Al Models and Methods in Safety-Critical Robotic Applications

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Terrain Traversability Assessment in Perception and Robot Control

• Based on the approach

LIDAR



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• Based on the approach



- Based on the domain application
 - off-road navigation









- Based on the domain application
 - Planetary rovers

rock detection









Martian terrain

Terrain Traversability Assessment



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State of the art

- Vision-based
 - suffer from rapid appearance changes due to various factors including
 - illumination variations
 - changes in weather
 - damping

LIDAR-based

- are well-suited
 - under good illumination conditions
 - when visual features span over non overlapping manifolds

Vibration-based

- not affected by the source of disturbances affecting both cameras and LIDARs
- are used as a complementary modality to increase robustness
- Acoustic-based
 - Fine-grained classification.







State of the art

Characterization-based

• aim at estimating features of the terrain surface



roughness



obstacle clearance



density



classification

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Classification-based

 aim at detecting and recognizing environmental structures (e.g., ground, wall) rather than the type of the material composing the soil (e.g., concrete, stone, mud, wood, metal).



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Vote3Deep: Fast Object Detection in 3D Point Clouds Using Efficient Convolutional Neural Networks

Authors: Martin Engelcke, Dushyant Rao, Dominic Zeng Wang, Chi Hay Tong, Ingmar Posner



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Recent advancements

Material Recognition in the Wild

Authors: Sean Bell, Paul Upchurch, Noah Snavely, Kavita Bala



Perceptual Material Attributes

Authors: Gabriel Schwartz, Ko Nishino



Recent advancements

A Tutorial of Viewing and Querying the Ontology of Soil Properties and Processes Authors: Heshan Du and Anthony Cohn





Control policy learning for active vision and beyond

People consistently direct their senses in order to better understand their surroundings.



Can we learn control policies that map raw image observations directly to torques at the robot's motors.

Does training the perception and control systems jointly end-to-end provide better performance than training each component separately?





End-to-End Training of Deep Visuomotor Policies

Authors: Sergey Levine, Chelsea Finn, Trevor Darrell, Pieter Abbeel



