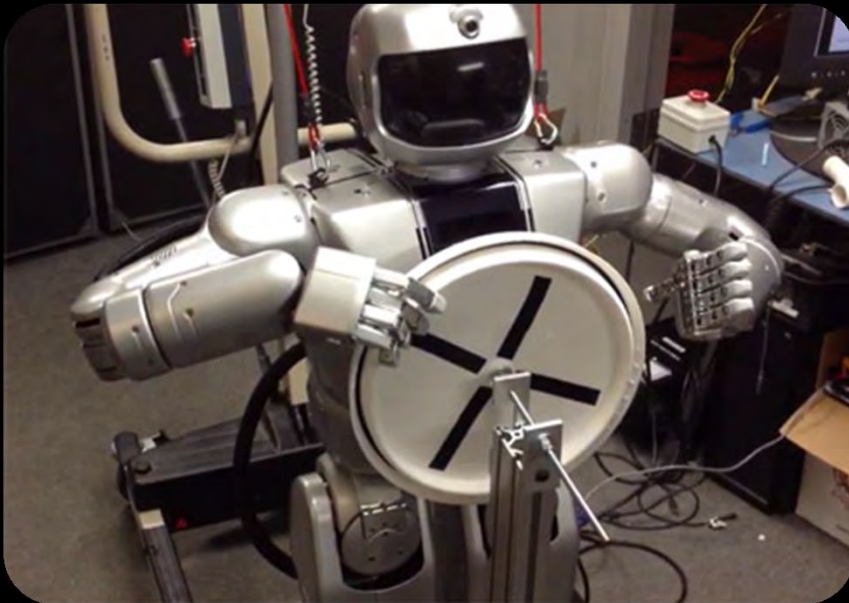


The Valve Turning Task

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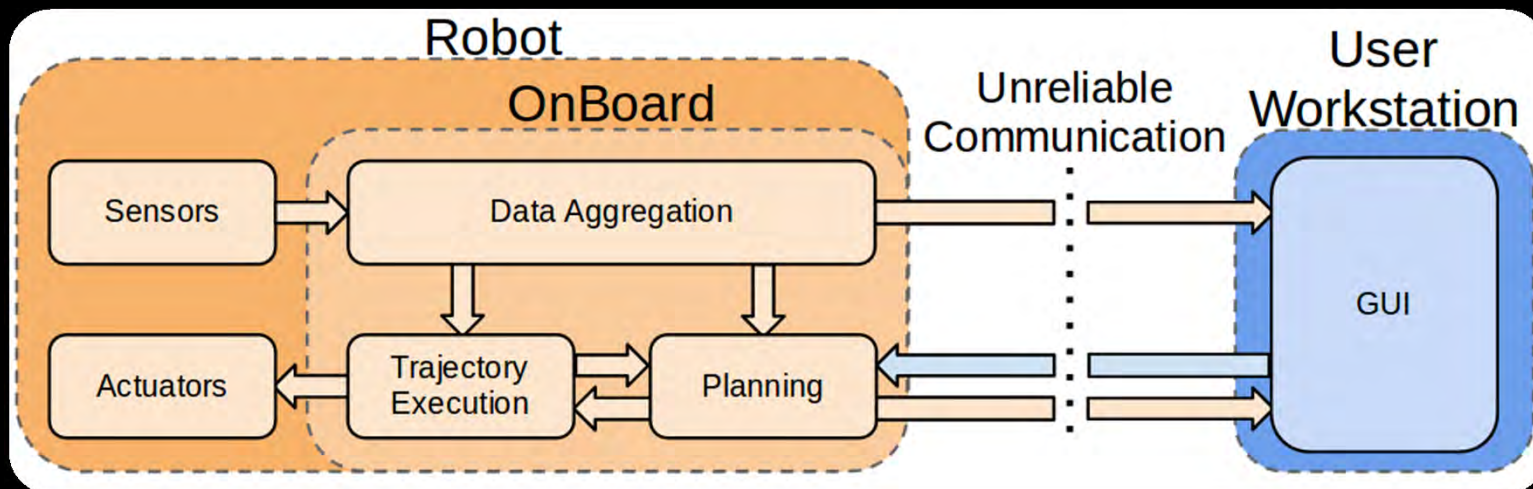
Valve Turning task



Challenges :

- Valve localization
 - Unreliable communication
 - Unknown environment
- Motion planning
 - Placement, IK for manipulation
 - Kinematic and Torque restriction
- Execution
 - Assess the success/failure of trajectory execution

User Guided Approach





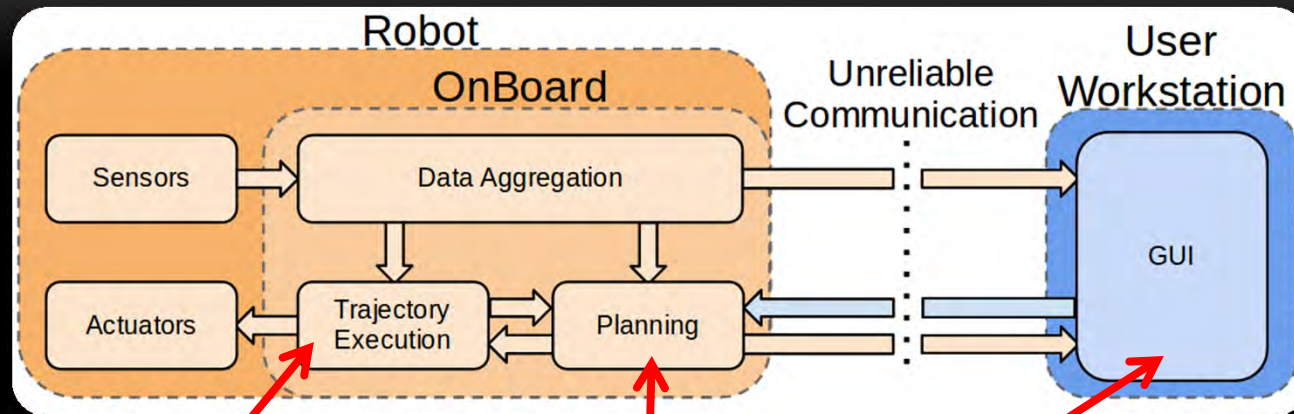
User Guided Approach

User-guided Valve-Turning on the PR2

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User Guided Approach : Outline



1 - User Interface

Monitoring the robot state and sending commands

2 - Motion Planning

High level goal and valve turning specific constraints

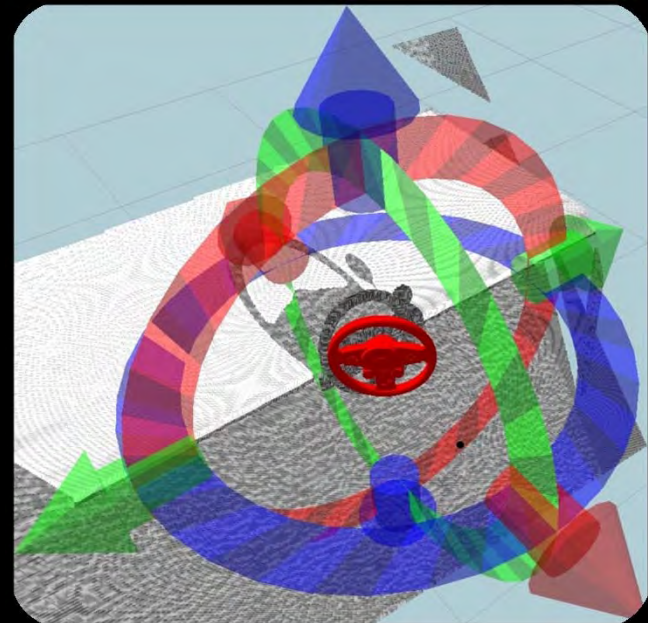
3 - Trajectory Execution

Error detection

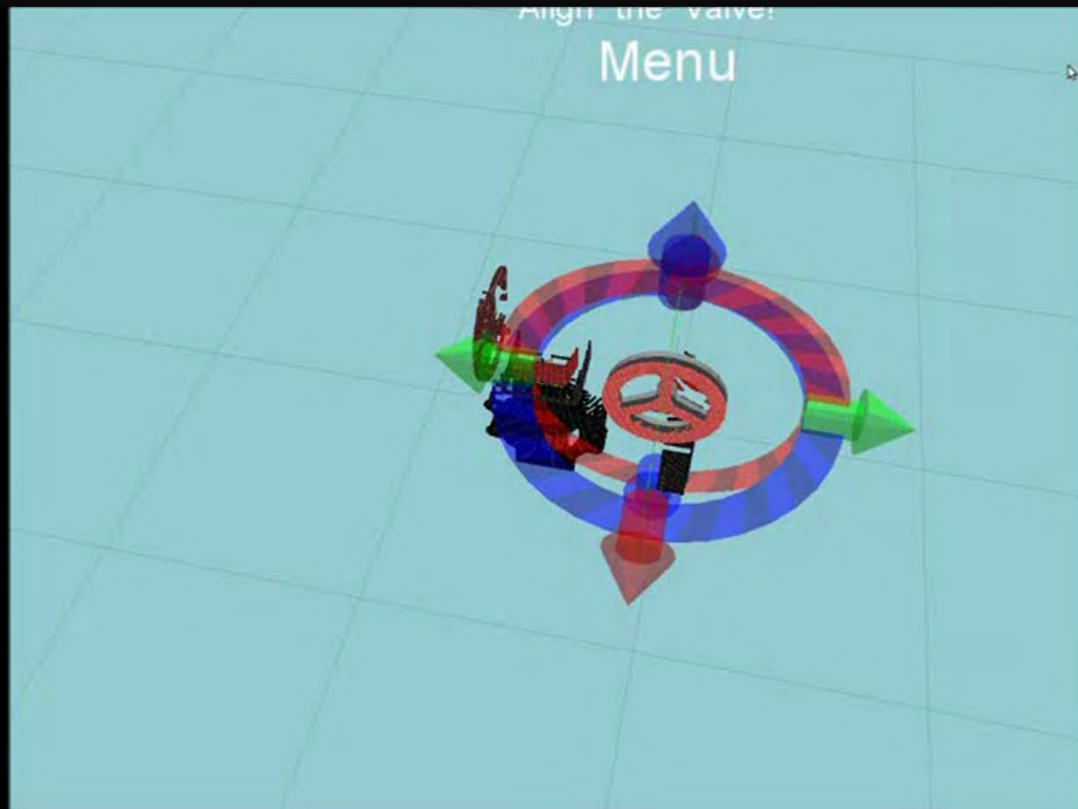
4 - Framework Infrastructure

User Guided Valve Alignment

- The user “hints” at the valve’s location (6 Dof)
- Asynchronous communication with low bandwidth
- User through GUI:
 - Places an interactive marker to indicate the position of an object of interest
 - Sends the point cloud aligned pose and to the planning software

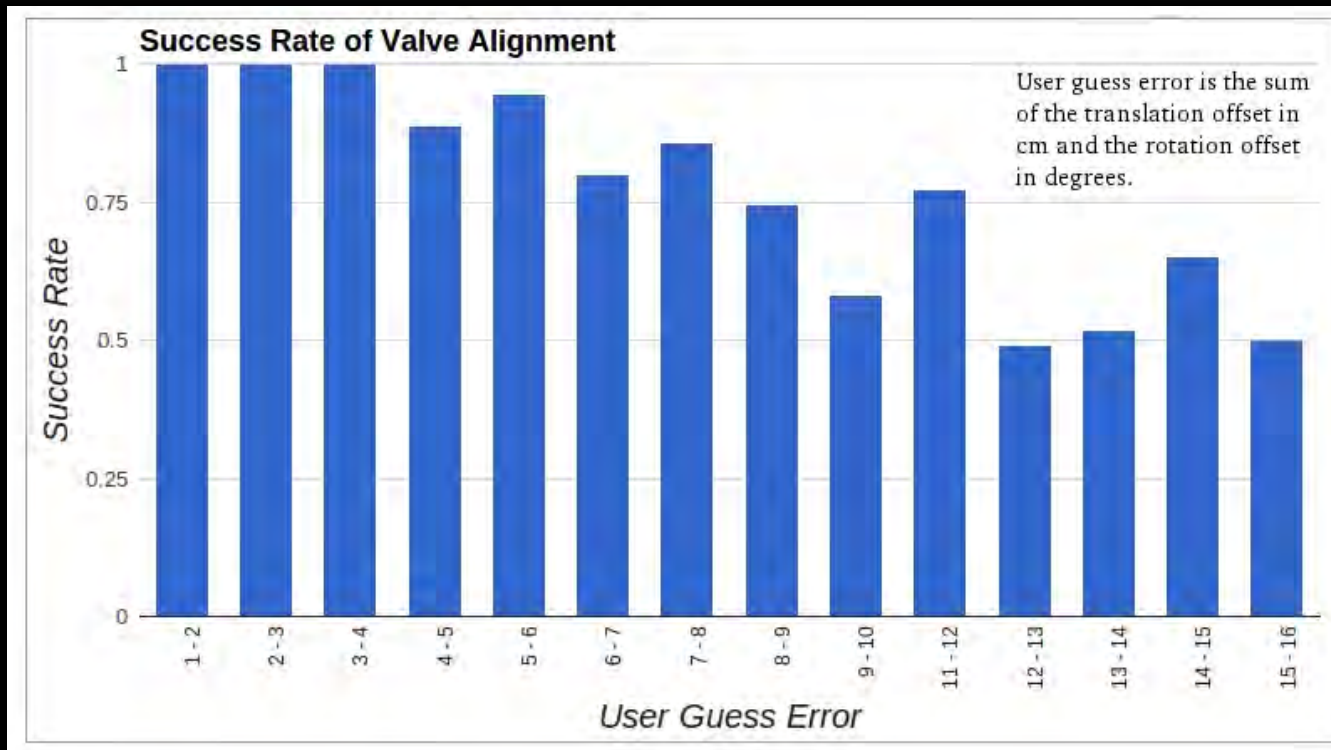


Valve Alignment To Point Cloud



Iterative Closest Point (ICP) aligns the interactive marker to the point cloud provided by the robot sensors

Valve Alignment Success Rate



Error combines translation and rotation,
the farther the initial guess the lower the success rate

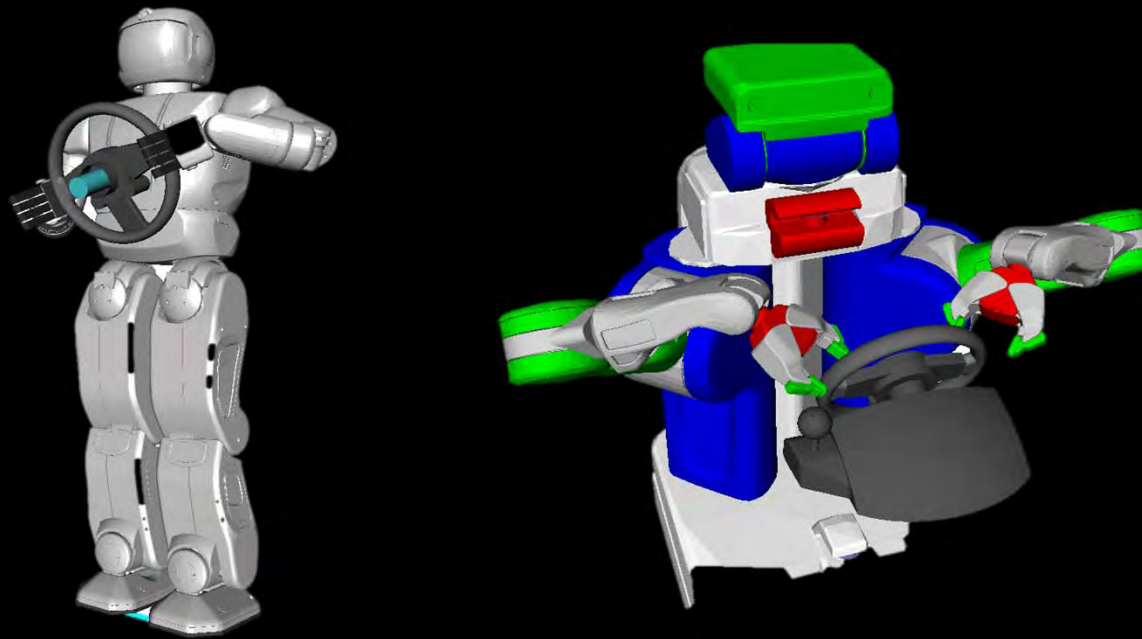


User Interface : Ongoing Work

- More autonomous valve identification
- Make use of feedback
 - Improve visual, modularity for task switching
 - Multi-sensory (touch, sound, tactile, ...)
- User studies
 - Validation of the UI

Motion Planning For Valve Manipulation

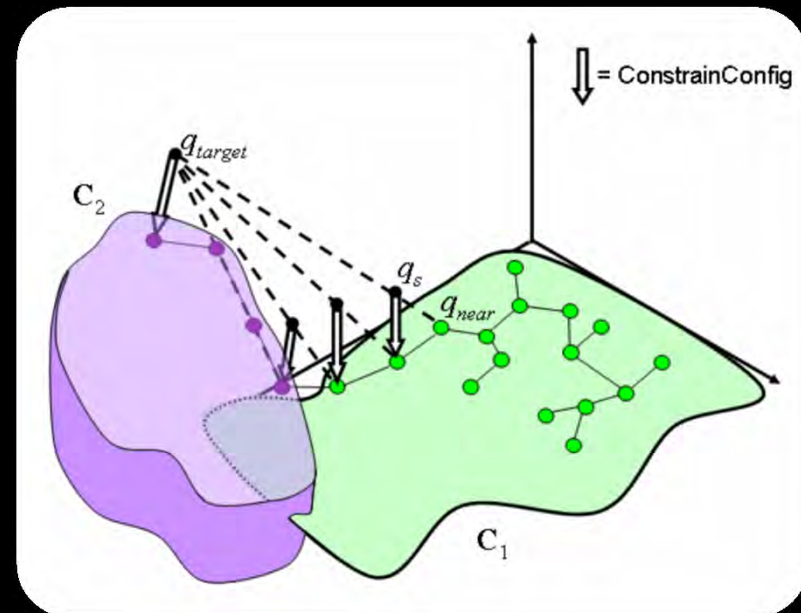
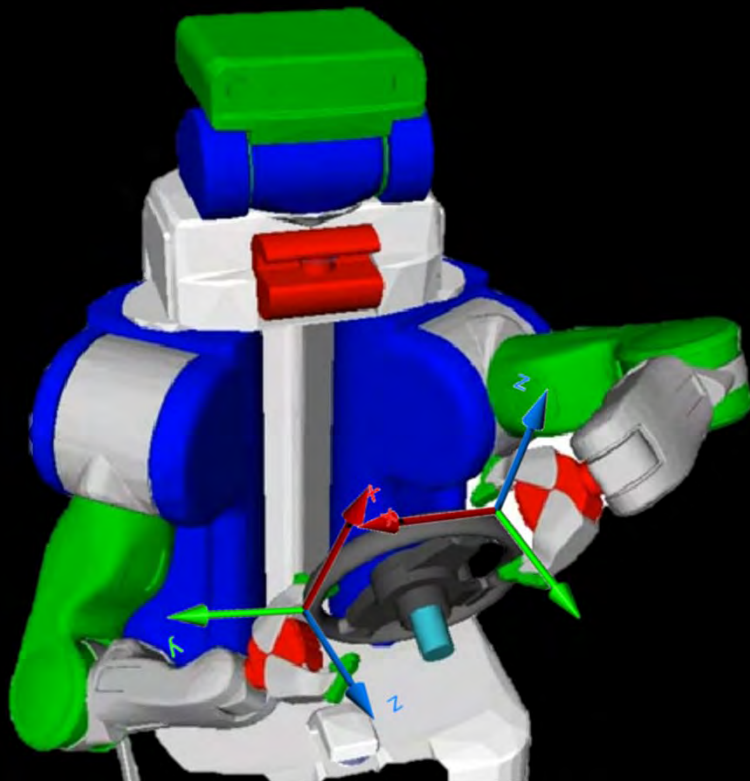
Robot agnostic motion planning applied to PR2 and Hubo
CBiRRT¹ (Constraint-Based Bi-RRT) in OpenRave



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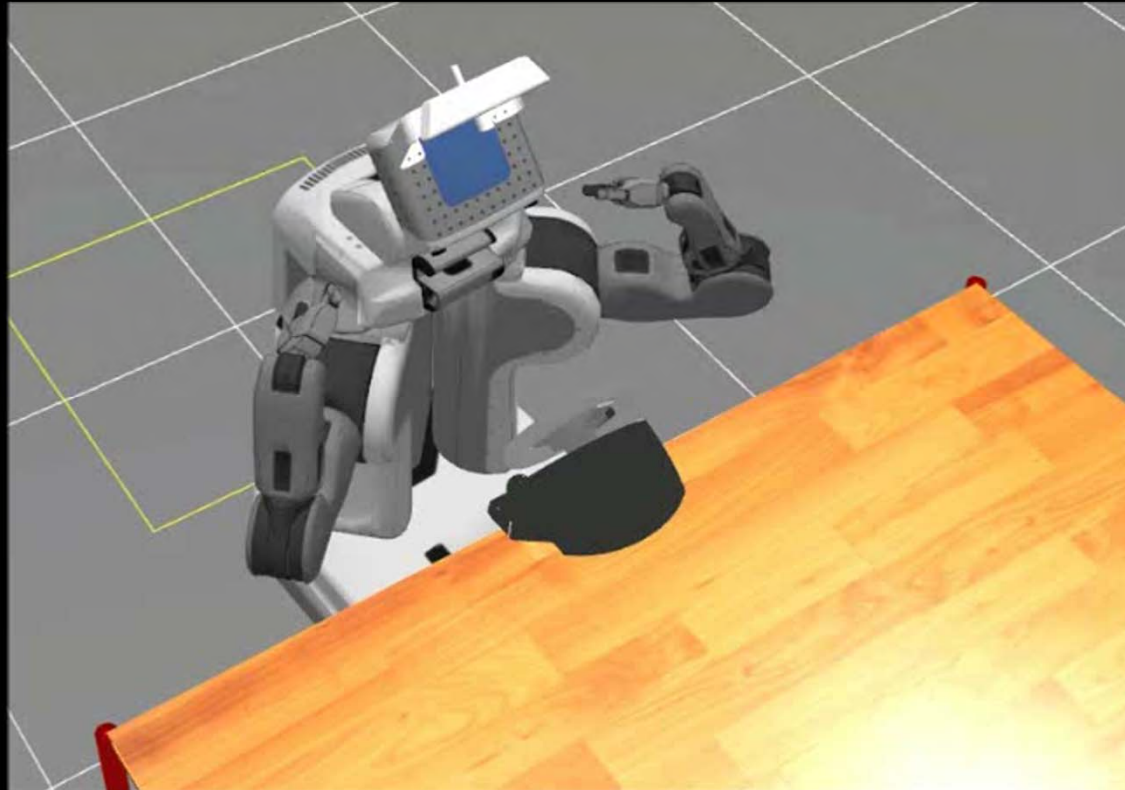
Motion Planning For Valve Manipulation

CiBiRRT¹ for two handed object manipulation with two constraints,
One for each arm, chain of TSRs



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Motion Planning In Simulation



This trajectory is successful on the real robot



Motion Planning In Simulation

- Gazebo is unable to model correctly friction on the wheel
- Other artifacts make simulation difficult
 - The PR2 is drifting despite its weight and friction
 - Prolonged testing hard or impossible!
 - We don't know what is happening
- Need a better simulator!

Valve Manipulation In Real World

After generating and testing the arm trajectories in OpenRAVE,
we ran them on the real PR2 and HUBO



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Planning system (based on CBI RRT) required minimal changes to define task

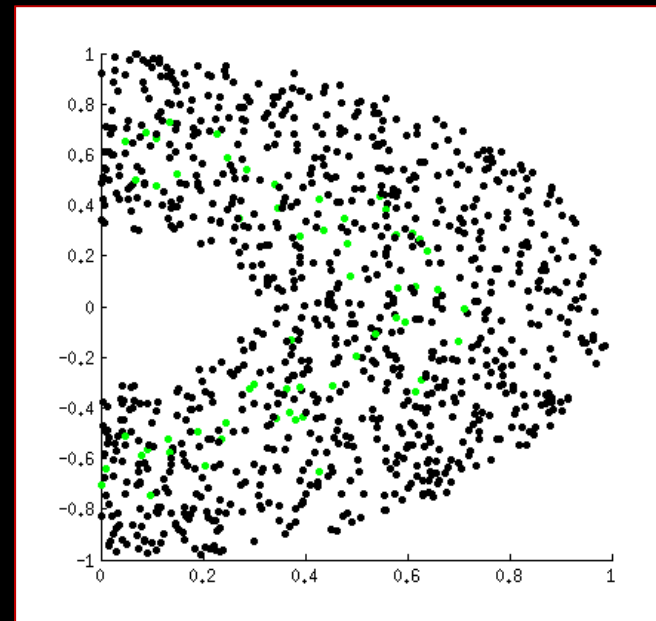
Planning takes into account quasi-static balance for Hubo

Motion Planning : Ongoing Work

A learning approach to predict good initial configurations,
under different constraints, given a valve pose



We randomly sample different
robot and valve configurations.



We save the results, and label them
by success or failure to reach a start
IK and a goal IK solution.

Error Detection And Execution

Slip one hand

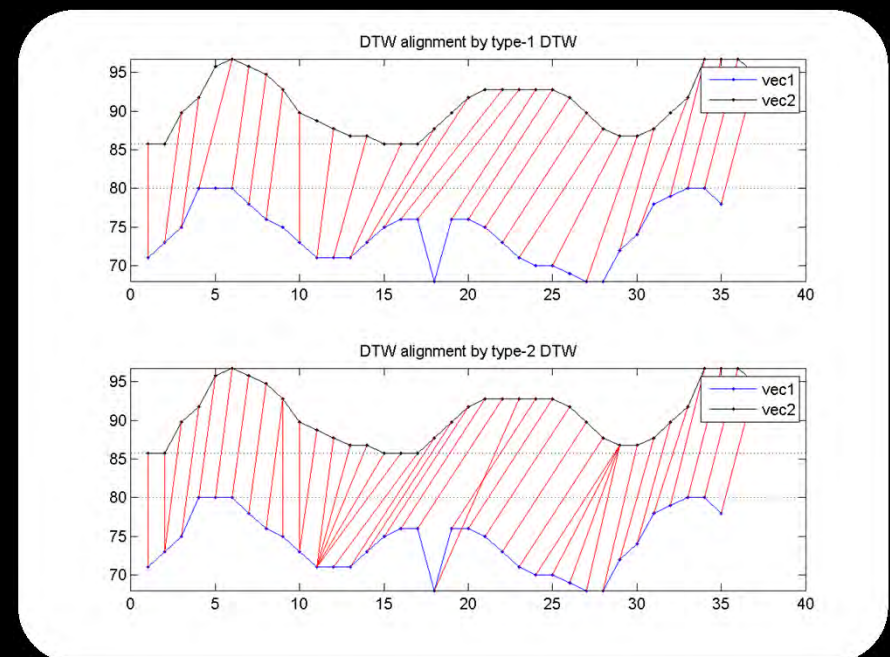


Miss both hands



Error Detection And Execution

- A library Approach:
 - Compare current trajectory to a library of success and failure
 - Classify good and bad using Dynamic Time Warping (DTW) that gives a cost metric
 - Good : both hands grasped the wheel throughout the entire trajectory
- Features:
 - Pose-space trajectory analysis
 - Requires no visual feedback
 - Requires no feedback from end effectors





Error Detection : Performance

Library-based algorithm

- Sample executed trajectory
 - Compute DTW metric to all trajectories in the library
 - Return good or bad depending on best match
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- Library : 526 tagged example trajectories (186 good, 340 bad)
 - Detects grasp quality during valve turning (both hands on the valve)
 - Leave one out testing, 88% overall correct

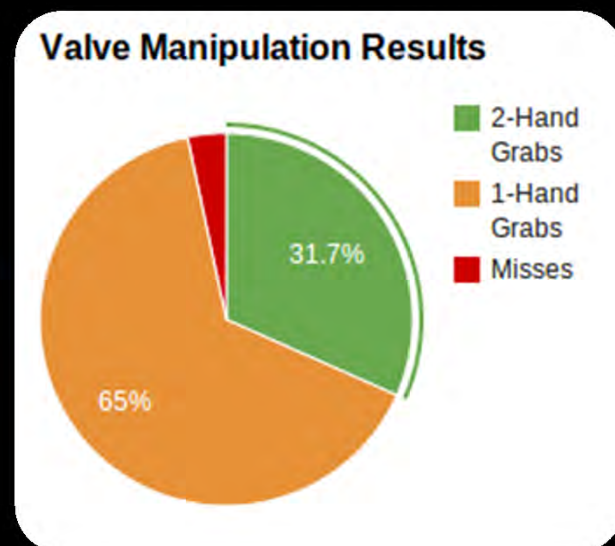
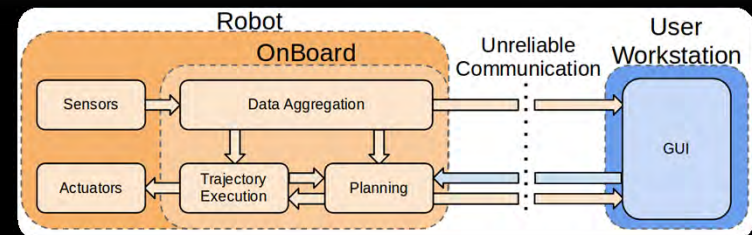


Error Detection : Ongoing work

- Analysis online, during trajectory execution
- More error conditions (slip, ...)
- Increased dynamic time warping performance
 - Faster
 - Better accuracy
- Automatic error recovery

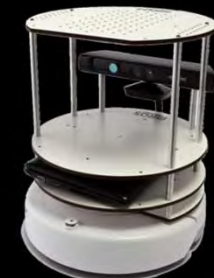
Framework : Performance

- The PR2 is able to grasp the wheel in 97% of the total tests
- Most often grasp with one hand :
 - Misalignment between the robot placement and the wheel
 - Error in Kinect measurements
 - Calibration error (Kinect pose not well determined)
 - Arm controller inaccuracy
- Solutions :
 - Better placement of the robot (account for uncertainty)
 - More robust grasping strategy
 - Visual and force feedback (hand)



Why ROS?

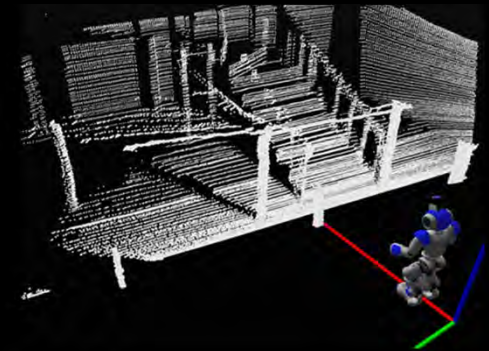
- Demonstrated on multiple platforms
- Easy to learn and use and develop
 - Presented framework built by 3 students with mixed ROS experience in 2 months
- Easy to integrate with other frameworks
 - OpenRave, Hubo-ACH, ...
- Core is Documented, Integrated debug tools



Framework : Integration With ROS

Why ROS?

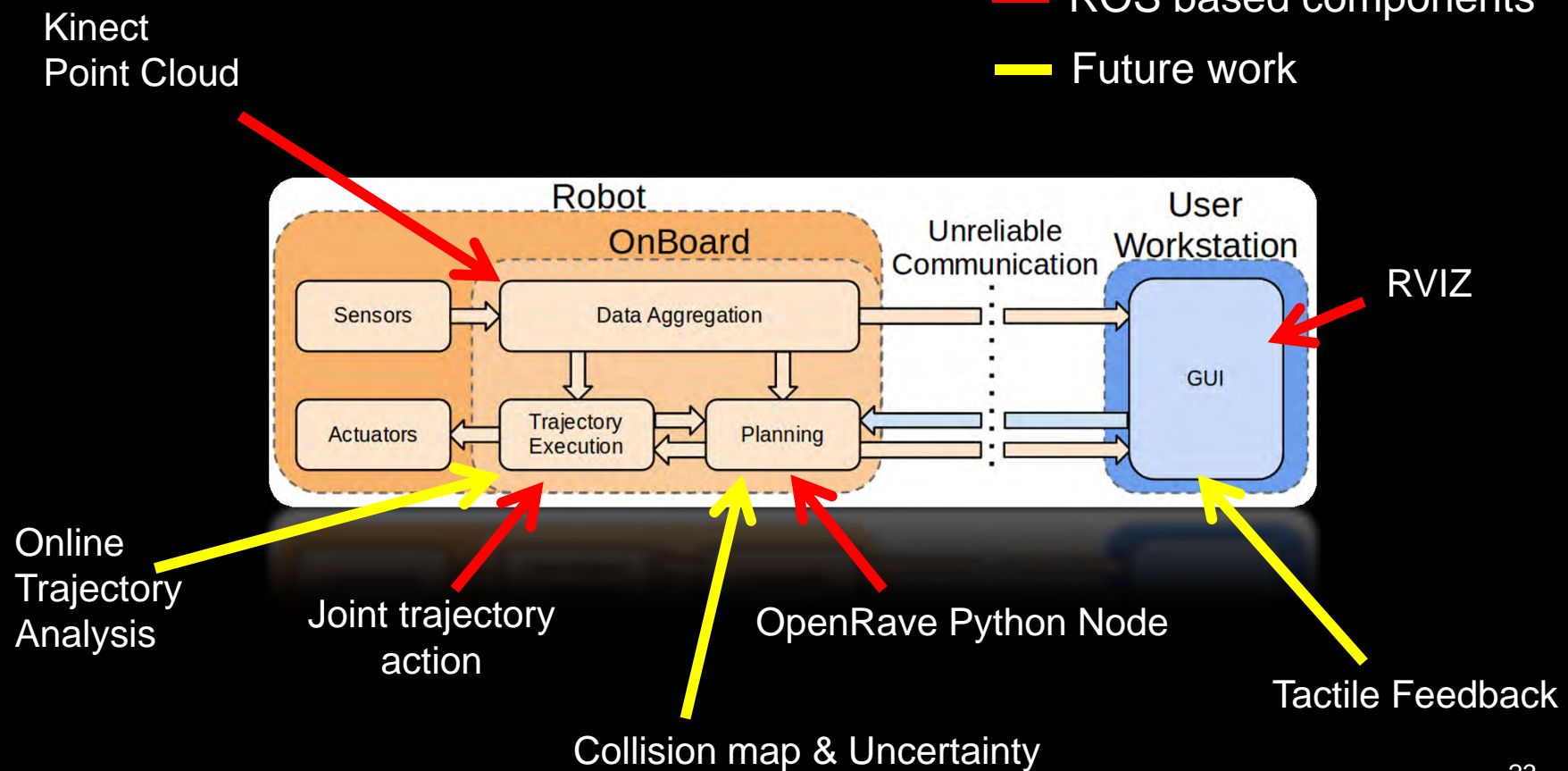
- Large developer community and major libraries available
- Multi-language support
 - C++, Python, Java, Lisp, MATLAB, ...
- Flexibility
 - Synchronous, Asynchronous, Pre-emptible Commands
- Robust Networking
 - Works across wired and wireless links
 - Presented framework tested using 1, 2, and 3 networked workstations
 - Demonstrated with Hubo



Architecture & Future Work

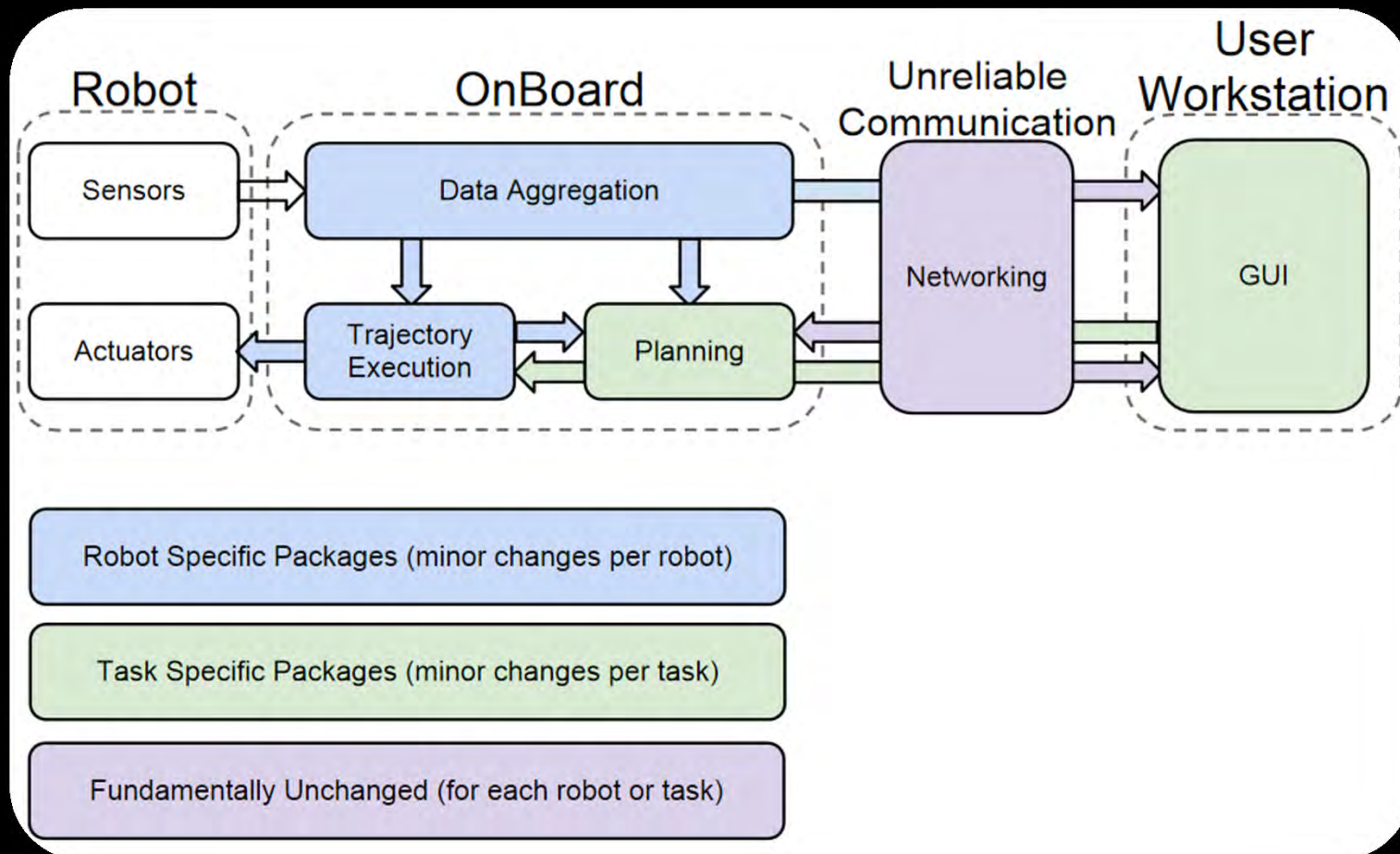
We chose to use ROS as much as possible

- ROS based components
- Future work



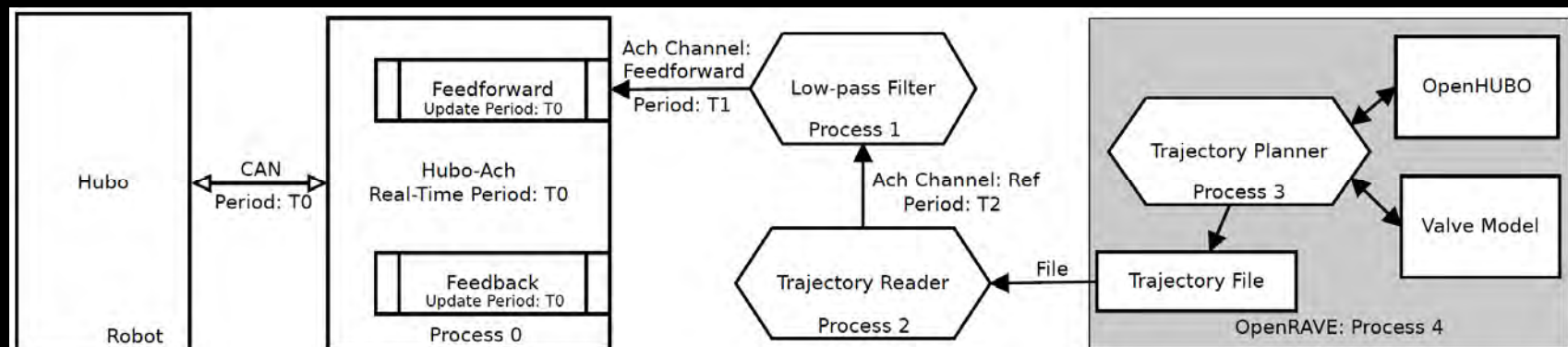
Framework : Integration With ROS

Packages can be reused for other projects



Framework : Integration with Hubo

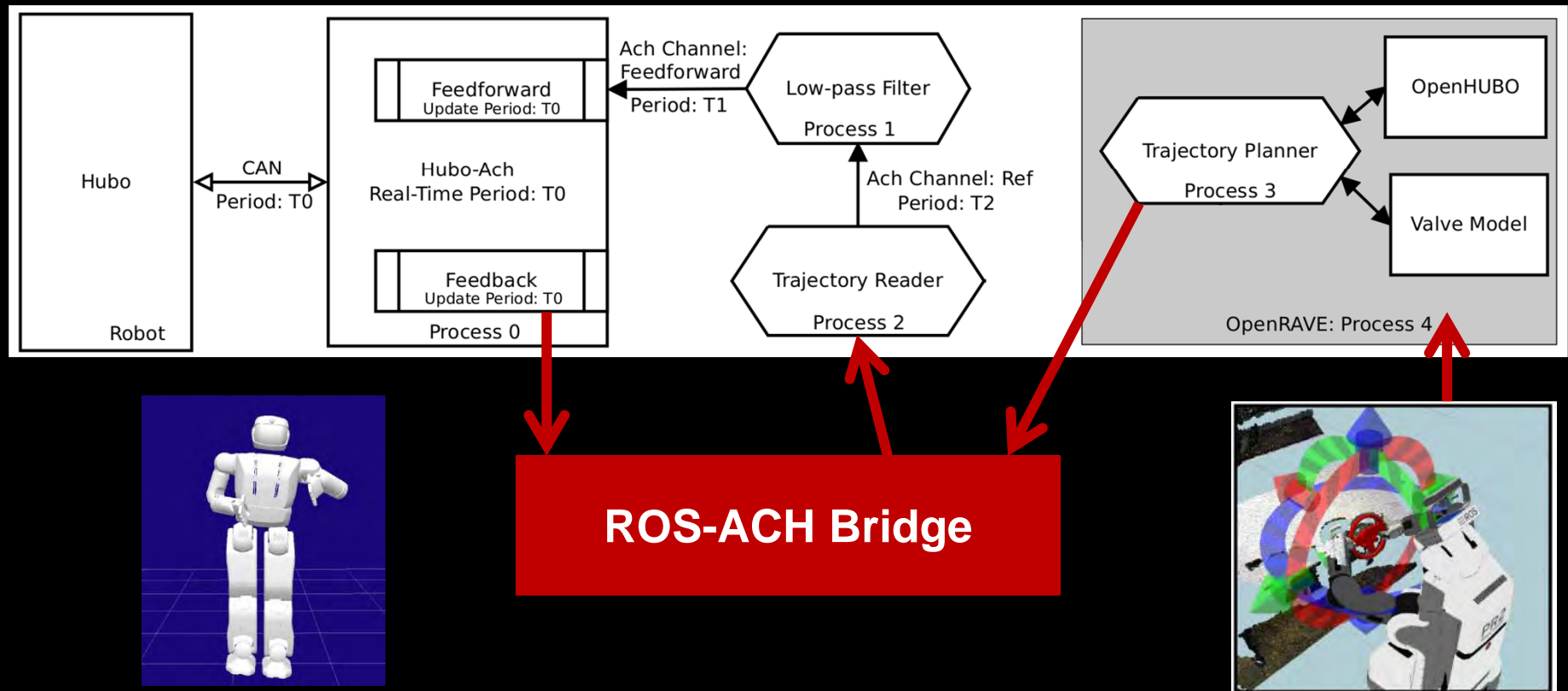
- The Pr2 implementation relies on ROS components
 - RVIZ
 - Kinect Point Cloud
 - Arm controller
- The Hubo implementation builds on a real-time controller in ACH



Schema : Dan Lofaro

Framework : Integration with Hubo

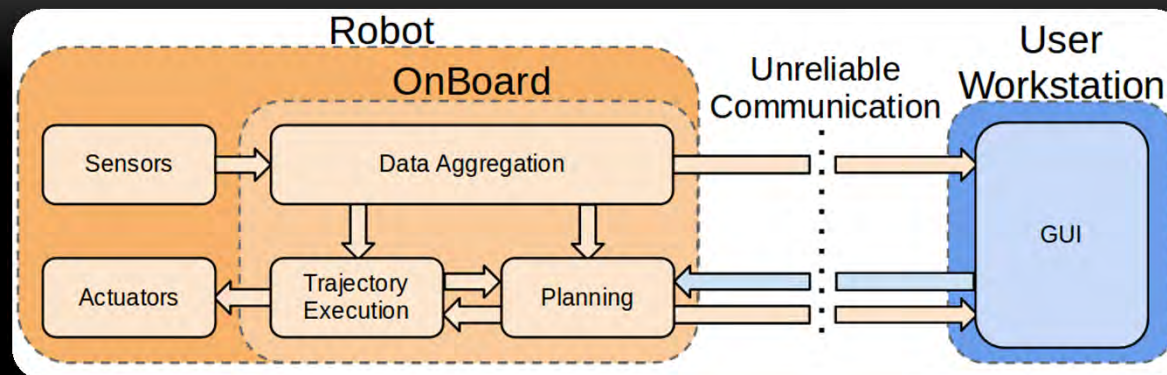
The ROS-ACH bridge directly converts data streams and
Hubo state is displayed in RVIZ



Hubo in RVIZ



Summary



- The User Guided Approach
 - Valve localization based on ICP and interactive marker
- Motion Planning
 - CiBiRRT, easy portable to different robots
 - Motion executed on Hubo and Pr2
- Error Detection
 - Library of trajectories
 - Do not requires visual feedback
- ROS implementation, ACH-bridge



Challenges and Future work

- Enhance the framework
 - More intuitive user interaction
 - Better placement of the robot, account for uncertainty in planning
 - More robust grasping
- Carry out the task on Hubo
 - ACH <-> ROS bridge
 - Available (Hubo-Ros, Hubo-Rviz)
 - Waiting for ACH simulator for testing
 - Use force feedback from wrists
 - Waiting for decision on perception hardware
 - Waiting on hand design



DRC : Valve Turning Task

Questions!!!



Links To Videos

PR2 Gazebo to OpenRAVE pipeline:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=heilzou0J6M>

Hubo at MIT:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DF2RDKGqnJk>

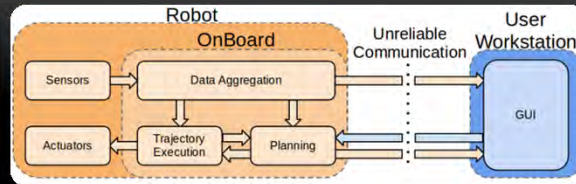
Hubo in OpenRAVE:

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User Guided Valve Turning:

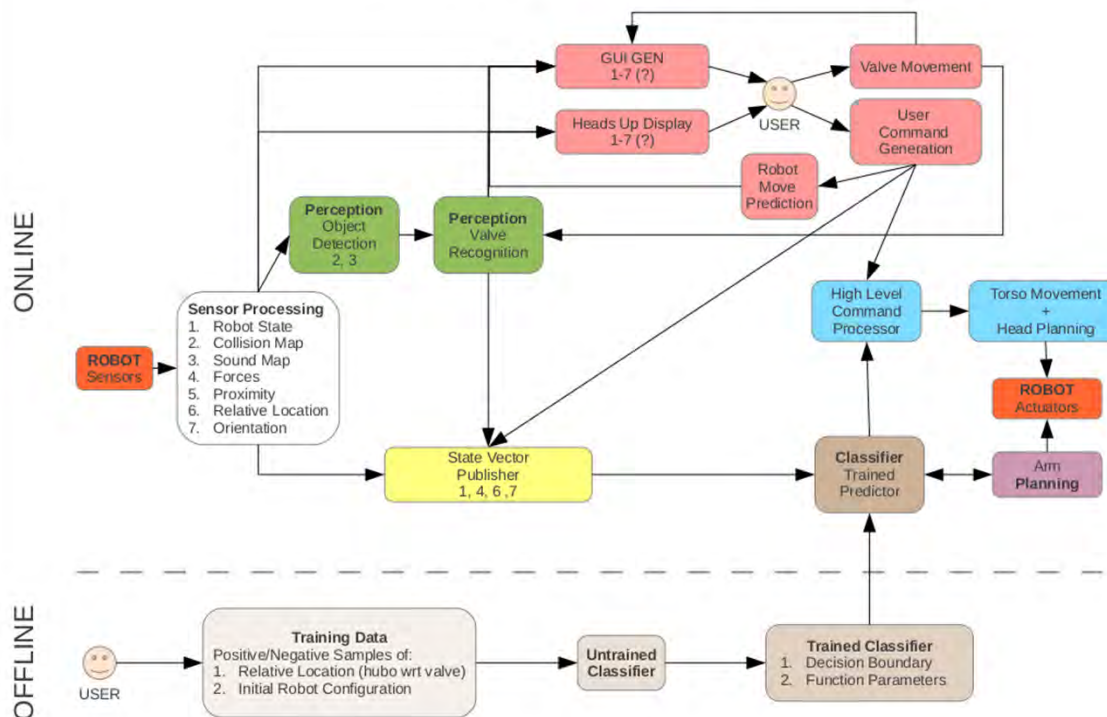
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xRcUO2mXt3s>

Framework : Evaluation



High Level System Diagram for DRC V02 – 10/25/2012

Nick Alunni, Calder Phillips-Grafflin, Ben Suay



The user interacts with:

- The valve pose prediction
- Sends the command to the motion planner