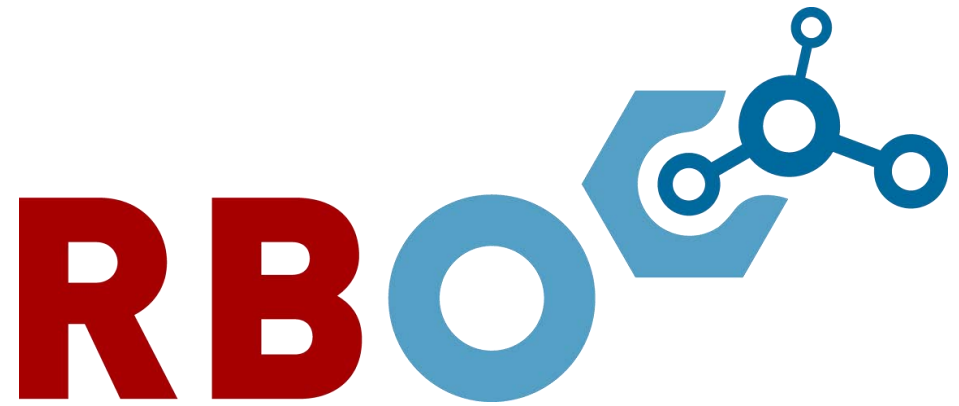




Mobile Manipulation:

Why Are Humans So Much Better? And How Can We Change That?

Oliver Brock

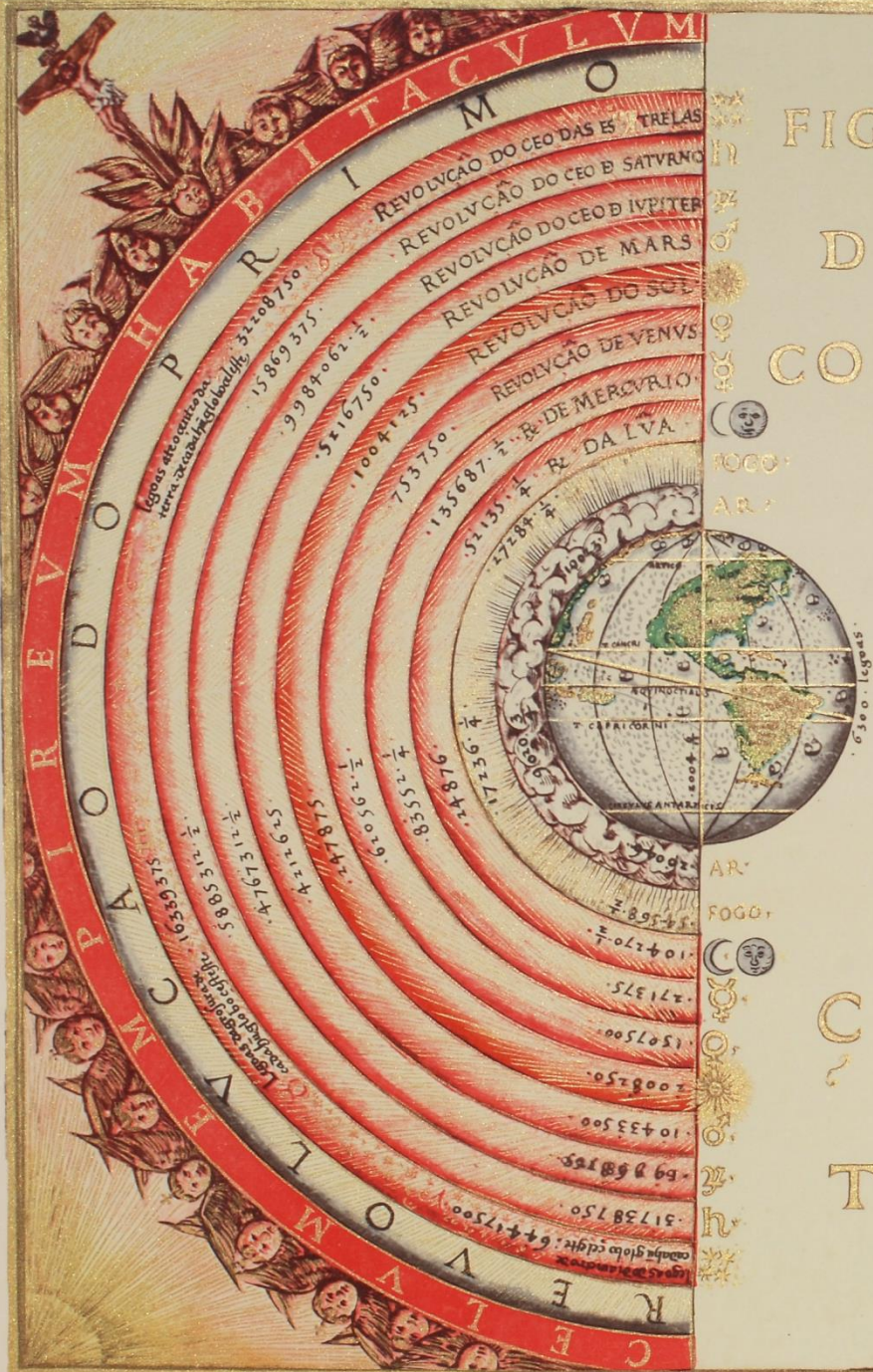
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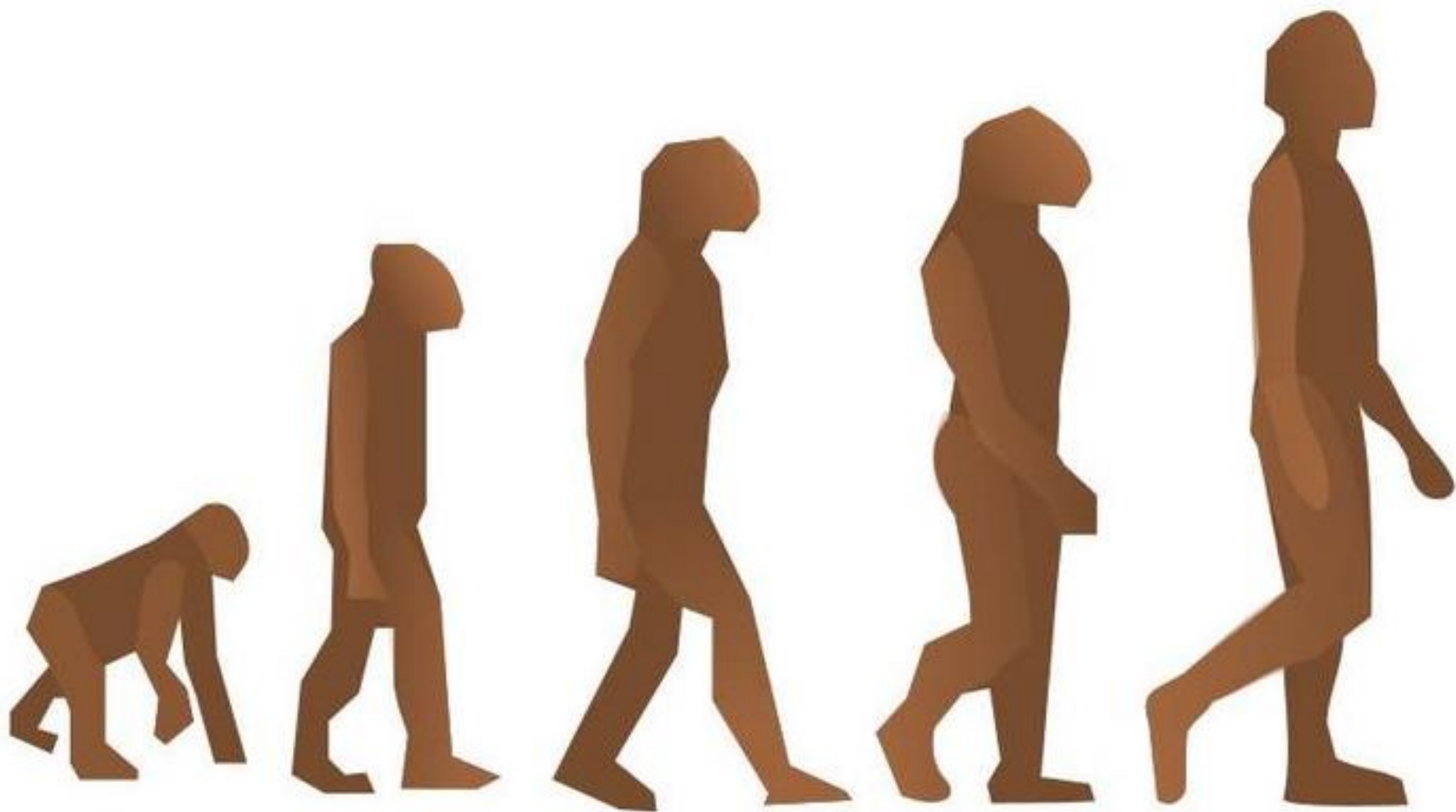


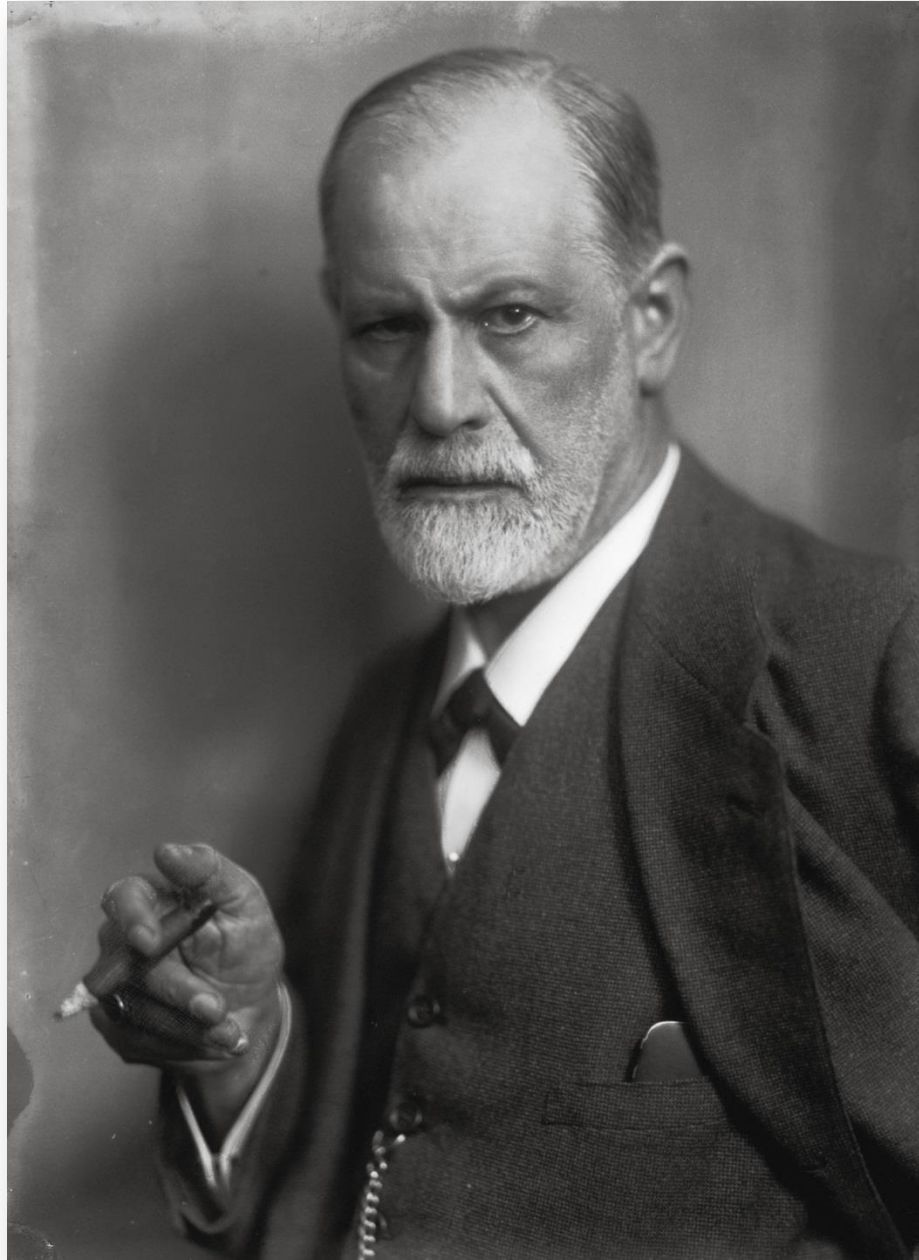
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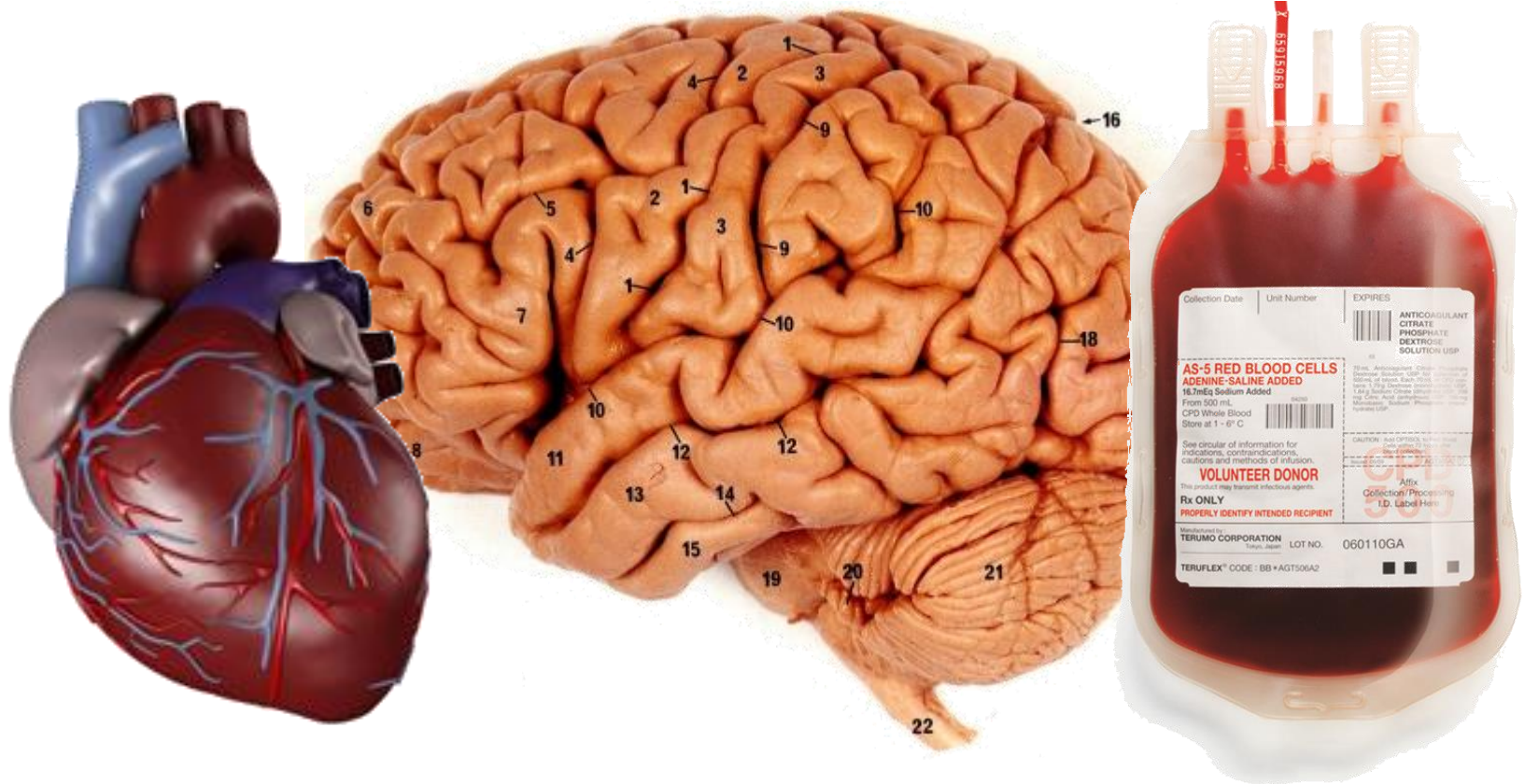


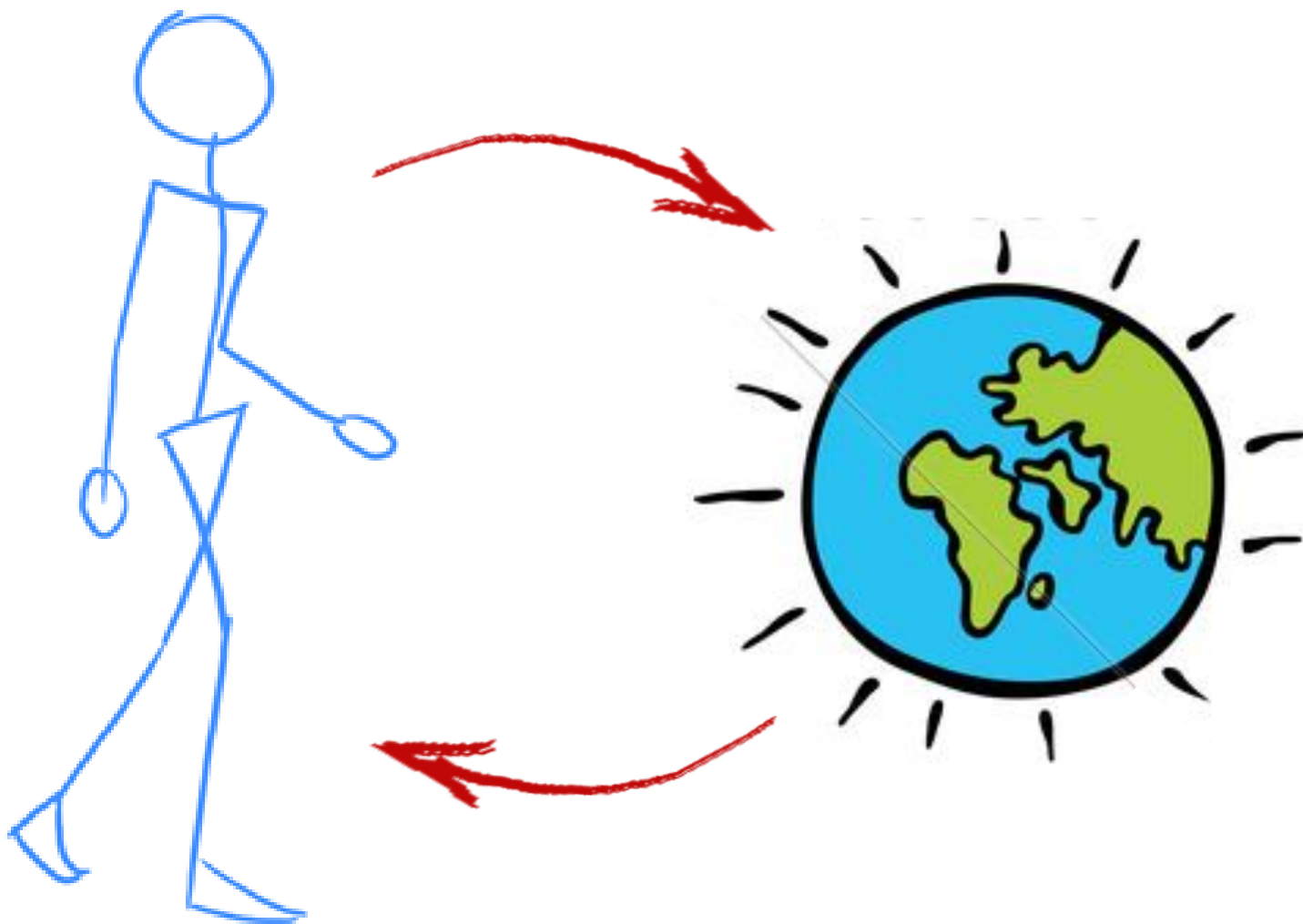


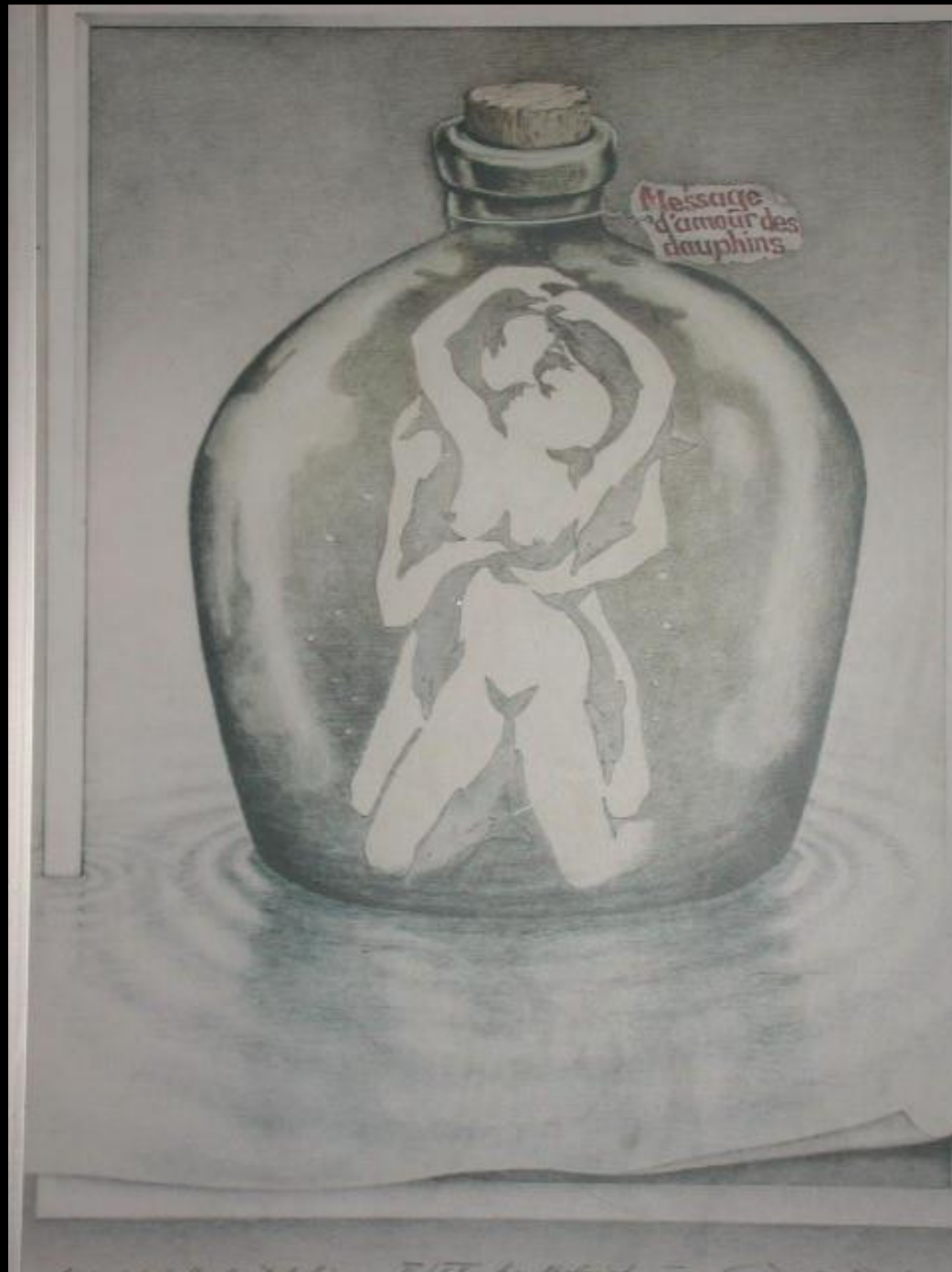


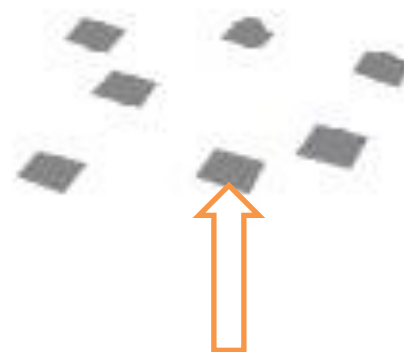
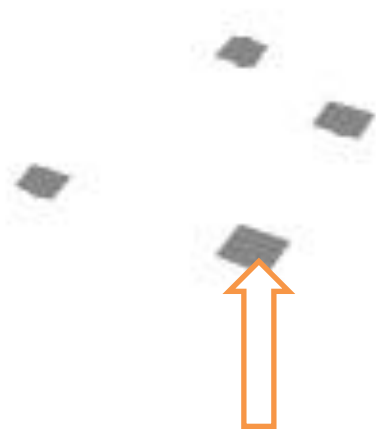


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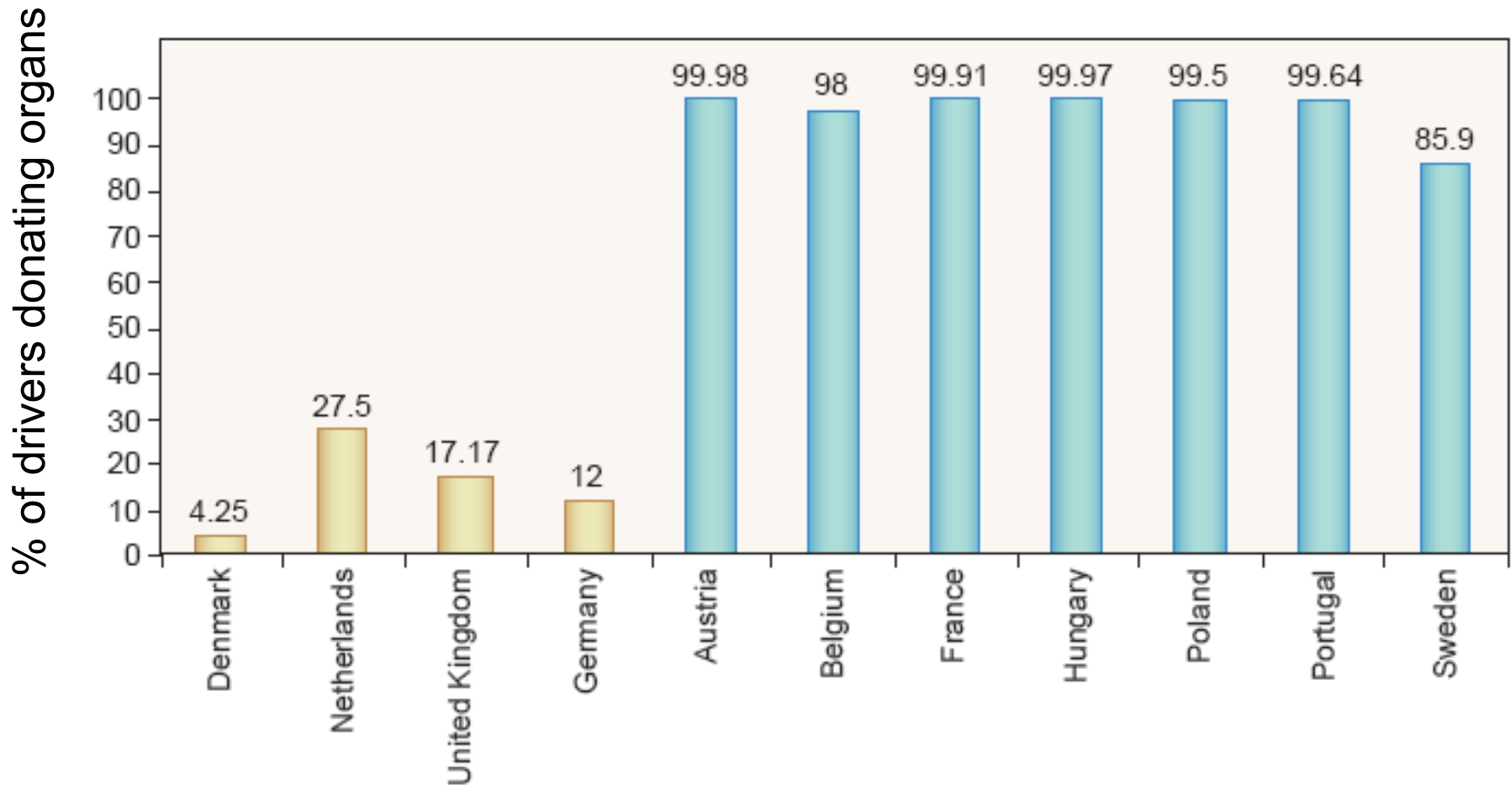








Organ Donations



Opt-in

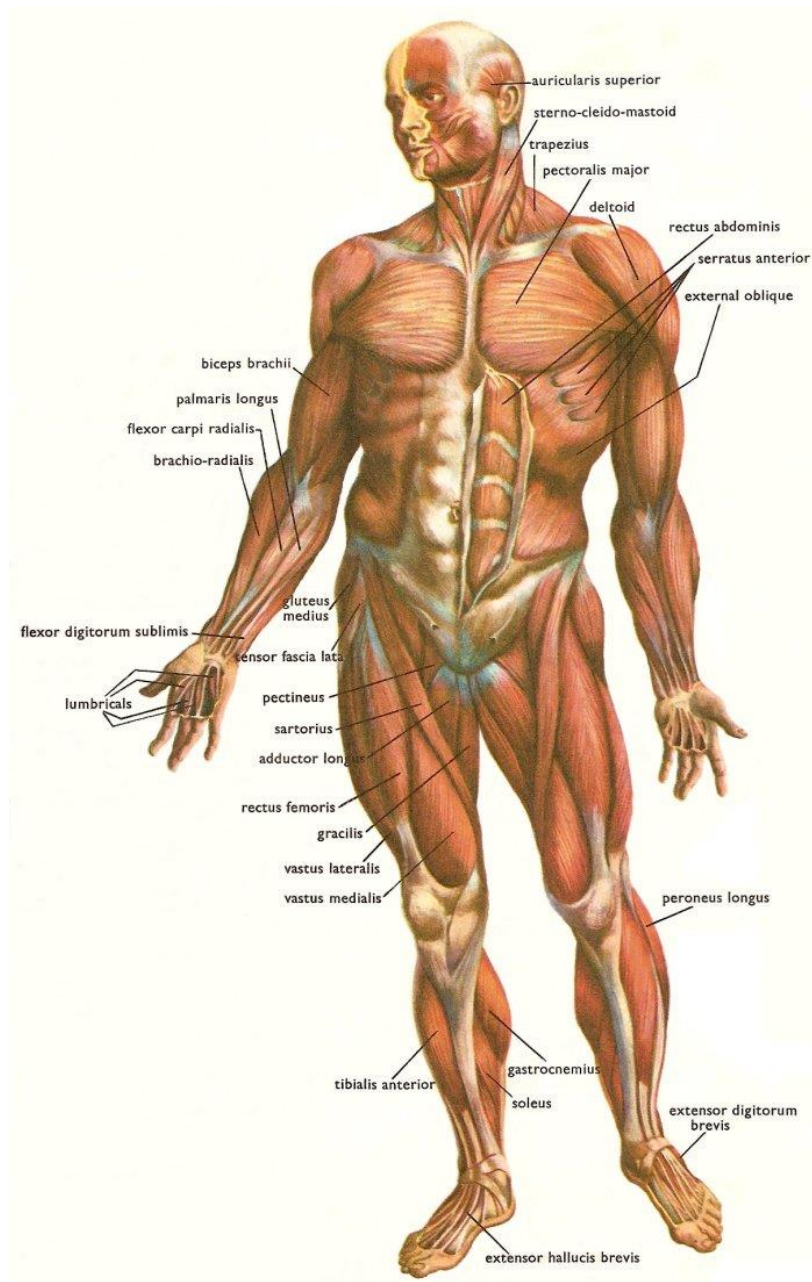
☐ Check this box if you do not want to participate in the organ donor program

people don't check the box – and don't join

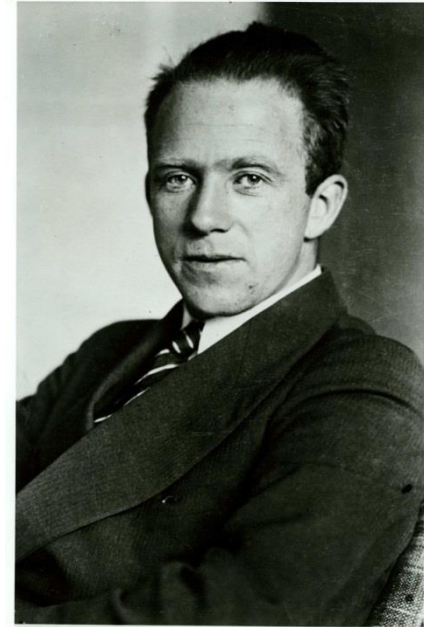
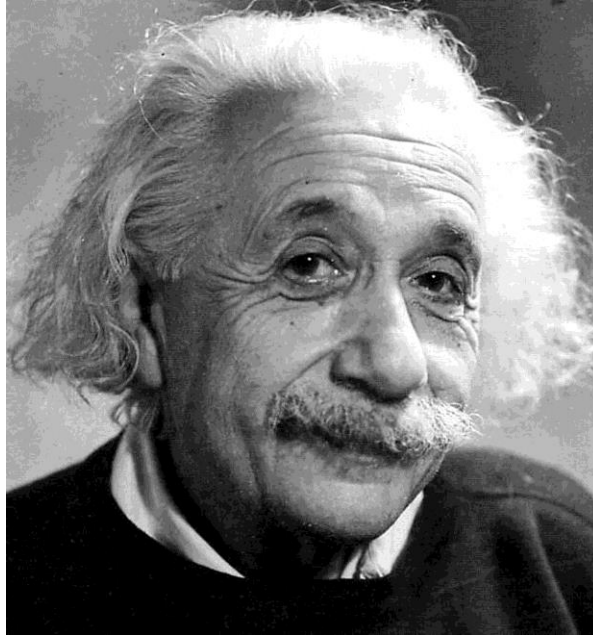
Opt-out

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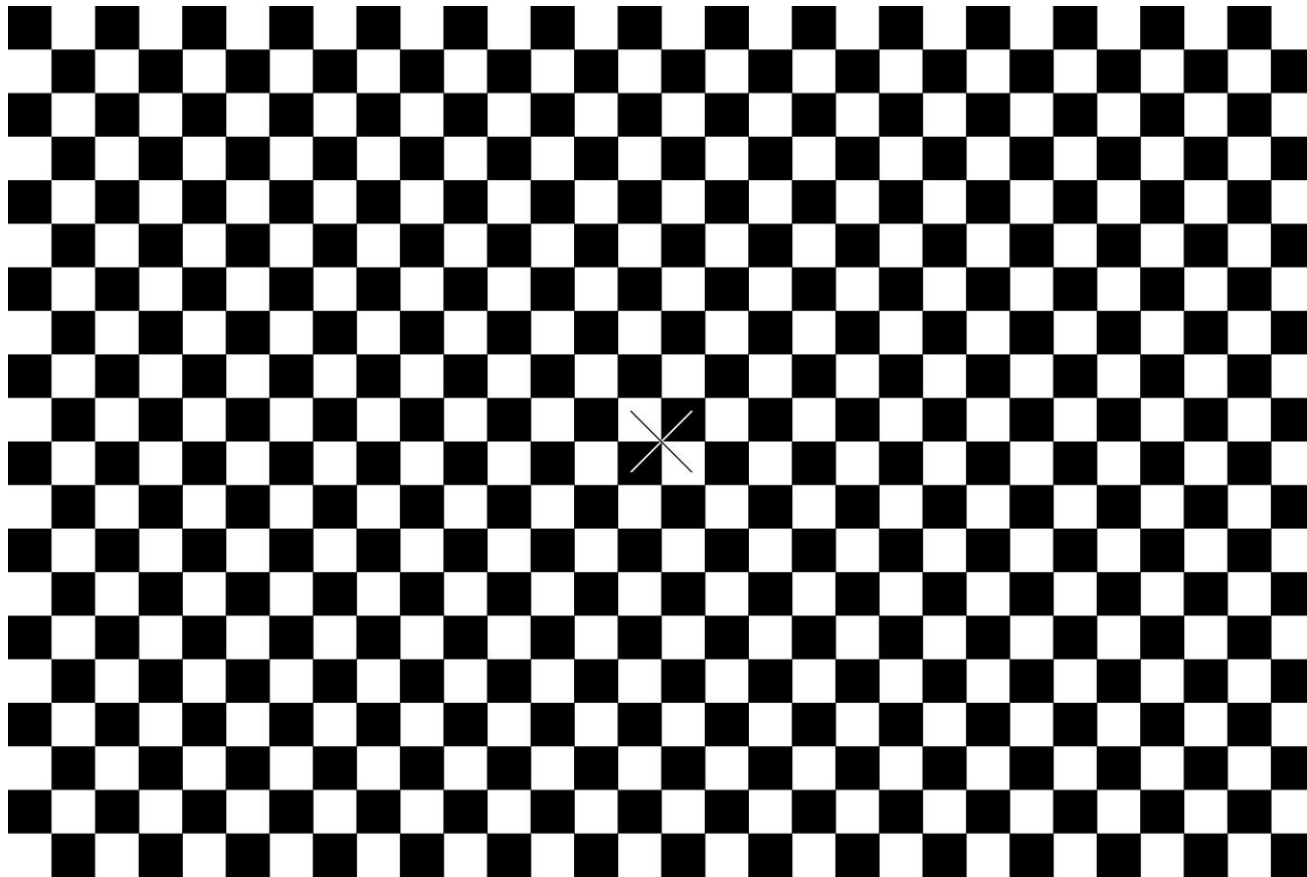


Bremermann's Limit



$$1.36 \times 10^{50} \text{ bits}/(\text{s kg})$$

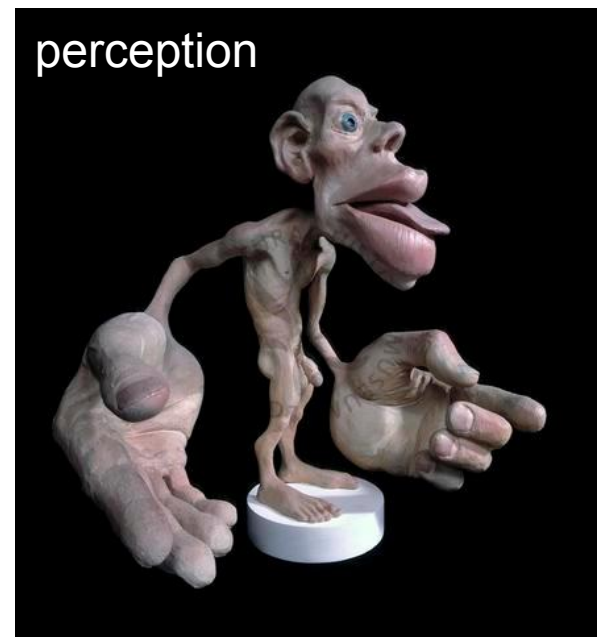




$$10^{200} \gg 10^{75}$$

$$600 \ll 300.000.000$$

Grasping





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Julia Child (1912 – 2004)



A Scene From
The French Chef - Julia Child

The Potato Show

Season 1, Episode 22, 1963

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Two Experimental Conditions

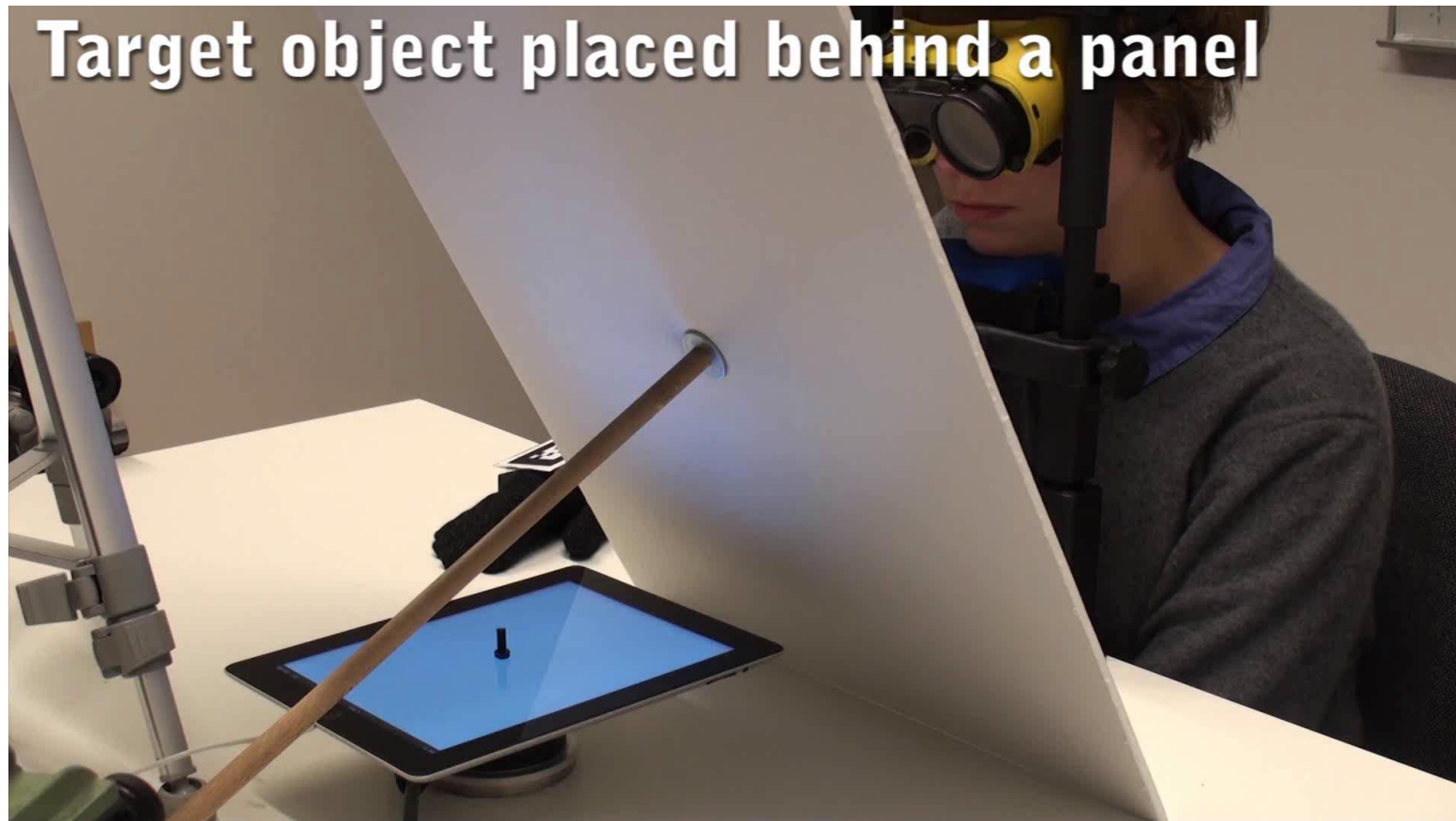


Control



Impaired

Human Grasping Strategies



José Álvarez-Ruiz

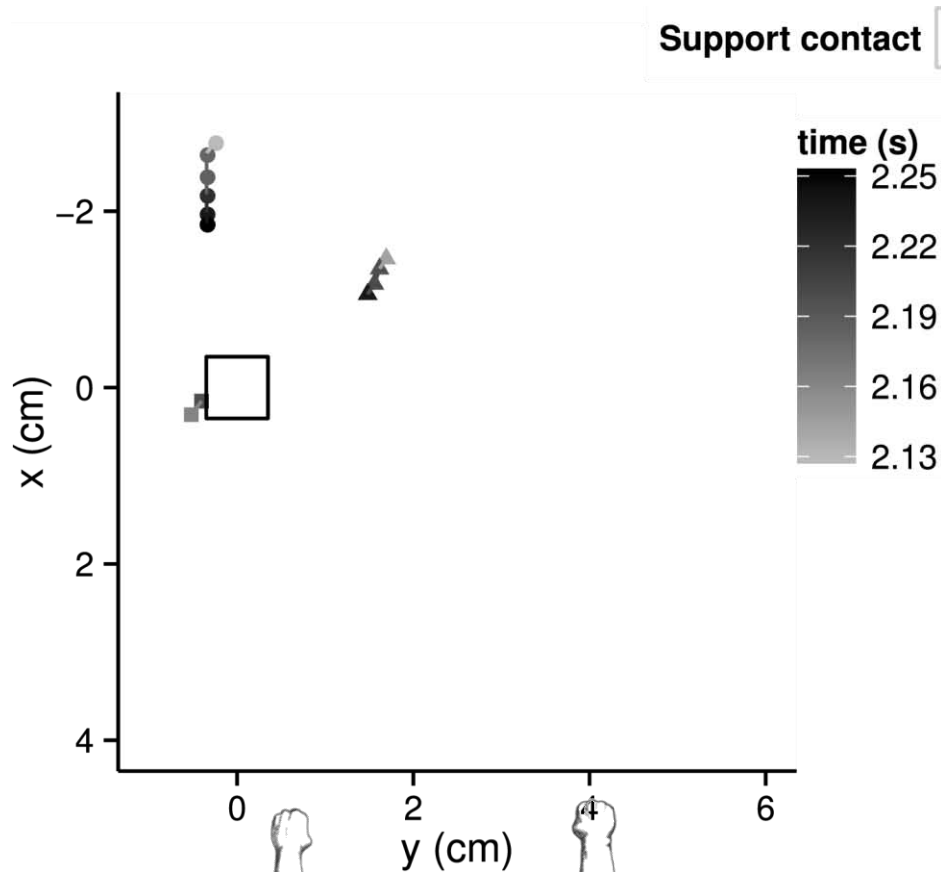
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Modelling of Cognitive Processes



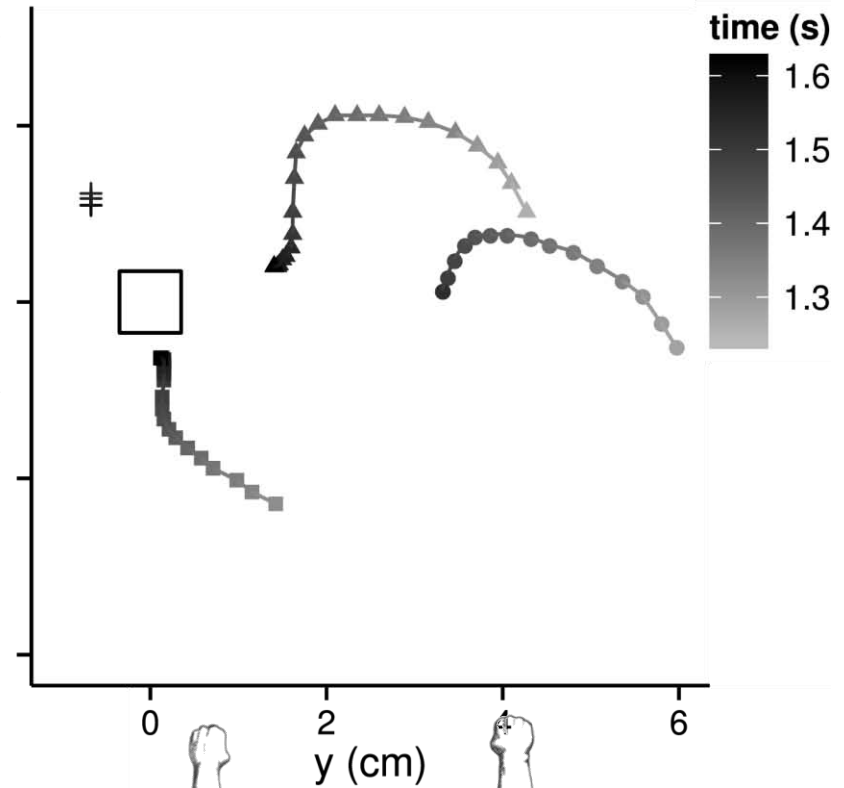


Traces of Support Contacts

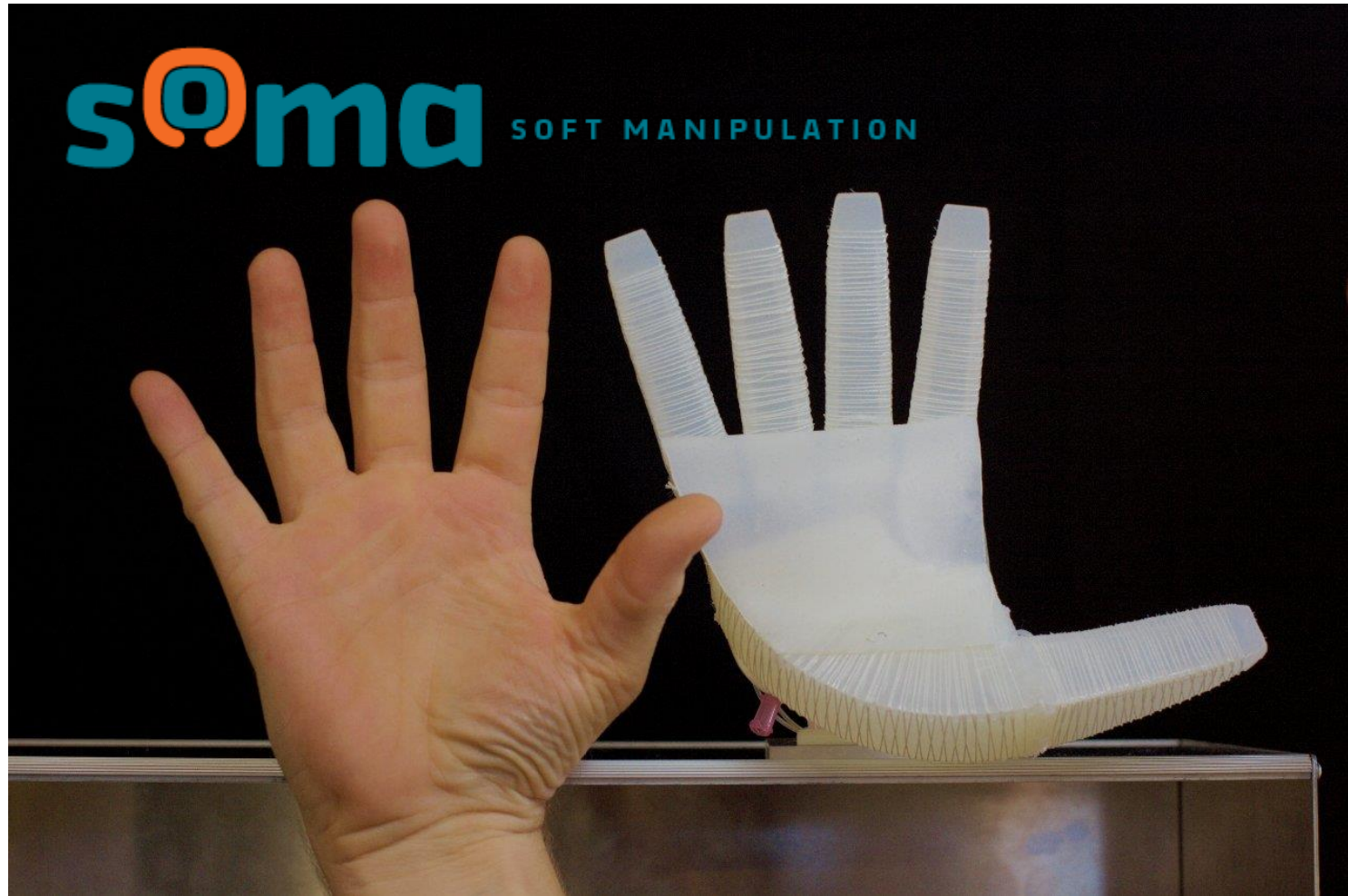
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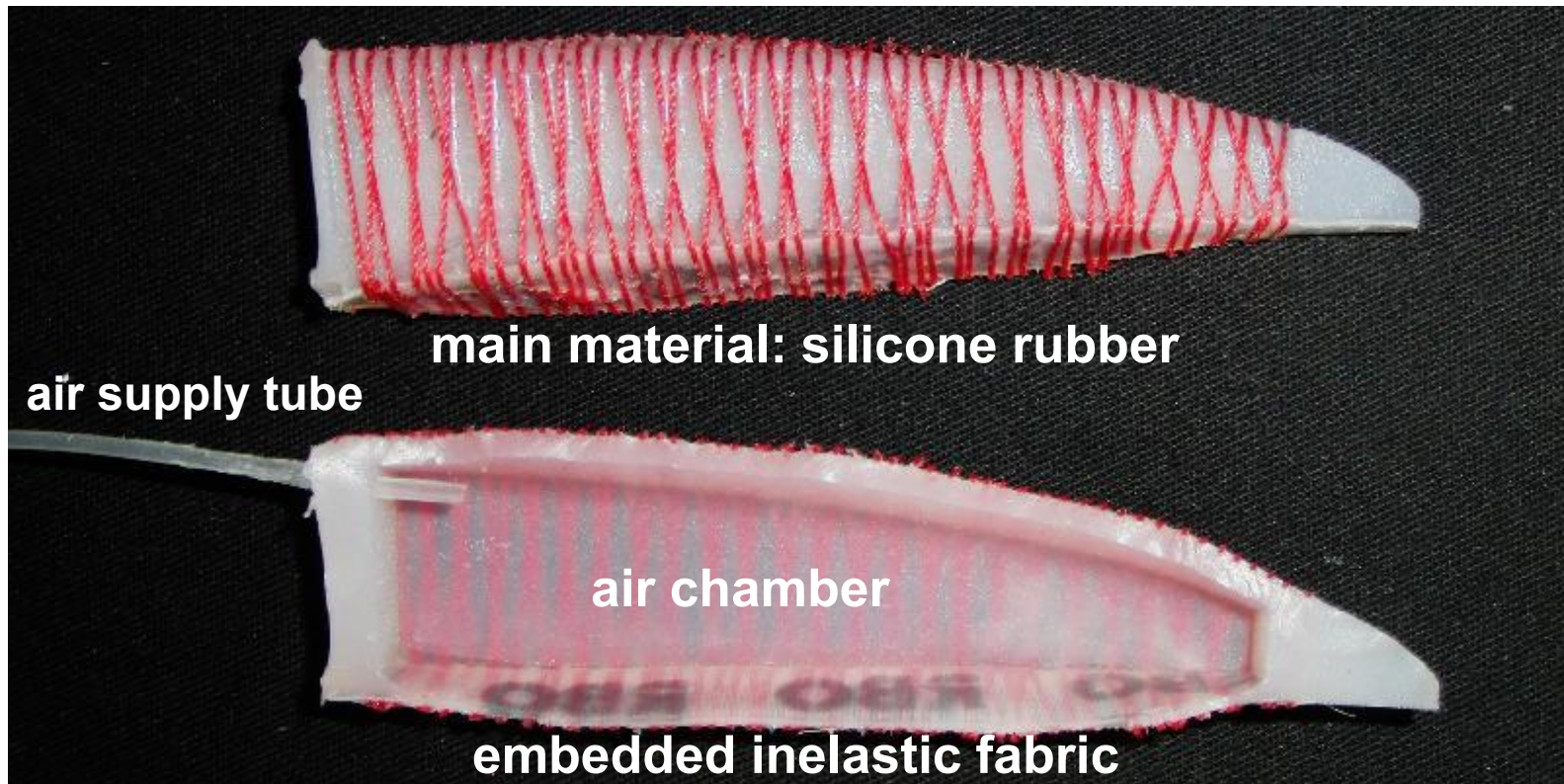


RBO Anthropomorphic Hand





PneuFlex Actuators



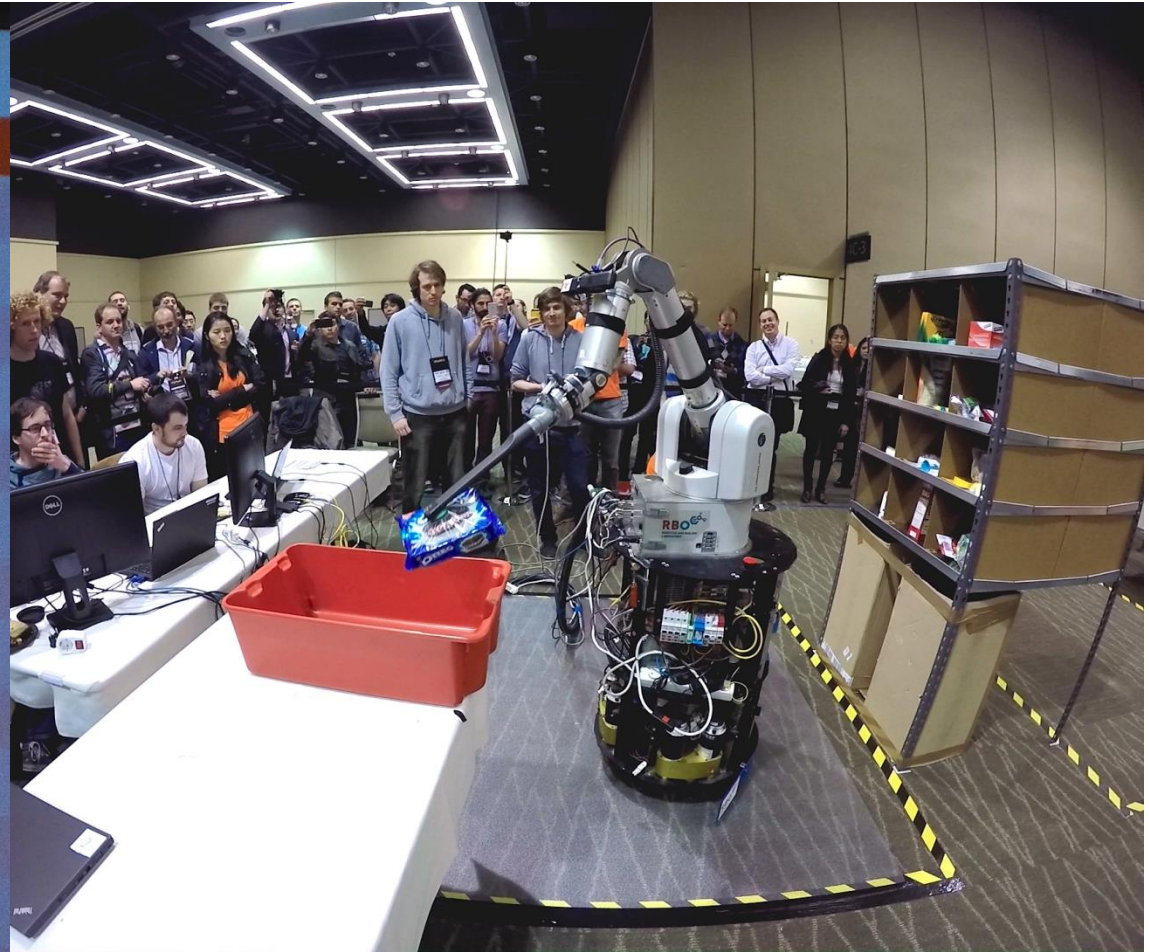




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Amazon Picking Challenge: Results

Final Standings	
Team	Score
RBO	148
Team MIT	88
Team Grizzly	35
NUS_Smart_Hand	32
Z.U.N.	23
C^2m	21
R U Pracsys	17
Team K	15
Team Nanyang	11
Team A.R.	11
Georgia Tech	10
Team B	10



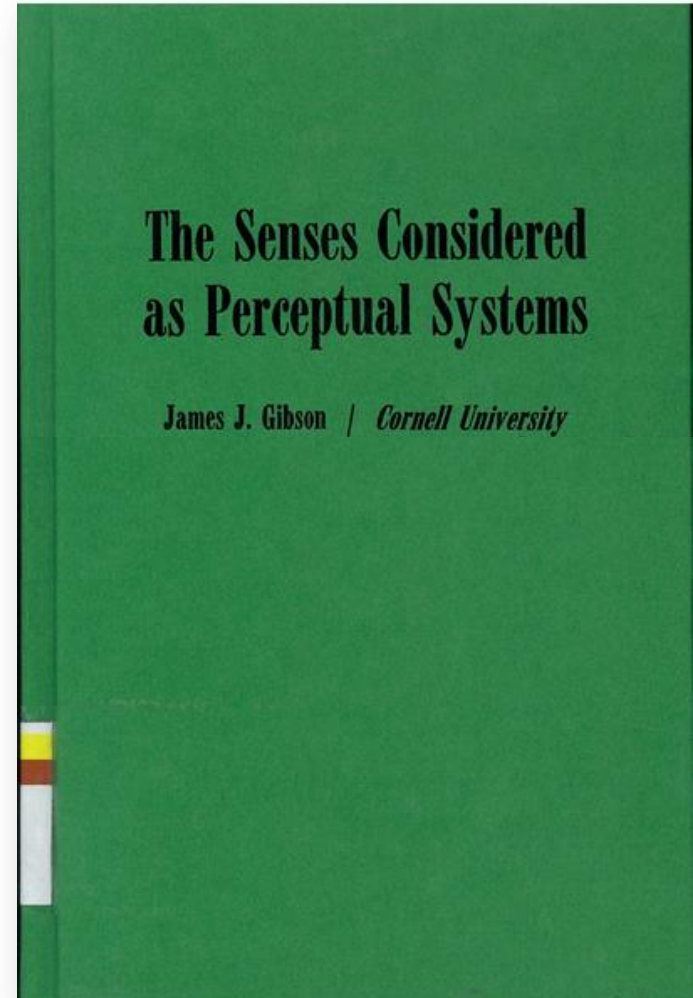
Why Are Humans So Much Better?

They let the body solve the problem!

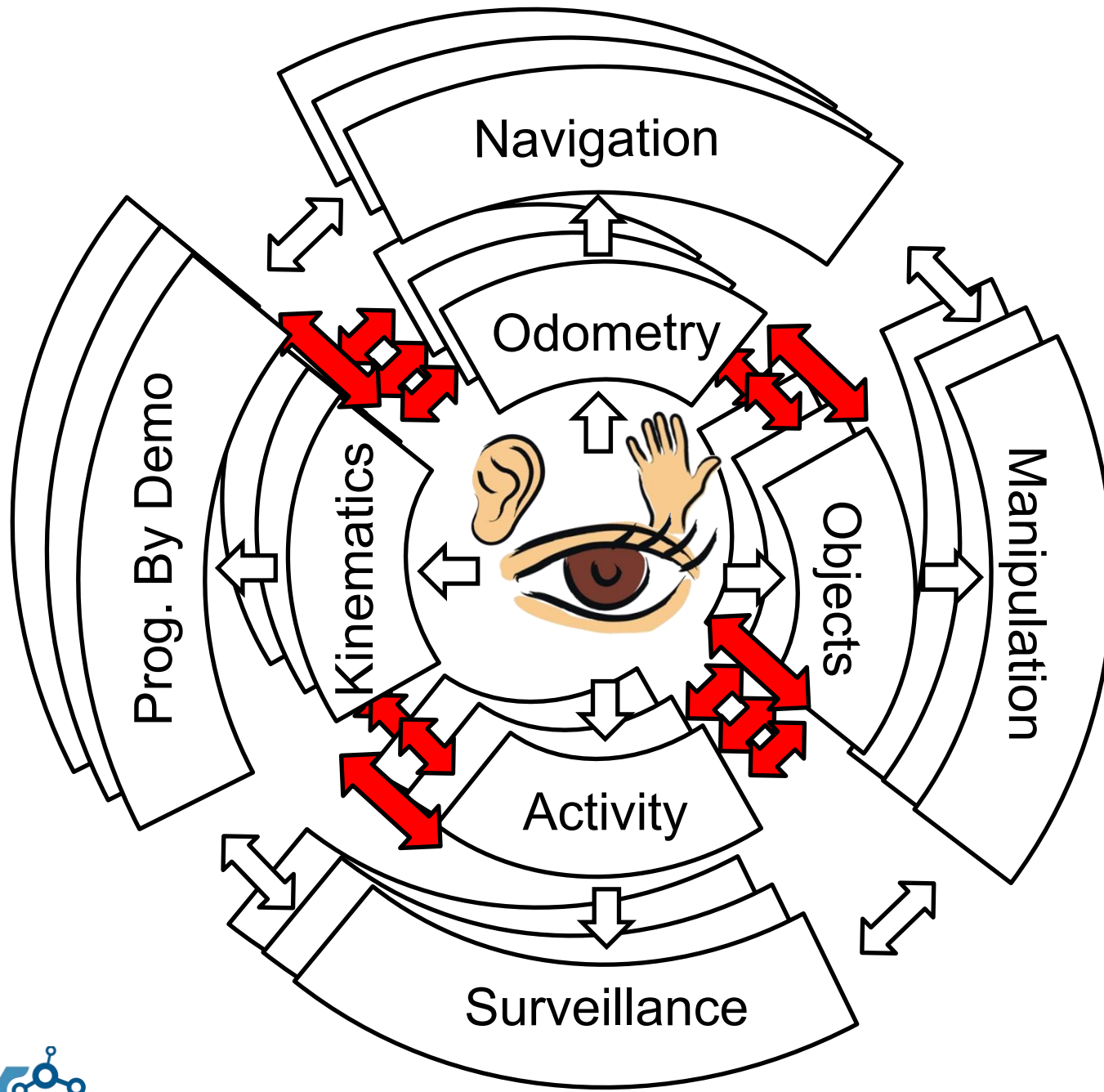
Why Are Humans So Much Better?

They are optimized for behavior!
(as are all biological systems)

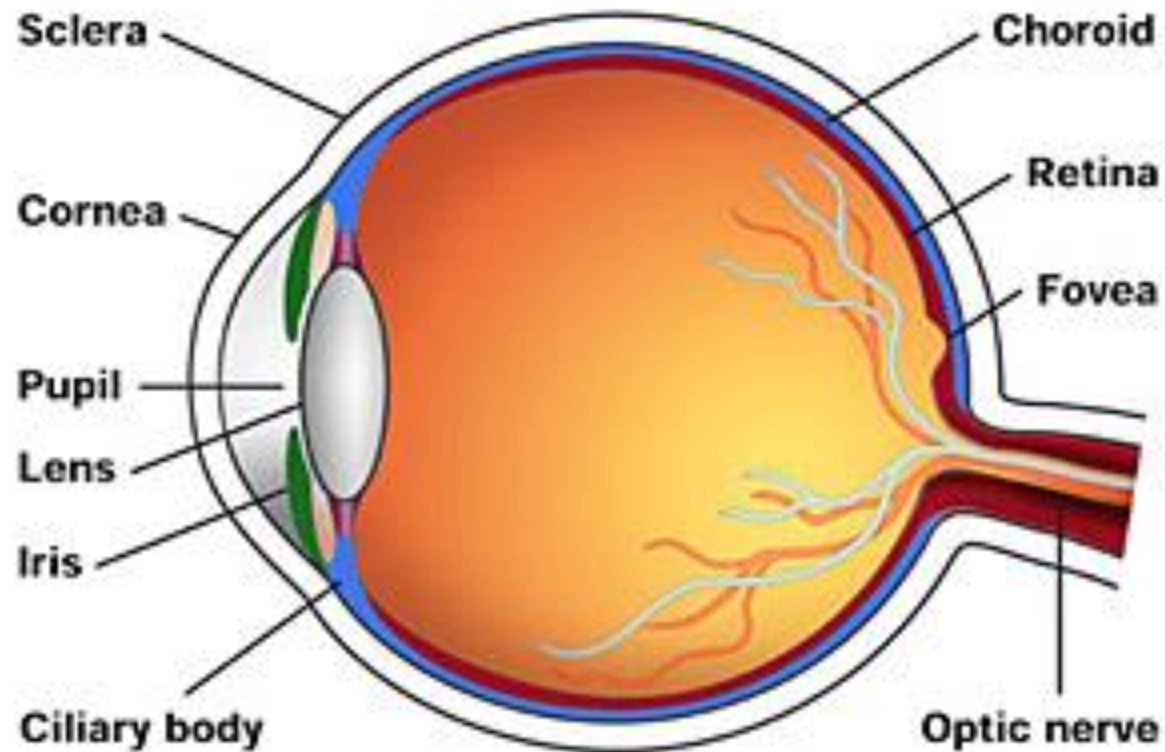
James J. Gibson (1904–1979) Eleanor J. Gibson (1910–2002)



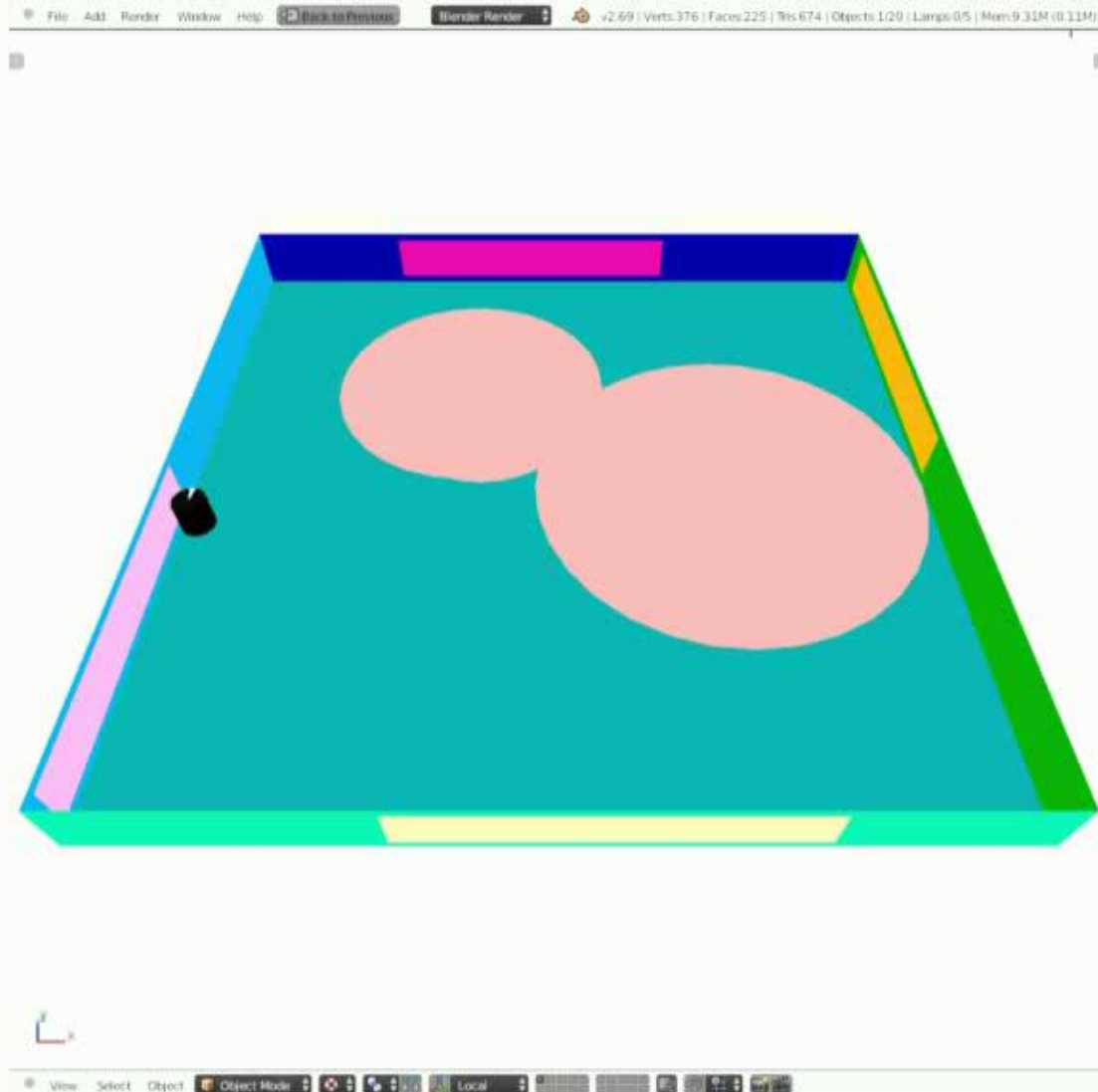
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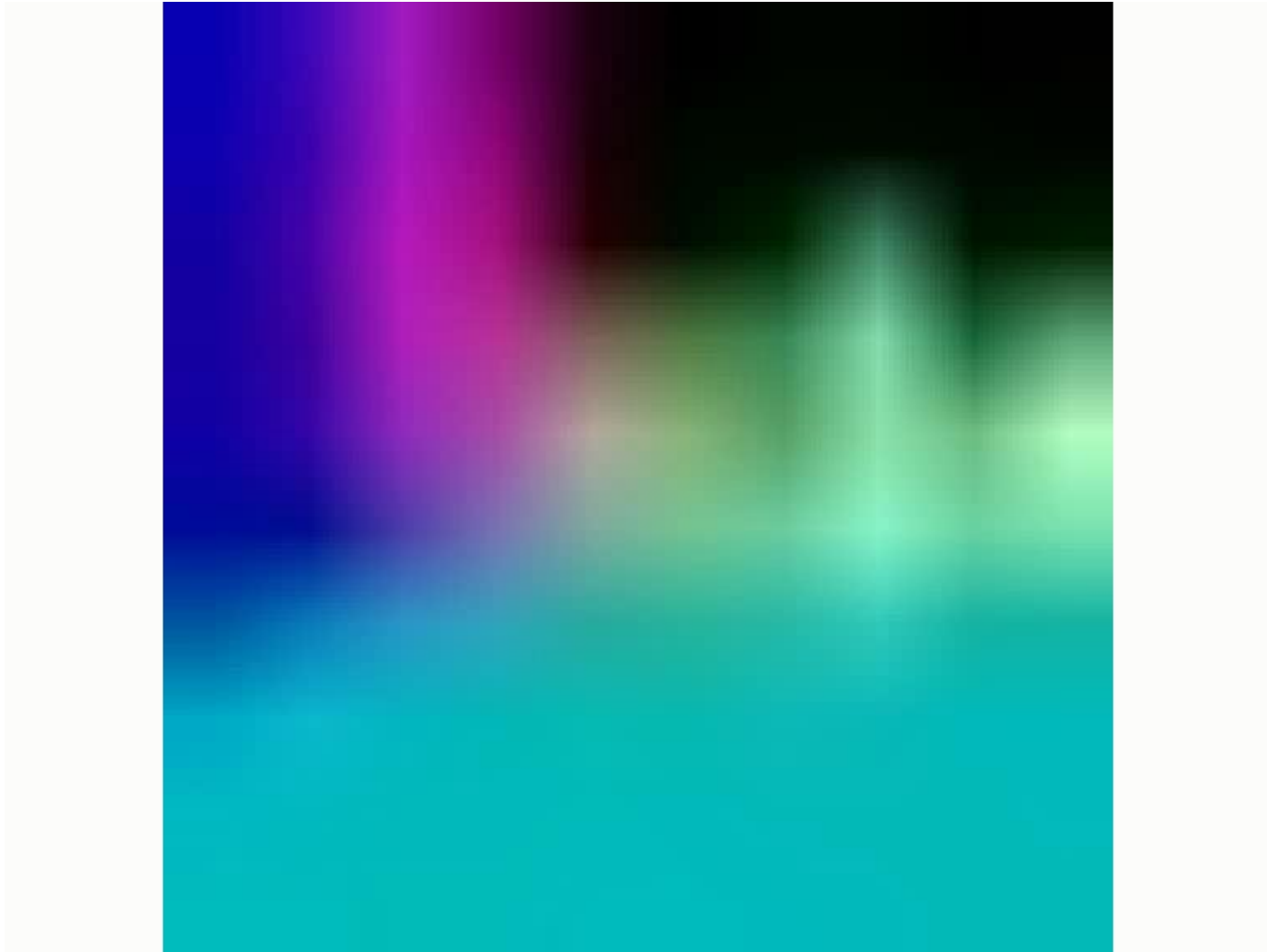
“Learning to See (Sense)”

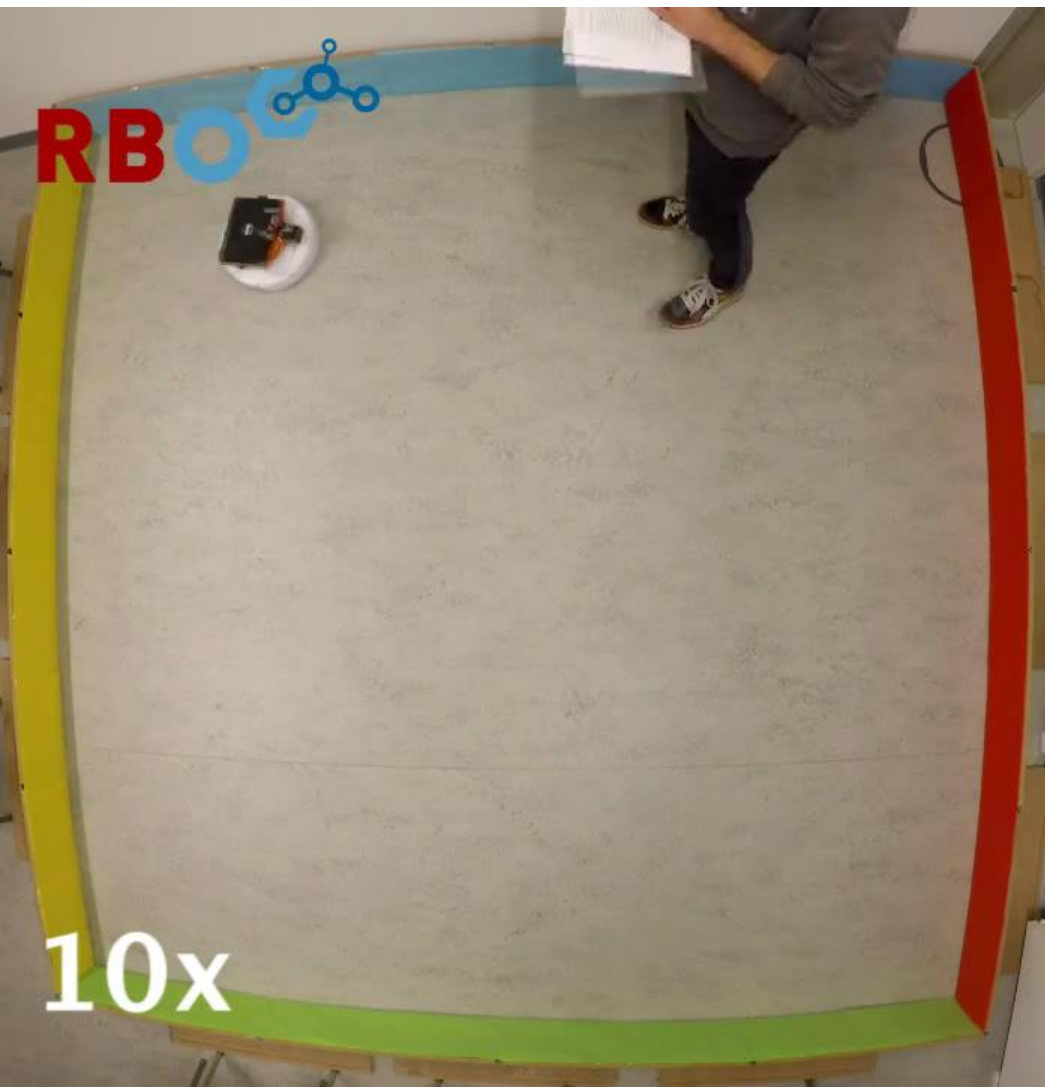


Learning to See With Distractions



Moving With Distractions (Robot's View)





Robot's perspective:

Reward:

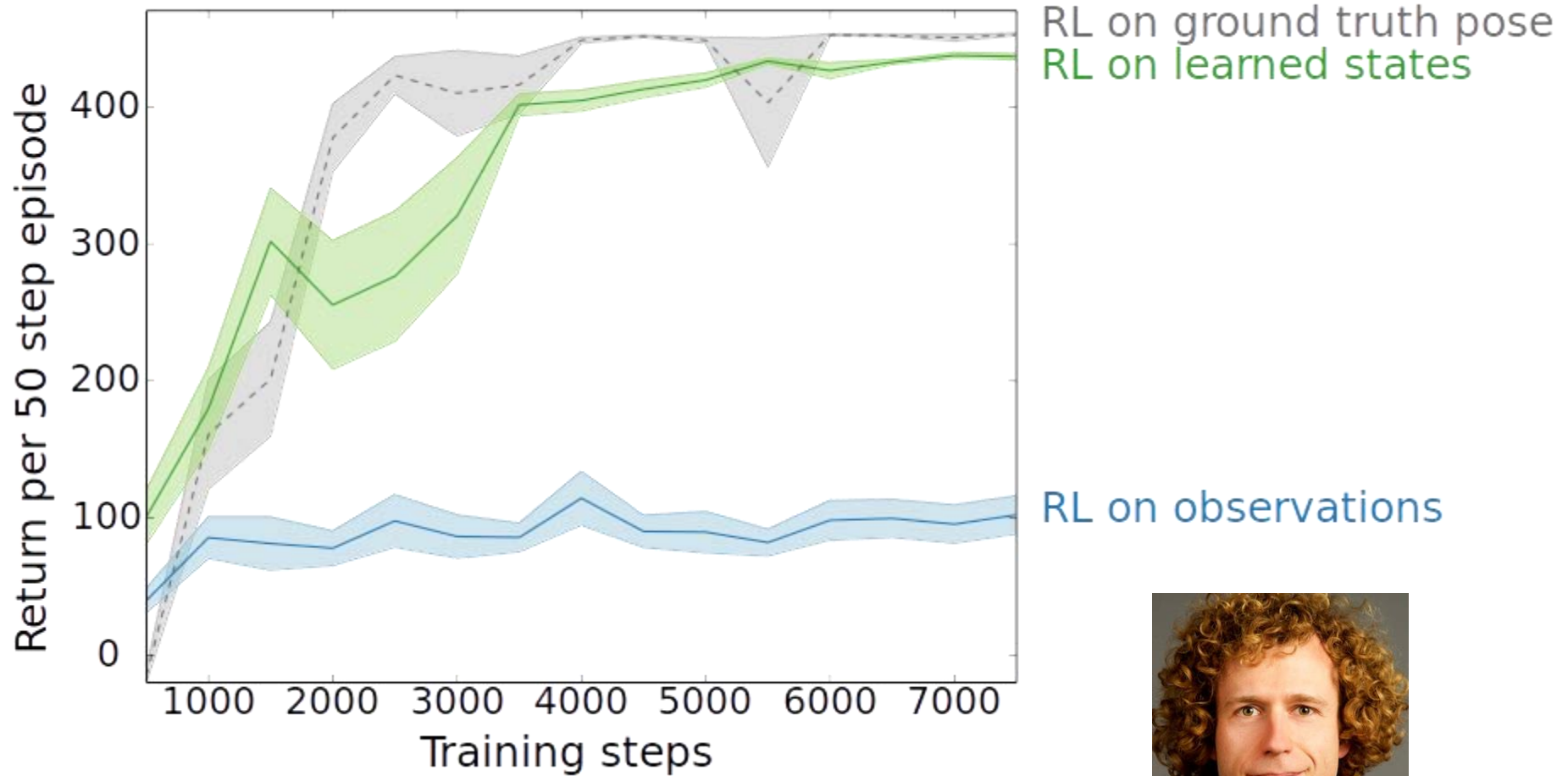
Observation:



Action:



Did the Robot „Learn to See“?



Rico Jonschkowski 

Five Robotic Priors



Simplicity

Only a small number of world properties are relevant.



$$L_{\text{temporal coherence}}(D, \hat{\phi}) = \mathbf{E} \left[\|\Delta \hat{s}_t\|^2 \right]$$

Task-relevant properties of the world change gradually.



$$L_{\text{causality}}(D, \hat{\phi}) = \mathbf{E} \left[e^{-\|\hat{s}_{t_2} - \hat{s}_{t_1}\|} \mid a_{t_1} = a_{t_2}, r_{t_1} \neq r_{t_2} \right]$$

The task-relevant properties together with the action determine the reward.



$$L_{\text{proportionality}}(D, \hat{\phi}) = \mathbf{E} \left[(\|\Delta \hat{s}_{t_2}\| - \|\Delta \hat{s}_{t_1}\|)^2 \mid a_{t_1} = a_{t_2} \right]$$

The amount of change in task-relevant properties resulting from an action is proportional to the magnitude of the action.



$$L_{\text{repeat.}}(D, \hat{\phi}) = \mathbf{E} \left[e^{-\|\hat{s}_{t_2} - \hat{s}_{t_1}\|} \|\Delta \hat{s}_{t_2} - \Delta \hat{s}_{t_1}\|^2 \mid a_{t_1} = a_{t_2} \right]$$

The task-relevant properties and the action together determine the resulting change in these properties.

Why Are Humans So Much Better?

They had evolution program task-relevant
dimensionality reduction into the
nervous system!

Roberto Martín Martín







Online IP: Three Recursive Estimation Problems

spatial coherency

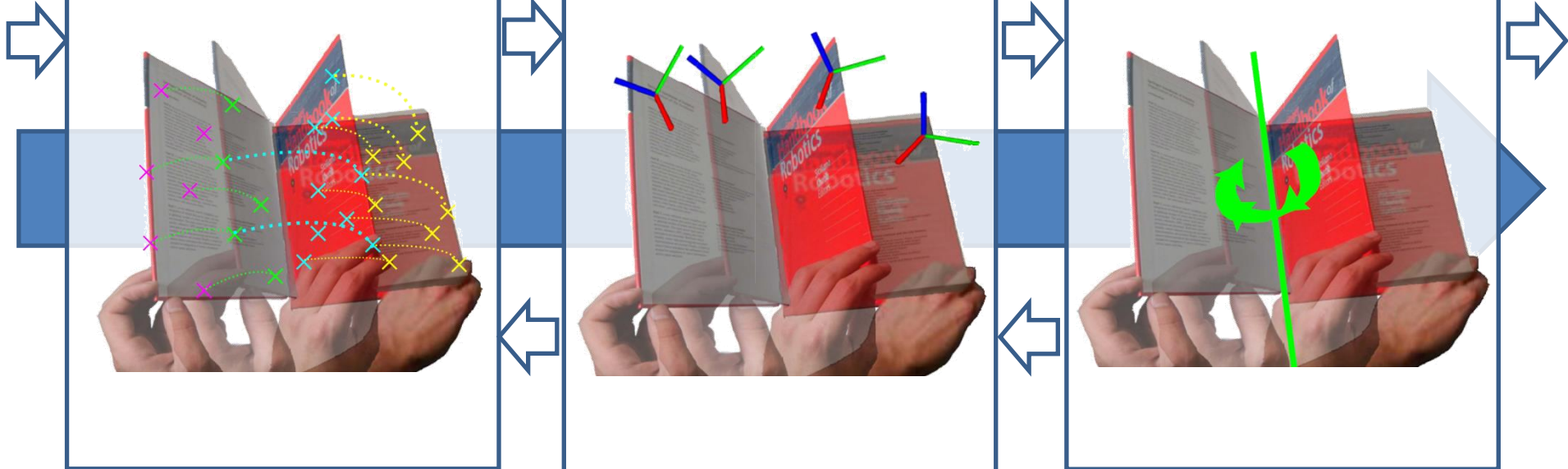
rigid body physics

kinematics

feature motion

rigid body motion

kinematic model

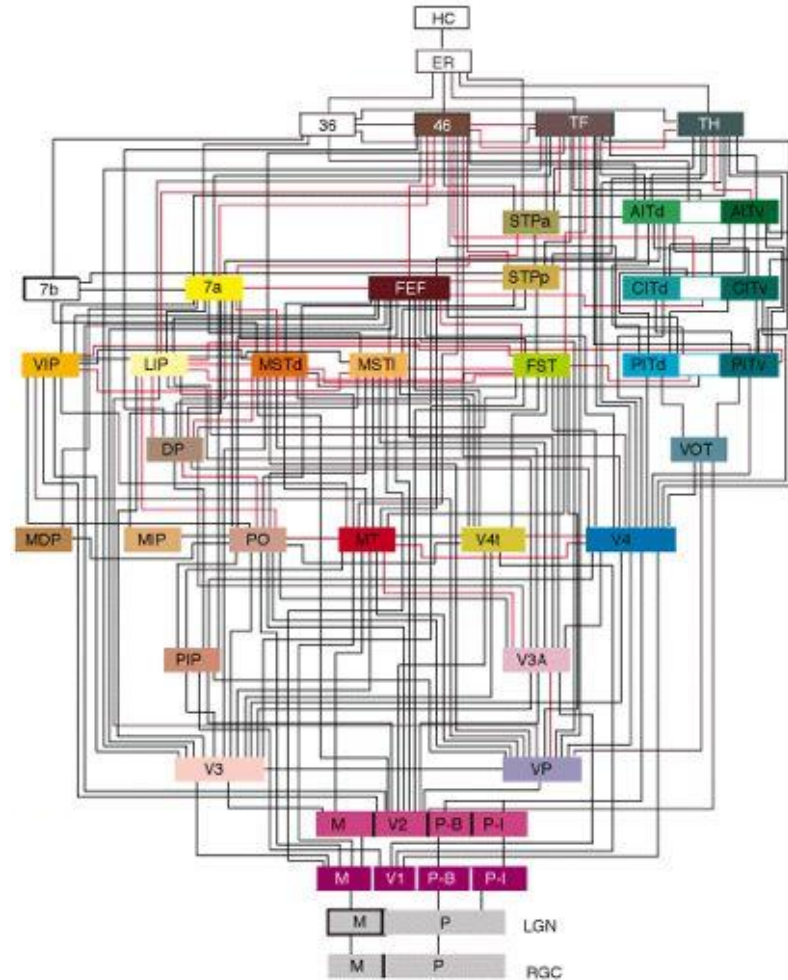
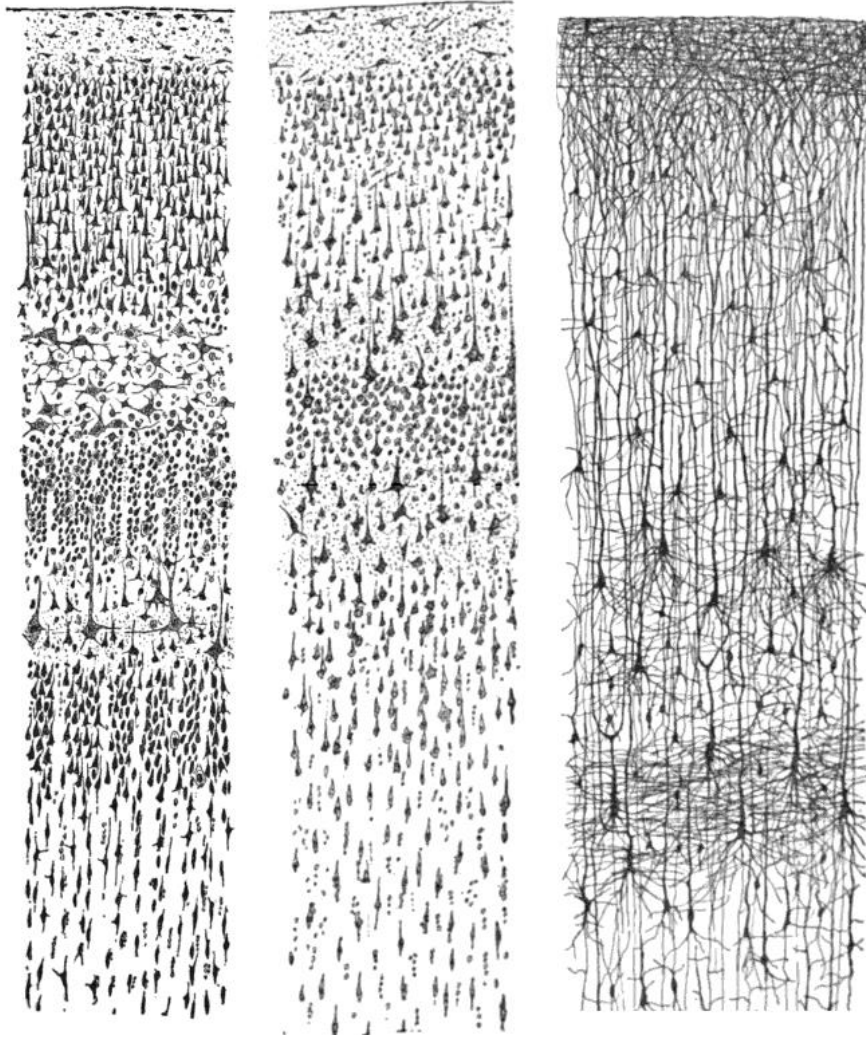


measurement input



input to process model

Layers of the Cortex / Connectivity of Visual Cortex



Why Are Humans So Much Better?

They interpret **multiple** sensor streams
at once, **hierarchically**,
taking into account what they “know”
about the world at each step!

Understanding Regularities in the World

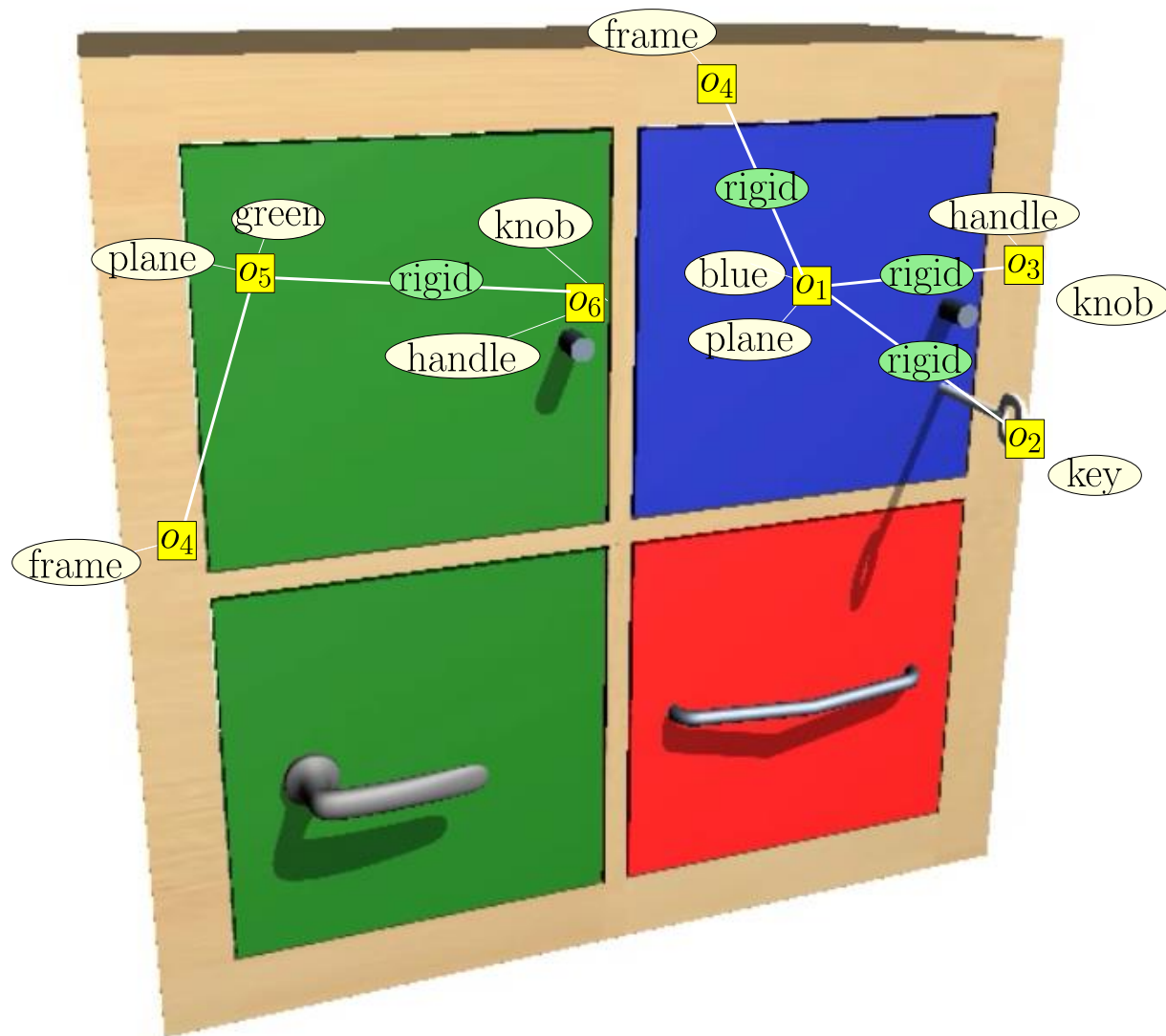


Learning About Furniture World

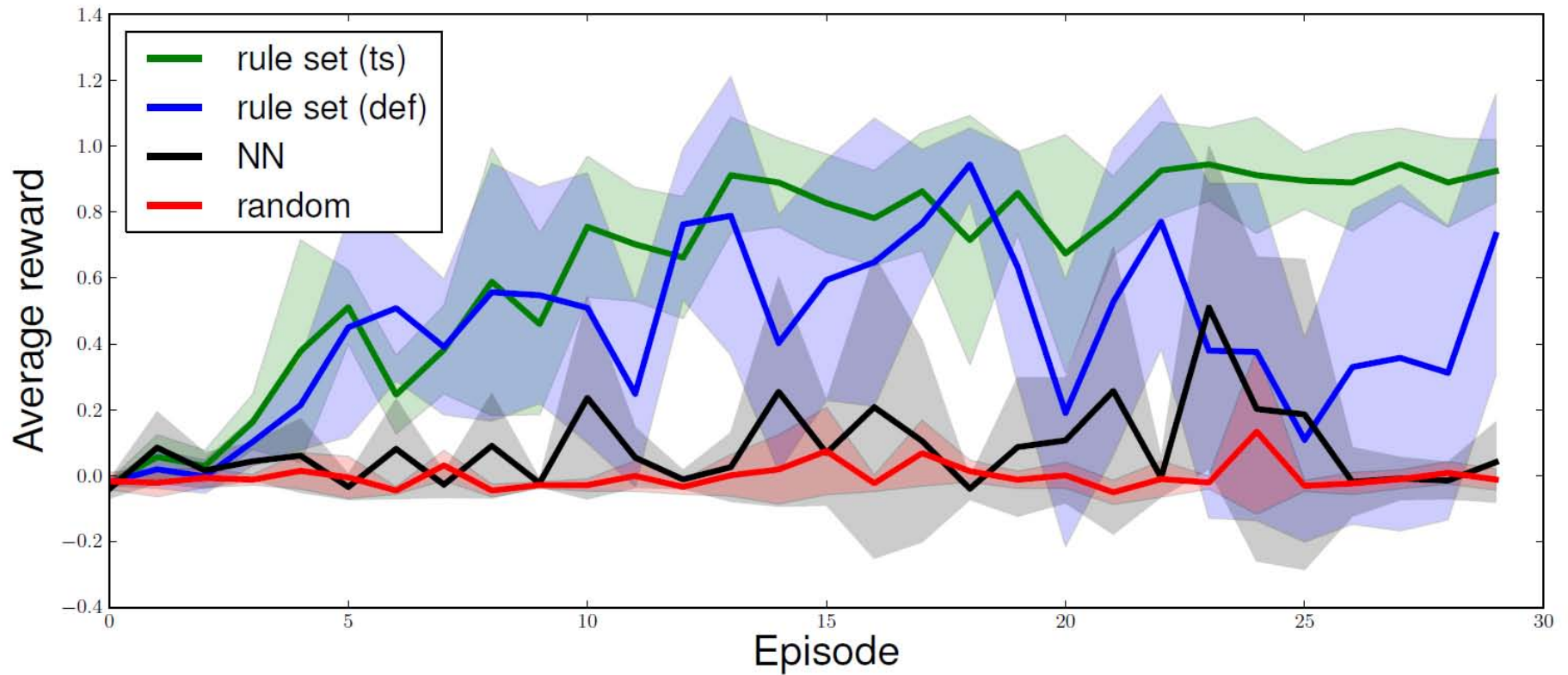
The robot interacts with an environment containing kinematic regularities.



A Relational Representation



Learning Performance

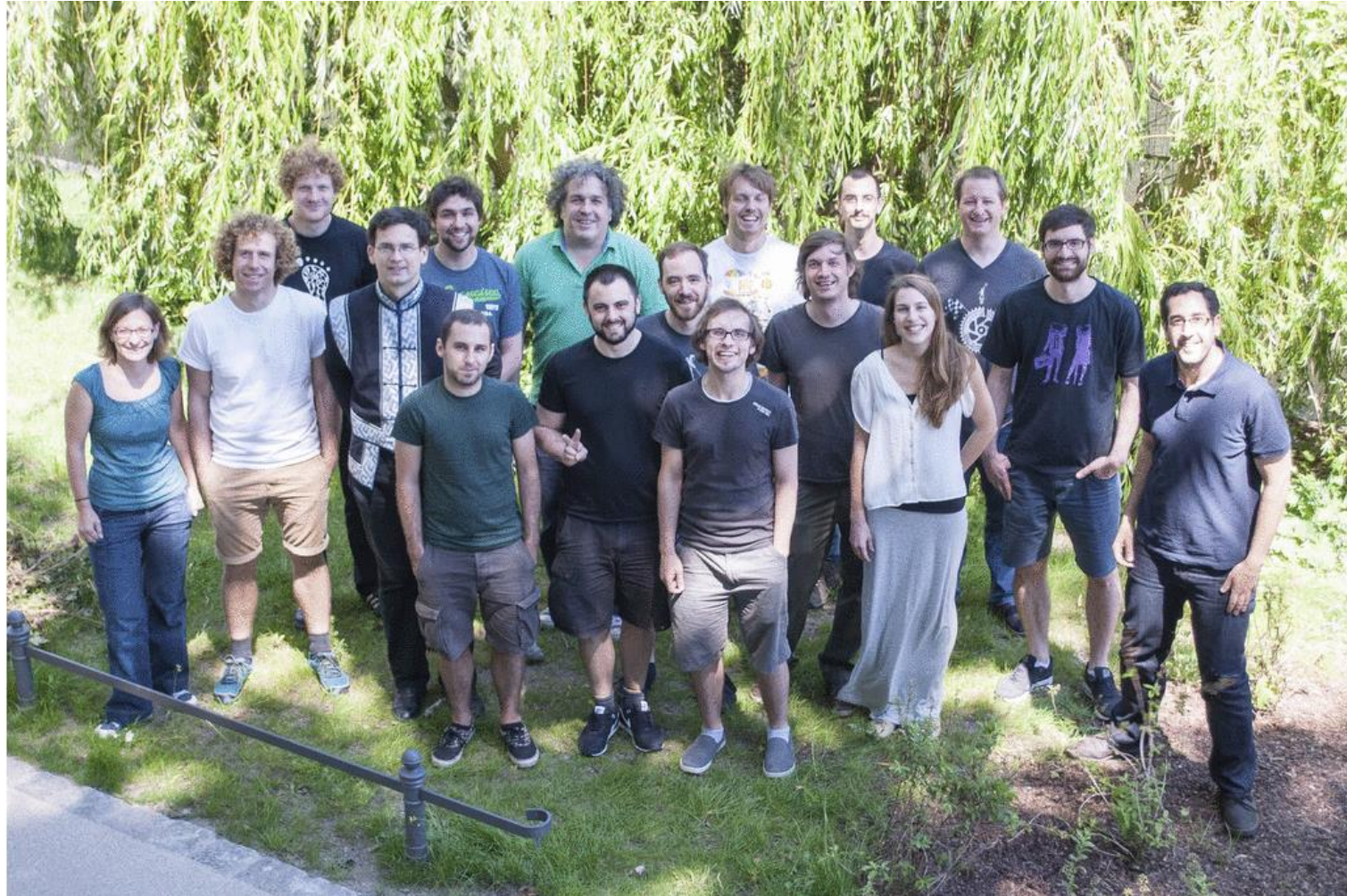


Sebastian Höfer

Why Are Humans So Much Better?

They have society, education,
the environment, and “survival”
to tell them a lot about what is
important.

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Understanding Intelligence by Building Robots?

