

Imiter la nature et comprendre les organismes au travers des robots

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Le meilleur des mondes robotiques
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Je me présente

- Né à Genève
- Parents hollandais
- Etudes de physique à l'EPFL, 1995
- Doctorat en Intelligence Artificielle à l'Université d'Edimbourg, 1999
- Postes de recherche à l'EPFL et à University of Southern California
- Professeur à l'EPFL depuis 2002, Laboratoire de Biorobotique
- Chrétien

Manufacturing



Automated warehouses



House holds



Military applications



Field/space robotics



Mobility



Surgery / rehabilitation



Entertainment



Biorobotics

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Biologically-inspired

or

Biomimetic robotics



Legged robots



ANYmal
ETHZ, Switzerland



Aibo, SONY, Japan



StickyBot, Stanford, USA



RHex robot, USA



Asimo, Honda, Japan



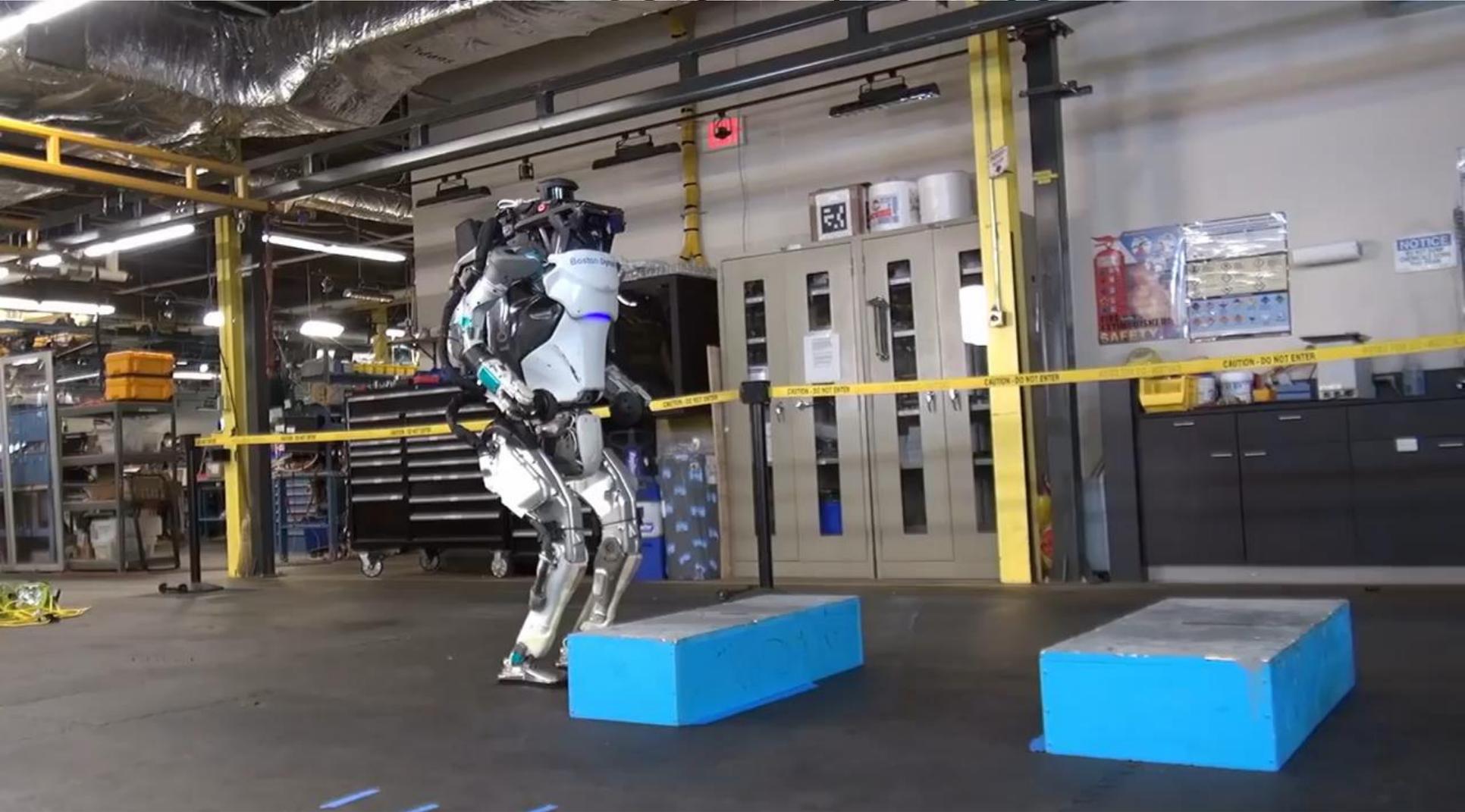
BigDog,
Boston Dynamics, USA 6

Impressive recent results from Boston Dynamics



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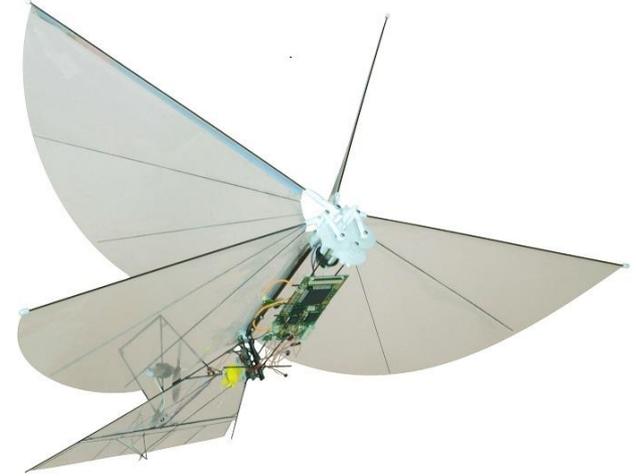
Flying robots



Feathered Drone, LIS, EPFL



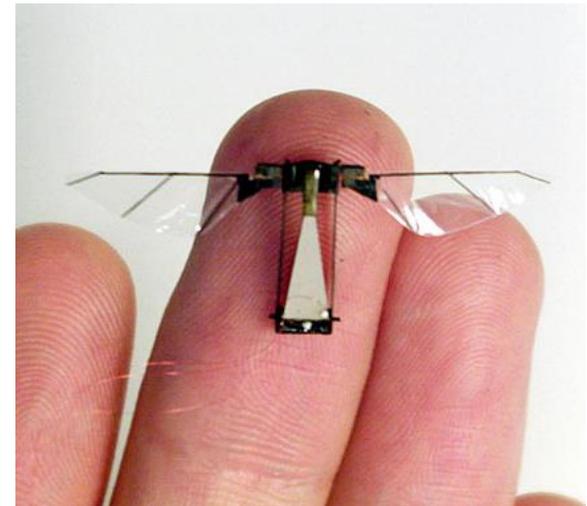
Hummingbird,
AeroVironment, USA



Ornithopter robot, U. Berkeley, USA



SmartBird, Festo, Germany

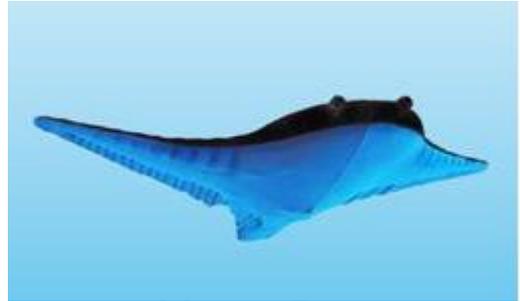


Micro aerial vehicle, Harvard Univ., USA

Swimming and crawling robots



G6 Fish Robot,
University of Essex, UK



Manta Ray
EvoLogics, Germany



Lamprey robot, U. of Northeastern, USA



Lamprey robot, SSSA, Italy



Penguin robot, Festo,
Germany



ACM robot, Tokyo Inst of
Tech Japan



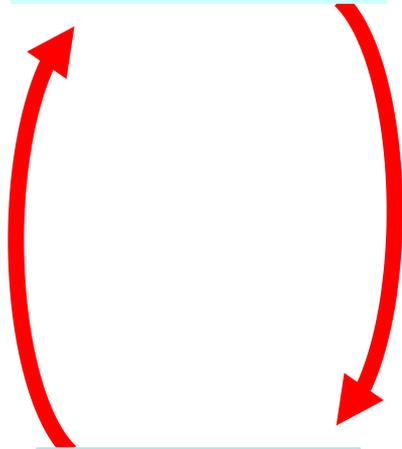
Snake Robot, CMU, USA

Biorobotics

Field robotics
Search and rescue
Transport
Agriculture
Environmental monitoring

Robotics

Inspiration



Biology

Neuroscience
Biomechanics
Hydrodynamics

Scientific tool



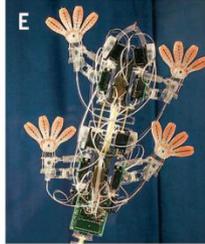
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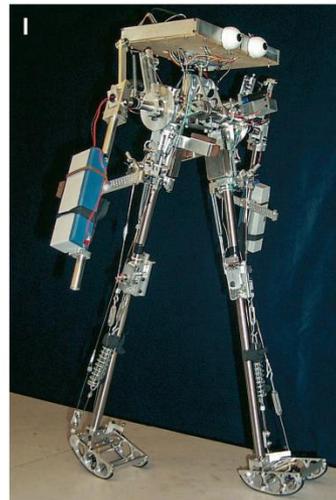
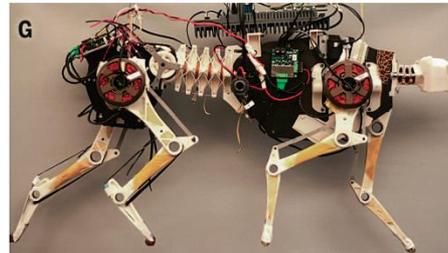
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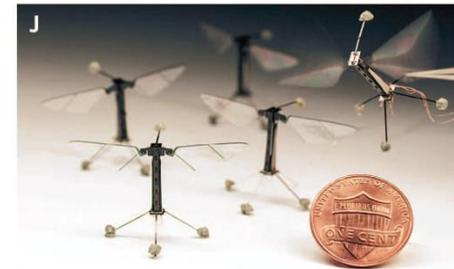
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Ijspeert 2014: Biorobotics: Using robots to emulate and investigate agile locomotion, **Science** 346, 196, 2014

Why is locomotion important?

Engineering:

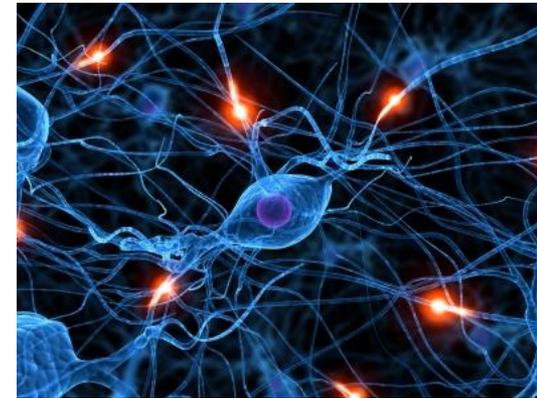
Having **robots that move better** in unstructured and unknown environments is absolutely **necessary for multiple applications**

Science:

Moving is fundamental to animals.

Society:

Having motor deficits is one of the **worst handicaps**



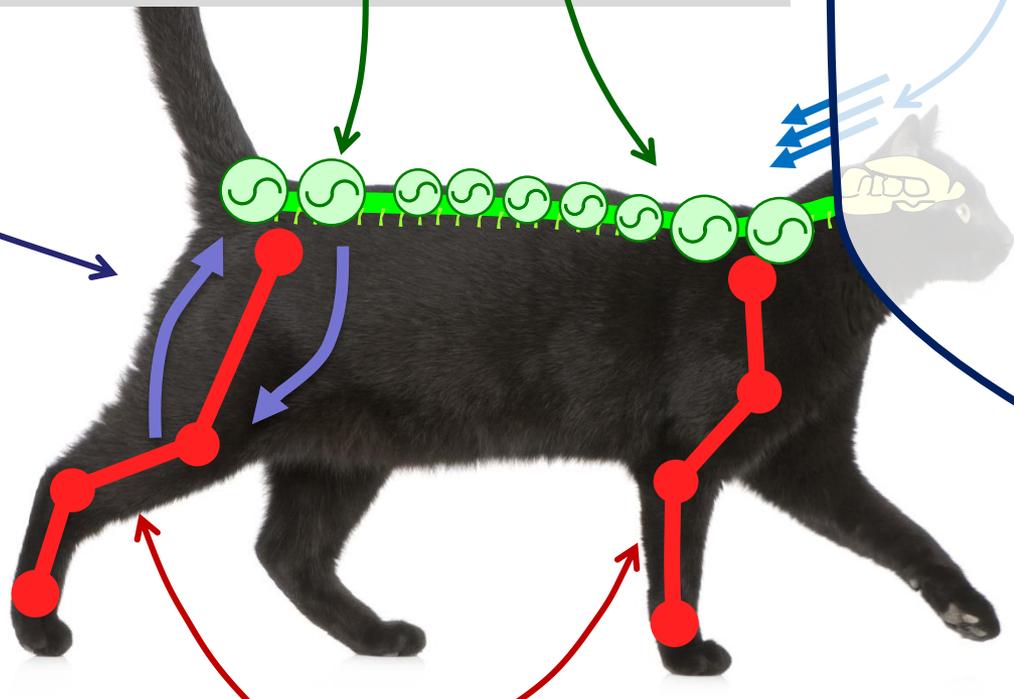
The beauty of animal movement control

Four essential ingredients in animal motor control

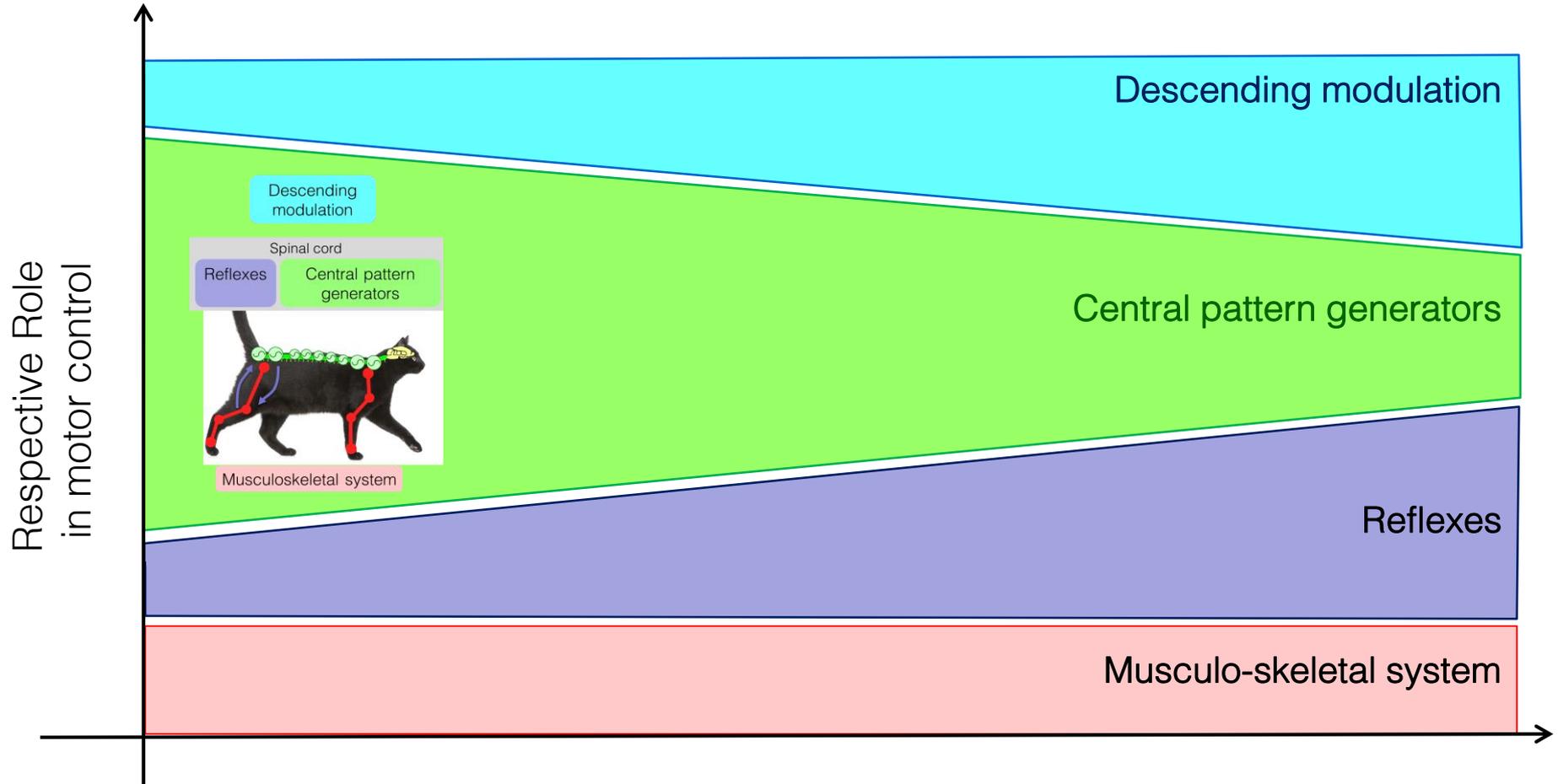
Spinal cord
Reflexes

Central pattern
generators

Descending
modulation



Musculoskeletal system, "Clever" mechanics



lamprey



salamander

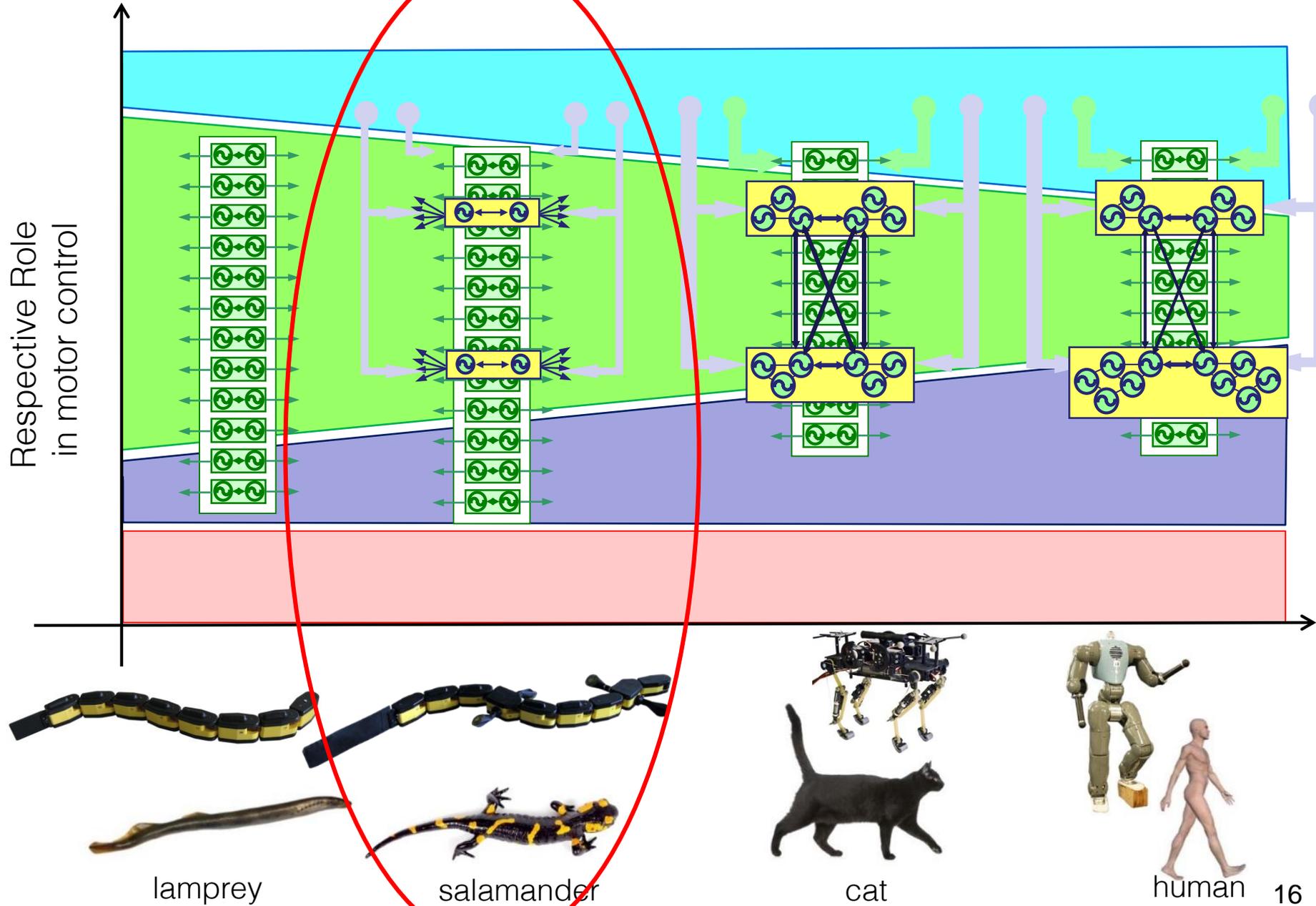


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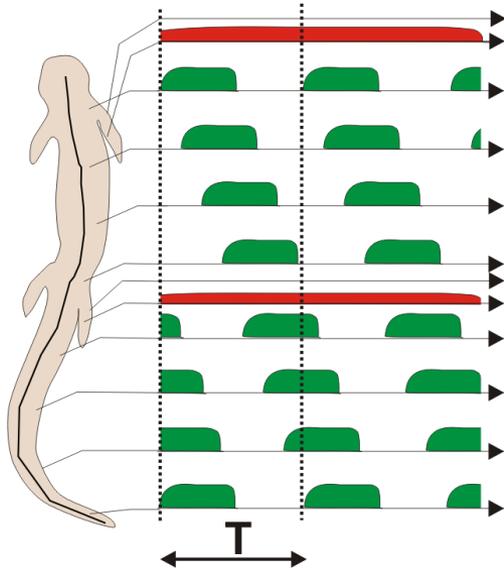


human 15

Modeling spinal cord circuits

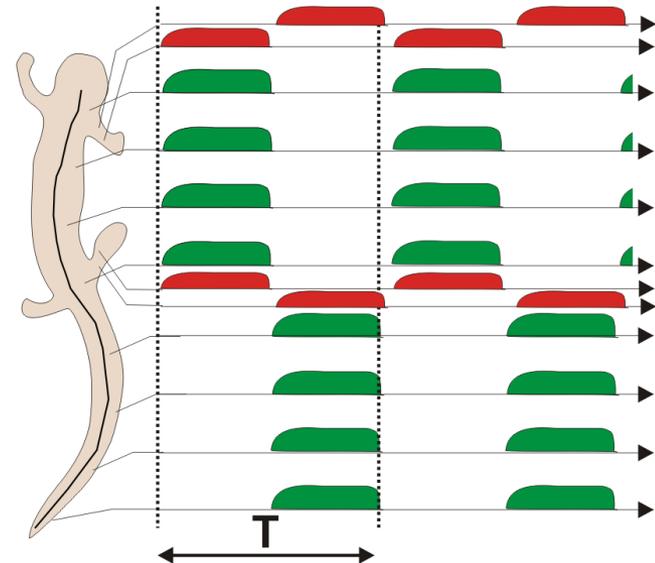


Bimodal locomotion (cartoon)



Swimming:

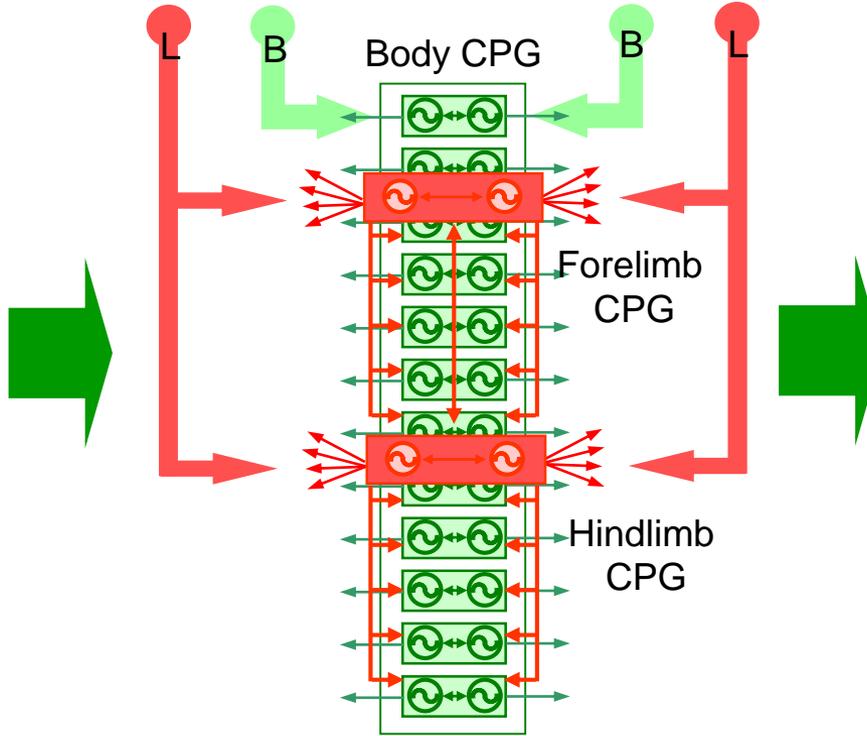
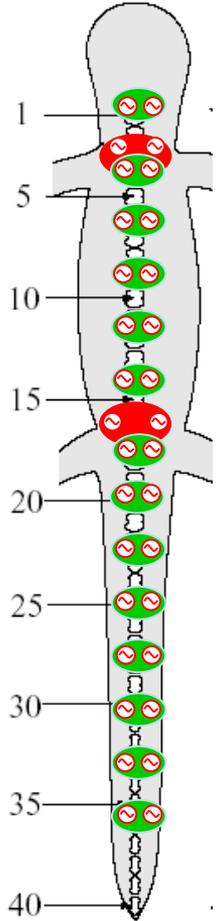
- Traveling wave in axial muscles
- Wavelength \approx body length
- Limb retractors are tonic
- High frequencies



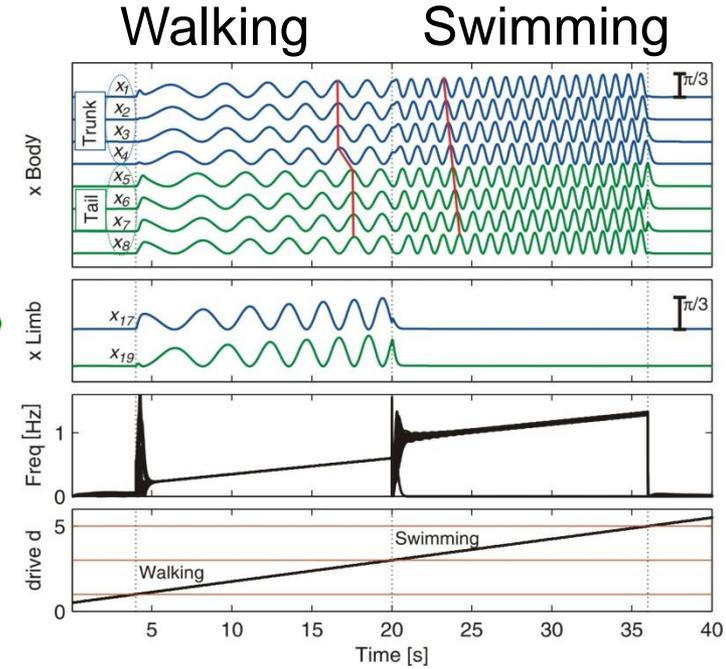
Walking:

- Standing wave
- Limb retractors/protectors are phasic
- Low frequencies

A mathematical model to study the transition from swimming to walking



System of coupled oscillators

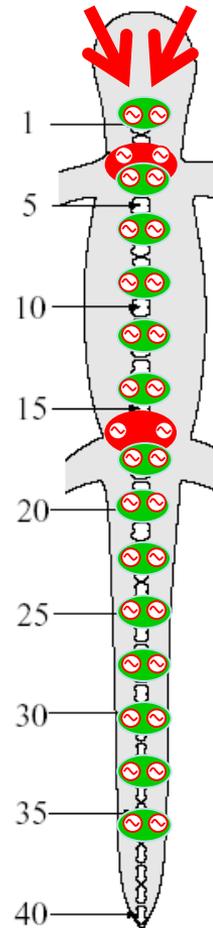


Gait transition due to an increase of the descending drive

Gait transition in the salamander by modulating descending drive

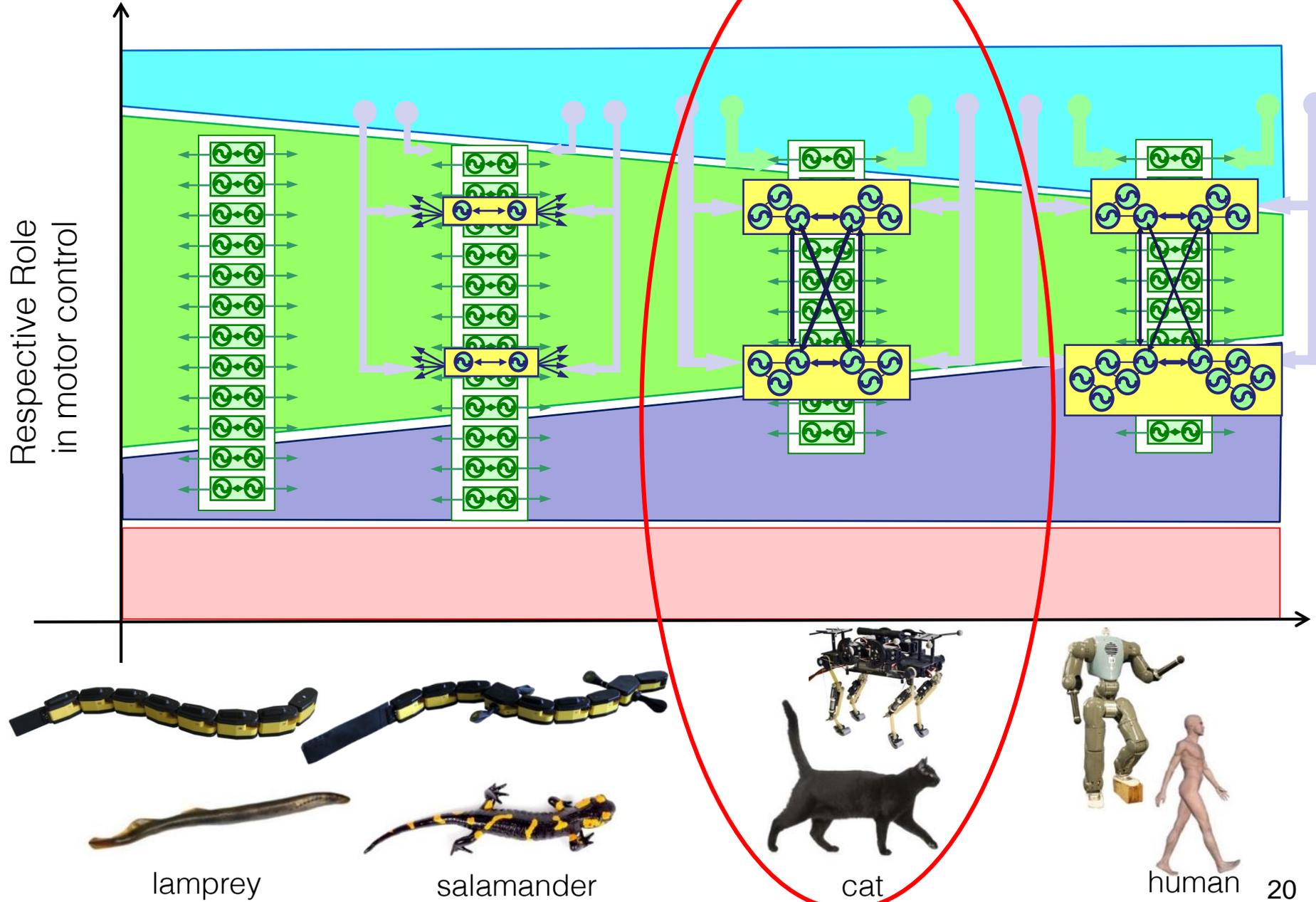


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Ijspeert *et al*, *Science*, March 2007.
Crespi *et al*, *IEEE TRO*, 2013

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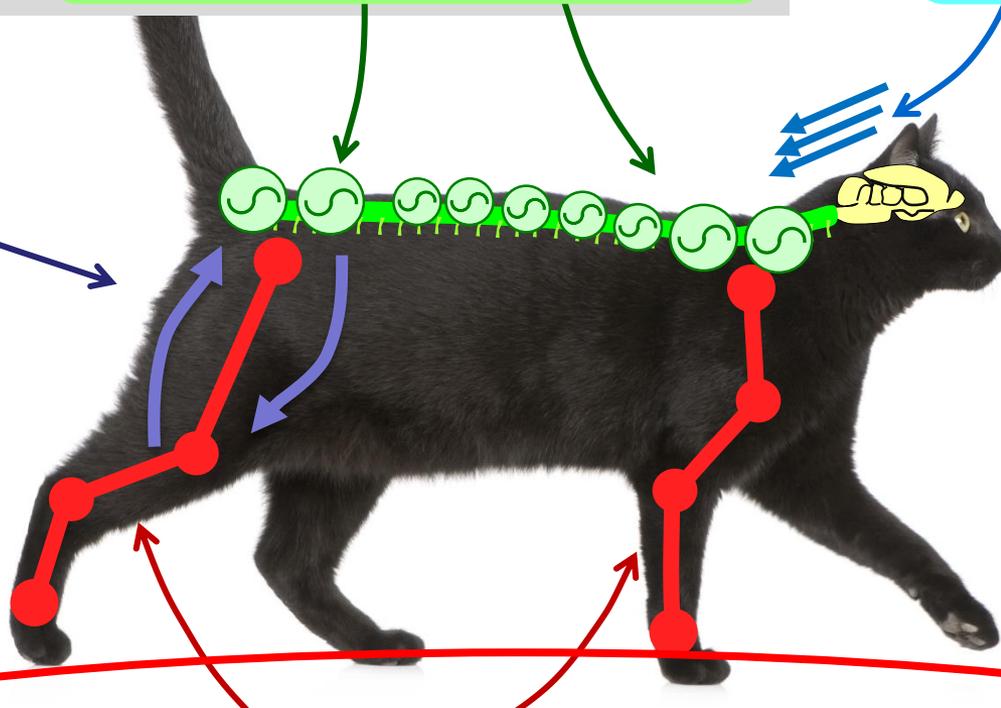
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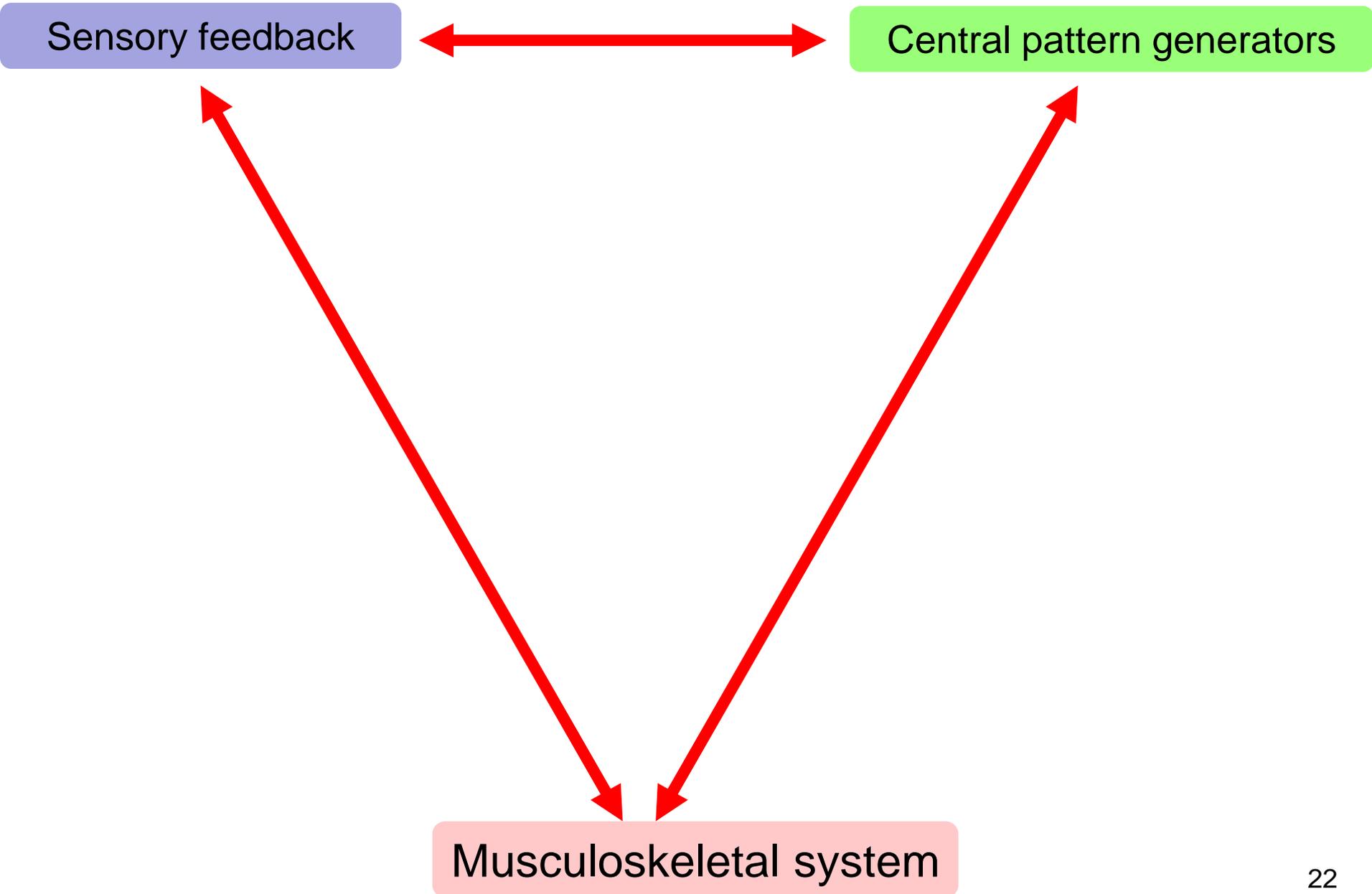
Central pattern
generators

Descending
modulation



Musculoskeletal system, "Clever" mechanics

The bridge: Body dynamics



The bridge: Body dynamics

Sensory feedback



Central pattern generators

Passive walker



Collins, S. H., Wisse, M., Ruina, A. (2001)
International Journal of Robotics Research,
Vol. 20, No. 2, Pages 607-615

Dead trout swimming



Liao, J. C. (2004).
Journal of Experimental Biology,
Vol. 207(20), 3495-3506.
MIT tow tank, Lauder Lab Harvard
<http://web.mit.edu/towtank/www/>

Musculoskeletal system

Cheetah-Cub: a compliant quadruped robot

Scientific question:

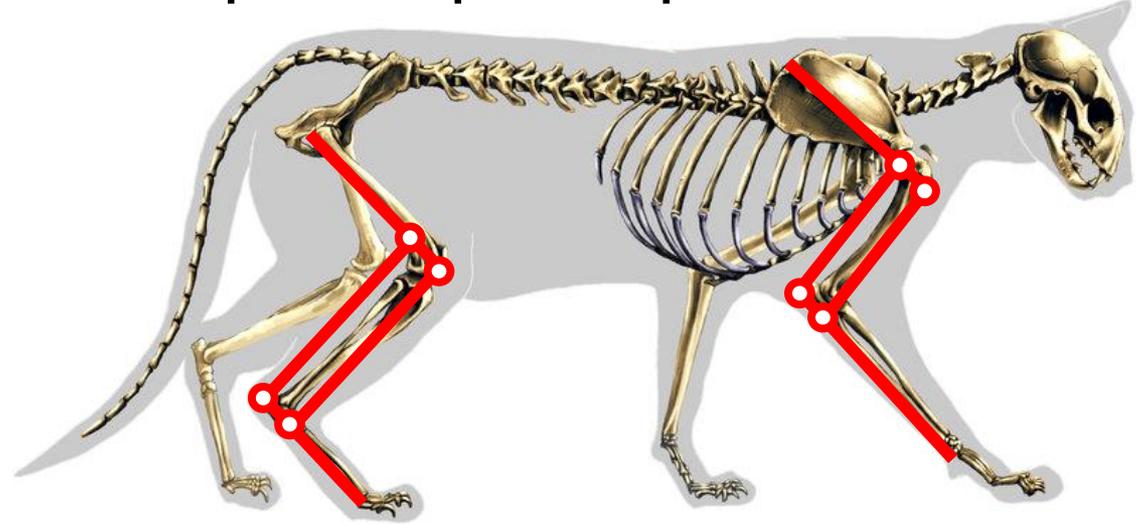
What are the key principles underlying the agility of cats' locomotion?

Hypothesis:

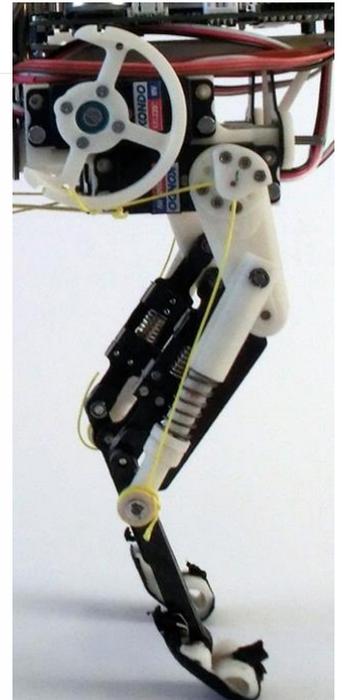
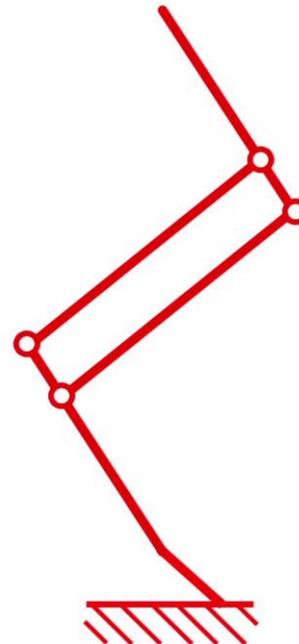
self-stabilizing property of the musculoskeletal system

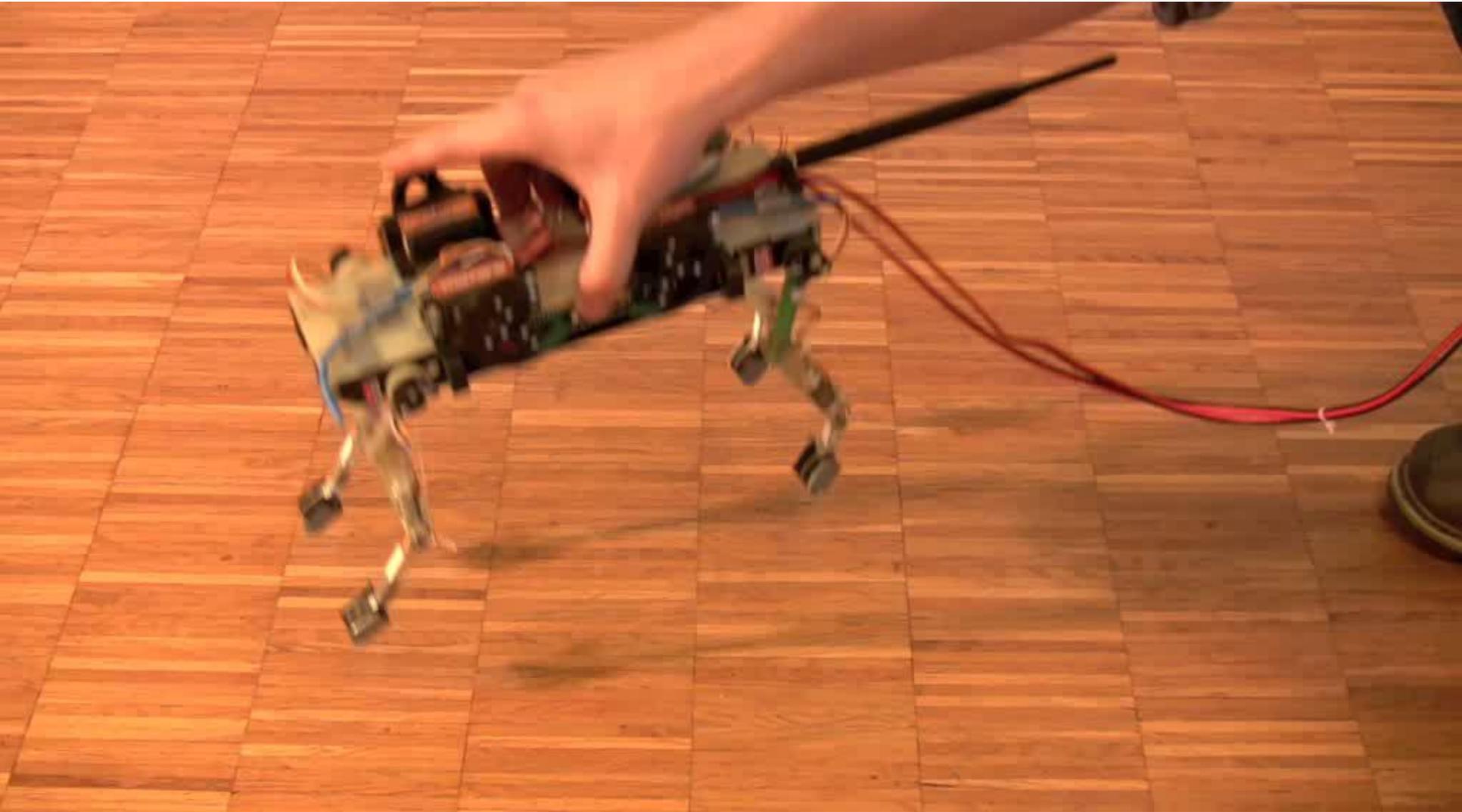
Key properties:

- 1) light-weight
- 2) Viscoelastic
- 3) segmented leg with a pantograph structure



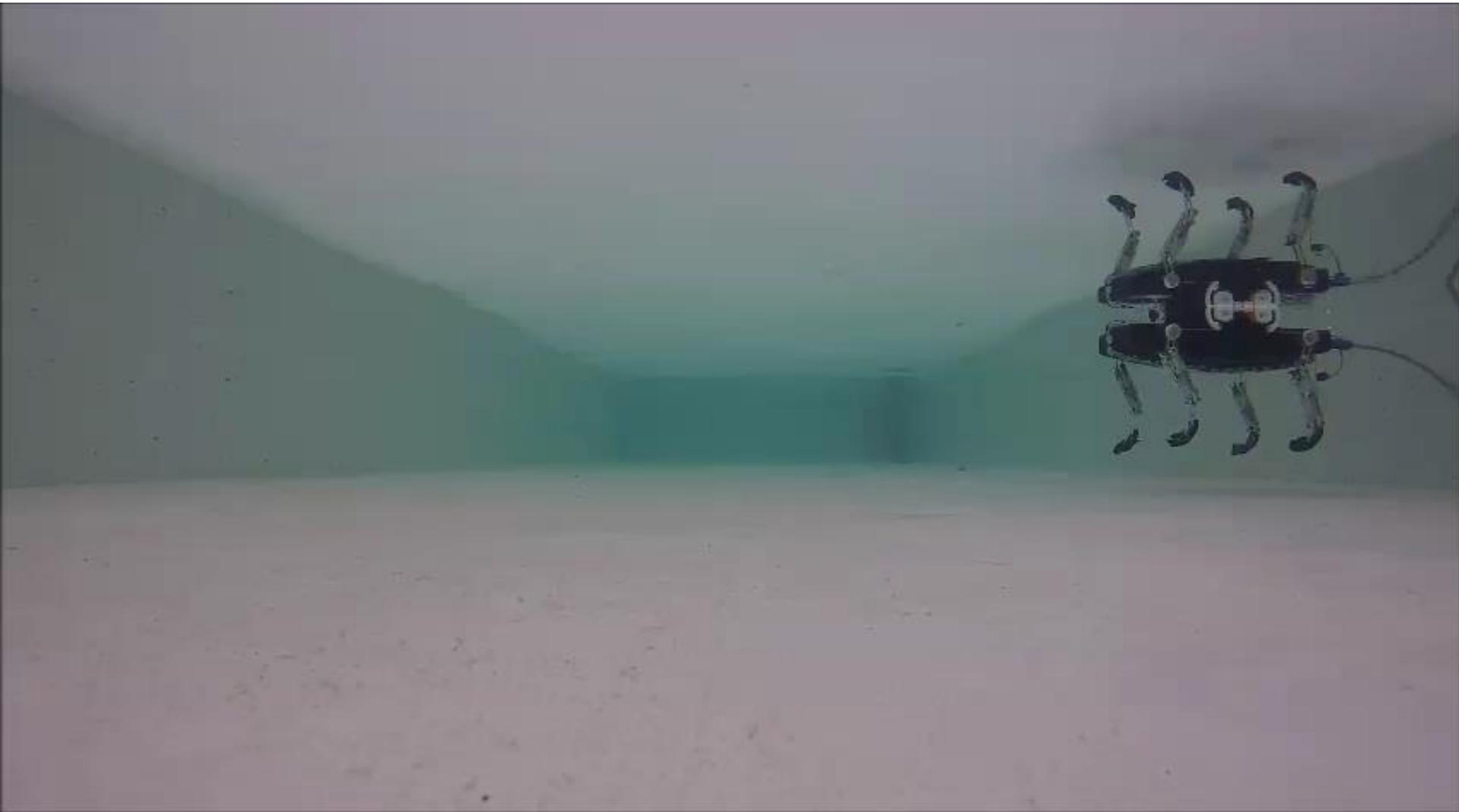
~ Pantograph structure







Cheetah-Cub swimming!!



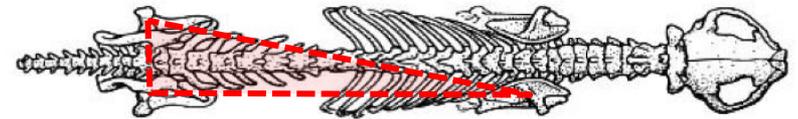
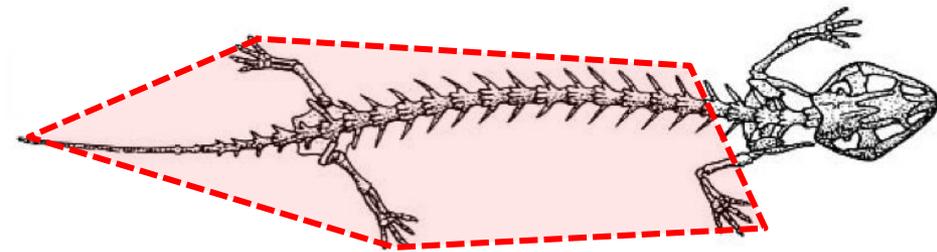
Work of MSc student Andrea Andreoli, together with Peter Eckert, Behzad Bayat

Key transition

from amphibians/reptiles to mammals

Sprawling posture

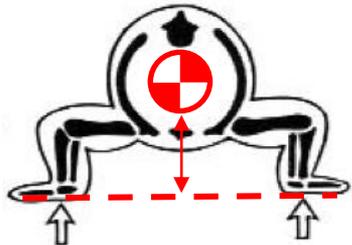
Upright posture



studyblue.com

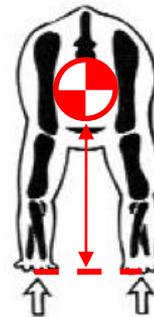
Salamander

Mammal



Large support polygon

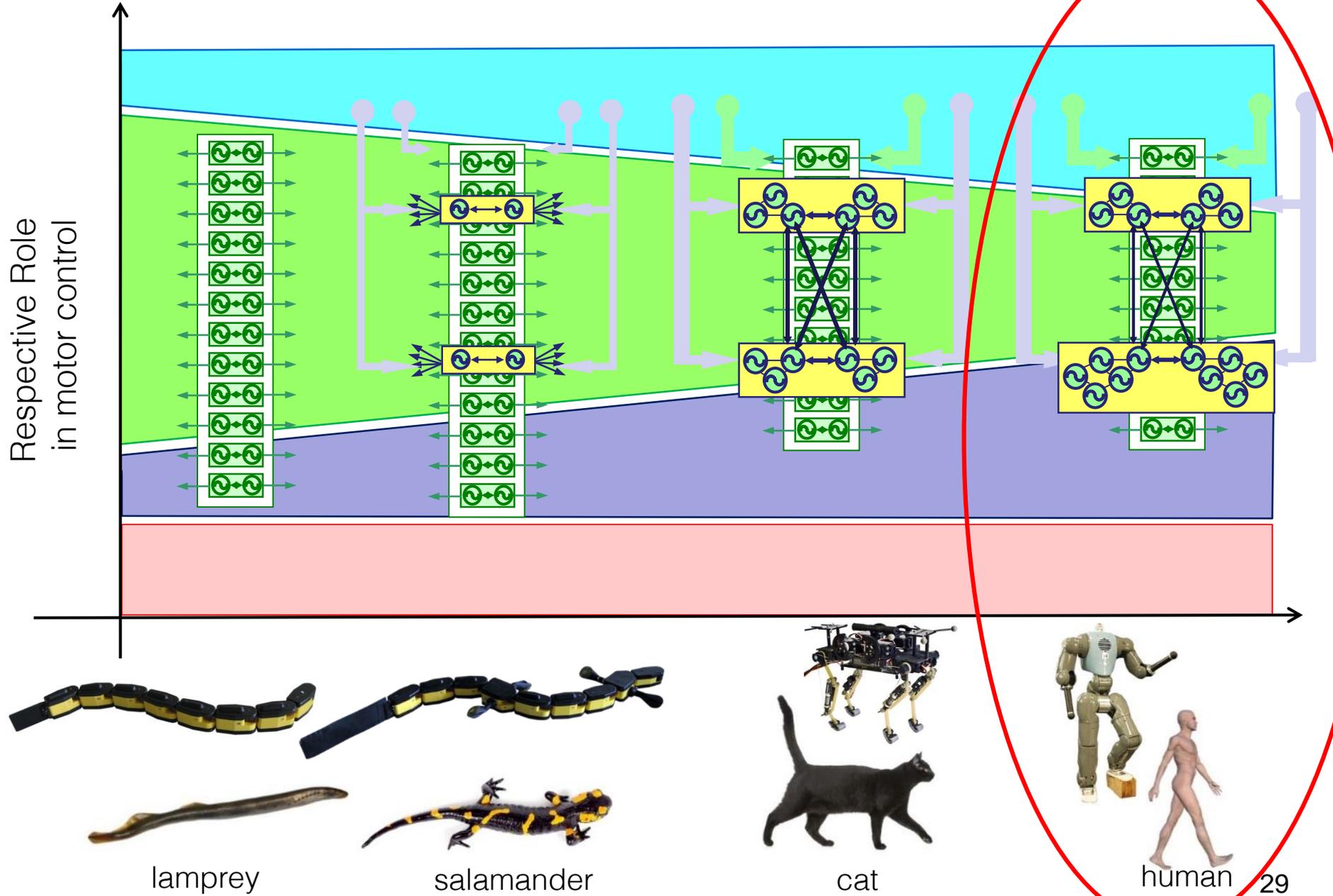
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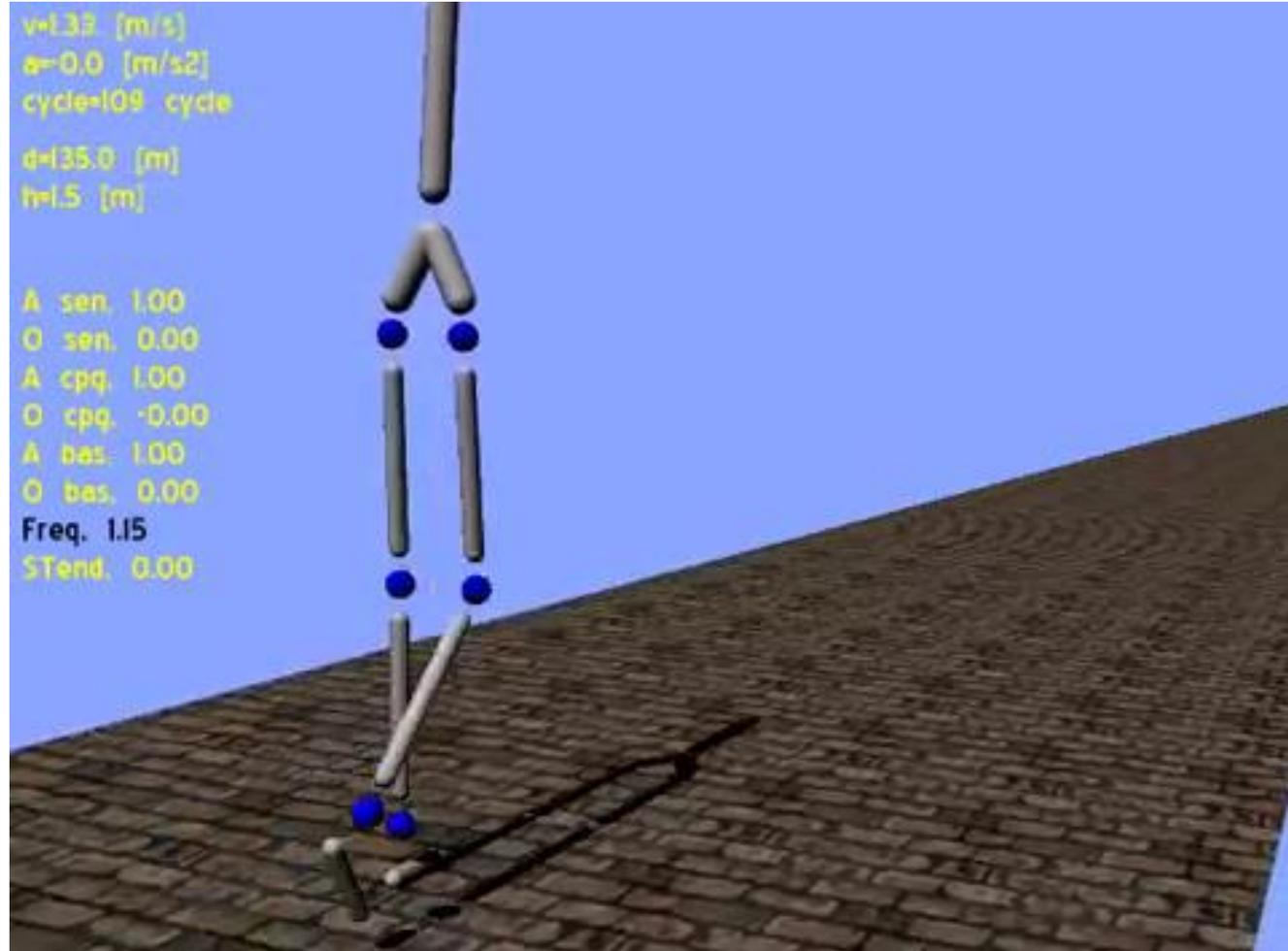
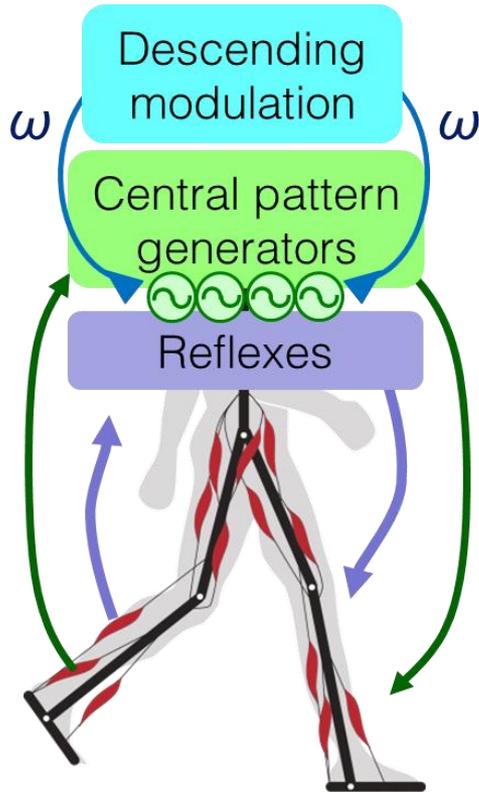
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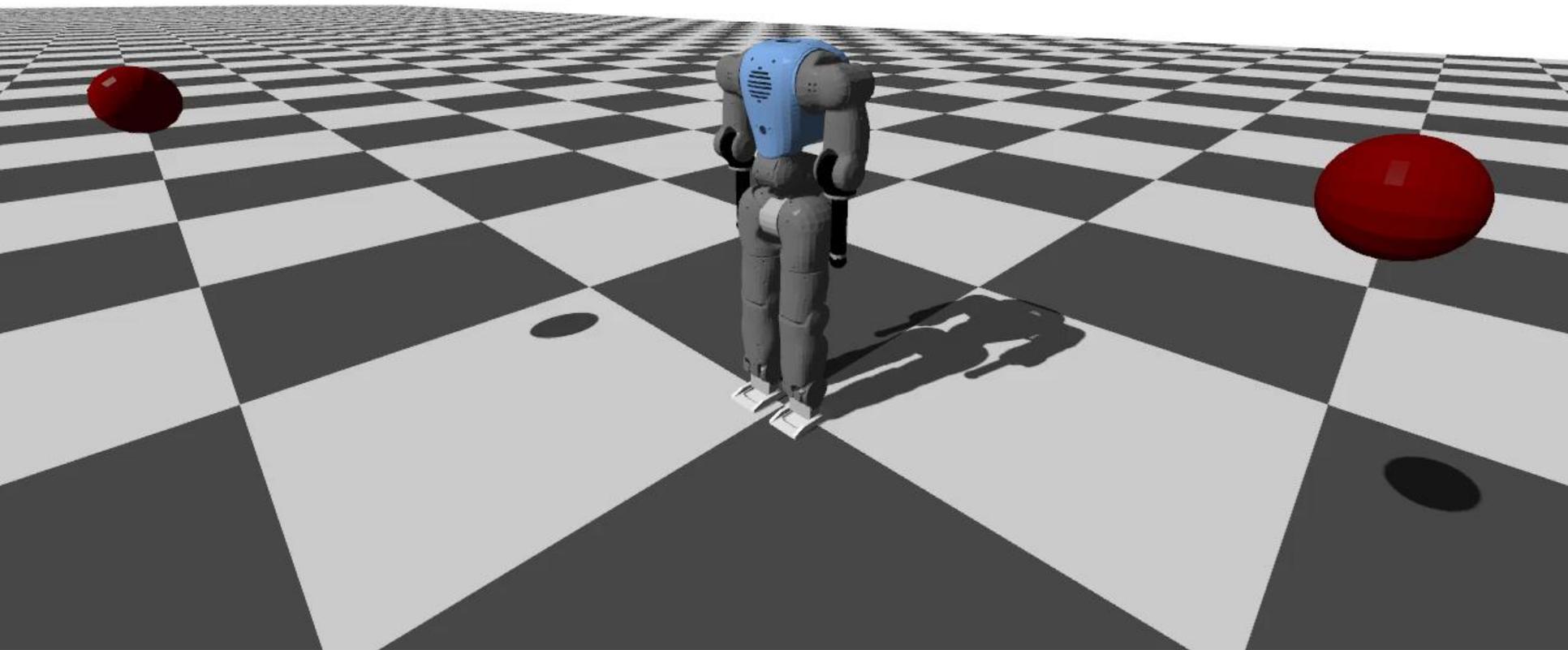
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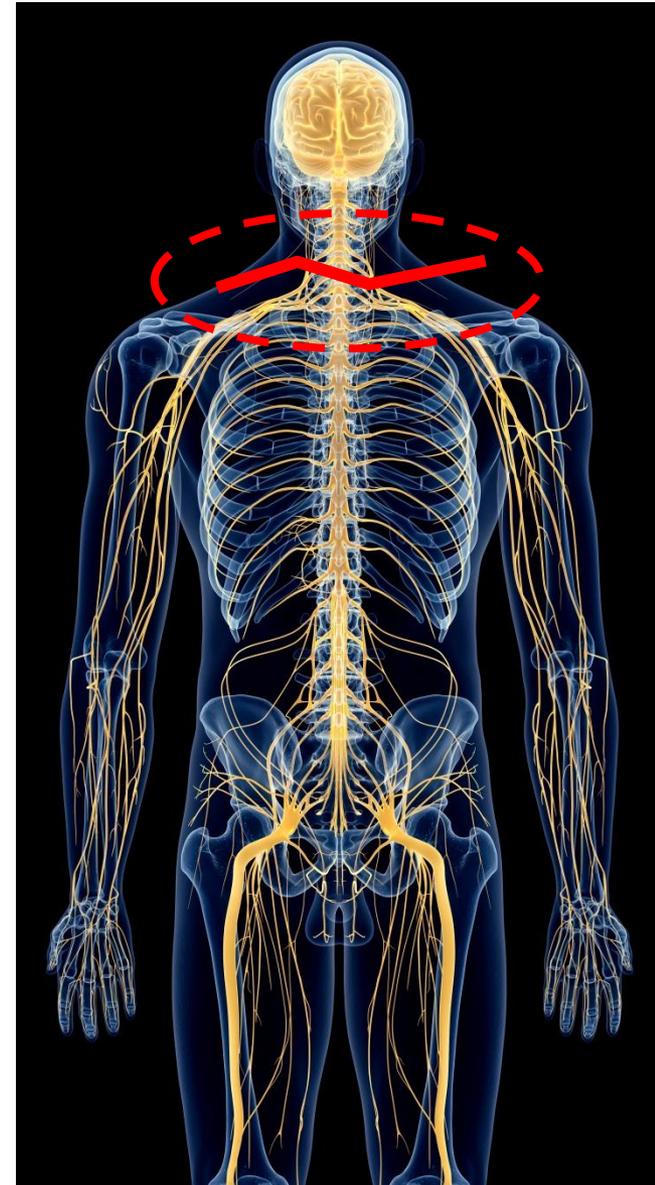
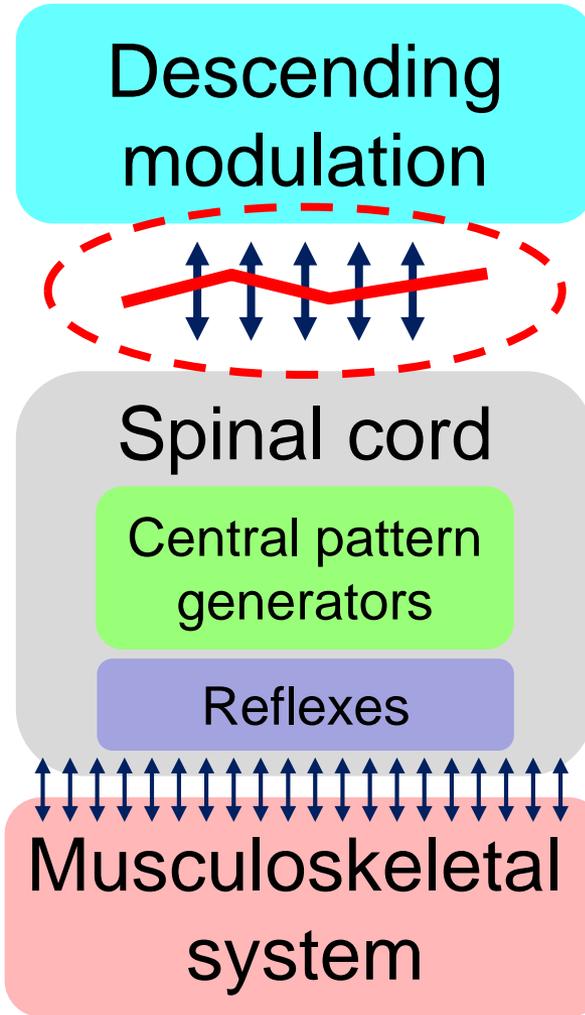
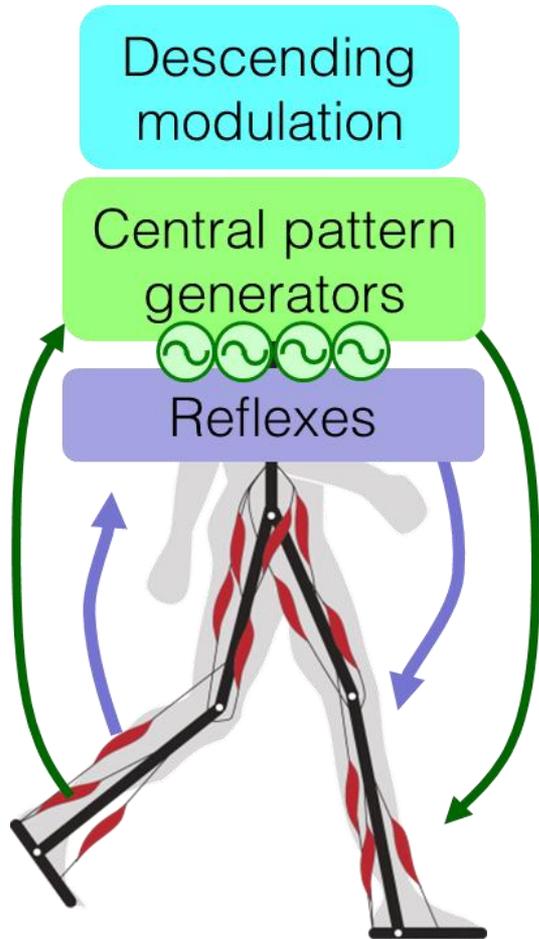
Neuromechanical model of human locomotion



3D CPG-based controller



Link to neuroprosthetics





Exoskeletons:
ReWalk (ReWalk Robotics, Israel)
Twice (EPFL), Pilot: Silke Pan

5:28 ETH zürich SRF

Lower limb exoskeletons



ReWalk



HAL Cyberdine



Ekso Bionics
eLEGS



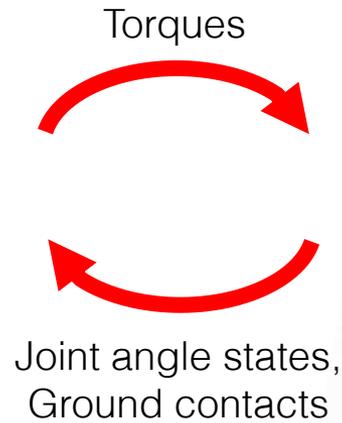
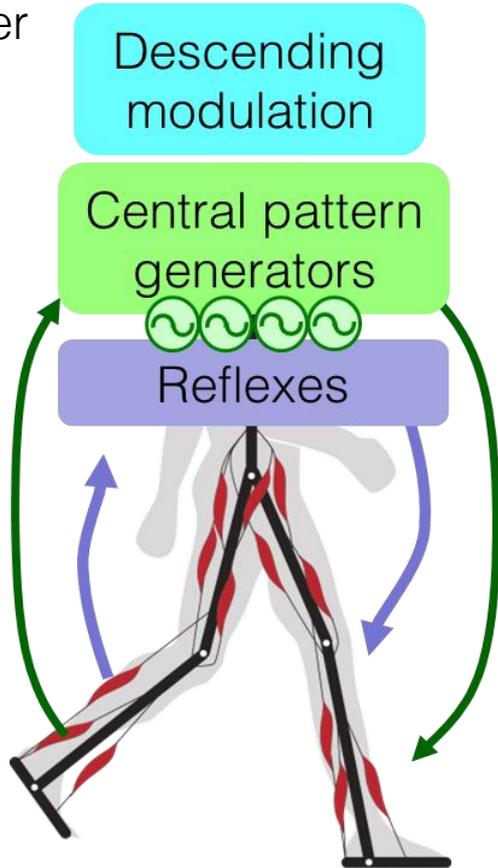
REX



TWICE

Controllers for exoskeletons

Simulated neuro-
mechanical
controller



Wearable
exoskeleton



Symbitron project:

U. Twente, TU Delft, Imperial College, Santa Lucia Fondation, Össur, EPFL

Surprisingly fast gaits:

Speed modulation 0.8 m/s to 1.1 m/s

Spinal-cord injured (SCI) subjects with complete lesion and no motor function of legs

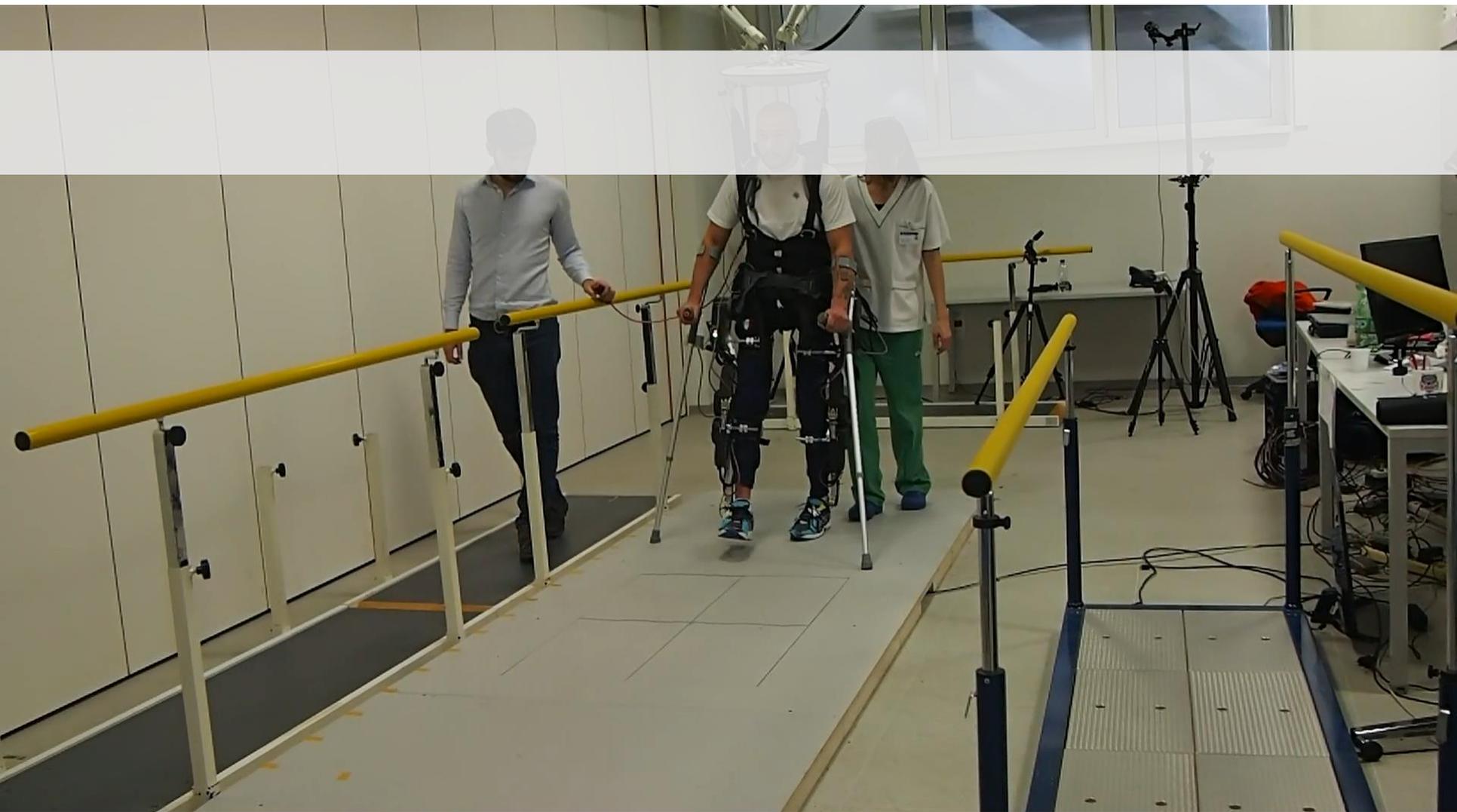


Robustness against swing foot perturbations



Wu et al, WeRob 2016

Tests with the wearable exoskeleton



Beyond biology

Field robots

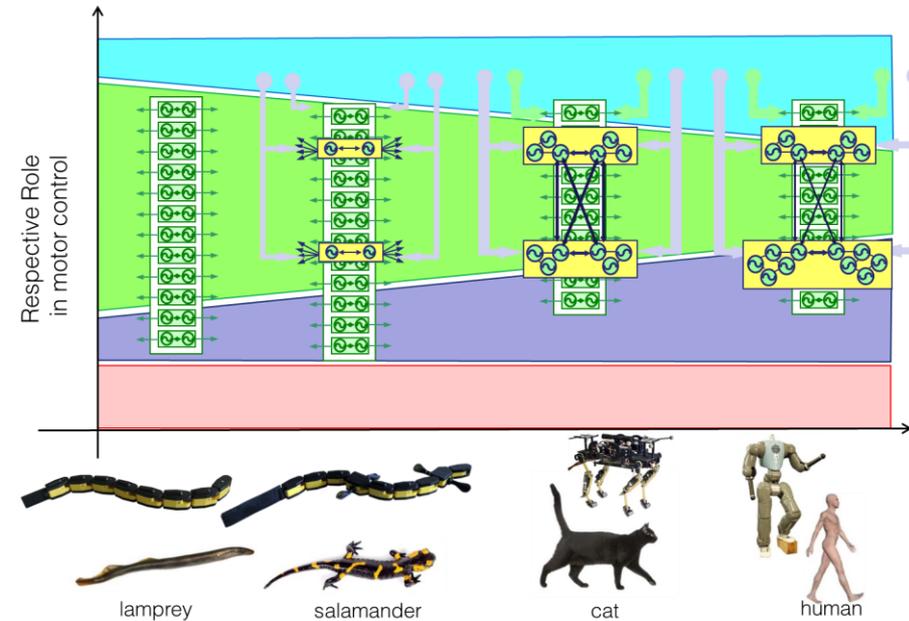


Pollution
monitoring



Search and
Rescue

Robots for biology



Robots for assistance

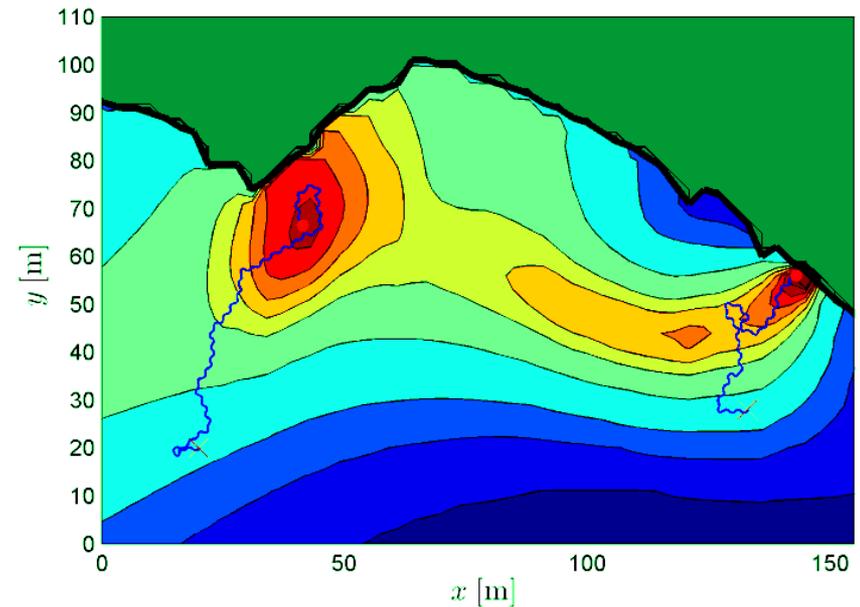


Envirobot



Modular robot for **pollution monitoring**:

- Dynamic mapping of pollutants
- Gradient-climbing

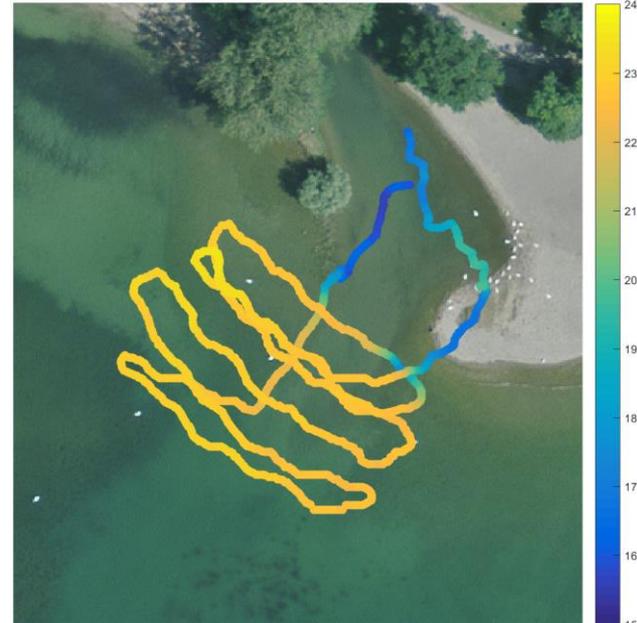


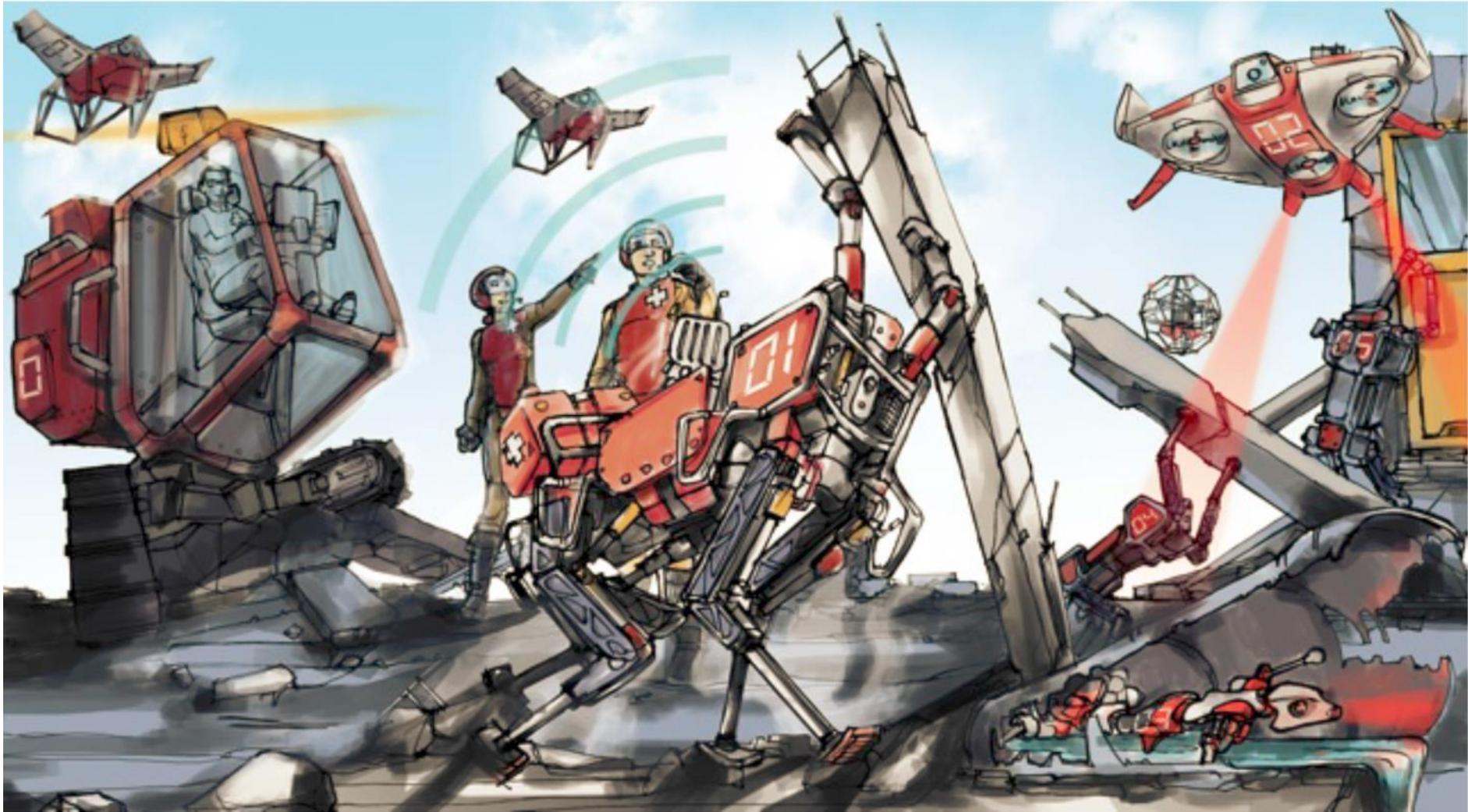
Pollution monitoring, Envirobot



- Interesting properties:
- Portable
 - Reconfigurable
 - Low drag swimming
 - Not dangerous
 - Low risk of getting stuck

TEMPERATURE







Tohoku, Japan, March 2011

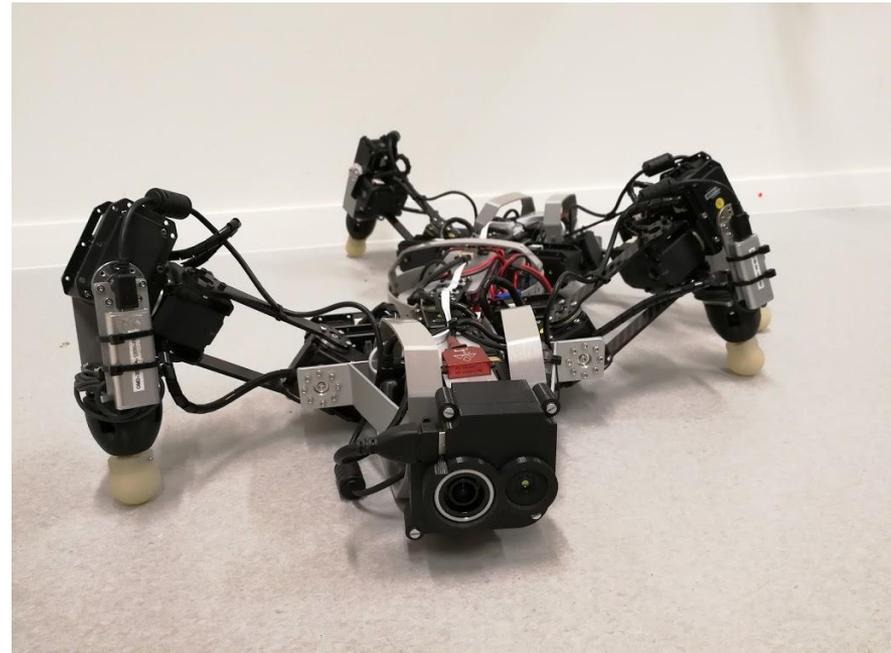


Amphibious robots for rescue



- Multimodal locomotion (swimming/crawling/walking)
- Ability to move through small holes/pipes

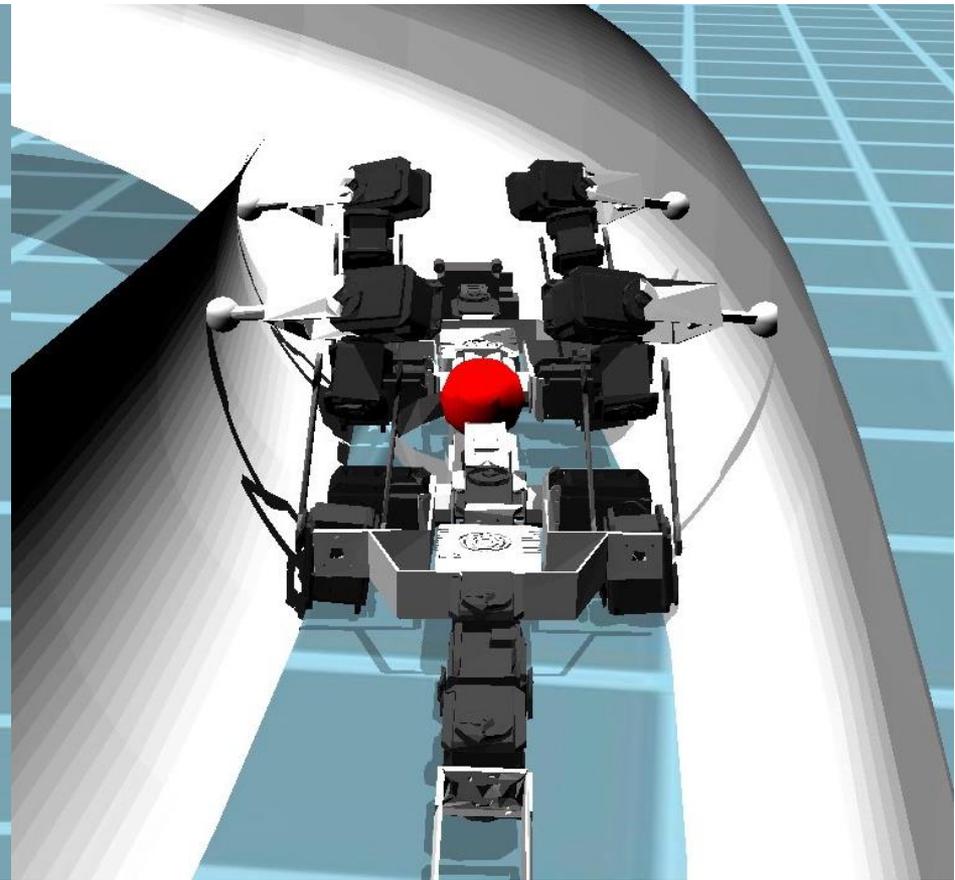
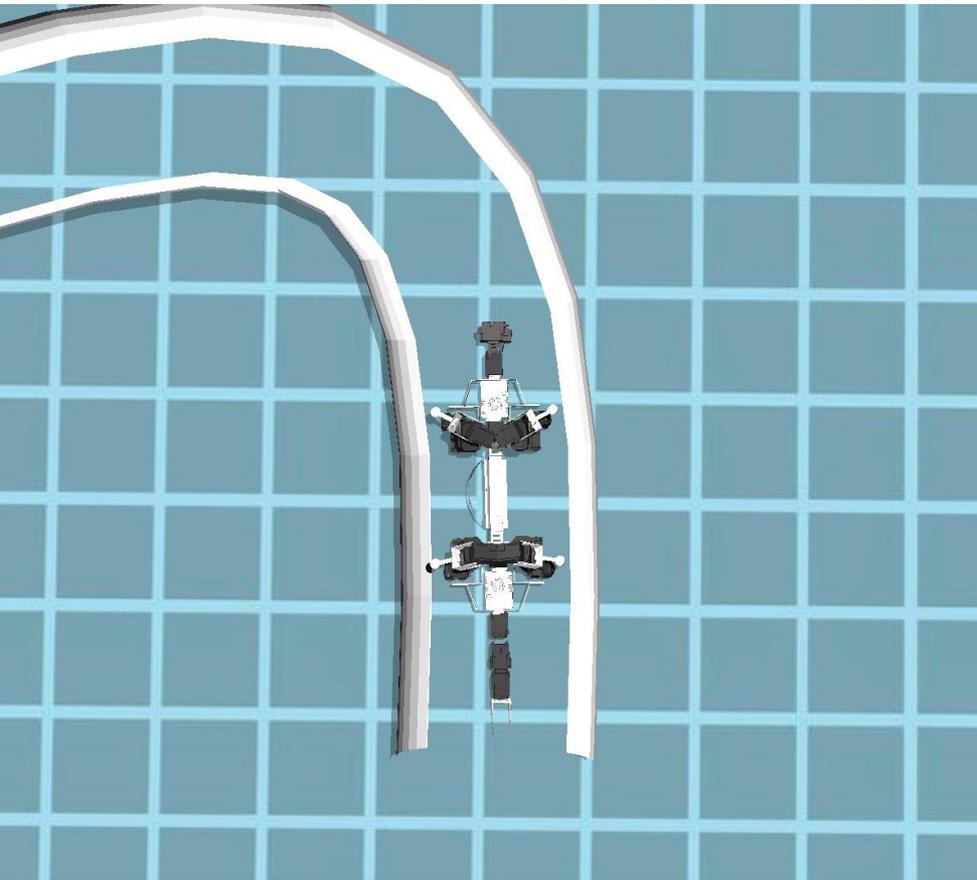
- Stable crouched posture
- Portable
- Reconfigurable



K-Rock2



Locomotion in pipes with K-Rock2



Horvat et al, IROS 20



Robots for filming wild life

Latest robot: K-Rock Robot developed for «Spy in the Wild» BBC 2017



K. Melo



T. Horvat



Biorobotics

Robotics applications

- Inspection
- Monitoring
- Search and rescue
- Transport
- Pollution monitoring
- Agriculture



Scientific applications

- Neuroscience
- Biomechanics
- Sport science
- Ethology
- Neuroprosthetics
- Paleontology

Edutainment applications

- Toys
- Animatronics
- Artificial pets

- Filming wild life
- Museums
- Recreating extinct animals

Quelques réflexions

Emerveillement et humilité



Emerveillement et humilité



Evolution et Création

- L'évolution est un magnifique outil de création
- Genèse 1: 20-21:
 - *«Dieu dit: **Que les eaux produisent en abondance des animaux vivants**, et que des oiseaux volent sur la terre vers l'étendue du ciel.*
 - *Dieu créa les grands poissons et tous les animaux vivants qui se meuvent, et que les eaux produisirent en abondance selon leur espèce; il créa aussi tout oiseau ailé selon son espèce. Dieu vit que cela était bon.»*

Co-evolution of Morphology and CPG Control for Modular Robot Locomotion



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Daniel Marbach

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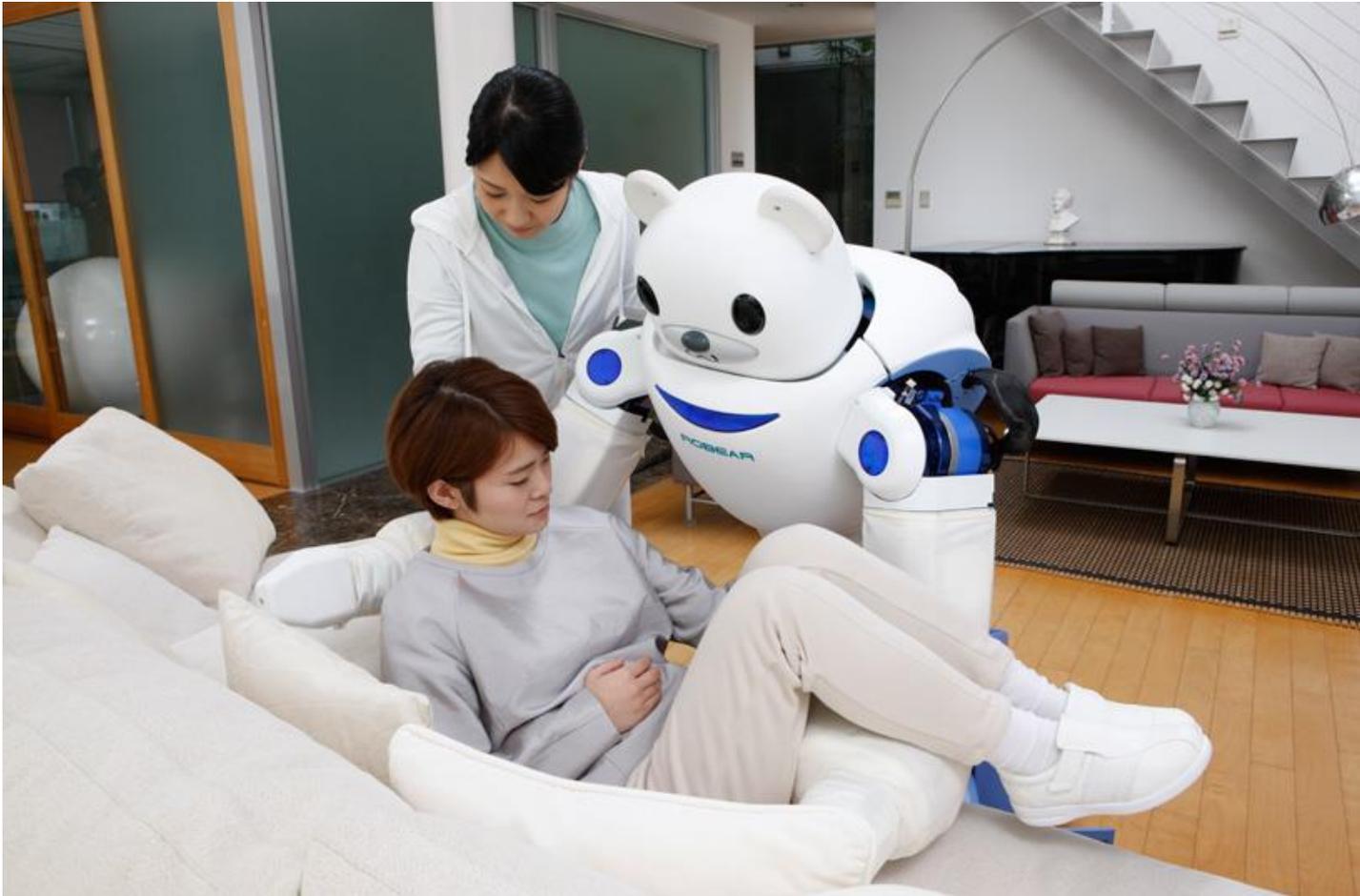
Les robots augmenteront-ils le nombre de chômeurs ?



Les robots feront-ils la guerre?



Qui sera juridiquement responsable en cas d'accident?



Riken ROBEAR

Est-ce que les robots vont changer qui nous sommes?



Wall-E, Pixar

La robotique et la religion

International Journal of Social Robotics special issue on "Religion in Robotics". Call for papers, April 2018

Aspects of interest involving religion and robotics include, but are not limited to the following:

- * Robots for religious use
- * Impact of religion on the history of robotics
- * Impact of religion on culturally-aware robotics
- * Impact of religion on the Uncanny Valley
- * Religion-friendly aesthetic design of robots
- * Religion and science
- * Religion and AI
- * Ethics in robotics
- * Anthropological insights on humanoids
- * Transhumanism

Deadline June 15 2018



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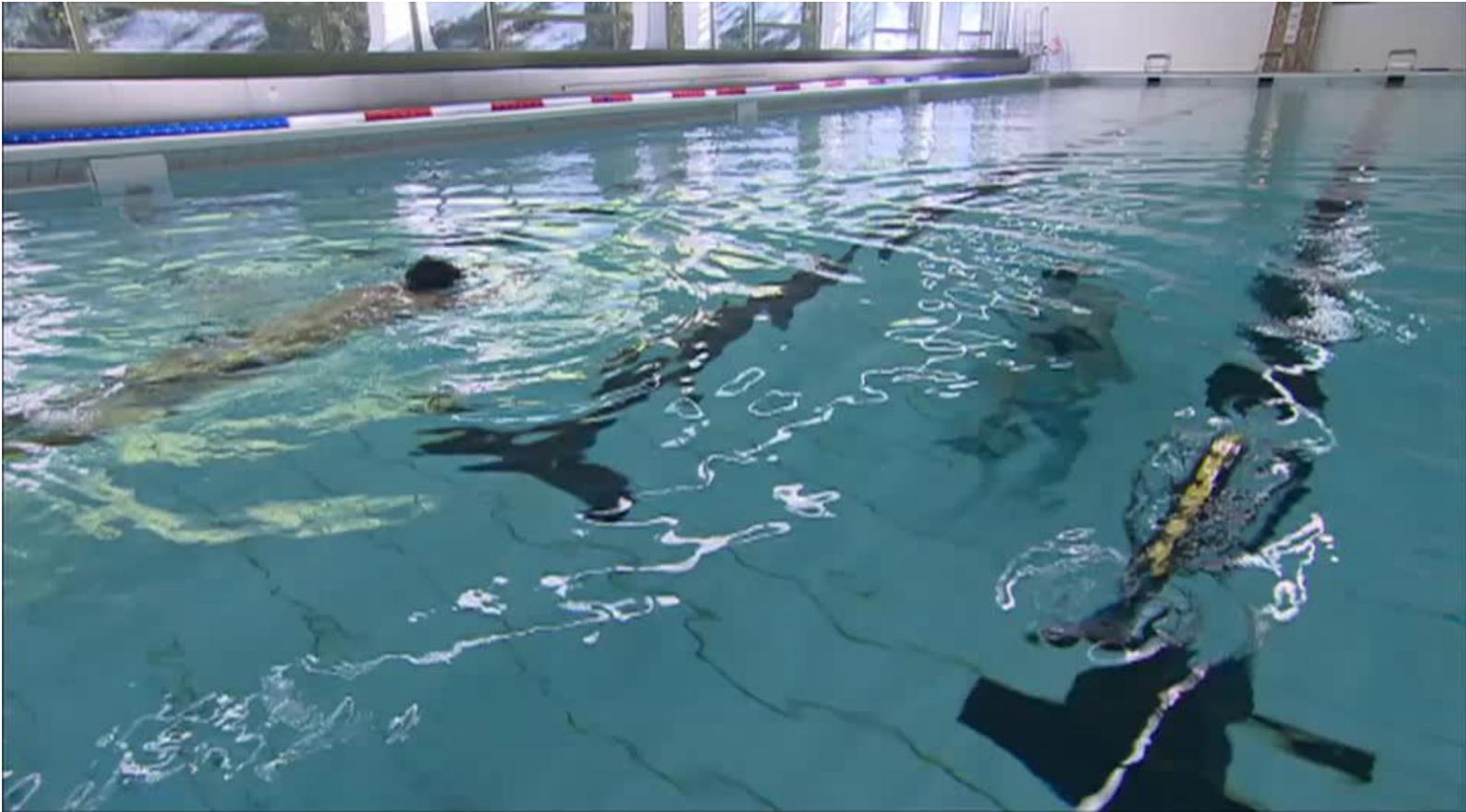
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ALUMNI

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More info: <http://biorob.epfl.ch>

The human-robot race!!



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