



# Computational Support for Facilitating Parental Reflective Functioning in Everyday Parent-child Interaction

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#### Motivation

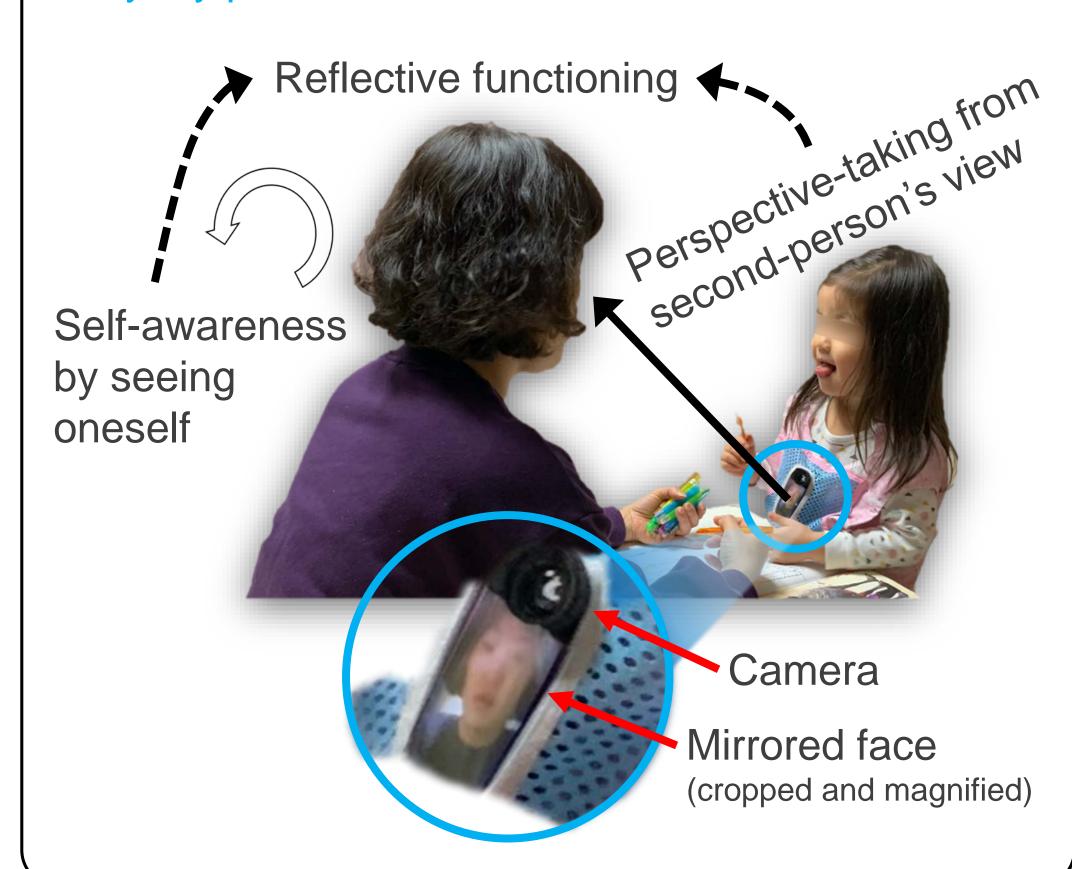
- Parenting, a vicious loop of conflicts and regrets
- Goal: Facilitating everyday parent-child interactions to be more considerate, empathetic, and moderated
- Parental Reflective Functioning
  - One's capacity to understand mental states of self (*self-awareness*) and others (*perspective-taking*)
- Challenges: Knowledge differs from practice!
  - Excessive mental and physical stress
  - Diverse conflicting situations in daily life
  - Lack of timely and direct channel to be aware of feeling or expressions

## **Dyadic Mirror at a Glance**

## **Dyadic Mirror**:

A wearable smart mirror to enable second-person live-view

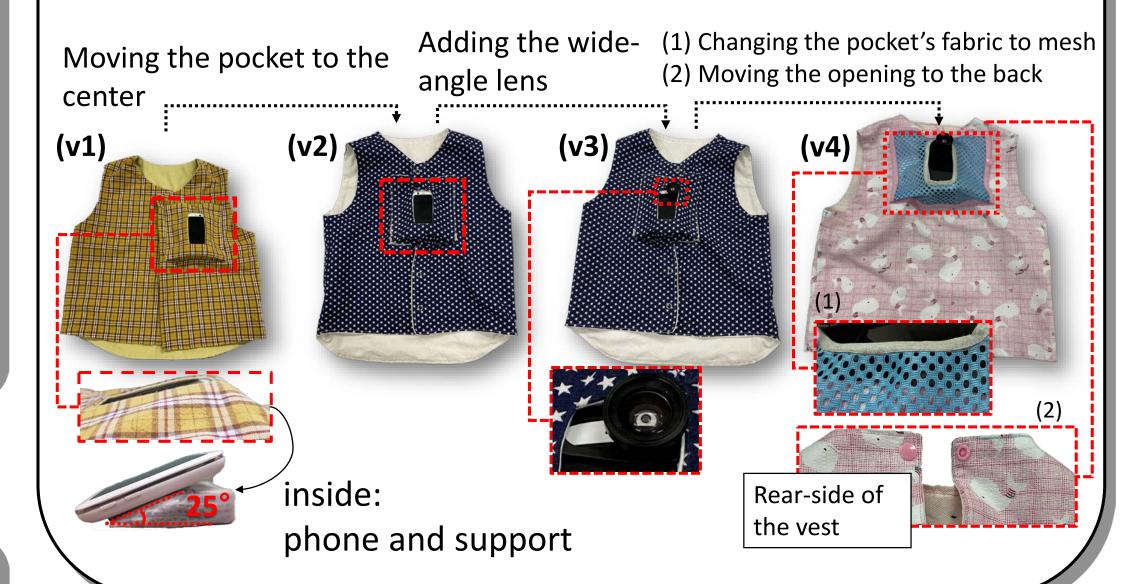
Dyadic Mirror helps parents facilitate parental reflective functioning during everyday parent-child interactions at homes



## Form Factor Design

Lightweight vest with a pocket to hold the <u>tiny</u> <u>smartphone</u> (designed in collaboration with <u>tailor-made</u> <u>clothing designer</u>)

- Design considerations:
  - Minimizing the burden of wearing
  - Maximizing the opportunity to capture the face
  - Avoiding overheating of the phone
- Design iterations for usability



## **User Experiences**

**Field deployment** with 6 families over 4 week at their home

#### -Themes

(Surprise) "I knew I don't smile when scolding them, but I was shocked that I looked 'that' cold. ... my face was like I just saw something very disgusting. Definitely an overreaction."

(Empathy) "I shall look a lot bigger to [my son]. ... Next time I have to scold him, I promised myself to sit down first and keep our eye-levels the same."

(Behavior Changes) "Now I don't go too crazy; instead, I spend more time to reason with [my children] quietly."

(Treating Children Differently)

(Double-bind Messages)

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