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CREATRICE DI ROBOT BIOISPIRATI

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La Robotica Bioispirata

Scienza e tecnologia



La Robotica oggi – cosa è un robot?

Machine capable of carrying out a complex series of actions automatically

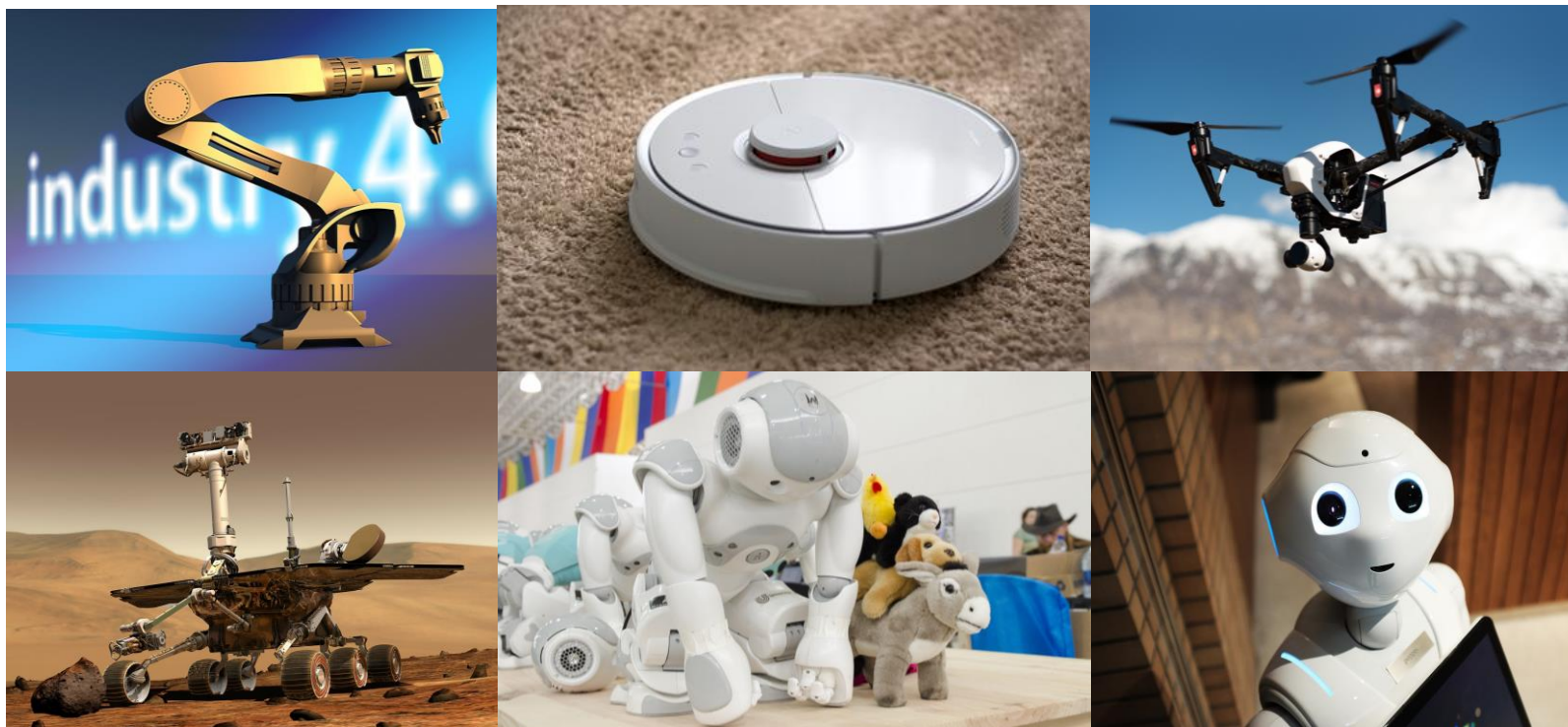
(Oxford English Dictionary)

Autonomous machine, capable of sensing its environment, carrying out computations to make decisions, and performing actions in real world

IEEE (Rodney Brooks, founder and former CTO of iRobot, Rethink Robotics, and currently of Robust.AI)

Machine that senses, thinks, acts (perceives, decides what to do in response, then acts on the world)

Gill Pratt, CEO at Toyota Research Institute

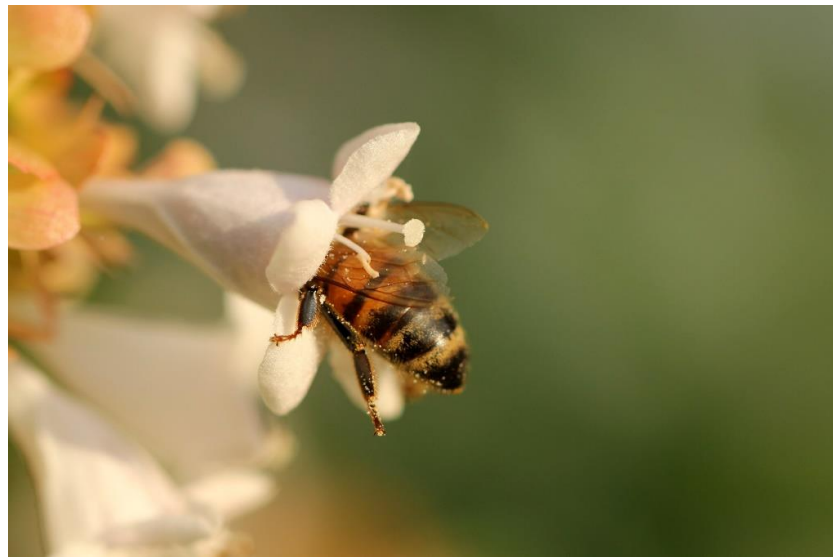


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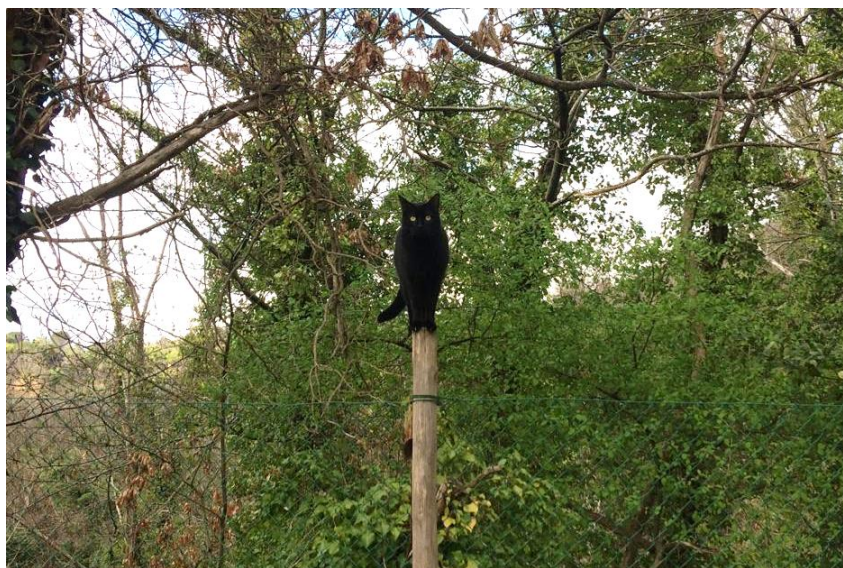
Cos'è la Robotica Bioispirata?



Il talento della Natura nella complessità del mondo

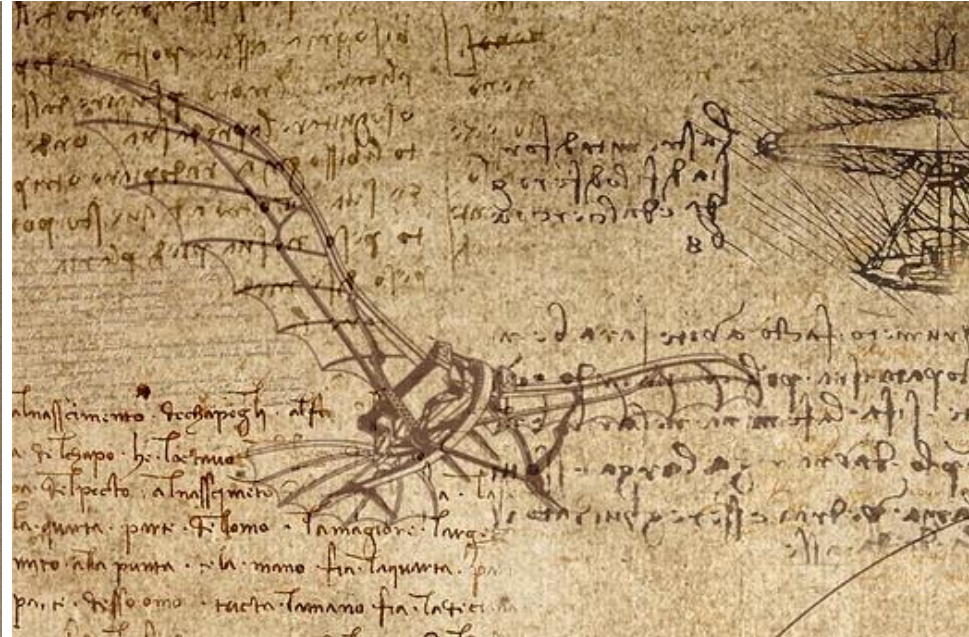


Adattabilità: la chiave per la sopravvivenza



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Bioispirazione... da oltre 500 anni



“Come per tutt’i viaggi si pò imparare.
Questa benigna natura ne provvede in modo
che per tutto il mondo tu trovi dove imitare.”

Leonardo da Vinci

Bioispirazione... da oltre 500 anni

Dall'effetto delle foglie di loto



Dagli uncini dei fiori di bardana



Dall'architettura arborea



alle superfici idrofobiche e autopulenti



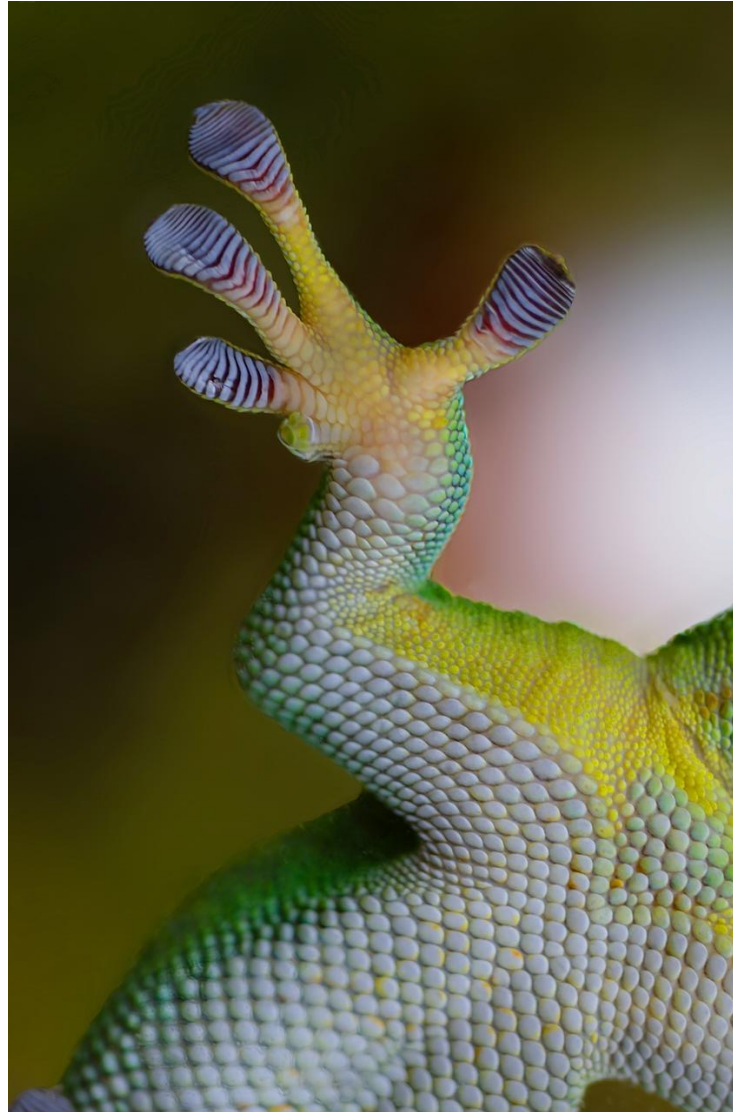
al Velcro
(*velours: velluto + crochet: uncino*)



alla volta e giochi di luce della Sagrada Familia

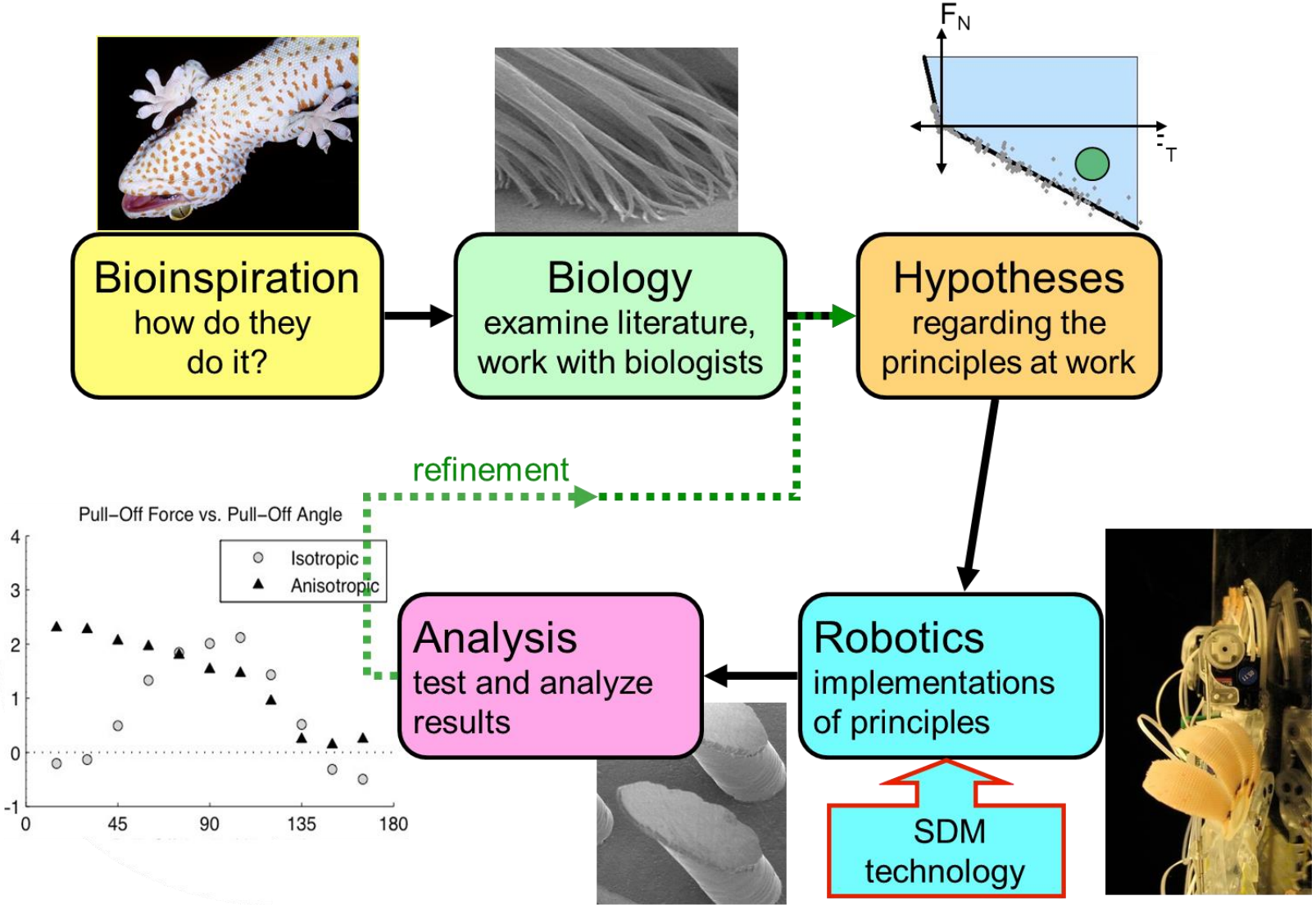


Bioispirazione in robotica: il caso del gecko



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Bioispirazione in robotica: il caso del gecko



Slide courtesy of Prof. Mark Cutkosky, Stanford University

Bioispirazione in robotica: il caso del gecko e del robot StickyBot



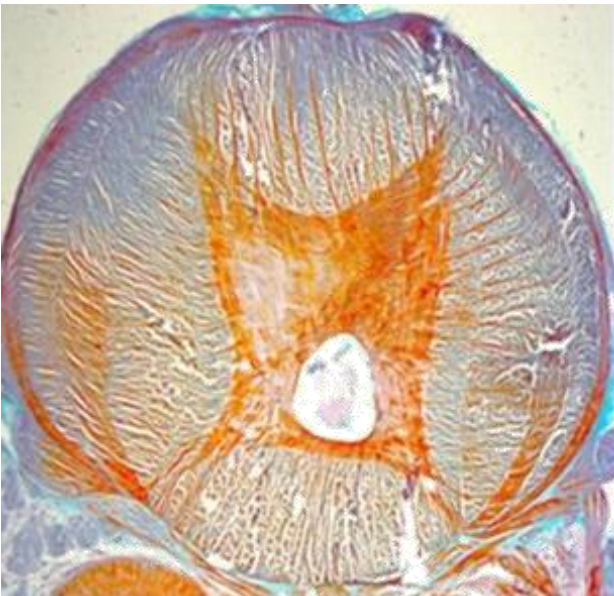
Video courtesy of Prof. Mark Cutkosky, Stanford University

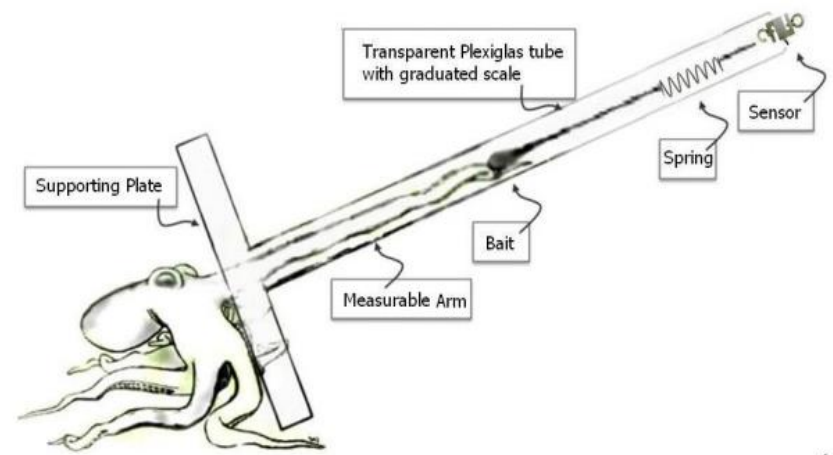
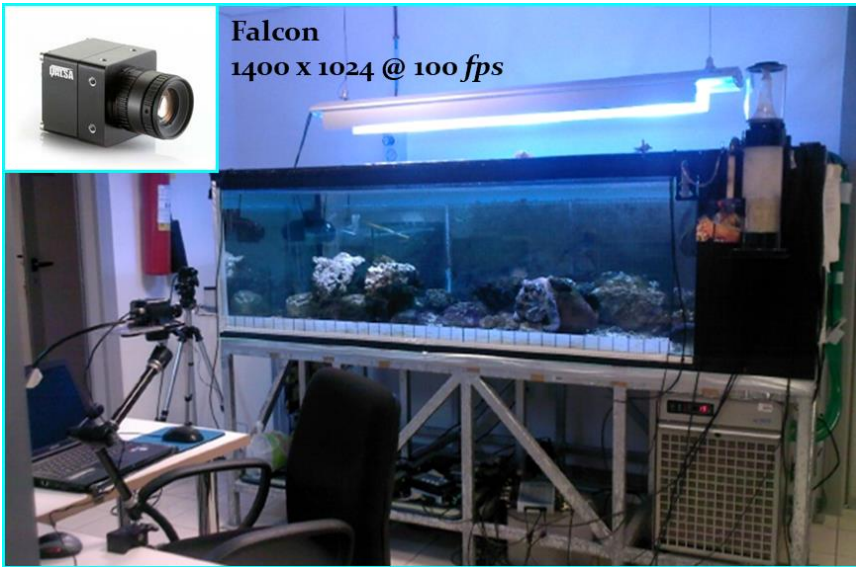
Bioispirazione in robotica: il caso del polpo e la nascita della robotica bioispirata “soft”



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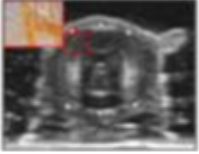



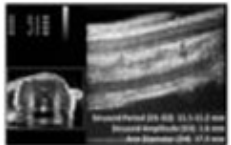







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Dal naturale all'artificiale

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Biologia per la Robotica



Robotica per la Biologia

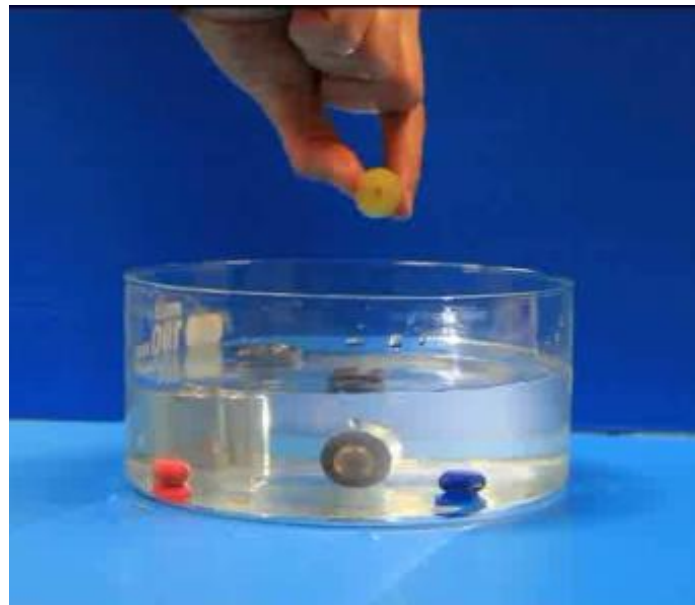
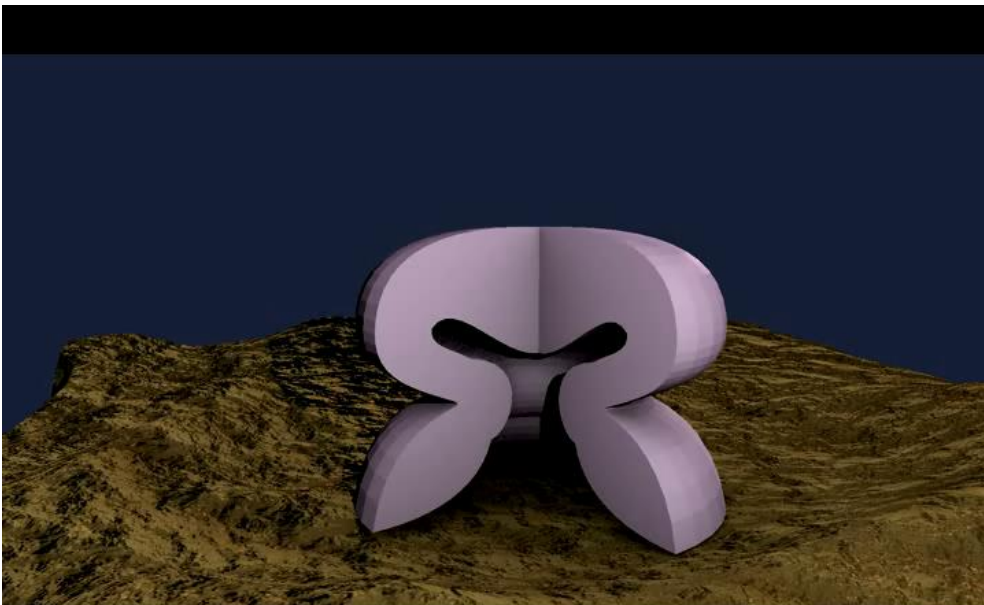


Video courtesy of: The BioRobotics Institute,
Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna
Credits: Massimo Brega, Kepach Production



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Lo studio del ruolo delle ventose



Tramacere et al. (2013) PLOS ONE;

Tramacere et al. (2014) Beilstein Journal of Nanotechnology

Tramacere et al. (2015) Interface Focus



Adaptable soft arm for harsh environments



Adaptive grasping: self-adaptable soft arm with grasping capabilities for harsh environment



Design

Conical shape
370 mm length
30 mm maximum diameter
4.5 mm minimum diameter
9 suction cups

Materials

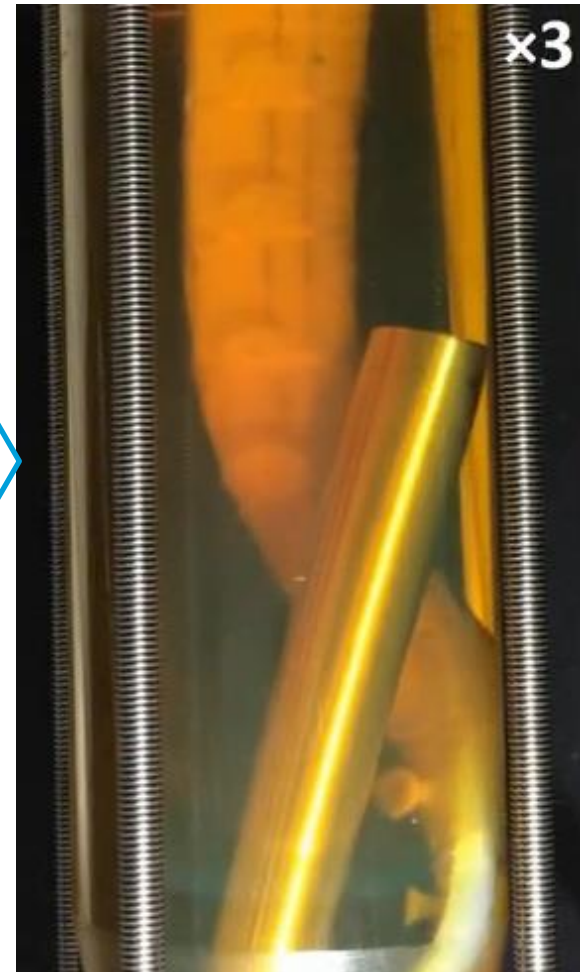
Fully soft
A softer skin ($E = 0.07$ MPa)
A stiffer core ($E = 0.34$ MPa)

Actuation

Tendon-driven actuation
Fluidic suction network

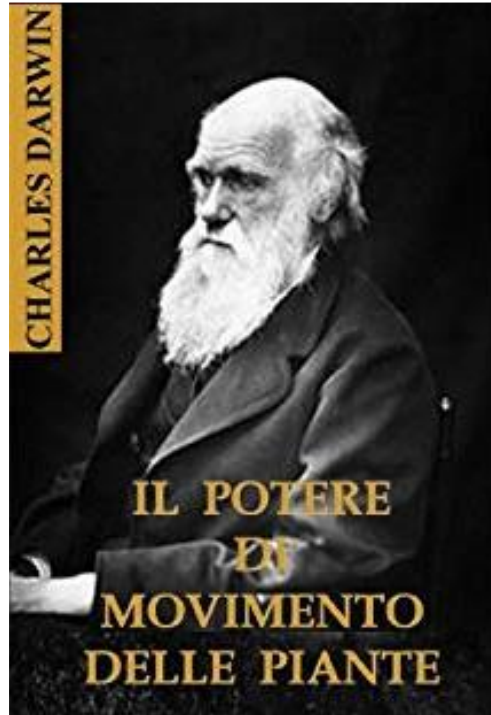
Control

Teleoperated system



Mazzolai et al. (2019) *Advanced Intelligent Systems*

Il sorprendente regno delle piante



“Si è saputo di pietre che si
son mosse, di alberi che
hanno parlato”
William Shakespeare, Macbeth

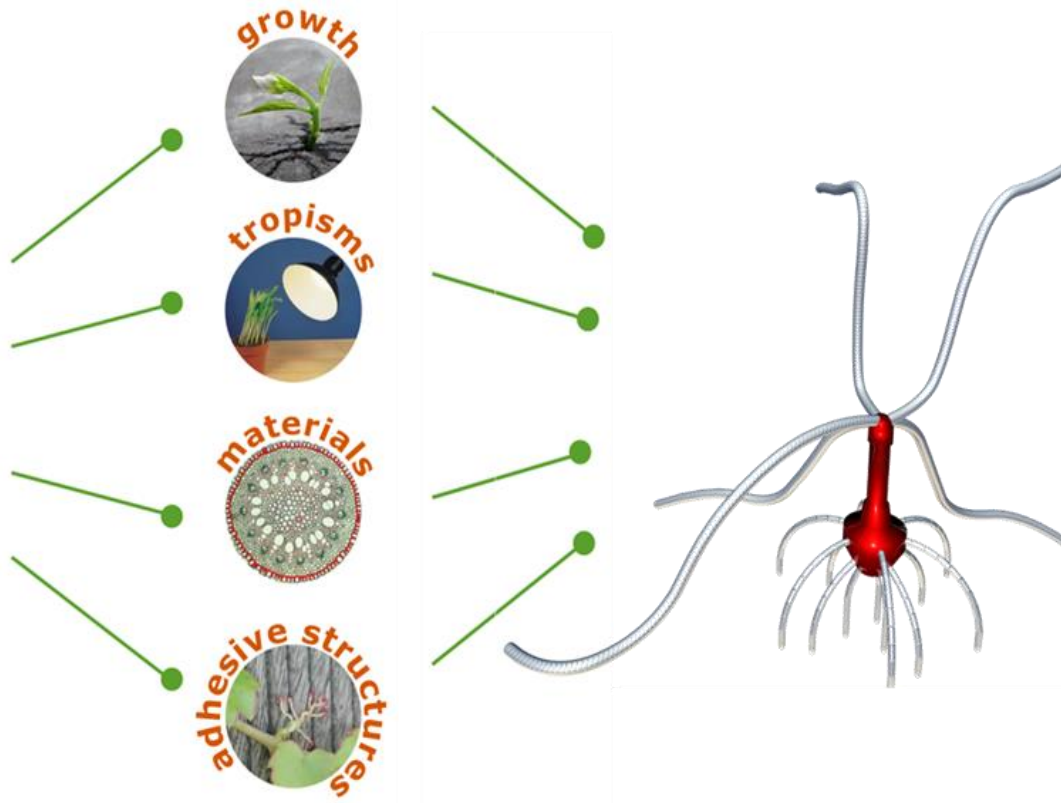


ROOT GROWTH

I Plantoidi



Studiare la capacità di movimento, ancoraggio e crescita delle piante rampicanti per la realizzazione di nuovi robot che si muovono creando la loro struttura adattandosi e ancorandosi all'ambiente.



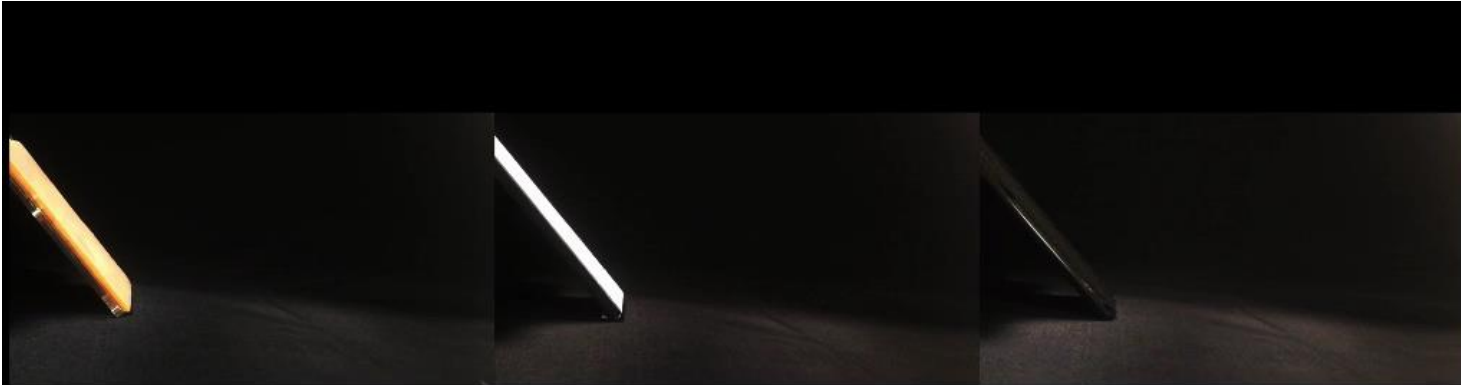
Micro-uncini per robot rampicanti

Pelle artificiale

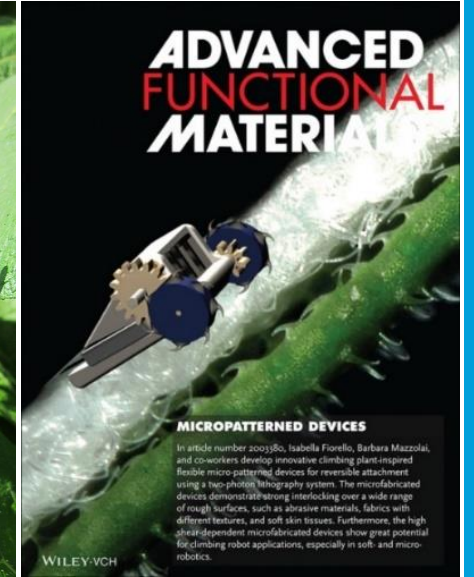
Poliestere

Velcro

Senza uncini



Con uncini



Fiorello *et al.*, *Advanced Functional Materials* (2020);
Fiorello I. and Mazzolai B., *I-RIM* (2020);
Fiorello *et al.*, *Living machines* (2018)

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Dalle piante per le piante: monitoraggio, cura, e agricoltura di precisione

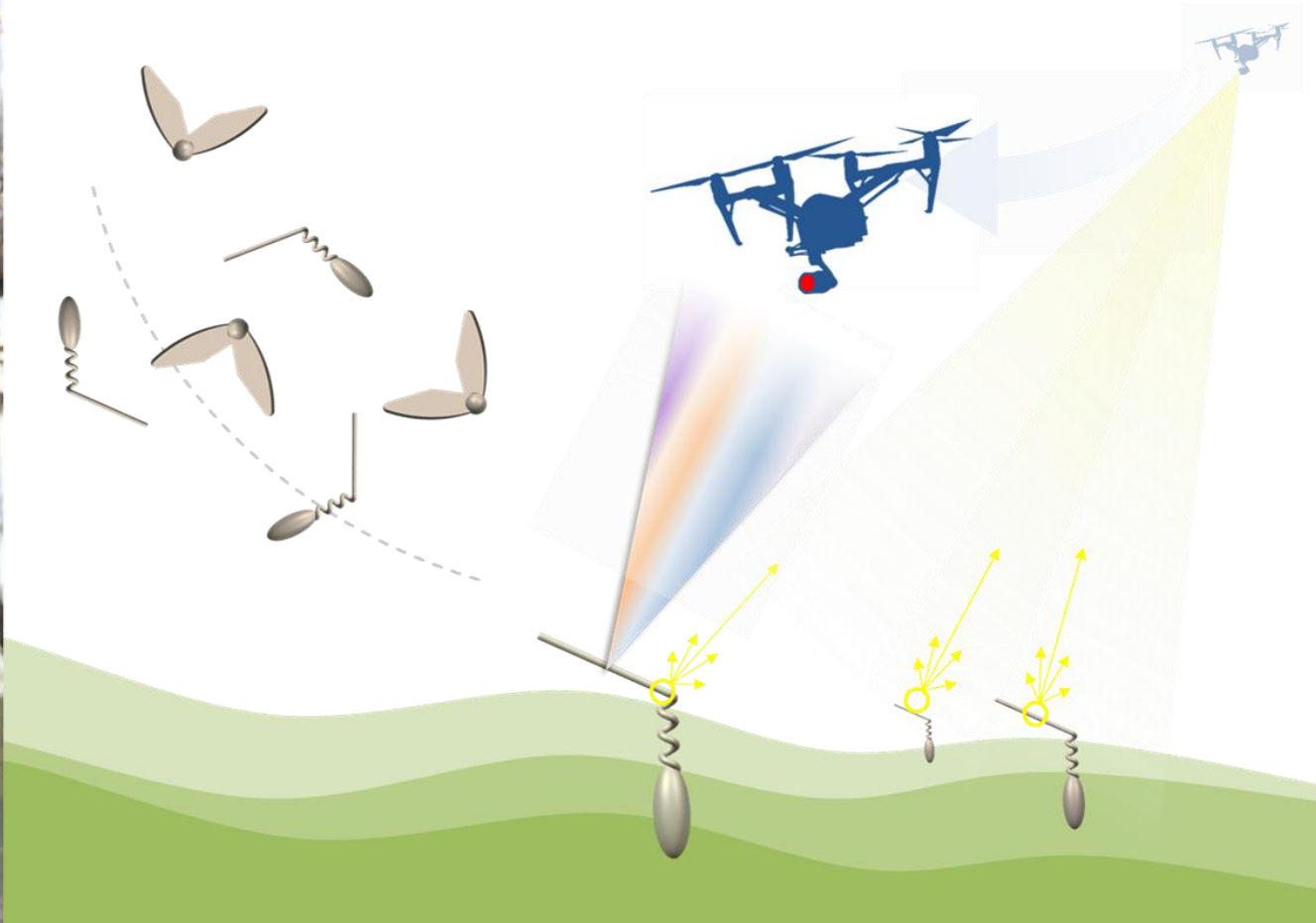


Il progetto I-Seed

Semi robotici biodegradabili per il monitoraggio ambientale

Coordinatrice: Barbara Mazzolai

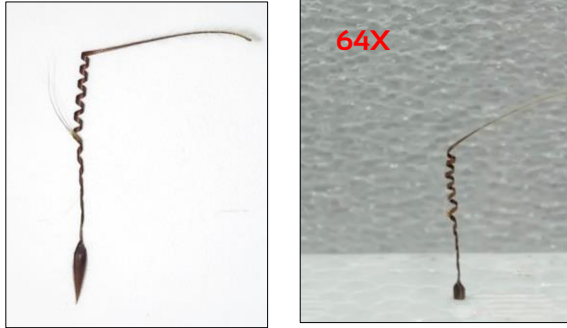
www.iseedproject.eu



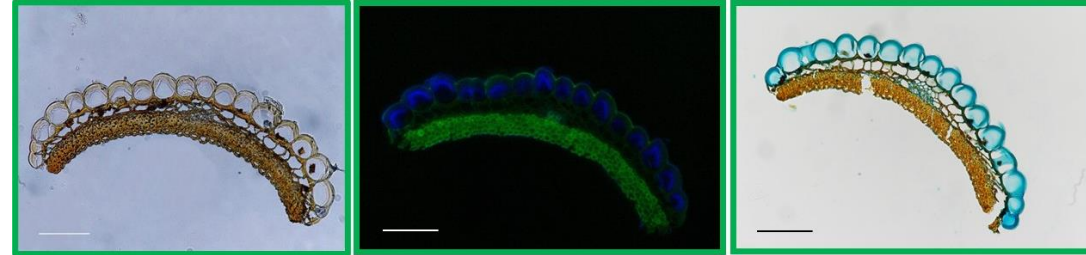
“Self-burial seeds”

Semi in grado di muoversi e inserirsi nel terreno al variare dell'umidità

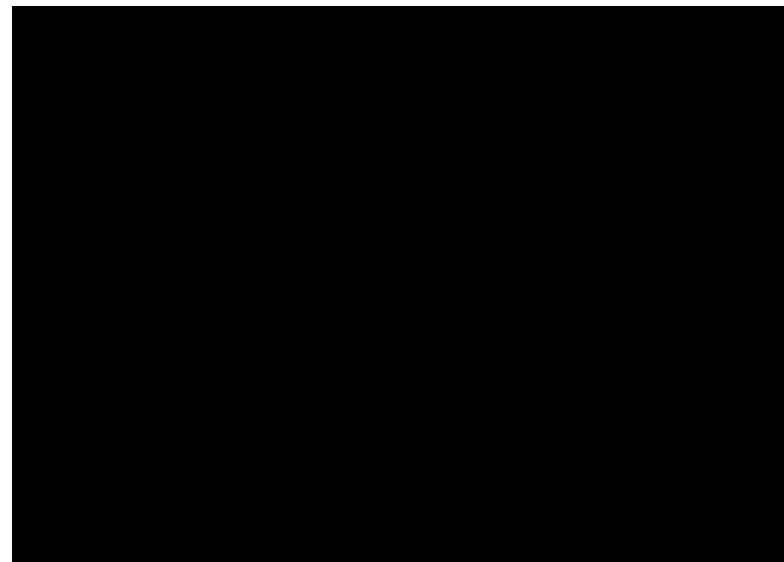
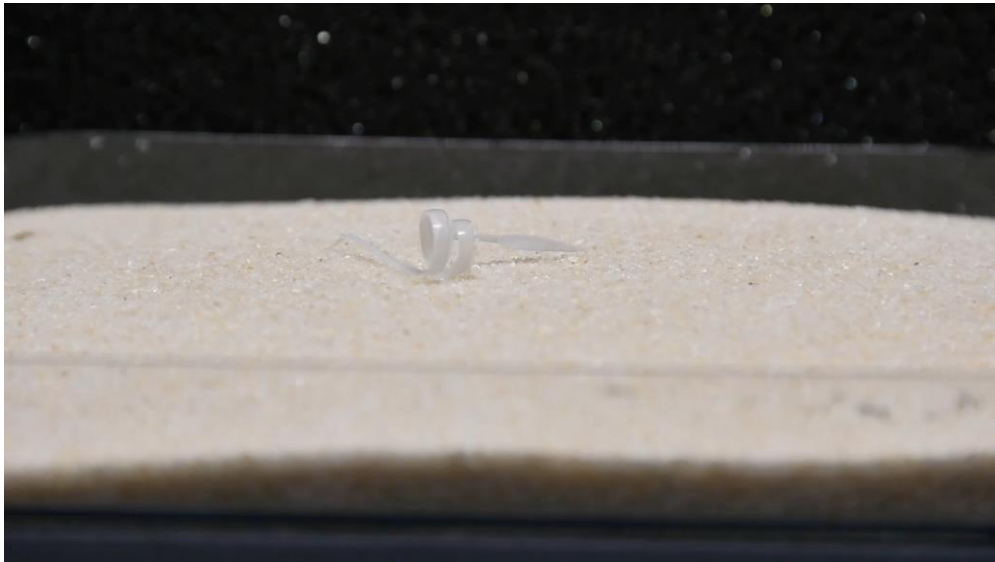
Pelargonium appendiculatum



Morphometry/Histology/Biomechanics



Dal naturale all'artificiale



Nuove frontiere per il monitoraggio ambientale

Ecorobot biodegradabili soft



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La "mia" ingegneria

"Scopri cosa ti piace fare meglio e chiedi a qualcuno di pagarti per farlo" (Katherine Whitehorn)



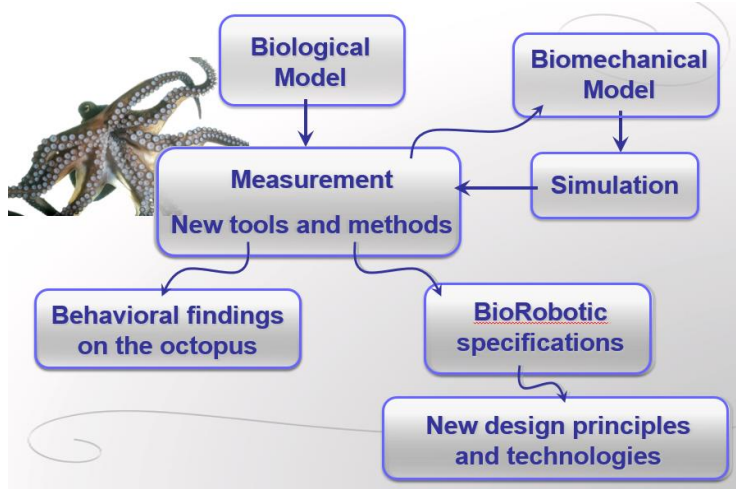
La bellezza della multi-disciplinarietà



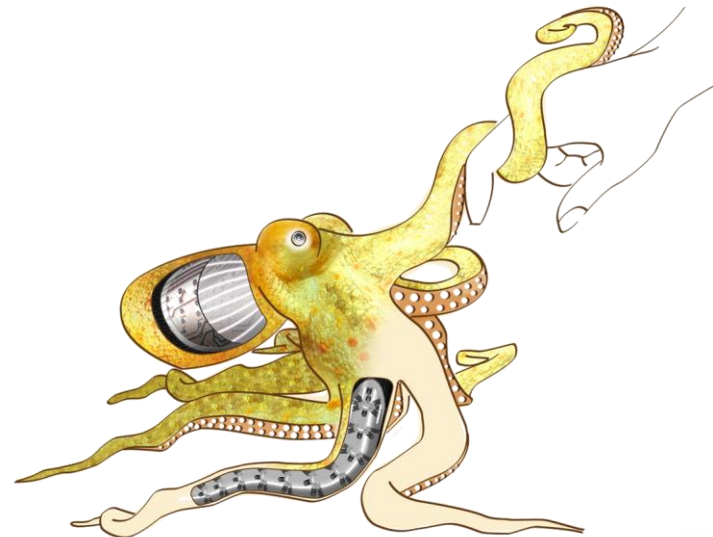
BSc, MSc
Biomedical
Engineering



PhD
BioRobotics



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Students Activity Committee

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September 25-30, 2011
San Francisco, USA



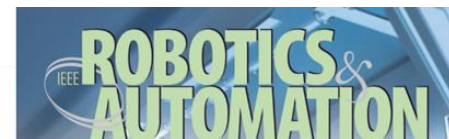
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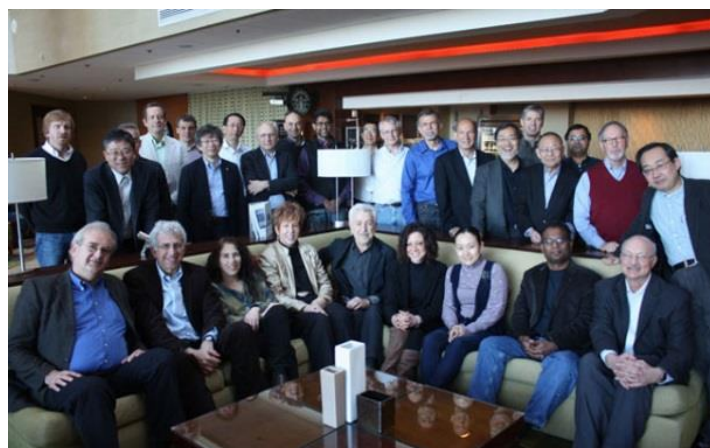
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ICRA 2013



Hong Kong



San Francisco 2014
San Jose 2015
Dubai 2016
San Jose 2017



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THE BIROBOTICS
INSTITUTE



Sant'Anna
School of Advanced Studies – Pisa

2012 – 2015

Scientific Secretariat/Executive Manager
of the Director of the BioRobotics Institute
Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna

**Imperial College
London**

2016 – 2018

Programme Manager and Knowledge Transfer Fellow
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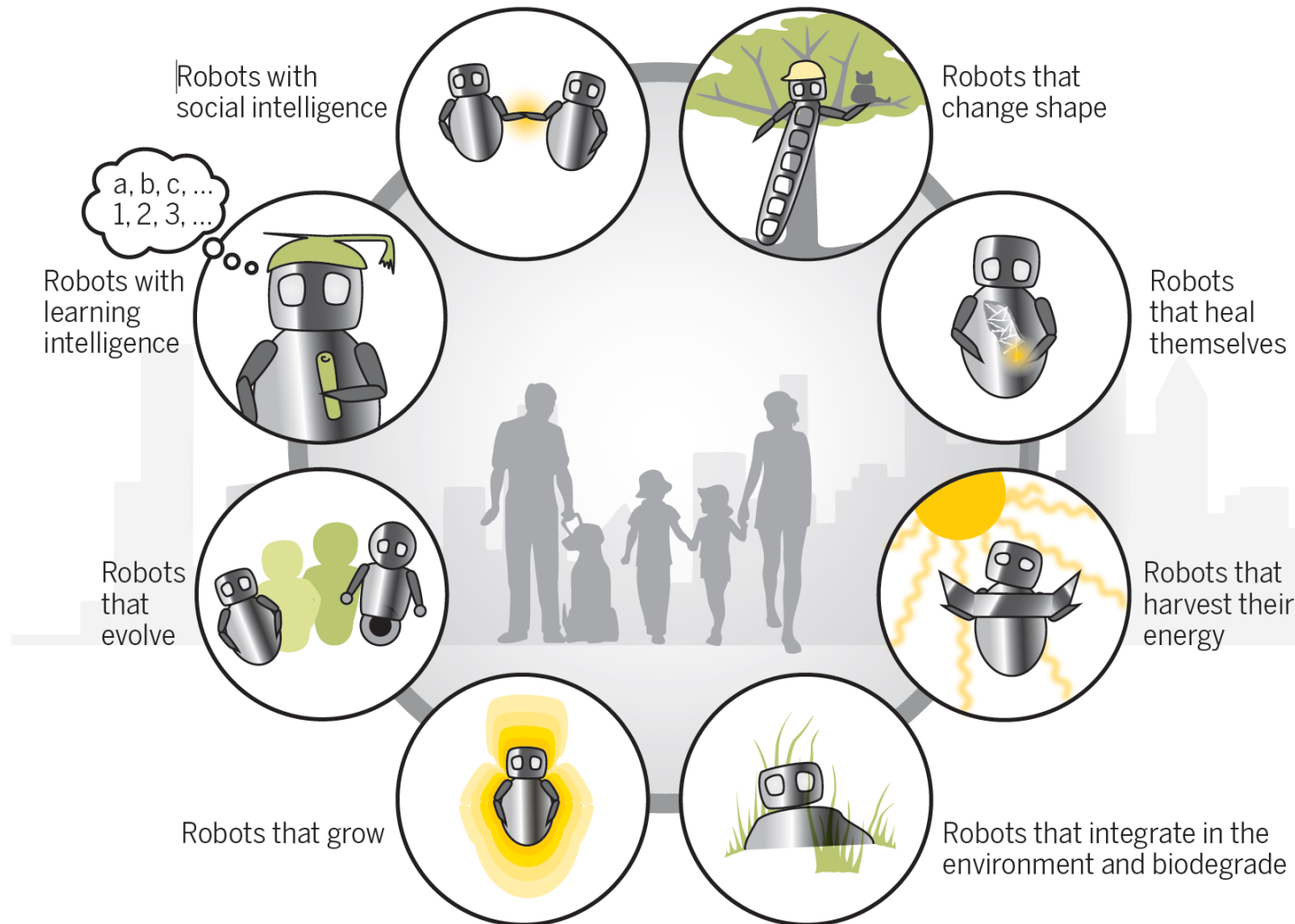
2018 – ...

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Opportunità e scenari futuri della Robotica Bioispirata

Verso una robotica sostenibile





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