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# Robotics for Future Industrial Applications

## Introduction to Industrial Robots & Challenges

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## Your Lecturers



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„Robot Learning for Contact-Rich Assembly Tasks“

Coffee  
Jazz  
Wine



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Microcontroller

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## Website and Wifi

- Website for this week: <https://goo.gl/X5twgi>

Home

## Summerschool 2017: Intelligent Motion Planning

We (Haoming and Philipp) are glad to be organizing a seminar on intelligent motion planning for industrial robots. This seminar will be held in week two of the summer school "Robotics for Future Industrial Applications" at the Cybernetics Lab of the RWTH Aachen University (14. august - 18. august). This page will provide you with lecture materials and introductions for the practicals. If you have any further questions, feel free to contact us via email.

Contact details of Haoming and Philipp



### Day 1: Introduction

Lecture: Introduction to Industrial Robots and Challenges

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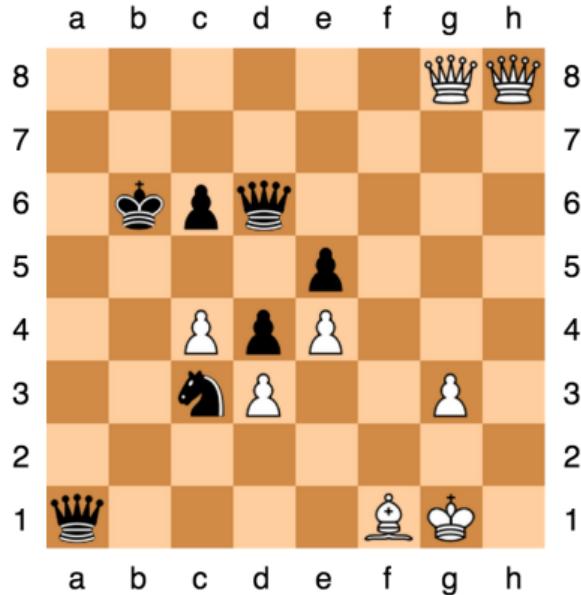
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# Introduction

**„In robotics, the easy problems are hard and the hard problems are easy“**

S. Pinker. The Language Instinct. New York: Harper Perennial Modern Classics, 1994

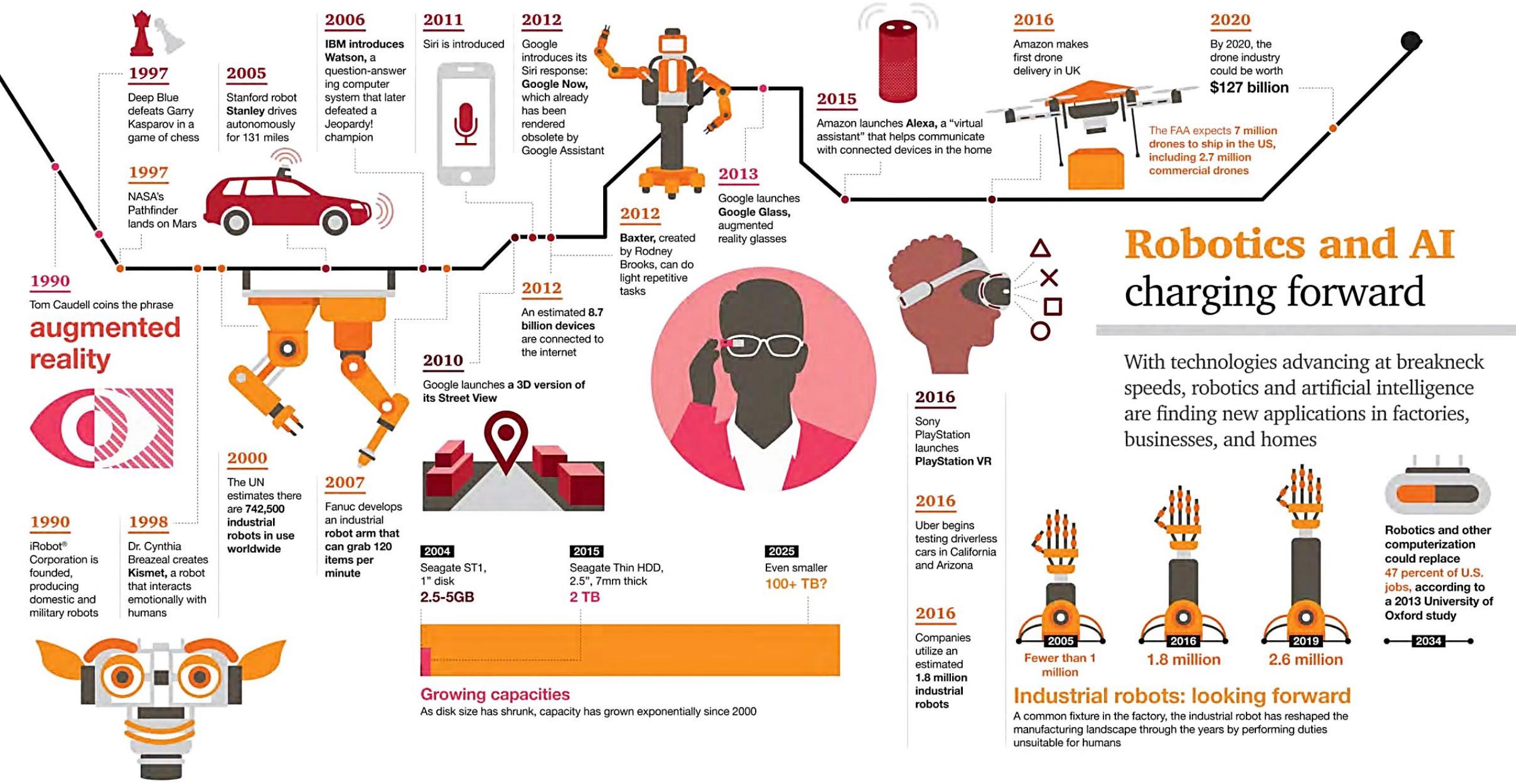


Building a computer that defeats  
Chess World Champion Gari  
Kasparow: **Easy**



Build a robot with "healthy human  
understanding" (i.e. motor skills):  
**Difficult**





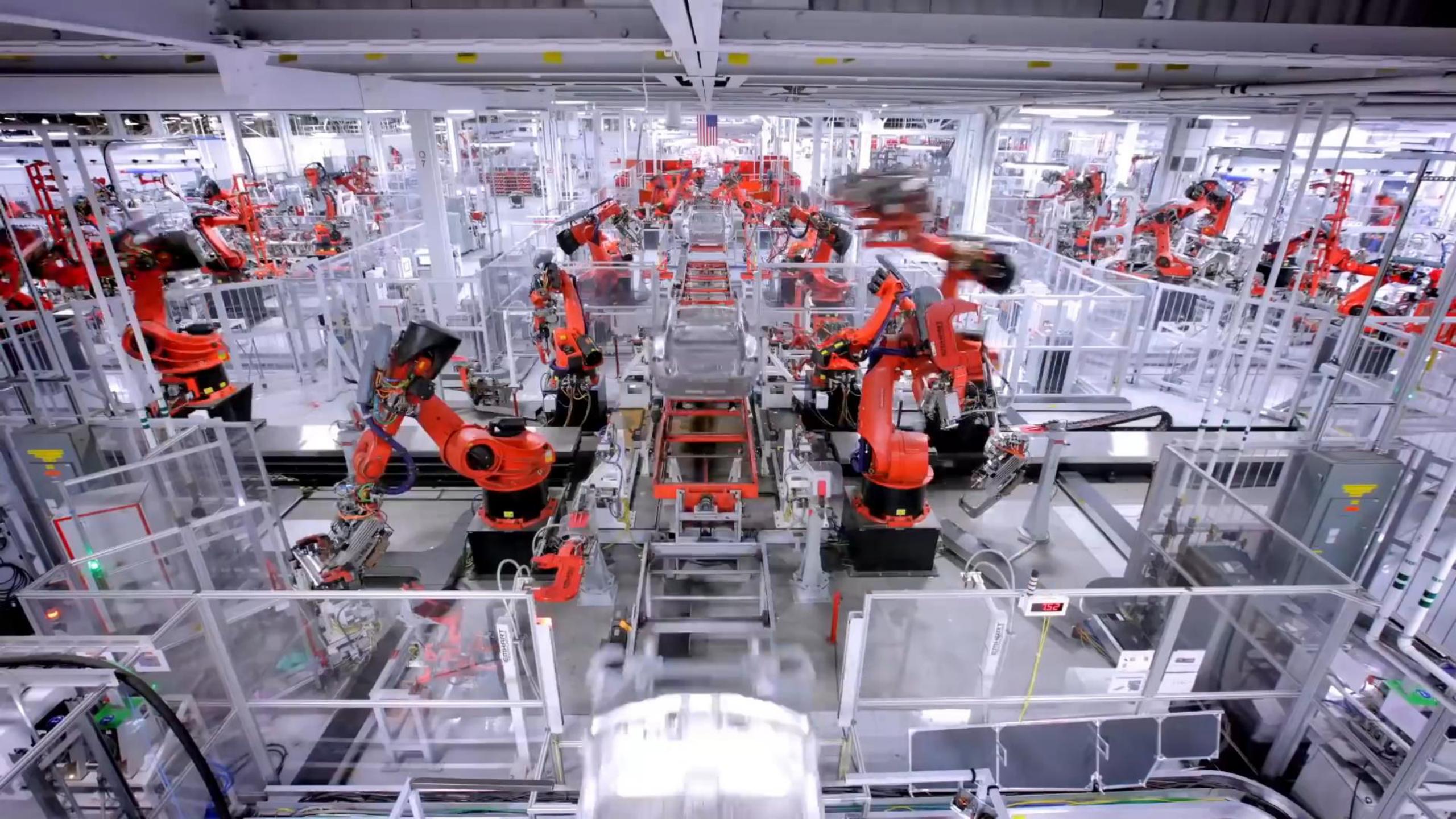
# Robotics and AI charging forward

With technologies advancing at breakneck speeds, robotics and artificial intelligence are finding new applications in factories, businesses, and homes

**Robotics and other computerization could replace 47 percent of U.S. jobs, according to a 2013 University of Oxford study**

## Industrial robots: looking forward

A common fixture in the factory, the industrial robot has reshaped the manufacturing landscape through the years by performing duties unsuitable for humans.

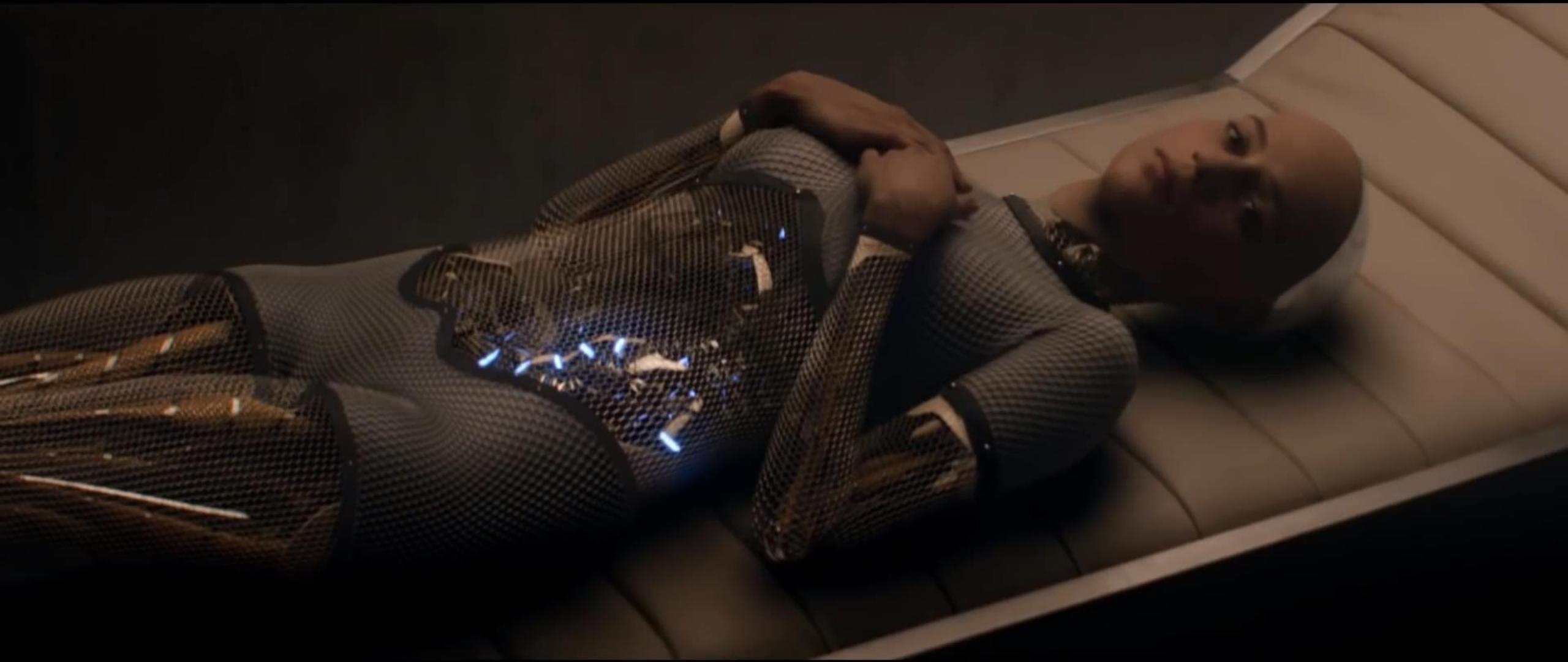


## Traditional Industrial Robots

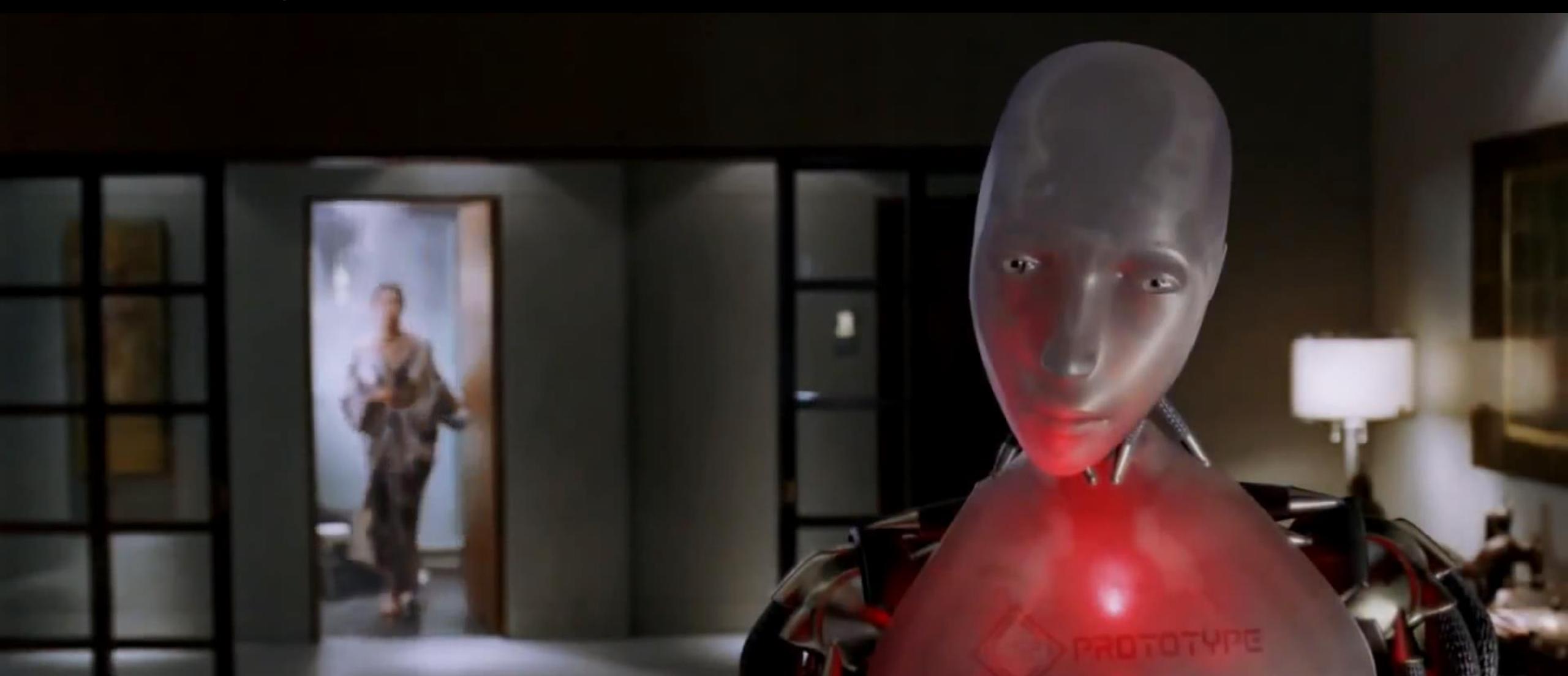
- ... high precision and velocity
- ... high programming effort (through experts)
- ... inflexible
- ... stationary
- ... high driven potential, protection fences necessary
- ... high integration/commissioning effort
- ... only isolated sensor integration, no environment detection



What do we really want?



What do we really want?



# Introduction

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## Robots getting smart!



- Adaptability
- Motion Ability

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- **Adaptability**
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### Adaptability for Industrial Robots

- Robot reacts to changes in the operating environment
- Auto-Configuration strategies
  - Self-Learning strategies

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- **Motion Ability**

### **Motion Ability for Industrial Robots**

- Kinematics/Dynamics for advanced reconfigurable work cells
- Positioning
  - Navigation

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## Robots getting smart!



- Adaptability
- Motion Ability
- **Interaction Ability**

### Interaction Ability for Industrial Robots

Interaction with Operators, Robots and other Systems

- Interaction must be safe
- Interaction must be intuitive
- Interaction must be appropriate

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## Robots getting smart!



- Adaptability
- Motion Ability
- Interaction Ability
- Manipulation Ability

### Manipulation Ability for Industrial Robots

Handle material objects and tools

- Adaptability
- Robustness
- Accuracy
- Repeatability

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- Adaptability
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- Interaction Ability
- Manipulation Ability
- Perception Ability
- Cognitive Abilities
- Decisional Autonomy

### Perception Ability for Industrial Robots

#### Environment Sensing

- Choice of Sensing Modality
- Efficient Signal and Data Analysis
- Generating Maximum Information Output from the Data
- Guaranteed Safe Perception

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- **Cognitive Abilities**
- Decisional Autonomy

### Cognitive Abilities for Industrial Robots

“In the context of manufacturing, the **greatest potential** is for functions that contribute to a **reduction of programming and configuration requirements** in deployed systems. There are clear benefits for small lot size systems in reducing the time and skill needed to reconfigure and adapt systems to new processes.”

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## Robots getting smart!



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- Perception Ability
- Cognitive Abilities
- **Decisional Autonomy**

### Decisional Autonomy for Industrial Robots

Increase level of responsibility in the control process

- Reducing energy consumption
- Increasing throughput
- Providing Context Aware Task Control

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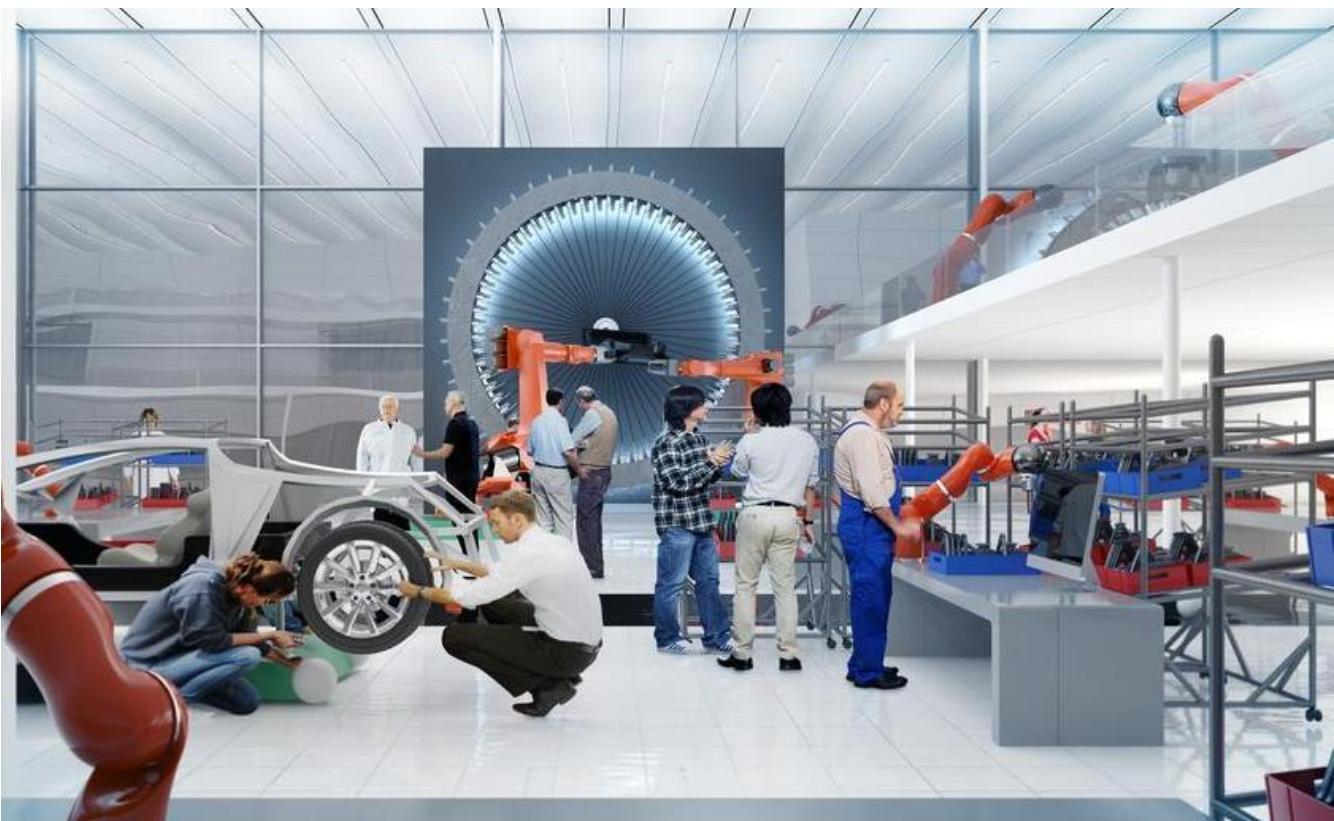
What will be the impact of  
smart robots in the  
manufacturing industry?

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## Industrial Robots of the Future

- ... work together with humans
- ... do not pose a risk to humans
- ... interact intuitively with humans (multimodal)
- ... are easy to program
- ... possess a wide range of sensory abilities
- ... are flexible to use
- ... have a high degree of autonomy



### This week topic

How can we implement  
intelligence in industrials  
robots?

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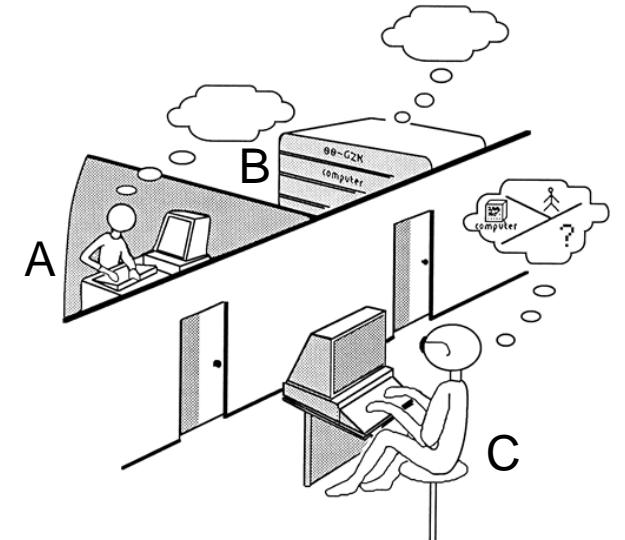
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## What is Artificial Intelligence?

*“Instead of trying to produce a programme to simulate the adult mind, why not rather try to produce one which simulates the child's? If this were then subjected to an appropriate course of education one would obtain the adult brain.”*, Alan Turing

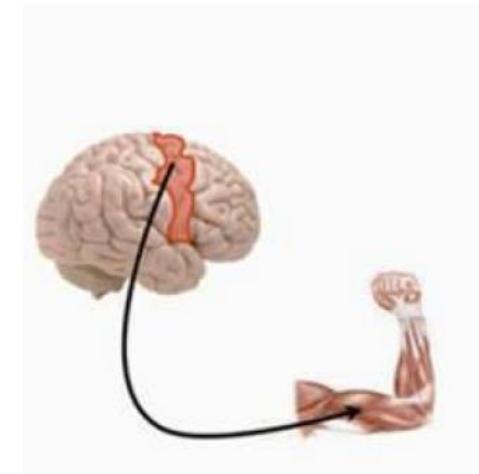
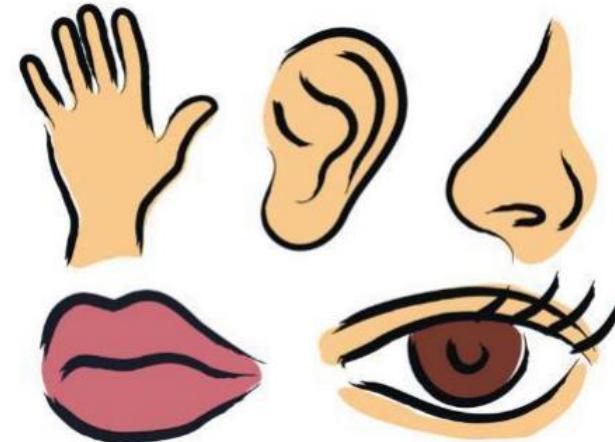


- The (simplified) **Turing Test** proves the existence of an AI
  - Human C talks with A and B
  - A and B try to convince that both are intelligent humans
  - If human C is not able to find out if A or B is a human, the Turing-Test is passed



## What do we need for an intelligent machine?

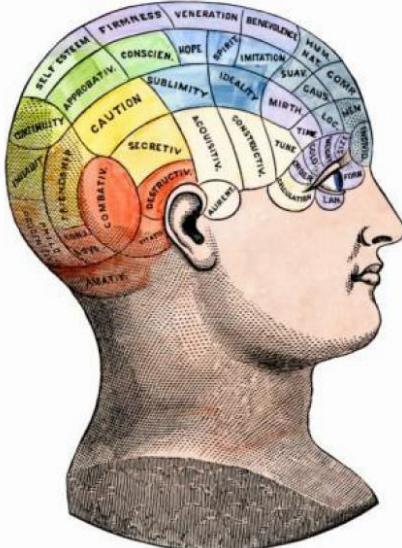
- Need for interpreting heterogeneous sensor values
  - (What does interpreting mean?)
- Need for choosing and acting complex actions



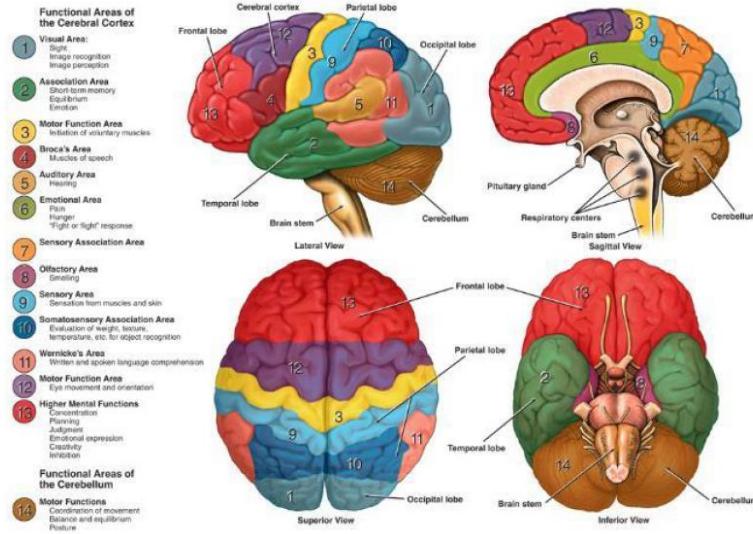
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## How would you start to build an intelligent machine?

*"We have a brain for one reason and one reason only: to produce adaptable and complex movements"*, Daniel Wolpert TED 2011 (Neuro-Scientist)



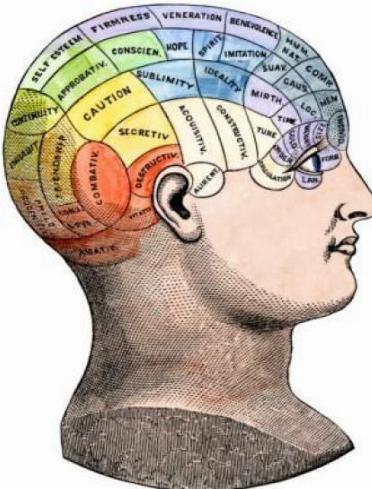
Anatomy and Functional Areas of the Brain



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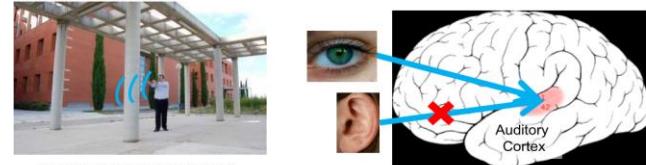
An algorithm for each component in the brain?



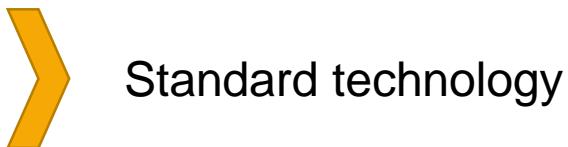
## A single flexible algorithm?



## Seeing with your tongue

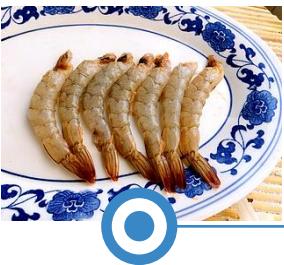


[BrainPort; Martinez et al; Roe et al.]  
adapted from A. Ng



## End-to-End Learning (z.B. Deep Learning)

## Standard Cooking vs End-to-End Cooking



Standard

## Robots as an Example for Intelligent Machines

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### The central questions of robotics

What is it all about?

# MOTION

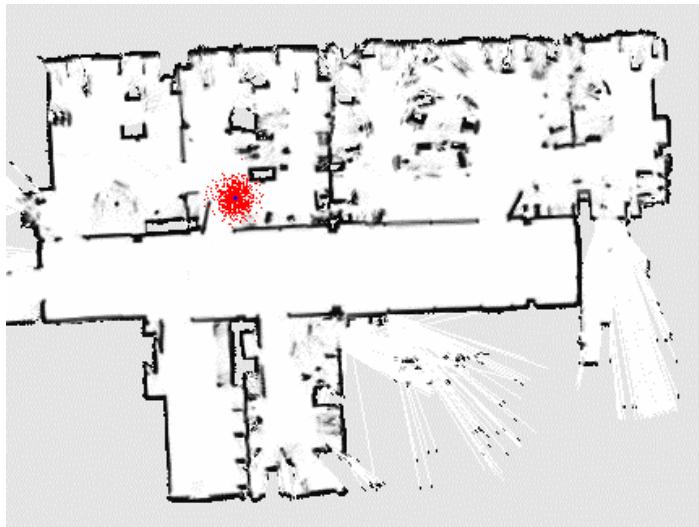


# Robots as an Example for Intelligent Machines

## The central questions of robotics

Three main question:

Where am I?



- Easy in Industrial Robotics
- Hard in Mobile Robotics

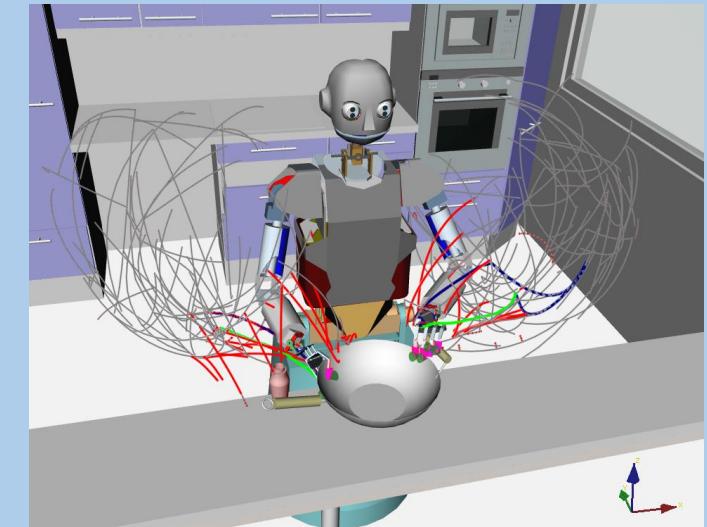
Where should I go?



- Often hand-engineered
- Or a Result of Task Planning

This weeks focus!

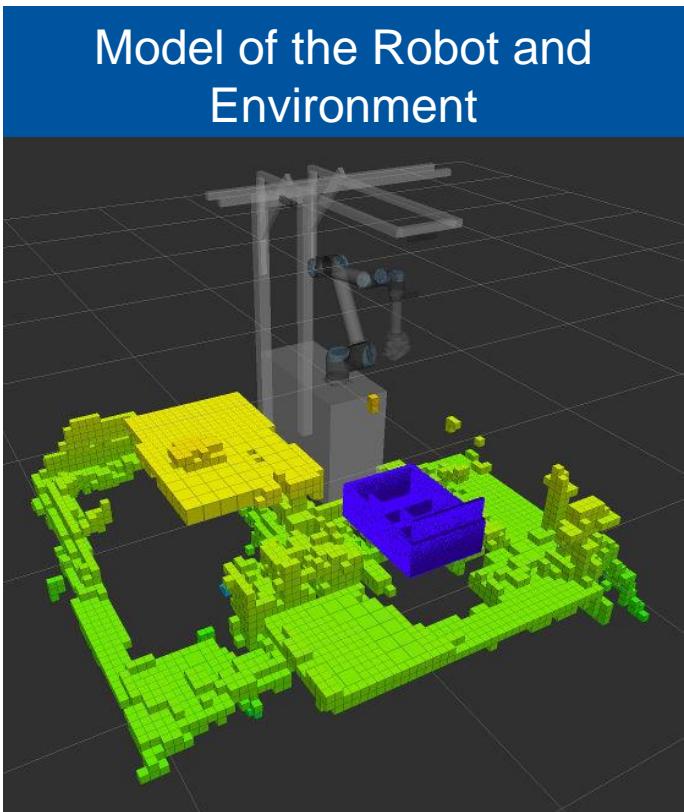
How do I go there?



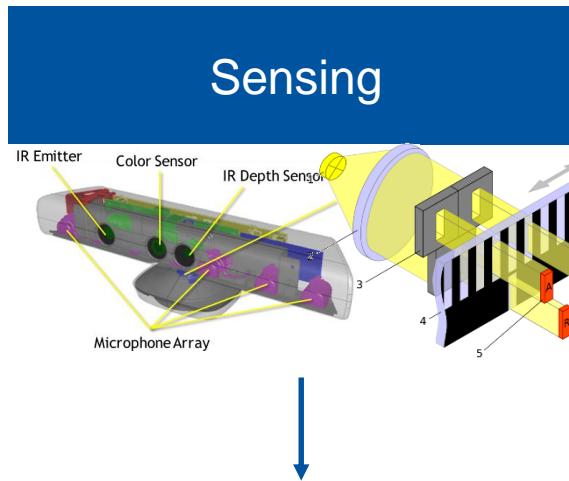
- Comparable Easy in Mobile Robotics
- Hard in Industrial Robotics

# Robots as an Example for Intelligent Machines

How do I (the robot) go there?



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This weeks topic!

Motion Planning

Requires Goalstate:

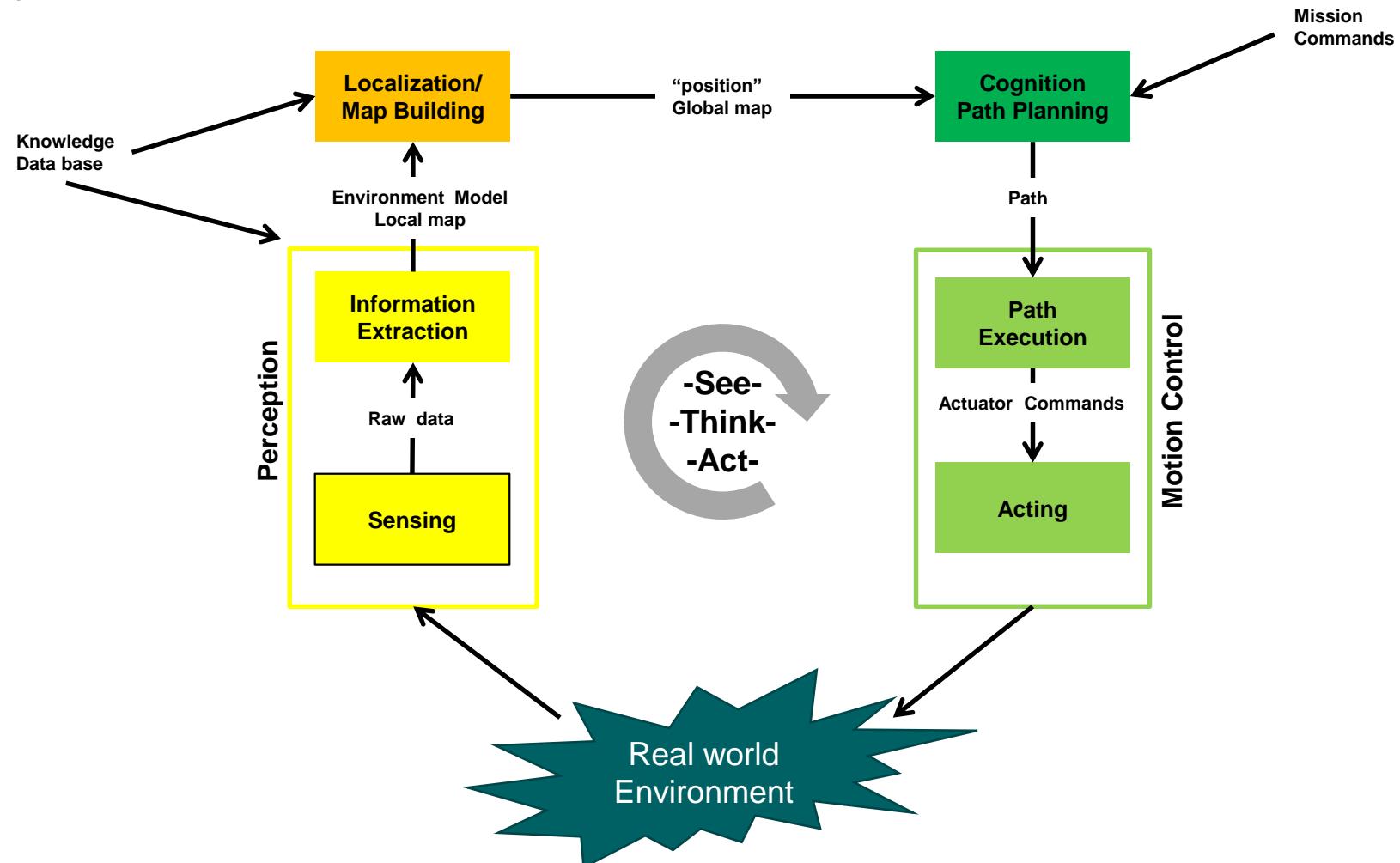
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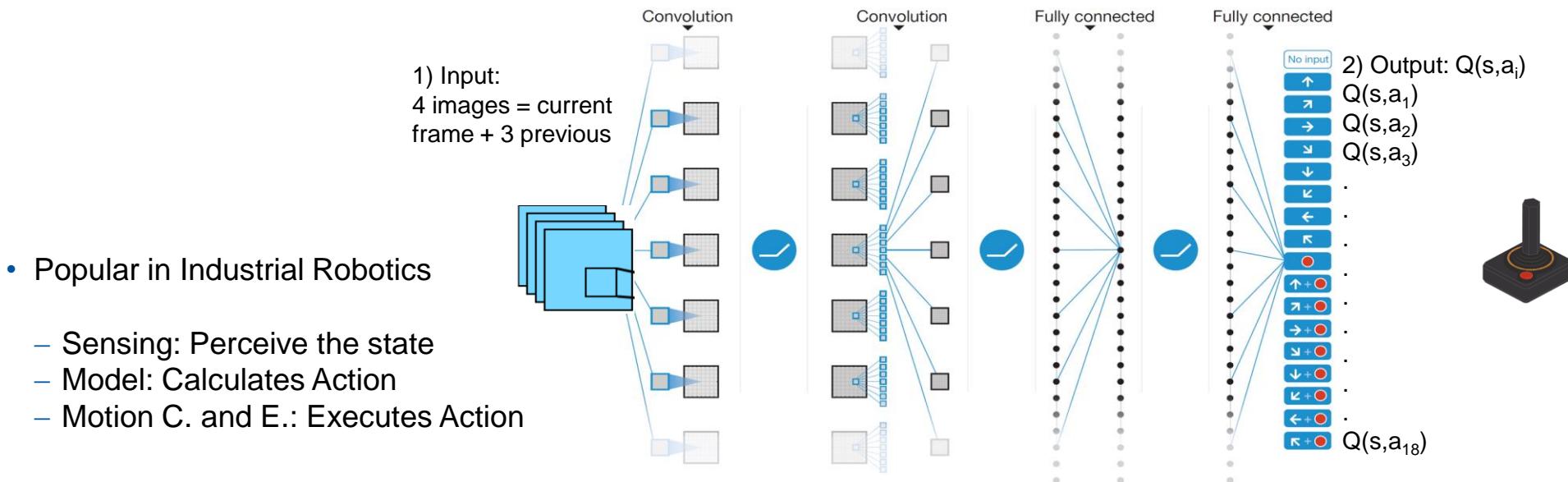
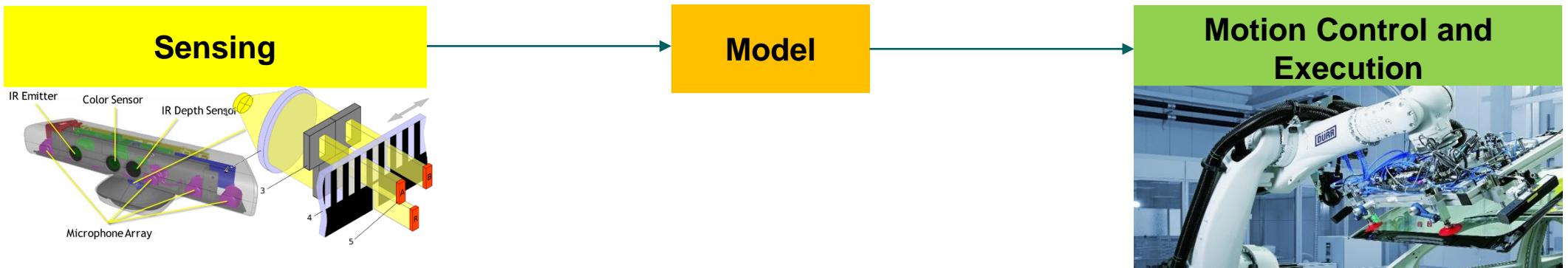
## Robot-Architecture: See-Think-Act Cycle

- Popular in Mobile Robotics
  - See: Perceive the environment
  - Think: Path Planning
  - Act: Execute Path



# Robots as an Example for Intelligent Machines

## Robot-Architecture: End-To-End Control

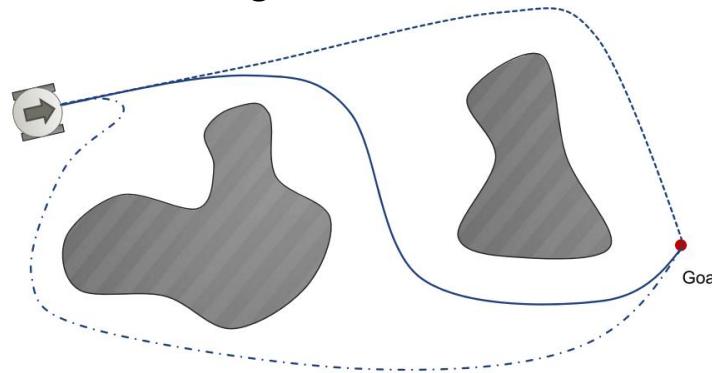


- Popular in Industrial Robotics
  - Sensing: Perceive the state
  - Model: Calculates Action
  - Motion C. and E.: Executes Action

# Robots as an Example for Intelligent Machines

## Motion Planning

### Path-Planning



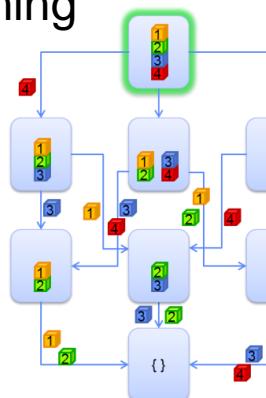
### Grasp-Planning



### Task-Planning

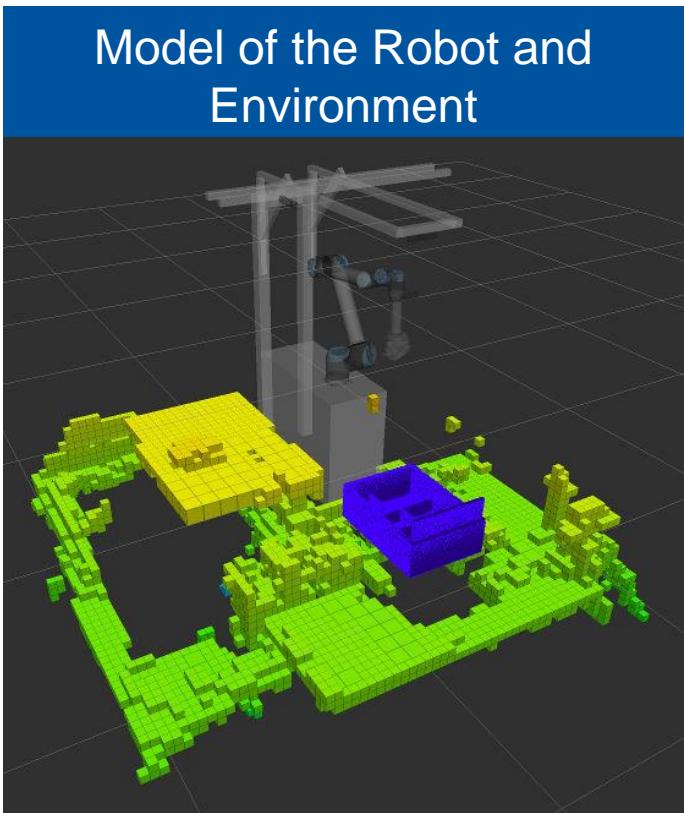


### Assembly-Planning

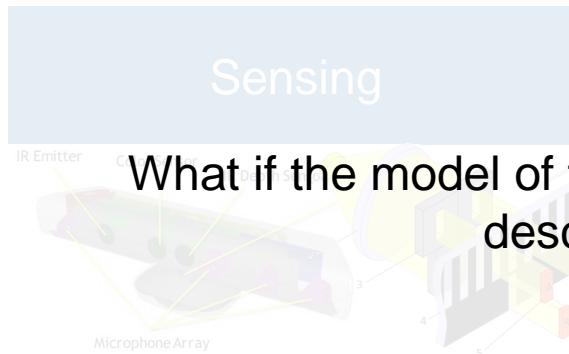


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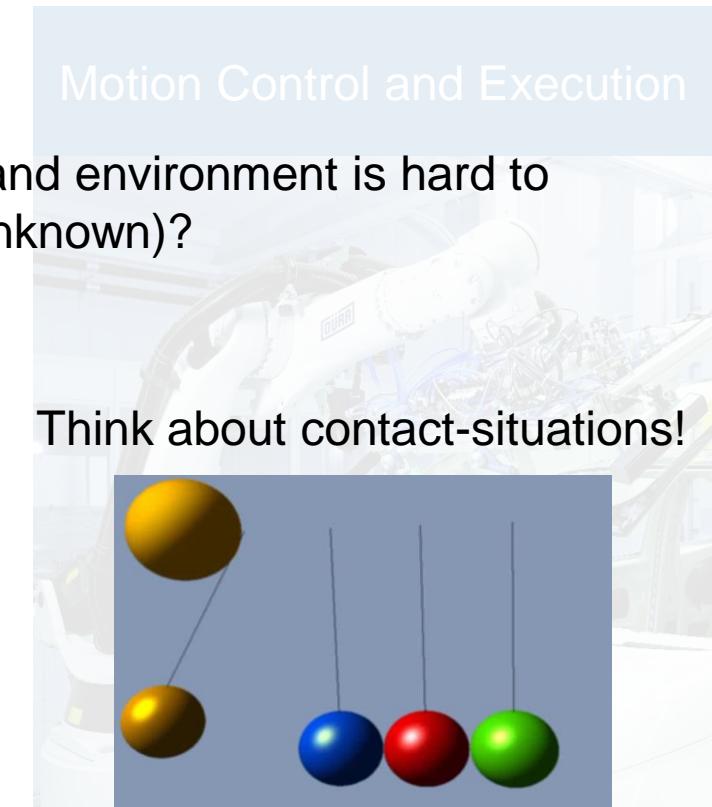
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Think about flexible objects!



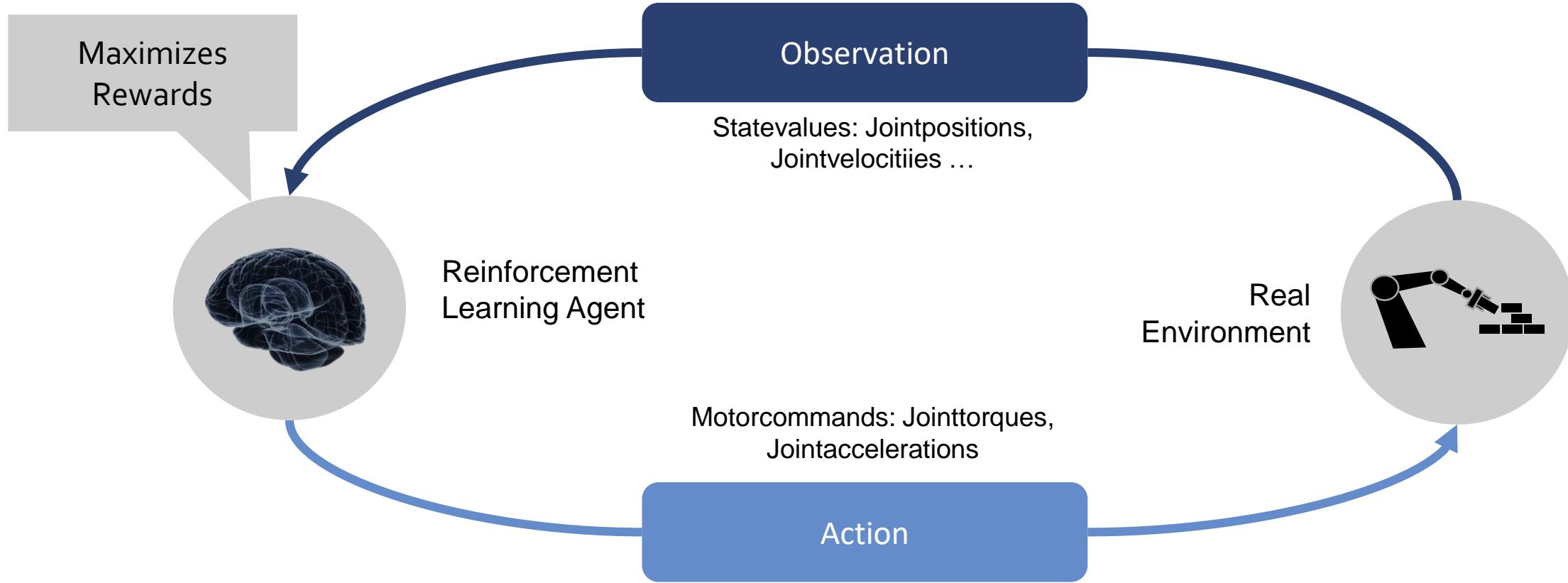
Think about contact-situations!

- Requires Goalstate:
- i.e. hand-engineered
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## Robots as an Example for Intelligent Machines

What if the model of the robot and environment is hard to describe (or unknown)?

- Use an Reinforcement Learning Agent!

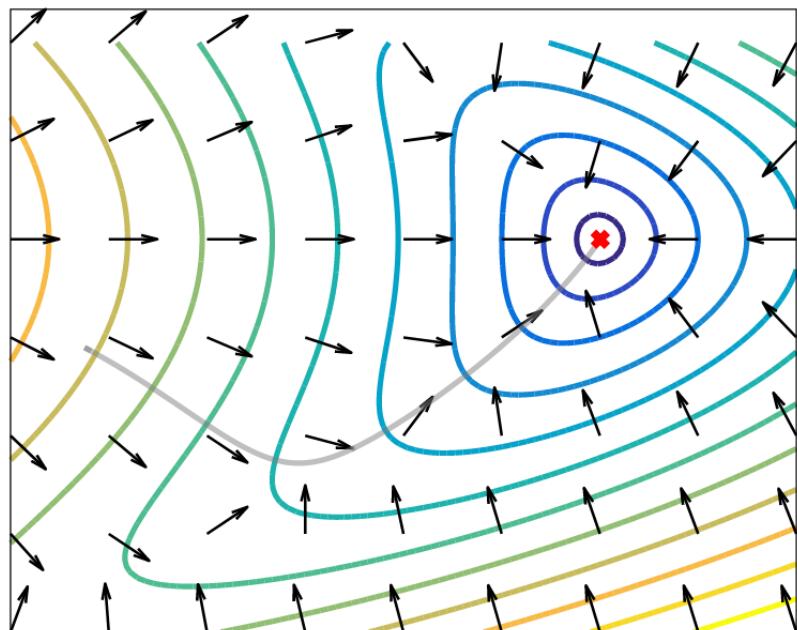


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What if the model of the robot and environment is hard to describe (or unknown)?

Closed-Loop

$$u = u(x)$$



- Global motion strategy (a “policy”)
- Robot chooses an appropriate action in each state

Open-Loop

$$u(t)$$

-Loop  
 $(t)$  **Trajectory Optimization**

/ (a “trajectory”)  
ic region

- Local motion strategy (a “trajectory”)
- Only valid in a specific region

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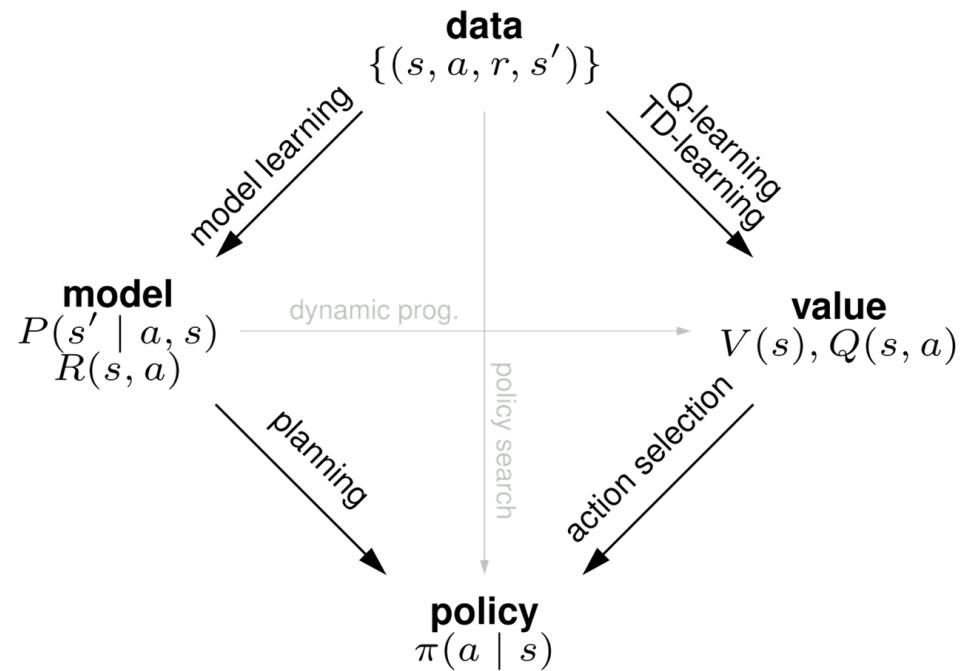
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- Learn to predict next state:  $P(s'|s, a)$
- Learn to predict immediate reward  $P(r'|s, a)$

## model-based

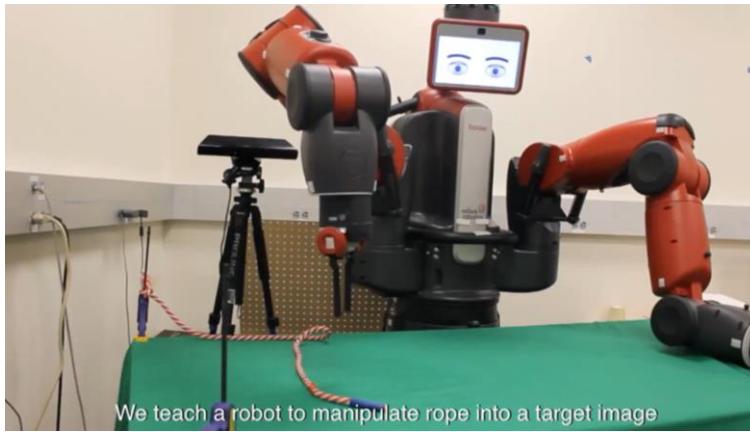


## Model-free RL:

- Learn to predict value:  $V(s)$  or  $Q(s, a)$

$s$ : state  
 $a$ : action  
 $r$ : reward

# Reinforcement Learning with End-to-End Technology



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