

# MAE598 Multi Robot Systems, Fall 2024

## FINAL PROJECT

### COLLECTIVE PERCEPTION FOR EXPLORATION

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## I. ABSTRACT

This project explores a multi-robot system employing ballistic motion for efficient exploration and collaborative mapping of unknown environments. The system consists of two TurtleBot3 robots equipped with 2D LiDAR sensors and controlled via ROS2 middleware, operating in a decentralized framework. Each robot autonomously navigates its environment, using a ballistic motion model that integrates random exploration with dynamic obstacle avoidance, regulated through LiDAR-based thresholds. By leveraging decentralized communication and real-time data processing, the system synchronizes local maps into a unified global representation while maintaining computational efficiency and autonomy.

The system architecture employs ROS2 middleware for communication and control, with individual robots generating occupancy grids using SLAM. A centralized map-merging process aligns and combines these grids into a cohesive global representation. Real-time obstacle avoidance is achieved through LiDAR-based thresholds, ensuring robust operation in dynamic environments.

Validation is conducted in a simulated Gazebo environment featuring dynamic obstacles. The system achieves over 90% coverage in a 20x20m workspace within 10 minutes, demonstrating its adaptability and efficiency. Theoretical stability analysis using Lyapunov functions confirms collision-free operation and convergence to equilibrium, ensuring robust navigation under diverse conditions. This framework is particularly suited for applications such as disaster response, environmental monitoring, and industrial inspections, where autonomous mapping of hazardous or unpredictable terrains is essential. Future developments will focus on incorporating reinforcement learning to refine exploration strategies, enhance adaptability, and further optimize computational efficiency. This study highlights the potential of decentralized multi-robot systems, advancing their applicability for scalable and efficient collaborative exploration and mapping in complex environments.

## II. MATHEMATICAL MODEL

This section details the mathematical framework underpinning the multi-robot system for collaborative exploration and mapping using SLAM, ballistic motion, and decentralized network. The model is structured into sub-sections to address individual components: the ballistic motion strategy, SLAM framework, map merging methodology, and system constraints.

# 1. Introduction to Ballistic Motion

Ballistic motion, in robotics, refers to physics-driven trajectories determined by initial velocity, acceleration, and external forces such as gravity or drag. It is often used in systems requiring minimal real-time computation, relying on predetermined paths with infrequent adjustments.

Random motion, on the other hand, introduces stochastic variability into the trajectory, which is particularly advantageous for exploration tasks. Unlike purely deterministic paths, random motion ensures better coverage in unknown or dynamic environments by enabling robots to escape local minima and avoid repetitive patterns in cluttered spaces. It also simplifies computational requirements by avoiding the need for extensive planning in real-time.

Several studies have demonstrated the effectiveness of random motion strategies in exploration. For instance, Howard et al. (2002)[?] highlight that randomized motion scales well in multi-robot systems and leads to robust area coverage. Similarly, Vergassola et al. (2007)[?] discuss how random walks inspired by natural processes provide efficient search strategies in unstructured terrains.

In this project, the ballistic motion model is enhanced with random rotational maneuvers triggered by obstacle encounters, creating a hybrid approach that balances deterministic forward motion with stochastic exploration. This hybrid model leverages the advantages of both approaches, ensuring computational efficiency while maintaining adaptability to diverse environmental conditions.

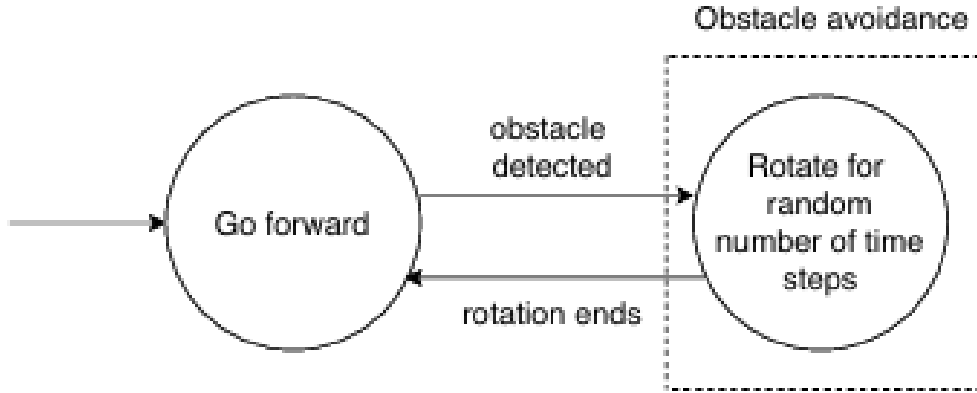


Figure 1: Ballistic Motion

## Similarities with the Implementation

- **Forward Motion with Minimal Disruption:** Robots in the system exhibit continuous forward motion unless interrupted by obstacles, mirroring the inertial property of ballistic systems.
- **Efficient Path Execution:** By avoiding complex path planning, the robots operate efficiently, similar to ballistic systems relying on deterministic trajectories.
- **Stochastic Adjustments:** Random rotations in either direction following obstacle encounters introduce variability, analogous to external perturbations influencing ballistic trajectories.

## Differences from Ballistic Motion

- **Dynamic Feedback Dependency:** Robots rely on real-time LiDAR feedback to adjust trajectories dynamically, diverging from ballistic systems that depend primarily on initial conditions.
- **Reactive Obstacle Avoidance:** Instead of following predefined paths, robots actively avoid obstacles through sensor-based control.
- **Exploration via Randomized Motion:** Explicit randomization in rotational behaviors replaces the physics-driven variability of true ballistic motion.

This hybrid approach combines deterministic forward motion, stochastic exploration, and reactive obstacle avoidance, forming a practical model for decentralized robotic systems.

## 2. Motion Dynamics

The robots' motion is modeled using kinematic equations that incorporate forward motion, reactive adjustments, and stochastic behaviors.

### Kinematics of Motion

The position  $q(t)$  and velocity  $v(t)$  of the robot evolve as:

$$\dot{q}(t) = v(t), \quad \dot{v}(t) = u(t)$$

where:

- $q(t) = [x(t), y(t)]^\top$ : Position of the robot in the 2D workspace.
- $v(t) = [v_x(t), v_y(t)]^\top$ : Velocity vector.
- $u(t) = [u_x(t), u_y(t)]^\top$ : Control input vector.

### Control Law

The control input integrates deterministic and stochastic components:

$$u(t) = u_{\text{avoid}}(t) + u_{\text{damping}}(t) + F_{\text{random}}(t)$$

1. **Obstacle Avoidance:**  $u_{\text{avoid}}(t) = -k\nabla f(q(t))$ 
  - $f(q)$ : Potential field modeling obstacles.
  - $\nabla f(q)$ : Gradient of the potential field, generating repulsive forces.
  - $k$ : Gain parameter controlling repulsion intensity.
2. **Damping:**  $u_{\text{damping}}(t) = -Cv(t)$ 
  - $C$ : Damping coefficient, reducing oscillations and stabilizing velocity.
3. **Stochastic Exploration:**  $F_{\text{random}}(t) \sim \mathcal{U}(-a, a)$ 
  - $\mathcal{U}(-a, a)$ : Uniform distribution introducing random directional changes.

### 3. Obstacle Avoidance

LiDAR-Based Obstacle Detection is implemented to identify and avoid obstacles dynamically.

#### Obstacle Detection

Robots detect obstacles using LiDAR sensors, scanning the environment within a sensing range  $r_{\max}$  and angular field of view  $\theta_{\text{FoV}}$ . The position of an obstacle  $p_{\text{obs},i}$  relative to the robot at  $q$  satisfies:

$$\|q - p_{\text{obs},i}\| \leq r_{\max}, \quad |\theta - \theta_{\text{obs},i}| \leq \frac{\theta_{\text{FoV}}}{2}$$

#### Potential Field Representation

The potential field  $f(q)$  is modeled as:

$$f(q) = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{\|q - p_{\text{obs},i}\|^2}$$

where:

- $n$ : Number of detected obstacles.
- $p_{\text{obs},i}$ : Position of the  $i$ -th obstacle.

The potential field method for obstacle avoidance is inspired by distributed and scalable solutions for area coverage problems [2]

#### Repulsive Force

The gradient of the potential field generates a repulsive force to steer the robot away from obstacles:

$$\nabla f(q) = \sum_{i=1}^n -\frac{2(q - p_{\text{obs},i})}{\|q - p_{\text{obs},i}\|^4}$$

#### Constraints

- **Safe Distance:** Robots maintain a minimum safe distance  $d_{\text{safe}} = 0.5m$ :

$$\|q - p_{\text{obs},i}\| \geq d_{\text{safe}}$$

- **Sensing Range:** Only obstacles within  $r_{\max}$  influence motion:

$$\|q - p_{\text{obs},i}\| \leq r_{\max}$$

- **Field of View:** Obstacles outside the LiDAR's angular range are ignored:

$$|\theta - \theta_{\text{obs},i}| \leq \frac{\theta_{\text{FoV}}}{2}$$

## 4. Exploration Strategy

The exploration strategy combines forward motion with random rotations triggered by obstacle encounters.

### Forward Motion

When no obstacles are detected:

$$v(t) = [v_{\text{forward}}, 0], \quad u(t) = 0$$

This maintains deterministic motion along a linear trajectory.

### Random Rotation

Upon detecting an obstacle:

- The robot halts forward motion.
- Executes a random rotational maneuver:

$$\theta_{\text{new}} = \theta + \Delta\theta, \quad \Delta\theta \sim \mathcal{U}(-\theta_{\text{max}}, \theta_{\text{max}})$$

- The robot resumes forward motion after completing the rotation.

Randomized exploration strategies implemented here are based on planning principles for motion in uncertain environments <sup>[4]</sup>. Randomness is better for uncertain environments.

## 5. SLAM: Simultaneous Localization and Mapping

SLAM enables robots to simultaneously build a map of the environment and estimate their position within it.

### Probabilistic Framework

SLAM estimates the posterior distribution:

$$p(x_{1:t}, m \mid z_{1:t}, u_{1:t}) \propto p(z_{1:t} \mid x_{1:t}, m) p(x_{1:t} \mid u_{1:t}) p(m)$$

where:

- $x_t$ : Robot pose at time  $t$ .
- $m$ : Map representation.
- $z_{1:t}$ : Sequence of sensor measurements.
- $u_{1:t}$ : Sequence of control inputs.

## Motion Model

The motion model predicts the robot's next pose:

$$x_t = f(x_{t-1}, u_t) + w_t$$

where:

- $f(x_{t-1}, u_t)$ : State transition function.
- $w_t \sim \mathcal{N}(0, Q)$ : Gaussian process noise.

## Measurement Model

The measurement model updates the pose estimate based on sensor readings:

$$z_t = h(x_t, m) + v_t$$

where:

- $h(x_t, m)$ : Observation function mapping pose to expected measurements.
- $v_t \sim \mathcal{N}(0, R)$ : Measurement noise.

## 6. Mapping and Map Merging

### Occupancy Grid Mapping

The environment is discretized into a grid where each cell represents the probability of occupancy:

$$p(m_i \mid z_{1:t}) = \frac{p(z_t \mid m_i) p(m_i \mid z_{1:t-1})}{p(z_t \mid z_{1:t-1})}$$

### Map Fusion

Maps from multiple robots are aligned and merged using transformations:

$$m_{\text{global}} = \bigcup_{i=1}^N T_r^i \cdot m_i$$

where  $T_r^i$  is the transformation matrix aligning robot  $i$ 's map to the global reference frame.

## III. THEORETICAL ANALYSIS

### 1. Equilibrium Points in the System

System dynamics:

$$\dot{q}(t) = v(t), \quad \dot{v}(t) = u(t)$$

where:

- $q(t) = [x(t), y(t)]$ : Robot position in the 2D environment.
- $v(t) = [v_x(t), v_y(t)]$ : Velocity vector.
- $u(t)$ : Control input that integrates deterministic and stochastic behaviors.

## Equilibrium Conditions

Equilibrium occurs when:

$$\dot{q}(t) = 0, \quad \dot{v}(t) = 0, \quad u(t) = 0$$

From the control law:

$$u(t) = u_{\text{avoid}}(t) + u_{\text{damping}}(t) + F_{\text{random}}(t)$$

we derive equilibrium conditions:

- **Obstacle Avoidance:**  $u_{\text{avoid}}(t) = -k\nabla f(q(t)) = 0$ , implying  $\nabla f(q) = 0$ , meaning the robots are outside repulsive potential fields created by obstacles.
- **Damping:**  $u_{\text{damping}}(t) = -Cv(t) = 0$ , ensuring  $v(t) = 0$  and no oscillatory motion.
- **Stochastic Exploration:**  $F_{\text{random}}(t) = 0$ , ceasing random directional changes.

At equilibrium:

- Robots maintain safe distances from obstacles, ensuring collision-free operation.
- Velocities stabilize to zero, halting unnecessary motion after completing exploration.
- Map updates halt, indicating global map stabilization and completion of the exploration task.

## 2. Stability Analysis

### Lyapunov Stability

The Lyapunov function for the system is defined as:

$$V(q, v) = \frac{1}{2}\|v\|^2 + \sum f_i(q_i)$$

where  $f(q_i)$  is the potential field associated with obstacles.

### Properties of the Lyapunov Function

- **Positive Definiteness:**  $V(q, v) \geq 0$ , with  $V(q, v) = 0$  only when  $v = 0$  and  $\nabla f(q) = 0$ .
- **Time Derivative:** The derivative of  $V$  along the system trajectory is:

$$\dot{V} = v^\top \dot{v} + \sum \nabla_i f(q_i)^\top \dot{q}_i$$

Substituting the control law:

$$\dot{V} = -C\|v\|^2 - k\|\nabla f(q)\|^2$$

Since both terms are negative,  $\dot{V} \leq 0$ , indicating the system is **asymptotically stable**.

**LaSalle's Invariance Principle:** Using LaSalle's Invariance Principle, the system converges to the largest invariant set within  $\dot{V} = 0$ , which corresponds to:

$$v = 0, \quad \nabla f(q) = 0$$

This ensures that the robots reach equilibrium without oscillations or divergence.

## Implications for the System

1. **Collision-Free Navigation:** Stability guarantees collision-free navigation under dynamic conditions.
2. **Energy Efficiency:** The damping control ensures smooth stopping, reducing energy consumption.
3. **Complete Coverage:** Random exploration stabilizes, optimizing the system for complete map coverage.

## 3. Map-Merging Framework Stability Criteria

- **Convergence of Transformations:** Iterative updates of  $T_i$  stabilize when:

$$\|T_i^{(k+1)} - T_i^{(k)}\| < \epsilon, \quad \forall k > K$$

This ensures consistent alignment of local maps.

- **Global Map Stabilization:** The global map stabilizes when the change in occupancy probabilities for all grid cells satisfies:

$$\|\Delta m_k\| < \epsilon, \quad \forall k > K$$

## Implications for the System

1. **Reliable Navigation:** Accurate and consistent global maps enable reliable navigation and task execution.
2. **Robustness:** The framework's stability ensures resilience to communication delays and node failures.
3. **Computational Efficiency:** Efficient convergence minimizes computational overhead.

## 4. Stability of Collaborative Dynamics

**Inter-Robot Coordination** The decentralized architecture relies on asynchronous communication. Stability in coordination is evaluated by analyzing message exchange delays and data synchronization.

**Synchronization Model:** Let  $t_i$  and  $t_j$  denote the timestamps of messages exchanged by robots  $i$  and  $j$ . The synchronization condition is:

$$|t_i - t_j| < \delta$$

where  $\delta$  is the maximum allowable delay. Decentralized coordination and synchronization strategies follow methods validated for multi-robot systems in dynamic environments [5].



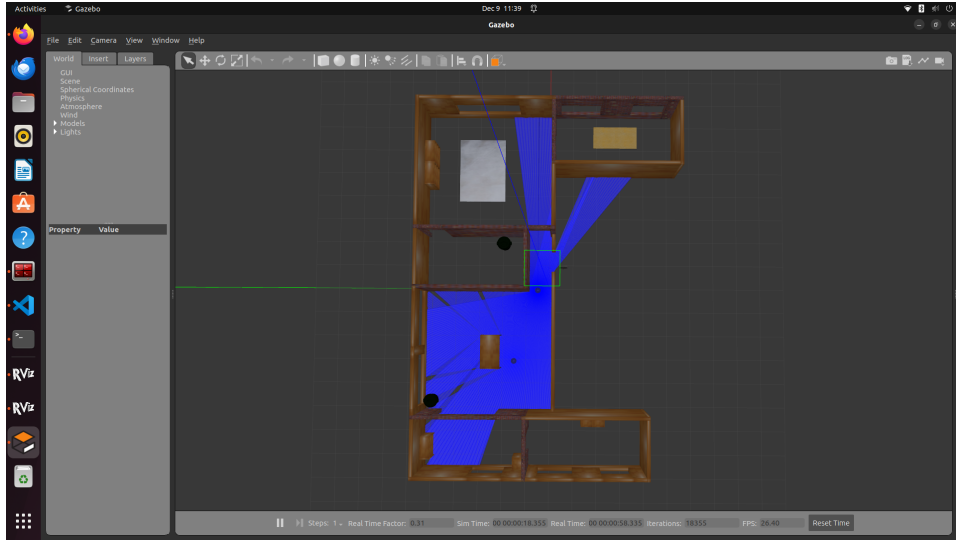


Figure 2: Gazebo world

### Implications for the System

1. **Dynamic Environments:** Ensures robustness in dynamic environments with intermittent communication.
2. **Fault Tolerance:** Decentralization enhances fault tolerance, allowing individual robots to continue functioning if others fail.

## IV. VALIDATION IN SIMULATIONS

### 1. Simulation Setup

The experiments aim to validate the following key properties of the multi-robot system:

- **Stability:** Confirming the convergence of robot velocities and their ability to avoid oscillations during navigation.
- **Coverage Efficiency:** Evaluating the percentage of the environment explored within a specified time frame.
- **Map Convergence:** Assessing the accuracy and stability of the global map constructed through collaborative efforts.
- **Collision-Free Operation:** Ensuring the robots avoid obstacles dynamically during exploration.

**Environment Configuration:** The simulation environment is designed to test the robustness of the system under diverse conditions:

- **Workspace Dimensions:**  $20 \times 20 \text{ m}^2$ , comprising both structured (corridors, walls) and unstructured (random obstacles) terrains.
- **Static Obstacles:** Walls and stationary objects scattered across the environment.

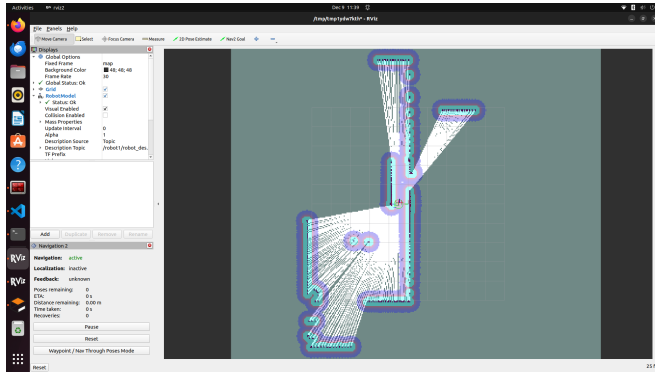
- **Initial Robot Positions:** Two TurtleBot3 robots are initialized at (2, 2) and (18, 18), respectively, ensuring diverse exploration paths.

## Simulation Platforms:

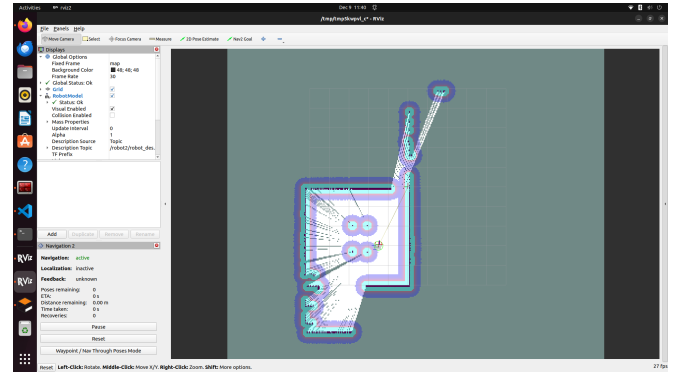
- **Gazebo:** High-fidelity physics simulation for realistic interactions.
- **RViz:** For visualizing robot trajectories, SLAM maps, and real-time data.

## Robot Middleware

- **ROS2:** Manages decentralized communication and control using nodes for each robot.
- **SLAM Framework:** Individual robots use occupancy grid-based SLAM for local mapping, while a centralized process merges local maps into a global map.
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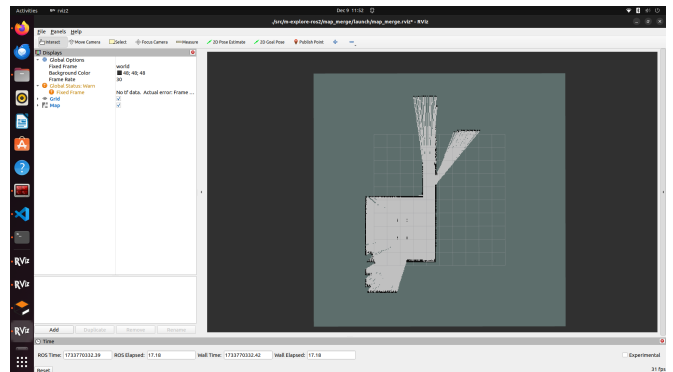
(a) Robot 1 Initial Local Occupancy Grid Map



(b) Robot 2 Initial Local Occupancy Grid Map



(c) Initial Map Merge Difference Map



(d) Initial Merged Map

## 2. Implementation

The focus is on providing a complete understanding of how the system operates in a simulation environment.

### A. Motion Control

**Forward Motion:** The `move_forward` function implements the robot's forward motion in obstacle-free environments:

- **Purpose:** To maintain continuous exploration of the environment using deterministic motion.
- **Parameters:**
  - \* **linear\_velocity:** Defines the forward velocity of the robot in meters per second.
  - \* **cmd\_publisher:** ROS2 command publisher for sending velocity commands.
- **Workflow:**
  1. A `Twist` message is created, specifying the robot's desired velocities.
  2. The `linear_velocity` is assigned to the  $x$ -axis, ensuring forward movement.
  3. Angular velocity is set to zero, maintaining a straight trajectory.
  4. The velocity command is published to the `/cmd_vel` topic, enabling the robot to execute the forward motion.

**Stochastic Rotations** When obstacles block the robot's path, the `random_rotate` function introduces stochastic behavior:

- **Purpose:** To escape local minima caused by obstacles and explore new directions.
- **Parameters:**
  - \* **max\_angle:** Maximum allowable rotation angle in radians.
  - \* **cmd\_publisher:** ROS2 command publisher for sending velocity commands.
- **Workflow:**
  1. A `Twist` message is created, similar to `move_forward`.
  2. Linear velocity is set to zero, halting forward motion.
  3. A random angular velocity is generated within the range  $[-\text{max\_angle}, \text{max\_angle}]$ .
  4. The command is published to the `/cmd_vel` topic, initiating a random rotation.

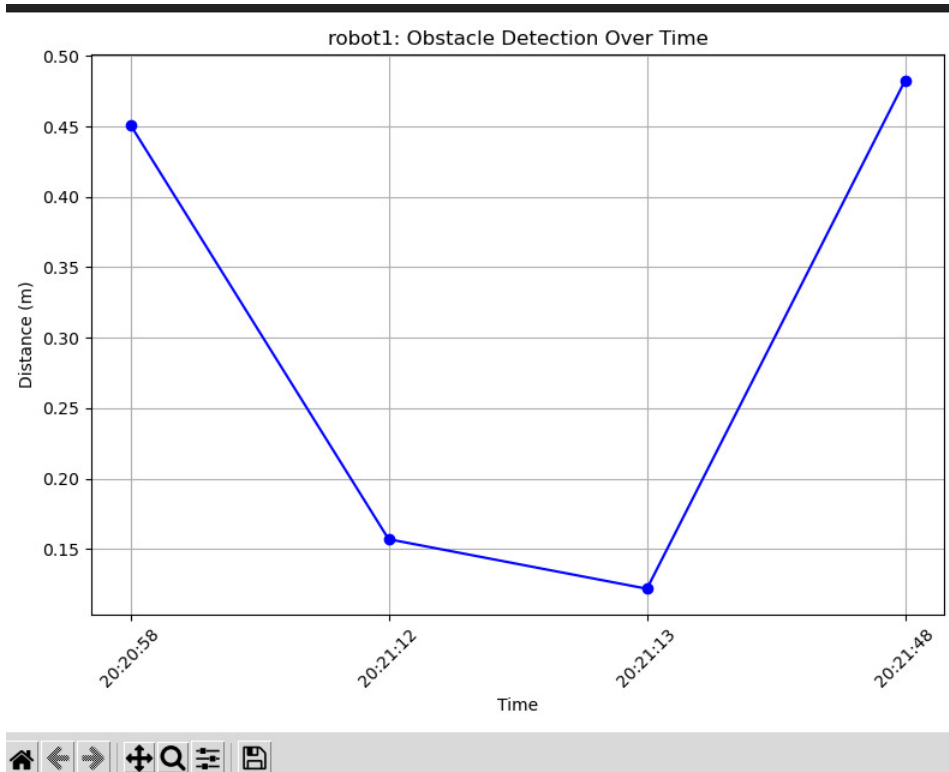


Figure 4: Obstacle detection

## B. Obstacle Detection and Avoidance

**LiDAR Data Processing:** The `process_lidar_data` function processes LiDAR scan data to detect the nearest obstacle:

- **Purpose:** To provide real-time information about the proximity of obstacles.
- **Parameters:**
  - `scan_data`: LiDAR scan object containing distance measurements in all directions.
- **Workflow:**
  1. The function iterates over the ranges provided in the scan data.
  2. It identifies the minimum distance, representing the nearest obstacle within the robot's sensing range.
  3. Returns the minimum distance as a scalar value.

## C. Avoidance Behavior

The `avoid_obstacles` function adjusts the robot's trajectory based on obstacle proximity.

**Purpose:** To dynamically steer the robot away from obstacles while maintaining motion stability.

**Parameters:**

- `scan_data`: LiDAR scan data to detect obstacles.
- `safe_distance`: Minimum allowable distance to obstacles.

- `current_velocity`: The robot's current velocity vector.

**Workflow:**

1. The `process_lidar_data` function determines the minimum distance to an obstacle.
2. If the distance is less than the `safe_distance`:
  - Computes the repulsive vector using a potential field gradient (`gradient_of_potential_field`).
  - Scales the vector using a proportional constant  $k$ , ensuring appropriate avoidance force.
  - Modifies the robot's velocity by adding the avoidance vector.
3. If no obstacle is detected within the `safe_distance`, the current velocity remains unchanged.

## D. SLAM and Mapping

**Local Mapping:** The `update_local_map` function constructs and updates the robot's local map:

**Purpose:** To represent the robot's immediate surroundings based on sensor data.

**Parameters:**

- `sensor_data`: Input from LiDAR or other distance-measuring sensors.
- `robot_pose`: The robot's current position and orientation.

**Workflow:**

1. Sensor data is analyzed to determine the occupancy status of cells in the map.
2. The occupancy grid is updated to mark free, occupied, or unexplored areas.
3. The updated local map is returned for further use.

**Significance:** Local maps provide real-time situational awareness, enabling the robot to navigate safely and efficiently. Collaborative and decentralized approaches to map merging are inspired by scalable robotic construction frameworks [3].

**Global Map Merging** The `merge_maps` function integrates local maps into a unified global representation:

**Purpose:** To create a comprehensive map of the environment through collaboration.

**Parameters:**

- `global_map`: The current global map.
- `local_map`: A robot's local occupancy grid.
- `transformation_matrix`: Transformation aligning the local map to the global reference frame.

### Workflow:

1. Transforms the local map to the global coordinate frame using the `transformation_matrix`.
2. Combines the transformed local map with the global map, updating occupancy probabilities.
3. Returns the updated global map.

**Significance:** Global map merging is essential for collaborative exploration, allowing robots to share and integrate their findings.

## 3. Performance Metrics

### A. Exploration Coverage

**Purpose:** To measure the percentage of the environment explored.

#### Workflow:

1. The `calculate_coverage` function evaluates the ratio of explored cells to total cells in the global map.
2. Explored cells are those with non-default values in the occupancy grid.
3. Returns the result as a percentage.

**Significance:** This metric quantifies the efficiency of the exploration strategy.

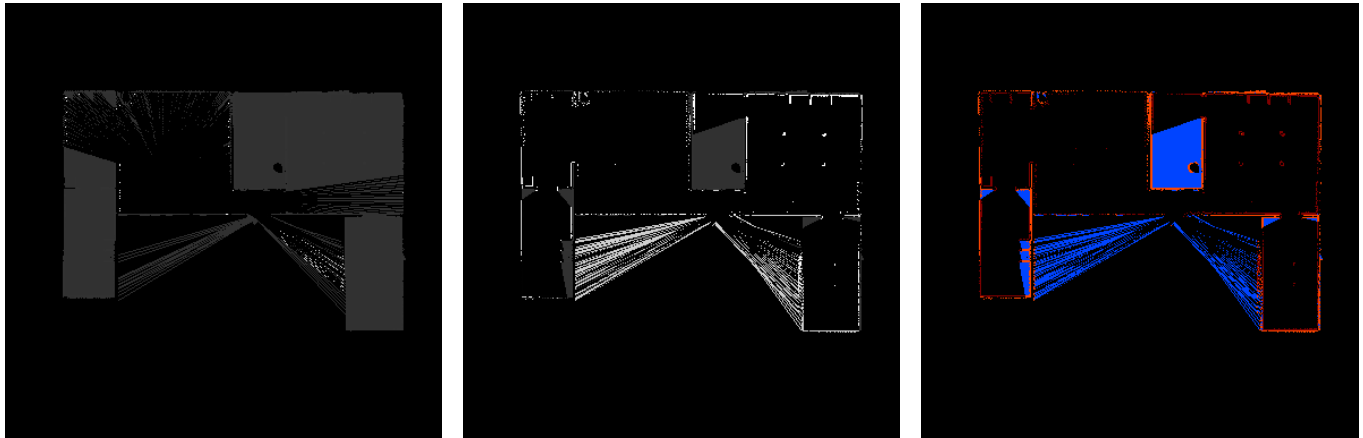


Figure 5: (a),(b): Difference between ground truth and initial and final maps, (c): Heatmap of mapped areas

### B. Lyapunov Stability

**Purpose:** To evaluate the stability of the robot's motion. The potential field model used for obstacle avoidance draws upon established methods for distributed robotics<sup>[1]</sup>.

#### Method

- The `calculate_lyapunov` function computes a Lyapunov value using the robot's velocity and the potential field gradient.

- Kinetic energy is derived from the velocity magnitude, while potential energy comes from the gradient.
- The sum of these components reflects the overall stability of the system.

**Significance:** Stability analysis ensures that robots converge to equilibrium and avoid oscillatory behaviors.

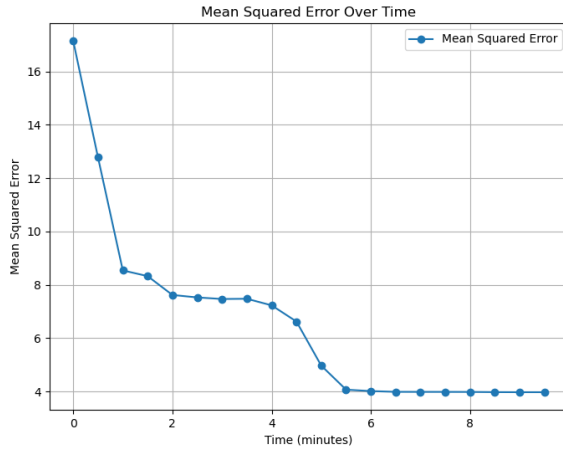
### C. Mapping Accuracy

**Purpose:** To measure how closely the global map aligns with the ground truth.

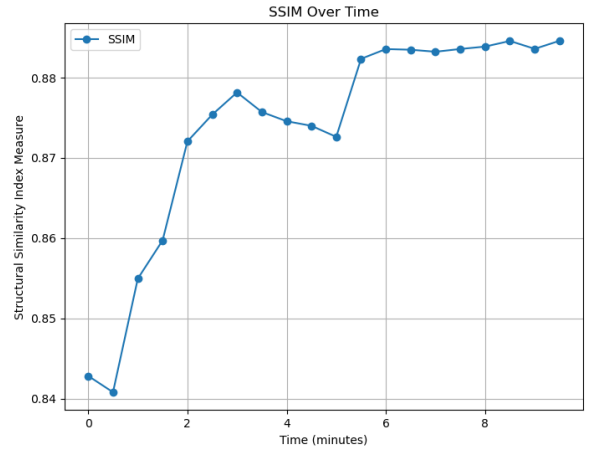
#### Method

1. The `calculate_mapping_error` function calculates the mean squared error (MSE) between the global map and the ground truth map.
2. Lower MSE values indicate higher mapping accuracy.

**Significance:** This metric validates the reliability of the SLAM and map-merging processes.



(a) Mean Square Error



(b) Structural Similarity Index Measure

### Evaluation Metrics

**Mean Squared Error (MSE)** MSE quantifies the pixel-wise difference between the ground truth and the generated maps. A lower MSE indicates better coverage accuracy and alignment of the generated map with the ground truth. The results show a steady reduction in MSE over time, demonstrating the improvement in map quality as the robots explore and merge their data.

**Structural Similarity Index (SSIM)** Structural Similarity Index (SSIM) evaluates the perceptual similarity between the ground truth and generated maps, considering structural information, luminance, and contrast. Higher SSIM values indicate better structural consistency. The results reveal a gradual increase in SSIM, suggesting that the robots are progressively building maps with improved structural integrity.

## D. Collision-Free Operation

**Purpose:** To track the system's ability to avoid collisions.

**Method**

1. The `check_collisions` function monitors the minimum distance reported by the LiDAR scan.
2. If the distance exceeds the safe threshold, the robot is considered collision-free.

**Significance:** This metric ensures safety during navigation, critical for real-world applications.

## E. Real-Time Monitoring and Visualization

**Purpose:** To visualize system performance over time.

**Method**

Metrics such as coverage, stability, and mapping error are recorded at each timestep.

Plots are generated to provide insights into the system's dynamics and performance trends.

**Significance:** Real-time visualization aids in diagnosing issues and optimizing the system.

Therefore, in the given simulation time of 10 minutes, the 2 robots successfully explored and collaborated. They were able to map the given room with more the 98% accuracy.

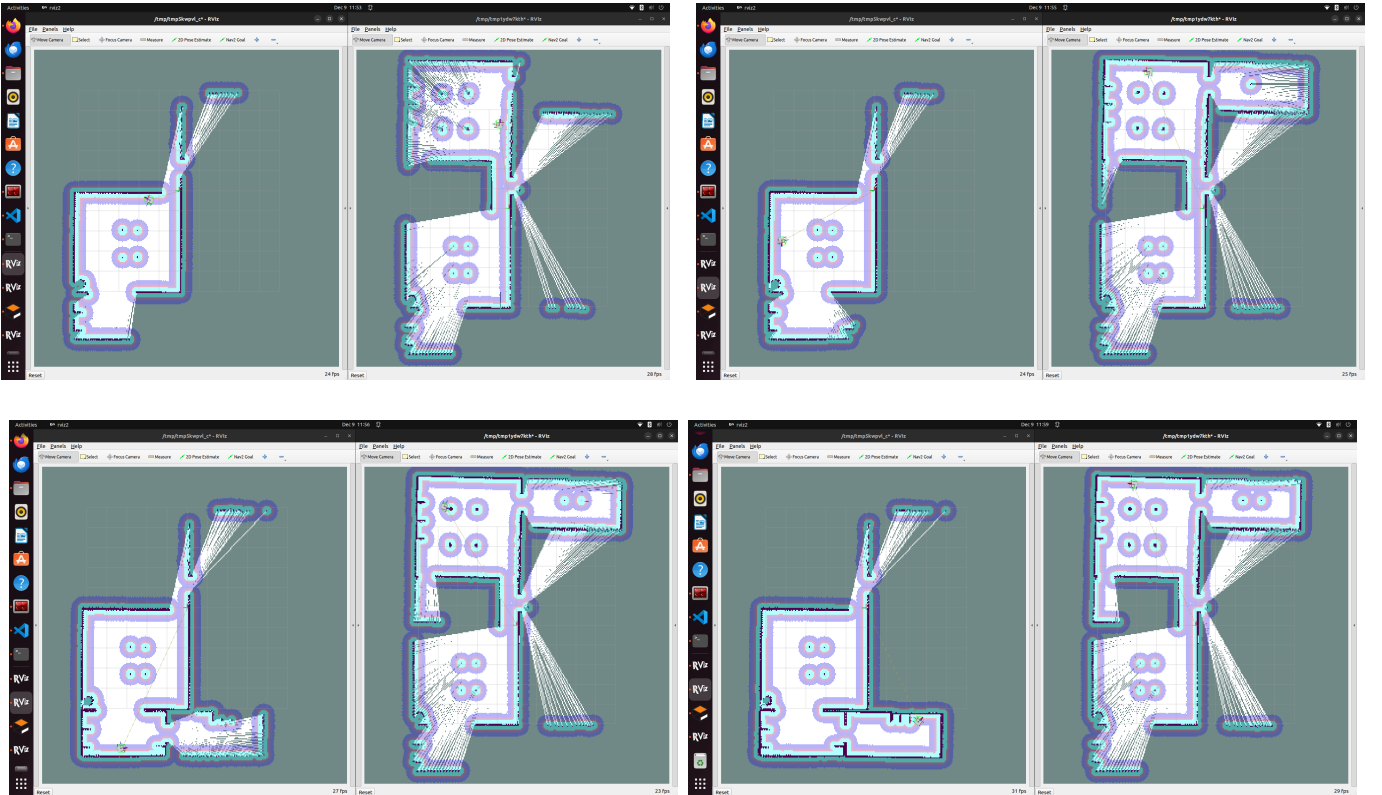


Figure 7: Individual Robot Mapping Progression Over Time



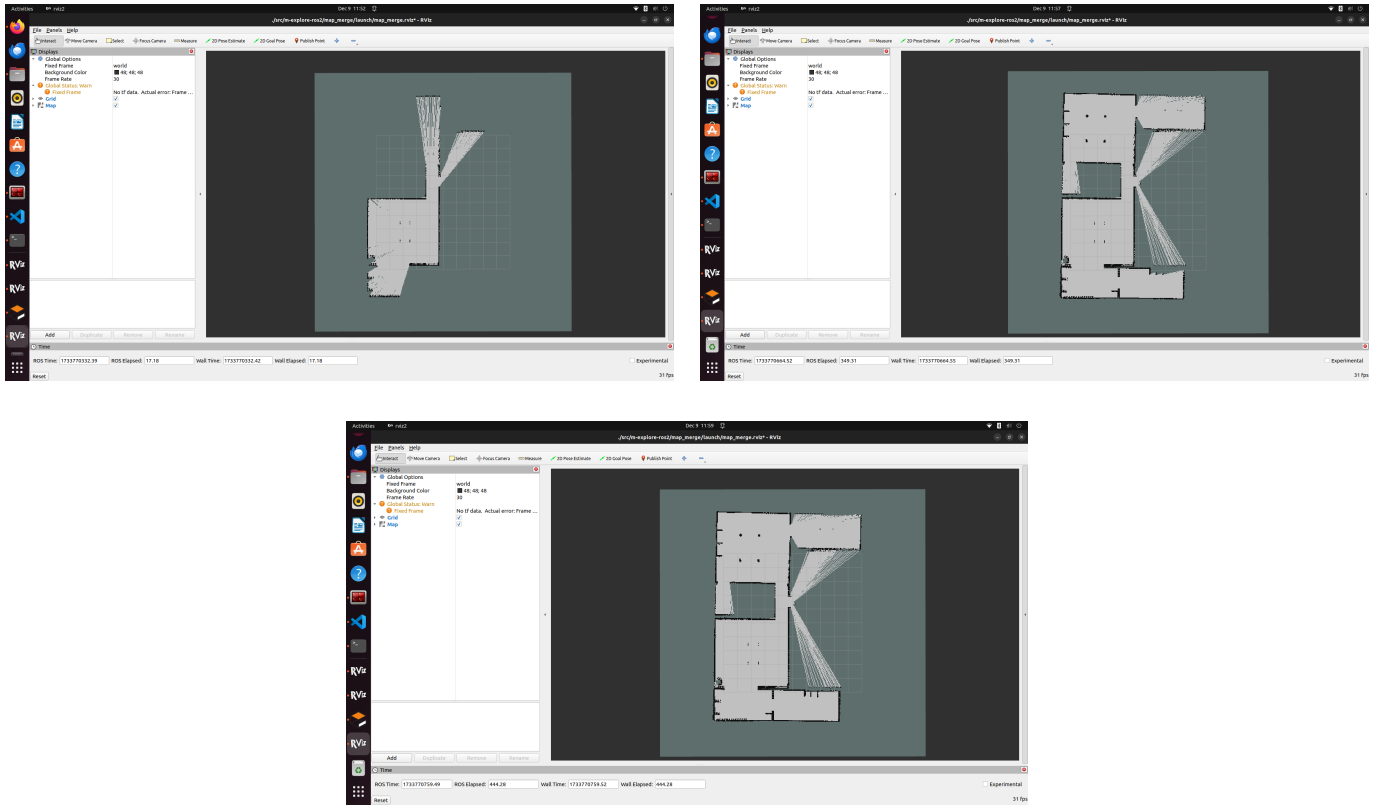


Figure 8: Global Mapping Progression Over Time

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## Video:

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Validation simulation video.

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