

Robot-Era: Work Package 4

Domestic Robotic Platform

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Activities (cont'd)

- ▶ Other sensors (Camera, PTU)
- ▶ Mira-ROS Adapter
- ▶ Simulation and Robot Model
- ▶ Using experience from FP7 project *RACE*, which involves
 - ▶ (3D) obstacle avoidance
 - ▶ navigation + localization
 - ▶ (simple hierarchical) task planning (JSHOP2)
 - ▶ parallel task execution
 - ▶ tabletop segmentation (and object detection)³
 - ▶ object recognition (via household database)

³http://youtu.be/WKL_AkyU8MQ

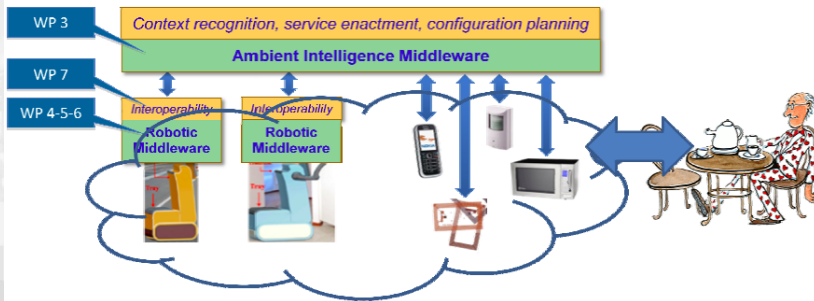
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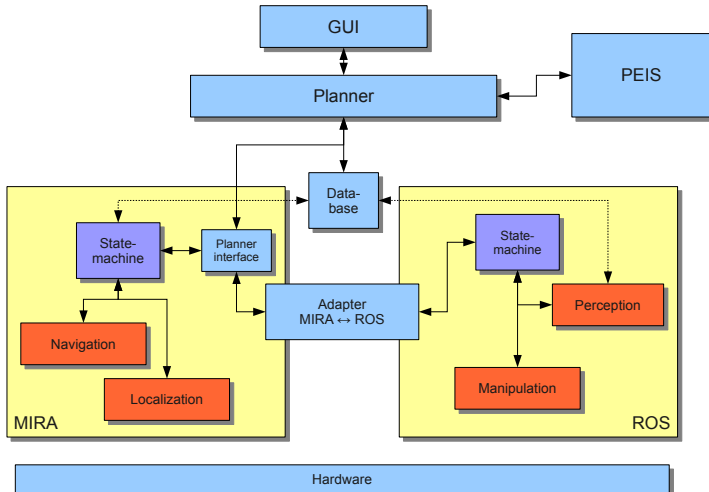


Architecture

Overall architecture



Architecture cont'd



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- ▶ *GUI* for supervision, debugging, test controlling
- ▶ *PEIS* is the the interface to the PEIS Ecology
- ▶ *Planner* subsumes tasks into subtasks and re-plans if something fails (included in PEIS?)
- ▶ *Database* holds information about objects in order to recognize them (interfaced by the ROS tabletop stack)
- ▶ *State machine* (ROS) will be realized by the SMACH (ROS python) library

Architecture cont'd

- ▶ *Perception* (ROS) includes ROS tabletop recognition and table detection and is available
 - ▶ sensory data will be retrieved by the ASUS (Kinect)
- ▶ *Manipulation* (ROS) is available in the ROS manipulation stack
 - ▶ the Jaco Arm model is being integrated
- ▶ *Adapter* provides transparent communication between ROS and MIRA
 - ▶ translates between Services (RPC), Actions (Callbacks) and Messages

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Scitos Head Integration

Some before after pictures here



Robot Arm Kino Jaco cont'd

- ▶ ROS API available for Ubuntu (11.04) and ROS Electric (migrated to Fuerte and 12.04)
- ▶ basically a ROS wrapper for the (Windows) proprietary kinematic controller libraries
 - ▶ uses the Linux Mono project
- ▶ provides a 3D model for visualization in RViz
- ▶ controllable by setting each interpolation point's velocity
- ▶ official release of the ROS driver is planned for autumn (Sep-Dec?) 2012
- ▶ driver development is done at a German university and direct developer contact is possible

Issues

- ▶ 3D collision avoidance (without tilting laser)
- ▶ PEIS-ROS bridge needed
- ▶ Arm height of ca. 1.1 m might reduce collision free position when manipulation on the tabletop
- ▶ establish close Kinova Jaco developer contact

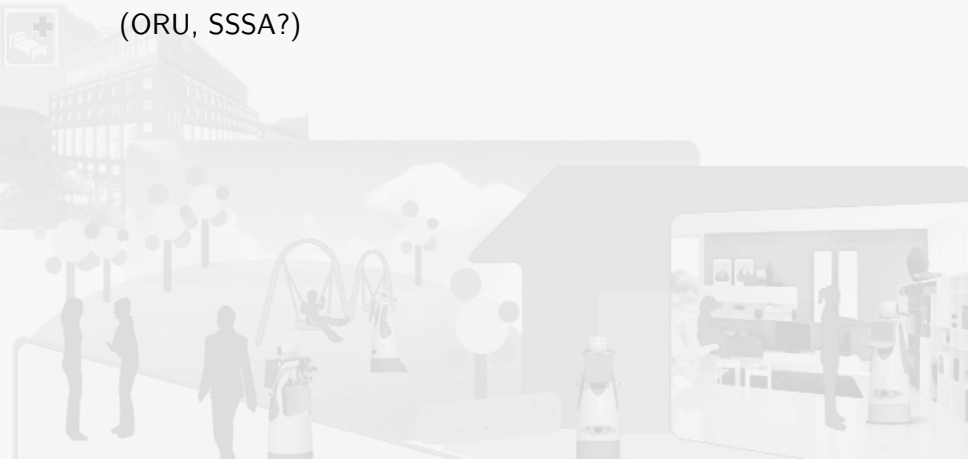
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ROS Gazebo Simulation

- ▶ will there be the test environment available as Gazebo world?
(ORU, SSSA?)



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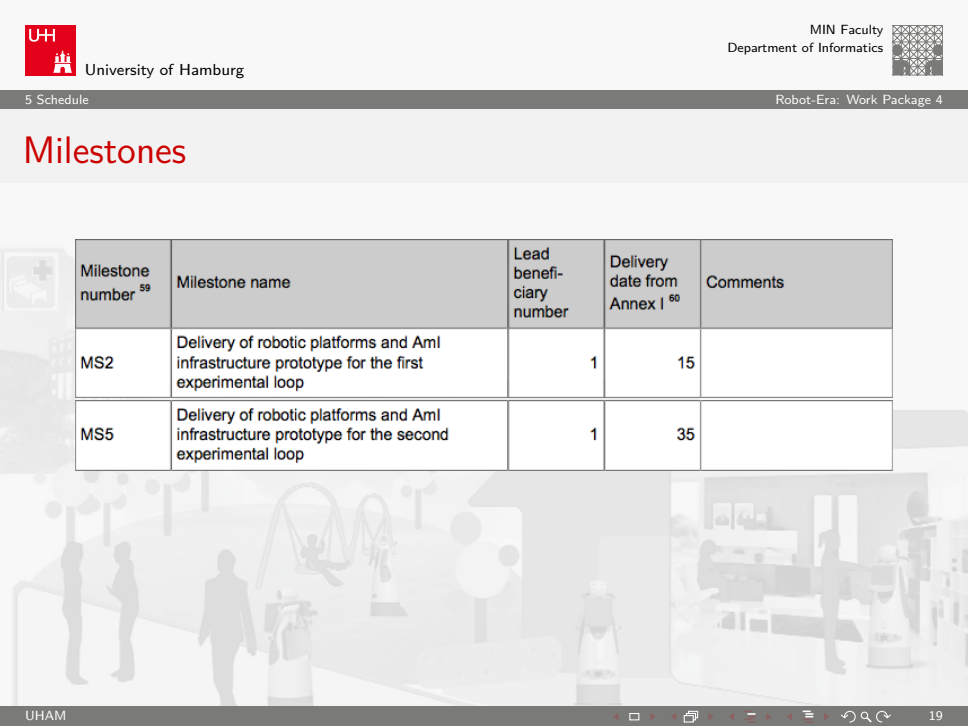
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Deliverables

| Deliverable Number ⁶¹ | Deliverable Title | Lead beneficiary number | Estimated indicative person-months | Nature ⁶² | Dissemination level ⁶³ | Delivery date ⁶⁴ |
|----------------------------------|---|-------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| D4.1 | Report on specifications and middleware architecture of the domestic robotic platform | 7 | 8.00 | R | CO | 5 |
| D4.2 | First domestic robotic platform prototype for the first experimental loop | 5 | 42.00 | P | PU | 15 |
| D4.3 | Final domestic robotic platform prototype for the second experimental loop | 5 | 38.00 | P | PU | 32 |
| D4.4 | Report on the final domestic robotic platform and documentation about usage | 5 | 4.00 | R | PU | 44 |
| Total | | | 92.00 | | | |

Milestones



| Milestone number ⁵⁹ | Milestone name | Lead beneficiary number | Delivery date from Annex I ⁶⁰ | Comments |
|--------------------------------|---|-------------------------|--|----------|
| MS2 | Delivery of robotic platforms and Aml infrastructure prototype for the first experimental loop | 1 | 15 | |
| MS5 | Delivery of robotic platforms and Aml infrastructure prototype for the second experimental loop | 1 | 35 | |

Tasks

T4.1 Set-up of the robotic platform for domestic environments

UHAM, SSSA, MLAB, UOP, STM, M3-44

- ▶ integrate mobile platform, robotic arms and end-effectors (payload etc. according to WP2 criteria)
- ▶ integrate communication module (for connectivity with *AmI*)
- ▶ integrate additional sensors (stereo cameras, infra-red?)
- ▶ integrate HRI (touch screen, microphone, speakers, LED (see T4.4))
- ▶ integrate additional HW (handle, case, tray?)
- ▶ integrate security mechanisms (security buttons, bumpers)
- ▶ implement friendly, acceptable cover (see WP2)
- ▶ define middleware architecture

T4.2 Design of control strategies for navigation

MLAB, RT, SSSA, M3-44

- ▶ measure and integrate robot characteristics (shape, dynamics) into the navigation stack (*CogniDrive*)
- ▶ design people tracking and following
 - ▶ face tracking (OpenCV, pi_facetracker?)
 - ▶ motion tracking
- ▶ object trajectory prediction

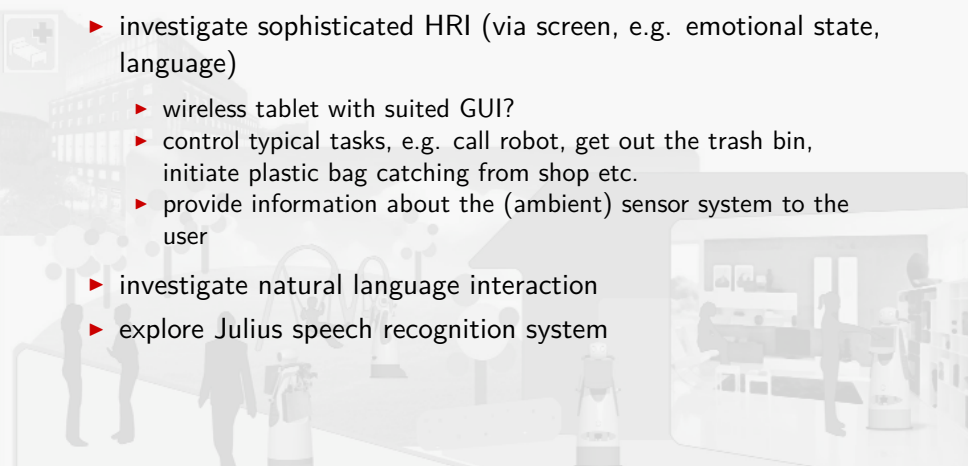
T4.3 Design of control strategies for grasping and manipulation

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- ▶ object detection via stereo-vision (Kinect), SIFT-feature, 3D laser ranger
- ▶ learning manipulation strategies (object ontology), handle unknown objects
- ▶ use results of hierarchical task network (HTN) planning algorithm
- ▶ image processing and detecting offline-trained common objects
- ▶ apply offline-learned grasps (later also online)
- ▶ integrate online learning manipulation and linguistic architecture (*UOP*)

T4.4 Design of interfaces for Human Robot Interaction

UOP, RT, M3-44

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- ▶ investigate sophisticated HRI (via screen, e.g. emotional state, language)
 - ▶ wireless tablet with suited GUI?
 - ▶ control typical tasks, e.g. call robot, get out the trash bin, initiate plastic bag catching from shop etc.
 - ▶ provide information about the (ambient) sensor system to the user
 - ▶ investigate natural language interaction
 - ▶ explore Julius speech recognition system

T4.5 Early prototype integration and implementation of functionalities

UHAM, SSSA, UOP, MLAB, RT, M7-9

- ▶ integrate outcomes of previous tasks into robotic platform (navigation, manipulation, interaction, learning)
 - ▶ SW and firmware integration for different parts
 - ▶ Control strategy (high-level)

T4.6 Preparation of the domestic robotic platform for the first experimental loop

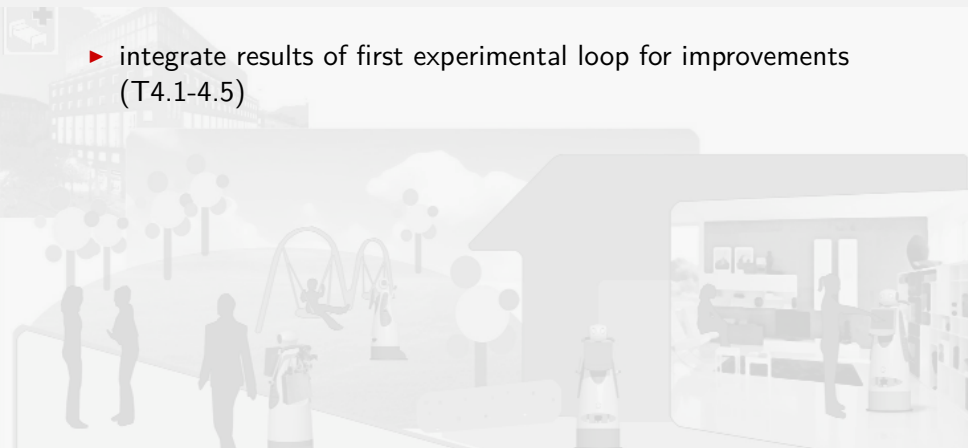
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- ▶ prepare robotic platform for experiments in Italy and Sweden
- ▶ shipping
- ▶ testing

T4.7 Refinement and development for the second experimental loop

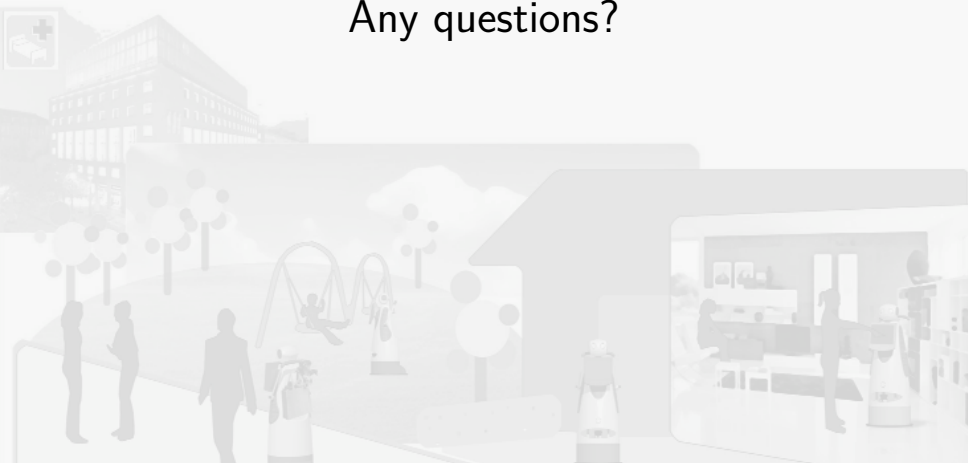
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- ▶ integrate results of first experimental loop for improvements (T4.1-4.5)



Thank You!

Any questions?



Work Package Participation UHAM

| Work Package | Person Month |
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Backup

► face recognition details

