

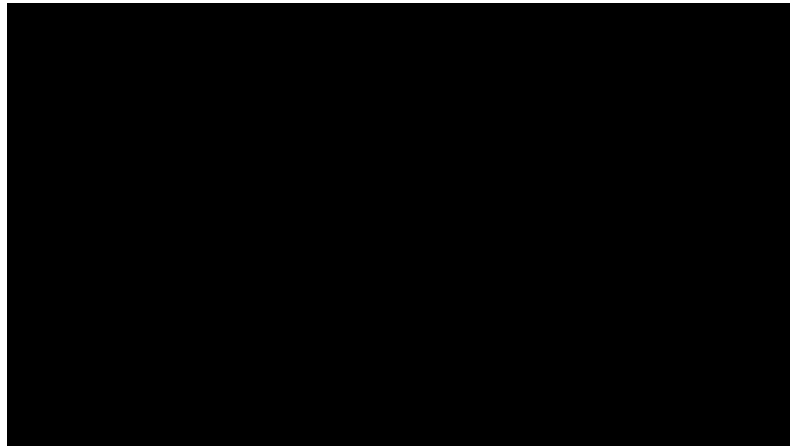
VVV17

Welcome!

2<sup>nd</sup> Winter School  
on Humanoid Robot  
Programming



- Humanoid robots are complex machines
- Programming robots require expertise in different fields, **control theory**, **computer vision**, **machine learning**, **software engineering**



**iCub**

Torque-Controlled Stepping-Strategy  
Push Recovery



# Goals of the school & program

- To provide students with an overview of the research problems related to the programming of humanoid robots
  - Methods and tools for software integration and concurrent development (day1)
  - Software architectures for robot programming (i.e. ROS, YARP) (day1 and day2)
  - Robot kinematics, control in task and joint space (day 3)
  - Robot vision (day 4)
  - Direct and inverse dynamics for whole-body control (day 5)
  - Neuromorphic sensors and event-driven vision (day 6)
  - Machine Learning including Deep-learning (day 8)
  - Building an integrated demo (day 9 & 10)

Detailed program: <http://www.icub.org/winterschool/>

# Goals of the school & program

- Frontal lessons, slides and code tutorials
- Hands-on: code assignments (check out the gradebook)
- Invited speakers

Invited speakers: all talks @6-7pm  
(exception: Rich's talk is at 12pm)



**Luis Sentis**

University of Texas at  
Austin



**Katerina Pastra**

Cognitive Systems  
Research Institute



**Francesco Nori**

Google DeepMind



**Michael Zillich**

Technische Universität  
Wien



**Rich Walker**

Shadow Robot Company

# Meet the teachers (1)



**Chiara Bartolozzi**  
Istituto Italiano di  
Tecnologia



**Lorenzo Natale**  
Istituto Italiano di  
Tecnologia



**Ugo Pattacini**  
Istituto Italiano di  
Tecnologia



**Vadim Tikhanoff**  
Istituto Italiano di  
Tecnologia



**Daniele Pucci**  
Istituto Italiano di  
Tecnologia



**Alex Bernardino**  
Instituto Superior  
Técnico



**Bence Magyar**  
Heriot-Watt University,  
Edinburgh Centre for  
Robotics



**Arren Glover**  
Istituto Italiano di  
Tecnologia



**fabio Anselmi**  
Istituto Italiano di  
Tecnologia and  
Massachusetts Institute

# Meet the teachers (2)



**Elisa Maietтини**

Istituto Italiano di  
Tecnologia



**Claudio Fantacci**

Istituto Italiano di  
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**Nicoló Genesio**

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**Giulia Pasquale**

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**Valentina Vasco**

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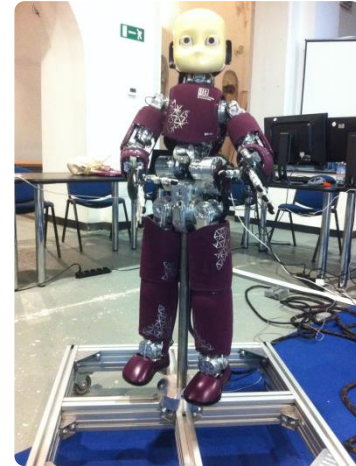
# Meet the robots...



Tiago (simulated)



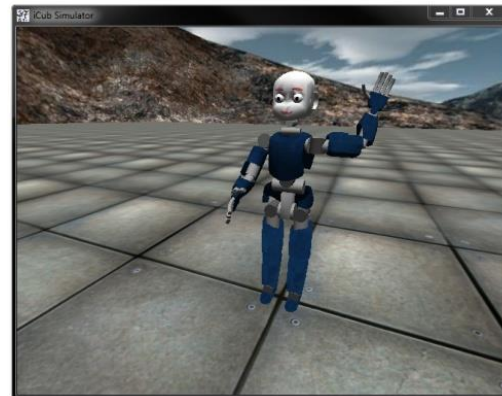
Blacky



Purpley



Gazebo simulator



GOOS (Good Old ODE Simulator)



# Resources

- We will rely heavily on **github**, make sure you have an account
- School's **wiki**, **Q&A**, **robot booking tool**, **instructions for completing assignments**, **VM**, etc:
  - [HTTPS://VVV-SCHOOL.GITHUB.IO/VVV18](https://vvv-school.github.io/vvv18)

# Schedule

- Start 9am, end 6pm or 7pm
- Free coding time after dinner (ask organizers)
- Coffee break (approx), 11am, 4pm
- Lunch 1pm
- Dinner 8pm, try to be on time!
- Sunday is free (lunch is NOT included)
- Social dinner on the 15/2 (restaurant “La Darsena”, Via Gramsci 6, Santa Margherita Ligure, walking distance)

# Other important notes

- Hotel, beware of:
  - Fee includes + lunch and dinner
  - Wine at lunch is NOT included
  - Extras are **on you** (not the school)
    - Including: minibar, liquors, extra coffee, etc. watch out, when you're asked your room number it means that you'll pay at checkout
  - Try to be **punctual** at lunch (1pm) and dinner (8pm)
- Don't bring wine to school room after dinner

Enjoy!!