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Context

Emotions drive performance, shaping decisions, focus, and resilience on the court.

Unveiling the link between emotions and team interactions can unlocks untapped potential for training.

Current systems actually miss the mark—focusing on **team dynamics** or **individual emotions**, but never both.



Why Double Tennis?



Manageable Number of Players

Helps track each player individually with precision.



Interpersonal Dynamics are Amplified

Demands close synchronization



Simplified Visual Environment

Tennis court is a controlled and less chaotic environment

This expresses a part to whole relationship

Approach

We divide our project in 5 keysteps:

Body and Facial Expression Recognition

Emotion Mapping

Emotion Between Players

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Chemistry Evaluation Between Players

Match Event Detection

Emotions



Body and Facial Expression Recognition

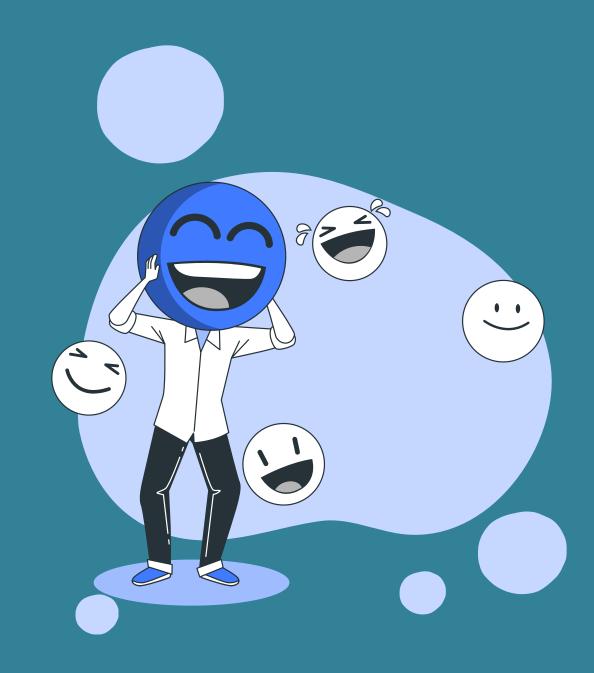
- Extract information about players' body movements and facial expressions
- **YOLO** isolates the face and body in each frame. (Detection)
- **OpenPose** to maps skeletal joints (Body Analysis)
- CNN focuses on fine-grained facial features (Facial Analysis)





Emotion Mapping

- Map physical characteristics from the previous step into emotional states with a multimodal framework
- **Positive** : Confidence, Determination, Satisfaction
- Negative: Frustration, Disappointment, Anger
- Neutral: Focus, Calmness, Fatigue



Chemistry Evaluation Between Players

Synchronization of Movements

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Emotional Congruence

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Interaction Quality

Chemistry score

 α , β , γ depends on the **specific priorities of the** analysis the coach/match analyst wants to highlight



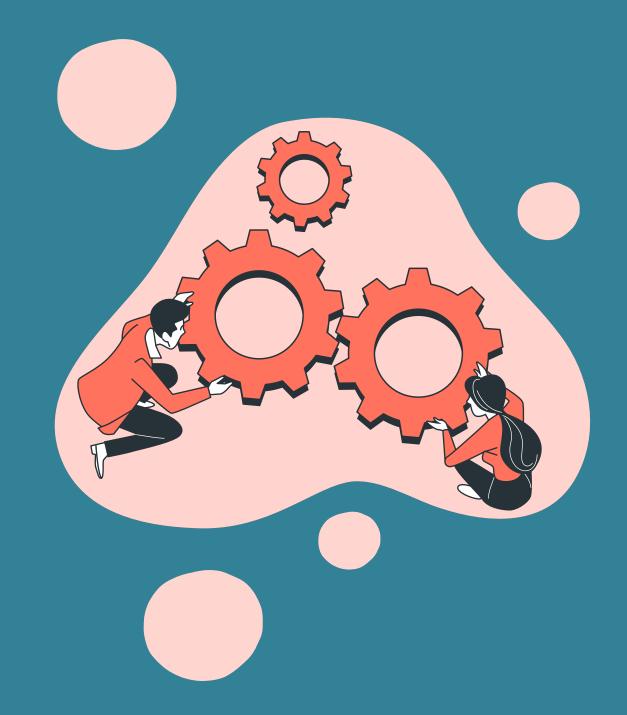


- Detect key match events and their relative timestamps
- **SlowFast** architecture: Fast and fine-grained actions. Slower and contextual movements.
- Model trained with specific tennis dataset: THETIS.





- Combine all outputs from previous steps into an interactive dashboard.
- Dashboard that integrates match events, emotional states, and chemistry dynamics
- It ensures that **patterns** are **contextualized** and **linked** to both individual and team dynamics.
- Analyze how **events influence emotions** and team dynamics, highlighting possible **triggers**



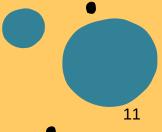
Economic Relevance

Direct application for professional organization or sports teams in order to improve athletic performances and team dynamics

Coaches and analysts can develop ad hoc training sessions

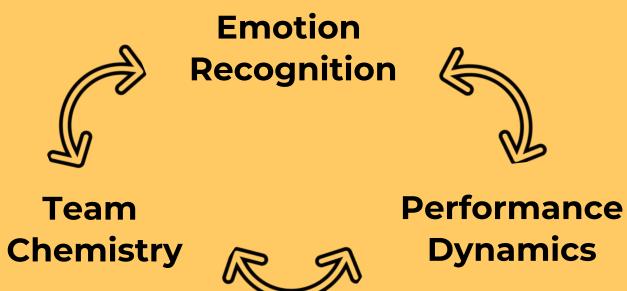
Players **gain awareness** of their **emotional state** during match

It is the framework that can **lead the way** for all other **team sports**



Scientific Relevance

How individual emotions can impact team interactions?



How team dynamics can shape individual emotions during critical match phases?

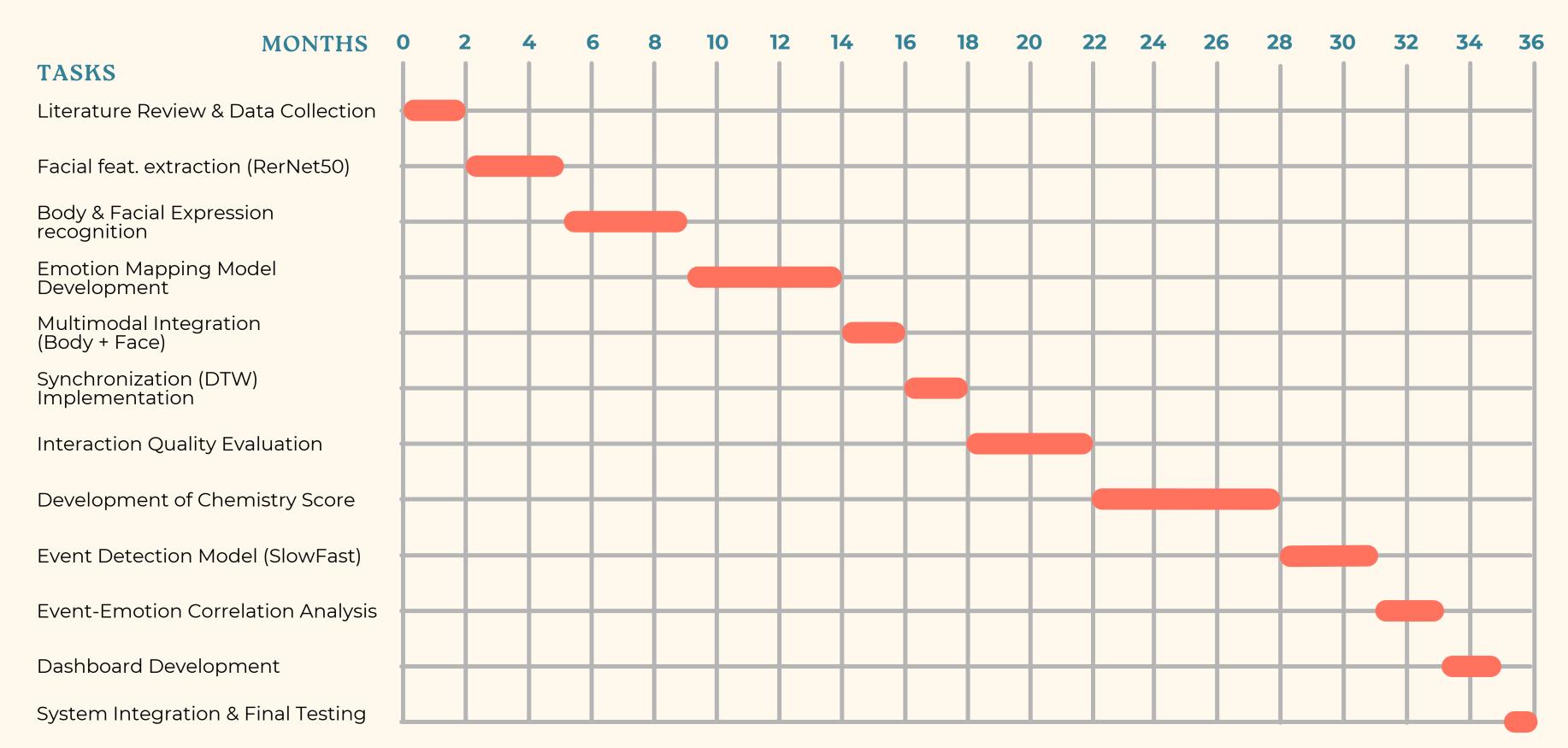
How team synergy can influences match outcomes?

Bridge gaps

Impact beyond sports

Innovative framework

Project Timeline



Thank you



Any question?

Additional slides



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Emotion mapping

Positive Emotions:

- Confidence: Relaxed facial muscles, upright posture, steady gaze, and fluid movements.
- **Determination**: Tightened facial features (e.g., focused eyes, slight clenching of the jaw), leaning-forward posture, and purposeful movements.
- Satisfaction: Relaxed facial expressions, small smiles, and open gestures, often following a successful rally or point.

Negative Emotions:

- Frustration: Tensed facial muscles (e.g., furrowed brows), abrupt gestures, and slumped shoulders.
- **Disappointment**: Drooping facial features (e.g., downturned mouth), slow movements, and a passive stance after errors or missed opportunities.
- Anger: Tightened lips, flared nostrils, rapid, forceful gestures, and aggressive postures.

Neutral States:

- **Focus**: Neutral facial expression, steady body posture, and consistent eye direction, often observed during preparation for a serve or rally.
- **Calmness**: Relaxed posture, smooth and controlled movements, with minimal facial tension, usually seen during lulls in the match or before executing a familiar action.
- Fatigue: Slouched shoulders, slower movements, drooping eyelids, and lack of engagement, typically emerging late in a match.

Chemistry Score

DTW - Dynamic Time Warping.

Measures similarity between two temporal sequences: players during match and non-synchronized situation.

Cosine similarity since are Emotional states **vector** for both players E1 and E2, extracted from the emotion recognition model.

Number of non verbal interactions

between the players during the match (e.g. high-fives, hugs, and finger-pointing) and the **number of events** during the match.



Match event list

- Winning a Point: Detected through celebratory gestures (e.g., fist pumps) and a relaxed posture, validated by scoreboard updates.
- **Losing a Point**: Recognized via frustration gestures (e.g., slumped shoulders, racket slams) and opponent celebrations, confirmed by the scoreboard.
- **Unforced Errors**: Identified by abrupt stops, inefficient postures, and ball trajectory showing the ball landing out of bounds.
- **Forced Errors**: Observed through defensive postures, rushed movements, and ball trajectories under high-pressure situations.
- Aces and Double Faults: Aces occur with no opponent response to a serve; double faults result from two consecutive serving errors, confirmed by the scoreboard.
- Breakpoints: Key moments identified by specific scores (e.g., 40-30) and focused pre-serve behaviors.
- **Rallies**: Long exchanges of shots detected by continuous player movements and rally duration exceeding 10 seconds.
- **Celebrations/Reactions**: Analyzed through exaggerated movements and facial expressions linked to preceding events.