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**Research Topic**  
Robotics

**Research Problem**  
How can you get robots to coordinate?

**Problem Statement**  
Given a robotic soccer environment, coordinate a group of independent, autonomous robots so that they share information without spending all their time communicating.

**Problem Description**  
Dr. Veloso works primarily on planning and cooperation among robots. Robot soccer is a convenient, well-defined problem in this area. One project deals with a fully observed environment under central control. Dr. Veloso is currently working on applying the lessons learned in that project to group of independent, autonomous agents, where each has only partial information about the task.

**Computer Science Perspective**  
First, robots are cool. Also, though, coordination between independent autonomous agents is an open problem with implications for everything from distributed artificial intelligence and sensor networks to human computer interactions.

**Actively Involved Discipline:**  
A discipline is an actively involved discipline if there is an actively involved individual who belongs to that discipline.

An actively involved individual is an individual who has received credit in any related publications or presentations or who is mentioned by the principal investigators, either through verbal or written communications, online or offline, digital or analog.

**Disciplines actively involved**  
Robotics  
Artificial Intelligence

**Description of Disciplines Involved**  
Psychology  
Sociology  
Cognitive Science  
Electrical engineering

## **References**

Presenter web page:

<http://www.cs.cmu.edu/%7Emmv/>

CORAL research group:

<http://www.cs.cmu.edu/~coral/main/>

Robot soccer at cmu:

<http://www.cs.cmu.edu/~robosoccer/main/>

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