

SIPL SIGNAL & IMAGE PROCESSING LAB



RT Embedded Pedestrian Detection and Tracking

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Summary

Live Demo





Project Motivation and Domain

- High quality pedestrian detection and tracking system.
 - Fixed camera, outdoor scenes.
 - Non-deterministic environment.
 - Aid in surveillance and security tasks.





The Challenge

Complex scenarios sets several difficulties:

Other issues:

Illumination changes.

Moving elements.



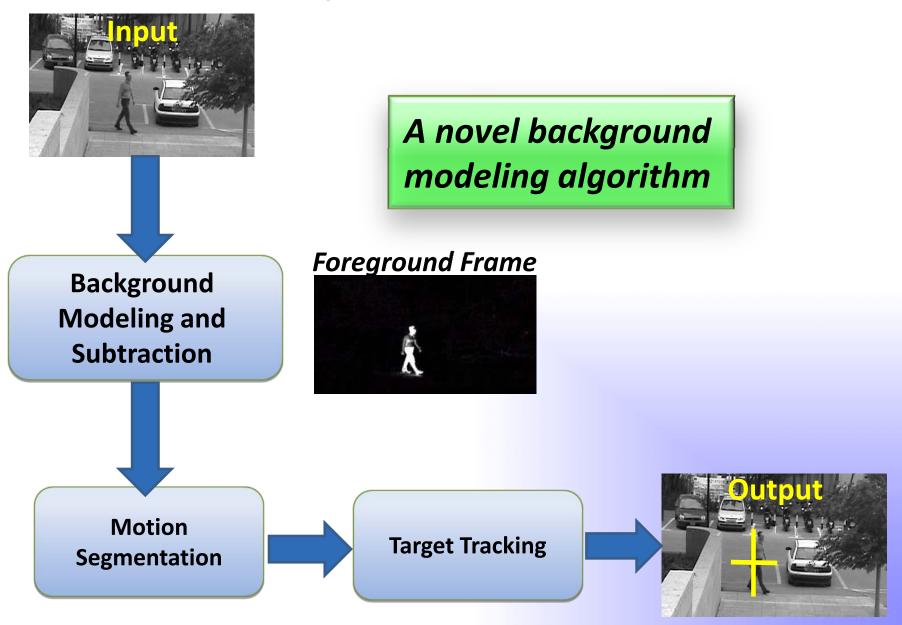


Project Objectives

- Establish a detection and tracking system.
 - *Moving* pedestrians only.
- Robust
 - Lightning changes.
 - Moving scene elements (waving trees etc.)
 - More...
- Real-Time operation.
 - Existing solutions:
 - High computational complexity.
 - Robustness is still an issue.
- Embedded implementation.



Proposed Solution





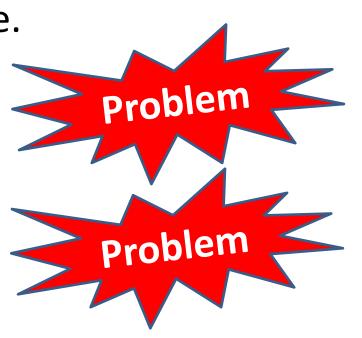
Simple Background Model

Moving Average (Alpha Filter)

Frame Averaging over time.

Fast adaption...

Slower adaptation...



Intermediate values also problematic.



Step 1 – Background Modeling

• Diff = (Input Frame) – (Background Frame)

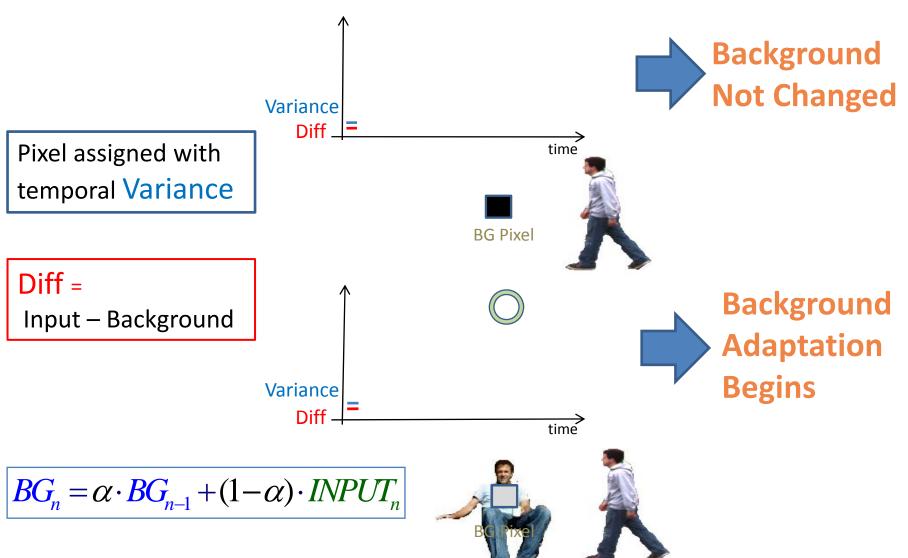
• Temporal Variance:

- Constantly attempts to reach diff.
- If (Diff > Variance) → Variance = Variance + Const
- If (Diff < Variance) → Variance = Variance Const

Background Value:

- Local frame averaging over time.
- Adaptation only when Variance > Diff

Step 1 – Background Modeling



Step 2 – Background Subtraction

Foreground Frame = (Input Frame) - (Background Frame)

- Noisy regions reduces detection rate.
- Noisy regions characterized by high variance.
- High variance pixels are eliminated.







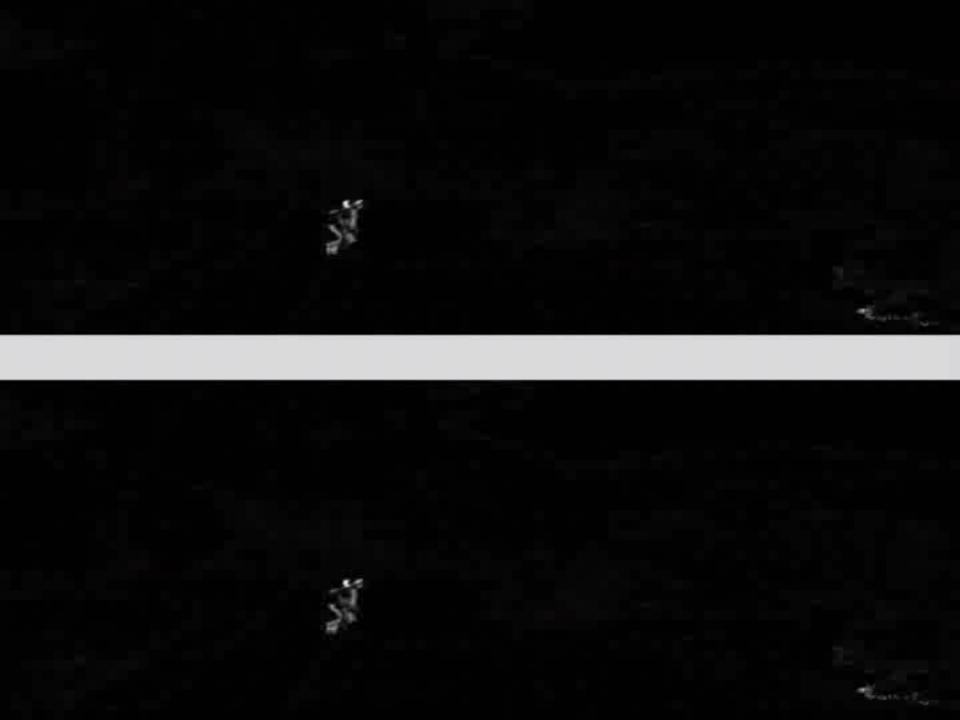
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Digital Signal Processor

- A DSP is a microprocessor:
 - Non expensive.
 - Small sized.

Low power consumption.

- Widely Used in :
 - Audio and Video
 - Communications
 - Security systems



Embedded Implementation

- Embedded development is complicated:
 - Small "on chip", fast memory.
 - Fixed-Point arithmetic.

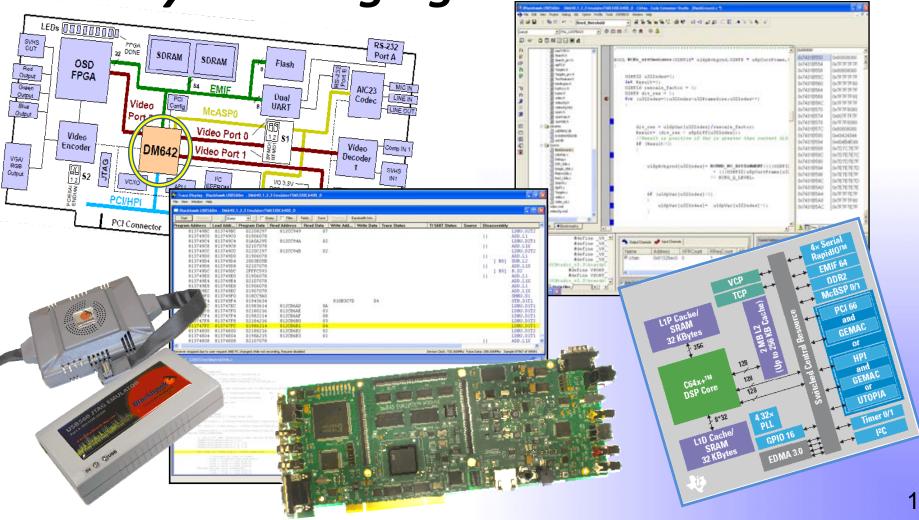
Algorithm must be customized

Complex specific development environment.

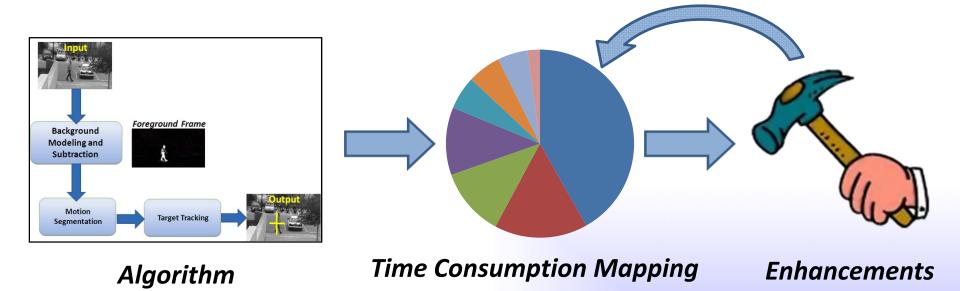


Embedded Implementation





Performance Tuning

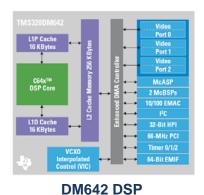


System works in real time

Performance Comparison

- Two DSP platforms from Texas Instruments:
 - DM642 very common.
 - C6455 new, much more powerful.
 - System implemented on both platforms.

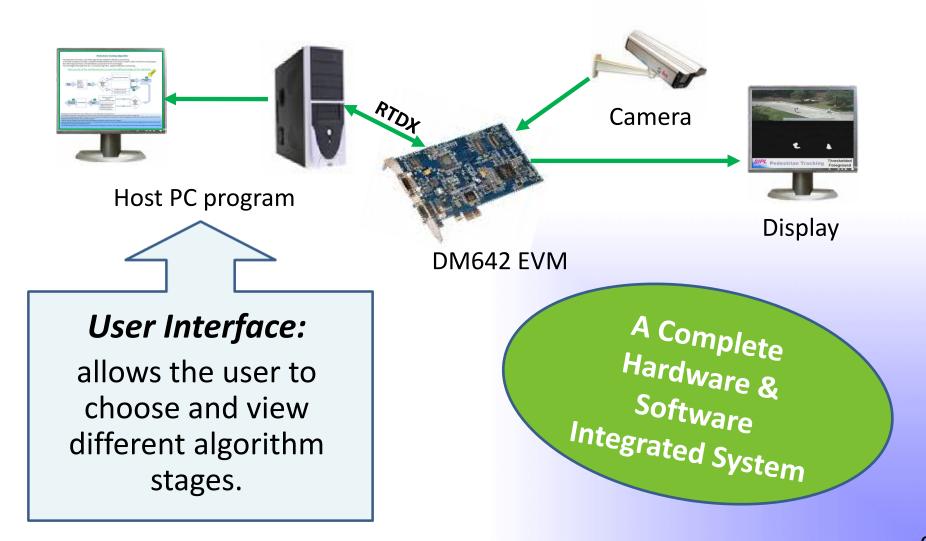
$$SpeedUp = \frac{DM642 \, Execution \, Time}{C6455 \, Execution \, Time} = 2.08$$





C6455 DSP

Pedestrian Tracking System





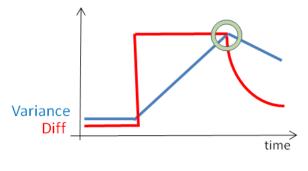


Pedestrian Tracking

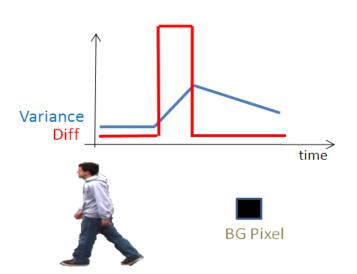
Thresholded Foreground

Conclusions

- Novel background modeling
 - Real time.
 - Robust.
 - Embedded oriented.







Conclusions

- Prototype system development:
 - Efficient and accurate.
 - Real time on DM642 and on C6455.
 - Works 24/7 in SIPL.
- Infrastructure for future developments.

