Challenge and future trends of the robotic technology

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Abstract:

Robotic technology has been making remarkable progress in many fields of our daily life, such as safety, security and health. Micro and nano robotic technology is furthermore necessary to improve the higher accuracy and sensitivity as well as reducing the cost and material consumptions, including the energy saving. Thus, it is expected to play an important role in the green and life innovations. This lecture describes such innovative challenges in many fields by robotic technology, such as environmental robotics applications, bio-medical robotic applications, life supporting applications for the aging society in the future.



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