

Scientific Conference & DGR Days

The Human in the Center of Learning Systems

October 6 - 8, 2021

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an event of the KIT Science Week

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The conference will be held online in English and is free of charge

Within the last years, machine learning has proved to be a technological game changer in various domains, ranging from medicine to robotics. Despite many advances and outstanding exhibitions of various systems endowed with artificial intelligence (AI), current approaches often lack flexibility, adaptability, robustness, and explainability: in contrast to humans, these systems are neither able to adapt a-priori knowledge to master new tasks, nor able to reflect on their own experience to actively explain and improve their performance.

The KIT Science Week 2021 focuses on bringing the human back into the center of learning systems by discussing the development of human-inspired, trustable, understandable and adaptable AI technologies.

In conjunction of the KIT Science Week 2021, the DGR-Days, the meeting of the German Robotics Society (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Robotik, DGR) are held to foster a visible and interdisciplinary robotics community in Germany. Researchers from robotics, AI, cognitive science, psychology, neuroscience and other related disciplines are cordially invited to participate. The goal of the DGR is to create a forum for academic exchange to share advances, discuss research challenges and spark new collaborations in particular for young researchers, doctoral students and post-docs. This unique occasion brings together the international robotics community with leading researchers and pioneers in artificial intelligence and human-centered robotics.

The program comprises **12 keynote lectures** given by world-renowned scientists as well as **5 DGR Days Sessions** with a total of **35 contributions** by young scientists and also provides the opportunity to get together within the communication platform *wonder.me* for further discussions amongst the participants.

We are very grateful to all the contributing keynote speakers and sponsors as well as the organization team for their contributions to the event.

To the conference website



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Zoom Webinar

The Human in the Center of Learning Systems

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Wednesday, October 6 to Friday, October 8

Wonder.me

Virtual Get Together in the Networking Area

We have chosen *wonder.me* as a virtual break room. Throughout the entire conference, this platform can be used 24h a day to get together and to continue discussions.

Wonder.me offers a virtual space with the possibility of open and dynamic group discussions. The virtual room can be thought of as a real room. Through several designated areas tagged with different topics and keywords within the big meeting room, you can thus find other participants with similar interests.

Once you enter one of these areas with your avatar, you can either join conversations that are already taking place or wait until other users interested in talking come along to address them. In order to start a conversation or enter into an existing one, you have only to move your avatar into the vicinity of another user and start a conversation by clicking on the appearing button. Up to 15 users can participate in one conversation at the same time.

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Wednesday, October 6

10:00 - 11:00

Yoshihiko Nakamura



Personal Digital-Twin and Data Science

Computer vision, AI and robotics extend and deepen the basic research about the human by motion measurements, motion analysis, biomechanical analysis, motion semiotics, and their data science. In 2020 we started Corporate Sponsored Research Program "Human-Motion Data Science" as a three-year research program in University of Tokyo supported by the five industrial partners. Informatics on the body and motion of humans enlightens a unique scientific domain, but yet remains unsystematized and is not fully developed. We study human-motion data science research toward social implementation into sports training, rehabilitation, health monitoring, and so on. The uniqueness of our approach is based on the computational algorithms and system designs originated in robotics. 3D pose and motion reconstruction from computer vision, biomechanical analysis of whole-body motion, and semantic interpretation of motion are all based on our original robotics studies of kinematics, dynamics, statistics, and high dimensional optimization. This talk will discuss monitoring the change of body functions and skills by accumulating personal body and motion data as the personal digital-twin, and on the horizon of its data science.

Yoshihiko Nakamura is Senior Researcher with corporate sponsored research program "Human Motion Data Science", research into Artifacts Center for Engineering, Graduate School of Engineering, University of Tokyo. He received PhD in 1985 from Kyoto University and held faculty positions in Kyoto University, University of California Santa Barbara and University of Tokyo. His fields of research include humanoid robotics, cognitive robotics, neuro-musculoskeletal human model, and human-motion data science. He is a recipient of King-Sun Fu Memorial Best Transactions Paper Award, IEEE Transaction of Robotics and Automation in 2001 and 2002 and of Pioneer Award of IEEE-RAS in 2021. He was President of IFToMM (International Federation for the Promotion of Mechanisms and Machine Science) in 2011-2015. Dr. Nakamura is foreign member of the Academy of Engineering Science of Serbia, TUM Distinguished Affiliated Professor of TU München, fellow of JSME, RSJ, and World Academy of Art and Science, Life Fellow of IEEE, and Professor Emeritus of University of Tokyo.

Wednesday, October 6

11:00 - 12:00



Manuela Veloso

From AI in Robotics to AI in Finance: Examples and Discussion

After many years of research in academia on AI and autonomous robots, for the last three years, I have been the head of AI research at J.P. Morgan. During all this time, I have looked at many challenges with an AI approach, addressing knowledge, representation of states, actions, behaviors, planning, multiagent interactions, learning.

In this talk, I will share several interesting problems that we have encountered and solutions that we devised in AI in Robotics and AI in Finance. I will focus on examples and will discuss AI planning, execution, teamwork, and learning and their potential of great applicability and great impact in real domains.

Manuela Veloso is the Head of J.P. Morgan AI Research and Herbert A. Simon University Professor in the School of Computer Science at Carnegie Mellon University (CMU), where she was previously assistant and associate professor, before being appointed head of the Machine Learning Department in 2016. She was the President of AAAI (2013-2014), and the co-founder, Trustee, and Past President of the RoboCup research initiative. Prof. Veloso is internationally recognized for her pioneering work on robot autonomy and multi-agent systems. She published extensively in both fields, and received multiple awards and honors, including being a Fellow of the four most prestigious associations in computer science and engineering (AAAI, AAAS, ACM, and IEEE). She is also the recipient of several best paper awards, the Einstein Chair of the Chinese Academy of Science, the ACM/SIGART Autonomous Agents Research Award, an NSF Career Award, and the Allen Newell Medal for Excellence in Research. She was Program Chair of the International Conference in Artificial Intelligence (IJCAI) in 2007 and the AAAI conference on AI in 2005.

Wednesday, October 6

12:00 - 13:00



Danica Kragic

Robots: Perceiving, Interacting, Collaborating

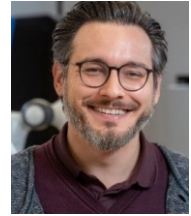
The integral ability of any robot is to act in the environment, interact and collaborate with people and other robots. Interaction between two agents builds on the ability to engage in mutual prediction and signaling. Thus, human-robot interaction requires a system that can interpret and make use of human signaling strategies in a social context. In such scenarios, there is a need for an interplay between processes such as attention, segmentation, object detection, recognition and categorization in order to interact with the environment. In addition, the parameterization of these is inevitably guided by the task or the goal a robot is supposed to achieve. In this talk, I will present the current state of the art in the area of robot perception and interaction and discuss open problems in the area. I will also show how visual input can be integrated with proprioception, tactile and force-torque feedback in order to plan, guide and assess robot's action and interaction with the environment.

Danica Kragic is a Professor at the School of Computer Science and Communication at the Royal Institute of Technology (KTH). She received M.Sc. in Mechanical Engineering from the Technical University of Rijeka, Croatia in 1995 and PhD in Computer Science from KTH in 2001. She has been a visiting researcher at Columbia University, Johns Hopkins University and INRIA Rennes. She is the Director of the Centre for Autonomous Systems. Danica received the 2007 IEEE Robotics and Automation Society Early Academic Career Award. She is a member of the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences, Royal Swedish Academy of Engineering Sciences and Founding member of Young Academy of Sweden. She holds a Honorary Doctorate from the Lappeenranta University of Technology. She chaired IEEE RAS Technical Committee on Computer and Robot Vision and served as an IEEE RAS AdCom member. Her research is in the area of robotics, computer vision and machine learning. In 2012, she received an ERC Starting Grant, in 2019 Distinguished Professor Grant from the Swedish research Council and ERC Advanced Grant. Her research is supported by the Knut & Alice Wallenberg Foundation, Swedish Foundation for Strategic Research, EU and Swedish Research Council.

Wednesday, October 6

14:00 - 15:00

Sami Haddadin



*Breaking the Wall to Collective Learning:
How AI and Networked Robotics can Kickstart Machine Evolution*

Smart robotic systems have taken giant leaps in recent years. Important technological breakthroughs have led to the introduction of intelligent machines that meet human needs not only in factories but also in healthcare and in the service industry. Moreover, with the help of artificial intelligence, robots are now capable of learning and continuously developing new skills. Robots, connected to a remote memory that stores large volumes of trained datasets, have become more affordable and user friendly. Even more importantly, cloud-networked robots are now also able to share data, skills and knowledge with each other, creating a ripple effect or even an entire system of 'collective learning'. A specific skill learned by one individual robot will be instantly available to all other robots in the network. I will talk about my vision for a theory of collective intelligence and applying the knowledge pyramid towards my continuous efforts to strengthen the relationship between robots and humans, with the aim of bringing ever safer, more intuitive and reliable robotics into the real world.

Sami Haddadin is the Founding Director of the Munich School of Robotics and Machine Intelligence (MSRM) at Technical University of Munich (TUM) and holds the Chair of Robotics Science and Systems Intelligence. He received his PhD from RWTH Aachen in 2011. From 2014 to 2018, he was Full Professor and Director of the Institute of Automatic Control at Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz Universität Hannover, Germany. Prior to that, he held various positions as a research associate at the German Aerospace Center (DLR). His research interests include intelligent robot design, robot learning, collective intelligence, human-robot Interaction, nonlinear control, real-time planning, optimal control, human neuromechanics and robot safety. His work has found its way into numerous commercial robotics and AI products. Sami Haddadin has written more than 200 scientific articles and received numerous prestigious international scientific awards, including the George Giralto PhD Award, the IEEE/RAS Early Career Award, the RSS Early Career Spotlight, the Alfred Krupp Award, the German Future Prize of the German President and the Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz Award.

Wednesday, October 6

16:00 - 17:00



Wolfram Burgard

Probabilistic and Deep Learning Approaches for Robot Navigation and Autonomous Driving

For autonomous robots and automated driving, the capability to robustly perceive their environments and execute their actions is the ultimate goal. The key challenge is that no sensors and actuators are perfect, which means that robots and cars need the ability to properly deal with the resulting uncertainty.

In this presentation, I will introduce the probabilistic approach to robotics, which provides a rigorous statistical methodology to solve the state estimation problem. I will furthermore discuss how this approach can be extended using state-of-the-art technology from machine learning to bring us closer to the development of truly robust systems able to serve us in our everyday lives.

Wolfram Burgard is a Professor for computer science and the Head of the Autonomous Intelligent Systems research laboratory at the University of Freiburg. He received his PhD from the University of Bonn in 1991, where he then became the head of the research lab for Autonomous Mobile systems. His areas of interest lie in artificial intelligence and mobile robots, for which he developed pioneer techniques for localization, simultaneous localization and mapping (SLAM), robot navigation and control and path-planning, among others. Prof. Burgard has co-authored over 350 papers and articles, as well as 2 books. He received numerous awards, including the Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz, 14 best paper awards, and an ERC Advanced grant in 2010 and the IEEE Robotics and Automation Technical Field Award in 2021. He is member of the German Academy of Sciences Leopoldina and the Heidelberg Academy of Sciences, as well as Fellow of the IEEE, the AAAI and the EurAI. He was the Editor-in-Chief of the IEEE/RSJ International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems from 2014 to 2016 and he served as President of the IEEE Robotics and Automation society from 2018 to 2019.

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Caroline Uhler

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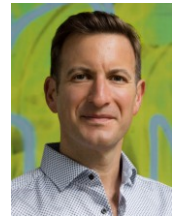
Causality and Autoencoders in the Light of Drug Repurposing for COVID-19

Massive data collection holds the promise of a better understanding of complex phenomena and ultimately, of better decisions. An exciting opportunity in this regard stems from the growing availability of perturbation / intervention data (for example in genomics, advertisement, policy making, education, etc.). In order to obtain mechanistic insights from such data, a major challenge is the development of a framework that integrates observational and interventional data and allows causal transportability, i.e., predicting the effect of yet unseen interventions or transporting the effect of interventions observed in one context to another. I will propose an autoencoder framework for this problem. In particular, I will characterize the implicit bias of overparameterized autoencoders and show how this links to causal transportability and can be applied for drug repurposing in the current COVID-19 crisis.

Caroline Uhler is the Henry L. and Grace Doherty Associate Professor in EECS (Electrical Engineering & Computer Science) and IDSS (Institute for Data, Systems and Society) at Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). She is also the Co-Director of the newly founded Eric and Wendy Schmidt Center at the Broad Institute, an Associate Member of LIDS (Laboratory for Information and Decision Systems), the Center for Statistics, Machine Learning and the Operations Research Center (ORC) at MIT. Her research focuses on machine learning, statistics and computational biology, in particular on causal inference, generative modeling and applications to genomics, for example on linking the spatial organization of the DNA with gene regulation. She is an elected member of the International Statistical Institute and a recipient of a Simons Investigator Award, a Sloan Research Fellowship, an NSF Career Award, a Sofja Kovalevskaja Award from the Humboldt Foundation, and a START Award from the Austrian Science Foundation. She received her PhD in statistics from UC Berkeley and was an Assistant Professor at IST Austria before moving to MIT in 2015. She held visiting positions at ETH Zurich, the Simons Institute at UC Berkeley and the Institute of Mathematics and its Applications at the University of Minnesota.

Thursday, October 7

10:00 - 11:00



Cyrill Stachniss

Robotics and Phenotyping for Sustainable Crop Production

Crop farming plays an essential role in our society, providing us food, feed, fiber, and fuel. We heavily rely on agricultural production but at the same time, we need to reduce the footprint of agriculture production: less input of chemicals like herbicides, fertilizer, and other limited resources. Agricultural robots and other new technologies offer promising directions to address key management challenges in agricultural fields. To achieve this, autonomous field robots need the ability to perceive and model their environment, to predict possible future developments, and to make appropriate decisions in complex and changing situations. This talk will showcase recent developments towards robot-driven sustainable crop production. I will illustrate how management tasks can be automatized using UAVs and UGVs and which new ways this technology can offer.

Cyrill Stachniss is a Full Professor at the University of Bonn and heads the Photogrammetry and Robotics Lab. Before his appointment in Bonn, he was with the University of Freiburg and the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology. Since 2010 a Microsoft Research Faculty Fellow and received the IEEE RAS Early Career Award in 2013. From 2015-2019, he was Senior Editor for the IEEE Robotics and Automation Letters. Together with his colleague Heiner Kuhlmann, he is a Spokesperson of the DFG Cluster of Excellence "PhenoRob" at the University of Bonn. In his research, he focuses on probabilistic techniques for mobile robotics, perception, and navigation. The main application areas of his research are autonomous service robots, agricultural robotics, and self-driving cars. He has co-authored over 250 publications, has won several best paper awards, and has coordinated multiple large research projects on the national and European level.

Thursday, October 7

11:00 - 12:00



Daniel Dahlmeier

Developing AI for B2B Applications

AI has made significant progress and is being used in many commercial applications today. The bulk of AI adoption so far has been in B2C consumer applications, but B2B applications offer an equally exciting opportunity for AI. Developing AI for B2B applications, however, comes with its own constraints and challenges. In particular, the availability of high-quality data and a solid understanding of the business process are crucial for success. This talk will give an overview about developing B2B AI applications and how to avoid pitfalls on the way of productizing AI models. As an example, we will have a look at natural language processing, an active sub-field of AI research which can be applied to many B2B use cases.

Daniel Dahlmeier is Chief Data Scientist at the SAP Artificial Intelligence team. In his role, he is responsible for the data science strategy and orchestrating data science teams and initiatives across SAP. During his professional career, he has been involved in building AI products, from research and early-stage innovation to productization and operating AI at scale. Daniel's academic research background lies in natural language processing. He holds a PhD from the National University of Singapore, an executive MBA from Mannheim Business School and a diploma in computer science from the Karlsruhe Institute of Technology.

SAP's technologies for machine learning, the Internet of Things, and advanced analysis methods help our customers on their way of becoming intelligent companies. Artificial intelligence is already included in the core of SAP's corporate software. SAP's strategy is to bring AI into applications and business processes for the benefit of its customers and partners.

Thursday, October 7

16:00 - 16:45



Hans-Jörg Fischer

Legal Aspects of (General) AI

the Electronic Person as a Legal Consequence of the Development of General AI in the Future

The current discussion regarding AI refers foremost to „weak“ AI-scenarios, such as matter matching or OCR technology. However, provided that the development of AI continues with the current speed, the creation of a general AI, i.e. the replication of a human brain and its functions in the future might be a possible scenario.

In this legal study, the respective technological development of a general AI is presumed, the author does not make any statements about technological details. In addition, no statements are made regarding the question of timelines or ethical standards.

However, experience shows that every technological innovation will be constructed if technologically possible – the construction of combat robots and intelligence suicide combat drones may be a clear hint.

The distinction between „weak“ and „general“ AI is crucial for the question of liability for damages regarding acts of „intelligent“ machines. As „weak“ AI has no choice of decision, the construction or software engineers are liable for any damages such „weak“ AI machines might cause according to torts law provisions, such as Sect. 823 German Civil Code or product liability laws.

The liability of general AI for damages is different, as general AI machines are able to make autonomous decisions, creating a responsibility for damages for AI Machines on their own. As a consequence, a general AI machine might be liable itself, a situation which is currently not covered by any legal provision.

In Civil Law, only legal entities have rights and liabilities. In German Civil Law such legal persons are human beings („natural persons“) and legal entities like corporations, cooperatives or legal associations („legal persons“). Regarding the perspective of the development of AI machines in the future, the European Parliament (EP) defined in the course of a resolution in 201, the model of an „electronic person“ with specified rights and obligations, being a requirement for „most sophisticated autonomous robots“.



The EP's resolution of creating an „electronic person“ was widely criticised by researchers and business. Although the EP clarified its resolution in 2020 and stated that current AI systems do not require a specific legal personality, this limitation does not refer to future technical innovation of AI.

Therefore, the question remains which preconditions are required for any „general“ AI so that an „electronic person“ is needed. Such AI Machine has to exceed a certain „threshold“ of cognitive and emotional skills. The focus of current research work lies in the definition of such specific skills. As soon as the AI robot's skills exceed this so called „Fischer/Reeck threshold“, the legal gap regarding the question of liability for damages becomes imminent. Regarding these scenarios, the construct of the „electronic person“ should apply and fill this legal gap. Provided that the legal construct of an „electronic person“ might be generally accepted for „general“ AI machines beyond the Fischer/Reeck threshold, subsequent legal issues might emerge like property law, succession law of criminal law questions.

Hans-Jörg Fischer is Professor for business, company and tax law at FOM University of applied Sciences in Mannheim and Karlsruhe. His research at the FOM Competence Centre for Business Law (KcW) focuses on the influence of AI on law issues, questions on the development of the German legal system and its challenges in the future. Hans-Jörg Fischer is Lawyer/specialised tax lawyer/specialised Lawyer for company law/tax advisor and owner of a law firm located in Mannheim and Munich, having a focus on advising medium-sized companies in company and tax law matters. Hans-Jörg Fischer is author of numerous articles in German and British law&tax journals.

Thursday, October 7

16:45 - 17:30



Sabine Roeser

Moral Emotions and the Promises and Risks of Artificial Intelligence

New and potentially risky technological developments, such as related to AI and machine learning systems, can trigger emotions and public concerns. Emotions have often been met with suspicion in debates about risk, because they are seen as contrary to rational decision making. Indeed, emotions can cloud our understanding of quantitative information about risks. However, various emotion researchers in psychology and philosophy have argued for the importance of emotions for ethical reasoning. In my presentation I will argue that moral emotions can make a major contribution in order to assess the multifaceted, ethical aspects of risks, such as justice, fairness, dignity, responsibility and autonomy. Furthermore, when it comes to artificial intelligence, human emotions presumably by definition outperform AI concerning unique human capacities such as ethical sensitivity and imagination, because of the embodied and embedded nature of these capacities. We should critically reflect on which tasks we should delegate to machines, and which we should reserve for humans. Hence, for both reasons, decision making about the promises and risks of AI should include attention for emotions, in order to facilitate 'emotional-moral deliberation' concerning which role we want artificial intelligence to play in society.

Sabine Roeser is Professor of Ethics and Head of the Department of Values, Technology, and Innovation at TU Delft. Roeser's research covers theoretical, foundational topics concerning the nature of moral knowledge, intuitions, emotions, art and evaluative aspects of risk, but also urgent and hotly debated public issues on which her theoretical research can shed new light, such as nuclear energy, climate change and public health issues. She has given numerous academic and public talks. Roeser regularly serves on policy advisory boards concerning risky technologies, such as concerning decision making about genetic modification, nuclear energy and nuclear waste, and she is a member of the Health Council of the Netherlands. Sabine Roeser is (co-)leader of various large research projects, including a 10 year multi-university project on the Ethics of Socially Disruptive Technologies (ESDiT). Her most recent book is *Risk, Technology, and Moral Emotions* (2018 Routledge).

Friday, October 8

10:00 - 11:00



Oliver Brock

Machine Learning is Not Intelligence

What's Missing? And How We Might Create a Science of Intelligence

No other community has laid a stronger claim to the term Artificial Intelligence than the machine learning community. But truth be told, we don't really know the mechanisms underlying natural intelligence—and therefore we cannot really know what underlies artificial analogue is either. What do we know then about intelligence? We know how to measure intelligence in humans, we know that intelligence is predictive of many real-world capabilities, we can list properties we attribute to intelligent behavior, but we remain without a clear constructive understanding of the computational underpinnings of intelligence. Probably everybody agrees that what happens in a human body and brain is fundamentally different from any artificial system we have created thus far—and that the resulting behavior is also fundamentally different.

Oliver Brock is the Alexander-von-Humboldt Professor of Robotics in the School of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science at the TU Berlin. He received his PhD from Stanford University in 2000 and held postdoctoral positions at Rice University and Stanford University. He was an Assistant and Associate Professor in the Department of Computer Science at the University of Massachusetts Amherst before moving back to Berlin in 2009. The research of Brock's lab, the Robotics and Biology Laboratory, focuses on robot intelligence, mobile manipulation, interactive perception, grasping, manipulation, soft material robotics, interactive machine learning, deep learning, motion generation, and the application of algorithms and concepts from robotics to computational problems in structural molecular biology. Oliver Brock directs the Research Center of Excellence "Science of Intelligence". He is an IEEE Fellow and was president of the Robotics: Science and Systems Foundation from 2012 until 2019.

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Khanlian Chung

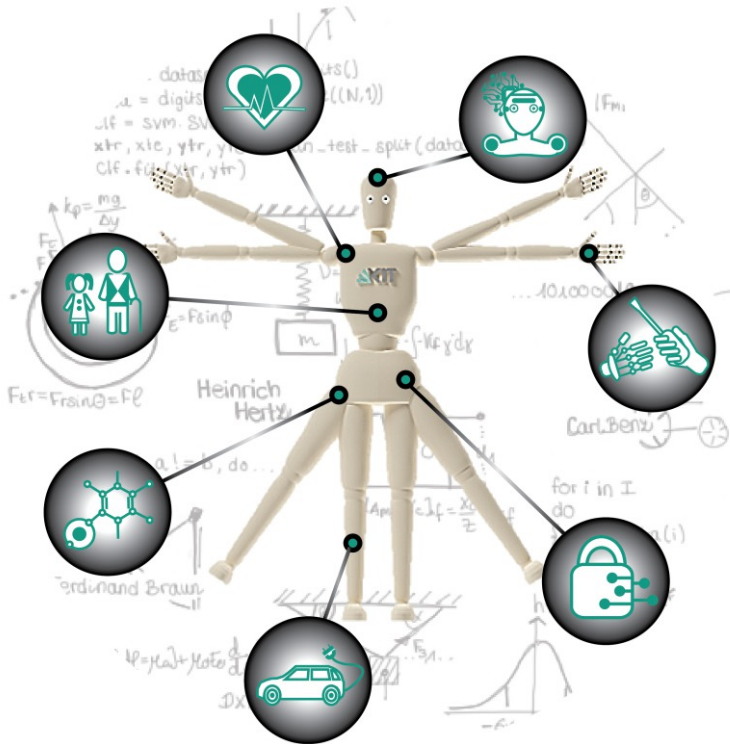
xAI – Is This the Future of AI-Software Testing?

AI is leaving its marks everywhere in the industry. One important question is how to integrate AI-based software in security-critical environments such as autonomous driving and modern medicine applications. The AI must perform robustly and safely. To ensure this, software that contains AI components must be tested thoroughly, which is not a trivial task: On the one hand, classic software testing methods cannot be applied due to the “black-box” nature of most AI-algorithms. On the other hand, in many cases regulations concerning AI-testing have yet to be defined. One cornerstone of AI-testing could be explainable AI (xAI). It helps software developers to understand the decision-making process of AI-algorithms which is fundamental for a trust-worthy AI. In this talk, we give a summary of visual xAI methods. We then show how we implemented these methods in a specific use case.

Khanlian Chung is a Senior Software Development Engineer at Vector. He is responsible for integrating AI-features in Vector software testing tools. The focus of his work is how AI-based software can be tested and secured. Khanlian Chung graduated in Physics at the Technical University of Kaiserslautern. As a PhD student and Postdoc at Heidelberg University, he investigated how AI can improve diagnostic and interventional imaging for cancer patients.

Vector Informatik is the leading manufacturer of software tools and embedded components for the development of electronic systems and their networking with many different systems from CAN (Controller Area Network) to Automotive Ethernet. Vector tools and services provide engineers with the decisive advantage to make a challenging and highly complex subject area as simple and manageable as possible. Worldwide customers in the automotive, commercial vehicles, aerospace, transportation, and control technology industries rely on the solutions and products of the independent Vector Group for the development of technologies for future mobility.

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B. Kiss, A. Buchmann, D. Renjewski, A. Badri-Spröwitz
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S. Özgün Demir, U. Culha, S. Trimpe, M. Sitti
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Francesco Missiroli, Nicola Lotti, Enrica Tricomi, Casimir Bokranz, Ryan Alicea and Lorenzo Masia
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E. Tricomi, N. Lotti, F. Missiroli, X. Zhang, L. Masia
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P. Ruppel, N. Hendrich, J. Zhang
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C. Zeng, J. Zhang
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- 12:36 Learning Robust Mobile Manipulation for Household Tasks
S. Jauhri, J. Peters, G. Chalvatzaki
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- 12:48 Achieving Robustness in a Drawer Manipulation Task by using High-level Feedback instead of Planning
M. Baum, O. Brock
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- 13:00 A Dataset for Learning Bimanual Task Models from Human Observation
F. Krebs, A. Meixner, I. Patzer, T. Asfour
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- 13:12 EMG-driven Machine Learning Control of a Soft Glove for Grasping Assistance and Rehabilitation
M. Sierotowicz, N. Lotti, F. Missiroli, R. Alicea, M. Xiloyannis, C. Castellini, L. Masia
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13:30 - 14:00 Break

14:00 - 15:30 DGR Days Session: Perception

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- 14:00 Interconnected Recursive Filters in Artificial and Biological Vision
A. Battaje, O. Brock
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- 14:12 Distributed Semantic Mapping for Heterogeneous Robotic Teams
Y. Fanger, T. Bodenmüller, R. Triebel
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- 14:24 A Dexterous Hand-Arm Teleoperation System based on Hand Pose Estimation and Active Vision
S. Li, N. Hendrich, J. Zhang
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- 14:36 Multimodal Perception for Robotic Pouring
H. Liang, N. Hendrich, J. Zhang
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- 14:48 Physically Plausible Tracking & Reconstruction of Dynamic Objects
M. Strecke and J. Stueckler
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- 15:00 Detecting Robotic Failures Using Visual Anomaly Detection
S. Thoduka, J. Gall, P. G. Plöger
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- 15:12 Skill Generalisation and Experience Acquisition for Predicting and Avoiding Execution Failures
A. Mitrevski, P. G. Plöger, G. Lakemeyer
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16:00 - 17:30 DGR Days Session: Human-Robot-Interaction & Production

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- 16:00 Improving HRI Through Robot Architecture Transparency
L. Hindemith, A.-L. Vollmer, B. Wrede
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- 16:12 Improving Safety in Human-Robot Collaboration by using Brain-Computer Interface Technology
J. Lyu, A. Maye, J. Zhang, N. Hendrich, A. K. Engel
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- 16:24 Flexibility in Human-Robot Teams
D. Riedelbauch
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- 16:36 Towards Active Visual SLAM
E. Bonetto, A. Ahmad
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- 16:48 Smart Interaction System for Autonomous Bus in Pedestrian Zone
Q. Hamza Jan, K. Berns
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- 17:00 On the Principle of Transference & its Impact on Robotic Innovation
B. Bongardt
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- 17:12 Sustainable Production enabled by remanufacturing
C. Hofmann, J.-P. Kaiser, N. Eschner
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Sponsors



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Thursday, 7

Friday, 8

10:00 – 11:00

Yoshihiko Nakamura
University of Tokyo

10:00 – 11:00

Cyrril Stachniss
University of Bonn

10:00 – 11:00

Oliver Brock
TU Berlin

11:00 – 12:00

Manuela Veloso
J.P. Morgan & CMU

11:00 – 12:00

Daniel Dahlmeier
SAP

11:00 – 12:00

Khanlian Chung
Vector

12:00 – 13:00

Danica Kragic
Royal Institute of Technology (KTH)

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Walking & Wearable Robotics

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Learning for Grasping & Manipulation

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Sami Haddadin
Technical University of Munich

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Wolfram Burgard
University of Freiburg

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Hans-Jörg Fischer
FOM Karlsruhe

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Gaul - Lecture
Caroline Uhler (MIT)

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Sabine Roeser
TU Delft