



# Test Arenas and Performance Metrics for Urban Search and Rescue Robots

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## PRESENTATION OVERVIEW

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- Need and goal of reproducible measures and tests
- Reference Test Arenas for Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) Robots
- Performance Metric for USAR Robots
- Past Rescue Robot League Competitions (2002 & 2003)
  - RoboCupRescue
  - IJCAI/AAAI
- Future Rescue Robot League Competitions (2004)
  - American Open - RoboCupRescue
  - RoboCupRescue
  - AAI
- Virtual Arenas
- Future Directions



NEED



QUESTION: Why Fabricate Reference Test Arenas for Mobile Robots?

### *"Teaching to the Test"*

- Objectivity in evaluation of different robotic implementations
- Demonstrations representative of actual applications (non-idealized)
- Focus on specific abilities (relevant obstacle course)

### *"Comparing Apples to Apples"*

- Isolate sensors, behaviors, capabilities (repeatability is critical)
- Standardized tests allow direct comparison of approaches

### *"Re-Creating the Wheel"*

- Encourage transfer of designs and code by understanding capabilities
- Adopt and then augment "successful" implementations and algorithms

### *"Practice, Practice, Practice"*

- Representative environments to validate and challenge robots
- Robustness comes through repetition and testing outside perceived limits



# GOLF COURSE ANALOGY



- Practice and play against the same (known) course
- Compare level of competence against others by score
- Handicap scores based on agility to allow direct competition
- Play different courses to improve/augment/test skills

## COMPUTER MODELS

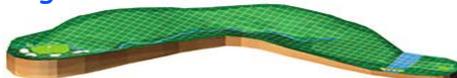
Augusta National - 6th hole



Augusta National - 12th hole



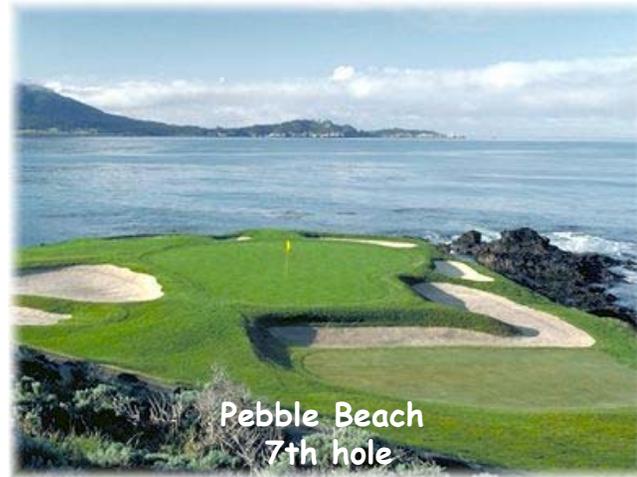
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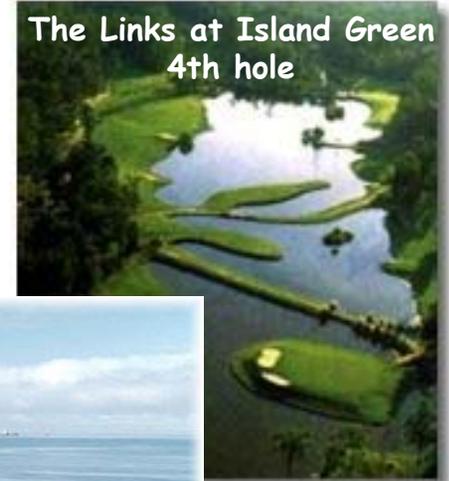
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## REAL COURSES



Pebble Beach  
7th hole



The Links at Island Green  
4th hole



St. Andrews, The Old Course  
18th hole



*DO SKILLS TRANSFER?*



## GOAL and CUSTOMERS

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### GOAL:

*Improve our ability to measure the capabilities of mobile robots.*

### CUSTOMERS:

#### Researchers

- Develop repeatable obstacles (sensory and physical) focused toward perception and intelligent behaviors
- Proliferate standard obstacles to test components and algorithms
- Compare implementations, support collaboration among development teams

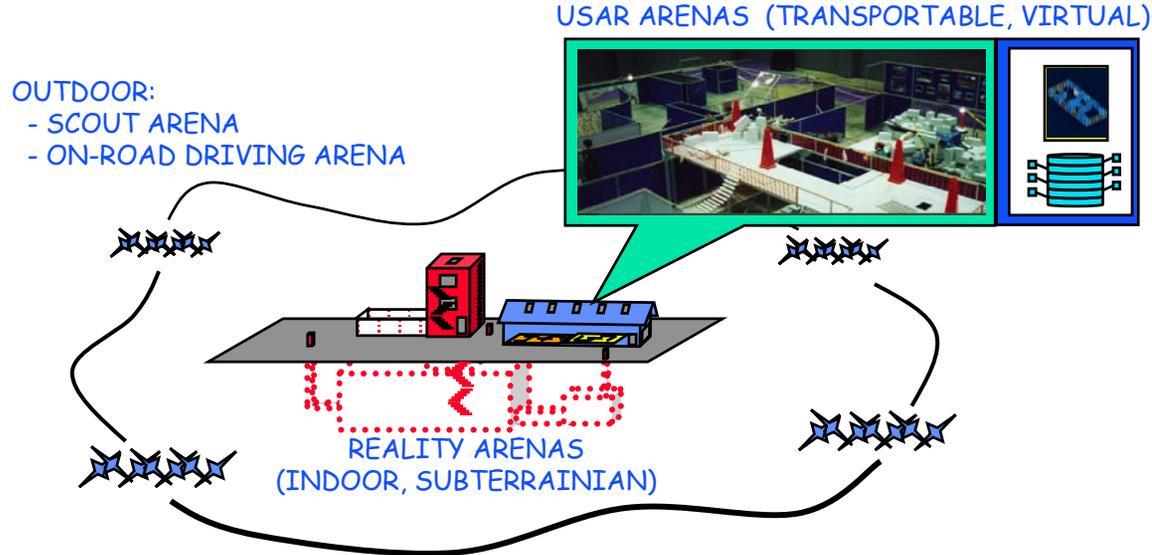
#### Sponsors

- Objectively evaluate robots in representative environments
- Identify strengths/weaknesses, compare cost effectiveness

#### Users

- Will benefit from performance metrics and standards for mobile robot capabilities

Develop a facility that accelerates the advancement of mobile robot capabilities and provides a stepping stone from research to deployment



- *Objectively evaluate robotic components and methods*
- *Develop performance metrics and standards for mobile robots*
- *Foster collaboration among robotics researchers*



# REPRODUCIBLE MEASURES and TESTS



- **Collaboration**

Maximize coverage, redundancy, efficiency among heterogeneous robot teams  
High level human/robot interactions

- **Autonomy**

Mixed-initiative modes to limit human interactions, improve robot survivability

- **Planning**

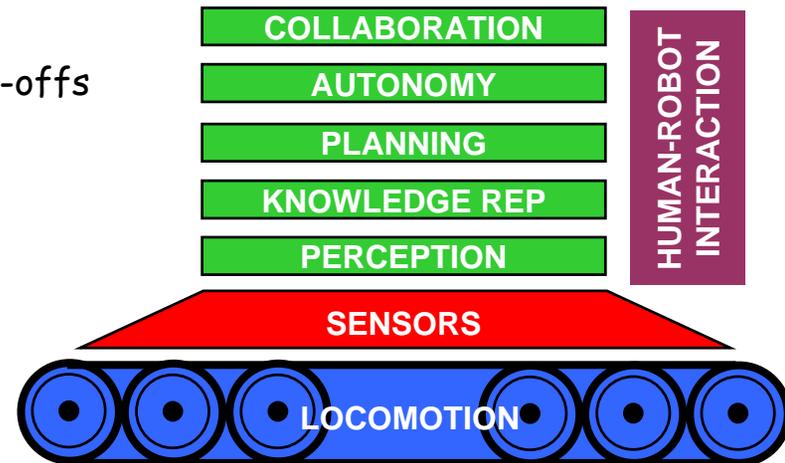
Negotiate obstacles, time-critical decisions, trade-offs

- **Knowledge Representation**

A priori knowledge/skills (traversability)  
Gained information (3-D spatial maps)

- **Sensory Perception**

Navigation, hazard detection, goal identification.  
Sensor fusion to provide robust performance





## A CHALLENGING REAL-WORLD PROBLEM



**Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) refers to rescue activities in collapsed buildings and structures**

- **Application Goals**
  - Explore a structure, map significant features
  - Locate, assess, and map victims
  - Deliver emergency kits (radio, water, first aid...)
  - Transmit a human readable map
- **Hazardous task**
  - Lives saved by assisting human rescuers
  - Explore compromised structures, limited access areas
  - Robots are ultimately expendable
- **Time critical**
  - Great benefit from quickly locating victims
  - Requires careful path planning and strategy
- **Highly unstructured/unpredictable**
  - Requires adaptability, decision-making
  - Negotiation = Navigation + Influence





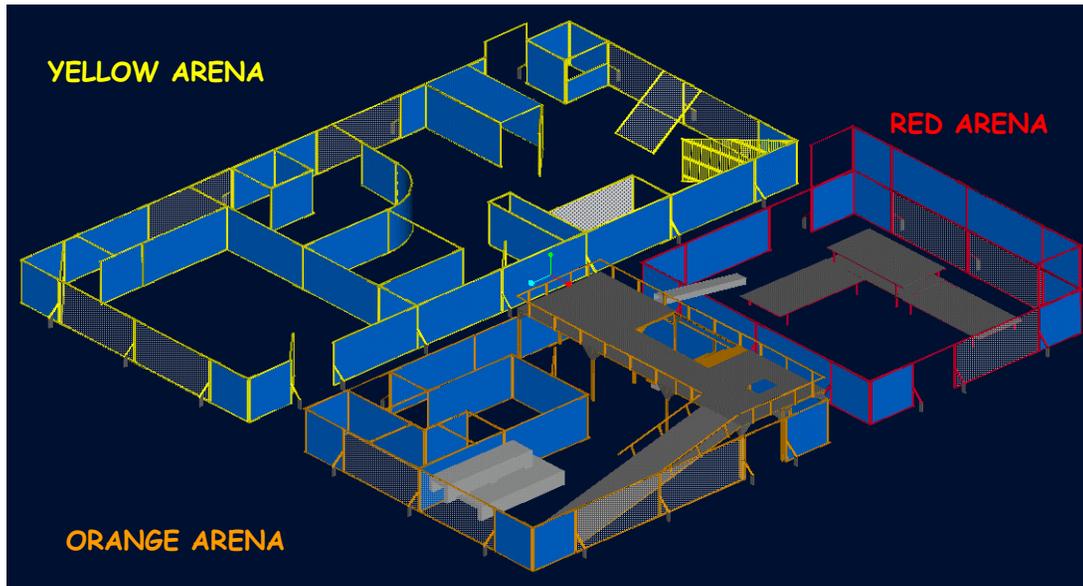
# ROBOTS DEPLOYED AT WORLD TRADE CENTER



Photos courtesy of the Center for Robot-Assisted Search and Rescue (CRASAR)



# REFERENCE TEST ARENAS for USAR ROBOTS

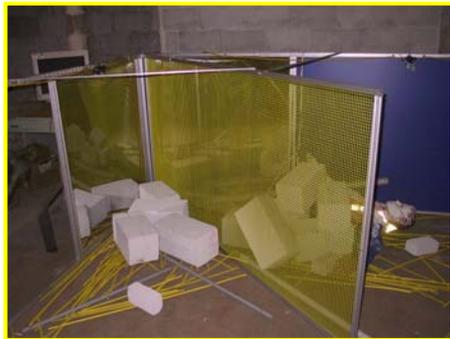


- Yellow Arena
  - No flooring issues
  - Planar (2-D) maze
  - Isolates sensors with obstacles/targets
  - Reconfigurable to test mapping/planning
- Orange Arena
  - Variable, but structured, flooring
  - Spatial (3-D) maze with stairs, ramp, holes
  - Semi-collapsed structures
- Red Arena
  - Unstructured, collapsed environment
  - Shifting floors, confined spaces
  - Problematic rubble: rebar, wiring, pipes...





# YELLOW ARENA FEATURES





# ORANGE ARENA FEATURES





# RED ARENA FEATURES



# SIMULATED VICTIMS



HUMAN FORM

CLOTHING:  
DUST COVERED  
OR COLORFUL

REFLECTIVE TAPE

LOCATOR STROBE

VICTIM TAG

WAVING ARMS  
MOVING FINGERS

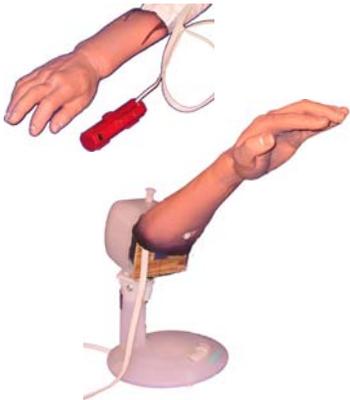
TAPPING

LOCATOR  
ALARM

VOICE

BODY HEAT

CO2 EMISSIONS



## SITUATIONS

- Surface
- Trapped
- Void
- Entombed



## STATES

- Aware
- Semi-conscious
- Unconscious



## Competitions and the Performance Metric

# USAR Test Arena Proliferation

## *FOSTERING COLLABORATION THROUGH STANDARDS*

### PREVIOUS COMPETITIONS

- AAAI Conference 2000**  
AUSTIN, TEXAS, USA
- IJCAI/AAAI Conference 2001**  
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON, USA
- RoboCupRescue 2002**  
FUKUOKA, JAPAN
- AAAI Conference 2002**  
EDMONTON, ALBERTA, CANADA
- American Open 2003**  
PENNSYLVANIA, USA
- Japan Open 2003**  
NIIGATA, JAPAN
- RoboCupRescue 2003**  
PADUA, ITALY
- IJCAI/AAAI Conference 2003**  
ACAPULCO, MEXICO

### YEAR-ROUND ARENAS

- NIST**  
MARYLAND, USA (2000)
- Museum of Emerging Science**  
TOKYO, JAPAN (2002)
- Carnegie Mellon University**  
PENNSYLVANIA, USA (2003)
- Instituto Superiore Anticendi**  
ROME, ITALY (2003)

### 2004 COMPETITIONS

- American Open**  
NEW ORLEANS, USA
- German Open**
- Japan Open**  
OSAKA, JAPAN
- RoboCupRescue**  
LISBON, PORTUGAL
- AAAI Conference**  
CALIFORNIA, USA



## RESCUE ROBOT LEAGUE VISION

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When disaster happens, minimize risk to search and rescue personnel, while increasing victim survival rates, by fielding teams of collaborative robots which can:

- Autonomously negotiate compromised and collapsed structures
- Find victims and ascertain their conditions
- Produce practical maps of their locations
- Deliver sustenance and communications
- Identify hazards
- Emplace sensors (acoustic, thermal, hazmat, seismic, etc,...)
- Provide structural shoring

...allowing human rescuers to quickly locate and extract victims.



## SEARCH AND RESCUE SCENARIO

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A building has partially collapsed due to earthquake.

The Incident Commander in charge of rescue operations at the disaster site, fearing secondary collapses from aftershocks, has asked for teams of robots to immediately search the interior of the building for victims.

The mission for the robots and their operators is to find victims, determine their situation, state, and location, and then report back their findings in a map of the building and a victim data sheet.

The section near the building entrance appears relatively intact while the interior of the structure exhibits increasing degrees of collapse. Robots must negotiate the lightly damaged areas prior to encountering more challenging obstacles and rubble.

The robots are considered expendable in case of difficulty.



## NEED FOR RULE/METRIC CHANGES

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Deter parallel teleoperation in separate arenas

- Solution: Force robots to traverse arenas sequentially

Deter sequential teleoperation in separate arenas

- Solution: Remove "Number of Robots" in scoring formula

Deter false victim identifications

- Solution: Add penalties for errors in scoring formula

Promote use of multiple sensors

- Solution: Add incentives for multiple sensor identifications
- Solution: Add incentives for correctly identifying victim
  - "Situation" (surface/trapped/void/entombed)
  - "State" (aware/semi-conscious/unconscious)



# PERFORMANCE METRIC FOR USAR ROBOTS



50 POINTS POSSIBLE PER VICTIM FOUND

PENALTIES PER EVENT

$$\left[ \frac{\text{MAP QUALITY} + \text{VICTIM LOCATION} + \text{VICTIM TAG} + \text{VICTIM SITUATION} + \text{VICTIM STATE} - \text{ARENA BUMPING} - \text{VICTIM BUMPING}}{\left[ 1 + \text{NUMBER OF OPERATORS} \right]^2} \right]$$

ARENA WEIGHTING

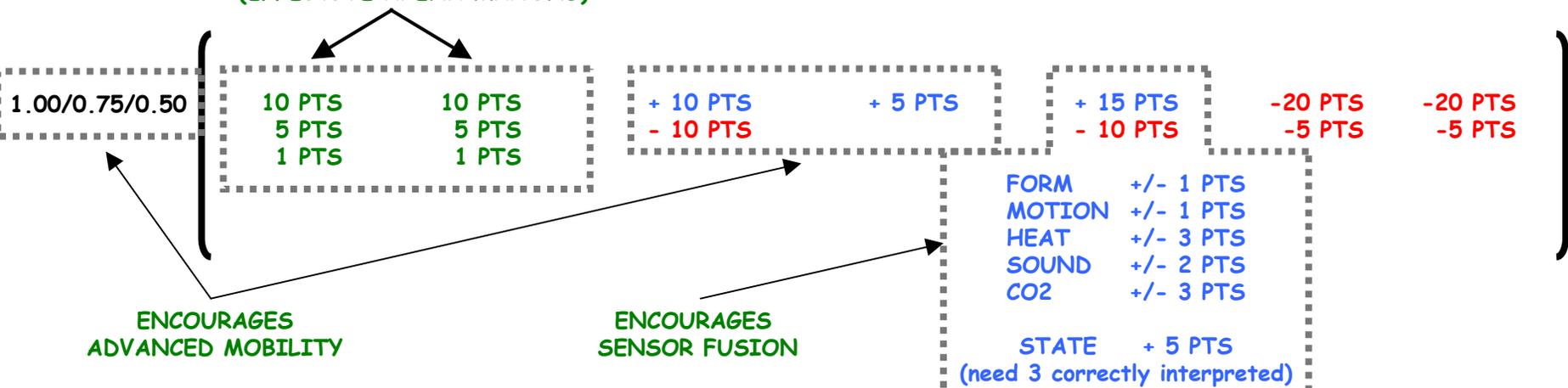


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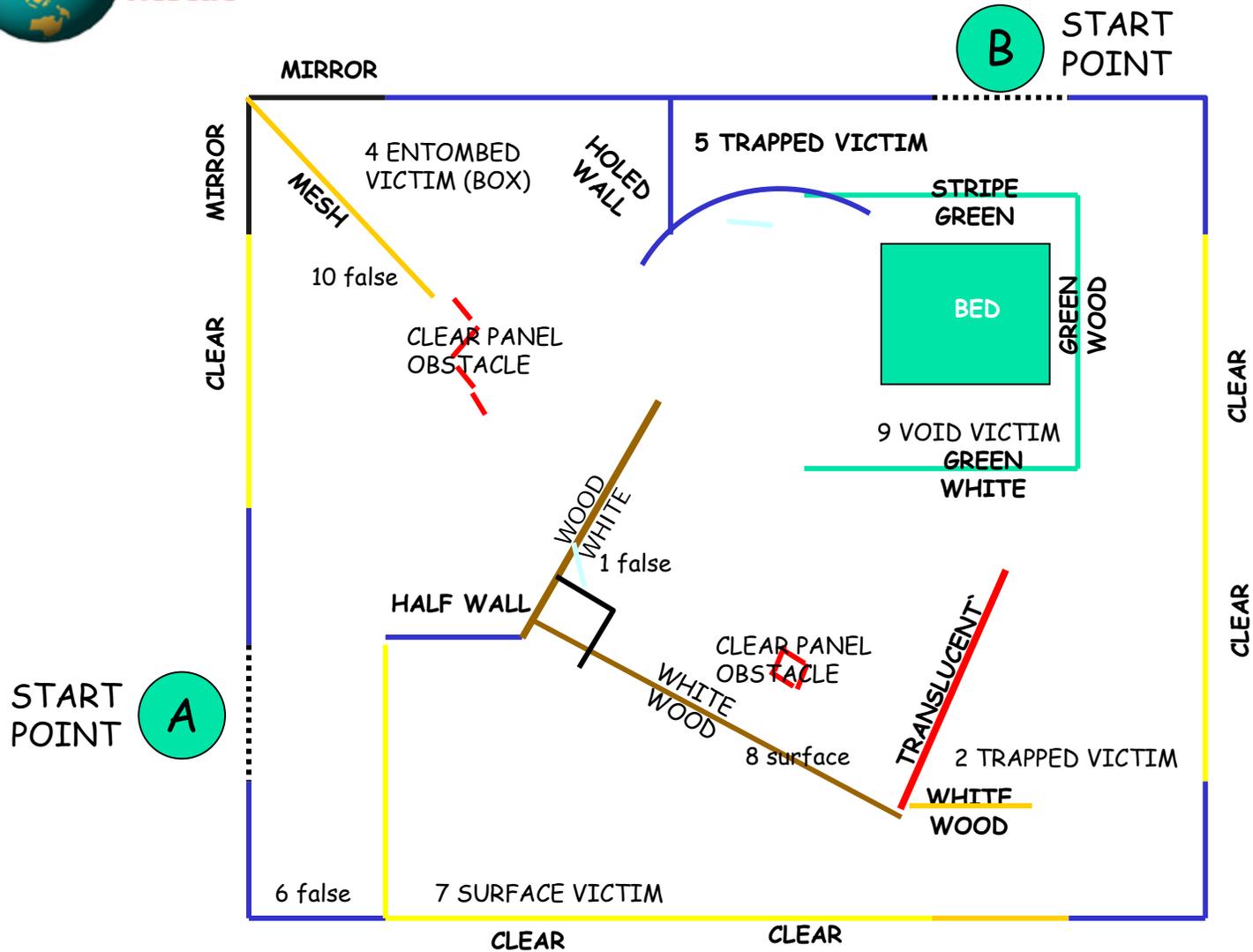
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ENCOURAGES VALIDATION OF LOCALIZATION  
(EFFECTIVE ARENA MAPPING)





# EFFECTIVE 2-D MAPPING (Set-up Plan)

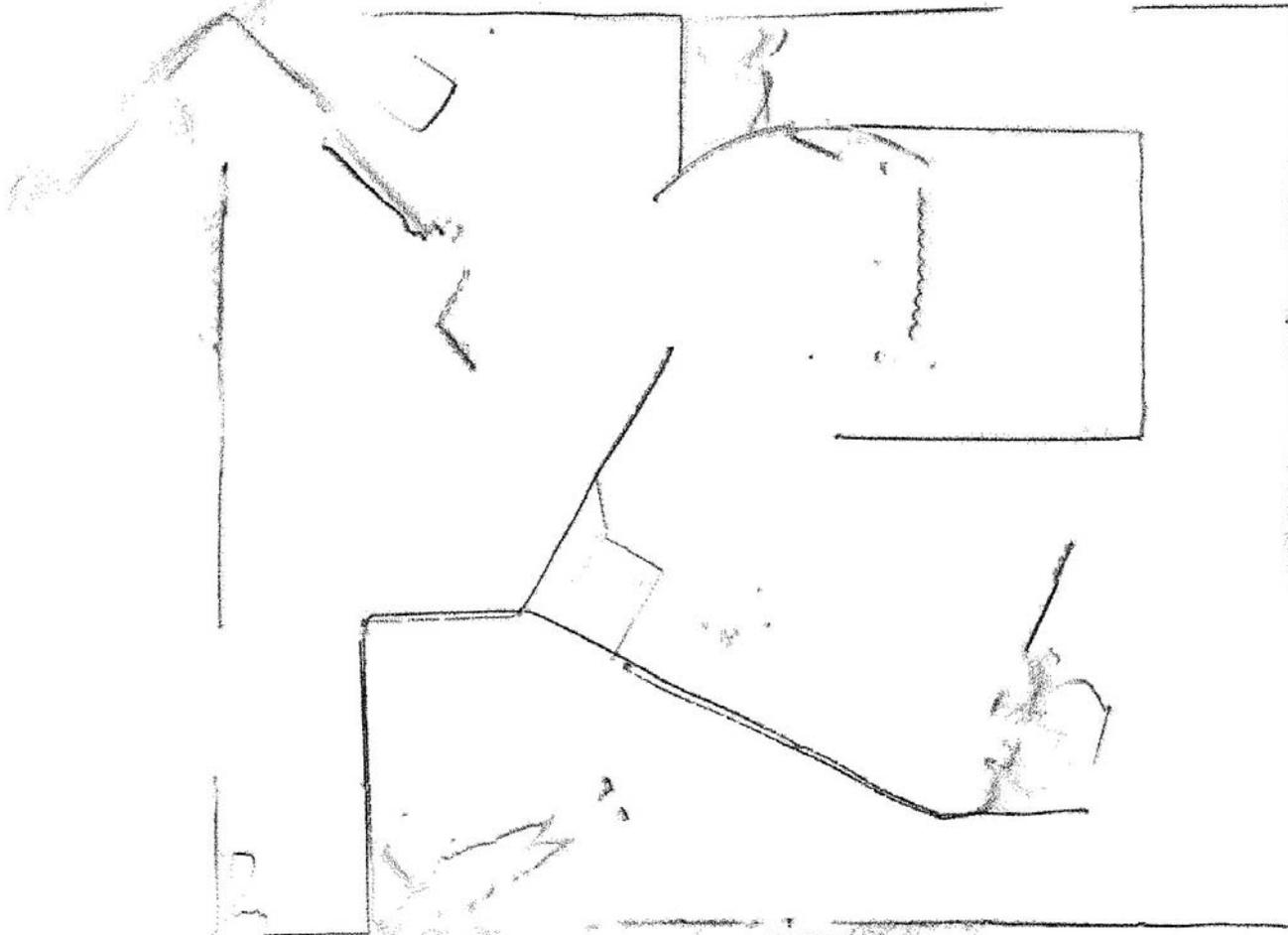




## EFFECTIVE 2-D MAPPING (LADAR Map)



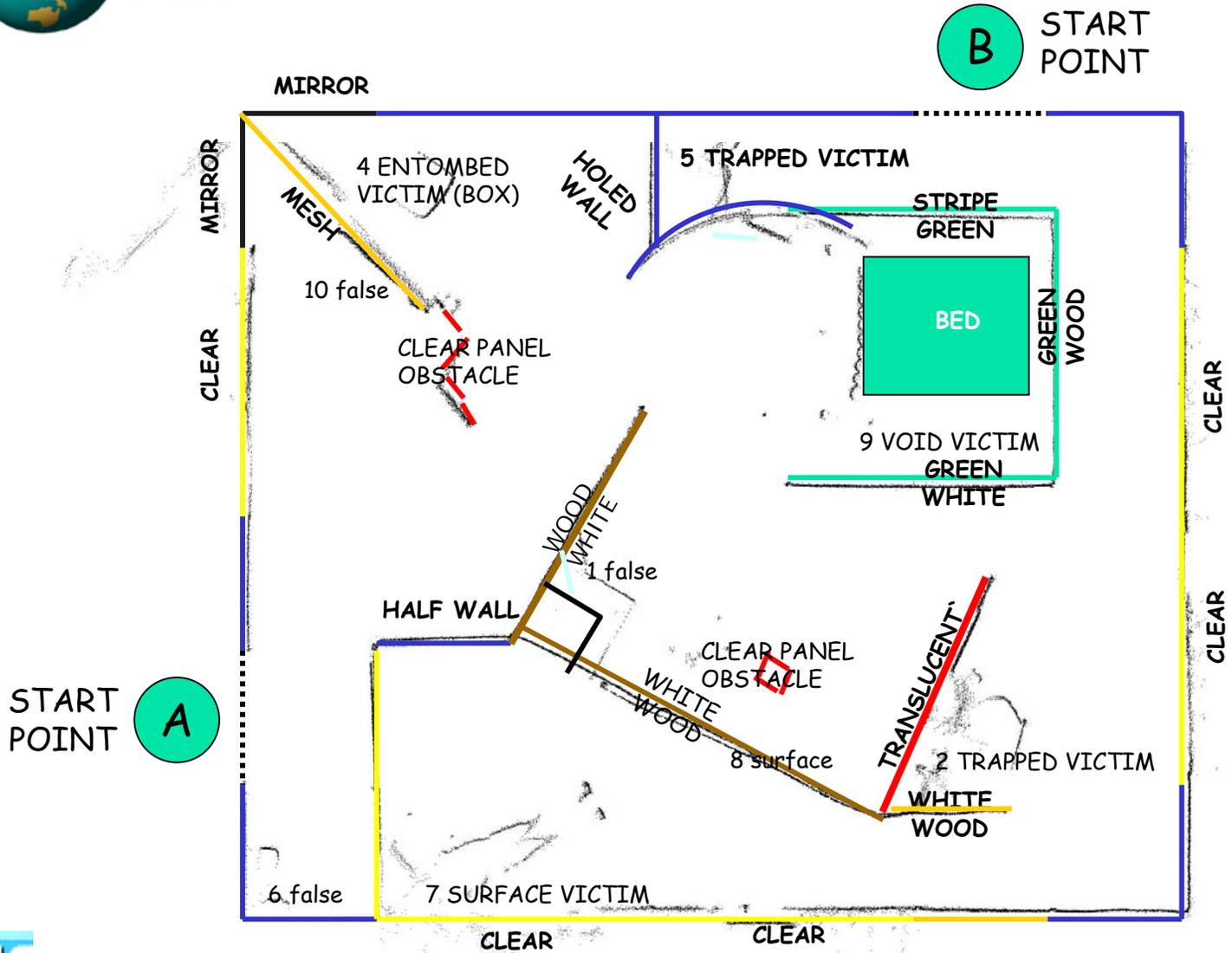
EXTREMELY GOOD AUTOMATIC MAPPING OF WALLS AND FEATURES,  
ADD VICTIM POSITIONS FOR MAXIMUM POSSIBLE SCORE



LADAR map generated by ActivMedia, Inc.  
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# EFFECTIVE 2-D MAPPING (Plan and Map)

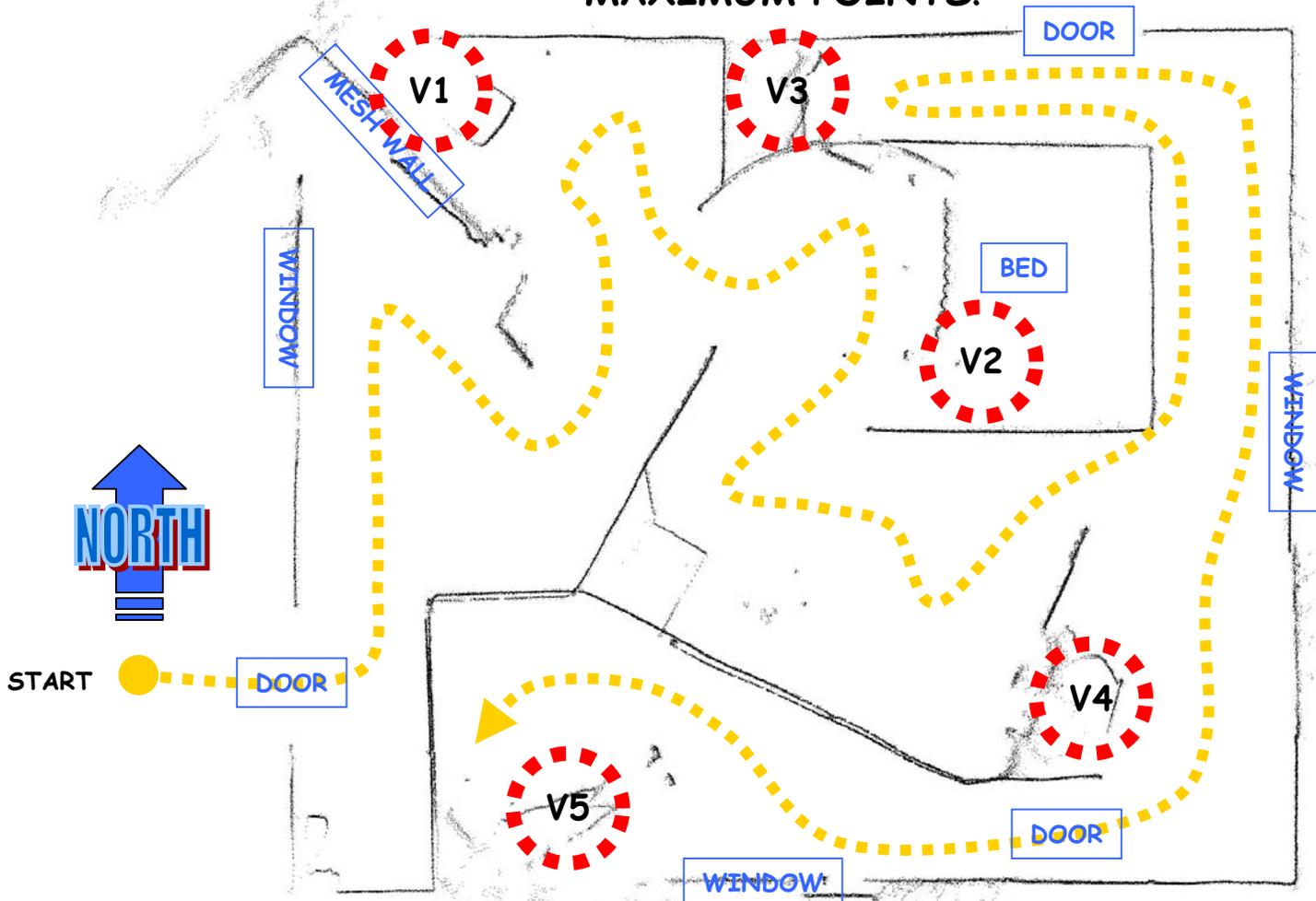




# EFFECTIVE 2-D MAPPING (Example)



MAP, AUTOMATICALLY GENERATED, WOULD SCORE MAXIMUM POINTS!



- V1:**  
SITUATION: ENTOMBED  
STATE: CONSCIOUS  
TAG#: 4
- V2:**  
SITUATION: VOID  
STATE: SEMI-CONSCIOUS  
TAG#: 9
- V3:**  
SITUATION: TRAPPED  
STATE: CONSCIOUS  
TAG#: 5
- V4:**  
SITUATION: TRAPPED  
STATE: UNCONSCIOUS  
TAG#: 2
- V5:**  
SITUATION: SURFACE  
STATE: UNCONSCIOUS  
TAG#: 7

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# VICTIM INFO

TEAM	RD/MSN	TOTAL



## TAG (+/- 10 of 50 pts per victim)

- YELLOW    ORANGE    RED

V -	TAG#	[ +10 ]	[ -10 ]	SCORE
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## MAPPING (+20 of 50 pts per victim)

- |                                  |                    |        |        |         |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|--------|--------|---------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> LADAR   | <u>MAP QUALITY</u> |        |        |         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SONAR   |                    | [ +1 ] | [ +5 ] | [ +10 ] |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DRECKON | <u>LOCATION</u>    |        |        |         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> TELEOP  |                    | [ +1 ] | [ +5 ] | [ +10 ] |
| <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER   |                    |        |        | SCORE   |

## STATE (+15/-5 of 50 pts per victim)

	SENSOR	INDICATOR	SCORE
<input type="checkbox"/>	FORM	_____	[ +1 ] [ -1 ]
<input type="checkbox"/>	MOTION	_____	[ +1 ] [ -1 ]
<input type="checkbox"/>	HEAT	_____	[ +3 ] [ -3 ]
<input type="checkbox"/>	SOUND	_____	[ +2 ] [ -2 ]
<input type="checkbox"/>	CO <sub>2</sub>	_____	[ +3 ] [ -3 ]

IF YOU HAVE (3) OF THE ABOVE INDIACTORS CHOOSE:

### VICTIM STATE:

- |                          |                    |                    |        |
|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>AWARE:</b>      | WAVING, YELLING    | [ +5 ] |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>SEMI:</b>       | TWITCHING, MOANING | [ +5 ] |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>UNCONCIOUS:</b> | NO MOTION, BEACON  | [ +5 ] |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>UNKNOWN</b>     |                    | [ 0 ]  |
- SCORE

## SITUATION (+/-5 of 50 pts per victim)

- |                          | SITUATION       | INDICATOR                               | (CIRCLE ONE) | SCORE  |     |      |        |
|--------------------------|-----------------|---|--------------|--------|-----|------|--------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>SURFACE</b>  | <i>(Entirely visible)</i>               |              | [ +5 ] |     |      |        |
|                          |                 | FULL BODY                               | UPPERBODY    | LEGS   | ARM | BABY |        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>TRAPPED</b>  | <i>(Partially visible under rubble)</i> |              | [ +5 ] |     |      |        |
|                          |                 | FULL BODY                               | UPPERBODY    | LEGS   | ARM | BABY |        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>VOID</b>     | <i>(Minimally visible in void)</i>      |              | [ +5 ] |     |      |        |
|                          |                 | FULL BODY                               | UPPERBODY    | LEGS   | ARM | BABY | [ +5 ] |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>ENTOMBED</b> | <i>(Visible only with probing)</i>      |              | [ 0 ]  |     |      |        |
|                          |                 | FULL BODY                               | UPPERBODY    | LEGS   | ARM | BABY | [ 0 ]  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <b>UNKNOWN</b>  |   |              | SCORE  |     |      |        |



## RoboCup - Padua, Italy (July 2003)



# ROBOCUP2003 ARENAS (ITALY)



**YELLOW ARENA**



**ORANGE ARENA**

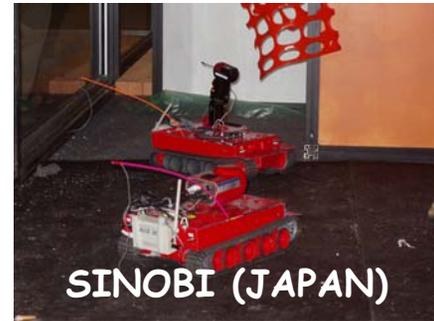
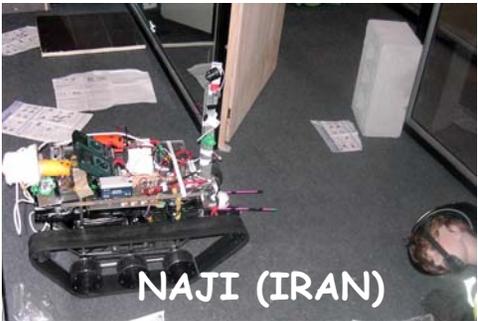


**RED ARENA**





# ROBOCUP2003 ROBOTS (ITALY)



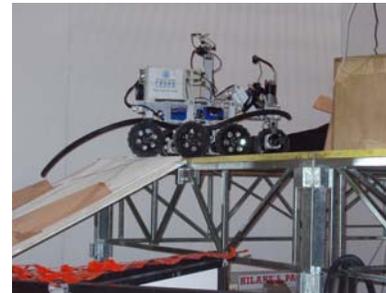
## ROBRNO (Czech Republic)

- Simple, Robust Design
- Heads-Up Display w/Tracking
- Great Situational Awareness
- Dexterous Control



## CEDRA (Iran)

- Custom Mobility Platform
- Articulated Body Design



## IUB (Germany)

- Visual, Audio, and FLIR for Victim Detection
- LADAR and Sonar Mapping





IJCAI/AAAI - Acapulco, Mexico (August 2003)



# IJCAI/AAAI2003 ARENAS (MEXICO)



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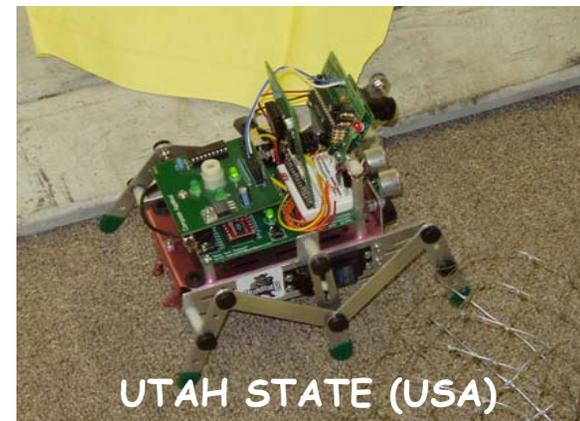
**ORANGE ARENA**

**RED ARENA**





# IJCAI/AAAI2003 ROBOTS (MEXICO)



## INEEL (Idaho, USA)

- Adjustable Autonomy
- Sensor/Vehicle Status-Laden User Interface
- Visual and Thermal for Victim Detection
- LADAR and Sonar Mapping/Navigation



## Swarthmore (Pennsylvania, USA)

- Web-Based Victim ID Display
- Sonar Mapping



## New Orleans (Louisiana, USA)

- Unreal Game Engine-Based World Modeling
- Collaborative Mapping





# 2003 COMPETITION STATISTICS

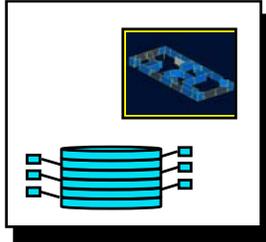


2003 Statistics	No. of Missions	High Score	Average Score	Operators (Avg.)	Resets (Avg.)	Victims Found (Avg.)			Penalties (Avg.)			Missions > 0 (%)
						Yellow	Orange	Red	Yellow	Orange	Red	
<b>RoboCupRescue (Padua, Italy, July 2003)</b>												
Team A	7	23.8	15.1	1.0	0.0	1.1	3.0	1.3	0.4	0.3	0.3	100%
Team B	7	12.5	7.6	1.0	0.0	1.3	2.1	1.1	0.4	0.0	0.1	100%
Team C	7	7.3	3.0	1.0	0.0	2.1	1.1	0.0	1.4	0.9	0.0	86%
Team D	7	5.9	2.4	1.0	0.1	1.0	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	71%
Team E	5	13.2	5.0	1.6	0.6	3.6	2.7	0.0	0.8	1.2	0.0	80%
Team F	5	5.6	2.1	1.0	0.4	0.6	1.7	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	40%
Team G	3	1.8	0.7	1.3	0.7	1.7	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	67%
Team H	3	1.5	0.5	1.0	0.7	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.0	67%
Team I	3	0.8	0.3	1.0	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.0	1.3	0.0	0.0	67%
Team J	3	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0%
Team K	3	0.0	0.0	2.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0%
Team L	3	Technical Difficulties - Did not compete										-----
<b>SITE AVGS.</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>61.6%</b>
<b>IJCAI/AAAI (Acapulco, Mexico, August 2003)</b>												
Team M	5	27.6	9.2	1.0	0.0	1.8	1.6	0.0	1.0	2.6	0.0	100%
Team N	5	12.5	6.1	1.0	0.2	2.4	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	60%
Team O	5	2.9	1.6	2.4	0.0	2.2	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100%
Team P	5	4.0	1.5	1.2	0.2	1.8	0.0	0.0	2.6	0.0	0.0	40%
Team Q	3	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0%
Team R	3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0%
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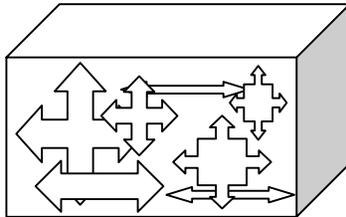


# SPECTRUM TEST ARENAS



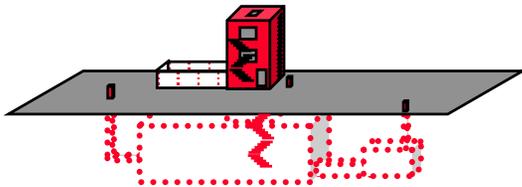
## ■ Virtual Arena

- Captured sensor data with ground truth (and noise)
- Simulated environment for robot software testing
- Faster algorithm development (hardware independent)
- Test successful algorithms in actual arena



## ■ Confined Space Maneuver Arena

- Test shape shifting robotic implementations
- Evaluate situational awareness, improved access, shoring
- Environment Negotiation = Navigation + Influence



## ■ Reality Arena

- Realistic, safe, controlled and repeatable
- Above and below ground barrier penetrations
- Indoor situational awareness, communications dropouts

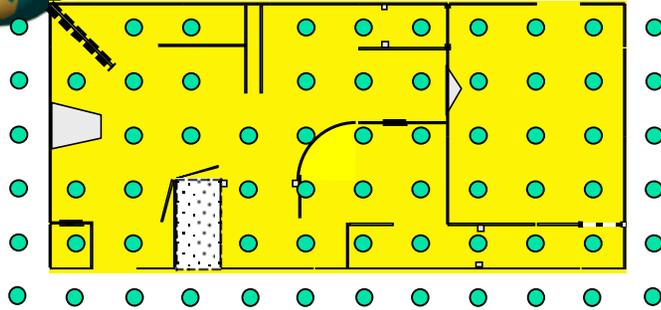


## ■ Scout Arena

- Outdoor sensory obstacles (ditches, tall grass, water,...)
- Test transition recognition (i.e. woods to clearing)
- For lightweight UGVs (< 500 lbs)

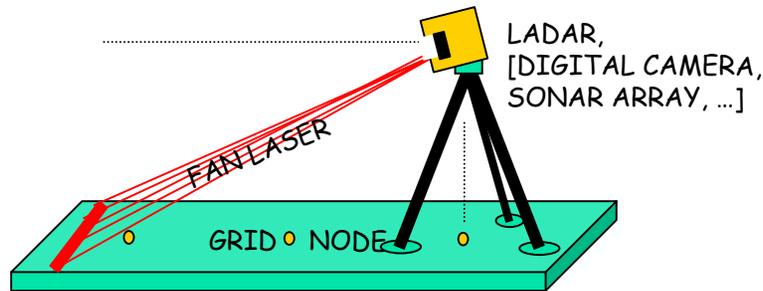


# VIRTUAL ARENA I - SENSOR DATA SETS



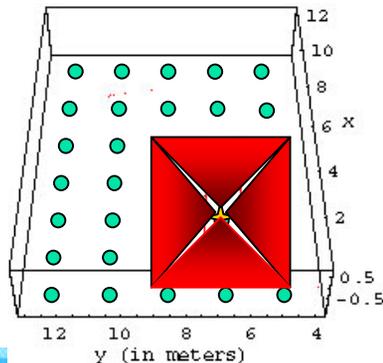
## GOAL:

Enable research into robotic perception, navigation, mapping, and planning without robot hardware



## FOCUS:

Provide a variety of real sensor data sets captured from known points within the actual arena (ground truth data with noise)



## BENEFITS:

- Promote robust sensor fusion algorithms
- Allow quick iterations toward solution
- Test successful algorithms in actual arenas, on actual robots



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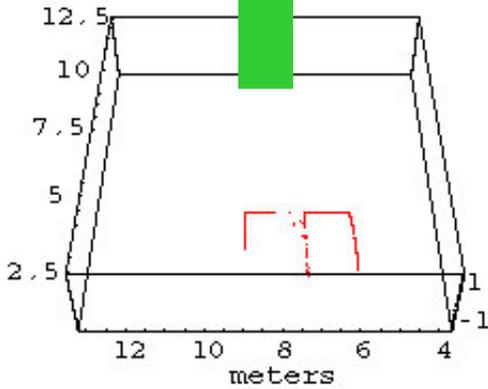
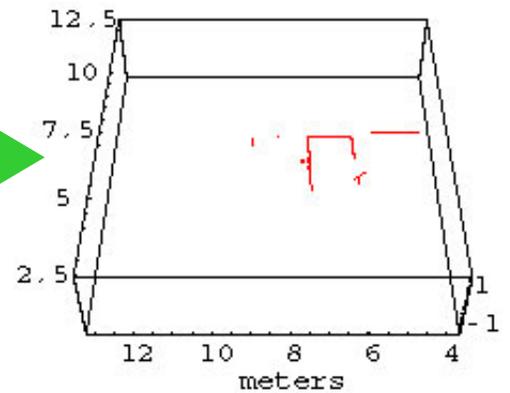
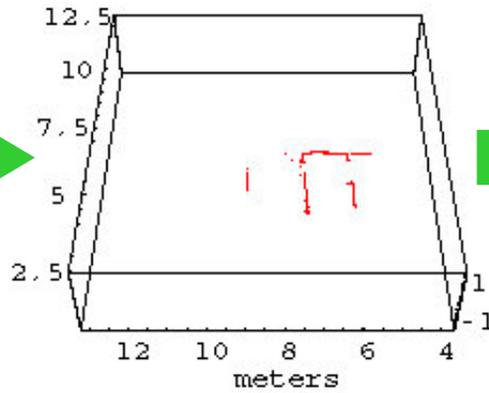
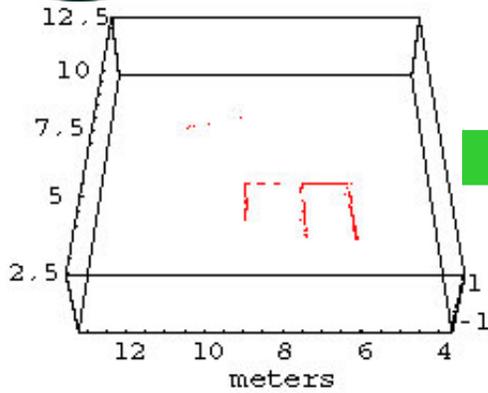


REFLECTION ARTIFACTS

LASER RANGE IMAGING DATA OVERLAID ON PHOTOGRAPH

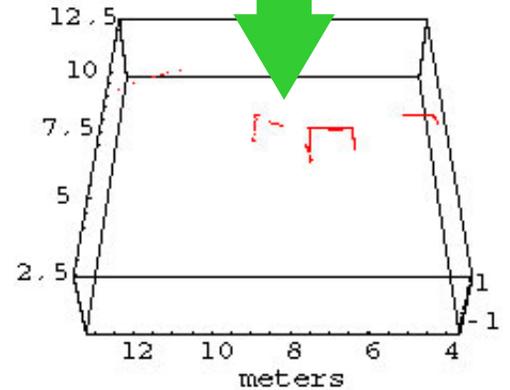
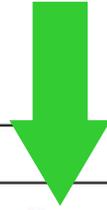


# VIRTUAL ARENA I - SENSOR DATA SETS



START

LASER RANGE  
IMAGING DATASETS  
Moving down a hallway



END



# VIRTUAL ARENA II - SIMULATED ENVIRON.



Developed by  
University of Pittsburgh  
and  
Carnegie Mellon University

## GOAL:

Enable research into robotic perception, navigation, mapping, and planning without robot hardware

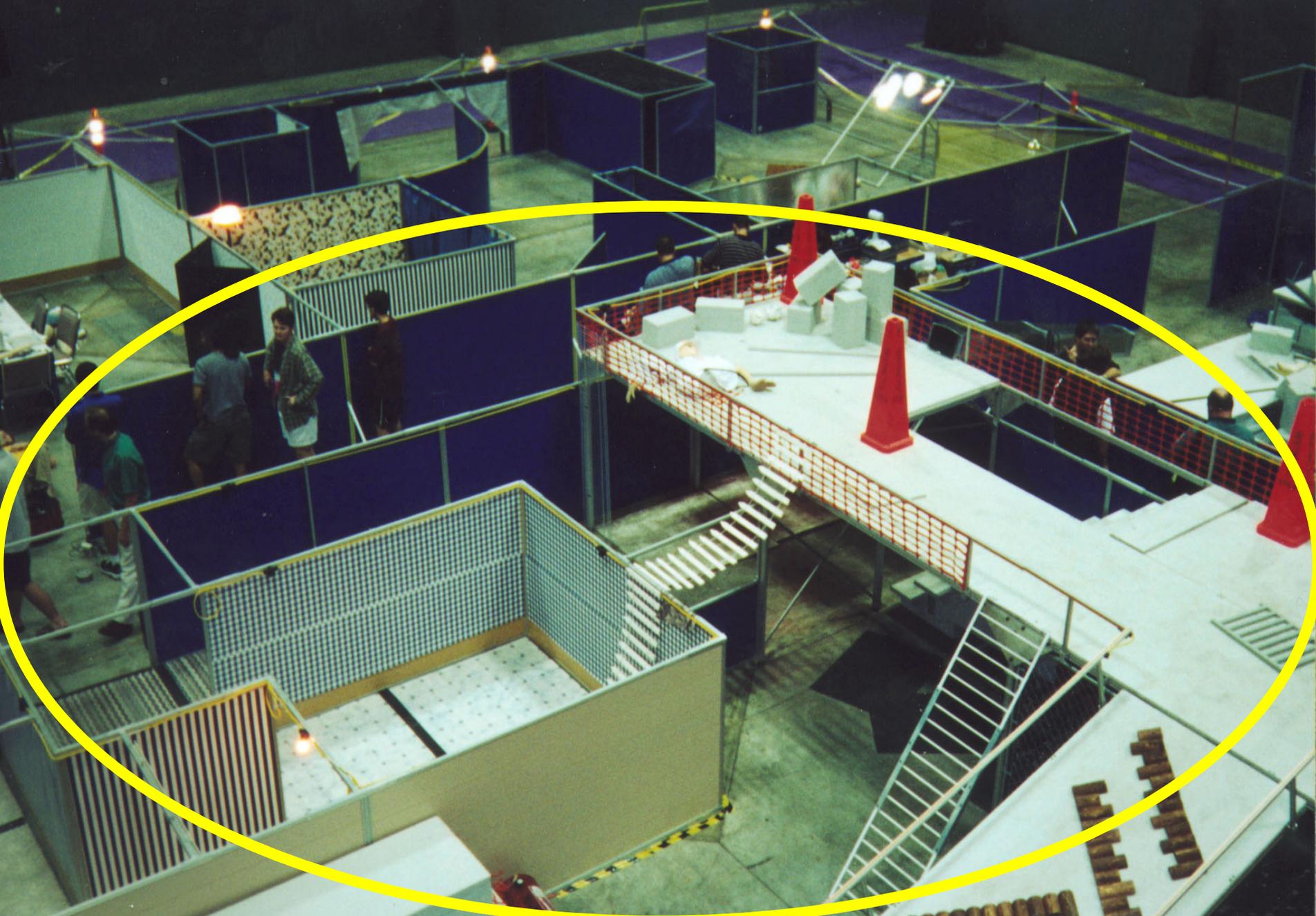
## FOCUS:

Provide arena simulation that allows users to model their robots, sensor types and sensor positions based on Unreal Game Engine

## BENEFITS:

- Supports greater diversity in robot design and sensor placement
- Allow quick iterations toward solution
- Test successful algorithms in actual arenas, on actual robots
- Photo-realistic representation of the NIST Orange Arena
- Physics are modeled (e.g. gravity, collisions)







DM-USAR\_orange.RemoteBot (800)

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## FUTURE DIRECTIONS & DISCUSSIONS

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### Arena Features

- Add sensory features: target signatures (chemical, EOD), stairs
- Add physical features: confined space obstacles
- Maintain arenas as stepping stone from research to deployment

### Objective Evaluations

- HRI and robot video captured for analysis (RoboCup and AAI)
- New **robot tracking system** (ultra wideband system) being installed

# USAR Test Arena Proliferation

## *FOSTERING COLLABORATION THROUGH STANDARDS*

### PREVIOUS COMPETITIONS

- AAAI Conference 2000**  
AUSTIN, TEXAS, USA
- IJCAI/AAAI Conference 2001**  
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON, USA
- RoboCupRescue 2002**  
FUKUOKA, JAPAN
- AAAI Conference 2002**  
EDMONTON, ALBERTA, CANADA
- American Open 2003**  
PENNSYLVANIA, USA
- Japan Open 2003**  
NIIGATA, JAPAN
- RoboCupRescue 2003**  
PADUA, ITALY
- IJCAI/AAAI Conference 2003**  
ACAPULCO, MEXICO

### YEAR-ROUND ARENAS

- NIST**  
MARYLAND, USA (2000)
- Museum of Emerging Science**  
TOKYO, JAPAN (2002)
- Carnegie Mellon University**  
PENNSYLVANIA, USA (2003)
- Instituto Superiore Anticendi**  
ROME, ITALY (2003)

### 2004 COMPETITIONS

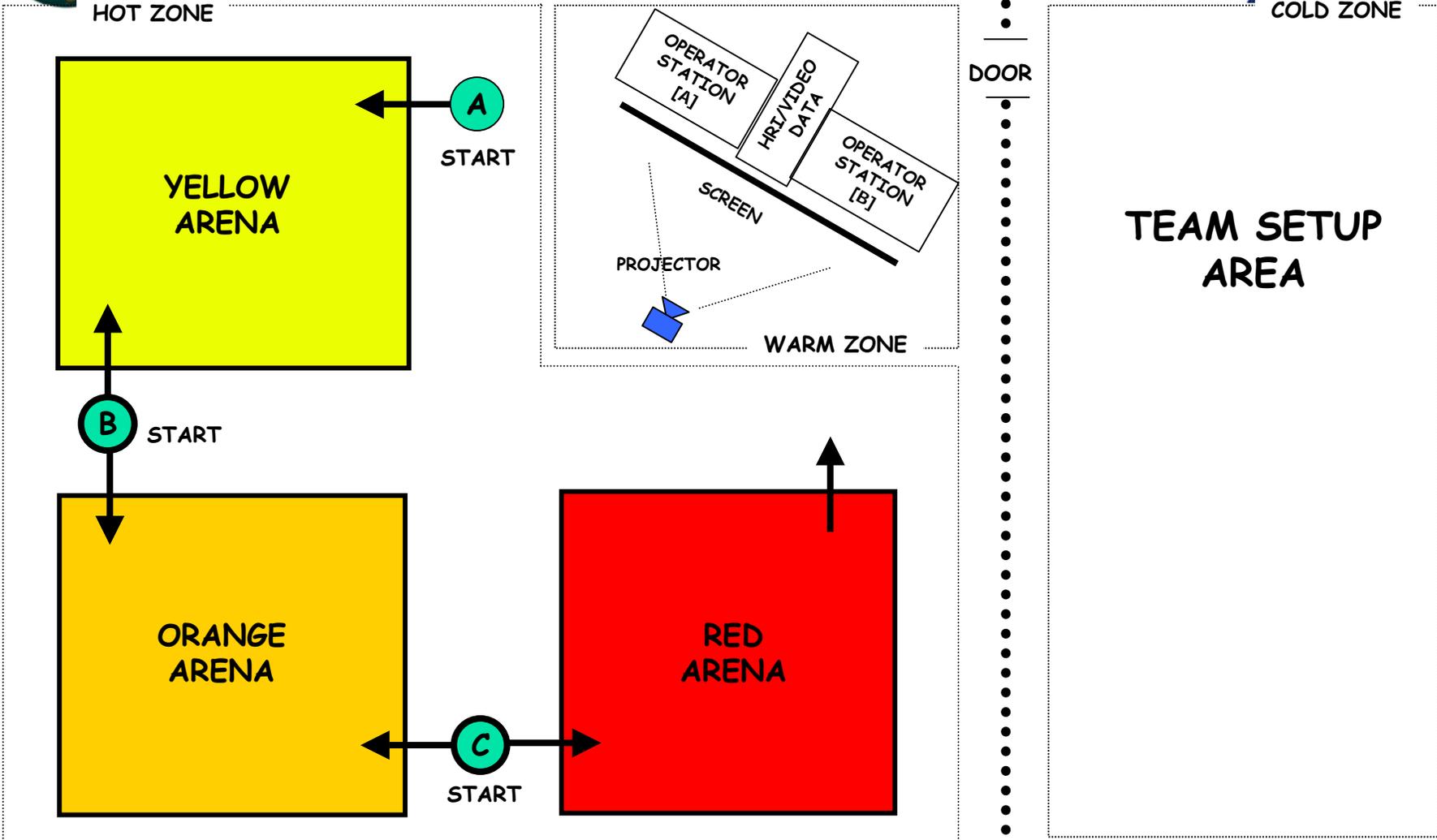
- American Open**  
NEW ORLEANS, USA
- German Open**
- Japan Open**  
OSAKA, JAPAN
- RoboCupRescue**  
LISBON, PORTUGAL
- AAAI Conference**  
CALIFORNIA, USA



ADDITIONAL SLIDES



# ARENA LAYOUT and START POINTS





## PERFORMANCE METRIC FOR USAR ROBOTS

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Encourage desirable robot capabilities

Discourage unhelpful team strategies

Award points per victim found (50 possible)...

- (20) points for Mapping
- (15) points for Sensing
- (15) points for Mobility

Subtract penalties per event...

- (-5, -20) points for Arena penalties
- (-5, -20) points for Victim penalties

Divide by number of operators required...

- $(1 + \text{Operators})^2$  [always > 0, exponential deterrent]

Multiply by weightings to account for arena difficulty...

- (1.00) Red Arena, (0.75) Orange Arena, (0.50) Yellow Arena



## MISSION START POINTS

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To similarly test mapping and planning capabilities, while allowing robots better access to their intended arenas, each round of competition will proceed as follows:

- **First mission of every round:** Teams must begin at START POINT [A] and must negotiate the Yellow arena.
- **Middle mission of every round (if any):** Teams must begin at START POINT [B], between the Yellow and Orange arenas. Teams may enter either arena.
- **Last mission of every round:** Teams may choose their start point, START POINT [A], [B], or [C], but may not repeat their previous start point.

NOTE: After starting, all teams must follow the rule of Advancing & Retreating (next page).



## ADVANCING and RETREATING

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To promote collaboration between robots, and deter parallel teleoperation in separate arenas, the following rules apply:

### Advancing to more difficult arenas:

- Robots are always free to advance to the next most difficult arena, but they must earn it by leaving the simpler arena through the door on the far side of the arena from their start point.
- Robots may always advance without the entire team of robots

### Retreating to simpler arenas:

- Robots are always free to retreat to a simpler arena already negotiated during the current mission
- Retreating to a simpler arena not successfully negotiated during the current mission must be done as a team (all robots gather at the mission start point before entering the simpler arena). Teams may need to use "RESETs" if necessary to retrieve robots stuck in the more difficult arena. Once retreating, robots may retreat as far as they can without the entire team of robots.



## PERFORMANCE METRIC - USED IN 2002



**RescueRobotScore =**

$(\text{VictimsPoints} (\text{NumberOfRobots} / (1 + \text{NumberOfOperators})^3) \text{AverageAccuracy})$

$\text{VictimsPoints} = (\text{YellowVictimsFound} - \text{YellowPenalties}) * (\text{YellowVictimWeighting})$   
 $+ (\text{OrangeVictimsFound} - \text{OrangePenalties}) * (\text{OrangeVictimWeighting})$   
 $+ (\text{RedVictimsFound} - \text{RedPenalties}) * (\text{RedVictimWeighting})$

[ *YellowVictimWeighting* = 0.50 ]

[ *OrangeVictimWeighting* = 0.75 ]

[ *RedVictimWeighting* = 1.00 ]

*NumberOfRobots* = Number of robots that find a unique victim

*NumberOfOperators* = Number of operators having touched the robot or are in the hot zone

*AverageAccuracy* = (positional accuracy + map quality) / Total victims found



# PERFORMANCE METRIC FOR USAR ROBOTS

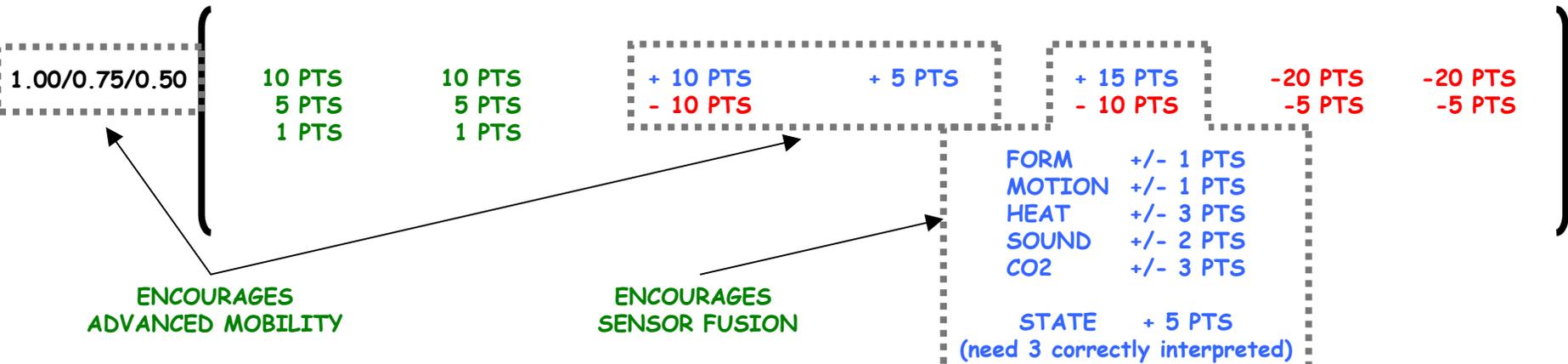


50 POINTS POSSIBLE PER VICTIM FOUND

PENALTIES PER EVENT

$$\left[ \frac{\text{MAP QUALITY} + \text{VICTIM LOCATION} + \text{VICTIM TAG} + \text{VICTIM SITUATION} + \text{VICTIM STATE} - \text{ARENA BUMPING} - \text{VICTIM BUMPING}}{1 + \text{NUMBER OF OPERATORS}} \right]^2$$

ARENA WEIGHTING





## RoboCup - Fukuoka, Japan (July 2002)



# ROBOCUP2002 ARENAS (JAPAN)



**YELLOW ARENA**

**ORANGE ARENA**

**RED ARENA**

