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Facts

The speed of technological achievements, the diversity of services, and the complexity of systems/applications exceed by far the absorption power of our society concerning their adoption and use for everyone's benefit.

Challenges

- (too)Fast Changes in (tele)Communications
- Technical Illiteracy
- Protection of Information, sensing, tracking
- Cohabitation with machines
- Global health (care, pollution, containment)
- Adoption and Reluctance
- Digital Divide
- Accessibility, affordability, cooperation, inclusiveness
- Misinformation



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- ➤ Mihhail Matskin, Royal Institute of Technology KTH, Sweden
- > Alireza Morsali, McGill University, Canada
- ➤ Anders Fongen, Norwegian Defence University College, Norge
- ➤ Michael Suppanz, FH Kaernten, Austria
- **Efstratios Kontopoulos**, Catalink Limited, Cyprus
- ➤ Christine Perakslis, Arizona State University, USA



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- Mihhail Matskin Crowds of Mobile Wearable Devices
- Alireza Morsali Deep Learning Framework for Hybrid Analog-Digital Signal Processing in mmWave Massive-MIMO Systems
- Anders Fongen Detection of inauthentic profiles in social media through graph algorithms
- Michael Alexander Suppanz Knowledge, applicability, risks and potentials of AR / VR in the field of physiotherapy in Austria: results of an online survey
- Efstratios (Stratos) Kontopoulos Ethics and (Explainable) AI Semantic AI & the Role of the Knowledge Scientist
- Christine Perakslis Resilience is essential for a robust society, yet society is operating within multiple converging contexts of digitization likely to lead to The Age of Allostatic Load (A-Load)



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A New Approach to Design and Interact with Systems and Applications

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- AI/ML, DeepLearning, Cognition, Digital Twins, ...
- 5G/6G, mmWave, Internet of Things (IoT), Drones, Network slicing, ...
- Immersion, Virtual Reality, Social Networks, Self/Remote healthcare, ...
- Miniaturization, software automation, robot-based critical services, ...
 - → Cognitive, adaptive, and user personalized interfaces
 - → Al-based systems, Man-in-the-middle-systems, Reflexive systems (adaptable digital twins)

→ Humans - Machines Cohabitation
→ Knowledge Science!





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Note: Crowds of Mobile Wearable Devices

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- Modern mobile wearable devices look like a collection of independent, opportunistic units, consuming data and information but not contributing to commonwealth or collaborative goals. However, they can be recruited to contribute to common goals and tasks.
- Wearable devices are equipped with a set of sensors and computational resources which are suitable for collecting data and for recognition of different situations. Instead of installing and maintaining a fixed (possibly expensive) sensory infrastructure for measuring the environmental or societal conditions we can utilize a flexible and dynamic crowds of wearables that are able to perform the tasks.
- A symbiosis of humans and wearable devices opens possibility to utilize the human body as receptors and actuators of wearables in cases when people find that this is beneficial for them.





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Deep Learning Framework for Hybrid Analog-Digital Signal Processing in mmWave Massive-MIMO Systems

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- Al for Wireless Communications
- Hybrid analog-digital signal processing
- mm-Wave Massive-MIMO for 5G and beyond
- Analog deep neural network (ADNN)
- Hybrid analog-digital deep neural network (HDNN)





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Detection of inauthentic profiles in social media through graph algorithms

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- Presentation of student research on graph theory for detection of inauthentic algorithms
- Growing problems in social media, can even stir civil unrest





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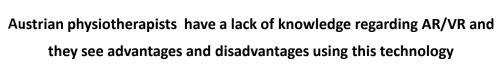
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Dr. Michael Alexander Suppanz, MSc, MAS

Head of the degree program Physiotherapy at FH Kärnten (Austria)

Knowledge, applicability, risks and potentials of AR / VR in the field of physiotherapy in Austria: results of an online survey

- Use of augmented reality (AR) in physiotherapy yielded positive effects for example on balance, gait velocity,
 cadence, step length, ...
- A crowd sourcing process tried to identify the knowledge applicability, risks and potentials of AR/VR with an online survey under austrian
 physiotherapists in 2020
- Potential Benefits through AR/VR:
 - increased motivation due to gaming aspects
 - development of new therapeutic approaches
- Potential disadvantages through AR/VR:
 - increased costs
 - > a reduction of face to face contacts
 - increased risk to fall
- Identified further interesting research topics :
 - q the effect of AR on patients' adherence or compliance
 - Q AR for diagnostics and therapy evaluation
 - possible applications of AR in physiotherapy for specific pathologies







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Ethics and (Explainable) AI – Semantic AI & the Role of the Knowledge Scientist

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- Skepticism against current AI solutions due to lack of Explainability → The Rise of XAI
- Emergence of Semantic AI & Role of Knowledge Graphs in XAI
- The Rising Role of the Knowledge Scientist
- Current SotA & Applications
 - → Current widespread AI solutions work like black boxes and lack explanations for the generated inferences
 - → End-users in various domains are skeptical towards AI-based systems
 - → Semantic AI as a new paradigm for building AI solutions gives rise to a new role, i.e., the Knowledge Scientist





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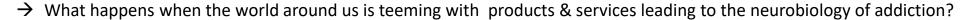
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Resilience is essential for a robust society, yet society is operating within multiple converging contexts of digitization likely to lead to The Age of Allostatic Load (A-Load)

Converging Contexts & The Age of Allostatic Load

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- Converging Contexts
 - Addiction by Design (Adb)
 - Convergence of Digitization
 - Societal VUCA (Volatility, Uncertainty, Complexity, and Ambiguity)
 - Covid Consequences
- The Age of Allostatic Load (A-Load)



- → What happens when there is a convergence of contexts leading to the neurobiology of stress?
 - → Are we entering the Age of A-Load?



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Crowds of Mobile Wearable Devices

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Mihhail Matskin



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- Professor of Software Engineering at Royal Institute of Technology (KTH), Sweden(2002 – now)
- Assoc. Professor and Professor at Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU), Trondheim, Norway (1995-2002)
- Researcher, leading researcher, Head of department, Institute of Cybernetics, Estonian Academy of Science, Tallinn, Estonia (1977-1995)

Main projects

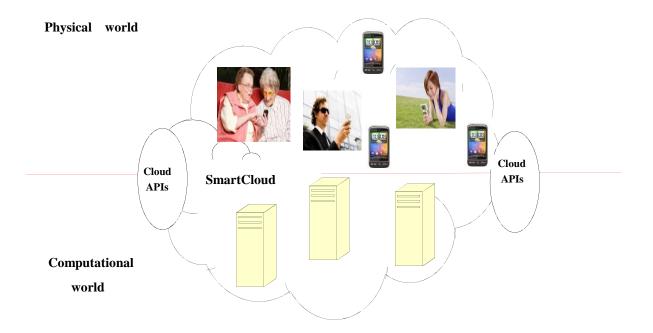
- EU HORZON2020 (EDSA, DataCloud)
- EU EIT Digital
- EU FP7 (SmartMuseum)
- EU FP6 (Roboswarm)

Awards

- Best paper awards ICIW, SEMAPRO
- Best runner paper up award ICWS
- Soviet State Prize in Software Engineering

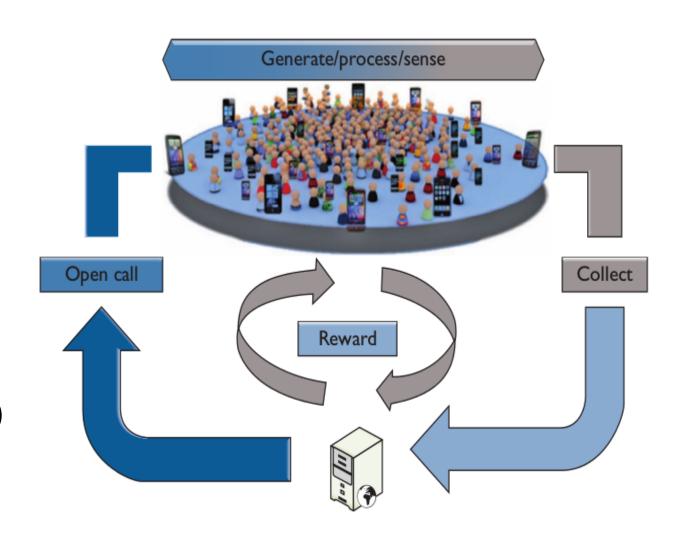
People with wearable devices are everywhere

- People with connected wearable devices are nowadays available in almost every corner of the world
- Modern wearable devices are equipped with a large spectrum of sensors and computational resources which are suitable for collecting data and for recognition of different situations.



Wearable devices vs. fixed sensory infrastructure

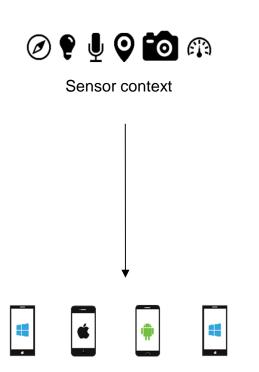
- Limitation: Modern mobile wearable devices look like a collection of independent, opportunistic units, consuming data and information but not contributing to commonwealth or collaborative goals.
- Problem: How can wearables devices be recruited to contribute to common goals and tasks?
- A Solution: Instead of installing and maintaining a fixed (possibly expensive) sensory infrastructure for measuring the environmental or societal conditions we can utilize a flexible and dynamic crowds of wearables.

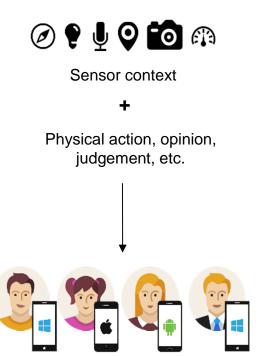


Crowds of wearable devices

Humans are carriers of wearables

 A symbiosis of humans and devices opens possibility to utilize the human body as receptors and actuators of devices when people find that this is beneficial for them.

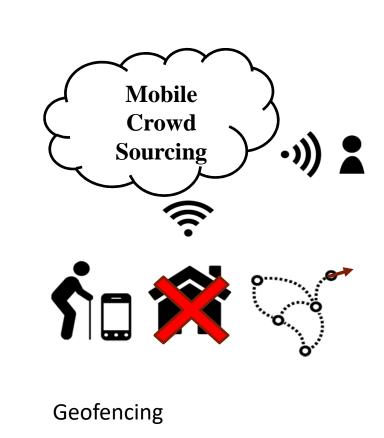




Applications: Managing Alarming Situations







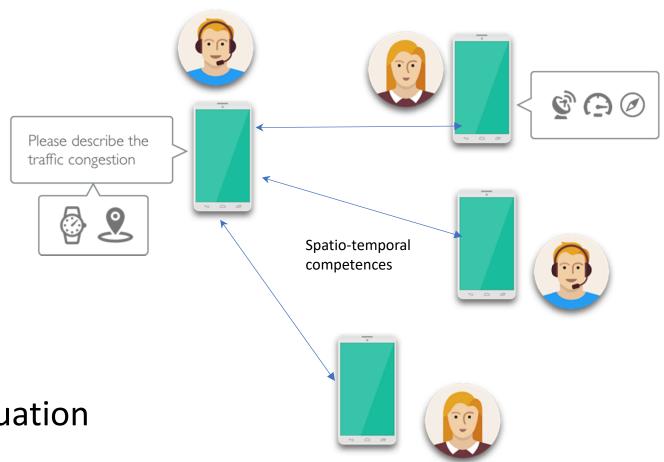
Application: Environmental monitoring

 Monitoring environmental characteristics:

- air quality
- noise level
- radiation level
- pollen level

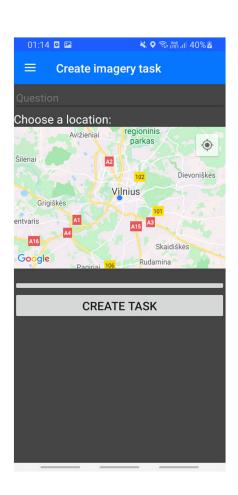
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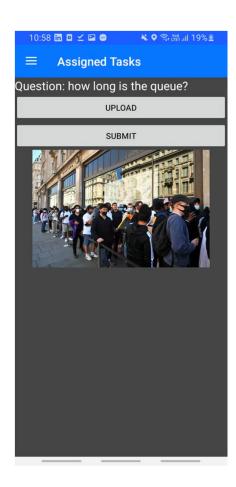
Evaluation of transport situation



Applications: Visual crowdsensing







Thank you!

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Advent of Massive-MIMO

- ▶ Multiple-input-multiple-output (MIMO) is a revolutionary and essential technique for modern wireless systems (4G, LTE, LTE-A, ...)
- ► Massive-MIMO for 5G and beyond 5G networks
 - Reduce latency
 - Increase the capacity
 - Improve the radiated energy-efficiency

- ► Massive-MIMO becomes possible by
 - Advances in mmWave (30-100 GHz) Communication
 - Development of low-power RF components
 - Hybrid analog and digital design

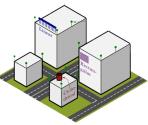
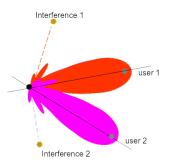


Figure: [Larsson et al., 2014]

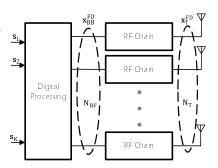
Beamforming in mmWave Massive-MIMO



- ► Increase coverage
 - By increasing system capacity
- ► Improve signal quality
 - By interference rejection
- ► Reduce latency
 - By suppressing delay spread
- ► Save energy
 - By improving the radiated energy efficiency

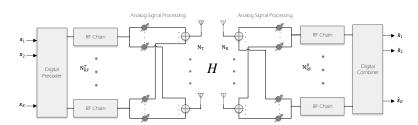
Beamforming Challenge in Massive-MIMO

- ► Fully-digital (FD) structure requires one RF chain per antenna element
- ► Large number of RF chains
 - High price
 - High power consumption
 - Complicated hardware design
- ► Implementation of fully-digital structure is inefficient



Hybrid Analog Digital Beamforming

- ▶ Hybrid Beamforming (HBF) is the solution
 - By introducing an extra layer of analog signal processing
 - The number of required RF chains can be reduced



Massive-MIMO Transceiver with Hybrid Analog/Digital Structure

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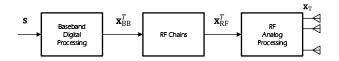
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Generalized hybrid analog/digital transmitter



- ▶ Let us consider a massive-MIMO BS with N_T antennas and N_{RF}^T RF chains
- ▶ Vector $\mathbf{s} \in \mathscr{A}^{N_s}$ first goes through digital signal processing (DSP)

$$\mathbf{x}_{\mathrm{BB}}^{\mathrm{T}} = \mathscr{F}_{T}(\mathbf{s}) \in \mathbb{C}^{N_{RF}^{T}} \tag{1}$$

where $\mathscr{F}_T: \mathscr{A}^{N_s} \to \mathbb{C}^{N_{RF}^T}$ is a mapping

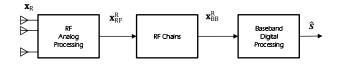
- \blacktriangleright Then, N_{RF}^T RF chains convert $\mathbf{x}_{\mathrm{BB}}^{\mathrm{T}}$ into the bandpass signal $\mathbf{x}_{\mathrm{RF}}^{\mathrm{T}}$
- ▶ The latter is next fed to the analog signal processing (ASP) module which consists of simple RF circuitry
- ightharpoonup \mathbf{x}_{T} is then transmitted by means of an antenna array

$$\mathbf{x}_{\mathrm{T}} = \sqrt{\rho} \mathscr{G}_{T}(\mathbf{x}_{\mathrm{RF}}^{\mathrm{T}}) \in \mathbb{C}^{N_{T}}$$
 (2)

where $\mathscr{G}_T: \mathbb{C}^{N_{RF}^T} \to \mathbb{C}^{N_T}$ maps the RF vector $\mathbf{x}_{\mathrm{RF}}^T$ to transmitted signal $\mathbf{x}_{\underline{\mathbb{T}}}$

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Generalized hybrid analog/digital receiver



▶ At a receiver with N_R antennas and N_{RF}^R RF chains, \mathbf{x}_R is first processed by the ASP as follows:

$$\mathbf{x}_{\mathrm{RF}}^{\mathrm{R}} = \mathscr{G}_{R}(\mathbf{x}_{\mathrm{R}}) \in \mathbb{C}^{N_{RF}^{R}},$$
 (3)

for $\mathscr{G}_R:\mathbb{C}^{N_R}\to\mathbb{C}^{N_{RF}^R}$

- ▶ The RF signal \mathbf{x}_{RF}^{R} is next converted to baseband digital vector \mathbf{x}_{BB}^{R} by means of N_{RF}^{R} RF chains
- ightharpoonup Finally, $\mathbf{x}_{\mathrm{BB}}^{\mathrm{R}}$ is given to the DSP module to obtain the decoded symbols

$$\hat{\mathbf{s}} = \mathscr{F}_R(\mathbf{x}_{\mathrm{BB}}^{\mathrm{R}}) \tag{4}$$

where $\mathscr{F}_R:\mathbb{C}^{N_{RF}^R}\to\mathscr{A}^{N_s}$

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Deep Neural Networks

▶ Multi-layer perceptron (MLP), or artificial neural network, with one hidden layer, d neurons and a set of parameters θ is given by:

$$\Gamma(\mathbf{x}; \boldsymbol{\theta}) = \mathbf{W} \, \psi_d(\mathscr{A}(\mathbf{x})), \tag{5}$$

where $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{C}^n$ is the input vector, $\mathscr{A}(\mathbf{x}) : \mathbb{C}^n \to \mathbb{C}^d$ is an affine transformation, ψ_d is a non-linear activation function and $\mathbf{W} \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times d}$ is the weight matrix of the output layer.

▶ A DNN comprised of $L \in \mathbb{N}$ hidden layers indexed by $l \in \{1, 2, ..., L\}$, $n_l \in \mathbb{N}$ neurons at the l-th hidden layer, and one output layer indexed by l = L + 1, with input vector $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{C}^{N_0}$ and output vector $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{C}^{n_{L+1}}$:

$$\mathbf{y} = \Omega(\mathbf{x}; \boldsymbol{\theta}) = (\mathscr{A}_{L+1} \circ \psi_{n_L} \circ \mathscr{A}_L \circ \cdots \circ \psi_{n_1} \circ \mathscr{A}_1)(\mathbf{x})$$
(6)

where $\mathscr{A}_l: \mathbb{C}^{n_l-1} \to \mathbb{C}^{n_l}$ is the affine transformation used at the l-th layer, i.e., $\mathscr{A}_l(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{A}_l \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b}_l$, with $\mathbf{A}_l \in \mathbb{C}^{n_l \times n_{l-1}}$, $\mathbf{b}_l \in \mathbb{C}^{n_l}$ representing the weights and biases of the l-th layer

▶ The ordered set of all parameters characterizing the DNN can be written as $\theta = \{\mathbf{A}_1, \mathbf{b}_1, \mathbf{A}_2, \mathbf{b}_2, \dots, \mathbf{A}_{L+1}, \mathbf{b}_{L+1}\}$

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▶ We can replace the baseband beamforming at the transmitter with

$$\mathscr{F}_T(\mathbf{s}) = \Omega_T^D(\mathbf{s}; \boldsymbol{\theta}_T^D), \tag{7}$$

where θ_T^D is the parameter set of this digital DNN.

► Subsequently, the analog bemforming with

$$\mathscr{G}_T(\mathbf{x}_{RF}) = \Omega_T^A(\mathbf{x}_{RF}; \boldsymbol{\theta}_T^A), \tag{8}$$

where θ_T^A is the parameter set of the ADNN.

▶ By concatenating the above DNNs, we can write the transmitted signal as:

$$\mathbf{x}_{\mathrm{T}} = \Omega_{T}^{H}(\mathbf{s}; \boldsymbol{\theta}_{T}), \tag{9}$$

where $\theta_T = \{\theta_T^A, \theta_T^D\}$ is the composite parameter set of the resulting downlink HDNN..

► Similarly, in the downlink case, we can write

$$\hat{\mathbf{s}} = \Omega_R^H(\mathbf{y}; \boldsymbol{\theta}_R) = \Omega_R^A \Big((\Omega_R^D(\mathbf{y}; \boldsymbol{\theta}_R^D)); \boldsymbol{\theta}_R^A \Big), \tag{10}$$

where θ_R is the parameter set of the resulting uplink HDNN

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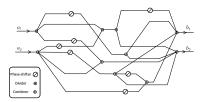
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Analog Linear Module

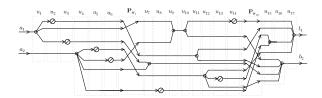
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Intuition: Linear RF Module

To illustrate the application of this result, consider the following ASP network



This network can be reorganized as a product of basic RF transformations as follows



Analog Linear Module

Any ASP network with M input ports and N output ports implemented by arbitrary number of phase-shifters, power dividers and power combiners, can be modeled as:

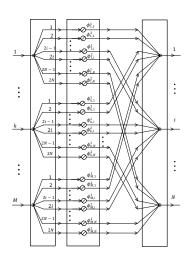
$$\mathbf{b} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{MN}} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{a} \tag{11a}$$

$$\mathbf{A} \in \check{\mathbb{U}}^{N \times M} \tag{11b}$$

where $\mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{C}^M$ and $\mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{C}^N$ are input and output signals, respectively and $\check{\mathbb{U}} = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| \leq 1\}$

Theorem

Any given matrix $\mathbf{A} \in \mathring{\mathbb{U}}^{N \times M}$ can be realized by an ASP network with a total number of T = 2MN + M + N RF components, i.e., N dividers, M combiners, and 2NM (unitmodulus) phase shifters



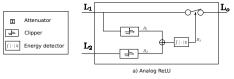
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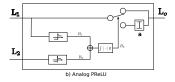
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Analog ReLU





▶ Rectified linear unit (ReLU) and Parametrtic ReLU (PReLU) activation functions:

$$\operatorname{ReLU}(x) = x^{+} = \max(0, x), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}$$
 (12)

$$PReLU(x) = \begin{cases} ax & \text{if } x < 0\\ x & \text{if } x \ge 0 \end{cases}$$
 (13)

- ▶ The modulated signal is fed to L_1 and the carrier is fed to L_2 as a reference. The output L_o is equal to the input signal L_1 when the baseband signal is positive and zero otherwise
- ▶ When the modulated signal L_1 and the carrier L_2 are in phase, corresponding to a positive value of the baseband component, B_1 and B_2 are equal and the energy of their sum is non-zero
- ▶ Consequently, the output of the energy detector $B_3 = 1$ which can be used to activate (i.e., close) the switch
- ▶ When the modulated signal L_1 and the carrier L_2 are out of phase (corresponding to a negative value of the baseband component), we have $B_2 = -B_1$
- Consequently, the energy of their sum is zero and the output of energy detector $B_3 = 0$, which opens the switch

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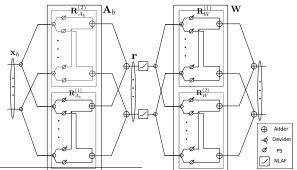
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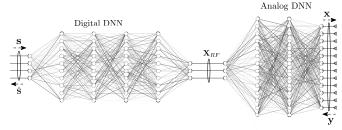
A given MLP $\Gamma(x; \theta)$ with one hidden layer and non-linear activation function $\psi_d()$ (either ReLU or PReLU) can be realized by the RF structure shown in Figer below.



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Hybrid DNN



▶ The HDNN can be trained to learn an arbitrary transmission scheme, as defined by the mappings $\mathscr{F}_T(\cdot)$ and $\mathscr{G}_T(\cdot)$

$$L(\boldsymbol{\theta}_T) = \left\| \Omega_T^H(\mathbf{s}; \boldsymbol{\theta}_T) - \mathscr{G}_T \circ \mathscr{F}_T(\mathbf{s}) \right\|_2.$$
 (14)

- Used for non-linear beamforming technique such as vector perturbation, Tomlinson-Harashima precoding, robust beamformer design under imperfect CSI, and space-time coding.
- ▶ It is possible to let the transmitter learn the optimal transmission scheme without explicitly specifying its structure a priori
- ▶ For instance, in the case of a massive-MIMO BS with a single UE, and assuming that the latter UE uses a fixed combiner matrix C known at the transmitter side, the HDNN can be trained using,

$$L(\boldsymbol{\theta}_T) = \left\| \mathbf{C} \, \mathbf{H}_{\mathrm{D}} \, \Omega_T^H(\mathbf{s}; \boldsymbol{\theta}_T) - \mathbf{s} \right\|_{2^{\frac{1}{2}}} + \mathbb{S} + \mathbb{$$

Alireza Morsali Hybrid A/D Signal Processing Introductio

Systems and Problem Formulation

Hybrid Analog Digital Deep neural Network Analog Linear Module RF nonabrasive Hybrid DNN

Simulation Results and Conclusion

Methodology

► We use the following mmWave massive-MIMO channel model [Sohrabi and Yu, 2016, Lin et al., 2019],

$$\mathbf{H} = \sqrt{\frac{N_T M}{N_c N_{\text{ray}}}} \sum_{i=1}^{N_c} \sum_{j=1}^{N_{\text{ray}}} \alpha_{ij} \mathbf{a}_{\mathbf{r}} (\theta_{ij}^{\text{r}}) \mathbf{a}_{\mathbf{t}} (\theta_{ij}^{\text{t}})^H, \tag{16}$$

where $N_{\rm c}=5$ is the number of clusters, and $N_{\rm ray}=10$ is the number of rays in each cluster

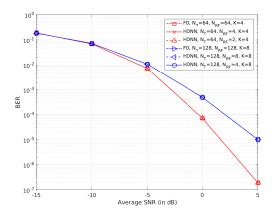
- ▶ Similar to [Sohrabi and Yu, 2016, Lin et al., 2019], the path gains are independently generated as $\alpha_{ij} \sim \mathcal{CN}(0,1)$. The transmit and receive antenna responses are denoted by $\mathbf{a}_{\mathbf{r}}(\theta_{ij}^{\mathbf{r}})$ and $\mathbf{a}_{\mathbf{t}}(\theta_{ij}^{\mathbf{r}})$ respectively
- ▶ For simplicity, a uniform linear array of size N with half-wavelength spacing is employed, hence where,

$$\mathbf{a}(\phi) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} [1, e^{j\pi \sin(\phi)}, \dots, e^{j(N-1)\pi \sin(\phi)}]$$
 (17)

The angles of arrival $\theta^{\rm r}_{ij}$ and departure $\theta^{\rm t}_{ij}$ are independently generated according to the Laplacian distribution with mean cluster angles $\bar{\theta}^{\rm r}_{ij}$ and $\bar{\theta}^{\rm t}_{ij}$, uniformly distributed in $[0,2\pi]$, while the angular spread is set to 10 degrees within each cluster.

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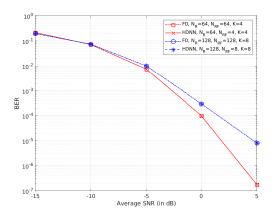
Simulation Results



BER versus SNR of proposed HDNN designs and FD beamforming for downlink connection of 64×4 and 128×8 systems.

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Simulation Results



BER versus SNR of proposed HDNN designs and FD beamforming for uplink connection of 64×4 and 128×8 systems

Summary

- ▶ overview of massive-MIMO and Hybrid beamforming
- ▶ Generalized system formulation and problem statement
- ► A general DL framework for efficient design and implementation of HBF in massive-MIMO systems
- ► Linear and non-linear modules in RF domain
- ► Analog MLP and deep neural networks
- ► The proposed HDNN architecture enables HBF-based massive-MIMO transceivers to approximate any desired transmitter and receiver mapping with arbitrary precision
- ▶ We are able to present a new HDNN-based beamformer design that can achieve the same performance as FD beamforming, with reduced number of RF chains

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Thank you very much







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n, digital awareness, safety and threats, personal data, discovering relevant data, online content, fake news

ocial media, citizen behavior, health accessibility, psychological/physical addiction, etc.

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Panellist Position

Detection of inauthentic profiles in social media through graph algorithms

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- Presentation of student research on graph theory for detection of inauthentic algorithms
- Growing problems in social media, can even stir civil unrest



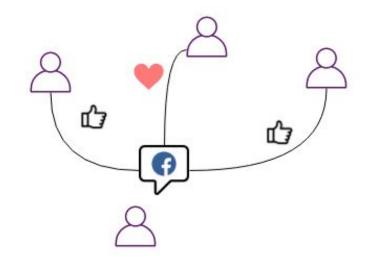
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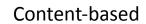


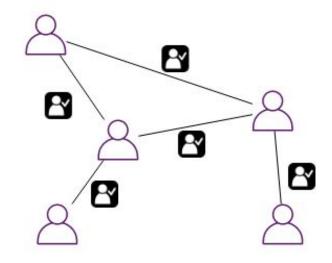


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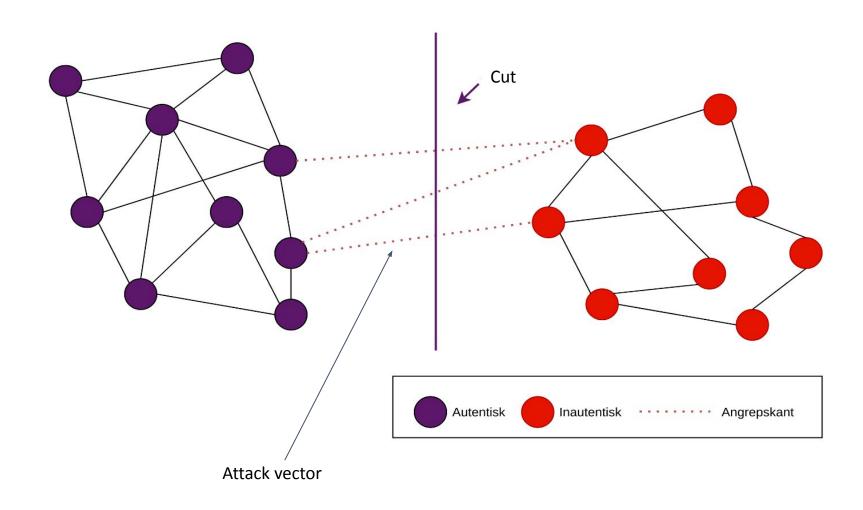




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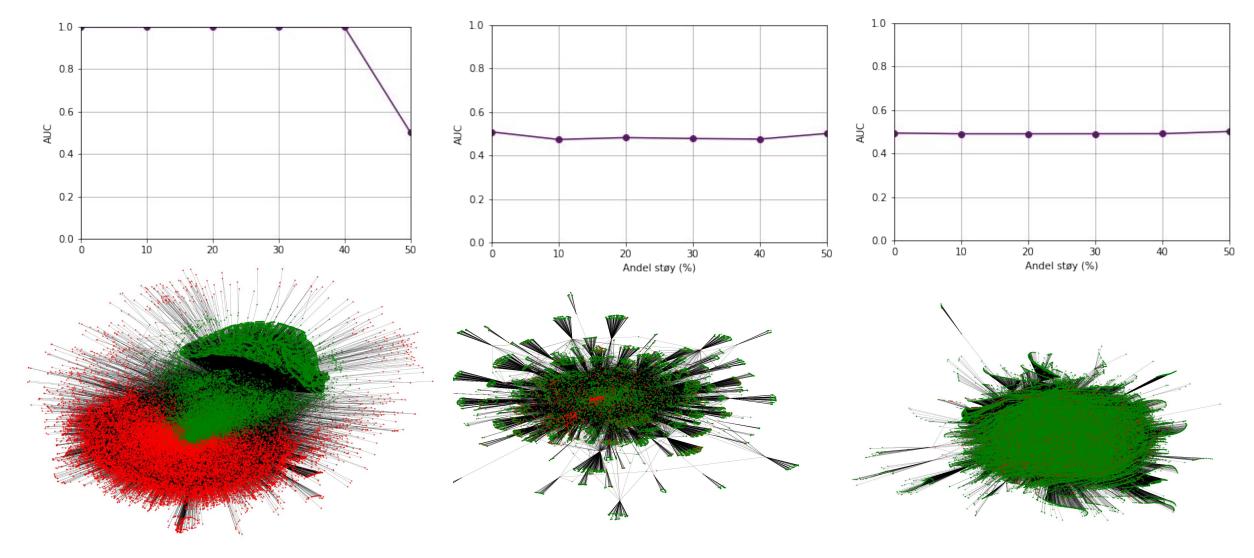
Chosen algorithms for study



- SybilSCAR
- Machine learning on relational graph
- Machine learning on content-based graph

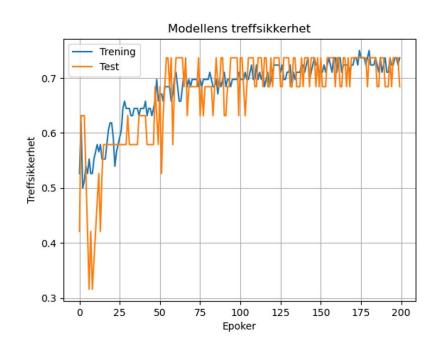
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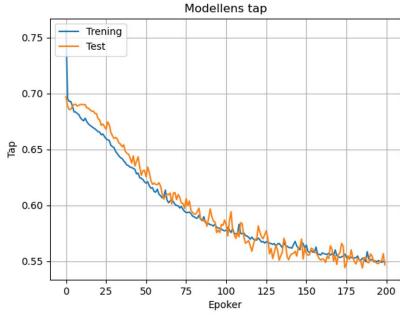




Result 2: Machine learning on relational...



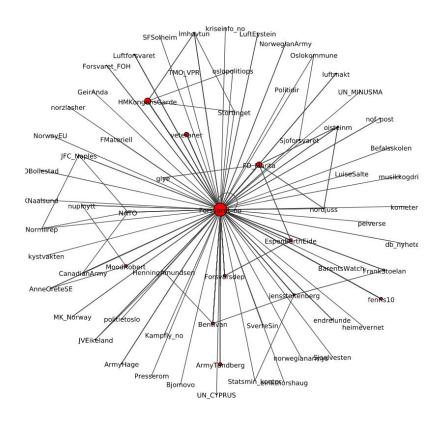




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Property	F-number		
Density	0,54		
Global clusterin coefficient	0,65		
Local clustering coefficient	0,56		
Indegree centrality	0,64		
Outdegree centrality	0,61		
Mutuality	0,58		
Assortativity	0,55		
Articulation points	0,60		
Totalt	0,66		

Result 3: Machine learning on content...





F-number: 0.68

Results compared



Approach	F-number
SybilSCAR	0,50-0,99
Machine learning on	0,66
relations-based graph	
Machine learning on	0,68
content-based graph	

From the conclusion:



- SybilSCAR has given good results in networks where its assumptions hold, but works better in cooperation the machine learning algorithm.
- **The unsupervised learning** algorithm is assuming the biggest difference between inauthentic and authentic profiles, but this is not necessarily the case.
- The supervised machine learning algorithms, both of which are based on decision trees, seem
 to be able to find patterns, given that there are actual patterns to be found, and enough data to
 do so.
- The enhanced machine learning algorithm, neural networks, seems to be able to be more
 efficient at finding good patterns.
- Nevertheless, given all the sources of error and the small difference in accuracy, it is difficult to say which of the two monitored and one amplified machine learning algorithm is best suited for the detection of inauthentic use.









Knowledge, applicability, risks and potentials of AR / VR in the field of physiotherapy in Austria: results of an online survey

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...Introduction:

- ✓ Augmented Reality (AR) in physiotherapy yielded positive effects, such as increasing balance, velocity, cadence, step length, stride length or efficacy to handle falls (Yoo et al., 2013). Chi et al. (2019) showed that different types of Virtual Reality (VR)- therapy could reduce neuropathic pain associated with spinal cord injuries, but the clinical significance of this analgesic effect seems unclear.
- ✓ There are **15,947 registered physiotherapists** in Austria (Holzweber et al., 2021).
- ✓ The Austrian profile of competences for physiotherapists is composed of seven roles and based on the CanMEDS 2015 Physician Competency Framework (Frank, Snell & Sherbino, 2015).
 - ➤ To fulfill the **specific role of an innovator/scholar**, physiotherapists need to live and practice lifelong learning processes and they are required to develop and disseminate evidence-based knowledge (Becker, 2019; Eckler et al., 2017).
 - > Our research project "Connecting.Ideas4Research" in general, analyzes crowdsourcing processes in different professions.
 - Our use case in physiotherapy in particular, analyzes and searches for potentials and barriers in the field of digitalization and AR among Austrian physiotherapists.





...Project Overview, Methods and Results:

Project Overview

Project Overview:

- ✓ WTZ Süd
- ✓ Connecting.Ideas4Research
- focused on open innovation science & crowdsourcing processes
- use case physiotherapy:
 - ➢ digitalization, AR & VR

Results

Methods

Main categories of the survey:

- ✓ sociodemographic data
- ✓ physiotherapy and digitalization
- ✓ physiotherapy and AR/VR
- ✓ access to research findings
- ✓ COVID-19-crisis

Methods:

- ✓ **online survey: LimeSurvey,** May and June 2020
- ✓ inclusion criteria: all registered physiotherapists in Austria
- ✓ distribution: newsletter of the professional organisation, Facebook, graduates, personal emails

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... Sociodemographic Results:

✓ overall sample n=197

✓ excluded participants: n=80

✓ unfulfilled inclusion criteria: n=5

✓ unfinished questionnaires: n=75 ▲

> analyzed sample: n=117 (w=77.8 %; m=22.2 %)

age & experience:

n = 117	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	SD
* Age (years)	20	60	37,56	10,66
Post-qualification experience (years)	1	40	14,52	11,10

educated at:

n = 117	n=	%
PT-School	13	11,1%
PT-Academy	41	35,0%
University of applied sciences	61	52,1%
University	2	1,7%

working conditions:

n = 117	n=	%
Employed	50	42,7%
Self-employed	34	29,1%
★ Both	29	24,8%
On unpaid leave	4	3,4%









... Results:

- > **58.9** % (n=69) do not know the term AR
- > A mean of 4.63 (± 2.09) indicated the relevance of AR on a scale from 1 (not relevant) to 10 (absolute relevant)
- > 70.9 % (n= 83) cannot really identify advantages of AR in physiotherapy

Potential Benefits:

- > increased motivation due to gaming aspects
- development of new therapeutic approaches

Potential disadvantages:

- > increased costs
- > a reduction of face to face contacts
- > increased risk to fall

Further research is required: 83.8 % (n=98)

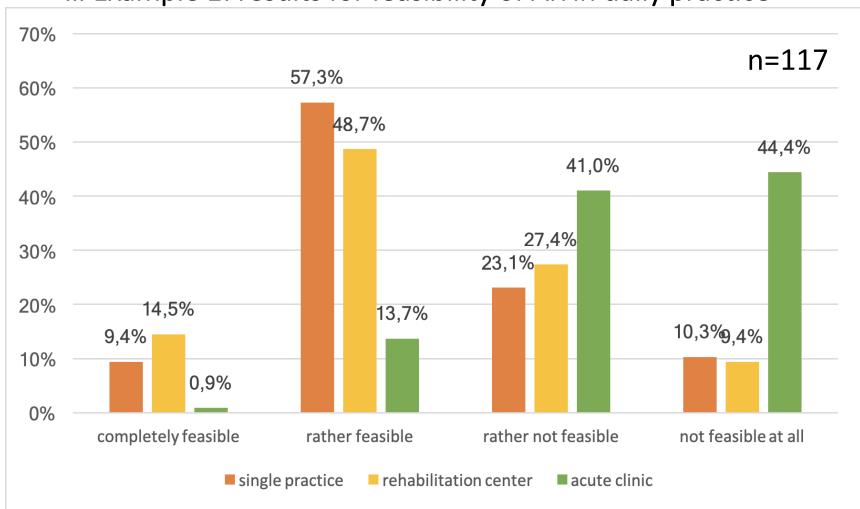
Identified interesting research topics:

- the effect of AR on patients' adherence or compliance (n=6)
- □ AR for diagnostics and therapy evaluation (n=6)
- possible applications of AR in physiotherapy for specific pathologies (n=10)





... Example 1: results for feasibility of AR in daily practice



Possible explanations:

- predominant characteristics of patients
- different goals among settings
- applicability in musculoskeletal and neurological fields vs. other fields

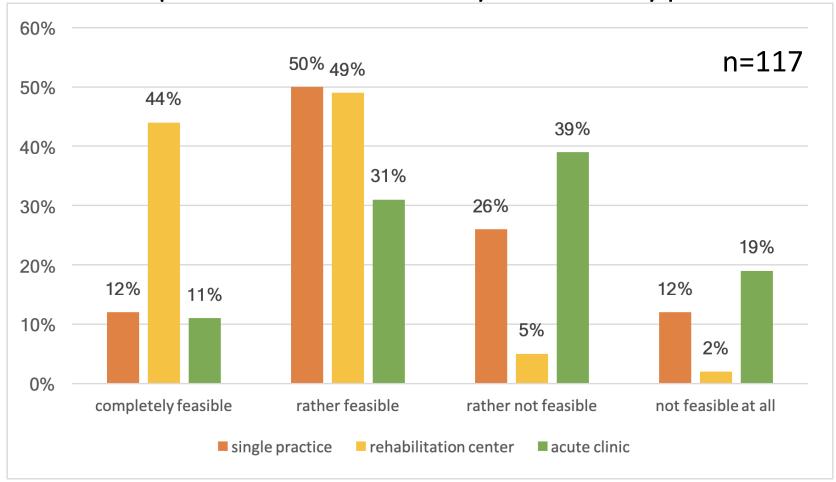
...feasibility of VR-glasses

(e.g., for supporting patients during home exercise programs with further information and real time feedback)





... Example 2: results for feasibility of AR in daily practice



...feasibility of laser projections on the ground in gait analyses (e.g., foot prints on treadmills to influence step length and/or velocity)

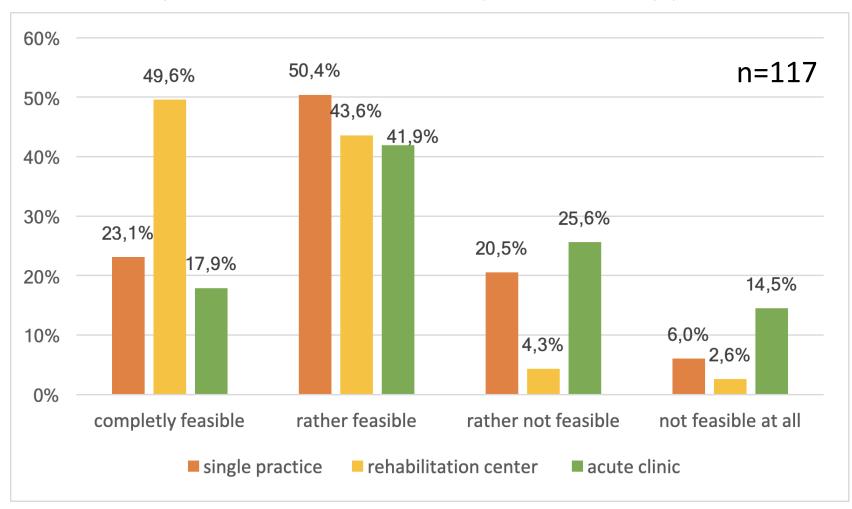
Possible explanations:

- different goals among settings
- availability of necessary equipment
- frequency of working on gait parameters directly





... Example 3: results for feasibility of AR in daily practice



...feasibility of anti freezing canes

(e.g., laser projections on the floor helping people with Parkinsons' diseases overcoming the freezing phenomenon)

Possible explanations:

- easy handling
- AR "integrated" in an everyday object
- different patient needs









- ➤ Representativeness of the sample size: comparison with the population of Austrian physiotherapists (Holzweber et al., 2021):
 - ✓ age: mean age is comparable
 - ✓ education status: not representative
 - ✓ working conditions: not representative (except for the group of physiotherapists who are employed and self-employed)
- ➤ **Limitations:** small sample size, diversity of sociodemographic characteristics, reliability questionable, difficulties contacting participants
- ➤ **Possible solutions:** create legal regulations so that the professional register can be used for distribution





... Conclusion & Perspectives:



Regarding on our results Austrian physiotherapists who filled out the survey

- have a lack of knowledge regarding AR/VR
- > see advantages and disadvantages using this technology

Although the sample size is not representative, similar concerns about AR were concluded as did Banasiadi et al. (2020):

- ✓ special knowledge and education is needed before using these tools
- ✓ the **therapeutic setting** and **patients' pathologies** could influence physiotherapists' decision if they used AR-systems in their daily practice
- ✓ **further research** is required to analyze the effects of AR/VR in healthcare and especially in the field of physiotherapy



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Ethics and (Explainable) AI – Semantic AI & the Role of the Knowledge Scientist



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The Rise of eXplainable AI (XAI)

- Current widespread AI solutions work like "black boxes" lacking the ability to explain their decisions and actions to human users
- Lack of trust & skepticism against current AI solutions
- <u>EU guidelines on ethics in AI</u> explicitly indicate the requirement for XAI
- <u>Upcoming 3rd wave of AI</u> will lead to **Whitebox AI**: explainability, argumentation & abstraction
- Most affected domains: Medicine, Legal, Finance,
 Transportation / Autonomous Vehicles, Security, Military



- Why did you do that?
- · Why not something else?
- . When do you succeed?
- · When do you fail?
- When can I trust you?
- · How do I correct an error?

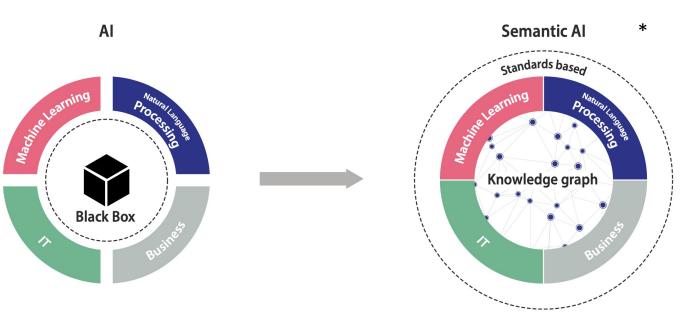
Semantic AI & Knowledge Graphs (KGs)

Semantic Al

- More than "yet another ML algorithm"
- Rather, it is an Al strategy
- Fuses symbolic & statistical Al
- Does not replace but instead boosts existing IT systems

Semantic KGs

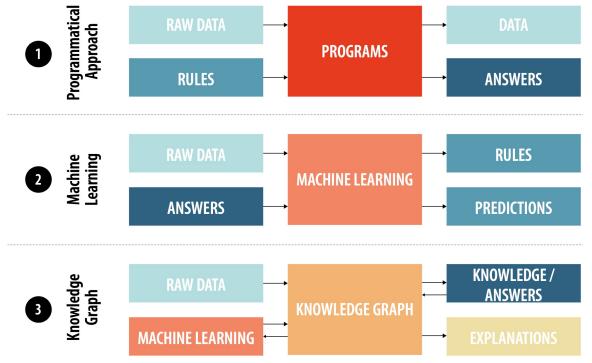
- A semantic KG is at the heart of a semantic Al architecture
- Models of knowledge domains, represented as large networks of semantic entities & relationships



The Role of Semantic KGs in XAI

 As Gartner states "Semantic AI has the advantage of being explainable by design."

- KGs are natively developed to be explainable
- XAI requires domain information to explain a system's decisions => KGs
- Need of human-in-the-loop (HITL) to verify new assertions



Multiple Skills Required

The introduction of semantic AI as a new architecture paradigm introduces the need for **new combinations of skills**



^{*} Word cloud created with WordArt: https://wordart.com/

Myself as an Example...

My duties now (Catalink) and in the recent past (Elsevier, CERTH):

- Leading a small, agile team of software developers & junior researchers
- Analysing the domain of discourse in each project
- Designing & developing semantic models/ontologies/KGs, in close collaboration with end-users
- Developing data processing pipelines to manipulate/transform/merge data
- Deploying the required semantic infrastructure (triplestores, queries, semantic reasoning, APIs) & its communication with the rest of the platform
- Preparation of project deliverables, reports & documentation
- Representing the org in relevant meetings & activities

So, what does the above list make me?

The Emergence of the Knowledge Scientist

Knowledge scientists* should combine multiple hard & soft skills

- Hard skills
 - Data modelling, knowledge representation, ontology engineering
 - Data access & transformation: query & programming languages
 - Knowledgeable of analytical & ML methods



- Soft skills
 - Collaborate with domain experts, business users, data scientists, data engineers
 - Excellent communication skills
 - both a "people person" and a "geek"





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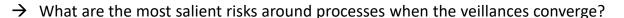
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Society is a facing a convergence of the veillances. What frameworks might we consider to mitigate the risks?

The Convergence of the Veillances: Benefits & Risks

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- Converging Veillances
 - Surveillance
 - Sousveillance
 - Dataveillance
 - Uberveillance
- Privacy Border Crossings
- ISO 31000: Mining the Risks

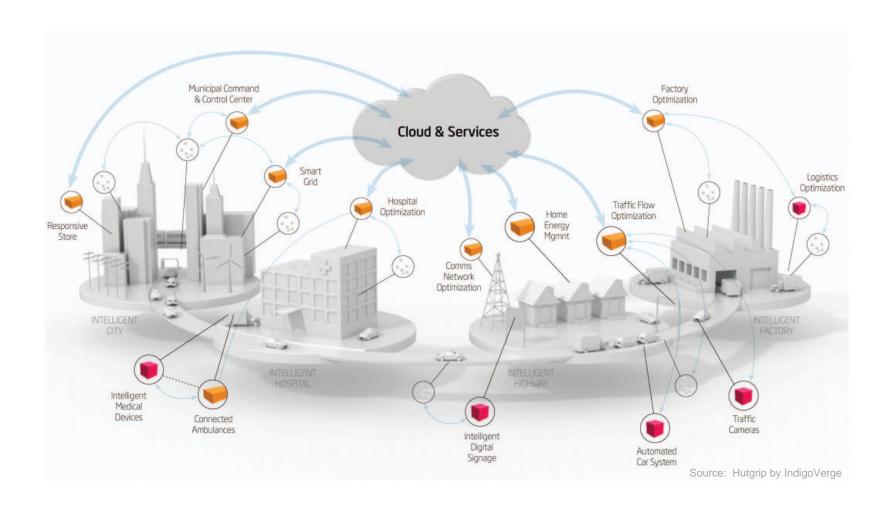


- → What are Privacy Border Crossings to consider?
- →What are frameworks to consider to mitigate the risks?

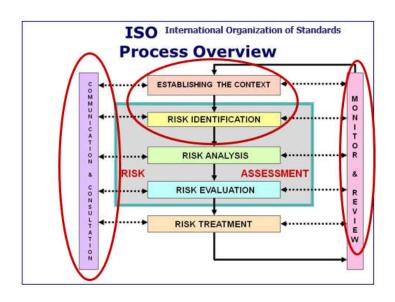


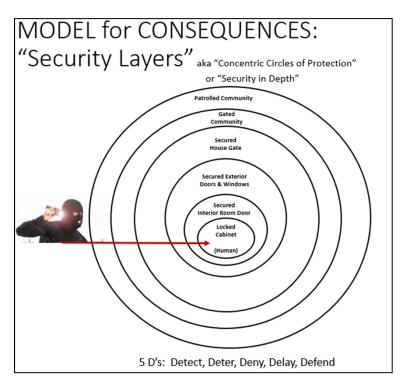
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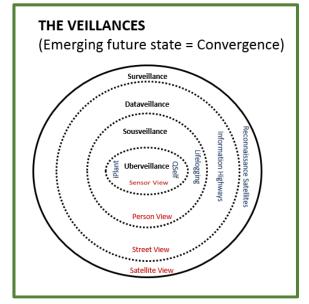
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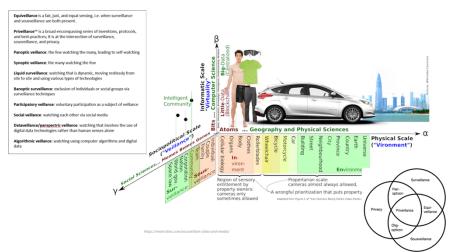


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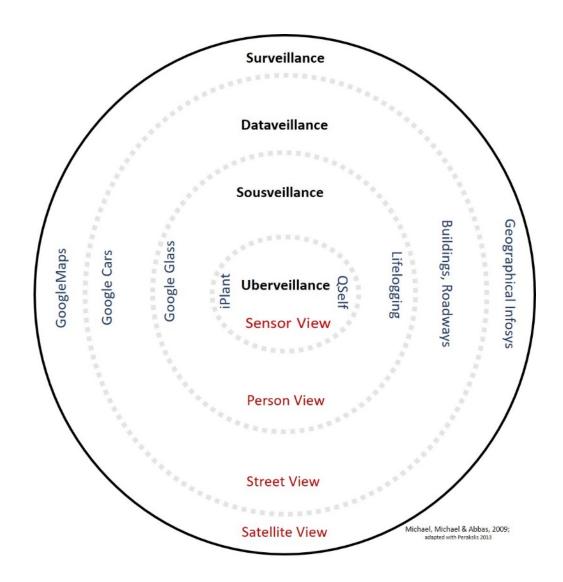
- Natural Borders Physical (i.e. freedom from invasion in such material realms as walls, doors, clothing, facial expressions, and verbal conversations.)
- Social Borders Social System (i.e. the right to confidentiality/freedom from invasion of privacy by others in the social system)
- Spatial or Temporal Borders Delineation (i.e. the right to establish delineation in work, personal, religious, etc. spheres; rights to maintain decoupled spheres.)
- Ephemeral or Transitory Borders Eradicable (i.e. the right to have information forgotten, or to delete permanently a past extemporaneous or regrettable action)

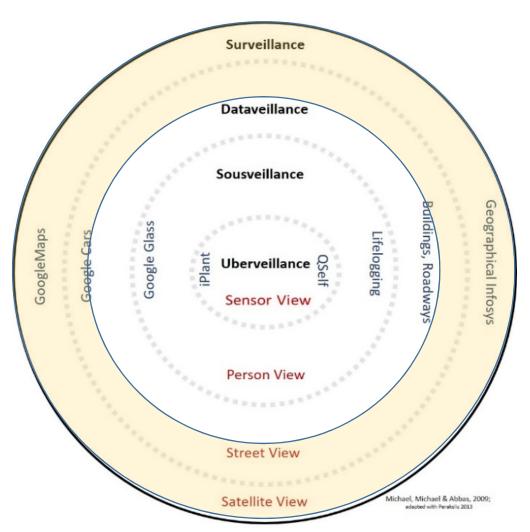
ADDITIONAL BORDER CONSIDERATION (2016):

 Physio-psychological Borders (i.e. boundaries of the internal realm of the individual's human system such as physiological and psychological; the expectations of personal autonomy and self-determination of his or her human system, including ownership of the information.

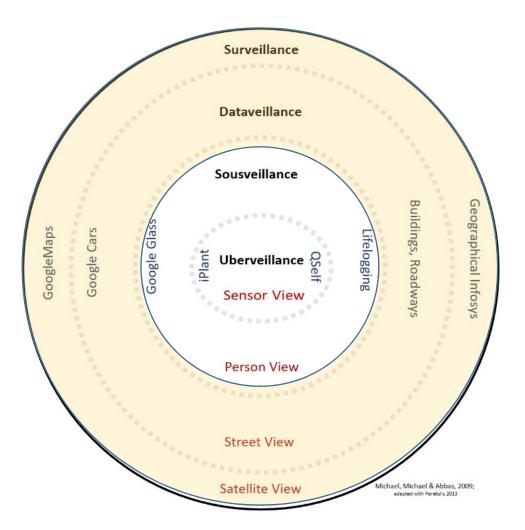


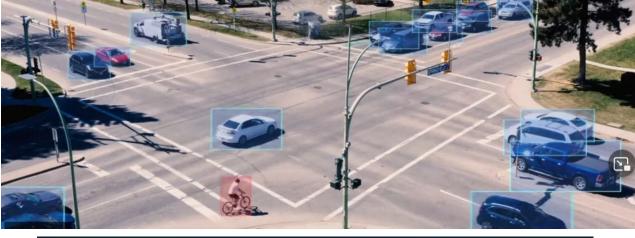




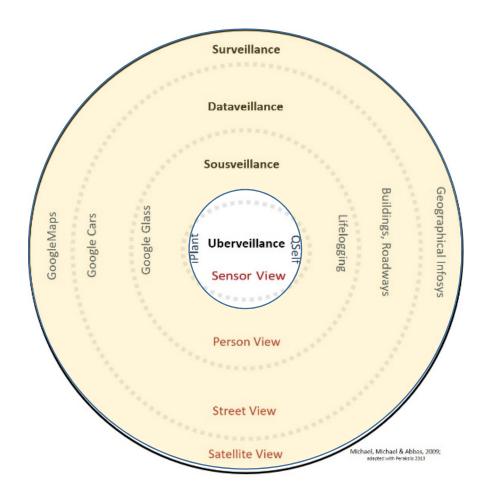










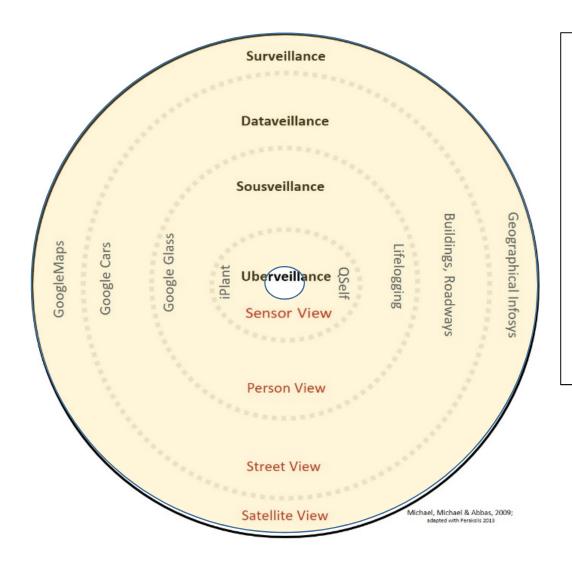


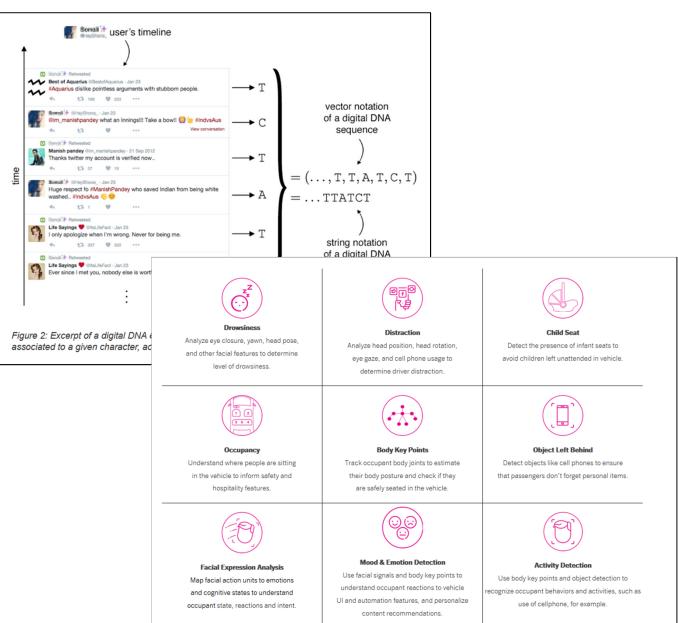






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1. Insightfulness

With context-awareness and context-adaption, networks of ubiquitous devices will be continuously "on" and autonomously learning behaviors. With data gleaned across all veillances, devices will assess humans in multiple contexts, capacities, and over time. This is likely to lead to a capability for the system to have rich insightfulness, or a precise and profound understanding of humans in the current, but also future, state. As the veillances converge, will this yield a world in which the watchers have an unique advantage with profound insight derived through an accurate, multilayered, intuitive understanding of the human?

2. Imperceptible

As networks are operating behind the line of visibility, humans are not likely to comprehend the scope, reach, or even timing of data practices. The processes and procedures are likely to be imperceptible. Users could be blinded to what is collected, by whom, for how long, how it is synthesized with other data, and who owns the data now - or in the future. As the veillances converge, will this yield a world in which the man does not perceive the watching, and as a result, nor the consequences of being watched?

3. Incomprehensibility

Our current state of terms and conditions are often murky and/or mutable. Additionally, the average human is not likely to comprehend the wide-ranging system, nor the risks associated across multiple organizations sharing data. The system is likely to be incomprehensible for the consumer. Simpler technologies have already proven to be complex and convoluted to the average consumer. As the veillances converge, will this yield a world in which a human must opt-in to stipulations that are unrealistic to comprehend?

4. Indelibility

Data may become ineradicable. Our digital footprints are likely to leave an indelible history of analyzable behaviors, especially if we do not own our data, or if data were shared and stored elsewhere in the veillances. As the veillances converge, will this yield a world in which the human's behaviors cannot be forgotten? Will humans comprehend the long-term effects of being watched?

5. Invasiveness

As we allow technology to listen inside of us and to listen in to our relationships, we are likely to create systems in which not only our behaviors are predicted, but perhaps even our intent. As the veillances converge, will this yield a world in which such intrusion into the inner sanctum of a human could place dignity at risk – even if unintended?

Involuntariness

It is evermore compulsory for an individual to subscribe to cloud-based email to be gainfully employed or to receive extensive services across disciplines at a hospital. More often, individuals are pressured to opt-in to belong and benefit socially, or to benefit financially (e.g. discounts offered by an insurance company). As the veillances converge, will this yield a world in which man must opt-in to technology to participate in society?

- Natural Borders Physical (i.e. freedom from invasion in such material realms as walls, doors, clothing, facial expressions, and verbal conversations.)
- Social Borders Social System (i.e. the right to confidentiality/freedom from invasion of privacy by others in the social system)
- Spatial or Temporal Borders Delineation (i.e. the right to establish delineation in work, personal, religious, etc. spheres; rights to maintain decoupled spheres.)
- Ephemeral or Transitory Borders Eradicable (i.e. the right to have information forgotten, or to delete permanently a past extemporaneous or regrettable action)

ADDITIONAL BORDER CONSIDERATION (2016):

 Physio-psychological Borders (i.e. boundaries of the internal realm of the individual's human system such as physiological and psychological; the expectations of personal autonomy and self-determination of his or her human system, including ownership of the information.



Appendix A: The 7 Foundational Principles

1. Proactive not Reactive; Preventative not Remedial

The *Privacy by Design* (PbD) approach is characterized by proactive rather than reactive measures. It anticipates and prevents privacy invasive events *before* they happen. PbD does not wait for privacy risks to materialize, nor does it offer remedies for resolving privacy infractions once they have occurred – it aims to *prevent* them from occurring. In short, *Privacy by Design* comes before-the-fact, not after.

2. Privacy as the Default Setting

We can all be certain of one thing – the default rules! *Privacy by Design* seeks to deliver the maximum degree of privacy by ensuring that personal data are automatically protected in any given IT system or business practice. If an individual does nothing, their privacy still remains intact. No action is required on the part of the individual to protect their privacy – it is built into the system, *by default*.

3. Privacy Embedded into Design

Privacy by Design is embedded into the design and architecture of IT systems and business practices. It is not bolted on as an add-on, after the fact. The result is that privacy becomes an essential component of the core functionality being delivered. Privacy is integral to the system, without diminishing functionality.

4. Full Functionality - Positive-Sum, not Zero-Sum

Privacy by Design seeks to accommodate all legitimate interests and objectives in a positive-sum "win-win" manner, not through a dated, zero-sum approach, where unnecessary trade-offs are made. Privacy by Design avoids the pretense of false dichotomies, such as privacy vs. security, demonstrating that it is possible to have both.

End-to-End Security – Full Lifecycle Protection

Privacy by Design, having been embedded into the system prior to the first element of information being collected, extends securely throughout the entire lifecycle of the data involved — strong security measures are essential to privacy, from start to finish. This ensures that all data are securely retained, and then securely destroyed at the end of the process, in a timely fashion. Thus, Privacy by Design ensures cradle to grave, secure lifecycle management of information, end-to-end.

6. Visibility and Transparency - Keep it Open

Privacy by Design seeks to assure all stakeholders that whatever the business practice or technology involved, it is in fact, operating according to the stated promises and objectives, subject to independent verification. Its component parts and operations remain visible and transparent, to users and providers alike. Remember, trust but verify.

7. Respect for User Privacy - Keep it User-Centric

Above all, *Privacy by Design* requires architects and operators to keep the interests of the individual uppermost by offering such measures as strong privacy defaults, appropriate notice, and empowering user-friendly options. Keep it user-centric.

- Anticipatory Ethics
- Privacy by Design (PbD)
- The International Associations of Impact Assessments' (IAIA)
- Social Impact Assessment (SIA)
- Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA)

Thank you for your time.