

DEPARTMENT OF INTELLIGENT SYSTEMS

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The Department of Intelligent Systems develops new methods and techniques for intelligent computer systems, with applications in the areas of the information society, computer science and informatics, and network communication systems. The main research areas are ambient intelligence, computational intelligence, agent modeling, and language and speech technologies. The department collaborates closely with the Faculty of Computer and Information Science of the University of Ljubljana on the joint research program "Artificial Intelligence and Intelligent Systems", led by Prof. Ivan Bratko.

Intelligent systems simulate intelligence so that a typical user perceives them as truly intelligent. However, in reality, these systems use complex mechanisms and implement them on digital computers to imitate human behavior as well as possible, exploiting raw, exponentially growing computer power.

Ambient intelligence is an increasingly important research area aiming to introduce the technology into our everyday environment in a friendly way that is undemanding for the user. The two key topics of ambient intelligence we work on are (1) telemedicine and elderly care, and (2) smart buildings. The European telemedicine project CHIRON is concerned with monitoring chronic heart-disease patients at home. Our task is activity recognition and the estimation of the patient's energy expenditure with accelerometers. Additionally, we worked on a decision-support system for the physicians to assess the risk to the patient's health. Since activity recognition is one of the fundamental tasks of ambient intelligence, we upgraded the activity recognition from the CHIRON project into the TriLAR (three-layer activity recognition) method. Another important task is the detection of unusual and suspicious behavior, which we tackled in a doctoral research project. When analyzing human behavior, it is important to adapt to each individual user. For this purpose we developed a semi-supervised learning method called MCAT (multi-classifier adaptive training). Finally, we worked on the recognition of typical diseases of the elderly and fall detection. In the ELKOV22 project we cooperate with the Elgoline, Kovinoplastika and INTECH-LES razvojni center companies to develop an intelligent door system. In the door we integrated an intelligent system consisting of sensors, actuators, controllers, communication interfaces and mobile applications. The system provides smart functionalities devoted to comfort (voice messages, event monitoring, remote control) and security (detection of movement and banging on the door, alarms with images over e-mail or SMS, etc.). The most advanced functions are the recognition of unusual entries/exits, automatic identification/verification of the entering individuals, a user interface featuring a virtual assistant, and learning the habits of the inhabitants to optimize the energy consumption of the building. In the area of smart buildings we were also developing a multi-agent building-control system with the purpose of performing a multi-objective optimization of comfort and energy consumption.

Computational intelligence is a study of stochastic search, optimization and learning methods, inspired by physical and biological systems. Research in this area at the Department of Intelligent Systems focuses on evolutionary computation methods. We study extensions of evolutionary algorithms for multiobjective optimization and their speedup, and apply these algorithms in engineering design and optimization problems. In doctoral research projects, we develop a method for the visualization of multidimensional fronts of nondominated solutions in multiobjective optimization, an algorithm for the discovery of optimal car-driving strategies with respect to the traveling time and the fuel consumption, and optimization based on surrogate models. In addition, our work is motivated by the optimization of metallurgical production processes, which is a subject of two research projects executed together with the University of Nova Gorica,



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In the European project CHIRON we monitor chronic heart-disease patients at home. The recognized patient's activity and estimated energy expenditure represent the context for the observation of the patient's heartbeat.



Figure 1: An intelligent door system, developed in cooperation with the INTECH-LES razvojni center and companies Kovinoplastika Lož and Elgoline, was demonstrated at the Ambient furniture fair from 6th to 11th November 2012, and presented in a short interview on RTV Slovenia.

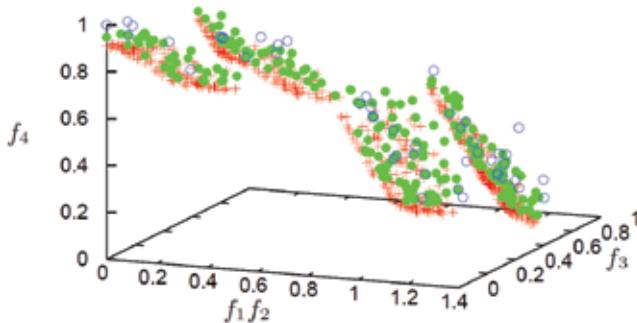


Figure 2: Visualization of three 4D Pareto front approximations in 3D using projections

In the ELKOV22 project we cooperate with industrial partners to develop an intelligent-door system. The project is focused on the security and the detection of unusual events during entrance.



Figure 3: At the 5th International Conference on Bioinspired Optimization Methods and their Applications - BIOMA 2012, held in Bohinj, Slovenia, on 24 and 25 May 2012, 30 papers by 70 (co)authors from 13 countries were presented.

The goal of the 7th Framework Program project MIRABEL is to develop a computer infrastructure to efficiently balance the generation and consumption of electrical energy for an increased amount of energy from renewable sources.

ing scientists that had a significant impact on the field of artificial intelligence in the past decades. Four conference awards were given: for exceptional contribution to the development and promotion of the information society, for current achievements in the field of information society, and the information strawberry and lemon for the best and worst public information-society services.

Some outstanding publications in the past year

1. Kaluža, B., Gams, M.: Analysis of daily-living dynamics. *Journal of Ambient Intelligence and Smart Environments*, 2012 , 4(5), pp. 403–413

Institute of Metals and Technology, Ljubljana, and the Štore Steel company. A substantial part of our applied research is devoted to energy efficiency. In collaboration with partners from five European countries, we carry out the 7th Framework Program project **MIRABEL** (originally **MIRACLE**). Its goal is to develop a computer infrastructure to efficiently balance between the generation and consumption of electrical energy for an increased amount of energy from renewable sources. This infrastructure relies on flexible offers for energy generation and consumption, their aggregation and scheduling. For this project we implemented scheduling algorithms for assigning the time and energy amount to the offers.

In the field of **agent modeling** we are focused on the behavior analysis and cloning of individuals and groups. Most of the work is performed for the **EUSAS** project, which is funded by the European Defense Agency. The aim is to develop a new approach to mission training for low-level units (security, police force, etc.) facing asymmetric threats in an urban environment. The developed tools can be used to discover the common agent strategy by knowing only low-level agent behavior and possessing basic domain knowledge. The discovered strategic action descriptions are presented to the user in the form of graph paths, agent actions, roles and corresponding rules. The rules, constructed by machine learning, enrich the graphical strategic patterns and describe the conditions under which individual actions present in the pattern occur. Moreover, meaningful behavior patterns are later used during behavior cloning, where software agents reproduce the observed behavior of real operational people. Experiments have shown that the developed approach allows for a high-quality reproduction of behavior.

In the field of **speech and language technologies** we work on speech synthesis, forensic speaker recognition, semantic analysis of text and question answering. Together with the Amebis company, we are developing a new speech synthesizer for Slovene. Special attention is paid to the requirements of elderly, handicapped and visually impaired people. In cooperation with the national television and radio, RTV Slovenia, we recorded a phonetically rich and balanced speech database for corpus-based speech synthesis. In speaker recognition we continue to investigate the correlation between the speech quality in telephony and the performance of automatic speaker verification.

In collaboration with the Department of Computer Systems, we organized the 5th International Conference on Bioinspired Optimization Methods and their Applications – BIOMA 2012, held in Bohinj, Slovenia, on 24 and 25 May 2012, and devoted to theoretical and practical aspects of optimization methods based on the models of biological processes and associations. There were 30 papers by 70 (co)authors from 13 countries presented at the conference. The invited lecturers were Prof. Ágoston E. Eiben from VU University of Amsterdam, and Dr. Xin-She Yang, from the National Physical Laboratory in Teddington, UK.

From 8 to 12 October 2012, the 15th International Multiconference Information Society – IS 2012 took place at the Jožef Stefan Institute. It consisted of ten independent conferences with 215 papers. The special event was the conference “100 Years of Alan Turing and 20 Years of SLAIS” gathering

2. Korošec, P., Šilc, J., Filipič, B.: The differential ant-stigmergy algorithm. *Information Sciences*, 2012 , 192, pp. 82-97
3. Luštrep, M., Bratko, I., Gams, M.: Independent-valued minimax: Pathological or beneficial? *Theoretical Computer Science*, 2012 , 442, pp. 59-77
4. Marinčič, D., Šef, T., Gams, M.: Parsing with clause and intraclausal coordination detection. *Computing and Informatics*, 2012 , 31(2), pp. 299-329
5. Piltaver, R., Luštrep, M., Gams, M.: The pathology of heuristic search in the 8-puzzle. *Journal of Experimental & Theoretical Artificial Intelligence*, 2012, 24(1), pp. 65-94
6. Pogorelc, B., Gams, M.: Home-based health monitoring of the elderly through gait recognition. *Journal of Ambient Intelligence and Smart Environments*, 2012 , 4(5), pp. 415-428

Organization of conferences, congresses and meetings

1. The 5th International Conference on Bioinspired Optimization Methods and their Applications, BIOMA 2012, Bohinj, Slovenia, 24.-25. 5. 2012
2. 4th Jožef Stefan International Postgraduate School Students Conference, Jožef Stefan Institute, Ljubljana, 25. 5. 2012
3. 20th Workshop on Nature-Inspired Algorithms, AVN, Šmarca gora, Slovenia, 20. 9. 2012
4. 15th International Multiconference Information Society, IS 2012, 8.-12. 10. 2012; independent conferences: 100 Years of Alan Turing and 20 Years of SLAIS, Intelligent Systems, Data Mining and Data Warehouses (SIKDD 2012), Collaboration, Software and Services in Information Society, Cognitive Sciences, Robotics, Language Technologies, Education in Information Society, FORSEE – Technological Forecasting in ICT, Facing Demographic Challenges



Figure 4: An example of a discovered strategic behavior pattern. The pattern is composed of a graphical (sequences of actions) and symbolic part (rules).

The main goal of the EUSAS project is to develop a new approach to mission analysis and training for low-level units facing asymmetric threats in an urban environment.

INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS

1. 7. FP - MIRACLE, MIRABEL: Micro-request-based aggregation, forecasting and scheduling of energy demand, supply and distribution
European Commission
Prof. Bogdan Filipič
2. 7. FP - Xperience: Robots bootstrapped through learning from experience
European Commission
Prof. Matjaž Gams
3. EUSAS: European urban simulation for asymmetric scenarios
EADS N.V., Defense And Security Systems
Prof. Matjaž Gams
4. Constrained multiobjective optimization based on simulation models
Slovenian Research Agency
Prof. Bogdan Filipič

2. Simulation and optimization of casting, rolling and heat treatment processes for competitive production of topmost steels
Prof. Bogdan Filipič
3. The 15th international multiconference Information Society 2012
Prof. Matjaž Gams
4. Open communication platform for service integration
Prof. Matjaž Gams
5. E-Reader in Slovene for the blind and visually impaired
Dr. Tomaž Šef
6. Crowdsourcing support for reassembly of wall painting fragments
Prof. Bogdan Filipič
7. Electronic mobile tourist guide
Dr. Mitja Luštrep
8. Virtual assistant for municipalities and societies
Prof. Matjaž Gams
9. ARTEMIS, CHIRON: Cyclic and person-centric health management: Integrated approach for home, mobile and clinical environments
Dr. Mitja Luštrep

RESEARCH PROGRAM

1. Artificial intelligence and intelligent systems
Prof. Matjaž Gams

R & D GRANTS AND CONTRACTS

1. Advanced modelling and simulation of liquid-solid processes
Prof. Bogdan Filipič

NEW CONTRACTS

1. 2nd project phase: Intelligent surveillance and administration system for wooden residences
Intech - Les, d. o. o.
Prof. Matjaž Gams
2. Development of virtual assistant
Education, Science and Culture Trade Union of Slovenia
Prof. Matjaž Gams

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1. Prof. Erkki Laitinen, University of Oulu, Department of Mathematical Sciences, Oulu, Finland, 20.-26. 5. 2012
2. Martin Gjoreski, Faculty of Computer Science and Engineering, Univerzitet Sv. Kiril in Metodij, Skopje, Macedonia, 1.-31. 8. 2012
3. Dr. David Križaj, Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences, University of Utah, Utah, USA, 5.-23. 10. 2012
4. Prof. Adam Przepliowski, Institute of Computer Science, Polish Academy of Sciences, Warsaw, Poland, 6.-9. 10. 2012
5. Prof. Liliana Albertazzi, Center for Mind and Brain Sciences, University of Trento, Trento, Italy, 7.-11. 10. 2012
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11. Dr. Nataša Milic Frayling, Microsoft Research Cambridge, Cambridge, United Kingdom, 11. 10. 2012
12. Prof. Gerhard Friedrich, Intelligent Systems and Business Informatics, Universität Klagenfurt, Klagenfurt, Austria, 11.-12. 10. 2012
13. Dr. Gerald Steinbauer, Institute for Software Technology, Graz University of Technology, Graz, Austria, 11.-13. 10. 2012
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