


Kinematics that Entails Reconfigurable Mechanisms and Robotics



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**ROBOTS OF FUTURE
THAT ARE SHAPED
BY ART AND NATURE**

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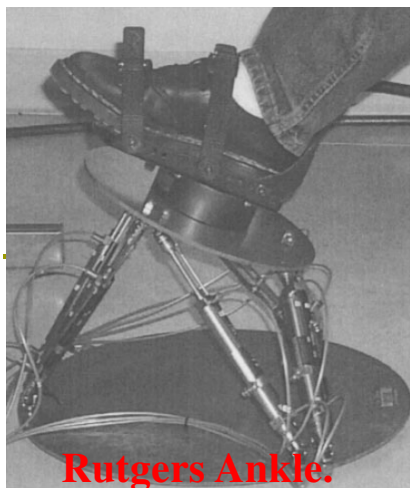
Robots and Mechanisms



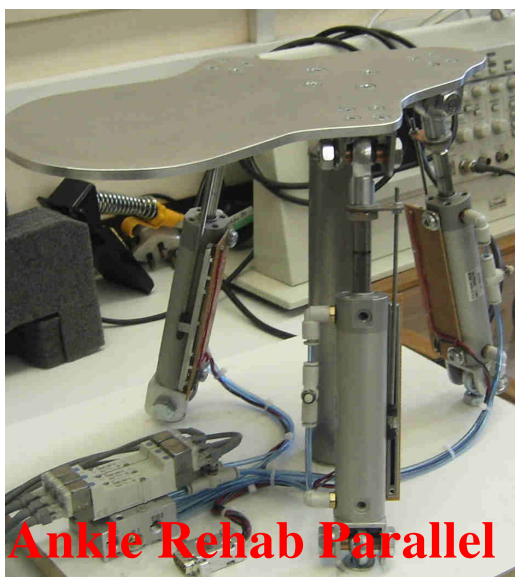
What are mechanisms



**A Core in Running Machines
and Robots That Cannot Be
Substituted**



Rutgers Ankle.
Rutgers University,
2001



**Ankle Rehab Parallel
Mechanism, King's, 2004**



ARBOT, IIT,
2008



**AssistOn-Ankle
Ankle Rehab**
Sabancı University, 2013

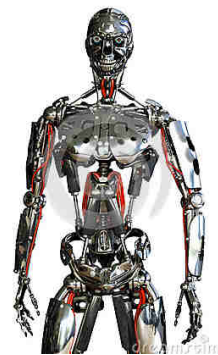
Ankle Rehabilitation Mechanisms

Dai, J.S., Zhao, T. and Nester, C., Sprained ankle physiotherapy based mechanism synthesis and stiffness analysis of rehabilitation robotic devices, Special Issue on Rehabilitation Robotics, *Autonomous Robots*, **16**(2): 207-218, 2004.

Part I

Mechanisms (Linkages)

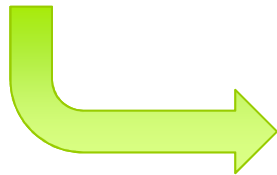
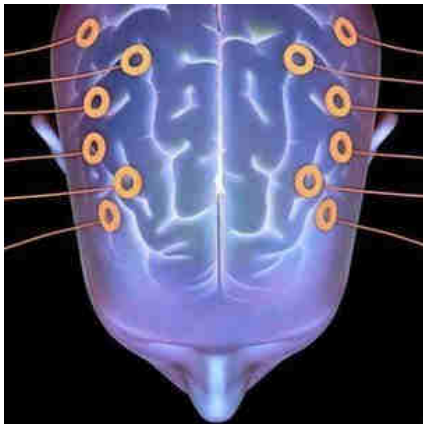
Body and Skeleton



Definition of Robots

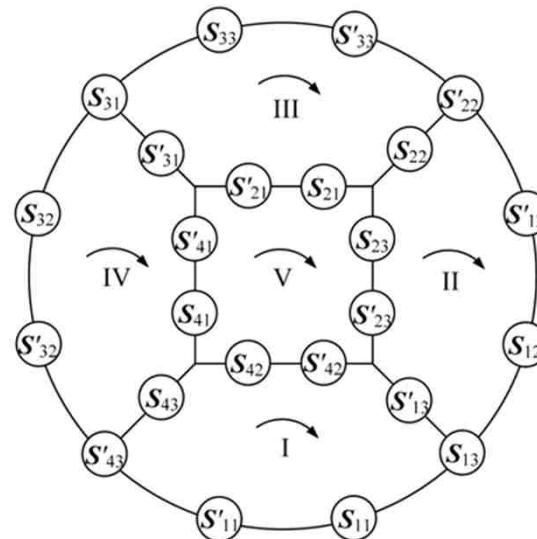
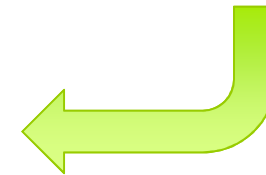
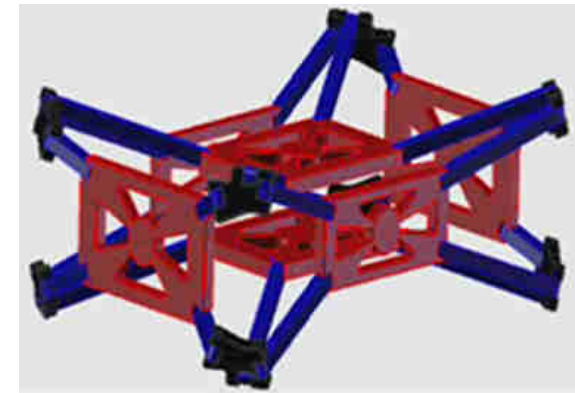
Reprogrammable

Computers, control,
intelligence (Soft)



Machines

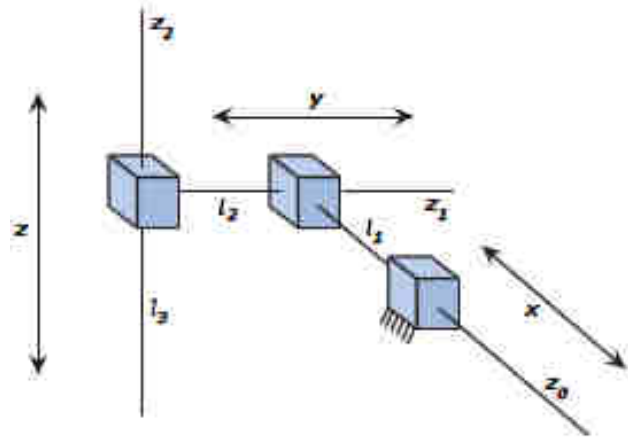
mechanisms, reconfigurable
, design (Hard)



Mathematics, kinematics, dynamics (NMS)

Serial Linkages

Cartesian coordinate robot

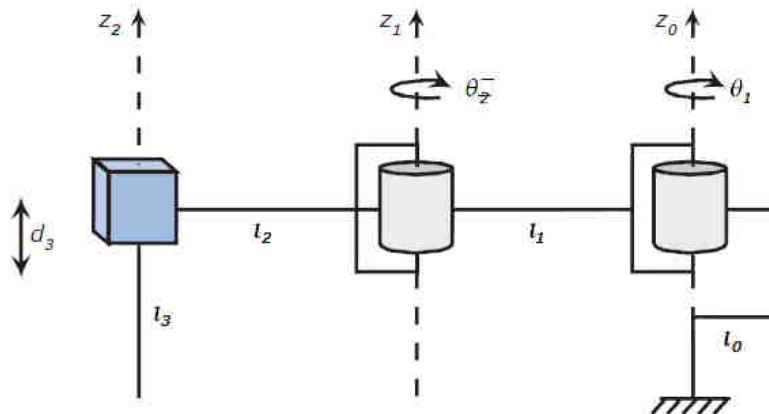


Three prismatic joints

DOF = 3



SCARA robot

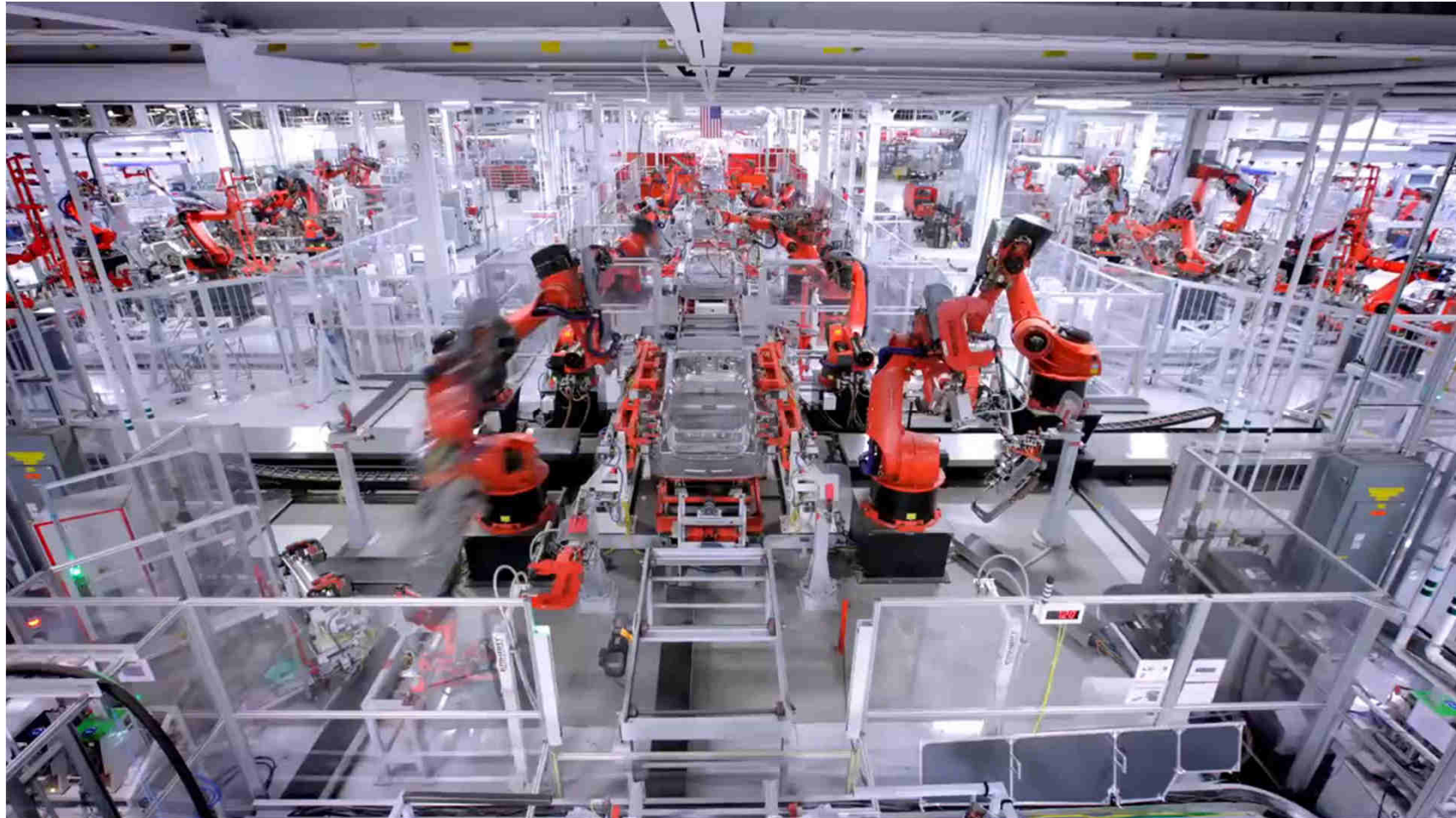


Two revolute and one prismatic joints

DOF = 3



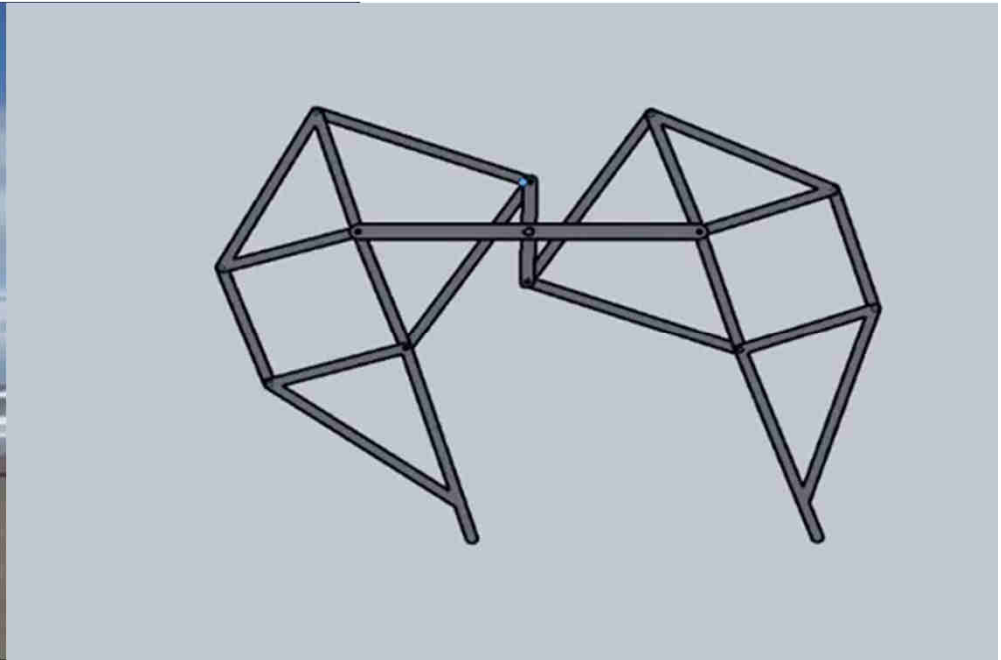
Serial Robots in Automotive Industry (Tesla, US)



Walking Robot & Its Mechanism



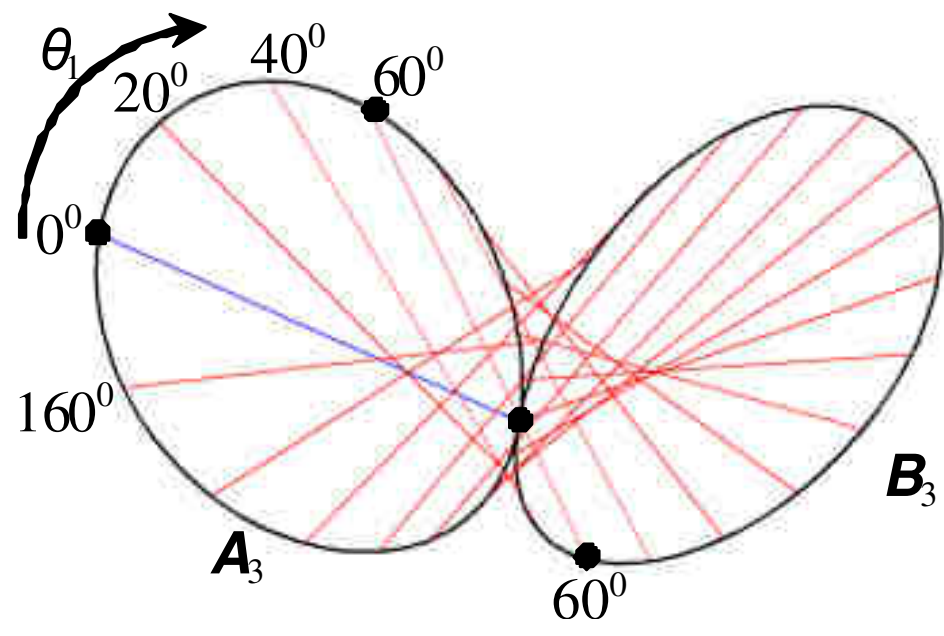
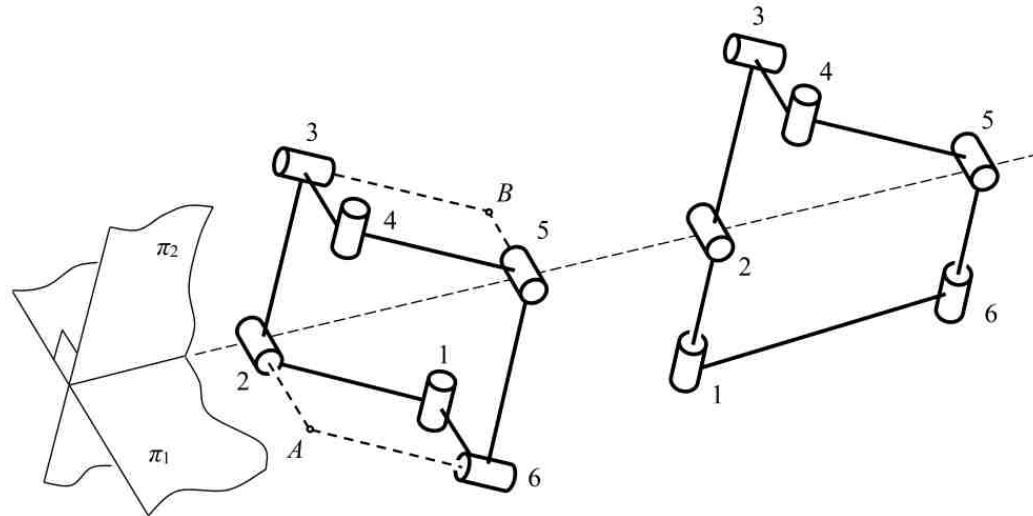
Beach Beast Robot



Theo Jansen Mechanism

Geometry – Mechanisms – Mathematics

Kinematics



Brief Kinematics History and Contemporary Development



Kinematics in Past 200 Years

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An historical review of the theoretical development
of rigid body displacements from Rodrigues parameters
to the finite twist

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Finite Displacement Screws, Screws, Lie Groups and Lie Algebra

	Screws	Finite Screws	Lie Groups	Lie Algebra
1763	Mozzi ISA			
1806	Poinsot Central Axis			
1830		Chasles Motion		
1840			Galois: Group Theory	
1845s			Rodrigues parameters	
			Euler-Rodrigues formula	
			Hamilton quaternions	
1860-65			Cayley formula of rotation	
		Cayley coordinates, Plücker coordinates		
1871-72		Klein reciprocal, Ball reciprocal	Klein Erlangen	
1872-73		Clifford table	Clifford dual quaternion	
1871-76			Ball screw theory	
1880		Killing form		Killing form
1888-93			Lie, Engle: Lie groups	
1900			Ball treatises of screws	
1901			Study dual angles, quaternion groups	

Finite Displacement Screws, Screws, Lie Groups and Lie Algebra

	Screws	Finite Screws	Lie Groups	Lie Algebra
1979	Bottema & Roth: theoretical kinematics			
1984	Phillip: general screw motion			
1990	McCarthy:	introduction to	theoretical kinematics	nmsstf-1@mailman.kcl.ac.uk
1990-1994	Parkin:	finite twist pitch and development		
1994	Murry, Li & Sastry: Lie group and rigid body motion			
1994-5	Huang: finite screws			
	Dai, H & Kerr:		finite screw representation & operation	
1996	Duffy: planar linkage motion			

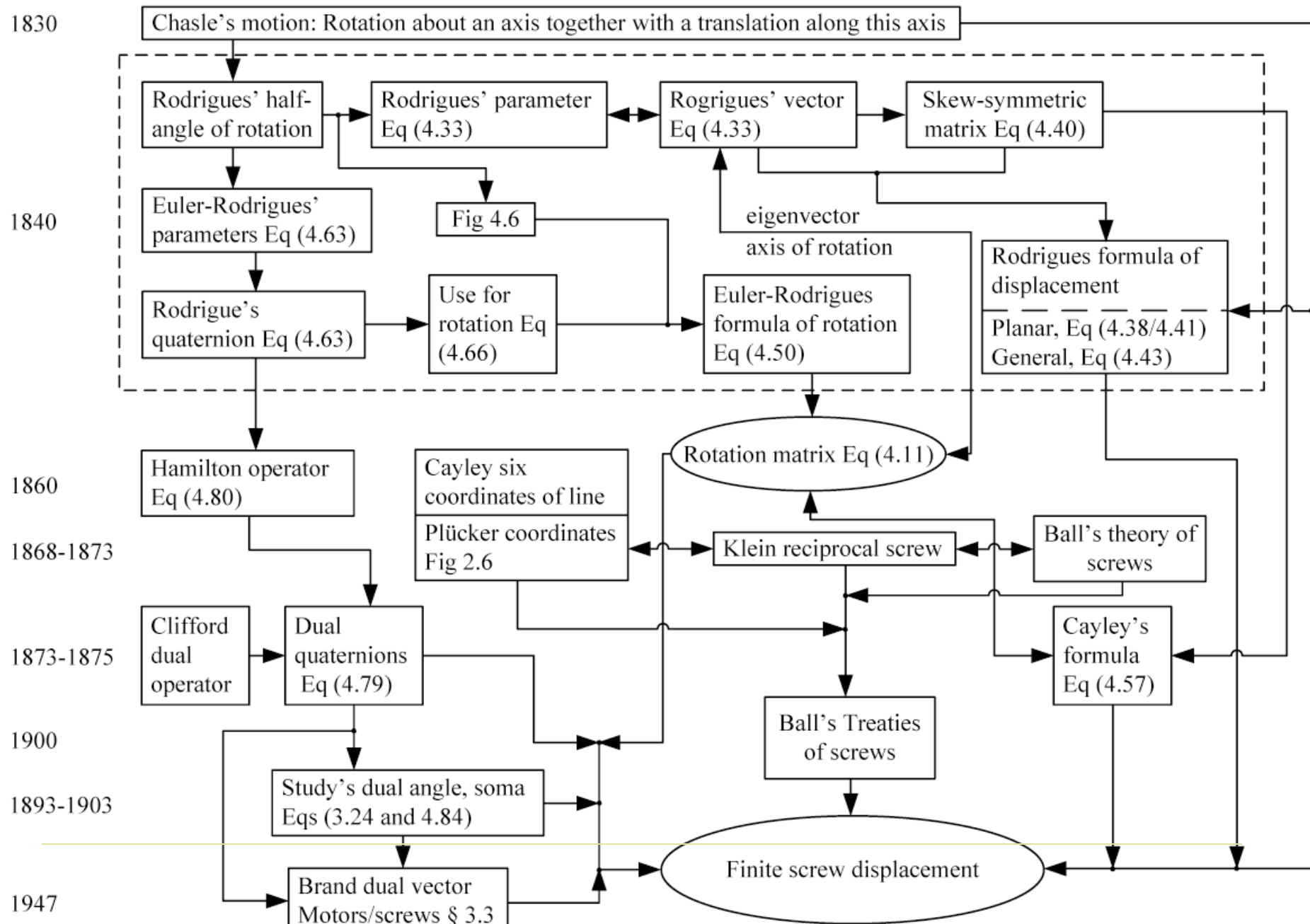
Finite Displacement Screws, Screws, Lie Groups and Lie Algebra

	Screws	Finite Screws	Lie Groups	Lie Algebra
2001	Dai & Rees Jones: screw system relations			screw system relations
2002	Dai & Rees Jones: screw null space			screw null space
2004	Selig: computational mathematics of robotic geometry			
2004	Davidson & Hunt: Robots and screw theory			
2014	Dai: Geometrical Foundation and Screw Algebra for Mechanisms and Robotics			

Dai, J.S., Finite displacement screw operators with embedded Chasles' motion, *Journal of Mechanisms and Robotics, Trans. ASME*, **4**(4): 041002, 2012.

Dai, J.S. (2014) Geometrical Foundations and Screw Algebra for Mechanisms and Robotics, Chinese translations, Higher Education Press, Beijing, ISBN: 9787040334838, (translated from Dai, J.S. 2015, Screw Algebra and Kinematic Approaches for Mechanisms and Robotics, to be published by Springer, London)

Relationship of Classical Displacement Operators





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Euler–Rodrigues formula variations, quaternion conjugation and intrinsic connections

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Finite Displacement Screw Operators With Embedded Chasles' Motion

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Rigid body displacement can be presented with Chasles' motion by rotating about an axis and translating along the axis. This motion can be implemented by a finite displacement screw operator in the form of either a 3×3 dual-number matrix or a 6×6 matrix that is executed with rotation and translation as an adjoint action of the Lie group. This paper

Mathematicians' Love of Geometry and Discovery of Mechanisms



Links

Dai, J.S., Huang, Z., Lipkin, H. (2006) Mobility of Overconstrained Parallel Mechanisms, Special Supplement on Spatial Mechanisms and Robot Manipulators, *ASME Journal of Mechanical Design*, **128**(1): 220-229.

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Mathematicians & Mechanisms

Years	Mathematicians	Contributions	Impacts
1853	Pierre Frédéric Sarrus (France)	Sarrus linkage	world first translating revolute motion into straight line motion, first overconstraint linkage
1875	Franz Reuleaux (TUB)	Kinematics descriptions, kinematics pairs	Describe constraints, machine motion into geometrical surface
1872 & 1876	Siegfried Heinrich Aronold (Germany) Alexander BW Kennedy (UK)	Aronhold & Kennedy theorem	ISA
1897	Raoul Bricard (France)	Six movable six-bar overconstraint linkages, including 3 movable 8-faces, and 3 line, plane symmetric with 3 faces	Movable polyhedra
1903	Geoffrey Bennett (Cambridge)	Bennett linkage	Motion geometry
1931	Myard	Link two Bennett linkages, to form a five-bar plane symmetric overconstraint linkage	

Mathematicians & Mechanisms

years	scholars	contributions	impacts
1942	Paul Schatz (Swiss sculpturer)	Schatz linkage	First used overconstraint linkage
1943	Goldberg	Link a pair of Bennett linkage to form an overconstraint 5-bar linkage	
1954	Altmann	Bricard line symmetric six-bar linkage	
1968	Waldron	Two Bennett linkages to construct a 6-bar overconstraint linkage	Any two 1-DOF linkages can share a common axis
1985	Mohamed & Duffy	Use screw algebra to express Gough-Stewart platform	Associating screw algebra to linkages

Geometry that Associates Mathematics with Robotics

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Null-space construction using cofactors from a screw-algebra context

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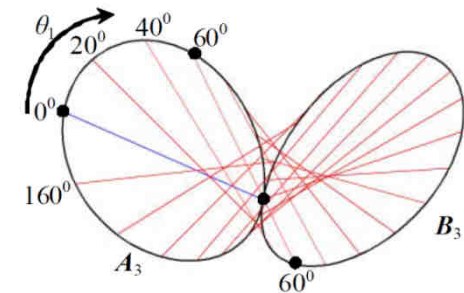
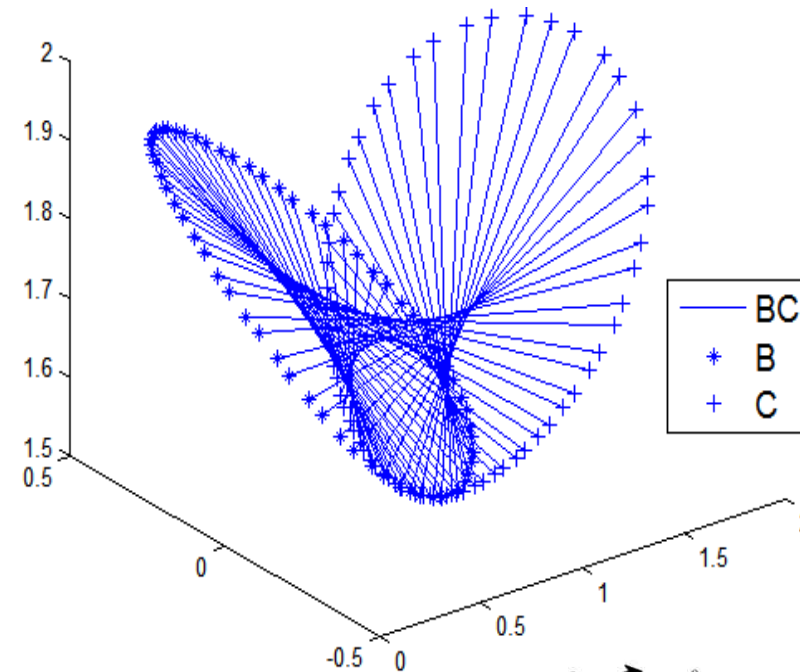
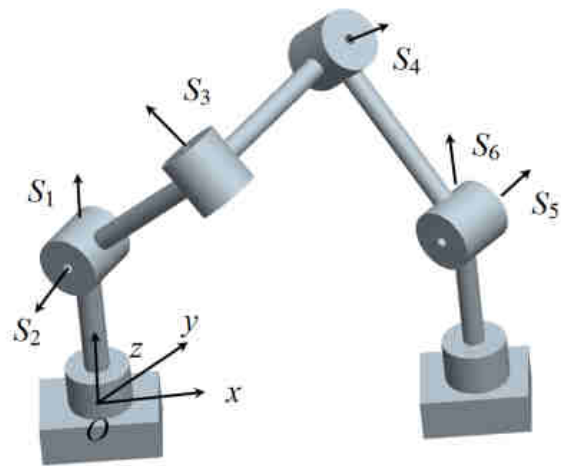
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Robot Kinematics

A representation of a classical mechanism

Ruled surface



$$N = N_i N_c = \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \\ {}_i A_s & I \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} R & 0 \\ [r_e \times] R & R \end{bmatrix}$$

Contemporary Kinematics Study



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Euler–Rodrigues formula variations, quaternion conjugation
and intrinsic connections



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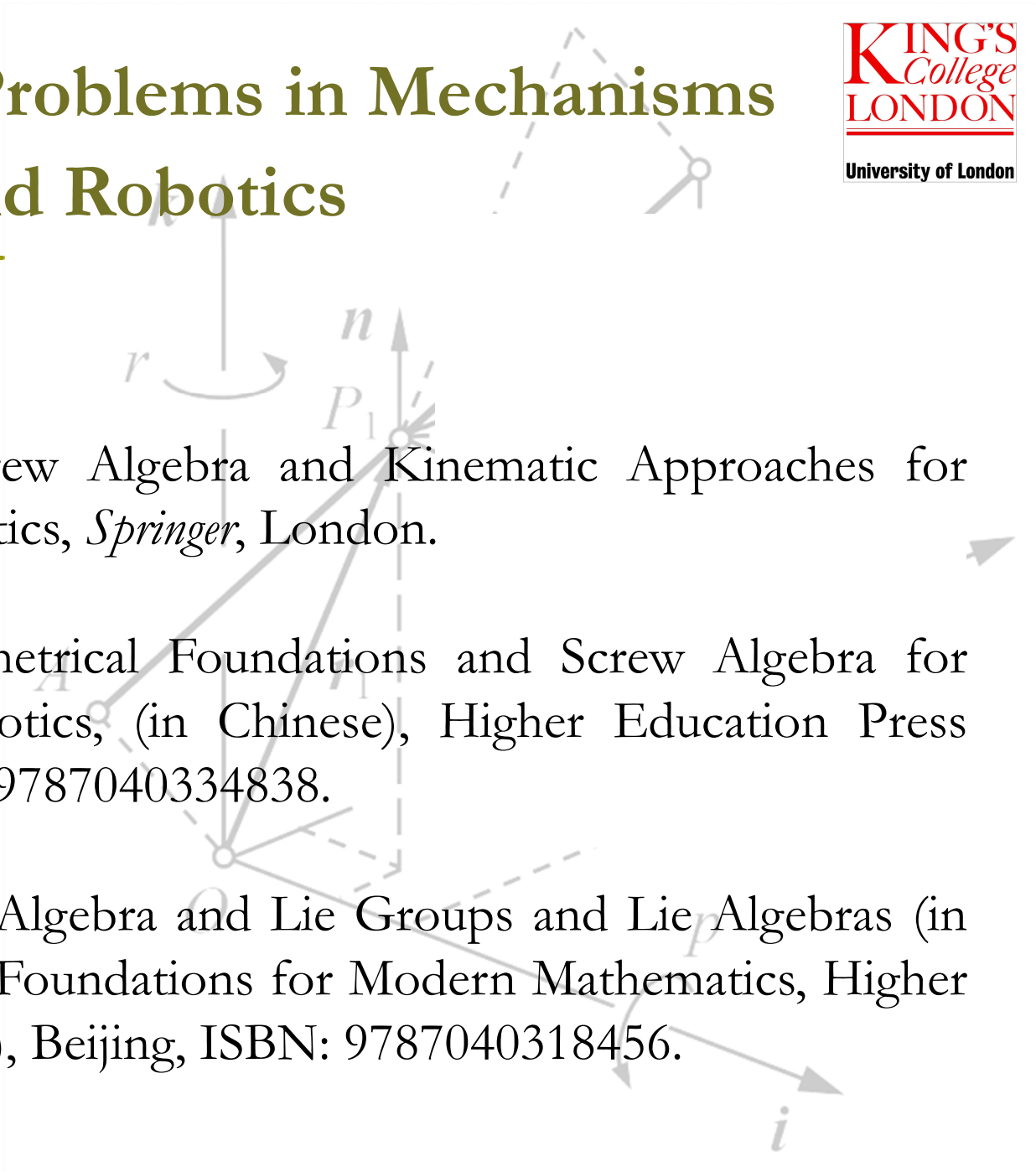
Jian Dai Awarded the DED Mechanisms and Robotics Award



The Mechanisms and Robotics community would like to acknowledge and honor Jian Sheng Dai, professor at the King's College London, London, UK, and a Fellow of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME), who received the 2015 ASME DED Mechanisms and Robotics Award at the 39th ASME Mechanisms and Robotics conference held on Aug. 2–5, 2015 in

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Mathematical Problems in Mechanisms and Robotics



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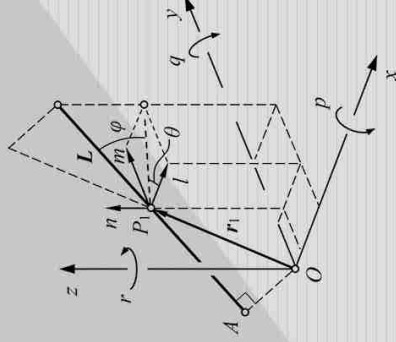
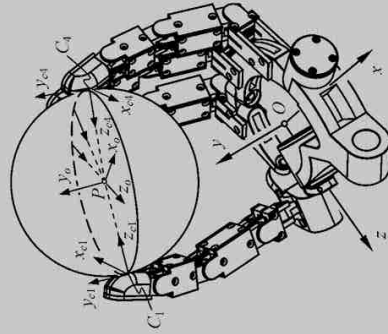
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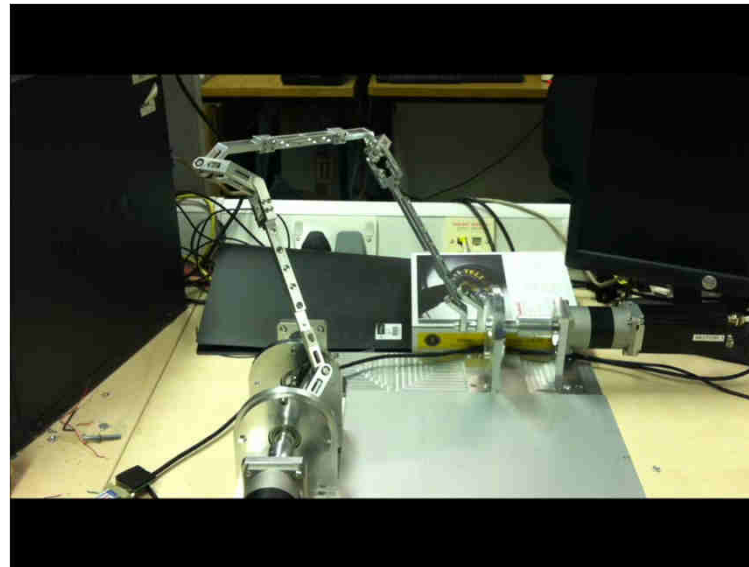
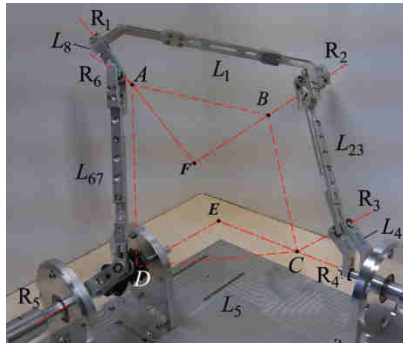
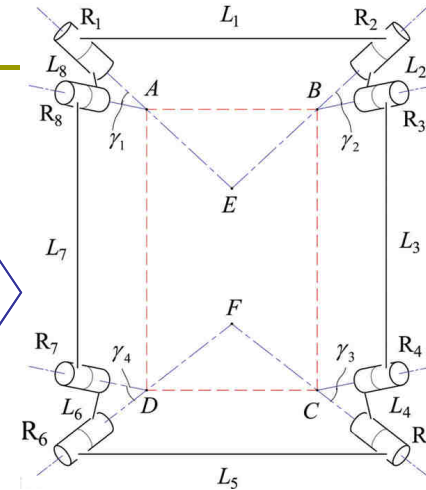
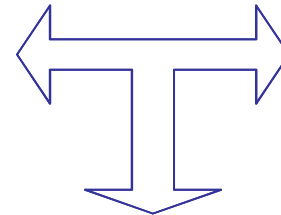
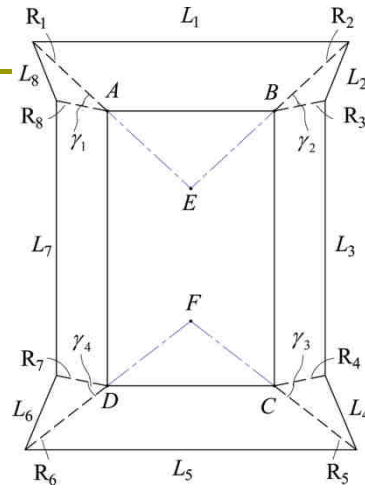


Innovative Robotics

Metamorphic 8R Linkage



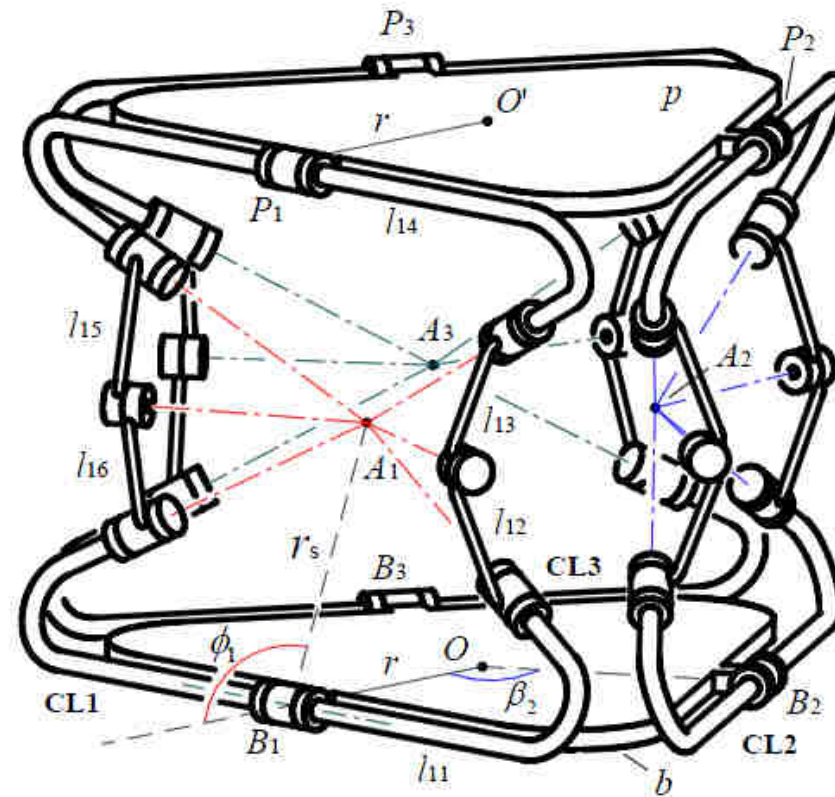
Rotating cubes



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Novel 3-DOF parallel mechanism

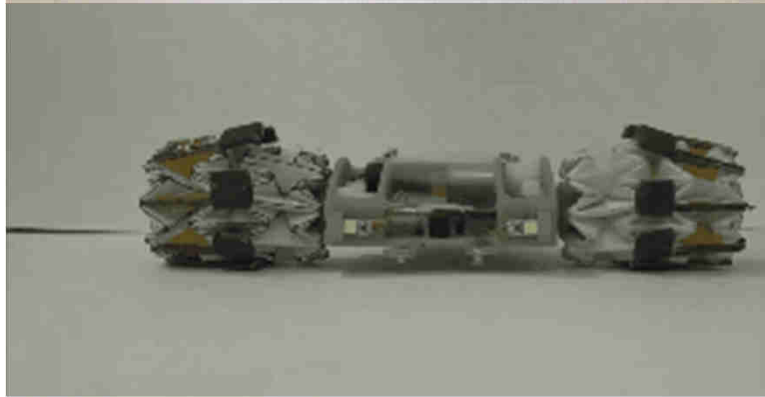
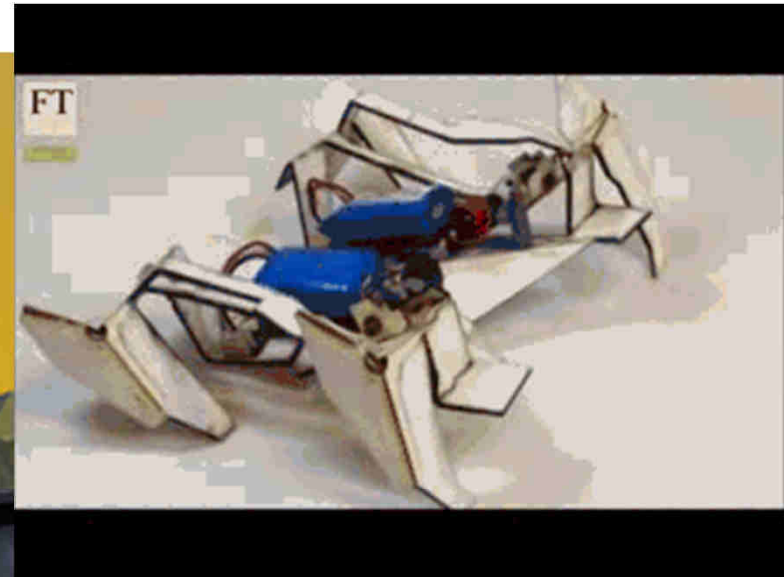
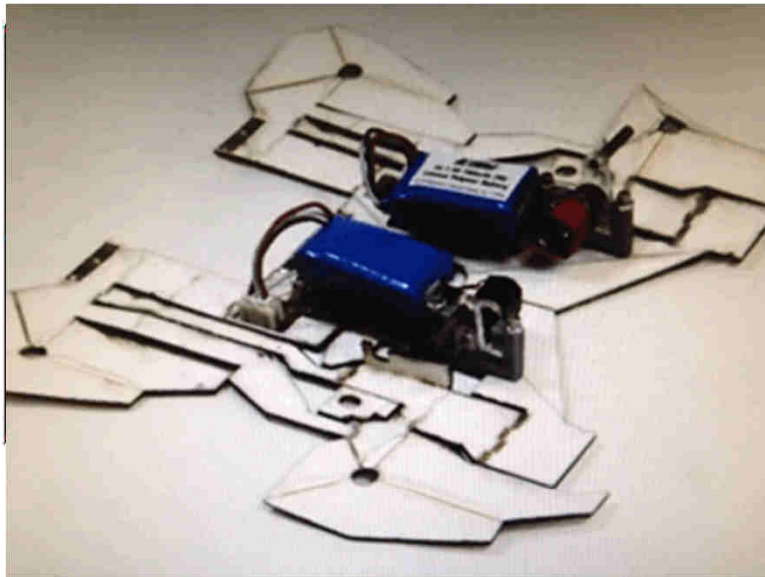
3-Spherical kinematic chain based parallel mechanism



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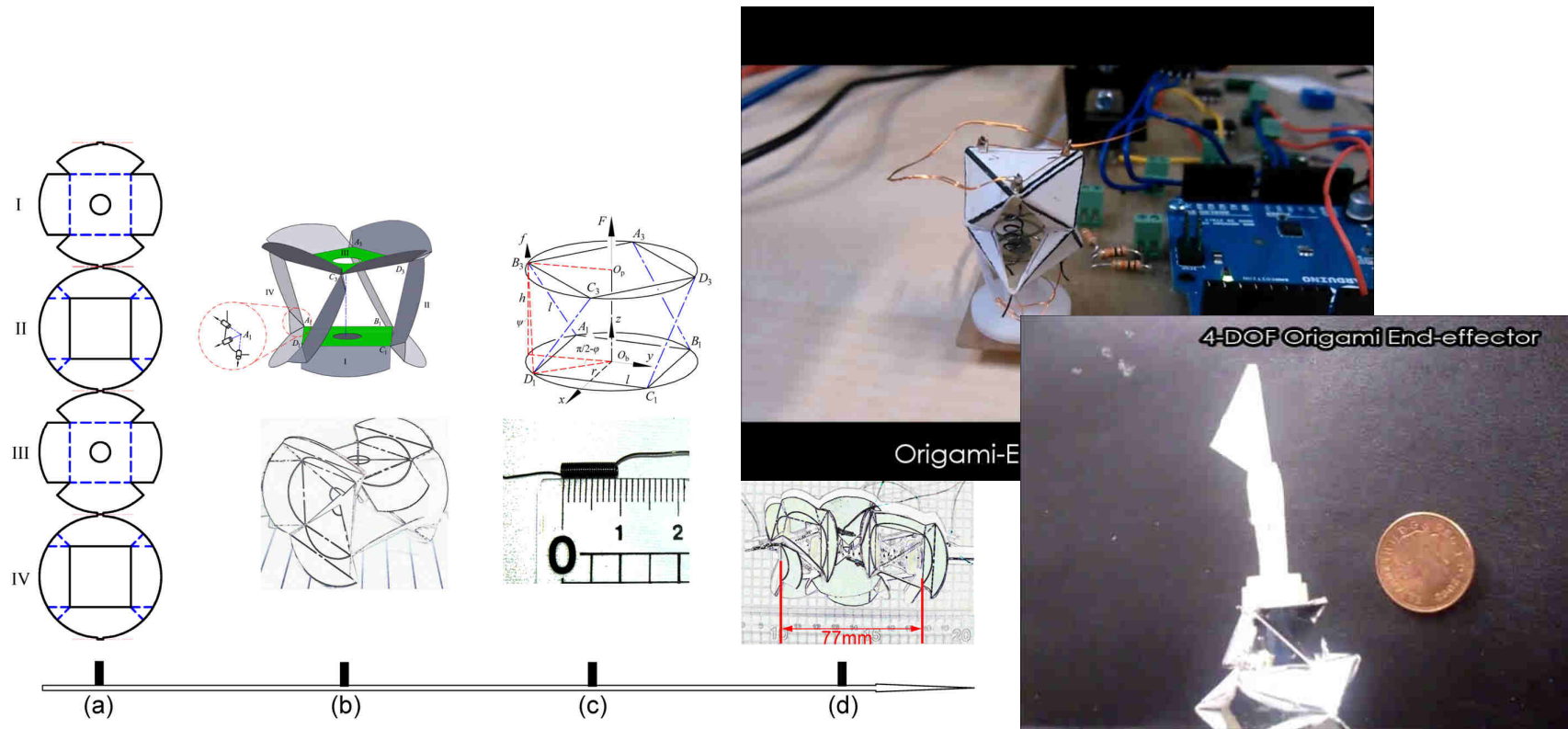
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Origami Robots

Origami Medical Robot

System integration of a milli-scale end-effector

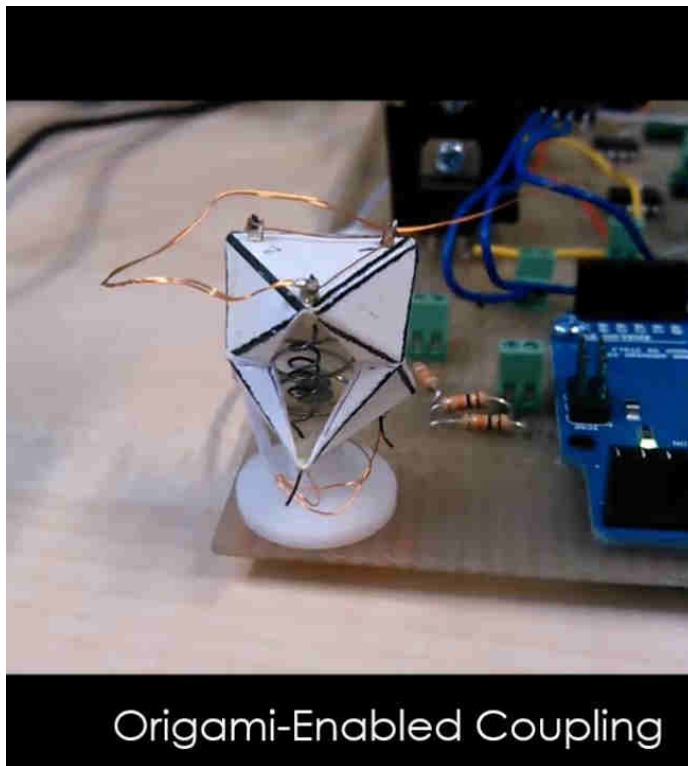


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Origami Medical Devices

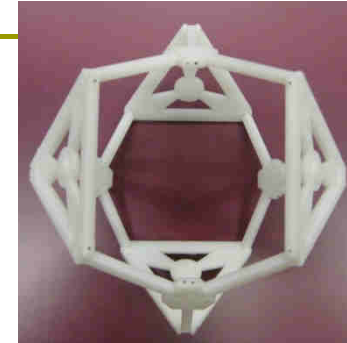
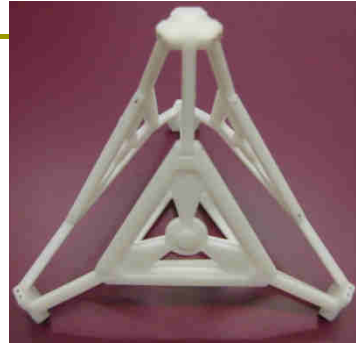
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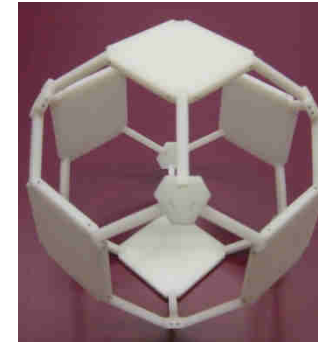
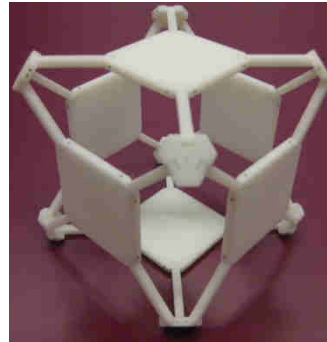
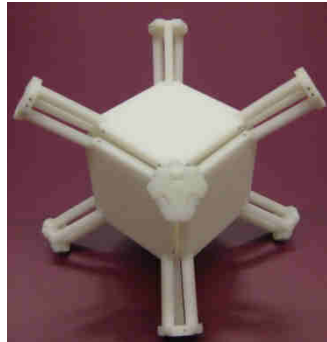
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Arts to Deployable



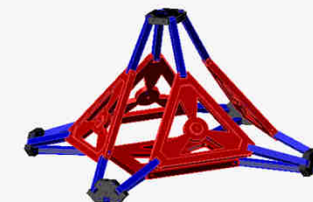
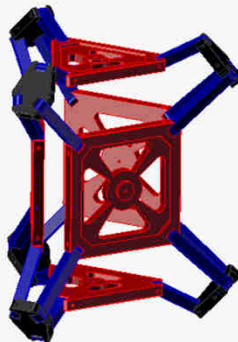
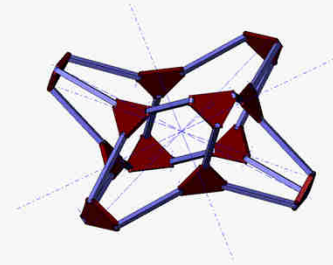
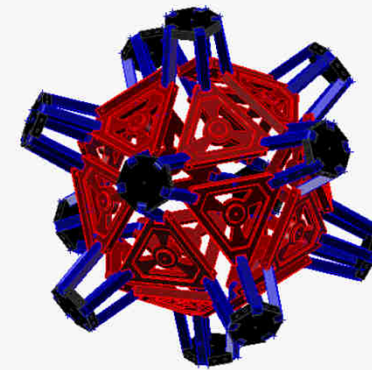
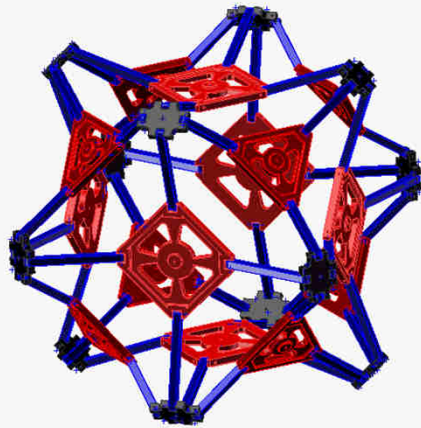
Prototype of a deployable tetrahedral mechanism



Prototype of a deployable hexahedral mechanism

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Deployable Platonic Solids



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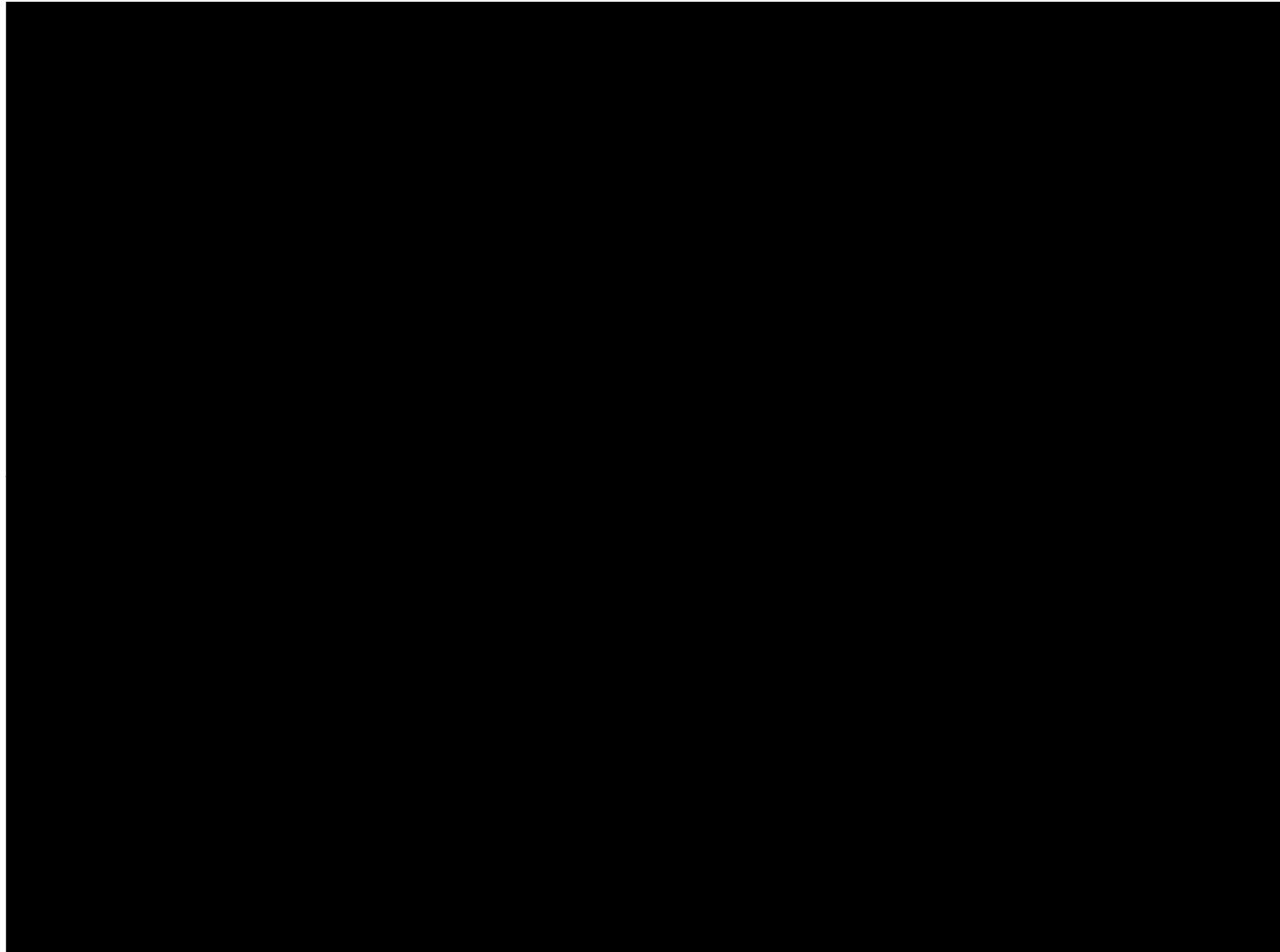
Philosophy

Artemetics
Metamorphosis
Reconfiguration





Reconfigurable Mechanisms and Robots



Metamorphosis



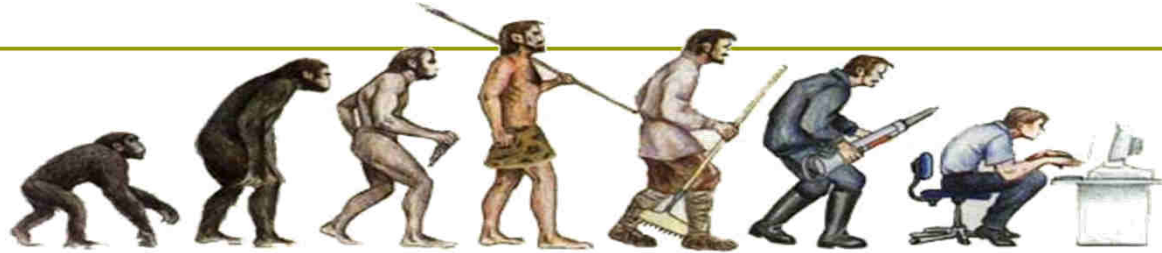
A new way of mechanism and robot innovation

Dai and Rees Jones (1999), Mobility in metamorphic mechanisms of foldable/erectable kinds, *J. Mechanical Design*, **121**(3):375-382.

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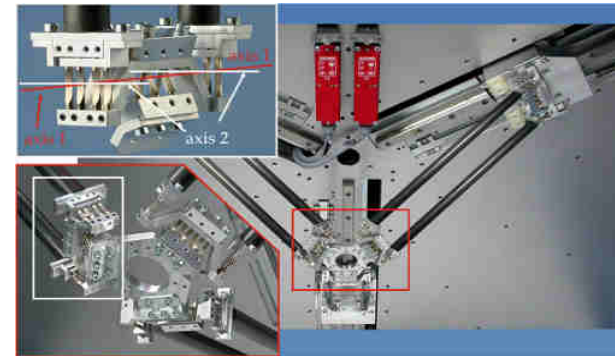
The Creation of Metamorphic Mechanisms: Evolution, Metamorphosis, Self-reconfiguration

Evolution
Humankind



Interaction, self-reconfiguration, and reformation with and of the natural environment

Reformation
Machine



Step change from simple task oriented machines into complicated task oriented robots

Metamorphic
Mechanisms

1998: Dai and RJ revealed metamorphic mechanisms

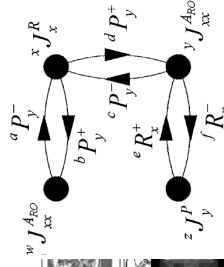
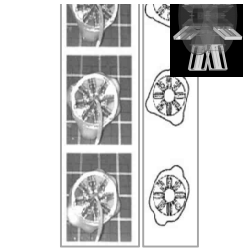
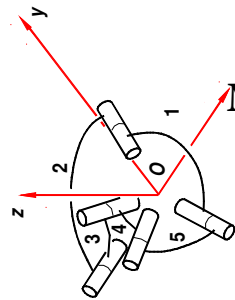
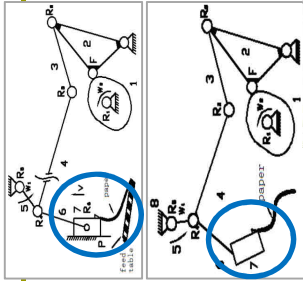
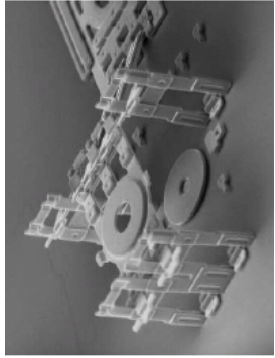
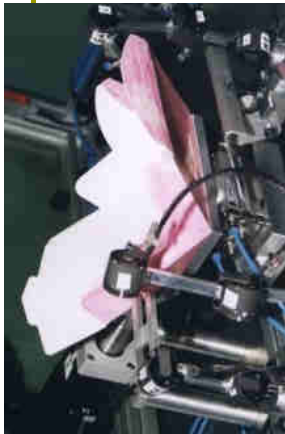
1999: Introduced into China as “变胞机构” with Qixian Zhang, fellow of CAS.

Conventional mechanisms: fixed mobility, fixed topology

Conventional mechanisms: variable mobility, variable topology

Multi-function machines adapted for multi-task environments (metamorphosis)

Philosophy of Mechanism Metamorphosis and Development Stages of Metamorphic Mechanisms



Metamorphic mechanisms
J. Dai + J. Rees (ETC)
J. Dai, Q. Zhang

Automatic reconfigurable packaging system
J. Dai (Unilever)

Metamorphic underwater vehicle
I. M. Chen

Metamorphic process for compliant mechanism manufacturing
L. Howell (BYU)

Mechanisms with variable topologies
H. Yan (UMD)

ReMAR 2009

Metamorphosis for a sheet transfer system
Shi - Zhang

Microassembly robot with metamorphic gripper
Giorgio Bozzini

ReMAR 2012

Zhang, Dai
Gan, Dai

Metamorphic parallel mechanisms

Felton, Tolley

Metamorphic origami robot

ReMAR 2015

Dai and Gogu

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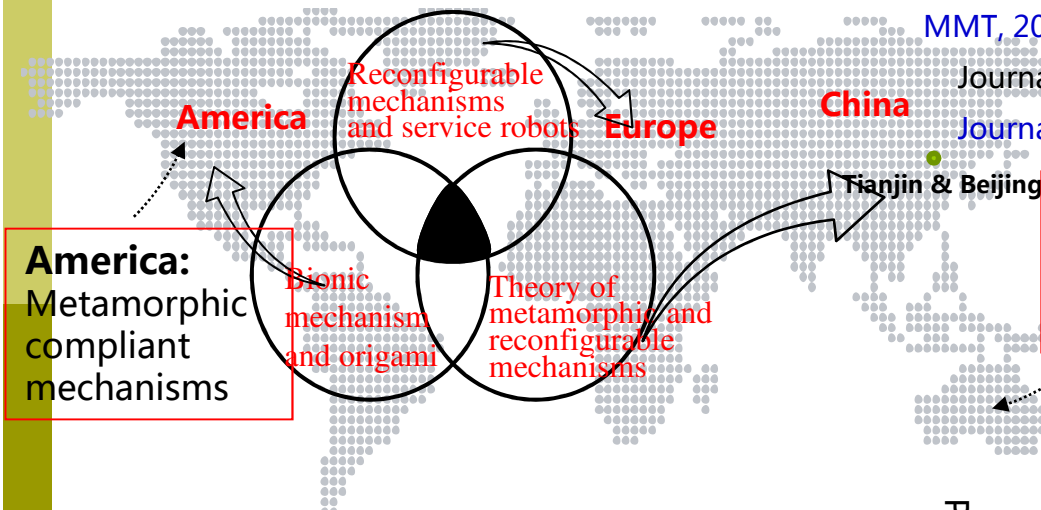
1996 1998 2003 2005 2006 2009 2010 2011 2012 2014 2015 2016

Historical Review of Metamorphic Mechanisms

Metamorphosis and Reconfiguration

1. Being extensively researched from being launched in 1998
2. Initiating the IEEE/ASME International Conference on Reconfigurable Mechanisms and Robots
3. Opening an avenue for mechanism research and being a main research field of international journals

Distribution of the research on metamorphic mechanisms throughout the world

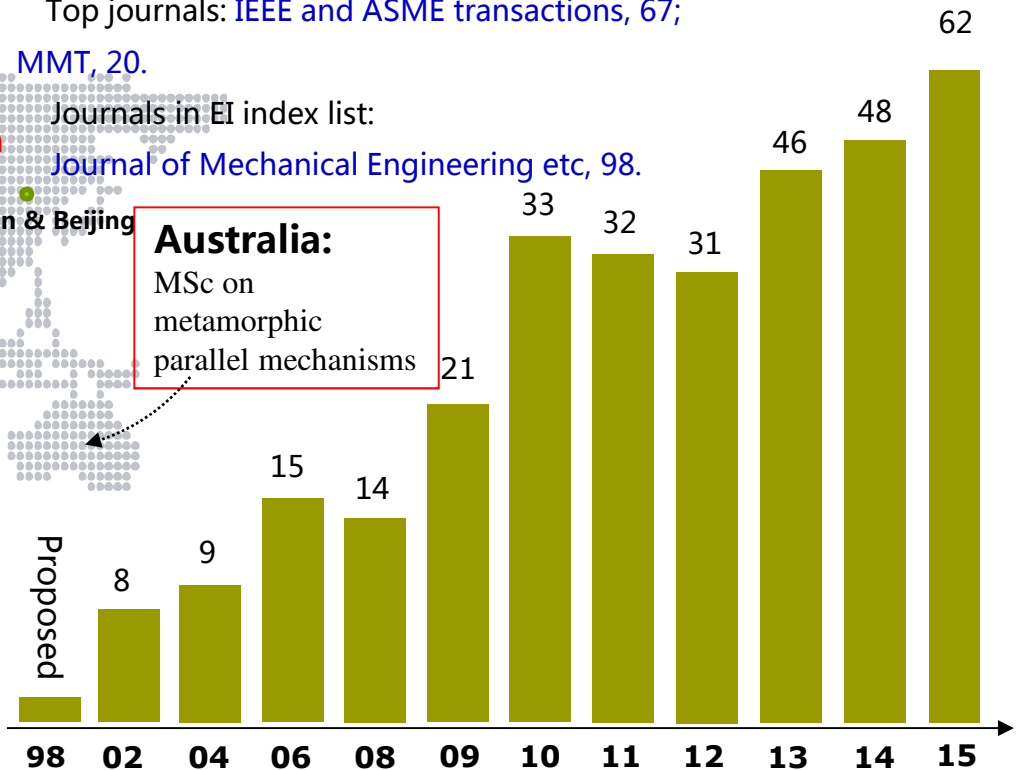


□ The state-of-the-art in the international research community

Top journals: IEEE and ASME transactions, 67;
MMT, 20.

Journals in EI index list:
Journal of Mechanical Engineering etc, 98.

Australia:
MSc on metamorphic parallel mechanisms



- **France and Australia:** MSc on metamorphic parallel robots
- **Italy:** Metamorphic gripper
- **Europe:** Reconfigurable factory in near future



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Editorial

Special Issue on Reconfigurable Mechanisms: Morphing, Metamorphosis and Reconfiguration Through Constraint Variations and Reconfigurable Joints



Richness and broadness of the mechanisms world embraces more and more novel mechanisms which constitute a trend of reconfigurable mechanisms.

In their merit of reconfigurability, two typical types of innovative mechanisms as kinematotropic mechanisms and metamorphic mechanisms were explored in the 1990s. In these two types of mechanisms, the former changes mobility without resort to topology change, the latter changes mobility by resort to change of mechanism topology or change of connectivity of mechanism links.

The good coverage and rich materials of the reconfigurable mechanisms and their principle and techniques in reconfiguration in this special issue would provide a useful reference for investigating, developing and analyzing mechanisms with reconfigurability, paving a foundation of further study of reconfigurable mechanisms.

Jian S. Dai

Grigore Gogu



Systematization of morphing in reconfigurable mechanisms

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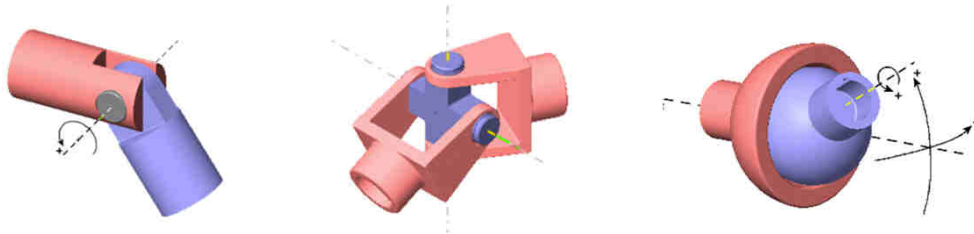
This paper addresses metamorphic and reconfigurable mechanisms based on types of morphing and ways of achieving it through a comprehensive review and a classification of mechanisms in the literature while considering various types of morphing. The morphing process in terms of its topological and geometrical properties is systematically classified. It is found that there are certain ways of achieving reconfigurability through morphing. These include change of relative positions and orientations of links and joints, change of topology and geometry of kinematic chains, change of furcating branches of a mechanism and switch of idle and active joints, subsequently resulting in change of connectivity and mobility. All these ways of morphing are categorized in this paper as topological morphing, geometrical morphing and furcating morphing. The paper hence reveals intrinsic characteristics of the morphing process and presents the relationship between morphing and mechanism and motion types, presenting a rich reference for the study of reconfigurable mechanisms.

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and Robots**

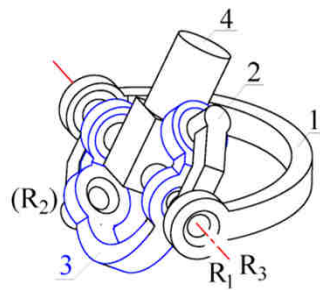
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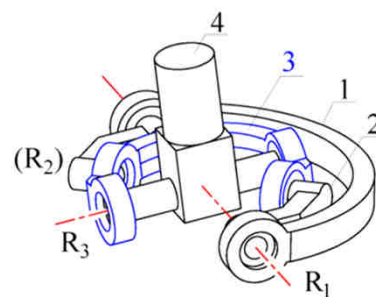
R – revolute U – universal S – spherical

Link	Phase	R	U	S
Link 2		a	a	a
Link 3		i/a	i/a	a

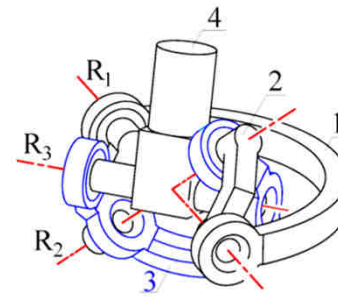
a – active, i – inactive



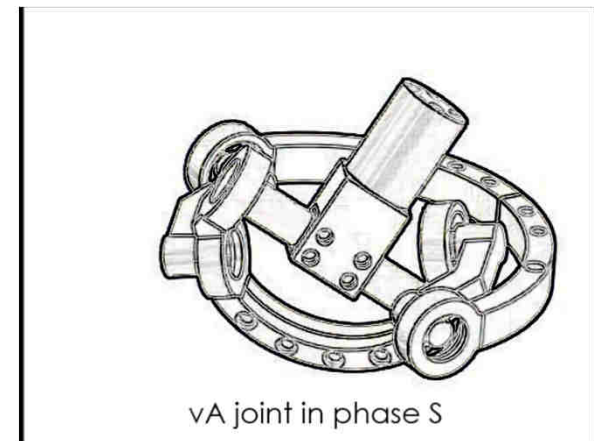
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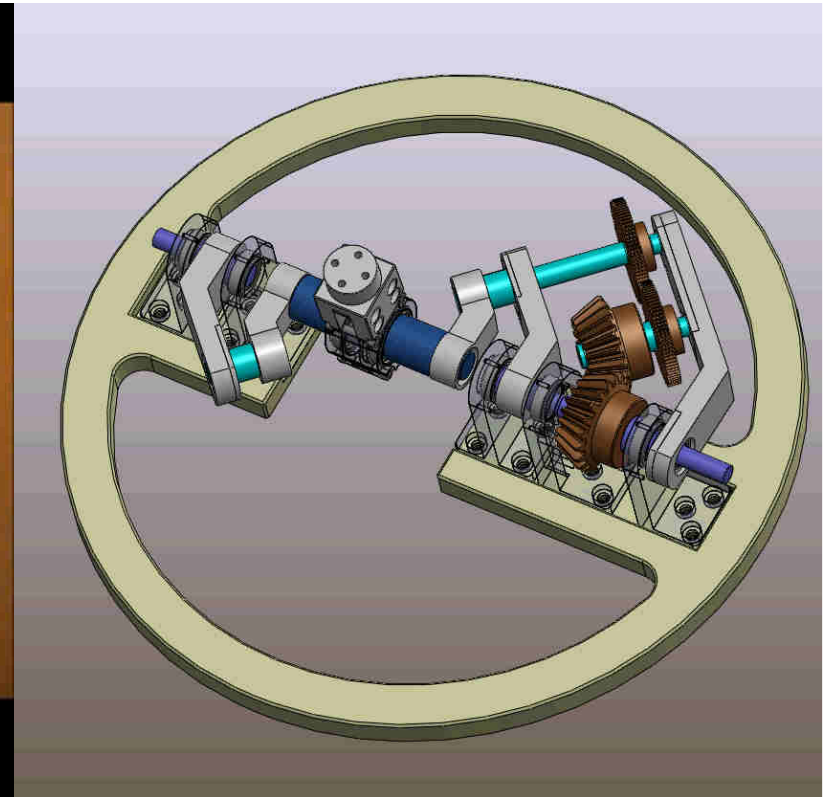
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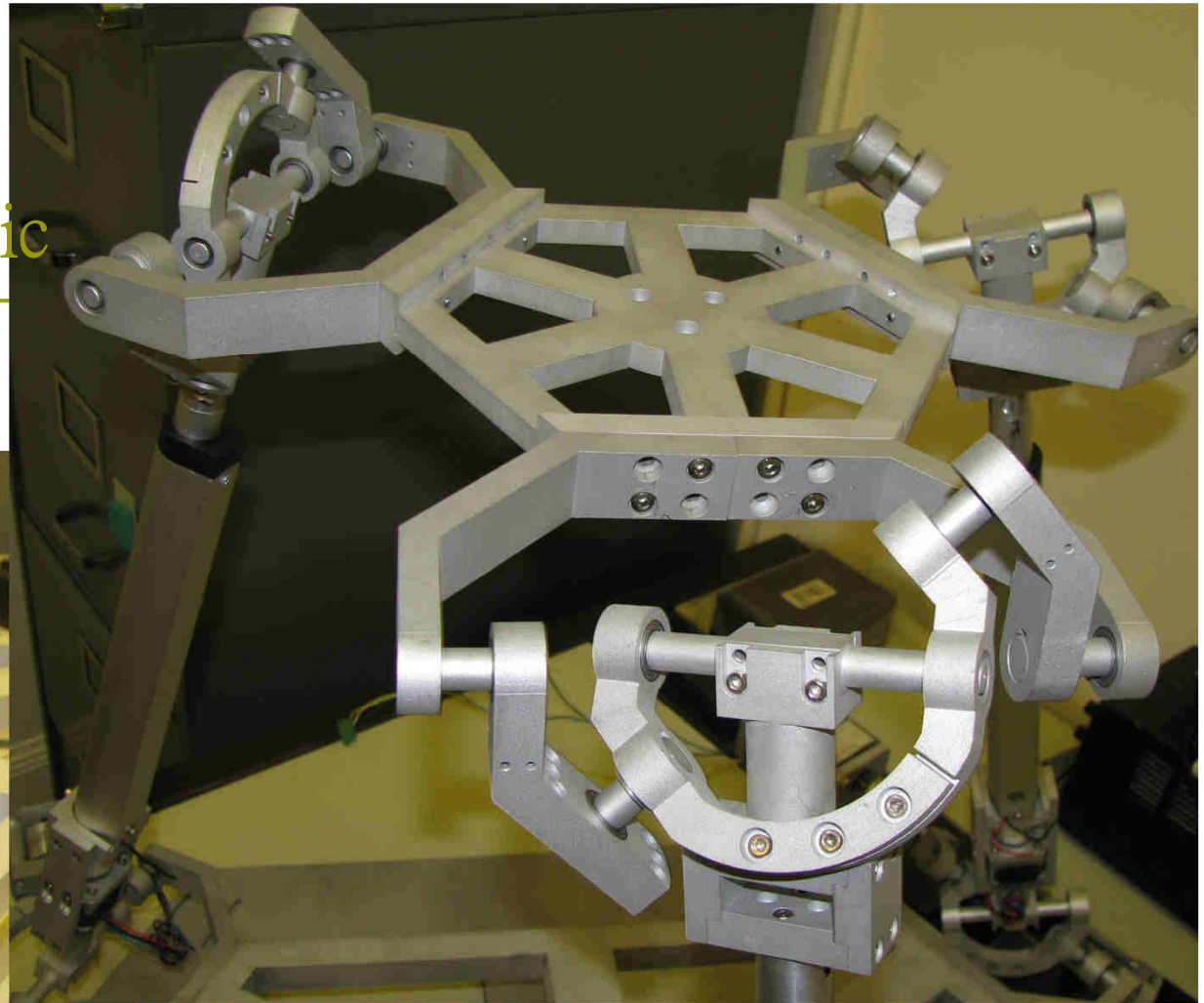
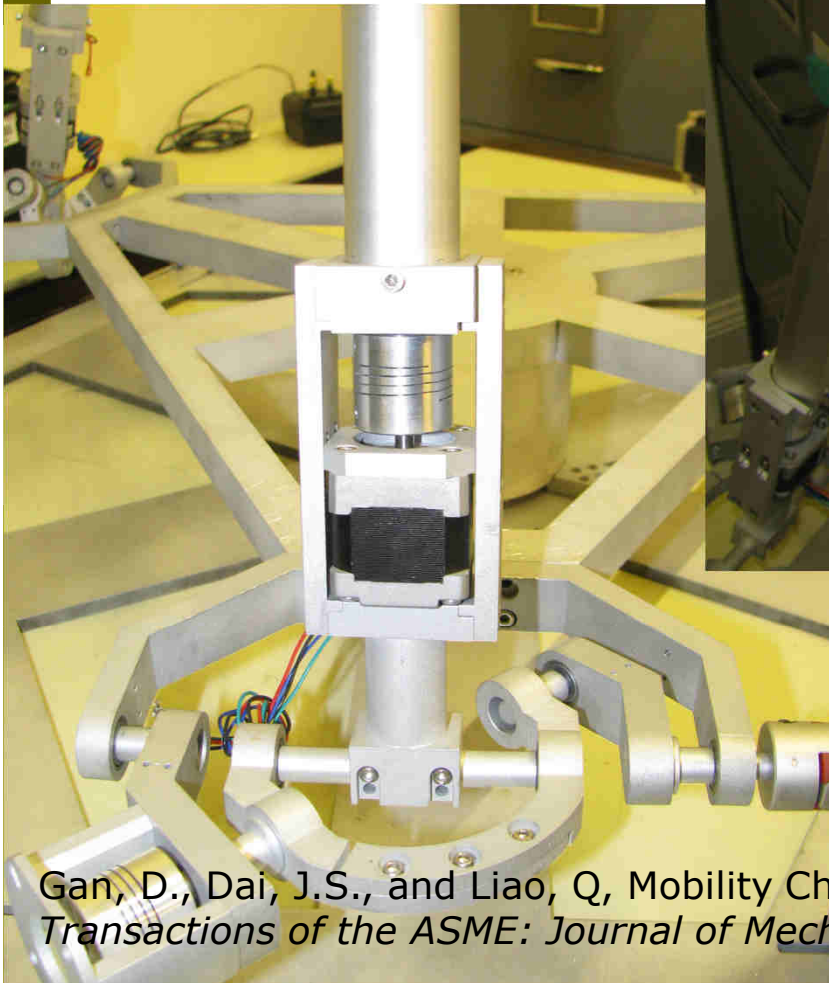
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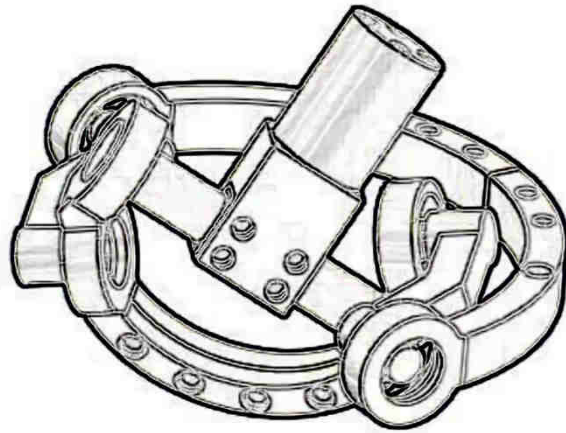
vA joint metamorphic
parallel mechanism



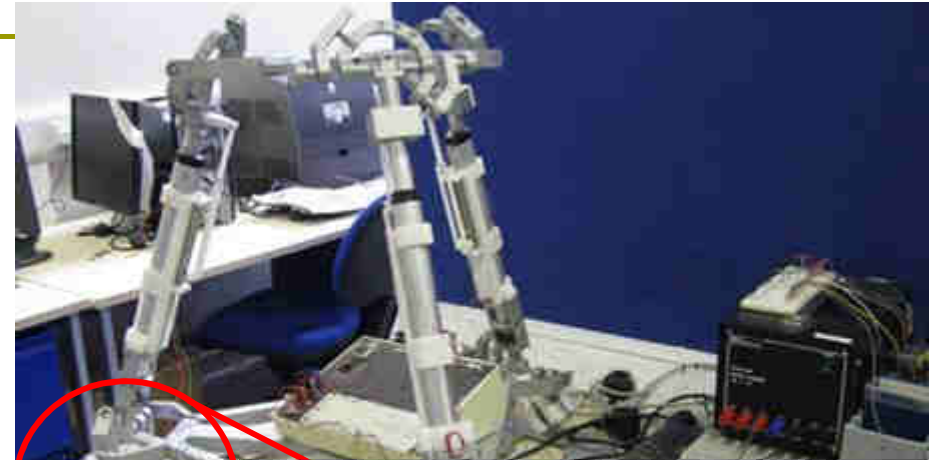
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Parallel Robot

Variable-axis joint and evolved parallel robot



vA 变胞铰链 — 运动等效球副



Reconfigurable parallel robot

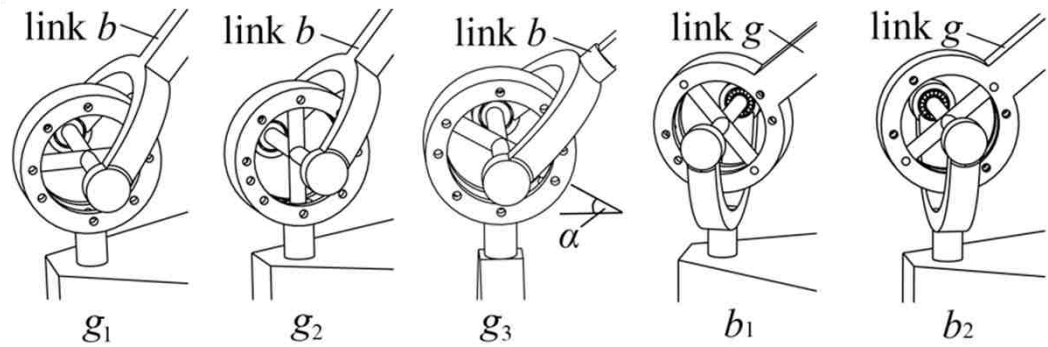
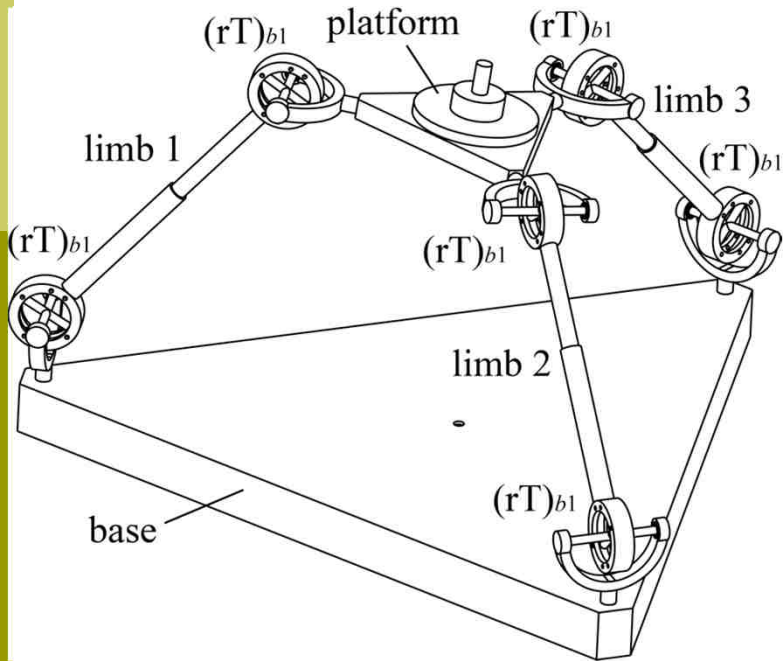
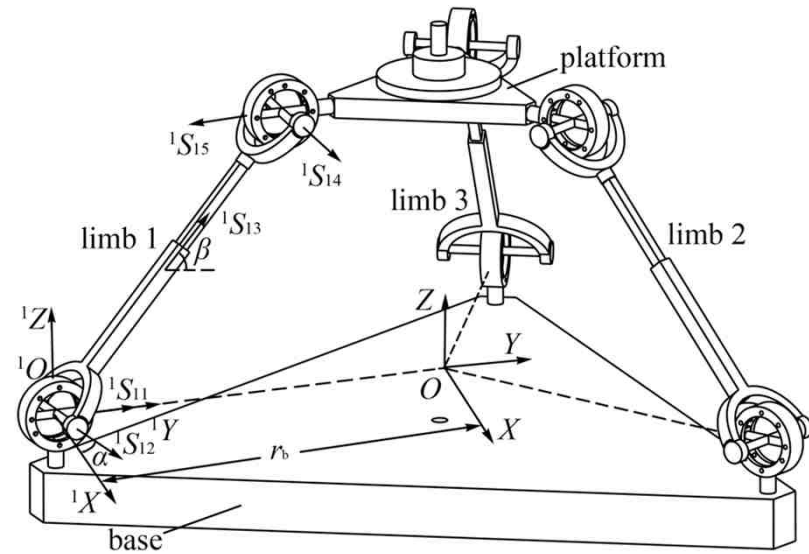
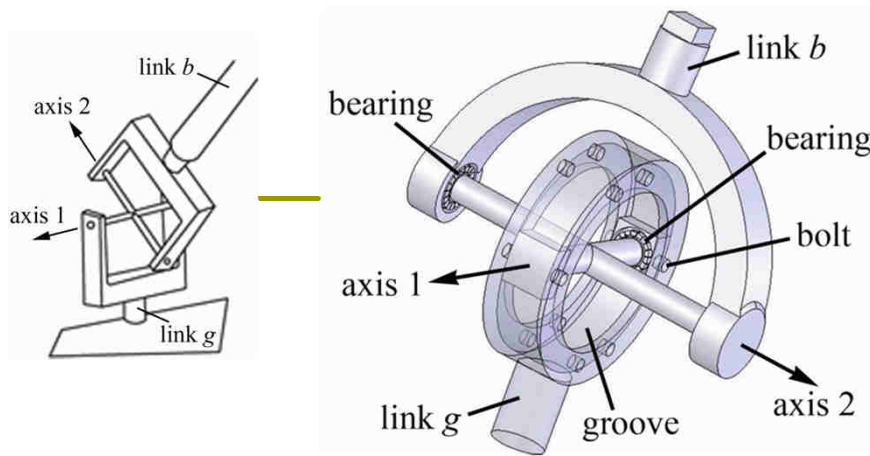
Efficiency

Energy-Saving

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Economic

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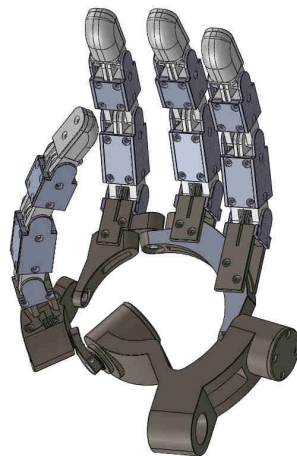
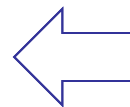
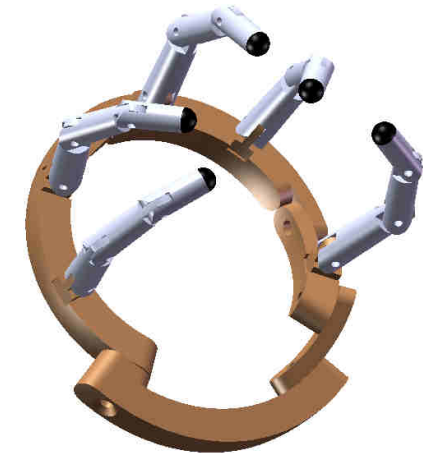
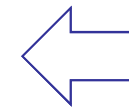
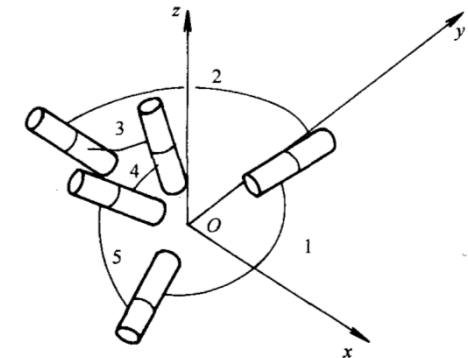
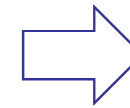
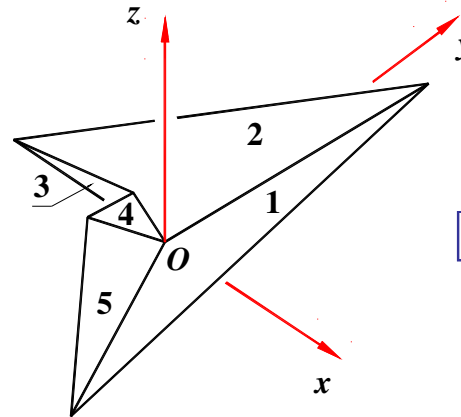
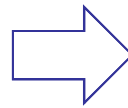
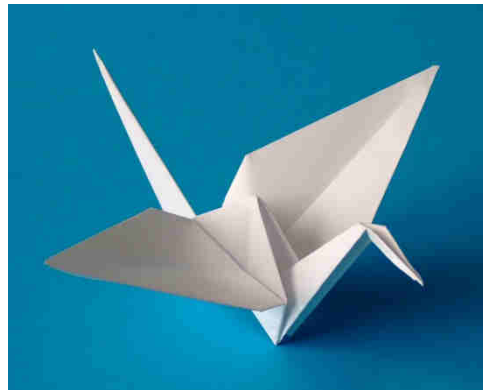
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Hand**

Origami

Metamorphosis

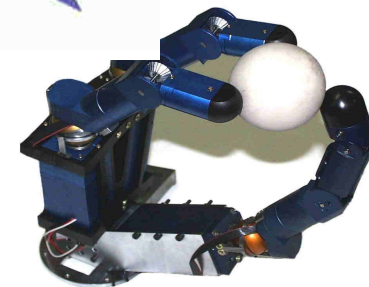
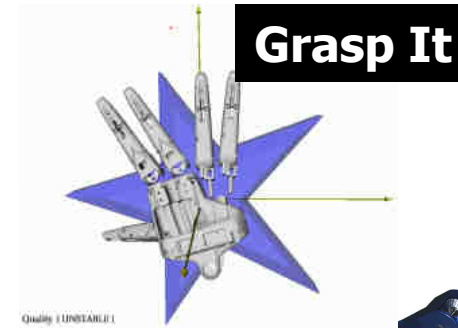
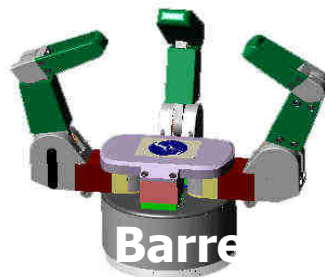
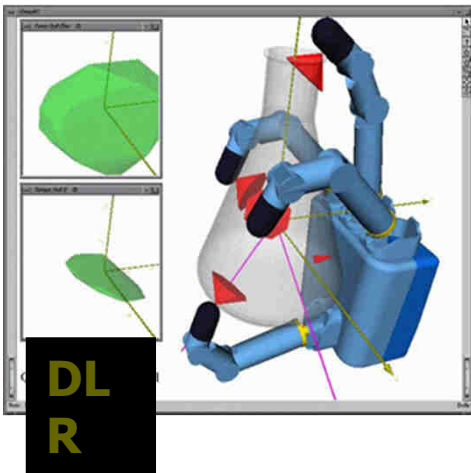
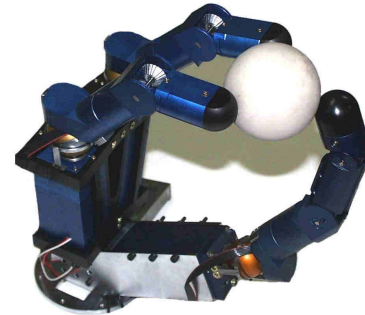
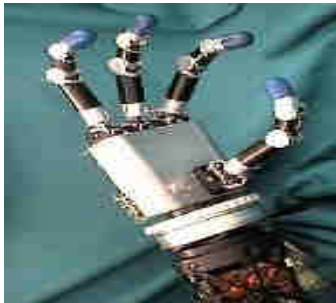
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Conventional Robotic Hands



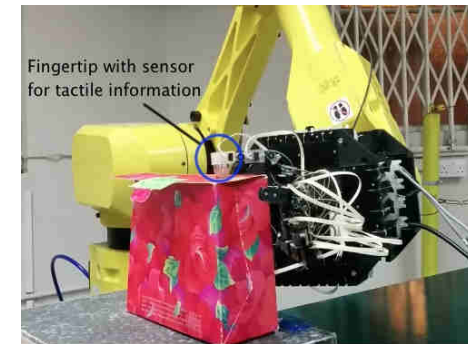
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Metamorphic Hand for Dexterous Manipulation

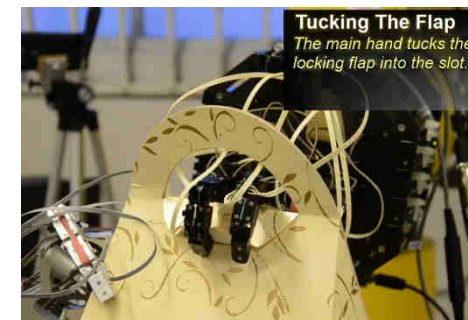
In-hand manipulation



Origami-folding



Folding articulated object



Two-hand cooperation

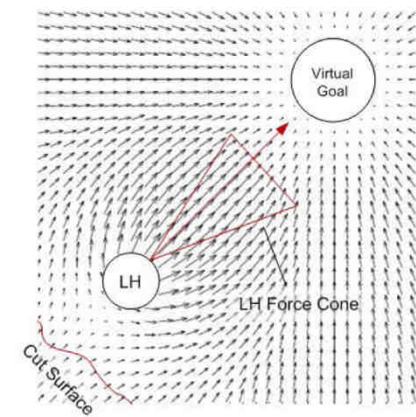
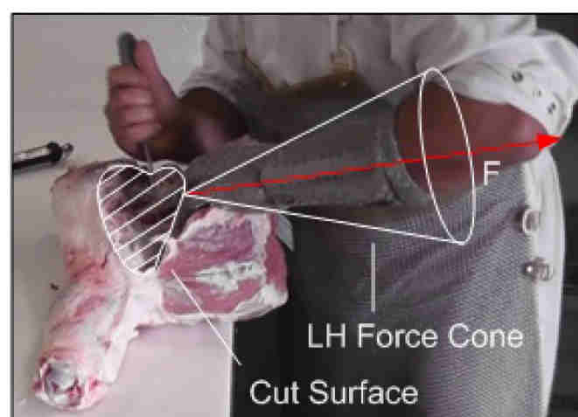
Human-Robot Coop



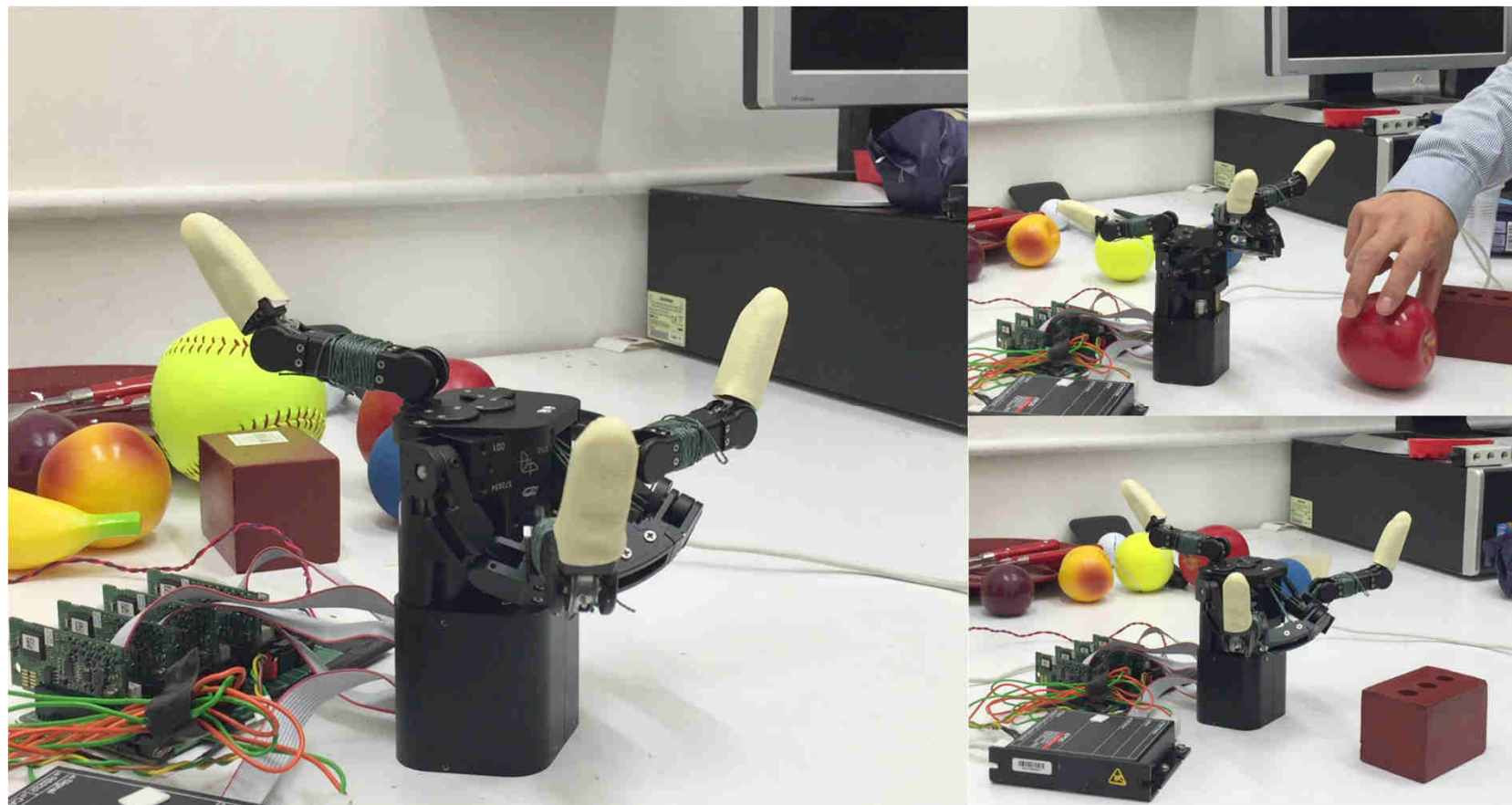
(a) 变胞机械手与Fanuc机械臂相结合进行生产



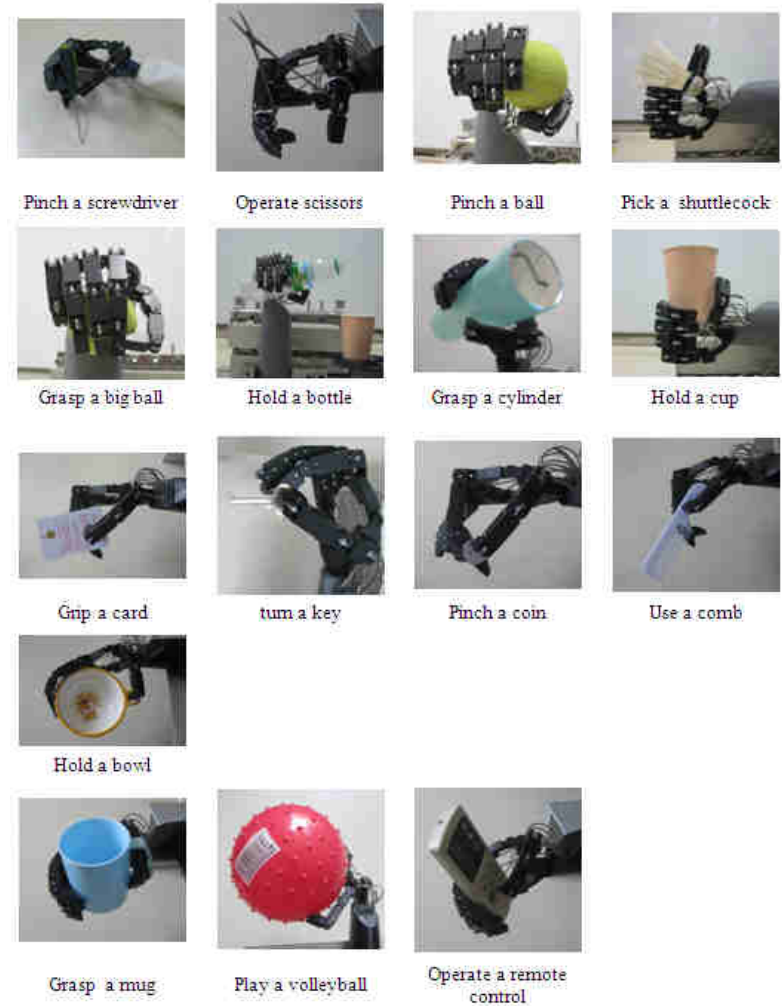
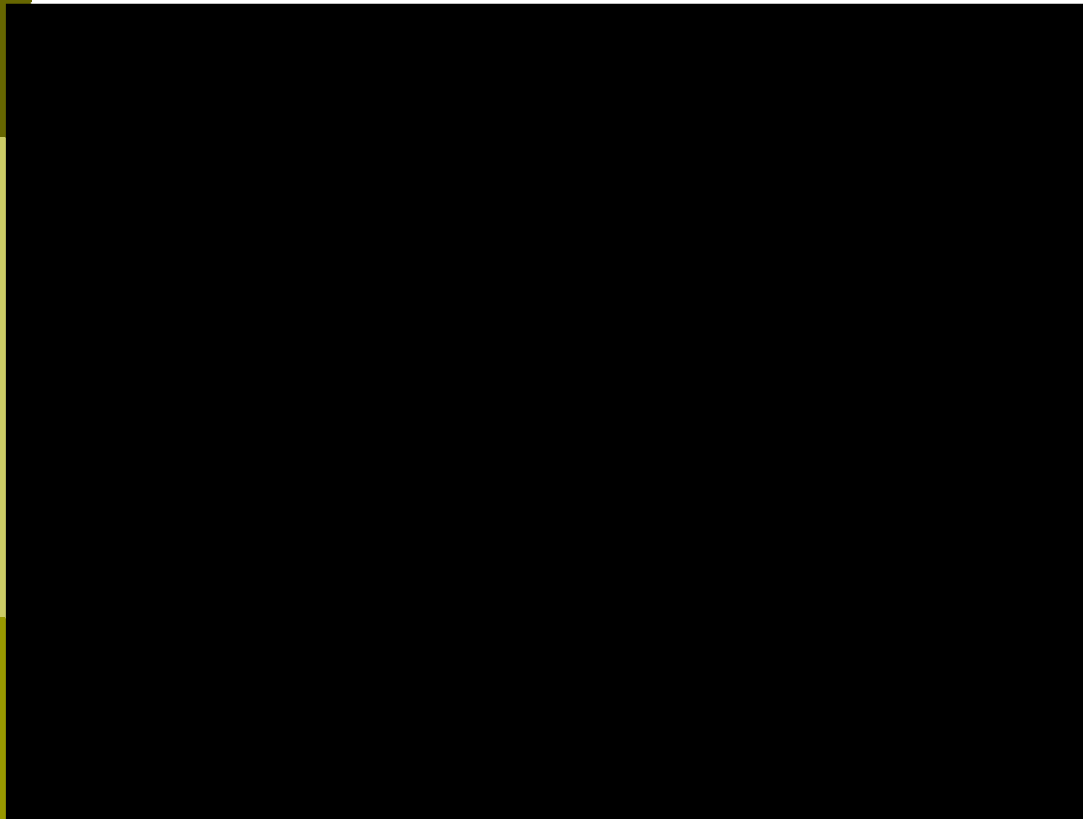
(b) 变胞机械手与ABB机械臂相结合



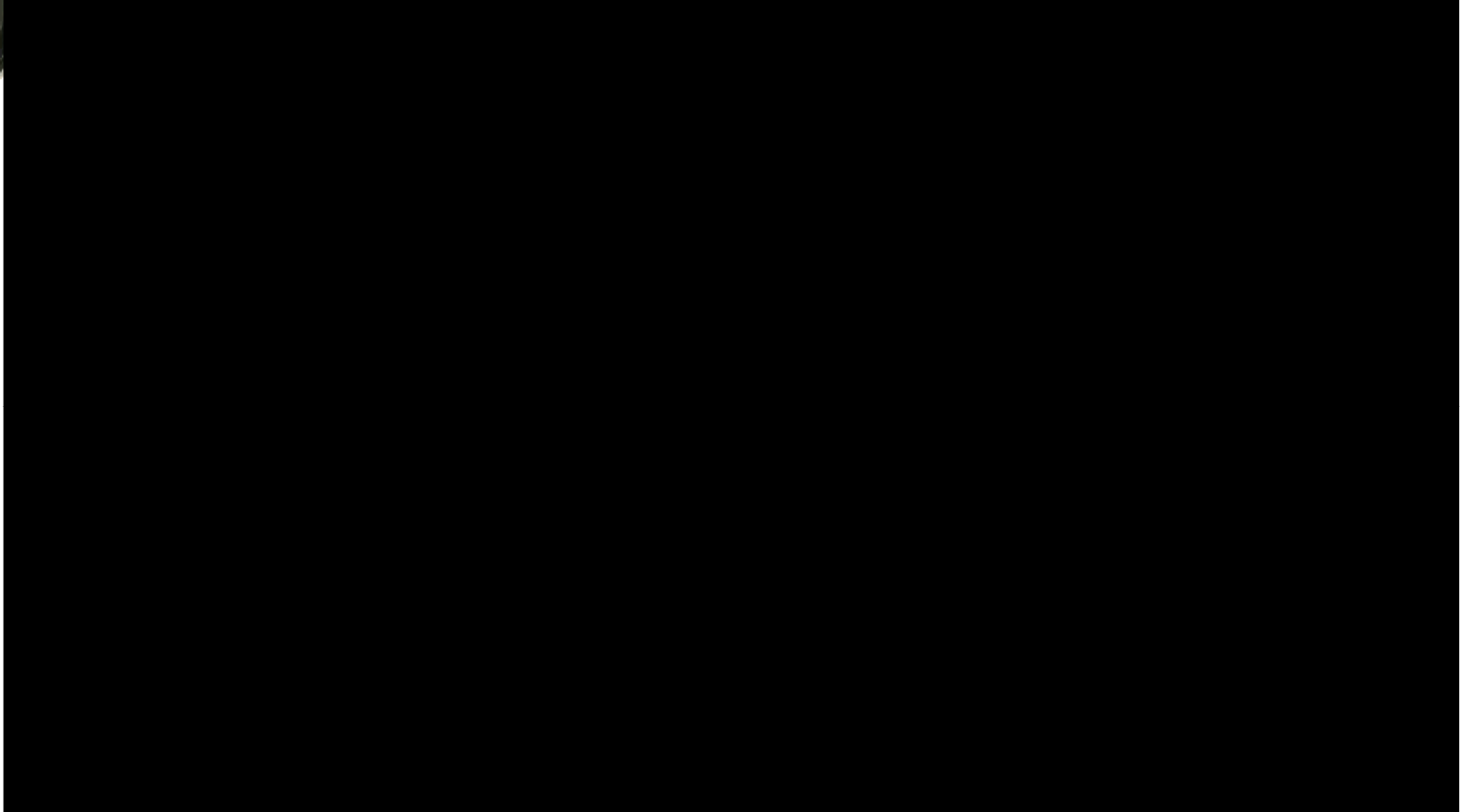
Hand Testing



Metamorphic Hand



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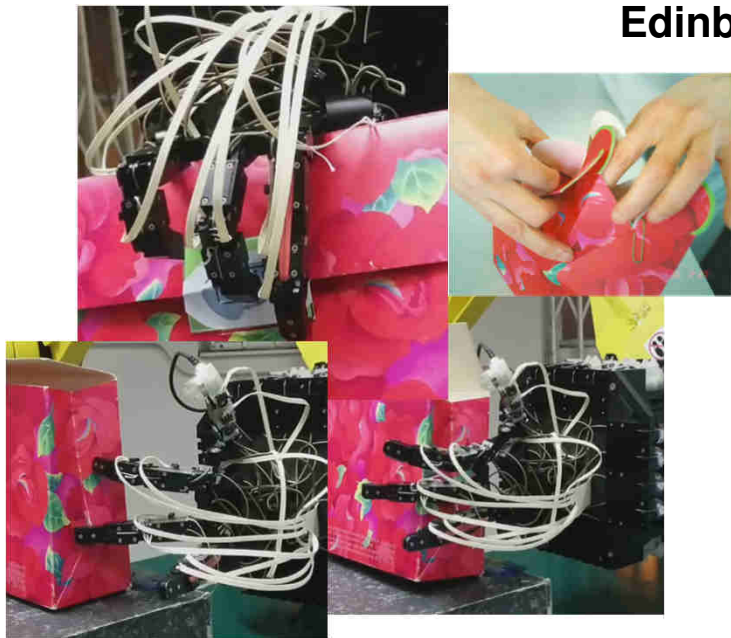


Metamorphic Hand for Dexterous Manipulation

- Variable palm DOF (5-4)
- Highly flexible
- High output force
- Extended workspace

TOMSY - Collaborated with KTH (Sweden), Berlin, Granada (Spain) and Edinburg

ECORD - Collaborated with IFMA (France) and Shadow Ltd (UK)

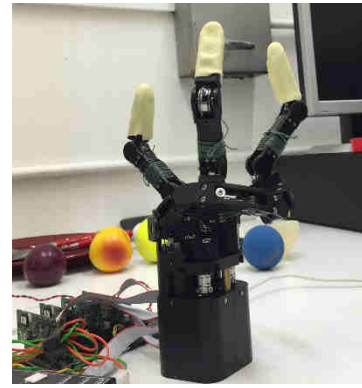
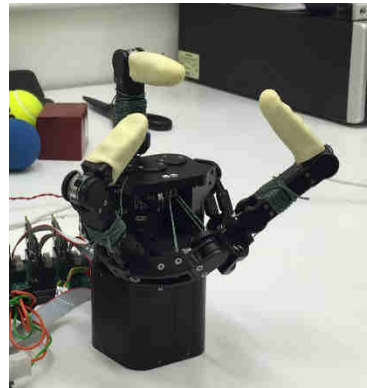
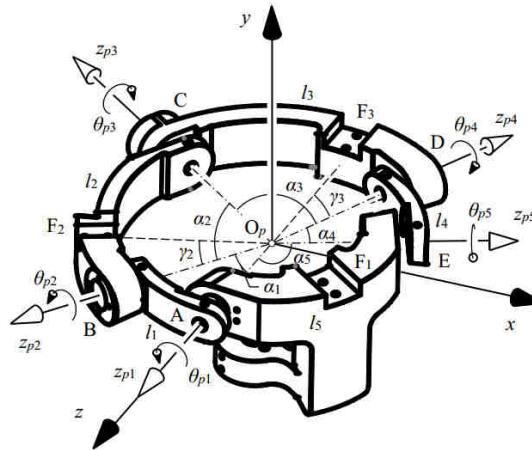
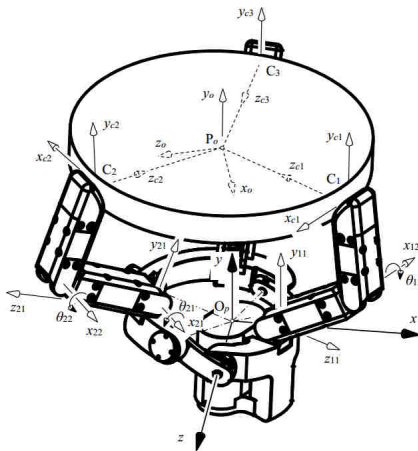


Beef deboning with hand-arm system

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Metamorphic Hand for Education

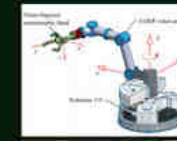
The Metamorphic Hand



Flexible Manipulation with The Metamorphic Robot Hand



The metamorphic robot hand has a unique articulated palm and generates more hand poses than other comparable hands. The articulated palm makes the hand adaptable and reconfigurable and the additional motion of the palm leads to enhanced posture and dexterity of the new multifingered hand. This metamorphic robot hand has been developed for dexterous manipulation of articulated object and for mobile manipulators interacting with humans.



Research objectives on the Metamorphic Robot Hand include:

- Adaptability of a 3-fingered metamorphic robot hand to a variety of objects
- Flexibility of the hand for reaching difficult positions
- Controllability of the hand with a metamorphic palm
- Abstraction of raw sensor signals for maintaining stable grasps and for collision detection
- Development of a simple robotic arm for floor-level mobile manipulation



Outcomes:

- A light-weight metamorphic hand with a versatile palm
- Increased hand adaptability and dexterity with the integrated finger motion and the palm motion.
- A ROS based low-cost control system and interface for the hand-arm-mobile platform system.



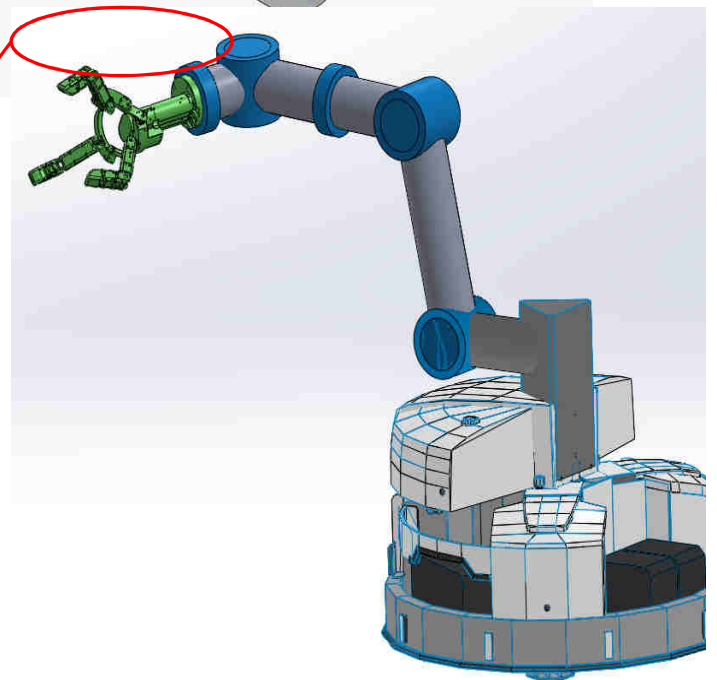
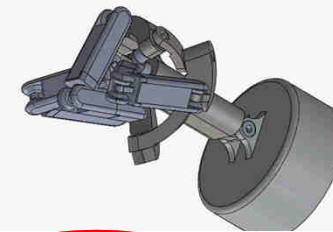
The three-fingered metamorphic hand will be put to the test by children in nurseries and day care centres. The developed platform will be used by industrial partner for training programs in industrial service robotics and production logistics.



Human-Robot Happy Time



Metamorphic
Robotic Hand



Metamorphic Hand for Education

human-robot interaction

Metamorphic hand
(King's)



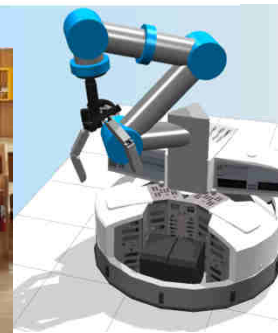
Flexible arm
(King's & Festo)



Mobile base
(Festo)



Learning
(Tuw & UIBK)



Computer Sci.

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ALU-FR (de)

Robotics

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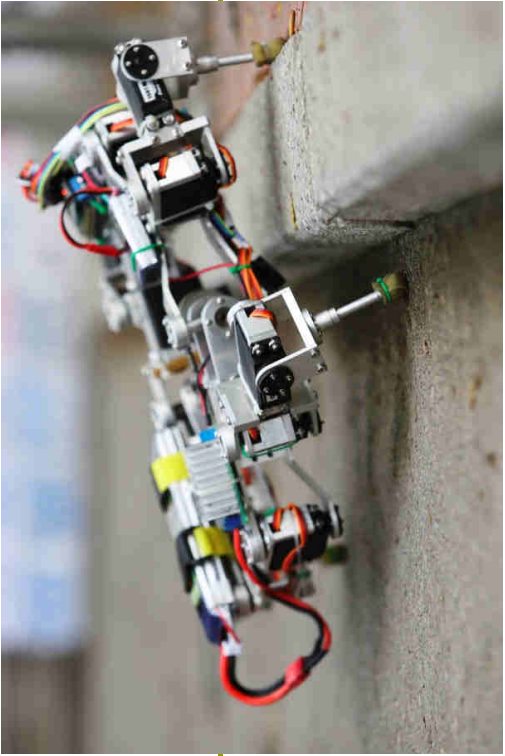
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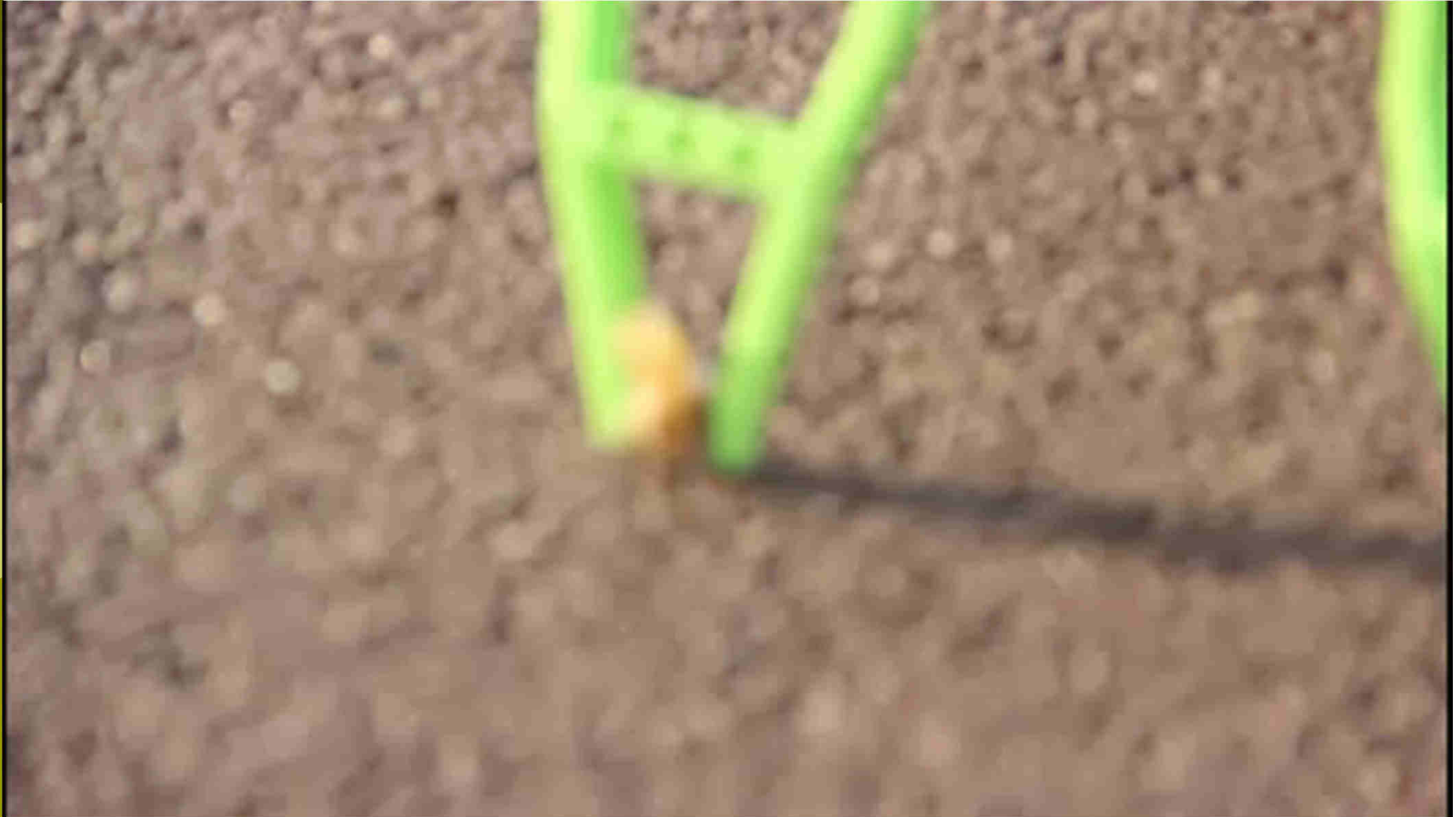
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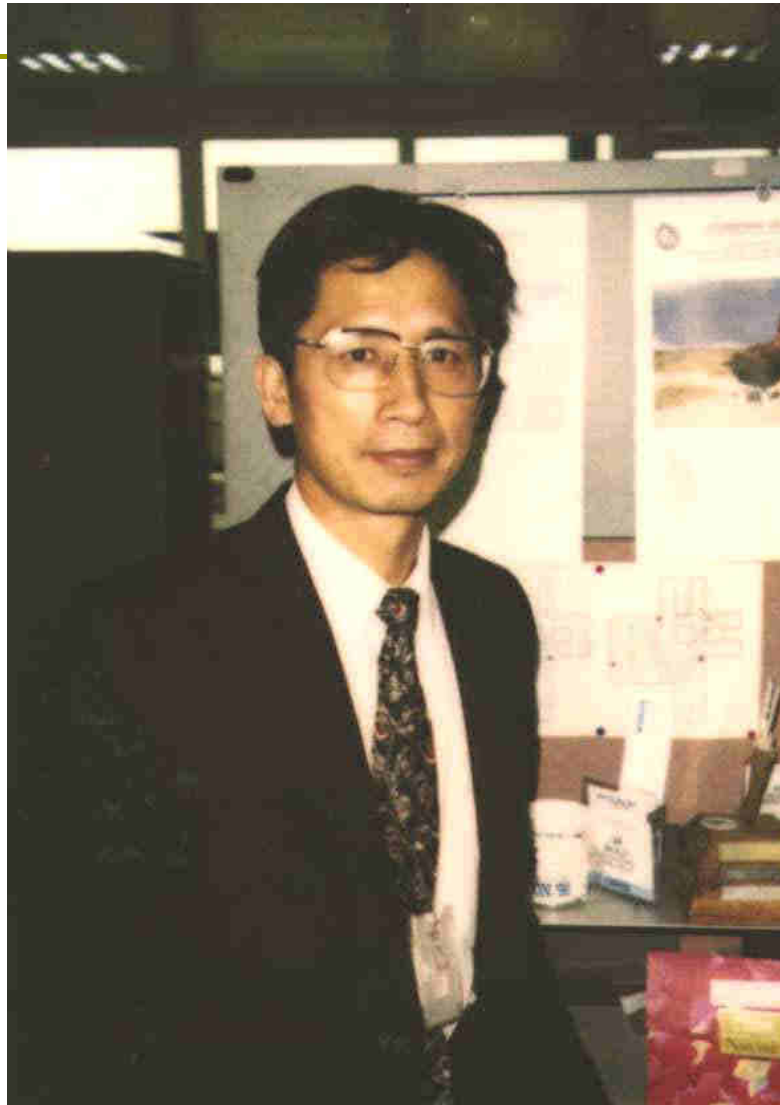
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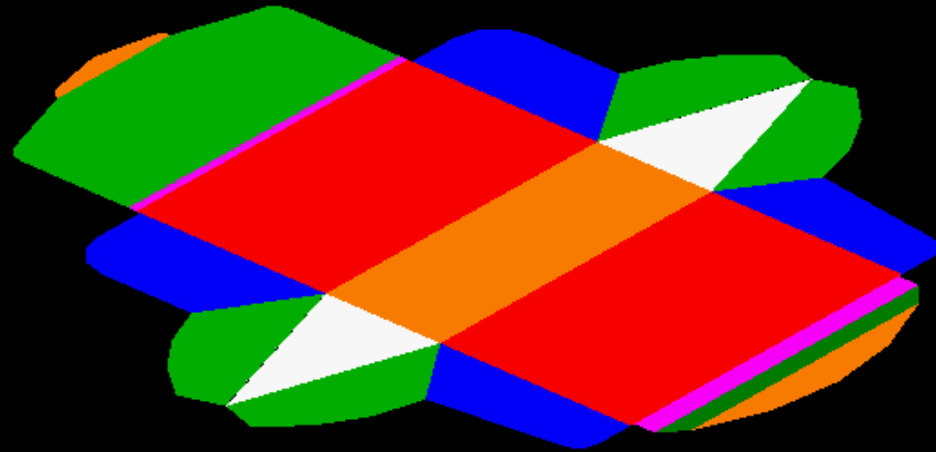
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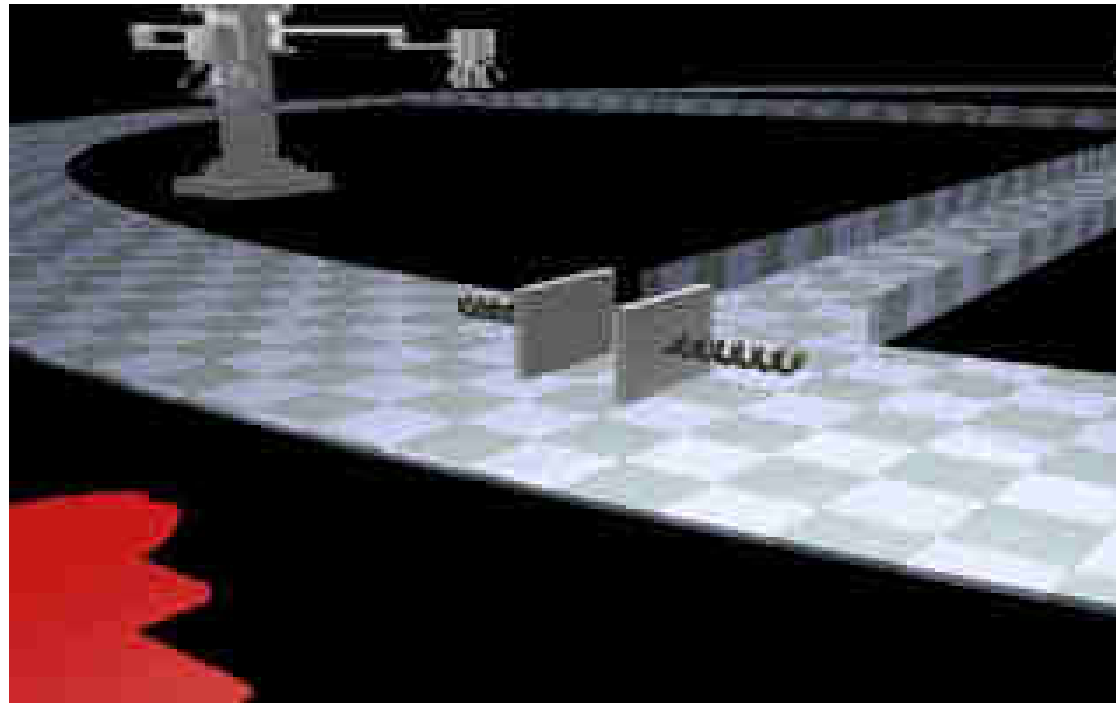
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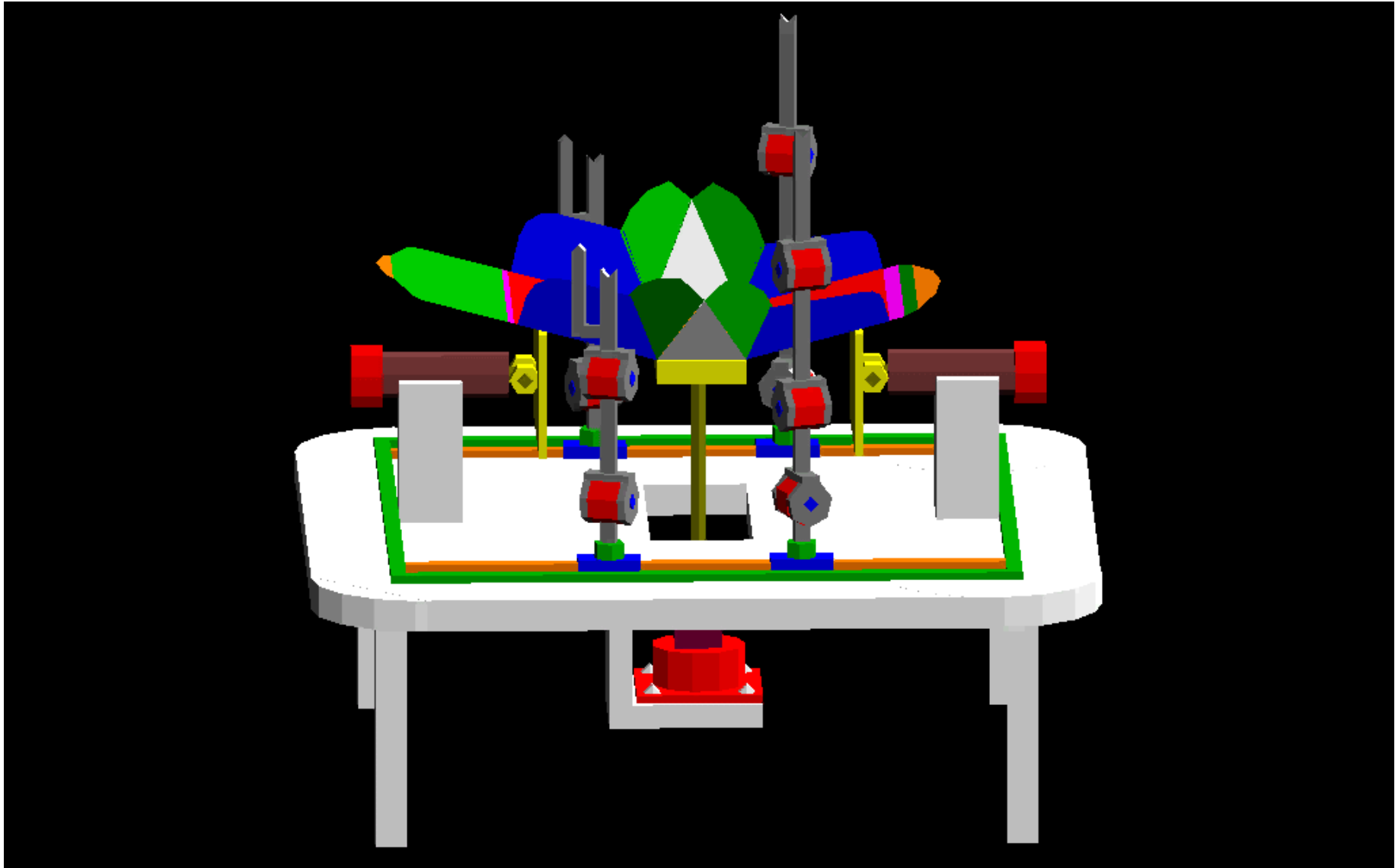


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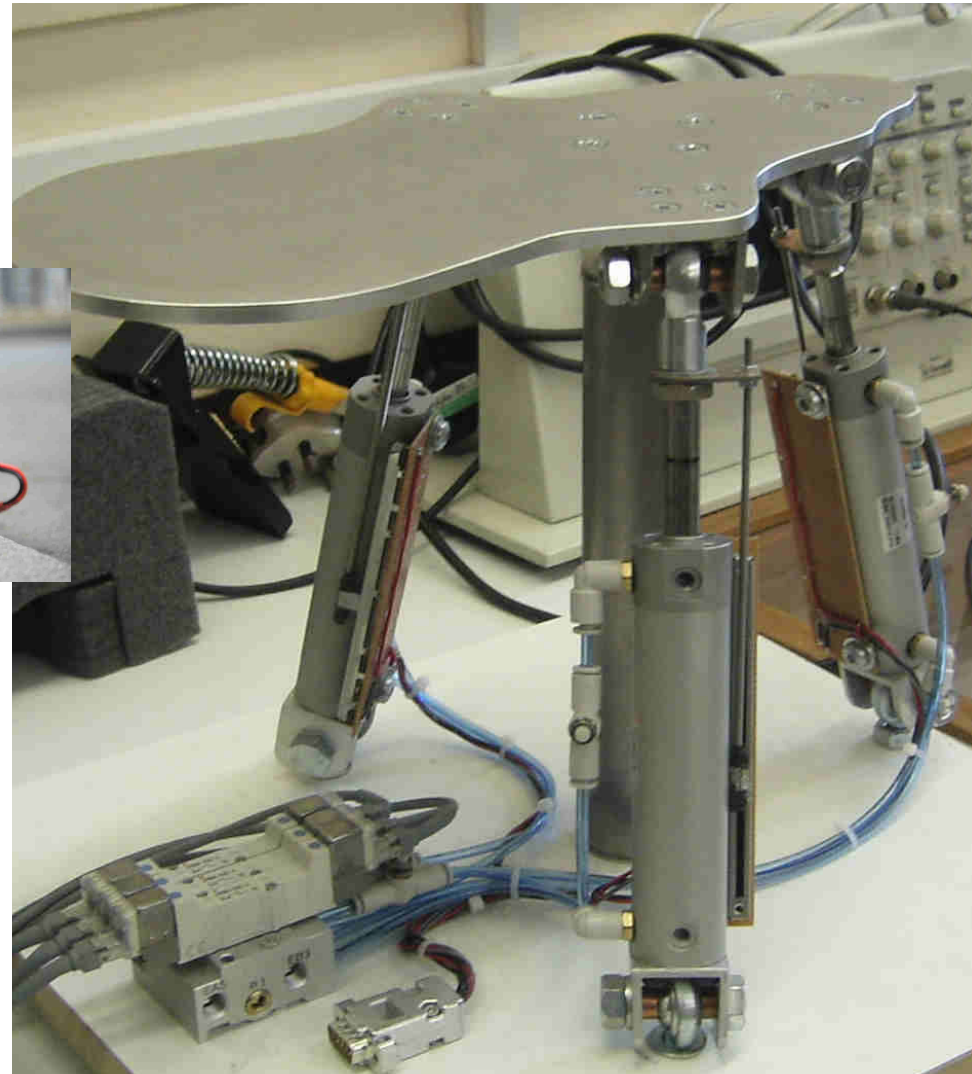
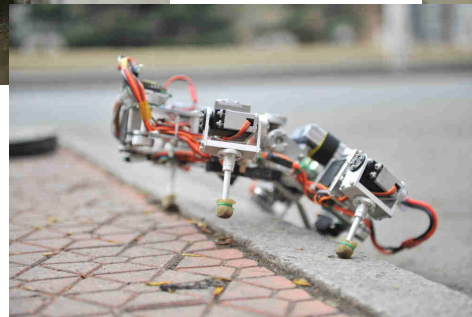
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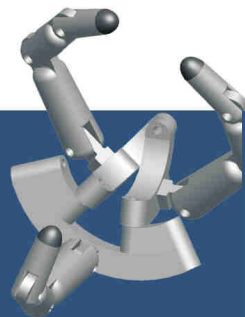
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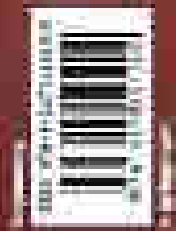


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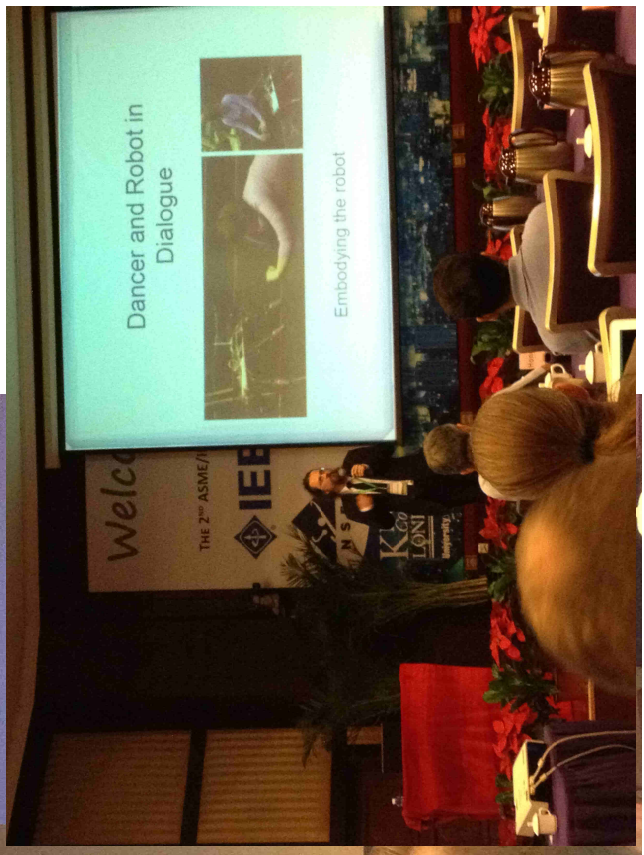
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