



The European Coordination Hub for Open Robotics Development

E++ 3rd Review Meeting

WP3 - Experiments

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Objectives of WP3 - Experiments



Experiments

- **Regulatory framework** governing the experiments based on ECHORD
- **Implementation and improvement** of the process
- **Close cooperation with Quality Management (WP1)**



1.3.3 Timing of work packages and their components

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Main achievements during the 3rd period (WP3)



Experiments

- **Selection of 16 experiments for Call 2**
 - ✓ **higher average scores compared to Call1:** scientific quality average **4.47/5**, (+ **0.27** compared to Call 1), **4.25/5** for the implementation score (+**0.08** compared to Call 1) and **4.44/5** for impact score (+**0.40** compared to Call 1)
 - ✓ **Increased success rate (14.0%)** as compared to Call 1 (11.7%)
- **Improved assignment of moderators to monitor Call 2**
 - ✓ two specific figures as moderators: **technical and managerial**
- **Improved reporting** of the progress of the experiments
 - ✓ bimonthly traffic lights
- **New procedure** to evaluate the outcome of Call 1 experiments: **all 15 experiments were reviewed on-site → new!** procedure as compared to ECHORD

Deliverables of the reporting Period

- D 3.4.2 Collection of documents with final ranking, evaluation reports, statistics and funding suggestion
- D 3.5.2 2nd six-monthly report on experiment progress and on reviews
- D 3.5.3 3rd six-monthly report on experiment progress and on reviews
- D 3.6.1 Final report on the outcome of the experiments



Ranking



Six Monthly Report



Outcome

Milestones of the reporting Period

- MS5: second bunch of experiments and R&D partners for PCP Pilots selected (month 30)

Overview of tasks for WP3



Experiments

FIRST CALL

- Task 3.5: Call 1- Phase V: Monitoring and review
- Task 3.6: Call 1- Phase VI: Result extraction and exploitation

SECOND CALL

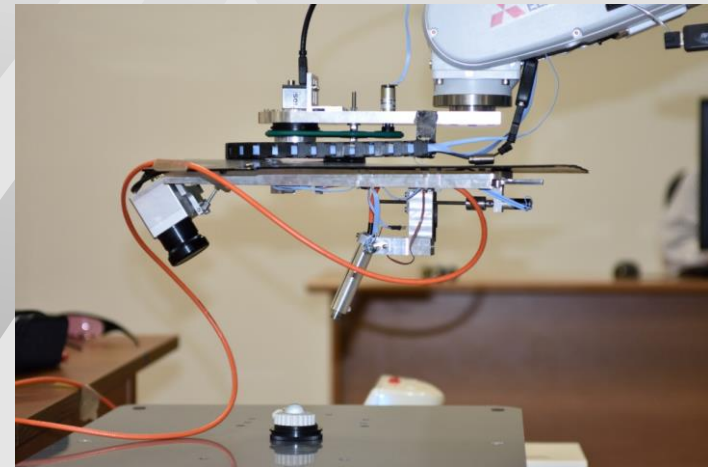
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- Task 3.11: Call 2- Phase V: Monitoring and review

Task 3.5: Call 1- Phase V

Monitoring and Review

- Every 6 months → **deliverable** (D3.5.2 and D3.5.3) **on the progress** of the experiments
- Collection of **bi-monthly** info on :
 - Self assessment
 - Deliverables
 - Milestones
 - Technical KPIs
 - Impact KPIs
 - Dissemination KPIs

Mid-term review in June 2016 LA ROSES →
the experiment was granted a **4-month extension**



Task 3.5: Call 1- Phase V

Monitoring and Review

January-February 2015

March- April 2015

time

	3DSSC	CoHROS	DEBURR	DEXBUDDY
Assessment	●	●	●	●
Tech. KPIs	●	●	●	●
Imp. KPIs	●	●	●	●
Deliverables	●	●	●	●
Milestones	●	●	●	●
Dissemination	●	●	●	●

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Deliverables	●	●	●	●
Milestones	●	●	●	●
Dissemination	●	●	●	●

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	LINARM++	MODUL	MOTORE++	PICKIT
Assessment	●	●	●	●
Tech. KPIs	●	●	●	●
Imp. KPIs	●	●	●	●
Deliverables	●	●	●	●
Milestones	●	●	●	●
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Assessment	●	●	●	
Tech. KPIs	●	●	●	
Imp. KPIs	●	●	●	
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- One or more activities planned in the period resulted in positive outcome
- One or more activities planned in the period resulted slightly under expectation
- One or more activities planned in the period resulted significantly below expectations
- No action foreseen in the selected period

Bi-monthly monitoring using 'Traffic Light' representation

Task 3.6: Call 1- Phase VI

Result extraction and exploitation

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- **New:** final reviews on-site for all 15 experiments
- For each review: **1 external expert, 1 core member of E++**
- **Experimenters duty:**
 - Develop a **final report and questionnaire**
 - **Set a one-day presentation** (including demos)
- **Evaluators duty:**
 - **Analyze** the project
 - **Participate** in the review meeting
 - Provide **two evaluation docs**: evaluation of deliverables/milestones/KPIs; general recommendations for the project

Experiment	External Evaluator	Visiting site	Internal evaluator	Date
LINarm++	Eugenio Guglielmelli	Milan, Italy	Simona Crea (SSSA)	16 dec
Debur	Jordi Palacin	Eibar, Spain	Antoni Grau (UPC)	19 jan
Cohros	Dr Makris	Bielefeld, Germany	Yannick Morel (TUM)	20 jan
2F	Jordi Palacin	Poggibonsi, Italy	Antoni Grau (UPC)	26 jan
Tirebot	Stefania Pellegrinelli	Correggio, Emilia, Italy	Raffaele Limosani (SSSA)	6 dec
Garotics	Prof. Francisco Rovira-Más	Buxtehude, Germany	Francesco Maurelli (TUM)	5 dec
3DSSC	Patrick van der Smagt	Belsele, Belgium	Yannick Morel (TUM)	beginning of february
Mars	Slawomir Sander	Marktobendorf, Germany	Francesco Maurelli (TUM)	17-nov
EXOTrainer	To be defined	Spain	Hardik Shah (TUM)	Jan 2017
Pickit	Rui Loureiro	Madgeburg, Germany	Fabio Bonsignorio (SSSA)	18-nov
Saparo	Rui Loureiro	Madgeburg, Germany	Fabio Bonsignorio (SSSA)	18-nov
MODUL	Stefania Pellegrinelli	Zurich, Switzerland	Fabio Bonsignorio (SSSA)	16 september
LA ROSES	Andreas Muller	Pisa, Italy	Hardik Shah (TUM)	4 jan
MOTORE++	Andreas Muller	Pisa Italy	Hardik Shah	14, 15 september
DEXBUDDY	Patrick van der Smagt	Karlsruhe, Germany	Fabio Bonsignorio	29 july

SSSA

TUM

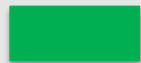
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Management of
the Reviews

Result extraction and exploitation

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	TIREBOT	MOTORE++	LINARM++	LA ROSES	GAROTICS	MARS	PICKIT	SAPARO	3DSSC	2F	DEBUR	COHROS	DEXBUDDY	EXOTRAINER	MODUL
Milestone															
Deliverable															
Technical KPIs															
Impact KPIs															
Dissemination KPIs															



→ **successful** evaluation



→ outcome **slightly** below the expectations



→ outcome **significantly** below the expectations

- The evaluation of each parameter is based on the **average of each item**
- **Exceptions :**
 - ✓ If at least one red light → decreased ranking
 - ✓ if no website available → decreased ranking

Overview of tasks for WP3

Recommendations



Experiments

R2a: Experiments move along a timeline (or value chain, see R1b) which ideally starts with the idea and ends with a marketable product. They should describe how they have progressed and where they stand in this process. The status could be visualized (e. g. using a “slider” or TRL scale). This would work well in combination with the traffic light approach.

R1b: Expand on the ECHORD++ slogan idea “From the Lab to the Market” with a value chain giving more details about where ECHORD++ and its instruments make the difference.



Result extraction and exploitation

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TIREBOT

Development of a mobile robotic assistant that takes care of transporting wheels



PROs

- The **objectives** were **successfully achieved**
- The **work** is of **industrial interest**
- The **collaboration among academic and industrial partners** has been **really deep**
- **New algorithms** for the online **adaptation of safety** have been implemented
- **Safety** was **deeply analyzed**

CONs

- The results of TIREBOT project are at **TRL7, instead of the declared TRL8.**
- **Mitigations from initial DOW** were applied since visual tags and markers were used
- **Usability was evaluated by questionnaire** and results were presented **only as qualitative**

Commercial deployment



Basic principle observed



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Result extraction and exploitation

MOTORE++

Development of a rehabilitation robot to restore upper limb functionality



PROs

- The **experiment has performed excellently** overall
- **Deliverables** are of **good quality** and all **milestones are reached**
- All **KPIs** in technical and impact are **reached**
- The product has **received CE certification** and **6 units have been already delivered**

CONs

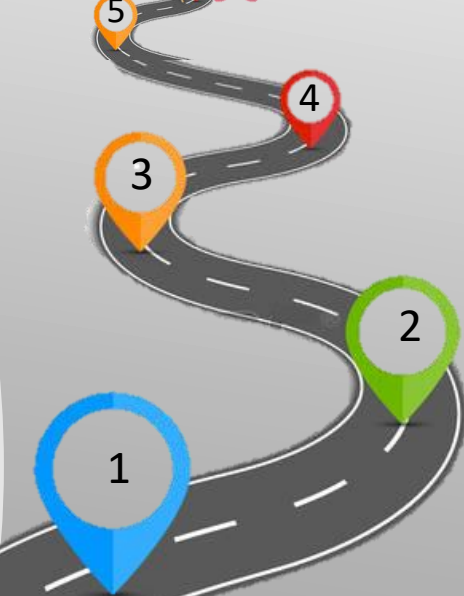
- There were **some delays** (due to supplier issues)
- **Some deliverables** (Story Board and MultiMediaReport) are **missing**
- **Dissemination activities** were **not conducted as promised**

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Basic principle observed

From TRL 6 to TRL 8



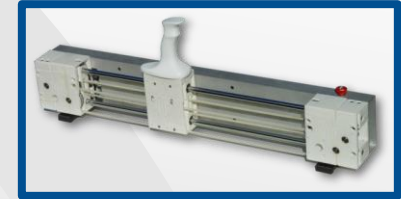
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LINARM++

Development of a multisensory and multimodal device for neuromuscular rehabilitation of the upper limb

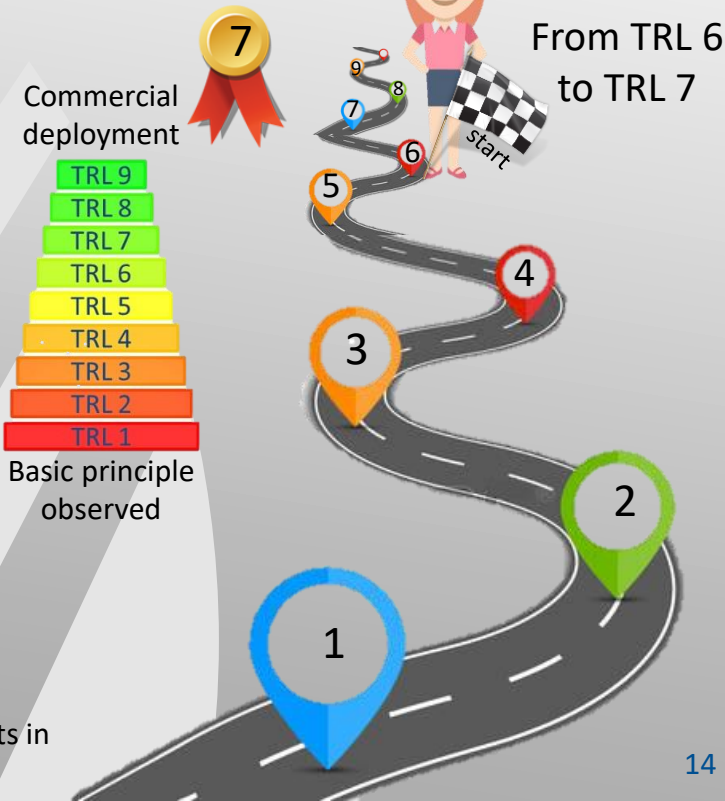


PROs

- The **overall evaluation** of the project is **positive**
- **Most of the milestones have been achieved on time** and reports of good quality have been timely delivered
- **Commendable achievements** in the engineering of the smart wearable modules for recording physiological signals → **large market potential**

CONs

- Extensive clinical research activities **still required to prove the efficacy**
- The proposed variable stiffness **actuation system has significant limitations** → risk in the deployment to the market
- **Proper strategies for IPR management should be carefully analyzed** to attract industrial interest



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GAROTICS

Development of a new gripping mechanism for an automatic harvesting systems for green asparagus



PROs

- The **project** can be considered **satisfactory and successful**
- Customer usability: **important network already demanding higher autonomy in this field**
- The **machine can be pulled by a regular tractor**
- **Efficient strategy devised for the movement of the gripper**

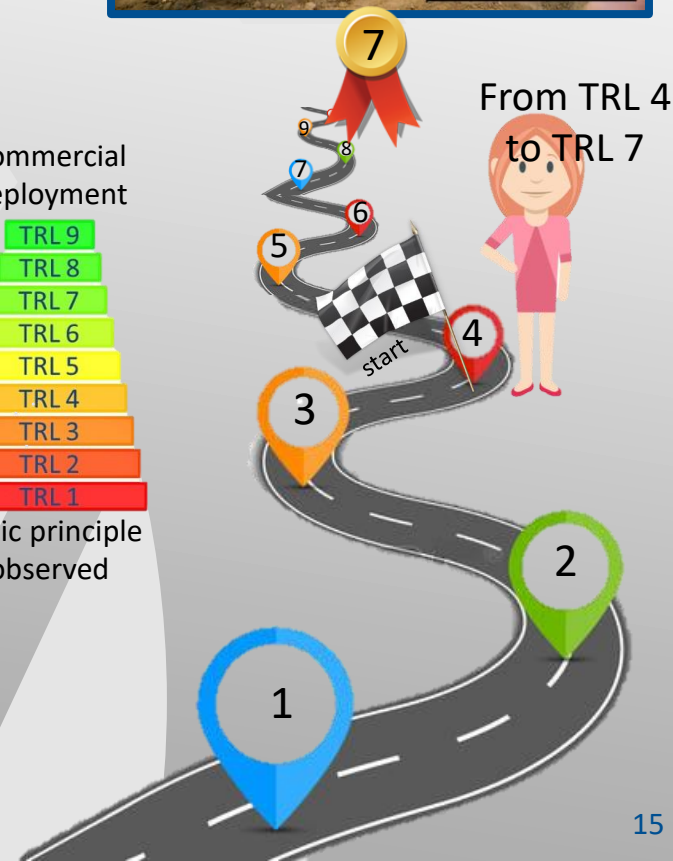
CONs

- The **problem of real time detection of asparagus not fully solved** due to some occlusions caused by the gripper close to camera
- Recommendable to start defining the **intellectual property (IP)** policy to protect key algorithms and gripper designs
- **Long-term reliability and endurance tests need being scheduled** for upcoming developments

Commercial deployment



Basic principle observed



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Result extraction and exploitation

MARS

Development of a small and stream-lined mobile agricultural robot for the seeding process for corn performed by two robots



PROs

- Two robots have been able to **perform a combined seeding task in real conditions**
- The **UX interface is nice**
- Both **SW and HW were operational and results promising**

CONs

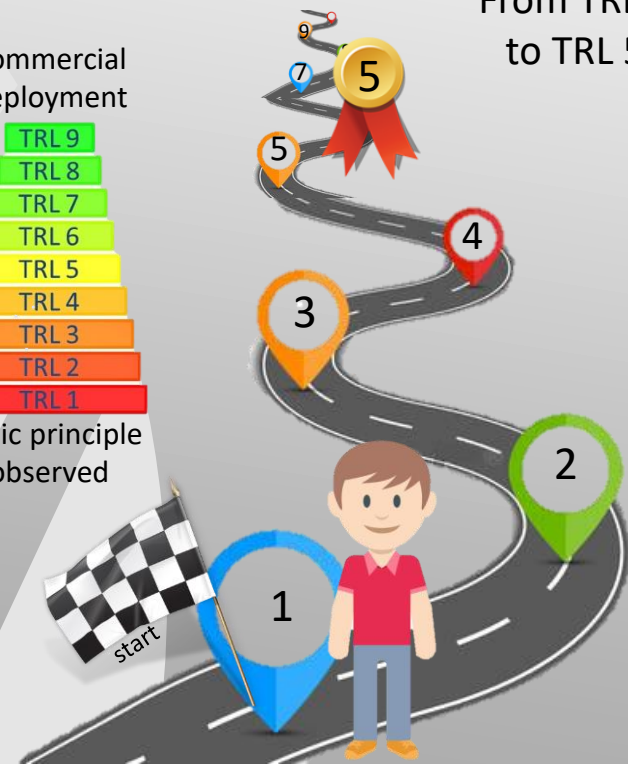
- The **number of seeds germinated has not been validated** quantitatively
- The **number of successful seed placements is not known**
- The **maximum mission time has not been validated** with experiments

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Basic principle observed

From TRL 1 to TRL 5

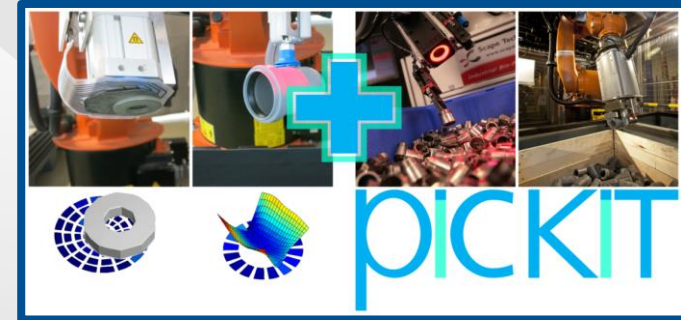


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Result extraction and exploitation

PICKIT

Development of a commercially available vision based bin-picking system to handle a variety of objects

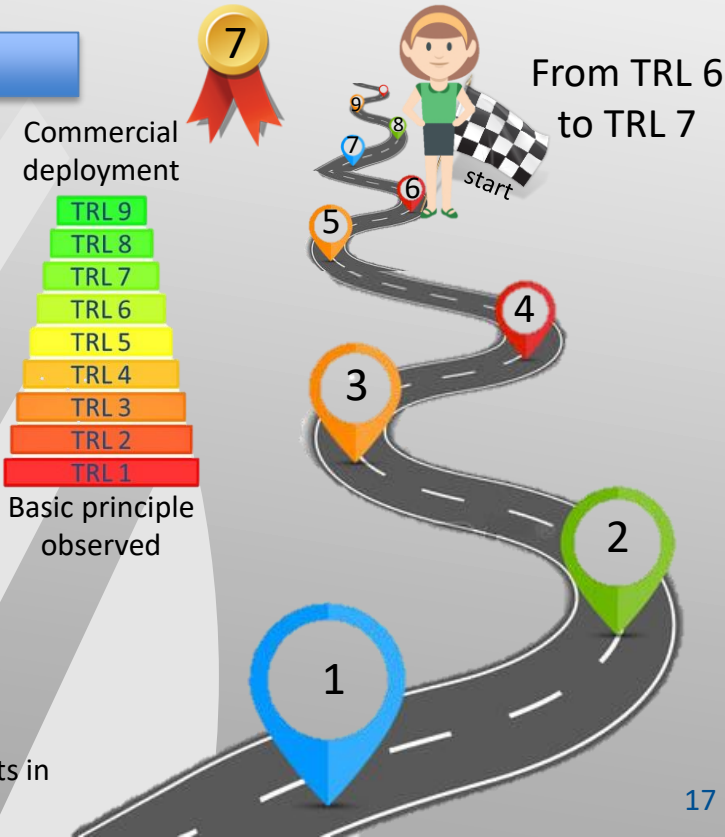


PROs

- The bin-picking application shows **significant progress in the SoA**
- Quite impressive **capability to pick transparent glasses**
- The **objectives have been met**
- There is a **significant potential for exploitation in real industrial settings**

CONs

- Even though the results are promising, they **require additional work** because in **certain lighting conditions**, when the number of glasses is lower than 3, sometimes the **system is unable to identify the objects**

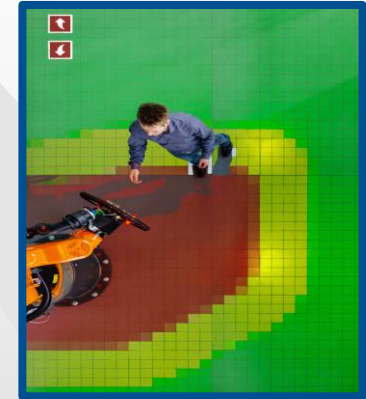


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Result extraction and exploitation

SAPARO

Combination of a pressure-sensitive tactile floor with a projection system to ensure safe human-machine interaction in the work cell



PROs

- **Impressive demonstration** of human-robot collaborative interaction in an industrial setting
- **Safe human-machine interaction ensured in the work cell**
- **Potential for commercialization** is high (TUM purchased a system for its own use)
- **Strong commitment towards exploitation** from the industrial partner

CONs

- **RIF visit not possible** but verified from initial results
- **Some dissemination activities were not performed**, but other opportunities were found

Commercial deployment



Basic principle observed



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Result extraction and exploitation

DEBUR

Design and set up of an automated robotic station for laser deburring of metal castings of three-dimensional, high quality, complex parts



PROs

- The results **fulfilled the expectations**
- Cost reduction up to 20%**
- Volume of lubricants and abrasives reduced by 30%**
- Reduction of scrap parts by 30%**

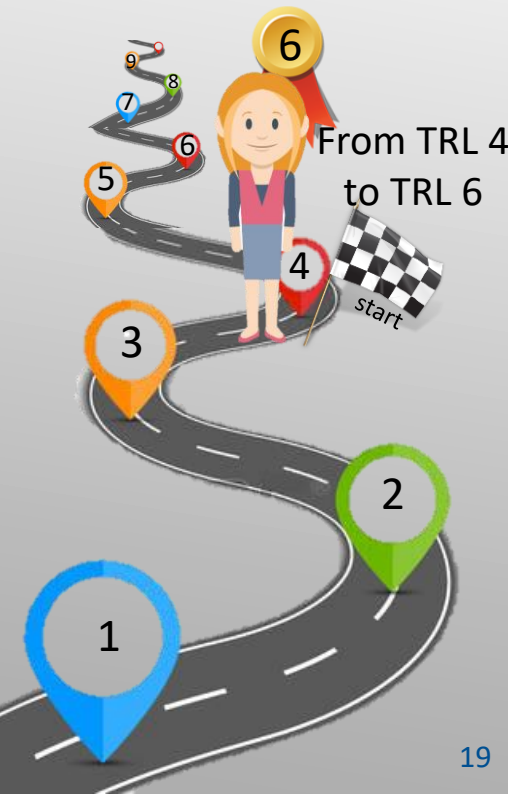
CONs

- The **deliverables were uploaded** in the ECHORD portal, although with **some delays**
- Difficulties in the reduction of the protrusion** (keep it below 0.2mm)
- Eventually, experimenters visited the **Bristol RIF** although **some difficulties were encountered in the contact and execution of the visit**

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Basic principle observed



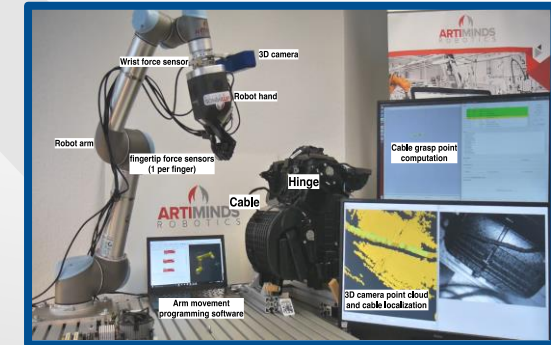
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Result extraction and exploitation

DEXBUDDY

Dexterous robotic co-worker for real industrial scenarios



PROs

- The project is ambitious and has **good industrial relevance**
- The resulting vision component is **hand-crafted which works but lacks robustness**

CONs

- The **choice of hardware is not clear**
- Results are not publishable nor usable in a real scenario**
- The **dissemination** of the results are **not in line with the project proposal**

Commercial deployment



Basic principle observed

From TRL 4 to TRL 5

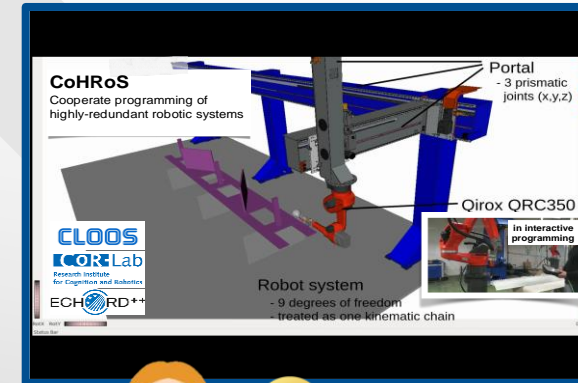


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Result extraction and exploitation

COHROS

Development of a practical and robust method for assistive teaching



PROs

- The results showed **potential to enhance programming of complex applications**
- Incremental improvements were made** mainly on the interaction aiming to eliminate the part of the kinesthetic teaching and partially in robot learning

CONs

- The method was **implemented and tested only partially**
- The **progress** made was **limited by the reduced effort invested in validation** of the technology
- Comparison with company's commercial products not considered**

Commercial deployment



Basic principle observed



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Result extraction and exploitation

MODUL

Development of a Series Elastic Actuation (SEA) unit which will be modular and suited for outdoor operation



PROs

- The project **successfully reached and even exceeded the objectives**
- The product is **ready for industrialization (TRL7)**
- The **exploitation plans are convincing**
- In September 2016, a **spin-off company was founded (8 people, 1.5 M€ investment)**

CONs

- The consortium justified the **missed visit to BRL RIF since they had more dedicated infrastructures than in Bristol**

Commercial deployment



Basic principle observed



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2F

Development of a co-working robot for specific floor building functions: grout removal and floor washing with acid



PROs

- The on-site review revealed that **the real work is largely better than the documentation delivered via the portal**
- The work is **satisfactory and the experiment passes the evaluation**
- The experimenters have developed a **nice prototype** that, after some and huge refinements, **can be an industrial product**

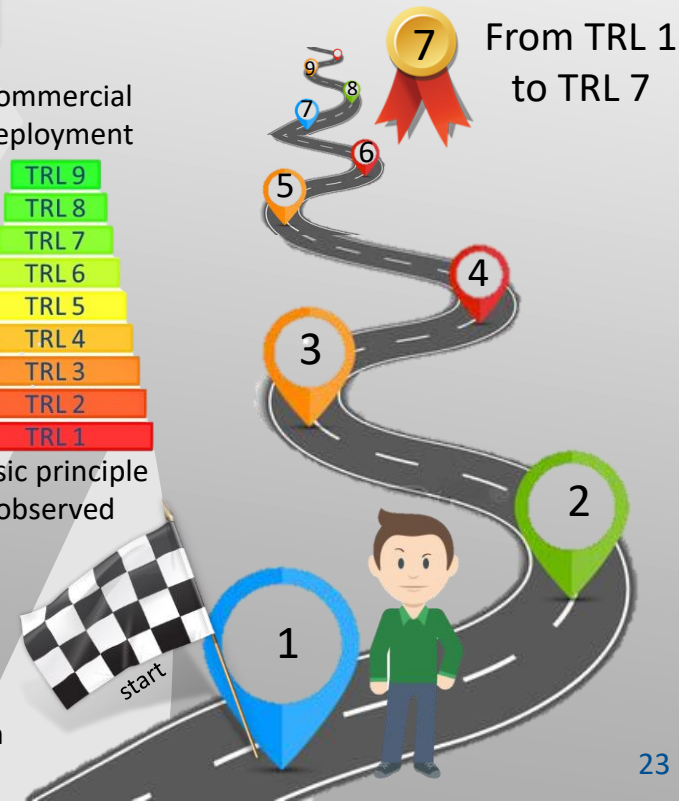
CONs

- Large delays in some deliverables, and lack of clarity** in most of them
- Deliverables did not demonstrate the real work** that experimenters did
- The final report has been delivered again because it was very weak** and did not demonstrate the reality of the experiment at its closure

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Basic principle observed



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Result extraction and exploitation

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3DSSC

- JUST EVALUATED (February 10, 2017)

EXOTRAINER

- TO BE EVALUATED (end of February 2017)

LA ROSES

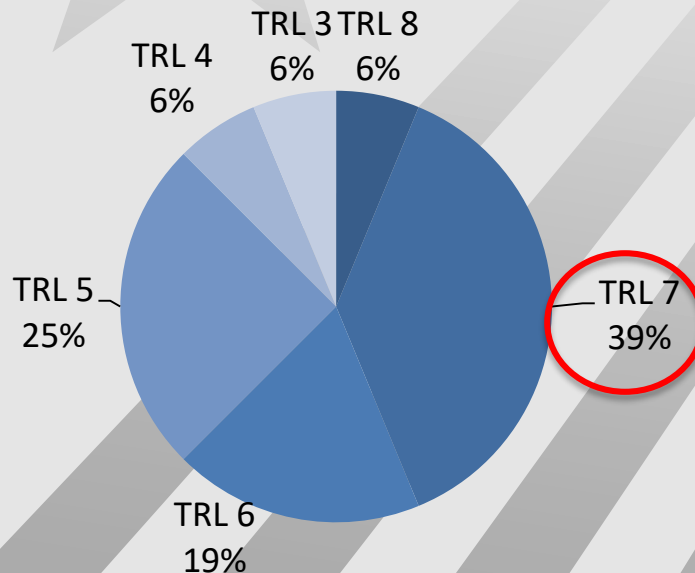
- EVALUATION BEING FINALISED BY EXPERTS

Result extraction and exploitation

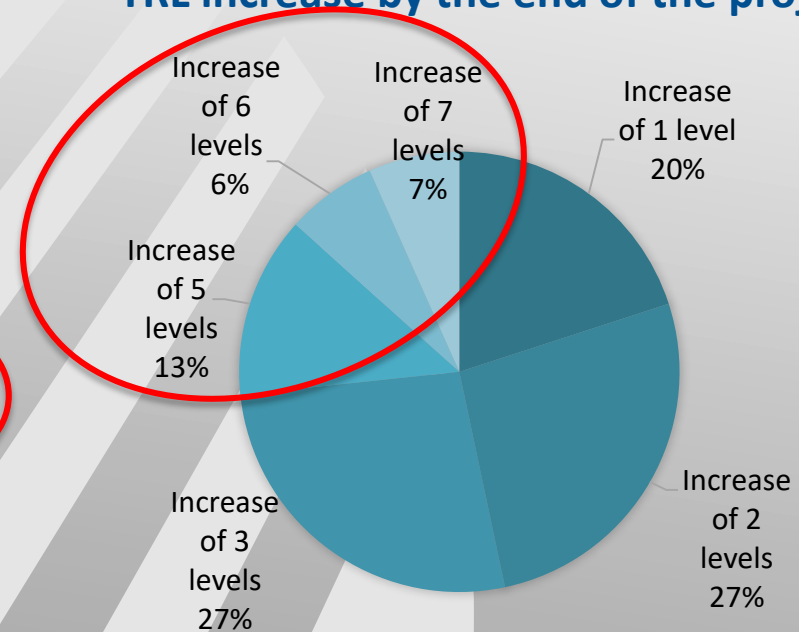
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- **80%** claim they will increase the cross-application of their product
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TRL by the end of the project



TRL increase by the end of the project

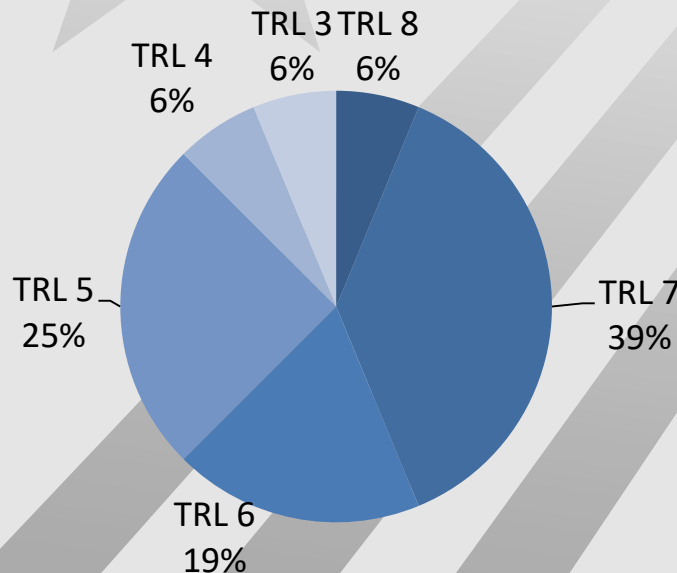


Result extraction and exploitation

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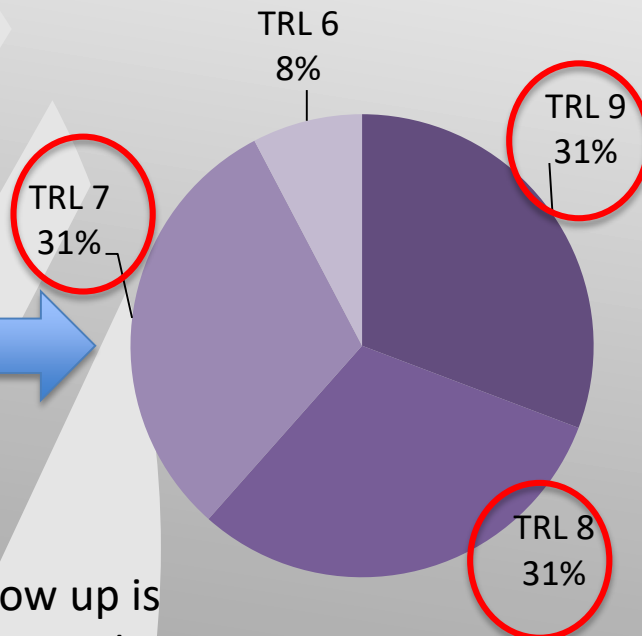
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TRL by the end of the project



87%
experiments
claim they
will increase
TRL in the
next 2 years

Expected TRL in the next 2 years

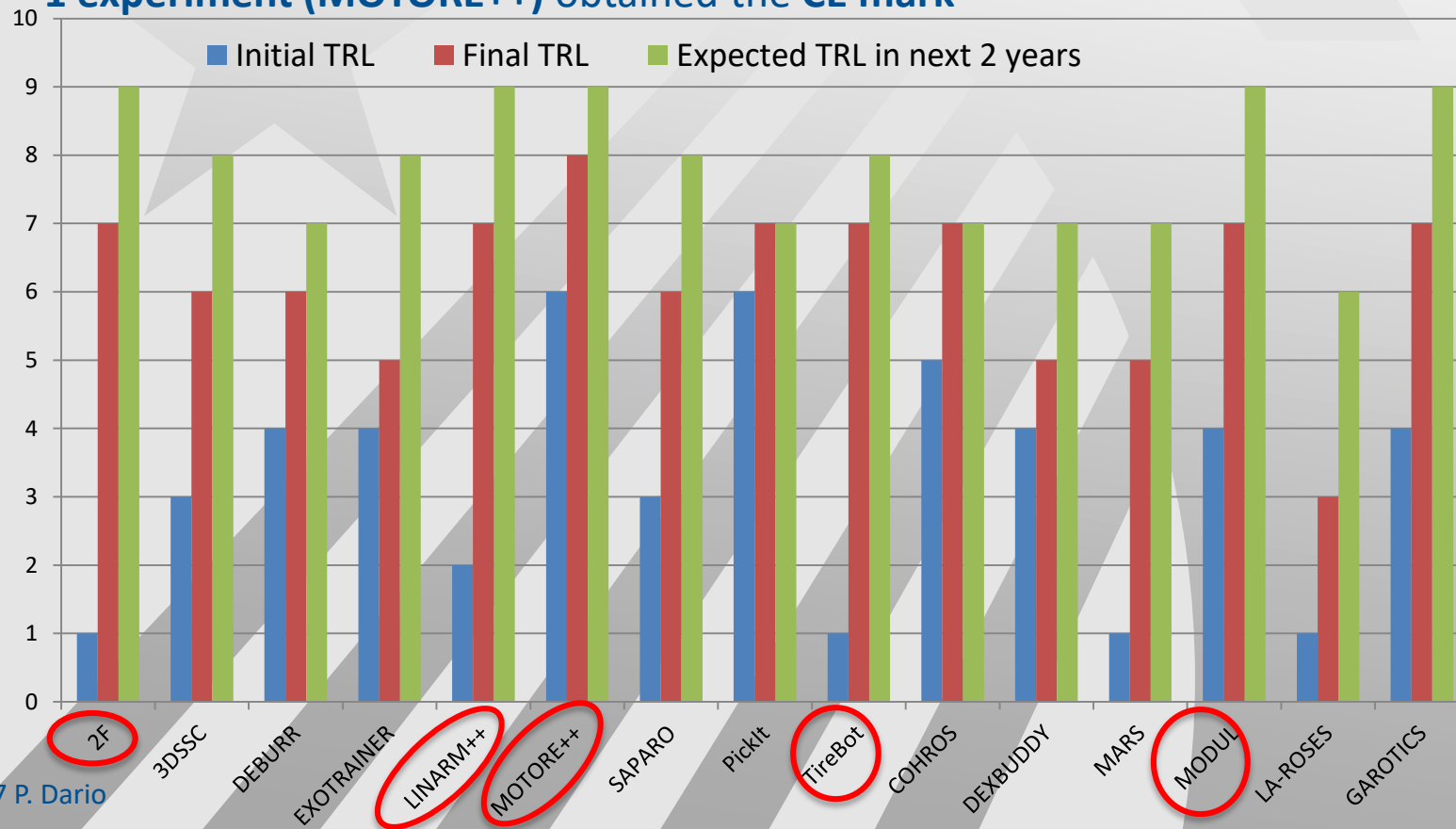


Follow up is
planned

Result extraction and exploitation

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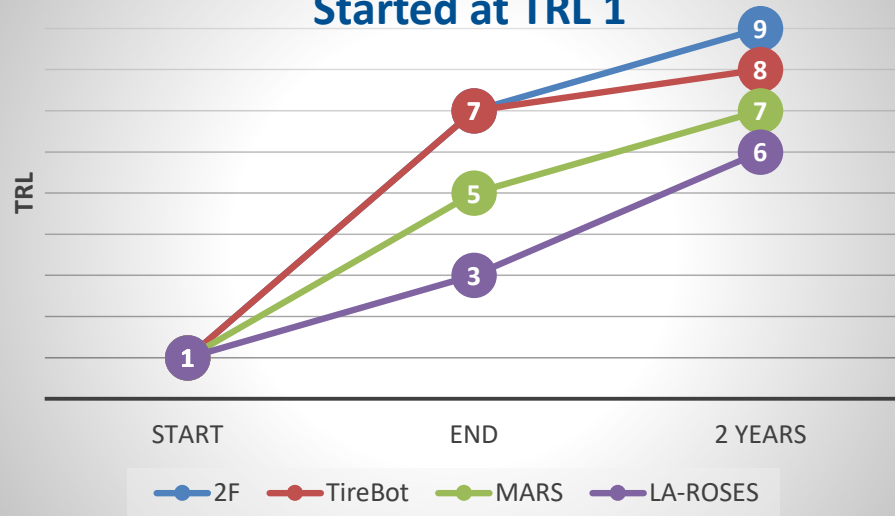


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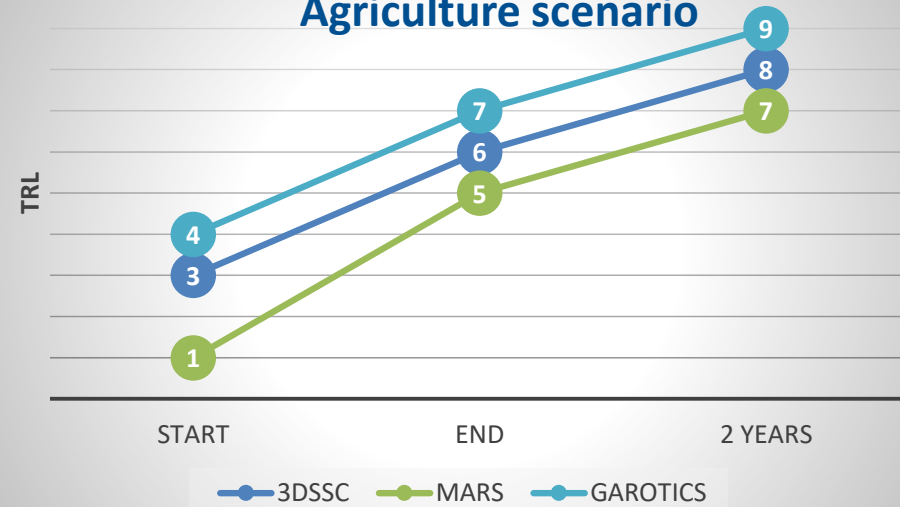
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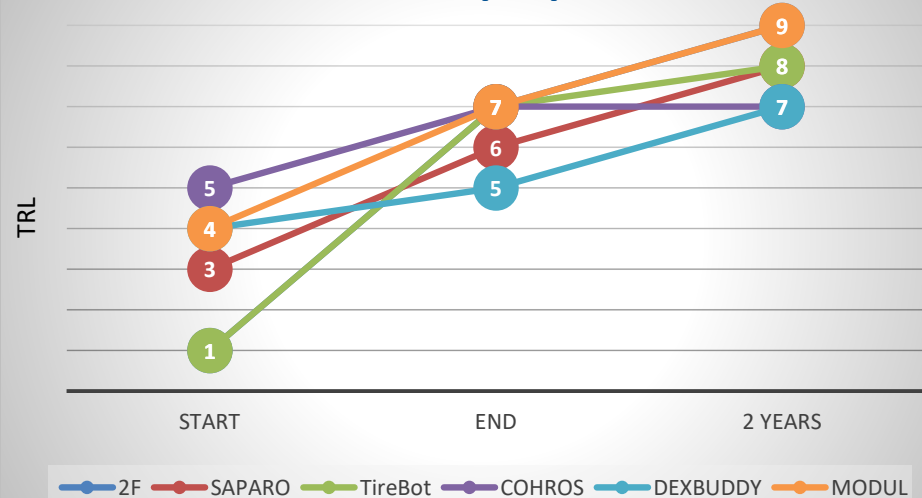
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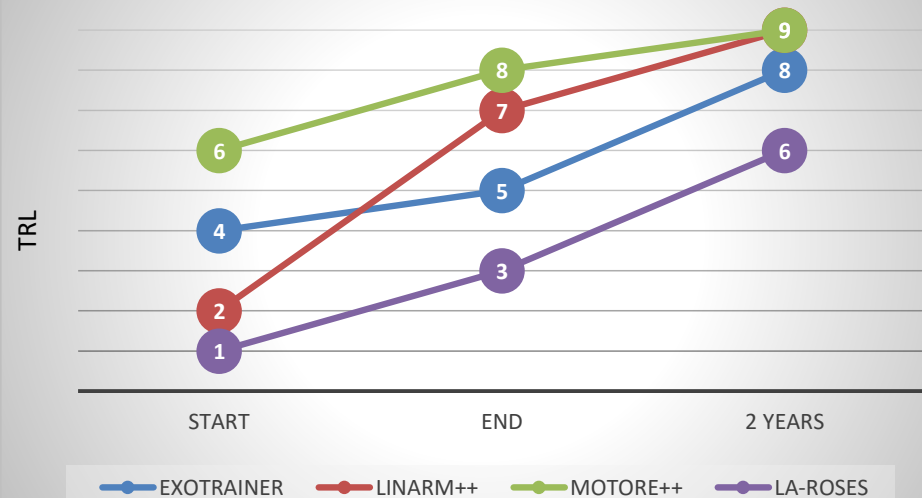
Agriculture scenario



General purpose scenario



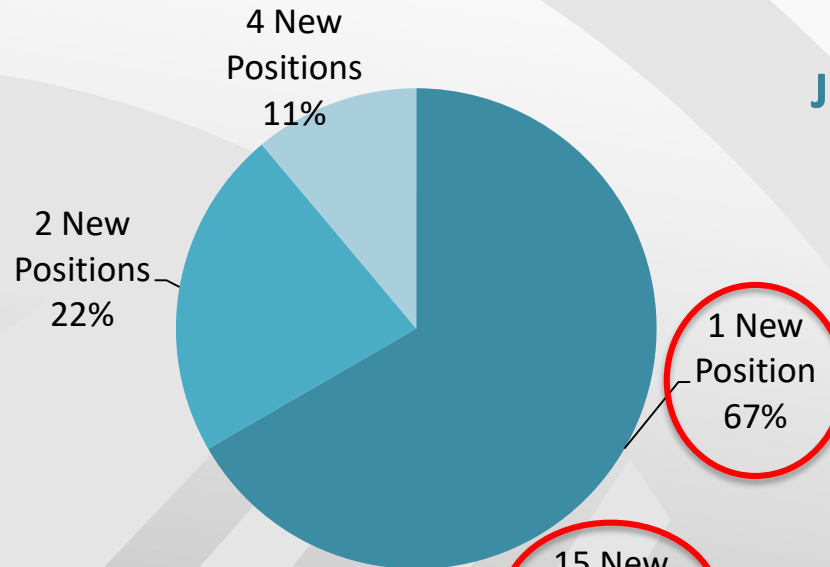
Medical/Rehabilitation scenario



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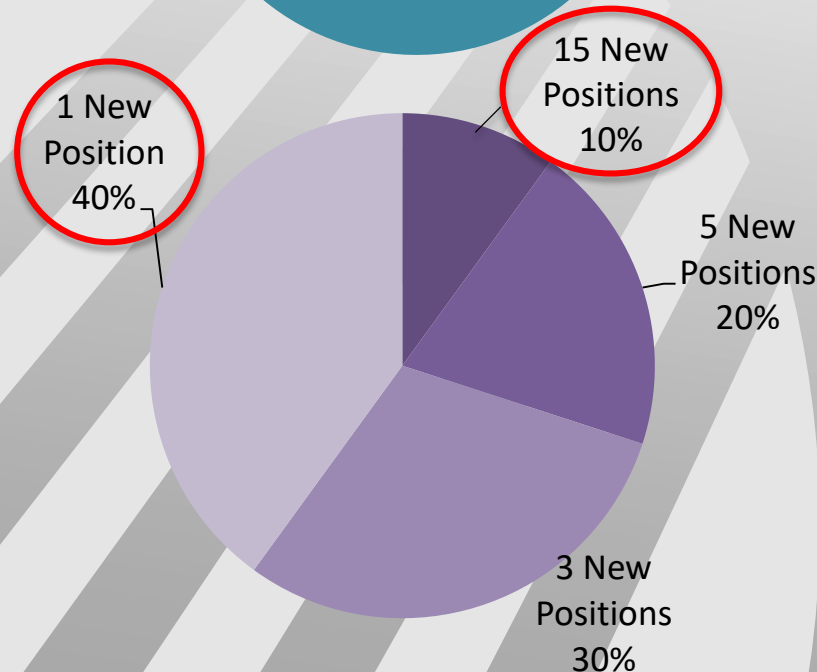
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**Jobs created
during the
project**



9 experiments
created new
jobs, of which:

10 experiments will
create new jobs in 2
years, of which:



**Jobs
expected to
be created
in the next 2
years**

Task 3.6: Call 1- Phase VI

Summary of data

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At the end of the experiment

Expected in the next 2 years

Experiment	Patents	# Jobs	Turnover	Patents	# Jobs	Turnover
MODUL	1	4	0	1	15	2M
3DSSC	1	2	0	2	6	400K - 1.2M
MOTORE++	0	2	120K	0	1	200K
EXOTRAINER	0	1	0	0	5	1.5M
TireBot	0	1	N/A	1	1	N/A
COHROS	0	1	0	0	0	N/A
DEXBUDDY	0	1	0	1	5	450K
MARS	0	1	N/A	5	1	N/A
LA-ROSES	0	1	N/A	1	2	N/A
2F	0	0	0	1	0	N/A
DEBURR	0	0	0	0	2	150K
LINARM++	0	0	0	1	1	N/A
SAPARO	0	0	N/A	1	2	N/A
PickIt	0	0	0	1	1	N/A
GAROTICS	0	0	0	1	3	500K

Objectives of WP3- Experiments



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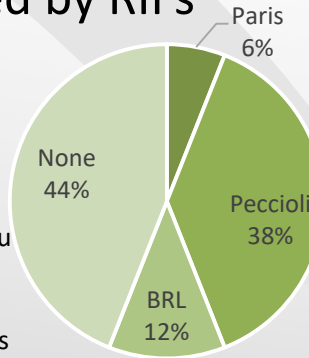
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Evaluation and Selection

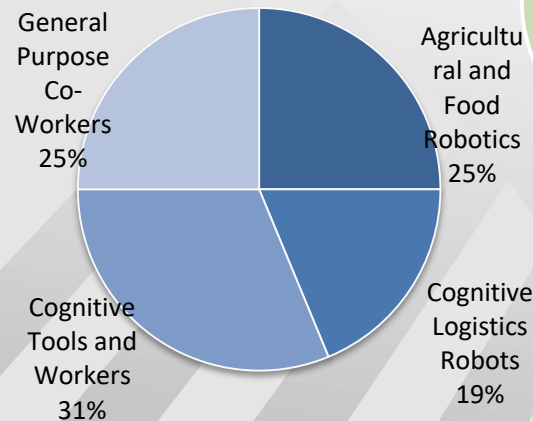
- 16 experiments selected
- Organizations: 47
- Average scientific and/or technological quality score: **4.47/5 (+0.27 Call 1)**
- Average implementation score: **4.25/5 (+0.08 Call 1)**
- Average impact score: **4.44/5 (+0.40 Call 1)**

**Success rate 14%↑
(11.7% Call 1)**

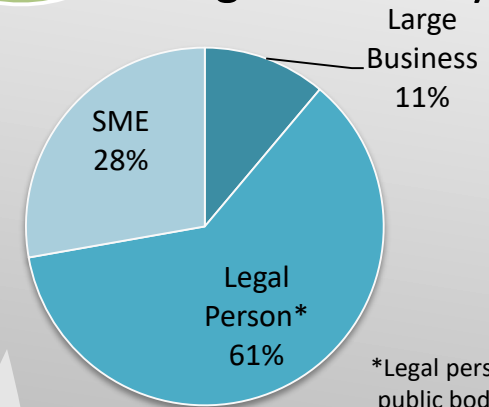
Experiments hosted by RIFs



Scenarios

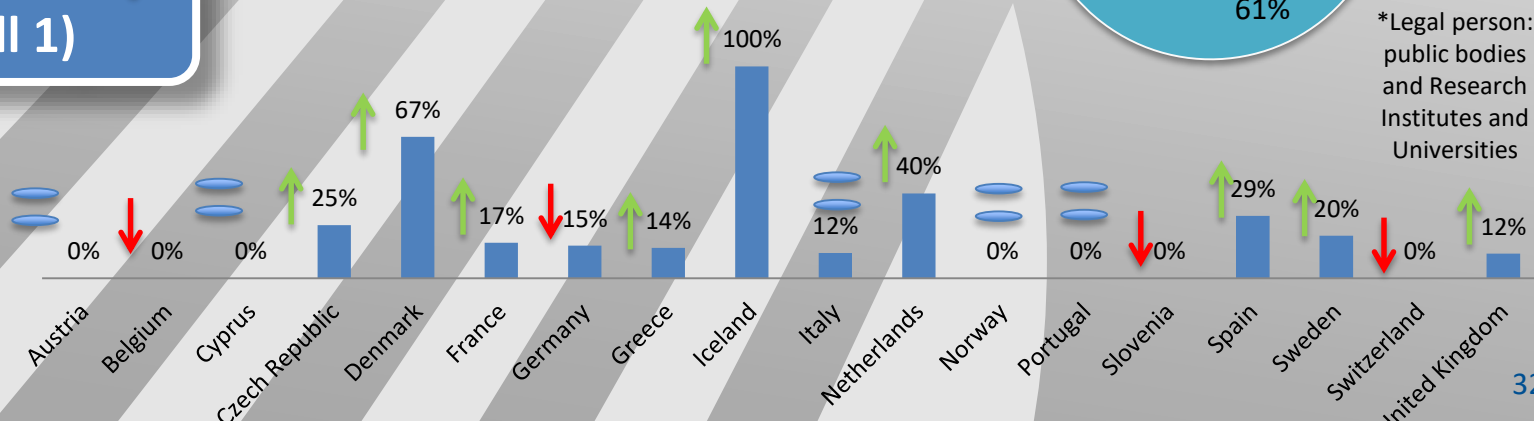


Organisation type



*Legal person: public bodies and Research Institutes and Universities

Success Rate per Country



Task 3.11: Call 2- Phase V

Monitoring and Review

- Lesson learnt from Call 1: **more communication** to support the correct development of the experiment
- New: division between **one technical moderator** and **one managerial moderator** for each experiment
- **Same monitoring approach** (different portal): bi-monthly assessment, deliverables, KPIs (technical, dissemination, impact)
- **KPIs defined in collaboration with experimenters** → increased feasibility and perceived as real incentives
- **3 additional female moderators** involved in the process → improved gender balance

	A	C	D
1	Acronym	Technical Moderator	Management Moderator
2			
3	AAWSBE1	CEA	SSSA-Manuele Bonaccorsi
4	CATCH	UPC - Josep K	SSSA- Raffaele Esposito
5	CoCoMaps	TUM	CEA
6	DUALARMWORKER	SSSA- Annagiulia	UPC - Ana
7	FASTKIT	CEA	TUM
8	FlexSight	SSSA- Raffaele Limosani	UPC - Ana
9	GRAPE	UPC - A Grau	SSSA- Stefano Betti
10	HOMEREHAB	CEA	TUM
11	HyQ-REAL	TUM	SSSA- Laura Fiorini
12	INJEROBOT	UPC - A Grau	SSSA- Alessandra Moschetti
13	Keraal	CEA	SSSA-Abdul BUTT
14	MAX ES	TUM	UPC - Ana
15	RadioRoSo	TUM, UPC - A Grau	SSSA- Grazia Pastucci
16	SAFERUN	TUM	UPC - Ana
17	SAGA	SSSA- Alessandro Manzi	TUM
18	WIRES	SSSA- Ilaria Strazzulla	TUM

CEA

SSSA

TUM

UPC

- Every 6 months → **deliverable (D3.5.3)** on the progress of the experiments
- Collection of **bi-monthly** info on:
 - Self assessment
 - Deliverables
 - Milestones
 - Technical KPIs
 - Impact KPIs
 - Dissemination KPIs

- One or more activities planned in the period resulted in positive outcome
- One or more activities planned in the period resulted slightly under expectation
- One or more activities planned in the period resulted significantly below expectations
- No action foreseen in the selected period

	DUALARMW	INJEROBOT	SAGA	FLEXSIGHT
Assessment	●	●	●	●
Tech. KPIs	●	●	●	●
Imp. KPIs	●	●	●	●
Deliverables	●	●	●	●
Milestones	●	●	●	●
Dissemination	●	●	●	●

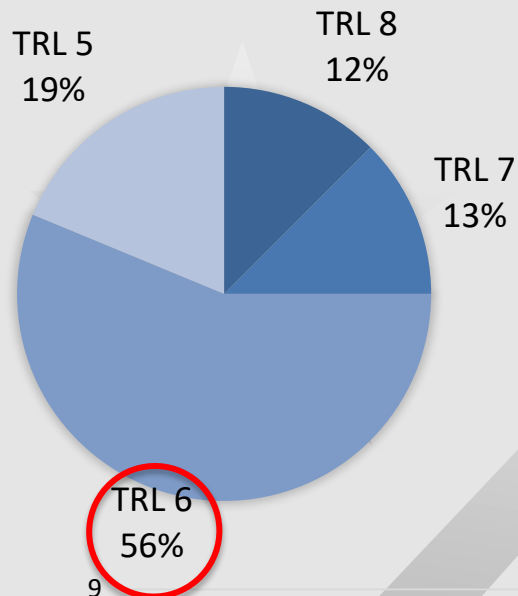
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Assessment	●	●	●	●
Tech. KPIs	●	●	●	●
Imp. KPIs	●	●	●	●
Deliverables	●	●	●	●
Milestones	●	●	●	●
Dissemination	●	●	●	●

	SAFERUN	RADIOROSO	HOMEREHAB	FASTKIT
Assessment	●	●	●	●
Tech. KPIs	●	●	●	●
Imp. KPIs	●	●	●	●
Deliverables	●	●	●	●
Milestones	●	●	●	●
Dissemination	●	●	●	●

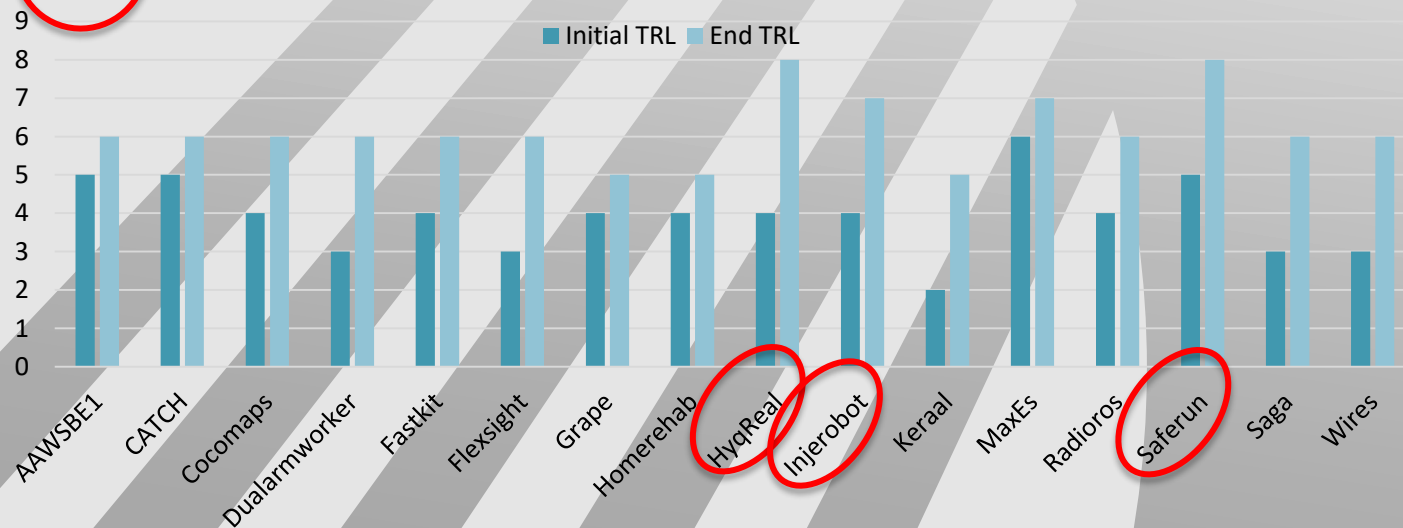
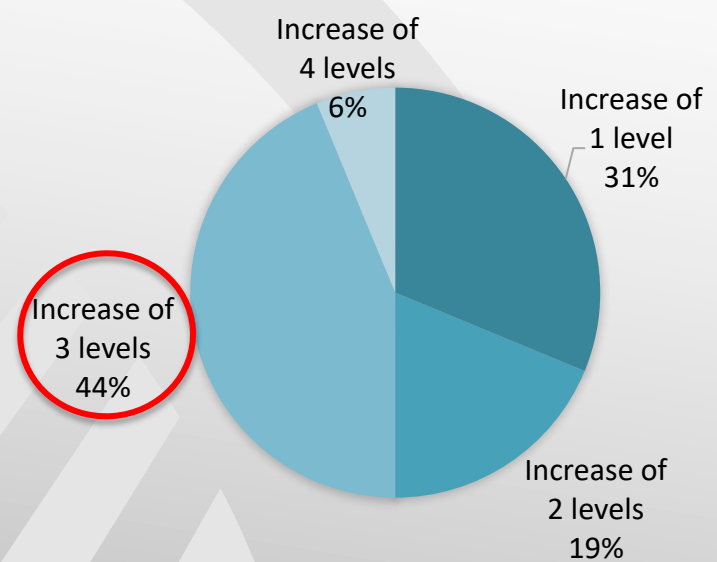
	COCOMAPS	GRAPE	CATCH	HYQ-REAL
Assessment	●	●	●	●
Tech. KPIs	●	●	●	●
Imp. KPIs	●	●	●	●
Deliverables	●	●	●	●
Milestones	●	●	●	●
Dissemination	●	●	●	●

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TRL at the end of the project



TRL increase at the end of the project



No experiment starting from TRL 1

Summary of WP3 – 3rd periodic report



Experiments

- **15 projects evaluated through bi-monthly reports and final on-site reviews**
- **MOTORE++ and MODUL showed most relevant outcomes and additional 10 experiments obtained successful evaluations**
- **KPIs defined in collaboration with experimenters → increased feasibility and perceived as real incentives**
- **3 additional female moderators involved in the process → improved gender balance**
- **16 projects currently evaluated through bi-monthly reports and improved monitoring method**
- **On-site reviews proved to be extremely useful to assess the actual technological development, especially for those unable to properly transfer results on the portal**
- **The value chain tool enable us to analyse the actual progress of Call 1 experiments and will provide a support to achieve a better evaluation on Call 2 experiments**

Thank you. Questions?

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