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# Acronyms

<b>CoG</b>	Center of Gravity
<b>DoF</b>	Degree of Freedom
<b>FTS</b>	Force-Torque Sensor
<b>LEP</b>	Leg End Point
<b>MRS</b>	Multi-Robot System





# Introduction1

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– Florian Cordes

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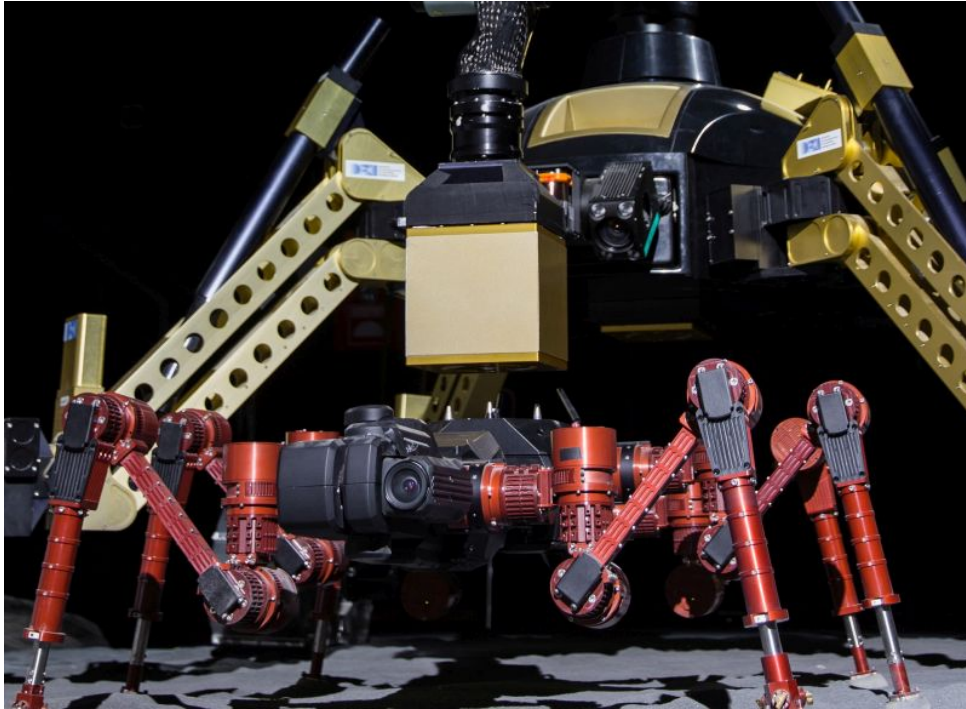
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## 1.3 Structure of Thesis

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**(a)** *Quasi tripod pose*



**(b)** *Compact stow pose of legs*



**(c)** *High body pose in CrossStance*



**(d)** *Body roll-pitch control in sloping natural terrain*



**(e)** *Body roll-pitch control in artificial crater*



**(f)** *Approaching a sampling spot in natural terrain*

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# Requirements and Design Drivers: Heterogeneous Modular Multi-Robot Systems

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# Electromechanical Rover Design

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– [Schenker et al., 2001]

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## 4.1 Design Considerations

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## 4.2 System Design: Mechanics

## 4.3 Summary and Conclusion

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# Control System Design 5

*If everything seems under control,  
you're just not going fast enough.*

– Mario Andretti

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## 5.2 Coordinate Systems for Locomotion Control

### 5.3 Summary and Conclusion

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# Experimental Evaluation6

*No amount of experimentation can ever prove me right;  
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– Albert Einstein

This chapter of the thesis summarizes the experiments and results conducted for ...  
The following publications contribute to the contents of this chapter:

- [3] **Final Experiment Result Paper of Great Importance**; *Me, Author Numbertwo, Prof. XYZ*; Science, 2090.

## 6.1 General Experimental Setup and Evaluation Methods

### 6.2 Experiment 1

### 6.3 Experiment 2

## 6.4 Summary and Conclusion

This chapter presents the electromechanical system design of the two rover versions Sherpa and SherpaTT. General design decisions valid for both systems are presented with the main influences resulting from the respective Multi-Robot System (MRS). Apart from the kinematic design of the suspension systems, the central power management is discussed as this is a central part for the rovers to be a fully functional subsystem of a modular MRS.

A manipulation arm for both rovers is developed using an evolutionary algorithm for morphology optimization. Several use-cases are defined and a trajectory for the arm is built to test the use-cases in a physical simulation for fitness evaluation of the respective individual. The arm is then manufactured following a biologically inspired manufacturing methodology.

Comparing the main features of both implemented rover systems shows basically the same leg length of the first and second suspension generation, Table 6.1. The mass per leg as well as the total system mass are nearly identical as well. With five DoF per leg, the second generation suspension has one DoF less per leg. Horizontal and vertical Leg End Point (LEP) movements in Sherpa are coupled, while they are independent in SherpaTT. Note that the vertical and horizontal stroke listed for SherpaTT in the table are those resulting from the currently set software-joint limits as also shown in Figure ?? . Exploiting the full mechanical range as provided in Table ?? results in 860 mm vertical and 629 mm horizontal stroke.

**Table 6.1:** Comparison of main features of suspension system generations and rovers.

System	Leg length zero pose	Mass (leg)	Mass total	DoF (leg)	vert. stroke	horz. stroke	min stow volume	compactness footprint	compactness volume
Sherpa	976 mm	25 kg	160 kg	6	900 mm	260 mm	2.24 m <sup>3</sup>	0.40	0.64
SherpaTT	977 mm	26 kg	170 kg	5	775 mm	485 mm	1.67 m <sup>3</sup>	0.79	0.72

Due to improved arrangement of the DoF, the minimum stow volume is reduced from 2.24 m<sup>3</sup> to 1.67 m<sup>3</sup>. This is also reflected in the values of compactness provided in the table; these values are based on the isoperimetric quotient: The ratio of the area of the footprint to the area of a circle with the same perimeter is built. A circle is the most compact shape in two-dimensional space, therefore, the ratio ranges between 0 and 1 with high compactness being close to 1. Similarly the compactness of the three-dimensional envelope volume is calculated using a sphere as most compact volume. In both cases, the new design achieves higher compactness values.

Apart from the compactness, the new arrangement of the DoF allows to place the LEP in a three-dimensional workspace compared to a two-dimensional spherical surface. This design generates internal mobilities, that can be used to facilitate deployment and pickup of immobile elements in the MRS. Furthermore, the position and orientation of the central body in the support polygon can be changed without moving the wheels over the ground, which is beneficial for Center of Gravity (CoG) relocations in intricate slopes with low traction surface material.

A six DoF Force-Torque Sensor (FTS) is present in each leg of the new suspension system design. Direct ground contact force measurement becomes available with this sensor, which in turn allows improved load balancing between the rover's ground contact points.

To conclude, with basically the same dimensioning (size, weight), superior properties are presented with the second suspension system design. The subsequent chapters focus on the control and evaluation of this new suspension system and the rover SherpaTT.



# Conclusion and Outlook

The very important findings of this thesis go here



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# Additional Material



This chapter contains additional material such as system specifications and experiment data previously not published in this form. All data presented here is based on the publications .

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