

## Autonomous Vehicles:

Research, Design and Implementation of  
Intelligent Autonomous Vehicles

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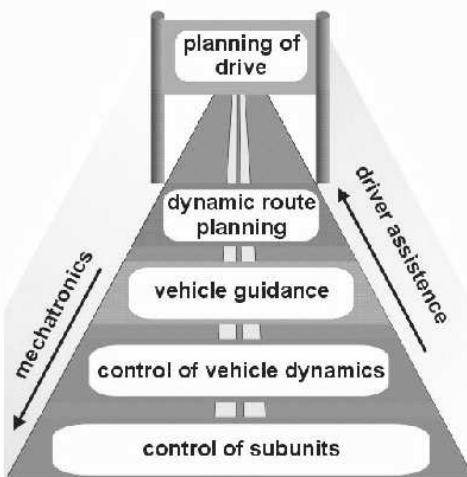
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## Intelligent Autonomous Vehicles

- Introduction
- Robotic: Automatons, Mobile Robots and Autonomous Robots
  - ⇒ Perception, Action, Locomotion e Communication
  - ⇒ Control and Intelligence
- Intelligent Vehicles
  - ⇒ Technologies for Vehicle Automation
  - ⇒ Control pyramid
- Intelligent Control of Autonomous Vehicles
  - ⇒ Control: Computational Architectures
  - ⇒ Simulation of Autonomous Vehicles
- Computer Vision
- Practical Applications

## Control Layers

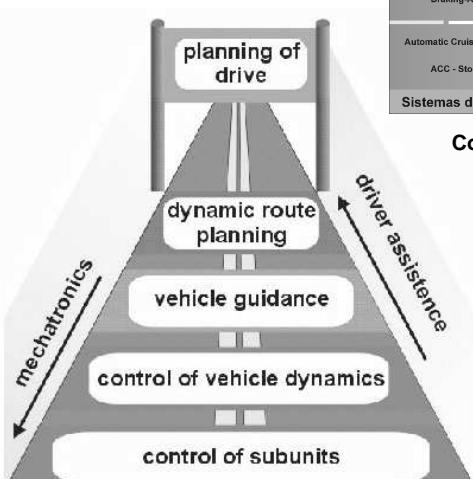


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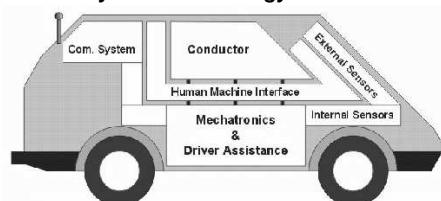
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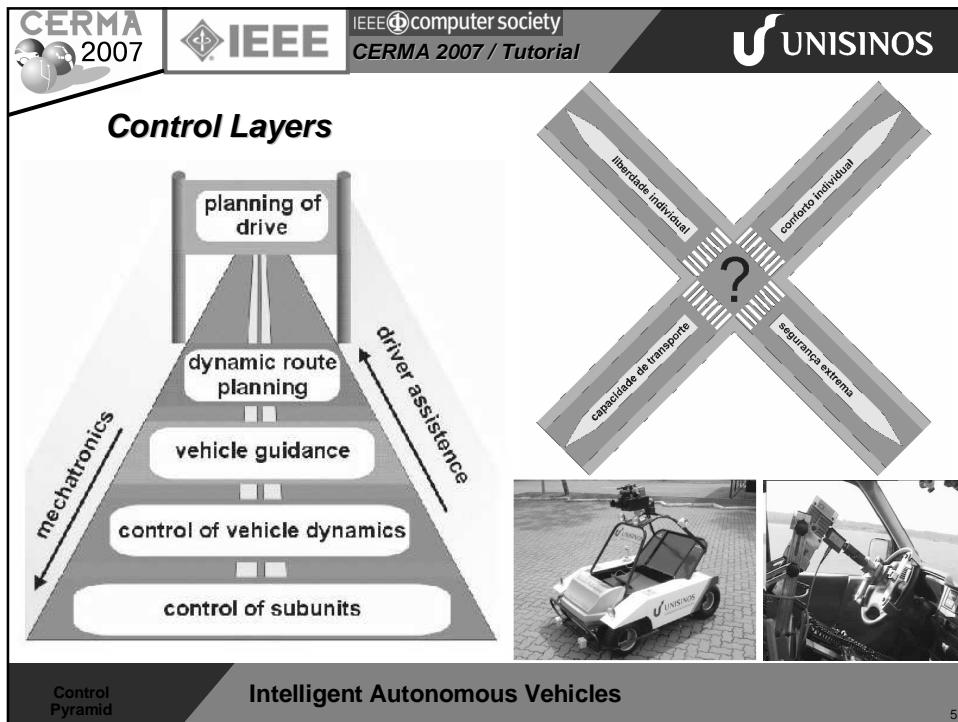
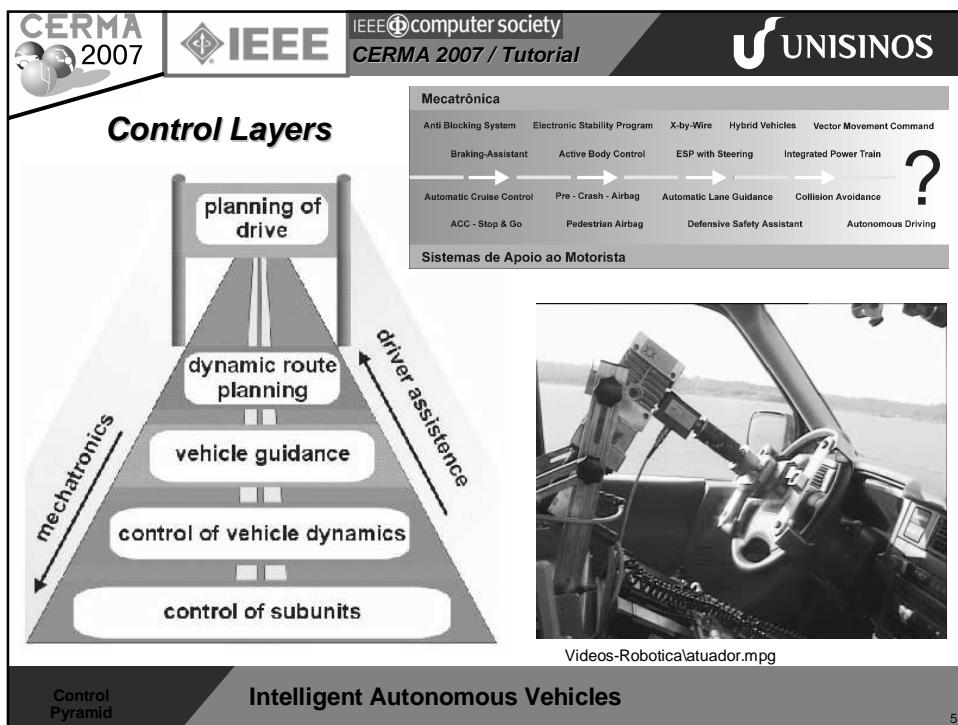
### Control of Electrical and Mechanical Systems:

- ABS Braking System
- Traction Control
- Active Suspension
- Stability Control
- Steering Systems
- Drive-by-Wire Technology



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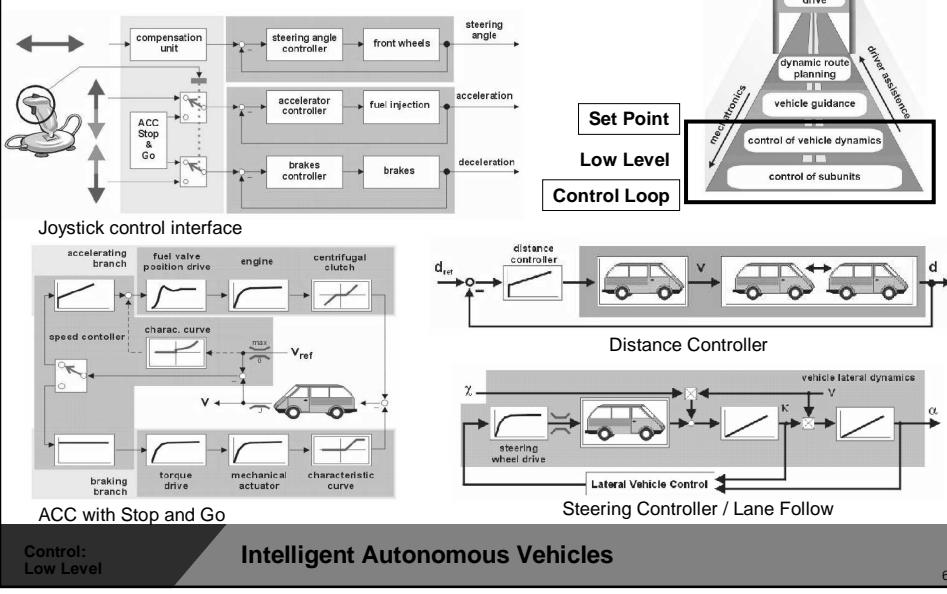
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## Control Layers - Low Level



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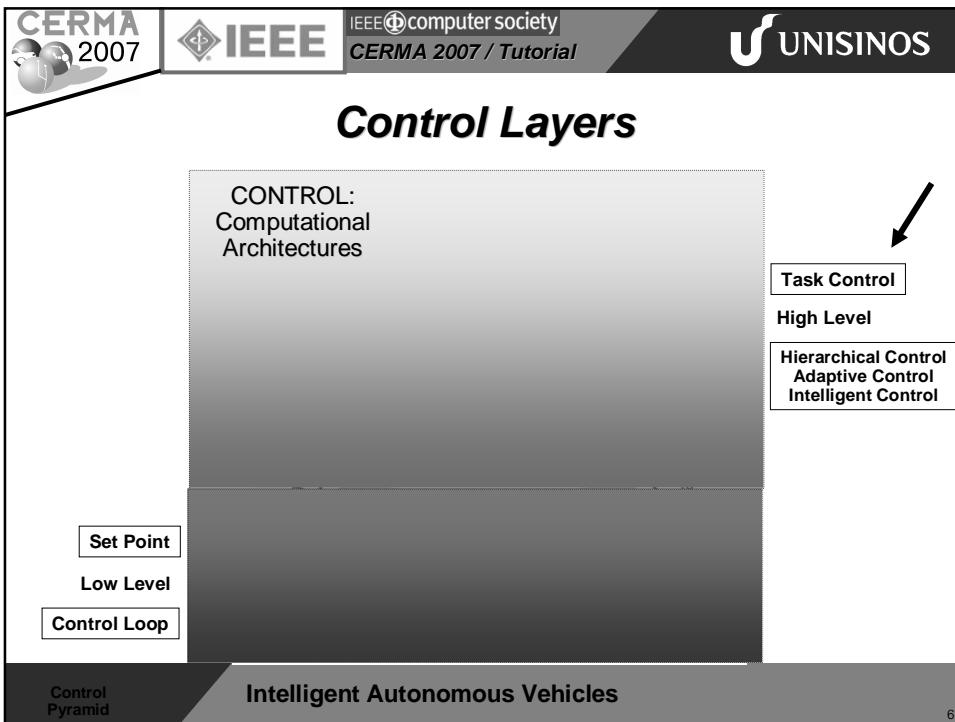
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Joystick control interface

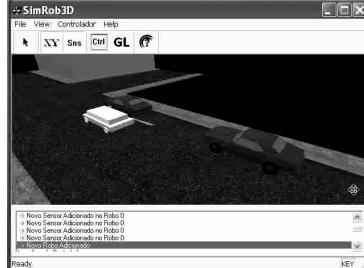
Steering Controller / Lane Follow

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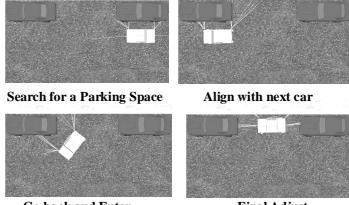


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Autonomous Parking

Darpa Challenge 2005 - Desert





Darpa Challenge 2007 - Urban

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CONTROL: Computational Architectures

- Sensorial Models
- Kinematics Models
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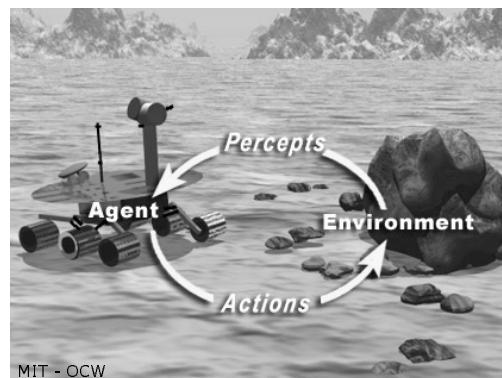
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### **Autonomous Robots Sensors e Actuators**

\* Sensors: Environment Perception

\* Actuators: Motors - Control actions and robot displacement



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### **Autonomous Robots Sensors e Actuators**

\* Sensors:

Distance: Light, Sound, Touch \_\_\_\_\_

Other Components

- Infrared
- Sonar (ultrasound) e Radar
- Laser
- Video Cameras - Linear / Matrix (CCD), Mono or Binocular
- Contact Sensor (bumpers, "cat whiskers")
- > Battery charge meter
- > Temperature, Pressure
- > Humidity
- > Smoke.
- > Smells, etc

Positioning and Orientation

- GPS
- Compass
- Gyroscope
- Odometer
- Beacons (ex. radio beacons) or Video Cameras

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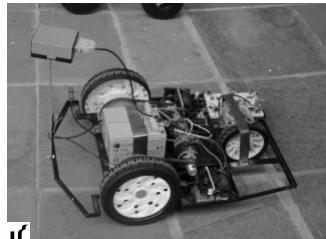
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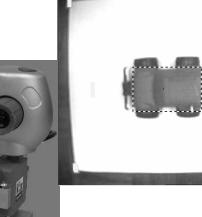
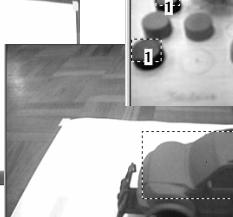
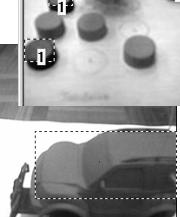

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\* **Actuators:**

**Locomotion:**

- Step motor / DC Motors: Direction (Steering), Velocity (Speed)  
Wheels, Tank Tracks, Propulsion, Legs  
Tricycle steering, Differential drive, Skid steer,  
Ackermann steering, Synchro drive, ...
- Walking: Equilibrium problem / Gait control
- Propulsion: Aquatic, Underwater, Aerial

**Robotic Arms:** Grippers, Lifters, Fingers, ...



Autonomous:  
Action

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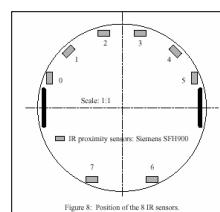


Figure 8: Position of the 8 IR sensors.

3.1 The Khepera miniature robot

3.1.1 Overview

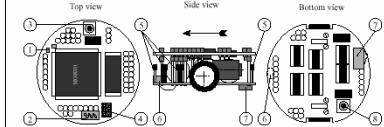


Figure 2: Position of some parts of the robot.

Make an external inspection of the robot. Note the location of the following parts:

1. LEDs
2. Serial line (S) connector.
3. Reset button.
4. Jumpers for the running mode selection.
5. Infra-Red proximity sensors.
6. Battery recharge connector.
7. ON - OFF battery switch.
8. Second reset button (same function as 3).

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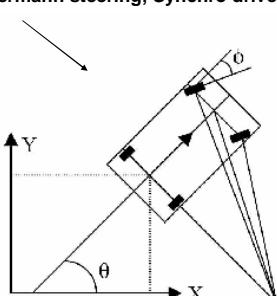
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$$\begin{cases} \dot{x} = v \cos \phi \cos \theta, \\ \dot{y} = v \cos \phi \sin \theta, \\ \dot{\theta} = \frac{v}{L} \sin \phi, \end{cases}$$

**Kinematics Model**

Velocity  $v$   
Steering wheel angle  $\Phi$

Position (X,Y)  
Orientation  $\theta$

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Action

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### **Intelligent Autonomous Robots** **<< Intelligence >>**

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- \* Ability to Perceive the Environment
- \* Ability to Decide
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- \* High Level Tasks Planning
- \* Reaction: Sensorial-Motor Integration
- \* Estimate Actual and Future States:  
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