

ENSC 482

Introduction to Decision Making in Engineering

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In performing any tasks, it is usually required for a person, an automated system or a person in collaboration with an automated system to reason about the objectives of the task.

This is required in order for a person (or an automated system) to reach a decision about the expected plans of action based on available information from the task and the environment where the task needs to be performed.

Objectives of the task are evaluated in conjunction with available resources (e.g. person's capabilities, method of actuation, hardware , computation resources or man-power) and available methods for collecting measurements associated with the task performance (if available) and the environmental factors (e.g. constraints) in order to rank the plan of actions for executing the task.

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In some applications, ranking of the tasks can be accomplished without presence of any measures regarding to the performance of their outcomes.

In some applications, the ranking of the tasks and the eventual decisions are based on the various measures and consequences associated with possible actions.

Ranking of possible actions can be structured in various forms for better management of data and/or better visualization of the dependencies of the incremental outcomes.

In most tasks where the monitoring is done through utilization of various sensing modalities, the decision on ranking of actions is mostly done by associating the actions to various interpretation of sensed data.

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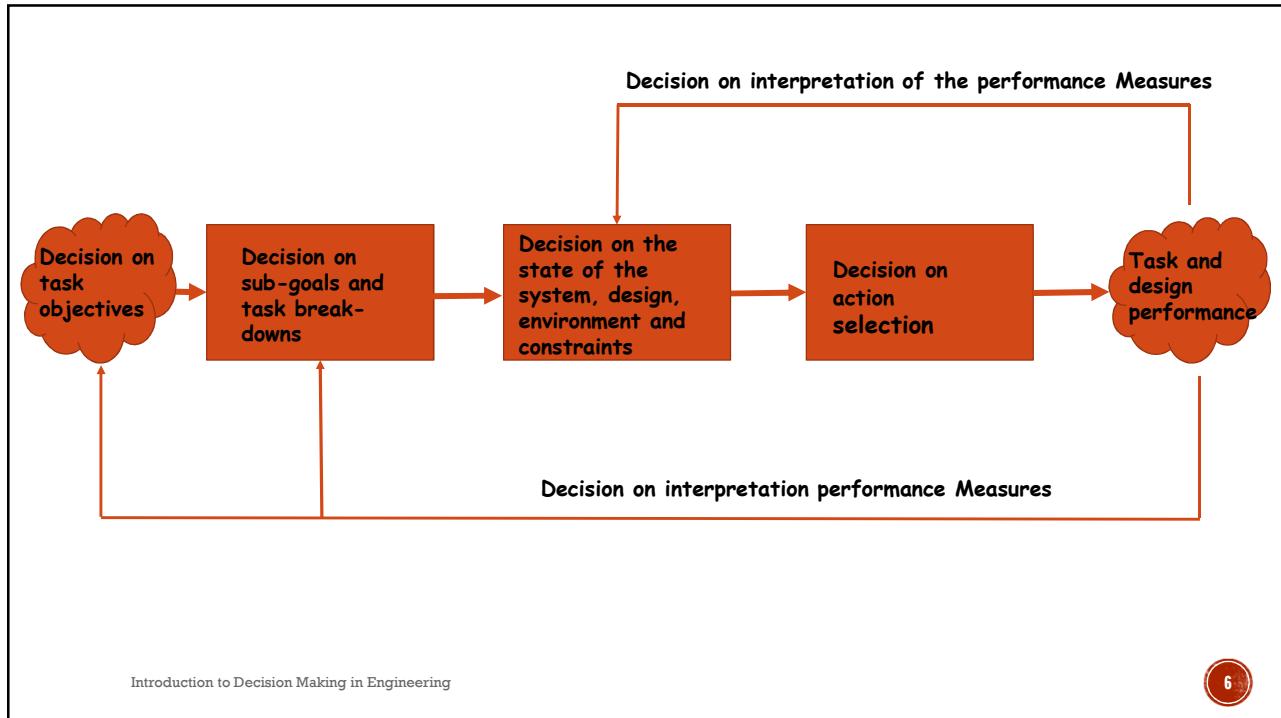
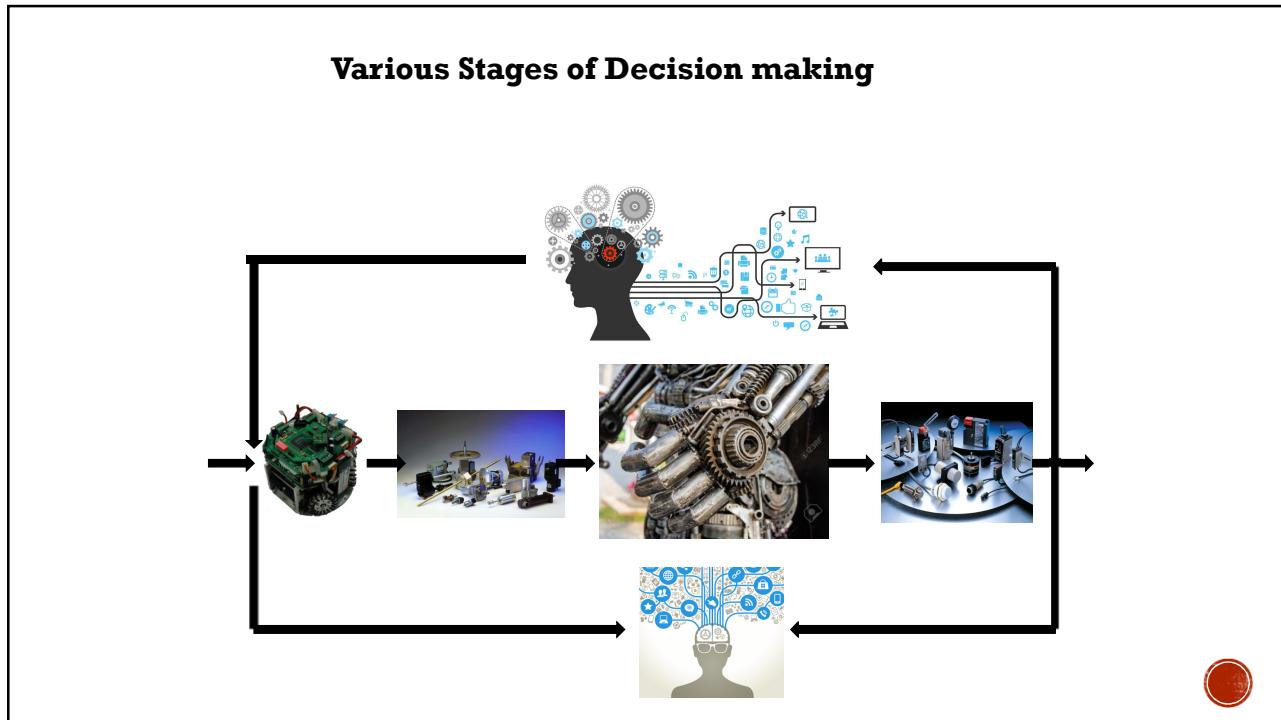
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In most cases, the decision on selecting a suitable action item is based on classification of noisy data or uncertain information with some statistical properties.

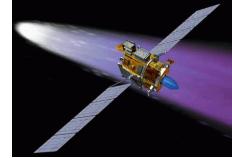
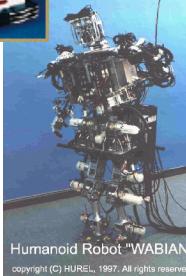
In some design cases, decision on selection of the best action (i.e. a suitable design) can be determined based on exact definition of range of parameters, constrain functions and a suitable definition of the design objectives.

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Decision Making in Robotics and Automation



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Uncertainty is Inherent and Fundamental

- **Uncertainty can arises from a number of interrelated factors such as:**
 1. Human movements and actions can be unpredictable
 2. Environment can be stochastic and unpredictable
 3. Robots actions are stochastic
 4. Sensors are limited and noisy
 5. Models can be inaccurate and incomplete

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Educational Robotics

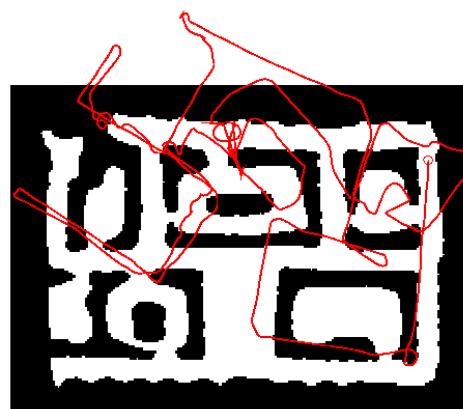


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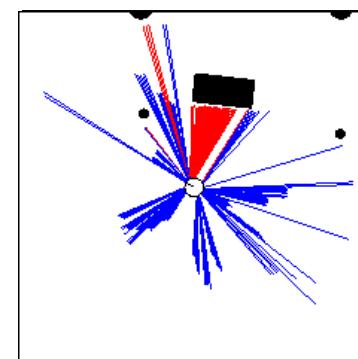
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Nature of Sensed Data



Odometry Data



Range Data

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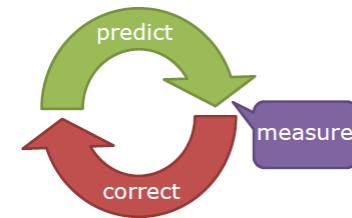
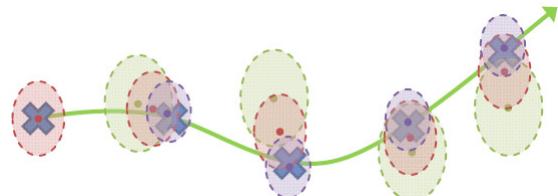
Autonomous Flying Machines



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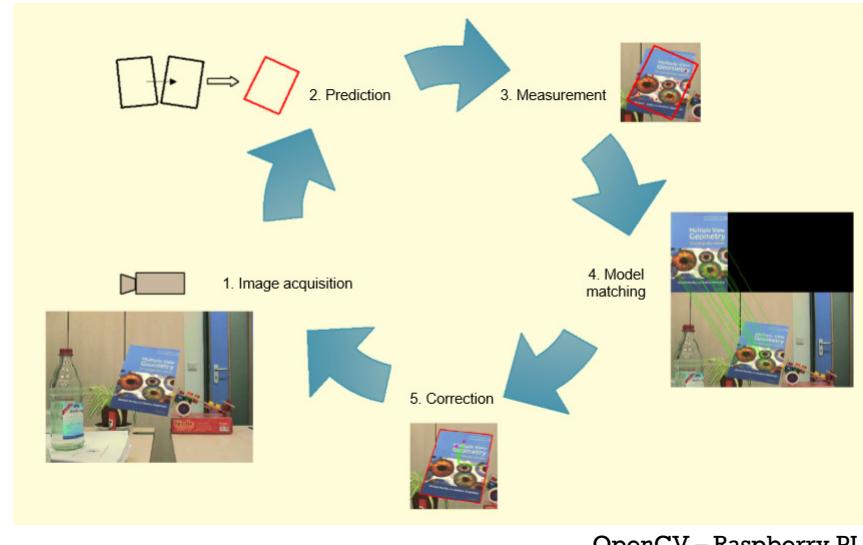
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Tracking Problem



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Pedestrian Detection OpenCV

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OfDdNv-bMBo>

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<https://github.com/yquemener/HeadCounter>

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(a) detection (b) team classification (c) tracking

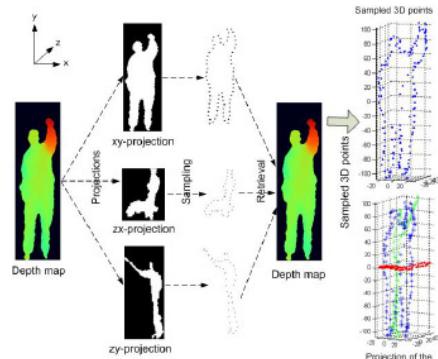
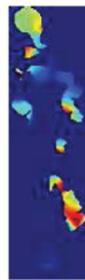
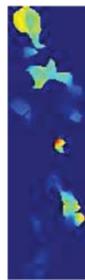
https://docs.opencv.org/3.1.0/d2/d0a/tutorial_introduction_to_tracker.html

(a) raw (b) original edge map (c) filtered edge map
(d) model points (e) model and stable points (f) homography estimation

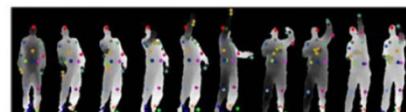
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Action and motion recognition



<https://software.intel.com/en-us/realsense/d400>



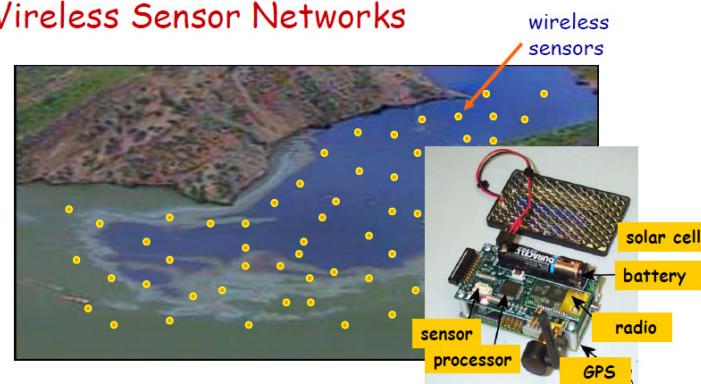
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Compressed Sensing

Surveillance and Monitoring with Wireless Sensor Networks

<https://hackaday.io/project/9754-raspberry-pi-sensor-network>



Goal: Reconstruct an accurate map of contamination while keeping number of samples/communications to a bare minimum

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Classical Approach:

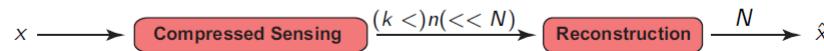


- Sensing/Sampling:
 - ▶ Linear processing.
- Compression:
 - ▶ Non-linear processing.

~~ Why acquire N samples only to discard all but k pieces of data?

Fundamental Idea:

- Directly acquire “compressed data”, i.e., the information content.
- Take more universal measurements:



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What is Compressed Sensing...?

General Procedure:

- Signal $x \in \mathbb{R}^N$.
- x is k -sparse.
- Take $n \ll N$ linear, non-adaptive measurements using a matrix A .

$$\begin{matrix} y \\ = \\ \vdots \end{matrix} \quad A \quad \begin{matrix} \vdots \\ x \end{matrix}$$

Fundamental Questions:

- What are suitable signal models?
- When and with which accuracy can the signal be recovered?
- What are suitable sensing matrices?
- How can the signal be algorithmically recovered?

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<http://www.maths.manchester.ac.uk/~mlotz/teaching/jake/>

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Predicting spatial phenomena in large environments



Biomass in lakes



Salt concentration in rivers

Constraint: Limited energy source for making observations

Fundamental Problem: Where should we observe to maximize the collected information?

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Challenges for informative path planning



Use robots to monitor environment



Not just select best k locations A for given $F(A)$. Need to
... take into account cost of traveling between locations
... cope with environments that change over time
... need to efficiently coordinate multiple agents

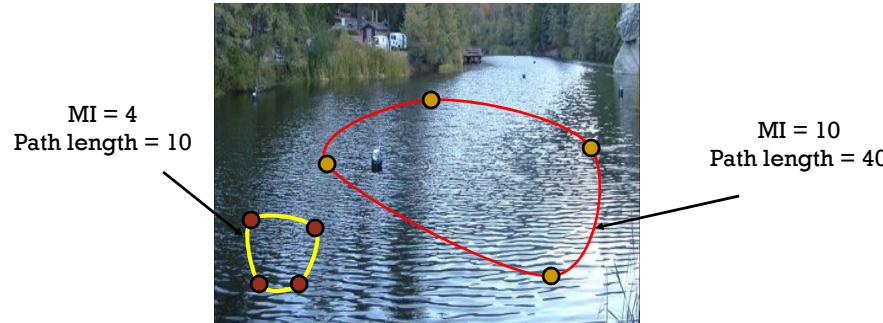
Want to scale to very large problems and have guarantees

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How to quantify collected information?

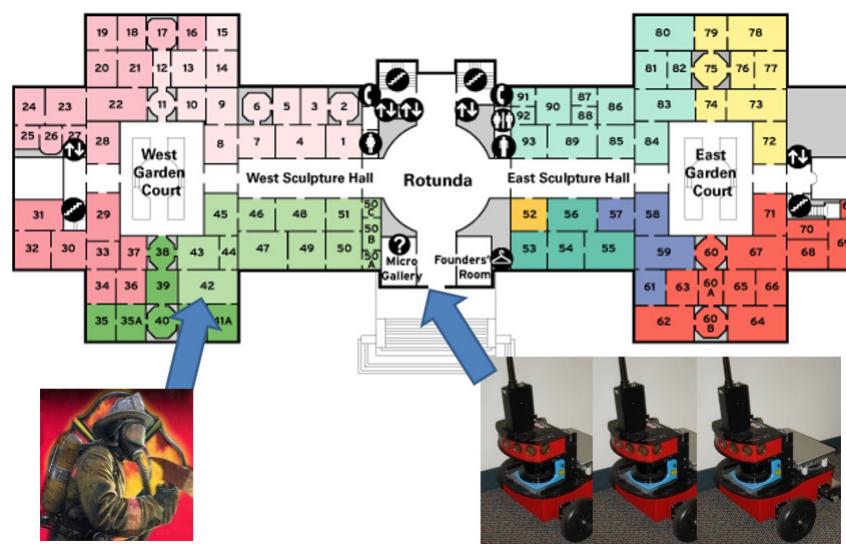
- **Mutual Information (MI)**: reduction in uncertainty (entropy) at unobserved locations



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Multi-Robot Search for a Moving Target



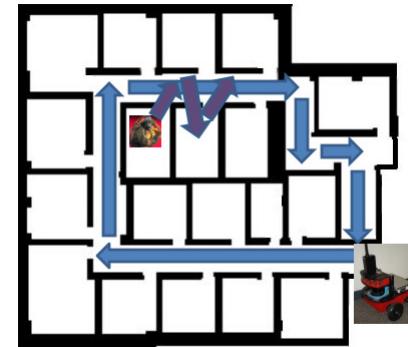
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Problem: Efficient Search

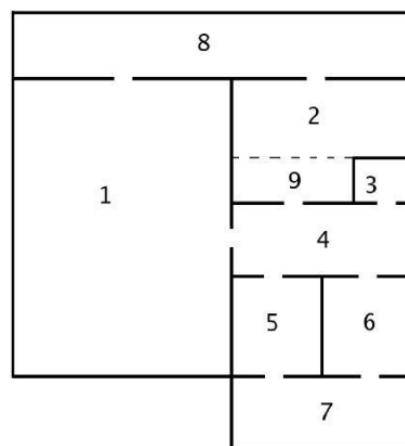
Quickly locate a non-adversarial target using prior knowledge and a rough model of how target moves.



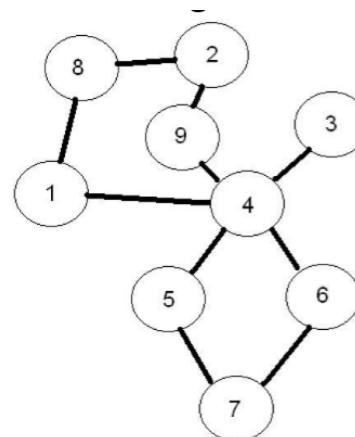
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Environment Representation



Discretization of the environment



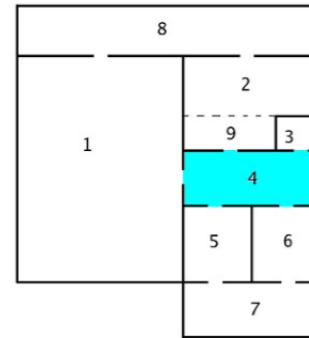
An example of undirected graph resulting from the discretization

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Target motion modeling and estimation:
 Define probability distribution over target's state
 Use matrices to model capture and (Markov) diffusion.

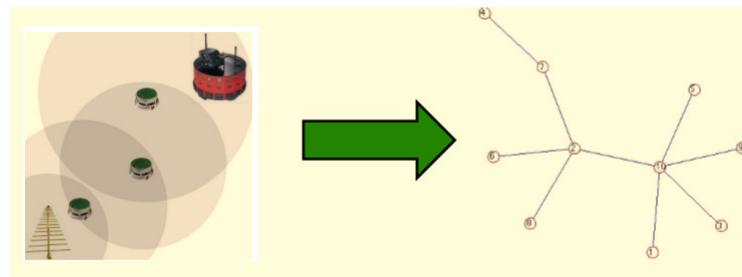
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Every robot has a limited ability to: a) perceive the environment with onboard sensors (e.g. other robots); b) communicate information to other robots (via communication medium) and c) process information (i.e. gathered from onboard sensors or other sources on the sensor network)



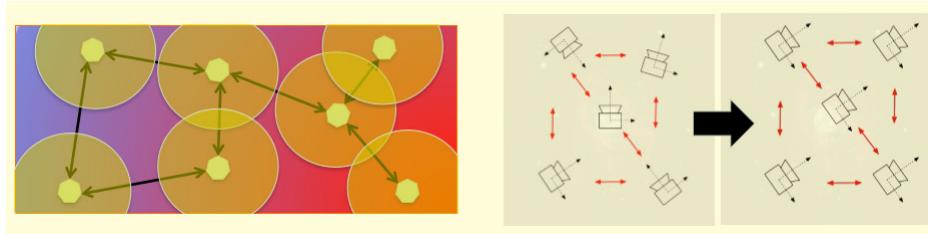
For example we can have: Sensing graphs: for each sensors, encode what robots can be locally sensed. Communication graphs: for each communication medium, encode with robots a communication link. Action graph: for each control action, encode what robots will be locally affected.

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Example - The consensus protocol

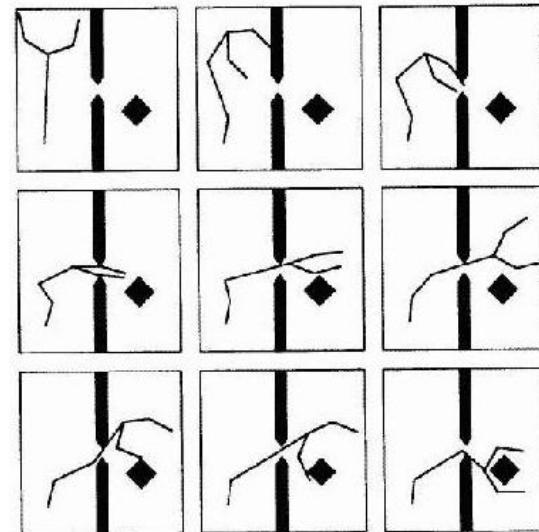
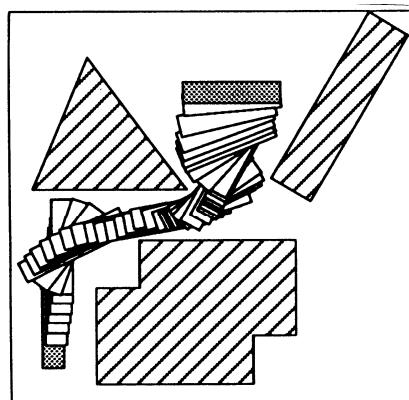
- a) rendezvous: meet at a common point;
- b) alignment: point in the same direction;
- c) distributed estimation: agree on the estimation of some distributed quantity;
- d) synchronization: agree on the same time.



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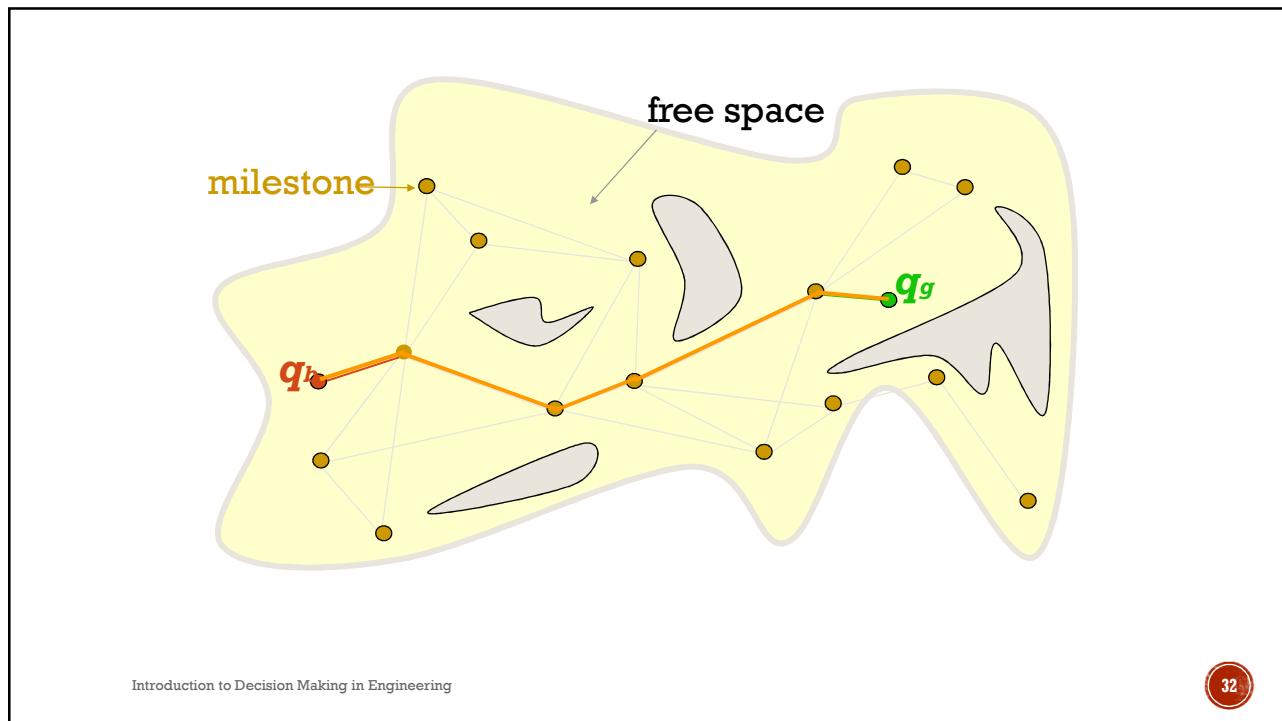
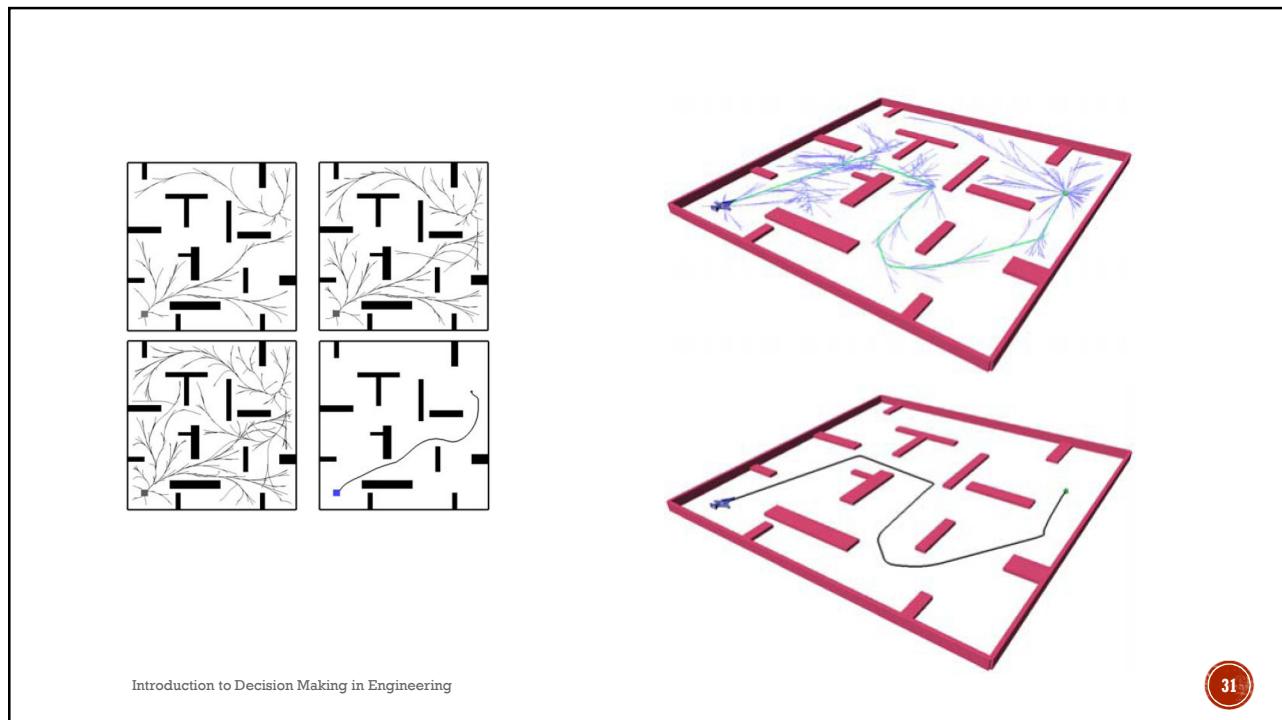
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Path Planning



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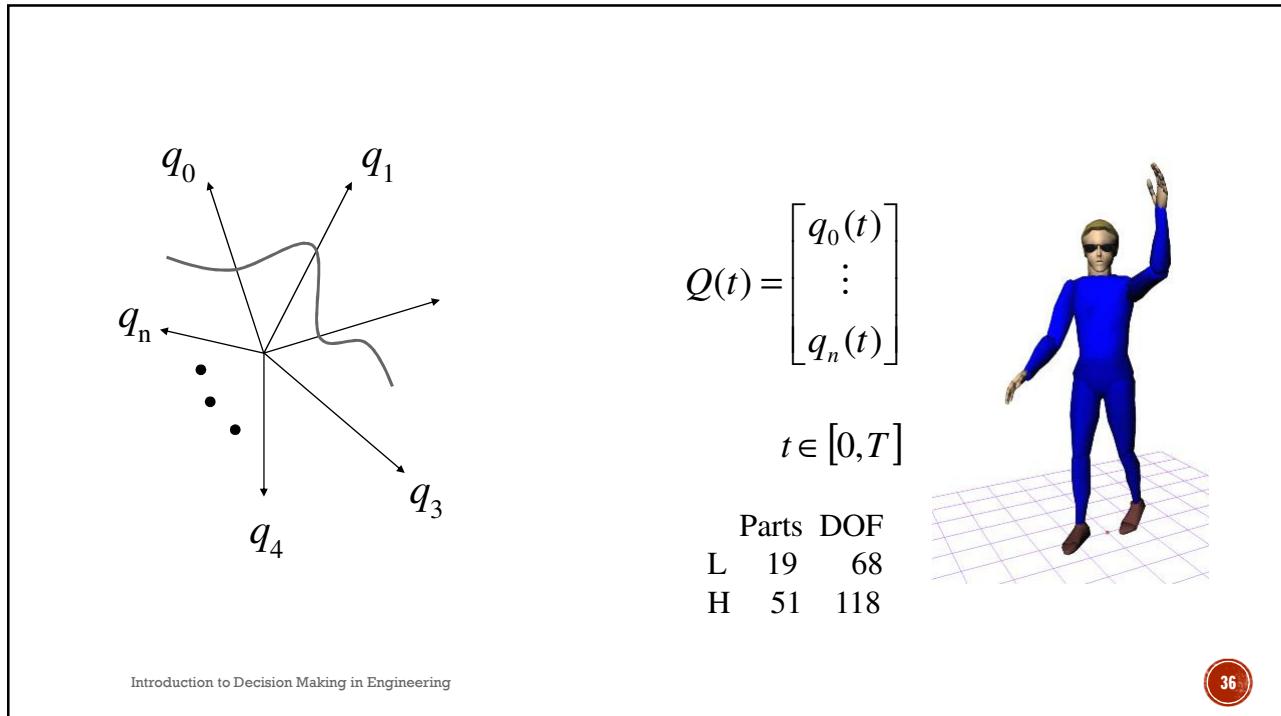
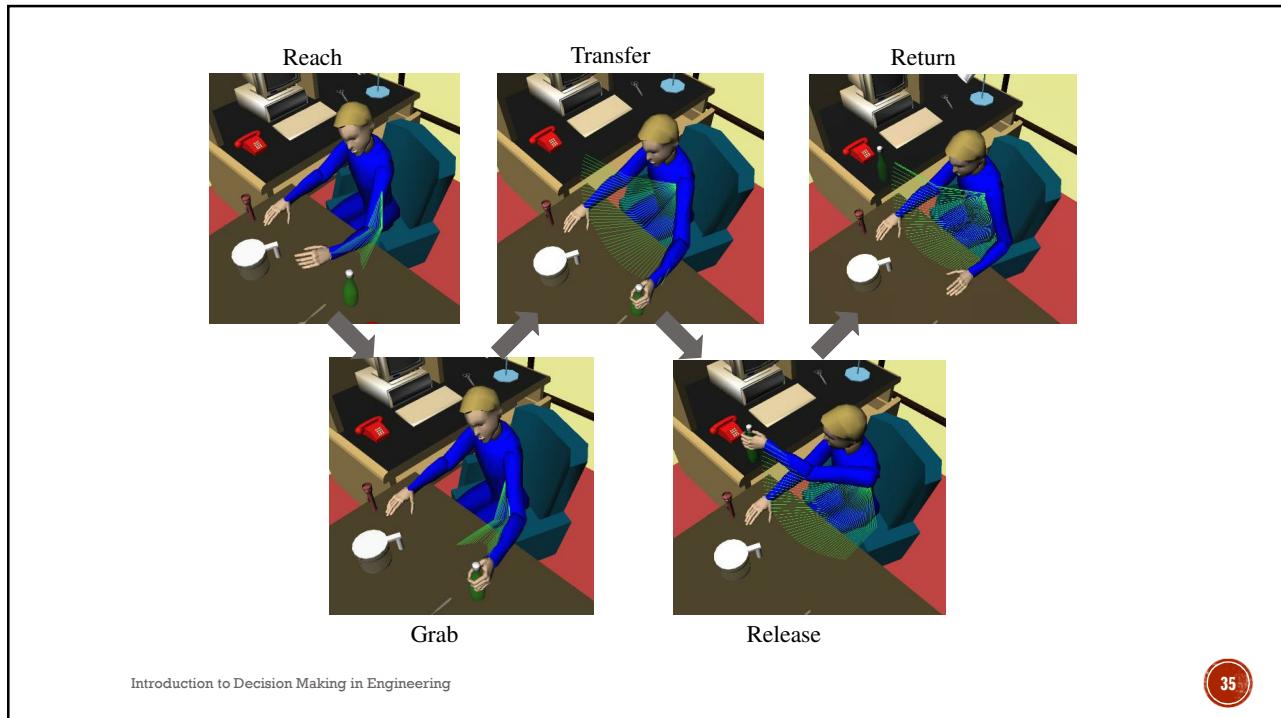
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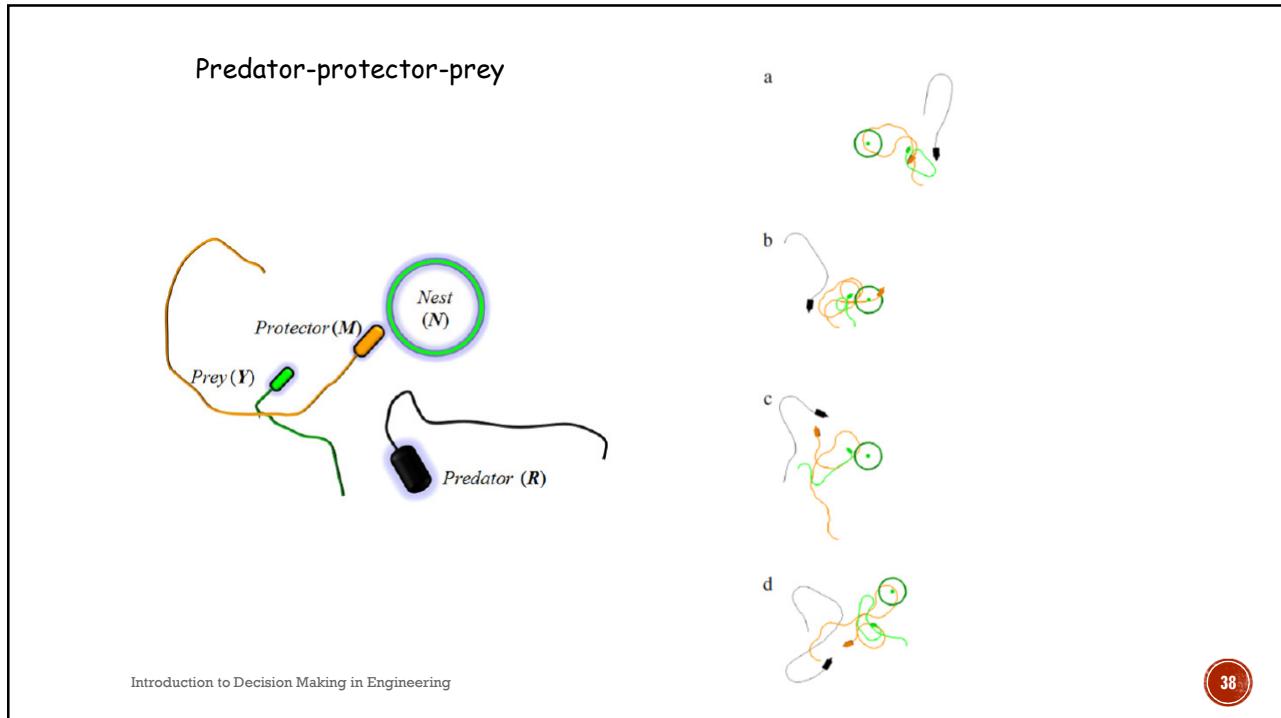
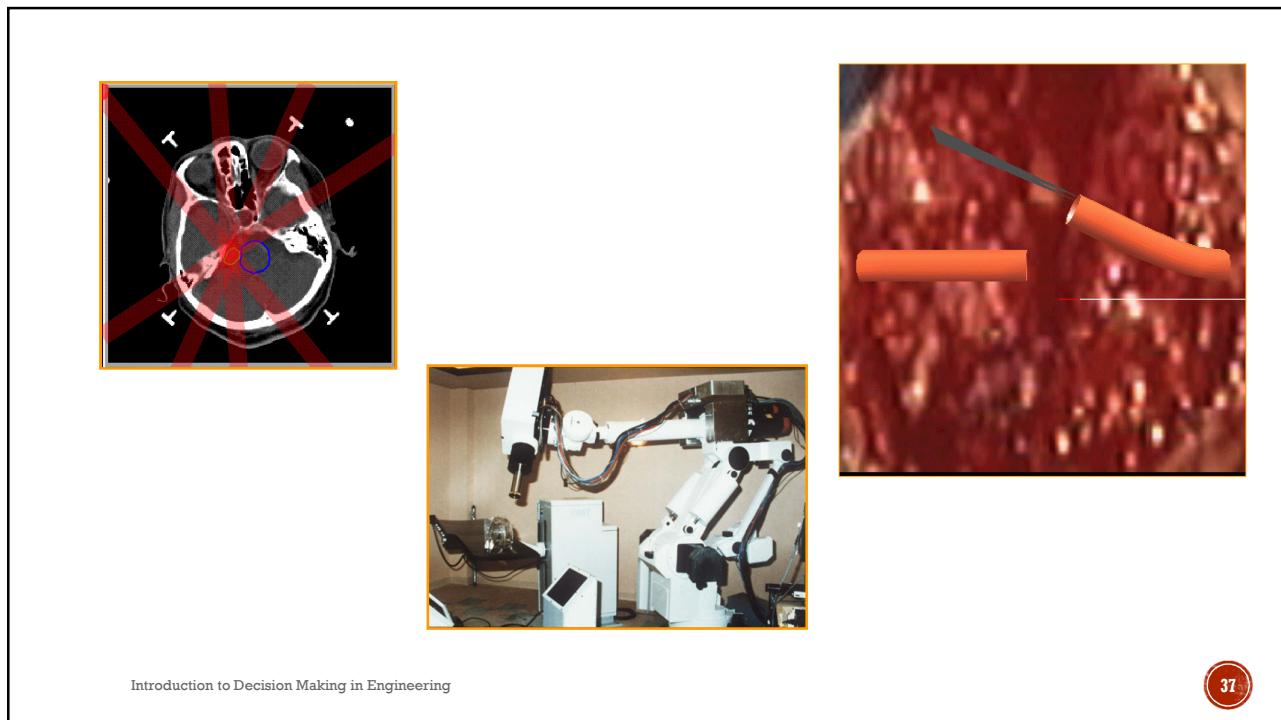
Trajectory and Motion Planning

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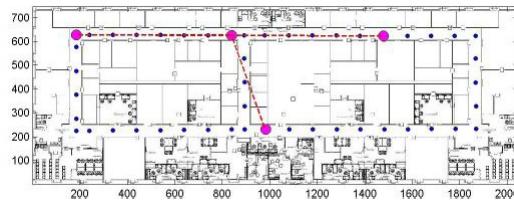
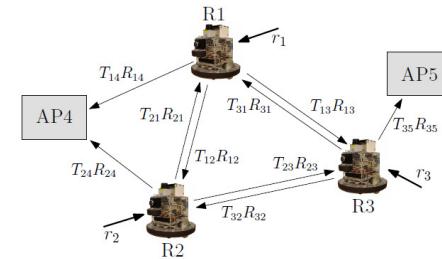
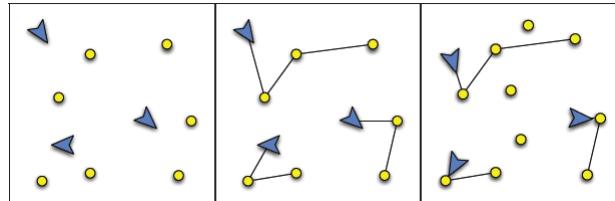
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Robot Routing



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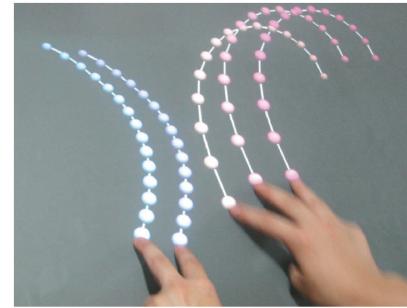
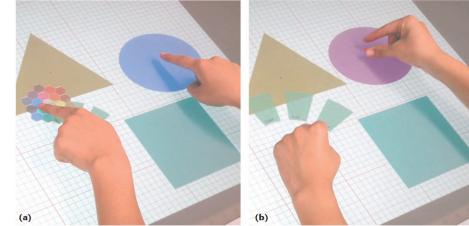
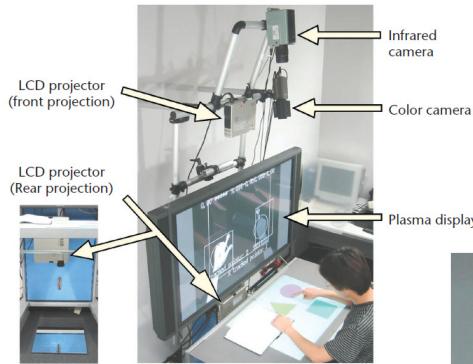
Hand gesture Recognition



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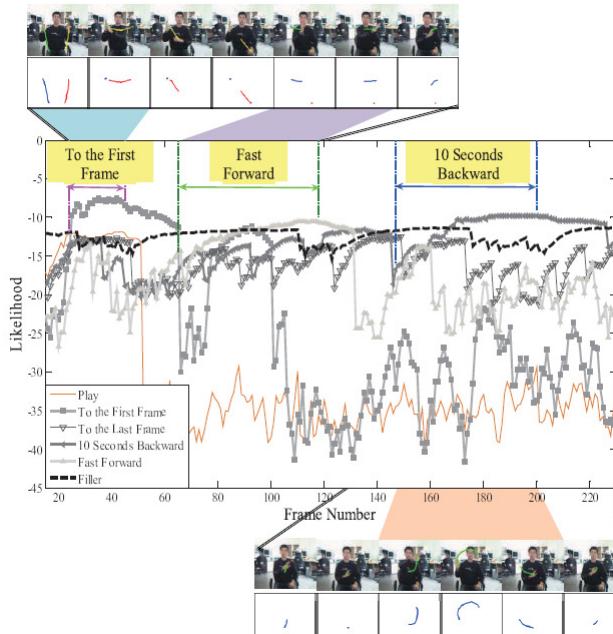
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Gesture Tracking



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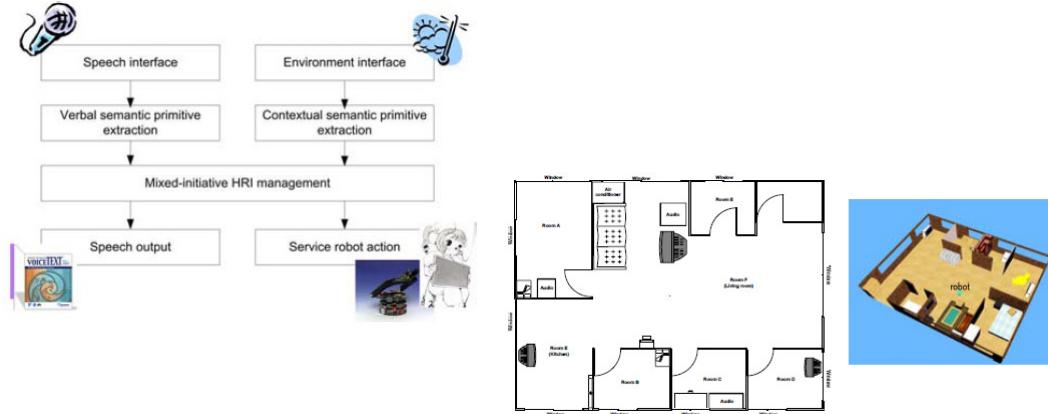
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Human Robot Interaction

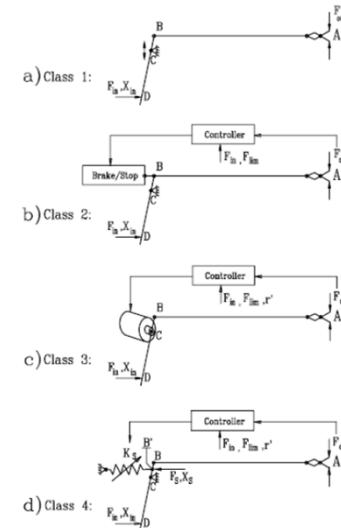


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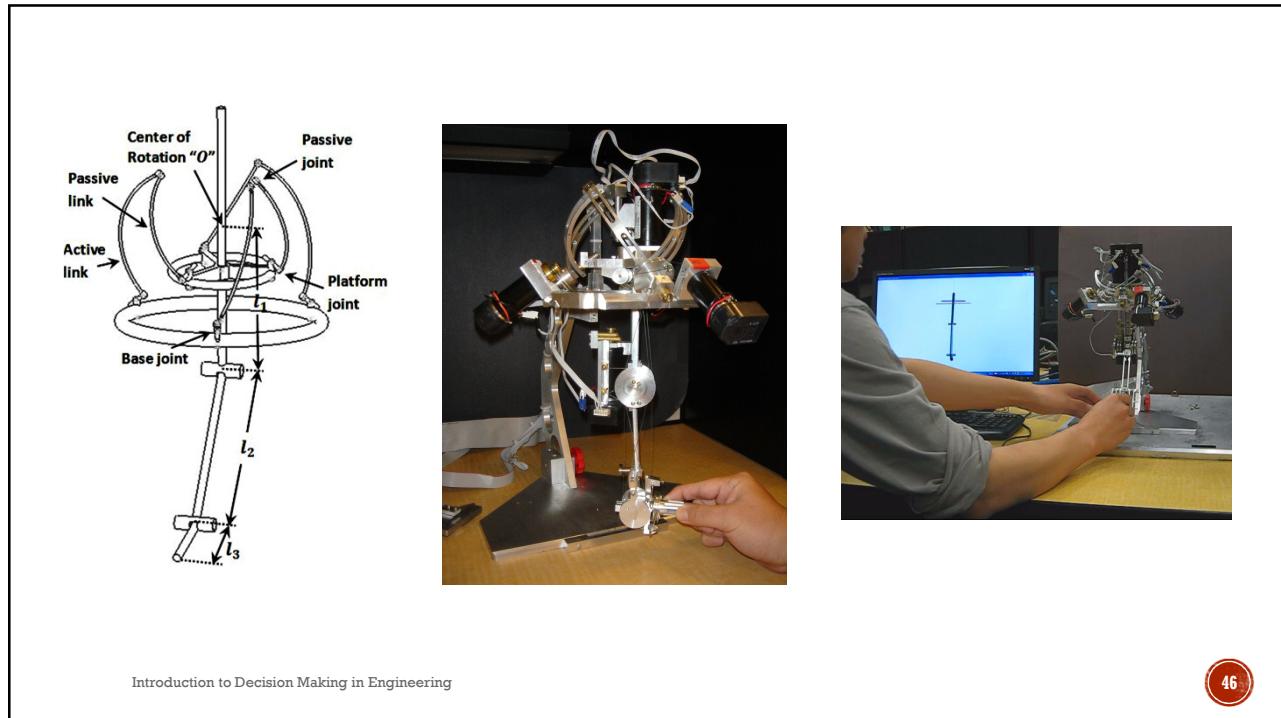
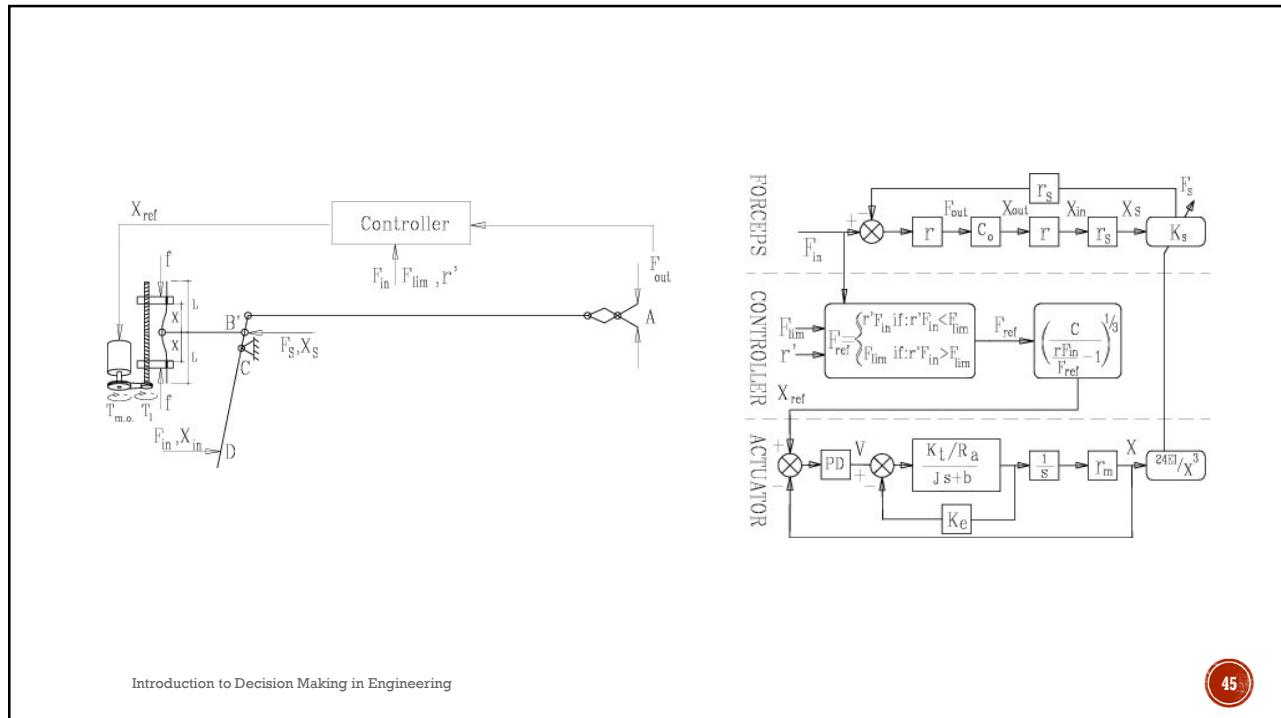
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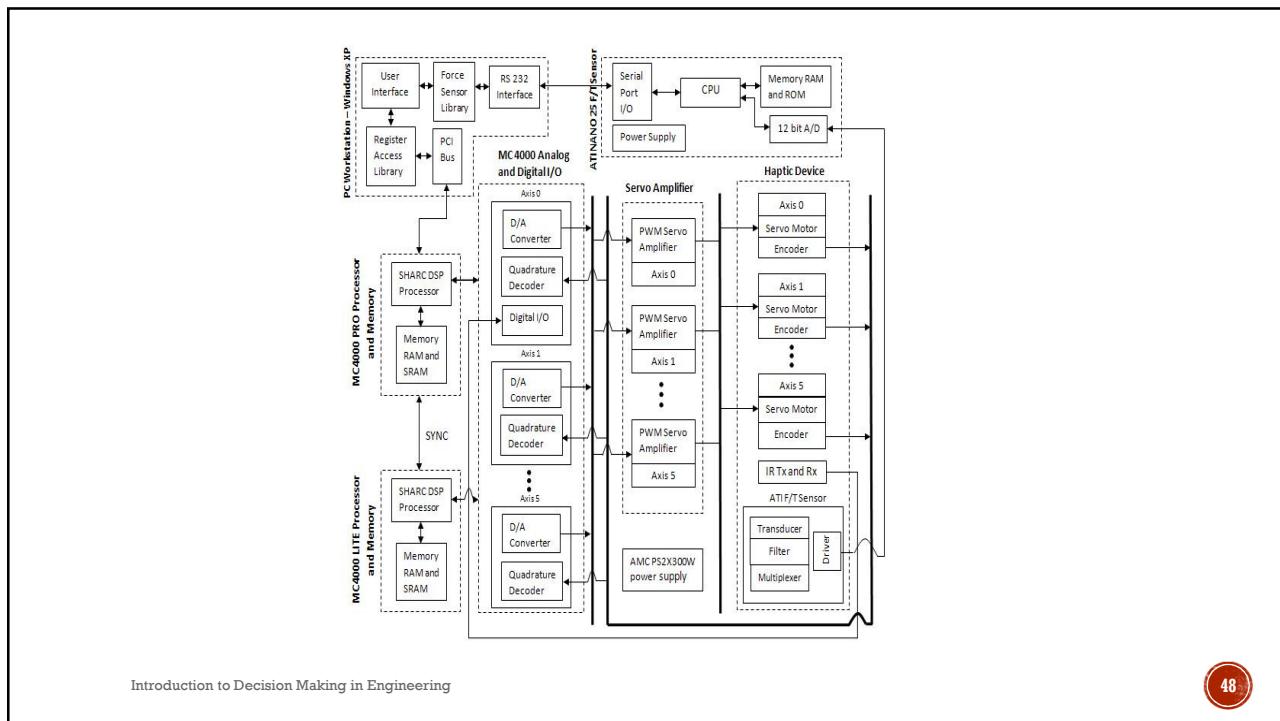
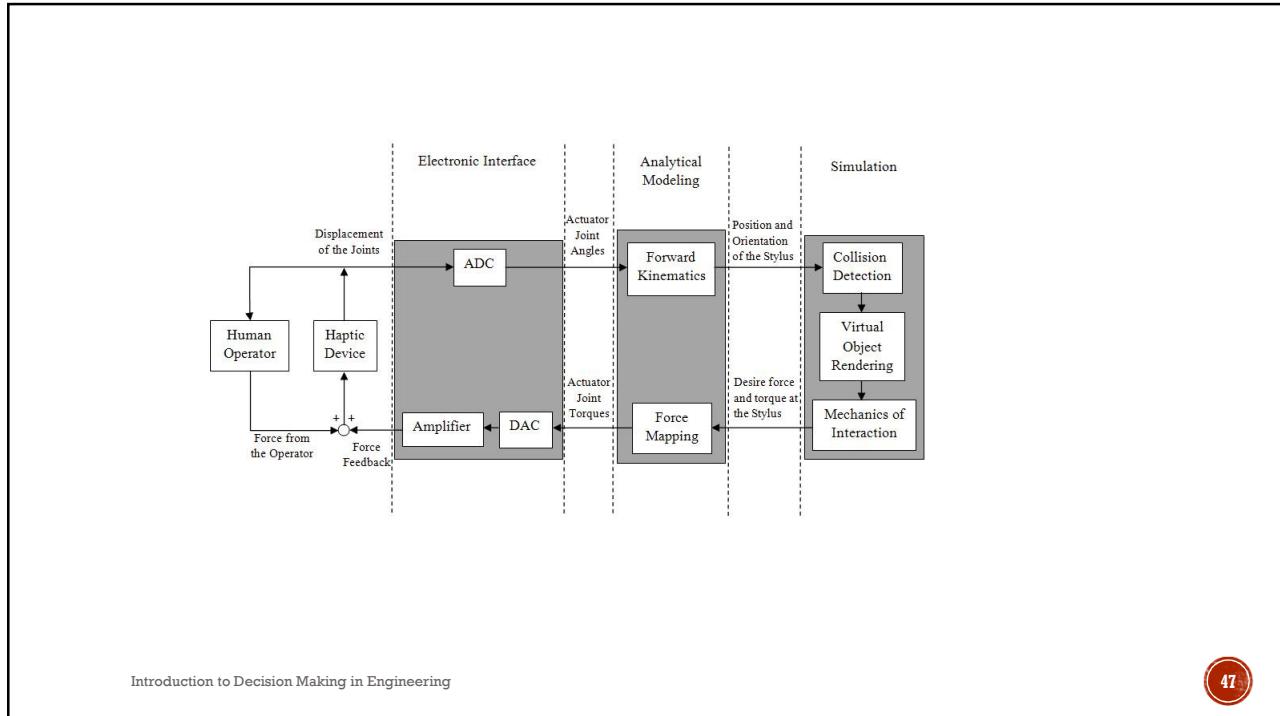
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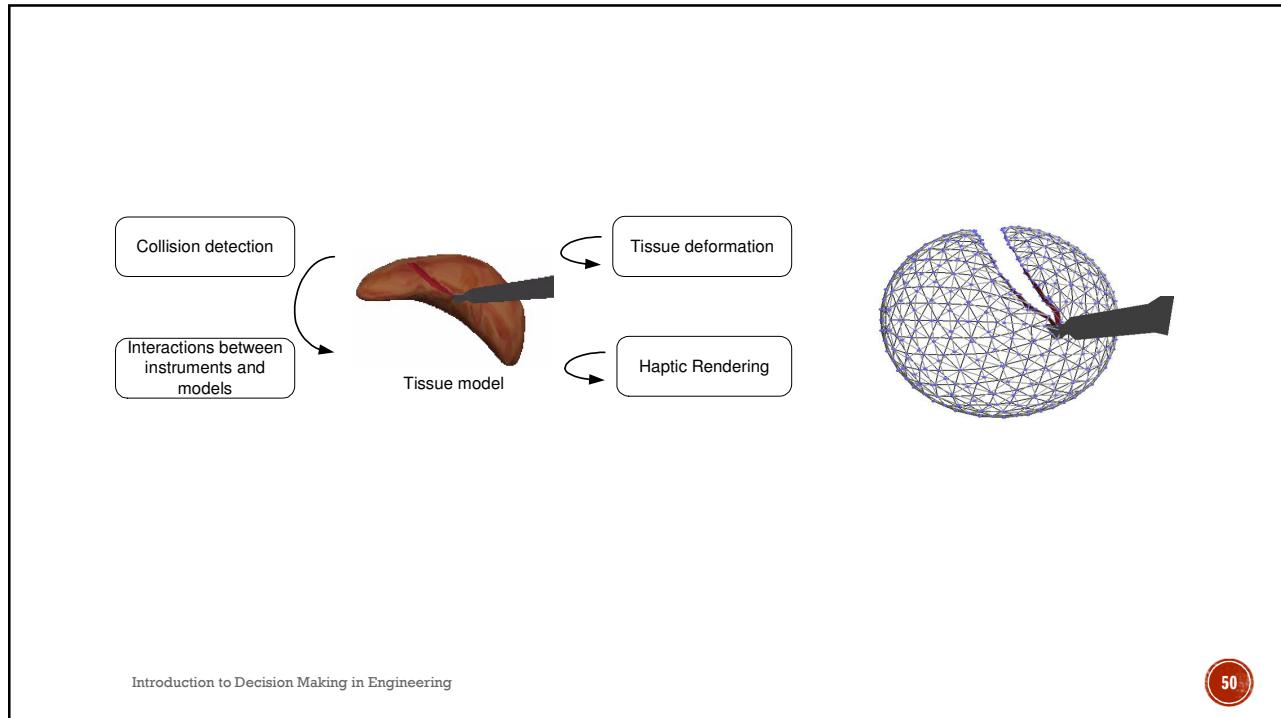
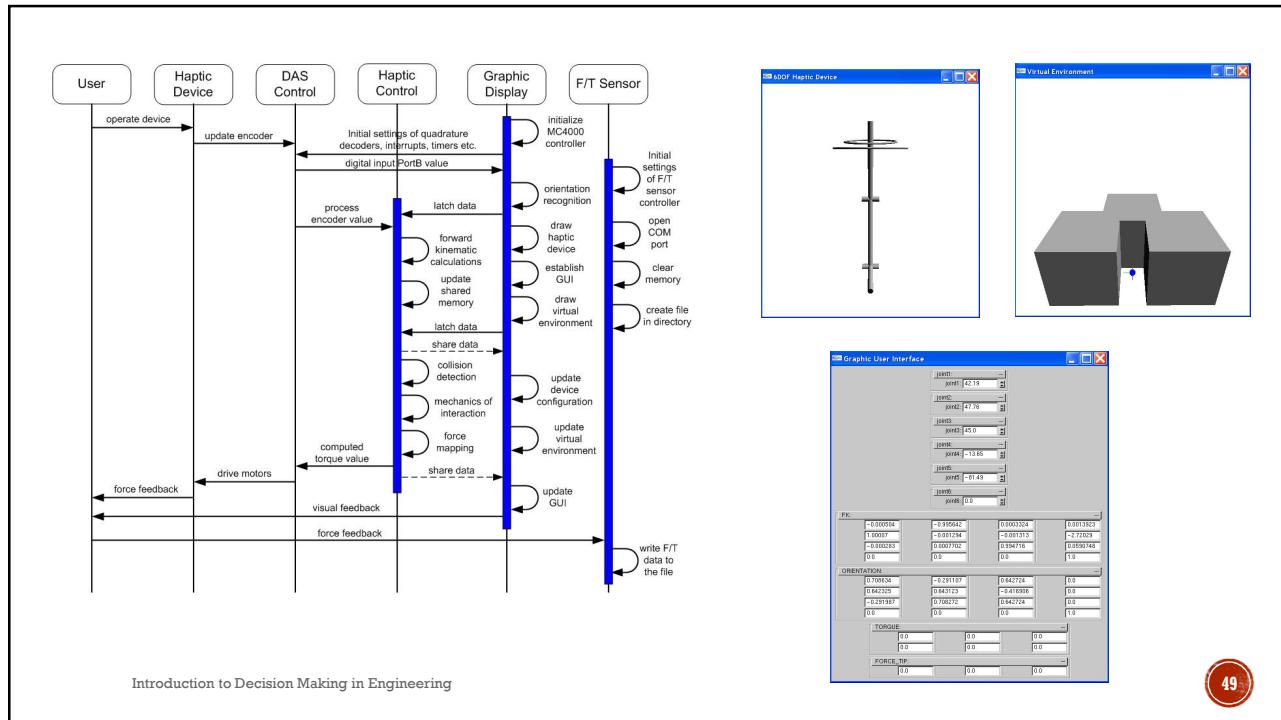


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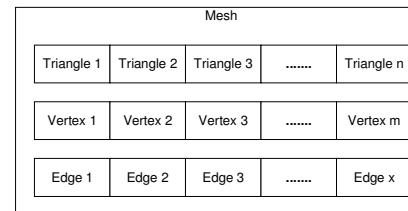
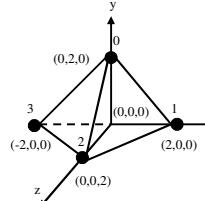
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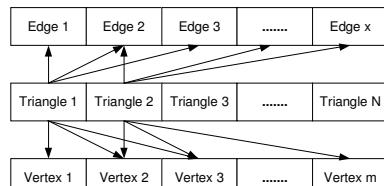
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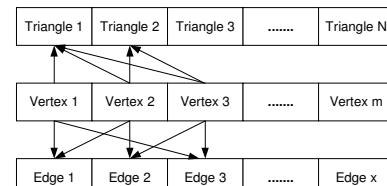
Mesh data structure

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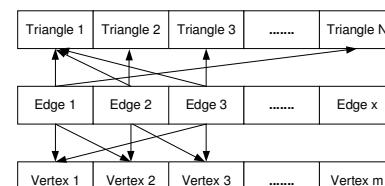
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Triangle's pointers to its vertices and edges



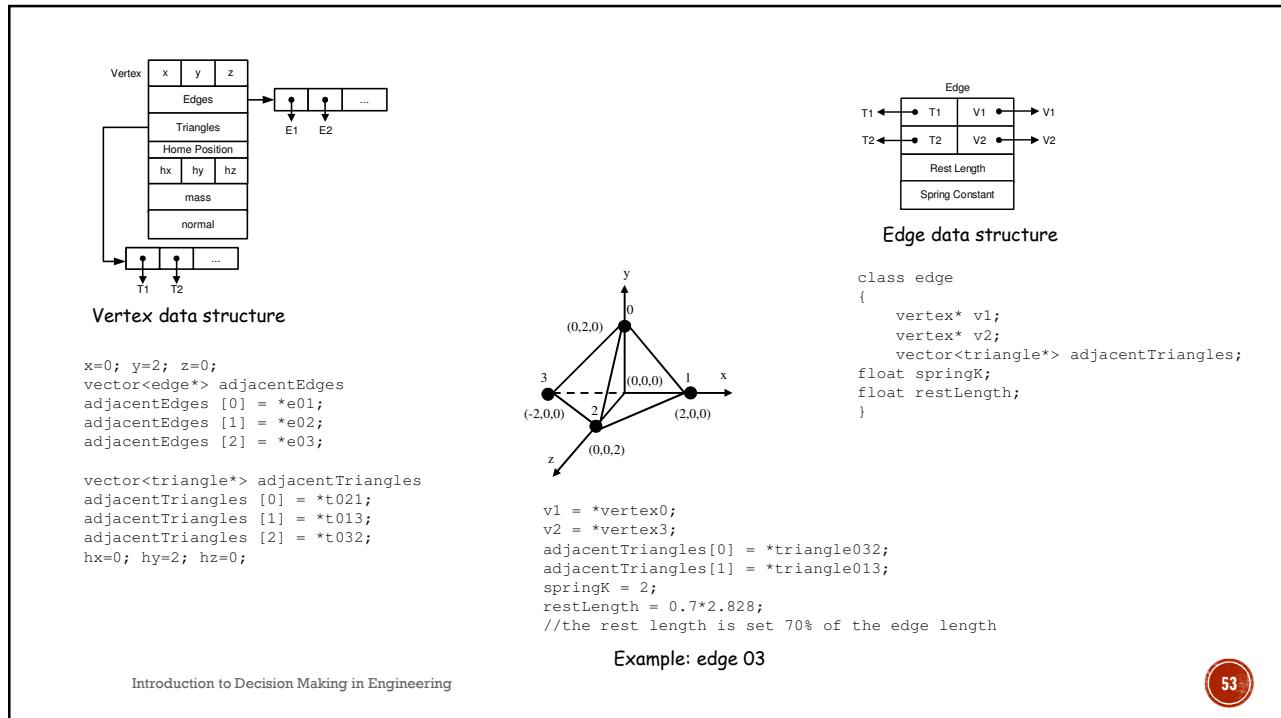
Vertex's pointers to adjacent triangles and edges



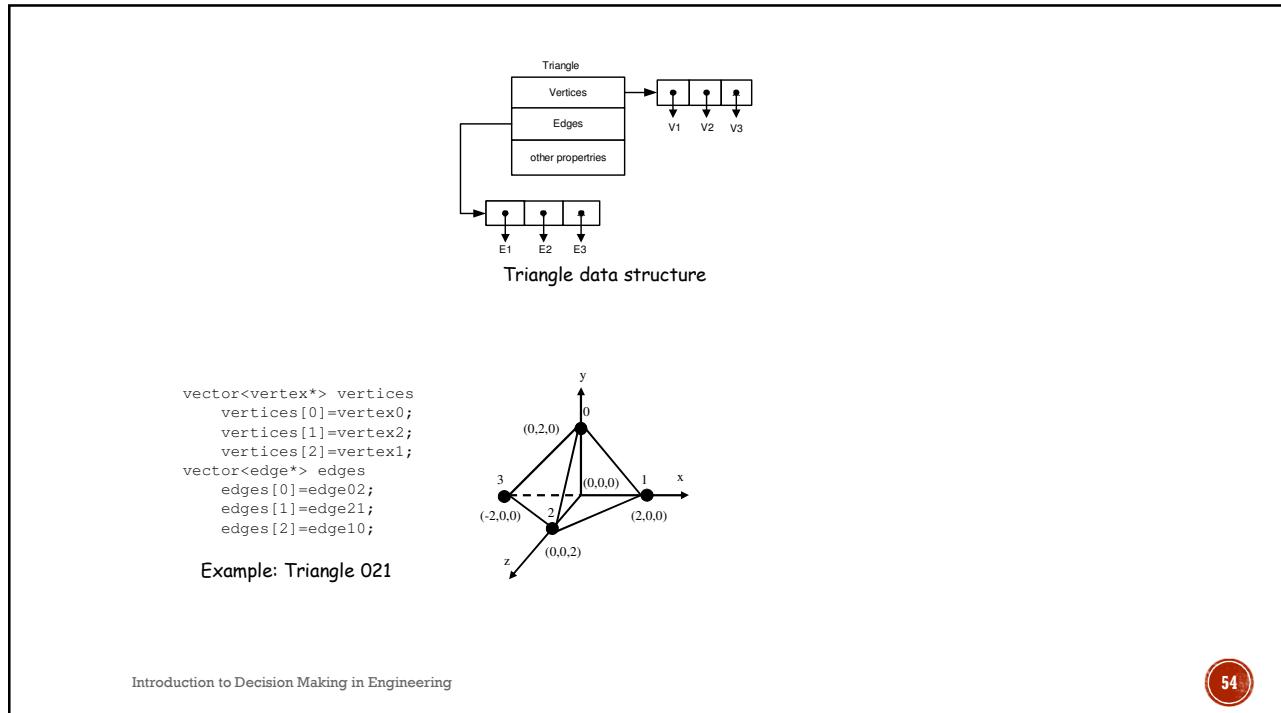
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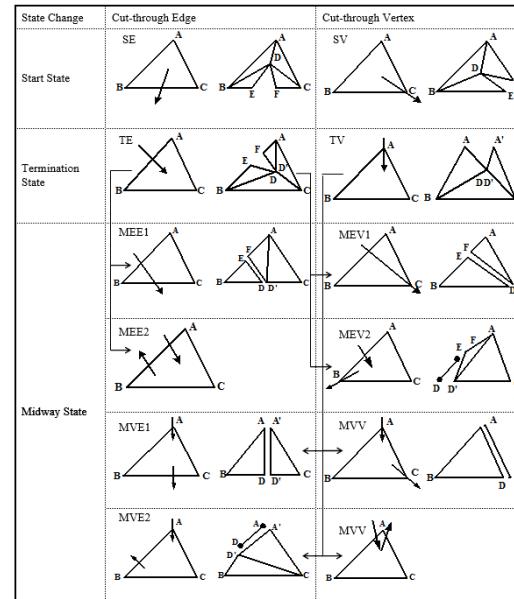


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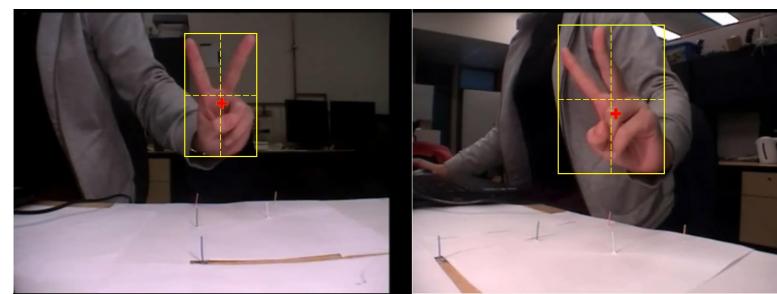
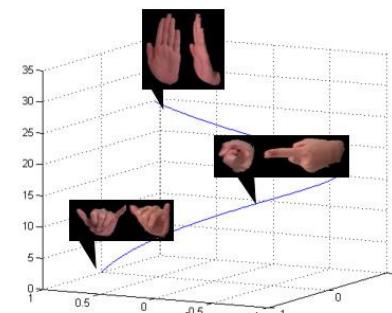
Decision making matrix
for dividing triangle



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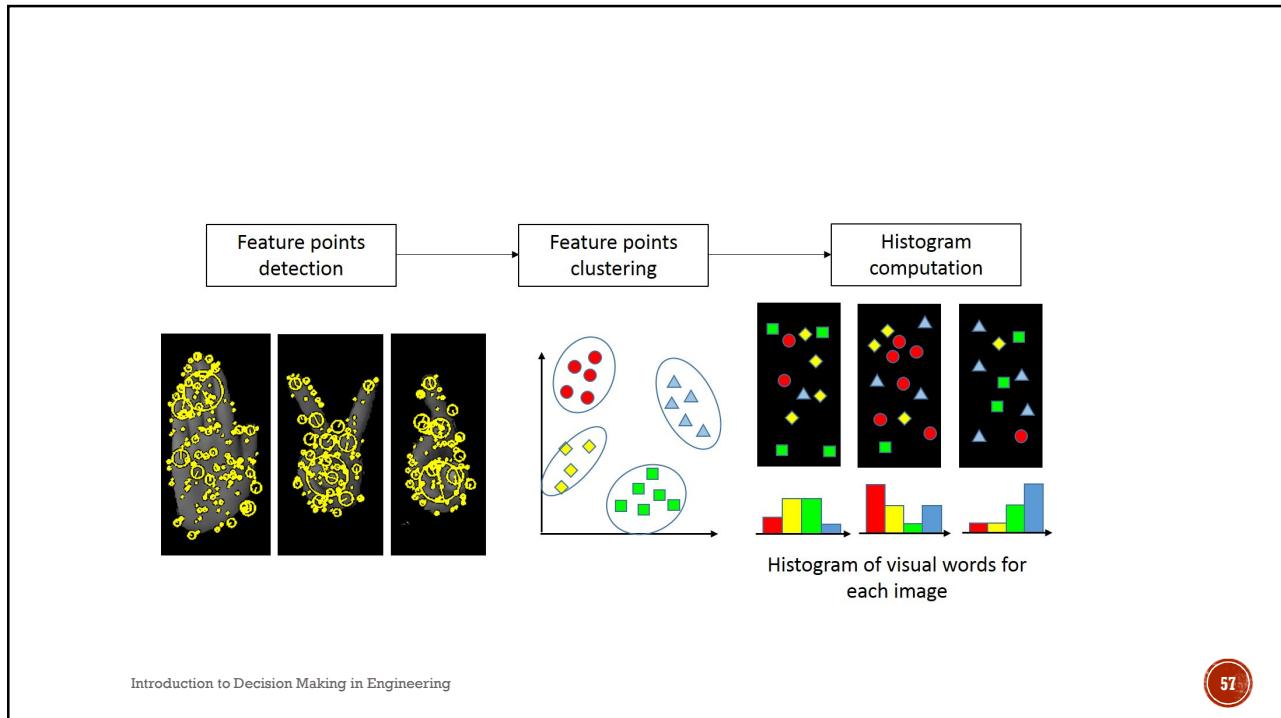
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Hand Gesture Recognition



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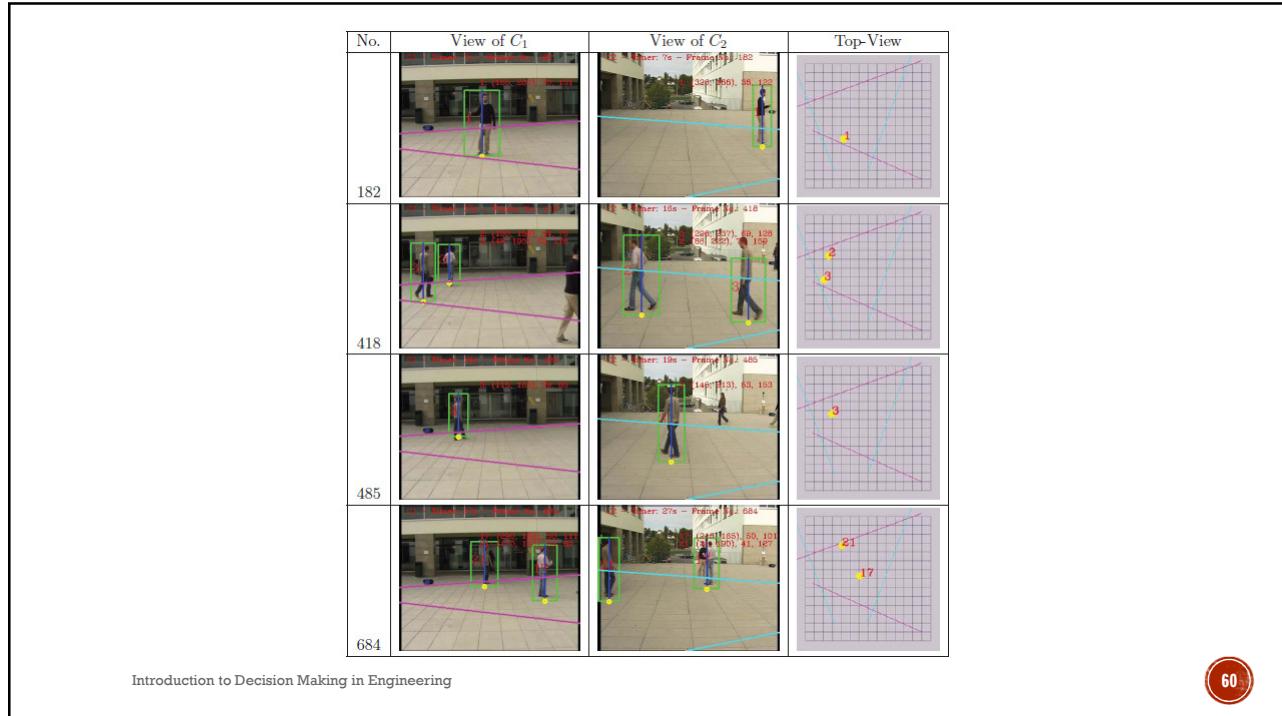
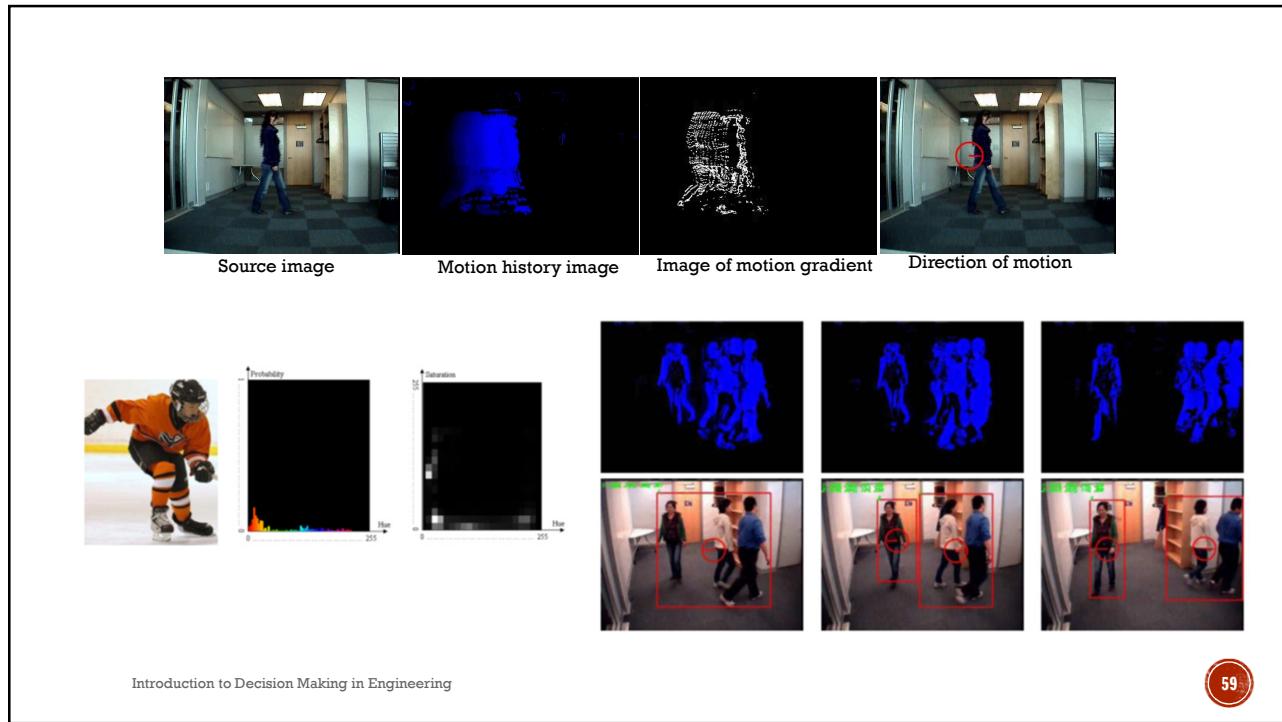
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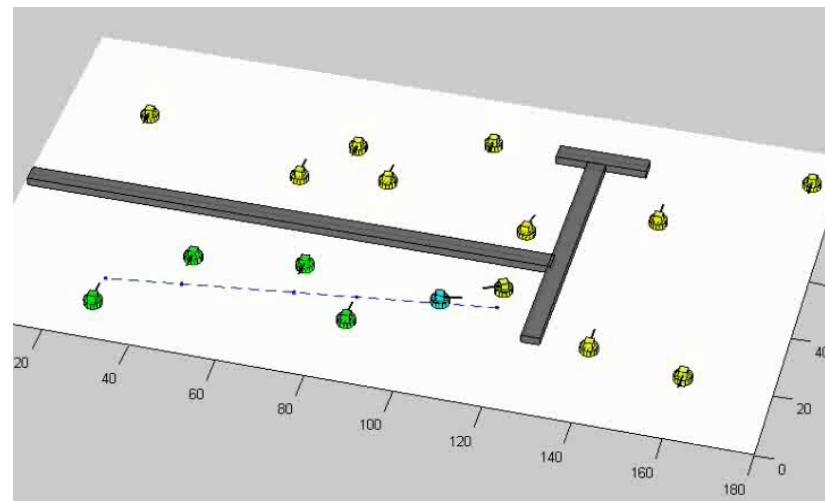
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Point	0	17	3	52	7	2
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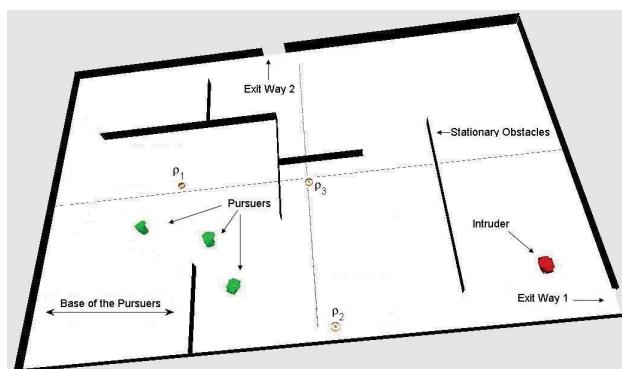
Robot Recharging Problem



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Multi-Robot Pursuit Problem



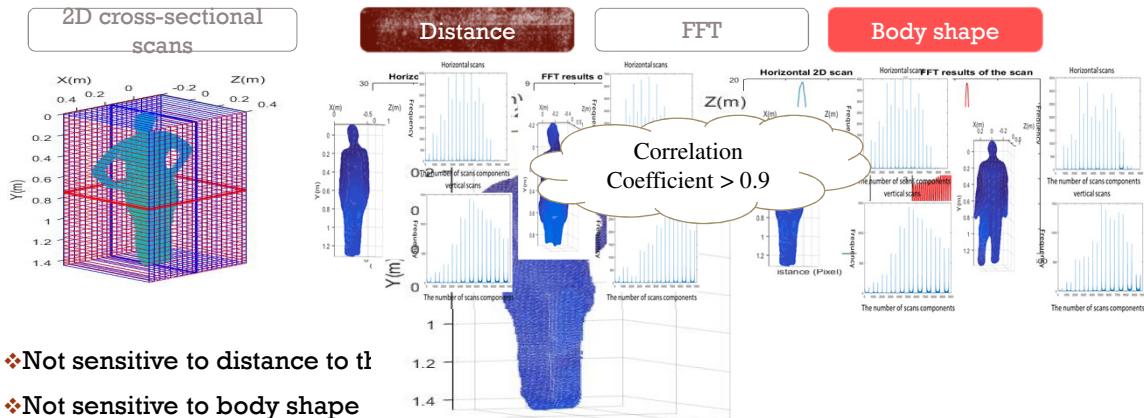
Group Profit Matrix

$$\Phi_{n \times m} = \begin{bmatrix} \Pi_1 \\ \Pi_2 \\ \vdots \\ \Pi_n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \pi_1(\rho_1) & \pi_1(\rho_2) & \cdots & \pi_1(\rho_m) \\ \pi_2(\rho_1) & \pi_2(\rho_2) & \cdots & \pi_2(\rho_m) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \pi_n(\rho_1) & \pi_n(\rho_2) & \cdots & \pi_n(\rho_m) \end{bmatrix}$$

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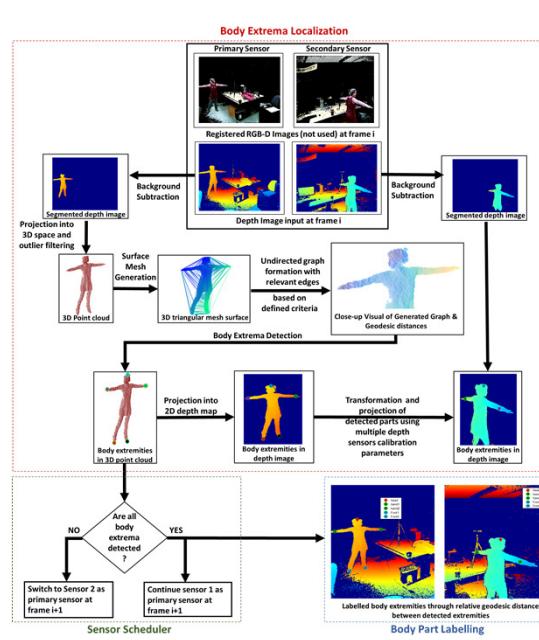
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