



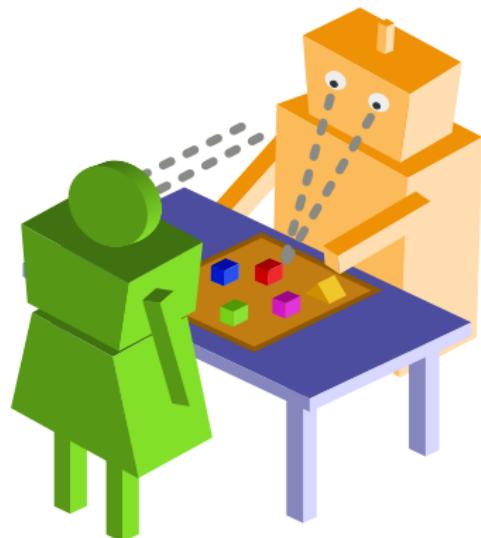
cognition & HRI

how to *do* together?

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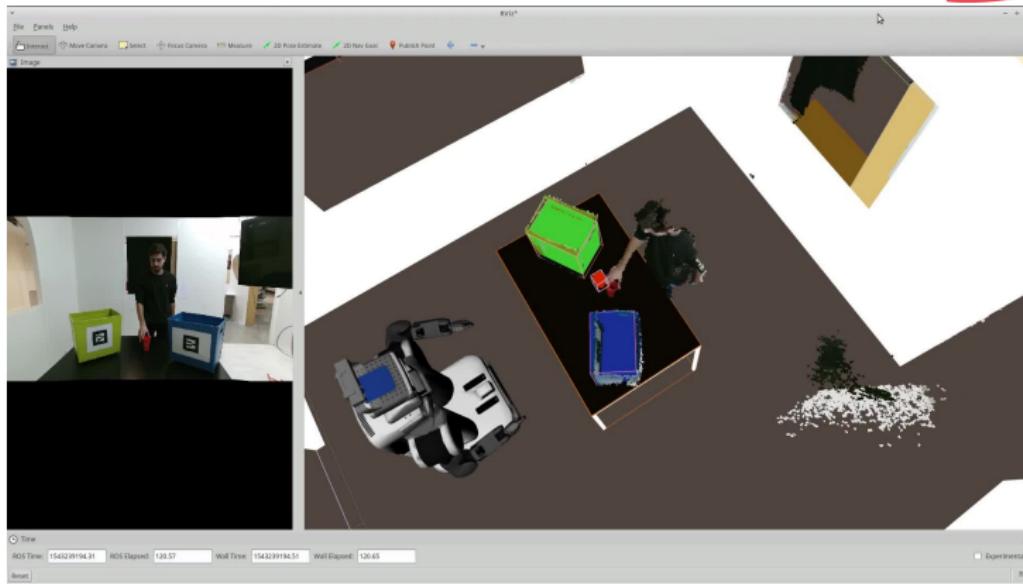
...hard ones, though:

- *how to communicate/agree on goals & plans?*
- *what about the human's own plans?*
- *monitoring/recognising error situations*
- *what to do when we're going 'off track'?*
- ...

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Data-driven!

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Mining the data

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DNNs for Social Robotics

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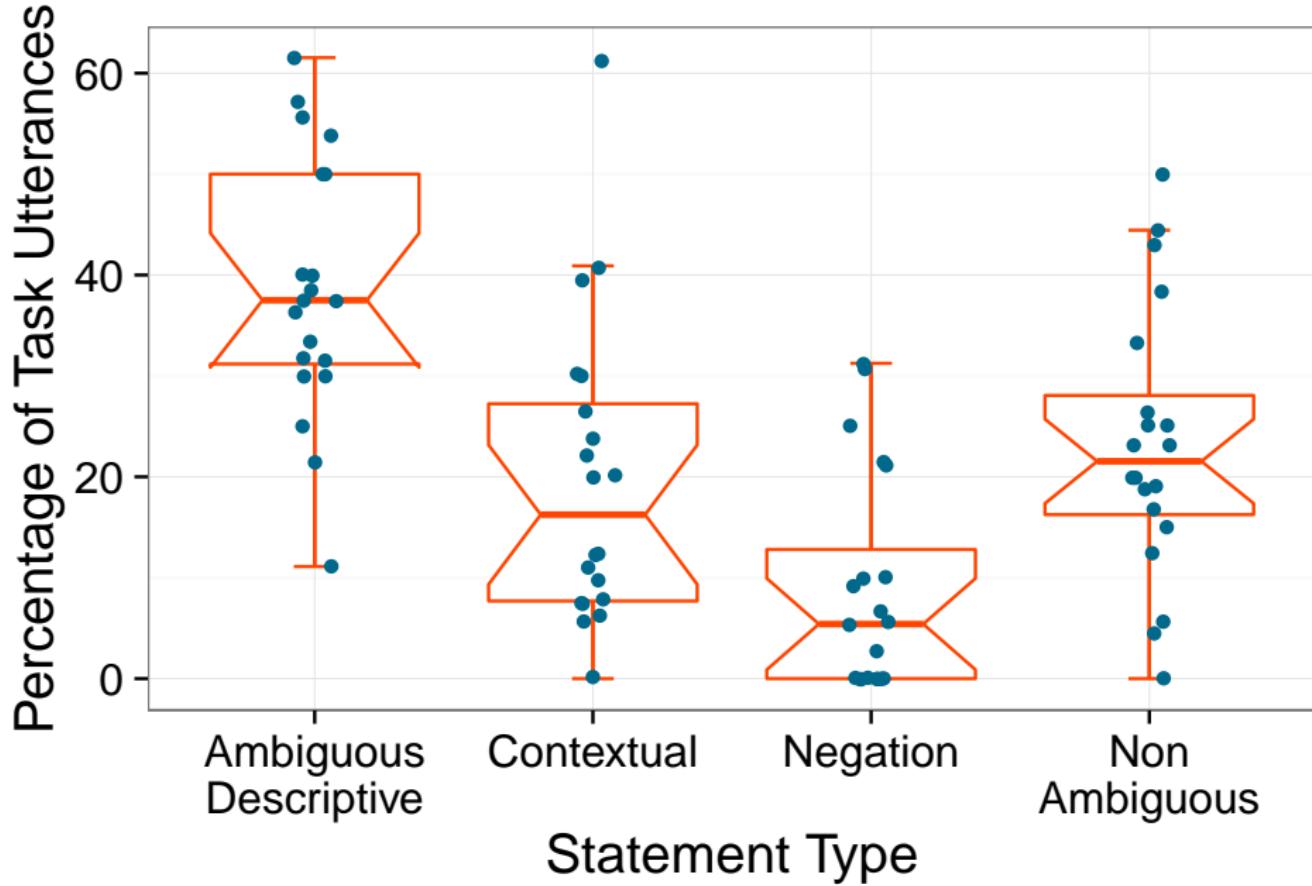
ONE EXAMPLE: GROUNDING OF SPATIAL LANGUAGE



Ambiguities arise easily when describing spatial scenes.

How do we solve them?





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- ⇒ we typically only reach *partial (or surface) alignment* – full alignment is usually not required

IN SOCIAL HUMAN-ROBOT INTERACTION

Well studied in communication (cf back-channeling)

Can we expand this line of thought to sHRI in general?

Most of our social and behavioural alignment comes from
sub-conscious social mechanisms:

- entrainment (coupling),
- mimicry,
- implicit turn-taking,
- joint attention
- ...and others

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- These mechanisms are unfortunately often ill-defined, and particularly difficult to turn into equations (or controllers, in our case)
- no close-form equation of social interactions ⇒ data-driven approaches?

TOWARDS THE DATA-DRIVEN STUDY OF SOCIAL DYNAMICS

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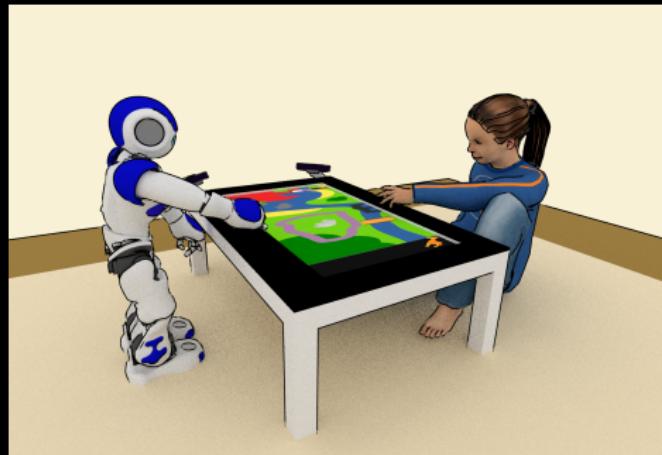
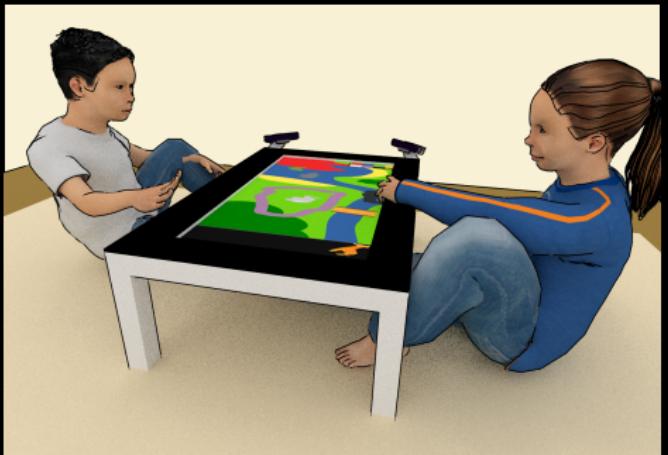
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- with a little bit of scaffolding & framing



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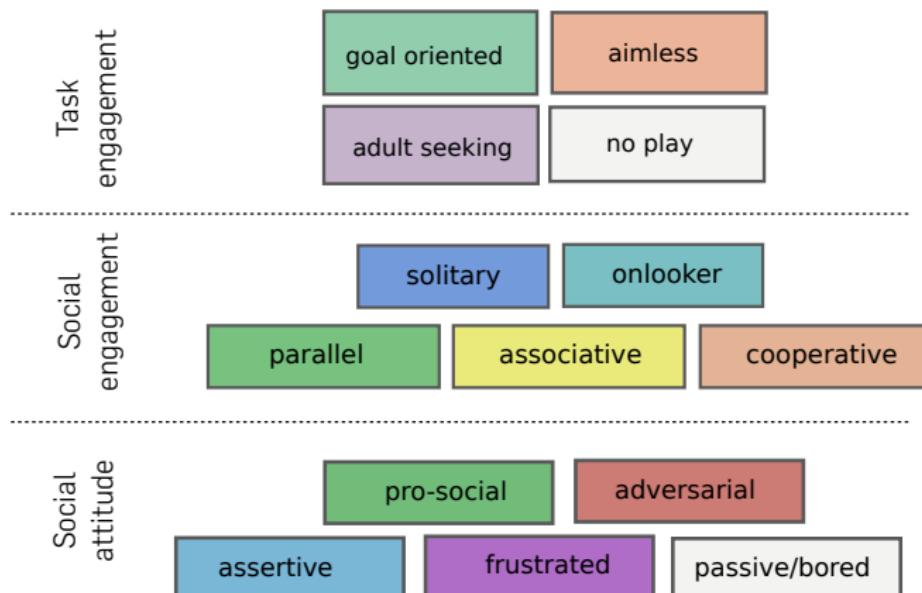
→ **paradigm for socio-cognitive investigation**

THE PINSORO DATASET

- 120 children, 4 to 8 years old
- 75 interactions
 - 90 children playing with another child,
 - 30 playing with a robot
- About 45h+ of recordings; 2M+ frames; \approx 2TB
- average duration of freeplay interactions: 24min in child-child condition; 19min in child-robot condition



13000+ ANNOTATIONS



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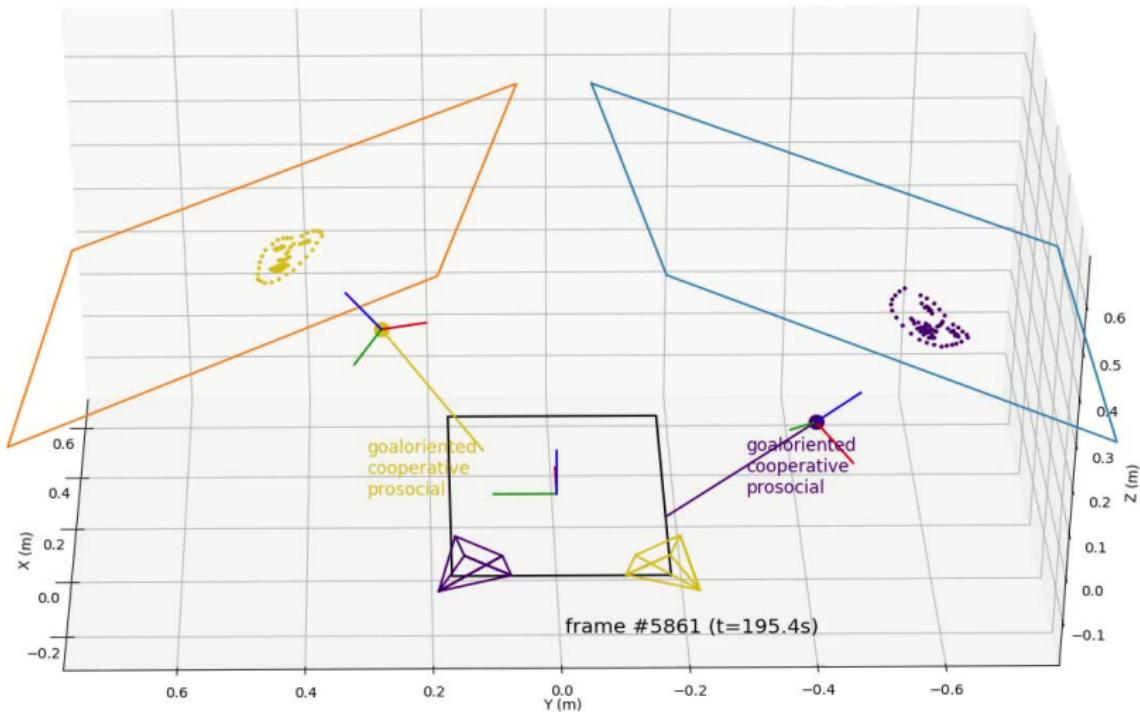
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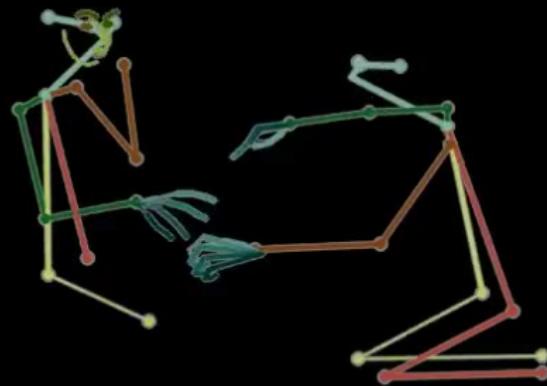
LARGEST OPEN DATASET OF NATURAL SOCIAL INTERACTIONS

Anonymised version (7.2GB) available on-line.
Grab it now!

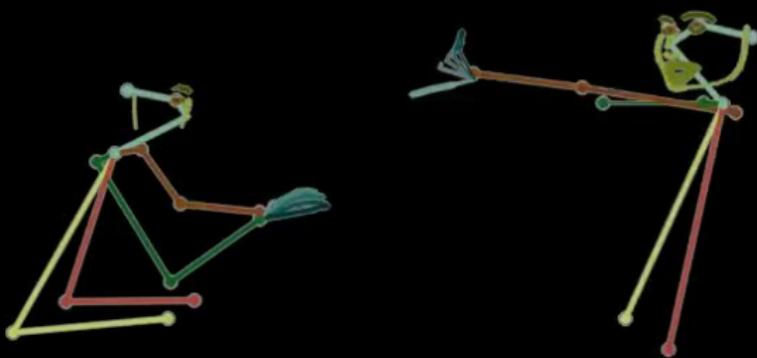
freeplay-sandbox.github.io

Open data! Hosted on EU's **zenodo**

MINING THE DATA











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How much do you agree with the following statements?

The children were competing with one another.

Strongly Disagree

Disagree

Not Sure

Agree

Strongly Agree

200 participants, 4 clips each, on MTurk

The child on the left was sad.

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Σ Aggressive		0.80	-0.36
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Σ Engaged			-0.64
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Σ Distracted		0.63	
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THREE CONSTRUCTS TO RULE THEM ALL



Interaction imbalance

Interaction valence

Engagement

DEEP LEARNING OF SOCIAL INTERACTIONS?

Attitude: passive

Social engag.: onlooker

Task engag.: no play

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Social engag.: solitary

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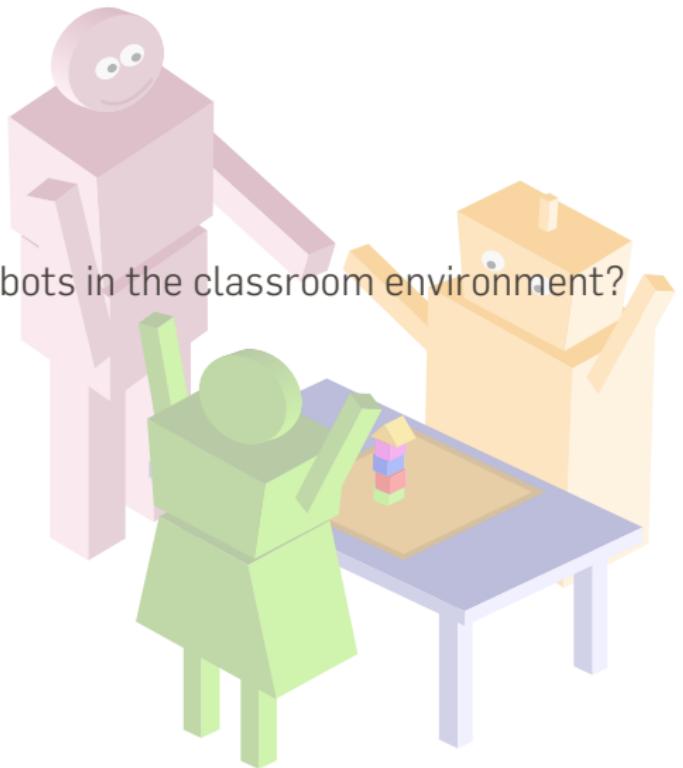
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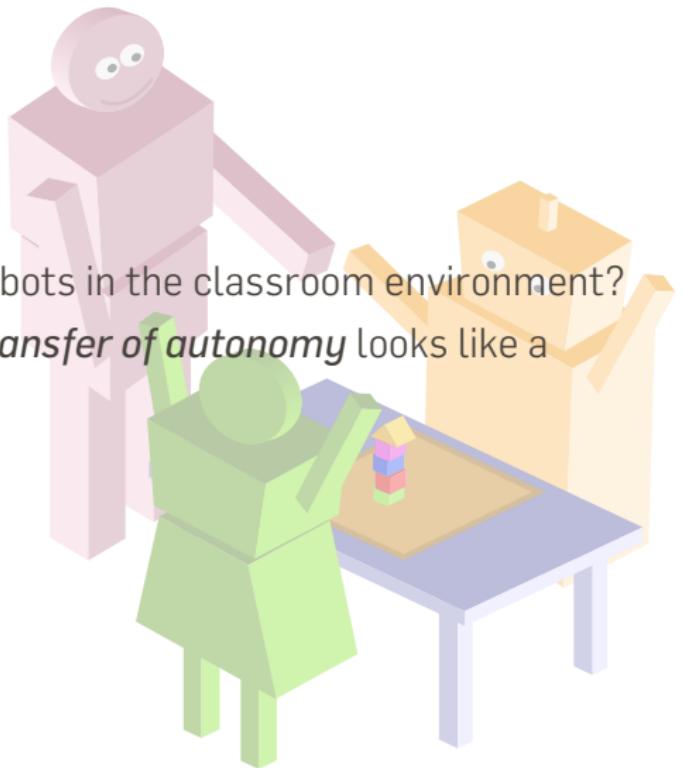
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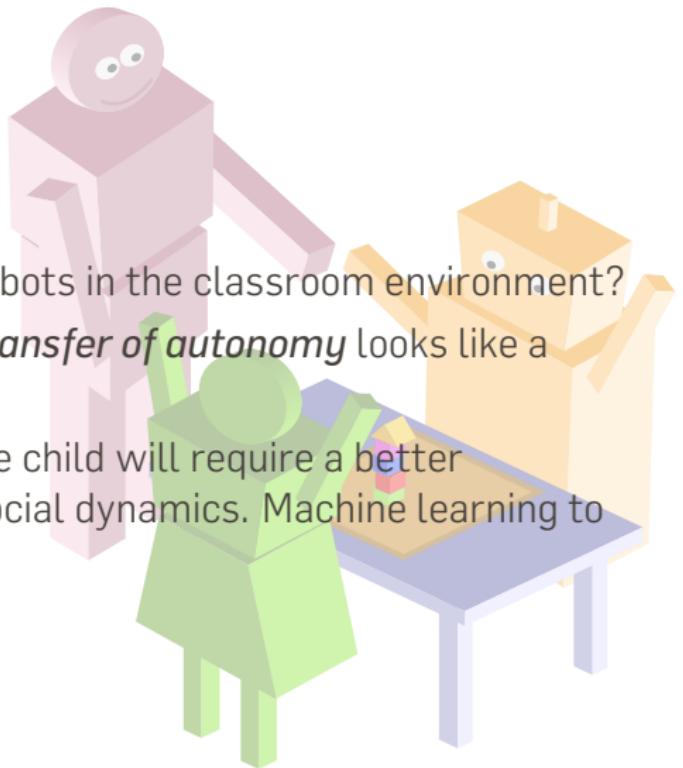
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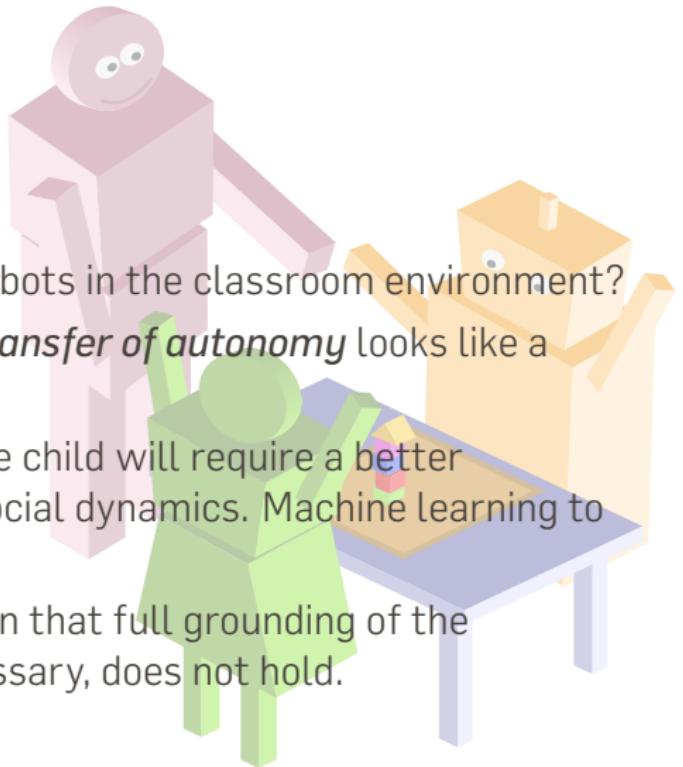
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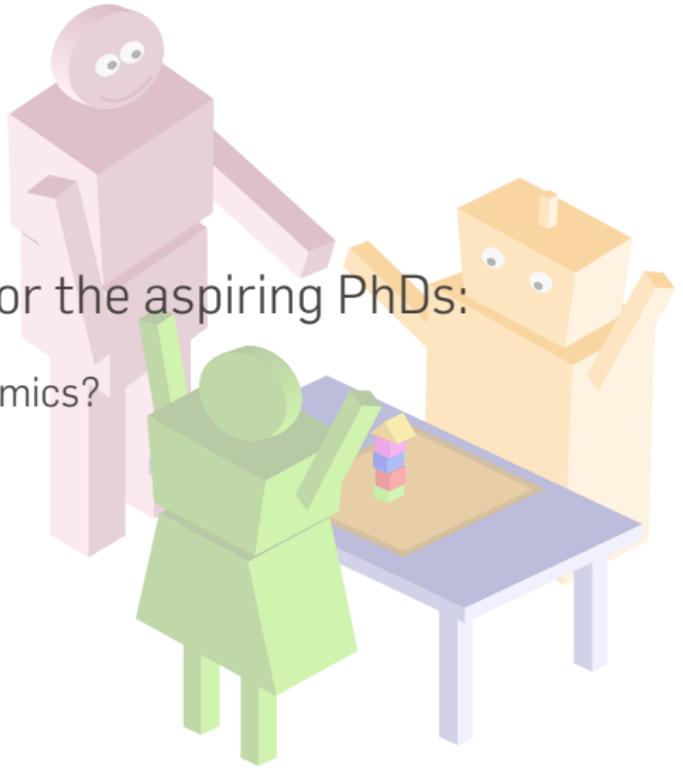
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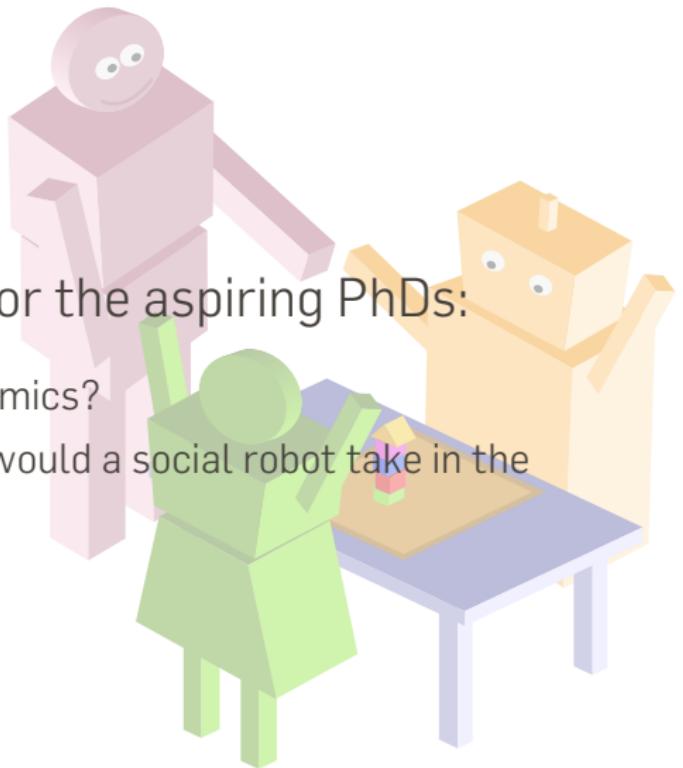


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- Over time, what place would a social robot take in the classroom?





Thank you!

SOME MORE STUFF

SOME BUILDING BLOCKS EXISTS

- **Multi-modal fusion**
e.g. Noda et al. **Multimodal integration learning of robot behavior using DNN**, Robotics and Autonomous Systems 2014
- **Behavioural sequences recognition**
How et al. **Behavior recognition for humanoid robots using long short-term memory**, IJARS 2016 → *LSTM to recognise Nao behaviours*
Shiarlis et al. **Acquiring Social Interaction Behaviours for Telepresence Robots via Deep Learning from Demonstration**, IROS 2017

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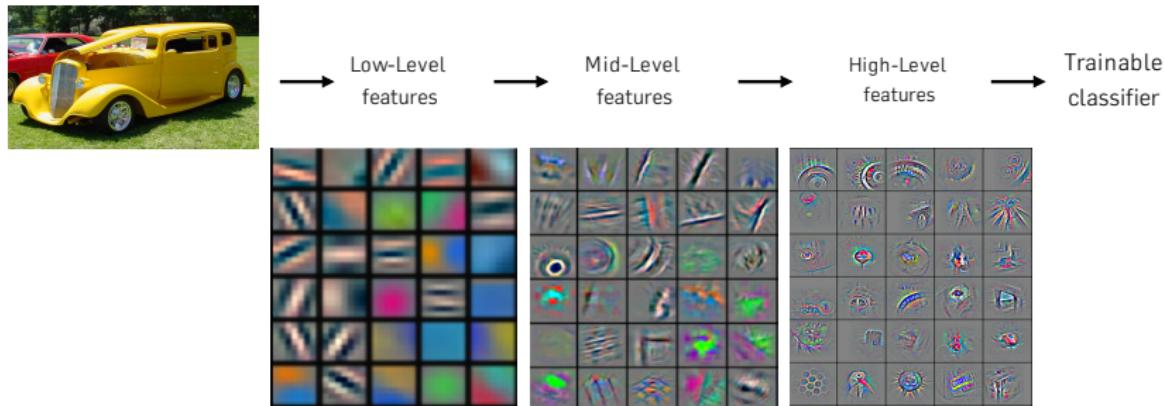
- **Multi-modal fusion**
e.g. Noda et al. **Multimodal integration learning of robot behavior using DNN**, Robotics and Autonomous Systems 2014
- **Behavioural sequences recognition**
How et al. **Behavior recognition for humanoid robots using long short-term memory**, IJARS 2016 → *LSTM to recognise Nao behaviours*
Shiarlis et al. **Acquiring Social Interaction Behaviours for Telepresence Robots via Deep Learning from Demonstration**, IROS 2017

DBSoC: Deep Behavioural Social Cloning – LfD + CNNs + LSTM

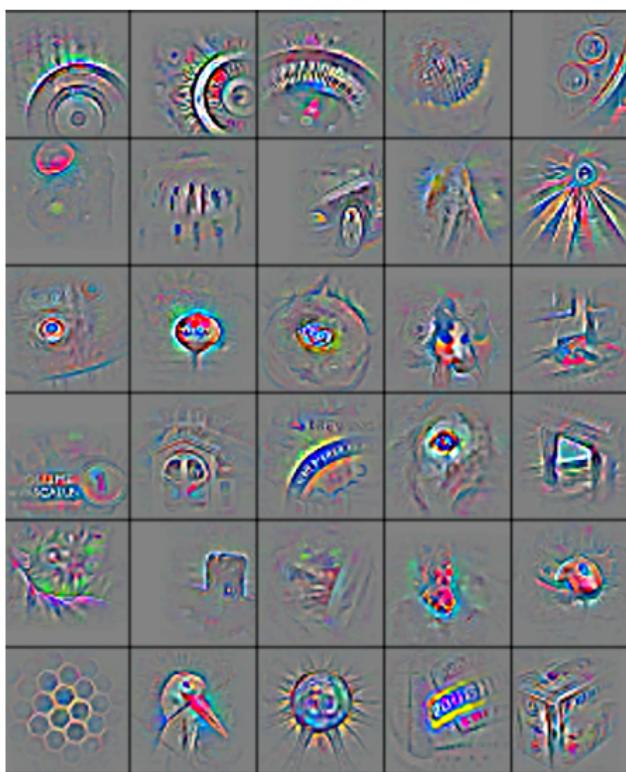
Two tasks for a telepresence robot:

1. position itself in a (dynamic) group of persons
2. follow 2 persons

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[taken from a NIPS2015 tutorial by Geoff Hinton, Yoshua Bengio & Yann LeCun]

WHAT DID WE RECORD?

Domain	Type	Details
child × 2	audio	16kHz, mono, semi-directional
	face (RGB)	qHD (960x540), 30Hz
	face (depth)	VGA (640x480), 30Hz
	facial features	70 2D points, 30Hz
	skeleton	15 2D points, 30Hz
	hands	20 x 2 2D points, 30Hz
environment	RGB	qHD (960x540), 29.7Hz
touchscreen	background drawing (RGB)	4Hz
	touches	6 points multi-touch, 10Hz
	items position and orientation	(x,y,theta), 10Hz
annotations	timestamped annotations of social behaviours	
+ post-process	optical flow, audio features facial action units...	