



iCub: An Overview

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Schedule

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Demos!!

iCub

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The Robot

Who: iCub.

What: a “child” humanoid robot.

When: project started in 2004.

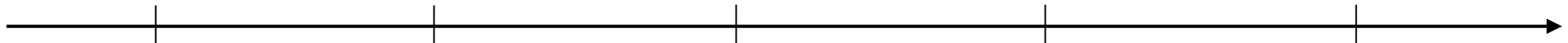
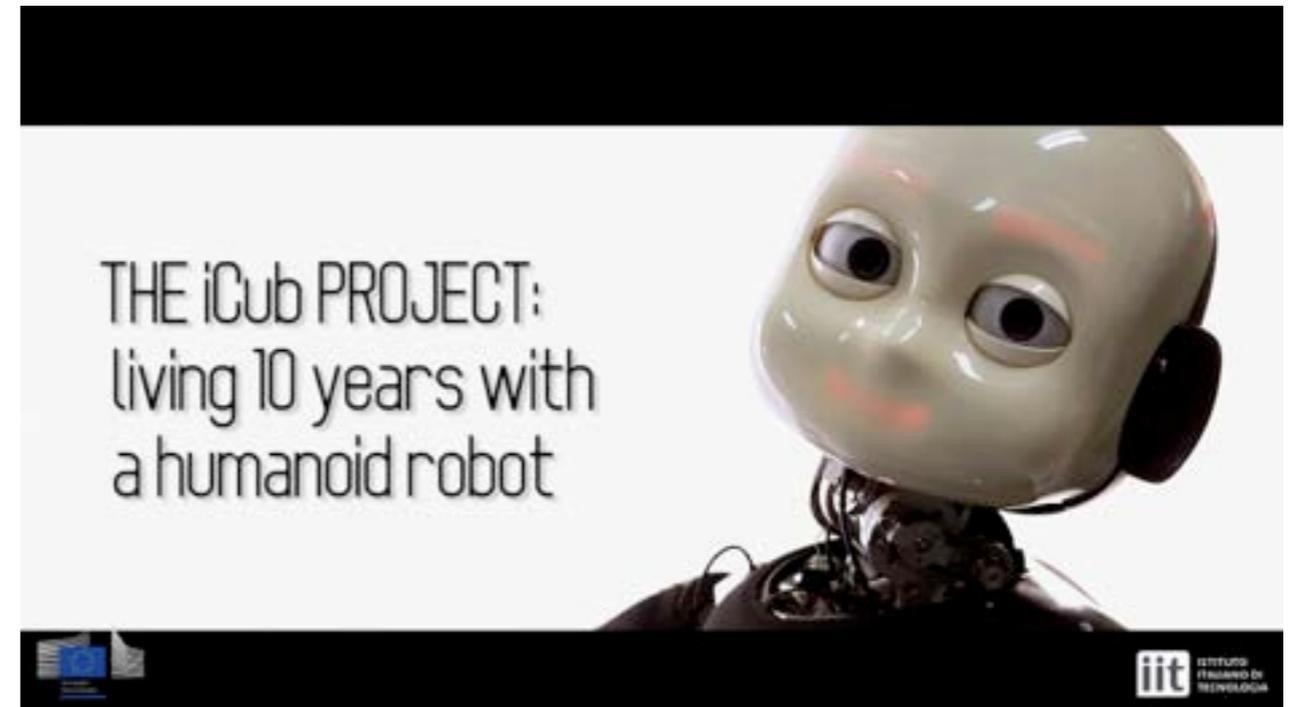
Where: IIT, Genova, Italy.

Why: a platform to study the emergence of cognitive capabilities in artificial, embodied systems.



The iCub “dads”

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2004
RobotCub
European FP7
Project

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Force/Torque
sensing

2012
body covered with
artificial skin

2014
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1 Accelerometer and Gyroscope

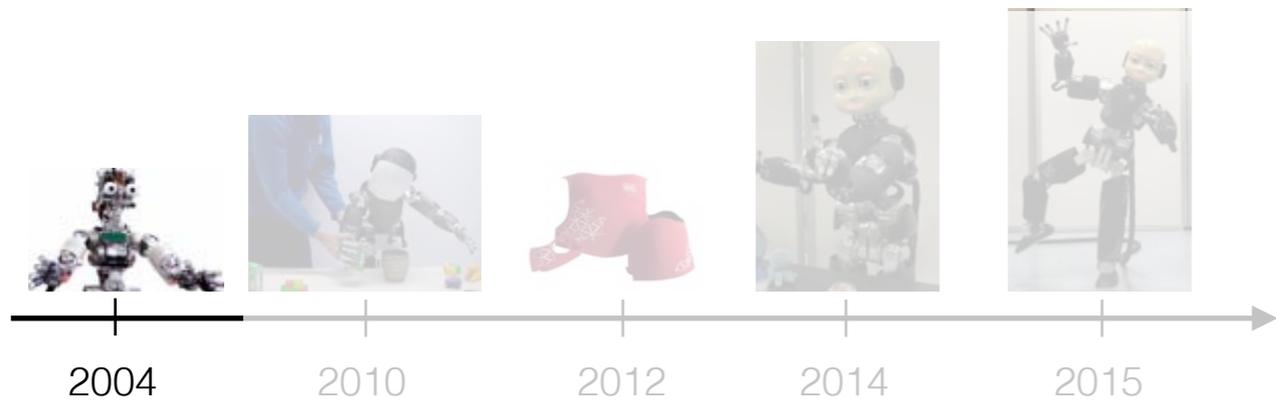
2 Dragonfly cameras resolution: 640 x 480

Highly dextrous hands: 9 DoFs



Overview

- Height: 1 meter
- Weight: 25 Kg
- 53 Degrees of Freedom (total).
- Force/Torque sensors in each limb.
- Tactile “skin” sensor over (almost) the whole body.
- 2 Microphones mounted on the head.



iCub is involved in many projects...

RoboSkin 

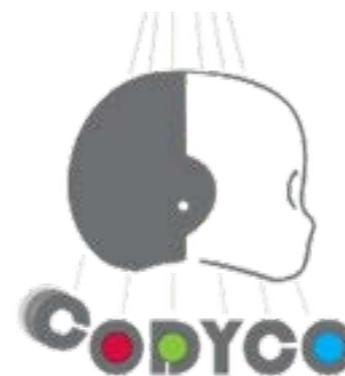
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Cooperative Human Robot Interaction Systems



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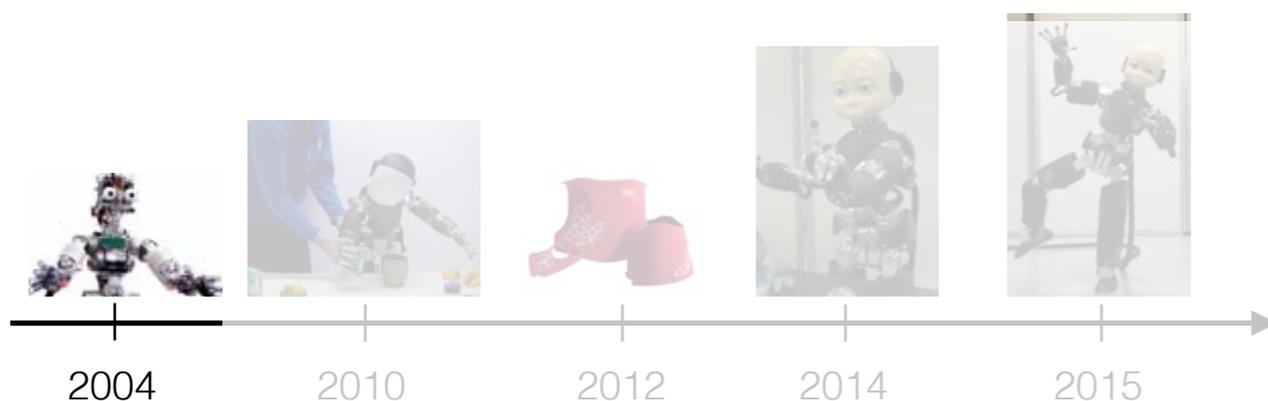
RobotDoC

RobotCub

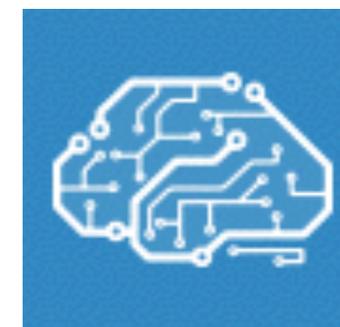


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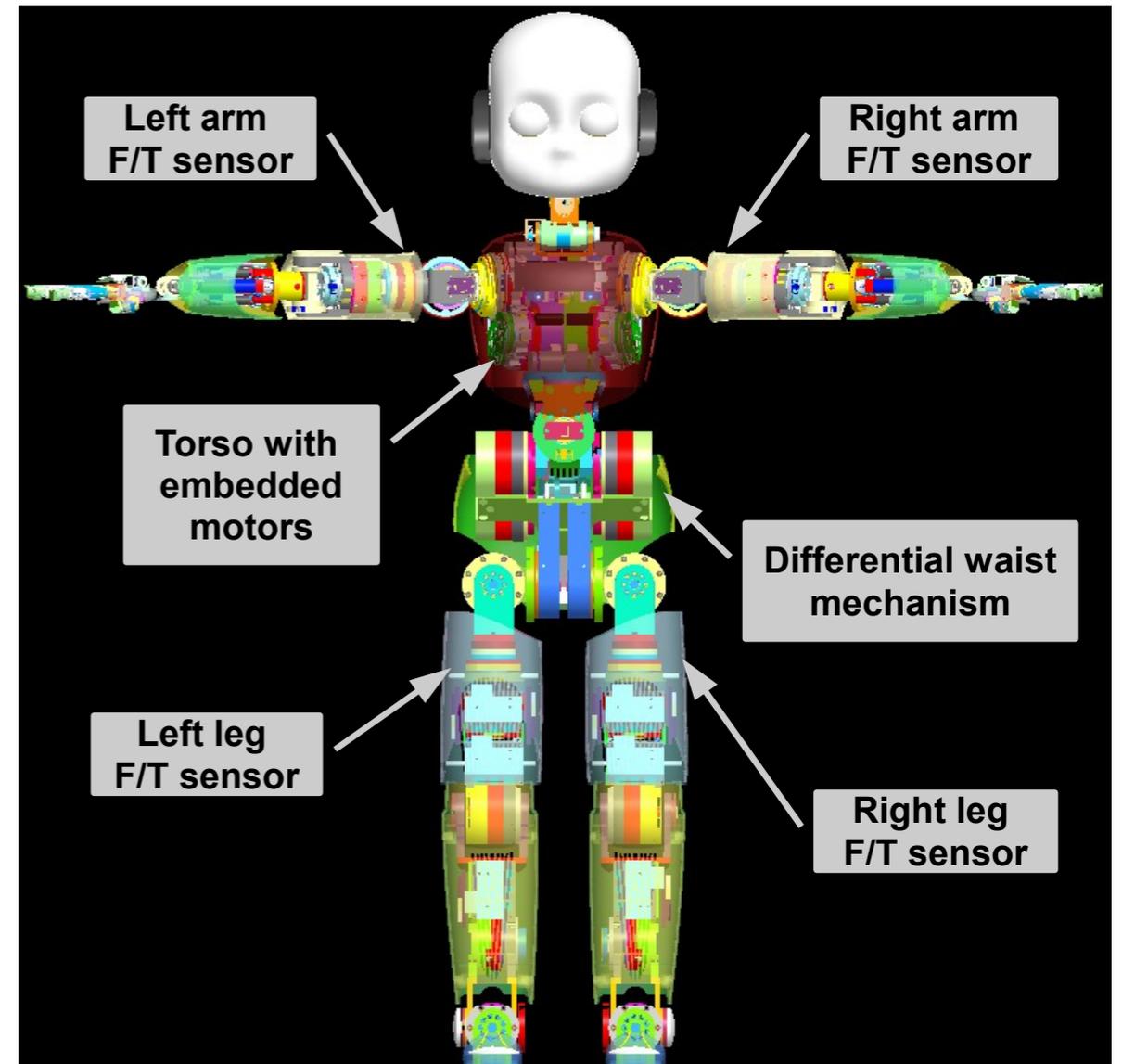
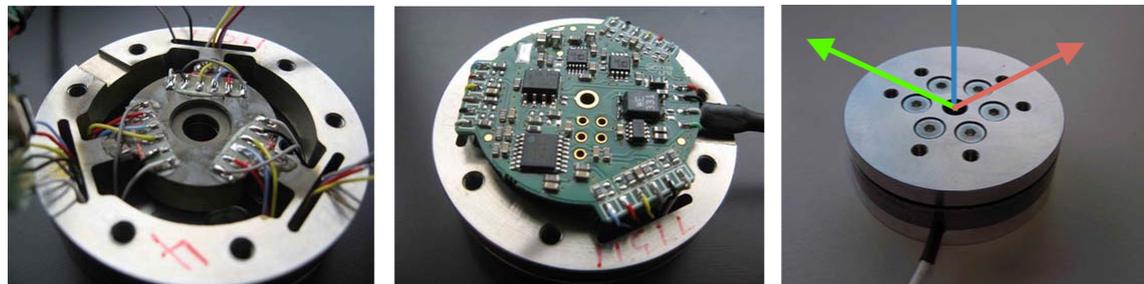
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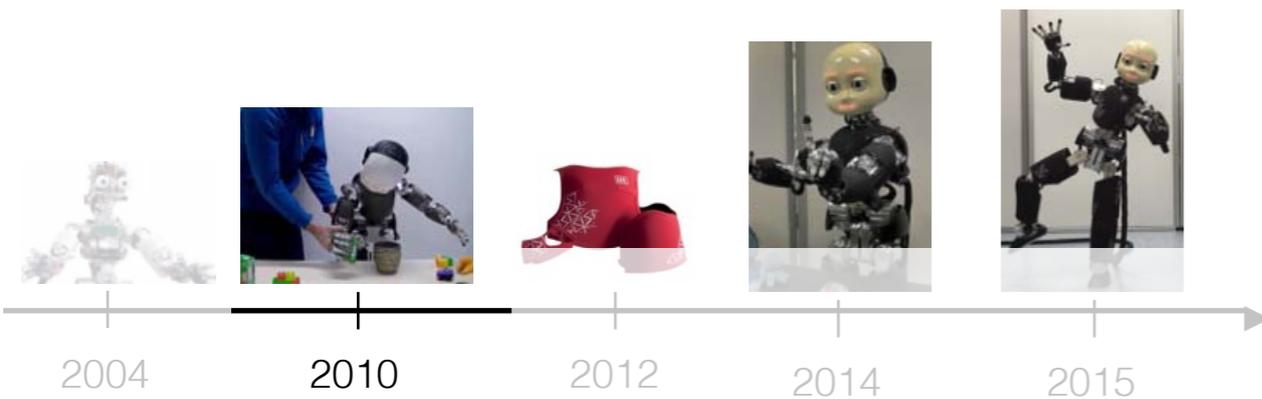
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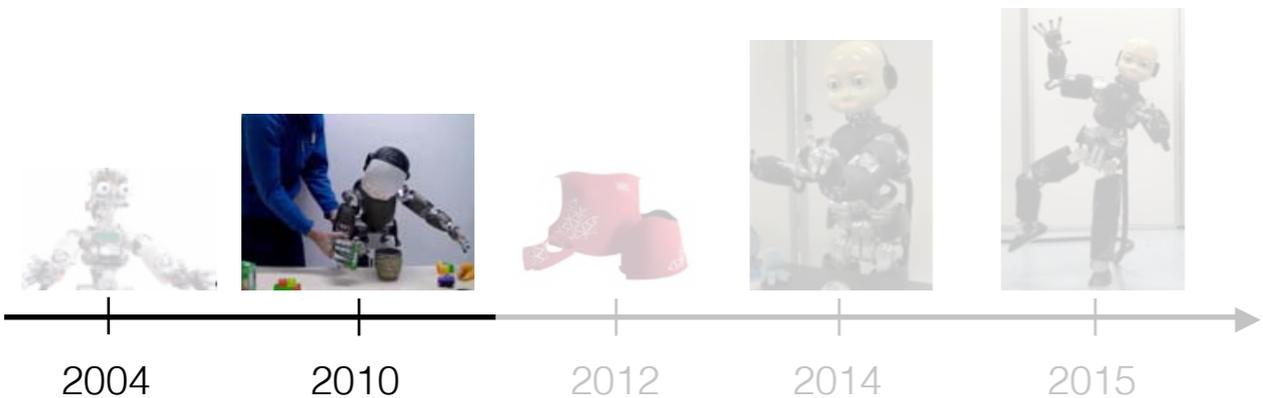
Force/Torque Sensors



One for each limb!



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Teaching Actions

Poeticon European Project

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Artificial Skin



capacitor



ground plane: e.g. conductive fabric
parameters: mechanical properties, impedance, etc.

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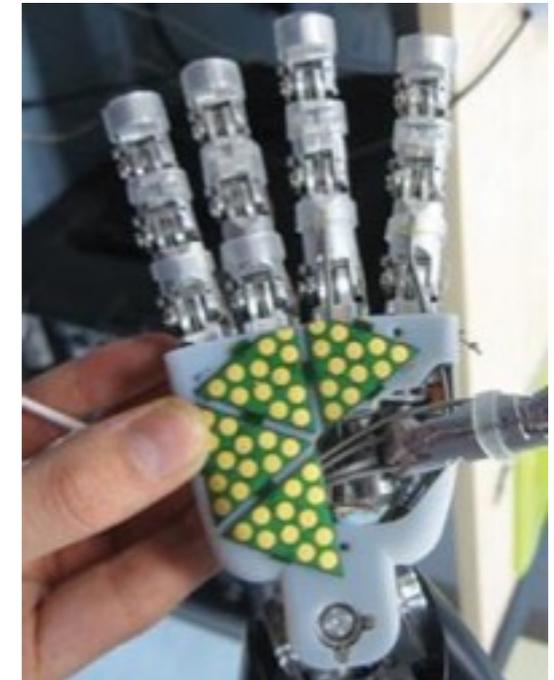
soft material: e.g. silicone
parameters: dielectric constant, mechanical stiffness, etc.

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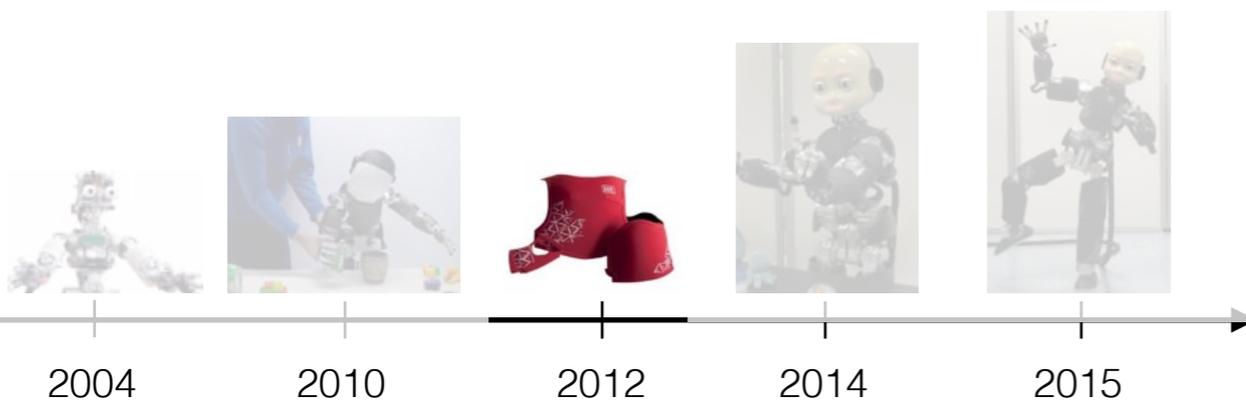


electrodes: etched on a flexible PCB
parameters: shape, folding, etc.

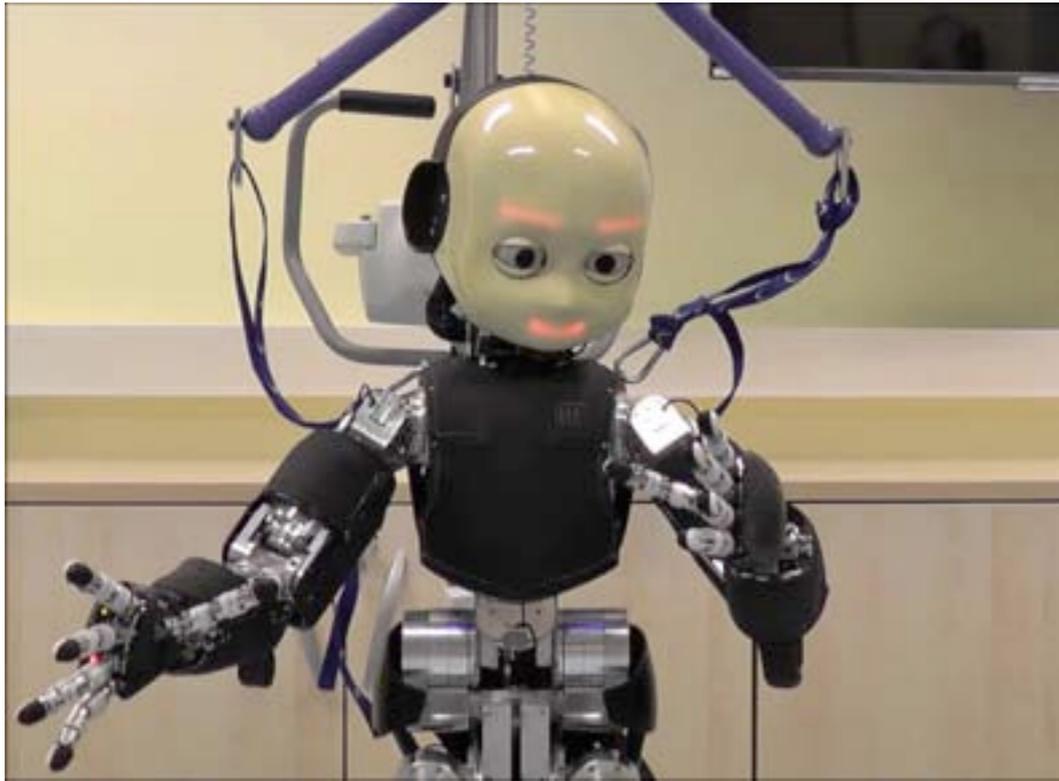
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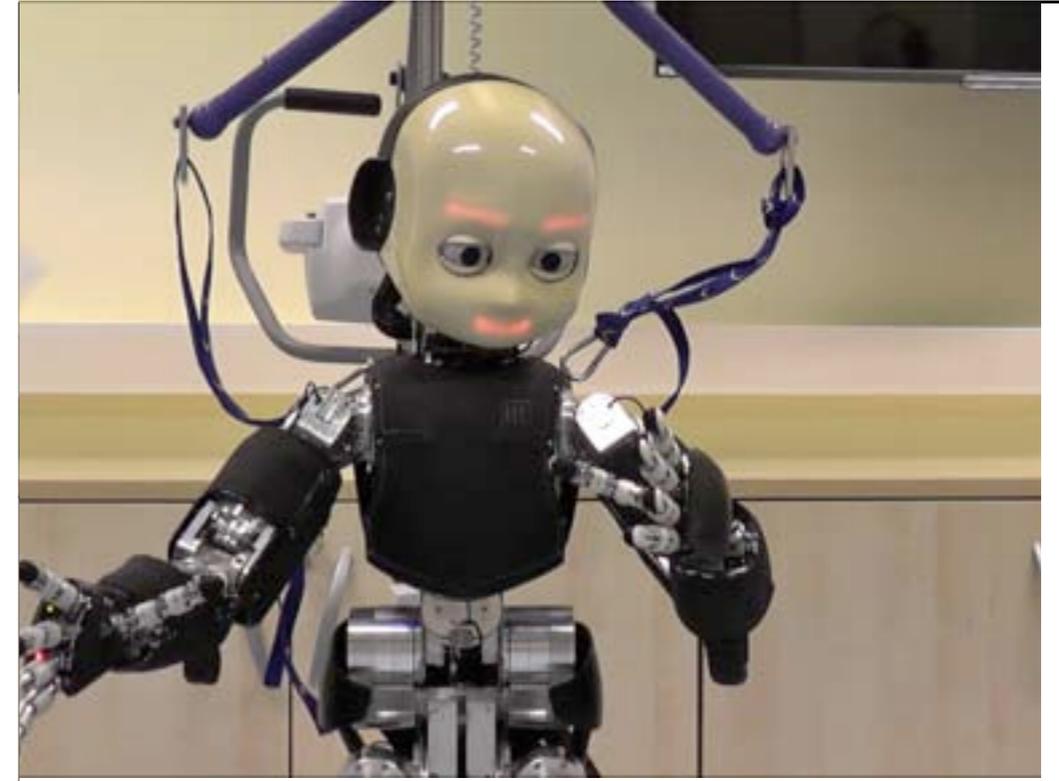
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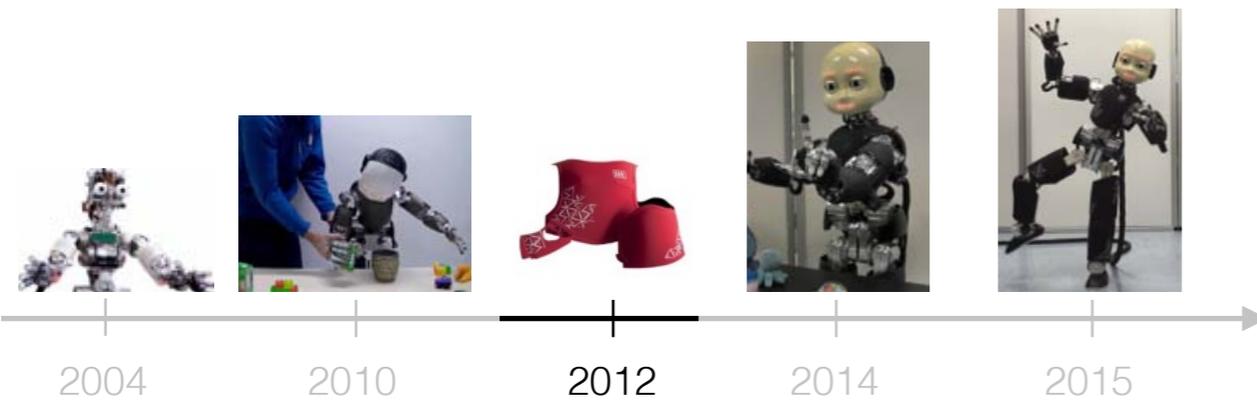
Artificial Skin



No Tactile feedback

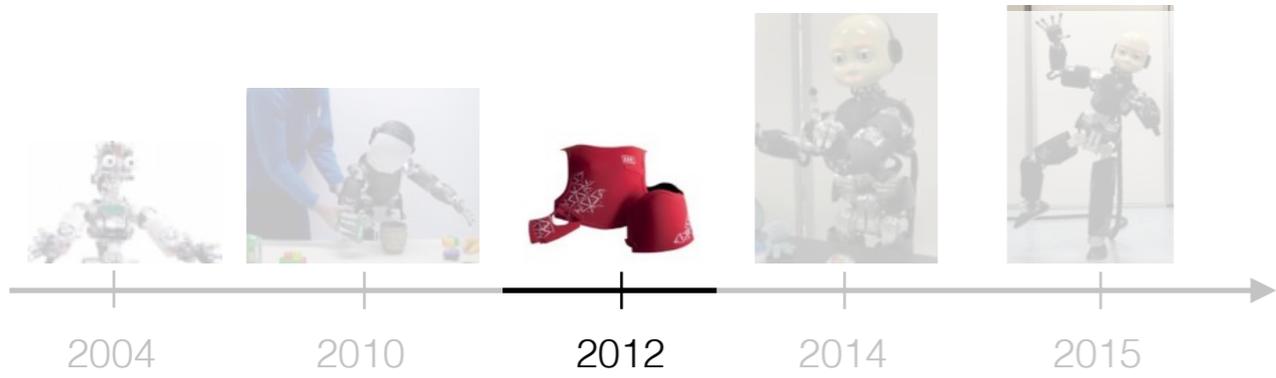
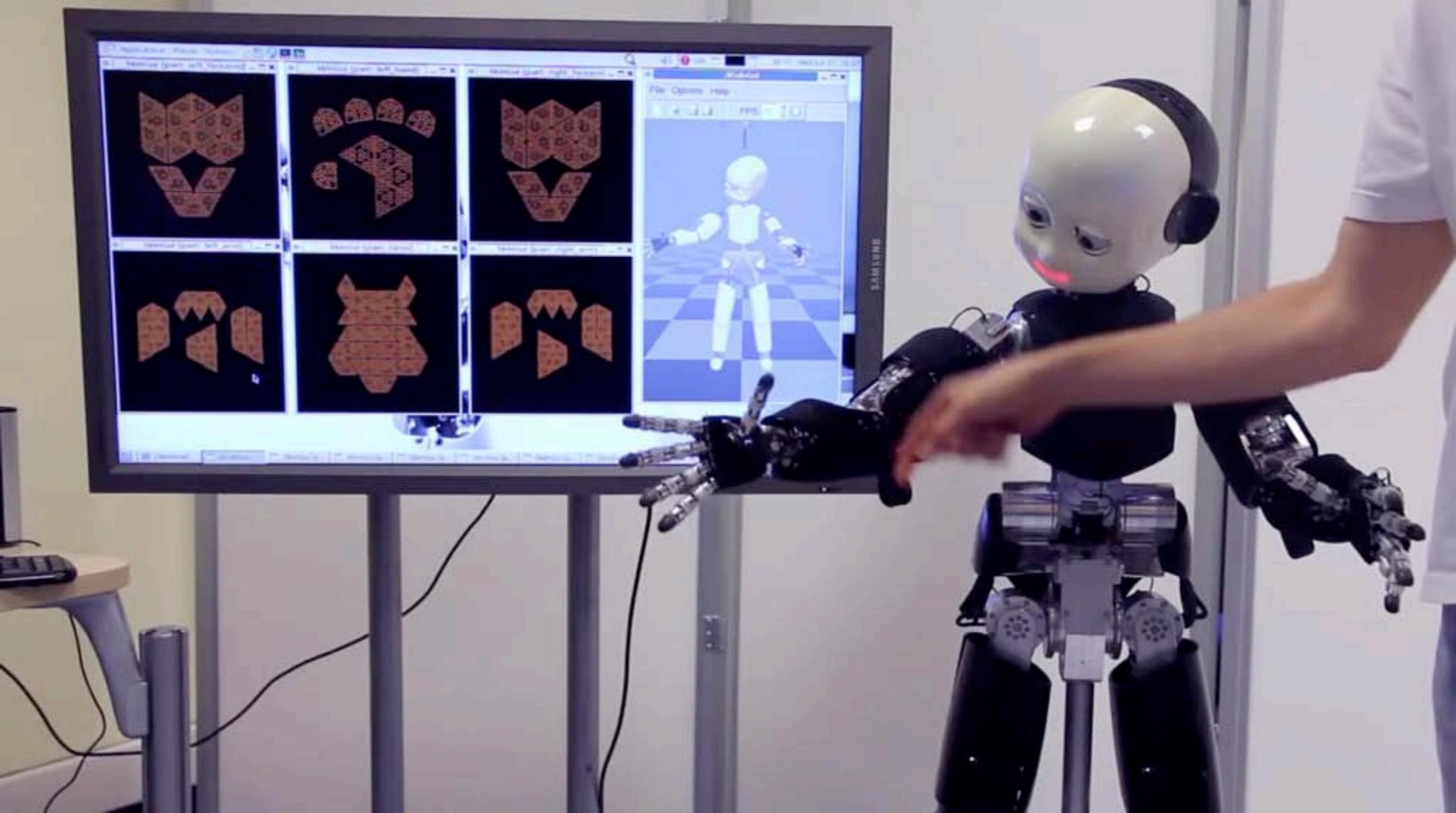


With Tactile feedback



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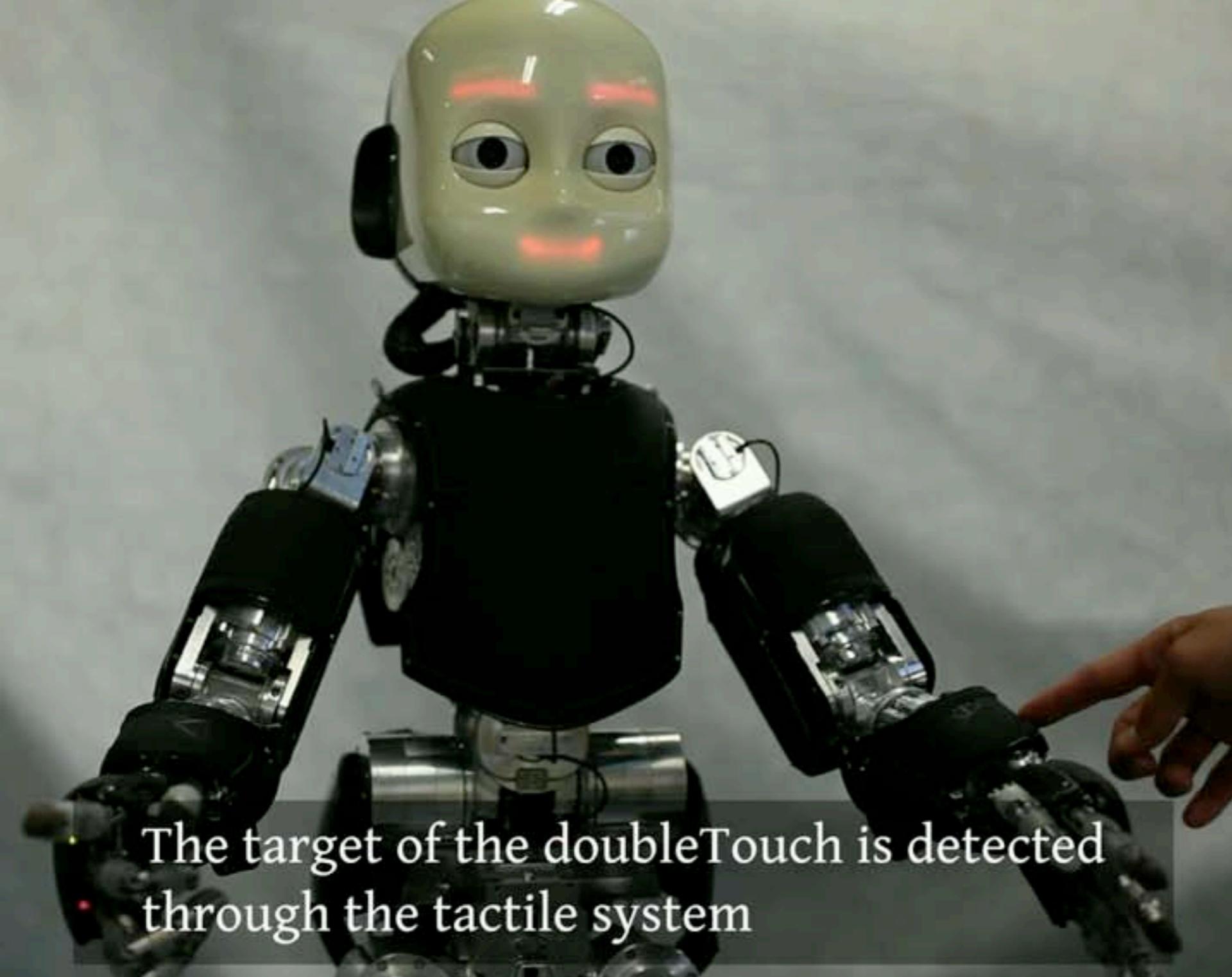


Zero Force Control

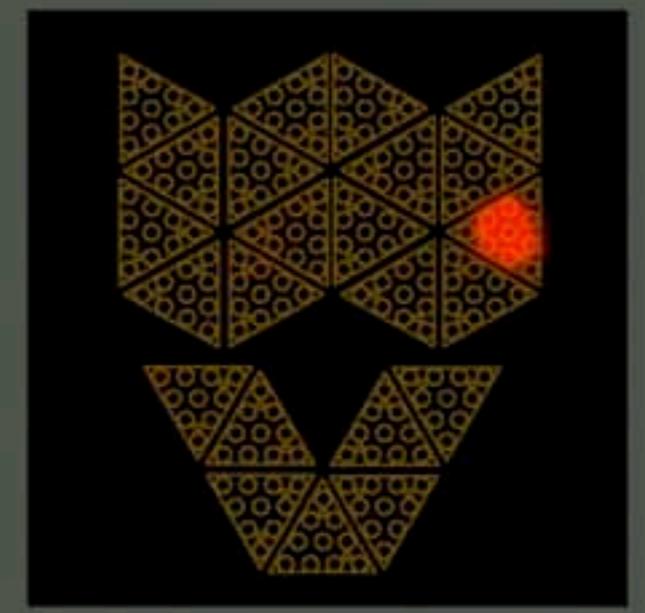
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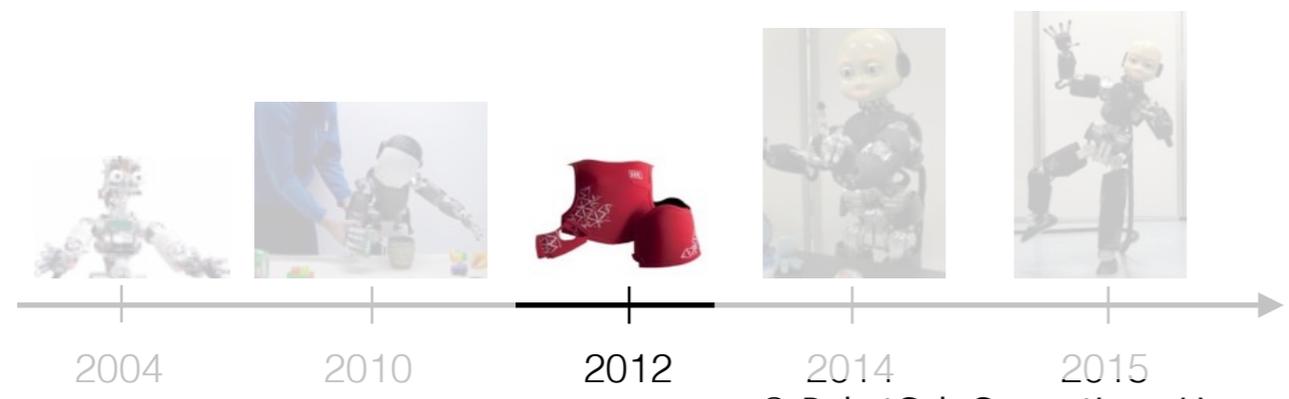
Left Forearm Skin

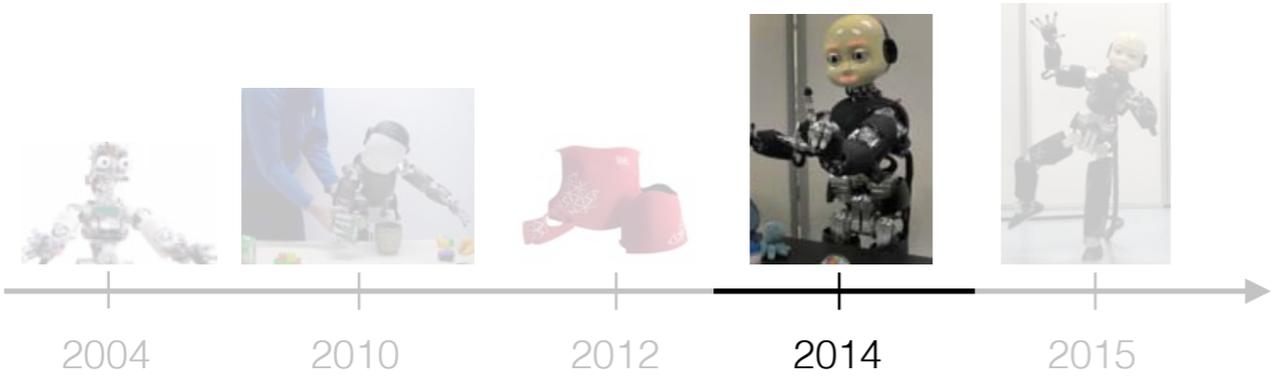
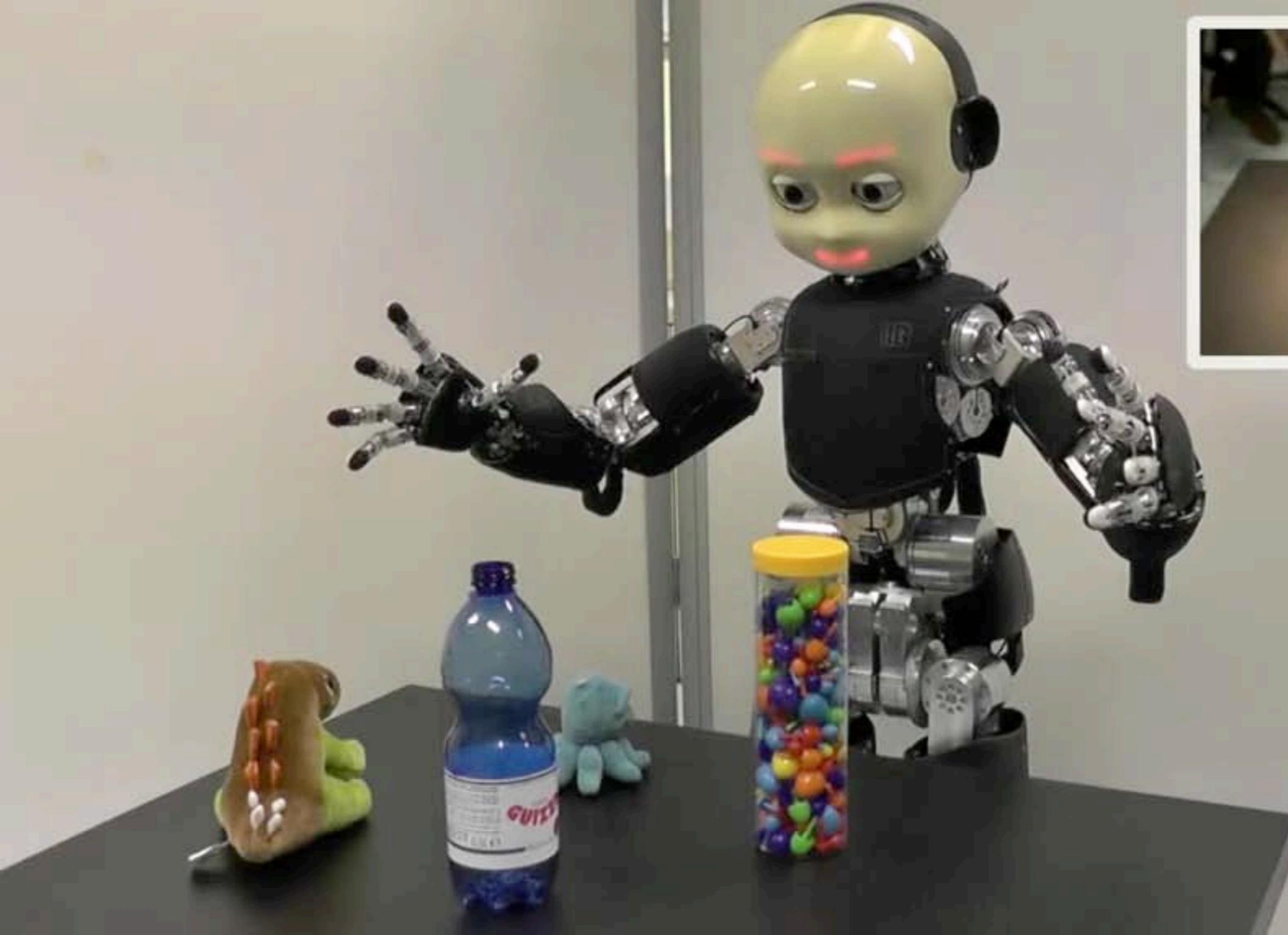


Right Hand Skin

Skin Self-Calibration

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Visuo/Motor Calibration

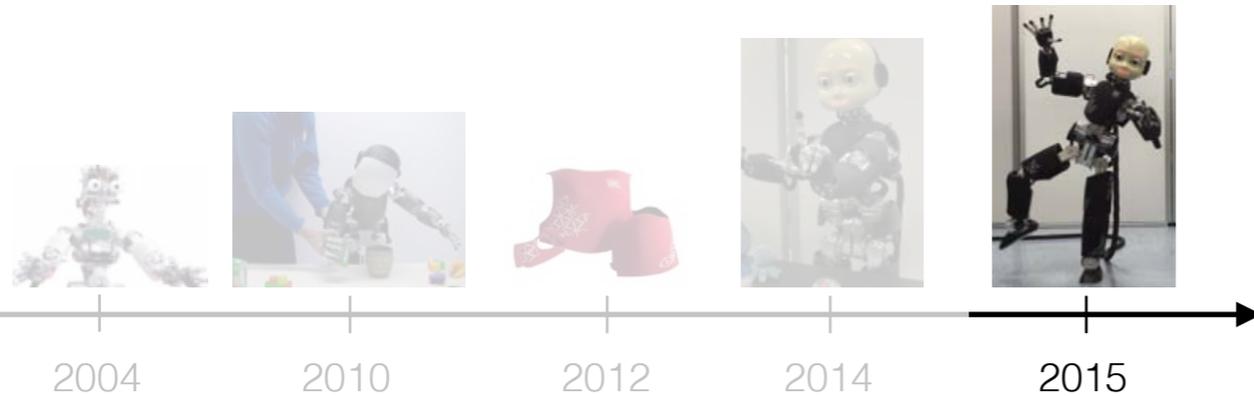
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One-foot balancing via external force control



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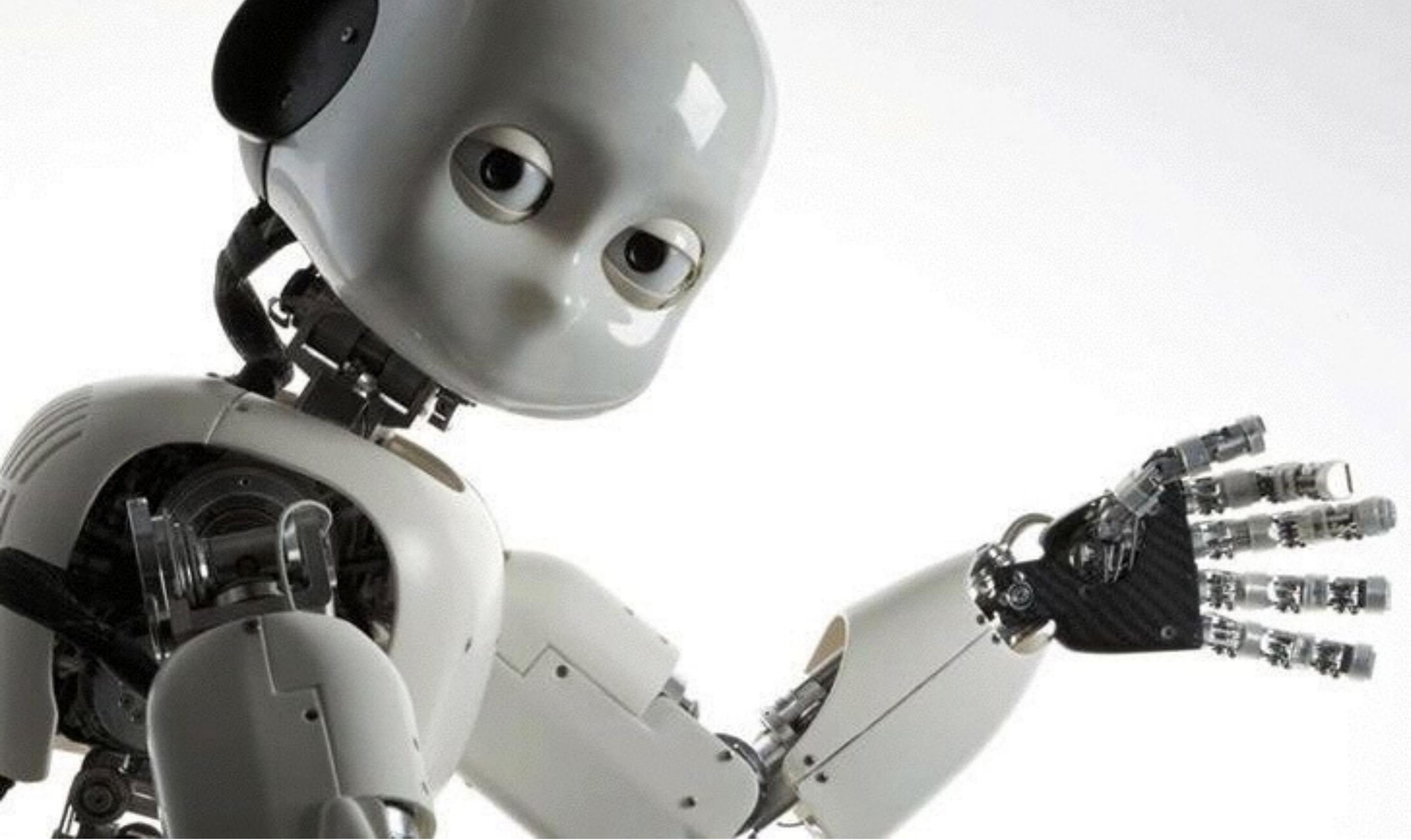


2015
Balancing



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Next Talks!

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