



W/BO project

Wi-Fi over ALBO

2005-2006

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Summary

- aims of the project
- project review
- tools used
- evolution of the algorithm
- result
- demonstration
- problems encountered
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see what's possible using Wi-Fi & the AIBO

- which equipment is compatible?
- what can we do?
- security?

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the W/IBO project in itself

~~Wi-Fi sniffer~~

Open-R SDK

another idea

finding the access point to which it is connected

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- good start for using the AIBO
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Project review



Work from October 2005 to April 2006

- AIBO
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- tests of coding
- infrastructure mode
- wireless connection for telnet
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Tools used



AIBO ERS-7



Mind 2

wireless access point

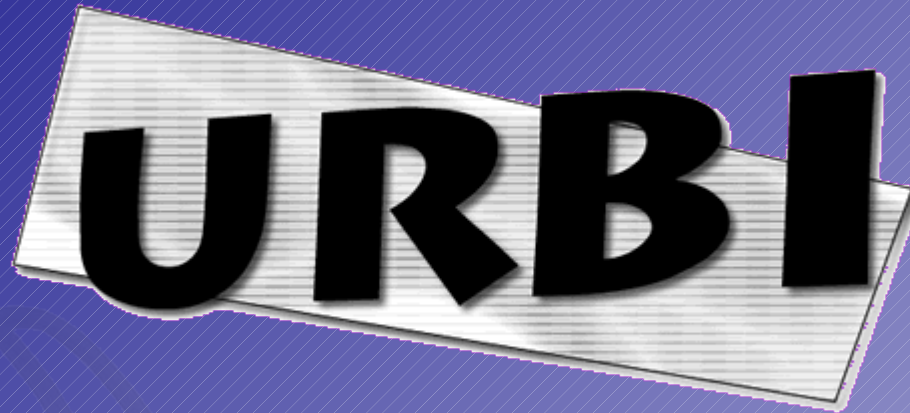


computer



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R-Code

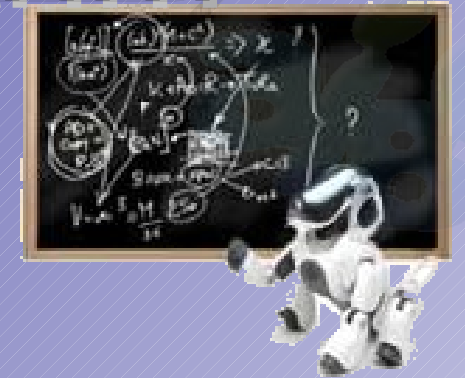


Tekkotsu



OPEN-R

Evolution of the algorithm



tests

- important result: $\text{effect}(\text{orientation}) \gg \text{effect}(\text{distance})$

pentagon

first implementation of the rotation

second implementation of the rotation

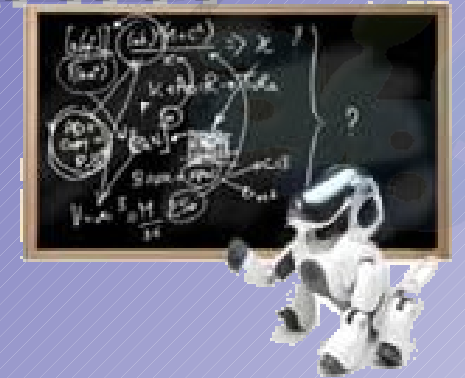
finding something else

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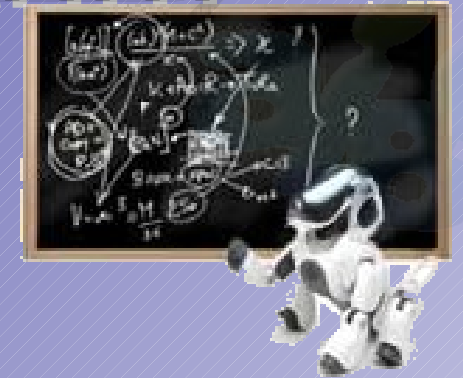
approximately constant angle

recording the last measurements

if in local minimum, than forward!



Evolution of the algorithm



other problems

- scattered measures
- low mean
 - solution 1
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- remaining problems
 - what if we stay in the problem state for too long?
 - reflection of the waves

Result



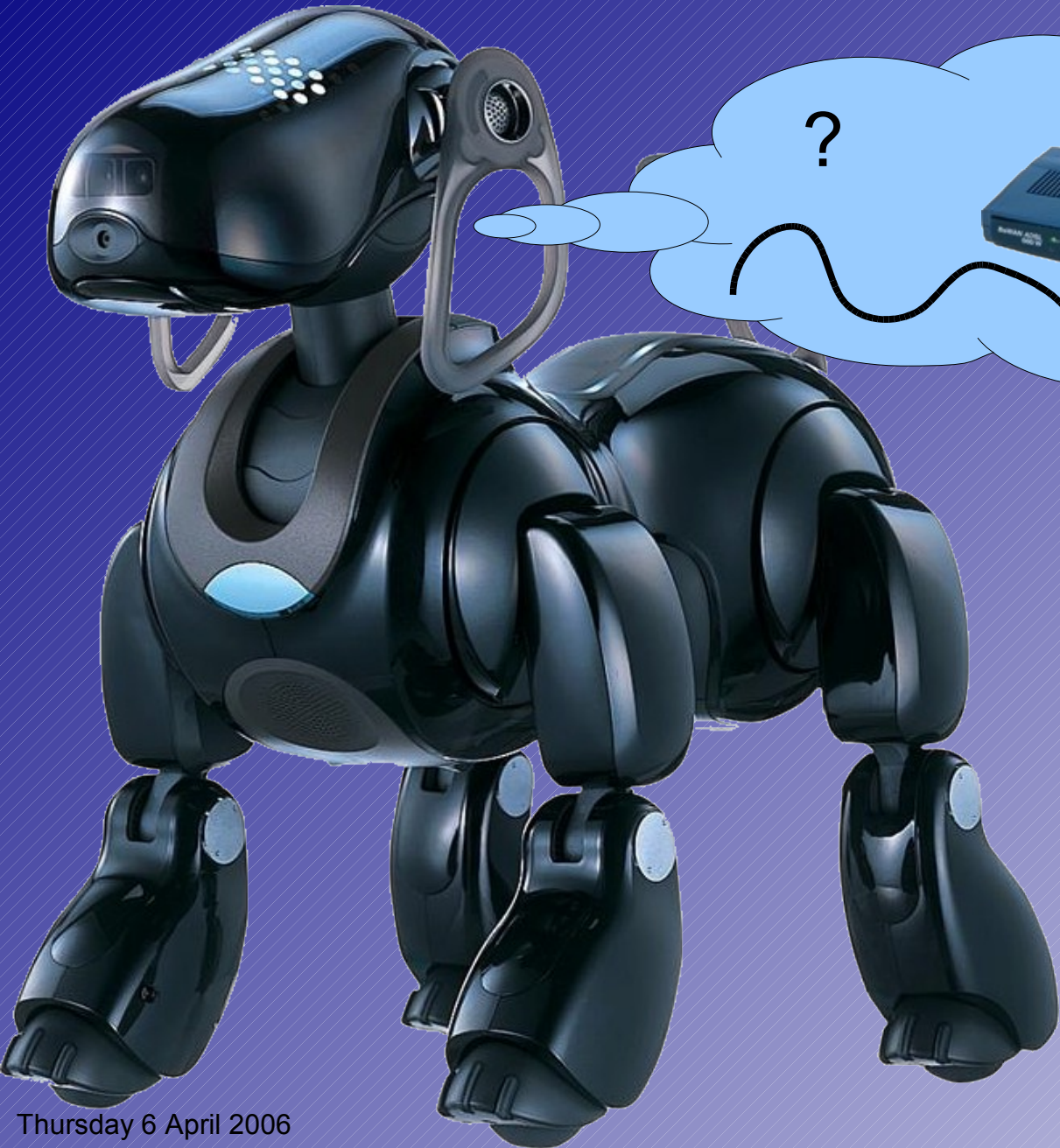
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- one single signal
- high power
- no reflection of the waves

Demonstration

WiFi



- 100% alone
- values monitored on the PC

Problems encountered

connection to the CS wireless network

ad-hoc

URBI

learning from scratch

script

not fully implemented

numerous bugs

Next



what can be improved?

what will be done?

& after?



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Good afternoon, thanks for coming
My name is Gilles RÉANT, I'm a Senior Sophister
Erasmus student from France, & I'm going to talk to
you about my final year project, name the W/BO
project

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PC under Windows & Linux

Mac

Pocket PC

Laptop

Smartphones

inner web server

telnet

full pack of functionalities on Windows:

- play CDs
- record videos
- create precoded movements
- see through the camera
- text to speech
- ...

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built-in wireless 802.11b card
based on an idea from my tutor
get, no set

1 single connexion defined in the memory card

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in a word, preventing other people from loosing as much time as I lost

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choose AIBO
theme
a few tests
ad-hoc doesn't work

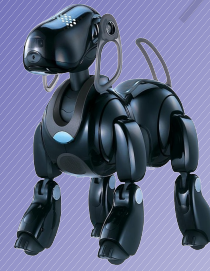
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latest generation of AIBO
mind 2 just for starting test, can't use mind & coding
your own software

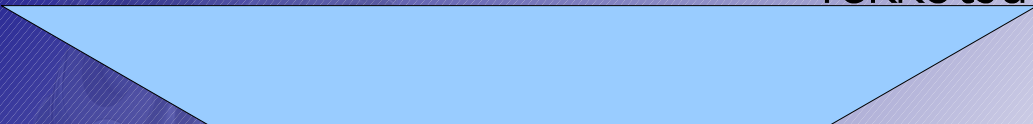
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finally chose URBI

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Easy to show the live variation of the signal with
URBI

first important result: the effect of the orientation of
the AIBO is much more important than the distance
to the access point

so, thought of a pentagon tessellation of the area
stop, making a measurement, rotating of 72° , 5 times,
then decide which is the best direction to take
didn't give any good result, because the algorithm of
rotation precoded in URBI gave a approximate
rotation (the robot wasn't rotating around itself)
used another algorithm, which couldn't rotate of a
precise enough angle (imprecision of more than
20%)

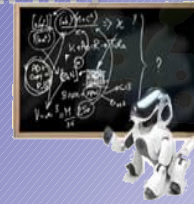
so I had to give up this idea, & find something else

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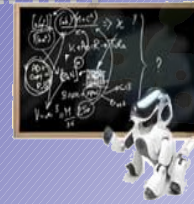
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recording the 5 last measurements

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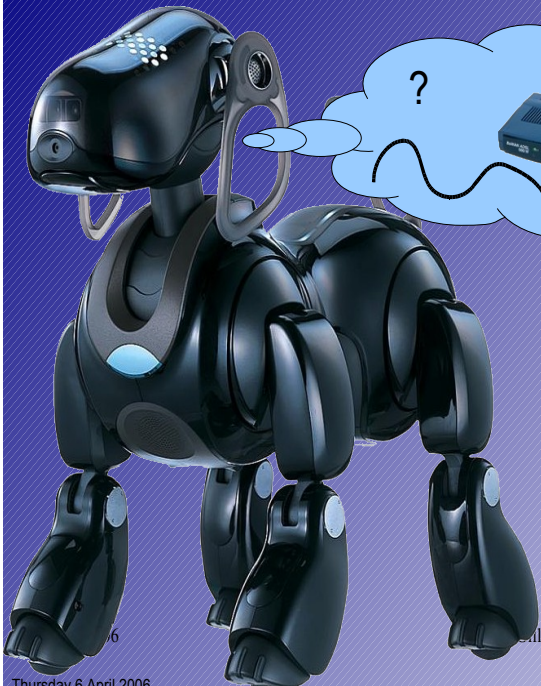


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the access point is here
the AIBO will stop when the signal's power reaches
80% (Sony's unit)
first time I do this in this room, can't assure that it will
work

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