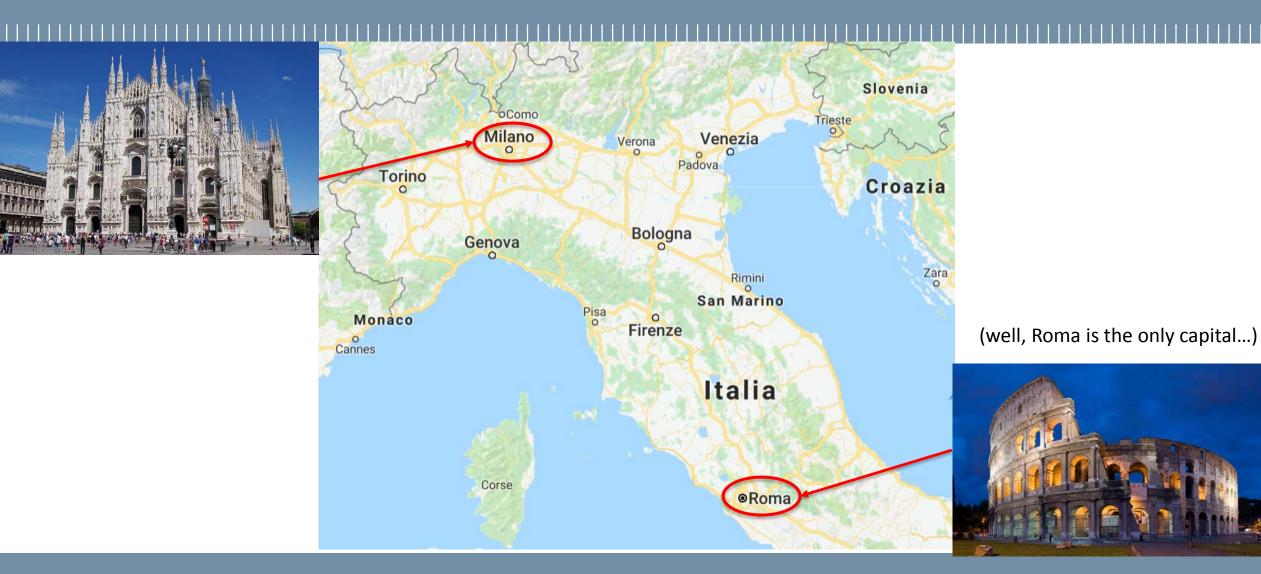


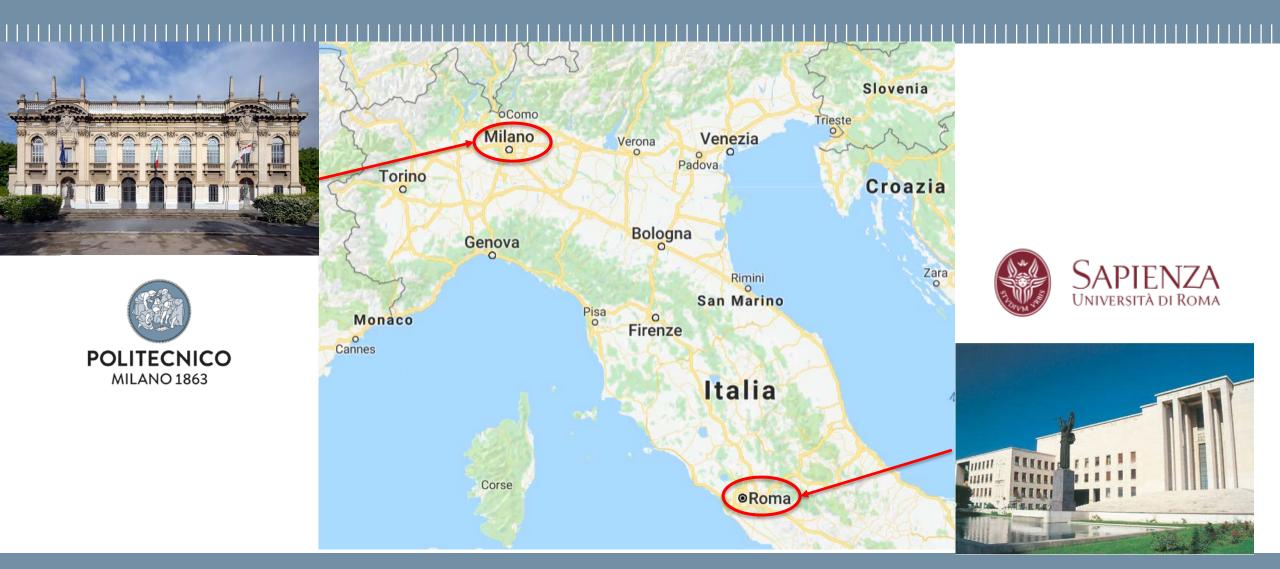
Make it flexible, redundant, and safe: how ADL's work inspired our research Paolo Rocco

Rome and Milan, the two capitals of Italy...



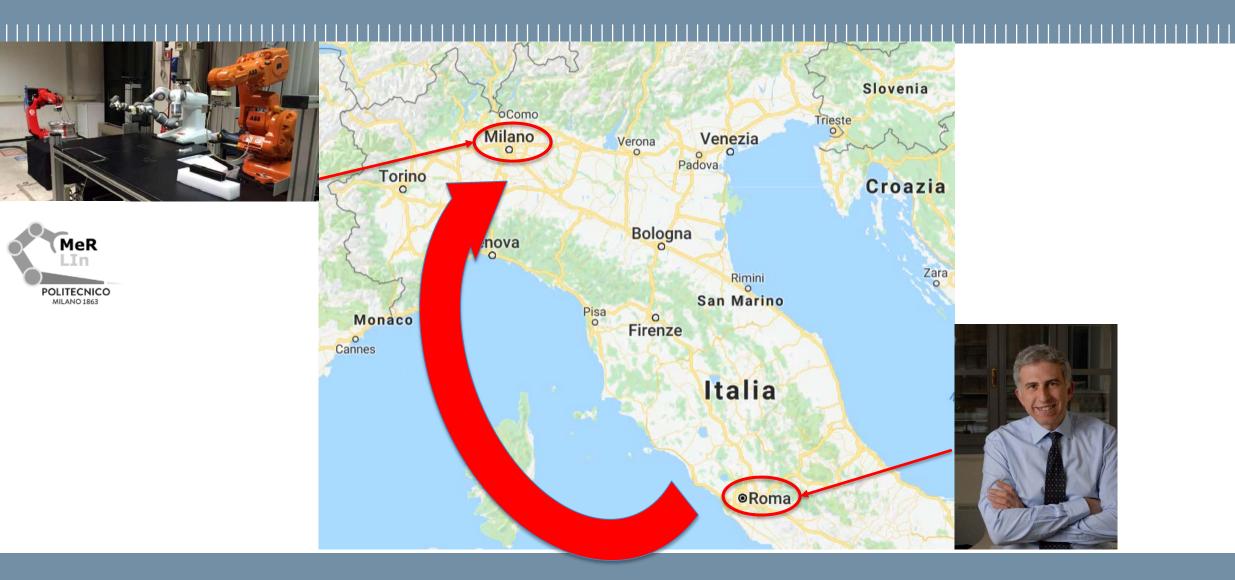
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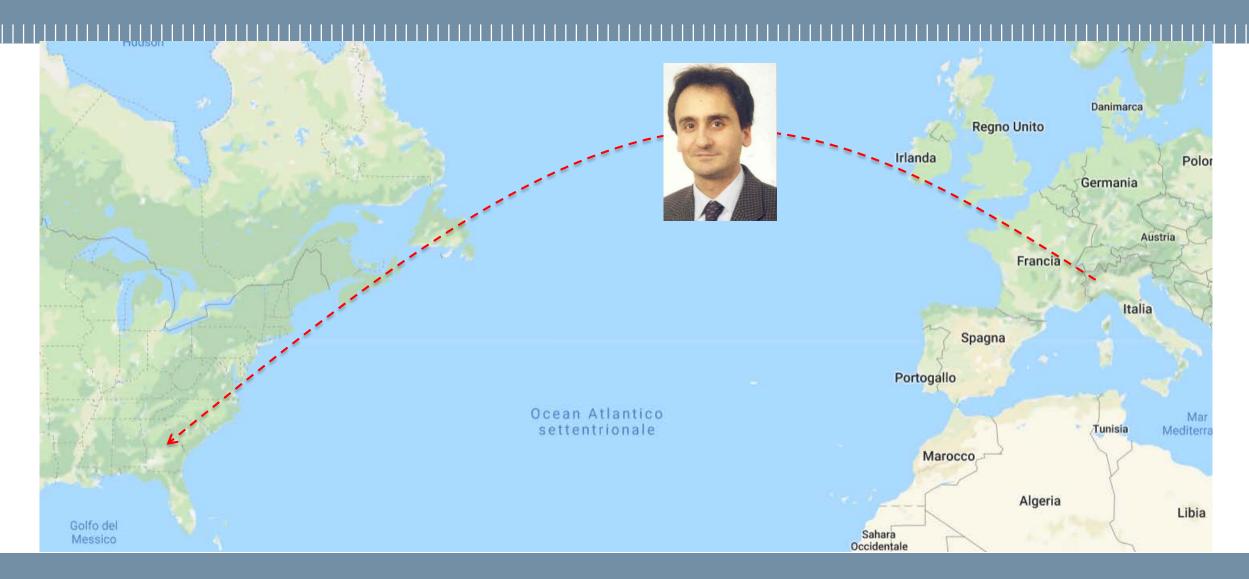
ADL has always been a master and a source of inspiration to us...



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1995: a young guy travelling from Milano to Atlanta...



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... and struggling to understand dynamics of flexible beams

Lagrangian of a distributed system? Boundary conditions?? Vibration modes??? Transfer functions????



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Until he finds this...

Chapter 6

Flexible links

This chapter is devoted to modelling and control of robot manipulators with *flexible links*. This class of robots includes lightweight manipulators and/or large articulated structures that are encountered in a variety of conventional and nonconventional settings. From the point of view of applications, we can think about very long arms needed for accessing hostile environments (nuclear sites, underground waste deposits, deep sea, space, etc.) or automated crane devices for building construction. The ultimate challenge is the design of mechanical arms made of light materials that are suitable for typical industrial manipulation tasks, such as pick-and-place, assembly, or surface finishing. Lightweight structures are expected to improve performance of robots with typically low payload-to-arm weight ratio. As opposed to slow and bulky motion of conventional industrial manipulators, such robotic designs are expected to achieve fast and dexterous motion.

In order to fully exploit the potential offered by flexible robot manipulators, we must explicitly consider the effects of structural link flexibility and properly deal with active and/or passive control of vibrational behaviour. In this context, it is highly desirable to have an explicit, complete, and accurate *dynamic model* at disposal. The model should be explicit to provide a clear understanding of dynamic interaction and couplings, to be useful for control design, and to guide reduction or simplification of terms. The model should be complete in that, even if it is simple, it inherits the most relevant properties of the system. The model should be accurate as required for simulation purposes, design of advanced model-based nonlinear controllers, and off-line optimal trajectory planning. These general guidelines are even more important in the modelling of flexible robotic structures, where schemata or approximations of the modes of link deformation are unavoidably introduced. Symbolic manipulation packages may prove useful





... and everything becomes crystal clear!

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A. De Luca, B. Siciliano, "Flexible links," in C. Canudas de Wit, B. Siciliano, G. Bastin (Eds.) *Theory of Robot Control*, pp. 219-261, Springer Verlag, Berlin, 1996

Later we used know how in flexible link manipulator in our research

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Proceedings of the 1996 IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation Minneapolis, Minnesota - April 1996

MODELLING FOR TWO-TIME SCALE FORCE/POSITION CONTROL OF FLEXIBLE ROBOTS

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Abstract - Distributed flexibility of the links is a severe obstacle for the endpoint position control of lightweight manipulators. In order to accomplish with satisfactory performance certain tasks involving a controlled interaction of the tip of the robot with the worksurfaces, a combined control of the motion and the contact forces can provide some advantages. This paper presents a general and systematic model of a flexible robot interacting with a rigid WAYNE J. BOOK George W. Woodruff School of Mechanical Engineering Georgia Institute of Technology Atlanta, GA 30332-0405 - USA wayne.book@me.gatech.edu

which shows some interesting differences from previous results on the same subject [10], [11]. A control scheme for the force/position control of flexible robots has also been designed in this research [14]. However, since the focus of this paper is the development of the model, the control is here only briefly introduced to show the utility of the model. Two-Time Scale Visual Servoing of Eye-in-Hand Flexible Manipulators

Luca Bascetta and Paolo Rocco, Member, IEEE

Abstract—Visual servoing of eye-in-hand flexible manipulators is addressed in this paper. Dynamic effects of both the rigid and the flexible motion of the manipulator are fully taken into account in a control solution where the two-time scale nature of the problem is exploited. The visual information is used in the "slow" subsystem for a task-space-oriented control law, where computationally expensive operations, such as inverse and time derivative of the Jacobian, are avoided. A constructive proof of stability of this control scheme, based on Lyapunov theory, is also presented. The effectiveness of the proposed controller is shown the camera is fixed and observes both the target and the robot tip, and eye-in-hand systems, when the camera is mounted on the robot end effector.

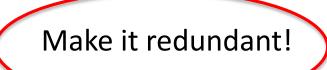
IEEE TRANSACTIONS ON ROBOTICS, VOL. 22, NO. 4, AUGUST 2006

IBVS approaches have experienced increasing popularity mainly due to the shortcomings inherent in the pose estimation problem. PBVS in fact needs a calibrated camera, and any calibration error leads to errors in the pose evaluation, with a consequent loss of precision in task execution. Moreover, with this approach, the position of the features of interest on





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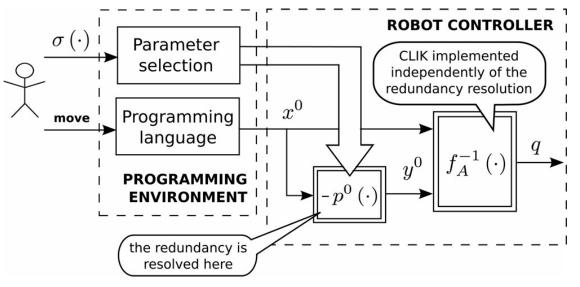
ADL's works on redundancy resolution have been a source of inspiration for us

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A General User-Oriented Framework for Holonomic Redundancy Resolution in Robotic Manipulators Using Task Augmentation

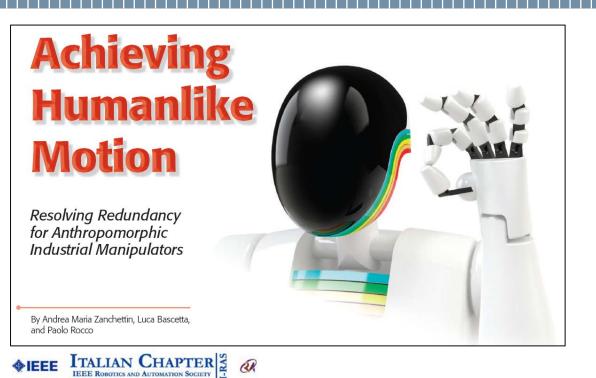
Andrea Maria Zanchettin and Paolo Rocco

Abstract—Redundant robotic manipulators under kinematic control may exhibit unpredictable behaviors at the joint level. When the end effector describes a closed trajectory, the joint angles may not return to their initial values. Likewise, final configuration in the joint space may depend on the trajectory that is followed by the end effector. In this paper, a complete parameterization of holonomic redundancy resolution techniques that avoid these problems is proposed. The flexibility of the proposed approach is discussed. In particular, it is shown that the selection of the redundancy resolution criterion is totally decoupled from the implementation of a closed-loop inverse kinematics (CLIK) algorithm. Any user-defined redundancy resolution criterion can, thus, be enforced. Potentialities of this new methodology are experimentally verified on an industrial robot in a case study where functional redundancy occurs and is applied in simulation on a 7-degree-of-freedom (7-DOF) anthropomorphic manipulator.

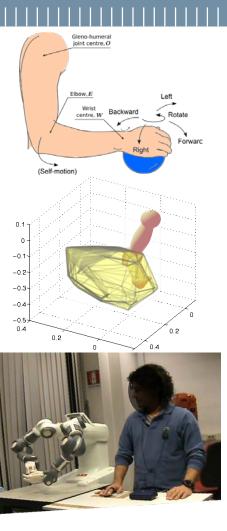




ADL's works on redundancy resolution have been a source of inspiration for us



- Generation of a «human-like» robot motion
- Bio inspiration of the arm trajectories
- Test of acceptability on volunteers
- Clear correlation between motion naturalness and psychological comfort



Bruno Sicilia

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Young Author Best Paper Award 2014 Andrea Maria Zanchettin A.M. Zanchettin, L. Bascetta, and P. Rocco Achieving humanlike motion: esolving redundancy for anthropomorphic industrial manipulator. Robotics Automation Macazine (IEEE 20(4):131–138 Dec 2013

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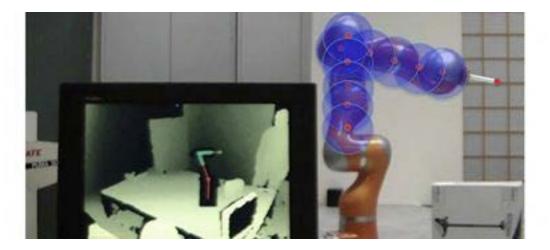
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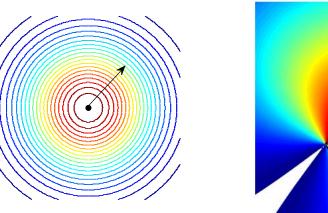
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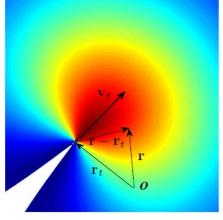




ADL's work on safe human-robot interaction was a source of inspiration as well for us. In particular with the SAPHARI project.

The danger field





A decreasing function w.r.t. the distance from the "source of danger"

Takes into account a velocity vector of the source of danger as

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IEEE TRANSACTIONS ON ROBOTICS, VOL. 29, NO. 5, OCTOBER 2013

Safety Assessment and Control of Robotic Manipulators Using Danger Field

Bakir Lacevic, Member, IEEE, Paolo Rocco, Member, IEEE, and Andrea Maria Zanchettin, Member, IEEE

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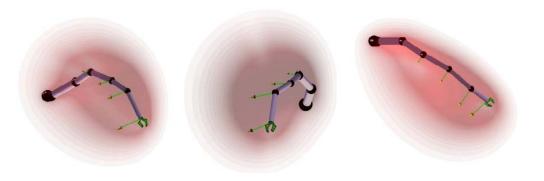
Abstract-This paper presents a synergistic approach to danger assessment and safety-oriented control of articulated robots that are based on a quantity called danger field. This quantity captures the state of the robot as a whole and indicates how dangerous the current posture and velocity of the robot are to the objects in the environment. The field itself is invariant with respect to objects around the robot and can be computed in any given point of the robot's workspace using measurements from the proprioceptive sensors. Furthermore, the danger field can be expressed in the closed form, which enables its fast computation. Apart from being a pure safety assessment, the danger field provides a natural prelude to safety-oriented control strategy. Namely, the information about the danger field can easily be fed back to shape standard control schemes in order to make the motion of the robot safer to the environment. The proposed method is validated through simulations and experiments.

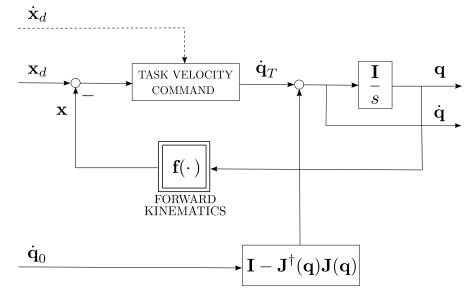
Conservative safety guidelines (e.g., ANSI/RIA R15.06-1999 [1]) prescribe the physical separation of the robots and operators. A relaxation toward more collaborative requirements was introduced in ISO 10218-1:2006 [2]. This standard states that one of the following requirements always has to be fulfilled to allow HRI: the Tool Center Point (TCP)/flange velocity must be at most 0.25 m/s, the maximum dynamic power at most 80 W, or the maximum static force at most 150 N. However, in [3], it is shown that these conditions are still conservative and can substantially mitigate the performance of the robot.

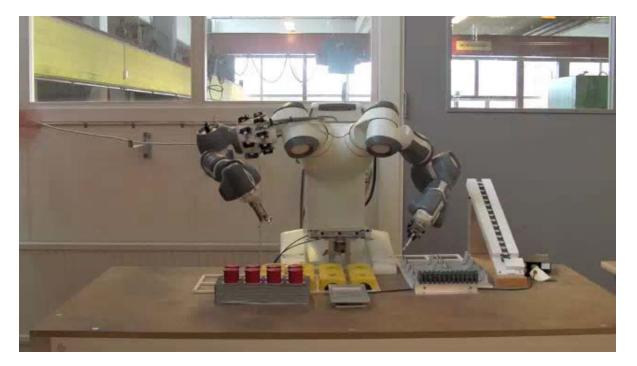
Although there are very few specifications for the coexistence or cooperation between humans and robots, large attention has been given to this matter in the scientific community.



Reactive control based on the danger field



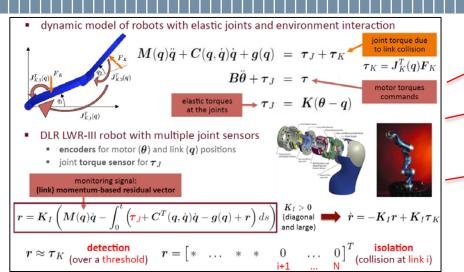




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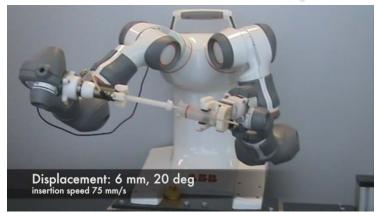
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ADL's residual method for force identification widely used in our lab!





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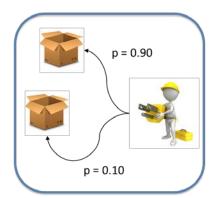
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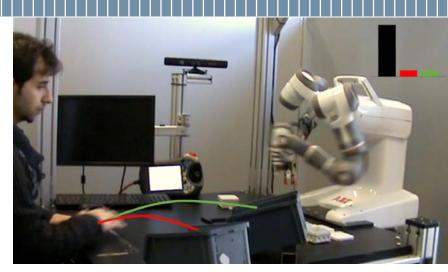
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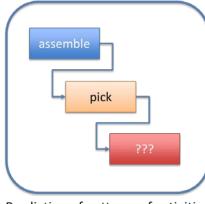
A glimpse of our recent results



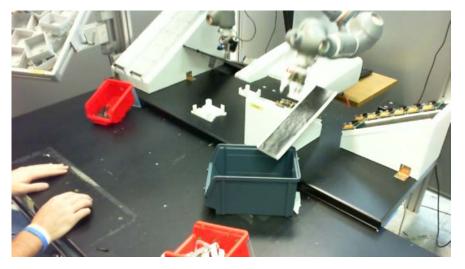
Prediction of operator intention (labelling)



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P1p1-hejjaQ



Prediction of patterns of activities



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KG7WLNdi8Uw

Personal memories: the Editorial Board of the T-RO

A typical e-mail to the EB: 1685 words, 5 colors, not a single typo



Dear Members of the Editorial Board

****NEWS****

Starting from August 15, all initial submissions should be already in Transactions format.

The standard length (1.e., without extra page charges) in Transactions format is, as before, 10 pages for Agular pagers, 5 pages for Short papers, and 3 pages for Communication items (for Regular pagers, this length includes also authors' bis-ekth and pictures). Accordingly, I will set up T-RO Tapercept so as not to accept a submission (at any stage) whose pdf is longer than 17 pages for a Regular paper. 9 pages for a Short paper, and 4 pages for a Communication item (all intended for Transactions format). Until now, we had much longer allowance (e.g., 35 pages for regular papers) intended for allowing a free format of initial guinasion, asy single column-double space.

 The instructions on the T-RO web site will be soon updated accordingly.

****MONTHLY REPORT****

Attached please find the T-RO Monthly Load Report for July 2008 (updated at July 31, 2008, 2:00 PM CEST) in Excel and pdf form.

This report is intended for sharing information on the review process status across all members of the Board, and it includes both: - papers in review in the **old** system (**only a few remaining**, with paper ID in FURPLE)

- papers in review with the new T-RO PaperCept system (paper ID in BLACK).

The pdf version highlights:

- in yellow (orange for former AEs), papers that need immediate intervention by the assigned AE

in green, conditionally accepted papers in delay
in violet, papers for Special Issues that need prompt intervention

Notes for papers in review in the new T-RO PaperCept (paper IDs 08-(0)YYY):

If a paper (with a new ID) is a resubmission of a former paper previously handled in the old system (with RR/SS/NFE decision). Editors and AEs will find under the link "Files" of the paper also a tipped file (code PAST) with ALL the previous seview material (xx1) and the pdf of the former paper. This material is routinely uploaded by the ELC office. These papers include a Reply to previous reviewers comments (code RFT).

 "Conditionally accepted" papers that are resubmitted have the same paper ID, but an increased Version. Among the "Files", you can find also the Author Response (code RP) and have direct access also to the material related to the previous version.

 Resubmissions of papers with "Revise and Resubmit" decision have a new paper ID, and a bidirectional link (in the paper "Details") to the previous submission. They include an Author Response (code RP). Resubsisions of papers with "Reject" (of any type) decision have a new paper 10, and the paper 10 of the previous submission (00-XXXX) in the "Details". They typically include a Response to previous reviewers comments (code RFT). The previous paper and review material (which is already in PaperCept) is also automatically accessible to the new Editor and is made accessible by the ELC in case of a change of AE.

 The AE Report is NOT automatically attached to the final decision of the faitor handling the paper and therefore it does not go "as such" to the authors. This is consistent with our previous policy and allows the maximum freedom of expression by an AL. The AE Report is always saved in the "Archive" of a paper for later editorial uses, but never accessible to the authors.

- There are two sections in the AE Reports "Confidential comments to the Editorial staff" and "Draff formal report for transmittal to the author". You can use them freely at this stage. Still, AEs can help Editors by transferred to the authors. In fact, for very good AE Reports, Editors transferred to the authors. In fact, for very good AE Reports, Editors typically "cut and passe" this part in their decisions. I have seen that an explicit mention to "AE comments" is used sometimes in the Editor decisions, where this is a decend appropriate.

 It is not needed to list the names of the reviewers in your AE Report. These are already in the system. However, while summarizing their comments, please refer to each of them by using the reviewer code assigned by the system.

 If you feel that some important document or file, or external mail, is worth to be kept inside the system, use the "archive irens" feature (and make it available to the paper handlers--the pertinent Editor and the Eic).

- Flease refer any technical difficulty or doubt to me (and/or to Fradeep Misra, pradeep.misra@vright.edu).

Notes for papers in review in the OLD system (paper IDs X07-YYY):

Only 31 papers are still concerned with the old system.

papers will be the last ones to remain in the old system.

There is 1 contributed paper left in (late) review, without AE recommendation... $\rm K07{-}480$

There are also 20 conditionally accepted papers currently in re-review in the old system (7 of which for V-SLAM urgently due).

10 papers submitted up to Dec 31, 2007 are in the conditionally accepted status, and we are waiting for their resubmission by the authors. These

When we will be done with all these papers, we shall close the OLD T-RO web site, review forms, and procedures. My previous estimate is confirmed; this will happen by the mid of September.

Special Issues in process:

 Special Issue on Visual SLAM (V-SLAM) -handled in the old system: Out of the 49 submissions (45 regular papers and 4 short papers, 16 with multimedia) the status is:

Decisions: il accepted (i final at IEEE, 5 finals to arrive at EiC office, 5 accepted by QE with decision by Editor being sens out ---3 of which completed right after the preparation of this report, 2 conditionally accepted in final review (K07-568 with QE xxxx, and K07-567 with GE xxxx), 36 reviewed and not accepted (3 editorially rejected). The acceptence rate is thus 26,54 (12 regular + 1 short paper).

We need to close the final review of the two pending papers by Monday. August 4 at the latest, in order to make it for the October issue as planned. Because of the vary tight schedule, we are asking the authors of these late accepted papers to summit the final material directly to IEEE by August 10 (with copy of the pdf to the Eic office). We are also waiting for the Goest Editorial by the GES.

 Special Issue on Rehabilitation Robotics -handled in T-RO PAperCept: No submissions were received up to now. We are expecting about 30 to 30 papers by the submission deadline of September 15, 2008. I will assign all papers to the supervising Editor xxxxx (relieving him in part of the normal contributions), who should arrange with the three Guest Editors the way these will be distributed/handled among them.

Situation of papers:

- At two months from its 3 years of life (i.e., since October 1, 2003, when submissions to 7-R0 were first open), T-R0 received 2448 submissions; 87 in the last three months of 2003, 425 in 2004, 9449 in 2005, 555 in 2006 (out of which, 490 contributed submissions), and 302 in the first seven months of 2008 (all in T-R0 PaperCept). Submissions in 2019, were 47, while we had in the past years: 50 in 2007, 33 in 2006, 36 in 2005, and in 2007, 33 in 2006, 36 in 2005, and 47 in 2004.

- Out of the total number of 2418 submissions (Oct 1, 2003 to July 31, 2008), 2275 have already been reviewed/processed (at least once):

57 returned by the EiC 2 discarded (error submissions) 36 withdrawn

165 reject or revise and resubmit 47 conditionally accepted --37 of which currently in re-review 464 accepted papers -- 428 of which published in 25 T-RO issues (including the forthcoming August 2008)

issue)

- The overall acceptance rate is 23.44%, as computed by the formula:

acceptance rate = (papers accepted + papers conditionally accepted) / (papers reviewed papers returned by EiC, discarded, or withdrawn)

- Out of the 143 papers in review, 22 papers have past their deadline without AE recommendation, and

13 of them since more than three weeks. I am expecting recommendations/decisions to be taken on all these within the next two weeks.

- Out of the 37 conditionally accepted papers in review, 12 papers are in delay without AE recommendation (2 for VSLAM)

Thank you very much for your improved efforts in obtaining quality reviews in a timely fashion.

Alessandro and Daniela

P.S.: Two more monthly reports for us to go...

NOTES FOR READING THE ATTACHED FILES

a) The report is updated with data collected until July 31, 2008, 2:00 PM CEST, and includes:

 T-RO papers in review (in the old system, as well as in the new T-RO PaperCept system)
T-RO conditionally accepted papers in review

1-NO conditionally accepted papers in review

b) The Load Report is sent to all members of the Editorial Board, including Guest Editors. It is also sent to previous members that still have assigned papers in review. The Load Report only contains papers under review (without Editor decision) at the report date.

c) On top of the report, the list of papers in "nominal" charge to the Editors refer to papers co-authored by an Editor or an Associate Editor and handled by another AE (masked). This is in accordance with our privacy policy. For the conditionally accepted papers at the end of the report, a blue dash (==>) indicates a similar situation.

d) The format for dates is month-day-year, time intervals are expressed in days. The names of the fields should be self-explanatory. In particular:

AssignToE = date of paper assignment from EiC to Editor

AssignToAE = date of paper assignment from Editor to AE
EdTime = date of this report - AssignToE

 If AE Recommendation has been sent, then AETime = AERecommToE -AssignToAE,

else AETime = date of this report - AssignToAE

e) The last column contains the total number of papers handled by an AE in the last 12 months (NOB=AE No longer On Board).

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Personal memories: the review committee of the SAPHARI project

A typical e-mail to the reviewers: 967 words, 3 colors, and, of course, not a single typo

Dear SAPHARI Reviewers and PO

Thank you for waiting so patiently for us... here is a long email for vou!

We have uploaded to the SAFHARI web site http://www.saphari.eu the materials due for Y1 review.

You have been registered to the web site (and should have received a confirmation mail). You can login and access now also selected reserved areas using the following:

username: your surname (all lowercase) password: your first name (all lowercase, with accents if present!)

Below is a list of what you will find (I have added a few useful notes).

LAST MINUTE: We are currently having a problem with the Aruba server for some large files that appear to be corrupted. In the meantime, please use the following dropbox link to download the three documents mentioned at items 1) ad 2) below.

http://dl.dropbox.com/xxxxxxxx.zip (135MB, 3 minutes download with an office-like fast connection)

All the rest is working from the SAPHARI web site. Sorry for the inconvenience.

The main Deliverable Di0.1.2 "Yearly periodic activity and management report - Year 1" as a sipped/DDF file In Documents-->Periodic Reports--->Y1

SAPHARI_periodic_report_yi_Final.sip (the pdf file is about 60MB)

This is a 200+ page document. About 3/4 is devoted to the progress on RTI activities (WP1-WP8) during Y1: pp. 11-160. The part on WPS Dissemination includes also the lists of events, papers, media/news, etc. (pp. 161-164). The last sections of the report (from Section 3 to the end, pp. 185-212) concern Management (WP10).

Please note that we have an on-going administrative amendment to the

project. This concerns the inclusion of a new beneficiary (University of Bremen), starting from November 1, 2012 (i.e., from Y2 on), as a result of the move of Prof. xxxxx group from TUM to UNI-HB. The only change to the original SAPHARI workplan is that tasks, costs etc. of TUM will be distributed between TUM and UNI-HB.

Being such amendment (actually, this is Amendment 2) currently active/pending in the EC NEF site, the official Forms C for Y1 could not be filled yet on the EC web site.

However, the equivalent and complete information has been already included in the Tables of the last part of the YI Report, as per our agreement with our PO. (see: 5. Explanation of the use of the resources, pp. 188-207; 6. Cost

budget follow-up table, pp. 208-209; 7. Person-Month status table, p. 210)

Therefore, Section 8 (Financial statements, Forms C, and Summary Financial report) of the Y1 Report is currently empty ---will include forms/tables downloaded from the EC web site, once ready.

2) Zipped archives of all Y1 Milestones and all Y1 Deliverables in Documents-->Periodic Reports-->Y1

Milestones_yl.zip (7 pf files) Deliverables_y1.zip (5 pdf files)

In order to reduce downloads, you will find these two zipped archives in the same area (the single files are also separately available, as described below at items 4 and 5).

3) The list of all SAFMARI publications of Year 1 (with FDFs for nload) in Documents-->Periodic Reports-->Y1 Publication

Few PDFs are still missing, but will be uploaded asap (we are actively working on this).

Note that the same list of Y1 publications (Nov 2011-Oct 2012) is also publicly accessible at Download-->Publications, but without PDFs (we will try later on to resolve copyright issues appropriately).

The seven Milestones due in Year 1 as PDF files in Documents-->Reference Library-->Official-->Milestones

MSI Community building and support tool - Alpha version MS2 Preliminary prototypes of new actuators MS1 Optimal control of modular VSA manipulators MS4 Selection of safety-relevant sensors for human-robot interaction MS5 Implementation of a voxel-based scene representation MS6 Conceptual design of interface framework

MS7 Use case reguliements communicated to other WPs (for TS.2-TS.4)

5) The other Deliverables due in Year 1 as FDF files in Documents-->Reference Library-->Official-->Deliverables

two deliverables are from RTD work packages (respectively, WP4 and WPS1:

Di.i.1 Detection and isolation of sensors/actuators faults D8.4.1 Alternative scenario(s) fully exploiting the pHRI in a hospital setting

- one is from the Dissemination WP9, and is divided in two parts: D9.1.2 Poster and D9.1.2 Leaflet

- one is from the Management WP10: D10.1.1 Project presentation

This deliverable refers mainly to a slide presentation of the project. which is publicly accessible (on-line view or PDF download) under the top menu PROJECT --> PRESENTATION

- note that D9.1.1 is the web site itself (so, there is a total of 6 deliverables in Y1, including the Periodic Report)

6) A collection of videos related to SAFMARI research activities in Yi in Download-->Video Gallery

This is a publicly accessible collection of videos which can be viewed on line, or downloaded individually. More videos may be soon uploaded.

7) The official documentation of the project in Documents --> Reference Library--> Official-->DoW and Agreements

I suggest to refer to the two main documents, which are:

- DOW SAPHARI 287513 2012-02-29.pdf (Description of Work - Annex I: Part A, Workplan Tables, and Part B] - GPF SAPHARI 287513 2012-02-29.pdf [Grant Preparation Forms]

The date is the one of the Amendment 1 (February 2012), where we changed a few administrative data and included the Appendix 5 in Part B (the list of Milestones, with means of verification), which was erroneously left out in the pdf of the first DOW.

Please let me know if you encounter any problem in accessing/downloading/reading the materials.

Also, let Laura Maley know if you wish to receive at your place the hard copy of the whole material (or of selected parts). She will send it to you by express courier.

Finally, the organization of the Y1 review meeting (DLR, Oberpfaffenhofen, February 6-7, 2013) is in progress. I will be back to you with a more detailed agenda by the end of this week.

Best regards Alessandro De Luca Coordinator of SAPHARI







Happy 60s Alessandro!



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