

Human Augmentation and Assist Devices

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Surface Waves for Active Transport of Bedridden Patients

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Design and Control of Human Assisted Walking Robot

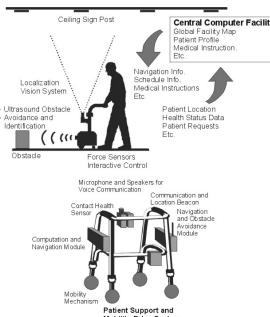
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- Maneuvers Heavy Loads for Extended Periods of Time
- Speed Proportional with Human Force
- Stabilized by Human, Practical
- Powered by an IC Engine

PAMM - A Robotic Aid to the Elderly for Mobility Assistance and Monitoring: A "Helping-Hand" for the Elderly

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- To identify and develop the enabling technologies for a mobility aid and health monitoring system for the elderly.
- Key technologies developed include: Planning and Control, Environmental Mapping, Human-machine Interface, Health Monitoring
- Lab and field tests have shown the feasibility of the concept and demonstrated good performance of the system
- The PAMM system has been well received by the users



Mobile Robot Helper

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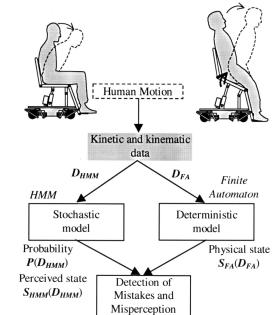
- Human-Robot Cooperation
- Control Algorithm Specifies the Apparent Dynamics of the Object
- Load Sharing is Realized by Introducing Lifting-up/down System
- Human and Robot Execute the Task in Cooperation with Each Other



Detection of Human Mistakes and Misrepresentation for Human Perceptive Augmentation: Behavior Monitoring Using Hybrid Hidden Markov Models

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- Mistakes and misperception in operating complex systems, such as assist devices for elderly and handicapped people, might lead to a serious accident.
- Standing-up failures are assumed to be caused by mistakes and misperception in a human motion.
- Hidden Markov Models and Finite Automata of a human motion evaluate the appropriateness and the consistency of a human motion.
- Our approach is applied to a standing-up assist device for elderly and handicapped people.



A Human-Robot Interface Using an Interactive Hand Pointer that Projects a Mark in the Real Work Space

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- Projector-based Augmented Reality for human-robot interface
- Tracking an operator's pointing hand and projecting a mark
- Pick-and-place tasks using CCD cameras and infrared cameras
- The IHP is a useful tool for human-robot interaction.

