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XXXII Cycle - III year presentation

Shared control telerobotic methods for
industrial and surgical robotic systems



Background and info

- **M. Sc. Degree:** Mechanical Engineering from University of Naples Federico II
- **Working team:** PRISMA Lab and ICAROS
- **Collaborations:**
 - IRISA, INRIA Rennes (France)
 - University of Rome La Sapienza (Italy)
 - University of Lincoln (UK)
 - University of California Santa Barbara (US)
- **Supervisor:** prof. Bruno Siciliano
- **Fellowship:** MIUR



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Credits

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Credits

Year	Lecture/Activity	Type	Credits	Certification	Notes
MODULES					
1	Modelling, simulation and control of collective behaviour	Ad hoc module	2	x	
1	Introduction to artificial and computational intelligence	External Module	3	x	
1	Port-Hamiltonian modelling and passivity-based control of physical systems. Theory and applications	Doctoral School	4	x	
1	Analisi e controllo di reti e sistemi complessi	MS Module	6	x	
1	Machine Learning	Ad hoc module	4	x	
2	Geometric Theory of Soft Robots	Ad hoc module	4	x	
2	Delay differential equations and their applications	Ad hoc module	3	x	
2	Introduction to modeling and control of mechanical systems with constraints	Ad hoc module	2	x	
2	Control of Surgical Robots Summer School	Doctoral School	4	x	
SEMINARS					
1	Icelandic centre of neurophysiology: aims, projects and opportunities for biomedical engineers student	Seminar	0.4	x	
1	Assessment, monitoring, prediction and decision making: different application from multimodal analysis	Seminar	0.4	x	
1	7th Joint Workshop on new Technologies for Computer/Robot Assisted Surgery	Conference	1.9	x	
1	Summer school on soft manipulation	External Seminar	8	x	summer s
1	From control to interaction in multi-robot systems	Seminar	0.4	x	
1	Dynamic control: mathematical challenges and applications	Seminar	0.4	x	
2	Approssimazione di problemi alle derivate parziali e applicazioni	Seminar	2	x	
2	How does mathworks accelerate the pace of engineering and science	Seminar	0.2	x	
2	A leap into functional data analysis: from theory to applications	Seminar	2	x	
3	The age of human-robot collaboration: deep sea exploration	Seminar	0.3	x	
3	Issues in robotic manipulation of deformable objects	Seminar	0.2	x	
3	Research work in active perception and robot interactive lab in IIT	Seminar	0.2	x	



Abroad periods

- **IRISA, INRIA Rennes** - Bretagne Atlantique Campus
Universitaire de Beaulieu - Lagadic team, Rennes (France) -
Nov. - Dec. 2017
- **IRISA, INRIA Rennes** - Bretagne Atlantique Campus
Universitaire de Beaulieu - Rainbow team, Rennes (France) -
Oct. - Dec. 2018
- **University of California Santa Barbara** - department of
Mechanical Engineering - Hawkes group, Santa Barbara,
California (US)
June - Dec. 2019



Background

Telerobotics represents one of the earliest robotic application

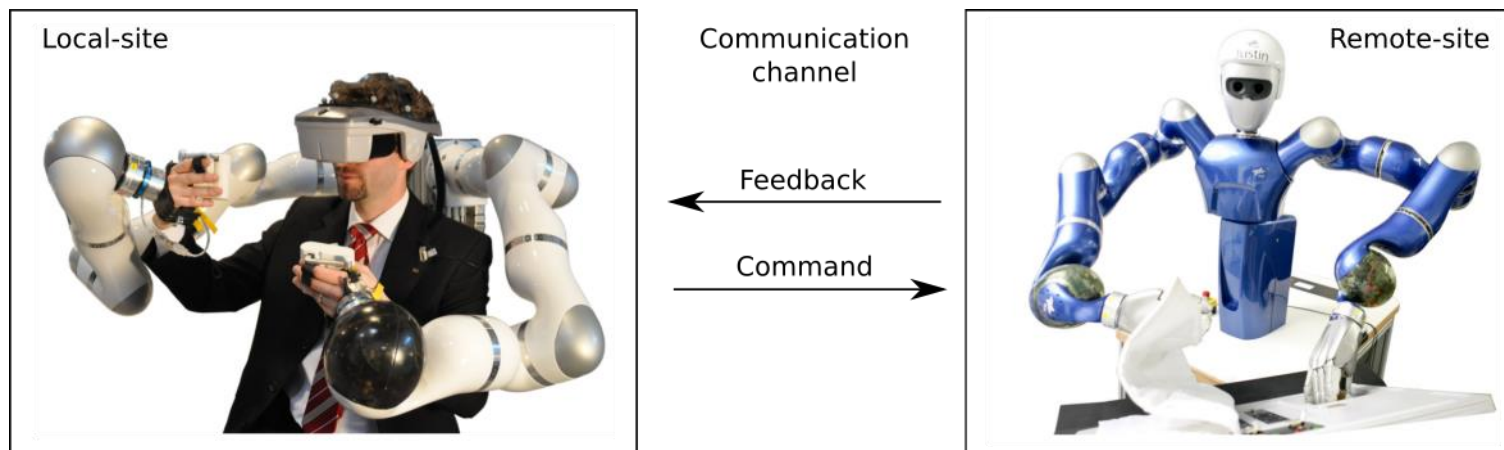
It allows operating in *hazardous* (e.g. nuclear industry), *dangerous* (e.g. disaster) or *different scale* (e.g. surgical) environments



Background

A telerobotic system is composed by a **master interface**, a **slave robot**, and a **communication channel**

To accomplish **difficult** tasks, the user needs to operate **complex** (e.g. many degrees of freedom) remote robots



Background

Shared-control telerobotic systems are those in which a human operator trades the control of the robotic system with an autonomous controller to achieve a common goal

Haptic guidance methods play a relevant role in telerobotic applications (e.g. to inform the operator about the system status/constraints)

Haptic-based shared control = Haptic guidance + shared control

Goal, motivation and approach

The **goal** of this work is to develop natural, efficient and safe haptic shared-control telerobotic architectures for the operator to accomplish tasks in non-trivial environments

The main **motivation** is the need of lowering down the physical and cognitive effort of the operator in control of the telerobotic system

Sensor-based autonomous control approaches are used to design haptic guidance for the operator, while **passivity-based control** guarantees a safe behavior of the telerobotic system

Shared control architectures for industrial applications

Collaboration with *Inria*
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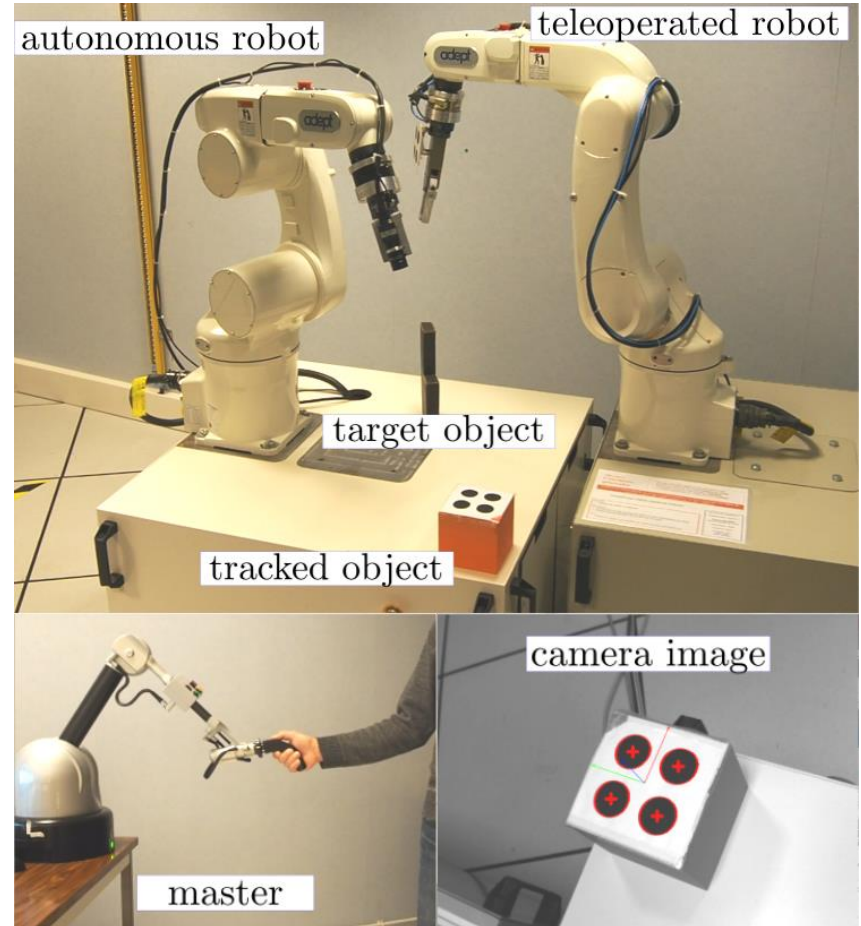


Shared control for a dual-arm system

Problem: reduce the operator's workload during sort and segregation of nuclear waste

Solution: semi-autonomous vision-based and collision avoidance architecture

Results: human-subject study

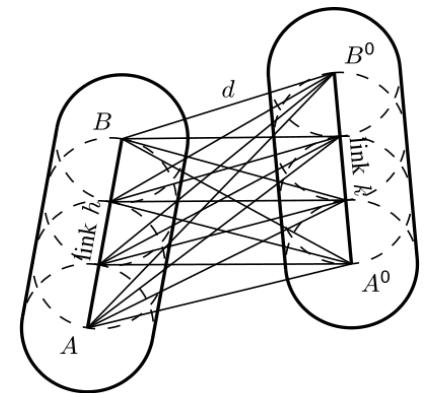
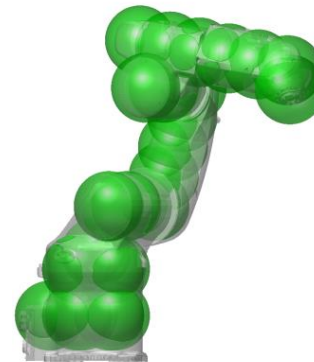
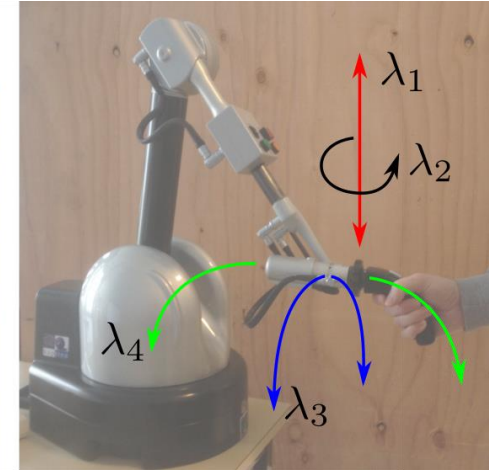
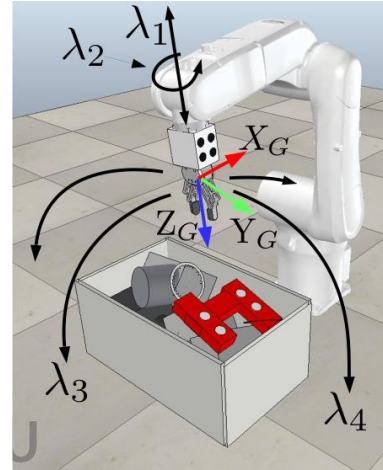


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Shared control for a dual-arm system

Features

- Vision-based semi-autonomous control
- Collision avoidance by reactive control
- Haptic guidance to inform about constraints
- Passivity analysis through port-Hamiltonian modeling



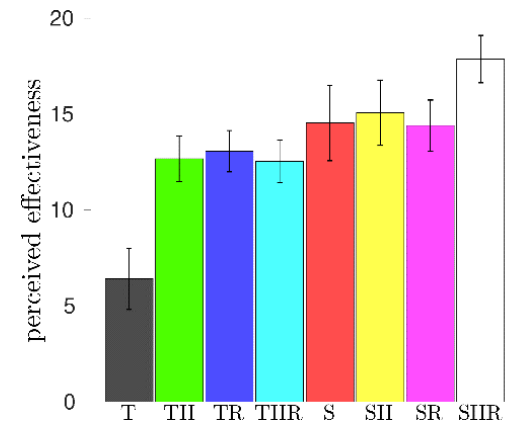
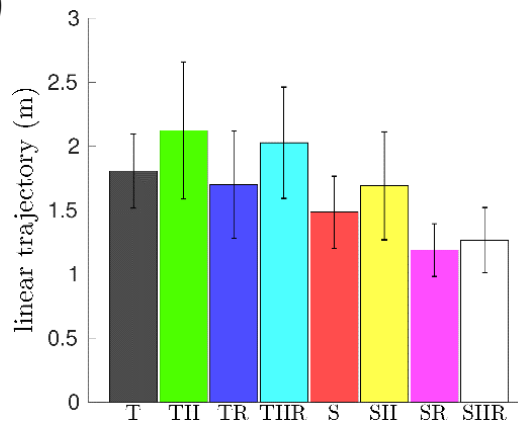
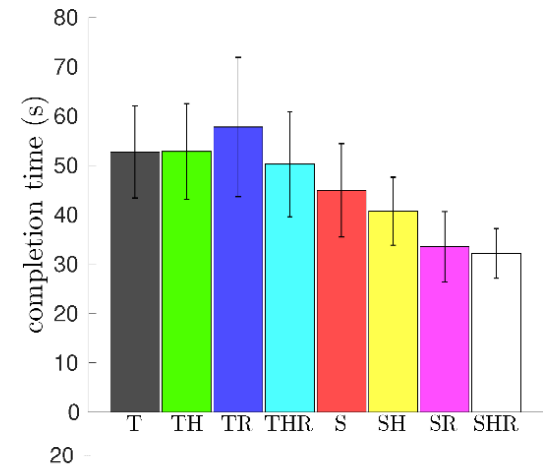
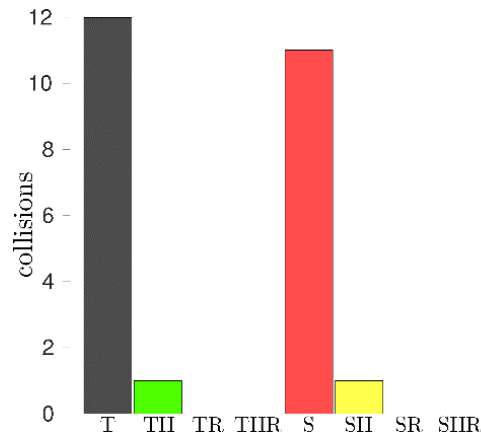
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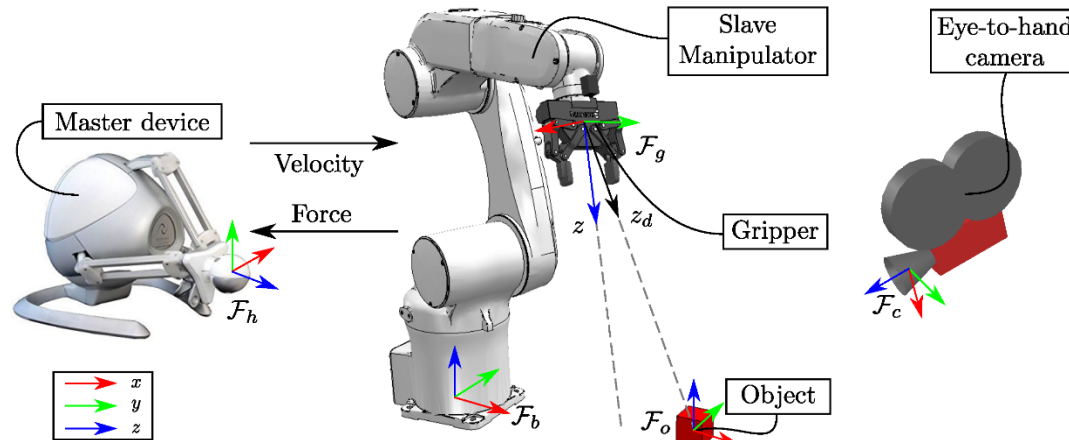
Results

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- Factors
 - Human involvement (T vs. S)
 - Haptic guidance (H vs. no H)
 - Reactive behavior (R vs. no R)
- Metrics
 - Collisions
 - Completion time
 - Linear Trajectory
 - Perceived effectiveness



Task-prioritized shared control



Problem: reduce the operator's workload during sort and segregation of nuclear waste

Solution: passive task-prioritized shared control architecture

Results: 2-DoF control for a grasping task

Task-prioritized shared control

Features

- Task-prioritized architecture

$$\dot{\mathbf{q}}_s = \dot{\mathbf{q}}_{s,a} + \dot{\mathbf{q}}_{s,u}, \quad \dot{\mathbf{q}}_{s,a} = \sum_{i=1}^r \Lambda_i \mathbf{P}_{i-1} \mathbf{J}_{s,i}^\dagger \tilde{\boldsymbol{\sigma}}_i$$

- Haptic guidance to inform about constraints

$$\dot{\mathbf{q}}_{s,u} = \mathbf{C} \dot{\mathbf{q}}_m$$

$$\boldsymbol{\tau}_m = -\mathbf{C}^T \nabla \mathcal{H}(\mathbf{q}_s)$$

Task-prioritized shared control

Features

- Passivity analysis

$$\mathcal{V}(\mathbf{q}_m, \mathbf{q}_s) = \frac{1}{2} \dot{\mathbf{q}}_m^T \mathbf{M}_m \dot{\mathbf{q}}_m + \mathcal{H}(\mathbf{q}_s) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^r \tilde{\boldsymbol{\sigma}}_i^T \tilde{\boldsymbol{\sigma}}_i$$

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{\mathcal{V}} = & \underbrace{-\dot{\mathbf{q}}_m^T \mathbf{B}_m \dot{\mathbf{q}}_m}_{\geq 0} + \underbrace{\dot{\mathbf{q}}_m^T \boldsymbol{\tau}_h}_{\mathbf{y}^T \mathbf{u}} + \underbrace{\left(\sum_{i=1}^r \Lambda_i \mathbf{P}_{i-1} \mathbf{J}_{s,i}^\dagger \tilde{\boldsymbol{\sigma}}_i \right)^T}_{=w} \nabla \mathcal{H} + \\ & \underbrace{- \sum_{k=1}^r \tilde{\boldsymbol{\sigma}}_k \mathbf{J}_{s,k} \left(\sum_{i=1}^r \Lambda_i \mathbf{P}_{i-1} \mathbf{J}_{s,i}^\dagger \tilde{\boldsymbol{\sigma}}_i \right)}_{\geq 0} \end{aligned}$$

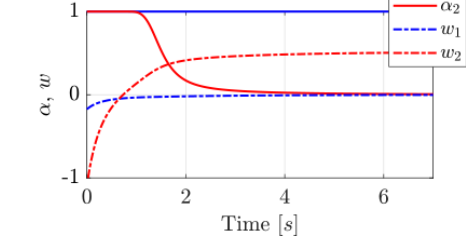
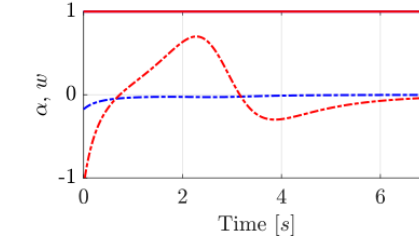
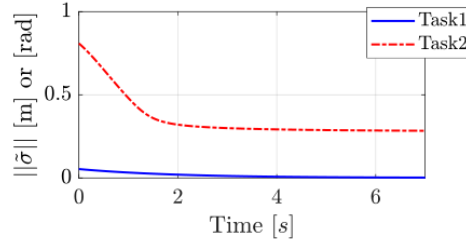
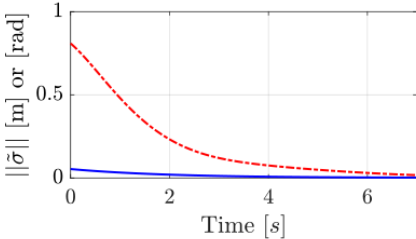
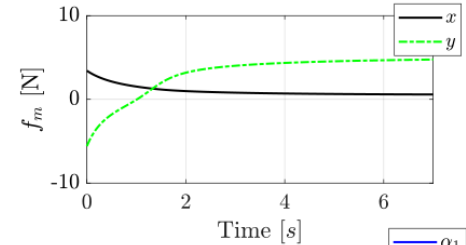
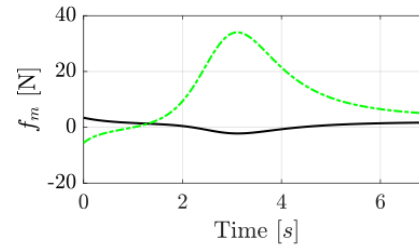
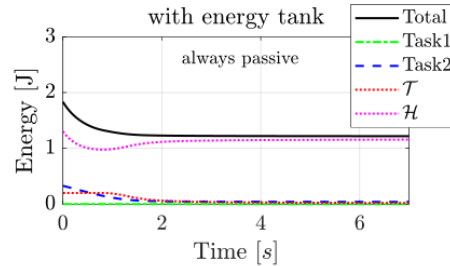
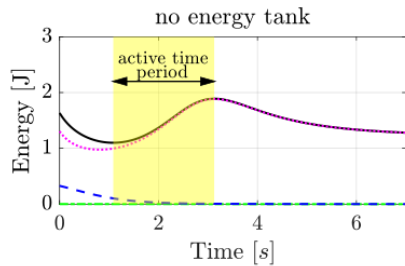
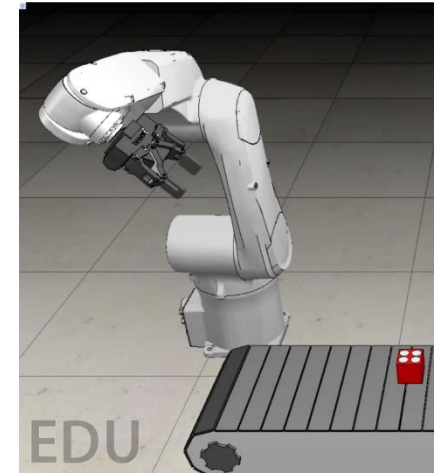
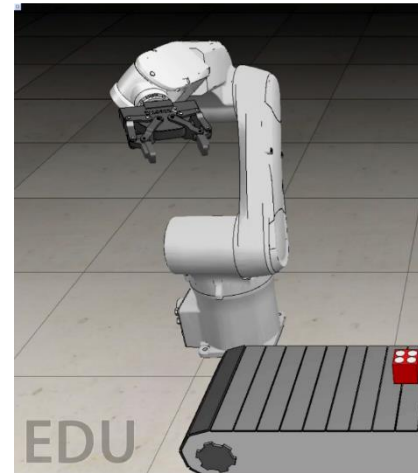
- Energy tanks passivity-based control

$$\mathcal{T}(z) = \frac{1}{2} z^2, \quad \dot{z} = \frac{\varphi}{z} \dot{\mathbf{q}}_m^T \mathbf{B}_m \dot{\mathbf{q}}_m - \frac{1}{z} \sum_{i=1}^r \gamma_i w_i \quad \dot{\mathbf{q}}_{s,a}^\alpha = \sum_{i=1}^r \alpha_i \Lambda_i \mathbf{P}_{i-1} \mathbf{J}_{s,i}^\dagger \tilde{\boldsymbol{\sigma}}_i$$

Task-prioritized shared control

Results

- The user can accomplish a grasping task using only 2-DoF
- Passivity (safety) is preserved during the teleoperated task

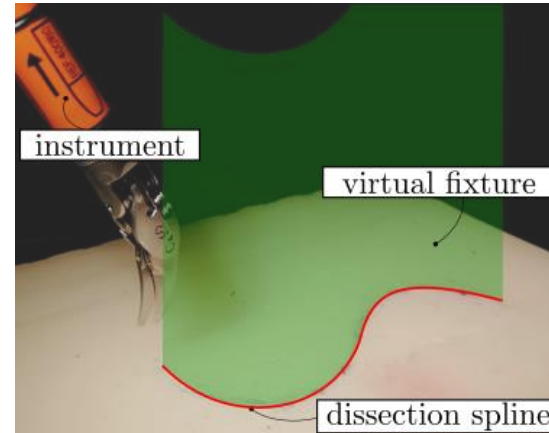
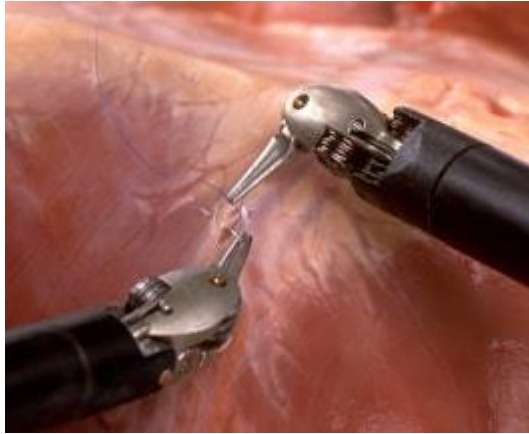


M. Selvaggio et al. "Passive Task-Prioritized Shared-Control Teleoperation with Haptic Guidance", ICRA 2019

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Shared control architectures for surgical applications

Adaptive virtual fixtures



Problem: enhance precision and reduce the operator's workload during surgical dissection tasks

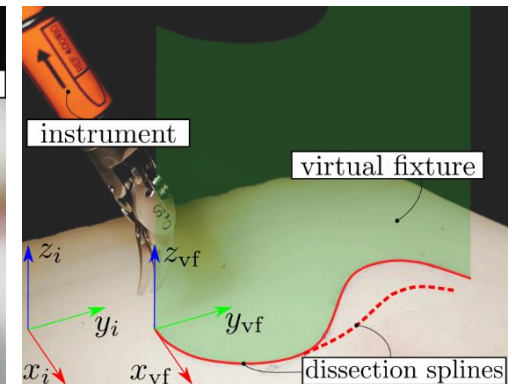
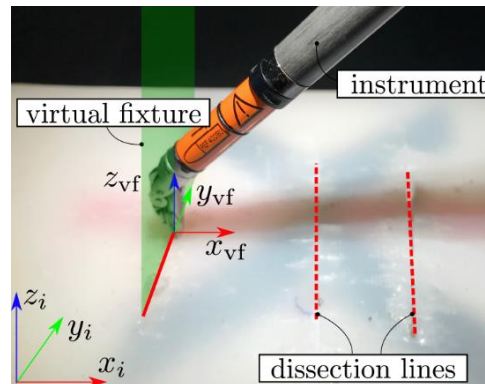
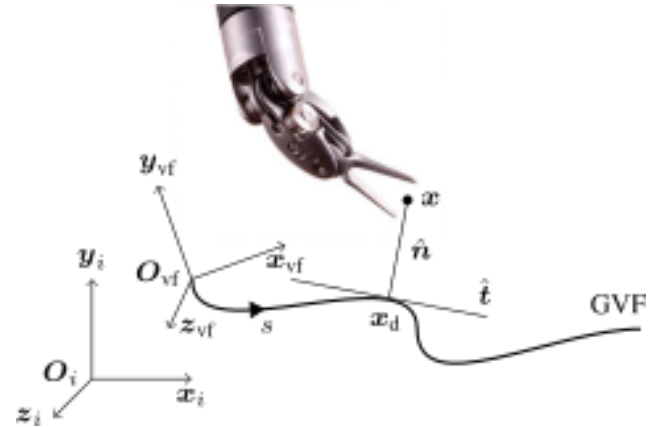
Solution: passive virtual fixtures generation/adaptation architecture

Results: safe interaction with a variable impedance master interface

Adaptive virtual fixtures

Features

- Interactive generation using interaction points or vision-based techniques
- Haptic guidance implementation through impedance control
- Interactive pose and geometry adaptation strategies

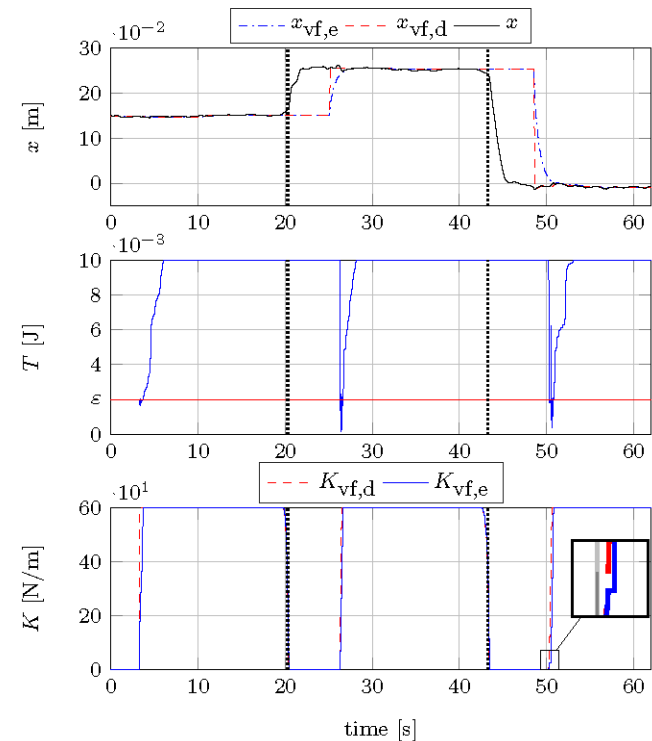
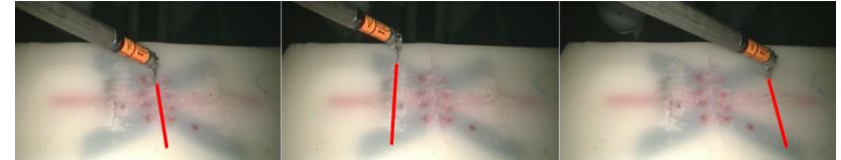


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Adaptive virtual fixtures

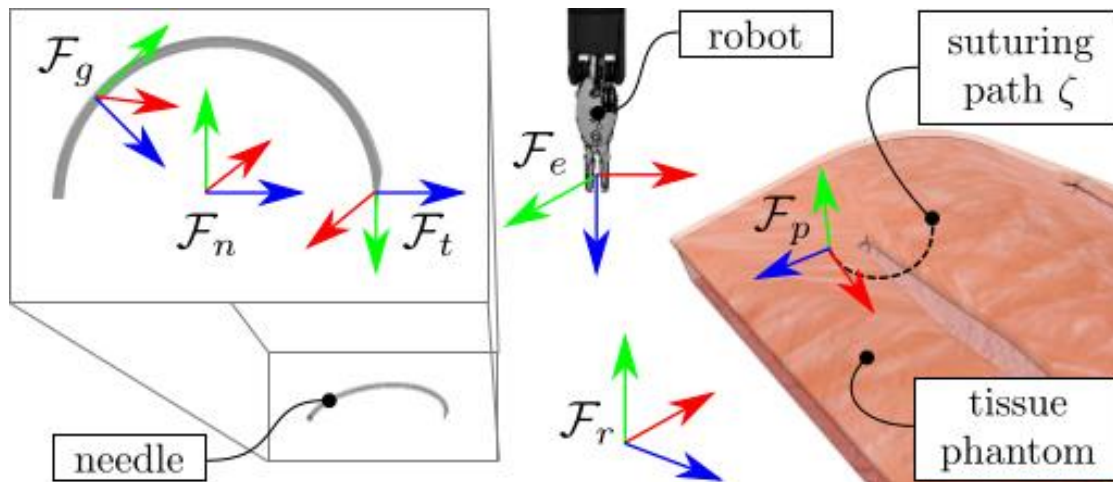
Results

- Semi-autonomous pose and geometry adaptation experiments
- Passivity-based control to keep the variable impedance robotic system safe
- Enhanced precision in performing surgical dissection tasks



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Haptic-guided optimal needle grasping



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Problem: reduce the operator's hand-off movements during suturing tasks

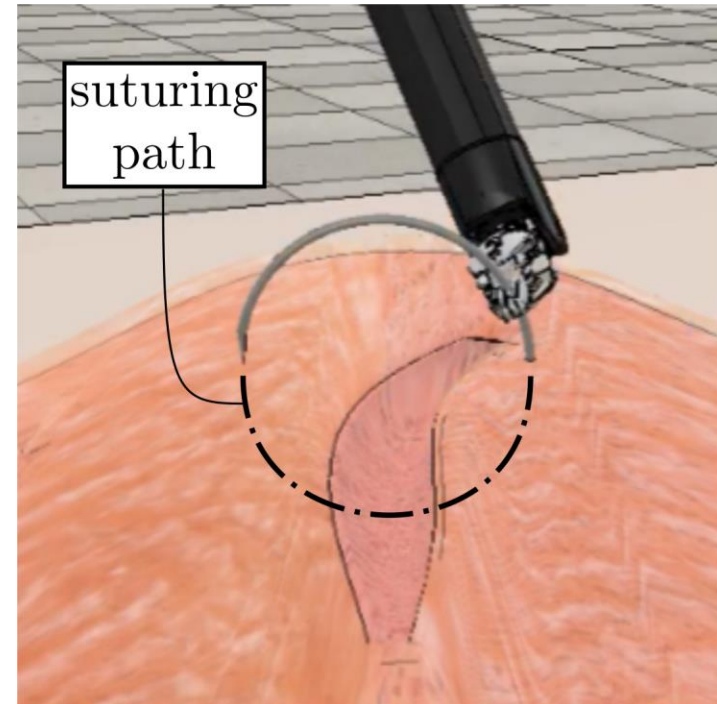
Solution: optimal needle grasping to avoid post-grasping constraints

Results: optimal grasping reduces hand-off movements

Haptic-guided optimal needle grasping

Features

- Needle grasping optimization is used to avoid constraints along the suturing path
- Joint limits and singularities are considered as constraints
- Haptic guidance is used to suggest the user the optimal grasping configuration



Haptic-guided optimal needle grasping

Cost function

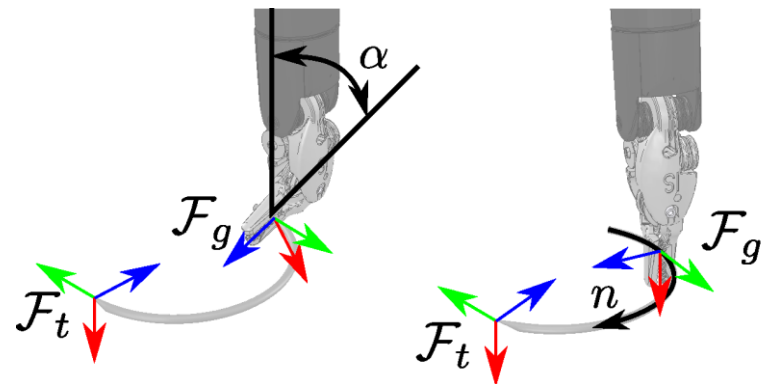
- Joint limits
- Task-oriented manipulability

$$h(\hat{\mathbf{q}}_g) = h_j(\hat{\mathbf{q}}_g) + h_s(\hat{\mathbf{q}}_g)$$

$$\mathcal{H}(z) = \int_0^{s^*} h(\hat{\mathbf{q}}_g(s, {}^r\mathbf{T}_g)) ds = \int_0^{s^*} h(\hat{\mathbf{q}}_g(s, z)) ds$$

Grasp parametrization

- Angle around the needle tangent
- Curvilinear abscissa

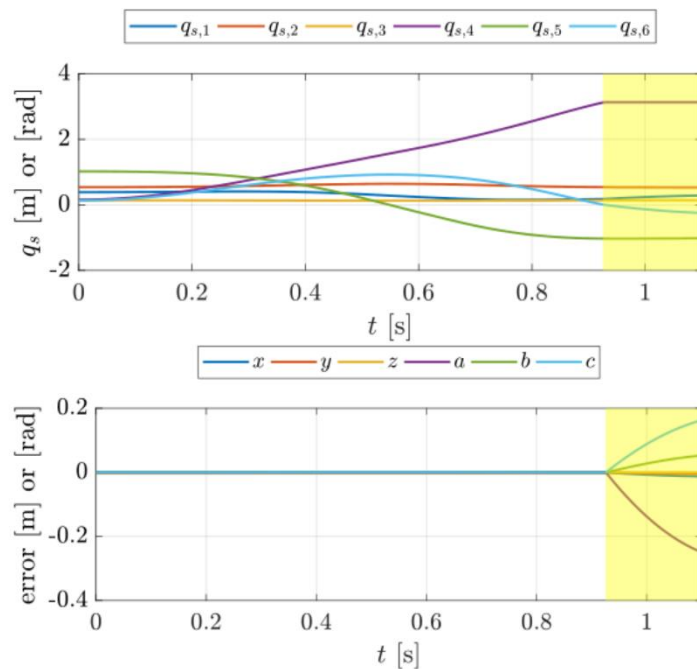


M. Selvaggio et al. "Needle grasping optimization in minimally invasive robotic surgery using haptic shared control", IROS 2019

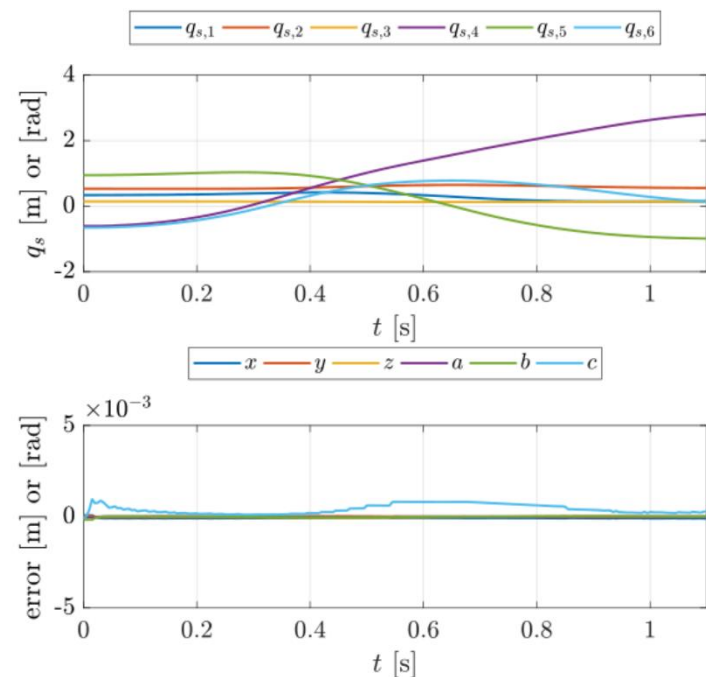
Haptic-guided optimal needle grasping

Experiments

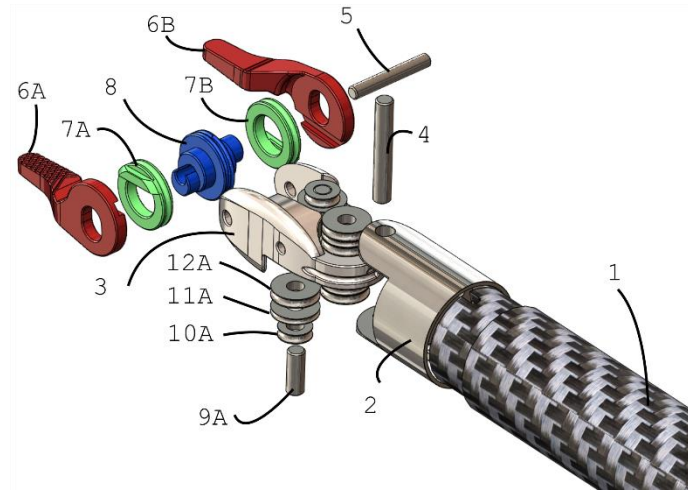
Joint limits



Optimized solution



A new laparoscopic tool



Problem: increase dexterity of surgical instruments

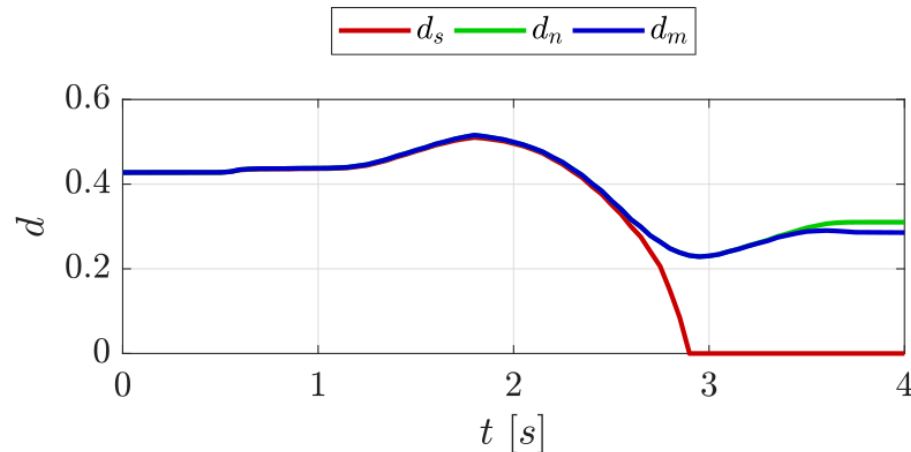
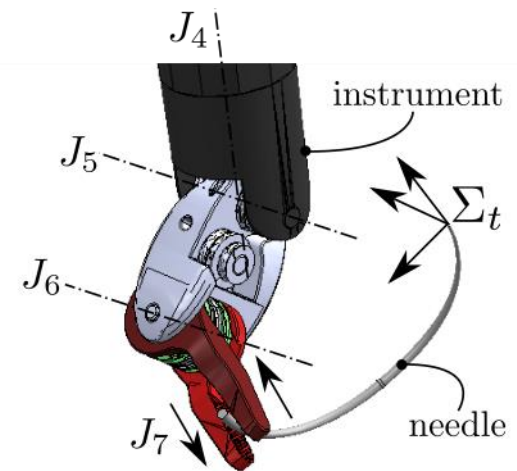
Solution: additional DoF for in-hand manipulation

Results: mechanical design and shared-control strategy

A new laparoscopic tool

Features

- Mechanical design of the new tool
- Dexterity measure
- Shared control strategy with autonomous redundancy resolution



M. Selvaggio et al. "Enhancing dexterity with a 7-DoF laparoscopic suturing tool" HSMR 2018

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Other activities



The MUSHA hand

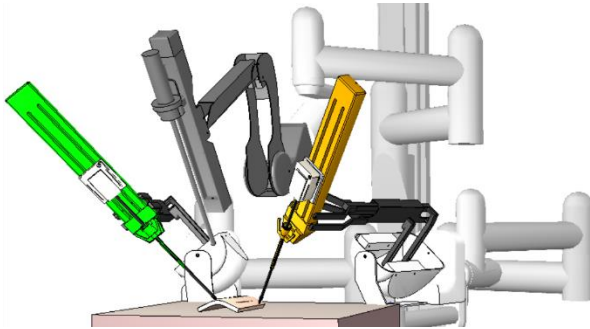


Problem: increase dexterity of surgical instruments

Solution: a novel three-finger hand with tactile sensors

Results: mechanical design, simulation and teleoperation

Simulation



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Problem: expensive robotic surgical simulators

Solution: development of a V-REP simulation environment

Results: virtual reality, haptic feedback, ROS

Soft robots



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Problem: semi-autonomous teleoperation of soft robots needs reliable model-based planning and control pipelines

Solution: obstacle interaction planning method for vine robots

Results: workspace analysis and planning of interactions paths



M. Selvaggio et al. "An obstacle-interaction planning method for navigation of actuated vine robots", ICRA 2020

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List of publications

International journal papers

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- [2] G. A. Fontanelli, **M. Selvaggio**, M. Ferro, F. Ficuciello, M. Vendittelli, B. Siciliano, “Portable dVRK: an augmented V-REP simulator of the da Vinci Research Kit”, *Acta Polytechnica Hungarica*, vol. 16 (8), pp. 79-98, 2019, DOI: [10.12700/APH.16.8.2019.8.6](https://doi.org/10.12700/APH.16.8.2019.8.6).
- [3] **M. Selvaggio**, G. A. Fontanelli, V. R. MARRAZZO, U. Bracale, A. Irace, G. Breglio, L. Villani, B. Siciliano F. Ficuciello, “The MUSHA underactuated hand for robot-aided minimally invasive surgery”, *International Journal of Medical Robotics and Computer Assisted Surgery*, vol. 15 (3), pp. 1013-1062, 2019, DOI: [10.1002/rcs.1981](https://doi.org/10.1002/rcs.1981).

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[5] **M. Selvaggio**, F. Abi-Farraj, C. Pacchierotti, P. Robuffo Giordano, B. Siciliano, “Haptic-based shared-control methods for a dual-arm system”, *IEEE Robotics and Automation Letters*, vol. 3 (4), pp. 4249-4256, Oct. 2018, DOI: [10.1109/LRA.2018.2864353](https://doi.org/10.1109/LRA.2018.2864353).

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[8] S. Grazioso, **M. Selvaggio**, G. Di Gironimo, “Design and development of a novel body scanning system for healthcare applications”, *International Journal on Interactive Design and Manufacturing*, vol. 12, pp. 611–620, Aug. 2017, DOI: [10.1007/s12008-017-0425-9](https://doi.org/10.1007/s12008-017-0425-9).



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- [2] G. Notomista, S. Mayya, **M. Selvaggio**, M. Santos, C. Secchi, “A set-theoretic approach to multi-task execution and prioritization”, 2020 *IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation*, Paris (France), accepted.
- [3] **M. Selvaggio**, A. M. Ghalamzan E., R. Moccia, F. Ficuciello, B. Siciliano, “Haptic-guided shared control for needle grasping optimization in minimally invasive robotic surgery”, 2019 *IEEE/RSJ International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems*, Macau (China), pp. 3617-3623, Nov. 2019, DOI: 10.1109/IROS40897.2019.8968109.



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Awards, prizes, etc.

Scholarships

- **COINOR - STAR L2 program**: scholarship promoted by COINOR - University of Naples Federico II to spend a 6-months abroad period at University of California Santa Barbara.
- **Erasmus+ “Universities for EU projects”**: scholarship promoted by SEND consortium to spend a 2-months abroad period at IRISA, INRIA Rennes.

Grants

- **Innovation in haptics by young researchers**: grant promoted by IEEE RAS Technical Committee on Haptics for the project "Haptic guidance methods for robotic surgery"



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Awards

- **Start Cup Campania 2019** - 1° prize with the project INBODY
- **Innovation Village Award 2019** - finalist with the project INBODY, which received the Special Mention "Innovation and Safety" from INAIL
- **Switch 2 Product** - Innovation in Bioengineering: awarded second prize at the Sixth National Congress of Bioengineering with the project MUSHA
- **IEEE-RAS 1st "Robotics Made in Italy" video contest** - second prize award promoted by Italian chapter of the IEEE Robotics and Automation Society

Technology transfer

- **Co-founder of BeyondShape** – University of Naples Federico II Spin off company



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Workshops

- **Co-organizer** of the workshop ‘Shared autonomy: learning and control’ to be held at the 2020 IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation

