

# Control Systems

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## "Introduction to Control Systems"

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# “Control Systems”

*Control Systems* → a very wide area

A palavra “*sistema*” (*system*) tem um significado muito amplo.



Things which are very different may be examples of *systems*.



# What is Control Systems?

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The human being has a natural desire **to control** everything.

When we press a button, such as for example to call an elevator (*lift*), we are exercising a type of **control**.

When we drive a vehicle, either a **motorcycle**, or a **car**, or even an **helicopter** or a **airplane**, we are also exercising some type of **control**.



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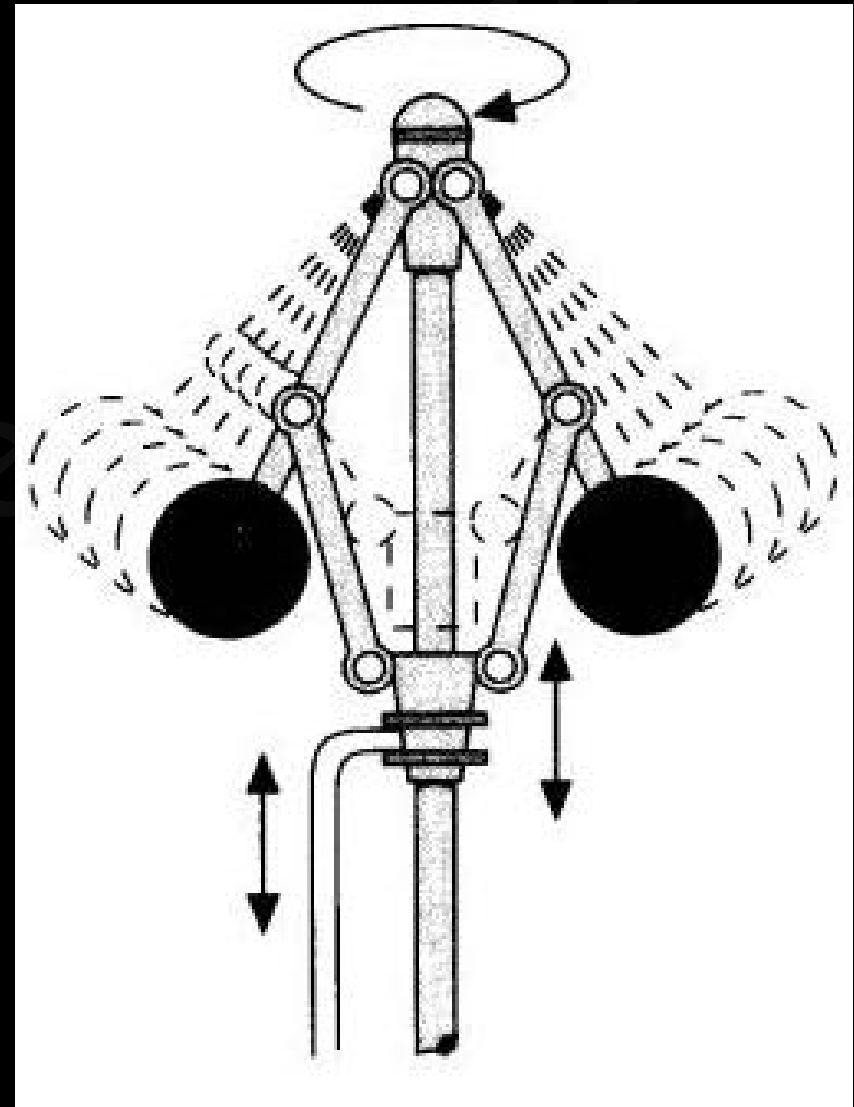
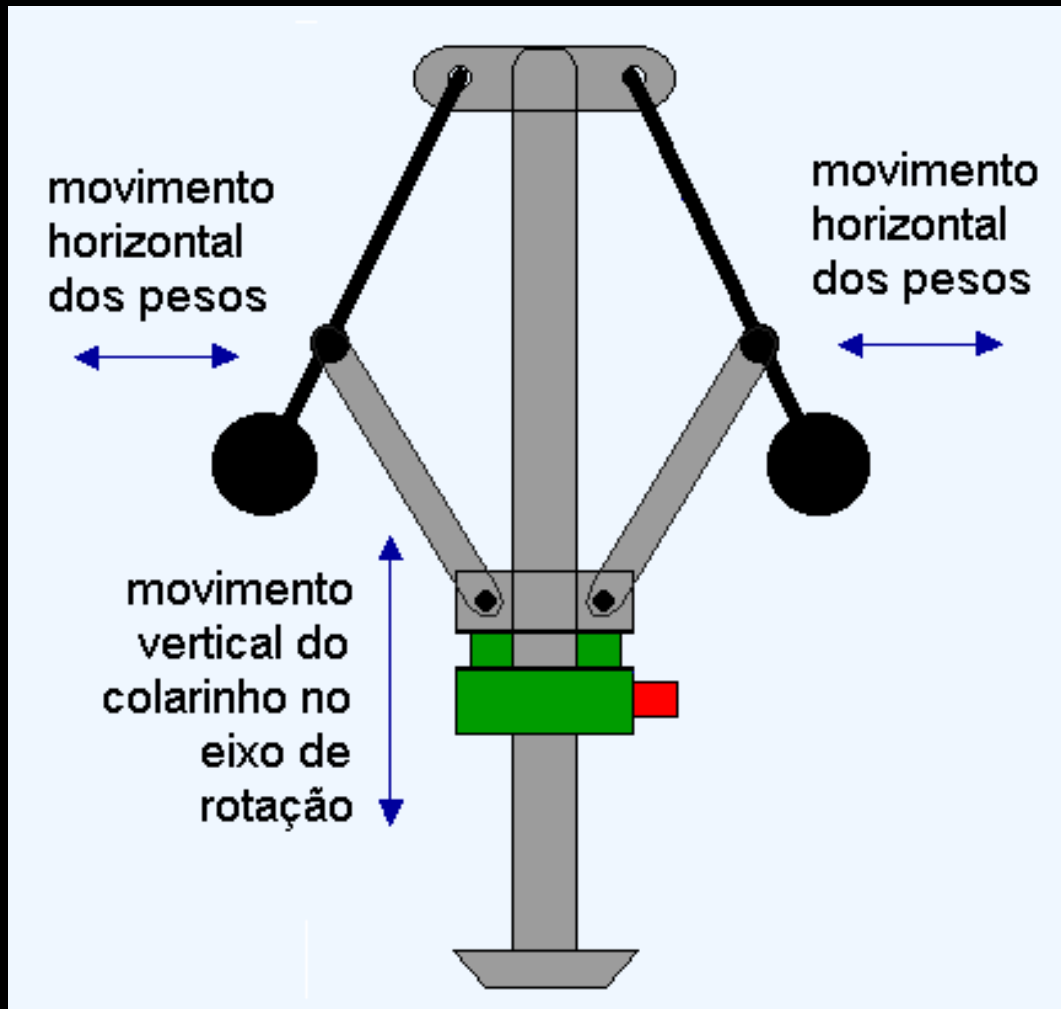
**Control Systems** is the art of

guide, conduct, manoeuvre, comand, drive, manage or control

a device, an utensil, an equipment, an appliance, a mechanism, a tool, a machine, an structure, a process, or rather, a system.

# What is Control Systems?

In engineering, man has been **controlling** devices for centuries.



The centrifugal governor (or regulator).

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Similar devices to that has been used

- in ancient Greece by the priests to open and close the heavy doors *of their temples*.

and also

- in 17<sup>th</sup> century, in *mills*,
- in 18<sup>th</sup> century, in *steam engines* (James Watt), for
  - *pumping water from a well* or
  - *in steam engines* in vessels or
  - *in steam engines* for pulling trains;

and even nowadays:

- in the engine of a car or
- in the engine of a locomotive.

Through the centuries men has been improving the techniques to control systems.

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In particular, in 20<sup>th</sup> century men constructed several types of *machines* or *devices* which he is able to control more and more efficiently.

The vehicles that men has constructed last century (20<sup>th</sup> century) are great examples of *Control Systems*.



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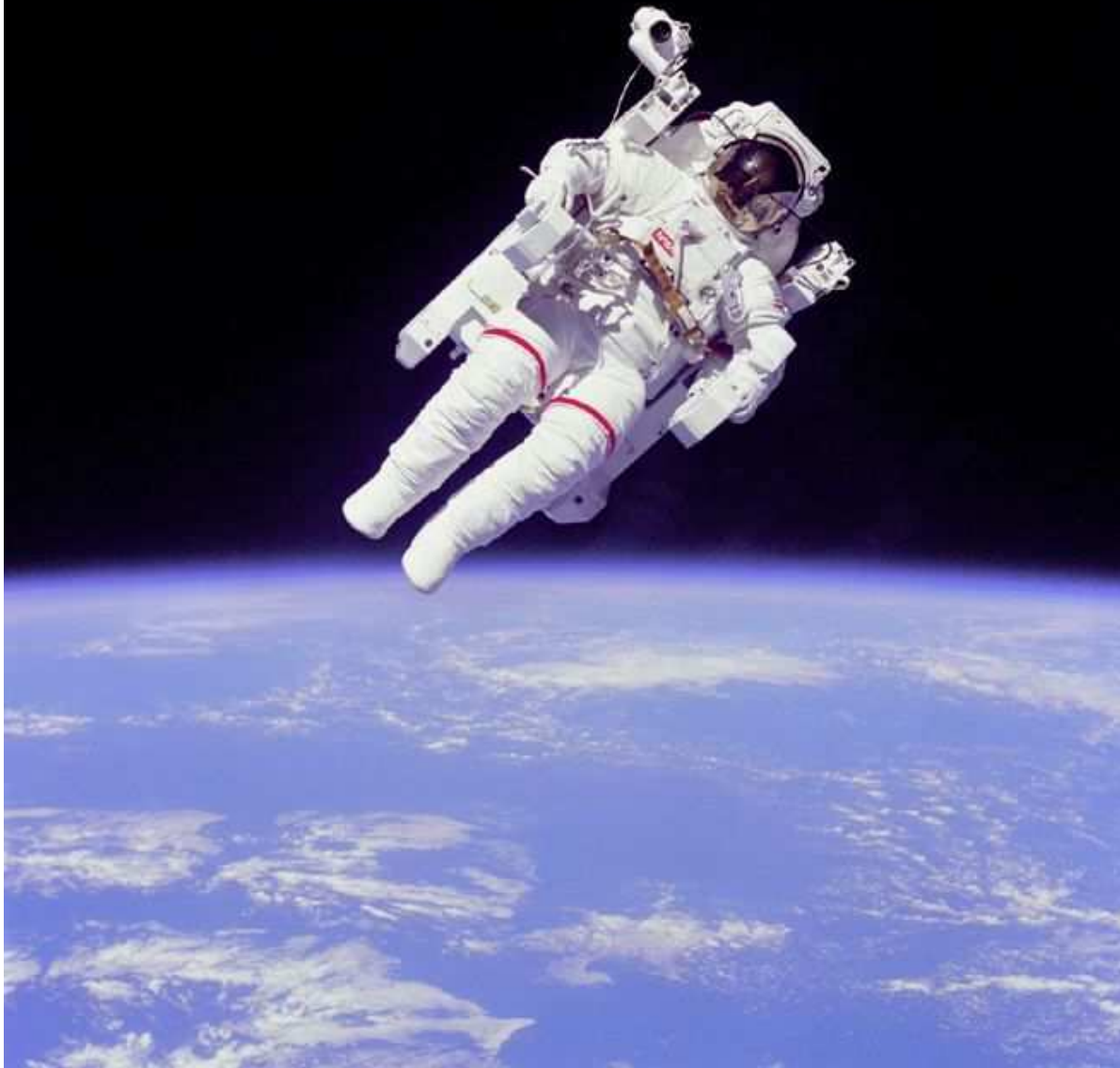
They are all sort of machines controlled by man and with increasing sophistication: vehicles with 2 wheels, with 4 wheels, that goes on water, or under the water, that fly or that goes on the space.



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We got to the **Moon**, and, tele-guided, we also got to *other planets*.





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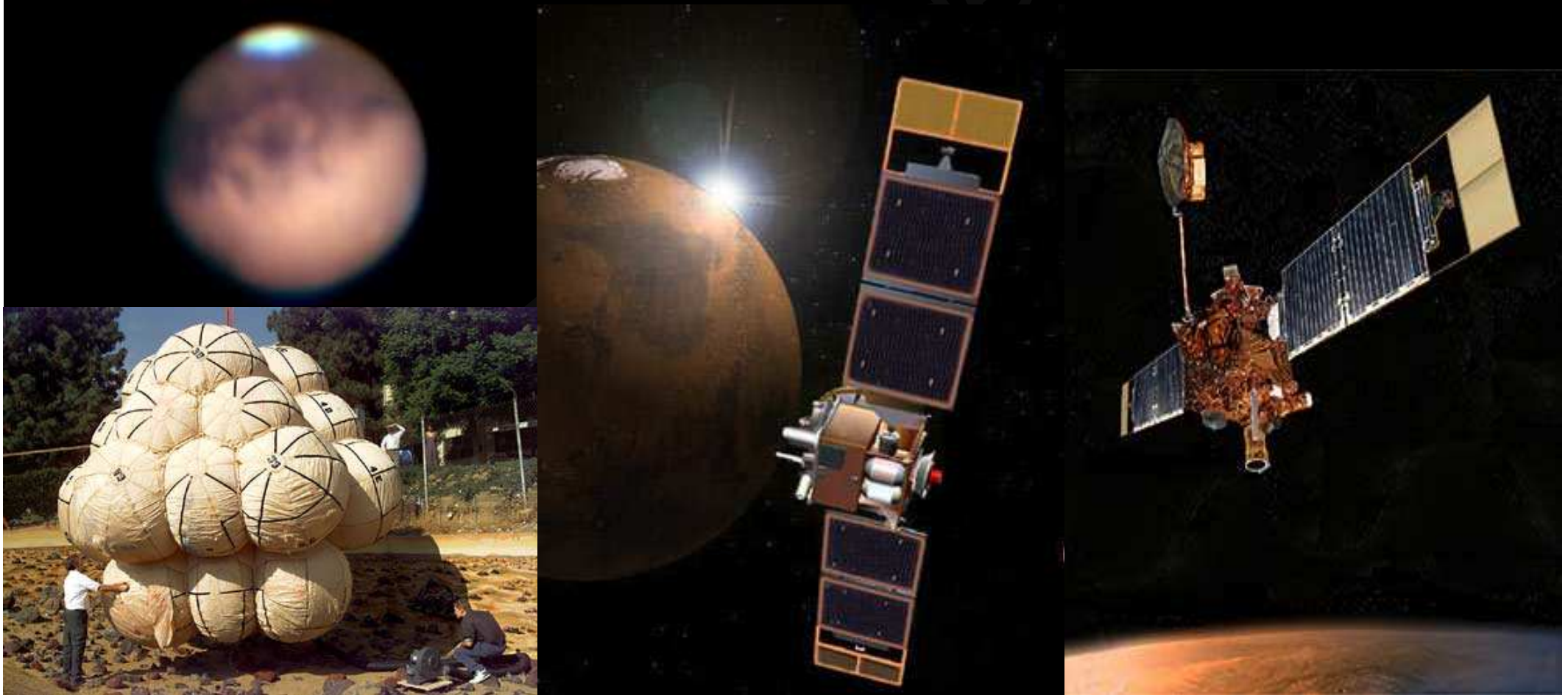
Today there are space probes (such as for example *Pioneer 10 and 11* and the *Voyager 1 and 2*) that have already left our **solar system** and are going towards some star where is only going to arrive after millions of years, when this planet will not exist anymore.



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Even now in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, in 2004, men has landed a robotic space vehicle in **Mars**, called **Mars Rover Spirit**, which weighs 185 kg and moved about 100 meters per day.

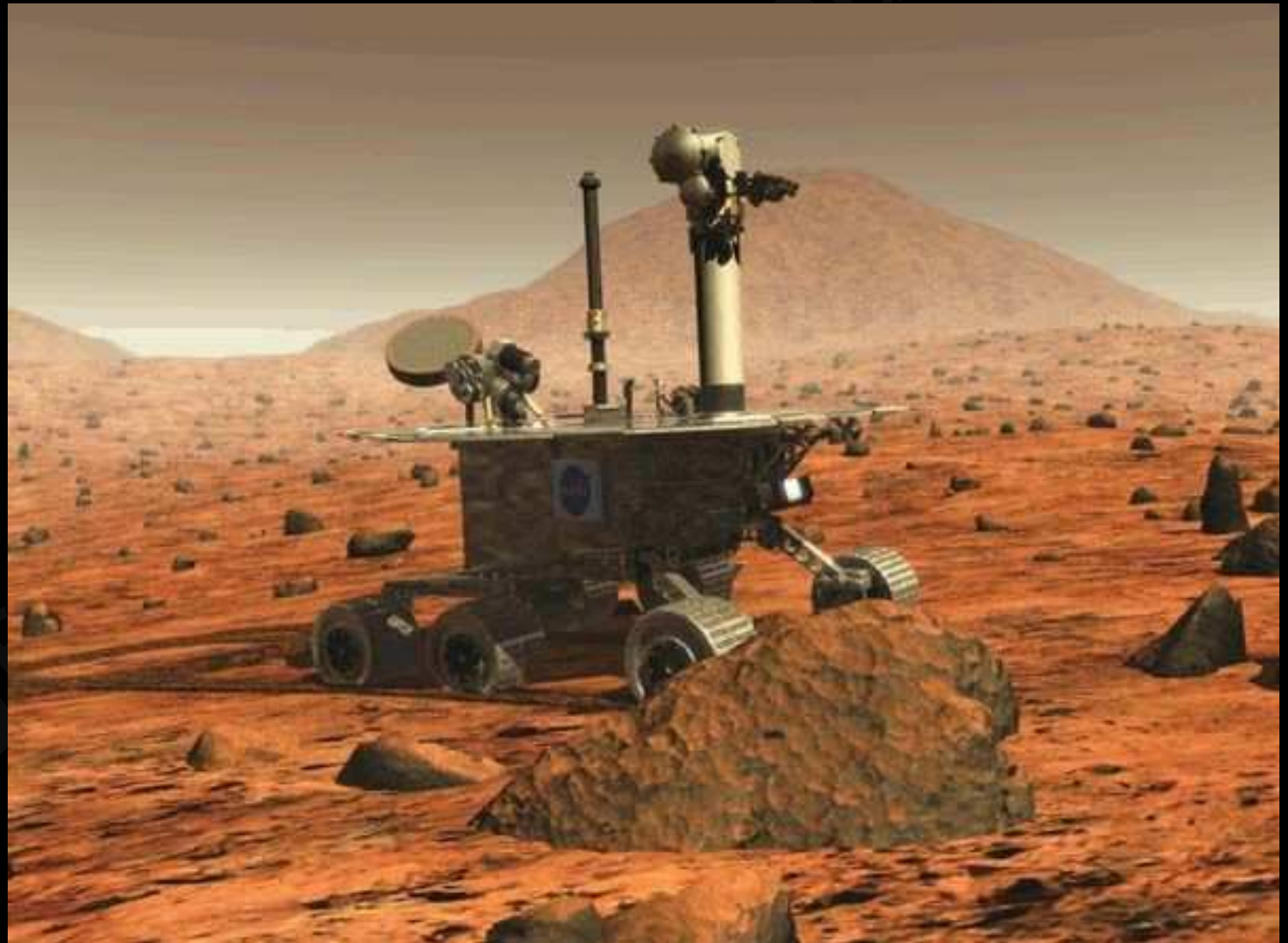
**Mars Rover Spirit** went to **Mars** packed inside an unmanned spaceship **Mars Surveyor** during its 480 millions km trip that took to get there, when then it opened.



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The *Mars Rover Spirit* robot drove around in Mars 591 days Martian days, exploring, photographing, sending images to Earth and reaching about 3 km (three kilometres) away from the point it landed in Mars.





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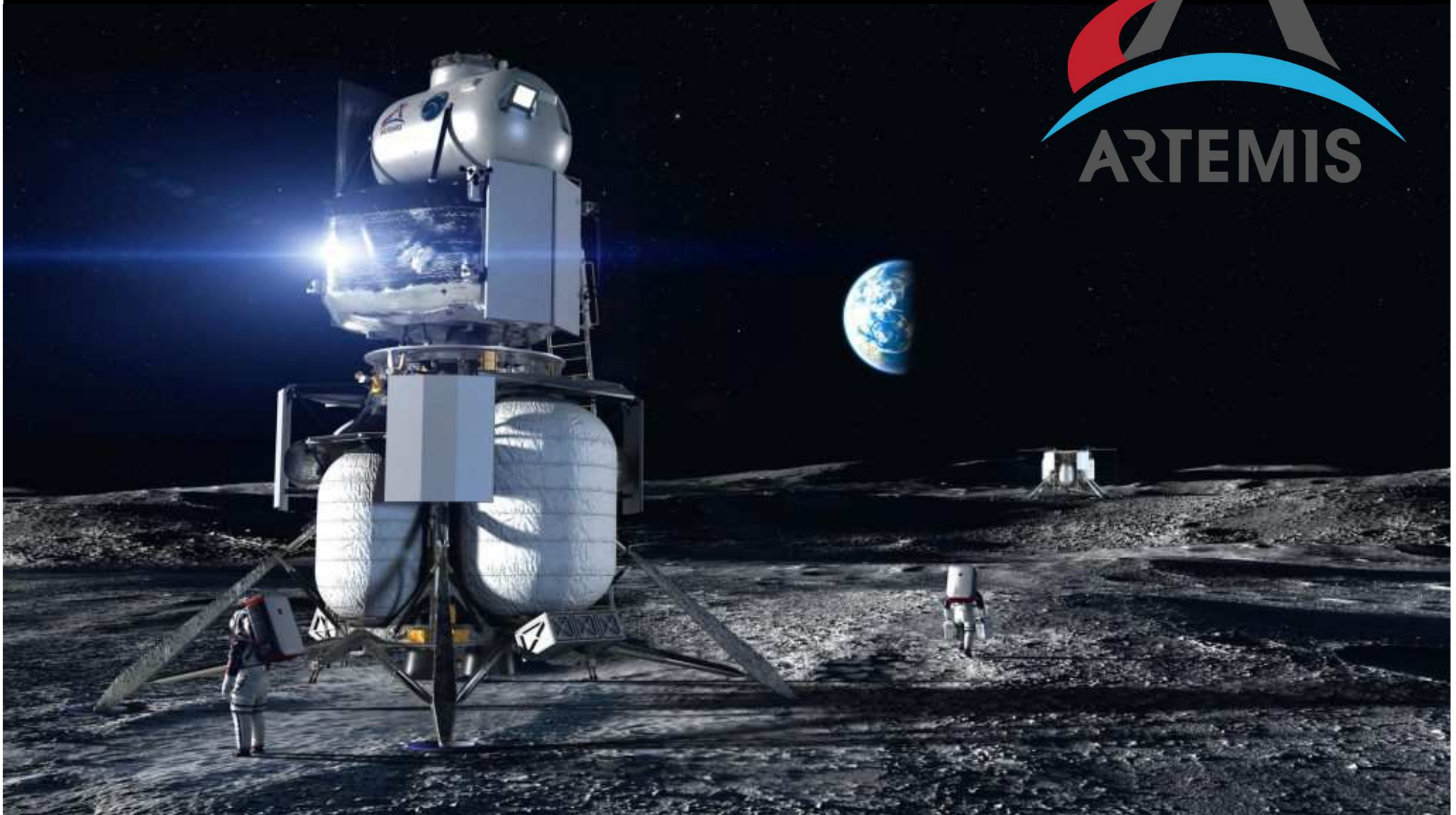
**Artemis** Program is a manned spaceflight program developed by NASA, US commercial spaceflight companies and international partners, with the goal of landing the first woman and the next man on the Moon by 2024.



**Artemis** would be the first steps in a long-term goal of establishing a “sustainable” human presence on the Moon, laying the foundation for private companies to build a lunar economy and eventually send humans to Mars.

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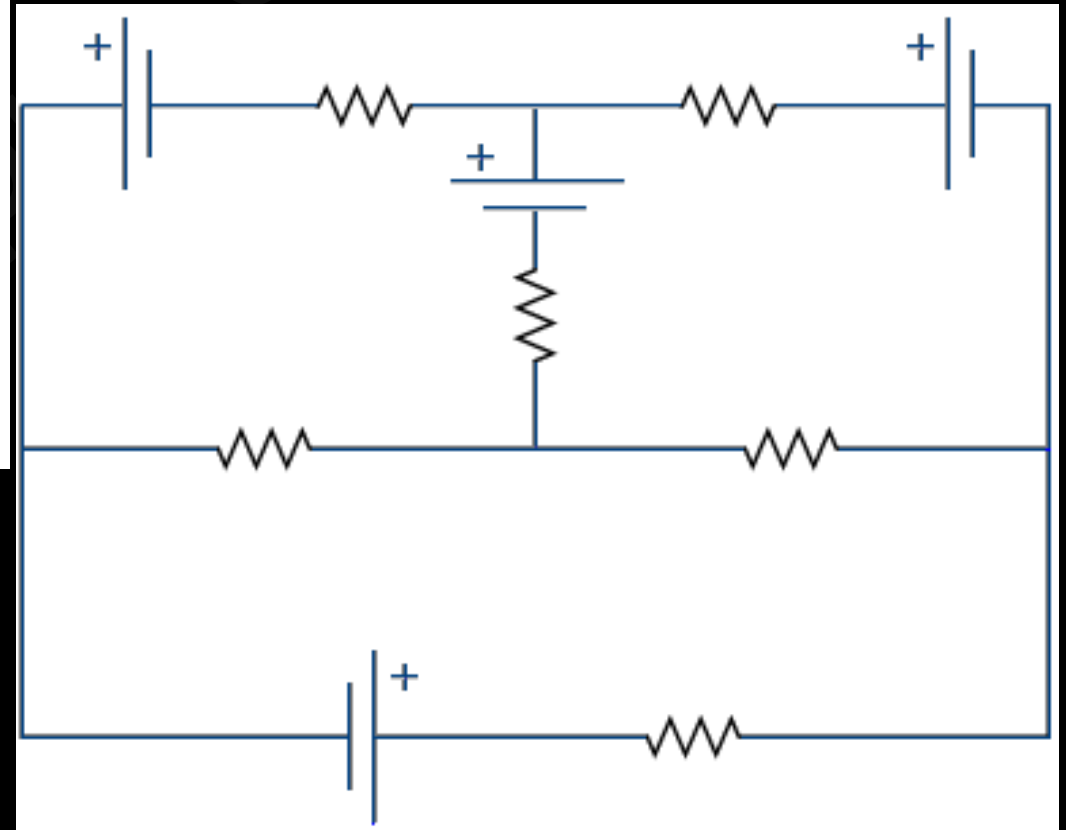
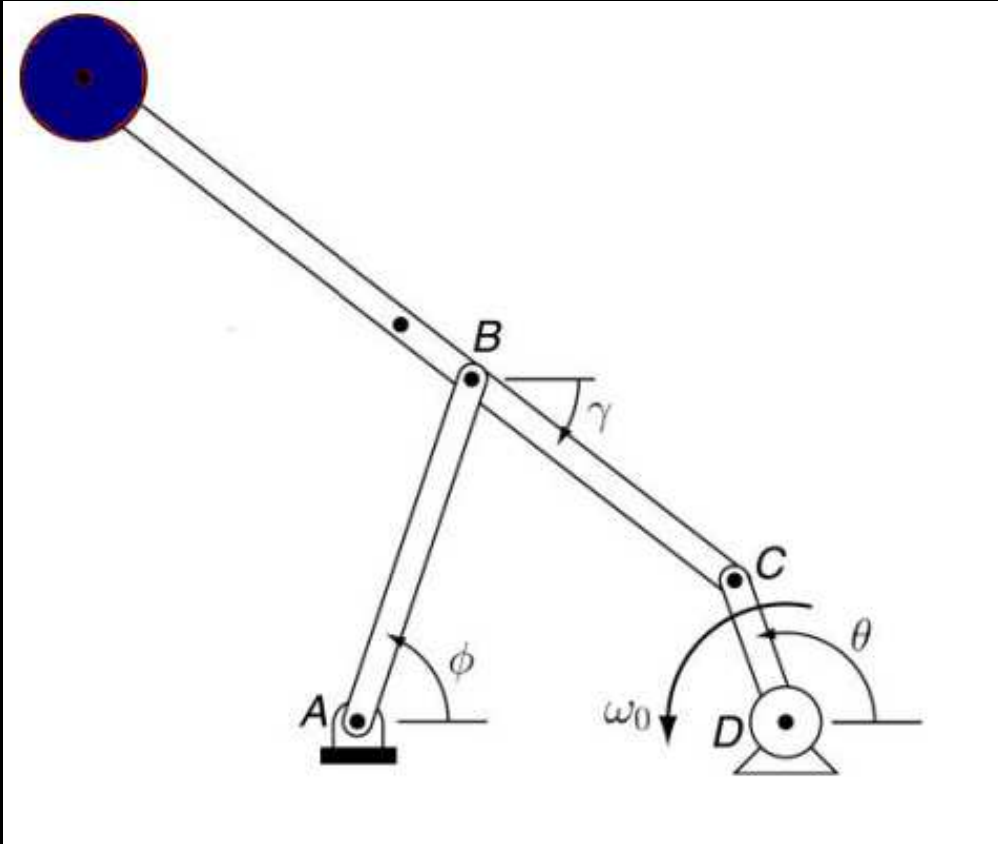


What will the 'Blue Origin' team's manned landing on the Moon look like as part of the Artemis program?

# Some examples of *Control Systems*

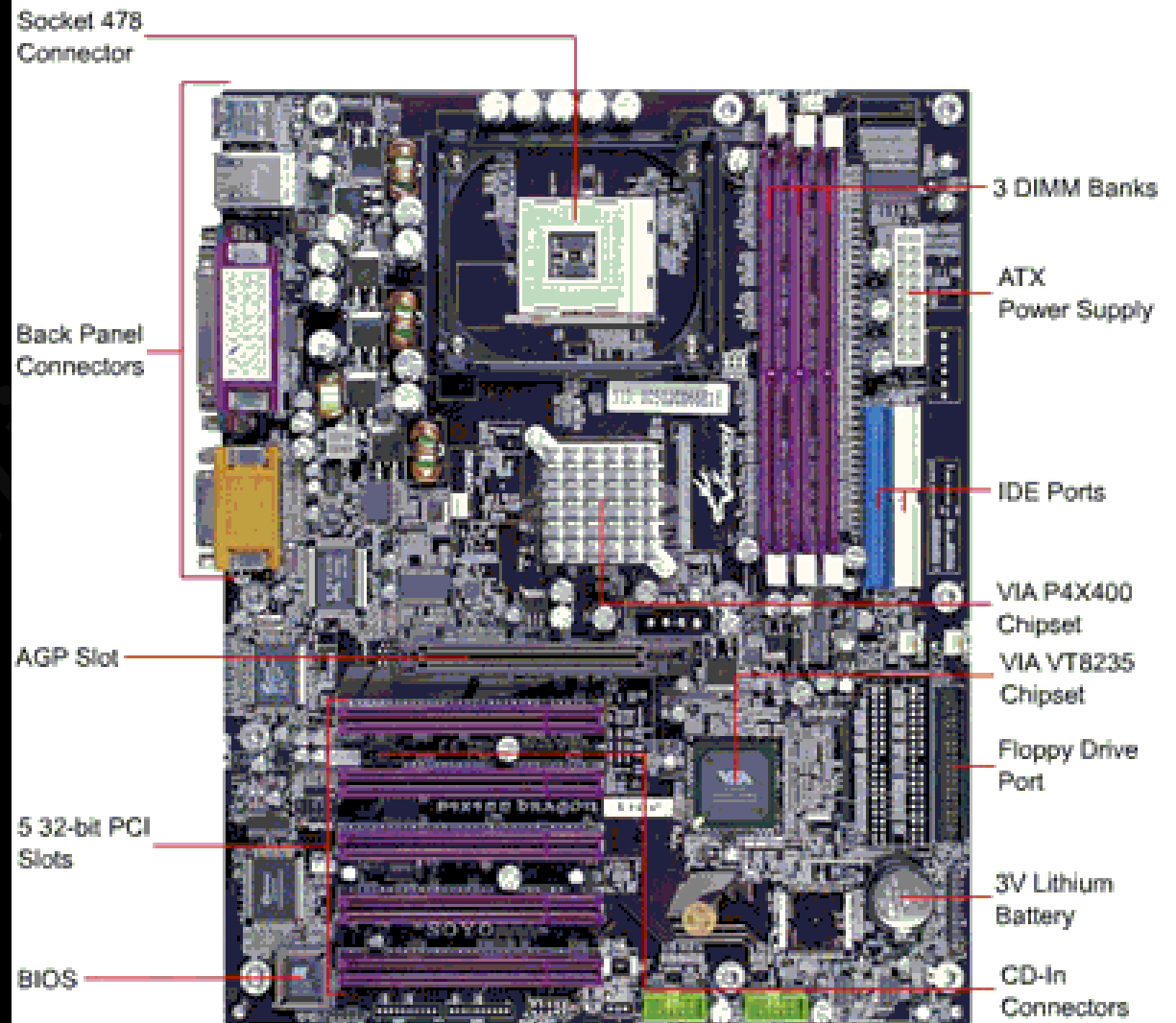
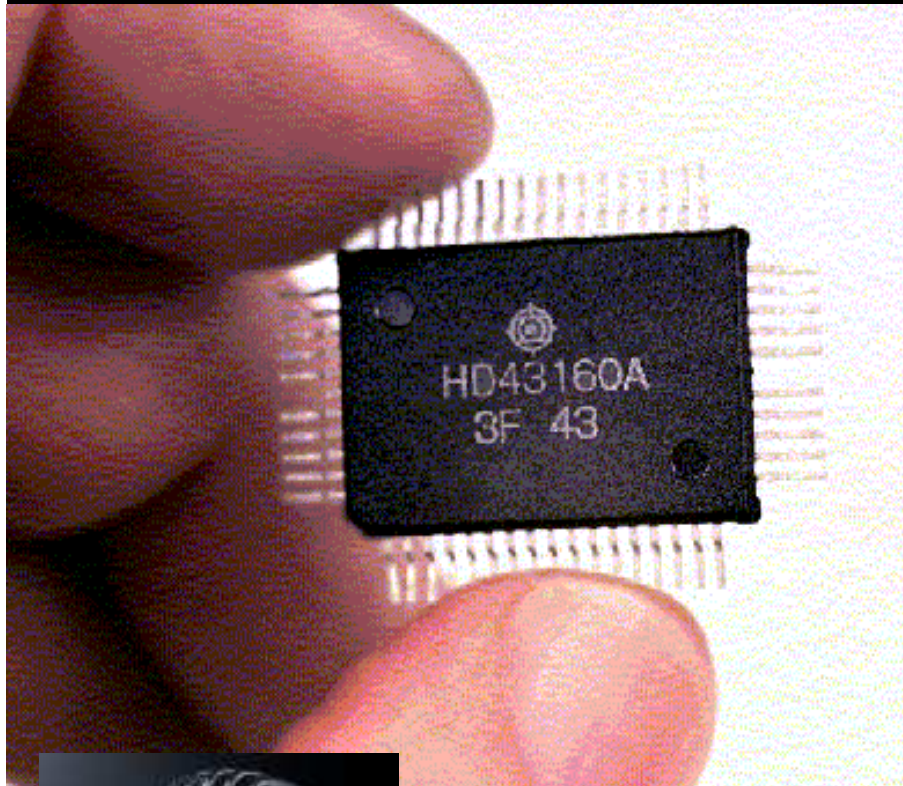
The notion of *systems* is intuitive.

Almost everything that is around us is some type of *system*.



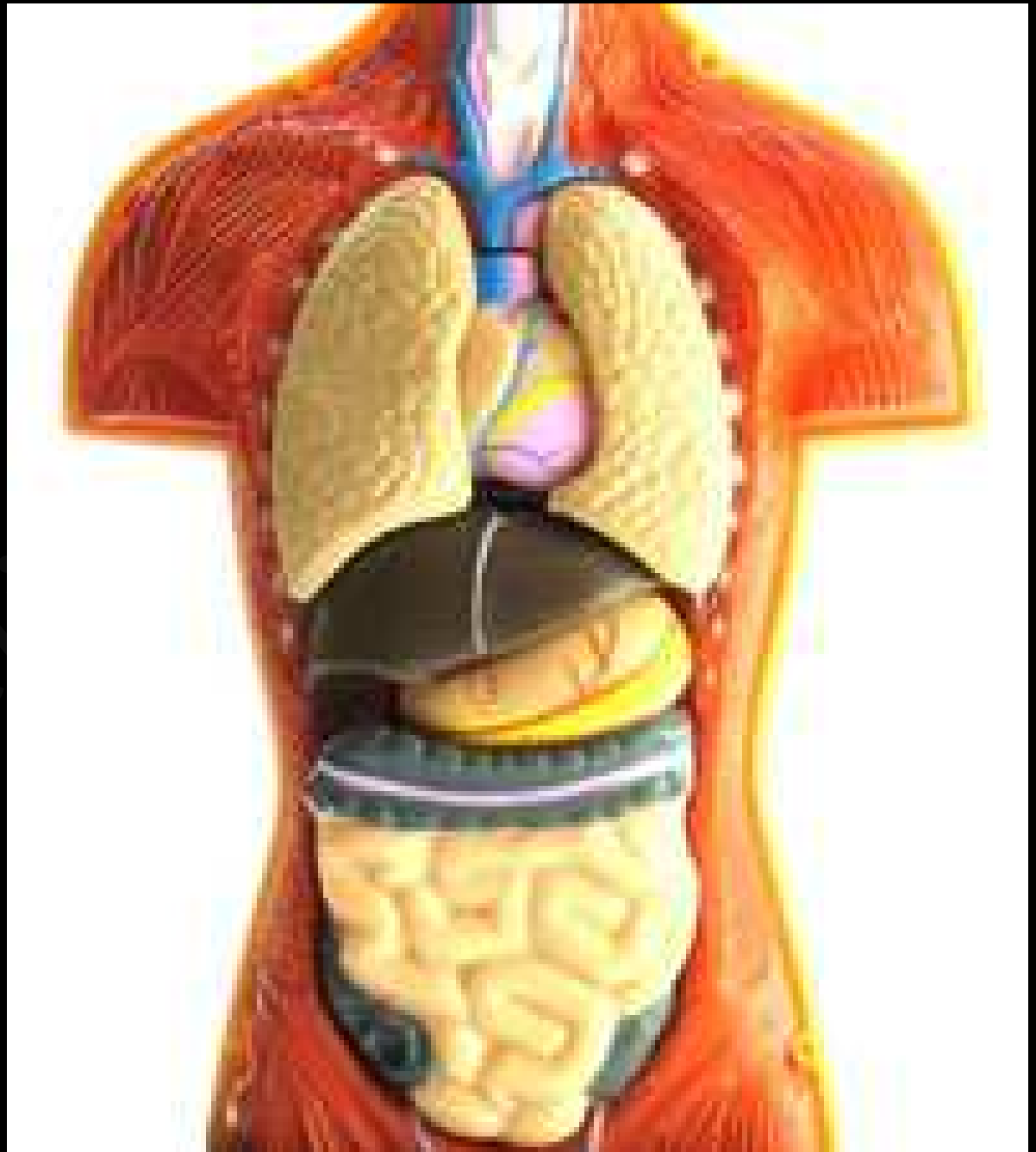
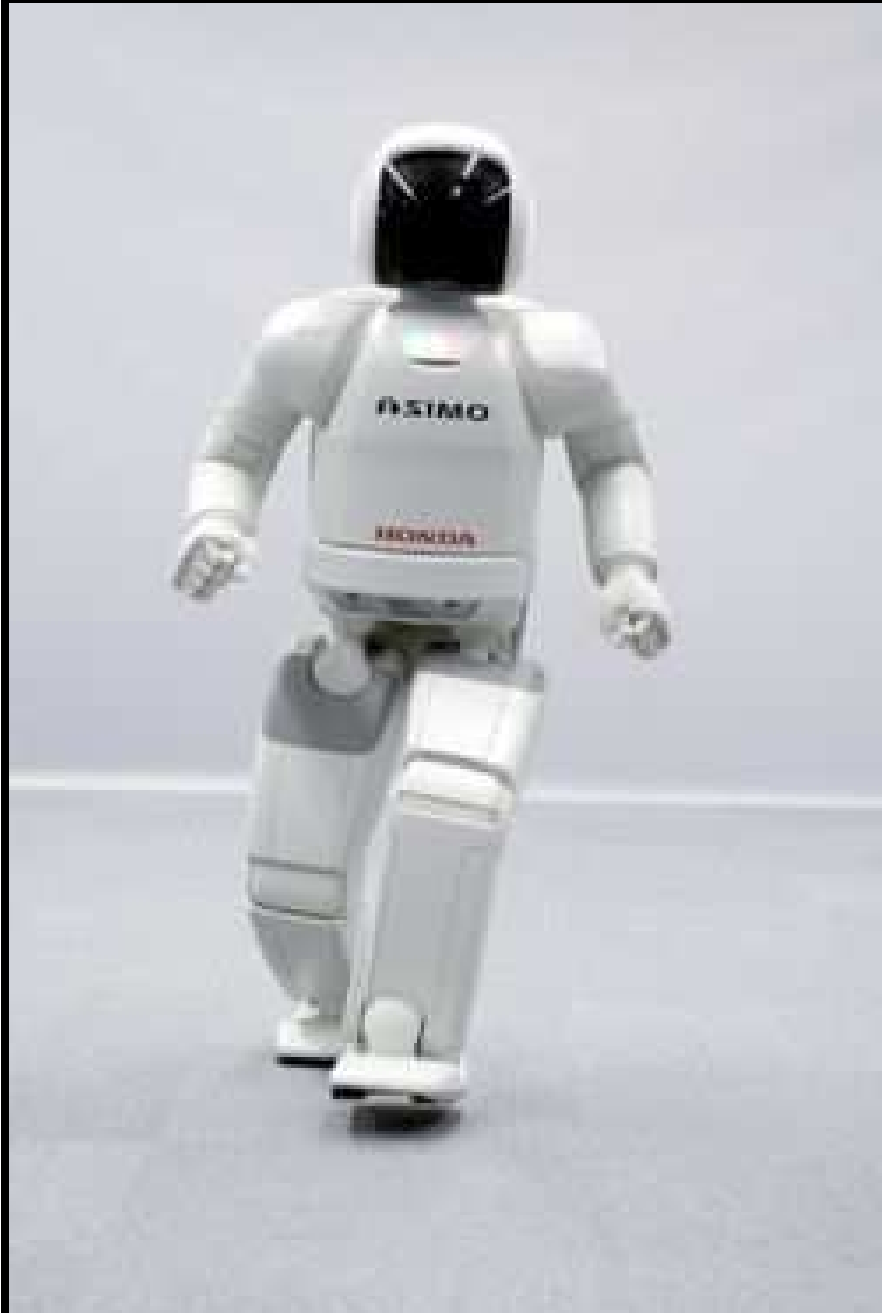


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# Some examples of *Control Systems*





# Robotics

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*Robotics* is today a great example of *Control Systems*, and of *Automation* in particular.



# Robotics

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*Automation* is the reduction of the necessity of human intervention.



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However, automation in industry do not consist in *robots* only.

There are many machines which are not *robots* but are *automatized*.

Just to mention some few examples in the alimentary/food industry: the handling of the mass (*bread, cakes, cookies, etc.*); or the packing phase; or also the bottling of *drinks; etc.*



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On the other hand, today we can see *robots* not only in the industry:

- *robots for domestic use;*
- *robots for medical purposes,*
- *robots in hospitals;*
- *robots for dangerous tasks or in risk zones such as:*
  - ❑ *robots to dismantling bombs;*
  - ❑ *robots to enter in radioactive zones;*
  - ❑ *robots to rescue people in fires, earthquakes, etc.;*
  - ❑ *robots that goes to the bottom of the sea, etc.*
- *UAVs (unmanned aerial vehicle or drones);*
- *AUVs (autonomous underwater vehicle)*



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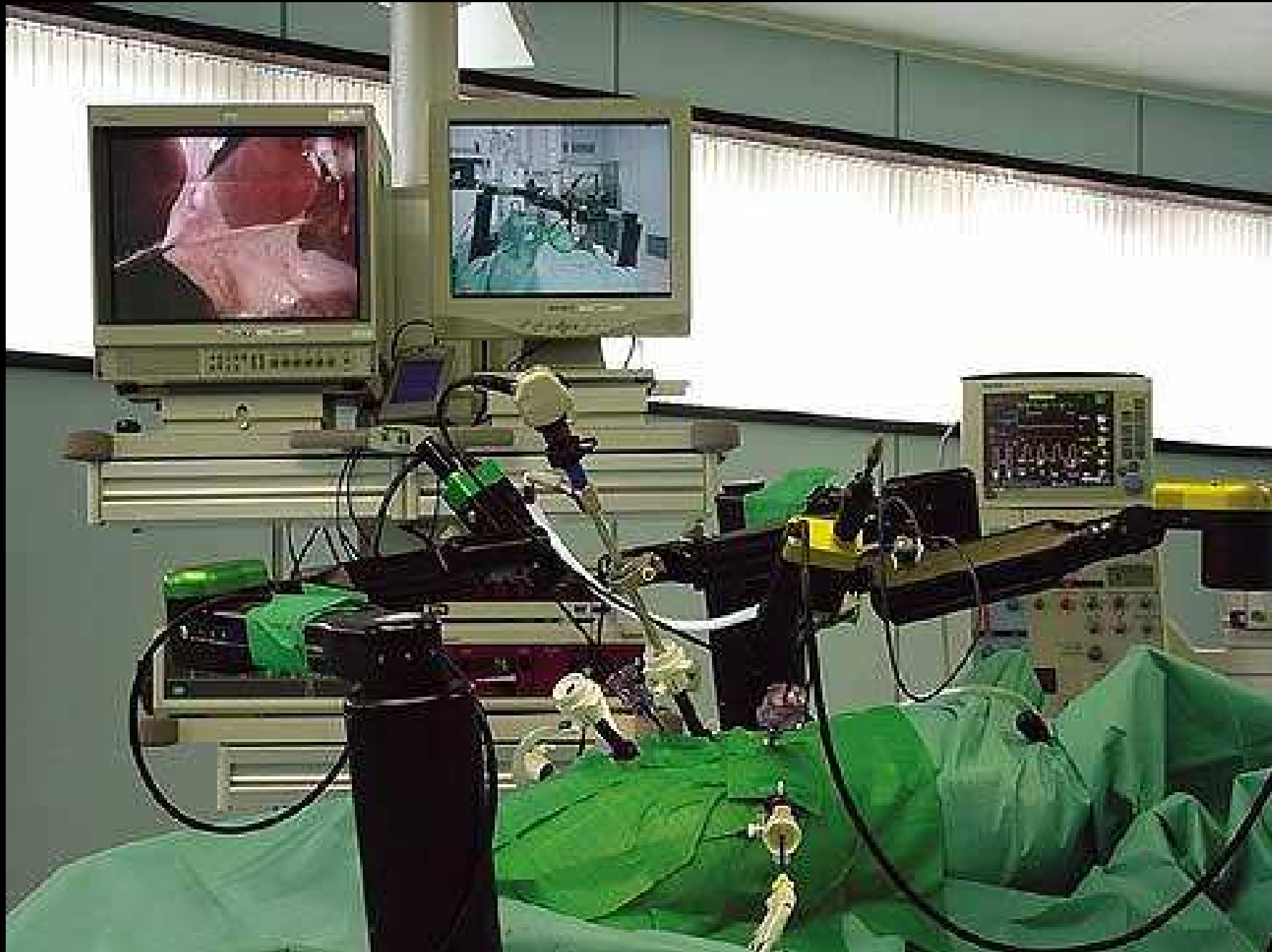
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Robots for *rescuing* and *saving*



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## Robots in *medical surgeries*



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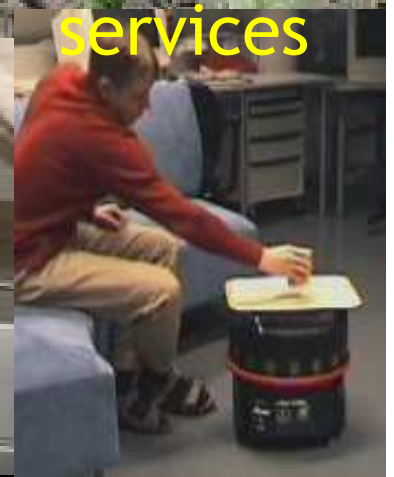
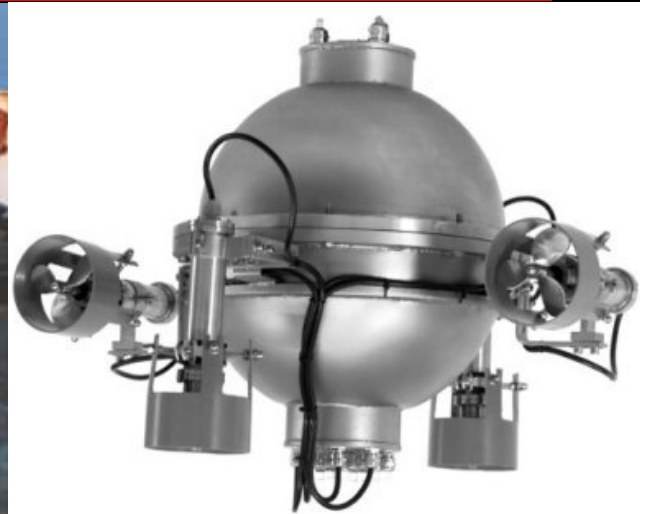


UAVs 'drones'





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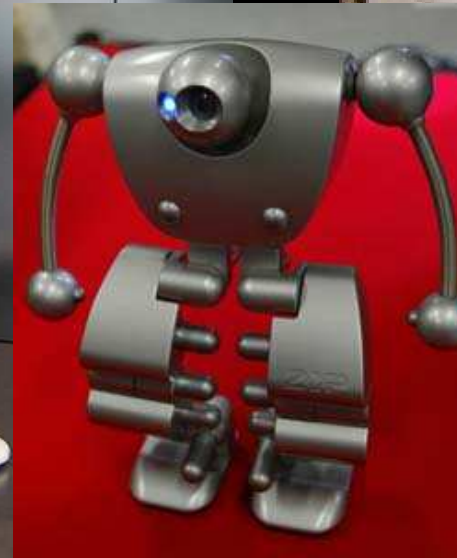
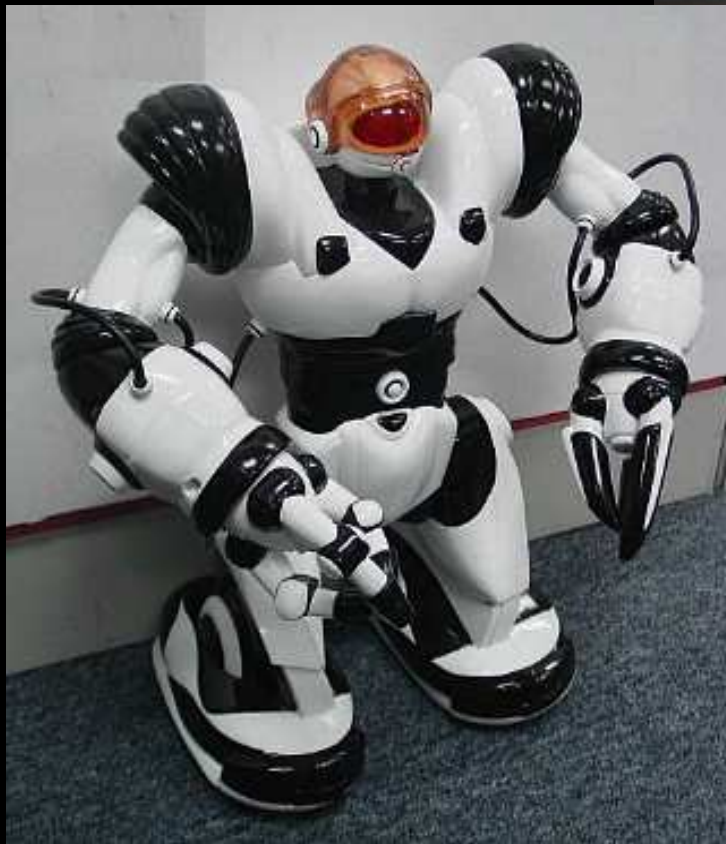
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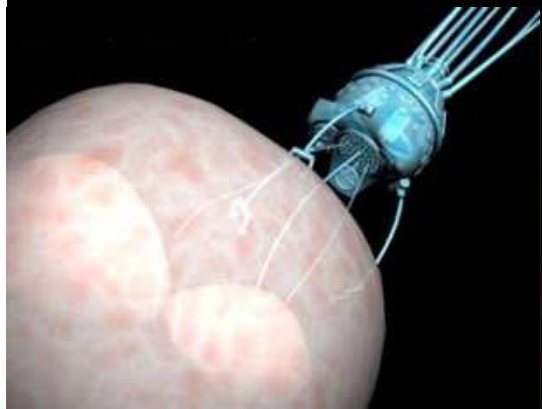
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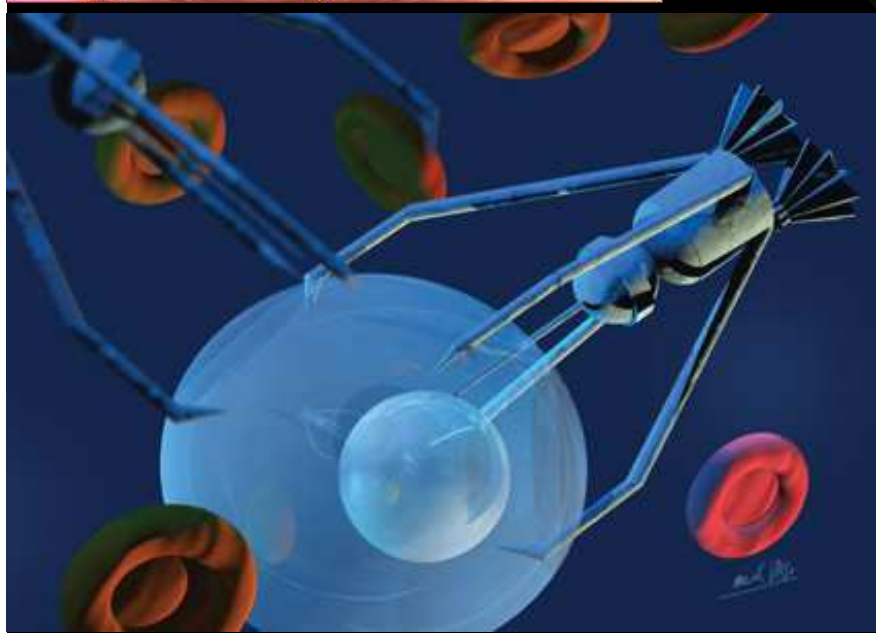
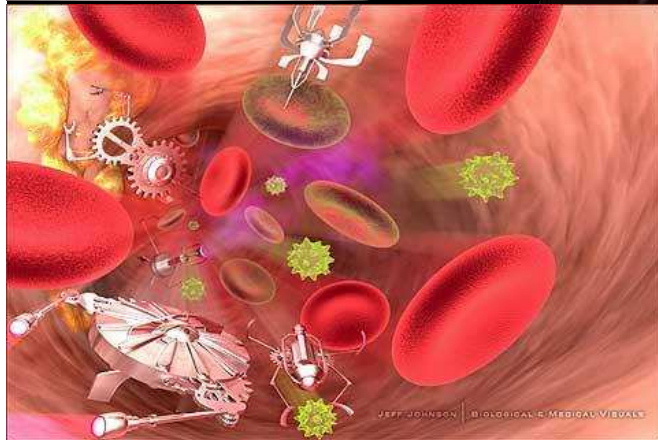
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humanoid robots

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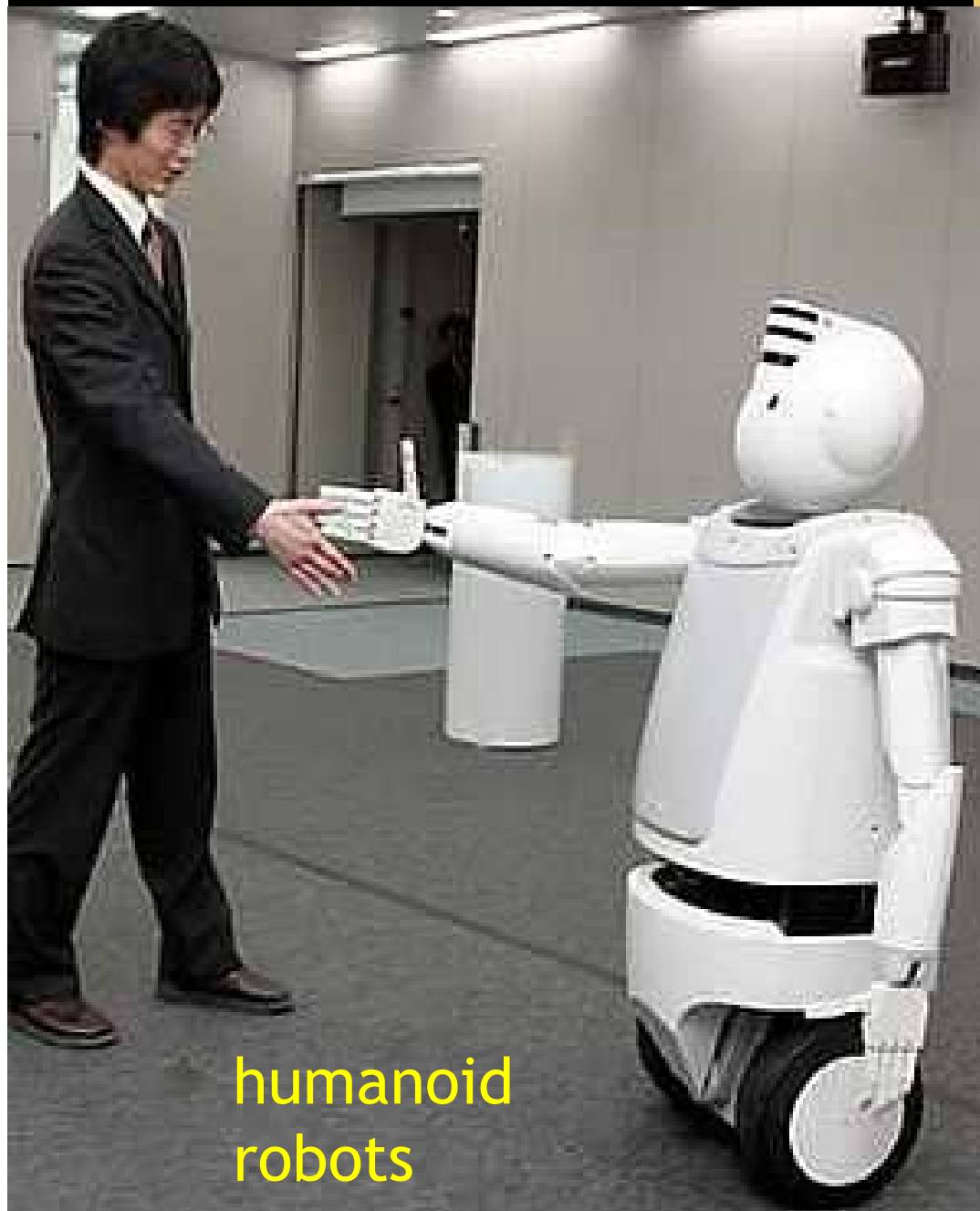


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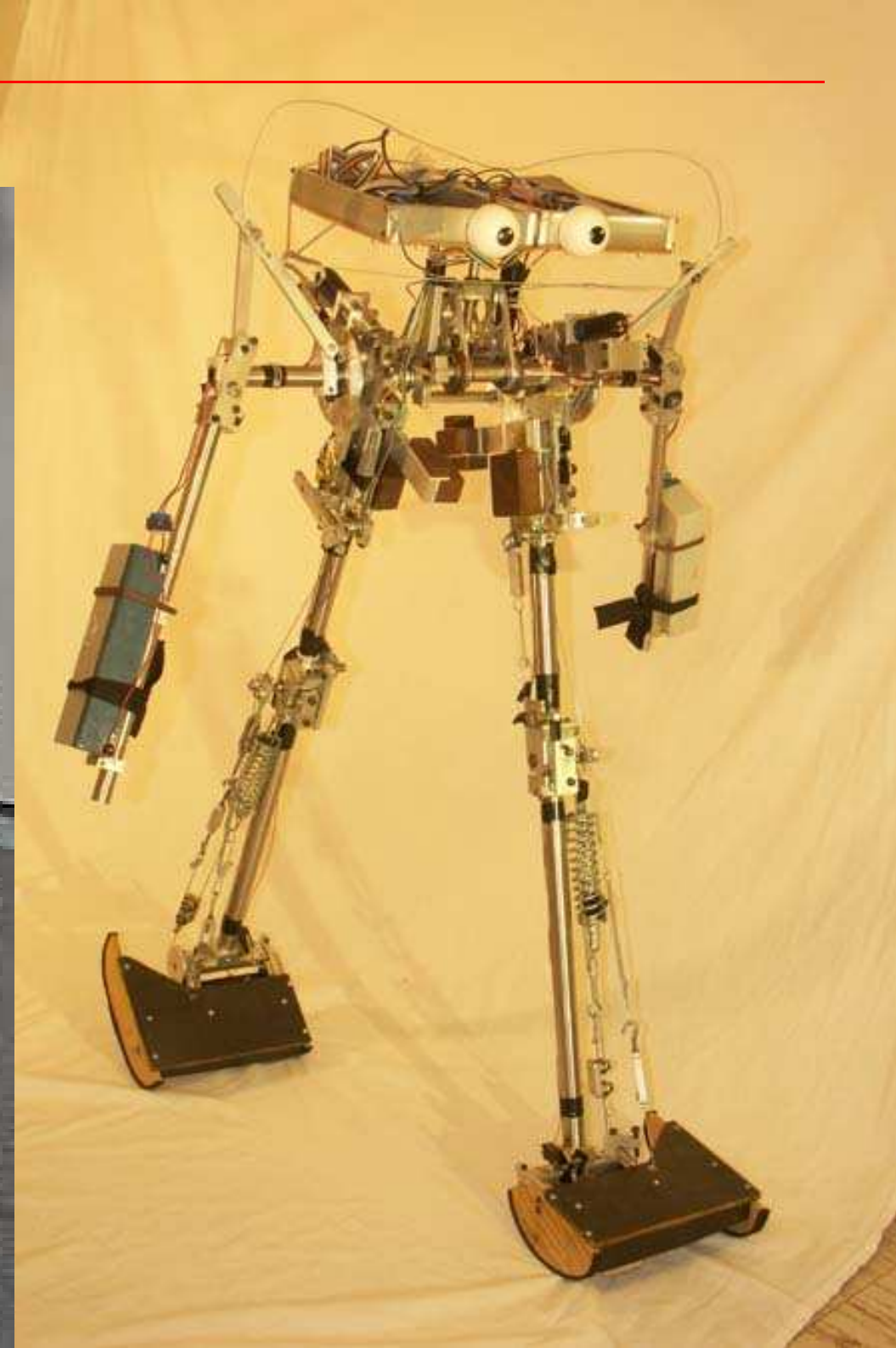


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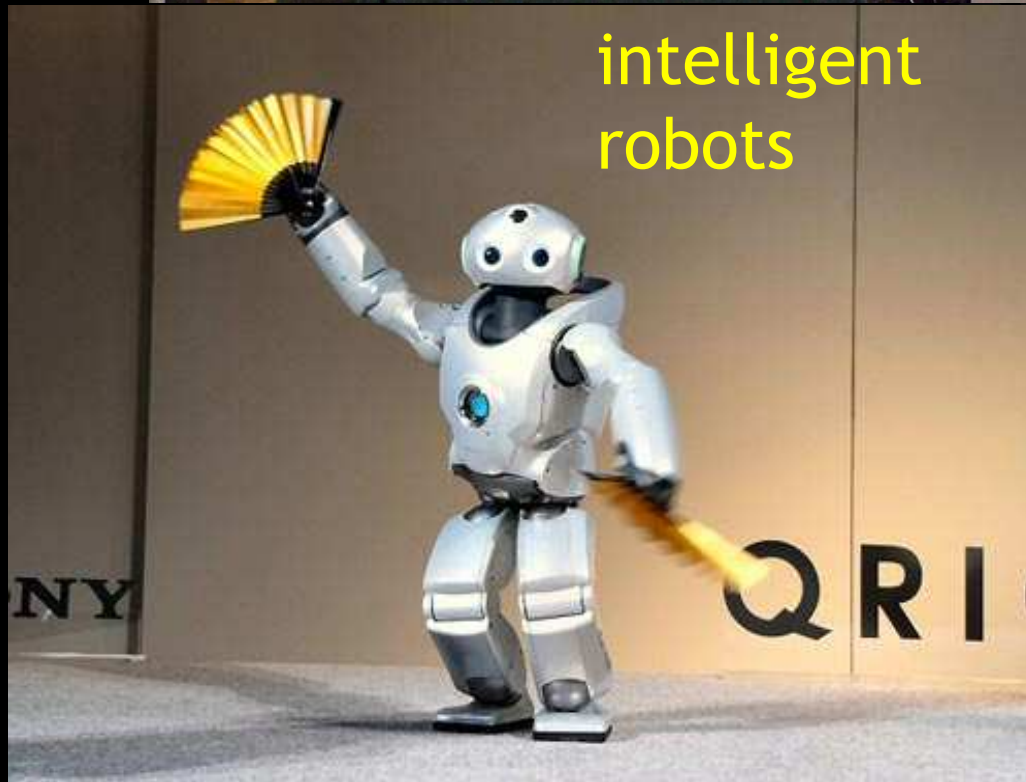
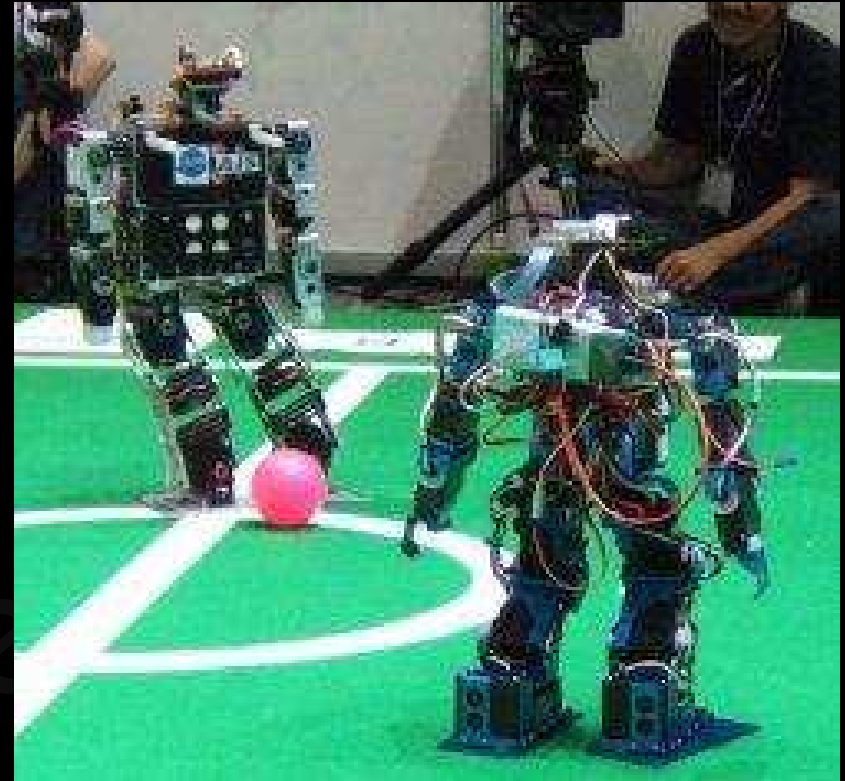
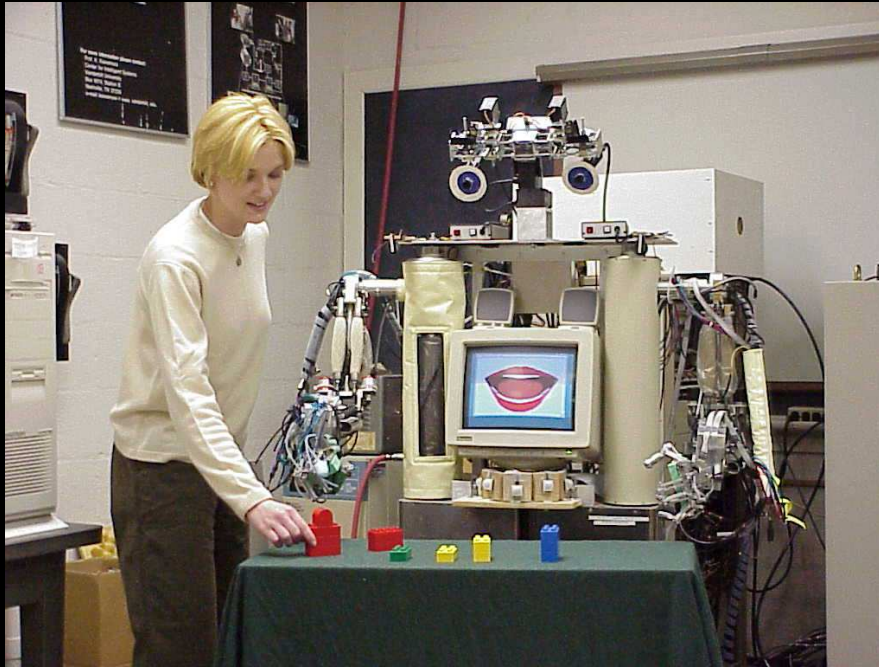


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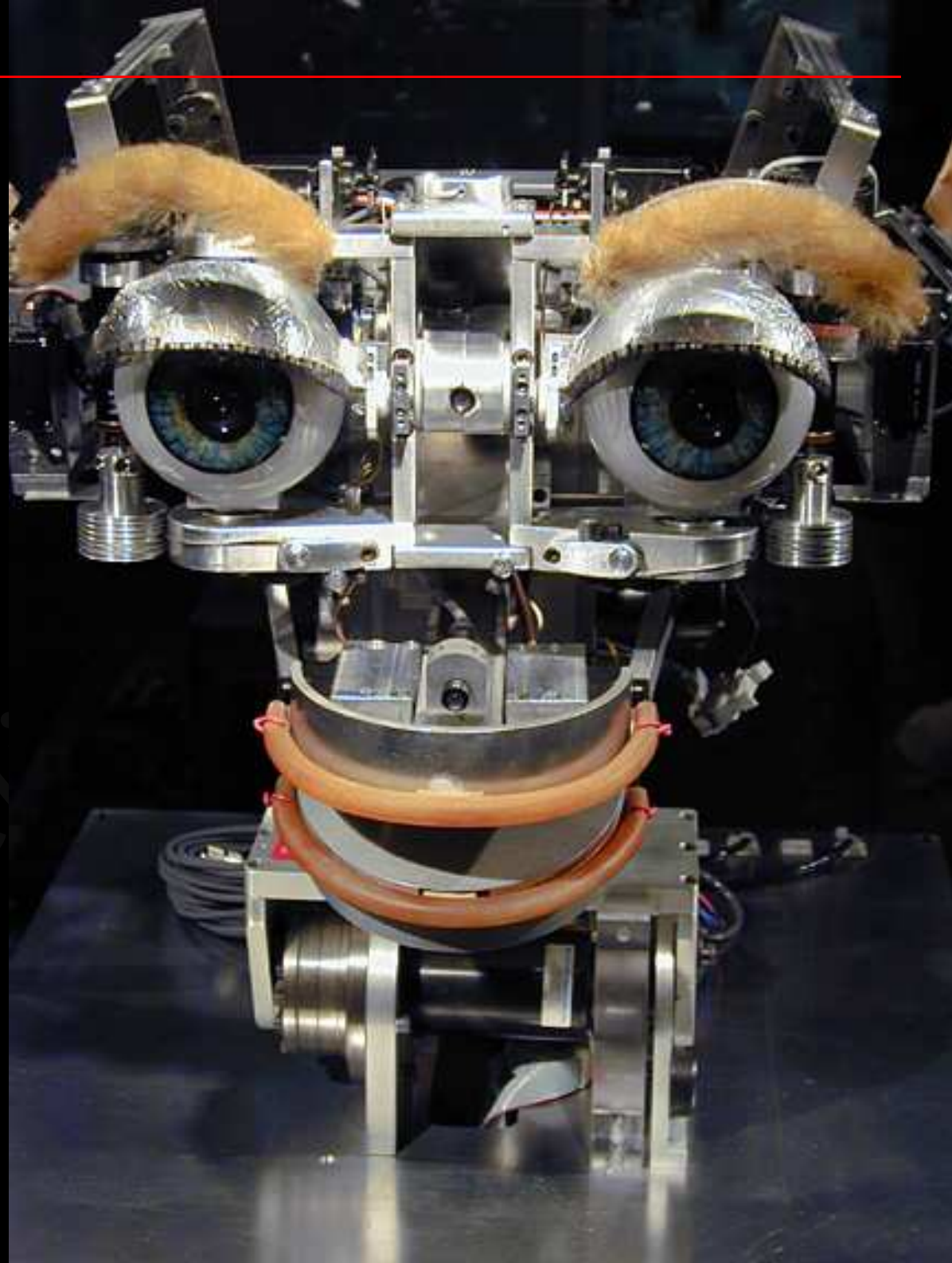
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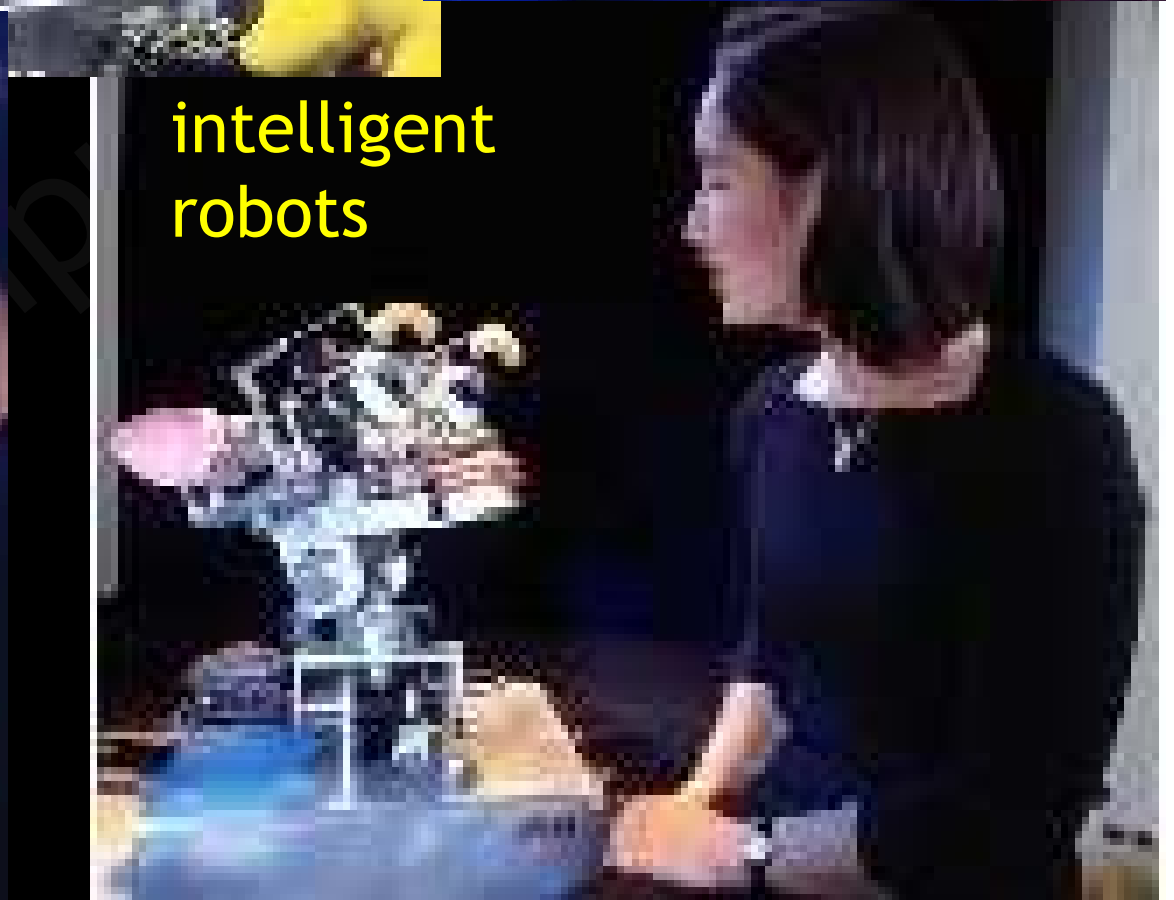


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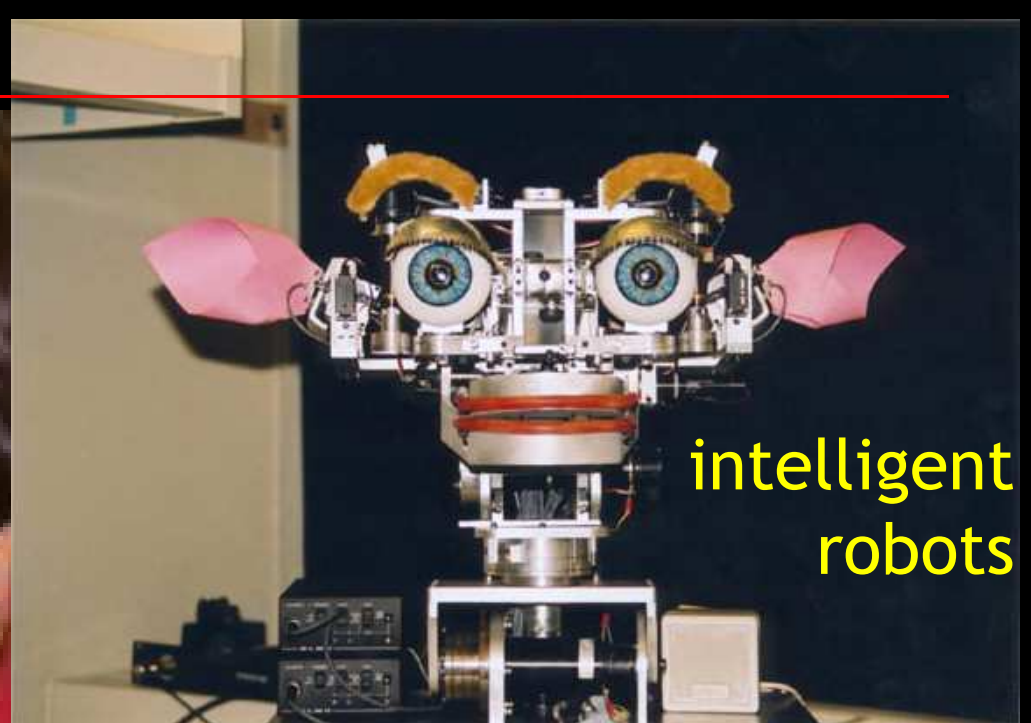
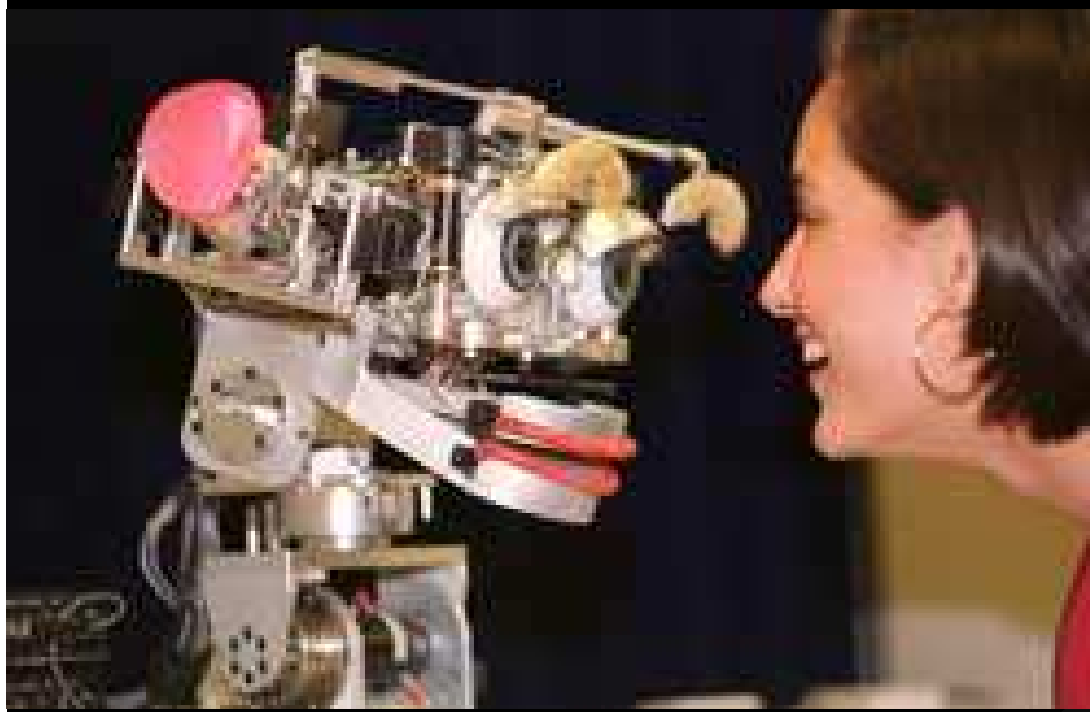
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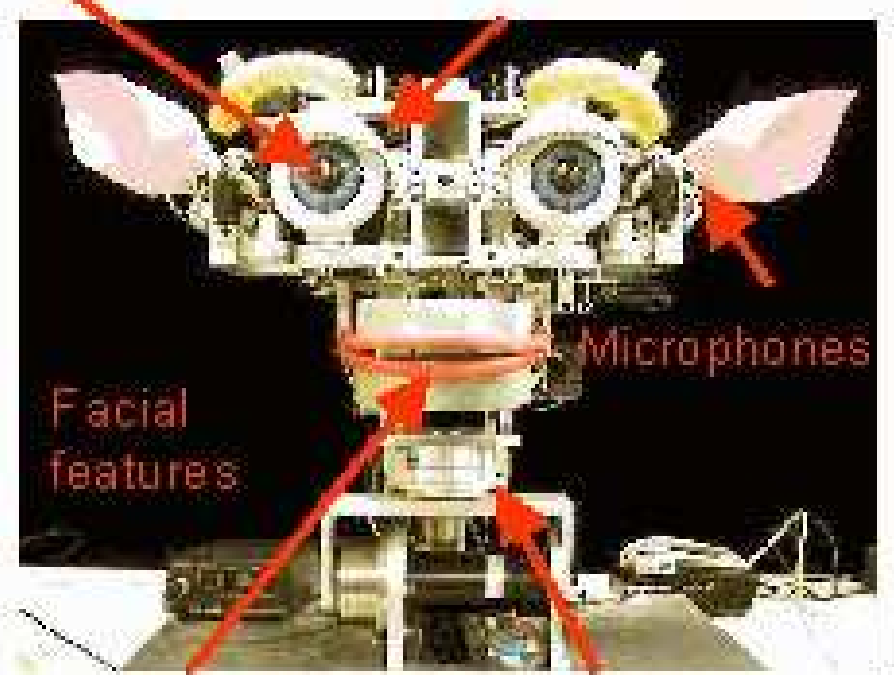
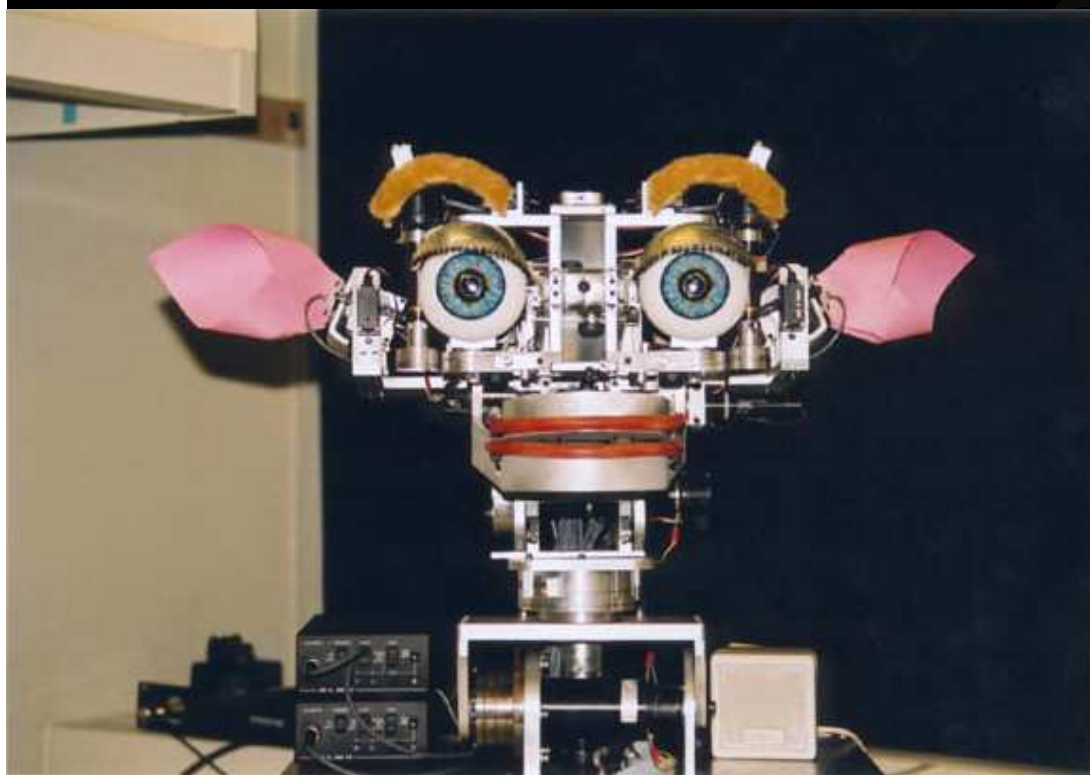
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Cameras

Gaze direction



Speech synthesizer

Head orientation



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robots in the fiction







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