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打造具有人类水平的人形机器人

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为什么研究人形机器人



Factories and homes built for human use

- Narrow passageways
- Stairs and steps
- Debris

We must build humanoid robots because our world is designed for humans. We step through narrow spaces, we navigate around obstacles, we go up and down steps. Robots on wheels or tracks can't easily move around the spaces we've optimized for our own bodies.

Home assistant robots



**Roméo
(France)**

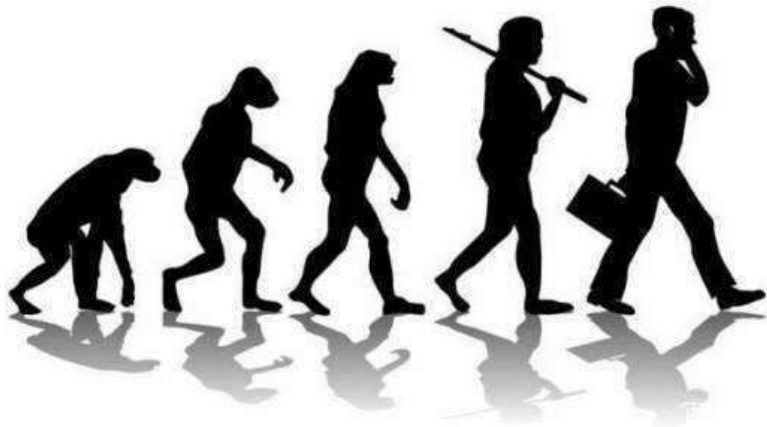


ladders



stairs

为什么研究人形机器人



It helps us to understand ourselves!



It helps the disabled to walk again!

为什么研究人形机器人

人形机器人是科幻电影中的重要元素，承载了极其重要的文化内涵和人类想象。

《机械姬》

《机器管家》

《我，机器人》

《铁甲钢拳》

《环太平洋》

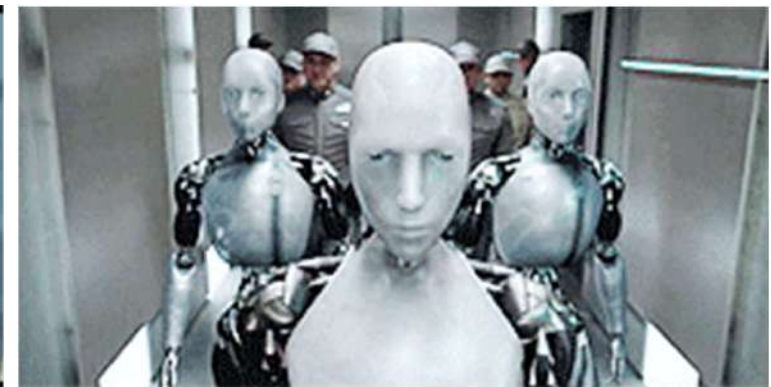
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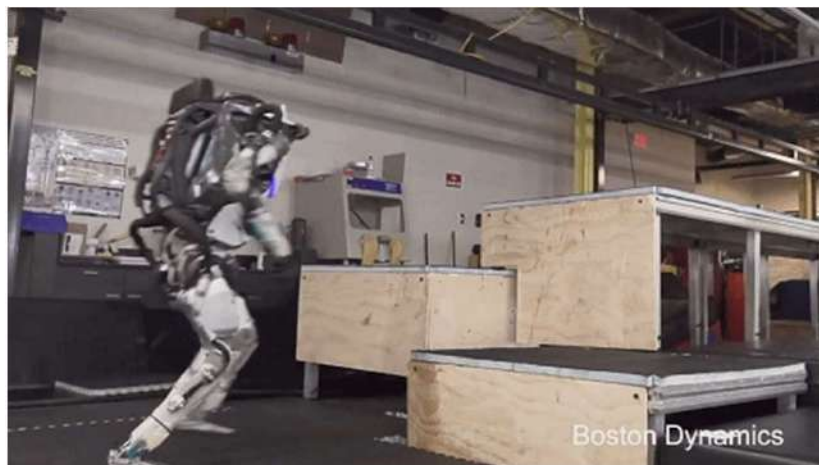
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《超能陆战队》



人形机器人研究现状

- Boston Dynamics
- Honda
- Agility Robotics
- Tesla
- Cornell
- MIT
- NASA
- DLR
- Delft
- KAIST
- 北理工
- 浙大
- 优必选
- 小米

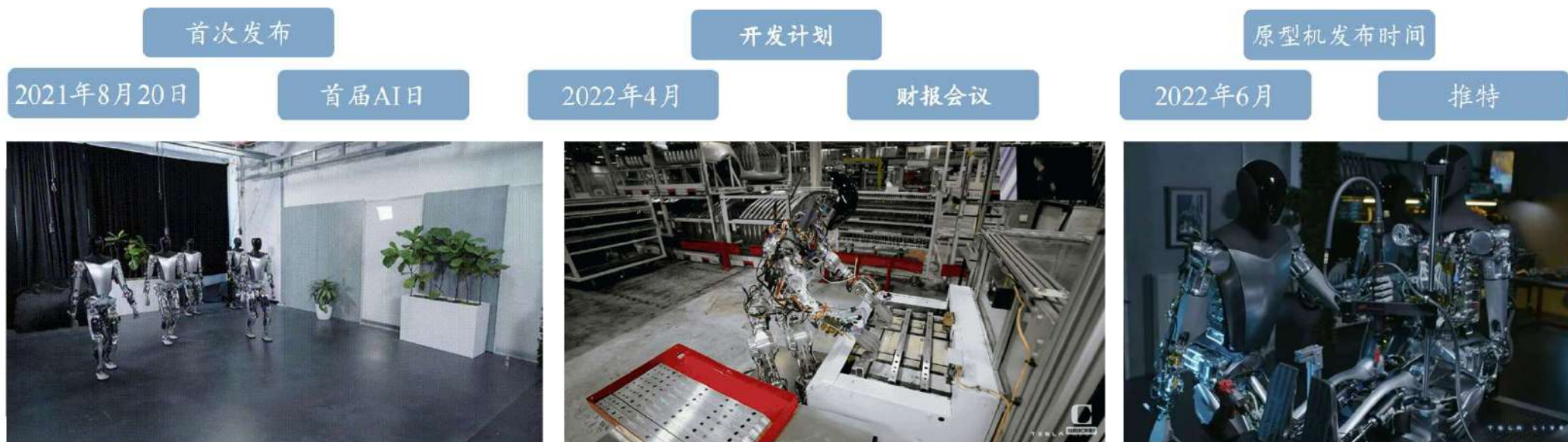


人形机器人研究现状

特斯拉Optimus推出时间节点

- **首次发布:** 2021年8月20日, 马斯克在首届特斯拉人工智能日 (AI DAY) 上首次发布特斯拉人形机器人 (Tesla Bot) 计划, 代号“擎天柱” (Optimus)。
- **项目开发计划:** 2022年4月, 马斯克在财报会议上指出, Optimus的重要性将在未来几年逐渐显现, 最终将比汽车业务、比FSD更具价值。
- **原型机发布时间:** 2022年6月, 马斯克在推特上发文, 将特斯拉第二个人工智能日 (AI Day) 由原定的8月19日推迟到9月30日, 并表示到时候可能推出能够运转的人形机器人原型机Optimus。

图表: 特斯拉人形机器人时间轴



人形机器人研究现状

Honda and AIST, Japan



Asimo

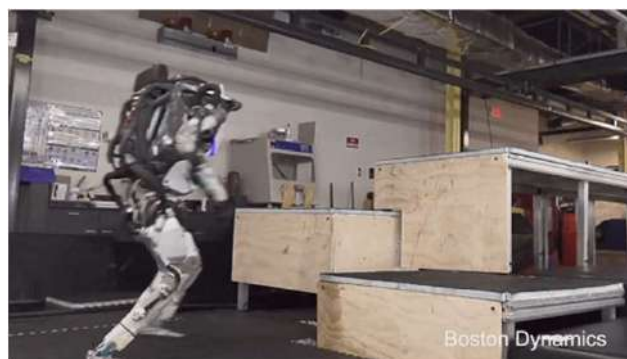


HRP-4

Boston Dynamics, US



Petman



Atlas

Agility Robotics, US

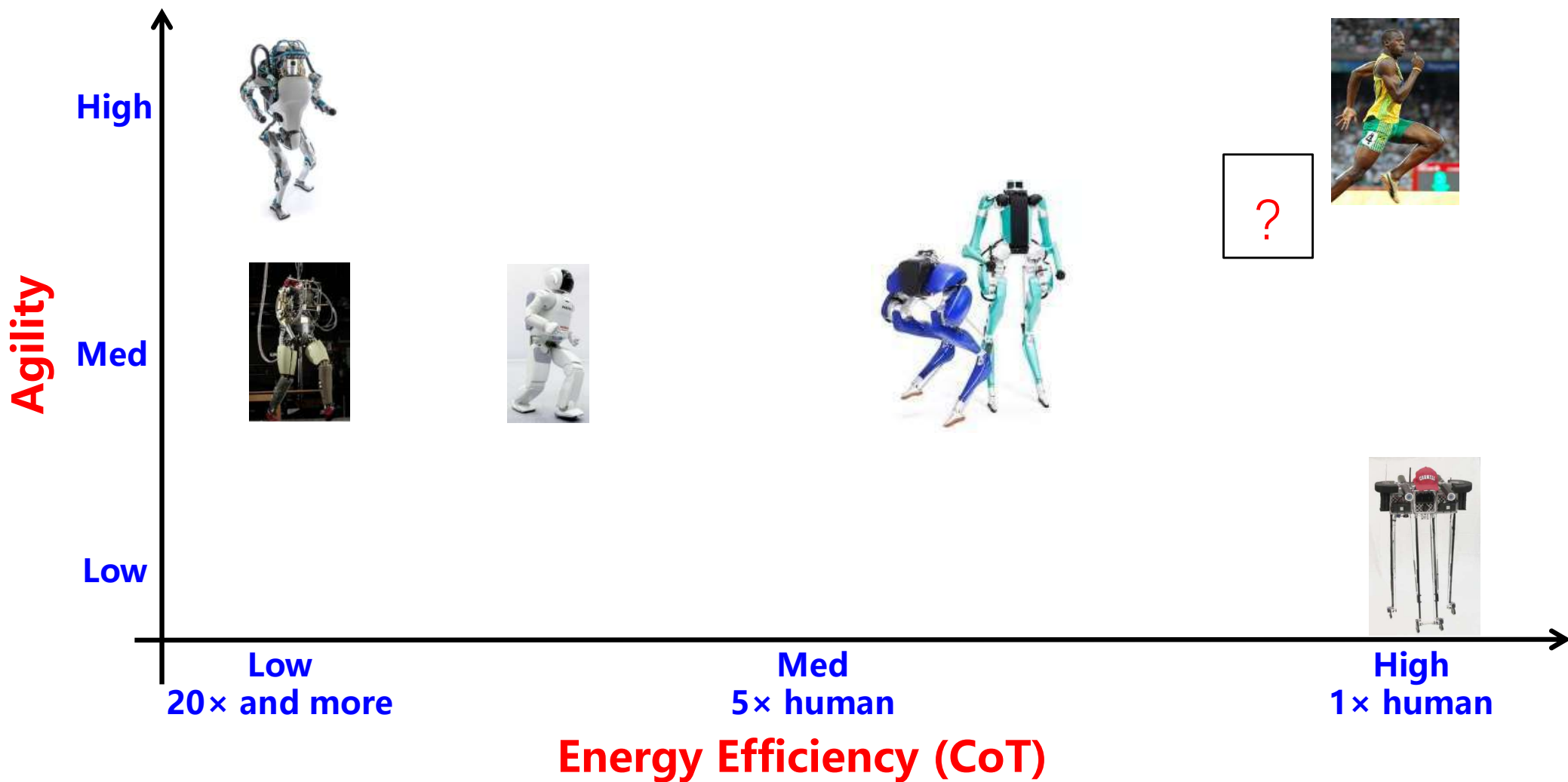


Cassie



Digit

人形机器人研究现状



人形机器人研究现状

most robust

ZMP



Yokoi et al. 2003

Kim et al. 2006

Oh 2013

Hirai et al. 1998

Schaft 2013

Foot placement/Capturability



Miura et al. 1984

Raibert et al. 1984

Pratt et al. 2012

Nelson et al. 2012

HZD



Westervelt et al. 2004

Martin et al.

Sreenath et al. 2011

Zhao et al. 2014

Gregg et al. 2014

Buss et al. 2014

Passive-based



Collins et al. 2001

Collins et al. 2005

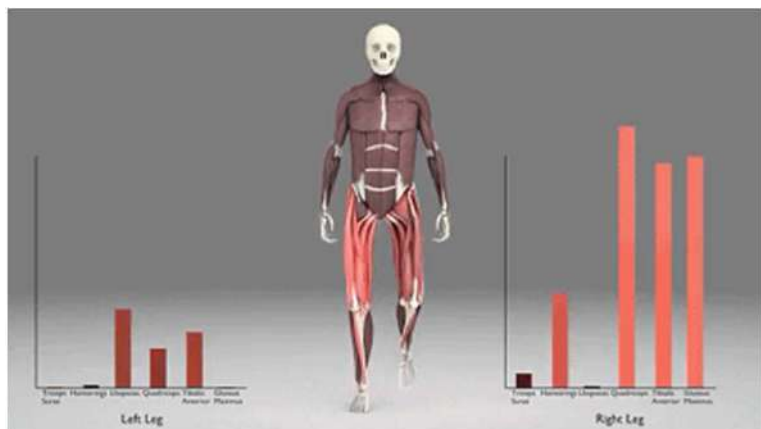
Wisse et al. 2007

Engel et al. 2012

most energy-efficient

能量效率

cost of transport (CoT): $\frac{\text{energy used}}{\text{weight} \times \text{distance traveled}}$



Toyota Prius COT = about 0.15
Human COT = about 0.2
Ranger COT = about 0.28
Asimo COT = about 2
Atlas COT = about 20



hydraulic valve



BLDC motors



Gears

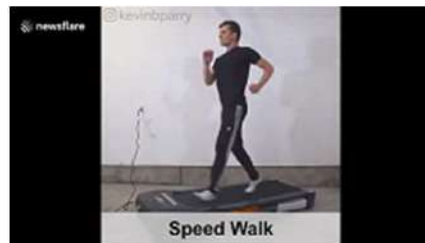
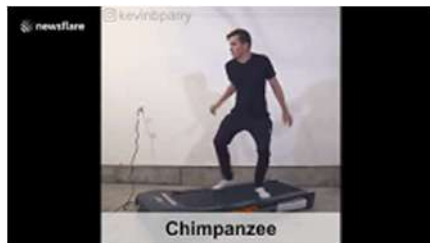
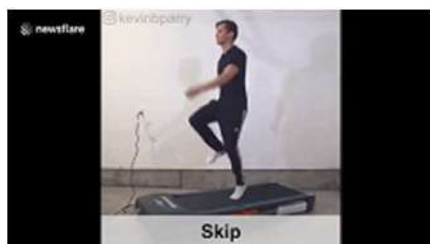
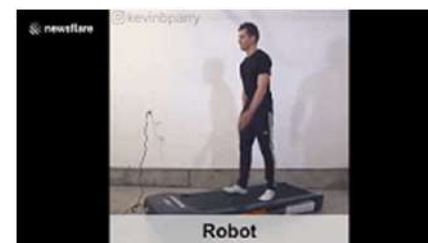


Electronics

Key Factors

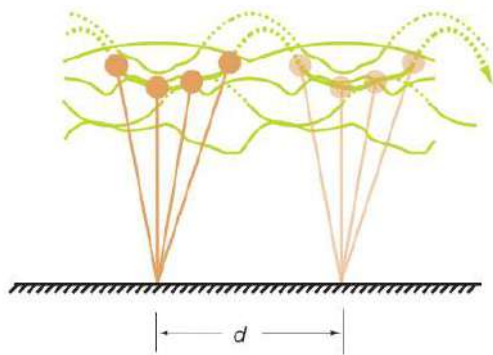
- **Hardware**
Actuators, transmissions, electronics
- **Control Algorithm**
Use the right muscles at right time

能量效率

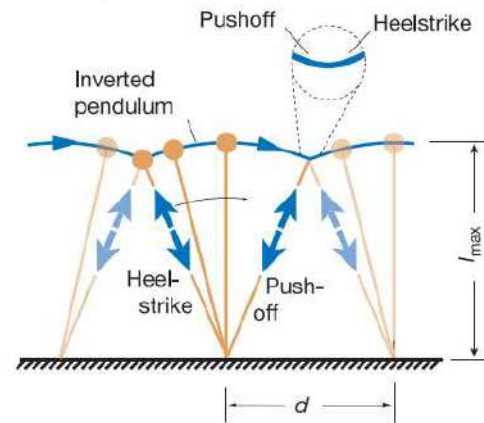


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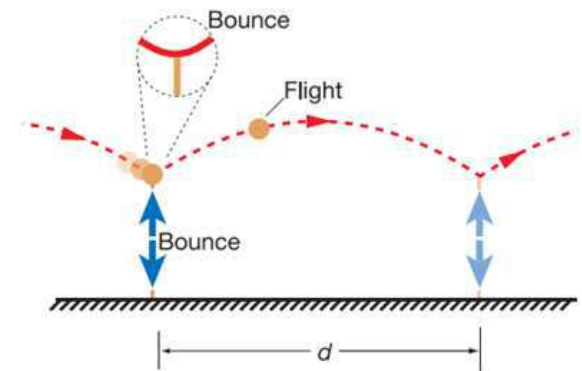
a Some possible gaits



b Inverted pendulum walk



c Impulsive run



能量效率

cost of transport (CoT): $\frac{\text{energy used}}{\text{weight} \times \text{distance traveled}}$

$$C = \int_0^{t_{\text{step}}} [F(t)\dot{l}]^+ dt / mgd$$

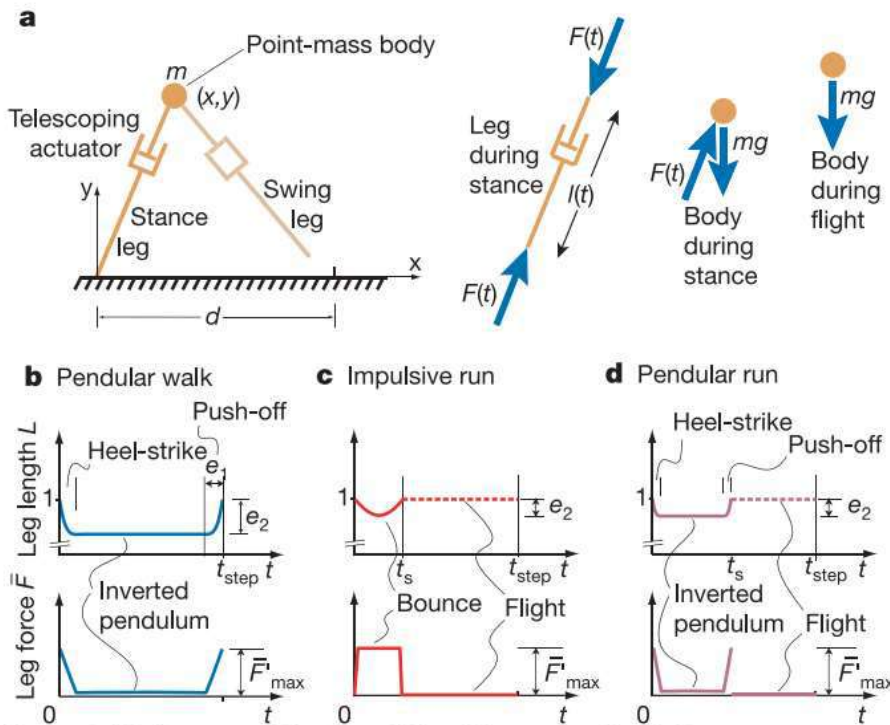


Figure 2 | Point-mass biped model and its optimal solutions.

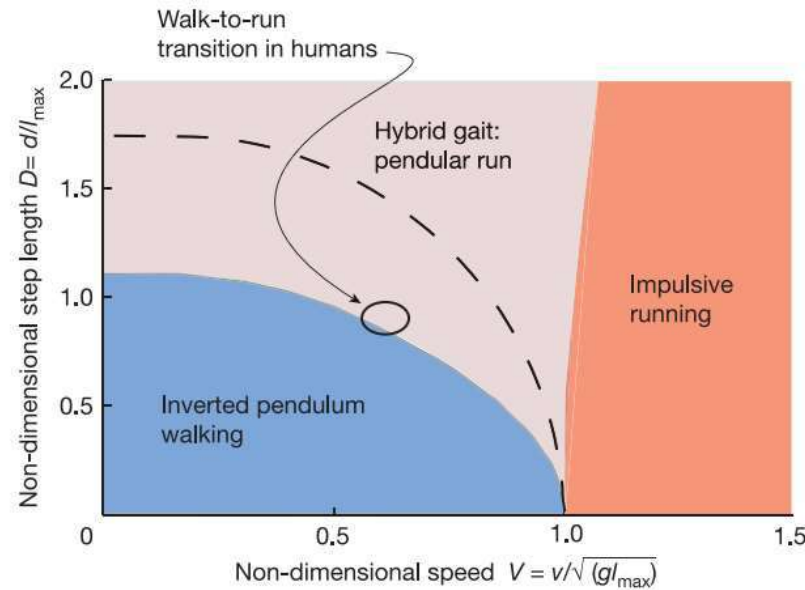
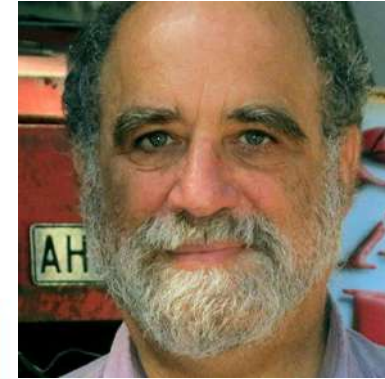


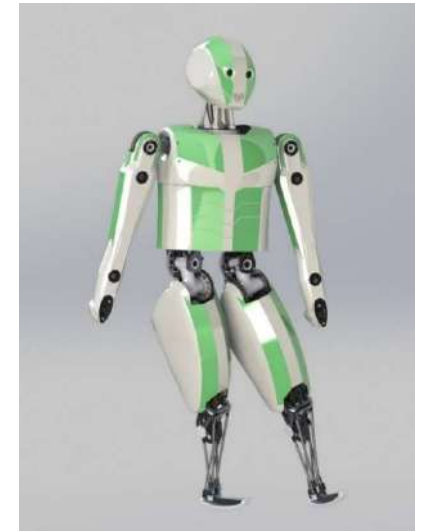
Figure 3 | The regions in which each of the three collisional gaits are optimal.



Andy Ruina
Cornell University

Srinivasan, Manoj, and Andy Ruina. "Computer optimization of a minimal biped model discovers walking and running." *Nature* 439.7072 (2006): 72-75.

康奈尔大学人形机器人



Passive Walker
1996-2000

Passive Walker
with Knees
1999-2001

Powered Biped
with Knees
2003-2005

Cornell Ranger
2001-2012

Ranger Max
2012-now

Four legged passive "biped" with knees. Walks downhill.

Two legs and knees. The most advanced passive-dynamic robot to date. Walks downhill.

Ankle powered, minimally controlled. Walks on level ground.

Powered, 4-leg "biped", no knees. Walks on level ground. Radio-control steering by twisting inner legs.

Goal: Efficient, robust, and nimble legged robot. Cost of Transport in simulation ≈ 0.25 . 12 actuated joints. Brushless DC motors. Chain Drives.

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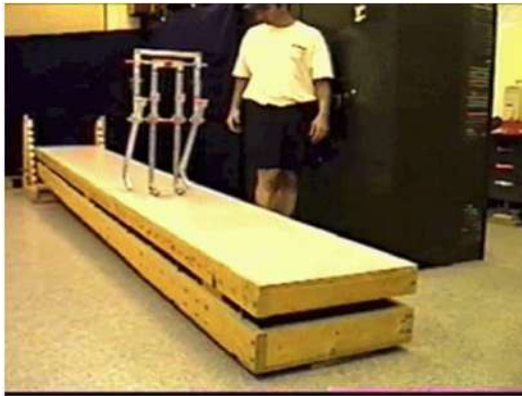


Fig. 1. "Ramp-walking," "downhill," "unpowered," or "passive-dynamic" machines. Our powered bipeds are based on these passive designs. (A) The Wilson "Walkie" (27). (B) MIT's improved version (28). Both (A) and (B) walk down a slight ramp with the "comical, awkward, waddling gait of the penguin" (27). (C) Cornell copy (29) of McGeer's capstone design (7). This four-legged "biped" has two pairs of legs, an inner and outer pair, to prevent falling sideways. (D) The Cornell passive biped with arms [photo: H. Morgan]. This walker has knees and arms and is perhaps the most humanlike passive-dynamic walker to date (8).

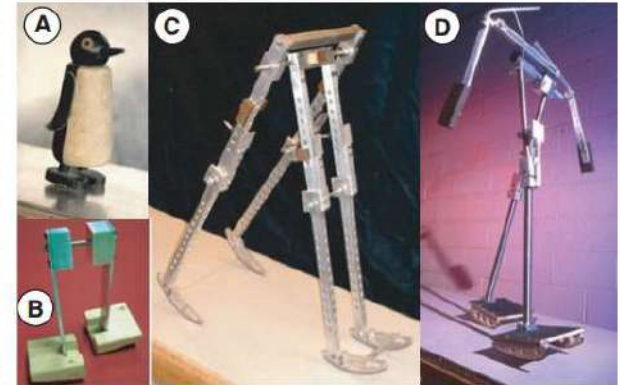
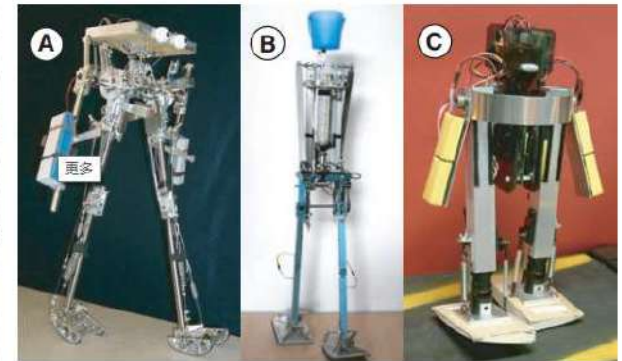


Fig. 2. Three level-ground powered walking robots based on the ramp-walking designs of Fig. 1. (A) The Cornell biped. (B) The Delft biped. (C) The MIT learning biped. These powered robots have motions close to those of their ramp-walking counterparts as seen in the supporting on-line movies (movies S1 to S3). Information on their construction is in the supporting online text (9).



Gliders+Engines→Airplanes
Passive walkers+Actuators→Human-level robot

Collins, S., Ruina, A., Tedrake, R., & Wisse, M. (2005). Efficient bipedal robots based on passive-dynamic walkers. *Science*, 307(5712), 1082-1085.

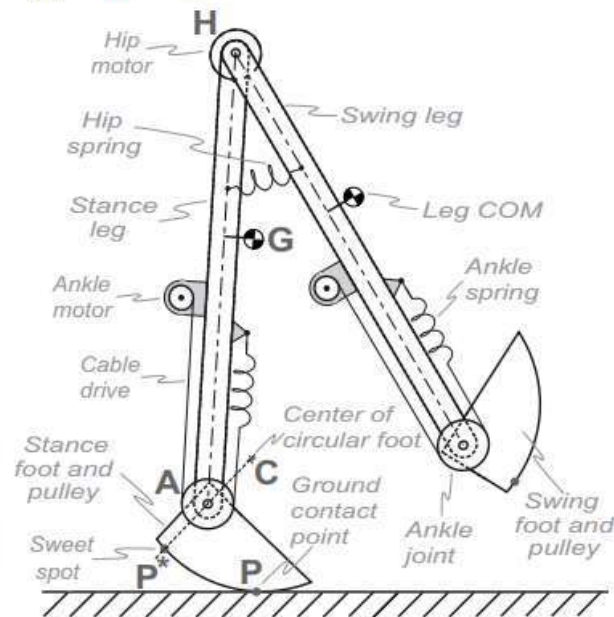
最高效节能的足式机器人

Ranger walks non-stop 65.2 km ultra-Marathon on May 1-2, 2011

a) Robot



(b) Schematic



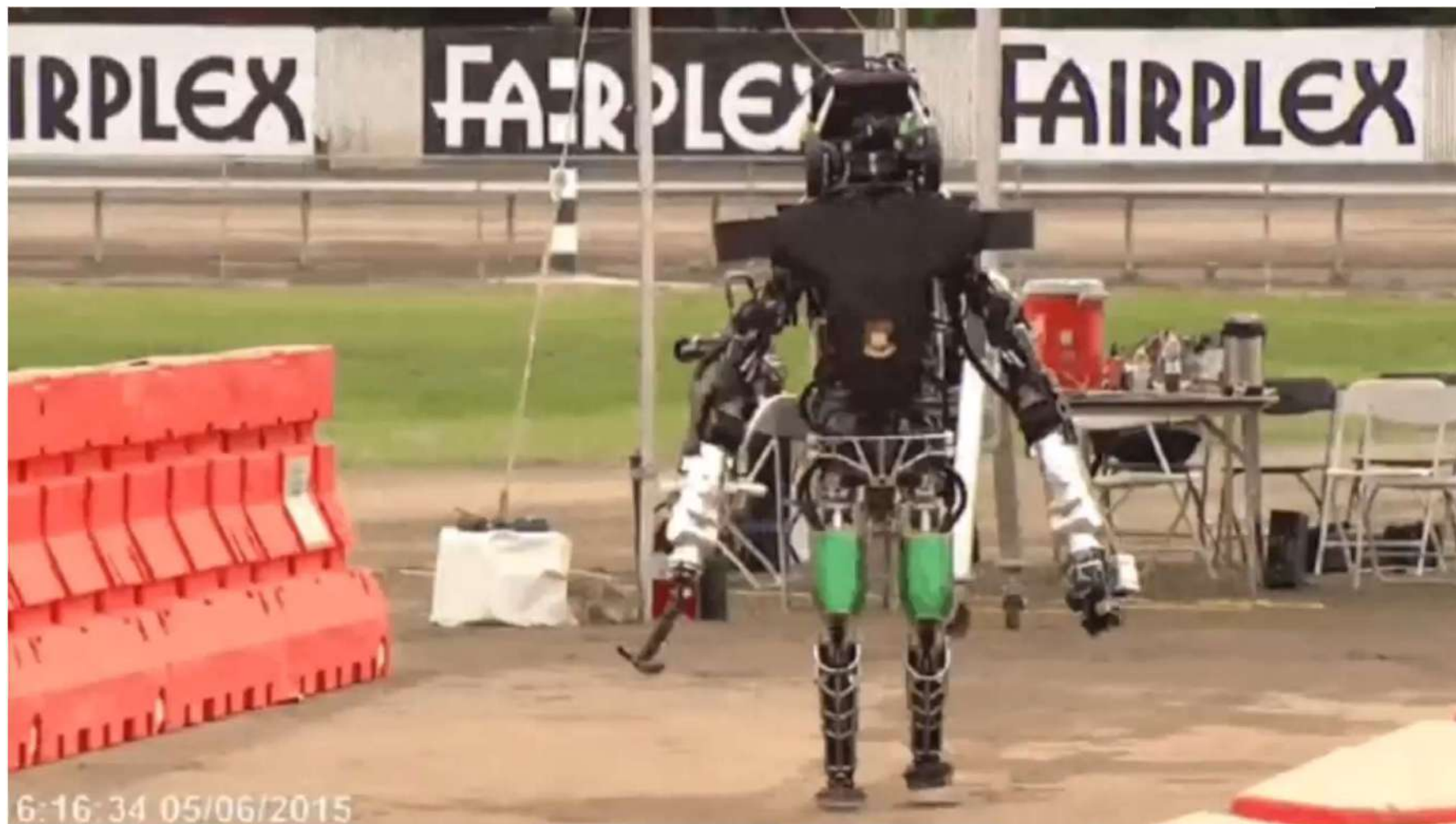
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最高效节能的足式机器人

Total steps	186,076
Total time	30 hrs 49 min 02 seconds
Total distance	65.24 km
Average speed	0.59 m/s
Cost of transport (COT)	0.28, $COT = \text{Energy}/(\text{weight} * \text{distance})$. Includes energy to run the motors and all electronics
Total Robot mass	9.91 kg
Power	16.0 watts total, less than a laptop computer.
Battery	25.9V Lithium-ion, 2.8 kg, 493 watt-hours
Comparisons	Toyota Prius COT = about 0.15 Human COT = about 0.2 (a bit better than Ranger) Asimo COT = about 2 (54 kg@ 1.5 m/s, 1.8 kW) Atlas COT = about 20 (12.8 miles, 4 gal gas, 110 kg)

Cornell Ranger, 2011 4-legged bipedal robot

行走的鲁棒性



最高效节能的足式机器人

Balance strategies for a biped:

1. Apply ankle torques. Base of support diameter up to 0.2 m
2. Bend the upper body/spin arms.
Effective base of support up to 0.2 m
3. Foot placement. Effective base of support up to 1 m

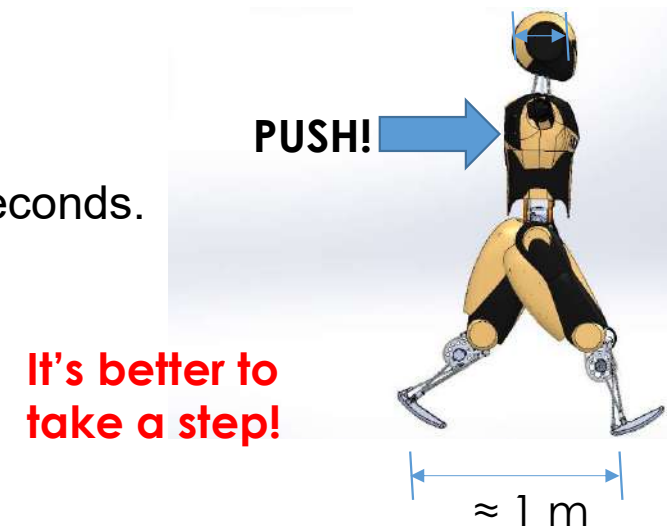
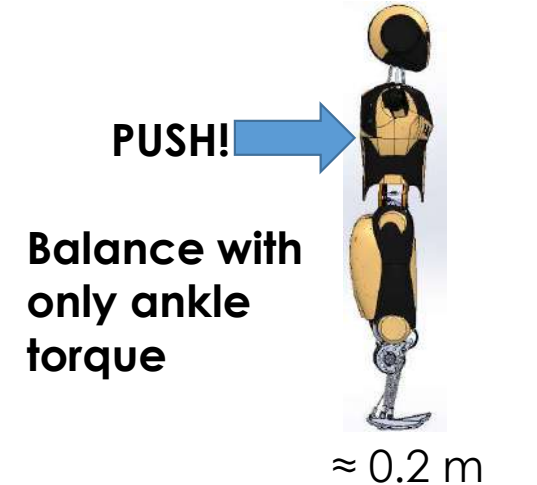
Therefore robust balance mainly depends on fast leg swing.

How quickly should the legs be able to swing?

- Fastest human leg swing time is about 0.2 seconds for 1 radian
- Boston Dynamic BigDog and Atlas swing times are about 0.3 seconds.

How to make legs swing fast?

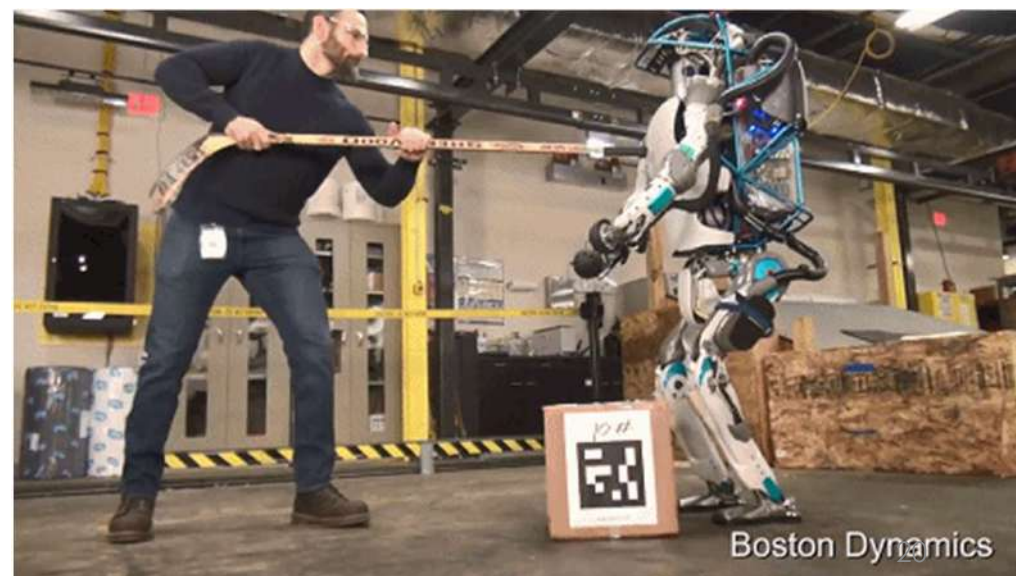
- High joint actuator torque and speed (high power)
- Small leg angular inertia



鲁棒性最强的双足机器人



Marc Raibert
[Boston Dynamics](#)



鲁棒行走的关键—落脚点控制

The neutral point

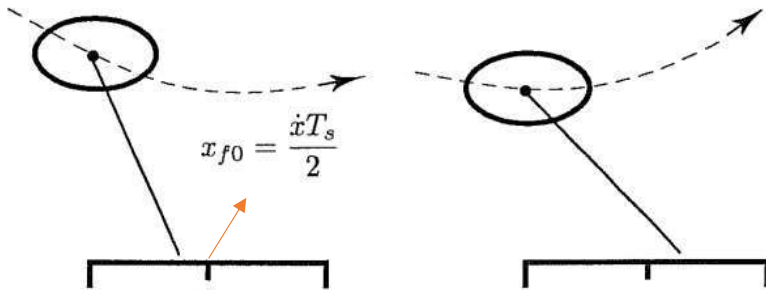


Figure 2.11. Asymmetric trajectories. Displacement of the foot from the neutral position accelerates the body by skewing its trajectory. When the foot is placed behind the neutral point, the body accelerates forward during stance (left). When the foot is place forward of the neutral point, the body accelerates backward during stance (right). Dashed lines indicate the path of the body, and solid horizontal lines indicate the CG-print.

Three-part control

Hopping:

Thrust for specified duration during stance.
Exhaust to specified pressure during flight.

Forward Speed:

Choose foot position $x_f = \frac{\dot{x}T_s}{2} + k_x(\dot{x} - \dot{x}_d)$.

Convert to hip angle $\gamma_d = \phi - \arcsin\left(\frac{x_f}{r}\right)$.

Servo hip angle $\tau = -k_p(\gamma - \gamma_d) - k_v(\dot{\gamma})$.

Body Attitude:

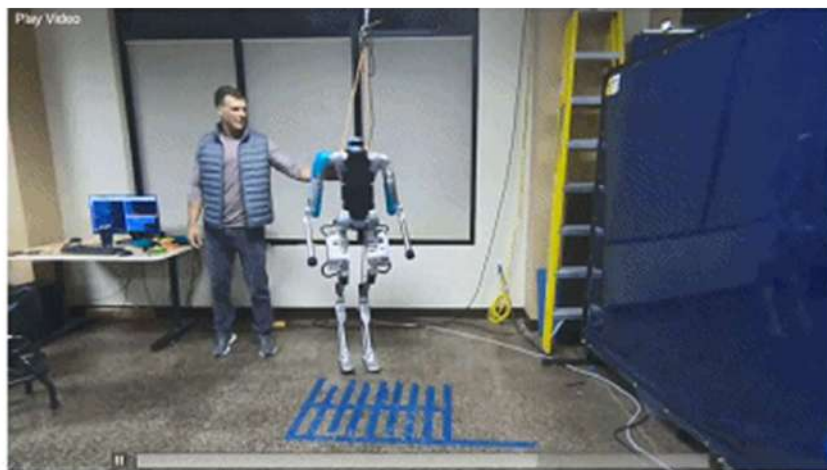
Servo body angle $\tau = -k_p(\phi - \phi_d) - k_v(\dot{\phi})$.



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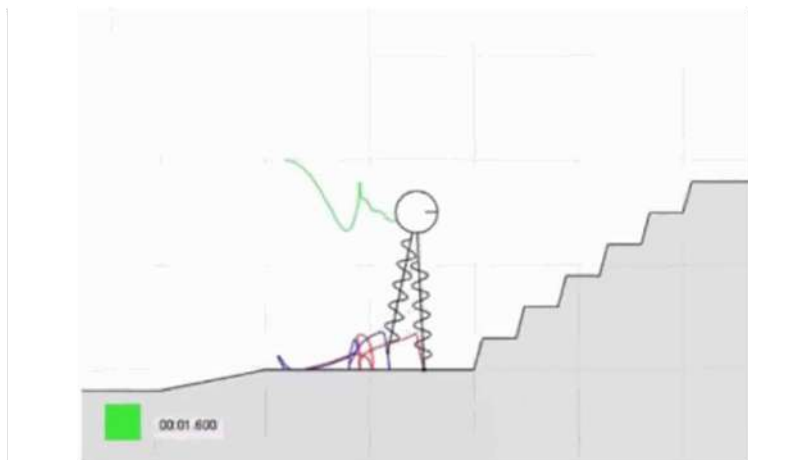
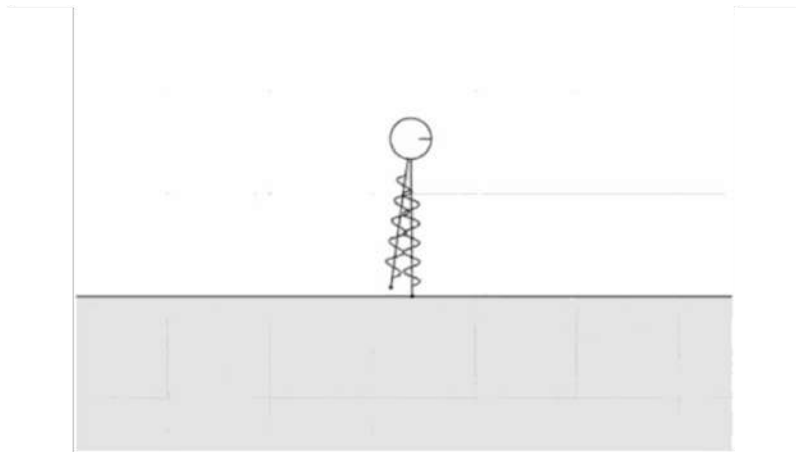


Jonathan Hurst
[Agility Robotics](#)



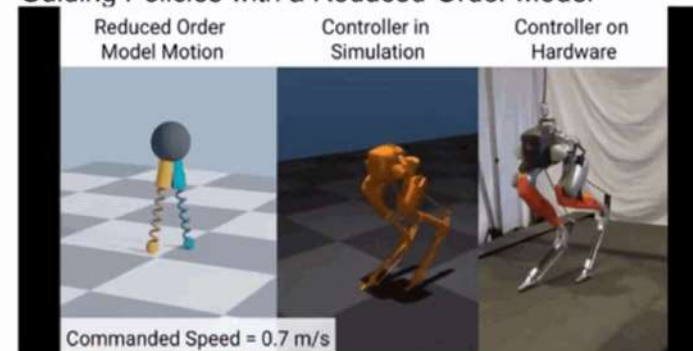
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Simple Controller: 2-step lookahead



Reinforcement Learning

Learning Spring Mass Locomotion:
Guiding Policies with a Reduced-Order Model



There's a lot of testing.



The goals

Walking performance equivalent to a typical human. The robot should be capable of moving in homes, offices, and out on the streets, including curbs and stairs, without falling.

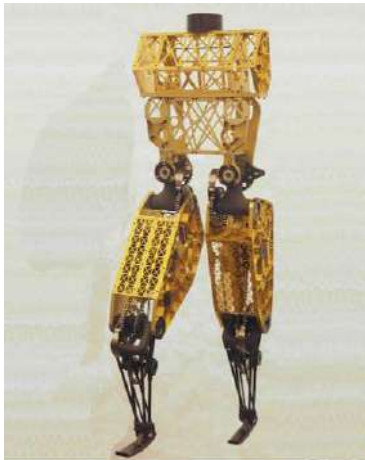
Think of it as a Segway with legs!

- A) Robust balance. Almost never falls.
- B) Can sit and stand.
- C) Can climb (some) stairs.
- D) Energy-efficient, like a human. All day on one charge!
- E) Resistant to fall damage, if it does fall.
- F) Safe enough to work around humans.
- G) Also helpful: not too expensive.

How to get there?

- The refinement of hardware that is powerful enough to reliably recover from large disturbances, yet energy-effective and inexpensive;
- The development of theories of balance and optimization methods for low energy use.

Ranger Max机器人



Design goals

- Suitable for reliable locomotion in environments designed for humans.
- Low energy with CoT ≈ 0.25 (better than all other robot bipeds).
- Robust balance, based on high-speed, high-accuracy foot placement for balance correction. Should match the robustness of other successful walking robots (Petman, New ATLAS, Cassie).
- Leg swing time for foot placement, 1 radian in $< 0.25s$ (\approx human).
- Squat, sit down, stand up, climb steps and curbs.
- Jog, dance, skip, hop, etc. (optional, but the physical capability will likely follow from the other requirements).

General Details

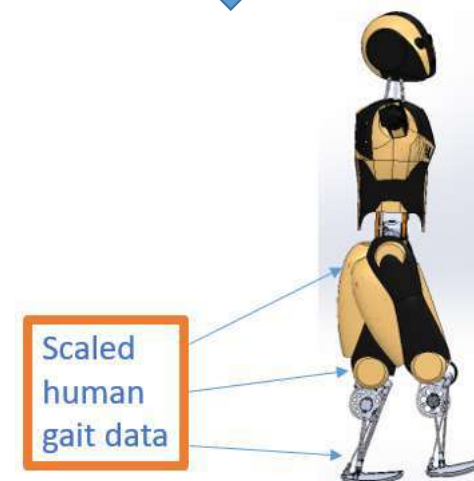
- 1.5 m tall (full robot, as at left)
- 30 kg mass.
- 0.8 m leg length (below, left).
- 12 actuated joints: 4 arm, 4 hip, 2 knee, 2 ankle.

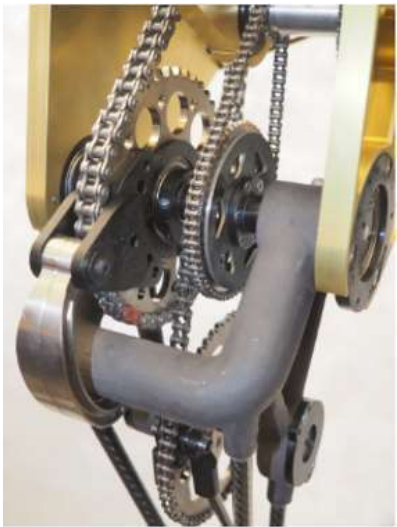
Ranger Max 硬件优化

We would like to optimize the hardware for efficient walking, but how – with no finished design, no optimized trajectories? Solution: we put the robot’s actuators through a human gait trajectory, using Winter’s joint kinematics and moments measured from a walking human (“Biomechanics and Motor Control of Human Movement, 2009), but with the moments scaled to the weight of the robot. This helped us select suitable motors, gear ratios, and spring constants.



Parameter	Optimized for efficient walking	Overall design choice
Leg swing gear ratio	51:1	51:1
Knee gear ratio	31:1	51:1
Ankle gear ratio	60:1	62:1
Ankle/knee	8.7:1	4.3:1
“biarticulation” ratio		
COT (motor electrical)	0.20	0.21





Notable design features:

Chain drive transmission (with a few planetary gearboxes too). The chain drives give us:

- + High power to weight ratio
- + Efficient even at low loads
- + Resistance to dirt and misalignment
- + Flexible configuration
- + Low-cost custom components

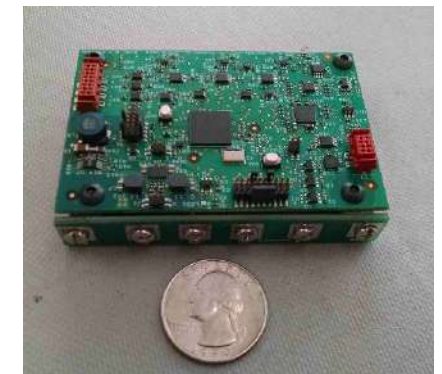
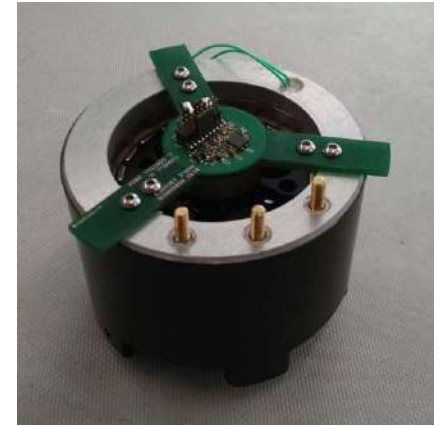
... and on the negative side

- Not very modular
- Backlash is a challenge
- Bulky – up to 36 chains and 72 sprockets in all!

High-power brushless motors with water cooling capability.

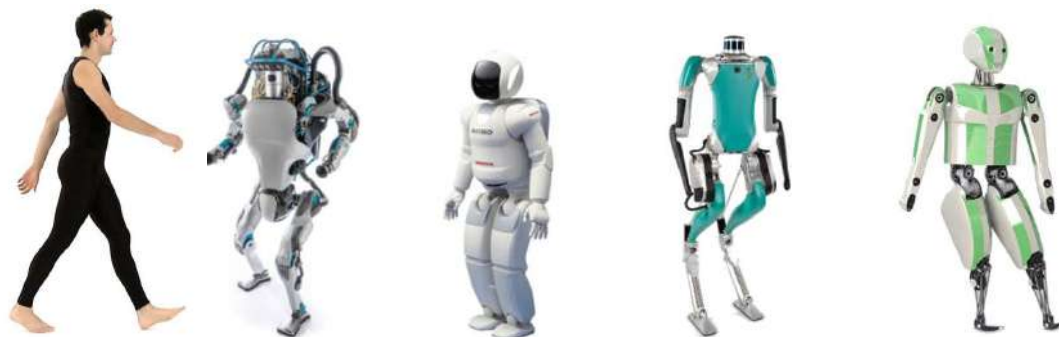
Motor selection is key to the performance of the robot. We want motors that are:

- 1) Light weight
- 2) Small in size
- 3) Highly efficient at low power levels (for normal locomotion)
- 4) Minimal rotor inertia, to allow quick reactions to external torque.
- 5) Huge power outputs for their size and weight (for emergency balance maneuvers, climbing steps, etc.)



Ranger Max 硬件优化

与人类及世界上最先进的双足机器人对比



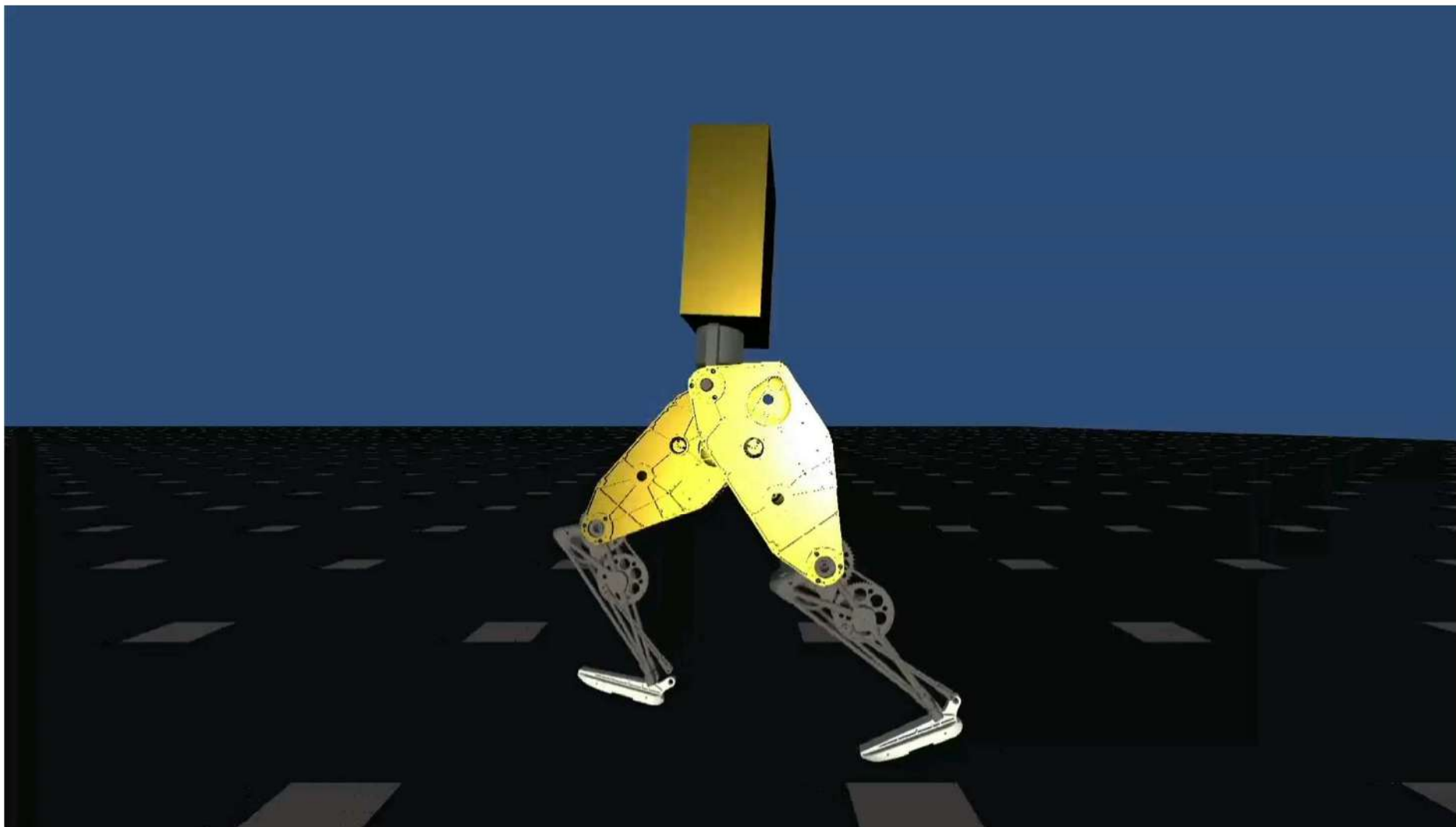
Ranger Max 可实现与人类相当的运动性能与能耗水平，超越当前其他双足机器人，有望成为世界上最高效节能的双足机器人。

	人类	Atlas	Asimo	Digit	Ranger Max
驱动方式	肌肉	液压	电机+谐波	电机+连杆	电机+链条
重量	65kg	80 kg	50kg	42kg	30kg
高度	1.75m	1.5m	1.3m	1.55m	1.5m
能耗指标 能耗/(重量×距离)	0.2	5	2	0.7	0.25
摆腿速度 (腿摆动1弧度用时)	0.2s	0.3s	0.32s	0.4s	0.25s

Ranger Max 硬件优化



Ranger Max 强化学习控制





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