- We would like to thank the reviewers for their comments. In the following, we address the points that were raised.
- Analysis of Failure Cases (R2/R3). (R2) Failure cases are missing. As the event camera only records intensity changes, the proposed method is mainly targeting moving objects. It will be better to highlight 'moving objects' in
- 4 the title or somewhere else. (R3) It is better to discuss the limitations of the proposed method in extreme scenarios,
- 5 such as the scenario with a large number of overlapping objects. We agree with the reviewers that a more detailed
- 6 discussion of failure cases will add insights into the robustness of the proposed approach. We will be happy to add such
- a section to the revised version of our submission. However, we would like to stress that our method is not limited to
- 8 moving objects. As shown in Fig. 4, the memory mechanism introduced by the recurrent layers of our model, is able to
- 9 consistently detect objects even when their motion does not generate events anymore.
- 10 **Technical Novelty (R1/R4).** (R1) The authors borrow the convolutional architecture from 2D object detection,
- 11 temporal loss/module from event analysis community. Although the core blocks of our model (ConvLSTM, SSD
- head) are well-known layers from the frame-based community, the architecture we propose is original and designed
- to work specifically for event data. Our design choices make our method efficient enough to process high resolution
- event cameras and accurate enough to reach comparable accuracy as frame-based detectors. Moreover, even if we find
- inspiration in works such as [43, 44], to the best of our knowledge, our work is the first to introduce a double regression
- head and a temporal consistency loss, well adapted to the characteristics of event data. Finally, as also pointed by R3,
- we believe that the automated labeling protocol is an additional technical contribution that allows fast creation of large
- 18 event-based datasets. We hope this will further extend the impact of our work for the community.
- Details on Labeling Protocol (R1/R4). Due to space limitations, many details about the labeling protocol have been
- described only in the supplementary material. We will be happy to add them to the main body of the revised article. In
- 21 particular, we will discuss in more depth quality assessment and failure cases.
- Dataset and Code Release (R3/R4). We confirm that the dataset will be released upon acceptance of the paper.
- 23 Moreover, we will be glad to also release the evaluation code together with the dataset. However, to date, we can not
- 24 commit on the release of the training code, since this requires further internal discussions.
- 25 Additional comments. (R2) more details about Events-RetinaNet. Based on the current version, it seems like
- 26 use RetinaNet on the integrated event frame. Events-RetinaNet uses Event Volumes as input, which are the input
- 27 representation leading to the best results in our experiments and are also the same input used by our RED architecture.
- (R2) Fig. 2,  $h_{0,k+1}$  or  $h_{0,k-1}$  at the bottom? Yes, there is indeed a typo in the figure caption. We thank the reviewer for
- 29 pointing it out.
- 30 (R3) comparison of the amount of data [...] in terms of data storage efficiency. We report in Tab. 2 the amount of
- 31 networks parameters. This shows that our network is smaller than Gray-RetinaNet. In terms of input data storage, our
- method does not take advantage of the input data sparsity yet. We briefly discuss this in Sec. 6. We will extend this
- 33 analysis in the revised version of our submission.
- 34 (R3) process data from DAVIS and other event cameras to prove the compatibility. Indeed, our approach is not limited
- to a particular type of event camera and can be applied to any event sensor. However, since there is no available DAVIS
- dataset with object detection labels, we could not train our model on a DAVIS camera. Nevertheless, following the
- 37 reviewer remark, we run some qualitative tests by applying a model trained on the ATIS dataset (which has similar
- resolution as the DAVIS) on the MVSEC dataset (DAVIS-346) [32]. Even if the model was trained on ATIS data, we
- observe that it generalizes well also on the DAVIS dataset. We will be happy to add these results in a revised version of
- 40 the paper.
- 41 (R4) Have you considered using an event queue per pixel (Tulyakov et al.) [...] rather than training some RNN-like
- architecture. Our method is agnostic to the input representation and could be indeed combined with Tulyakov et al. We
- 43 will add this remark and this reference to our submission. However, in our work, we decided to introduce the memory
- 44 mechanism in the deeper layers of the network, rather than at the pixel level. The reason for this is that it would be too
- expensive to have per pixel memory states, especially for a 1Mpx event camera. Moreover, in this way, we can learn
- memory states corresponding to high-level object features, which vary slowly and allow smoother detections over time.
- 47 (R4) "Gray-RetinaNet" without the resolution and color alterations. In our experiments, we used gray-level images
- 48 at the same resolution as the event camera. This was done to remove as much as possible a performance bias due to
- information which is not available to the event camera. However, we agree that a comparison with a typical frame-based
- camera is also interesting on its own. From some preliminary tests, it seems that color increase mAP by a few percentage
- points. We will add and clarify this aspect in a revised version of the paper.