

# Ontology-Driven Robot Design for Future Orbital and Planetary Robotics with korcut

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## Introduction - Q-Rock

*{Planetary Robotics} Al-based Qualification of Deliberative Behaviour for a Robotic Construction Kit* 

- Assembly of robots in the future:
  - Large robotic structures on planets.
    - Re-configurable, reassemble
  - Who will do it? How will it be done?
    - Redesign, rescale and maintenance of robot later
- Autonomous assembly and manufacturing for deliberative capability and behavior
  - Development is supported by prior knowledge and user (requirements)
  - Robots directly learn their skills from their hardware in simulation
- Q-Rock aids bidirectional mapping between hardware and robot behavior





# Introduction - PERIOD (OG12)

{Orbital Robotics}

PERASPERA In-Orbit Demonstration (Operational Grant 12)

- Increase the maturity of space technologies and prepare them for an inorbit demonstration
- Raise the technology readiness level (TRL) of core technologies
- Define an orbital demonstration concept for on-orbit servicing and assembly
  - self-deployed objects single piece (in orbit factory)
  - Standard interconnect (SI) to connect (sub)systems in a (re)configurable way
- Robotics: Interface is necessary for modularity
  - a mechatronic device
  - covers **electric**, **mechanics** and **software** domains
- PERIOD: Develop a benchmark method to understand and distinguish the generic properties of an interface based on experience gained from real test experiments.







Mission demonstration scenario (credit: Space Applications Services NV/SA)



Tested SIs mounted on adapters from left to right: iSSI® active & passive with optional formfits, HOTDOCK active & passive and SIROM active & passive.

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# Introduction - KiMMI-SF project

{Planetary Robotics}

The adaptive software framework for context-sensitive, intuitive man-machine-interaction

- Future tasks of the planetary missions need human-robot collaboration.
- Most modern Man-Machine-Interface(MMI) approaches work very robustly... ... as long as they are limited to a specific context.
- The framework:
- a multi-modal assessment of the human, agent and environmental situation
- online **reconfigurable data processing** based on **different data types** from various data sources
- Application Scenario:
- prediction of human intention in a simulated space environment
- KiMMI-SF aims to provide the necessary knowledge for the relationship between an assistance robot and an astronaut for the exemplary daily task on an exemplary future lunar terrain



#### KiMMI-SF software framework



KiMMI-SF application scenario



# Introduction - Information paradox

{Robotics}

in field of experimental-agile robot development and execution

- The lack of coherence of the available interdisciplinary information
- Difficulties in creating, transferring, and sharing specialized or interdisciplinary knowledge in a standardized way.
  - The **missing** linking of **concepts** between disciplines, or the facts
- Using particular development tools or hardware capability needs some limitations
  - Filtering out unnecessary data (?!?)
  - Some information is not suitable for common use
- Defined, stored and used internally by several threads several times in different ways
  - Domain dependent in different formats (\*.urdf, \*.smurf, \*.json, ...)
  - In code
- A by human and machine-readable solution







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# Korcut in application - PERIOD ontology

(Benchmark test results management and evolution)

#### The PERIOD Benchmark for mechanical and electrical domains

Multi step process

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- Practical and repeatable test in the laboratory environment.
- To compare SI we rank them using the benchmark test metric
- From a mechanical point of view [3],
  - Characterization of SIs
  - Functional tests of SIs
  - Performance tests of SIs:
    - Capture range
    - Misalignment
    - Contact retention
    - Additional cases (release under load)
- From an electrical point of view [4],
  - Specification of SIs
  - Operational tests of SIs
  - Interference tests of SIs
  - Recovery tests of SIs





# Release under load test with iSSI®, HOTDOCK and SIROM

[3] Brinkmann et al., A Standard Interconnect Benchmark for a European Inorbit Services, Manufacturing and Assembly (ISMA) Demonstrator, IAC 2022 DOI:<u>10.5281/zenodo.7064066</u>

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### Korcut in application – Representation of PERIOD Benchmark





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# Korcut in application - Ontology driven robotic system design and configuration



# Ontology in application - Ontology supported





#### Conclusion

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#### korcut family has been presented in three different perspectives

- Hardware domain
  - Modeling of system and system components
    - Generic model for the mechatronical level of components
    - Representing hardware specific data in a uniform and rich way
  - Design rules of robotic systems
  - Inherit information about system structures
- Software domain
  - Semantic representation of necessary prior knowledge
  - Task / mission modeling dynamic and reasonable knowledge
    - Representation of requirement / capabilities
    - Dynamic querying or traceability for variable use case requirements

#### korcut ontologies provide domain-specific knowledge

- external experts
- domain internal
- non-experts

#### Outlook:

- korcut ontologies will be further developed and used for terrestrial and extraterrestrial robotic domain.
  - PERIOD ontology can be used for the development of standards within the European Operation Framework.

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