Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning in Content Creation

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The Two Core Questions…

Can Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning produce content that heretofore required humans to produce?

Can creative decisions be codified such that intelligent systems can accomplish those tasks?

Applying AI & ML to Content Creation

Speech recognition providing real-time subtitling and CC in over 80 languages and with 95-99% accuracy.

Automatically creating personalized viewer highlights on a large scale.

Automatic creation of different versions of promos by changing voiceovers by retyping words.

Automated editing of footage from single or multiple cameras to create a coherent narrative of an event.

Automatic creation of frame accurate, lip-synced images from a content library, creating content that is completely fabricated from various source elements.

Evolving Content Creation & Consumption

The Business Models are Rapidly Changing

Broadcast Networks add OTT Services

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World's Population: 7.5B

16.4B Internet Connected Personal Devices

Devices capable of acquiring content at: 4K/30; 1080p/120; 720p/240 fps.

100+ formats

Content Deluge, Lower CPM, Crowdsourcing

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YouTube Daily:

- 5B videos
- 500M mobile video views
- 300 hours uploaded per minute

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Facebook Daily:

- 8B average daily video views
- 1 in 5 is a live broadcast

All this growth comes with challenges…

Challenges of metadata tagging and categorization

Historical television model, based on CPM, redefined to audiences of thousands and hundreds

Make more content available with fewer resources

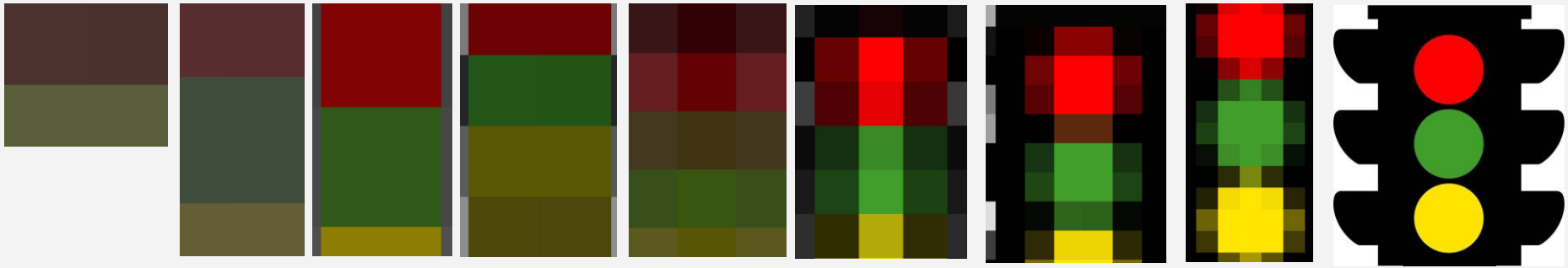
AI & ML

- AI investigates the simulation of human intelligence by computers.
- Machine Learning is a subset of AI. Algorithms capable of “learning” from the data and modifying operations without human intervention.
- AI can assist in image classification, facial recognition, etc. Rules by which systems logically undertake tasks: stock market trading.
- AI focused on imitation of human decision-making, automating the execution of those decisions.

- ML apps analyze large datasets and, based on the learning process, make determinations and predictions.
- Examine written text, determine whether a positive or negative viewpoint is being expressed.
- Speech to text + tonal analysis: text of what is said, indexed to the specific moment in time, and interpret items such as:
  - The sex and approximate age of the speaker and the nature of the communication
  - A resulting indication: the speaker being pleased, displeased, or irate.

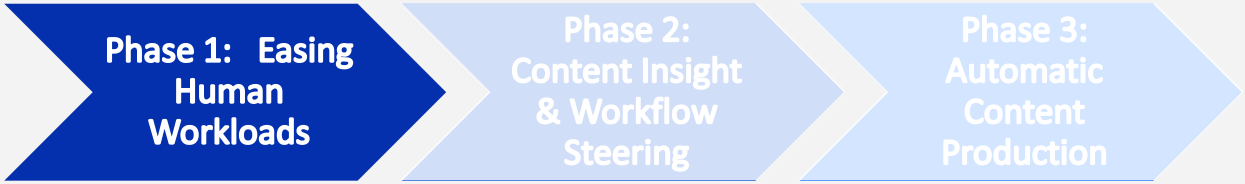
AI, ML & Neural Networks

- Neural Networks combine AI and ML to process data.
- Assume a rectangle comprised of circles of colored pixels. Based on a library of similar shapes and pixel patterns, the conclusion may be that the rectangle represents:



Three Phases of AI & ML to Content Creation

Speech to Text	Language Recognition	Cognitive Metadata Extraction	Speech & Tonal Analysis
Image Recognition	Near Human Voice Quality Dubbing	Real-time Data & Statistical Integration and Analysis	General Automation Routines



Closed Captioning → Phonetics-to-text (PTT) → Automatic Speech Recognition (ASR)

Personnel would type the spoken words. Text would appear in 2-3 seconds.

Shifted reliance from operators to automated systems

Speech recognition, subtitling and closed-caption creation in over 80 languages and with 95-99% accuracy is a reality.

Phase 1: Easing Human Workloads

Phase 2: Content Insight & Workflow Steering

Phase 3: Automatic Content Production

Content, contextual metadata and essence extraction that provides content value to the owner and consumer.

Technologies applied to Phase 2 solutions include:

Image Recognition

Speech & Tonal Analysis

Real-time Data & Statistical Integration

Cognitive Metadata Extraction

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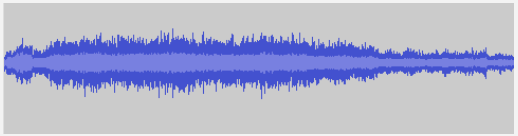
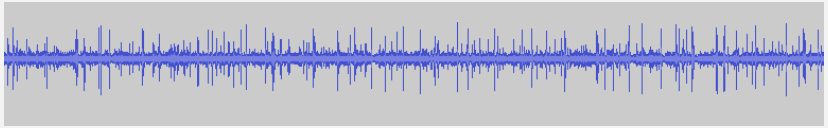
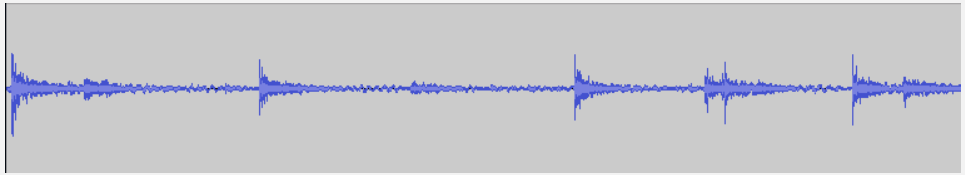


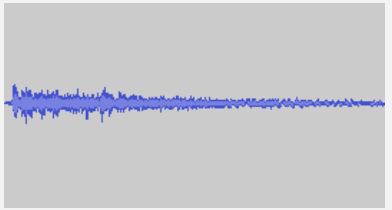
Viewer Catcalls



Viewer Cheers



Tennis Volley



Tennis Ace

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Automated methods for extracting and delivering added-value clips and content to viewers.

Real-time Data and Statistical Integration and Analysis: Potential clips based on court data and statistics. Breakpoints won, serves, scoring data, historical performances

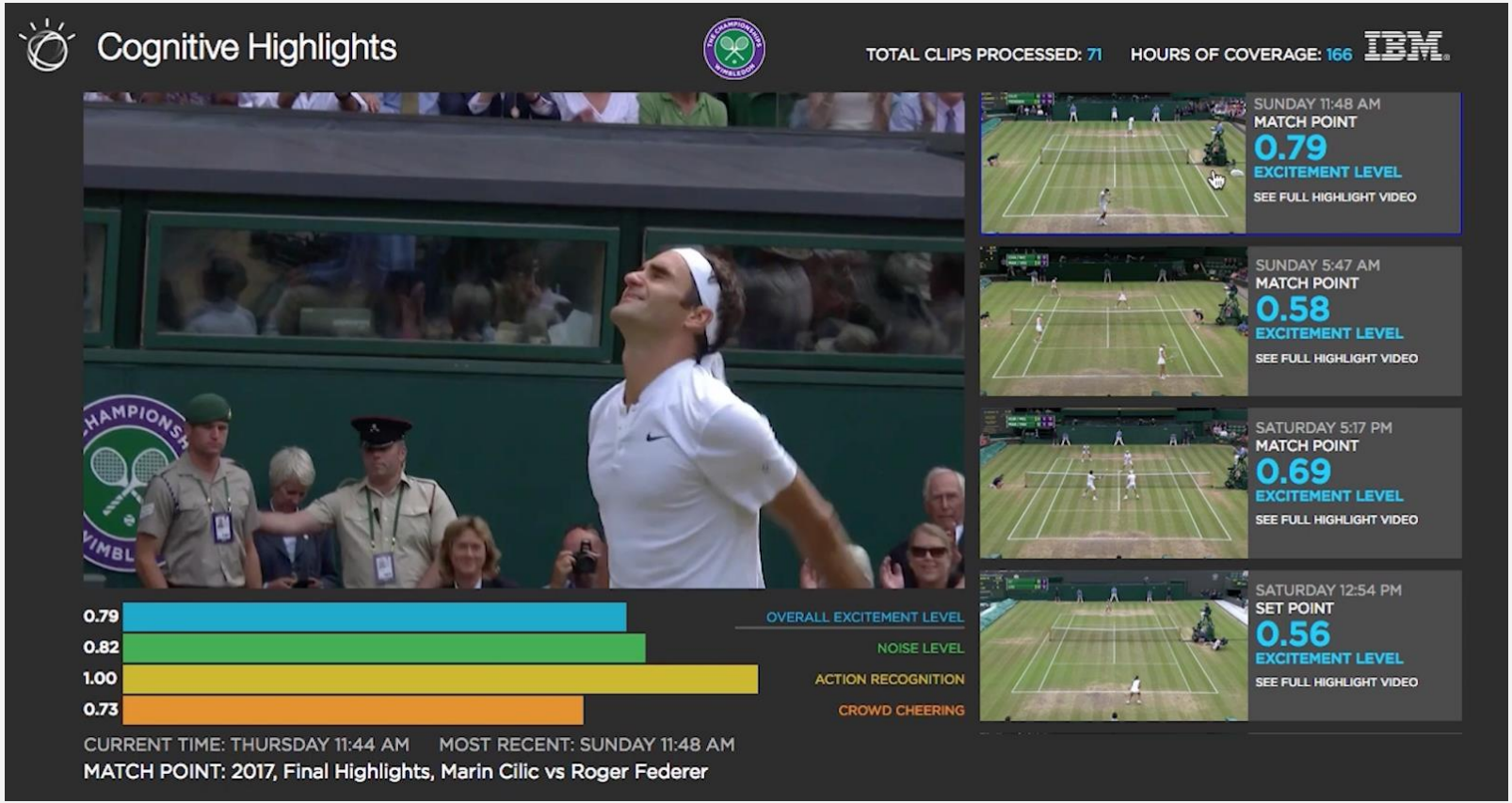
Image Recognition & Speech and Tonal Analysis: Analyze crowd cheering and other noises. Based on library video of players, image recognition identified players and cataloged reactions.

Cognitive Metadata Extraction: Is a player's smile due to a point won? Can it be correlated to a winning volley or serve? Can logical clips be created?

Automatically Creating Highlight Clips: Combining Phase 2 technologies and data feeds of play types correlated to timestamps creates highlight clips.

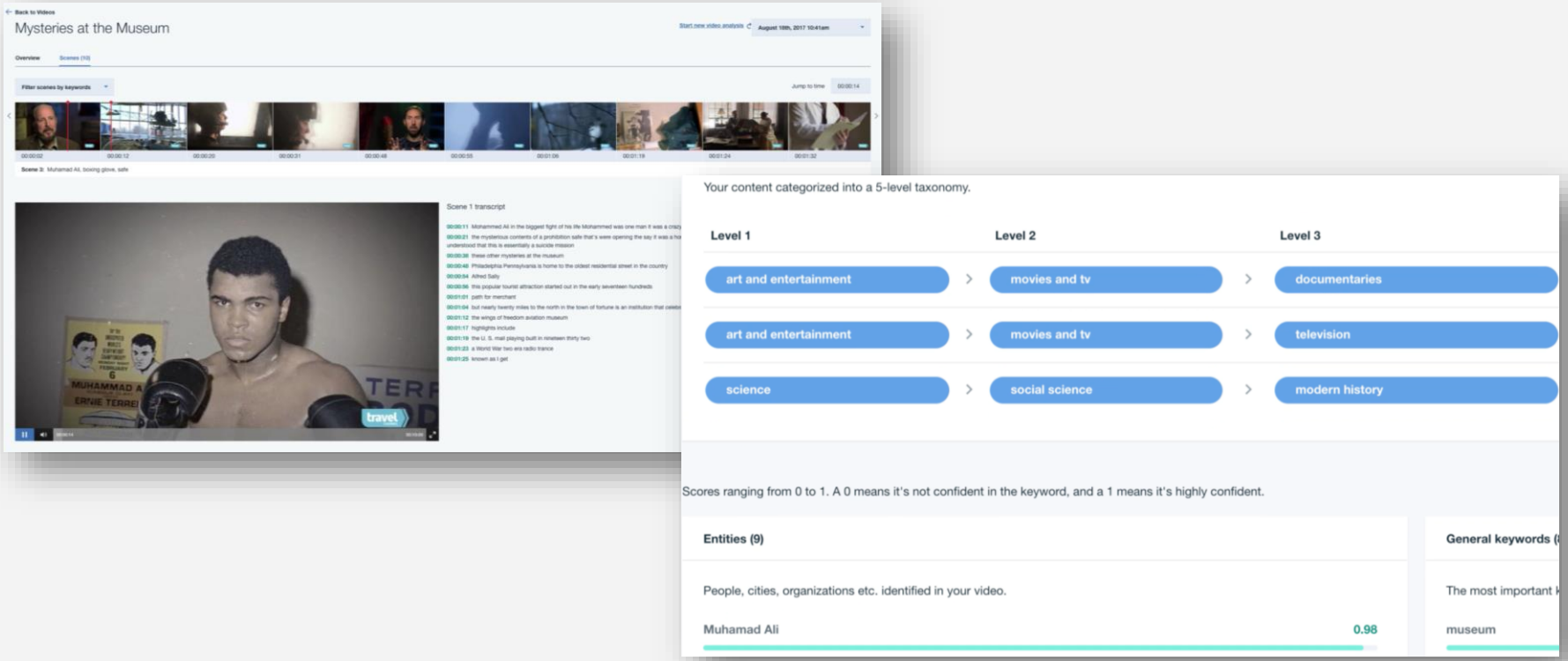
End result: Automatic creation of highlight clips. By classifying players via facial pixel makeup, viewers could point a cell phone at a player to receive information unique to that player.

Cognitive Extraction & Highlights



Content Indexing & Categorization

IBM Watson Media Video Enrichment



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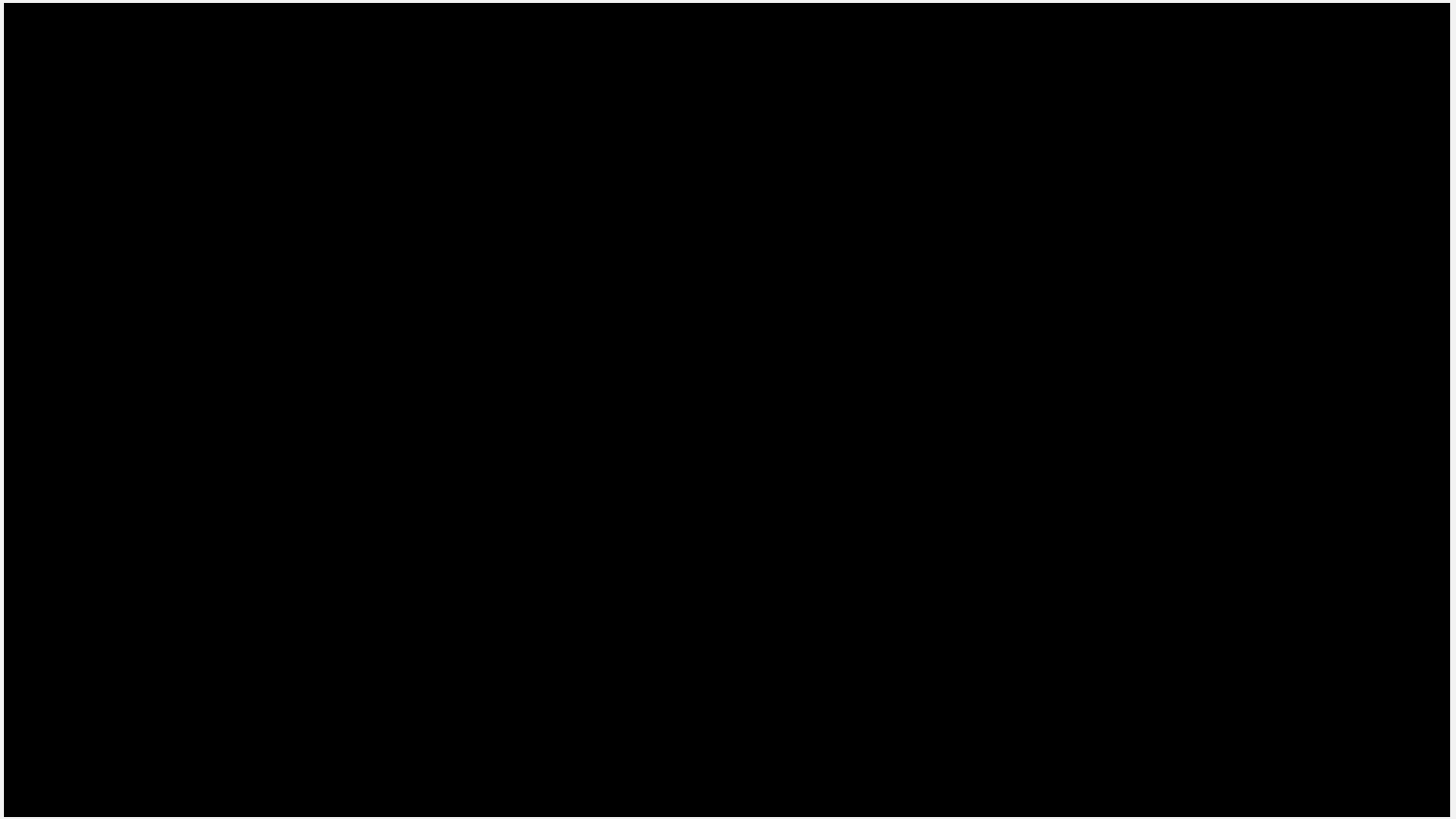


Watson Captioning

AI-powered captioning technology automates and captions for live broadcasts and on-demand video

THE SOLUTION

Optimize and automate the process of closed captioning using artificial intelligence capabilities of IBM Watson.

USE CASES

Live captioning for broadcast communications

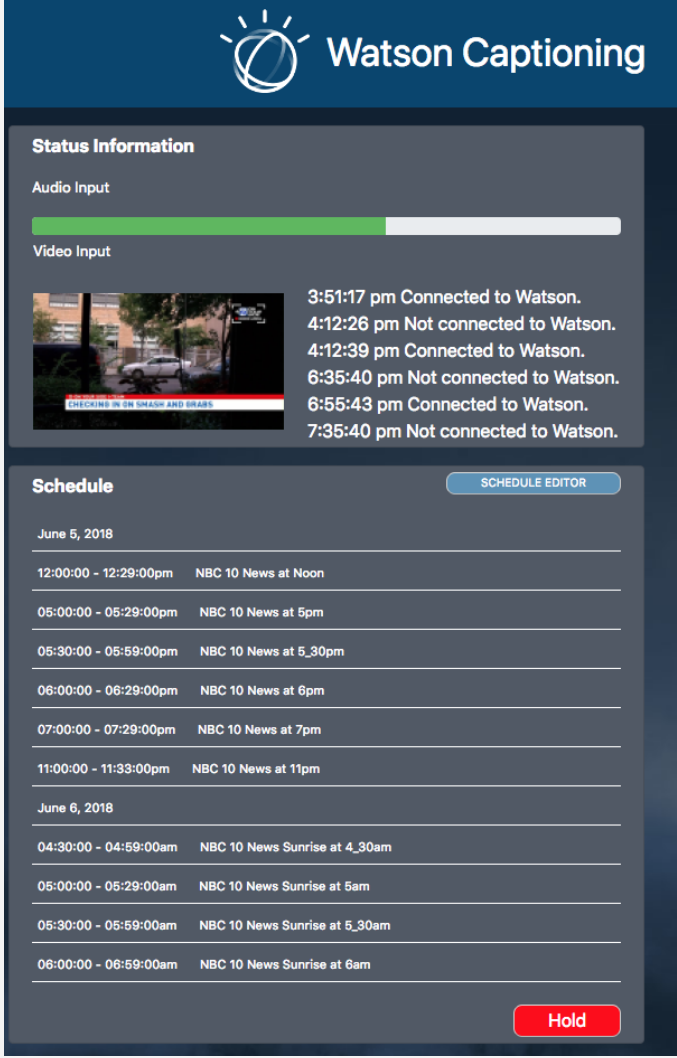
Captioning for video content libraries

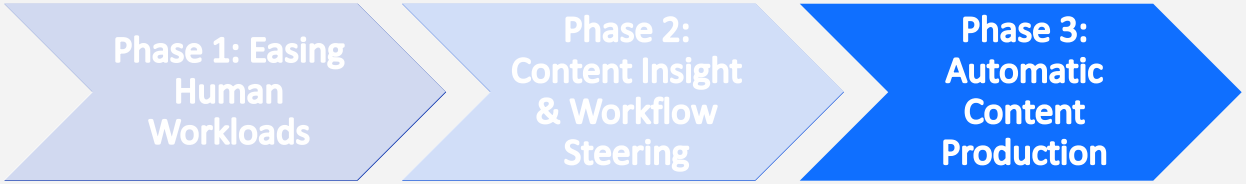
BUSINESS BENEFITS

Speeds up delivery time – cost savings

Training model and custom corpora produces initial accuracy rate of 92-96% and will continue to increase with time

Make content more accessible to the deaf community

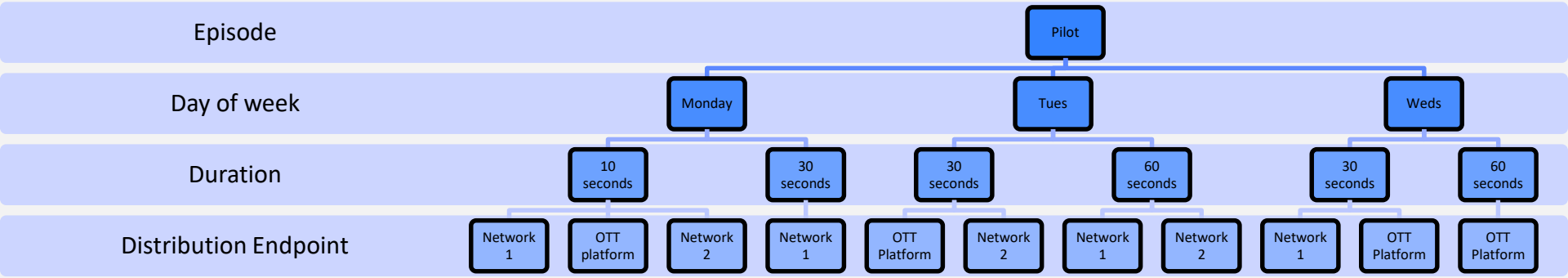




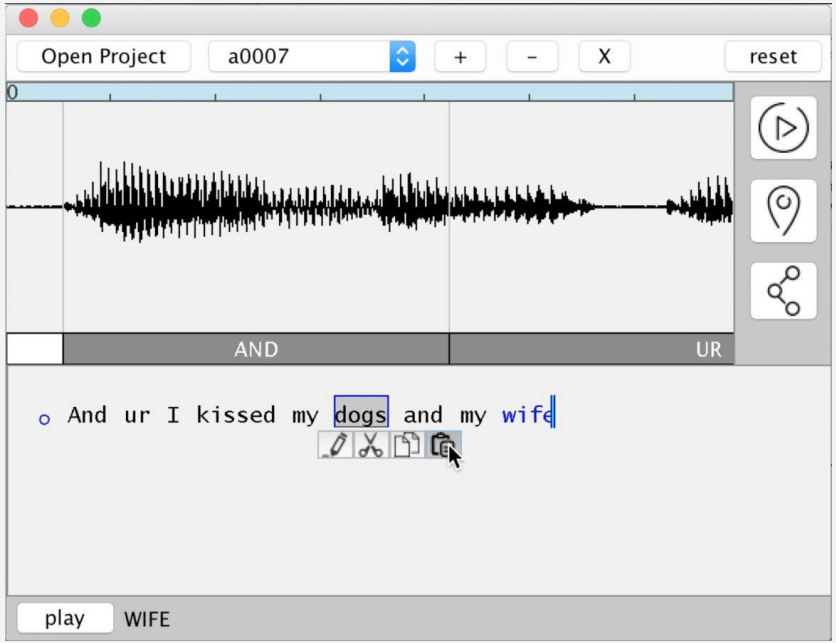
- Produce content using rulesets and creative conventions in the form of idiomatic expressions.
- Speech Synthesis: Artificial production of human speech by concatenating pieces of recorded speech. Text to Speech (TTS) uses a database of recorded speech to create new combinations of speech. Database must be very large and emphasis of the spoken phrase may be difficult to shape.
- Heiga, Tokuda, and Black: Parametric TTS (P-TTS) where model parameters are adjusted to shape both content and characteristics of the speech. Output of the model is processed by algorithms in vocoders (voice encoders) and audio signals are generated.

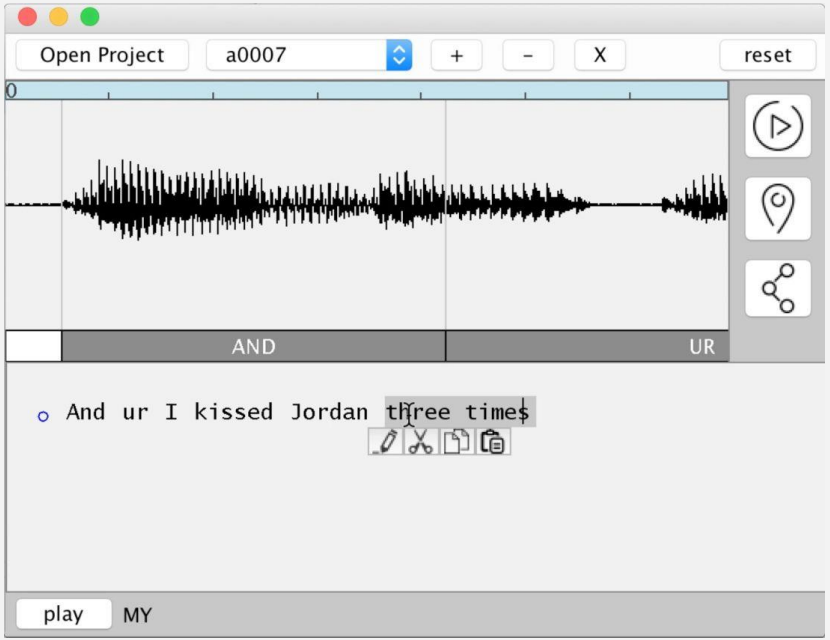
Changing Words in Voiceovers by Retyping Words

- Generating synthetic speech provides countless possibilities.
- Instead of creating different versions by requiring new voiceovers be recorded, type the text of the new versions and have the audio changes automatically conformed.



Project VoCo, Edit Speech in Text



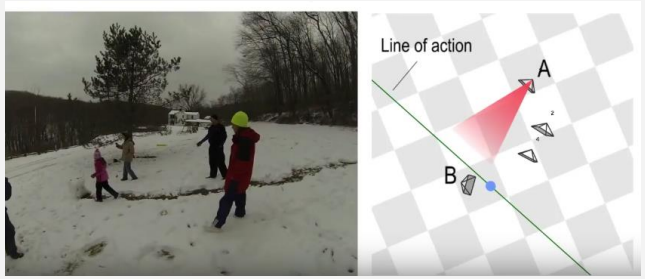


Zeyu Jin, “VoCo for Adobe Creative Cloud”, Adobe Max

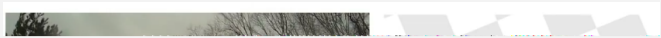
Auto Editing of Multicam Footage

Disney Research

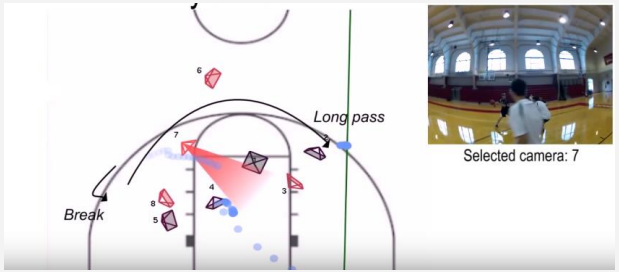
Four consumer / mobile cameras



Observing the 180-degree Line of Action Rule



Avoiding jump cuts between nearby cameras

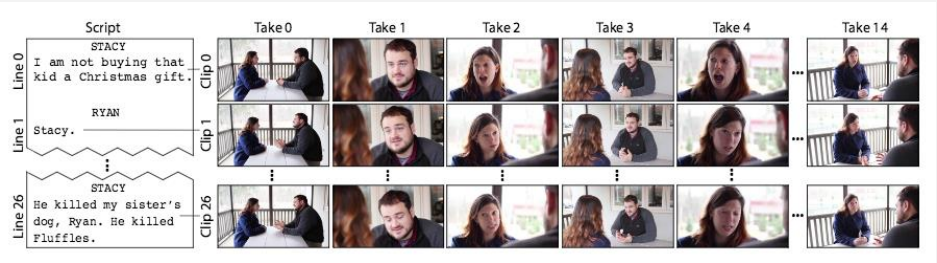


3D camera motion estimation to identify prime interest areas to decide when to cut to a different angle.

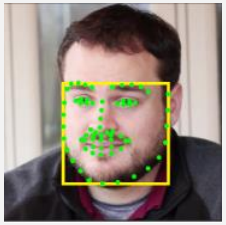
Auto Editing of Multicam Footage

Content: 3D Joint Attention

Auto Editing of Single Camera Footage



Correlating the Input Script into Lines of Dialogue Spoken by Each Character



Facial Analysis & Tracking and Computing Speakers Visible by Changes in Mouth Area

Choosing from the Idioms List and Placing into the Building Area results in Automatic Scene Construction.

Agrawala, Davis, Leake, Truong: Stanford & Adobe Research.

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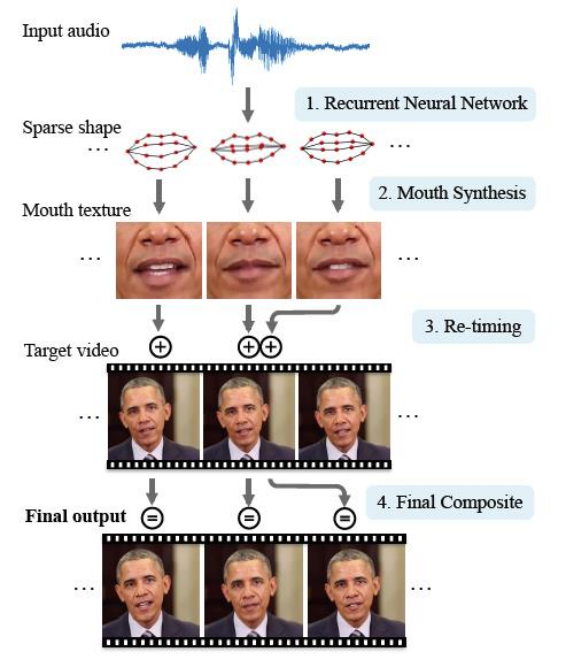
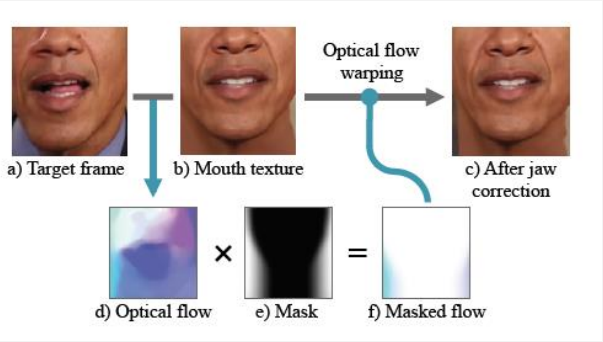


With a database of mouth shapes associated with time instances, mouth textures were synthesized and then composited with 3D matching to change what he appears to be saying. The result is that synthetic, photorealistic shots can be created.



Audio Converted to Time Varying Mouth Shapes and Fixing Jawline Discrepancies.

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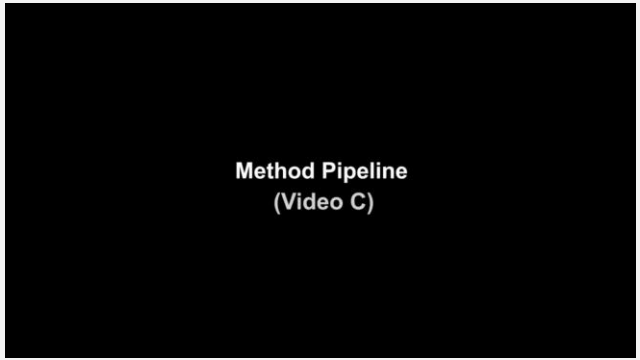

Conclusion

Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, and Neural Networks will make (and in some cases already are) significant contributions to the content creation-to-consumption process.