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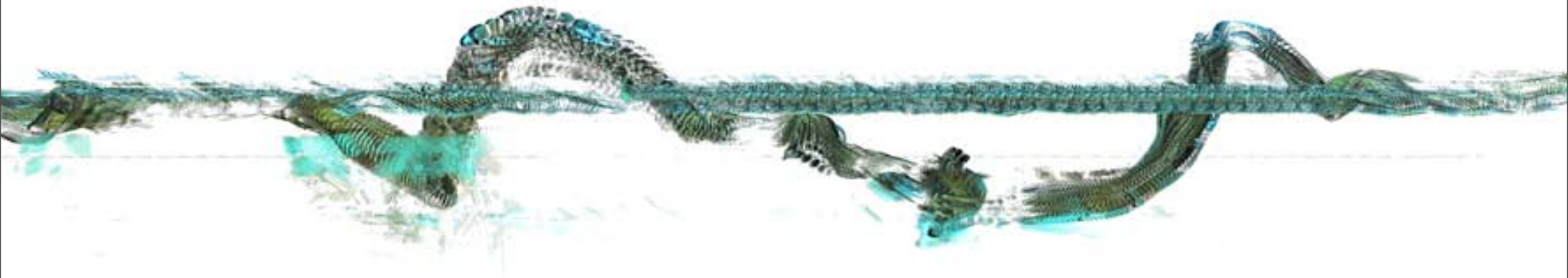
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Impact: Illuminate language acquisition, behavioral phenotyping, video search, smart homes, parenting aids, security, retail,...

Speech **in the** **home**

Speechome

DATA COLLECTION



A house in the Boston area

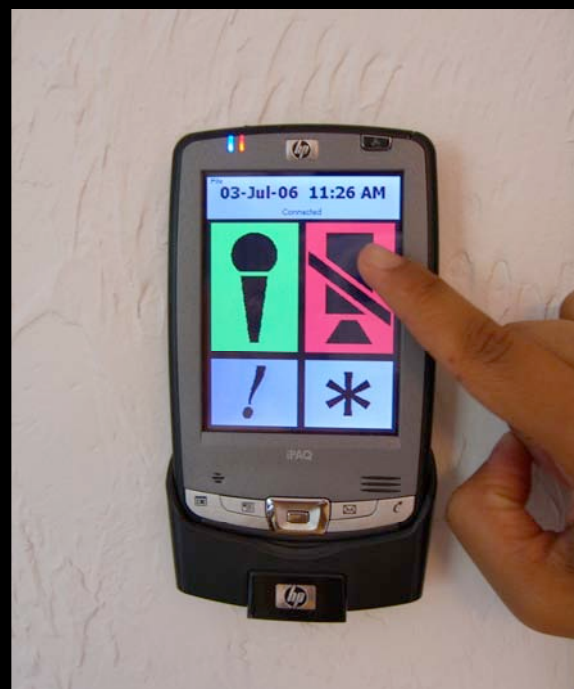


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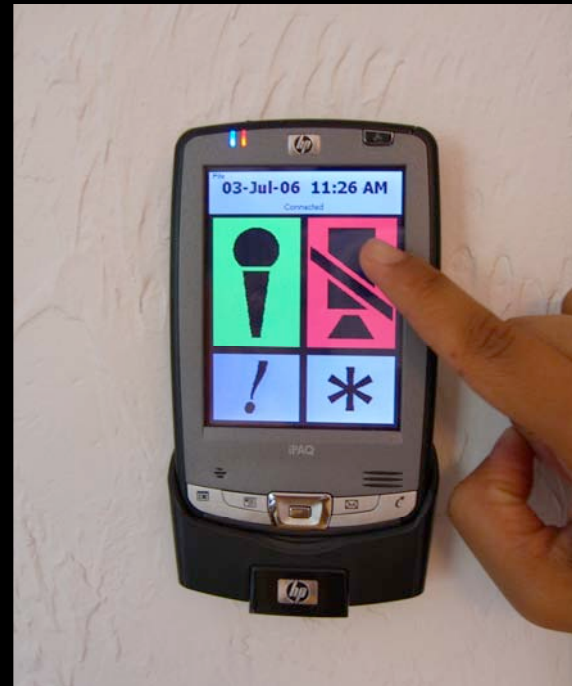
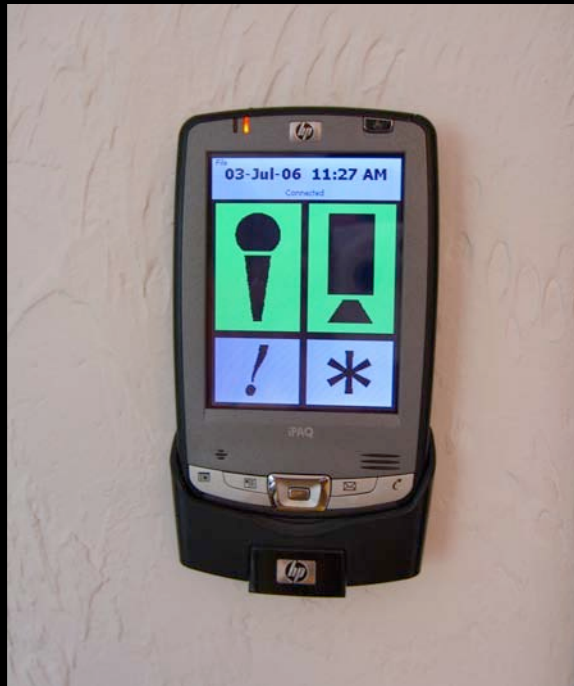


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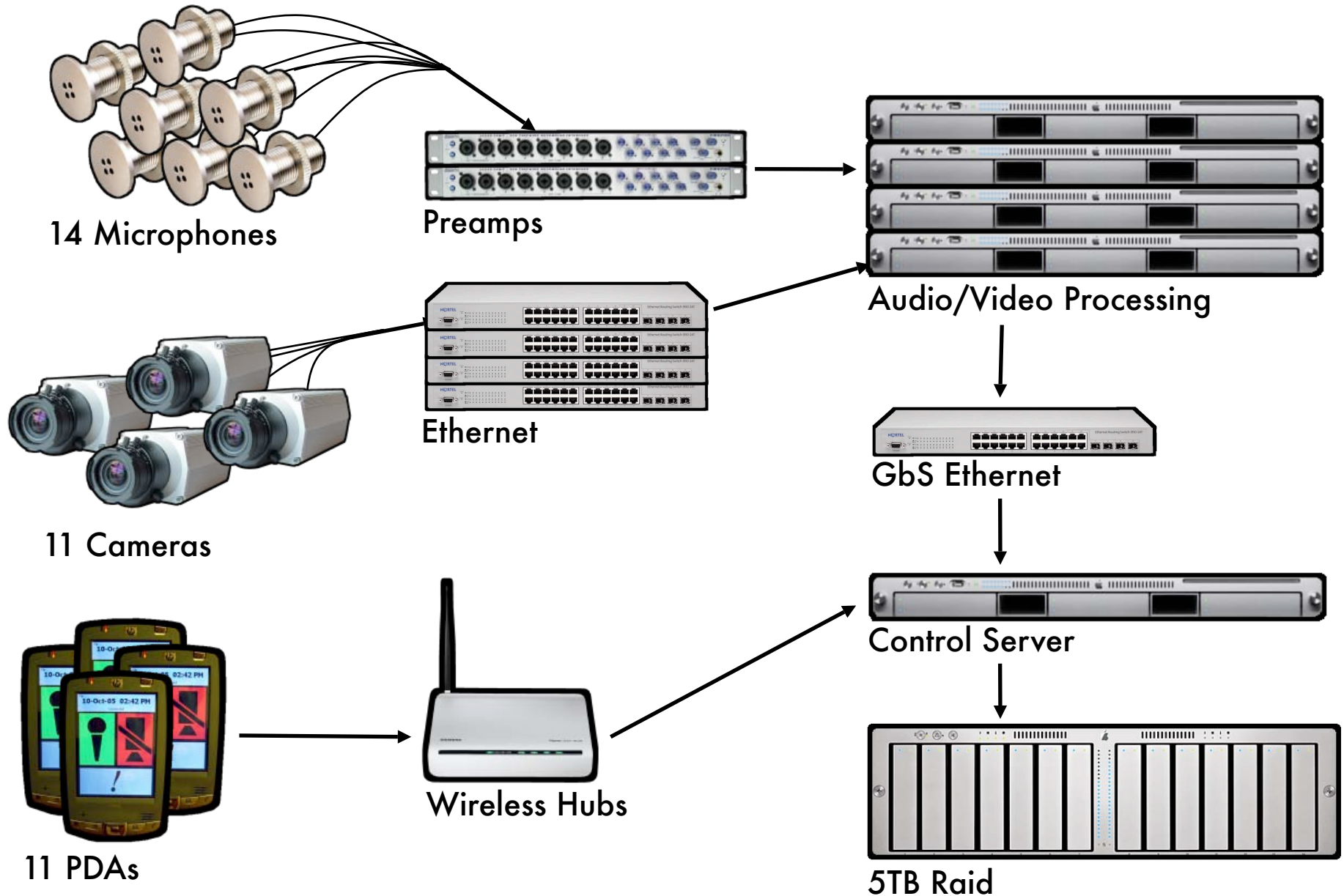




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Recording Infrastructure



Storage at the Media Lab



250,000 GB capacity

80,000 hrs video

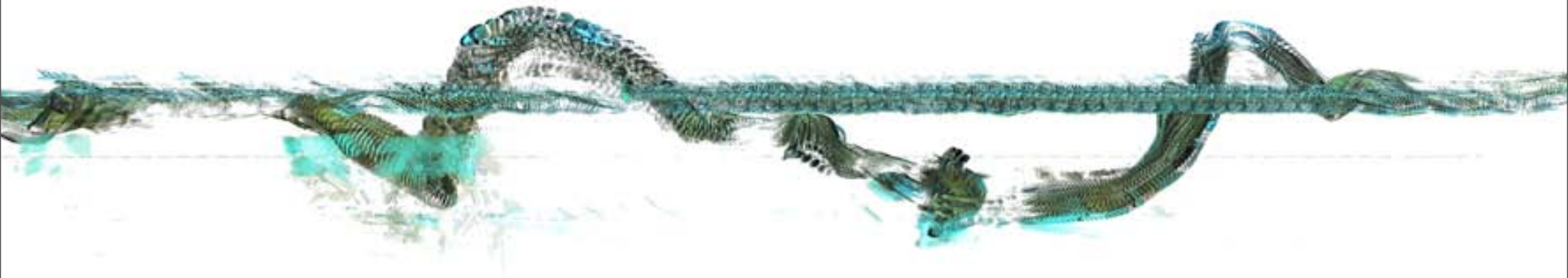
120,000 hrs audio

~2 yrs of recording



48 KHz audio,
1 MP video,
~15 fps

DATA ANALYSIS



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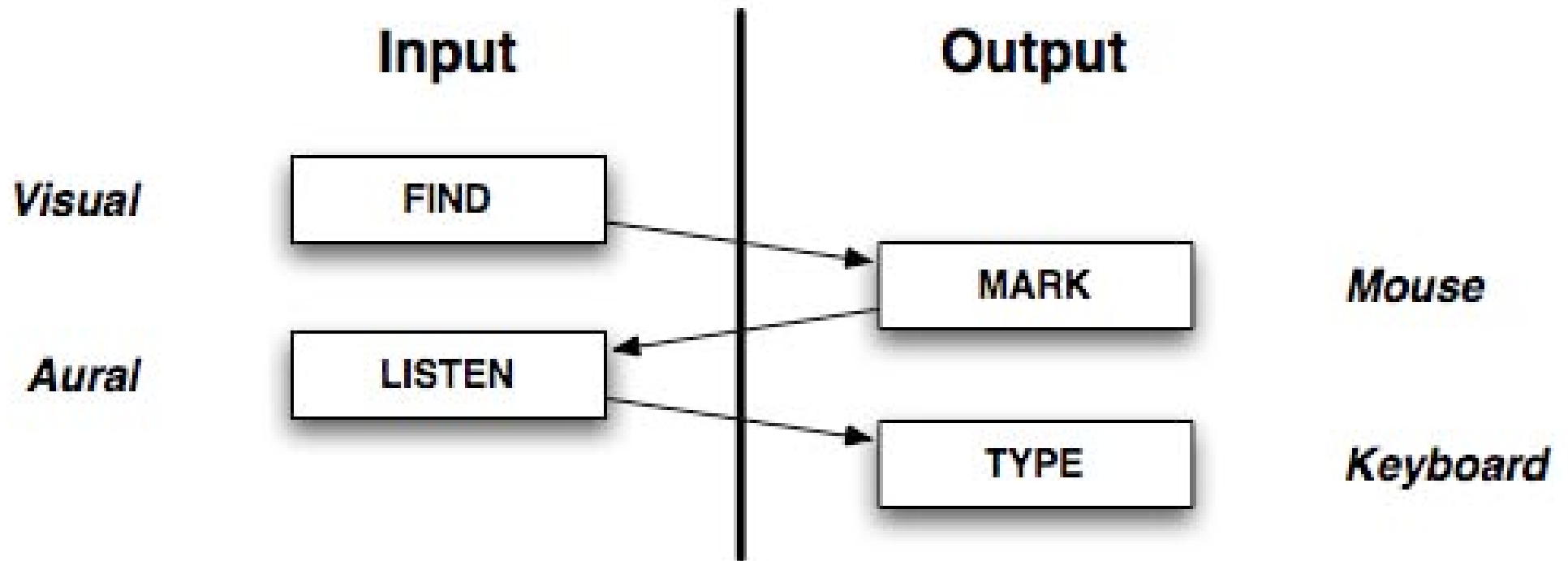
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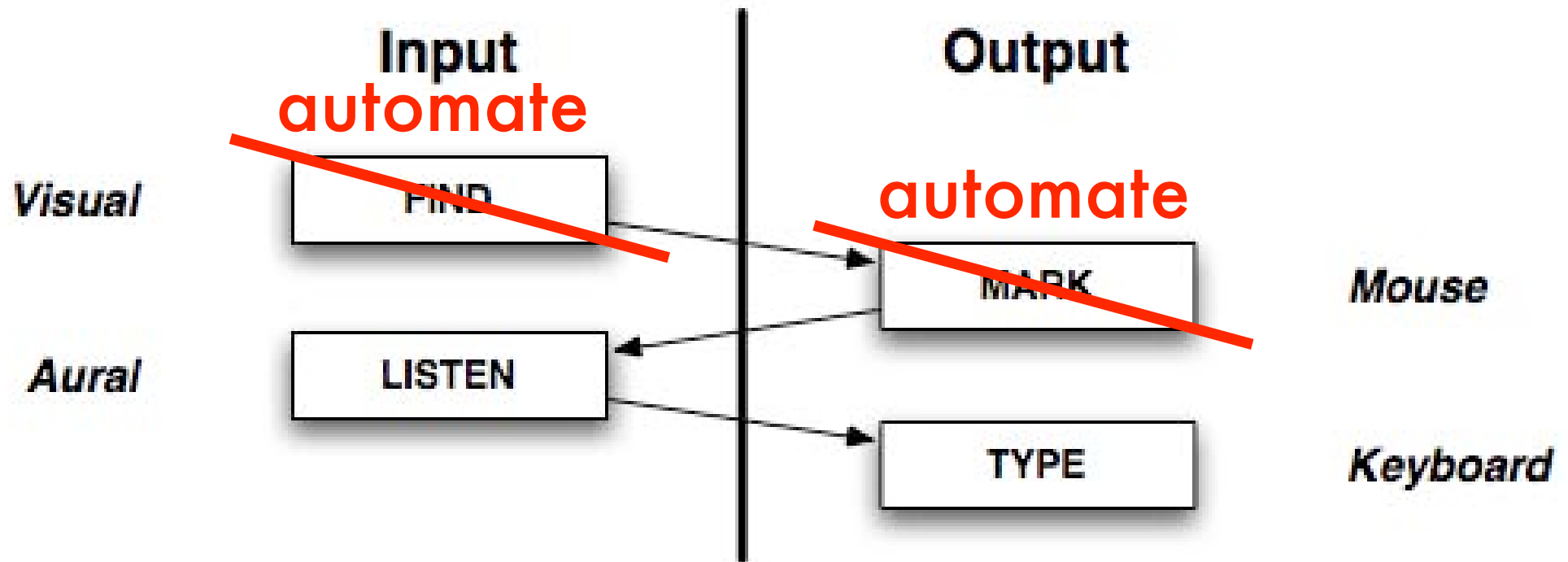
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Analyze role of contextual factors in word learning

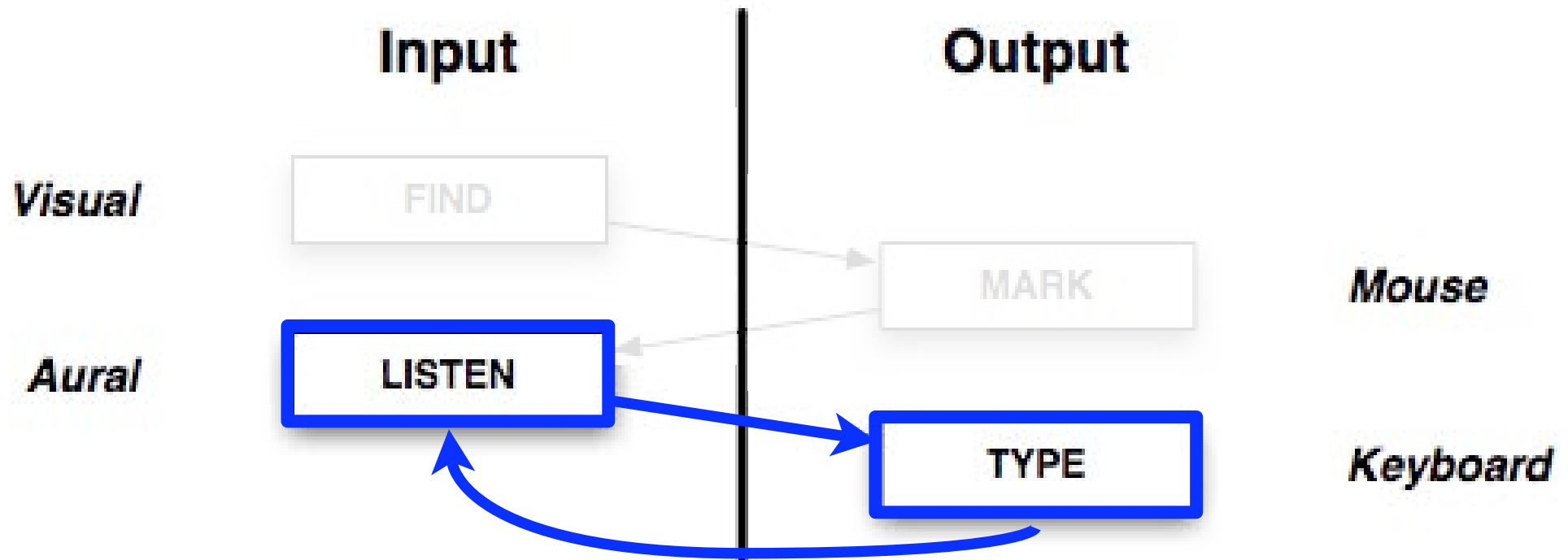
Speech Transcription



Semi-automatic speech transcription



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SpeedScribe - 01/07/2007 17:43:57:359 PM duration 4 minutes

Quit Open Save Done Help

Not Not Too Cut
speech clear long off
F5 F6 F7 F8

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36	▶	yes they are blue	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Evolution of “water”

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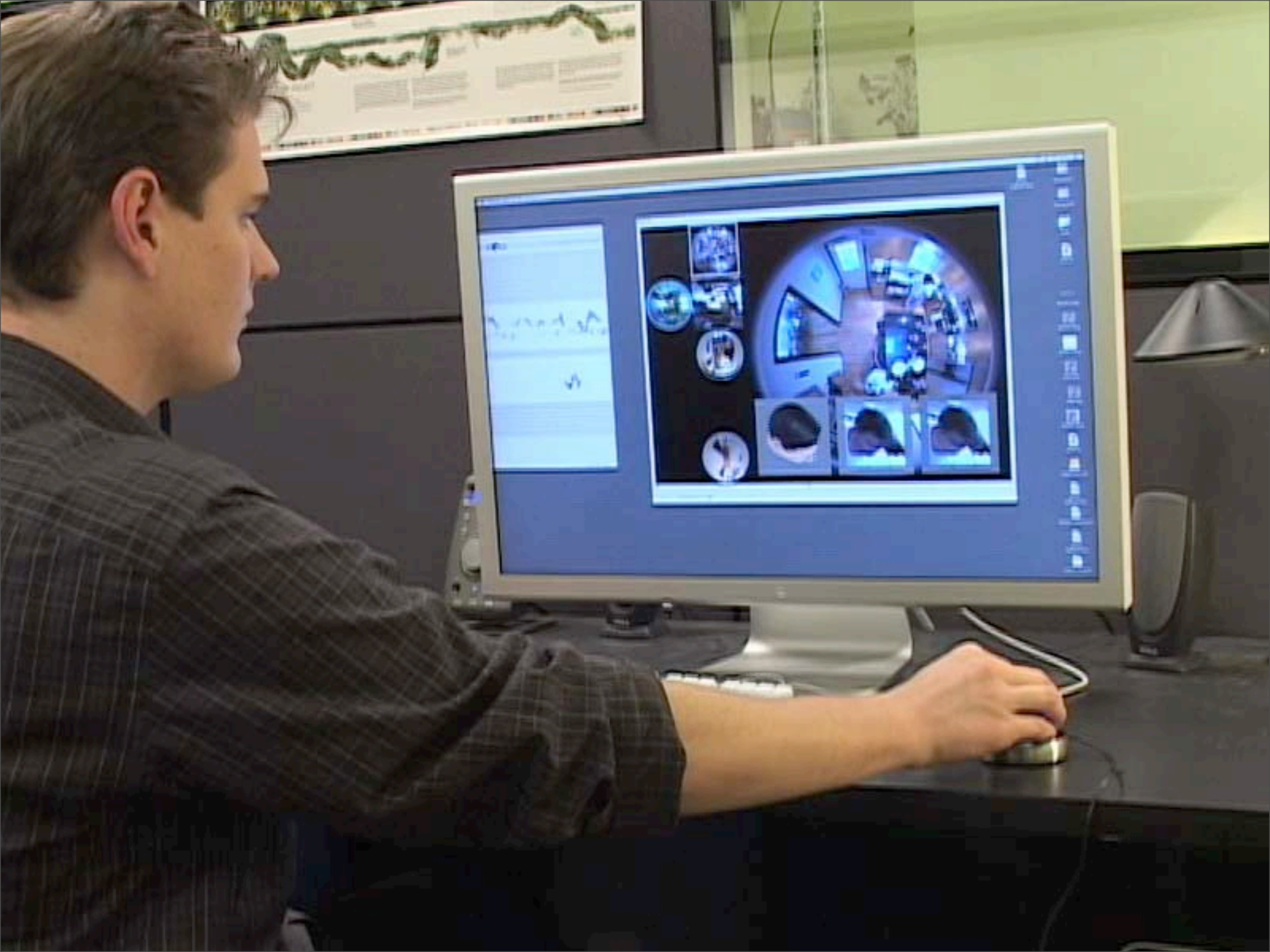
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Combine automatic and manual methods for tracking and head pose annotation



Using head pose to estimate focus of attention



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