



Robotics 1

Service robotics

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Some application domains

- extreme environments
 - space
 - underwater
- medical robotics
 - assistive
 - rehabilitative
 - surgical
- home cleaning
- agriculture
- lawn mowing
- food industry
- mine exploration
- de-mining
- civil and naval construction
- automatic refueling
- museum guide
- fire fighting
- inspection and surveillance
- emergency rescue
- entertainment
- humanoids

professional & personal service robots



Service robots on the market!



Bluebotics Esatroll - Paquito 2.0
logistics in factory floor



Yujin GoCart2
elderly and health care



Cyberdyne HAL
exoskeleton for walking



Lely Vector automated feeding



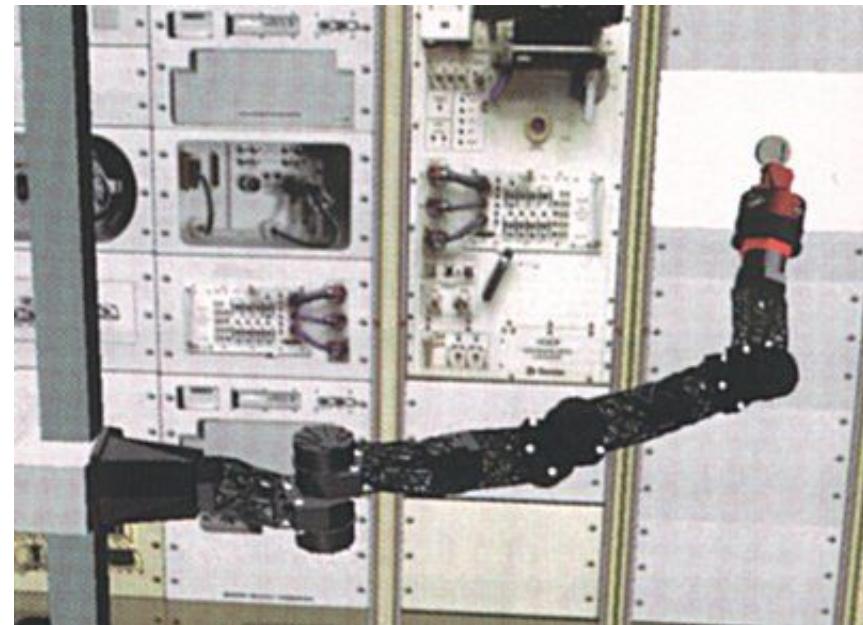
Vorwerk
vacuum cleaner



Thymio educational
mobile robot



Space robotics



- NASA *Sojourner*, first robot to explore Mars in 1997
- DLR *Rotex* robot arm in a set of experiments of the Spacelab-D2 mission on the Columbia shuttle in 1993



Space robotics

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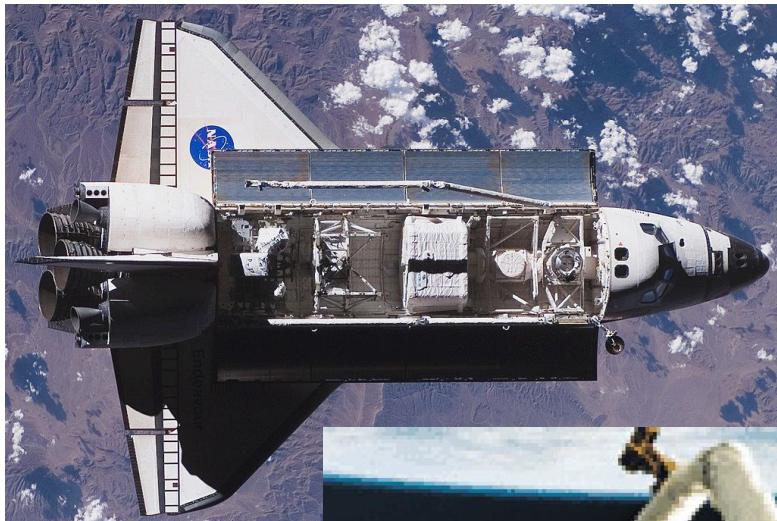
wheels untrapping
on sandy soil

assembly tasks and
catching floating objects
with *Rotex*



Space robotics

- robotic arm *SSRMS (Canadarm)* in operation on the Space Shuttle, with outstretch of about 17 meters



- service manipulator *SPDM (Dextre)* on the International Space Station (ISS), mounted on a supporting rail and used to refuel satellites



Robots on ISS

video



Canadarm2 delivering Destiny Lab
from Space Shuttle Endeavour to ISS
(about 2007)

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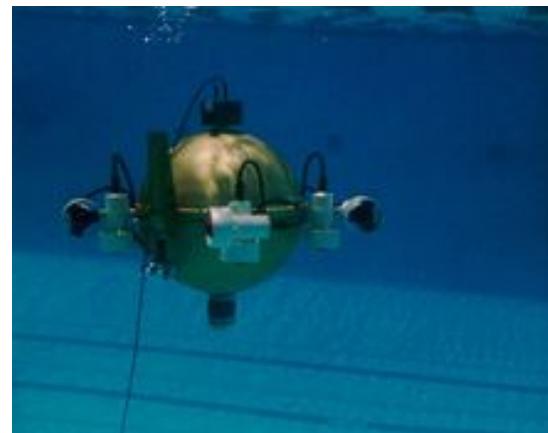
service manipulator and Robonaut
on the ISS (artistic views)



Underwater robotics



- Odyssey-IV (MIT)



- Odin-III, omni-directional
(University of Hawaii)

- typically actuated by thrusters
(directional forces on the tail)
- cannot translate sideways
("maneuvers" are necessary)



- ROMEO in Antarctica (CNR,
Automazione Navale, Genova)



Underwater robotics



Ansaldo underwater arm
performing a cable hooking task
(SAUVIM project)

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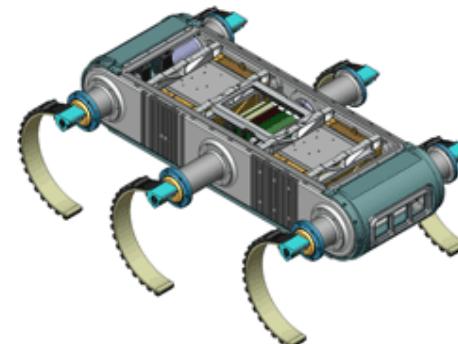
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UBC Gavia underwater robot
(University of British Columbia)





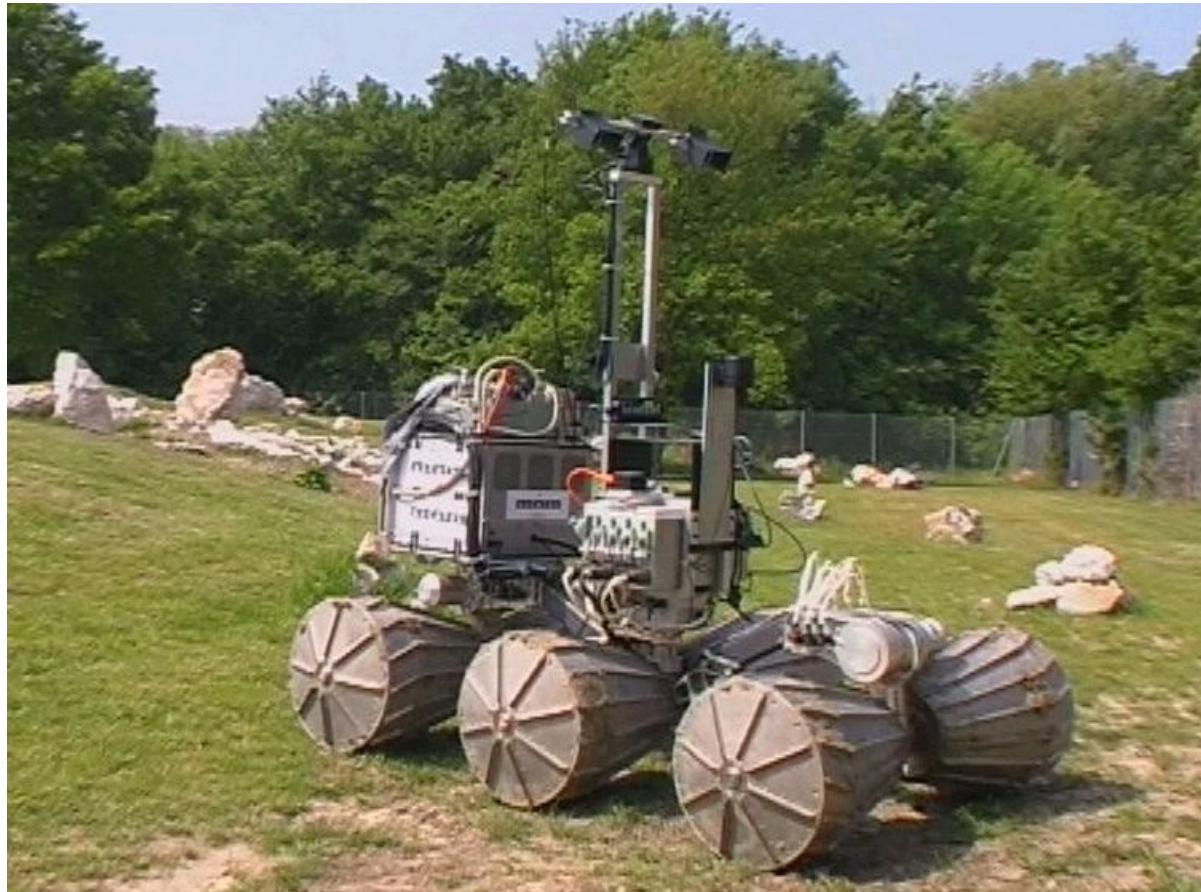
Underwater robotics



- Aqua robot, amphibious robotic vehicle (McGill University)
- size and weight: 50x65x13 cm, 18 kg
- locomotion: through six independently actuated flippers
- maximum depth: 37 m
- sensors: two cameras (front/back), acoustic sensor for localization (sonar), tri-ocular sensor (structured light)
- power source: 48V lithium battery



Outdoor exploration



- the *LAMA* robot at CNRS-LAAS (Toulouse) is a french-russian cooperation



Volcanology

video



video



RoboVolc vehicles on the surface
of the Etna volcano:
wheeled and tracked robots
(University of Catania, 2003)



De-mining



- teleoperated mobile robot on tracks used by the police for bomb disposal

- PEMEX lightweight anti-personnel mine detector (EPFL, Lausanne)
- weight: 16 kg, max 6 kg for wheel
- two 70 W DC motors (vel 2 m/s)
- oscillating sensorized head

Medical robotics patient aid



- *MOVAID* project for the aid of disabled people in home activities (Scuola Sup Sant'Anna, Pisa)
- deambulation support system
PAM-AID (Trinity College, Ireland)



MOVAID project

video



video



domestic activities using the 8R *Dexter* arm

Medical Robotics

rehabilitative



- robotic arm with shoulder and elbow having full mobility and with a gripper hand (Pittsburgh University)
- in tests on monkeys (with immobilized upper limbs), motion commands sent to the arm by the central nervous system (brain) are measured by a set of electrodes and used to command the robotic arm

Medical robotics rehabilitative



- commercialized by Ossur (Iceland)
- a prosthesis sensorized at the knee (angle and force), capable of processing sensor data and of extracting a gait model of the user, so as to adapt its dynamical behavior (knee motion and stiffness)

Medical robotics rehabilitative



- "RUPERT" Robotic Upper Extremity Repetitive Therapy (Arizona State University + Kinetic Muscles, Inc.)
- sustains the human arm with pneumatic muscles (McKibben actuators)
- it can be programmed for the execution of cyclic exercises of rehabilitation



Exoskeletons

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SARCOS master-slave for teleoperation

Medical robotics hospital and nursing



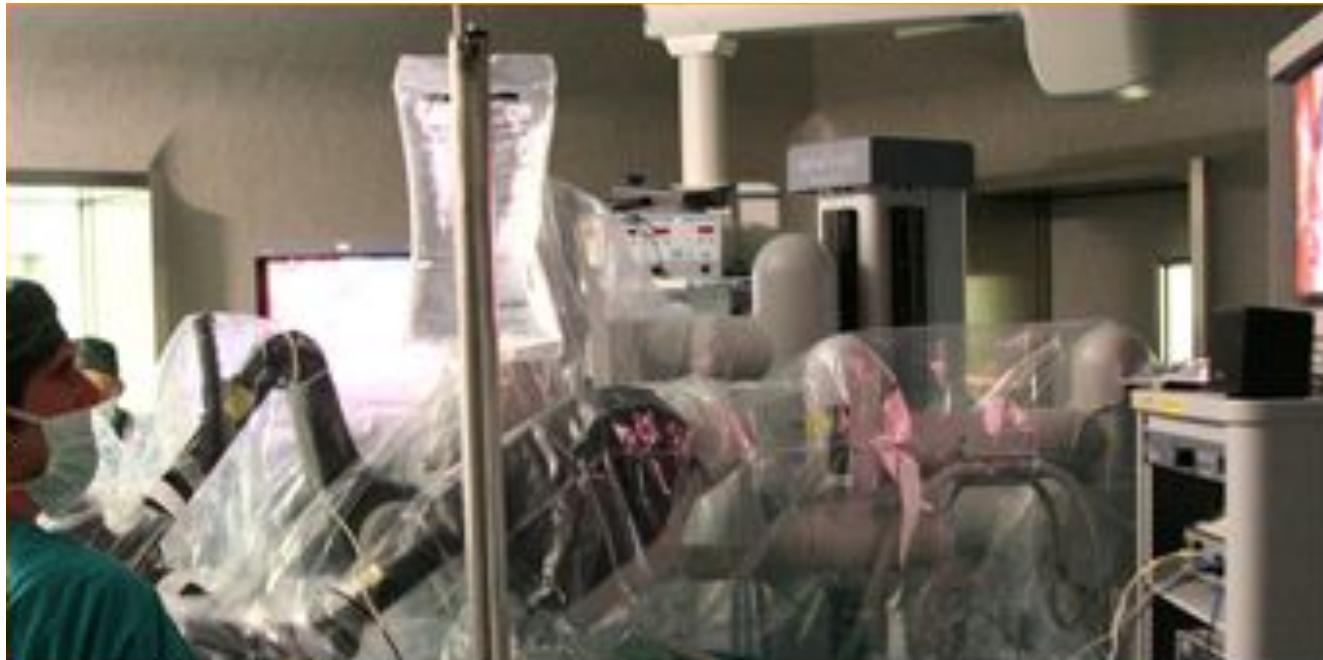
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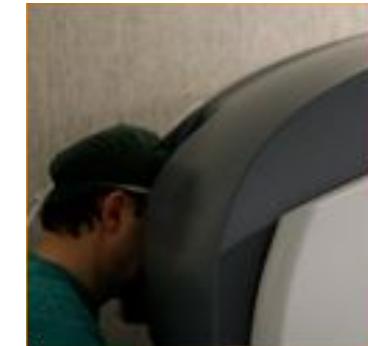
- *HELPmate* mobile robot (USA) works in hospitals as auxiliary personnel
- user interface of the *Care-O-Bot* robot nurse (IPA Fraunhofer, Germany)



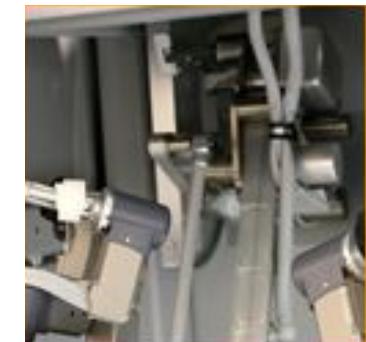
Surgical robotics



overview of the operating room



command station



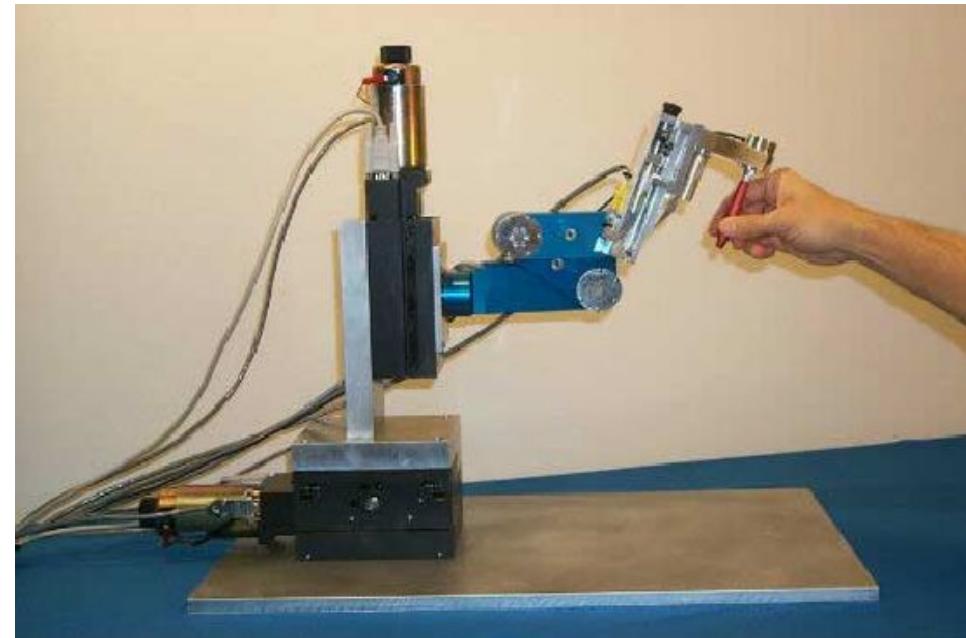
(haptic) interface

- da Vinci[©] system (Intuitive Surgical Inc.)
[see the course “Medical Robotics”]



Surgical robotics

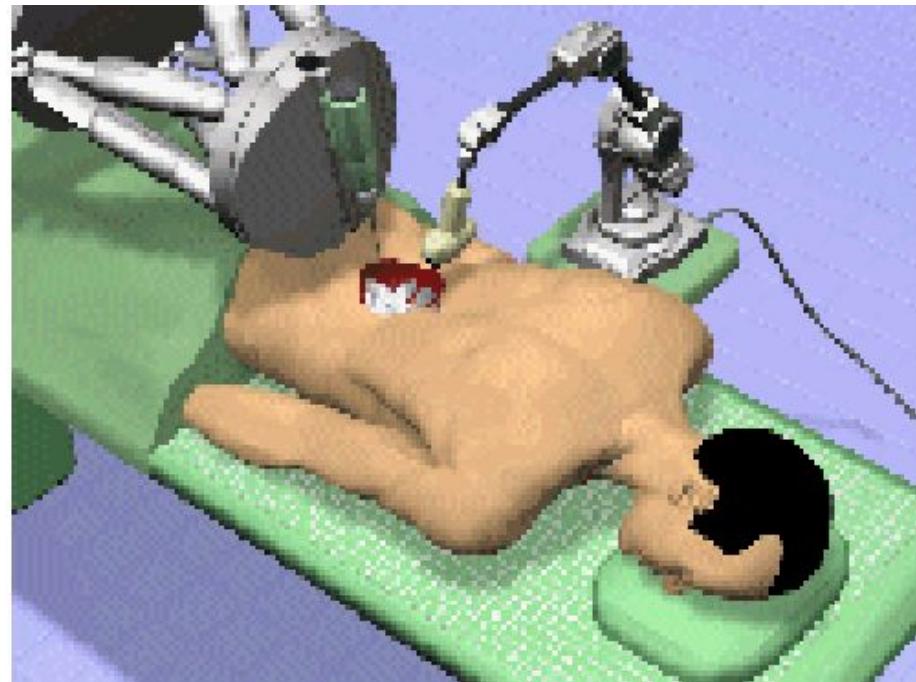
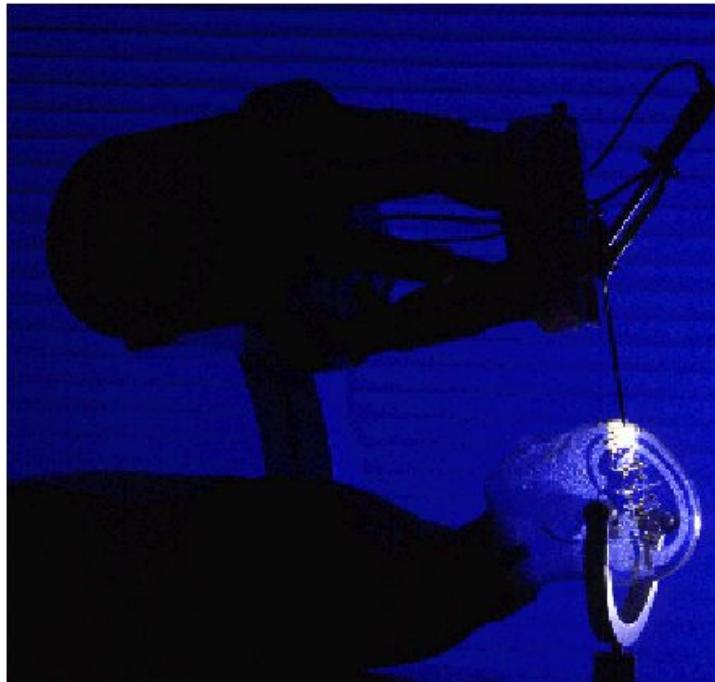
- *Robodoc* by Integrated Surgical Systems (USA) was used first for orthopedic surgery (ankle replacement)



- *Steady-Hand* force-assisted system (Johns Hopkins Univ) improves accuracy and repeatability of surgeons allowing task-driven compliance



Surgical robotics



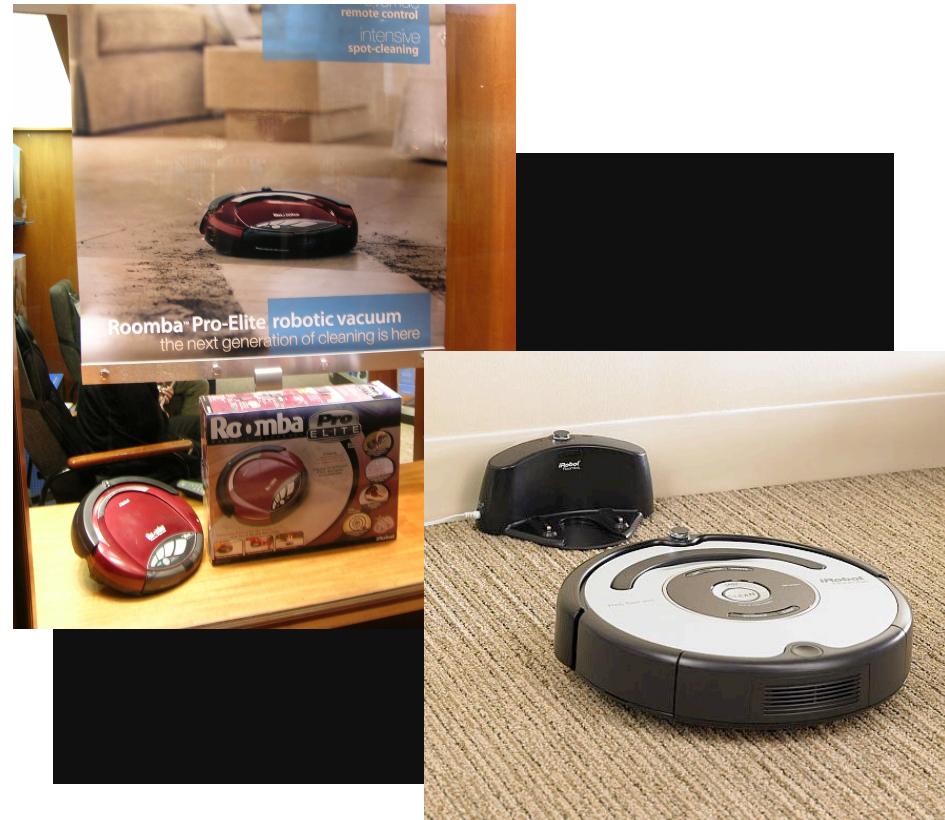
- emulation of a laser brain surgery operation and
graphic rendering of a surgery intervention on the spinal cord
patient is first “mapped” off-line by a series of CAT scans;
data are then “localized” in the actual operation field
(IPA Fraunhofer)



Home cleaning



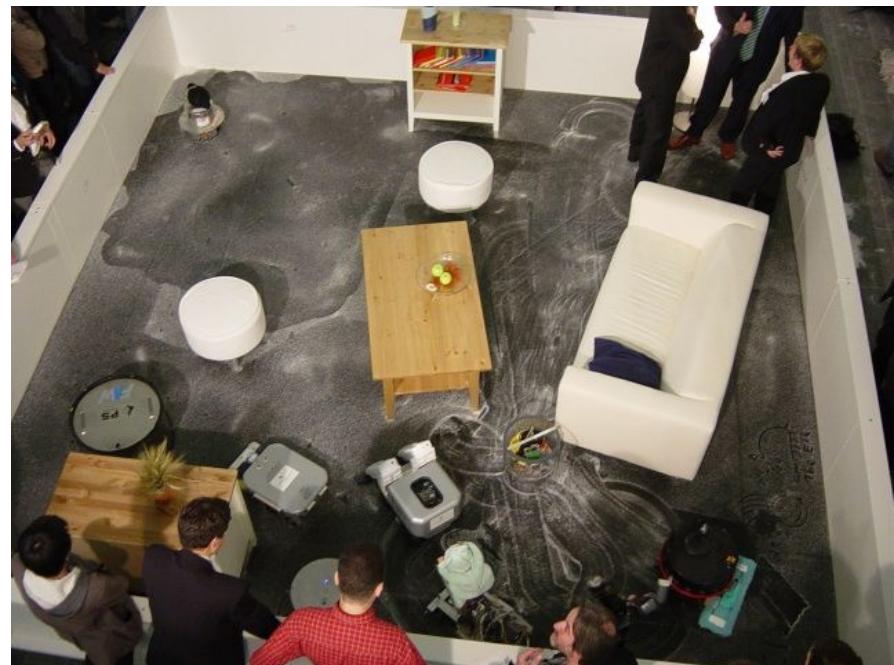
- vacuum cleaner robot
Trilobite by Electrolux (Sweden)



- commercial [video](#)
iRobot *Roomba 560* (USA)
– now available everywhere!



Cleaning robot contest



- competition among robot vacuum cleaners
in home environments (IROS'02, Lausanne)



Cleaning of external surfaces



- *Skywash* cleans civil airplane bodies and is “the largest robot worldwide” (AEG/Dornier/FhG-IPA/Putzmeister)
- a robot prototype for cleaning large glass windows of civil buildings



Lawn mowers



video

- *Automower* autonomous robot by Husqvarna (Sweden) has low power consumption (biocut) and solar recharge



Food industry



- *Ulices* robot by IMT (Germany) aligns 10000 sausages per hour



video

- *AdeptOne* SCARA robot with 4-sausage gripper



Automatic refueling



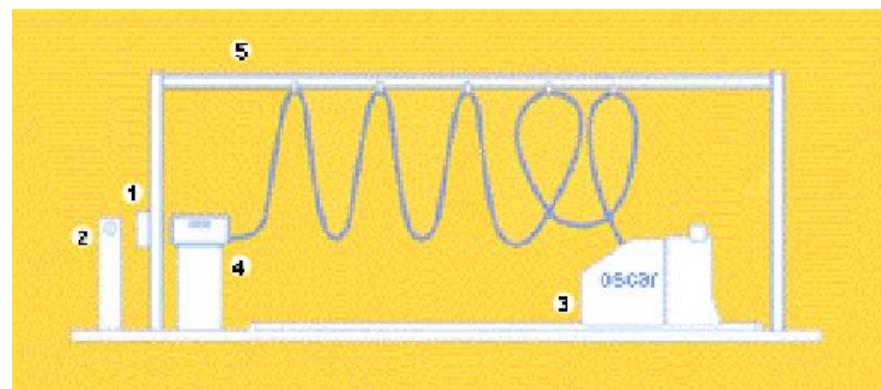
- cooperation of Reis Robotics, Mercedes, BMW, and IPA Fraunhofer



- *Smart Pump* system (USA)



Automatic refueling



- OSCAR robot (France) for gasoline refuel of flees of transportation busses



Automatic refueling



a “kit” is available for all car models:
tank cap, transponder, pipe union

Autofill system in two tank stations of
OK (Mörgby, Sweden) and BP (USA)



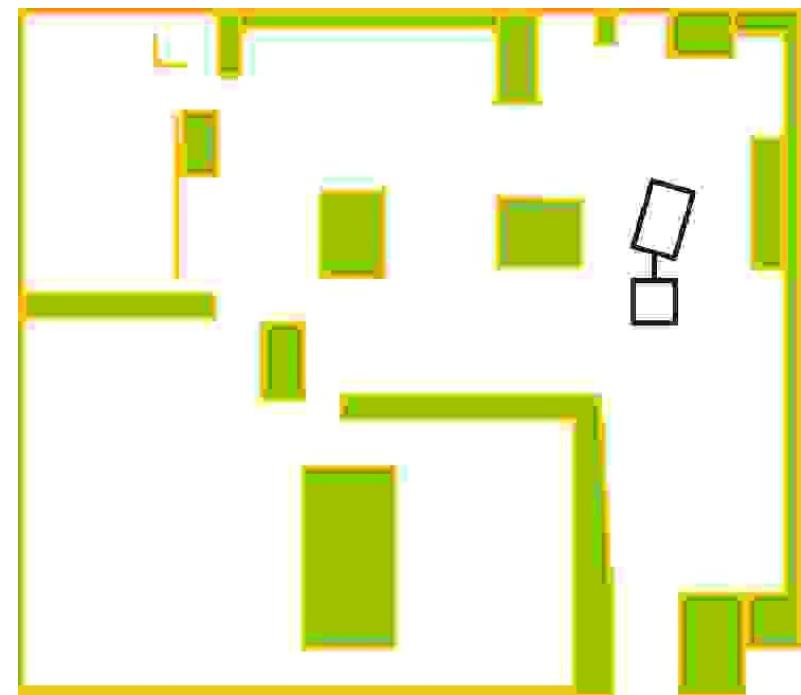
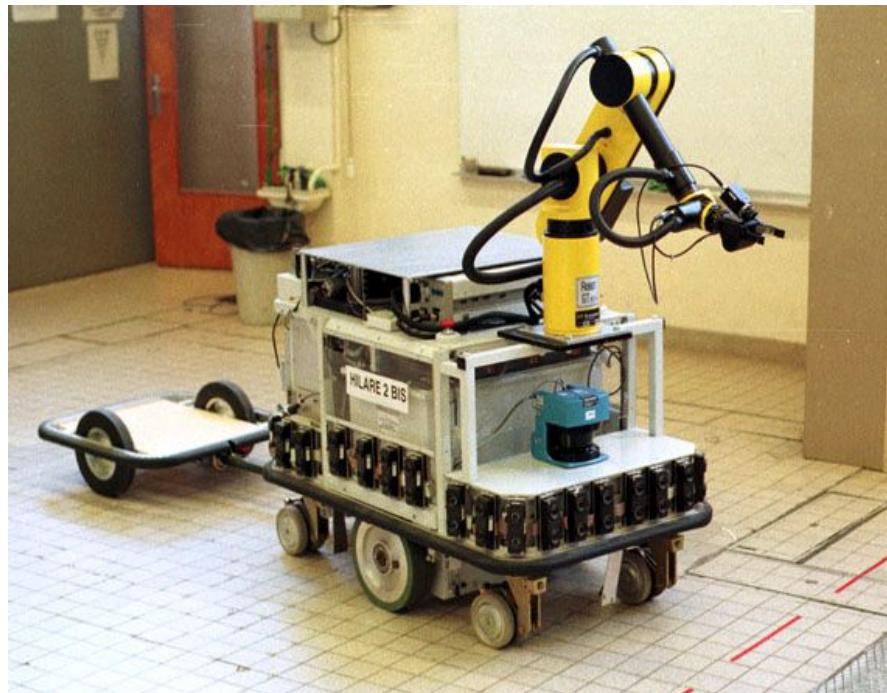
Inspection and surveillance



- 6-dof *Puma* arm mounted on the *Nomad XR400* (multiple steering wheels, synchro-driven)
 - 5-dof *Scorbot* arm mounted on a *ATRV-JR* (fixed wheels, skid-steering vehicle)
- two examples of
mobile manipulators



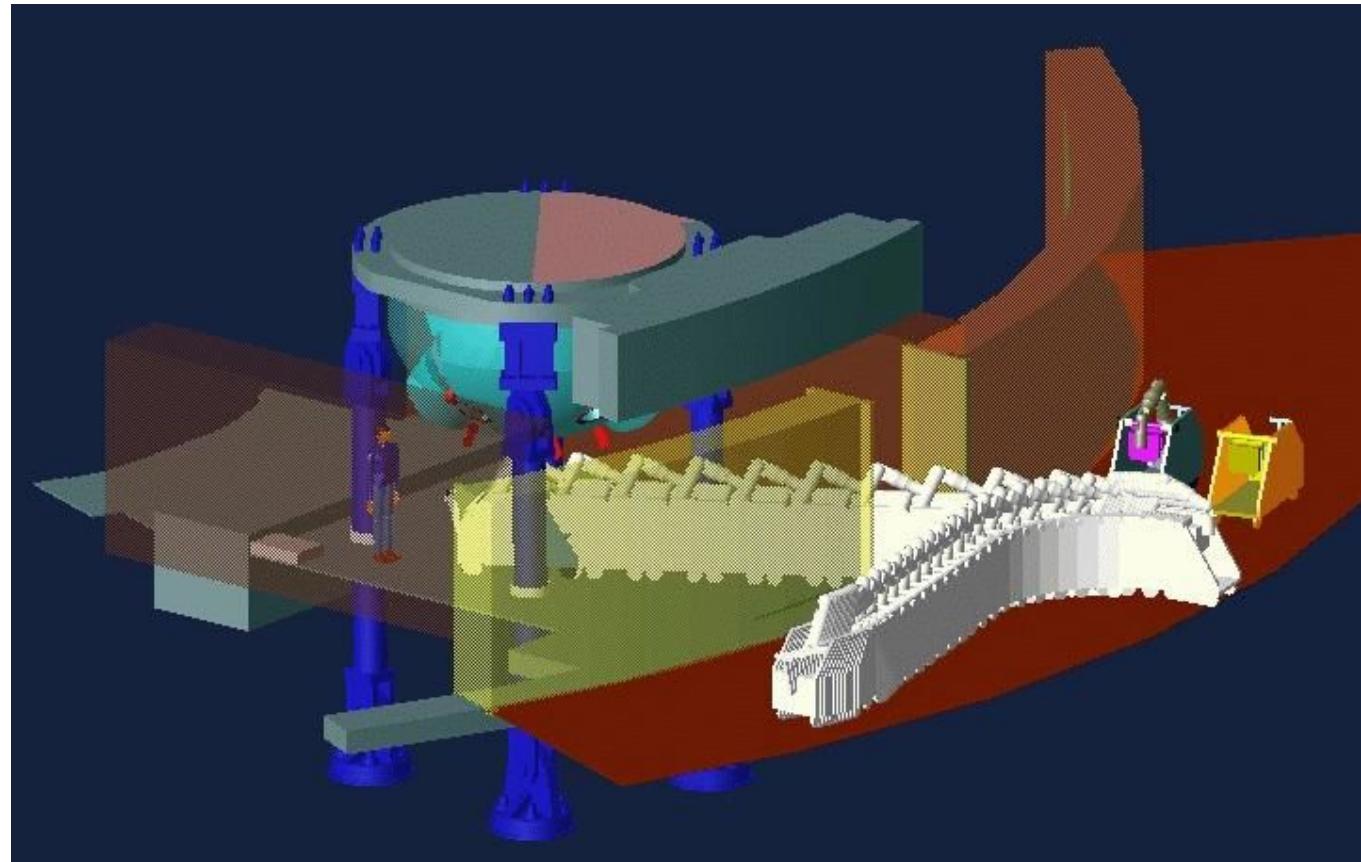
Inspection and surveillance



- *Hilare 2bis* mobile robot (LAAS), with trailer and manipulator arm, and its localization on a indoor map
 - sensors: encoders (on wheels and arm joints), ultrasound, SICK laser, and camera on end-effector gripper



Inspection and surveillance



- motion planning of a robotized inspection task inside an electricity power plant (*Move3D* simulation)



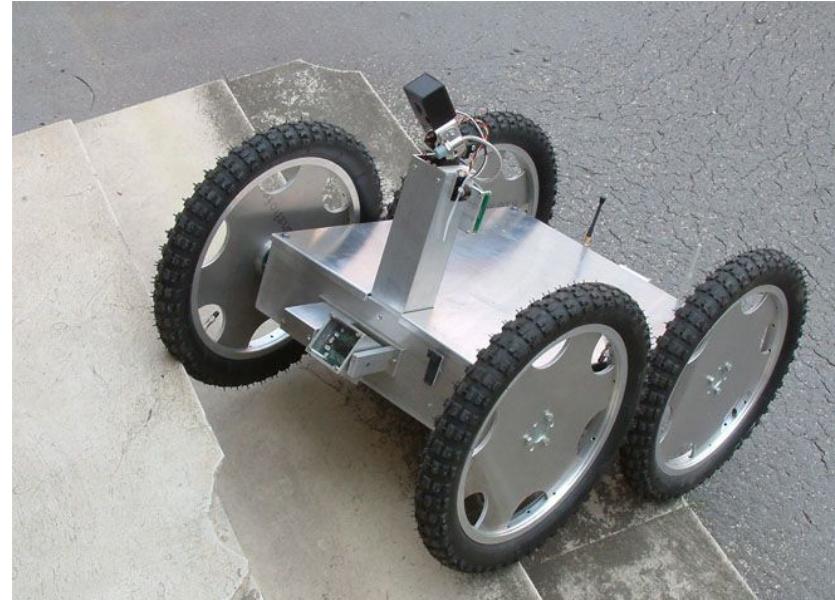
Mine exploration



- *Groundhog* (Carnegie Mellon)
- 750 kg, double axes, articulated
- movable SICK laser (rangefinder)
- gas and immersion sensors
- SLAM algorithm (Simultaneous Localization And Mapping)



RoboCup and RoboRescue



- RoboCup middle-size league (wheeled mobile robots, here with omni-directional vision)
- *Orpheus* robot won the RoboRescue (exploration and search of victims in a disaster environment)

2003 edition, Padova Fair



DARPA Grand Challenge



5 SICK lasers for mapping and localization
on the 2005 winning VW Touareg "Stanley"



the "Ghostrider" motorcycle
testing in Nevada

- competition for fully **autonomous** vehicles on a long mixed-type track

DARPA Grand Challenge



video

video interview



S. Thrun of [Stanford Racing](#)
(Stanford Univ+VW America+many more)

[Stanley](#) navigation:
GPS, laser scanners,
vision, radar



A. Levandowski of [Blue Team](#)
(LaRaison Inc+Univ Berkeley+Texas A&M)

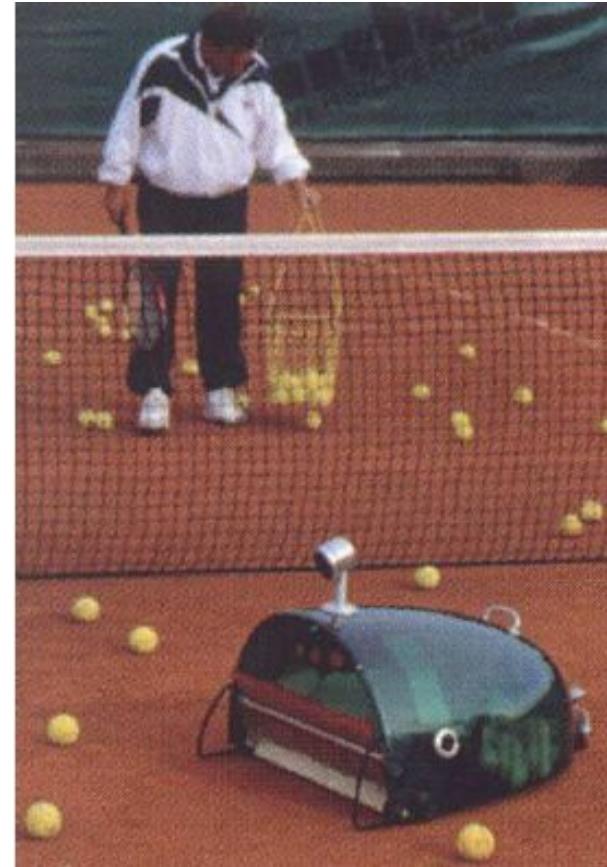
[Ghostrider](#) navigation:
GPS, inertial unit, motorcycle
dynamics, stereovision



Free time



- bartender robot by Erhardt+Abt (Germany)
- the robotic ball boy (RWI and Carnegie Mellon Univ, USA) that won in 1996 the "Clean up the tennis court!" competition of the AAAI





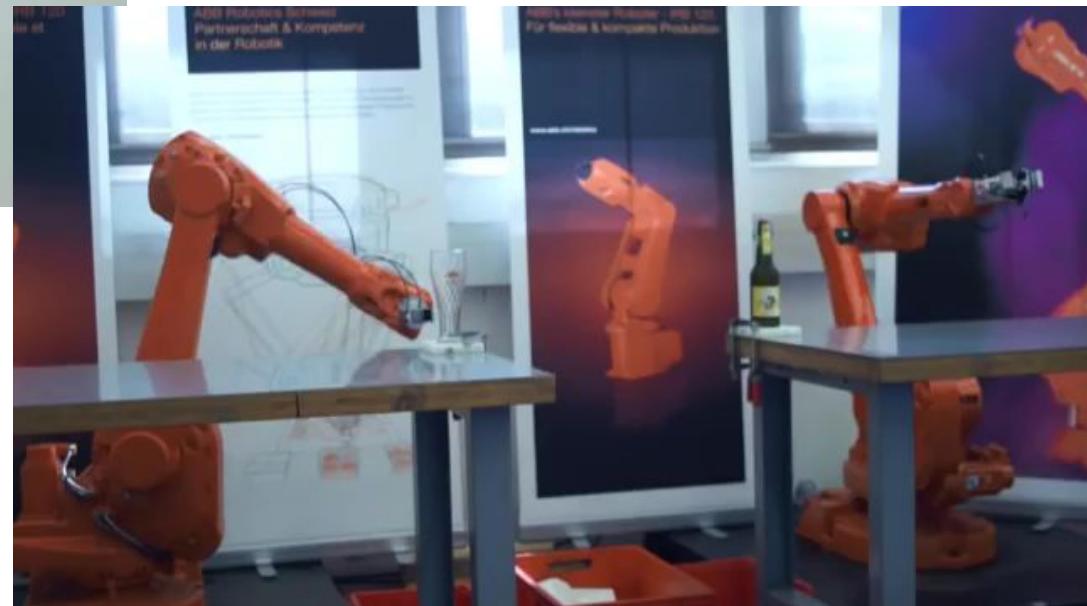
Robots filling a glass of beer



a single KUKA robot

video

two cooperating ABB robots



video



Museum guidance



- three mobile robots for museum guidance
(Museum für Kommunikation, Berlin)



Entertainment



- the *Anaconda* robot (Edge Innovations, USA) weights various tons, has 60 artificial spinal vertebrae, is 12 meters long, and is actuated by hydraulic motors so as to reach a speed of up to 60 km/h



Human motion replication



- the anthropomorphic robot by Sarcos Entertainment Systems (USA) replicates the movements of a human wearing a sensorized exoskeleton



Human-Robot Interaction



- physical and cognitive interaction between a Sarcos robot and a human
 - intrinsic mechanical compliance in the robot structure is here more important than accuracy in motion execution



Human-Robot Interaction (HRI)

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cognitive interaction (cHRI)
in Robot@CWE EU Project

physical interaction (pHRI)
in PHRIENDS EU Project



Human-robot collaboration



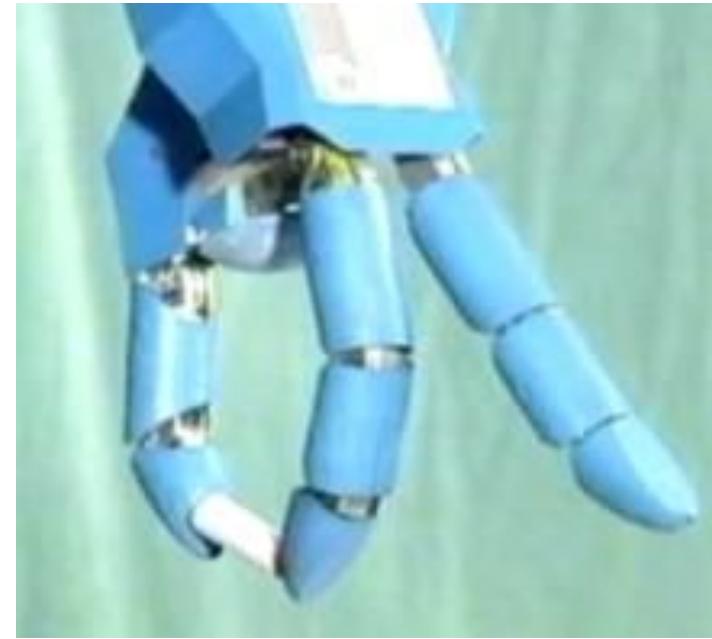
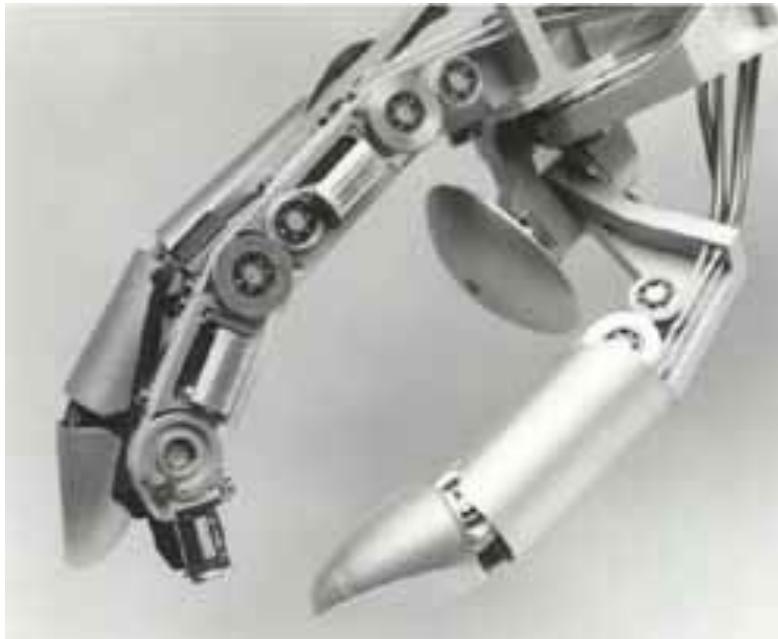
- *Mr. Helper* (Tohoku Univ) collaborates in carrying heavy and/or large loads



- *CoBot* scooter-like robot for mounting car doors (General Motors)



Robot hands



- the *UBHand* series of robot dexterous hands (Univ Bologna)
3 fingers with 9 degrees of freedom, tendon actuation,
supporting palm, and tactile sensors on all phalanges



Anthropomorphic UBHand IV



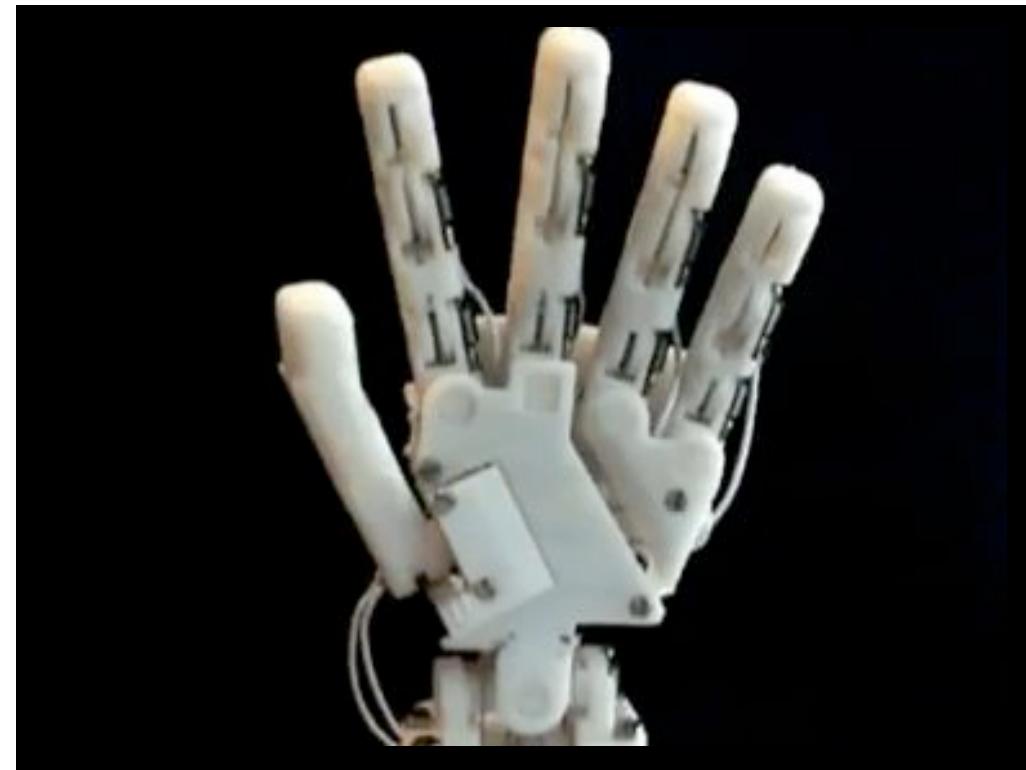
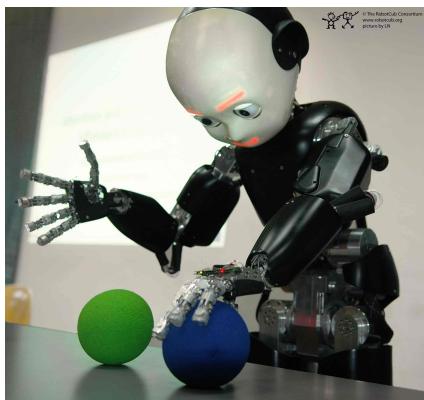
video

← data glove
for motion
capturing

- the *UBHand IV* has **deformable** elements as joint hinges (compliant mechanisms);
the endo-skeletal structure with **5 fingers** may host distributed sensors
and continuous compliant cover (G. Vassura, Univ Bologna)



New robot hand for the iCub



video

- *iCub* robot is like a 3.5y old child, developed by IIT Genova in 2005 in the [RobotCub](#) EU Project (platform distributed openly, with open-source SW)



Integration of robot hand + arm



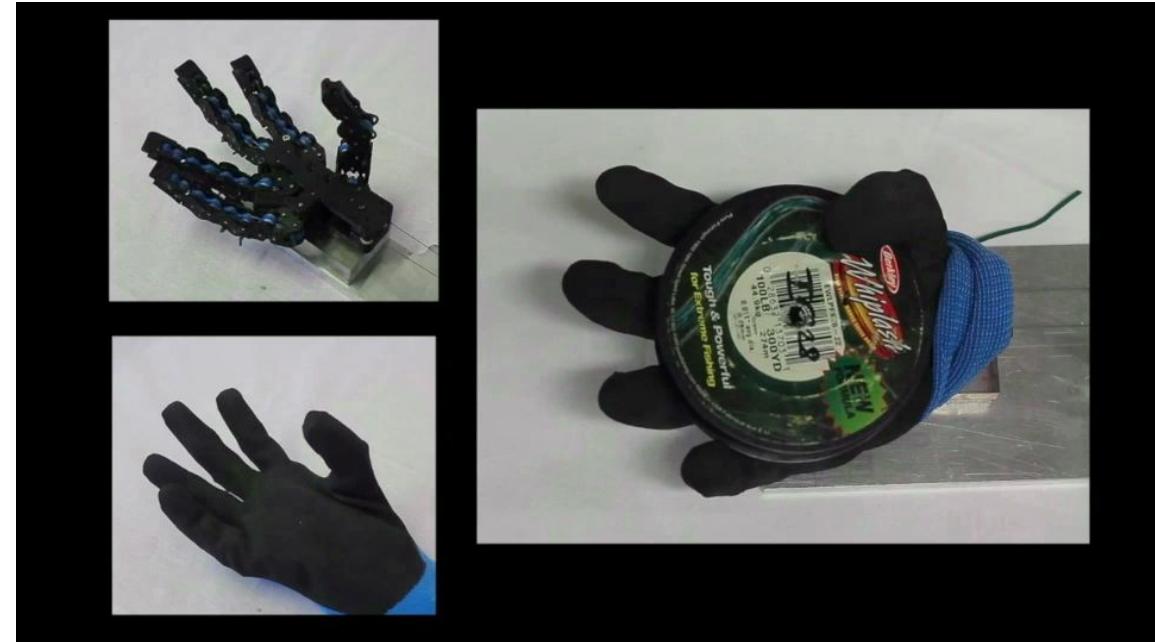
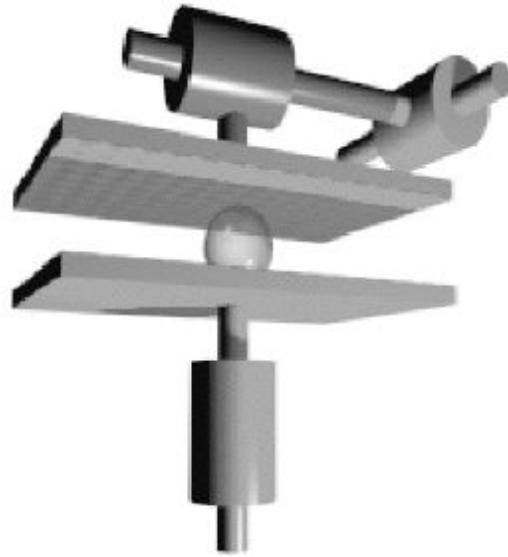
- the complete *UBHand II*, with electrical motors and electronics presented at EXPO92 in Seville
 - integration in the forearm of the *Unimation PUMA 560*





video

... “minimalistic” solutions

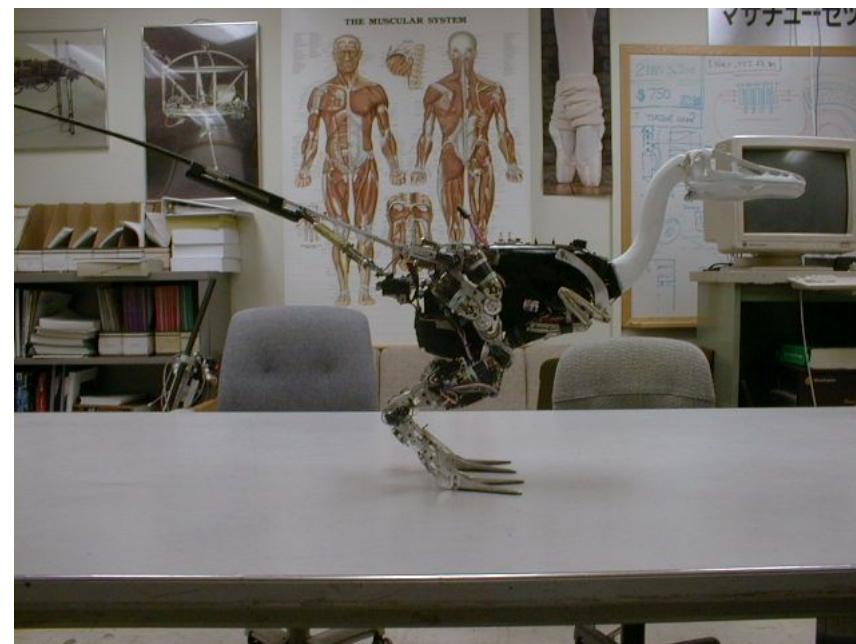
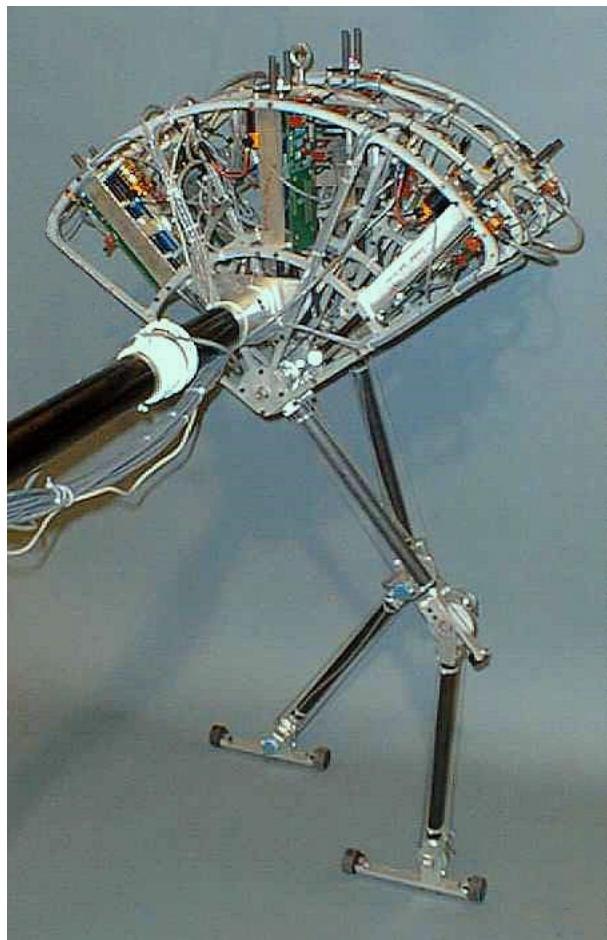


- 5D manipulation of objects having arbitrary form, using only two linear actuators and sensorized contact surfaces
(Univ Pisa, about 15 years ago)

- 1 motor only for the *Soft Hand*, an articulated and compliant robotic hand of human size and synergy
(Centro “E. Piaggio”, Univ Pisa – IIT, 2014)



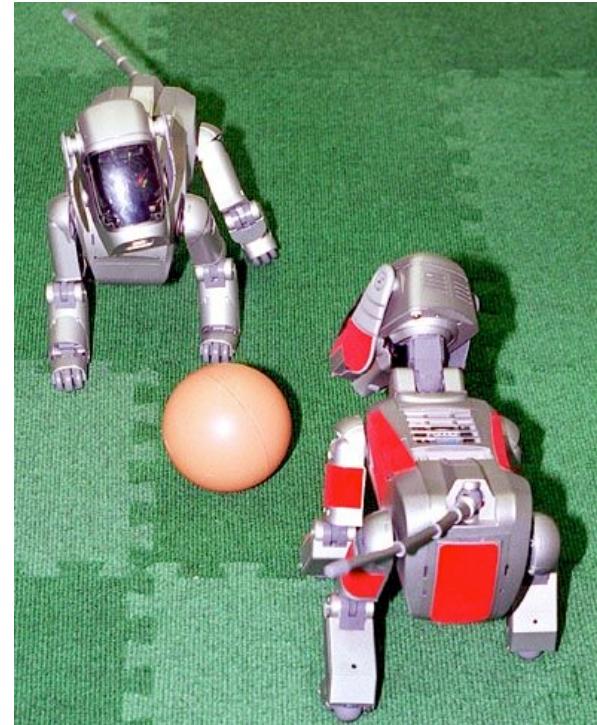
Biomorphic robots



- biomorphic robots by MIT Leg Lab, USA:
Trody dinosaur and *Flamingo* bird



Four-legged locomotion

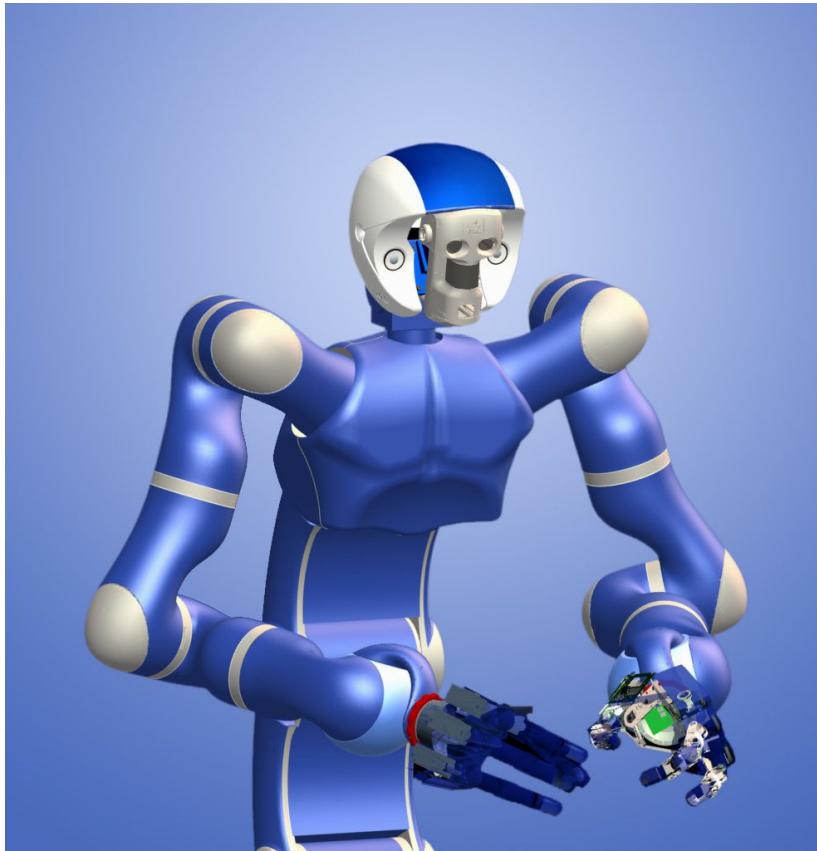


- *AIBO ERS-210* by Sony, playing on the soccer field of RoboCup

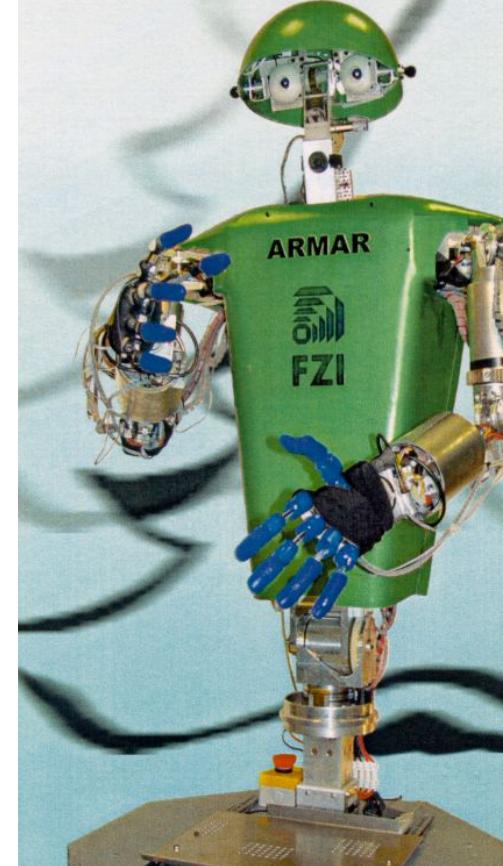
16 actuated dofs with encoders, color camera, 3 accelerometers, ultrasound sensors, tactile and micro-switch (feet), battery: everything in 1.6 kg!



Anthropomorphic upper limbs



- *Justin* robot has 7+7+3 degrees of freedom + many dofs in the two hands (DLR, Germany)



- the robot developed in the German national project on humanoids

Justin robotic system @ DLR



video



Justin

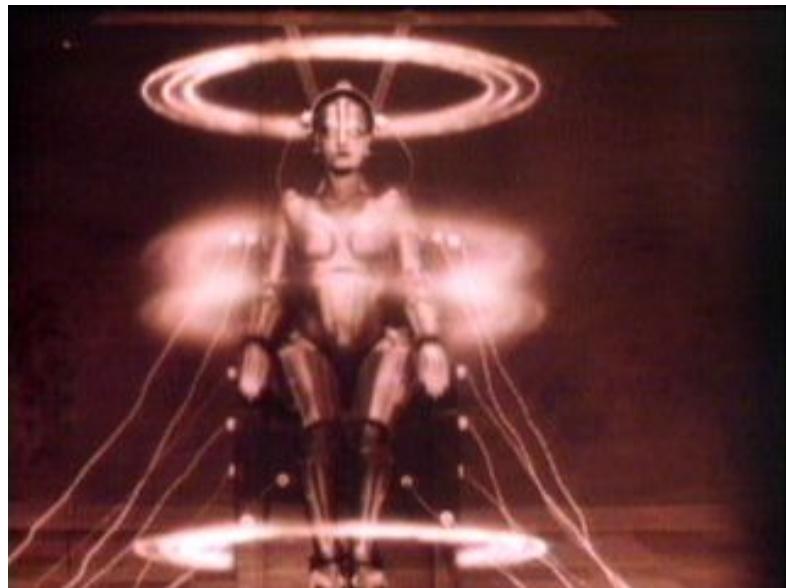
A humanoid upper
body system for
two-handed
manipulation experiments.



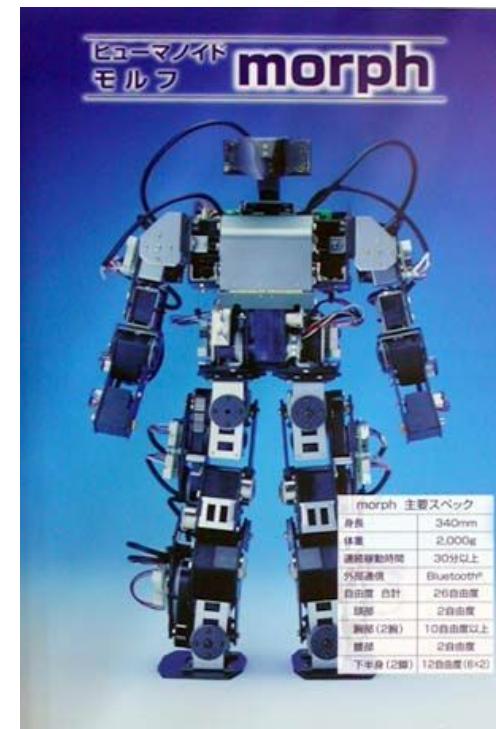
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Humanoid robots



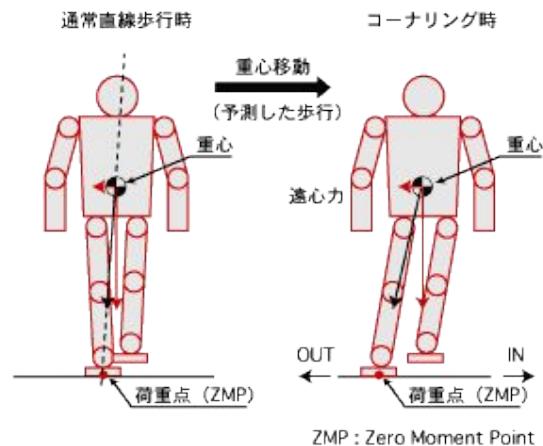
- Metropolis (Fritz Lang, 1927)



- *Pino* by ZMP (2003)



Humanoid robots



- the *ASIMO* project by Honda started in 1986



ASIMO in action

ASIMO
climbing stairs
(Robodex 2003)



first and
second series
(smaller size)

video



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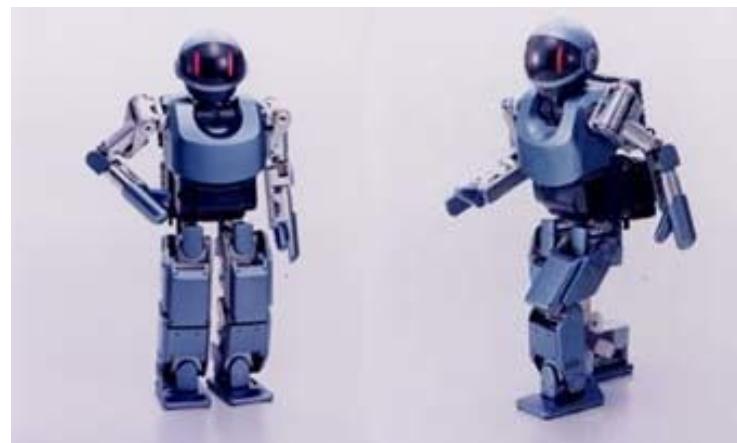




Humanoid robots



- *HRP-2*
(58 kg, 150 cm, 30 dofs)
2002 Tokyo Univ



- Sony *SDR-3X*
(about 60 cm)



- humanoid robot
(Q. Huang, PR China)



Sony Q-RIO



group dancing [video](#) (2003)

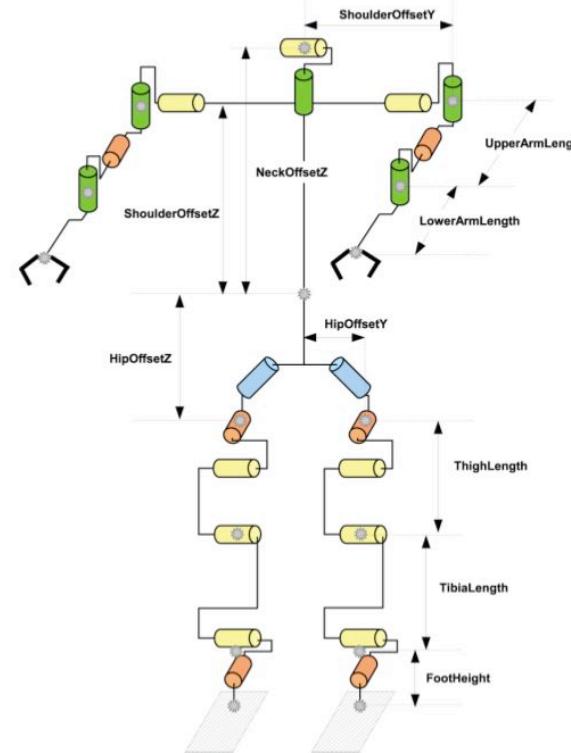
- Sony *Q-RIO*

the first robot able to balance on a surf and stand up from the floor
(dead in 2006...)



Humanoid robots

height = 57 cm
weight = 4.5 kg



kinematic
description

- NAO, Aldebaran Robotics
since 2008, replaces AIBO quadrupeds in RoboCup standard league



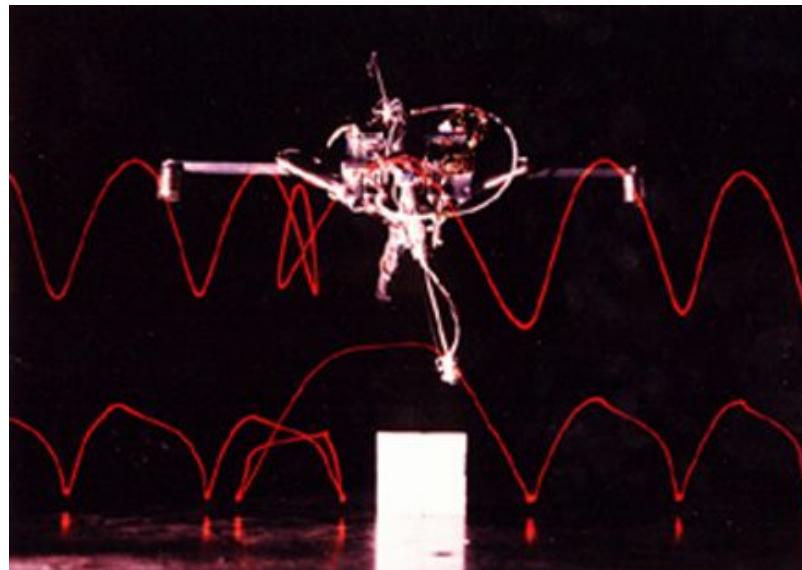
NAO playtime



Aldebaran Robotics
commercial [video](#)



... what about dynamic stability?



video

- the *One-Leg Hopper* robot (MIT, USA) demonstrated back in 1982 the feasibility of maintaining a purely **dynamic** equilibrium during motion



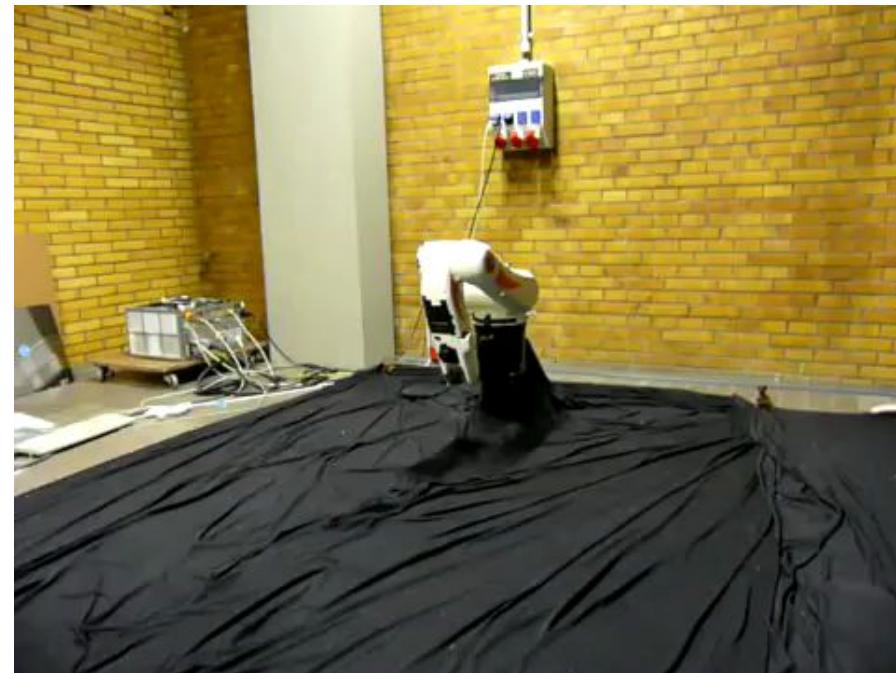
we could go on and on, forever...

video



MIT planar two-legged
robot doing a flip (1984)

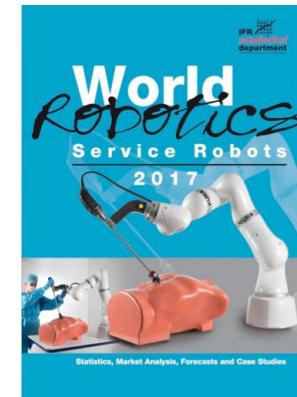
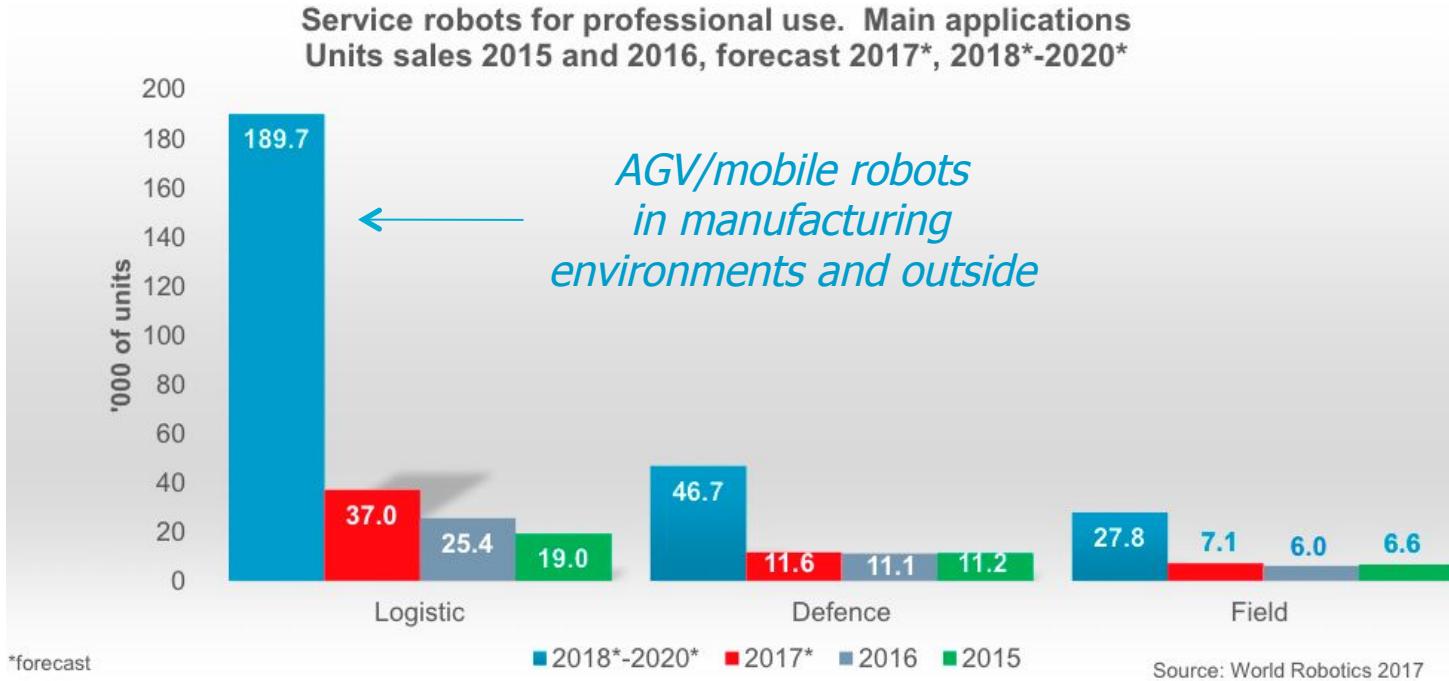
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ping-pong with KUKA KR5 robot

the beauty of dynamics and juggling

Diffusion of service robots for professional use

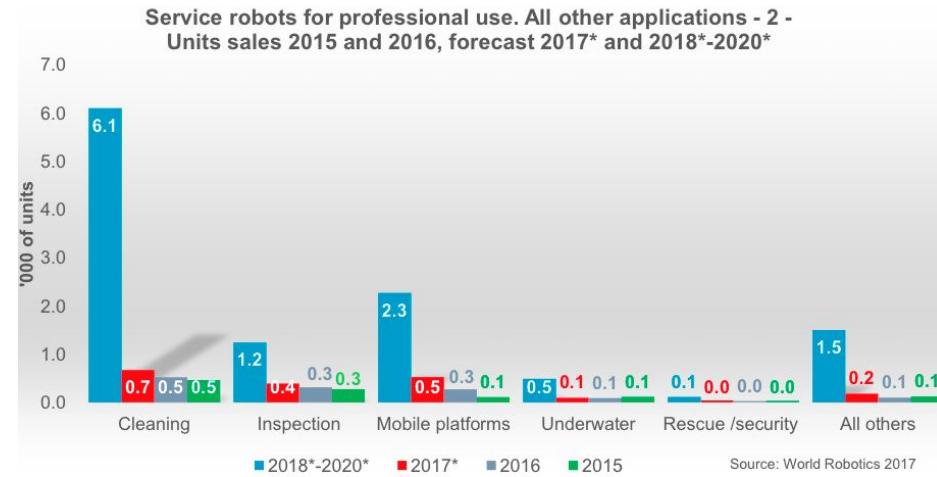
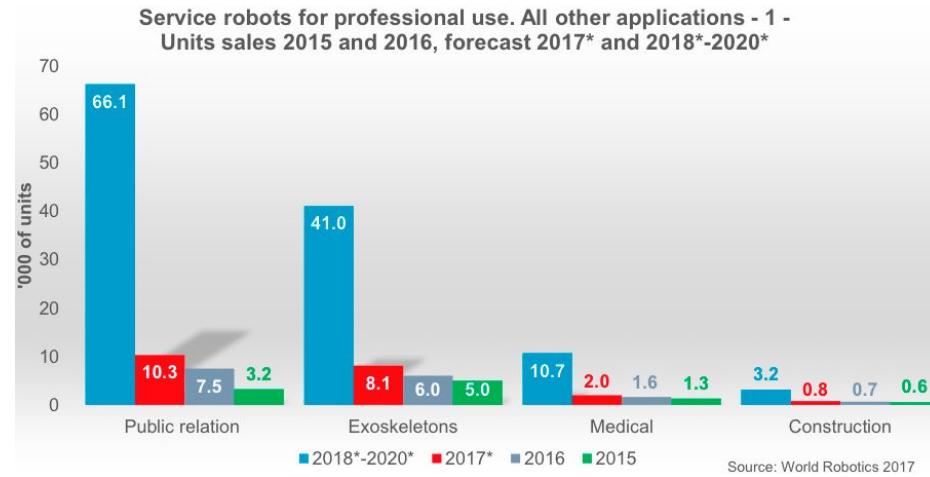


World Robotics
Report 2017

- main applications: logistic, defense (mostly, UAV), field robots (e.g., milking)
- almost **60,000** (+24%) service robots for **professional** use sold in 2016
- ~ **400,000** new service robots for professional use to be sold in 2018-20*
(+45% estimate over last period)
- > 50% of professional service robots are manufactured in the Americas

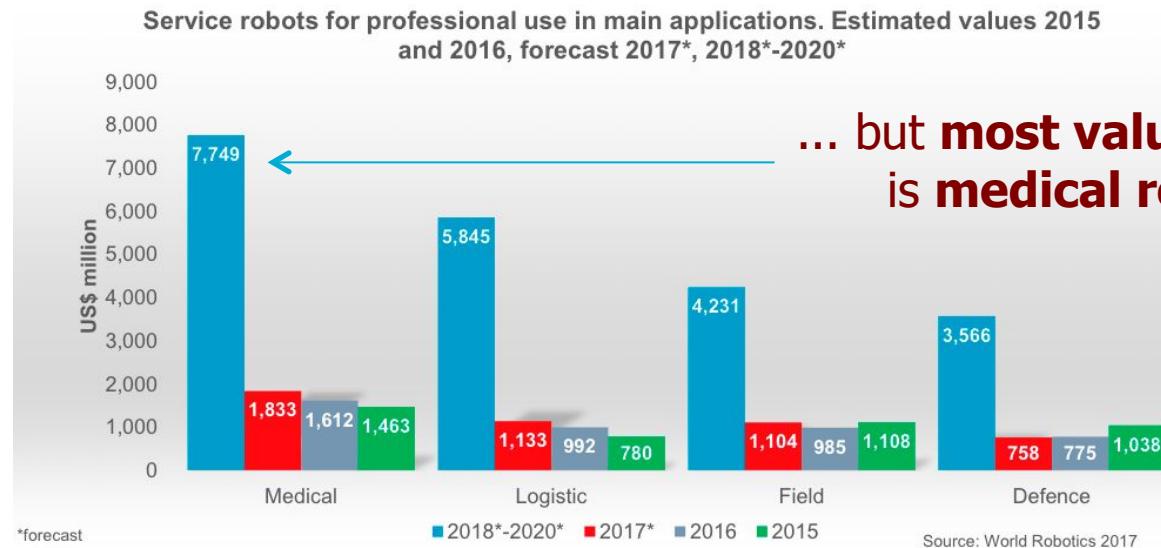


Diffusion of service robots for professional use



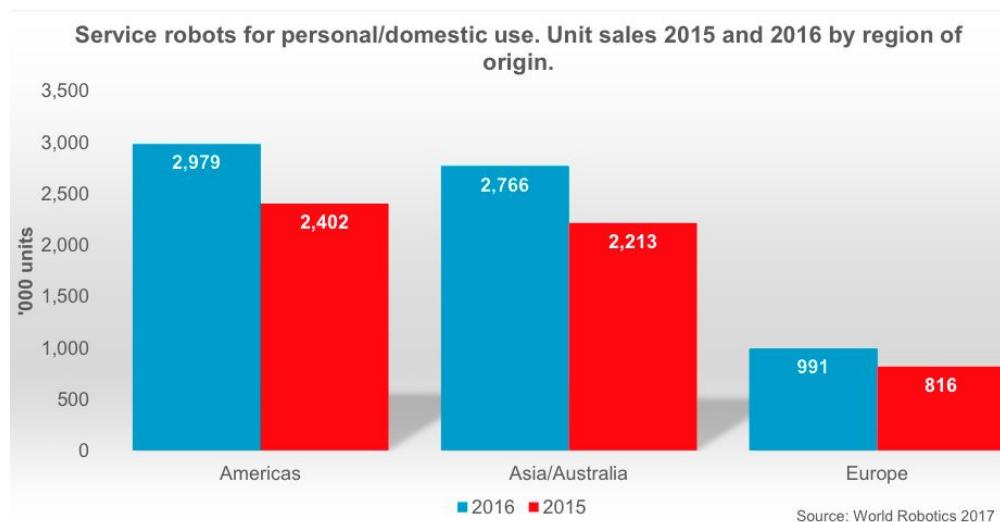
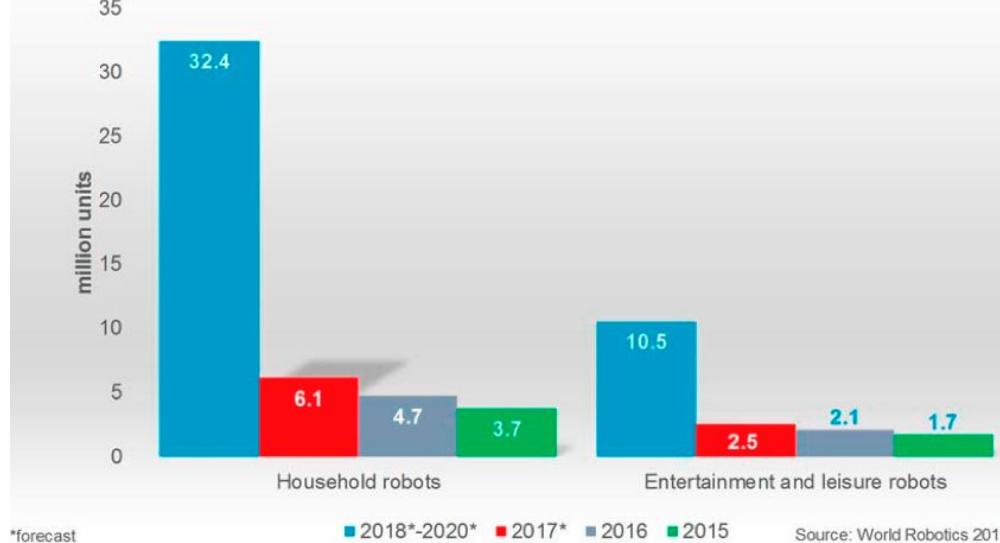
other applications: **social** (↗), exoskeletons (↗), medical systems (↗), construction, cleaning, inspection, agriculture, underwater, rescue...

public relation
robots also expect significant increase in turnover (4.5 M\$ in 2018-20*)



... but **most valuable** market is **medical robotics!**

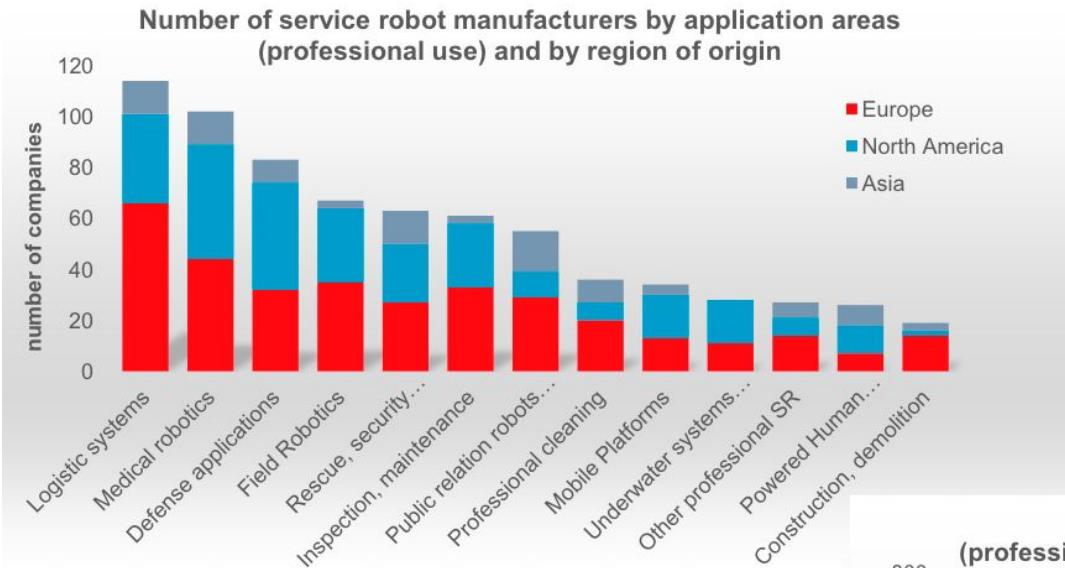
Diffusion of service robots for personal/domestic use



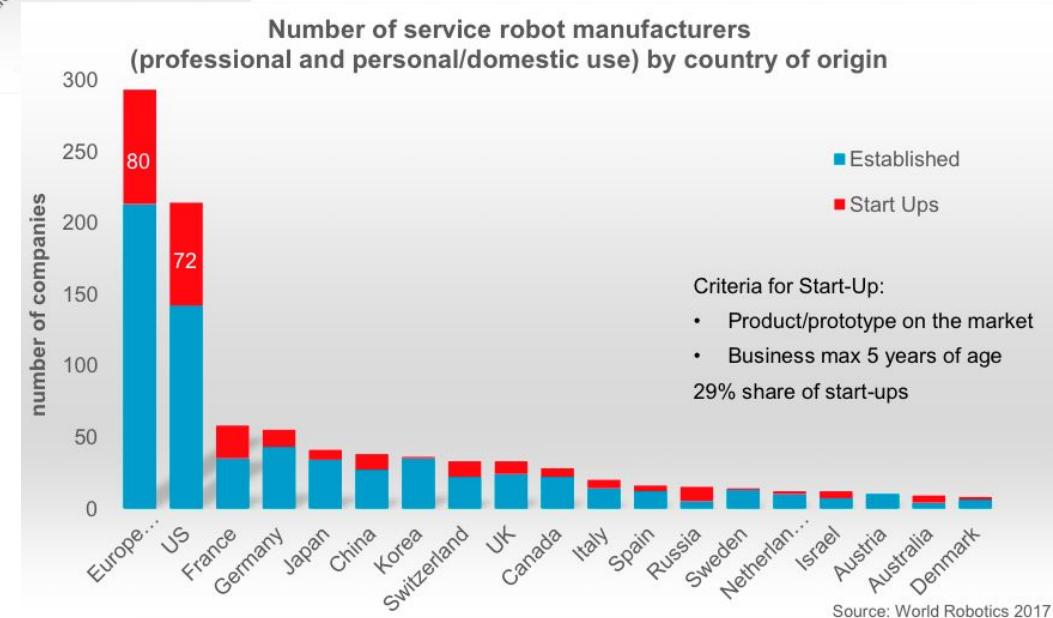
- personal/domestic robots market is **huge**: hard to assess figures due large variety in products and lifetime
- **6.8M units** sold in 2016 (+25%), for a value of **2.6 G\$** (+15%)
- forecast 2018-20*: **43M units**
- vacuum and floor cleaning robots
- lawn-mowing robots
- entertainment (e.g., Mindstorm) and leisure
- robots for elderly/handicap assistance

Diffusion of service robots

manufacturers by application areas and regions



- 75% of European service robot suppliers are SMEs
- many start ups ...





Web sites

- <http://ieee-ras.org>

The web site of IEEE-RAS (*Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers - Robotics & Automation Society*) with access to conferences, publications, technical committees, etc. – *become a student member of the IEEE-RAS !!*

- <http://handbookofrobotics.org>

Multimedia extension of the *Springer Handbook of Robotics* (2nd Ed, 2016), with >700 *free* robotics videos of historical and state-of the-art value

- <http://www.eu-robotics.net>

The new *European Robotics AIBSL*, with euRobotics Forum & Week, etc.

- <http://www.euron.org>

EUropean RObotics research Network, with a gallery of robots, videos, European robotics projects (no longer updated since 2012)

- <http://www.youtube.com/user/RoboticsLabSapienza>

YouTube channel of *DIAG Robotics Lab*, with videos of our latest research