In *Proceedings of the RoboCup International Symposium 2012* (Robocup 2012),
Mexico City, Mexico, June 2012.

UT Austin Villa 2012: Standard Platform League World Champions

Samuel Barrett, Katie Genter, Yuchen He, Todd Hester, Piyush Khandelwal,
Jacob Menashe, and Peter Stone

Department of Computer Science
The University of Texas at Austin
{sbarrett, katie, hychyc07, todd, piyushk, jmenashe, pstone}@cs.utexas.edu
`http://www.cs.utexas.edu/~AustinVilla`

Abstract. In 2012, UT Austin Villa claimed Standard Platform League championships at both the US Open and RoboCup 2012 in Mexico City. This paper describes the key contributions that led to the team's victories. First, UT Austin Villa's code base was developed on a solid foundation with a flexible architecture that enables easy testing and debugging of code. Next, the vision code was updated this year to take advantage of the dual cameras and better processor of the new V4 Nao robots. To improve localization, a custom localization simulator allowed us to implement and test a full team solution to the challenge of both goals being the same color. The 2012 team made use of Northern Bites' port of B-Human's walk engine, combined with novel kicks from the walk. Finally, new behaviors and strategies take advantage of opportunities for the robot to take time to setup for a long kick, but kick very quickly when opponent robots are nearby. The combination of these contributions led to the team's victories in 2012.

Keywords: RoboCup, Nao, SPL, UT Austin Villa

1 Introduction

RoboCup, or the Robot Soccer World Cup, is an international research initiative designed to advance the fields of robotics and artificial intelligence, using the game of soccer as a substrate challenge domain. The long-term goal of RoboCup is to build a team of 11 humanoid robot soccer players that can beat the best human soccer team on a real soccer field by the year 2050 [7].

RoboCup is organized into several leagues, including both simulation leagues and leagues that compete with physical robots. This report describes the championship team in the Standard Platform League (SPL)[1]. All teams in the SPL compete with identical robots, making it essentially a software competition. All teams use Aldebaran Nao humanoid robots[2], shown in Figure 1.

UT Austin Villa has competed in the Standard Platform League with the Nao robots every year since the Nao was introduced in 2008. Through these years, we have built a substantial code infrastructure for robot soccer that served as the

[1] http://www.tzi.de/spl/
[2] http://www.aldebaran.com/

Fig. 1. UT Austin Villa's Aldebaran Nao robots (in pink) competing at RoboCup 2012.

base for our championship in 2012 [1, 2, 4, 5]. This paper describes the team's key components, including its software architecture, stream-lined vision processing, localization for a field with same-colored goals, quick kicks from the walk engine, and a strategy that adapts to the space each robot has on the field. In addition, a partial release of the UT Austin Villa code can be found at: `http://www.cs.utexas.edu/~AustinVilla/?p=downloads/source_code_and_binaries`

Section 2 describes the software architecture that allows for easy extendability and debugability. Updates to the vision system for the new Nao V4 robots are explained in section 3. We discuss the development of our custom localization simulator and our solution to the challenge of same-color goals in Section 4. Section 5 describes the motion modules used on the robot, including new walk engine kicks. In Section 6, we explain the team's behavior and strategy, which focused on making the right decision based on how close opponent robots were to the ball. Finally, in Section 7, we recount the team's successful performance at RoboCup 2012.

2 Software Architecture

One of the most important aspects of developing RoboCup software is that it needs to be easily debugable and testable. To this end, we have developed an architecture that allows for easy debugging, modification, and testing of individual modules of the code. The design's key element is to enforce that the environment *interface*, the agent's *memory*, and its *logic* are kept distinct (Figure 2). In this case *logic* encompasses the expected vision, localization, behavior, and motion modules. Figure 3 provides a more in-depth view of how data from those modules interact with the system.

The design advantages of this architecture are:

Consistency The *core system* remains identical irrespective of whether the code is run on the robot, in the simulator or in our debug tool. As a result, we can test and debug code in any of the 3 environments without code

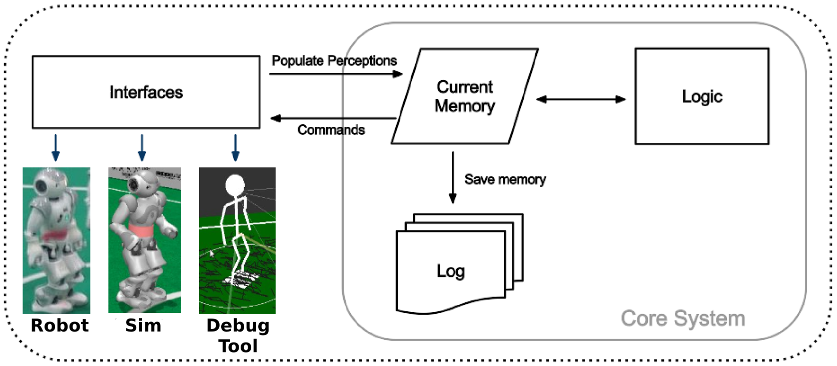


Fig. 2. Overview of the UT Austin Villa software architecture, which separates interface, memory, and logic.

discrepancies. The robot, simulator and tools each have their own *interface* class which is responsible for populating *memory*. The interface talks with the system being run to populate perceptions in memory, and then reads from memory to send commands back to the system.

Flexibility The internal *memory* design is shown in Figure 3. We can easily "plug & play" modules into the system by allowing each module to maintain its own local memory and communicate to other modules using the common memory area. By forcing communication through these defined channels we prevent "spaghetti code" that often couples modules together. For example, a Kalman Filter localization module reads the output of vision from common memory, work in its own local memory and then write object locations back to common memory. The memory module takes care of the saving and loading of the new local memory, so the developer of a new module does not have to be concerned with the low-level saving/loading details associated with debugging the code.

Debugability At every time step only the contents of current *memory* is required to make the logic decisions. We can therefore save a "snapshot" of the current memory to a log file (or send it over the network) and then examine the log in our debug tool and discover any problems. The debug tool not only has the ability to read and display the logs, it also has the ability to take logs and process them through the logic modules. As a result we can modify code and watch the full impact of that change in our debug tool before testing it on the robot or in the simulator. The log file can contain any subset of the saved modules. For example saving only percepts (i.e. the image and sensor readings) is enough for us to regenerate the rest of the log file by passing through all the logic modules (assuming no changes have been made to the logic code).

It would be remiss not to mention the main disadvantage of this design. We implicitly have to "trust" other modules not to corrupt data stored in memory. There is no hard constraint blocking one module writing data into a location it should not. For example localization could overwrite a part of common memory that should only be written to by vision. We could overcome this drawback by introducing read/write permissions on memory, but this would come with performance overheads that we deem unnecessary.

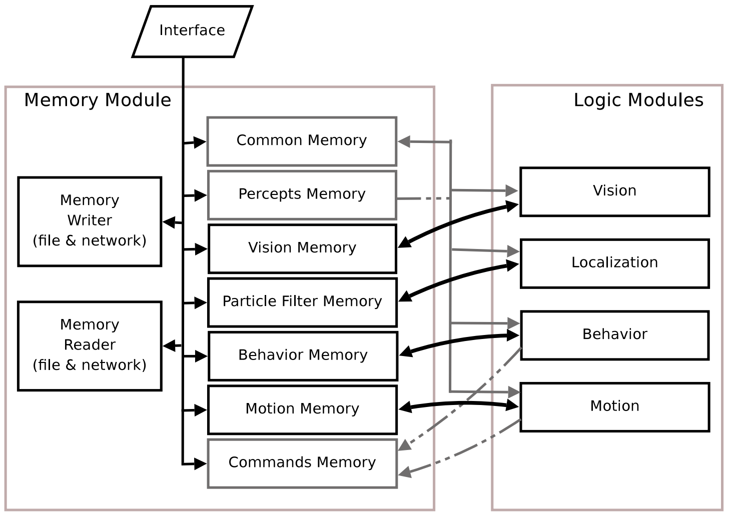


Fig. 3. Design of the Memory module. The gray boxes indicated memory blocks that are accessed by multiple logic modules. Dotted lines show connections that are either read or write only (percepts are read only, commands are write only).

3 Vision

The team's vision system divides the object detection task into 4 stages, each of which is carried out on both cameras. These stages are listed below:

1. **Segmentation** - The raw image is read and segmented using a color table.
2. **Blob Formation** - The segmented image is scanned using horizontal and vertical scan lines, and "blobs" are formed for further processing.
3. **Object Detection** - The blobs are merged into different objects. In this paper, we shall primarily limit our discussion to line and curve detection.
4. **Transformation** - the information given by the pose of the robot is used to generate ground plane transformations of the line segments detected.

These processing steps are outlined in detail in our previous technical report [2]. We therefore focus here on the modifications to allow the use of both cameras, as well as a new set of color table generation and analysis tools.

3.1 Dual Cameras

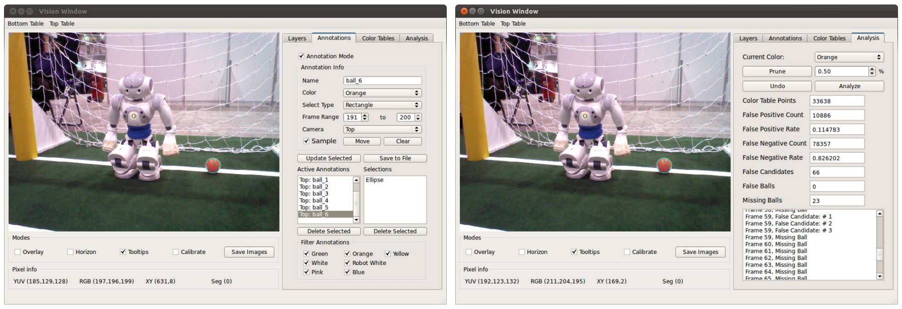
A major hardware upgrade on the Nao V4 was support for streaming image frames from both the top and bottom cameras simultaneously. Combined with improved processing power and faster bus speeds, this made it possible to run the object detection module on images from both cameras while maintaining the hardware-enforced framerate limit of 30 Hz.

It was quickly determined that merging images would come at high computational cost due to small variations in the camera coloring and orientation. Ultimately we chose to modularize the existing detection sequence to run on each camera image. While there is a small amount of overlap between cameras, this is ignored except in the case of the ball. When the ball is detected in both cameras, we use the bottom camera's detection as our selected candidate.

Two key advantages come from this use of both cameras. The first and most obvious is an increased field of view and thus a greater number of detected objects. The second advantage is that at specific head tilt levels the robot's field of view is guaranteed to range from its feet to the edge of the field. We therefore keep the head at a constant downward angle and restrict head movements to horizontal pans. Minimizing head motion in this manner significantly improved our walk stability, and enabled the creation of camera-specific color tables. The bottom camera, for instance, can identify a much wider range of YUV tuples as orange, leveraging the knowledge that this camera rarely has the potential of seeing false positives in its field of view.

3.2 Color Tables and Analysis

One of the significant modifications to our vision codebase came from a set of analysis tools intended to improve the process of creating color tables. These tools include a log annotation system for identifying key regions and objects in image logs; a color table generation tool based on annotations; and an annotation analysis tool. The annotation and analysis tools are shown in Figure 4.



Annotation Info
Name: ball_6
Color: Orange
Select Type: Rectangle
Frame Range: 191 to 200
Camera: Top
[✓] Annotation Mode [✓] Sample
Active Annotations: Top: ball_1, Top: ball_2, Top: ball_3, Top: ball_4, Top: ball_5, Top: ball_6
Selections: Ellipse
Filter Annotations: [✓] Green [✓] Orange [✓] Yellow [✓] White [✓] Robot White [✓] Pink [✓] Blue
Modes: [ ] Overlay [ ] Horizon [✓] Tooltips [ ] Calibrate
Pixel info: YUV (185,129,128) RGB (197,196,199) XY (631,8) Seg (0)

Current Color: Orange
Prune 0.50 %
Color Table Points: 33638
False Positive Count: 10886
False Positive Rate: 0.114783
False Negative Count: 78357
False Negative Rate: 0.826202
False Candidates: 66
False Balls: 0
Missing Balls: 23

```
Frame 59, False Candidate: # 1
Frame 59, False Candidate: # 2
Frame 59, False Candidate: # 3
Frame 59, Missing Ball
Frame 60, Missing Ball
Frame 61, Missing Ball
Frame 62, Missing Ball
Frame 63, Missing Ball
Frame 64, Missing Ball
```

Modes: [ ] Overlay [ ] Horizon [✓] Tooltips [ ] Calibrate
Pixel info: YUV (192,123,132) RGB (211,204,195) XY (169,2) Seg (0)

(a) Annotations (b) Analysis

Fig. 4. Examples of the annotation and analysis tools in use. The blue circle around the ball indicates an elliptical region selection for orange.

The annotation system allows us to graphically select regions of particular images from log data, identify selections by name, and group selection sets over multiple frames to designate the lifetime of a particular object. The tool provides the option of selecting regions as rectangles, ellipses, or polygons. Multiple selections may be combined and labeled by name and color, allowing a user to indicate all key objects in the frame.

These annotations provide the groundwork for color table generation and detection analysis. The generator uses each annotation's assigned label to associate all encompassed YUV values with the indicated color. Color assignment instances are then aggregated to determine false positives (FP), true positives (TP), and false negatives (FN). Using this data, YUV-color mappings are then sorted by their mapping score, $FP/(TP + 1)$. This sorting enables the user to prune off associations with many false positives. When generating color tables for the ball, this pruning provides an effective way of removing mappings from very dark regions under the ball, or from white areas due to reflections on the ball's surface. The analysis portion of the tool additionally displays all FP and FN rates to provide some feedback on the quality of the current color table.

In most cases, no other analysis is provided. When analyzing orange mappings, the tool provides feedback on detected ball candidates and selections as well. The end result is that hundreds of frames of log data can be analyzed in seconds and instantly provide black-box-style feedback on the efficacy of the generated (and pruned) color table.

This technique was initially used with all of the field objects, however there was little to no benefit for colors such as green and white that occur all over the field. The technique was most effective with the ball, where annotations were simple to create and evaluate. Initial setup time and overall accuracy of the resulting color table was comparable with our previous method of creating tables by hand, however with the added bonuses of measurable accuracy and simplified ad-hoc adjustments.

4 Localization

For localization and world modeling, our goals were simple: always know where you are, always know where the ball is, and have a good idea where the opponents and teammates are as well. Like many other teams at the competition [9, 6], since 2011 we have used a multi-modal 7-state Unscented Kalman Filter (UKF) for localization [2]. The UKF provides a number of benefits compared to other approaches such as Monte Carlo localization as it is computationally efficient and enables easy sharing and integration of ball information between teammates.

One of the major challenges facing teams in the 2012 RoboCup competition is that the goals were no longer uniquely colored; instead, they were both yellow. This change required major changes in the team's localization system, as now the robots must track which goal is which from their initial positions. First, we removed all "resetting" code that would enable a robot to recover from a kidnapping, as such code could reset the robot to a symmetrical position on the wrong half of the field. Second, we had to improve and update odometry so the robot could successfully track and maintain its position from the beginning of the game using only ambiguous landmarks.

Even with these changes, there were still two problems that arose: bumps and falls. First, the robot's odometry can be incorrect if the robot is bumped or pushed by another robot. Second, if the robot falls down, it is unsure of its orientation upon getting up. In the corners and edges of the field, the robot knows its location and can figure out its orientation from looking around. However, at the middle of the field, two of the orientations are symmetrical. Our solution to this problem at the US Open was to have the robot stay down if it fell near the middle of the field. Rather than risk choosing the wrong direction, it was better to take the 30 second penalty for failing to get up and be reset in a known location. While this solution worked at the US Open when all teams (including us) were still mid-development, we knew that it would not be sufficient for RoboCup.

Clearly, the robot would need to take advantage of shared information from teammates to resolve which direction it was facing. However, testing and debugging localization with full teams of robots is quite challenging. Therefore, we wrote a localization simulator to implement, test, and debug our solutions, shown in Figure 5. The simulator took advantage of the modularity of our code. Instead of interfacing with the code at the perception and motor command layers, it populated the code with simulated output from the vision module, and then used the code's output to the kicking and walking modules to move the robots in the simulation. The simulator proved useful not just for localization, but also for testing various strategies and behaviors, as described in Section 6.

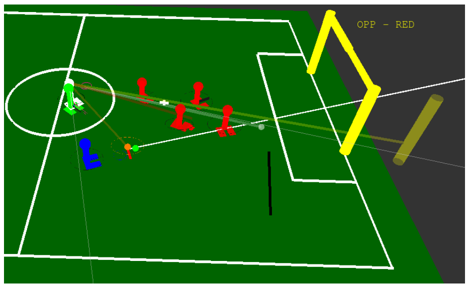


Fig. 5. The localization simulator, showing simulated observations for the green robot in the center circle, along with that robot's estimate of its own location in white.

Our final solution to resolving the same-color goal issue was to have robots check whether their teammates thought the ball was in the same location or in the symmetrically opposite location. It is important to listen to more than one teammate, as we do not want one teammate that is going the wrong way to convince the entire team to start going the wrong direction. Thus, each robot keeps a counter which is incremented each time it receives an estimate of the ball within DIST-THRESH of the symmetrical opposite location of its estimate, and decremented when it receives a message with the ball within DIST-THRESH of its own estimate. If this counter reaches a threshold (OPP-BALL-THRESH), the robot spawns a new model with high probability placing it in the symmetrical opposite location of where it was. Through thorough testing in the simulation, we debugged and tuned the values of DIST-THRESH and OPP-BALL-THRESH until this approach worked reliably.

5 Motion

This section describes the walk engine as well as the kick engine that were used by the UT Austin Villa team in the 2012 RoboCup competition. The walk engine was used largely unmodified from an existing implementation, but several important changes were made to the kick engine in 2012.

5.1 Walk Engine

In 2012, the UT Austin Villa team switched to using the walk engine developed by the B-Human team from the University of Bremen [10]. To interface this walk engine with our codebase, we started from the code released by Bowdoin College's Northern Bites team [8]. This code was used with mostly small changes, the largest being the positioning of the arms. Inspired by the 2011 HTWK team, UT Austin Villa chose to keep the robot's arms behind its back in order to reduce side collisions with other robots. This type of collision is especially hard to avoid when approaching the ball, and it is also difficult to detect, often creating differences between sensed odometry and actual movement. Therefore, keeping the arms behind the robot proved to be very helpful.

Another change was in reducing the height of robot's torso while walking. Lowering this height increases the stability of the robot, leading it to stay upright more often when colliding with other robots. However, walking lower puts more strain on the joints, causing the leg joints to overheat more quickly. This problem was especially apparent at the end of the finals, when UT Austin Villa's robots fell over frequently due to this overheating.

5.2 Kick Engine

Our kick engine was composed of two main kick types: kicks executed from a static standing position and kicks executed directly from the walk engine. The static standing kicks were more accurate and could go longer distances, but required the walk engine to halt and the robot to be in a standing position. The walk engine kicks, although limited to shorter distances, could be executed without stopping the walk.

Static Standing Kicks The static standing kicks were a simplified, quicker version of the kicks we used at RoboCup 2011 [2]. Specifically, we shortened the interpolation time for executing almost every kick state, and we removed the second align state that we used in 2011.

For RoboCup 2012, the only static standing kicks that the robots used were straight kicks ranging between 1.5 meters and 3.5 meters. The kick engine selects the appropriate parameters for the kick based on the desired kick distance and the current ball position with respect to the kicking foot. The robot's joints are controlled using inverse kinematics to reach each desired state in the allocated time. Splines are used to compute the path for the foot to follow as it moves forward during the kick state. The kick engine obtains the desired kick distance by controlling the amount of time needed to move the foot during the kick state. The relationship between the interpolation time and the distance was determined empirically, and varied for each venue based on the field design and carpet texture.

Walking Engine Kicks Our strategy in the past couple of years has been to act quickly at the ball and keep the ball moving as much as possible. Hence, once we switched to using the walk engine developed by the B-Human team [10], we began experimenting with executing kicks while the walk engine was still running. We first considered the walk engine kicks that B-Human included in their release, but then set out to improve on both their stability and their consistency.

We built upon B-Human's methodology of adding an offset in the x,y,z directions at selected positions in a normal step to turn the step into a kick. For each of the walk engine kicks, we picked four or five times in a normal step and defined the amount that should be added in the x,y,z directions to the swing foot and the stance foot. We then used splines to fit a smooth curve for the amount to be added to the normal foot positions for both the stance foot and the swing foot at each time when commands are sent to the robot during a walk engine kick.

In this manner, we implemented a 1.25 meter straight kick, a 1.0 meter 45 degree kick, and a 0.75 meter side kick that could be executed from the walk engine. None of the walk engine kicks adapt to the position of the ball, but they are only attempted if the robot approaches the ball such that the ball is in an acceptable position for executing the desired walk engine kick.

6 Behavior and Strategy

Our strategy was focused on three goals: 1) move the ball quickly; 2) move it up-field towards the goal; and 3) keep the ball away from opponents. A key component for our strategy was our module for selecting which of the possible kicks to make [3]. This module iterated through an ordered list of kicks, selecting the first *acceptable* kick, one that would move the ball towards the goal while keeping it away from opponents. This procedure gave the robot speed compared to the option of always turning to kick the ball directly at the goal.

One problem with this strategy is that it focused on quickness, even when there were no opponents around and the robot could have taken more time to make a better kick. One focus for this year was to judge how much time the robot had to kick, based on how close the opponents were to the ball. We introduced three thresholds. If the nearest opponent was very far away, the agent decided it had time to rotate around the ball to make a long kick directly at the goal. If the nearest opponent was closer than this threshold but not very close, then the agent would not rotate at all, but could choose from a set of stronger, slower kicks that required the robot to stop walking. If the opponents were within even a smaller radius, then the robot chose from one of its kicks that it could execute from the walk engine, without having to stop walking. Finally, if the opponent was directly at the ball, the robot would choose to make a quick side kick 90 degrees to one side. Its goal was to choose the side free of opponent robots, or the side with a teammate robot if there were no opponents on either side. This decision making process enabled our agents to take advantage of when they had more space to align for better kicks, while still being very quick at moving the ball when they had to be.

The localization simulator enabled us to perform significant testing and debugging of our strategies and kick selections. One of the main changes that came out of these tests was the positioning of players away from the ball. We split the field into two regions. In the back third of the field, one robot stayed to the side of the ball to receive side kicks, and one forward positioned itself a few meters up from the ball. In the rest of the field, one robot stayed to the side to receive side kicks, and one defender stayed back from the ball a few meters. This positioning proved to be very successful at the competition, as the team completed many side kicks to the support player, and the defender was ready to come up and contest the ball if the opponents got by the attacker.

One major issue at RoboCup every year is handling problems with wireless communication, and this was a problem again in 2012. Our robots depend on wireless communication to share ball information, resolve ambiguous orientations that result from the same-colored goals, and decide on which position each robot should play. Once it became clear that wireless would be an issue for the entire competition, we developed a new positioning strategy for this scenario. If the robots detected that wireless was down, one would permanently chase the ball, while the other two went to static positions on the field. However, these two field players would still go to kick the ball if it reached within a set distance of them. This strategy appeared to be better than the approaches other teams took, such as removing all but one robots from the field, or letting all the robots go to the ball all the time.

7 Competition

In 2012, UT Austin Villa won the Standard Platform League at the 16th International RoboCup Competition in Mexico City, Mexico. 25 teams entered the competition and games were played with four robots on each team. The tournament consisted of two round robin rounds, followed by an elimination tournament with the top 8 teams. UT Austin Villa's scores are shown in Table 1.

In the first round robin, UT Austin Villa was in a group with Nao Team Humboldt and MRL. UT Austin Villa defeated both teams 8-0 to win the group.

Round	Opponent	Score
Round Robin 1	Nao Team Humboldt	8-0
Round Robin 1	MRL	8-0
Round Robin 2	Nao Devils	5-1
Round Robin 2	Kouretes	8-0
Round Robin 2	NTU RoboPAL	9-0
Quarterfinal	AUTMan	5-0 (forfeit)
Semifinal	rUNSWift	7-6
Final	B-Human	4-2

Table 1. RoboCup 2012 Results

In the second round robin, UT Austin Villa was placed with the Nao Devils, Kouretes, and NTU RoboPAL. UT Austin Villa defeated the Nao Devils 5-1, Kouretes 8-0, and NTU 9-0 to place first in the group. UT Austin Villa played AUTMan in the quarter-finals, where UT Austin Villa won 5-0 after AUTMan opted for a forfeit partway through the game due to techinical difficulties. In these games, UT Austin Villa experienced wireless issues but was still able to test various strategy parameters to prepare for the semi-finals and finals.

In the semi-finals, UT Austin Villa faced rUNSWift from The University of New South Wales. rUNSWift went up 2-0 and was ahead by 3-1 before the first half ended with rUNSWift claiming a 3-2 advantage. In the second half, rUNSWift extended its lead to 4-2 before UT Austin Villa tied it up at 4-4. rUNSWift and UT Austin Villa then alternated goals until they were once again tied at 6-6. Then, UT Austin Villa called a 5 minute timeout, during which we implemented and uploaded an untested code change that would keep our goalie from diving immediately after a kickoff. We chose to make this change because rUNSWift's long kickoffs towards the left corner of our goal box were causing our goalie to dive on the kickoff and not recover in time to clear the ball. After the timeout, UT Austin Villa claimed its first lead of the game, 7-6, with about 80 seconds left, and held on to win what several observers felt was the most competitive SPL RoboCup game to date.

Less than two hours after winning their semi-final game, UT Austin Villa faced previously undefeated B-Human from the University of Bremen in the championship game. UT Austin Villa took advantage of an empty field after B-Human's robots were called for ball holding penalties to take an early 1-0 lead. UT Austin Villa's lower walk stance height than B-Human gave them better walk stability. Using this advantage and good positioning of its robots, UT Austin Villa claimed a 2-0 lead in the first half, and extended the lead to 4-0 in the second half. However, the lower walk stance led to UT Austin Villa's robots' knees over-heating, reducing their stability and creating problems with getting up. B-Human took advantage of this weakness to score two late goals, but not enough time remained for them to complete a comeback. UT Austin Villa won the championship game 4-2.

8 Conclusion

This paper describes the technical work done by the UT Austin Villa team that led to its 2012 championship in the Standard Platform League. Importantly, all of the 2012 code was developed on a flexible architecture developed previously, that enables easy testing and debugging of code. This year, we updated the vision code to take advantage of the dual cameras and better processor of the new Nao robots. To improve localization, we developed a localization simulator, allowing us to implement and test a full team solution to the challenge of both goals being the same color. Our 2012 team made use of Northern Bites' port of B-Human's walk engine, combined with novel kicks from the walk. Finally, we implemented new behaviors that would take advantage of when the robots had time to setup for a long kick, and kick very quickly when there were other robots around. The combination of all of these contributions led the team to victory at RoboCup 2012 and gives us a good foundation to field competitive teams in future competitions.

Acknowledgements

This year's team builds upon all of the past UT Austin Villa teams. We thank all the previous team members for their important contributions, especially Michael Quinlan and Mohan Sridharan. This work has taken place in the Learning Agents Research Group (LARG) at UT Austin. LARG research is supported in part by NSF (IIS-0917122), ONR (N00014-09-1-0658), and the FHWA (DTFH61-07-H-00030).

References

1. S. Barrett, K. Genter, M. Hausknecht, T. Hester, P. Khandelwal, J. Lee, M. Quinlan, A. Tian, P. Stone, and M. Sridharan. Austin Villa 2010 standard platform team report. Technical Report UT-AI-TR-11-01, The University of Texas at Austin, Department of Computer Sciences, AI Laboratory, January 2011.
2. S. Barrett, K. Genter, T. Hester, P. Khandelwal, M. Quinlan, P. Stone, and M. Sridharan. Austin Villa 2011: Sharing is caring: Better awareness through information sharing. Technical Report UT-AI-TR-12-01, The University of Texas at Austin, Department of Computer Sciences, AI Laboratory, January 2012.
3. S. Barrett, K. Genter, T. Hester, M. Quinlan, and P. Stone. Controlled kicking under uncertainty. In *The Fifth Workshop on Humanoid Soccer Robots at Humanoids 2010*, December 2010.
4. T. Hester, M. Quinlan, and P. Stone. UT Austin Villa 2008: Standing on Two Legs. Technical Report UT-AI-TR-08-8, The University of Texas at Austin, Department of Computer Sciences, AI Laboratory, November 2008.
5. T. Hester, M. Quinlan, P. Stone, and M. Sridharan. TT-UT Austin Villa 2009: Naos across Texas. Technical Report UT-AI-TR-09-08, The University of Texas at Austin, Department of Computer Science, AI Laboratory, December 2009.
6. G. Jochmann, S. Kerner, S. Tasse, and O. Urbann. Efficient multi-hypotheses unscented kalman filtering for robust localization. In *RoboCup 2011: Robot Soccer World Cup XV*, page to appear. 2012.
7. H. Kitano, M. Asada, Y. Kuniyoshi, I. Noda, and E. Osawa. RoboCup: The robot world cup initiative. In *Proceedings of The First International Conference on Autonomous Agents*. ACM Press, 1997.
8. O. Neamtu, W. Dawson, E. Googins, B. Jacobel, L. Mamantov, D. McAvoy, B. Mende, N. Merritt, E. Ratner, N. Terman, J. Zalinger, J. Morrison, and E. Chown. Northern Bites code release, 2012. `https://github.com/northern-bites`.
9. M. Quinlan and R. Middleton. Multiple model kalman filters: A localization technique for robocup soccer. In *2009 RoboCup Symposium*, 2009.
10. T. Röfer, T. Laue, J. Müller, A. Fabisch, F. Feldpausch, K. Gillmann, C. Graf, T. J. de Haas, A. Härtl, A. Humann, D. Honsel, P. Kastner, T. Kastner, C. Könemann, B. Markowsky, O. J. L. Riemann, and F. Wenk. B-human team report and code release, 2011. `http://www.b-human.de/downloads/bhuman11_coderelease.pdf`.