



A Report on CITEC Summerschool, ROSCon, IROS 2017

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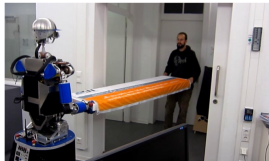


CITEC Summerschool

CITEC



KIT - Cooperative Carrying



- ▶ Part of Xperience project (ended 2015)

KIT - Master Motor Map

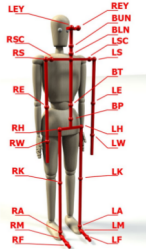


Fig. 3: The kinematics of the MMM reference model.



Fig. 4: The kinematics of the right hand.

- ▶ Human Reference Model for exchangeable datasets
- ▶ At the moment used mostly for whole-body tracking



KIT - Motion Database

Project	Institution	Date	Media	Contains	Preview	Comment	Files
Misc	KIT Karlsruhe Institute of Technology	April 25, 2017	go observations go upstairs	Subject #1114		Subject goes up and down the staircase with soft-creases against. Subject wears an exoskeleton.	Show
Misc	KIT Karlsruhe Institute of Technology	April 25, 2017	forward walk support	Subject #3 HandwDg_16		Person walks 6 m with hand on the right hand side from 1 m to 3 m. Person starts w...	3 Videos 1 File 13 protected files (6 hidden)
Misc	KIT Karlsruhe Institute of Technology	April 25, 2017	forward walk support	Subject #3 table_walk_1		Person walks 6 m with table as support on the right hand side from 1 m to 3 m. Person starts with...	1 Video on CSD files 1 Video 12 protected files (6 hidden)
Misc	KIT Karlsruhe Institute of Technology	April 25, 2017	forward walk	Subject #3		Person walks 6 m in straight forward starting with the left or the right foot.	2 Videos on CSD files 2 Videos 12 protected files (6 hidden)
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Misc	KIT Karlsruhe Institute of Technology	April 25, 2017	balance	Subject #1115		Subject stands 30 sec with feet tog...	Show

▶ <https://motion-database.humanoids.kit.edu/>



Pepper's Autonomous Life

Questions



What is Autonomous Life?

Autonomous Life is the application that "gives life" to the Robot. The Robot becomes visually alive: it "breathes", moves and is aware of its environment.

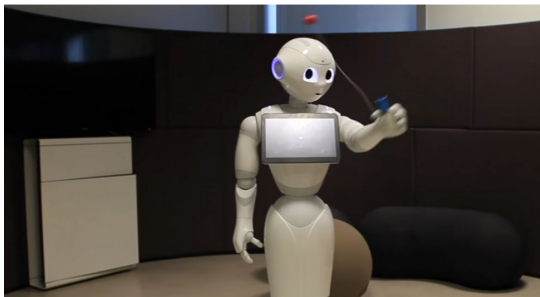
- ▶ Beneficial for interaction with naive users
- ▶ Do we want something similar to run on Trixi?

Pepper Ball Cup Game

Watch Pepper the robot learn how to catch a ball in a cup

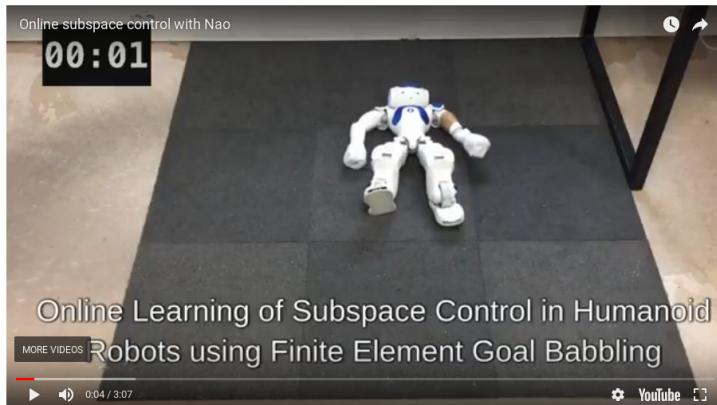
By [Duncan Geere](#) September 26, 2016 [World of tech](#)

Abort/retry/fail

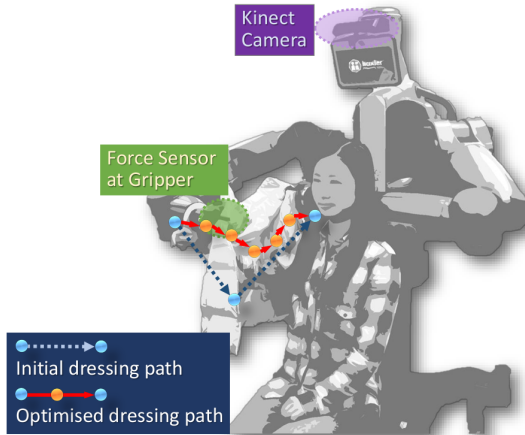


Nao Learning to Roll

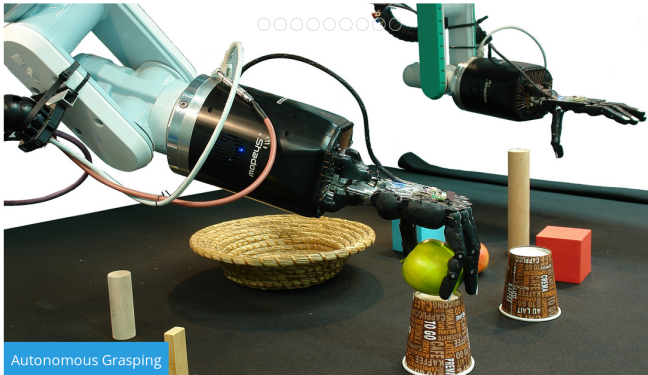
Nao is trained online for 17 minutes to learn to control its rotation in relation to the ground. After 500 iterations is it tested by being asked to move between its sides.



Yiannis Demiris - Learning User Models



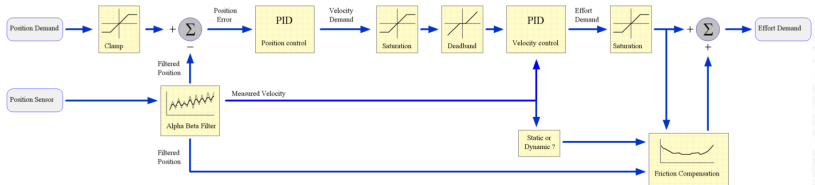
Helge Ritter's Neurorobotics Lab



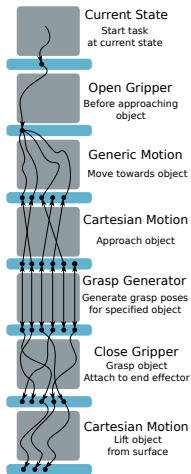
Autonomous Grasping



Mixed Position Velocity Controller



Movelt Task Constructor



- ▶ Started a POC implementation in March ($\approx 2k$ lines of code)
- ▶ Robert Haschke joined me for interface discussions and contributed a “well-designed” refactoring ($\approx 7k$ loc)
- ▶ Might even replace Movelt’s current Planning Pipeline
- ▶ Work towards an IROS publication



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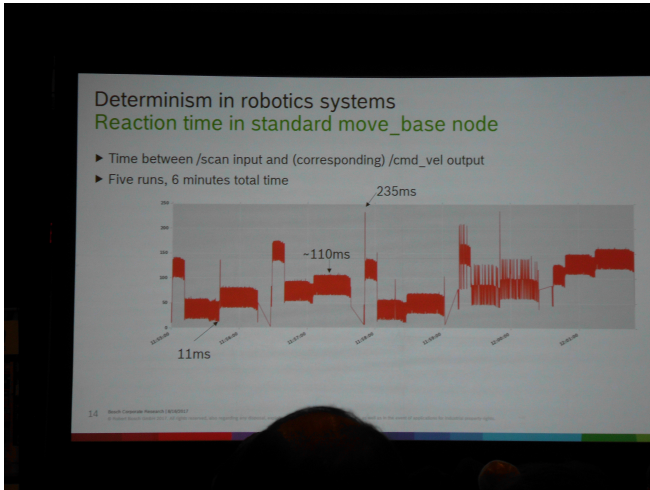
Movelt Talk incl. BioIK

16:25	Michael 'v4hn' Görner, Philipp Ruppel, and Norman Hendrich (Hamburg University, Group TAMS)	<i>Upgrading Movelt!</i>	Movelt! is the main mobile-manipulation framework ready-to-use in ROS and chances are that you use it to control your robotic arm. This talk will give you a number of reasons to upgrade your Movelt! setup and it will point out a number of ways to upgrade your overall Movelt! experience, both using the framework off-the-shelf, as well as utilizing third-party components. In particular, a new kinematics plugin bioik is presented that allows for combinations of various constraint types and drastically improves upon previous plugins in terms of flexibility, quality of approximate solutions, and performance.	Slides Video
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- ▶ Recording available online
- ▶ Lots of feedback
- ▶ Interest in Philipp's BioIK plugin



Move Base



Move Base (2?)



Video recording and archiving is provided by the support of

ubuntu

A Brief History Interlude: DWA - 1997

The Dynamic Window Approach to Collision Avoidance

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IEEE Robotics & Automation Magazine 4.1 (1997):
23-33.

Figure 5. Dynamic window

$$v_{\min} = v_0 - a * t$$

$$v_{\max} = v_0 + a * t$$



RViz - VR support

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1st try
https://github.com/luehm/vive_rviz_plugins

nth try
https://github.com/strongly-typed/rviz_vive_plugin

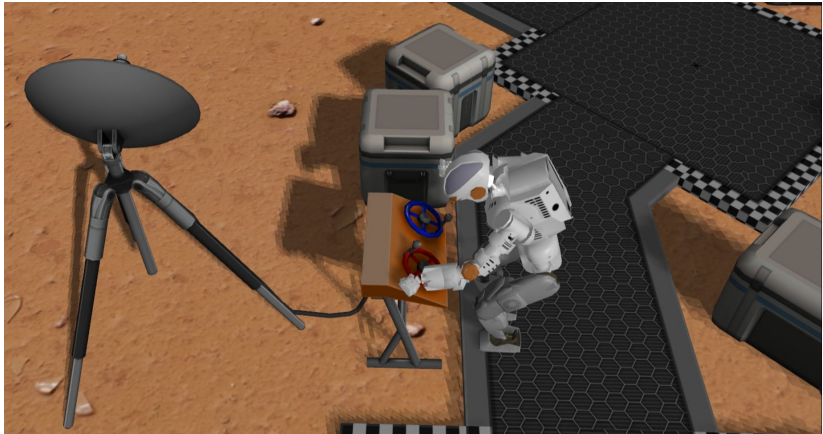
<https://www.linkedin.com/in/sascha-schade/>

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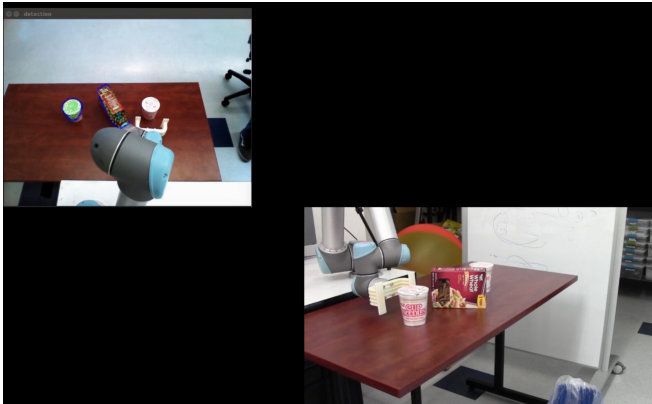


Space Robotics Challenge





ROS 2 Demo





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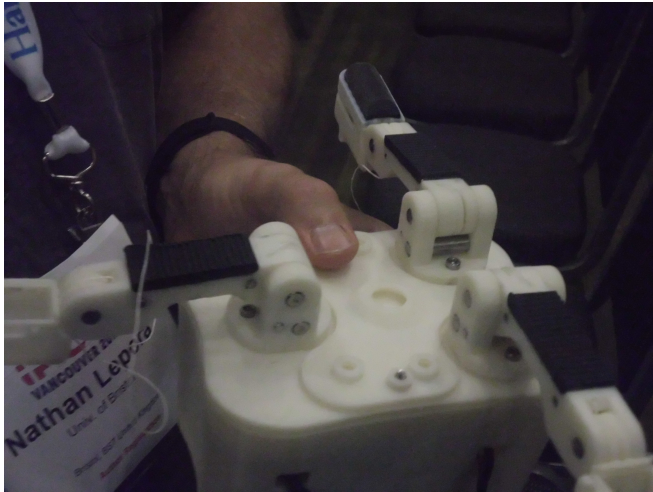


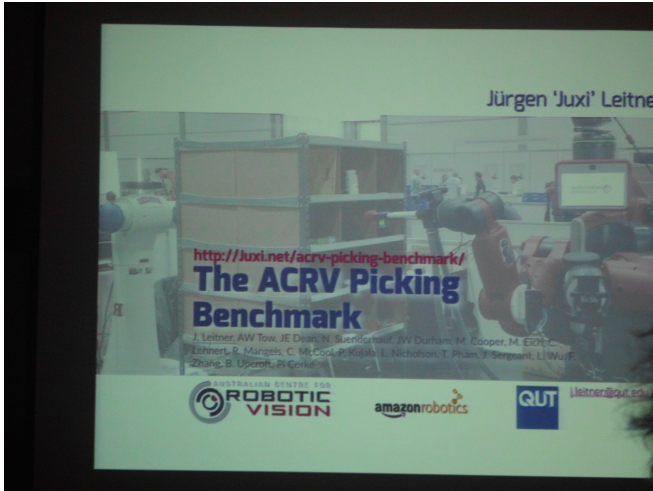
IROS Manipulation Competition (Videos)

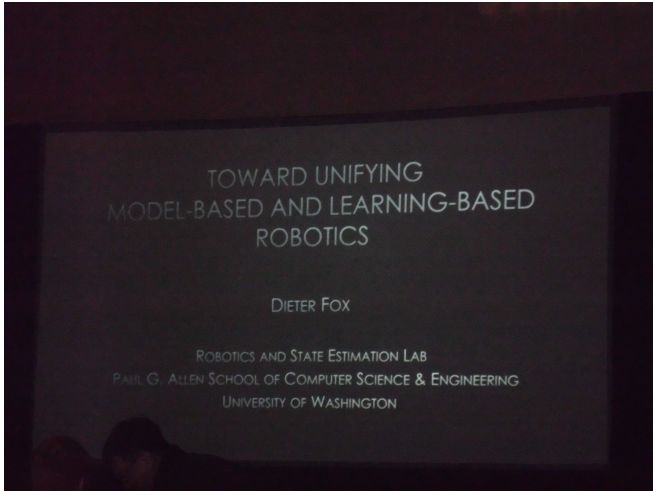
- ▶ 1st Place - Cambridge (148pts)
- ▶ 2nd Place - Cothink Robotics (135pts)
- ▶ 3rd Place - Tsinghua University & Intel Corporation (113pts)





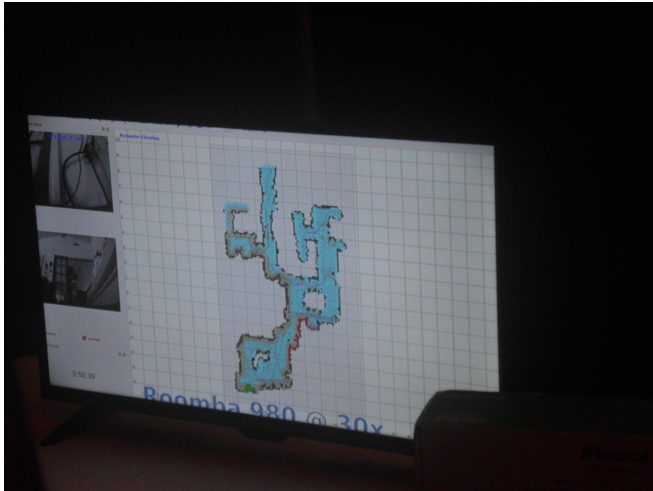






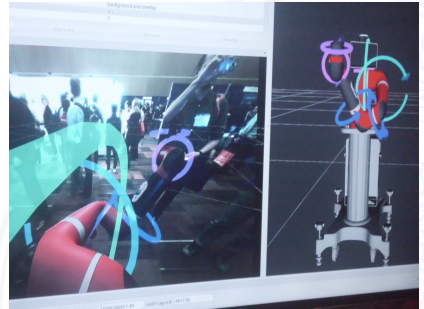


Roomba Mapping

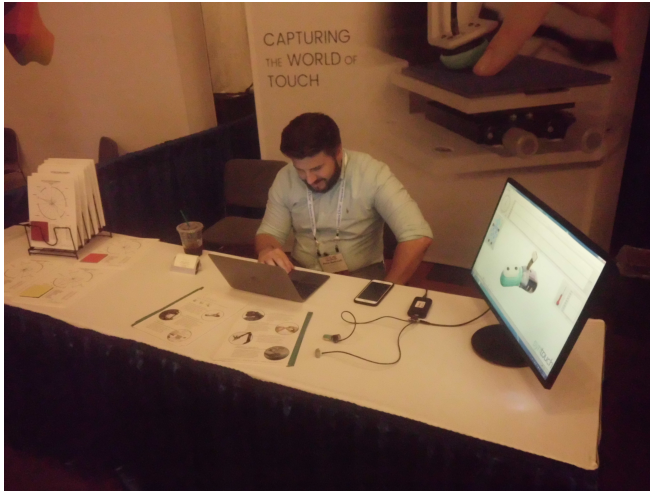




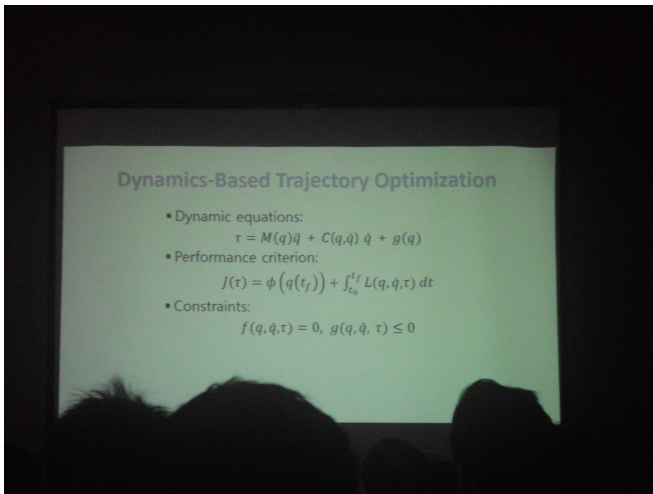
Rethink's Sawyer arm



Syntouch - Peter Botticelli



Frank Park (Seoul National University) - Dynamic Control



Dynamics-Based Trajectory Optimization

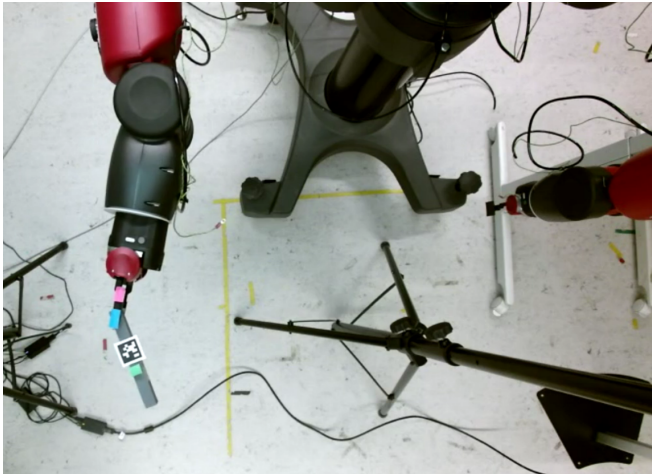
- Dynamic equations:

$$\tau = M(q)\ddot{q} + C(q, \dot{q})\dot{q} + g(q)$$
- Performance criterion:

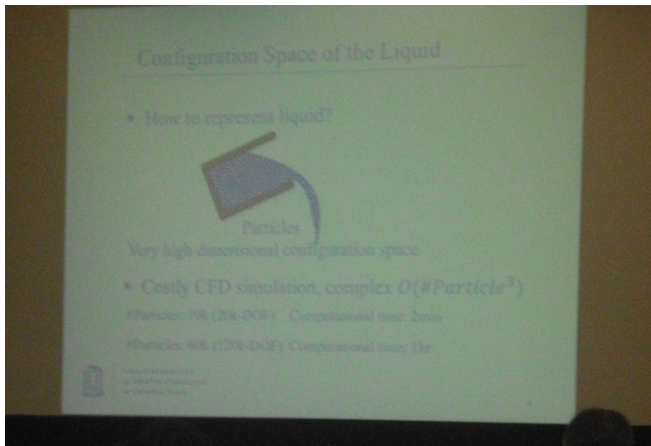
$$J(\tau) = \phi(q(t_f)) + \int_{t_0}^{t_f} L(q, \dot{q}, \tau) dt$$
- Constraints:

$$f(q, \dot{q}, \tau) = 0, \quad g(q, \dot{q}, \tau) \leq 0$$

In-Hand Manipulation Using Three-Stages Open Loop Pivoting



Feedback Motion Planning for Liquid Pouring



Virtual Actuator Fatigue

Universität Bielefeld CITEC
 Fatigue Model Concept description

Virtual actuator fatigue

Gradually limit applicable forces when virtual fatigue increases.

- ▶ Accumulated force above an acceptable threshold f_{Θ}

$$P(t) = - \int_0^t I(|f(t)| - f_{\Theta}) dt. \quad (1)$$

- ▶ Maximally accepted force limit $f_{\max}(t)$

$$f_{\max}(t) = F_{\min} + (F_{\max} - F_{\min}) \cdot R(\min(0, P(t))) \quad (2)$$

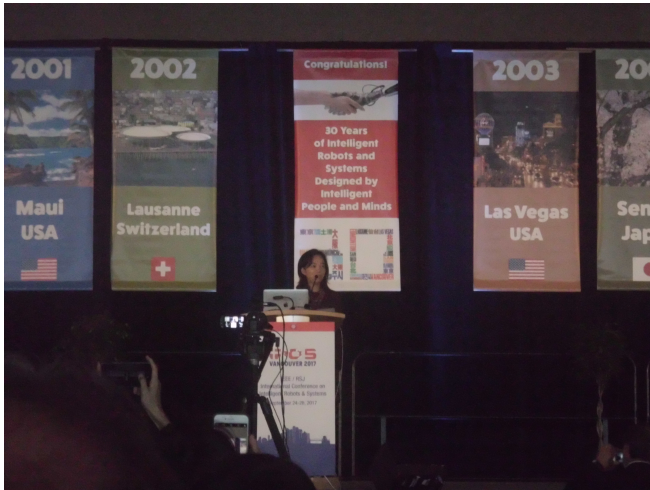
with R the force reduction function. Example with exponential decay

$$R(p) = \exp\left(\frac{p}{\tau}\right) \quad (3)$$

Wass, R. Hauciek, M. Meier and H. Ritter. Protection by virtual Actuator Fatig. September, 2017. 9 / 19



Fei Fei Li - A Quest for Visual Intelligence



State Estimation for Deformable Objects by Point Registration and Dynamic Simulation

Objective

- Model the deformable object as a series of nodes
- Estimate these nodes' positions from point clouds.

Image capture from stereo cameras

Segmentation

Object Point Cloud

$$Y^i = \{x_1^i, x_2^i, \dots, x_n^i\} \in \mathbb{R}^{3N \times D}$$

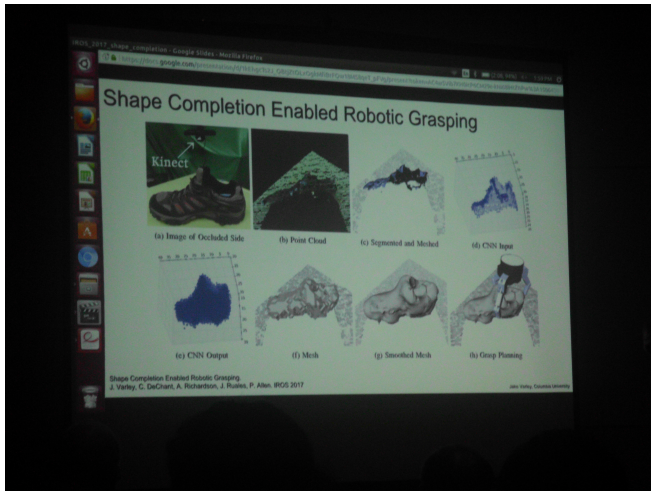
State Estimation

Object State Estimation

$$X^i = \{x_1^i, x_2^i, \dots, x_n^i\} \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times D}$$

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Shape Completion Enabled Robotic Grasping



EKF-based In-hand Object Localization from Joint Position and Torque Measurements

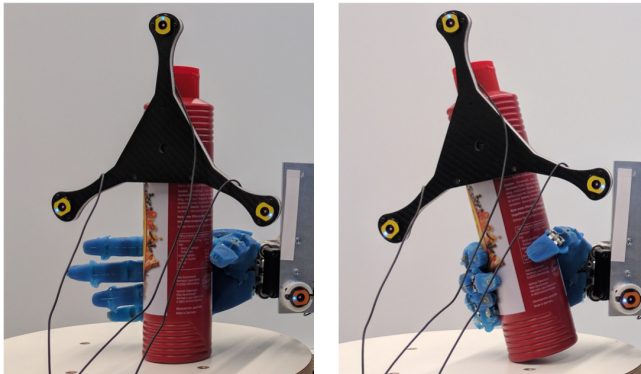
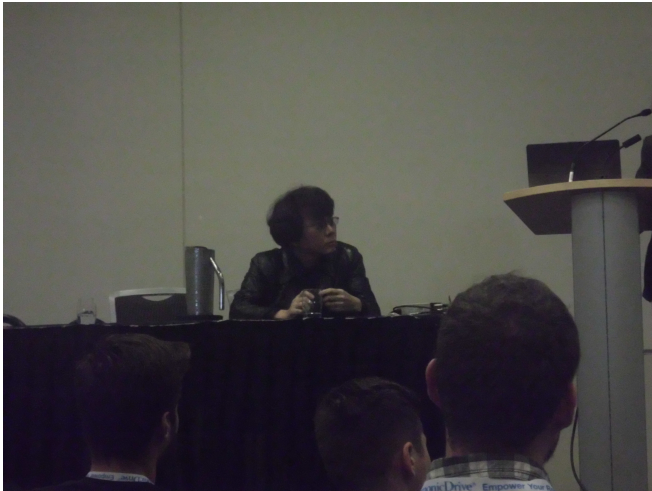


Fig. 5. Power grasp of a ketchup bottle. The bottle tilts during the grasp, potentially causing it to fall over when set down again.



Hiroshi Ishiguro (Osaka University)

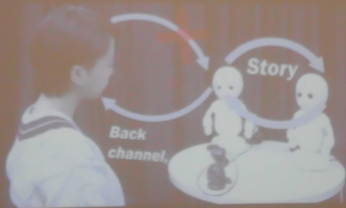


How to Ignore your User

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Conversation without Voice Recognition

- If there are two robots, robots do not need to understand the person's utterance.
- The robots talk to each other and bring the person to their conversation.



The diagram shows a person on the left and two robots on the right. The robots are engaged in a conversation labeled 'Story', while the person is labeled 'Back channel'.

Hugvies

The Minimum Condition to Represent the Human Presence

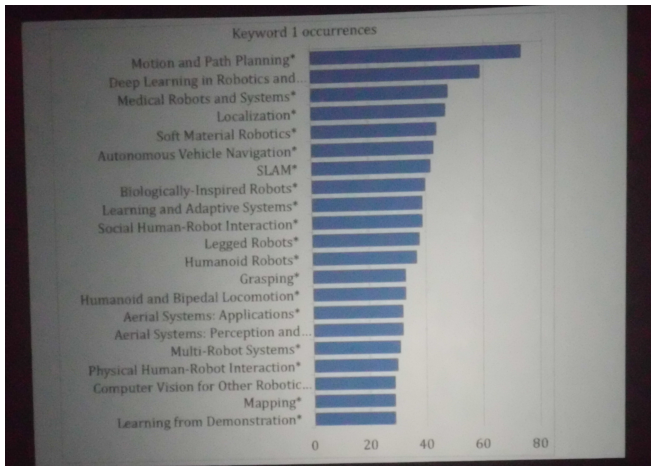
- It requires two modalities.
- Hugvie: the minimum media.

Smartphone holder

Smartphones

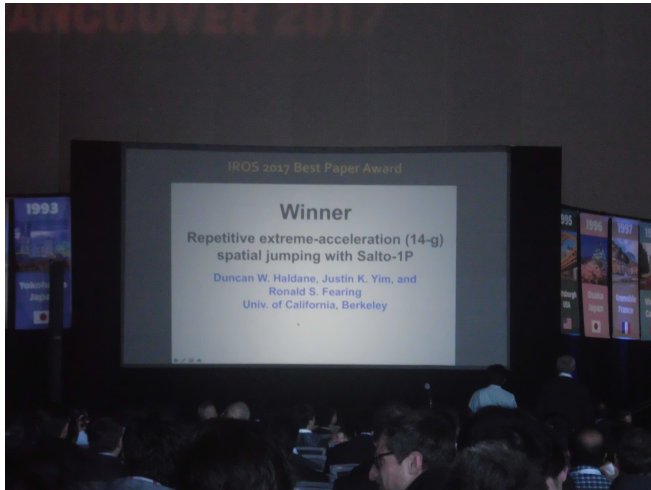


Keyword Statistics

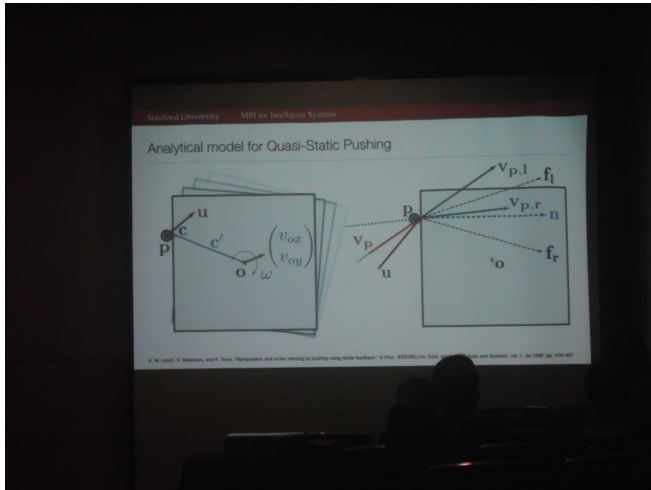




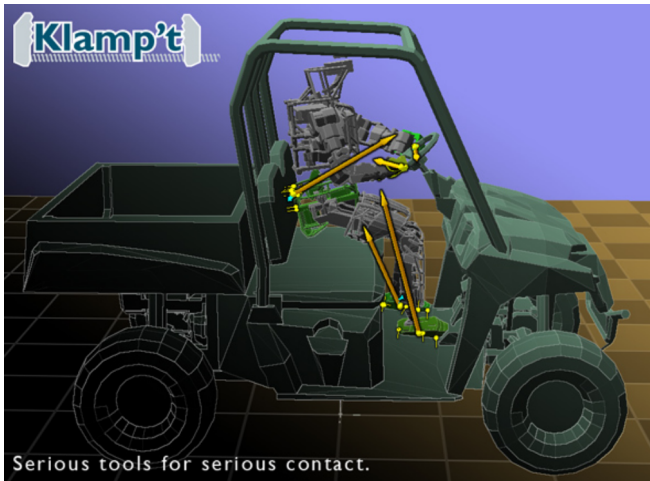
Best Paper



Analytical & Learnt Dynamics Models for Motion Planning



Klamp't - Kris Hauser (Duke University)



See you in Madrid



Thank You for Listening. Questions?

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