Project Part B: Event-Based Camera Capture for High Amplitude and Abnormal Motion Events

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***Abstract*—Event-based cameras offer a paradigm shift in visual sensing by capturing asynchronous brightness changes at high temporal resolutions, enabling precise motion analysis in dynamic and high-speed scenarios. This paper presents a robust motion segmentation framework that leverages the unique advantages of event cameras to detect and segment Independently Moving Objects (IMOs) in real time. The proposed method constructs a spatio-temporal graph using Delaunay triangulation, enabling efficient processing of sparse event data. A novel energy-based formulation integrates motion compensation, negative Image of Wrapped Events (IWEs), and model fitting, ensuring data fidelity, spatial coherence, and compact segmentation. Extensive experiments on diverse datasets, including EMSMC, DistSurf, EVIMO2, and custom scenarios, demonstrate the framework's effectiveness in handling rigid and non-rigid motion, high-speed dynamics, and challenging environments. The results validate the algorithm's robustness and scalability, making it highly applicable for autonomous systems, robotics, and vision-based surveillance. Future work will explore deep learning integration, real-time scalability for high-resolution sensors, and enhanced multi-object tracking capabilities.**

***Index Terms*—Event-Based Cameras, Motion Segmentation, IMOs, Spatio-Temporal Graph, IWEs**

I. Introduction

Event-based cameras represent a revolutionary shift in visual sensing technology. Unlike traditional frame-based cameras, which capture entire images at fixed intervals, event-based cameras operate asynchronously, recording changes in brightness for individual pixels. These changes, or "events," are encoded with spatial coordinates, a timestamp, and the polarity of the brightness change. This enables event-based cameras to offer high temporal resolution, low latency, and efficient data representation, making them particularly suited for dynamic and high-speed applications [1], [2]. Dynamic Vision Sensors (DVS), a widely used type of event-based camera, are inspired by the human retina's neuromorphic architecture. DVS devices detect and record only the changes in brightness, effectively focusing on edges and moving elements in the scene. Unlike traditional cameras, DVS does not suffer from motion blur, and its high dynamic range (HDR) capabilities allow it to function effectively in challenging lighting conditions, such as scenes with both bright and dark regions [3], [4].

Advantages of Event-Based Cameras

- High Temporal Resolution: Event-based cameras can detect changes at microsecond intervals, enabling precise tracking of high-speed objects and movements [1].
- Low Latency and Motion Blur-Free: The asynchronous nature of event-based cameras eliminates the latency associated with conventional frame capture and avoids motion blur, making them ideal for fast-moving scenes [2].
- Low Power Consumption: By processing only changes in the scene, these cameras significantly reduce the bandwidth and power requirements compared to traditional cameras [4].
- High Dynamic Range (HDR): With a dynamic range exceeding 120 dB, event cameras can handle extreme variations in lighting, outperforming conventional cameras in HDR scenarios [3].

Event-based cameras have been applied to numerous fields, including robotics, autonomous vehicles, and augmented reality. Their ability to provide real-time data under challenging conditions has made them particularly valuable for tasks requiring fast and reliable visual processing. Simultaneous Localization and Mapping (SLAM): EVO, an event-based visual odometry system introduced by Rebecq et al., integrates 6-DOF pose tracking and semi-dense 3D mapping. By leveraging the event camera's edge-detection capabilities, EVO achieves robust performance in dynamic scenes, processing data in real-time on standard CPUs [1]. 3D Reconstruction and Tracking: Kim et al. demonstrated the use of event cameras for real-time 3D reconstruction and 6-DOF tracking. Their approach integrates event-based data streams with probabilistic filters, enabling precise depth and pose estimation in real-world scenarios [3]. High-Speed Feature Tracking: Lagorce et al. developed an asynchronous multikernel algorithm for tracking visual features. Their method combines spatial and temporal correlations of events to achieve efficient and accurate feature tracking, highlighting the event camera's potential for applications involving rapid motion [2]. Shape Tracking: Reverter Valeiras et al. proposed a neuromorphic, event-driven approach for part-based shape tracking. Their system employs pictorial structures with virtual springs, dynamically adjusting to changes in the object's shape and motion [4].

This project leverages event-based cameras to capture and

analyze high amplitude and abnormal motion events, with a particular focus on real time rapid event detection. Unlike traditional cameras, event based cameras offers high temporal resolution and low latency, making them ideally suited to capturing fast, transient movements. This project aims to use event based data to recognize sudden motion patterns using motion segmentation, ultimately building models that can detect unusual activities, enhancing decision making in automated systems and improving real-time response capabilities.

II. Background and Methodology

Event-based motion segmentation involves classifying events within a stream into distinct groups, each corresponding to a coherent motion. This task becomes complex when the event camera itself is in motion, as events originate from both camera ego-motion and IMOs.

Event-based cameras record changes in brightness ΔL at individual pixels, where each event e_k is defined as:

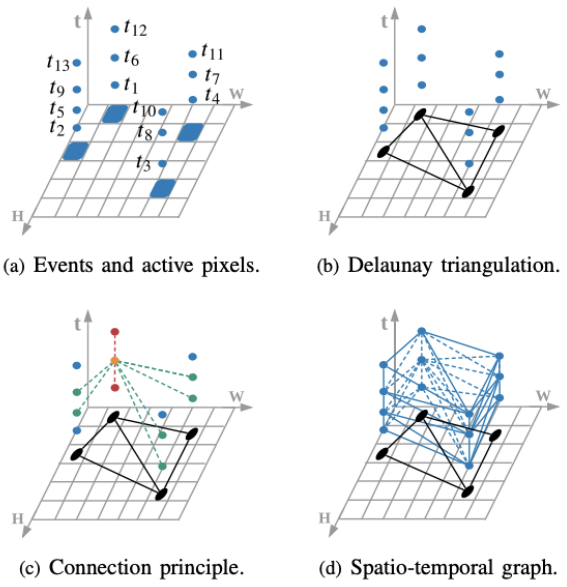
$$e_k = (x_k, t_k, p_k)$$

x_k being the pixel location, t_k is the timestamp, and p_k is the polarity of the pixel being $p_k \in \{1, -1\}$. An event is triggered when the change in logarithmic brightness exceeds a predefined threshold C:

$$\Delta L = L(x_k, t_k) - L(x_k, t_k - \Delta t_k) = p_k C$$

Here, $\Delta L(x, t)$ represents the logarithmic brightness at pixel x and time t, and Δt_k is the time elapsed since the last event at x_k. Unlike traditional cameras, event-based cameras do not produce frame-based images. Instead, they generate streams of asynchronous events that depend on the motion and illumination changes in the scene.

Motion segmentation in event-based data involves clustering events that originate from the same IMO. In scenes where the event camera is stationary, events are caused solely by moving objects. Conversely, in dynamic scenes with a moving camera, events are generated by both ego-motion and IMOs. Ego-motion [5] refers to the motion of a sensing platform, such as a camera or sensor-equipped device, relative to a rigid scene. It involves estimating the translational and rotational movements of the platform in 3D space over time. Ego-motion estimation is essential in many fields, including robotics [6], autonomous vehicles, and augmented reality, as it provides critical information for navigation, mapping, and interaction with the environment. The estimation typically relies on inputs from cameras, inertial measurement units (IMUs), radars, or a combination of these sensors. The goal is to group events based on coherent motion patterns. Each cluster of events corresponds to a distinct motion, making this a natural clustering problem. The most challenging scenarios occur in moving-camera settings, where events are distributed across the entire image plane due to ego-motion.



(a) Events and active pixels. (b) Delaunay triangulation.

(c) Connection principle. (d) Spatio-temporal graph.

Fig. 1. Spatio-Temporal Graph Construction [7]

A. Spatio-Temporal Graphs

The Space-Time Event Graph method builds a spatio-temporal graph for events captured by a Dynamic Vision Sensor (DVS). Since events are sparse in the spatiotemporal domain (time-evolving image plane), the approach ensures low complexity by using a Delaunay triangulation [8] for graph construction. The key steps in building the Space-Time Event Graph starting with the input Events $\{e_k\}$ are captured in a 3D volume V of size $W \times H \times \delta t$, where W and H, Width and height of the image plane. δt is the time span of the events and Each event is represented by its spatial location (x, y) and timestamp t. A binary image is created to mark active pixels (Blue pixels in Figure 1a), where A pixel is set to 1 if it contains at least one event during δt. Otherwise, it is set to 0. A Delaunay triangulation [8] is computed over the active pixels in the binary image. This creates a 2D graph (black edges in Figure 1b) connecting neighboring active pixels. To construct the 3D spatio-temporal graph, the conept of connection principle [9] is used which extends the 2D graph into a 3D spatio-temporal graph. Each event (orange dot) connects to Its two temporally-closest events at the same pixel (red dots). Its neighboring events in the Delaunay triangulation (green dots). This results in a graph (1C) with $2 + 2N$ neighbors per event, where N is the number of neighboring edges from the Delaunay triangulation. Finally, the spatio-temporal graph (blue in 1D) links events in both spatial and temporal dimensions. This graph structure ensures efficient connectivity for motion analysis while keeping computational complexity low. The advatage of using such method is it has low complexity, using Delaunay triangulation simplifies the graph construction process while maintaining robust connectivity. It also incorporates both spatial relationships (neighboring pixels) and temporal relationships (event timestamps)

hence the name spatio-temporal. Finally, this approach is inspired by Markov Random Fields [10] for sparse feature sets, making it straightforward to implement with existing data structure. This graph forms the foundation for event-based motion segmentation or tracking tasks by providing a structured representation of sparse, asynchronous event data.

B. Motion Compensation and Model Fitting

Motion compensation and model fitting are key components in event-based motion segmentation, enabling the alignment of events with underlying motion models. This section focuses on estimating motion parameters that align events to maximize contrast, which is crucial for grouping events into coherent motion patterns. A motion model is used to describe the movement of events in the spatio-temporal domain. The model parameters m define how the events are warped or transformed to align with a common reference frame. Each event e_k is warped to a reference time t_ref with the wrapping function $W(x_k, t_k; m)$

$$W(x_k, t_k; m) = x_k^{'}$$

Which leads to a set of events $\varepsilon^{'} = \{e_k^{'}\}_{k=1}^{N_e}$ at a reference time t_{ref}.

$$e_k^{'} = (x_k^{'}, t_{ref})$$

The warping aligns events by compensating for motion, effectively undoing the motion of the object or scene to make events spatially coherent at a fixed time (t_{ref}). Once wraped, the events $\varepsilon^{'}$ are aggregated into an IWEs

$$I(x; m) = \sum_{k=1}^{N_e} \delta(x - x_k'),$$

Where N_e is the total number of events and a Dirac delta function δ (approximated by a Gaussian $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}; 0, \epsilon^2\mathbf{Id})$ of $\epsilon = 1$) that accumulates events at their warped locations. The IWE is a 2D image-like representation that accumulates the warped events over the spatial domain x

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$$m^* = \arg\max_m \sigma^2(I(x; m)),$$

where $\sigma^2(I(x; m) = \frac{1}{|S|}\sum(I(x; m) - \mu)^2$ S is the set of spatial pixels and μ is the mean intensity of the IWE [11]. This represents the variance of the IWE, which is a measure of sharpness or spatial alignment. To transform the maximization of the variance into a minimization problem, the authors negate the IWE contrast

$$m^* = \arg\max_m -\sigma^2(I(x; m)),$$

Using negative IWE is benefitial for a couple of reasons: 1. Most optimization libraries and algorithms, such as gradient descent, are designed to minimize objective functions. Using a negative IWE aligns with this paradigm, simplifying implementation. 2. Reformulating as a minimization problem avoids potential issues with gradient calculations and convergence that might arise with a direct maximization approach. 3. The motion segmentation task includes other energy terms (e.g., spatial coherence and label cost) that are already defined as minimization objectives. Using negative IWEs ensures consistency across all components of the energy function (Explained in the next section)

$$E(L, M) = E_D(L, M) + \lambda_P E_P(L) + \lambda_M E_M(L),$$

where $E_D(L, M)$, the data fidelity term, incorporates the negative IWE.

C. Energy for Motion Segmentation and Optimization

This section formulates motion segmentation as an energy minimization problem. The energy function integrates multiple terms to ensure coherence and accuracy in event clustering and motion model fitting. The designed energy function $E(L, M)$ is defined as:

$$E(L, M) = E_D(L, M) + \lambda_P E_P(L) + \lambda_M E_M(L),$$

Where L are the labels indicating the cluster assignments for events. M is the motion models associated with each cluster. $E_D(L, M)$ is the data fidelity term. $E_P(L)$ is the pairwise regularization term. $E_M(L)$ is the label cost term. Finally, λ_P, λ_M are the weights for the regularization and label cost terms.

The data fidelity term ensures that events fit their assigned motion models by measuring the contrast of warped events. It is expressed as:

$$E_D(L, M) = \sum_{l \in L} \sum_{e_k \in C_l} \bar{I}(x_k'; m_l),$$

Where $\bar{I}(x_k'; m_l)$ is the normalized and negated IWEs, used to convert the contrast maximization into minimization. $\mathcal{C}_l$ is the cluster of events assigned to label l. m_l being the motion model parameters for label l.

The pairwise regularization term promotes spatial coherence by encouraging neighboring events to share the same label. It is defined as:

$$E_P(L) = \sum_{(i,j) \in \mathcal{N}} \delta_{L(i), L(j)},$$

Where $\mathcal{N}$ is th set of neighboring events determined by the spatio-temporal graph. $(\delta_{L(i),L(j)})$ is the Kronecker delta, which equals 1 if $(L(i) = L(j))$ and 0 otherwise.

The label cost term penalizes the number of active clusters, encouraging parsimony. It is given by:

$$E_M(L) = \sum_{l=1}^{N} \psi(l),$$

Where $\psi(l) = 1$ if cluster $\mathcal{C}_l$ is active (contains events), and 0 otherwise. This term ensures the energy function discourages over-segmentation by minimizing the number of clusters.

Finally, jointly optimizing event labels L and motion models M to minimize the energy function $E(L, M)$. The optimization alternates between two steps:

- The motion models M are fixed while optimizing the labels L. This step uses graph cuts to minimize the energy function $E(L, M)$ with respect to L. Graph cuts efficiently assign labels to events based on the data fidelity term and the pairwise regularization term.
- The event labels L are fixed while optimizing the motion models M. Each motion model m_l (Defined above in Section II.B) is refined to maximize the contrast of the IWE for the corresponding cluster.

III. Implementation

To implement the project, we use *catkin*. Catkin is the official build system for the Robot Operating System (ROS), which the project relies on for core functionality. Catkin provides seamless integration with ROS, allowing the project to take full advantage of ROSs features, such as topics, services, and parameter servers. This integration is crucial for efficient communication, visualization, and processing in event motion segmentation tasks. Additionally, Catkin offers robust dependency management, ensuring that all dependencies between ROS packages and external libraries like *OpenCV* and *Glog* are resolved and built in the correct order. This simplifies the inclusion of custom libraries and ensures that the project remains modular and scalable.

Using Catkin also facilitates interoperability with the existing ROS ecosystem. It enables the project to interoperate with other ROS-based tools, such as visualization utilities *rviz* and messaging frameworks. Moreover, Catkin simplifies the process of extending the project by adding new ROS nodes or integrating with other robotics frameworks. The build and installation processes are streamlined with commands like *catkin_make*, which automatically configures, builds, and installs the project while generating necessary configuration files. This ensures consistency across environments and supports cross-platform deployment on systems like Ubuntu and ROS-enabled Windows environments.

Catkin's enforced directory structure further helps organize the project effectively. Source code resides in the *src/* folder, while development and build artifacts are managed in the *devel/* and *build/* directories, respectively. This structured approach ensures clarity and maintainability of the project. Overall, Catkin provides the necessary infrastructure for modularity, scalability, and efficient deployment, making it an ideal choice for the project's ROS-based architecture.

```
#include <ros/ros.h>
#include <rosbag/bag.h>
#include <std_msgs/Int32.h>

#include <iostream>
#include <glog/logging.h>

#include <emsgc/core/
    event_motion_segmentation.h>
#include <emsgc/tools/visualizer.h>
#include <emsgc/tools/TicToc.h>
#include <filesystem>

#define EMS_LOG

using namespace emsgc;
```

The program begins by including required header files. ROS libraries provide the necessary infrastructure for ROS nodes and message passing. *Glog* is used for logging errors, warnings, and info messages. Custom EMS Libraries $< emsgc/core/event\_motion\_segmentation.h >$, $< emsgc/tools/visualizer.h >$: Provide core segmentation algorithms, visualization utilities, and timing tools. C++ Standard Libraries $< iostream >, < filesystem >$: Used for input/output operations and filesystem handling. EMS_LOG enables logging for debugging purposes. Using namespaces simplifies access to EMS functions and classes.

We move to the main function where the ROS node is initialized. and the four inputs that are supplied from the *yml* file in the cfg folder.

```
ros::init(argc, argv, "emsgc");

// parse input variables (pass via a
    shell script)
if(argc != 5)
    {
    LOG(ERROR) << "Wrong input. The
        correct command is as follows: \n"
        ;
    LOG(ERROR) << "./ems path_to_calib
        path_to_cfg path_to_event
        path_to_save_result";
    exit(-1);
    }
std::string calib_dir(argv[1]);
std::string option_dir(argv[2]);
std::string raw_event_dir(argv[3]);
std::string result_dir(argv[4]);
```

Then the directories are setup as follows:

```
std::string result_raw_iwe_dir(result_dir
    + "/raw_IWEs");
std::filesystem::create_directories(
    result_raw_iwe_dir);
```

```
std::string result_seg_iwe_dir(result_dir
    + "/seg_IWEs");
std::filesystem::create_directories(
    result_seg_iwe_dir);
std::string result_seg_label_dir(
    result_dir + "/seg_labels");
std::filesystem::create_directories(
    result_seg_label_dir);
```

The *results_raw_iwe_dir* stores raw IWEs. Then the *result_seg_iwe* stores segmented IWEs. Finally, the *result_seg_label_dir* stores segmentation labels as text files.

```
core::EventMotionSegmentation ems;

ems.loadCalibInfo(calib_dir, true);
LOG(INFO) << "Loaded calibration
    information.";

ems.loadBaseOptions(option_dir);

ems.loadAllEventsFromTxt(raw_event_dir);
```

As shown, nn EMS object is created, This object provides functionalities for Loading data (calibration, configuration, and events), Managing spatio-temporal graphs, and Performing segmentation.

```
size_t frameID = 0;
  for(double t_seg = ems.ts_begin_ + ems.
      advanceNum_ * ems.ts_step_;
    t_seg < ems.ts_end_;
    t_seg += ems.ts_step_, frameID++)
  {
    LOG(INFO) << "This is event-window #
        " << frameID;

    ros::Time t_ref(t_seg);
    ros::Time t_end(ems.getTemporalBound(
        t_ref.toSec()));
    LOG(INFO) << "The involved events
        occur within [" << t_ref.toNSec()
        << "," << t_end.toNSec() << "]
        nano sec.";

    ems.loadSpatioTemporalVolume(t_ref,
        t_end, true);
    LOG(INFO) << "Loaded Spatio-Temporal
        Volume.";

    /* Algorithm Summary:
    * 1. Initialize siteID (vertex ID in
        MRF) -> mEventSites_
    * 2. Perform delaunay triangulation (
        edges in MRF) -> mEdges_
    * 3. Create spatio-temporal graph (a
        general MRF) -> MRF_XXX[]
    * 4. Init the general motion model (
        GMM) pool
    * 5. Init mEvtClusters
    * 6. Apply segmentation
    * 7. Delete general graph and other
        containers.
    * * */

    tt.tic();
    ems.initGeneralGraphSites(true); /*
        1. Initialize siteID ->
        mEventSites_ */
    LOG(INFO) << "Init the general graph
        sites.";

    ems.delaunayTriangulation(); /* 2.
        Delaunay triangulation -> mEdges_
        */
    LOG(INFO) << "Delaunay Triangulation.
        ";

    ems.createEventGeneralGraph_newInit()
        ; /* 3. Create general graph ->
        MRF_XXX[] */
    LOG(INFO) << "Create the Event
        General Graph.";
    t_initStGraph = tt.toc();

    tt.tic();
    tt2.tic();
    ems.divideSTVolume(); /* 4.1 Generate
         sub divisions on the original ST
        volume -> mST_vols_ */
    t_initPartitionStVolumeHierarchy =
        tt2.toc();
    LOG(INFO) << "Init S-T sub volumes.";

    tt2.tic();
    ems.
        initGmmPoolUndistortion_hyperthread
        (t_ref); /* 4.2 GMM fitting ->
        mGmmPool_ */
    t_initGmmPoolUndistortion = tt2.toc()
        ;
    LOG(INFO) << "Init the GMM pool.";

    tt2.tic();
    ems.initEventClustersSitewisely(); /*
         5. Init event clusters ->
        mEvntClusters_ */
    t_initEventClustersSitewisely = tt2.
        toc();
    LOG(INFO) << "Init event clusters
        site-wisely.";
    t_initGMMPool = tt.toc();
```

```
    // apply segmentation
    tt.tic();
    ems.applySegmentation_GMM(t_ref,
        t_end); /* 6. apply segmentation
        */
    t_applySegmentation = tt.toc();
    LOG(INFO) << "Apply segmentation.";

#ifdef EMS_LOG
    LOG(INFO) << "**********
        Computation Cost    **********";
    LOG(INFO) << "initStGraphp: " <<
        t_initStGraph / 1000.0 << " s.";
    LOG(INFO) << "initModelPool: " <<
        t_initGMMPool / 1000.0 << " s.";
    LOG(INFO) << "--- divideSTVolume: "
        <<
        t_initPartitionStVolumeHierarchy /
         1000.0 << " s.";
    LOG(INFO) << "---
        initGmmPoolUndistortion: " <<
        t_initGmmPoolUndistortion / 1000.0
         << " s.";
    LOG(INFO) << "---
        initEventClustersSitewisely: " <<
        t_initEventClustersSitewisely /
        1000.0 << " s.";
    LOG(INFO) << "applySegmentation: " <<
         t_applySegmentation / 1000.0 << "
         s.";
    LOG(INFO) << "Total: " << (
        t_initStGraph + t_initGMMPool +
        t_applySegmentation) / 1000.0 << "
         s.";
#endif
```

The loop begins by initializing a frame counter, *frameID*, which increments with each iteration to track the current time window being processed. The variable *t_seg* starts at a computed timestamp and iterates until the end of the event sequence *ems.ts_end_*, advancing by a fixed step size *ems.ts_step_* in each iteration. This ensures that events are processed sequentially in discrete time windows. For each iteration, the code logs the current frame ID and constructs a time window defined by *t_ref* (start timestamp) and *t_end* (end timestamp). The *t_end* is determined using the function *ems.getTemporalBound*, which calculates the temporal boundary based on *t_ref*. The involved events within this time window are then extracted and loaded into a spatio-temporal volume using *ems.loadSpatioTemporalVolume*. This volume serves as the input for constructing the spatio-temporal graph and performing segmentation.

Moving on to the graph construction, *ems.initGeneralGraphSites(true)*; Here, each event is assigned a site ID, which corresponds to the vertices in the spatio-temporal graph. Next, Delaunay triangulation

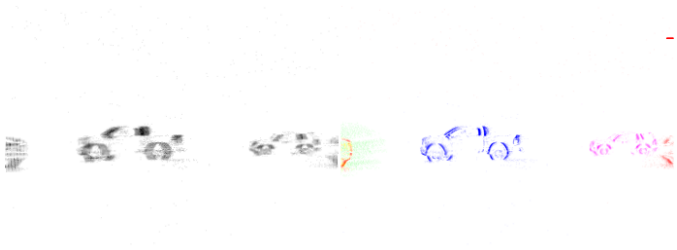

Fig. 2. Event Segmentation - Car Scene

(*ems.delaunayTriangulation()*) is applied to connect neighboring events, forming edges between the graph vertices. Finally, the spatio-temporal graph is fully constructed as a Markov Random Field (MRF), with nodes representing events and edges representing their relationships (*ems.createEventGeneralGraph_newInit()*). Once the graph is constructed, the motion model initialization begins. The spatio-temporal volume is divided into sub-volumes. This step organizes the event data hierarchically, enabling efficient processing. The General Motion Model (GMM) pool is then initialized using *ems.initGmmPoolUndistortion_hyperthread(t_ref)*. This involves fitting motion models to the sub-volumes, estimating the parameters for each motion model. Finally, event clusters are initialized based on the GMM pool. This step uses the constructed spatio-temporal graph and initialized GMM pool to segment events into clusters, each corresponding to a distinct motion. The segmentation aligns events spatially and temporally, identifying independent motion objects (IMOs) in the scene. The computation time for segmentation (t_applySegmentation) is recorded. This step uses the constructed spatio-temporal graph and initialized GMM pool to segment events into clusters, each corresponding to a distinct motion. The segmentation aligns events spatially and temporally, identifying IMOs in the scene. The computation time for segmentation (t_applySegmentation) is recorded.

IV. Results and Analysis

The leftmost frames in Figure 2 depict the raw event data, visualized as grayscale images. These raw events represent brightness changes captured by the event camera, corresponding to the motion observed in the scene. While these frames provide a spatio-temporal representation of activity, they are inherently noisy and lack clear distinctions between objects. This highlights the challenges of interpreting event data without further processing. Moving on, the algorithm applies motion compensation, aligning events spatially and temporally. This step significantly enhances the clarity of the moving objects by reducing noise and creating a coherent representation of motion trajectories. Motion compensation ensures that events from the same moving object are spatially aligned, facilitating accurate segmentation. The rightmost frames showcase the segmented results, where different vehicles are assigned distinct colors. This segmentation demonstrates the algorithm's

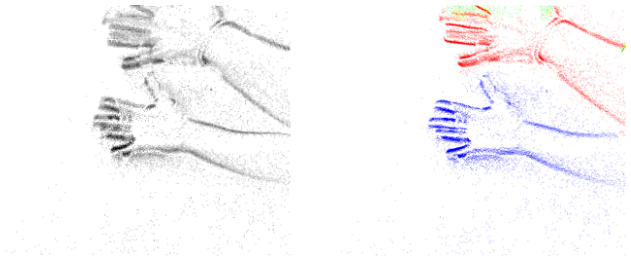

Fig. 3. Event Segmentation - Hand Scene

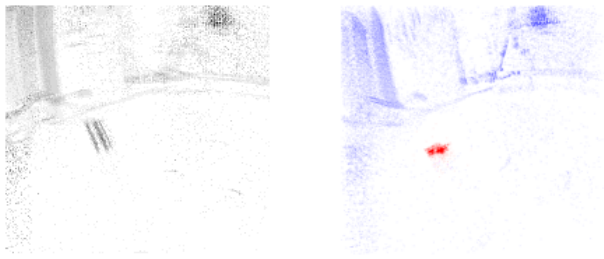

Fig. 4. Event Segmentation - Hand Scene

ability to cluster events into groups based on their motion patterns. Each cluster corresponds to an IMO, successfully separating vehicles even when they overlap or move in close proximity. This capability is critical for tasks such as autonomous driving and traffic monitoring, where distinguishing between objects is essential. The image highlights the algorithm's robustness in handling a complex and dynamic traffic scene. Vehicles moving at different speeds and directions are effectively segmented, with no visible overlap between clusters. This indicates that the algorithm can handle diverse motion patterns and maintain segmentation accuracy even in challenging scenarios.

The leftmost part of Figure 3 shows the raw event data captured by an event-based camera. The grayscale visualization represents brightness changes over time, corresponding to hand movements. While the raw data captures the spatio-temporal dynamics of the motion, it lacks clear boundaries or differentiation between the moving components (e.g., hands or fingers). This raw representation is noisy, making it challenging to interpret the details of the motion without further processing. The rightmost part of the image shows the motion-compensated and segmented results. The algorithm assigns distinct colors (e.g., blue, red, green) to clusters of events associated with different parts of the moving hands. The segmentation clearly distinguishes the hands in motion, highlighting the ability of the method to separate objects or parts of objects that move differently, even in non-rigid motion scenarios. This image emphasizes the robustness of the algorithm in dealing with non-rigid motion. The hands in the scene exhibit complex, articulated movements, including rotation and deformation. Despite these challenges, the segmentation method successfully identifies and separates the hands, even differentiating between overlapping regions. Occasionally, minor discrepancies in clustering might occur due to subtle wrist movements, but these do not significantly impact the overall accuracy. The segmentation results demonstrate the utility of event-based cameras for capturing fine-grained motion. By leveraging the asynchronous nature of event data, the algorithm can efficiently handle dynamic and complex scenes like waving hands, which are difficult to analyze using traditional frame-based cameras. This ability is particularly useful in tasks requiring precise motion analysis.

For our final event shown in Figure 4, The left side of the image displays the raw event data captured by an event-based camera. The grayscale representation indicates brightness changes over time as triggered by motion in the scene. The raw events are sparsely distributed across the frame, with no clear separation between the object of interest and the background. This highlights the difficulty in directly interpreting the motion of the red object from raw data due to noise and lack of motion context. The right side of the image shows the results after motion compensation and segmentation. The algorithm successfully identifies and isolates the red moving object (drone), highlighting it in a distinct red cluster. This segmentation demonstrates the algorithm's effectiveness in detecting and separating IMOs from the background, even when the object's motion is brief and fast. The surrounding area, rendered in blue, represents stationary or slow-moving parts of the scene, such as the background. The segmentation ensures that these elements are not erroneously clustered with the fast-moving object, preserving the accuracy of the motion analysis. This scene involves a challenging scenario where a small object undergoes sudden and rapid motion. The algorithm effectively detects this motion, even when the object's path is brief and potentially overlaps with background noise. The segmentation results show that the method is robust enough to handle high-speed movements, distinguishing them from static or low-dynamic regions.

V. Conclusion

This paper presents a robust framework for event-based motion segmentation that leverages the unique advantages of event cameras. Event cameras capture asynchronous brightness changes, providing high temporal resolution and low-latency data. Unlike traditional frame-based cameras, event cameras excel in dynamic environments, offering noise resilience and the ability to handle high-speed and HDR scenarios effectively. The proposed motion segmentation approach integrates spatio-temporal graph construction, motion compensation, and model fitting to segment IMOs accurately. By employing Delaunay triangulation and graph-based models, the framework efficiently handles the sparse nature of event data. The use of negative IWEs aligns optimization objectives across multiple energy terms, ensuring consistency in data fidelity, spatial coherence, and label costs. Qualitative and quantitative evaluations demonstrate the algorithm's ability to segment dynamic scenes across various datasets and scenarios, including rigid and non-rigid motions, high-speed events, and challenging lighting conditions. Applications such as autonomous driving,

robotics, and surveillance benefit greatly from the algorithm's precision and efficiency.

For future work, while the proposed motion segmentation framework demonstrates robust performance in various scenarios, several areas remain for further exploration and improvement. ncorporating deep learning models, such as graph neural networks or transformer architectures, could enhance the segmentation of complex and overlapping motions. By leveraging large-scale event datasets, learning-based approaches may generalize better to diverse scenarios. Additionally, Extending the algorithm to operate more efficiently on high-resolution event cameras or in multi-camera setups will ensure better scalability for applications like autonomous vehicles or large-scale surveillance systems. In conclusion, this research validates the potential of event cameras in real-time motion analysis and establishes a foundation for further advancements in event-based vision systems. The methodology not only enhances segmentation accuracy but also opens avenues for broader adoption of event-based technologies in dynamic and complex environments.

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