

Ocean robotics

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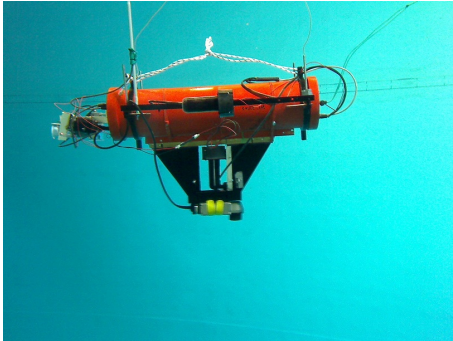
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What is a robot ?

A robot is a mechanical system equipped with **actuators**, **sensors** and a **brain**.^[1]



Saucisse (ENSTA Bretagne). First at SAUCE'2016



Gouelack (ENSTA Bretagne)



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Saiboat robots

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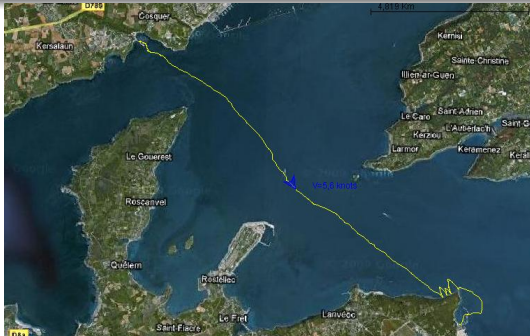


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Second at WRSC'2016



Vaimos at the WRSC (ENSTA Bretagne-IFREMER)
with F. Le Bars, O. Ménage, P. Rousseau



Vaimos (IFREMER and ENSTA) in Angers

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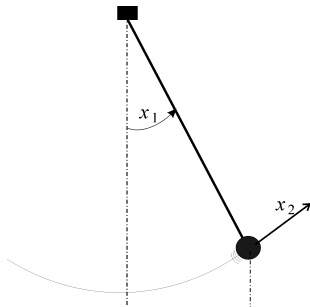
A robot is a dynamical system

A dynamical system can be written as [Newton 1690]

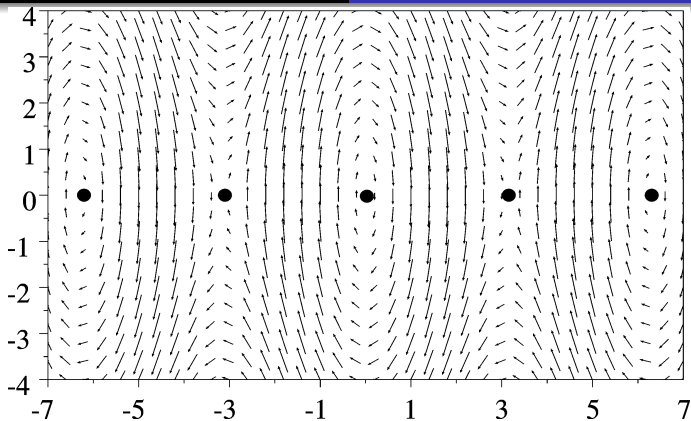
$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}).$$

Example: The pendulum

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}_1 &= x_2 \\ \dot{x}_2 &= -\sin x_1. \end{cases}$$



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A robot is a vehicle

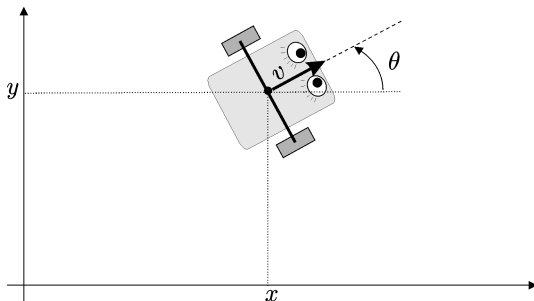
A **vehicle** is a controlled mechanical system

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u}).$$

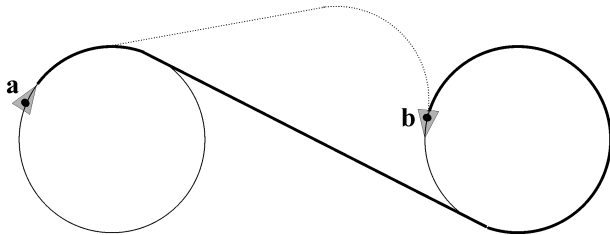
Example. Dubin's car (1957).

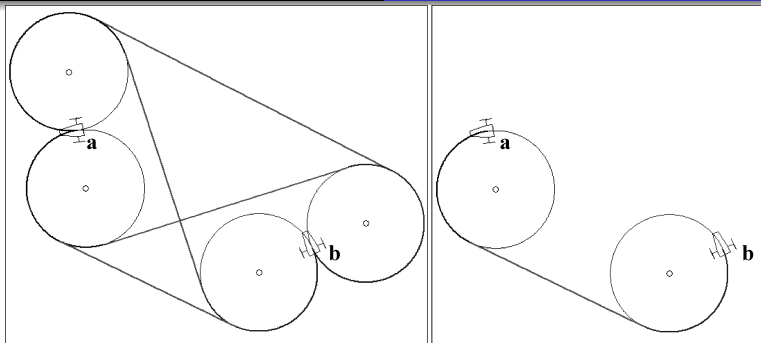
$$\begin{cases} \dot{x} &= \cos \theta \\ \dot{y} &= \sin \theta \\ \dot{\theta} &= u \end{cases}$$

with $u \in [-1, 1]$.



Dubin's paths





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A robot is an intelligent vehicle

A robot is a vehicle with actuators, sensors, and a brain

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{\mathbf{x}} &= \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{u}) && \text{(evolution)} \\ \mathbf{y} &= \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{x}) && \text{(observation)} \\ \mathbf{u} &= \mathbf{h}(\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{w}). && \text{(control)}\end{aligned}$$

We have

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{h}(\mathbf{g}(\mathbf{x}), \mathbf{w})) = \boldsymbol{\psi}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{w})$$

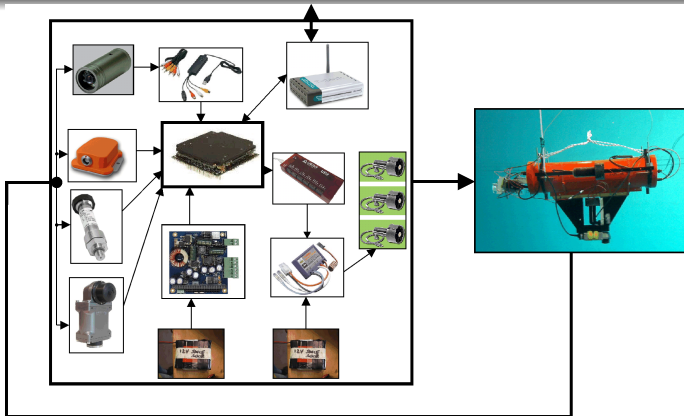
and thus a robot is a dynamical system.

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Brest-Douarnenez. January 17, 2012, 8am



Vaimos (IFREMER and ENSTA): from Brest to Douarnenez

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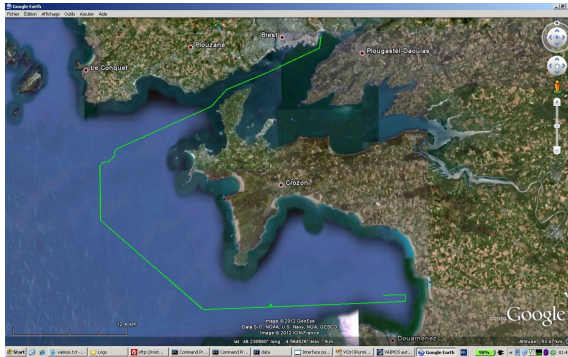


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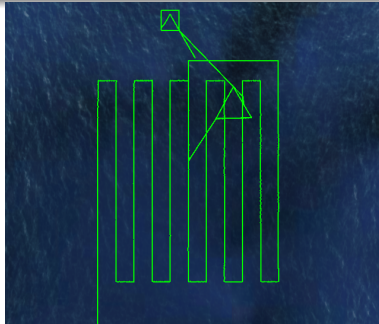
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Middle of Atlantic ocean

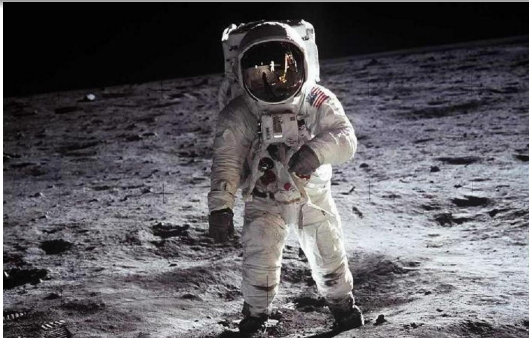


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350 km made by Vaimos in 53h, September 6-9, 2012.

Ocean satellites ?



Robots are needed for dirty, dangerous and dull jobs

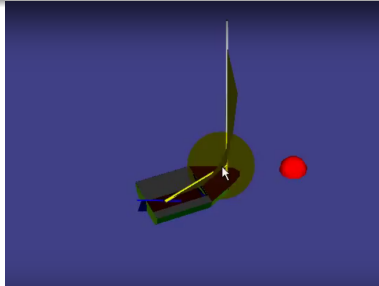


Curiosity

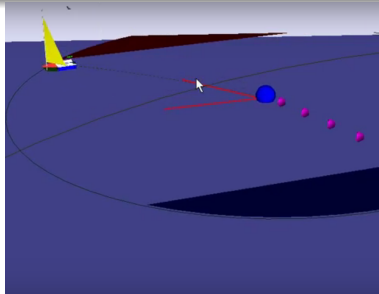


About 3,600 satellites in orbit (1,000 are operational).
In the ocean, we have gliders, drifting buoys.
In the ocean, a robot could be autonomous in energy, and could survive for years (**persistent autonomy**).

Validation by simulation



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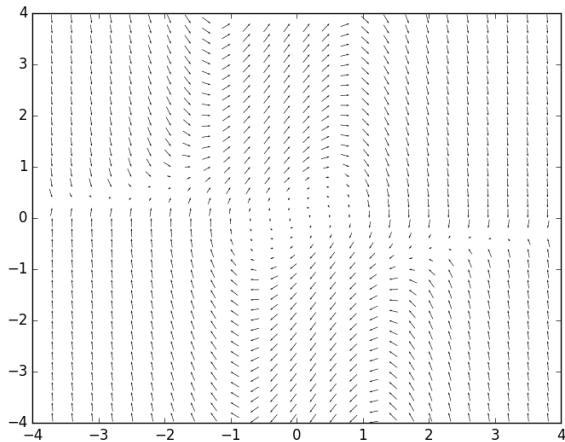
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Theoretical Validation

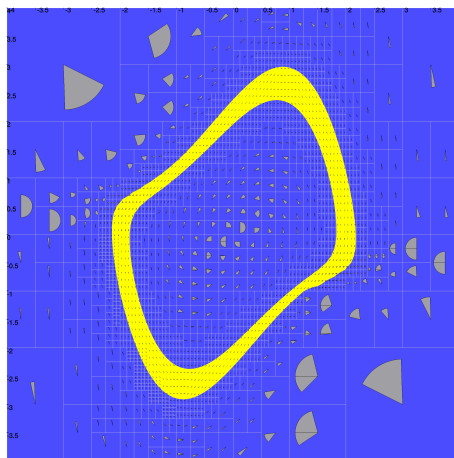
A robot $\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x})$.

Example: The Van der Pol system

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x}_1 &= x_2 \\ \dot{x}_2 &= (1 - x_1^2) \cdot x_2 - x_1 \end{cases}$$



Invariants sets can be computed [4]



When the wind is known, the sailboat with the heading controller is described by

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}).$$

The system

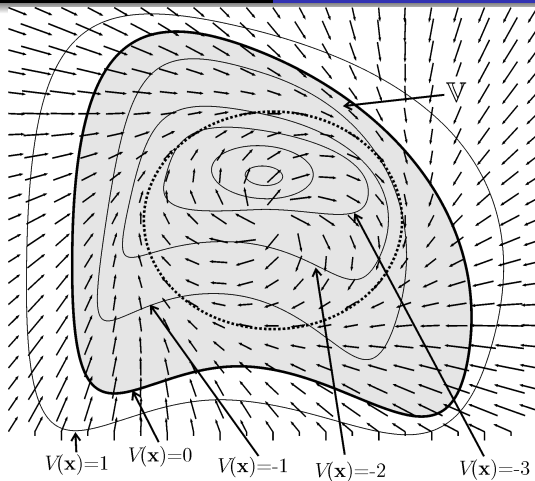
$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x})$$

is Lyapunov-stable (1892) if there exists $V(\mathbf{x}) \geq 0$ such that

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{V}(\mathbf{x}) &< 0 \text{ if } \mathbf{x} \neq \mathbf{0}, \\ V(\mathbf{x}) &= 0 \text{ iff } \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}.\end{aligned}$$

Definition. Consider a differentiable function $V(\mathbf{x}) : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. The system is V -stable [3] if

$$\left(V(\mathbf{x}) \geq 0 \Rightarrow \dot{V}(\mathbf{x}) < 0 \right).$$

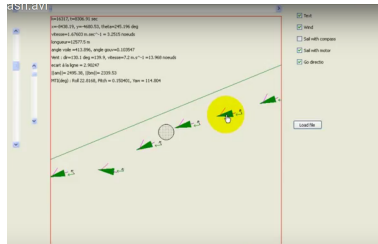


Validation with experiments

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Use a dash to check inconsistencies



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Try to make the system fail

Forum DGA, Palaiseau



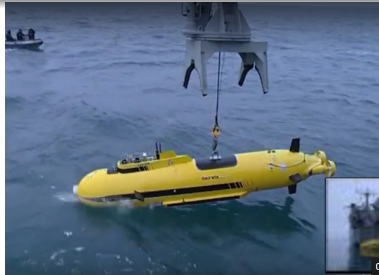
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Groups



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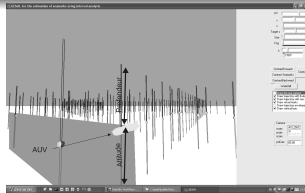
Mine hunting



Redermor (GESMA, Brest)

<https://youtu.be/X0lqZxb-tFs>

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Secure a zone

INFO OBS. Un sous-marin nucléaire russe repéré dans le Golfe de Gascogne



Le navire a été repéré en janvier. Ce serait la première fois depuis la fin de la Guerre Froide qu'un tel sous-marin, doté de missiles nucléaires, se serait aventuré dans cette zone au large des côtes françaises.

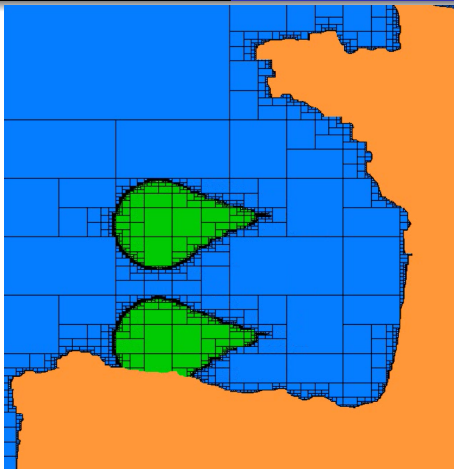


Bay of Biscay 220 000 km²



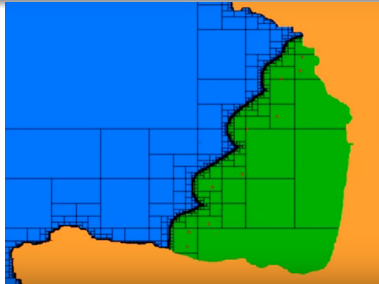
An intruder

- Several robots $\mathcal{R}_1, \dots, \mathcal{R}_n$ at positions $\mathbf{a}_1, \dots, \mathbf{a}_n$ are moving in the ocean.
- If the intruder is in the visibility zone of one robot, it is detected.



Blue:

$$\mathbb{X}(t) = \mathbb{G} \cap (\mathbb{X}(t-dt) + dt \cdot \mathbb{F}(\mathbb{X}(t-dt))) \cap \bigcap_i g_{a_i(t)}^{-1}([d_i(t), \infty)).$$



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MOOCs and books

A MOOC made from the book Mobile Robotics [2]



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Club and challenges



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