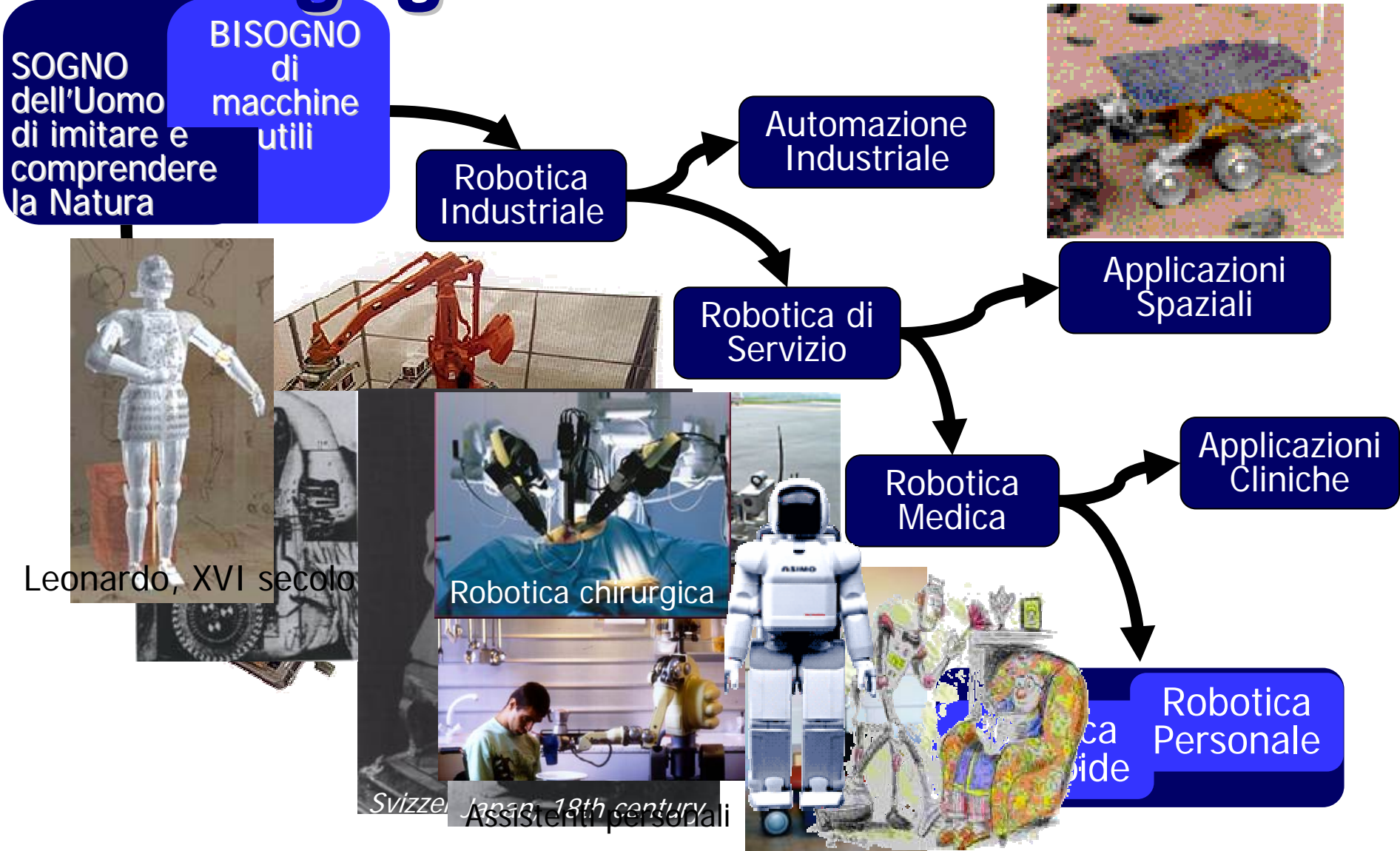
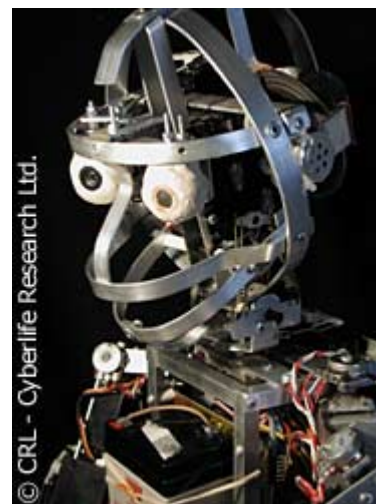


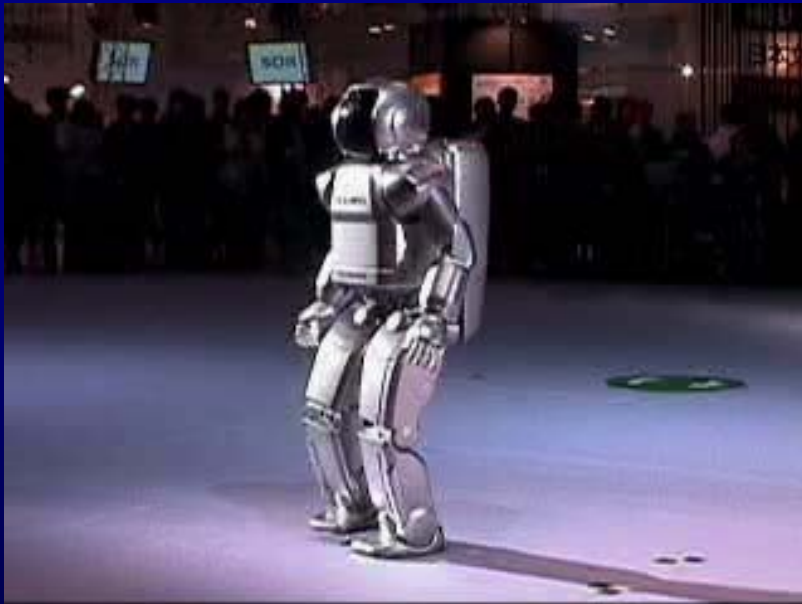
# L'evoluzione della robotica tra ingegneria e scienza



# Esempi di robot umanoidi attuali



# Robot umanoidi





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# I robot della SONY

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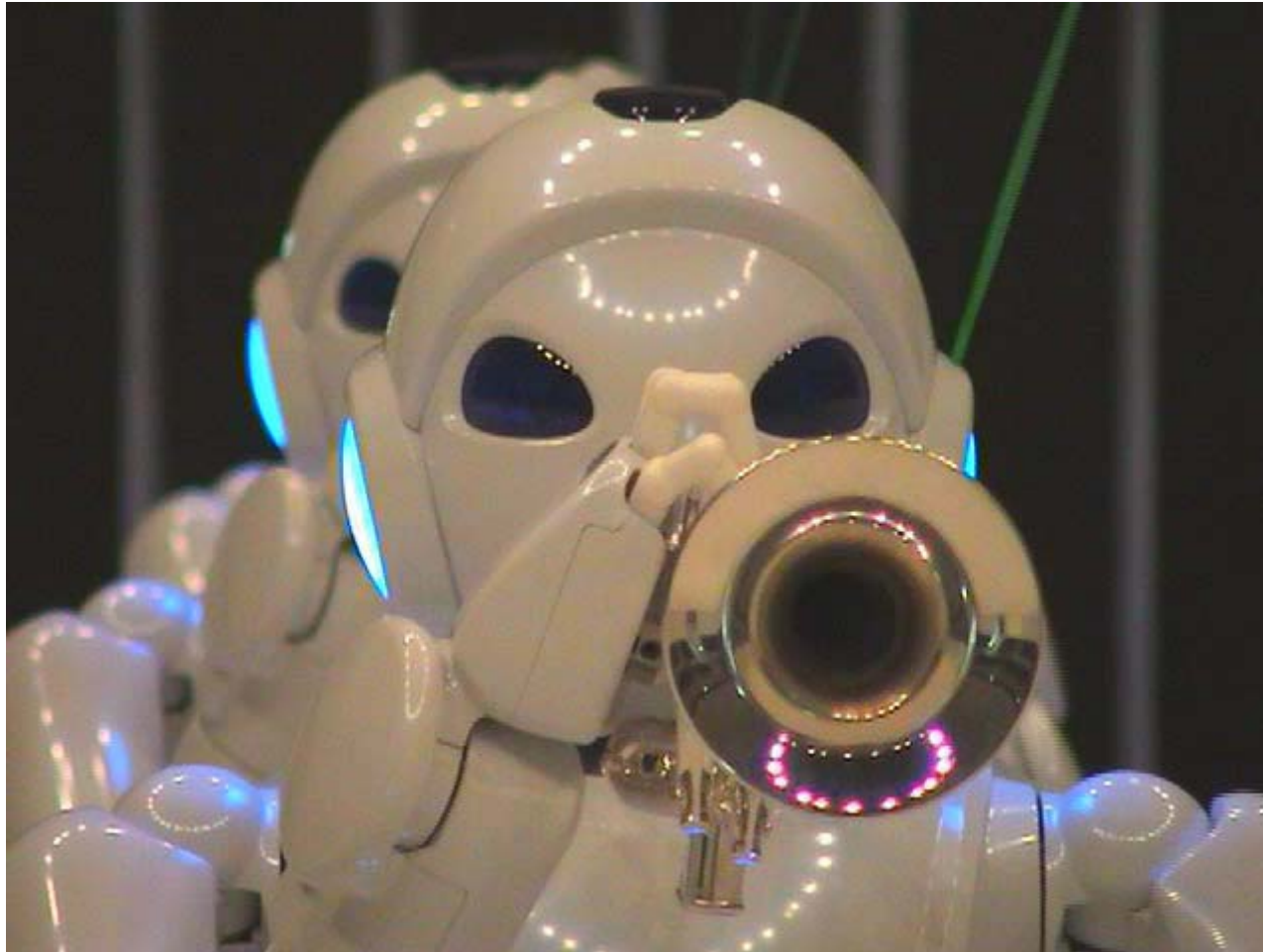
**AIBO  
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**SDR-X4**

Sales of Aibo (mar. 2000- feb.  
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7.214.000.000 Yen (**60 M€**)

(Source: Sony News and Information, Summary of  
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# Toyota Partner Robot





This robot has developed to recreate the human-like natural yet charming expressions with high functionalities retained.

Emphasizes on its own realistic presence with smooth gestures.

It has news hooks and high eye-catching effects. It can be utilized to play active part for many occasions as a chairperson with fluent narrations and booth bunny.

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# La nuova sfida: una squadra di calcio di robot umanoidi



# Scienza e Ingegneria Biorobotica

Usare i robot per *inventare*...

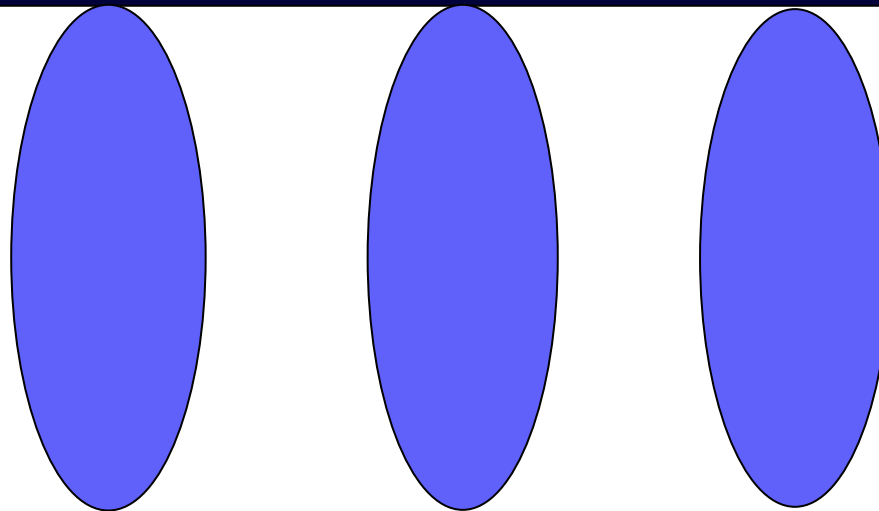
Usare i robot per *scoprire*...



# Scienza e Ingegneria Biorobotica

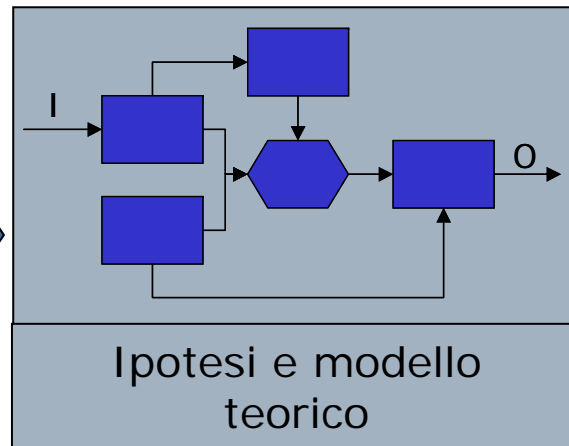
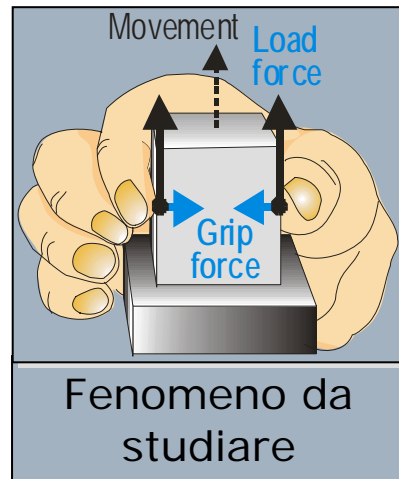
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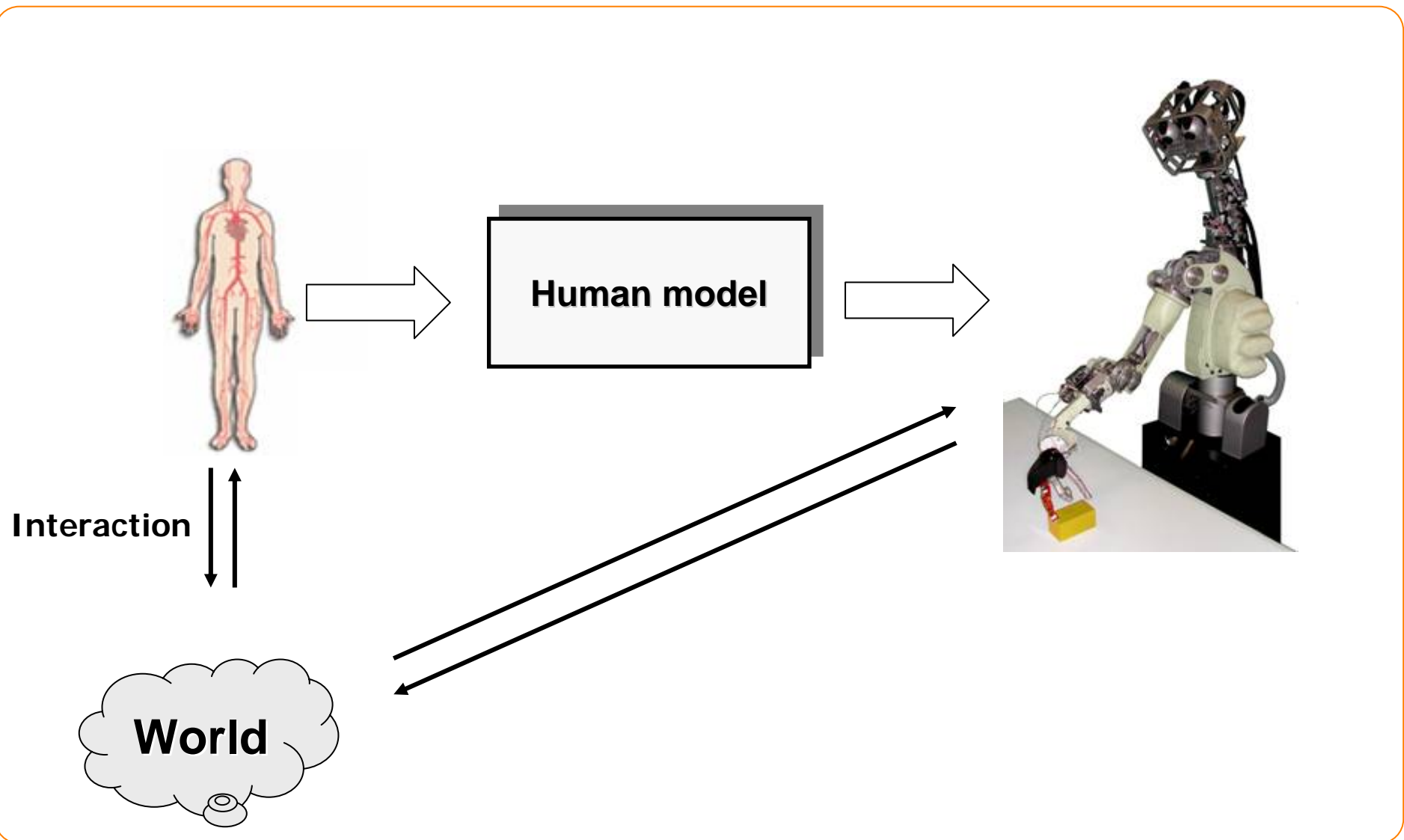


Progettare e costruire macchine per l'Uomo

# Scienza Biorobotica



# Biorobotica vs simulazione e modelli animali





# Biorobotic research at the AI Lab, MIT, USA

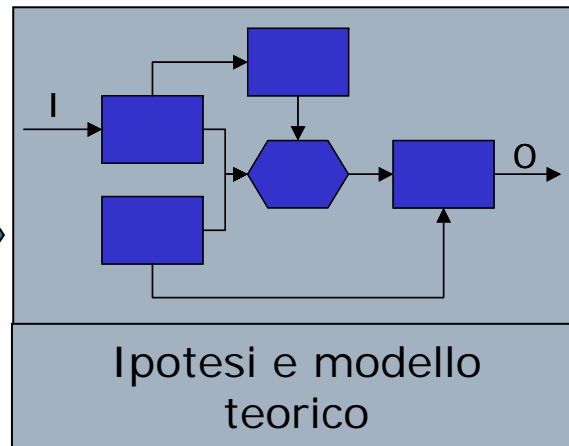
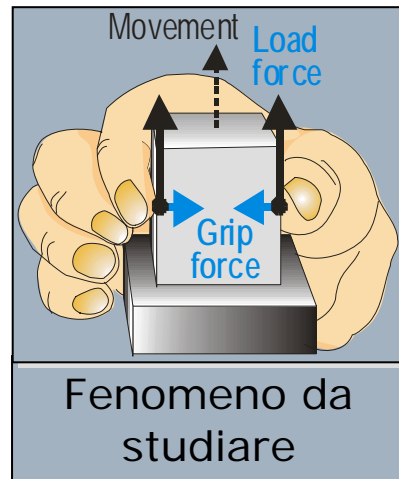
*"Humanoid intelligence requires humanoid interactions with the world"*

to build a robot with human-like intelligence and human-like body



*"It turns out to be easier to build real robots than to simulate complex interactions with the world, including perception and motor control. Leaving those things out would deprive us of key insights into the nature of human intelligence".*

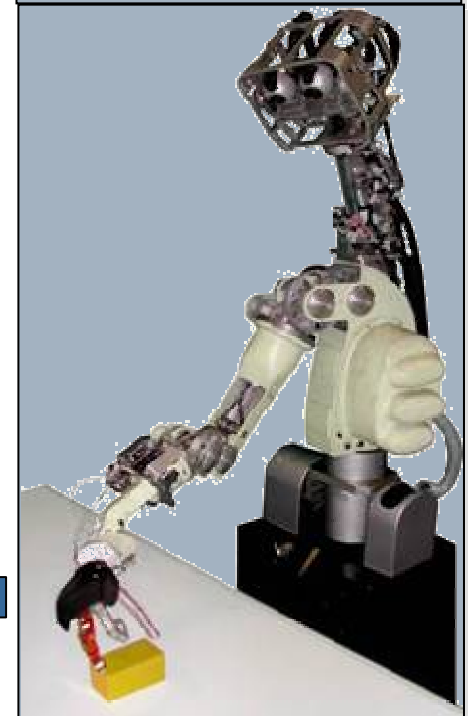
# Scienza Biorobotica



*Validazione  
del modello*

ESPERIMENTO  
Confronto fra la  
prestazione del robot e  
quella del sistema  
biologico

Implementazione  
in un robot



# Biorobotics epistemology

## **Proto-Cybernetics** (J. Loeb 1905, 1912; H. S. Jennings 1906)

*Mechanicism Vs. Functionalism for studying the behavior of living organisms*

If a machine is implemented on the basis of a theory of behavior, and ***it behaves according to what this theory allows to predict***, this test reinforces the proposed theory

## **Cybernetics** (Rosenblueth, Wiener, Bigelow 1943)

**Unified approach to the study of living organisms and machines**

Purposive adaptive behaviors (in animals and humans) are produced by *feedback machines (teleology)*

**Machines as 'material models' useful for testing scientific hypotheses**

**Machines are used for SCIENCE**



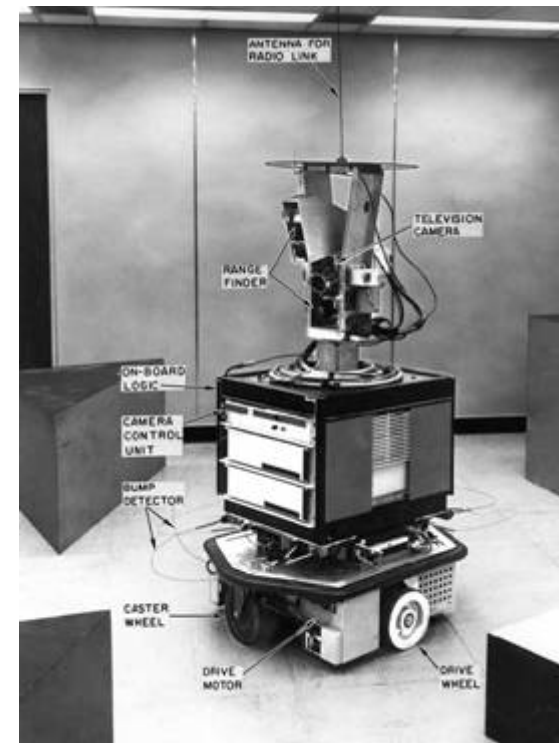
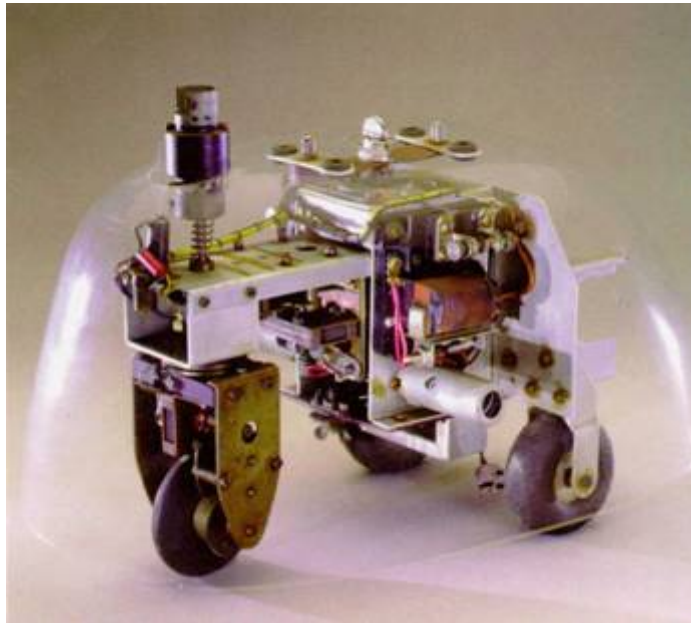


# The technological bottleneck

## Cybernetic Robotics

Turtle robots (The living brain, Grey Walter, 1950-1953): simple robotic models of 'emerging' behaviors

- Machina speculatrix, Machina docilis, etc.



Early robots ('80/'90)

# Costruire l'umanoide per capire l'Uomo



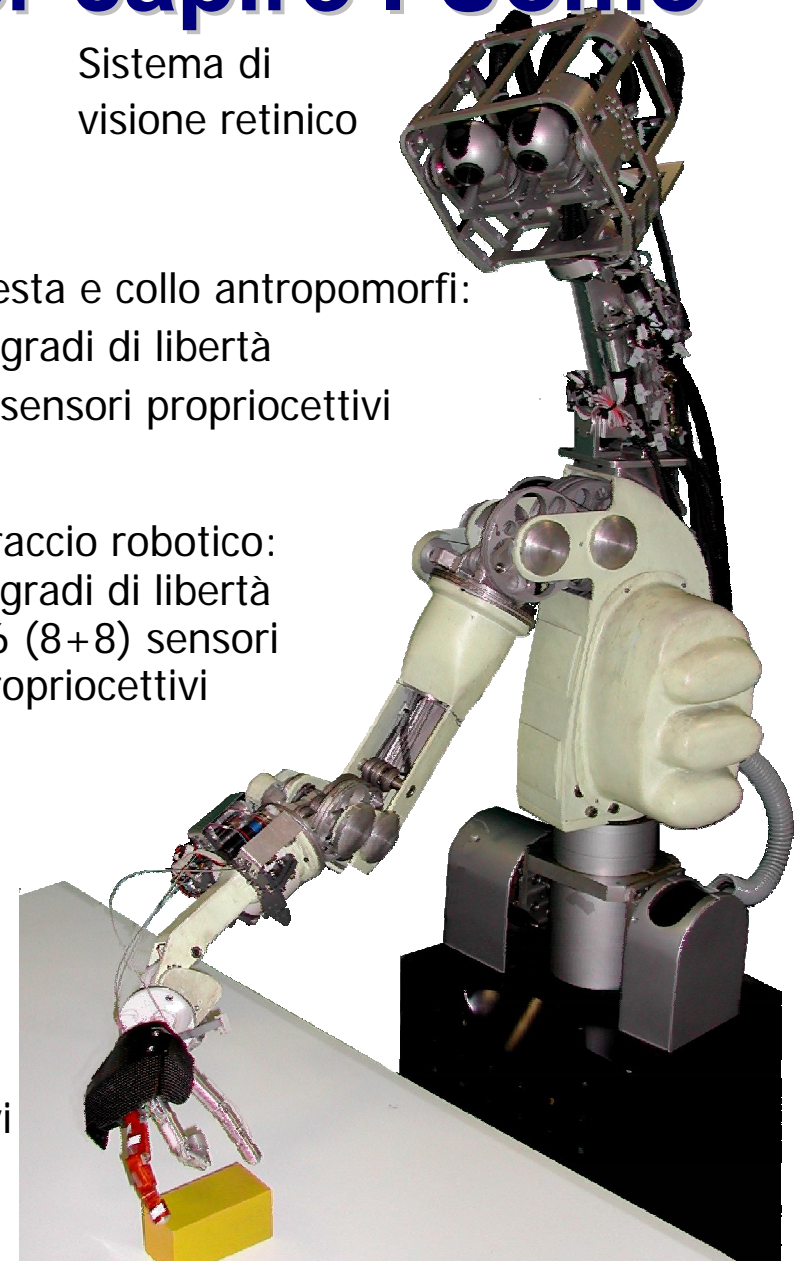
Sistema di  
visione retinico

Testa e collo antropomorfi:  
7 gradi di libertà  
7 sensori propriocettivi

Braccio robotico:  
8 gradi di libertà  
16 (8+8) sensori  
propriocettivi

Gradi di libertà	25
Sensori propriocettivi	36
Sensori tattili	12
Sensori visivi	2

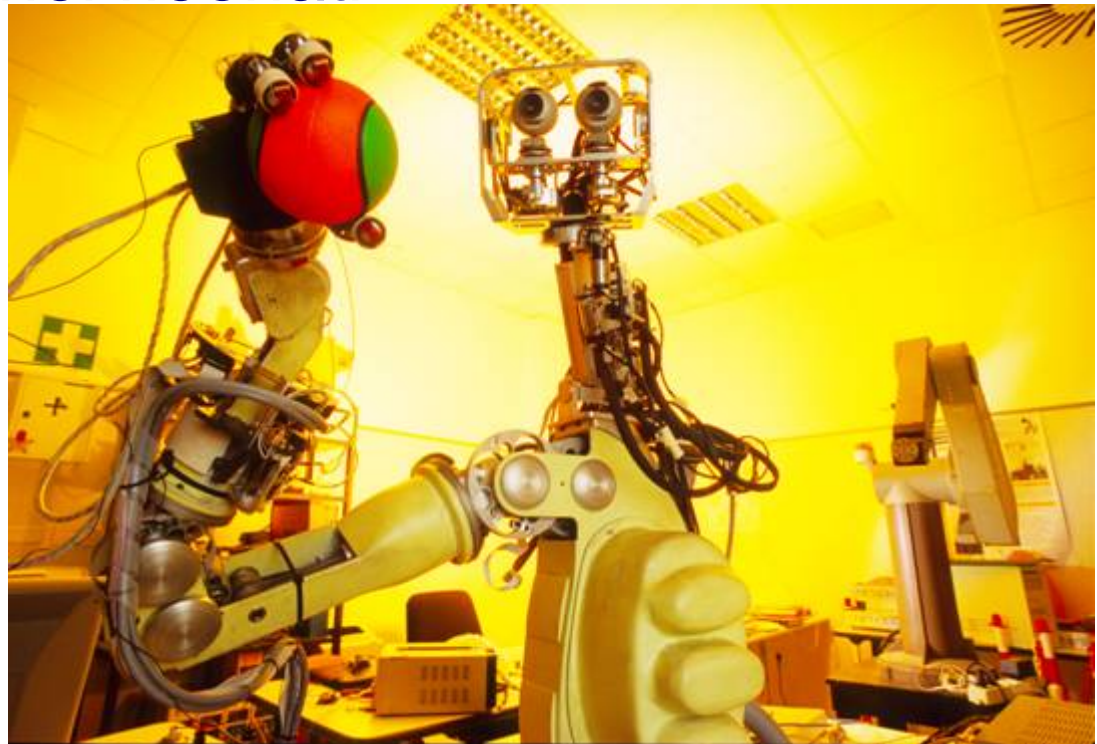
Mano biomeccatronica:  
10 gradi di libertà  
13 sensori propriocettivi  
12 sensori tattili



# Una piattaforma robotica per validare un modello dell'apprendimento della coordinazione senso-motoria per la presa nei neonati

## Obiettivi:

- Migliorare le conoscenze sulla connettività cerebrale (architettura) e sull'attività cerebrale (funzionalità), riguardo la coordinazione senso-motoria nella presa nei bambini
- Integrare una piattaforma robotica per la presa e la manipolazione per validare modelli neurofisiologici delle 5 fasi di apprendimento della coordinazione visuo-tatto-motoria nei neonati

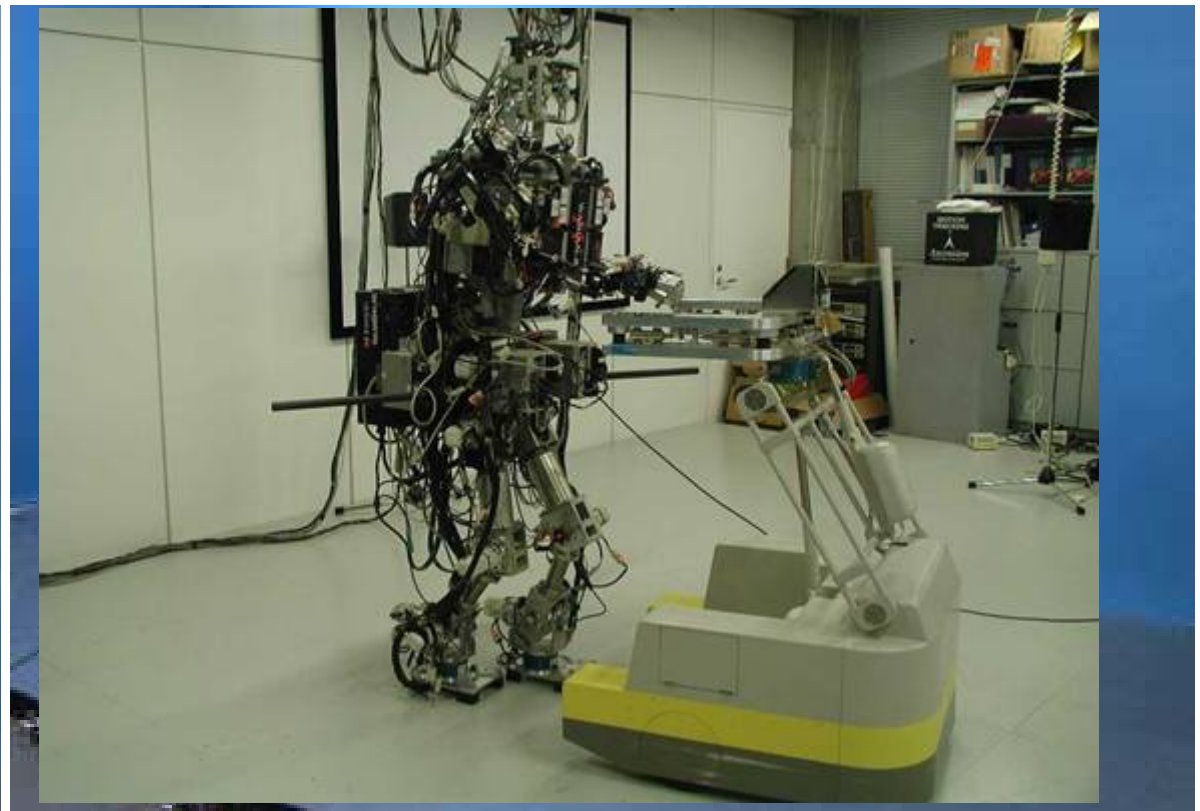


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# Un robot umanoide come modello del cammino umano

Walking robot Wabian-2R

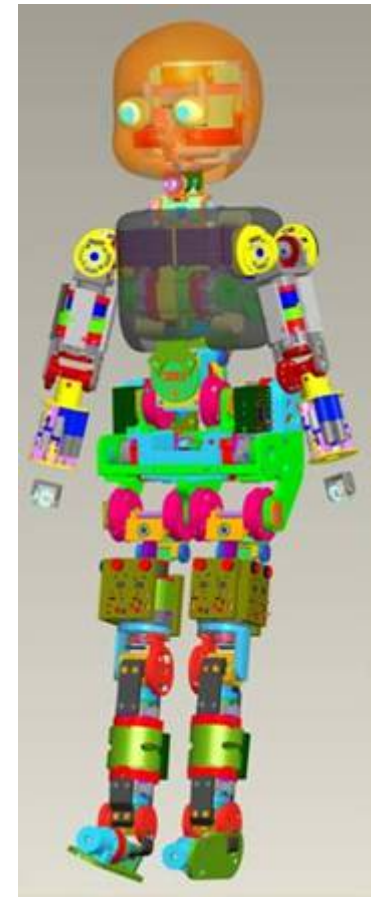
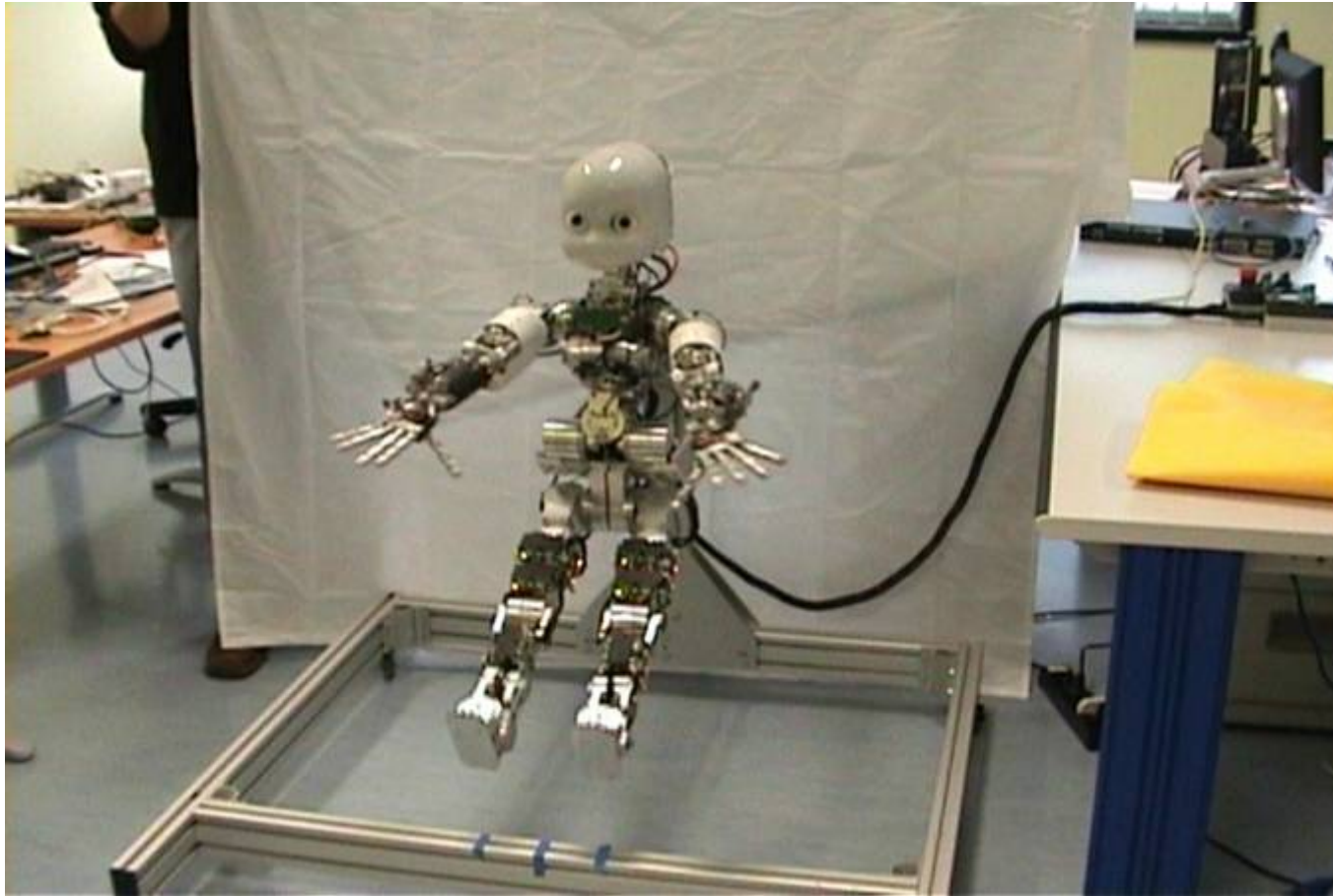


**WABIAN come simulatore dell'Uomo e strumento per la progettazione e la valutazione quantitativa di dispositivi di supporto alla deambulazione**

# RobotCub Project



Objective: to understand how the brain of living systems transforms sensory input into motor and cognitive functions by implementing physical models of sensory-motor behaviours





# From Swimming to Walking with a Salamander Robot Driven by a Spinal Cord Model

Auke Jan Ijspeert,<sup>1\*</sup> Alessandro Crespi,<sup>1</sup> Dimitri Ryczko,<sup>2,3</sup> Jean-Marie Cabelguen<sup>2,3</sup>

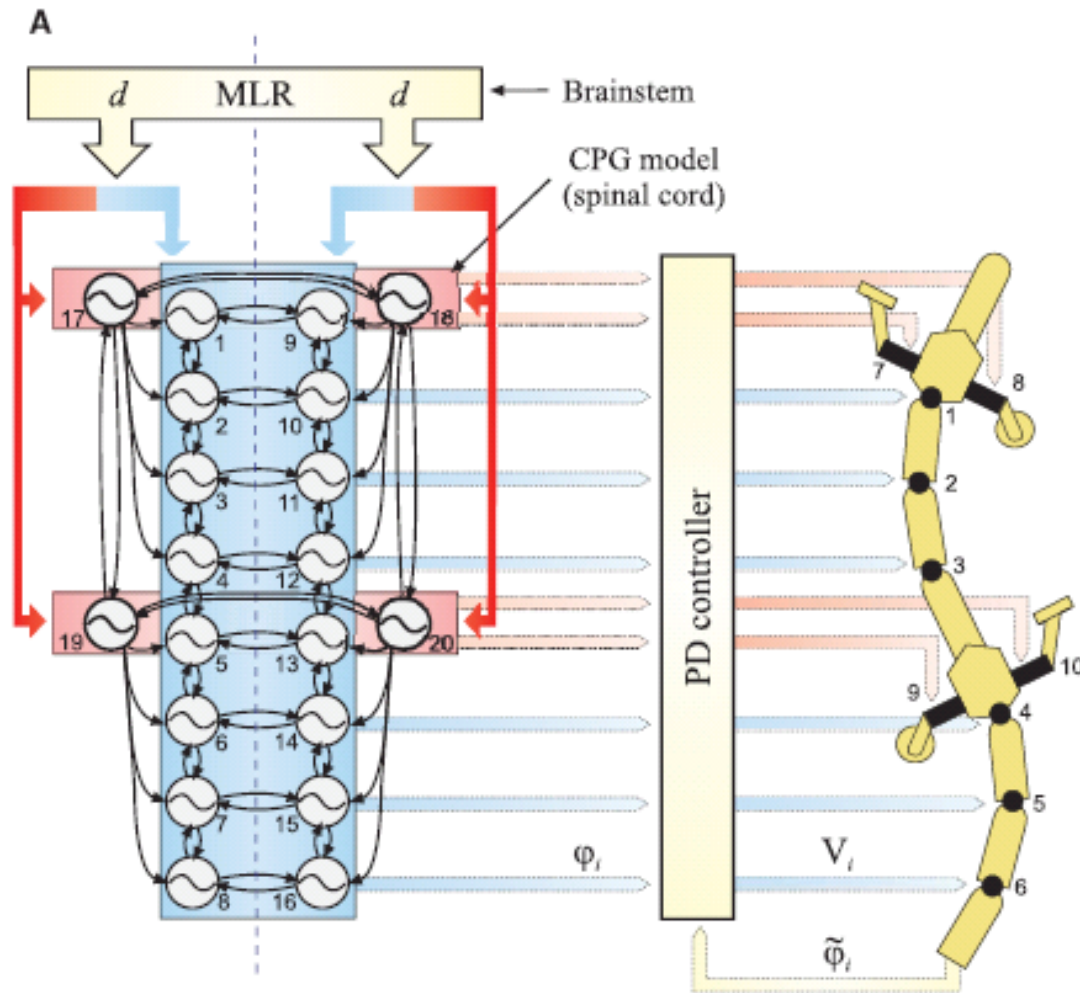
The **transition from aquatic to terrestrial locomotion** was a key development in vertebrate evolution.

An amphibious salamander robot demonstrates how a **primitive neural circuit for swimming can be extended by phylogenetically more recent limb oscillatory centers** to explain the ability of salamanders to switch between swimming and walking.

The model suggests **neural mechanisms for modulation of velocity, direction, and type of gait that are relevant for ALL tetrapods.**

# CPG Model and the Robot

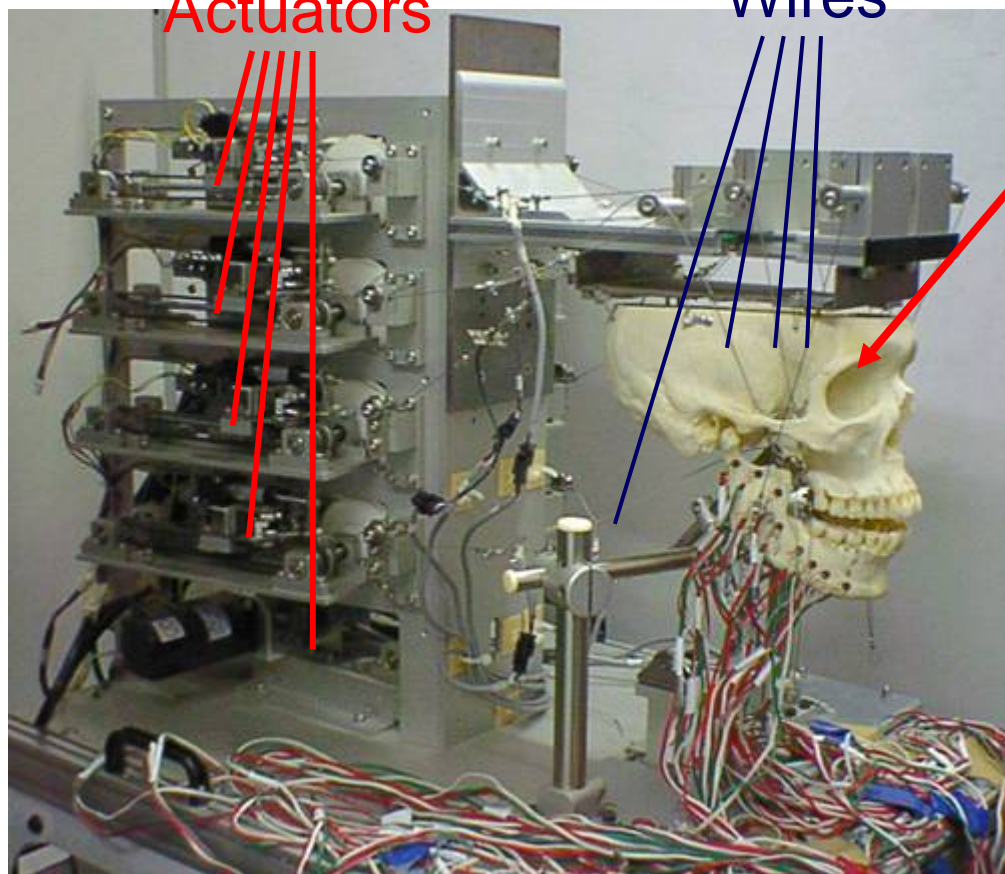
**Fig. 1.** Configuration of the CPG model (A) and salamander robot (B). The robot is driven by 10 dc motors, which actuate six hinge joints for the spine (black disks in the schematic view of the robot) and four rotational joints for the limbs (black cylinders). The CPG is composed of a body CPG—a double chain of 16 oscillators with nearest-neighbor coupling for driving the spine motors—and a limb CPG—4 oscillators for driving the limb motors. The outputs of the oscillators are used to determine the setpoints  $\varphi_i$  (desired angles) provided to proportional-derivative (PD) feedback controllers that control the motor torques (through their voltage  $V_i$ ) given the actual angles  $\tilde{\varphi}_i$ . The CPG model receives left and right drives  $d$  representing descending signals from the MLR region in the brain stem. The velocity, direction, and type of gait exhibited by the robot can be adjusted by modifying these two signals.



# Dental Robotics: Clarify Human Mastication with Mastication Scientists

Artificial Muscle  
Actuators

Tendon Driving  
Wires



Real Human Dry Skull

Height : 510 [mm]  
Width : 450 [mm]  
Depth : 600 [mm]

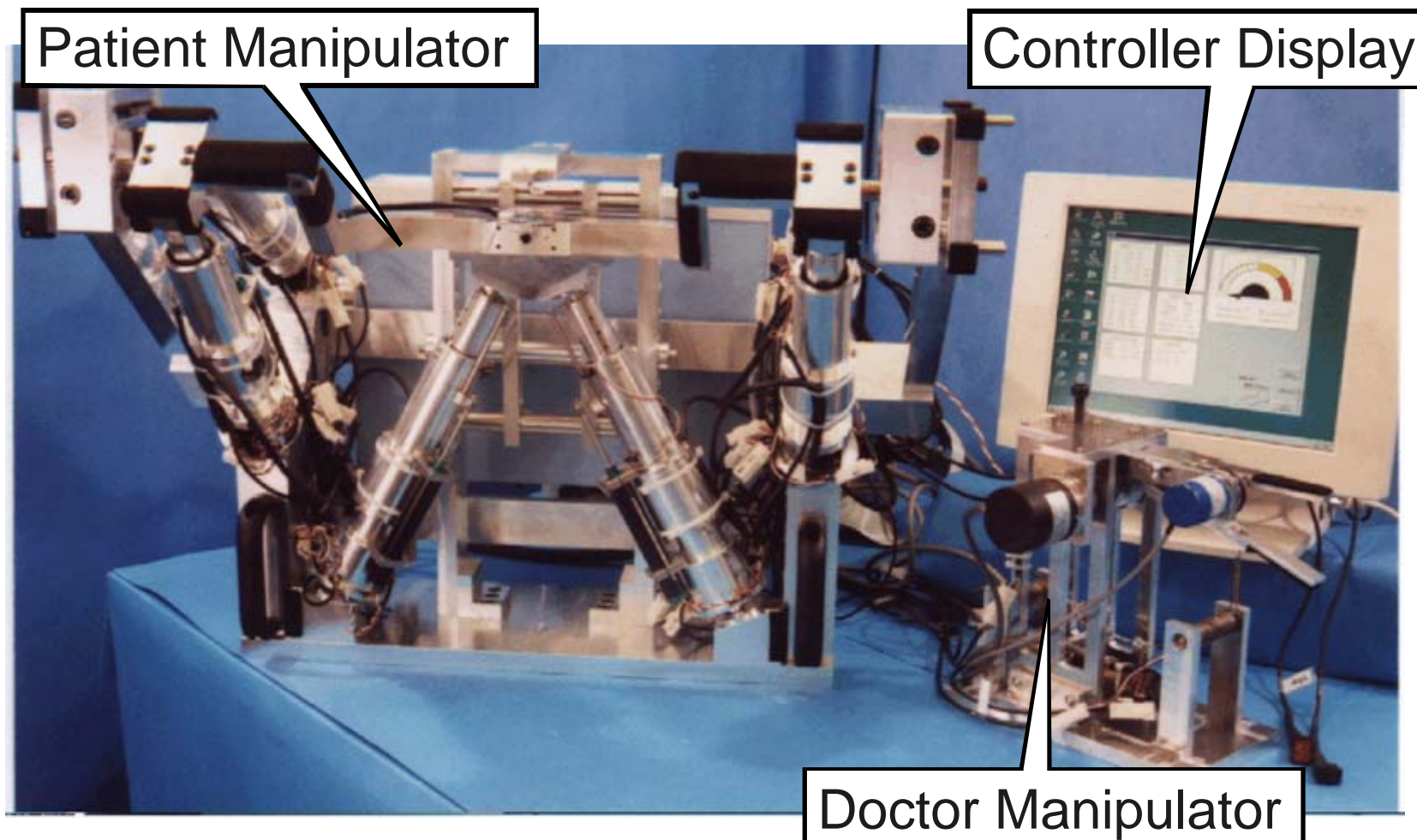
**9 DOF**

- 9 AC Servo Motors
- Wire Drive
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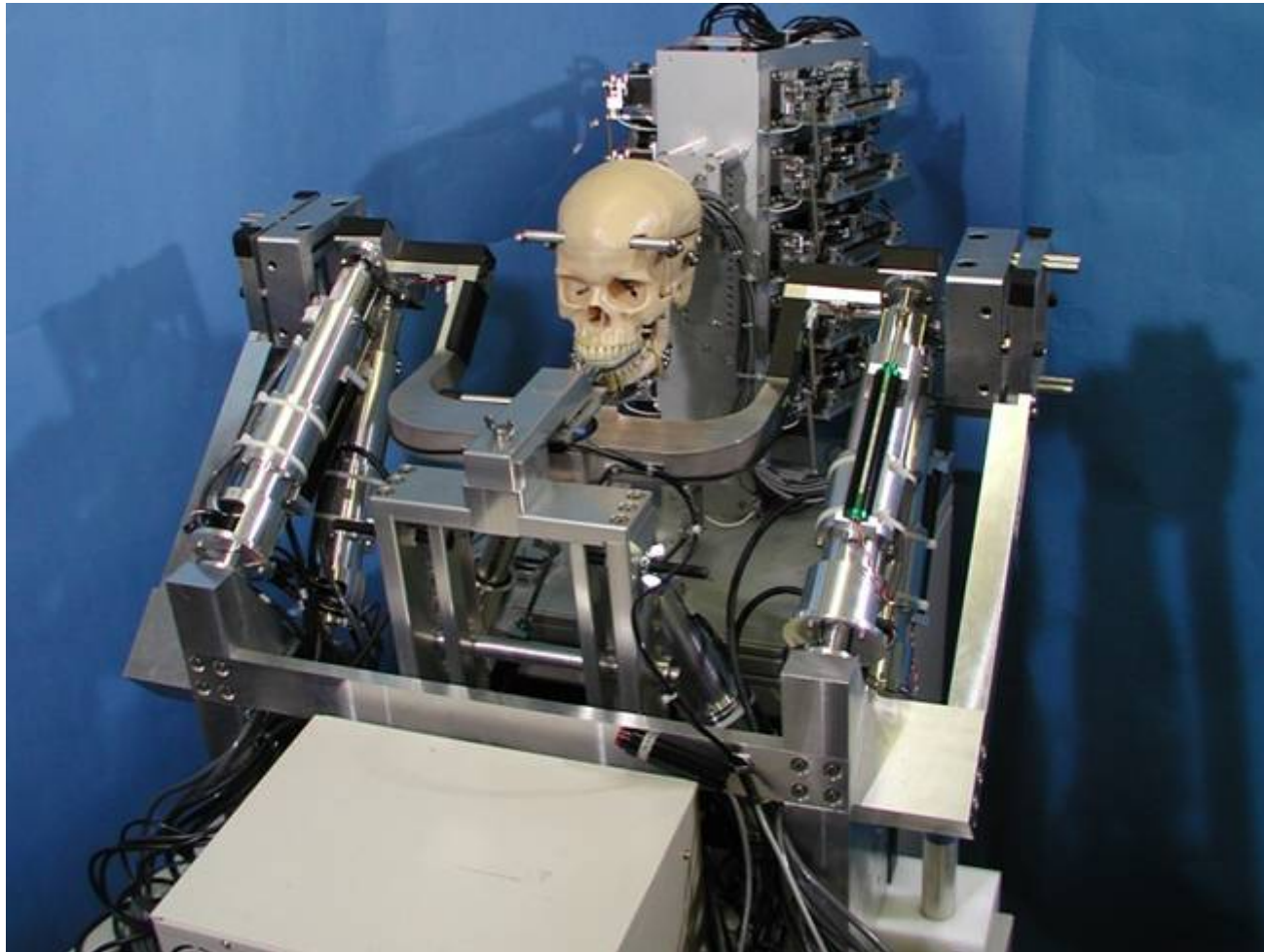
# Jaw Training Robot for TMD Patients Designed using Human Mastication Model





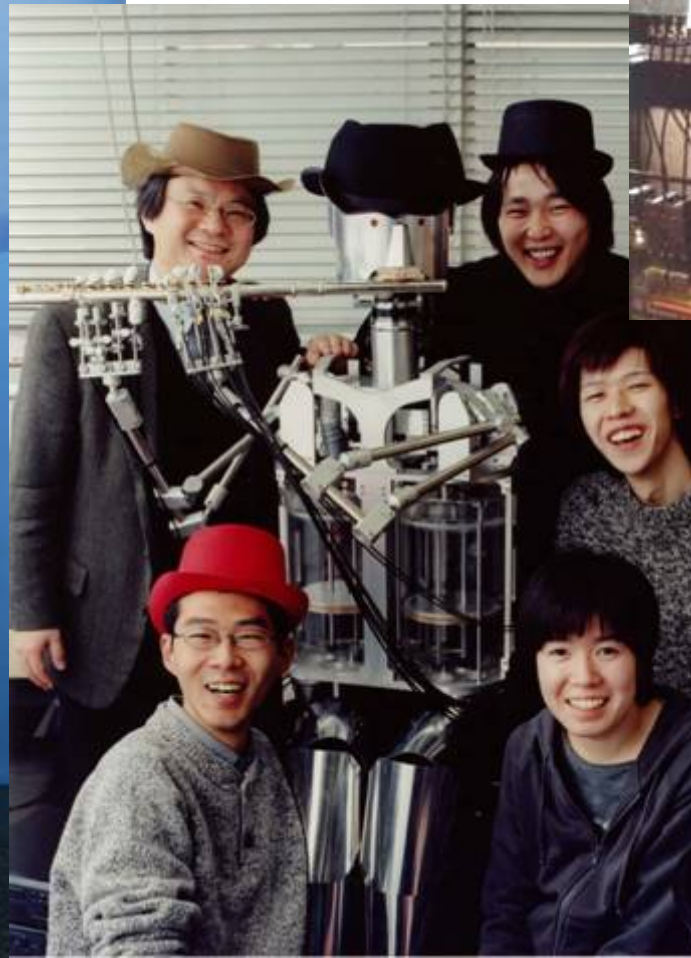
# Jaw Training Robot and Patient Simulator Robot for Exploring New Robotic Treatment Methodology

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# Flutist Robot for Simulating Human Flute Playing:WF-4

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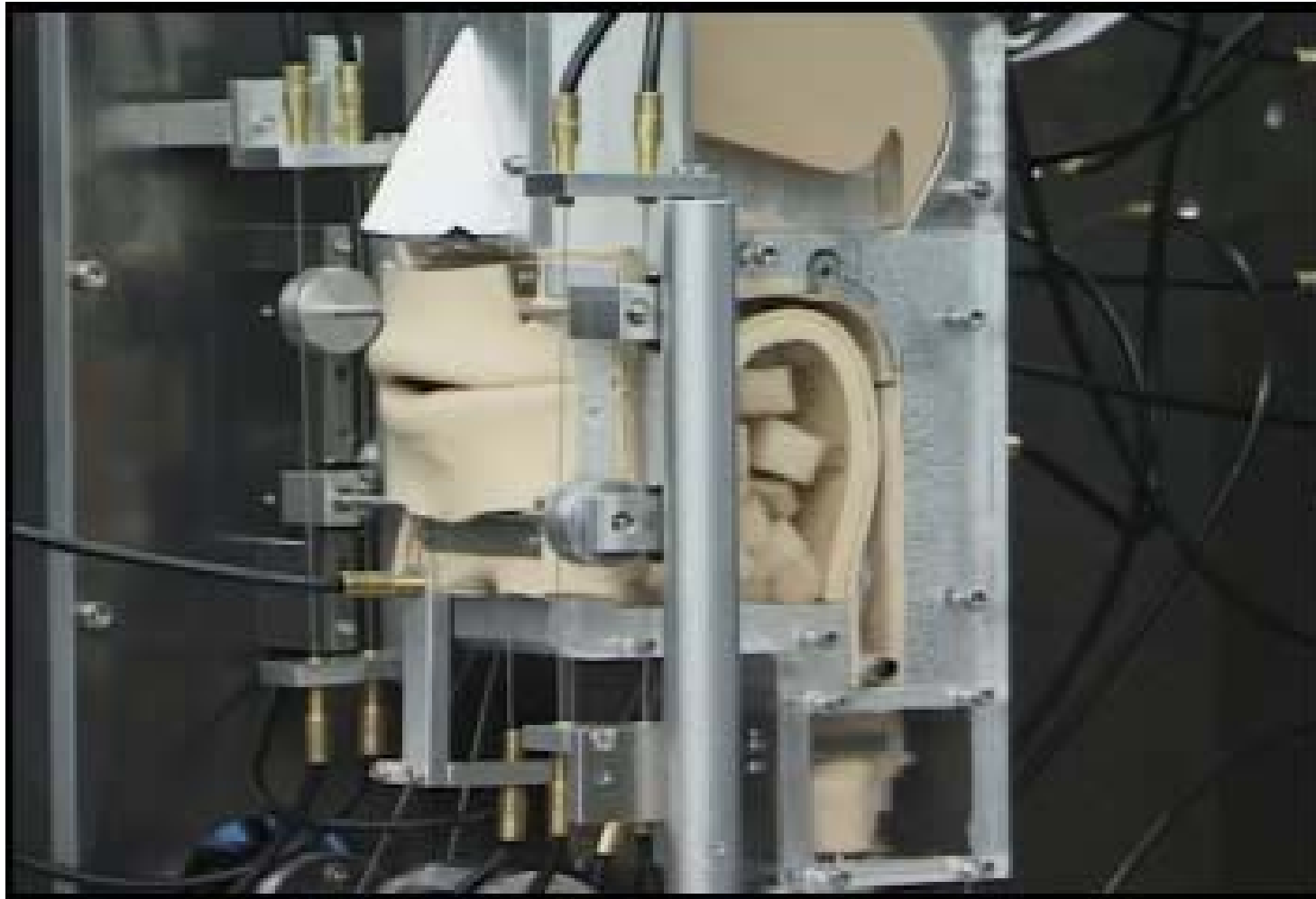


Professional Flutist: Mr.  
Kunimitsu Wakamatsu

GIFU-WASEDA WABOT-HOUSE Project

# Modeling of Human Speech Production Using Talking Robots: WT-3/4

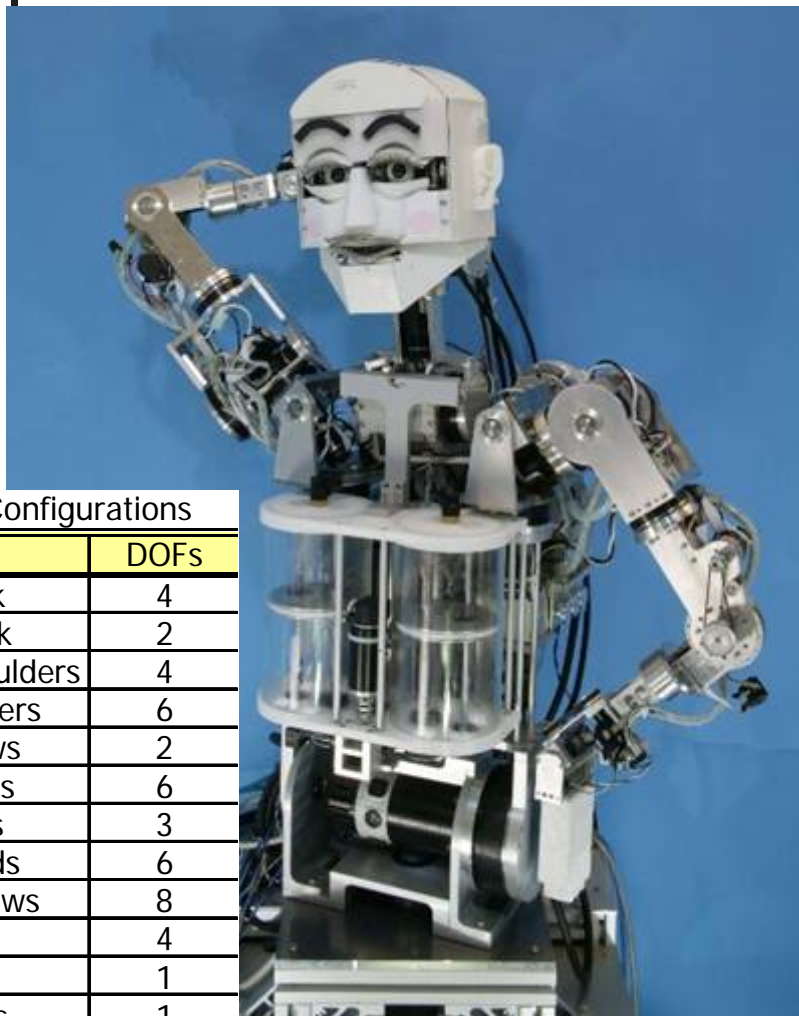
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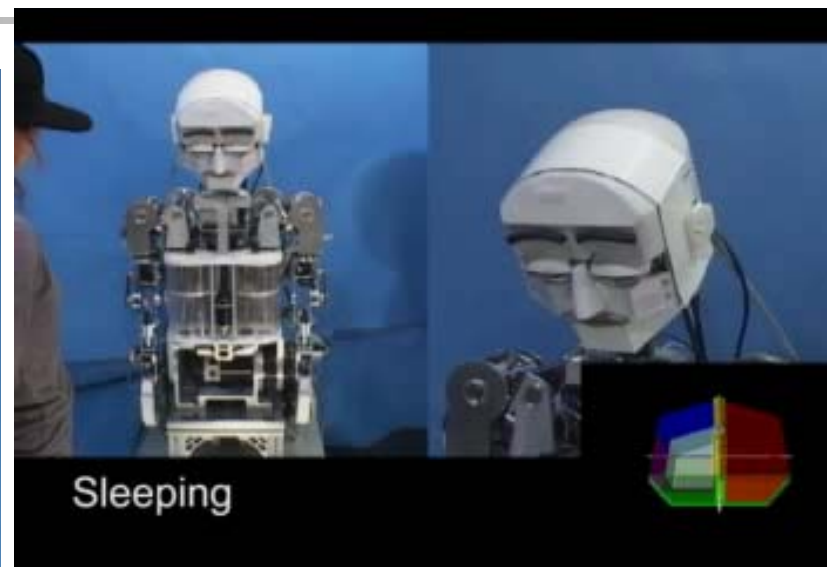


# Emotion Expression Humanoid **EYE-Chan**: WE-4R for Modeling Human Mind



DOFs Configurations

Part	DOFs
Neck	4
Trunk	2
Base Shoulders	4
Shoulders	6
Elbows	2
Wrists	6
Eyes	3
Eyelids	6
Eyebrows	8
Lids	4
Jaw	1
Lungs	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>47</b>







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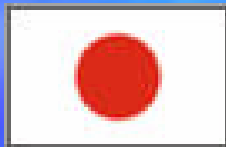
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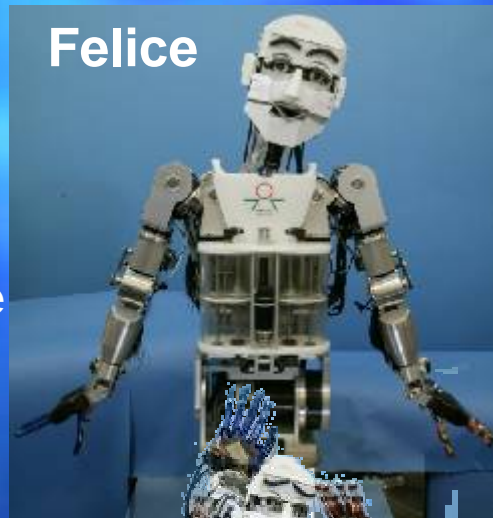
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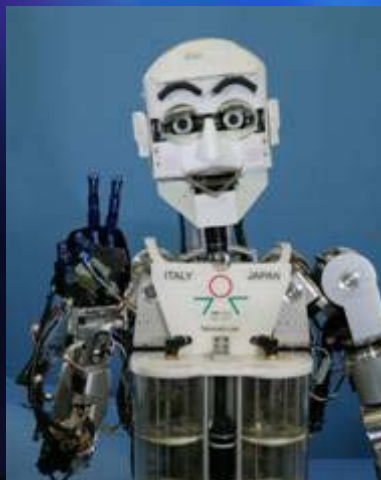
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Robot come  
strumenti per le  
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# Robot-An, Laboratorio congiunto italo-giapponese



Inaugurazione ufficiale di RoboHan,  
Laboratorio congiunto italo-  
giapponese, Pisa, Febbraio 2006



Un robot gemello del **Wabian2**  
viene sviluppato a Robot-An



# Neuro-Robotic research at the Human Information Science Lab, ATR, Japan



## Computational Neuroscience Project Prof. Mitsuo Kawato

to understand brain mechanisms,  
including vision and motor systems,  
which support the adaptive  
behaviour of humans by adopting a  
“Computational approach”, i.e.  
developing an artificial brain in order  
to understand the brain

Neuro-Robotic research at the AI Lab, Department of  
Information Technology,  
University of Zürich, Switzerland

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to understand natural forms of  
intelligence (humans, animals) by  
designing and build intelligent systems  
(computer programs, robots, other  
artefacts)

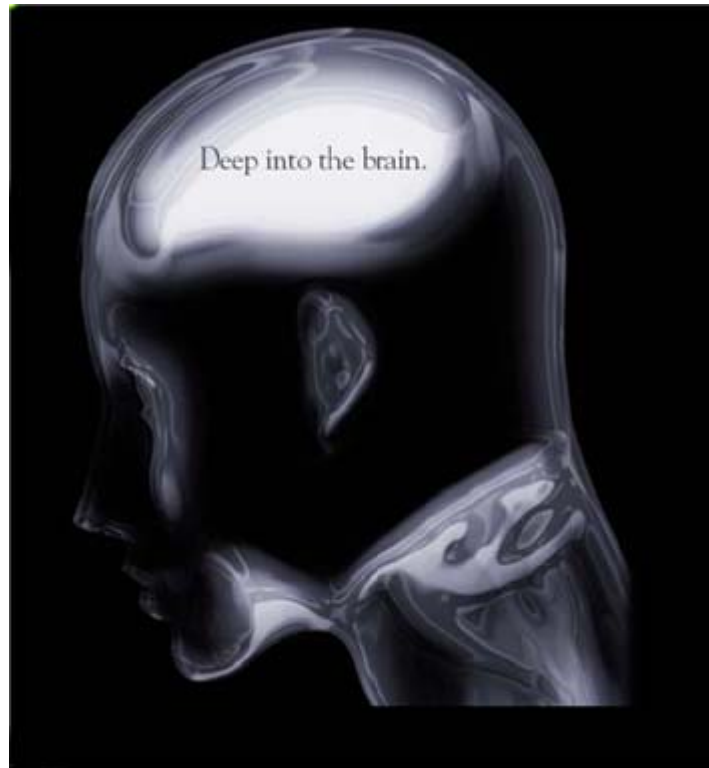
“Understanding by building” approach

- modelling aspects of a biological system,
- abstracting and exploring general principles of intelligence,
- using these principles in the design of artefacts.



# Neuro-Robotic research at the RIKEN Brain Science Institute, Japan

## Research Groups and Laboratories



### Understanding the Brain

- [Neuronal Function Research Group](#)
- [Neuronal Circuit Mechanisms Research Group](#)
- [Cognitive Brain Science Group](#)
- [RIKEN-MIT Neuroscience Research Center](#)

### Protecting the Brain

- [Developmental Brain Science Group](#)
- [Molecular Neuropathology Group](#)
- [Aging and Psychiatric Research Group](#)
- [Recovery Mechanisms Research Group](#)

### Creating the Brain

- [Brainway Group](#)
- [Brain-Style Intelligence Research Group](#)
- [Brain-Style Information Systems Research Group](#)



# 前進

## Striding Forward

### A Strategic Target Timetable developed for the areas of "Understanding the Brain," "Protecting the Brain" and "Creating the Brain."

Research programs aimed at achieving specific goals, together with the scientific knowledge accumulated to date allow us to forecast the next 20 years of scientific research. During this period, science will present many research findings that can be formulated into strategic objectives in the three main branches of "Understanding the Brain," "Protecting the Brain" and "Creating the Brain."

Strategic Target Timetable of Brain Science

## Understanding the Brain

Elucidation of brain functions

	5 years from now	10 years from now	15 years from now	20 years from now
To elucidate the structure and function of brain regions responsible for 'perception,' 'emotion' and 'consciousness'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Elucidation of neural activity of perception.</li> <li>Identification of brain regions responsible for perception, emotion and consciousness.</li> <li>Understanding of the basic mechanisms of memory and learning.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Elucidation of the organizational processes of the brain.</li> <li>Understanding of the basic mechanisms of perception and motor function.</li> <li>Elucidation of memory and motor activity and</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Elucidation of cognitive integration and motor activity in the sensorimotor system.</li> <li>Elucidation of emotion, thought processes, thought, memory and creative process.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Function of the neural basis of the mind.</li> <li>Elucidation of states of consciousness and unconsciousness.</li> <li>Understanding of the relationship between environment and society.</li> </ul>
To elucidate brain functions involved in communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Elucidation of language representation in the brain.</li> <li>Understanding of the differences in</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Elucidation of word attention representation in the brain.</li> <li>Understanding of emotional communication (e.g. body posture, feelings, etc.)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Elucidation of group and social behavior.</li> </ul>	
Examples of advantages of understanding the brain	Understanding basic mechanisms of the brain	Understanding the brain system	Useful information on child rearing and education	Understanding human beings and the development of society

## Protecting the Brain

Elimination of brain disorders

	5 years from now	10 years from now	15 years from now	20 years from now
To control the developmental and aging processes of the brain	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identification of genes associated with brain development and differentiation of the brain.</li> <li>Identification of factors associated with the aging process of the brain.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Development of methods for the regulation of normal brain development in neonatal animals.</li> <li>Control of the aging process using natural means.</li> <li>Development of a drug delivery system for the brain.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Development of methods for the regulation of normal brain development in human.</li> <li>Control of the degeneration of the brain in animals.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prevention of the development of brain disorders.</li> <li>Control of the aging process of the brain in humans.</li> </ul>
To prevent neurological and psychiatric diseases and restore damaged brain tissue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Elucidation of the mechanisms of neurodegenerative diseases (Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, etc.).</li> <li>Elucidation of the mechanisms of brain recovery (the existing regenerative capacity for brain recovery).</li> <li>Development of methods for the regeneration and transplantation of neural tissue.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Elucidation of the mechanisms of brain diseases caused by a single gene.</li> <li>Elucidation of the mechanisms of brain diseases caused by virus.</li> <li>Elucidation of the mechanisms of biological rhythm disorders.</li> <li>Regulation of gene therapy.</li> <li>Development of methods for transplantation of neural tissue.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Development of therapeutic methods for neurodegenerative diseases.</li> <li>Elucidation of the mechanisms of neurological and psychiatric disorders.</li> <li>Development of methods of gene therapy.</li> <li>Prevention of neurological disorders.</li> <li>Elucidation of brain diseases caused by a single gene.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Development of artificial nerves, muscles and sensory organs.</li> <li>Prevention of psychiatric diseases.</li> </ul>
Examples of brain disorders to be overcome	Dementia, drug dependence	Huntington's disease, psychosomatic diseases, multiple sclerosis (MS)	Prevention of Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, cerebrovascular diseases	Control of the brain's aging process, schizophrenia, bipolar disorder and other psychiatric diseases

## Creating the Brain

Development of brain-style computers

	5 years from now	10 years from now	15 years from now	20 years from now
To establish and elucidate the principles involved in information processing in the brain	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Determination of the calculation principle for cognition and motor control.</li> <li>Establishment of brain measurement technology and data analysis methods.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Determination of the calculation principle for decision, memory and information integration.</li> <li>Establishment of measurement methods.</li> </ul>		
To develop brain-style devices and neural architecture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Development of memory networks with synaptic modification (one million synaptic units).</li> <li>Development of neural model analog computer systems.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Development of a neural architecture for thinking mechanisms (100 million synapses).</li> <li>Development of a memory model machine with self-organizing algorithm.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Development of a neural architecture for thinking mechanisms (100 million synapses).</li> <li>Development of a memory model machine with self-organizing algorithm.</li> </ul>	
To design brain-style systems for information generation and processing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Development of a brain-style cognitive memory system.</li> <li>Development of systems for planning and supervisory decision control.</li> <li>Development of systems for learning and motor control.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Development of a self-organizing memory system with information integration.</li> <li>Development of a system for the integration of multiple thinking and motor learning.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Development of a self-organizing memory system with information integration.</li> <li>Development of a system for the integration of multiple thinking and motor learning.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Development of human-friendly networks consisting of microcomputers that are capable of human beings.</li> <li>Development of robot systems that support human activities.</li> </ul>
Examples of brain-style computers to be developed	Information-processing technologies working in fluctuating, uncertain and noisy environments	Active information-processing technologies based on associative memory and flexible small routine learning	Tools for developing an information-oriented society with intelligence	System which understands and responds to human intentions and emotions

The Long-term Strategy for Research and Development of the Brain (Brain Science Committee, May 1994, revised July 2000)

# Understanding the Brain

Elucidation of brain functions

## 5 years from now

To elucidate the structure and function of brain regions responsible for 'perception,' 'emotion' and 'consciousness'

- Elucidation of neurofunctions of molecules
- Identification of brain regions representing 'perception,' 'emotion', and 'consciousness'
- Understanding of the brain mechanisms of 'memory' and 'learning'

To elucidate brain functions involved in communication

- Elucidation of language representation in the brain
- Understanding of the differences in

Examples of advantages of understanding the brain

Understanding basic mechanisms of the brain

## 10 years from now

- Elucidation of the organizational principles of the brain
- Understanding of the brain mechanisms of 'recognition' and 'motor function'
- Elucidation of emotions, instinctive actions and

- Elucidation of word information representation in the brain
- Understanding of nonverbal communication (e.g. body gestures, feelings, etc.)

Understanding the brain system

## 15 years from now

- Elucidation of function integration and control mechanisms of the central nervous system
- Elucidation of attention, thought processes, feelings, reasoning and creative processes

- Elucidation of group and social behavior

Useful information on child rearing and education

## 20 years from now

- Elucidation of the material basis of the mind
- Elucidation of states of consciousness and unconsciousness
- Understanding of the relationship between an individual and society

Understanding human beings and the development of society

# Protecting the Brain

Elimination of brain disorders

To control the developmental and aging processes of the brain

To prevent neurological and psychiatric diseases and restore damaged brain tissue

Examples of brain disorders to be overcome

5 years from now

- Identification of genes associated with the development and differentiation of the brain
- Identification of factors associated with the aging process of the brain

- Elucidation of the mechanisms of neurological and psychiatric disorders
- Elucidation of the mechanisms of toxic psychosis [To develop restorative methods for brain damage]
- Development of methods for the regeneration and transplantation of neural tissue

Encephalitis, drug dependence

10 years from now

- Development of methods for the regulation of normal brain development in nonhuman animals
- Control of the aging process using cultured neurons
- Development of a drug delivery system for the

- Elucidation of the mechanisms of brain disorders caused by a single gene
- Elucidation of the mechanisms of mental disorders caused by stress
- Elucidation of the mechanisms of biological rhythm disorders
- Development of gene therapy
- Implementation of methods for transplantation of neural tissue

Huntington's disease, psychosomatic diseases, multiple sclerosis (MS)

15 years from now

- Development of methods for the regulation of normal brain development in human
- Control of the aging process of the brain in animals

- Development of therapeutic methods for endogenous mental disorders
- Elucidation of the mechanisms of neurological and psychiatric disorders
- Implementation of methods of gene therapy
- Prevention of neurological disorders
- Elucidation of brain disorders caused by a single gene

Prevention of Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, cerebrovascular diseases

20 years from now

- Prevention of the development of brain disorders
- Control of the aging process of the brain in humans

- Development of artificial nerves, muscles and sensory organs
- Prevention of psychiatric diseases

Control of the brain's aging process, schizophrenia, bipolar disorder and other psychiatric disorders

# Creating the Brain

Development of brain-style computers

## 5 years from now

To establish and elucidate the principles involved in information processing in the brain

- Determination of the calculation principle for cognitive and motion control
- Establishment of brain measurement technology and brain data analytical methods

To develop brain-style devices and neural architecture

- Development of memory neurochips with synapse modification (one million synapse scale)
- To develop multimodal intelligent recognition chips

To design brain-style systems for information generation and processing

- Development of brain-style dynamic memory systems
- Development of systems for planning and supervising adaptive control
- Development of systems for thinking and decision

Examples of brain-style computers to be developed

Information-processing technologies working in fluctuating, uncertain and fuzzy environments

## 10 years from now

- Determination of the calculation principle for decisions, memory and information integration
- Establishment of neuroinformatics

- Development of a neural architecture for thinking mechanisms (100 million synapsescal)
- Development of a memory-based machine with self-acquired algorithms

- Development of a self-organizing memory system with information integration
- Development of a system for the integration of intuitive thinking and logical reasoning

Active information-processing technologies based on associative memory and flexible recall intuitive thinking

## 15 years from now

[Integration]

- Development of computer systems equipped with intellectual, emotional and willing abilities
- Design of novel creative information systems

Basis for developing an information-oriented society with intelligence

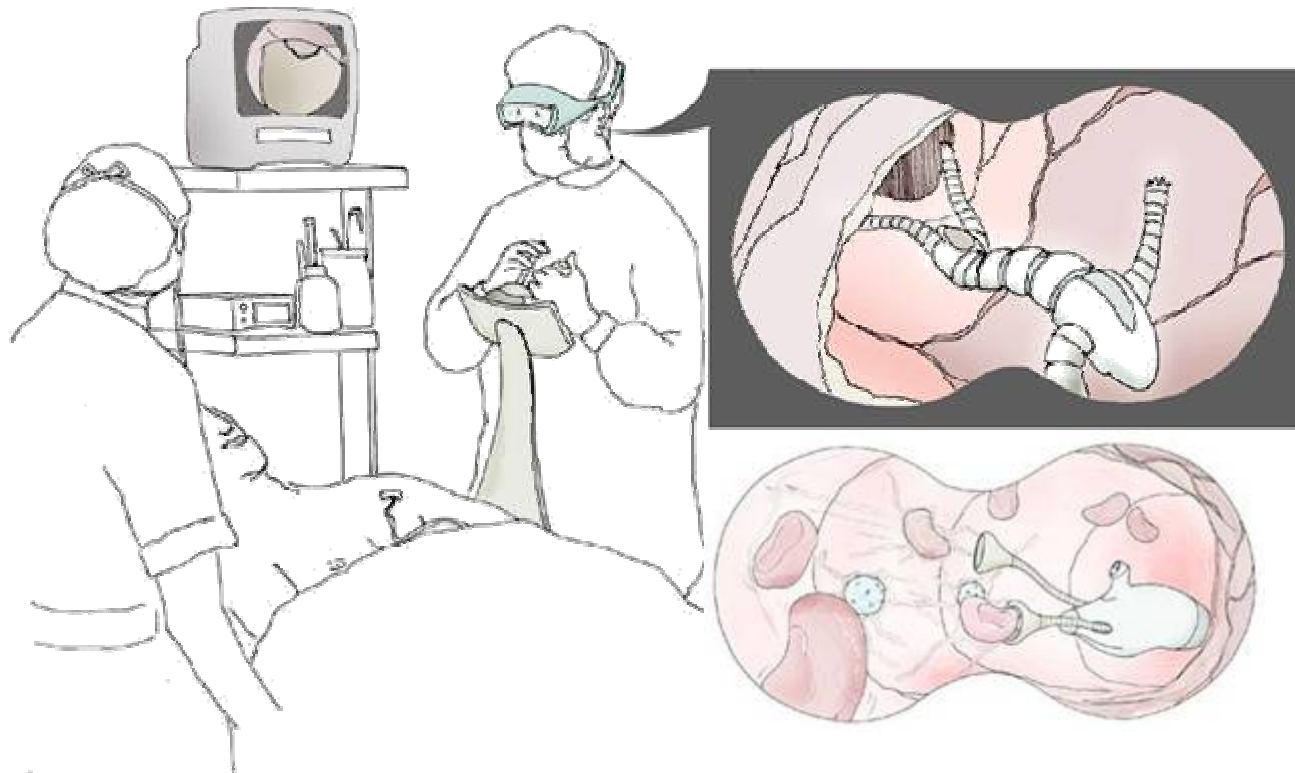
## 20 years from now

- Development of human-friendly network-compatible neurocomputers that are symbiotic with human beings
- Development of robot systems that support human intellectual life

System which understands and responds to human intentions and emotions



# Bionica scenario 'Beyond teleoperation'



Explorations  
inside the  
human body,  
with full  
sensory  
feed-back



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# ***The NEUROBOTICS IP Project*** (Duration: 5 years)

***The fusion of NEUROscience and RoBOTICS for  
augmenting human capabilities***

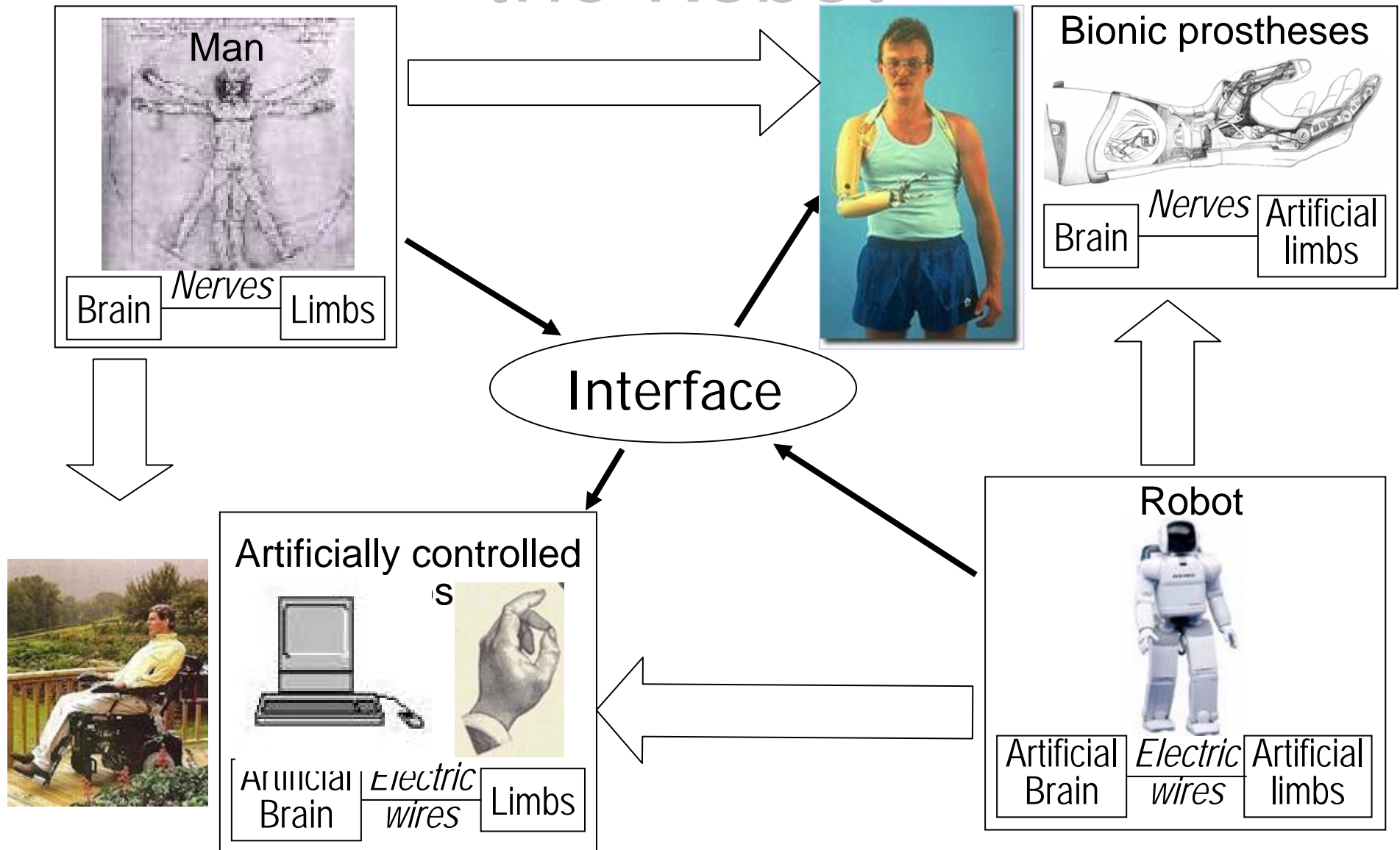
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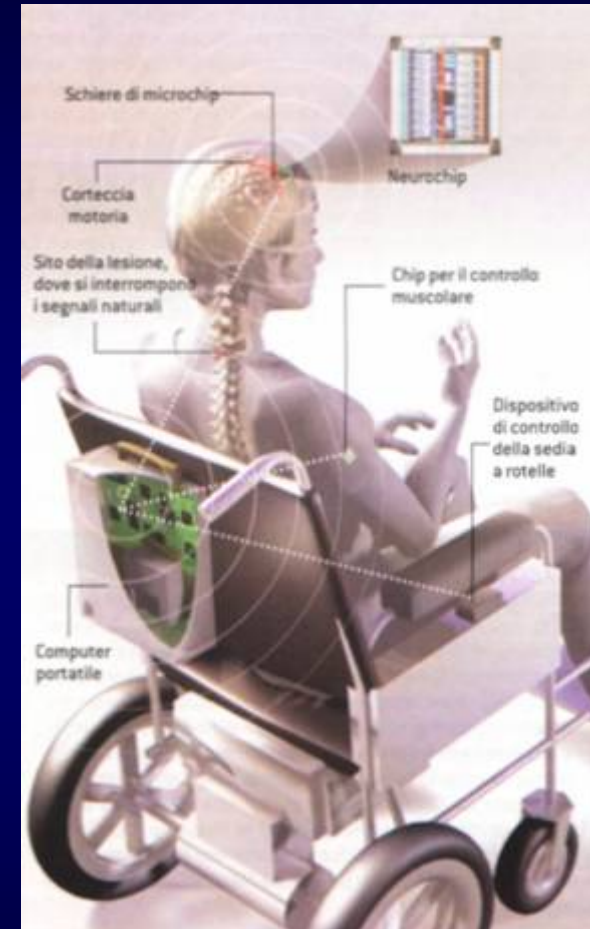
# "Connecting" the Man and the Robot





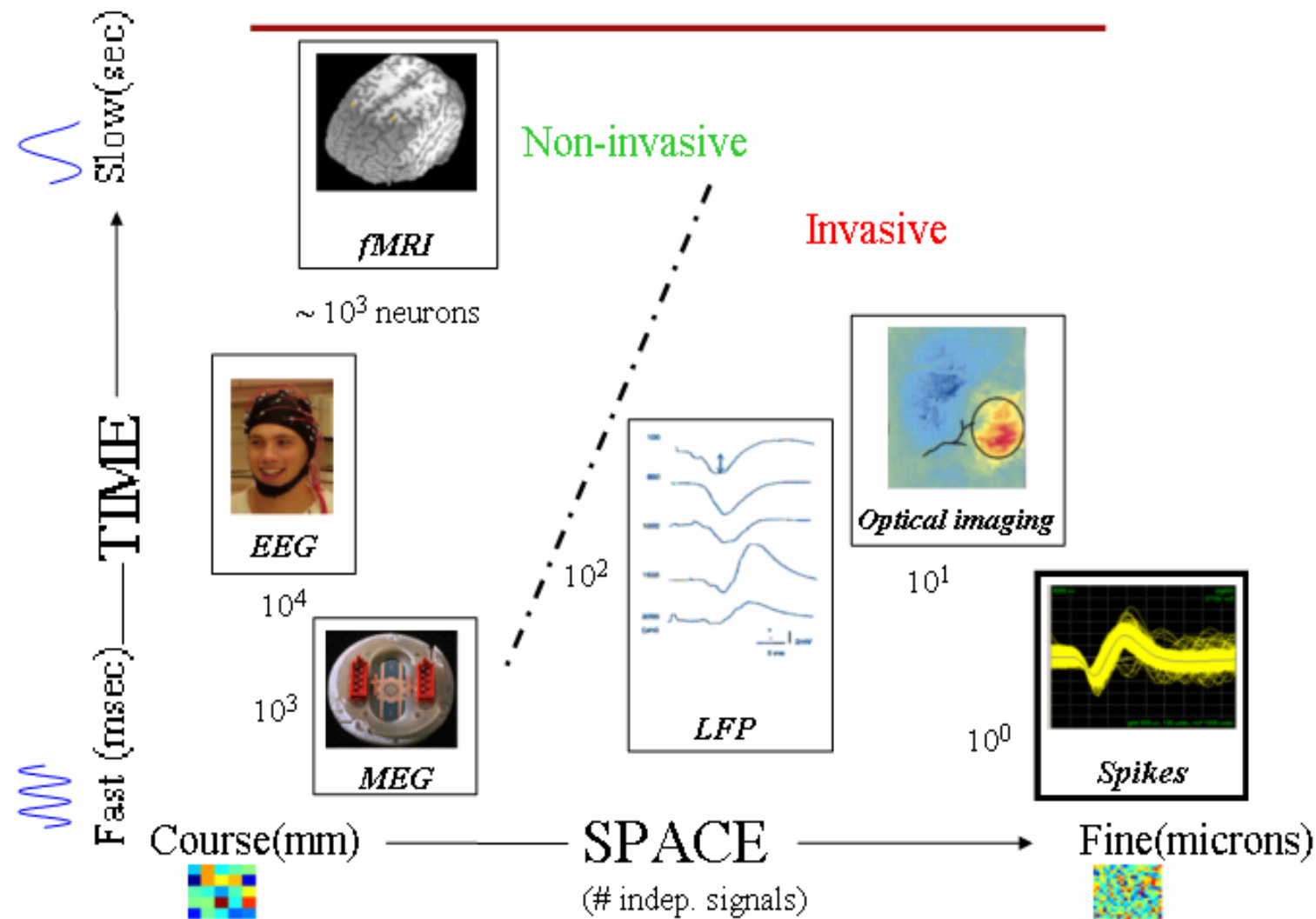
**“Brain to Computer Interface  
is one of the 10 Emerging  
Technologies that will change  
the world”**

***Technology Review, January/February, 2001***





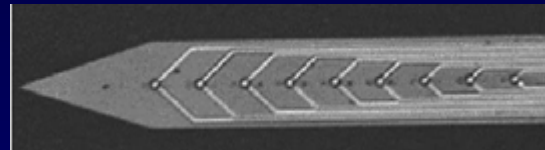
# SENSING THE BRAIN



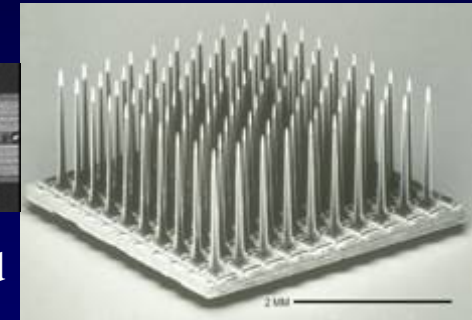
Sensing technologies that can be used to observe neural activity, divided by non-invasive vs. invasive, spatial and temporal resolution.

# Brain Computer Interfaces

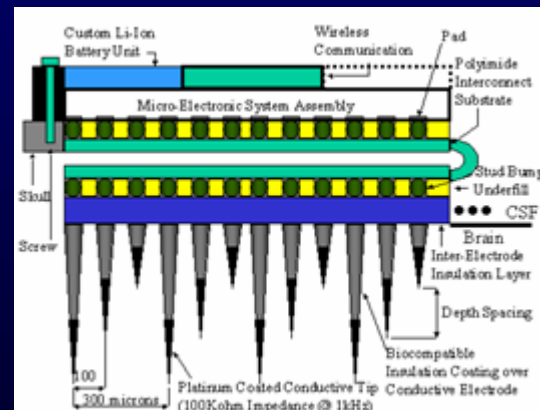
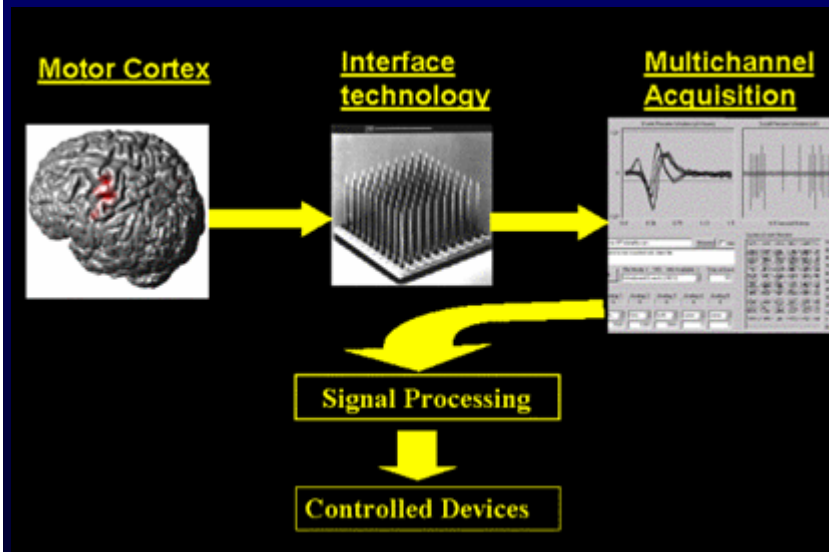
Develop new neural implant technologies to establish *reliable*, *high-capacity*, and *long-term* information channels between the brain and external world.



IBMT, Germany, Sensors and Actuators, 2002

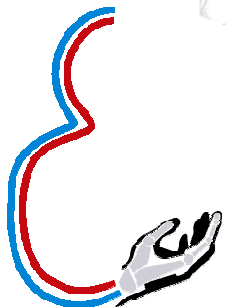
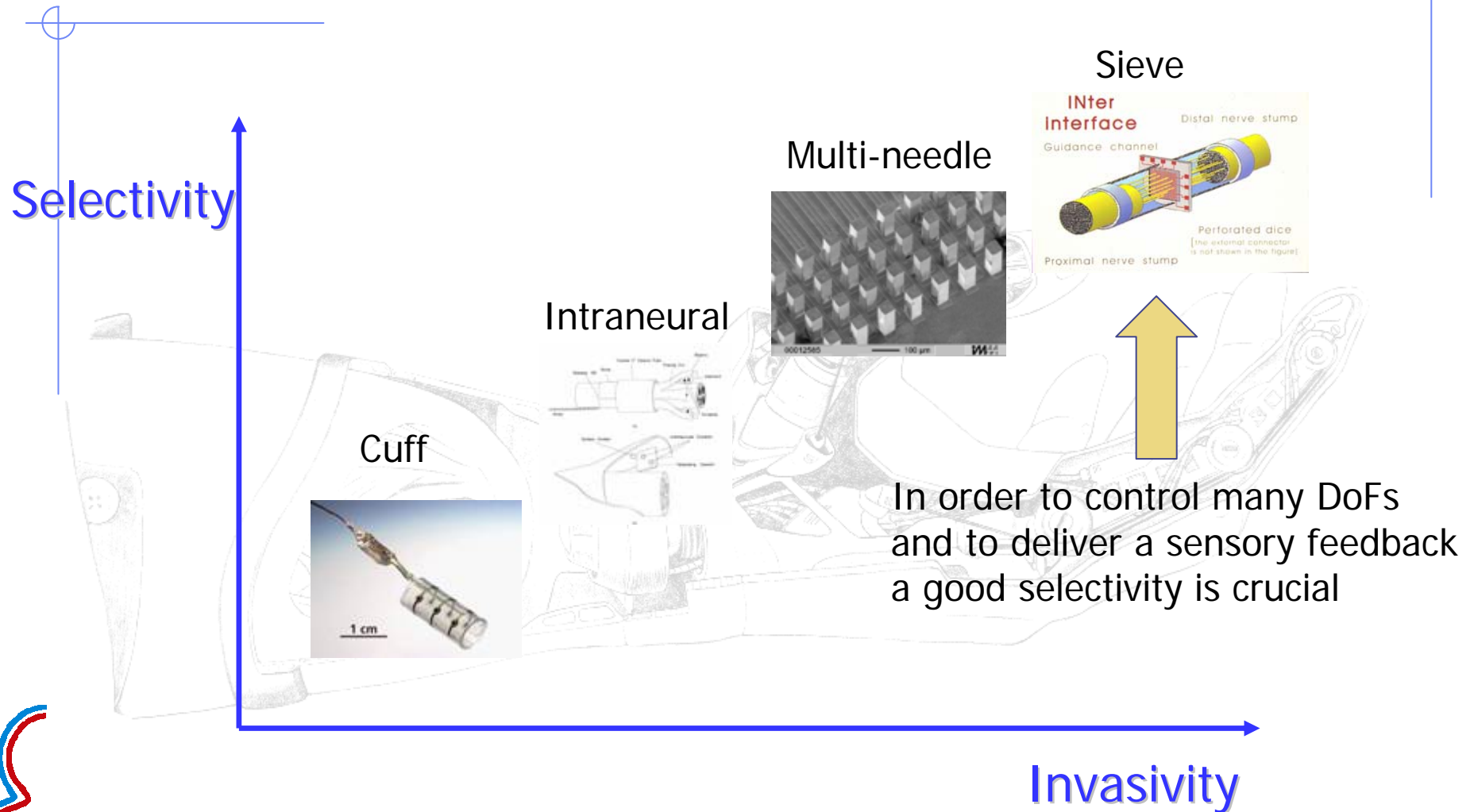


Utah Electrode Array, Bionic Technologies

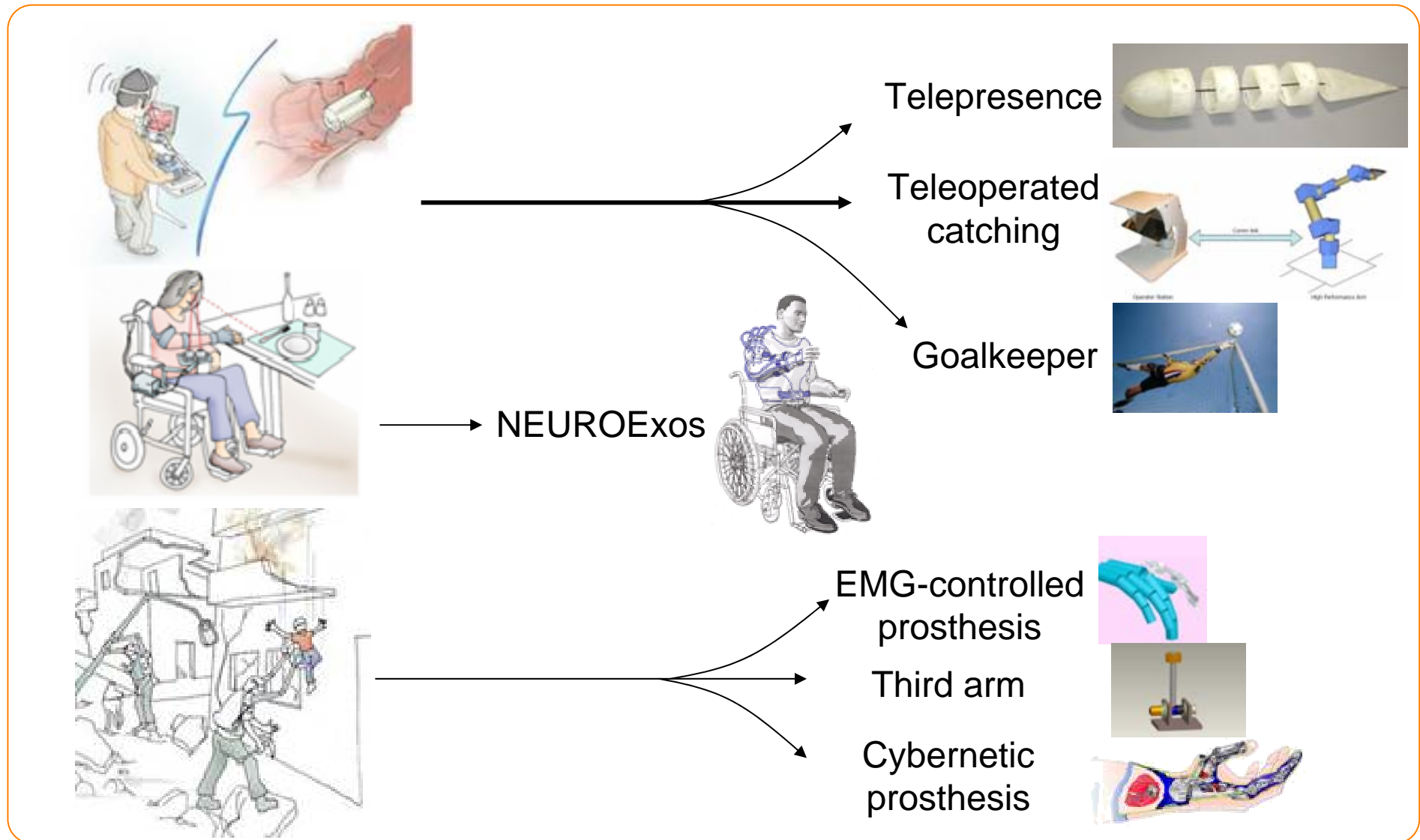


Bai and Wise, IEEE Trans Biomed Eng 2001

# Interfaces with the PNS



# From concepts to real NEUROBOTICS platforms





# Quali implicazioni?

*'It will be impossible to build humanoid robots that have human level interactions without them having souls...'  
'BUT, we (engineers) will not have to try to give them souls. They will just have them'.*

*Can Humanoids Be Spiritual?  
(R. Brooks, 1998)*



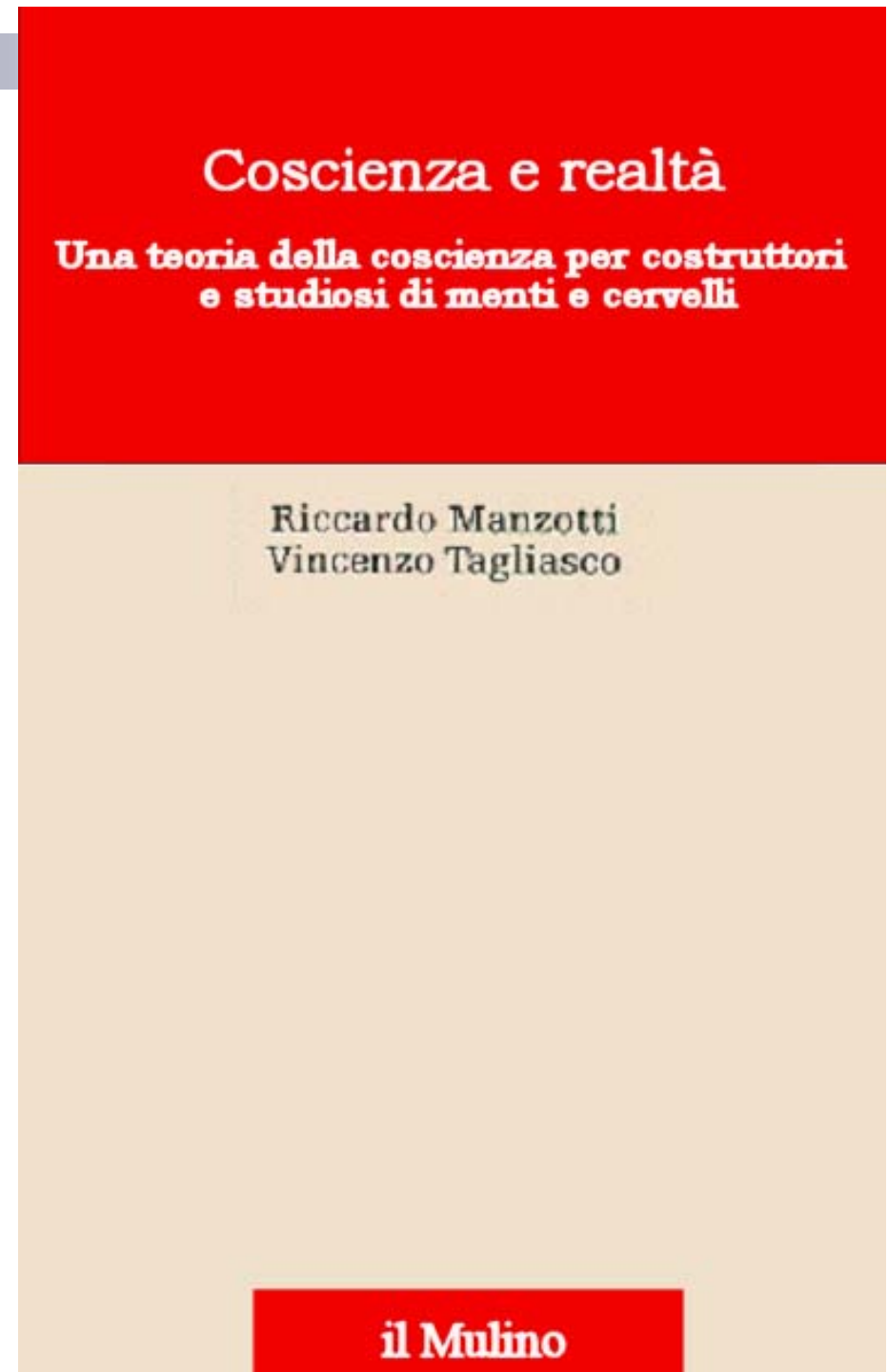
*Sarà impossibile costruire robot umanoidi con lo stesso livello di interazione degli esseri umani, senza che essi abbiano un'anima. MA noi (ingegneri) non dovremo cercare di dargliene una. Semplicemente l'avranno"*



## **Verso un nuovo paradigma**

**“e’ necessaria una  
nuova teoria della  
coscienza che possa  
essere implementata  
su un robot umanoide  
dotato di capacità  
sensoriali e motorie”**

***Vincenzo Tagliasco,  
2001***





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# Italy-Japan 2001 Workshop

# HUMANOIDS

## A Techno-Ontological Approach

November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2001, Waseda University, Tokyo



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MAISON DE LA CULTURE  
DU JAPON A PARIS

*"Robots : entre technologie et culture"*

# Are robots accepted in the same way in Japan and in Europe?

Paolo Dario



Professor, Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna, Pisa, Italy  
President, IEEE Robotics and Automation Society

December 13, 2003, Maison de la Culture du Japon a Paris



# Popular myths in Europe:

- "goodness" is associated to being human
- robots are a threat for Humankind



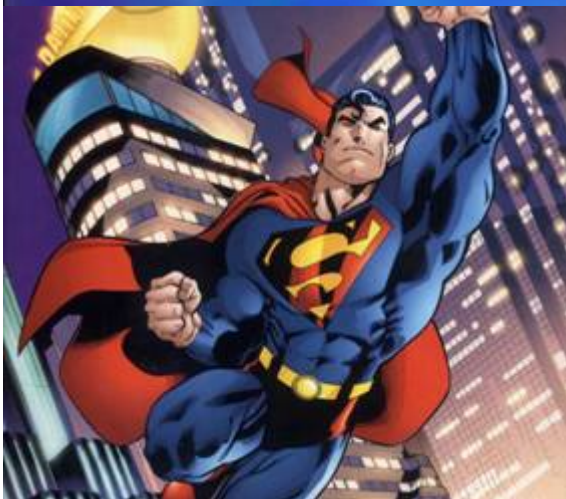
**Pinocchio**  
becomes a  
human boy  
when he  
becomes "good"



**Frankenstein:** a  
monster with human  
body but no soul

A robot from the 1921  
play "**R.U.R.**": Robots  
are used as workers but  
they rebel to humans

**Superheroes:** Humans with superpowers



# Popular myths in Japan: “good” robots in the help of humankind



Astro Boy / Atom Man:  
a “good” robot boy



A space robot  
protecting the  
Humankind  
against aliens



Doraemon: a boy's cat  
robot, friend and  
helper





# L'ingegnere e il ricercatore del futuro assumono un nuovo ruolo e nuove responsabilità etiche

**José Maria Galvan “Sulla Tecnoetica”, IEEE Robotics and Automation Magazine, Dicembre 2003**



# Obiettivo della Tecnoetica

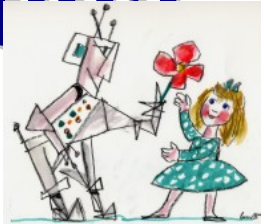
Superare il paradosso fra la dipendenza tecnologica dell'uomo di oggi e la percezione diffusa che la tecnologia sia "antiumana"

La questione che si pone è quella di  
**un nuovo rapporto fra uomo e  
macchina**

(Josè Maria Galvan, Sant'Anna News, gennaio 2002)



# Temi di riflessione etica (1/2)



- Autonomia dei robot: quale grado di autonomia dovrebbe essere fornito ai robot, dato che azioni incontrollate dei robot possono essere dannose agli esseri umani?
  - robotica per l'assistenza personale
  - robotica per applicazioni militari
- Le leggi di Asimov costituiscono una linea guida utile per vincolare l'autonomia dei robot?
- È realistica la possibilità di esseri artificiali auto-replicanti?
- Stato ontologico dei “cyborg” e delle entità artificiali:
  - Chi è la macchina e chi è l'uomo?
  - Possiamo permettere che esseri umani vengano riprogrammati?
  - Possono esistere dissidenti in un mondo di replicanti?



# Temi di riflessione etica (2/2)



- Robotica per l'assistenza e per la riabilitazione
  - Possono i robot sostituire gli esseri umani in compiti in cui sono importanti i fattori emozionali ed empatici?
- Accrescimento delle facoltà sensomotorie
  - La possibilità di “potenziare” gli esseri umani può essere causa di discriminazioni e nuove forme di schiavitù?
  - Che impatto può avere sulla società l'allungamento della vita lavorativa?
- Chi si potrà permettere, in senso economico, di recuperare capacità sensomotorie mediante artefatti neuro-robotici?

## First International Symposium on

# ROBOETHICS

The ethics, social, humanitarian and ecological aspects of Robotics

**30<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>th</sup> January, 2004**

***Villa Nobel, Sanremo, Italy***



The ROBOETHICS Symposium aims to open a debate, among scientists and scholars of Sciences and Humanities, with the participation of people of goodwill, about the ethical basis which should inspire the design and development of robots.

The Symposium is an opportunity to encounter scientists and scholars committed to discuss new and sensitive problems that humankind is glimpsing at the horizon.

Philosophers, jurists, sociologists, anthropologist and moralists, together with robotic scientists, are called to contribute to lay the foundations of the Ethics in the design, development and employment of the Intelligent Machines, the Roboethics.

For this reasons the Distinguished Speakers will report their experience in a general way, with a special focus on the social and ethical problems they are identifying in their fields.

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**International Institute of Humanitarian Law**

**School of Theology, Pontifical University of the Holy Cross, Rome, Italy**



**EGE**

*European Group on Ethics in Science and New Technologies*

# **Bio-Robotics: New Ethical Challenges for the Robotics Researcher**

**Bruxelles, March 16, 2004**

**Paolo Dario**

**Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna, Pisa, Italy**





# EURON ROBOETHICS ATELIER

## Genova 27 February-3 March, 2006

EURON Atelier on Roboethics 2006



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The **Research Atelier on Roboethics** is an **EURON Project** aimed to develop the concept of an Ethics applied to Robotics. The Atelier will last one working week, in February 2006. It will be attended by about 30 participants (Senior Scientists and PhD Students) coming from different fields of research, both from Sciences and Humanities. The result will be a **Roboethics Roadmap Book**.

In January 2004, Scuola di Robotica organized the **First International Symposium on Roboethics**. The success and the important follow-ups of that event encouraged the partners of this proposal to design a more continuous and systematic approach: the Roboethics Atelier inside **EURON**.

The **Roboethics Atelier** will apply, in the Robotics field, the EC directives on the subject of Ethics. Actually, the Action Plan "*Science and Society*" specifies some of the principles which should govern researches in science and technology. In this context, the Atelier will analyze the effects of Robotics, from those principles, in the applications fields where the potential problems are more important and evident.



IL SECOLO XIX



# ETHICBOTS Project

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## News

University of Hertfordshire,  
Hatfield, United Kingdom, 6-8  
September 2006

**15th IEEE International  
Symposium on Robot and  
Human Interactive  
Communication**

IEEE RO-MAN 06 provides a  
forum for an interdisciplinary  
exchange for researchers  
dedicated to advancing  
knowledge in the field of human-  
robot interaction and  
communication.

[Go to the website](#)

Napoli, Italy, April 20-22  
**Workshop**

## ETHICBOTS project home page

ETHICBOTS project

Emerging Technoethics of Human Interaction with Communication, Bionic, and robOTic systems

Coordination Action

FP6 - Science and Society

Start date: November 1st, 2005

Duration: 2 years

## News

- Workshop on ***Ethics of Human Interaction with Robotic, Bionic, and AI Systems - Concepts and Policies***, Naples, 17-18 October, 2006
- Some kick-off meeting presentations have been uploaded on the [kick-off agenda](#) page

## Project overview

ETHICBOTS will promote and coordinate a multidisciplinary group of researchers into artificial intelligence, robotics, anthropology, moral philosophy, philosophy of science, psychology, and cognitive science, with the common purpose of identifying and analyzing techno-ethical issues concerning the integration of human beings and artificial (software/hardware) entities.

Three kinds of integration will be analyzed:

- (a) *Human-softbot integration, as achieved by AI research on information and communication technologies;*
- (b) *Human-robot, non-invasive integration, as achieved by robotic research on autonomous systems inhabiting human environments;*
- (c) *Physical, invasive integration, as achieved by bionic research.*



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EMERGING TECHNOETHICS OF HUMAN INTERACTION  
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## Ethics of Human Interaction with Robotic, Bionic, and AI Systems

**October 17 th 2006**

9:00	9:30	<b>Welcome and presentation</b>
9:30	10:15	<i>S. Rodotà</i> <i>Adventures of the human body</i>
10:15	11:00	<i>A. Mowshowitz</i> <i>Technology as excuse for questionable ethics</i>
11:00	11:30	<b>Coffee Break</b>
11:30	12:15	<i>R. Rosenberg</i> <i>The Social Impact of Intelligent Artifacts</i>
12:15	13:00	<i>D. Miller</i> <i>Piecemeal Decision Making</i>
13:00	14:30	<b>Lunch</b>
14:30	15:15	<i>A. Mackworth</i> <i>Can We Know The Robot Will Do The Right Thing?</i>
15:15	16:00	<i>R. Cordeschi</i> <i>Freedom of action in a robotic universe. A tutorial</i>
16:00	16:20	<b>Coffee Break</b>
16:20	17:05	<i>J. Weber</i> <i>Robots - From Slaves Towards Companions?</i>
17:05	17:50	<i>R. Chatila</i> <i>Human-aware robots: for the worse or for the better?</i>
17:50	18:35	<i>R. Von Schomberg</i> <i>From the Ethics of Technology to the Ethics of Knowledge Assessment</i>
18:35	19:00	<i>Discussion</i>

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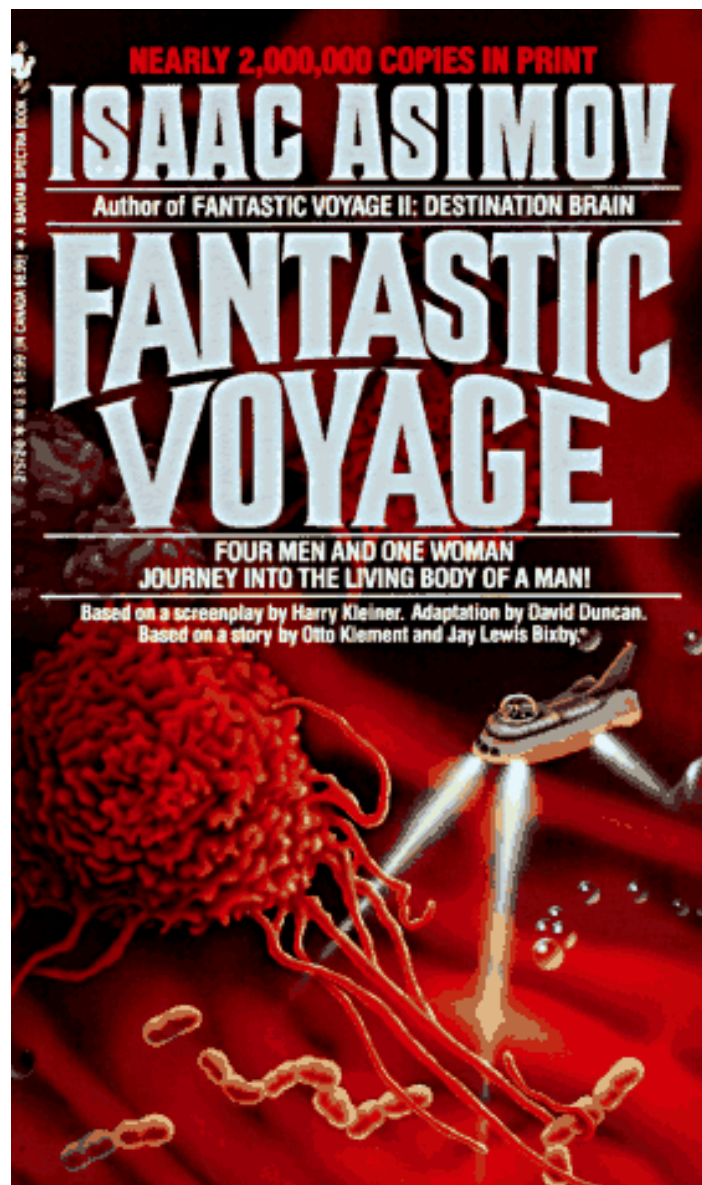
**Chi progetterà queste macchine e  
saprà affrontare questi problemi?**

**Una possibile risposta:**

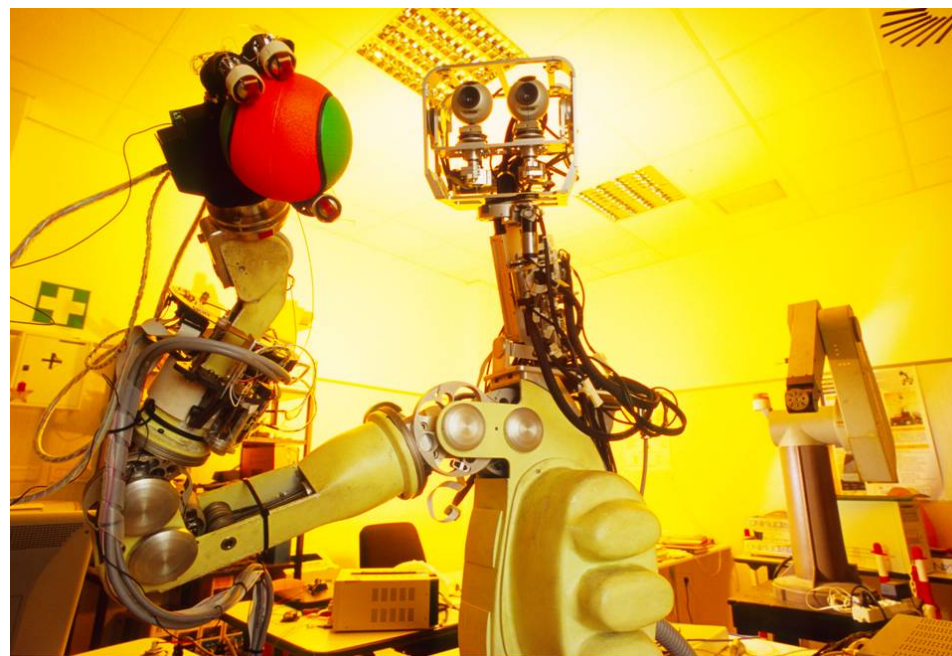
**un “nuova” figura di ingegnere,**

- **che sappia fondere scienza e ingegneria,**
- **che sappia integrare diverse competenze tecniche,**
- **che sappia gestire gli aspetti culturali di tipo umanistico, come le implicazioni etiche**

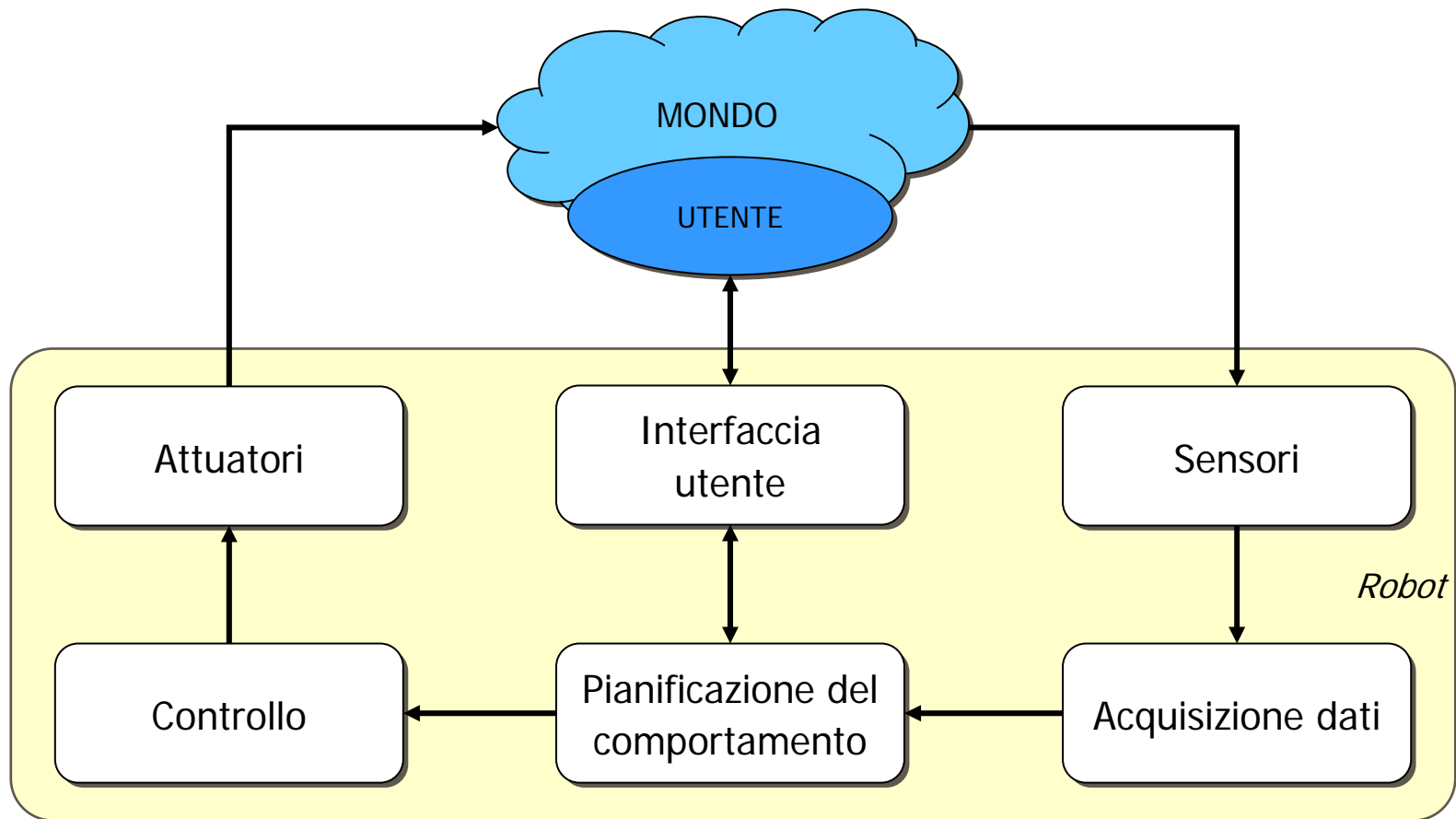




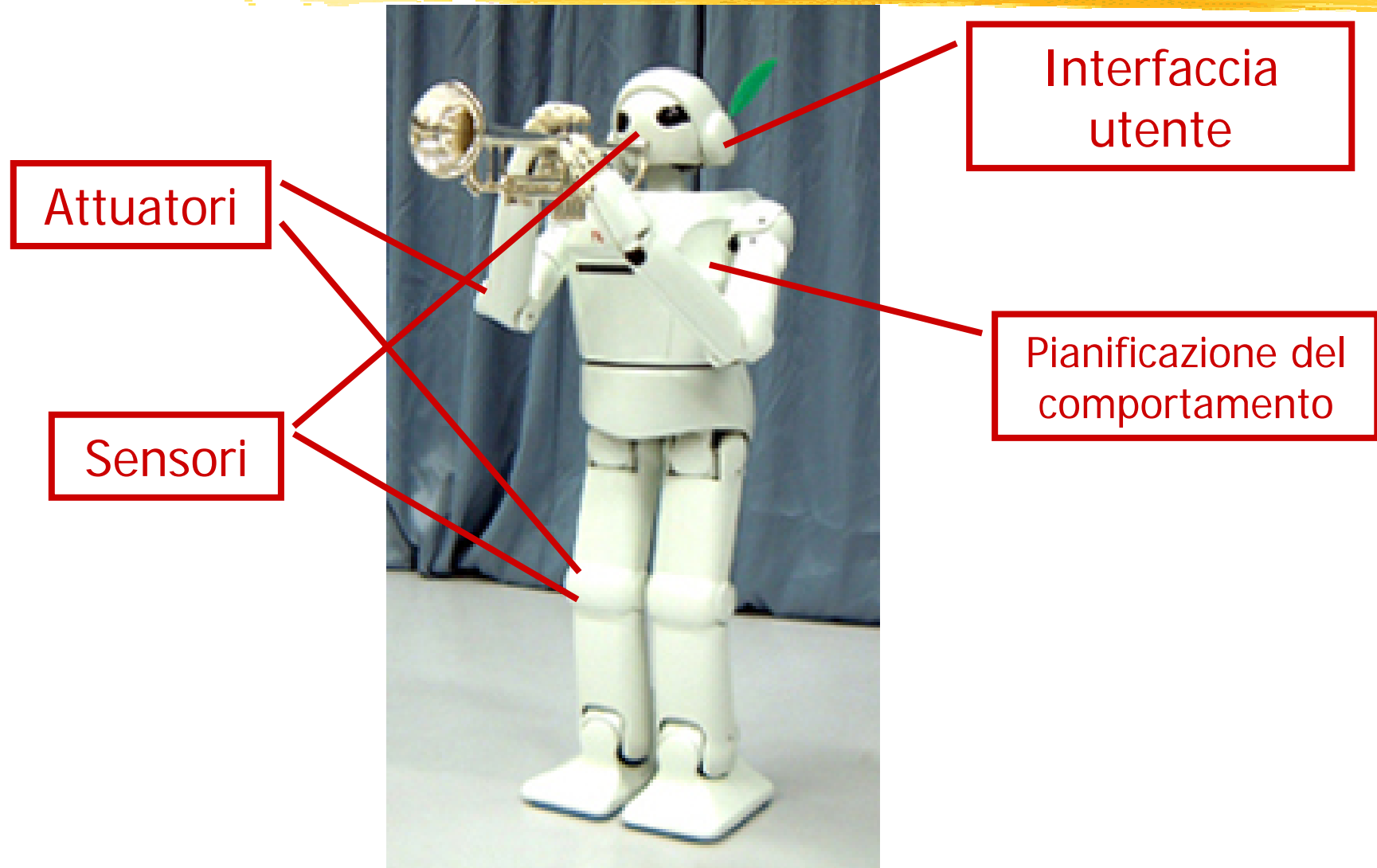
Ricerca di frontiera,  
grandi sfide e nuove  
opportunità



# Schema tipico di un sistema robotico



# Componenti fondamentali di un sistema robotico



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