

# AIR4Children: Artificial Intelligence and Robotics for Children

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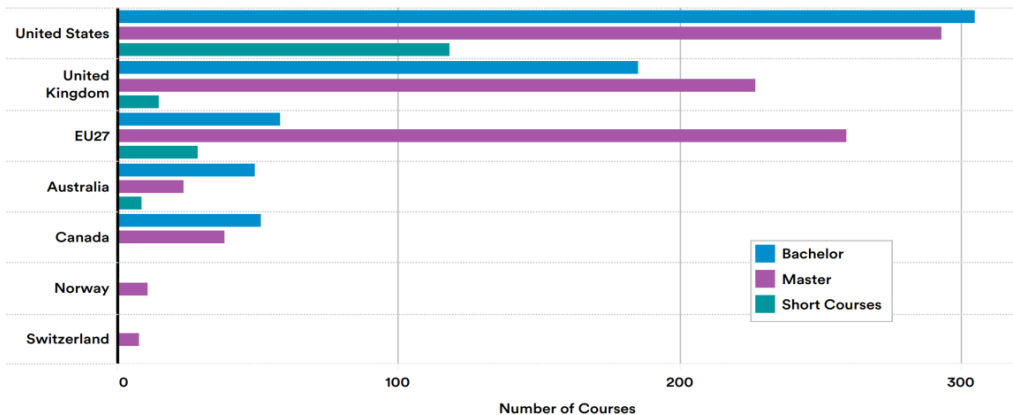
# Introduction

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# The progress of AI and Robotics in USA, China and EU

**NUMBER of SPECIALIZED AI PROGRAMS by GEOGRAPHIC AREA and LEVEL, 2019-20**

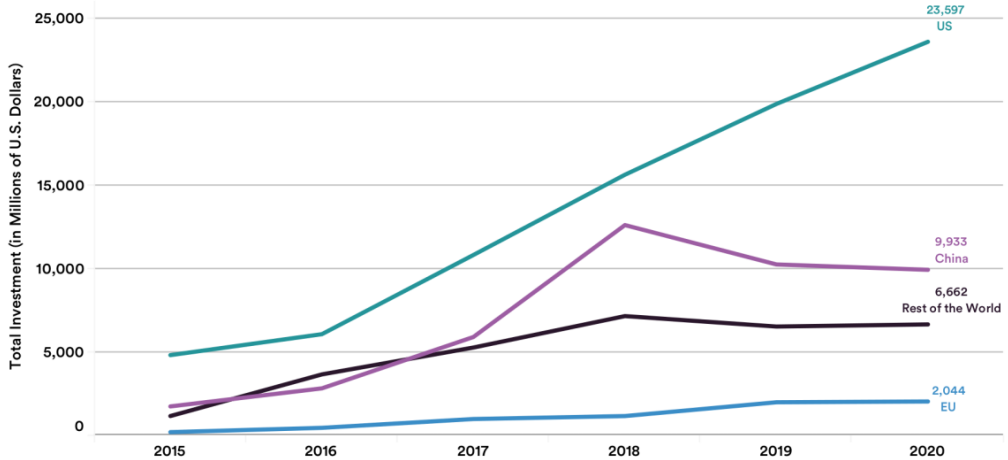
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# The progress of AI and Robotics in USA, China and EU

## PRIVATE INVESTMENT in AI by GEOGRAPHIC AREA, 2015-20

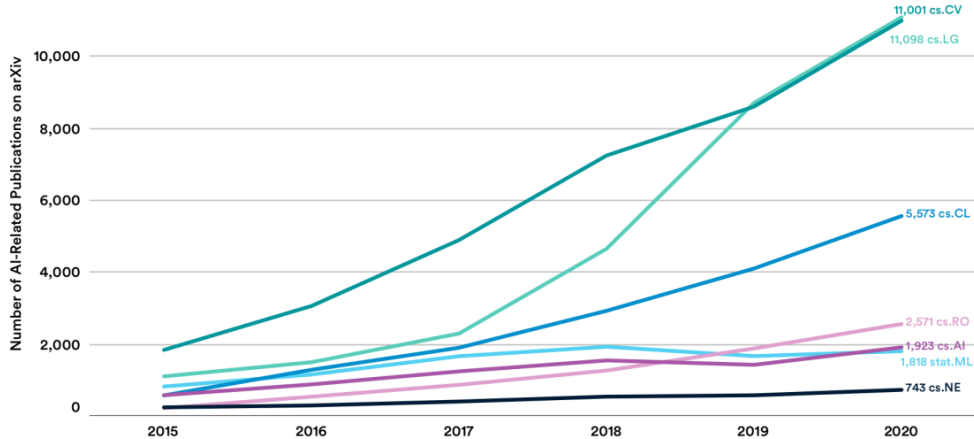
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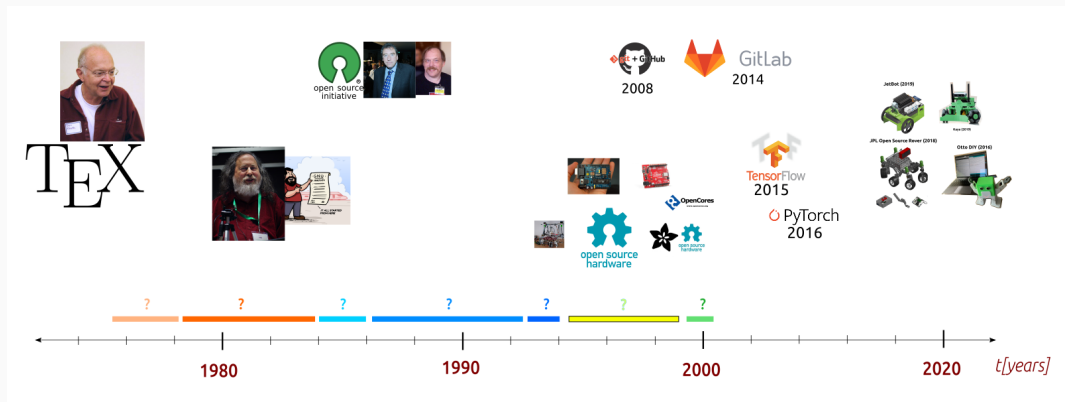
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NUMBER of AI-RELATED PUBLICATIONS on ARXIV by FIELD of STUDY 2015-20

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# Open source software and hardware in AIR



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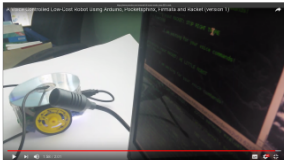


# Prototyping Open Source Robots

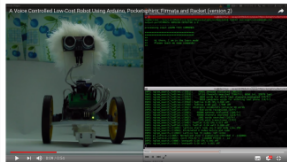
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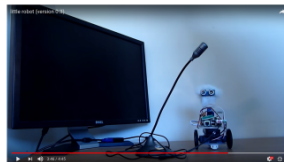
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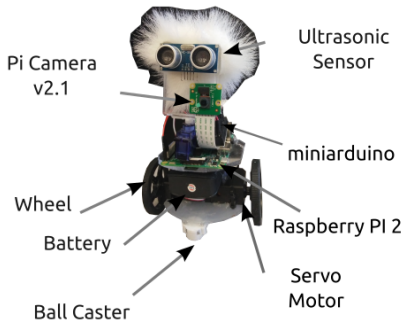
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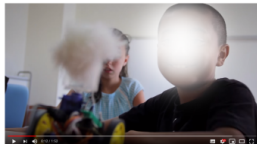
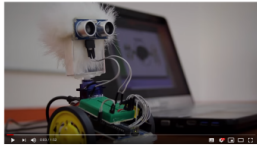
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# Piloting robot prototypes



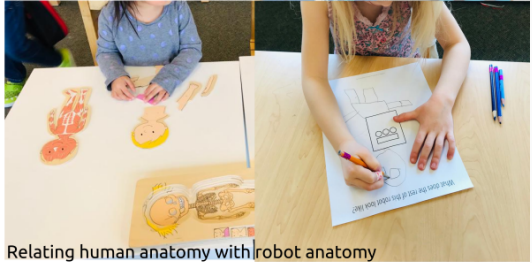
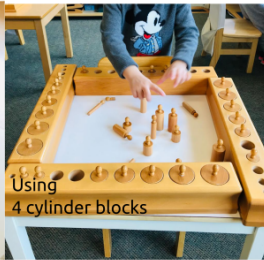
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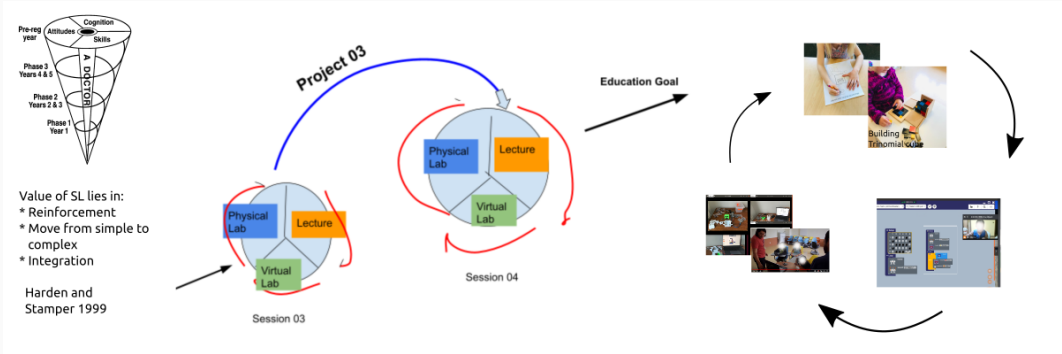
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# Adopting Montessori Education in AIR4Children curriculum

*"The hand is the instrument of the mind." Dr. Maria Montessori (1970-1952).*



# Adopting Spiral Learning Methods in AIR4Children curriculum



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We proposed AIR4children to create

- a more inclusive, affordable and fair participation of children in AI and Robotics
- child-centred AI and Robotics based on Spiral Learning and Montessori Education
- Open source robots to be affordable and fun

## Future work

- Piloting air4children in Xicohtzinco, México
- Evaluation of the impact of AIR to children, instructors and parents.



# Acknowledgements



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