FRICO: An Al-Enabled FRiendly COckpit Assistance System

01 MOTIVATION

Related Literature

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- Human-factor induced accidents occur more frequently in general aviation.
- Considering the trend towards **Single Pilot Operation (SPO)** in aviation, assistance systems of the future should be able to provide contextual help to reduce accidents.
- FRICO uses tools from **Automated Planning** like **Numeric Planners**, **Hierarchical Task Network (HTN)**, and **Plan Recognition as Planning**, to make SPOs safer.

02 FRICO System Architecture Weather Data FRICO Plan rajectory **Aircraft** Generation Module **Pilot** Recognized plan with associated belief value Activity Plan Pilot Observation Recognized Recognition Recognition Data Activity Module Module Cockpit UI Flight Controls System Diagram of FRICO

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Plan Generation Module

Provides flight guidance using automated planning.

Flight Path

- The flight path plan is generated using **Expressive** Numeric Heuristic Planner (ENHSP).
- The flight model is encoded in the domain File using PDDL+ and the airplane state and the weather data are encoded in the problem file.

Cockpit Tasks

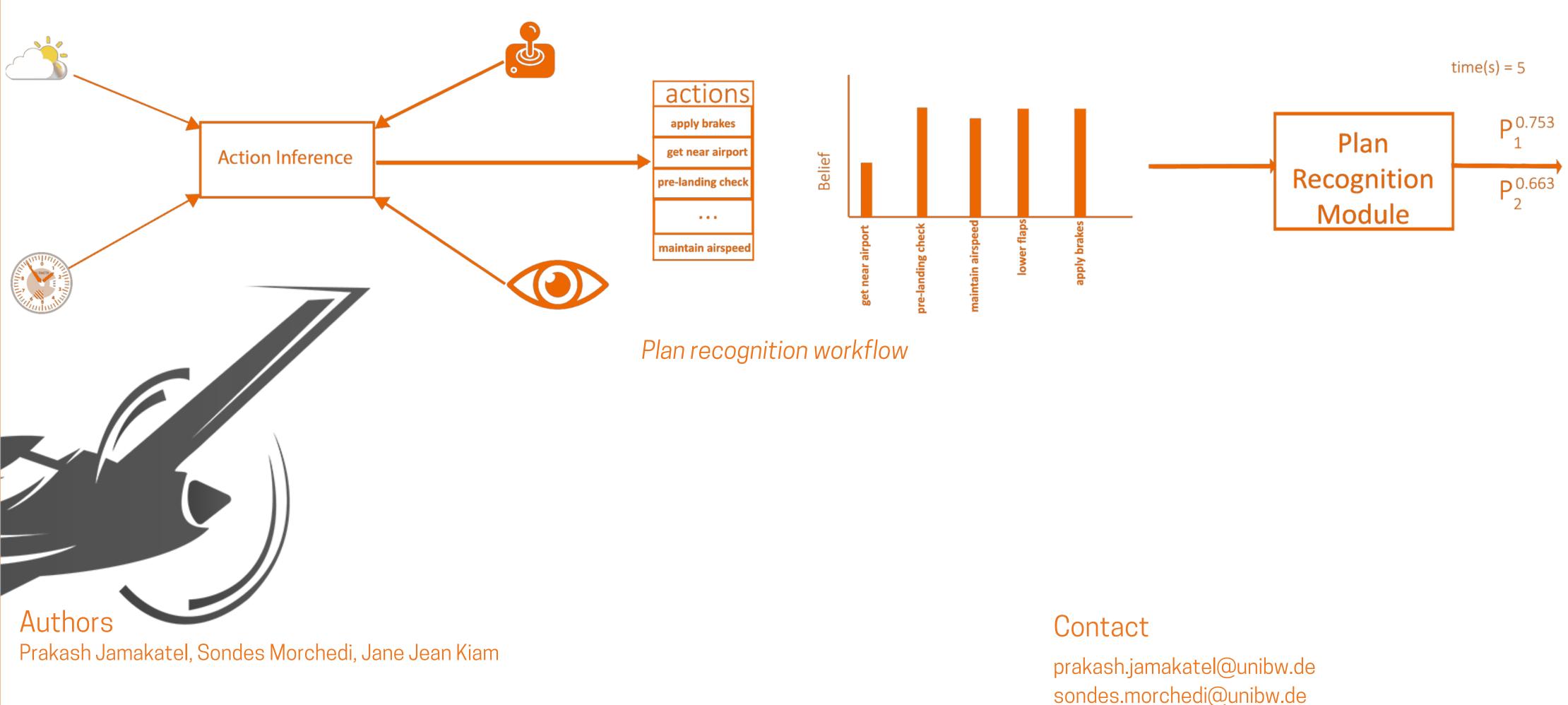
• The **PANDA framework** is used to generate instructions to perform typical tasks, using embedded domain knowledge.



Plan Recognition Module

Makes the flight guidance **contextual**, tailored to the pilot's need in real-time. The system:

- combines various sensor data to make action inference.
- makes inferences about the pilot's intention (i.e. intended plan), from the sequence of observed actions.
- is implemented using hierarchical plan recognition as planning from the PANDA framework.



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