



Embodied intelligence, baby humanoids, learning brain-like robot body models

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Classical AI – intelligence as computation

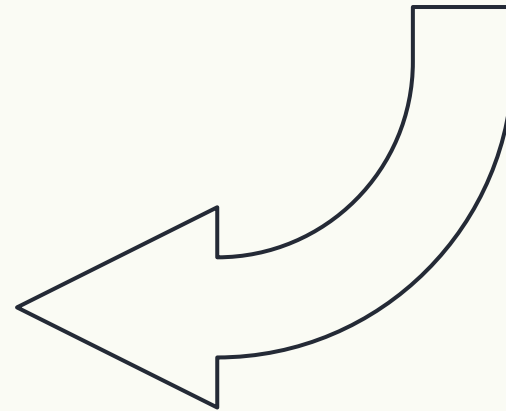
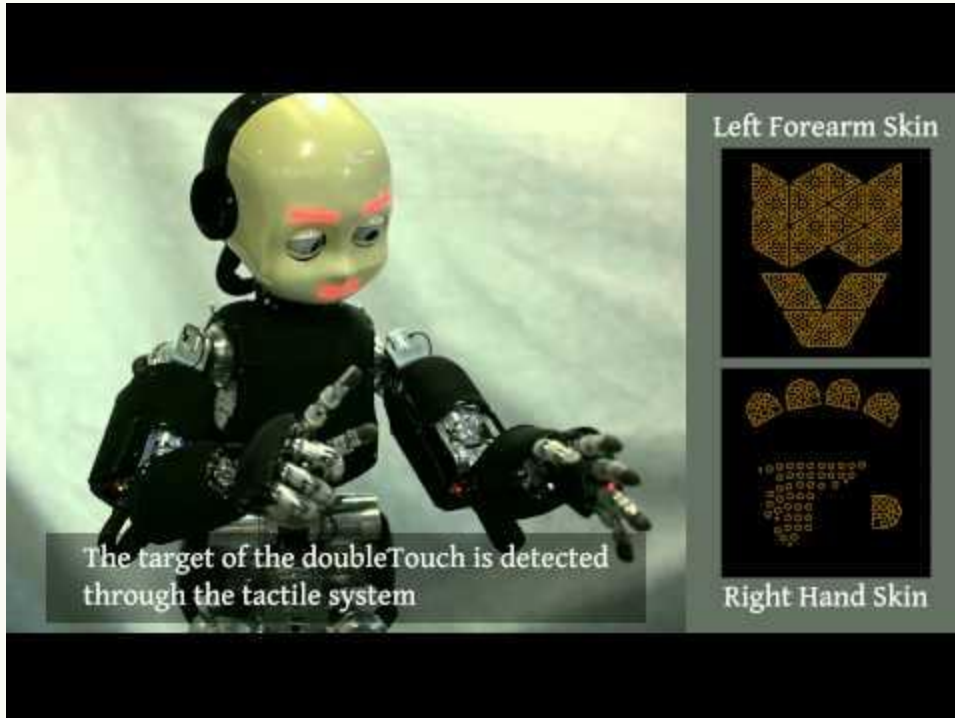
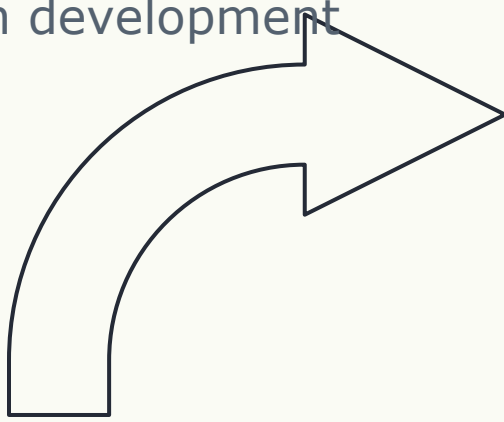
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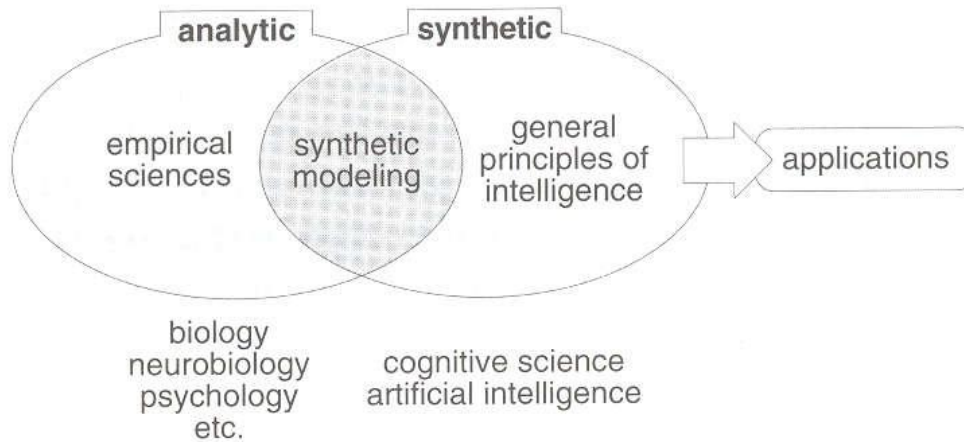
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robots as embodied
computational
models of child and
brain development

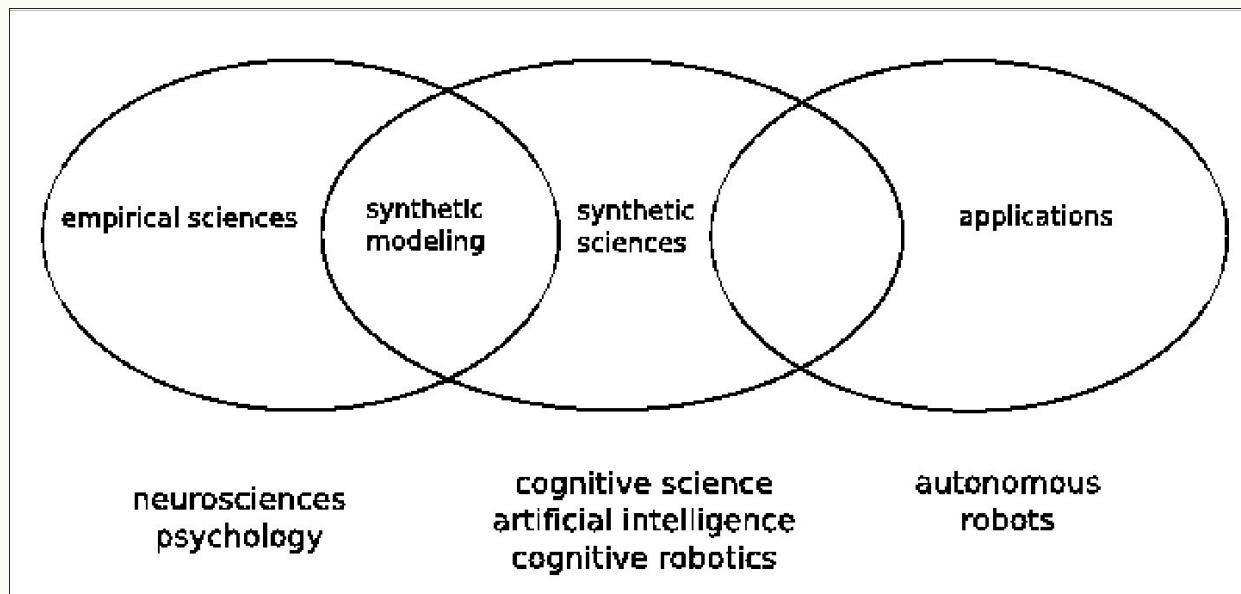


autonomous,
adaptive, resilient,
and self-calibrating
robots

Synthetic methodology ~ understanding by building



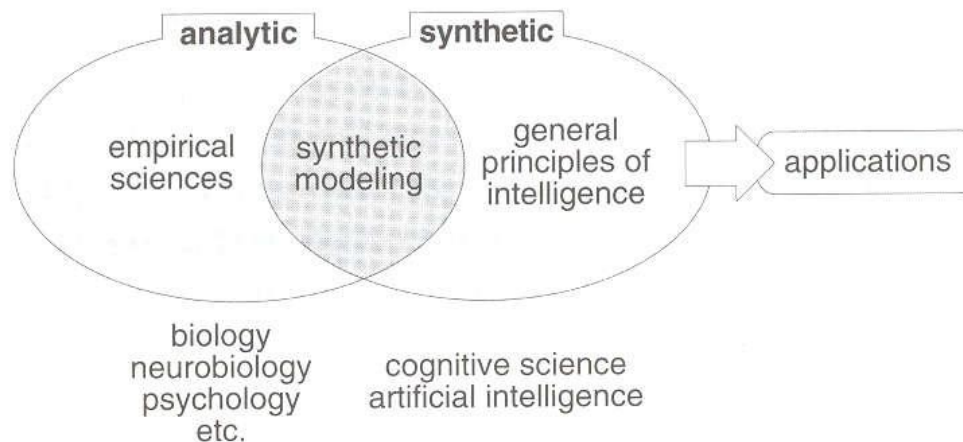
Pfeifer & Scheier
(2001): Understanding
intelligence



Goals

[Pfeifer and Bongard, 2007, Chapter 3]:

1. understanding natural forms of intelligence
2. abstracting general principles of intelligent behavior
3. building intelligent artifacts



empirical sciences

developmental and cognitive psychology

cognitive neuroscience

synthetic sciences

artificial intelligence

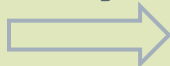
cognitive robotics

applications

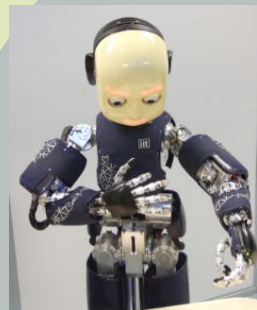
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collaborative robotics

modeling

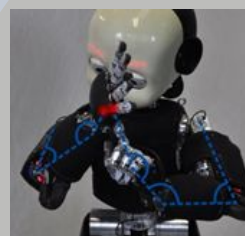


synthetic modeling

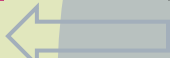


brain-like computing:
deep NNs
spiking NNs

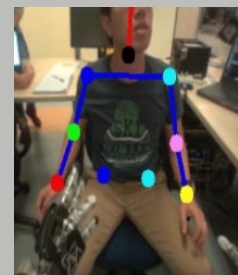
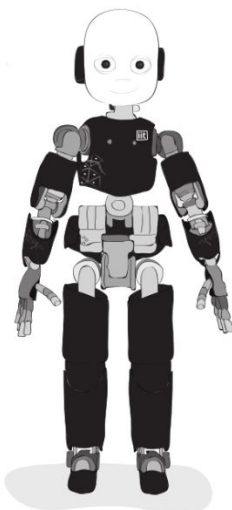
prototypes



hypotheses
mechanisms
new experiments



humanoid robots



All synthetic, yet different...

Is walking
intelligent?

What it takes
to walk?



Is playing chess
intelligent?



Honda Asimo (2018)
https://youtu.be/1urL_X_vp7w



Passive Dynamic Walker – Tad McGeer (1990)
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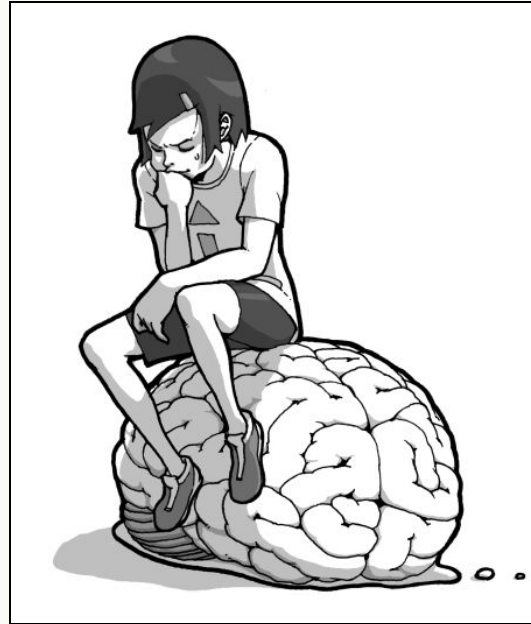
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Embodied Intelligence

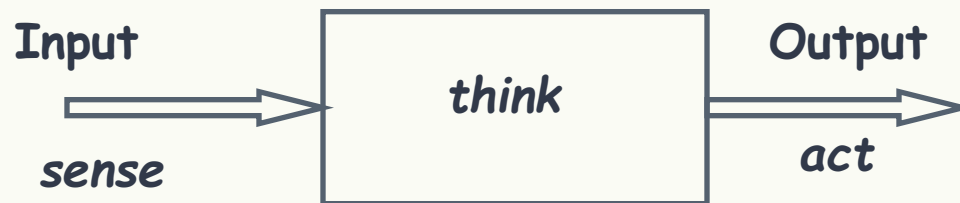
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Birth of Artificial Intelligence

- 1956 - onwards: Artificial Intelligence
 - 1956 Dartmouth Conference / McCarthy coins term “artificial intelligence” / first running AI program (Logic Theorist)
 - from middle '50s to late '80s : ‘**Classical AI**’ (e.g. Newell, Simon, McCarthy)
 - human cognition = a set of ‘rational activities’ (reasoning, language, formal games...);
 - intelligent artifacts = programs for computers

Classical AI = modelling “high level” capabilities (mainly) through computer programs detached from robotic bodies



Classical AI – theoretical positions

Intelligence \sim abstract symbol processing

Functionalism

- Algorithm / software matters
- Hardware (on which it runs)
does not matter

Physical Symbol Systems

Hypothesis (Newell and Simon

Digital computer

- Key tool
- Metaphor for the mind!

Nicknamed GOF AI – Good Old-Fashioned Artificial Intelligence (Haugeland 1985)

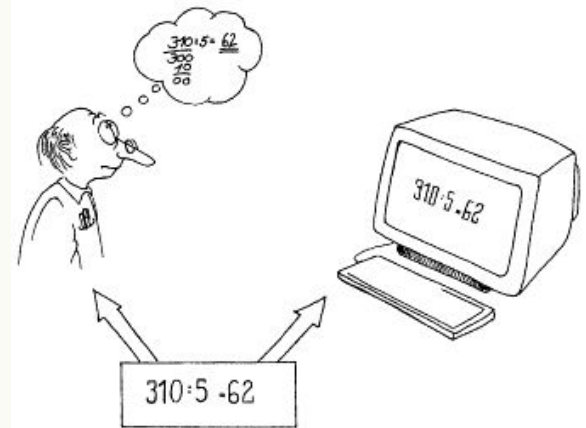
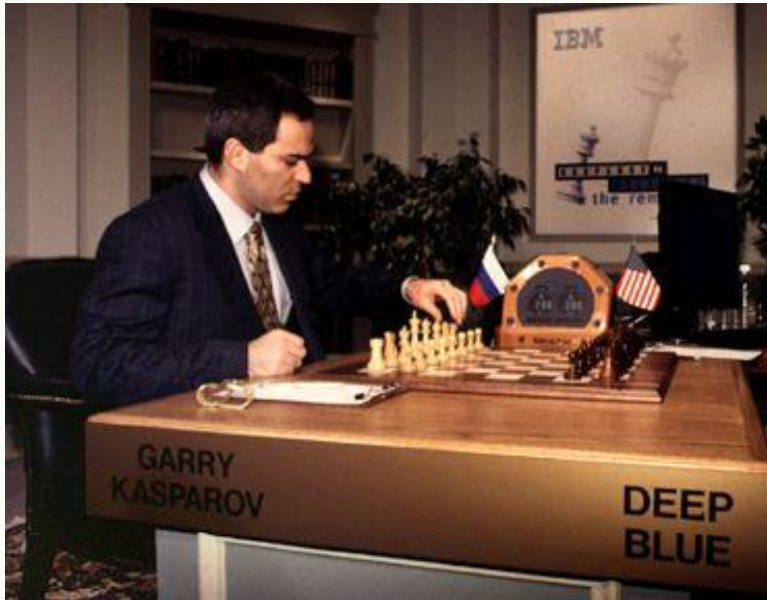


Fig. 2.4 from Pfeifer & Scheier 1999

Where it works nicely... search



IBM Deep Blue chess computer, 1997



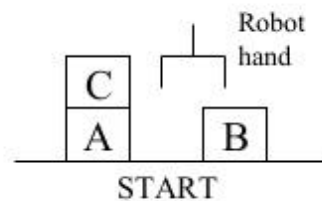
Google Deep Mind AlphaGo, 2016

- formally precisely defined discrete state space
- program has access to complete information (fully observable)
- deterministic state evolution
- not real-time (or soft real time)
- Premiere methods – e.g.: **search**, deep reinforcement learning

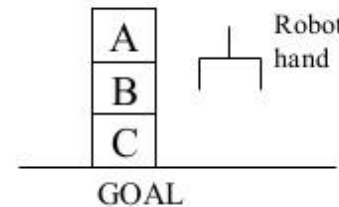
Where it works nicely... planning

Example : Blocks World

- STRIPS : A planning system – Has rules with precondition deletion list and addition list



on(B, table)
on(A, table)
on(C, A)
hand empty
clear(C)
clear(B)



on(C, table)
on(B, C)
on(A, B)
hand empty
clear(A)

Connecting to the real world - representation

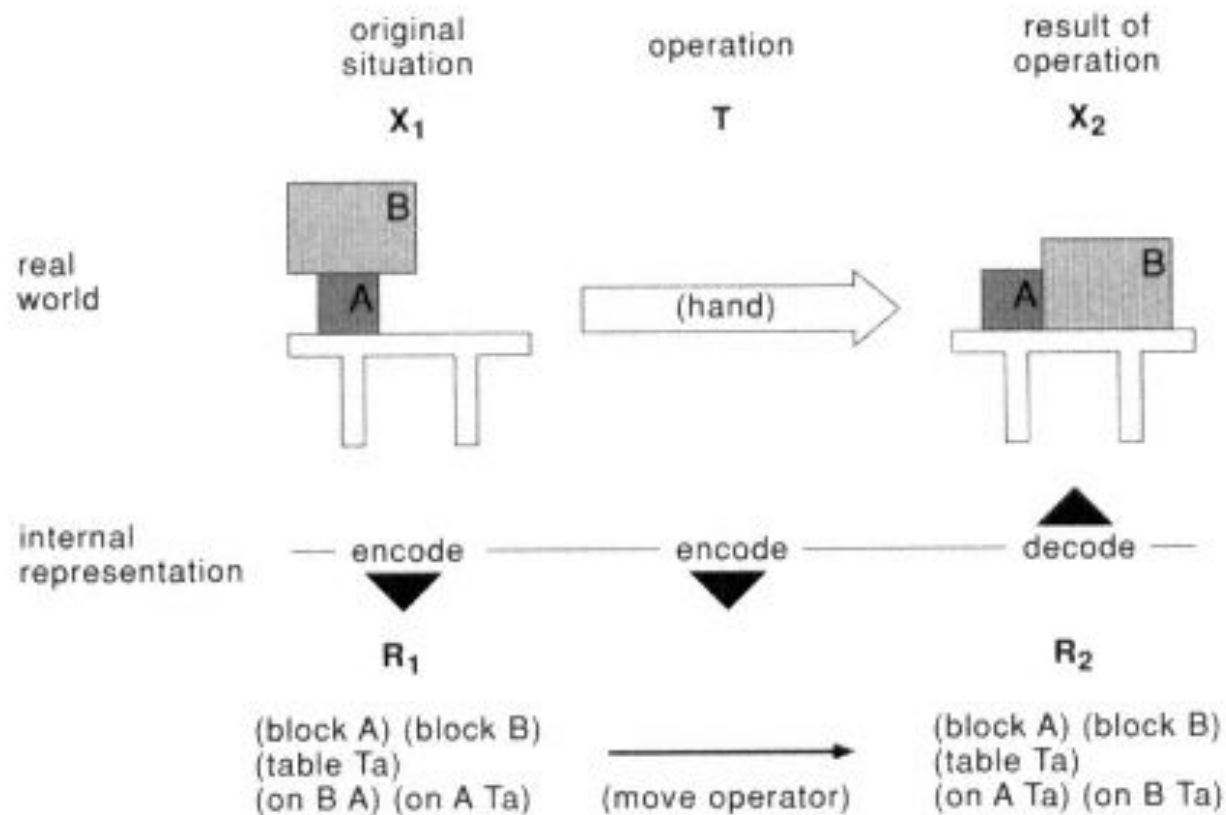
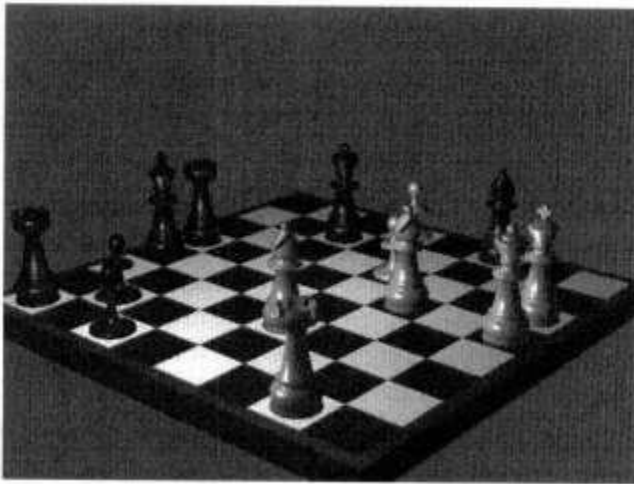


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From formal world to real world

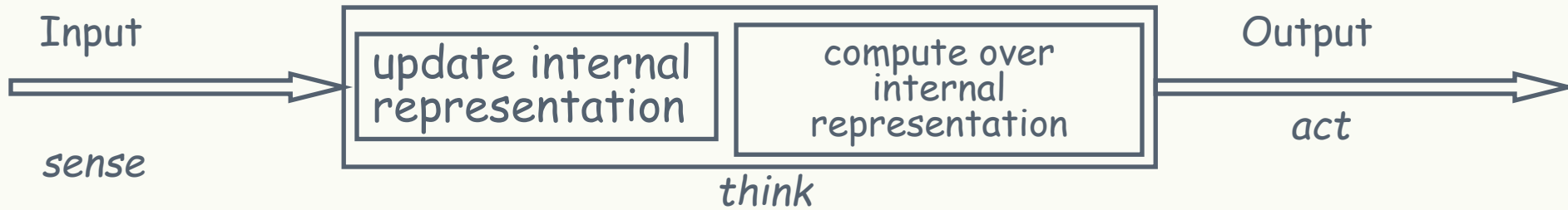
Chess



Soccer



From formal world to real world



Ancient times:



Stanford Cart, 1975



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GOFAI fundamental problems

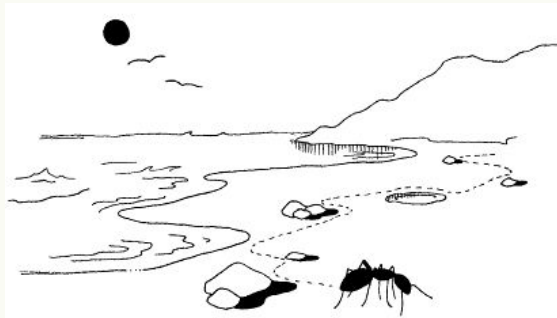
Frame problem

- How can a model of a continuously changing environment be kept in tune with the real world?

Symbol grounding problem (Harnad, 1990)

Frame of reference problem

- Ant on the beach (Herbert A. Simon)
- simple behavioral rules
- complexity in interaction, not in brain



GOFAI problems viewed today

Some problems have been mitigated through

- New algorithms
 - Probabilistic reasoning (e.g. Thrun et al. 2005)
 - Learning
 - Reinforcement learning
 - “Deep” neural networks
 - Higher computational power
- => real-time operation in real world is possible



Stanley, 2006



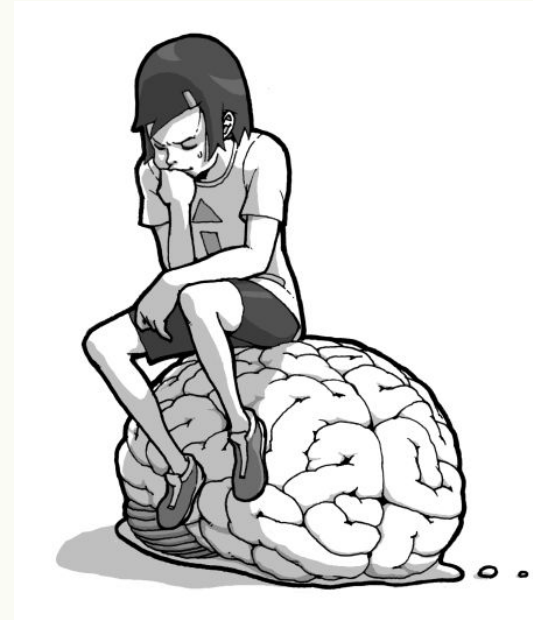
Google self-driving car today

What remains?

AI still heavily biased toward representation and computation.

vs. natural (also human) intelligence:

- embodied
- emergent from sensory-motor and interaction processes



Research questions

Classical AI

- Thinking, reasoning, abstract problem solving

Embodied Intelligence

- Movement, physical interaction with the real world

“Why do plants not have brains? The answer is actually quite simple: they don’t have to move.”

Lewis Wolpert, UCL

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Embodiment

“intelligence requires a body”

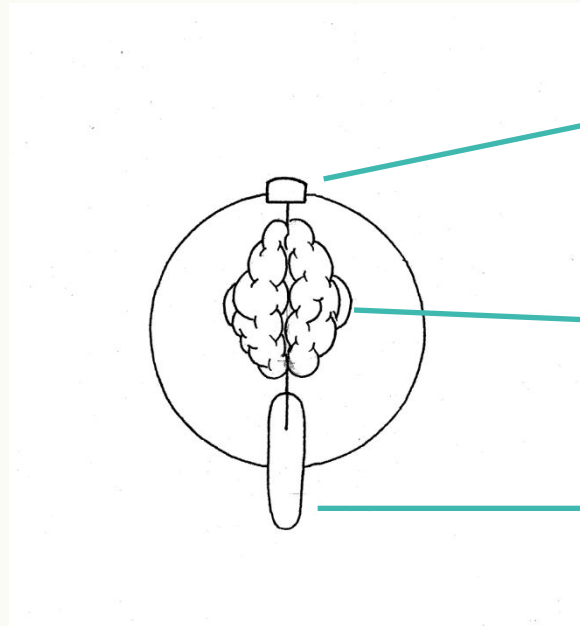
Interplay / task distribution

- Brain
- Body (morphology – shape, materials, ...)
- Environment

Principal of ecological balance

- match in complexity of sensory, motor, and neural system

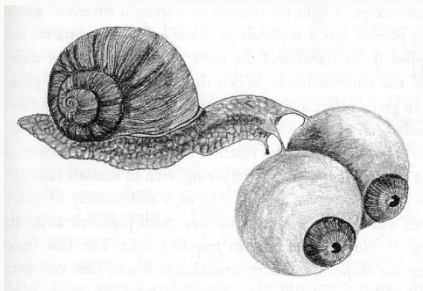
Ecologically unbalanced systems



*sensor for one quality
(e.g. temperature, light)*

very large brain

one motor



Physical implications of embodiment

~ morphology facilitating control

Is brain/computation needed for walking?

Passive dynamic walkers (McGeer 1990)

- “pure physics walking”
- no computer
- no motors
- no sensors

Morphology:

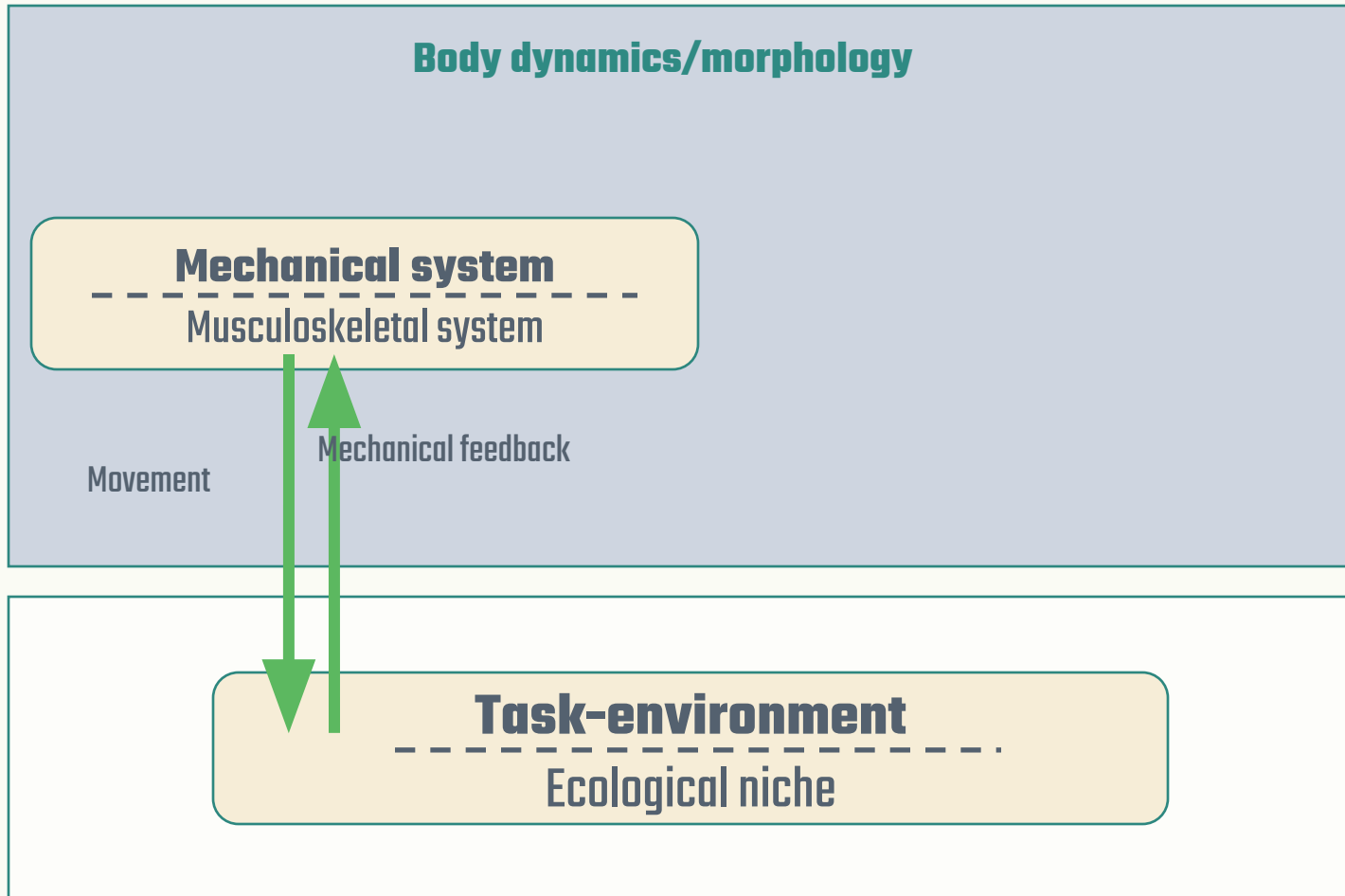
- shape of feet
- counterswing of arms
- friction on bottom of feet





<https://youtu.be/e2Q2Lx8O6Cg>

Steve Collins, Passive dynamic-based walker



Schematics based on Pfeifer et al., Science 2007

Self-stabilization

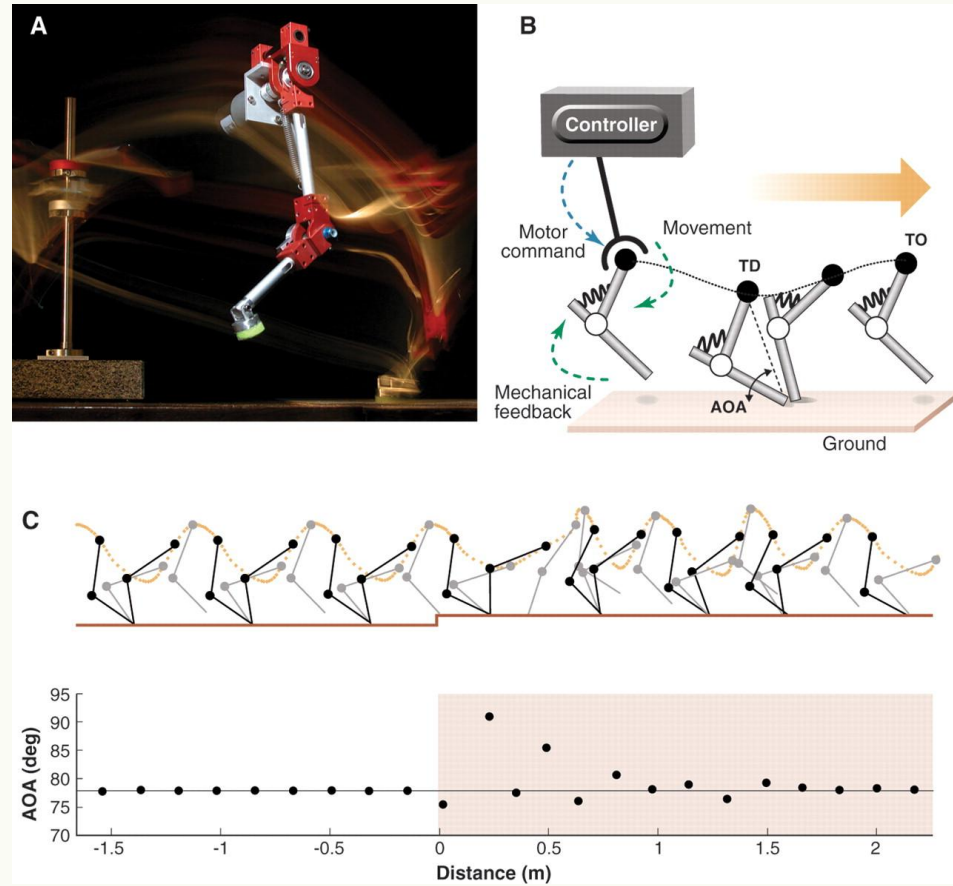
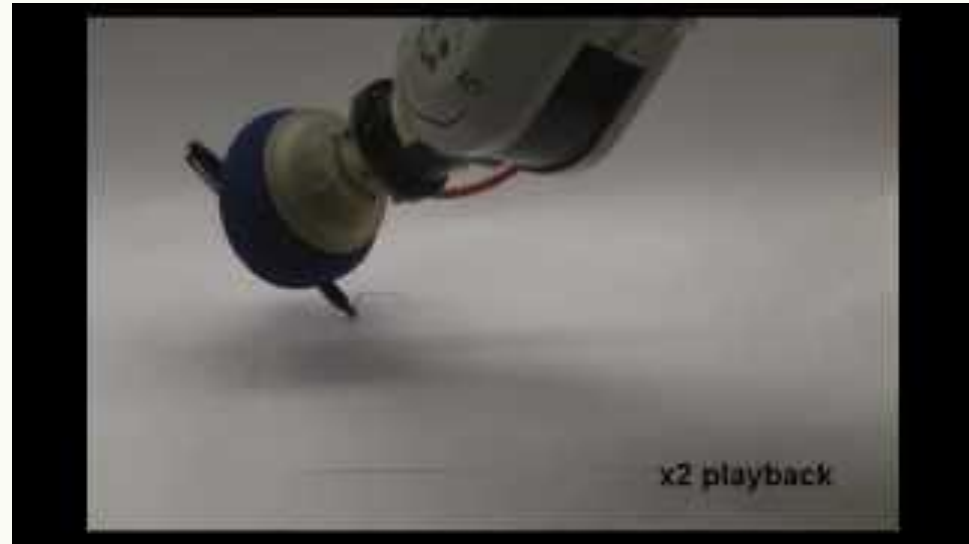


Fig. adapted from Blickhan et al. 2007

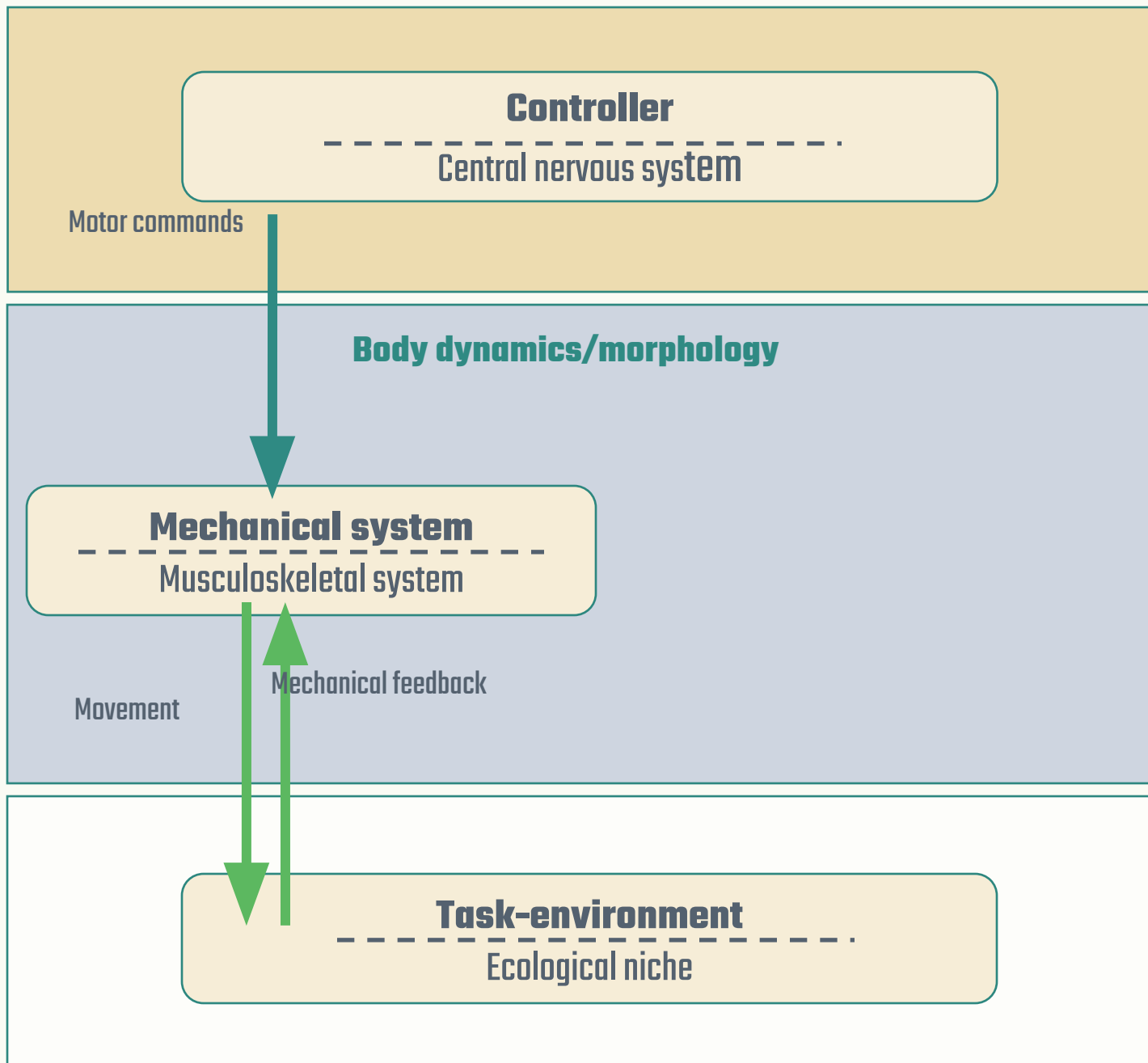
Grasping with coffee balloon grippers



Image: John Amend (jra224@cornell.edu)



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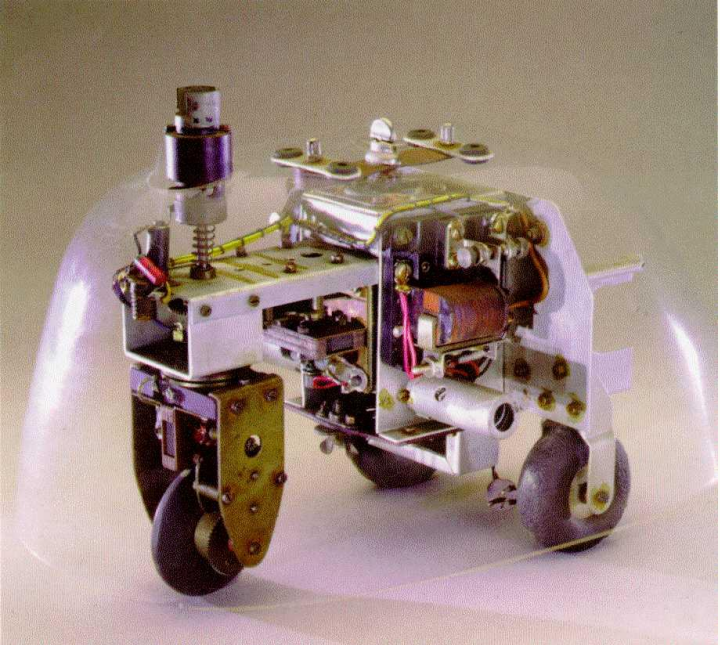
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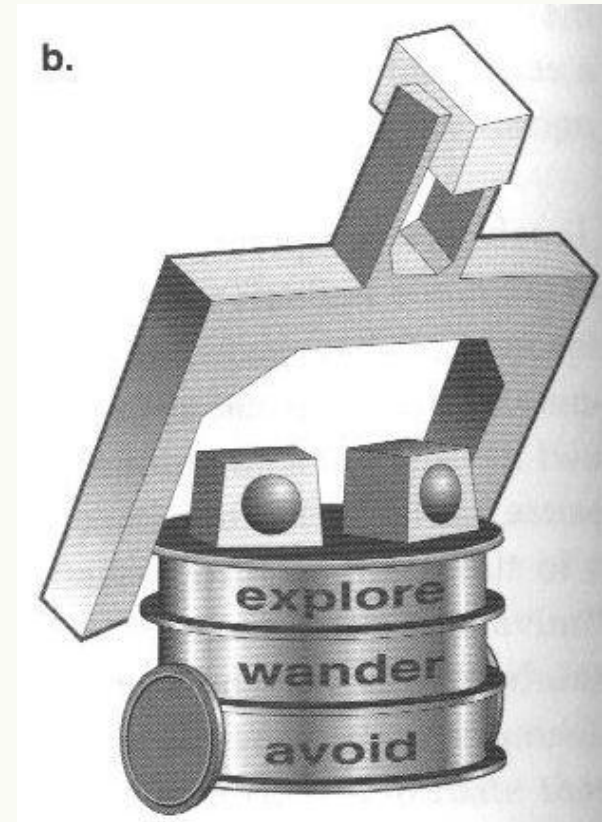
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Grey Walter
Turtle, 1940s



V. Breitenberg, 1980s

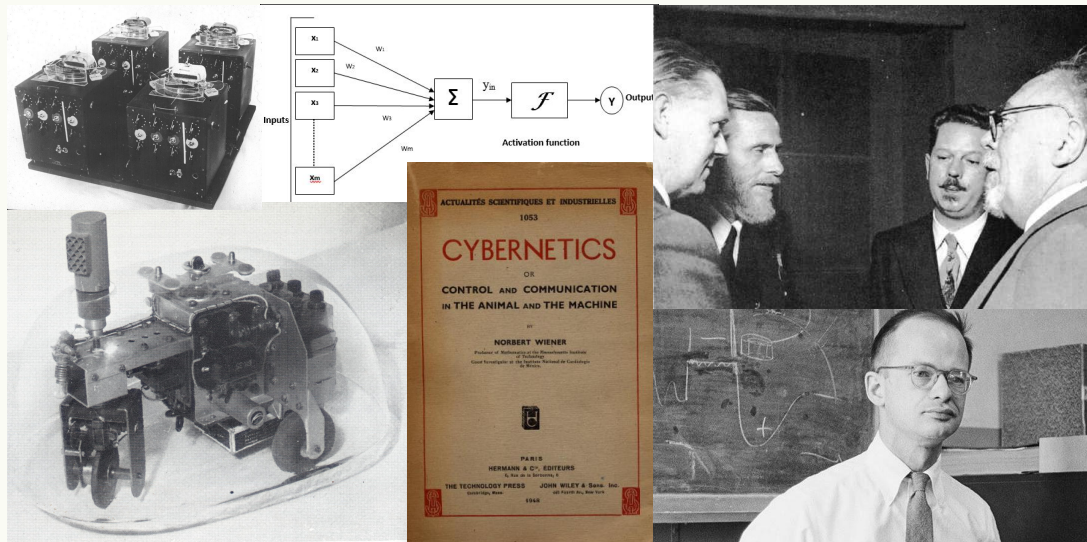


R. Brooks, 1980s
subsumption architecture

Middle '40s: Cybernetics - modelling intelligence through machines (Wiener 1948, von Neumann 1948)

Beginnings

- early ideas of embodiment and modeling neurophysiological processes in the 1940s (McCulloch, Pitts 1946 - formal neuron; Ross Ashby - Homeostat; Grey Walter - tortoise robots)
- 1946 - 1953 Macy Conferences on Cybernetics

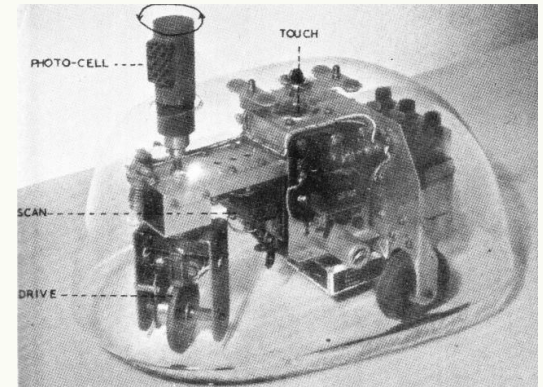


William Grey Walter (1910-1977)

English neurophysiologist and roboticist
Work on EEG, conditioning, etc.

“Robotic tortoises” (1948-49)

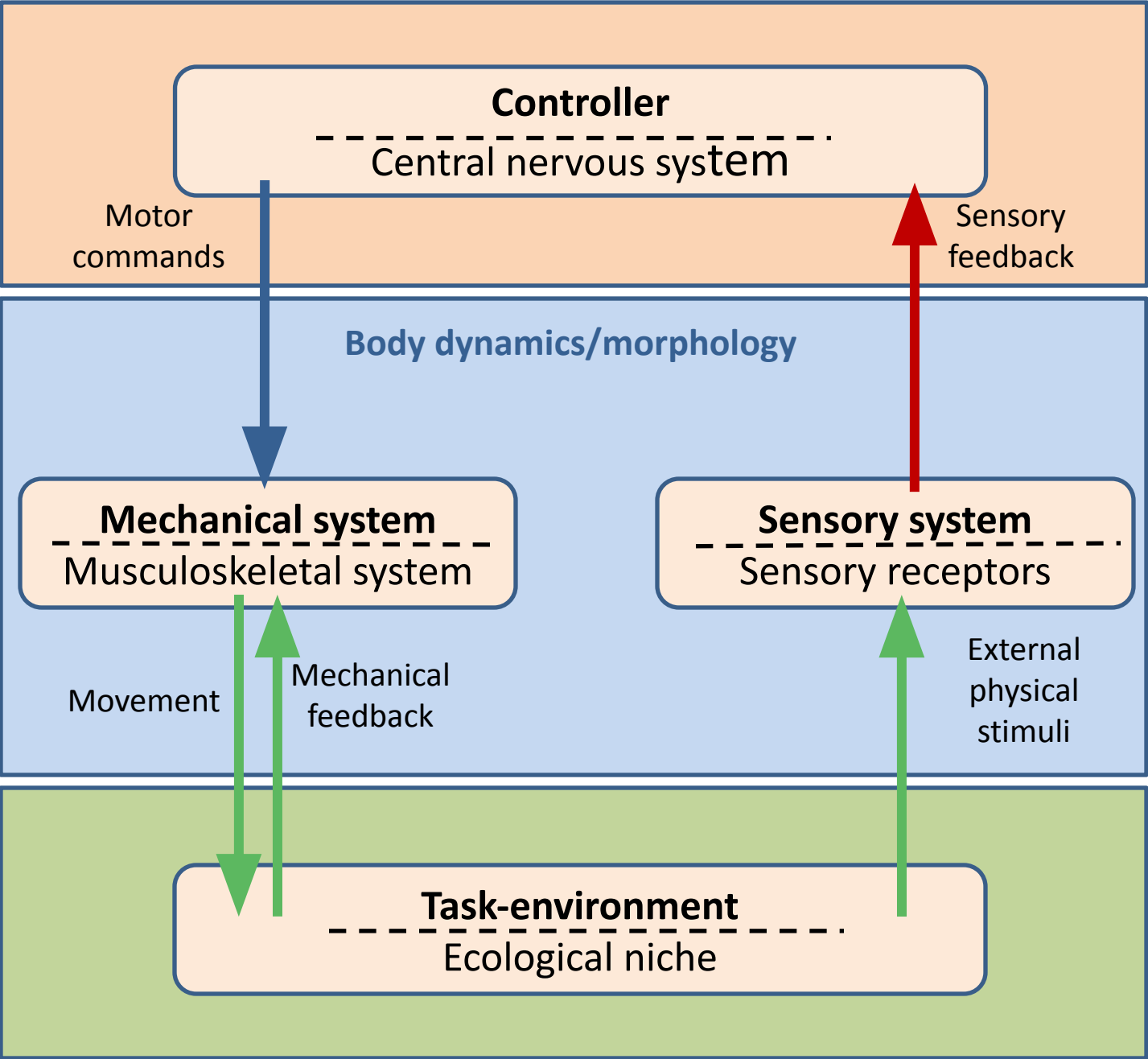
- Autonomous robots with touch and light sensors
- Simple “brain” (2 “neurons”)
- “tortoises” influenced a number of roboticists (Hans Moravec, Rodney Brooks, etc.)
- “descendants”: robotic vacuum cleaners



Grey Walter's tortoises



<https://youtu.be/ILULRImXkKo>



Behavior-based robotics manifestos

Intelligence without representation*

Rodney A. Brooks

MIT Artificial Intelligence Laboratory, 545 Technology Square, Rm. 836, Cambridge, MA 02139, USA

Received September 1987

Brooks, R.A., Intelligence without representation, *Artificial Intelligence* 47 (1991), 139–159.

MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
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A.I. Memo No. 1293

April, 1991

Intelligence Without Reason

Rodney A. Brooks

Prepared for *Computers and Thought*, IJCAI-91

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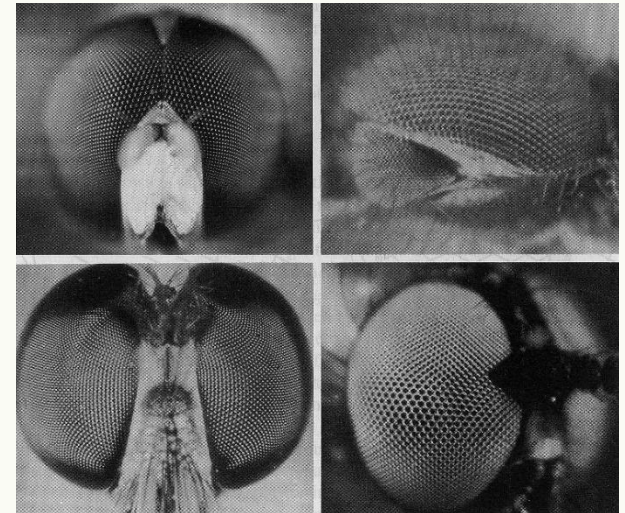
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Insect eye morphology

Different species of insects have evolved different non-homogeneous arrangements of the light-sensitive cells in their eyes, providing an advantageous nonlinear transformation of the input for a particular task

horsefly

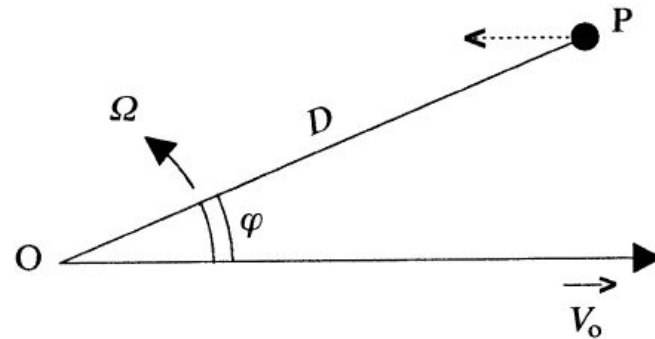


honeybee

Obstacle avoidance

exploiting ego-motion together with motion parallax

Franceschini et al. 1992

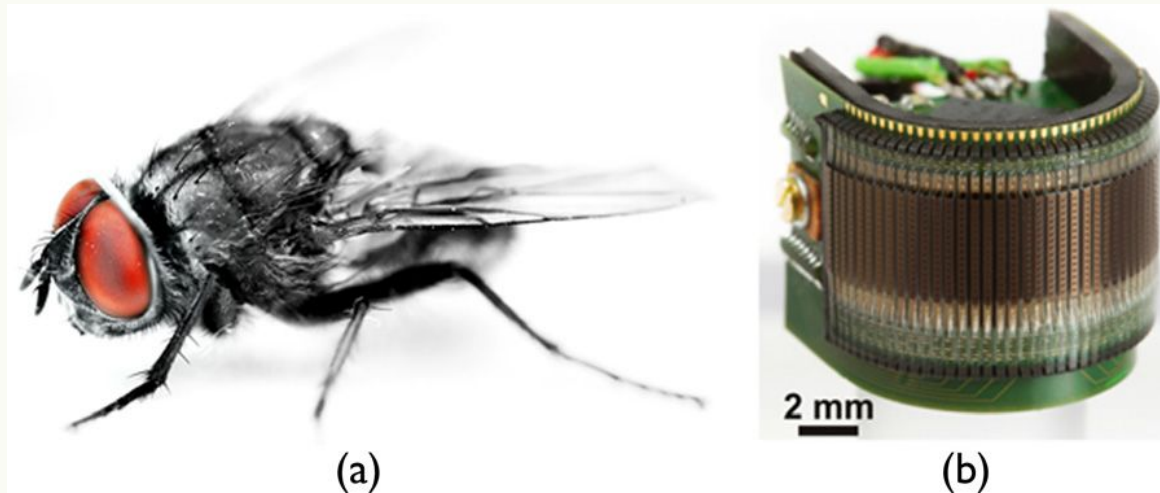


$$\Omega = \frac{V_0}{D} \cdot \sin \varphi$$

Figure 6. Principle of motion parallax. Any agent (fly, human, robot, etc.) translating at speed V_0 can gauge the distance to a contrast point P located at azimuth φ if it is equipped with a passive sensor able to measure the angular speed Ω of P when this point crosses its visual field due to the agent's own movement.

Nonuniform distribution & elementary motion detectors

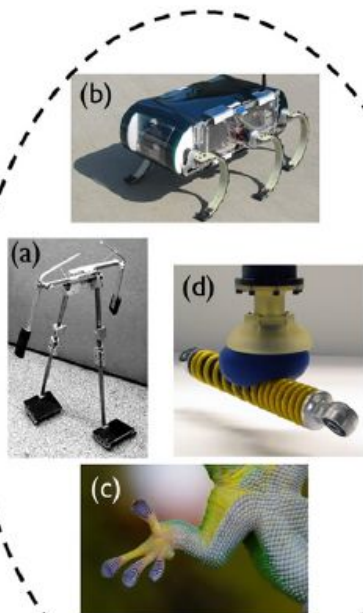
The distribution of the cells is nonuniform and follows a sine gradient in the interommatidial angle, such that sampling of the visual space is finer towards the front than laterally. This effectively compensates for the sine relationship in the formula and allows uniform motion detection circuitry to be used everywhere.



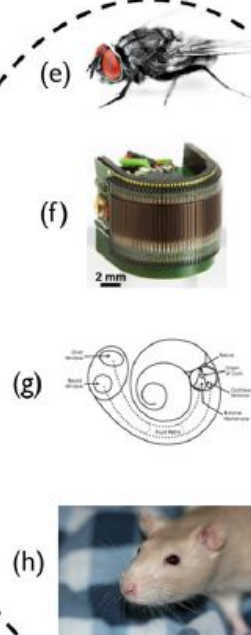
CurvACE – artificial compound eye - image courtesy of Dario Floreano

Morphological "computation"

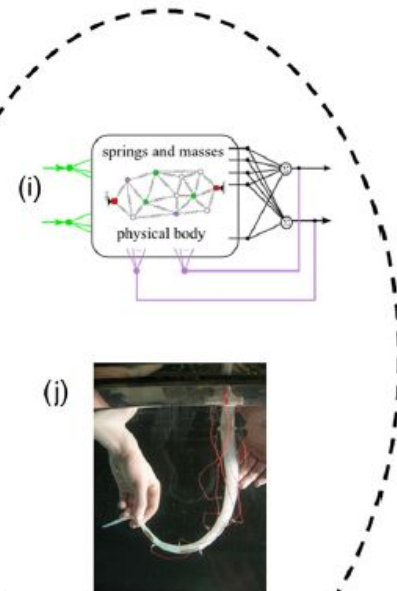
Morphology
facilitating
control



Morphology
facilitating
perception



Morphological
computation



Computational nature of morphology

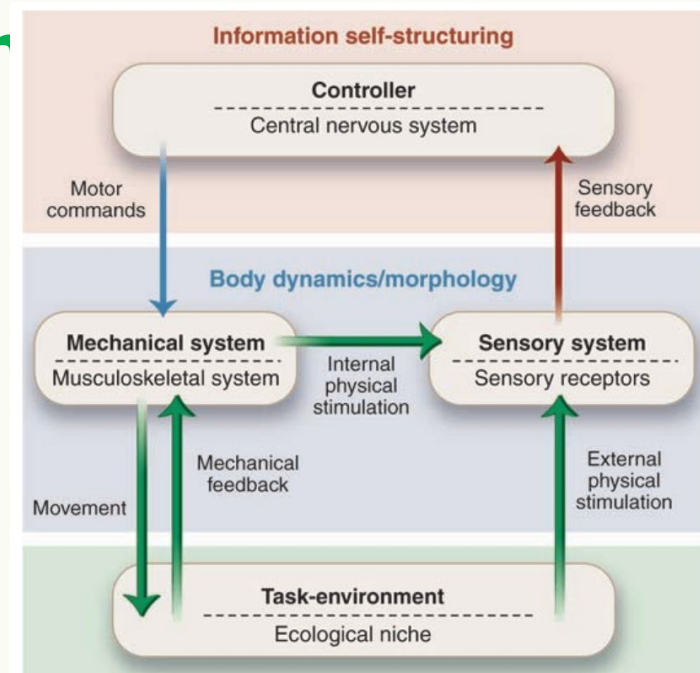
Embodiment

behavior is not in the
(or cell, molecule.



“all behavior is a result of brain function”
Eric R. Kandel, Ch. 1: The Brain and Behavior, in Kandel, E.R., Schwartz, J.H. and Jessell, T.M. eds., 2000. Principles of neural science (Vol. 4, pp. 1227-1246)

it is in the interaction



Illustrations: Shun Iwasawa, from R. Pfeifer & J. Bongard: How the body shapes the way we think, 2007

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“Embodied AI”- new trend in machine learning / deep learning



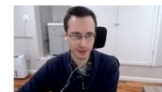
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From Reinforcement Learning to Embodied Learning

Sergey Levine
UC Berkeley



2022-07-28: Sergey Levine, UC Berkeley, "From Reinforcement Learning to Embodied Learning".

at <https://sites.google.com/view/developing-minds-series/home>

What is this “Embodied AI Workshop



Retrospectives on the Embodied AI Workshop

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Abstract

We present a retrospective on the state of Embodied AI research. Our analysis focuses on 13 challenges presented at the Embodied AI Workshop at CVPR. These challenges are grouped into three themes: (1) visual navigation, (2) rearrangement, and (3) embodied vision-and-language. We discuss the dominant datasets within each theme, evaluation metrics for the challenges, and the performance of state-of-the-art models. We highlight commonalities between top approaches to the challenges and identify potential future directions for Embodied AI research.

of researchers and research challenges.

Consider asking a robot to ‘Clean my room’ or ‘Drive me to my favorite restaurant’. To succeed at these tasks in the real world, the robots need skills like *visual perception* (to recognize scenes and objects), *audio perception* (to receive the speech spoken by the human), *language understanding* (to translate questions and instructions into actions), *memory* (to recall how items should be arranged or to recall previously encountered situations), *physical intuition* (to understand how to interact with other objects), *multi-agent reasoning* (to predict and interact with other agents), and *navigation* (to safely move through the environment). The study of embodied agents both provides a challenging testbed for building intelligent systems and tries to understand how intelligence emerges through interaction with an environment. As such, it involves many disciplines, such as computer vision, natural language processing, acoustic learning, reinforcement learning, developmental psychology, cognitive science, neuroscience, and robotics.

1. Introduction

Within the last decade, advances in deep learning, coupled with the creation of massive datasets and high-capacity models, have resulted in remarkable progress in computer vision, audio, NLP, and the broader field of AI. This progress has enabled models to obtain superhuman performance on a wide

Challenges

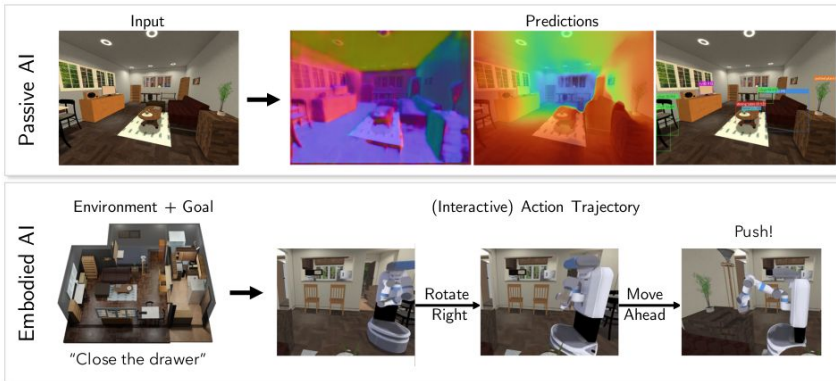
The Embodied AI 2023 workshop is hosting many exciting challenges covering a wide range of topics such as rearrangement, visual navigation, vision-and-language, and audio-visual navigation. More details regarding data, submission instructions, and timelines can be found on the individual challenge websites. Challenge winners will be given the opportunity to present a talk at the workshop. Since many challenges can be grouped into similar tasks, we encourage participants to submit models to more than 1 challenge. The table below describes, compares, and links each challenge.

Challenge	Scene Dataset	Observations	Action Space	Interactive Actions?	Stochastic Actuation?
Habitat	HM3D Semantics	RGB-D, Localization	Continuous		
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RxR-Habitat (Coming Soon)	Matterport3D	RGB-D	Discrete		
MultION	HM3D Semantics	RGB-D, Localization	Discrete		
SoundSpaces	Matterport3D	RGB-D, Audio Waveform	Discrete		
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Robotic Vision Scene Understanding	Active Scene Understanding	RGB-D, Pose Data, Flatscan Laser	Discrete		Partially
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TDW-Transport (Coming Soon)	TDW	RGB-D, Metadata	Discrete	✓	✓
AI2-THOR Rearrangement (Coming Soon)	iTHOR	RGB-D, Localization	Discrete	✓	
Language Interaction	iTHOR	RGB	Discrete	✓	
DialFRED	iTHOR	RGB	Discrete	✓	
ManiSkill	PartNet-Mobility, YCB, EGAD	RGB-D, Metadata	Continuous	✓	

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- rearrangement
- visual navigation
- vision-and-language
- audio-visual navigation
- sim-to-real transfer

What is this “Embodied AI”



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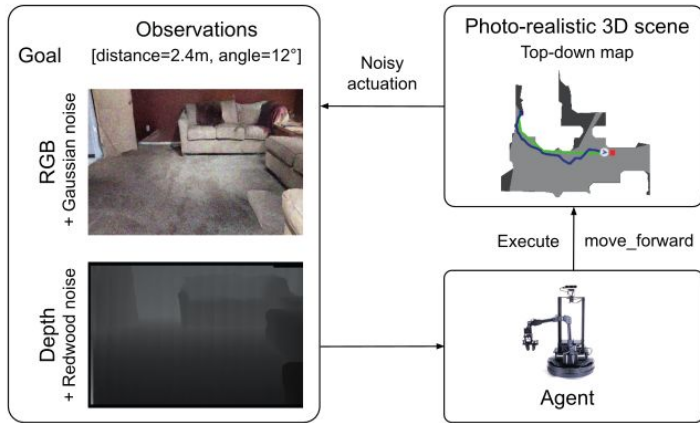


Figure 3. The *PointNav* task requires an agent to navigate to a goal coordinate in a novel environment (potentially with noisy sensory inputs), without access to a pre-built map of the environment.



(b)

Figure 6. *Multi-ObjectNav*: (a) Top-down visualization of a MultiION episode with 5 target cylinder objects in a particular sequence; (b) Top-down visualization of a MultiION episode with 5 target real objects in a particular sequence.

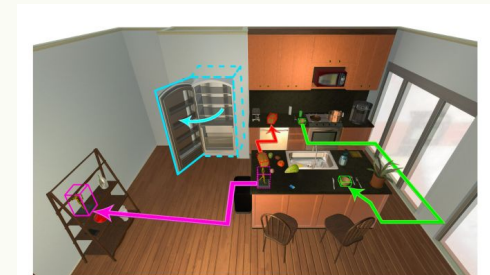
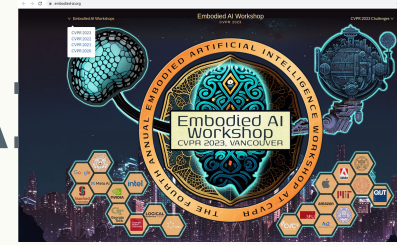


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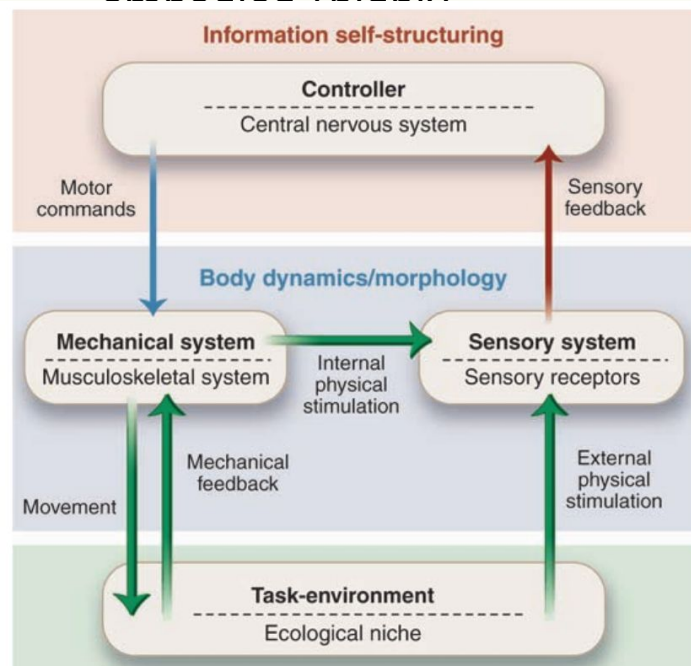


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- embodied AI ~ sim-to-real transfer
- embodied AI ~ multimodal inputs

My interpretation:

- The tasks are weakly embodied (highly...)



Challenges

The Embodied AI 2023 workshop is hosting many exciting challenges covering a wide range of topics such as rearrangement, visual navigation, vision-and-language, and audio-visual navigation. More details regarding data, submission instructions, and timelines can be found on the individual challenge websites.

Challenge winners will be given the opportunity to present a talk at the workshop. Since many challenges can be grouped into similar tasks, we encourage participants to submit models to more than 1 challenge. The table below describes, compares, and links each challenge.

Challenge	Scene Dataset	Observations	Action Space	Interactive Actions?	Stochastic Acuation?
Habitat	HM3D Semantics	RGB-D, Localization	Continuous		
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RxR-Habitat (Coming Soon)	Matterport3D	RGB-D	Discrete		
MultiON	HM3D Semantics	RGB-D, Localization	Discrete		
SoundSpaces	Matterport3D	RGB-D, Audio Waveform	Discrete		
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Robotic Vision Scene Understanding	Active Scene Understanding	RGB-D, Pose Data, Flatscan Laser	Discrete		Partially
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TDW-Transport (Coming Soon)	TDW	RGB-D, Metadata	Discrete	✓	✓
AI2-THOR Rearrangement (Coming Soon)	iTHOR	RGB-D, Localization	Discrete	✓	
Language Interaction	iTHOR	RGB	Discrete	✓	
DialFRED	iTHOR	RGB	Discrete	✓	
ManiSkill	PartNet-Mobility, YCB, EGAD	RGB-D, Metadata	Continuous	✓	

What are the limits of generalization?

- across tasks, environments...
- across bodies?
- My take:
 - how much can a giraffe brain profit from a crocodile's brain?
 - only in very weakly embodied tasks....

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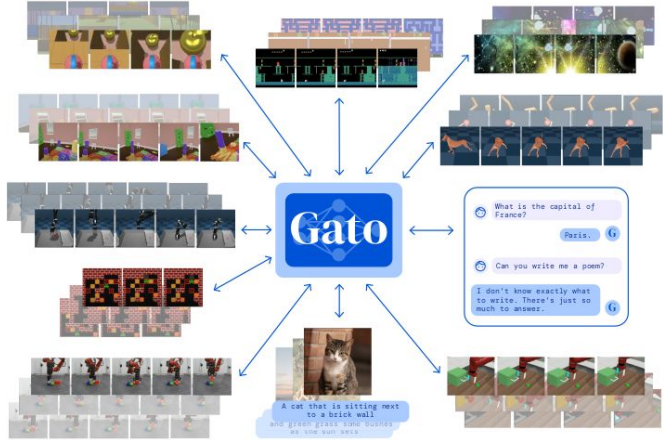
A Generalist Agent

Scott Reed^{*†}, Konrad Żolna^{*}, Emilio Parisotto^{*}, Sergio Gómez Colmenarejo[†], Alexander Novikov, Gabriel Barth-Maron, Mai Giménez, Yury Sulsky, Jackie Kay, Jost Tobias Springenberg, Tom Eccles, Jake Bruce, Ali Razavi, Ashley Edwards, Nicolas Heess, Yutian Chen, Raia Hadsell, Oriol Vinyals, Mahyar Bordbar and Nando de Freitas[†]

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Inspired by progress in large-scale language modeling, we apply a similar approach towards building a single generalist agent beyond the realm of text outputs. The agent, which we refer to as Gato, works as a multi-modal, multi-task, multi-embodiment generalist policy. The same network with the same weights can play Atari, caption images, chat, stack blocks with a real robot arm and much more, deciding based on its context whether to output text, joint torques, button presses, or other tokens. In this report we describe the model and the data, and document the current capabilities of Gato.

arXiv:2205.06175v2 [cs.AI] 19 May 2022



The diagram illustrates the Gato agent's multi-modal capabilities. A central blue box labeled 'Gato' is connected by arrows to various task environments. On the left, there are several Atari-style game frames. On the right, there are frames for a real robot arm (stacking blocks) and a chat interface. The chat interface shows a user asking 'What is the capital of France?' and 'Can you write me a poem?'. The Gato agent responds with 'Paris.' and 'I don't know exactly what to write. There's just so much to write.' Below the chat, there is a frame showing a cat with a caption: 'A cat that is sitting next to a brick wall and green grass and bushes on the sun sets.'

Figure 1 | A generalist agent. Gato can sense and act with different embodiments across a wide range of environments using a single neural network with the same set of weights. Gato was trained on 604 distinct tasks with varying modalities, observations and action specifications.

Summary

- Embodied AI within deep learning
 - giving deep learning architectures the body and closing the loop (with reservations)
 - weak embodiment
 - What is not exploited:
 - morphology for control
 - morphology for perception
 - information self-structuring

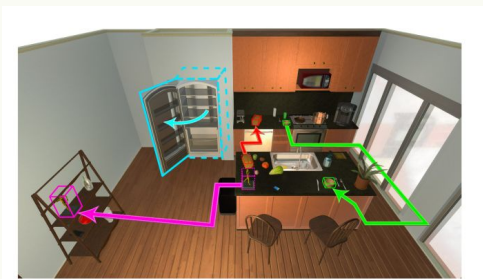
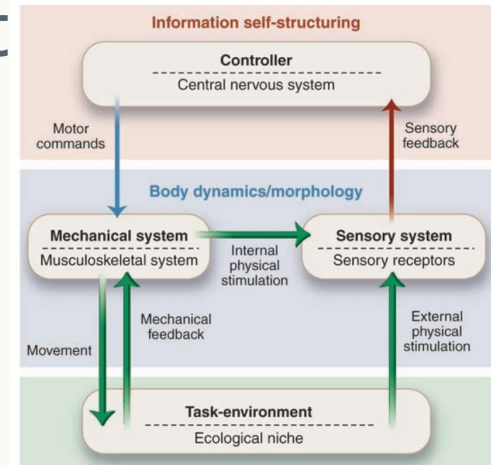
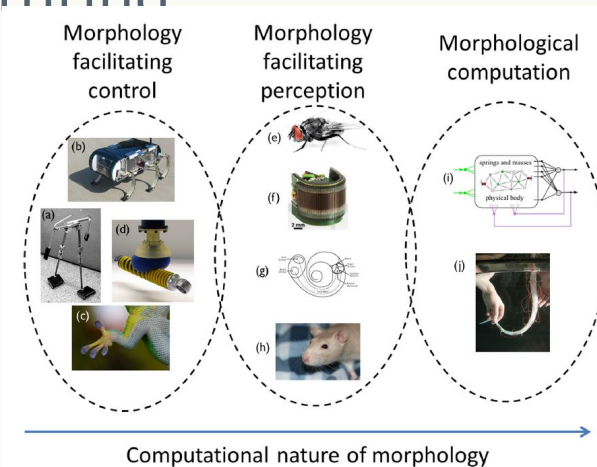


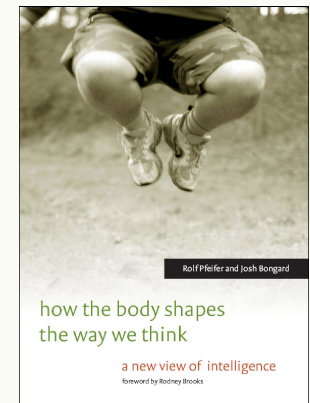
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Resources and further reading

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Outline

Synthetic methodology ~ “understanding by building”

Classical AI – intelligence as computation

Embodied intelligence

- Morphology facilitating control
 - Body design simplifying task
 - Behavior emergent from simple sensory-motor loops
- Morphology facilitating perception

Embodied AI

Our research examples and student projects

Humanoid and cognitive robotics



Humanoid and cognitive robotics

Coordinator



Matej Hoffmann
origin: Czechia

PhD: Zurich, Switzerland (Rolf Pfeifer)
postdoc: IIT, Genoa, Italy

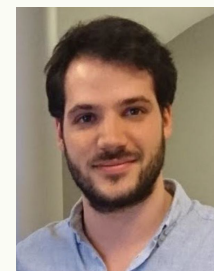
Postdocs



Sergiu Tcaci Popescu
origin: Moldova, France

PhD: Cognitive Science, Paris, France
postdoc: sensorimotor contingencies
(Kevin O'Regan)

**sensorimotor contingencies, tactile
localization, body schema
development, self-touch**



Valentin Marcel
origin: France

PhD: Robotics, Paris, France
**formal approaches to
sensorimotor development,
machine learning,
embodied comp. models**

PhD students



Zdeněk Straka
origin: Czechia

BSc: Cybernetics and
Robotics @ FEE, CTU
MSc: AI @ FEE, CTU
**machine learning,
neural networks,
peripersonal space
representations**



Petr Švarný
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MSc: logic,
business
informatics
PhD: logic,
Prague
**physical
human-robot**



Filipe Gama
origin: France,
Portugal

MSc.: AI &
robotics @
Cergy-Pontoise
**active
exploration,**



Shubhan Patni
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Robotics @
Bristol, UK
**haptic
exploration,
grasping**



Jason Khoury
origin: France

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game design @
Lyon, Montpellier
**tactile
localization,
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Cybernetics and
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**physical HRI,
reactive
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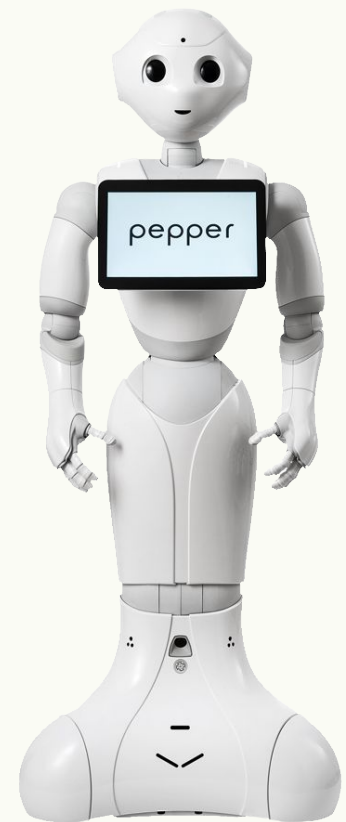
Humanoids



iCub

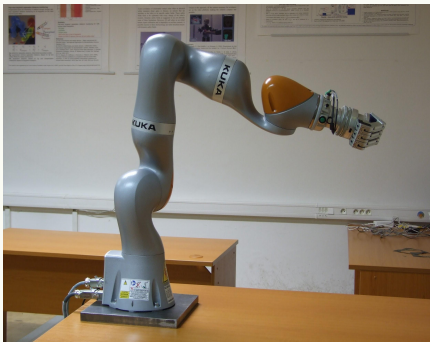


Naos (1 with "iCub skin")



Pepper

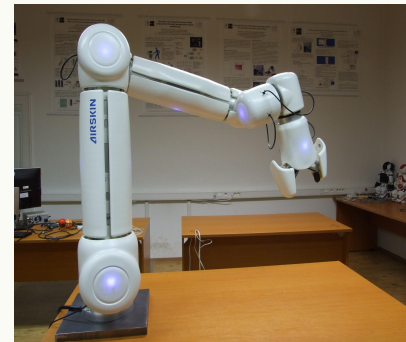
Collaborative robots



KUKA LBR iiwa



Kinova Gen3



UR10 + Airskin

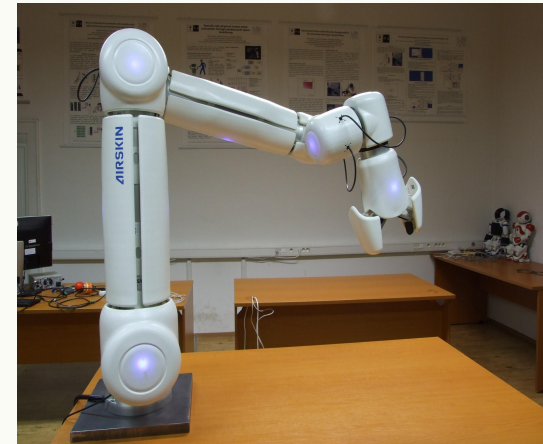
Large-scale robot skin



iCub humanoid ~
4000 taxels



Nao humanoid
retrofitted with "iCub
skin" – 970 taxels



UR 10
manipulator with
Airskin

Robot hands and grippers

Anthropomorphic hands



Barrett Hand
(96 tactile + 3 fingertip joint torque + 8 joint pos. sensors)



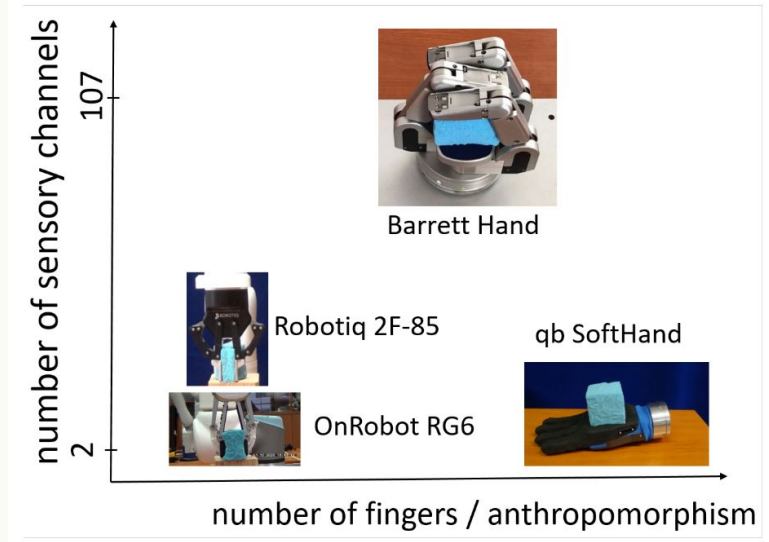
Qb SoftHand (1 motor with position and current sensor)

Industrial parallel jaw 2-finger grippers

Robotiq 2F-85, OnRobot RG6



iCub hand



YCB object and model set



deformable objects set



Themes

Developmental
science and body
representations

Embodied
computational
modeling

Robot self-calibration

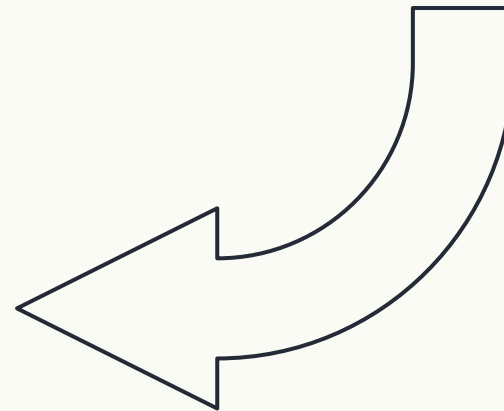
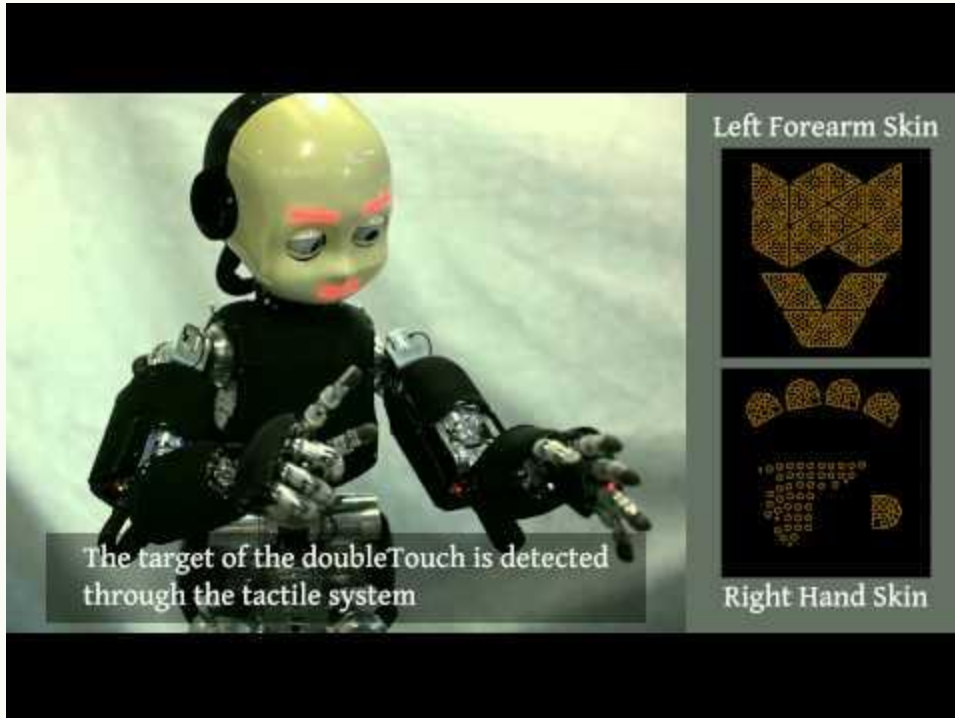
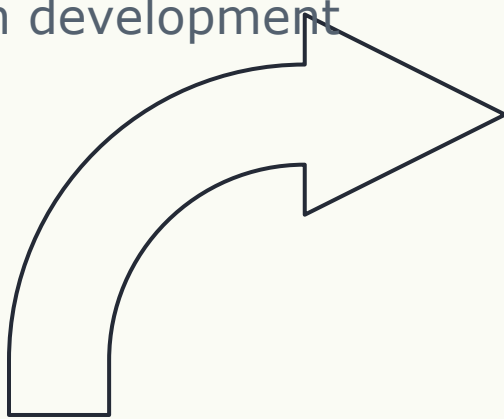
Physical HRI

Reactive motion
control

Social HRI

Interactive perception
for manipulation

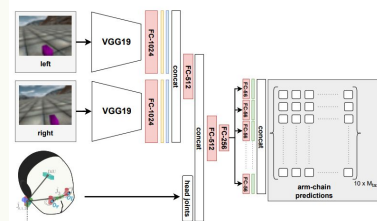
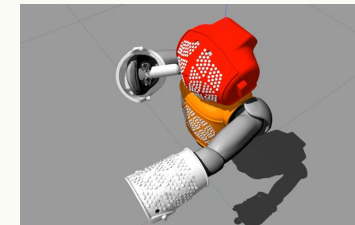
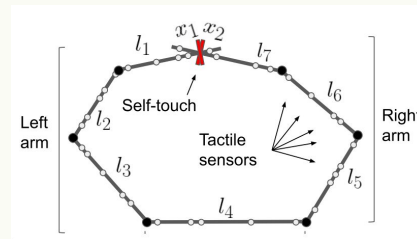
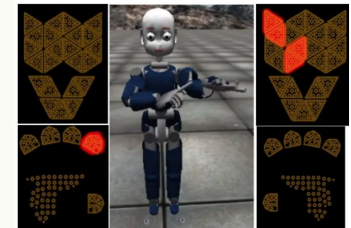
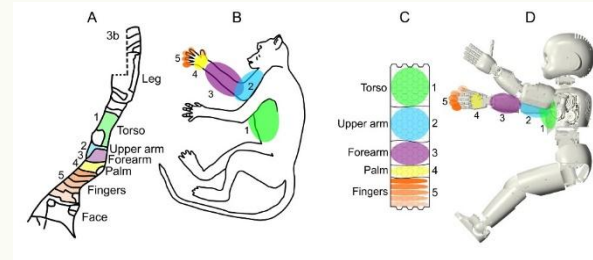
robots as embodied
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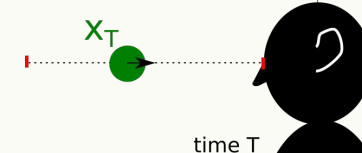
autonomous,
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robots

Robot case studies and neural network models

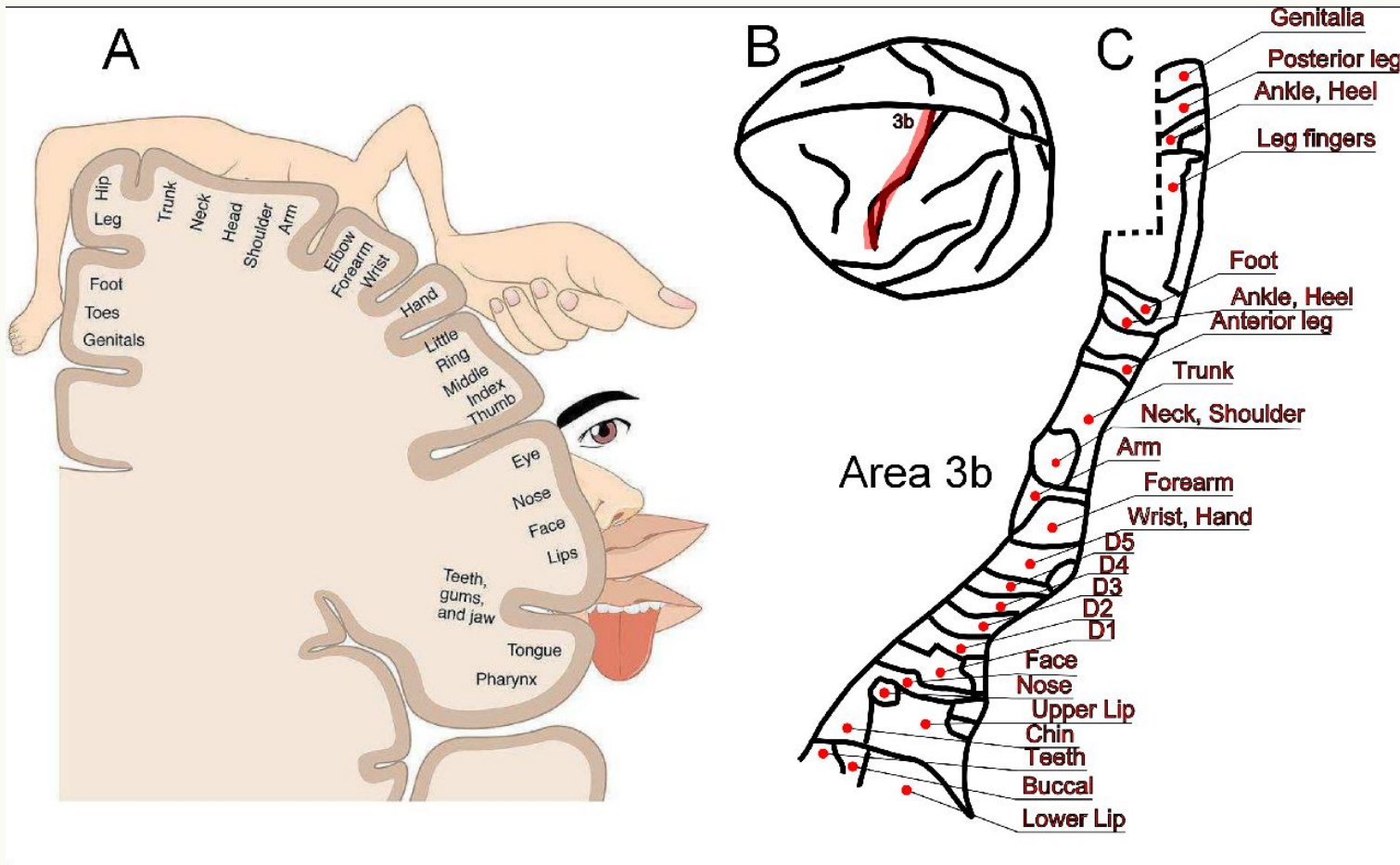
1. iCub tactile homunculus (SOM)
2. Learning to predict touch from proprioception (UBAL)
3. From self-touch to reaching to the body (VAE)
4. Active exploration of skin space
5. Learning to reach (deep NN)
6. Models of peripersonal space



hit $\rightarrow y_{pred}=1$
 no hit $\rightarrow y_{pred}=0$
 Prediction for time $T+\Delta T$

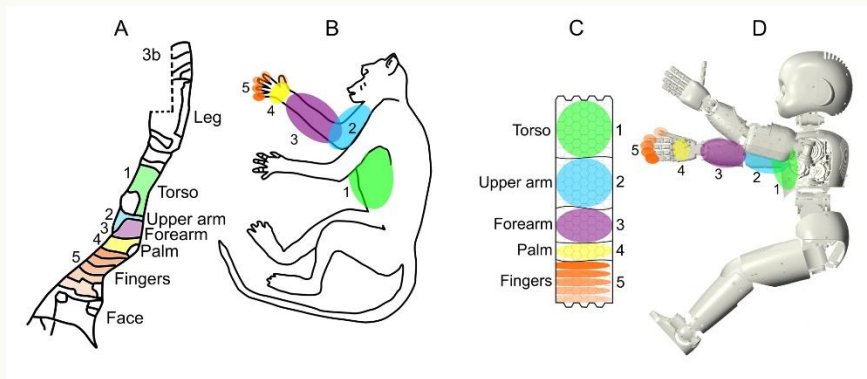


"Somatosensory homunculus"



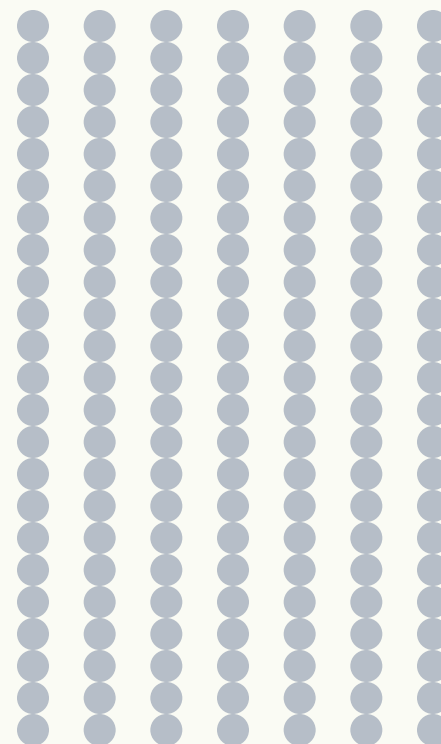
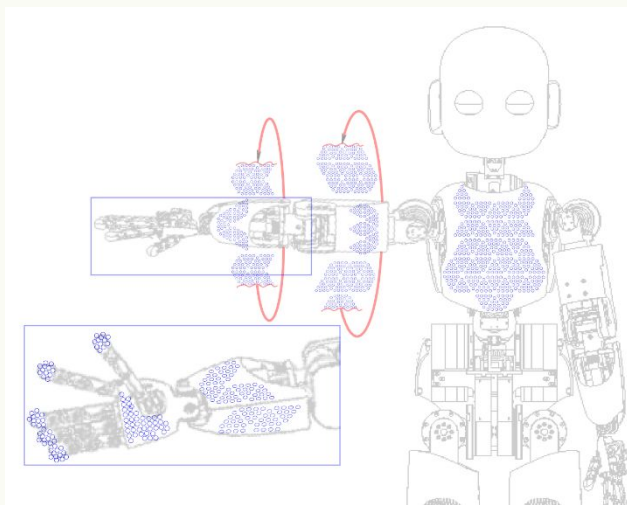
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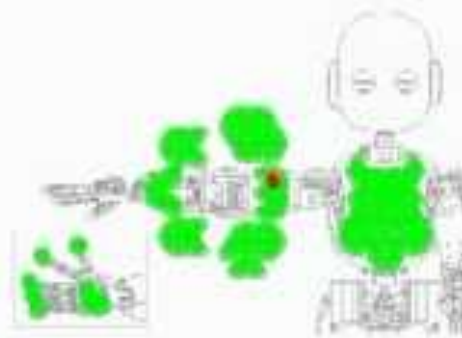
Learning using Self-Organizing (Kohonen) map (SOM)



Output layer: 7 x 24 neurons

input layer: 1154 taxels

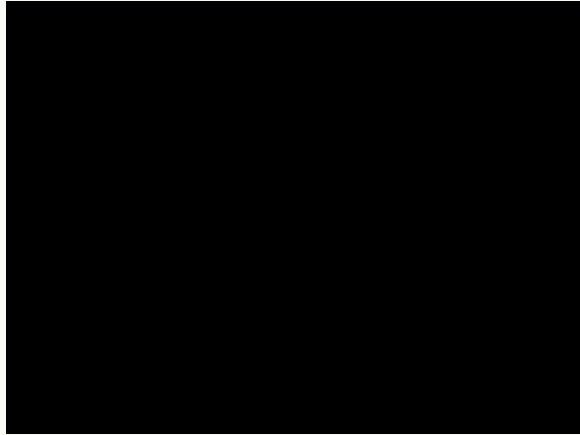




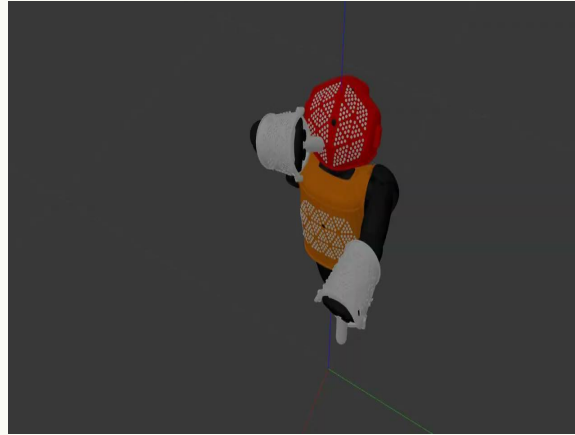
The topology is learned from co-activations of neighboring taxels when the skin is stimulated by a human.

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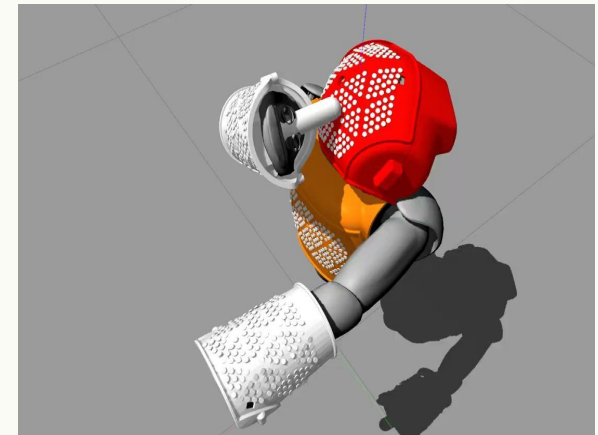
Active exploration of “skin space”



Random Motor Babbling



Discretized Goal Babbling

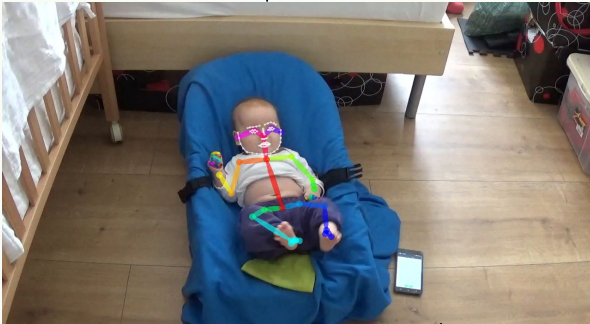


Path-Based Continuous Goal Babbling

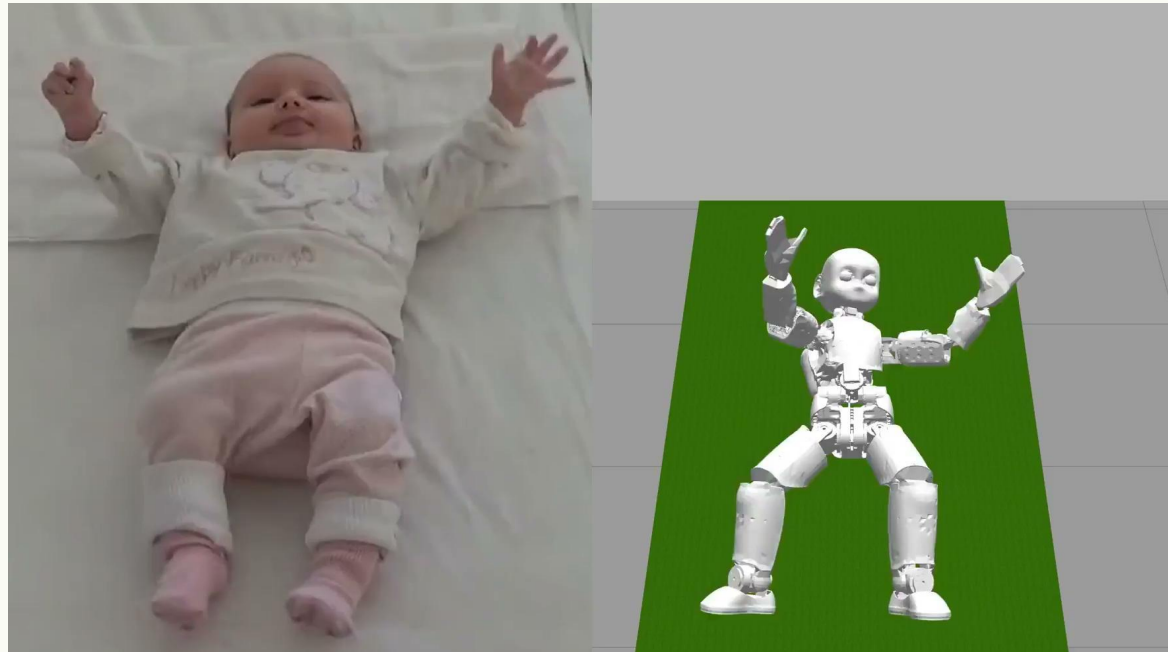
Motion retargeting – babies to humanoids

Input RGB Image

MMpose (HRNet) / Alphapose / Detectron2 /
OpenPose / Deep(er)Cut



SMIL → Smplify-x



iCub playing "Bubbles"



Rozlivek, Roncone, Pattacini
& Hoffmann (2023) - in
preparation



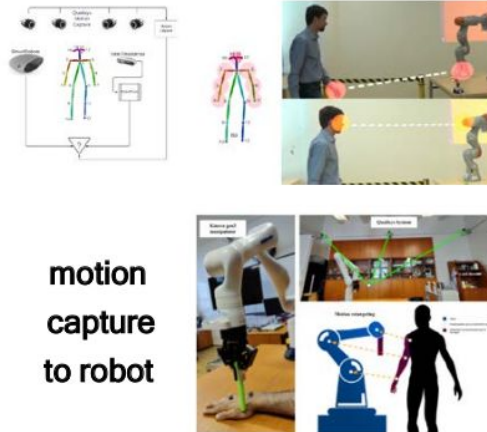
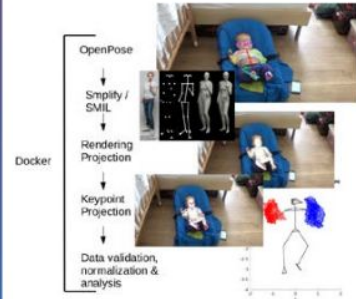
Humanoid and collaborative robots

robots with artificial skin



co-bots and safe HRI

movement kinematics from videos



motion capture to robot

**Student projects:
Internship (e.g., summer)
Project / Bc. / MSc. thesis**

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