

Design of Advanced Methods in the Field of Industrial Robotics fitting into the Concept of Industry 4.0

Doctoral Thesis

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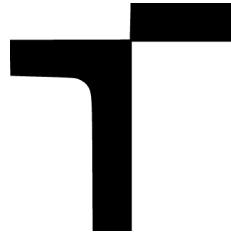
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Research Objectives



Design of a versatile robotic workstation in accordance with the Industry 4.0 concept.

- Vertical system integration for seamless interoperability.
- Human-machine interface (HMI) and a simulation tool using Unity3D.

Development of advanced methods in the field of industrial robotics.

- Comprehensive approach to kinematic solutions and motion planning across a variety of robotic manipulators, including under-articulated, articulated, and over-articulated structures.
- Collision avoidance mechanism to prevent collisions with external objects or self-collision, all while ensuring computational efficiency.

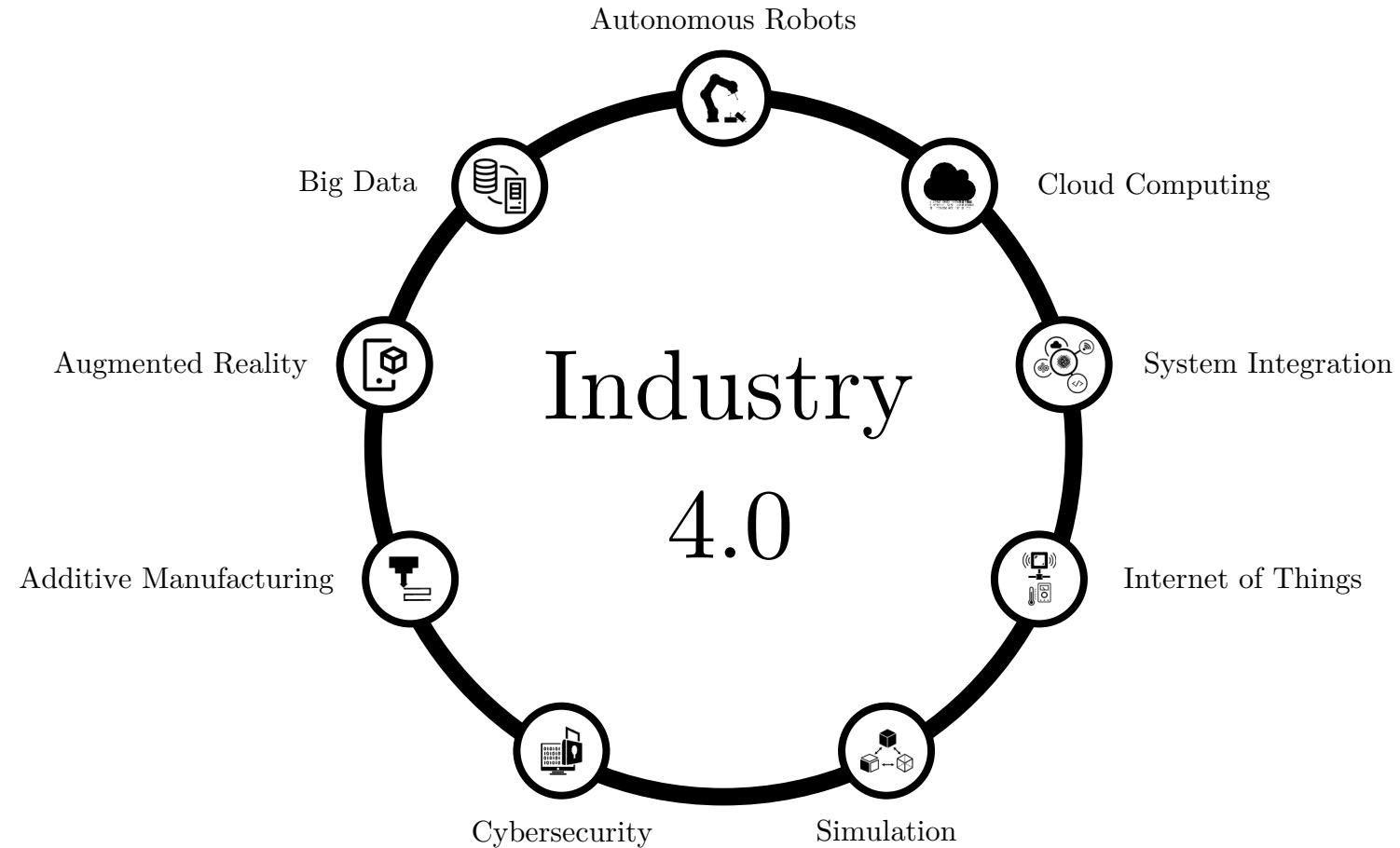
A critical research objective is to consider the impact of versatility, education, and future expansion.

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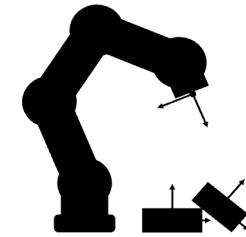
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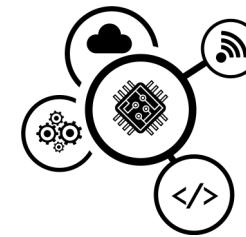
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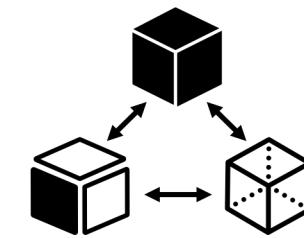


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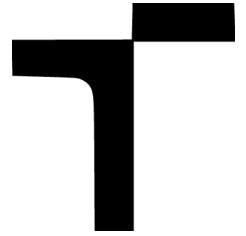
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System
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Simulation



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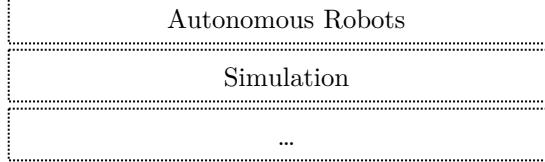
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The Future of the Industry?

Industry 5.0

→ Artificial Intelligence

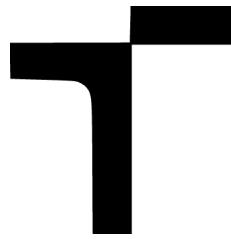


→ Versatility

→ Modularity

→ Adaptability

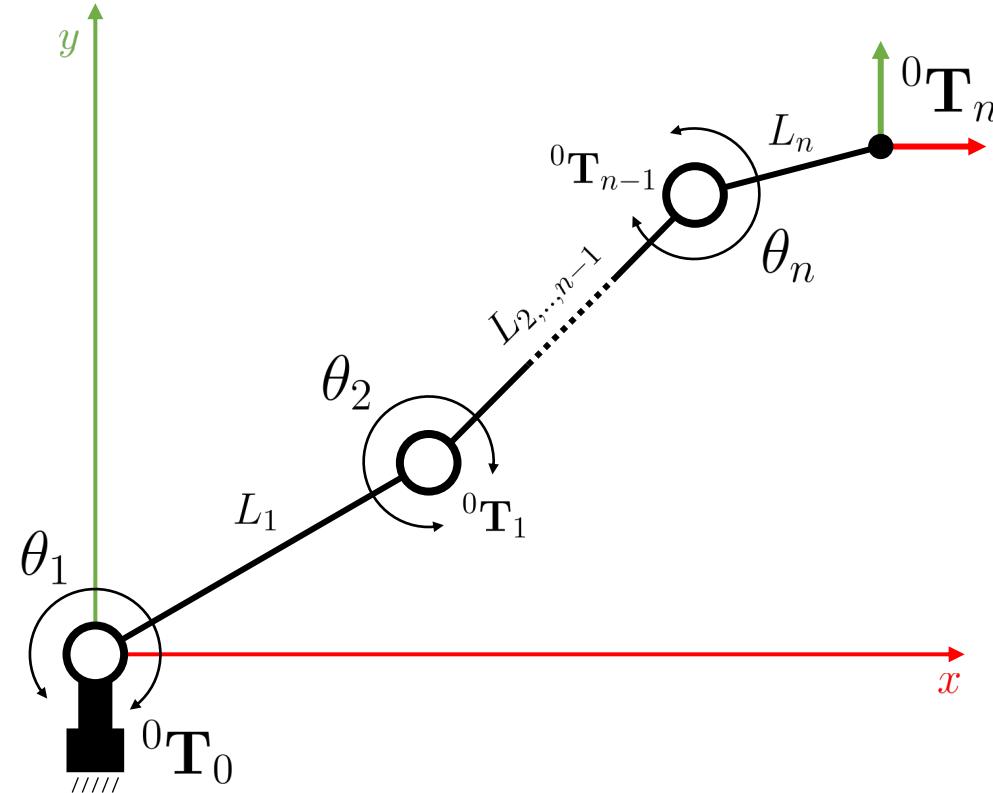
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Forward Kinematics

$$f(\theta_1, \dots, \theta_n) = {}^0\mathbf{T}_n$$

Inverse Kinematics

$$\theta_1, \dots, \theta_n = f^{-1}({}^0\mathbf{T}_n)$$

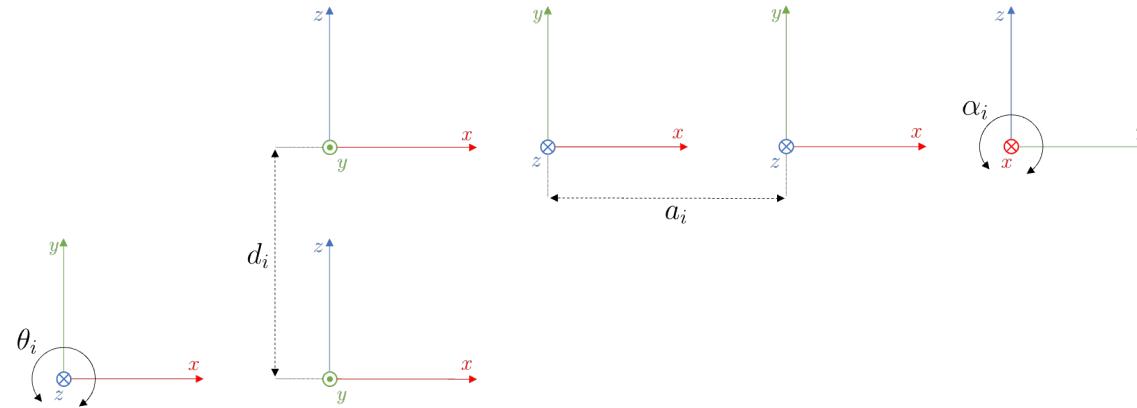
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Denavit-Hartenberg Convention

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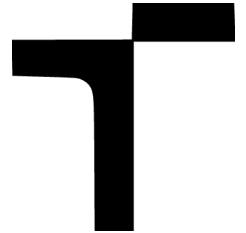


Standard Convention

$$\begin{aligned} {}^{i-1}\mathbf{T}_i &= \mathbf{Rot}_{x,\alpha_i} \mathbf{Trans}_{x,a_i} \mathbf{Rot}_{z,\theta_i} \mathbf{Trans}_{z,d_i} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} c_{\theta_i} & -s_{\theta_i}c_{\alpha_i} & s_{\theta_i}s_{\alpha_i} & a_i c_{\theta_i} \\ s_{\theta_i} & c_{\theta_i}c_{\alpha_i} & -c_{\theta_i}s_{\alpha_i} & a_i s_{\theta_i} \\ 0 & s_{\alpha_i} & c_{\alpha_i} & d_i \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \end{aligned}$$

Modified Convention

$$\begin{aligned} {}^{i-1}\mathbf{T}_i &= \mathbf{Rot}_{x,\alpha_{i-1}} \mathbf{Trans}_{x,a_{i-1}} \mathbf{Rot}_{z,\theta_i} \mathbf{Trans}_{z,d_i} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} c_{\theta_i} & -s_{\theta_i} & 0 & a_{i-1} \\ s_{\theta_i}c_{\alpha_{i-1}} & c_{\theta_i}c_{\alpha_{i-1}} & -s_{\alpha_{i-1}} & -d_i s_{\alpha_{i-1}} \\ s_{\theta_i}s_{\alpha_{i-1}} & c_{\theta_i}s_{\alpha_{i-1}} & c_{\alpha_{i-1}} & d_i c_{\alpha_{i-1}} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$



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Inverse Kinematics Numerical Solutions

Jacobian Matrix

$$J(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{J}_P \\ \mathbf{J}_O \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{J}_{P_1} & \dots & \mathbf{J}_{P_n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \mathbf{J}_{O_1} & \dots & \mathbf{J}_{O_n} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial p_e^x}{\partial \theta_1} & \dots & \frac{\partial p_e^x}{\partial \theta_n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial \omega_e^z}{\partial \theta_1} & \dots & \frac{\partial \omega_e^z}{\partial \theta_n} \end{bmatrix}$$

Jacobian Transpose Method

$$\dot{\theta} = \alpha J(\theta)^T \mathbf{v}_e$$

Gauss-Newton Method

$$\dot{\theta} = (\mathbf{H})^{-1} J(\theta)^T \mathbf{W}_e \mathbf{v}_e$$

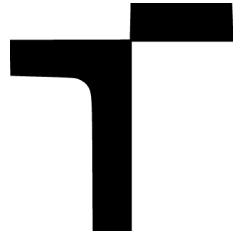
Newton-Raphson Method

$$\dot{\theta} = (\mathbf{H})^{-1} J(\theta)^T \mathbf{W}_e \mathbf{v}_e$$

Levenberg-Marquardt Method

$$\dot{\theta} = (\mathbf{A})^{-1} J(\theta)^T \mathbf{W}_e \mathbf{v}_e$$

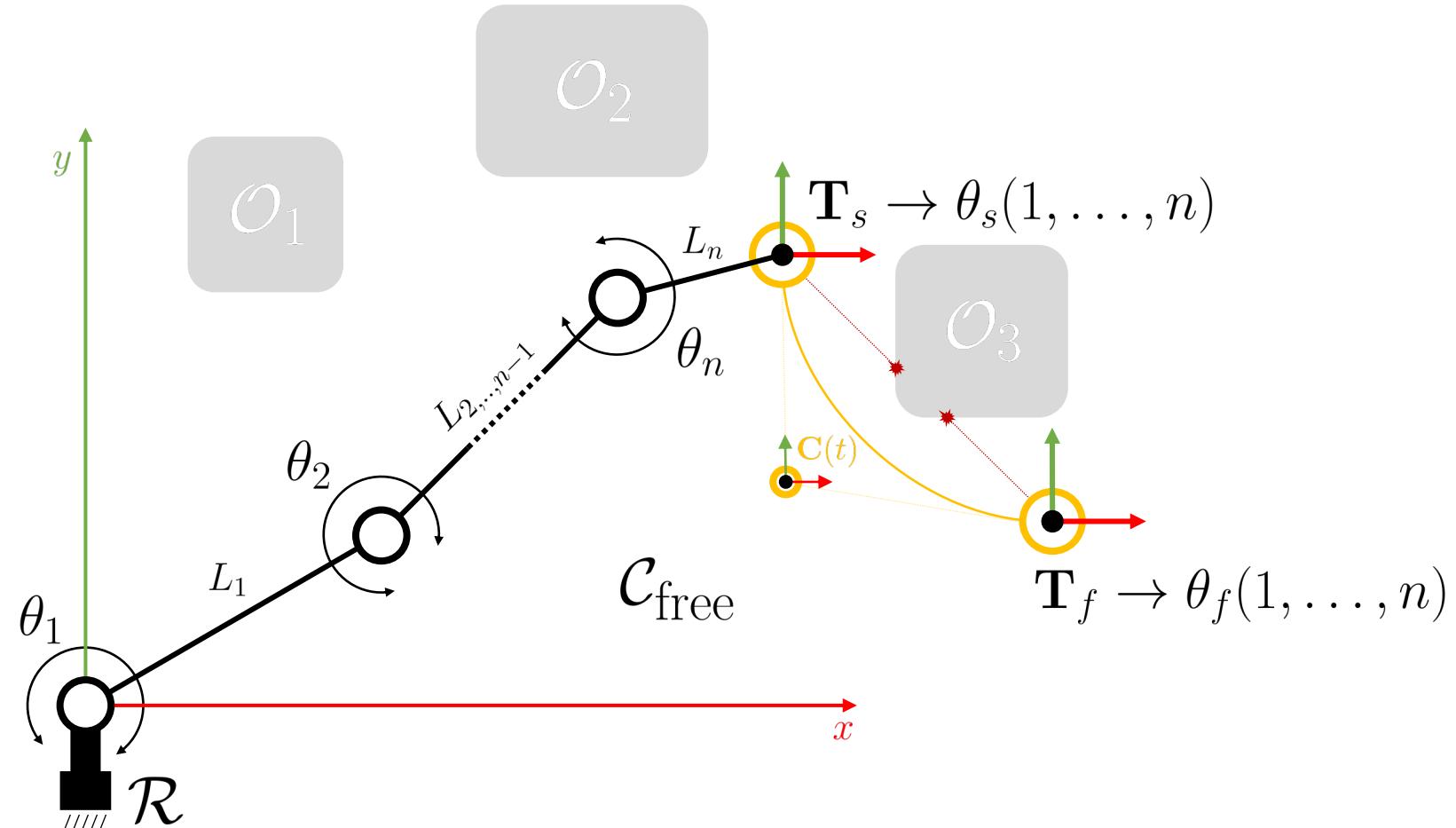
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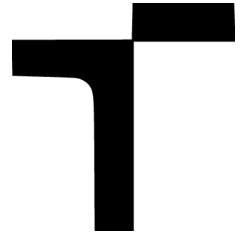


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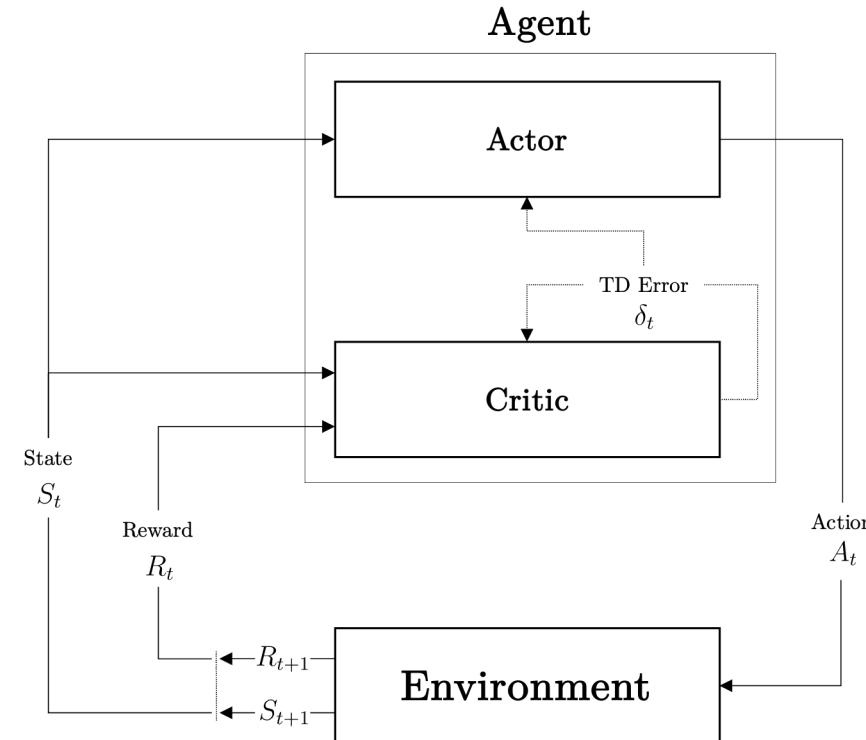
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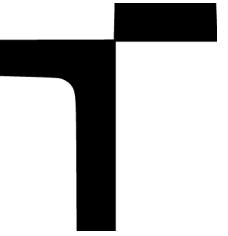
Deep Reinforcement Learning



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Deep Deterministic Policy Gradient
(DDPG)

$$L(\theta, D) = \mathbb{E}_D[(Q_\theta(s, a) - (R_t + \gamma(1 - d)\max_{a'} Q_{\theta_{\text{targ}}}(s', \mu_{\text{targ}}(s'))))^2]$$

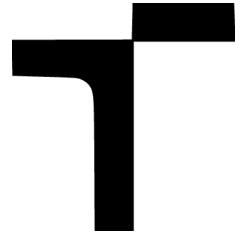
Twin Delayed Deep Deterministic
Policy Gradient (TD3)

$$L(\theta_i, D) = \mathbb{E}_D[(Q_{\theta_i}(s, a) - (R_t + \gamma(1 - d)\min_{i \in 0,1} Q_{\theta_{i,\text{targ}}}(s', \mu_{\text{targ}}(s'))))^2]$$

Soft Actor-Critic (SAC)

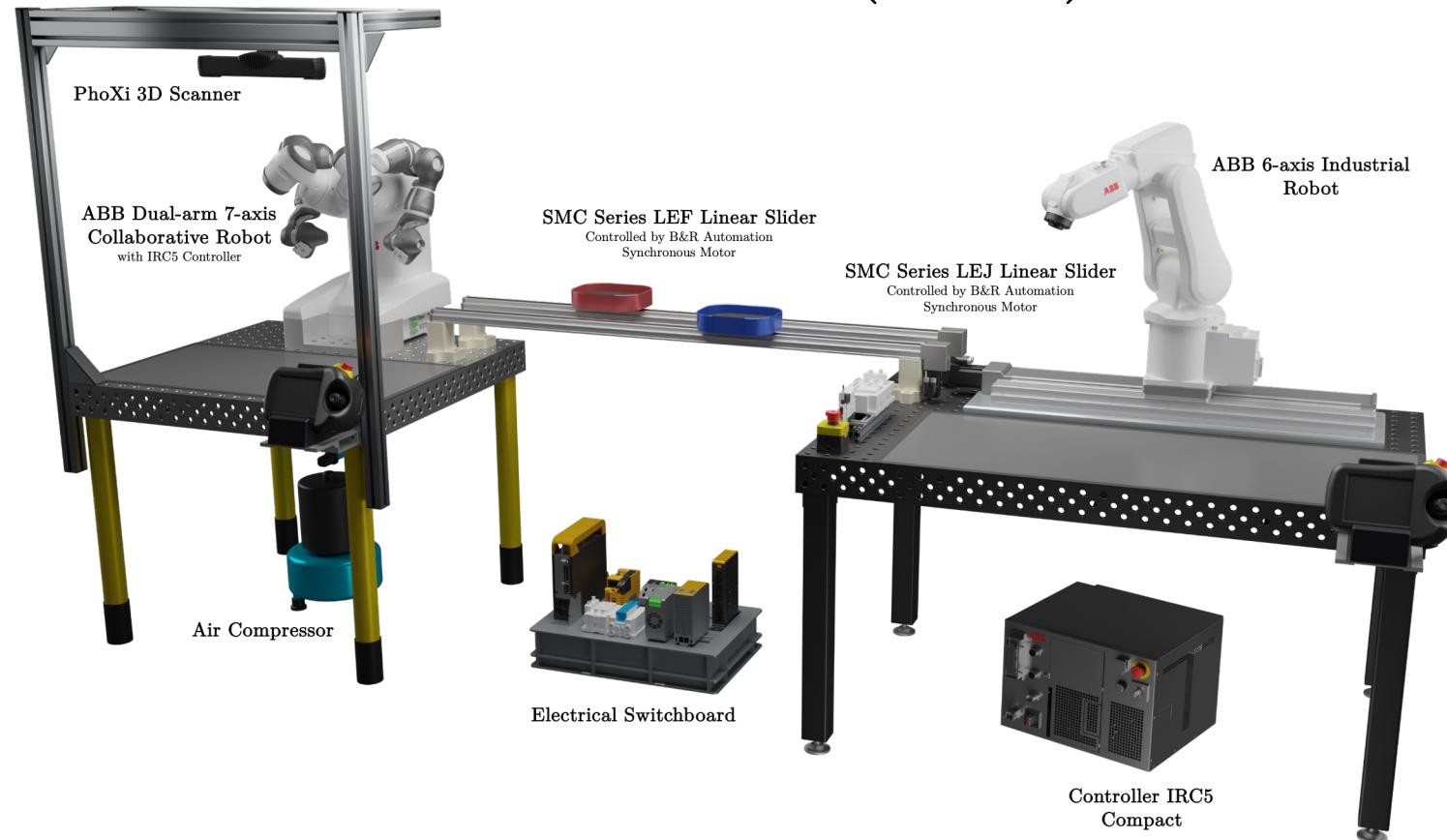
$$L(\theta_i, D) = \mathbb{E}_D[(Q_{\theta_i}(s, a) - y(r, s', d))^2]$$

$$y(r, s', d) = R_t + \gamma(1 - d)(\min_{i \in 0,1} Q_{\theta_{i,\text{targ}}}(s', a') - \alpha \log \pi(a' | s'))$$



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Versatile Intelligent Robotic Workstation (VInRoS)



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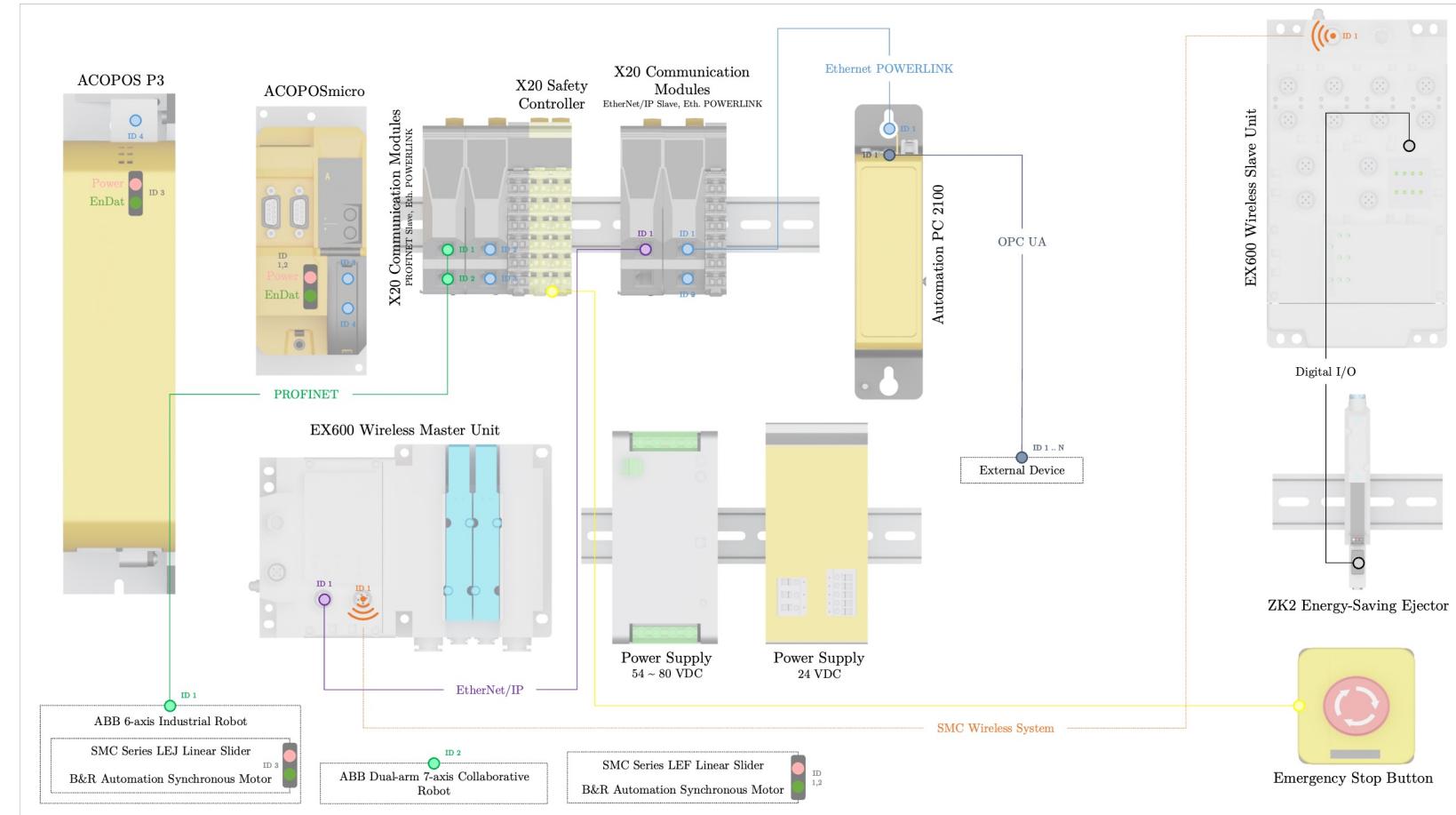
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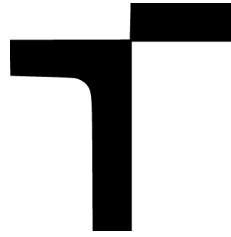
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A **web-based** Human-Machine Interface (HMI) that manages data using the **OPC UA** (Open Platform Communications Unified Architecture).

Efficient **control**, **error handling**, and **monitoring** of the entire system.

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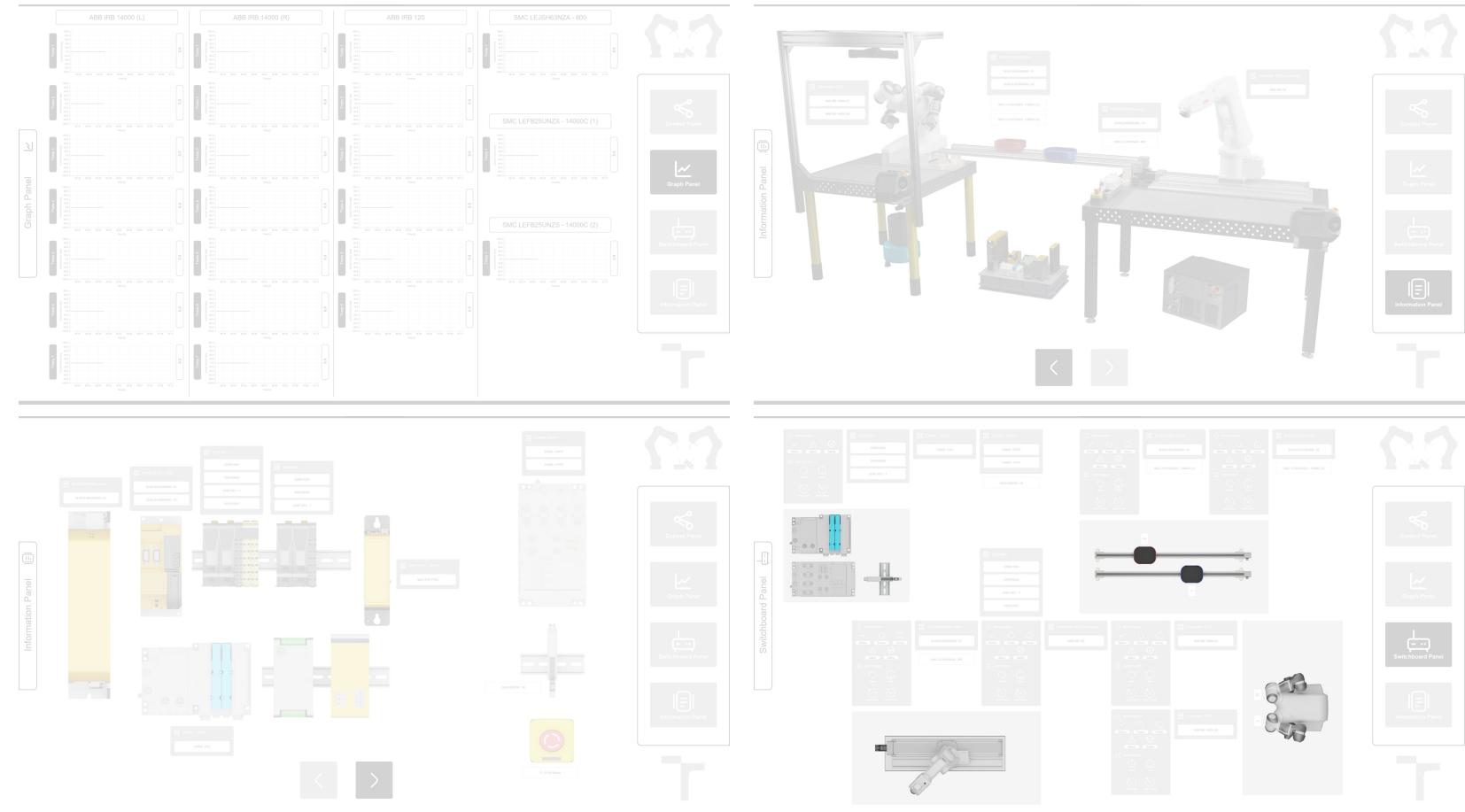
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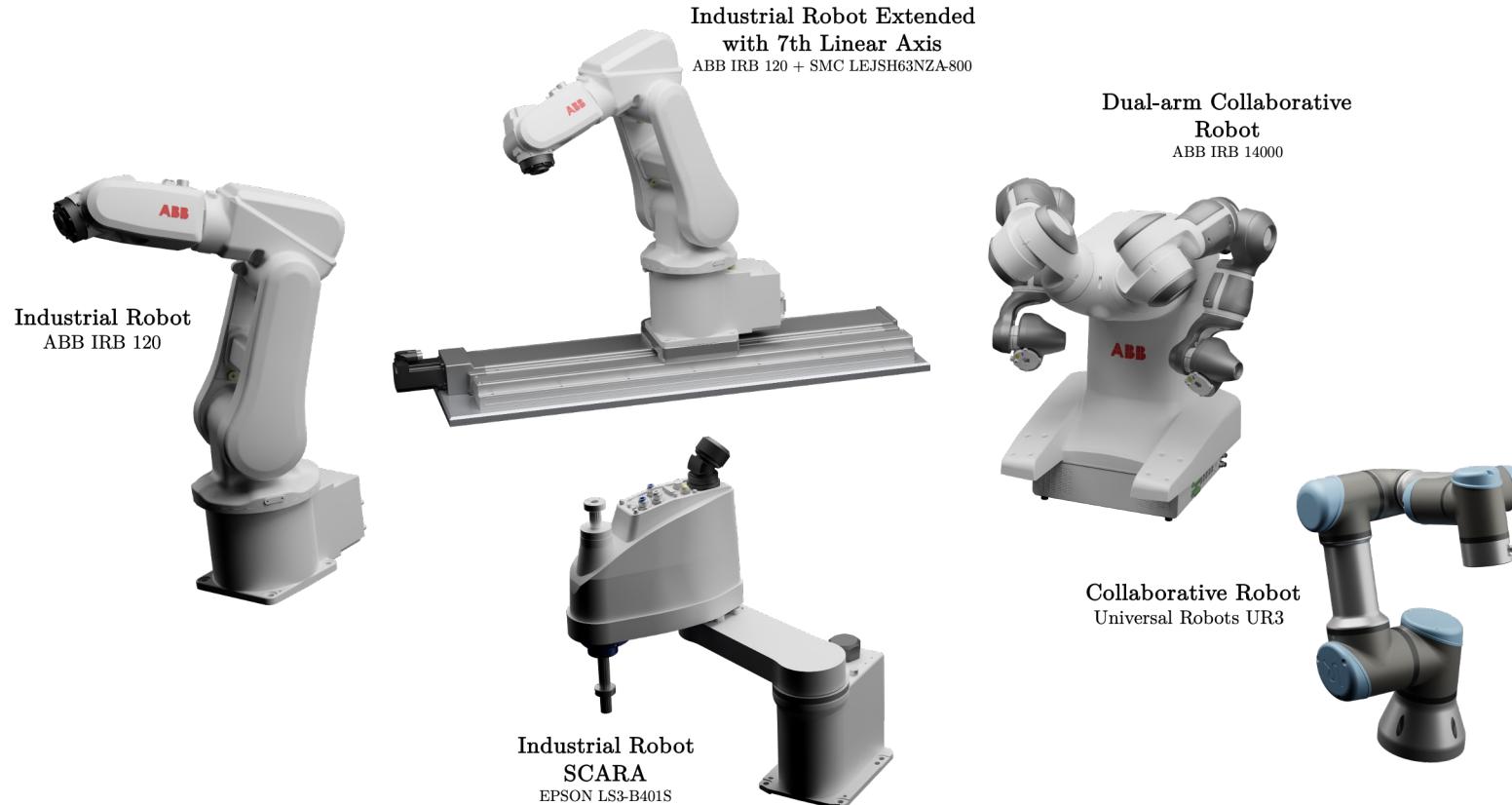
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Geometric Representation

$$f(\theta_{1,\dots,n}) = {}^0\mathbf{T}_n$$

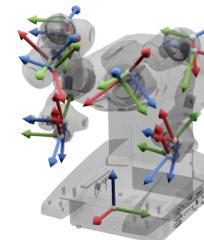
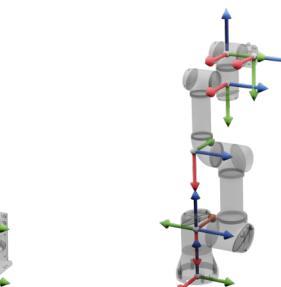
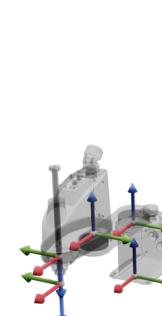
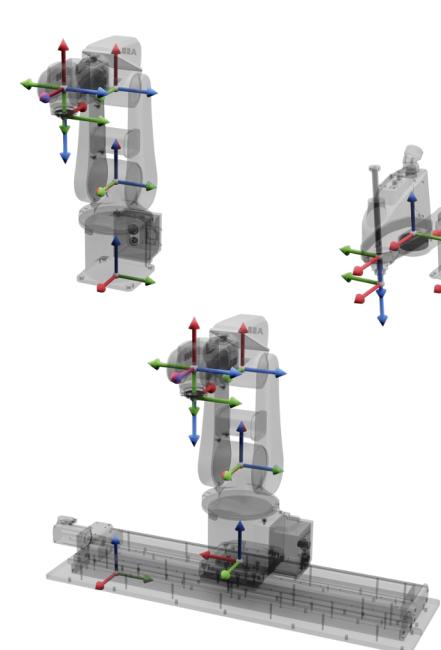
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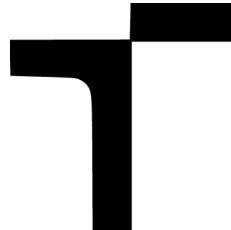
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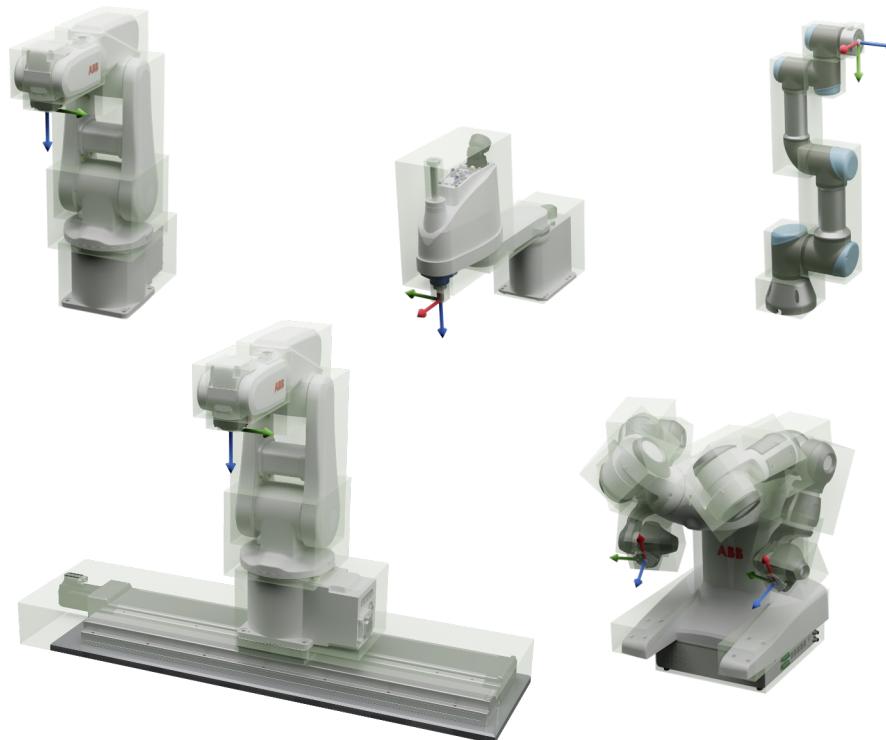
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Total result time in seconds obtained by the test, which consists of 100,000 random targets, for Forward Kinematics calculation using the specified method.

| Robot Type | Standard Denavit–Hartenberg Parameters | Modified Denavit–Hartenberg Parameters | Simplified Denavit–Hartenberg Parameters |
|----------------------|--|--|--|
| Universal Robots UR3 | 13.32 | 13.55 | 5.66 |
| ABB IRB 120 | 13.88 | 14.39 | 5.69 |
| ABB IRB 120 Ext. | 16.34 | 16.80 | 5.98 |
| ABB IRB 14000 (L) | 17.33 | 17.78 | 7.59 |
| ABB IRB 14000 (R) | 17.32 | 17.75 | 7.57 |
| Epson LS3-B401S | 10.17 | 10.45 | 3.38 |

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Collision Structure



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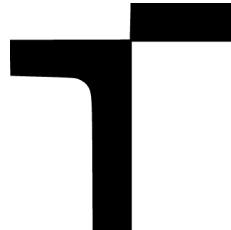
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Approximation of the individual parts of the
robotic structure using **bounding boxes**.

The static objects forming the base of the
robot were approximated with **Axis-Aligned
Bounding Boxes (AABBs)**, and dynamic
objects such as joints with **Oriented
Bounding Boxes (OBBs)**.

Individual components of the structure were
automatically approximated and aligned
using homogeneous transformation matrices.

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Results of reducing the number of collision pairs through optimization performed on 100,000 random targets.

| Robot Type | Number of Base Colliders O_{base} | Number of Joint Colliders O_θ | Initial Number of Collision Pairs | Optimized Number of Collision Pairs |
|----------------------|--|---|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Universal Robots UR3 | 1 | 6 | 21 | 8 |
| ABB IRB 120 | 1 | 6 | 21 | 7 |
| ABB IRB 120 Ext. | 2 | 7 | 36 | 14 |
| ABB IRB 14000 (L) | 6 | 7 | 78 | 26 |
| ABB IRB 14000 (R) | 6 | 7 | 78 | 26 |
| Epson LS3-B401S | 1 | 4 | 10 | 2 |

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Numerical Solution of Inverse Kinematics using the Informed Levenberg-Marquardt (LM) Method

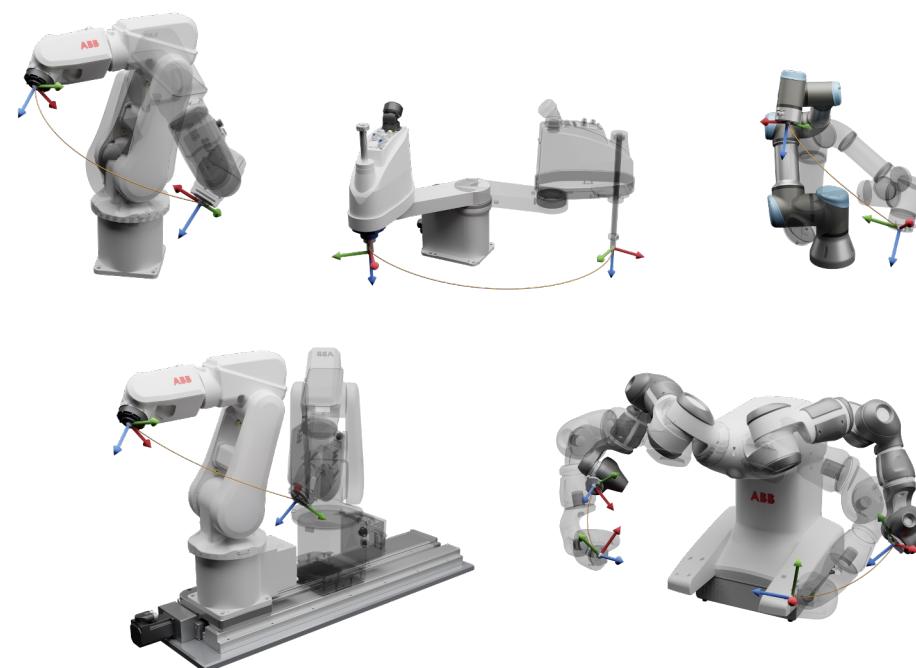
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Levenberg-Marquardt Method

$$\dot{\theta} = (J(\theta)^T \mathbf{W}_e J(\theta) + \mathbf{W}_n)^{-1} J(\theta)^T \mathbf{W}_e \mathbf{v}_e$$

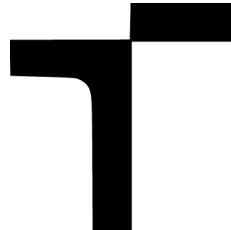
Spatial velocity of the end-effector from the end-effector's current pose to the desired pose.

$$\mathbf{v}_{e,i}(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{p}_d - \mathbf{p}_i \\ \alpha(\mathbf{R}_d \mathbf{R}_i^T) \end{bmatrix}$$

Quadratic error.

$$E = \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{v}_e^T \mathbf{W}_e \mathbf{v}_e$$

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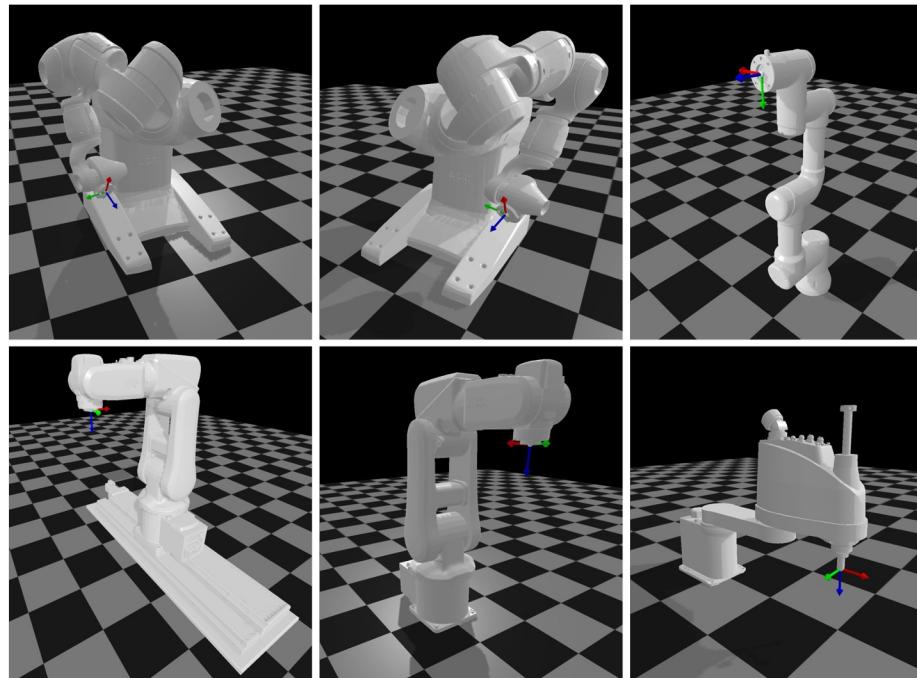
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Results of the kinematic solution obtained through the informed Levenberg-Marquardt method, based on one hundred generated points. The tolerance E was set to 1e-30. The position error is given in metres.

| Robot Type | Mean Position Error \bar{e}_p | Mean Orientation Error \bar{e}_Q | Mean Quadratic Error \bar{E} | Mean Number of Iterations \bar{N} |
|----------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| Universal Robots UR3 | 4.012e-16 | 1.060e-14 | 2.608e-31 | 7.633 |
| ABB IRB 120 | 1.227e-16 | 1.230e-14 | 4.602e-32 | 6.861 |
| ABB IRB 120 Ext. | 2.460e-16 | 1.601e-14 | 1.168e-31 | 6.514 |
| ABB IRB 14000 (L) | 2.466e-16 | 2.077e-05 | 1.281e-31 | 6.683 |
| ABB IRB 14000 (R) | 1.879e-16 | 1.538e-05 | 8.873e-32 | 6.792 |
| Epson LS3-B401S | 4.386e-16 | 2.880e-14 | 1.673e-31 | 10.702 |

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Bullet Real-Time Physics Simulation



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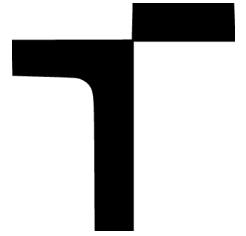
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Automatic generation of **Universal Robot Description Format (URDF)** files from Denavit-Hartenberg (DH) parameters.

Validation of **kinematics, collision avoidance mechanism, and trajectory generation** across a variety of robotic manipulators.



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Unity Real-Time Development Platform



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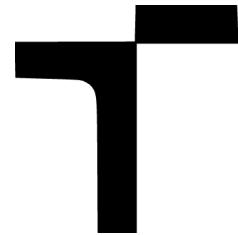
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Custom simulation tool based on
Unity3D to integrate the entire
VInRoS.

The application's data management
is entirely based on the **OPC UA**
architecture.

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Comparison of Actor-Critic Methods for Reaching Tasks in Pre-Defined Spaces

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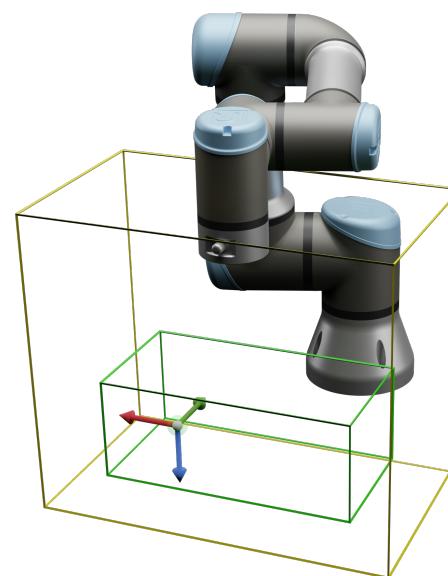
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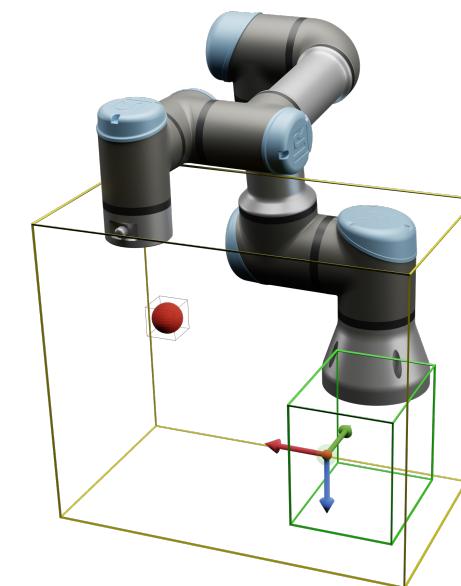
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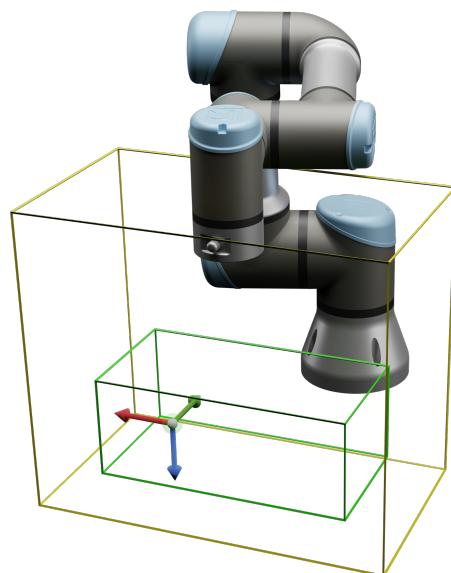
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Configuration Space without any External
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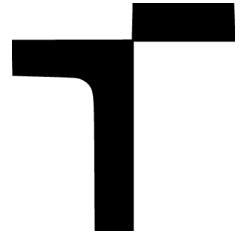


The action space consists of the **end-effector movement** command in **three-dimensional Euclidean space**.

Reward Function

$$R_i = -(\|\mathbf{p}_d - \mathbf{p}_i\|)$$

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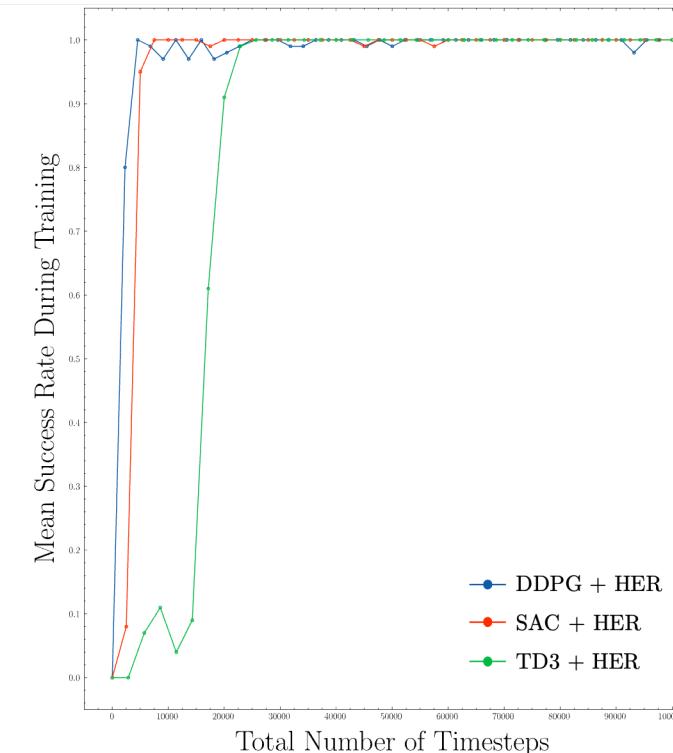
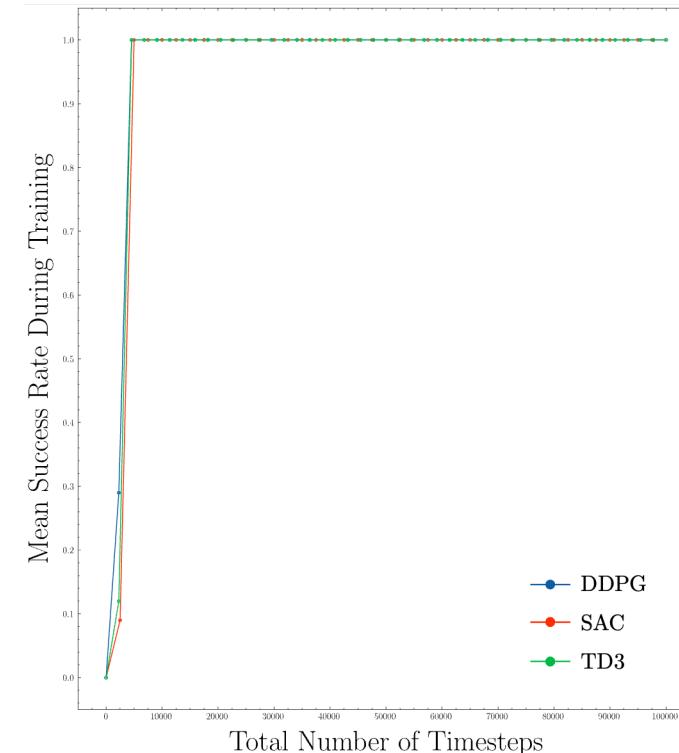
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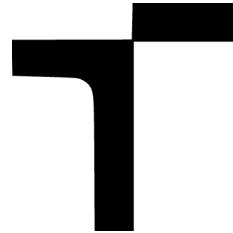
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Results comparing various DRL algorithms. The minimum success rate required to meet the specified criteria was set at 0.98.

| Algorithm | Success Rate | Percentage of Successful Targets | Mean Reward per Episode | Mean Episode Length |
|------------|--------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| DDPG | 0.98 – 1.0 | 95.86% | -0.388 | 5.299 |
| DDPG + HER | 0.98 – 1.0 | 89.83% | -0.387 | 5.431 |
| SAC | 0.98 – 1.0 | 96.52% | -0.408 | 5.682 |
| SAC + HER | 0.98 – 1.0 | 94.85% | -0.407 | 5.701 |
| TD3 | 0.98 – 1.0 | 96.61% | -0.386 | 5.298 |
| TD3 + HER | 0.98 – 1.0 | 78.73% | -0.395 | 5.720 |

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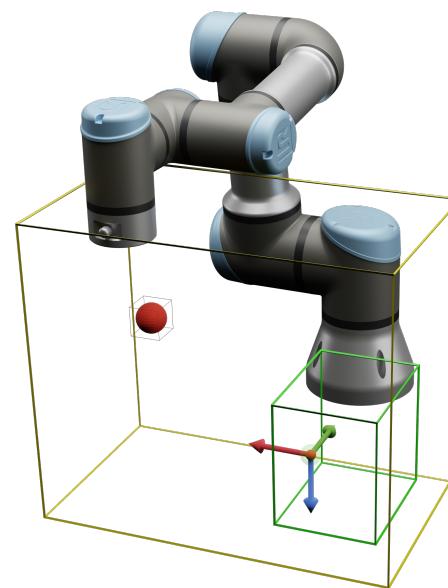
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The action space consists of the **end-effector movement** command in **three-dimensional Euclidean space**.

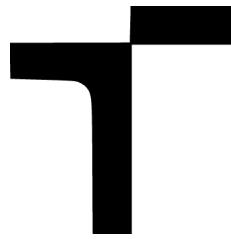
Reward Function

$$R_i = -(\|\mathbf{p}_d - \mathbf{p}_i\| + \frac{\gamma_{\mathcal{O}}}{1 + \|\mathbf{p}_{\mathcal{O}} - \mathbf{p}_i\|})$$



Penalty term with respect to the collision object.

Practical Part



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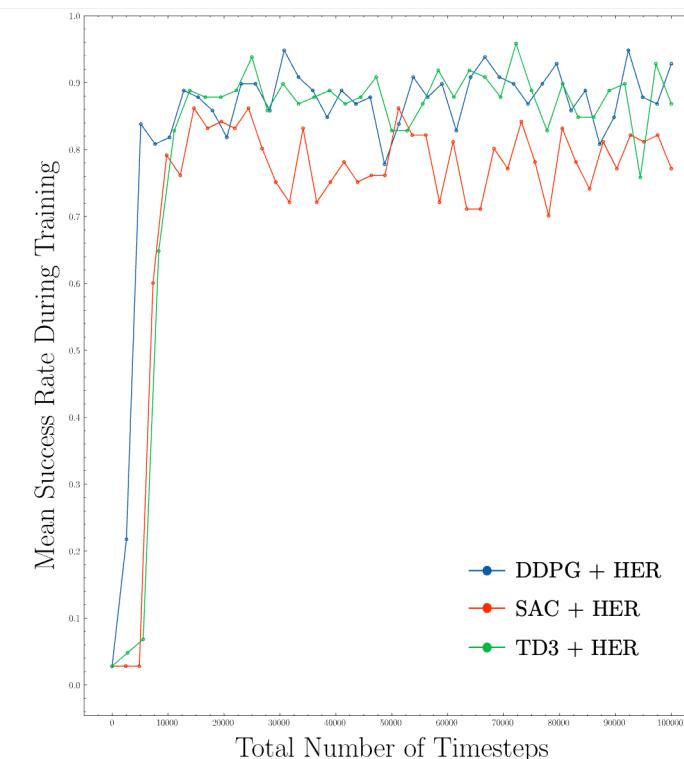
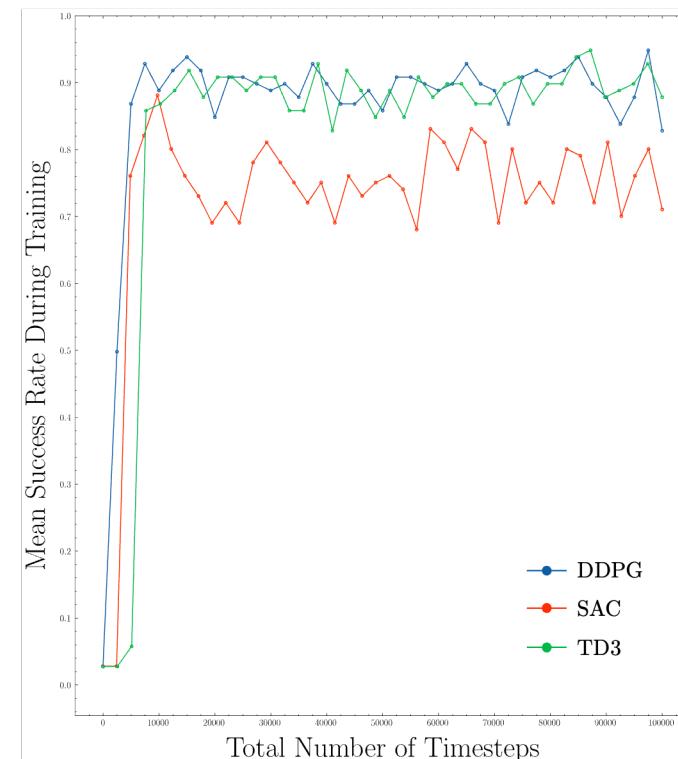
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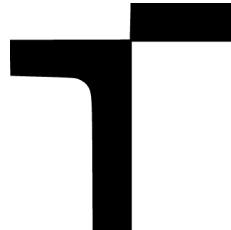
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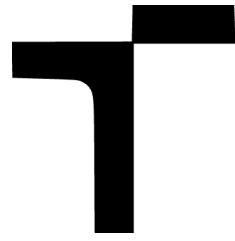
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Results comparing various DRL algorithms. The minimum success rate required to meet the specified criteria was set at 0.8.

| Algorithm | Success Rate | Percentage of Successful Targets | Mean Reward per Episode | Mean Episode Length |
|------------|--------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| DDPG | 0.8 – 0.97 | 95.01% | -0.710 | 5.866 |
| DDPG + HER | 0.8 – 0.96 | 86.72% | -0.711 | 5.944 |
| SAC | 0.8 – 0.85 | 5.048% | -0.709 | 5.684 |
| SAC + HER | 0.8 – 0.88 | 19.07% | -0.713 | 5.844 |
| TD3 | 0.8 – 0.96 | 89.59% | -0.711 | 5.901 |
| TD3 + HER | 0.8 – 0.94 | 81.99% | -0.718 | 6.146 |



Practical Part

Application of Selected Algorithms to
a Wide Range of Robotic Structures

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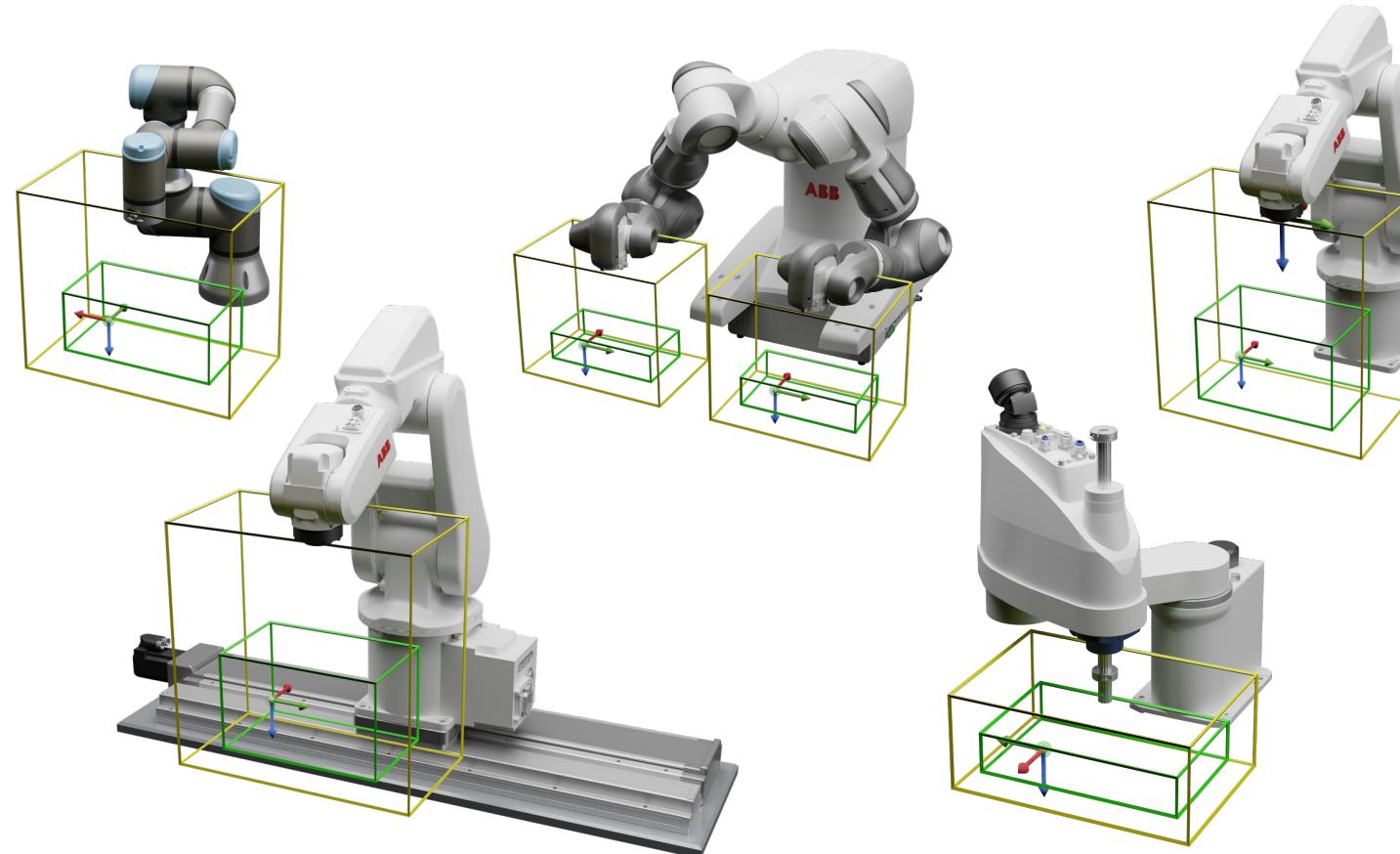
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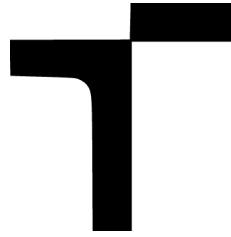
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Comparison of a wide range of robot structures using the TD3 algorithm in the training process. The minimum success rate required to meet the specifications was set at 0.98.

| Robot Type | Success Rate | Percentage of Successful Targets | Mean Reward per Episode | Mean Episode Length |
|----------------------|--------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| Universal Robots UR3 | 0.98–1.0 | 96.61% | −0.386 | 5.298 |
| ABB IRB 120 | 0.98–1.0 | 84.32% | −0.602 | 6.073 |
| ABB IRB 120 Ext. | 0.98–1.0 | 87.65% | −0.637 | 6.647 |
| ABB IRB 14000 (L) | 0.98–1.0 | 94.51% | −0.256 | 4.593 |
| ABB IRB 14000 (R) | 0.98–1.0 | 91.69% | −0.256 | 4.608 |
| Epson LS3-B401S | 0.98–1.0 | 94.39% | −0.064 | 2.474 |

Comparison of a wide range of robot structures using the TD3 algorithm for one hundred randomly generated targets. The position error is given in meters.

| Robot Type | Success Rate | Mean Reward per Episode | Mean Episode Length | Mean Absolute Position Error |
|----------------------|--------------|-------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|
| Universal Robots UR3 | 1.0 | −0.365 | 4.94 | 0.0024 |
| ABB IRB 120 | 1.0 | −0.501 | 5.26 | 0.0055 |
| ABB IRB 120 Ext. | 1.0 | −0.502 | 5.16 | 0.0061 |
| ABB IRB 14,000 (L) | 1.0 | −0.233 | 4.21 | 0.0024 |
| ABB IRB 14,000 (R) | 1.0 | −0.228 | 4.13 | 0.0028 |
| Epson LS3-B401S | 1.0 | −0.059 | 2.32 | 0.0030 |

Practical Part

Application of Selected Algorithms to
a Wide Range of Robotic Structures \mathcal{E}_2

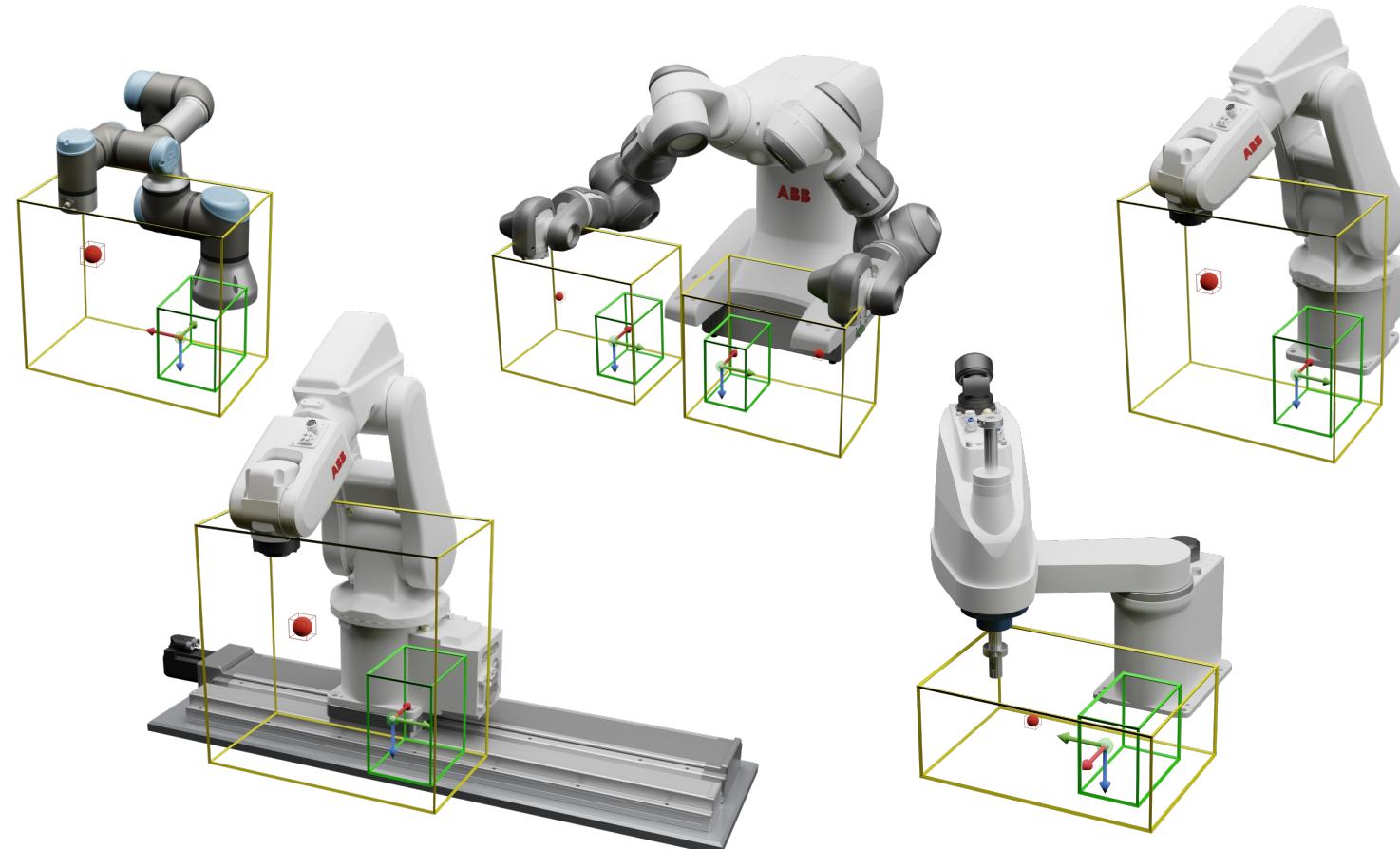
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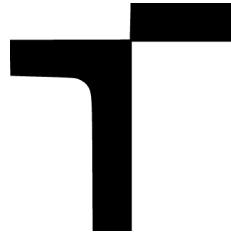
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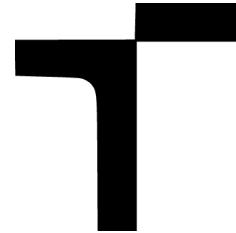
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| Robot Type | Success Rate | Percentage of Successful Targets | Mean Reward per Episode | Mean Episode Length |
|----------------------|--------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| Universal Robots UR3 | 0.8–0.97 | 95.01% | -0.710 | 5.866 |
| ABB IRB 120 | 0.8–0.98 | 95.26% | -0.874 | 6.609 |
| ABB IRB 120 Ext. | 0.8–0.98 | 96.83% | -1.031 | 8.041 |
| ABB IRB 14,000 (L) | 0.8–0.97 | 94.85% | -0.503 | 5.356 |
| ABB IRB 14,000 (R) | 0.8–0.96 | 92.14% | -0.499 | 5.227 |
| Epson LS3-B401S | 0.8–0.99 | 98.19% | -0.396 | 5.040 |

Comparison of a wide range of robot structures using the DDPG algorithm for one hundred randomly generated targets. The position error is given in meters.

| Robot Type | Success Rate | Mean Reward per Episode | Mean Episode Length | Mean Absolute Position Error |
|----------------------|--------------|-------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|
| Universal Robots UR3 | 1.0 | -0.711 | 6.04 | 0.0058 |
| ABB IRB 120 | 1.0 | -0.859 | 6.45 | 0.0023 |
| ABB IRB 120 Ext. | 1.0 | -0.945 | 6.98 | 0.0065 |
| ABB IRB 14,000 (L) | 1.0 | -0.471 | 5.15 | 0.0040 |
| ABB IRB 14,000 (R) | 1.0 | -0.470 | 5.12 | 0.0032 |
| Epson LS3-B401S | 1.0 | -0.374 | 4.79 | 0.0027 |

Conclusion



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Outlook for Future Research

Robotic Workstation in Accordance with the Industry 4.0 Concept

Designed the Versatile Intelligent Robotic Workstation (VInRoS), aligned with Industry 4.0 principles. Created vertical system integration for seamless interoperability.

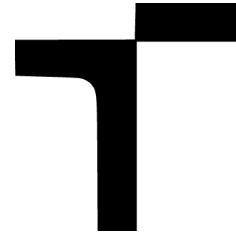
User Interface

Created a web-based Human-Machine Interface (HMI) for the basic control, error handling, and monitoring the entire VInRoS system.

Comprehensive Approach to Kinematics Solutions

Developed the informed Levenberg-Marquardt method to solve kinematics with extensions such as self-collision detection, collision avoidance, and singularity control.

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Physics-Based Simulation Tools

Developed a custom library for PyBullet and a modular simulation tool in Unity3D for comprehensive robotic simulation and data management based entirely on the OPC UA architecture.

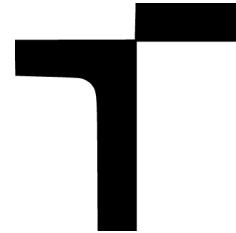
Advanced Motion Planning Techniques

Utilized deep reinforcement learning (DRL) to address motion planning challenges, showing high adaptability and efficiency across various environments.

Future Potential and Open-Source Contribution

Emphasized future research and educational impact, with a fully open-source approach for the general public.

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Research

Expand the Capabilities of the Versatile Intelligent Robotic Workstation (VInRoS)

Integrate new hardware and software to increase flexibility.

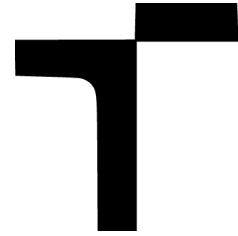
Use Sophisticated Simulation Tools

Explore advanced simulation tools such as NVIDIA Isaac Sim for simulation of robotic systems.

Leverage Evolutionary Computation Algorithms

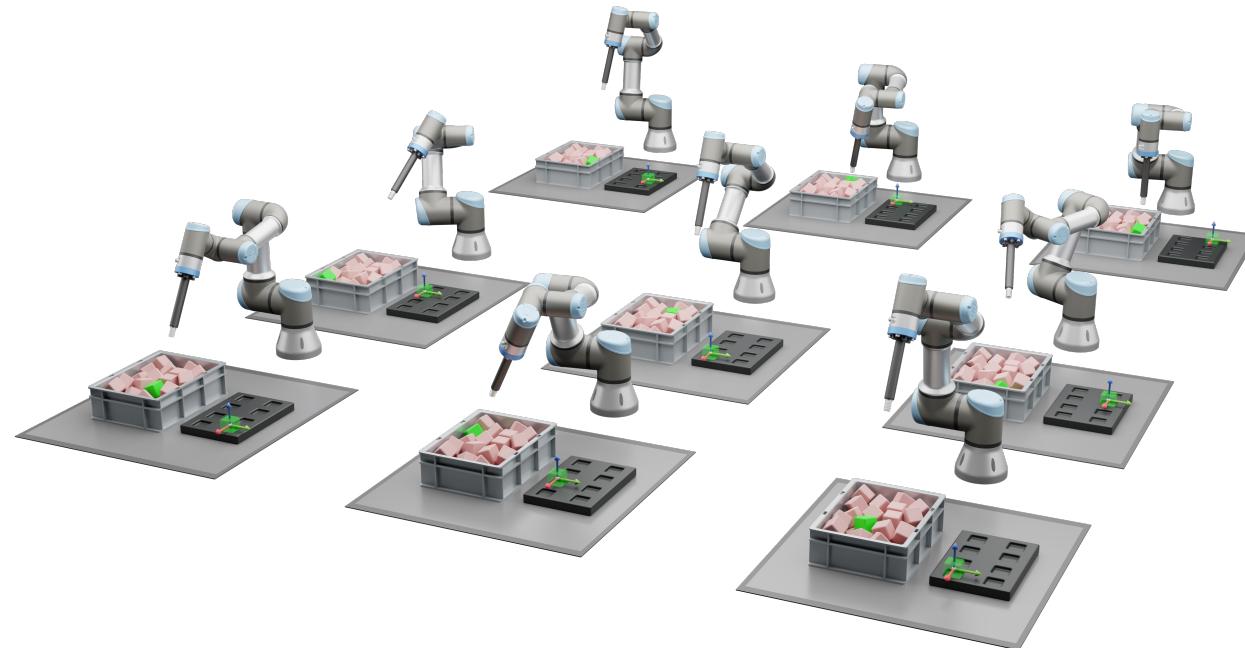
Combine with reinforcement learning techniques for more robust solutions.

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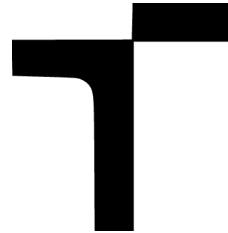
Advanced Motion Planning Strategies

Develop solutions for complex tasks using multi-agent methods such as Multi-Agent Deep Deterministic Policy Gradient (MADDPG).



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Activities Related to Doctoral Studies

General Activities

Traineeship

A six-month Erasmus+ research traineeship in the academic year 2021/22 at the Institute of Robotics, Johannes Kepler University in the field of advanced robotics.

Pedagogical Practice

Supervisor: Assoc. Univ.-Prof. DI Dr. Hubert Gattringer

Projects

Scientific Publications

Total Publications: 7 scientific papers

Citations: 29 citations by Google Scholar to date

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Conference & Workshop Presentations

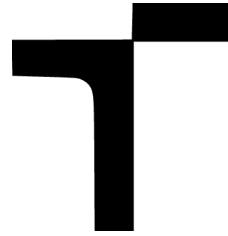
R. Parák, J. Kůdela, R. Matoušek, and M. Juříček, “Deep-Reinforcement-Learning-Based Motion Planning for a Wide Range of Robotic Structures,” Computation, vol. 12, no. 6, p. 116, 2024.

Presentations

Honors & Awards

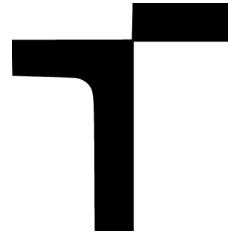
Cooperation with Industrial Partners

B&R Automation, SMC Industrial Automation, ABB Robotics, Industry Cluster 4.0, Intemac Solutions



Activities Related to Doctoral Studies

| | Other |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| General Activities | |
| Pedagogical Practice | Co-organization of conferences such as the International Conference on Soft Computing MENDEL and Principia Cybernetica. |
| Projects | Development of laboratories in the fields of general robotics, augmented reality, machine vision, and programmable logic controllers. |
| Conference & Workshop Presentations | Collaboration on creating a new course for the Master's degree in ' Programming of Robots and Manipulators ' and the Bachelor's degree in ' Industry 4.0 '. Creation of teaching materials for Bachelor's and Master's studies in English and Czech. |
| Honors & Awards | Supervisor (13 students) and co-supervisor (33 students) for the Bachelor's and Master's study programs in the field of robotics, machine vision, and artificial intelligence techniques. Reviewer of 26 student theses . |



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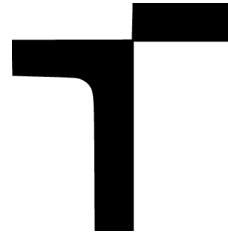
Academic Year: 2017/18 to 2023/2024

Winter semester

Computer Science (1IN), Control Theory I (VA1), Control Theory I in English (VA1-A),
Programmable Controller Systems (VPL & VPL-K), Virtual Reality (V0R)

Summer semester

Automation (6AA), Control Theory II (VA2), Industry 4.0 (0P4), **Programming for Robots and Manipulators (VRM & VRM-K)**, Industry 4.0 in English (VI4-A)



Activities Related to Doctoral Studies

General Activities

Research in the field of digital twins for the production of electrical switchboards. In cooperation with ABB Group.

Duration: 01.12.2018 — 31.05.2020

Pedagogical Practice

Industry 4.0 and Artificial Intelligence methods.

Duration: 01.03.2020 — 28.02.2023

Projects

OpenTube: Robotic workplace for analysis test samples of Covid-19. In cooperation with the University Hospital Brno.

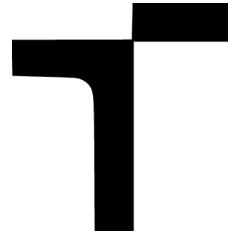
Duration: 18.01.2021 — 30.04.2022

Conference & Workshop Presentations

ATCZ281 - TESTBED EXCHANGE: Networking of Industry 4.0 testbeds in Czech- Austrian cooperation from the Operational Programme Interreg V-A Austria - Czech Republic.

Duration: 01.10.2021 — 31.12.2022

Honors & Awards



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General Activities

R. Parák and B. Lacko, "Introduction to Robotics for Young Scientists," Science enjoys us: Interactive and fun camps for children, Brno, Czech republic, 2018 & 2019.

Pedagogical Practice

R. Parák and B. Lacko, "Workshop: Industry 4.0 Cell (I4C)," Trade Media International: Conference on Robotics, Brno, Czech republic, 2020.

Projects

R. Parák, "Industry 4.0 Cell (I4C): A Robotic Cell Based on the Industry 4.0 Concept," Trade Media International: Conference on Robotics, Brno, Czech republic, 2021.

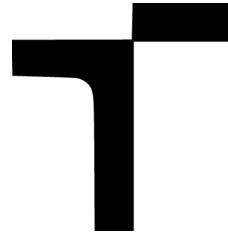
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R. Parák, "Industry 4.0 Cell (I4C): A Robotic Cell Based on the Industry 4.0 Concept," Industry 4.0 Cluster: Industry 4.0 Conference, Brno, Czech republic, 2021.

Honors & Awards

R. Parák, R. Matoušek, and B. Lacko, "Industry 4.0 Cell (I4C): A Brief Overview," Networking Czech and Austrian Testbeds for Industry 4.0, Vienna, Austria, 2022.

R. Parák and R. Matoušek, "Industry 4.0 Cell (I4C): A Brief Overview," B&R Headquarters: Networking Czech and Slovak Robotic Laboratories, Eggelsberg, Austria, 2023.



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General Activities

Pedagogical Practice

Silver medal (Team Award), Brno University of Technology, 2020.

Team Award - Robotic workplace for the analysis of test samples within the event Brno University of Technology helps with COVID-19.

Projects

Rector's Award for Ph.D. students, Brno University of Technology, 2020.

Rector's Award for Teachers, Brno University of Technology, 2023.

One of the top 10 teachers at the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering, Brno University of Technology, for the Master's program.

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