



Understanding Collective Crowd Behaviors: Learning a Mixture Model of Dynamic Pedestrian-Agents

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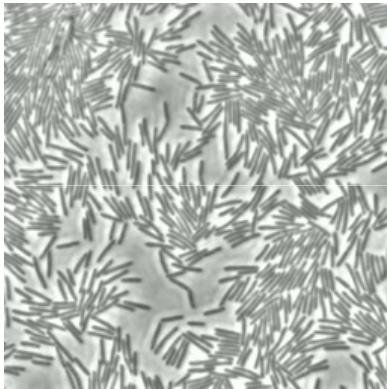
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Collective Crowd Behaviors

- Examples of Collective Crowd Behaviors:

1. Bacterial colony



2. Fish school



3. Human crowd



4. Human crowd



5. Human crowd



6. Traffic flow

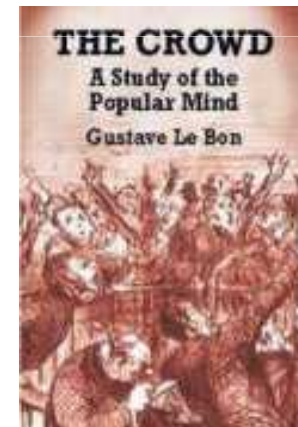


Understand Collective Crowd Behaviors

- Features of Collective Crowd Behavior
 - Vanishing of individual personalities
 - New characteristics beyond individual behaviors
 - Shared beliefs and common goals



Crowd in Grand Central Station



by Le Bon (1841~1931)
in "The Crowd: A Study
of the Popular Mind"

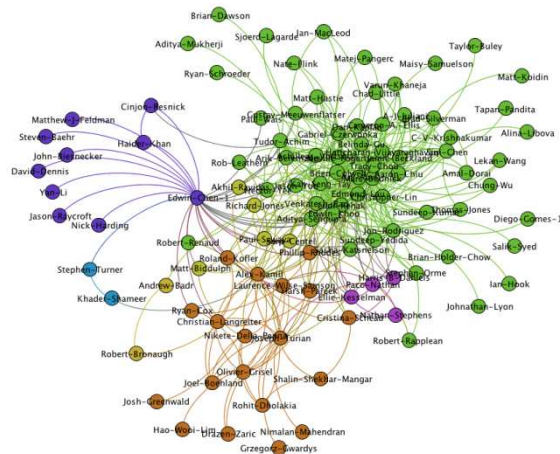
Related Work

- Biology and Statistical Physics
 - Exploring the mechanisms that lead to the collective movements
 - Studying the statistical principles and dynamics of the crowd behaviors

A photograph of a school of fish swimming underwater. The fish are tightly packed and moving in a coordinated, swirling pattern, creating a dense, blue, and somewhat circular shape, demonstrating collective behavior in a different biological context.

Related Work

- Social Networks and Complex Networks
 - Studying how individuals are connected into collective communities
 - Investigating how information propagates among complex networks



Related Work

- Computer graphics
 - Simulating virtual crowds in games and movies



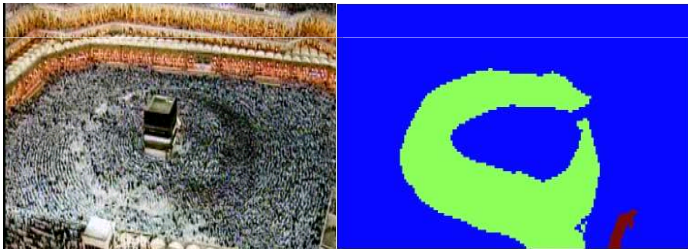
Related Work

- Computer Vision

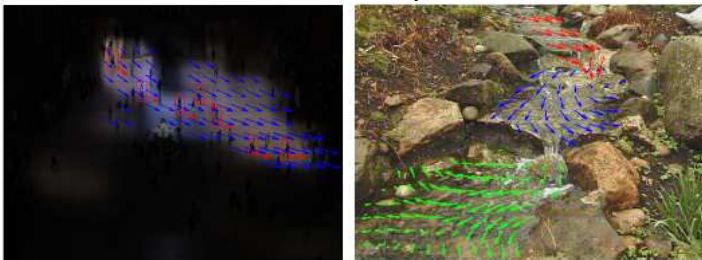
- Learning and segmenting the motion patterns:

- Flow fields

- Ali CVPR'07



- Lin CVPR'09, 10

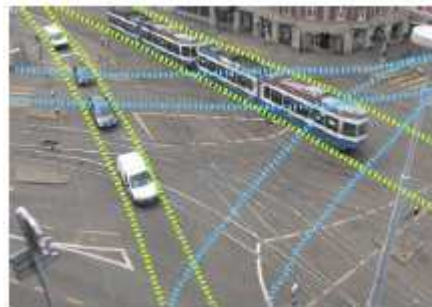


- Topic models

- Hospedales ICCV'09



- Kuettel CVPR'10

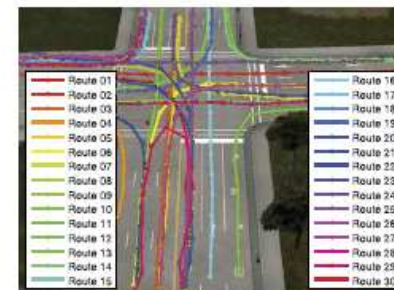


- Trajectory clustering

- Makris SMC'05



- Morris PAMI'11



Related Work

- Computer Vision

- Analyzing the social interaction between pedestrians:

Social-force model

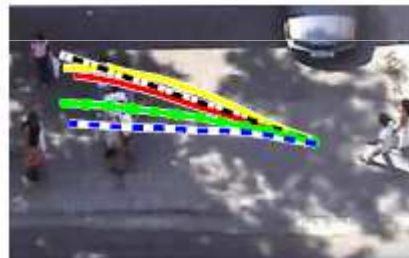
Helbing PRL'95, Nature'00

$$m_i \frac{dv_i}{dt} = m_i \frac{v_i^0(t) e_i^0(t) - v_i(t)}{\tau_i} + \sum_{j(\neq i)} f_{ij} + \sum_w f_{iw}$$



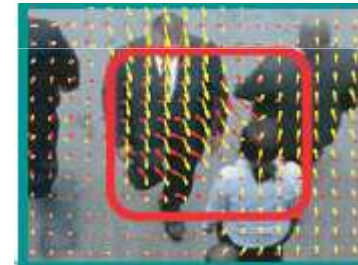
Tracking

Pellegrini ICCV'09



Abnormality detection

Mehran CVPR'09



Group detection

Ge PAMI'11



Interaction analysis

Scovanner ICCV'09



Our Work

- To quantitatively analyze crowd behaviors

- Framework of **Dynamic Pedestrian-Agents**

- Applications:

- ✓ Learning collective behavior patterns
 - ✓ Recognizing collective behaviors
 - ✓ Detecting abnormal behaviors
 - ✓ Predicting future behaviors
 - ✓ Estimating scene statistics

- Challenges:

- Detection and tracking errors
 - Different collective patterns mixed

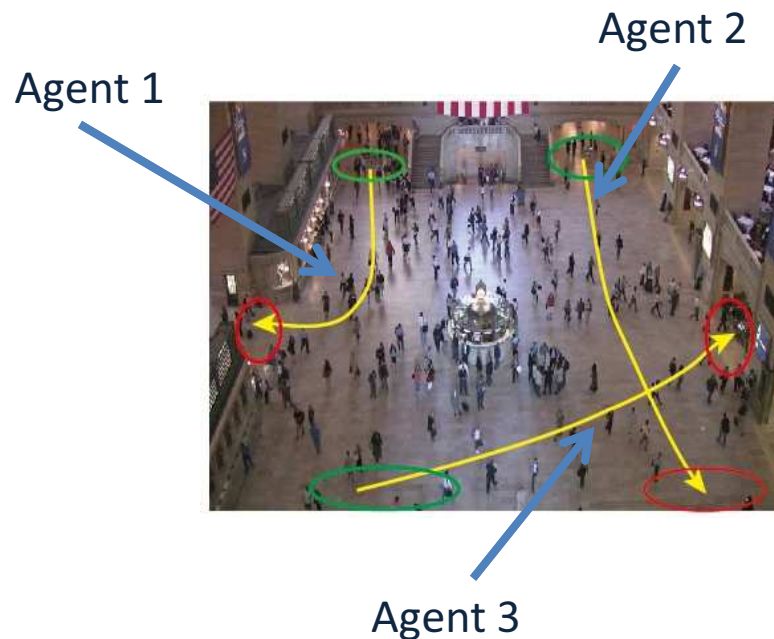


Contributions of Our Work

1. Agent-based modeling of crowd behavior
2. Three factors to analyze crowd behavior
3. Learning from highly fragmented trajectories

1. Agent-based modeling of crowd behavior

- Simple behavioral rules for multiple agents to generate complex behaviors
- Simulating crowds and classifying collective behaviors
- Integrating with social-force model



Interactive dynamics



Social-force model

Collective dynamics



Our model

2. Three factors to analyze crowd behavior

➤ Beliefs of Pedestrian

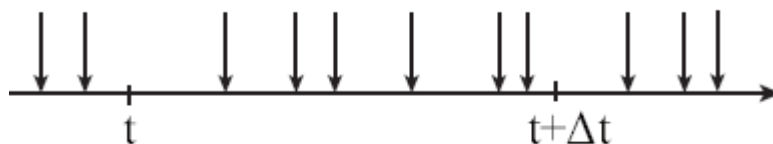
Starting point and destination

➤ Collective Dynamics

Pedestrian movement patterns

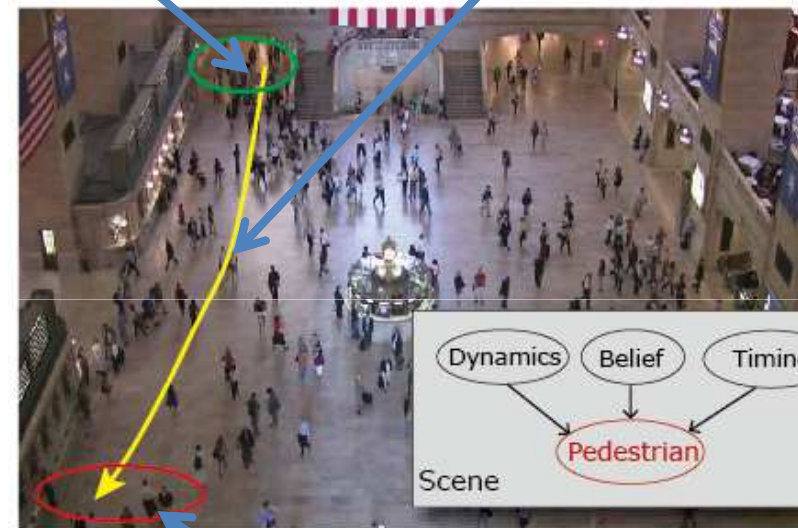
➤ Timing of Emerging

It determines population in the scene



Starting point

Dynamics



Destination

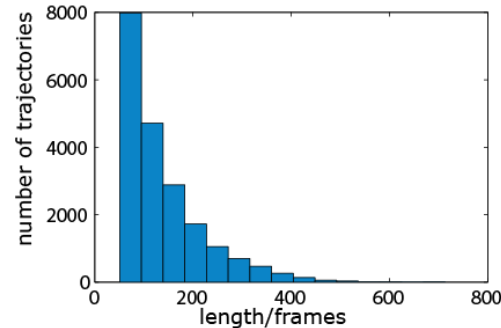
Every pedestrian is driven by one type of agents, and the whole crowd is modeled as a mixture of pedestrian-agents

3. Learning from fragmented trajectories

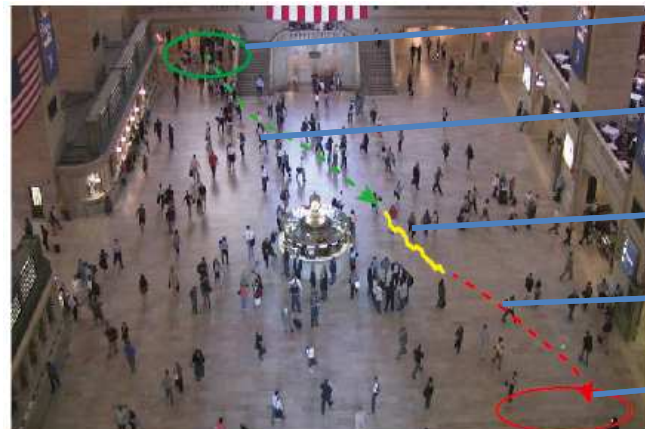
Plot of trajectories



Histogram of lengths



- Estimating missing observations through model inference
- Regularizing the trajectories through estimating its starting point and destination



Estimated starting point

Estimated past trajectory

Observed trajectory

Estimated future trajectory

Estimated destination

Dynamic Pedestrian-Agents

- **Beliefs:** $B = (\mu^s, \Phi^s, \mu^e, \Phi^e)$

$$p(\mathbf{x}_s) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_s | \mu^s, \Phi^s),$$

$$p(\mathbf{x}_e) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_e | \mu^e, \Phi^e).$$

- **Dynamics** $D = (\mathbf{A}, \Gamma)$

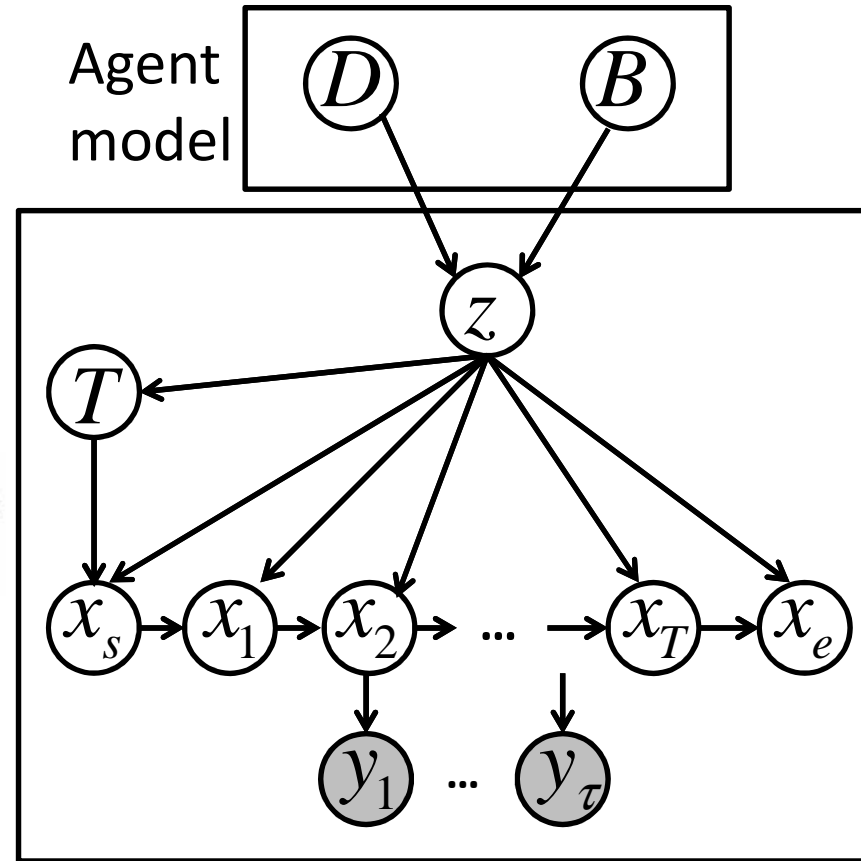
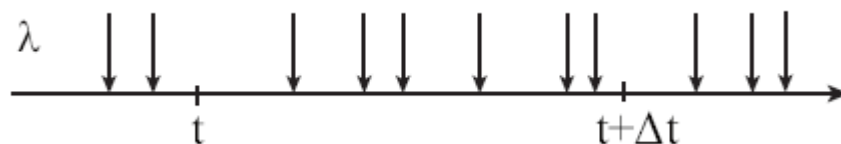
$$\mathbf{x}_t = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}_{t-1} + \omega_t, \quad p(\mathbf{x}_t | \mathbf{x}_{t-1}) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_t | \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}_{t-1}, \Gamma),$$

$$\mathbf{y}_t = \mathbf{C}\mathbf{x}_t + \varepsilon_t, \quad p(\mathbf{y}_t | \mathbf{x}_t) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{y}_t | \mathbf{x}_t, \Sigma),$$

linear dynamic system
with affine transform

- **Timings** Poisson process

$$p(n; \lambda) = \frac{(\lambda)^n e^{-\lambda}}{n!}$$



Trajectories

Model Inference: EM

$$\Theta^* = \arg \max_{\Theta} \sum_{k=1}^K \log p(\mathbf{y}^k; \Theta).$$

Experiments

- Simulating Crowd
- Segmenting Semantic Regions
- Classifying Collective Behaviors
- Predicting Behaviors of Pedestrians
- Detecting Abnormal Behaviors

Experiments: Simulating Crowd

- Examples of learned dynamic pedestrian-agents



Experiments: Simulating Crowd

- A Demo Video

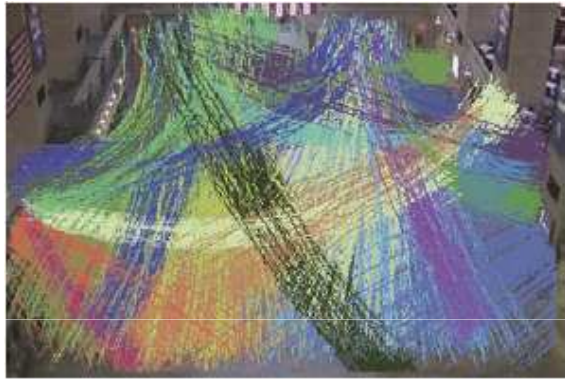


Real Crowd and Trajectories

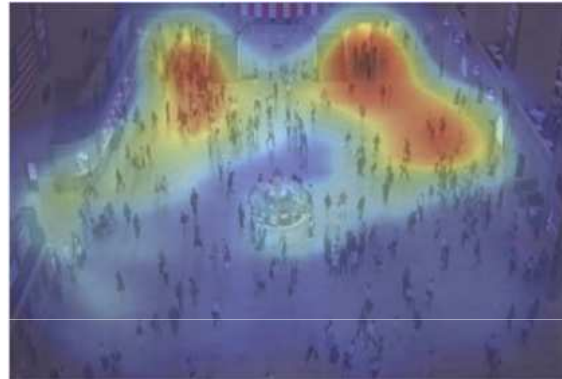
Simulation

Experiments: Simulating Crowd

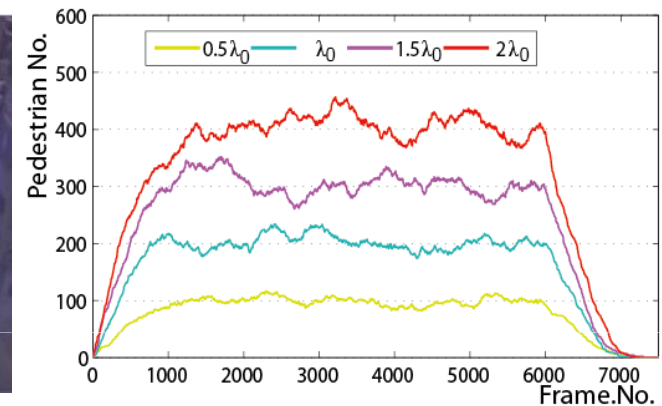
- Statistics of the crowd from simulation



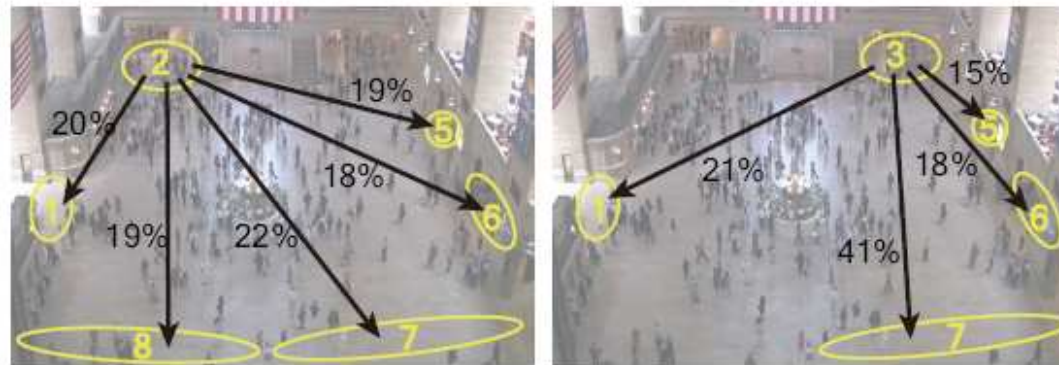
Simulated trajectories from
our model



Population density map
estimated from simulation

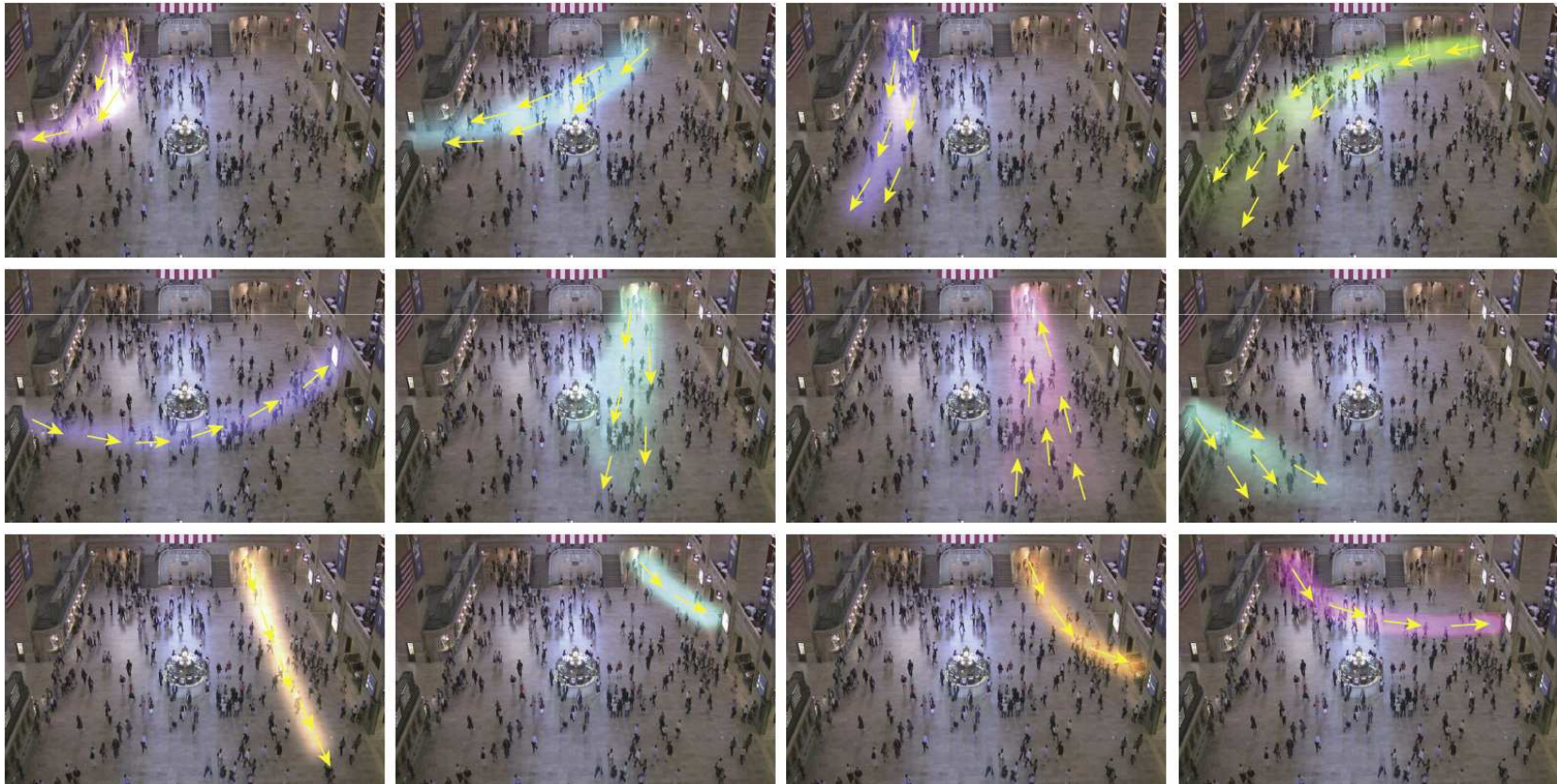


Scene capacity variations
estimated from simulation



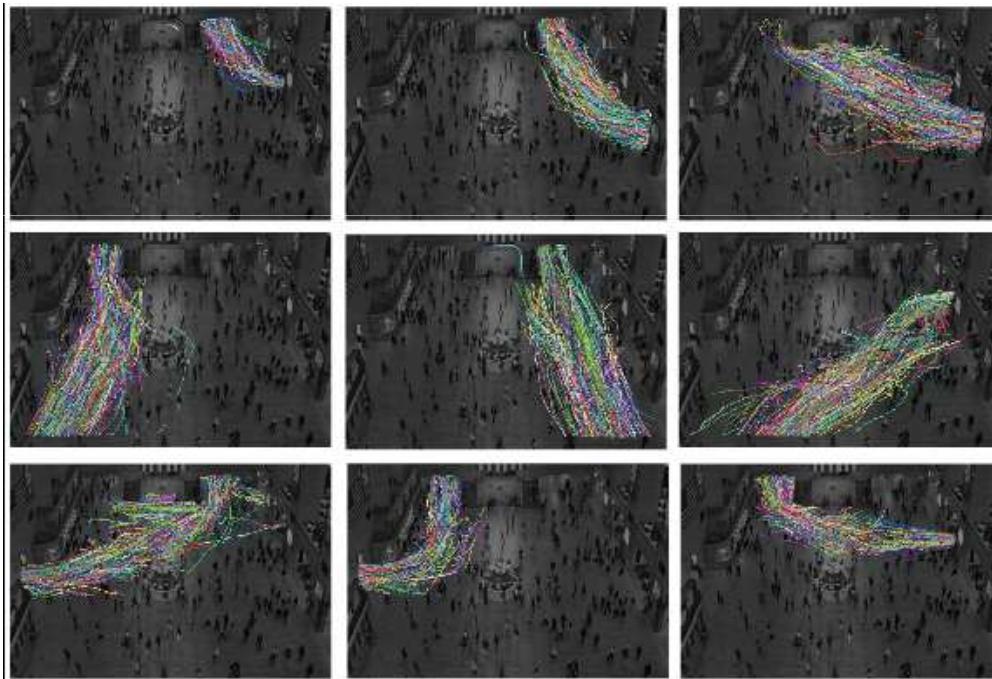
Pedestrian flow transition ratios

Experiments: Segmenting Semantic Regions

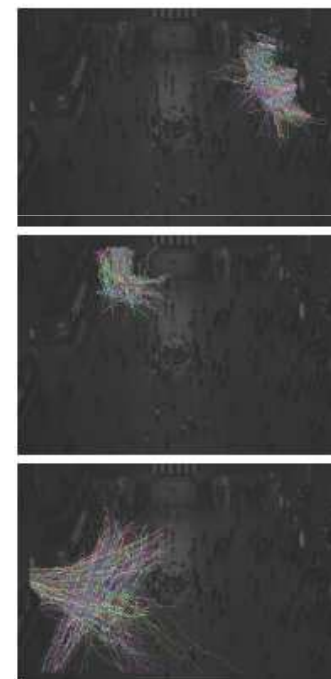


Experiments: Classifying Behaviors

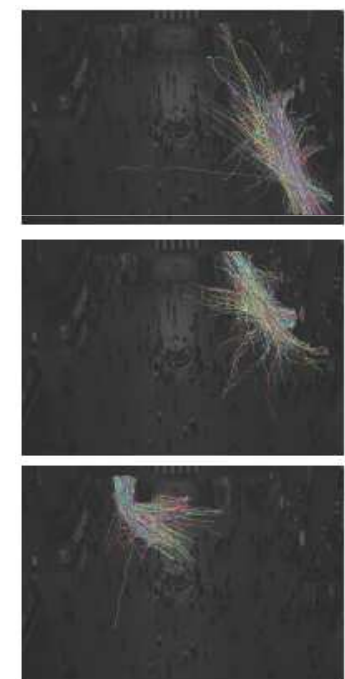
- Trajectory clustering



Ours



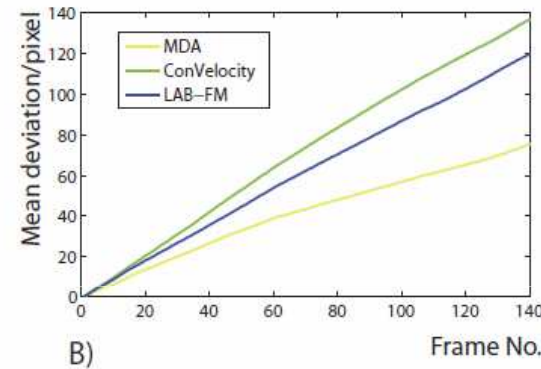
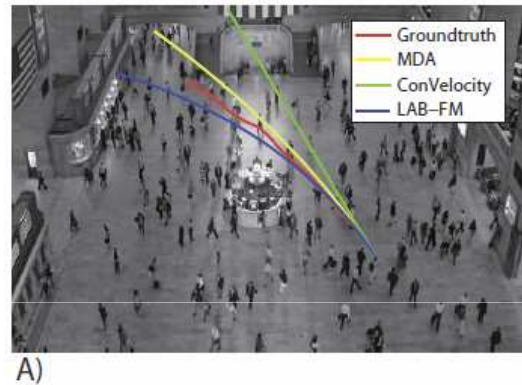
Spectral clustering
(Wang ECCV'06)



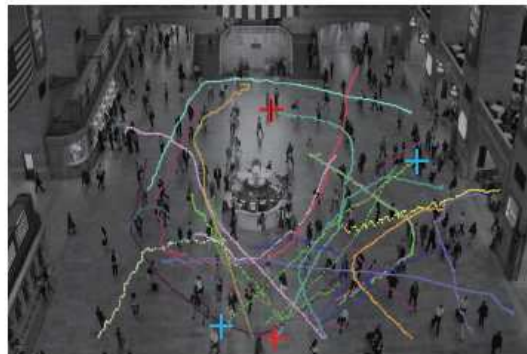
HDP (Wang
CVPR'08)

Experiments: Predicting Behaviors

- Estimating the future path of pedestrians



- Detecting abnormal behaviors



Abnormal trajectories



Abnormal: sudden turning

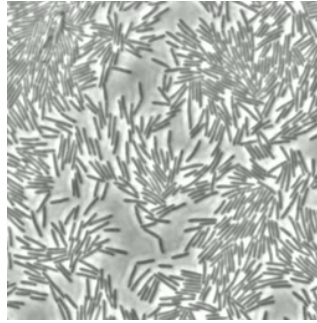


Abnormal: running

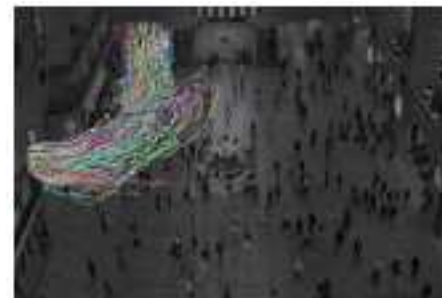
Conclusion

- Agent-based models are used to learn collective crowd behaviors and to simulate crowds.
- *Dynamics, Beliefs, and Timing* are proposed to model pedestrian-agents.
- Learning crowd behaviors from highly fragmented trajectories.
- Various applications to crowd simulation, scene segmentation, collective behavior classification, abnormality detection and behavior prediction.

Questions



- Enquiry: zhoubolei@gmail.com
- Data (video, trajectories) can be found at my homepage.



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