

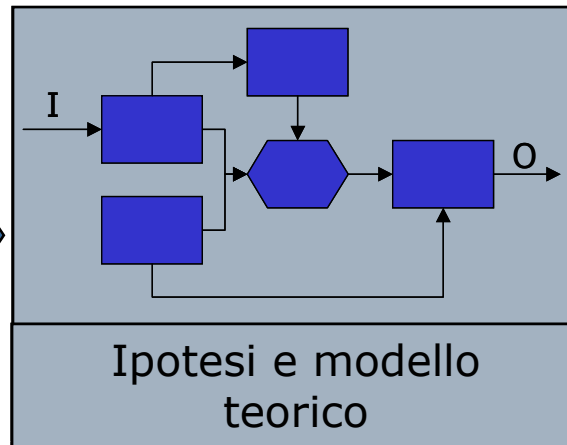
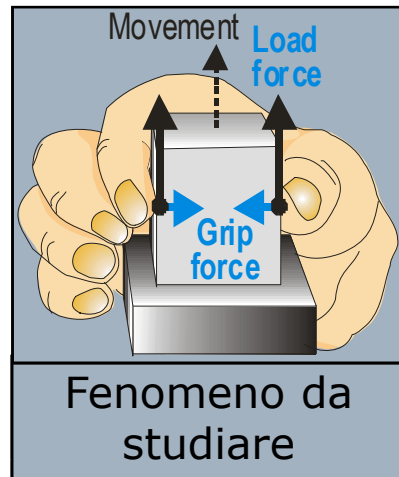
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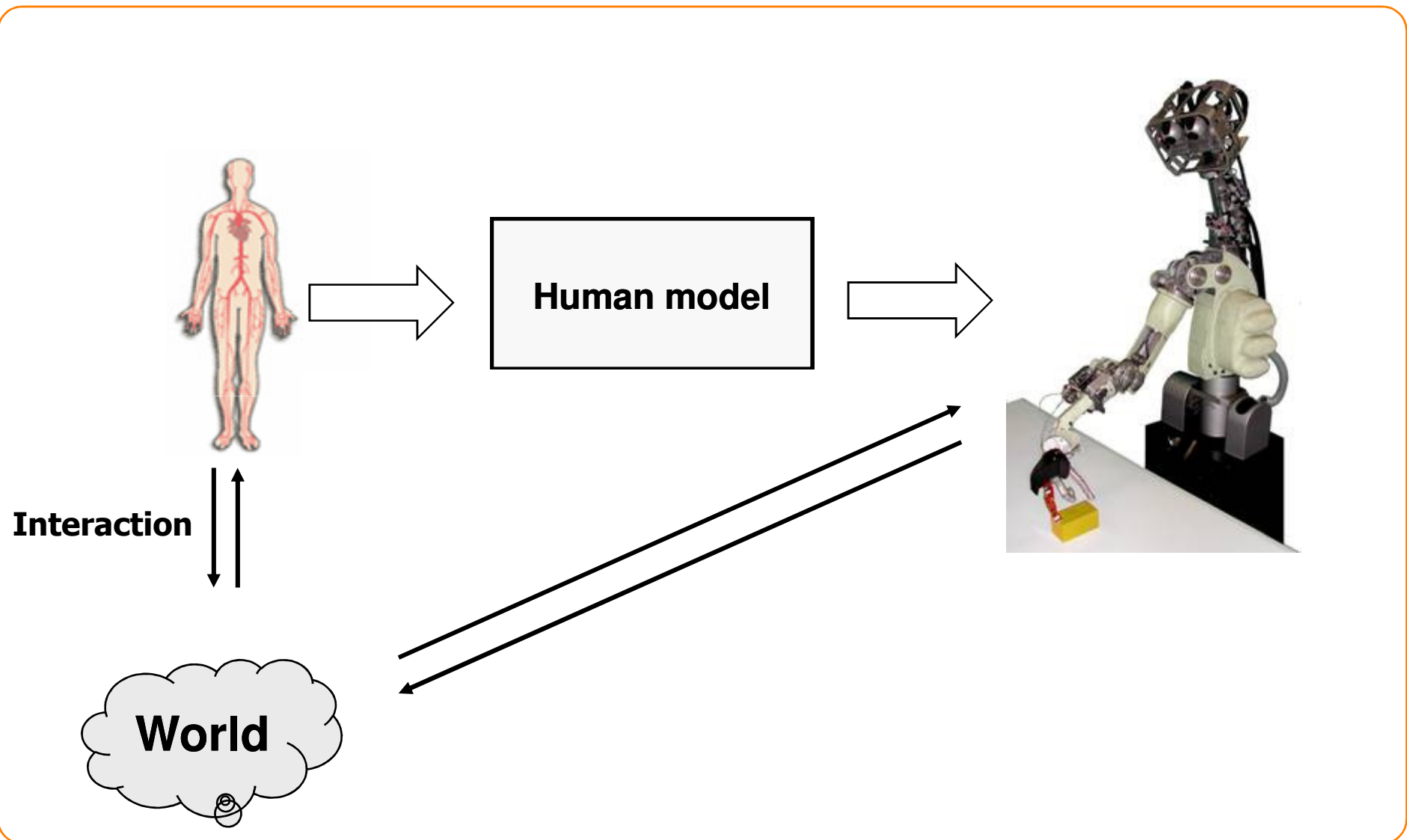
**Progettazione
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Progettare e costruire macchine per l'Uomo

Scienza Biorobotica

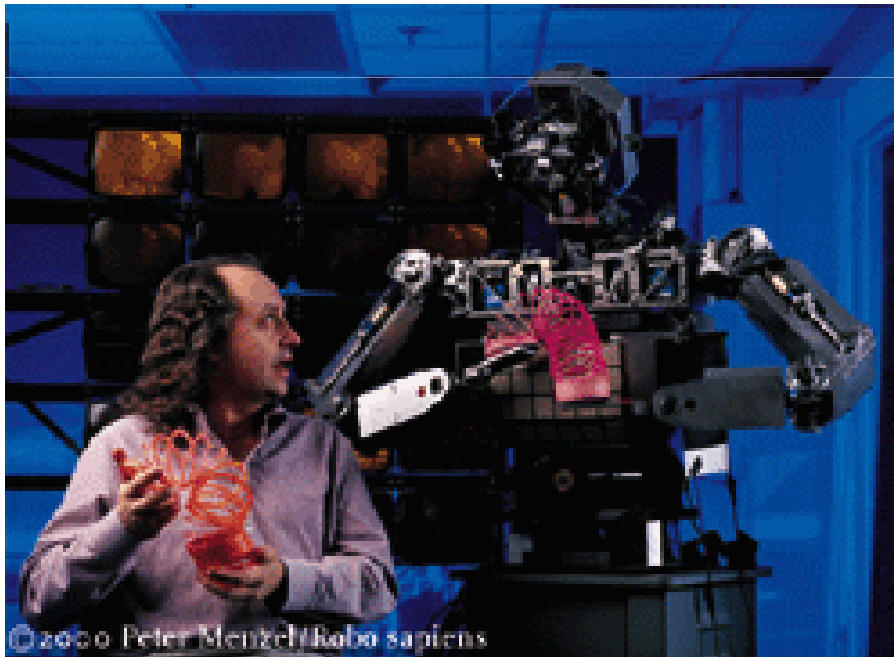


Biorobotica vs simulazione e modelli animali



Biorobotic research at the AI Lab, MIT, USA

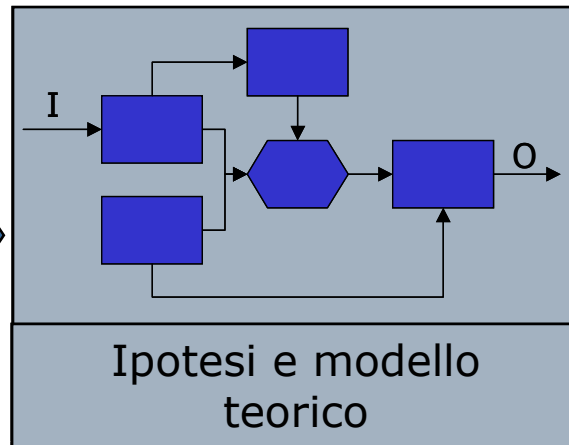
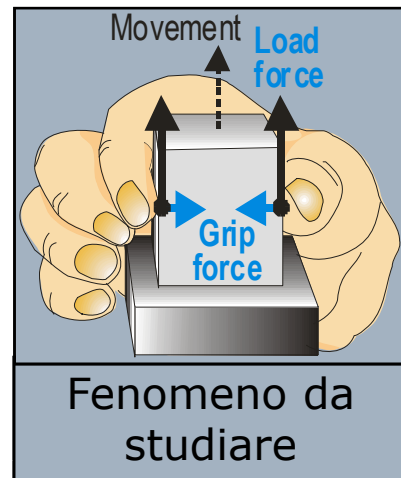
"Humanoid intelligence requires humanoid interactions with the world"



*"It turns out to be easier to build **real robots** than to **simulate complex interactions with the world**, including perception and motor control. Leaving those things out would deprive us of key insights into the nature of human intelligence".*

Rodney Brooks

Scienza Biorobotica



Validazione del modello

ESPERIMENTO
Confronto fra la
prestazione del robot e
quella del sistema
biologico

Biorobotics epistemology

Proto-Cybernetics (J. Loeb 1905, 1912; H. S. Jennings 1906)

Mechanicism Vs. Functionalism for studying the behavior of living organisms

If a machine is implemented on the basis of a theory of behavior, and ***it behaves according to what this theory allows to predict***, this test reinforces the proposed theory

Cybernetics (Rosenblueth, Wiener, Bigelow 1943)

Unified approach to the study of living organisms and machines

Purposive adaptive behaviors (in animals and humans) are produced by *feedback machines (teleology)*

Machines as 'material models' useful for testing scientific hypotheses

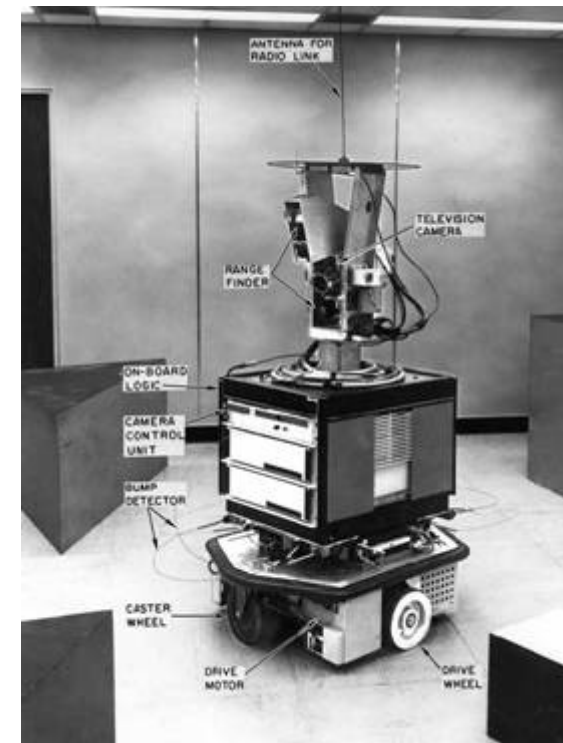
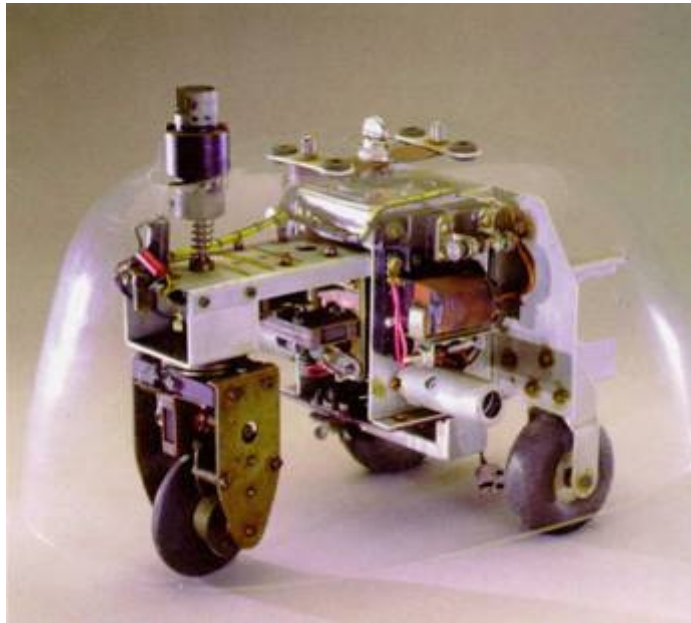
Machines are used for SCIENCE



Cybernetic Robotics

Turtle robots (The living brain, Grey Walter, 1950-1953): simple robotic models of 'emerging' behaviors

Machina speculatrix, Machina docilis, etc.



Early robots ('80/'90)

Costruire l'umanoide per capire l'Uomo



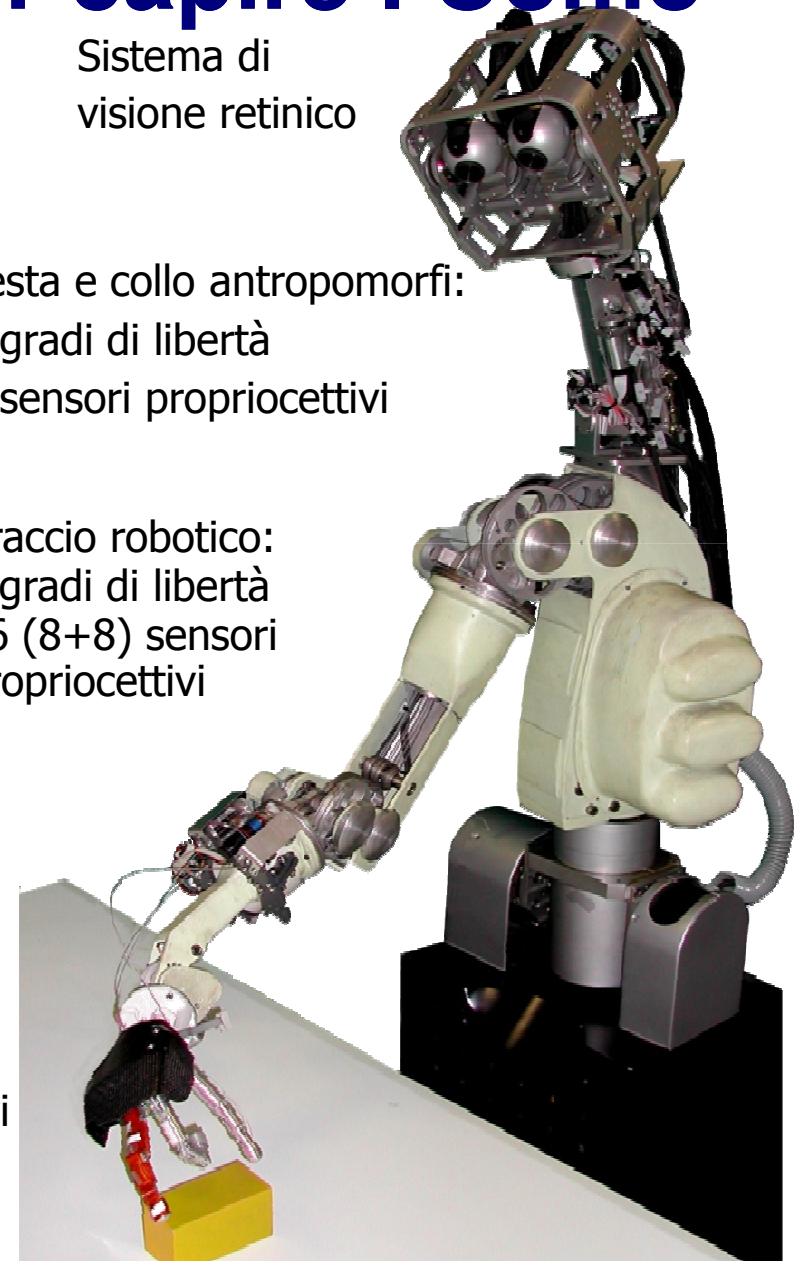
Sistema di
visione retinico

Testa e collo antropomorfi:
7 gradi di libertà
7 sensori propriocettivi

Braccio robotico:
8 gradi di libertà
16 (8+8) sensori
propriocettivi

Gradi di libertà	25
Sensori propriocettivi	36
Sensori tattili	12
Sensori visivi	2

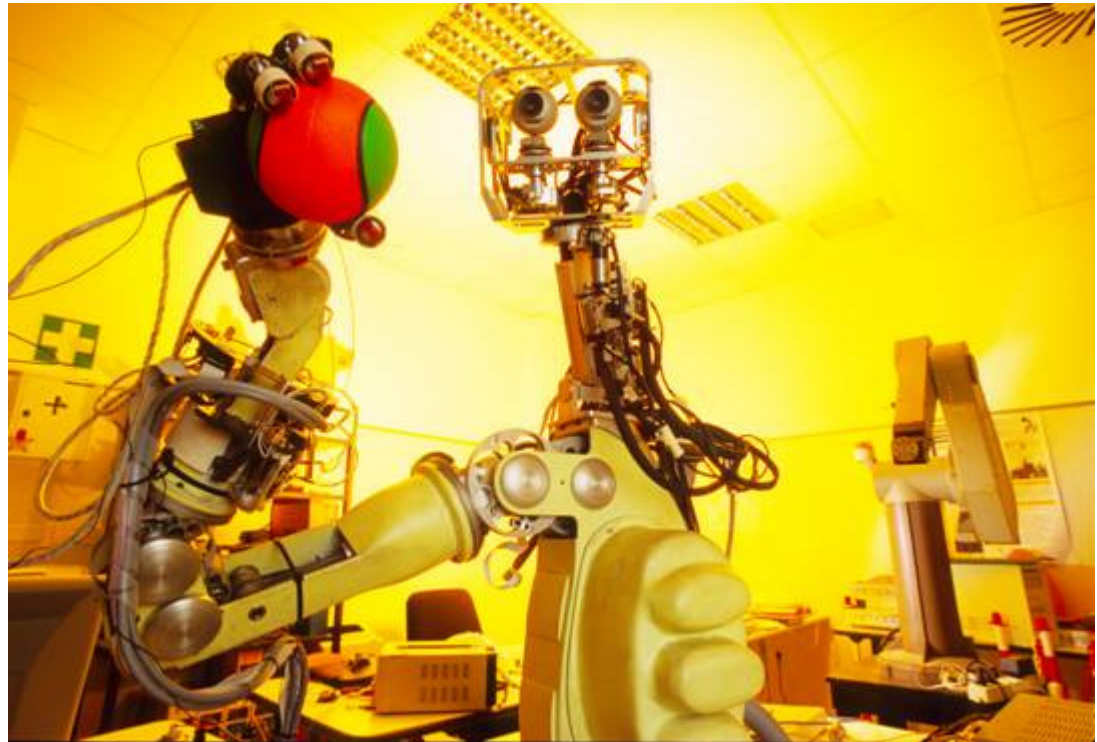
Mano biomeccatronica:
10 gradi di libertà
13 sensori propriocettivi
12 sensori tattili



Una piattaforma robotica per validare un modello dell'apprendimento della coordinazione senso-motoria per la presa nei neonati

Obiettivi:

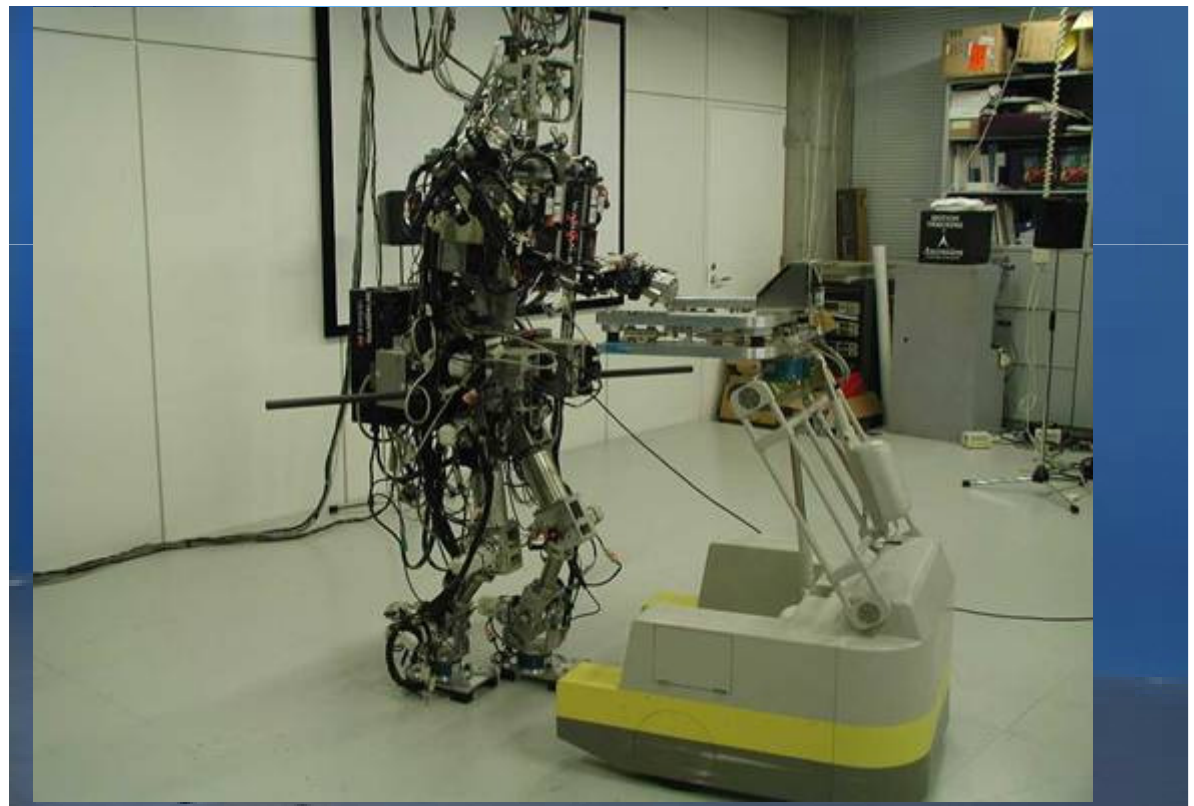
- Migliorare le conoscenze sulla connettività cerebrale (architettura) e sull'attività cerebrale (funzionalità), riguardo la coordinazione senso-motoria nella presa nei bambini
- Integrare una piattaforma robotica per la presa e la manipolazione per validare modelli neurofisiologici delle 5 fasi di apprendimento della coordinazione visuo-tatto-motoria nei neonati



P. Dario, M.C. Carrozza, E. Guglielmelli, C. Laschi, A. Menciassi, S. Micera, F. Vecchi, "Robotics as a "Future and Emerging Technology: biomimetics, cybernetics and neuro-robotics in European projects", *IEEE Robotics and Automation Magazine*, Vol.12, No.2, June 2005, pp.29-43.

Un robot umanoide come modello del cammino umano

Walking robot Wabian-2R

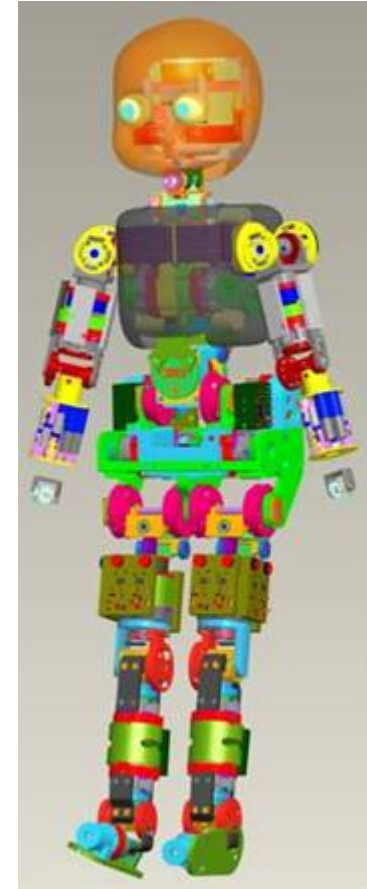
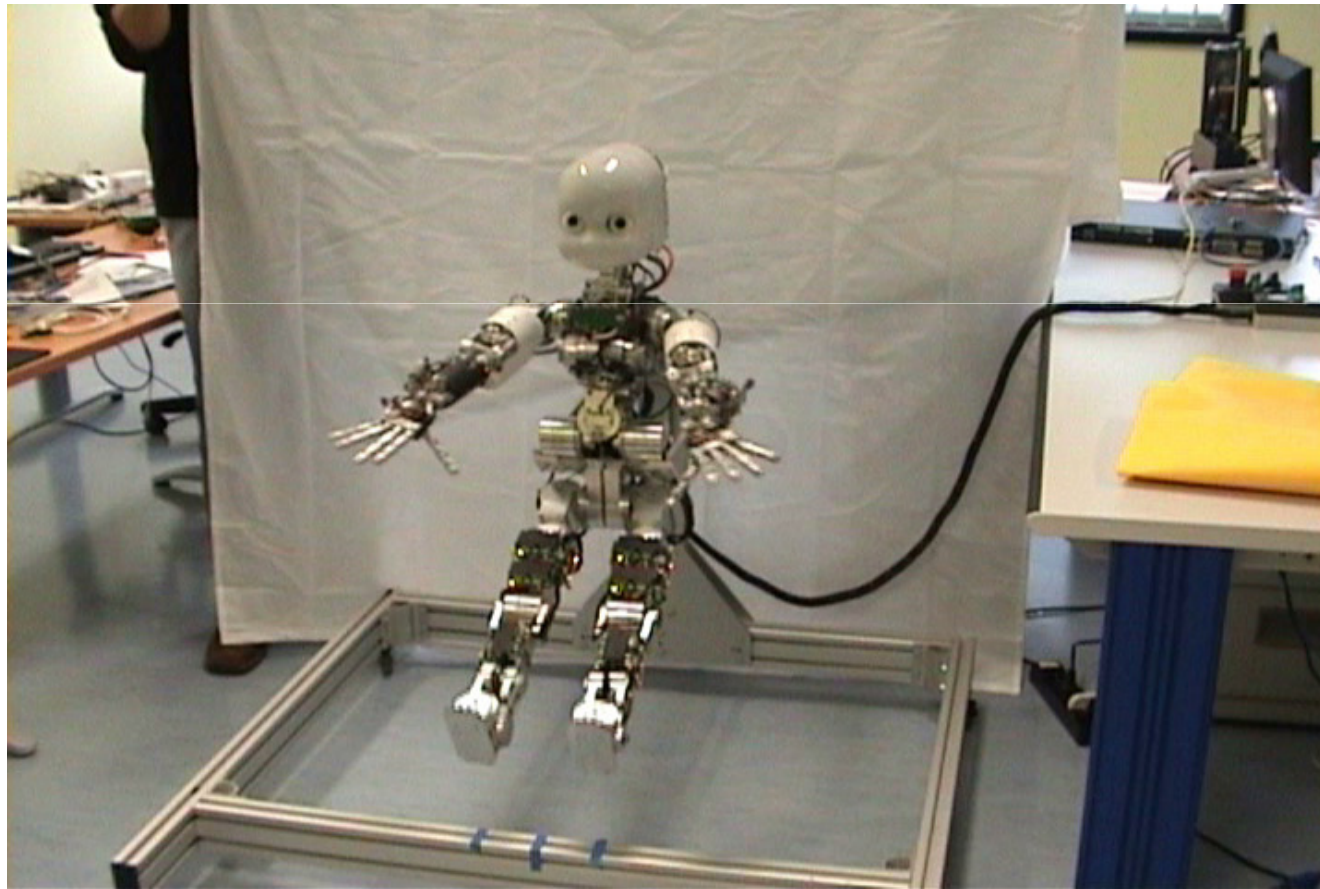


**WABIAN come simulatore dell'Uomo e strumento per la
progettazione e la valutazione quantitativa di dispositivi di
supporto alla deambulazione**

RobotCub Project



Objective: to understand how the brain of living systems transforms sensory input into motor and cognitive functions by implementing physical models of sensory-motor behaviours



From Swimming to Walking with a Salamander Robot Driven by a Spinal Cord Model

Auke Jan Ijspeert,^{1*} Alessandro Crespi,¹ Dimitri Ryczko,^{2,3} Jean-Marie Cabelguen^{2,3}

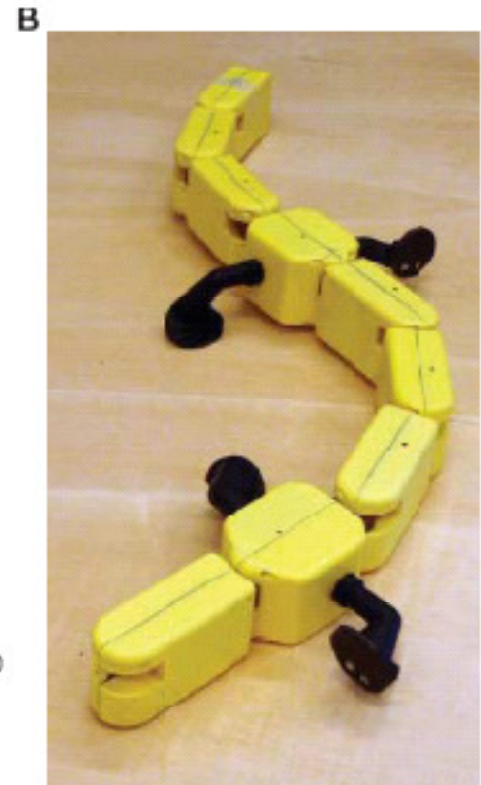
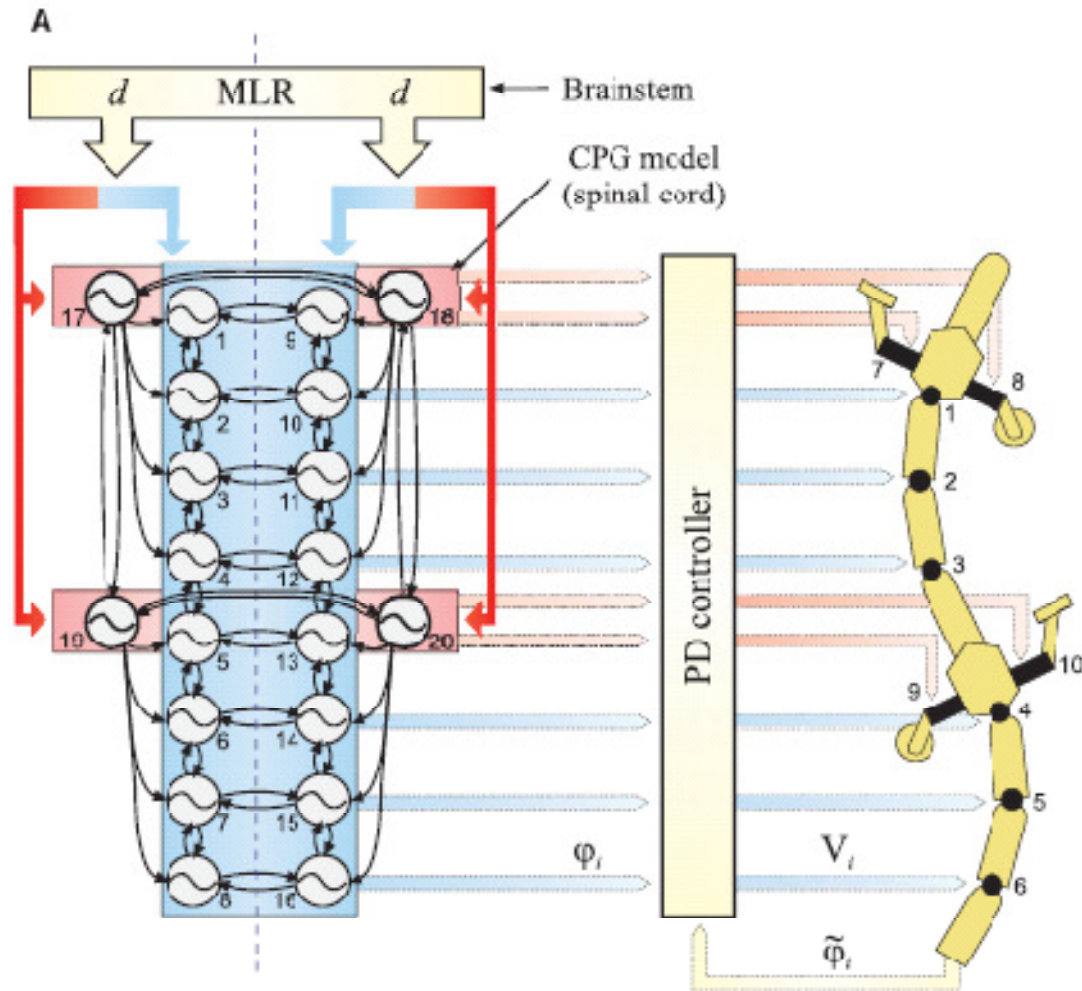
The **transition from aquatic to terrestrial locomotion** was a key development in vertebrate evolution.

An amphibious salamander robot demonstrates how a **primitive neural circuit for swimming can be extended by phylogenetically more recent limb oscillatory centers** to explain the ability of salamanders to switch between swimming and walking.

The model suggests **neural mechanisms for modulation of velocity, direction, and type of gait that are relevant for ALL tetrapods.**

CPG Model and the Robot

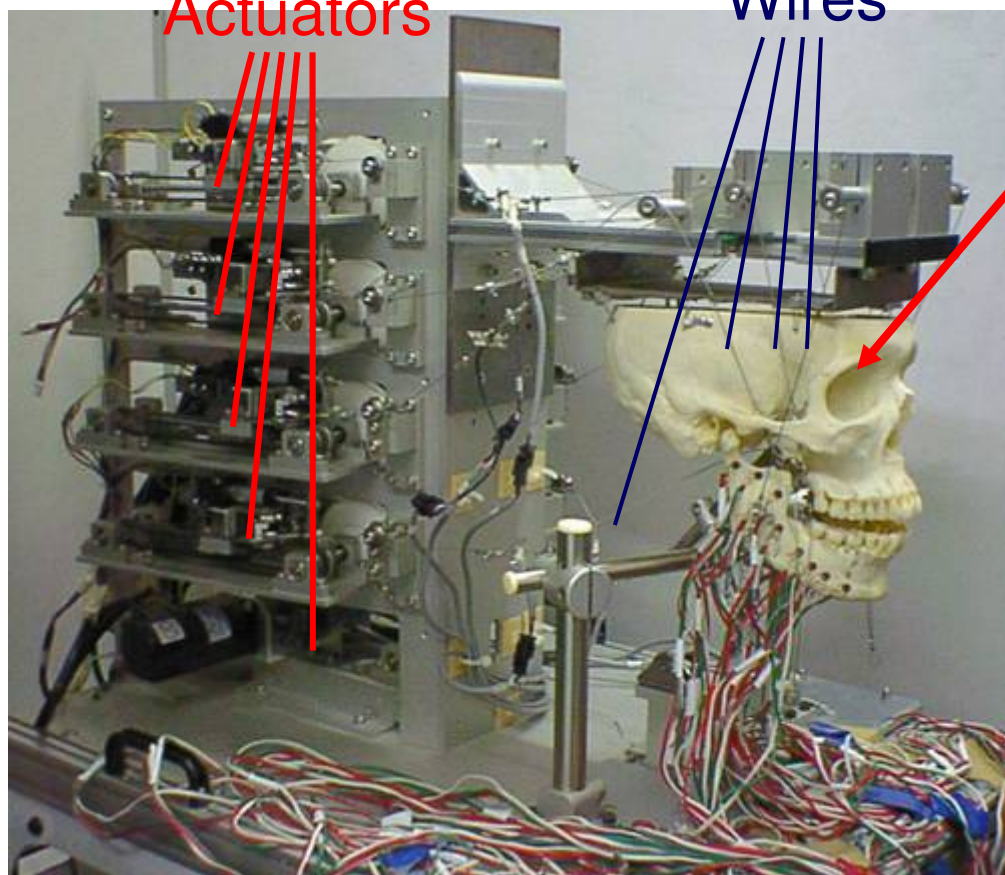
Fig. 1. Configuration of the CPG model (A) and salamander robot (B). The robot is driven by 10 dc motors, which actuate six hinge joints for the spine (black disks in the schematic view of the robot) and four rotational joints for the limbs (black cylinders). The CPG is composed of a body CPG—a double chain of 16 oscillators with nearest-neighbor coupling for driving the spine motors—and a limb CPG—4 oscillators for driving the limb motors. The outputs of the oscillators are used to determine the setpoints φ_i (desired angles) provided to proportional-derivative (PD) feedback controllers that control the motor torques (through their voltage V_i) given the actual angles $\hat{\varphi}_i$. The CPG model receives left and right drives d representing descending signals from the MLR region in the brain stem. The velocity, direction, and type of gait exhibited by the robot can be adjusted by modifying these two signals.



Dental Robotics: Clarify Human Mastication with Mastication Scientists

Artificial Muscle
Actuators

Tendon Driving
Wires



Real Human Dry Skull

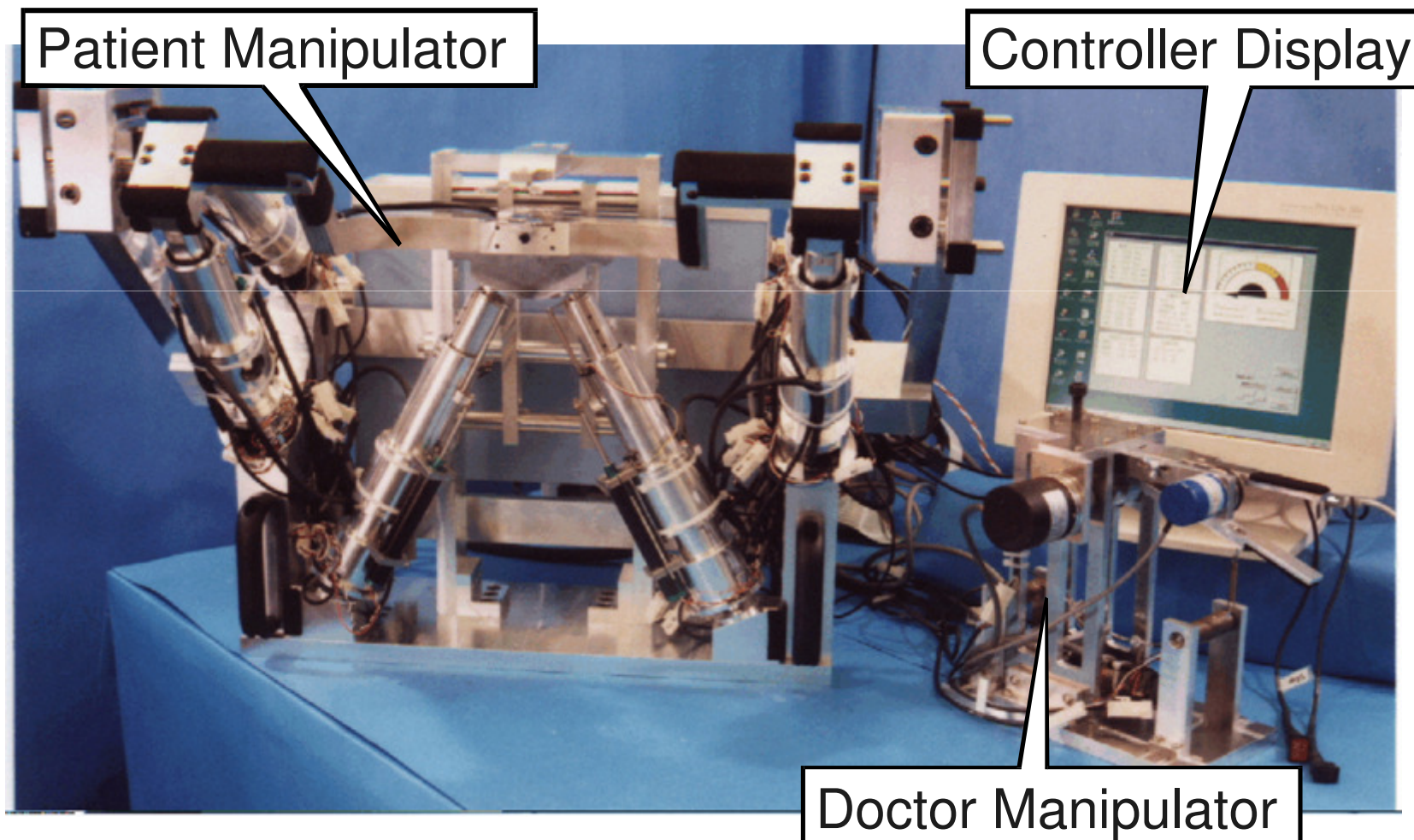
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Depth : 600 [mm]

9 DOF

- 9 AC Servo Motors
- Wire Drive
- Nonlinear Viscoelasticity

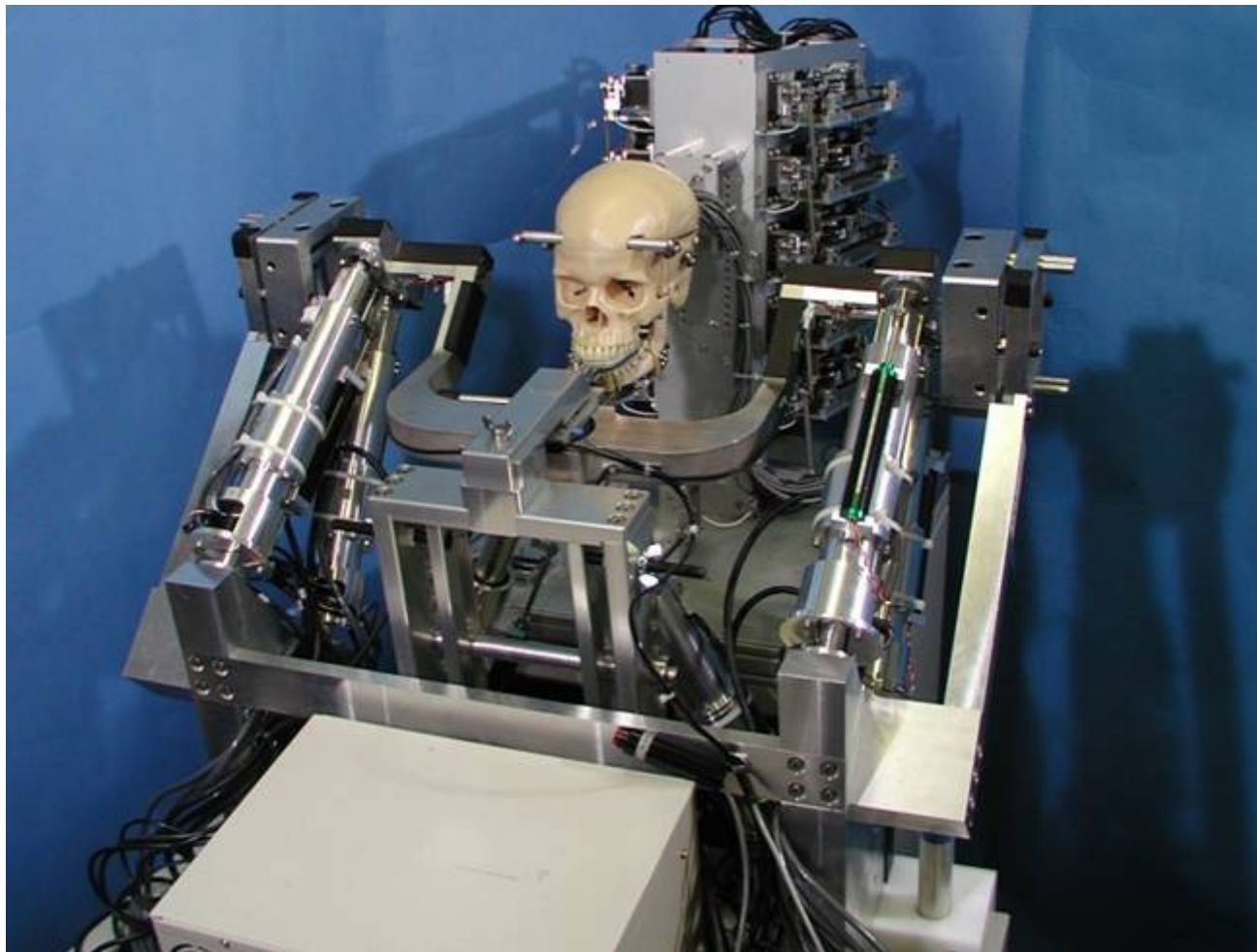
With OKINO Industries

Jaw Training Robot for TMD Patients Designed using Human Mastication Model



Jaw Training Robot and Patient Simulator Robot for Exploring New Robotic Treatment Methodology

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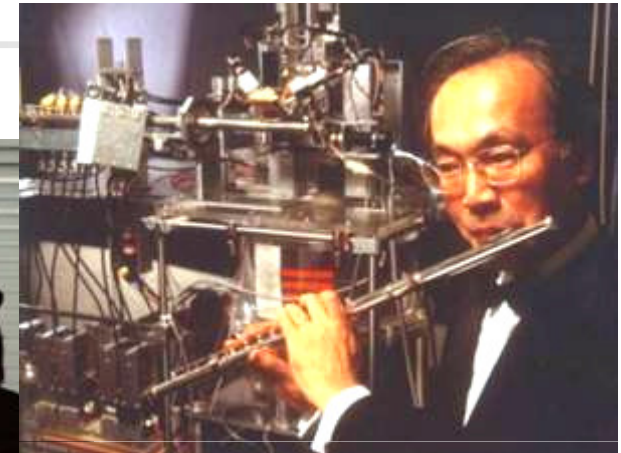
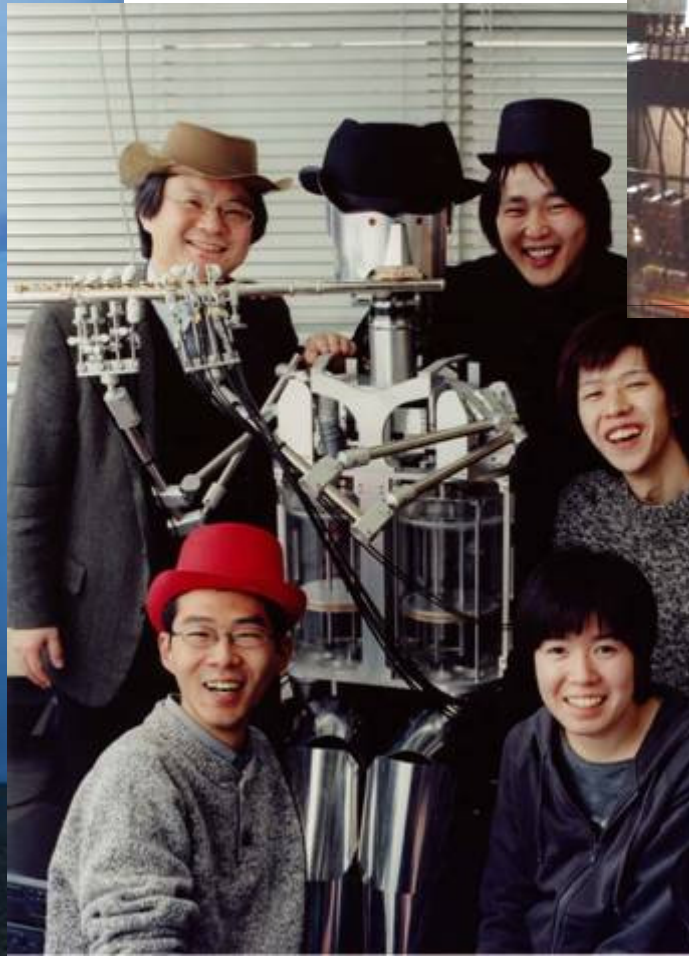


Flutist Robot for Simulating Human Flute Playing:WF-4

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3D
SolidWorks

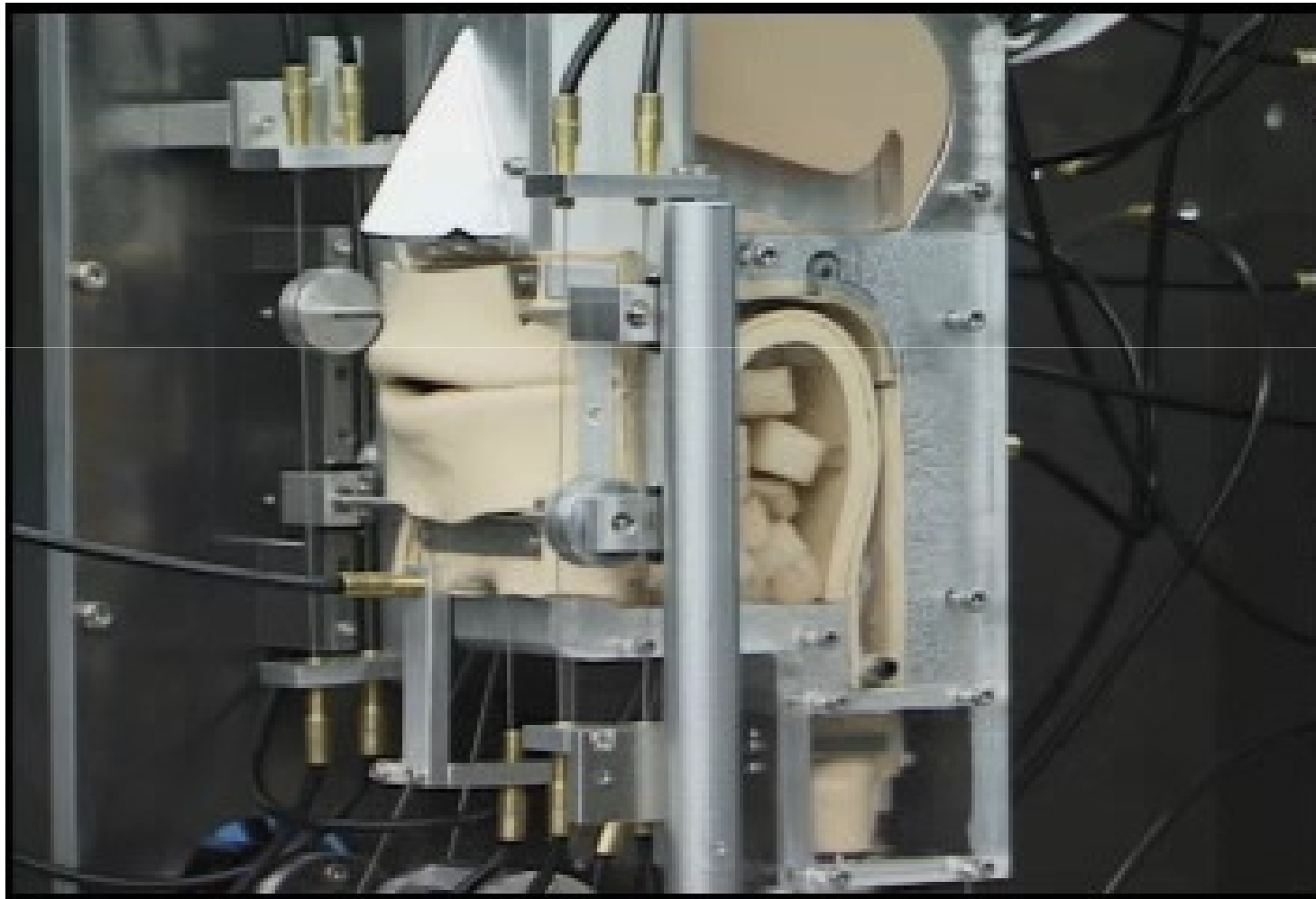


Professional
Flutist: Mr.
Kunimitsu
Wakamatsu

GIFU-WASEDA WABOT-HOUSE Project

Modeling of Human Speech Production Using Talking Robots: WT-3/4

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Waseda Daigaku (Waseda University)

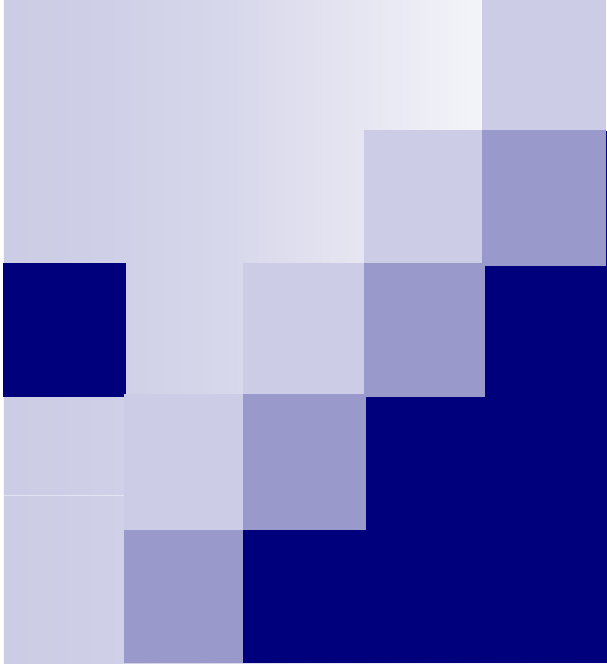
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**Robotica in
chirurgia**

Il robot chirurgico “Da Vinci”



Da Vinci System, Intuitive Surgical Inc.



- Master-slave manipulator equipped with 2 articulated joints at the tip of the surgical instruments allowing 7 degrees of freedom
- Mimics the movements of surgeon's wrist and fingers in the abdominal or thoracic cavity

The Evolution of Surgery

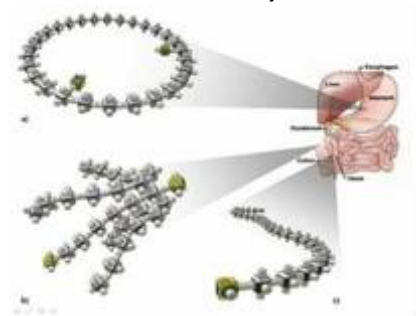
TRADITIONAL SURGERY



MINIMALLY INVASIVE SURGERY



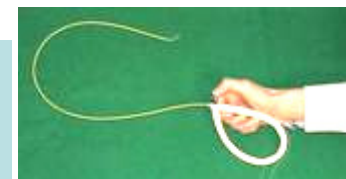
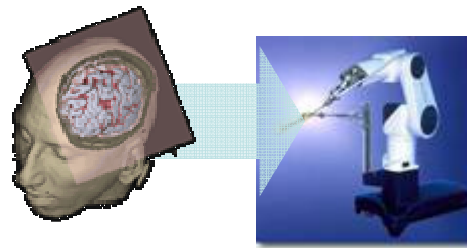
Da Vinci CAS system



ENDOLUMINAL SURGERY

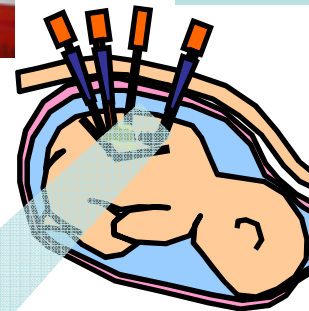


*Endoscopic capsules
Reconfigurable surgical systems*

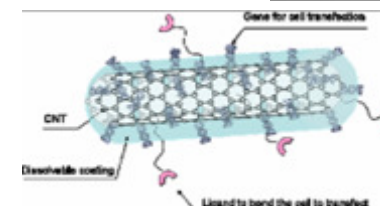
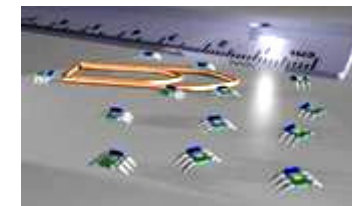


Micro-endoscope for spinal cord

FETAL SURGERY



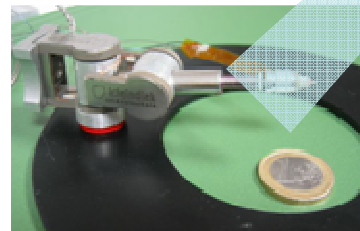
CELL SURGERY



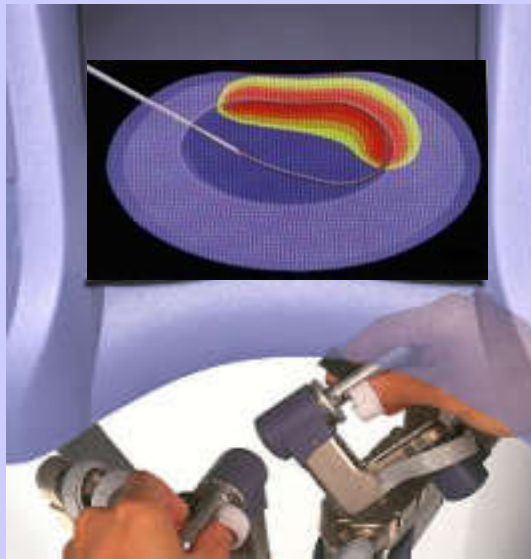
Artificial virus for cell therapy



Force-feedback scissor for fetal surgery



A system for spinal endoscopy



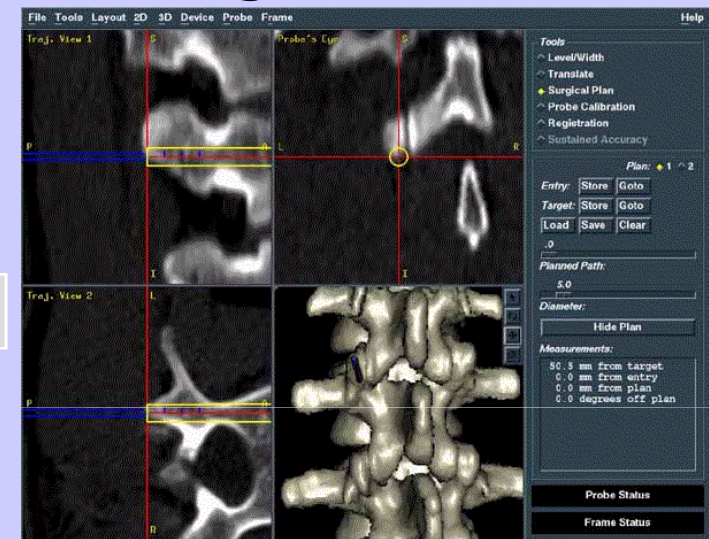
Human Machine Interface



Integrated Tool

Mechatronic Endoscope

Cognitive Unit



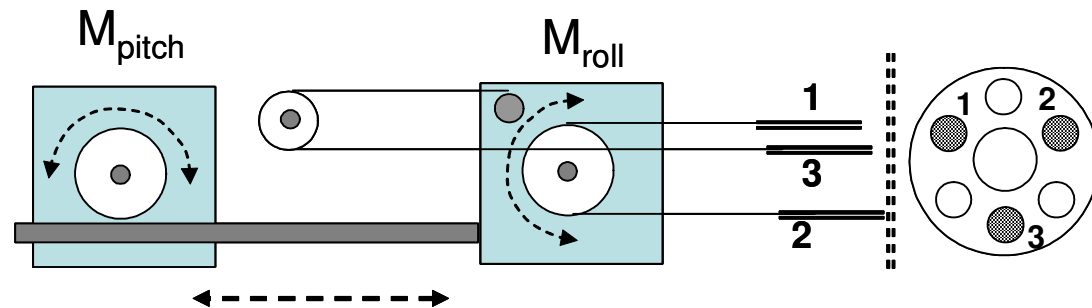
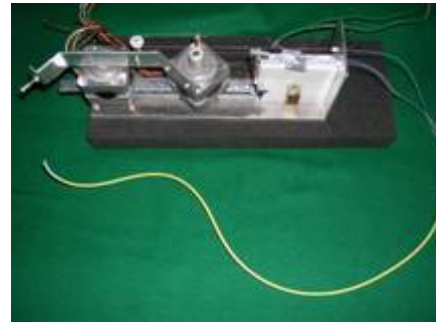
Patient
(with localization
sensors)

The MiNOSC robotic endoscopic platform

The robot-assisted
endoscopic platform is set
in the operating room.



The motor unit and the steerable catheter tip



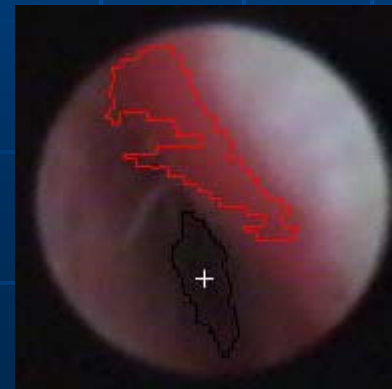
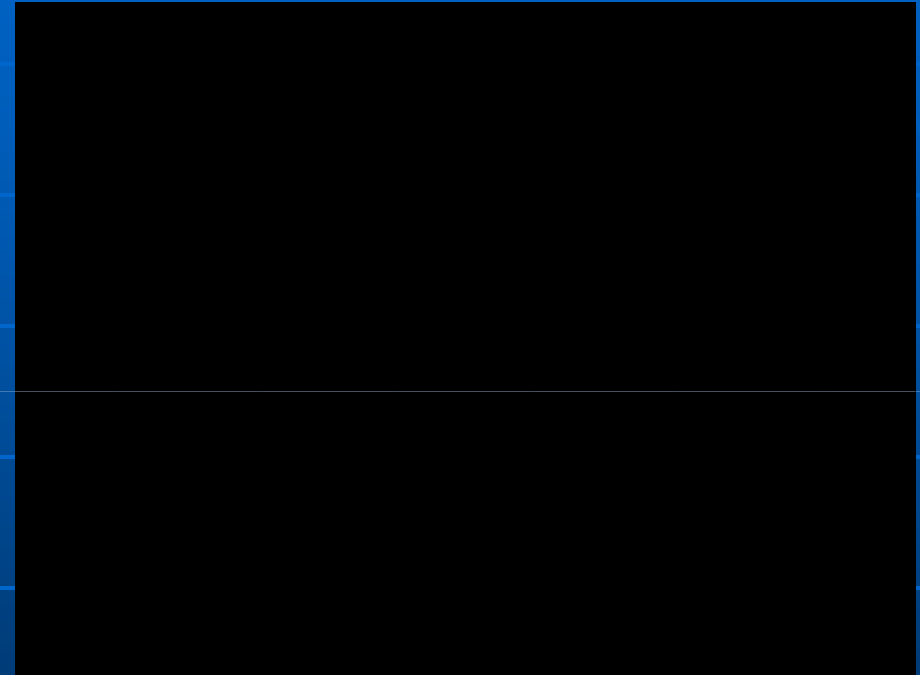
Schematic view of the 2 DoF motor unit; on the right: section
of the catheter; the dotted channels are used by the cables.



Segmentazione delle immagini endoscopiche

■ Risultati:

- L'algoritmo di segmentazione riesce sempre ad isolare correttamente le regioni lumen le quali non vengono mai sovradimensionate
- Le vene vengono riconosciute correttamente
- I nervi vengono isolati correttamente anche se esistono possibili interpretazioni sbagliate di bolle d'aria con riflessi molto luminosi
- L'impiego del software su filmati di endoscopia su animale hanno evidenziato le capacità dell'algoritmo di essere impiegato in applicazioni in tempo reale



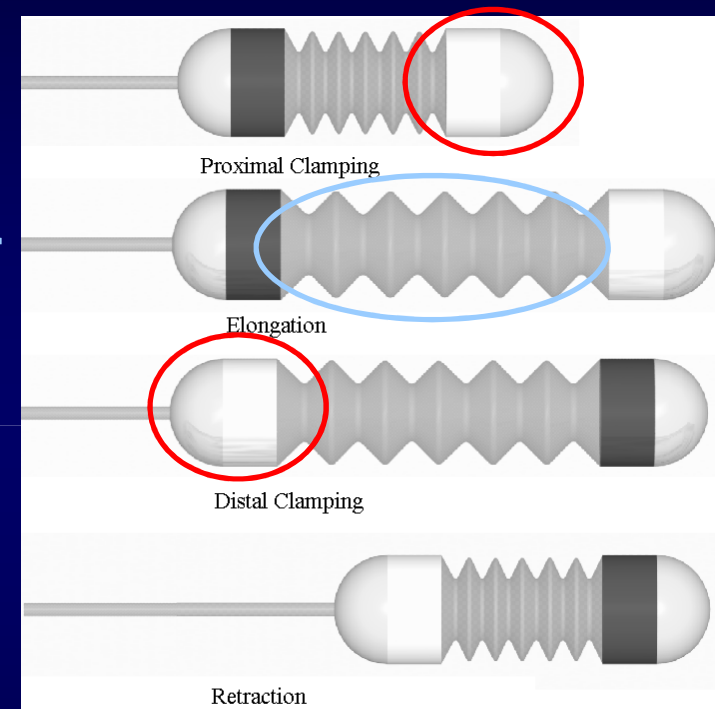
“Inchworm” locomotion



Distal clamber

Central elongator

Proximal clamber



Typical colonoscopy prototype

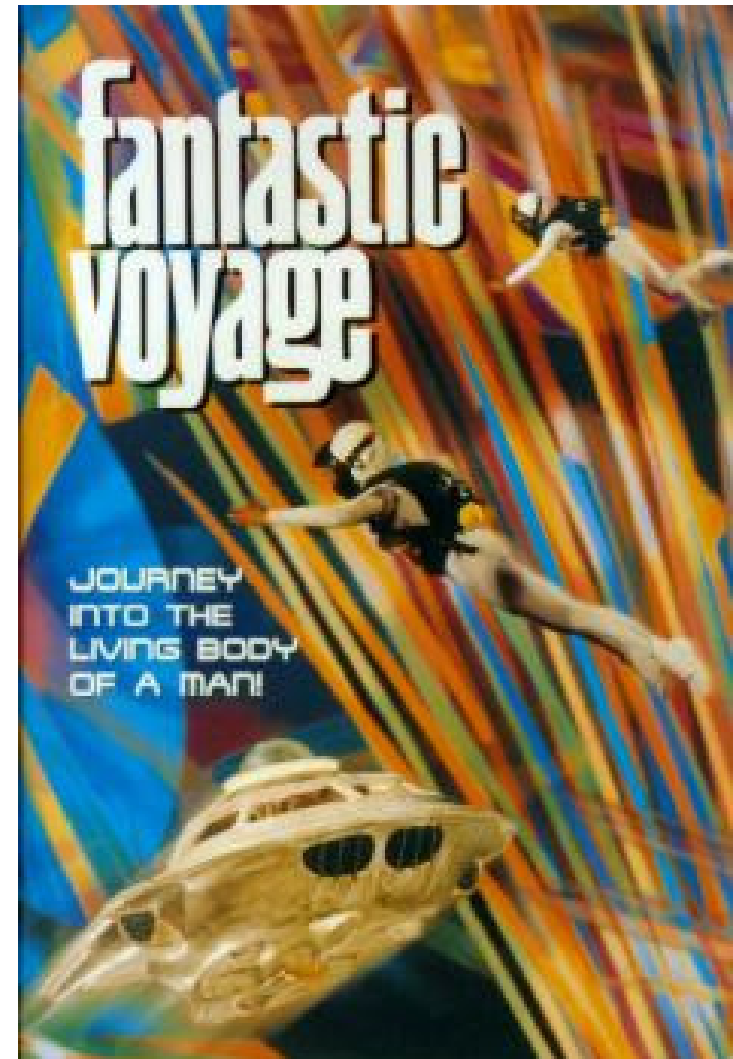
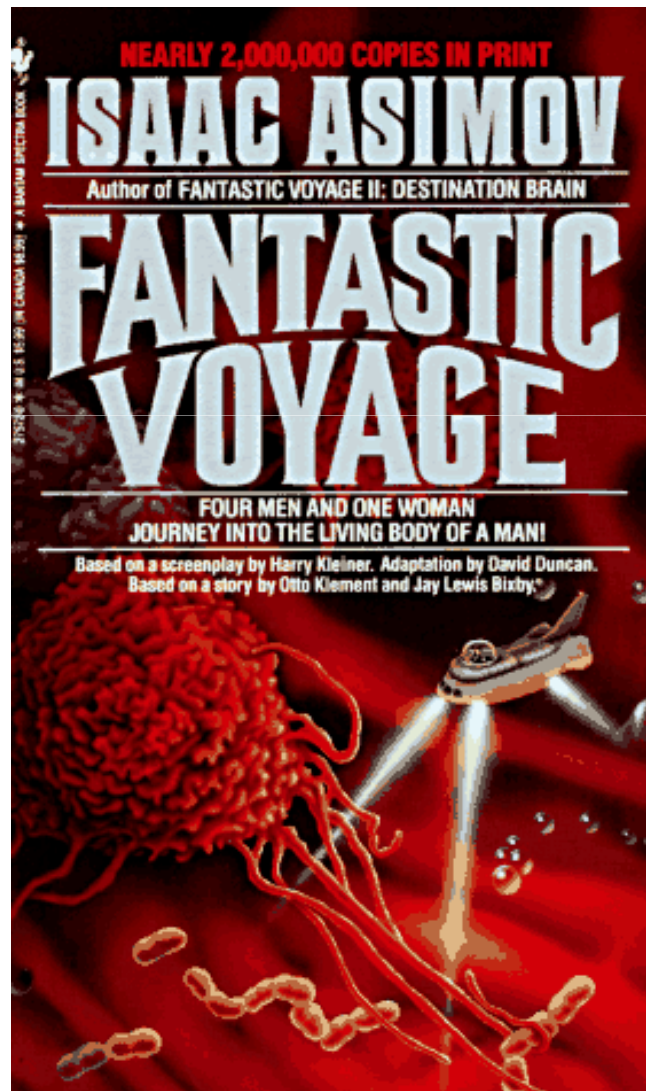
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Retracted Length : 115 mm

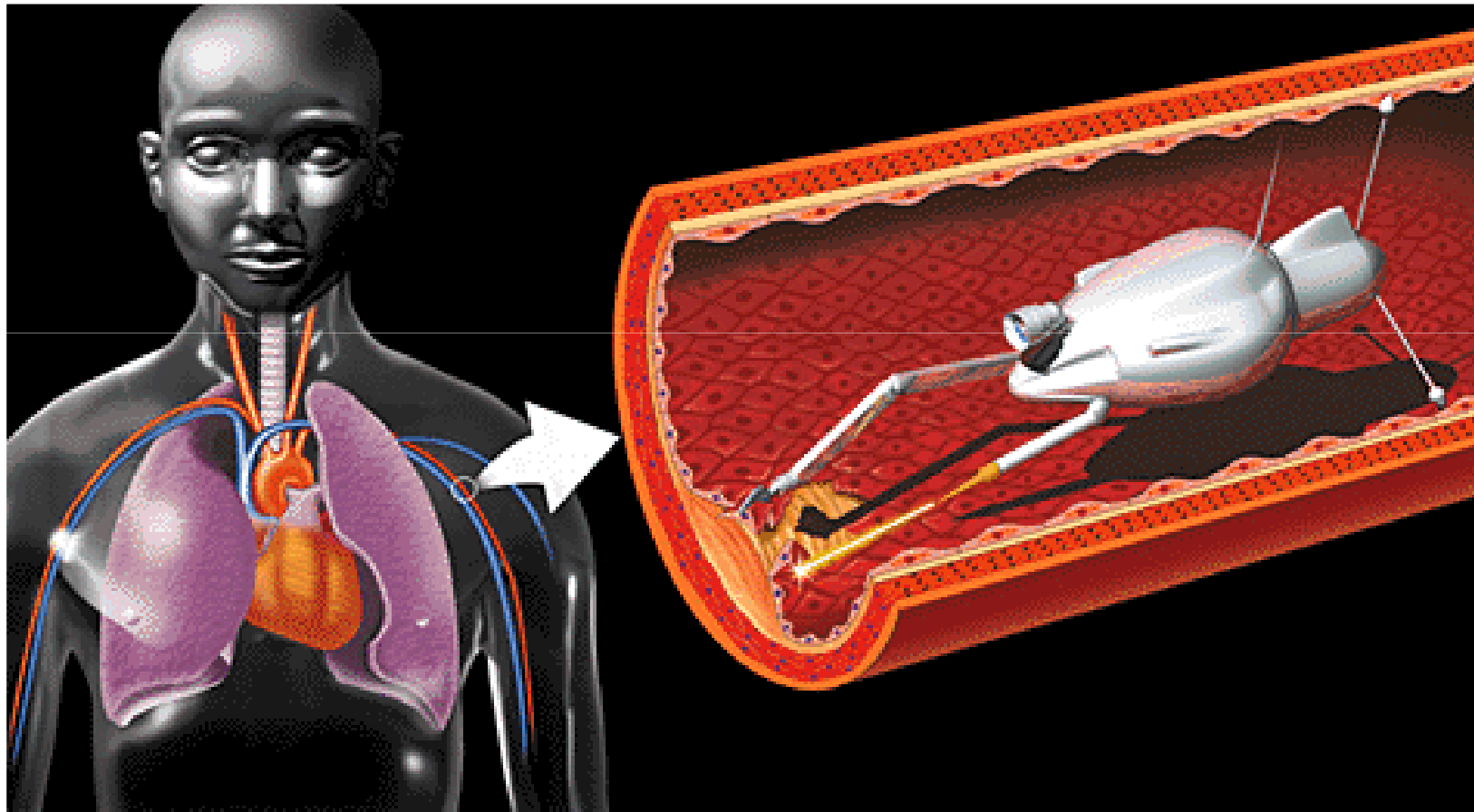
Elongated Length : 195 mm

Stroke: 80 mm

Fantascienza...?



...o sogno ingegneristico?

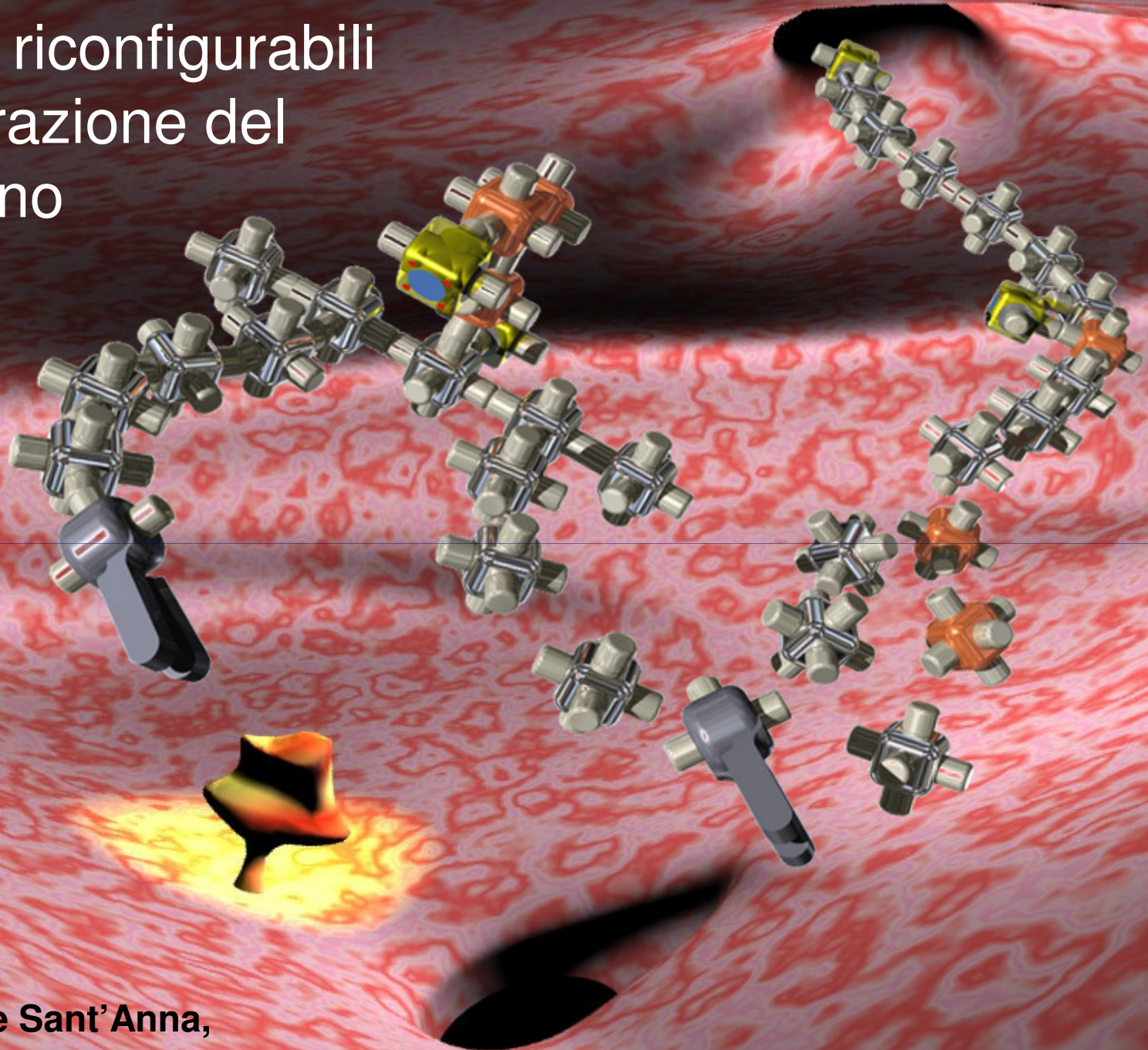


Una capsula robotica per esplorare il corpo umano



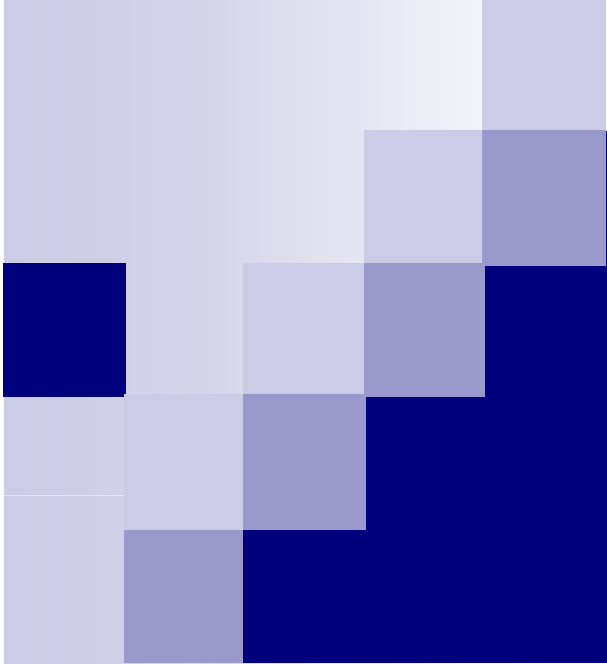
Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna,
Pisa

Microrobot riconfigurabili per l'esplorazione del corpo umano



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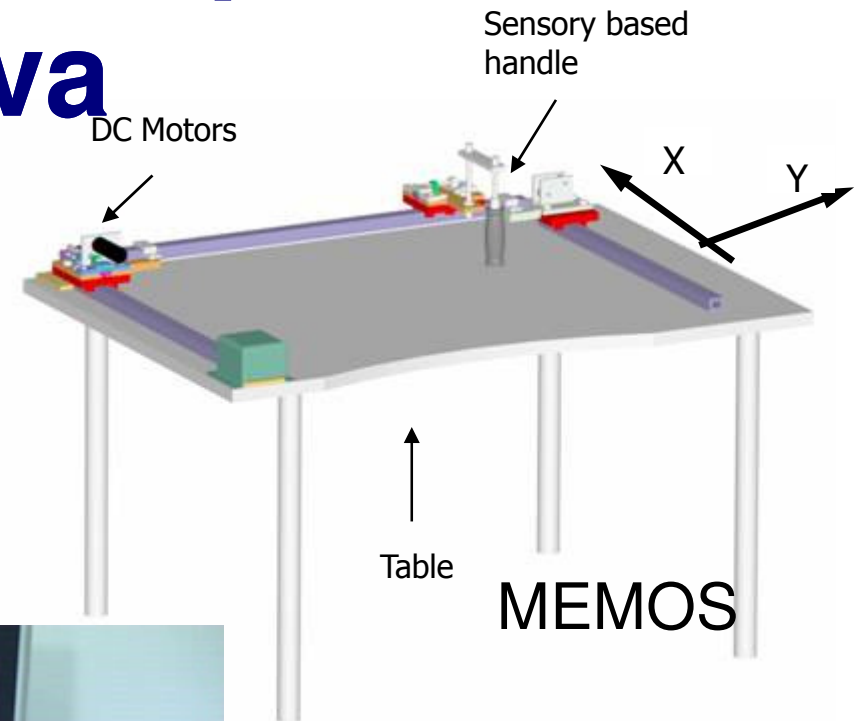


**Robotica in
riabilitazione**

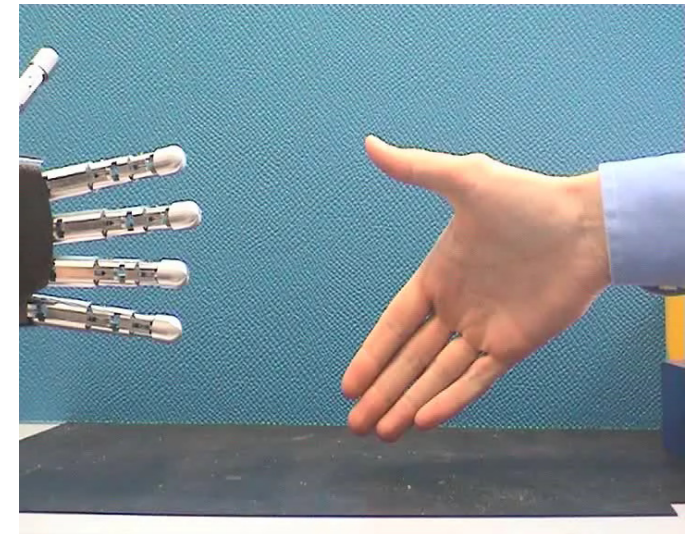
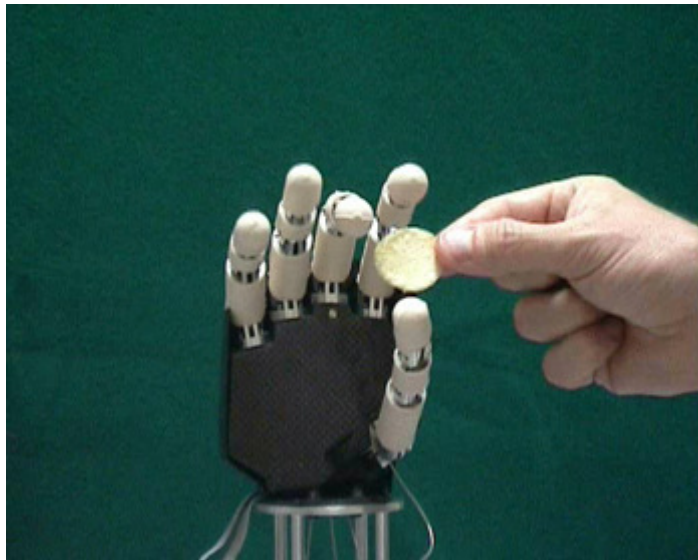
Macchine robotiche per la terapia riabilitativa



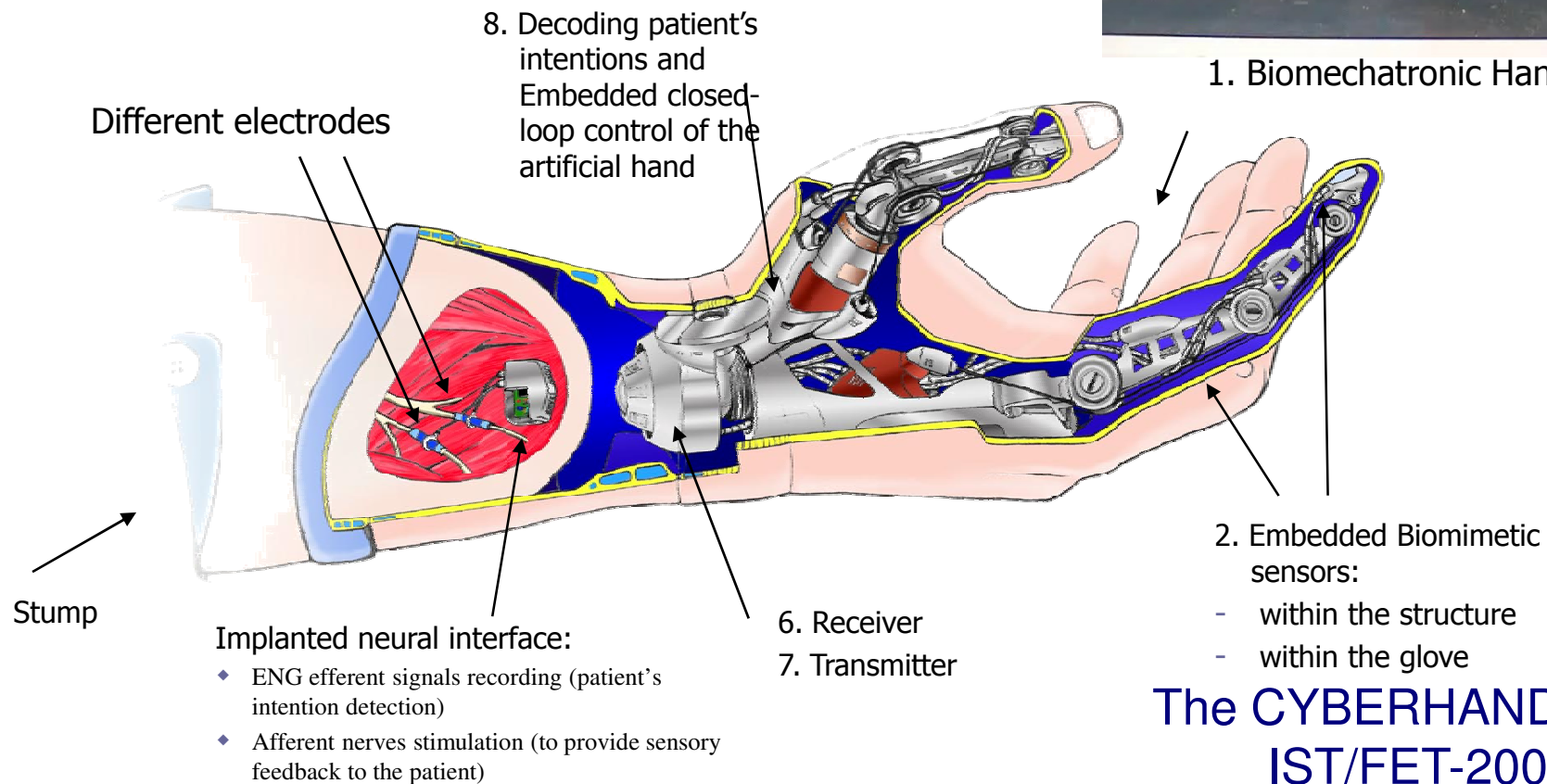
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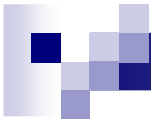
Una mano bionica



1. Biomechatronic Hand



The CYBERHAND Project
IST/FET-2001-35094



ARTS Lab

Advanced Robotics Technology and Systems



Robotica per l'assistenza a disabili

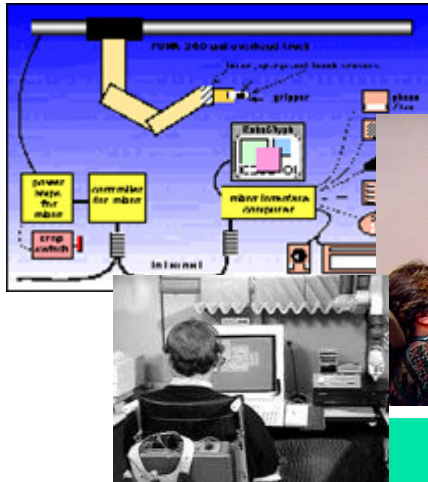


- Stazioni robotiche fisse
- Manipolatori su carrozzina
- Carrozzine intelligenti
- Robot mobili
- Sistemi robotici distribuiti ed ambienti intelligenti



Evolution of Robotics for Personal Assistance

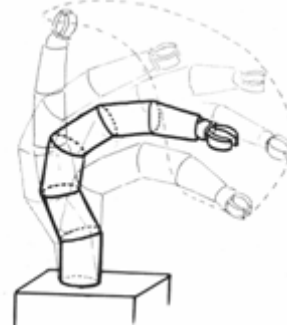
Fixed Workstations



Devar/Provar



Master-Raid



TOU

Wheelchair Mounted Manipulators and Intelligent Wheelchairs



TIDE-Omni



Sprint Immediate

Mobile Robotic Systems



URMAD Project

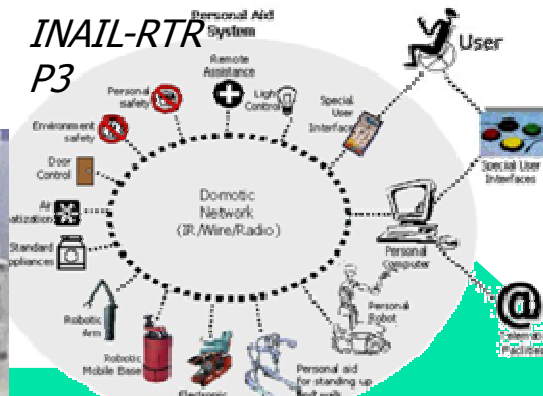


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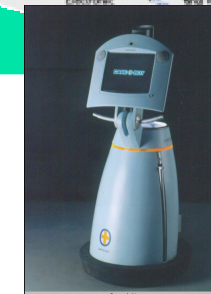
Modular Distributed Systems



HWRS ERC system



TIDE-MOVAID



CareOBot

Stazioni robotiche fisse



DeVar/ProVar

*VA R&D Rehabilitation Center,
Palo Alto, CA*

Un manipolatore
robotico
impiegato presso
una stazione di
lavoro fissa



*First prototype: 1982
First evaluation: 1985*

Stazioni robotiche fisse per disabili: EU TIDE Programme, "RAID" Project

*First prototype: 1993
First evaluation: 1995*

*A robotic
workstation for
persons with
physical
disabilities in a
computerized
office
environment*



Manipolatori su carrozzina

SPRINT-
IMMEDIATE



Manipolatore a bordo di
una carrozzina elettrica ad
assetto variabile per il
superamento delle
barriere architettoniche

First prototype: 1994

First evaluation: 1995

Smart wheelchairs: EU TIDE “OMNI” Project



First prototype: 1995

First evaluation: 1996

Omnidirectional
wheelchair with
'smart' navigation
system based on
ultrasound and
infrared sensors for
obstacle detection