



Dealing with Complexity in Industrial Tracking Environments







Motivation

- Tracking setups tend to become more and more complex...
- Ubitrack middleware
 - Separates applications from tracking
 - Many sensors / algorithms out-of-the-box
- AR applications...
 - ...don't know any longer about sensors
 - ...thus cannot be responsible for registration problems
- => Need for generic tools on middleware layer
 - Setup
 - Registration
 - Runtime





Outline

1. Calibration and registration

- 1. General types
- 2. Generic implementation in trackman
- 3. Abstraction by meta-patterns
- 2. Tools for more robustness and tracking quality
 - 1. Planning/setup: Monte-Carlo simulation
 - 2. Registration phase: Observe...
 - ✓ …availability of tracking data
 - ✓ …algorithm convergence
 - 3. Runtime: Plausibility checks





1. Calibration and Registration 1.1 General Types

- Important algorithms for AR
 - 3D-3D pose estimation (absolute orientation)
 - Hand-eye calibration
 - Tip calibration
 - HMD calibration (SPAAM)
- Measurement data
 - Points, orientations, poses
 - Correspondences
- General treatment possible?
 - Continuous measurements vs. user-triggered measurements
 - Simultaneous vs. sequential measurement of correspondences





1. Calibration and Registration 1.2 Generic Implementation in trackman

Tip Calibration



- ➔ One-step approach
- \rightarrow No synchronization needed







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Absolute Orientation

- Two-step approach (sequential measurements)
- User-triggered measurements
- Absolute Orientation Faro A.R.T. in indirect tracking (demo!)











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Summary of Registration Types in our Demos

- Odometric tracking
- Indirect tracking

		User-triggered	Immediate	Continuous
	1 Sensor	•Camera calibration		
		•Absolute Orientation (Stage 1) (3)		
		•Absolute Orientation (Stage 2) (1)		
n —	2 Sensors	•Hand-Eye (2)		 Hand-Eye (Rot. only)
	Sensor / Static List	•Absolute Orientation (2)		
frame	Logs		•Absolute Orientation (Stage 2) (2)	



track

frame

1. Calibration and Registration 1.3 Abstraction by Meta-Patterns

Workflow in trackman

- Add meta pattern to SRG
- Integrate with sensor pattern(s)
- Adapt parameters
- Instantiate dataflow





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2. Tools 2.1 Planning/Setup

Monte-Carlo Simulation: Overview

- **Goal:** Estimate accuracy of the result of a setup based on the accuracy of the input data
- Functional principle:
 - Input data (ground-truth):
 - ✓ Measurements
 - ✓ Assumed setup
 - Perturb input data using assumed / known PDF
 - Run algorithm many times
 - Obtain PDF of result
- Problem: Noise in registration results in systematic error during runtime.





2. Tools 2.1 Planning/Setup

Monte-Carlo Simulation in Ubitrack

- Ground-truth data:
 - Synthetic list of measurements (e.g. corners of a cube)
 - Log of movement in real environment
- Perturbation: Add gaussian noise to points, orientations or poses
- Algorithm (any SRG!)
- Obtain covariance matrix of result













2. Tools 2.2 Registration Phase

Monte-Carlo Simulation of Alg. Convergence

- Example: 3D-3D pose estimation (according to Horn, using unit quaternions)
- Assumptions:
 - Error in left frame only
 - Isotropic error





Algorithmic Convergence in trackman

- Example: 3D-3D pose estimation (according to Horn, using unit quaternions)
- Estimate of effective accuracy







2. Tools 2.3 Runtime Phase

Plausibility Checks

- Idea: Make use of cycles in SRG!
- Comparison of alternative dataflows







Conclusion



- Meta-Patterns provide simple and generic solutions to most registration problems
- Monte-Carlo simulation helps to plan new and understand existing tracking environments
- Tools increase efficiency of registration procedure







Use SRG cycles for runtime consistency checks



