Teaching and Research in Artificial Intelligence
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Outline

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• Possible collaborations with INRIA
Faculty (Computer Systems Division)

- **Izambo Karali** (Assistant Professor)
  - knowledge representation, semantic web, logic programming

- **Manolis Koubarakis** (Professor)
  - knowledge representation, semantic web, linked data, constraint satisfaction, databases, distributed systems, information retrieval, requirements modeling

- **Takis Stamatopoulos** (Assistant Professor)
  - search, constraint satisfaction, operations research, logic programming, knowledge representation, natural language processing, machine learning

- Other faculty members also study/use AI techniques in their area (Hadjiefthymiades, Gunopulos, Manolakos, Achlioptas, Koutsoupias, Theodoridis)
Teaching - Undergraduate

- **Artificial Intelligence** (1st semester, 3rd year)
  - Topics: introduction, rational agents, search, constraint satisfaction, knowledge representation

- **Artificial Intelligence II** (2nd semester, 3rd year)
  - Topics: planning, advanced knowledge representation, ontologies, uncertainty, probabilistic reasoning, applications

- **Logic programming** (2nd semester, 3rd year)
  - Topics: Prolog, logic programming, constraint logic programming.
Teaching - Postgraduate

• **Advanced Artificial Intelligence**
  – Topics: planning, machine learning, natural language processing, constraint satisfaction

• **Knowledge Technologies**
  – Topics: semantic web and linked data, RDF, SPARQL, description logics, OWL 2, rules, ontology engineering, applications.
Current Research Highlights

• **Semantic web and linked data**
  – Scalable management of linked data in P2P and cloud-based systems
  – Applications: distributed digital libraries, web service registries
  – 2 recent Ph.D. theses
    • Zoi Kaoudi (currently at INRIA/LRI Leo team)
    • Iris Miliaraki (currently at MPI Saarbrucken)
• **Linked geospatial data**
  
  – stRDF/stSPARQL: extensions of RDF and SPARQL with geospatial data that change over time
  
  
  – Applications: open government data, satellite image annotation, sensor web registries etc.
  
  – 2 Ph.D. theses (expected) and 4 M.Sc. theses (some completed)
Current Research (cont’d)

- Constraint satisfaction
  - Temporal and spatial constraints
  - Constraint logic programming
  - Constraint satisfaction for operations research problems
  - 1 Ph.D. thesis (expected)
European Projects

SensorGrid4Env

SemSorGrid4Env in a nutshell

The main objective of SemSorGrid4Env is to specify, design, implement, evaluate and deploy a service-oriented architecture and middleware which allows application developers to build open large-scale semantic-based sensor network applications for environmental management. Such architecture and middleware will enable the rapid development of thin applications (e.g., mashups) that require real-world real-time data coming from heterogeneous sensor networks, making it possible to use sensors for other environmental management purposes than those that they were originally expected to have (hence reducing sensor network deployment costs) and to combine their real-time data with historical data from other data sources, opening possibilities of improving current decision-making procedures in a variety of situations (emergencies, monitoring, etc.).

Read more...

Architecture and technologies for building Sensor Web applications:
- An Architecture for Sensor Web Applications
- SNEE: Data Stream Access

Administrative description and deliverables:
- Partners
- Work plan
- Deliverables
European Projects (cont’d)

Project summary

Earth observation data have increased considerably over the last decades with satellite sensors collecting and transmitting back to Earth several terabytes of data per day. This data acquisition rate is a major challenge to existing data management, exploitation and dissemination approaches used by various agencies such as ESA, NASA and European national space agencies. The availability of earth observation data now outstrips the availability of human intelligence to exploit it. To make the available petabytes of EO data accessible, relevant and useful, efficient and effective data management is needed.
Possible collaborations with INRIA

- INRIA Sophia Antipolis Edelweiss team
- INRIA/LRI Leo team (Ioanna Manolescu)
- INRIA Grenoble Rhône-Alpes Exmo team (Jerome Euzenat)
- INRIA-Rennes Campus ASAP team (Anne-Marie Kermarrec)
Questions?