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TRECVID 2012: Surveillance Event Detection

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Introduction

- Seven Activities: (1) CellToEar, (2) Embrace, (3) ObjectPut, (4) PeopleMeet, (5) PeopleSplitUp, (6) PersonRuns, and (7) Pointing.
- Challenges: background noise, clutter, difference of viewpoints, large crowd, illumination variation, occlusion, etc.



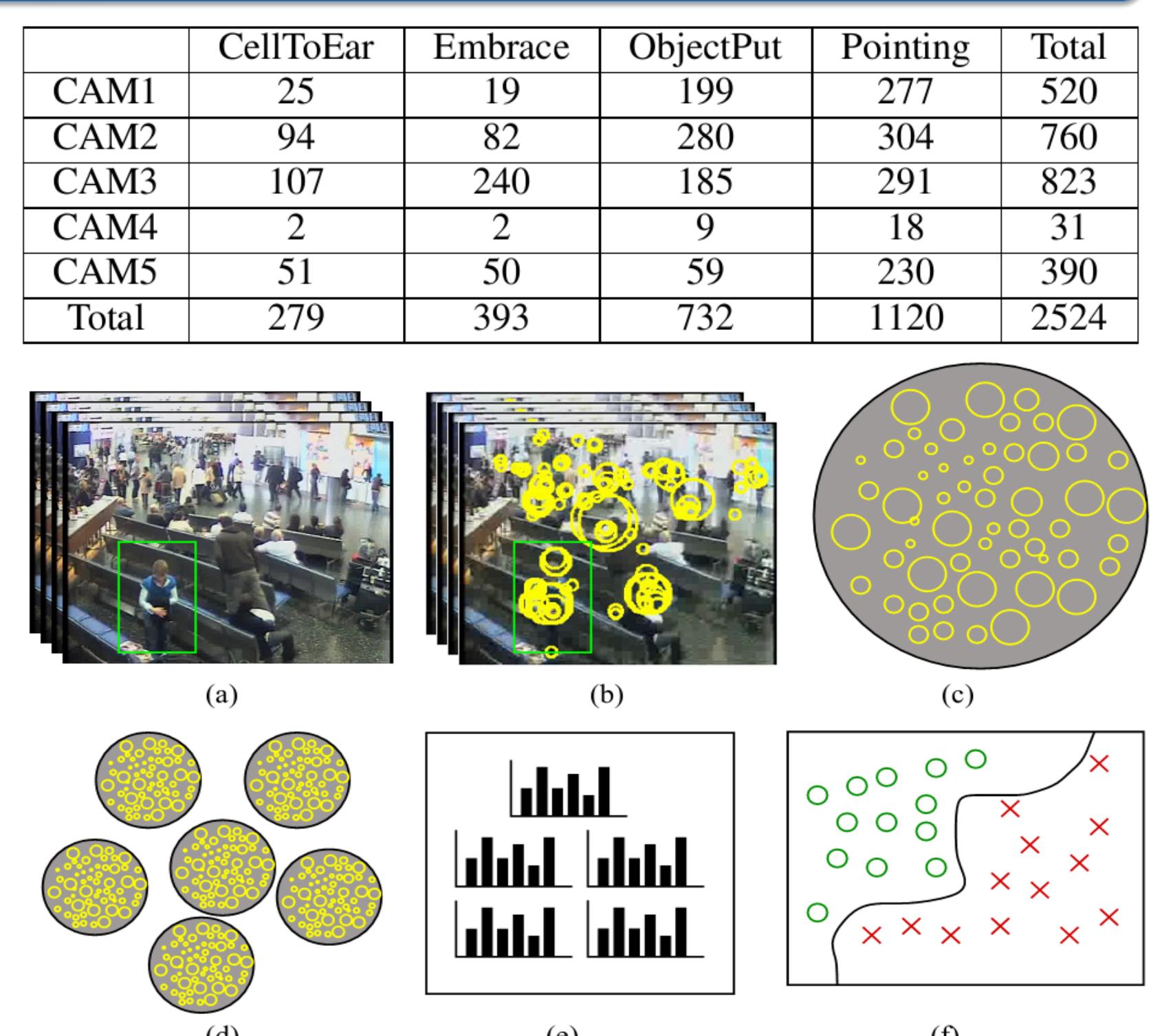
- Development Video Corpus: London Gatwick Airport, 5 Cameras, 100 hrs.
- Evaluation Video Corpus: London Gatwick Airport, 5 Cameras, 16 hrs.

Approaches

- Spatio-temporal cuboid based approach:** activities like CellToEar, Embrace, ObjectPut, and Pointing are the results of articulated motion of human parts. For these activities, we exploit spatio-temporal sliding cuboid based approach.
- Track based approach:** In the activities like PeopleMeet, PeopleSplitUp and PersonRuns, the characteristics of trajectories of the persons of interest in the activities are discriminative. For these activities, we exploit track based approach.

Spatio-temporal Cuboid Based Approach: Feature extraction

- Event video clips are segmented from the video corpus and spatial extent of the activity regions are drawn.
- STIP features are generated and collected those, belong to the activity regions.
- STIP features are clustered into visual words using k-mean (400) algorithm.
- Video clips are represented using histograms of visual words.
- Discriminative classifiers are trained for each camera-activity pair using SVM.

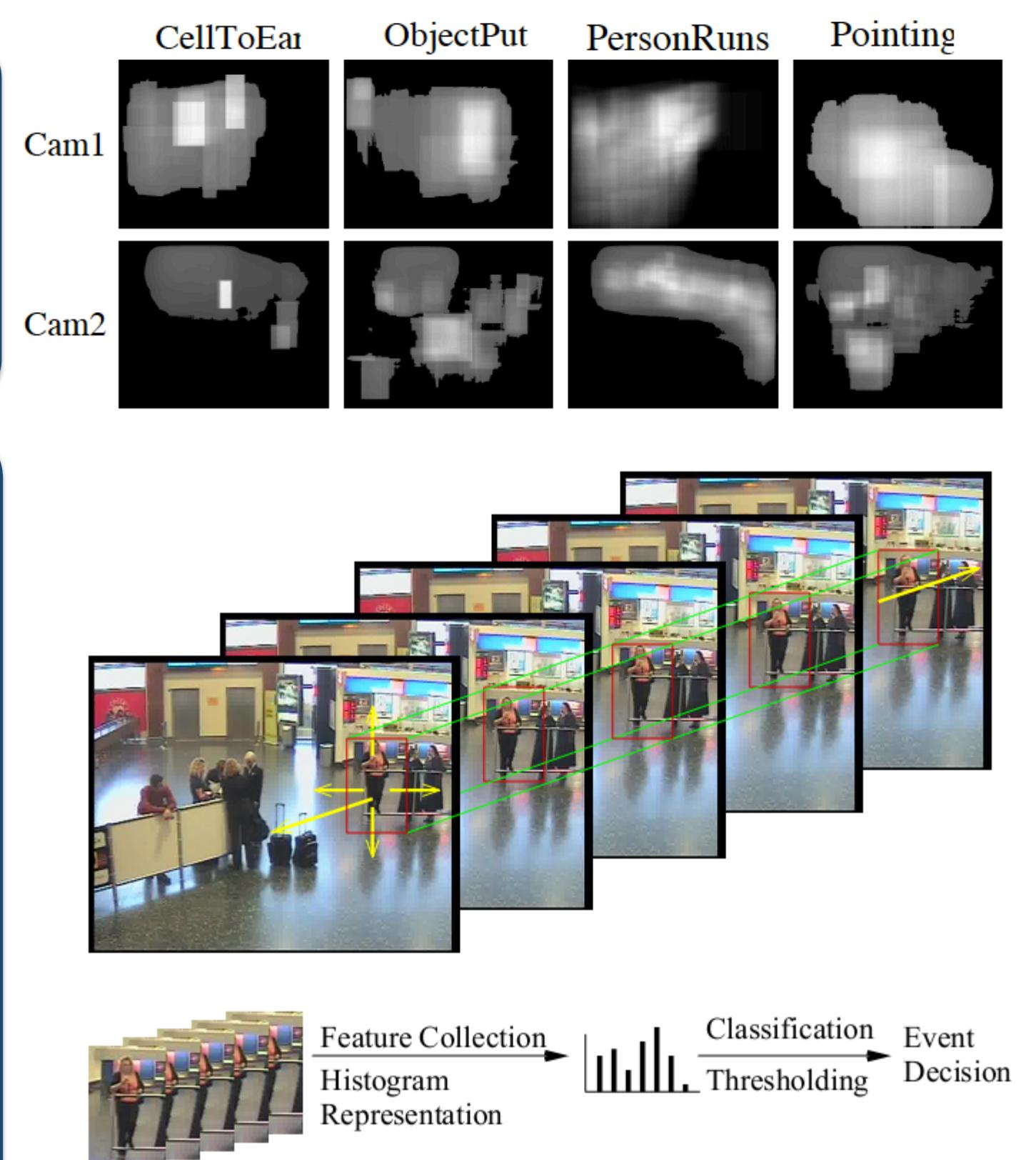


Spatio-temporal Cuboid Based Approach: Evaluation

- Activities tend to occur more in some parts of the video frame, which are distinct for different cameras and activities.
- We utilize this prior information from the training videos in the evaluation phase in order to reduce the number of false alarms.

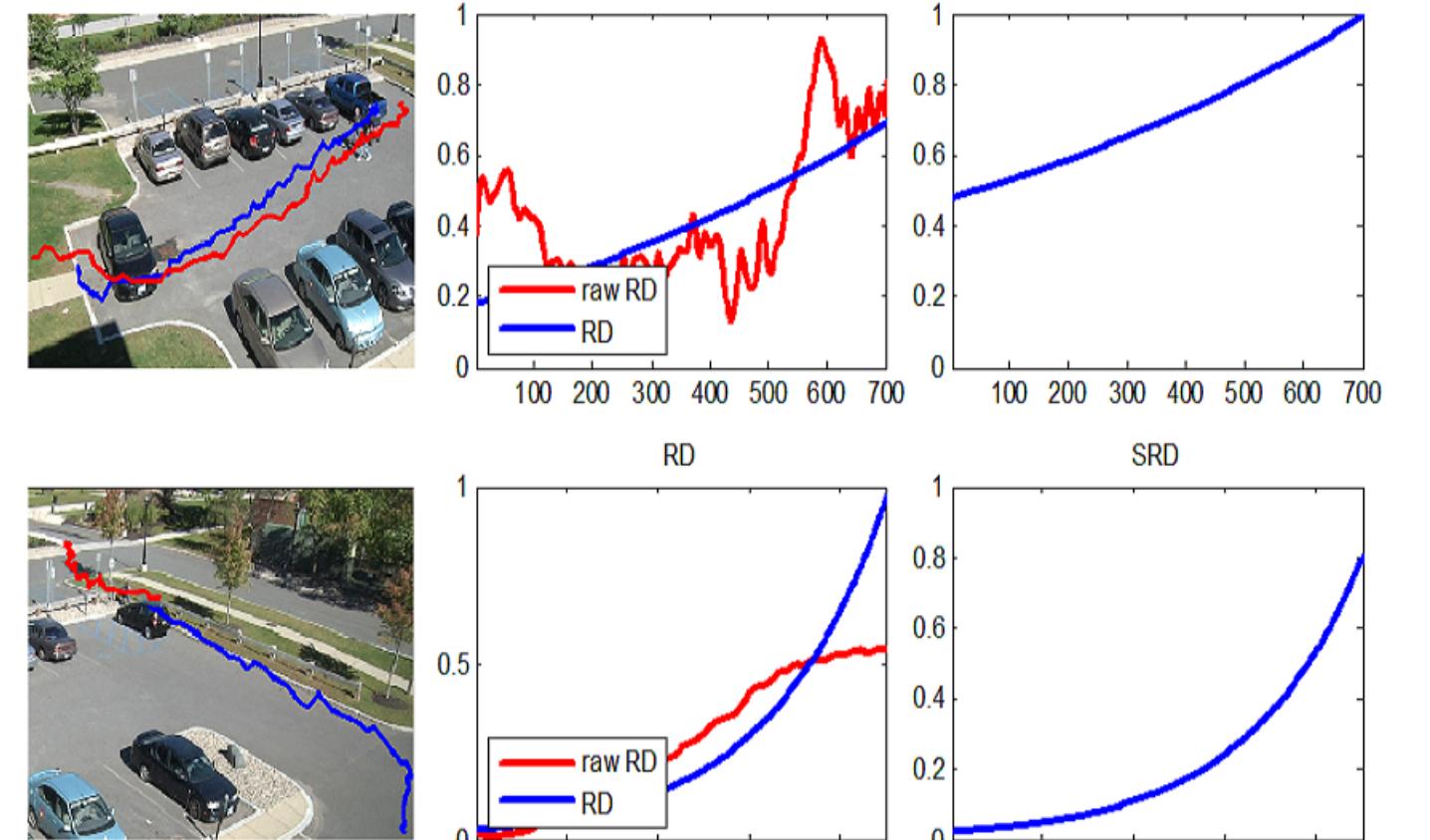
- In order to construct the activity probability map, we employ background subtraction algorithm and manually drawn bounding boxes around the activity regions.

- We search the whole video using over-lapping spatio-temporal cuboids. Size of these cuboids are determined from training video corpus for each camera-activity pair.
- Features are extracted and histogram are constructed for each cuboid.
- Pre-trained classifier is used to obtain a probability. We use activity probability map to re-weight the original probability.



Track Based Approach: Feature Descriptor

- We use background subtraction and mean-shift tracker to generate tracks of moving objects.
- For PersonRuns, velocity of a trajectory and the range of the trajectory are used as the feature.
- For PeopleMeet and PeopleSplitUp, given two tracks, we introduce Slope of smoothed relative distance (SRD) to describe the convergence and divergence trends of two tracks.



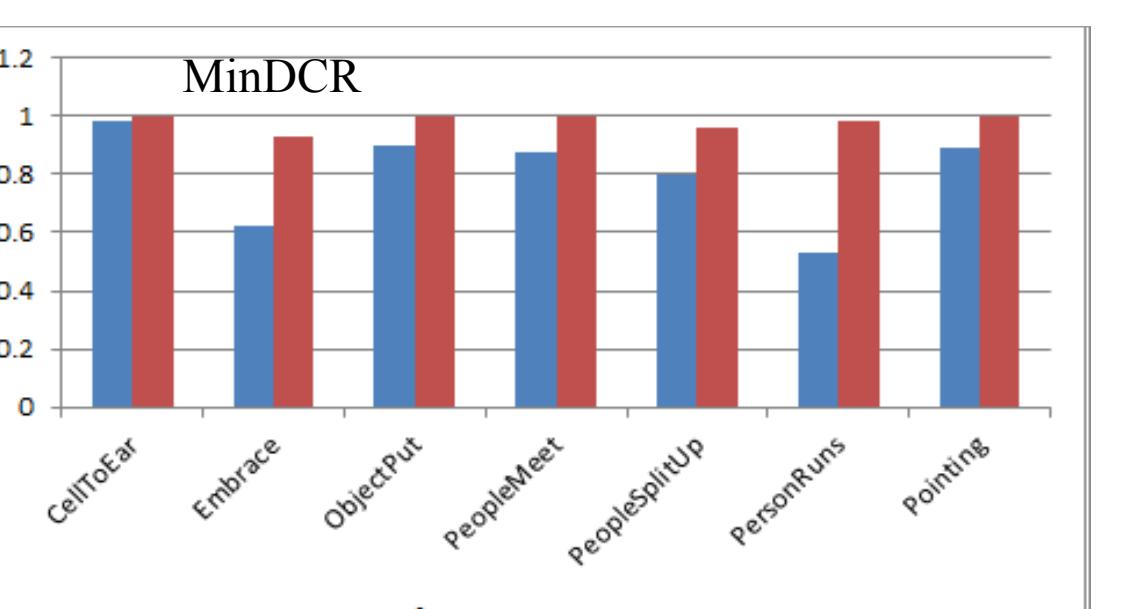
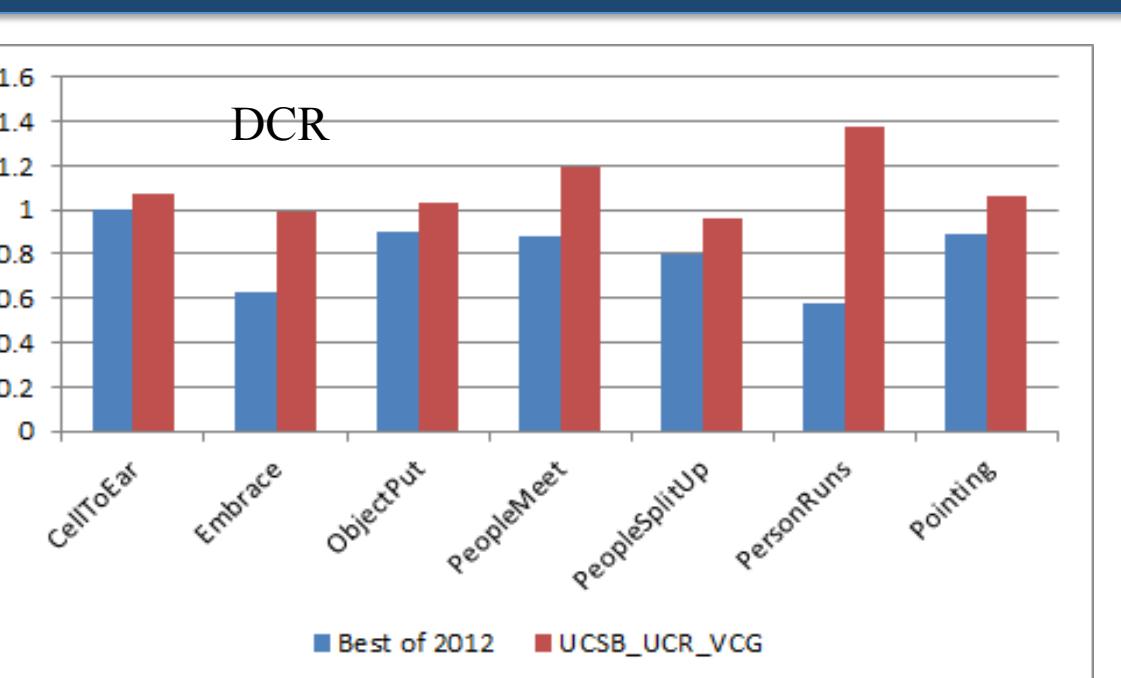
Track Based Approach: Feature Graph Matching

- Tracks are segmented into tracklets by concatenating equal-length time windows (size of 5 frame is used).
- Each tracklet forms a node in the feature graph. The edge features quantize the interaction between the two underlying objects.

$$d_n(i, i') = 0$$

$$d_e(\vec{i}, \vec{i}') = \frac{\|f_{(i)}^{SRD} - f_{(j)}^{SRD}\|}{s},$$

Experiments and Results



- We keep five frame temporal and twenty pixel spatial distance between two overlapping cuboids.
- For PeopleMeet and PeopleSplitUp, the current system uses training instances from VIRAT Dataset release 1.
- Tracks with 5% highest velocity are classified as PersonRuns.