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Video clips, demonstrations

- **Video: Nao Babbling + pointing**
- **Video: iCub attention**
- **Video: Festo BHA**
- **Video: Playground experiment**

The Shanghai AI Lectures on Embodied AI

Today from **Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin**, Germany

host:

Verena Hafner

Adaptive Systems Group, Department of Computer Science
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Today's schedule

9:00 - 9:15 Short intro + remaining site presentations (Osaka, Pisa, Madrid) + student presentation on framsticks (TU Poznan, PL)

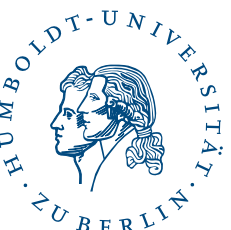
**9:15 - 10:00 Lecture 5:
Developmental Robotics (Verena Hafner, HU Berlin)**

10:00 Discussion and Coffee break

10:15 Guest lecture "Robotics in the Human Brain Project" by Florian Röhrbein, TU Munich

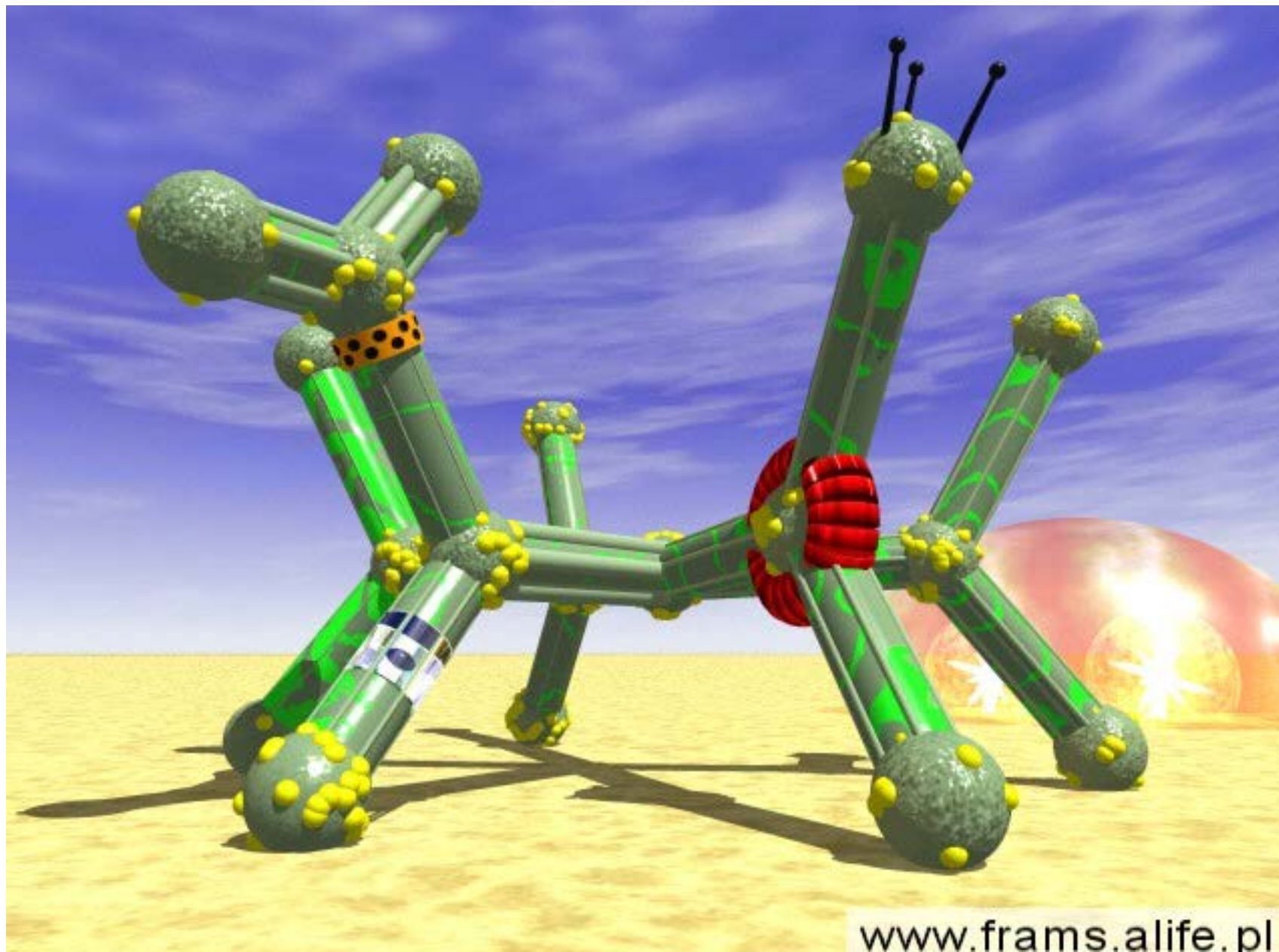
11:00 Wrap up

11:15 End



framsticks

short presentation from TU Poznan, PL

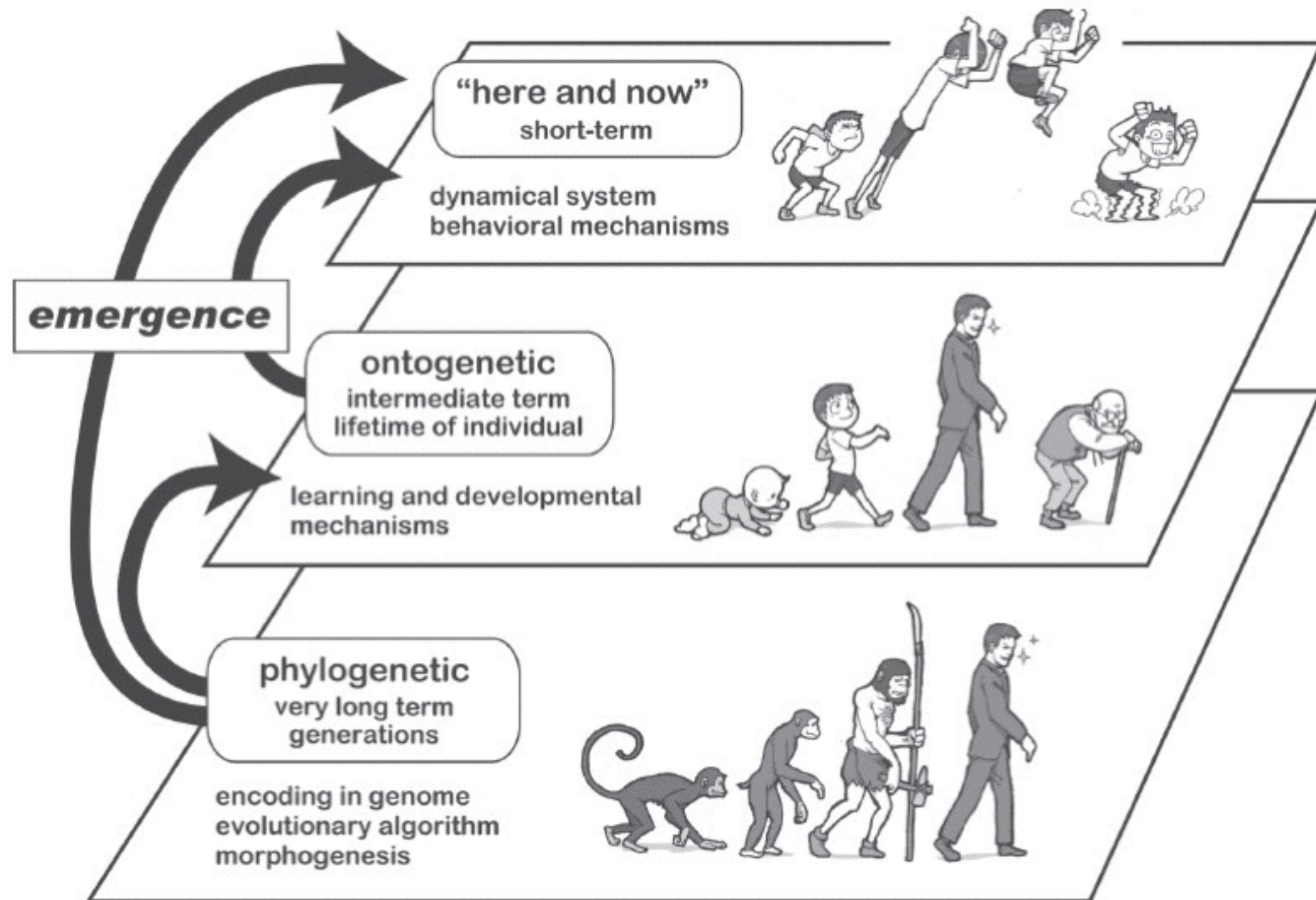


Lecture 5

Developmental Robotics

12th November 2015

Time perspectives



Time perspectives in understanding and design

state-oriented
“hand design”

“here and now” perspective

learning and development
initial conditions, learning and developmental processes

“ontogenetic” perspective

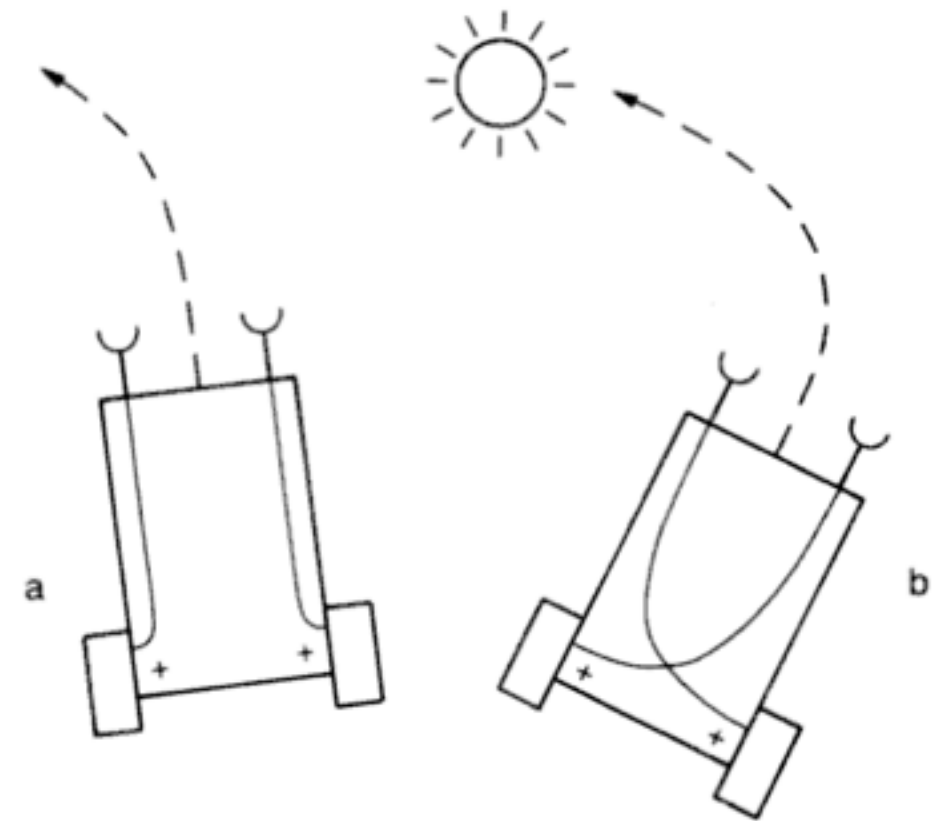
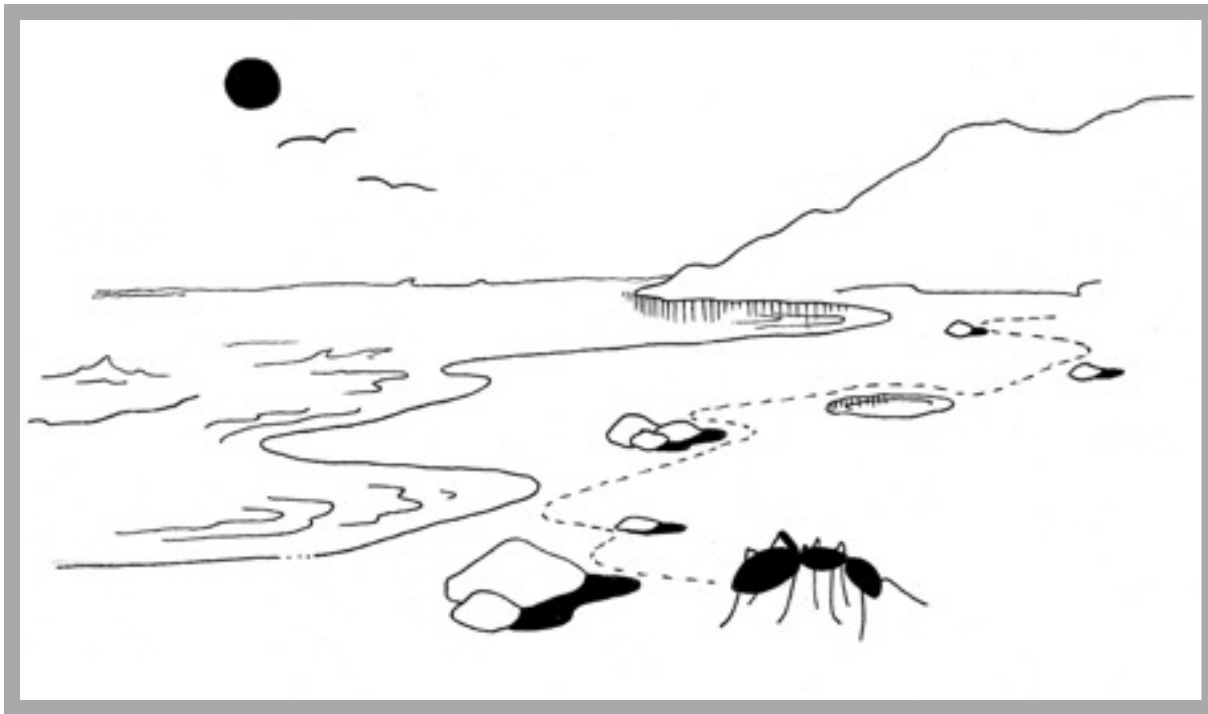
evolutionary
evolutionary algorithms, morphogenesis

“phylogenetic” perspective

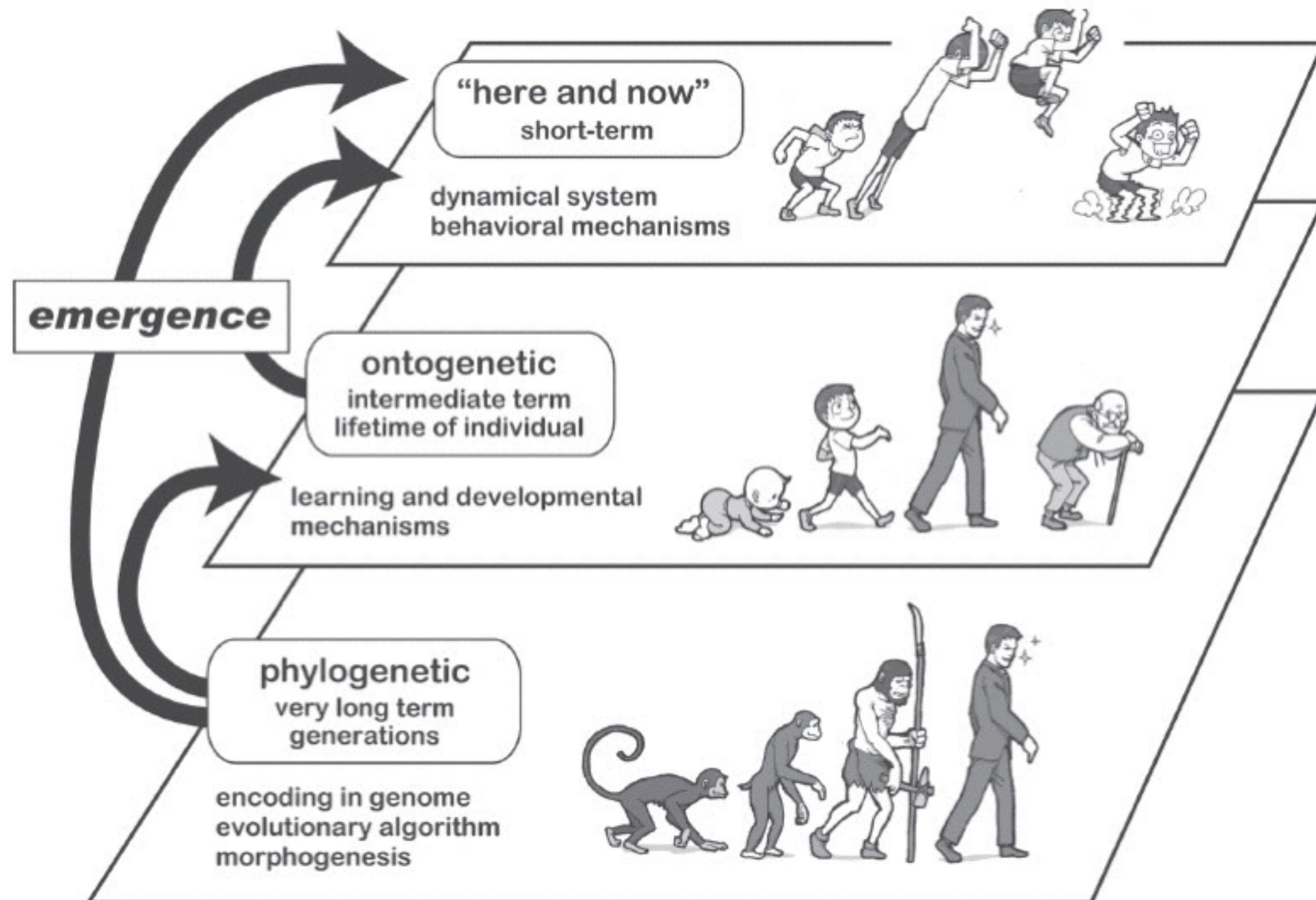
Understanding: **all three perspectives required**

Design: **level of designer commitments, relation to autonomy**

here&now Perspective

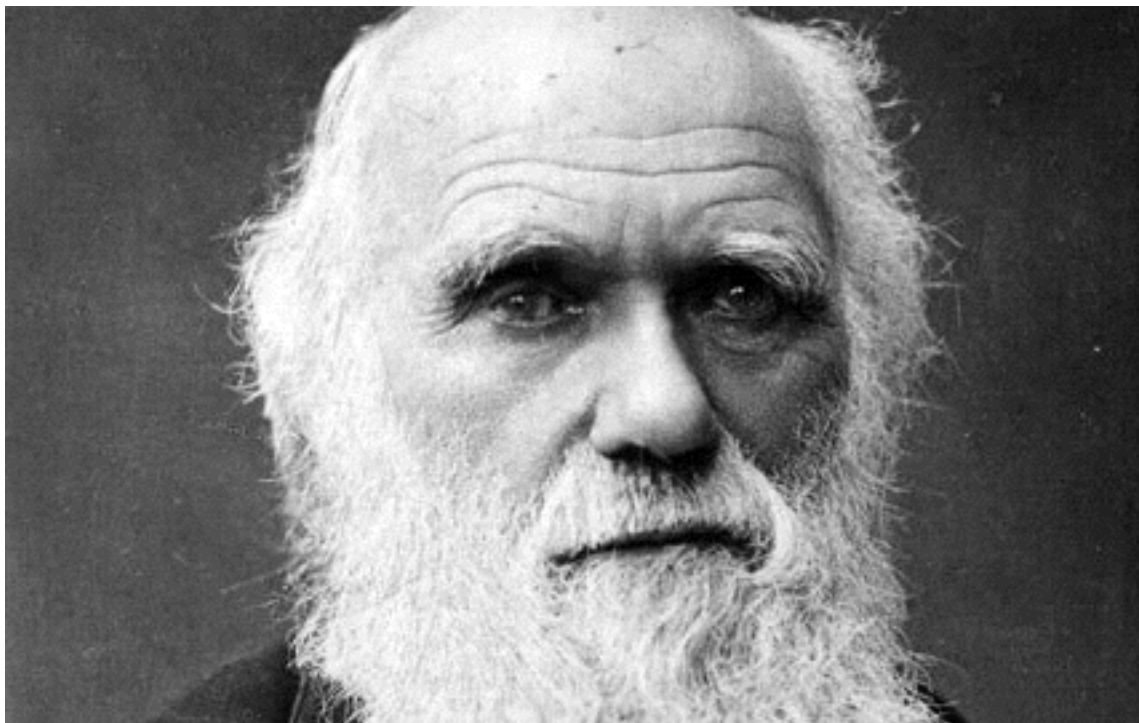


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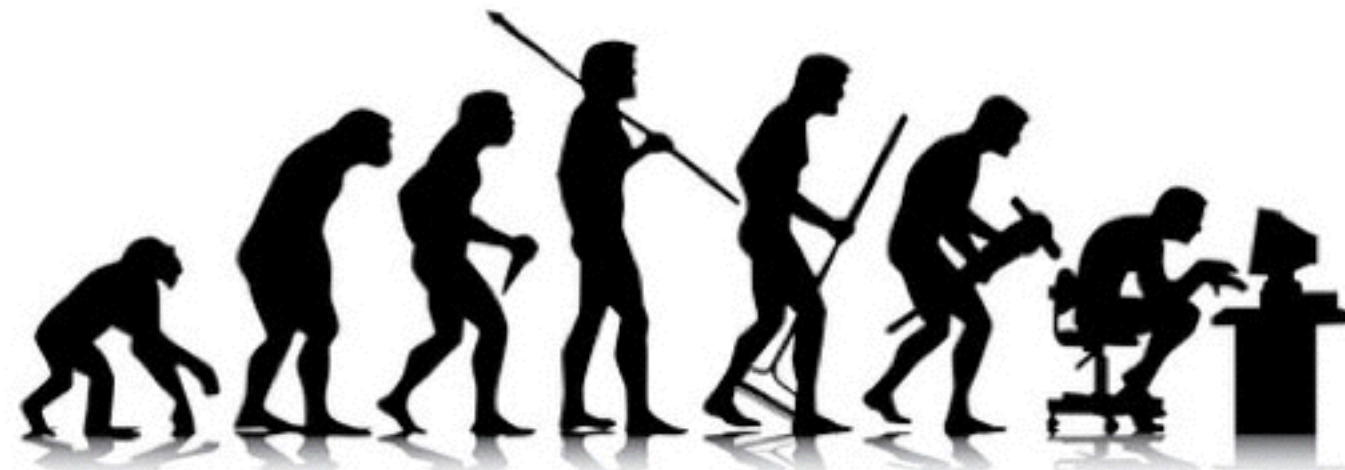


Phylogenetic Perspective

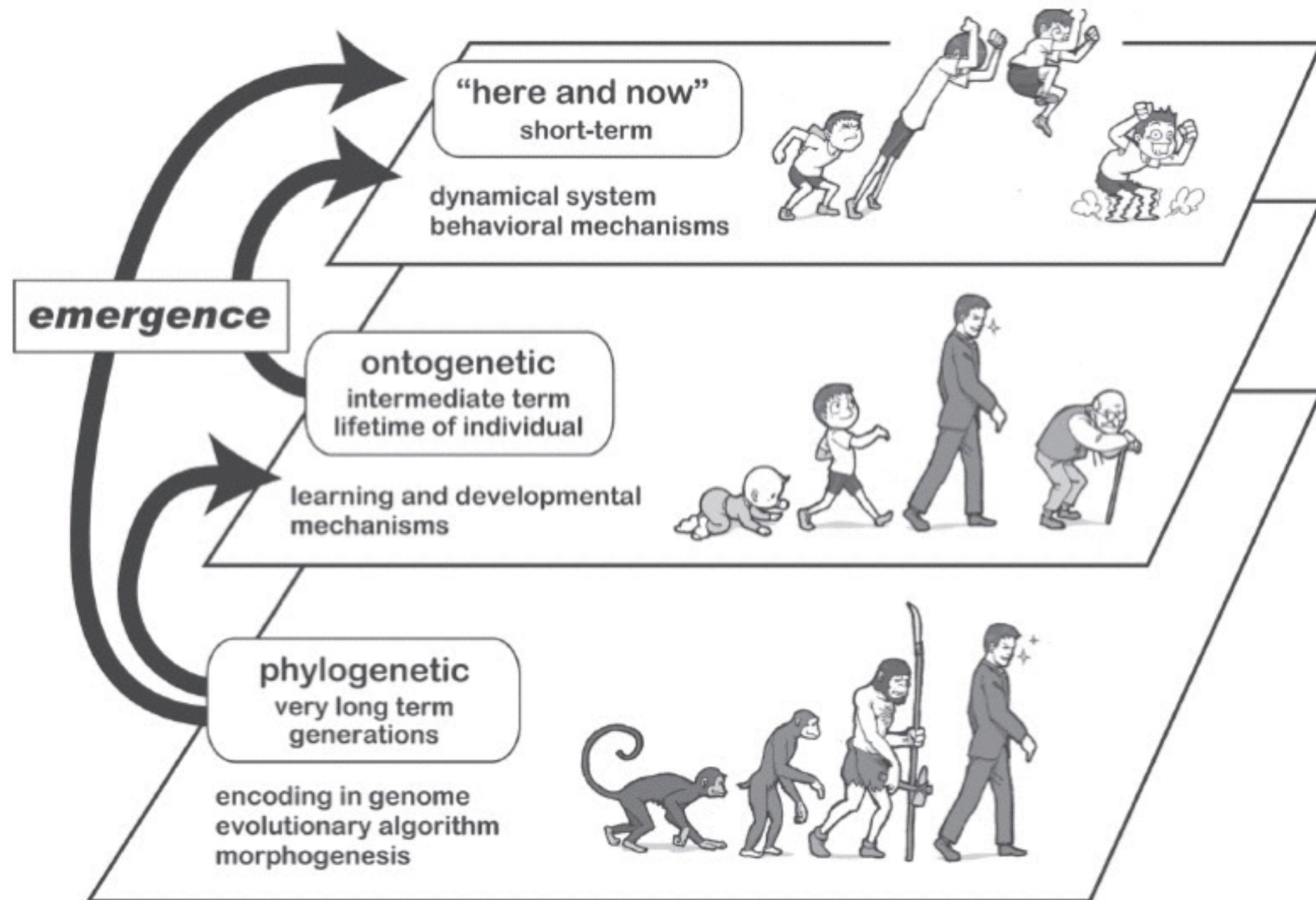
Evolution



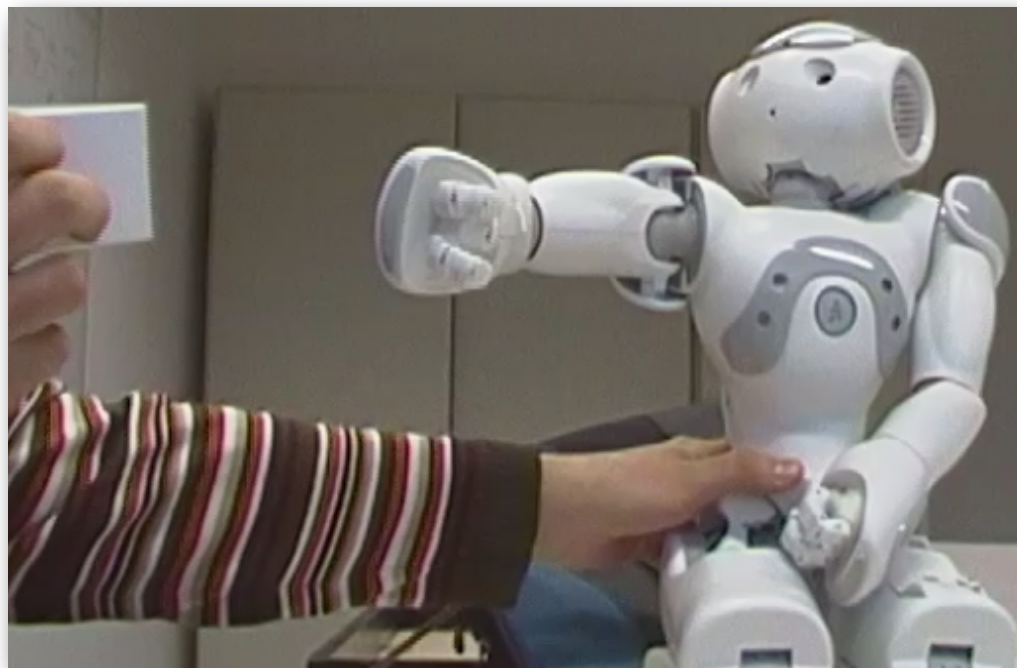
Charles Darwin



Time perspectives

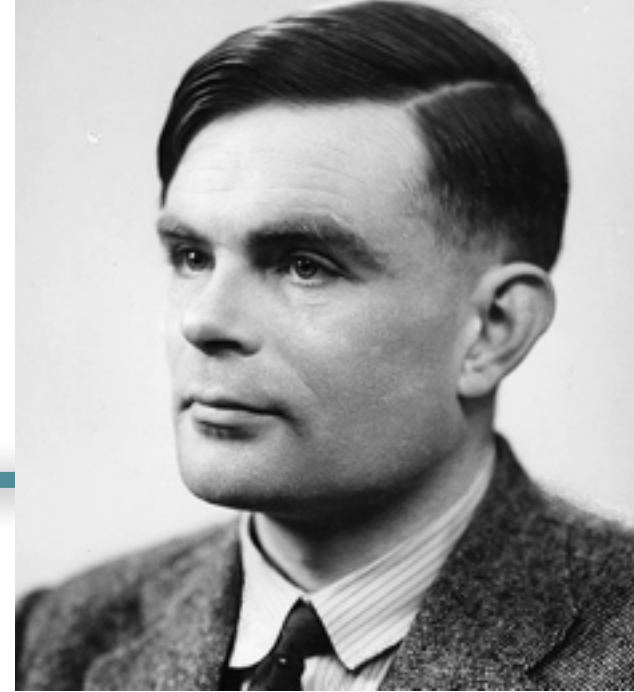


Ontogenetic Perspective



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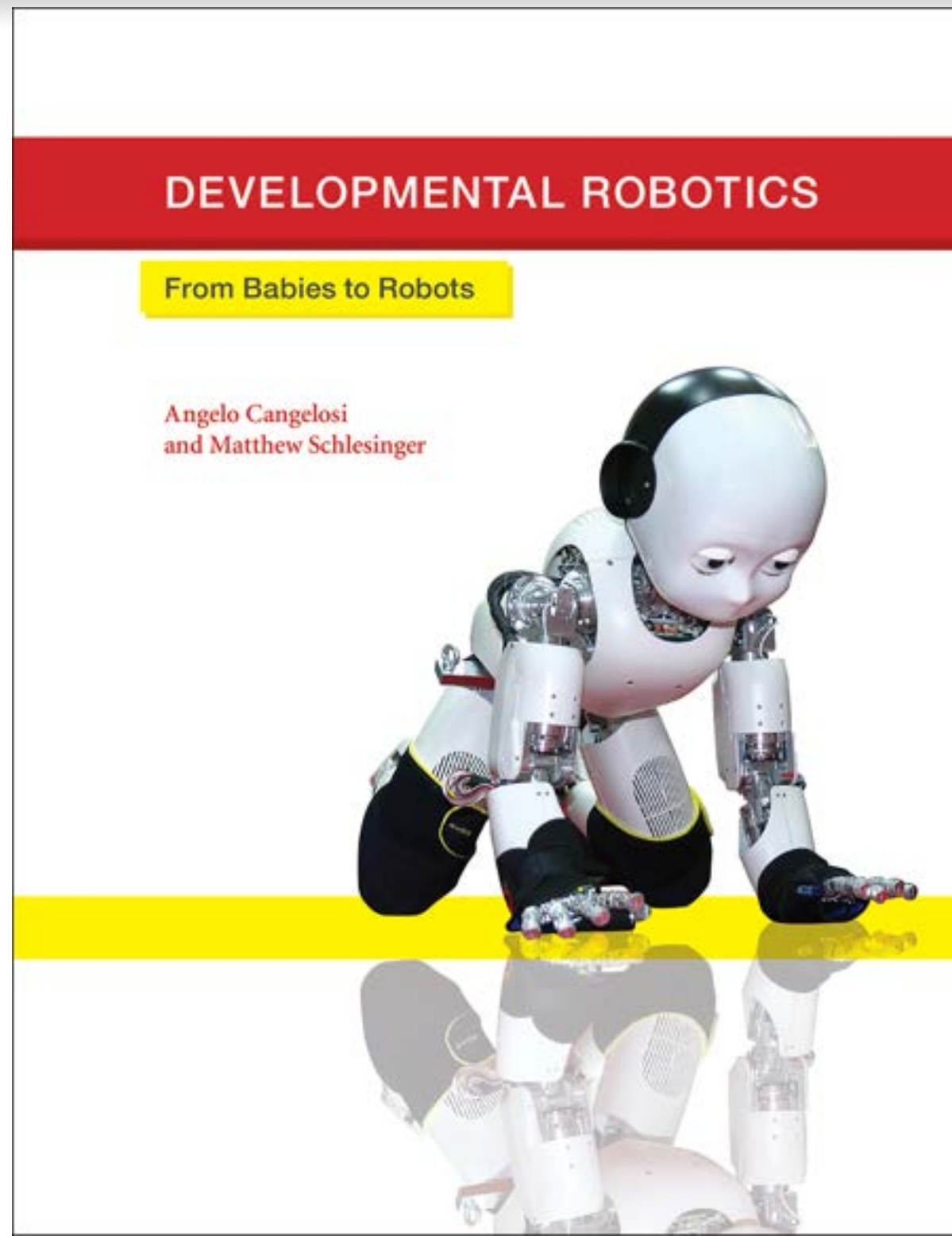
Alan Turing, 1950



“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 [...]

Our hope is that there is so little mechanism in the child brain that something like it can be easily programmed. The amount of work in the education we can assume, as a first approximation, to be much the same as for the human child.”

Ontogenetic Perspective



International Conference on Epigenetic Robotics



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Development, Learning and Epignentic Robotics



Ontogenetic Perspective

Developmental Robotics / Epigenetic Robotics

- relationship between evolution and development
- aspects of human infant development
 - sensorimotor learning
 - learning of social skills
 - e.g. imitation learning, joint attention

Joint Attention

- Strong interest in the robotics community (HRI & devrob)
- Joint Attention skills are important for:
 - Imitation
 - Social Cognition
 - Development of Language
 - Intuitive Interaction



Kaplan, F. and **Hafner, V. V.** (2006), The Challenges of Joint Attention, Interaction Studies, 7:2, pp. 135-169

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Human Developmental Timelines



T1 Attention detection

- 0-3m** Mutual gaze
- 6m** Discrimination of left/right
- 12m** Gaze angle detection, interpretation of pointing
- 15m** Gaze following and pointing detection toward object outside the field of view

T2 Attention manipulation

- 9m** Imperative pointing as a request for reaching an object
- 12m** Declarative pointing, attention manipulation using gestures
- 13m** Referential words

T3 Social coordination

- 0-3m** Protoconversation, simple rhythmic interaction including turn-taking mediated by the caregiver
- 6m** Shared games, conventional routines established between child and caregivers
- 9m** Simple immediate imitation
- 18m** Complex imitative games

T4 Intentional understanding

- 0-3m** Early identification with other persons
- 6m** Distinction between animate and inanimate entities
- 9m** First goal-directed behaviour
- 12m** Behavioural understanding of observed behaviour, intentional understanding of produced behaviour
- 18m** Intentional understanding of observed behaviour

Developmental Robotics

major role of Embodied AI

**intelligence: learned experience from
interaction in the real world**



“Lara, 9 Monate, verschmiert Karottenbrei” (Foto: Peez, idw)

Embodied Cognition

embodiment hypothesis

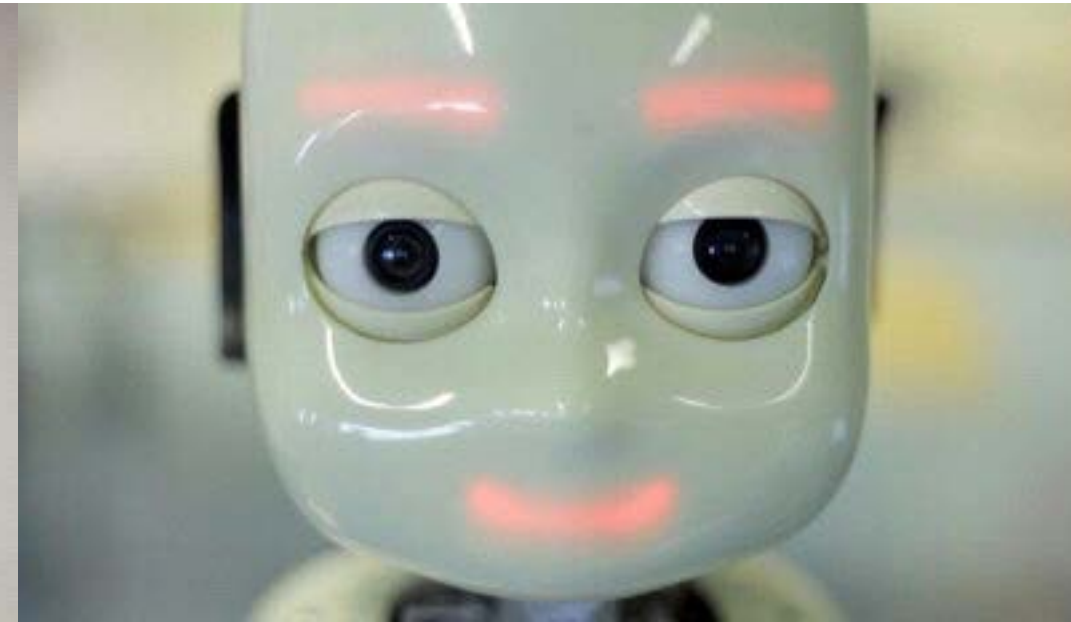
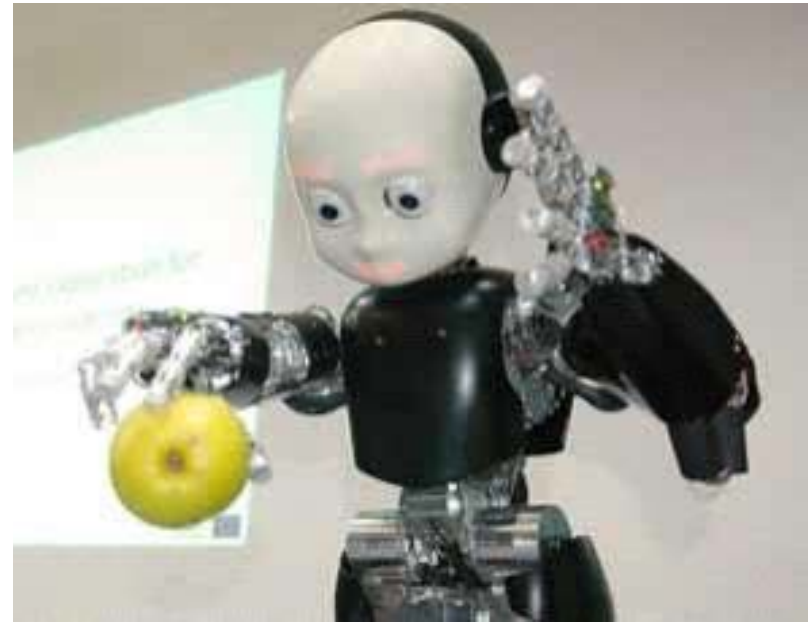
intelligence emerges from the interaction of an agent with an environment and as a result of sensorimotor activity.



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(humanoid) platforms

- iCub

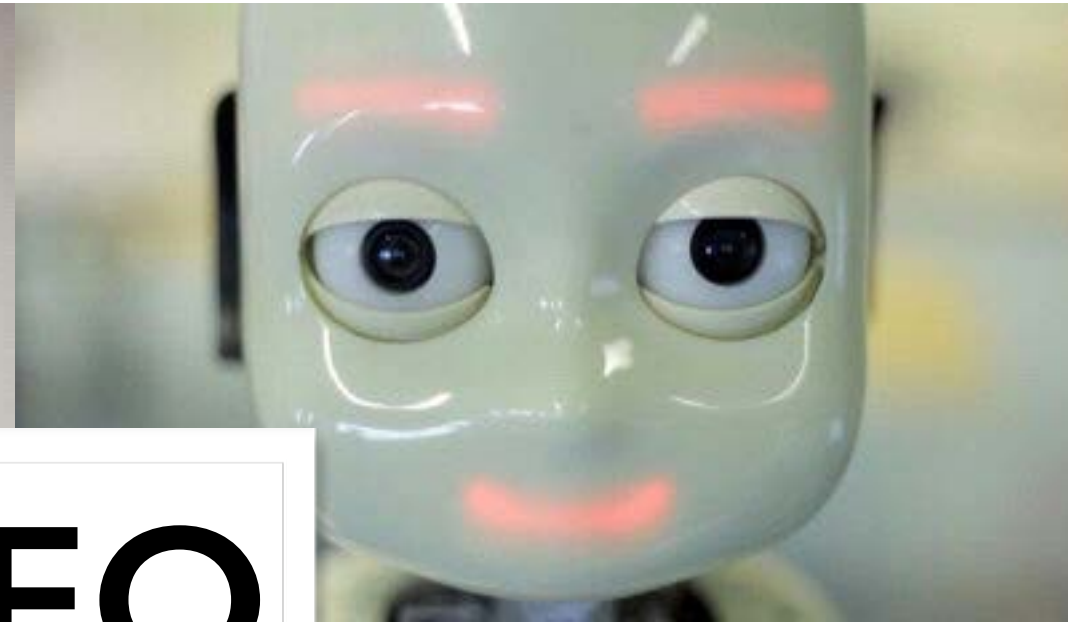
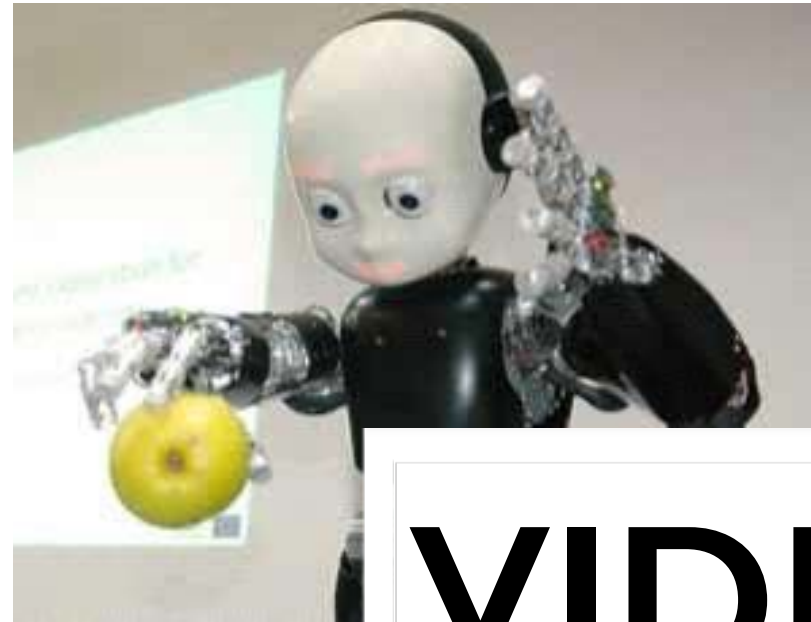


- Nao



(humanoid) platforms

- iCub



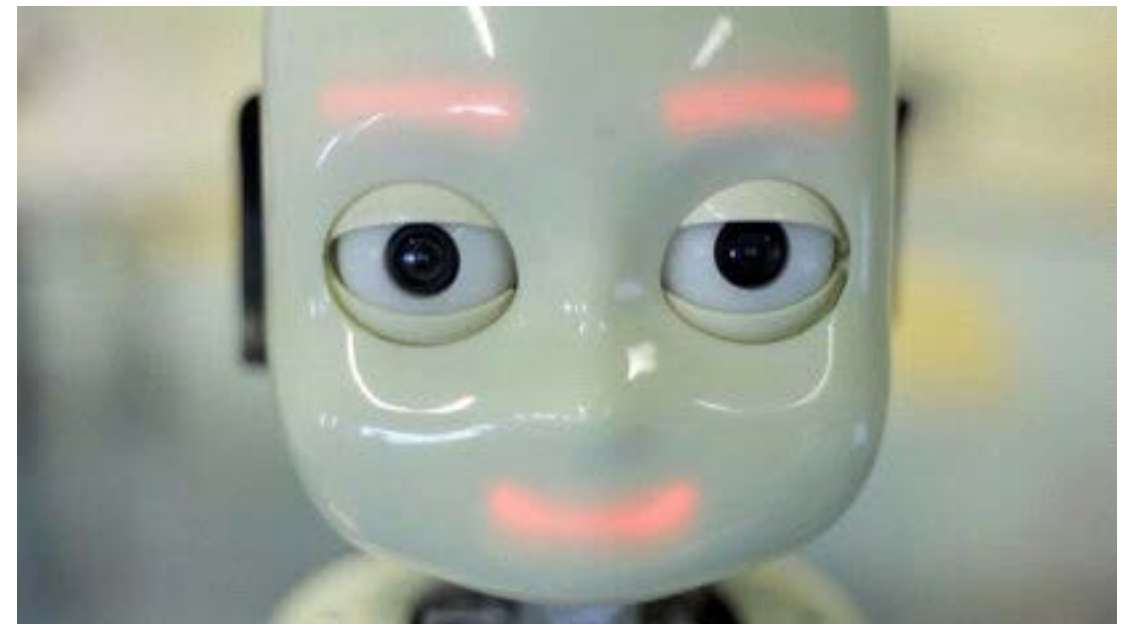
VIDEO

- Nao

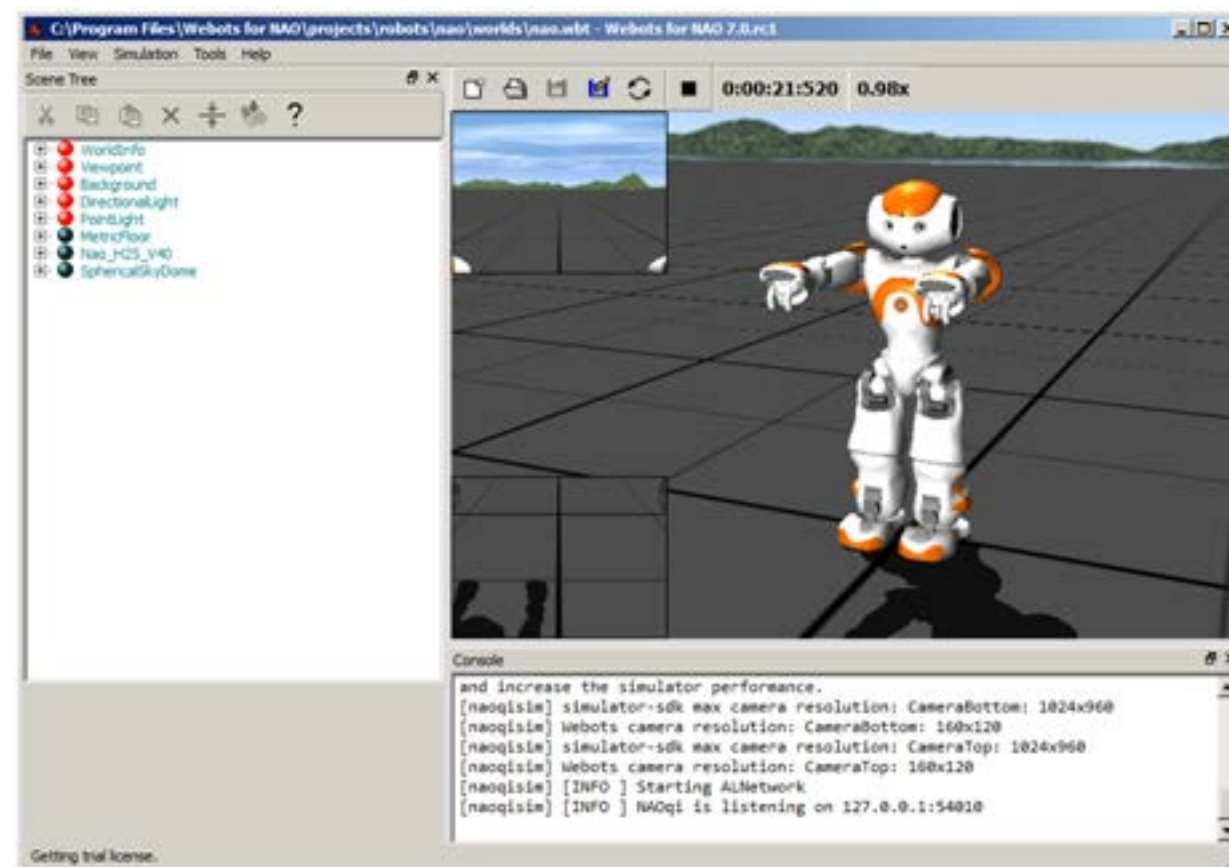


iCub attention

- Prerequisites for attention behaviour in a robot
- Purpose?
- F-O-R?



Simulators



Webots

Casparo -

an opera on developmental robotics

Luc Steels (music) &
Oscar Vilarroya (libretto)



This is the story of a humanoid robot called Casparo who is bought by the greedy Graziano against the wishes of his wife Rosalinda.

To Graziano's disappointment, Casparo turns out to be a **developmental robot** that needs to be taught everything, even how to walk or speak.

Moreover Casparo has become imprinted on Rosalinda and consequently does not want to listen to Graziano. Graziano loses patience, becomes angry, and wants to reduce Casparo to a scrap of metal. But Rosalinda comes to Casparo's rescue and the story ends in harmony.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4upV5I9UuIQ>

Casparo -

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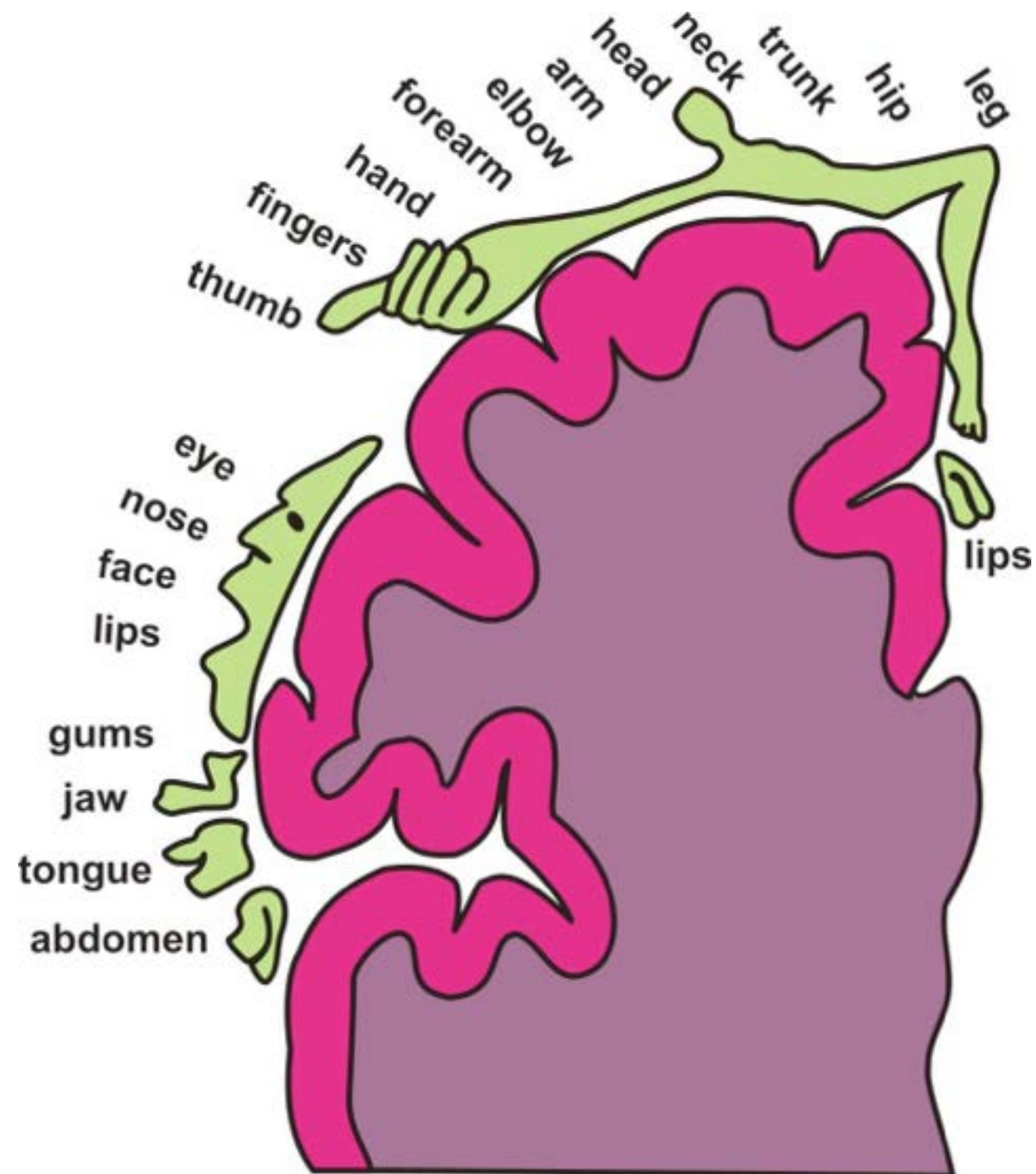
Ontogenetic Perspective

Developmental Robotics / Epigenetic Robotics

some examples on body maps, sensorimotor exploration and learning

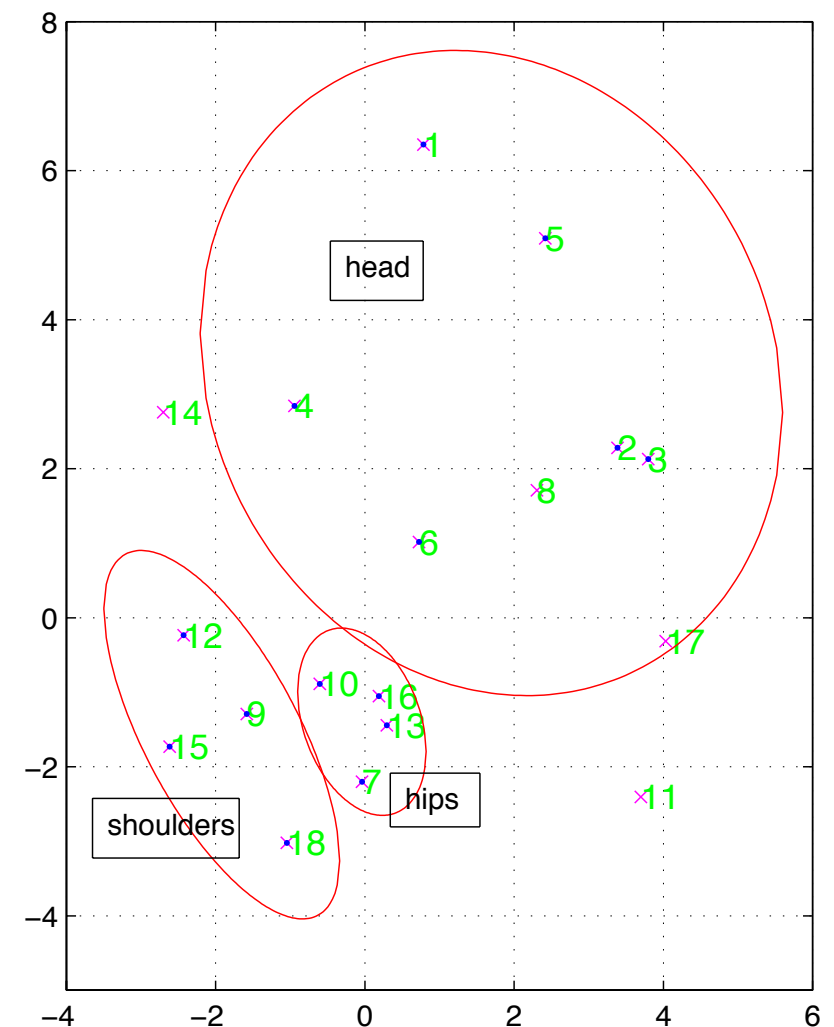
Body maps

- inspired by somato-sensory maps in human cortex
- dynamic and short term representation of body and behaviour



Maps based on Information Distances

- informationally close sensors are also close on the map
- maps function as body schema



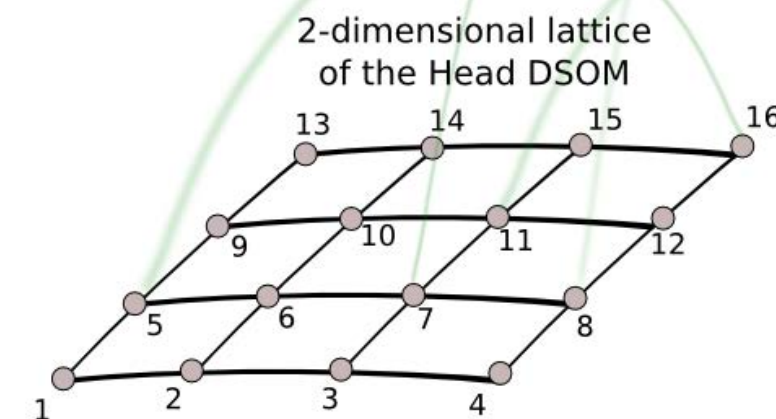
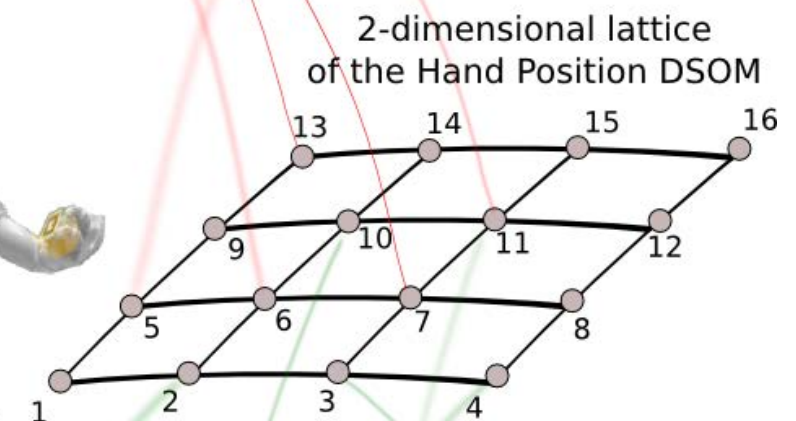
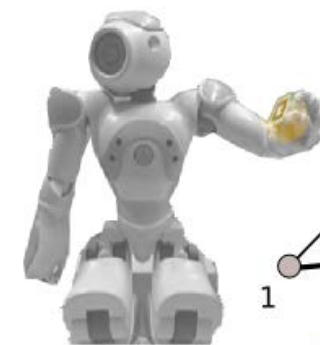
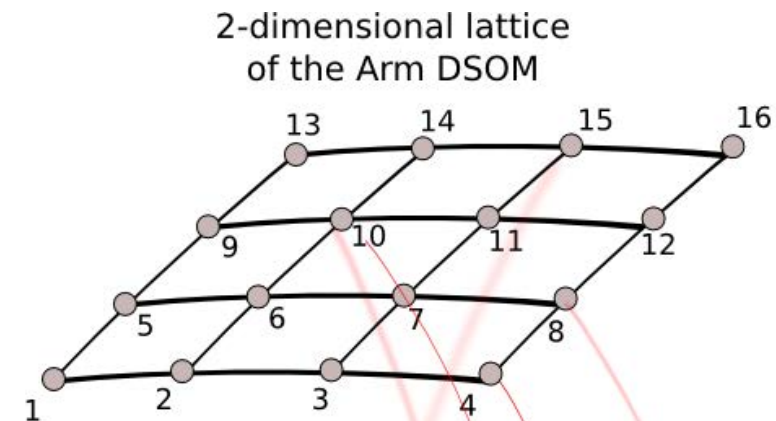
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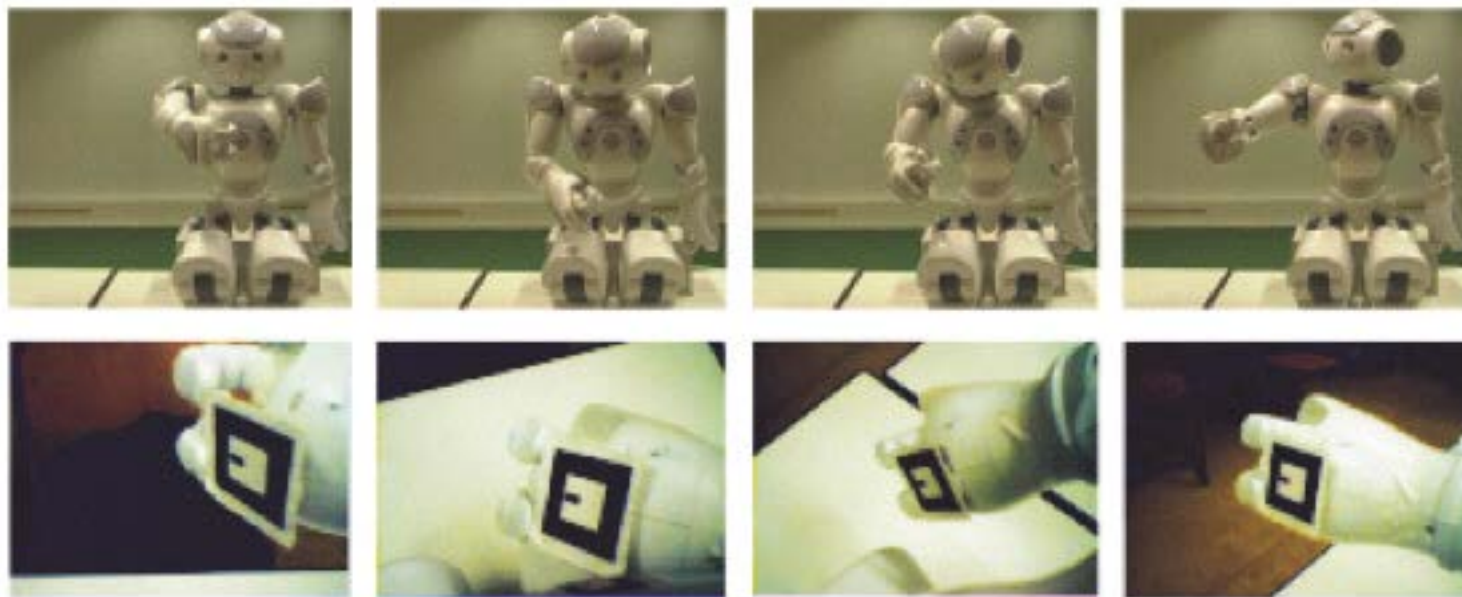
- Self-organising maps based on acquired data
- Framework supports easy inclusion of different modalities, including auditory



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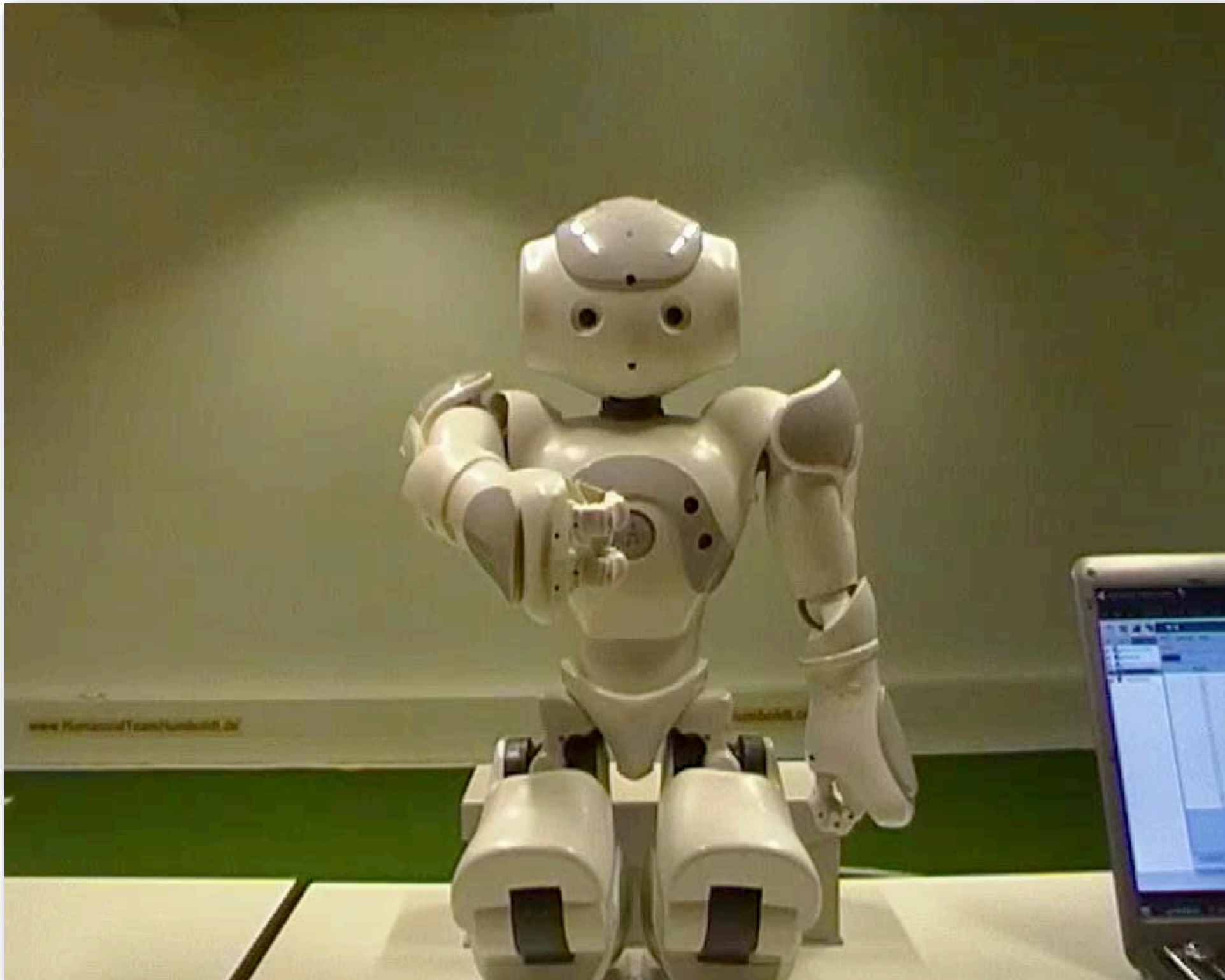
Experiments on Motor Babbling

exploration strategies

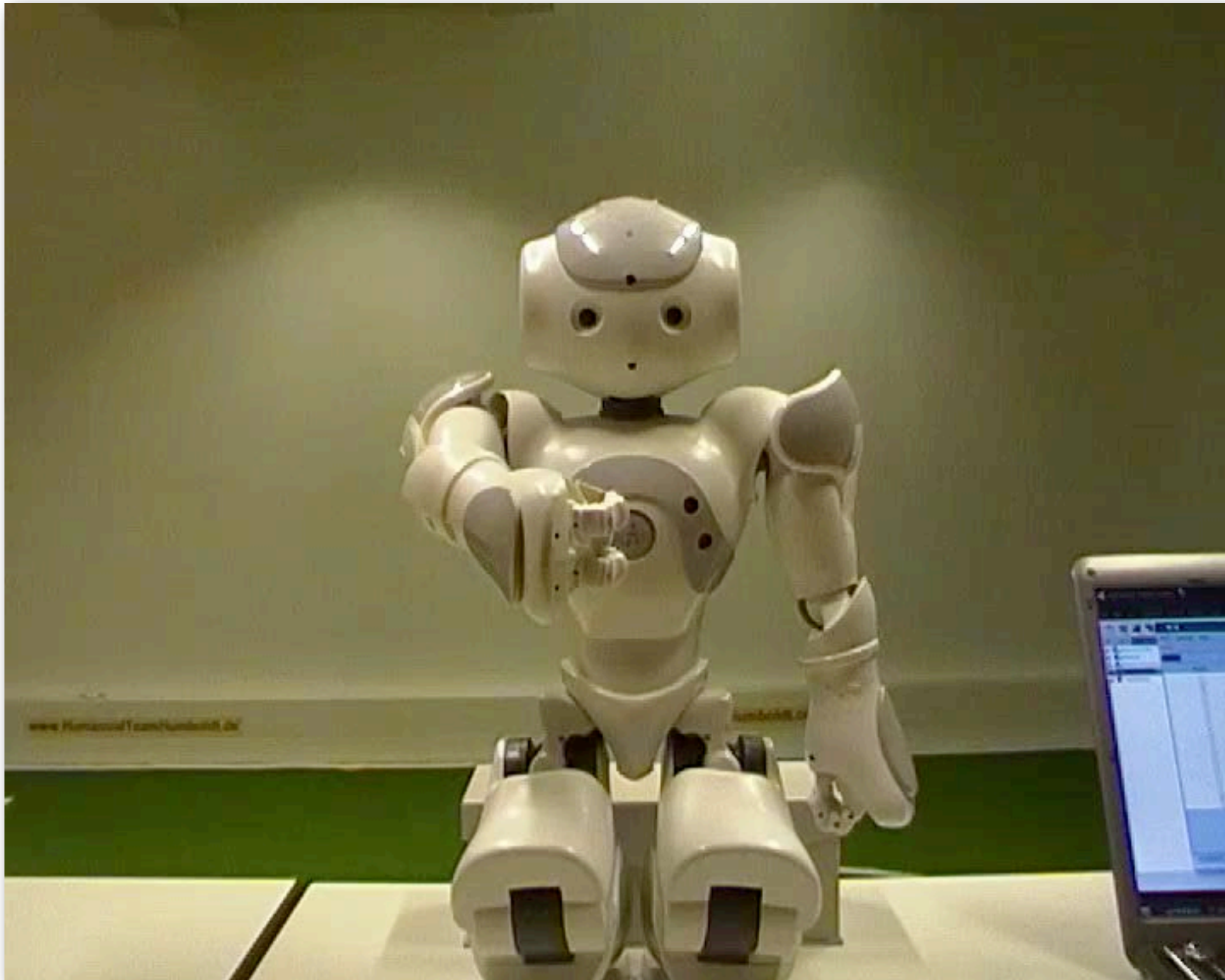


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Motor Babbling



Motor Babbling



Exploration Strategies

- Random motor babbling
- Goal-directed
- Intrinsic motivation



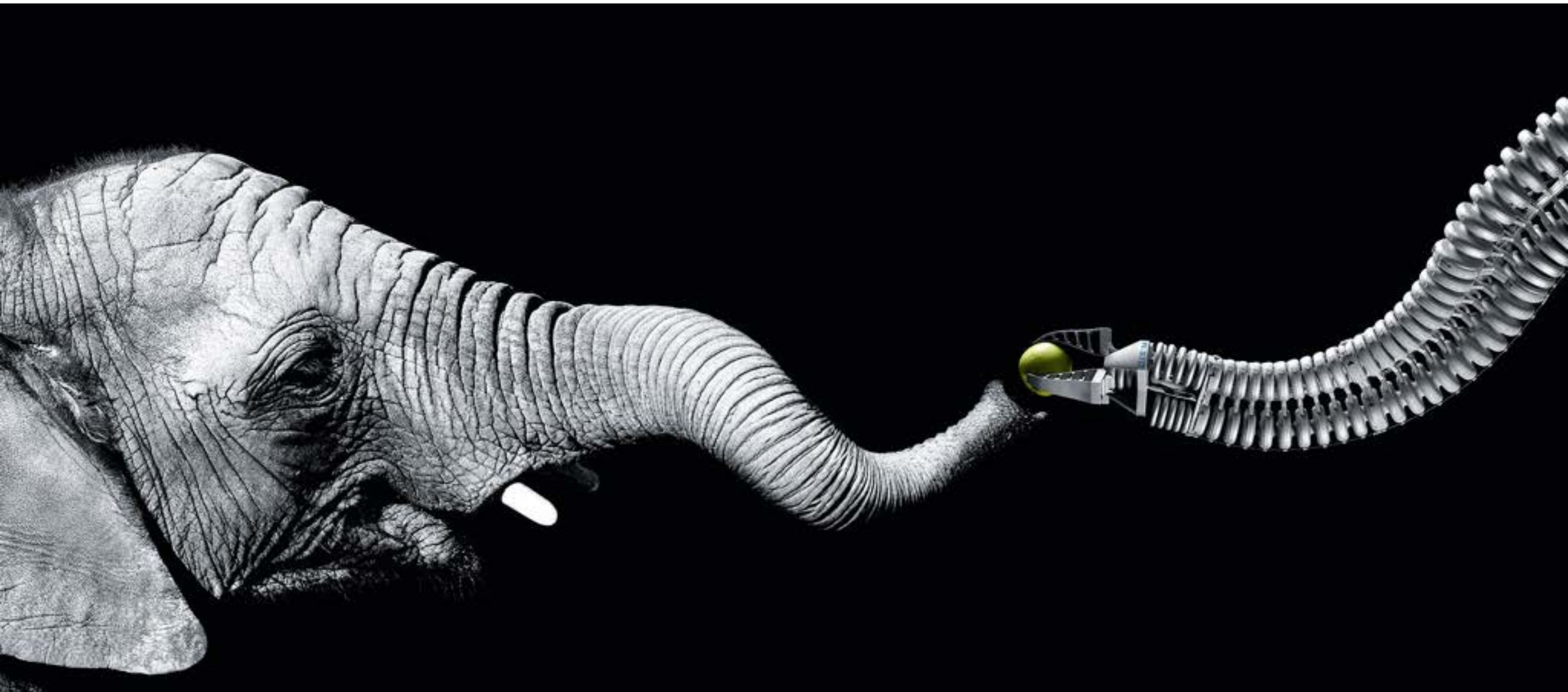
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soft robotics



Festo: Bionic handling assistant

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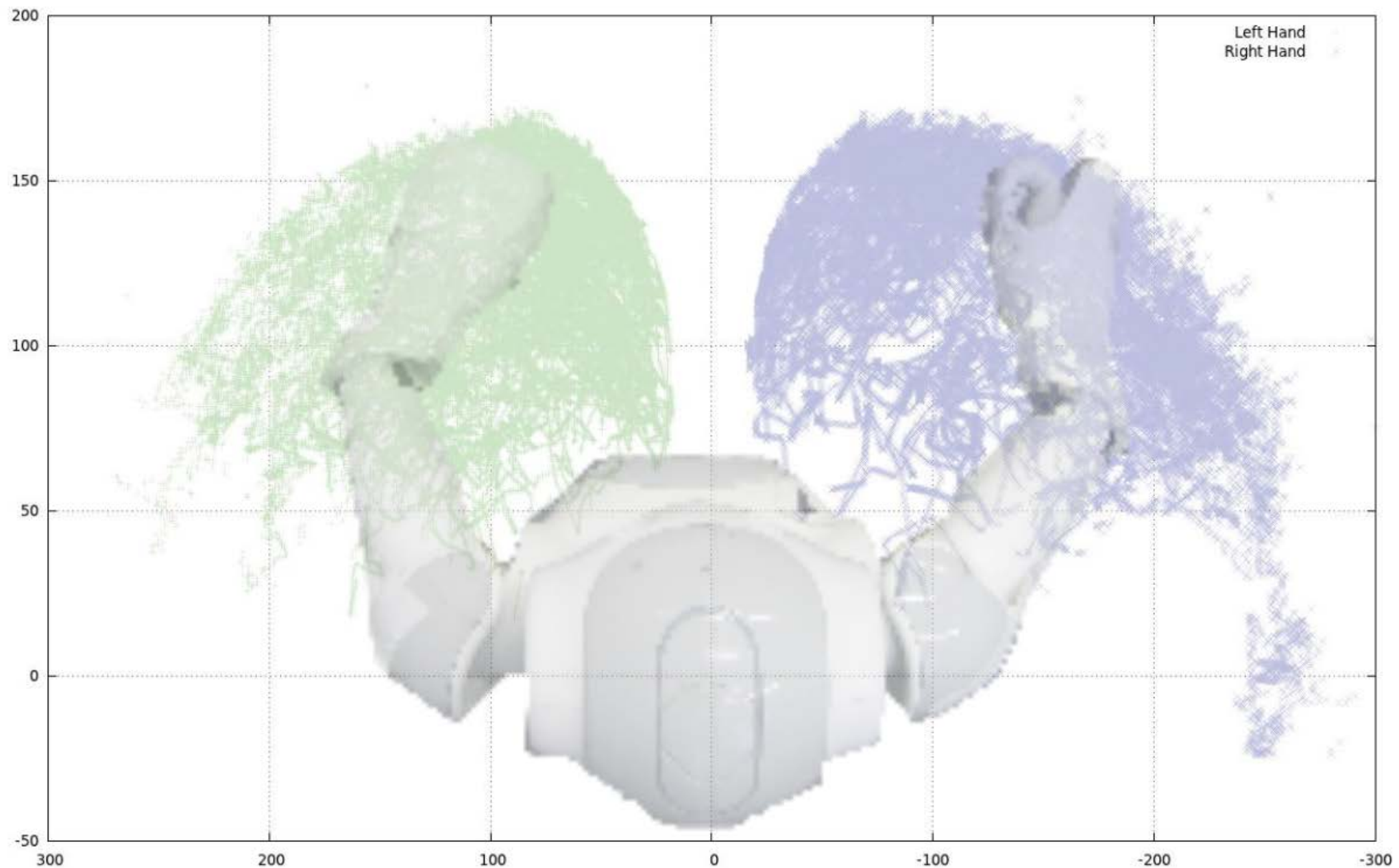


The Playground
Experiment
(intrinsic motivation,
maximise learning
progress)

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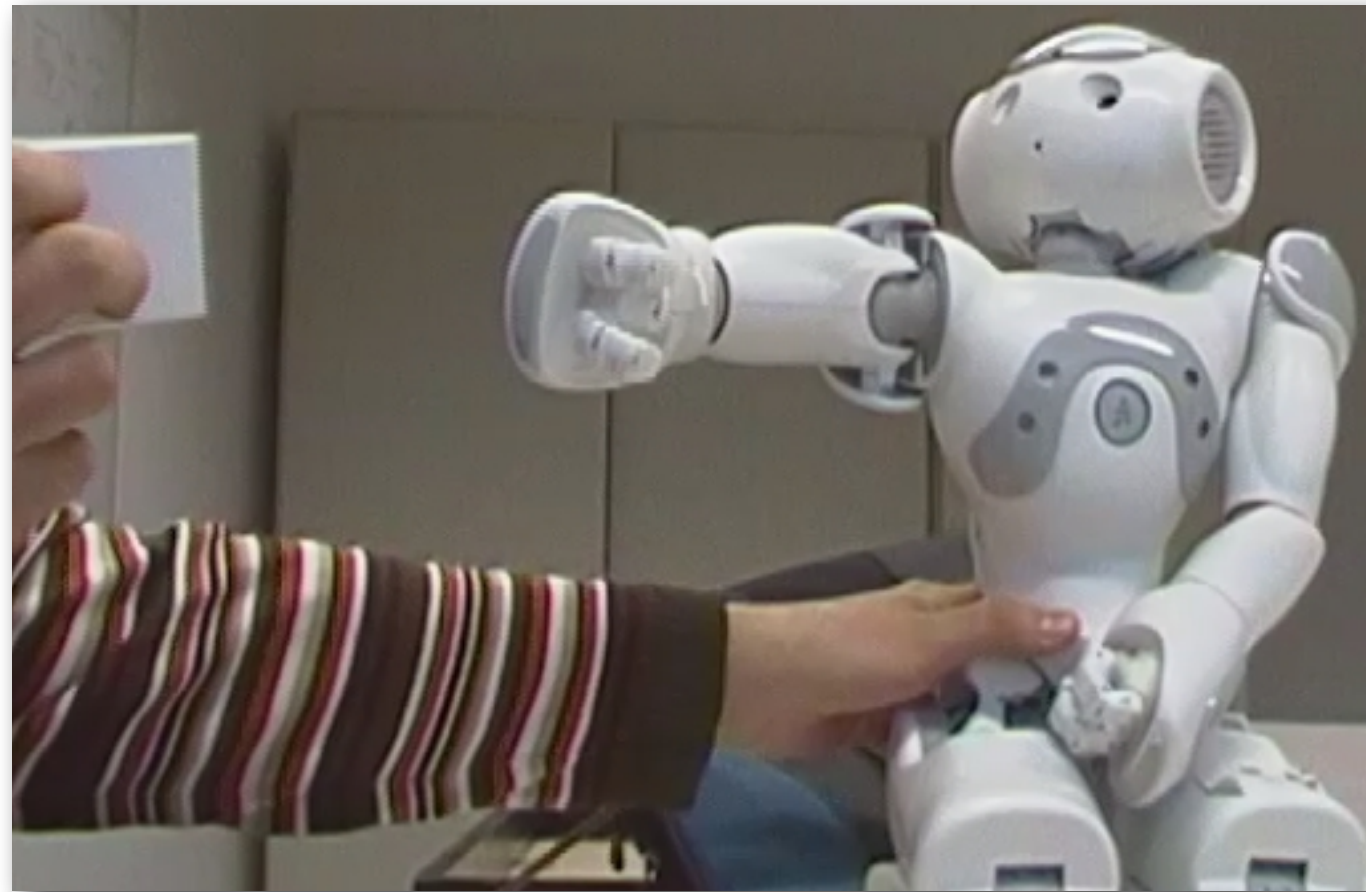
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Sensorimotor Exploration



action spaces on a Nao robot

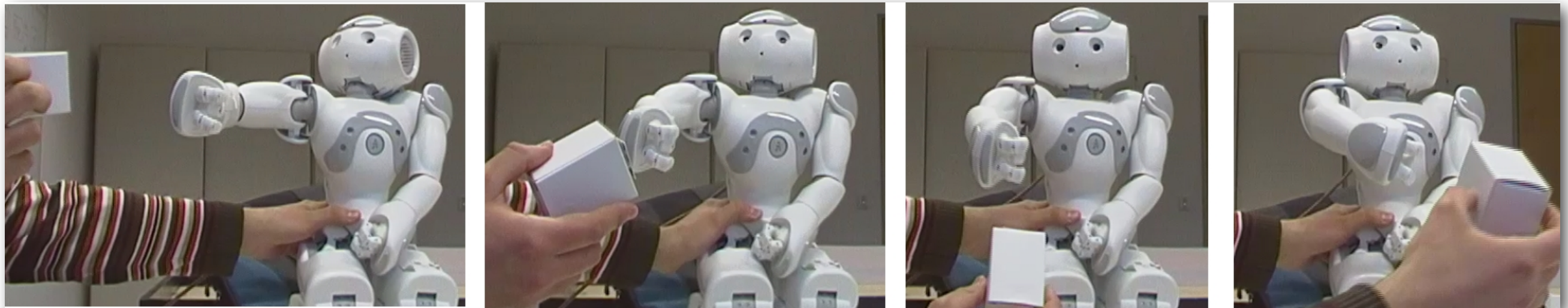
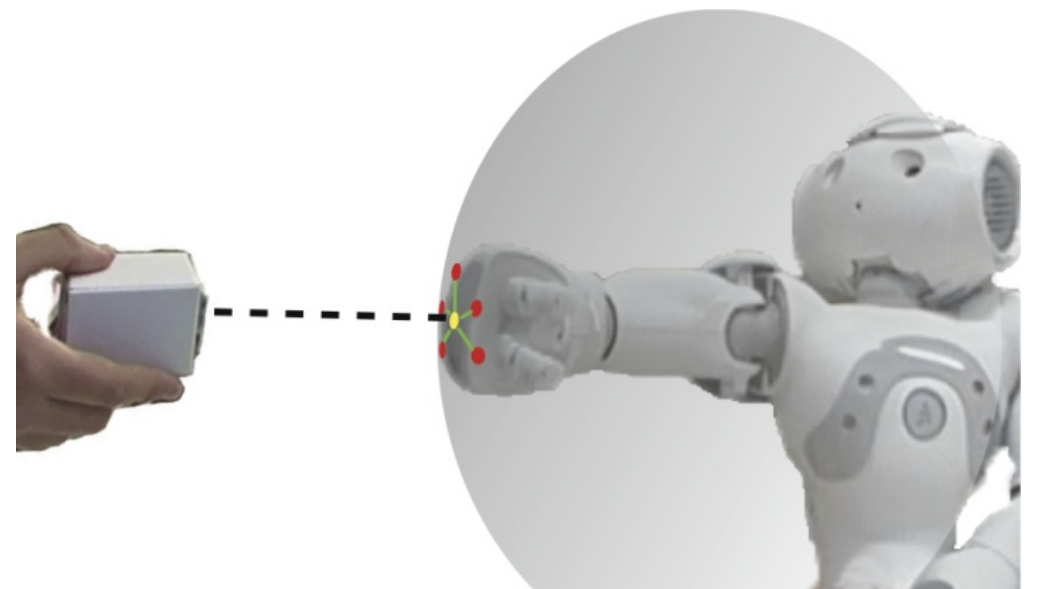
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Could pointing emerge from grasping?

object outside the field of grasp



future challenges

- Language -> next week's main lecture by Anthony Morse, Univ. Plymouth
- Mathematics -> book by Lakoff

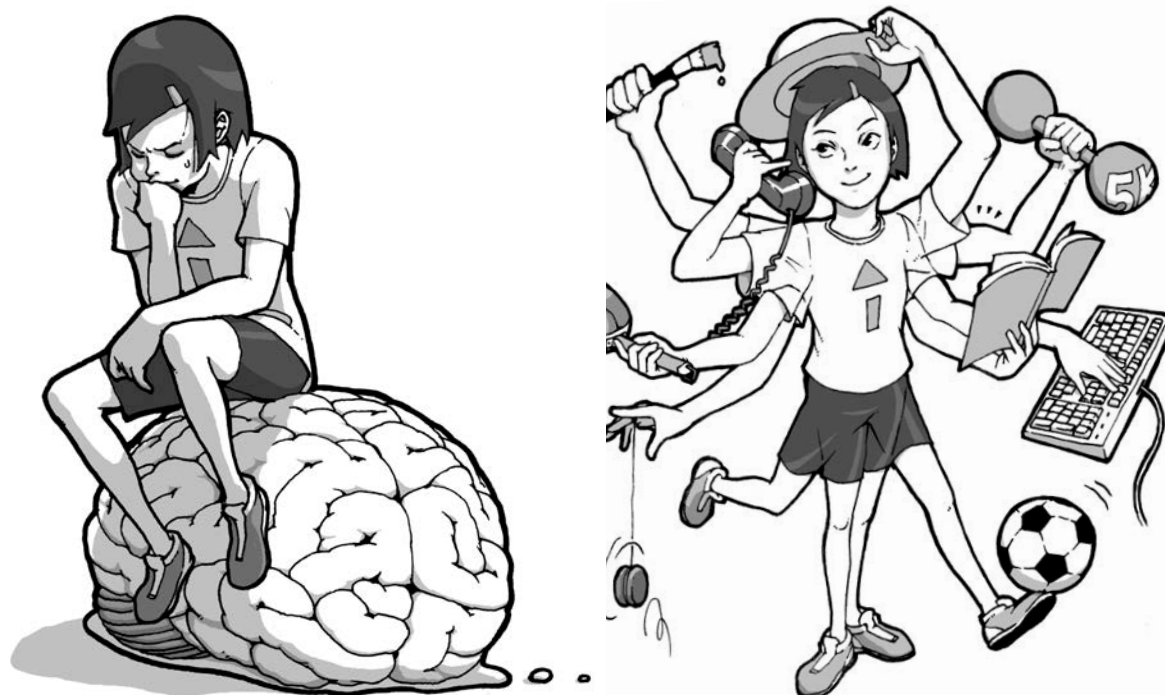
Assignments for next week

- **Read chapter 5 of “How the body ...”**
- **Assignments - volunteers?**

End of lecture 5

Thank you for your attention!

stay tuned for guest lectures



Lecture 5: Guest speaker



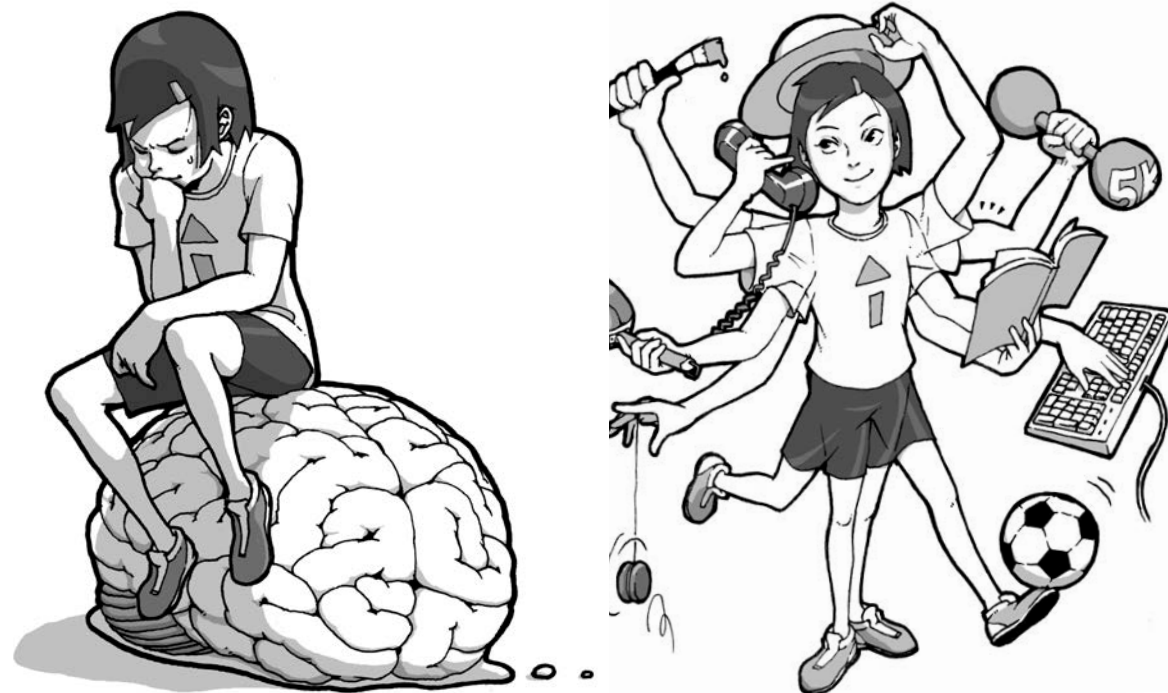
**Guest lecture "Robotics in the Human Brain Project" by
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End of lecture 5

Thank you for your attention!

stay tuned for lecture 6

**“Developmental Robotics: Language”
(Anthony Morse, Plymouth, UK)**



Thank you.

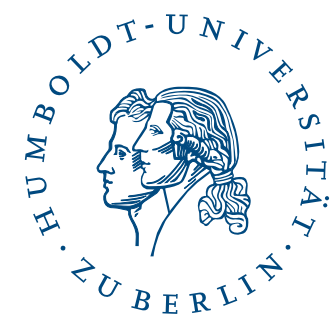


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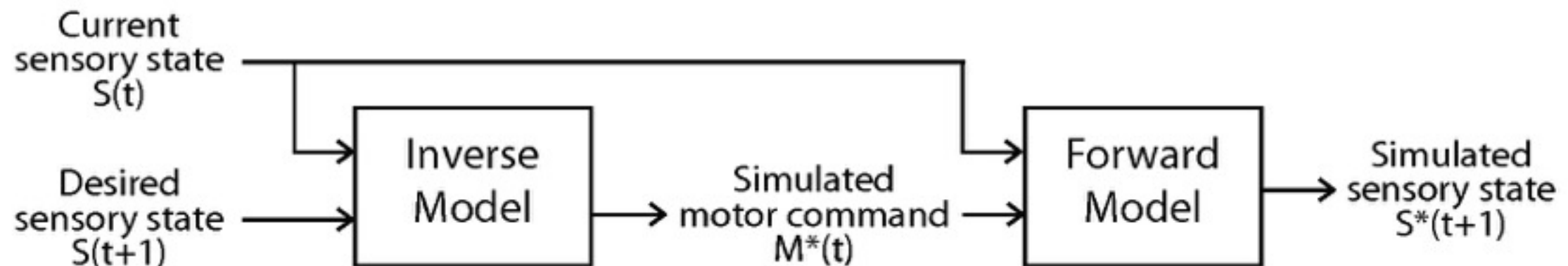




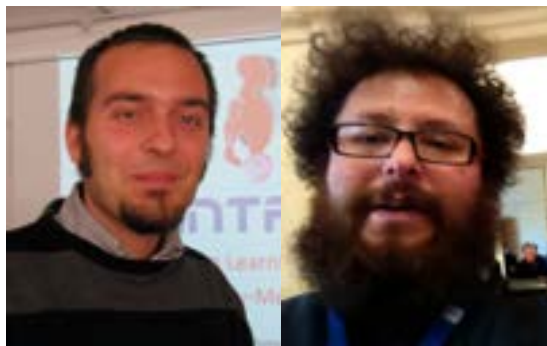
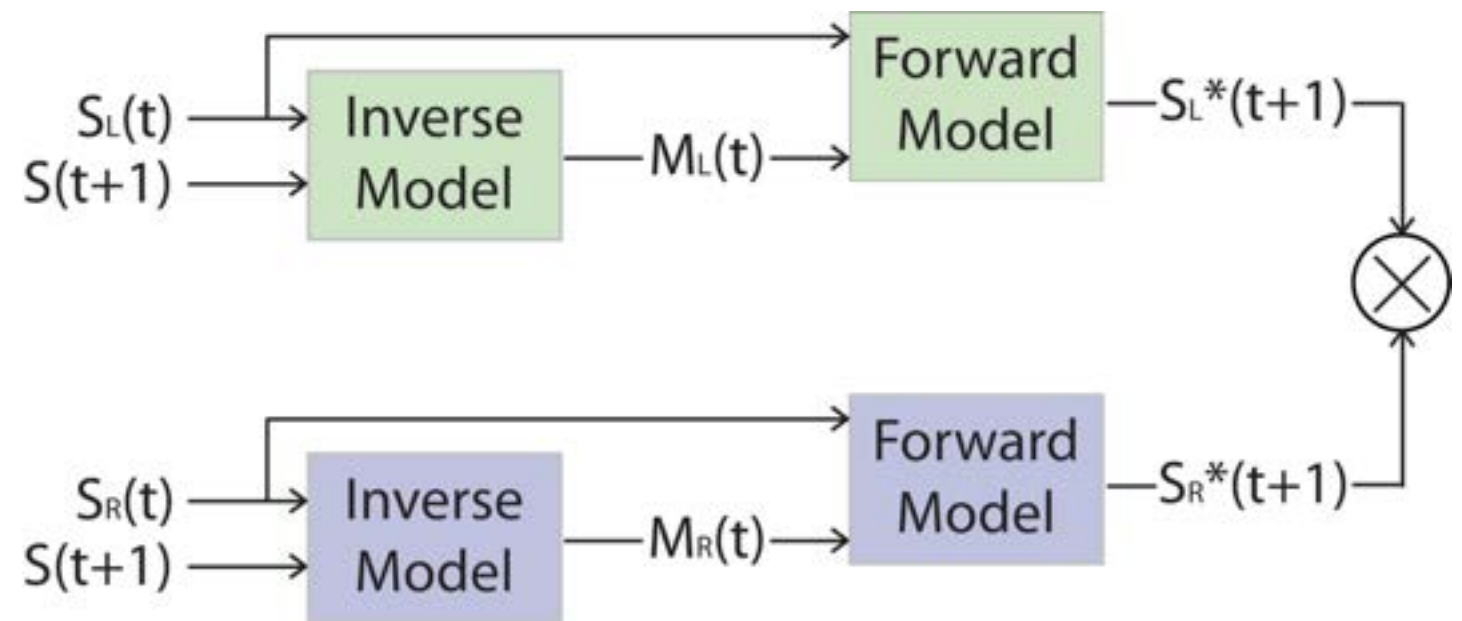
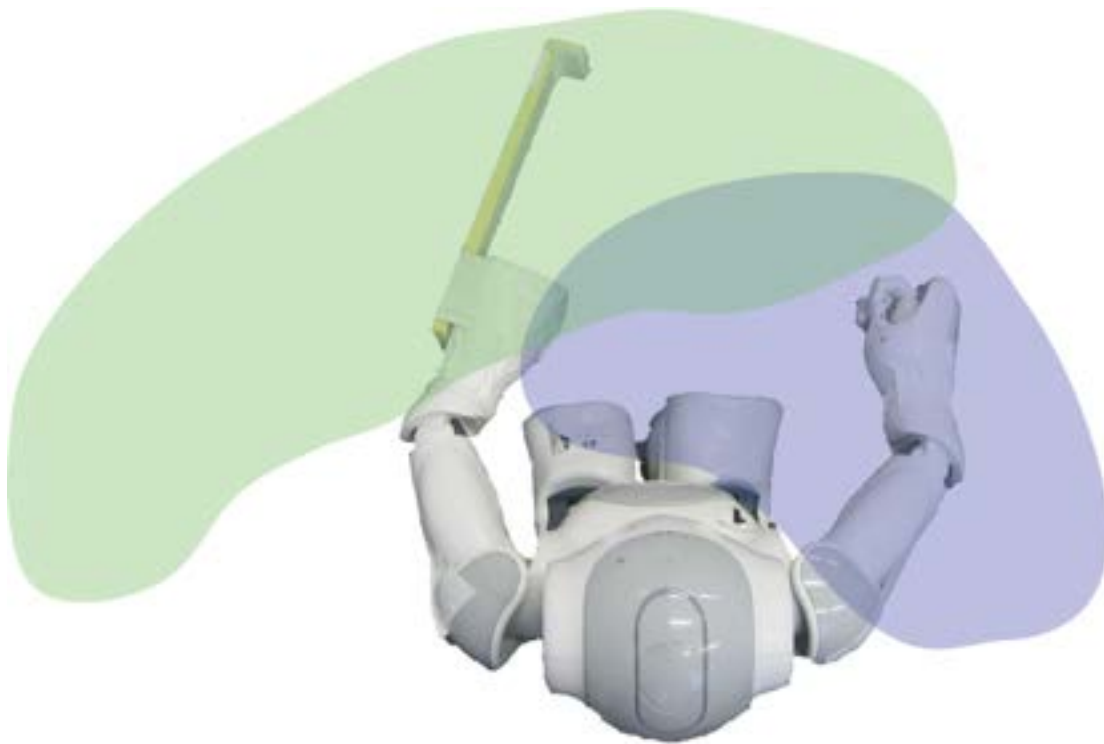
Internal Models



Predictions of own and others' actions for decision making and action recognition



...Tool-use and Internal Models



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