

Privacy-Aware and Acceptable Video-Based Technologies and Services for Active and Assisted Living



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Visual privacy preservation for video-based Active and Assisted Living (AAL) applications

Education

Universitat d'Alacant
Universidad de Alicante

Ph.D. in Computer Science, 2021 – 2024 (expected)

- University of Alicante (Spain)

Topic: Visual Privacy preservation for omnidirectional RGB videos in AAL

TUDelft

M.Sc. in Systems and Control Engineering (2017)

- Technische Universiteit Delft

(The Netherlands)

Thesis: Reinforcement learning across timescales.

PhD research objectives

Can we create an end-to-end private by design pipeline for contextual visual privacy preservation in AAL using omnidirectional RGB cameras, and which adheres to EU legal regulations?

RQ1 - Can we provide contextual visual privacy for individuals appearing in RGB images?

- Created an extensive research review aimed at understanding the state of the art in privacy preservation for AAL [2]

RQ2 - Can we provide privacy to individuals appearing in zenithal-view omnidirectional camera images?

- Created ODIN, the first massive multimodal omnidirectional dataset aimed at human behaviour understanding tasks like pose estimation and activity recognition. [1]

RQ3 - Can a private by design pipeline be created for omnidirectional images that adheres to legal regulations?

- Studied the legal aspects of creating a privacy preserving pipeline for AAL with Stockholm university.

Select Work Experience

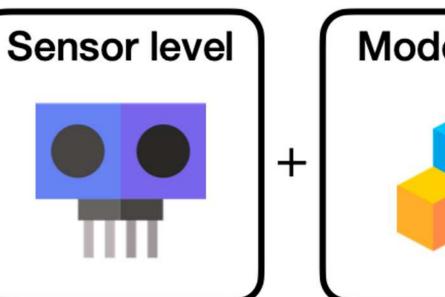


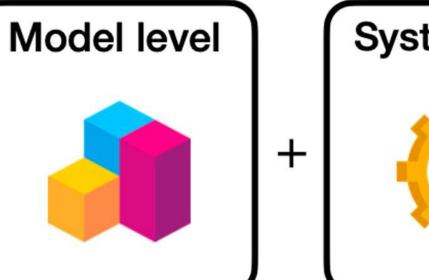
Research Engineer, machine learning at Q-Free.ASA, The Netherlands (2019 - 2021)

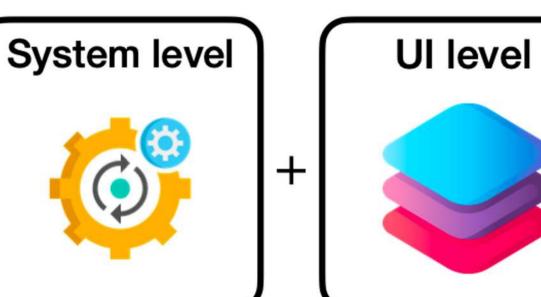
- Led the development and deployment of computationally efficient embedded semantic segmenters and object detectors for vehicle detection and license plate character recognition. (Python / Tensorflow / Scikit-Learn / Google cloud compute)

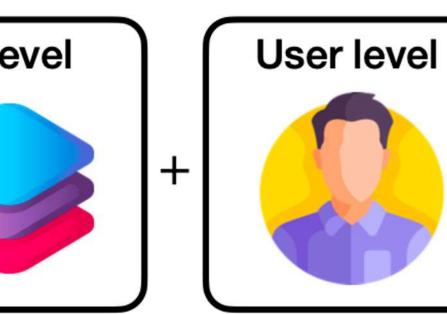
- The model built was shipped to around 15 countries worldwide.

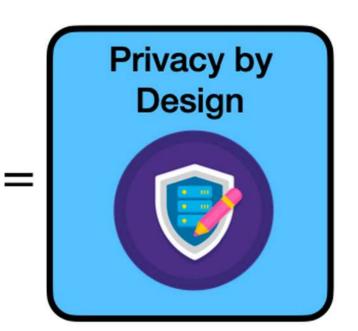
Design elements for visual Privacy by design



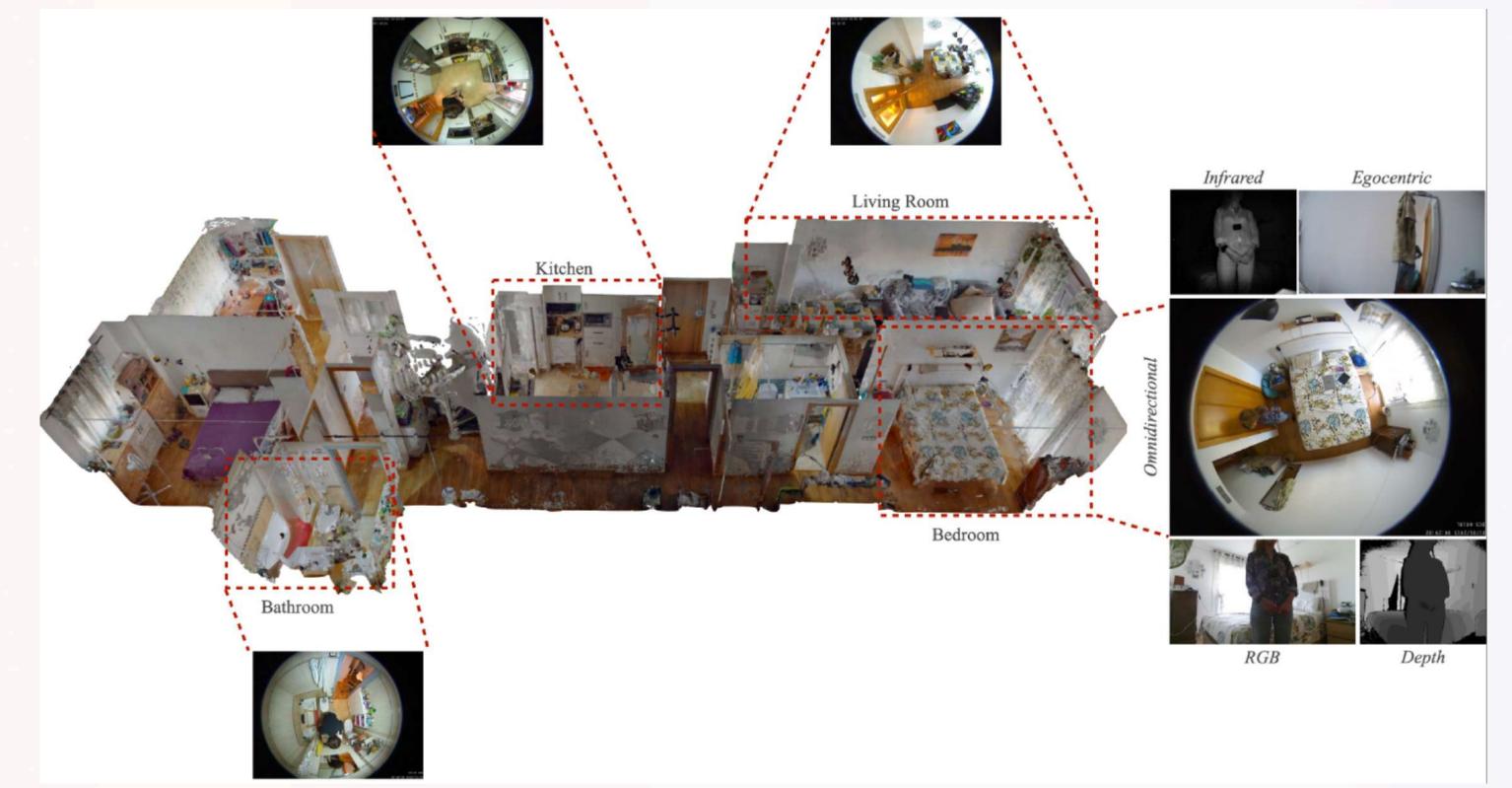








ODIN – A massive multimodal dataset for human behaviour understanding





Omnidirectional Pose estimate



TILBURG • UNIVERSITY Researcher, Tilburg University / KPN Amsterdam (2018-2019)

> - Developed a method to distill soft decision trees to interpret deep reinforcement learning policies using evolutionary algorithms. (Python/Tensorflow, MATLAB).

> Created interpretable concept mappings from neural latent spaces to knowledge bases comprised of combinations of input features. (Pytorch)

Select Publications

[1] Ravi, S., Climent-Perez, P., Morales, T., Huesca-Spairani, C., Hashemifard, K., & Florez-Revuelta, F. (2023). ODIN: An OmniDirectional INdoor Dataset Capturing Activities of Daily Living From Multiple Synchronized Modalities. In Proceedings of the IEEE/CVF Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR) Workshops, 2023, (pp. 6487-6496)

[2] Ravi, S., Climent-Perez, P., & Florez-Revuelta, F. (2021). A review on visual privacy preservation techniques for active and assisted living. Multimedia Tools and Applications 2023.











