



# Desenvolvimento de Aplicações de Robótica Inteligente em Ambientes de Realidade Virtual

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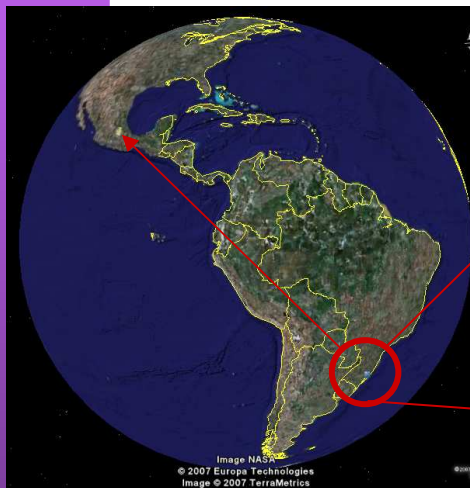


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**Jesuit University With:**

- 30.000 Students
- 900 Professors
- 16 PPGs (post-grad programs)

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## Presentation Topics

### **Agenda:**

**1. Introduction: VR - Hierarchy of Models**

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**2. VR and Simulation**

**Geometry, Physics, Behaviour, Knowledge and Cognition**

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**3. Physics Simulation Tools**

**Opensteer, ODE, PhysX, Deformable/Dynamic**

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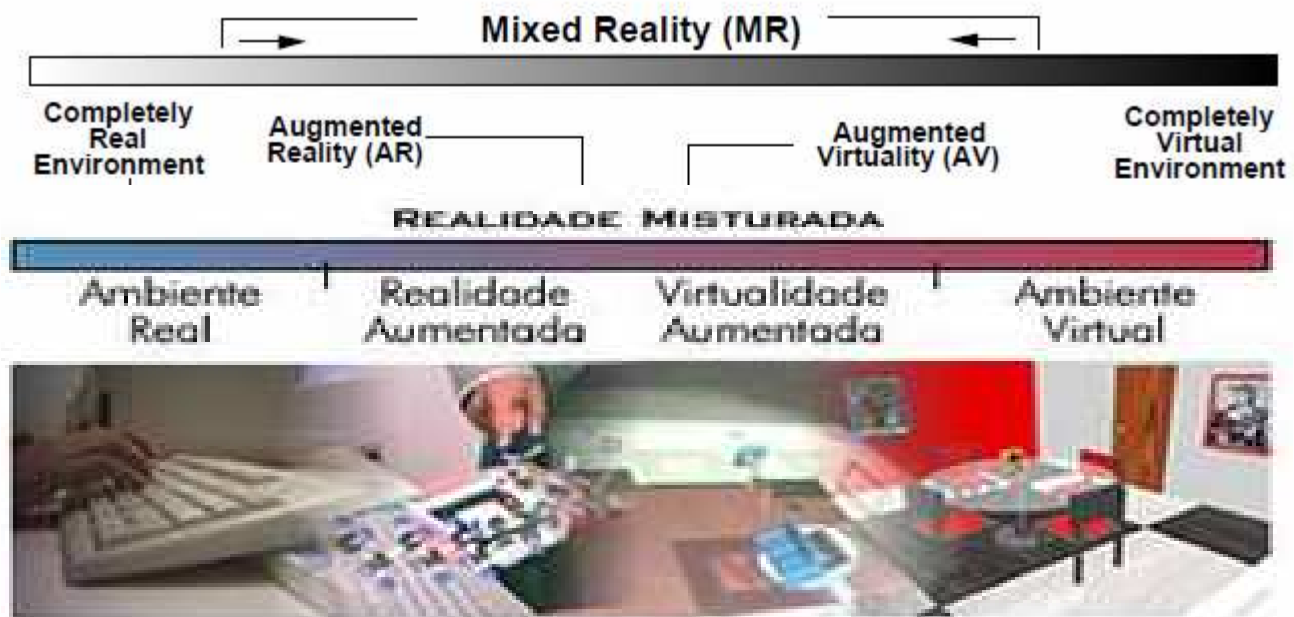
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## Virtual Reality

### Introduction VR - Virtual Reality



From REAL to VIRTUAL  
3D + Immersion + Interaction

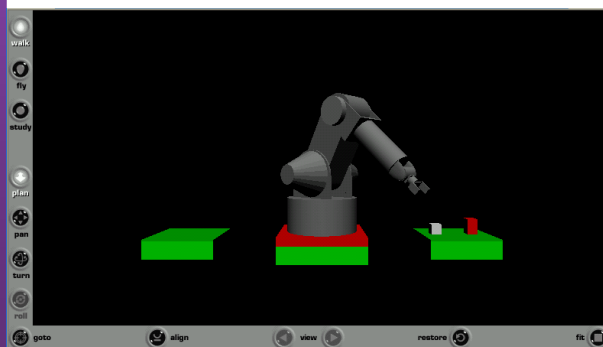
## Virtual Reality

### Introduction VR - Virtual Reality

#### VISUALIZING 3D & VIRTUAL ENVIRONMENTS

#### *Virtual Reality...*

- \* VRML - 3D Worlds (Geometry)
- \* QTVR - Panorama 3D (Images)



## Augmented Reality



*Real World Integrated  
with  
Virtual Objects*

IRISA / INRIA - France  
<http://www.irisa.fr/lagadic/demo/demo-ar3/demo-ar3-eng.html>





## Virtual Reality

### VISUALIZING 3D & VIRTUAL ENVIRONMENTS

#### *Virtual Reality...*

- \* 3D Virtual Environment
- \* Interaction => Virtual Reality Devices
- \* Immersion => Virtual Reality Devices
- \* Realism => Graphical Realism (photo-realism)



Movements

*How to do it?*

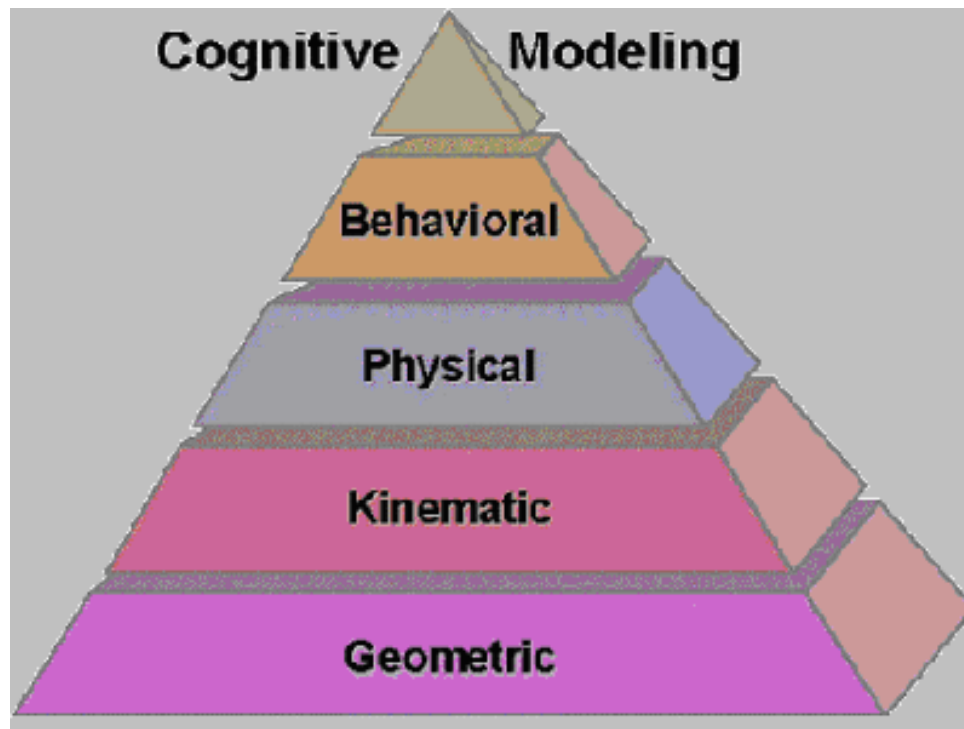
Interaction Real x Virtual

"Physics Realism"

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### Sources of Inspiration:

### 3D Virtual Worlds - Hierarchy of Models



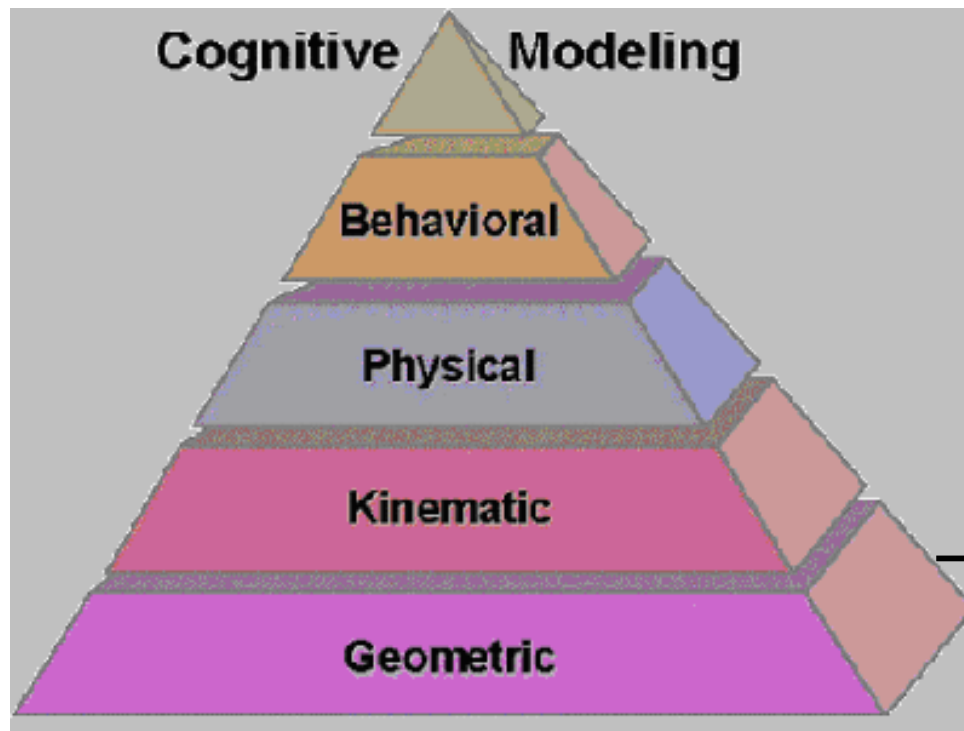
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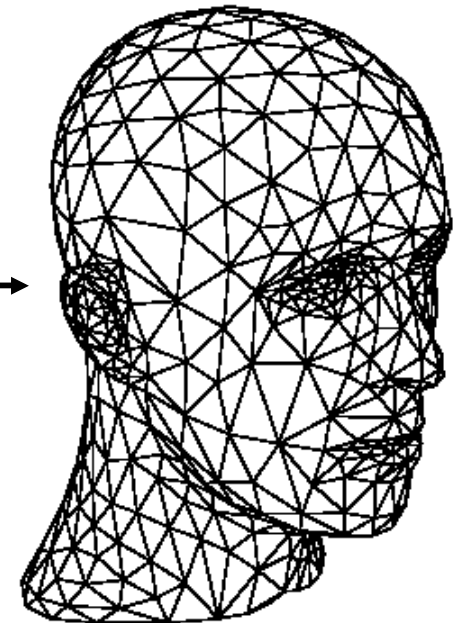
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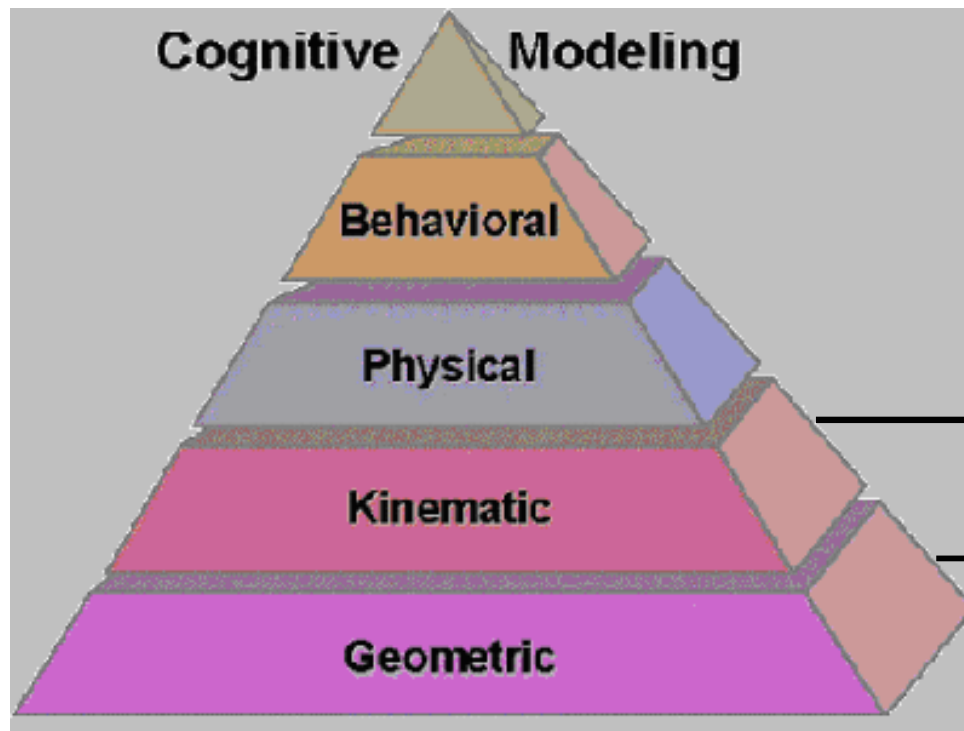
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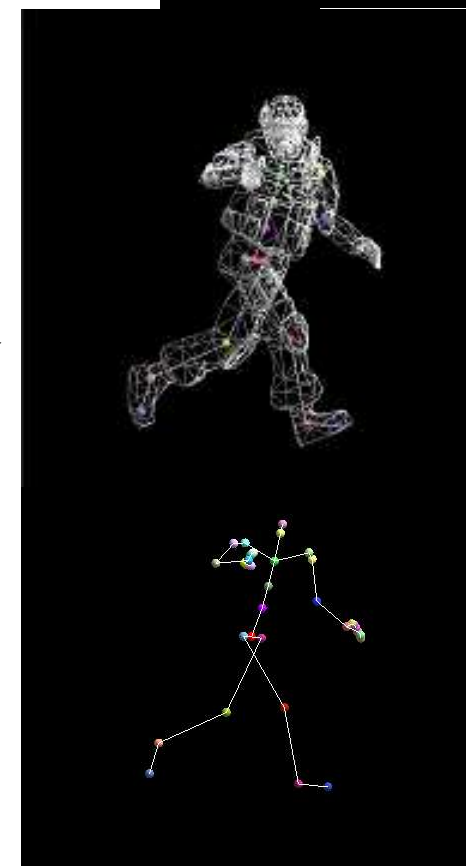
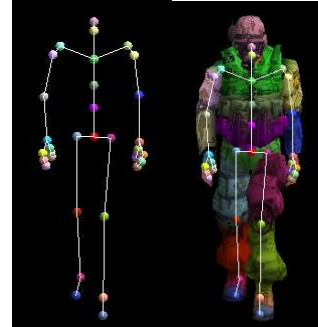
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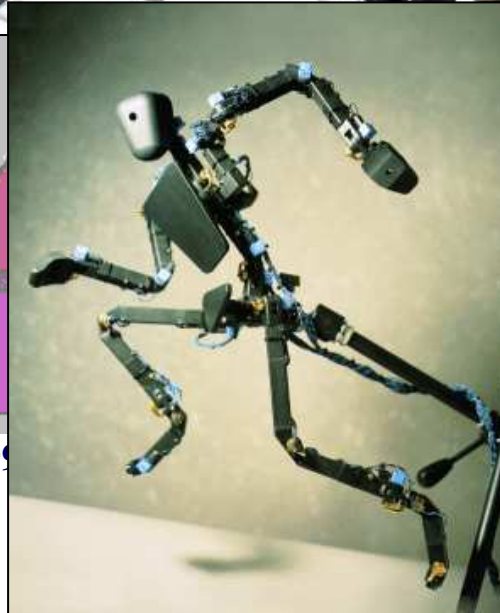
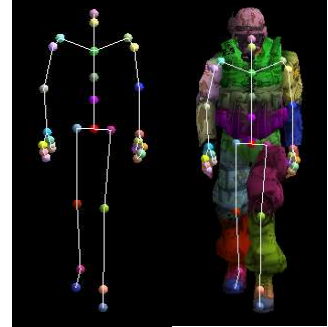


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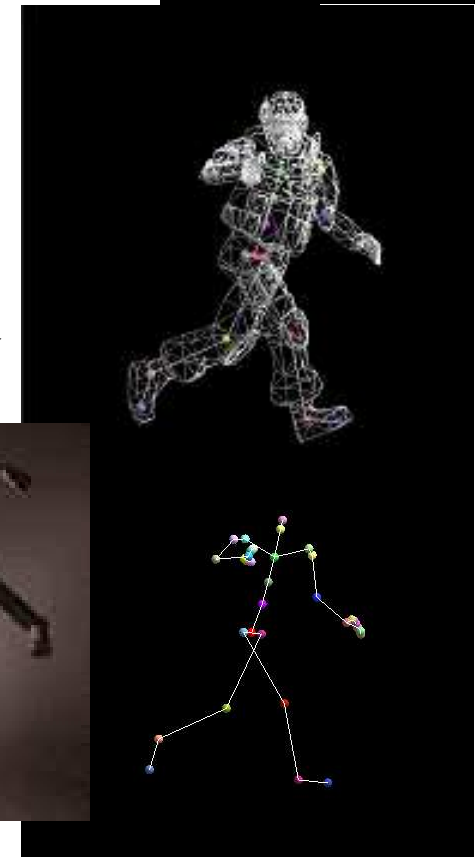


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Soft  
3D



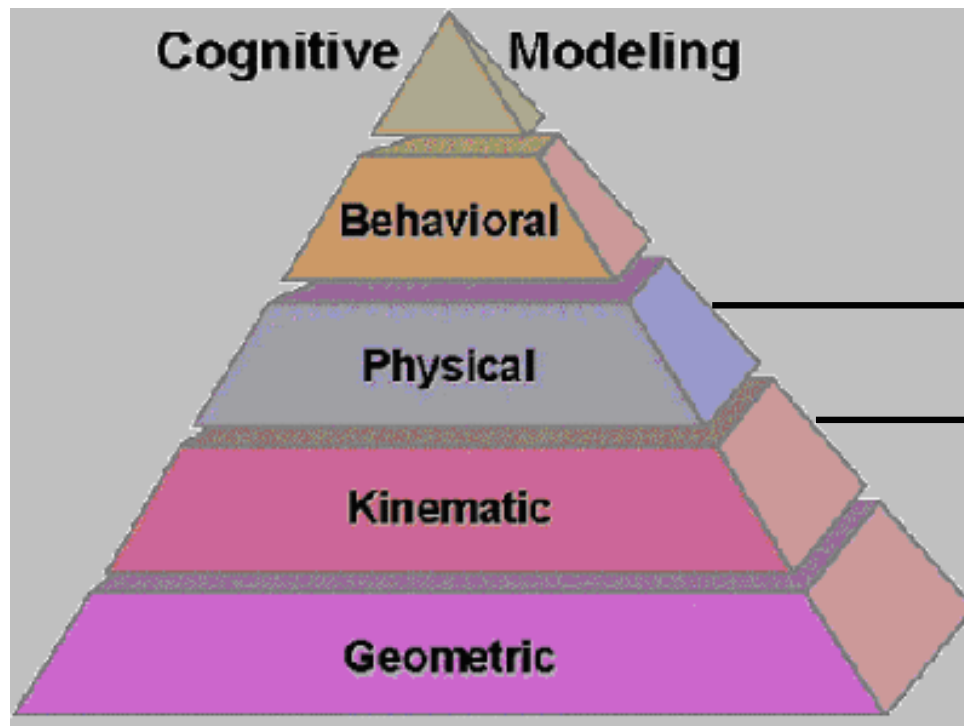
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Omega

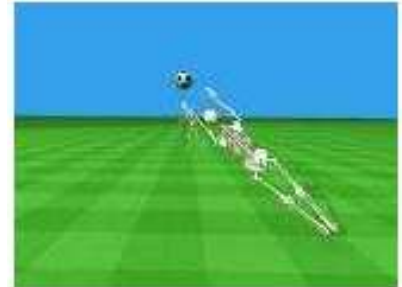
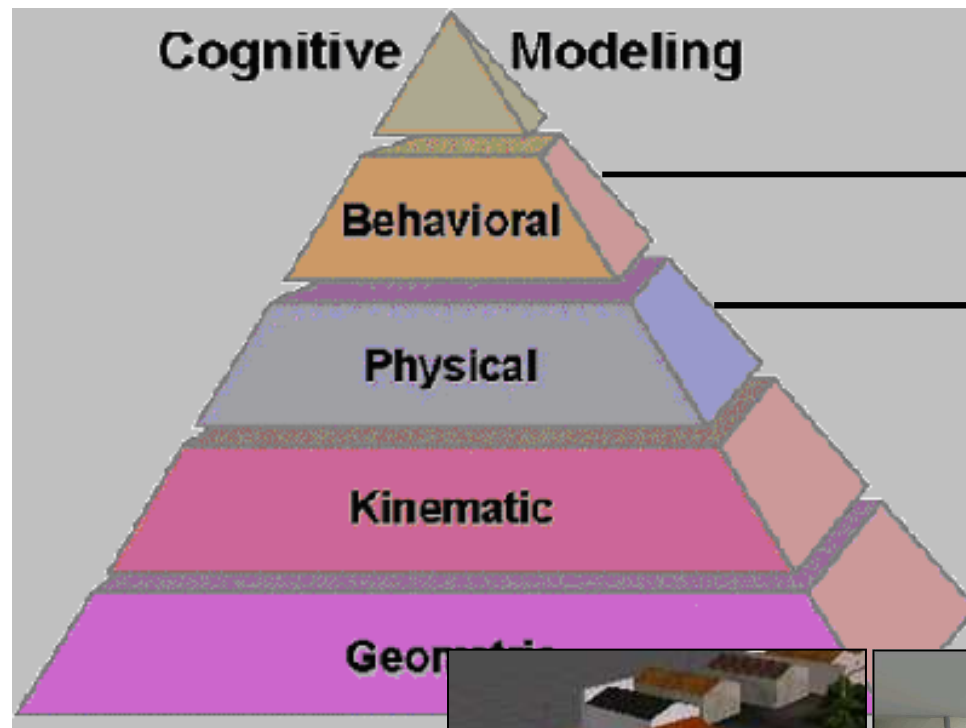


CyberForce

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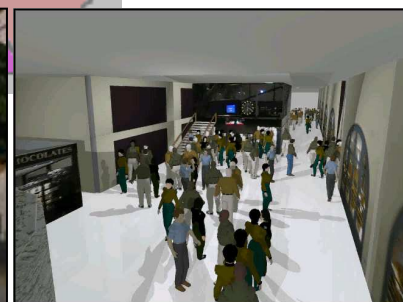


[Ari Chapiro - Dance]

[Funge 1999]



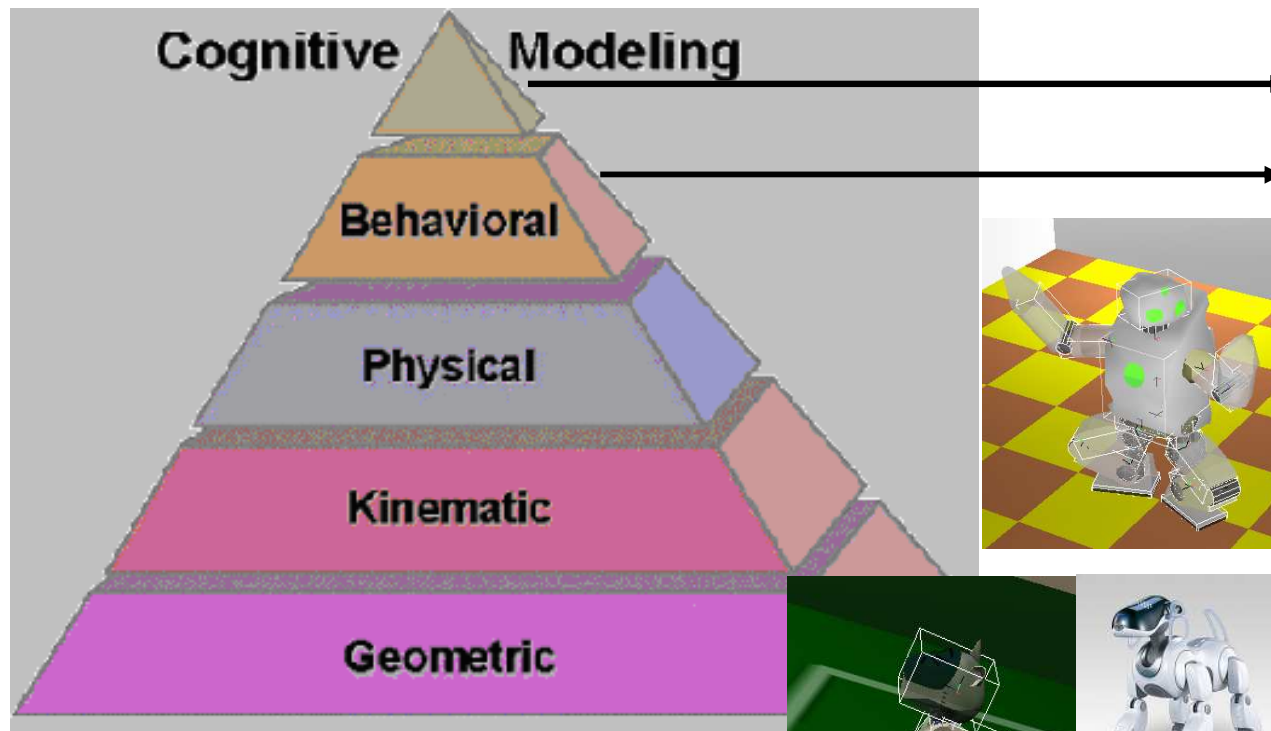
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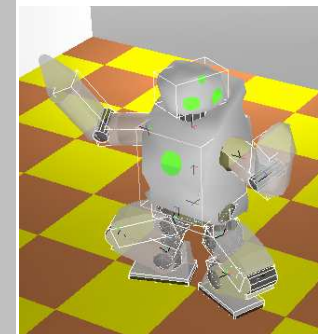
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The Sony Dream Robot simulated into Webots



The Sony Dream Robot in the real world

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**SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN**  
JANUARY 2007  
WWW.SCIAM.COM

If This Is a  
**PLANET**,  
Then Why  
Isn't Pluto?



**DAWN OF THE AGE OF ROBOTS**

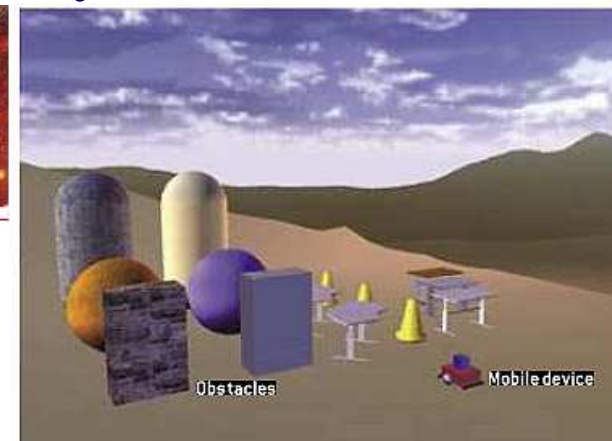
**Bill Gates** writes that every home will soon have smart mobile devices



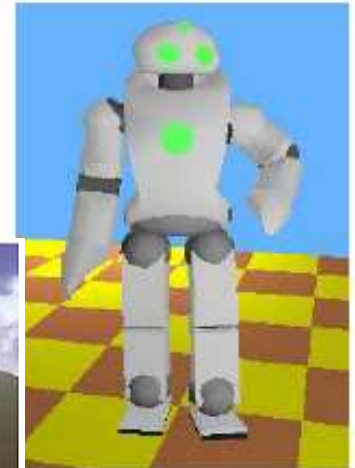
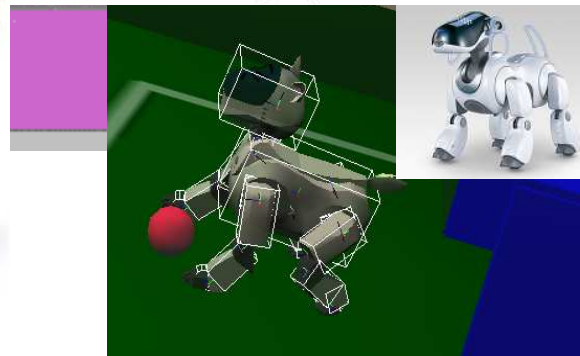
Evolution and **Cancer**

Can **Ethanol** Replace Gasoline?

Secret **Controls** for Genes



COMPUTER TEST-DRIVE of a mobile device in a three-dimensional virtual environment helps robot builders analyze and adjust the capabilities of their designs before trying them out in the real world. Part of the Microsoft Robotics Studio software development kit, this tool simulates the effects of forces such as gravity and friction.



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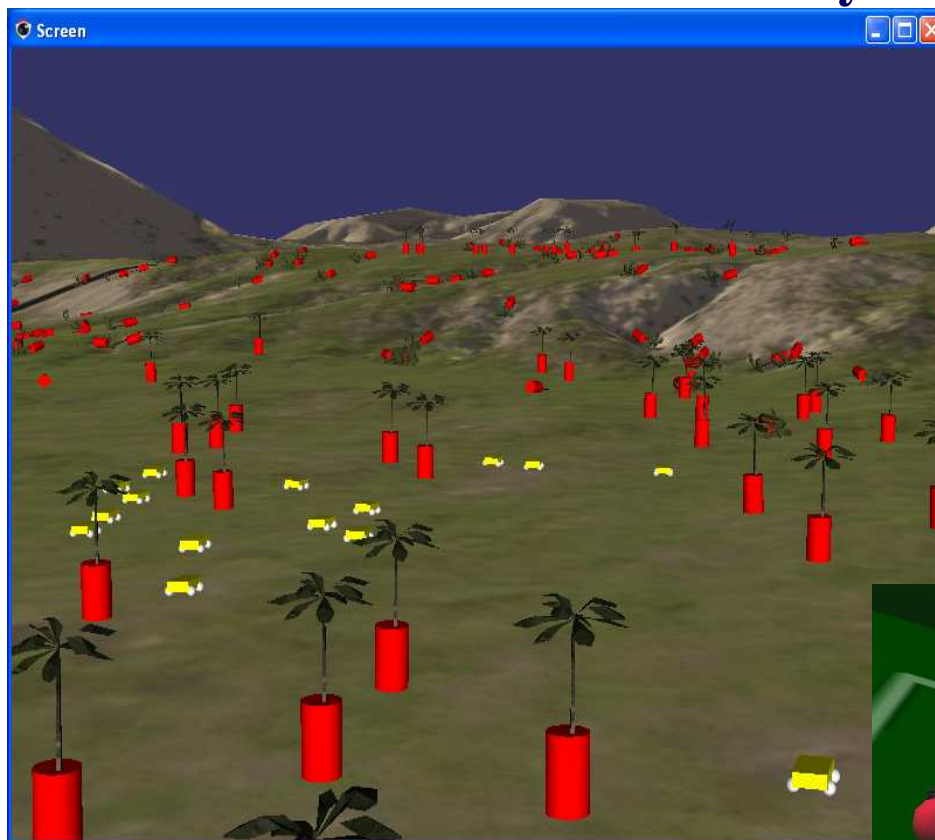
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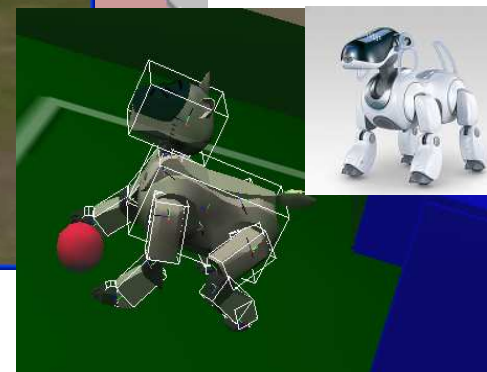
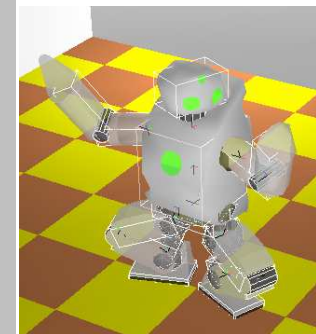
### 3D Virtual Worlds - Hierarchy of Models



Autonomous  
Behaviour



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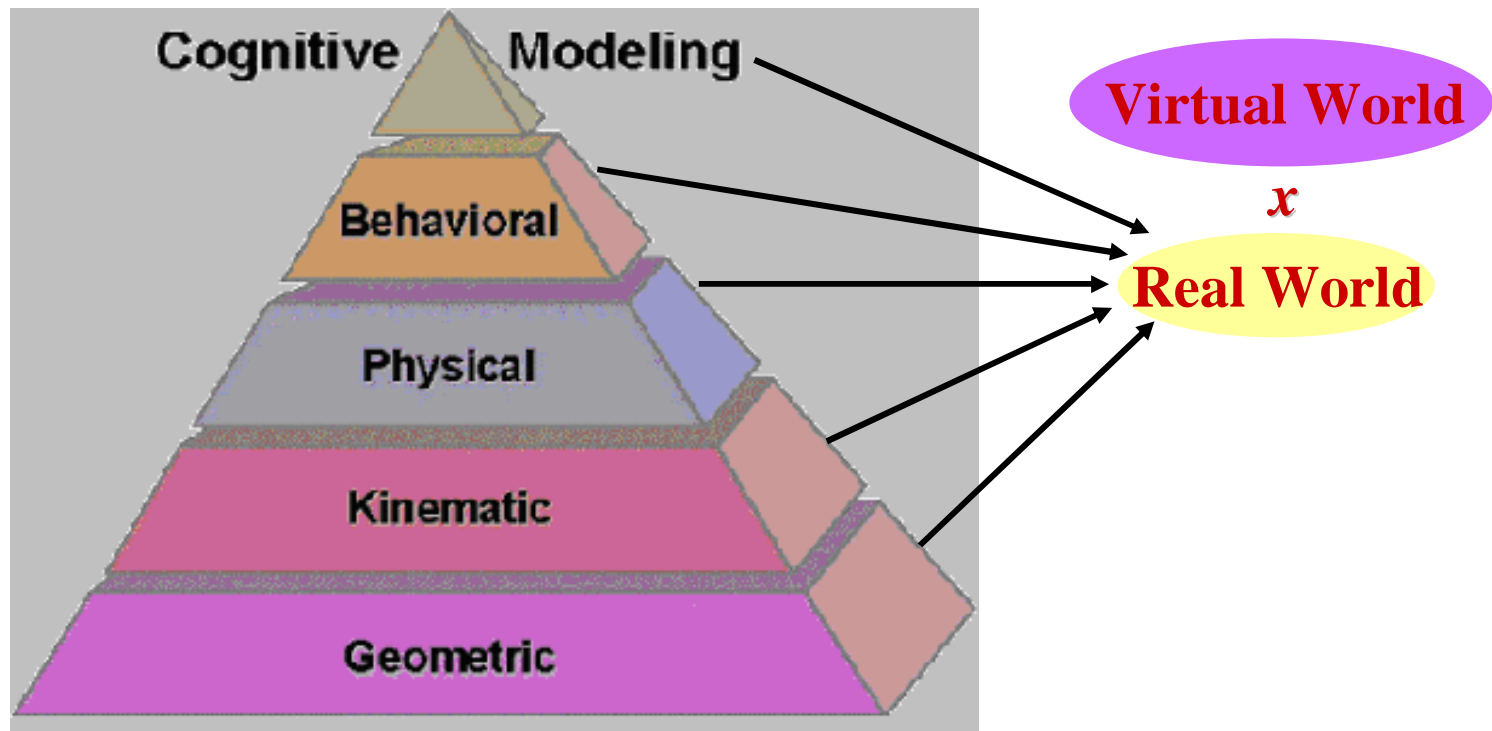
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Knowledge

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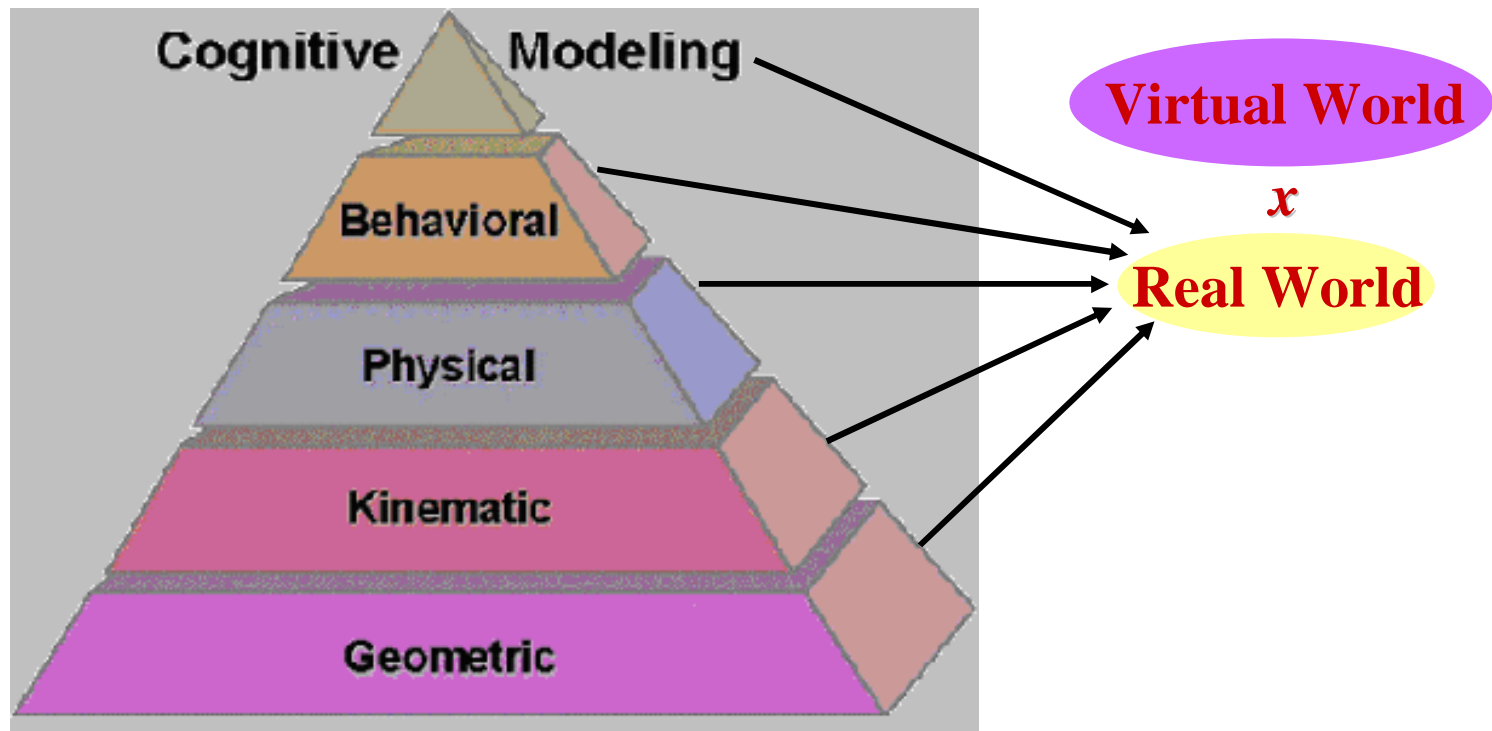
Vídeo Demo Web/Java



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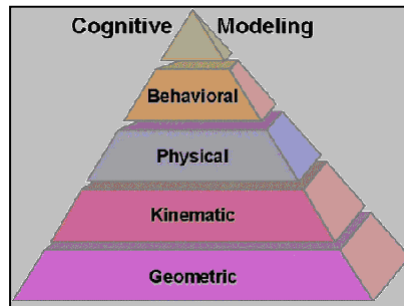


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**Increasing Reality in VR Applications:  
Physical and Behavioral Simulation**

From Simple VR Visualization Tools to Realistic VR Simulation Tools

**Realistic VR**



**Virtual World**

x

**Real World**

**Real World Simulation**

Visualization	<b>Geometry</b> [3D Meshes]	Static Objects Animated Objects (Key-Frame)
Simulation of Motion	<b>Physics</b> [3D Objects]	Rigid Body (Physically based) Kinematics (Movement) Collision (Solid Objects) Collision Response Articulations Particles (Fire, Smoke, Water) Springs (Mass-spring Systems) Deformable Objects (Cloths, Elastic, Fluids) External Forces: Interaction Interaction Object x Object Interaction Camera x Object Interaction User x Object Interactive Control
Simulation of Behavior	Artificial Intelligence <b>"Simple A.I. Behavior"</b> [Agents] [Characters]	Agents Control Scripts Finite State Automata (FSA) Perception (Sensorial) Action (Motor) Control: Reactive Control: Deliberative Control: Modular / Hybrid Memory, Beliefs, Intentions, ... Biomechanics Simple Autonomous Agents
Simulation of Intelligent Behavior	Artificial Intelligence <b>"Advanced A.I. Cognitive"</b> [Autonomous Agents] [Multi-Agents]	Knowledge Reasoning Cognition Communication Cooperation Coordination Adaptation: Learning, Optimization, Evolution Robust Autonomous Agents

Models and Components of a Virtual Reality Environment applied into Realistic Simulations



### 3. Physics Simulation Tools

#### **Simulation Tools:**

- \* **ODE - Open Dynamics Engine**
- \* **OpenSteer**
- \* **PhysX AGEIA**
- \* **Deformable Objects and Fluids:**
  - **Finite Elements Methods**
  - **Spring-Mass Systems**
  - **CFD (Computational Fluid Dynamics)**
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**VR Simulation: Some important questions...**



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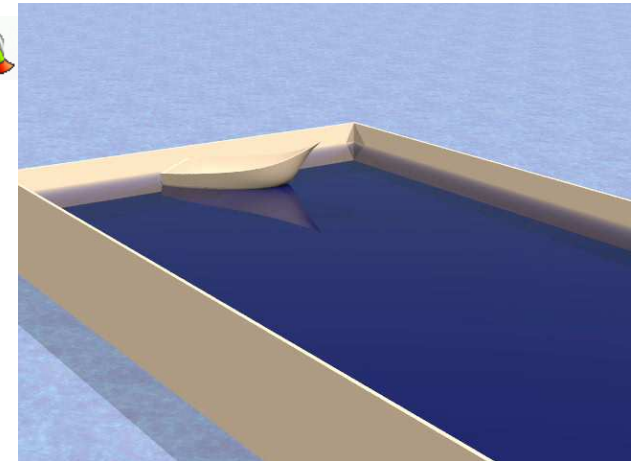
Physical structure: resistance, mass, density, elasticity;  
Position and orientation in the 3D space;  
Kinematics and Dynamics;  
Linear and angular velocities;  
Motion (w/ forces and torques), trajectories;  
Acceleration, deceleration;  
Attraction and repulsion;  
Gravity, friction, inertia;  
Kinetic and potential energy;  
Laws of energy conservation, linear and angular momentum;  
Collisions and reaction to collisions;  
Steering models (wheeled cars, aircrafts, projectiles, boats and ships);  
Articulated Rigid Bodies Simulation (skeleton, robotic arm);  
Dynamic Simulation of Deformable Objects: elastic objects;  
Fluid simulation and Particle Systems (fire, smoke, clouds and liquids).

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### 3. Physics Simulation Tools

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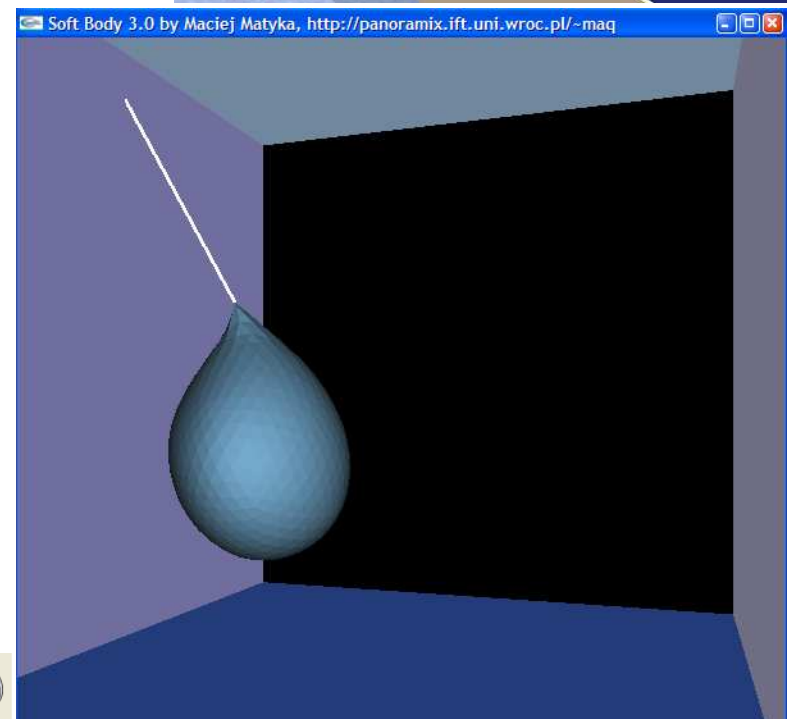
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Examples of Complex Deformable Objects [Fedkiw 2006]



Examples of Complex Particle Systems [Fedkiw 2006]





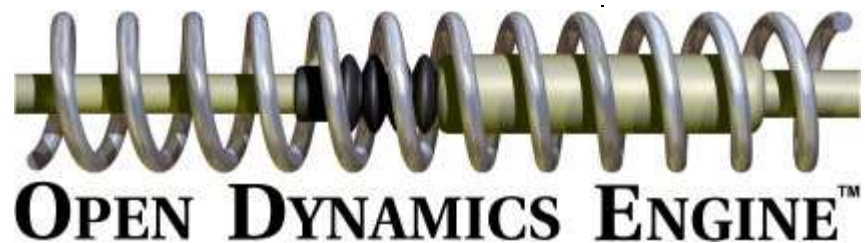
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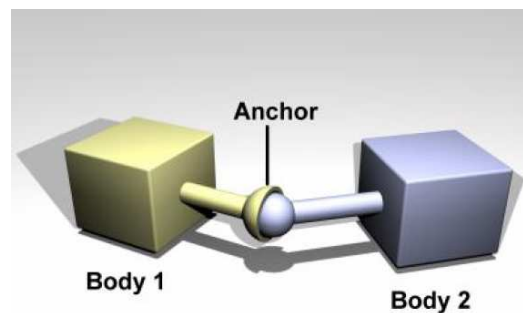
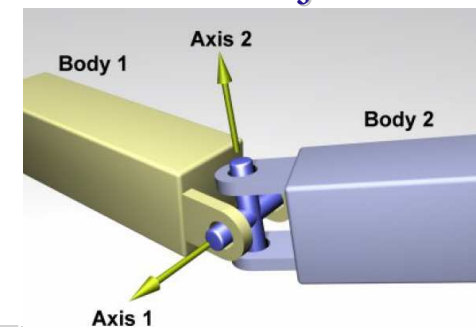
Simulation of Articulated Rigid Body Dynamics

Open Source Library (C/C++ API)

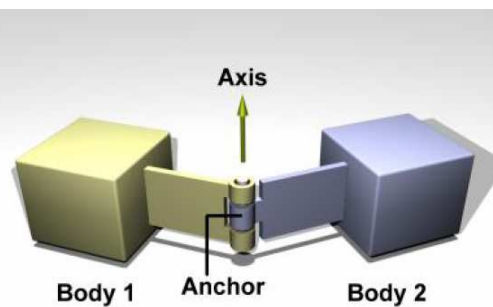
Used with OSG, Ogre3D, CrystalSpace, ...



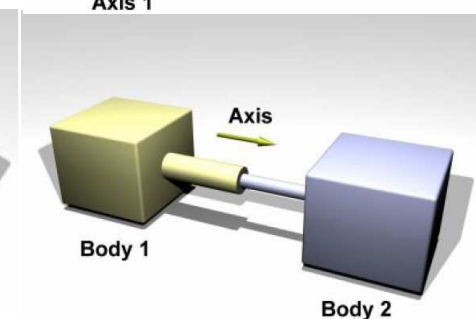
Universal joint



Ball and socket joint



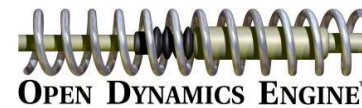
Hinge joint



Slider joint

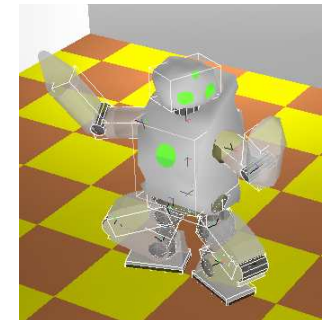
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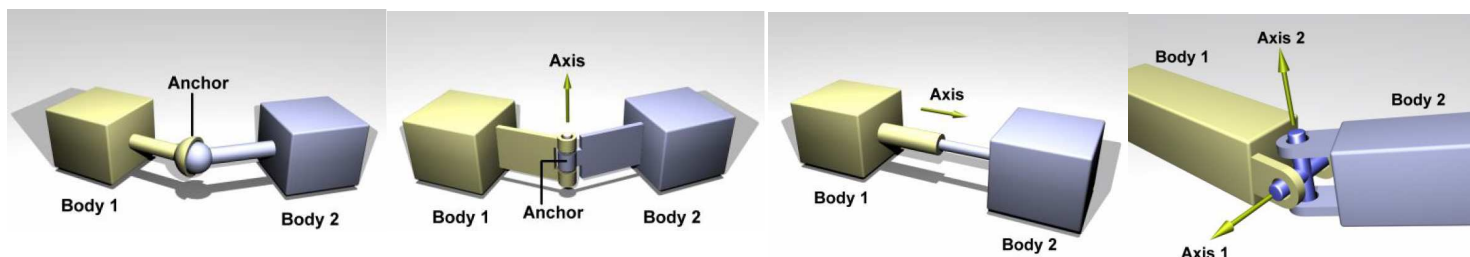
Webbots uses ODE [Cyberbotics]

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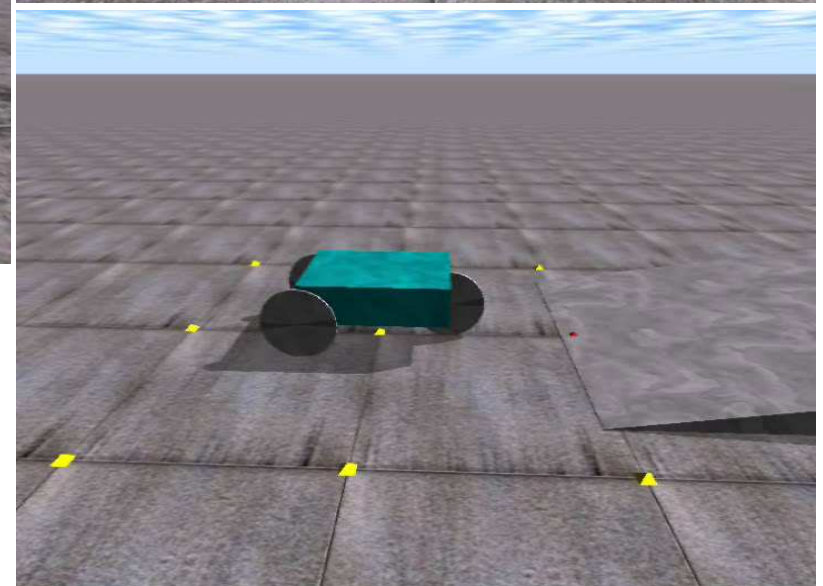
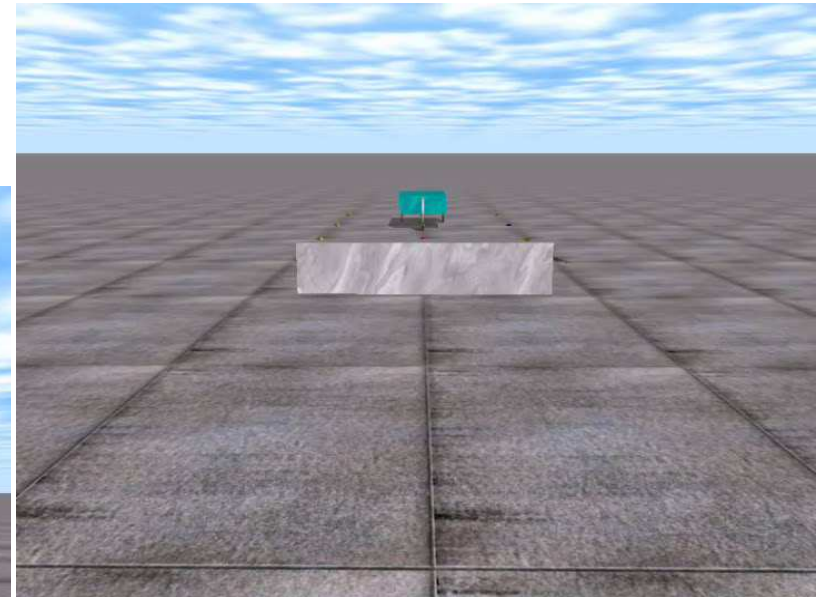
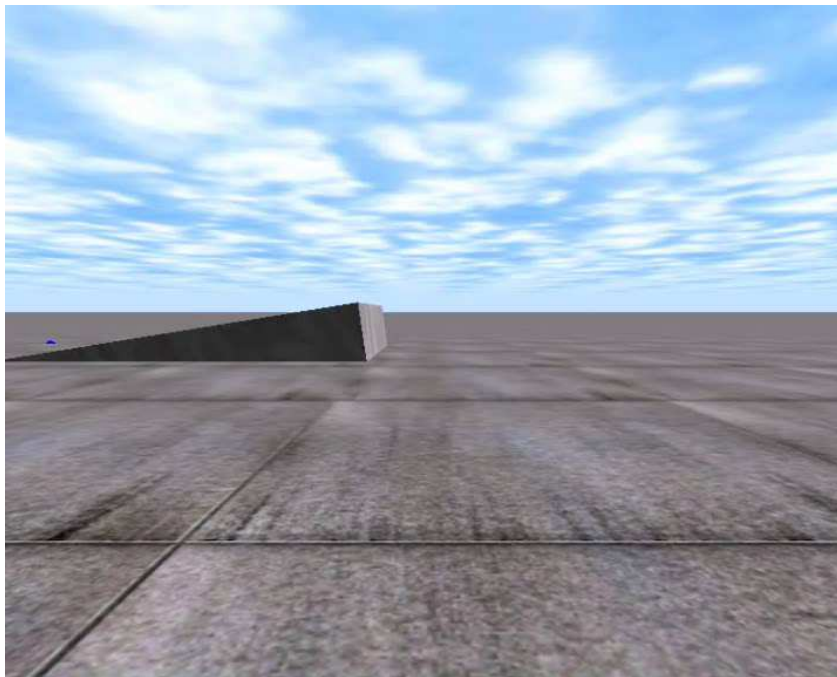
Physics Simulation:

- Gravity, friction, acceleration, deceleration;
- Generation of motion: applying forces and torques (motors);
- Collision avoidance and treatment (reaction, object bounce);
- Kinematics models and rigid body dynamics simulation;
- Different types of joints with actuators (motors)



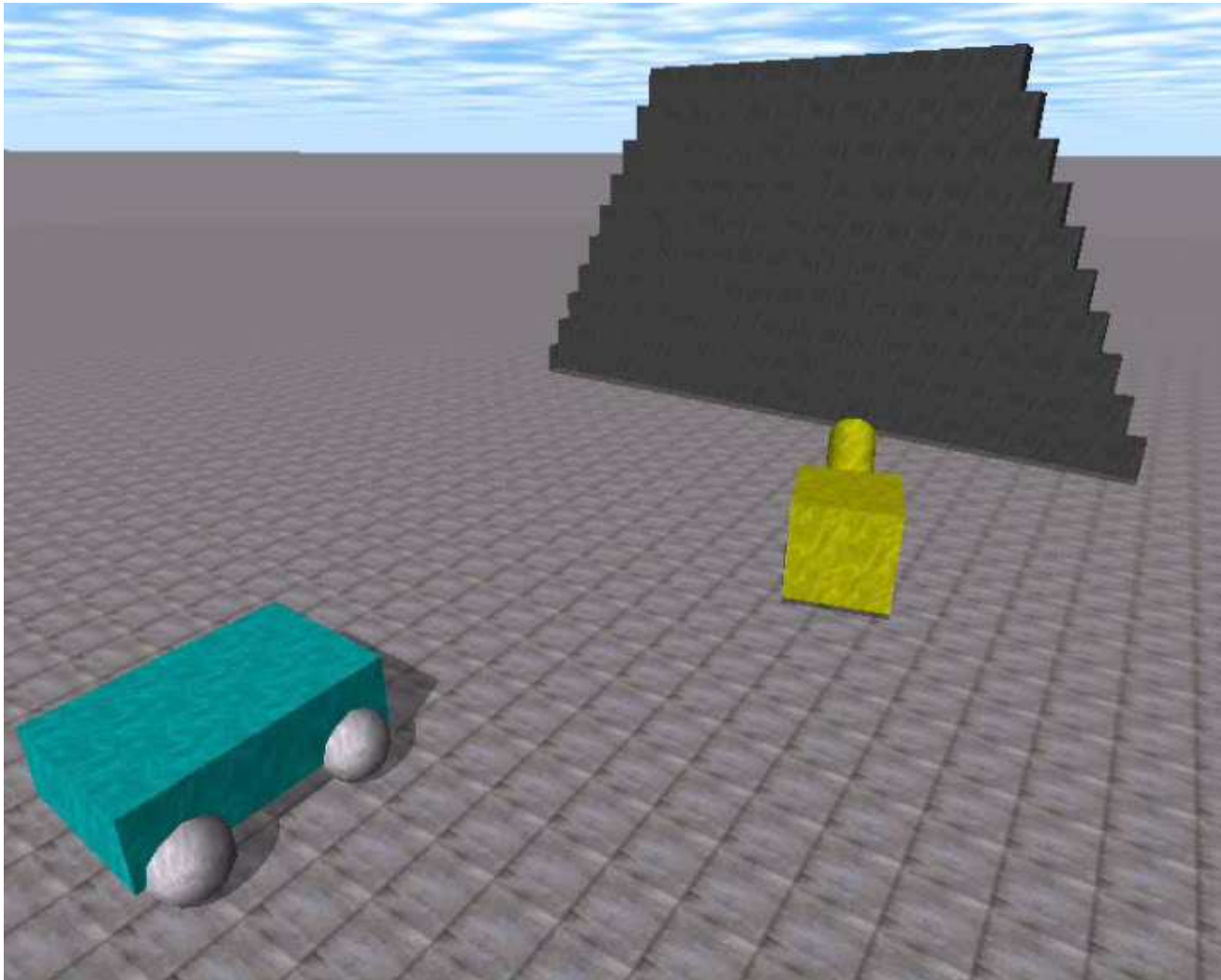
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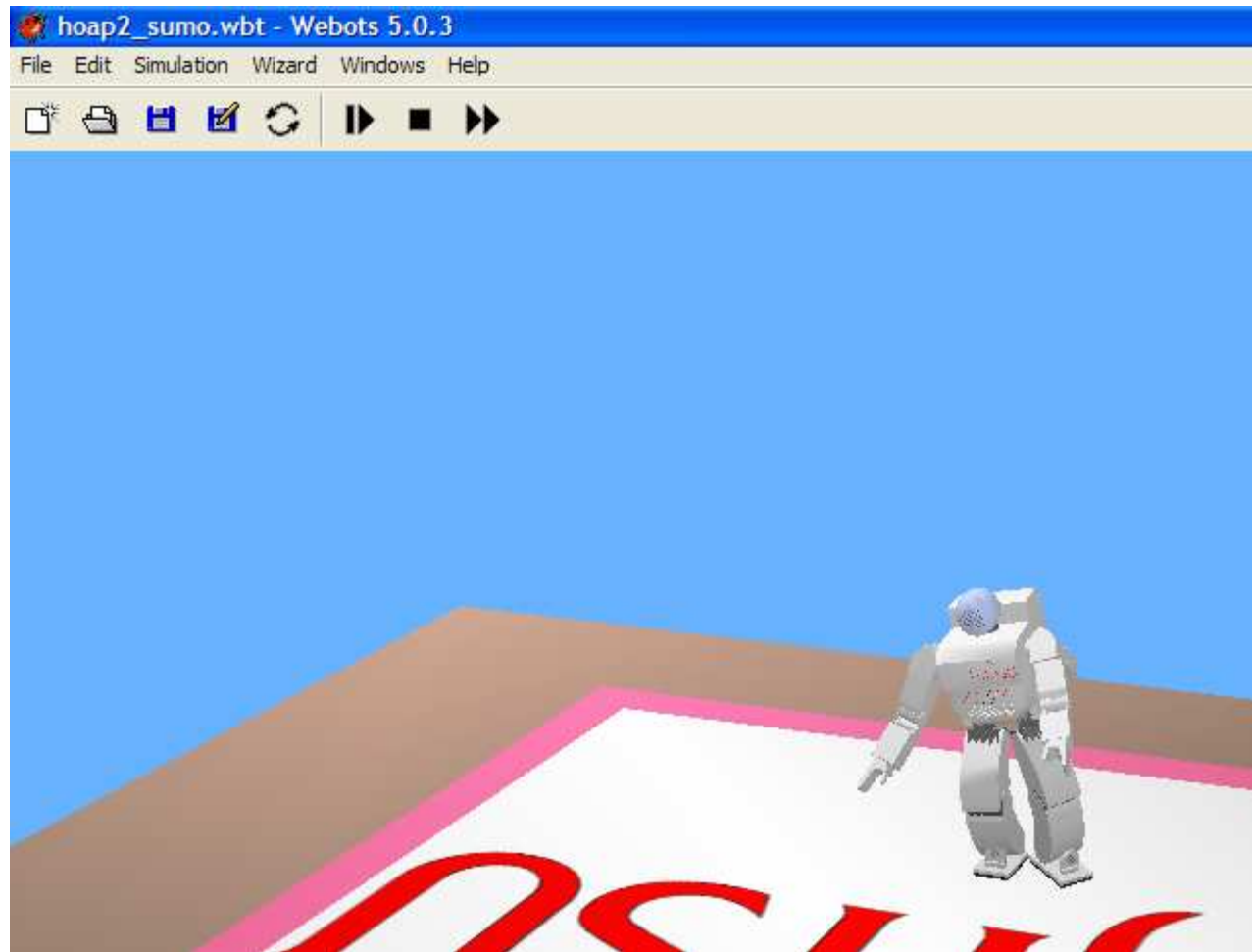
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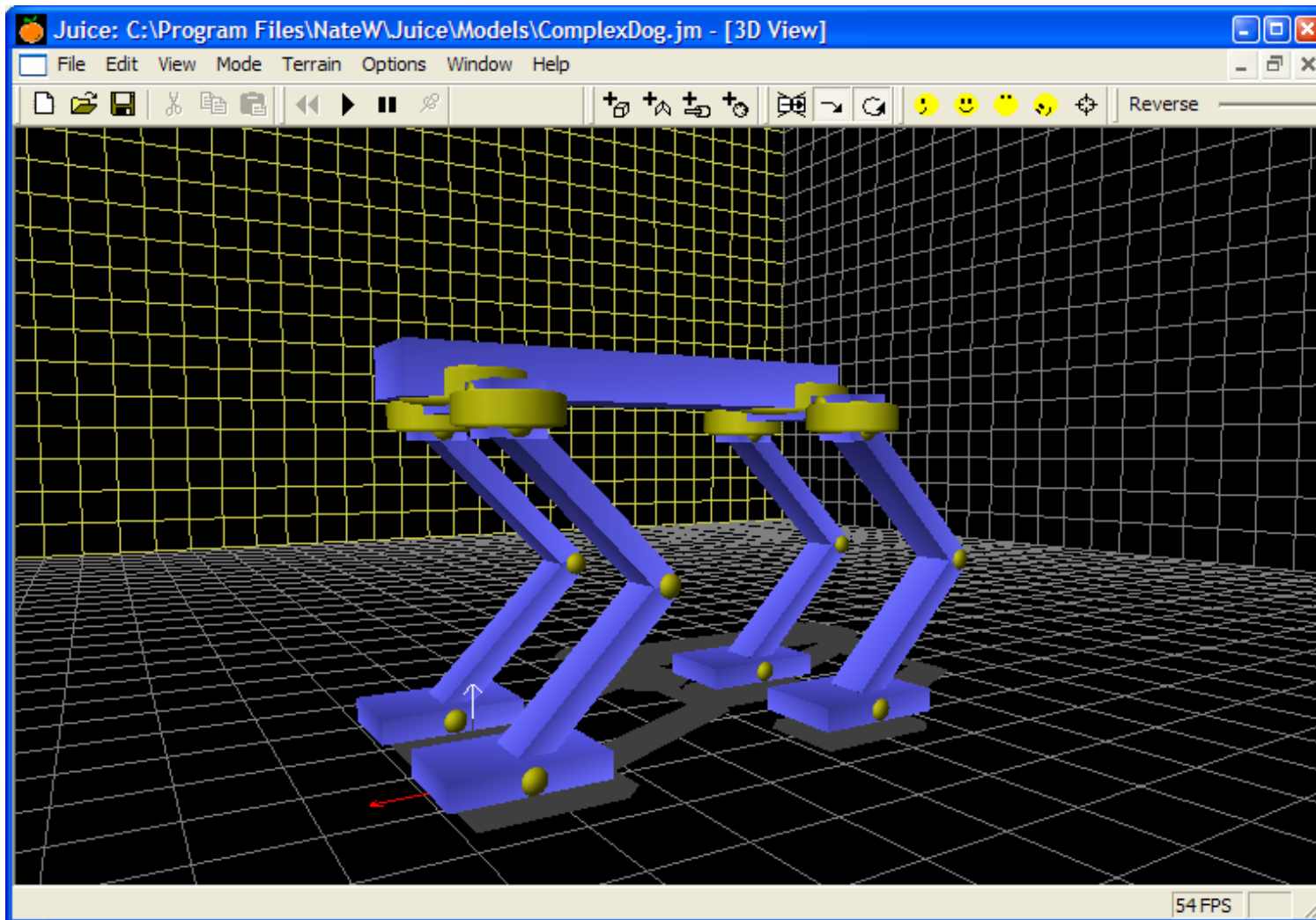


Webots  
Cyberbotics



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Juice  
[Nate W.]





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**VR Simulation: Some important questions...**  
**REAL TIME SIMULATION**



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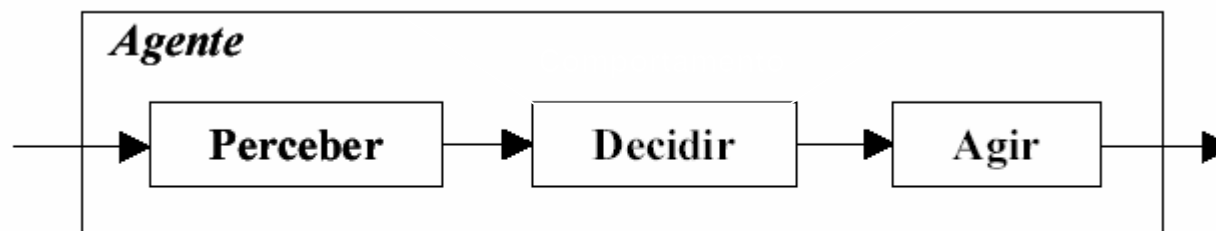
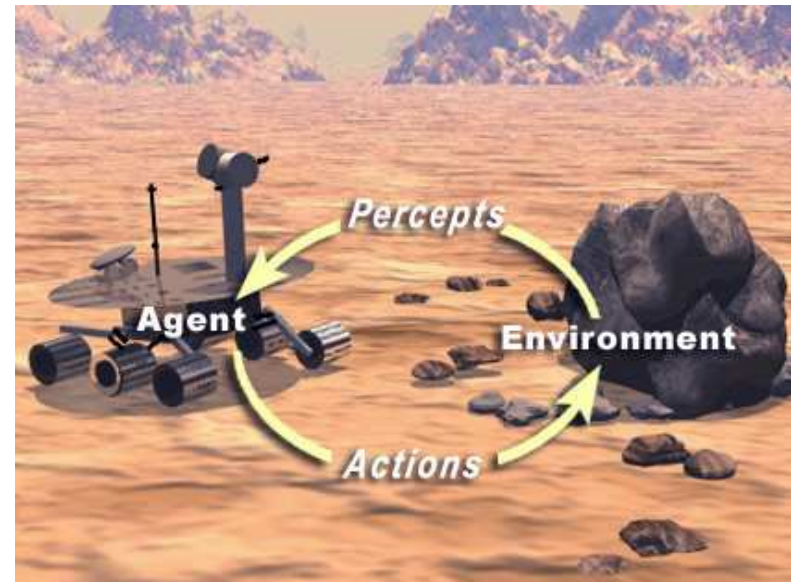
Agents: Perception, Action  
Agent Behaviours

Control Architectures

Autonomous Agents

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Knowledge / Reasoning



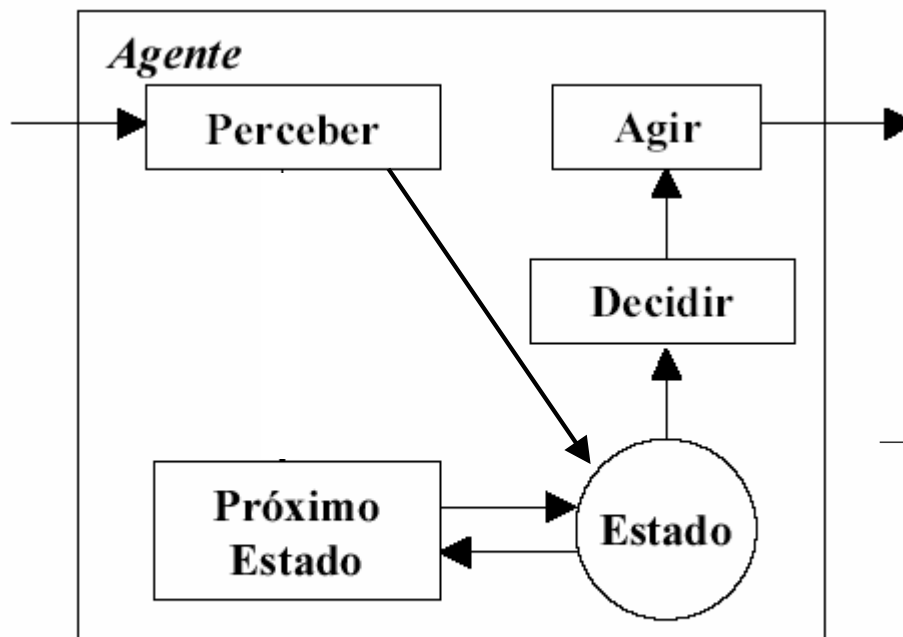
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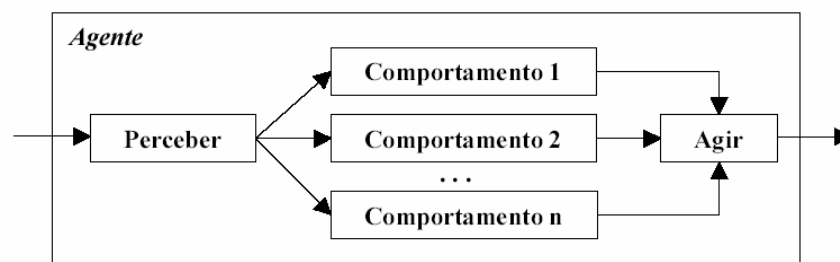
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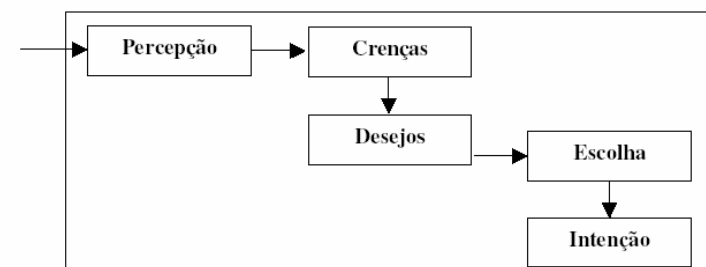
### Agents: Perception, Action Agent Behaviours



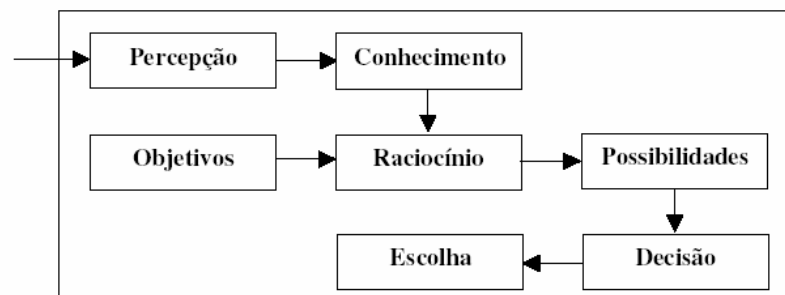
Arquitetura com Estado Interno



Hybrid Architecture



Architecture BDI (Beliefs-Desires-Intentions)



Reactive-Deliberative Architecture

Control Architectures: Reactive, Deliberative, Hierarchical, Hybrid

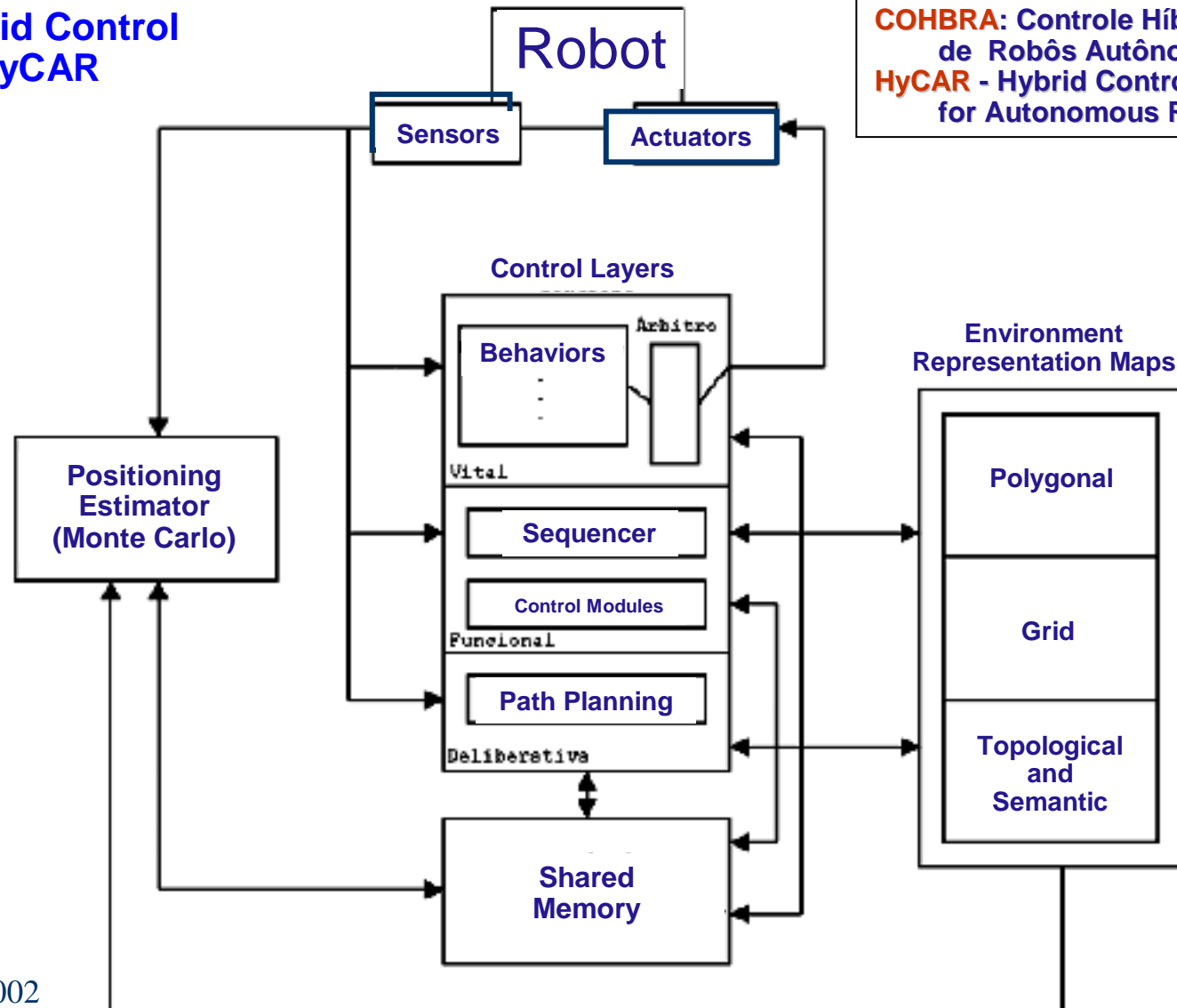
F. Osório et al.  
[Virtual Concept 2005]

## 4. Intelligent Behaviour

Robust Hybrid Control  
COHBRA / HyCAR

SimRob3D  
Unisinos

**COHBRA**: Controle Híbrido de Robôs Autônomos  
**HyCAR** - Hybrid Control for Autonomous Robots



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Robotic

Multi-Agents Systems

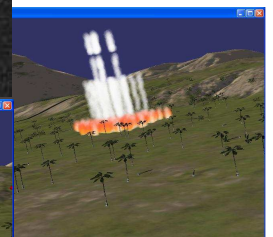
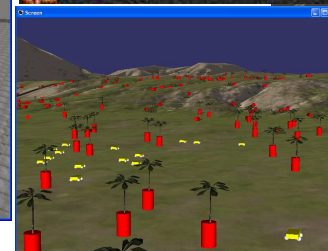
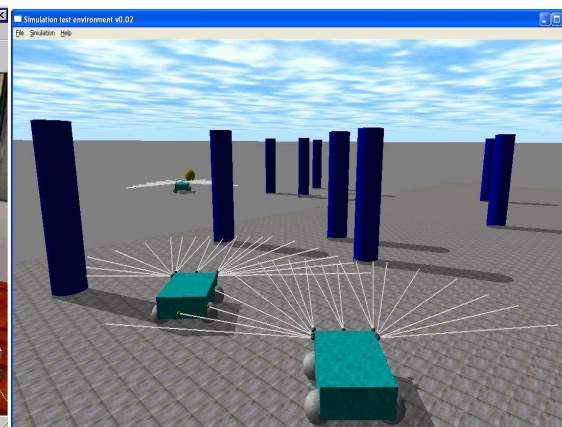
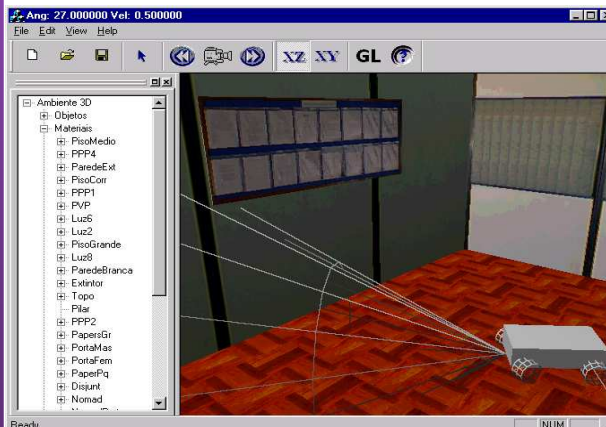


Teams, Squads, Swarms

Knowledge / Reasoning



Artificial Intelligence Tools





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## 5. Applications: VR Simulation Tools

### **Applications @ Unisinos**

#### **1. Autonomous Robots in VR Environments**

**SimRob3D - Mobile Robots Simulator**

**SEVA 3D - Autonomous Vehicle Parking**

**LEGGEN - Legged (articulated) Robots Simulator**

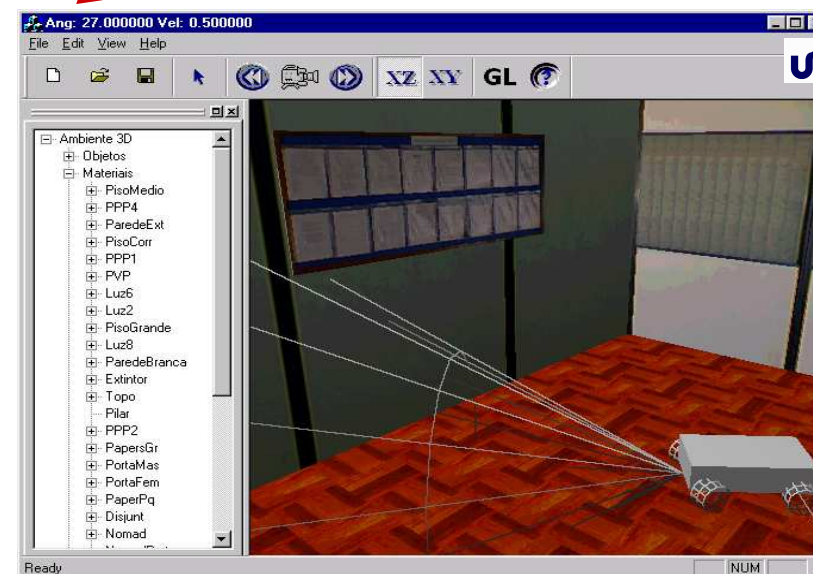
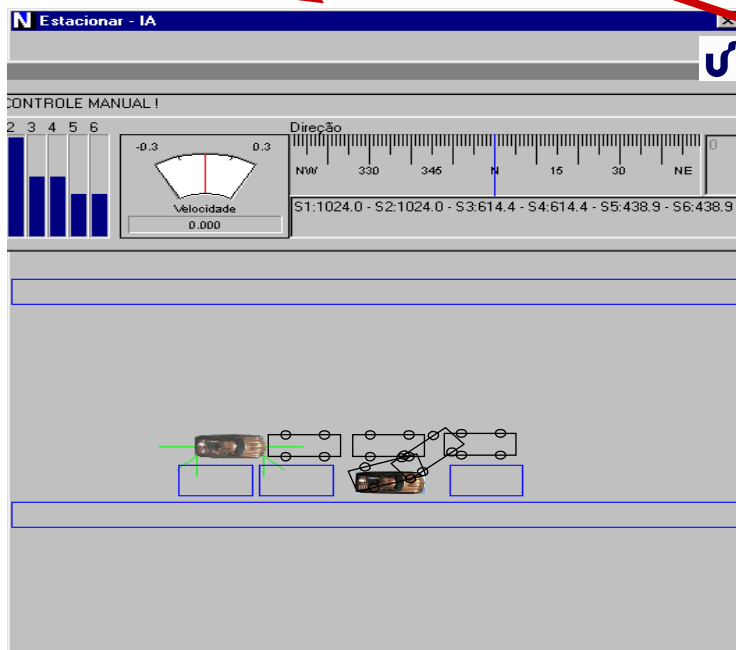
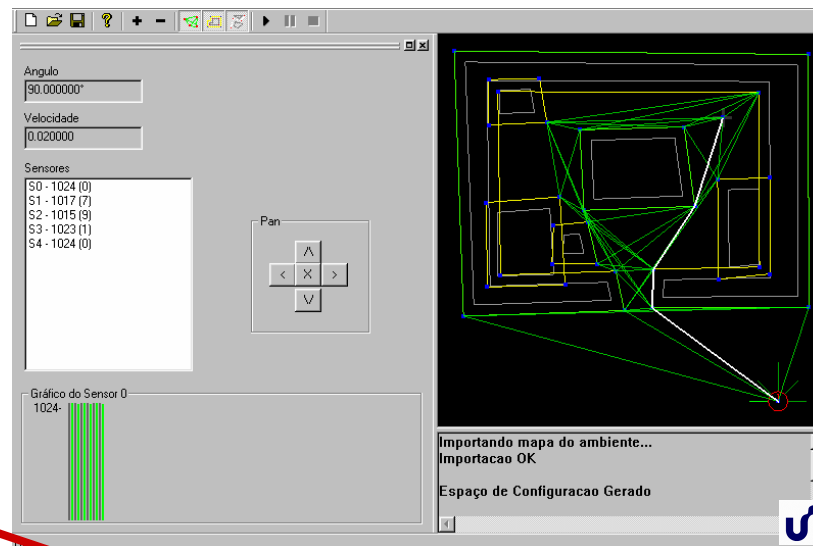
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### SimRob3D

- Our Simulation Tools:
- SimRob2D (Khepera) →
- SimRob3D →
- Seva2D →

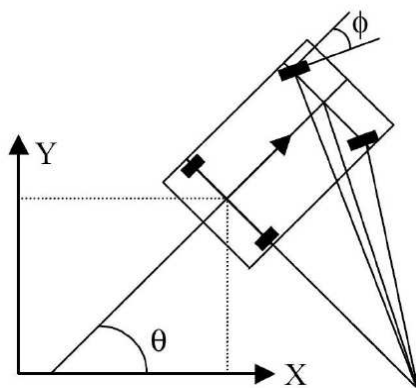


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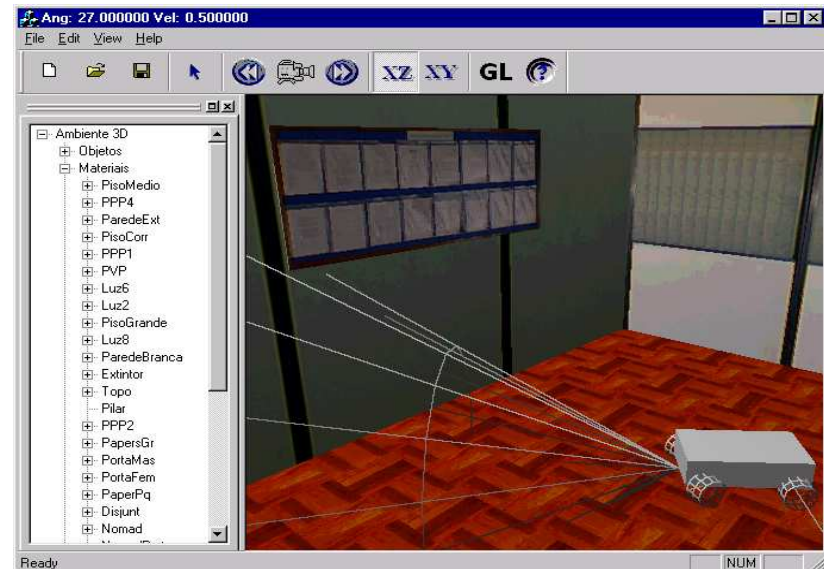
### SimRob3D Simulator

- > **Sensors: Infrared, Sonar, Bumper**
- > **Actuators / Kinematics: Differential, Ackerman**
- > **Realistic Simulation Model:**  
**3D World + noise / error (imprecise sensors and actuators)**



Kinematics model

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

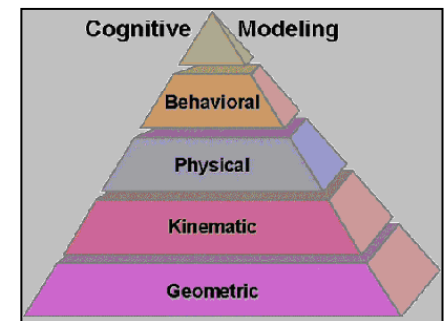
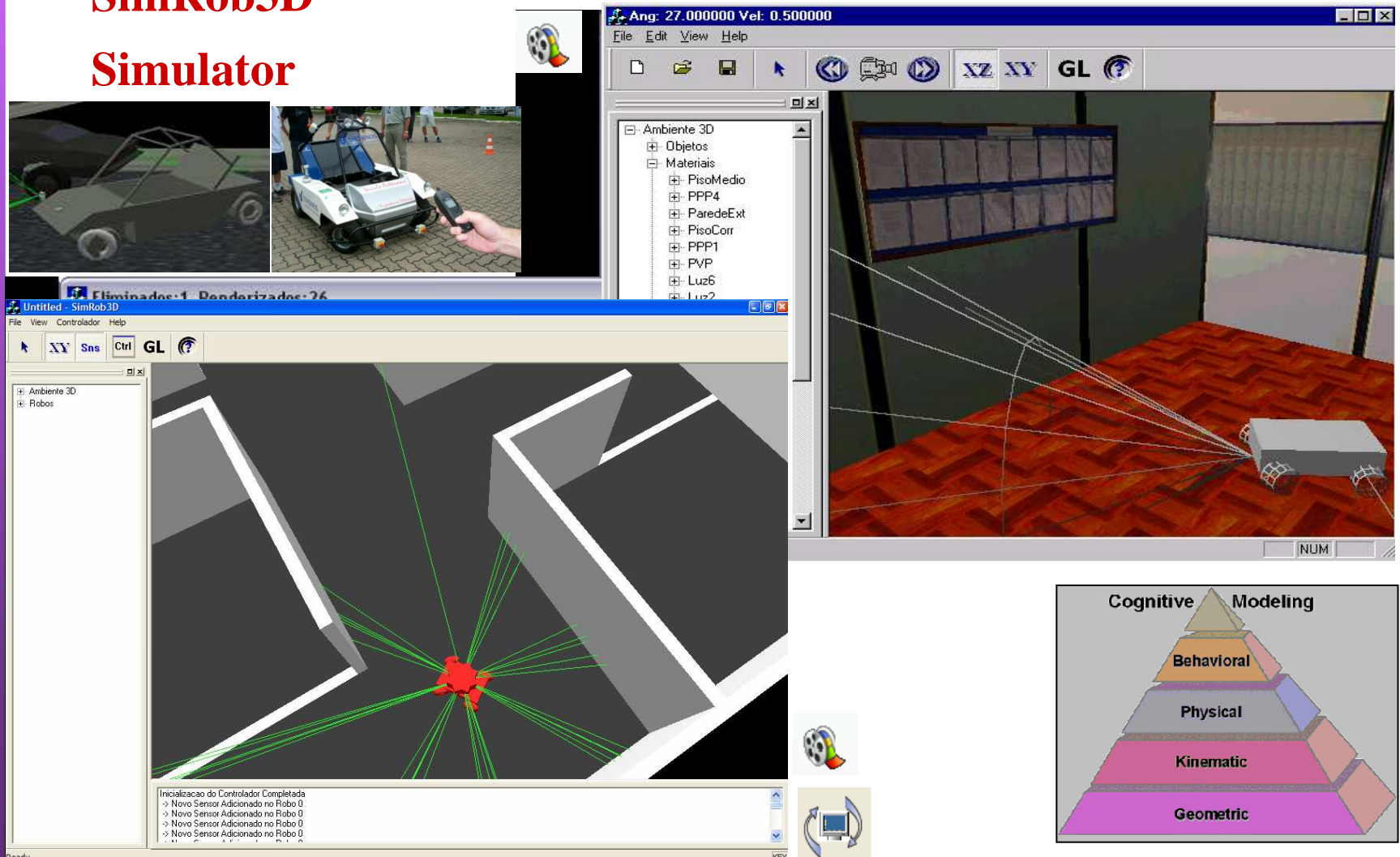


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### SimRob3D

### Simulator





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**SEVA 3D - "Sistema de Estacionamento de Veículos Autônomos"**

**Sources of Inspiration:**

- Baja Buggy remotely controlled by a cell phone  
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# **SEVA3D: Using Artificial Neural Networks to Autonomous Vehicle Parking Control**

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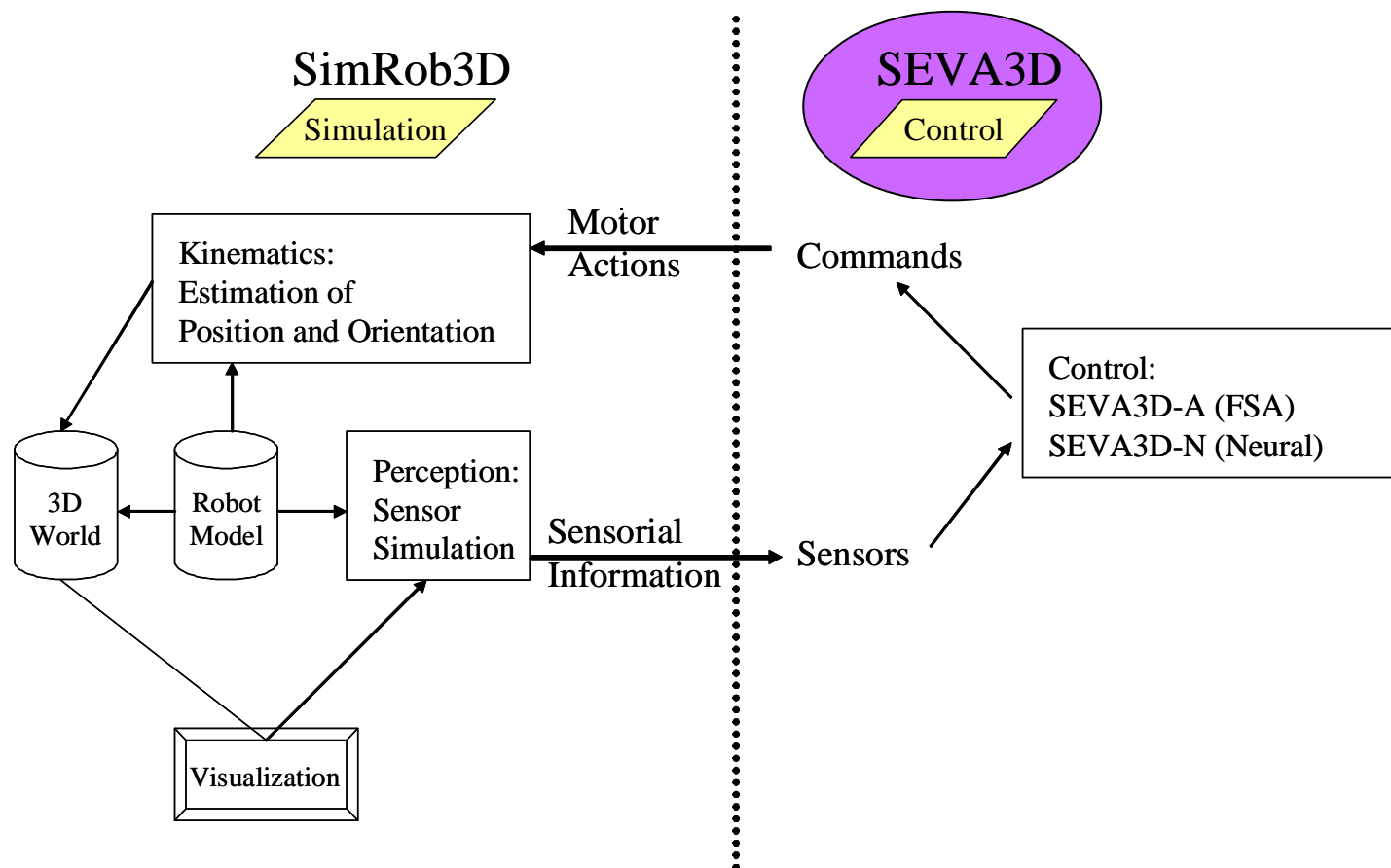


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### SEVA 3D Simulator

> Vehicle Simulation  $\times$  Vehicle Control



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**SEVA: FSA - Finite State Automaton**

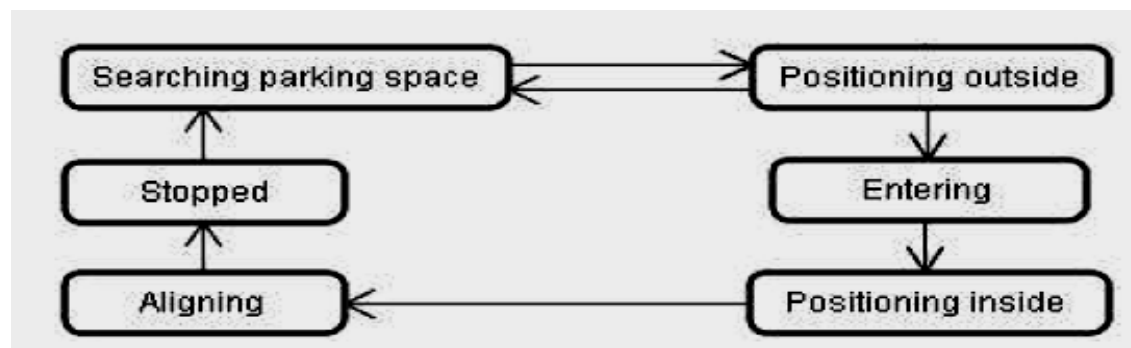
**Inputs:**

- Sonar Sensors:  
Stochastic ray-casting / 3D cone)

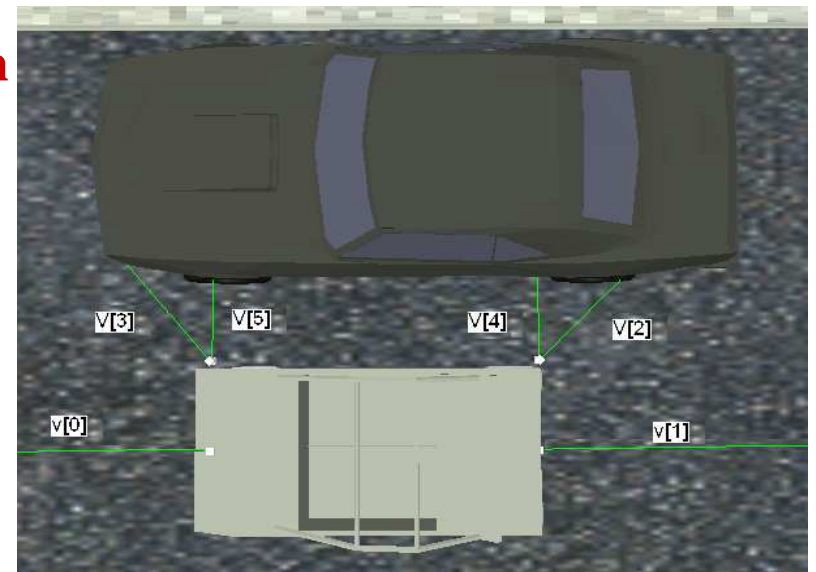
**Outputs:**

- Steering Wheel Angle
- Gas pedal (car speed + direction: fwd, back)

**States:**

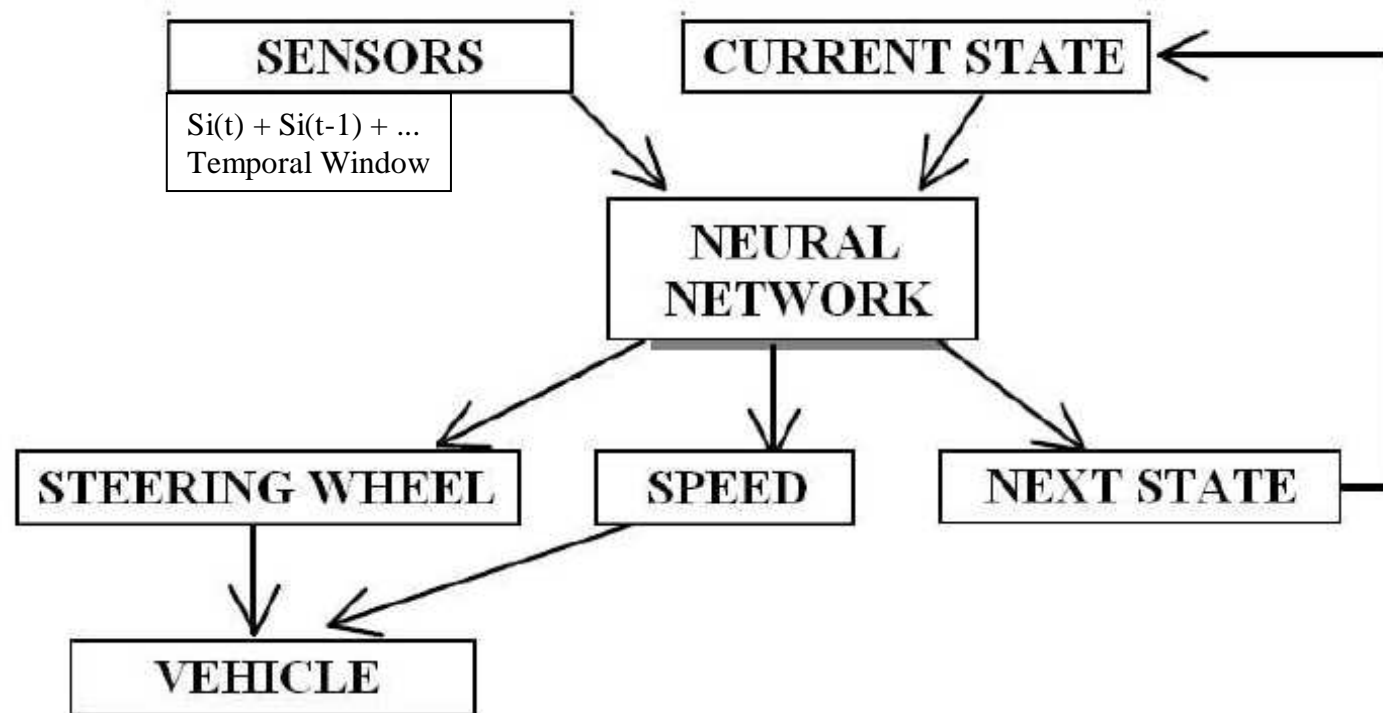


Automaton states



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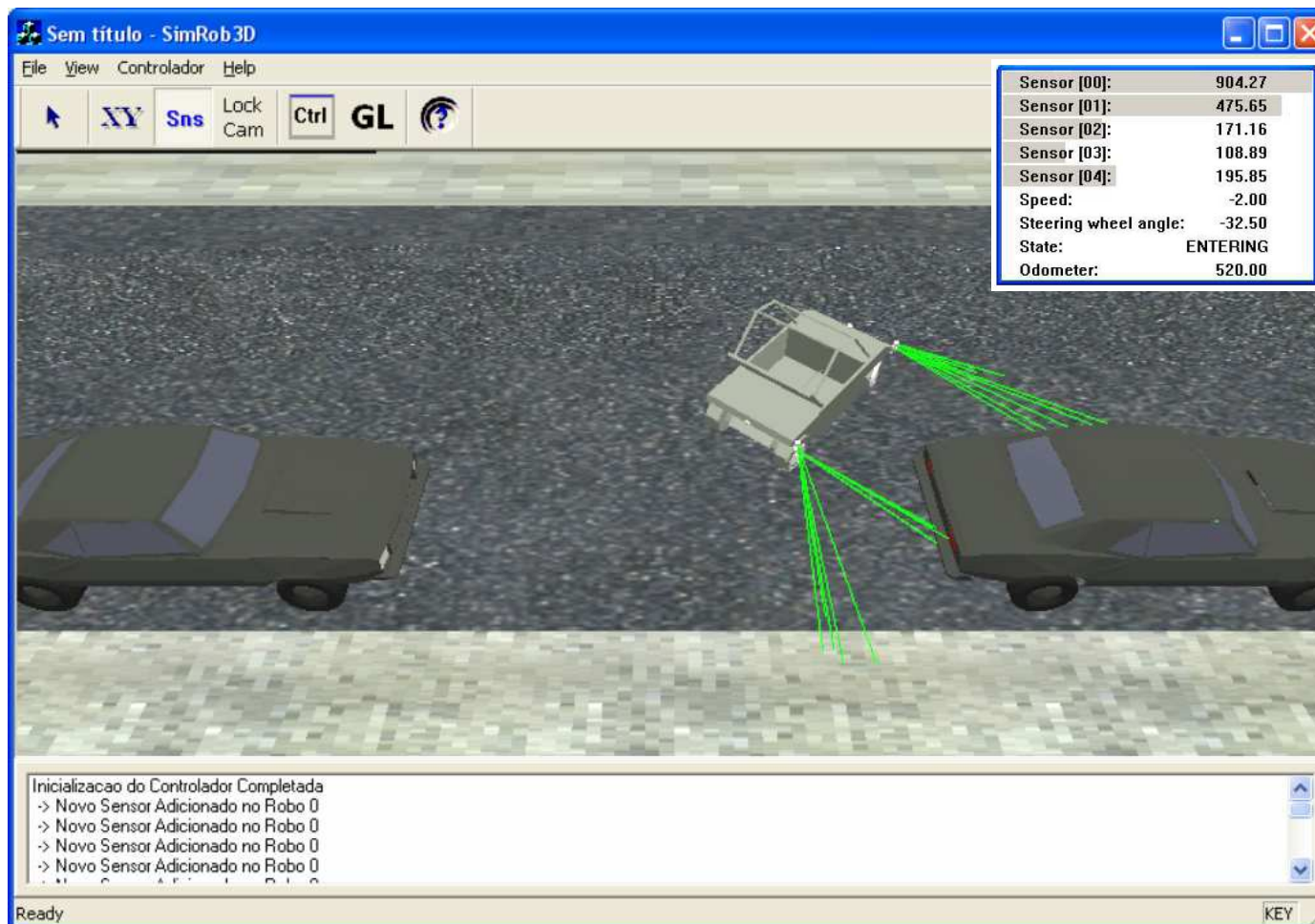
### SEVA: NEURAL FSA - Learning the FSA...



Artificial neural network model scheme  
Adapted Jordan-Net using RProp Learning

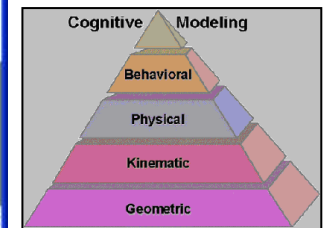
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### SEVA3D - Autonomous Vehicle Parking Simulator



3D

Sensors  
Actuators  
Kinematics  
FSA Ctrl  
ANN Ctrl





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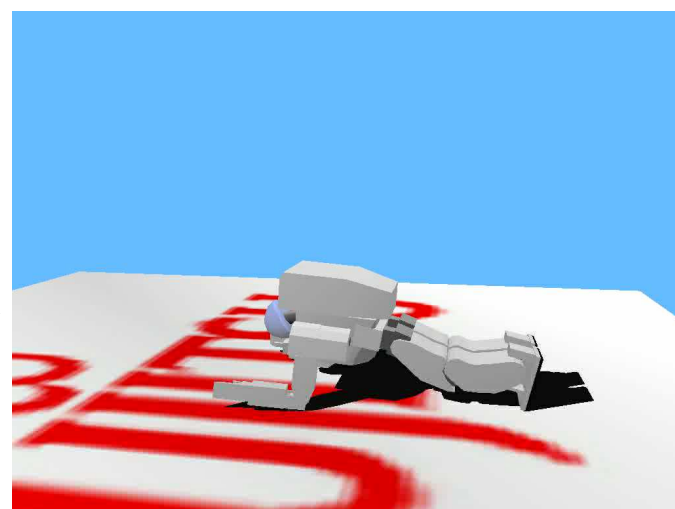
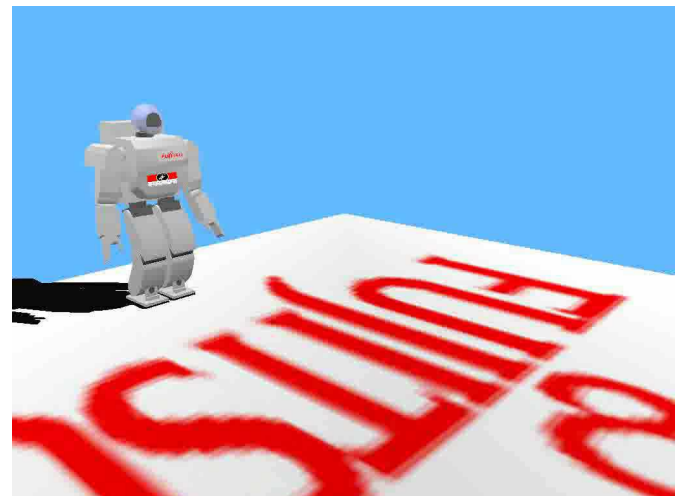
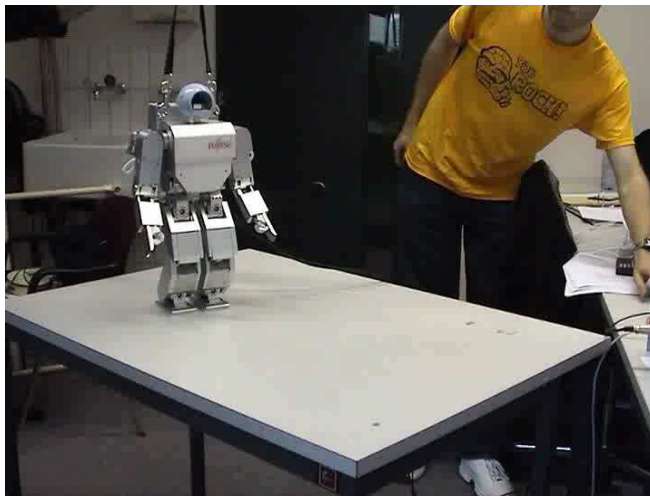
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### Legged Robots Evolution and Walking Control



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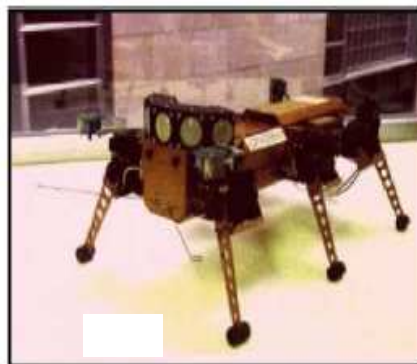
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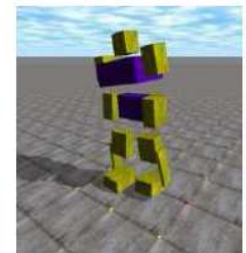
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Robô Lynxmotion Hexapod II



Robô Genghis-II



(a) Robô real

(b) Robô simulado



(a)



(b)



Asimo



(b) Sony SDR-4X



(c) Kawada H6



(d) Fujitsu HOAP-2



The Sony Dream Robot in the real world



The Sony Dream Robot simulated into Webots

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# **Gait Control Generation for Physically based Simulated Robots using Genetic Algorithms**

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## LEGGEN - Legged Robots Evolution and Walking Control

### Simulation of Robots: 3D Realistic Virtual Environments

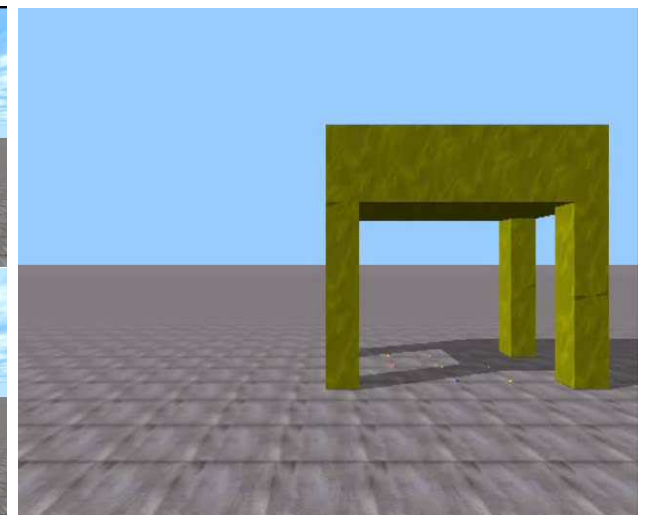
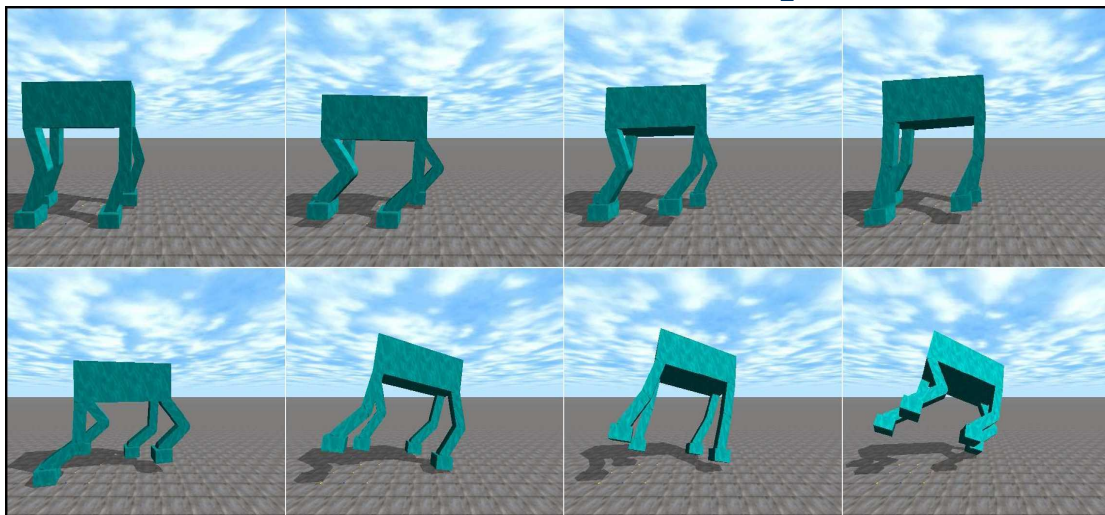
- **Sensors**: infrared, sonar, bumpers, gyro (accelerometers), GPS, compass, light and vision sensors, etc.
- **Actuators**: legs and arms with angular motors (joints)
- **Physics**: collision, kinematics, rigid body dynamics

### Simulation of Legged Autonomous Robots:

- Robot **Control** Architectures Implementation



Genetic Evolved Control  
of Articulated Robots (w/legs)



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### **LEGGEN - Legged Robots Evolution and Walking Control**

Simulation of 3D Realistic Virtual Legged Robots

**LEGGEN Simulator - Tools:**

1. **OSG** - Open Scene Graph (OpenGL + Extensions)

[ <http://www.openscenegraph.org/> ]

2. **ODE** - Open Dynamics Engine

Rigid Body Physics Simulation

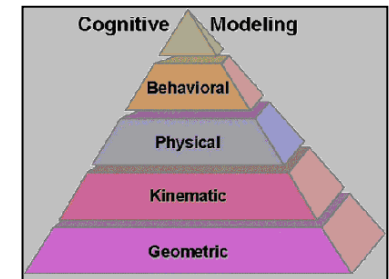
(gravity, inertia, friction, collision, joints, etc)

[ <http://www.ode.org/> ]

3. **GALib** - Genetic Algorithms Simulation

[ <http://www.lancet.mit.edu/ga/> ]

4. **Robot Control FSM: Finite State Machine = Sense + Act**



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### LEGGEN - Legged Robots Evolution and Walking Control

Simulation main goals:

- Evaluate different *Robot Models* (hardware configurations)  
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- Evaluate different *Fitness Functions*  
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### *Robot Models*



(a) HexaL3J



(b) TetraL3J



(c) HexaL2J



(d) TetraL2J

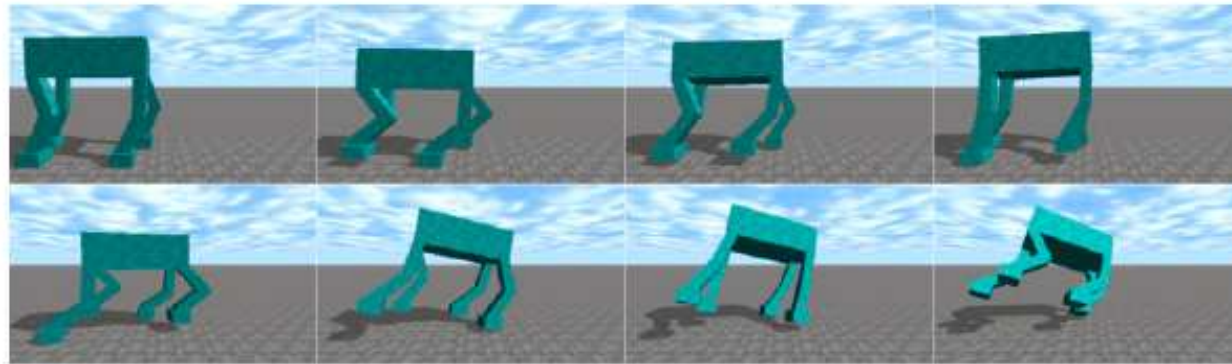


Evaluate different robot models in order to select a better hardware configuration

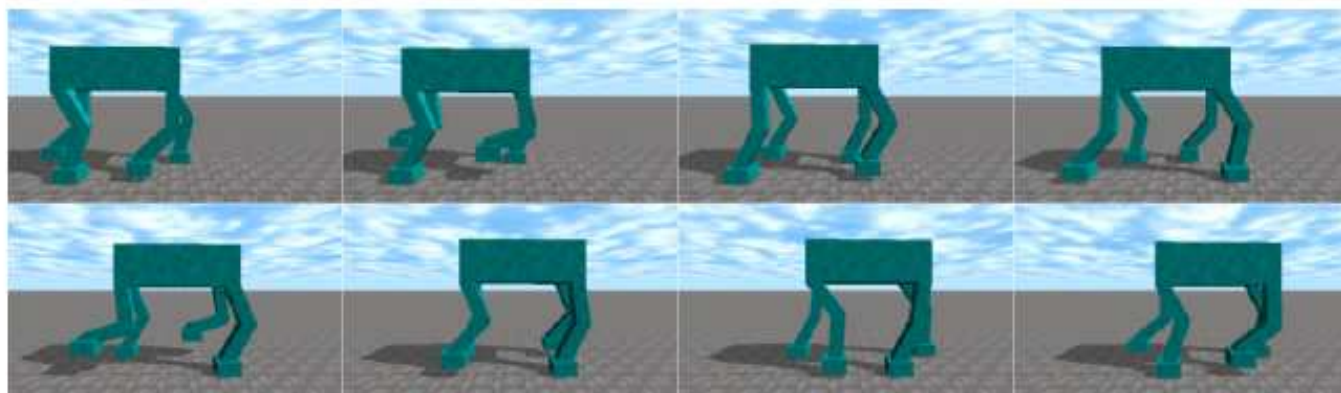


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### Simulation Results:



Example of a generated gait (experiment 01)

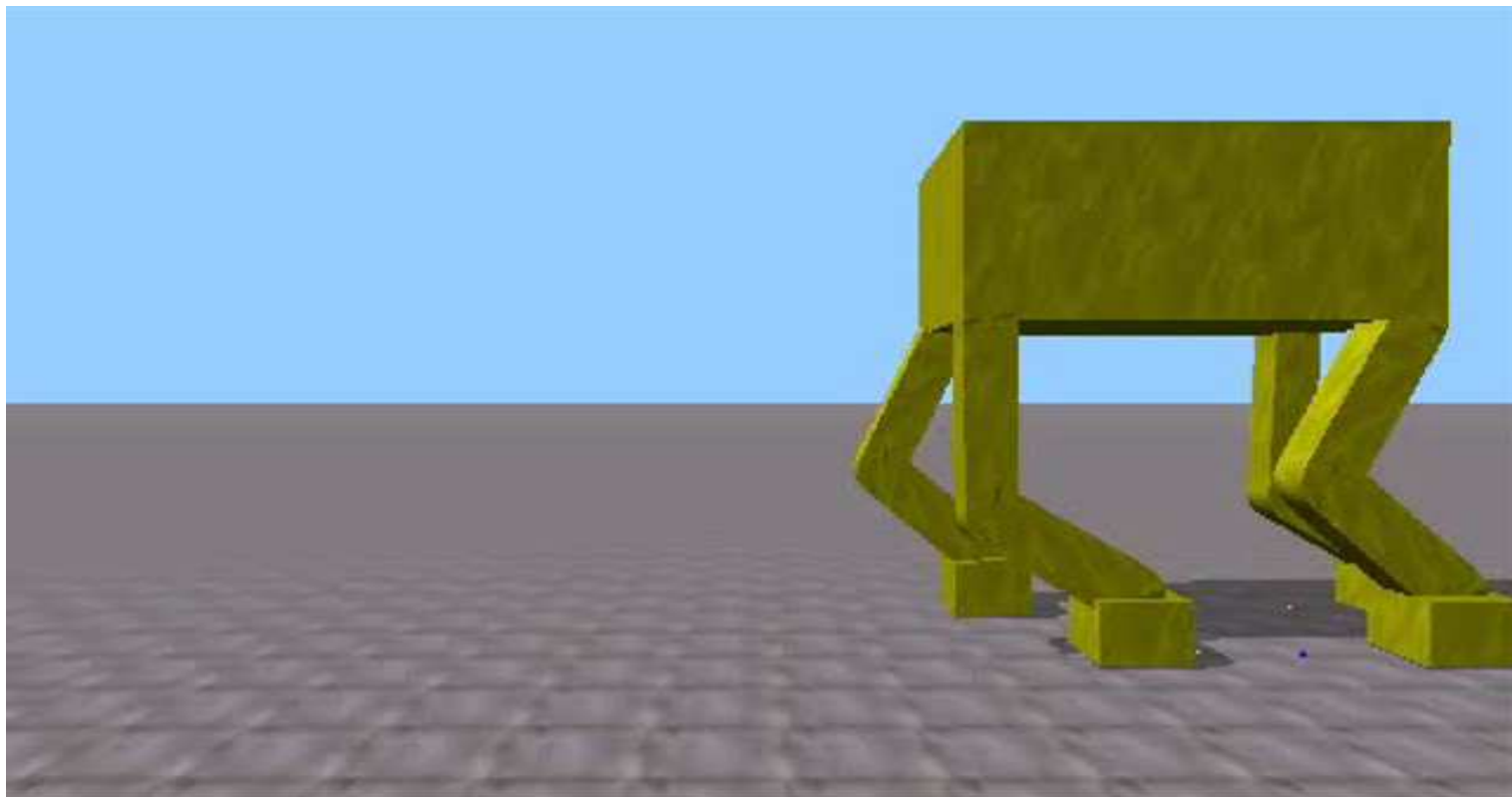


Example of a generated gait (experiment 04)

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### Simulation RESULTS:

#### *Tetrapod Video - Distance, Gyro*

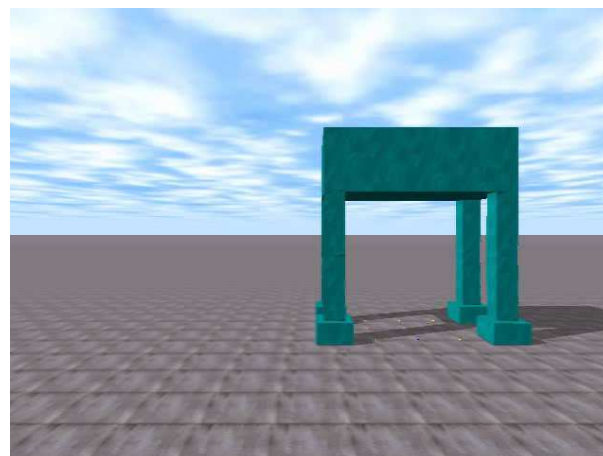
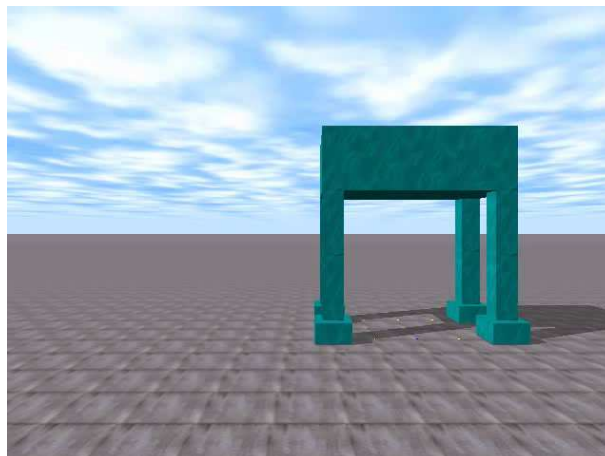
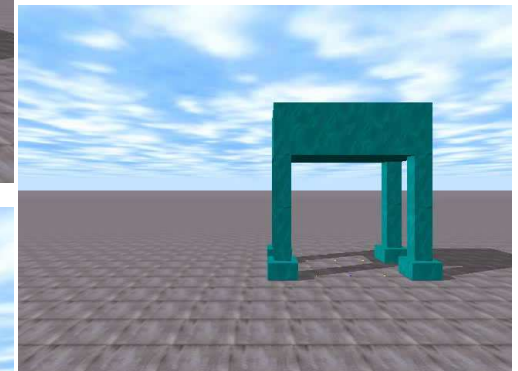
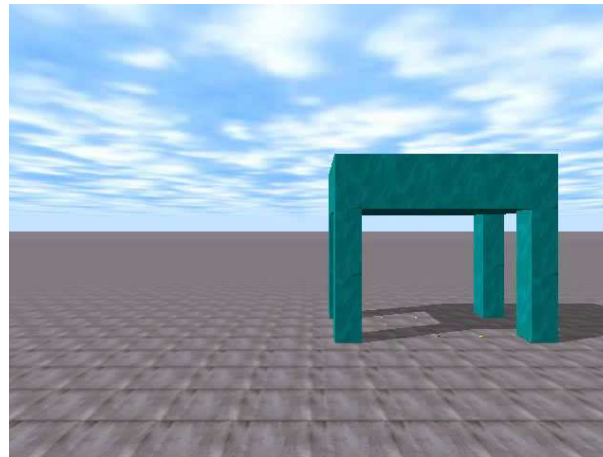
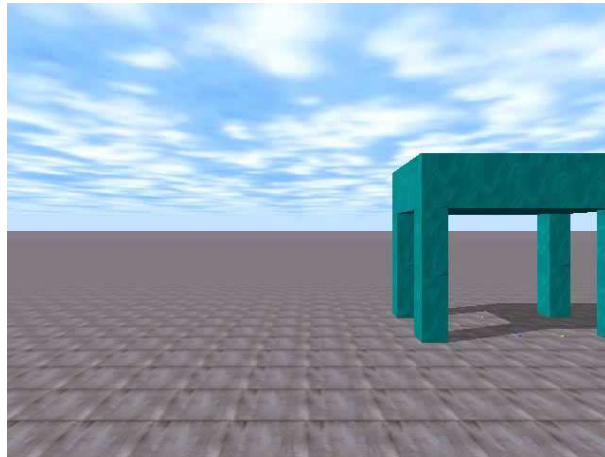




## LEGGEN SIMULATOR

**Simulation**

**RESULTS:** *Tetrapod Video - "bloopers"*







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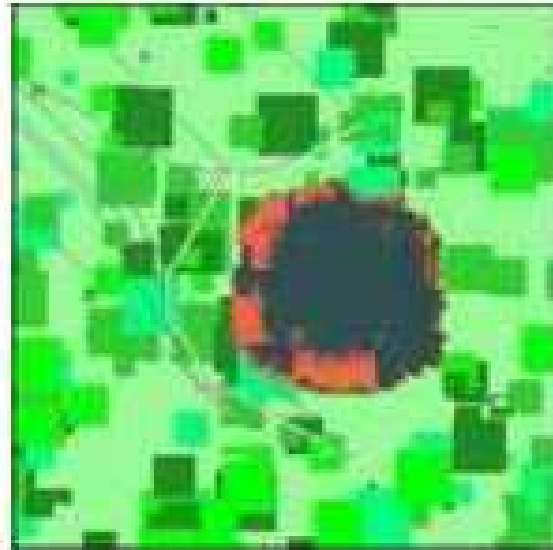
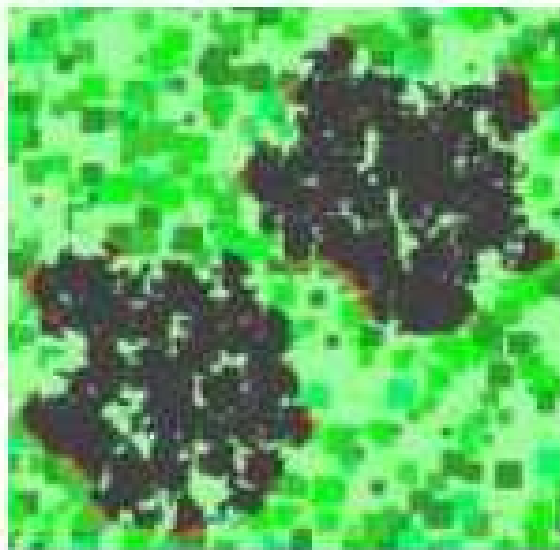
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→ **Robombeiros - Fire Fighting**

## Robombeiros - Fire Fighting VR Simulation

### *Virtual Simulation Environment:*

- \* 2D and 3D Simulation
- \* Simulation of fire propagation
- \* Autonomous fire-fighting team
- \* Define: Strategy, Mission, Execution



### Fire Propagation Simulation:

- Direction and Speed of wind
- Vegetation type and coverture density (speed of propagation)
- Terrain

Figure: 2D Simulation using SDL library => <http://pessin.googlepages.com/robombeiros>

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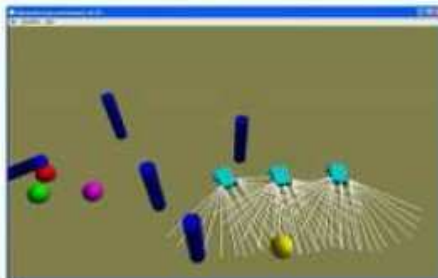
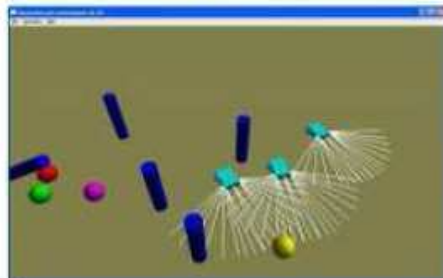
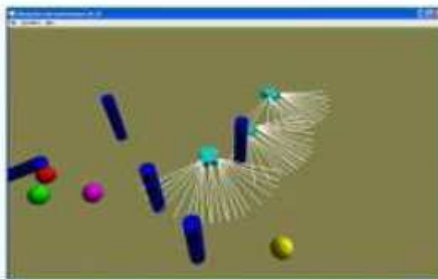
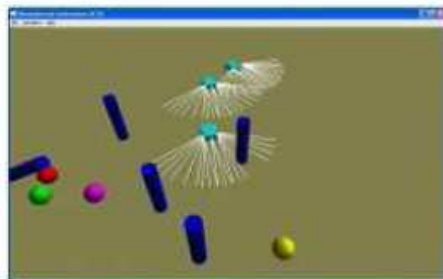
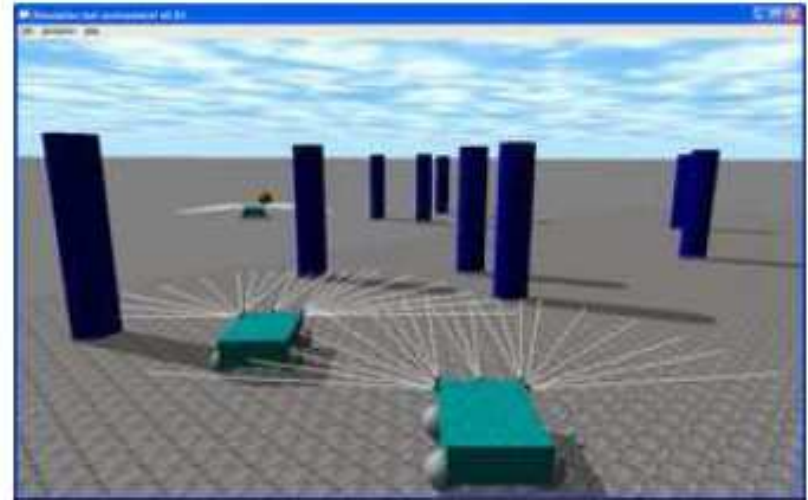
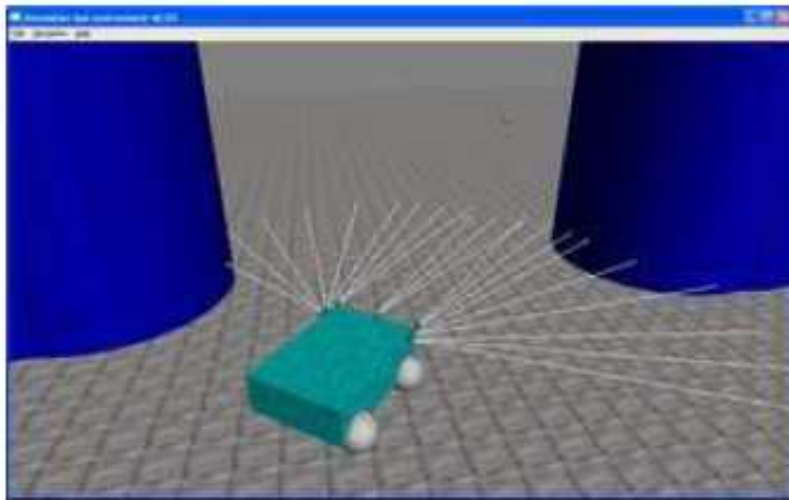


### 3D Visualization:

- Vegetation, Fire
- Autonomous mobile Robots
- Stereo 3D
- Tools: OSG, ODE, Demeter

## Robombeiros - Fire Fighting VR Simulation

### *Virtual Simulation Environment:*



- 3D Simulation:
- Fire propagation
  - Physics
  - Robot Control

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## Presentation Topics

### Agenda:

1. Introduction: VR - Hierarchy of Models

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2. VR and Simulation

Geometry, Physics, Behaviour, Knowledge and Cognition

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3. Physics Simulation Tools

Opensteer, ODE, PhysX, Deformable/Dynamic

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4. Intelligent Behaviour

Agents: Perception, Action, Behaviour

Autonomous Robots and Agents - Control

Multi-Agents Systems - Knowledge

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5. Applications: Autonomous Robots VR Simulation Tools

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→ 6. Conclusions and New Trends

## A 3D Fax Machine based on Claytronics

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**Abstract**—This paper presents a novel application of modular robotic technology. Many researchers expect manufacturing technology will allow robot modules to be built at smaller and smaller scales, but movement and actuation are increasingly difficult as dimensions shrink. We describe an application — a 3D fax machine — which exploits inter-module communication and computation without requiring self-reconfiguration. As a result, this application may be feasible sooner than applications which depend upon modules being able to move themselves.

In our new approach to 3D faxing, a large number of sub-millimeter robot modules form an intelligent “clay” which can be reshaped via the external application of mechanical forces. This clay can act as a novel input device, using intermodule localization techniques to acquire the shape of a 3D object by casting. We describe software for such digital clay. We also describe how, when equipped with simple inter-module latches, such clay can be used as a 3D output device. Finally, we evaluate results from simulations which test how well our approach can replicate particular objects.

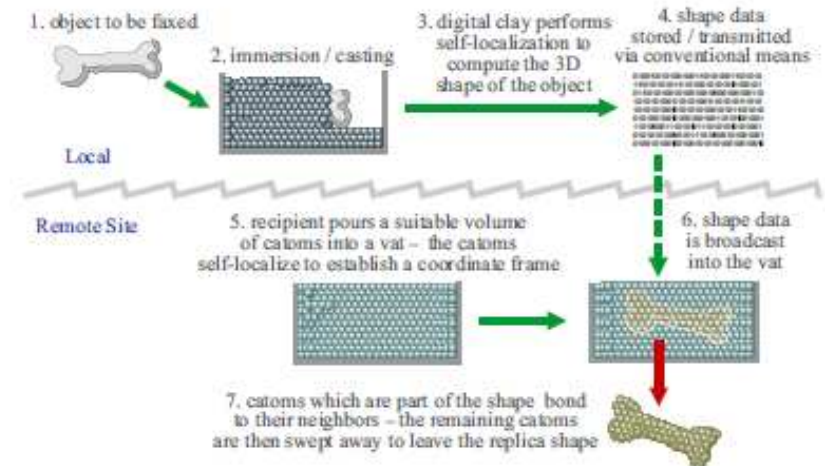


Fig. 1. An overview of the 3D fax scenario

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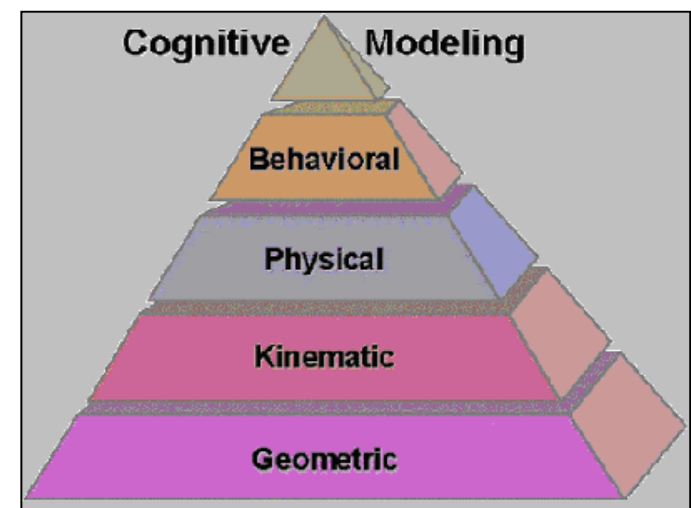
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Geometric + Kinematic + Physical + Behavioural + Cognitive  
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Realistic VR Environments

### New Trends:

VR + Physics  
Artificial Intelligence  
AR - Augmented Reality  
Haptic Interfaces

Autonomy	<b>IVRE</b> Intelligent Virtual Reality Environments
Simulation	<b>VR PBSim</b> VR Physical and Behavioral Simulation
More Real	<b>VR++</b>





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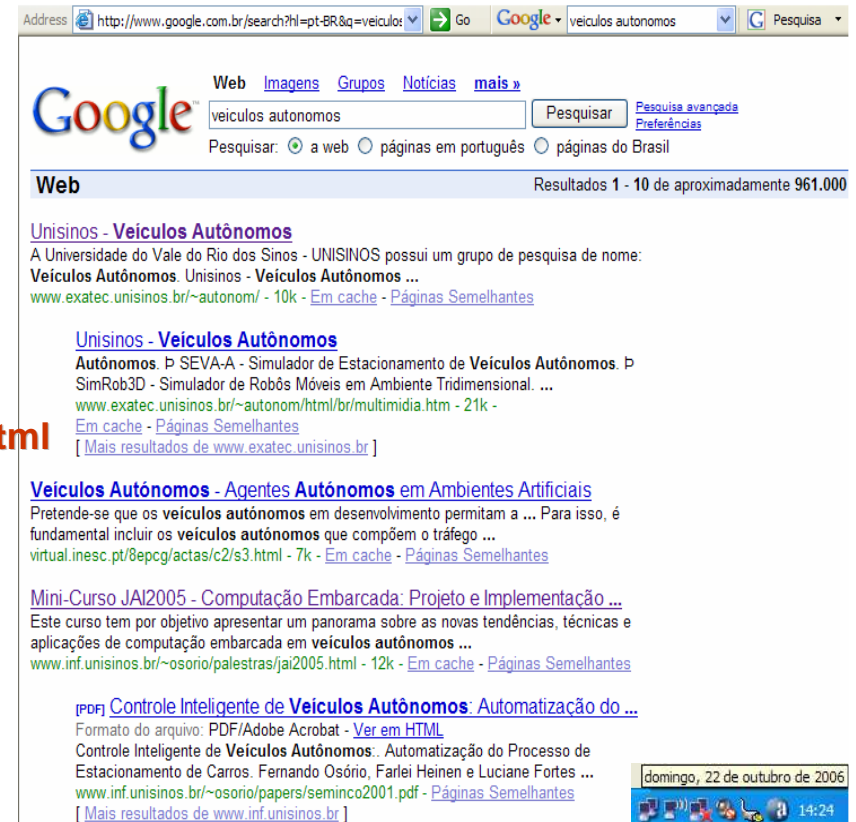
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
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