Multi-robot interactive teams for large infrastructure inspection: The H2020 BugWright2 project

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BugWright2: Overview





BugWright2: Autonomous Robotic Inspection and Maintenance on Ship Hulls and Storage Tanks







Objectives

- Autonomous multi-robot operations on and around metallic structures: ship hulls and storage tanks
 - Inspection (visual and acoustics): impact on regulations
 - Cleaning: economic and environment impact
- Immersive interfaces and decision support for maintenance
- Pilot in harbors, shipyards and service provider to build a viable business model





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Approach







Impacts

- On technology: demonstration of technologies for multi-robot deployment in a large-scale industrial problem
- On economy:
 - Autonomous cleaning leads to large scale fuel saving, lower service cost, no immobilization costs
- On (world-wide) regulations and safety:
 - Autonomous inspections regulated by certification agencies and World Maritime Organisation (UN)

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- On environment:
 - Safer ships and storage tanks
 - Lower fuel consumption
 - Less need for antifouling



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BugWright2: Partners

French Partners

- CNRS UMI 2958 GT-CNRS: Coordination, Robotics & Acoustics – Cédric Pradalier, Nico Declercq
- INSA Lyon: Multi-agent systems Olivier Simonin
- Roboplanet: Inspection Crawlers
- CETIM: Inspection technologies
- In Extenso Innovation: Innovation Managemnent







Innovation Action

- Development of the technologies towards a clearly defined application
- Development of demonstrators
- Short path to market, strong industrial implication, less fundamental research
- Field Robotics





Inspection of Ships and Tanks







Robotic Inspection of Ships and Tanks: Magnetic Crawlers







Inspection of Ships: Submerged Hull







Inspection of Ships: Cleaning



Before



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