Cognitive Robotics

Introduction

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Organizational Issues

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Labs with Framework RoboNewbie

Slides will be provided after lectures on
 http://www.naoteamhumboldt.de/projects/RoboNewbie_Rijeka2014

Programming Exercises

are based on the RoboNewbie Framework

developed by Monika Domańska

Required general resources

(download and install from net)

1. WindowsXP or newer
2. Java Development Kit 7
3. NetBeans (v. 7.1 or later, JavaSE or JavaEE)
4. Java 3D

Programming Exercises

Required special resources, download from

http://www.naoteamhumboldt.de/projects/robonewbie

1. RoboNewbie
2. MotionEditor
3. SimSpark RoboCup 3D Soccer Simulation (SimSpark RCSS)

Additional materials for installation on that page.

Programs and related instructions are available on
http://www.naoteamhumboldt.de/projects/robonewbie/

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Perceptors in SimSpark

All topics will be explained later in more details.

Decisions Performed by Machines

Examples:

    Chess

    Search Engines

    Computer Aided Design

    Language Translation

    Industrial Robotics

    Photography

    Driver assistance systems

    Space discovery

Not all of them are "intelligent"

Assistance for humans
Guidance of humans
Autonomous machines

DARPA Grand Challenges

Pictures by DARPA
and Telepolis (H.A. Marsiske)

1. Competition (desert):   2004
2. Competition (simple desert):   2005
Urban Challenge :   2007
Robotics Challenge: 2012-14

1. DARPA Grand Challenge 2004

2. Grand Challenge 2005

DARPA Urban Challenge 2007

DARPA Robotics Challenge 2012-14

Robots in desaster response scenario

The robot has to
1. use an unmodified vehicle to drive to disaster area
2. traverse through divested area
3. remove debris blocking an entry
4. open a door and enter a building
5. climb a ladder and traverse industrial walkway
6. break through wall using appropriate tools
7. locate and close a valve near a leaking pipeline
8. replace a defect component

DARPA Robotics Challenge

- Semi-autonomy
- Control by non-expert operators
- Acting in normal environment after a catastrophe
- Usage of standard tools
- Extern power supply allowed as far as conform with tasks
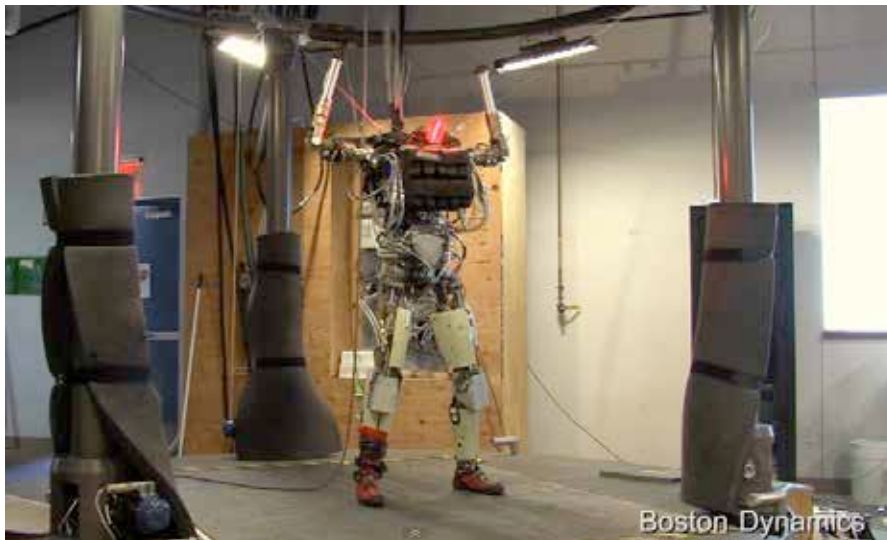
A robot platform like PETMAN
from Boston Dynamics was provided for selected participants.

Example: Service Robots

Willie, bring me a water
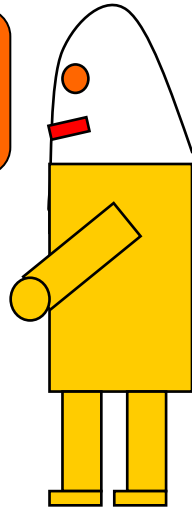
Alternatives:

- from the refrigerator

- from the cellar

- from the neighbor

- from the shop

- from the internet

- …

Which alternative to choose?

What else is needed (glass, …)?

Robot Needs Knowledge about the world

World model:
Part of state in the program

there was a water in the refrigerator

Facts about the world

–   maps, positions of objects, descriptions, …

Methods for processing sensory inputs

–   language processing, image processing

Methods for integrating sensory data

–   new world model from old model and new sensory data
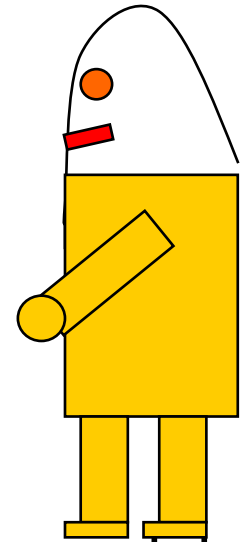
World Model

Problems:

Environment is only partially observable

Observations are insecure and noisy

Scene interpretation with Bayesian methods, e.g.
Probability to be at location s given an observation z:
$$P(s|z) = P(z|s) \cdot P(s) / P(z)$$

World Model

World model need **not** be true knowledge, only **belief** of the agent.

Someone took the water?
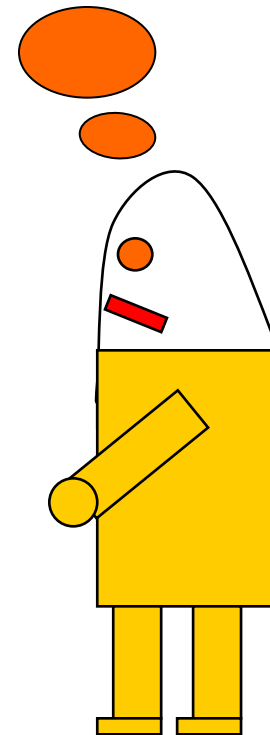
Commitments

Commitments:
Part of state in the program

How to go to the refrigerator

Tasks/Goals: Desired world states

Plans: Sequence of actions to reach goals

Rationality: Agents should only pursue
        goals/plans that can be achieved

Commitments

Plans may fail.

Need methods for revision.

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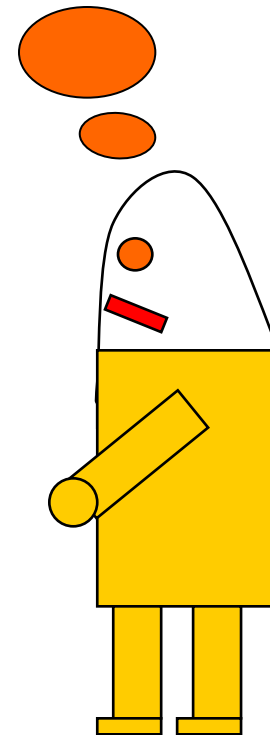
Putting Together: Sense-think-act Cycle

Ordering of intern processing of the agent

1. Sense („input") + perception (interpretation, world model)
2. Think ("processing": evaluation, planning)
3. Act („output")

States in the program
• World model
• Commitments

sense

think

act
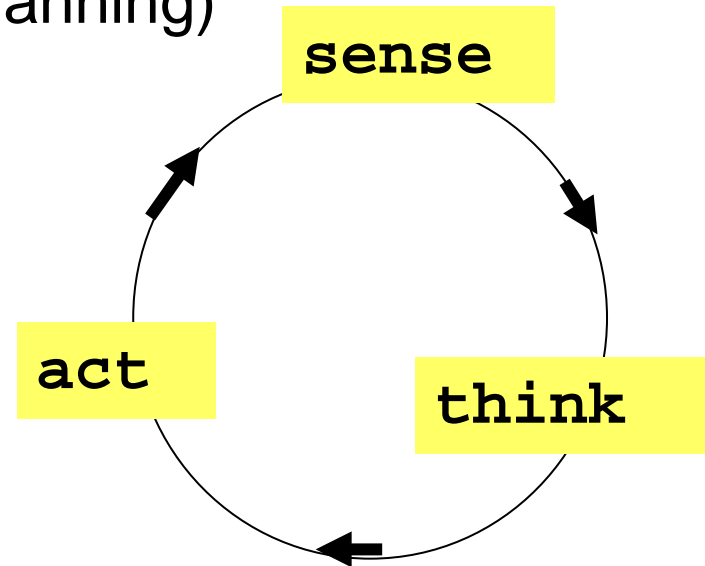
Sense-think-act Cycle

sense

Synchronisation (sequential)

input

sense

think

act

act

think

output

time
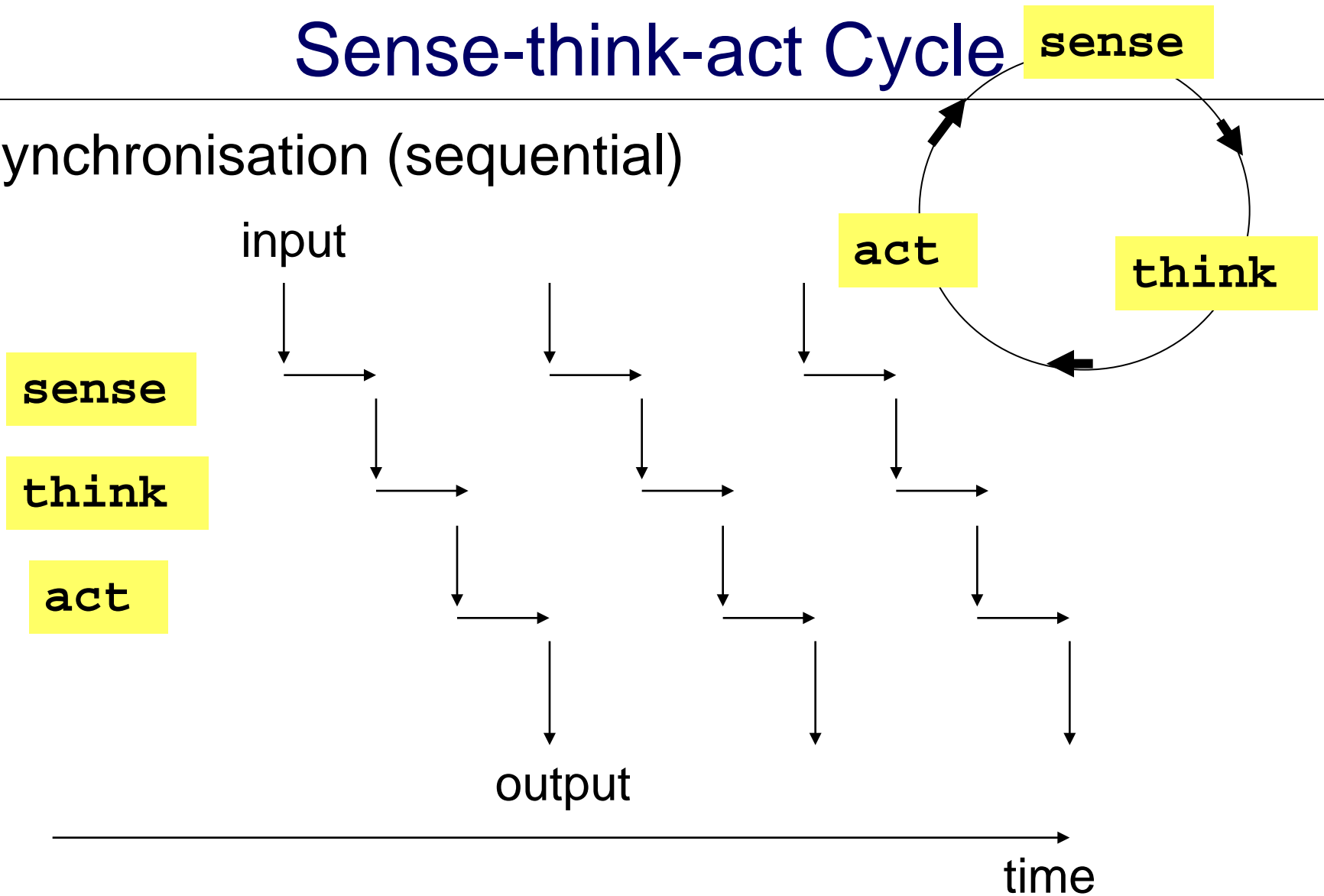
Sense-think-act Cycle

Synchronisation (concurrent)

sense

think

act

input

sense

think

act

output

time
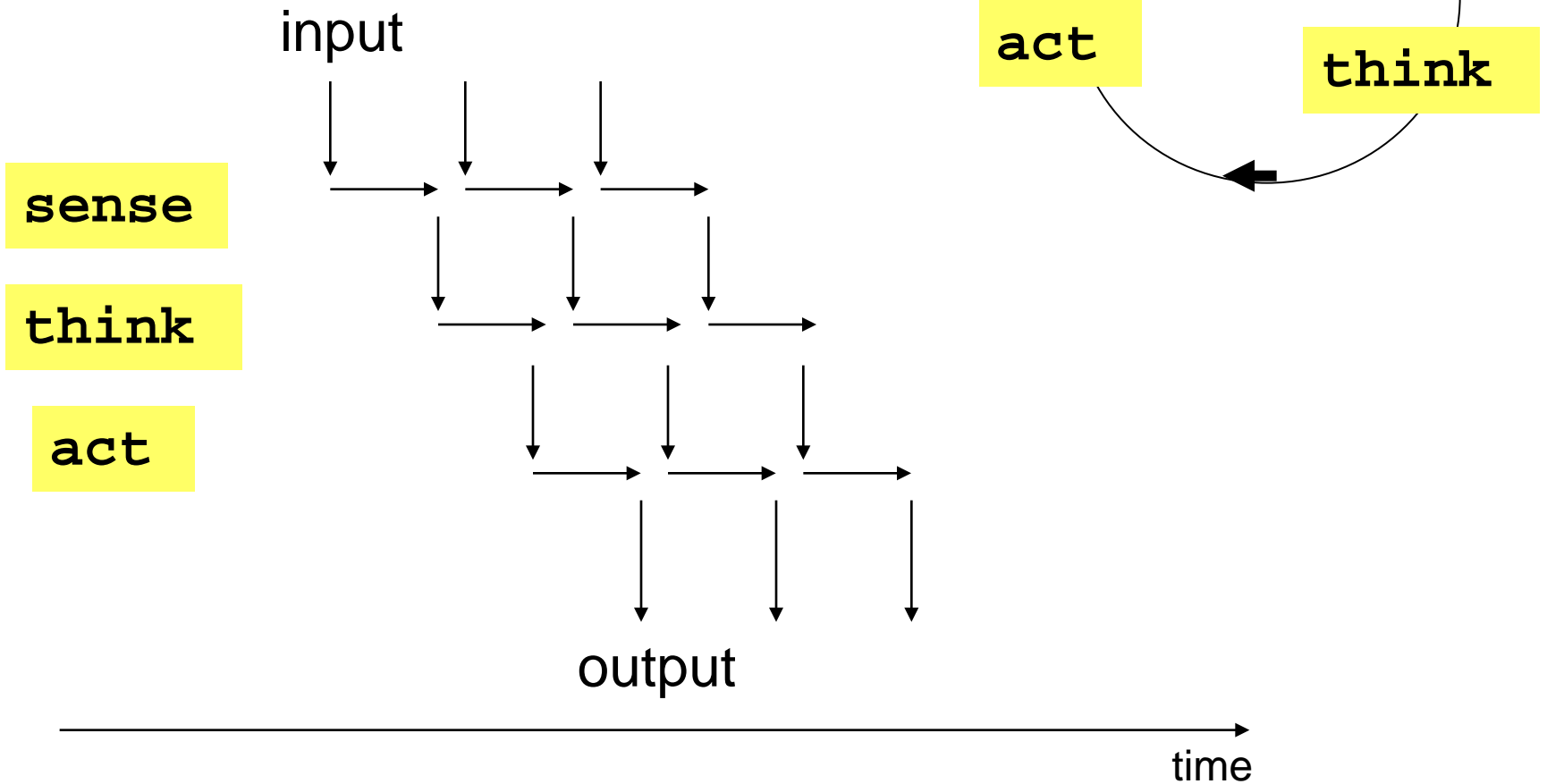
Sense-think-act Cycle

Synchronisation problems

input

`sense`

`think`

`act`

?

output

time

`sense`

`act`

`think`

Its too complicated …
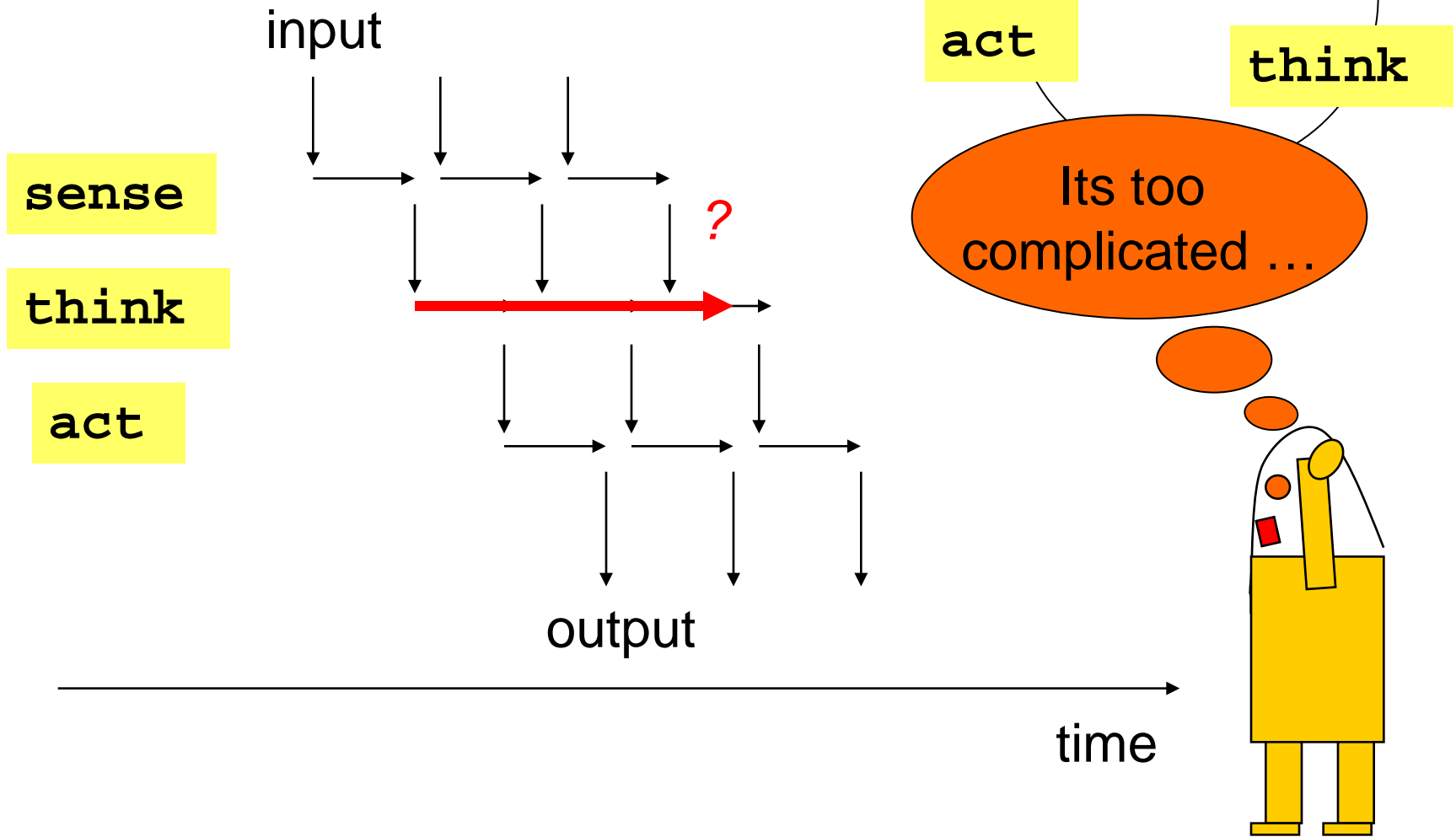
"Autonomous Agents"

act in a certain environment on behalf of its user

… a long running program, where the work can be meaningfully described as autonomous completion of orders or goals while interacting with the environment.

Further attributes may be:
Intelligent, social, reactive, proactive, mobile, …
adaptive, learning ,…
goal-oriented etc. (modeling human-like attitudes) …

Acting in the environment

signals   actions

```
          ┌──────────────┐
 ────────▶│     robot     │────────┐
 │        └──────────────┘        │
 │                                │
 │        ┌──────────────┐        │
 └────────│ environment   │◀───────┘
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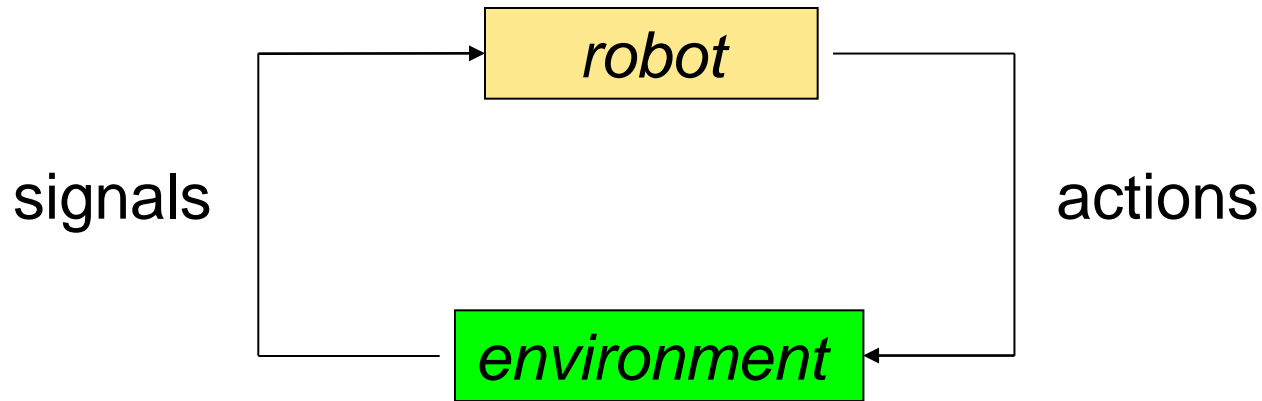
Software agents:

Clearly defined virtual environment

Robots:

Real environment with incomplete and unreliable information

Chess program vs. Soccer robots

1997: Deep Blue wins against human chess champion Kasparov

Chess:
- Static
- 3 Minutes per move
- Single action
- Single player
- Information:
  - reliable
  - complete

Soccer:
- Dynamic
- Milliseconds
- Sequences of actions
- Team
- Information:
  - unreliable
  - incomplete

Acting in the environment

```
           ┌──────────────────────────────────┐
      ┌───▶ │            robot                 │ ───┐
      │     └──────────────────────────────────┘    │
      │                                             │
   signals                                       actions
      │                                             │
      │     ┌──────────────────────────────────┐    │
      └──── │          environment             │ ◀──┘
            └──────────────────────────────────┘
```

Inside the robot

Sensors → Internal processors → Actuators

signals

actions

environment

Inside the robot: Sense-think-act cycle

Sensors | think | sense | act | Actuators

signals

actions

environment
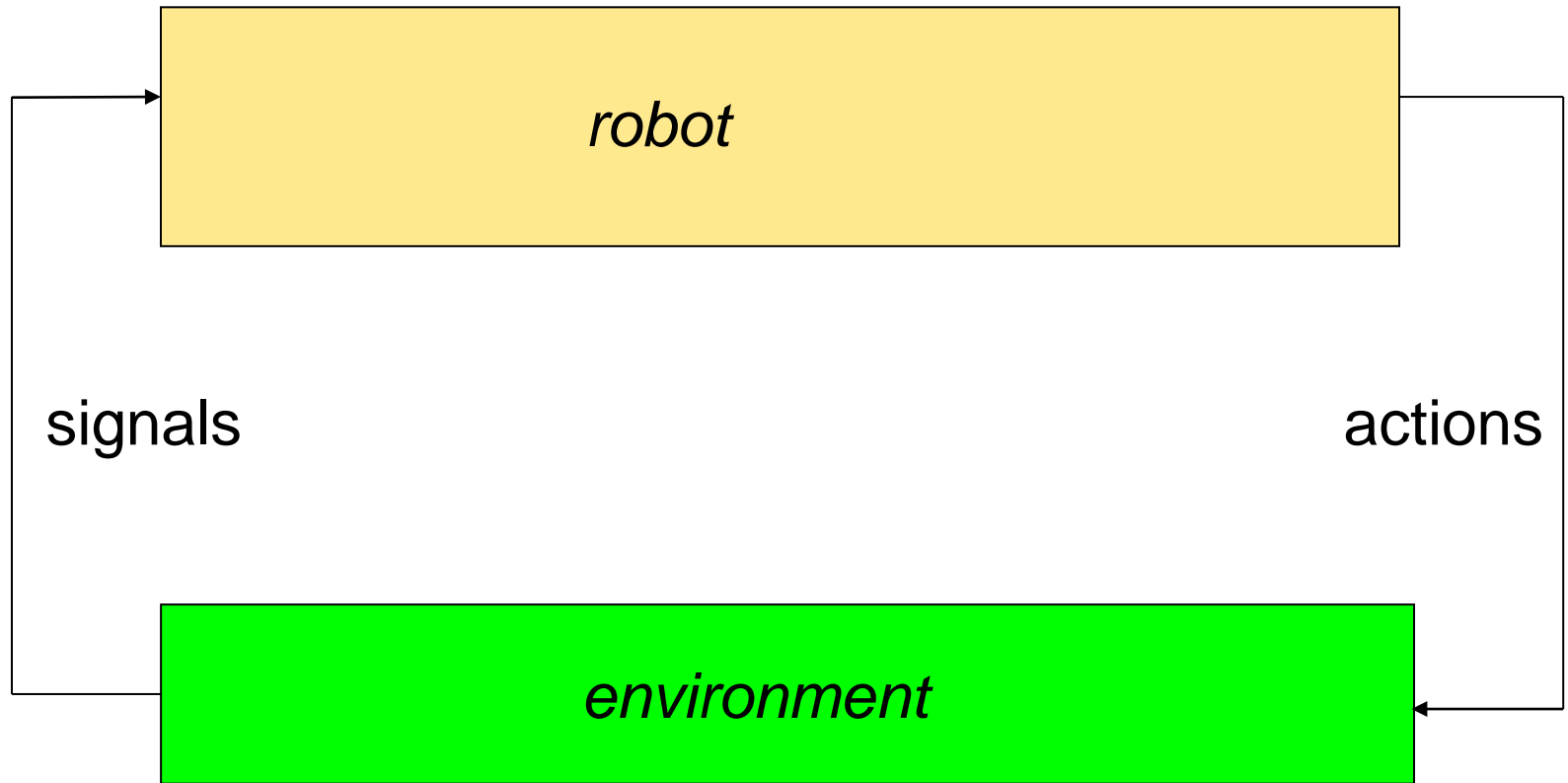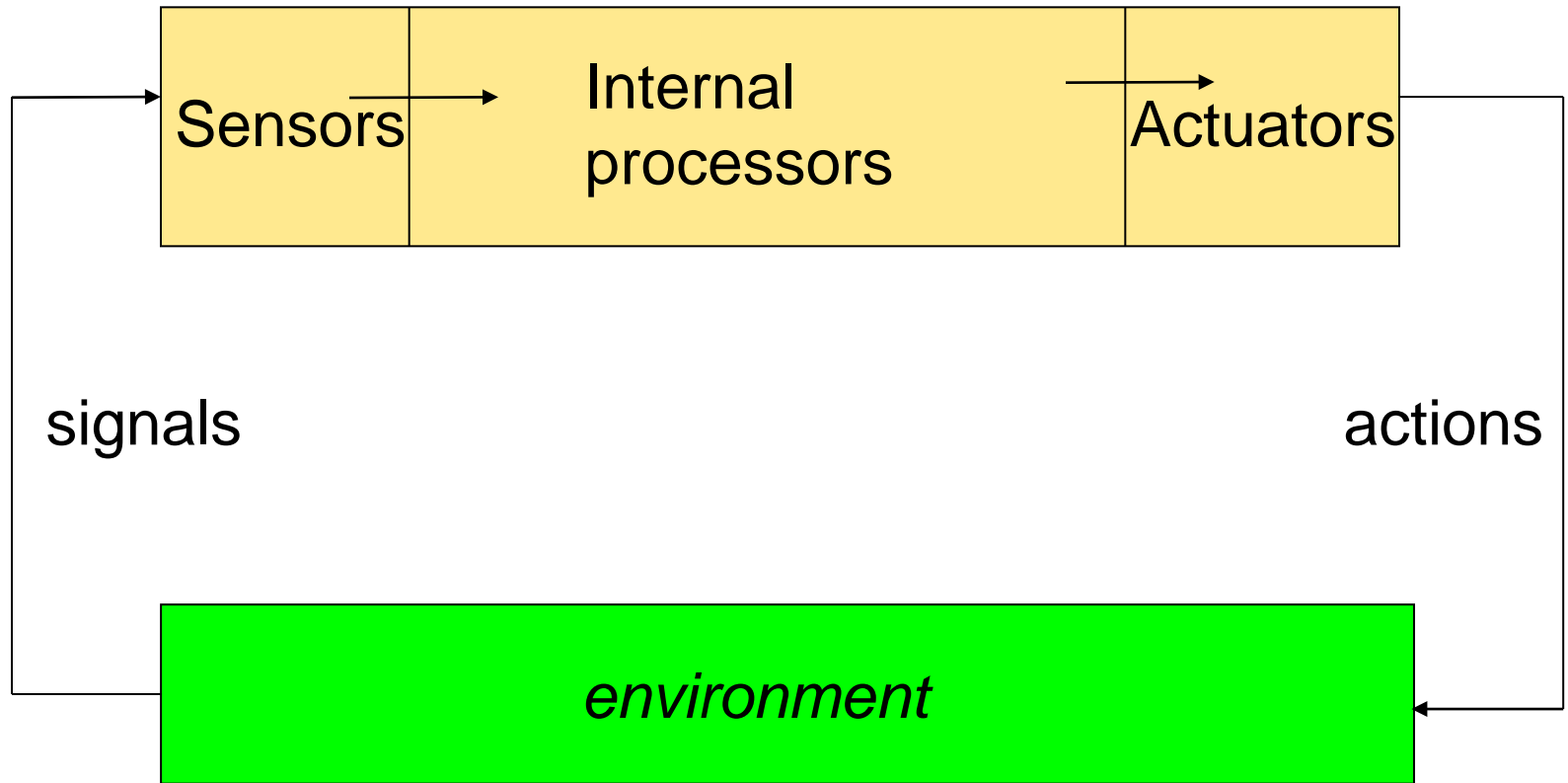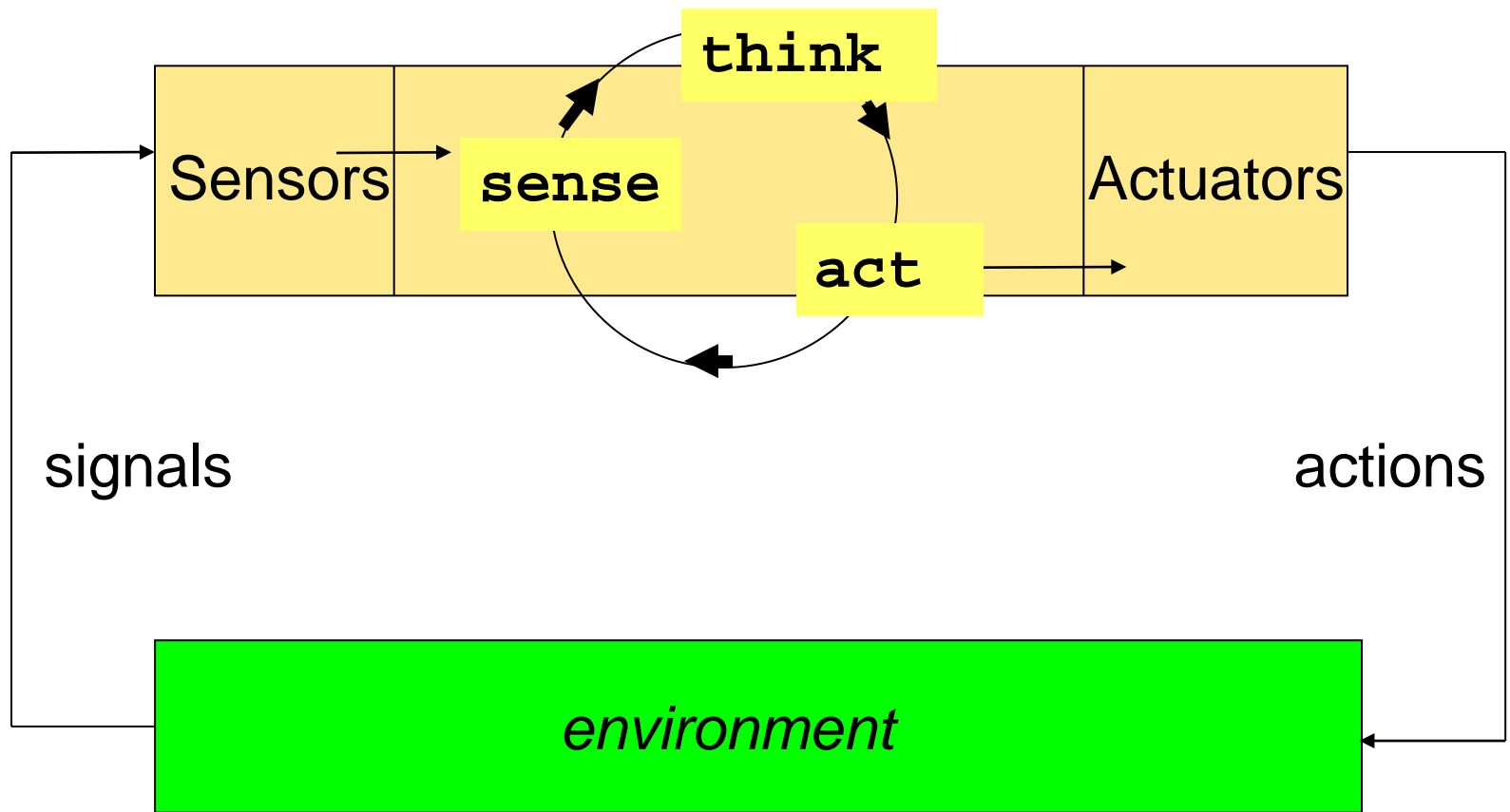
„Conscious" Acting

I see the light left in front.
I like the light.
I should go to the left.
I have to turn and walk.
My right wheel should move faster than the left one.
etc.
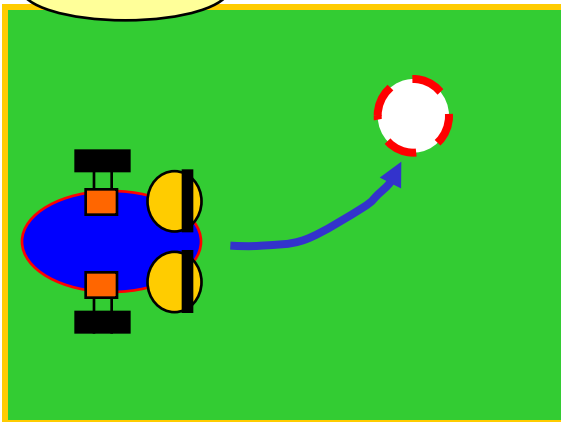
Alternatively:
Stimulus Response

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Stimulus Response

Likes Light
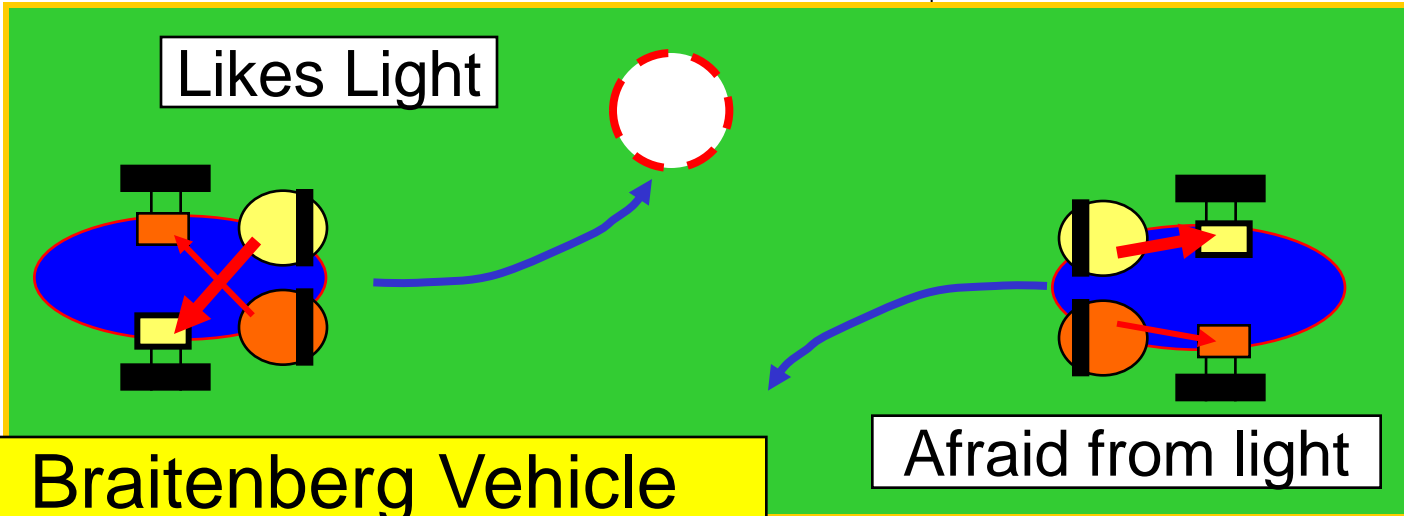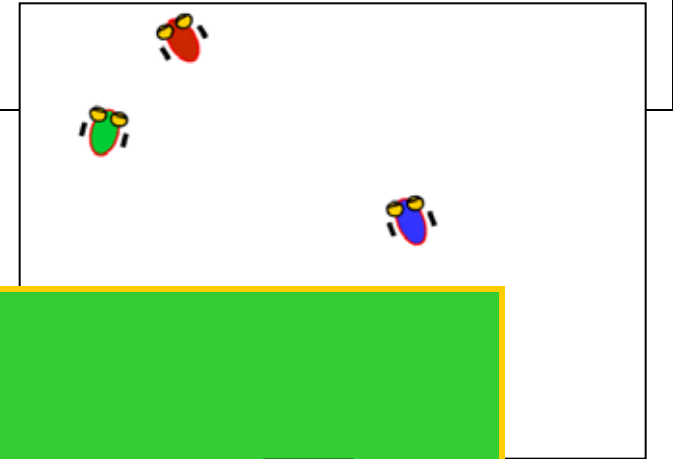
Afraid from light

Braitenberg Vehicle
Cybernetic Turtle

Alternatively: „Conscious" Acting

Sensor-Actor Coupling

- Simple design
- Immediate reaction

Direct (physical) connection

Sensors ⟶ Actuators

signals

actions

environment
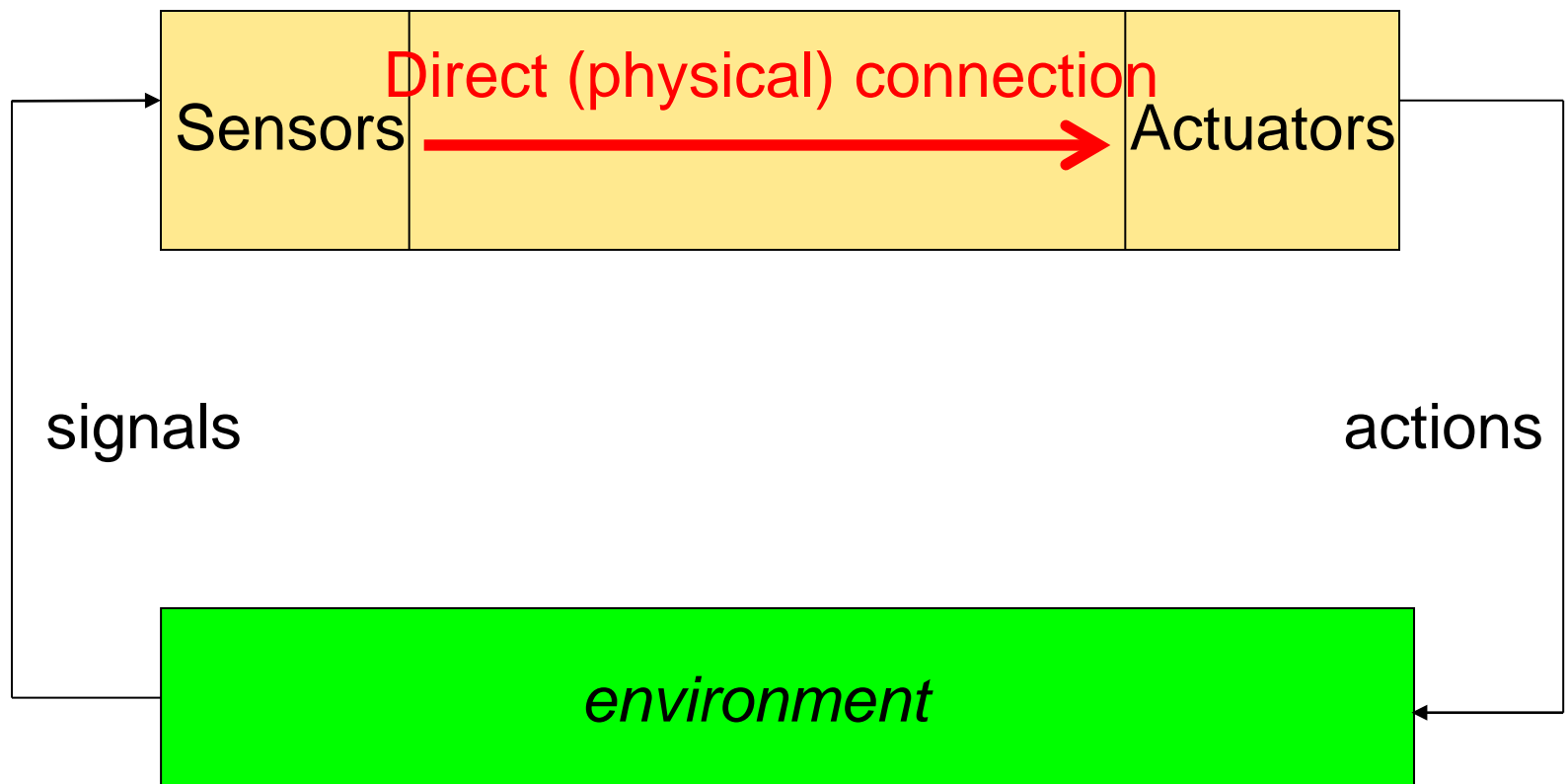
Deliberative Agents

- Complex design
- Long term planning

Sensors | beliefs | plans | goals | Actuators

signals

actions

environment
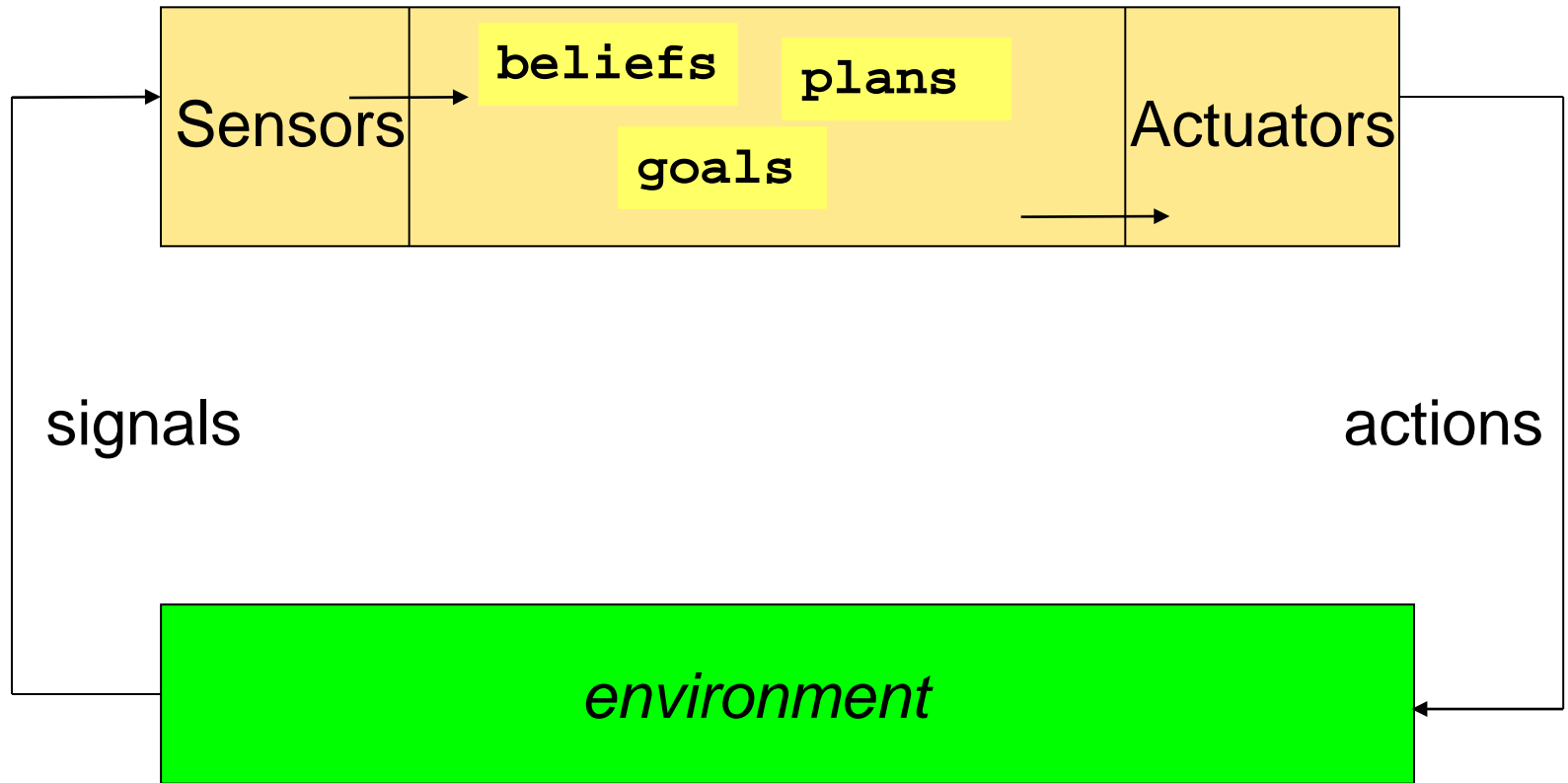
Robots

Robota = work (Czech, Karel Capek 1921)

- Artificial humans
- Manufacturing automata
- Mobile robots
- Science Fiction

Applications

- Industry (Mining, Architecture, ...)
- Agriculture
- Service (Transportation, Security, Cleaning, ...)
- Medicine
- Entertainment
- Military
- ...

Environments

Indoor

Earth (surface, subsurface)

Water (surface, submarine)

Air

Space
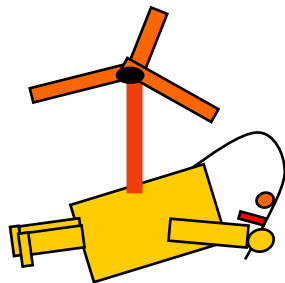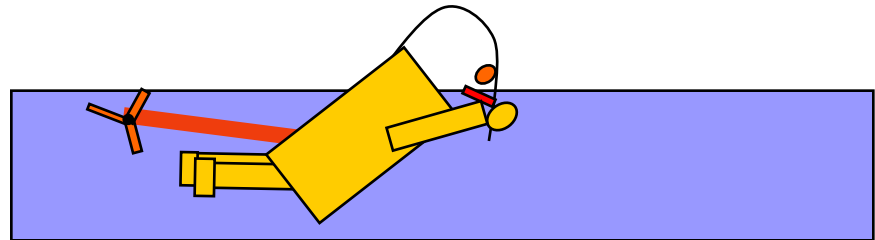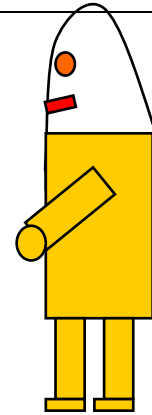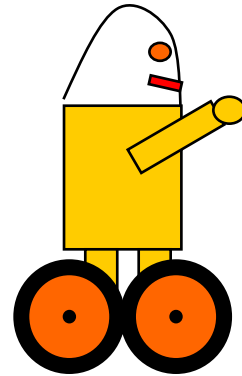
Special interest for Applications in
• Dangerous environments
• Non-accessible environments

Hardware

Sensors

Effectors/Actuators

Drives

Energy

Materials

Design

Processors

Communication

…

Software

Perception

Representations

Behaviors

Planning

Communication

Coordination

Adaptation

Learning

…

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A Simple Example from RoboCup

1. search for the ball

2. approach to ball

3. kick the ball

Agent_SimpleSoccer in Simulation

Idea of the program:

Repeat (whenever a motion is complete):
    If robot has fallen down: Stand up
    If position of ball is not known:
        Search for ball by turning head (and body)
    else if if ball is far away: turn to ball, walk to ball
    else if ball not between player and goal: turn around ball
    else walk forward („dribbling")

The implementation is very simple – what happens?
What could be improved?

Implementation of sense-think-act

```
public void run(){  ....
  for (int i = 0; i < totalServerCycles; i++)
  {   sense();  think();  act();

  }

}
private void sense() {
    percIn.update(); localView.update();

}
 private void think(){
    soccerThinking.decide();

}
 private void act(){
  kfMotion.executeKeyframeSequence(); lookAround.look(); effOut.sendAgentMessage();

}
```

think

sense

act
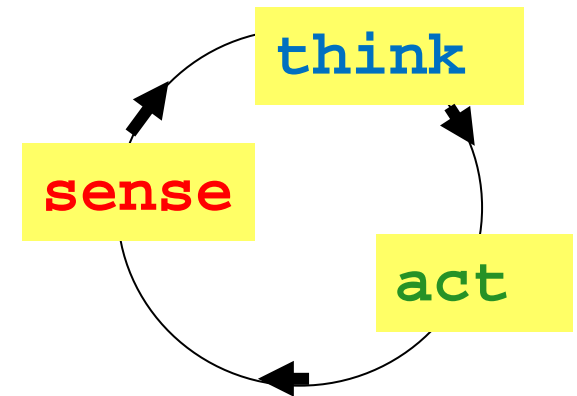
Example
class Agent_SimpleSoccer
from program
agentSimpleSoccer

Implementation of think

```
public void decide() {
   if (motion.ready()) {
   // if the robot has fallen down …
   // if the robot has the actual ball coordinates …
         // if the ball is not in front of the robot …
         // if the robot is far away from the ball …
         // if the robot has the actual goal coordinates …
            // if the ball does not lie between the robot and the goal …
            // if the robot is in a good dribbling position …
      // if the robot cannot sense the goal coordinates from its actual position …
   // if the robot cannot sense the ball coordinates from its actual position …
```

Example
class SoccerThinking
from program
agentSimpleSoccer

Competition

There will be a championship with your programs at the end.

In case of a draw, there will be a penalty kick-out.

More details will be announced later.

A RoboNewbie soccer team can consist of up to 4 players
(e.g. goalie, defender, attacker, …).

Some sample programs will be provided

which have already some basic skills for walk, turn, kick.

You can modify and extend them with new/better skills,

better perception, more intelligent behavior.

Competition

- Competition between student groups.

- About … members per group.

- Groups constituted on Wednesday, October 15th.

Finals will be on Thursday, October 23rd.

- Each group gives 3-minutes explanation on trials and achievements.

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Robot Soccer as Testbed

Annual world championships and conference

Long term goal: Play like FIFA champion in 2050

RoboCup

Different leagues with different real or simulated robots
for different challenges, e.g. human walking, coordinated play

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„Standard Platform": Robot Nao

Produced by the French Company Aldebaran

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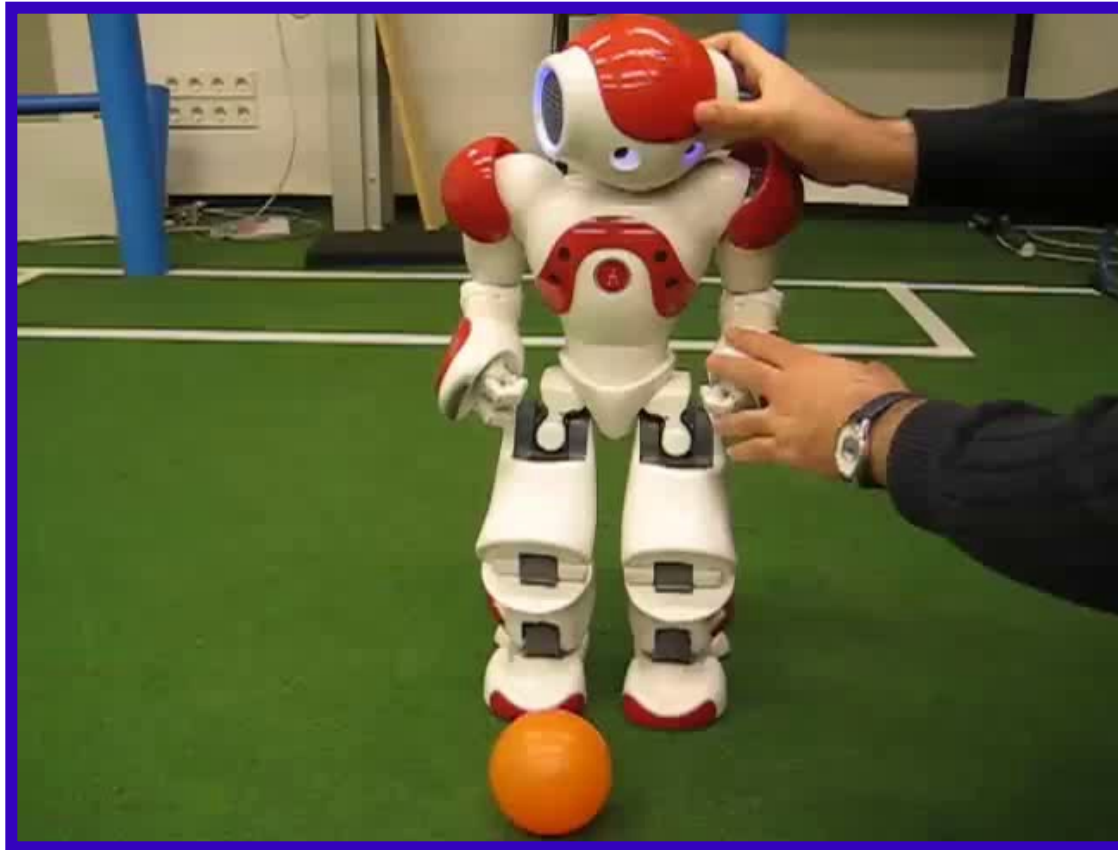
Real and Simulated Nao Robots

- Standard Platform League
  with NAO from Aldebaran

- **3D Simulation League** with simulated NAO robots
- Webots Simulation from Swiss Company Cyberbotics
- Simulation in our development tool Robot Control
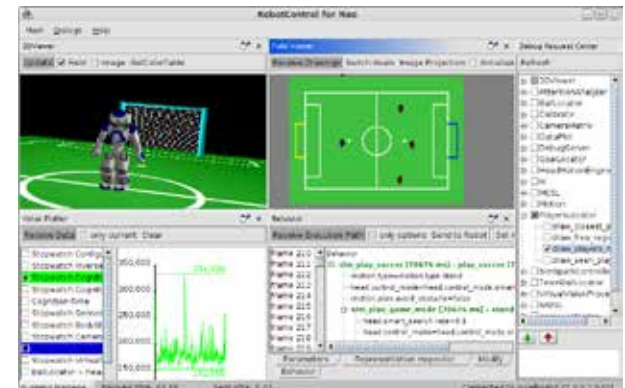
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Simulation

Communication
via protocols (TCP)

Effector messages
Motor commands
similar to real robot

Perceptor messages
Vision, acoustic, inertial,
 ….

11 programs
Team 1

11 programs
Team 2

1		1
2		2
3		3
4		4
5		5
6		6
7		7
8		8
9		9
10		10
11		11

Soccer-Server

„Physical world"

Simulation of actions
and percepts

- Virtual playground
- Virtual players
- Referee

Noise

Control of
players

Control of
players
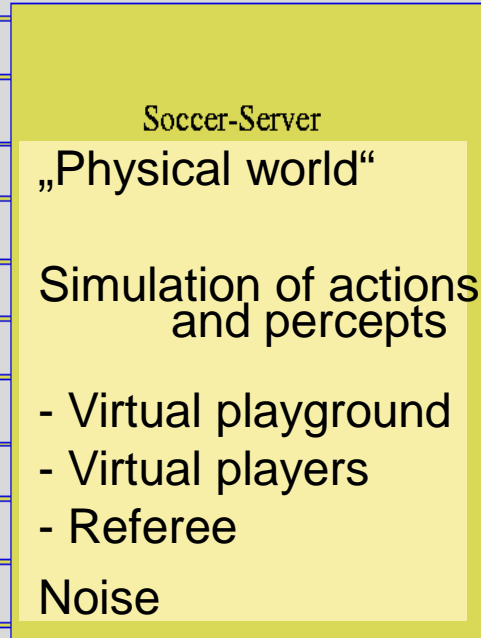
Soccer-Monitor

Server and Monitor developed
 by volunteers of RoboCup community

Playground of 3D Simulation League
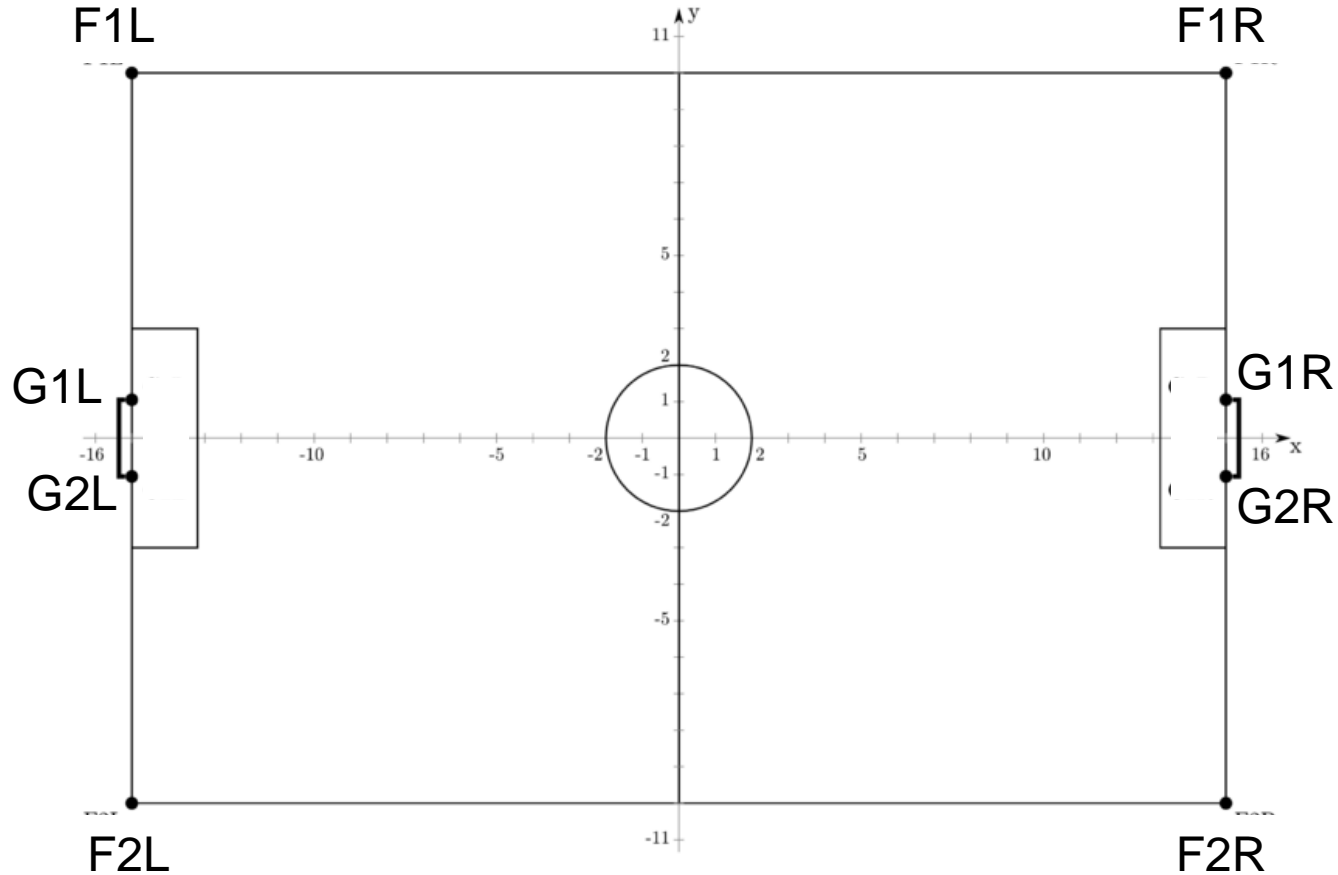
Actual sizes in our distribution are 10x7 m

Components of Simulated Soccer

Environment:

Simulation of real soccer world

- field and ball

- bodies of players

regarding physical laws (using ODE)

and soccer rules (partially implemented "referee")

Common for all teams

Agents:

Simulation of player control ("brain")

Individual teams

Open Software

You can make your own experiences by using open software from RoboCup community (explore the internet):

- 3D-Simulation League:
  SimSpark (Server + Monitor)

  http://simspark.sourceforge.net/wiki

Thanks to
RoboCup Community

- RoboNewbie Agents of NaoTeam Humboldt

All resources are placed on
our web page (NaoTeam Humboldt)

Thanks to
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Magma Offenburg

Inside the robot: Sense-think-act cycle

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Agent in Simulation

Perceptors — Agent (sense, think, act) — Effectors

signals

actions

SoccerServer: Simulation of physical world

playground
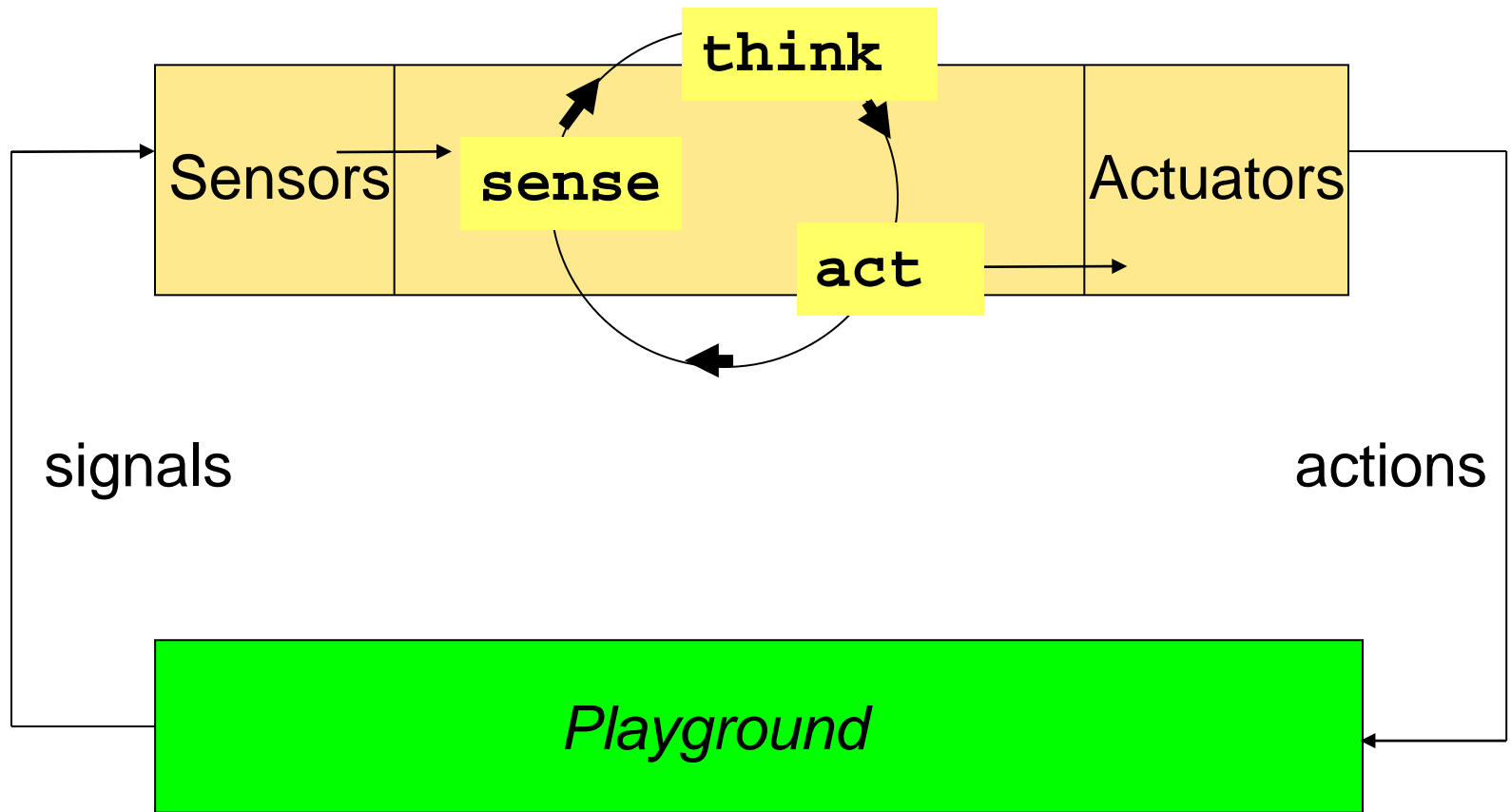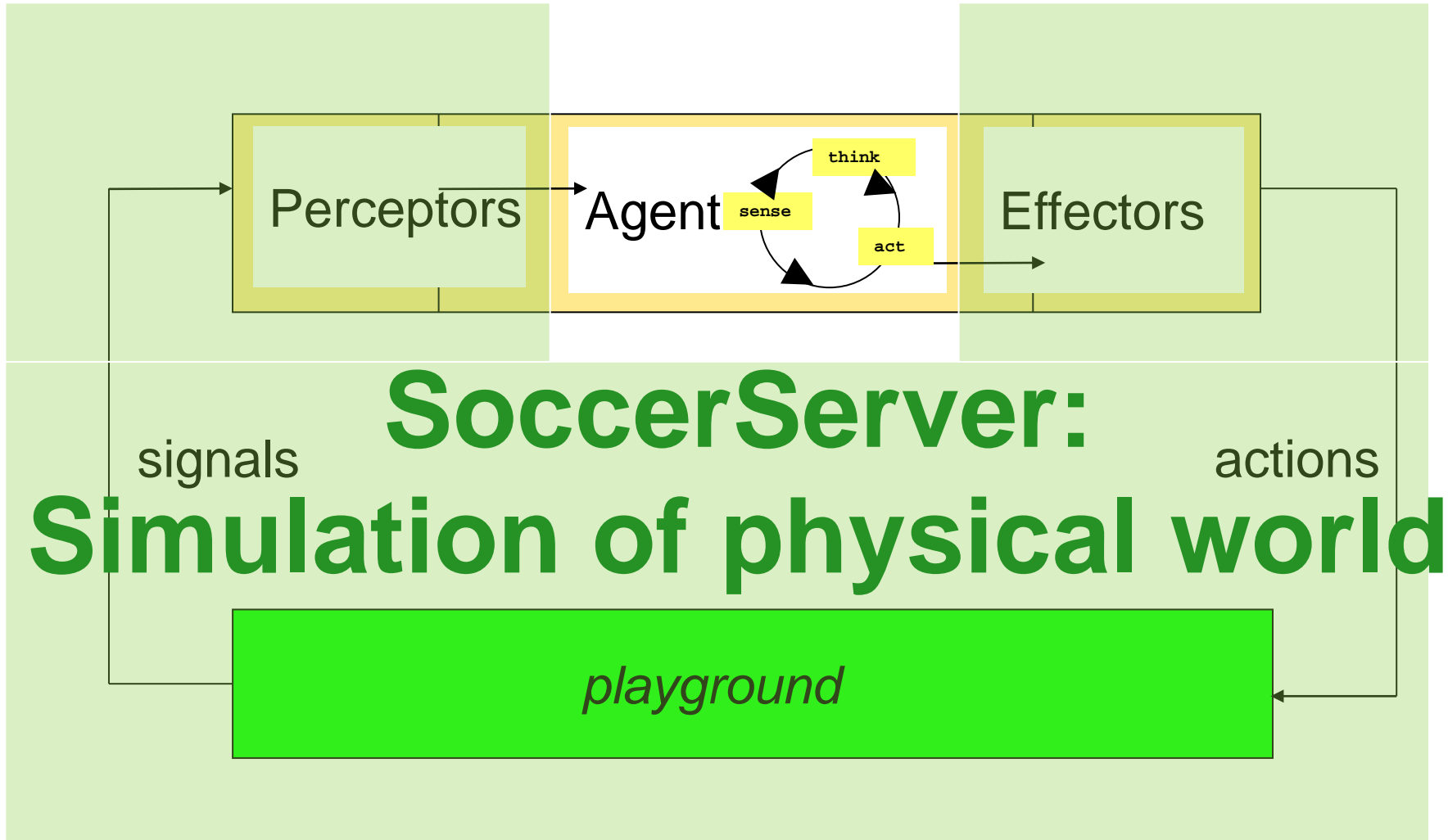
Simulation Cycle

Cycles (basically 20 msec) with the following steps:

- server sends individual server message with perceptor values ("sensations") to the agents.

- agents can process perceptor values

- agents can make decisions for next actions

- agent can send agent messages with effector commands

- server collects the effector commands of all agents and calculates resulting new situations

Note that messages are interleaved (next slide)!

Synchronization Server/Agent
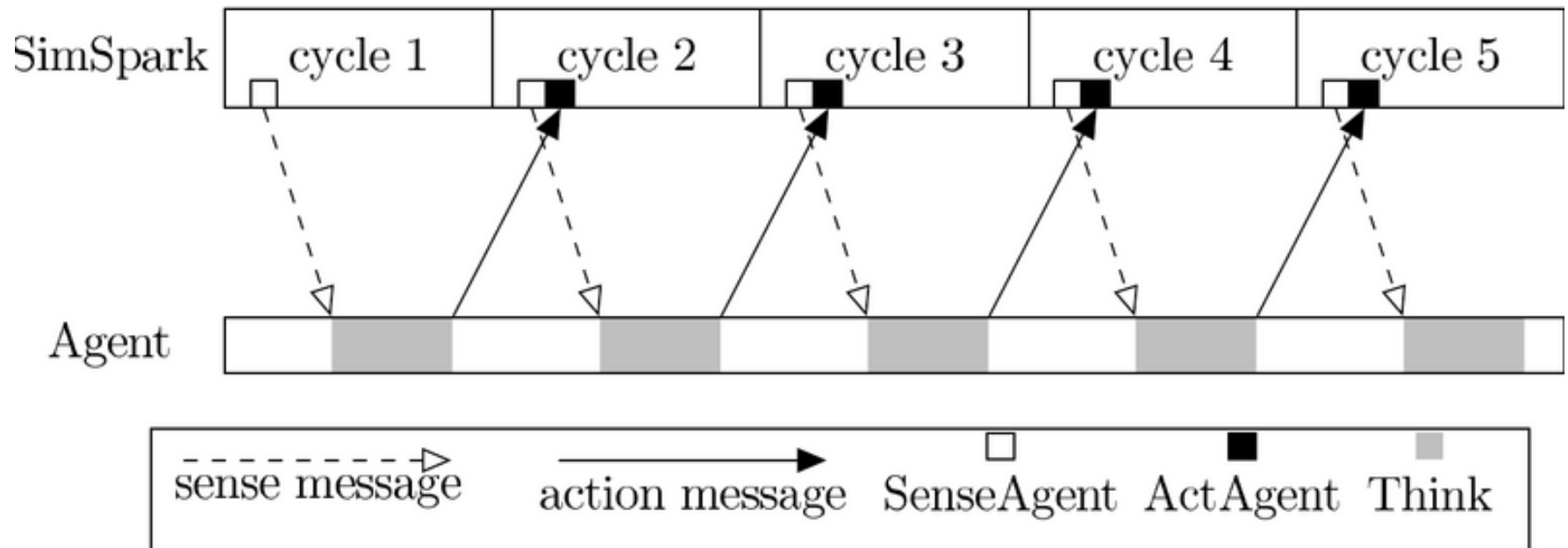
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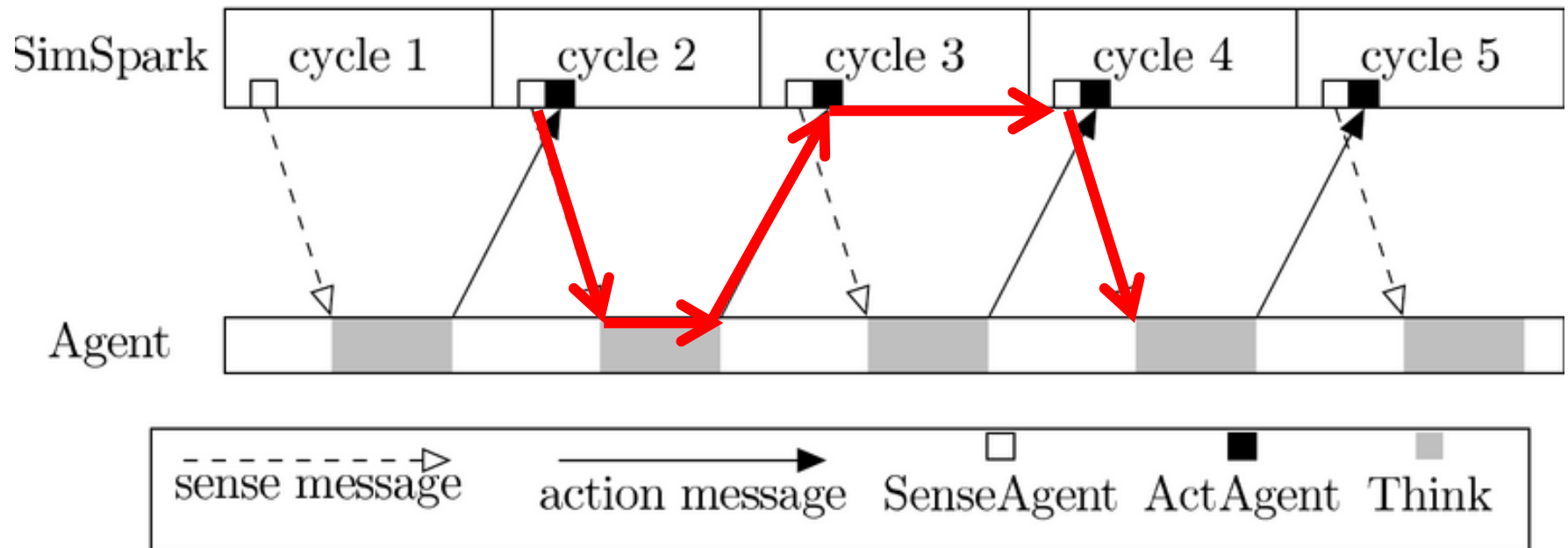
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Unmanned air/surface/underwater vehicles (UAV, USV, UUV):
• Simple design and control (despite obstacles)

Unmanned ground (UGV)
• More complex, depends on the environmental conditions:
  • wheels for (paved) roads
  • tracked vehicles for rough terrain
  • others

Locomotion

Vehicles have simpler actuation than legged robots

Vehicles:
- Accelerate
- Drive
- Turn
- Stop

Legged robots:
- Coordination of limbs
- Complex kinematics
- Stability maintenance (even in stop state)

Special designs

for rolling, snaking, crawling, creeping or jumping

Legged locomotion

Octavio.
Hild, M.: Neurodynamische Module zur Bewegungssteuerung autonomer mobiler Roboter. Dissertation 2007 Humboldt Universität zu Berlin

Examples from Boston Dynamics

BigDog

Rhex

RiSE

Boston Dynamics
http://www.bostondynamics.com/

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Humanoid shape

- for acting in human environments (buildings, using machines, …)
- for interaction with humans

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think

sense

act
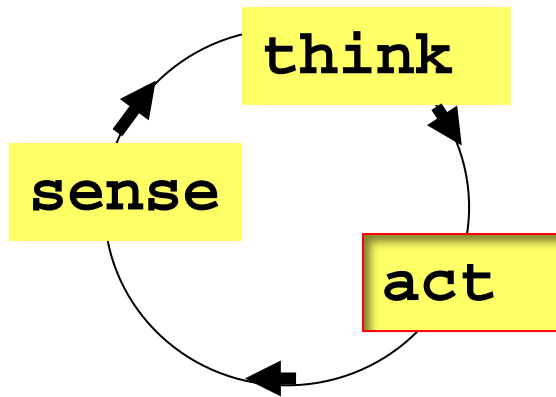
Effectors for

- Motion

- Speech

- …

Joints of Nao from Aldebaran

21 Servo-Motors:

- 2 head
- 4 per arm
- 5 per leg
- 1 hip

HeadPitch
HeadYaw
RShoulderRoll
RShoulderPitch
LShoulderRoll
RElbowRoll
LShoulderPitch
RElbowYaw
LElbowYaw
LElbowRoll
RHipYawPitch
LHipYawPitch
RHipPitch
LHipRoll
RHipRoll
LHipPitch
RKneePitch
LKneePitch
RAnklePitch
LAnklePitch
RAnkleRoll
LAnkleRoll

Burkhard

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Nao in SimSpark Simulation

Yaw

Pitch

Roll

YawPitch

he2
NeckPitch
-45...45

rae1
RightShoulderPitch
-120...120

lae1
LeftShoulderPitch
-120...120

rae2
RightShoulderYaw
-95...1

lae2
LeftShoulderYaw
-1...95

he1
NeckYaw
-120...120

rae3
RightArm Roll
-120...120

lae3
Left Arm Roll
-120 ... 120

rae4
Right Arm Yaw
-1...90

lae4
Left Arm Yaw
-90...1

rle1
RightHipYawPitch
-90...1

lle1
LeftHipYawPitch
-90...1

rle2
RightHipRoll
-45...25

lle2
LeftHipRoll
-25...45

rle3
RightHipPitch
-25...100

lle3
LeftHipPitch
-25...100

rle4
RightKneePitch
-130...1

lle4
LeftKneePitch
-130...1

rle5
RightFootPitch
-45...75

lle5
LeftFootPitch
-45...75

rle6
RightFootRoll
-25...45

lle6
LeftFootRoll
-45...25

Joints revolve around the roles.
Abbreviations like `rae2` are identifier
in effector messages.
Ranges of angles are given below
the names of the joints.

Effector messages for Hinge Joints

Format: (<joint> <speed>) , **e.g.** (rae2 2.3).

speed:

- angular speed in radians per second, range -p … +p
- it is continuously (!) maintained until a new value is set (even if the joint meets its extremity)
- speed=0: no movement, joint holds its position.
- robot model has great stiffness, hence effects of other forces (e.g. gravity) have minor influence.

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Effector messages for Hinge Joints

Motor commands must
be collected and packed
as S-expressions into
an message.
Then they are sent
to the simulator.

Motor Commands

$5,3\text{rad/s}$ *Left Arm Roll*
$-2,0\text{rad/s}$ *Left Hip Pitch*
$0,0\text{rad/s}$ *Neck Yaw*

Effector Messages

```
(lae3 5.3)
(lle3 -2.0)
(he1 0.0)
```

Agent Message

```
((lae3 5.3)(lle3 -2.0)(he1 0.0))
```

SimSpark Message

| 30 | ((lae3 5.3)(lle3 -2.0)(he1 0.0)) |
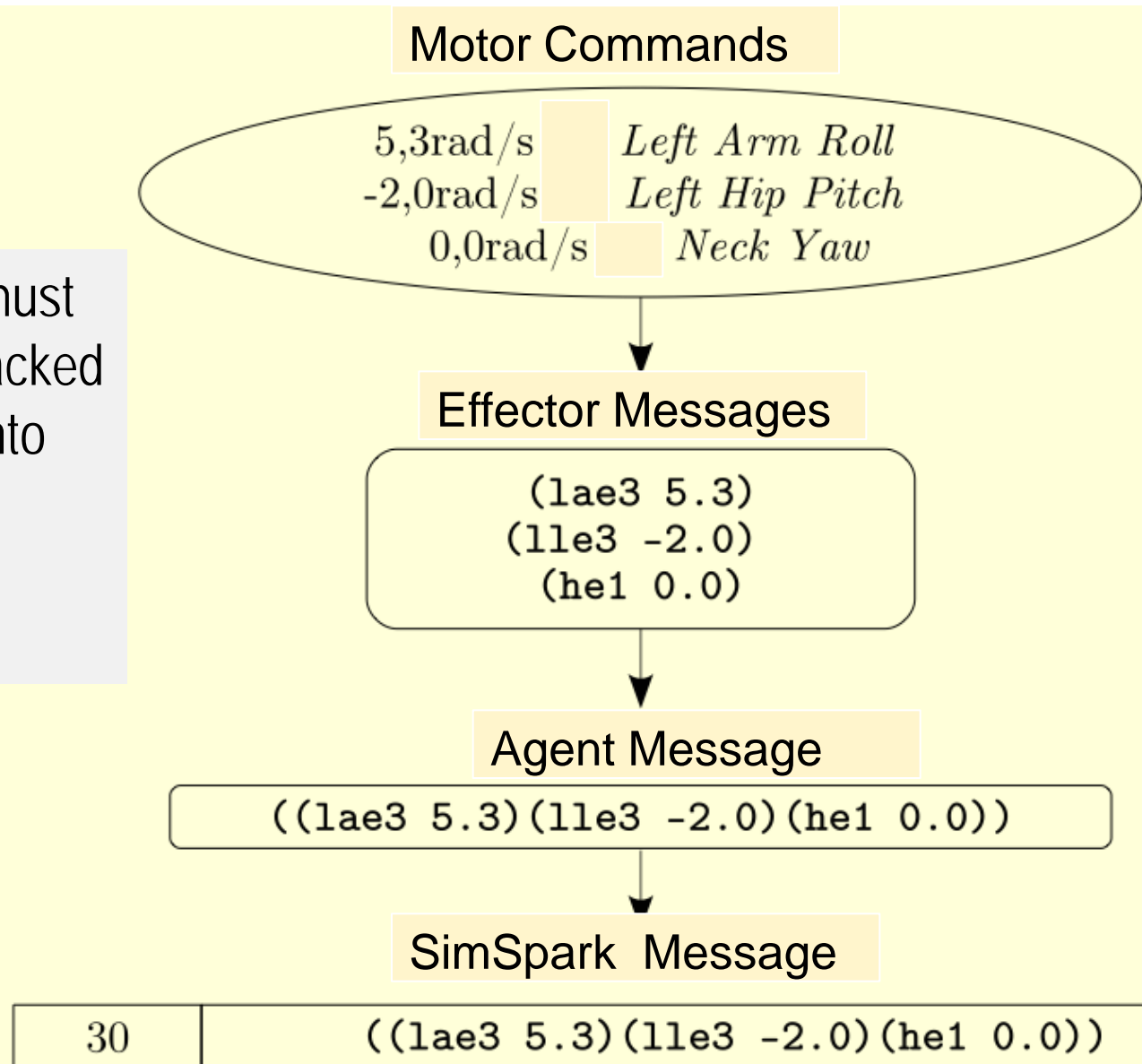
Effector messages for Hinge Joints

Motor Commands

5,3rad/s   *Left Arm Roll*
-2,0rad/s   *Left Hip Pitch*
0,0rad/s   *Neck Yaw*

Motor commands must
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effOut.setJointCommand(RobotConsts.LeftArmRoll, 5,3);
effOut.setJointCommand(RobotConsts.RightShoulderPitch, -2.0);
effOut.setJointCommand(RobotConsts.NeckYaw, 0.0);

RoboNewbie provides setter methods for each joint.

Users can address motors just like for real robots and need not to care about messages.

SimSpark Message

| 30 | ((lae3 5.3)(lle3 -2.0)(he1 0.0)) |

Programming Motor Commands

Every cycle (20 msec) new messages can be sent to 22 joints, i.e. 1100 messages have to be determined per second.

Different methods for efficient calculations, e.g.

- Keyframe motions
- Sensor controlled motions
- Model based motions
- Biological principles
- ….

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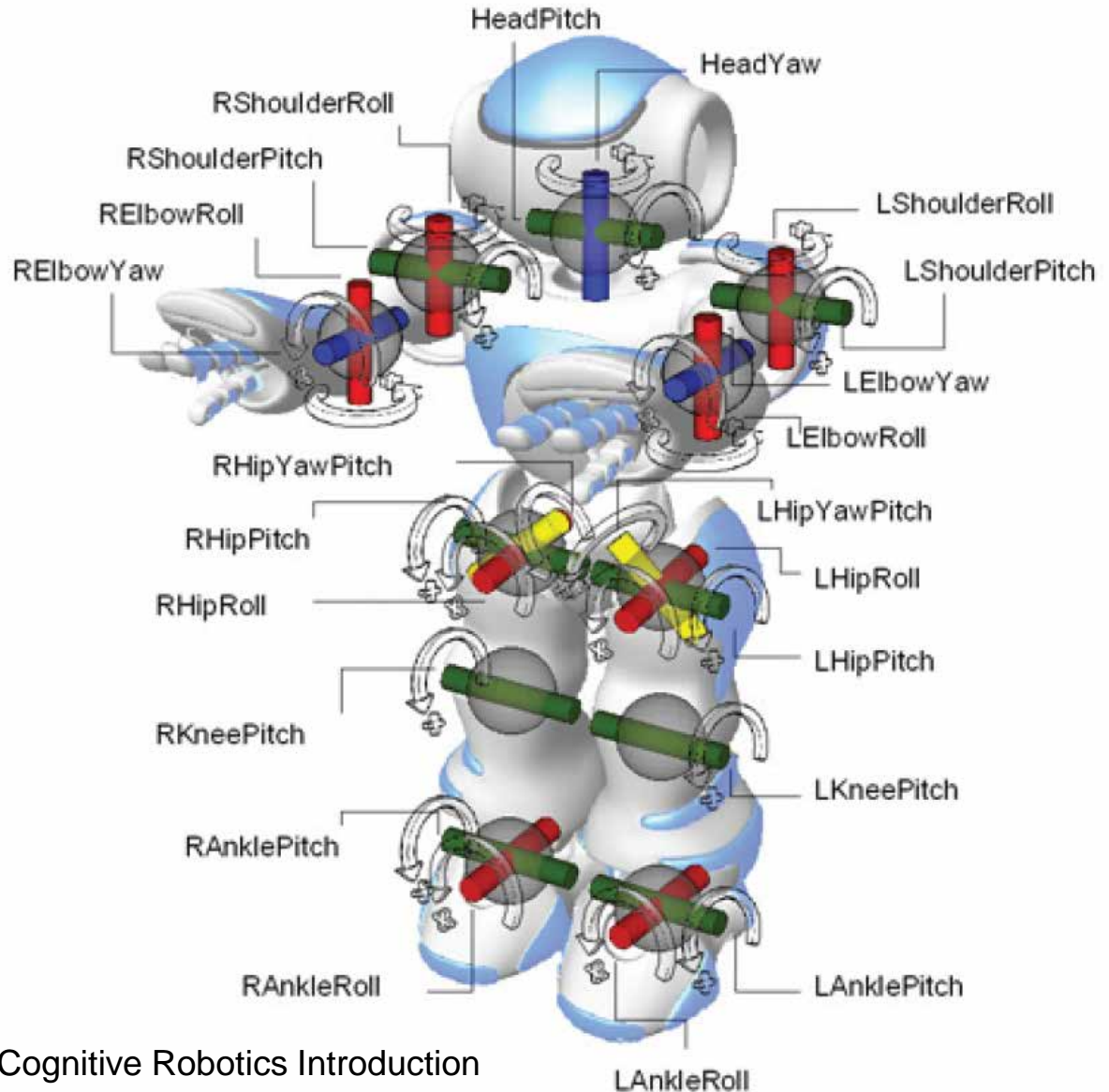
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Example: Keyframe Motions

Keyframes:

Characteristic poses during a motion ("like in a comic").

Originally used in animated movies.

Transition times define speed to reach next pose.

Poses between keyframes are interpolated automatically.

(in our programs by package keyframeMotion)

Keyframe

Time 1000

HeadPitch HeadYaw 0

RShoulderPitch LShoulderPitch 120

RShoulder RollLShoulderRoll 0

RElbowRoll 90

LElbowRoll -90

RElbowYaw 90

LElbowYaw -90

RHipYawPitch LHipYawPitch 0

RHipPitch LHipPitch -31

RHipRoll LHipRoll 0

RKneePitch LKneePitch 63

RAnklePitch LAnklePitch -31

….

Complete set of joint angles to be set in given time

Motion Skill: Set of Keyframes

300 0 -21 -62 32 -69 -59 0 -8 ...
300 -5 -21 -62 46 -69 -59 0 ...
300 0 -21 -62 60 -69 -59 0 8 -10 -0 12 -11 0 8 12 -0 -3 -11 -110 -32 69 59
300 0 -21 -75 60 -69 -59 0 8 6 -36 27 -11 0 8 12 -15 7 -11 -97 -32 69 59
300 0 -21 -86 60 -69 -59 0 8 42 -69 13 -11 0 8 12 -30 23 -11 -86 -32 69 59
300 0 -21 -110 60 -69 -59 0 8 12 -0 -9 -11 0 8 -10 -0 12 -14 -62 -32 69 59
300 -5 -21 -110 46 -69 -59 0 0 18 -0 -9 -4 0 0 -10 -0 17 -5 -62 -46 69 59
300 0 -21 -110 32 -69 -59 0 -8 12 -0 -3 11 0 -8 -10 -0 12 11 -62 -60 69 59
300 0 -21 -97 32 -69 -59 0 -8 12 -15 7 11 0 -8 6 -36 27 11 -75 -60 69 59
300 0 -21 -84 32 -69 -59 0 -8 12 -30 23 11 0 -8 42 -69 13 11 -84 -60 69 59

Each line starts with the transition time followed by the target angles of joints in a predefined order.

Keyframe sequences are "played" by class keyframeMotion.

Order of Joints in our Keyframes

NeckYaw = 0

NeckPitch = 1

LeftShoulderPitch = 2

LeftShoulderYaw = 3

LeftArmRoll = 4

LeftArmYaw = 5

LeftHipYawPitch = 6

LeftHipRoll = 7

LeftHipPitch = 8

LeftKneePitch = 9

LeftFootPitch = 10

LeftFootRoll = 11

RightHipYawPitch = 12

RightHipRoll = 13

RightHipPitch = 14

RightKneePitch = 15

RightFootPitch = 16

RightFootRoll = 17

RightShoulderPitch = 18

RightShoulderYaw = 19

RightArmRoll = 20

RightArmYaw = 21

Development of Keyframe Motions

You can change the .txt-files of existing motions

in directory keyframes.

The new motion will then be used by the program.

You can develop new motions.

- Develop the new motion using MotionEditor for creation and keyframeDeveloper for test.

- Change the program KeyframeMotion as explained there.

- Use the new motion in your program.

    (as e.g. in Agent_SimpleWalkToBall)

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sense

act
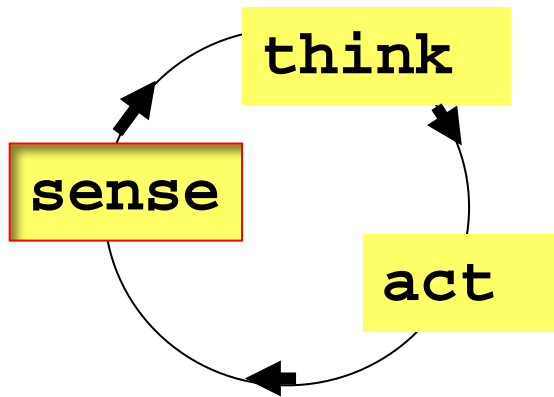
Perceptors for

- Vision

- Speech

- Acceleration

- ...

Sensors in Robotics

Other sensor types in technique than in nature.

by Pollinator, by Anthere
(Wikimedia Commons)

But:

Natural systems use more sensors than today robots.

Natural sensors are often more robust.

Technical systems have problems with data interpretation.

Redundancies

Information is usully noisy and incomplete

Much (redundant) information is available

- Vision data

- Audio data

- …

- Previous data of vision, audio,…

- World knowledge

But it may need extreme efforts to exploit it.

Sensors of Nao (Academic Version 2010)

4 Microphones
2 CMOS digital cameras
32 Hall effect sensors (joints)
2 axis gyro
3 axis accelerometer
2 Bumpers (feet)
2 channel sonar
2 Infrared
Tactile Sensor (touch sensor)
8 FRS (force sensors, feet)

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SimSpark provides preprocessed information,

so called „percepts",

which are received by „perceptor messages".

The RoboNewbie agents have

comfortable access methods for sensor values.

Example of Perceptor Message

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Perceptors of SimSpark Soccer Simulator

- Hinge Joint Perceptors
- Vision Perceptor at the head
- Gyrometer in the torso
- Accelerometer in the torso
- Force Resistance Perceptor at the feets
- Hear Perceptor at the head
- Game State Perceptor

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Gyrometer and Accelerometer

Accelerometer (acceleration in m/s^2 of torso relative to free fall).
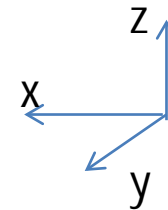
Format:

(ACC (n <name>) (a <x> <y> <z>))

Example:

(ACC (n torso) (a 0.00 0.00 9.81))

Orientation:
y-axis in facing direction

Measurements regard motion in last cycle.

Gyrometer (change rates in degrees/s for orientation of torso)
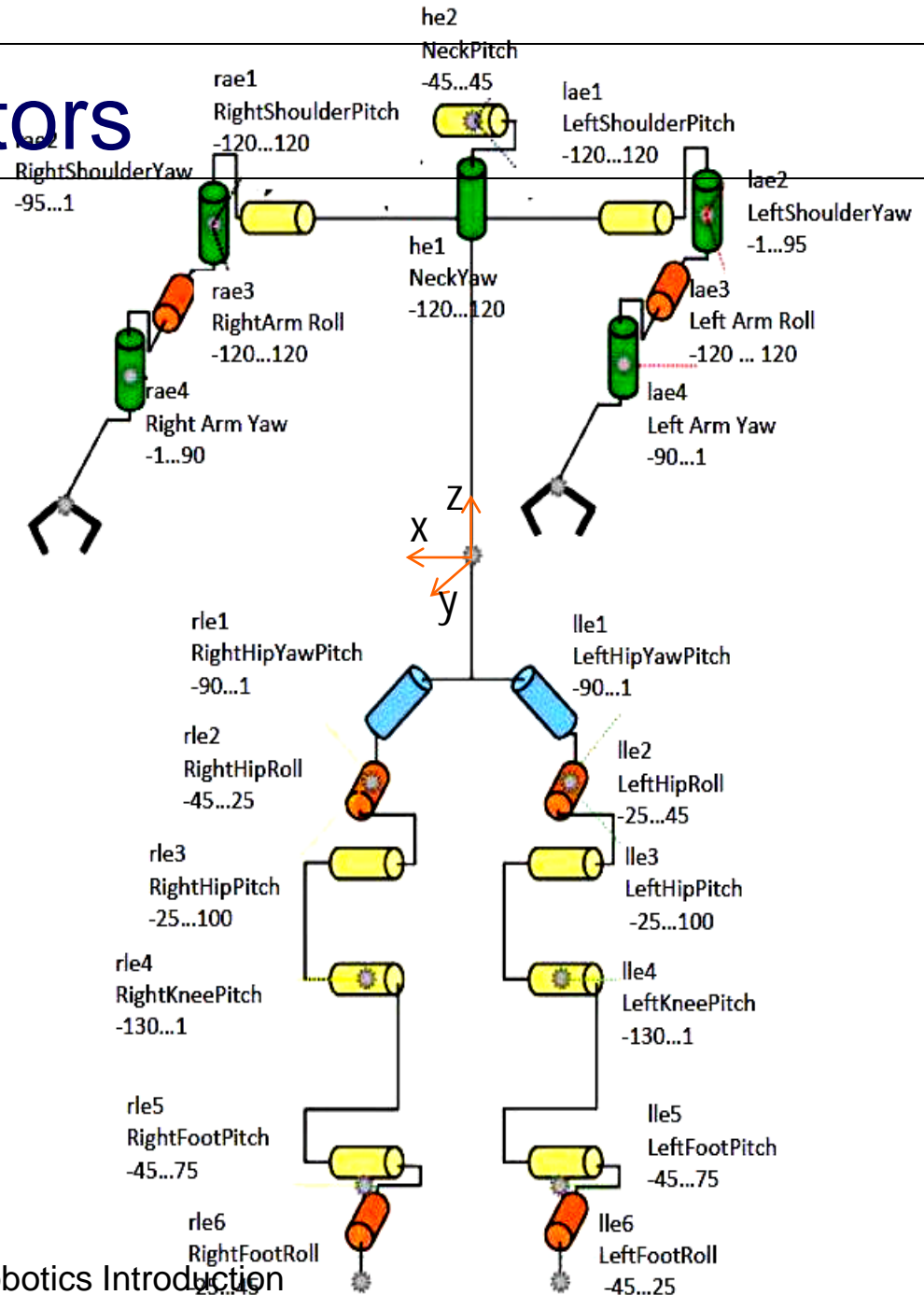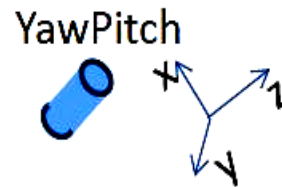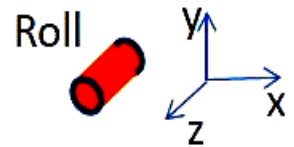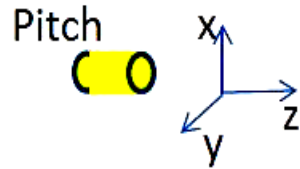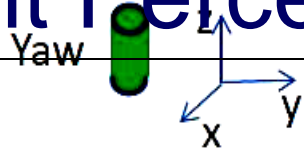
Format:

(GYR (n torso) (rt <x> <y> <z>))

 Example:

(GYR (n torso) (rt 0.01 0.07 0.46))

Hinge Joint Perceptors

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Yaw

Pitch

Roll

YawPitch

Format:
(HJ (n <name>) (ax <ax>))
Example:
(HJ (n laj3) (ax -1.02))

rae1
RightShoulderPitch
-120...120

RightShoulderYaw
-95...1

rae3
RightArm Roll
-120...120

rae4
Right Arm Yaw
-1...90

he2
NeckPitch
-45...45

lae1
LeftShoulderPitch
-120...120

lae2
LeftShoulderYaw
-1...95

he1
NeckYaw
-120...120

lae3
Left Arm Roll
-120 ... 120

lae4
Left Arm Yaw
-90...1

rle1
RightHipYawPitch
-90...1

rle2
RightHipRoll
-45...25

rle3
RightHipPitch
-25...100

rle4
RightKneePitch
-130...1

rle5
RightFootPitch
-45...75

rle6
RightFootRoll

lle1
LeftHipYawPitch
-90...1

lle2
LeftHipRoll
-25...45

lle3
LeftHipPitch
-25...100

lle4
LeftKneePitch
-130...1

lle5
LeftFootPitch
-45...75

lle6
LeftFootRoll
-45...25

Vision Perceptor

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Vision Perceptor

No image processing.
Simulator provides correct perceptor values

Format:
(See
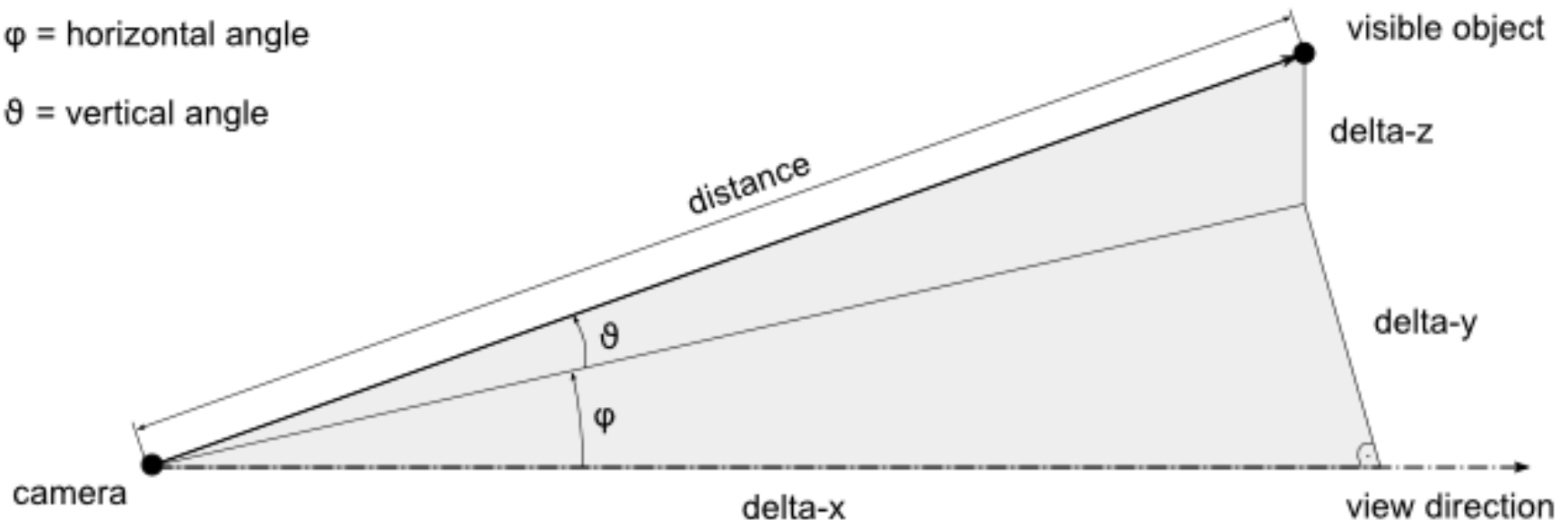(<name> (pol <distance> <angle1> <angle2>))
(P (team <teamname>) (id <playerID>) (pol <distance> <angle1> <angle2>)))

View angle of camera is
120 degrees horizontally and vertically

φ = horizontal angle

ϑ = vertical angle

visible object

delta-z

distance

delta-y

ϑ

φ

camera

delta-x

view direction

Visual Information SimSpark

Example:
(See (G2R (pol 17.55 -3.33 4.31))
 (G1R (pol 17.52 3.27 4.07))
(F1R (pol 18.52 18.94 1.54))
(F2R (pol 18.52 -18.91 1.52))
 (B (pol 8.51 -0.21 -0.17))
(P (team teamRed) (id 1) (head (pol 16.98 -0.21 3.19))
        (rlowerarm (pol 16.83 -0.06 2.80))   (llowerarm (pol 16.86 -0.36 3.10))
        (rfoot (pol 17.00 0.29 1.68))   (lfoot (pol 16.95 -0.51 1.32)))
(P (team teamBlue) (id 3)
        (rlowerarm (pol 0.18 -33.55 -20.16))   (llowerarm (pol 0.18 34.29 -19.80))))
 (L (pol 12.11 -40.77 -2.40) (pol 12.95 -37.76 -2.41))
 (L (pol 12.97 -37.56 -2.24) (pol 13.32 -32.98 -2.20))

SimSpark message
(example data are marked)

1087 | ((time (now 38.80))(GS (t 0.00) (pm BeforeKickOff))(GYR (n torso) (rt 0.01 0.23 0.25))(ACC (n torso) (a -0.15 0.16 9.82))(HJ (n hj1) (ax -0.00))(HJ (n hj2) (ax 0.00))(See (G1L (pol 1.85 -11.75 8.43)) (G2L (pol 1.85 58.21 8.26)) (F1L (pol 7.18 -55.00 -4.33)) (P (team FHO) (id 1) (rlowerarm (pol 0.19 -35.49 -22.26)) (llowerarm (pol 0.18 36.42 -22.09))) (L (pol 1.95 60.07 -15.90) (pol 7.17 -54.92 -4.27)) (L (pol 7.07 -60.05 -4.37) (pol 7.18 -54.92 -4.26)) (L (pol 2.03 -60.04 -15.30) (pol 2.51 -29.39 -12.25)))(HJ (n raj1) (ax -0.01))(HJ (n raj2) (ax 0.00))(HJ (n raj3) (ax 0.00))(HJ (n raj4) (ax -0.00))(HJ (n laj1) (ax -0.00))(HJ (n laj2) (ax 0.00))(HJ (n laj3) (ax 17.14))(HJ (n laj4) (ax 0.00))(HJ (n rlj1) (ax -0.00))(HJ (n rlj2) (ax -0.02))(HJ (n rlj3) (ax 0.00))(HJ (n rlj4) (ax -0.00))(HJ (n rlj5) (ax 0.01))(FRP (n rf) (c -0.02 0.02 -0.02) (f -0.60 -0.09 26.08))(HJ (n rlj6) (ax 0.01))

Server message

(... (ACC (n torso) (a -0.15 0.16 9.82)) ...
(HJ (n laj3) (ax 17.14)) ...)

Perceptor messages

...
(ACC (n torso) (a -0.15 0.16 9.82))
...
(HJ (n laj3) (ax 17.14))
...

Perceptor values

...
Acceleration has values (x,y,z) = (-0.15,0.16,9.82)
...
Left Arm Roll has value 17,14°
....

Semantics of SimSpark Messages

Burkhard

SimSpark message
(example data are marked)

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RoboNewbie provides getter methods for each perceptor data.

Users can read sensor values just like for real robots and need not to care about message parsing and identification.

percIn.getJoint(RobotConsts.LeftShoulderPitch);
percIn.getAcc();
percIn.getGoalPost(FieldConsts.GoalPostID.G2L);
percIn.getBodyPart(PlayerVisionPerceptor.BodyPart.llowerarm);

Data formats are explained in the QuickStart Tutorial examples.

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Left Arm Roll has value 17,14°
....