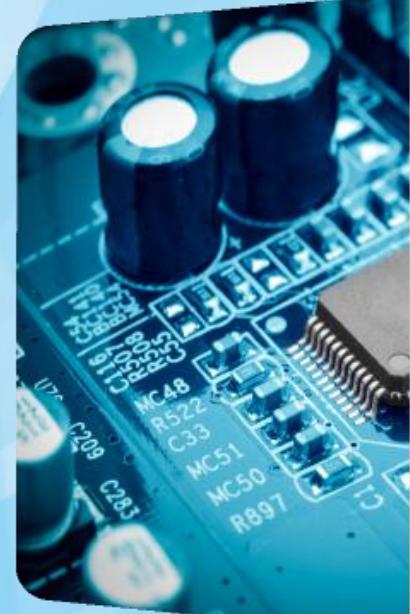
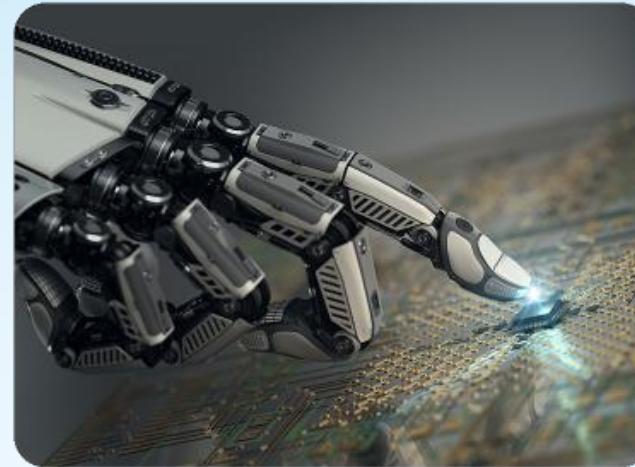




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Trustworthy artificial intelligence for drone-supported autonomous wheelchairs

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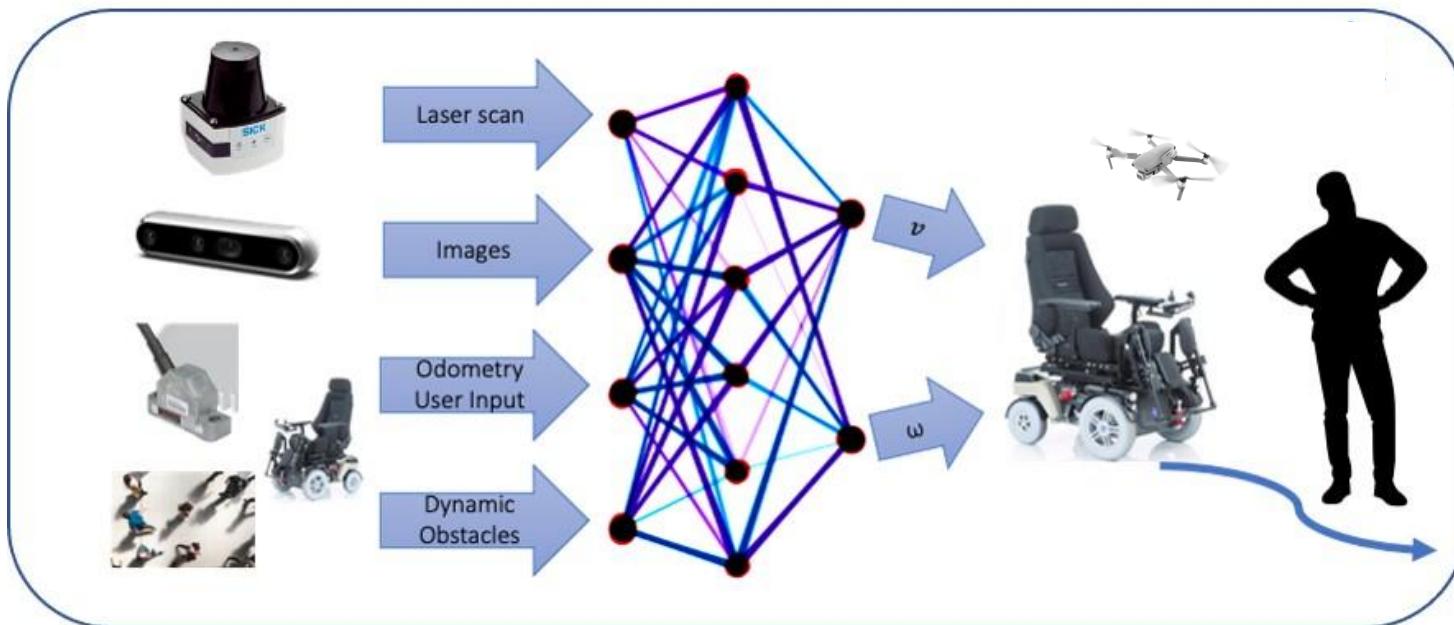
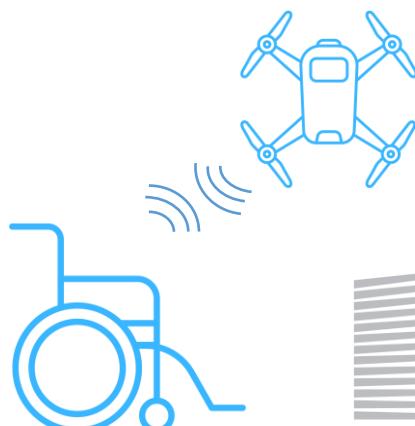
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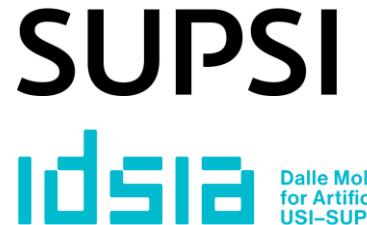


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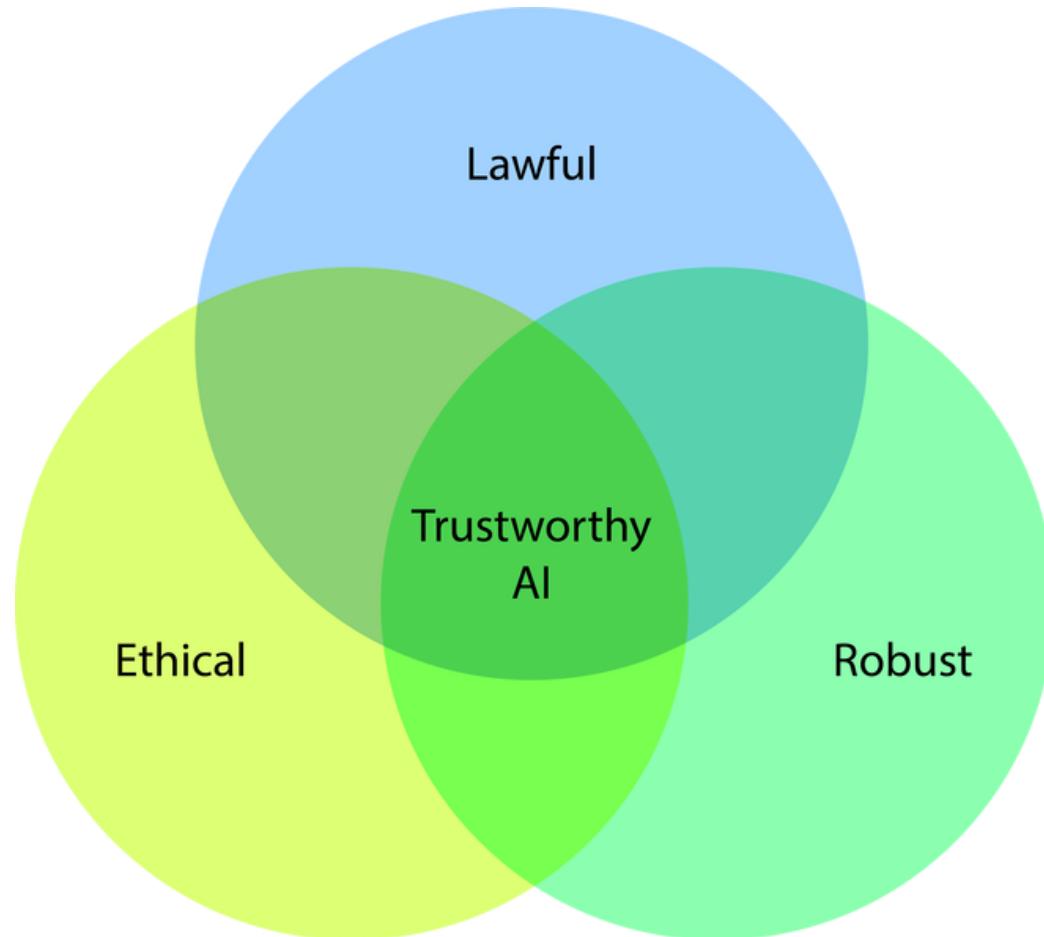


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Trustworthy AI for safe autonomy

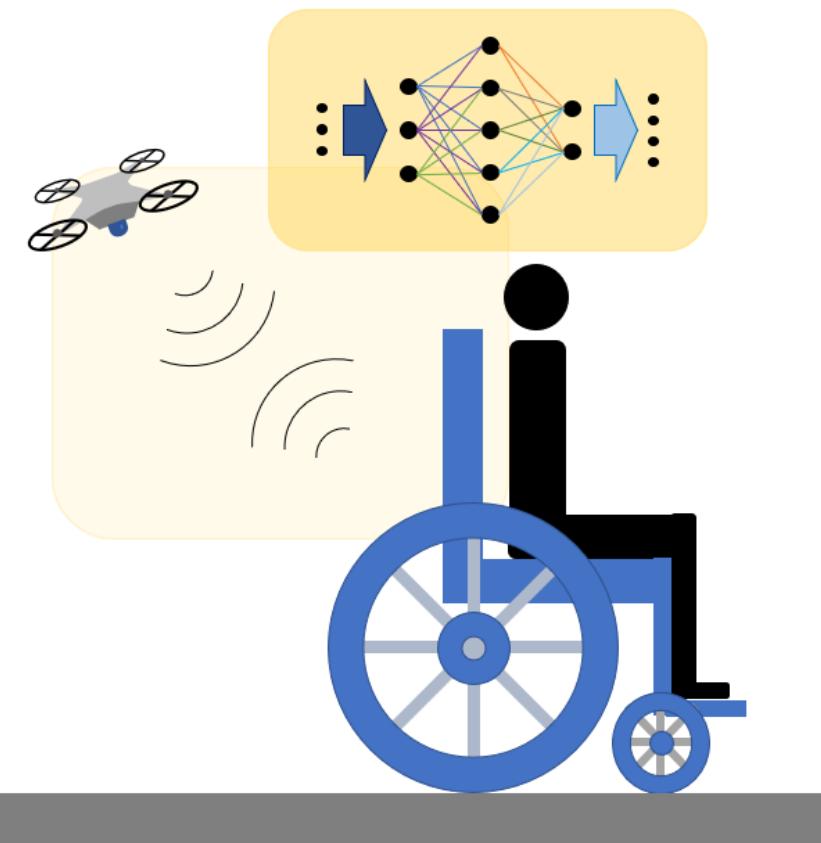
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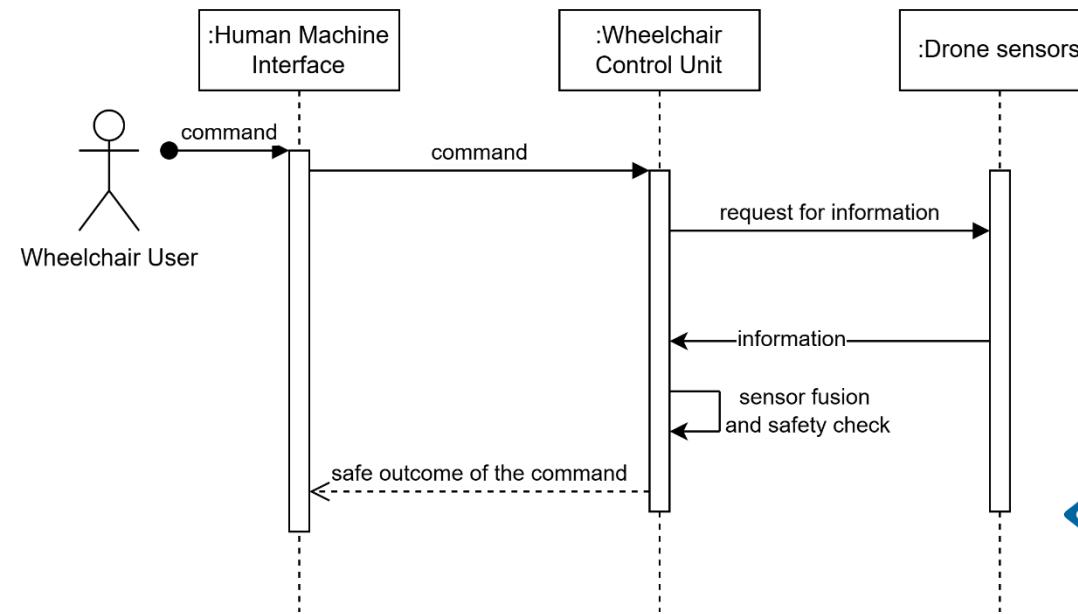
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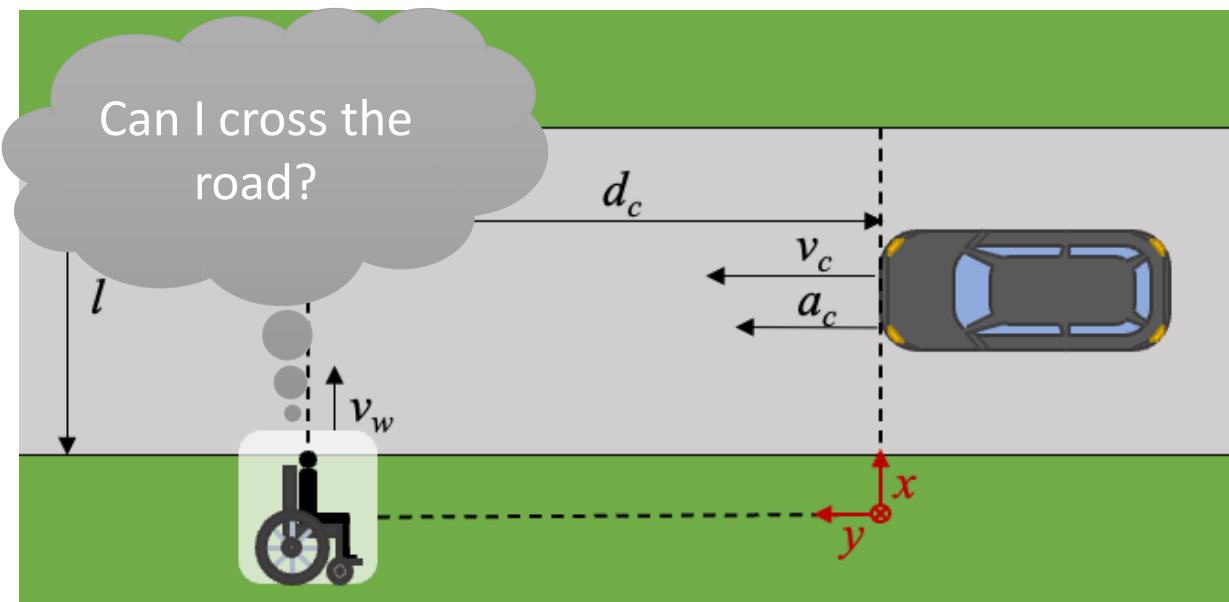
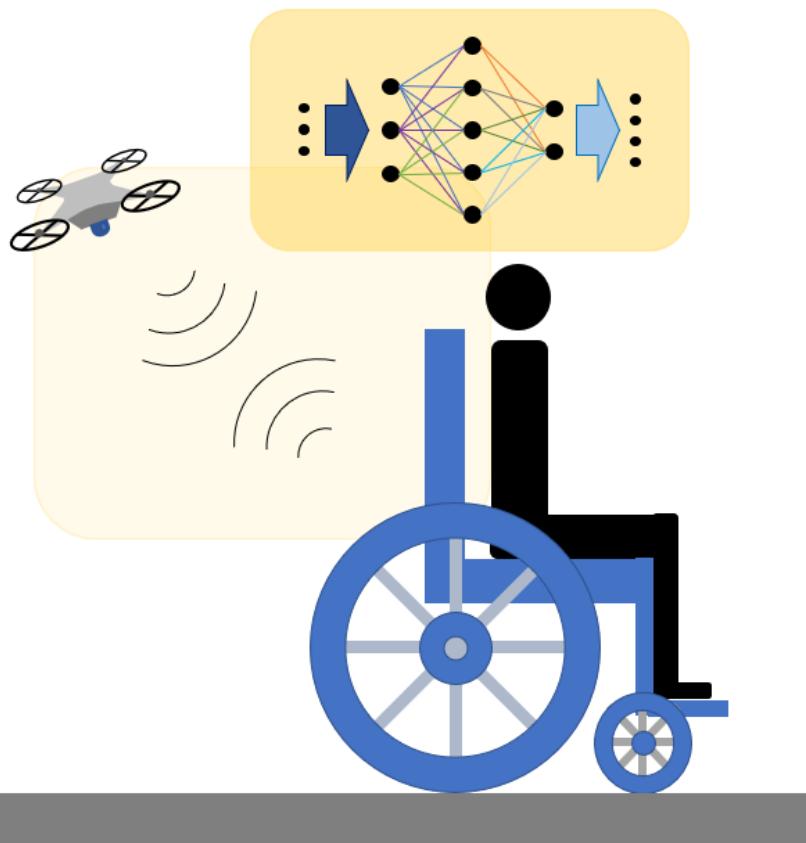
Trustworthy event detection using smart-sensors



- Information fusion from redundant and diverse sources to make safe decisions
- Sources include smart-sensors using *Deep Learning*



Reference scenario: road crossing

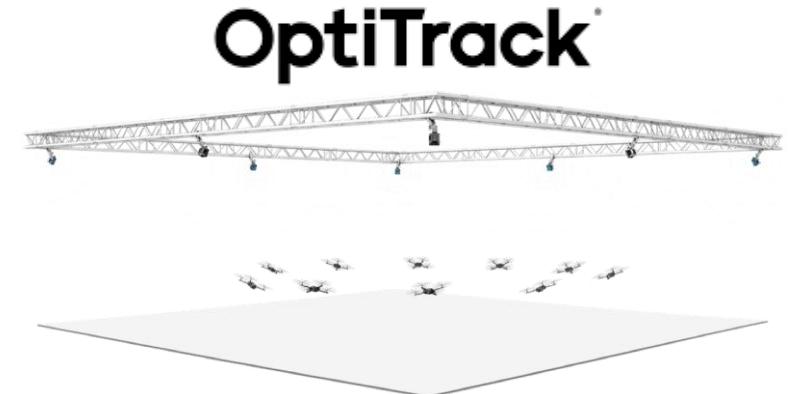


Laboratory environment for dataset collection



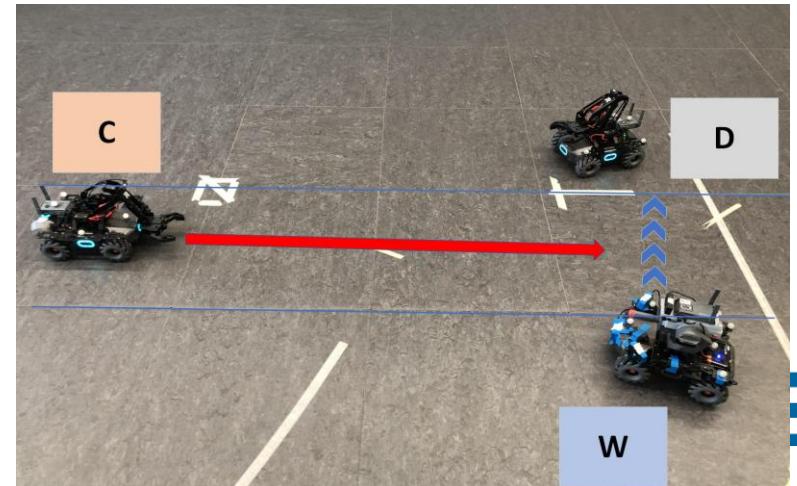
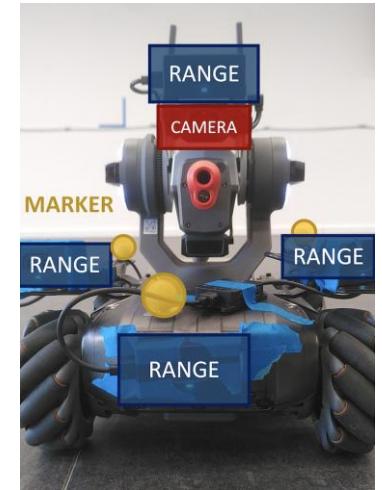
Laboratory environment

- Cheaper
- Safer
- Easy to set up
- Reproducibility
- Ground truth

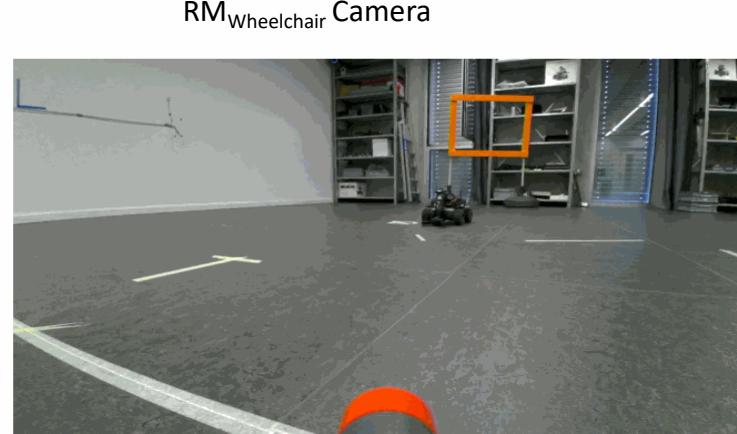


Instrumentation of the robomasters

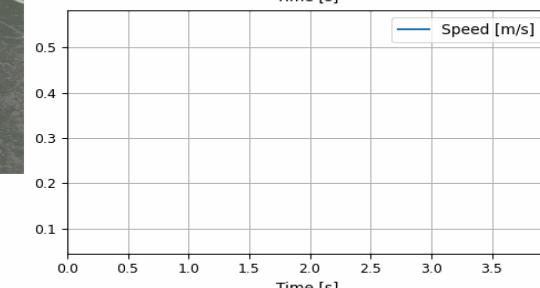
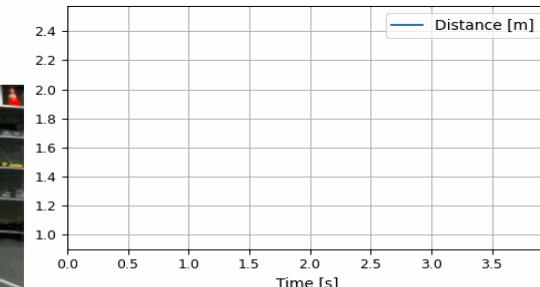
- ▶ Data recording through three sensors:
 - RM_{Drone} videocamera
 - $\text{RM}_{\text{Wheelchair}}$ videocamera
 - $\text{RM}_{\text{Wheelchair}}$ range sensor unit
- ▶ Information fusion to compute the danger function can be implemented at multiple levels: object detection, tracking, and decision fusion
- ▶ Artificial vision for obstacle detection & tracking
 - YOLO v5 (initial tests)
 - YOLO v8 customised (current tests)



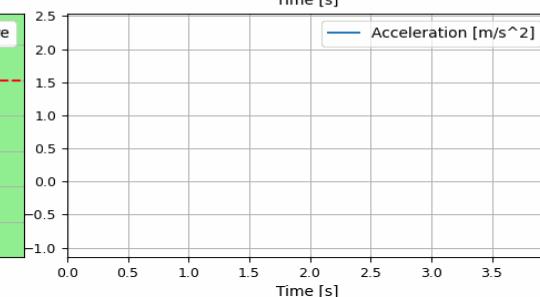
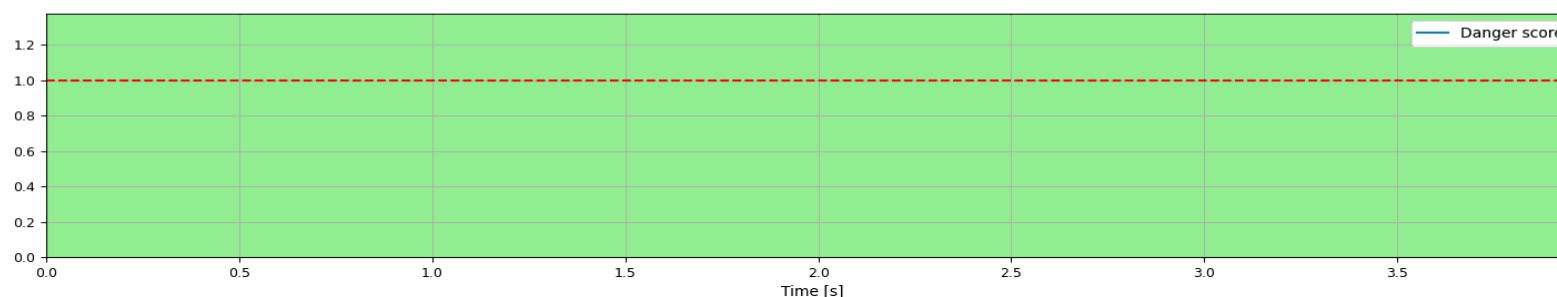
Real-Time «Danger Function» Evaluation



Obstacle Kinematics

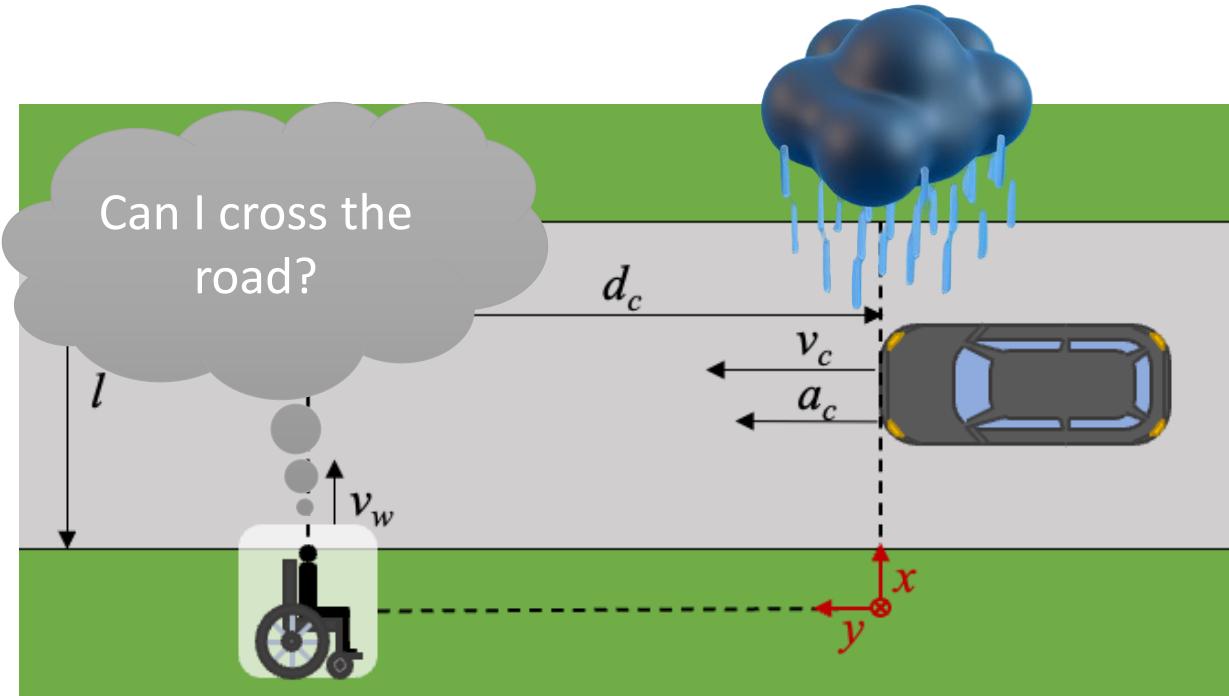
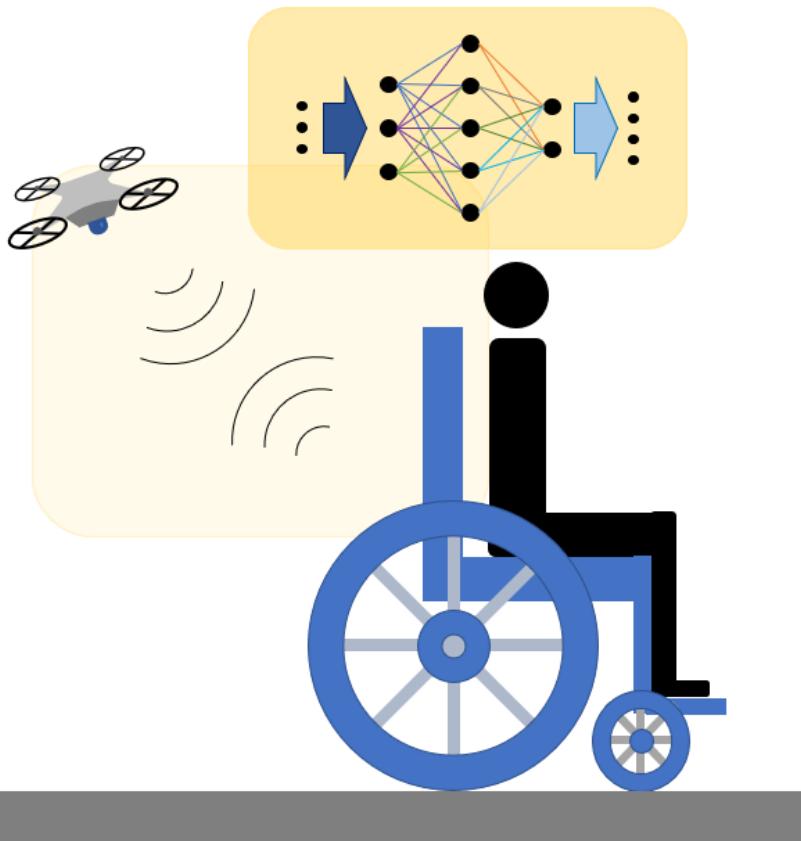


Danger evaluation from sensors fusion



Safe crossing
 Dangerous crossing

Robustness against adverse weather conditions



Testing against environmental conditions

Adverse weather conditions are simulated using **synthetic filters**

Application of those filters cause a **degradation in obstacle detection and tracking performance (RMSE, Accuracy, F1 score)**

Sensor fusion significantly improves results if performance do not differ significantly among sensors

Light



Rain



Fog

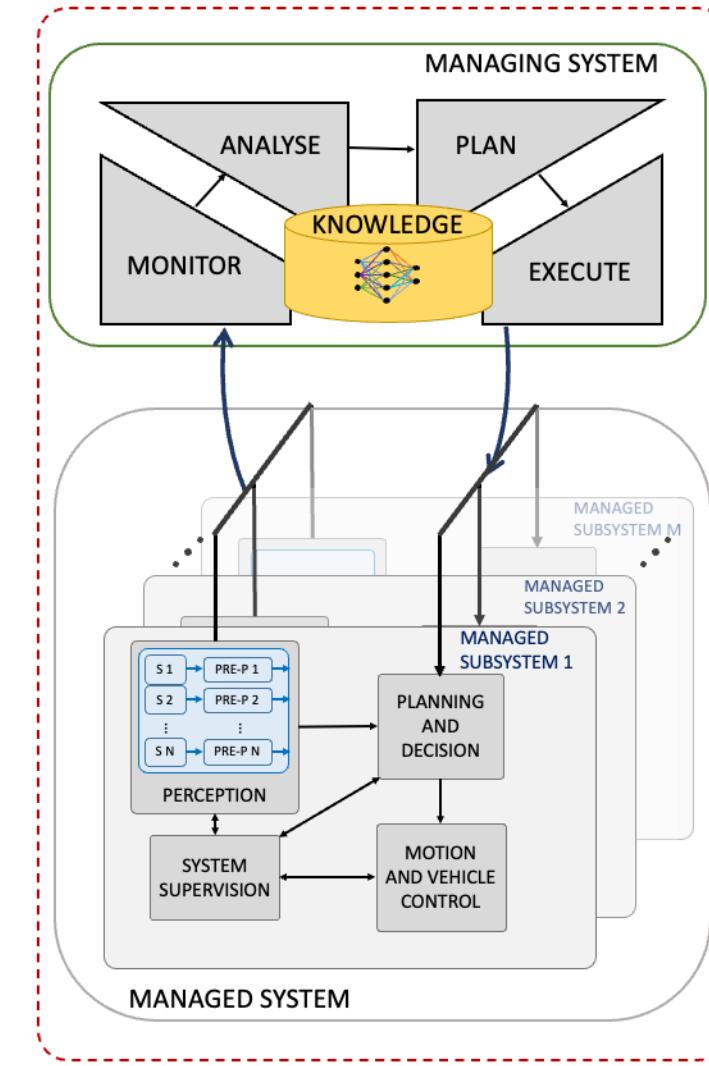


Night



Application of autonomic computing to the case-study

- **MAPE-K feedback loop**
 - Monitor: data processing, resampling of sensor info
 - Analyse: danger function evaluation
 - Plan: best action based on quantified risk
 - Execute: actions sent to the Managed Subsystem
 - Knowledge shared over all phases using explainable probabilistic formalisms (e.g., DBN)
- Focus on **Perception**:
 - Multiple technologies for redundancy and diversity
 - Diversity by Hardware, Software and Perspective



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Real prototypes



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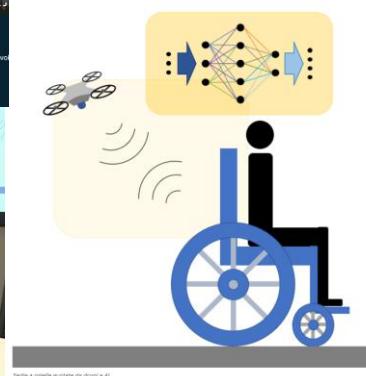
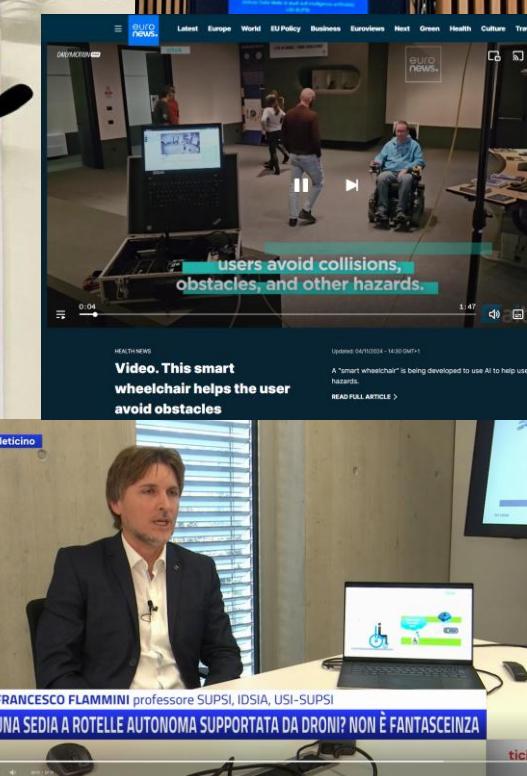


Press interest and awards



Prospective svizzera in 10 lingue

Sedia a rotelle svizzera assistita da droni mette in luce promesse e problemi dell'IA



▲ Far attraversare la strada a una sedia a rotelle robotica in modo sicuro e autonomo è una delle maggiori sfide che sviluppatori e sviluppatrici devono affrontare. Gaetan Balley

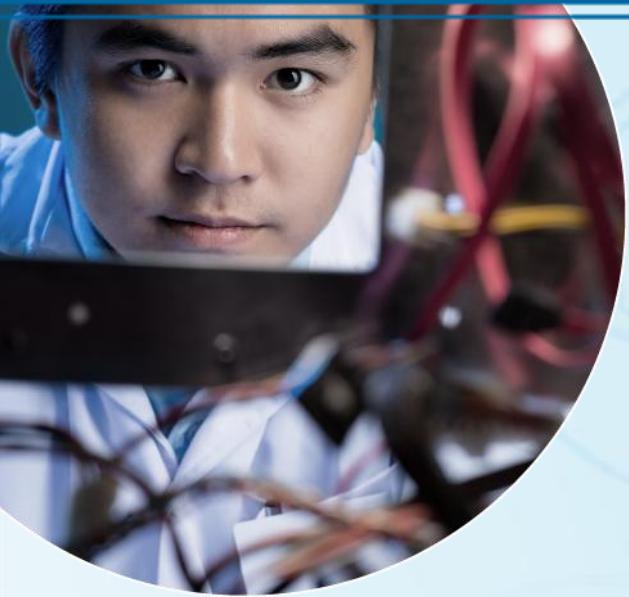


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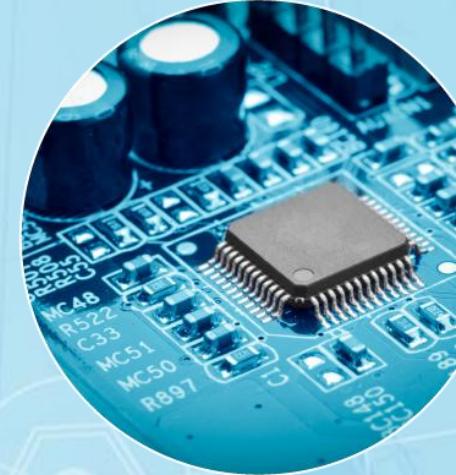
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Heraclitus



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