



FLAME

FACILITY FOR LARGE-SCALE ADAPTIVE MEDIA EXPERIMENTATION

Personalised and participatory media

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Innovation

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About VRT

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- Public broadcaster in Flanders
 - 2200 employees
 - 3 TV Channels: Eén, Ketnet, Canvas
 - 5 radio channels: Radio 1, Radio 2, Klara, Studio Brussel, MNM
 - on-line portals (news, sports, culture, video zone)
 - vrtnws.be, sporza.be, vrtnu.be, radioplus.be, ...
 - In-house R&D lab:
VRT Innovatie (Innovation)
 - Several innovation initiatives: VRT Sandbox, OpenVRT, VRT Start-up, ...

VRT Innovation: strategic topics

- Personalised content
 - Fitting content for every media consumer
 - Personalisation
 - Data architecture (VRT Data Prism, to be released OS)
- **Co creation & interaction**
 - Enable & stimulate interaction (e.g. Wallofmoments.be)
 - Community engagement
- New content (production) technologies & workflows
 - VR/AR/MR
 - New workflows (e.g. IP-based)
 - Lightfield technologies

Co-creation and interaction: Wall of Moments

Interaction - motivation

- Traditional TV/Radio going down
- Increased opportunity for direct interaction through digital/social media
 - Formerly: SMS / E-mail / ... ~ limited opportunities
- Traditional “brands” creating an on-line extension
 - Remain connected with the media consumer, even if they are not directly watching/listening
- Interest from different departments
 - Radio stations => community engagement, collaborative storytelling
 - Newsroom => crowd journalism
 - Events => audience interaction
 - ...

Introducing Wall of Moments

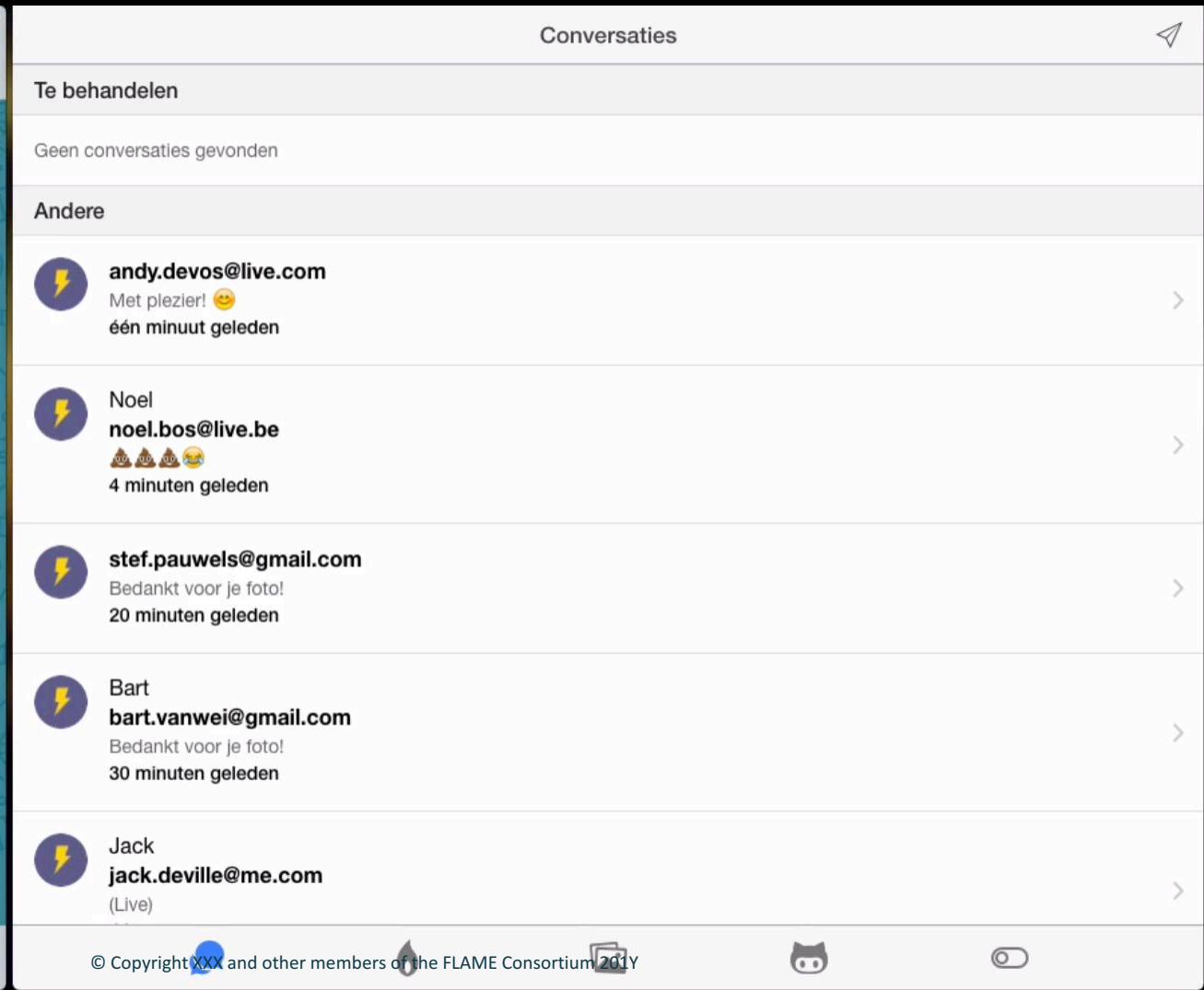
- Set of applications to interact with audience
 - End-user app
 - e.g. integrated with radio app
 - Editorial app
 - Process, filter, select interesting interactions
 - Direct interaction with media consumer
 - On-site displays
 - For use at events: feature incoming content

Experiments with WoM

- Crowd journalism
 - See presentation Karim Dahdah
- Music festivals
 - Dranouter Festival
 - Leffingeleuren festival
 - All areas (StuBru radio station)
- Events
 - De warmste week
 - Het vooruitzicht

Content curation

- Interaction / co-creation is an asset for the media company
- Dealing with interactions is hard
 - 1-to-1 interaction does not scale well
 - End users expect interaction
 - Content editors have to deal with 10 things at a time
- => technologies needed to assist editors in managing interaction



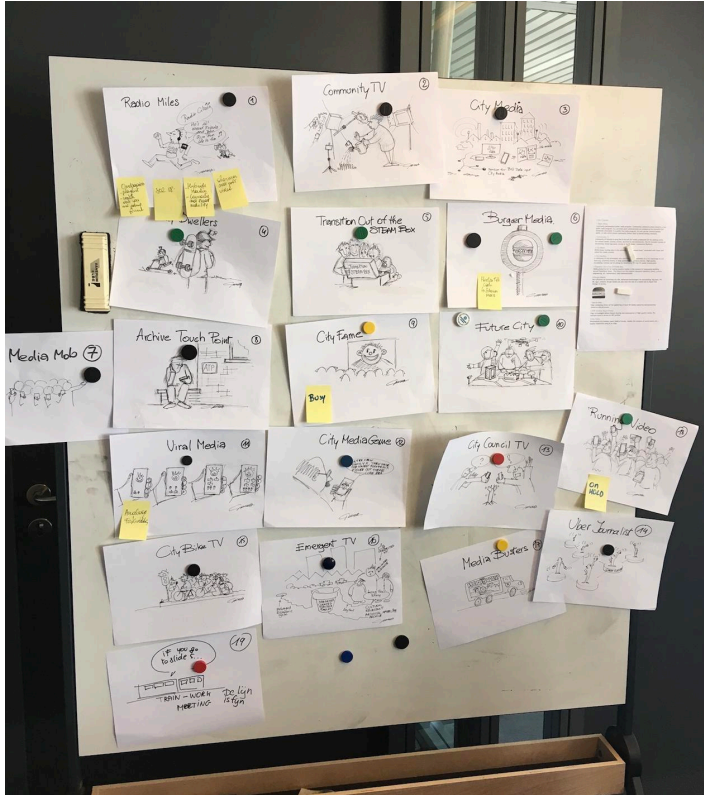
FLAME platform

- FLAME provides opportunities for VRT:
 - Access to smart city infrastructure
 - Access to innovative platform for local services
 - Testbed to experiment with media services and media scenarios

FLAME experimentation

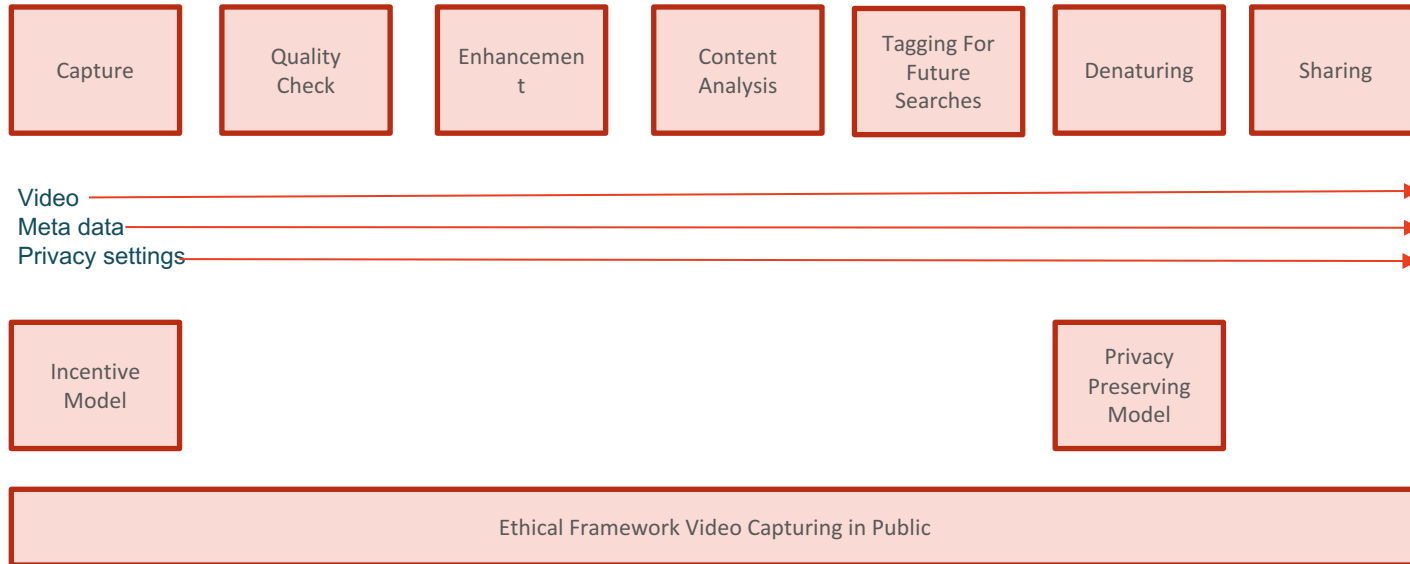
- Technical validation: Testing FLAME platform capabilities
 - VRT wants to learn what media scenarios are made possible with smart city infrastructure / edge computing
 - Connectivity, local storage, Processing (e.g. transcoding, QC, content filtering, ...)
 - Having services local (in the edge) reduces cost and latency
- User validation
 - End users: testing and validating engagement strategies for participatory media and identifying incentives for people to share audio-visual content.
 - Media professionals: creation of insightful content dashboards (e.g. heatmaps) for editors

Media on large city sports event



Participants and spectators join a city sports event. Together they share live event information with community members or they create e.g. collective after-event-memorabilia. Live event information can be curated into a reportage or contribute to a collective mood board. Both can be shared in a closed private community or open public community.

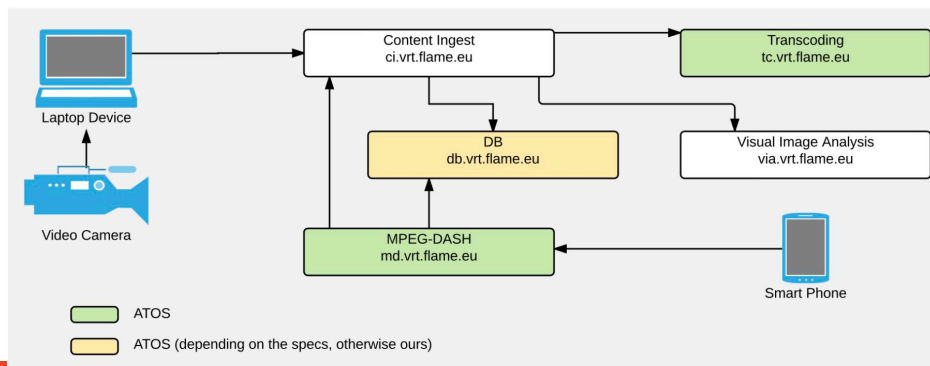
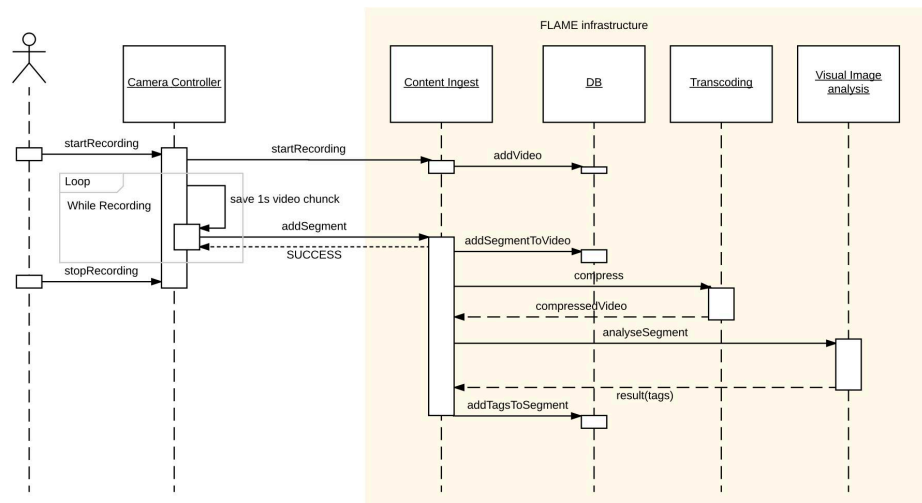
Media Pipeline





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First experiments



Roadmap ~ interaction

- Rolling out Wall of Moments system in VRT (2017)
 - Further integration with radio player
 - Adding features
 - Validation during live events
- Several R&D projects investigating different aspects
 - Crowd sourcing content: MOS2S (ITEA3)
 - Media processing in the edge: FLAME (H2020)
 - Opportunities to participate (open calls) - <https://www.ict-flame.eu/>
 - Backend automation of interaction: MARCONI (H2020)

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