

Assistive robots for healthcare

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The hospital of the future – advances in healthcare robotics

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Next Generation of Robots

mobile, smart, connected, adaptive and closer to humans





https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SeloQy0oXjl



Service Robots



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tf7IEVTDjng

Service Robots | key challenges

Our real "physical" world is *multi-modal*, very *diverse* and *complex*.

We need robots that ...

- ... can *dealing* with *uncertain* and *partially available information*
- ... see, feel and understand their environment
- ... have **torque** and **force** control for **tactile** and **dexterous** interaction ("soft robots")
- ... offer *intuitive human-machine interfaces*
- ... *learn* and *adapt* every day
- \rightarrow all this required AI/ML but even more novel sensing, actuation and robot concepts!!



50x speed www.youtube.com/watch?v=gy5g33\$0Gzo



Manipulation with anesthetized tactility https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HH6QD0MgqDQ

Robotics: Pain-Points and Opportunities in Healthcare

Pain-Points

- Aging society
- Shortage of labor
- Increasing costs
- ...

Robots as high-quality tools

- Precise, reliable
- Less invasive
- Faster recovery of patients
- Perfect for "background" tasks, complementing people

abo* FACHKRÄFTEMANGEL

Die Anzahl offener Stellen wächst weiter an – vor allem in der Deutschschweiz gibt es viele Vakanzen

Über 260'000 Stellen waren in der Schweiz Mitte Oktober ausgeschrieben. Zwischen den Regionen gibt es deutliche Unterschiede. Das gilt auch für die einzelnen Branchen.

Ruben Schönenberger 22.10.2022, 05.00 Uhr

Neue Zürcher Zeitung

Notstand in der Pflege: wie die Heime und Spitäler um die rarer Fachkräfte kämpfen

Der Personalmangel in den Gesundheitsinstitutionen ist demotionen Gerade die Pflegeheime als vermeintlich unattraktivs Aargauer Zeitung müssen sich einiges einfallen lassen, um gute Leute zu peronninen.

Simon Hehli 29.12.2022, 05.30 Uhr GESUNDHEITSWESEN

Düstere Prognose zum Fachkräftemangel: 2030 fehlen über 32'000 Pfleger und Ärztinnen

Der Mangel an Fachpersonal in den Spitälern spitzt sich gemäss einer neuen Studie in den nächsten Jahren rasant zu. Und nur jedes vierte Spital stehe finanziell auf gesunden Beinen.

The hospital of the future

09.10.2022, 13.54 Uhr

Gina Bachmann



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Intro to the main project behind the event





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Enhancing Healthcare with Assistive Robotic Mobile Manipulation



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Harmony Consortium

2 industrial partners 2 end user experts

5 universities

1 research organisation









BIO-ASSAY SAMPLE FLOW



Localisation, planning and control technologies





Multi-Scale Robotics Lab

Small-Scale Robots and Magnetic Navigation Systems





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Challenges in clinical translation

Requirements and constraints to develop minimally invasive technologies with magnetic small-scale robotics for application in clinical environment:

- Load, transport and deliver **relevant** therapeutic **amounts** for a given disease
- **Control rate of delivery** of therapeutic agents to the targeted location in the body
- Ensure degradation and biocompatibility of the devices and structures
- Manipulate devices in **realistic volumes or workspaces** (i.e. human body regions)
- Systems are **compact enough** to allow easy integration in existing operating rooms
- Magnetic navigation systems **comply with regulations** for use in medical settings
- Manipulation systems pose no risk for health professionals carrying magnetic-sensitive tools (e.g. metal parts, electronics)
- Instruments **minimize the physical burden** on the health professionals



the future of drug delivery •

Develop a targeted drug delivery plaform using magnetic microrobots for treating stroke







Integration of magnetic navigation systems in helathcare environments, and develop AI solutions that facilitate their use and deployment.



The importance of stakeholders

■ Develop new technologies that can be successfully transferred to society, by considering, from the onset, the requirements, barriers and framework conditions of the final application (e.g. health providers facilities, national health systems budgetary restrictions, ethical aspects)

Build a large network of professionals, entities, and organisations covering the entire supply-chain of the developed technology (from developers to final users), and that can contribute to its faster development and uptake by society.

■ Widen the pool of contributors to the development of the new technology, via the multiple planned discussion forums planned (e.g. ideas/innovation competition, annual workshops, public debates, best thesis competition, platform for online courses on related topics)

■ Generate momentum, engagement and interest by the different entities, and stakeholders that can benefit the most from the developed technology and maximise its **uptake by society.**

At the same time, stakeholders can anticipate needs, technological developments and commercialization market opportunities (e.g. for equipment manufacturers, entrepreneurs, technology investors) 27.03.2023













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Program

14:30 Welcome & Introduction Roland Siegwart, Salvador Pane, Peter Wolf

14:45 Project Presentations:

- HARMONY, *Lionel Ott, ETH Zurich*
- HOSMARTAI, Florian Heemeyer, ETH Zurich
- DIH-HERO, Andrea Schwier, DLR
- A Submillimeter Minimally Invasive System for Cardiac Arrhythmia Ablations, *Cedric Fischer, ETH Zurich*
- ANGIE, Fabian Landers, ETH Zurich
- MINIGRAPH, Sandra Wells ETH Zurich

16:15 Networking Break:

16:45 Company presentations:

- Magnebotix, David Sargent, CEO
- NanoflexRobotics, *Christophe Chautems, CTO & Alice Segato, Eng.*
- F&P Robotics, *Lukas Wirth, CTO*

17:45 GuidedLab Tours:

- Multi-Scale Robotics Lab
- AutonomousSystems Lab
- Sensory-Motor Systems Lab

18:30 Networking & Apero Riche