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Robotics for Future Industrial Applications

Introduction to Industrial Robots & Challenges

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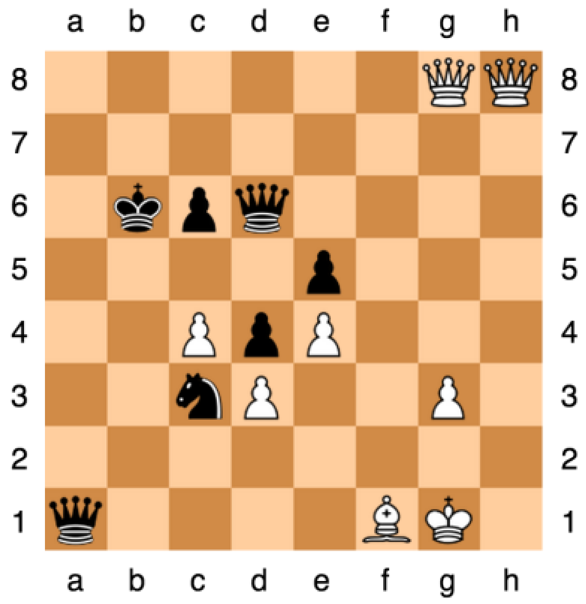
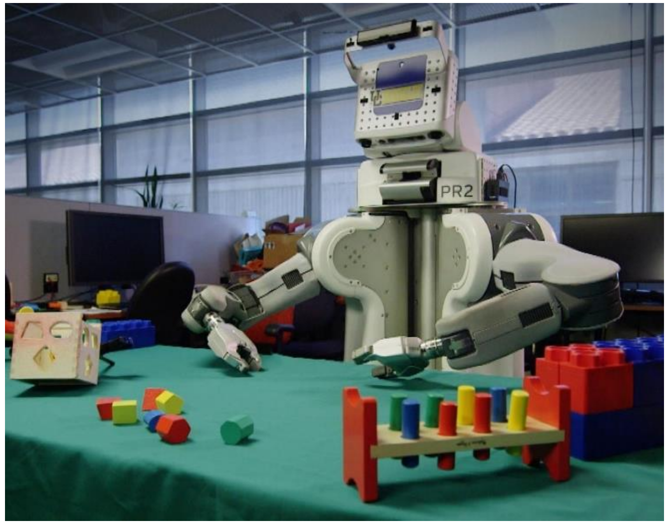
Introduction

„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 Garri Kasparow: **Easy**

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

The rise of **Robotics and AI**

Fueled by advances in computing power and connectivity, the fields of robotics and artificial intelligence have grown rapidly

1921
The term **robot** is first used by Czech writer Karel Capek

1939
Elektro, a humanoid robot, debuts at the World's Fair, smoking cigarettes and blowing up balloons

1941
Isaac Asimov formulates the

Three Laws of Robotics:

- **A robot may not injure a human being** or, through inaction, allow a human being to be harmed
- **A robot must obey orders** given it by human beings except where such orders would conflict with the First Law
- **A robot must protect its own existence** as long as such protection does not conflict with the First or Second Law

1948
William Grey Walter creates **the first autonomous robot with complex behavior**

1950
Alan Turing publishes paper about the possibility of machines that think, develops idea known as the

Turing's Test.

It tests a machine's ability to "think" by answering a series of questions. In essence, **the tester must think the machine's answers are coming from a human**

1951
Marvin Minsky builds the first neurocomputer, **SNARC**

1954
George Devol invents the first digitally operated and programmable robot

1956
Field of AI research founded at a conference at Dartmouth

1960
Frank Rosenblatt constructs **Mark I Perceptron,** a computer that learned new skills by trial and error

1961
GM installs Unimate robot to lift and stack hot pieces of metal

1968
Mobile robot "Shakey" is introduced. It's controlled by a computer the size of a room

1972
Stanford researcher develops PARRY, designed to simulate a paranoid schizophrenic.

How are you feeling today?

I have had enough of this.

1974
Intel produces its second-generation 8080 general-purpose chips

1979
SCARA, an articulated robot arm, is developed for assembly lines

1984
Doug Lenat and his team start **Cyc,** to codify millions of pieces knowledge that compose human common sense

1984
The RB5X, developed by General Robotics Corp., includes software enabling it to learn from its environment

1985
Jaron Lanier's VPL Research, Inc., sells first VR glasses and gloves; Lanier coins the phrase **virtual reality**

1986
Honda creates the E0, the first of a series of humanoid robots that walk on two feet

1988
Researchers launch Jabberwacky, an AI chatbot designed to learn through conversation

Nope, I'm human.

1988
The first HelpMate service robot begins work at Danbury Hospital

1956
IBM 305, the first hard disk drive
5MB

1970
IBM 1330
100MB per pack

1985
IBM 0665, a 5.25" disk with
20-40MB

Minimize and maximize

Shrinking disk sizes and exponentially growing capacity help fuel robotics and AI

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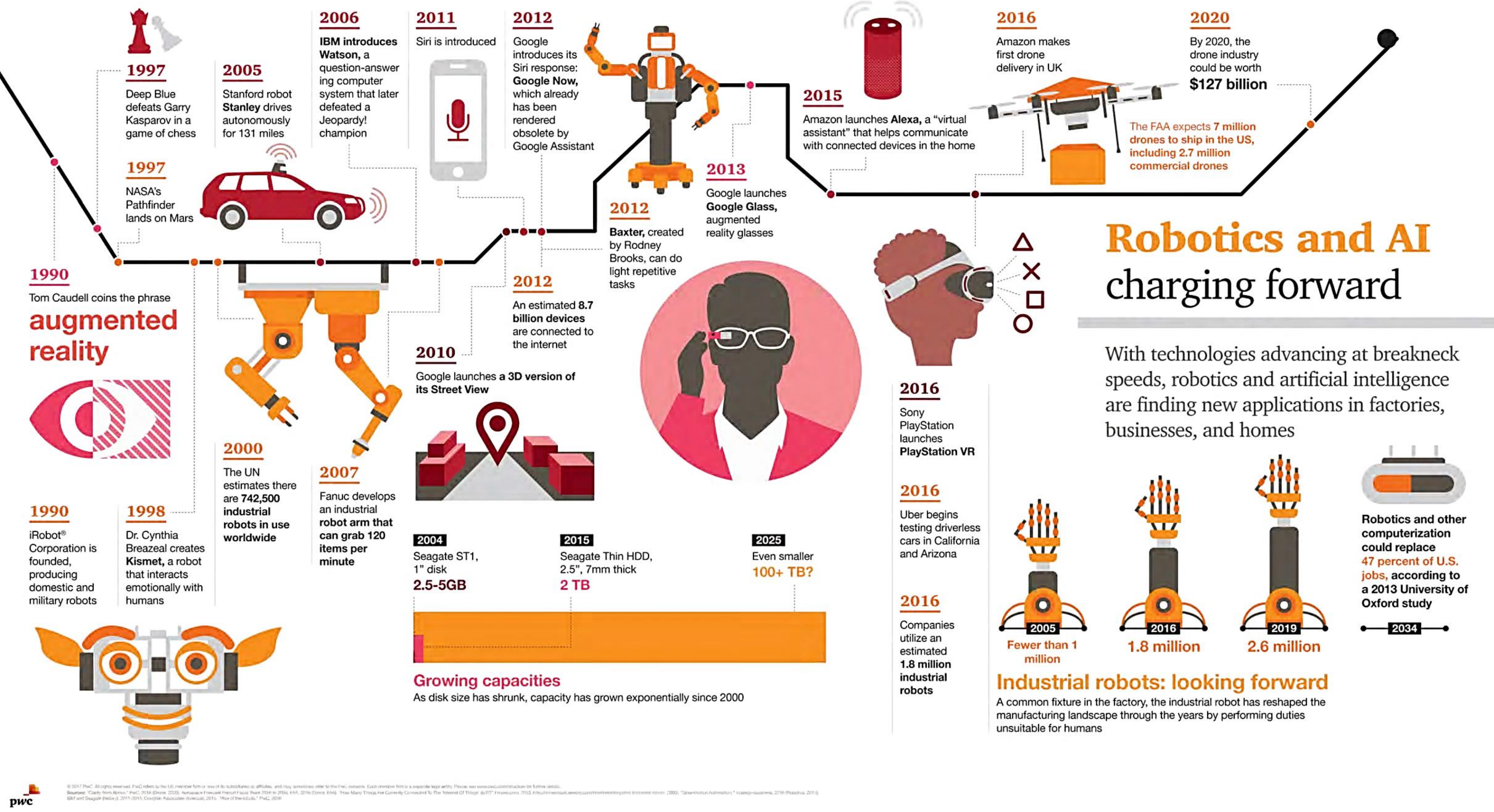
Robotics and AI charging forward
With technologies advancing at breakneck speeds, robotics and artificial intelligence are finding new applications in factories, businesses, and homes
1990
Tom Caudell coins the phrase augmented reality
1997
Deep Blue defeats Garry Kasparov in a game of chess
1997
NASA's Pathfinder lands on Mars
2005
Stanford robot Stanley drives autonomously for 131 miles
2006
IBM introduces Watson, a question-answering computer system that later defeated a Jeopardy! champion
2011
Siri is introduced
2012
Google introduces its Siri response: Google Now, which already has been rendered obsolete by Google Assistant
2012
Baxter, created by Rodney Brooks, can do light repetitive tasks
2013
Google launches Google Glass, augmented reality glasses
2015
Amazon launches Alexa, a "virtual assistant" that helps communicate with connected devices in the home
2016
Amazon makes first drone delivery in UK
2020
By 2020, the drone industry could be worth $127 billion
The FAA expects 7 million drones to ship in the US, including 2.7 million commercial drones
1990
iRobot® Corporation is founded, producing domestic and military robots
1998
Dr. Cynthia Breazeal creates Kismet, a robot that interacts emotionally with humans
2000
The UN estimates there are 742,500 industrial robots in use worldwide
2007
Fanuc develops an industrial robot arm that can grab 120 items per minute
2010
Google launches a 3D version of its Street View
2012
An estimated 8.7 billion devices are connected to the internet
2004
Seagate ST1, 1" disk
2.5-5GB
2015
Seagate Thin HDD, 2.5", 7mm thick
2 TB
2025
Even smaller
100+ TB?
Growing capacities
As disk size has shrunk, capacity has grown exponentially since 2000
2016
Sony PlayStation launches PlayStation VR
2016
Uber begins testing driverless cars in California and Arizona
2016
Companies utilize an estimated 1.8 million industrial robots
2005
Fewer than 1 million
2016
1.8 million
2019
2.6 million
2034
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
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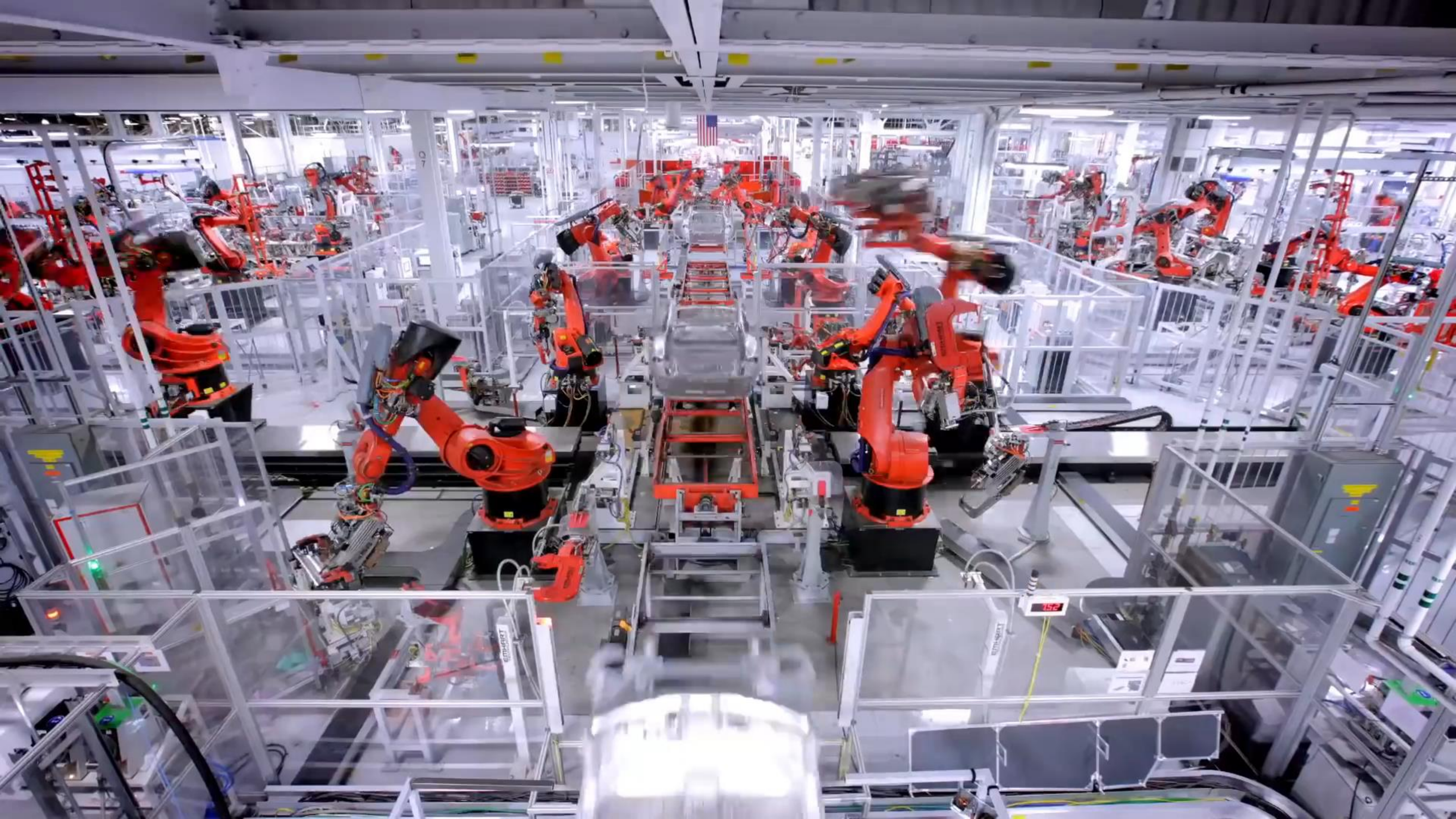
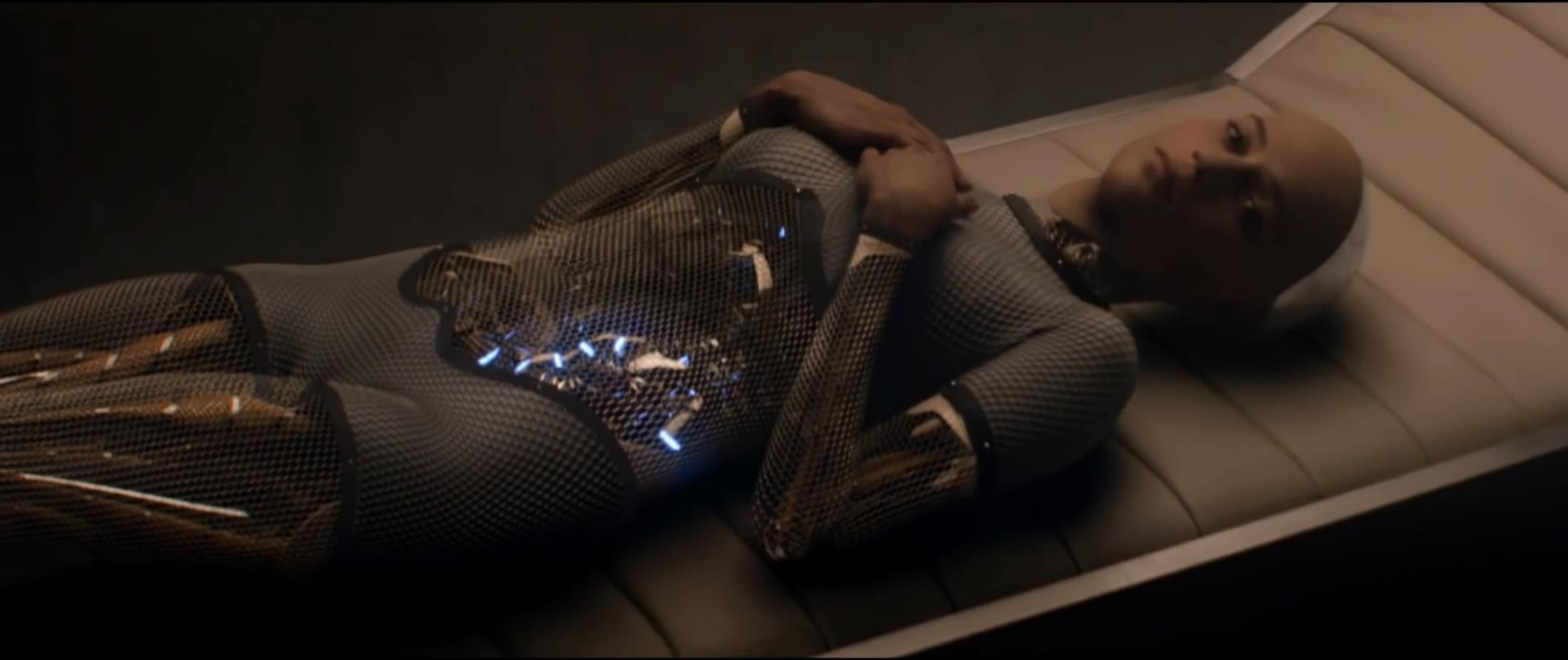


Traditional Industrial Robots

- … 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?



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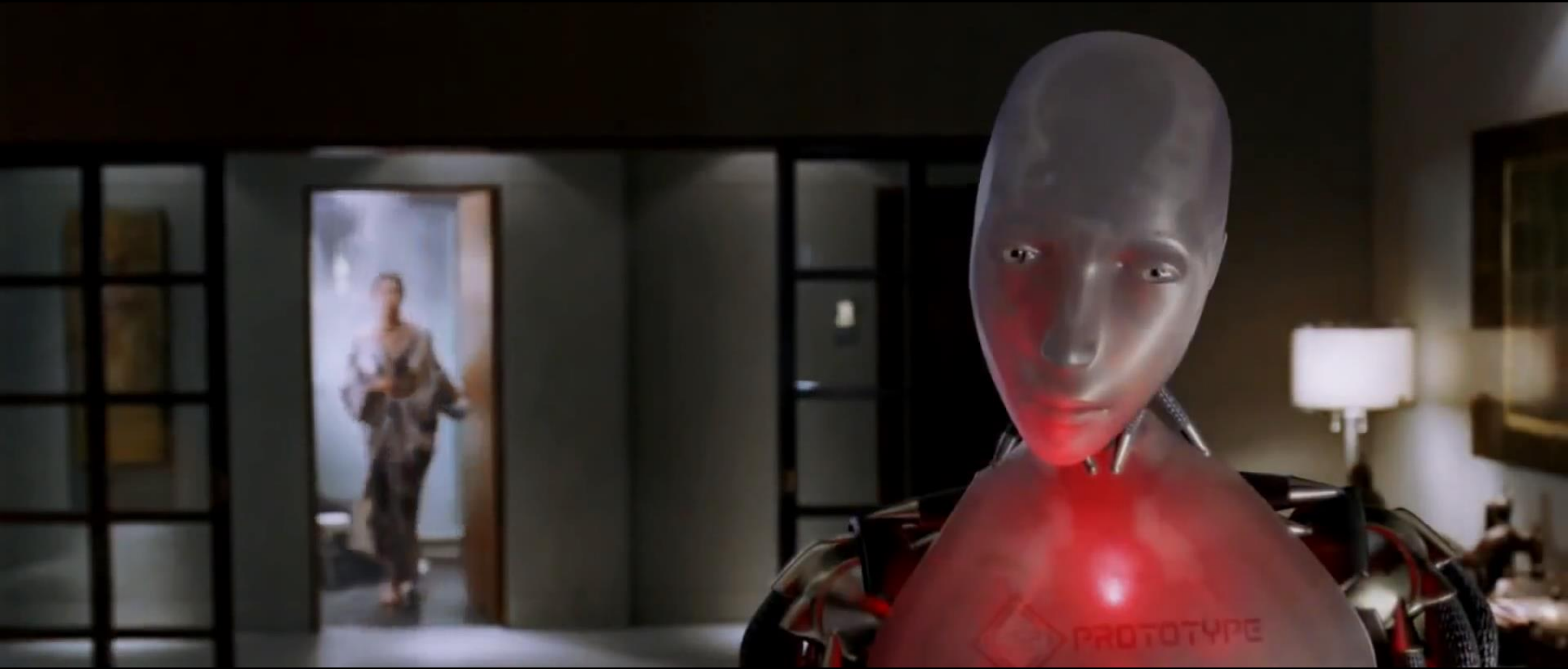

Robots getting smart!

- 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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Robots getting smart!

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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 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 Modility
- Efficent Signal and Data Analysis
- Generating Maximum Information Output from the Data
- Guaranteed Safe Perception

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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 an adapt systems to new processes.”

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- Interaction Ability
- Manipulation Ability
- 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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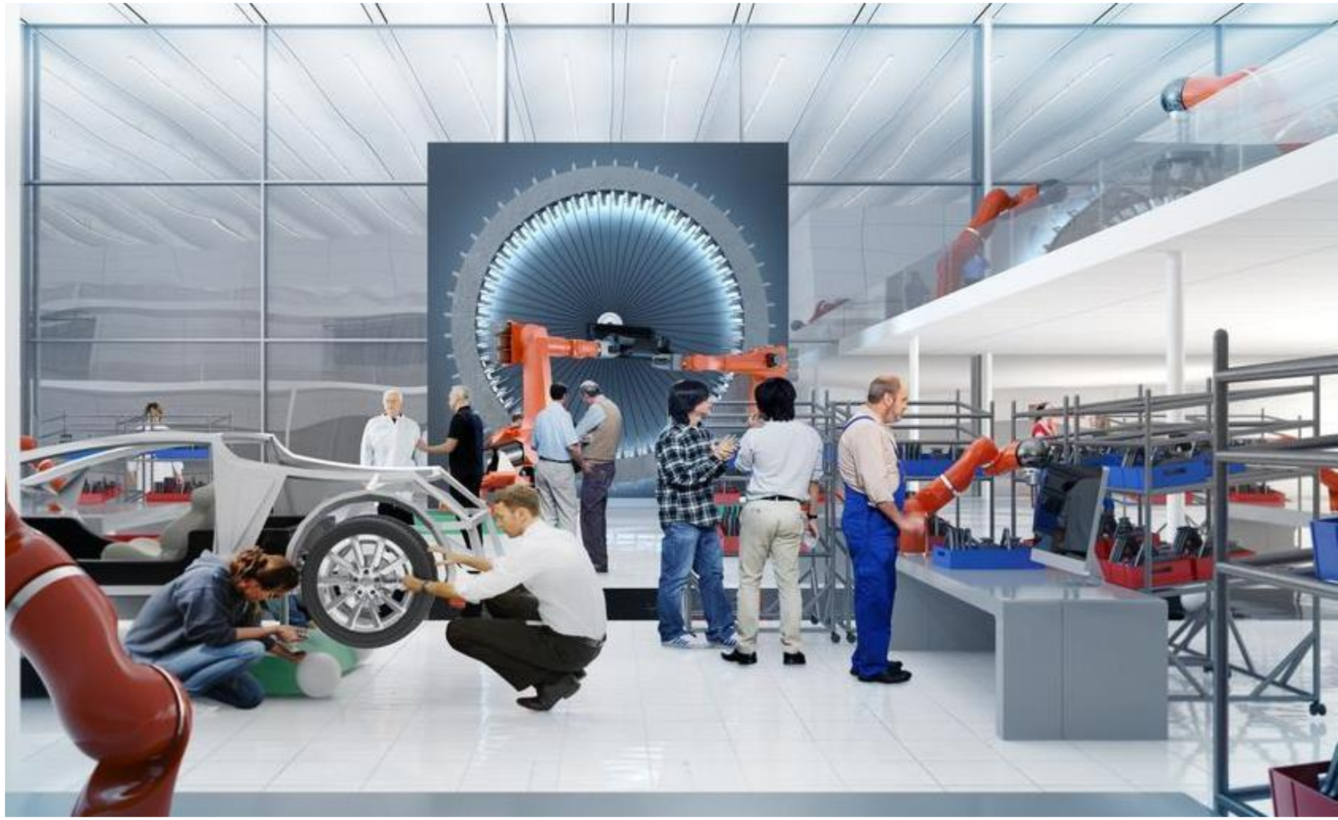
What will be the impact of smart robots in the manufacturing industry?

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
… posses 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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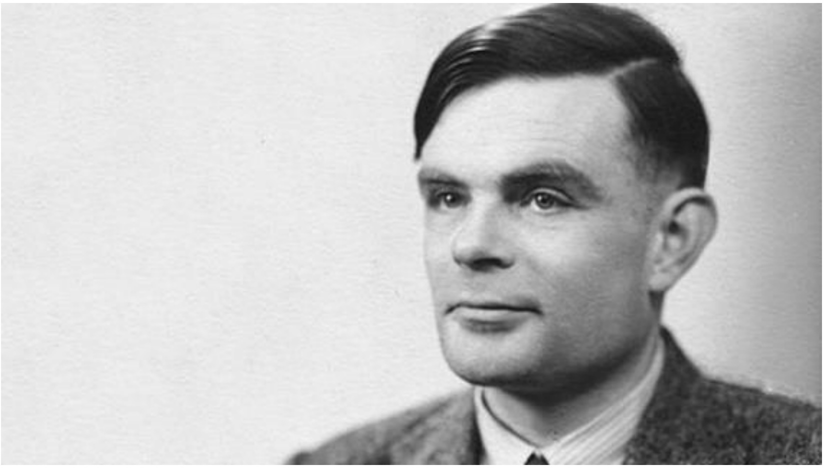
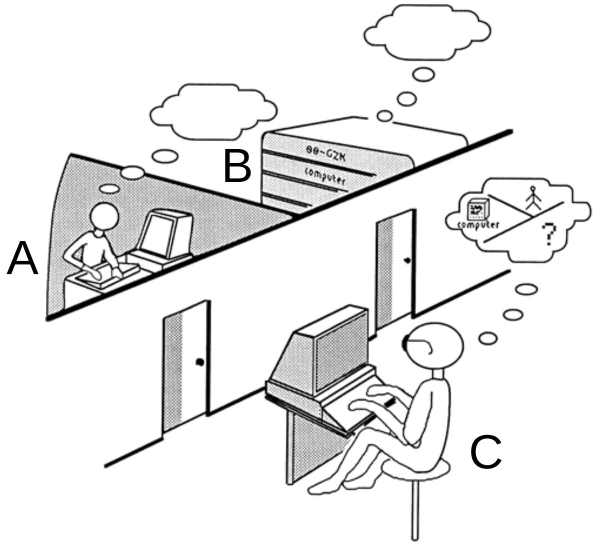
What is Artificial Intelligence?

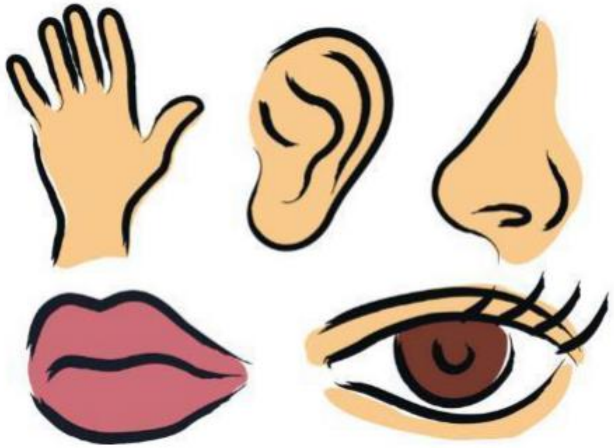
“Instead of trying to produce a programme to simulate the adult mind, why not rather try to produce one which simulates the child's? If this were then subjected to an appropriate course of education one would obtain the adult brain.”, Alan Turing



- 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 das interpreting mean?)

- Need for choosing and acting complex actions

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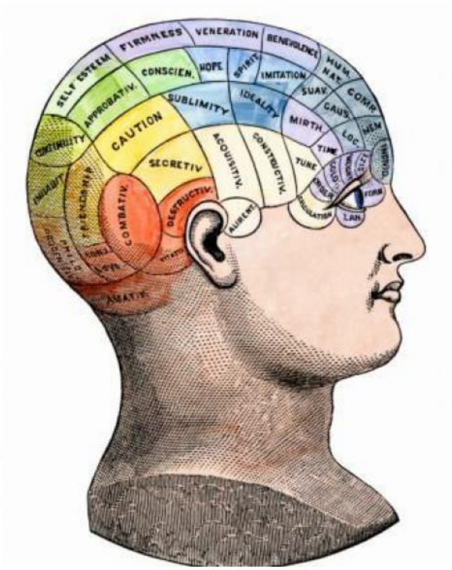
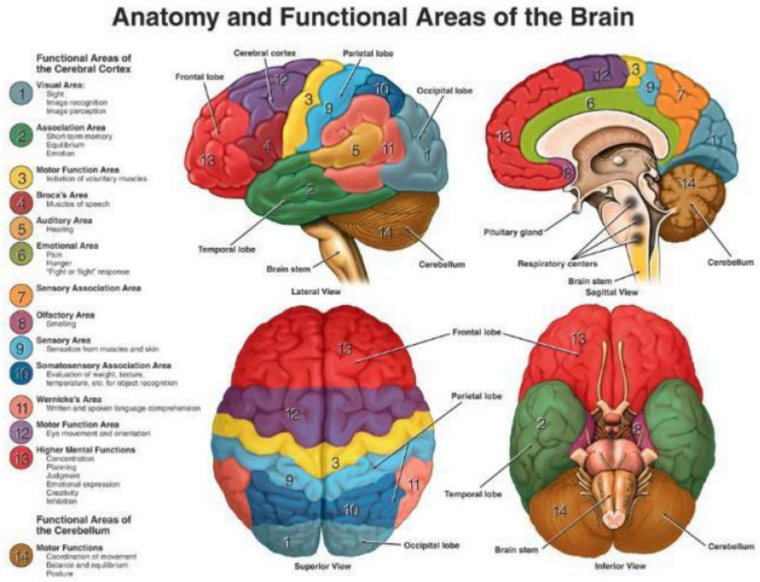
How would you start to build an intelligent machine?

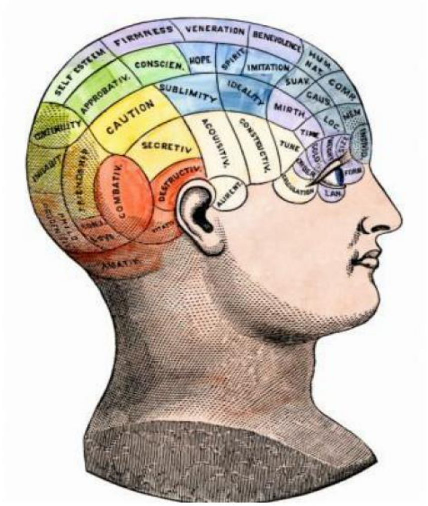
> *"We have a brain for one reason and one reason only: to produce adaptable and complex movements"*, Daniel Wolpert TED 2011 (Neuro-Scientist)





How would you start to build an intelligent machine?

An algorithm for each component in the brain?



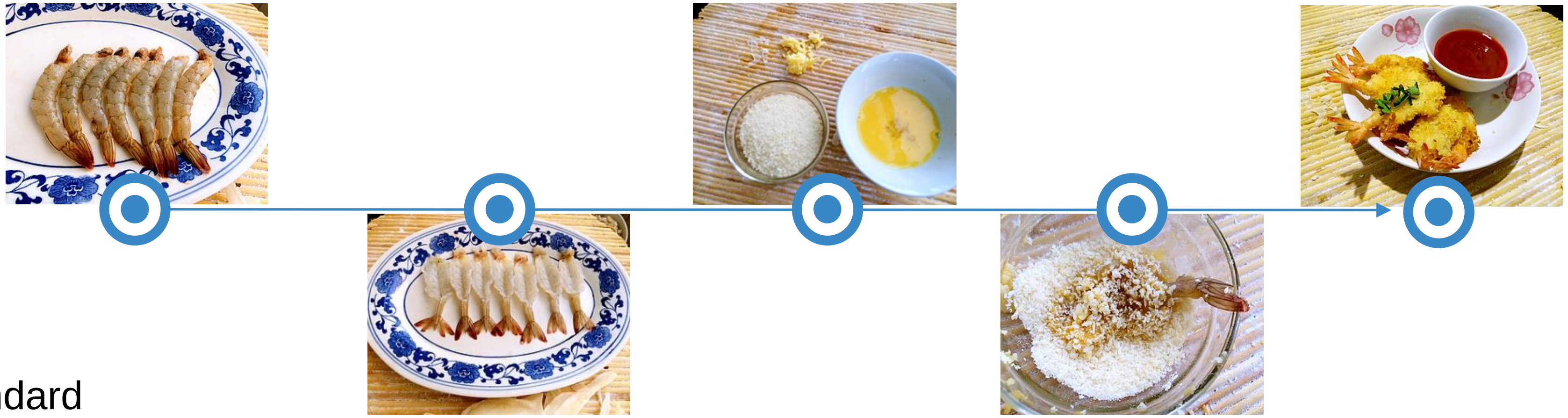
› Standard technology

A single flexible algorithm?

[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

The central questions of robotics

What is it all about?

MOTION

The central questions of robotics

Three main question:

This weeks focus!

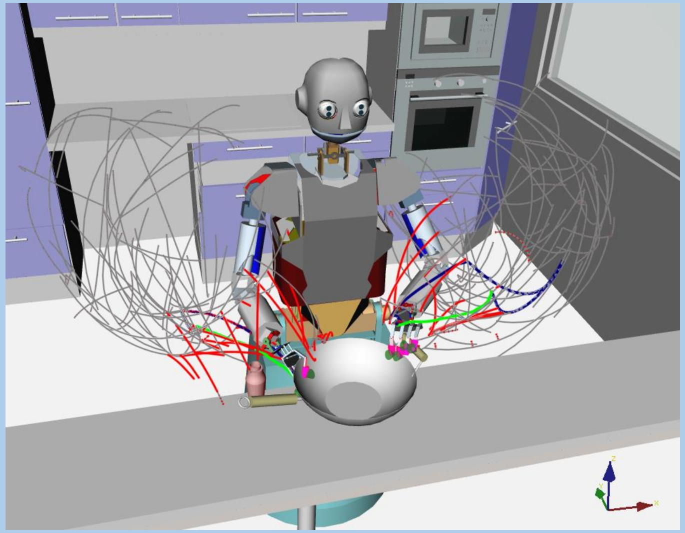
Where am I?

- Easy in Industrial Robotics
- Hard in Mobile Robotics

Where should I go?

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

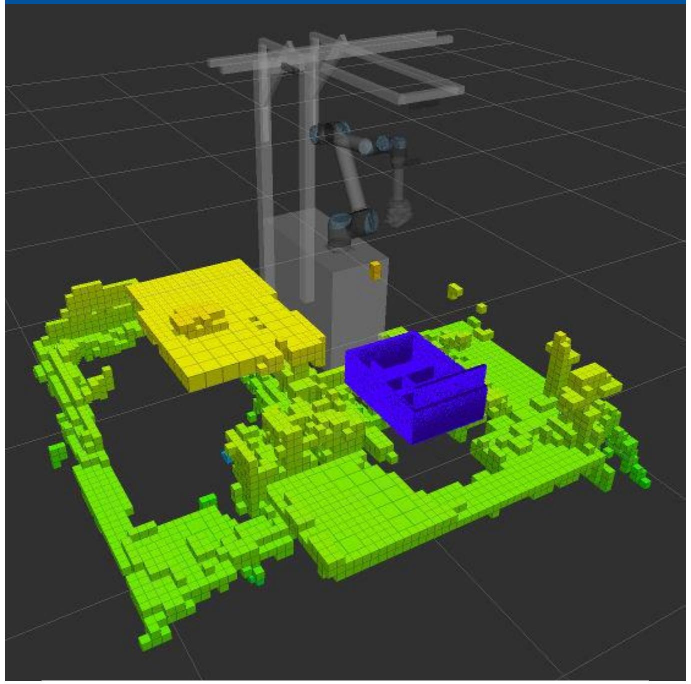
How do I go there?



- Comparable Easy in Mobile Robotics
- Hard in Industrial Robotics

How do I (the robot) go there?

Model of the Robot and Environment



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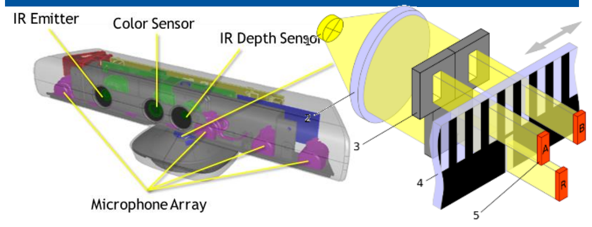


This weeks topic!

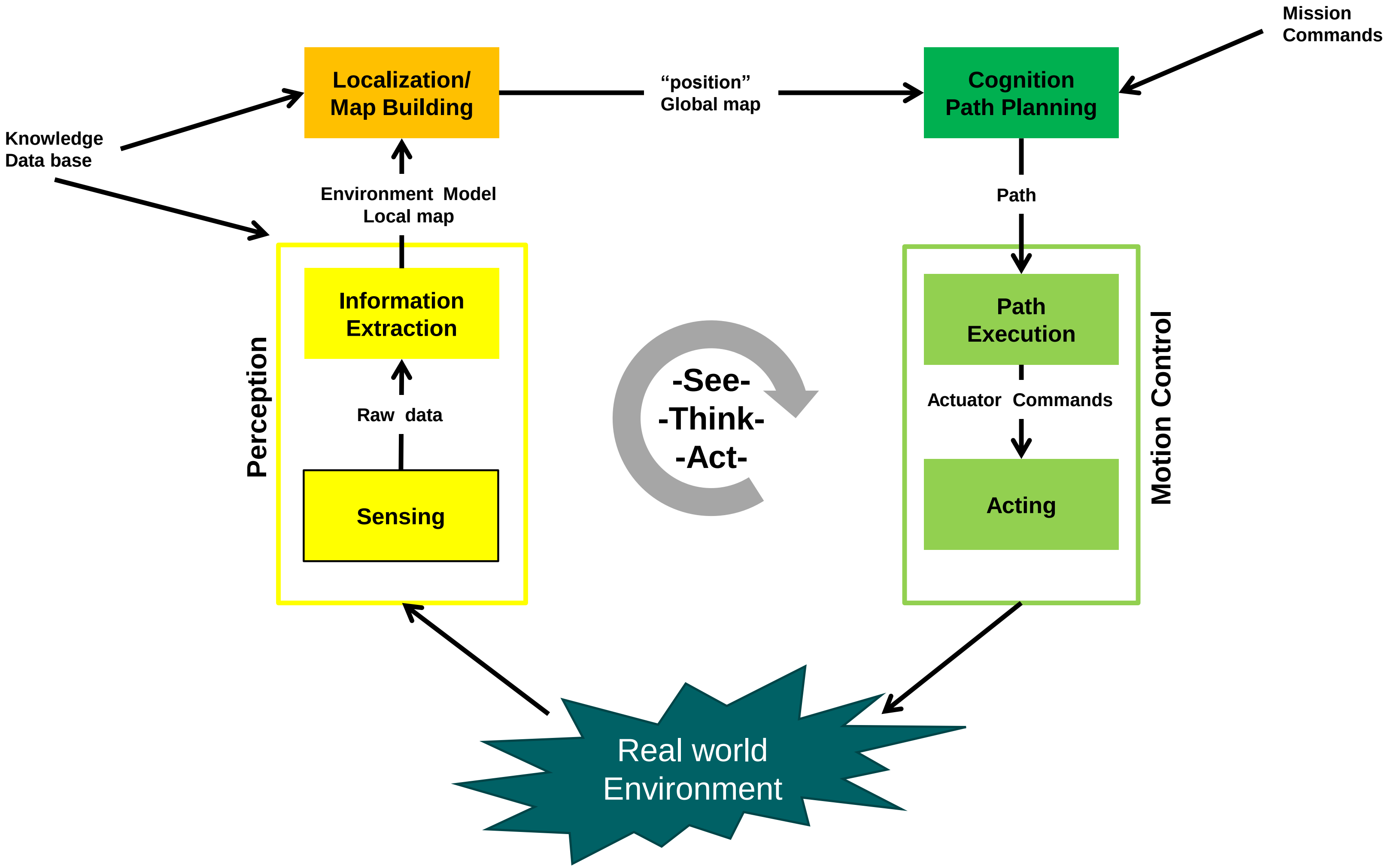
Motion Planning

Requires Goalstate:
- i.e. hand-engineered
- i.e. via a cost function

Motion Control and Execution

Robot-Architecture: See-Think-Act Cycle

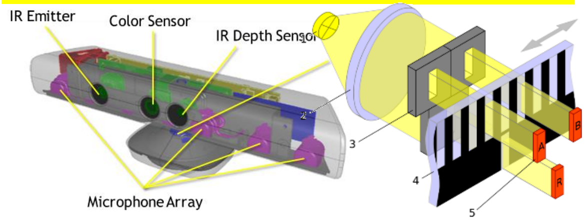
- Popular in Mobile Robotics
  - See: Perceive the environment
  - Think: Path Planning
  - Act: Execute Path



Robots as an Example for Intelligent Machines

Robot-Architecture: End-To-End Control

Sensing → **Model** → **Motion Control and Execution**



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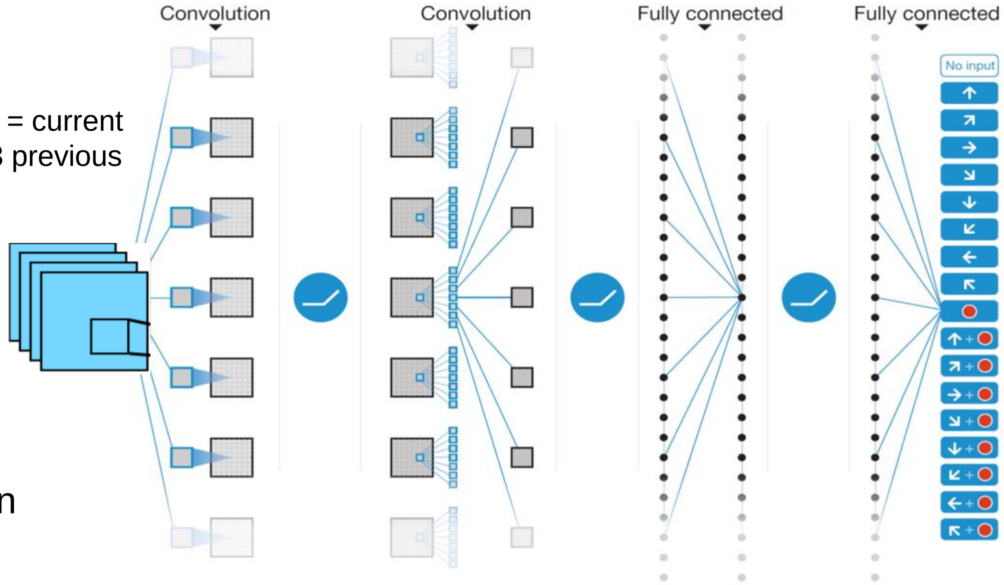

2) Output: $Q(s,a_i)$
$Q(s,a_1)$
$Q(s,a_2)$
$Q(s,a_3)$
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$Q(s,a_{18})$

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

Mnih, Volodymyr, et al. "Human-level control through deep reinforcement learning." *Nature* 518.7540 (2015): 529-533.

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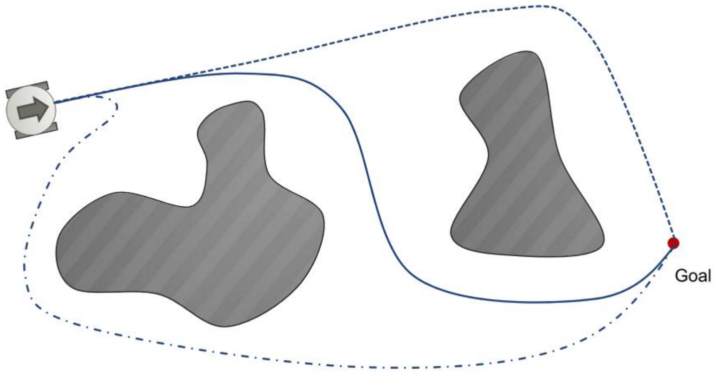
Motion Planning

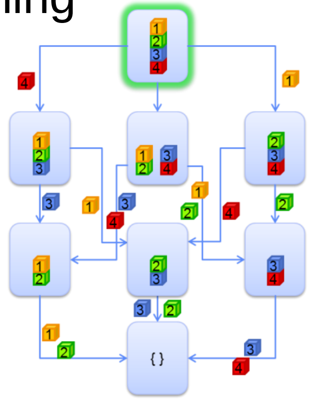
Path-Planning



Grasp-Planning

Task-Planning

Assembly-Planning



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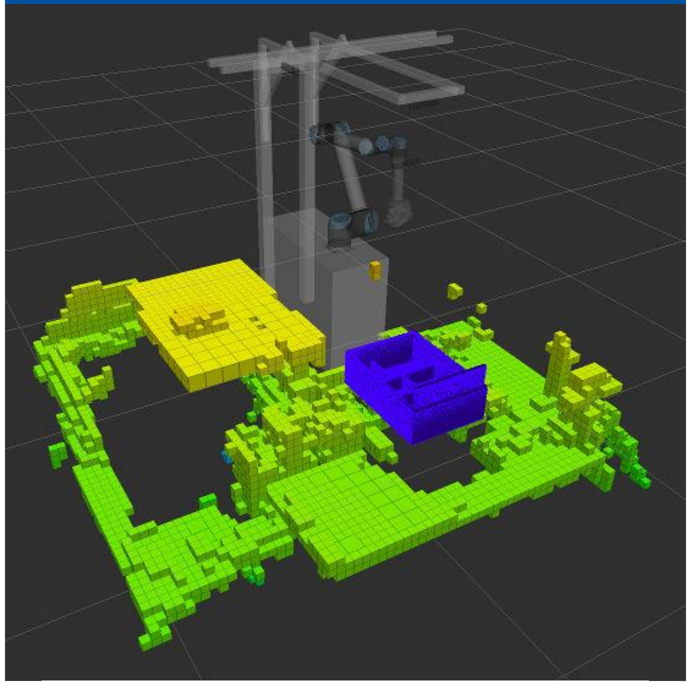

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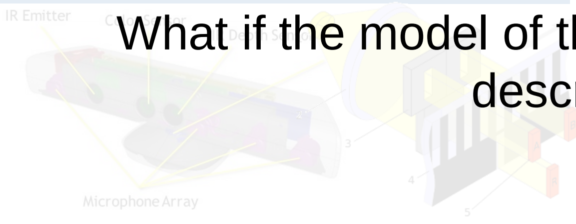
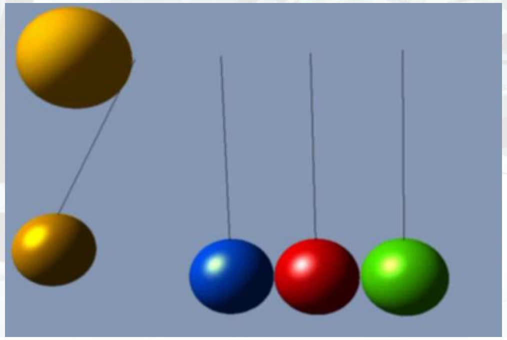


Motion Control and Execution

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

Think about flexible objects!

Think about contact-situations!



Requires Goalstate:
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Robots as an Example for Intelligent Machines

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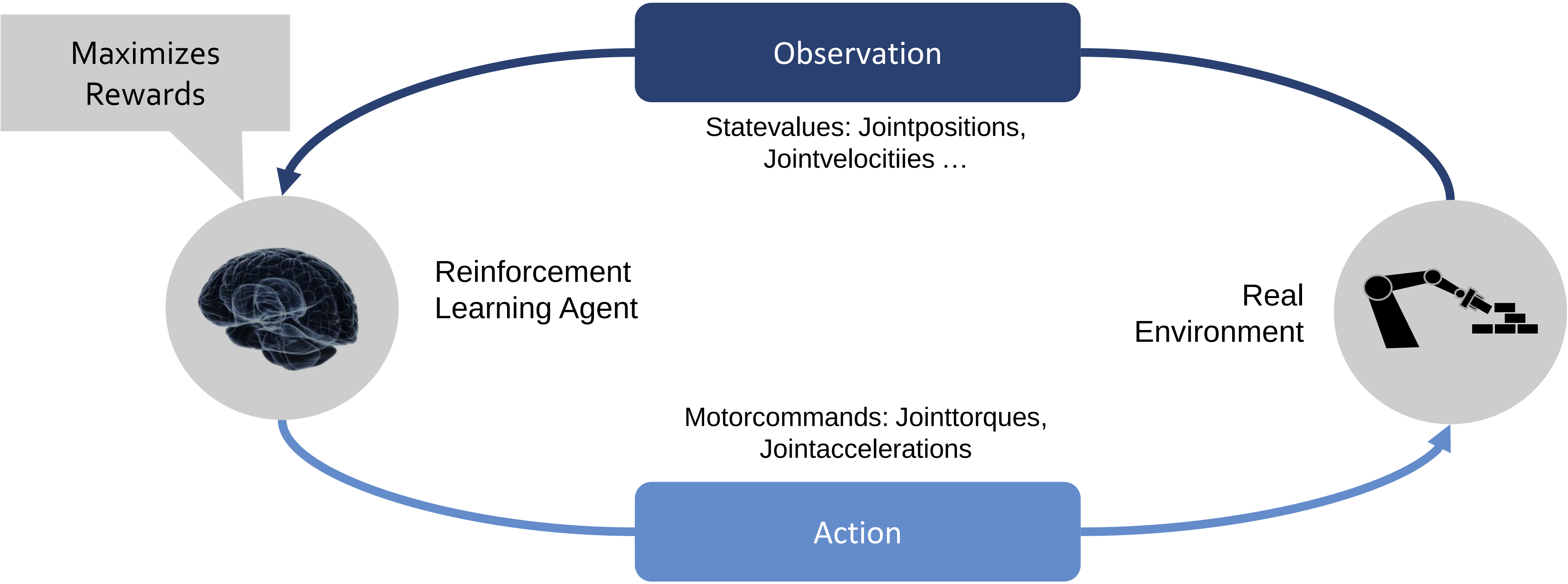
- Use an Reinforcement Learning Agent!



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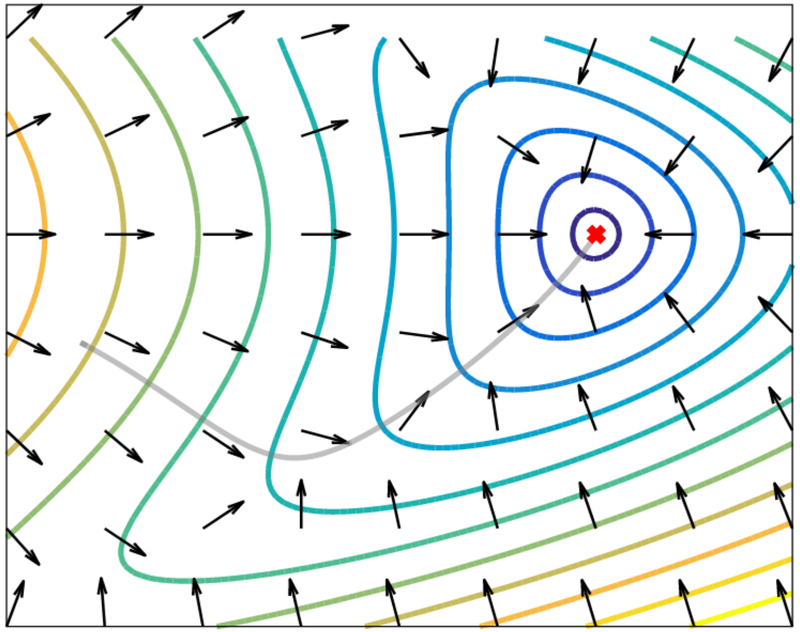
Closed-Loop

$u = u\,(x)$



- 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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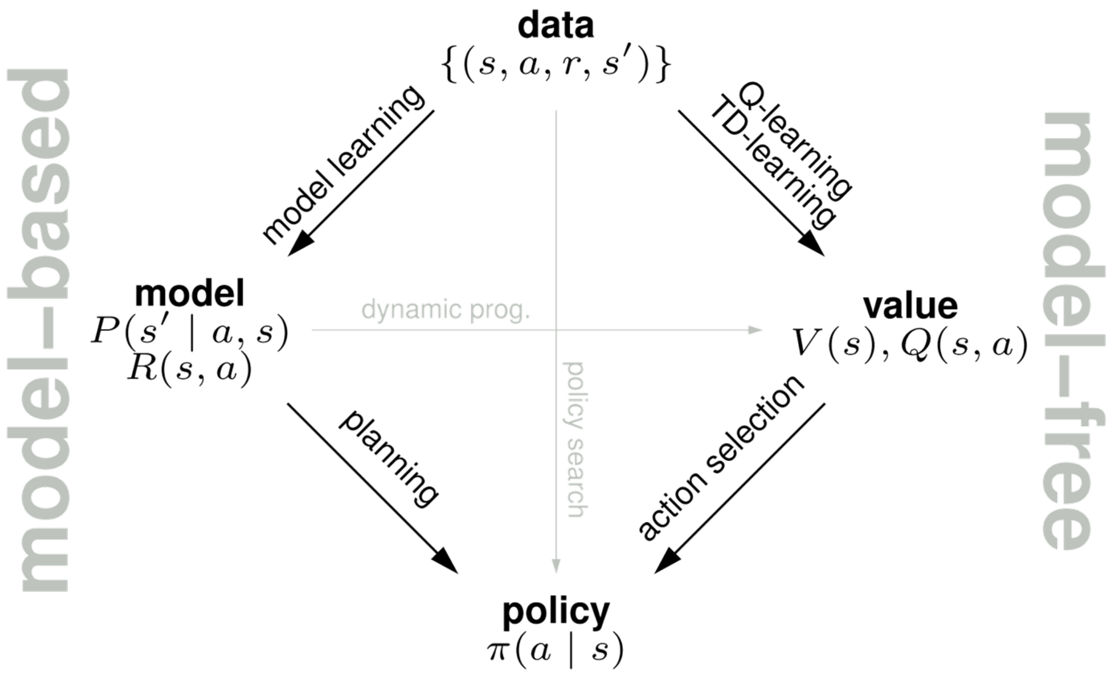
This weeks topic!

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



Model-free RL:
- Learn to predict value: $\mathrm{V}(s)$ or $\mathrm{Q}(s,a)$

s: state
a: action
r: reward

Reinforcement Learning with End-to-End Technology

Sensing → **Model** → **Acting**

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