

# اصول علم ربات – جلسه دوم

Fundamentals of Robotics – Lecture 02

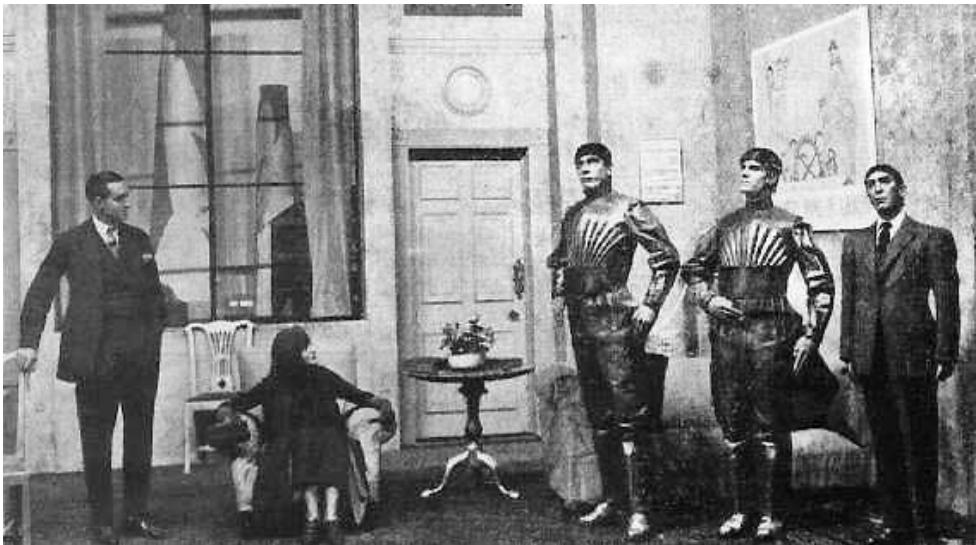
Course Roadmap

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# Etymology of the term robot



- **R.U.R. (Rossum's Universal Robots):** Theater science fic: on play of Czech Karel Čapek (1921)
  - **rabota** = “obligatory work”
  - **robotnik** = “serf”
- After R.U.R., the commonly used term *automaton* started to be substituted with **robot**

DOMIN: Sulla, let Miss Glory have a look at you.

HELENA: (*stands and offers her hand*) Pleased to meet you. It must be very hard for you out here, cut off from the rest of the world.

SULLA: I do not know the rest of the world Miss Glory please sit down

HELENA: (*sits*) Where are you from?

SULLA: From here, the factory

HELENA: Oh, you were born here.

SULLA: Yes I was made here.

HELENA: (*startled*) What?

DOMIN: (*laughing*) Sulla isn't a person, Miss Glory, she's a robot.

HELENA: Oh, please forgive me . . .

DOMIN: (*puts his hand on Sulla's shoulder*) Sulla doesn't have feelings. You can examine her. Feel her face and see how we make the skin.

HELENA: Oh, no, no!

DOMIN: It feels just the same as human skin. Sulla even has the sort of down on her face that you'd expect on a blonde. Perhaps her eyes are a bit small, but look at that hair. Turn around, Sulla.

HELENA: Stop it!

DOMIN: Talk to our guest. We're very honoured to have her here.

SULLA: Please sit down miss. (*both sit*) Did you have a good crossing.

# More than 150 Years in the collective imaginary

## Sci-fi Robots & co.

A multitude of shapes,  
attitudes, capabilities



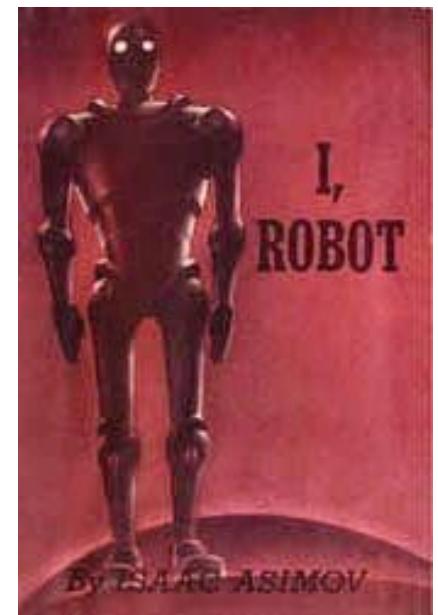
The Steam Man of the Prairies (1868)



Bubo, from the Clash of the Titans (1981)



The Wizard of Oz (1939)



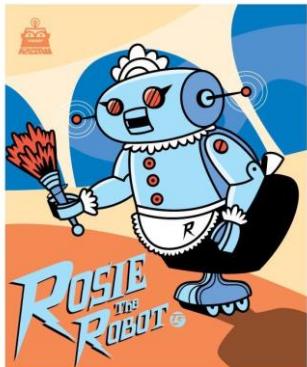
# More than 100 Years in the collective imaginary

Good robots  
human / animal shaped



Nasty (more human?) robots  
human / animal shaped

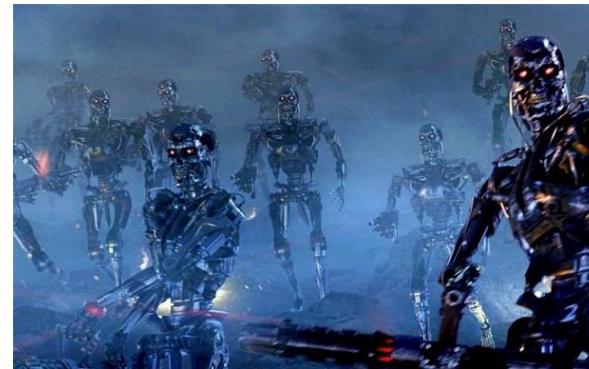
The Jetsons,  
1962



Star Wars,  
1977



Terminator,  
1984



Minority Report,  
2002



# Road map

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- Robots?
- Robotics as a field of study
- Robotics in this course
- What will you learn
- Practical aspects of the course

# A robot....?

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# A robot....?

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**A robot (*mechanism*):**

- is a machine which exists in the **physical world**,
- has **movable parts**,
- can **sense** its external and internal environment,
- can make **decisions** (fully or partially autonomous),
- **acts upon the environment** to achieve some **goals**,
- is designed to do **a job by itself**.



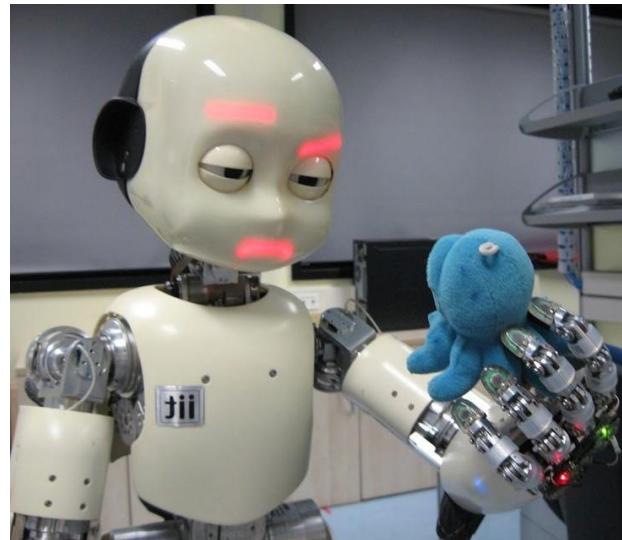
BostonDynamics



# Links and joints

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- **PHYSICALLY EMBEDDED:** exists in the 3D physical world, subject to the laws of physics (e.g., it does not live in a computer)
- **MOVEABLE PARTS:** made of multiple (**rigid** or **soft**) **bodies** (**links**) connected by **joints**, so that *relative motion* between adjacent links becomes possible.  
*Actuation of the joints* (e.g., by electric motors), causes the robot to move and exert forces in desired ways
- **ACT ON ITS ENVIRONMENT:** it has physical effectors/actuators, made out of links and joint



# Links and joints

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## Rigid body / link :

The relative distance between any two points (e.g., in a link) remains unchanged

## Soft body / link :

The relative distance between any two points can change



# Effectors and Actuators

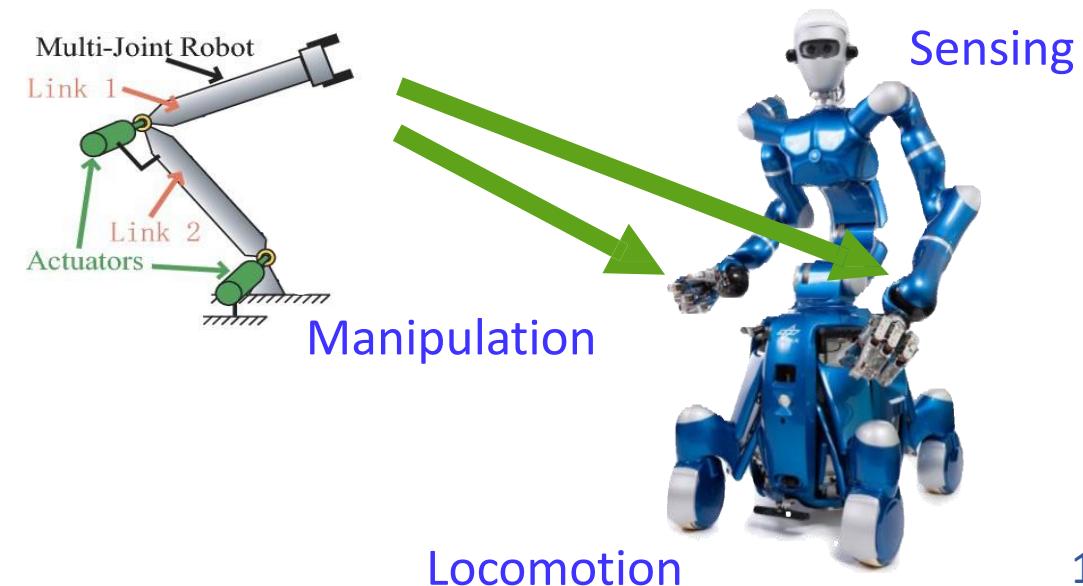
**Action:** Do physical things in the real world

**EFFECTORS:** Electro-mechanical parts that enable a robot to act, such as wheels, tracks, legs, arms, grippers, fingers, wings, flippers, ... also devices for soldering, cutting, heating, melting ...  
An effector determines an effect on the environment

**ACTUATORS:** The underlying electro-mechanical mechanisms that physically enable the effectors to execute an action or movement, such as motors, (artifitial) muscles, rotors, hydraulic or pneumatic cylinders, chemically-sensitive materials, ...

Three main categories of activities:

- ✓ **Locomotion:** moving around
- ✓ **Sensing:** gather environment's information
- ✓ **Manipulation:** handling, acting upon objects



# Active vs. passive actuation

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**ACTIVE ACTUATION:** the action of effectors and actuators is performed through the **direct consumption of energy** to provide power, in the forms of fuel, batteries, springs, ...



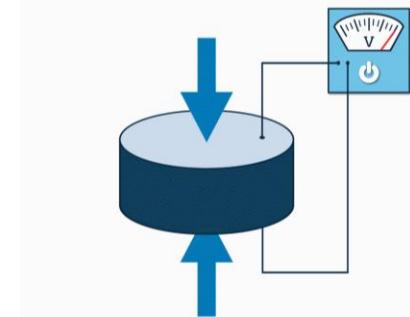
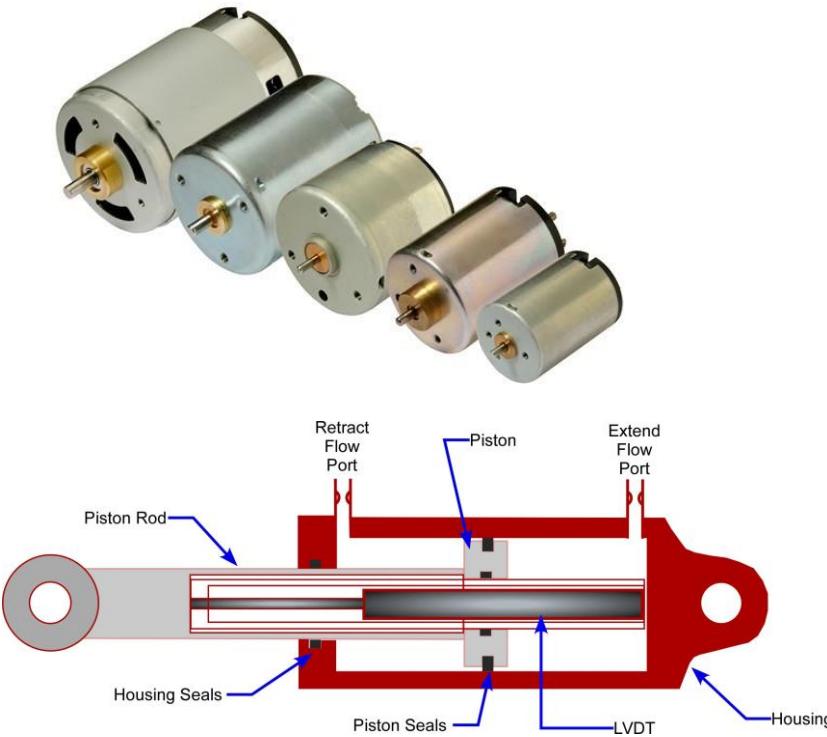
**PASSIVE ACTUATION:** exploiting the **potential energy** in the mechanics of the effector and its **interaction with the environment** instead of active power consumption



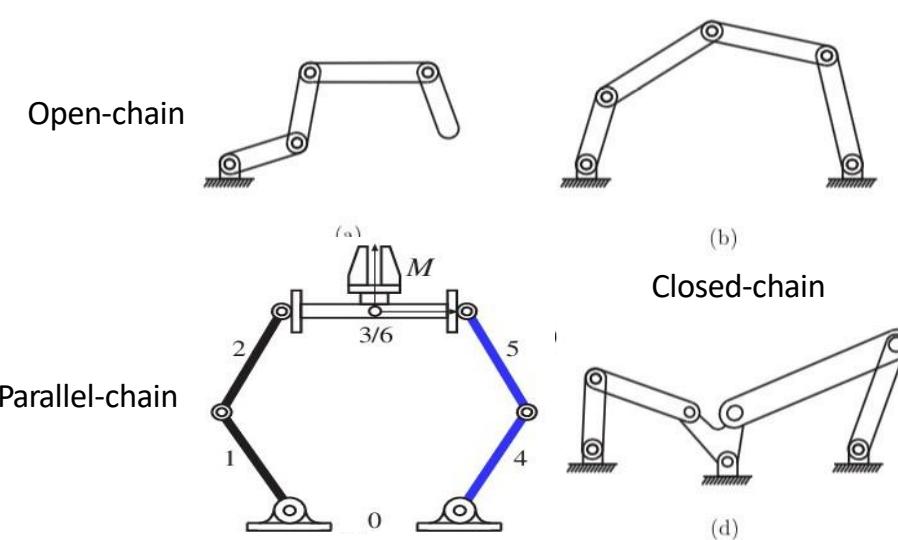
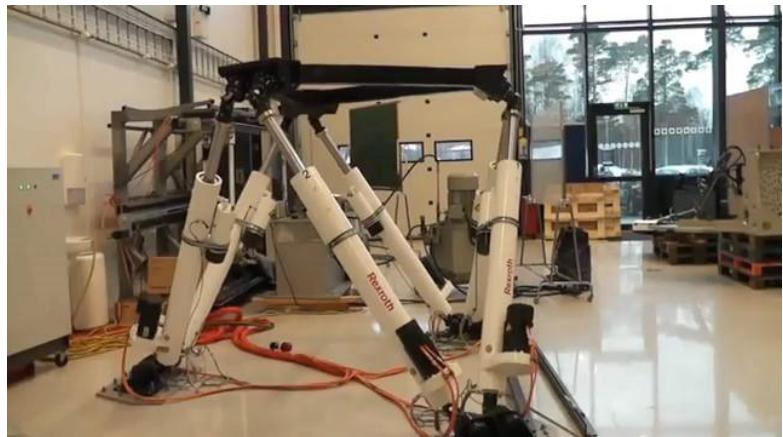
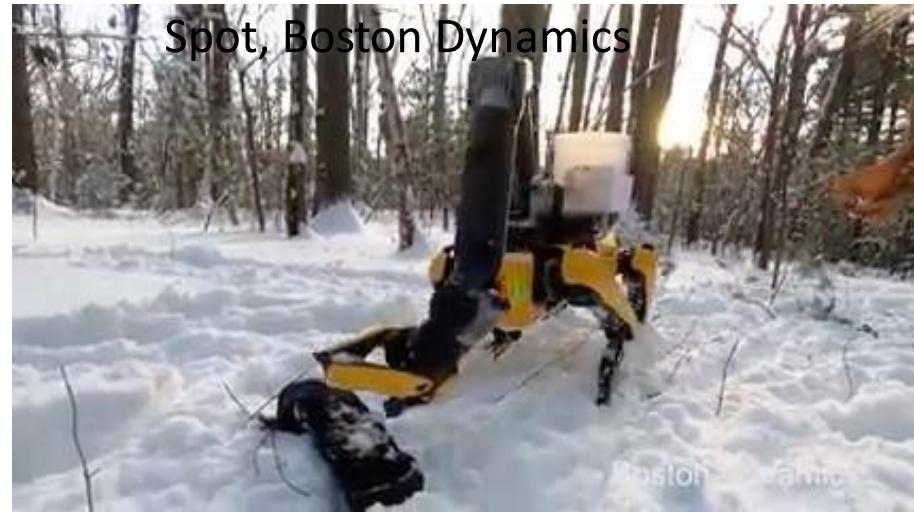
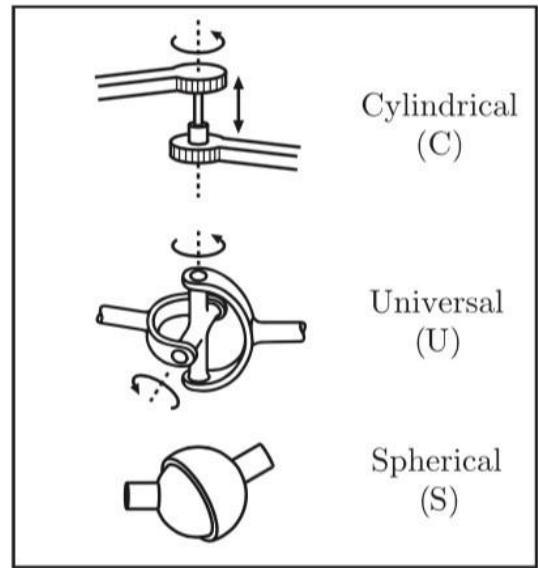
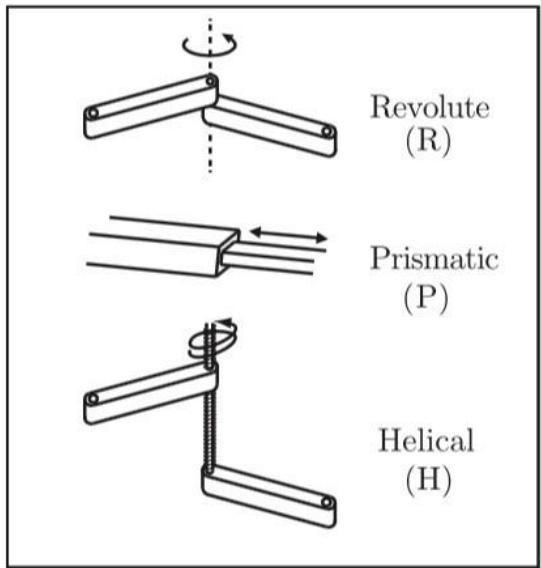
It needs a downward slope!

# Types of actuators

- ELECTRIC MOTORS
- HYDRAULICS
- PNEUMATICS
- MAGNETIC FIELDS
- PHOTO-REACTIVE MATERIALS
- CHEMICALLY-REACTIVE MATERIALS
- THERMALLY-REACTIVE MATERIALS
- PIEZOELECTRIC MATERIALS



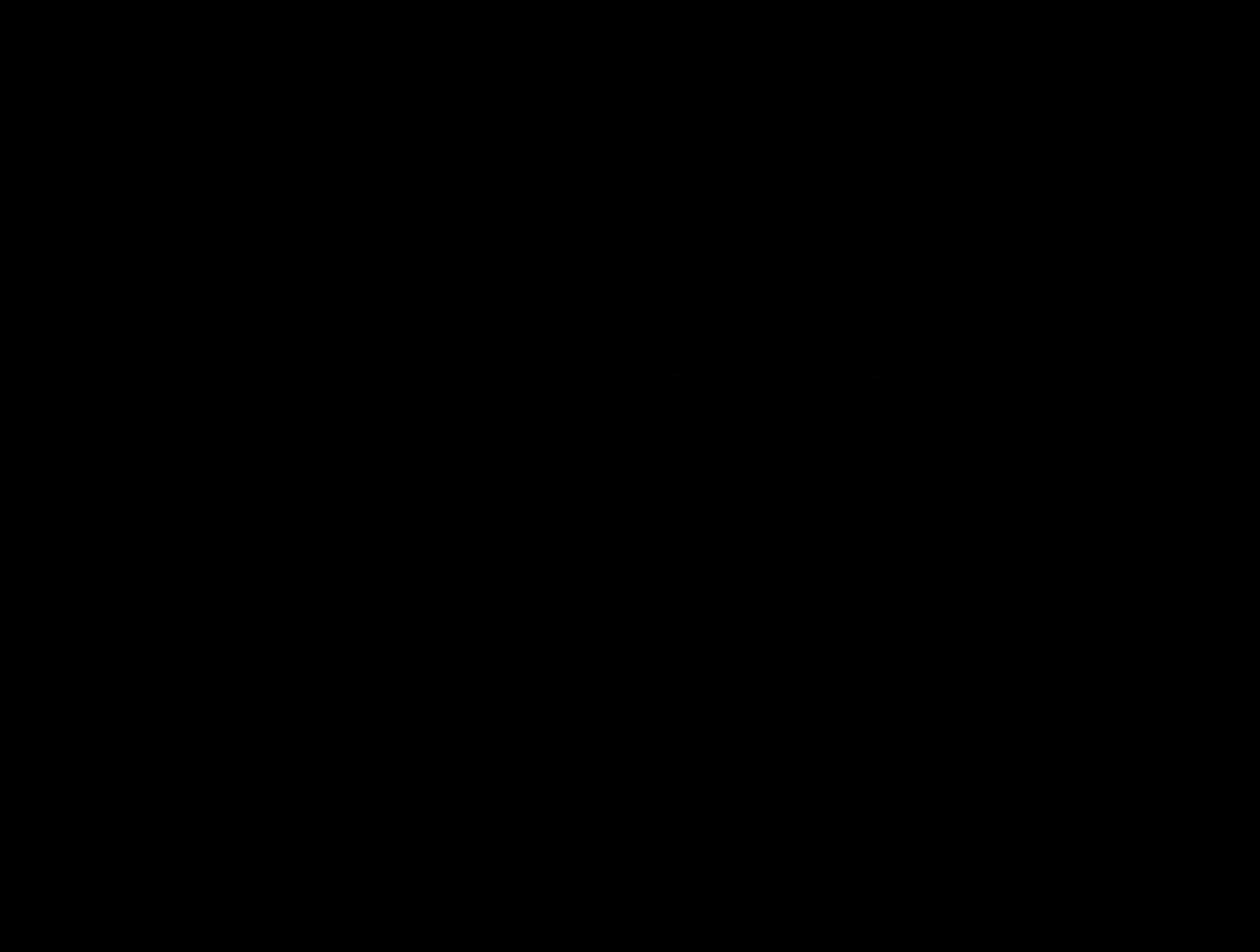
# Typical robot joints and arrangements



# Locomotion can be obtained in many ways ...

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- ◆ Walk
- ◆ Run
- ◆ Fly
- ◆ Swim
- ◆ Dive
- ◆ Drive
- ◆ Jump
- ◆ Crawl
- ◆ Roll
- ◆ Slide
- ◆ Flow
- ◆ ....



# On purpose and autonomy of the robot

- **ACHIEVE GOALS:** it is not a random or meaningless entity, it has *purpose*
- **AUTONOMOUS SYSTEM:** acts based on its own (programmed or learned) decisions, and is not (*fully*) controlled by a human
  - **MANUAL CONTROL:** Fully operated by a human (maybe not a *true* robot)

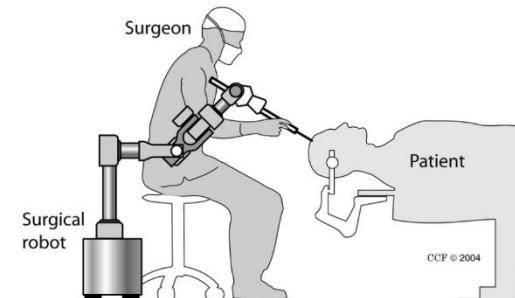


- ✓ **Augmented system:**
  - enhanced sensory data
  - haptic feedback

- **AUTONOMOUS CONTROL:** No human intervention is possibly required for deciding and performing actions
- **SHARED CONTROL:** Part is on the robot side, part is on the human side



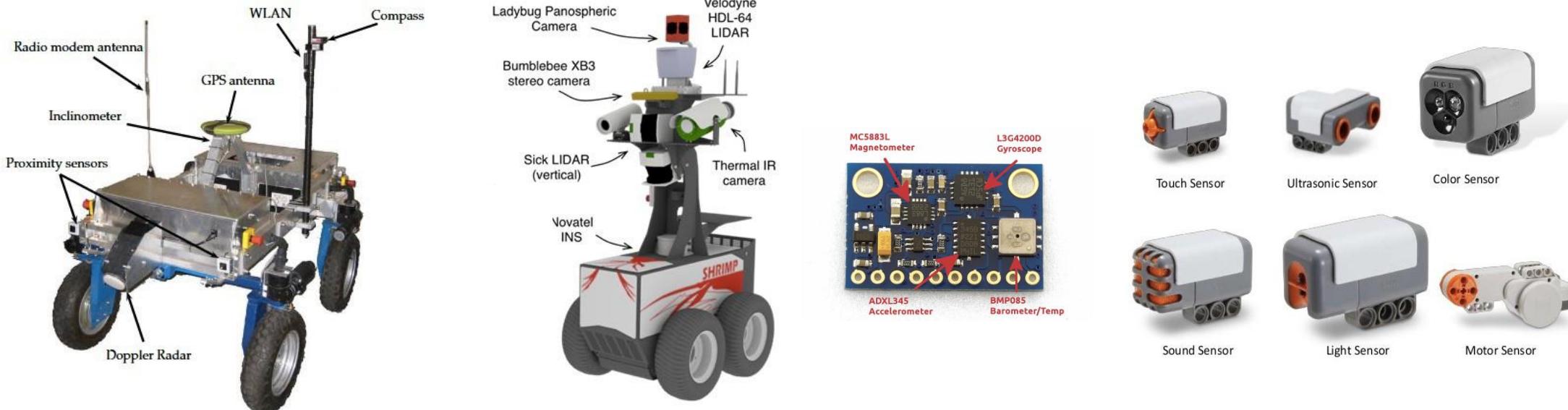
Shared Control System



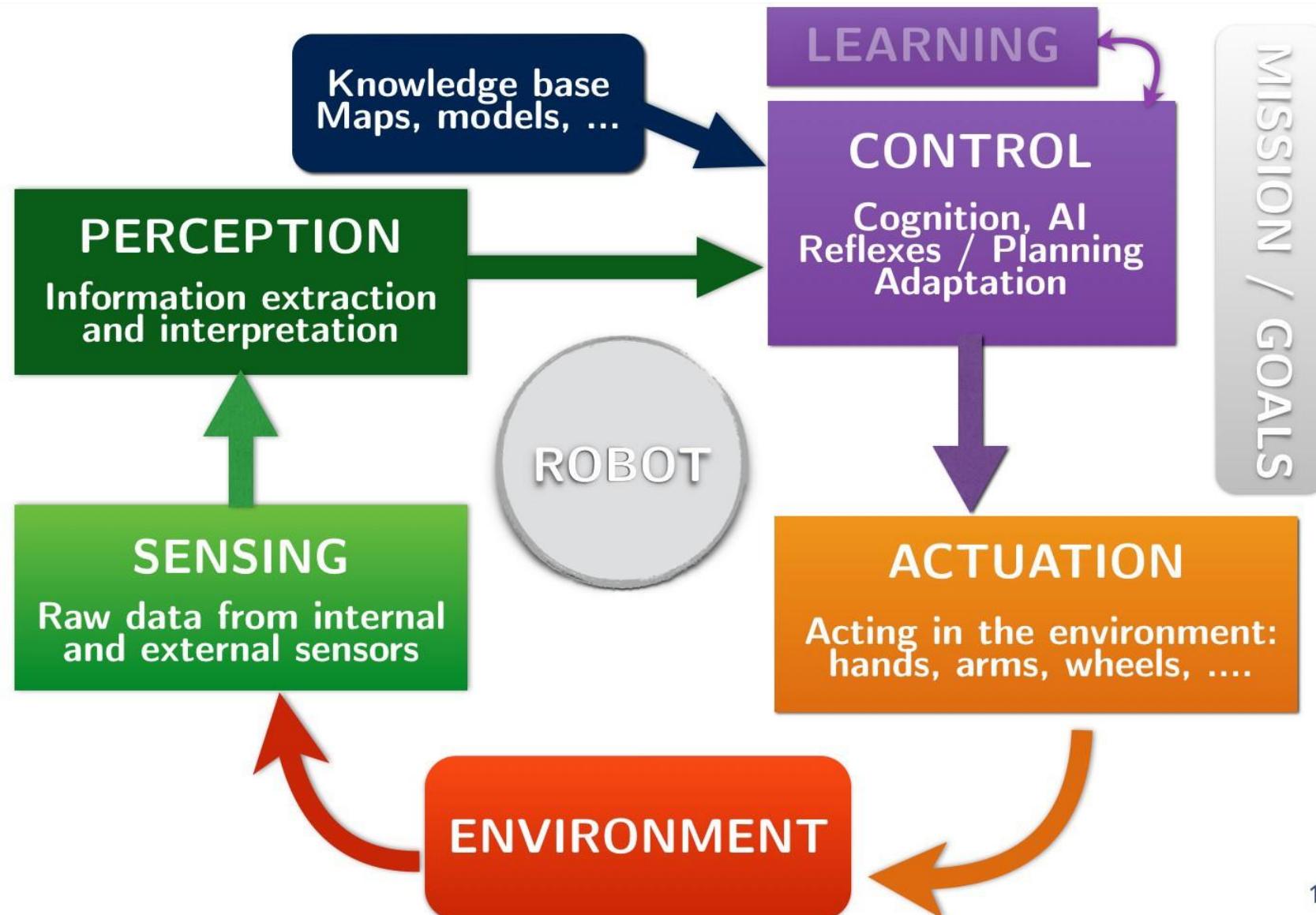
Robot and surgeon remain jointly in control.  
The surgeon remains in control of the procedure while the robot provides steady-hand manipulation of the instrument.

# Control and sensing

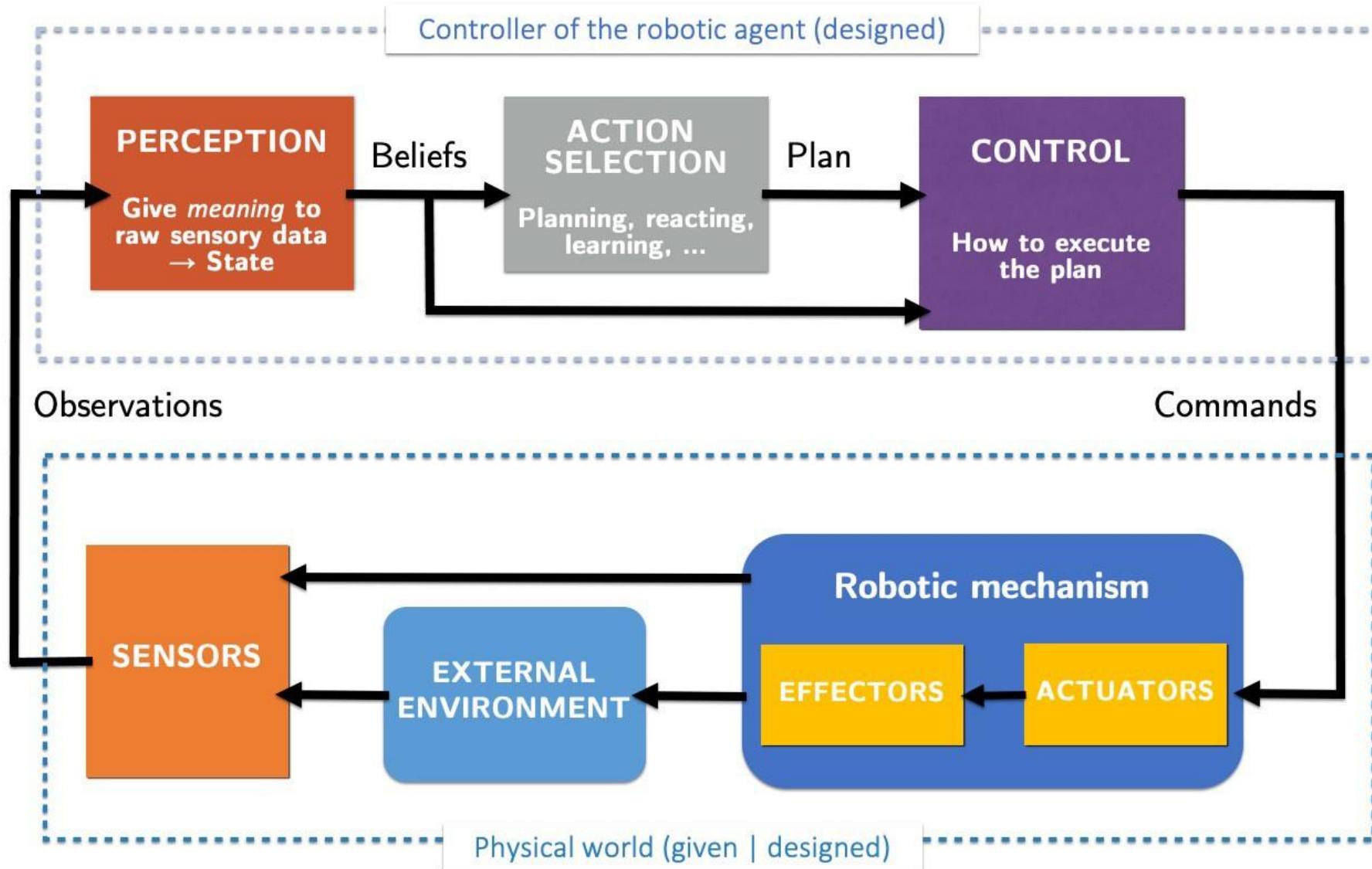
- **OPEN-LOOP CONTROL:** Sensory input (feedback) from the environment the robot is acting upon is **not considered**, decisions are issued as **pre-programmed**
  - Environment should be practically **deterministic**, the robot should move with high precision, the cost of gathering and processing data should be high, ... no surprises!
- **CLOSED-LOOP CONTROL:** Sensory feedback information from the environment (**exteroceptive sensing**) and from the robot itself (**proprioceptive sensing**) is used to **adapt decision-making** accordingly



# A general view of a robotic system architecture



# Embodied agent + (intelligent) controller



# So, what robotics is about?

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- **Robot making**
    - ♦ Design
    - ♦ Mechatronics
    - ♦ Materials
    - ♦ Sensors
    - ♦ Actuators
    - ♦ ...
  - **Actuation**
    - ♦ Wheels
    - ♦ Arms
    - ♦ Hands
    - ♦ Joints
    - ♦ Legs
    - ♦ Heads
    - ♦ Rotors, blades
    - ♦ Motors
    - ♦ ...
  - **Robot control**
    - ♦ Cybernetics
    - ♦ Control theory
    - ♦ Automation
    - ♦ Artificial Intelligence
    - ♦ Knowledge representation
    - ♦ Probabilistic reasoning
    - ♦ Estimation theory
    - ♦ Decision-making Self-organization
  - **Sensing and perception**
    - ♦ Machine vision
    - ♦ Speech recognition/generation
    - ♦ Range finders
    - ♦ Dead reckoning
    - ♦ Localization techniques
    - ♦ Mapping
    - ♦ ...
  - **Software, interfaces, testing**
    - ♦ Device drivers
    - ♦ Inter-process communications
    - ♦ Multi-process arbitration
    - ♦ Interfaces for status access
    - ♦ Status / data logging
    - ♦ Simulation of robot(s) and environment physics
    - ♦ Benchmarks, data analysis
    - ♦ Safety and security
    - ♦ Dependability
    - ♦ ...
- We can't do everything!!!

# General topics considered in the course

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## Robot making

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- ◆ ...

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# What type of robots should we study?



**Industrial / Arm Robotics:**  
Complex, but fundamental

*Mobile, wheeled robotics*  
+  
*Arm robotics (some)*  
+  
*AI robotics (some)*  
+  
*ROS, Gazebo*



**Humanoid / Legged Robotics:**  
Very complex and specialistic



**Aerial / Water Robotics:**  
Ad hoc, require infrastructure

# Our robot hw /sw tools

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TurtleBot 2



PhantomX Reactor  
Robot Arm



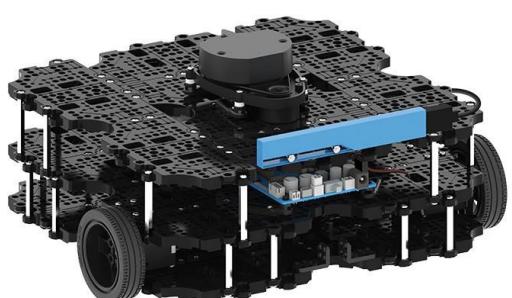
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ROS Melodic



TurtleBot 3



Erle Rover



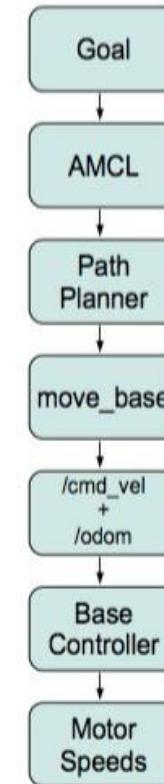
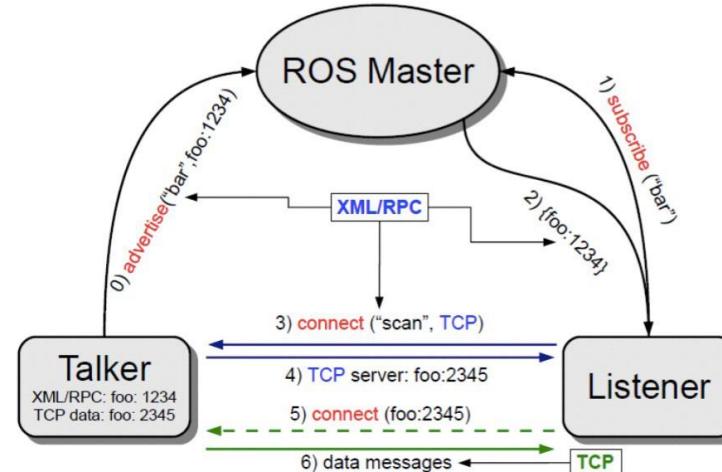
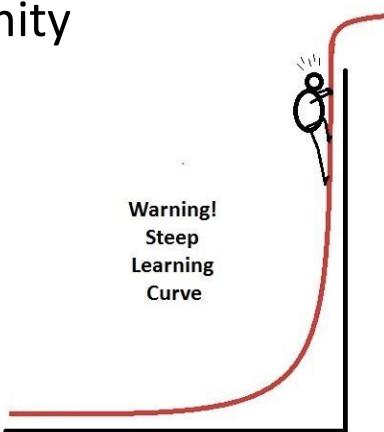
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# ROS (Robot Operating System)

An open-source, middleware for your robot

Tools for programming robots. Its primary goal was/is to enable code reuse in robotics research and development

- Implementation of commonly-used functionality
- Inter-process communication (middleware)
- Hardware abstraction
- Visualization tools
- Package management
- ROS community



# Autonomous mobile robotics

Mobile → Wheeled robots

*Design and Automatic Control of a potentially large zoo of vehicles ...*



2- and 4-wheel  
Differential driving



Tricycle



Murata Boy and Girl  
Bicycle and Unicycle



Car-like  
Ackermann



6-wheel  
space rovers

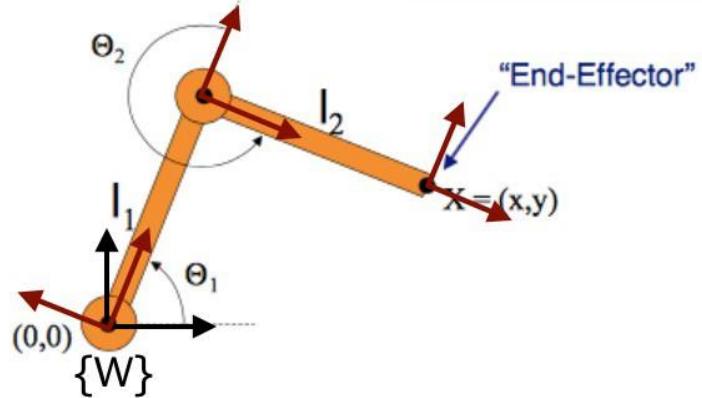
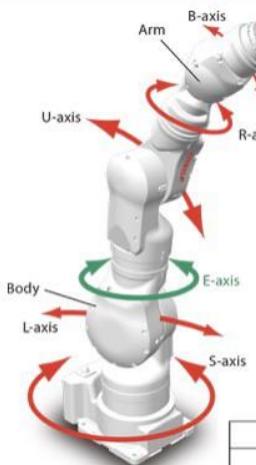


4-wheel  
steering

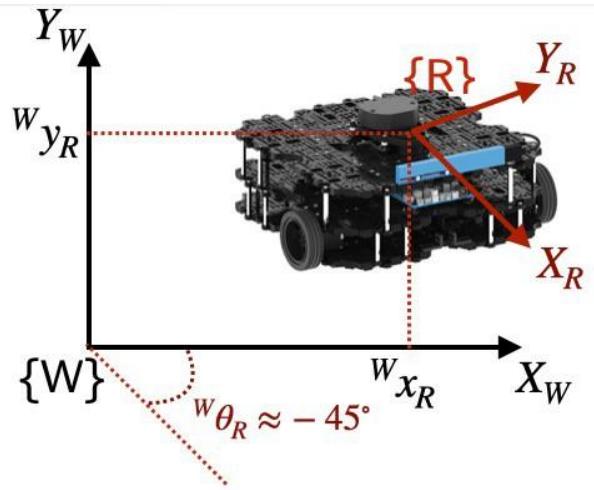


Tri-bots  
Omniwheels

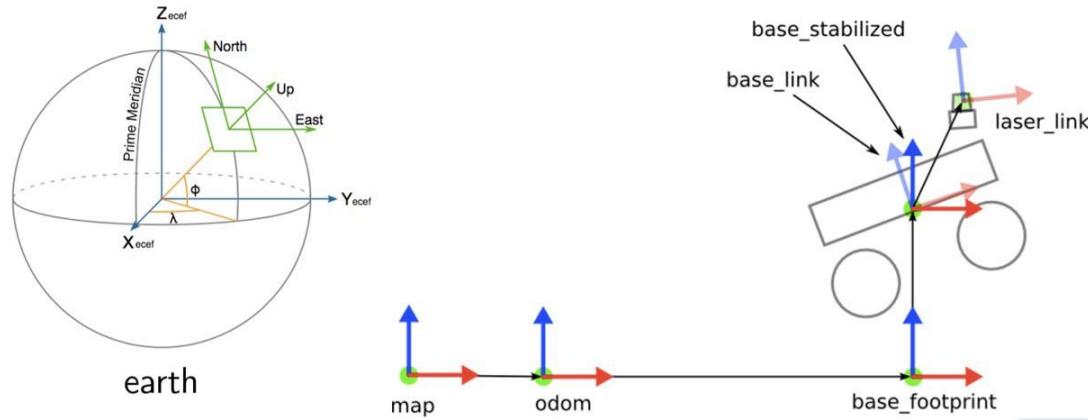
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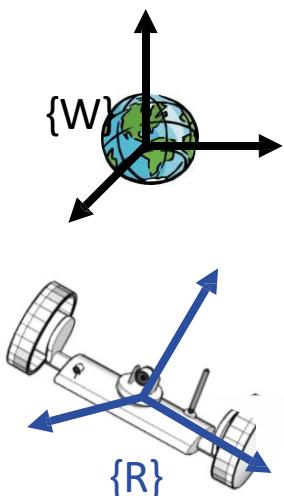
system	topology	sample representation
point on a plane	$\mathbb{E}^2$	$(\hat{x}, \hat{y})$ $\mathbb{R}^2$
spherical pendulum	$S^2$	latitude 90° -180° -90° 180° longitude [-180°, 180°] × [-90°, 90°]
2R robot arm	$T^2 = S^1 \times S^1$	$\theta_2$ 2π 0 θ₁ 0 2π [0, 2π] × [0, 2π]
rotating sliding knob	$\mathbb{E}^1 \times S^1$	θ 2π 0 θ₁ 0 2π $\mathbb{R}^1 \times [0, 2\pi]$



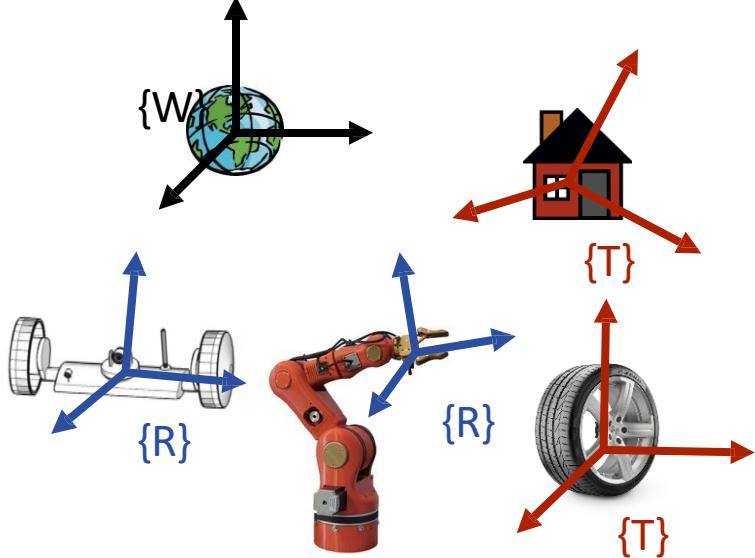
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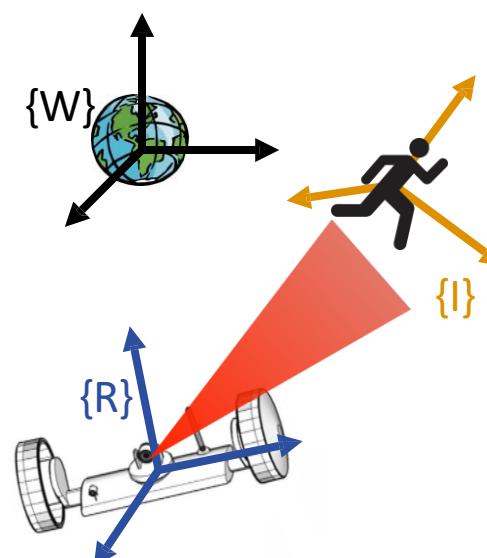
Where's the robot? What is robot's pose with respect to the world reference frame  $\{W\}$ ?



Robot's pose with respect to the external frame  $\{T\}$  (e.g., a target)?



What is intruder's pose, observed using robot's lateral camera, in the world frame  $\{W\}$ ?



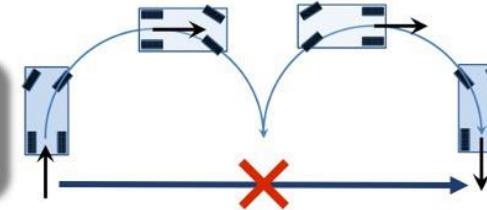
# Next step: Kinematics models



Many types of wheels and of wheel arrangements

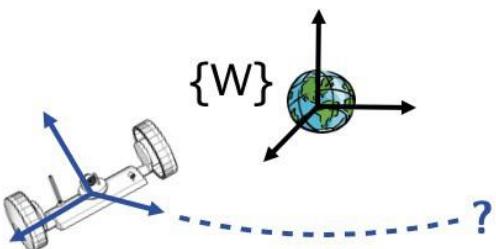
Different types of robotic arms

Kinematic constraints on the robot motion



Two-moves car parking:  
no side-way motion

Reference frame transformations  
Kinematic models



$$\dot{x} = v(t) \cos(\theta(t))$$

$$\dot{y} = v(t) \sin(\theta(t))$$

$$\dot{\theta} = \omega(t)$$

$$\dot{\xi}_W = R^{-1}(\theta) \dot{\xi}_R = R^{-1}(\theta) \begin{bmatrix} \dot{x} \\ \dot{y} \\ \dot{\theta} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\theta) & \sin(\theta) & 0 \\ -\sin(\theta) & \cos(\theta) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x(t) = \int_0^t v(t) \cos(\theta(t)) dt$$

$$y(t) = \int_0^t v(t) \sin(\theta(t)) dt$$

$$\theta(t) = \int_0^t \omega(t) dt$$

Generic robot

$$x(t) = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t (v_R(t) + v_L(t)) \cos(\theta(t)) dt$$

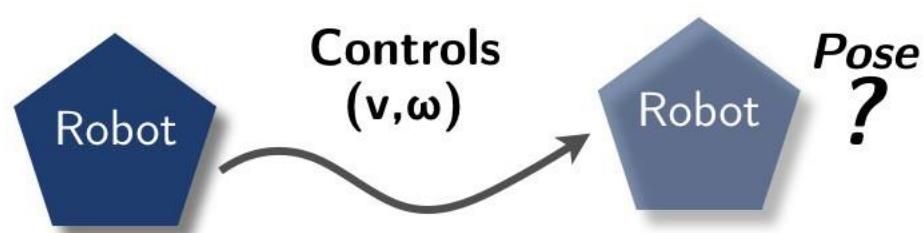
$$y(t) = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t (v_R(t) + v_L(t)) \sin(\theta(t)) dt$$

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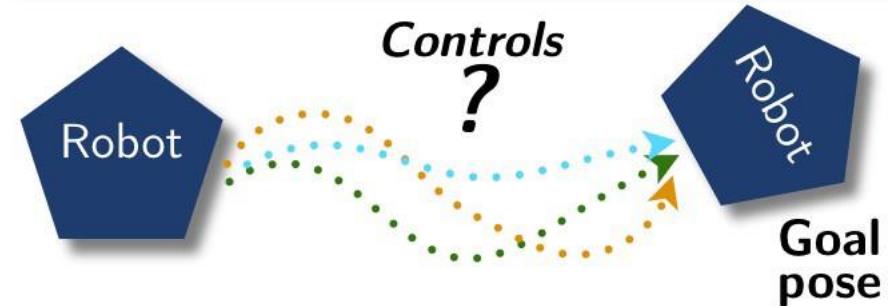
Differential steering robot

# Forward / Inverse Kinematics + Controls

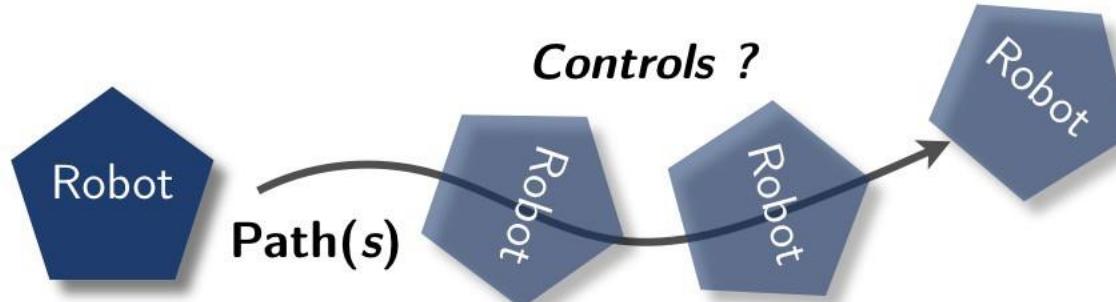
Posture prediction: *Forward Kinematics*



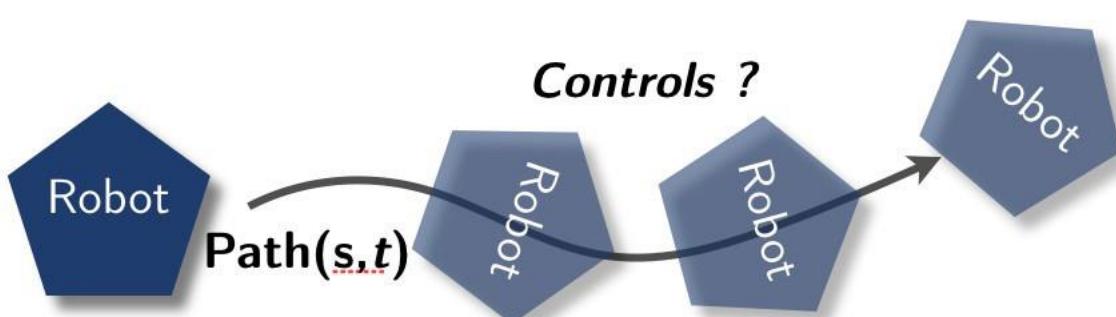
Posture regulation: *Inverse Kinematics*



Path following  
(geometry)

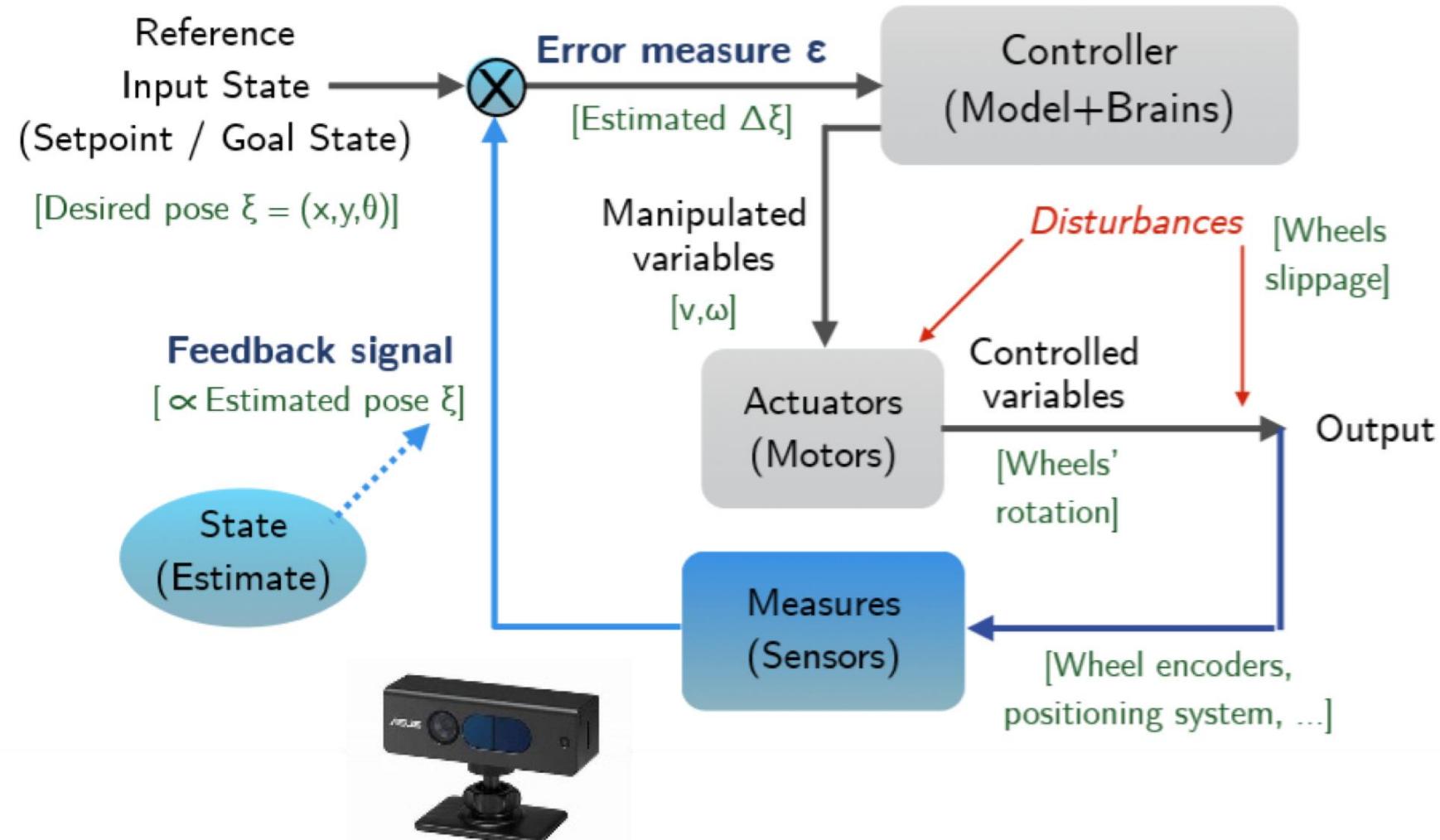


Trajectory following  
(kinematics, time)

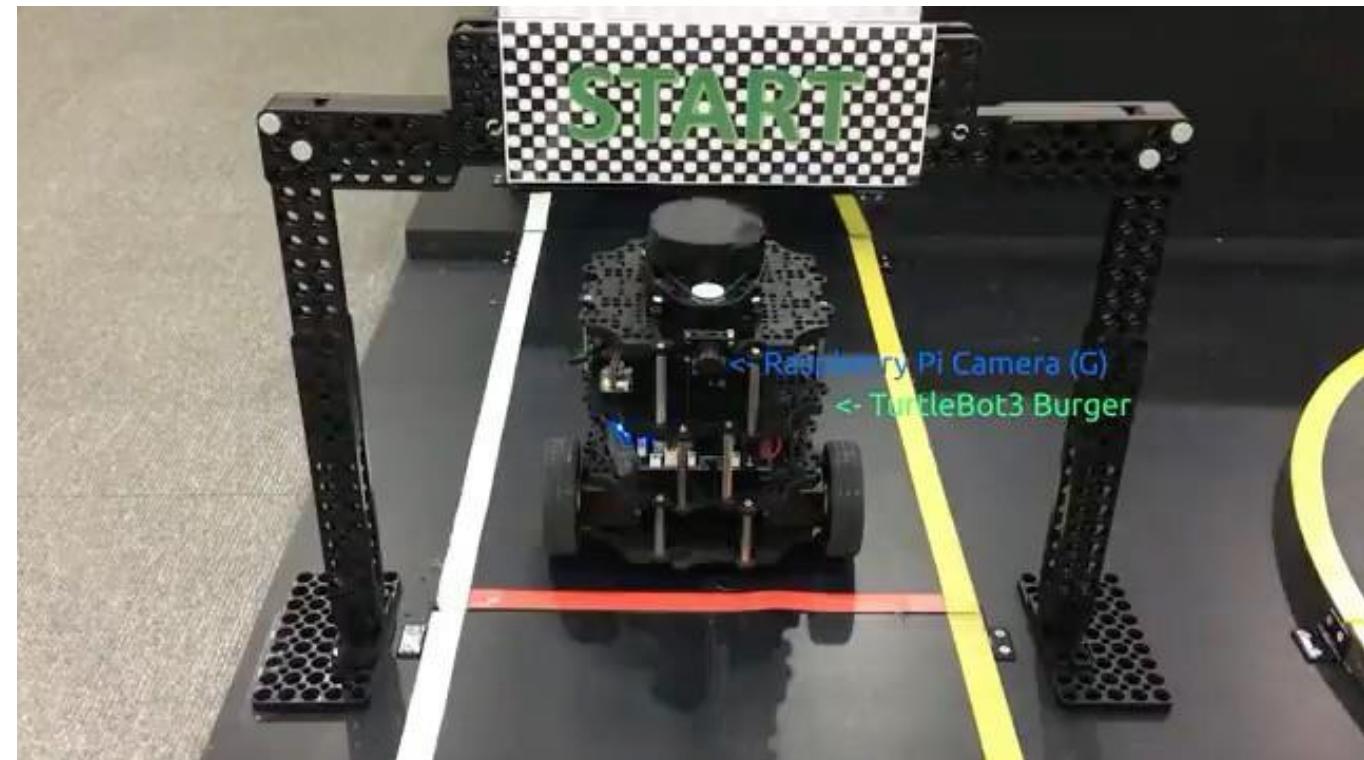
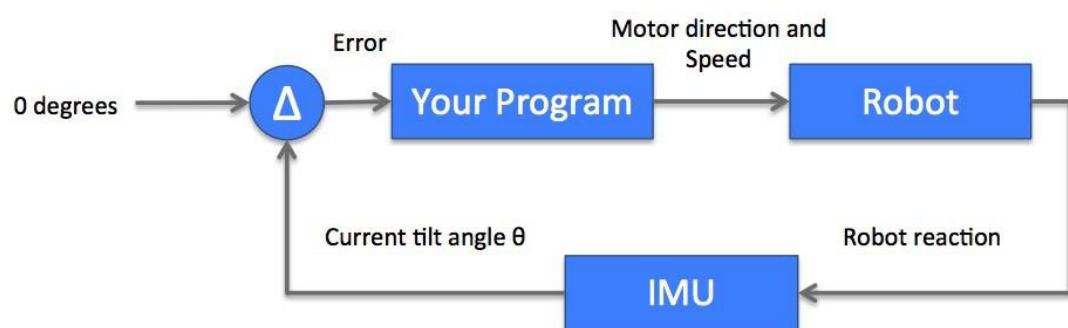
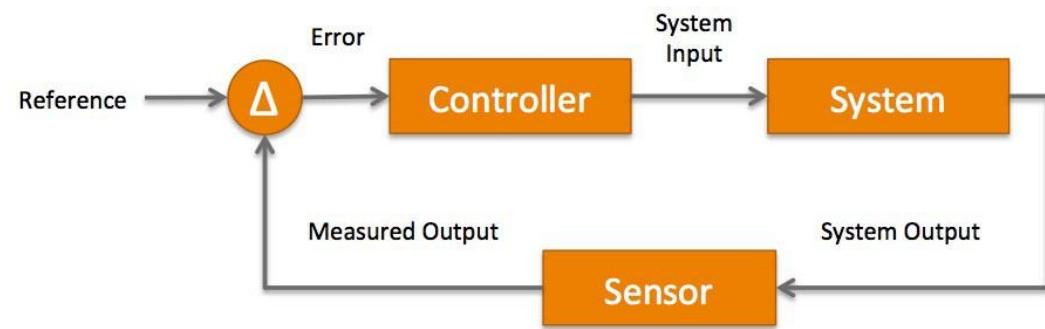


# Next: Closed-loop control for error correction

Things might (will!) go wrong, open-loop controls needs to be replaced by **closed-loop control** (using kinematic models)



# Feedback-based control



# Feedback needs data! Sensors: from raw data to perception

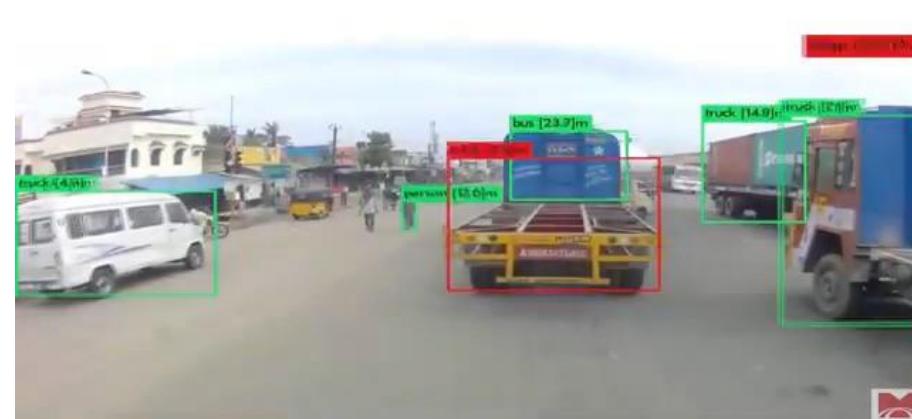
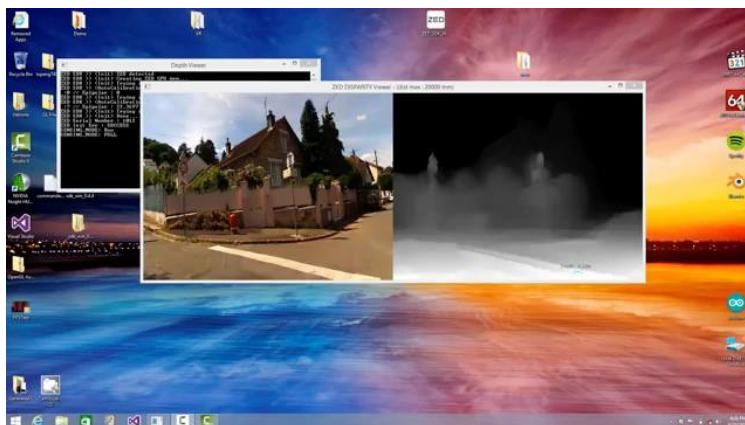
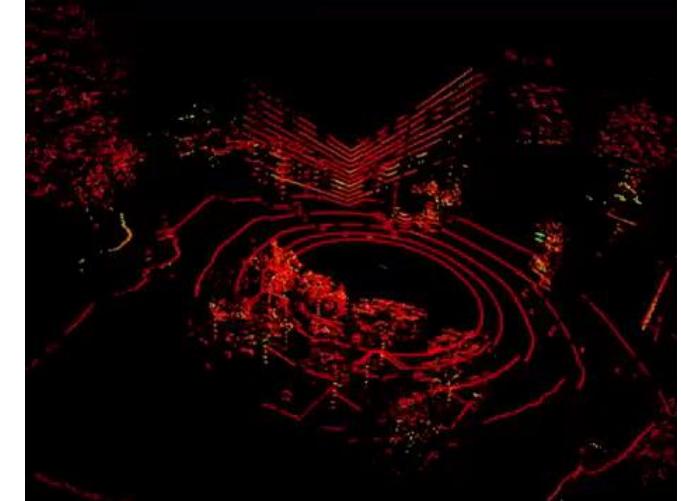
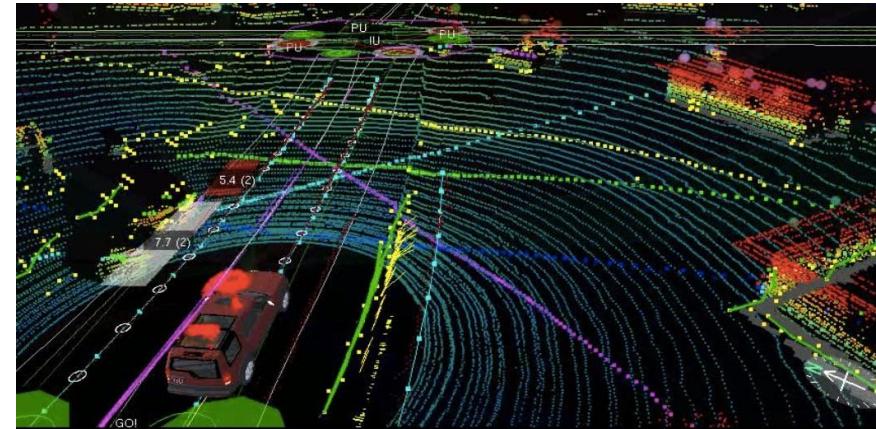


- Proprioceptive sensors
- Exteroceptive sensors

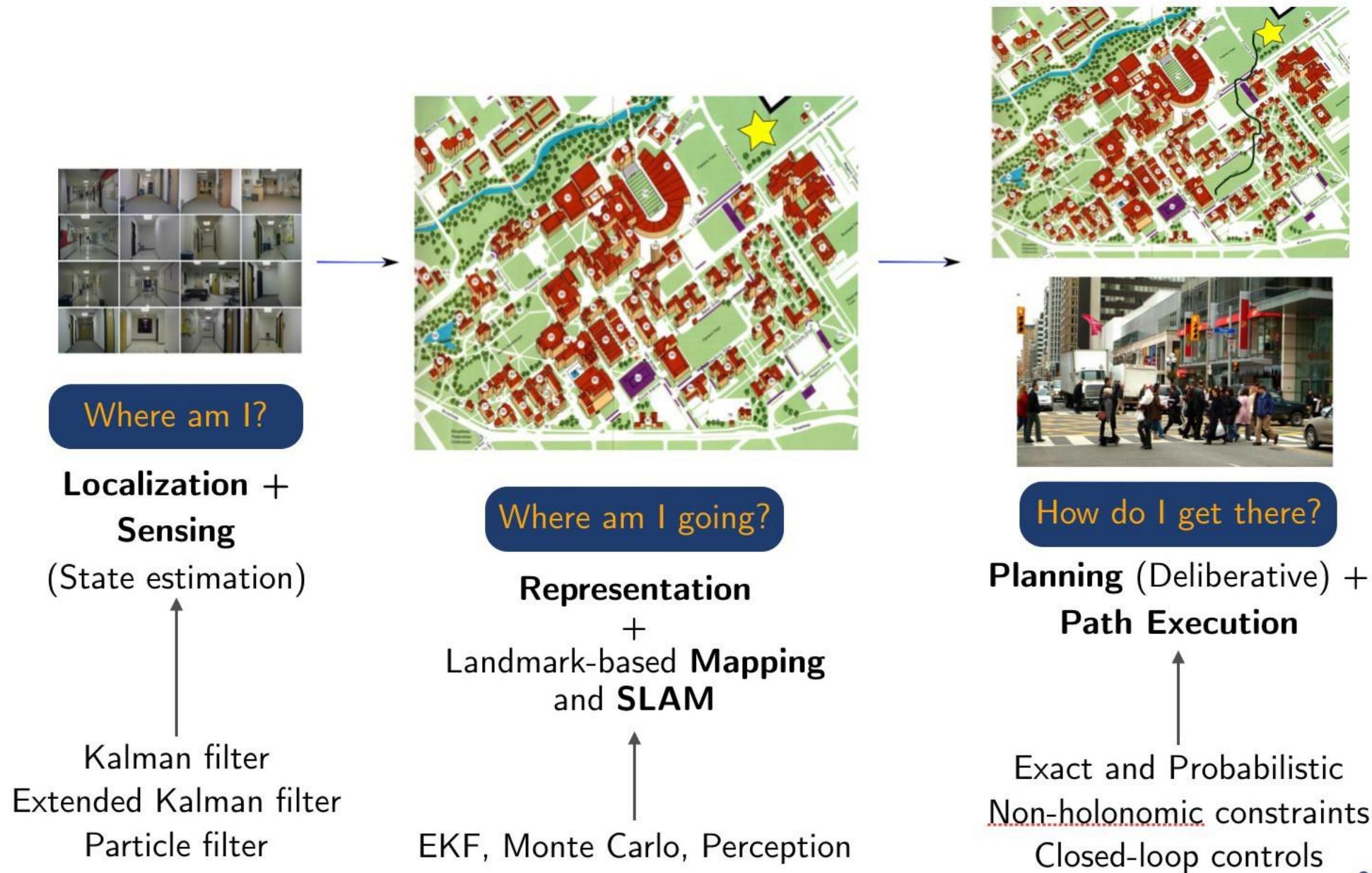
# Sensors: from raw data to perception



1.3 million data points per second with a 360° horizontal field-of-view and a 26.8° vertical field-of-view.



# Fundamental problems in mobile autonomous robotics



# To finish with a touch on AI Olympics

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**Robot navigation and control using:**

*Reinforcement learning, Supervised learning, Deep learning*



# Balancing theory & hands-on

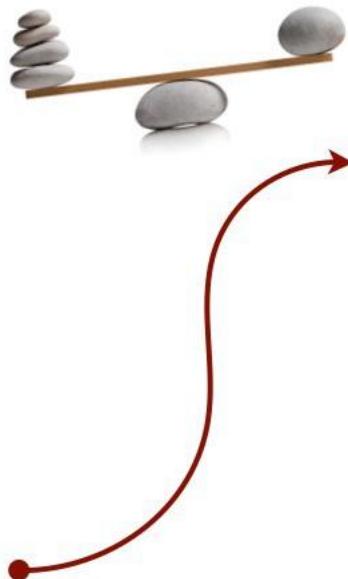
**Theory classes on mathematical and computational *models* about *fundamental problems* in robotics**



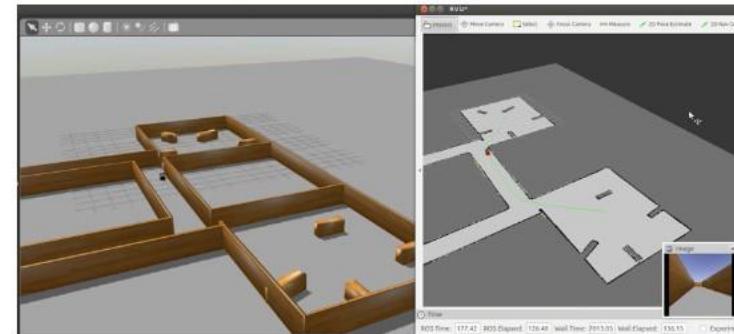
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**Experiment with the models in physics-based realistic *simulation* learning and exploiting ROS and GAZEBO tools**



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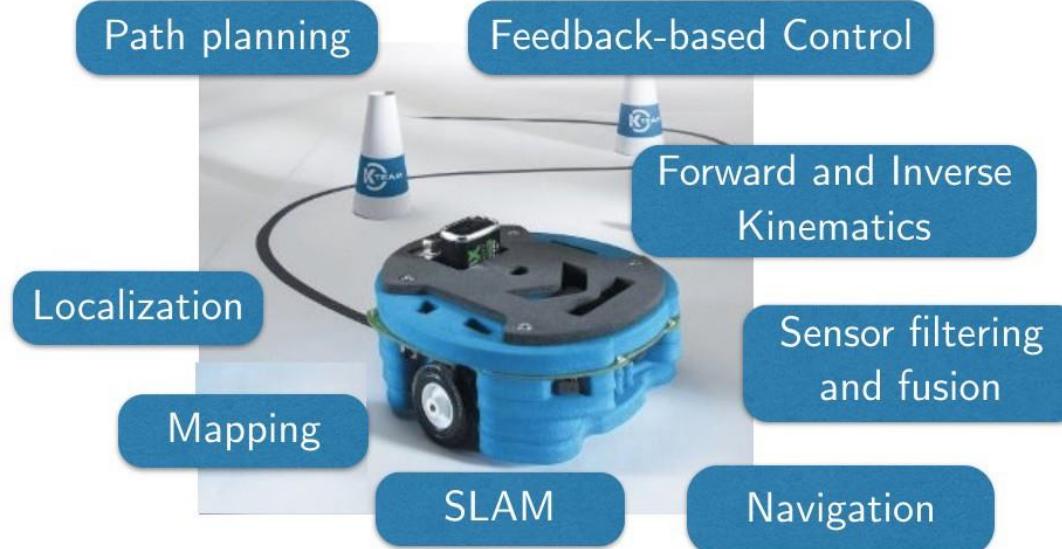


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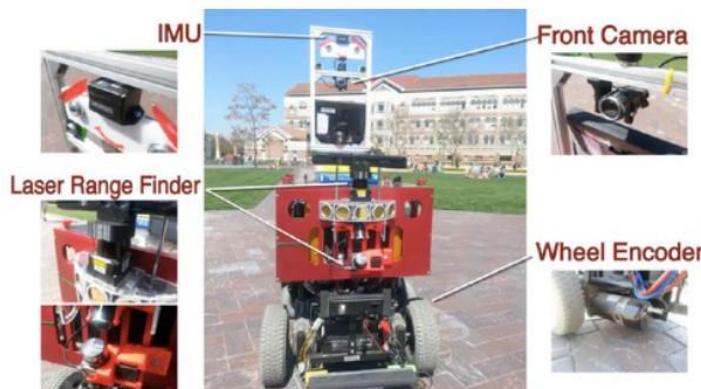
**Face the challenges of real-world**

# What will you take-home?

A general overview of the **fundamental problems**, and of their standard solution, in **autonomous mobile robotics, arm robotics, AI robotics**



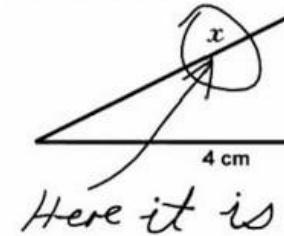
Some practical insights regarding **robot design** and the **characteristics and the use of the basic sensors** for relative and global localization, and for navigation



# What will you take home?

Some general **mathematical tools** and techniques, and the “refreshment” of useful mathematical notions

3. Find x.



Here it is

- Kinematics for controlled rigid bodies
- Statistical filters
- Kalman filter
- Extended Kalman filter
- Bayes + Monte Carlo techniques
- Jacobians
- Closed-loop control of dynamical systems
- Planning algorithms
- Topological notions

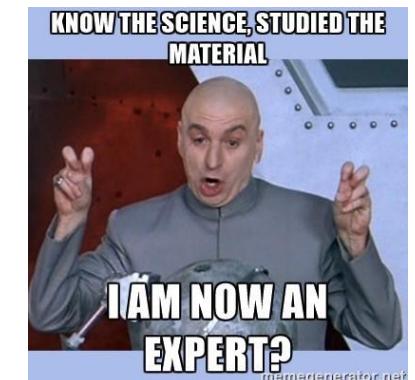
Basic working knowledge of **ROS** and **GAZEBO**



Open Source Robotics Foundation



GAZEBO



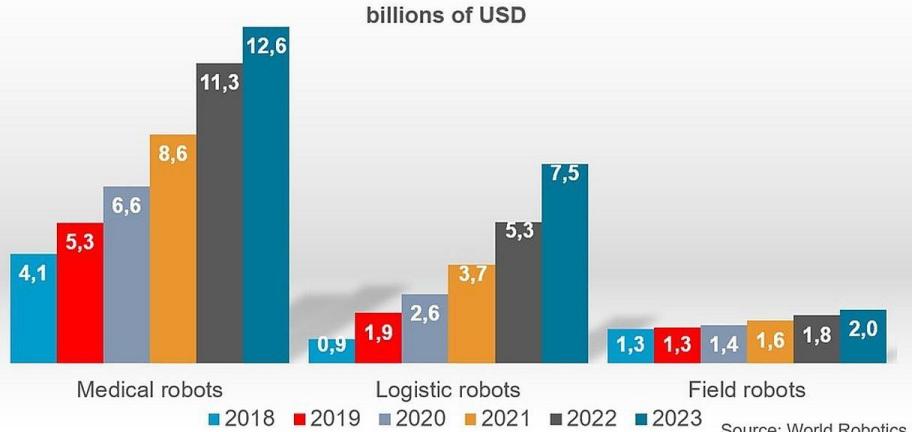
# Robotics hype: a growing world-wide trend!

## Service robots for professional use - major applications

IFR  
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Robotics

Turnover 2018 and 2019, potential development 2020-2023

billions of USD

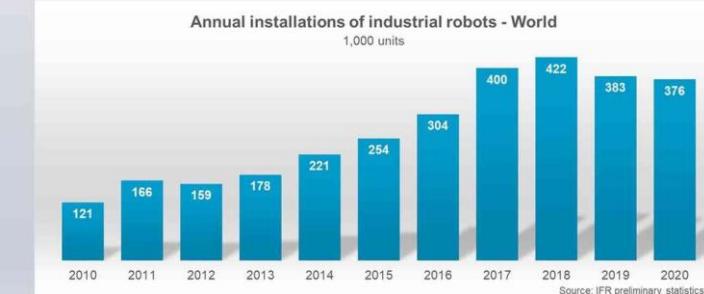


## Global robot installations – preliminary data for 2020

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Annual installations of industrial robots - World

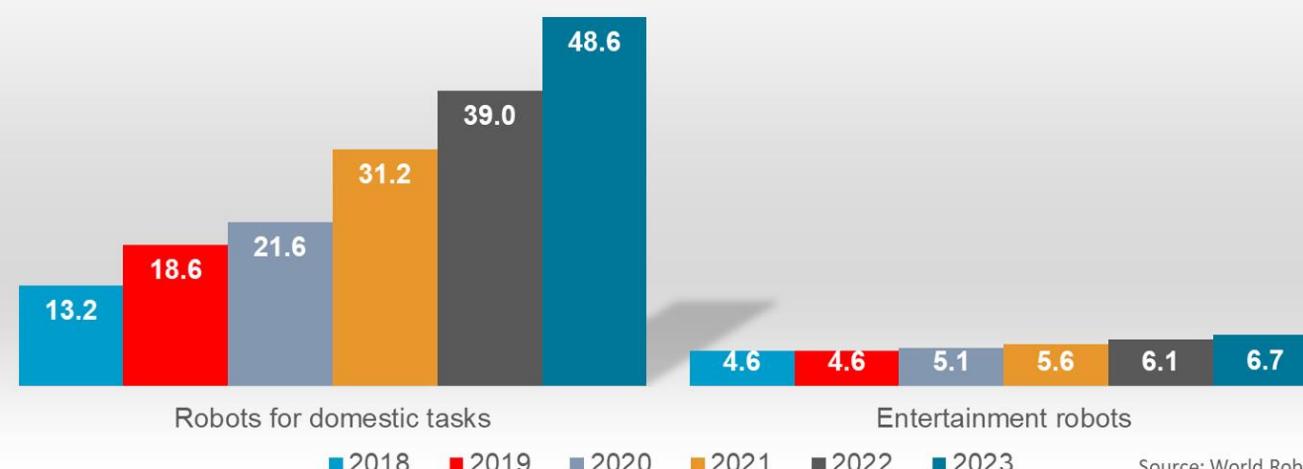
1,000 units



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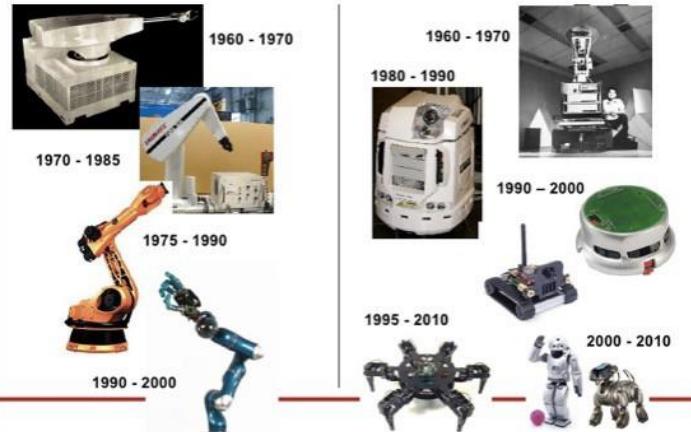
## Service robots for personal/domestic use. Unit sales 2018 and 2019, potential development 2020-2023

millions of units



Source: World Robotics 2020

# It was (is) a long way (to go)

1961	1968	1970	1977	1996	1999	2002	2005	2011
<b>First robot arm</b> went to work assembling cars at a General Motors plant, in NJ, USA	<b>First robot arm</b> controlled by a digital computer, from Marvin Minsky at MIT	Shakey, first AI-based robot that could move, sense, and reason on its environment, from SRI, Stanford	The Voyager 1 and 2 space probes were launched to study Saturn and Jupiter	Honda researchers introduce P2/ASIMO, the first complete human-like robot	Sony developed AIBO, a robotic dog that could play and interact with people	Roomba, the automatic vacuum cleaner appears on the market	Boston Dynamics introduces BigDog, an impressively stable quadruped robot	Willow Garage presents PR2, an open source humanoid personal robot
								
2012 -	2013-2016 -	2016 -	2012 -	<b>Baxter</b> industrial robot: learn, collaborate	BD's <b>Atlas</b> humanoid robot for indoors and outdoors	Uber starts self-driving car service	Major ROS distributions	

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