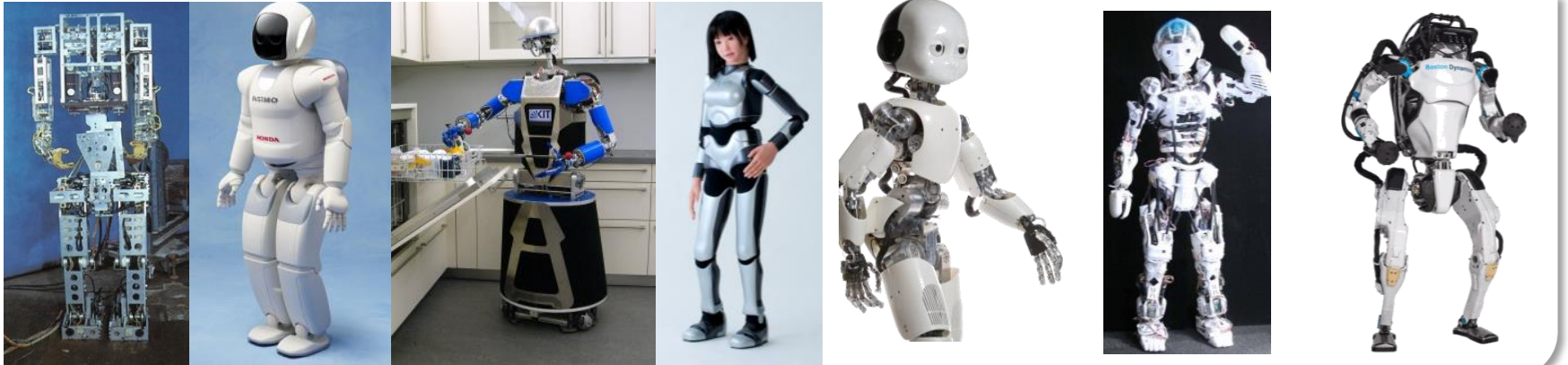


Robotics II: Humanoid Robotics Chapter 2 – Building Humanoids

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<http://www.humanoids.kit.edu>



Chapter 2: Building Humanoids

- The history of humanoid robotics
- The DARPA Robotics Challenge
- Biomechanical models of the human body
- Mechatronics of humanoid robots

A Brief History of Humanoid Robotics

Famous Humanoid Robots (Unordered List)

- **WABOT-1**
Waseda University, Japan
- **Wabian**
Waseda University, Japan
- **ASIMO**
Honda, Japan
- **HRP-2**
Kawada Industry, Japan
- **HRP-4C**
Kawada Industry, Japan
- **Toyota Partner Robot**
Toyota, Japan
- **HUBO**
Korean Institute of Science and Technology, KIST, Korea
- **Petman**
Boston Dynamics, USA
- **Atlas**
Boston Dynamics, USA
- **Cog**
MIT, USA
- **iCub**
Italian Institute of Technology, Italy
- **Robonaut**
NASA, USA
- **NAO**
Aldebaran, France
- **REEM**
PAL Robotics, Spain, United Arab Emirates
- **Justin**
DLR, Germany
- **ARMAR**
KIT, Germany
- ...

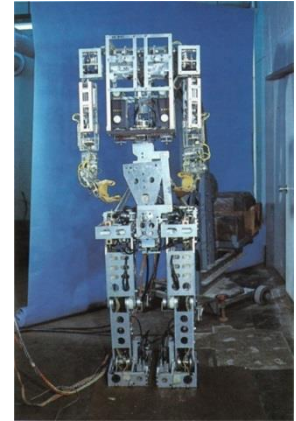
WABOT

■ WABOT-1 (1970 – 1973):

- First Full-scale anthropomorphic robot of the world
- Waseda University, Tokyo ([Prof. Ichiro Kato](#))
- WABOT is an acronym for **W**aseda **ro****B**OT
- Capabilities
 - Communication with persons in Japanese
 - Bipedal walking

■ WABOT-2 (1980 – 1984):

- “Specialist robot” able to play the keyboard
- Able to read musical score with its eye and play tunes on an electronic organ



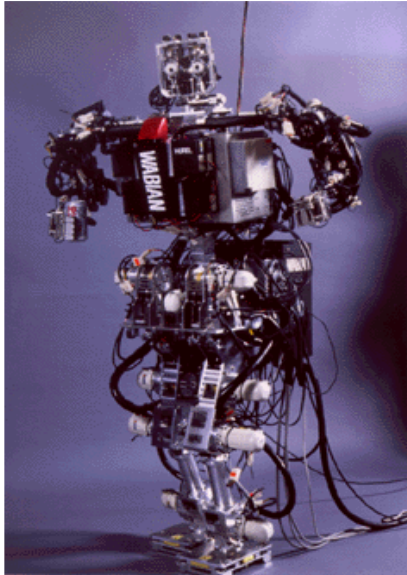
Wabian

- Developed by Waseda University, Japan
- Current model: **Wabian-2R** (since 2006)
- Research interests:
 - Human motion simulation
 - Goal: robot should be the human's partner
 - Walking experiments with a walk-assist machine
- Sensors:
 - 6-axis force/torque sensors
 - Photo sensors
 - Magnetic encoders
 - Gyro sensor



Wabian

Waseda University, Tokyo, Japan



WABIAN



WABIAN-2

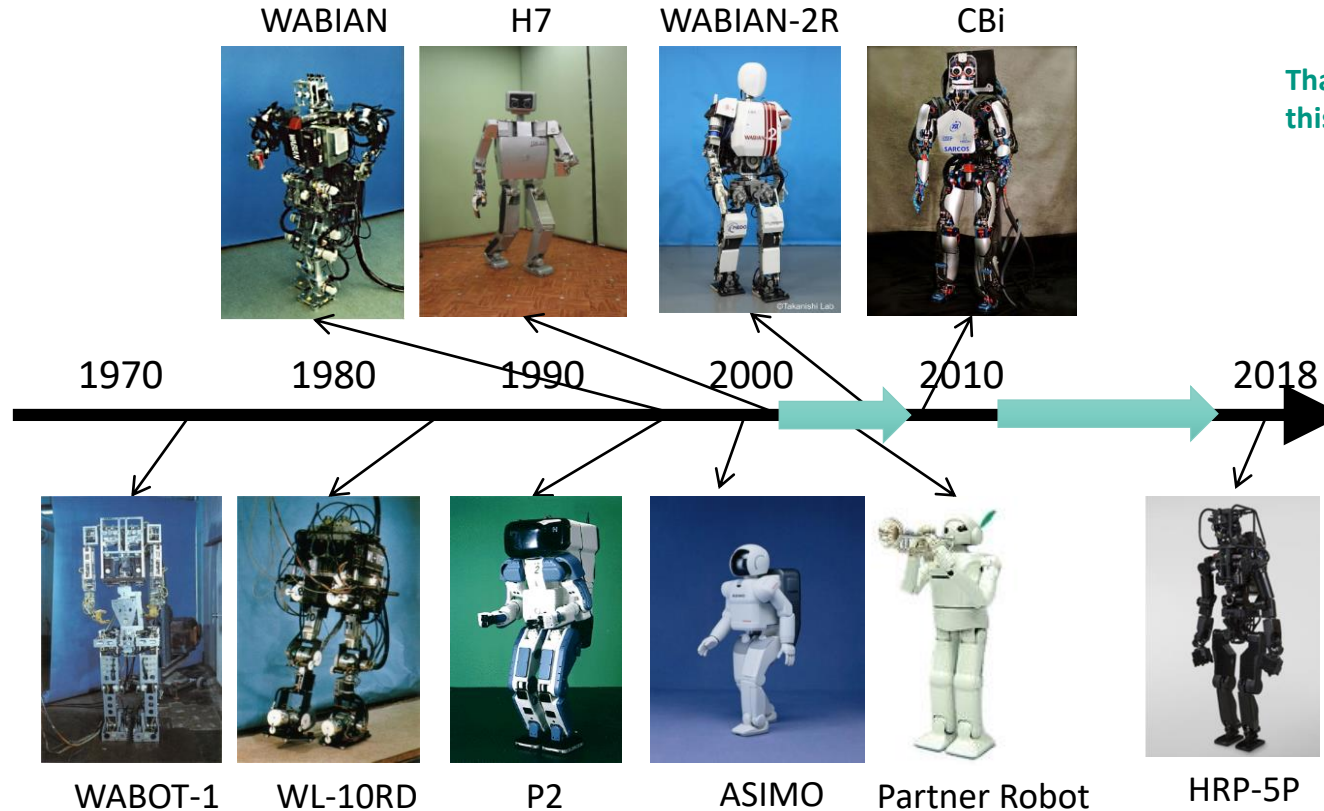
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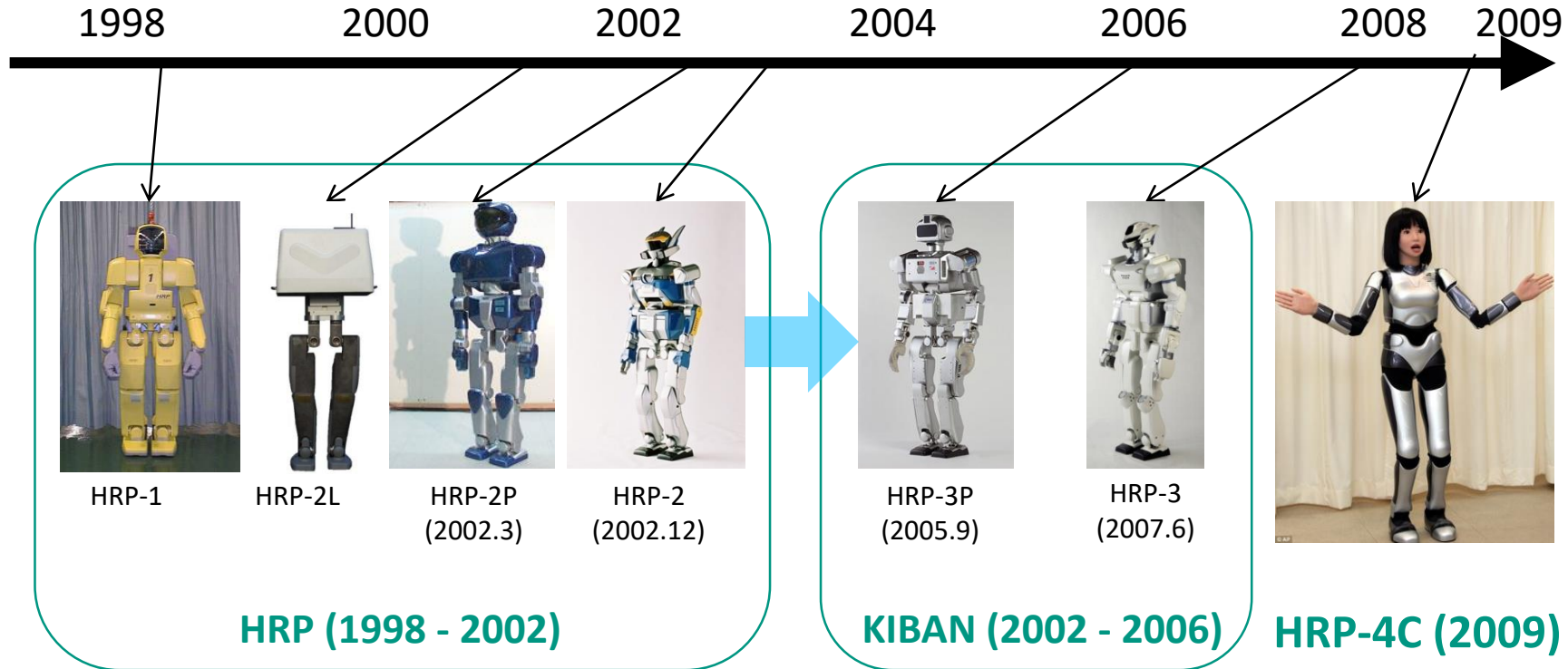
Ogura et al., "Human-like Walking with Knee Stretched, Heel-contact and Toe-off Motion by a Humanoid Robot", *IROS* (2006)

History of Humanoid Robotics in Japan

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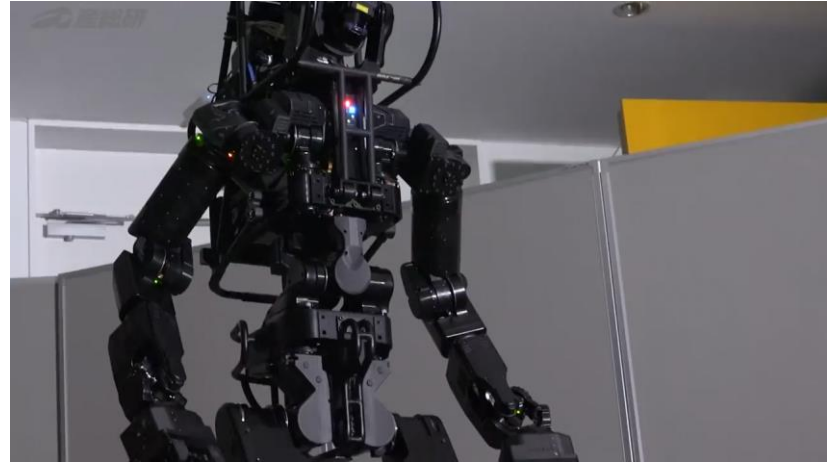
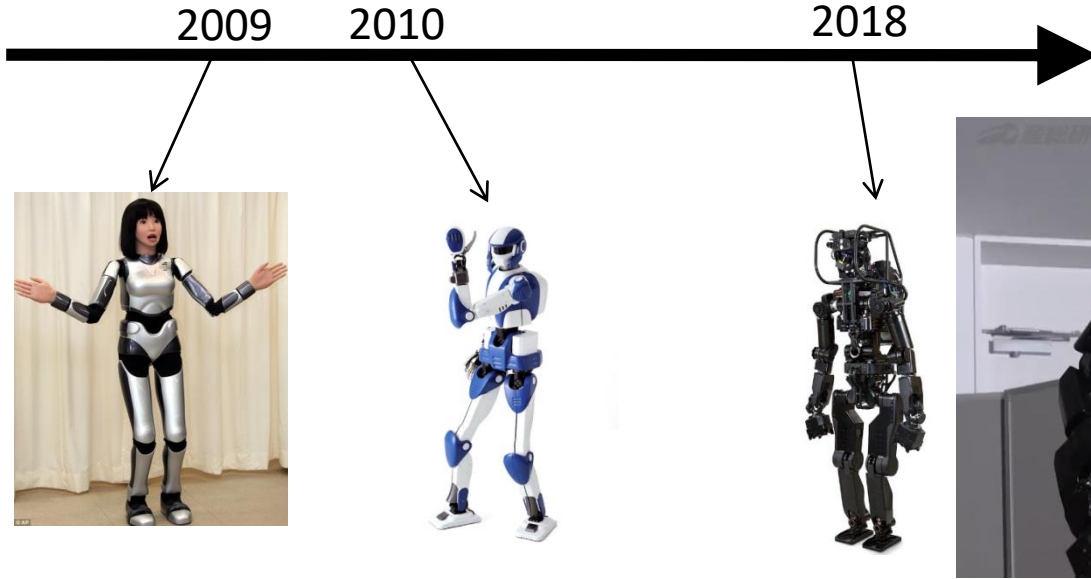
HRP Series: From HRP-1 to HRP-4C



AIST: <http://www.is.aist.go.jp/humanoid>

HRP = Humanoid Robotics Project

HRP Series: From HRP-4C to HRP-5P



HRP-4C (2009)

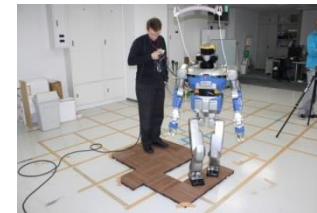
HRP-4 (2010)

HRP-5P (2018)

HRP-2 (2002)

HRP = Humanoid Robotics Project

- Developed by **Kawada Industries** (Japan), together with the Humanoid Research Group of **National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology** (AIST)
- In use in research labs worldwide
- Research areas include:
 - Walking (on uneven surfaces)
 - footstep planning
 - Tipping-over control
 - Grasping and manipulation
 - Human-interactive operations
- Height: 154 cm
- Weight: 58 kg
- 30 DoF



Kawada Industries: <https://global.kawada.jp/>

HRP-2 – Motion Planning and Control



Walking on uneven terrain

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IWG3dt9HELw>

Standing up and panel assembly



Walking through a wall (at LAAS)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x0ASF0kd4I8>



HRP-2 – Human Motion Retargeting



Dancing

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6hLcz-c1Y-M>



Humanoids 2005

Specifications of HRP-2



<https://robots.ieee.org/robots/hrp2/>

Dimensions	Height	1,540 [mm]
	Width	600 [mm]
	Depth	340 [mm]
Weight inc. batteries		58 [kg]
D.O.F.		Total 30 D.O.F.
	Head	2 D.O.F.
	Arm	2 Arms x 6 D.O.F.
	Hand	2 Hands x 1 D.O.F.
	Waist	2 D.O.F.
	Leg	2 Legs x 6 D.O.F.
Walking Speed		up to 2.0 [km/h]

Specifications of HRP-3



Dimensions	Height	1,606 [mm]
	Width	693 [mm]
	Depth	410 [mm]
Weight inc. batteries		68[kg]
D.O.F.		Total 42 D.O.F.
	Head	2 D.O.F.
	Arm	2 Arms x 7 D.O.F.
	Hand	2 Hands x 6 D.O.F.
	Waist	2 D.O.F.
	Leg	2 Legs x 6 D.O.F.

HRP-4C (2009) – Mimicking Human Movement

- Developed by **Kawada Industries**
- Shape and joints based on the 1997/1998 Japanese body dimension database
 - Average figure of a young Japanese female, realistic head
- Capabilities:
 - Human-like motion
 - Speech and ambient sound recognition
 - Singing, Dancing
 - Mimicking human facial and head movements
- Possible applications:
 - Entertainment industry
 - Human simulator for evaluation of devices
- Parameters
 - Height: 170 cm
 - Weight: 43 kg
 - 42 DoF



Specifications of HRP-4C



Height	1,580 [mm]	
Weight inc. batteries	43 [kg]	
D.O.F.	Total 42 D.O.F.	
	Face	8 D.O.F.
	Neck	3 D.O.F.
	Arm	2 Arms $\times$ 6 D.O.F.
	Hand	2 Hands $\times$ 2 D.O.F.
	Waist	3 D.O.F.
	Leg	2 Legs $\times$ 6 D.O.F.
CPUs	Motion Controller	Pentium® M 1.6 [GHz]
	Speech Recognition	VIA C7® 1.0 [GHz]
Sensors	Joints	Incremental Encoder
	Sole	6-axes Force Sensor
	Body	Posture Sensor
	Head	Receiver of Bluetooth® Microphone
Batteries	NiMH DC 48V	

See also: <https://robots.ieee.org/robots/hrp4c/>

HRP2 and HRP-4C

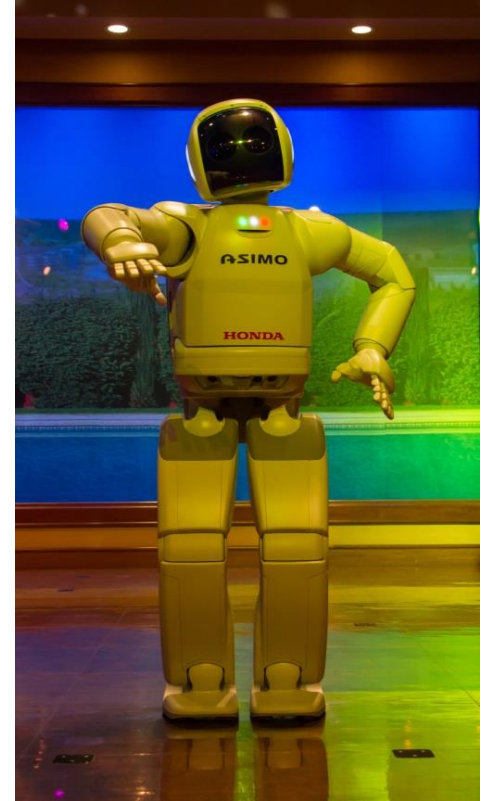


https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_migLQ802Go



ASIMO

- Developed by Honda
- Asimo is acronym for: *Advanced Step in Innovative Mobility*
 - Also: *asi* (jap. *tomorrow*), *mo* (jap. *mobility*)
 - Japanese pronunciation: *ashimo* (jap. *also legs*)
- Capabilities:
 - Bipedal locomotion
 - Motion resembles human walking motion
- First generation introduced in 2000
- Latest generation (2014)
 - Weight: 50 kg
 - Height: 130 cm
 - 57 DoF



ASIMO

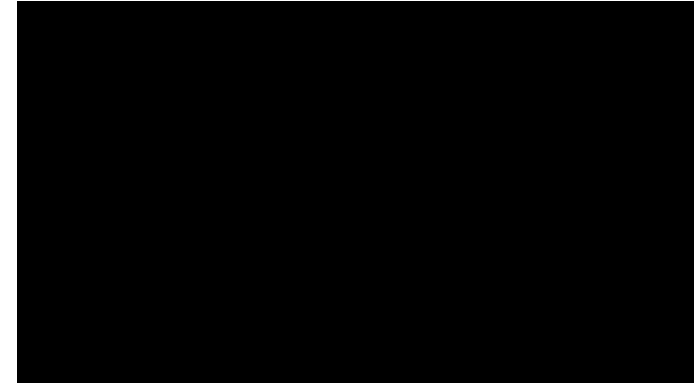
Honda Robots, Japan

1986



<http://world.honda.com/ASIMO/history/history.html>

2000



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8psxACU1oSc>

ASIMO, Nov. 2011



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bmg1bk_Op64

<http://asimo.honda.com>

Toyota Partner Robot

- Series of humanoid robots **starting in 2000**
- Latest version (2012):
 - Human Support Robot (HSR)
 - Able to pick up objects from tables and floor
 - Controllable via tablet PC
 - Height: 2.7 - 4.3 feet
 - Weight: 70 lbs
 - Speed: 1.8 mph
 - Visual sensors: Prosense (MS Kinect) and stereo cameras



From left to right: the walking type playing the trumpet, the wire type, i-Foot, TPR-ROBINA



Toyota Gets Back Into Humanoid Robots With New T-HR3

It's been about a decade, but Toyota is finally doing humanoid robots again

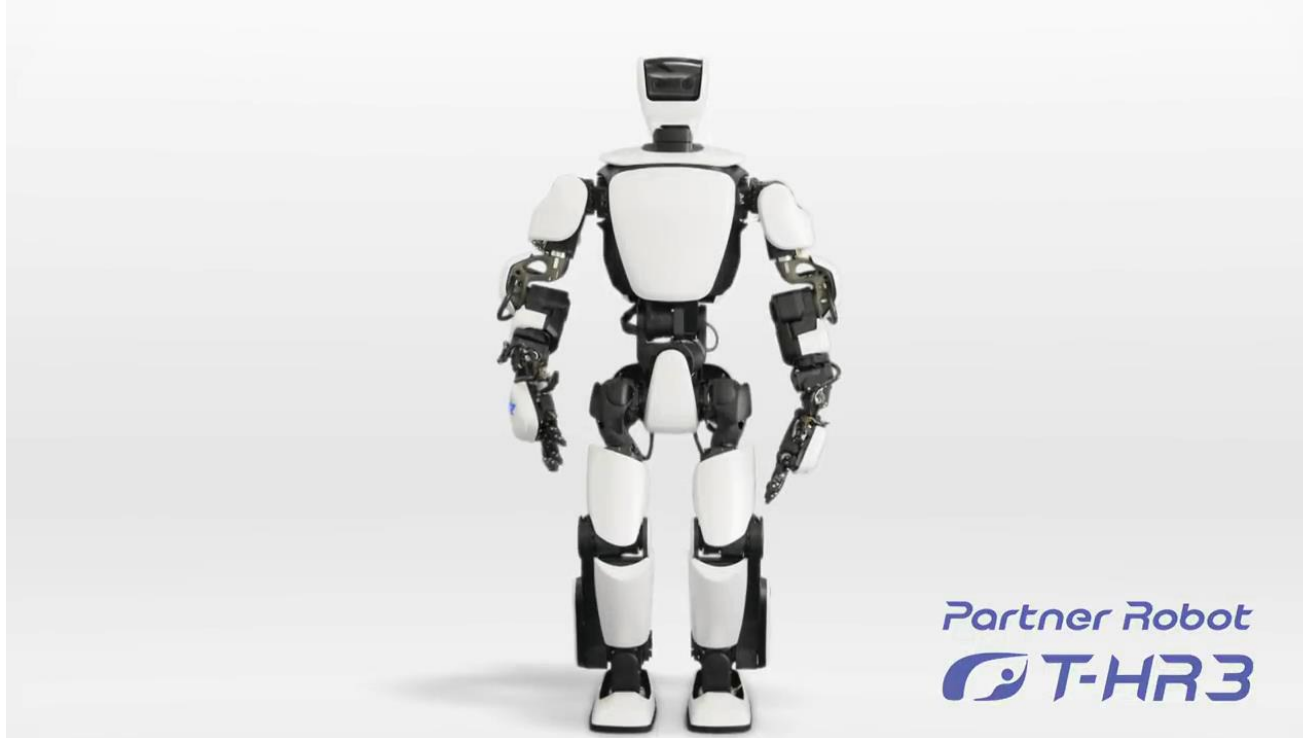
By **Evan Ackerman**



Image: Toyota

It's 1.5-meter tall, weighs 75 kilograms, and has 32 degrees of torque-controlled freedom plus a pair of 10 fingered hands. At first glance, it appears to be very capable, with excellent balance and coordination, and Toyota has decided to **approach autonomy by keeping a human in the loop** inside of a sophisticated, immersive "Master Maneuvering System."

Toyotas T-HR3 (Nov. 2017)



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Sony: SDR-3X, QRIO



Sony Dream Robot (SDR-3X)

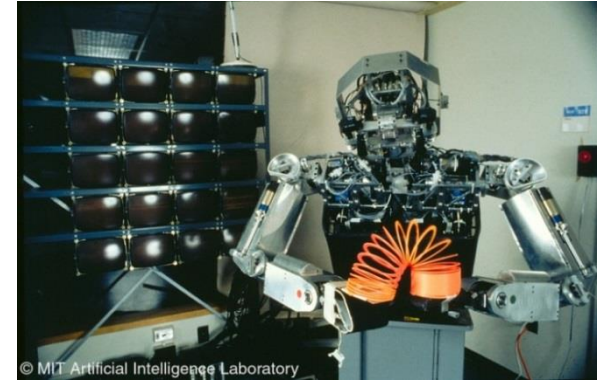


QRIO (until 2006)

<https://www.sony.net/SonyInfo/CorporateInfo/History/sonyhistory-j.html>

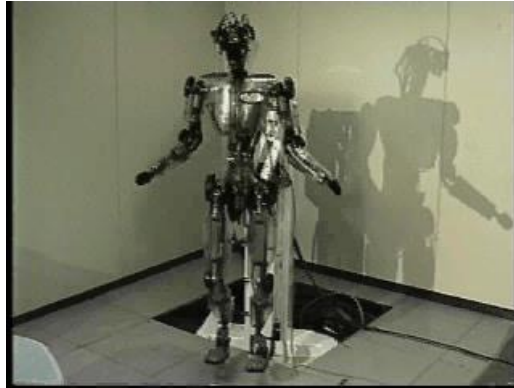
Cog – Cognition Information Processing

- MIT (Prof. Rodney Brooks)
- Developed 1994 - 2003
- Torso with head and arms
- Goal: Cognitive information processing
- Capabilities:
 - Recognition of people and objects
 - Learns how to move by handling objects.
- 22 DoF:
 - 6-DoF arms (2x)
 - 3-DoF torso
 - 4-DoF neck
 - 3-DoF eyes

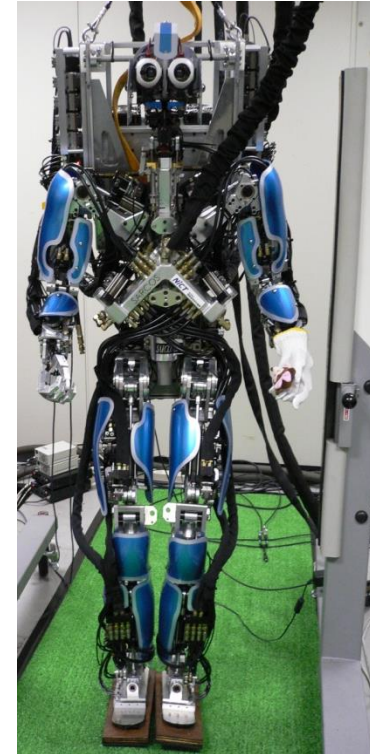
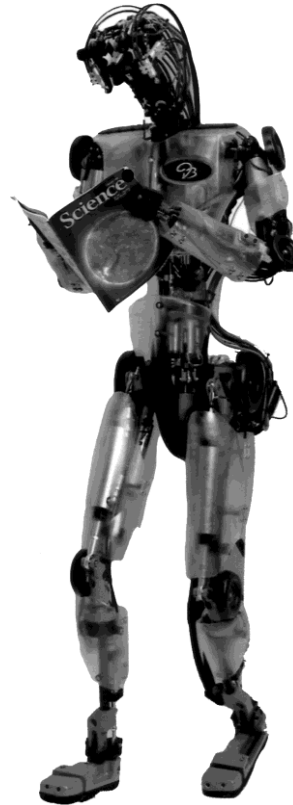


<http://www.ai.mit.edu/projects/humanoid-robotics-group/cog/overview.html>

Sarcos Robots at ATR – Study Cognition



DB (Dynamic Brain)



CB (Computational Brain)

Ocean One – Haptic-based Interaction

- **Stanford** Robotics Lab team led by **Oussama Khatib**
- **Bimanual underwater humanoid robot** with haptic feedback
- “Robotic Avatar”: Allows human pilots to explore the depths of the oceans
- Explored the wreck of “La Lune”, the flagship of Louis XIV, 100 meters below the Mediterranean in 2016



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TGXOs_aHPt4



<http://khatib.stanford.edu/ocean-one.html>

Robonaut – Humanoids for Space Applications

■ NASA

- Introduced in 2002
- Objectives:
 - High dexterity, ability to use tools
 - Robot should work together with astronauts
 - Tele-operation
- Two generations: R1 and R2
- Several lower bodies
- One robot was in operation on the International Space Station
- 42 DoF
- More than 350 sensors

<https://robonaut.jsc.nasa.gov/r2/>



NASA Valkyrie – Space Applications

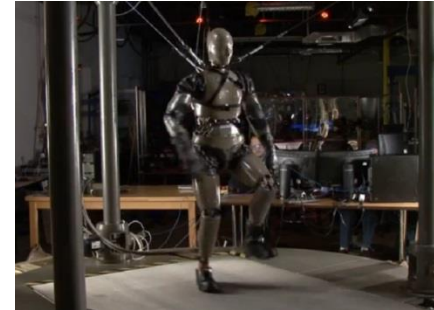
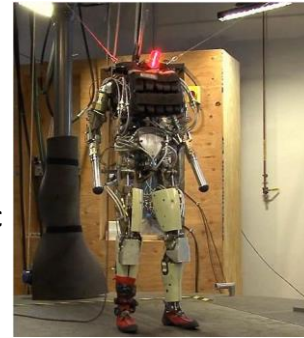
- NASA
- Introduced in 2013
- R5 aka Valkyrie
- Objectives:
 - Missions before humans arrive on a planet (i.e. Mars)
 - Work together with human teams (astronauts)
- Parameters
 - 187 cm
 - 129 kg
 - 44 DoF
- Participated in DARPA Robotics Challenge Trials



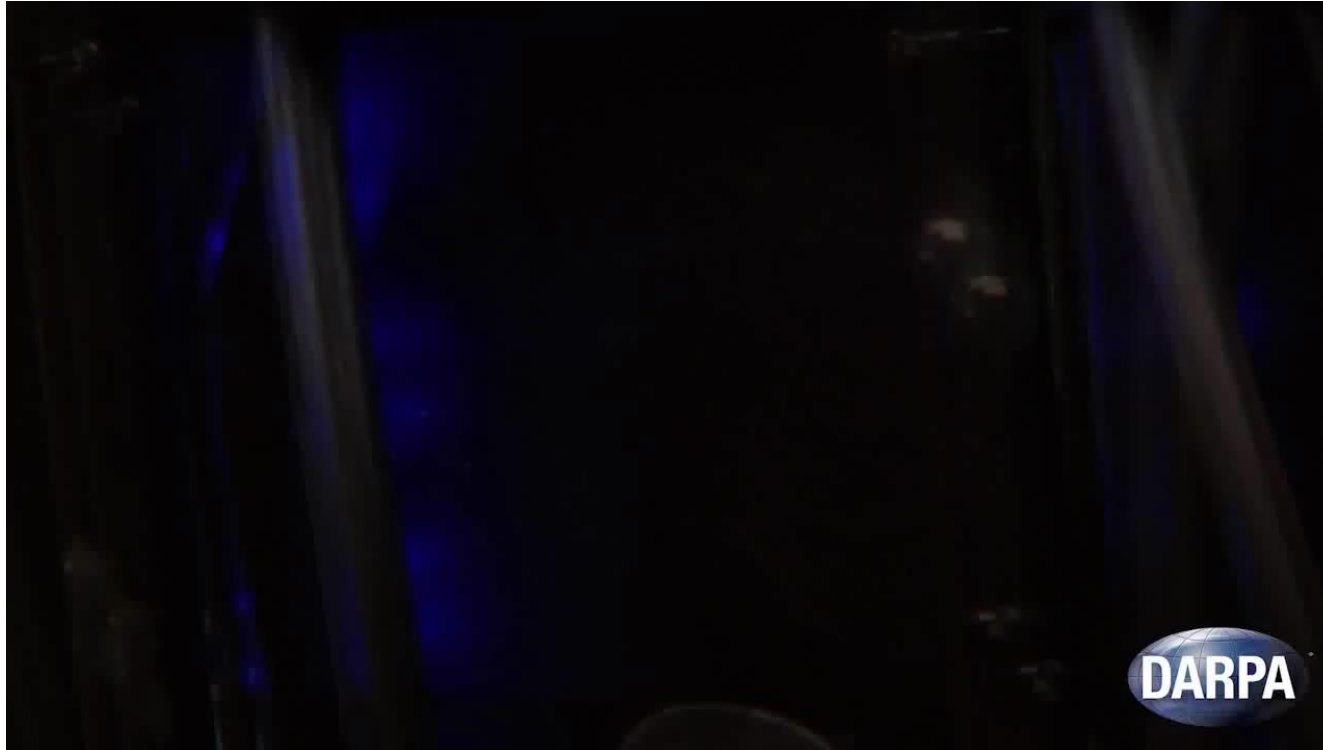
<https://www.nasa.gov/>

Petman (DARPA, Boston Dynamics)

- Acronym for: Protection Ensemble Test Mannequin
- Developed by **Boston Dynamics** for the US army, funded by DARPA
- Introduced 2010
 - Humanoid robot for testing chemical protection suits for soldiers
 - Simulation how a soldier stresses protective clothing under realistic conditions.
- Capabilities:
 - Walking and balancing, bending and doing a variety of suit-stressing calisthenics during exposure to chemical warfare agents
 - Simulation of human physiology within the protective suit by controlling temperature, humidity and sweating
- Height: 175 cm, Weight: 80 kg

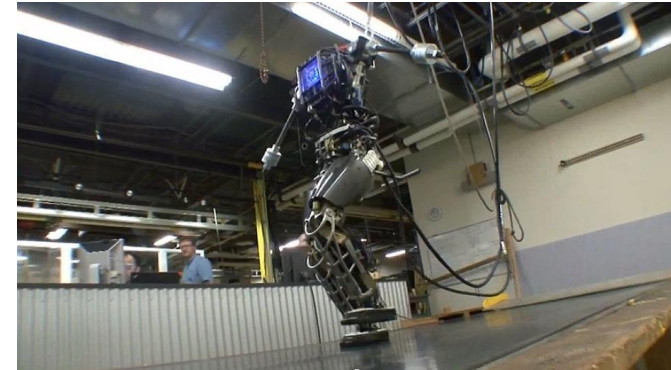


Petman (DARPA, Boston Dynamics)



Atlas (DARPA, Boston Dynamics)

- Developed by **Boston Dynamics** for the US army, funded by DARPA, introduced 2013, based on Petman
- Capabilities:
 - Bipedal walking, leaving the upper limbs free to lift, carry and manipulate.
 - In challenging terrain, Atlas can climb using hands and feet.
- Some goals to achieve at **DARPA Robotics Challenge** 2015:
 - getting in and out of a vehicle; driving it; opening a door; using a power tool
- Intended for **search and rescue tasks**
- Parameters
 - Height: 180 cm
 - Weight: 150 kg
 - 28 DoF



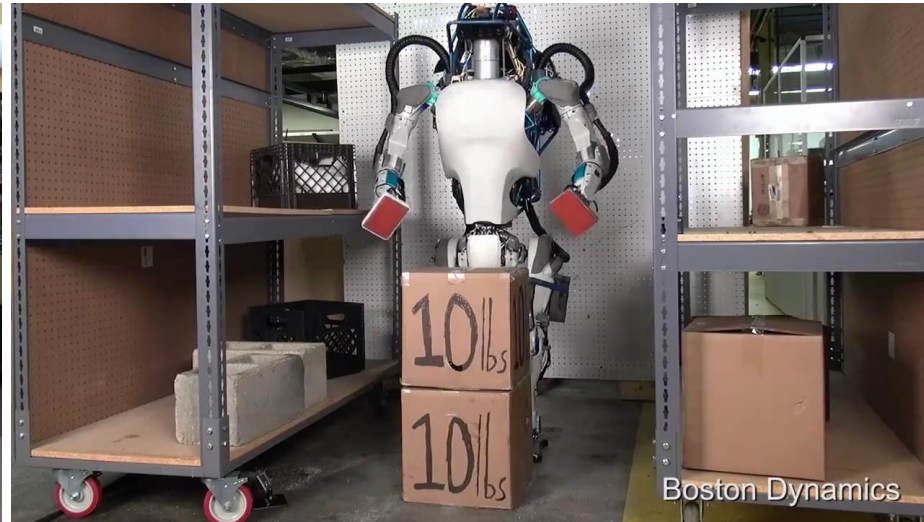
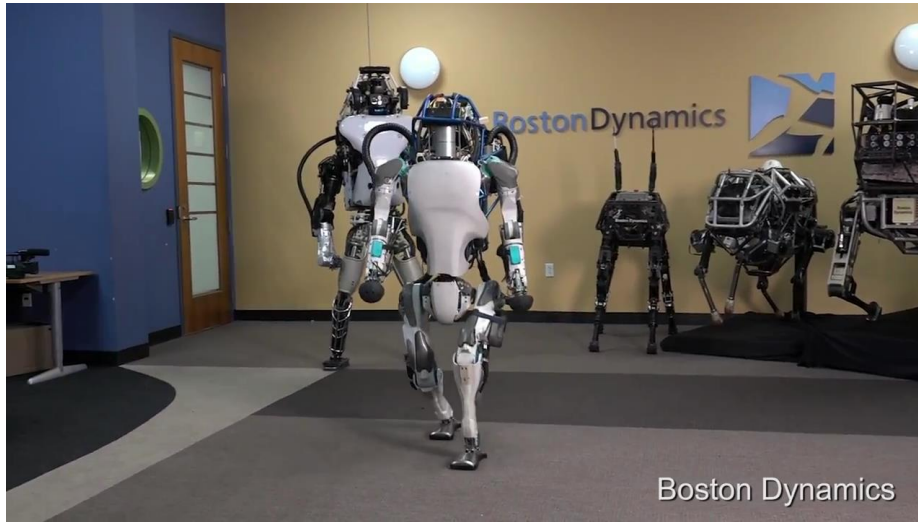
Atlas at MIT (2013)



Boston Dynamics, August 15, 2015

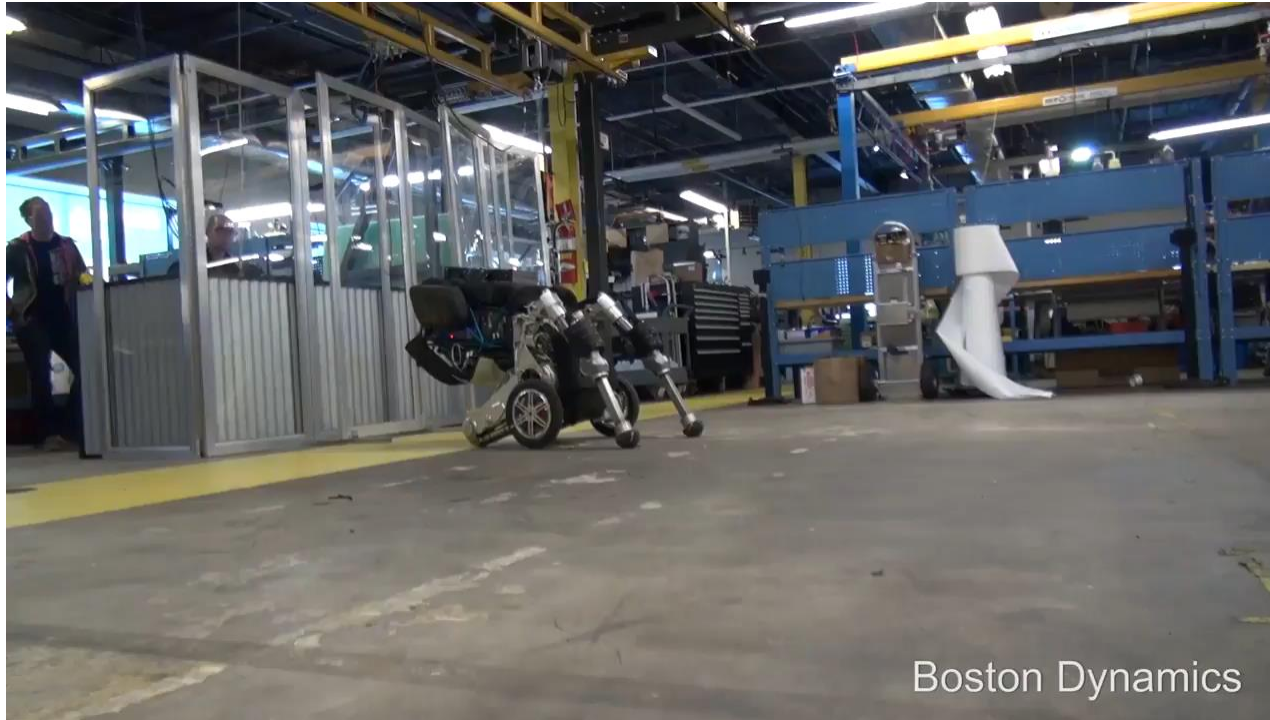


Boston Dynamics Atlas, February 2016



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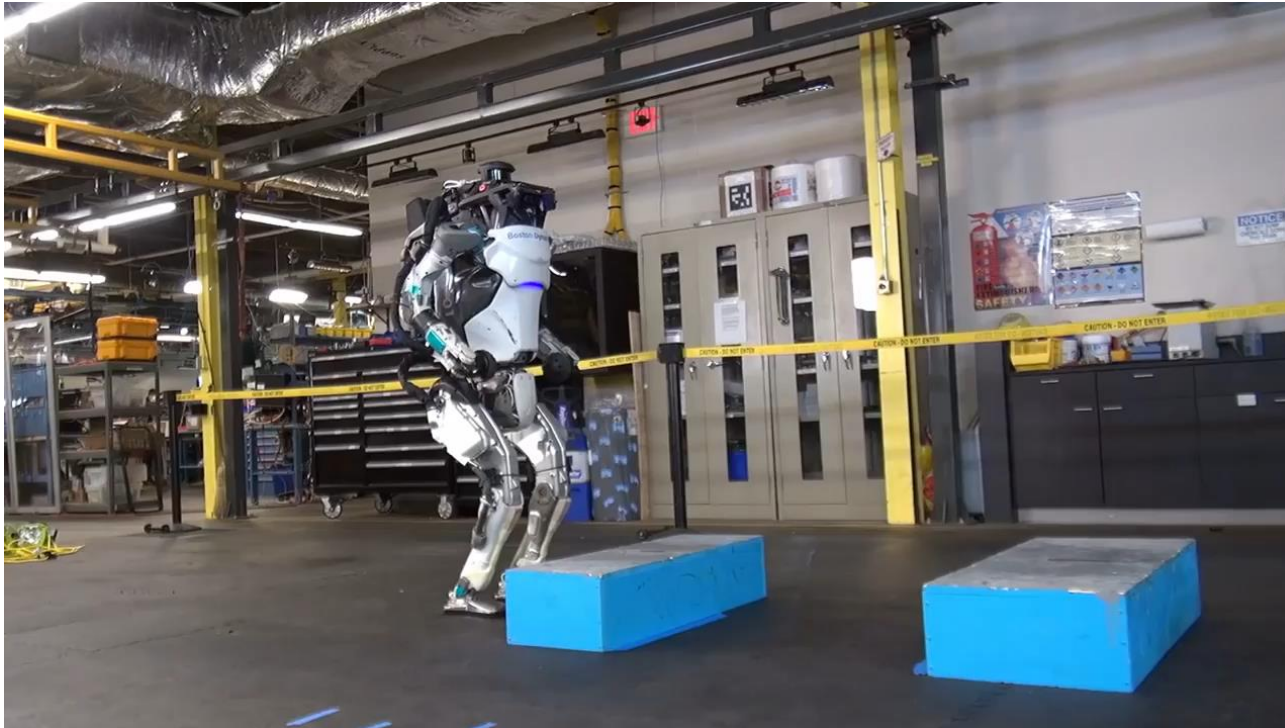
Boston Dynamics Handle (Feb. 2017)



Boston Dynamics

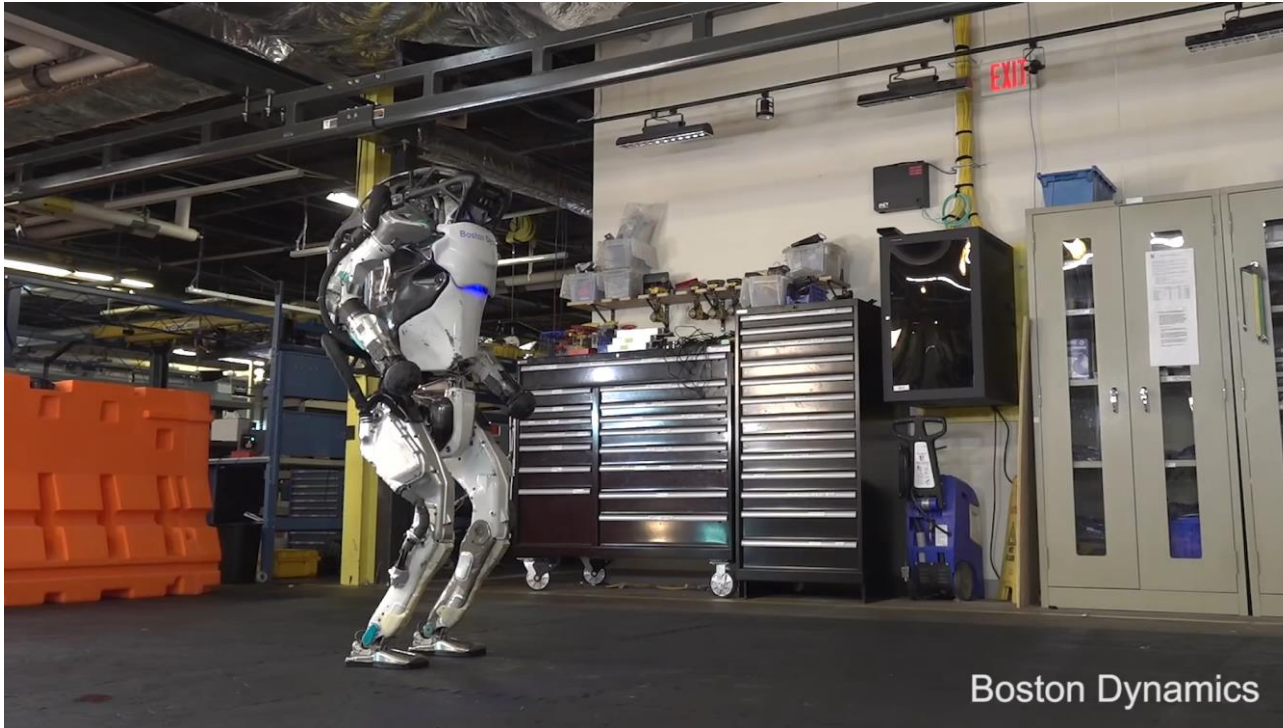
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Boston Dynamics Atlas (Sep. 2019)



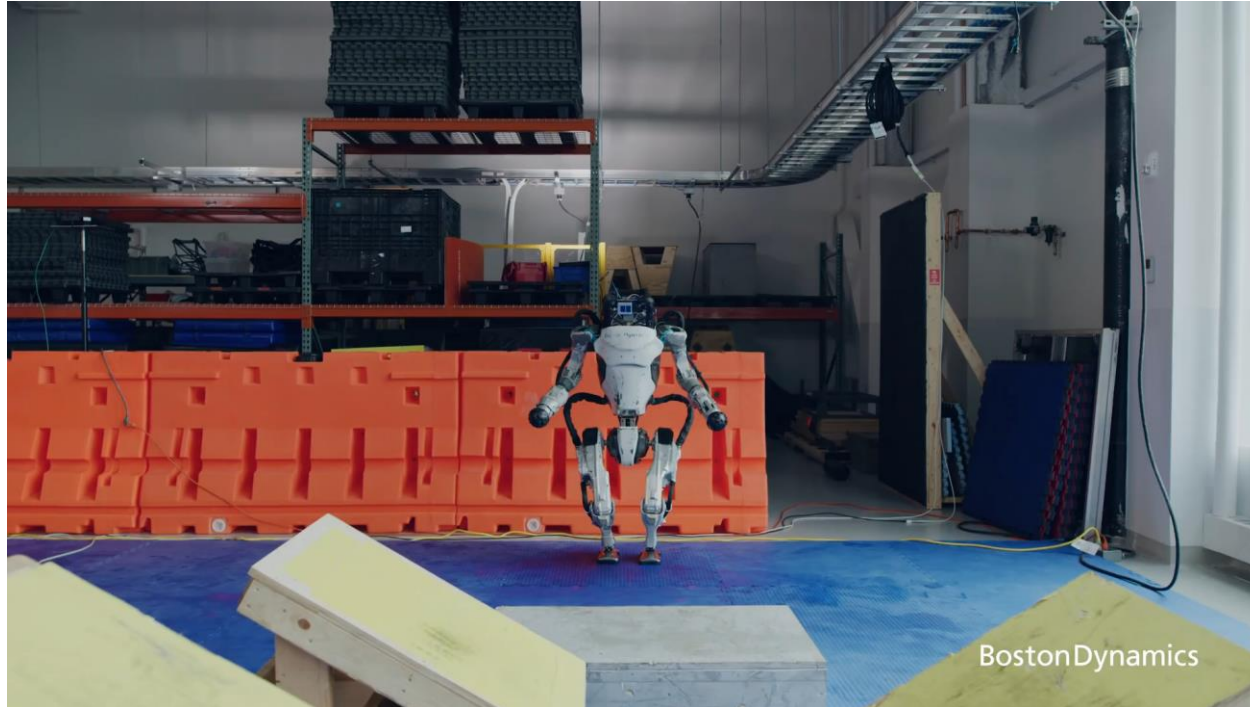
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Boston Dynamics Atlas (Dec. 2020)



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Agility Robotics DIGIT – Humanoids as Workforce



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Halodi Robotics EVer3 – Household



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Baking Gingerbread Cookies



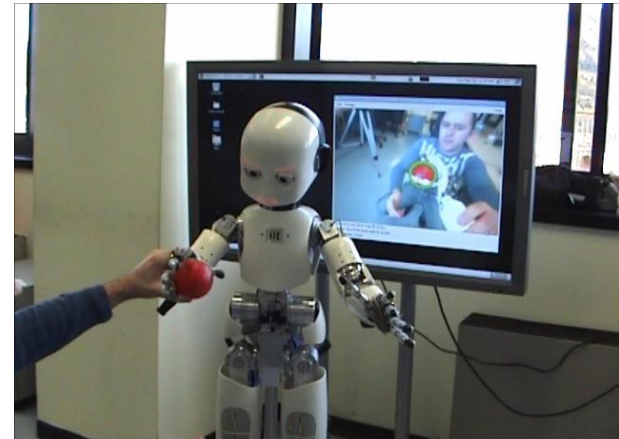
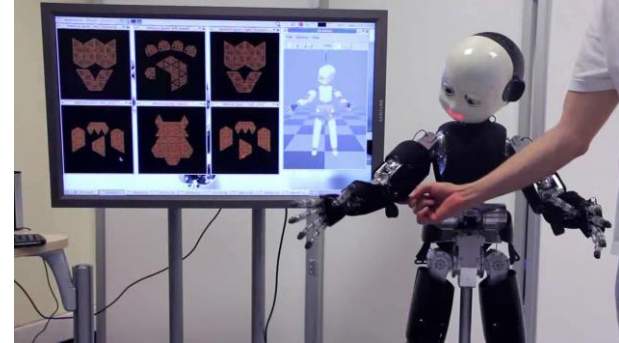
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Carry a Box

iCub – Study Cognition

- Acronym for *Cognitive Universal Body*
- Development 2004 - today
- Designed by RobotCub Consortium of several European universities
- Built by **Italian Institute of Technology** (IIT)
- Dimensions similar to a 3 year old child
- Research interests:
 - Research on human cognition and artificial intelligence
 - Embodied cognition hypothesis: Human-like manipulation plays a vital role in the development of human cognition
 - The robot was designed to test this hypothesis by allowing cognitive learning scenarios to be acted out by an accurate reproduction of the perceptual system and articulation of a small child so that it could interact with the world in the same way that such a child does.
- Height: 100 cm, Weight: 22 kg, 53 DoF

<https://www.iit.it/research/facilities/icub-tech>





iCub is an **open source** international endeavour initially funded by the EU project **RobotCub**

- a full humanoid robot
- is 104cm, weighs 22 kg
- has 53 degrees of freedom
- can crawl, sit and manipulate
- open design as LGPL/GPL



Nao – Education and Entertainment

- Developed by **Aldebaran Robotics**, France (Now SoftBank Robotics)
- Introduced 2008, Nao Next Gen 2011
- Capabilities
 - Bipedal walking
 - Getting up from the floor
 - Facial and shape recognition
- Usage
 - Research and education
 - RoboCup robot soccer competitions
- Sensors
 - Ultrasound
 - HD Stereo cameras
- Height: 58 cm; Weight: 4.3 kg; 21 to 25 DoF



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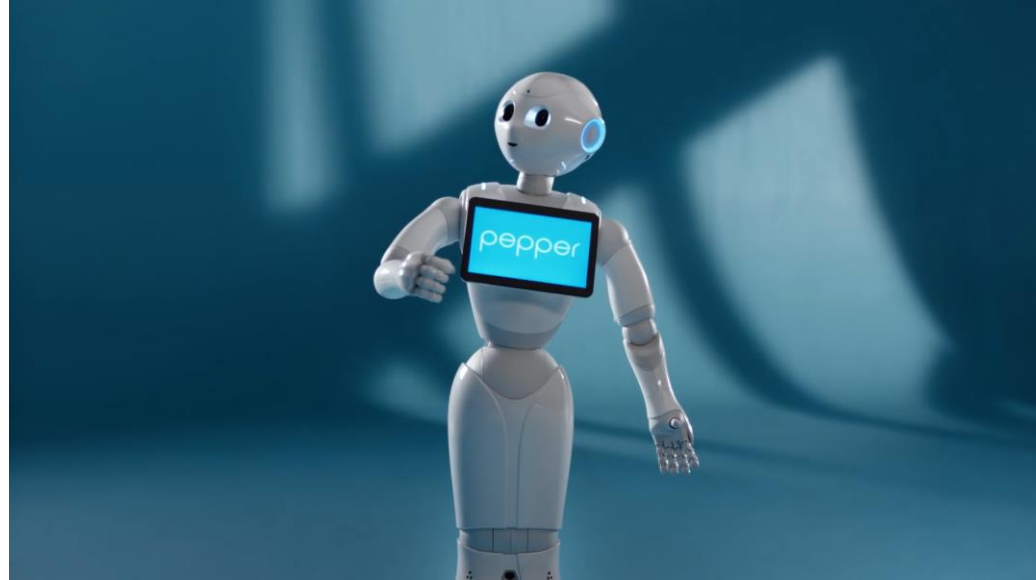


<https://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/RoboCup>

Nao (2012)



Pepper – Social Interaction, Education, Entertainment



<https://www.softbankrobotics.com/us/pepper>



REEM-C



REEM

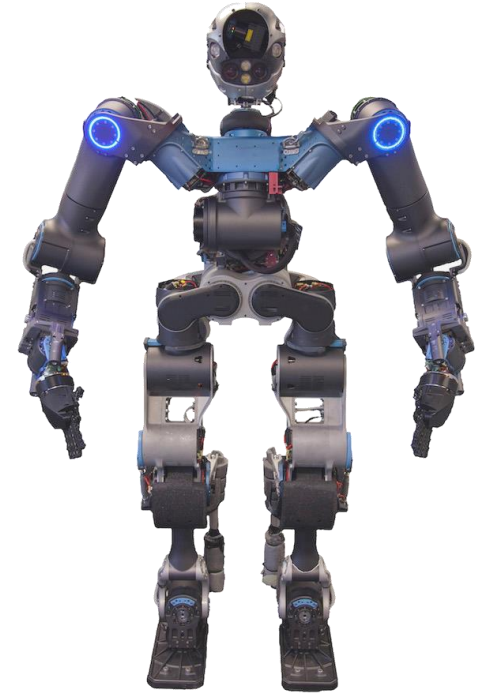


TALOS

<http://pal-robotics.com/robot/>

WALK-MAN – Mechatronics and Whole-Body Control

- Robot for disaster response; whole-body locomotion and manipulation
- Hardware was developed at IIT (Italian Institute of Technology) and University of Pisa
- 33 Degrees of Freedom (DoF):
 - 2 DoF neck
 - 2x7 DoF Arms
 - 3 DoF waist
 - 2 underactuated soft hands actuated by a single motor each
 - 2x6 DoF Legs
- Height: 185 cm; Weight: 118 kg
- Its first version was presented in 2015, the new version with a more powerful and lighter upper body in 2018.
- WALK-MAN participated in the DARPA Robotics Challenge



<https://archive.darpa.mil/roboticschallenge/finalist/walk-man.html>

KHR and HUBO

- Developed by the **Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology** (KAIST) and released on January 6, 2005
- Voice recognition and synthesis faculties
- Sophisticated vision in which its two eyes move independently of one another



	KHR-0 (2001)	KHR-1 (2002)	KHR-2 (2004)	HUBO (KHR-3) (2005)	Albert HUBO (2005)	HUBO 2 (KHR-4) (2008)	HUBO 2 Plus (2011)
Weight	29 kg	48 kg	56 kg	56 kg	57 kg	45 kg ^[3]	43 kg
Height	110 cm	120 cm	120 cm	125 cm	137 cm	125 cm	130 cm
Walking speed	-	1.0 km/h	1.2 km/h	1.25 km/h	1.25 km/h	1.5 km/h	1.5 km/h
Continuous operating time	-	-	-	60 minutes	60 minutes	120 minutes	120 minutes
Degrees of Freedom	12	21	41	41	66	40	38

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/HUBO>



DRC HUBO: Winner of the DRC

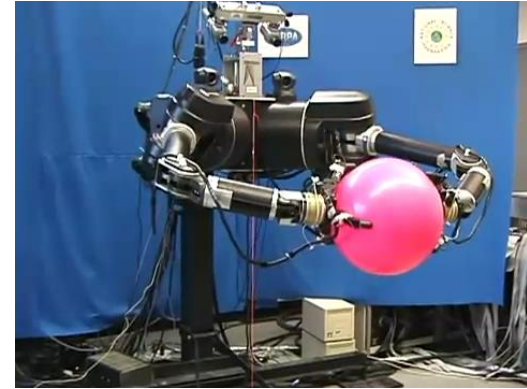


Dexter and uBot

■ University of Massachusetts

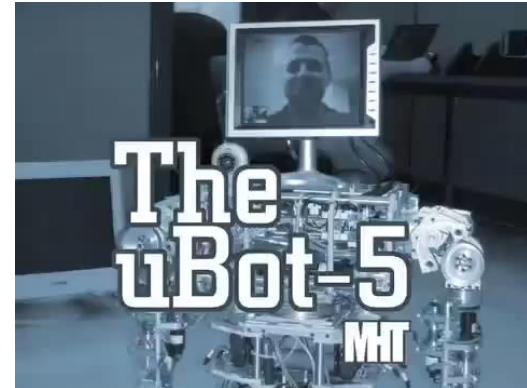
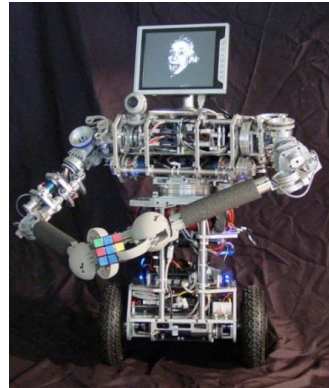
■ Dexter

- Bi-manual dexterity
- Acquisition of concepts and cognitive representations from interaction with the world



■ uBot

- Mobile manipulation



Justin and Toro – Mechatronics and Compliant Control

- Deutsches Zentrum für Luft- und Raumfahrt (DLR)
- Advanced mechatronics and compliance control

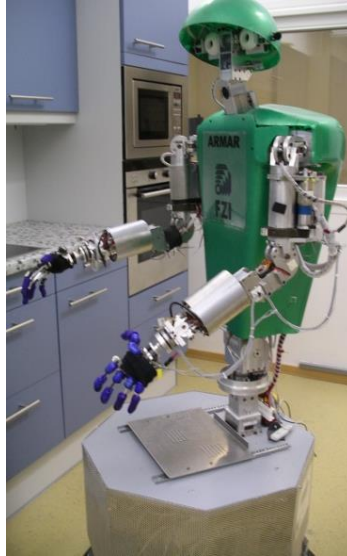


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The ARMAR Humanoid Family



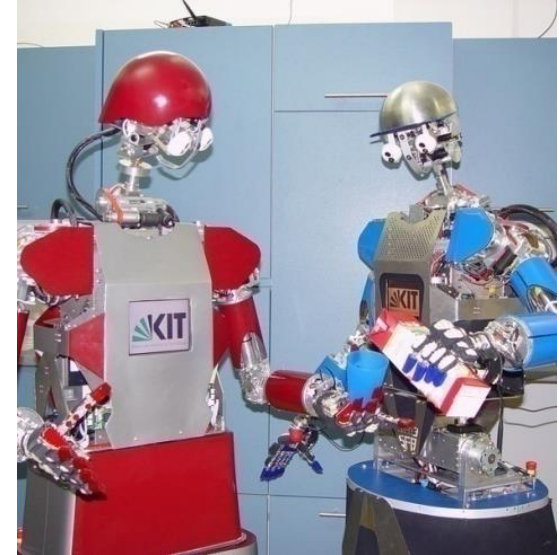
ARMAR
2000



ARMAR-II
2002



ARMAR-IIIa
2006



ARMAR-IIIb
2008

The ARMAR Humanoid Family



ARMAR-4
2011

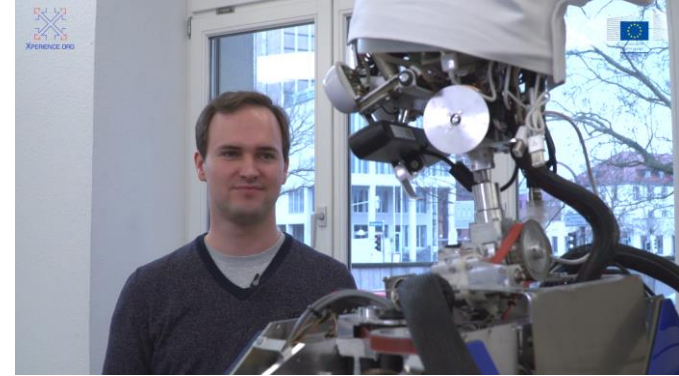


ARMAR-6
2017

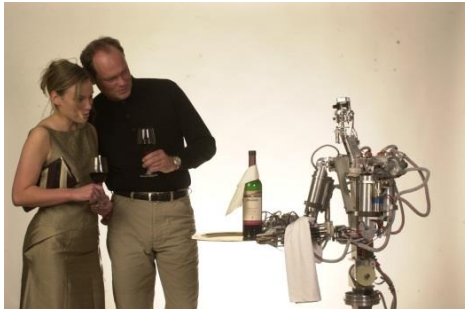
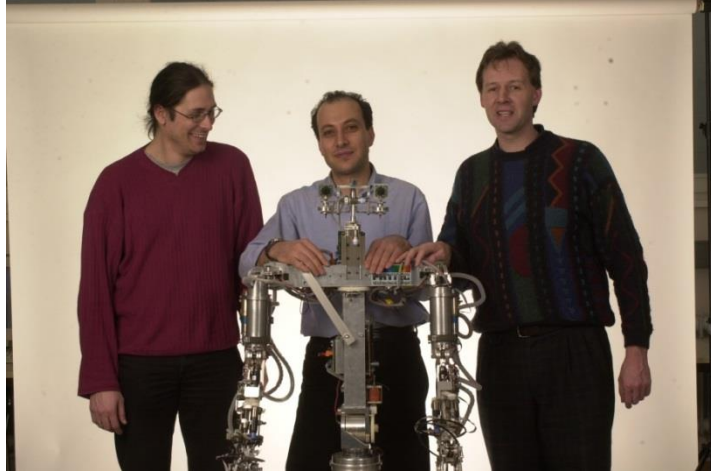
The ARMAR Humanoid Family

- Engineering Humanoids
- Grasping and manipulation
- Learning from human observation

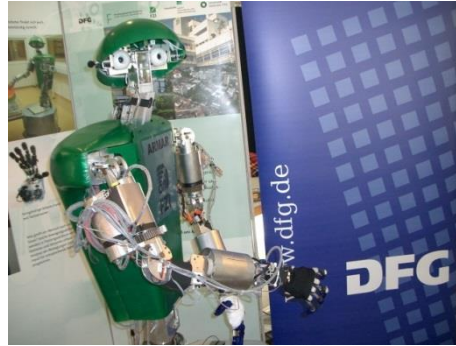
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ARMAR-I (1999 – 2004)



ARMAR-II (2003 – 2007)



ARMAR-IIIa and ARMAR-IIIb (2006 – Today)

■ 7 DoF head with foveated vision

- 2 cameras in each eye
- 6 microphones

■ 7 DoF arms

- Position, velocity and torque sensors
- 6D FT-Sensors
- Sensitive Skin

■ 8 DoF hands

- Pneumatic actuators
- Weight 250g
- Holding force 2,5 kg

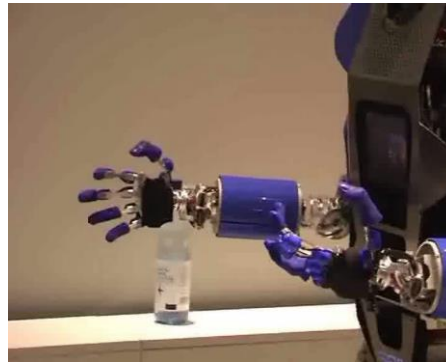
■ 3 DoF torso

- 2 Embedded PCs
- 10 DSP/FPGA Units

■ Holonomic mobile platform

- 3 laser scanner
- 3 Embedded PCs
- 2 Batteries

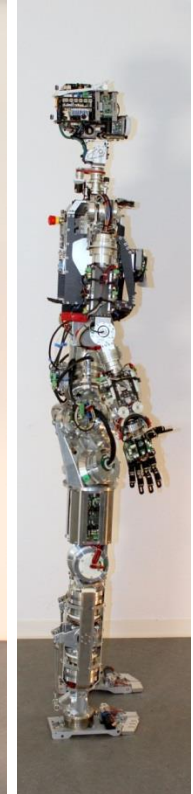
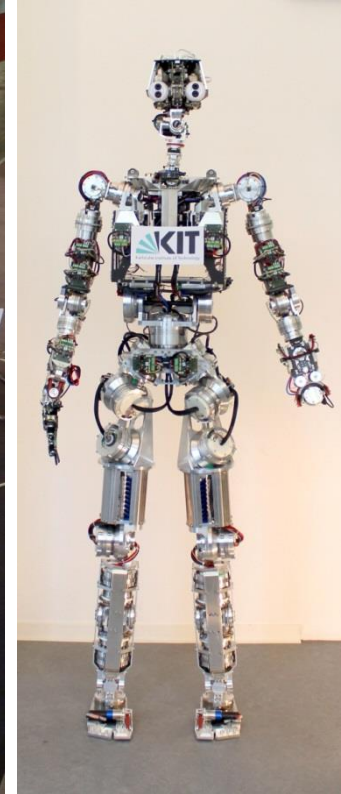
■ Weight: 150 kg



Fully integrated humanoid system

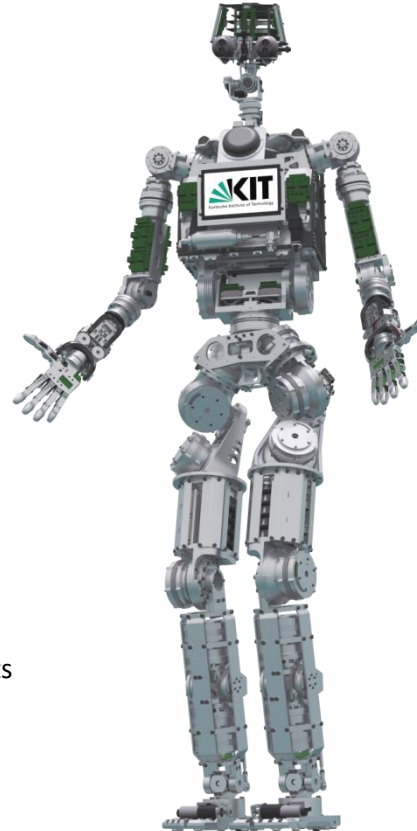
ARMAR-4 (2011 - Today)

- 63 DoF
- 170 cm
- 70 kg
- Torque-controlled!



ARMAR-4: Mechano-Informatics

- Torque controlled
- 3 on-board embedded PCs
- 76 Microcontroller
- 6 CAN Buses
- 63 DoF
 - 41 electrically-driven
 - 22 pneumatically-driven (Hand)
- 238 Sensors
 - 4 Cameras
 - 6 Microphones
 - 4 6D-force-torque sensors
 - 2 IMUs
 - 128 position (incremental and absolute), torque and temperature sensors in arm, leg and hip joints
 - 18 position (incremental and absolute) sensors in head joints
 - 14 load cells in the feet
 - 22 encoders in hand joints
 - 20 pressure sensors in hand actuators
 - ...



ARMAR-4

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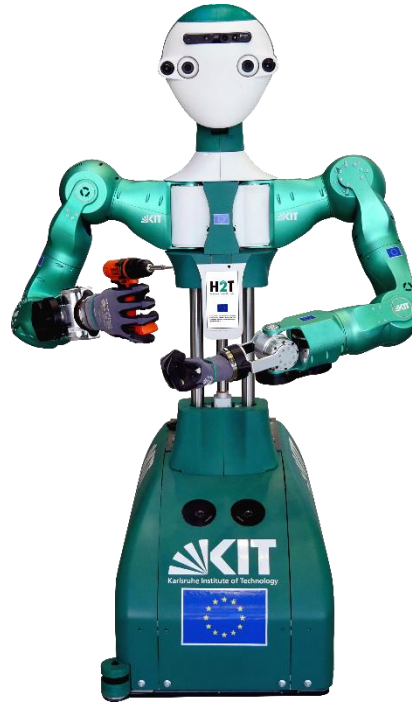
70 kg

170 cm

**More than
mechatronics**

ARMAR-6 (2017 - Today)

- 27 DOF
- 192 cm
- 160 kg
- Torque-controlled!



ARMAR-6: Mechano-Informatics

- Torque controlled
- 4 on-board PCs, 1 GPU
- High-speed EtherCAT bus
- Payload
 - 10 kg per arm (extended arms)
 - 14 kg per arm (middle extension)
- 27 DOF
 - 8 DOF arms (2x)
 - 2 DOF hands (2x)
 - 2 DOF neck
 - 1 DOF torso (linear joint)
 - 4 mecanum wheels
 - Some joints have continuous rotation
- More than 200 sensors
 - 2 stereo camera systems
 - 1 depth camera
 - Position, torque, temperature and inertia sensors in each joint
 - 2 6D-force-torque sensors
 - 2 laser scanners
 - ...



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160 kg

192 cm

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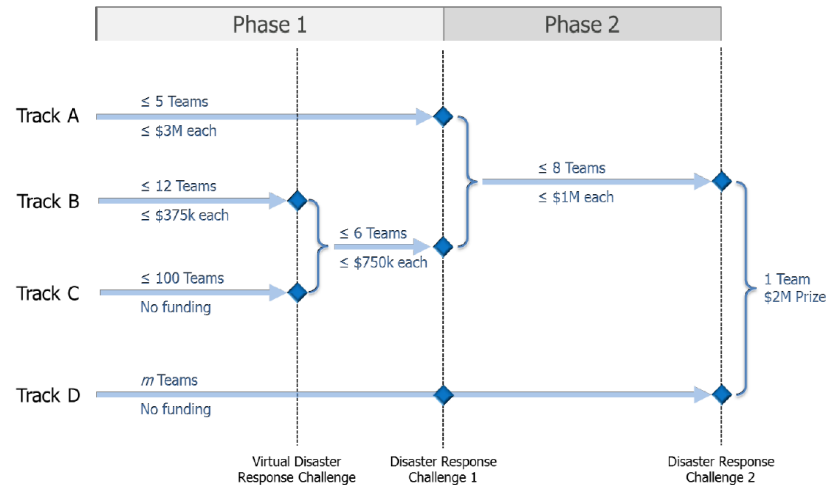


THE DARPA ROBOTICS CHALLENGE (2012-2015)

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/DARPA_Robotics_Challenge

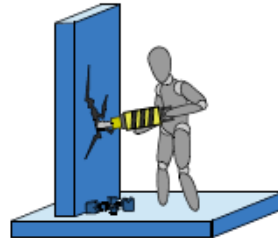
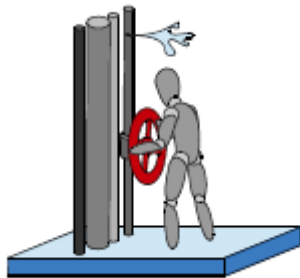
The DARPA Robotics Challenge

- Robot competition funded by the US Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency.
- Held from 2012 to 2015
- **Goal:** develop semi-autonomous ground robots that could do "complex tasks in dangerous, degraded, human-engineered environments"



The DARPA Robotics Challenge: Tasks

- Drive a utility vehicle
- Climb a 60 degree ship ladder
- Walk through 3 different door types
- Walk over a series of obstacles
- Clear wood and metal debris
- Turn on a drill and cut an opening in a wall
- Mate a hose to a spigot
- Turn 3 different industrial valves



The DARPA Robotics Challenge: Teams (Phase 2)

■ TARTAN RESCUE

- TEAM AERO (Japan)
- TEAM AIST-NEDO (Japan)
- TEAM DRC-HUBO AT UNLV (USA)
- TEAM GRIT (USA)
- TEAM HECTOR (Darmstadt, Germany)
- TEAM HKU (Hong Kong)
- TEAM HRP2-TOKYO

■ TEAM IHMC ROBOTICS

- TEAM INTELLIGENT PIONEER (China)
- TEAM KAIST (South Korea)

■ TEAM MIT

- TEAM NEDO-HYDRA (Japan)

- TEAM NEDO-JSK (Japan)

- TEAM NIMBRO RESCUE (Bonn, Germany)

■ TEAM ROBOSIMIAN

- TEAM ROBOTIS (South Korea)

- TEAM SNU (South Korea)

■ TEAM THOR

■ TEAM TRAC LABS

■ TEAM TROOPER

- TEAM VALOR (USA)

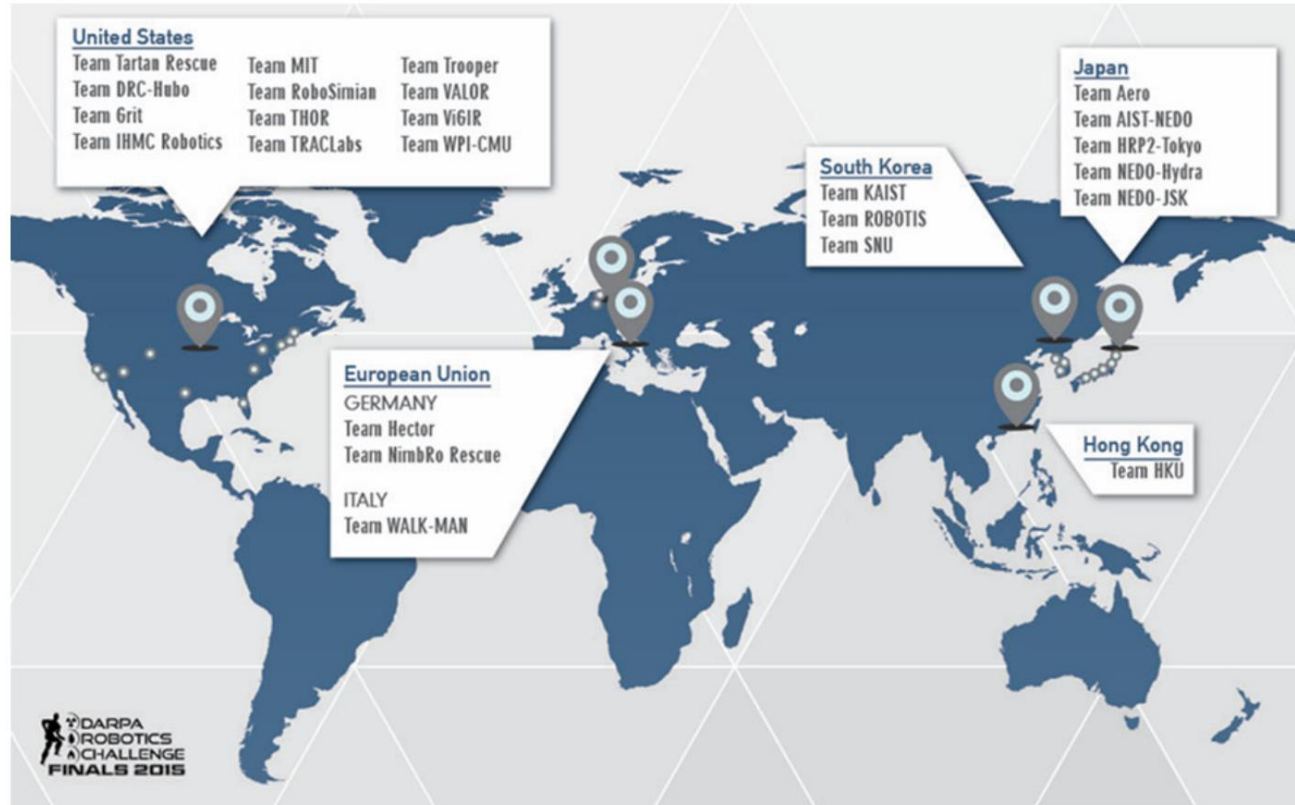
■ TEAM VIGIR

- TEAM WALK-MAN (Italy)

- TEAM WPI-CMU (USA)

Bold: 8 finalists, DARPA funded (Tracks A and B)

The DARPA Robotics Challenge: Teams



The DARPA Robotics Challenge: Finals

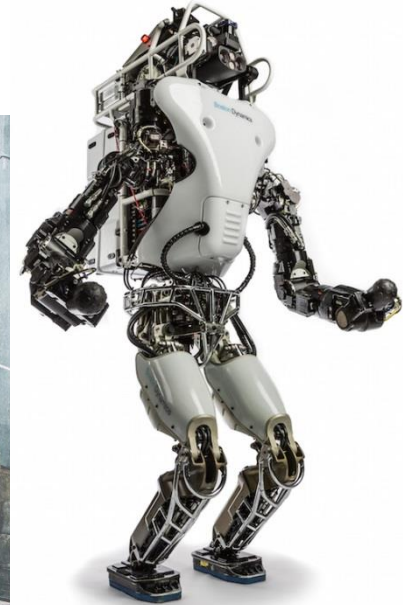
- The DRC finals on June 5-6, 2015 at Fairplex in Pomona, California.
- The event required robots to attempt a circuit of consecutive physical tasks, with degraded communications between the robots and their operators
- 25 of the top robotics organizations in the world gathered to compete for \$3.5 million in prizes as they attempt a simulated disaster-response course.

Winners

Position	Team	Final Score	Time (min)
1	TEAM KAIST	8	44:28
2	TEAM IHMC ROBOTICS	8	50:26
3	TARTAN RESCUE	8	55:15
4	TEAM NIMBRO RESCUE	7	34:00
5	TEAM ROBOSIMIAN	7	47:59
6	TEAM MIT	7	50:25
7	TEAM WPI-CMU	7	56:06
8	TEAM DRC-HUBO AT UNLV	6	57:41
9	TEAM TRACLABS	5	49:00
10	TEAM AIST-NEDO	5	52:30

Team IHMC Robotics

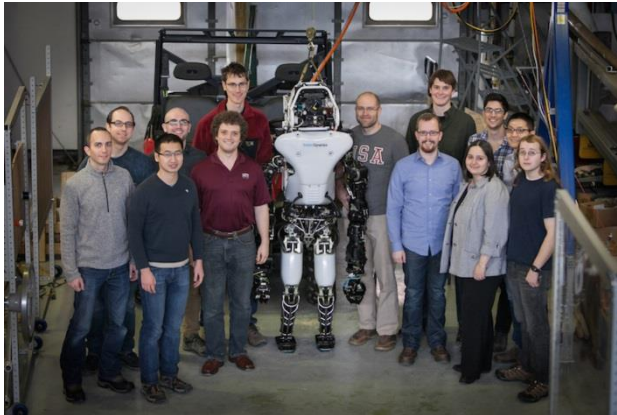
- Robot: ATLAS-Ian
- Florida Institute for Human & Machine Cognition
- Team leaders:
 - Jerry Pratt
 - Matt Johnson



<http://robots.ihmc.us>

Team MIT

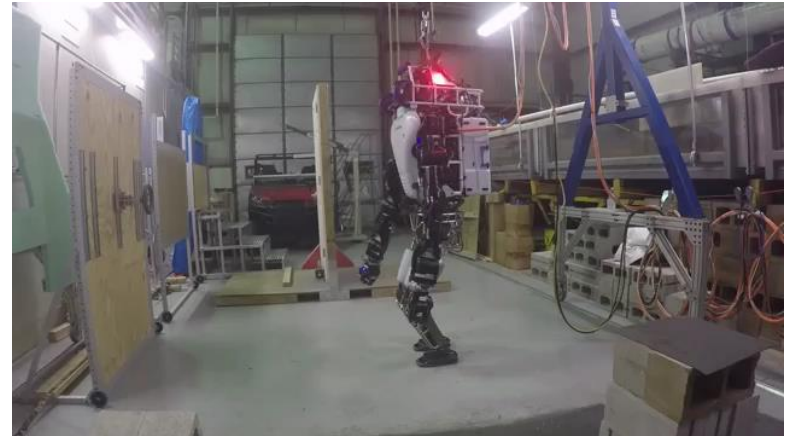
- Robot: Atlas - Helios
- MIT, Cambridge, MA
 - Team leader: **Russ Tedrake**
 - Sub Leads:
 - **Maurice Fallon** (perception)
 - **Scott Kuindersma** (planning and control),
 - **Pat Marion** (interface)
- <http://drc.mit.edu>





Whole-body grasping

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NeSTN1OxmtY>



Fast walking

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n6cDjf6GZto>

Team RoboSimian

- Robot: RoboSimian
- NASA Jet Propulsion Lab
- Height: 164cm in bipedal pose
- Weight: 108kg
- Wingspan: 221cm



Robosimian is shown moving between
real time and four times its actual speed

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dE3EascntYw>

Team Tartan Rescue

- Robot: CHIMP „CMU Highly Intelligent Mobile Platform“
- Carnegie Mellon University (CMU), Pittsburgh
- Height: 5 feet and 2 inches
- Weight: 200kg
- Wingspan: ≈ 10 feet



<https://www.nrec.ri.cmu.edu/solutions/defense/other-projects/tartan-rescue-team.html>

Team THOR

- Robot: THOR-OP (THOR = „Tactile Hazardous Operations Robot“)
- Virginia Tech
- Team leader: **Dennis Hong**
- Height: 178cm
- Weight: 65kg
- Wingspan: 208cm



<https://archive.darpa.mil/roboticschallenge/finalist/thor.html>

Team TRAC Labs

- Robot: Atlas - Hercules
- Webster, Texas
- Team leader: **David Kortenkamp**

Task 1:
Cutting a hole through a wall

Points scored = 1



<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLmQko6gr2EvYPqwDYmsxPN5kaxqUMEOo>

Team TROOPER

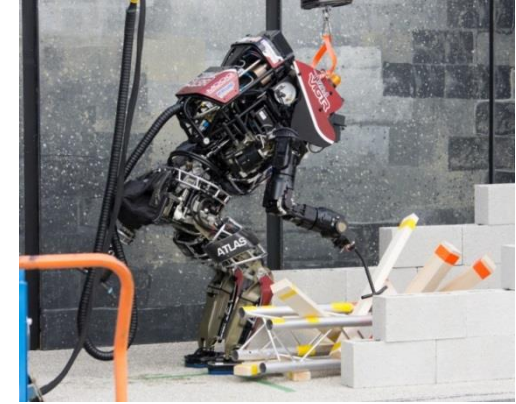
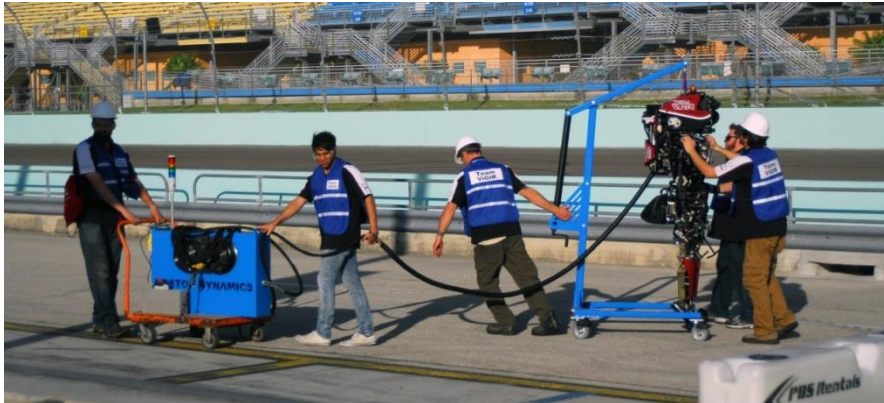
- Robot: Atlas - Leo
- Cherry Hill, NJ - Troy,
NY - Philadelphia, PA
- Cooperation of:
 - Lockheed Martin
 - University of
Pennsylvania
 - Rensselaer Polytechnic
Institute



<https://archive.darpa.mil/roboticschallenge/finalist/trooper.html>

Team ViGIR

- Robot: Florian
- Cooperation of:
 - TORC Robotics
 - Virginia Tech
 - TU Darmstadt, Germany
 - Oregon State University

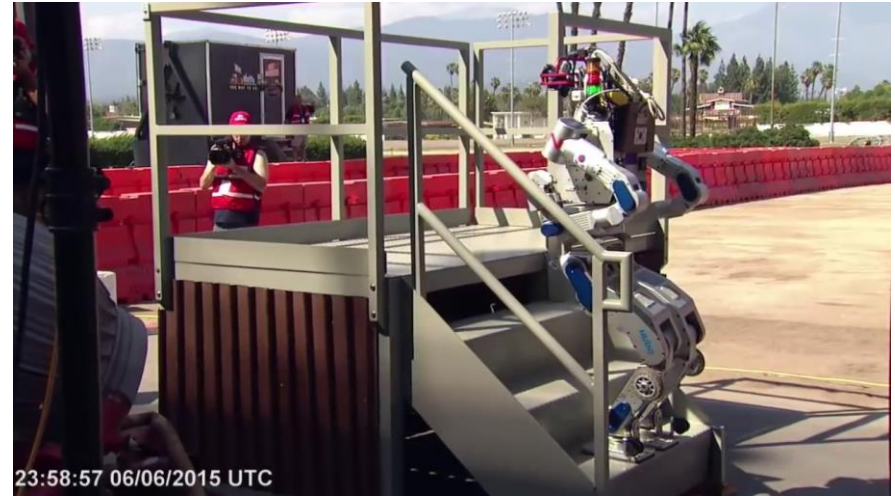


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DRC – Humanoids and Doors ☺



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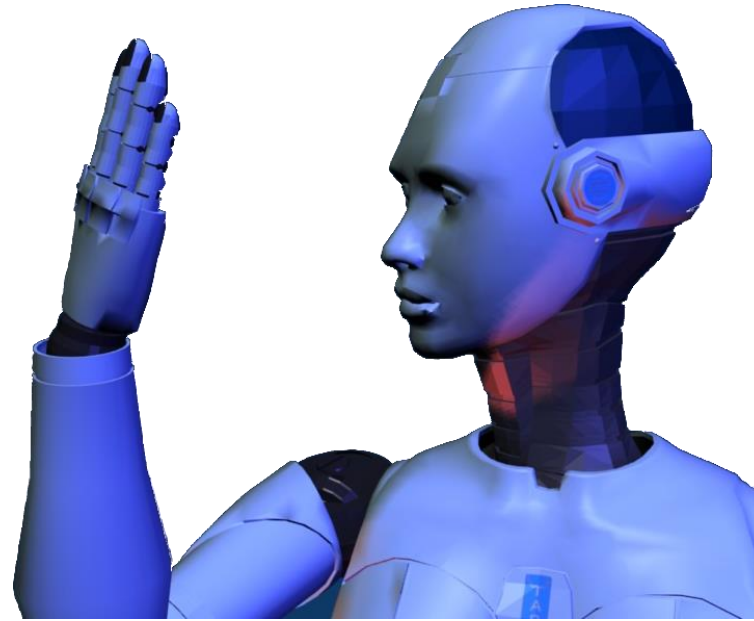


Winner Team

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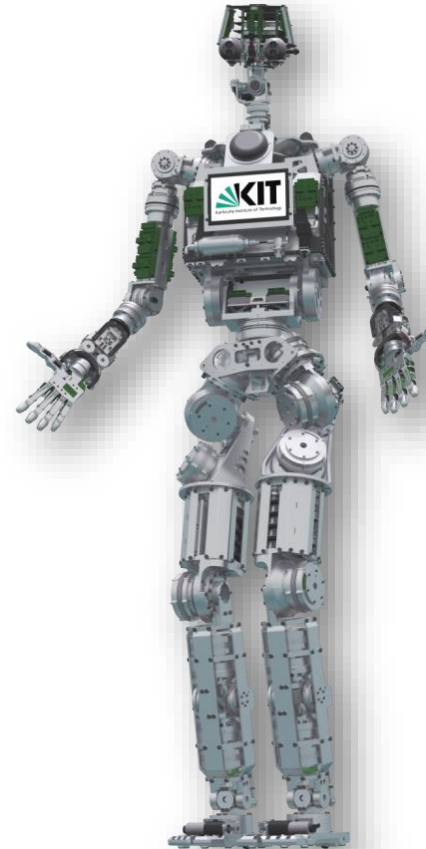
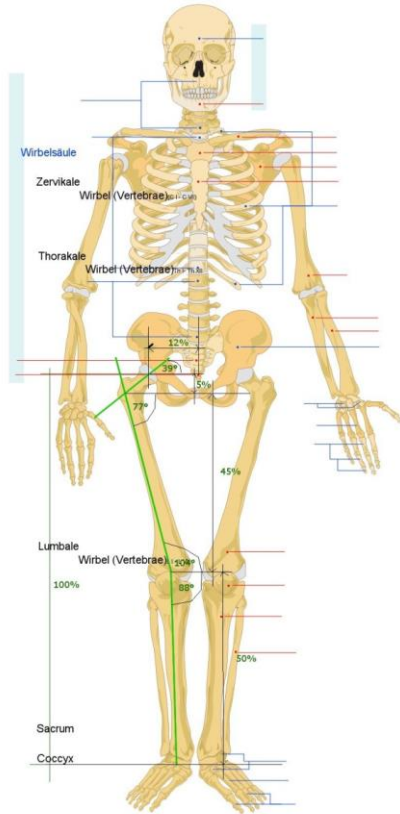
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Biomechanical Models of the Human Body

From Human Body to Humanoid



Models of the Human Body

Models of the human body are used in ...

- **human factors engineering**

- Ergonomics
- Work space design
- Driver's cab

- **computer graphics**

- Animation
- Entertainment
- Visualization

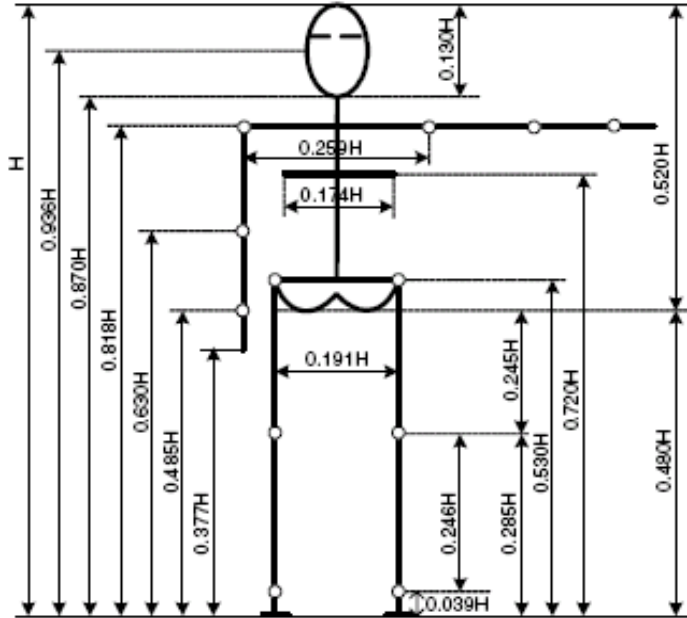
- **medical applications**

- Rehabilitation
- Human anatomy (e.g. <http://www.visiblebody.com>)

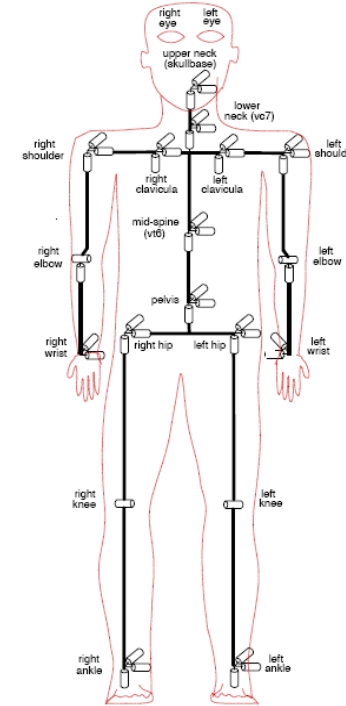
- **robotics**

- Design of **anthropomorphic robots** (e.g. humanoids)
- Design of **assistive robotics systems** (prosthesis and orthoses)
- Learning from human observation

Human Body Model



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Master Motor Map (MMM) – Motivation

- **Goal:** Design of humanoid robots
→ **Models of body parts are needed**

- **Problem:** Various different systems for:
 - Human motion capture
 - Action recognition
 - Imitation learning
 - Visualization
 - Robotic action execution→ **Unified representation is needed!**

Master Motor Map (MMM)

Red: Relevant for the exam

■ Reference model of the human body

- For humanoid robot design
- Imitation of human actions
- Action recognition
- Visualization of human movements

■ Interfaces and data structures for the transfer of motor knowledge between different embodiments

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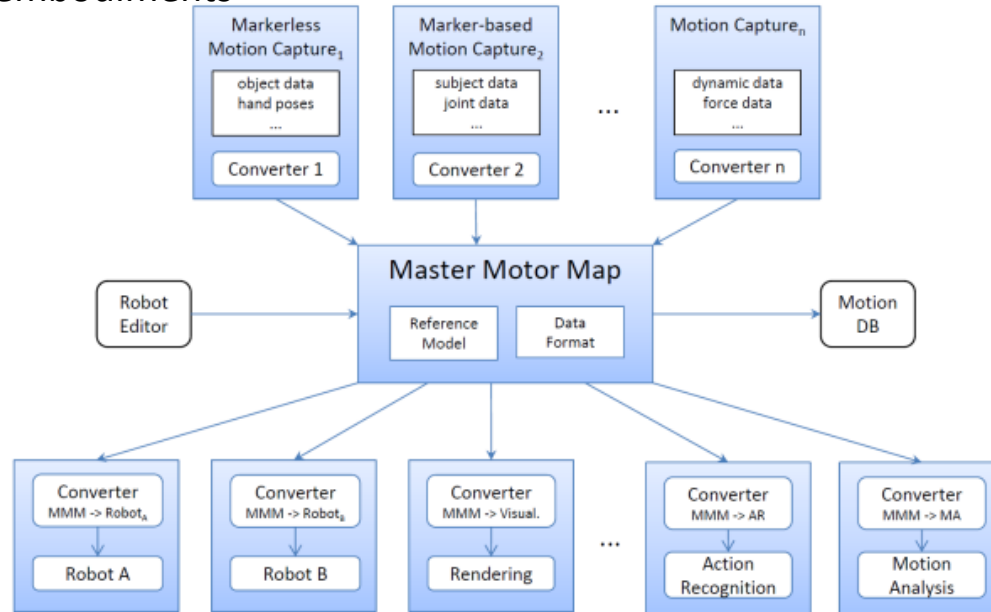
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The Master Motor Map (MMM)

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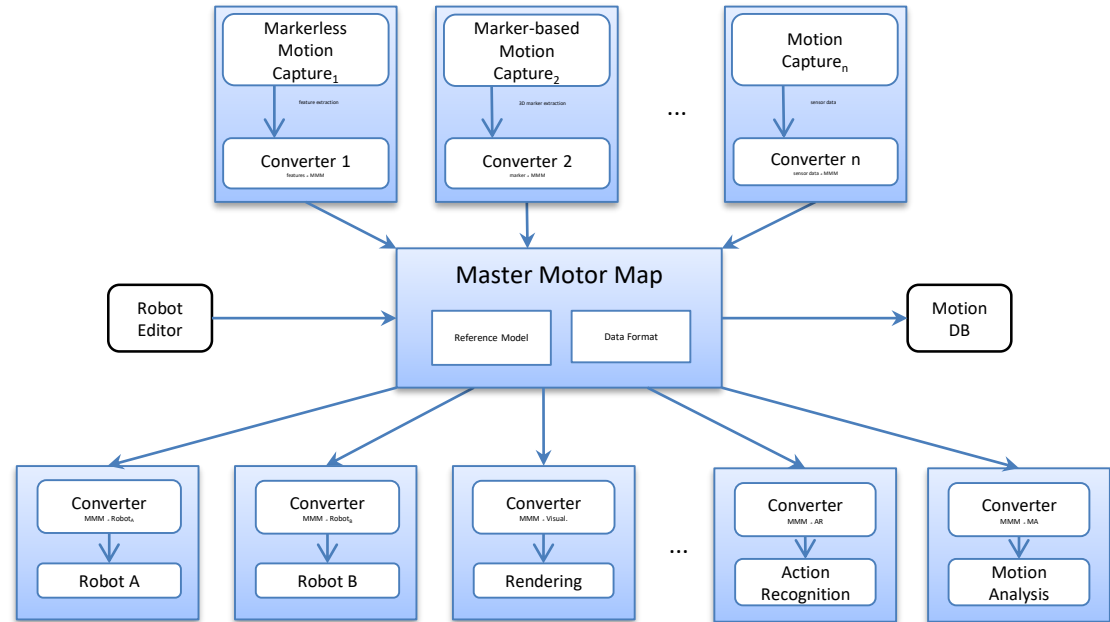
- **Unifying framework (Reference Model of the human body + Data Formats)** for capturing, representation, visualization and whole body human motion and mapping/converting to different embodiments



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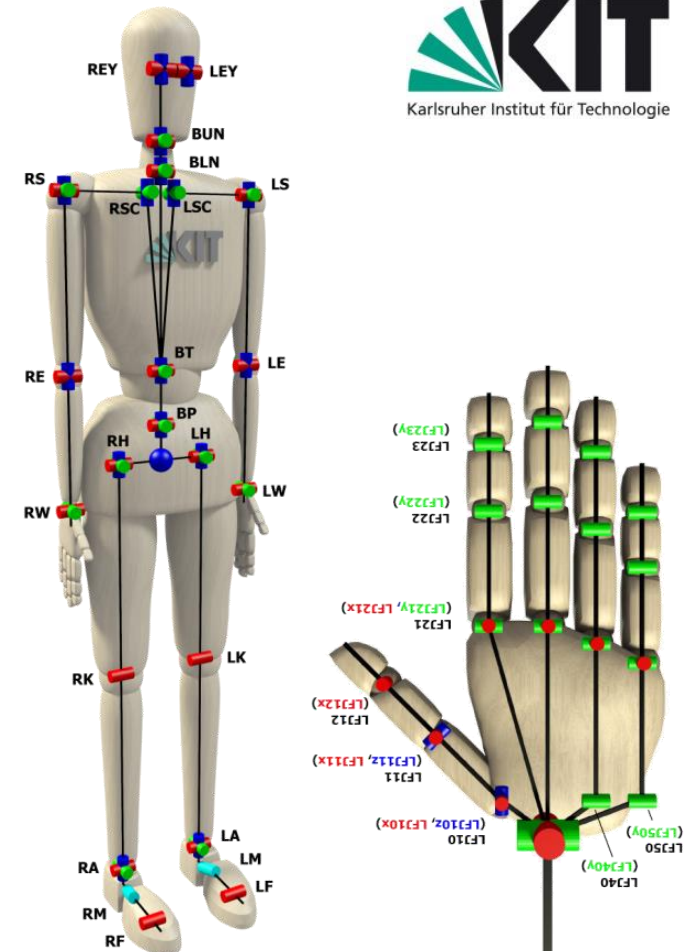
Master Motor Map (MMM)

- Replacement of any module (perception, recognition, visualization, reproduction) can be guaranteed by using the MMM as the exchange format
- All perceptive modules convert their output to the MMM format
- All recognition and reproduction modules convert the MMM format to their specific internal representation



Master Motor Map (MMM)

- Reference model of the human body
 - **Kinematic model:** joints and segment lengths
 - **Dynamic model:** segment mass, center of mass and moments of inertia
 - **Statistic/anthropomorphic model:** segment properties (e.g. length, mass etc.) defined as a function (regression) of global parameters (e.g. body height, weight)
- **104 DoFs**



Statistic/Anthropomorphic Model

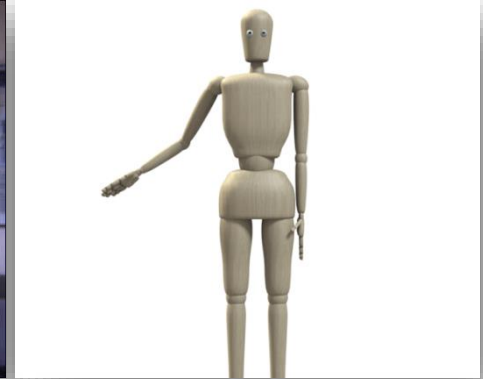
- Body segment properties (e.g. length, mass etc.) are defined as a function (regression) of certain global parameters (e.g. body height, weight etc.)
- Models have been discovered and verified by various researchers (see for example de Leva 1996, Winter 2005, Pronost et al., 2006)

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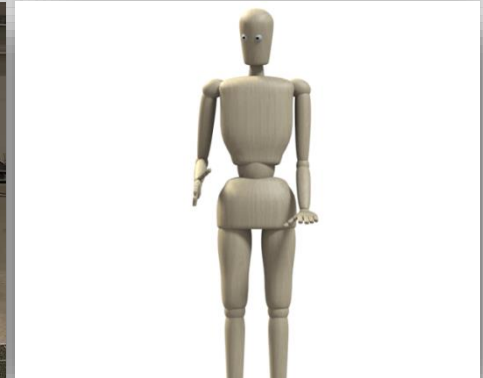
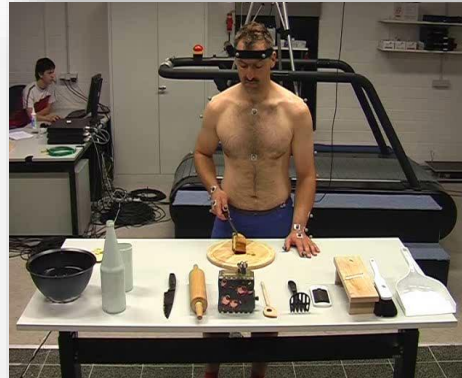
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Motion Reproduction Using MMM

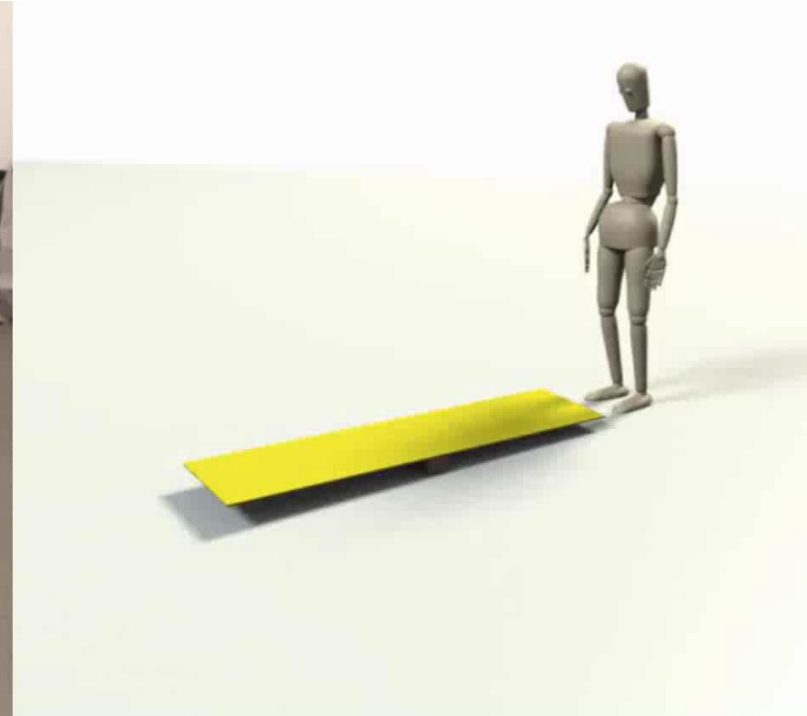
- Data from stereo-based markerless human motion capture system



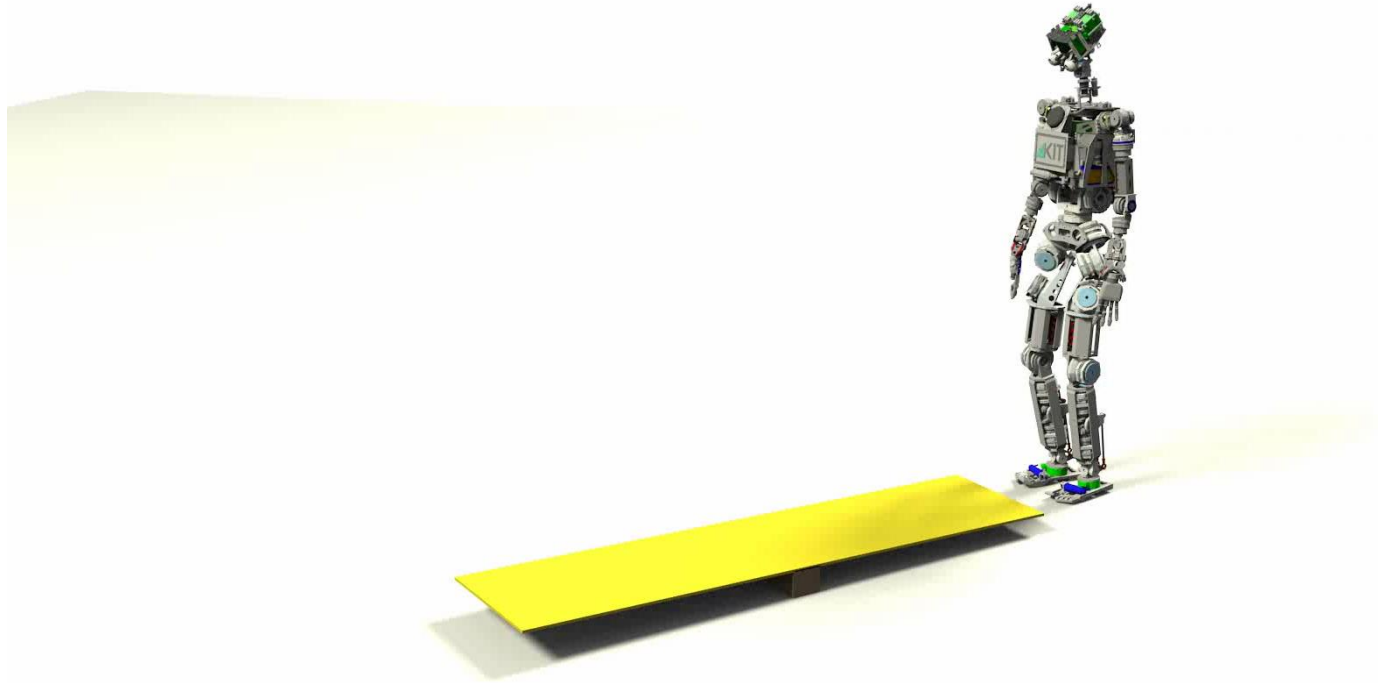
- Data from VICON system (SFB 588)



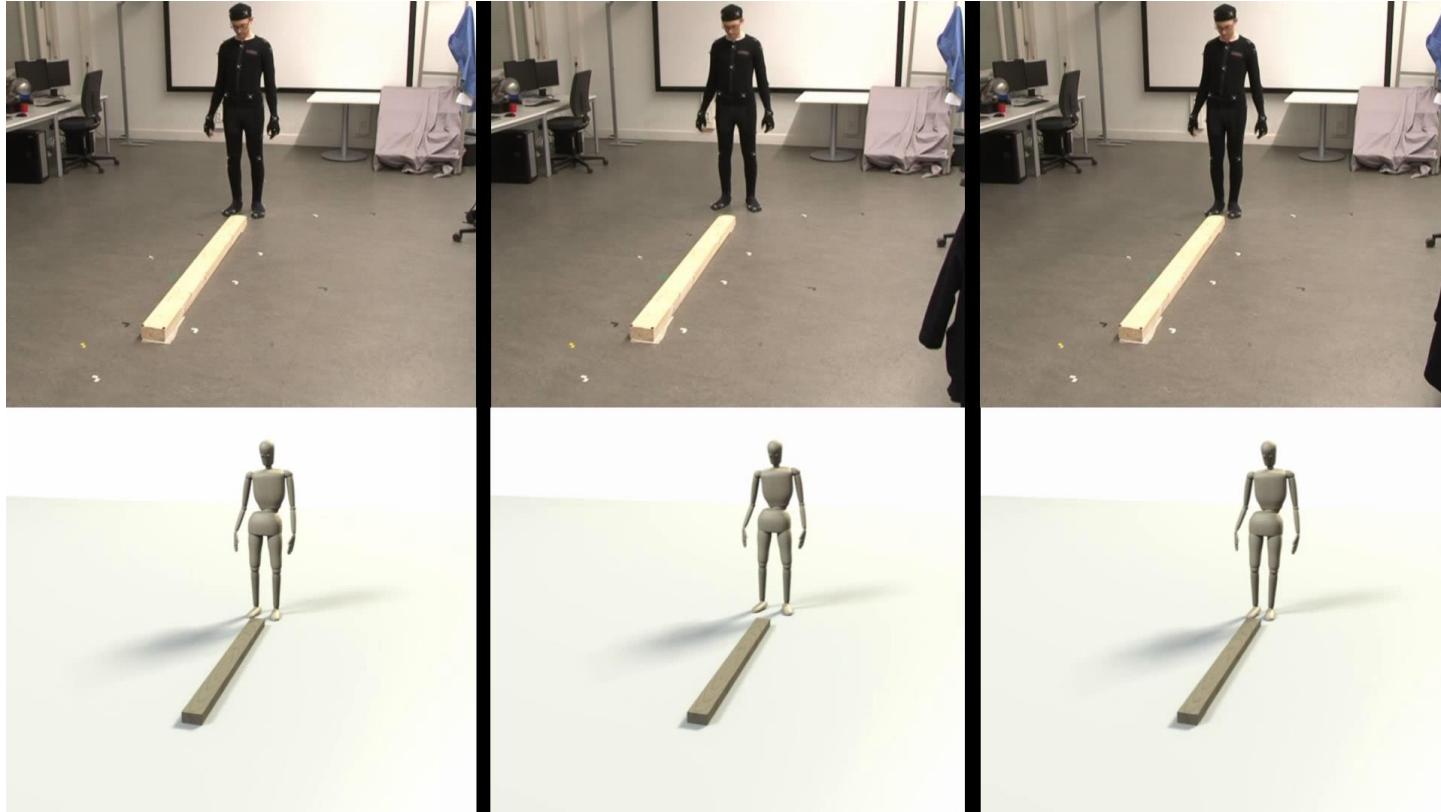
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Motion Reproduction Using MMM



Motion Normalization Using the MMM (Video)



The KIT Whole-Body Human Motion Database

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MMM Software and Documentation

■ MMM Software:

- <https://git.h2t.iar.kit.edu/sw/mmm/core>
- <https://git.h2t.iar.kit.edu/sw/mmm/tools>

■ MMM Documentation:

- <http://mmm.humanoids.kit.edu>
- <https://motion-database.humanoids.kit.edu/faq>

■ KIT Whole-Body Motion Database

- <https://motion-database.humanoids.kit.edu>

MMM Library & Tools

■ MMM Core

- C++ Library
- I/O, XML, Raw Marker Data, Tools, Conversions
- No dependencies (just Boost)

■ Mapping / Converter

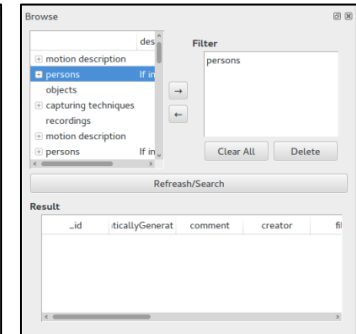
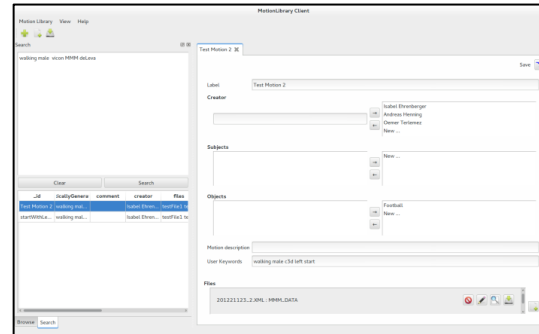
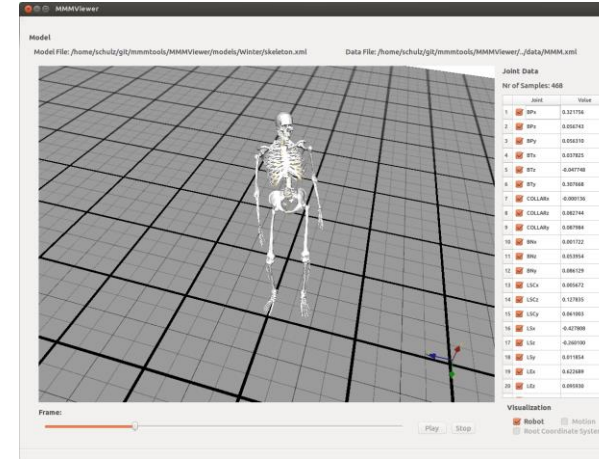
- Vicon -> MMM model
- MMM -> Robots (ARMAR III, ARMAR IV)
- MMM -> Other robots (iCub, COMAN, HRP, ...)

■ MMM Viewer

- 3D Model Viewer
- MMM / Marker Data
- Robots, Motions, Contacts, ...

■ MMM Database

- Server
- Client/Applications, Search, Web Frontend



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■ Our previous work on the MMM

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- Nicolas Pronost, Georges Dumont, “Validating re-targeted and interpolated locomotions by dynamics-based analysis”, *Proceedings of the 4th international conference on Computer graphics and interactive techniques in Australasia and Southeast Asia* (2006)
- Michael Gleicher, “Retargetting Motion to New Characters”, *SIGGRAPH* (2008)

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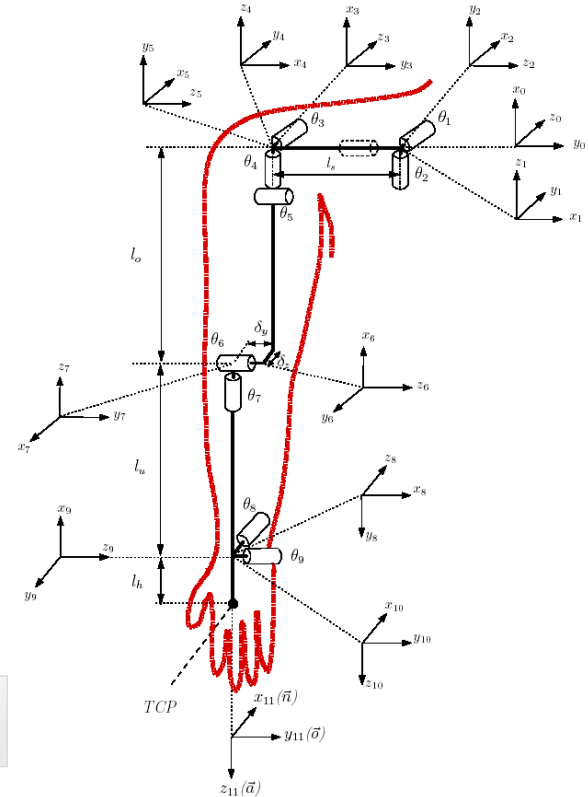
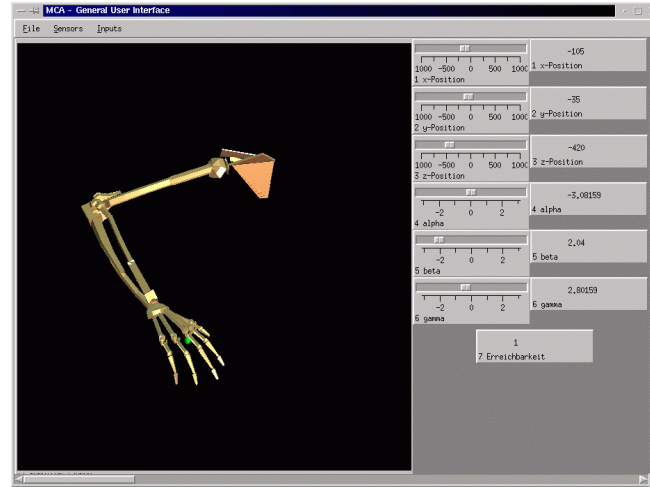
Mechatronics of humanoid robots

Examples based on the ARMAR Robots

Kinematic Model of the Human Shoulder-Arm System

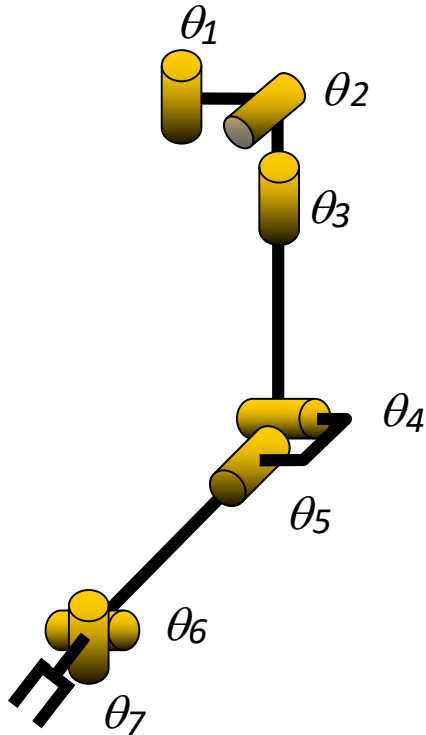
■ 9 DoF

- Shoulder: 5 DoF
- Elbow: 2 DoF
- Wrist: 2 DoF

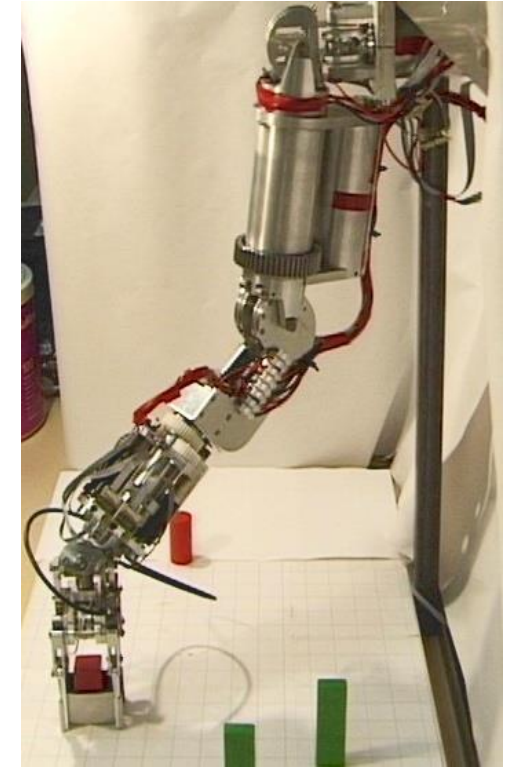


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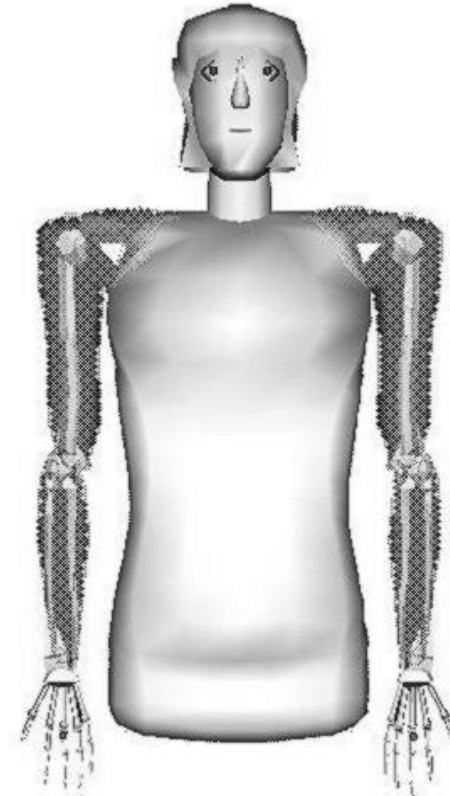
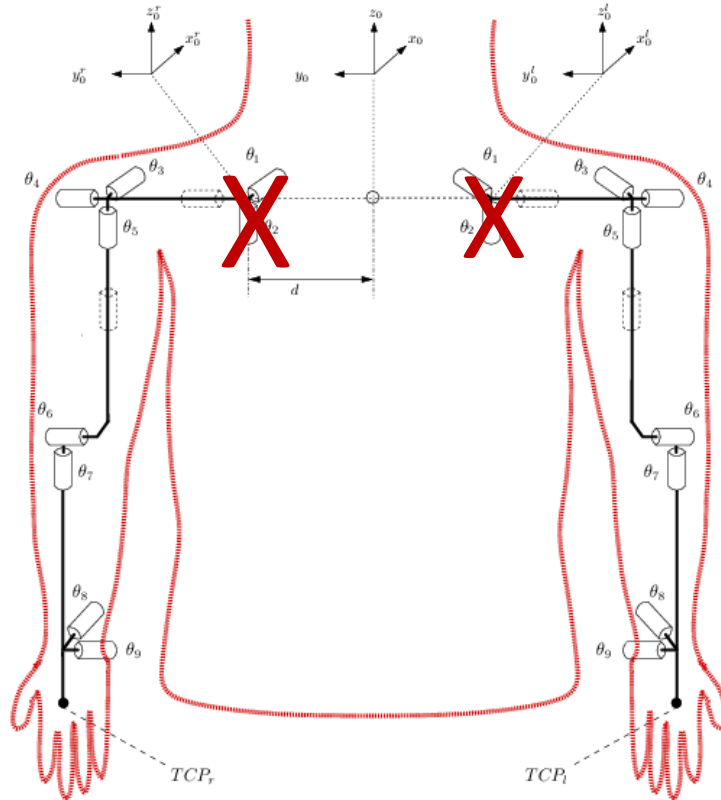
ARMAR-I: Kinematic Model (First Prototype)



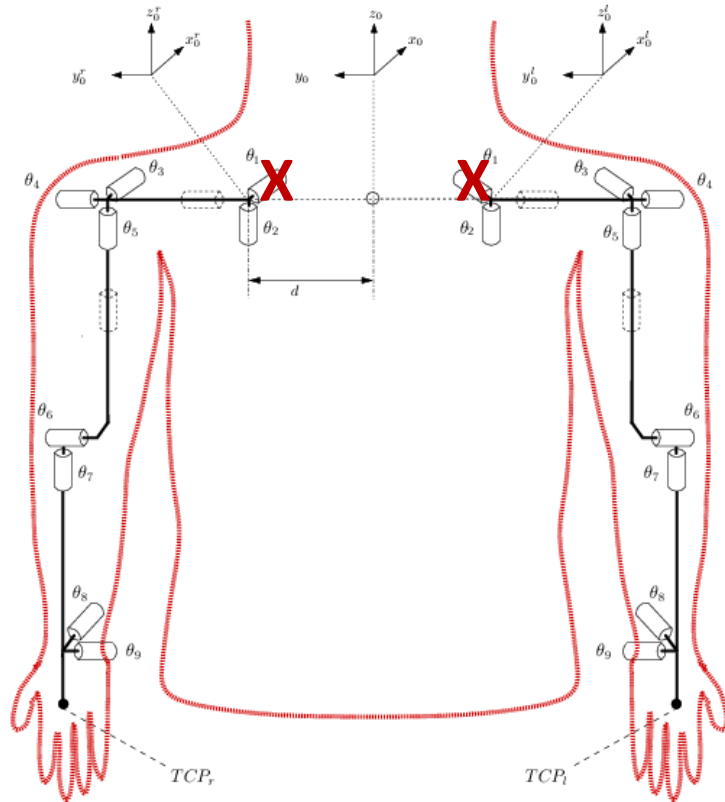
Joint		Motion Range
shoulder	θ_1	-45 ... 135
	θ_2	-90 ... 90
upperarm	θ_3	-160 ... 160
elbow	θ_4	0 ... 140
forearm	θ_5	-160 ... 160
wrist	θ_6	-45 ... 45
	θ_7	-45 ... 45



ARMAR-III: Kinematic Model



ARMAR-4: Kinematic Model



ARMAR-4: Upper Body

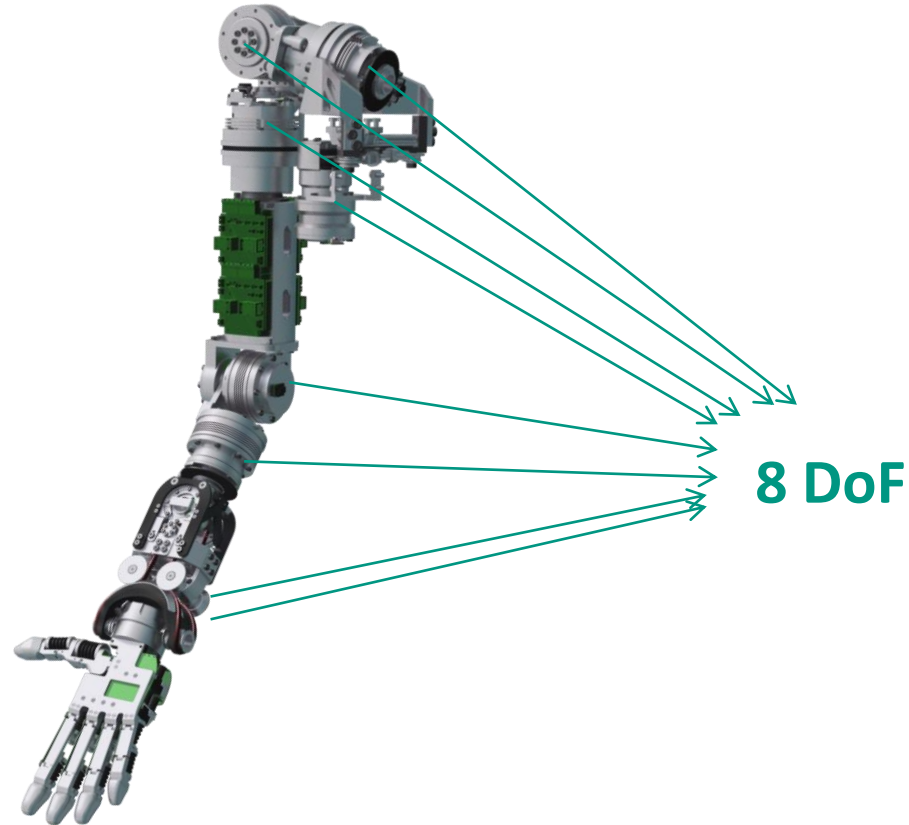


9 Degrees of Freedom

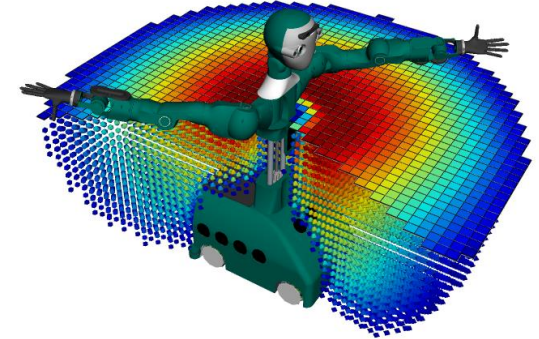
8 Degrees of Freedom

2 Degrees of Freedom

ARMAR-4: Arms

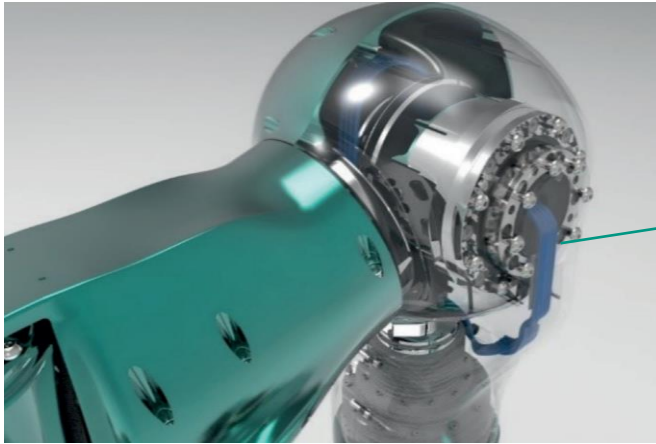


ARMAR-6: Dual-Arm System



- 8 DoF (each arm)
 - 4 Shoulder
 - 2 Elbow
 - 2 Wrist
- Continuous joint rotation
- Reach: 1.3 meters
- Payload: 10 - 12 kg

ARMAR-6: Arms



■ Arm

- 8 DoF (each)

- 4 Shoulder, 2 Elbow, 2 Wrist

- Continuous rotation

■ Hands

- Underactuated (2 Motors)

- 14 DoF

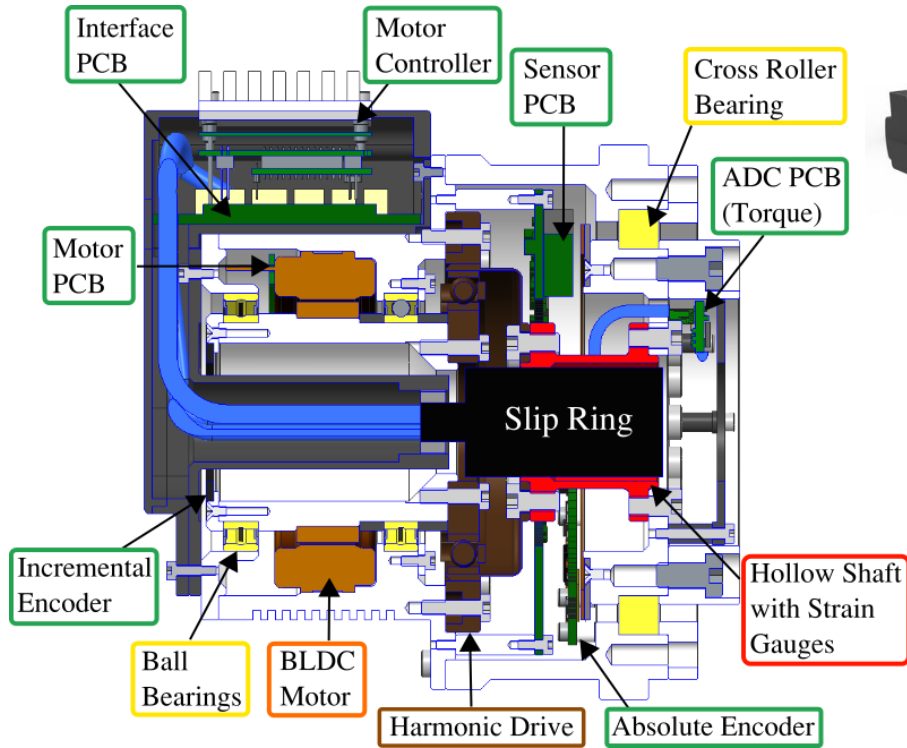


ARMAR-6: Sensor-Actuator-Controller (SAC) Units



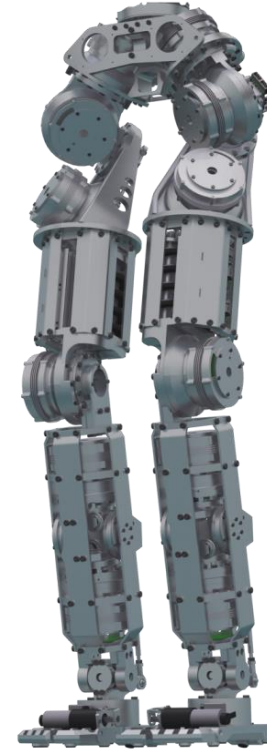
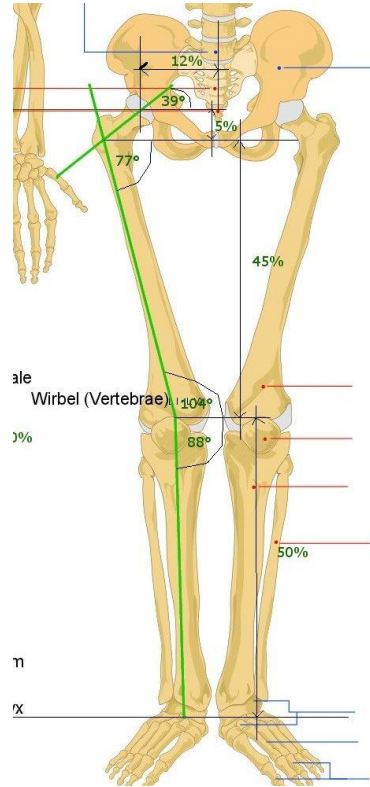
Humanoid Robot

ARMAR-6: SAC Units: Subcomponents

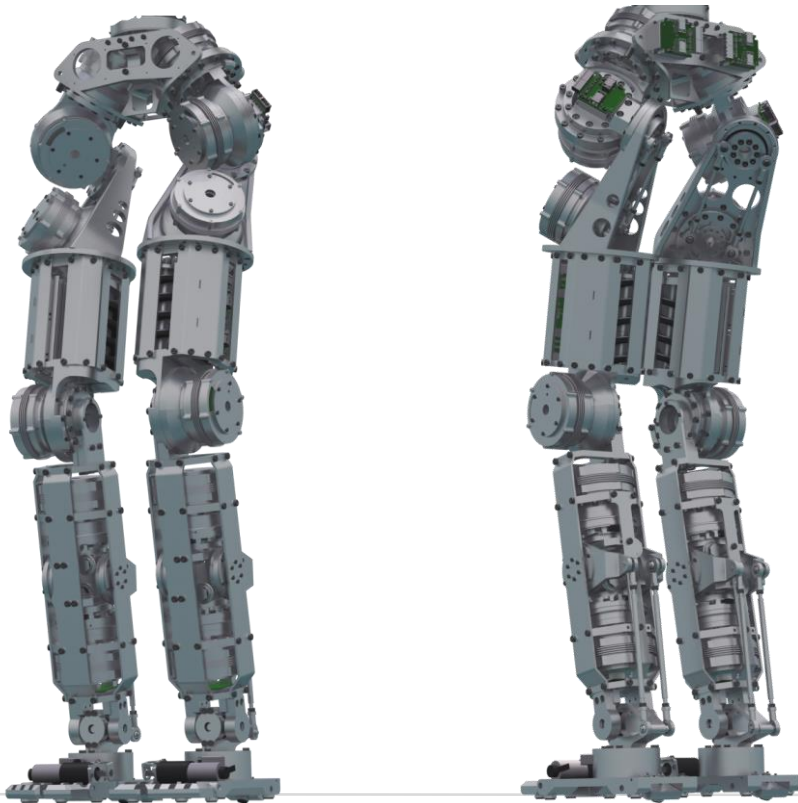


- Motor
- Gearbox (Harmonic Drive)
- Sensors
 - Torque
 - Position
 - Incremental
 - Absolute
 - IMU
 - Temperature (x5)
- Control & communication electronics
- Slip ring (continuous rotation)

ARMAR-4: Legs



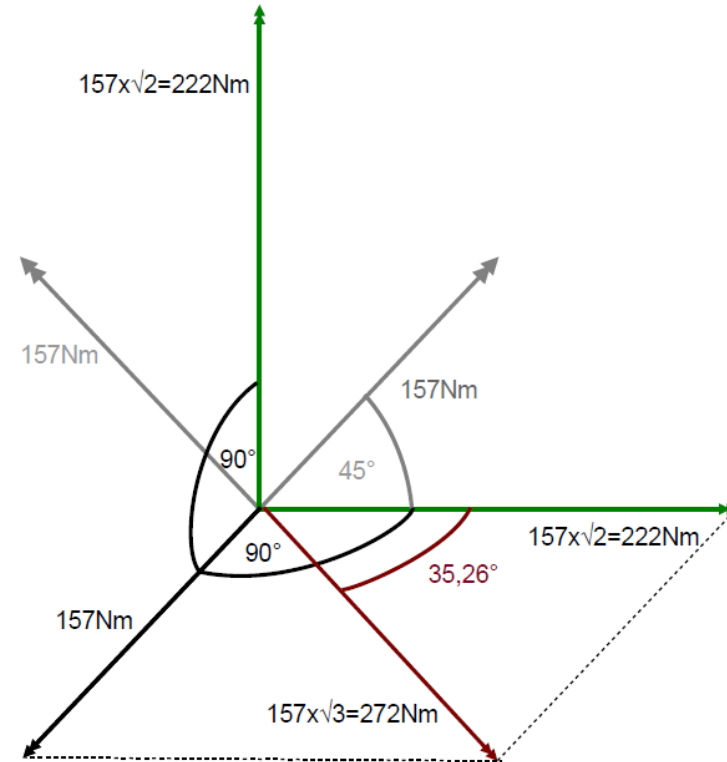
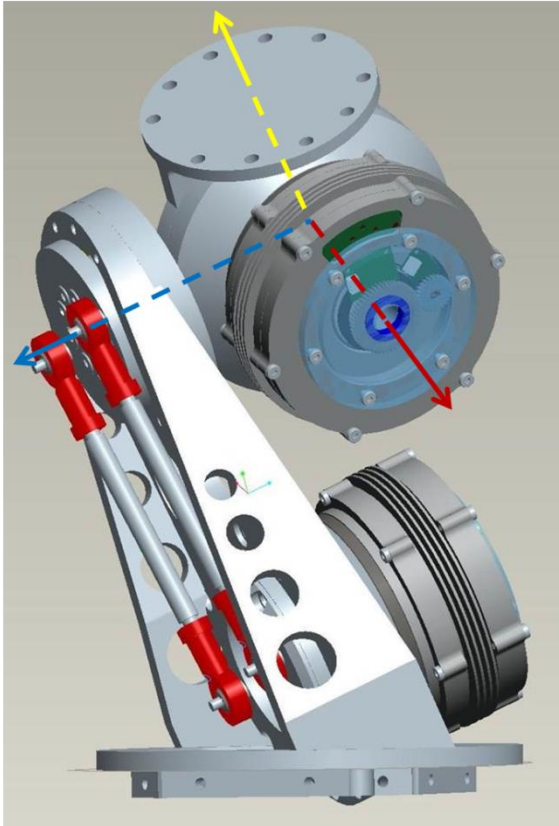
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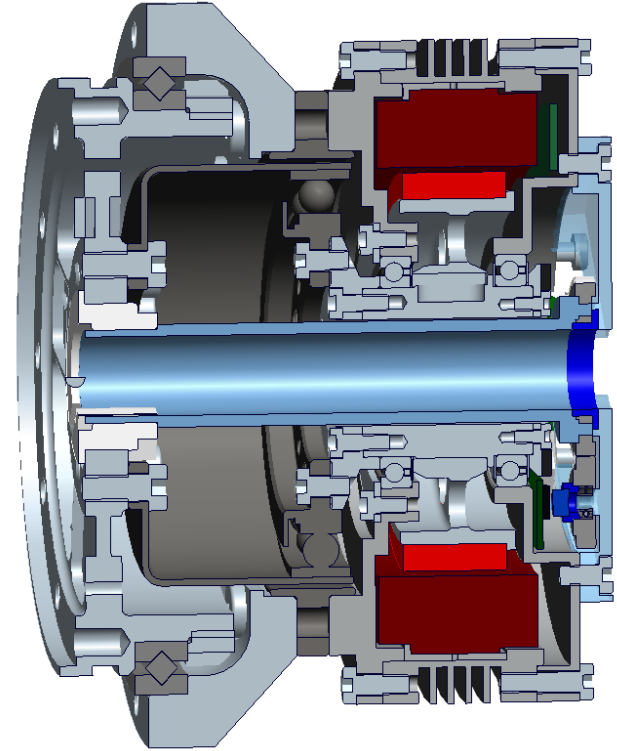
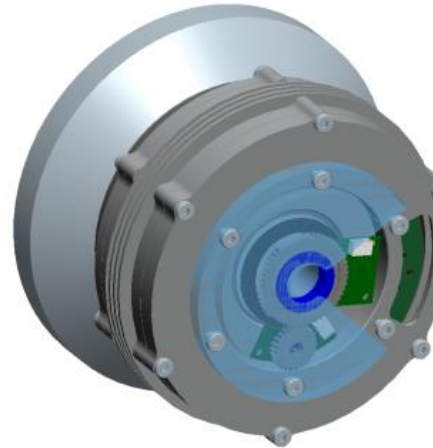
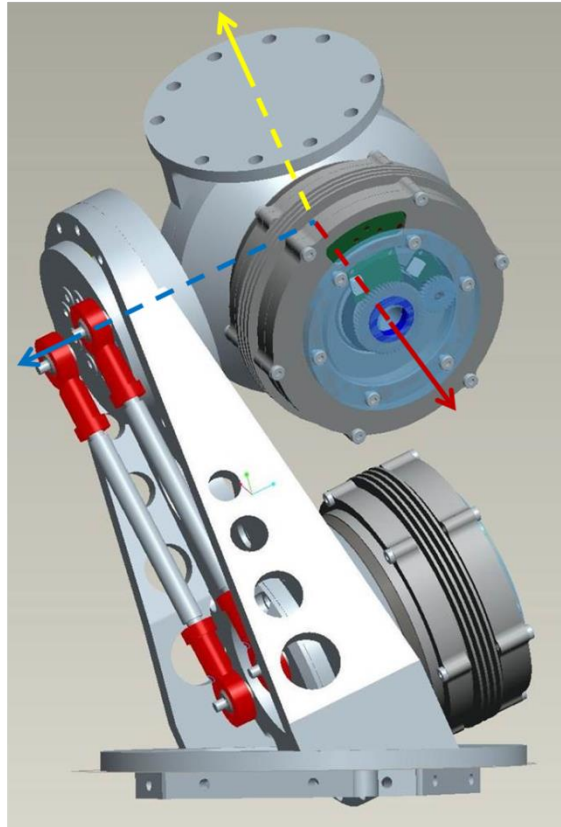
■ Legs

- 7 DoF
- Energy storage in the knees by use of two springs
- Differential kinematics in hip and ankle-joint
- Uniform driving units in all joints with only 11 mechanical parts → Cost-reduction
- Topology optimized hip
- Weight per driving unit: 1300 g

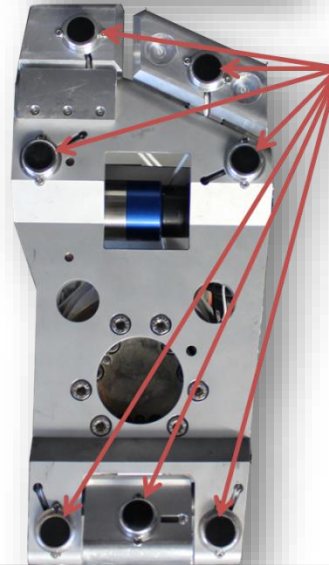
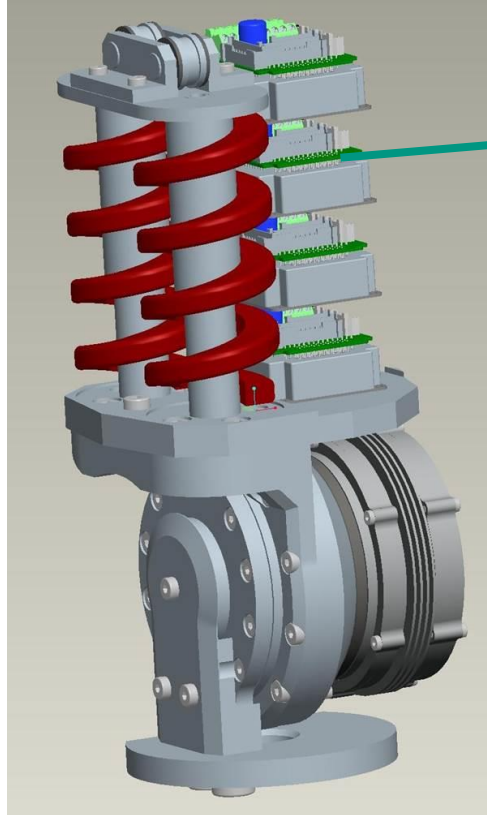
ARMAR-4: Hip Kinematics



ARMAR-4: Hip / Upper Leg



ARMAR-4: Knee / Lower Leg



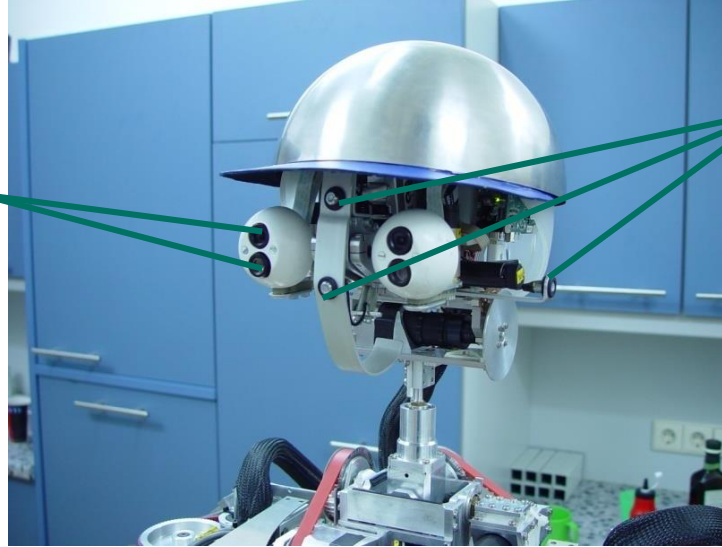
Load Cells



Karlsruhe Humanoid Head

Two cameras per eye

- wide-angle lens for peripheral vision
- narrow-angle lens for foveated vision



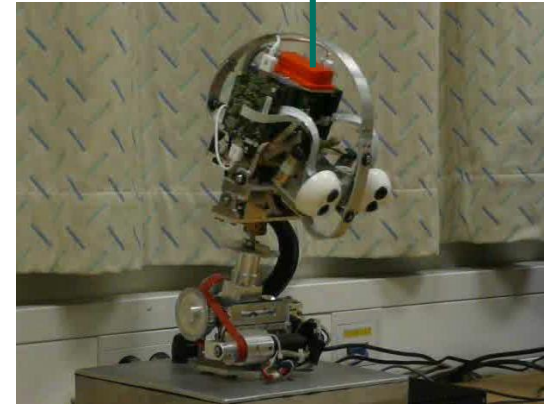
Six microphones and six channel microphone pre-amplifier with integrated phantom power supply

6D inertial sensor

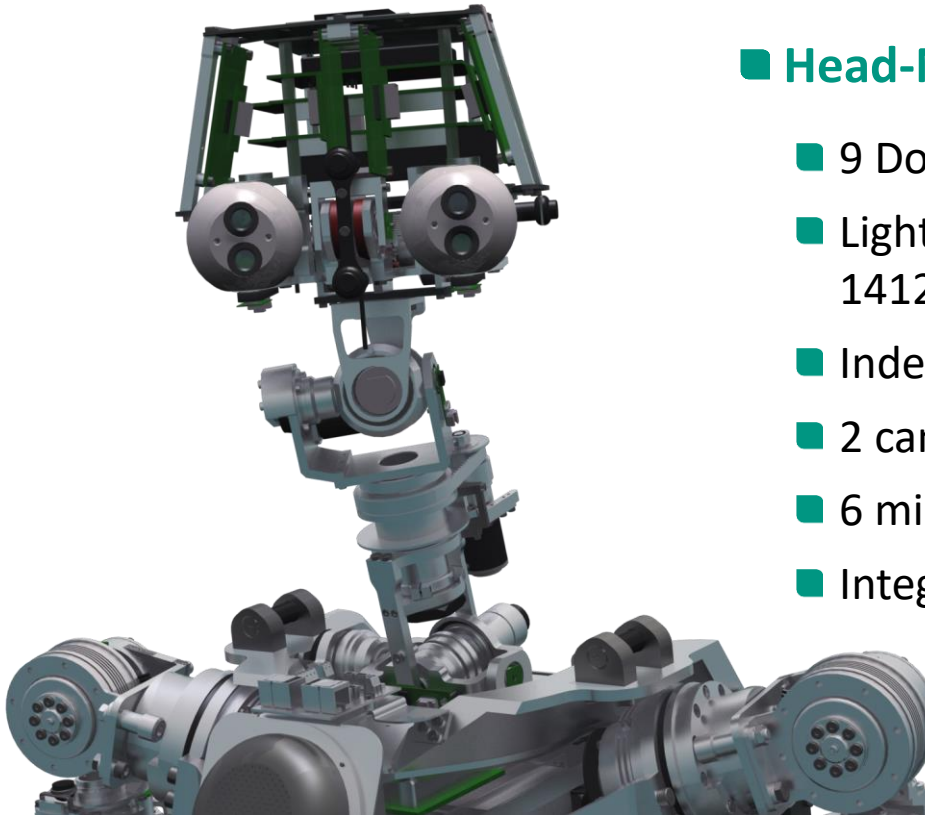


7 DoF: 4 DoF neck and 3 DoF eyes

T. Asfour, K. Welke, P. Azad, A. Ude, R. Dillmann, **The Karlsruhe Humanoid Head**. In IEEE-RAS International Conference on Humanoid Robots, 2008



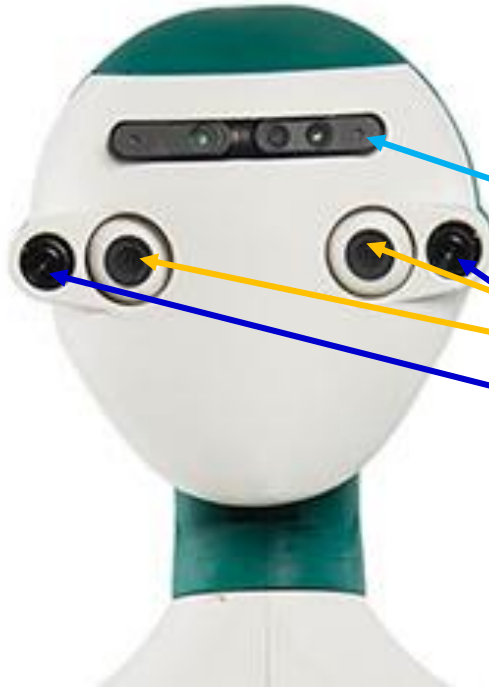
ARMAR-4: Head-Neck



■ Head-Neck

- 9 DoF
- Lightweight design (weight of mechanics: 1412 g)
- Independent eye pan/tilt movements
- 2 cameras in each eyes
- 6 microphones
- Integrated computing power

ARMAR-6: Head-Neck



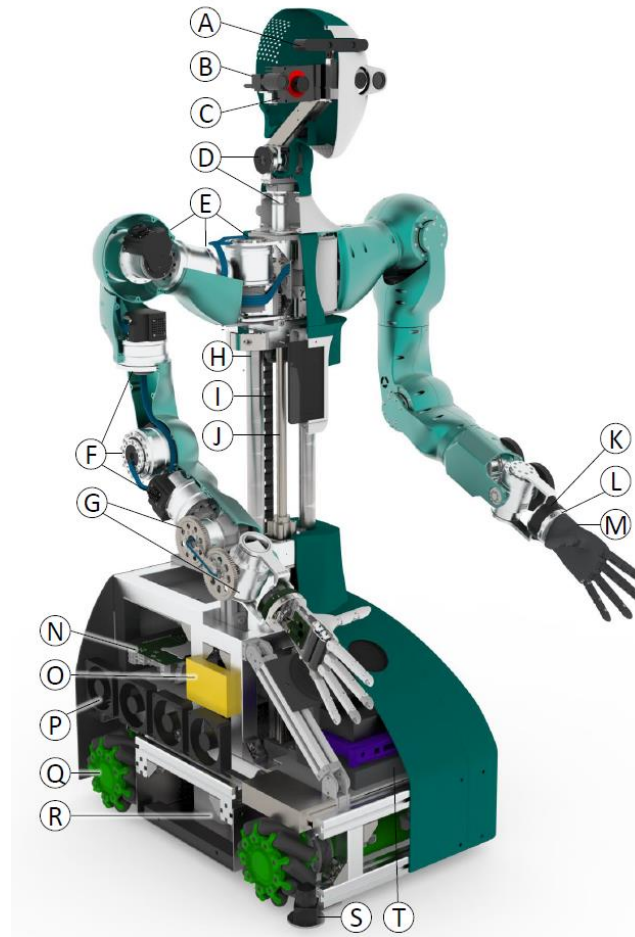
■ Head

- 2 DoF Neck
- Primesense camera (RGB-D: Red Green Blue and Depth)
- Roboception stereo camera system
- Point Grey RGB USB stereo camera system

Asfour, T., Wächter, M., Kaul, L., Rader, S., Weiner, P., Ottenhaus, S., Grimm, R., Zhou, Y., Grotz, M. and Paus, F., „ARMAR-6: A High-Performance Humanoid for Human-Robot Collaboration in Real World Scenarios“, *IEEE Robotics & Automation Magazine*, vol. 26, no. 4, pp. 108-121 (2019)

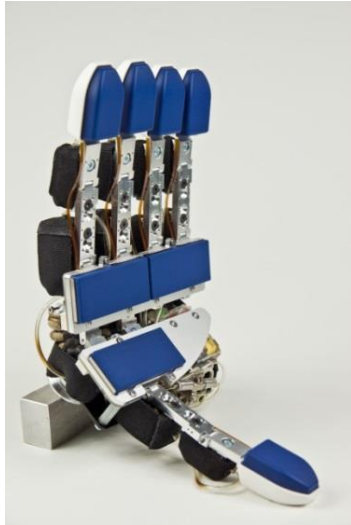
ARMAR-6: Overview

- Ⓐ RGB-D Sensor
- Ⓑ Stereo Vision System
- Ⓒ Roboception
- Ⓓ SAC Unit Neck (2)
- Ⓔ SAC Unit Size L (2x3)
- Ⓕ SAC Unit Size M (2x3)
- Ⓖ SAC Unit Size S (2x2)
- Ⓗ Linear Guide (2)
- Ⓘ Energy Chain
- ⓵ Spindle Drive



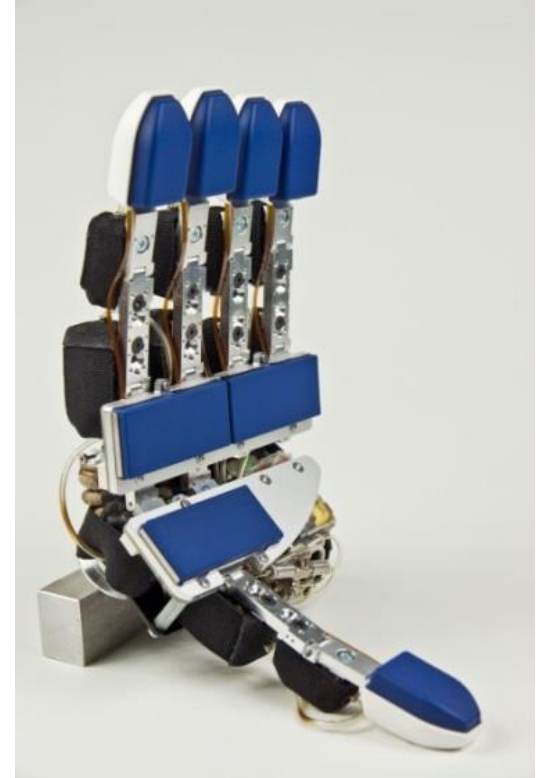
- Ⓚ 6D F/T Sensor (2)
- Ⓛ Hand Adapter (2)
- Ⓜ Five-Finger Hand (2)
- Ⓝ 4 PC with GPU
- Ⓞ Remote Emergency Stop
- Ⓟ Cooling System
- Ⓠ Mecanum Wheel (4)
- Ⓡ Battery Pack
- Ⓢ Laser Scanner (2)
- Ⓣ Sound System

Hands



ARMAR-III: Hands (Version 2013)

- New tactile sensor system
 - 3 sensors in the palm
 - Tactile sensing matrix with 6x14 cells
 - Novel sensor for each fingertip
 - Tactile sensing matrix 4x8 sensor cells
 - Curved surface
- 12 bit sensor signal resolution
- Spatial resolution of 3.8 mm
 - Enhances tactile pressure profiles with a high spatial accuracy
- Integrated signal processor
- USB Interface



ARMAR-III: Hands

■ 8 independent Degrees of Freedom

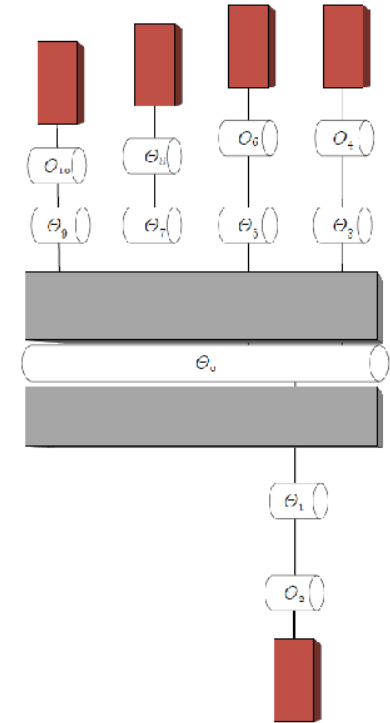
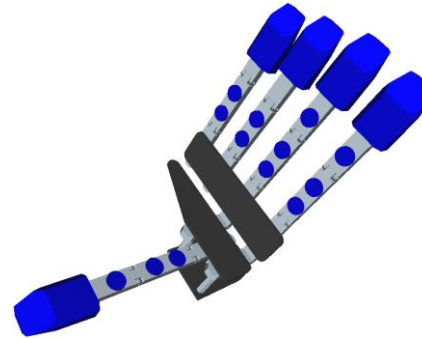
- 2 DoF per finger
 - For index, middle, thumb
- 1 DoF in the palm
- 1 DoF shared by pinkie and ring finger

■ Direct Kinematics

■ Inverse Kinematics

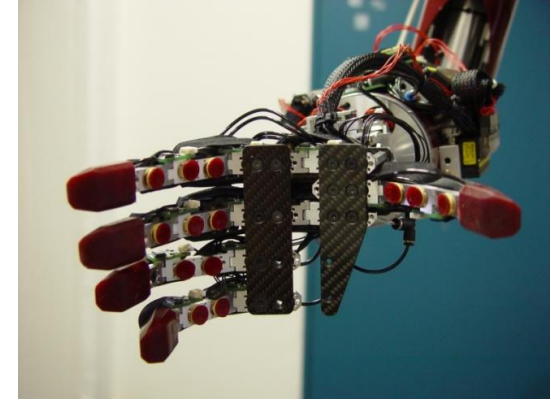
- Virtual Model Control
- Using a Physical simulation model (IPSA)
- Compute velocity vectors from the difference between attractors and fingertip positions
- Use simulated movements for the real hand

- Developed by **Stefan Schulz** and **Georg Bretthauer**



Karlsruhe 5-Finger Hand

- Carbon and aluminium structure
- **Fluid actuators**
 - Located directly at the joints
 - Pneumatically actuated
- Joint sensors
 - Located directly at the joints
 - Absolute joint angles
- Force position control
 - For arbitrary joint configurations
 - Not limited to a predefined set of hand preshapes
- Developed by **Dr. Stefan Schulz** and **Prof. Georg Bretthauer**



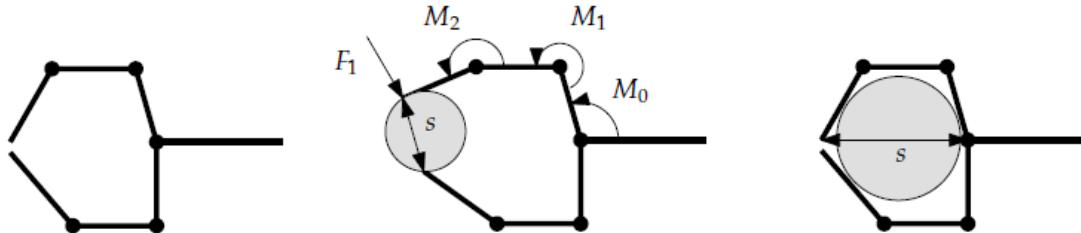
Contact Detection and Grasp Verification

■ Contact Detection using joint torques

- Compute weighted sum of finger joint torques
- Contact is detected when a threshold is surpassed

■ Object grasped successfully?

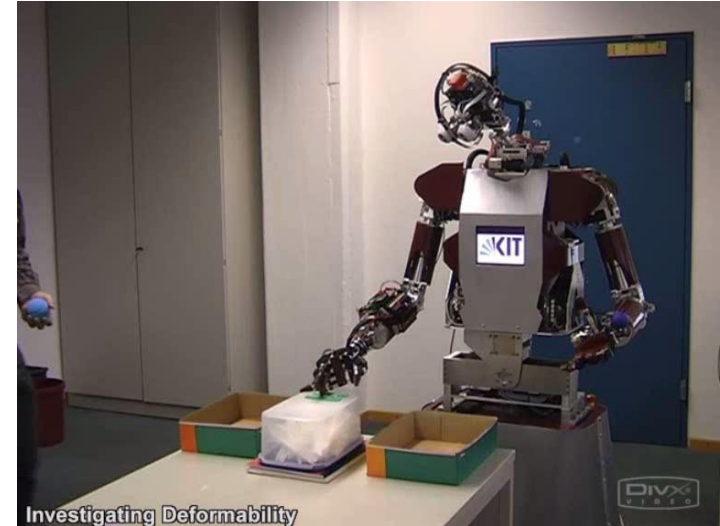
- Calculate distances:
 - between different fingertips (for precision grasps)
 - between fingertips and the palm (for power grasps)



Detection of Deformability

Deformable Objects can be detected:

- Grasp an object
- Verify that the grasp was successful
- Increase the joint torques
- Determine distances between the fingertips
 - Decreased distances indicate a deformable object

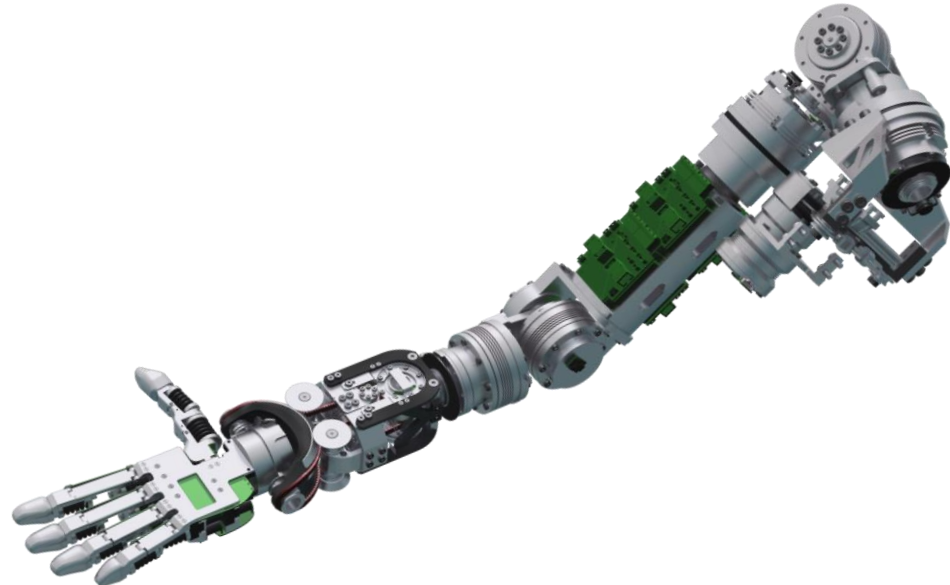


Verification of object deformability

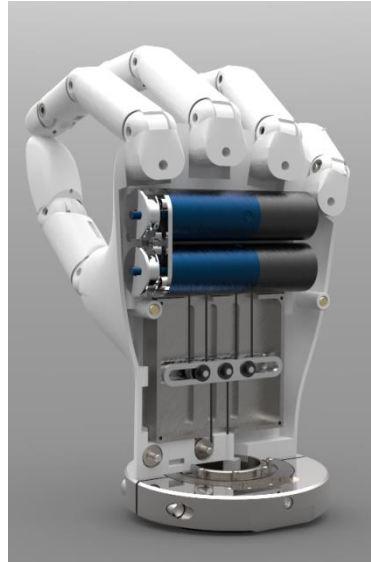
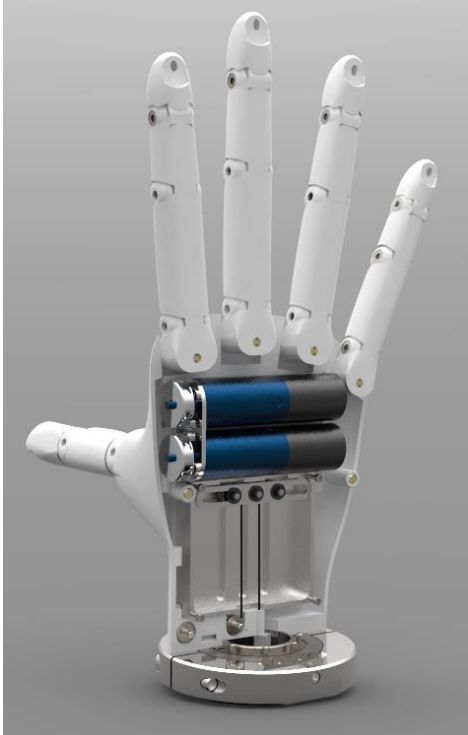
A. Bierbaum, J. Schill, T. Asfour and R. Dillmann, "Force Position Control for a Pneumatic Anthropomorphic Hand", *International Conference on Humanoid Robots* (2009)

ARMAR-4: Hands

- 11 DoF
- Anthropomorphic 5-finger hand
- Bi-directional pneumatic actuators
- Integrated valves, angel- and pressure-sensors and electronic



ARMAR-6: Hands



■ Hands

- Underactuated (2 Motors)
- 14 DoF



KIT Prosthetic Hand



- Cheap fabrication because of 3D prints
- 2 sizes:
 - 50. percentile male
 - 50. percentile female
- Underactuated (2 motors)
- Camera system in the palm allows object specific pregrasps
- Sensorized fingertips



Neck and head

Other examples

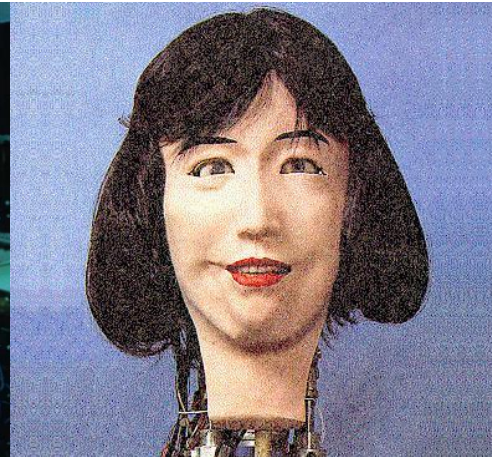


Roberta (Science University of Tokyo, Japan)

Emotion expression: sad, angry, happy, fear, surprise, displeasure

Kismet (MIT, USA)

Emotion expression: quiet, angry, sad, happy, surprise, displeasure, ...



MAVERic (USC, USA)

2 cameras in each eye, saccadic eye movements

■ HRP-4C (nicknamed Miim)

- feminine-looking humanoid robot created by the National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology (AIST)

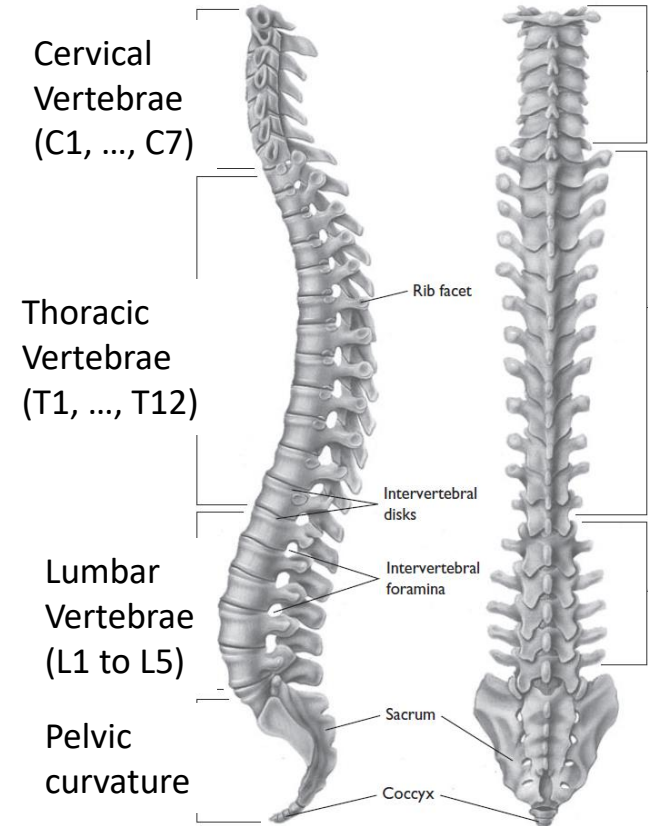
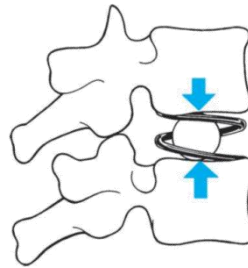
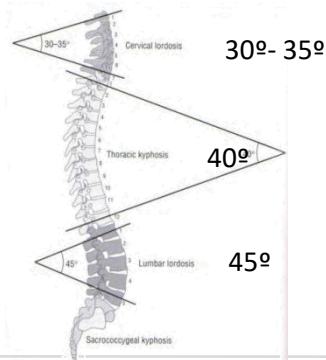
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Eyelids	1	Upper lip	1
Eyeballs pan	1	Lower lip	1
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Total			8



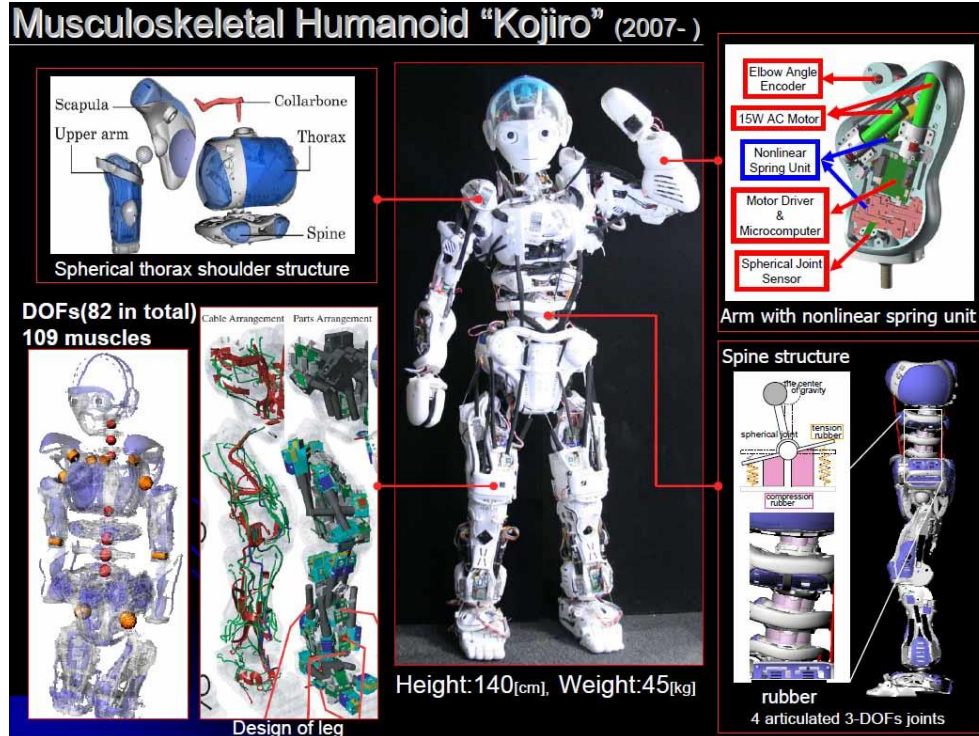
Spine, legs and feet

The Spine (I): The Spine Structure

- 33 vertebrae
- Intervertebral disc (annulus fibrosus):
 - Resist compressive and torsional forces
 - Act as cushions to distribute stress (of increasing surface)
 - Vary size during daily activities, resulting in 15 to 25mm shorter column.
 - Flexible under low loads, stiff under high loads.
 - Mechanically, acts like a coil spring joining the vertebrae, and its nucleus acts as a ball bearing, where vertebrae roll over during flexion-extension



Shoulder-Arm in Kojiro



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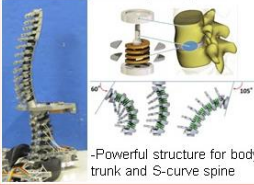
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Musculoskeletal Humanoid Kenshiro

Height: 158[cm]
Weight: 55[kg]
DOFs: 77
Actuator: 103 Motors
(Under Development)



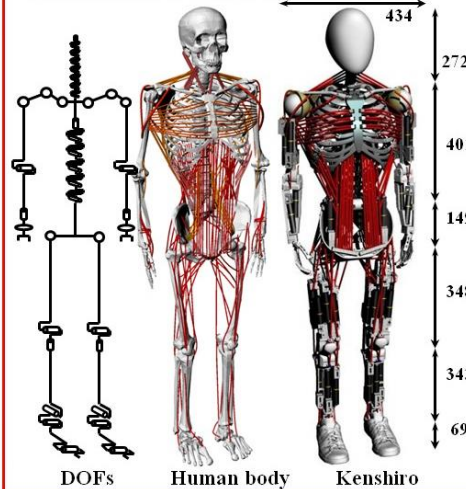
Flexible Multiple Spine



Planar Muscle as New Actuation Method



Musculoskeletal Structure based on Anatomy



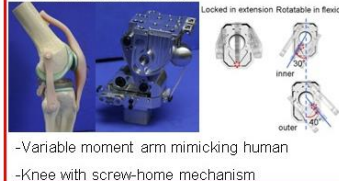
Upper Limb for Dynamic Physical Ability



Free-formed Pelvis for High Power



Biomimetic Knee Joint



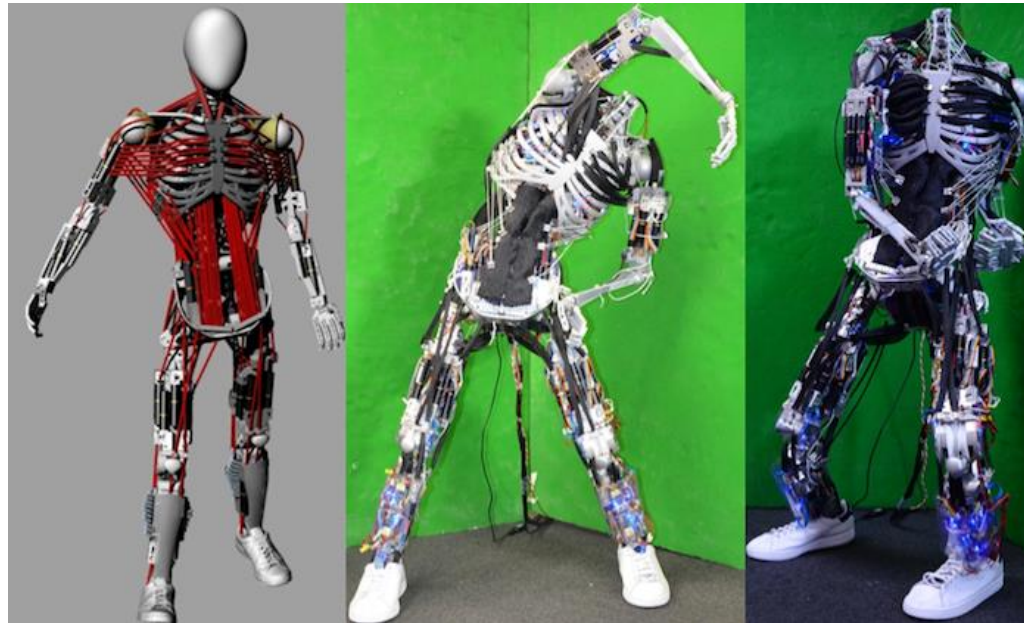
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Musculoskeletal Humanoid Kenshiro

- Kenshiro's body mirrors almost all the major muscles in a human, with 160 pulley-like "muscles", 50 in the legs, 76 in the trunk, 12 in the shoulder, and 22 in the neck.



Musculoskeletal Humanoid



Yuki Asano, Kei Okada and Masayuki Inaba, Design principles of a human mimetic humanoid: Humanoid platform to study human intelligence and internal body system, Science Robotics, 2017, <https://robotics.sciencemag.org/content/2/13/eaag0899>

Chapter 2: Building Humanoids

- The history of humanoid robotics
- The DARPA Robotics Challenge
- Biomechanical models of the human body
- Mechatronics of humanoid robots