

New trends in intelligent robotics in the laboratory. Towards “analytical robotics”

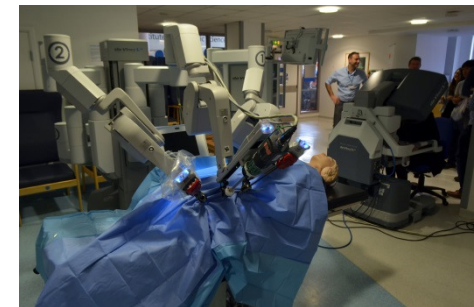
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Commercial robots today



In the garden, the house, the factory, the street and the operating theatre

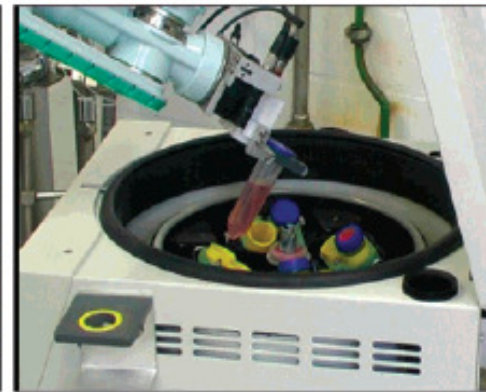
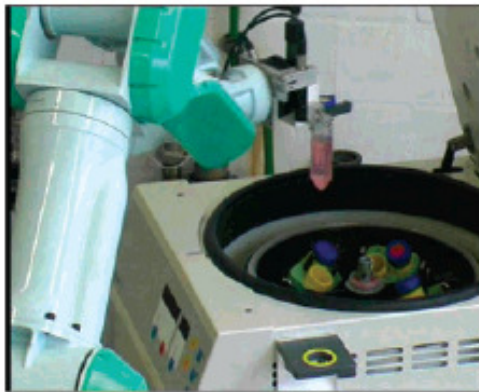


and a survivor bias

Images: wikipedia, Cmglee, iRobot, ABB, Tecan, Rethink, Google

Already 20 & 10 years ago - so why now ?

The Automation Partnership: from Cellmate to Compact SelectT



TU München, University of Bielefeld / Bayer (2004)

Technology

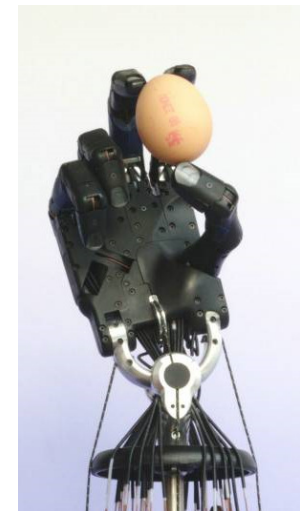
Science

Political will

EU robotics programme: 2005...2020



New application domains, new robotic forms and novel software capability



What we can and can't yet do

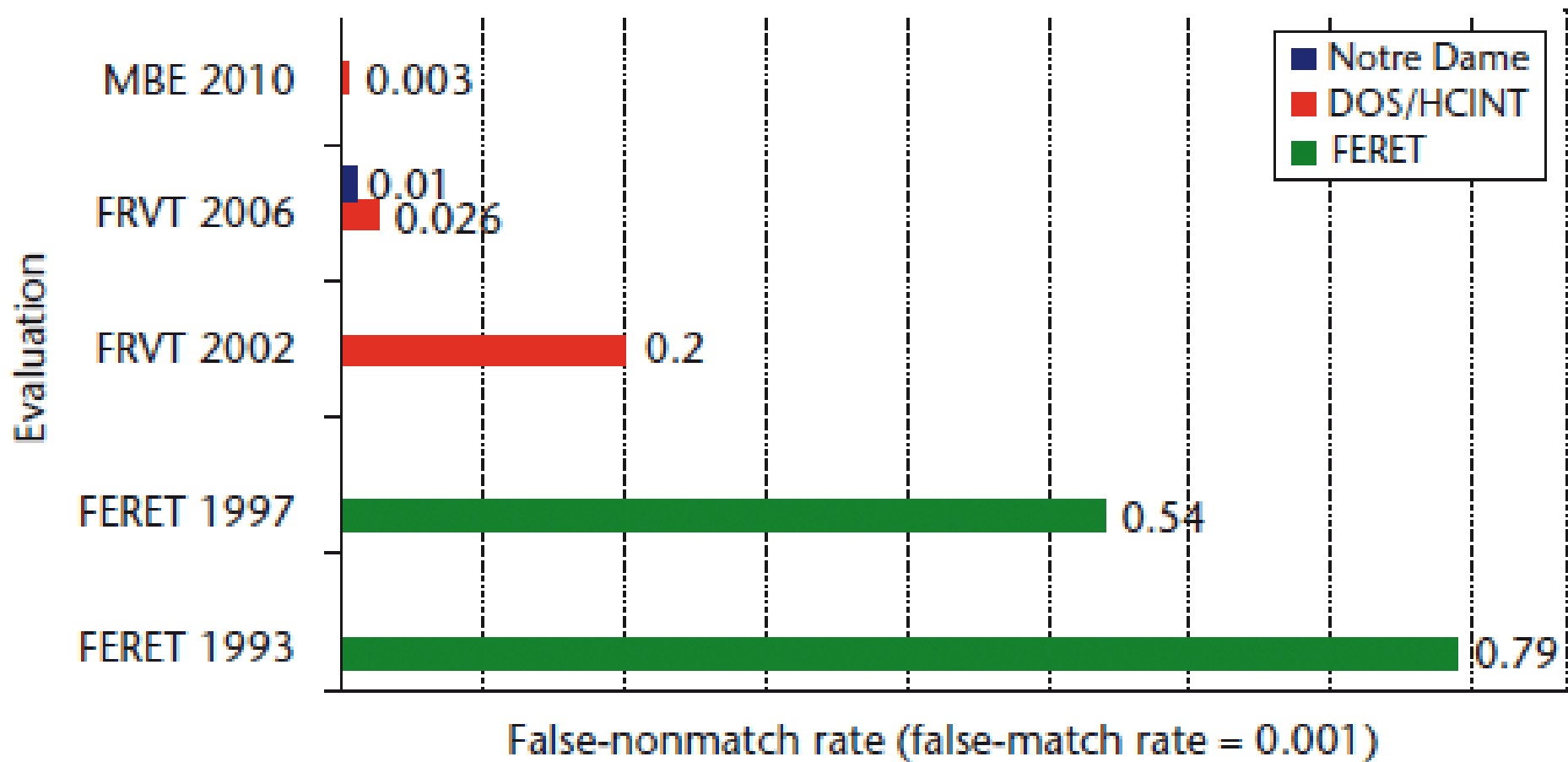
- Interaction and collaboration: new tasks & new capabilities
 - How to get the most out of my highly skilled scientists?
 - Learning on the job and from examples
- New robots for existing tasks: logistics and manipulation
 - For those hard to automate steps
- Getting smarter in the lab:
 - Why can't I use my smartphone in the lab like I can at home?
 - Other side of the Internet of things: eye/ears – arms/legs
- Bringing it all together

Learning by example

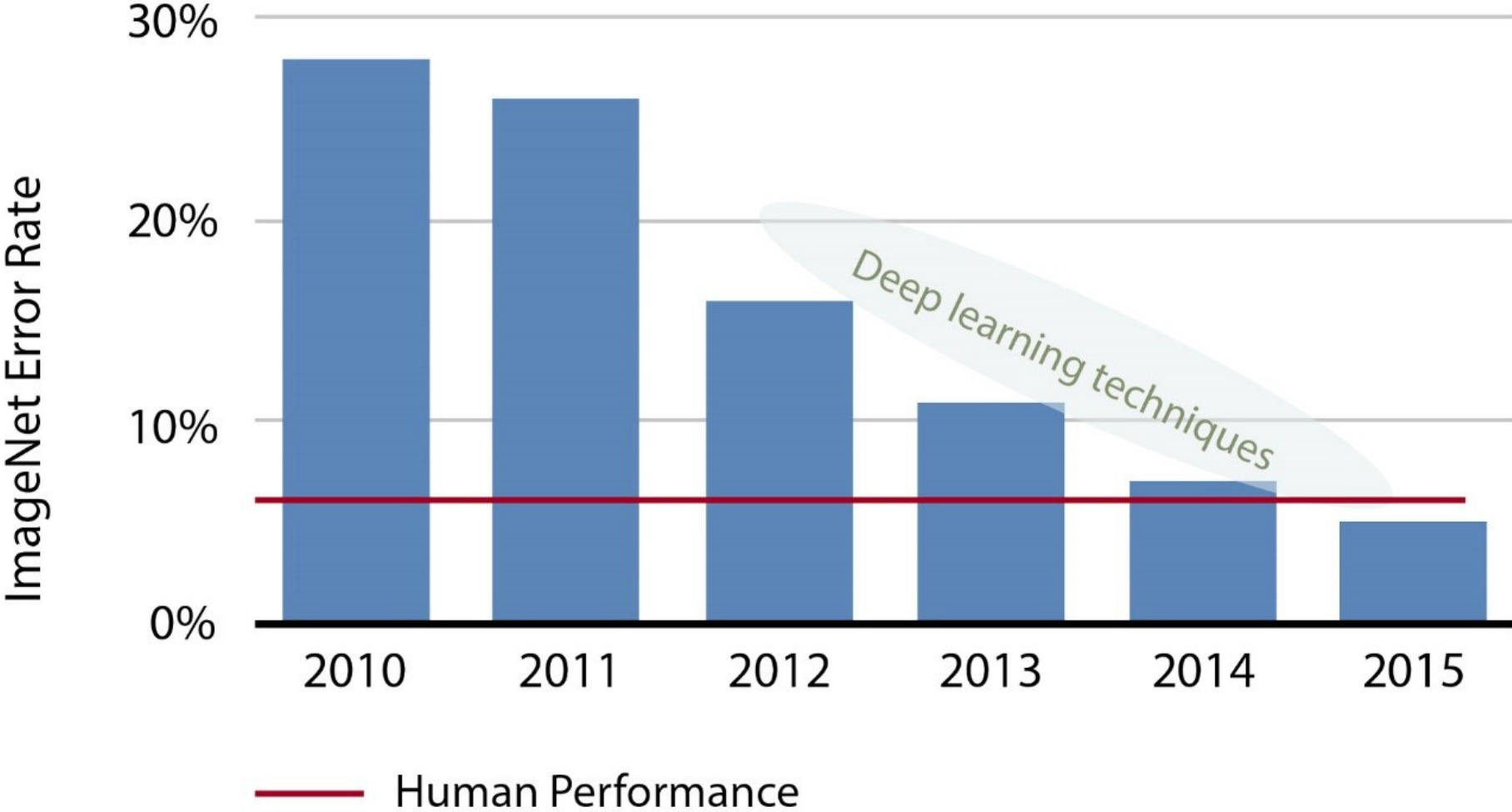
- See video at <https://youtu.be/2jYhdmk-pMg>

Progress in machine learning

Progress in machine learning: face recognition

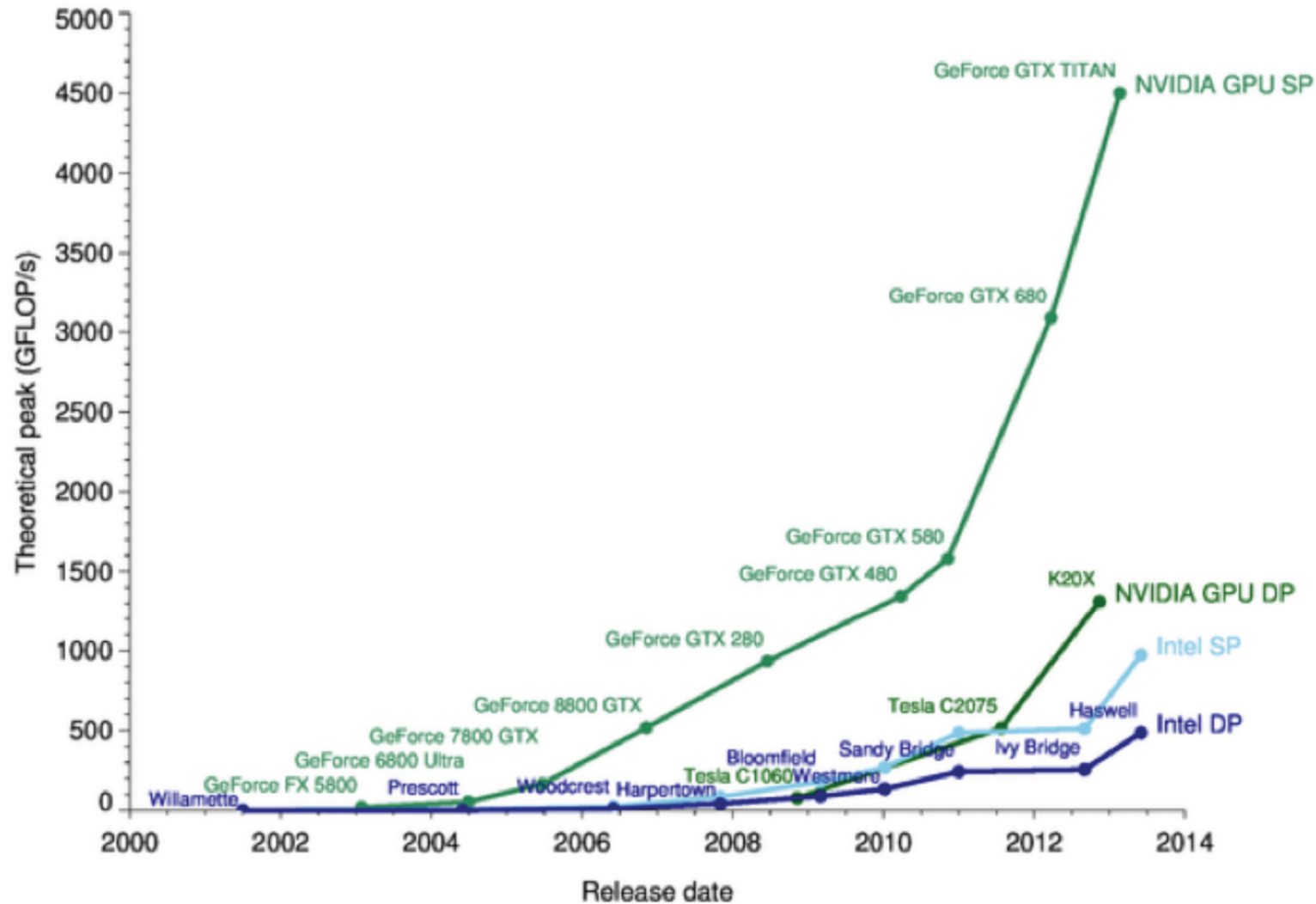


Progress in machine learning: object recognition



but the errors are not human

Progress in machine learning: computing



brute force for free with Moore's law

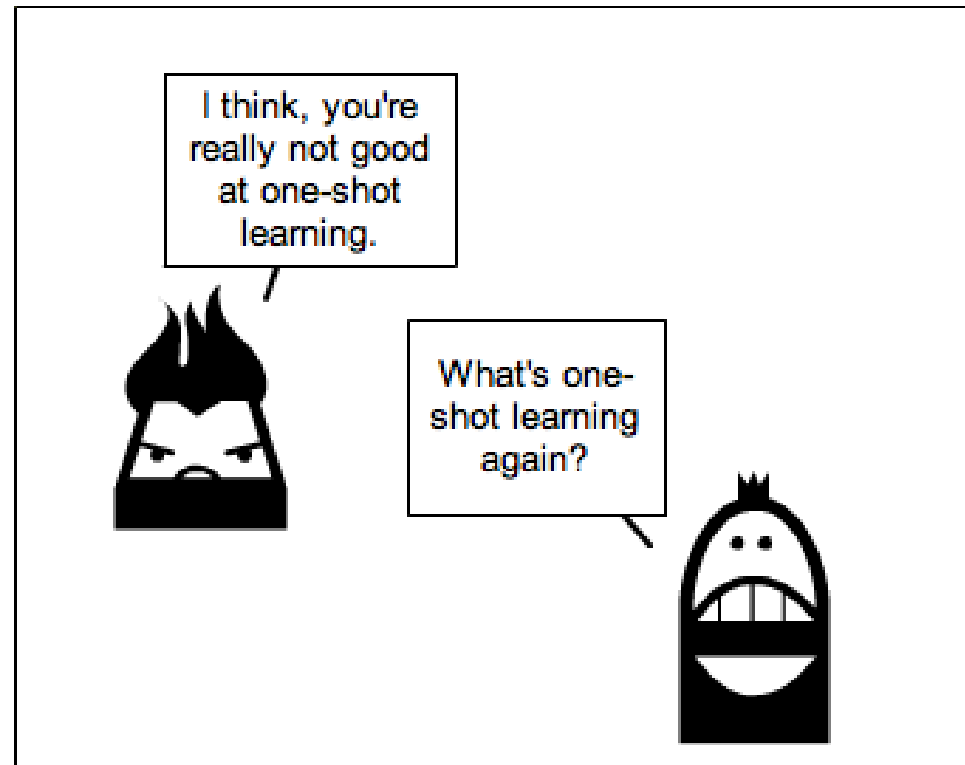
<http://michaelgalloy.com/2013/06/11/cpu-vs-gpu-performance.html>

But is this quite enough?

- Data needed grows exponentially
- Performance asymptote is (too) low
- This is not how we learn

- Progress with skills learning
 - **SME robotics video**
 - **RoboHow video**

One-shot learning



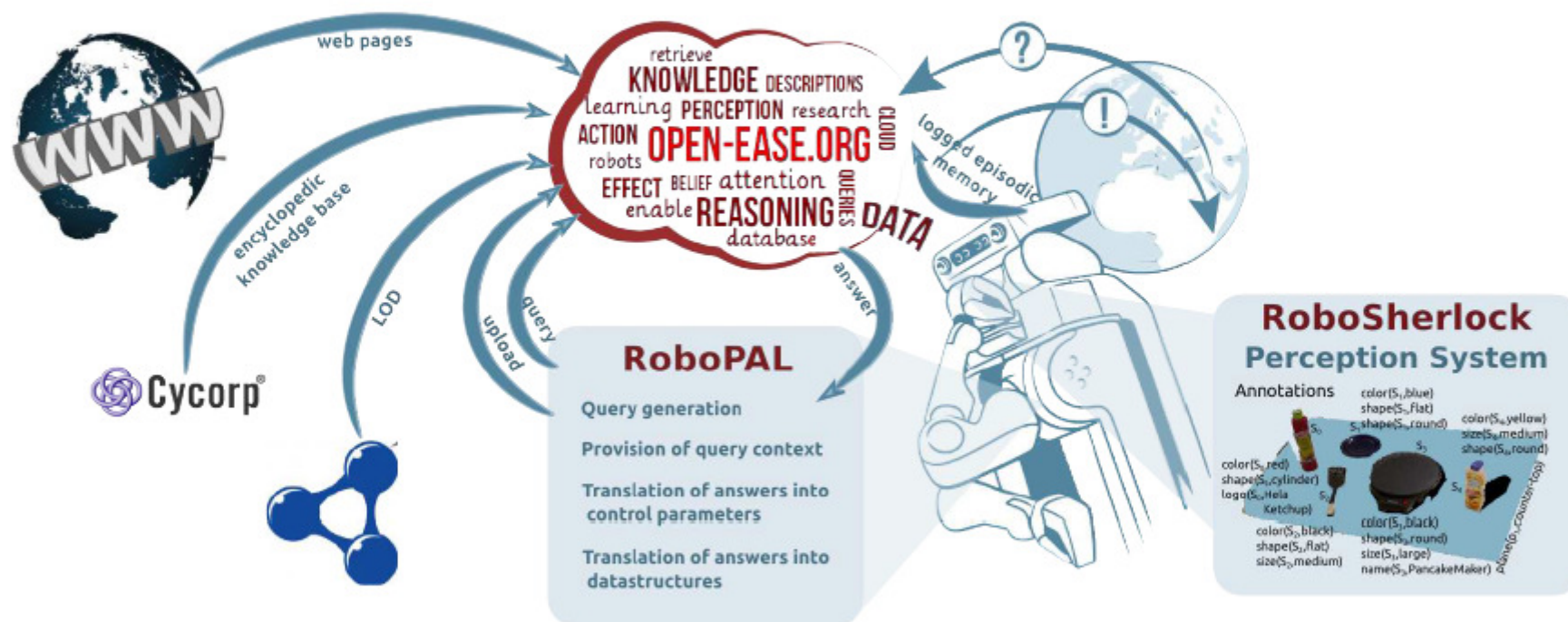
Performing everyday tasks

- See video at <https://youtu.be/cTCJSNjTdo0>

Step Change 1: Representation and Reasoning

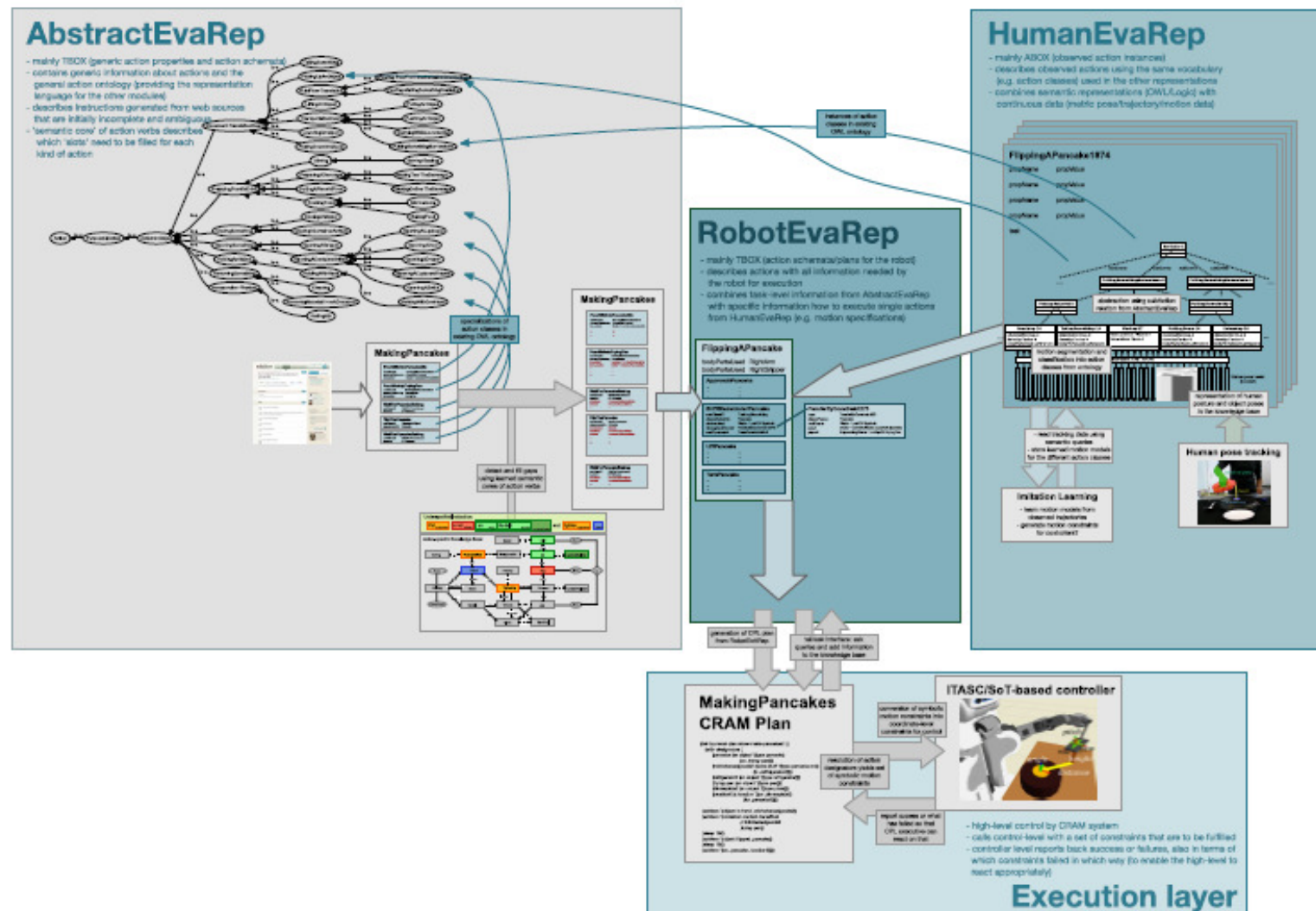
Step Change 2: Perception

Step Change 3: Semantic Manipulation



Insights: amount, breadth & depth of knowledge needed to perform “simple” tasks

Representations in RoboHow



The how of RoboHow

- See video at <https://youtu.be/0eIryyzlRwA>

ROBOHOW Open Tools for ...

open research/innovation

probabilistic reasoning

knowledge processing

perception



Collaborative robots

All major suppliers
Roots in Research
User interest

Comau



Rethink



ABB YuMi



Stäubli

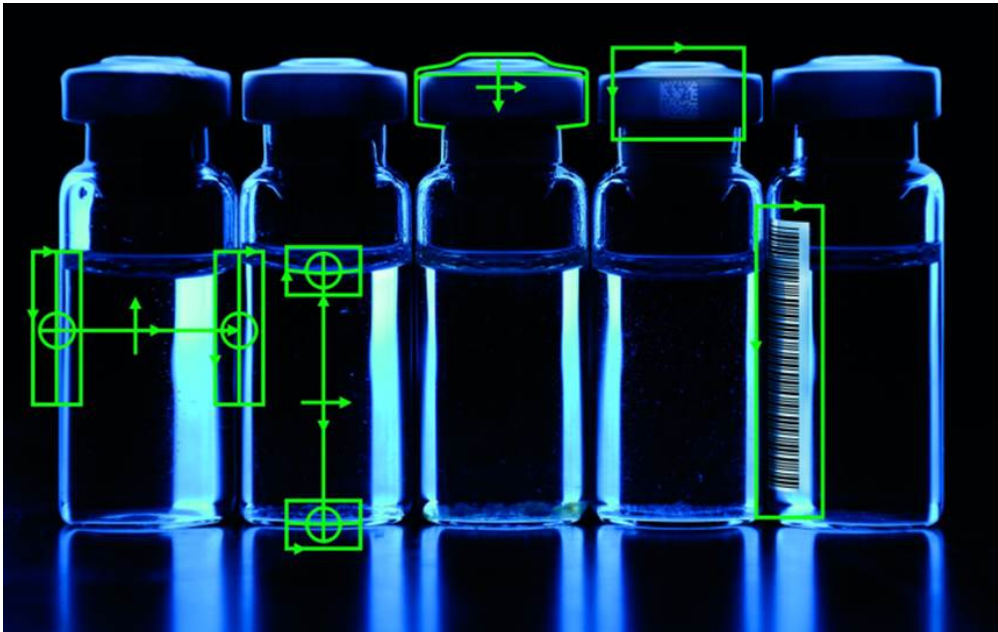
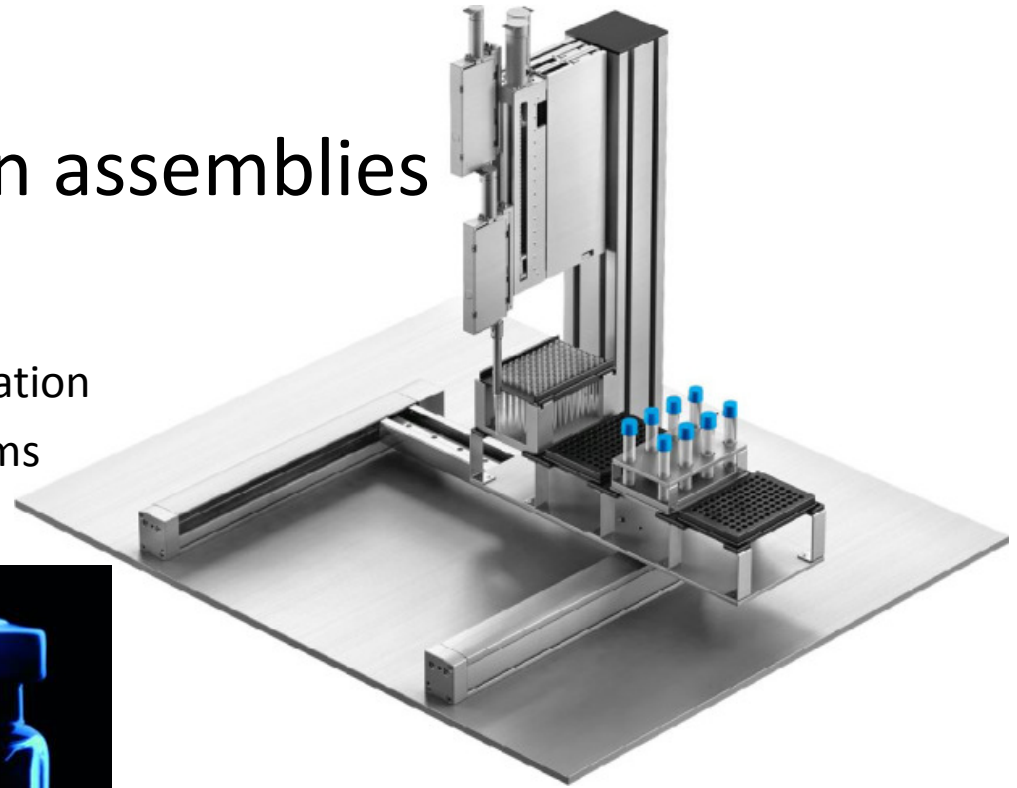


Sample logistics and manipulation

Smarter subsystems

Actuation assemblies

higher level smart subsystems for integration
to produce more capable & robust systems



Sensing assemblies

Cognex, Festo

HYFLAM - A Hyper-Flexible Work Cell for Biochemical Lab Automation

- See video at https://youtu.be/eFFJ_bG2M48

Rodbots for more delicate tasks

- See video at <https://youtu.be/CFCYuYNamIc>

To more freely behaving objects

- See video at <https://youtu.be/gygxZRXZgWI>

Mobile robots

- Adept Lynx platforms



- Bosch APAS



Humanoid robots

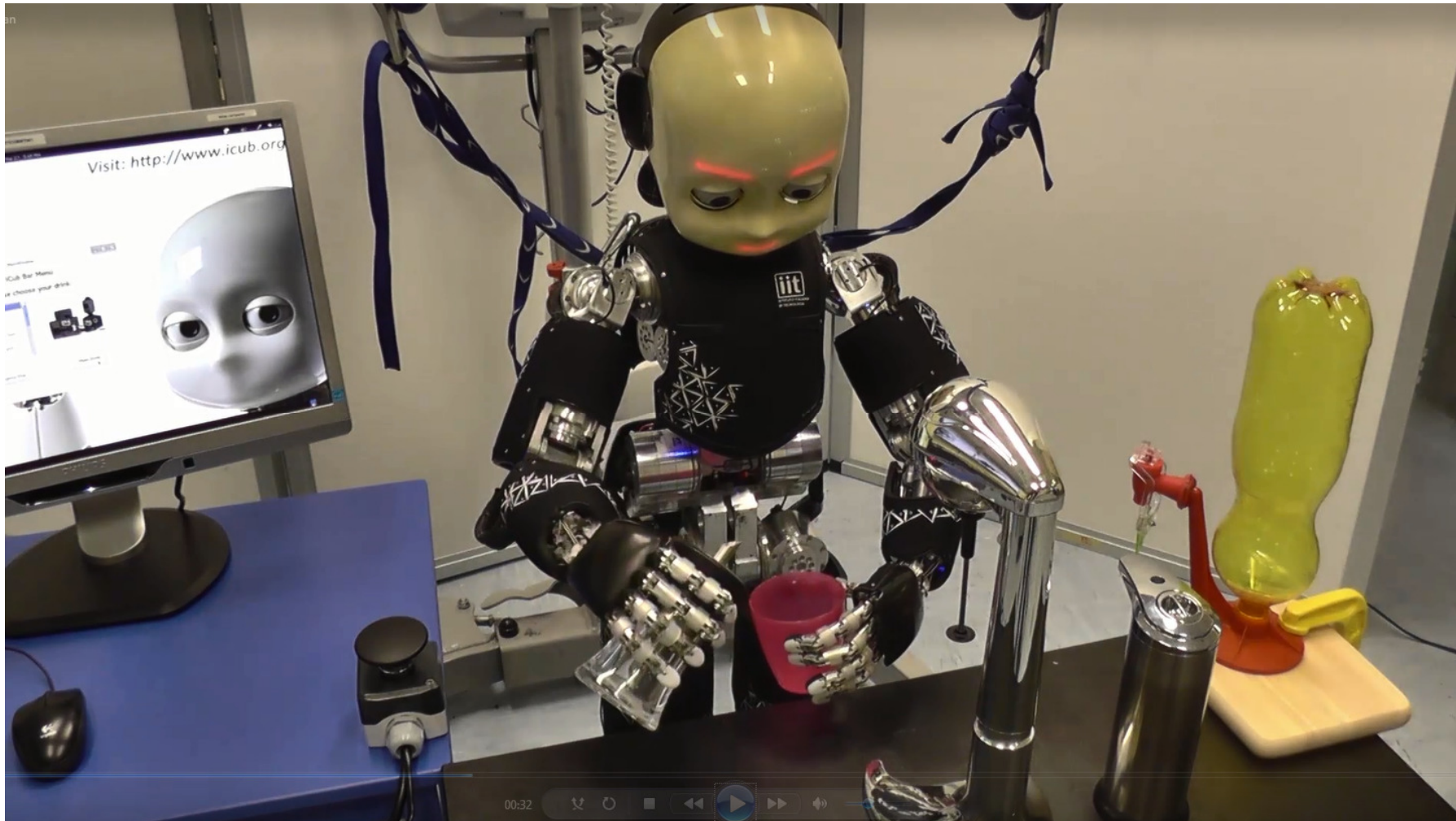
- Nextage: Hitachi



- Motoman MC10
- Yaskawa
- iCub

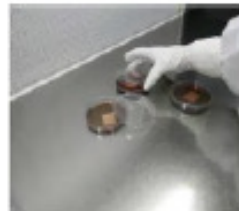
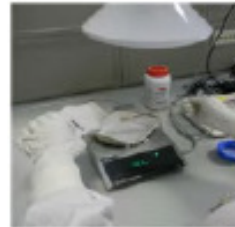


iCub as an open source platform



IIT/Telerobot GSK case study

Sterility batch sample test – in line maintenance



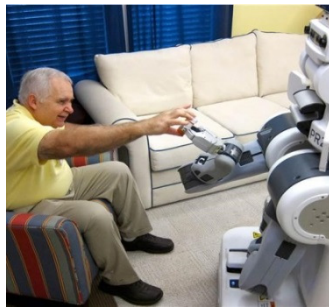
Cooking robot works from a recipe

- See video at <https://youtu.be/SNy6fEuPWbc>

Bringing it all together: The Healthcare Lighthouse vision



Laboratory



Care

Surgery

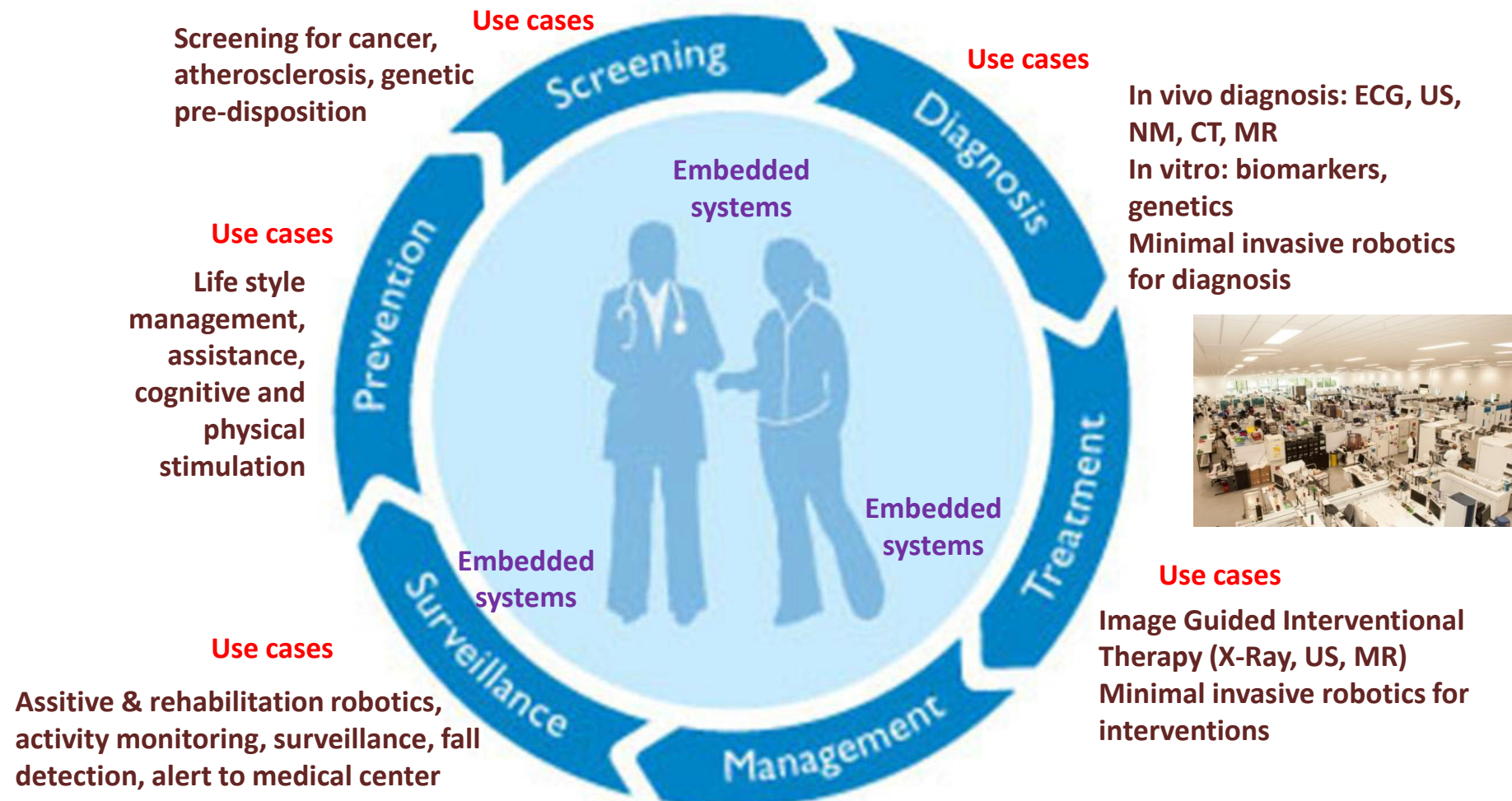


Rehabilitation

Robotics in healthcare as Patient-centred

Care Pathways

- **Cardiology:** prevention & early detection, miniinvasive treatment, chronic disease management
- **Neurology:** early diagnosis, effective treatment, chronic disease management
- **Oncology;** early diagnosis, effective treatment, chronic disease management
- **Infection:** surveillance, diagnosis, vaccine / drug development, trials, treatment, management
- **Degenerative diseases:** stem cell collection, manufacturing, treatment, management



Emeryville, CA, USA

Emerald Cloud Lab



“big data + robots = all problems solved”

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Tech investors bet on synthetic biology

Once hesitant, Silicon Valley venture capitalists are warming to the idea of engineered cells.

MONEY FOR MICROBES

Investments in synthetic-biology start-ups have increased dramatically in the past three years. Much of the funding comes from prominent technology investors.

COMPANY	YEAR FOUNDED	BUSINESS	TOTAL FUNDS (US\$)	NOTABLE INVESTORS
Twist Bioscience	2013	DNA synthesis	\$82.11 million	Yuri Milner (Internet-company investor)
Zymergen	2013	Microbial-strain optimization	\$44 million \$133M	Obvious Ventures; Eric Schmidt (Alphabet executive chairman)
Ginkgo Bioworks	2008	Microbial engineering	\$54.12 million	Matt Ocko (Facebook and Zynga investor)
Bolt Threads	2009	High-performance fibres	\$40 million	Peter Thiel and Max Levchin (PayPal co-founders)
Transcriptic	2012	Robotics for biology labs	\$14.37 million	Jerry Yang (Yahoo co-founder)
Riffyn	2014	Software	\$1.8 million	O'Reilly AlphaTech Ventures
Emerald Therapeutics	2010	Technology platforms	\$34 million	Peter Thiel and Max Levchin



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