

Robotics for industry, research & service: a state of the art in 2015

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What is a robot

- Etymology: Karel Capek, 1921, **Robotnik** = worker
- First industrial robot from Unimation 1959 (Devol & Engelberger)
- A robot is a **mechanical system** under **automatic control** that performs operations such as **handling** and **locomotion** (Source : IFToMM terminology <http://www.iftomm.3me.tudelft.nl>)

- Summary

Manipulators

Mobile robots

Humanoids

Modular robots

Classical topics
(1950)

Recent topics
(1980)

- Robotics = Mecha + tronics + Automatic control
- Industrial automates and milling machines will not be treated

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What is an industrial robot



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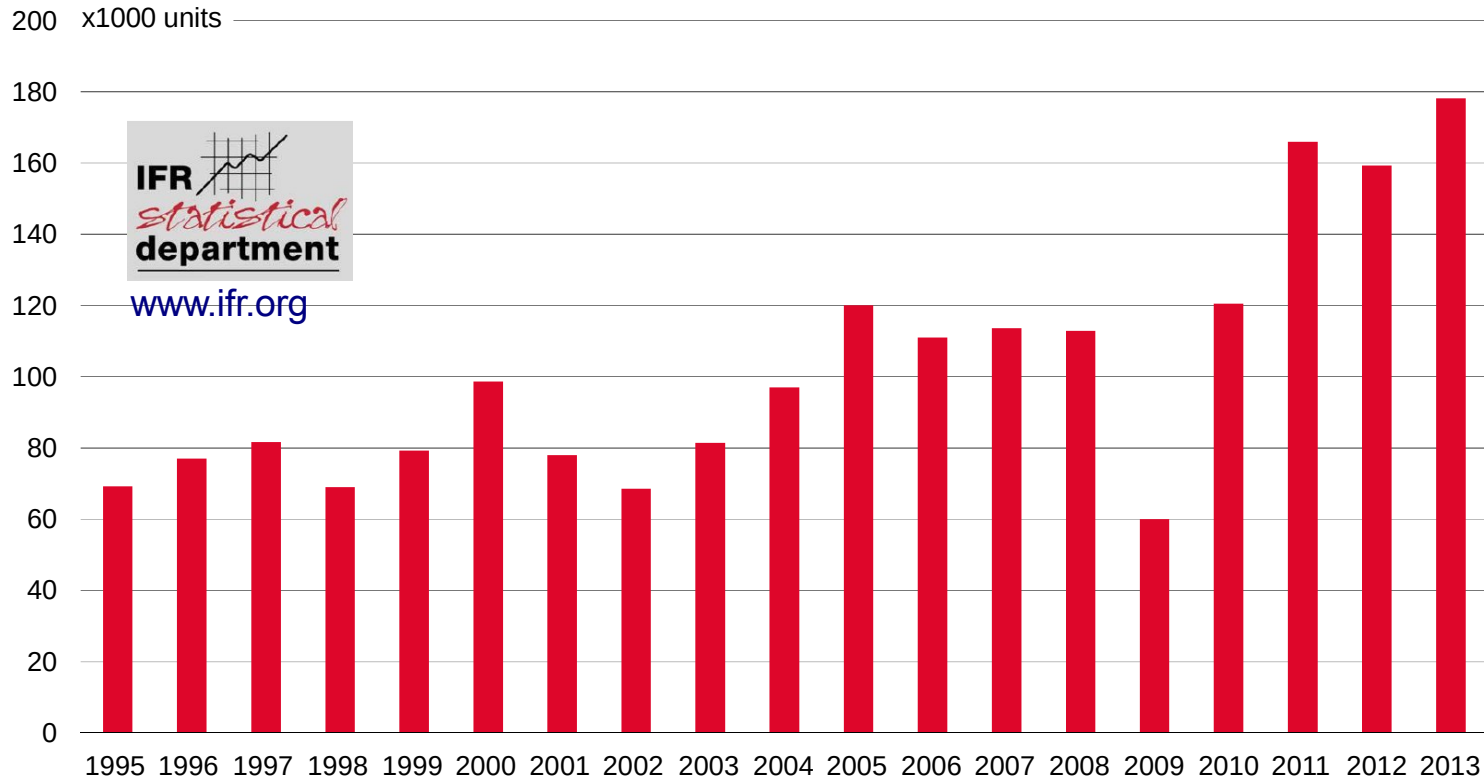
- Industrial Robot according to ISO 8373 (www.ifr.org)
- An **automatically controlled**, **reprogrammable**, **multipurpose manipulator** programmable in **three or more axes**, which may be either fixed in place or mobile for use in industrial automation applications
- **Reprogrammable**: whose programmed motions or auxiliary functions may be changed without physical alterations (Physical alterations: alteration of the mechanical structure or control system except for changes of programming cassettes, ROMs, etc.)
- **Multipurpose**: capable of being adapted to a different application with physical alterations
- **Axis**: direction used to specify the robot motion in a linear or rotary mode



IFR statistics : Robot supply

Estimated worldwide annual shipments of industrial robots

Source: IFR 2014 & World Robotics 2014



- A market with regular growth
- 178,000 new industrial robots were sold all over the world in 2013 (2012 + 12%)

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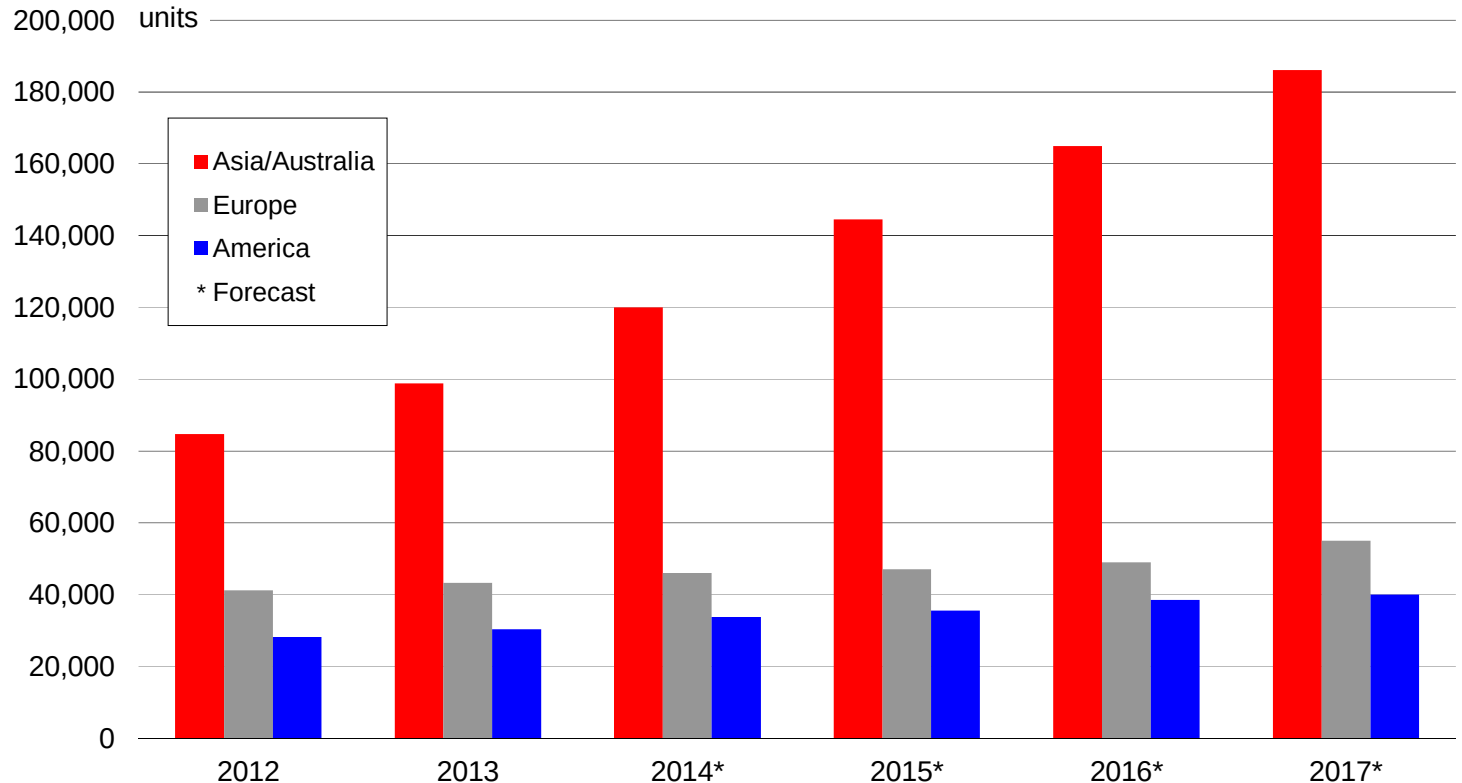
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IFR statistics : Robot supply per continent

Annual supply of industrial robots 2012-2013 and forecast 2014-2017

Source: World Robotics 2014



- Asia >> Europe > America
- Asia is expected to grow even further 2015 → 2017

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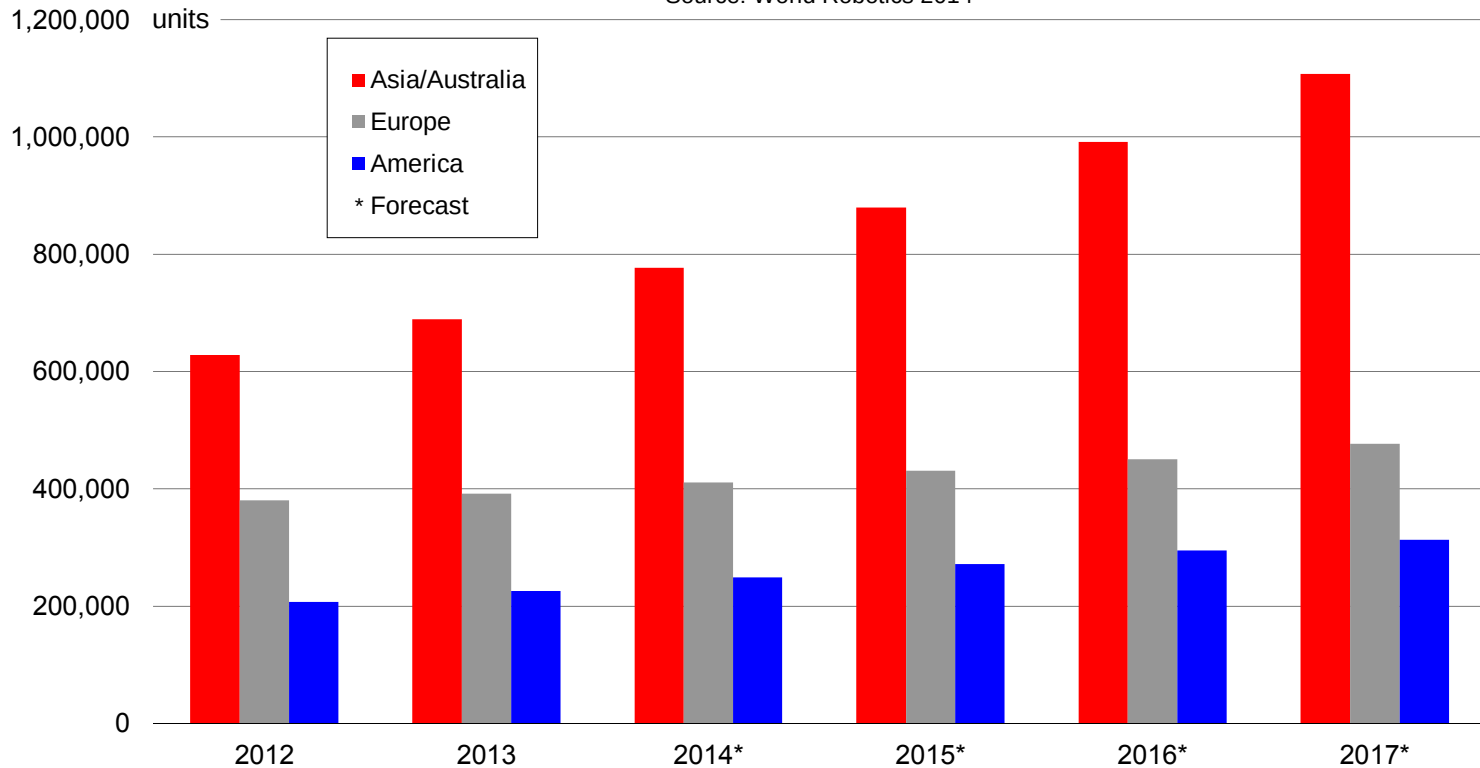
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IFR statistics : Robot population per continent

Estimated operational stock of industrial robots 2012-2013 & forecast 2014-2017

Source: World Robotics 2014



- World industrial robot population in 2013 \approx 1.3 million
- Asia > Europe + America in 2013, and it should increase

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IFR statistics : Robot supply per industry

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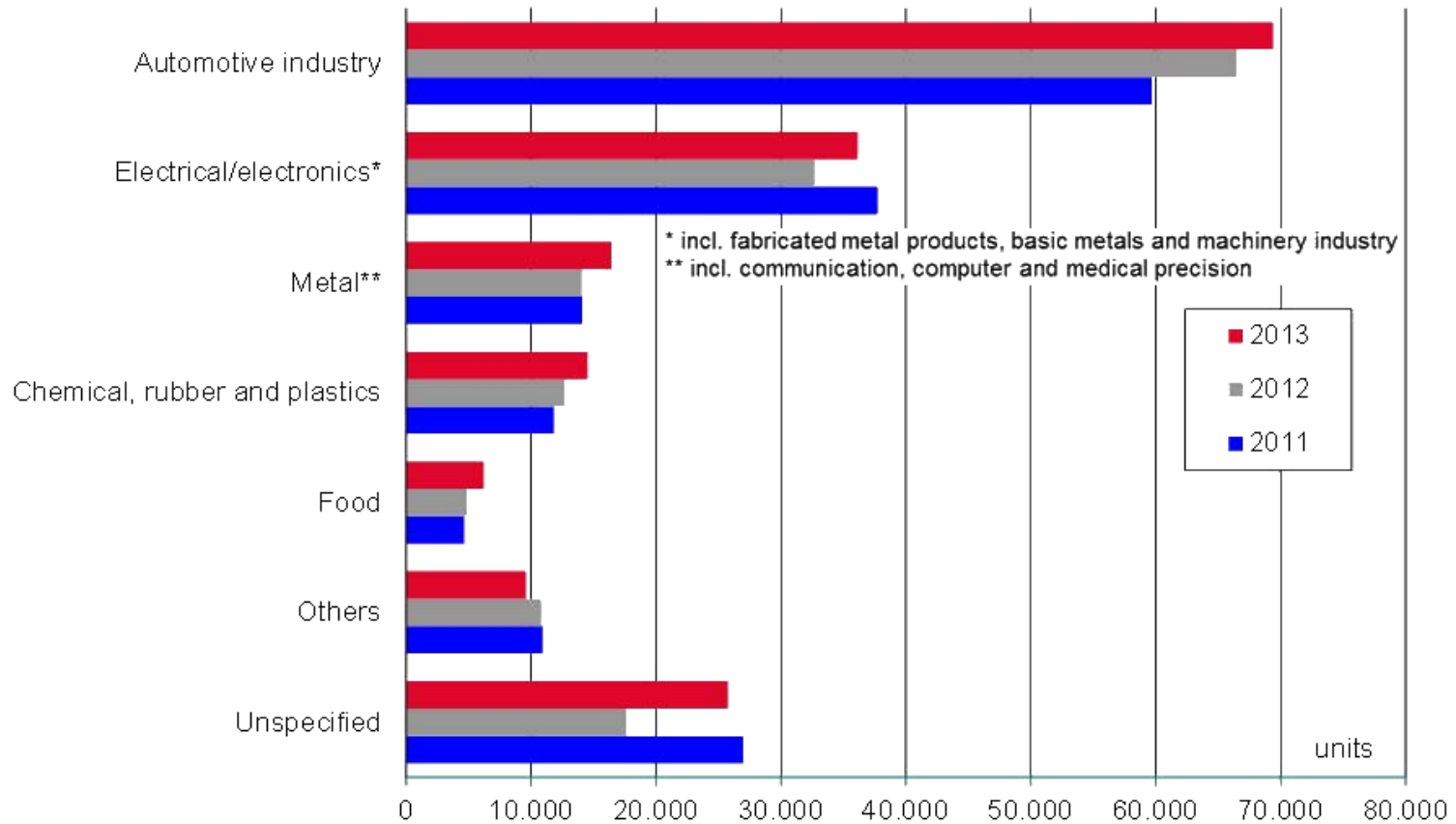
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Estimated worldwide annual supply of industrial robots at year-end by industries 2011 - 2013

Source: World Robotics 2014

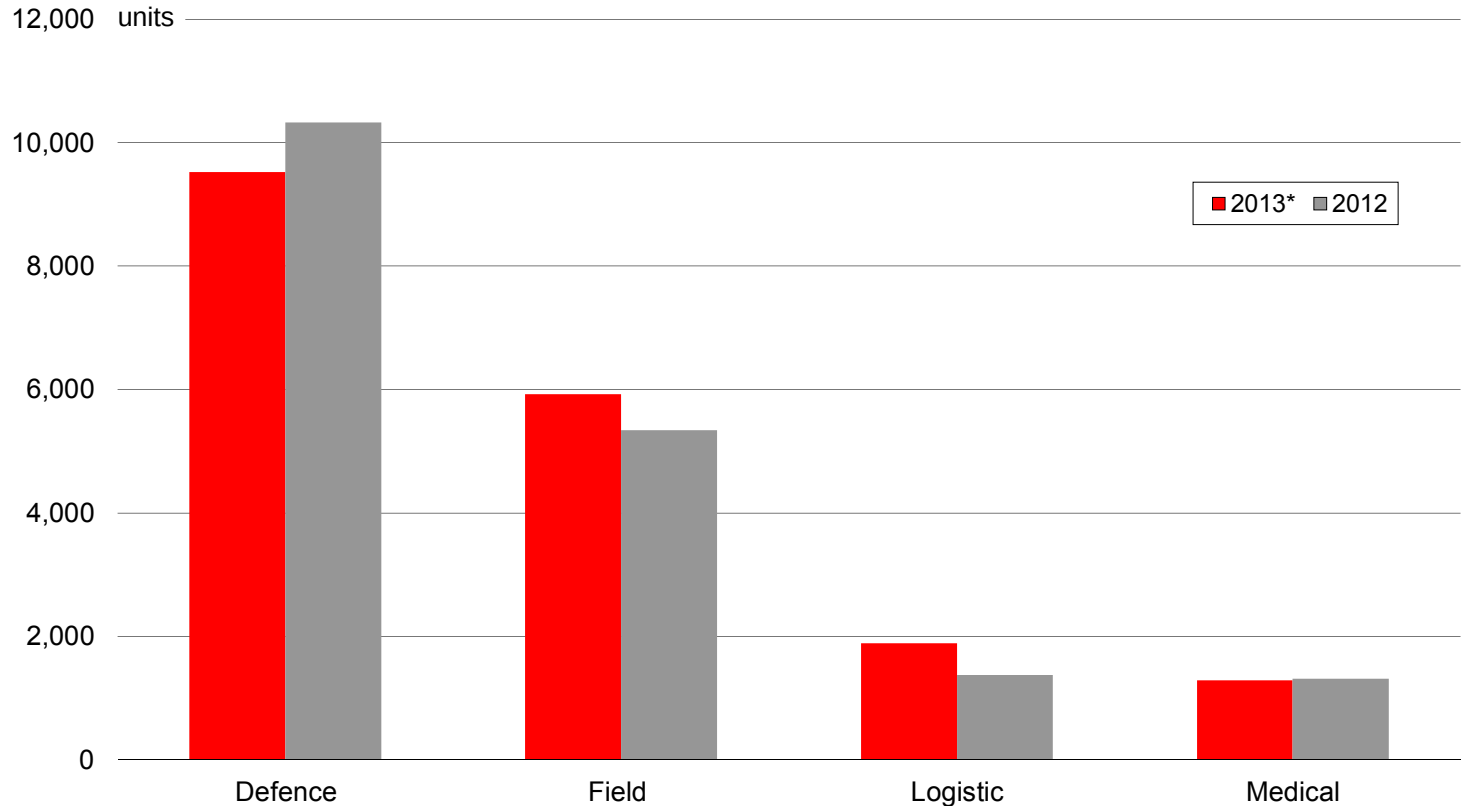




IFR statistics : Service robots

Service robots for professional use
Sold units 2013 and 2012 (main applications)

Source: World Robotics 2014



- A new category of commercial robots: **service robots**
- Defence and field robots prevail

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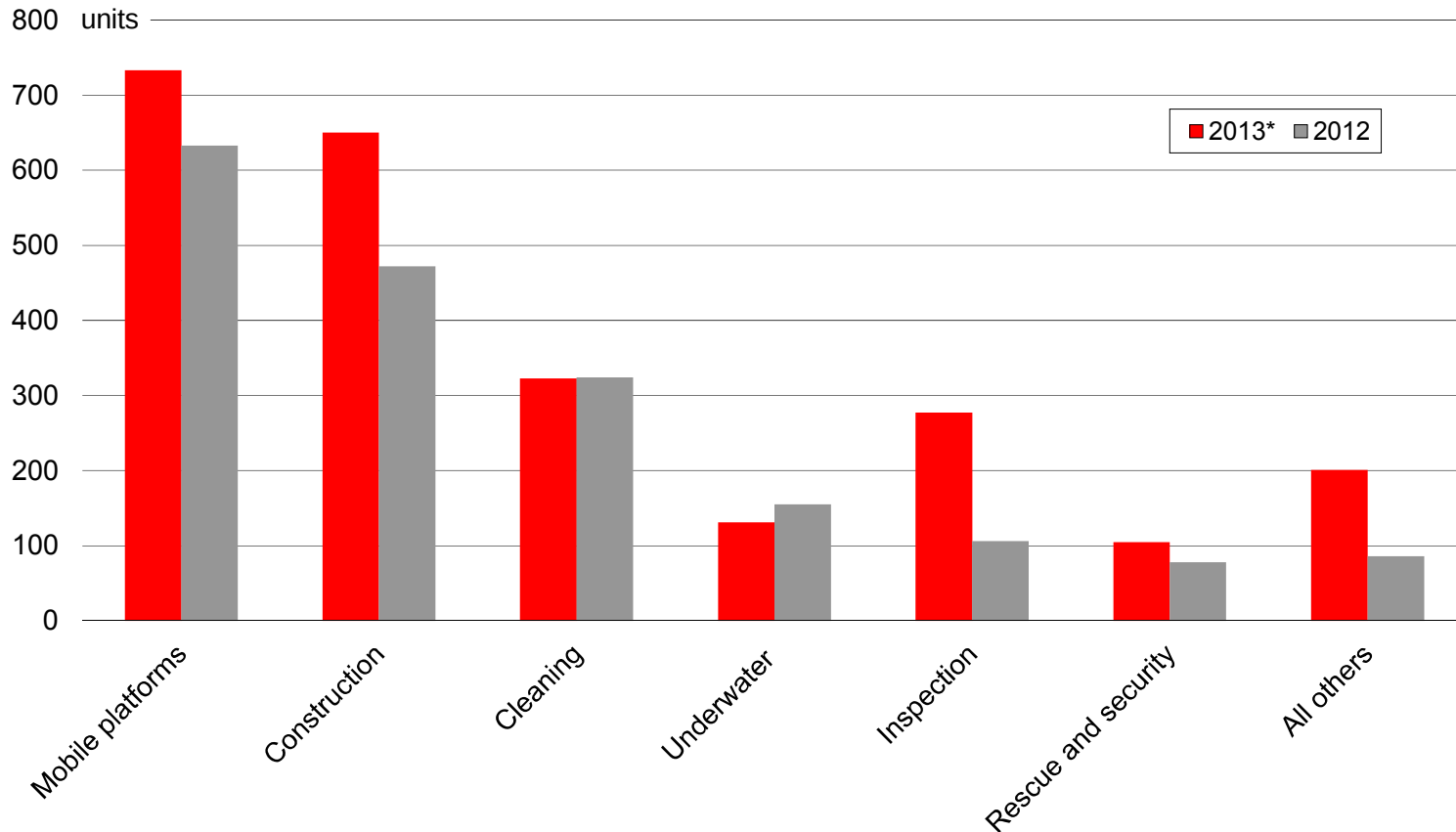
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IFR statistics : Service robots

Service robots for professional use
Sold units 2013 and 2012 (main applications, continued)

Source: World Robotics 2014



- Other marginal applications (less than 1000 units reported)
- Wide number of applications with strong potential

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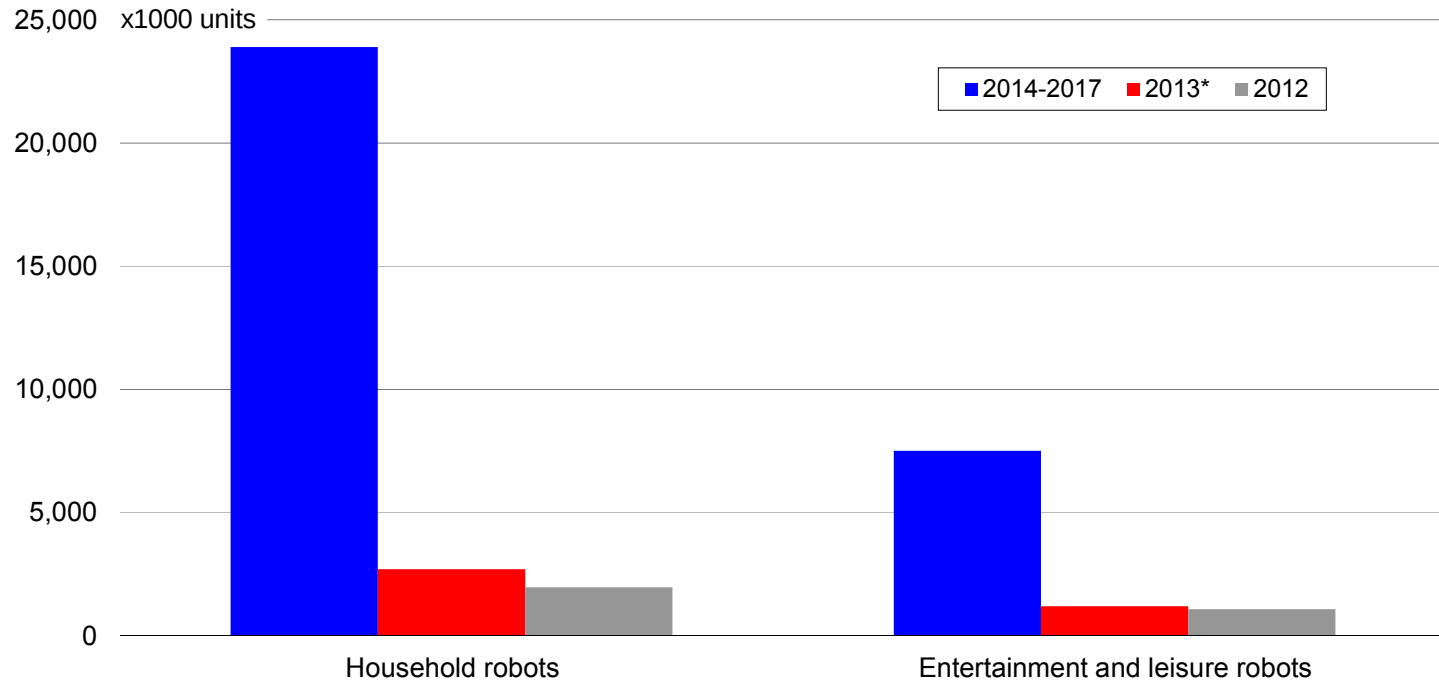
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IFR statistics : Robot supply per industry

Service robots for personal and domestic use
Units sales: forecast 2014-2017, sold 2013 and 2012

Source: World Robotics 2014



- Household robots > Entertainment in 2012
- An expected explosion of the market

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Industrial manipulators

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- Industrial overview from International Federation of Robotics

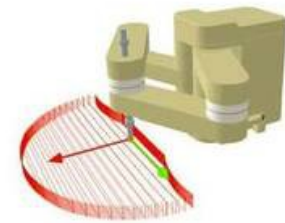
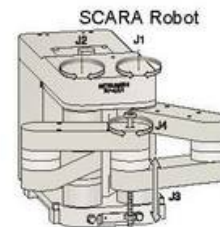
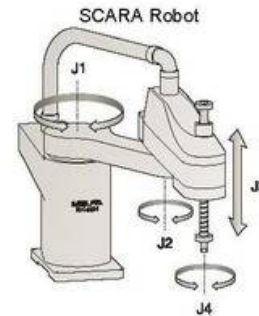
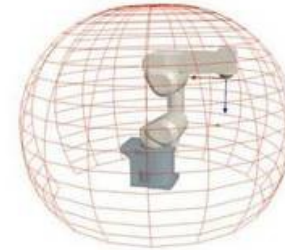
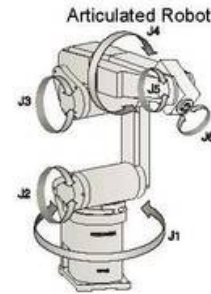
www.ifr.org

- ✓ Members from ABB, Adept, Comau, Duerr SYstems, Fanuc, Kuka, Universal Robots, Yaskawa Motoman...
- ✓ Information letter every 3 months
- ✓ Industrial statistics: 178,000 new industrial robots were sold all over the world in 2013 (2012 + 12%)

Principle

Kinematic Structure

Photo



Cartesian Robot



Industrial robot applications



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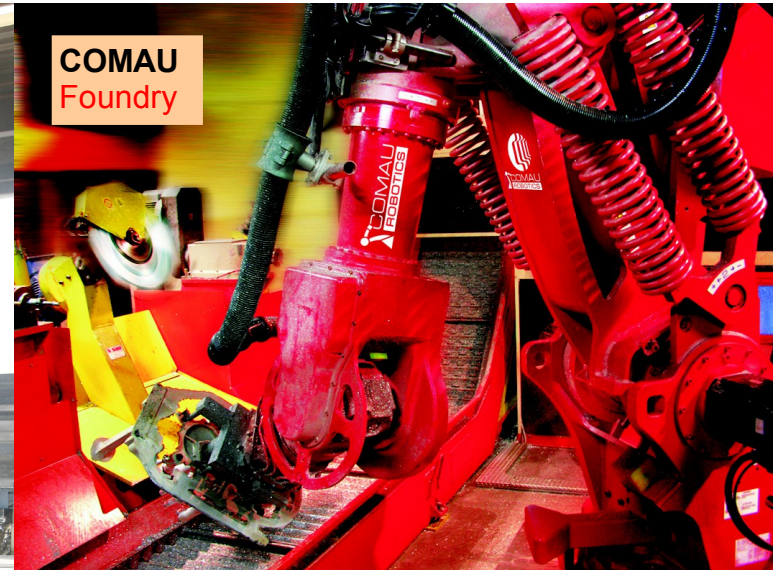
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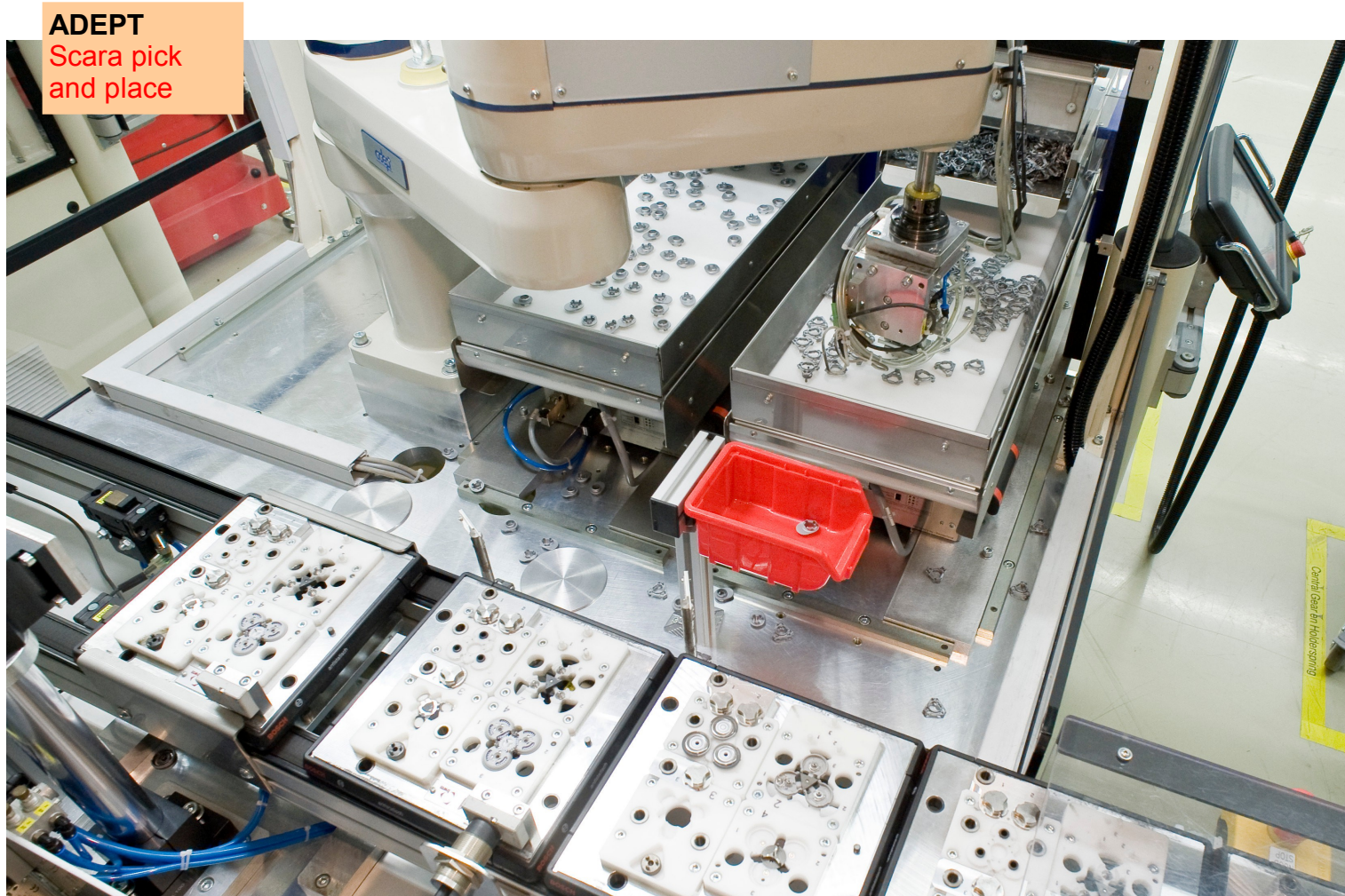
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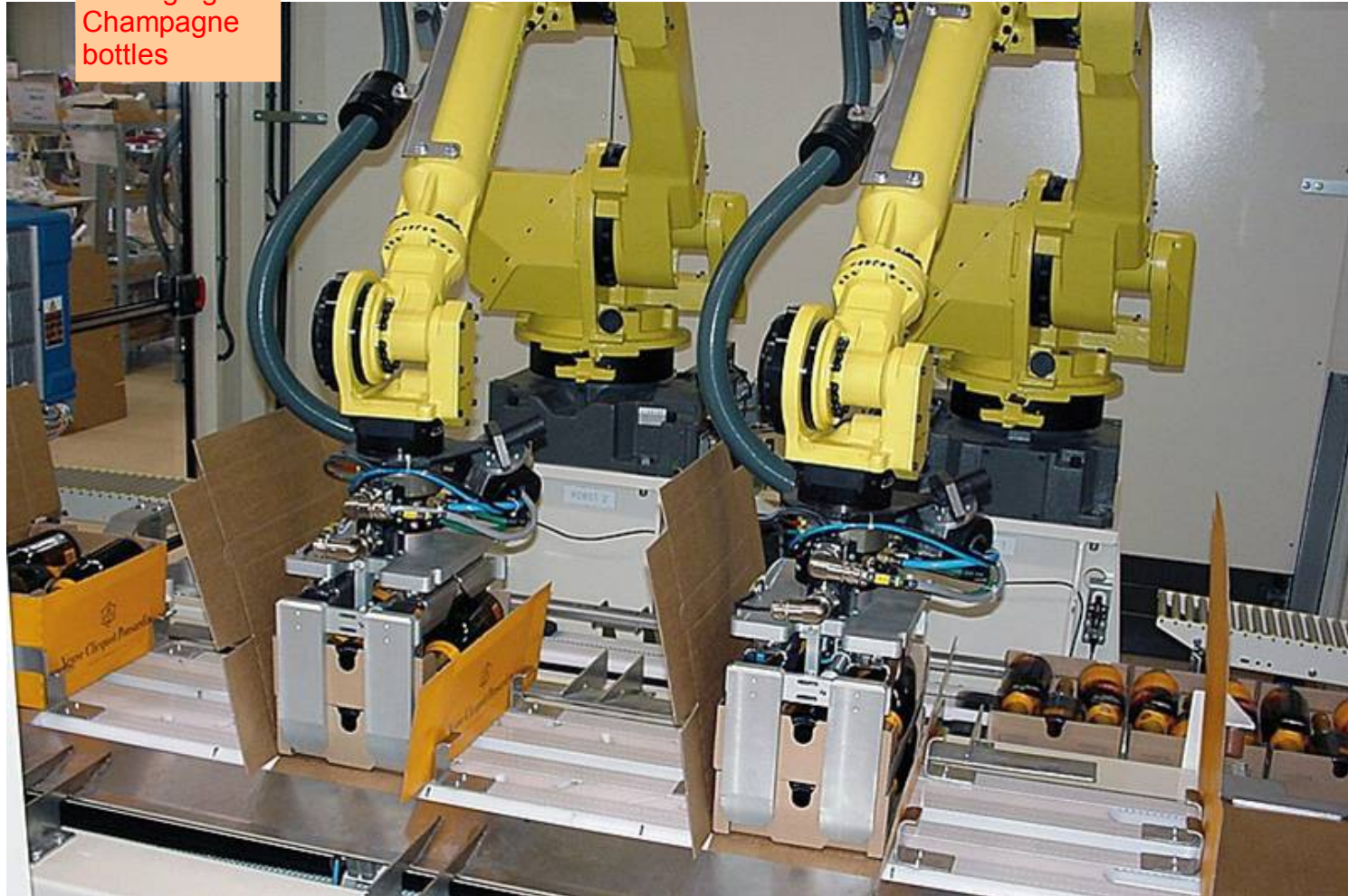


ADEPT
Scara pick
and place

Industrial robot applications



FANUC
Packaging of
Champagne
bottles



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KUKA
A robot collects pallets for stacking after nailing



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YASKAWA MOTOMAN

Automating plastic injection moulding

Industrial robot applications



REIS
Man collaborating with
robot for soldering

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Structure of manipulators



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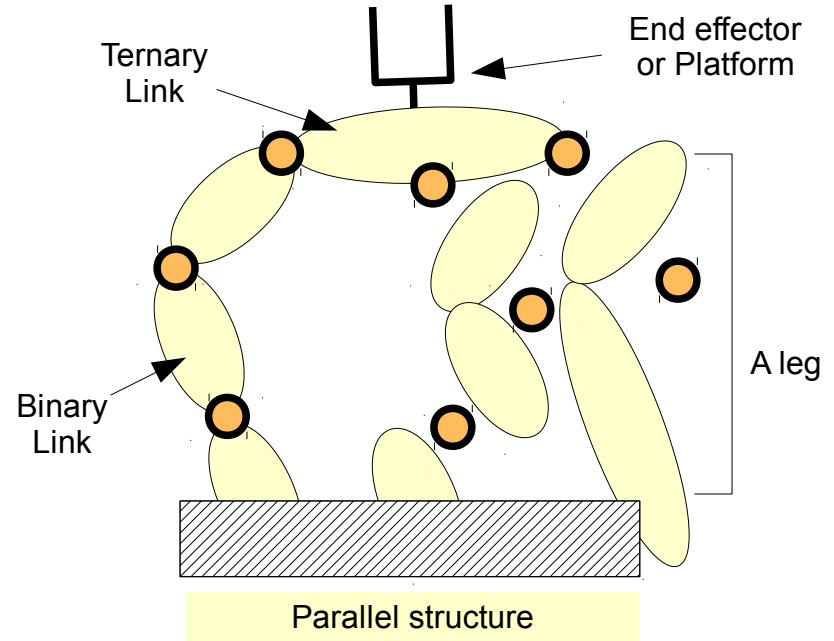
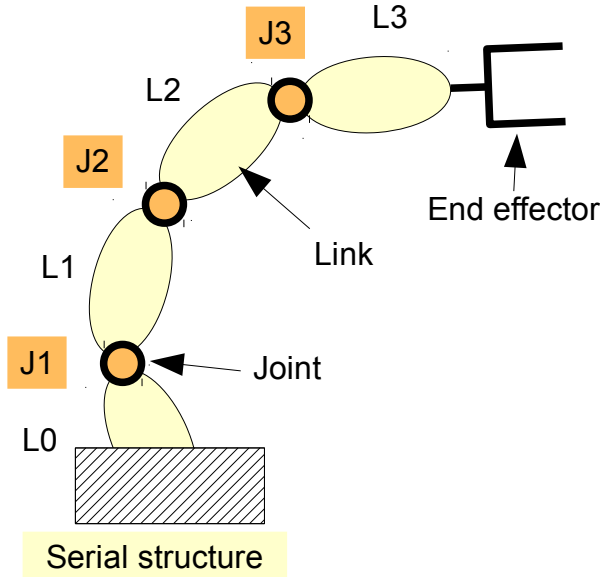
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- ✓ Serial / Parallel / Hybrid structures
- ✓ Kinematical graph
- ✓ Models for representation of motions : Denavit-Hartenberg, TCS...



Modelling manipulators

- Model

\mathbf{x}
Operational
coordinates =
position +
orientation
of end effector

Inverse geometric model

Direct geometric model

\mathbf{q}
Articular
coordinates =
position or
orientation of
actuators

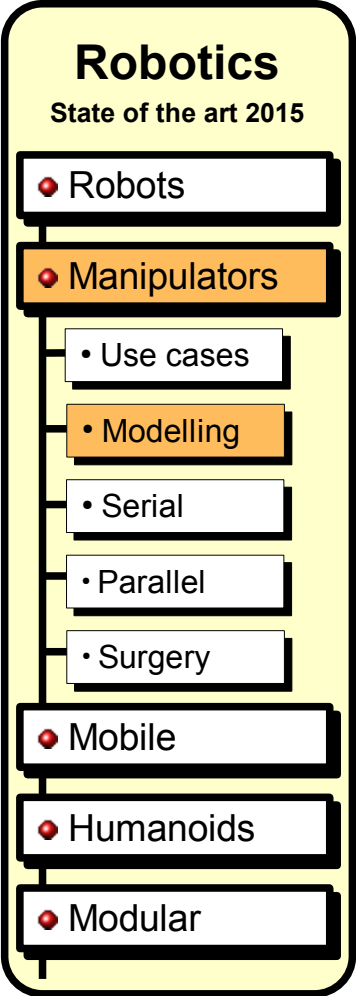
$\dot{\mathbf{x}}$
Operational
speeds

Inverse kinematic model

$$\begin{pmatrix} \dot{x}_1 \\ \dot{x}_2 \\ \dot{x}_3 \\ \dot{x}_4 \\ \dot{x}_5 \\ \dot{x}_6 \end{pmatrix} = [J] \begin{pmatrix} \dot{q}_1 \\ \dot{q}_2 \\ \dot{q}_3 \\ \dot{q}_4 \\ \dot{q}_5 \\ \dot{q}_6 \end{pmatrix} = [J](\dot{\mathbf{q}})$$

Direct kinematic model

$\dot{\mathbf{q}}$
Articular speeds



- Properties of robots:
 - ✓ Workspace
 - ✓ Singularities (come from conditioning of Jacobian J matrix)
 - ✓ Stiffness and precision
- Can be used for synthesis

Poly-articulated Serial Manipulators



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Kuka KR1000 Titan 6R
(L1000kg / R3.2m / r0.2mm)
www.kuka.com



Staubli RS80 Scara 2RPR
(L8kg / R0.8m / r0.01mm)
www.staubli.com



ABB IRB660 4R
(L250kg / R3.1m / r0.05mm)
www.abb.com

- ✓ Specifications :
- ✓ Load L (up to 1000kg)
- ✓ Reach R (up to 3m)
- ✓ Repeatability r (up to 0.01mm)

Soft Serial Manipulators



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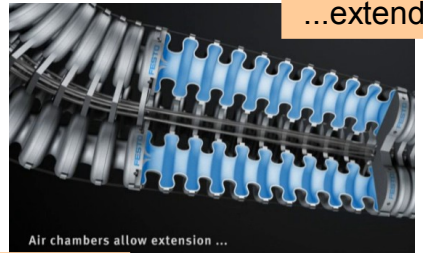
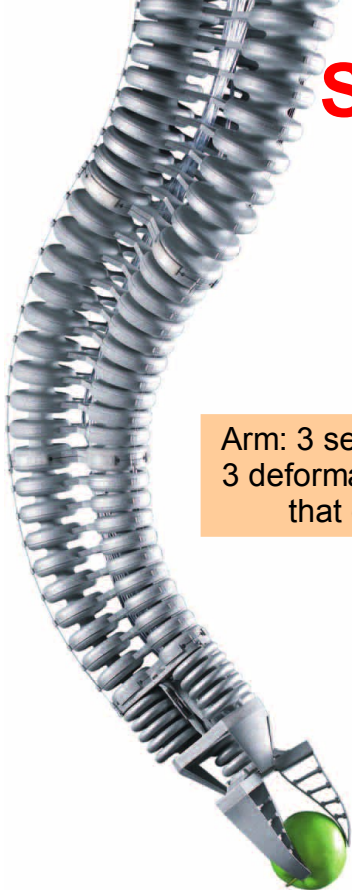
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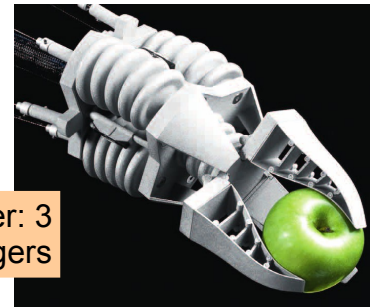
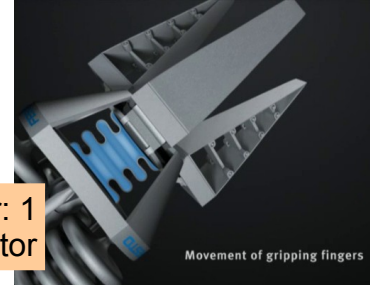
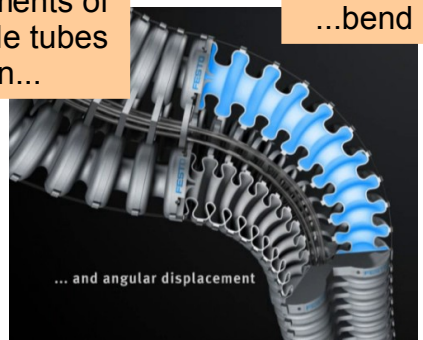
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Arm: 3 segments of 3 deformable tubes that can...

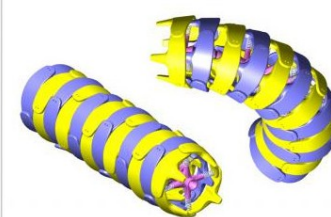
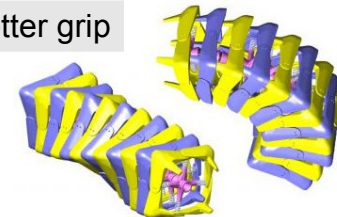


Festo Bionic Handling Assistant 2010
(3 segments + wrist + 3 finger gripper)
www.festo.com

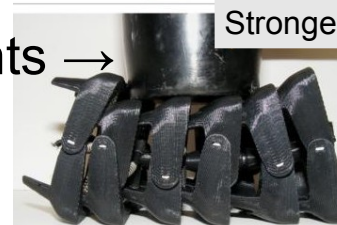
- ✓ Biomimicry: elephant trunk, seahorse tail...
- ✓ Compliant struct. or more joints →
- ✓ Stiffness and precision ↓
- ✓ Control → more complex

Square vs circle for articulated tails (Clemson Univ.)
www.naturalengineering.org

Better grip



Stronger





Inflatable Serial Manipulator

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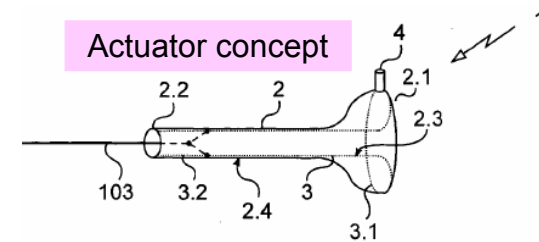
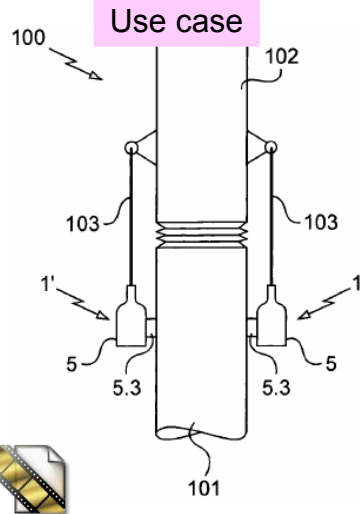
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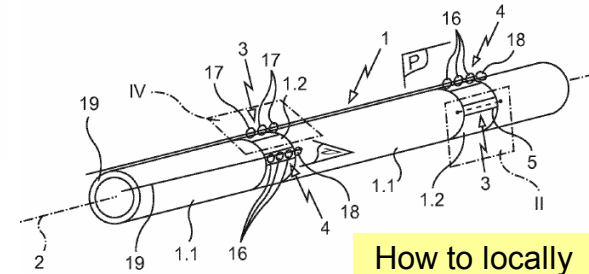
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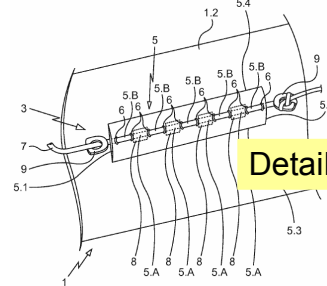
Warein Confection Technique
(L1kg / R5m / r10cm ?)
<http://www.warein-sas.com>



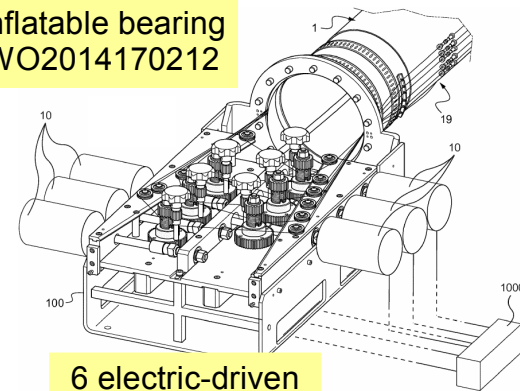
Folding linear actuator
WO2015118085



How to locally bend a tube ?



Inflatable bearing
WO2014170212



6 electric-driven
cable actuators

- ✓ Robot mass = Payload mass (1kg)
- ✓ Low precision, long range (5m)
- ✓ Transportable by operator
- ✓ Tele-operated for inspection tasks
- ✓ Low risks for humans
- ✓ 2 patents



Serial arms

- ✓ Virtual Reality applications
- ✓ Use robot geometrical model

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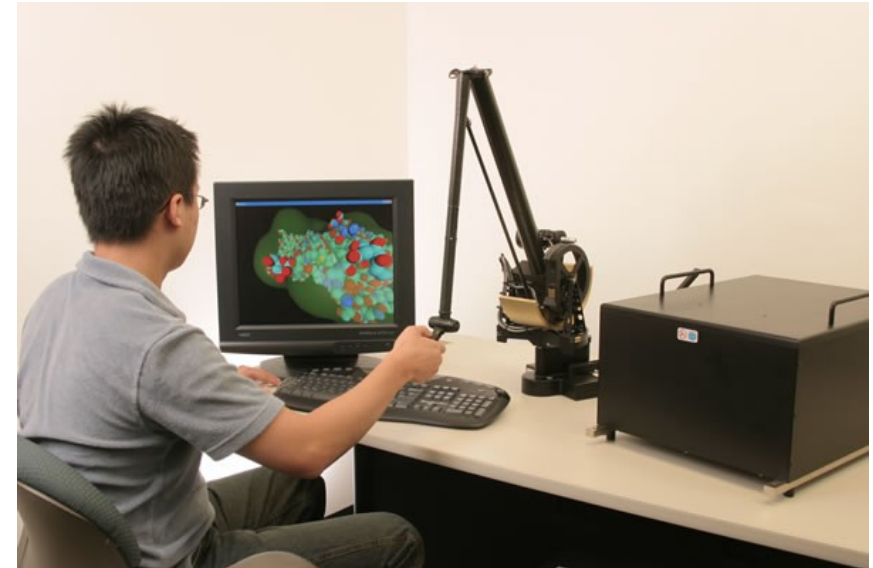
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Sigma Measuring Arm
6kg, up to 5m range Accuracy +/-
25 μm
www.romer.com



Phantom 3.0
6 DOF, Accuracy 20 μm
Haptic rendering on 3 translations
20 N max, 3N nominal)
www.sensable.com

Parallel Manipulators



- ✓ **Direct** (reverse) geometric model is **hard** (easy) to solve
- ✓ Recent gain of popularity in industry

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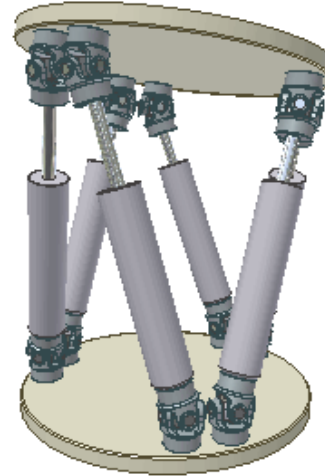
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ABB IRB360 Delta 3 DOF
(L3kg / R0.4m / r0.1mm)
www.abb.com



Hexapod Gough-Stewart platform
Used for simulators / milling machines



Falcon joystick
3 leg parallel mechanism
www.novint.com

- ✓ Industrial applications are recent (simulator, positioning device, pick and place, milling machine)
- ✓ Small workspace but good precision
- ✓ Actuators on the frame → High accelerations (100g)
- ✓ High precision
- ✓ New structures are synthesized each year
- ✓ Resource on parallel machines: www.parallemic.org



Isoglide 4 T3R1

A Decoupled Parallel Manipulator

- ✓ Original idea of G. Gogu
- ✓ Isoglide family of robots
- ✓ Isoglide 4 T3R1 decoupled in translation
- ✓ Unitary Jacobian

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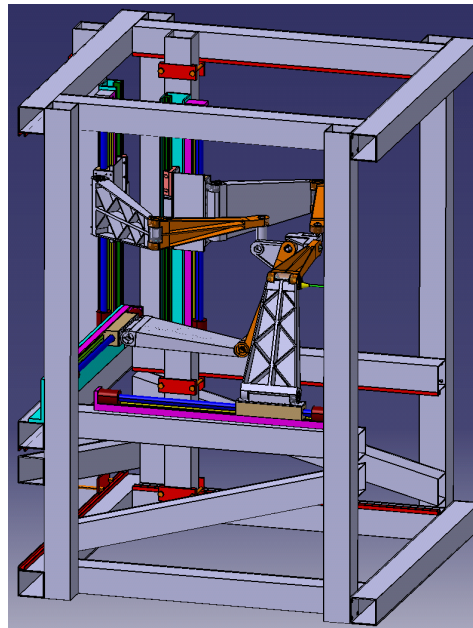
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Isoglide 4 T3R1
www.ifma.fr/lami



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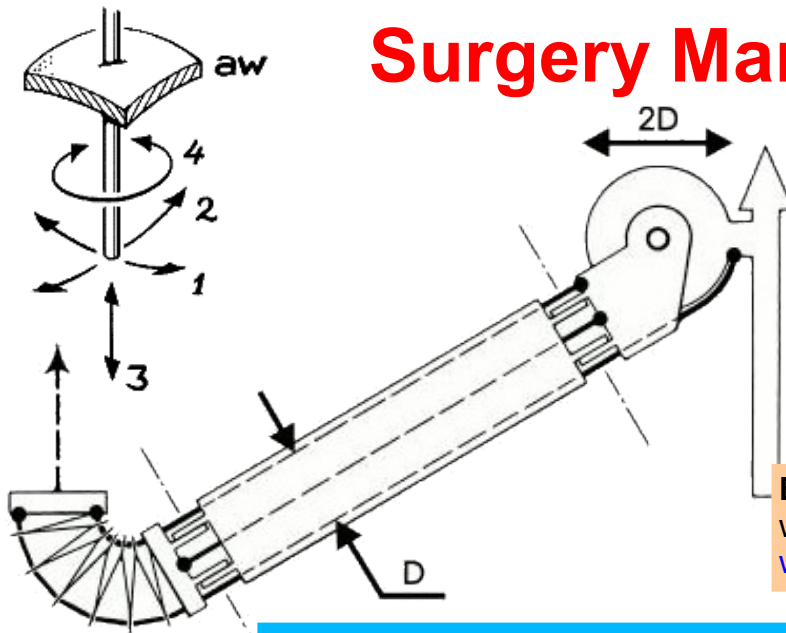
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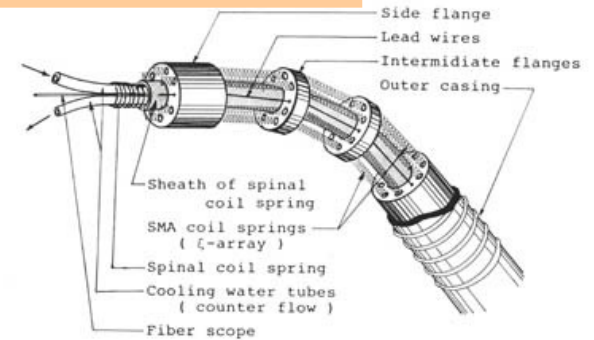
Surgery Manipulators



Trump orientating manipulator for laparoscopy
www-robot.mes.titech.ac.jp



Elastor endoscope with SMA actuators
www-robot.mes.titech.ac.jp



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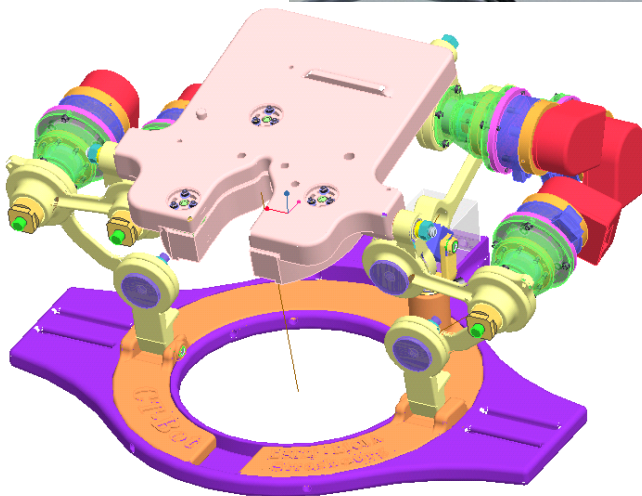
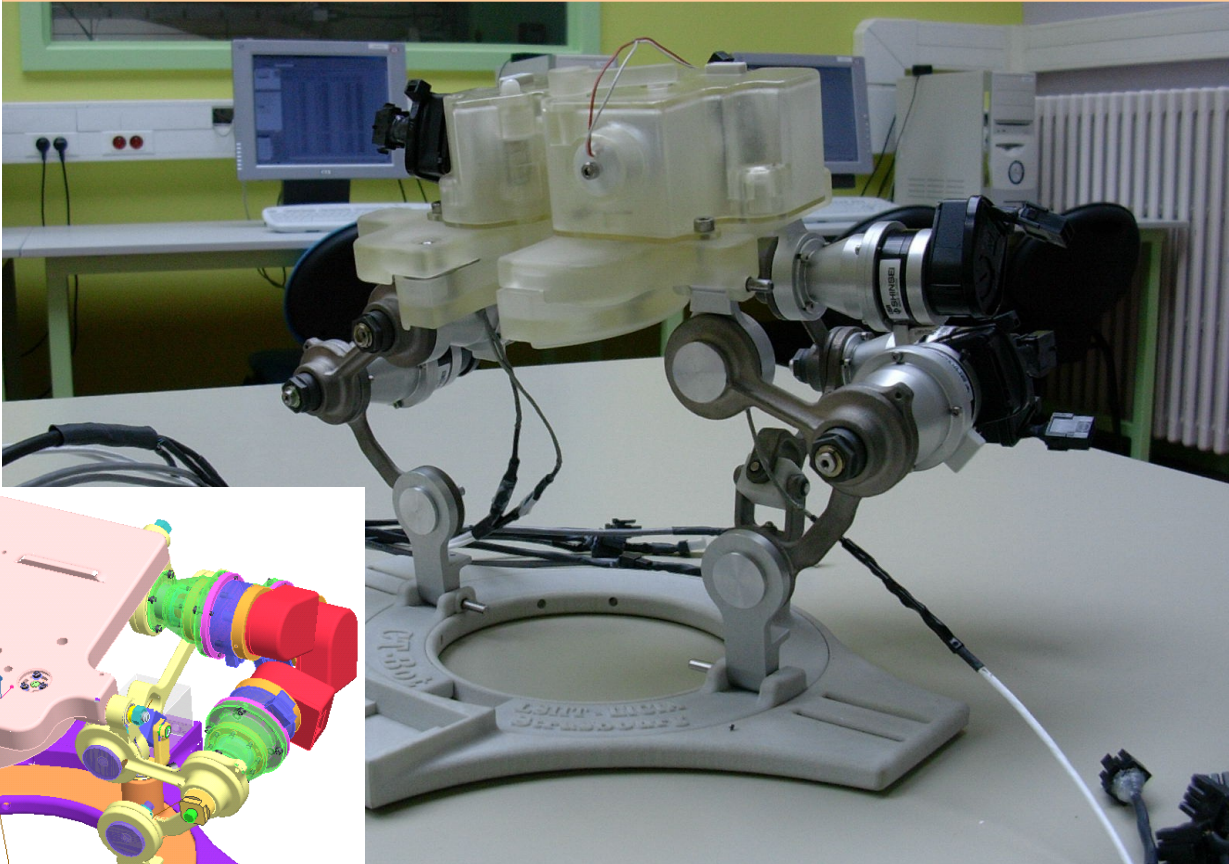
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CT-Bot

5DOF parallel robot for needle insertion guided by Computer Tomography (the surgeon avoids to work among X-Rays)

lsiiit.u-strasbg.fr



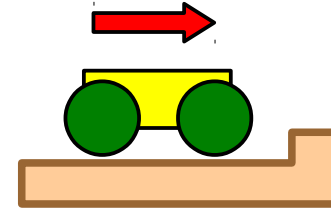


Mobile robots



Terrestrial vehicles

- ✓ Wheeled vehicles prevail (energetic efficiency ?)
- ✓ Blocked on **slope discontinuities** of the ground
- ✓ Legs / Tracks regain interest for **climbing**



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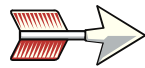
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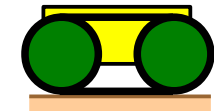
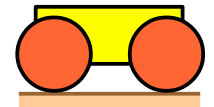
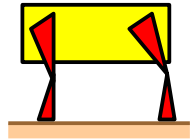
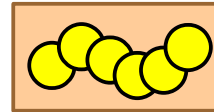
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Interface with the ground

- ✓ **Crawler** + multiples contacts, can cross obstacles & rough terrain
- require high energy, moderate speed, complex control
- ✓ **Leg** + can cross obstacles and go fast on rough terrain
- contact discontinuity, energy cost, stability control
- ✓ **Wheel** + fast on smooth surface, energy efficient
- cannot climb obstacles or run on rough terrain
- ✓ **Track** + permanent stability, high traction
- high friction energy loss, particularly during steering



Steering

- ✓ Most of the vehicles have **non holonomic behaviour**
E.g. a car cannot **go sideways** without a **manoeuvre**
Going sideways is **non controllable**, although **possible**
- ✓ Holonomy is brought by **omnidirectional** propulsion

Crawling mobile robots



- ✓ Several **modes** (slide-pushing, peristaltism...)
- ✓ Suitable for inspection tasks (pipes...)
- ✓ **Solid ground** / **water**

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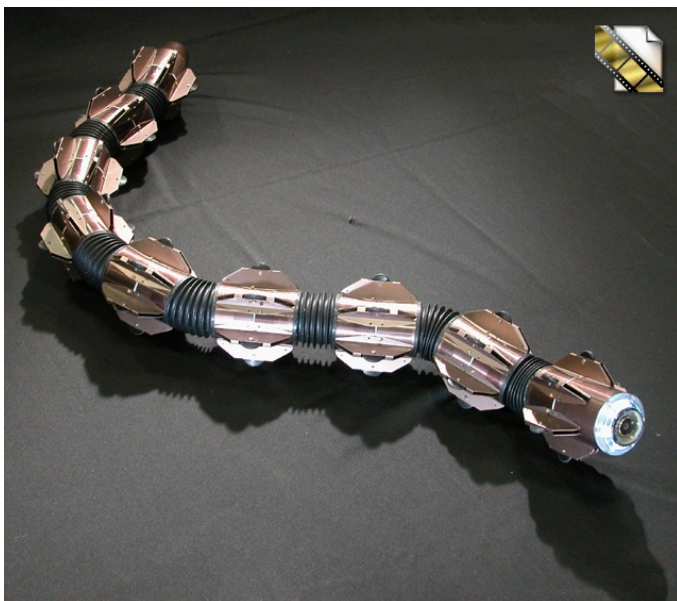
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• Hybrid

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Active Cord Mechanism ACM-R5
7.5kg, 1.7m long, 80mm diameter
Snake propulsion on ground and water
www-robot.mes.titech.ac.jp



Aiko
7kg, 1.5m long, 20 DOF, 2.5 Nm
Obstacle-aided locomotion, slidewinding
www.sintef.no



Mobile robots based on legs

- ✓ Bi / Quadri / Hexa / Octo
- ✓ Gait study based on nature
- ✓ Gait self-teaching

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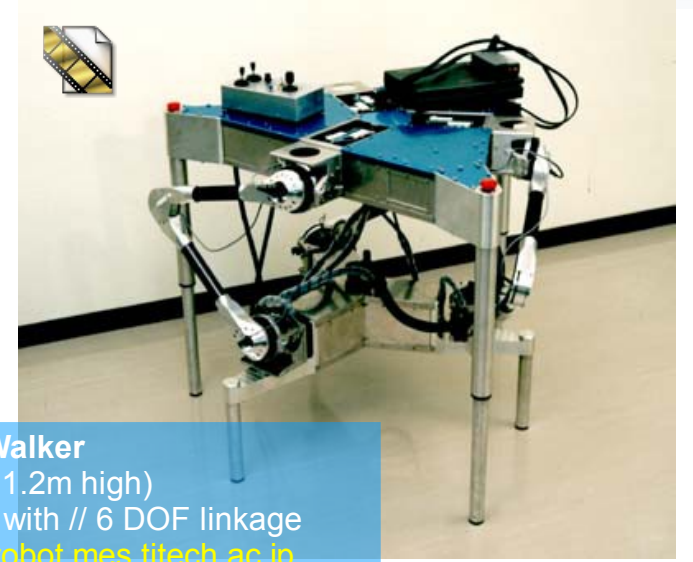
• Humanoids

• Modular



Big Dog (75kg, 1m long, 6km/h, 35° slopes, 150kg payload)
www.bostondynamics.com

Resilient walker
 Gait self-teaching
 Functional damage compensation
ccsl.mae.cornell.edu

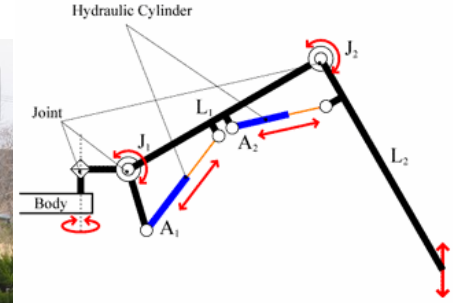


ParaWalker
 (50kg, 1.2m high)
 Biped with // 6 DOF linkage
www-robot.mes.titech.ac.jp



Mobile robots based on legs

Titan XI
 (7000kg, leg 3.7m)
 Climbing & heavy drilling
www-robot.mes.titech.ac.jp



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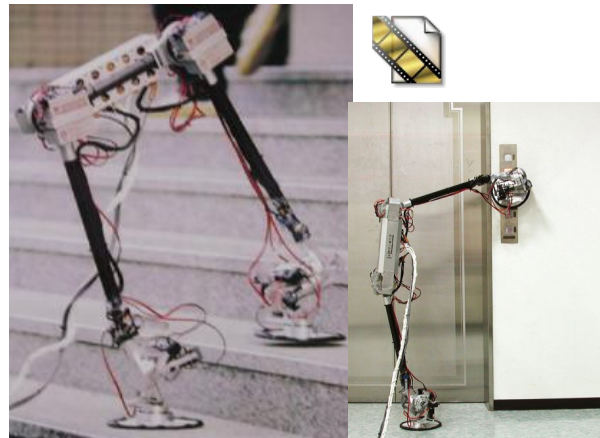
• Wheel-Track

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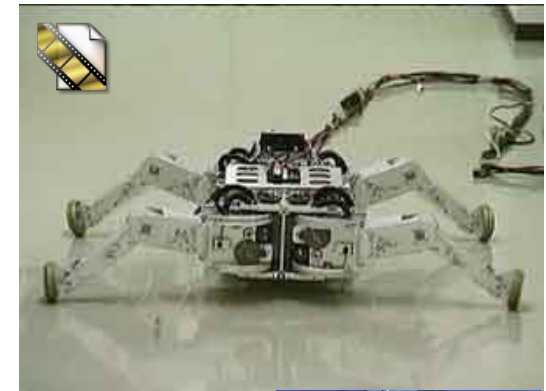
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Yanboo III
 (13kg, 0.7m high)
 Biped with suction/rolling effectors
 Legs are manipulators
www-robot.mes.titech.ac.jp



Roller-Walker (24kg, 0.5m long)
 Convertible wheels
 Dual locomotion mode:
 walking / roller-skating
www-robot.mes.titech.ac.jp



Wheeled & tracked robots

- ✓ Wheel: energy efficient even when steering
- ✓ Only exception : **skid steering**

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Pioneer P3-AT
Skid steering simple robot
www.mobilerobots.com

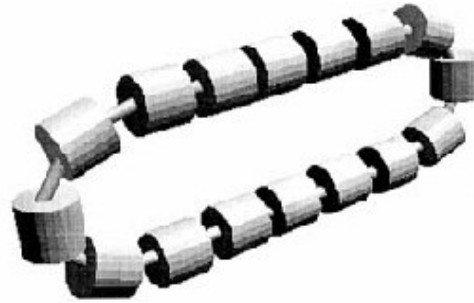


Nomad
Dual Ackermann steering strategy
www.frc.ri.cmu.edu/projects/lorax

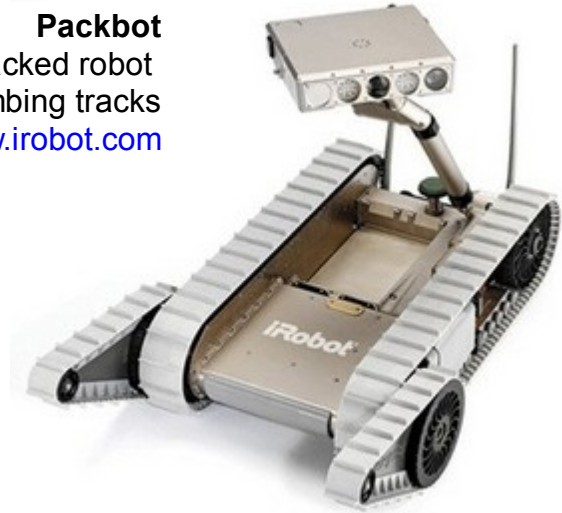


Wheeled & tracked robots

- ✓ Tracks: good traction but steering generates wear



Packbot
Tracked robot
with auxilliary climbing tracks
www.irobot.com



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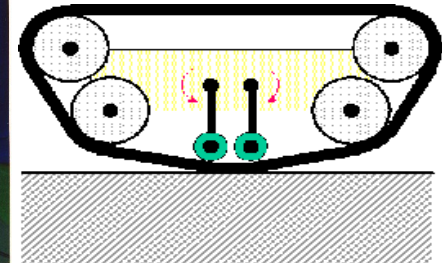
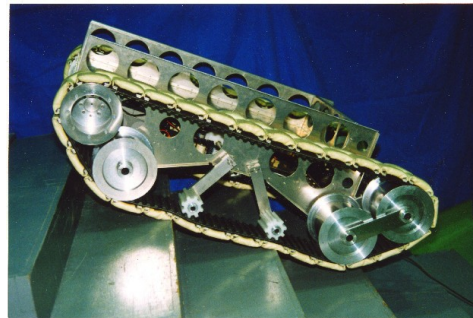
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Vuton
4 Omnidirectional tracks
Holonomic vehicle
www-robot.mes.titech.ac.jp

Xevius
Tracked robot
with reconfigurable polygon
www-robot.mes.titech.ac.jp



Adaptative Wheeled Robots



- ✓ **Minimally actuated frame**, energy efficiency
- ✓ Simple control

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Rocky 7
Adaptative rocker-bogie structure
www-robotics.jpl.nasa.gov

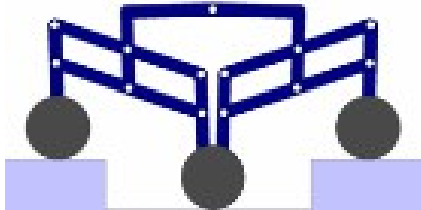


Micro5
Climbing abilities via 5 wheels
www.mit.edu/~ykuroda

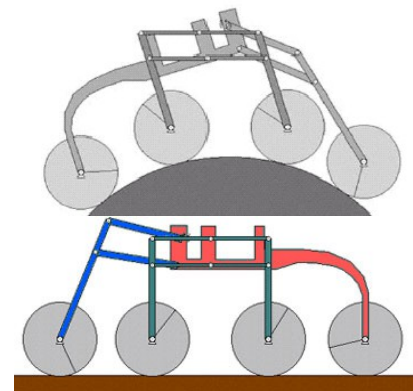
Adaptative Wheeled Robots



Crab I
 Adaptative parallel bogies
 Obstacle climbing abilities
www.asl.ethz.ch



Shrimp
 6 wheels on 2 // bogies
 and 1 front linkage
www.asl.ethz.ch



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Hybrid multi-mode robots



- ✓ Highly **actuated** frame
- ✓ **Orientable tracks** for special modes of displacement

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Azimut

4 orientable tracks

www.gel.usherbrooke.ca/laborius



Helios VII

2 articulated tracks + 1 manipulating arm
with hybrid
grip/wheel end effector

www-robot.mes.titech.ac.jp

Hybrid multi-mode robots



- ✓ **Highly actuated** frame
- ✓ Displacement modes: **peristaltic** crossing, obstacle **climbing**

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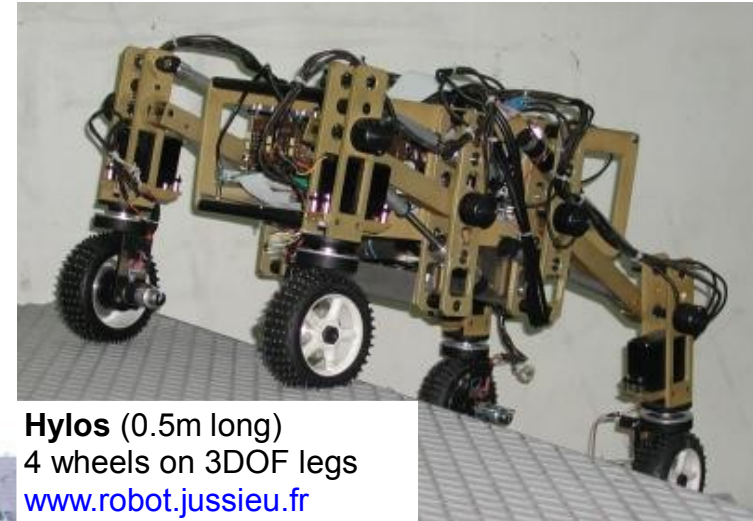
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RobuROC 6 (150 kg, 1.5m long)
 3 tiltable axles with passive warping
 Able to turn on itself
 Can climb obstacles
www.robosoft.fr



Hylos (0.5m long)
 4 wheels on 3DOF legs
www.robot.jussieu.fr



Lama
 Peristaltic crossing
 of sandy areas
www.laas.fr



A Hybrid multi-mode robot OpenWHEEL i3R

- ✓ OpenWHEEL **i3R** robot
- ✓ **Stable** obstacle climbing with **only 4** wheels
- ✓ Only one supplemental **central actuator**

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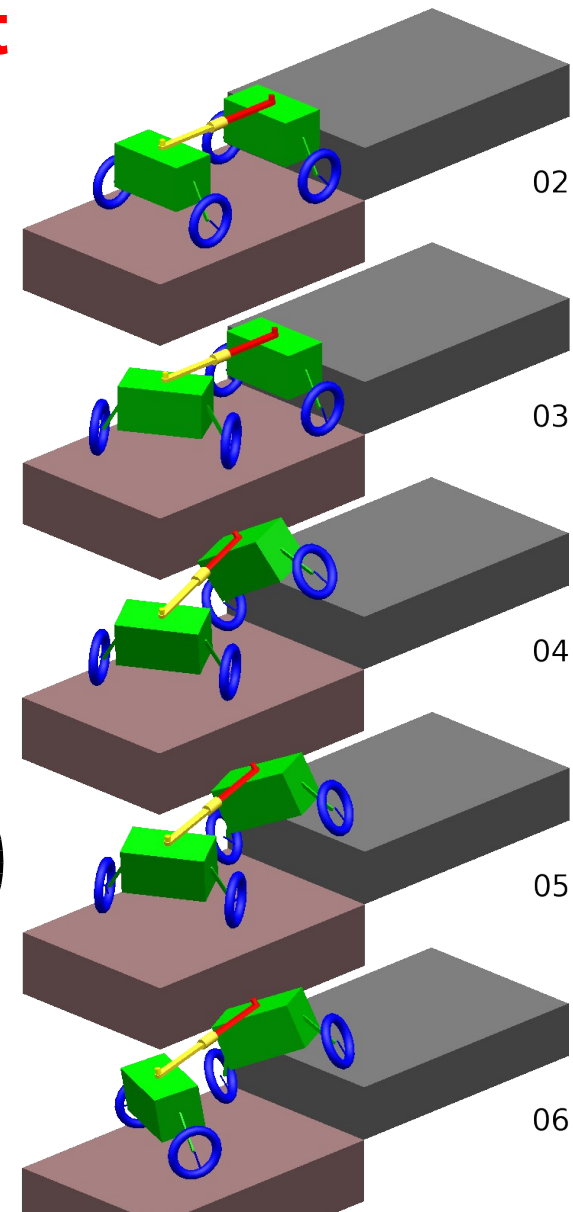
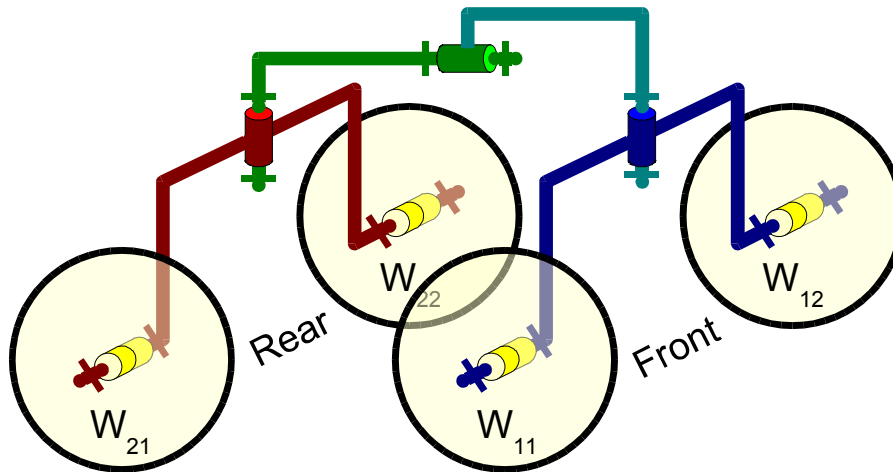
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OpenWHEEL i3R
A big central actuator for warping



A stable climbing process
Multibody validation (Adams)



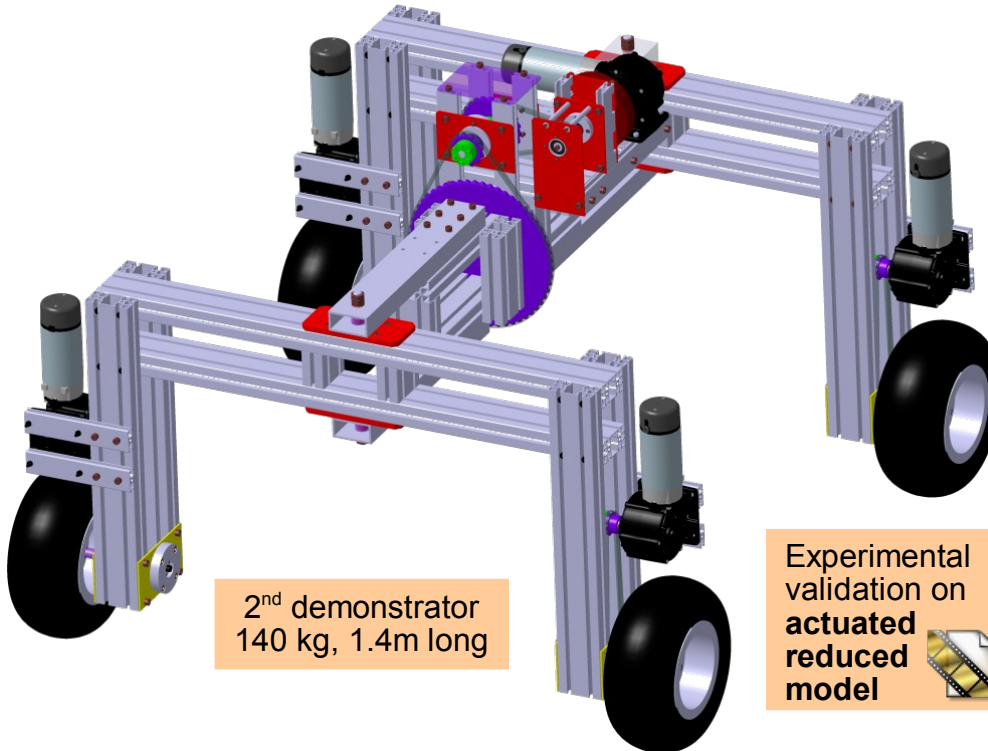
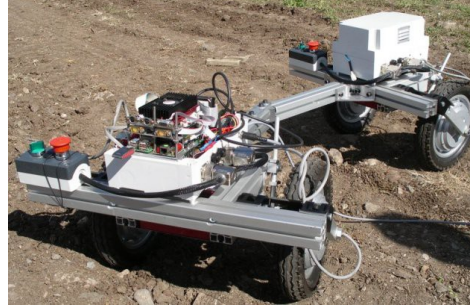
OpenWHEEL i3R
jc.fauroux.free.fr
www.ifma.fr/lami



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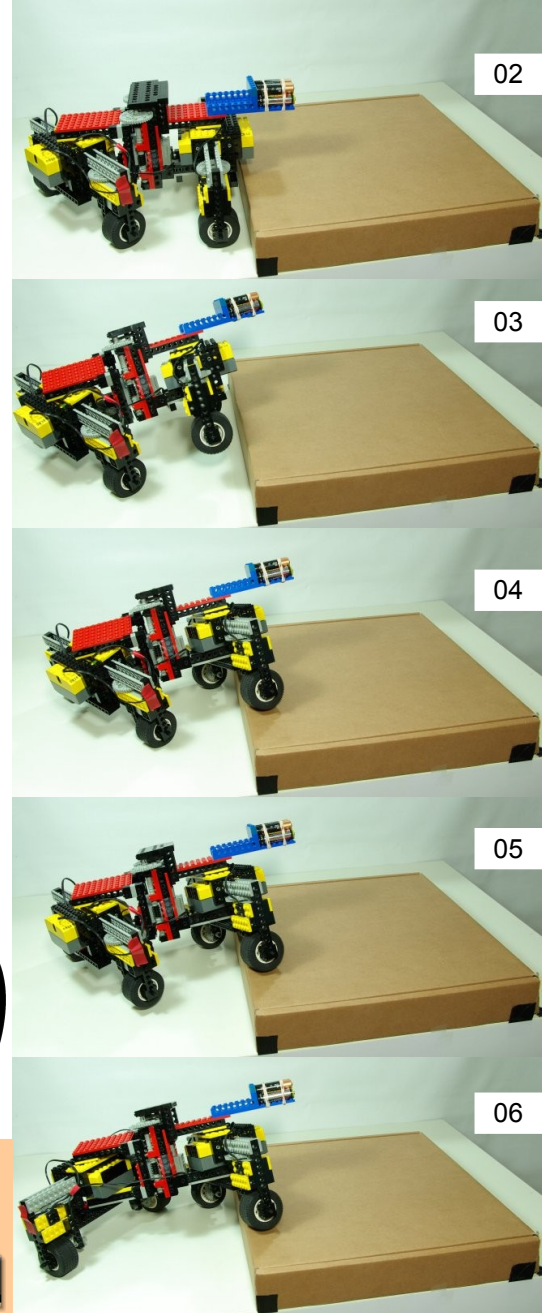
- ✓ Climbing process in **19 stages**
- ✓ Climbs obstacles as high as **66%** of **Z** Centre of mass

First demonstrator at scale 1:1



2nd demonstrator
140 kg, 1.4m long

Experimental
validation on
actuated
reduced
model



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Special robots

- ✓ Flying **drones** become popular
- ✓ Aero-terrestrial **cooperation**
- ✓ **Underwater** drones

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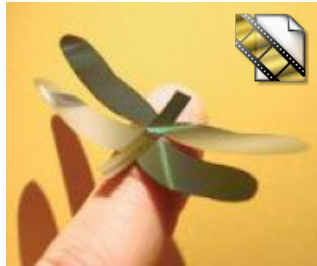
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Dragonfly Nanodrone

120mg, 6cm wide, 80mW
SMA actuators on the wings
www.silmach.com



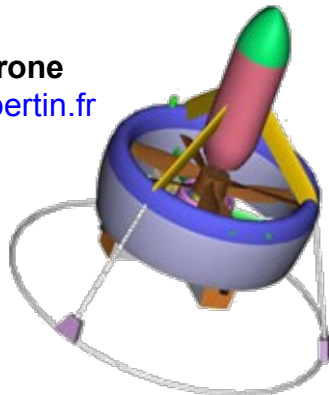
BionicOpter

Span 63cm, 175g, 20Hz,
13 DDL: wing amplitude, freq,
twist + head & tail motions
www.festo.com



Minidrone

www.bertin.fr



Alistar 3000

5m long, 2800kg
Depth 3000m
www.eca.fr



Seaglider

1.8m long, 52kg
Range 1000km
Depth 1000m
www.irobot.com



Special robots

✓ Pole climbing

✓ Pipe exploring

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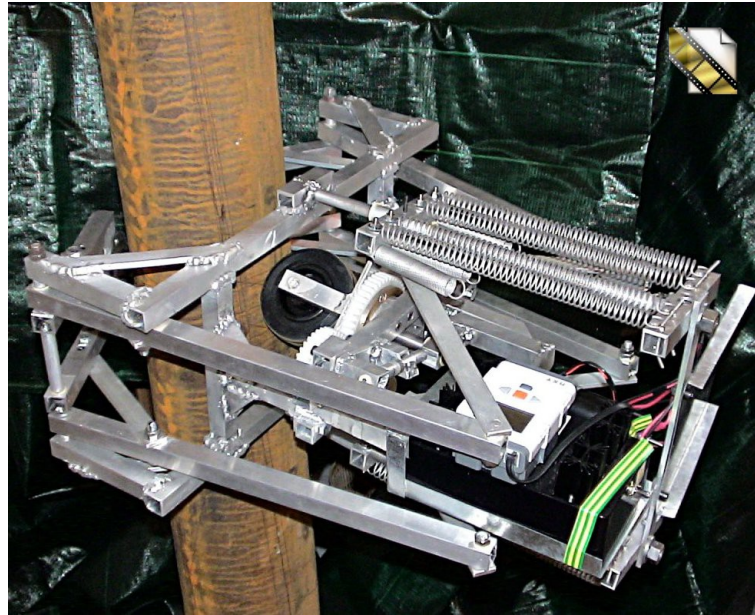
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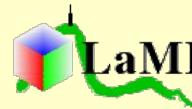
Pobot V2

Pole climbing robot

Cannot fall, can turn around the pole

jc.fauroux.free.fr

www.ifma.fr/lami



MagneBike

2 magnetic wheels with anti-locking rollers

www.asl.ethz.ch





Human-like robots

- ✓ Humanoid = 1 **walking** robot + 2 **manipulators**
- ✓ New applications : **companion** robots

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Shoulder: 3

Elbow: 1

Wrist: 1

Hip: 3

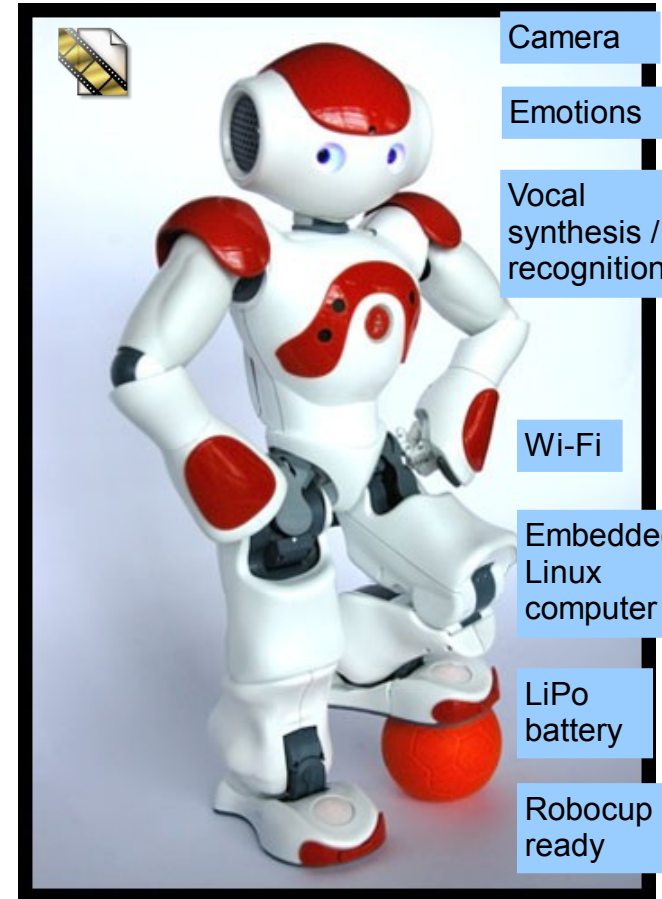
Hand: 1

Knee: 1

Ankle: 2

Asimo

24 DOF, 52 kg, 1.2m high
world.honda.com/ASIMO



Camera

Emotions

Vocal synthesis / recognition

Wi-Fi

Embedded Linux computer

LiPo battery

Robocup ready

Nao

25 DOF, 0.58m high, 3k€
www.aldebaran-robotics.com



Human-like robots

- ✓ **HRP-2** (Humanoid Robotics Project)
- ✓ Japon : AIST, Kawada Industry
- ✓ Collaboration LAAS CNRS (2006+)

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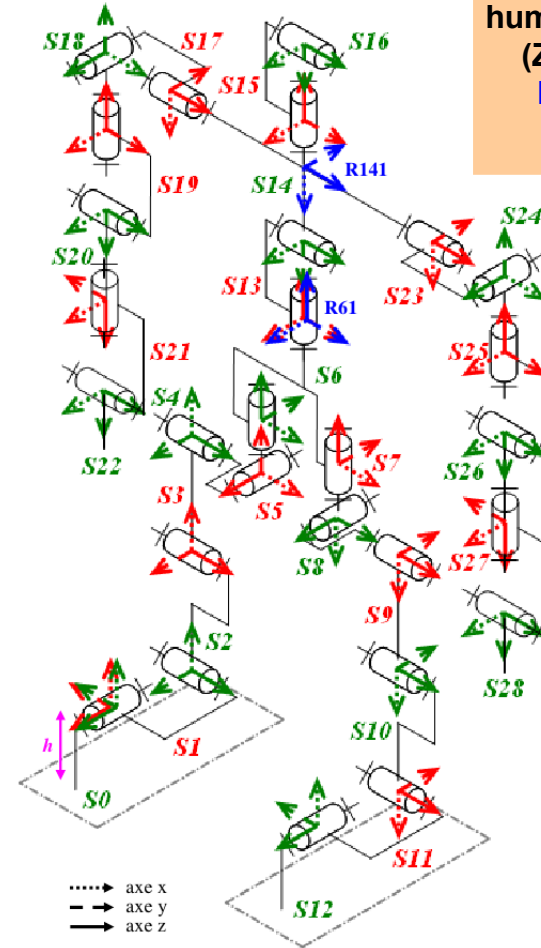
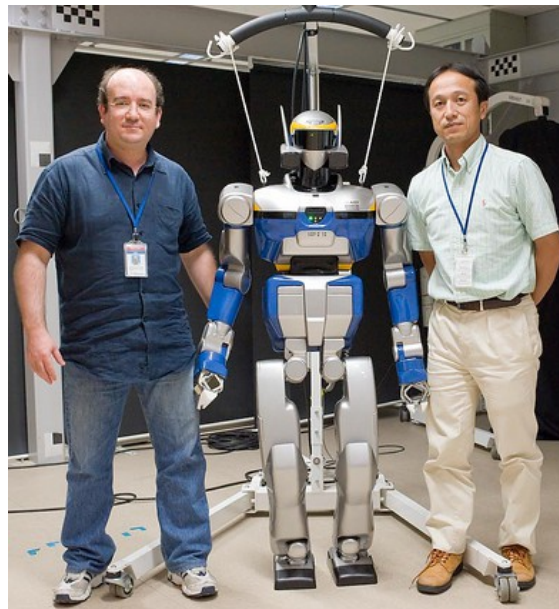
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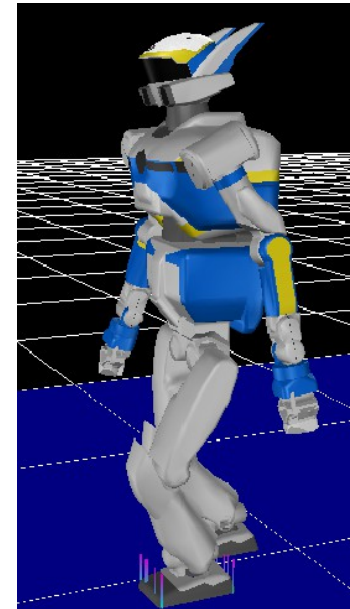
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- ✓ 28DDL =
- ✓ 2x6 legs
- ✓ + 2x6 arms
- ✓ + 2 torso
- ✓ + 2 head
- ✓ 1,54m 58 kg



Dynamic control of humanoid robots by ZMP (Zero Moment Point)
PHD Antoine EON, Poitiers 2009





Exo-skeletons

- ✓ Bio-compatible
- ✓ **Haptic** device + Force **amplifier**
- ✓ Specialized on a limb (arm/leg)

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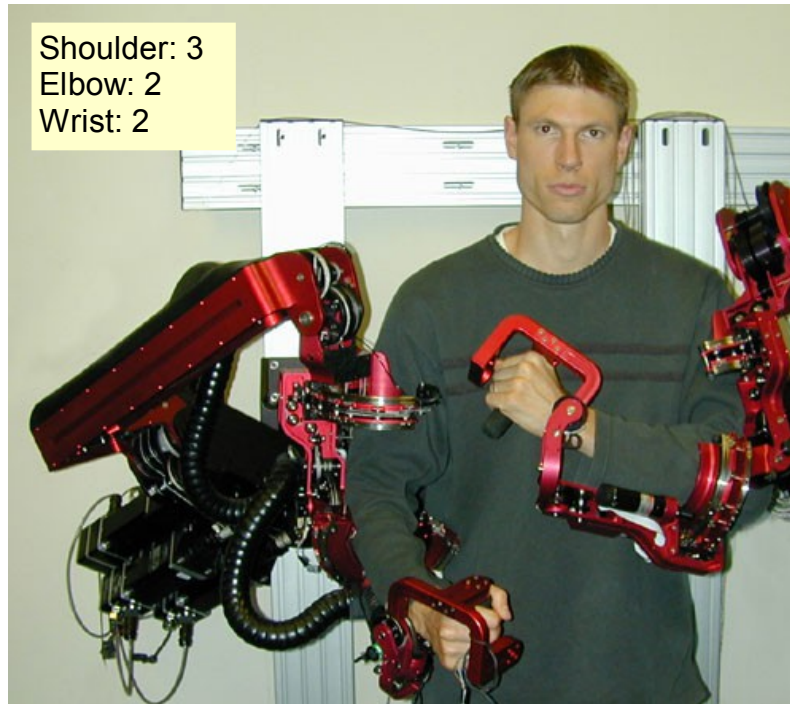
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Wearable robotics - Exoskeleton

7DOF, Neural control

brl.ee.washington.edu



ReWalk robotic suit

For walking / lifting from seat

www.argomedtec.com



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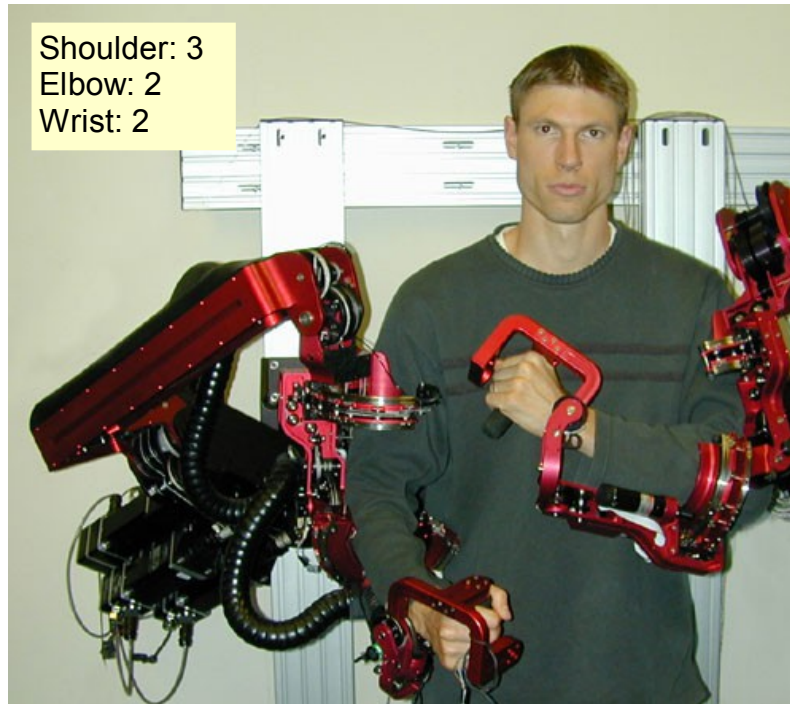
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Exo-skeletons

- ✓ Military applications (Raytheon Sarcos)
- ✓ **Force feedback** for delicate tasks



Dual manipulator BigArm
2x100kg at a distance of 2m
www.raytheon.com



Complete exo-skeleton
XOS2
Lower and upper limbs
www.raytheon.com

Modular Robotics Kits



- ✓ From toys to industry
- ✓ Cost-effective / maintainability

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Mindstorms NXT

Control box, Bluetooth,
3 actuators 2W 50Ncm
Sensors (contact / sound / US / light / ...)
mindstorms.lego.com



Ranked 1st and 2nd in France
2007. Source :
www.robopolis.com



www.robotis.com

Bioid

Servomotors AX12 150 Ncm
Sensors (distance / light / heat / ...)
www.robotis.com



Mindstorms : case study



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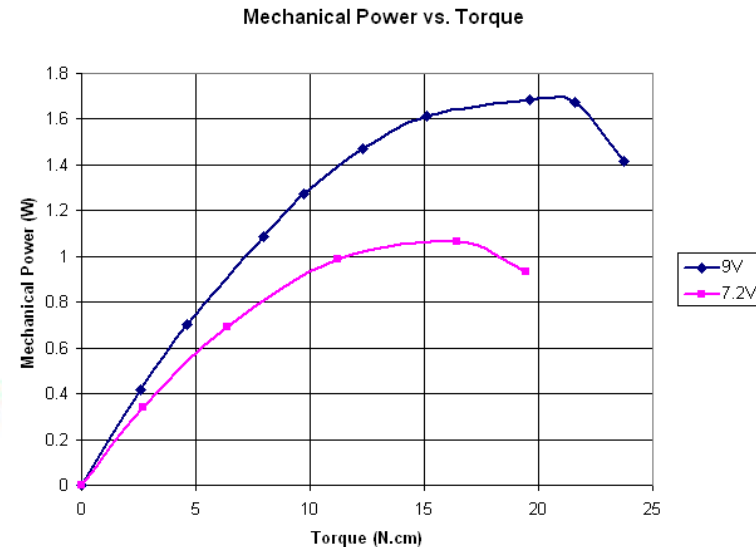
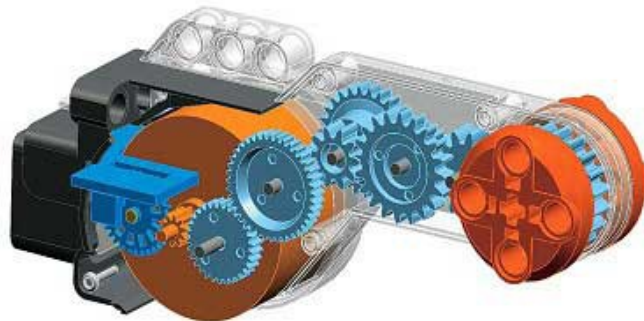
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- ✓ An open and expandable architecture
 - Atmel **32-bit ARM** processor at 48MHz, 256 Kb flash
 - **Bluetooth** / USB2
 - 3 motors outputs / 4 sensor inputs / multiplexers with daisy chain
 - Only **one controller** required
 - Closed loop control with access to PID parameters
 - **Powerful** 9V actuators (5W)
 - Many **sensors** : contact, angular, distance (US), 3D accelerometer to measure tilting

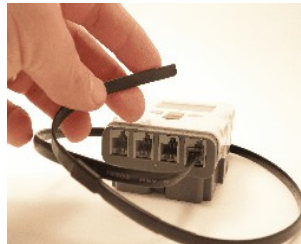
- ✓ A dynamic community
 - Experimental actuator characterization
 - www.philohome.com



Mindstorms : Sensors (1/2)



Angle incremental coder (1°)
www.hitechnic.com



Flex sensor (1° acc.)
Dexterindustries.com



Camera 88x144@30Hz
www.mindsensors.com



WIFI remote (digital/analog)
www.mindsensors.com

	lego.com	codatex.com	dexterindustries.com	hitechnic.com	humarobotics.com	mindsensors.com	vernier.com
Sensor type							
Locating							
Contact	X					X	
Distance US	X						
Distance IR						X	
Accelerometer				X		X	X
Angle				X			
Flexion			X				X
Gyrometer				X			
IMU			X				
GPS			X				
Magnetic compass			X	X			X
Force							X
Vision						X	
Communication							
RFID		X					
USB HID						X	
Wifi			X		X		
Zigbee			X				
Remote control						X	

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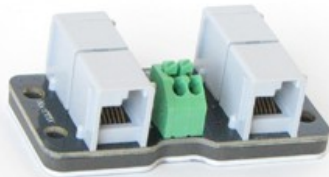
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Sensor multiplexer
www.hitechnic.com



Motor multiplexer
www.hitechnic.com



Dswitch
Dexterindustries.com



NXT adapter
www.vernier.com

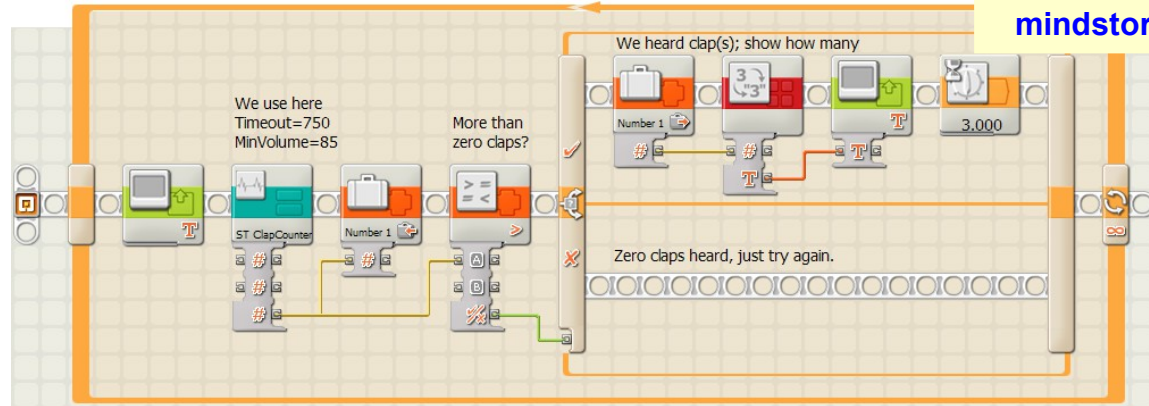
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Sensor type							
Infrastructure							
Clock						X	
Sensor multiplexer				X		X	
Actuator multiplexer						X	
Servomotor control						X	
AC control			X				
Solar power	X		X				
Various sensors							
Current							X
Power						X	
Anemometer							X
Barometer				X			X
Color	X			X		X	X
Sound	X						X
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Moisture							X
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Dissolved oxygen							X
pH							X



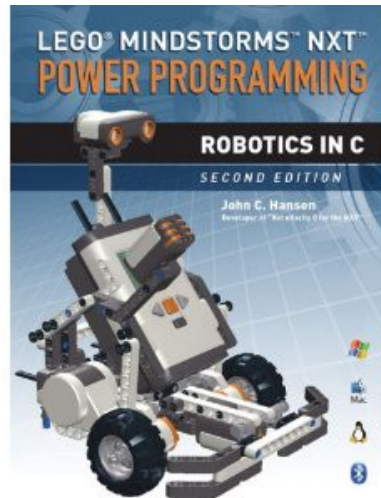
Mindstorms : native OSeS

- ✓ NXT-G Labview like language

Graphical language based on wired blocks
mindstorms.lego.com



- ✓ NBC / NXC Assembler and C compilers



```
test.nxc
}

task main () {
    int xxxx = 23;
    Precedes(Fred);

    // Stop( xxxx == 23 );

    // Fred:

    msg = FooBar(10, "_fred" );
    ClearScreen();
    TextOut(0, LCD_LINE1, msg);
    NumOut(0, LCD_LINE2, xxxx);
    xxxx = Multiply(2, 3) + 4;
    NumOut(0, LCD_LINE3, xxxx);
    xxxx = Multiply(2, 3);
    NumOut(0, LCD_LINE4, xxxx);
}
```

Assembler / C
 Open-source compilers maintained by John C. Hansen.
 Complete API with additional instructions for multi-task programming of NXT
bricxcc.sourceforge.net

- ✓ Others: RobotC, LejOS (Java)...

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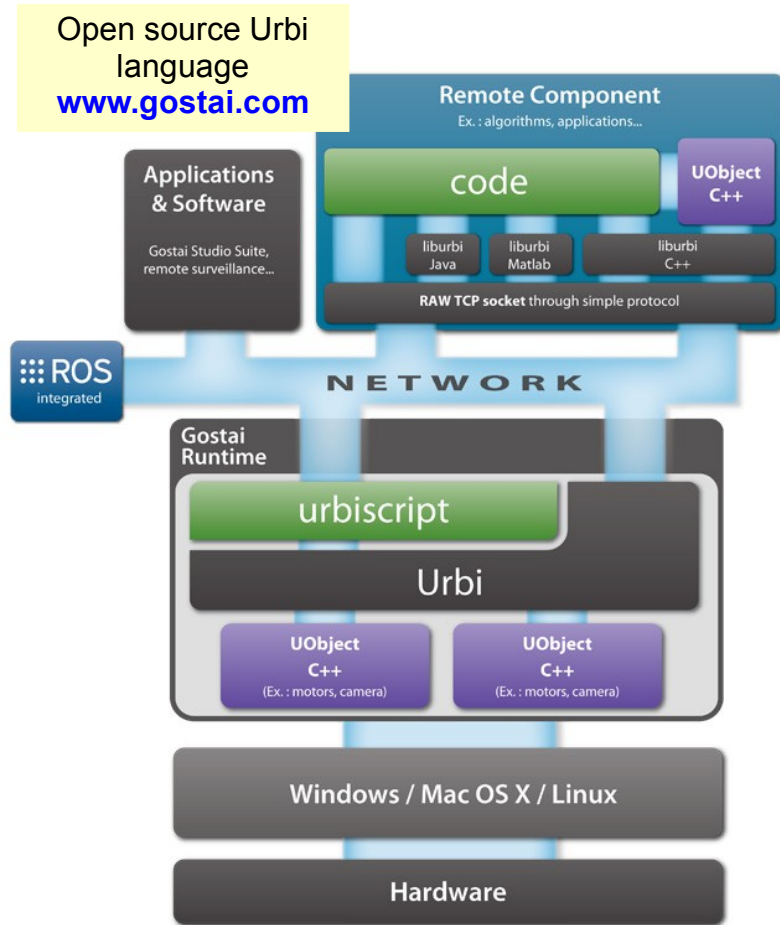
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Mindstorms : neutral OSeS



- ✓ Principle : one program for several hardware architectures → maintainability
- ✓ GOSTAI Urbi :

- **Open Source**
- **Multi-OS**: Linux / Mac OS / Windows
- **Multi-hardware** : NXT / Bioloid / Spykee / Aibo / Nao / Segway / ...
- Event **orchestration script** Urbiscript with graphical programming
- **C++ component** UObject
- **Network** connection
- **Abstraction level**: “jumping” means different control laws for Aibo & Nao but is represented by the same Urbi function



- ✓ ROS (Robot Operating System) www.ros.org
- ✓ Microsoft Robotics studio (closed source)

Robotics

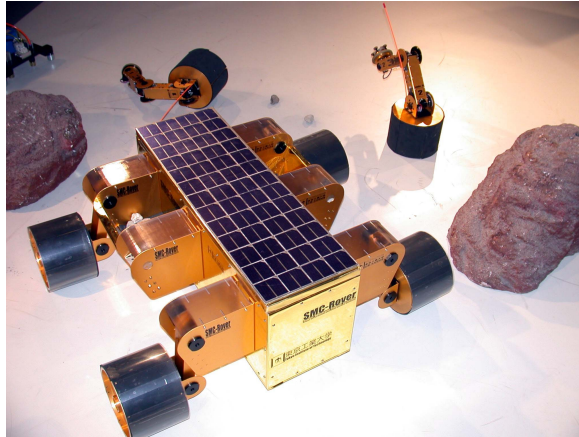
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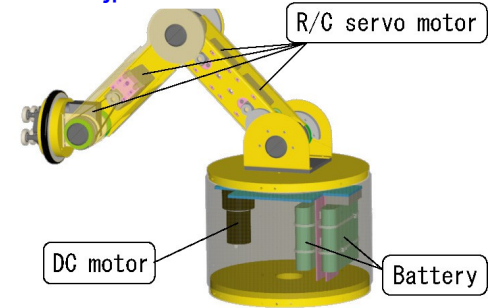
Self-reconfigurable robots



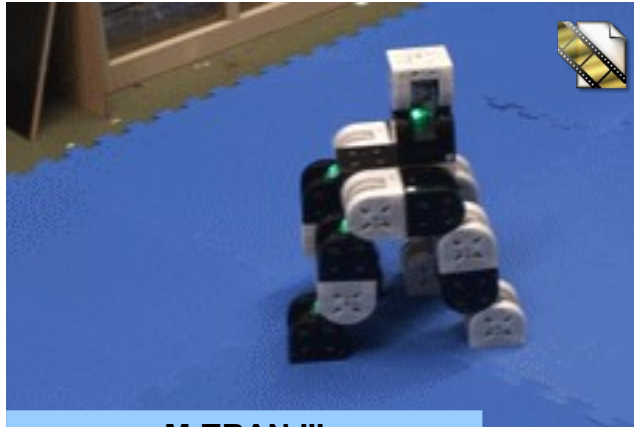
- ✓ Robot with detachable limbs



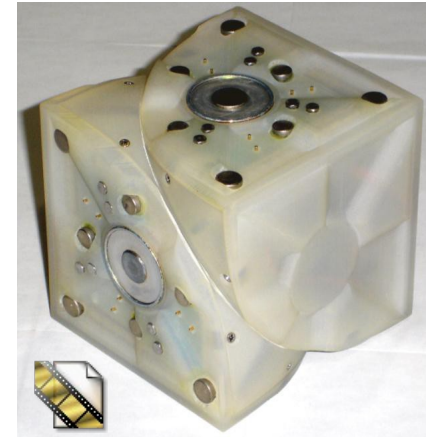
SMC Rover and UniRover
6 wheels on detachable legs
www-robot.mes.titech.ac.jp



- ✓ Self-attaching modules
- ✓ Towards auto-replication / cloning



M-TRAN III
Self reconfigurable robot
Locomotion and Adaptation
unit.aist.go.jp/is



The next step: robot **breeding**

Molecube
Auto-cloning
ccsl.mae.cornell.edu

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• Manipulators

- ✓ **Serial** manipulators reached industrial **maturity**
- ✓ **Parallel and hybrid** architectures may improve **dynamics** and **precision**

• Mobile robots

- ✓ No locomotion mode is perfect
- ✓ Improved architectures: engines **distributed** on the wheels, **wheels on legs**
- ✓ Innovative architectures already exist (e.g. for **spatial** robots)

• Humanoids

- ✓ **Realism** and **energetic autonomy**
- ✓ Companion robots with improved **interaction** and **expressivity**

• Modular robots

- ✓ Modularity for **reliable** and **cost-effective** building of **anything**
- ✓ Control via portable software development kits, limb and behavior libraries