

#### **CSCE 574 ROBOTICS**

Introduction

# Why Robotics?

- Manufacturing
- Labor shortage (agriculture, mining)
- Point where computers fast/cheap
- Automation of cars 
  —more cars on highways
- To reach areas where no human can go



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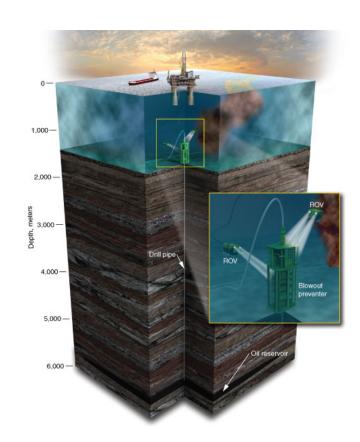


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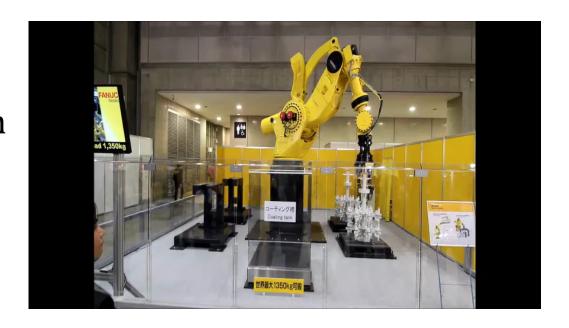
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# Robotic technology becomes affordable

**TurtleBot 2** 



**AR.DRONE** 



**Kinect** 



IMU



**GPS** 



**Raspberry Pi** 





**Lego Mindstorm** 



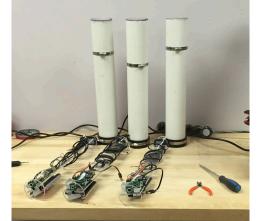
# **Robotics at USC**

Courses	Professors
CSCE 274	Dr. O'Kane
<b>CSCE 574</b>	Dr. Beer
CSCE 774	Dr. <b>Rekleitis</b>











# **Past Projects**

















# **Past/Current Projects**



#### Complete Optimal Terrain Coverage using an Unmanned Aerial Vehicle

Anqi Xu Chatavut Viriyasuthee Ioannis Rekleitis









# **Current work in U/W Robotics**





#### **Current work in indoor Robotics**





# **Syllabus**

- Week 01: Syllabus presentation, Round Table, Introduction, History of Robotics. ROS
- Week 02: Actuators. Locomotion. Sensor (Tactile, Range Finders, GPS, IMU, Position Encoders).
- Week 03: Reactive Path Planning. Potential Fields. State Estimation, Bayesian Filtering
- Week 04: Particle and Kalman Filters
- Week 05: Exploration, HRI
- Week 06: Mapping: Metric Maps, Topological Maps, hybrids
- Week 07: Visibility Graphs, Bug Algorithm, Generalized Voronoi Graphs, Atlas.
- Week 08: Break
- Week 09: Semantic hierarchy of spatial representations. Configuration Space, PRMs
- Week 08: Architectures.
- Week 09: Coverage, Multi-Robot Coverage
- Week 10: Presentations
- Week 11: Presentations
- Week 12: Sensor (Vision).
- Week 13: Presentations
- Week 14: Review of Material
- Week 15: Final



#### **Evaluation**

• 5 Homeworks, 10% each: 50%

• Final Examination: 30%

• Midterm: 20%

Presentation (grad, honors):



# Homeworks/Projects

- Using ROS
- Using Simulations
- Using sensor data from real robots
- Using real robots (TurtleBot, Parrot AirDrone2)



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