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[AUDIOVISUAL]

RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT & INNOVATION AT THE UNIVERSITAT POLITÈCNICA DE CATALUNYA - BARCELONATECH (UPC)

The Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya - BarcelonaTech (UPC) specialises in the fields of engineering, architecture, science, and technology, including technologies applied to the audiovisual sector. In this field, the main focus areas are:

- Human-machine interaction and immersive experiences
- Intelligent image, video, and multimedia content processing
- Language, speech, and accessibility technologies
- Environmental acoustics and sound engineering
- Data, AI, and predictive systems
- Communications, streaming, and digital infrastructure
- Specialised infrastructures

As a result of the UPC's recognised research track record in its areas of specialisation, we can offer a wide range of services:

- R&D technology transfer projects
- Consortia for national and Horizon Europe projects
- Patents
- Technology assessment
- Specialised facilities

The UPC is a leading university in Spain in volume of research and technology transfer to companies, and has become one of the major hubs of knowledge in Southern Europe.

HUMAN-MACHINE INTERACTION AND IMMERSIVE EXPERIENCES

- Design and validation of highly realistic virtual, augmented, and mixed reality applications
- Advanced real-time rendering and visualization
- 2D/3D modeling and animation (people, crowds, physical elements)
- Immersive interaction with multisensory feedback (haptic, auditory, proprioceptive)
- Usability design and analysis of applications, video games, and immersive interfaces
- Serious games and gamification
- Simulation of complex environments and scenarios
- Creation of visual digital twins
- Immersive narrative experiences (interactive documentary, procedural storytelling)
- Photography and digital heritage: optimized processes for dissemination, digital museums, and scientific analysis



INTELLIGENT IMAGE, VIDEO, AND MULTIMEDIA CONTENT PROCESSING

- Image and video processing using AI and deep learning
- Action analysis and pattern recognition
- Real-time video analytics
- Automatic generation of clips and audiovisual content
- Geometric processing and procedural modeling
- Automatic content annotation and indexing



LANGUAGE, SPEECH, AND ACCESSIBILITY TECHNOLOGIES

- Multilingual automatic speech recognition
- Automatic transcription and subtitling
- Natural language processing and multimodal models
- Speech-to-sign-language translation
- Analysis, detection, and localization of acoustic events
- Speech enhancement, adaptation, and synthesis (Text-to-Speech, TTS)
- Affective computing and emotion analysis
- Speech processing in complex environments (microphone arrays, multiple speakers)



ENVIRONMENTAL ACOUSTICS AND SOUND ENGINEERING

- Acoustic characterization of outdoor and indoor spaces
- Development of noise maps and capacity maps
- Design of acoustic action plans
- Design and operation of low-cost acoustic sensor networks
- Acoustic impact analysis of leisure infrastructures



DATA, AI, AND PREDICTIVE SYSTEMS

- Big Data applied to multimedia
- Audience and behavior prediction
- Machine learning and complex data mining
- Multimodal machine learning
- Audiovisual Business Intelligence
- AI-based optimization
- Computational efficiency algorithms

COMMUNICATIONS, STREAMING, AND DIGITAL INFRASTRUCTURE

- Advanced mobile networks (5G/6G) for multimedia transmission
- Real-time streaming and broadcasting technologies
- Audio and video integration in intelligent multimedia systems
- IoT and Edge Computing for audiovisual applications
- Protocols and networks for efficient transmission
- Cybersecurity in audiovisual environments
- Optimisation of audiovisual communications and advanced encoding
- Systems for smart buildings and interactive spaces
- Recording and georeferencing of virtual objects in the real world
- Optical systems for virtual, augmented, and mixed reality



SPECIALISED INFRASTRUCTURES

- Cave Automatic Virtual Environment (CAVE): full virtual immersion environment
- Stereowall and large-format displays
- High-speed 3D scanner
- Human-Computer Interaction Laboratory with eye tracking



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