

# iCub mechatronics

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**iCub**



# iCub2

**53** DOF

**29** kg

**+4800** parts

**+2000** sub-assemblies





**6** months to build a  
robot

cost: **250.000€**

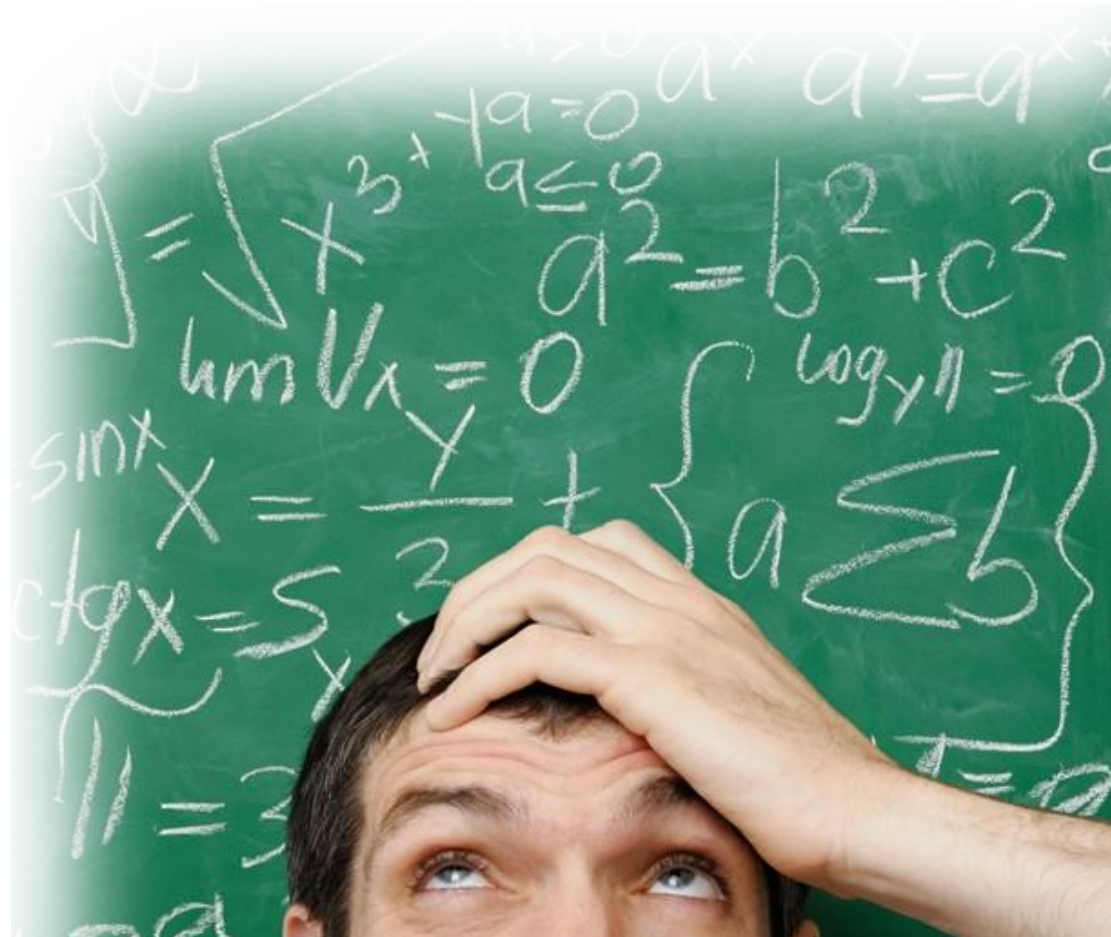
open  
**hardware**

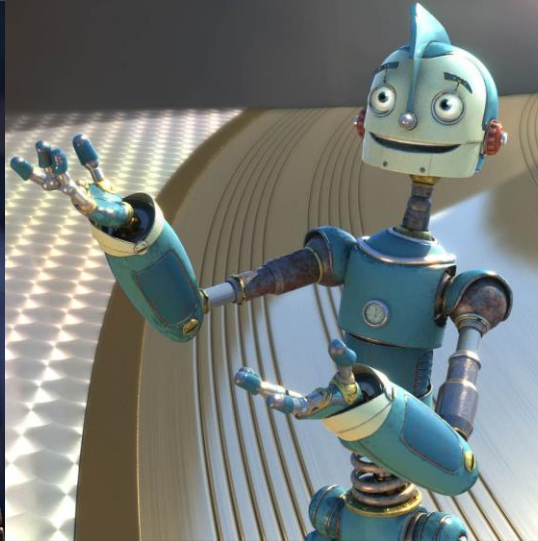
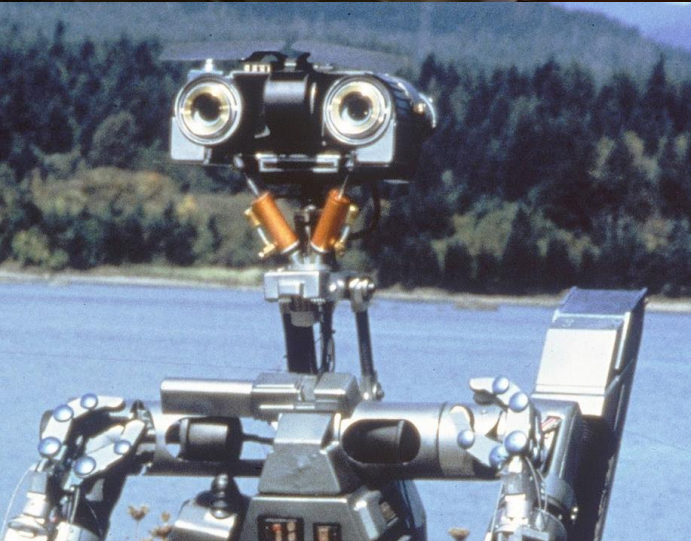
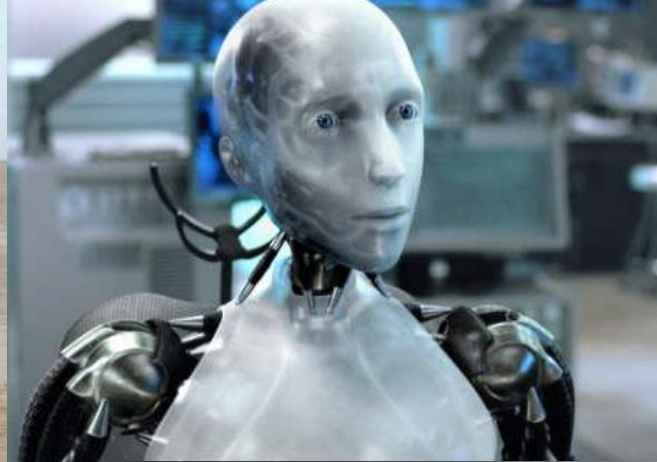
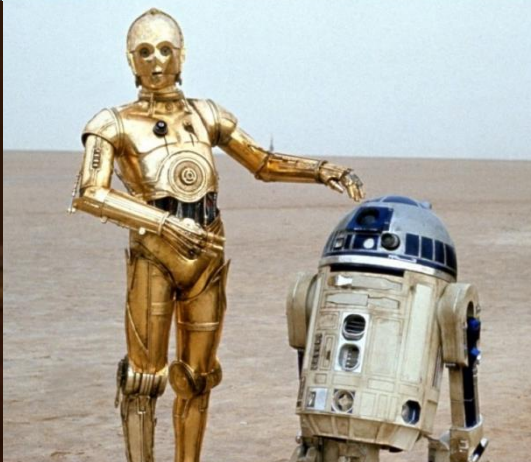


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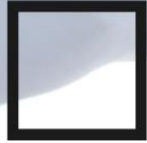


...designing  
humanoid robots  
is **HARD**...

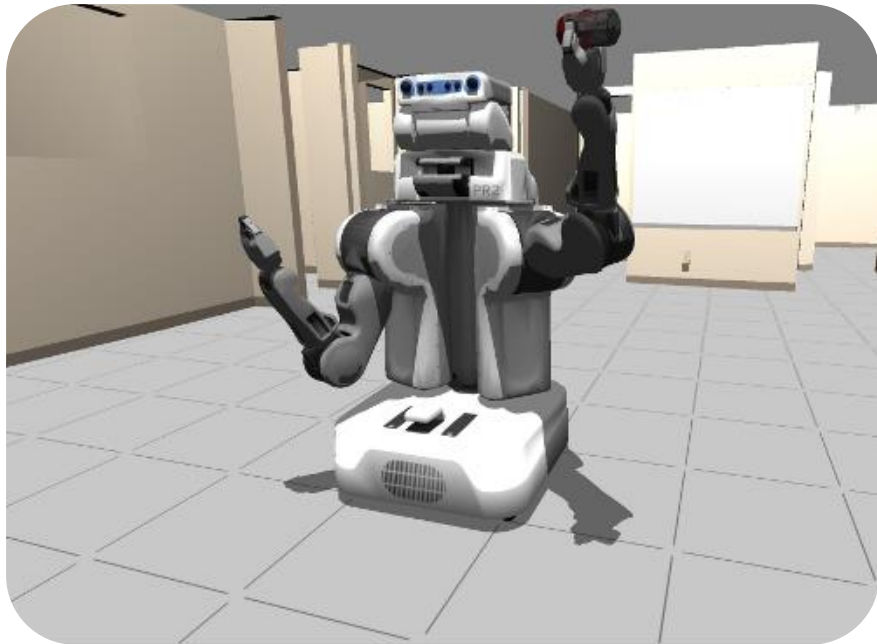
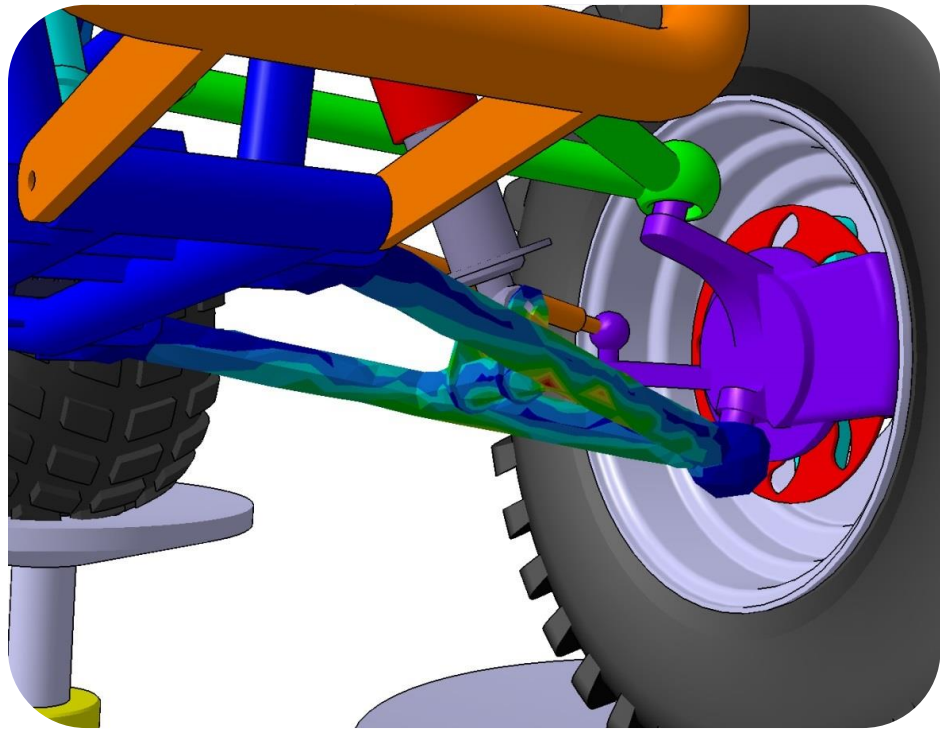




# difficult to define functional specifications

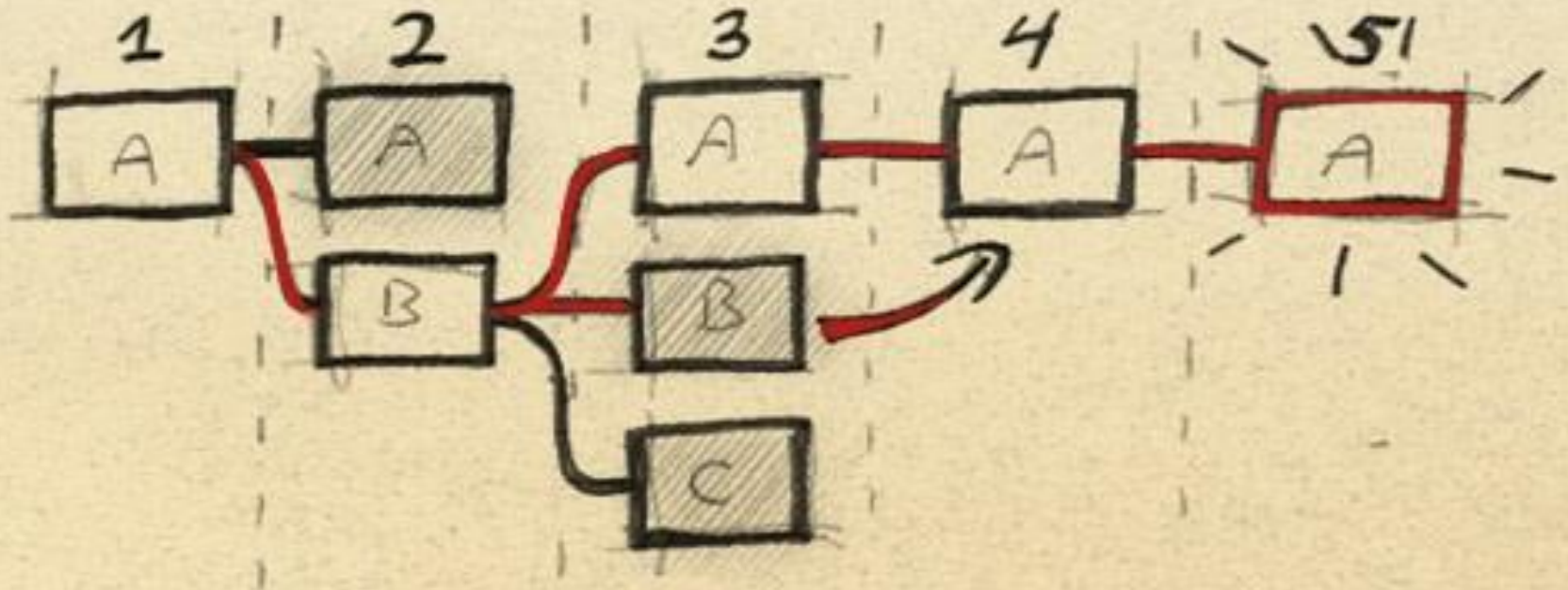


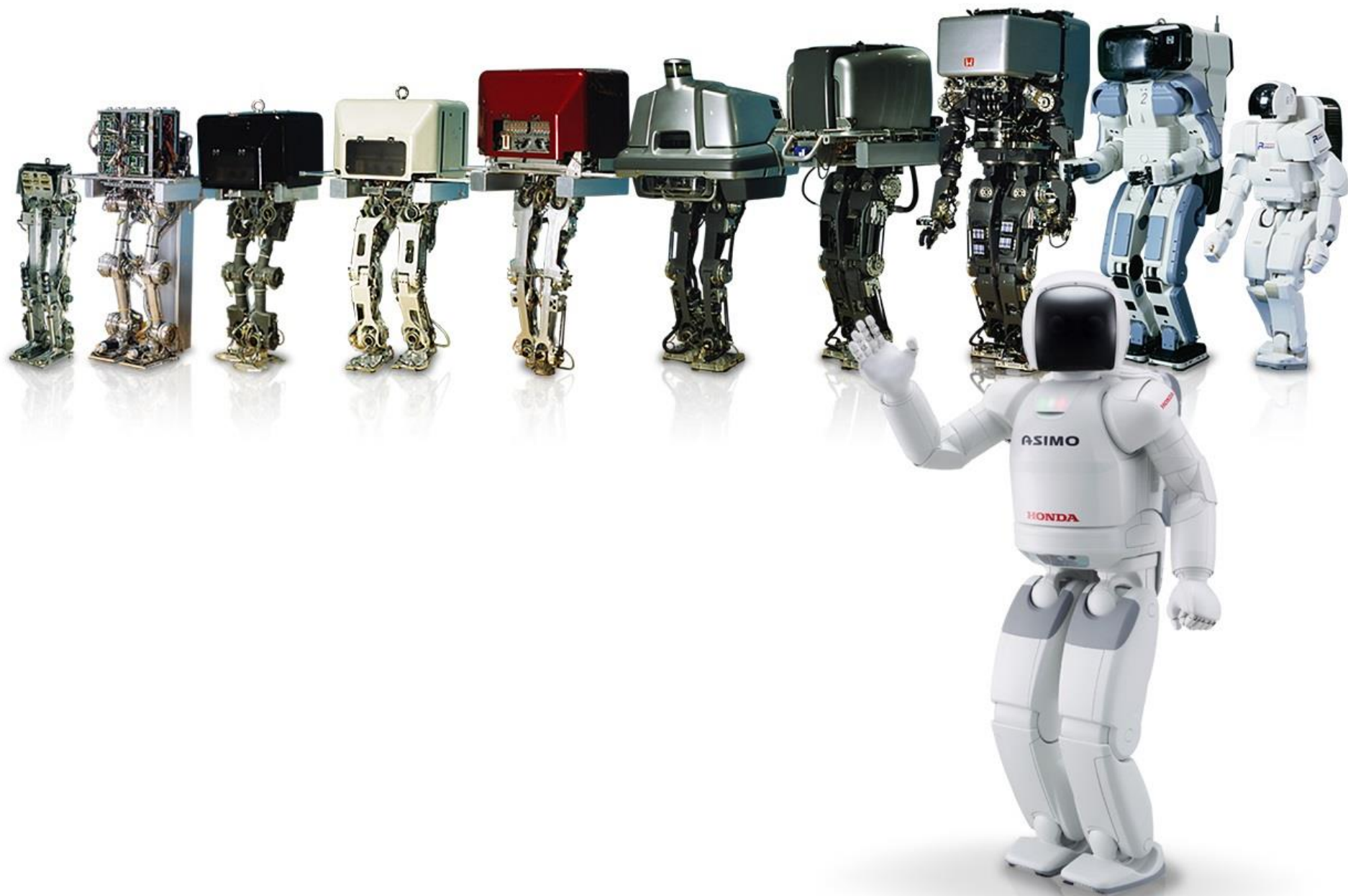
# simulations





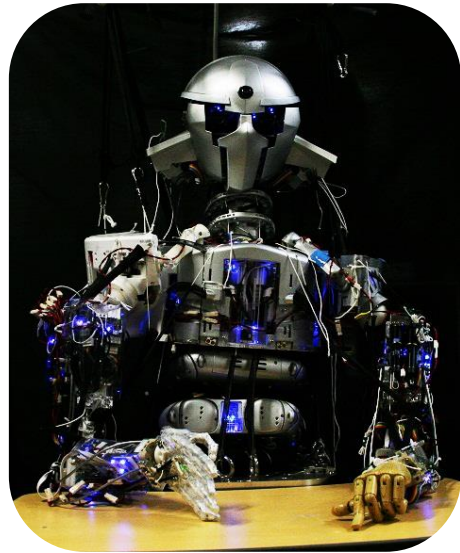
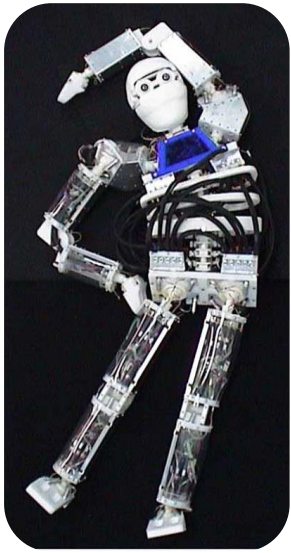
# iterative design

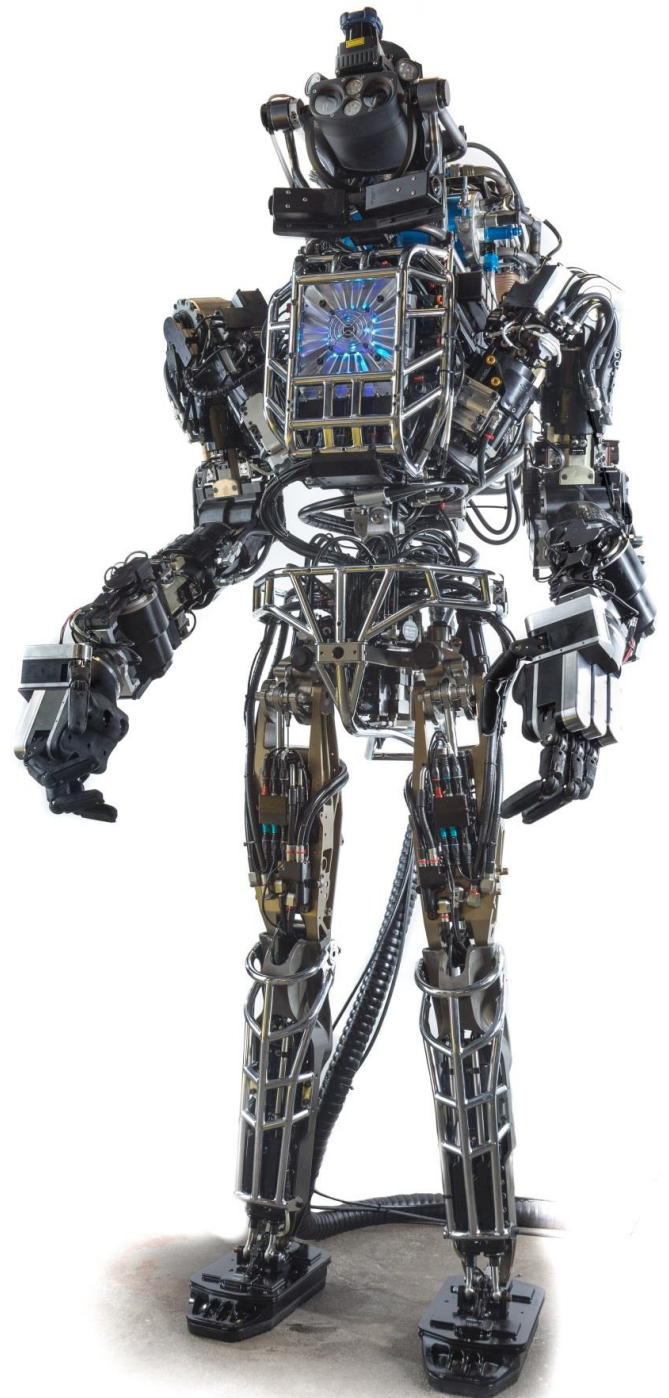
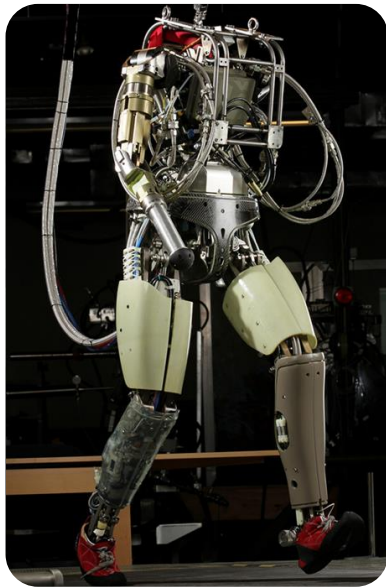
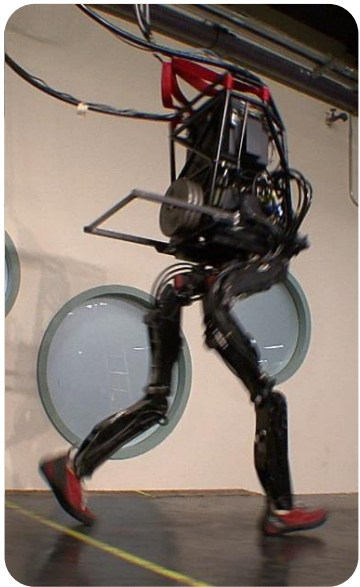


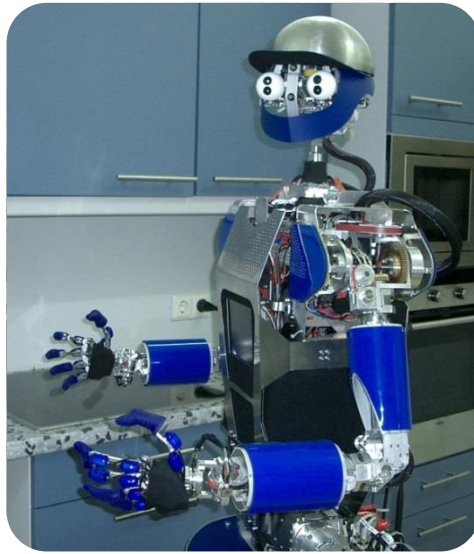
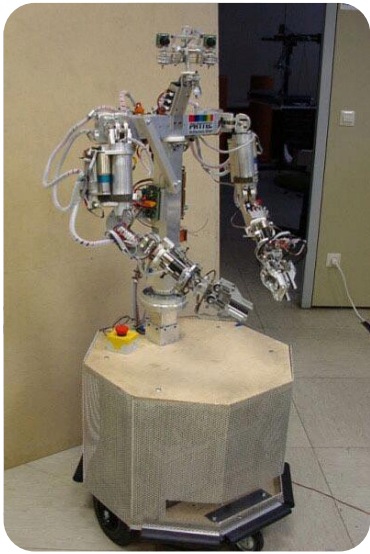








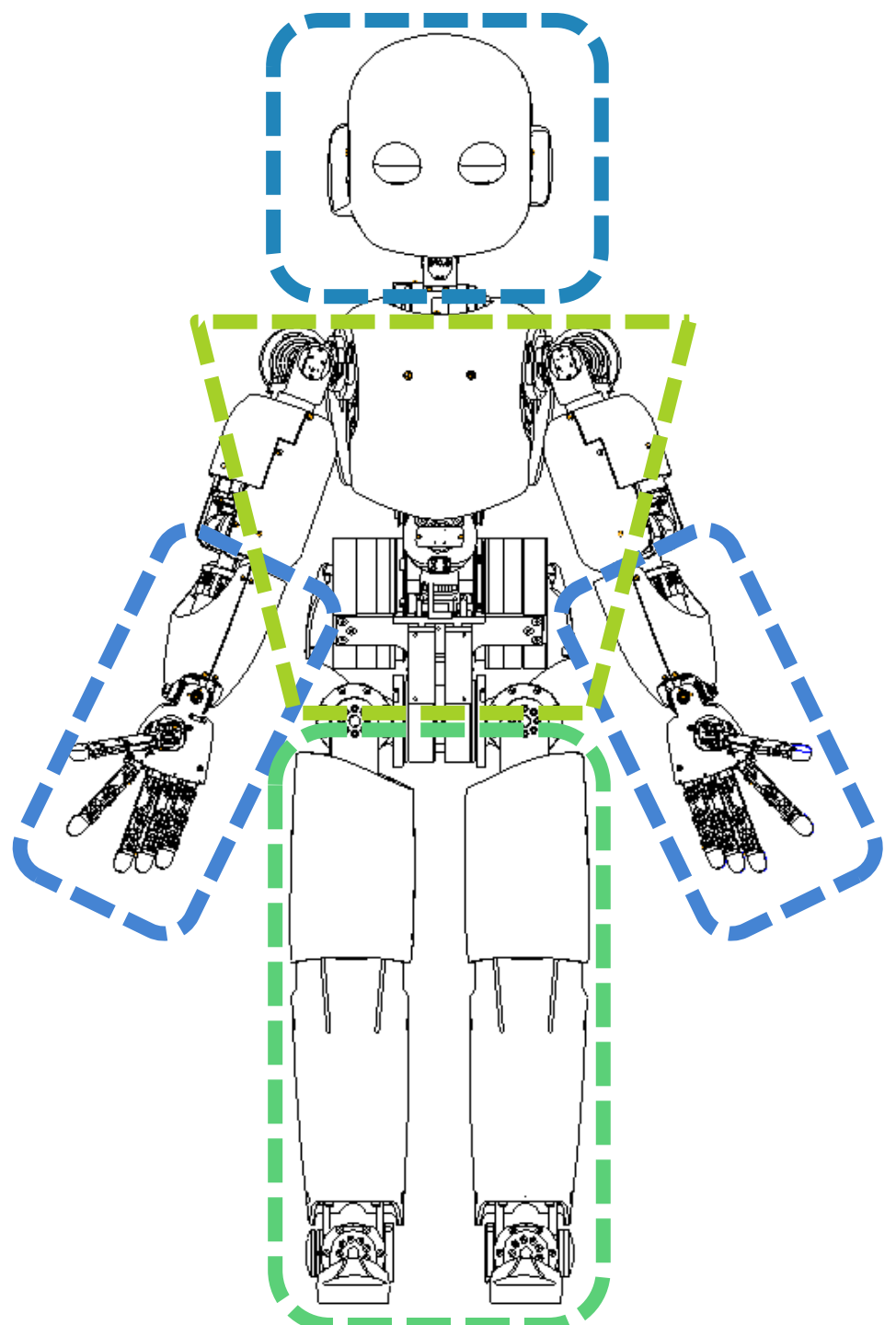




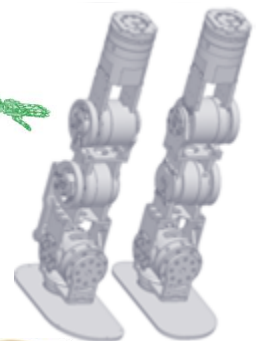
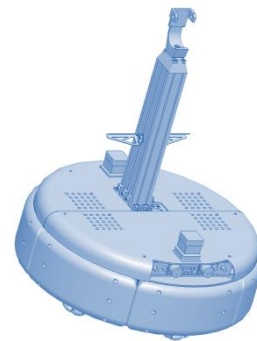
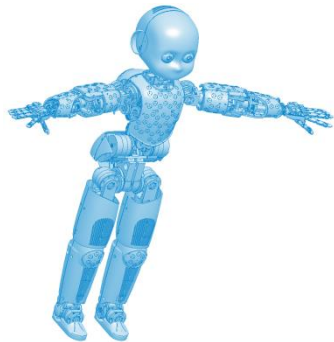
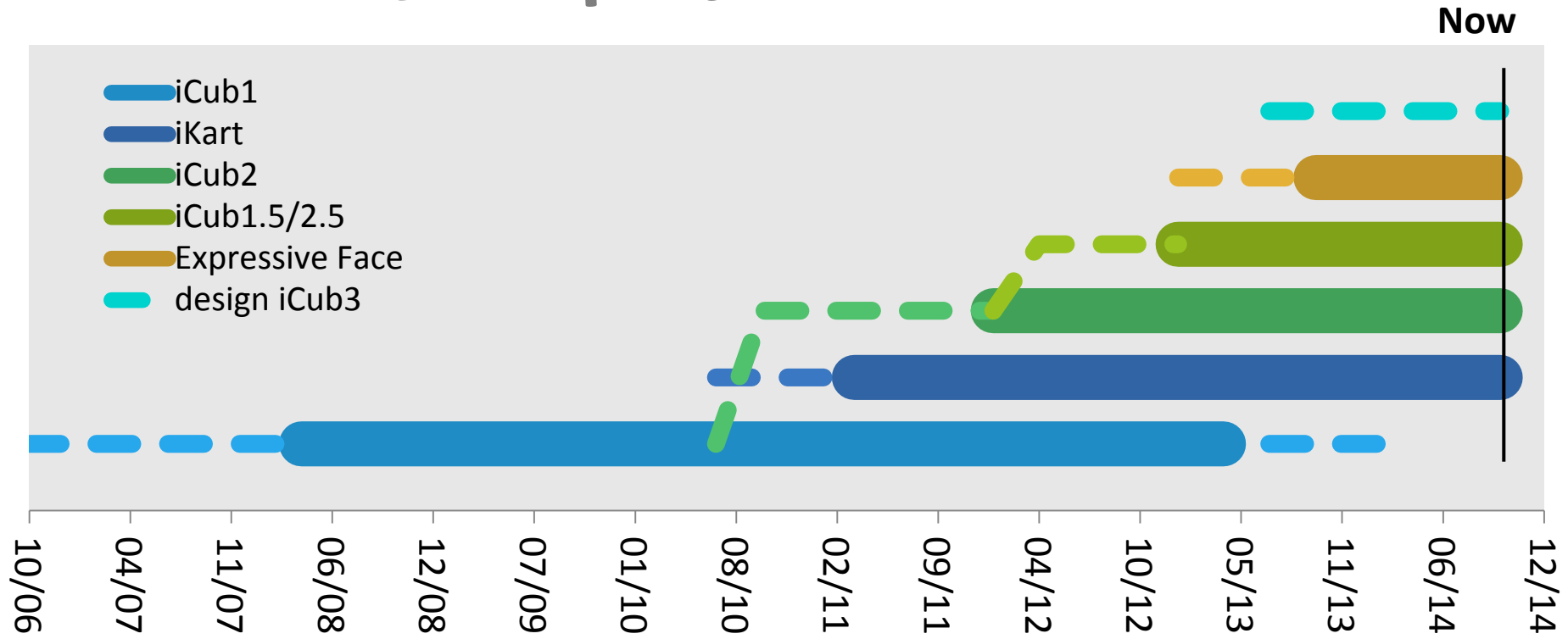


**...what about iCub?**

# sectional modularity



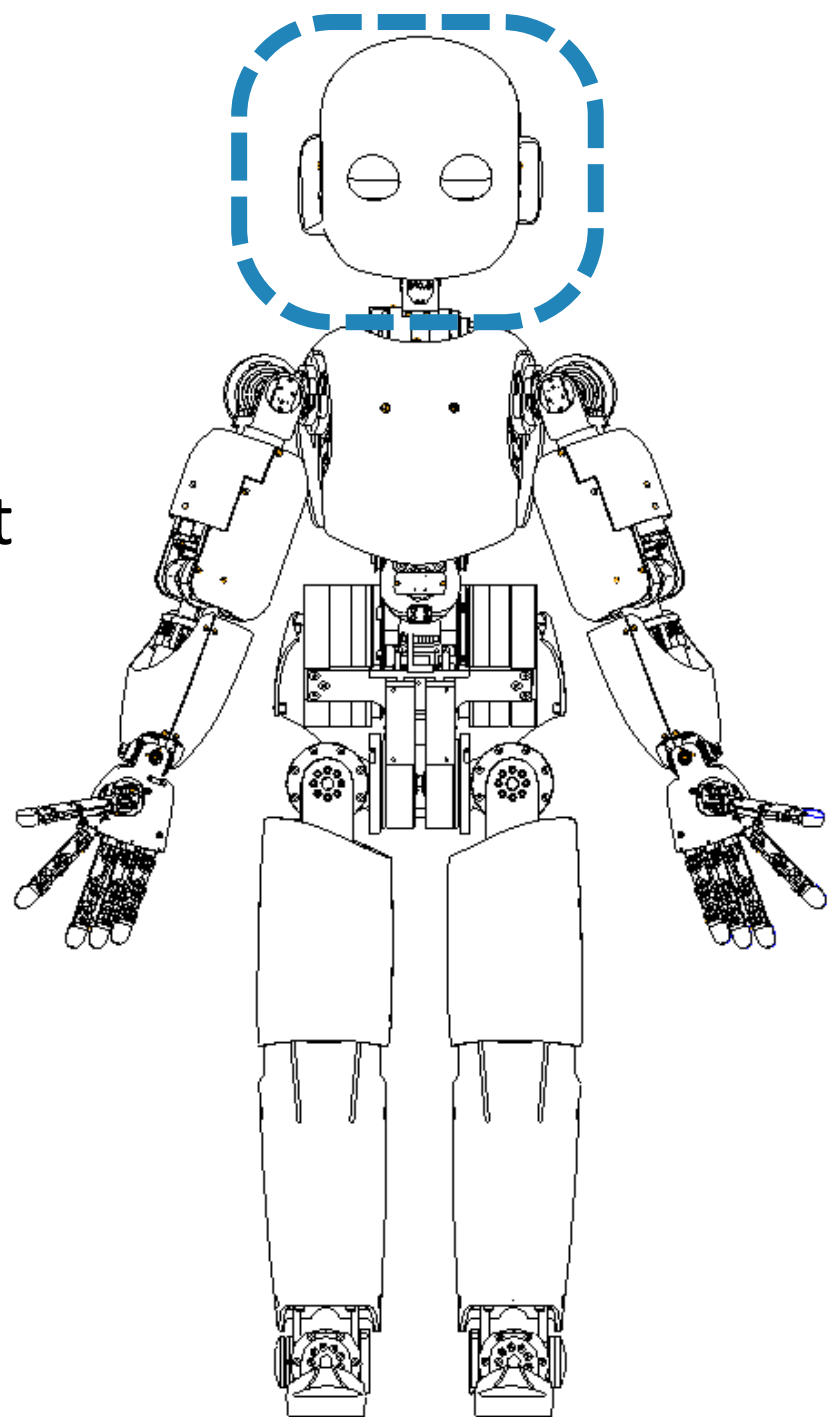
# iCub project timeline



# EXPRESSIVE FACE for speech perception

(collab. With GIPSA lab. Univ.  
Grenoble)

- Articulated jaw movement
- Silent fan-less PC104
- Actuated lips (4DOF)
- High quality stereo microphones (soundmann OMKII)
- on-board loud-speaker
- new eyelids mechanism



# [ FACE SPEECH SYNC VIDEO ]

*More details at the Novel Mechanism  
Design session tomorrow*

iCub3

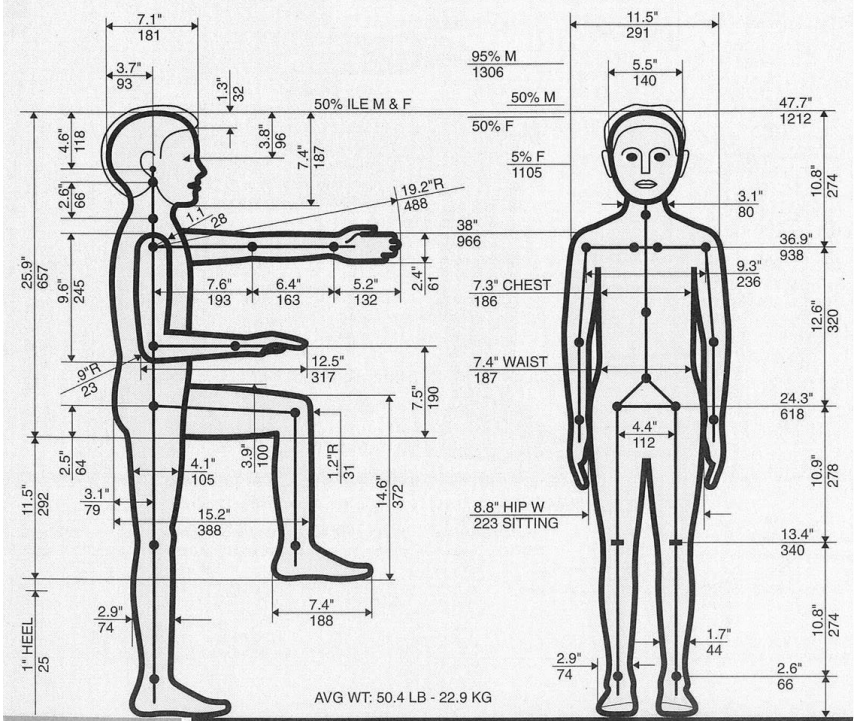


# FEATURES

- a little taller (from 1m to 1.2m)
- no cable drives
- serial kinematics
- lower cost
- fully enclosed covers
- improved bimanual workspace
- higher robustness

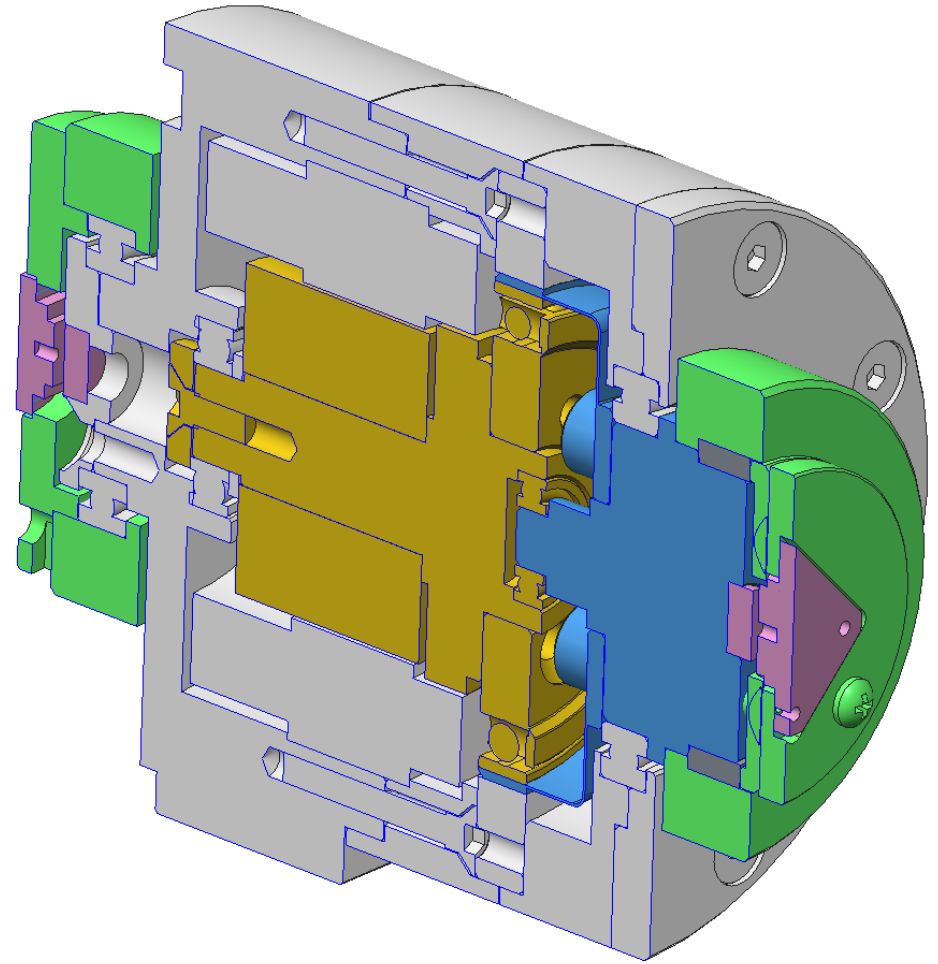
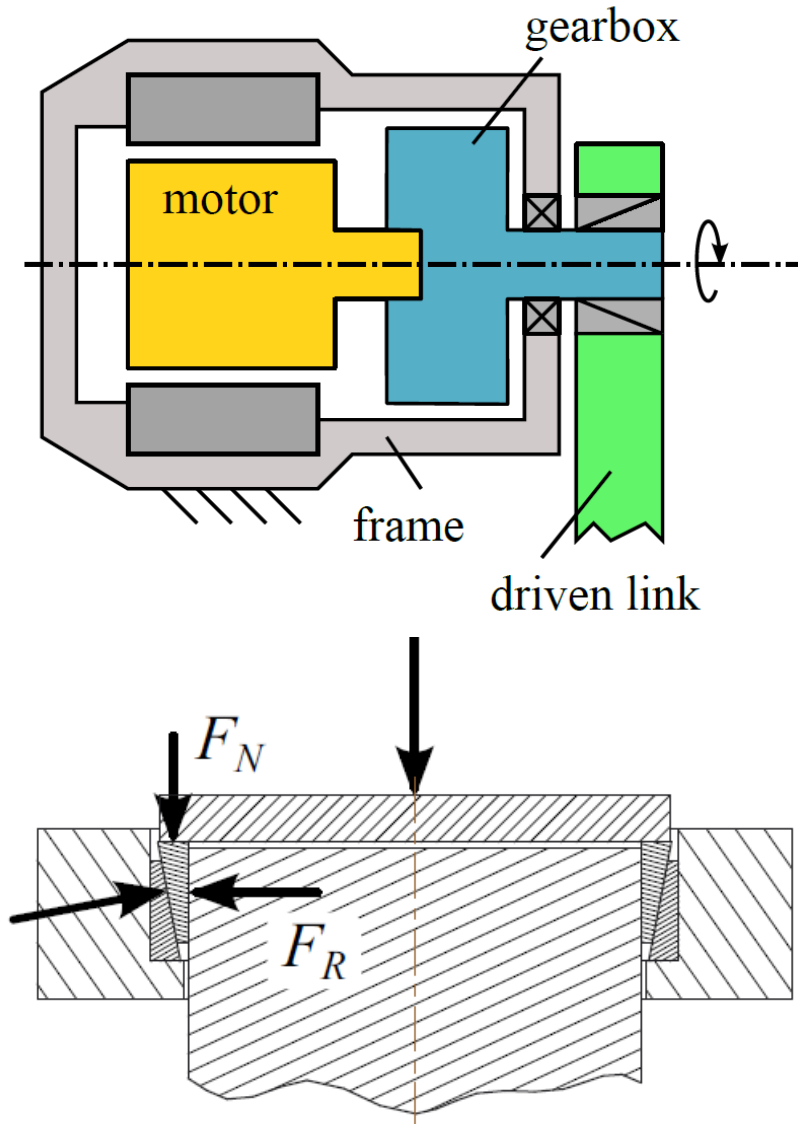
# size and kinematics

- BALANCING ON ONE FOOT WITHOUT LOOKING BECOMES POSSIBLE
  - CAN HOP AND JUMP ACCURATELY INTO SMALL SQUARES
  - CAN ACCURATELY PERFORM JUMPING JACK EXERCISES
- 6 YR
- CHILD REALIZES THAT OTHERS MAY INTERPRET A SI
- CHILDREN CAN THINK LOGICALLY ABOUT "HER

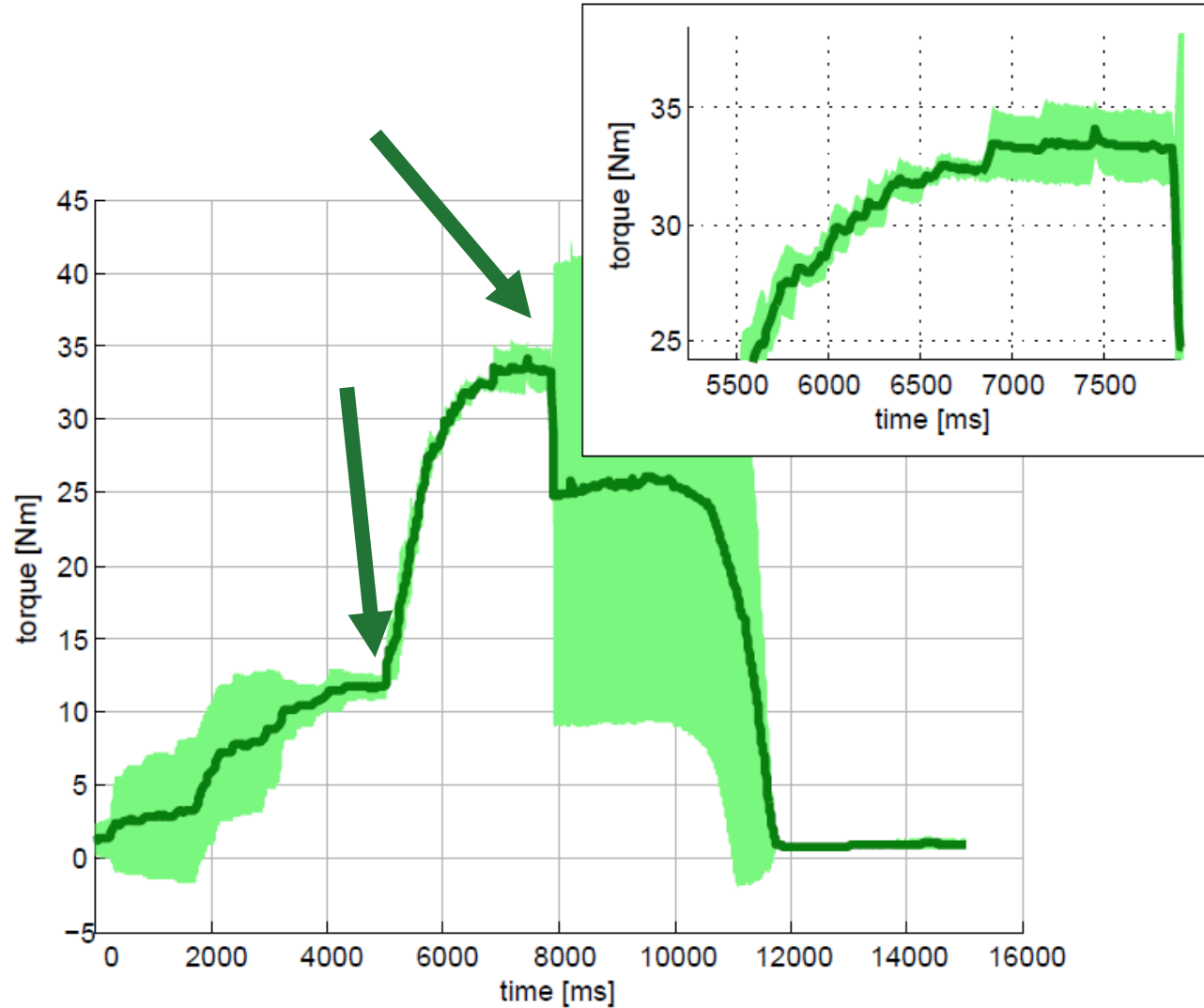
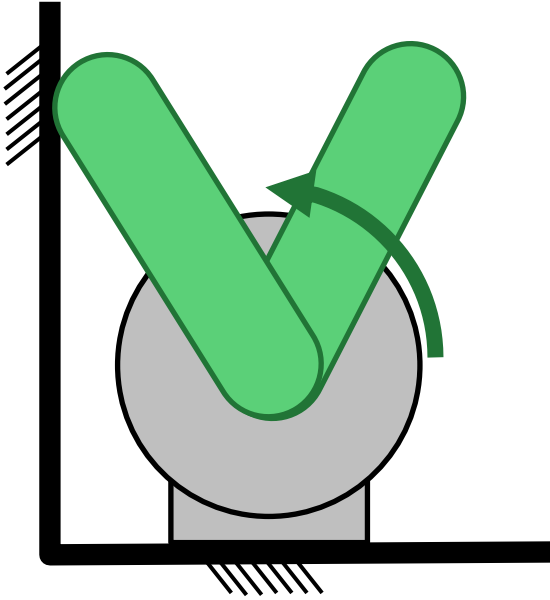


anthropometric tables provide the dimensions for the 7 years old standard child

# Friction lock output

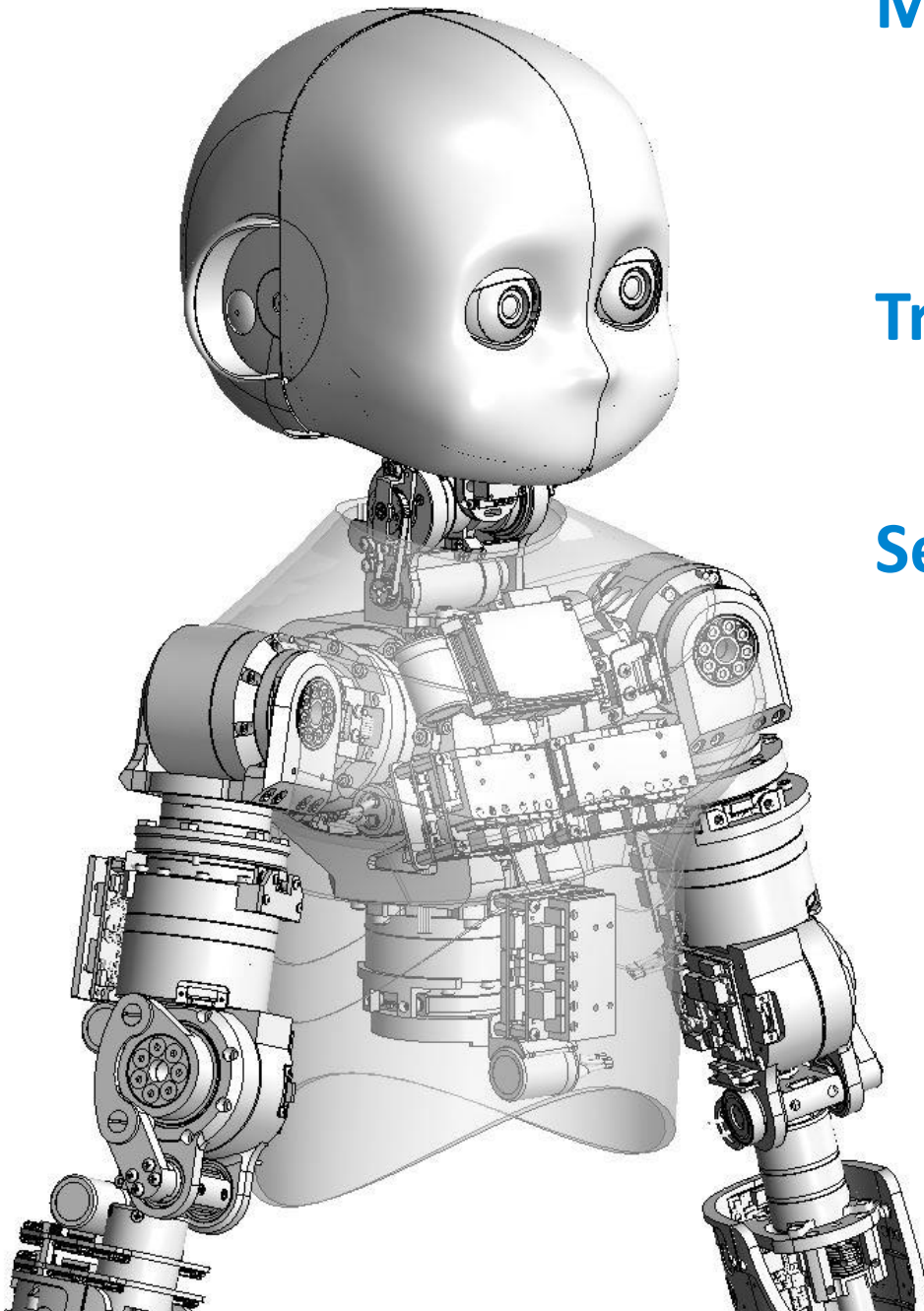


# the experiment



# Workspace optimization

**[ REACHING VIDEO ]**



## Motors:

Custom 60W and 110W  
BLDC by MOOG

## Transmissions:

100:1 HD speed reducers

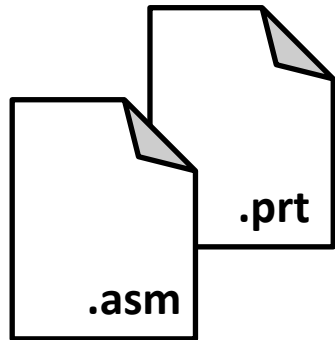
## Sensors:

Motor position (14bit)

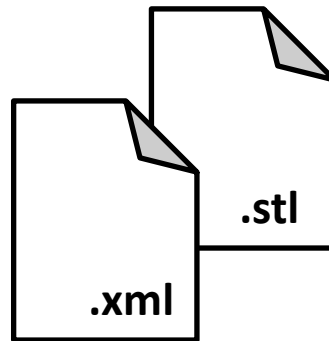
Joint position (15bit)

6-axis Force/Torque  
(shoulder)

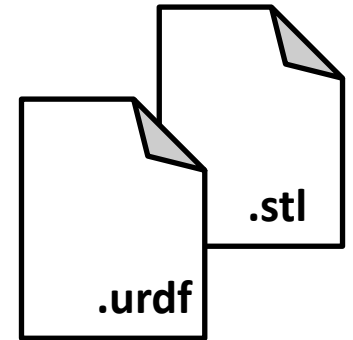




SimMechanics Link



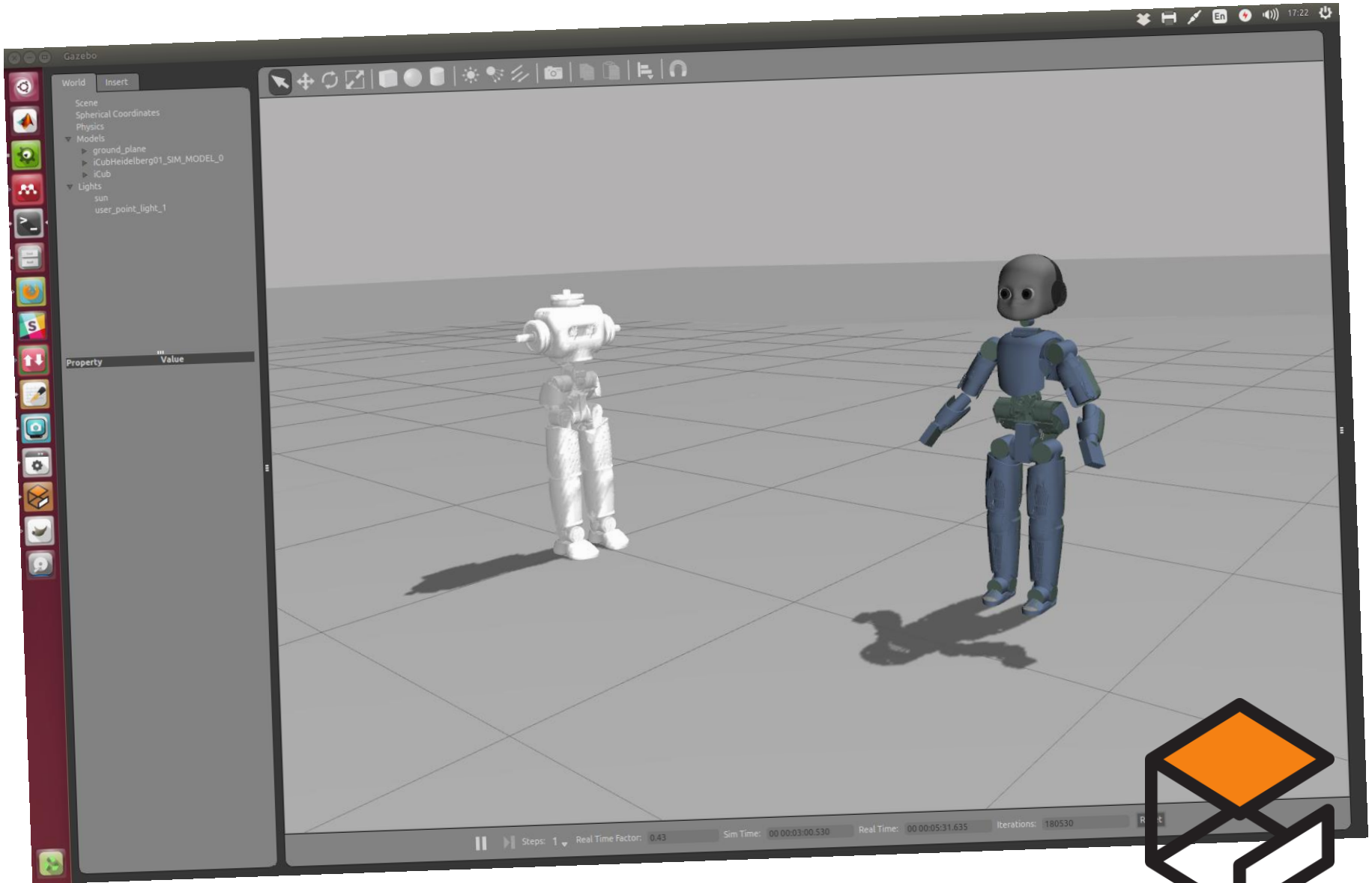
SimMechanics\_to\_URDF



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documentation at:

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*an open source cognitive humanoid robotic platform*



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iCub appears on the  
@SPARCrobotics website under  
the heading of "success stories"

The iCub is the humanoid robot developed at IIT as part of the EU project RobotCub and subsequently adopted by more than 20 laboratories worldwide. It has 53 motors that move the head, arms & hands, waist, and legs. It can see and hear, it has the sense of proprioception (body configuration) and movement (using accelerometers and gyroscopes). We are working to improve on this in order to give the iCub the sense of touch and to grade how much force it exerts on the environment.

**THANK YOU FOR  
THE ATTENTION**

**QUESTIONS?**