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# Future Spoken Dialog Systems: Multimodal, Multilingual, Multiparty, Multitask

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# 13 Trends for Spoken Dialog Systems

1. From **Unimodal**  
to **Multimodal Dialogs**
2. From **Monolingual**  
to **Multilingual Systems**
3. From **Single Task**  
to **Multitask Dialogs**
4. From **Dyadic Dialogs**  
to **Multiparty Conversations**

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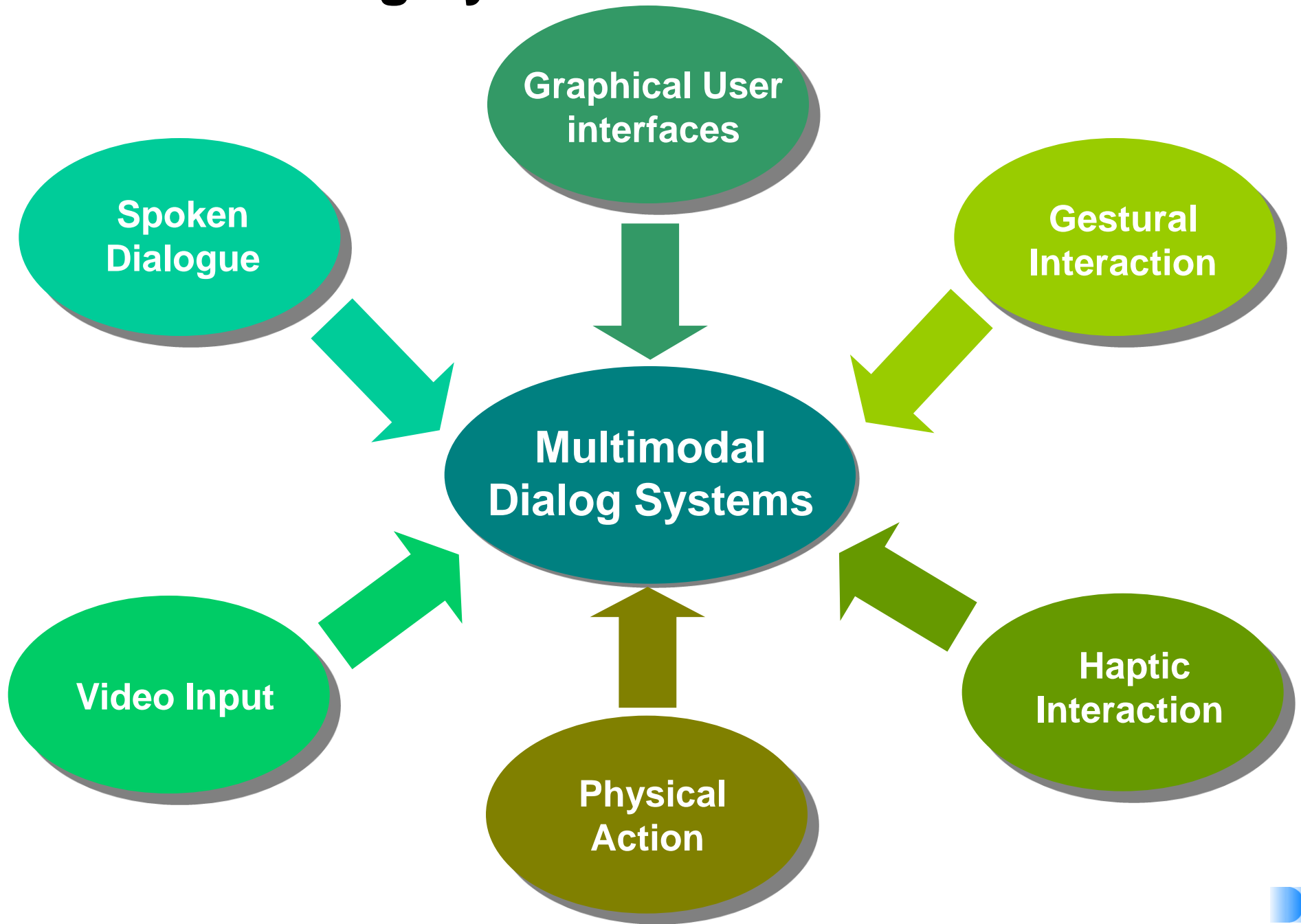
5. From **Close Speaking**  
to **Microphone Arrays for Distant Speaking**
6. From **Cooperative Speech**  
to **Spontaneous Speech**
7. From **Stationary**  
to **Mobile Spoken Dialog Systems**
8. From **Hosted Voice Portals**  
to **Cloud-based Speech Solutions**

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9. From **Client-Server Spoken Dialog Systems** to **Embedded Systems**
10. From **Database Transactions** to **Problem Solving Dialogs**
11. From **Access to the Web of Information** to **the Internet of Services**
12. From **Generic** to **Personalized Voice User Interfaces**
13. From **Human-Machine** to **Human-Environment-Interaction**



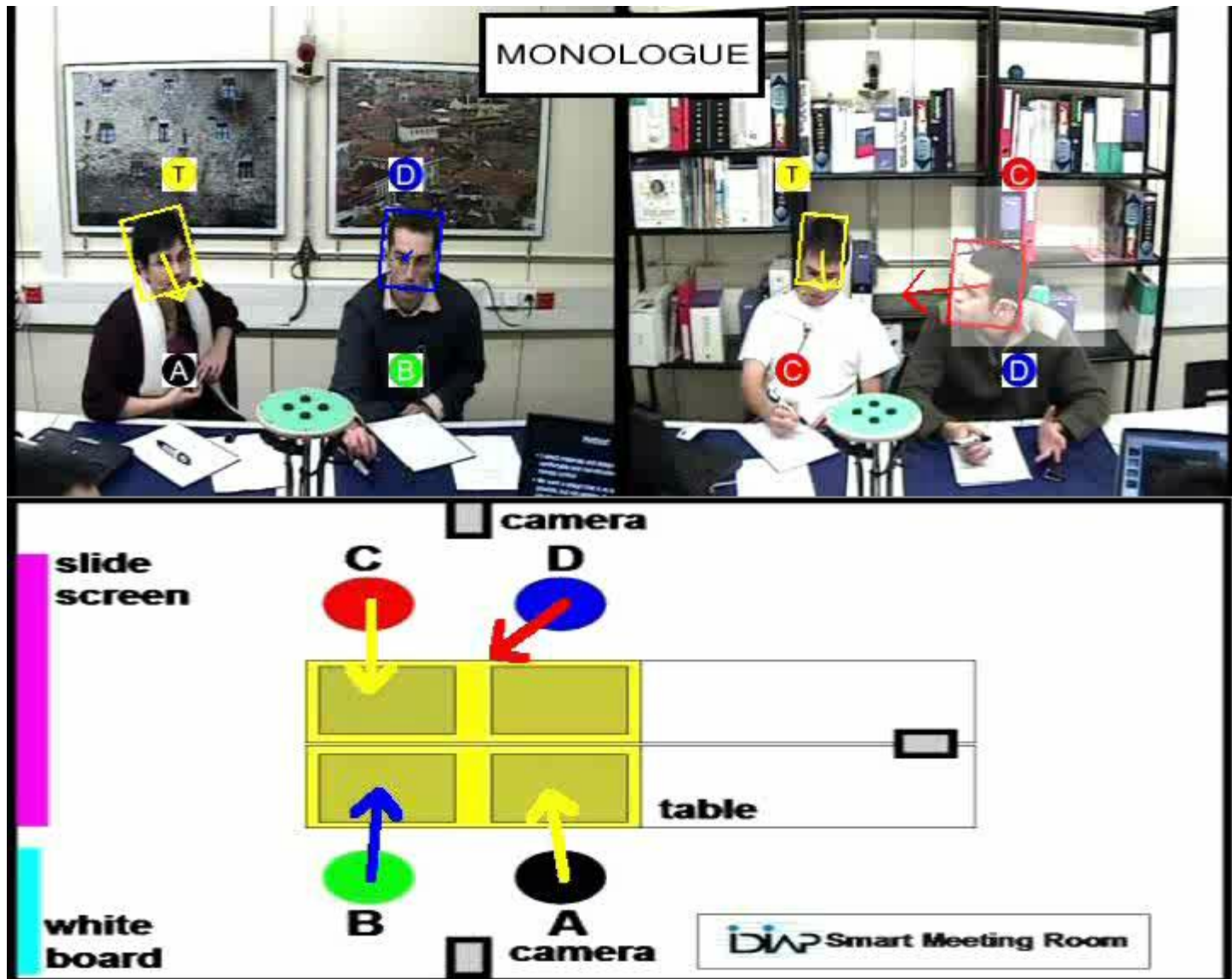
# Multimodal Dialog Systems



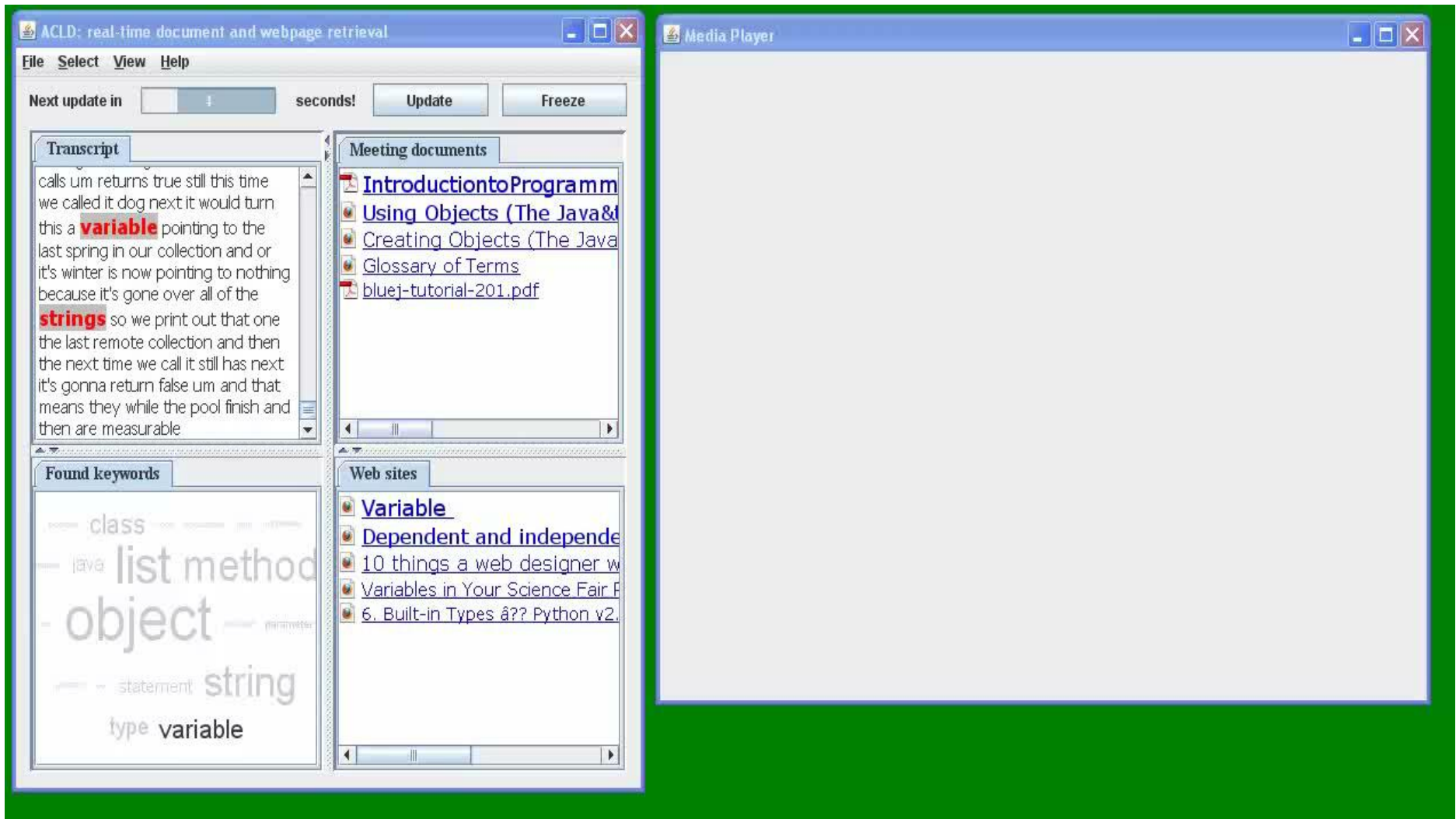
# Multiparty Speaker Diarization and Tracking

## Who spoke When, with Whom, Where about What?

Overlapped,  
non-native  
accented  
and  
spontaneous  
Speech



# Just-in-time Access to Relevant Documents or Fragments of Past Recorded Meetings



**Killer App for Call Centers: Just-in-Time Answer Retrieval during the Conversation between an Agent and a Customer by Parallel Speech Understanding**

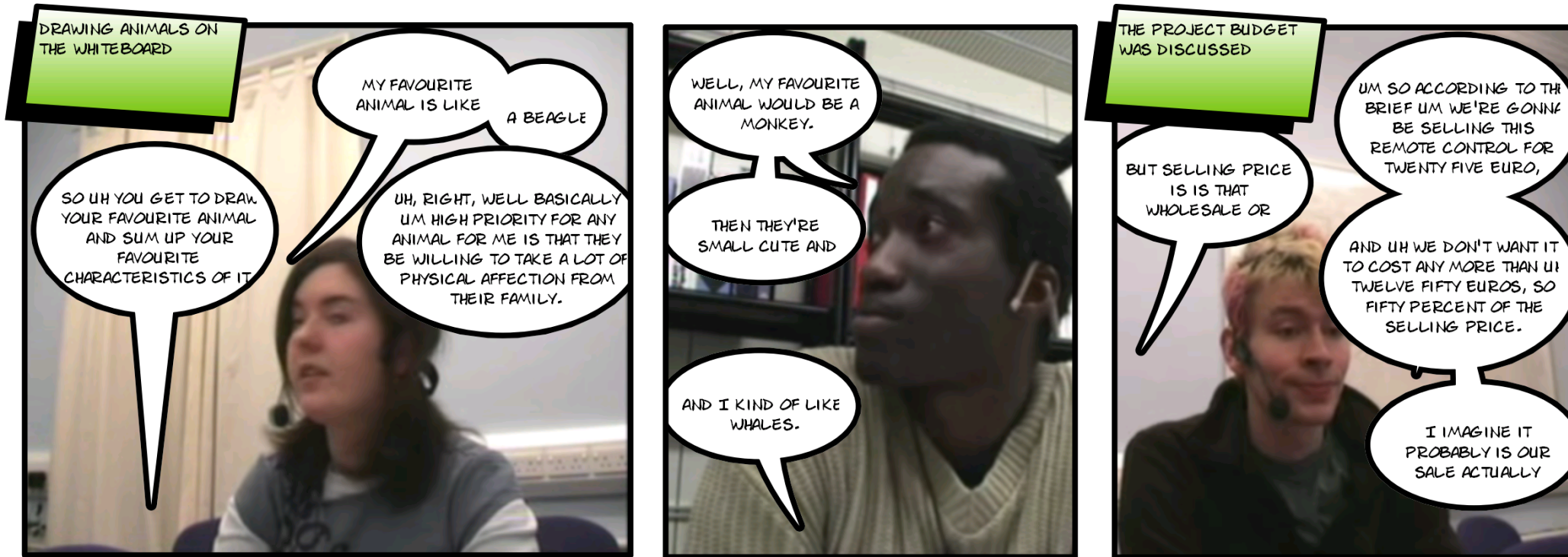
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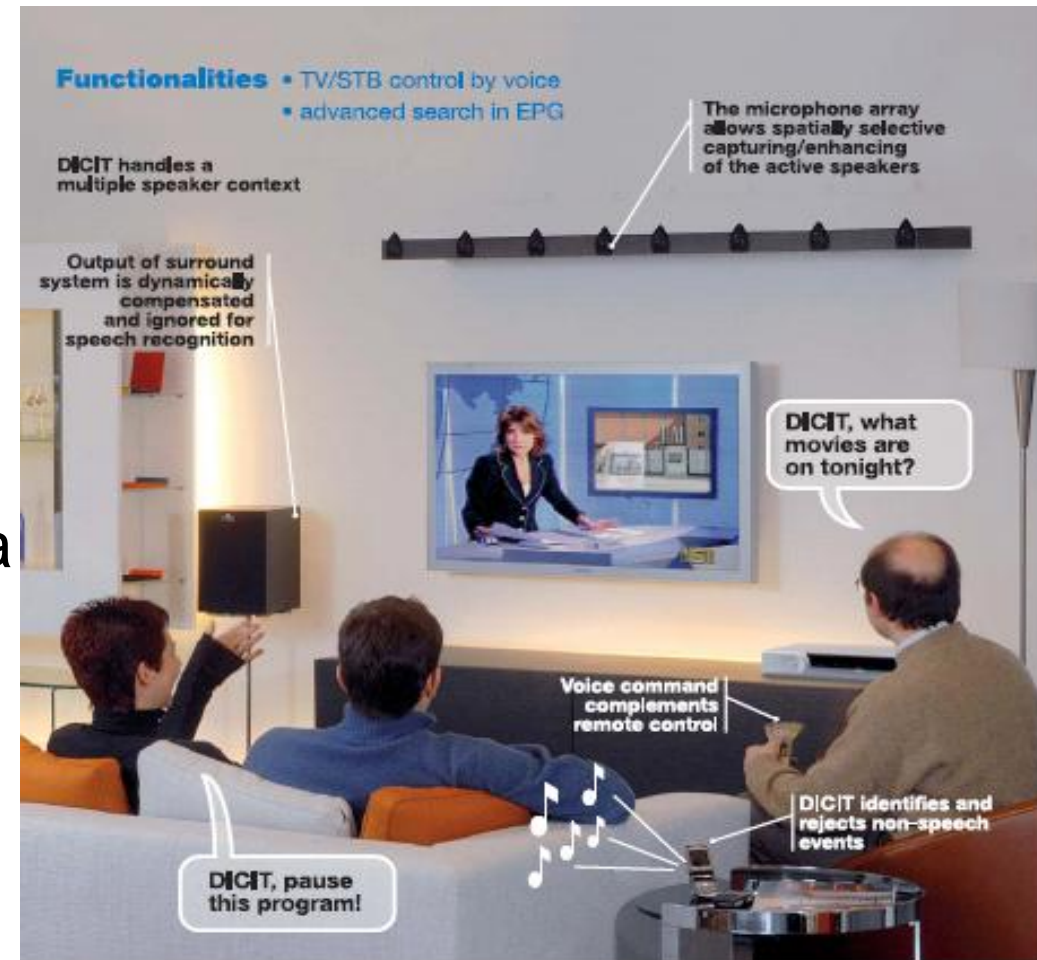
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# DICIT (Distant-talking Interfaces for Control of Interactive TV) EC project

- Coordinated by FBK
- Goal: voice control of TV and related devices
- Robustness against noise and audio interferences
- Smart processing also including a real-time multi-speaker localization
- Understanding of voice input queries
- Multimodal spoken dialog management



For more details: <http://dicit.fbk.eu>

# Multilingual Access to a Electronic Program Guide (EPG) with Distant Speech



# Multiparty Dialog between Virtual & Human Football Experts: Discussing the UEFA EURO 2016 in France

Multilingual  
Virtual  
Moderator



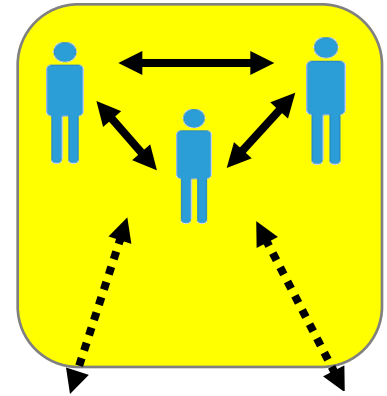
$N > 2$  Virtual  
Experts

$n > 2$  Human Football Fans from Different EU Member States Speaking  
their Mother Tongues

# Discussing the Best of European Football in Your Mother Tongue 2016

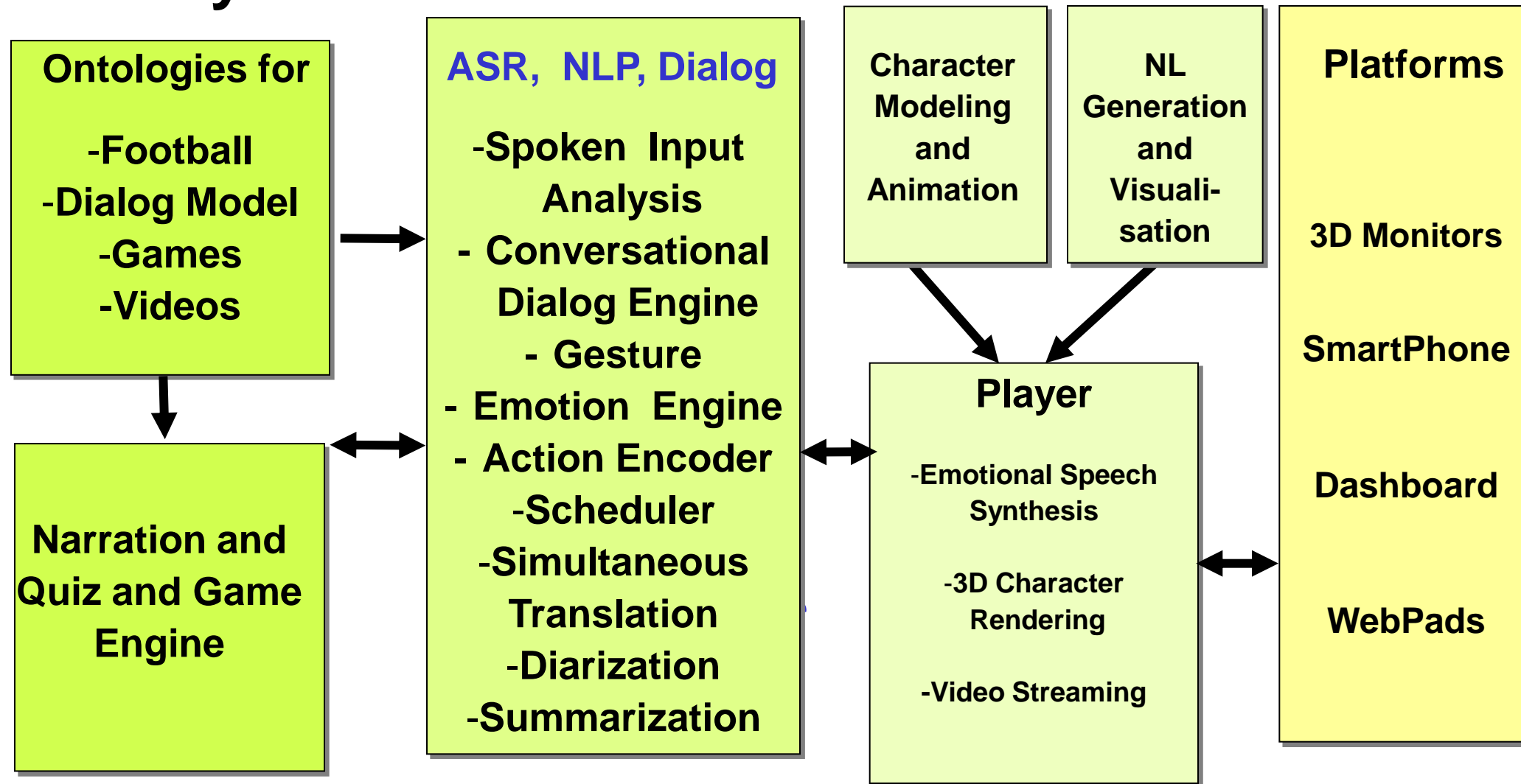
1. on your mobile with football fans from all over Europe
2. with spontaneous speech translation, diarization, simultaneous cross-lingual multimodal content linking
3. 24 languages of 24 European teams
4. quiz and game shows, defining your own teams, virtual coaching

multiparty  
spoken dialog  
between virtual &  
human agents



**multimodal, multilingual, multiparty, multitask**

# The Basic Architecture of the 4M EURO 2016 System



# SmartWeb: Getting Answers on the Go



**Italy**



**Personal guide for the FIFA world cup**

# Monolingual Multiparty Football Quiz and Game Show at DFKI



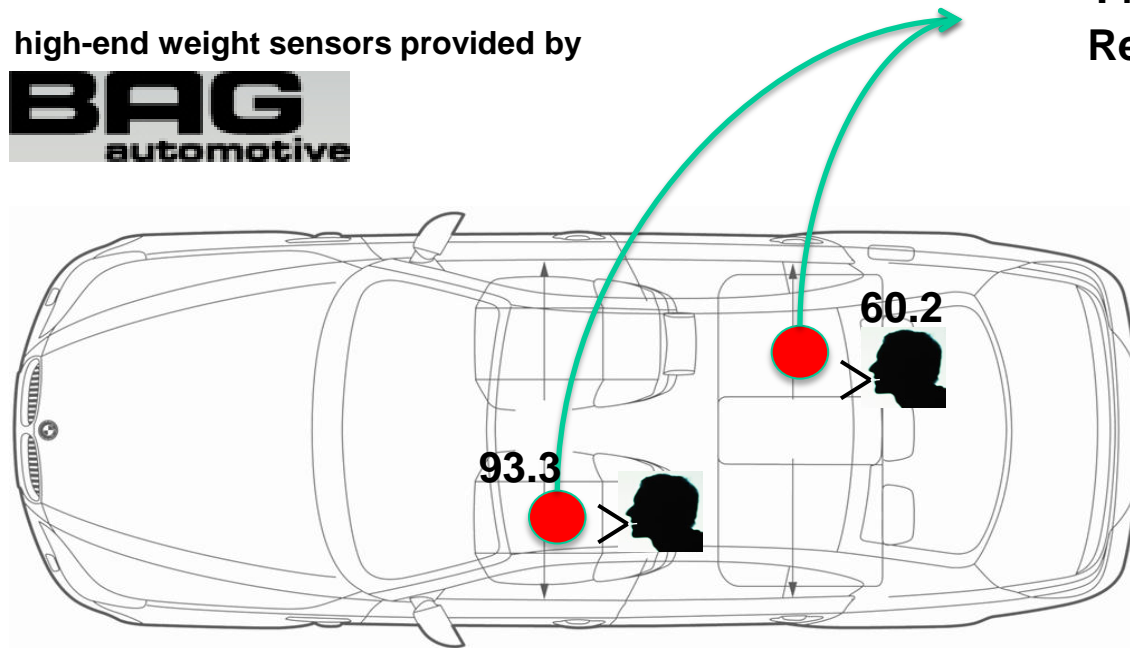


# Multitask Games with Multimodal Dialogs

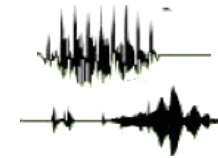


# Multimodal Computing: Speech and Car Sensors

high-end weight sensors provided by



Front\_Left 93.3  
Rear\_Right 60.2



Me 91.8  
-> Front\_Left



Me 61.5  
-> Rear\_Right



- ◆ Weight sensors and microphones in the car take measures / capture speech on the respective seats
- ◆ Values and speech features are broadcasted and received by personal (nomadic devices)
- ◆ Speaker models and weights are stored on personal device.
- ◆ Personal devices “decode” the position information and decide, which service is allowed to use it

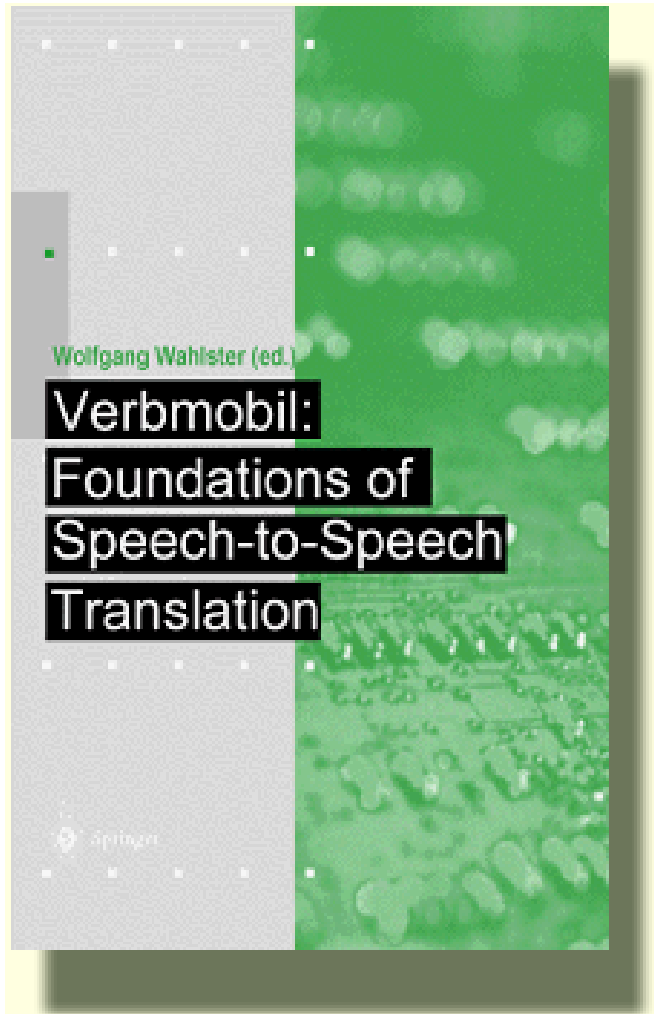
# Multiparty Conversation and Speaker Identification in the Car



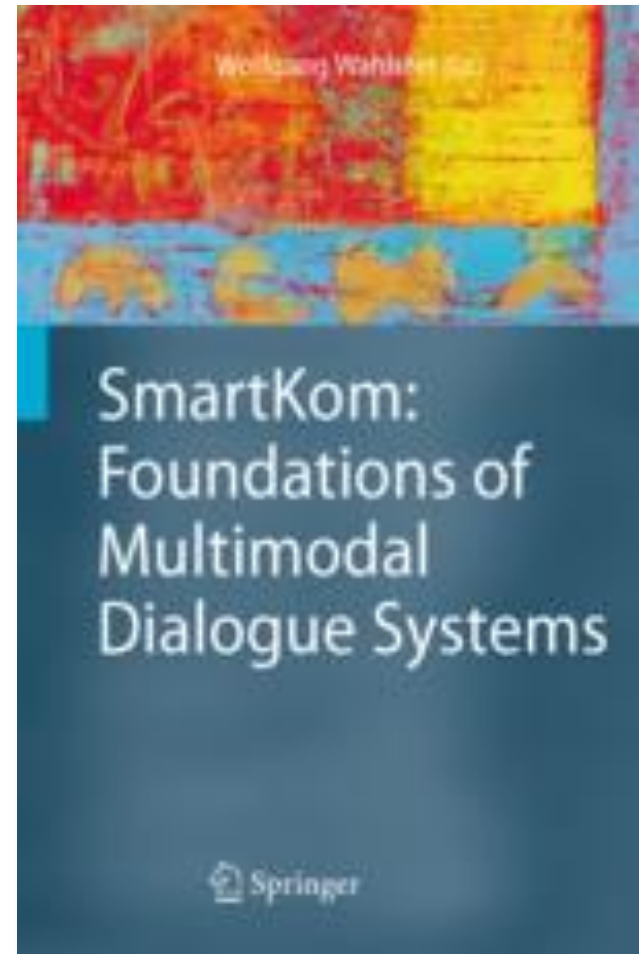
# There Are Many Open Problems for the Next 6 Years:

- Integrating **top-down context and dialog knowledge** into low-level speech recognition processes
- Exploiting more knowledge about **human communication and translation strategies** including psycho- and neurolinguistic inspirations.
- Avoiding **expensive** data collections and **cognitively unrealistic** training data for machine learning.

# 10 Years after Verbmobil + 5 Years after SmartKom/SmartWeb



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15 and 16 November 2010, Saarbrücken: 10 Years Verbmobil  
Looking Back and Looking Ahead

# Football Tournaments Create Emotions: Emotional Speech, Emotional Facial Expressions



# Realistic Facial Expressions combined with Emotional Speech Synthesis

**Jules: the Robotic Head by Hanson Robotics used by a Team at the University of Bristol**



**Thank you very much  
for your attention.**

