

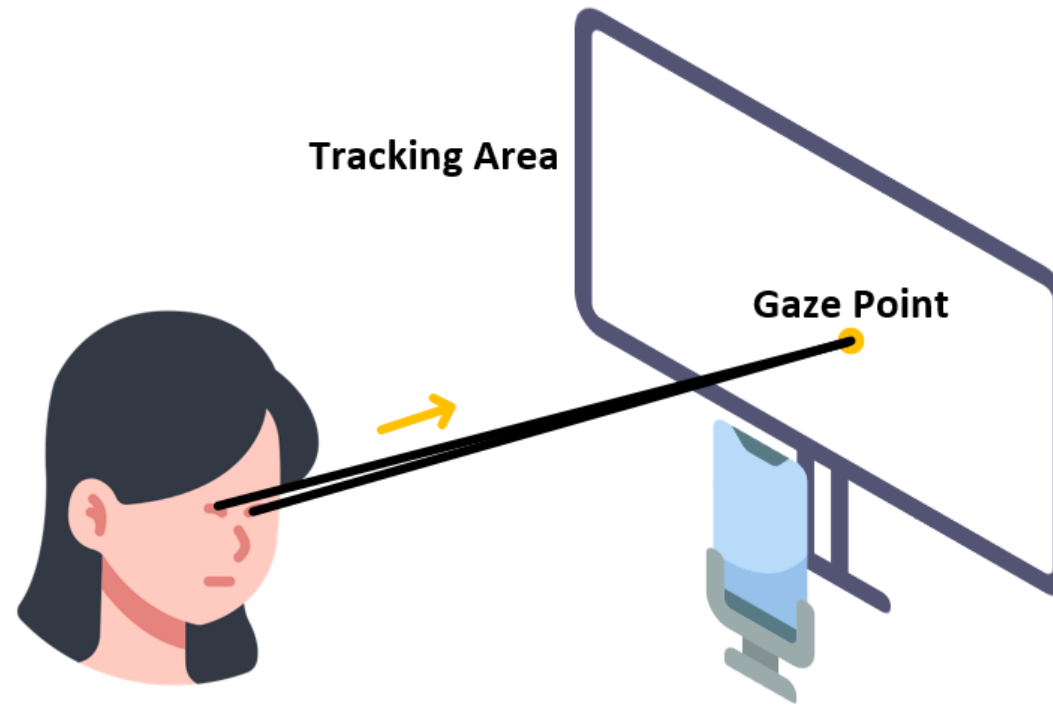
# ASGaze: Gaze Tracking on Any Surface with your Phone

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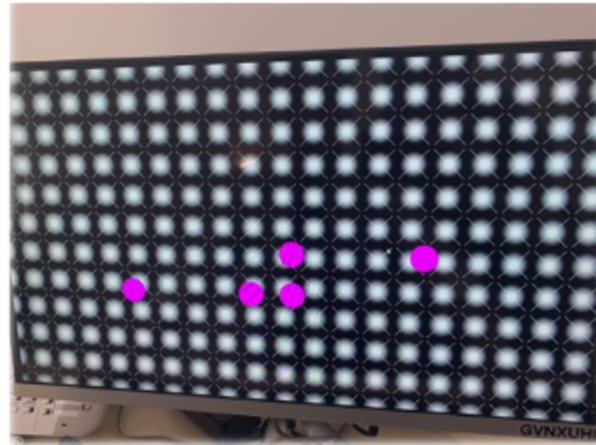
# Definition

- What is gaze tracking?

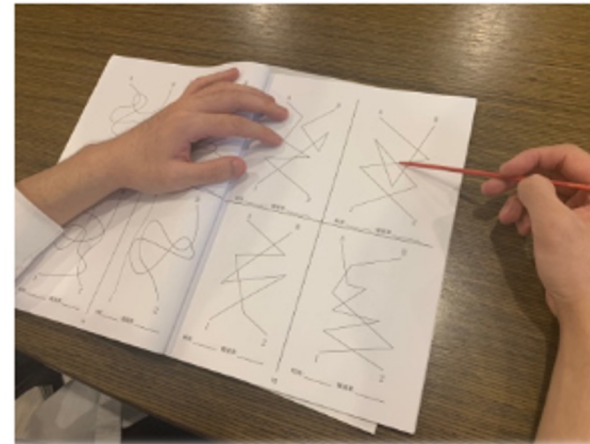


# Motivation

Treatment and recovery of reading-disorder disease



Electronic Surface  
(e.g., computer, phone)



Non-electronic Surface  
(e.g., paper, whiteboard)

Doctors cannot **fully** understand the **effectiveness** of recovery.

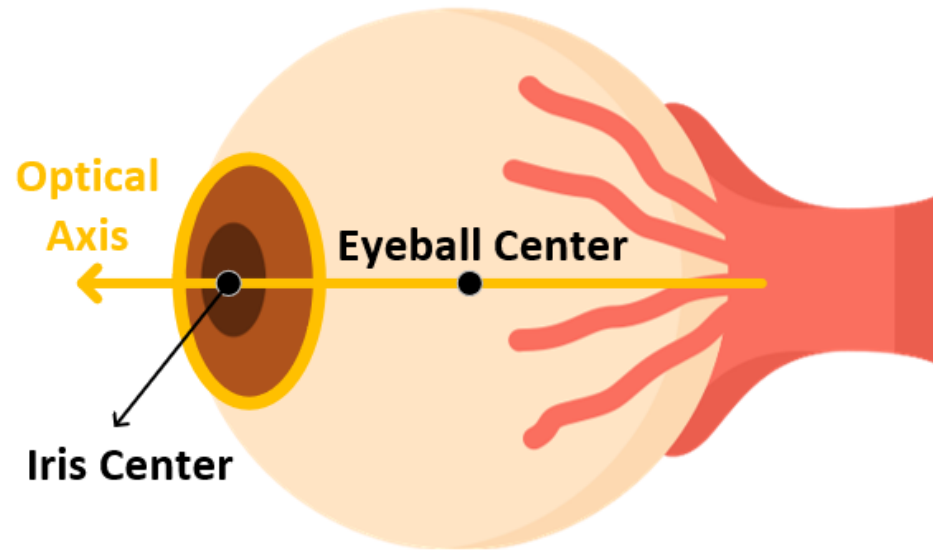


# Motivation

Our goal: an **accurate, low-cost** gaze tracker on **any surface**.

# Existing Solutions

- Model-based approach



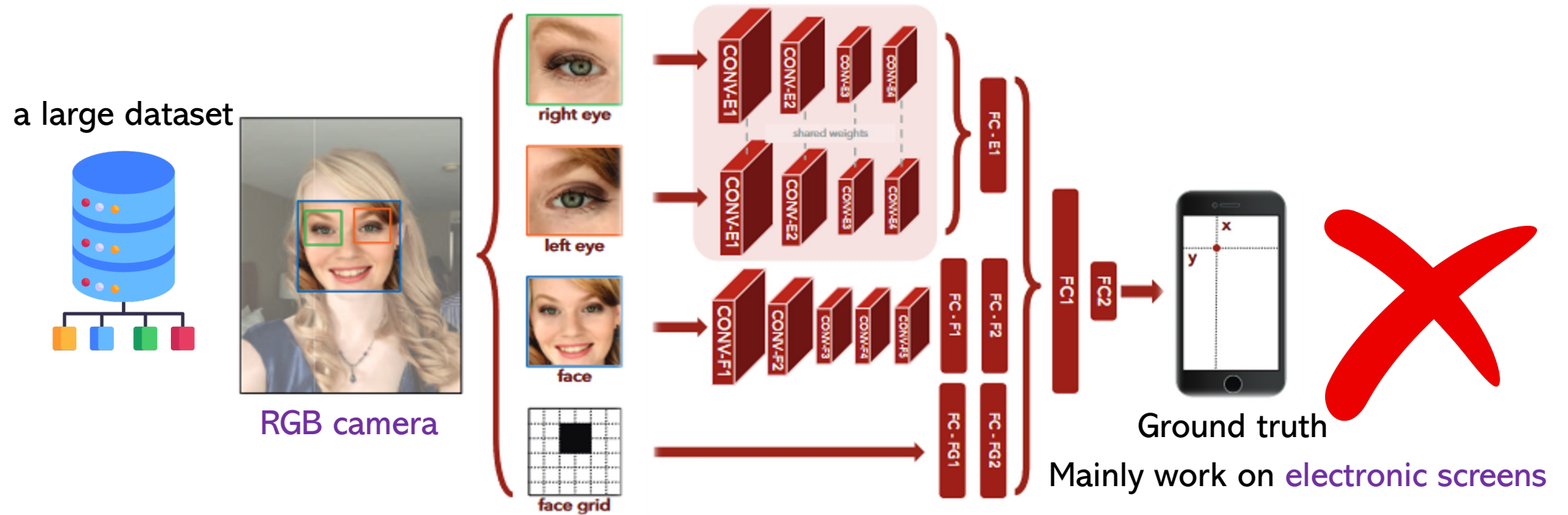
IR source, high-resolution camera



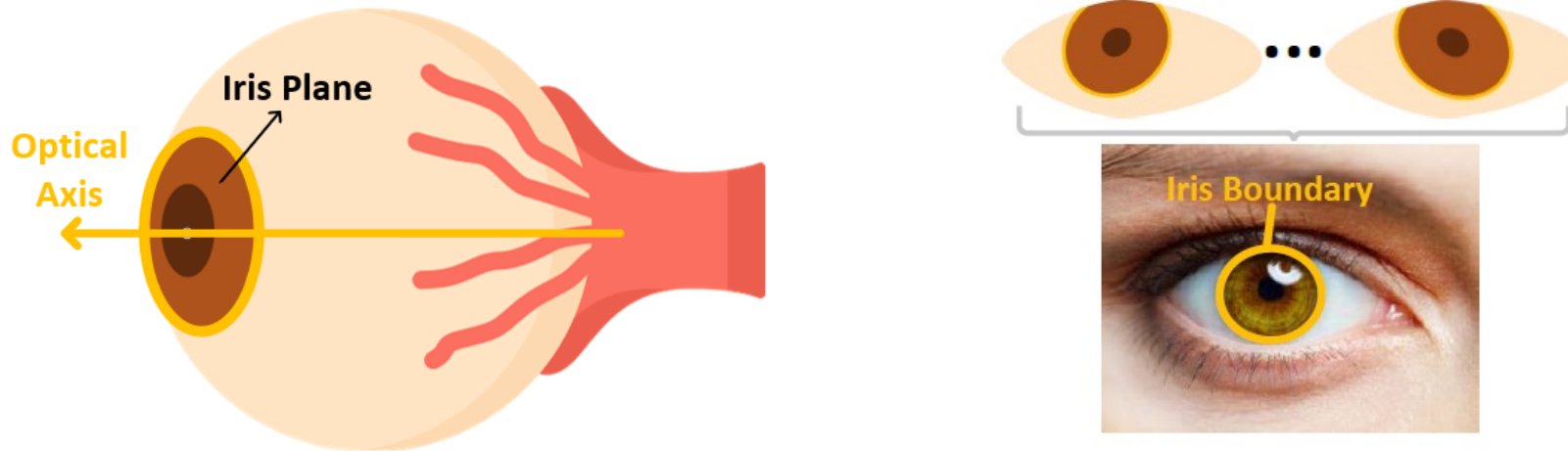
Expensive, e.g., 800~10,000 USD

# Existing Solutions

- Low-cost appearance-based approach

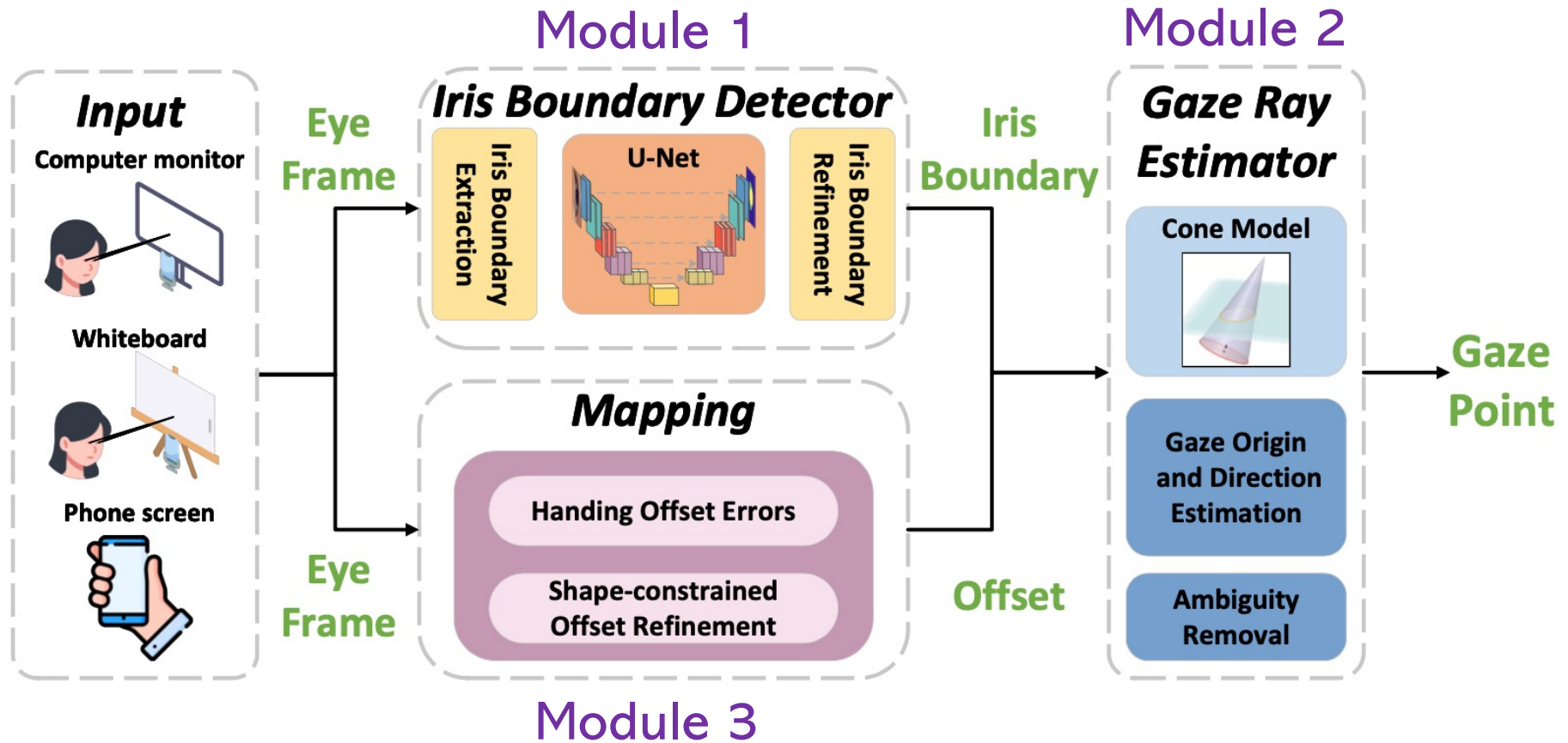


# Tracking Principle



- Optical axis **cannot** be obtained **directly**
- Infer it from the **shape of iris boundary**

# Our System: ASGaze

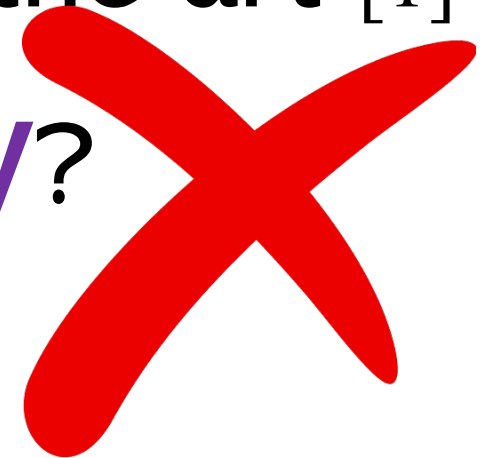




# Module -1: Iris Boundary Detector



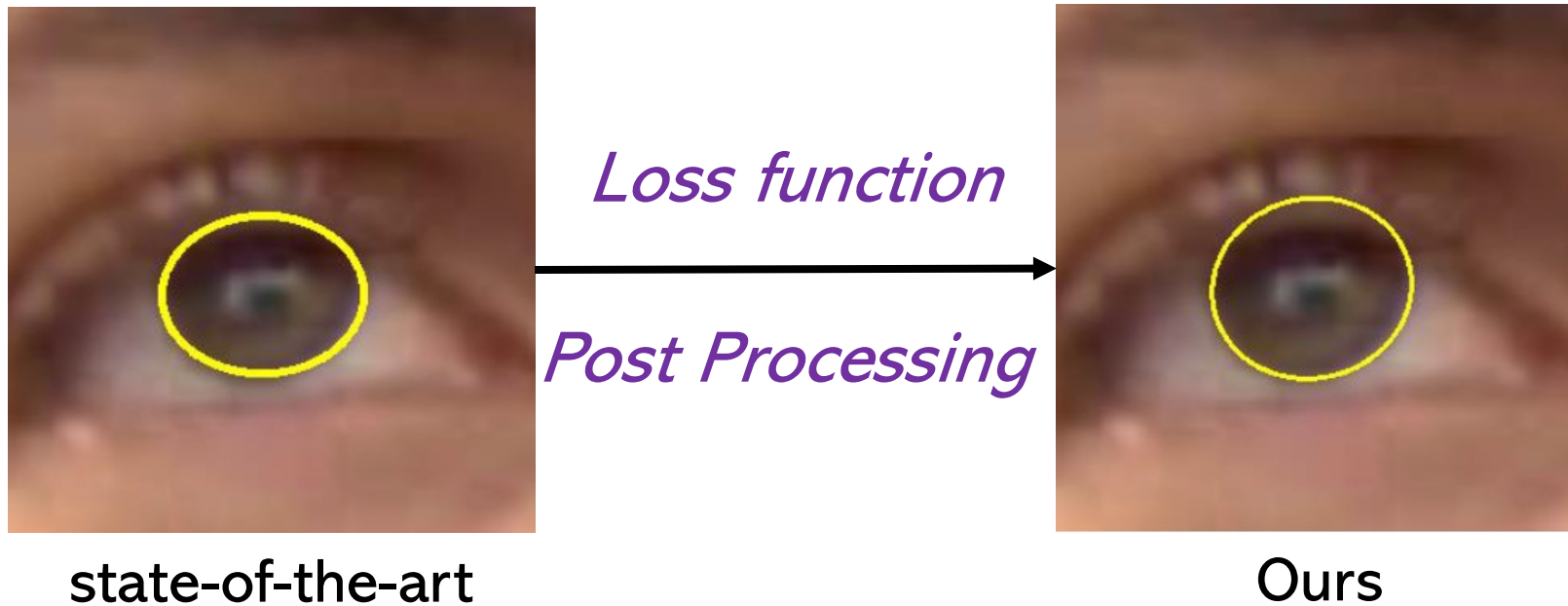
Can we use the state-of-the-art [1]  
design **directly**?



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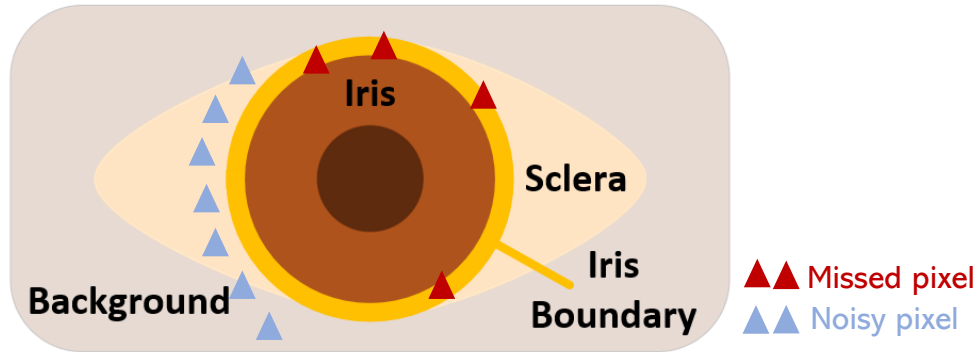
- The **thickness (uncertainties)** of iris boundary is not thin enough



**Class-imbalanced!**

# Module -1: Iris Boundary Detector

## Loss function

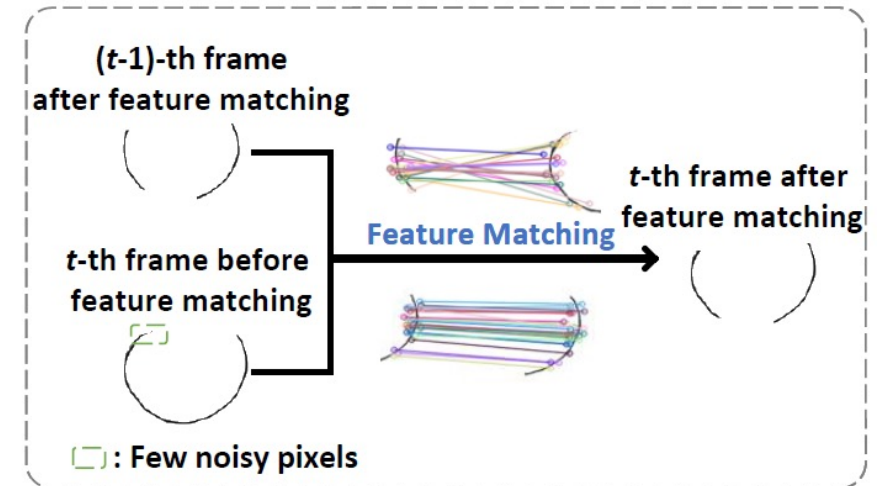


- $L_1: L_{ML} = -\sum_k \sum_i (1 - p_k(i))^y \times I_k(i) \log(p_k(i))$ , Avoid missing pixel  

$$\begin{cases} w \cdot L_{ML}, & x(i) \in \{\text{iris\_boundary}\}, \\ L_{ML}, & x(i) \notin \{\text{iris\_boundary}\}, \end{cases}$$
- $L_2: \sum_k \sum_i D(i) \times p_k(i)$ , Remove noisy pixel
- $L_3: 1 - 2 \frac{\sum_k \beta_k \sum_i (I_k(i) \times p_k(i))}{\sum_k \beta_k \sum_i (I_k(i) + p_k(i))}$  Classification

overall loss:  $L_1 + (1-\alpha)L_2 + \alpha L_3$

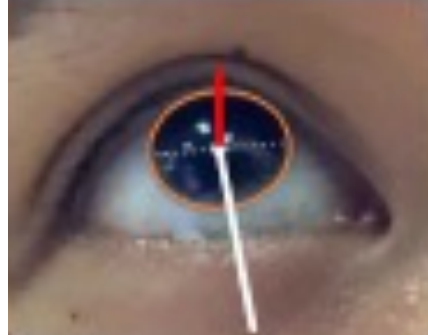
## Post Processing



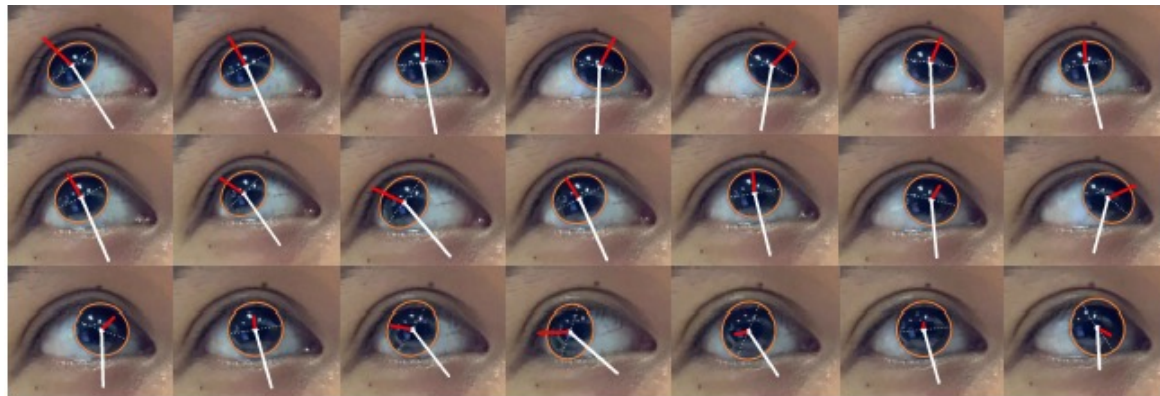
- Do feature matching
- Un-matched pixels are removed

# Module -2: Gaze Ray Estimator

- 2D ellipse parameters  $\rightarrow$  3D gaze ray
  - key problem: ambiguity

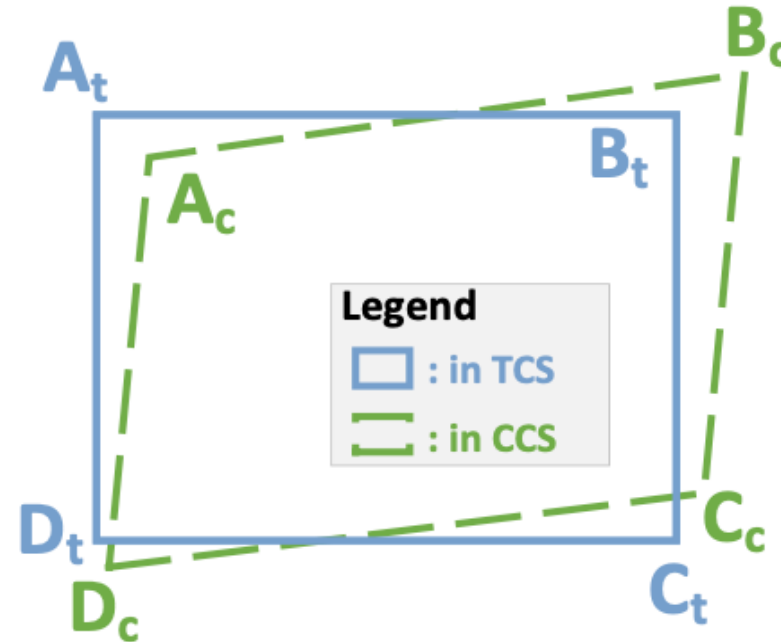
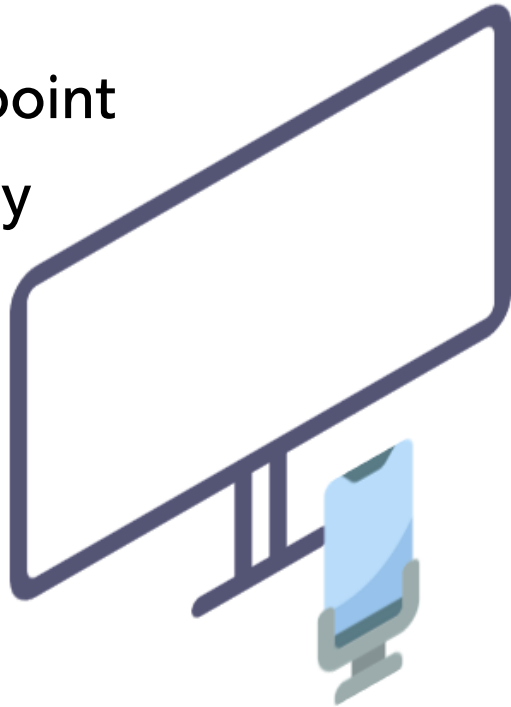


- solution:
  - we choose the gaze direction that accumulates the least rotation change



# Module -3: Mapping

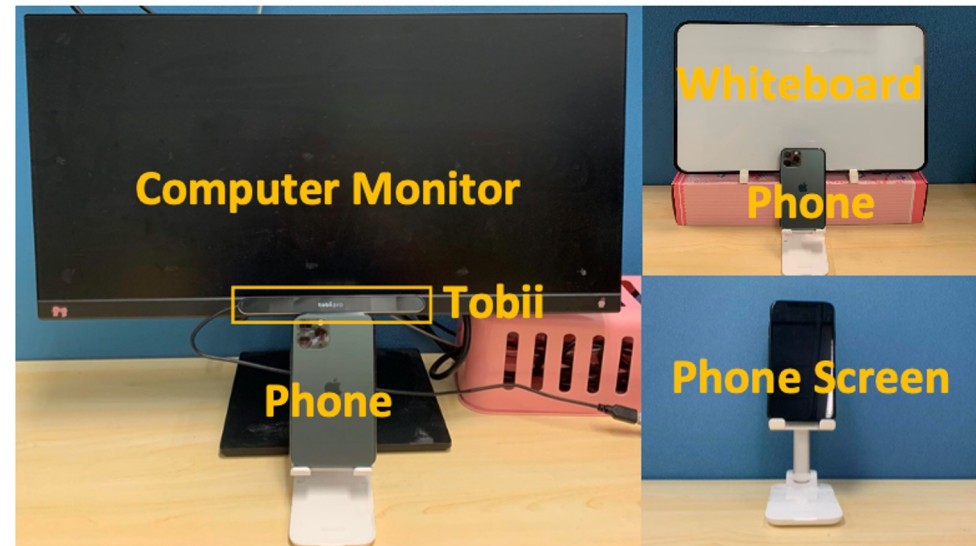
- ✗ GT of gaze point
- ✓ Iris boundary



We only need user to stare at **four known points**.

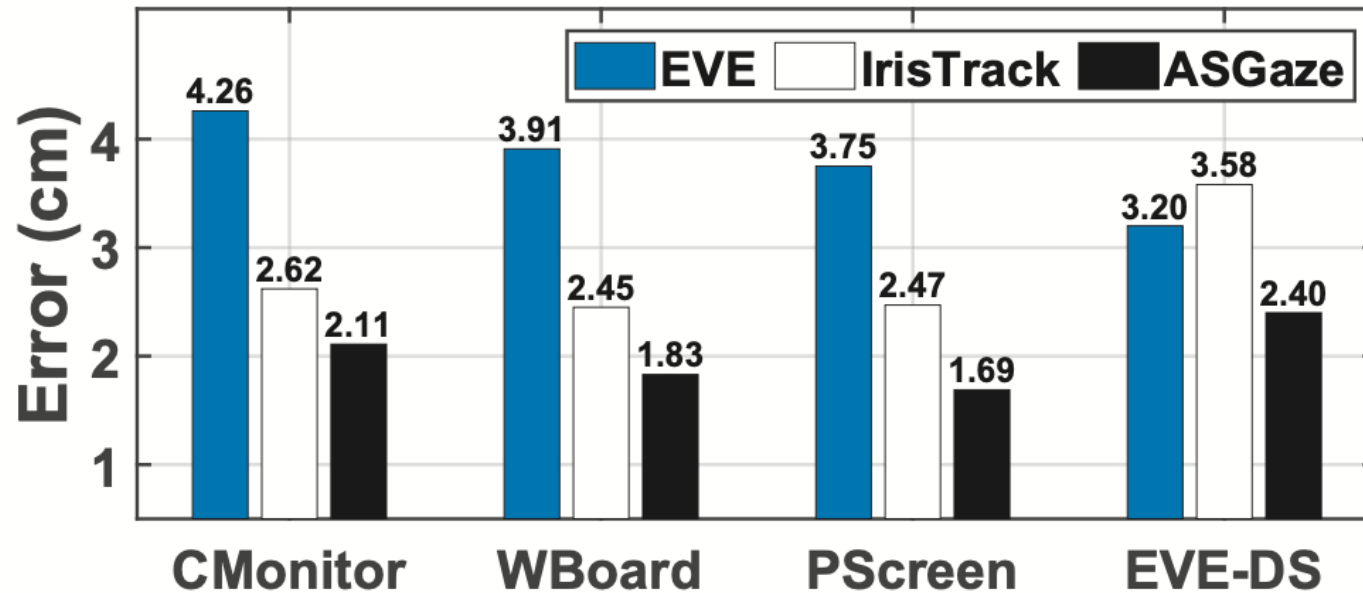
# Experimental Setup

- Participants: 8 volunteers
- Tracking device:
  - RGB camera of iPhone 11 pro
- Tracking surfaces:
  - computer monitor
  - whiteboard
  - phone screen
  - public dataset



# Overall Performance

- Compare with:
  - IrisTrack [1]
  - EVE [2]



EVE: 3.20~4.26 cm

IrisTrack: 2.45~3.58 cm

Ours: 1.69~2.40 cm

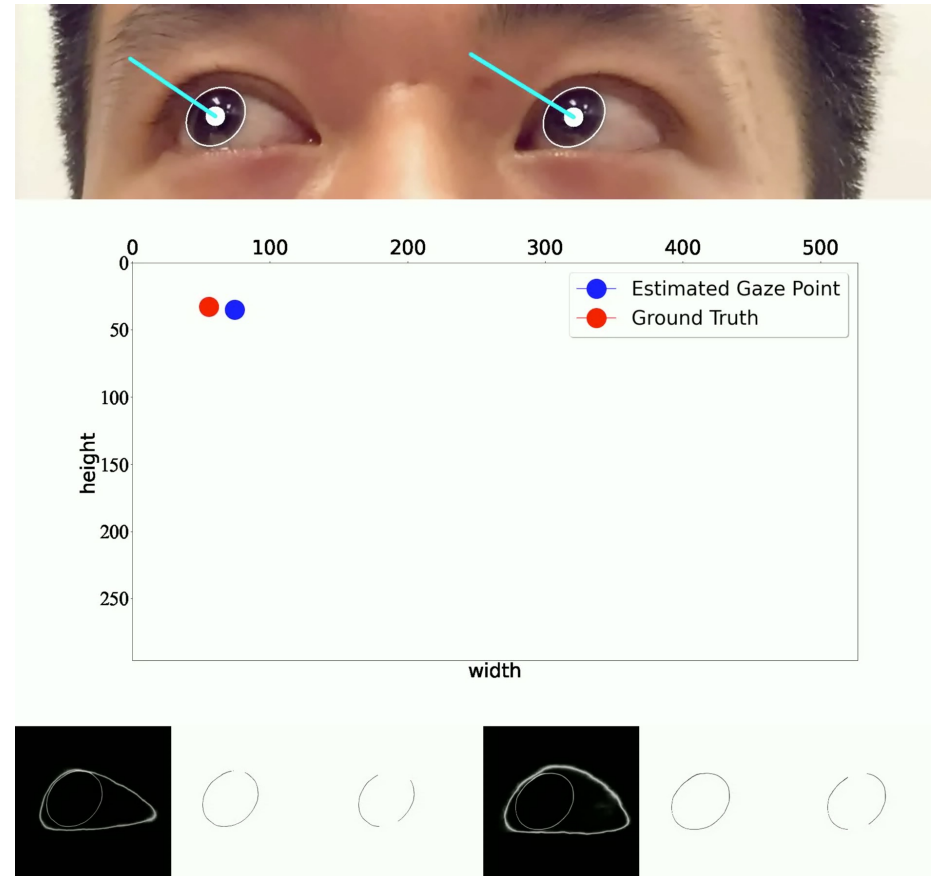
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# Demo

Project: <https://asgaze.github.io/>

Code: <https://github.com/Jiani-CAO/ASGaze>





# Conclusion 1,2,3

## 1. One goal:

- Gaze tracking using a **common RGB camera**

## 2. Two aspects:

- **Accurate** tracking
- Tracking on **any surface**

## 3. Three modules:

- Iris boundary detector
- Gaze ray estimator
- Mapping

*Thank you*

*Q&A*

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