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Trustworthy Autonomous Systems (and the TAS Hub)



Outline

- **My work on Human Autonomy Teaming**
- **Understandable Autonomous Systems Theme at UofG**
- **UKRI Trustworthy Autonomous Systems (TAS) Hub**



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Human Autonomy Teaming

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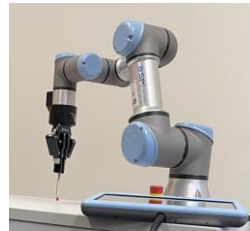


Behaviour Functioning for Human-Centred Robotic System

Autonomous Robots



Human partners



Autonomous system

- Collaboration performance
- Individual Motion behaviours
- Long-term companionship behavior in the robot

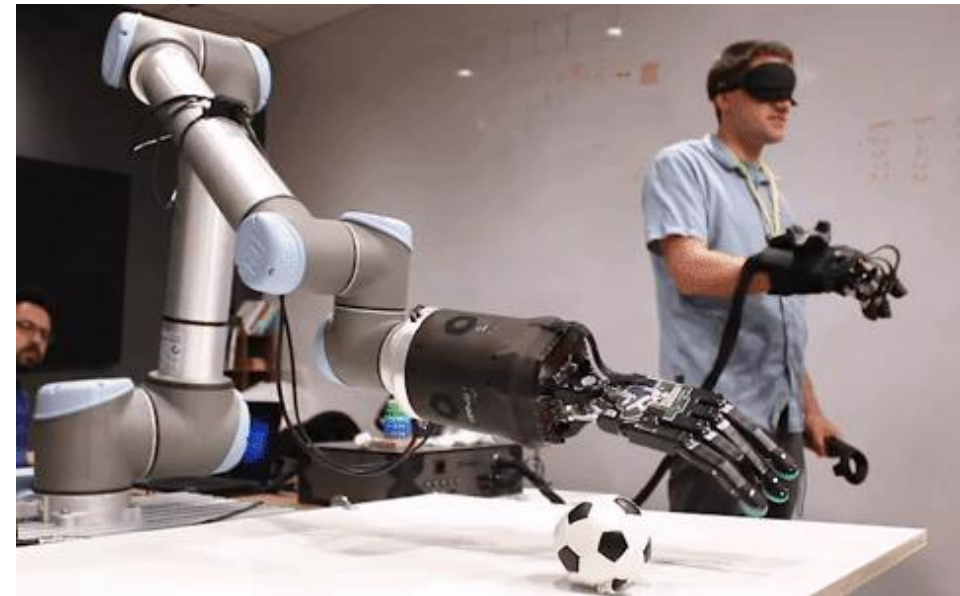


A robot can carry human behaviour

- Our experiment



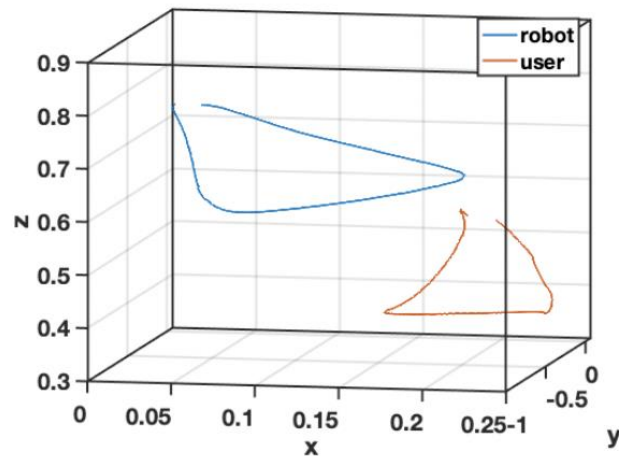
The Shadow Robot Tele-Operation Experiment



* This video is from Internet



- Feasibility study



Comparison of the user’s hand and the robotic arm end-effector raw trajectories of drawing a “triangle”. Both are obtained by OptiTrack cameras.

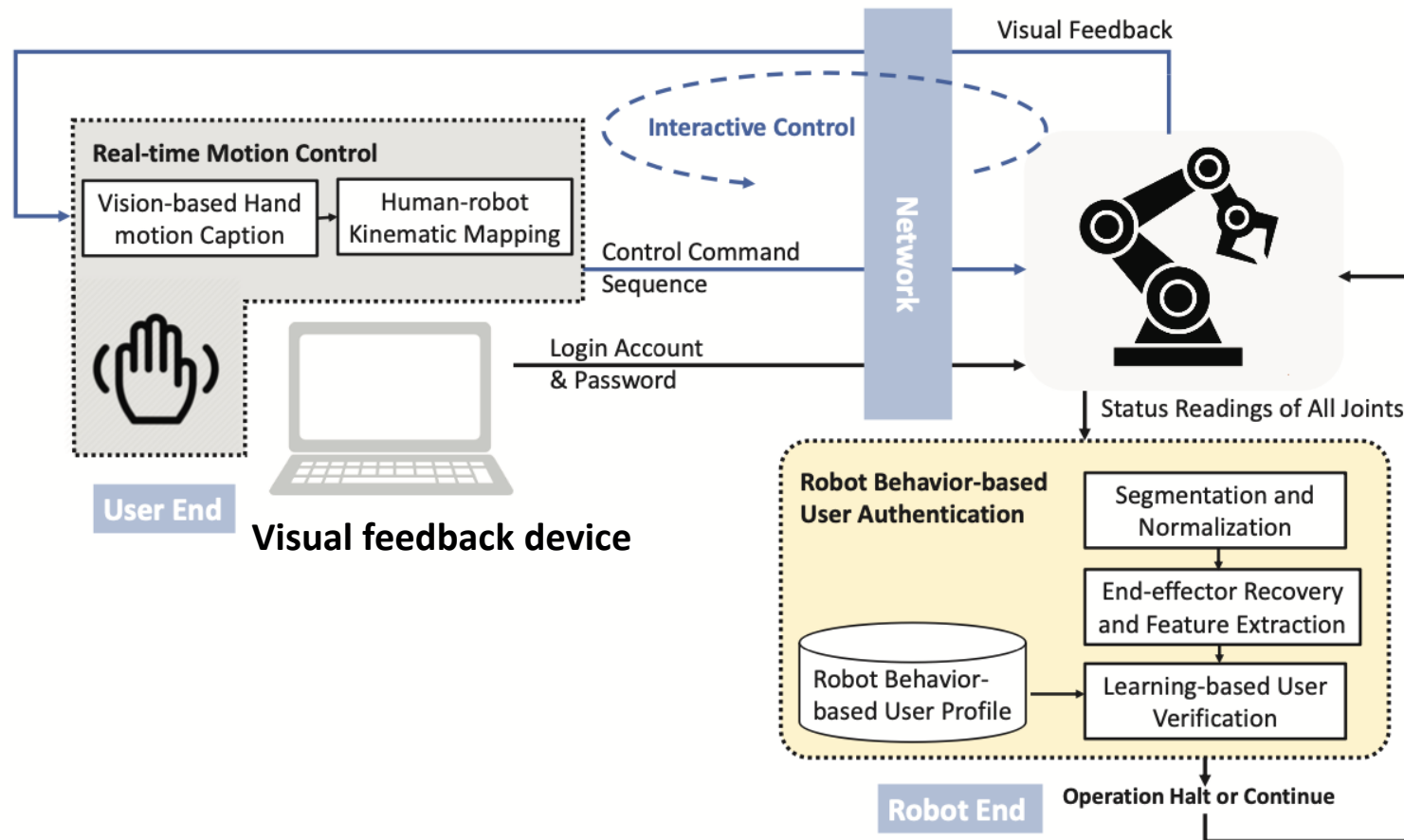
Comparison of human hand and the robotic arm end effector

- The movement trajectory of the robotic arm doesn’t completely replicate that of the user’s hand
- The sampling errors and the network traffic delays cause the robotic arm to show much more additional movements
- The robotic arm’s trajectory still exhibits a certain similarity to that of the user’s hand



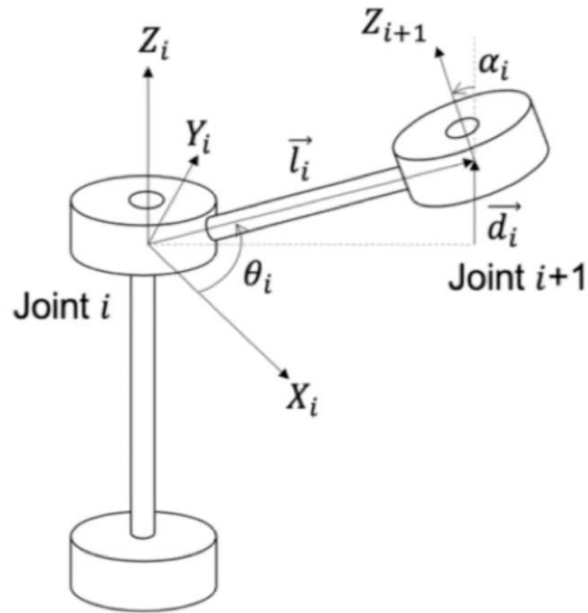
User identification

- System Framework



Reconstructing the Robotic Arm's End-effector Trajectory

- Forward kinematics



$$\begin{aligned}
 {}^i T_{i+1} &= R_X(\alpha_i) D_X(|\vec{l}_i|) R_Z(\theta_i) Q_i(\vec{d}_i) \\
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User Identification

- Feature Extraction
 - Six types of feature sequences are derived:
3D coordinates, coordinate differences, velocities, accelerations, slope angles and curvatures
- Robotic Arm Task Recognition
 - Given a robotic arm end-effector trajectory in the testing phase, we compute its weighted DTW distance to each of the task templates as

$$\sum_{k=1}^{11} DTW(f_{k,test}, f_{k,task}) \times w_{k,task}$$



Experimental Setup

- Participants

- 30 first-time users

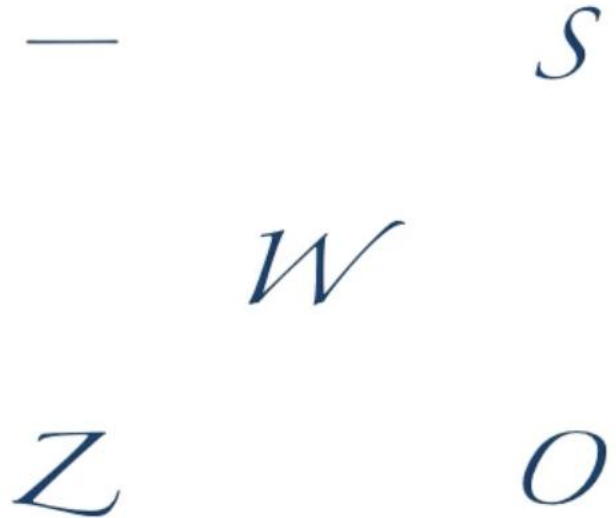
- Device

- Our designed platform

- Tasks

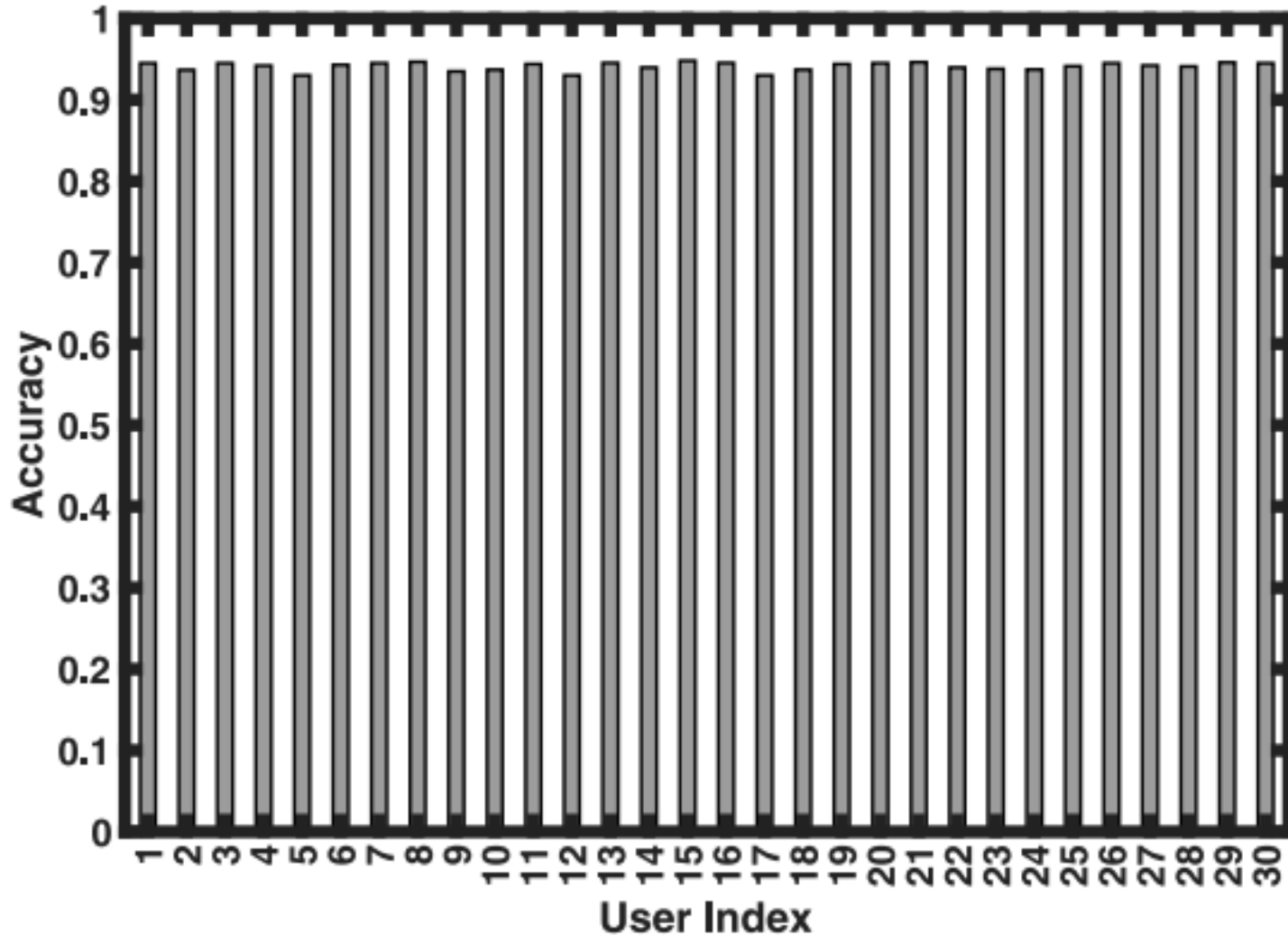
- “—”, “S”, “W”, “Z” and “O”

- ABC, star, triangle, stirring, pointing





Performance of User Authentication



- High accuracy for all participants, i.e., over 93% accuracy.
- Some could achieve 95%



Related Publications

- “Extracting human behavioral biometrics from robot motions,” in Proc. MobiCom 2022, 2022
- “Towards verifying the user of motion-controlled robotic arm systems via the robot behaviour,” IEEE IoT Journal Special Issue on Security, Privacy, and Trustworthiness in Intelligent Cyber-Physical Systems and Internet-of-Things, vol. 9, no. 22, Nov. 2022
- “Robot behavior-based user authentication for motion- controlled robotic systems,” in Proc. IEEE INFOCOM 2021 Workshops, May 2021. (Best Paper Award)





On-going work

- Identify behaviours that will lead to building human and robots companionship relations
- Implement the behaviour features into the robots, e.g., the quadruped robot and robot arm





Understandable Autonomous Systems Theme - School of Computing Science

- Overarching research theme
- I currently lead the theme (Previous lead- Prof. Alice Miller)
- Webpage: <https://www.gla.ac.uk/schools/computing/research/researchthemes/understandableautonomoussystems/>

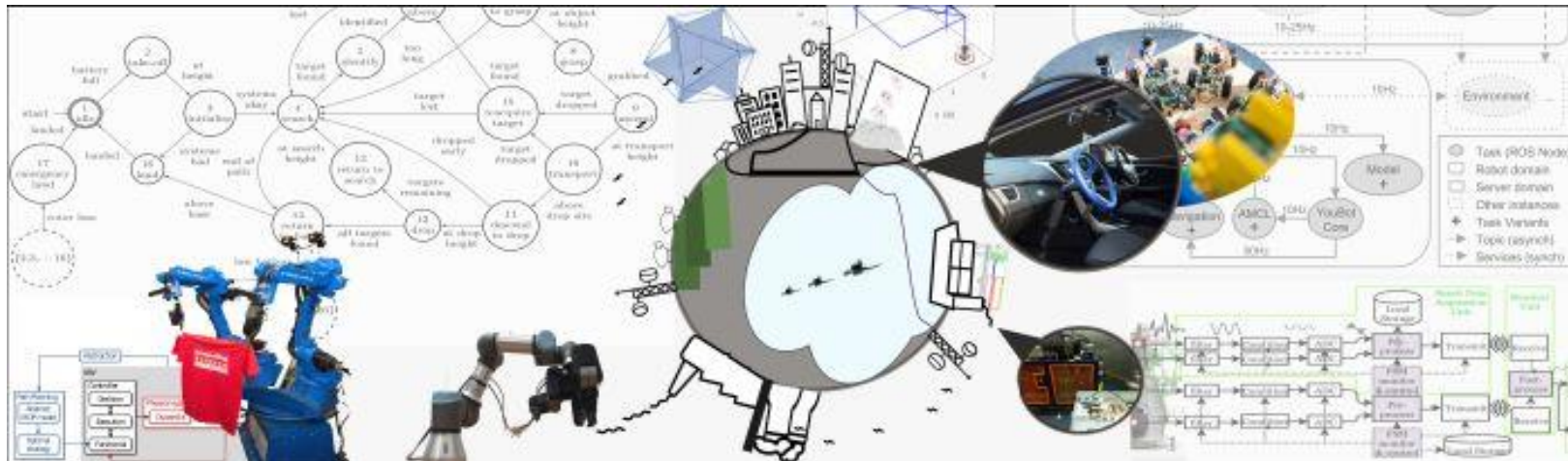


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• People of the Theme

- **Formal Analysis, Theory and Algorithms Section (FATA)** (Miller, Norman, Calder, Andrei, Gay, Dardha, Enright and McCreesh)
 - Modeling and reasoning, verifiability of constraint based tools
 - Programming language approaches
- **Information, Data and Analysis Section (IDA)** (Aragon Camarasa, Siebert, Anagnostopoulos, Adel)
 - Robot manipulation and grasping
 - Computing vision and sensing
 - Machine learning algorithm and models
- **Glasgow Interactive Systems Section (GIST)** (aka HCI) (Brewster, Foster, Chalmers, Guha, Ding)
 - User interface design
 - Human-autonomous system interaction
- **GLASgow SyStems Section (GLASS)** (Trinder, Cano Reyes, Pezaros, Singer, Michala, Perkins, Storer, Thamsen, Elkhatib, Li)
 - Reliable software systems
 - Reliable network for autonomous system
 - Privacy protection and security design
 - Resource allocation



UKRI Trustworthy Autonomous Systems (TAS) Hub + Nodes - <https://www.tas.ac.uk/>

The UKRI TAS Hub

- Universities of Southampton, Nottingham and King's College London
- £33M Trustworthy Autonomous Systems Programme
- Six nodes

