to accomplish your level of performance? Low ————— High

Frustration Level
How insecure, discouraged, irritated, stressed, or annoyed were you? Low ————— High

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(a) Rating sheet for various dimensions of NASA-TLX

Question 1 of 15

Out of the following two workload measures, which one contributed more to the task?

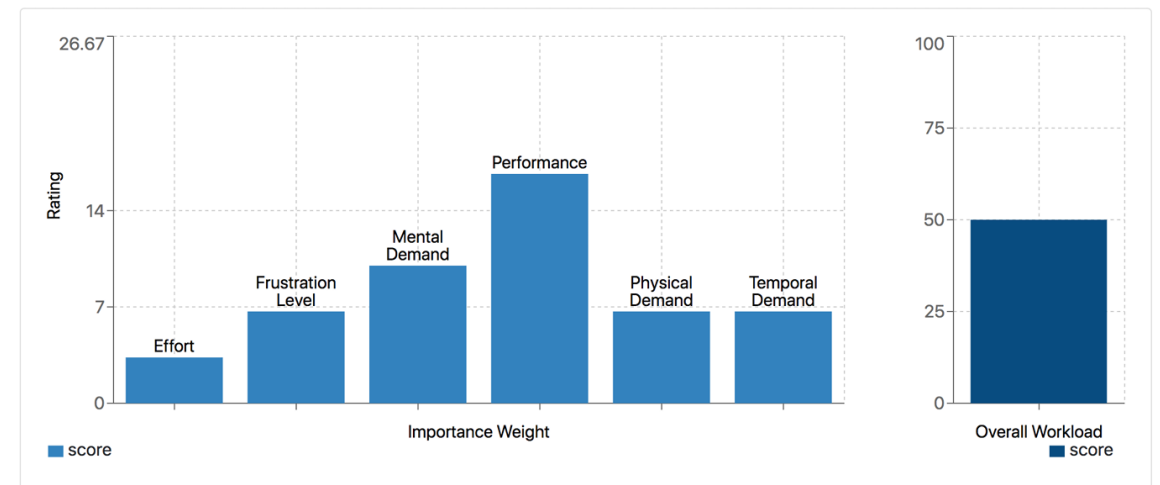
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(b) Workload dimension comparison card



Conclusion

NASA TLX (task load index) & SUS(system usability study)

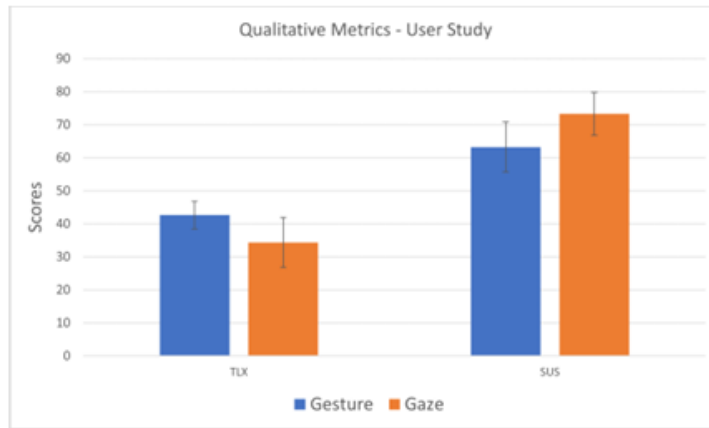


Fig. 5. Qualitative Metrics with Gaze and Gesture Interfaces

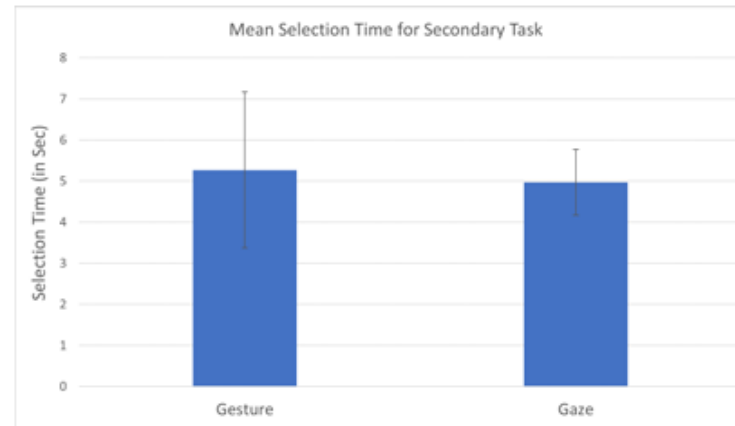


Fig. 6. Mean Selection Time with Gesture & Gaze

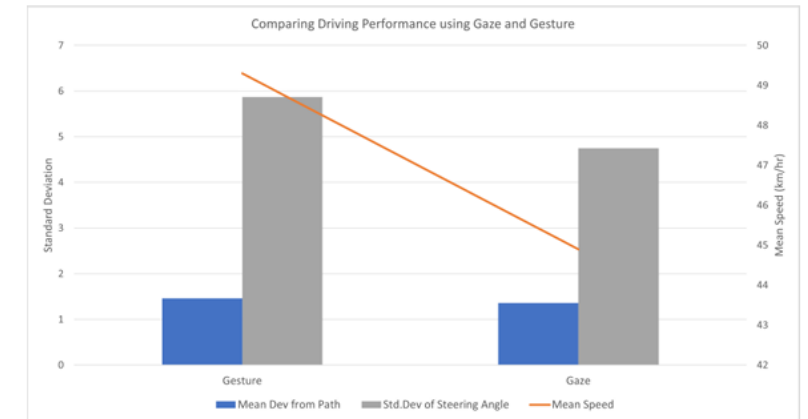


Fig. 4. Comparison of Primary Driving Task Parameters with Gaze and Gesture Interfaces

Applications on Automotive Driving?

Questions?

Thank you