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# Robotics Robotics at Michigan

35+ faculty in Aerospace, Biomedical, Civil, Computer, Electrical, Industrial, Mechanical, Marine Engineering engaged in robotics

MARLO: Bipedal robot with full 3-D motion



**Flying Fish** 



Intelligent Wheelchair



Rehabilitation Robotics





Active Safety and Driver Assist w/Ford



## **Full-Spectrum Robotics**

- Robots that walk, fly, drive, and swim
- Robots sense their environment and communicate with each other and humans
- Explosions in sensing technology, in algorithmic potential for extracting information from the sensed data
- Robots connected to the "cloud" via the Internet of Things

## This is Michigan Robotics



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- Driverless cars will save tens of thousands of lives every year
- Autonomous submarines will map the ocean floor and inspect ships' hulls for cracks and other dangers
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#### Dan Ferris, BME and Kinesiology



### Lower Limb Exoskelet ons





#### Bionic Lower Limb Prostheses

Artificial Neural Oscillator Controllers

### Cortical Neural Prostheses Lab Cynthia Chestek, BME



**Articulated Prostheses** 

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Defense: Autonomous ship-hull and harbor inspection

#### **Underwater Archaeology**

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### Bipedal Locomotion via Geometric Control Jessy Grizzle, ECE

MABEL: The World's fastest running robot with knees Large Springs Robot Constrained to the Boom

Research Goals: Model-based control solutions for walking and running Disturbance rejection – uneven terrain (stepup and step down) Agility and Stability

> Meet MARLO: Free-running biped, joint project with CMU and Oregon State

Theory started with simple models and now handles full dynamics

> Passive Pivot



### Robotics and Motion Laboratory C. David Remy, ME



#### **Research Goals:**

- Exploitation of Natural Dynamics
- Design, Control, Optimization of (Legged)
  Robotic Systems

#### Passive Dynamics

Inspiration from Biology and Biomechanics





Natural Dynamics





## MARLO





### Intellectual and Academic Vision for a Robotics Institute

- Robotics = design, creation, analysis, and use of embodied computational systems that interact with the human and physical environment
  - Computer Science, Mechanical Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Control, Psychology, Human-Robot Interaction, Sociology, Ethics, Law, Biomedical Engineering, Medicine, Business, Policy,...



## Robotics focus areas

- Autonomy, reasoning, and learning
- Biomedical and rehabilitation robotics
- Control: Manipulation and Mobility
- Human-Robot Interaction
- Manufacturing
- ... many more possible









## **Educational Vision**



- New Robotics PhD program Fall 2014 aligned around three core disciplines:
  - Sensing (perception, mapping, computer vision, signal processing)
  - Reasoning (planning, multi-agent coordination, artificial intelligence)
  - Acting (kinematics, dynamics, manipulation, mechatronics, and control)
- High interest to students, growing quickly!
  - 5 new PhD and 3 MS students in 2014
  - 6 new PhD and 14 MS students in 2015
  - 12 new PhD and 35 MS students in 2016

### Two new courses

- ROB 501: Math for Robotics
- ROB 550: Robotic System Laboratory
  - Lab with electronics workstation and 3D printer open 24 hours a day.
  - Support from full-time robotics lab engineer
  - 3 separate platforms:
    ground, air, manipulator











## New Robotics Laboratory!

- Shared research labs: Walking robots, flying robots, autonomous cars, ...
- Classrooms and instructional labs
- Faculty & graduate student offices
- 4<sup>th</sup> floor collaboration with Ford

Robotics

## Activities of the Robotics Institute

- Robotics Day annually with NCMS
  - 150 attendees in 2011
  - 594 attendees in 2015
  - 800 attendees in 2016!
  - Industry, High school (FIRST), Universities, Government
- Student group programs
- Seminar series:











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**MICHIGAN ROBOTICS** 

Robotics Day 2014. Come experience the cutting-edge advances made by Michigan robotics' companies and research organizations, ear from leading minds in the field, and see how students are diving into the field at the high school and college levels.



How Kiva Systems Transformed

Distribution Centers with Robotic

**Building 18, North Campus Research** Complex 2800 Plymouth Rd. Ann Arbor MI, 48105

KEYNOTE Program Manager - Michiga ent of Tr Matt Smith How Autonomous Technology Will Transform Michigan Busine

Includes demonstrations of ground and aerial robots from industry and academia



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## Excellence and Breadth in Robotics Research



### Orosz Ground Robotics Experiment (OGRE) Gabor Orosz, ME



A testbed of unmanned ground robots to emulate a network of automobiles



Emulate gasoline and hybrid powertrains via DC motors. Implement different sensing technologies. Research Goals: Study effect of limited bandwidth and time delays on sensing and communication. Study the collective motion of vehicles in single-lane and multi-lane configurations.

### Real-time Hazard Avoidance Jeff Stein and Tulga Ersal, ME

**Research Goals:** Develop a hazard avoidance algorithm for high-speed large-size autonomous ground vehicles using the model predictive control that takes vehicle dynamics into account and generates optimal maneuvers to avoid obstacles detected by on-board sensors



#### Autonomy, Perception, Robotics, Interfaces, Learning (APRIL) Edwin Olson, CSE



MAGIC: Multi-Robot Coordination with humans in the loop

2010

World

Champs!



Automotive Safety: Planning and Control Perception is the key!

**Research Goals:** Creating Effective Human-Robot Teams through improved autonomy, multi-agent planning and coordination, perception and situational awareness, command expression, and teaching





### Experimental Unmanned Aerial Systems Ella Atkins, Aero



Solar Drones Student Team (long-endurance small UAS)

Embedded Aerodynamic Sensing (flapping and fixed-wing)

### Improving Robot Teleoperation Dawn Tilbury, ME

Sharing control between human and autonomy → maintaining safety while listening to human

A manipulator arm can be used to maintain rollover stability during high-speed maneuvers Teleoperation performance with variable delays can be related to constant delays



Obstacle avoidance and predictive displays can assist human operators



**Research Goals:** Characterize the factors that limit the speed and performance of teleoperated mobile manipulators. Develop novel control methods to improve overall system performance.

## Human-Robot Collaboration Matt Reed, IOE, UMTRI



Learning to Use Human Tools

**Research Goals:** Improving human-robot collaboration through application of knowledge regarding human motor control and movement patterns.

### Micro-Robotics Kenn Oldham, ME



Small-scale

forces











Leg

Ultra-low-power motion control and power management Modeling and Quantifying Audio-Visual Expressions of Emotion Emily Mower Provost, CSE



**Research Goals**: Mathematically characterize emotion structure, and estimate perception and perception change. Use speech processing to understand conversational dynamics. Understanding of human emotion to improve Human-Robot Interaction.

#### Multi-Robot Coordination and Task Scheduling Kazu Saitou, ME

**Research Goals:** Reduce total energy consumption and peak energy demands in multi-robot cells

- Arm posture optimization to minimize idle time energy consumption
- Multi-robot coordination to maximize the use of regenerative energy from one robot in other robots
- Task scheduling to reduce the need of rapid acceleration
- Task scheduling to spread energy peaks in multiple robots across cycle time



Power profile of typical operation exhibiting multiple energy peaks during cycle time (Duflou, et al, 2012)

#### Precision Motion Control for High-Speed, High-Resolution Manufacturing (Barton Research Group)

**<u>Goal</u>**: Design advanced sensing and controls algorithms for high precision motion control

#### **Iterative Learning Control**

- Flexible learning strategies
- Robust learning for a range of applications
- Cooperative learning control strategies

#### **Advanced Sensing Strategies**

- High-resolution sensing techniques
- Atomic force microscopy for topographical and charge density sensing
- Vision-based detection

#### Applications

- Emerging manufacturing processes
- High-resolution, high-speed manufacturing systems
- Rehabilitation robotics
- UAVs and other autonomous systems



**Fig. 1: ILC process** - As the number of iterations increases, the feedforward time domain control signal is determined and the error signal is minimized.



Fig. 2: Cooperative learning strategies - Develop cooperative learning control techniques to enable efficient and effective surveillance and monitoring operations.



Laboratory for Interactive Visualization in Engineering (LIVE) Construction Automation and Robotics





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## Interactive Task Learning John Laird, CSE

**Research Goals:** Create autonomous agents that learn new tasks using natural language and demonstrations; in real time during mixed initiative interaction.

**Current Progress:** Learns hierarchical task specifications for block manipulation tasks, simulated kitchen activities, and fifteen games and puzzles.

Future Plans: Extend to teaching Magic 2 mobile robot new tasks (delivery, patrol) and background behaviors (clean up).



### Computer Vision for Robotics Jason Corso, ECE



## Human Interaction via Robotics and Optimization Ram Vasudevan, ME



Identifying Dynamic Models

#### **Research Goals:**

- Understand and Improve Human and Robot Interaction
- Design, Control, Optimization of Semiautonomous Systems
- Personalized Diagnostics and Rehabilitation



**Retraining Using Virtual Reality** 



Identifying Models of Interaction







Preventing Accidents using Automation