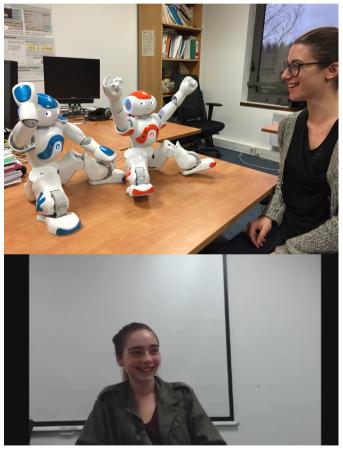
Affective and social dimensions in spoken interactions with humanoid robots - humor in HRI

- Potential for humor in human-interaction
- Establishing social relationships (Nijholt, 2007)
- Enhancing interaction (Knight, 2011)
- Increasing cooperation (Kulms & al, 2014)
- Several kind of humor (Neuendorf, 2011)
- Superiority & Excessive jokes, Incongruous & social jokes, self-derision, general knowledege
- Humor strategies: stuying 3 aspects of human-robot interaction
- Effect of jokes (social or excessive)
- Effect of subjects (serious or funny)
- Effect of answers and comments of the robot (positive or negative)
- Machine learning (Learning Classifier System (LCS) (Holland 1976): genetic algorithm – reinforcement learning) - ExSTraCS (Urbanowitcz & al, 2009)





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Experiments

- Goal: Validate the robot humor strategies, and their impact on the interaction quality
- Different set of rules :
 - after riddles (4 types) and comments (pos/neg)
 - Parameters : dimensions of liking, trust and dominance computed from questionnaires, age, sex, a sense of humor scale of participants
 - 18 subjects

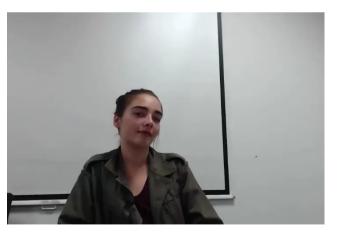
Using four kind of riddles

Social

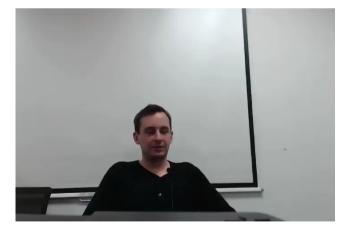


Excessive





Self-derision



General knowledge

Rules creation

Created rules : 72 rules for each set

set 1 : Liking + Trust + Dominance + jokeType + Sex + Age + Sense of Humor Scale → (Liking' | Trust' | Dominance')

set 2 : Liking + Trust + Dominance + commentType + Sexe + Age + Sense of Humor Scale → (Liking' | Trust' | Dominance')

Using the rules for the robot behavior : an exemple

- Extracted rule : [1-1#10000]
- Translation in natural language :

"Women under 30 years and a SHS-score below 100 are more likely to appreciate the robot after a social joke".

• Algorithm for the robot's behavior : If $Age_p <30$ and $SHS_p <100$ and $Sex_p=Woman$ Then Topic $\leftarrow Joke_{SOCIAL}$

Humor in HRI

- Work in progress:
 - adapt the robot humoristic strategies in further experimentations to evaluate and validate their robustness (age (ROMEO2) and cultural differences (JOKER) EN/FR)
 - use the multimodal behavior of subjects to compute liking, trust and dominance / or engagement measures for learning behavioral rules
 - study of a new database collected at the LIMSI cafeteria (8h): 45 French speakers in social interaction with NAO using the JOKER intelligent user interface providing a multimodal dialogue system with social communication skills including humor, empathy, compassion.
 - longitudinal study new data collection in May.