

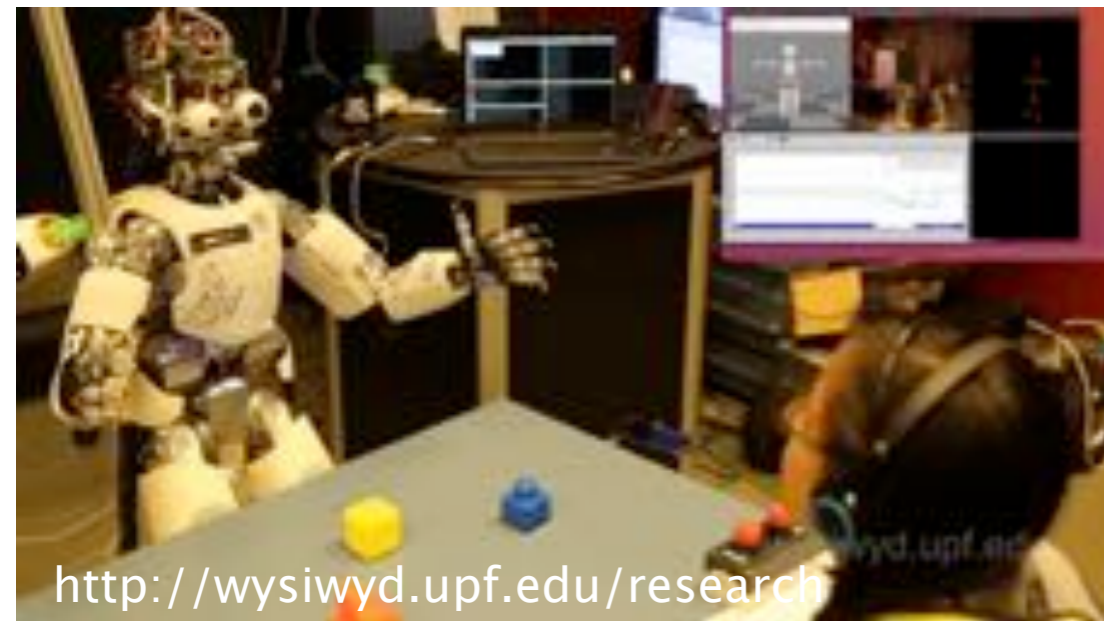
Brain Based Architectures for Advanced Robotics

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Living Machines

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Self:
Interactive human assisted body map acquisition

Do you speak Robotese?



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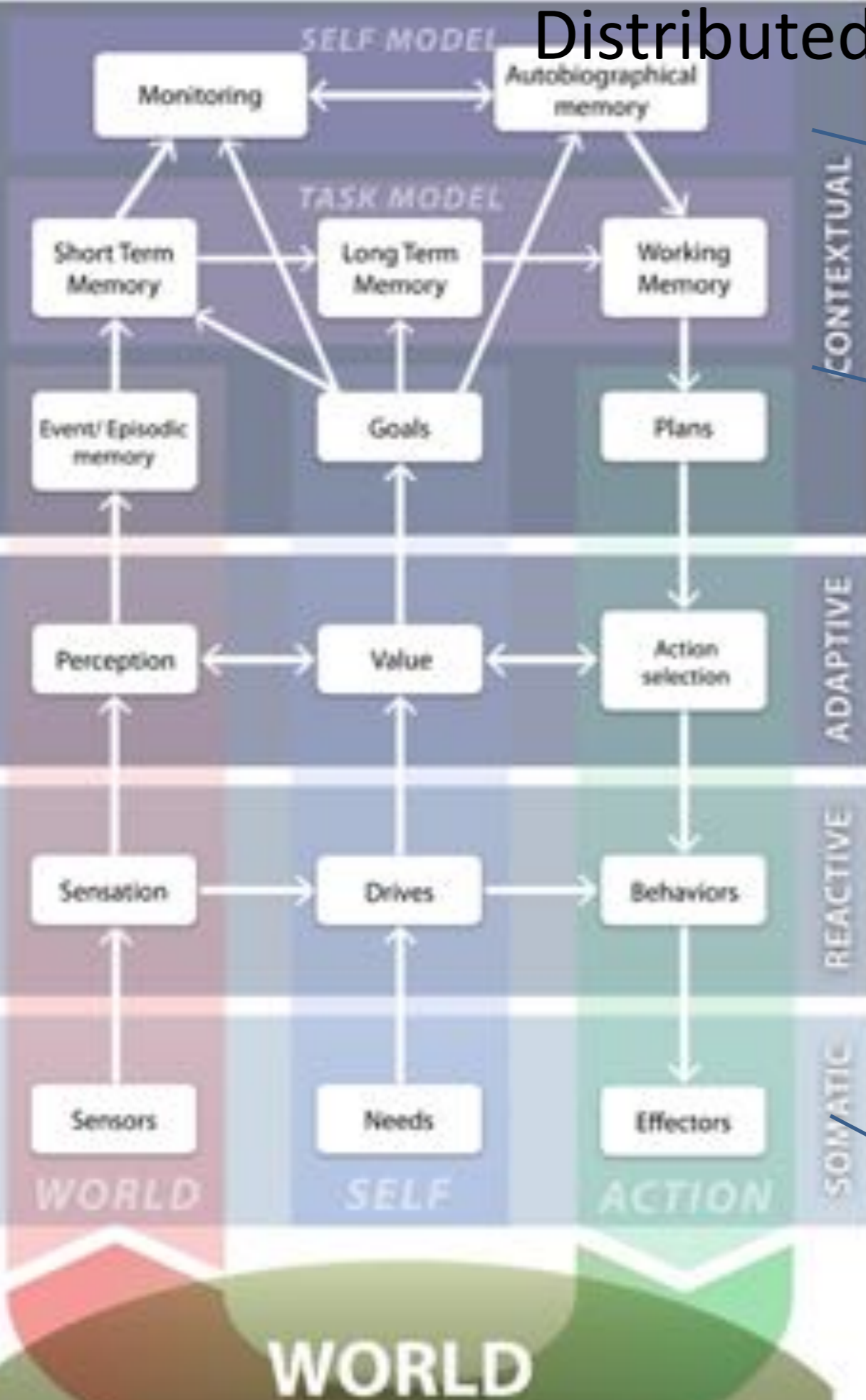
Self-Other / communication:
Object recognition, Pro-active labelling



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Self-Other / communication:
Invariant object/action naming (nouns, verbs)

Distributed Adaptive Control



autonoetic memory, **consciousness**

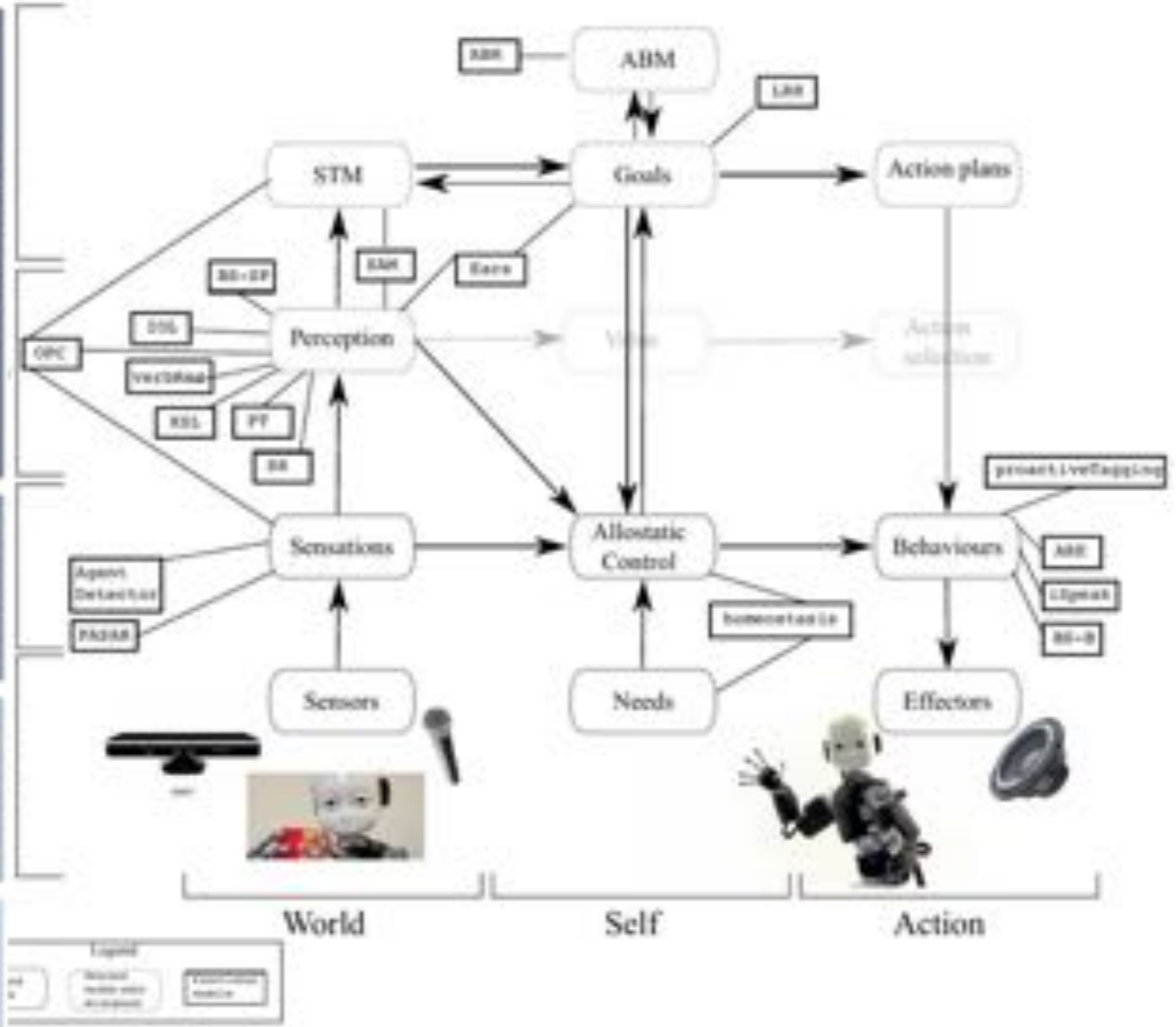
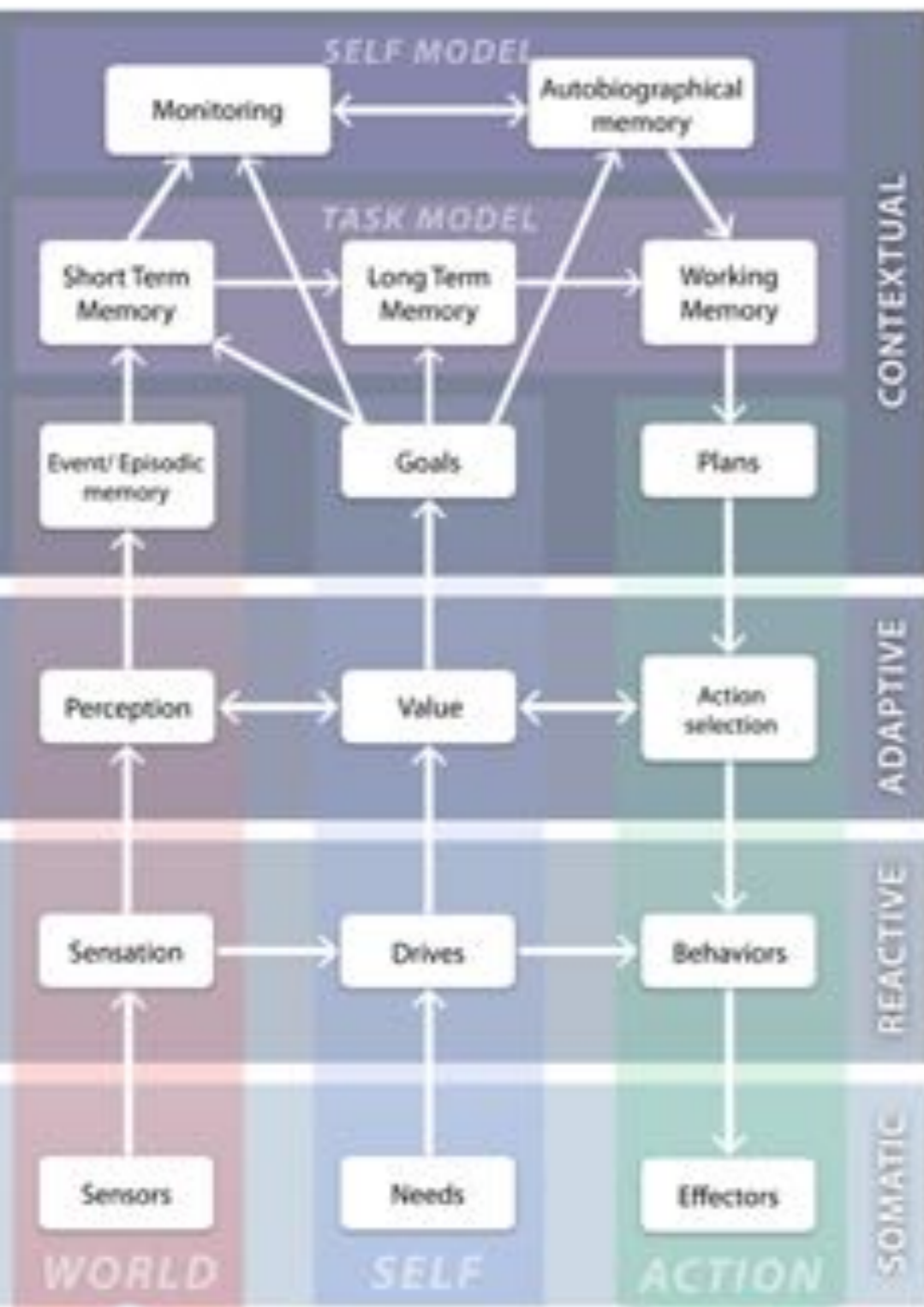
goal-oriented policies from sequence learning on state-affect-action triads (model based RL)

state space acquisition of agent-environment interaction from dynamics of the reactive level and action shaping (deep learning & model free RL)

reactive interaction with the environment through **drive regulation, homeostasis, allostasis**

the **physical agent** with sensors, effectors, intrinsic dynamics and needs

Robotese-DAC



6 machines @4 cores/32GB RAM.
 ~20MB/s communication; 50 yarp modules

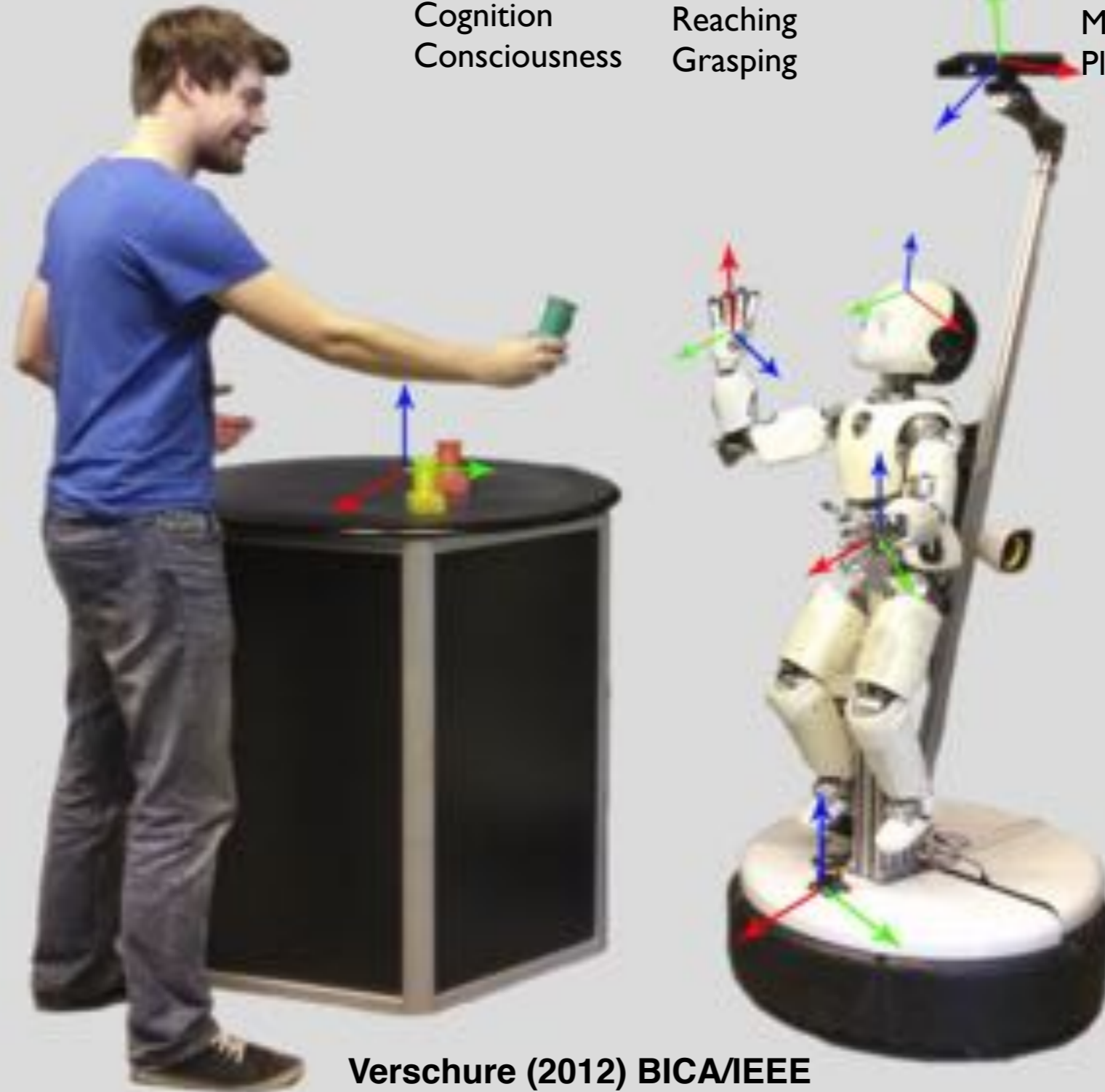
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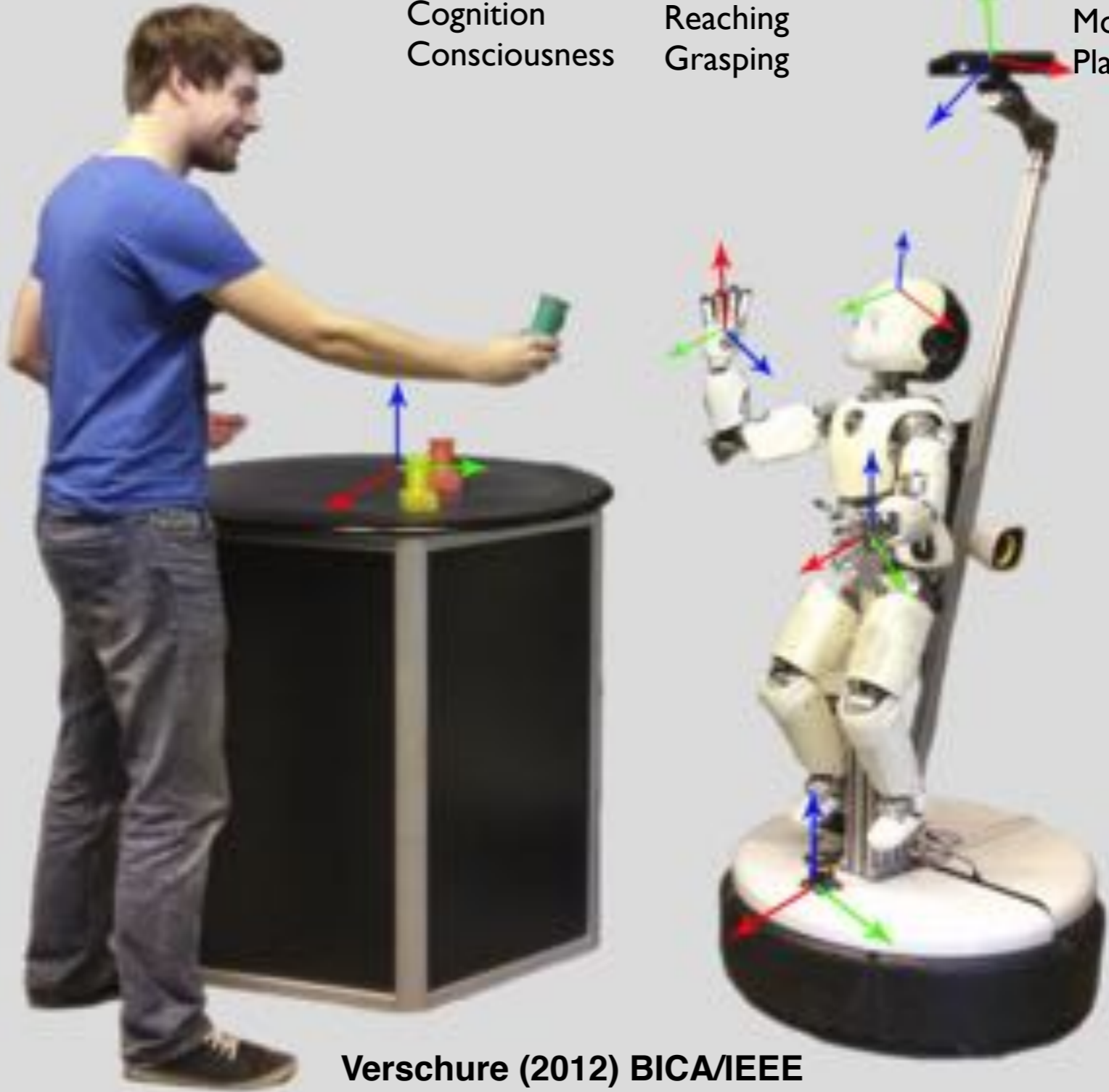
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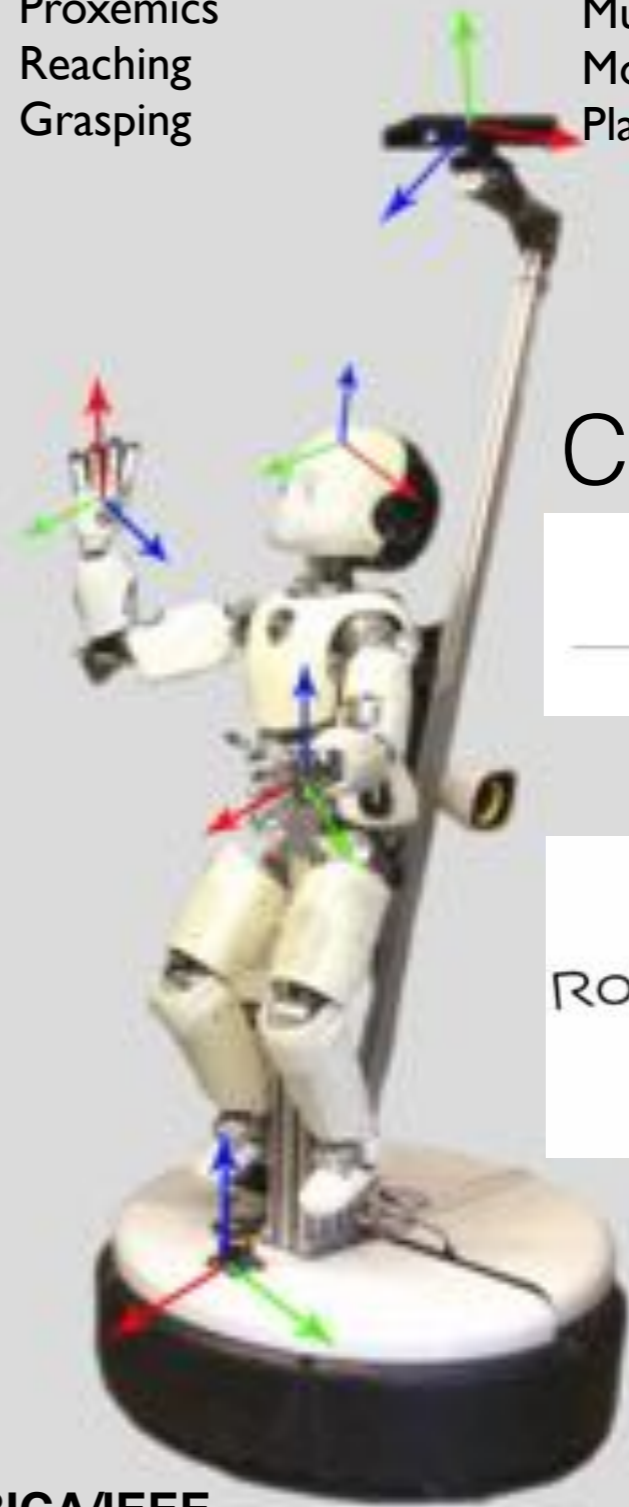
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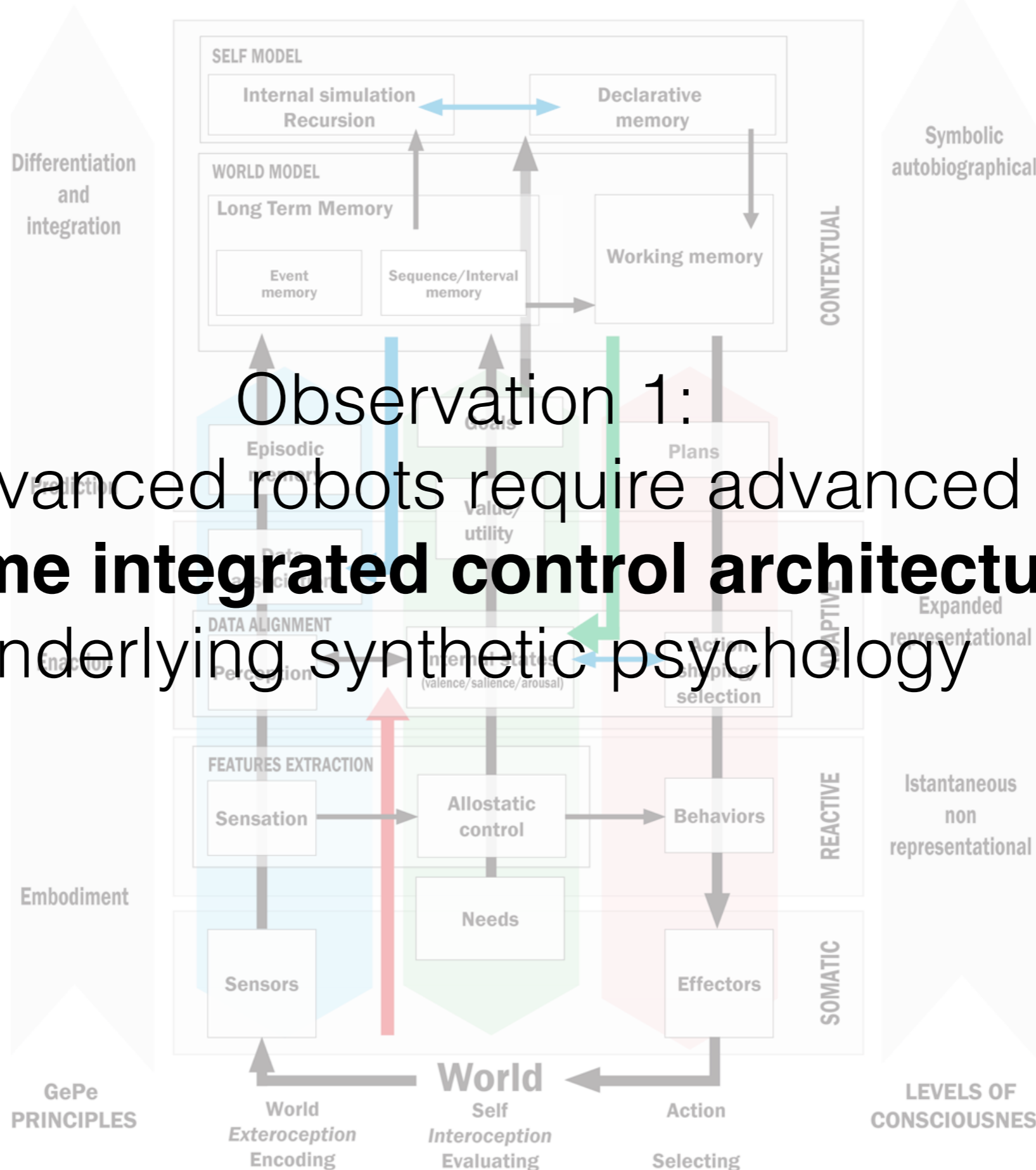
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Prediction and anticipation
Sensation and bottom-up processing



Observation 1:
 Advanced robots require advanced
real-time integrated control architectures
 underlying synthetic psychology



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psyche

flesh



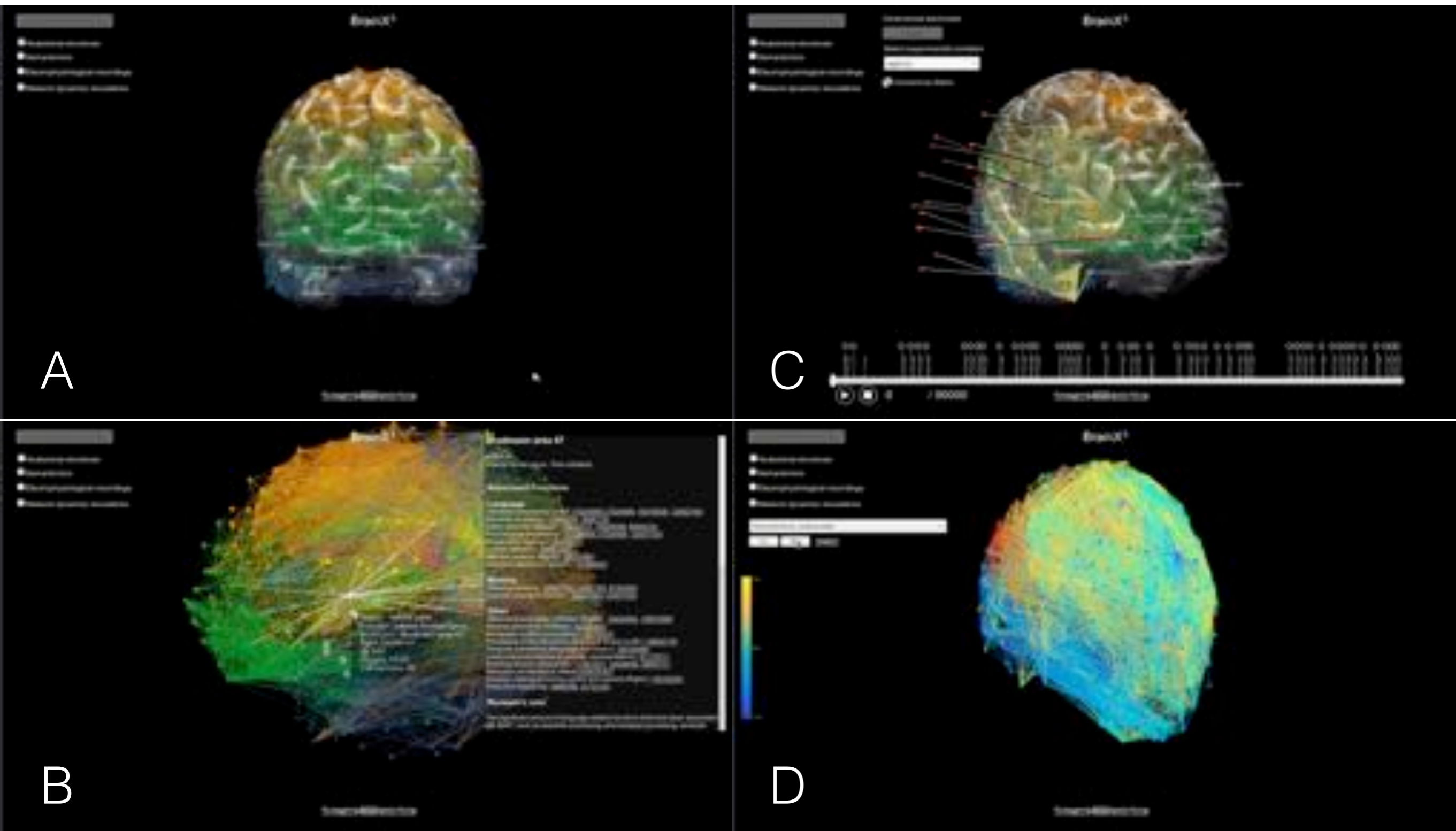
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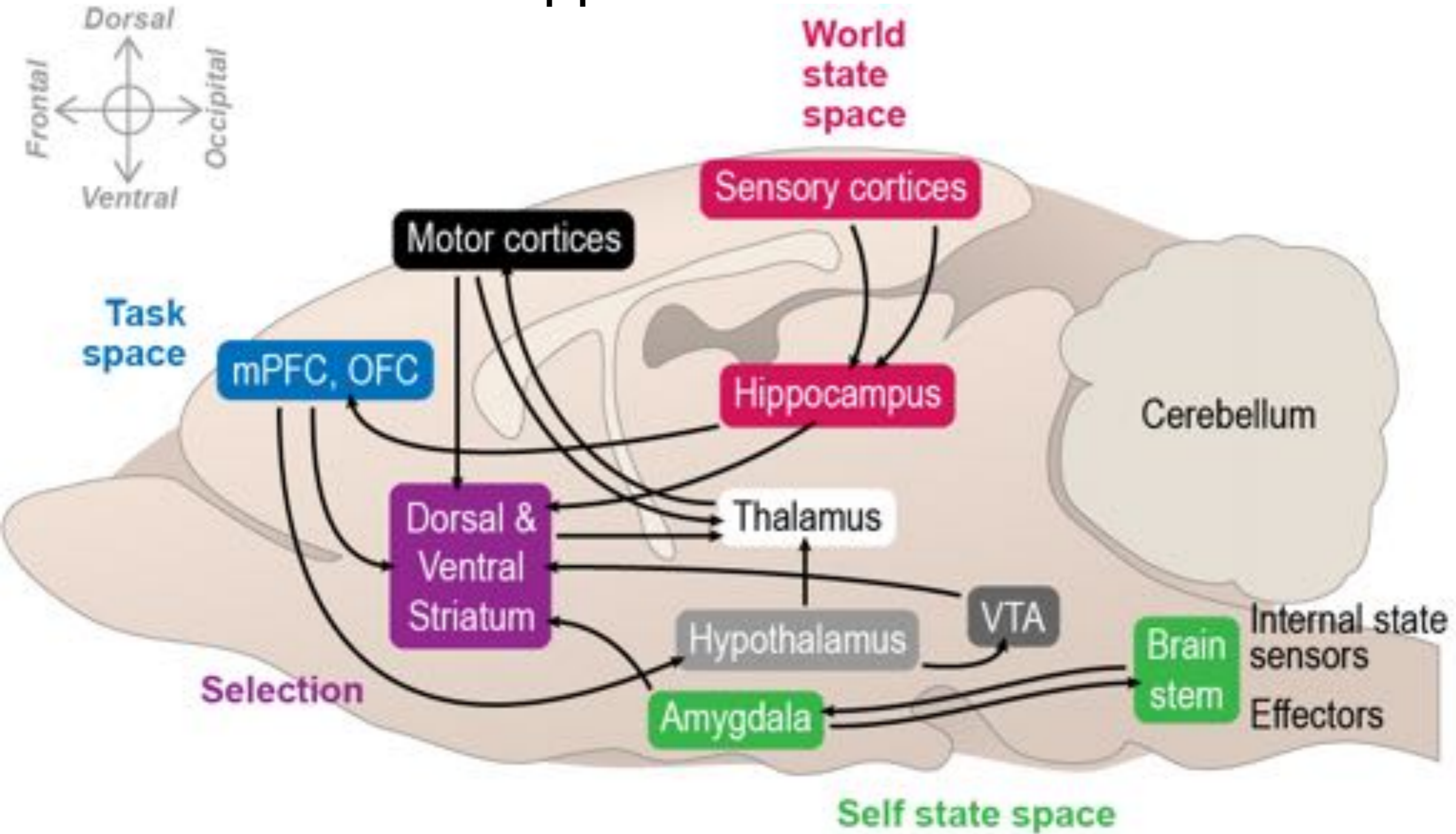
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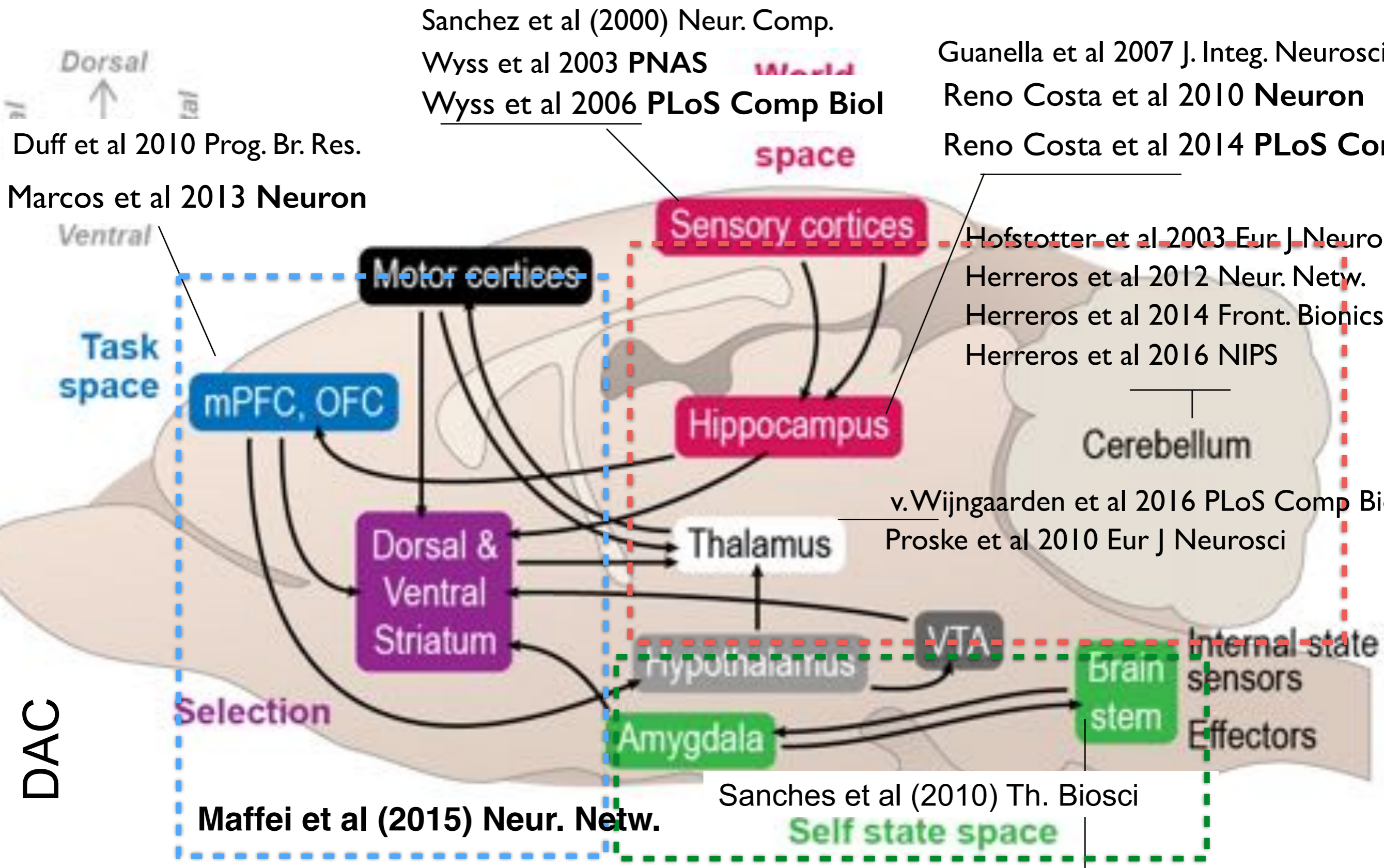
Towards an infrastructure of whole brain modeling: BRAINX3.com



The challenge of WHOLE BRAIN analysis & synthesis

Distributed Adaptive Control: Mapped to the brain







- IROS 2013 -

Speed generalization capabilities of a cerebellar model on a rapid navigation task

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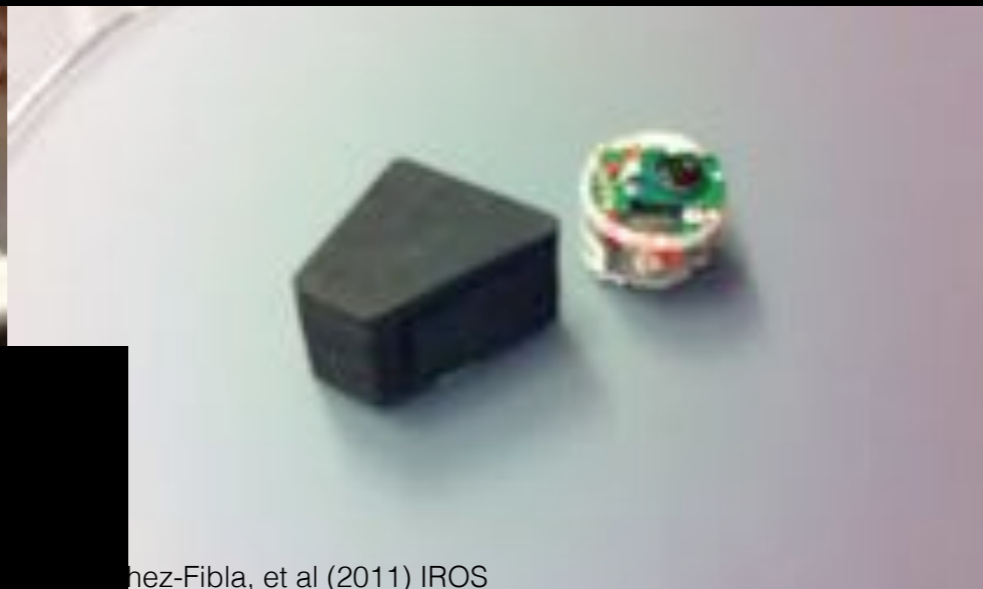
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Grid cell & Place cell generation

Guanella et al (2006; 2007) ICANN; J. Integ. Neurosci.
Reno Costa et al (2010;2013) Neuron, PLoS Comp Biol



Sanchez-Fibla, et al (2011) IROS

Let's Play

*a companion emerges from an integrated
layered cognitive architecture*

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Submission for IROS 2014

Lallee et al 2014 HRI

Maffei et al (2015) Neur Netw

NAIVE AGENT: random choice

Foraging

- chemotaxis
- landmark recognition
- path integration

Mathews et al (2009) IROS



Herreros et al 2012 Neur. Netw.

Herreros et al 2016 NIPS

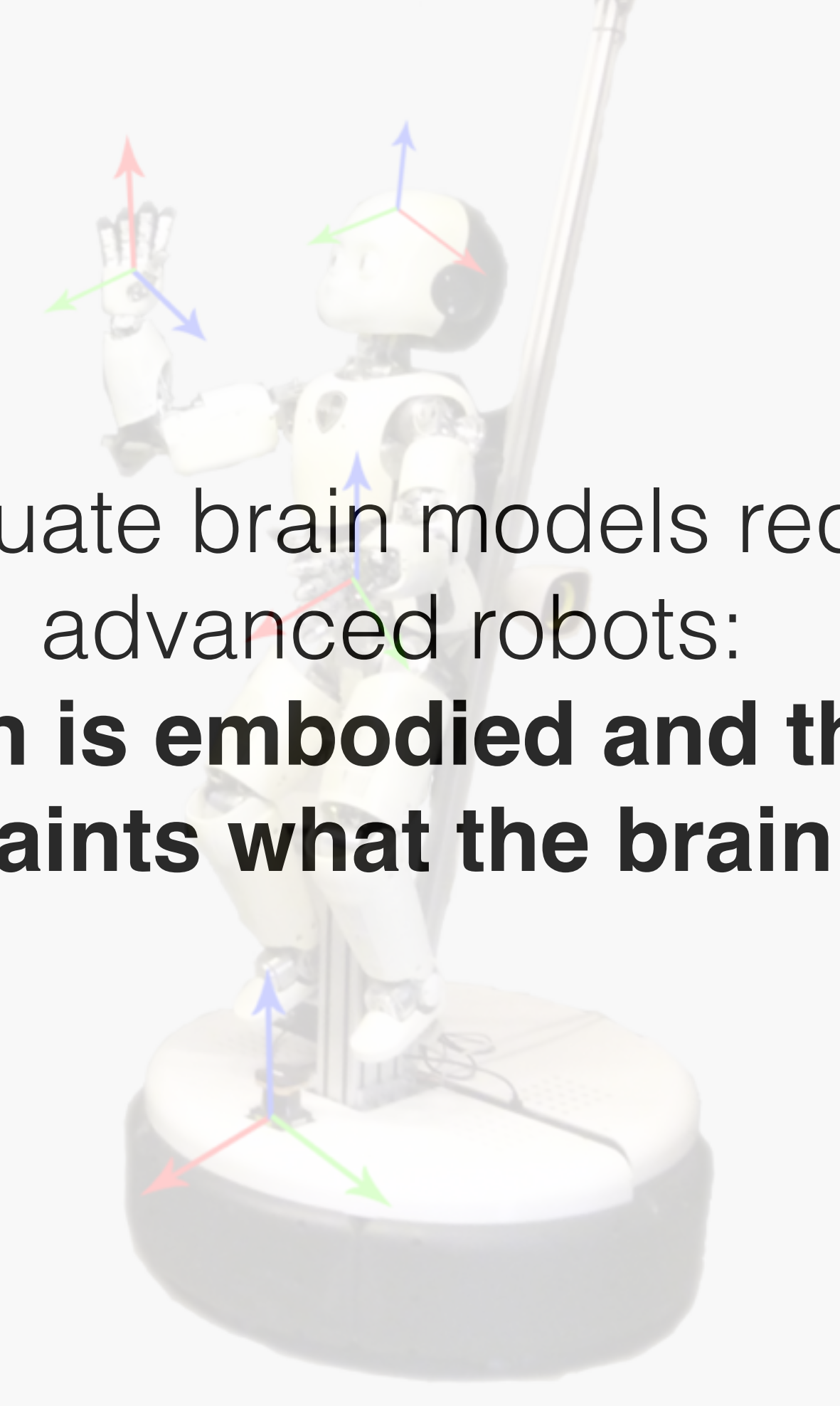


Verschure et al (1996) RAS

Models of the brain should capture: Anatomy,
physiology and behavior, i.e. they must be
embodied.

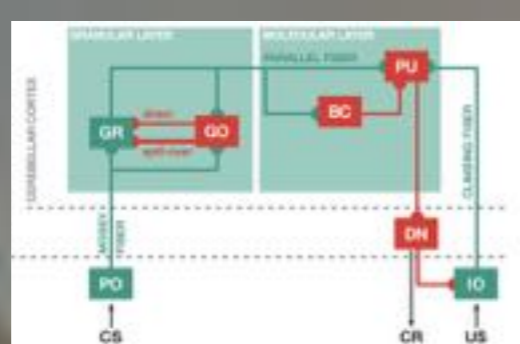
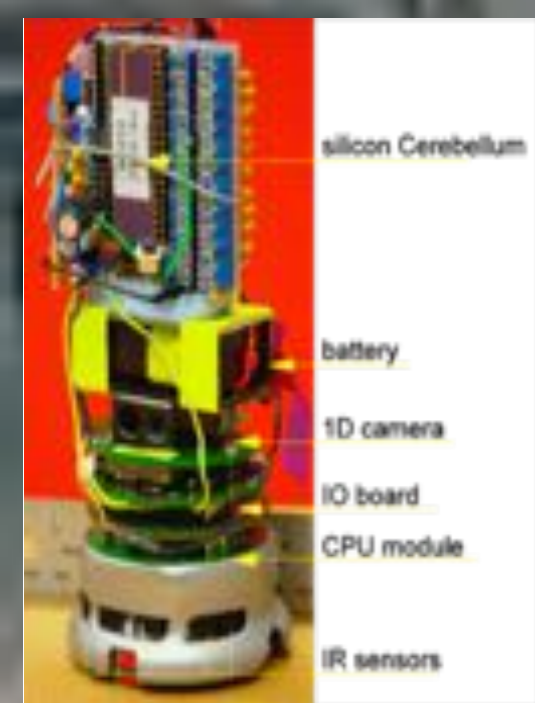
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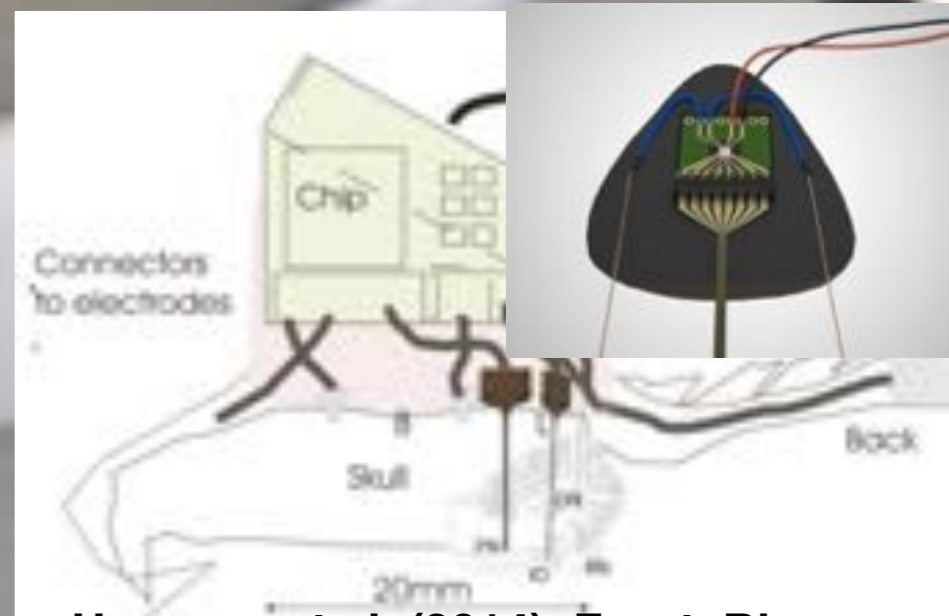
A humanoid robot is shown in a light gray, semi-transparent style. It is standing on a circular base. Three 3D coordinate axes (red, green, and blue) are overlaid on the robot's hand, head, and base, indicating spatial orientation and movement directions. The robot's right arm is raised, and its head is tilted. The background is a plain white surface.

Adequate brain models require
advanced robots:

**The brain is embodied and the body
constraints what the brain does**



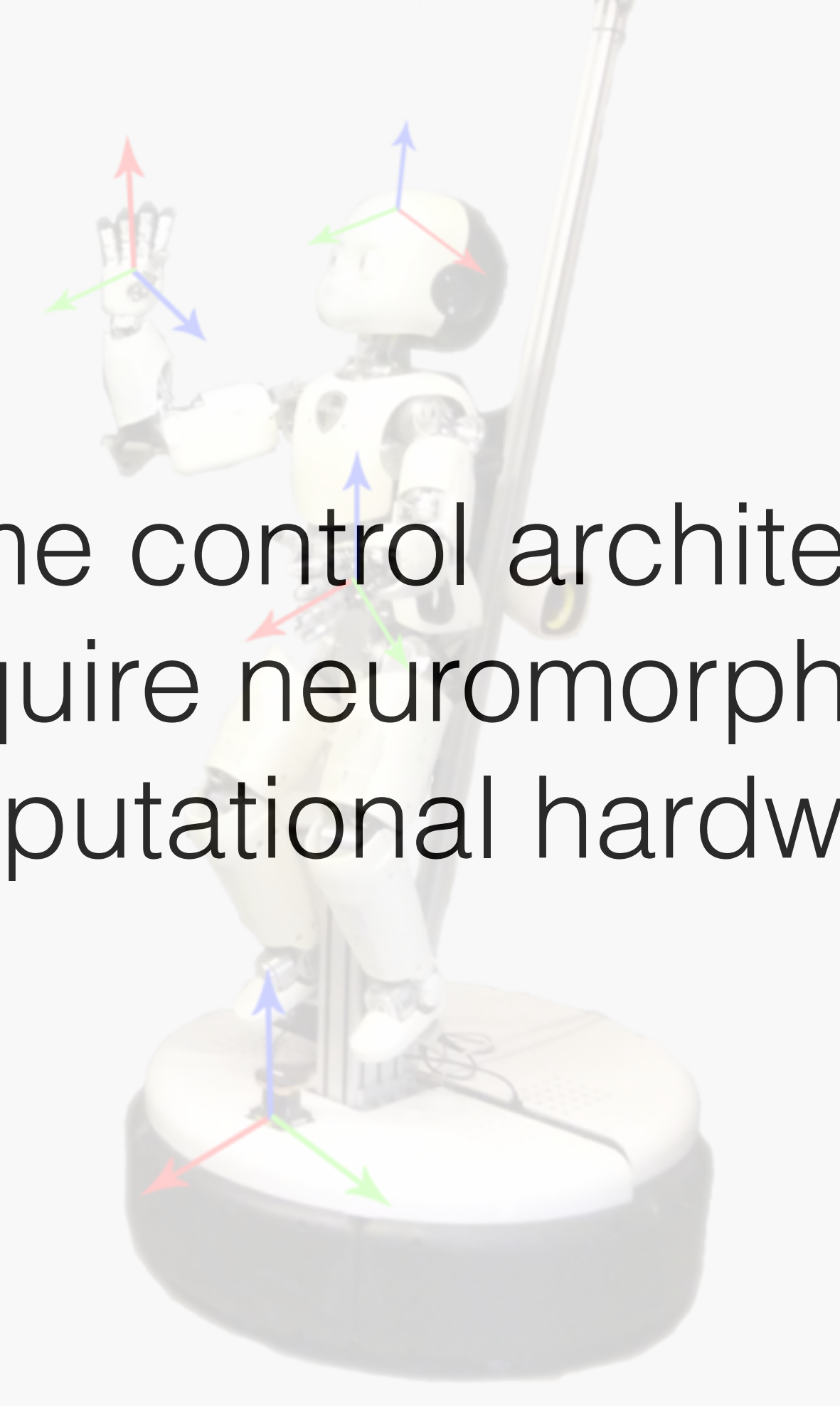
2002: The silicon cerebellum



Hofstotter et al (2005) NIPS

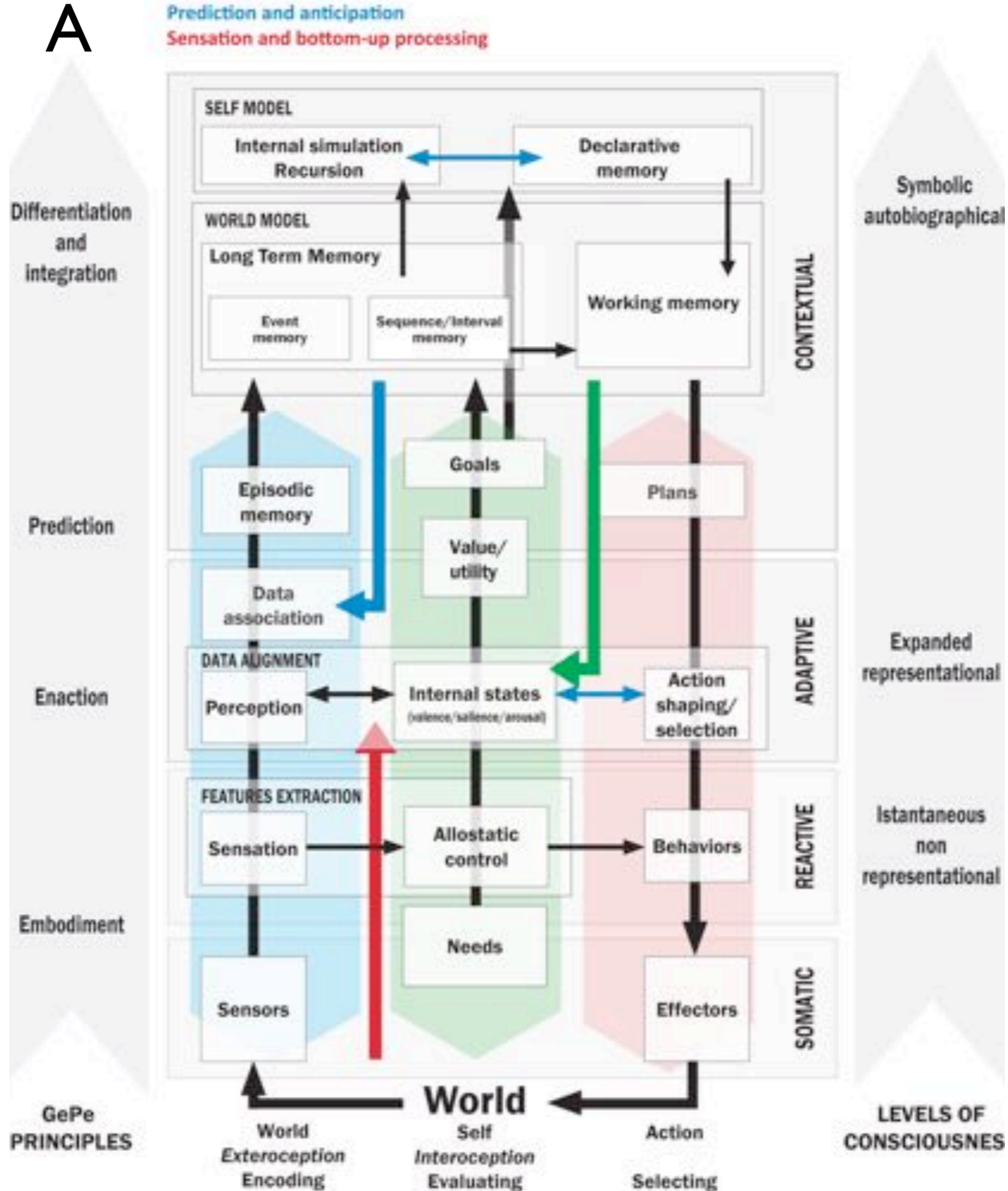
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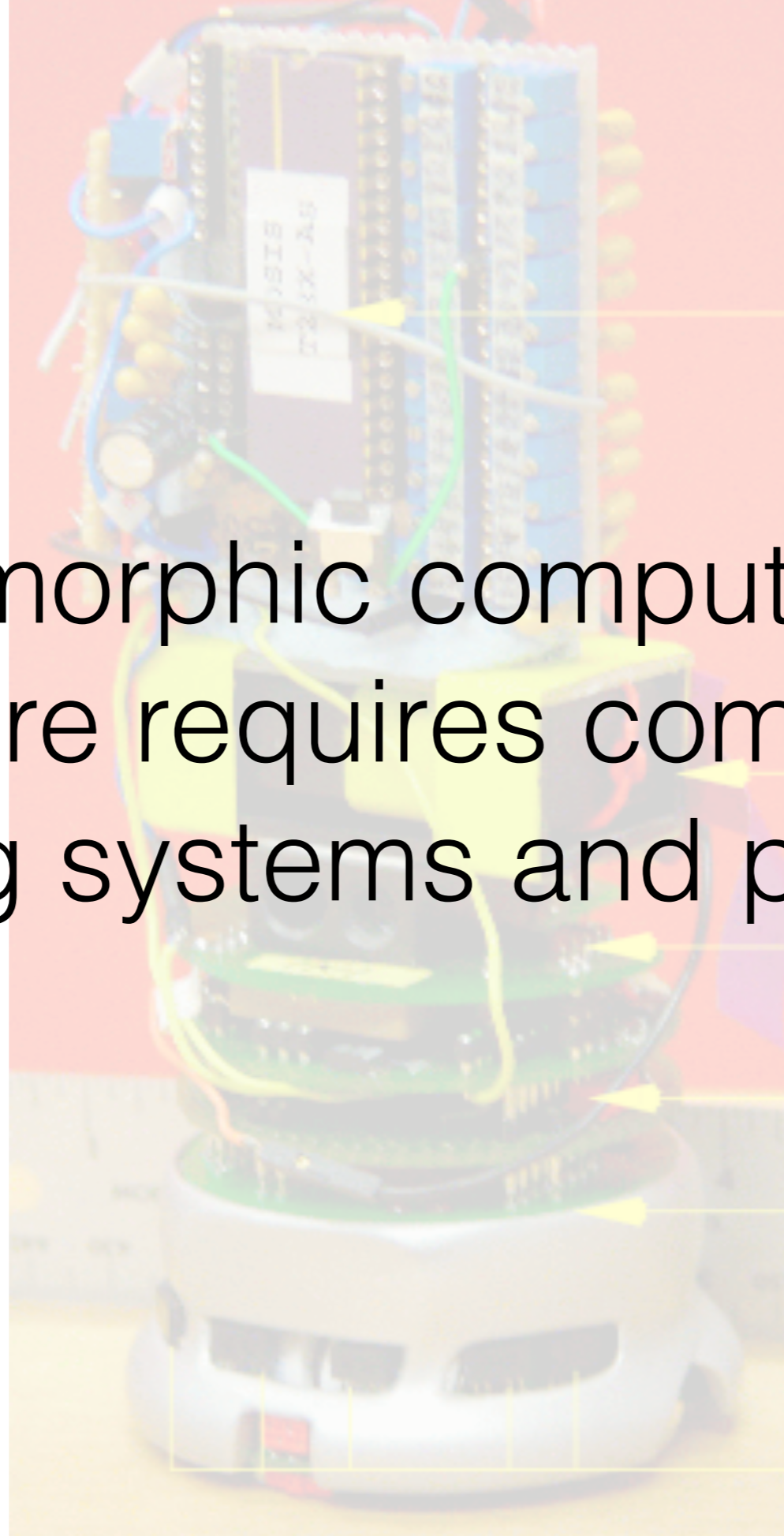
A small humanoid robot is shown on a circular base. The robot is white and yellow, with a head, torso, arms, and legs. It is standing on a dark grey circular base. Three 3D coordinate axes (red, green, and blue) are overlaid on the robot's hand, head, and base, indicating its orientation and movement capabilities. The text "Real time control architectures require neuromorphic computational hardware" is centered over the robot.

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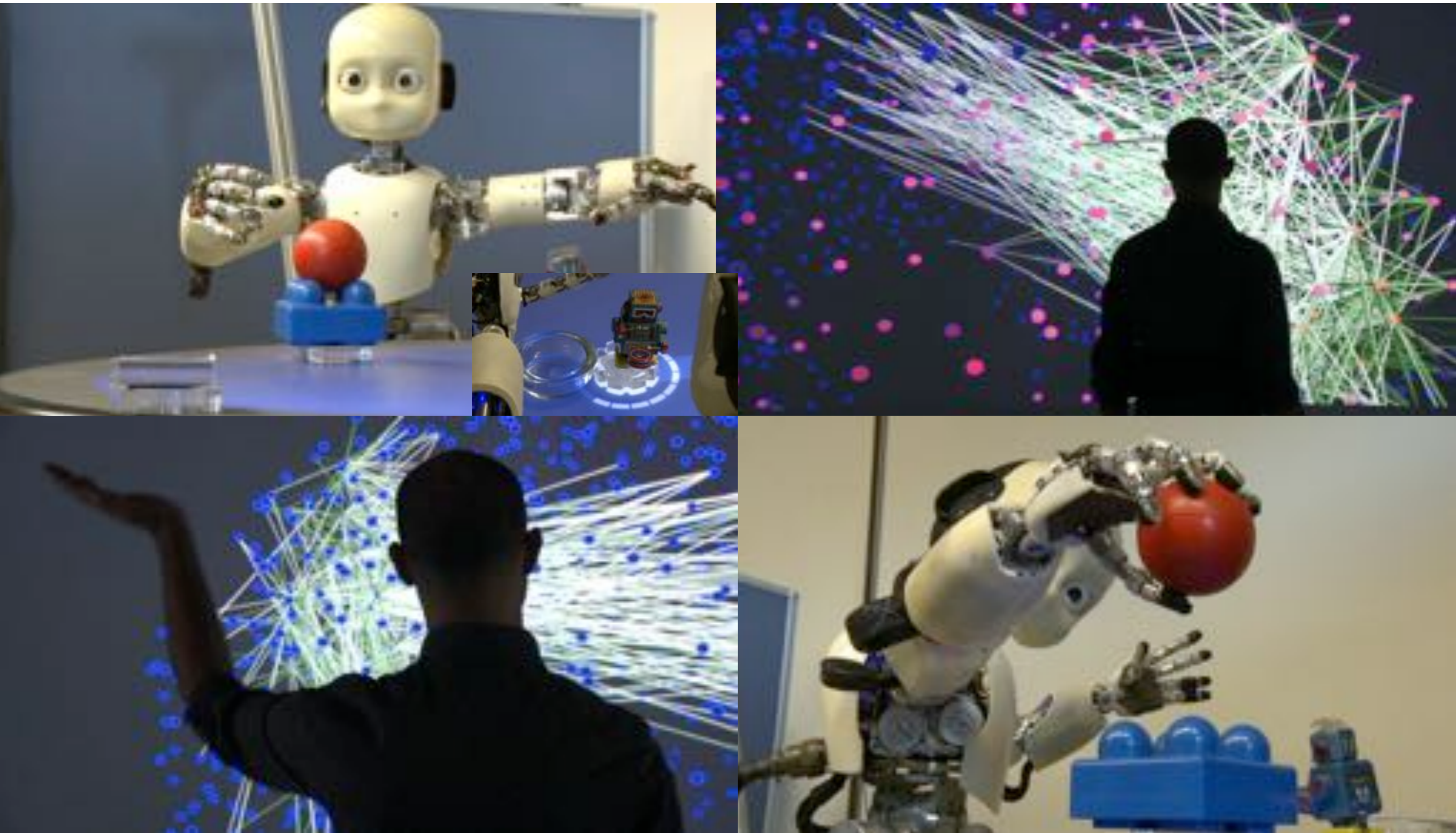
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Neuromorphic computational hardware requires compatible operating systems and principles



DAC-BRAINX3



Linking whole brain models with humanoid robots

Conclusions/Questions

- Robots need brains: We need cognitive architectures for robots (and beyond)
 - Real time control architectures require *neuromorphic* computational hardware
- Brain (models) need robots: We need system level theories of brains
 - *Neuromorphic* computational hardware requires compatible operating systems and principles
- Candidate Brain Based Cognitive Architecture:
 - DAC and brainx3.com

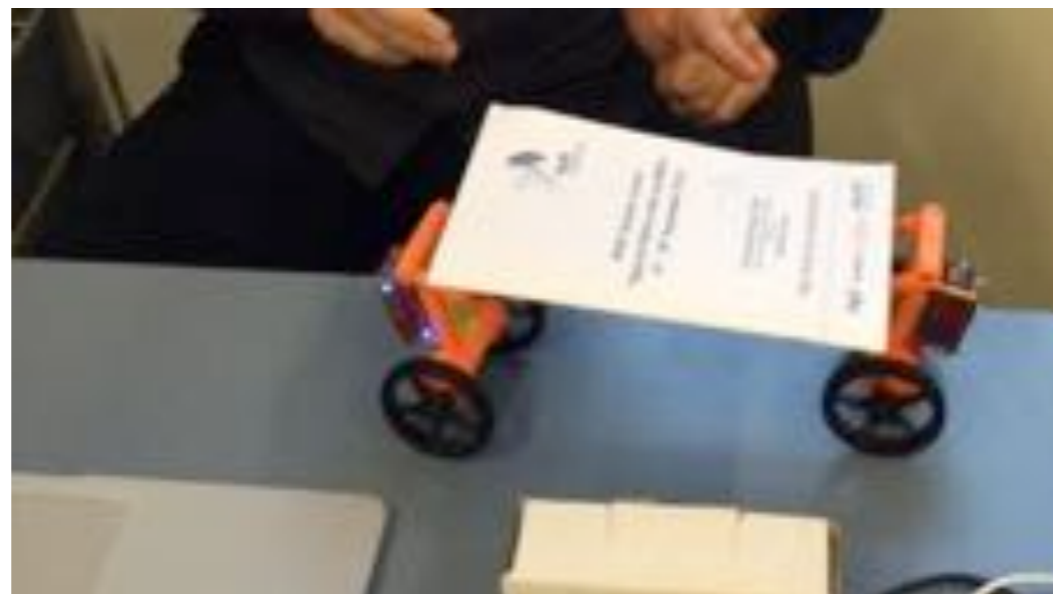
Requirements/SPECS for NMC

- Real-time control
- Advanced multi-modal sensing
- Heterogeneous parallel computation
- Large-scale modifiable connectivity
- High bandwidth communication
- RT/Online Accessibility, configurability and control
- Low power
- Environments and tools for interaction



Challenges, Opportunities

- The **AI revolution** is upon us, the non-EU companies are winning, WTA risk, EU cannot miss the boat
- Platforms/Technology should **serve questions** and solutions not vice versa, e.g FIWARE outcomes
- HBP platforms should be guided by clear and functional **objectives**
- Funding should facilitate **diversity** of science grounded approaches
- We must be **realistic** in defining relation with evolving state of the art in technology and societal needs
- EC must **capitalize** on expertise and effort of research community (CSN I & II experience)
- FET: **excellent** science needs excellent reviewing



The Rehabilitation Gaming System

