



PoC Implementation of Neuromorphic Wireless Cognition: Gesture Recognition for Robotic Control

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How could neuromorphic computing be integrated into device-edge co-inference in realistic scenarios?





Demo setup: (a) Architecture of device-edge co-inference for robotic control via gesture recognition, which integrates a neuromorphic sensor (event-based camera) capturing movements, on-device neuromorphic processor performing joint feature extraction (i.e. semantic coding) and channel coding, impulse-radio-based transmission/reception over a wireless channel, and neuromorphic processor for edge inference; (b) an illustration of the lab setup.

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KEY FINDINGS

Neuromorphic computing is emerging as a brain-inspired paradigm for low-power artificial intelligence on edge devices through event-based data processing. In the context of edge intelligence, the integration of neuromorphic computing and wireless communication provides a unique opportunity for the development of goal-driven, specialized, and hardware-constrained wireless cognition. In this paper, we present a proof-of-concept (PoC) implementation of an architecture for semantic-aware device-edge co-inference that integrates neuromorphic sensing, computing and impulse radio. To demonstrate the concept, we present a demo setup for gesture recognition in a robotic control application, as illustrated in (a). In the considered architecture, learning is performed in an end-to-end fashion via the directed information bottleneck principle, which allows to trade classification accuracy for communication overhead and implementation complexity.

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