

Video games for visual interface — [Eye-Tracking]

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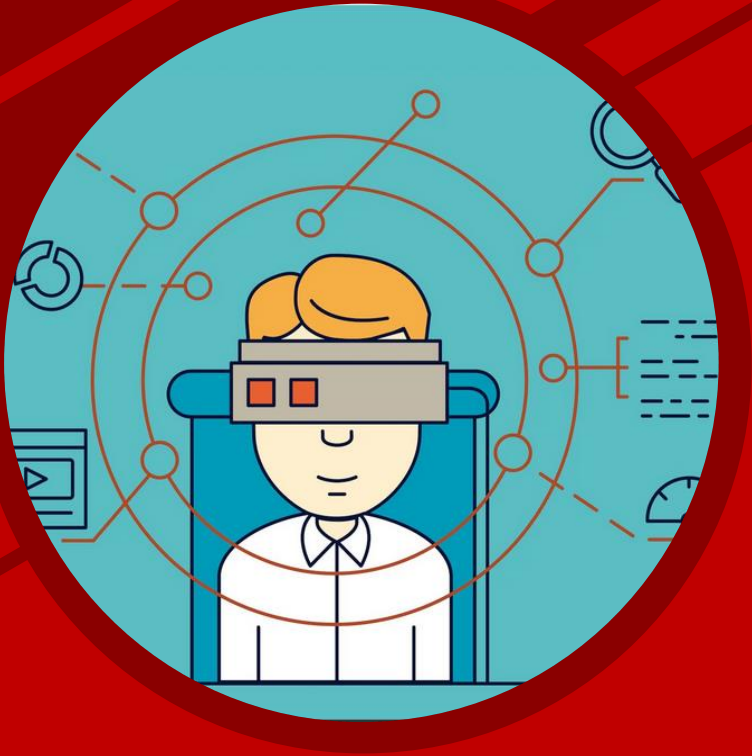
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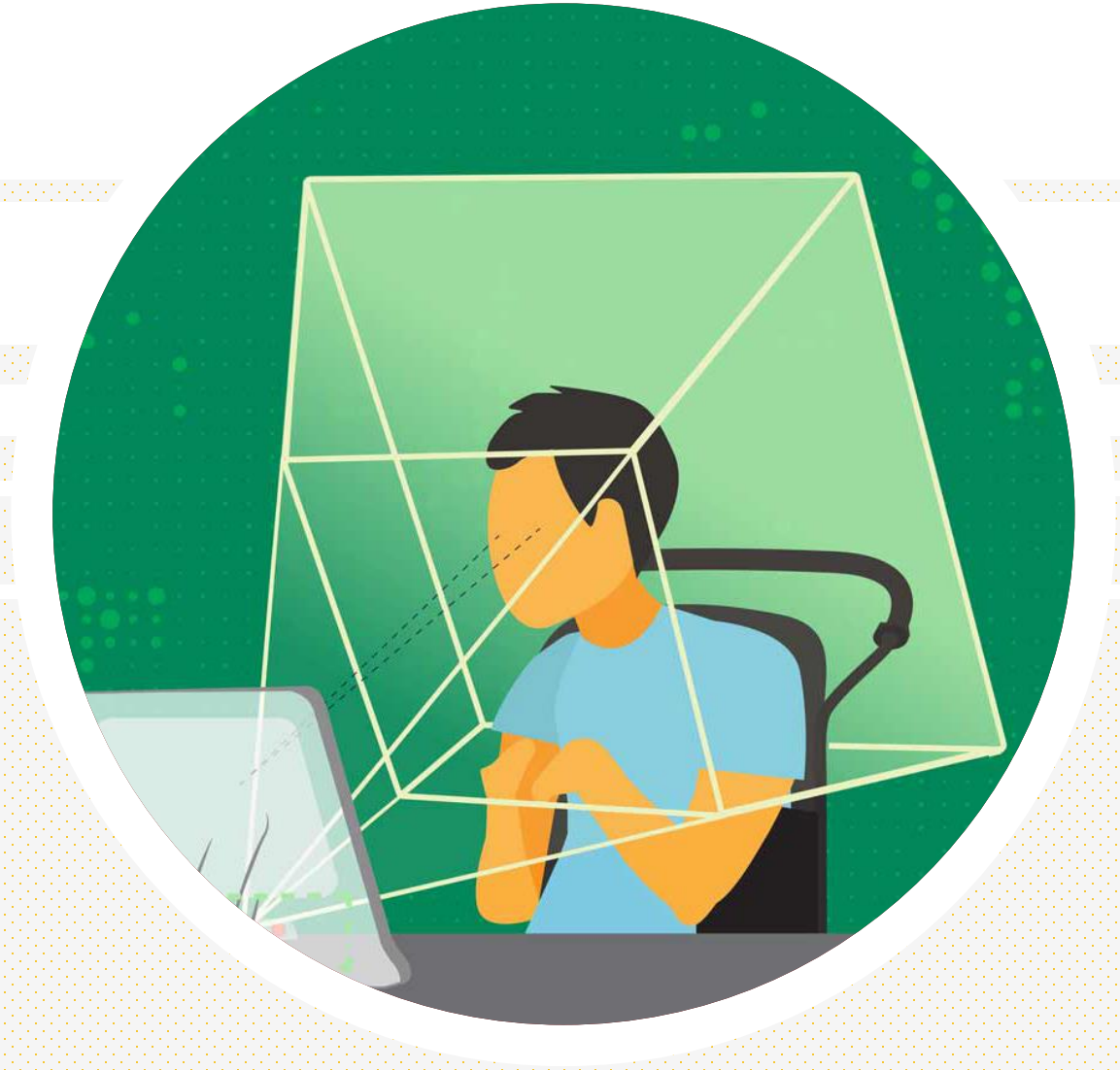
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► Introduction

Why are we interested in eye-tracking ?



Eye-trackers = Aided Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC)



GOAL :

Provide a communication medium for children with multiple disabilities.

Gazing

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one of the most natural ways
for perception and interaction



Eye – trackers

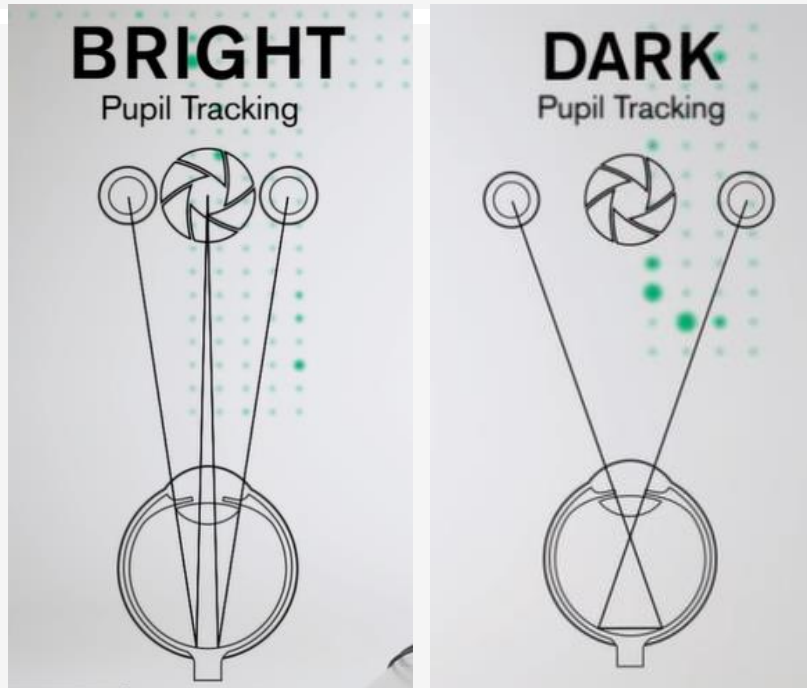
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device for measuring eye
position and movement .



How does an eye-tracker work?

An **eye-tracker** is basically an **infrared camera** that provides raw **coordinates** from which it is possible to estimate **eye-movement**.



An eye tracker consists of cameras, illuminators and algorithms.



1

The Illuminators

create a pattern of near-infrared light on the eyes.



2

The Cameras

take images of the user's eyes and the patterns.



3

The image processing algorithms

find specific details in the user's eyes and reflections patterns.



4

Based on these details mathematical algorithms calculate the eyes' position and gaze point, for instance on a computer monitor.



▶ Learning through video games

GazePlay

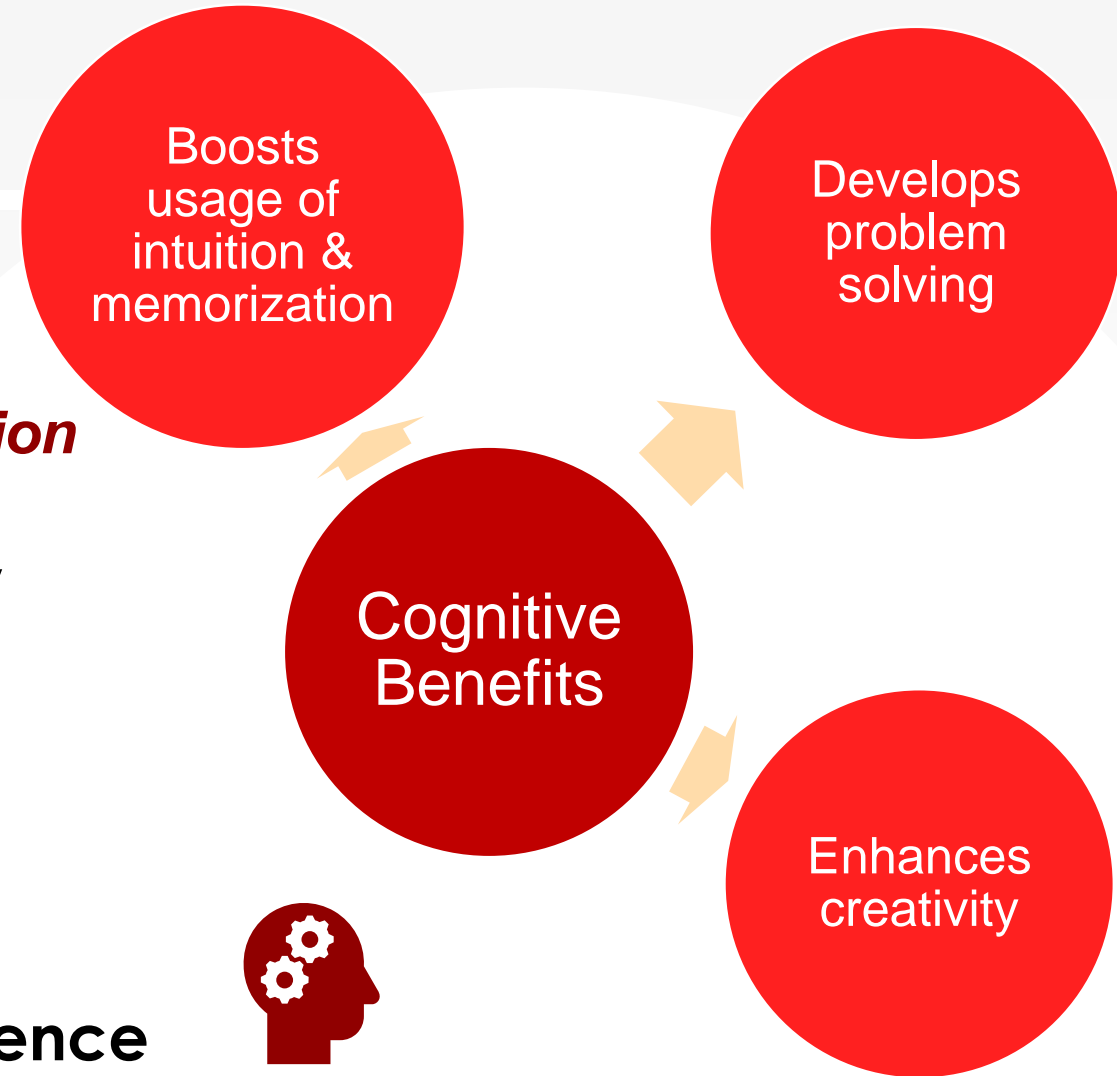


Why video- games ?

- Make learning **fun**
- Serious games = designed for training and **education**
- Advancements in Neural Processing and Efficiency
- Keep the **motivation** & interest alive



Incremental Theory of Intelligence





- free and open-source
- 45+ mini-games
- playable with an eye-tracker

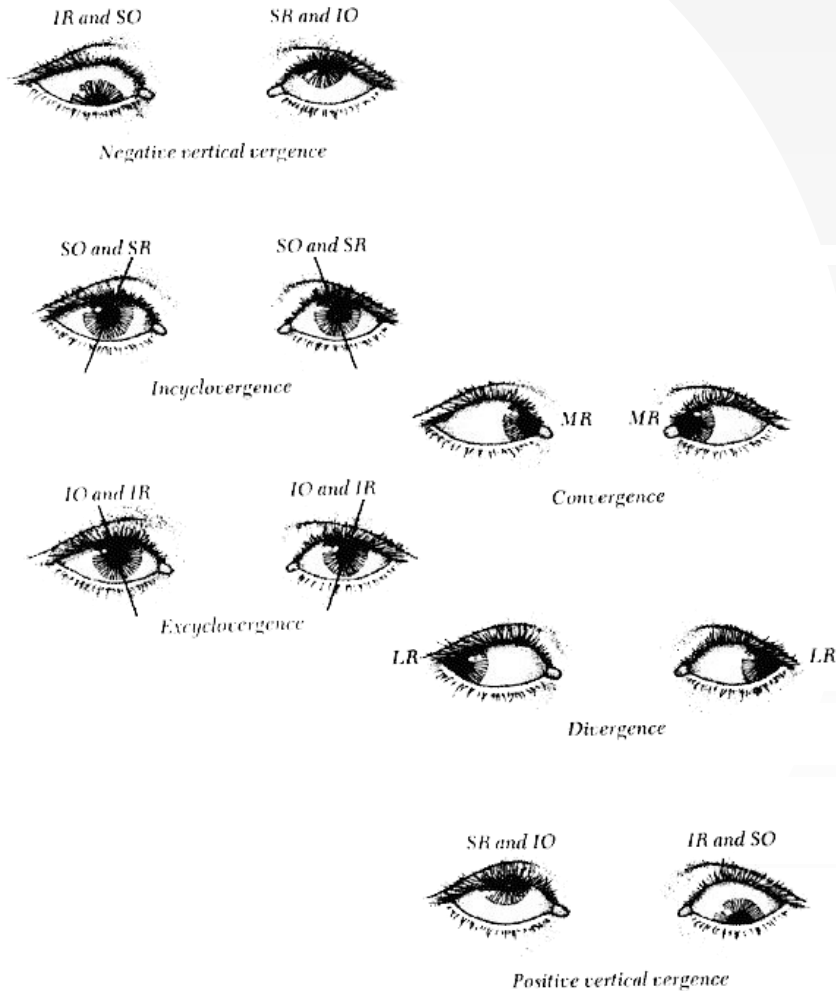
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...compatible with all eye-trackers which can control the mouse cursor...

...develop a skill from this set : **Action-Reaction**, **Memorization** and **Selection/Target**.



► Eye- Tracking metrics



OCULOGRAPHY

- Eye-tracking / (oculography) is a research method
- Growth due to emergence of numerous **eye-tracking applications**

Diagnostic

Interactive

- SE researchers use eye-tracking for the study of **cognitive processes** and **efforts** of SE tasks.

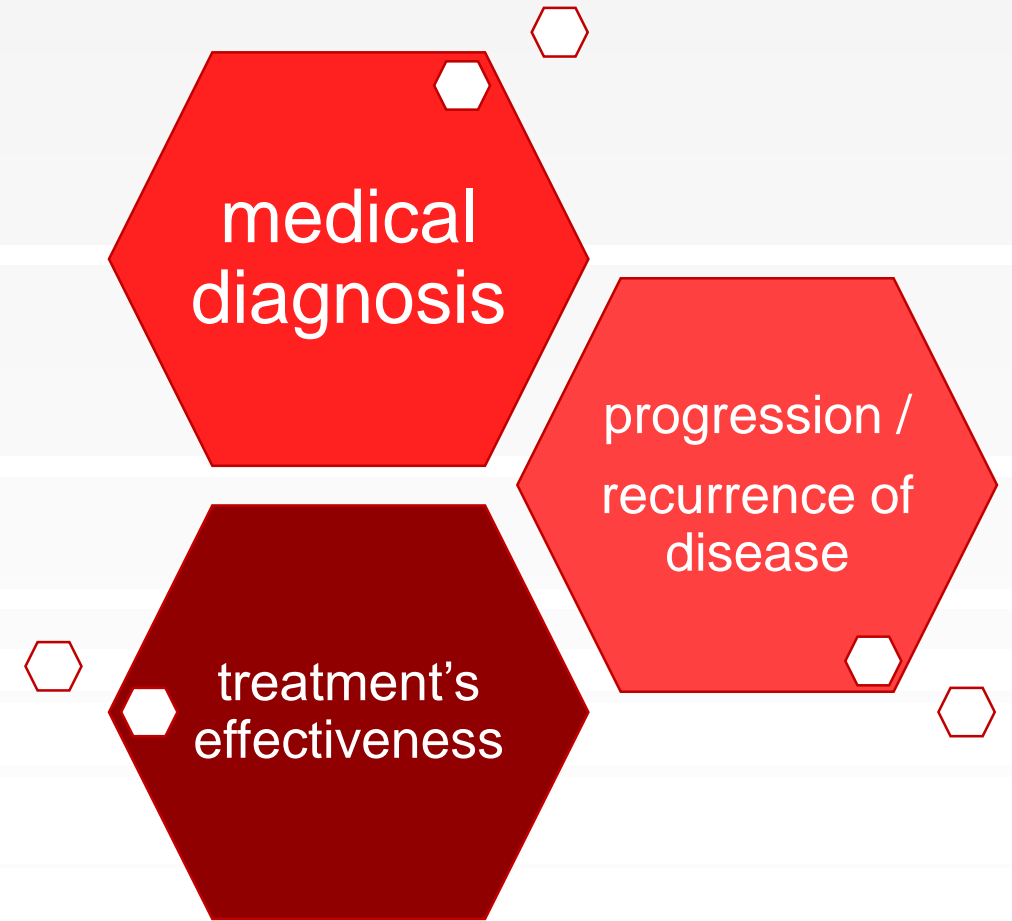


Terminology

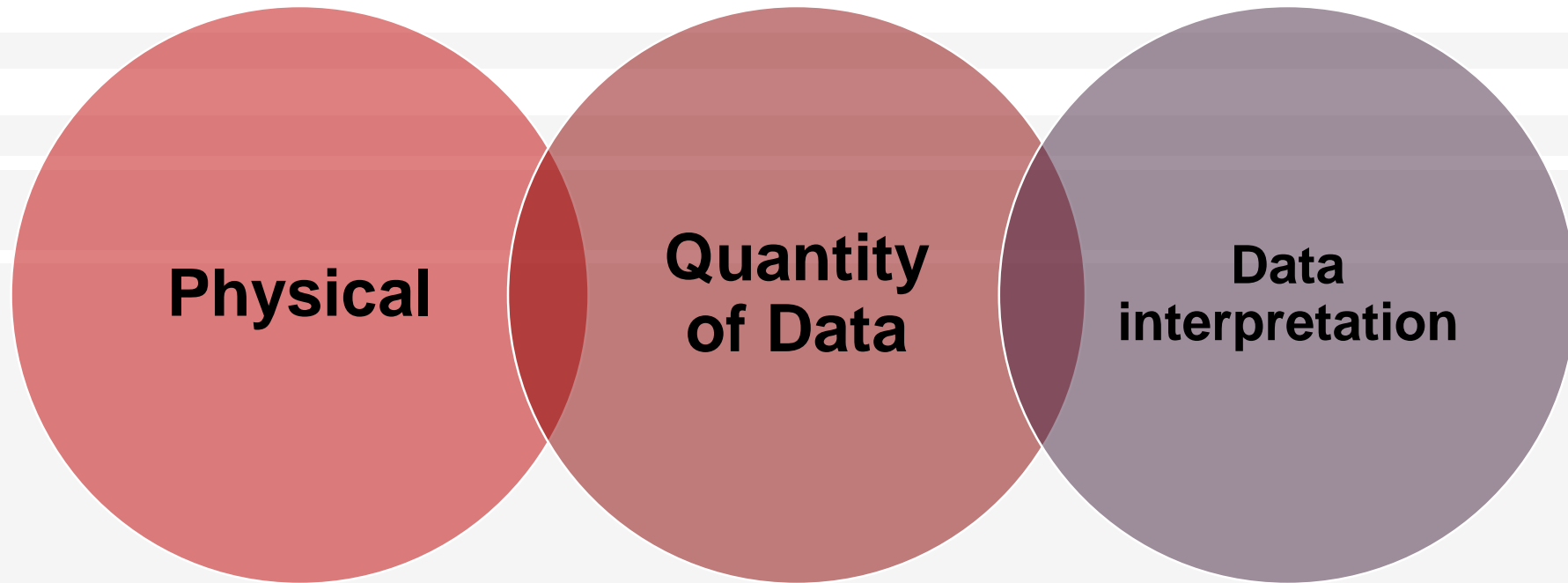
- **Fixation** - **Stabilization** of the eye on a stimuli for a period (200-300 ms).
- **Saccade** - The **quick and continuous** eye movements from one fixation to another. (within 40-50 ms)
- **Pupil Dilation** - **Widening** of the pupil, that allows more light to get into the eye.
- **Scanpath** - Series of fixations in chronological order that represents a user's **pattern of eye movements**.

Important tool in Medicine

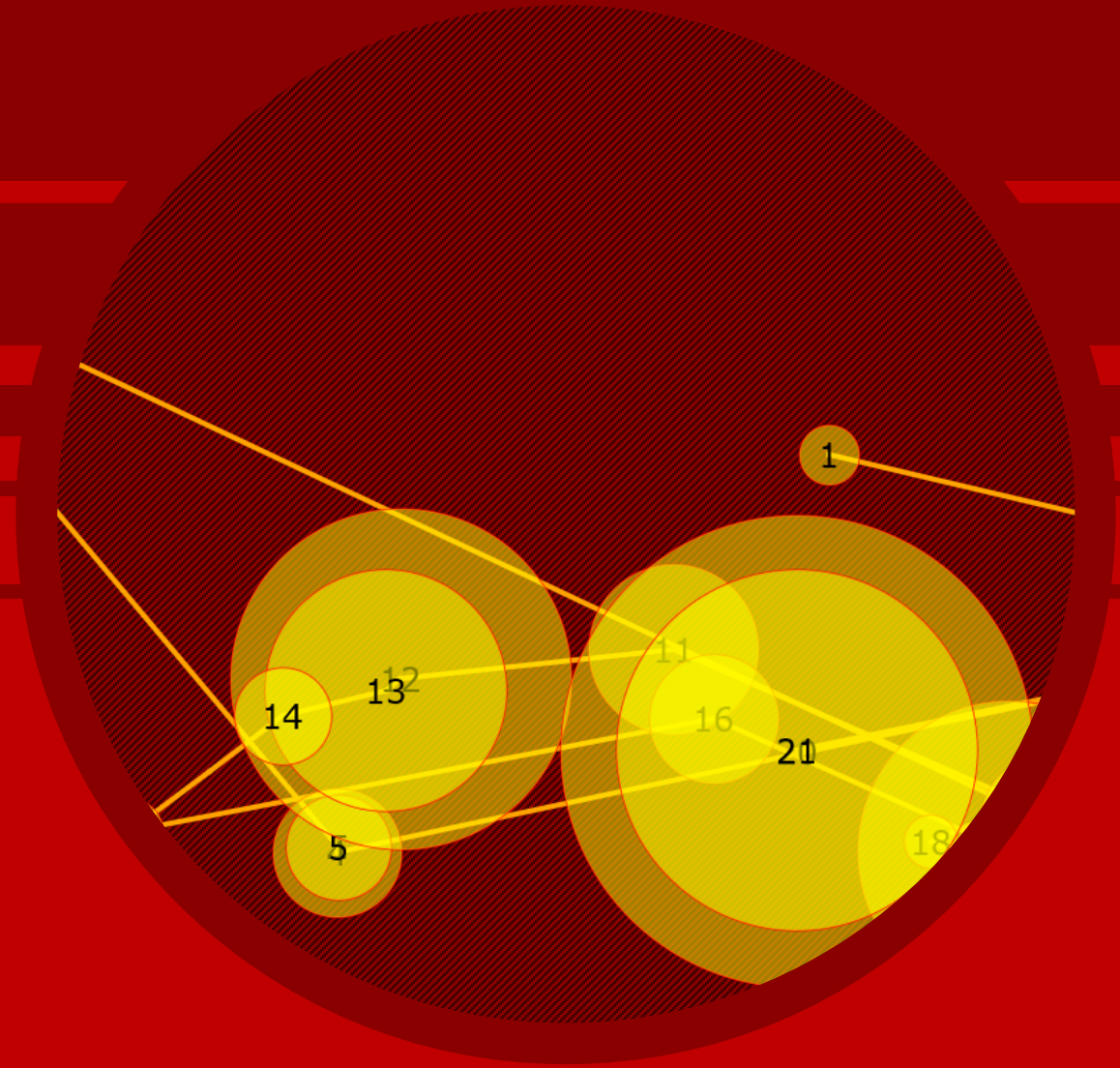
- **Long fixation duration** is correlated with *high cognitive workload* and *higher cognitive effort*.
- The **saccadic latency** metrics allows to detect *Parkinson* disease.
- Diagnose *neural disorders* - **anti-saccadic** task.
- Problems with maintaining **smooth pursuit** eye movement might indicate *schizophrenia*, *autism*, *Alzheimer* disease or *Parkinson* disease.



Issues with eye-tracking



► Focus on Scanpaths



What is a scanpath ?

Eye movement data collected by a gaze-tracking device, where information about the **trajectories**(paths) of the eyes is preserved.

Such data consists of ***gaze-direction***, ***fixation*** position and duration, and ***saccade*** duration.

Through scanpaths it is possible to give insight into the ***cognitive load*** required to navigate an interface for specific users.



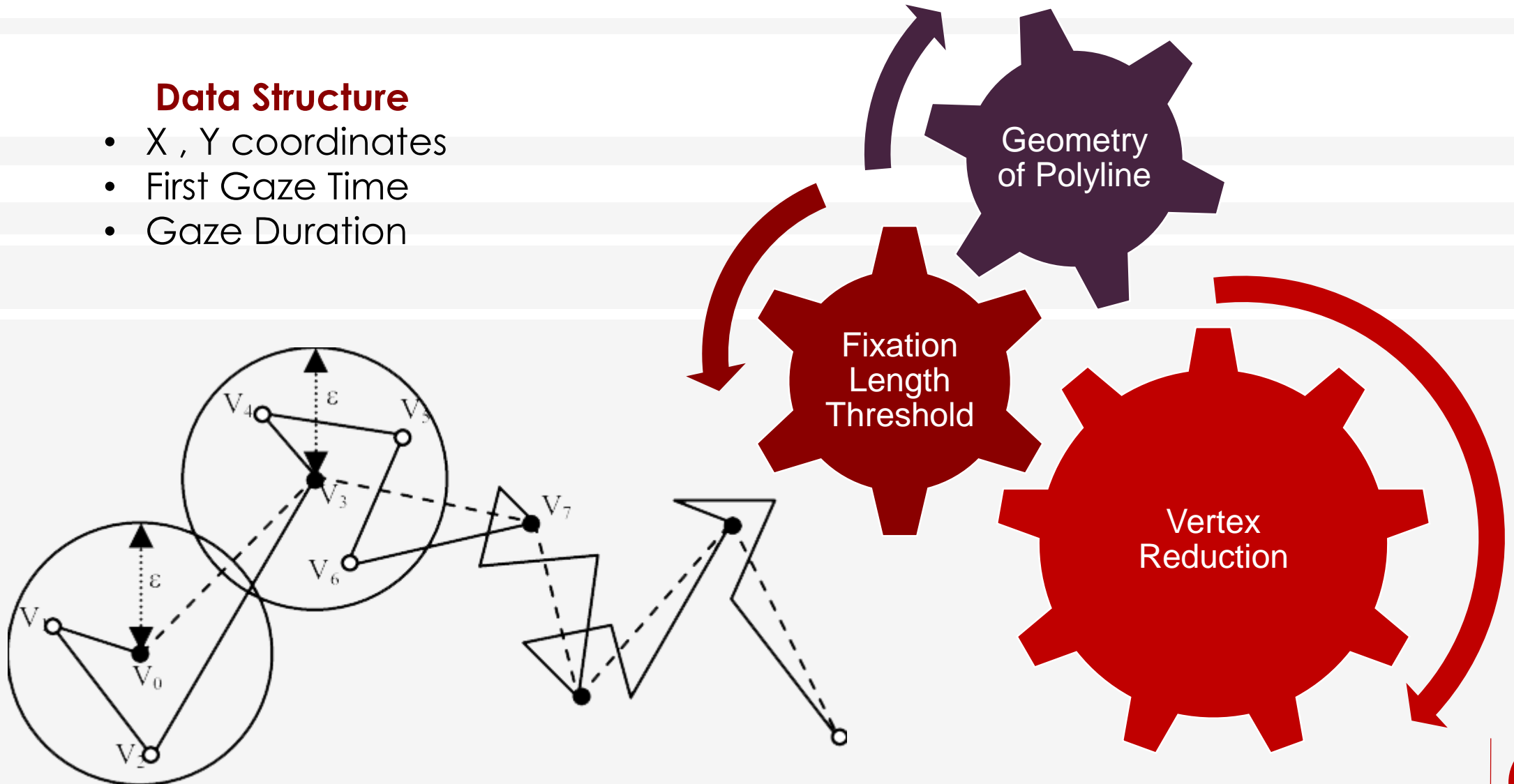
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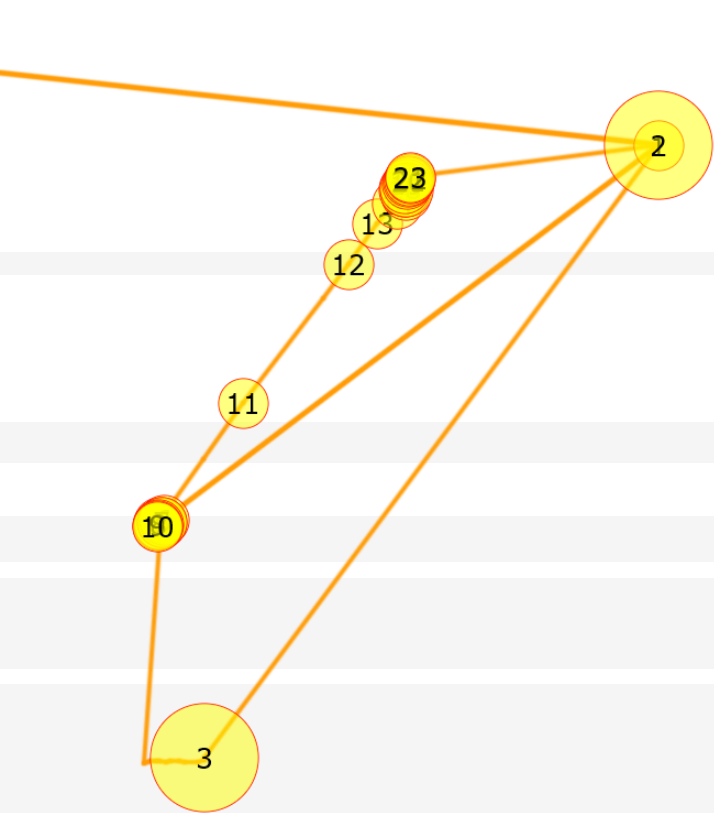
- Unintentional and unconscious eye movements
- Distracting events
- Individual factors
- Environmental factors
- HW & SW

Implementation into GazePlay

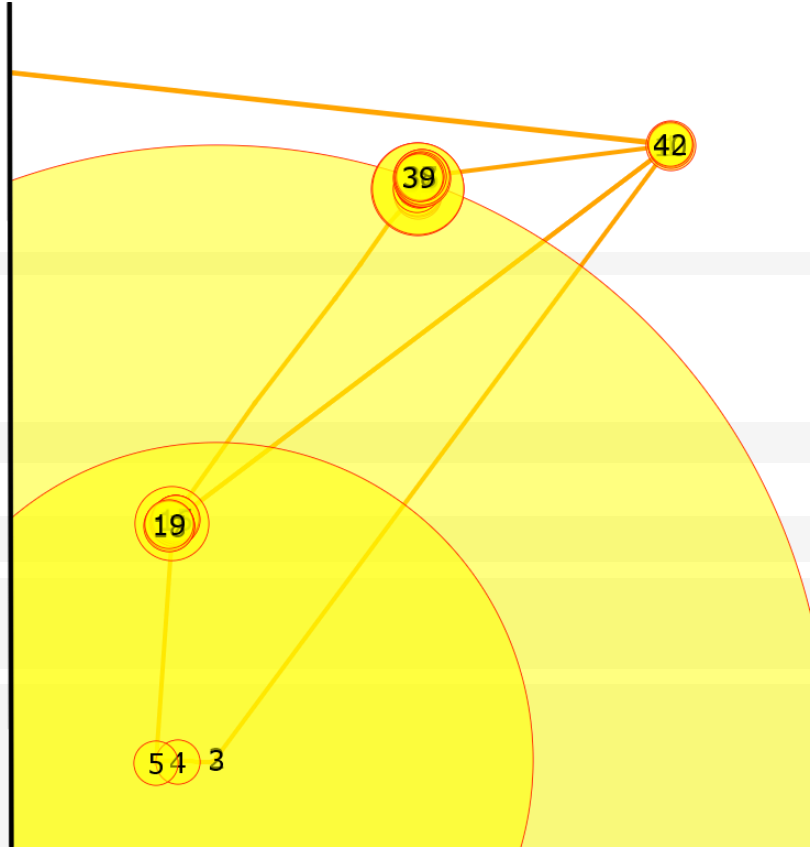
Data Structure

- X , Y coordinates
- First Gaze Time
- Gaze Duration

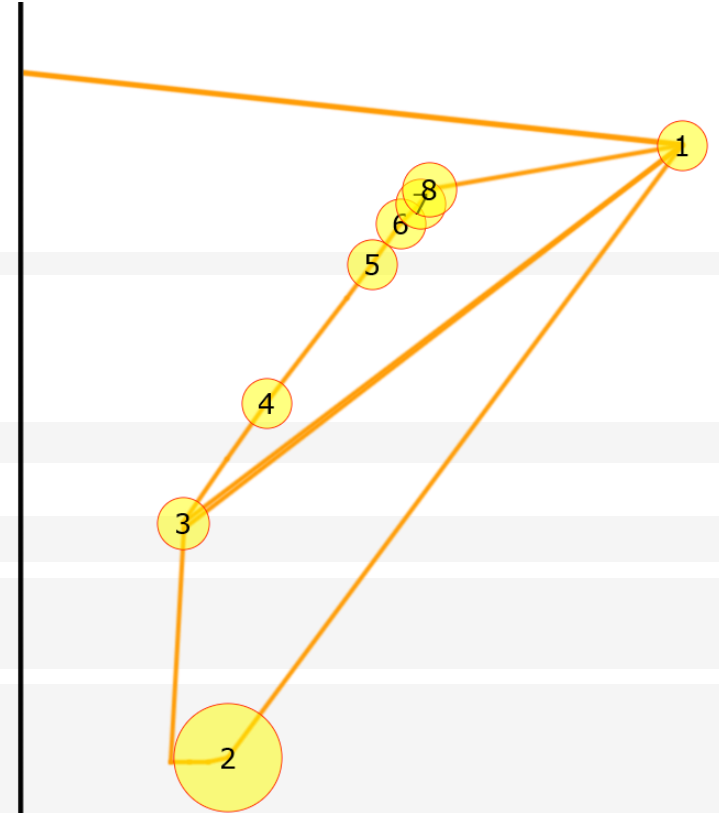




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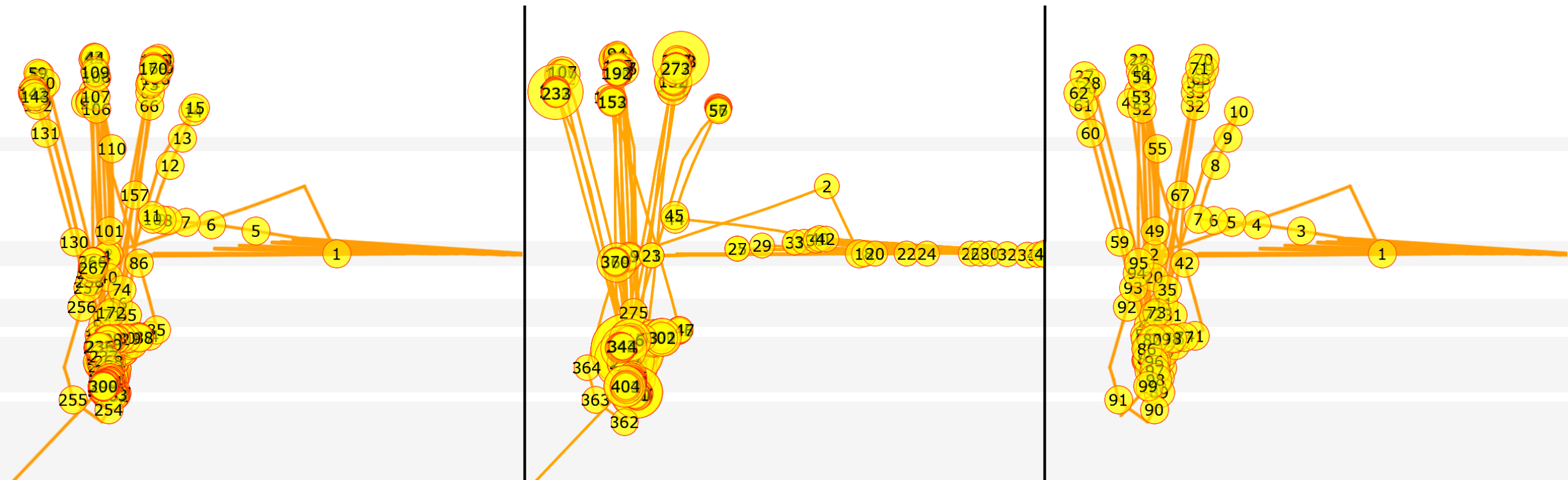


Fixation Length Threshold



Vertex Reduction

Game = Where is the animal?
 Playtime = 10.9s
 Eye-tracker = Tobii 4C



Geometry of Polyline

Fixation Length Threshold

Vertex Reduction

Game = Piano
 Playtime = 11s
 Eye-tracker = Tobii 4C

Conclusions



- Eye-tracking for enriching the possibilities of interaction
- Power of cognitive learning through video-games and eye-tracking
- Scanpath as an important metric
- Limitations of scanpaths
- Improvement of our implementation
- Comparative algorithms for gaze pattern recognition



THANK YOU!

Questions?