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Robotic Dynamic Manipulation

The state of the art of robotic manipulation is still rather far from the human dexterity in the execution of complex motions such as, for example, in dynamic manipulation tasks. Dynamic manipulation is considered as the most complex category of manipulation requiring ad-hoc controllers and specialized hardware. In case of non-prehensile manipulation or non-rigid objects, the task of dynamic manipulation becomes even more challenging. This reduces the opportunities for wide adoption of robots within human co-habited environments. This plenary talk presents the current development in the framework of the RoDyMan project www.rodyman.eu, including a method to manipulate rigid objects in a non-prehensile way with an underactuated robot manipulator, algorithms to track in real-time a 3D object undergoing large elastic and plastic deformations and fast rigid motions, and a technique to control the tossing motion of an object in space. The tasks are tested on a set-up of a pizza chef robot with a bimanual mobile manipulator platform.