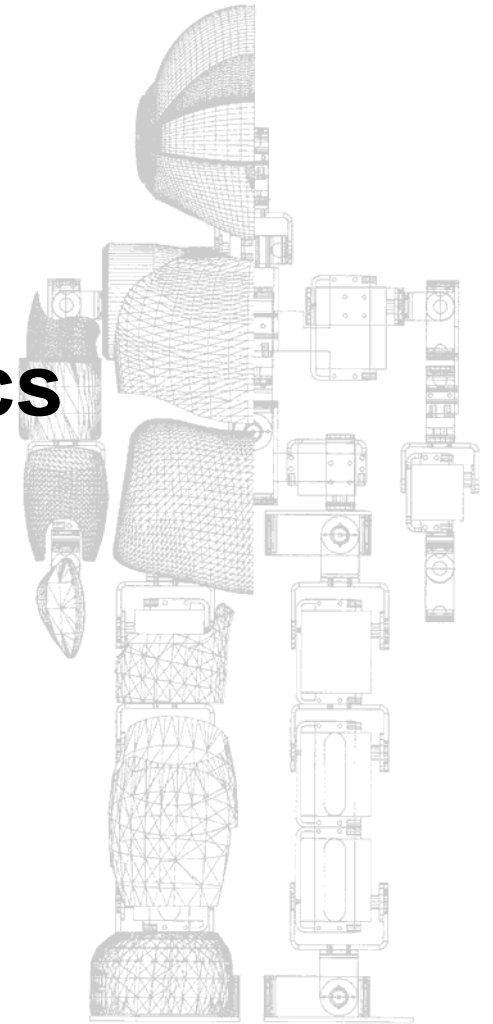


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Rehabilitation Robotics

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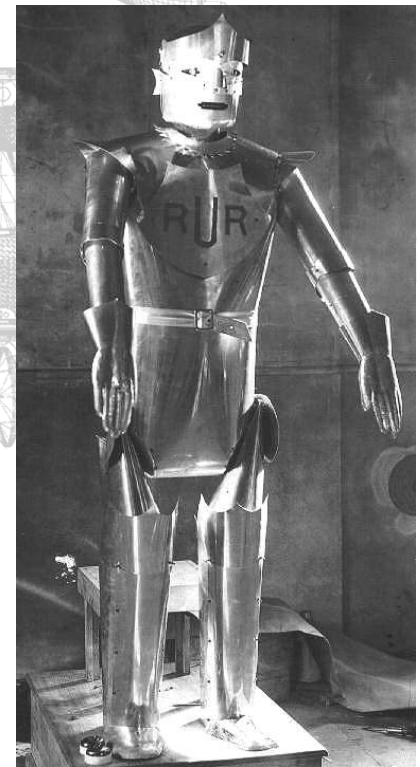
Introduction & definitions

Definition of the word *robot*

robota [Czech], play of Karel Capek 1921
means ‘work’, or ‘forced workers’, or ‘slaves’

Dictionary:

1. A mechanical device that sometimes resembles a human being and is capable of performing a variety of often complex human tasks on command or by being programmed in advance.
2. A machine or device that operates automatically or by remote control.
3. A person who works mechanically without original thought, especially one who responds automatically to the commands of others.

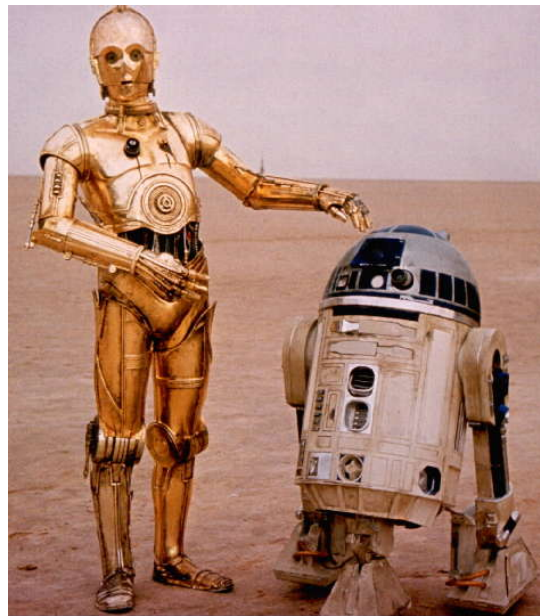


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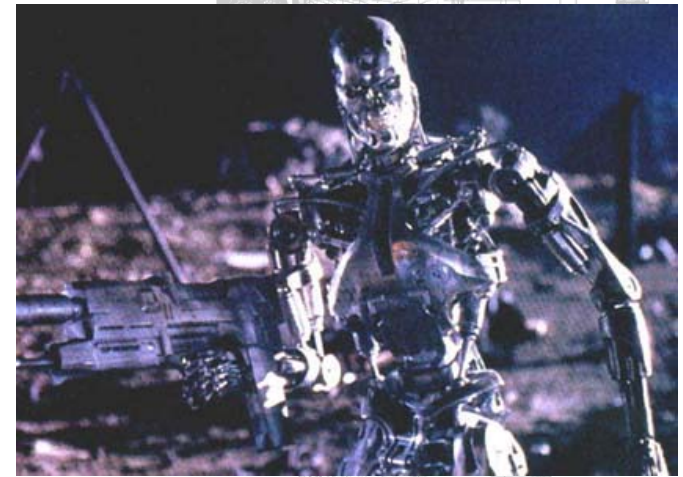
Fiction robots



1956, Forbidden Planet



1977, Star Wars



1999, Terminator

Introduction & definitions

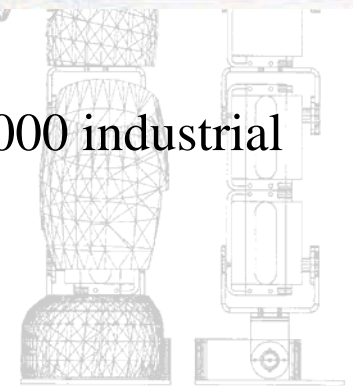


1961, first “real” robot

The first industrial robot, called Unimate, GM factory in New Jersey



1970-1999 over 1.100.000 industrial robots installed



NO human interaction !!!

Introduction & definitions

first step

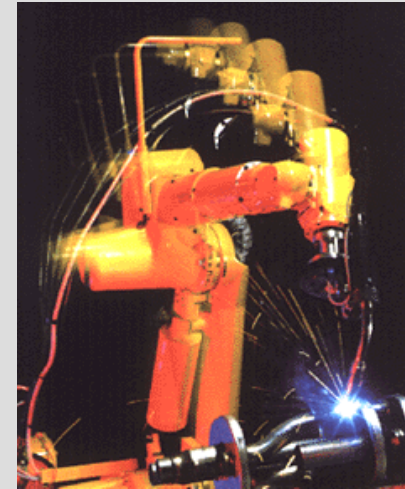
robots

**service
robots**



- adaptation
- autonomy
- safety

**manufacturing
robots**



- speed
- accuracy
- payload
- reliability

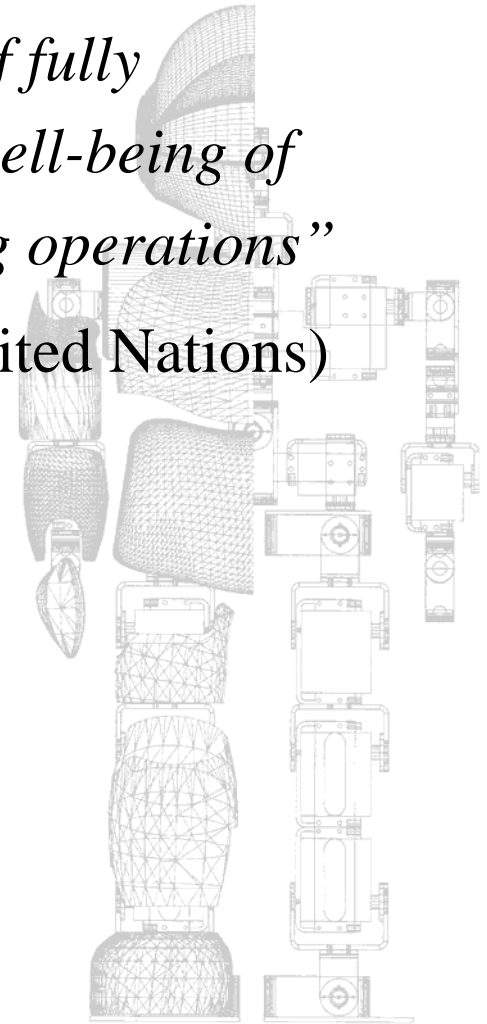
Introduction & definitions

*“**Service robots** are robots which operate semi or fully autonomously to perform services useful to the well-being of humans and equipment, excluding manufacturing operations”*

(World Robotics 2000, The Int. Fed. of Rob., United Nations)

example application areas:

- cleaning robots (tank, floor, window, pipes, etc.)
- inspection robots (power plants, nuclear, etc.)
- domestic robots (vacuum, lawn, etc.)
- medical robots (surgical assistance, equipment holder)
- **assistive robots (for disabled persons)**
- entertainment

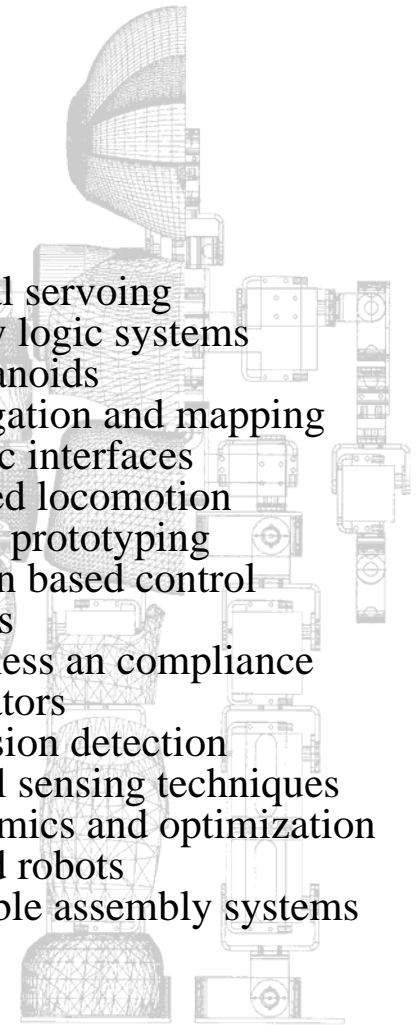


Introduction & definitions

Robotics covers an extensive field of research

(sessions on ICRA 2000, San Francisco, USA)

- path planning
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- grasping and manipulation
- kinematics
- mechanisms
- architectures
- micro robots
- manufacturing system design
- space robots and rovers
- autonomous robots
- space and underwater robots
- range sensing
- part feeding and fixing
- **rehabilitation robots**
- assembly and motion planning
- environmental modeling
- flexible robots
- robot control
- dexterous manipulation
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- novel transmission methods
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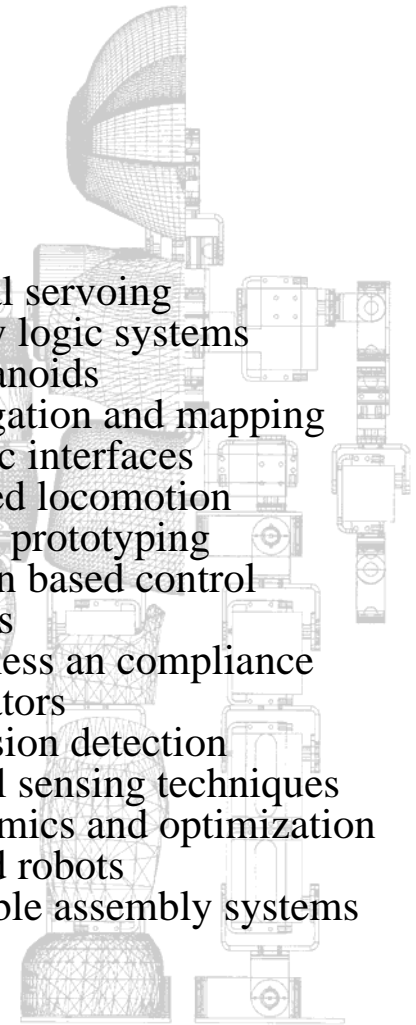


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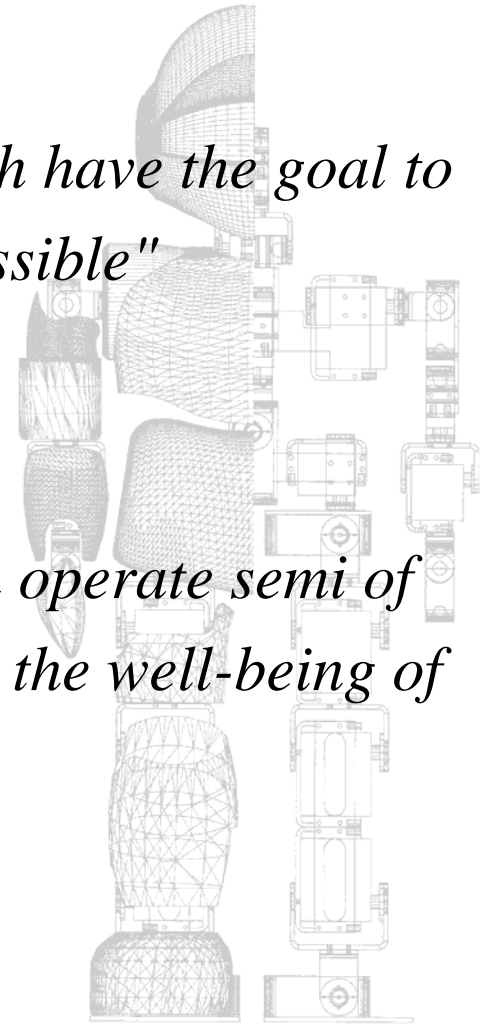
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"The entirety of medical and social means, which have the goal to restore the functions of the patients as far as possible"

(Dikke Van Dale)

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(R.Q. van der Linde, 2003)

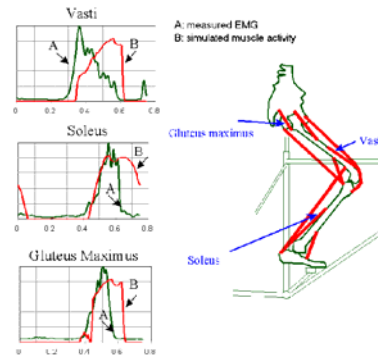


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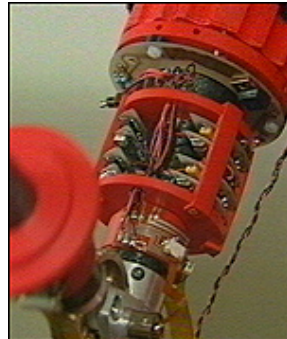
4 functional areas of rehabilitation robots:



identification & diagnostics



therapy assistance



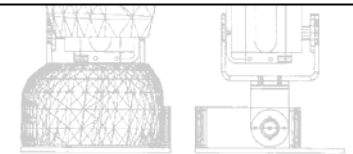
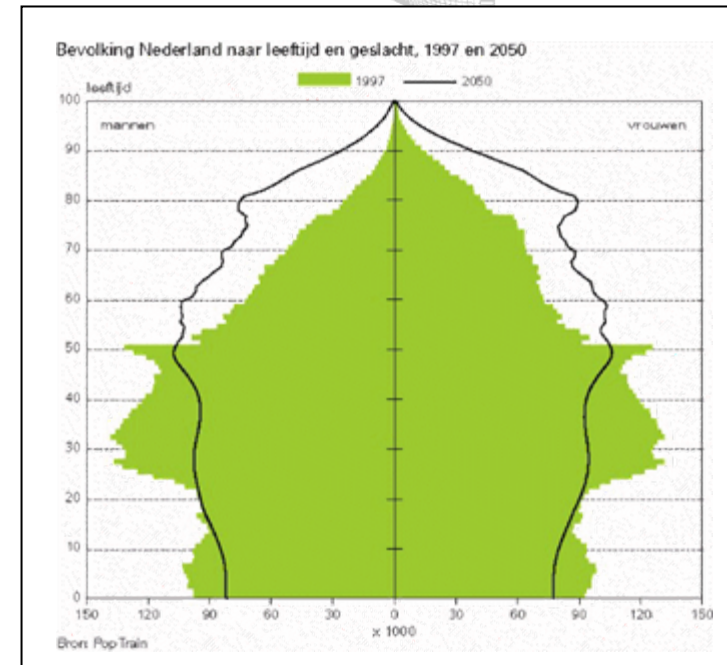
prosthetics



living assistance

Why rehabilitation robots ?

- We have an increasing need for treatment
 - more elderly people
 - more diseases
- Robot therapy might be effective
 - motivating
 - accurate
 - objective
 - adaptive
- Robot therapy enables home care



Why NOT rehabilitation robots ?

- Because the QALY factor is low

QALY (Quality Adjusted Life Year)

goal: to measure the value quality of life

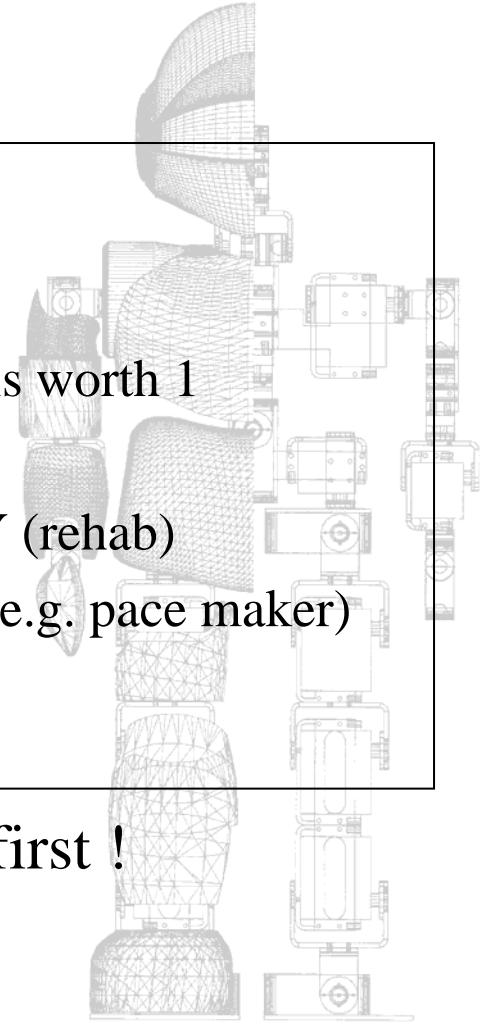
definition: 1 year of perfect health-life expectancy is worth 1

QALY = quality of life

examples: - 4 year life extension * 0.1 = 0.4 QALY (rehab)
- 2 year life extension * 1 = 2 QALY (e.g. pace maker)

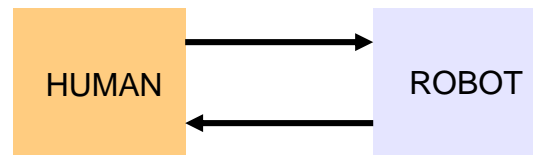
NL: QALY = 25.000 Euro

- Because proven therapy results are required first !
- Because it is complex

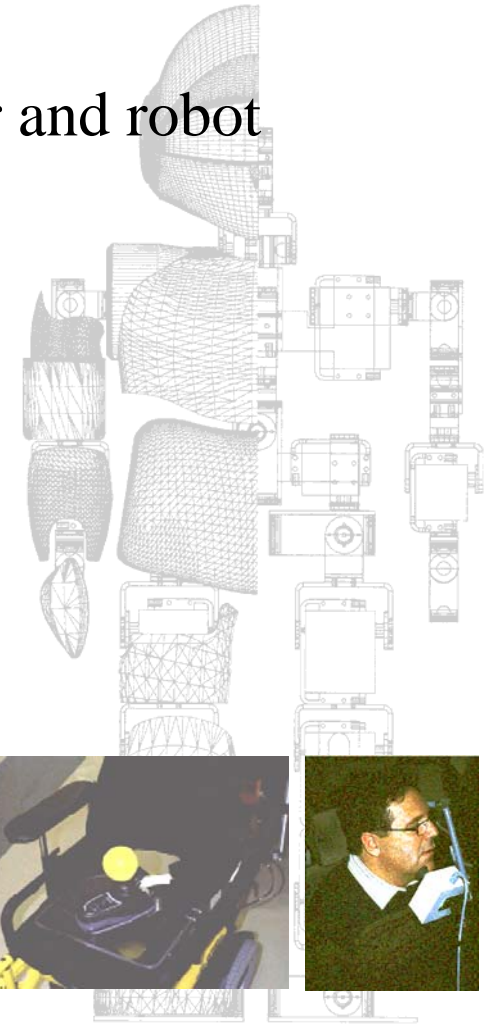


Technical issues

Interaction between (disabled) human operator and robot

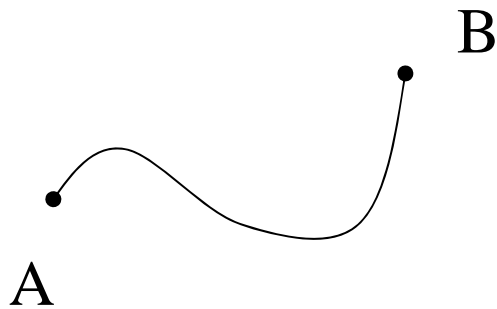


- what type of motion control is required ?
- how to interface with the robot ?
- reliability
- safety



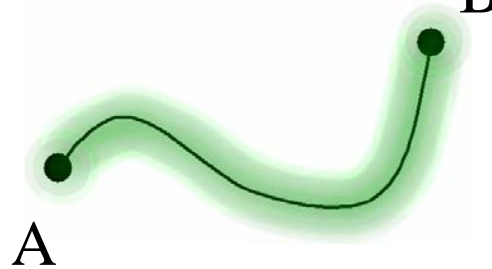
Types of movement control

position control



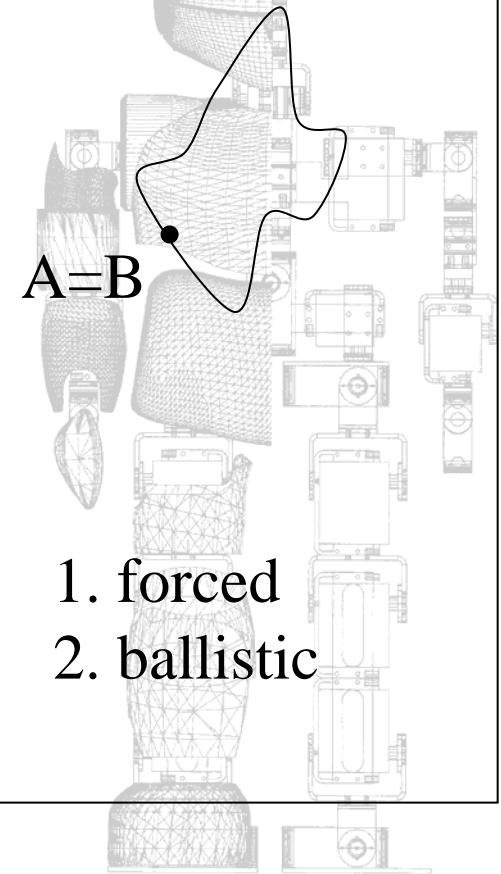
1. position control
2. force control

force/position control



1. impedance
2. admittance
3. intrinsic

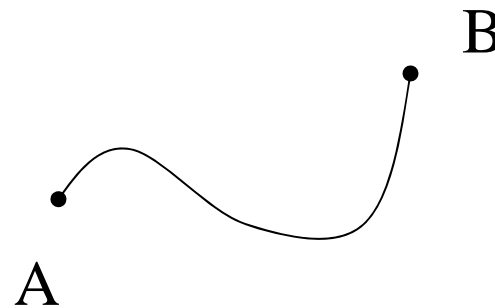
periodic



1. forced
2. ballistic

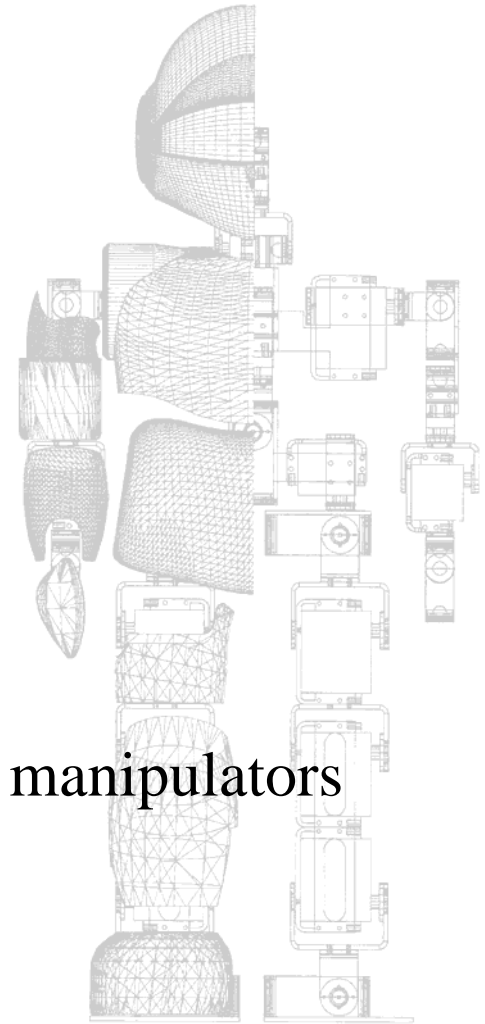
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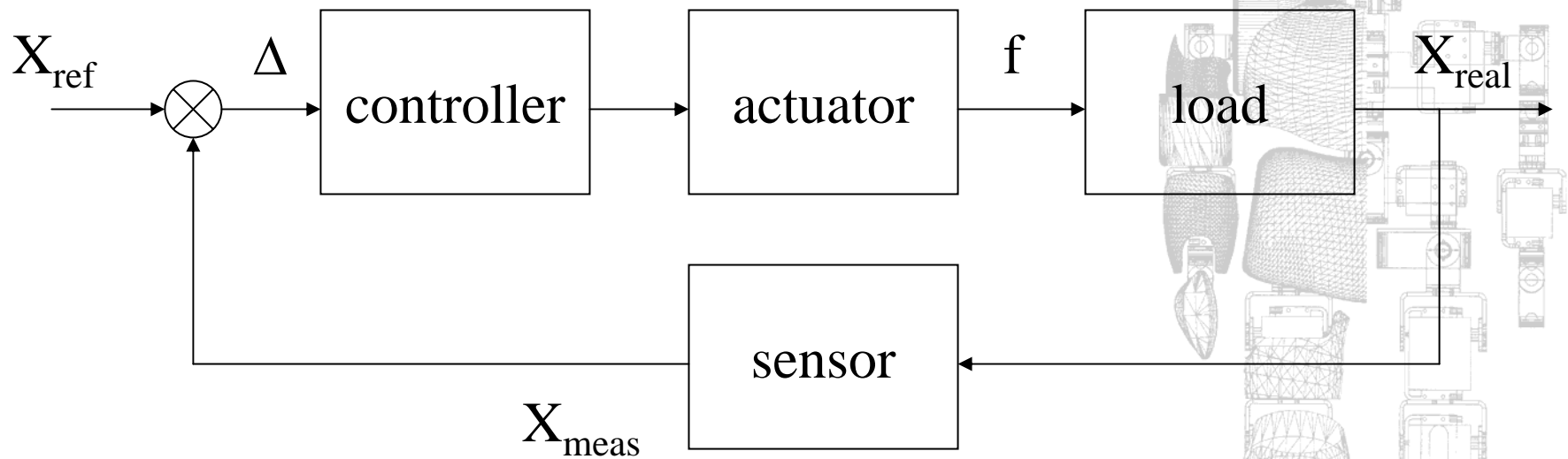
When ?

- prescribed displacement, e.g. movement of manipulators
- prescribed force, e.g. pinching



Position control

Simple classical control loop



Position control

Example: simplest control loop

suppose 2nd order load

$$m\ddot{x} = f - \kappa\dot{x} - cx$$

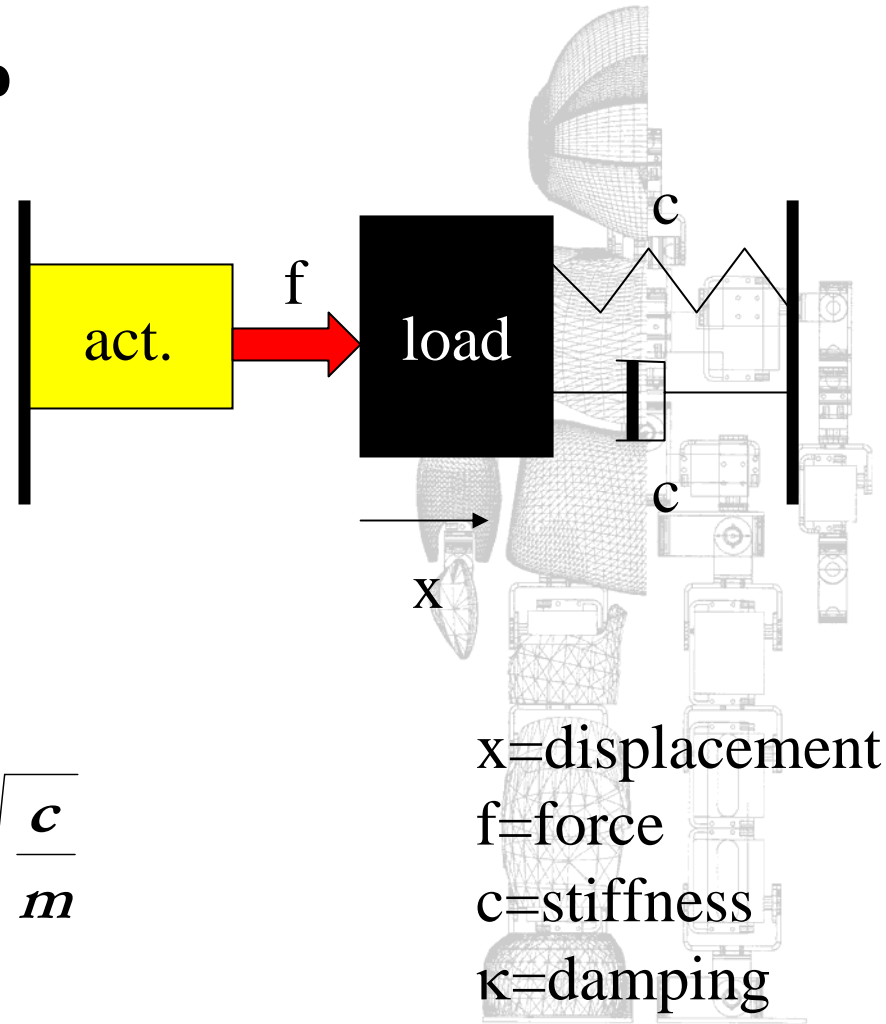
rewriting

$$\frac{x}{f} = \frac{1}{ms^2 + \kappa s + c}$$

or

$$\frac{x}{f} = \frac{1/c}{\frac{s^2}{\omega_0^2} + 2\beta\frac{s}{\omega_0} + 1}$$

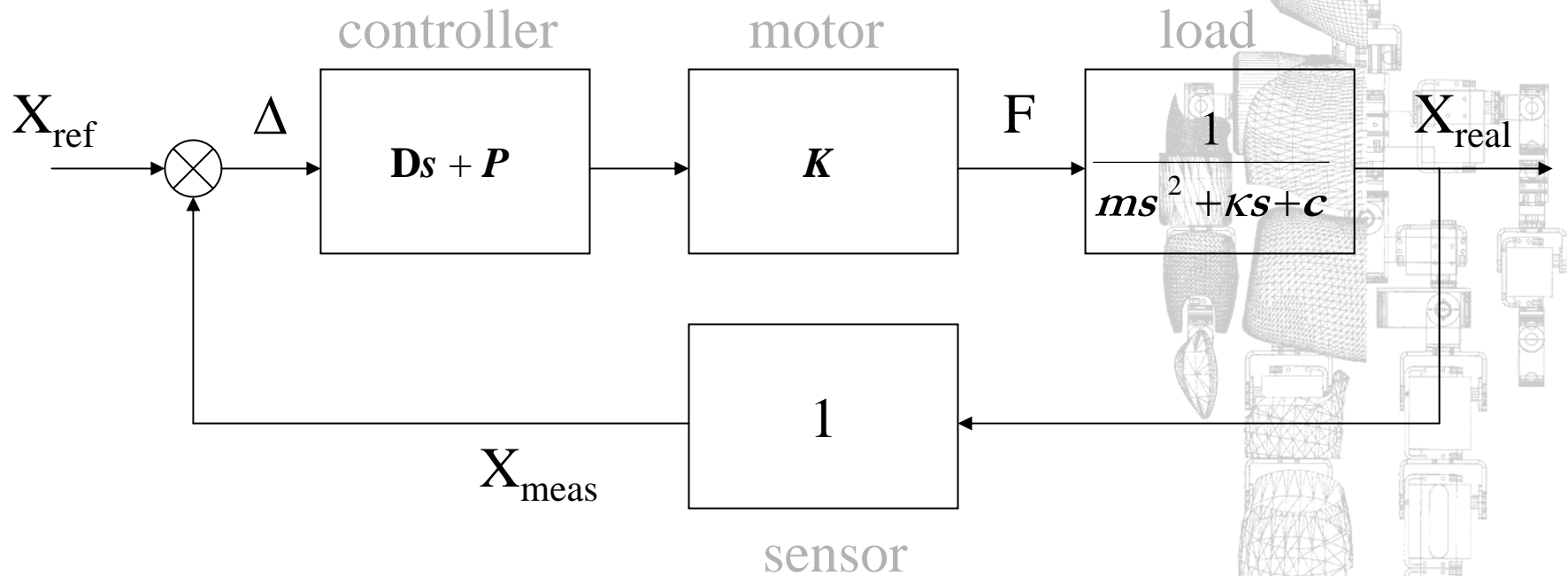
$$\omega_0 = \sqrt{\frac{c}{m}}$$



x =displacement
 f =force
 c =stiffness
 κ =damping

Position control

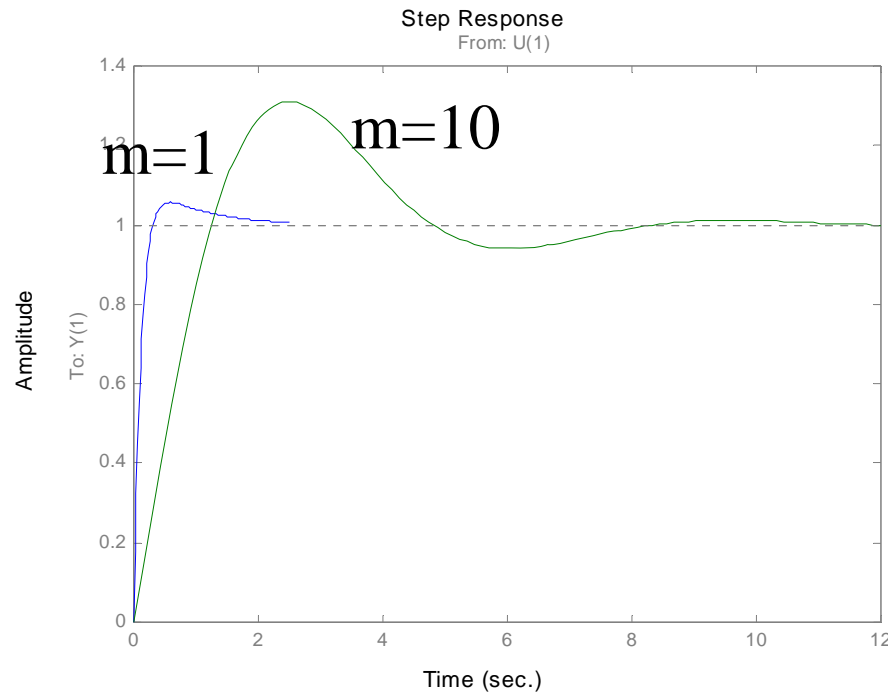
Example: simplest control loop, block scheme



- ideal sensors
- ideal motor

Position control

Example : simplest control loop, high & low load



settings:

$b=0.3$

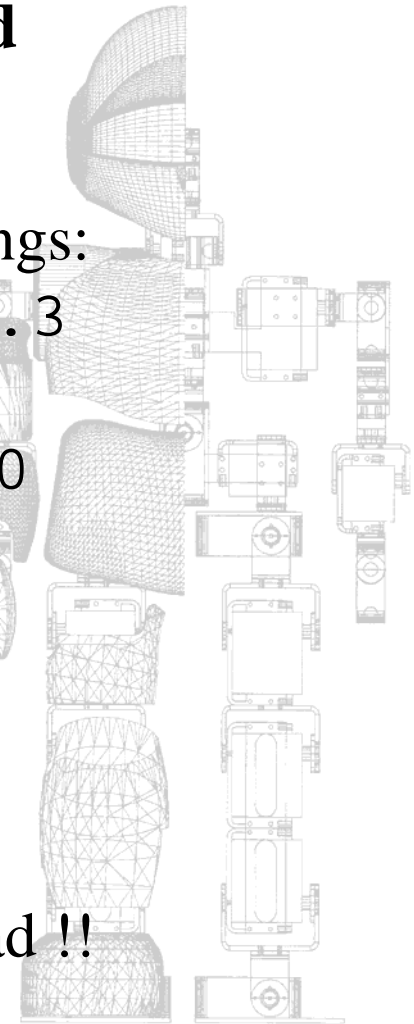
$c=0$

$P=10$

$D=9$

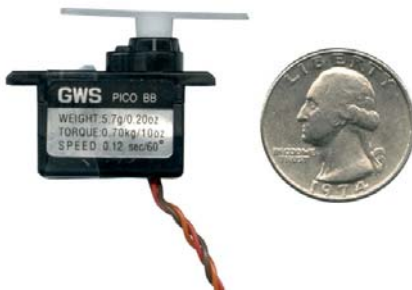
Conclusion:

Safe & optimal control loop settings depend on load !!

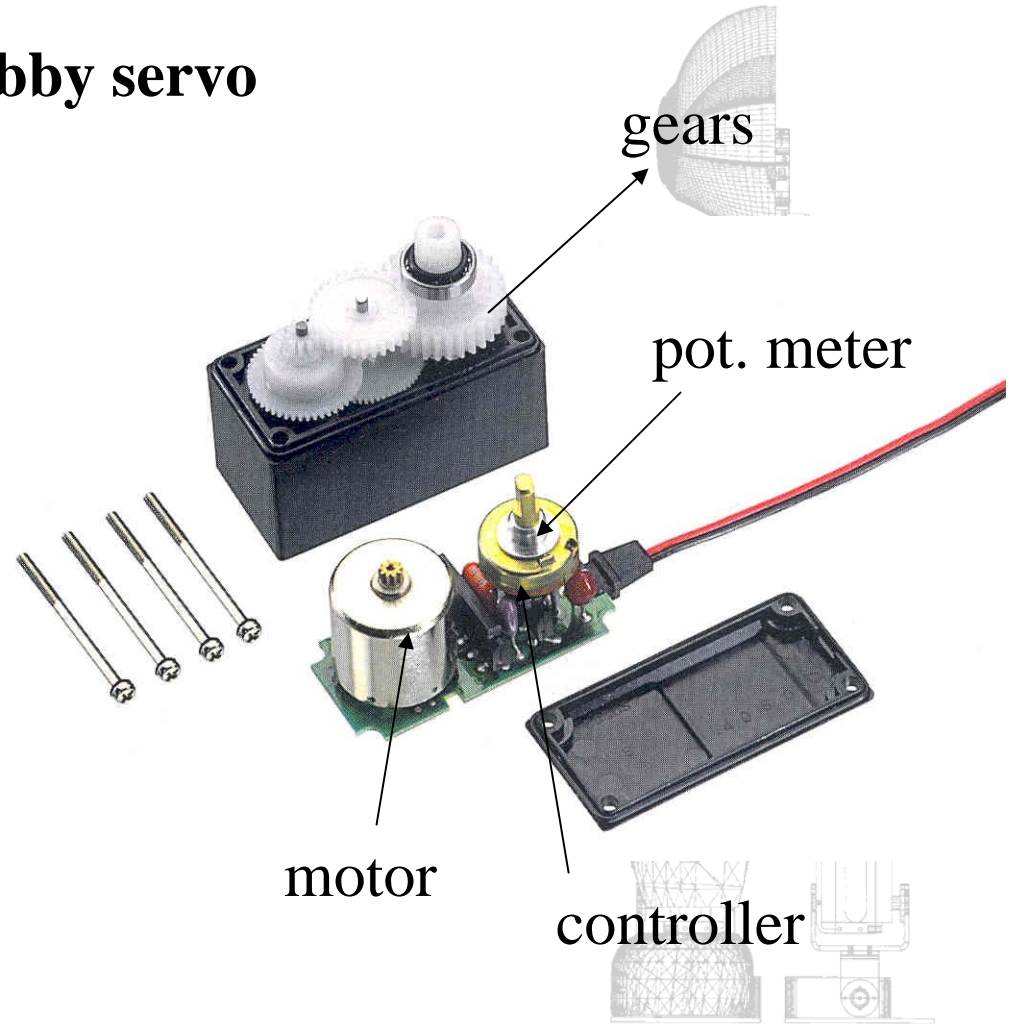


Position control

Commercial products: hobby servo



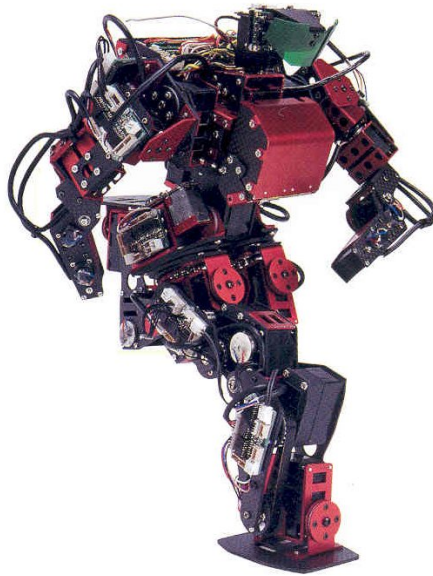
miniature



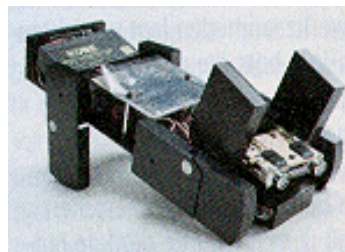
controller

Position control

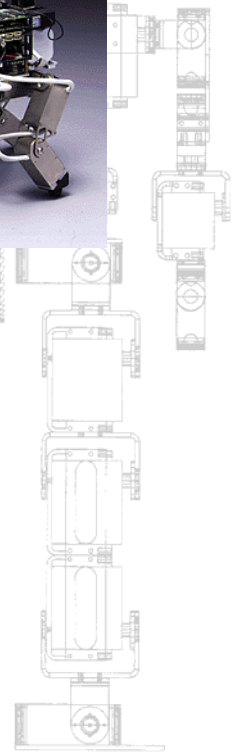
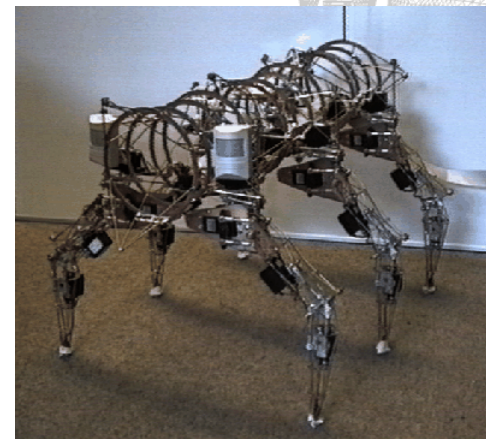
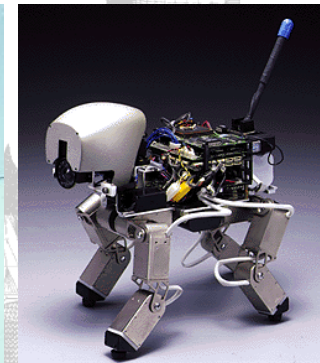
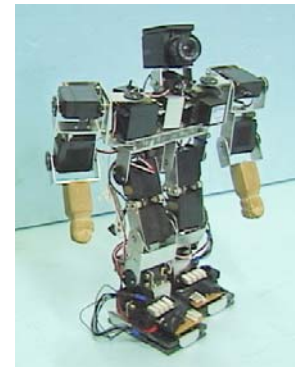
Example projects with hobby servos



Morph

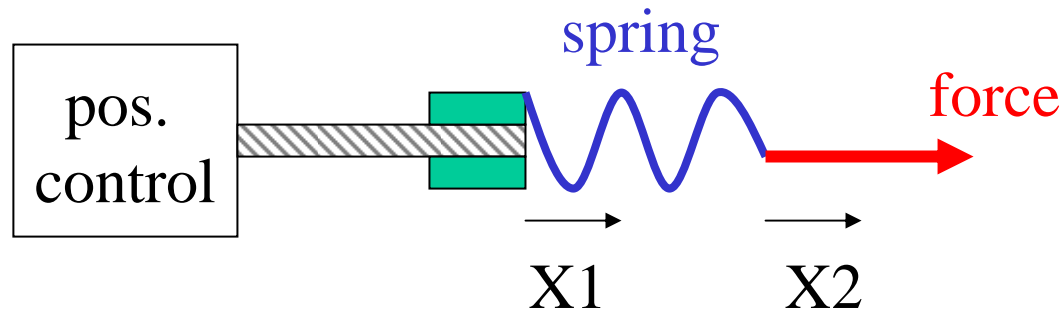
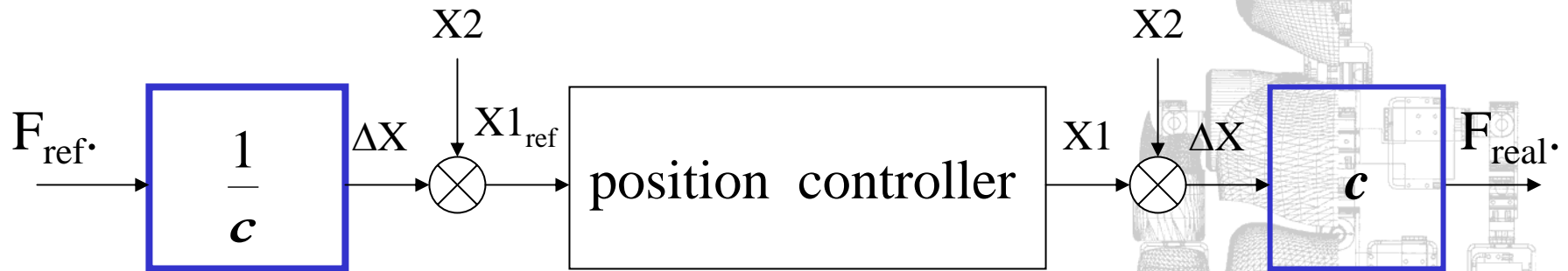


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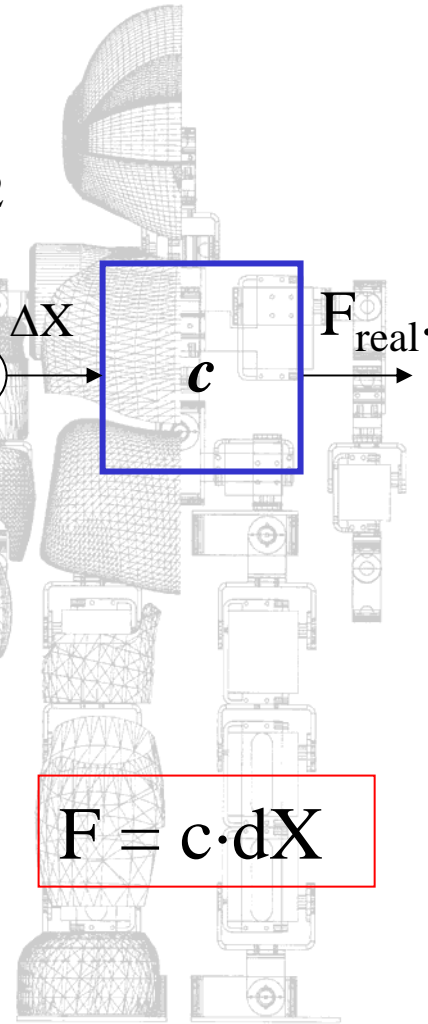


Force control

from position to force control



$$F = c \cdot dX$$



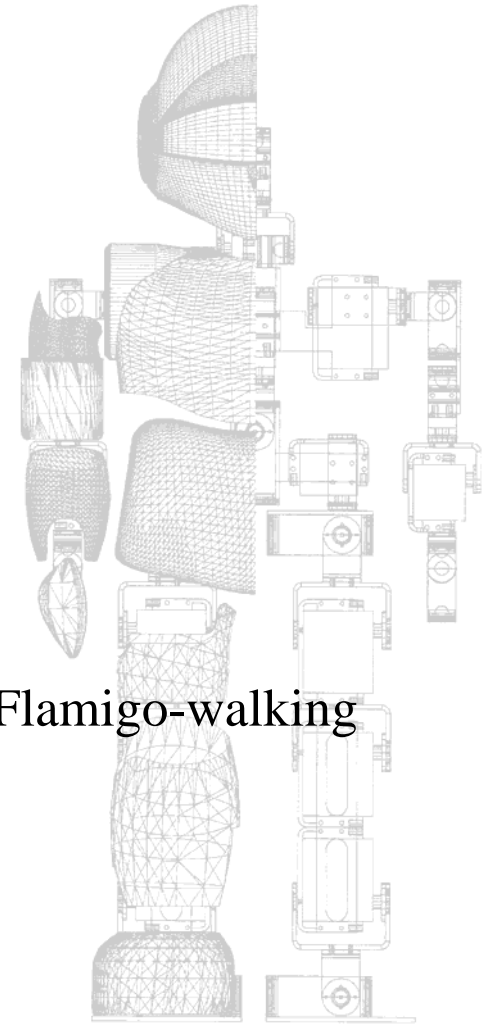
Force control

series elastic actuators [Pratt G. 1997]

- improve shock tolerance
- use cheap motors
- use energy storage



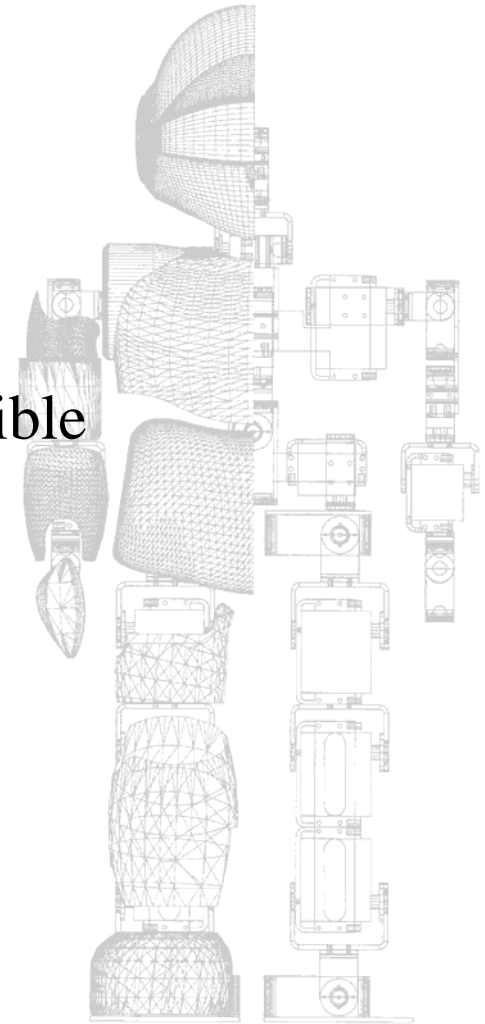
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Position control

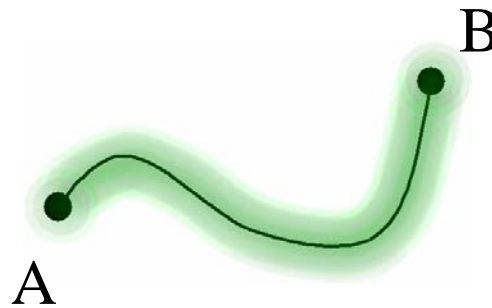
Discussion position control loop

- Simple & effective technique = cheap !!
- Easy extension to trajectory control
- Parallel control loops for multiple DOFs possible
- Most frequently used type of control
- More complex control algorithms possible
- Also usable for speed & force control
- Optimal gain settings depend on the load



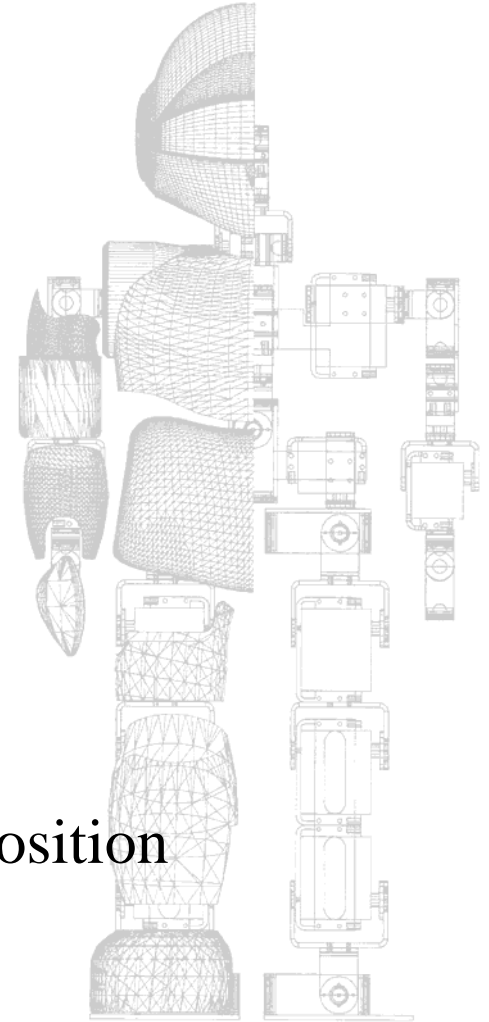
Types of movement control

force/position control



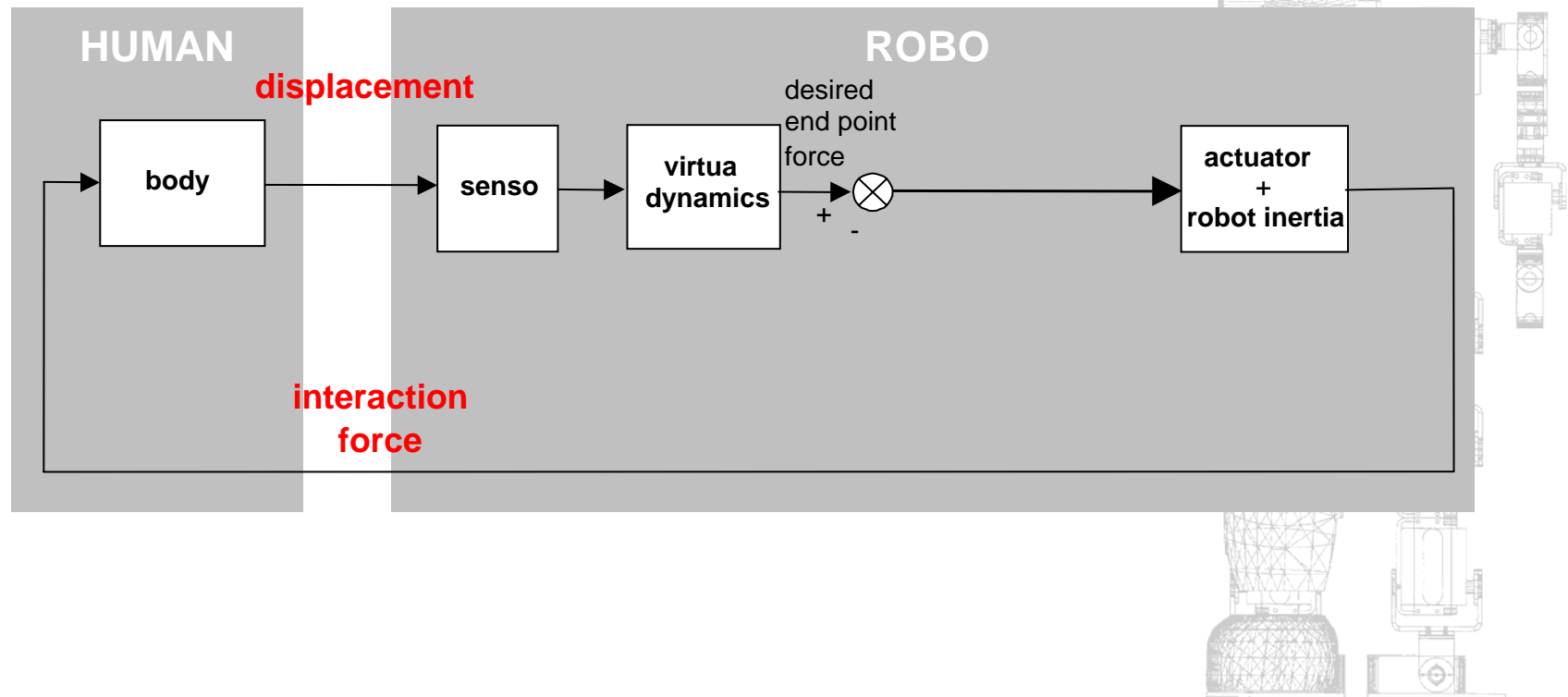
When ?

- simultaneous control of force & position
- e.g. reaching, human interaction

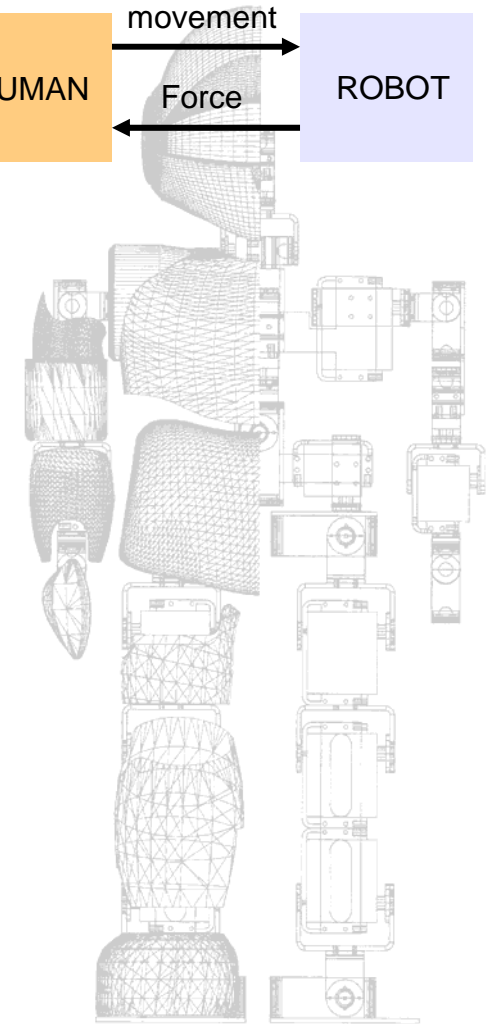
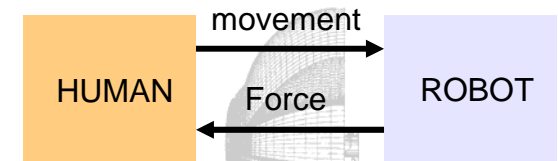


Force/position control

Impedance control loop



Force/position control



Discussion impedance control loop

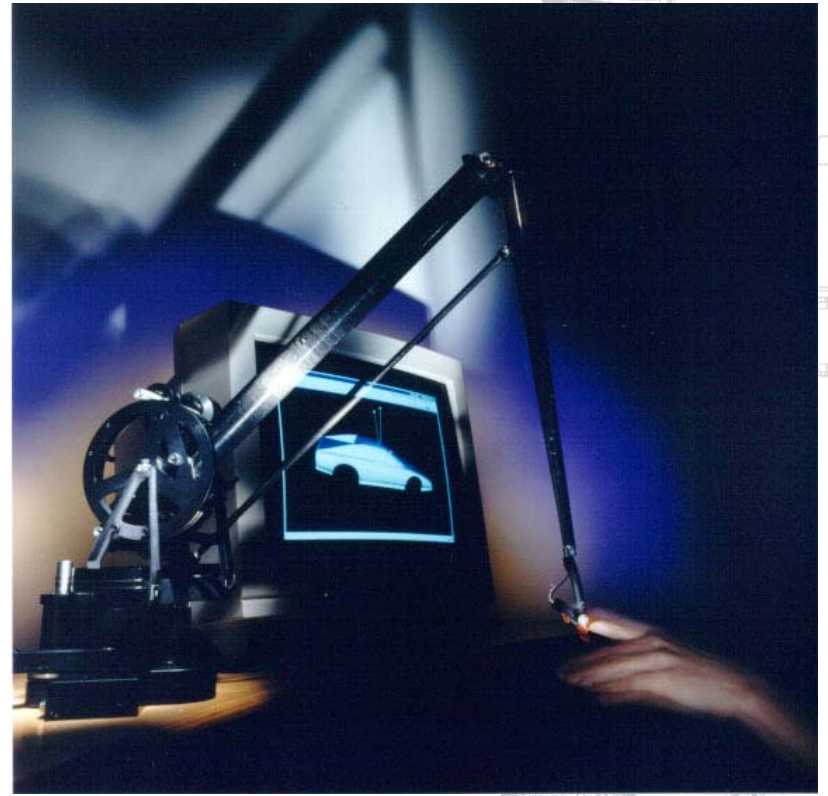
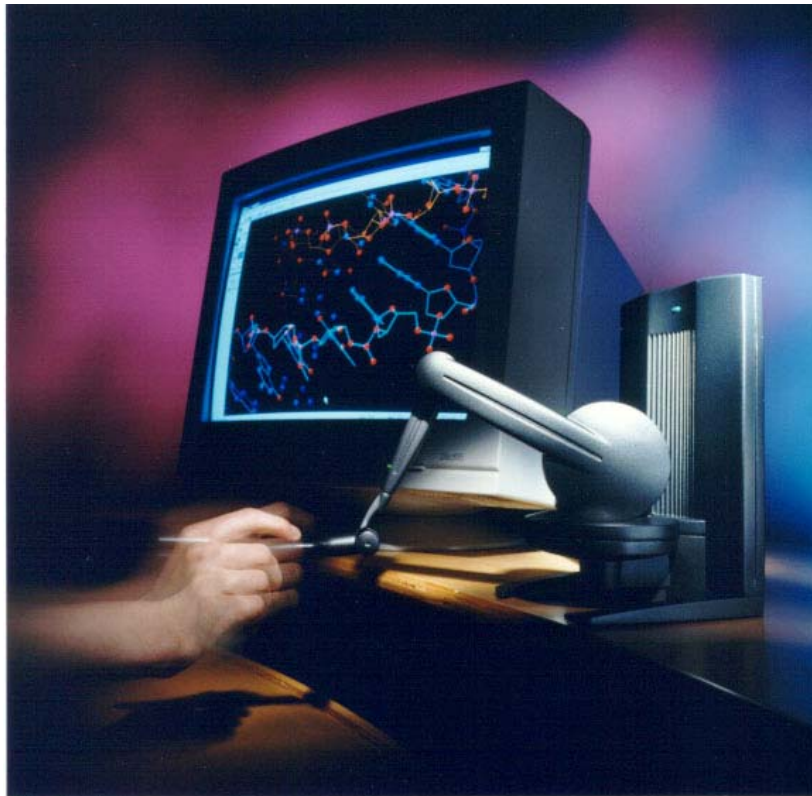
- no elimination of robot inertia
- no elimination of mechanical friction
- measure displacement before giving force
- no force sensor required

conclusion:

good for soft & light tasks, high safety !

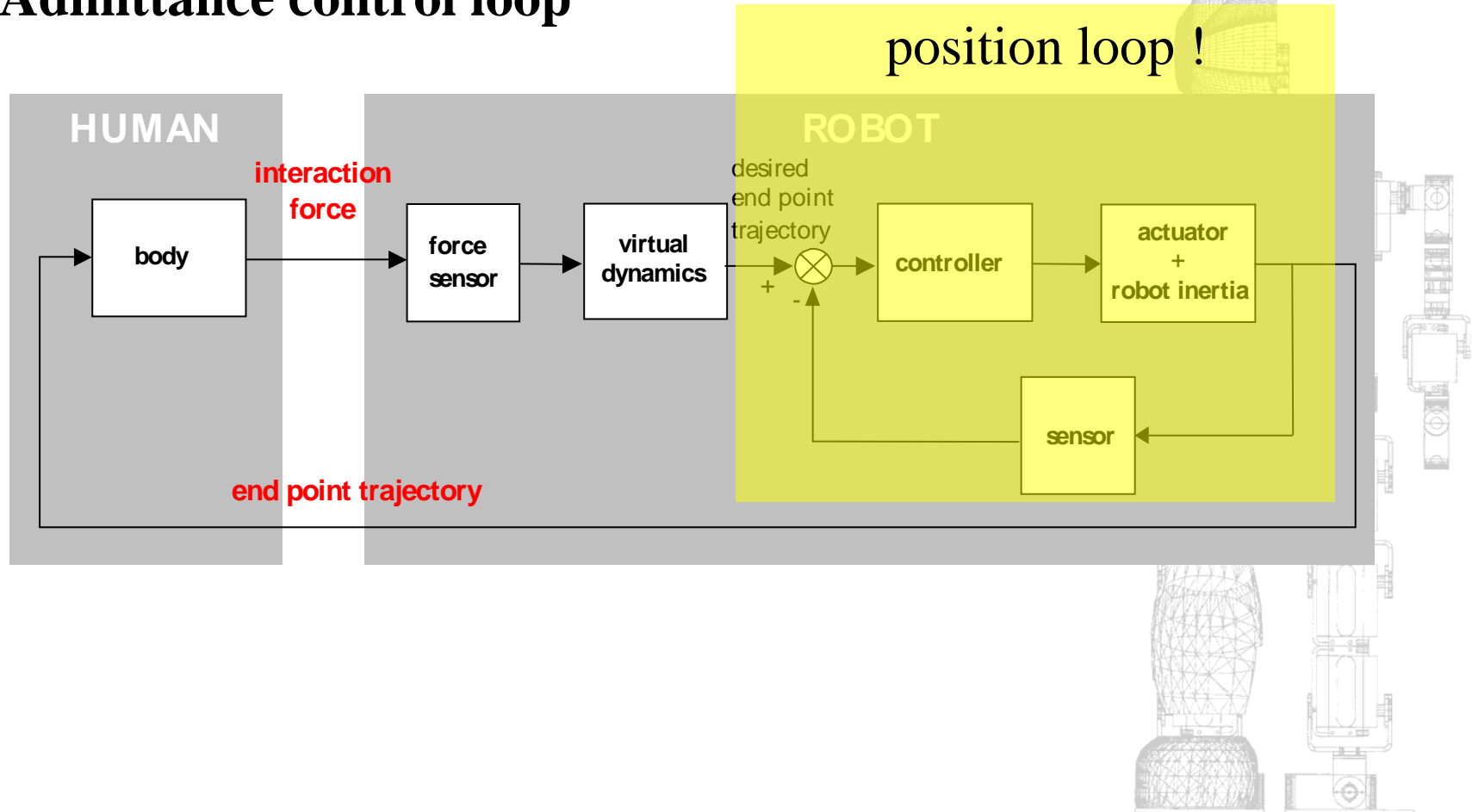
Force/position control

Example impedance controlled devices

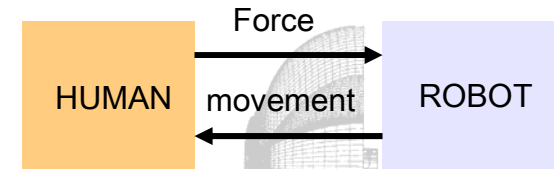


Force/position control

Admittance control loop



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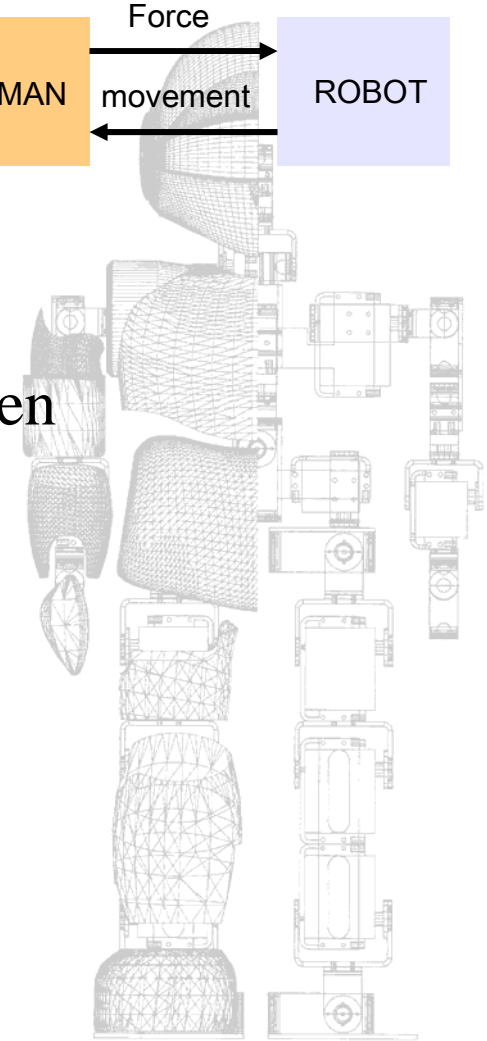


Discussion admittance control loop

- limited elimination of robot mass & inertia
- measure force change before displacement given
- force sensor required
- instability for very high gains

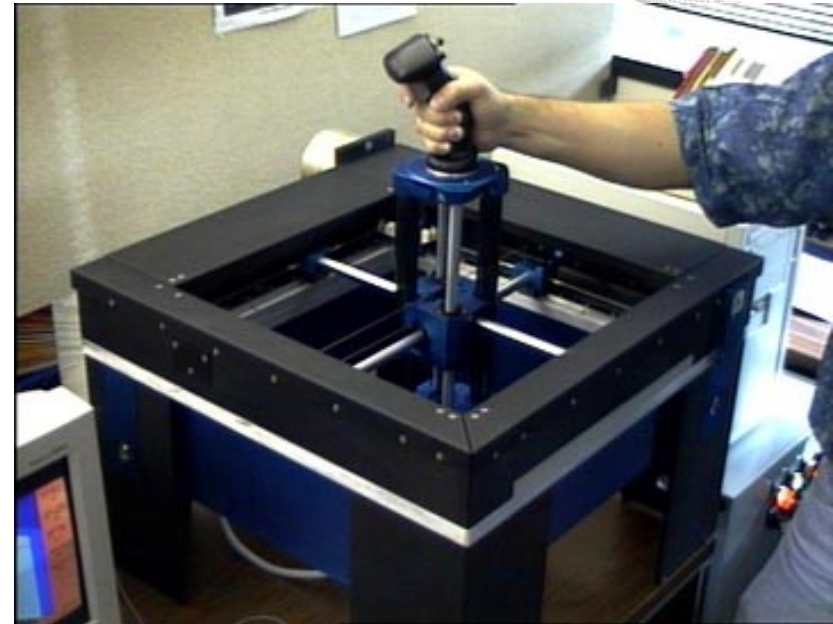
conclusion:

good for hard & heavy tasks, lower safety



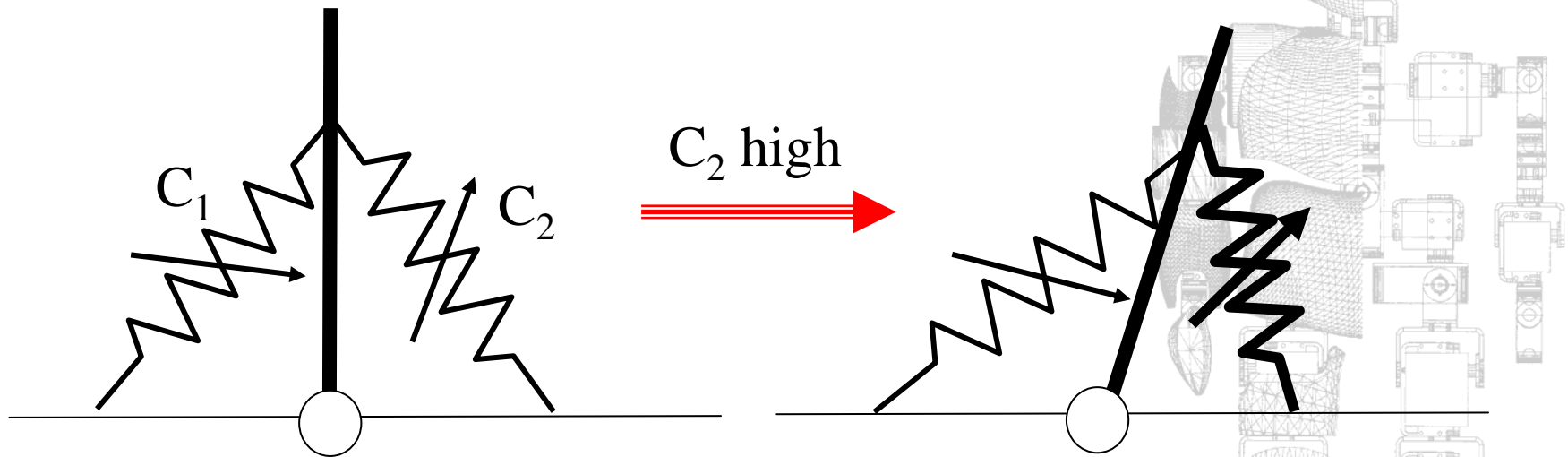
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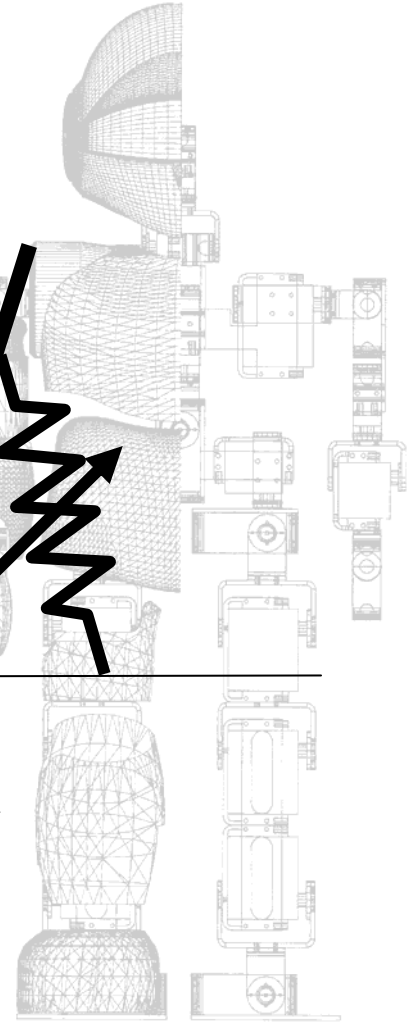


Force/position control

Using actuator intrinsic properties

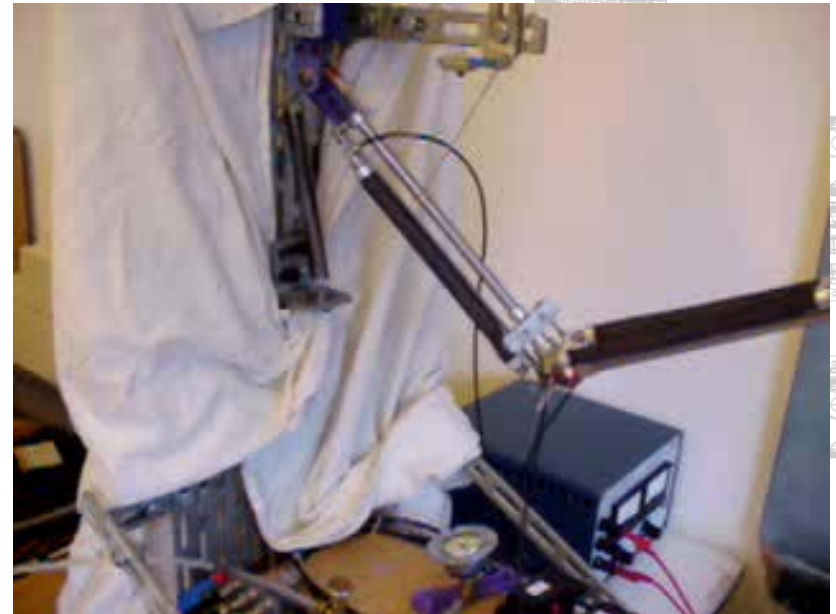


equilibrium point hypothesis, Feldmann

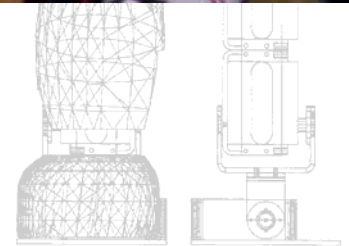


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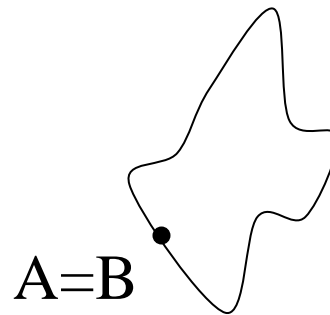


DUT, DBL
6 muscles, 4 DOF



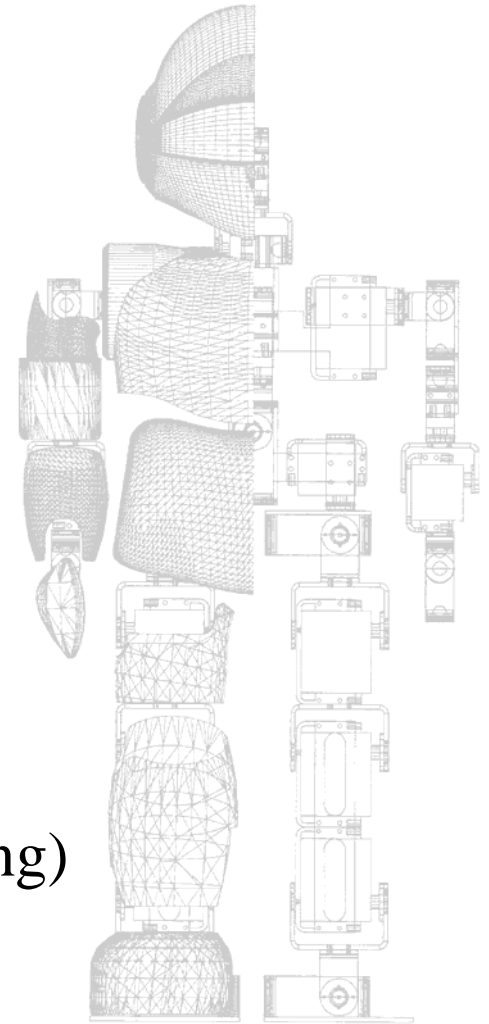
Types of movement control

periodic control



When ?

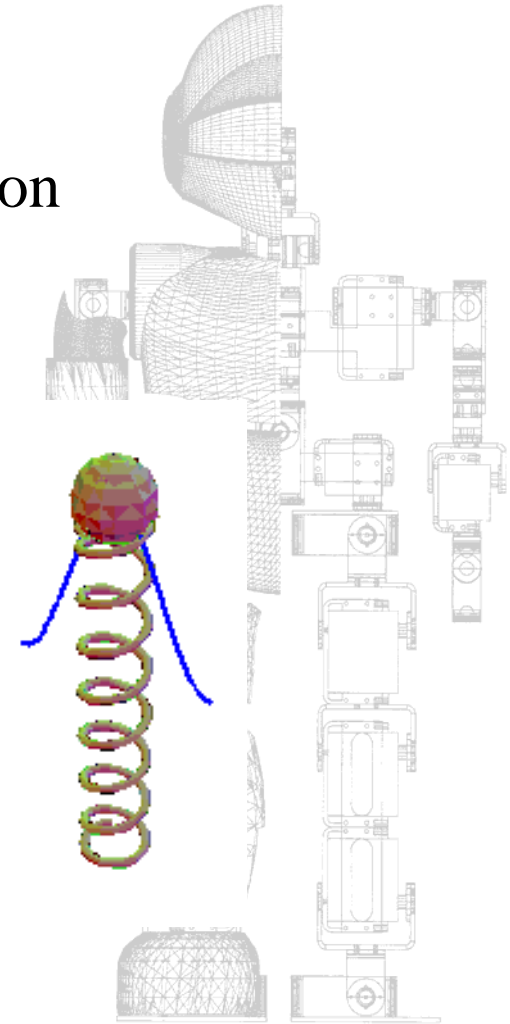
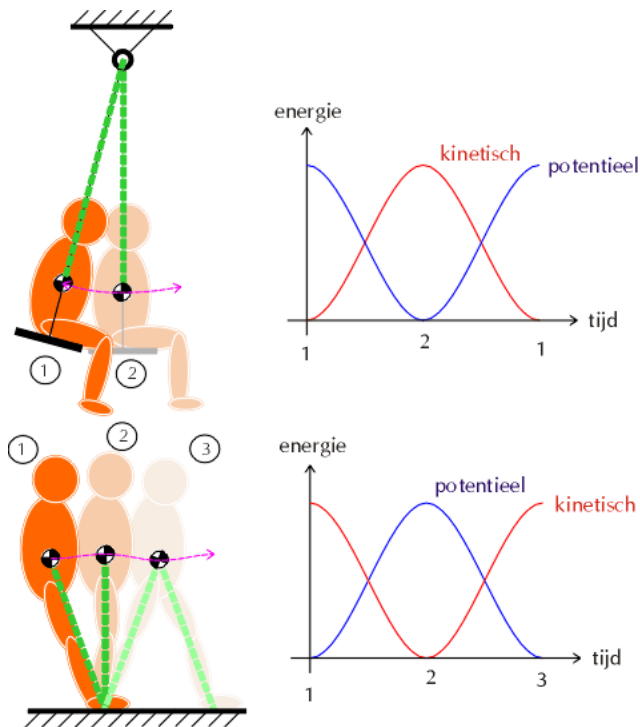
- repetitive motion (e.g. walking)



Periodic control

Intrinsic periodic movement

use mass-spring properties to generate oscillation



Periodic

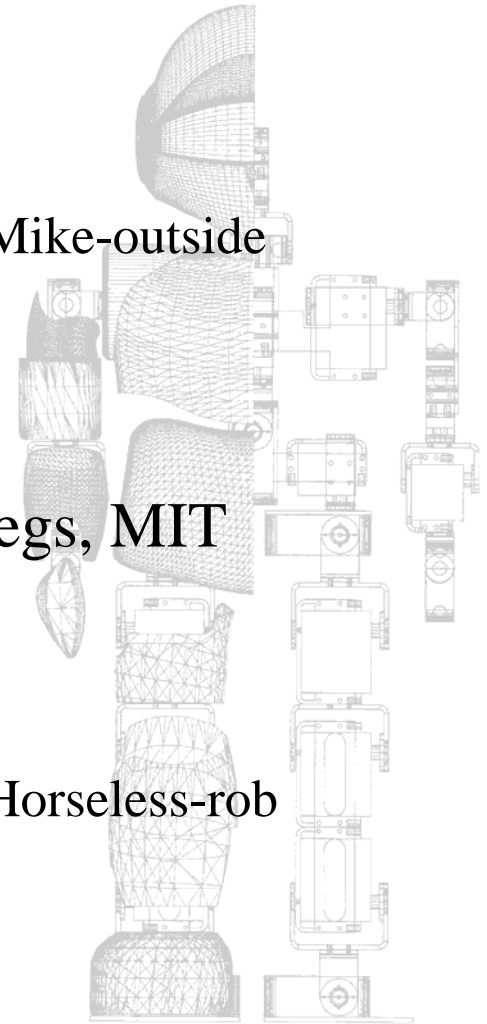
Examples

"passive" walking, DUT

Movie Museonside

springy legs, MIT

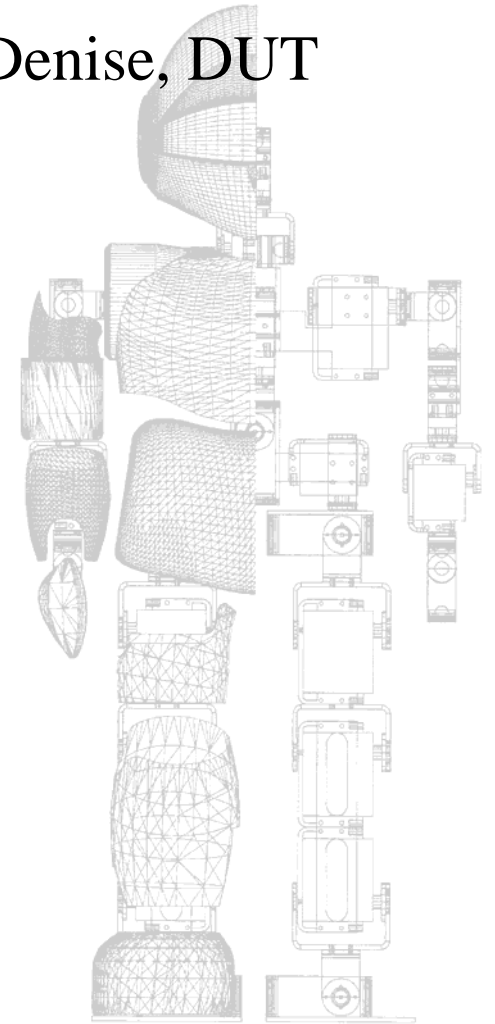
Movie Horseless-rob



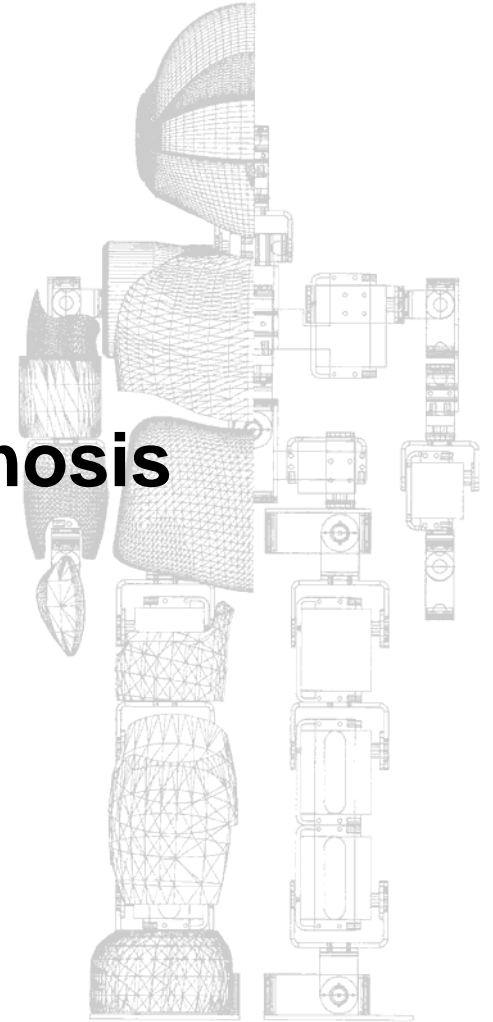
Periodic

Example: "passive" walking, Denise, DUT

Movie Denise-3



Robot identification & diagnosis

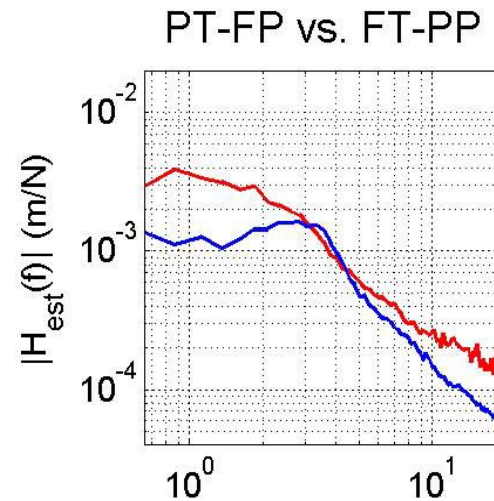
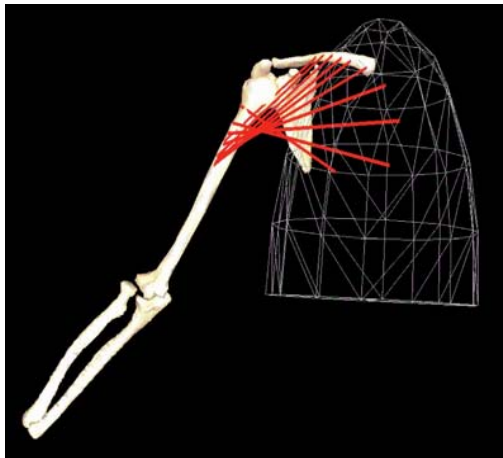


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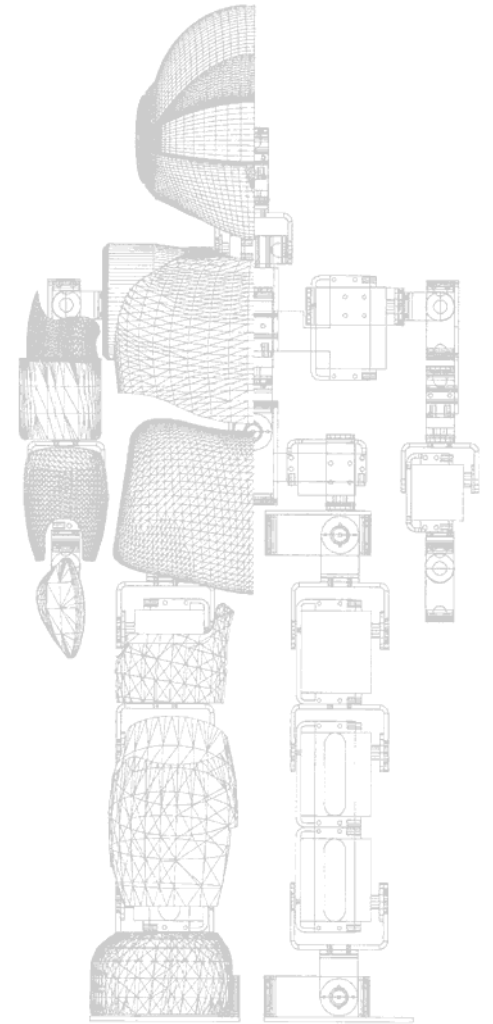
Delft Shoulder Group

- neuro-muscular modeling
- parameter identification by perturbation
- frequency domain approach
- new diagnosis tools ?

Admittance controlled devices

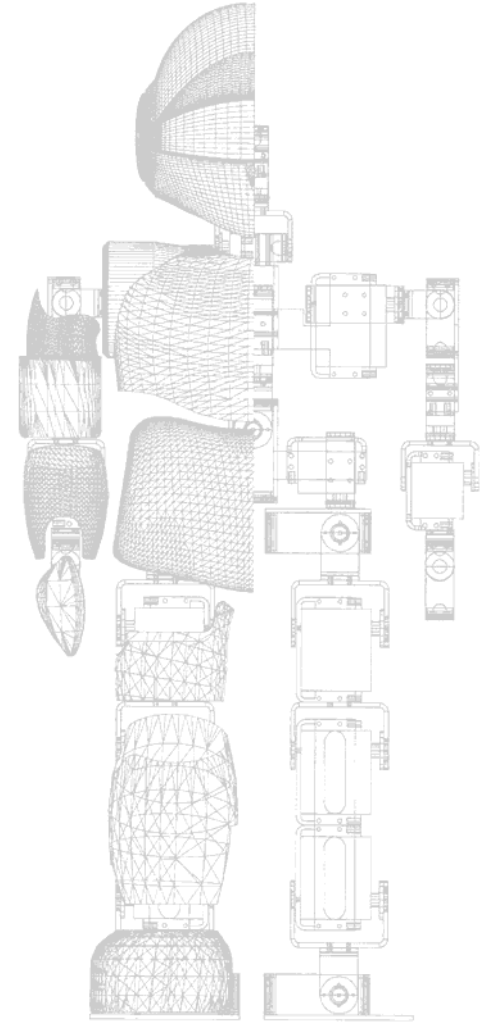


robot therapy



Gentle

Movie Gentle



Gentle

Goal

The aims of GENTLE/S will require established stroke rehabilitation practices to be altered to accommodate machine mediated therapies

Results

- 8 subjects found therapy motivating
- no clinical data available yet

Admittance controlled device



set up (4 DOF)

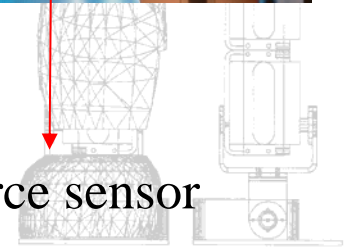
on-going research

Gentle

mechanics Haptic Master



force sensor



MIT MANUS

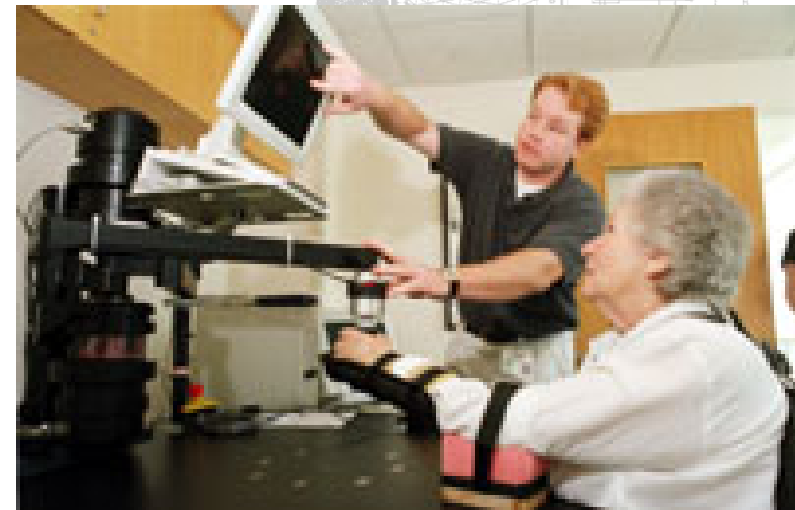
goal:

The goal of the project is to develop, implement and test a robotic system for physical therapy and neurological rehabilitation.

motivation:

- Some 700,000 US citizens suffer strokes every year
- Cost of care 30 B\$
- Of these, some 500,000 require therapy for problems with language, memory or movement.
- The MIT robot focuses on the last of these

Impedance controlled device



set up (3DOF)

on-going research

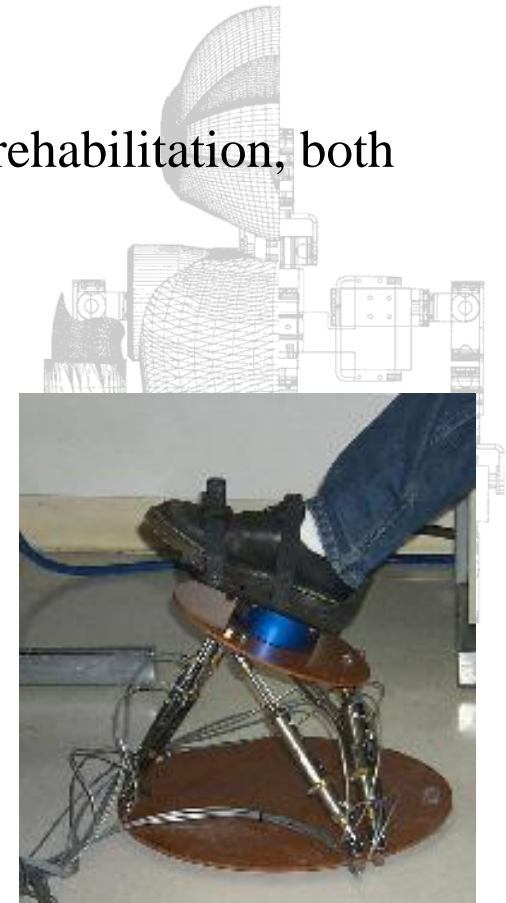
Rutgers Ankle

Motivation

The Rutgers ankle is for patients that need ankle and knee rehabilitation, both for orthopedic and stroke diagnoses



interface



6 DOF Stewart platform

Rutgers Ankle

experiments:

3 ankle sprain subjects

results:

- improvements in range of motion
- improvements in torque generation cap.
- improvements in ankle work



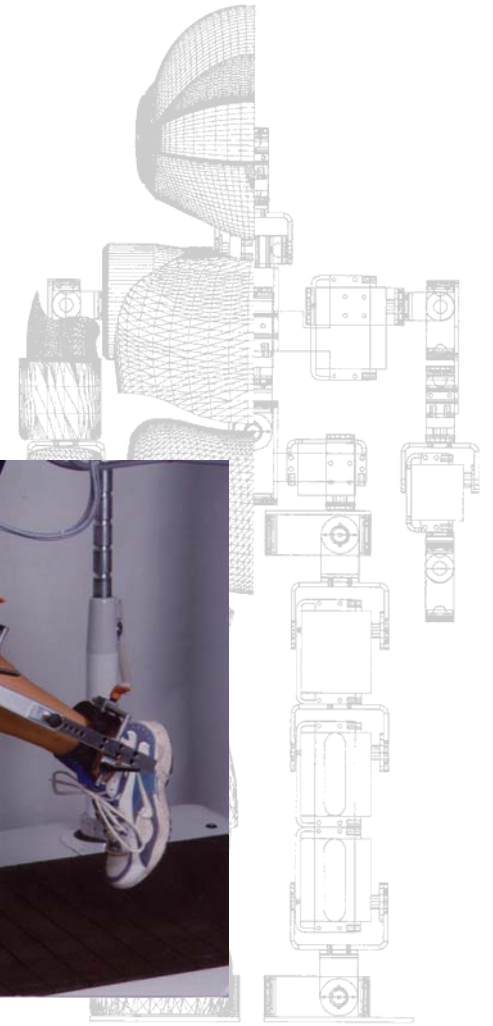
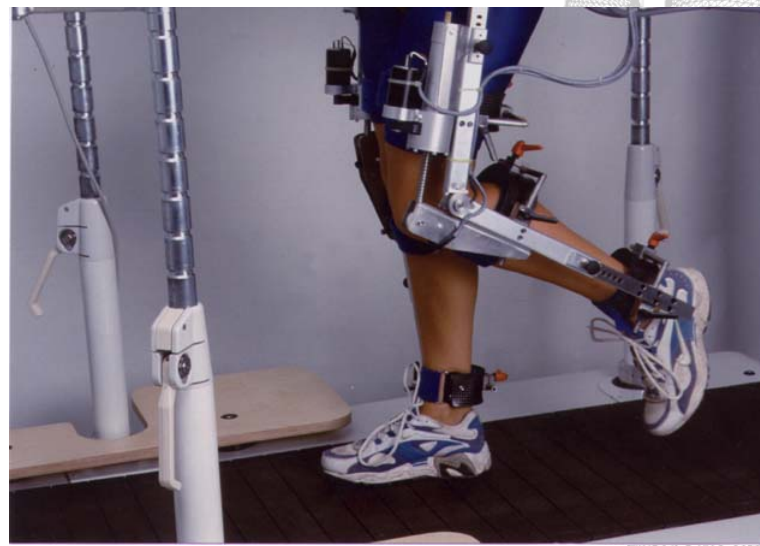
set up

on-going research

Lokomat

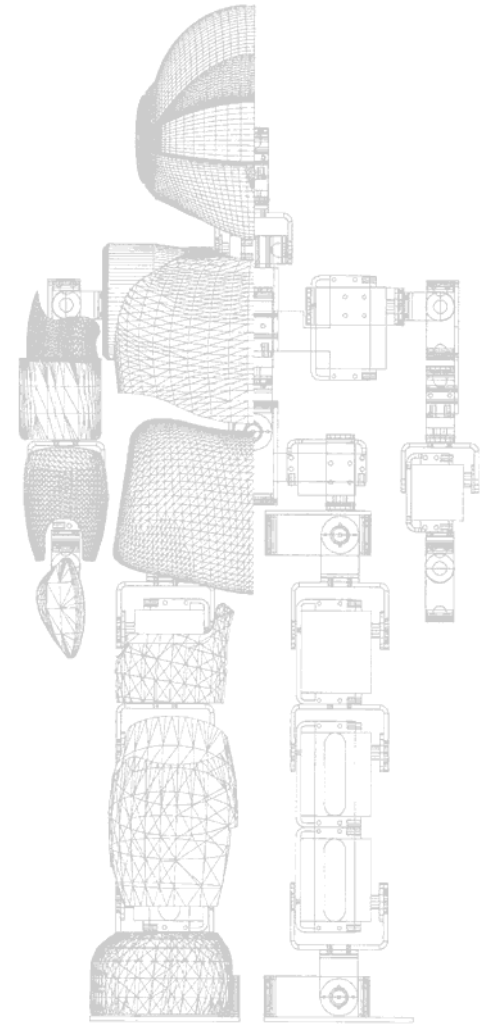
Hacoma, Zurich

- commercial device !
- gait generation (no impedance, just position!)
- spinal cord injuries
- mainly research applications



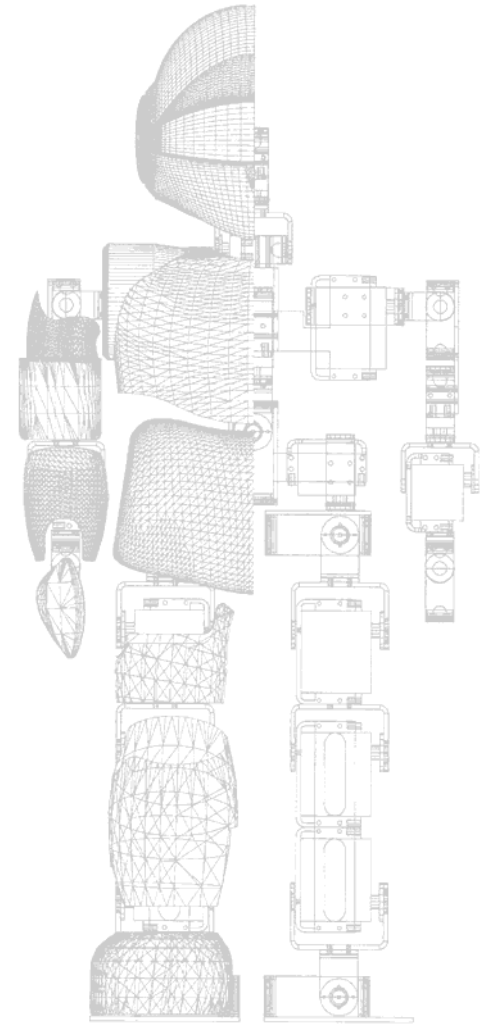
Lokomat

Movie Locomat I

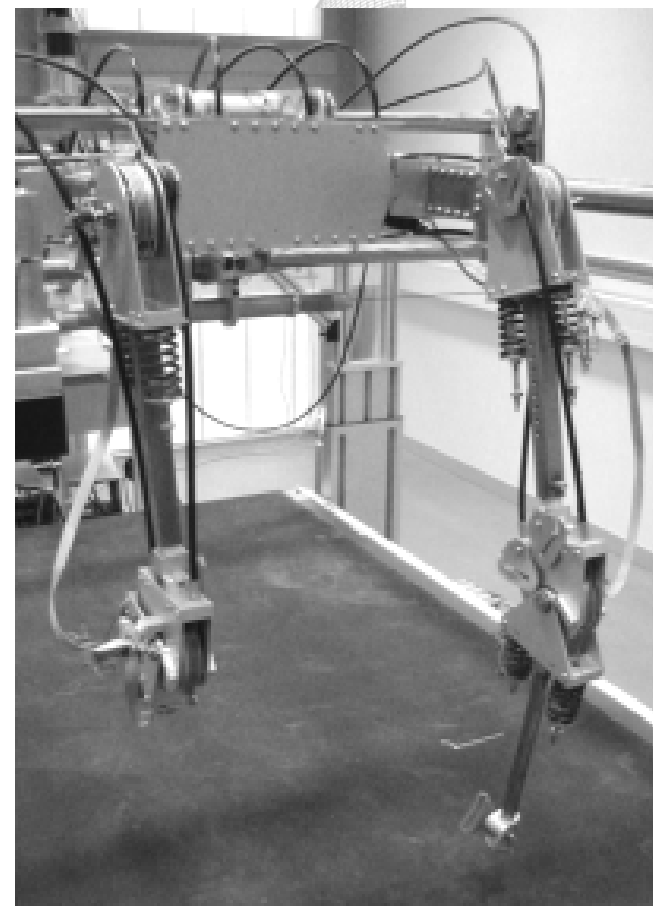
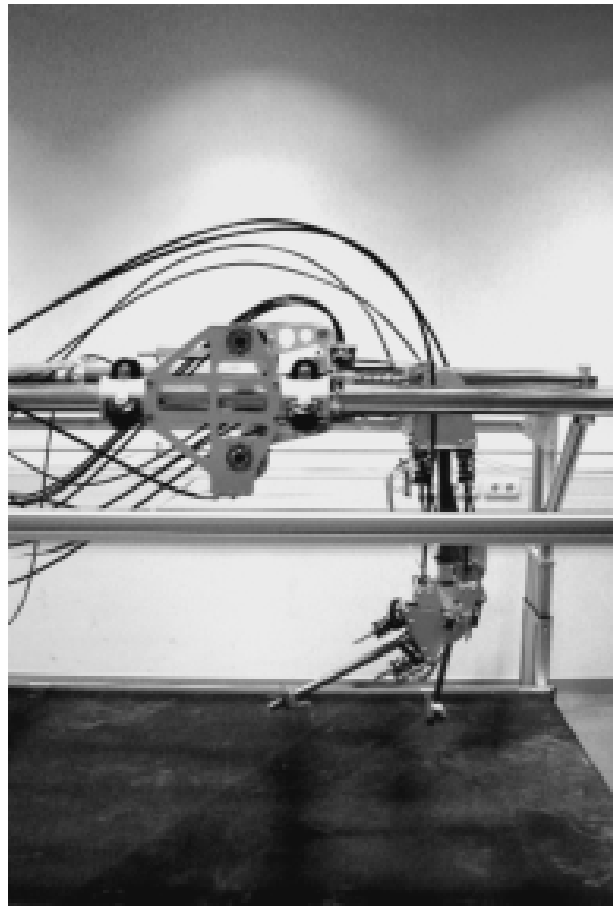
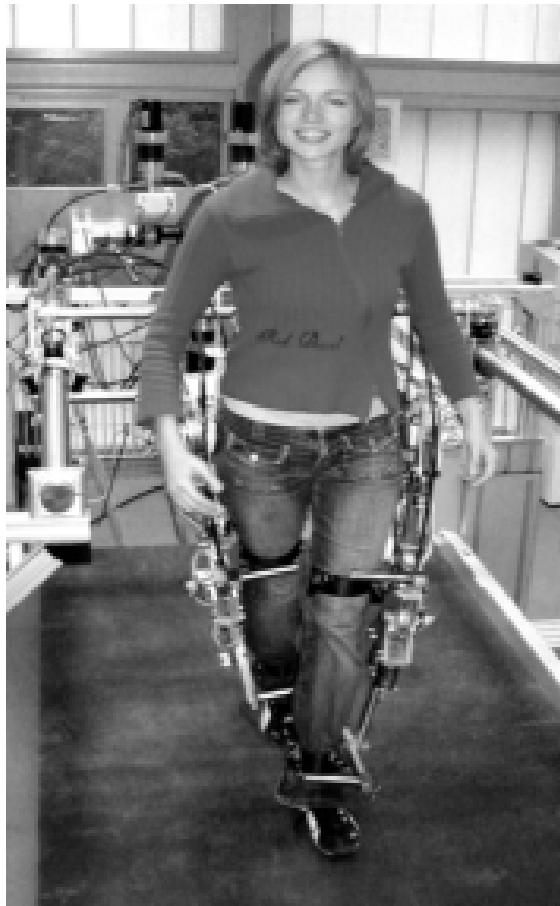


Locomat

Movie Locomat II

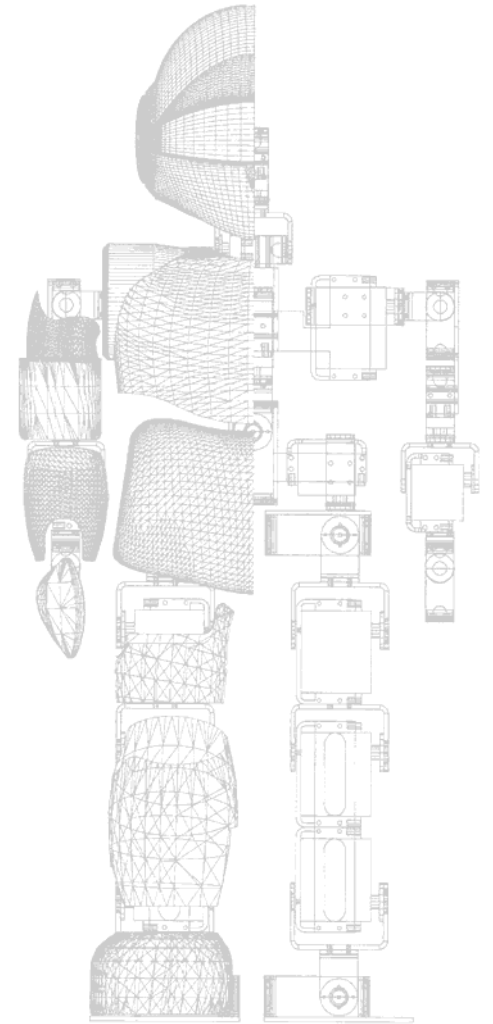


Lopes – University of Twente

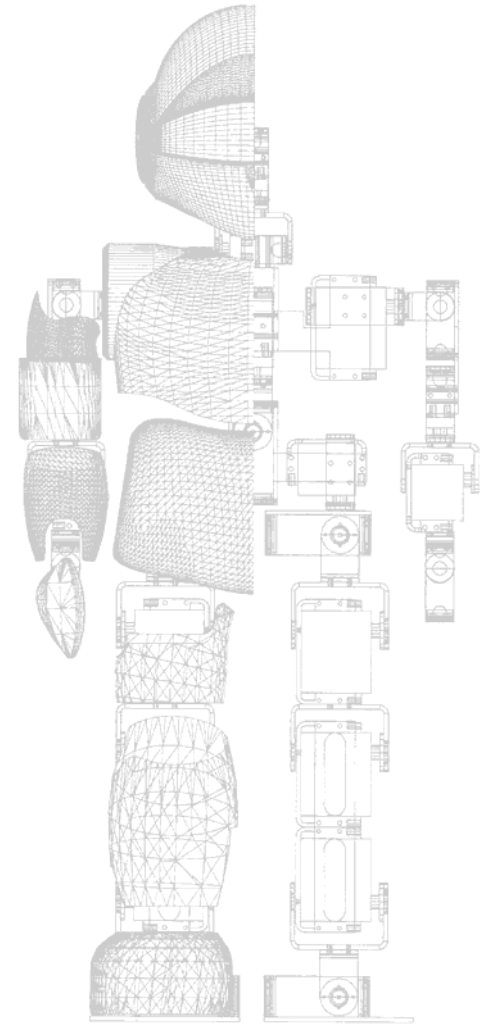


Lopes – University of Twente

Movies Lopes I & II



assistive robots

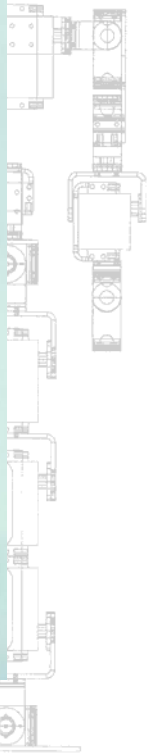


Wheelchair robots

Uses:

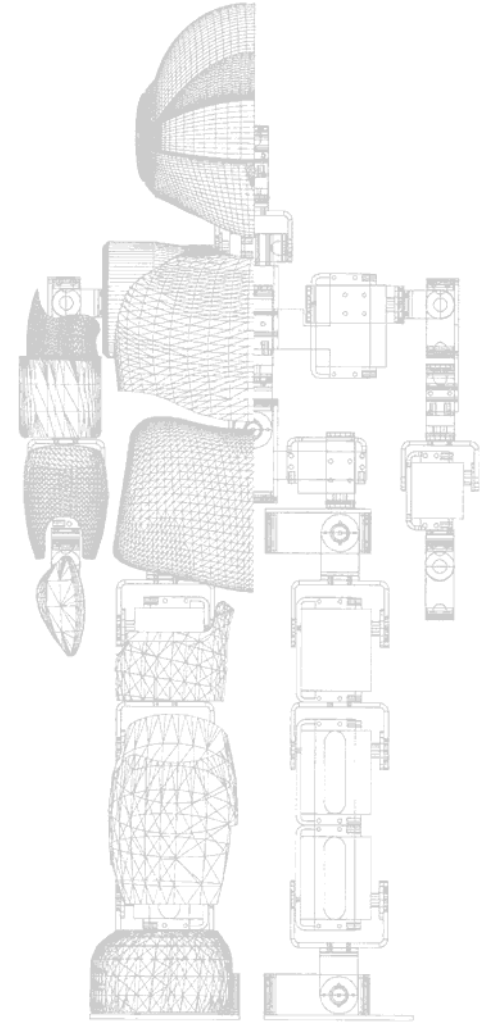
- self care
- cooking
- shopping
- scratching
- ...

Autonomy !



Wheelchair robots

Movie Beyond



Wheelchair robots

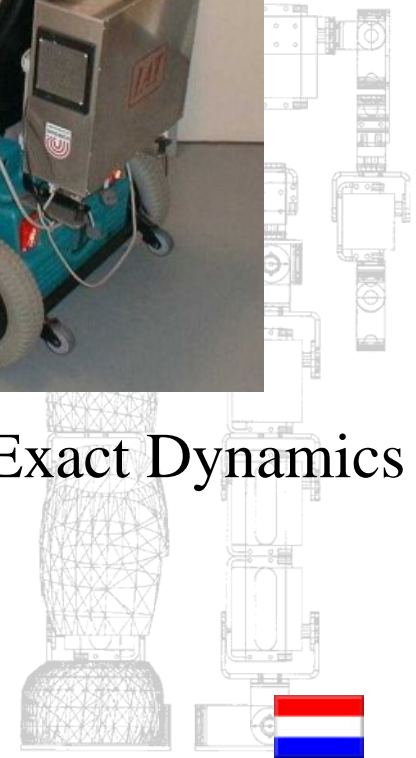
Design criteria

- stability
- Joystick input
- End point control
- Safety (close to the face)
- Movement repertoire
 - eating
 - page turning
 - pouring
- (Voice recognition)
- **price (below 30k Euro)**
- autonomous



“Manus ARM”, Exact Dynamics

2 kg load
20 kg weight
25.000 Euro



Living assistance



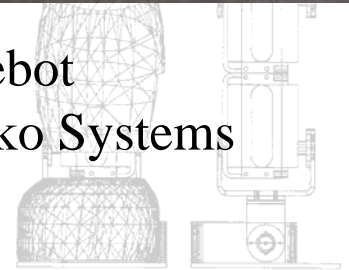
Care-O-bot
Fraunhofer IPA



Movie Care-O-bot



Carebot
Gecko Systems



Living assistance

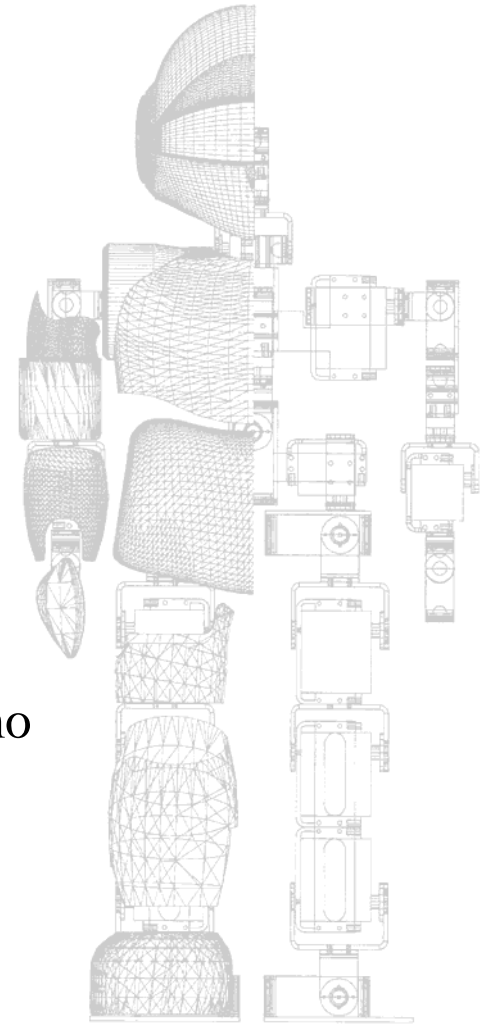
HONDA Humanoid

- Fully assistive household (future)
- Remote controlled operations

Specs

- Walking & turning (i-walk)
- Maneuvering (e.g. stairs)
- Stereo vision
- 26 DOFs
- Intelligence ?
- 250.000 Euros

Movie Asimo



Living assistance

1986

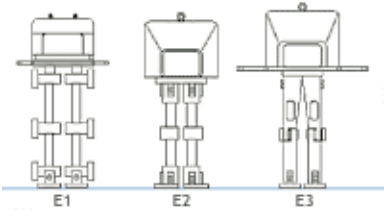
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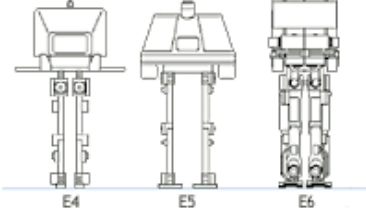
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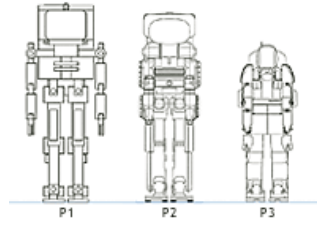
2000



E0-E3



E4-E6

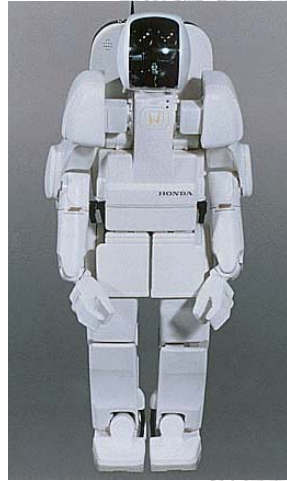
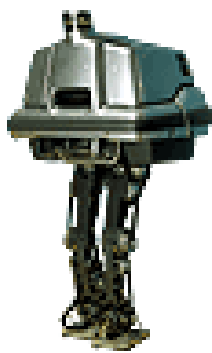


P1

P2

P3

Asimo



175 kg
1.9 m

210 kg
1.8 m

130 kg
1.6 m

52 kg
1.2 m

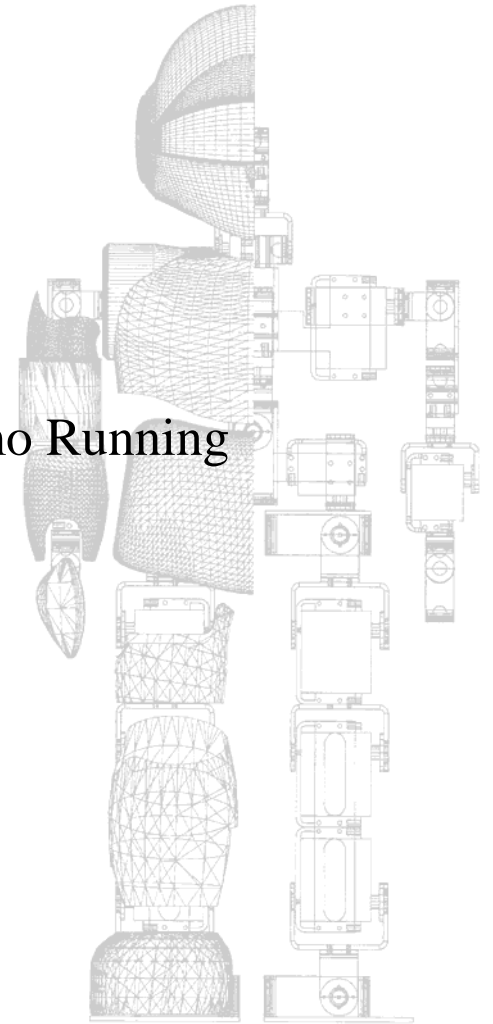
~500.000.000 Euros development costs

Living assistance

Movie Asimo on Stairs

Movie Asimo Running

Honda Asimo



Cleaning & domestic

Specialized functions:

- Vacuum cleaning
- Lawn mowing
- Window cleaning
- Floor cleaning

Key technologies:

- Obstacle avoidance
- Environmental map making
- Path planning
- (Energy supply)



“Roomba”



“SIRIUSc”

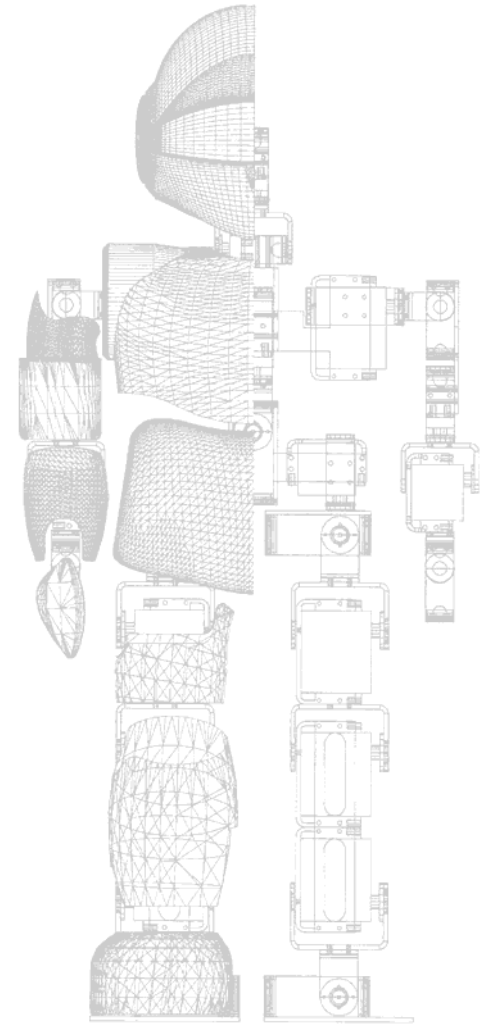


“Trylobite”



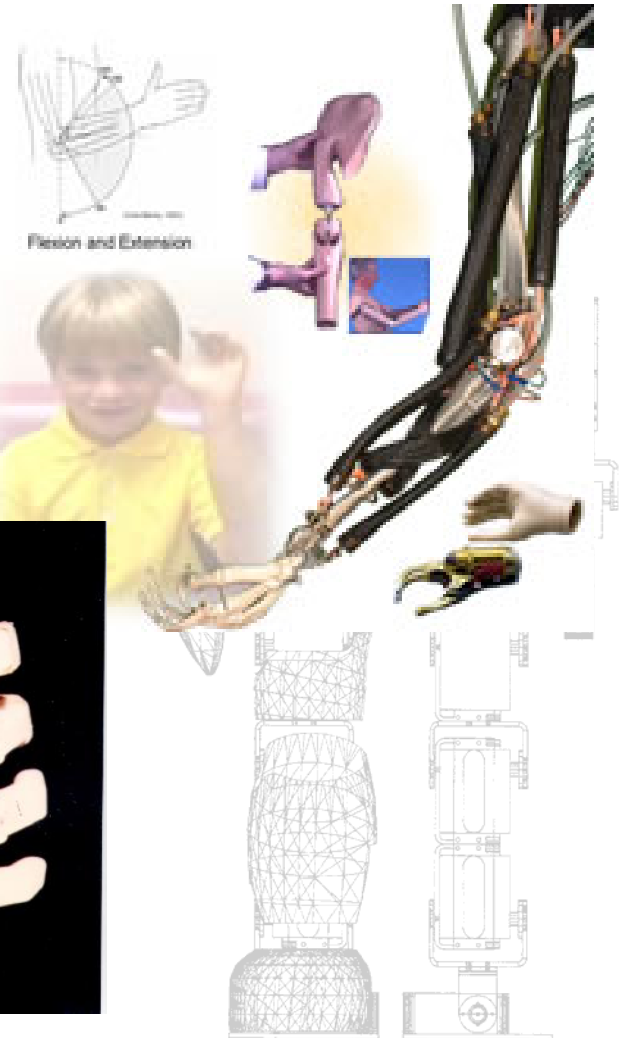
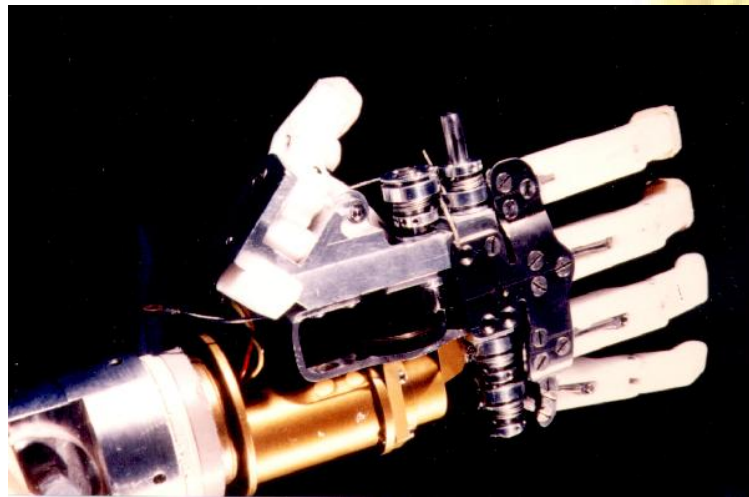
solar mower

Prosthetics



Main issues

- communication with the human body
- weight (stump load, energy consumption)
- controllability
- cosmesis
- durability



storing energy in elastic deformation

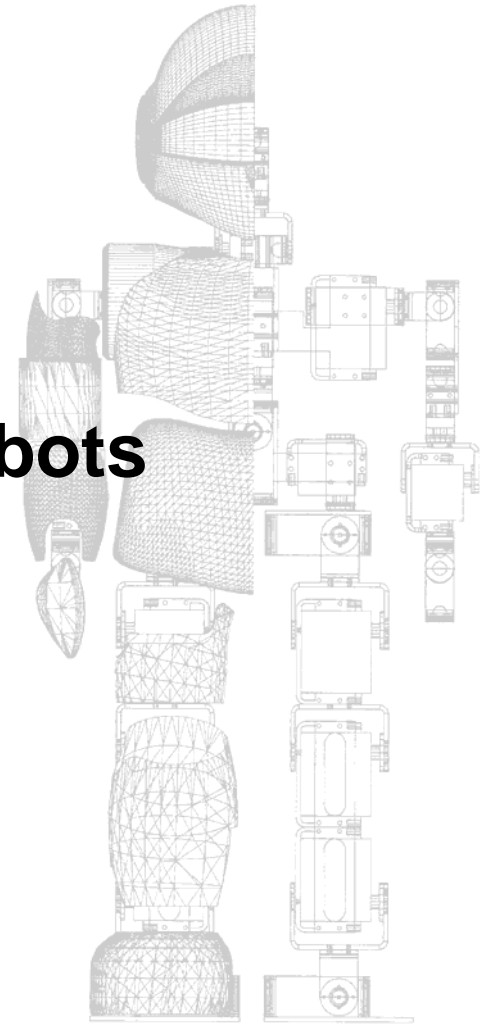


100 meters
12.4 seconds



electronically controlled knee

Future on rehabilitation robots



Numbers & trends

predicted number of service robots installed

(World Robotics 2002, 2006; The Int. Fed. of Rob., United Nations)

segment	up to 1999	2000-2003	2005
cleaning	400	700	5370
underwater	900	200	5680
medical	800	5.000	3475
rehabilitation	200	200	n.a.
domestic	3.000	310.000*	1.9×10^6 **
entertainment			1×10^6
other	1.300	4.300	12.000
total	6.600	319.400	$\pm 3 \times 10^6$

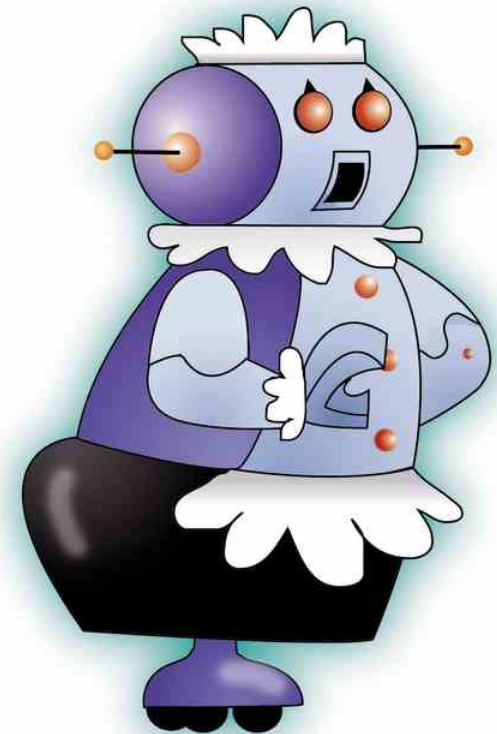
* = 270.000 vacuum cleaning

** = 1.8×10^6 vacuum cleaning

Future perspective

Activities in the field announce an exciting future:

- Robotic technology is evolving rapidly
- Robotic systems in the (toy) store
- Robotic systems in the operating room
- Robotics systems at home
- Robotic systems in the media
- Robotic (sub-) technologies in other fields



Robotic systems are entering our life !

But rehabilitation robots ...

...many questions to be answered _____

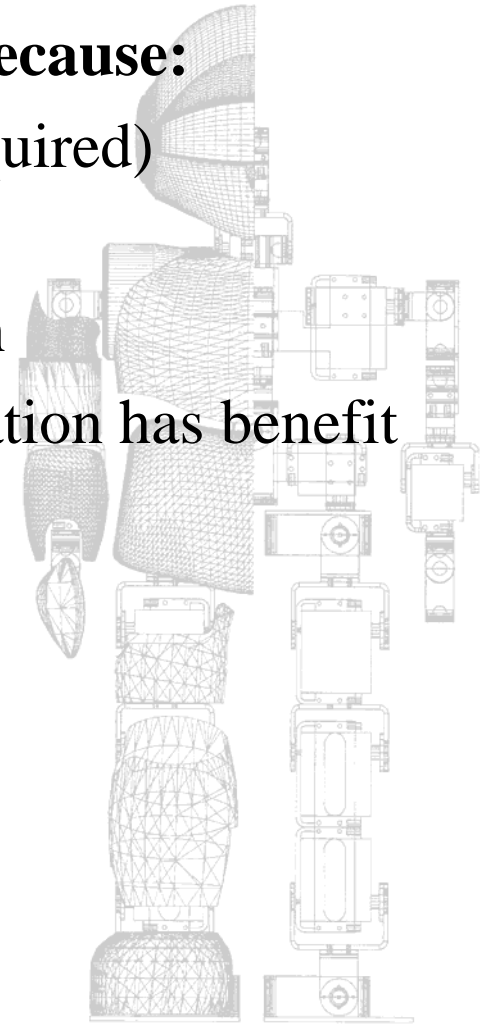
Future perspective

Rehabilitation robots is still a small market because:

- QALY is very low (so cheap technology is required)
- therapy: no proven efficiency yet, upcoming
- identification: complex, needs a lot of research
- prosthetics: too complex, relative small population has benefit
- assistive: due to large market great future

Change drivers:

- aging population
- technology advancement



Wheelchair robots: ARM

Movie ARM

