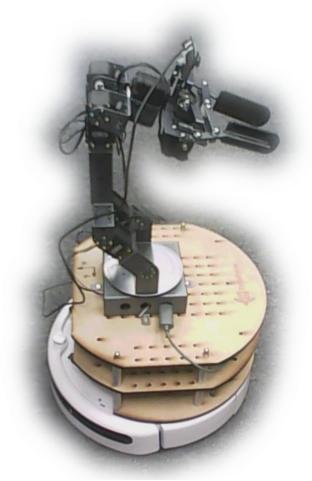


Armed-Turtlebot







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Introduction

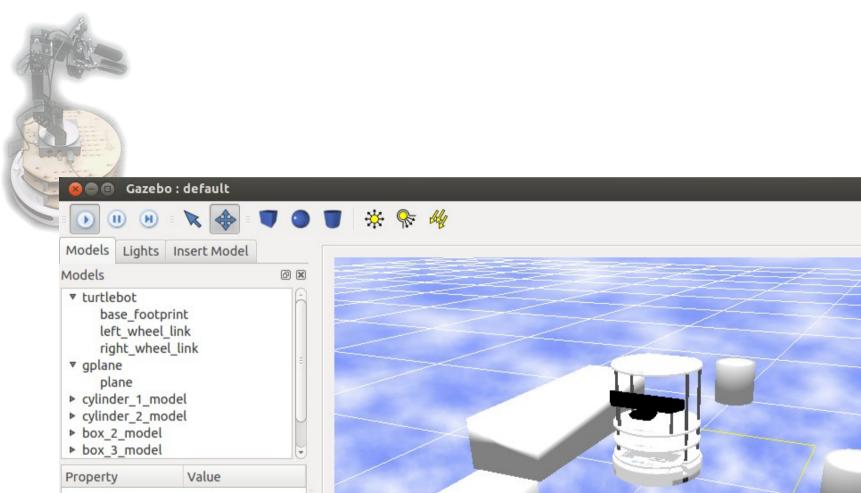


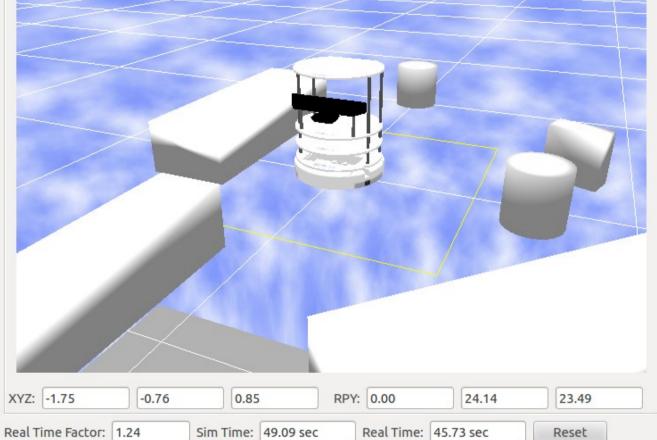




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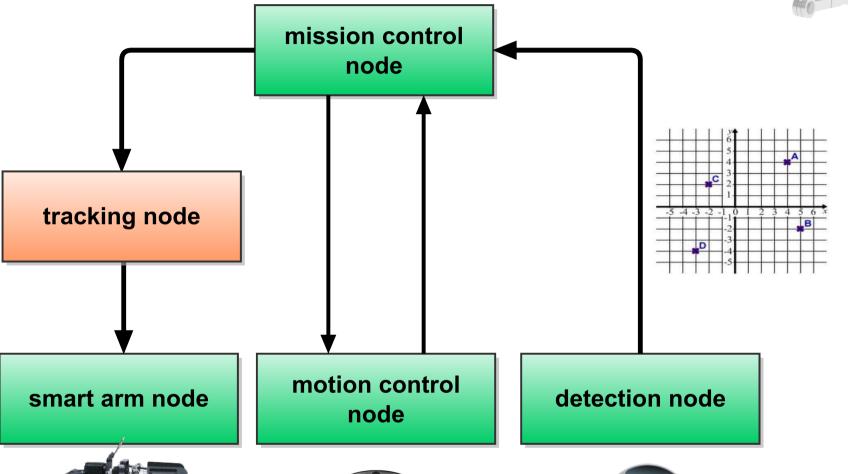






Basic Architecture







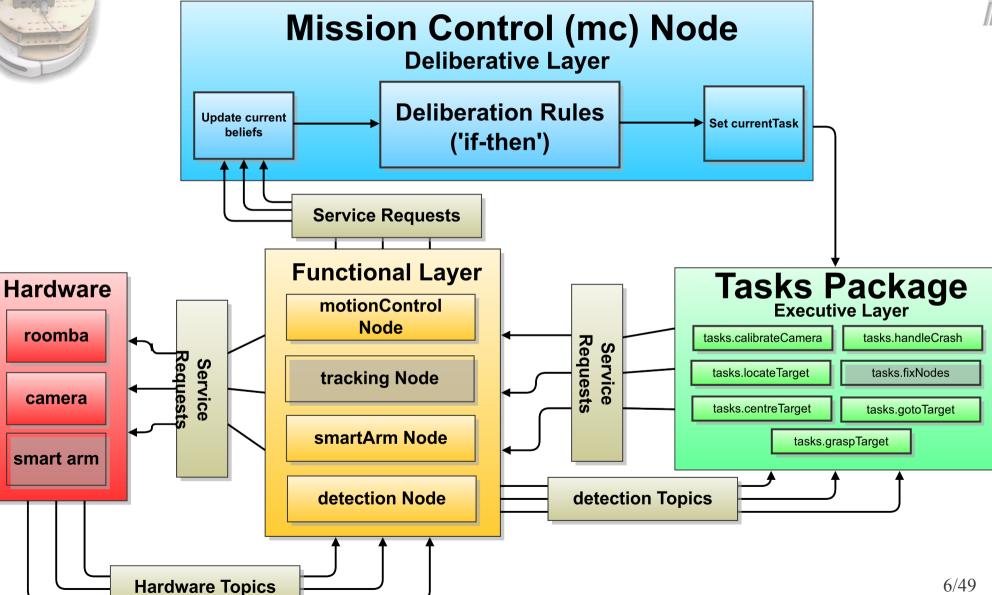






Detailed Architecture









Robotic Arm

Smart Arm

Robotic Arm

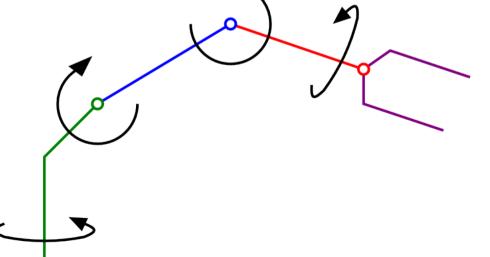
✓ Aluminum link arm system.

✔ Powerful AX-12 servo motors (15 kg/cm and 59 rpm).

✔ Voltage, current, position and temperature feedback.

Automatic thermal shutdown capability.

✓ 4 degrees of freedom + grasp



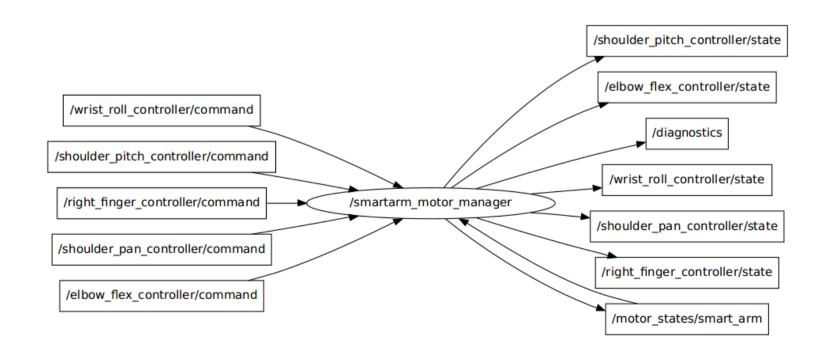


smart_arm_controller



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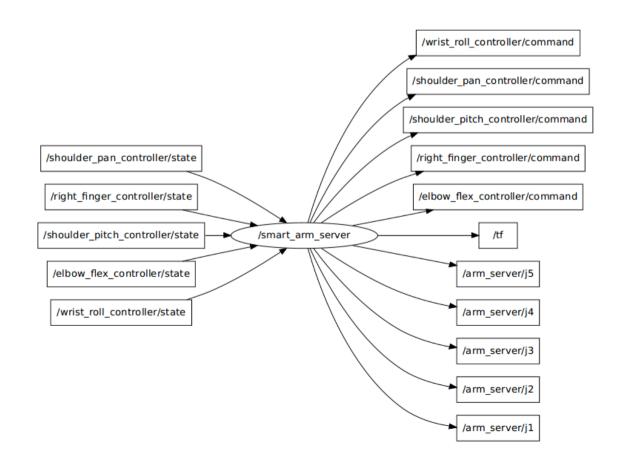
- ✓ Built-in controller for the arm.
- Provides basic functionality to move each joint and joint status.
- ✓ We need more functionality (FK, IK, move_all, grasp sensing...)







- ✓ Our custom High-level API to control the arm.
- Provides advanced functionality
- ✓ FK, IK, easy joint movement, grasp sensing...

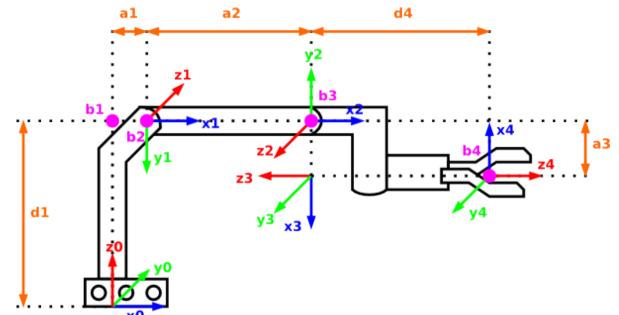






Forward kinematics

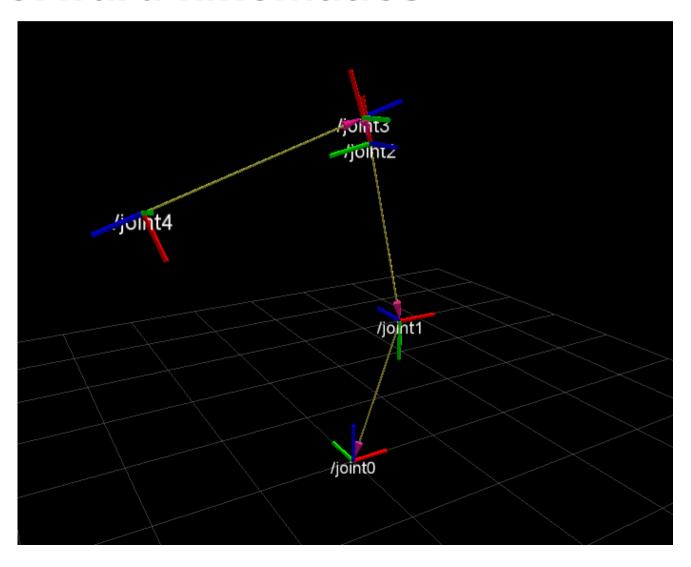
- Follow the algorithm of Denavit-Hartemberg to find the relationship between the arm links.
- Gives the transformation between each pair of links.
- Allows to know the position of the end effector, given the joint positions.
- Allows visualization of the arm in RViz







Forward kinematics



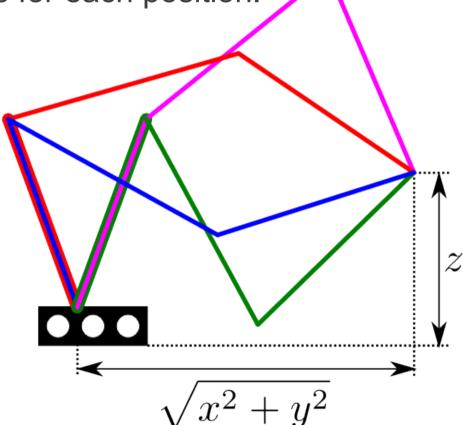




Inverse kinematics

• To obtain joint positions from an (x,y,z) position of the end effector.

Up to 4 solutions for each position.

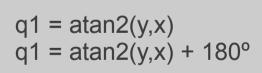


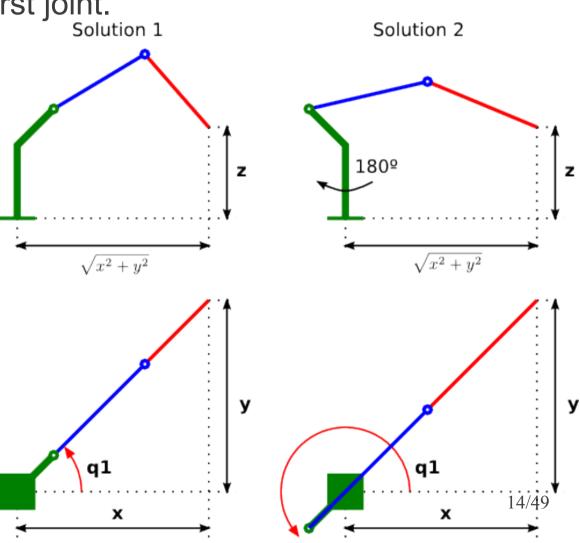




Inverse kinematics

• 2 solutions for the first joint.









Inverse kinematics

• 2 solutions for second and third joints.

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e = sqrt(x^{**}2 + v^{**}2)
f = sqrt((e-a1)**2 + (d1-z)**2)
g = sqrt(d4**2 + a3**2)
h = arctan2(d1-z,e-a1)
i = arctan2(a3,d4)
 = arccos(-(f**2 - a2**2 - g**2)/
(2*a2*q))
k = arctan2(g*sin(pi-j),
a2+g*cos(pi-j))
# First solution
q1 = arctan2(y,x)
q2 = h + k
q3 = pi - j + i
# Second solution
q1 = arctan2(y,x)
q2 = -(k - h)
q3 = -(pi-j) + i
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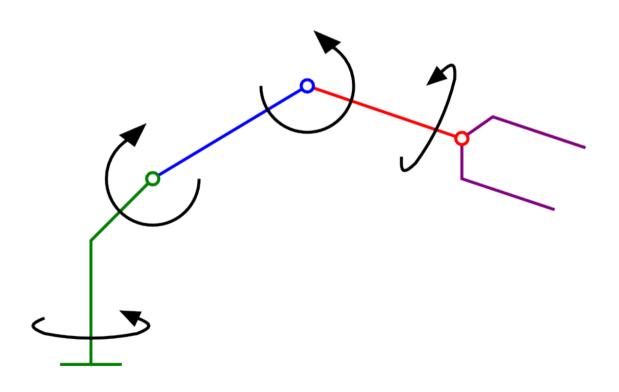
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Inverse kinematics

- The fourth joint is set to zero.
- Its rotation does not affect result.







Sensible grasping

- The feedback of motors is used.
- The motor is stopped when certain load is detected.

Implementation

- Also easy methods for moving a joint, move all, move to an (x,y,z) position, go home and retrieve joint status.
- All in a Arm() class.
- Arm() inside a ROS node : smart_arm_server
- Contains also a service to easy access all methods.





Service

A service to easy access all methods.

int8 what float64[] data

float64[] values

Accepts external requests about status and movements, depending on the 'req.what' value.

- 0 : joint status
- 1-5: move a single joint
- 6 : move the four first joints to desired joint angles
- 7 : move the four first joints to desired (x,y,z) using IK solver
- 8: grab/ungrab with the hand
- 9 : ask for (x,y,z) position of end effector
- 10 : go to home position

Data should be provided for some of the requests.

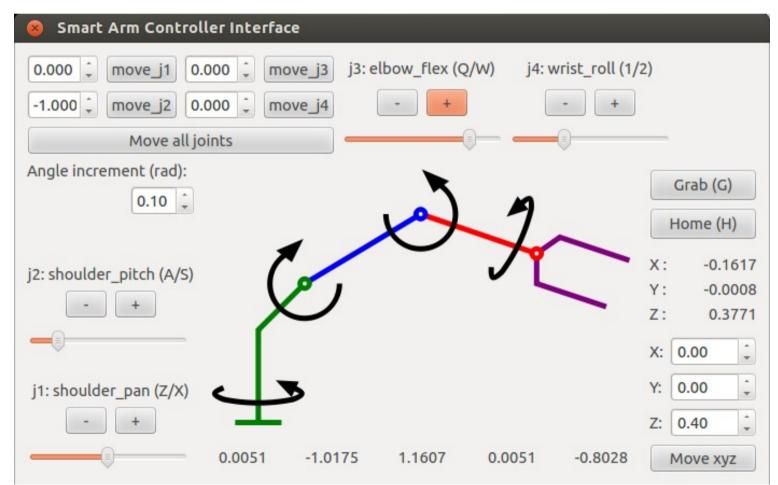
A response according to what is accomplished is returned.



smart_arm_gui



- GUI
- Implemented in Qt.
- Easy access to all the methods provided by the smart_arm_server service.











Assumptions:

- The object is a ball.
- Detection is based on color and shape

Input / Output:

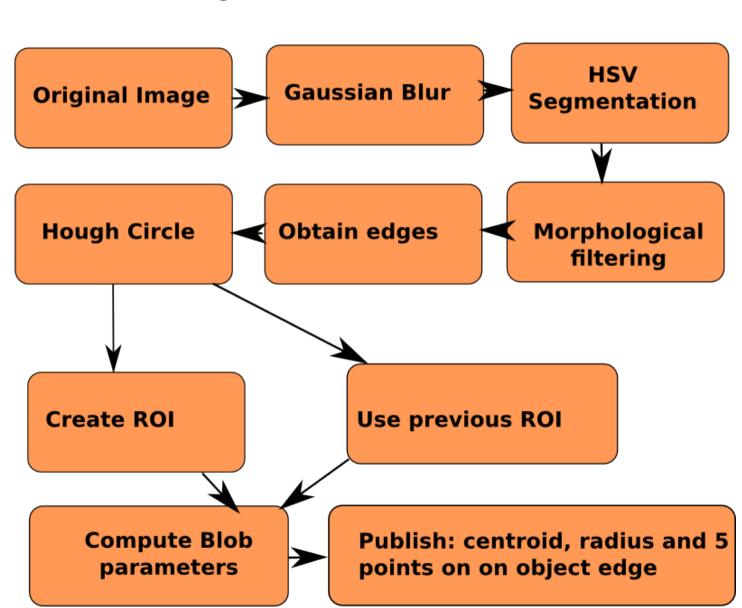
Subscriber:

- /camera/image_raw : RGB image from webcam

Publisher:

- /detection/posrad : "posx posy radius"
- /detection/5point : "p1x p1y p2x p2y p5x p5y "









Debug mode:

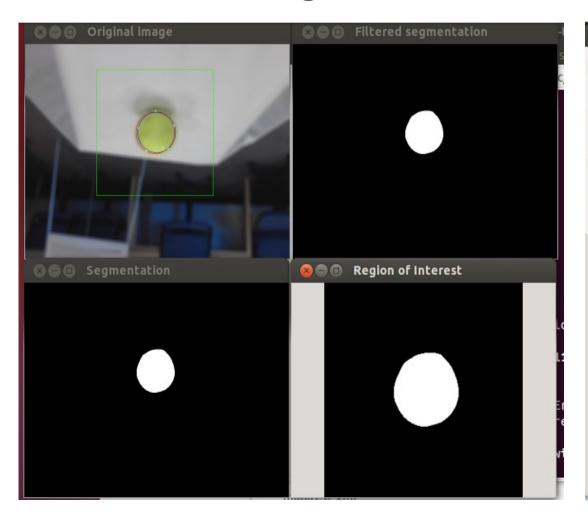
- Option 0 No debug
- Option 1 Show windows: Original Image, Segmented, filtered segmentation and ROI
- Option 2 Windows + Segmentation window with sliders for Hue and Saturation ranges

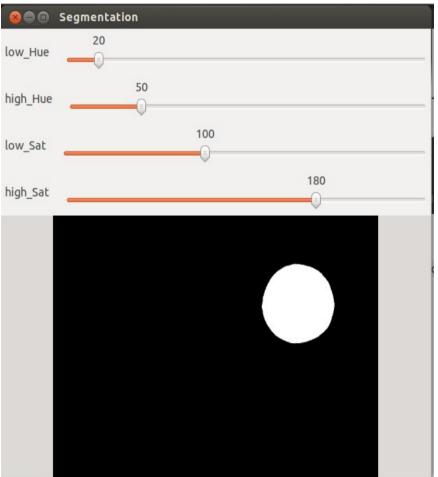




Debug 1

Debug 2





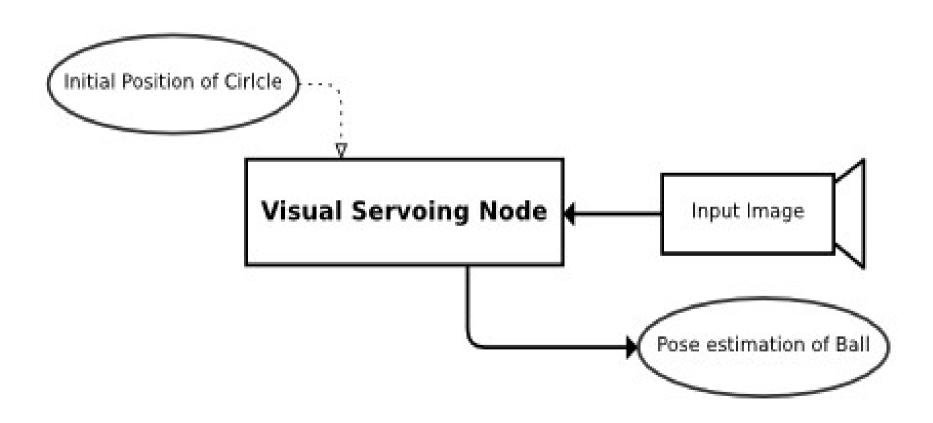








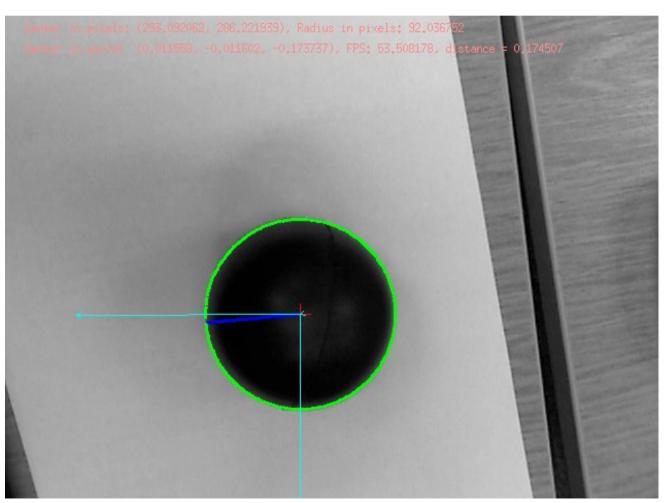
Main Idea:







From initial detection we can track using edges

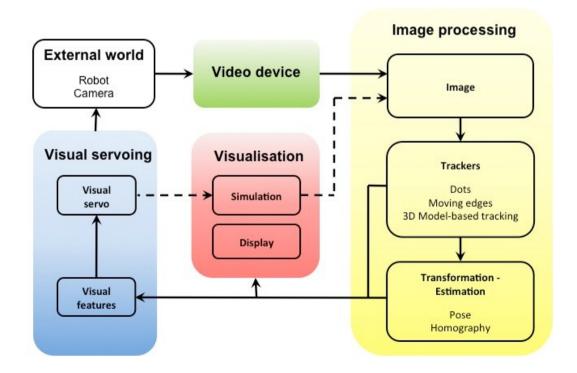






Tracking edges allows us to:

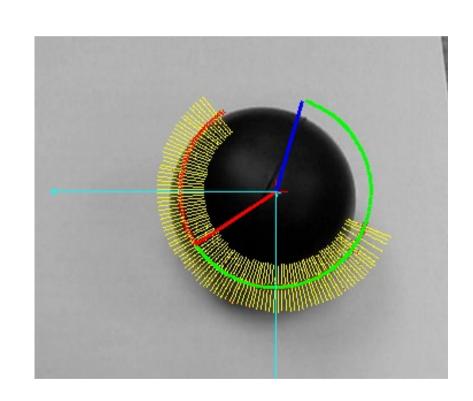
- Have a much higher accuracy
- Have a more stable estimation of the circle
- Much higher frame rate
- Much of the tracking is already in the ViSP library.





Visual Servoing: Steps for Estimation

- Draw perpendicular lines to previous circle estimate
- 2. Find best edges along that line (1D problem)
- 3. Fit a circle model into the edges found (SVD).





Visual Servoing: Steps for Estimation

4. Extract the pose vector in pixels (x,y,r)

5. Convert the pose in pixels to a 3D coordinate using camera calibration.

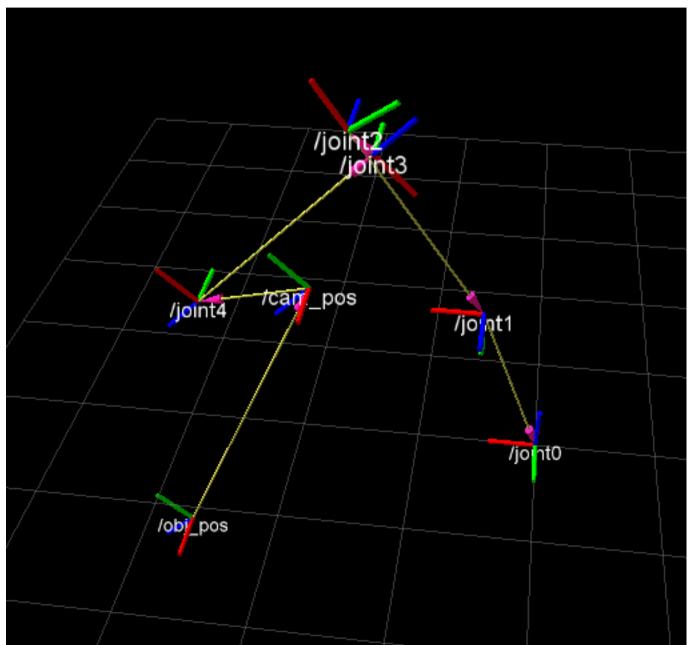
Known Radius in image **Known Radius** in 3D world **Known Calibration** (focal length)

6. Publish state to RViz



RViz







Motivation

- To increase the frames per second
- More frame per second, more robustness to fast robot motion
- More fps also allows more time for more postprocessing of the image to increase stability of output



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This was found using Intel's Profiler: VTune

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Call Stack	CPU Time:Total by Utilization▼
	🗍 Idle 📕 Poor 📋 Ok 📗 Ideal 📋 Over
▼vpMeEllipse::leastSquare	28.1%
▼vpMatrix::operator*	20.5%
vpMatrix::mult2Matrices	20.5%
▶vpMatrix::pseudoInverse	3.3%
▶vpMatrix::setIdentity	1.7%
▶vpRobust::MEstimator	0.9%
▶vpMatrix::operator*	0.7%
►vpColVector::vpColVector ▼vpMeTracker::track	0.1%
▼vpMeSite::track	17.5%
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Visual Servoing: Parallelization

Status of First Approach:

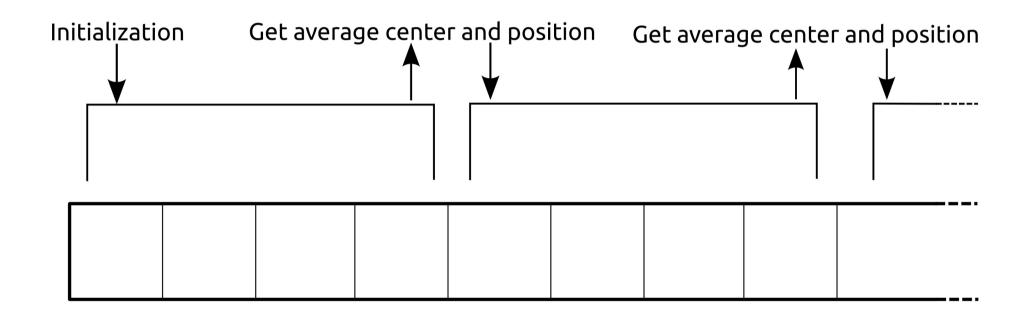
- Code for matrix multiplication is parallelizable and a 50% gain was observed so far.
- Convolution no yet tested.

Second Proposed Approach:

 Make a 4 frame buffer, run tracking in parallel, average radius and position: more stability from estimation!



Visual Servoing: Parallelization



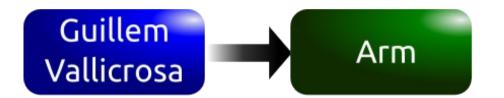


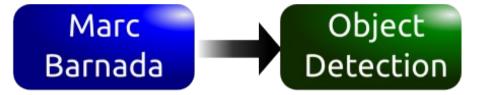


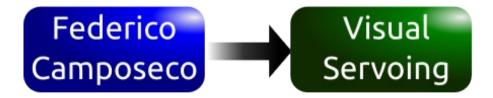
Final Implementation

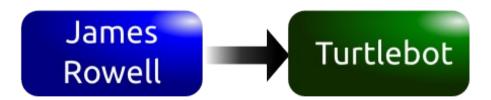


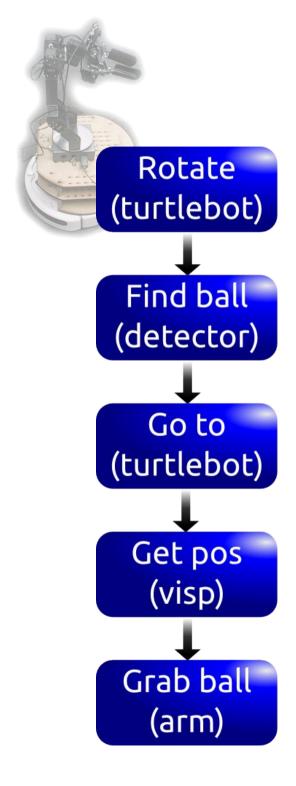


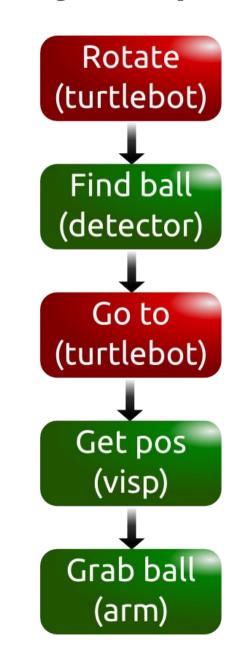


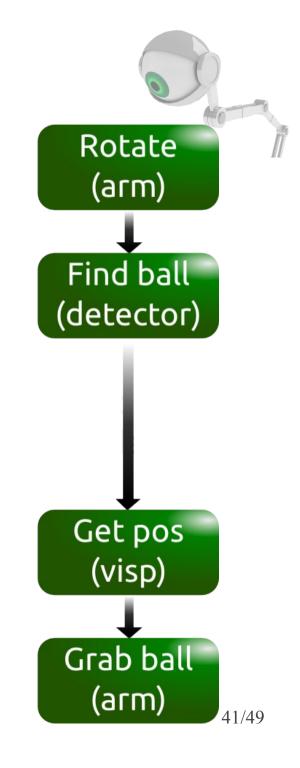












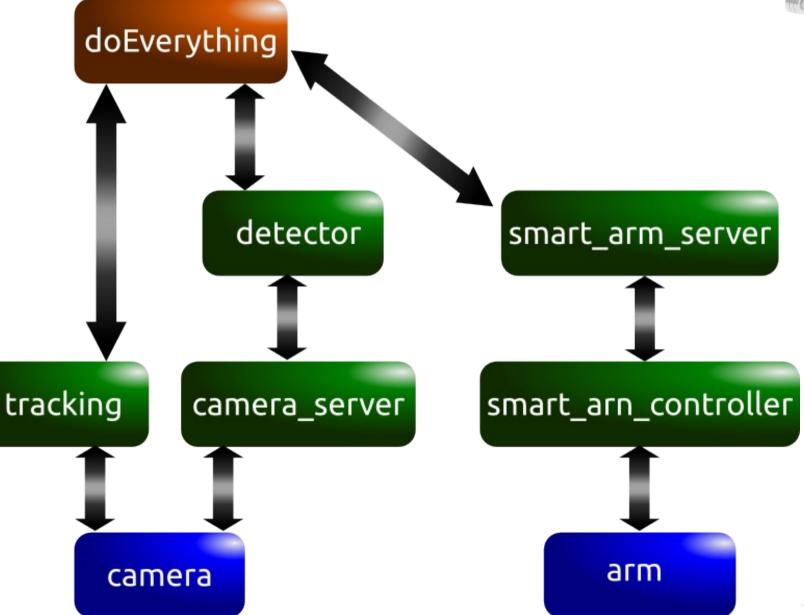




- Move arm to home position
- Subscribe to detector topics
- Rotate arm until ball in center of image
- Stop arm
- Kill detector to free camera
- Launch tracking node
- Listen for 10 positions
- Move arm with security
- Move to ball position
- Grab the ball
- Move arm with security
- Go back home







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Video demo

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y_vMQx4dcy4&feature=youtu.be





Conclusions



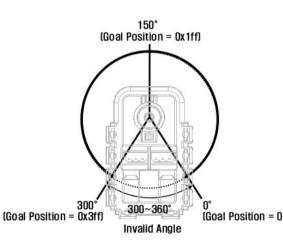
Limitations



- Most of them are hardware limitations
- Arm has too few degrees of freedom
 - Constrained to simple grasping of spheres
- Arm cannot be controlled by speed
 - No real servoing possible (no control loop)



- Limits robustness from tracking
- Grasper modifies length of end effector
- Servomotors are constrained to 300 degrees of motion
- Detection is color based
- Constrained to one object only





Future Work



- Add more objects to the scene
 - Object recognition
- Allow for more shapes
- Avoid color for detection
- Use stereo estimation for pose estimation
- Integrate all parts using a nice GUI



WIKI + Links



All work is unified in GitHub



Link is here (feel free to fork it!):

https://github.com/FedeCamposeco/Armed-turtlebot

We also have a nice installer!!!





Questions

