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## *Artificial Empathy:*

*Affective and Cognitive Developmental Robotics*

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Constructive Developmental Science  
Based on Understanding the Process  
from Neuro-Dynamics to Social Interaction

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2012 - 2016

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# Introduction of myself

- Prof. of Osaka Univ., Grad. Sch. Of Eng. (1995~) [www.er.ams.eng.osaka-u.ac.jp](http://www.er.ams.eng.osaka-u.ac.jp)
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- PI for JSPS Grand-in-Aid for Specially Promoted Research (2012-17) [www.er.ams.eng.osaka-u.ac.jp/asadalab/tokusui/index\\_en.html](http://www.er.ams.eng.osaka-u.ac.jp/asadalab/tokusui/index_en.html)
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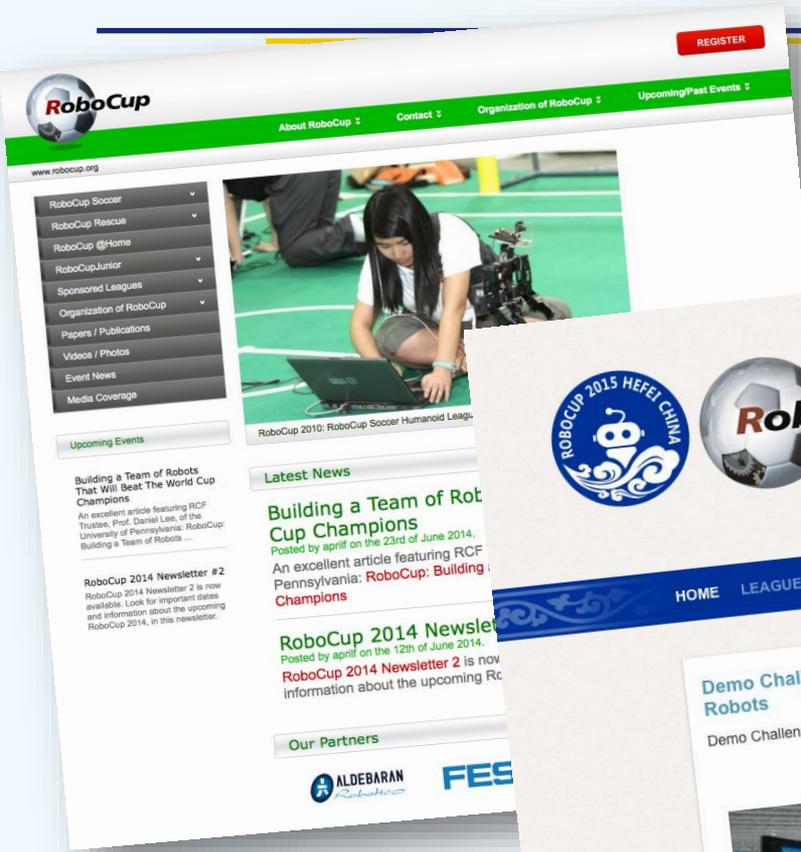
- JST ERATO Asada Project (2005-2011).
- Grants-in-Aid for Scientific Research (Research Project Number: 24000012: 2012-2017).

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# ■ *From the web ISSA summer school*

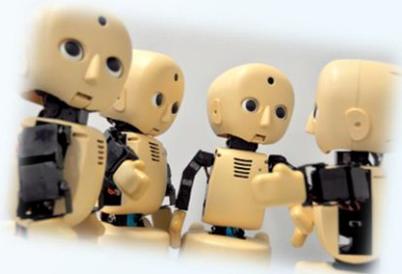
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We are using the notion of aware<sup>n</sup>ess in a broad sense: we include consciousness in general as well as self-awareness, and responsiveness of autonomous agents in complex systems to each other and to their environment. We thus include neuroscience; cognitive science; artificial intelligence; artificial life and *robotics*; logic and philosophy, in particular phenomenology. We also include high performance computing and other techniques and methodologies, useful in the areas mentioned above.



# ■ *What does robotics mean in my talk?*

1. **Design theory:** constructive approaches to the cognitive issues by utilizing virtual and real robots.
  2. **Developmental aspects:** not given a priori but obtaining through learning and development as much as possible!
  3. **Robots as tools** for studying humans' behaviors and minds
- **Cognitive vs. Affective** issue towards artificial empathy



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- Developmental Robotics, Cognitive Developmental Robotics



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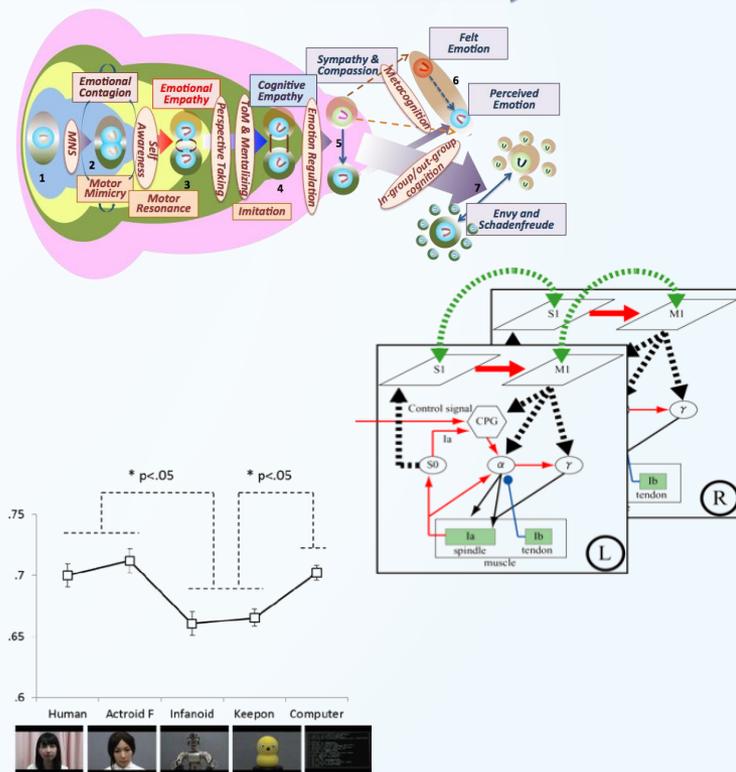
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## 5. Future issues

Increased Self/Other Discrimination →



# What's human's development ?



When I was a baby...



Elementary school



JM



1997.8



Junior high school



High school



2009.6.5@Shanghai

# ■ *What's going on in the womb?*

[through the courtesy of Dr. Yukuo Konishi@Doshisha Univ.]



**26 weeks**



**36 weeks**

# ■ Infant development and learning targets (1)

M	behaviors	learning targets
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5	hand regard	forward and inverse models of the hand
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6	finger the other's face	integration of visuo-tactile sensation of the face
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7	drop objects and observe the result	causality and permanency of objects
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# ■ *Infant development and learning targets (2)*

M	behaviors	learning targets
8	hit objects	dynamics model of objects
9	drum or bring a cup to mouth	tool use
10	imitate movements	imitation of unseen movements
11	grasp and carry objects to others	action recognition and generation, cooperation
12	pretend	mental simulation



# ■ *Nature vs. Nurture ?*

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Nature Via Nurture: Genes, Experience and What Makes Us Human, Matt Ridley.



Matt Ridley

*No longer is it nature-versus-nurture, but nature-via-nurture.*

[From Scientific American]

- A balance between nature (embedded) and nurture (learning and development) sides is an issue in designing humanoids.

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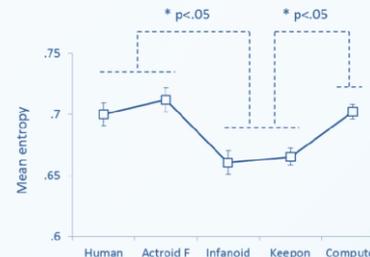
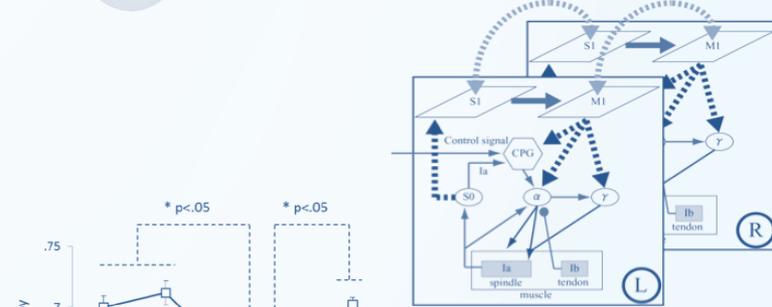
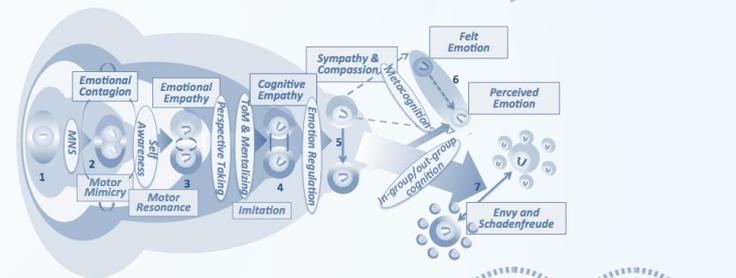
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# Cognitive Developmental Robotics (1)

[Asada et al., 2001]



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## Cognitive developmental robotics as a new paradigm for the design of humanoid robots

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### Abstract

This paper proposes *cognitive developmental robotics* (CDR) as a new principle for the design of humanoid robots. This principle may provide ways of understanding human beings that go beyond the current level of explanation found in the natural and social sciences. Furthermore, a methodological emphasis on humanoid robots in the design of artificial creatures holds promise because they have many degrees of freedom and sense modalities and, thus, must face the challenges of scalability that are often side-stepped in simpler domains. We examine the potential of this new principle as well as issues that are likely to be important to CDR in the future. © 2001 Elsevier Science B.V. All rights reserved.

**Keywords:** Cognitive development; Embodiment; Self-learning architecture; Environmental design; Imitative learning

# Developmental Robotics (1)

[Lungarella et al., 2003]

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## Developmental robotics: a survey

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*Abstract.* Developmental robotics is an emerging field located at the intersection of robotics, cognitive science and developmental sciences. This paper elucidates the main reasons and key motivations behind the convergence of fields with seemingly disparate interests, and shows why developmental robotics might prove to be beneficial for all fields involved. The methodology advocated is synthetic and two-pronged: on the one hand, it employs robots to instantiate models originating from developmental sciences; on the other hand, it aims to develop better robotic systems by exploiting insights gained from studies on ontogenetic development. This paper gives a survey of the relevant research issues and points to some future research directions.

*Keywords:* development, embodied cognitive science, robotics, synthetic methodology



# Cognitive Developmental Robotics (2)

[Asada et al., 2009]



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## Cognitive Developmental Robotics: A Survey

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**Abstract**—Cognitive developmental robotics (CDR) aims to provide new understanding of how human's higher cognitive functions develop by means of a synthetic approach that developmentally constructs cognitive functions. The core idea of CDR is "physical embodiment" that enables information structuring through interactions with the environment, including other agents. The idea is shaped based on the hypothesized development model of human cognitive functions from body representation to social behavior. Along with the model, studies of CDR and related works are introduced, and discussion on the model and future issues are argued.

**Index Terms**—Cognitive developmental robotics (CDR), development model, synthetic approach.

### I. INTRODUCTION

**E**MERGENCE of higher order cognitive functions through learning and development is one of the greatest challenges in trying to make artificial systems more intelligent since existing systems are of limited capability even in fixed environments. Related disciplines are not just artificial intelligence and robotics but also neuroscience, cognitive science, developmental psychology, sociology, and so on, and we share this challenge. An obvious fact is that we have insufficient knowledge and too superficial implementations based on such knowledge to declare that we have only one unique solution to the mystery. The main reasons are the following.

# Developmental Robotics (2)

[Cangelosi A. & Schlesinger M., 2014]



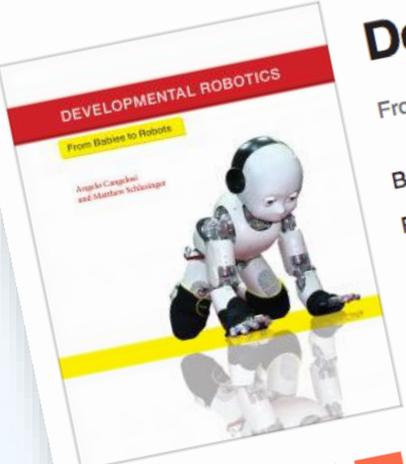
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## Developmental Robotics

From Babies to Robots

By **Angelo Cangelosi** and **Matthew Schlesinger**  
Foreword by **Linda B. Smith**



**Overview**

Developmental robotics is a collaborative and interdisciplinary approach to robotics that is directly inspired by the developmental principles and mechanisms observed in children's cognitive development. It builds on the idea that the robot, using a set of intrinsic developmental principles regulating the real-time interaction of its body, brain, and environment, can autonomously acquire an increasingly complex set of sensorimotor and mental capabilities. This volume, drawing on insights from psychology, computer science, linguistics, neuroscience, and robotics, offers the first comprehensive overview of a rapidly growing field.

After providing some essential background information on robotics and developmental psychology, the book looks in detail at how developmental robotics models and experiments have attempted to realize a range of behavioral and cognitive capabilities. The examples in these chapters were chosen because of their direct correspondence with specific issues in child psychology research; each chapter begins with a concise and accessible overview of relevant empirical and theoretical findings in developmental psychology. The chapters cover intrinsic motivation and curiosity; motor development, examining both manipulation and locomotion; perceptual development, including face recognition and perception of space; social learning, emphasizing such phenomena as joint attention and cooperation; language, from phonetic babbling to syntactic processing; and abstract knowledge, including models of number learning and reasoning strategies. Boxed text offers technical and methodological details for both psychology and robotics experiments.

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# ■ *What's cognitive developmental robotics?*

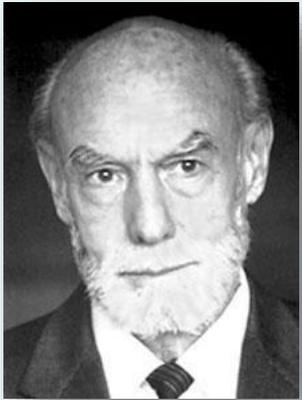
- Cognitive developmental robotics aims at understanding human cognitive developmental processes by synthetic or constructive approaches.
- Its core idea is "***physical embodiment***" and "***social interaction***" that enable information structuring through interactions with the environment including other agents.



# ■ *Physical Embodiment*

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- To understand the mind, begin with patterns of motor activities and derive the underlying mental structures from them. [Sperry, 1952]



## NEUROLOGY AND THE MIND-BRAIN PROBLEM

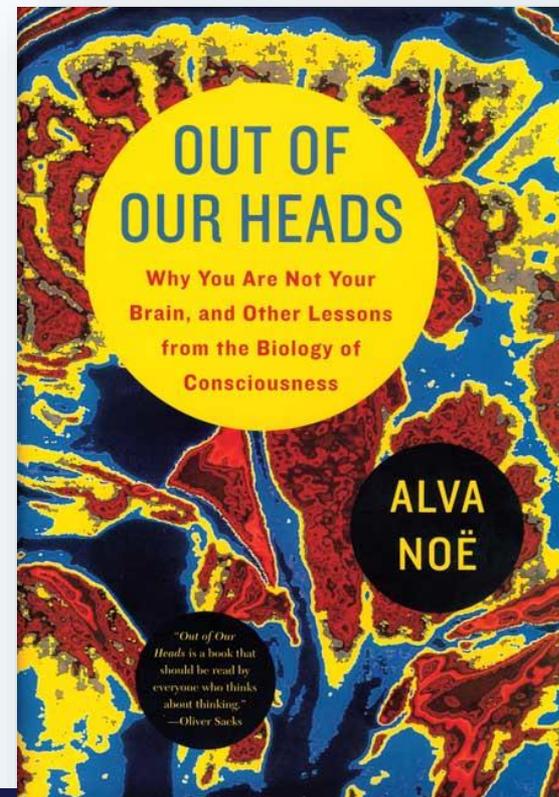
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**T**HE discrepancy between physiological processes in the brain and the correlated psychic experiences to which they give rise in consciousness has ever posed a baffling puzzle to students of psychology, neurology, and the related sciences. Despite steady advancement in our knowledge of the brain, the intrinsic nature of mind and its relation to cerebral excitation remains as much an enigma today as it was a hundred years ago.

# ***Social Interaction***

- The mind cannot be understood except in terms of the interaction of a whole organism with the external environment, especially the social environment. [Noe, 2009]



# ■ Approaches of CDR

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**A: construction of computational model of cognitive development**

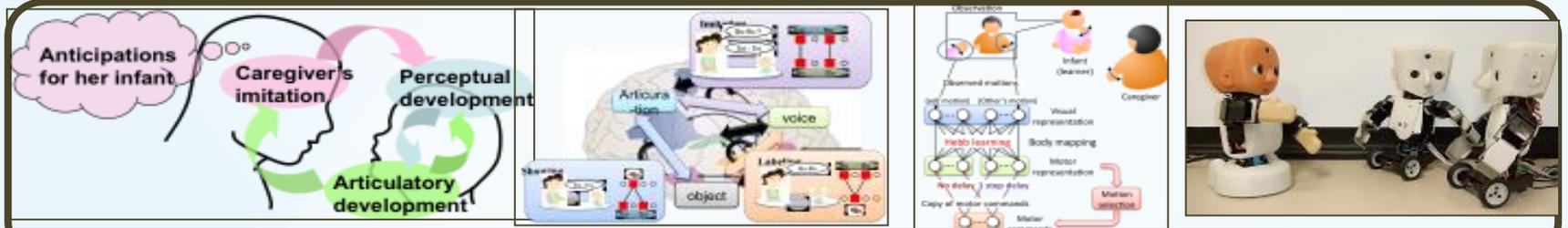
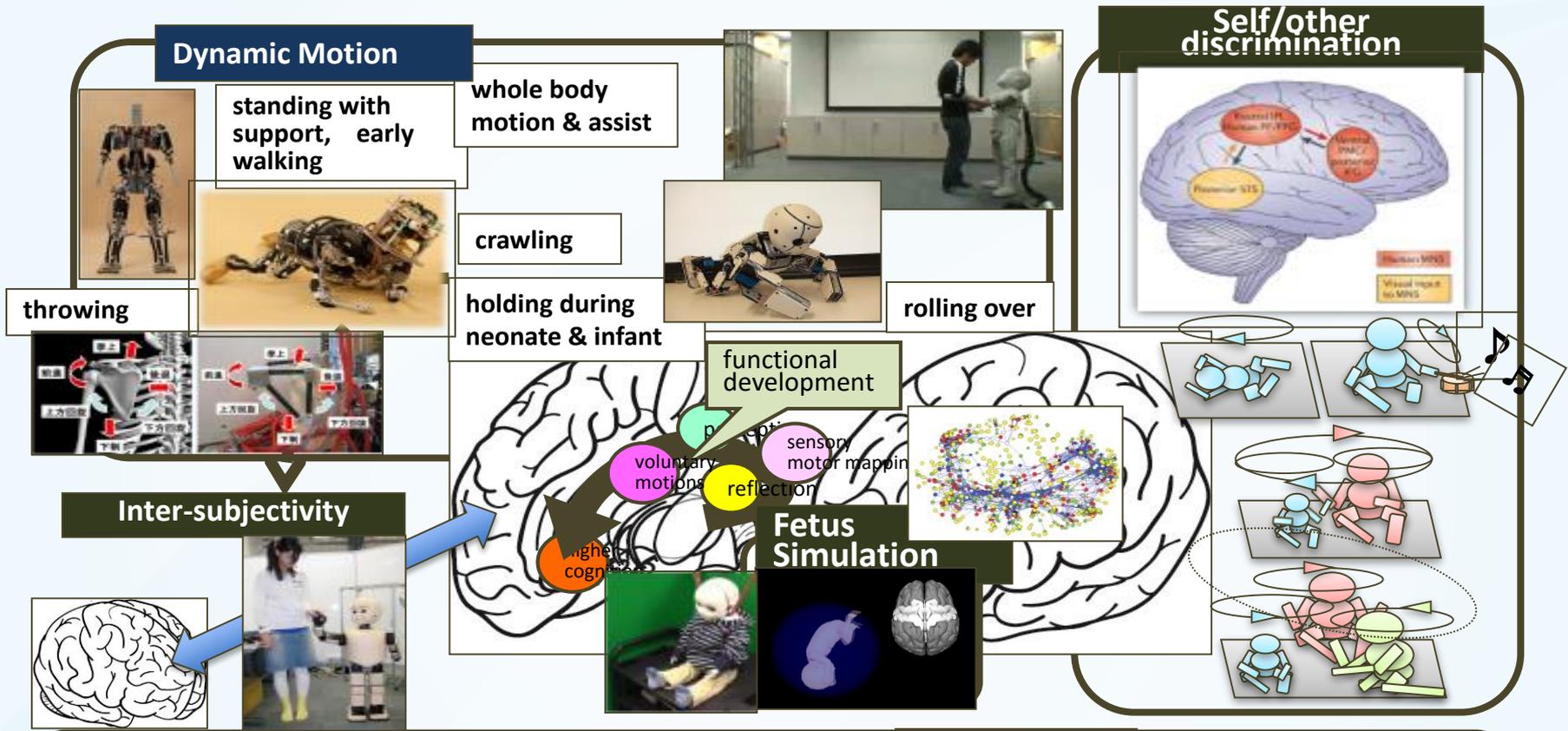
- 1) hypothesis generation
- 2) computer simulation
- 3) *hypothesis verification with real agents, then go to 1)*

**B: offer new means or data to know human developmental process → mutual feedback with A**

- 1) measurement of brain activity by imaging methods
- 2) verification using human subjects or animal ones
- 3) *providing the robot as a reliable reproduction tool in (psychological) experiments*

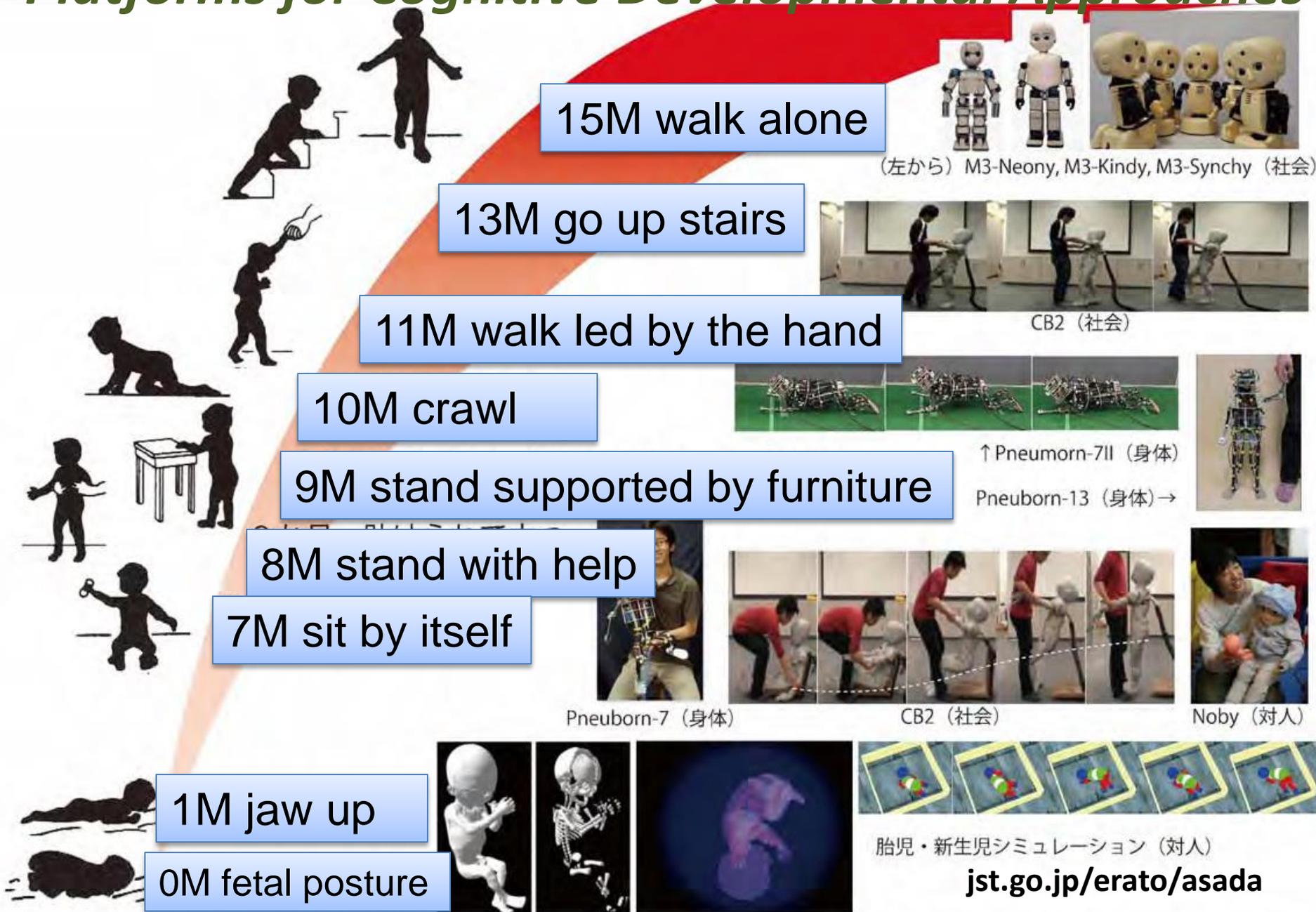
# From physical interaction to social one

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From emergence of social behavior through interactions with caregiver to development of communication

# Platforms for Cognitive Developmental Approaches



# Robot platforms



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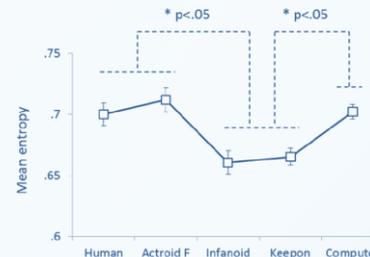
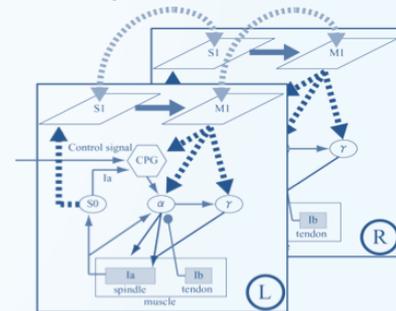
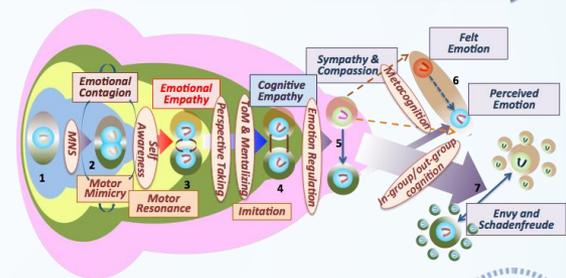
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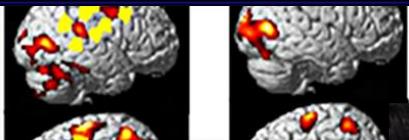


# ■ *Our current project*

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Towards Constructive Developmental Science:  
Understanding and designing the process from  
neural dynamics to social interaction

- "(de)Synchronization"
- Neural dynamics
- MNS
- Self/other discrimination



Toward constructive understanding of  
Development of  
Self-Other  
Recognition

# Development of self/other cognition

## (1) ecological self

sprouting  
of self

Synchronization  
with environment



## (2) interpersonal self

self/other identification  
(MNS infrastructure)

Synchronization  
from caregiver



## (3) social self

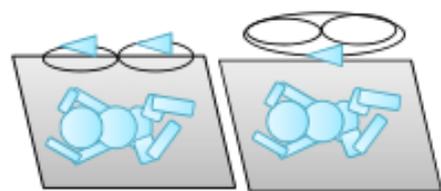
Self/other  
separation

desynchronization  
from others



Physical body in synchronization → self/other identification  
Desynchronization → self/other separation

### I. Synchronizing body

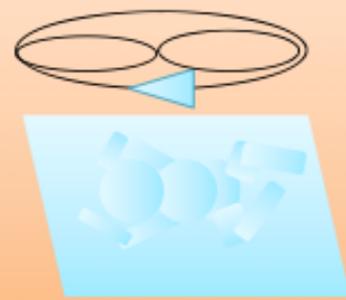


Synchronization with environment

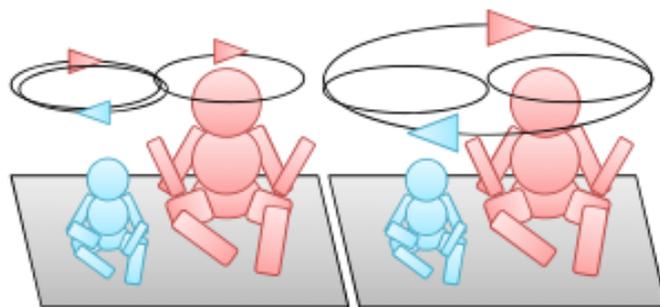
Rhythmic movement Reaching



Ecological self (formation of phase)

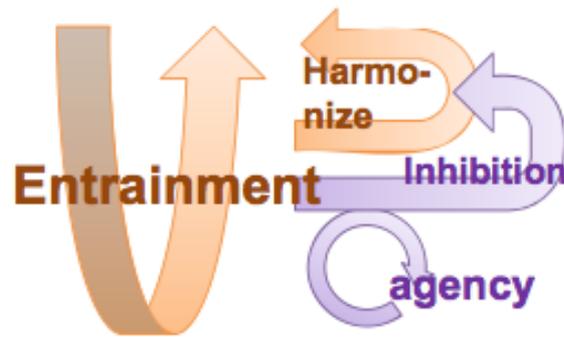


### II. Synchronization initiated by caregiver



Synchronization from caregiver

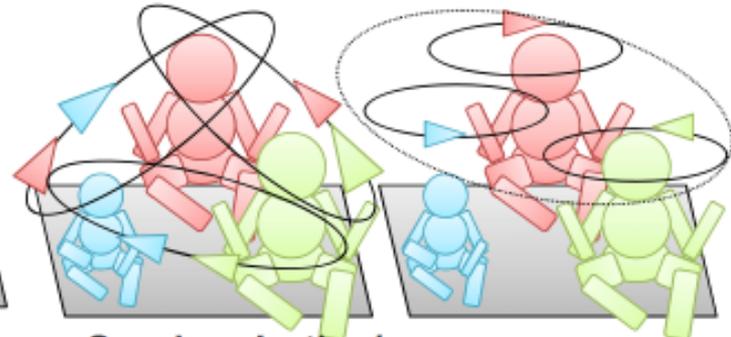
Response, Turn-imitation taking



Interpersonal self (recognize/inhibition of phase)

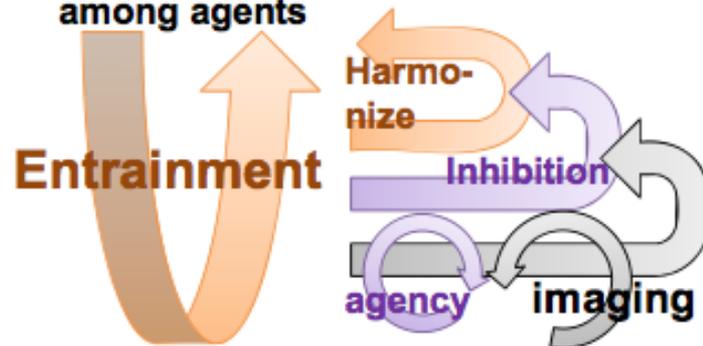


### III. Synchronizing and desynchronizing bodies

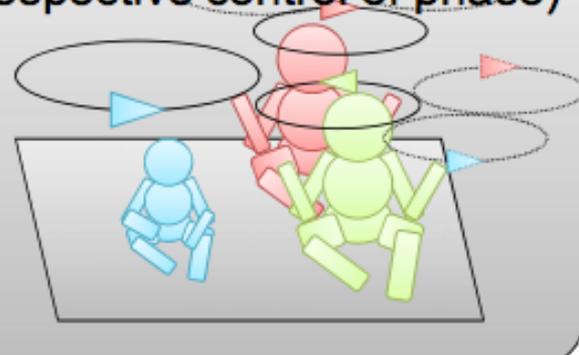


Synchronization/desynchronization among agents

Prospective Synchronization

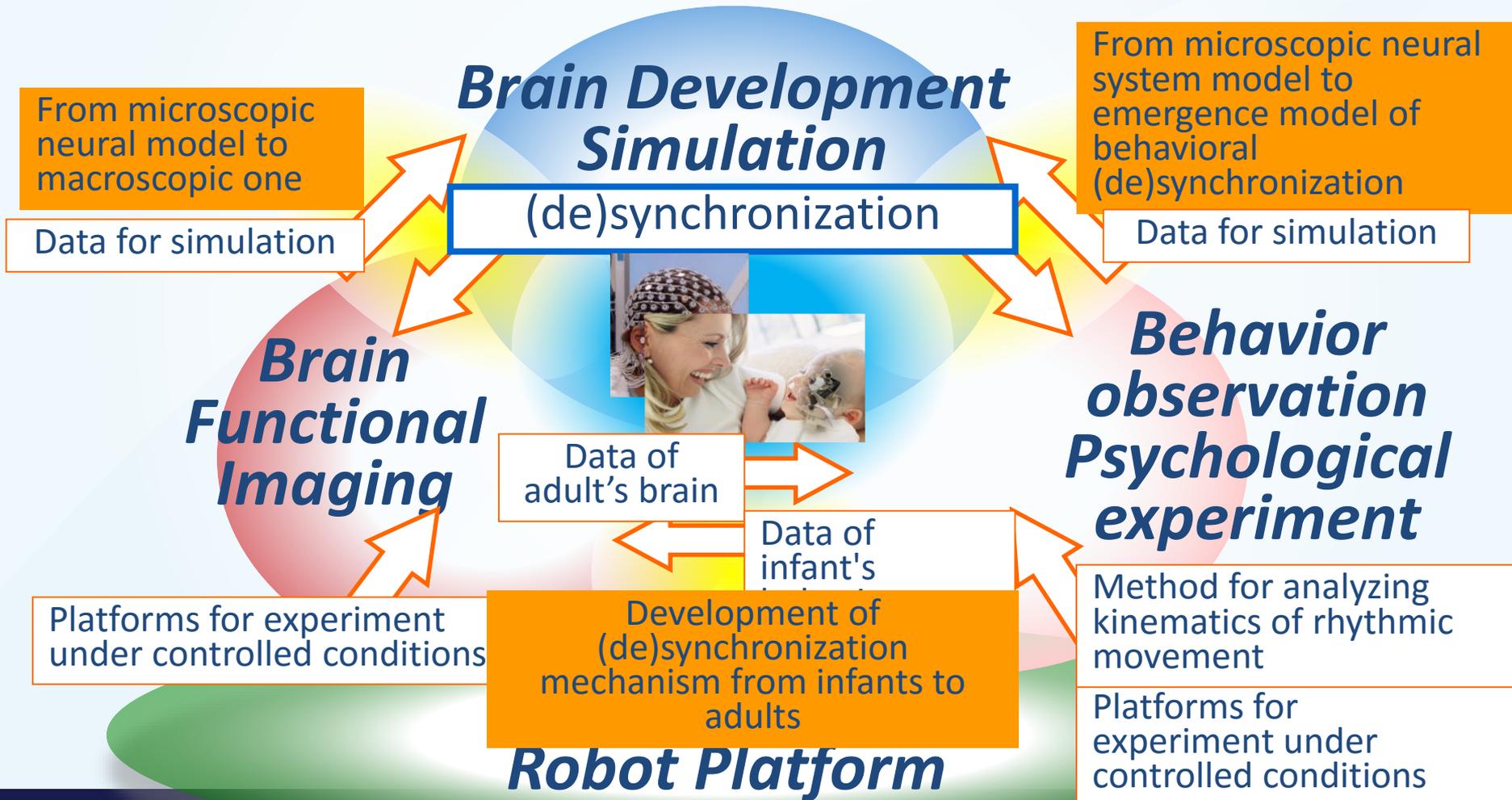


Social self (imaging and prospective control of phase)

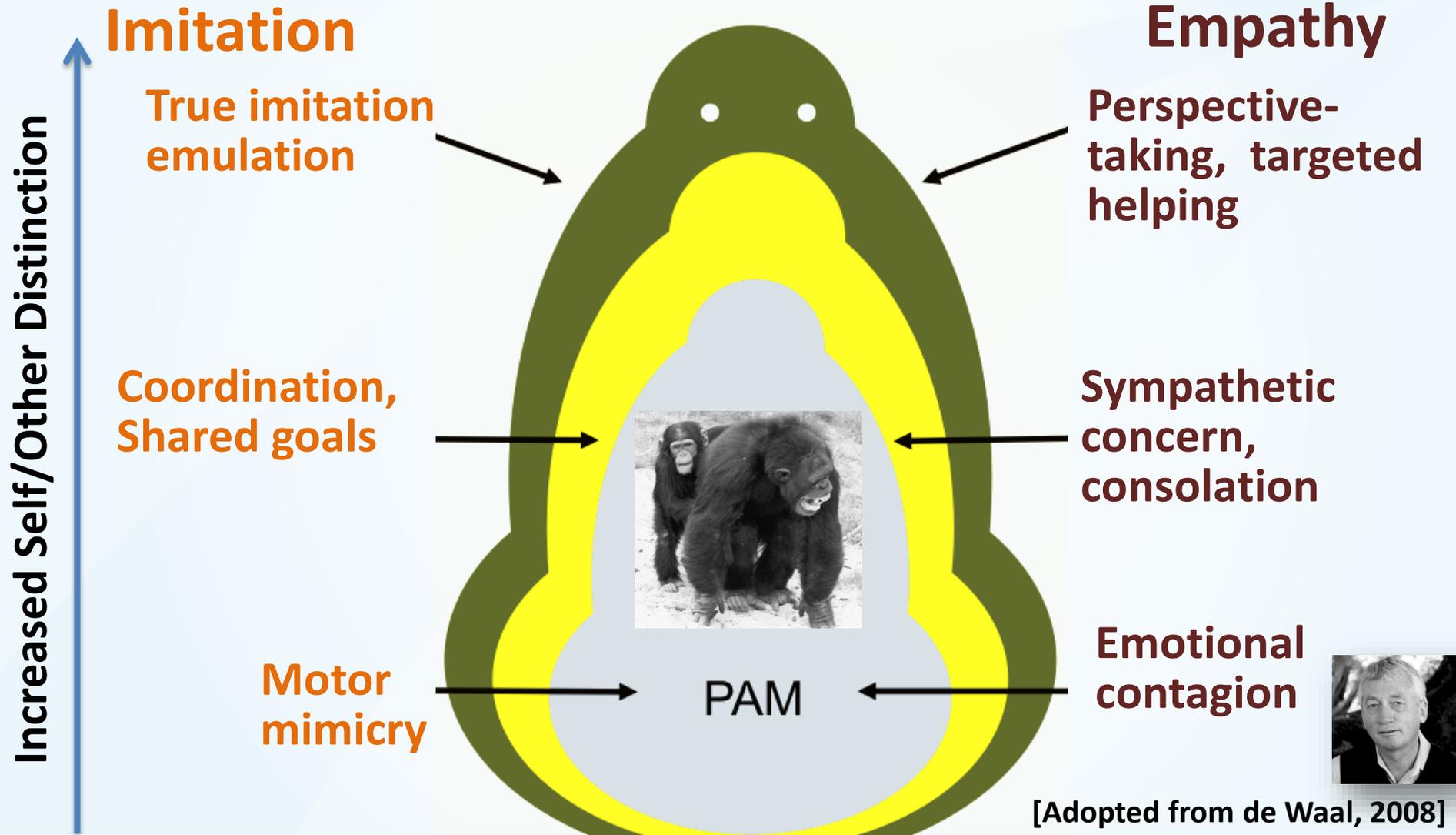


# An Overview of our current project

Understanding and designing the self/other cognition process through the observation and computational modeling



# The Evolution of Empathy



# Evolution and development of empathy

- We follow the definition of the empathy in a review of neuroscience of empathy from viewpoints of ontogeny, phylogeny, brain mechanisms, context and psychopathology by Gonzalez-Liencrees et al.



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Review

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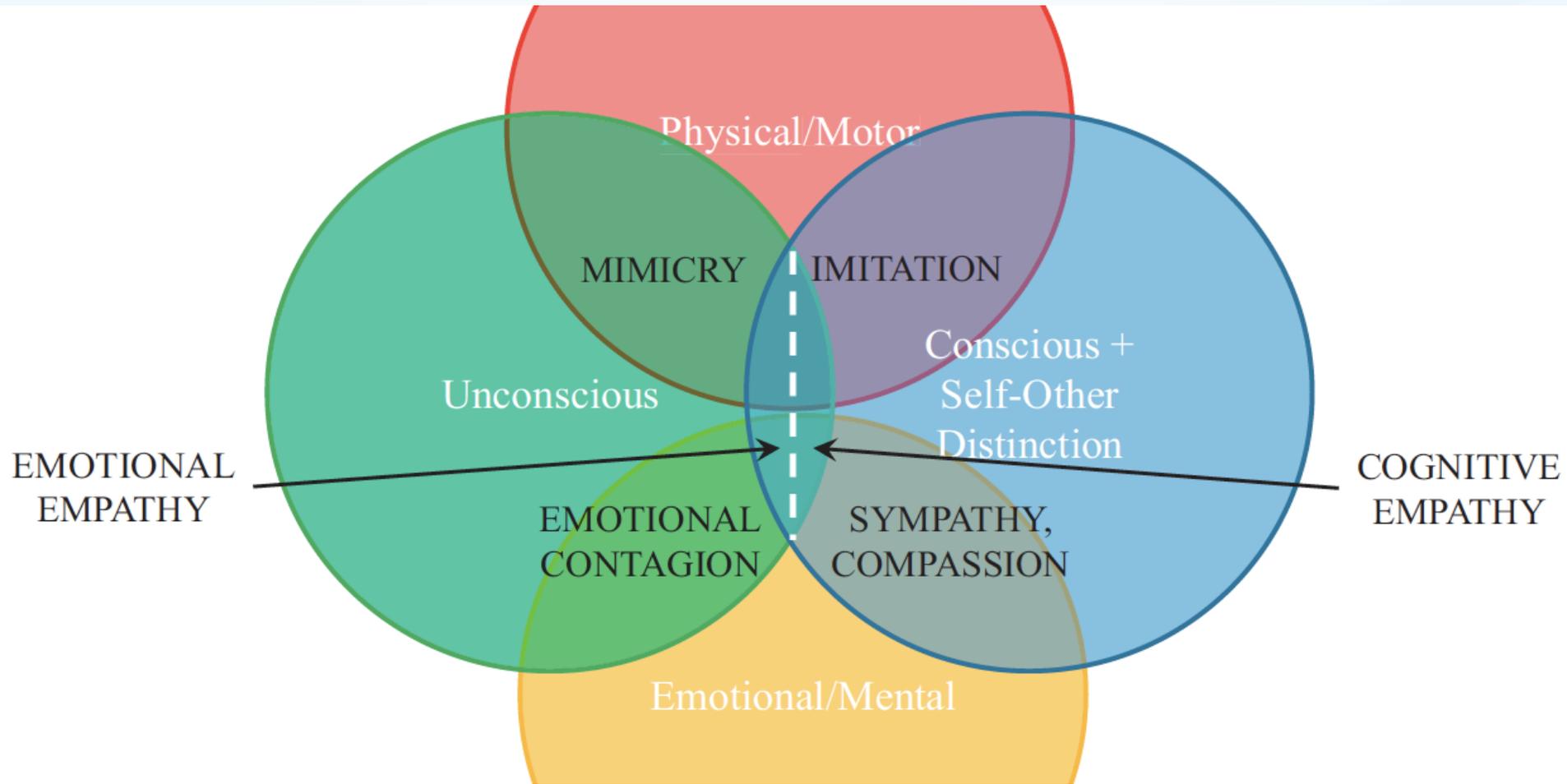
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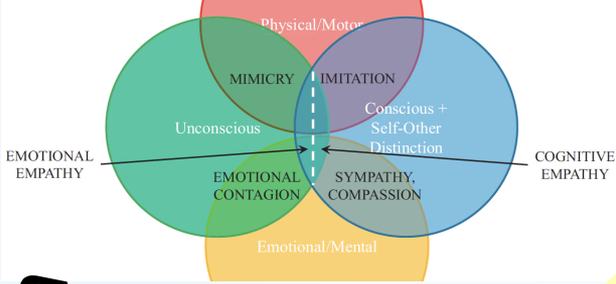
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# Schematic depiction of the terminology



# Developmental (Evolutionary?) Pathway of Empathy

[C. Gonzalez-Lienres et al., 2013]



**Emotional/Mental**

**Unconsciousness**

**Consciousness +  
Self-Other Distinction**

**Emotional  
Contagion**

**Mimicry**

**Emotional  
Empathy**

**Cognitive  
Empathy**

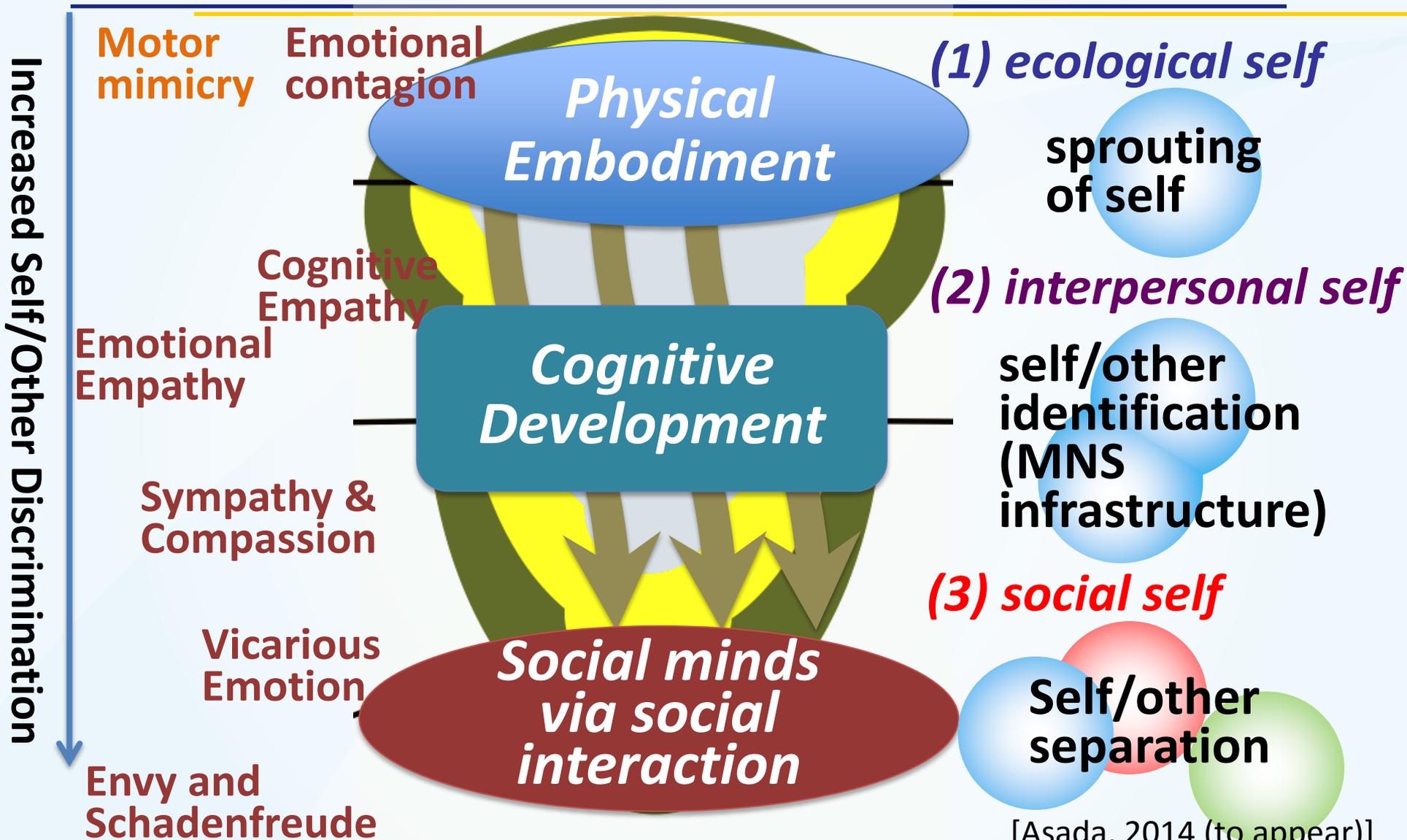
**Sympathy  
Compassion**

**Imitation**

**Physical/Motor**

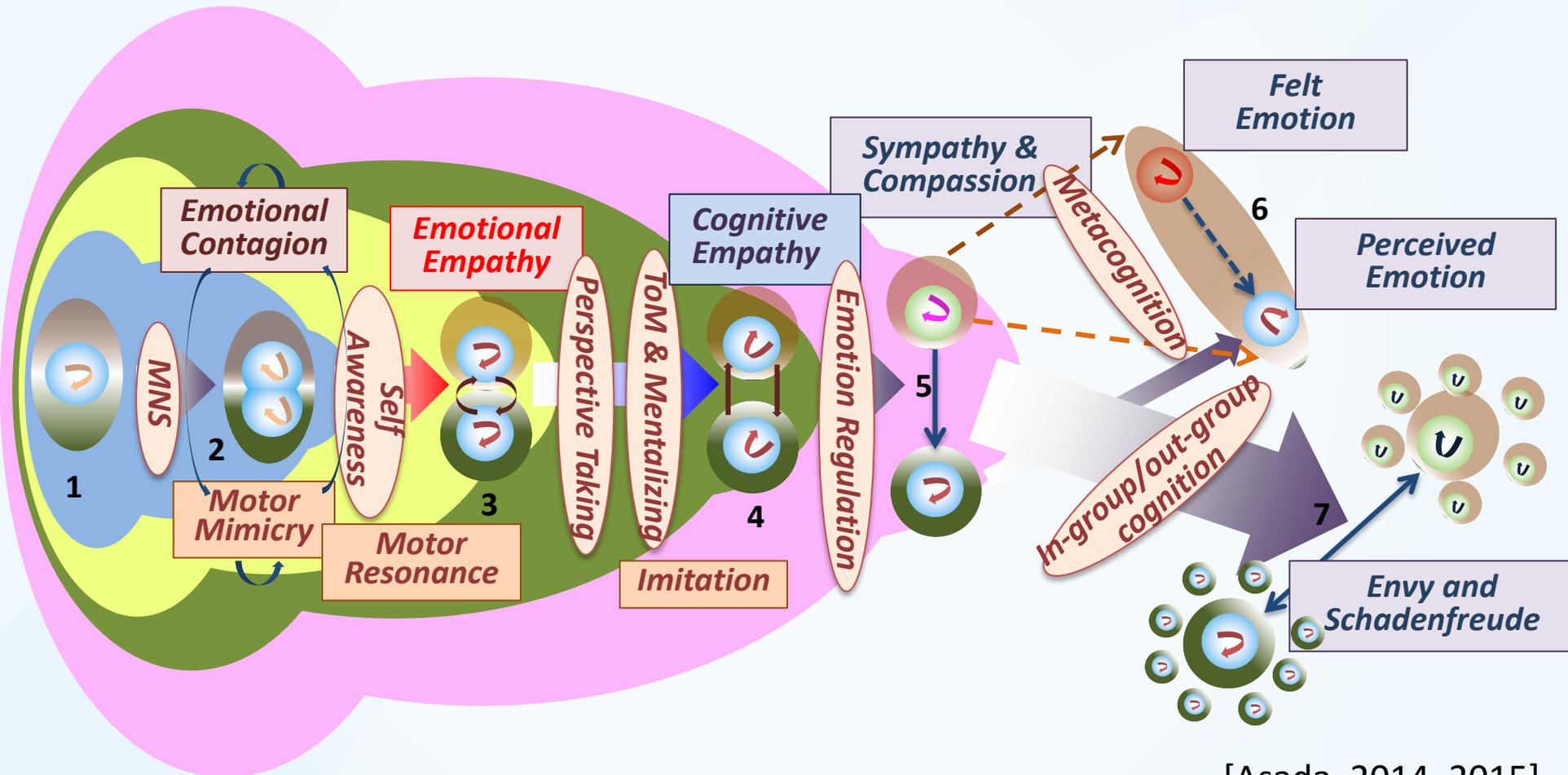
[Asada, 2014 (to appear)]

# Development of empathy and self/others discrimination



# Russian Model for Empathy Development

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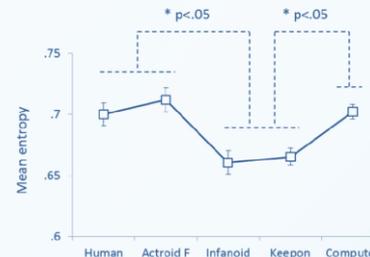
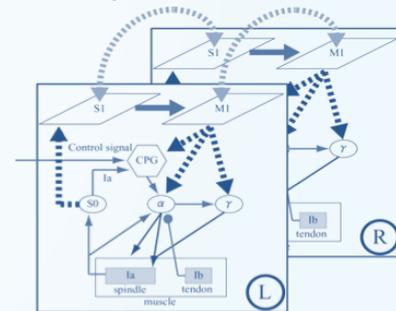
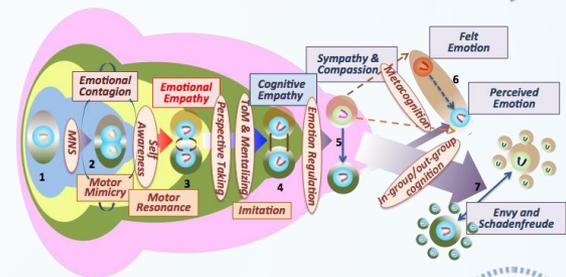
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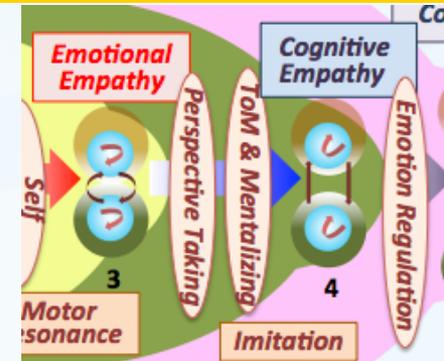
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# Cognitive vs. Affective in Empathy

1. Evolutionarily (and developmentally, too), emotional empathy is included by cognitive empathy!

Based on [Preston & de Waal, 2002]



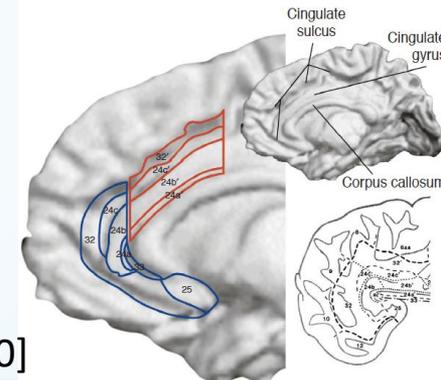
2. Two systems for empathy: differences in function, brain region, and period of development → independent structure!

[Shamay-Tsoory et al., 2009]

<b>Emotional Empathy</b>	<b>Cognitive Empathy</b>
Simulation system Emotional contagion Personal Distress Empathic concern Emotion recognition	Mentalizing system and Theory of Mind Perspective taking Imagination (of emotional future outcomes) Theory of mind
<b>Core Structure</b>	<b>Core Structure</b>
IFG BA 44 Unimodal Dysgranular cortex	VM BA 10, 11 Heteromodal Granular cortex
<b>Development</b>	<b>Development</b>
Infants	Children/adolescents
<b>Phylogenetics</b>	<b>Phylogenetics</b>
Rodents, Birds	Chimpanzees

3. Cognitive and emotional influences in anterior cingulate cortex: two different systems!

[Bush et al., 2000]



# Cognitive vs. Affective ?

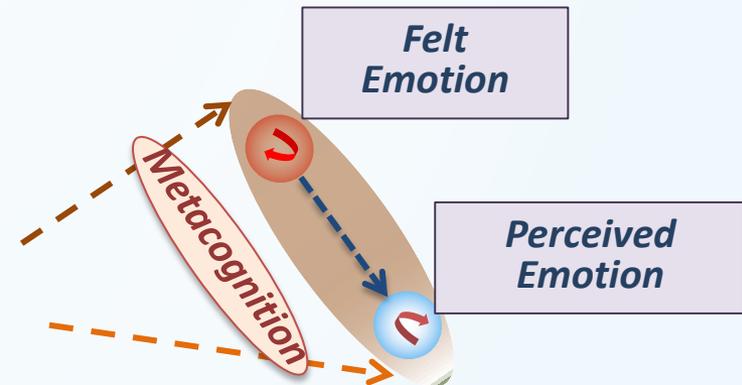
- Sad music induces pleasant emotion!
  - Perceived emotion: cognitive?
  - Felt emotion: affective?

→ The relationship is not a simple inclusion nor a complete separate one. But, more complicated!

→ The perceived emotion itself is a target of the felt emotion, and the situation itself is organized by a cognitive process (metacognition).

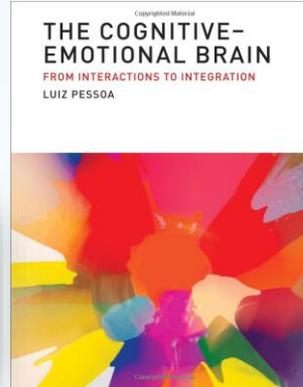


[Kawakami et al., 2013a, 2013b, 2014]

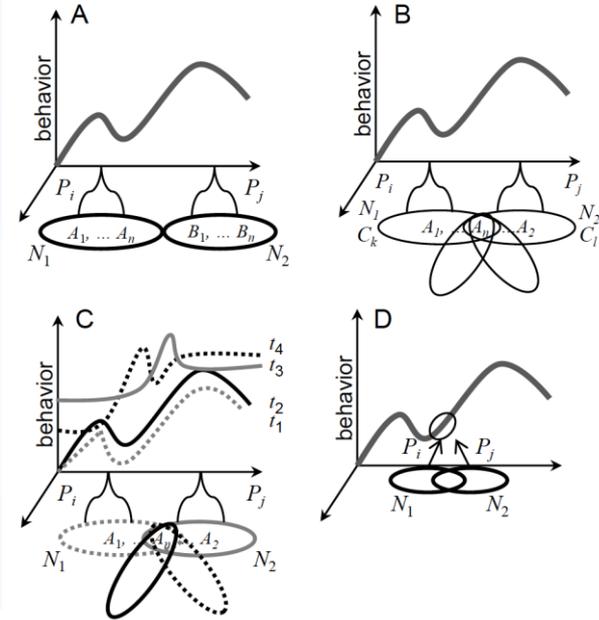


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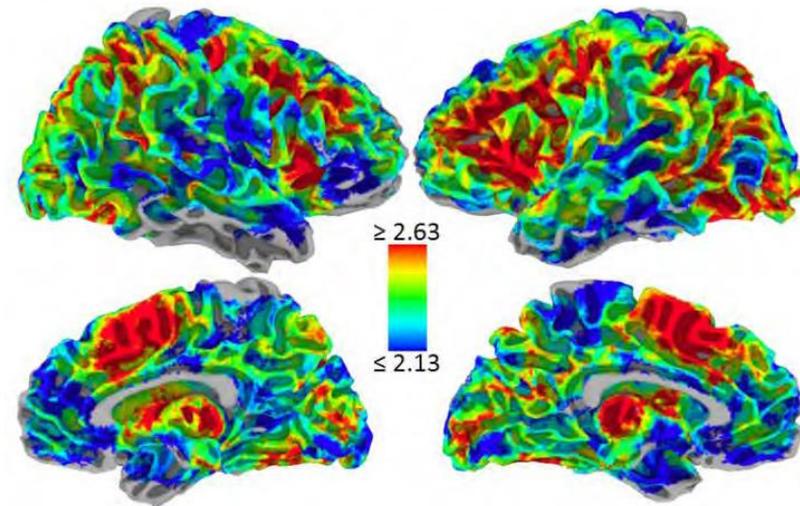
- Developmental changes: Inclusion  $\rightarrow$  separation  $\rightarrow$  metacognition?!
- The cognitive-emotional brain  $\rightarrow$  from the dichotomy to dynamic network structure (D)



[Pessoa, 2013]

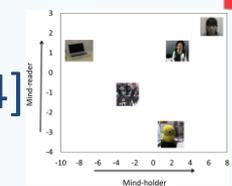
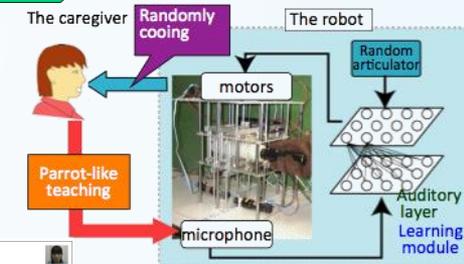
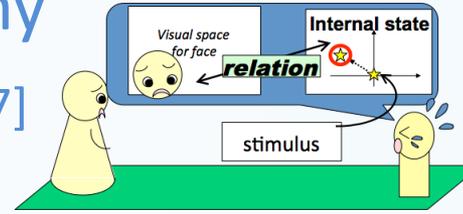
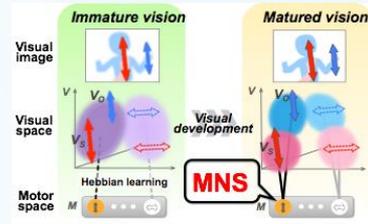
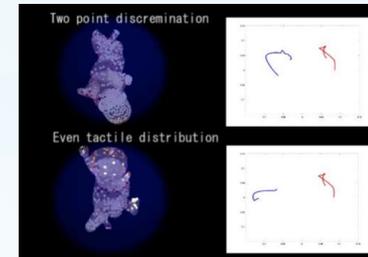


- *Attempt to build such a structure through constructive approaches!*



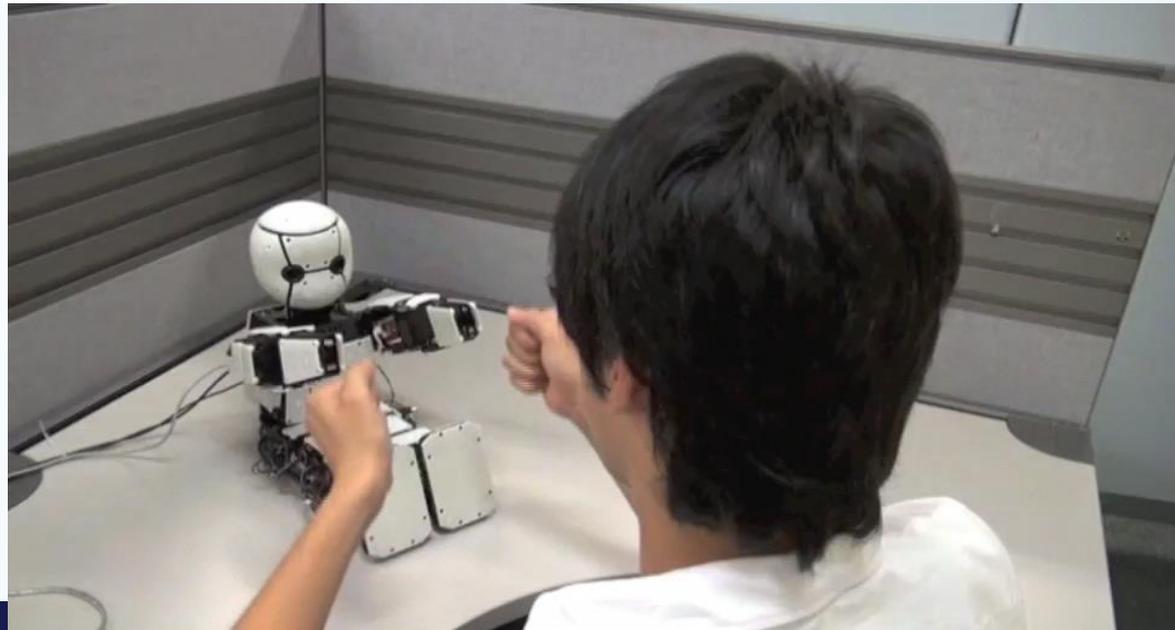
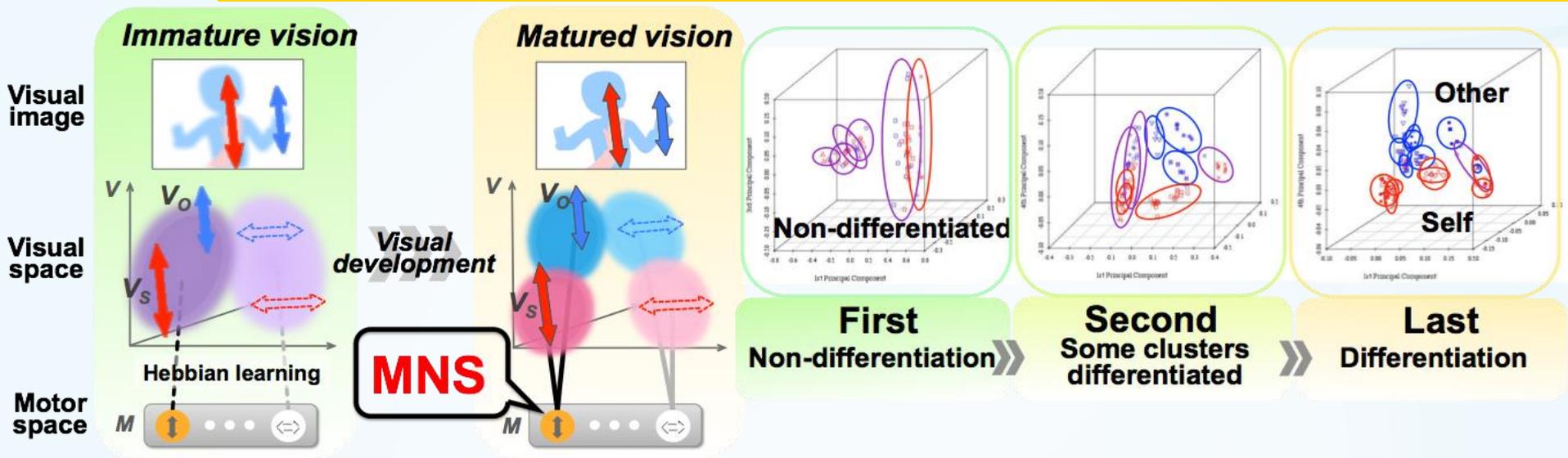
# Approaches at individual stages

1. **Fetal and neonatal simulations** [Kuniyoshi & Sangawa 2006, Mori & Kuniyoshi 2010, Mori et al., 2013]
2. Early development of MNS [Nagai et al., 2011]
3. Intuitive Parenting for empathy development [Watanabe et al., 2007]
4. Vowel Acquisition by Maternal Imitation [Yoshikawa et al., 2003, Ishihara et al., 2009, Miura et al., 2013]
5. **Social brain analysis** [Takahashi et al., 2014]
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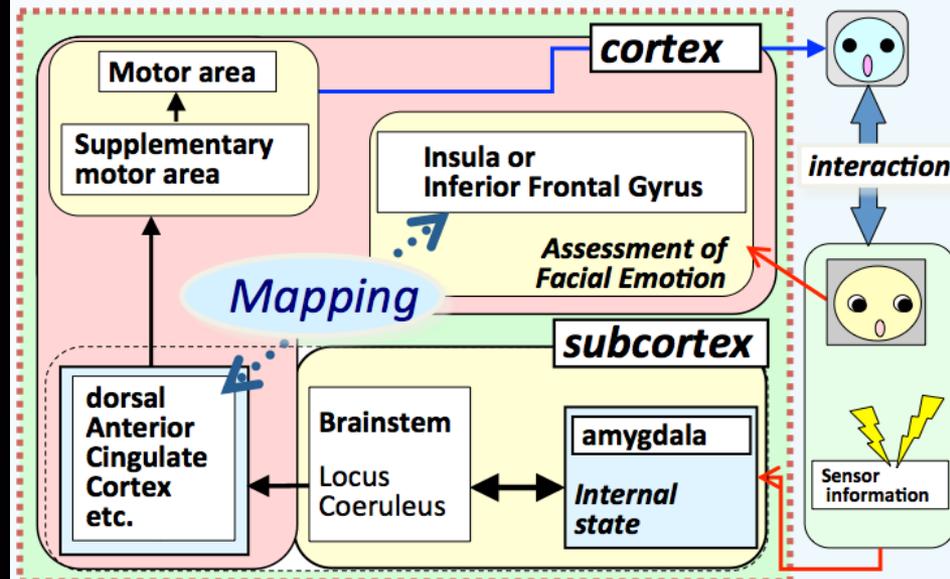
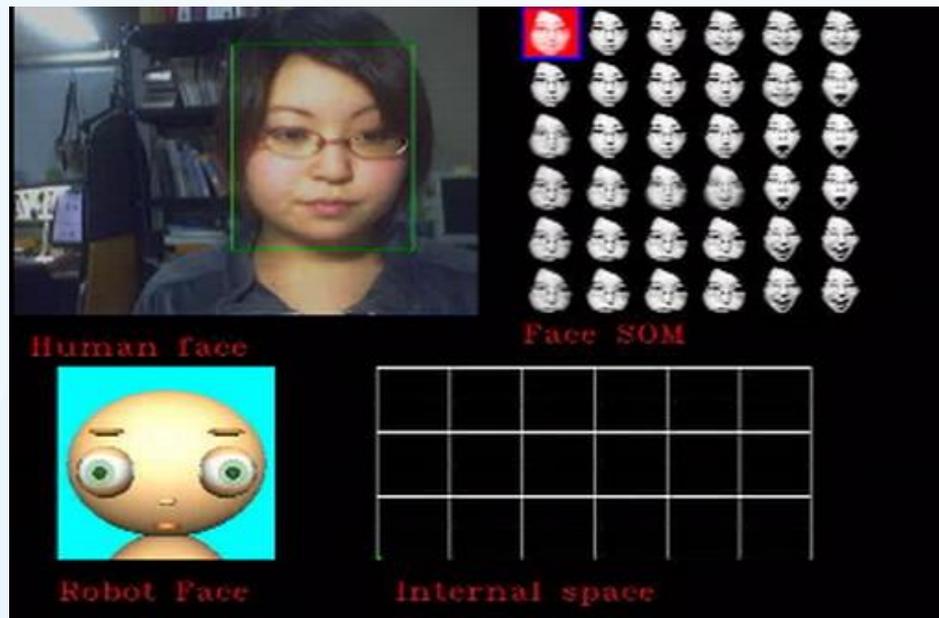
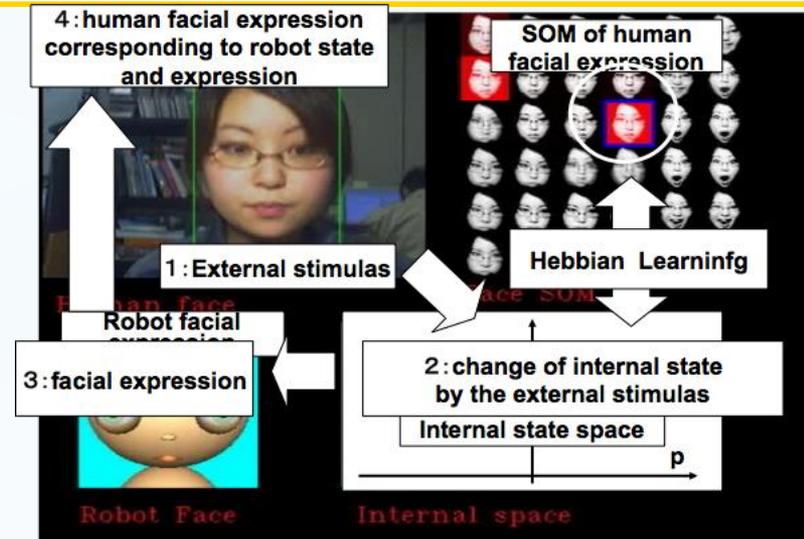
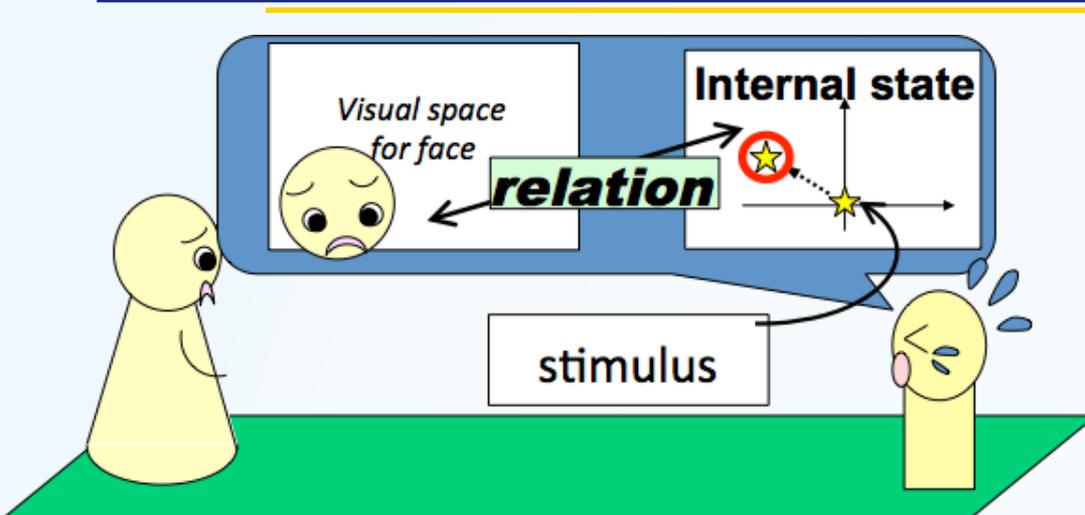
# 2. Early development of MNS

[Nagai et al., 2011]



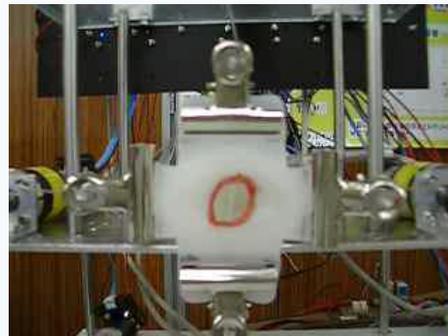
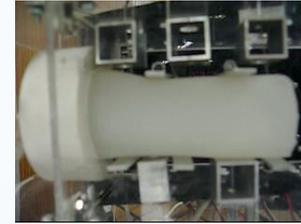
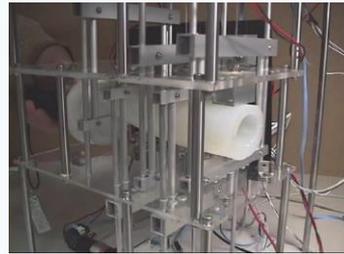
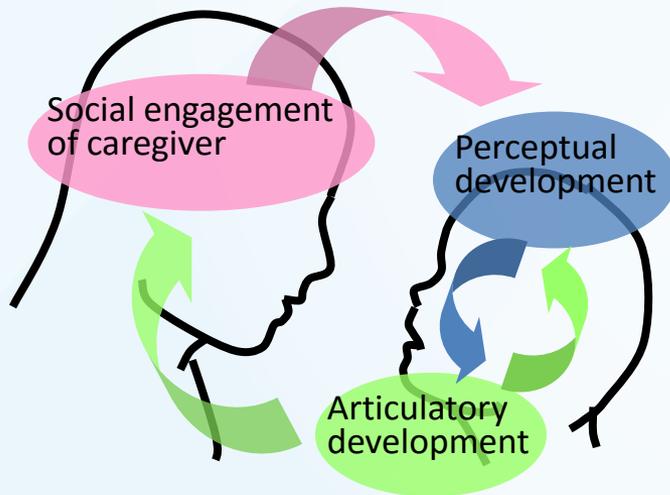
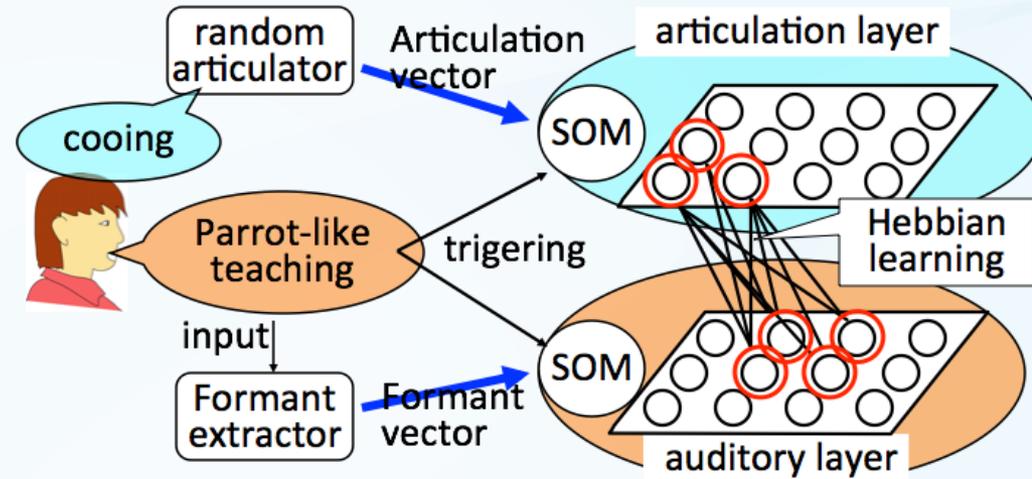
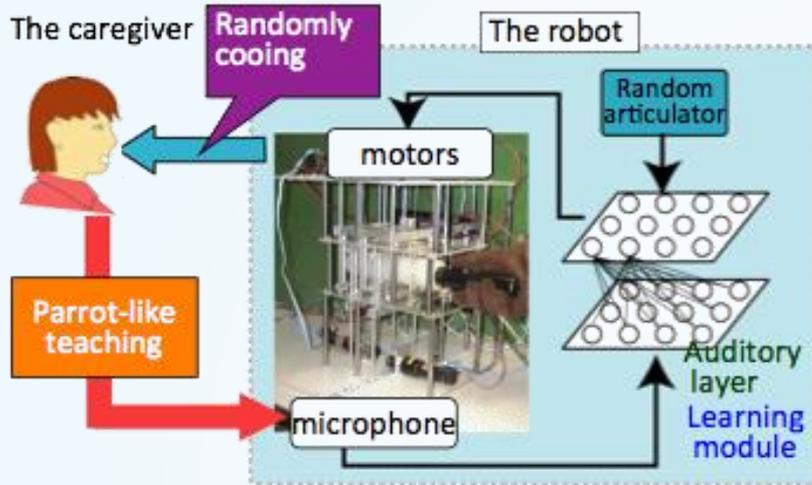
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# Outline of my talk

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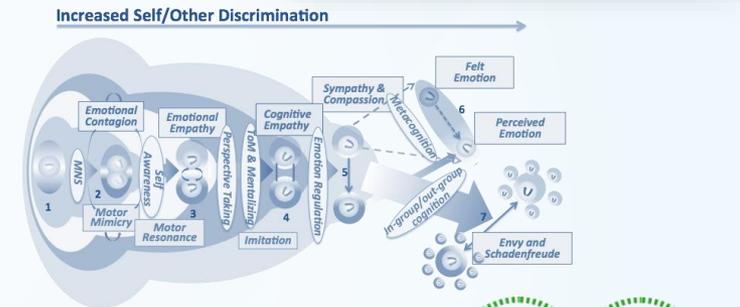
- What's development?
- Developmental Robotics, Developmental Robotics

Cognitive



## 2. Towards Artificial Empathy

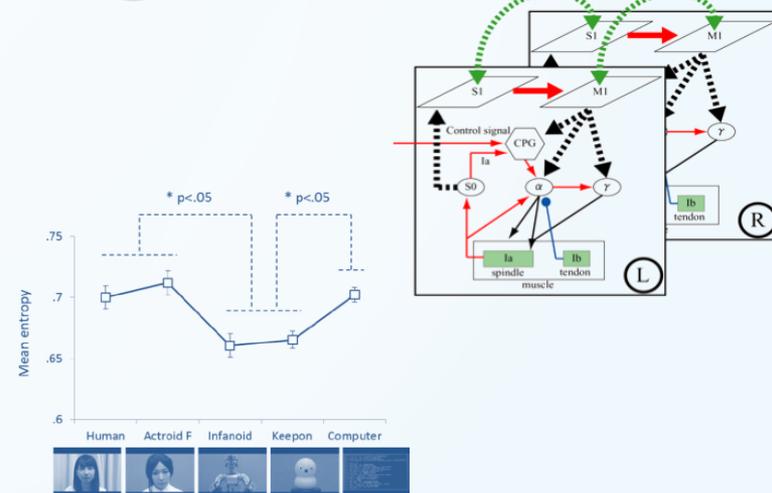
- Self/other cognition
- A developmental model
- Cognitive vs. Affective



## 3. Brain-Body Interaction

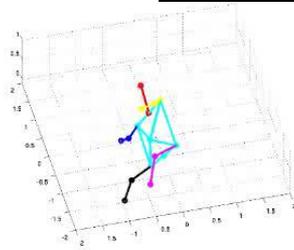
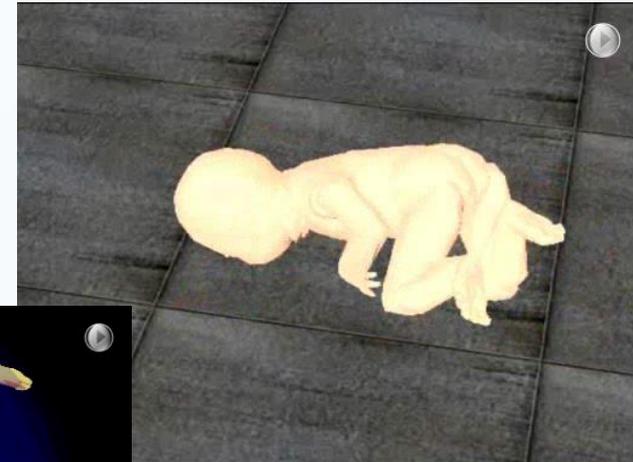
## 4. Mind Holder and Mind Reader

## 5. Future issues



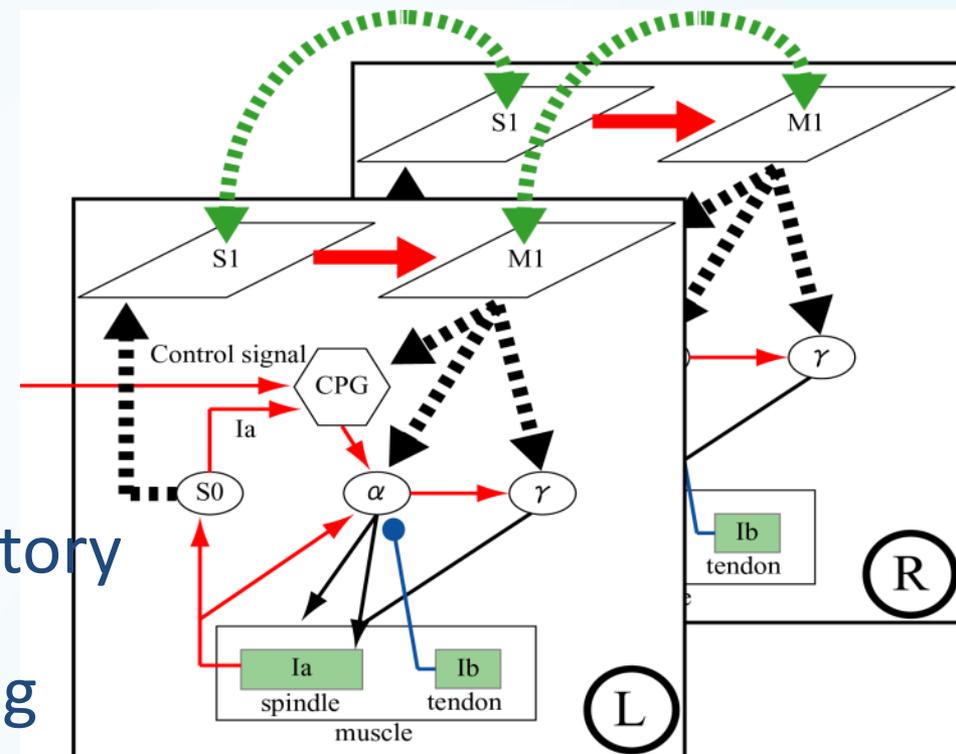
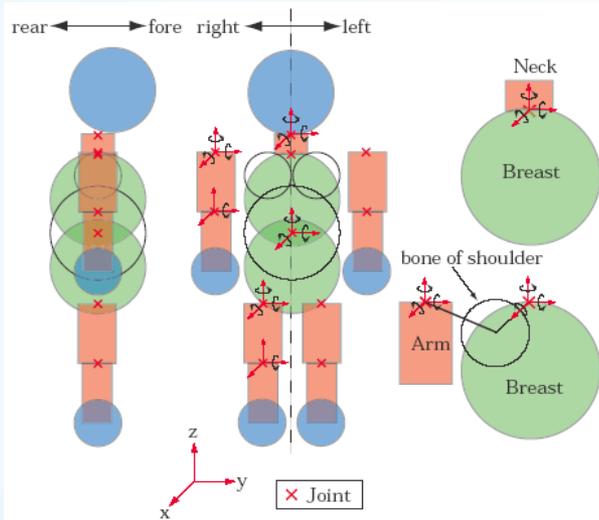
# Constructive approach toward human development from fetus to infant

- Fetus and infant whole body musculoskeletal model [Kuniyoshi and Sangawa, 2006, Mori and Kuniyoshi 2010]
- The fetus simulation → reflexive human fetal behavioral development in first half of pregnancy.



# Fetal Brain Development (1)

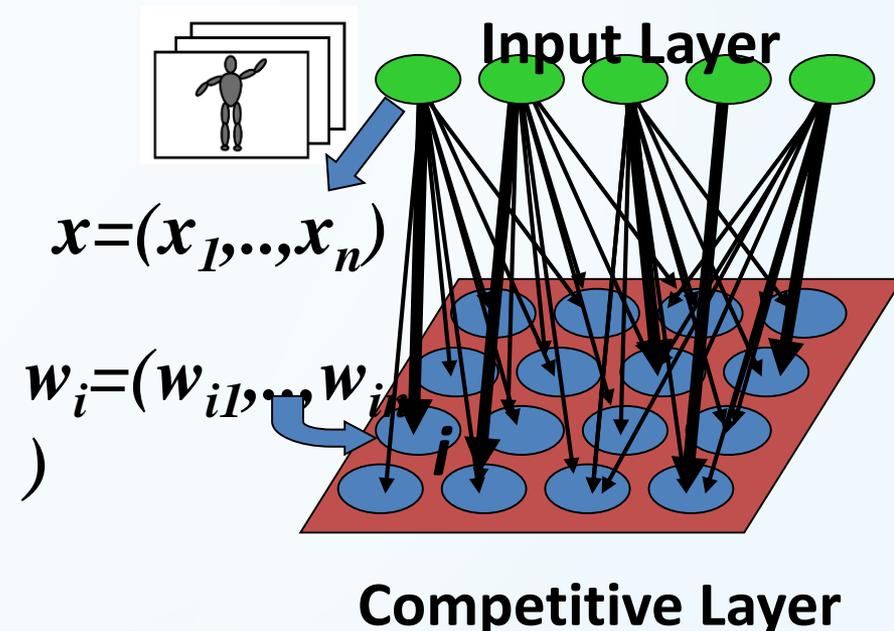
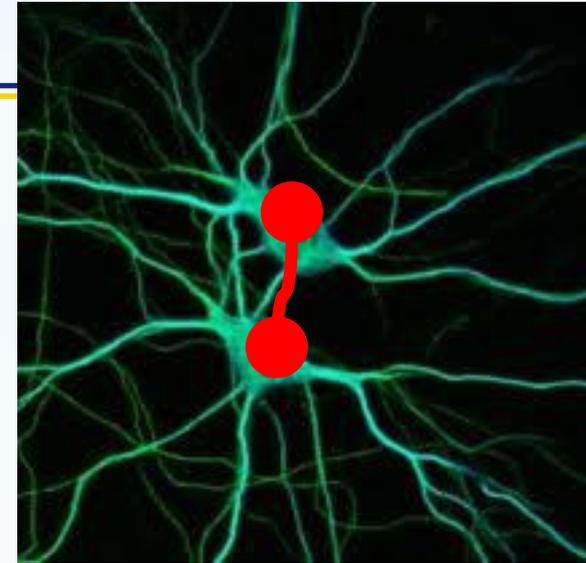
- Mori and Kuniyoshi (2010) → behavior generation through the interaction among (1) neural oscillators, (2) a musculoskelton system of the whole body, and (3) the external world based on [Kuniyoshi and Sangawa, 2006].



- Arrow (filled circle) → excitatory (inhibitory) connection.
- Thick broken lines → learning targets.

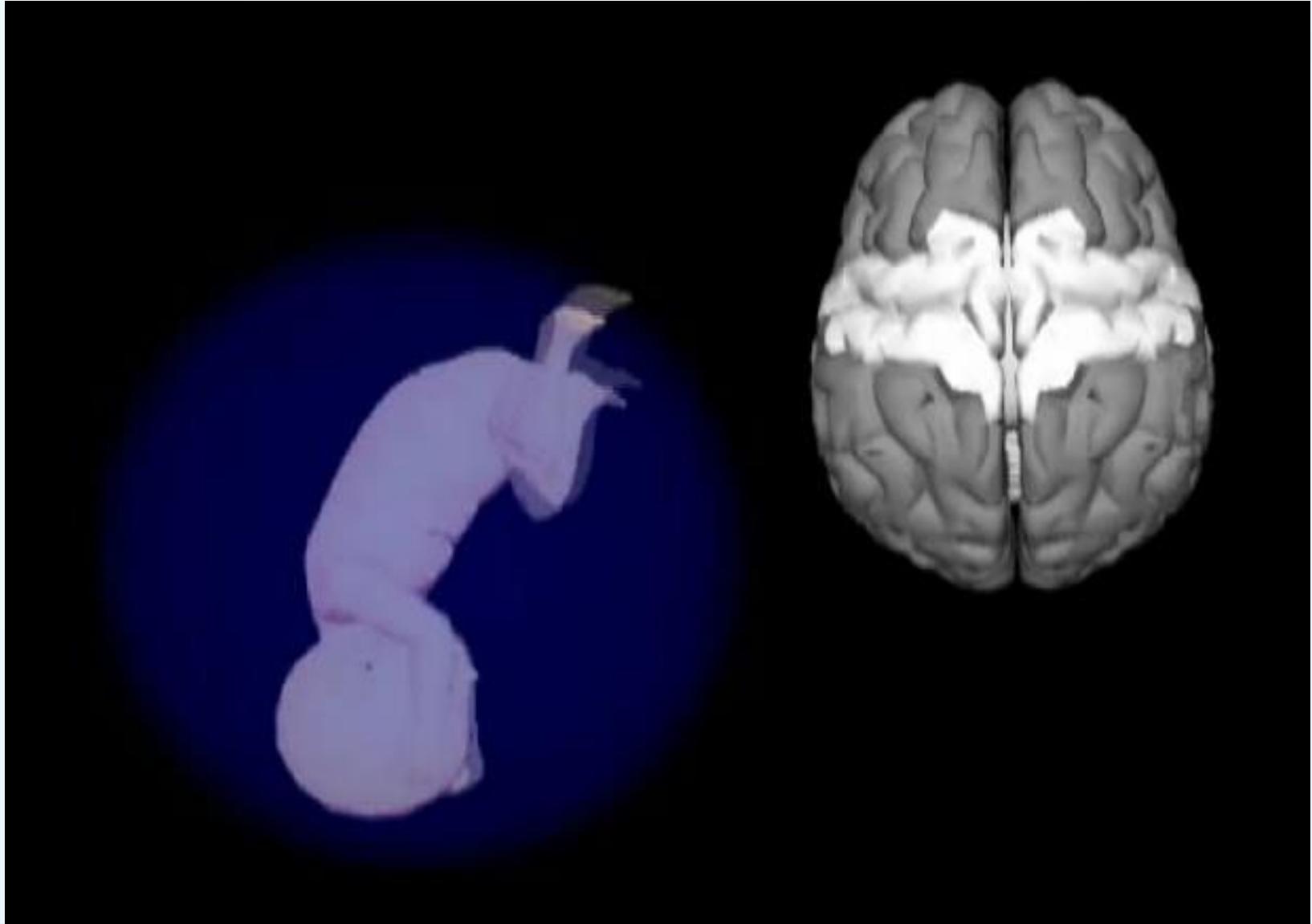
# Learning methods

- **Hebbian learning:**
  - Fire together,  
Wire together!
- **Self-organizing map:**
  - Data reduction,  
usually 2-D map like  
cerebral cortex
  - As a result, clustering  
is done.



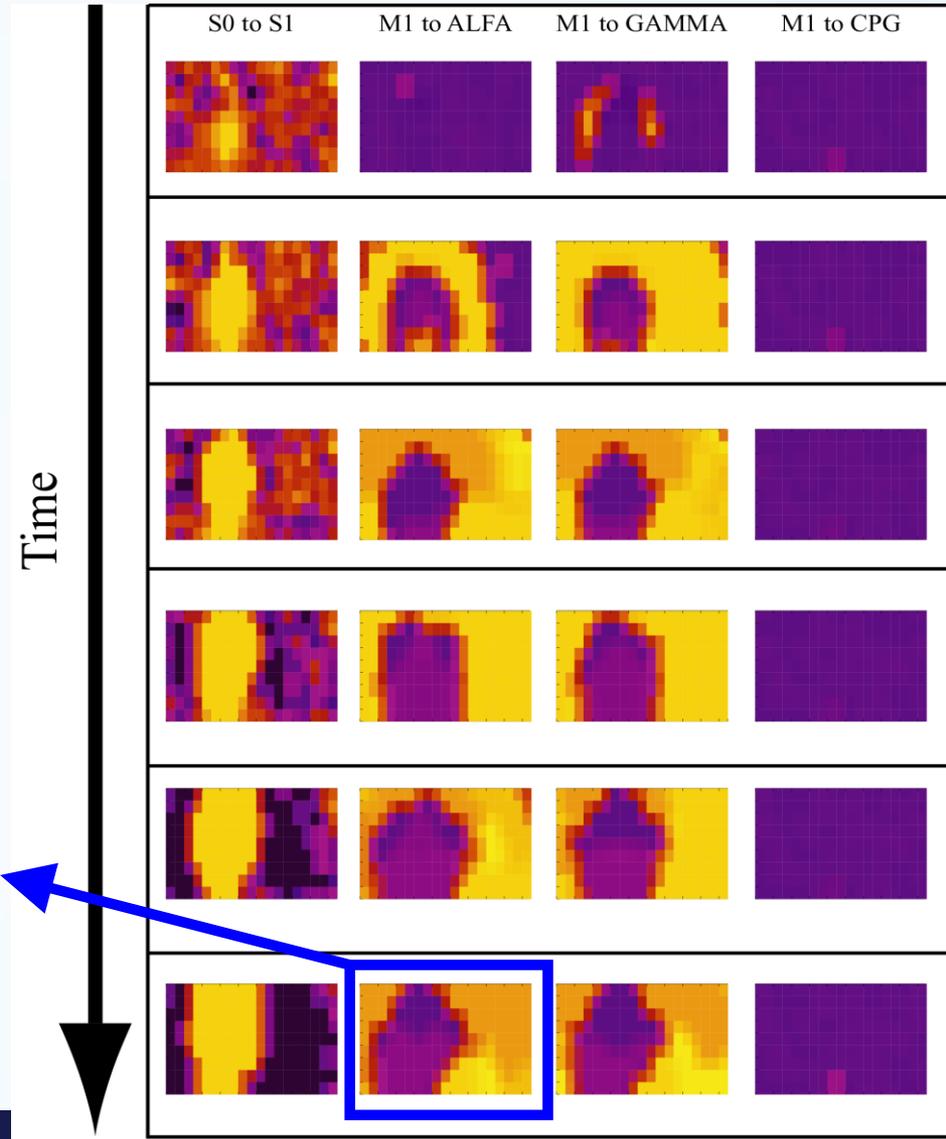
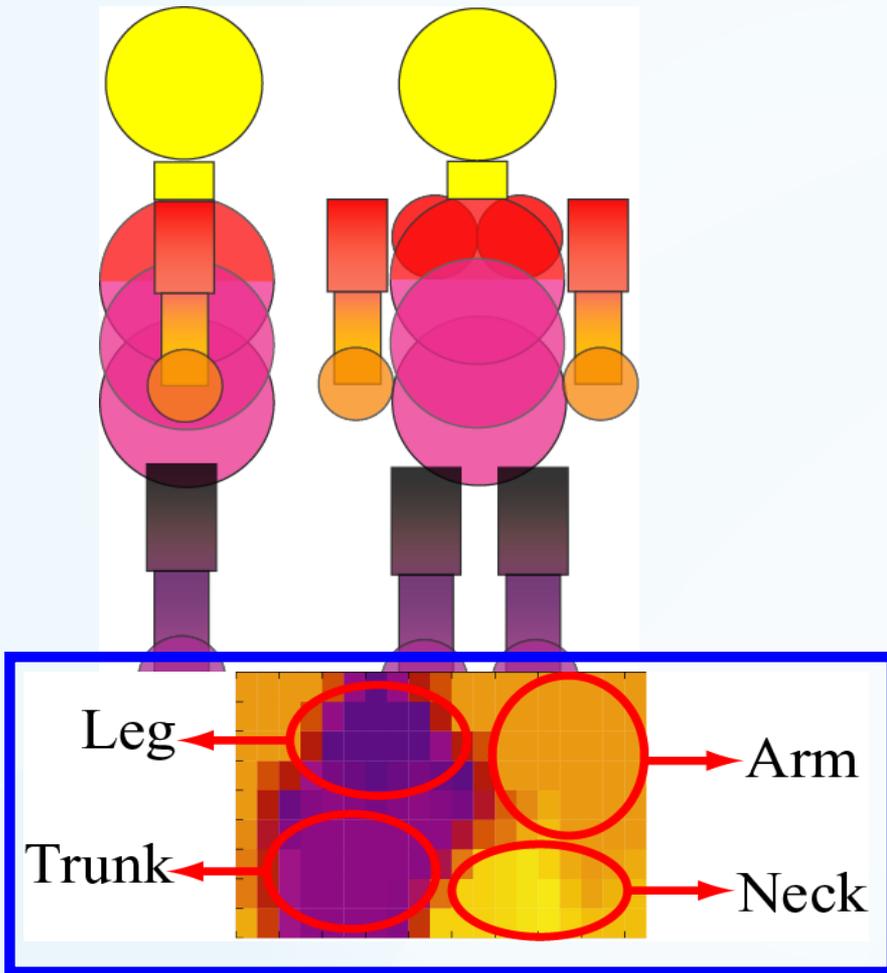
# *Fetal Brain Development (2)*

[Kuniyoshi et al., 08]



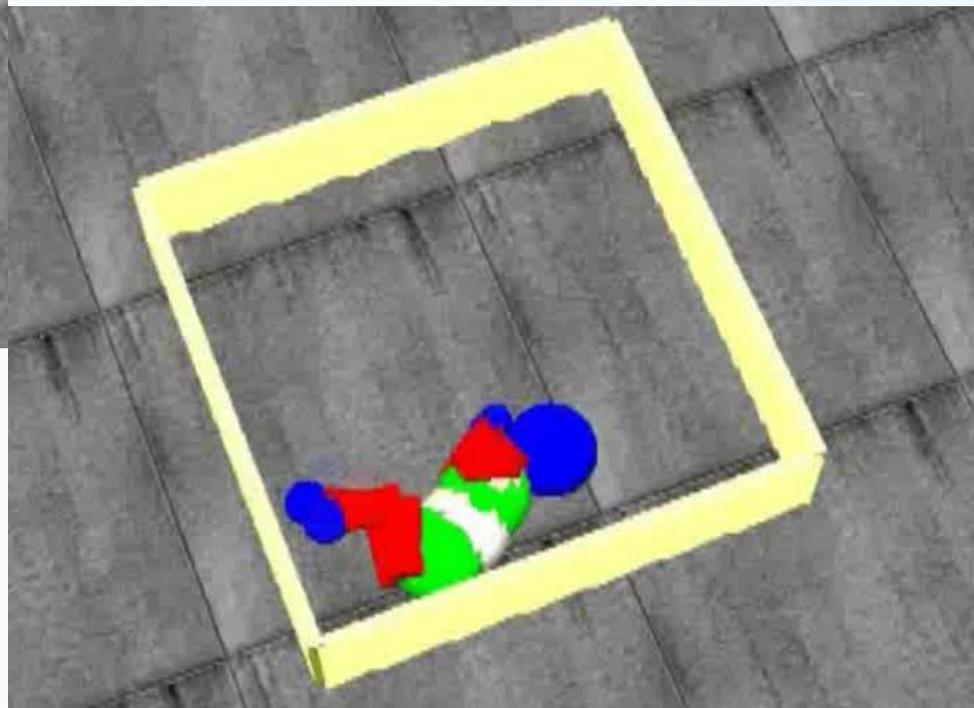
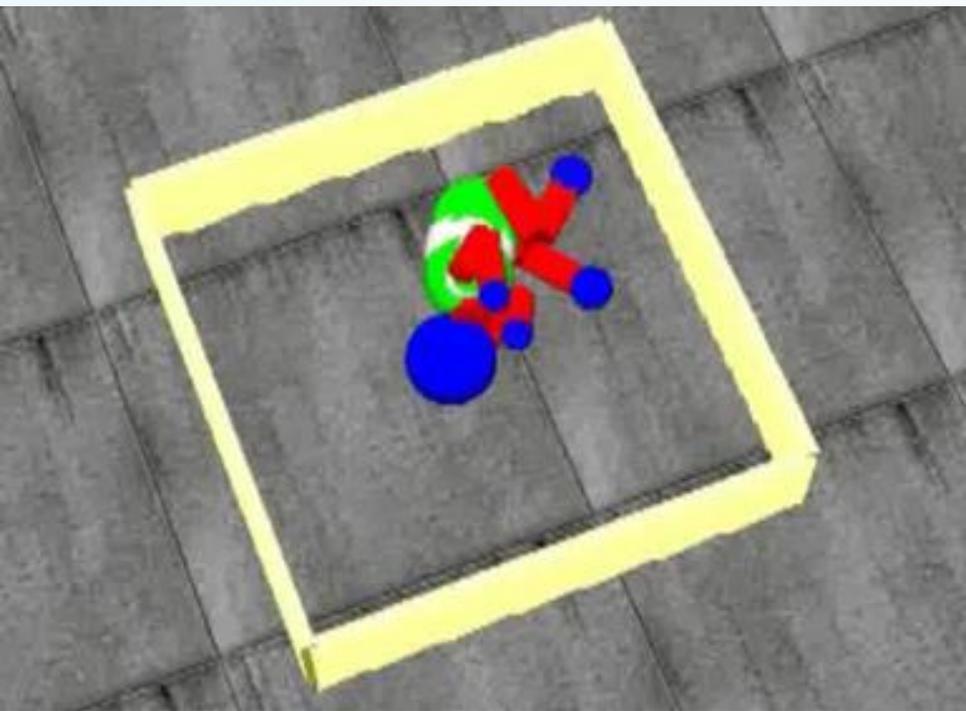
# Fetal Brain Development (3)

[Kuniyoshi and Sangawa 06]



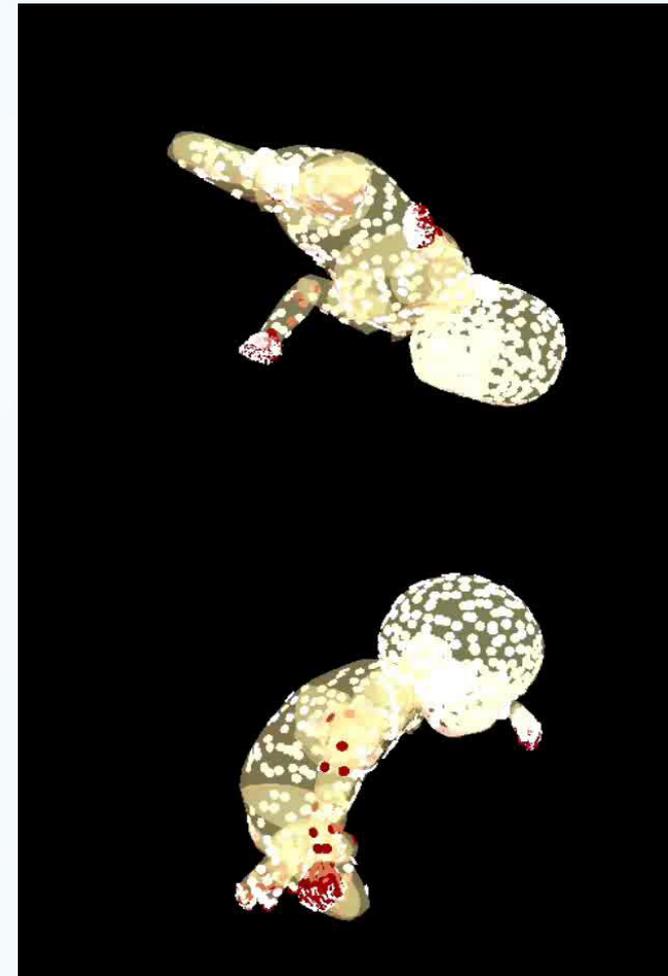
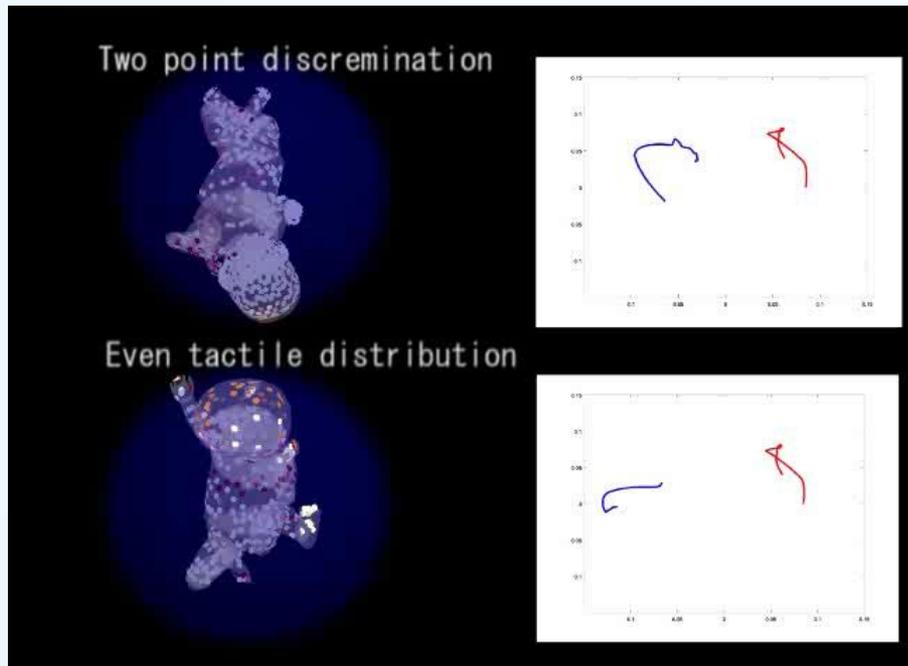
# ■ *Fetal Brain Development (4)*

[Kuniyoshi and Sangawa 06]



# *Fetal and neonatal simulations*

- Top: normal fetus with heterogeneous tactile distribution.
- Bottom: abnormal one with homogeneous one which biologically does not exist.



# Neural dynamics vs. Body dynamics?

[Mori et al., 2013]

- Observe and analyze the interaction between complex nonlinear oscillator networks and a musculoskeletal system from a perspective of emergence of diverse behaviors.

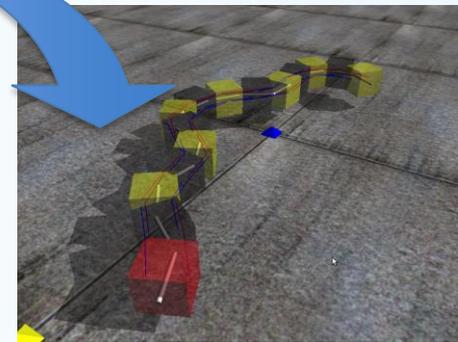
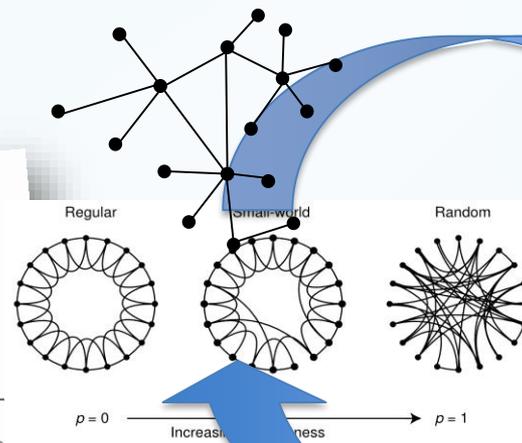
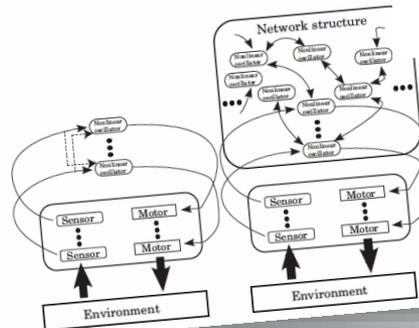
## Emergence of diverse behaviors from interactions between nonlinear oscillator complex networks and a musculoskeletal system

Hiroki Mori<sup>1</sup>, Yuzi Okuyama<sup>1</sup> and Minoru Asada<sup>1</sup>

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### Abstract

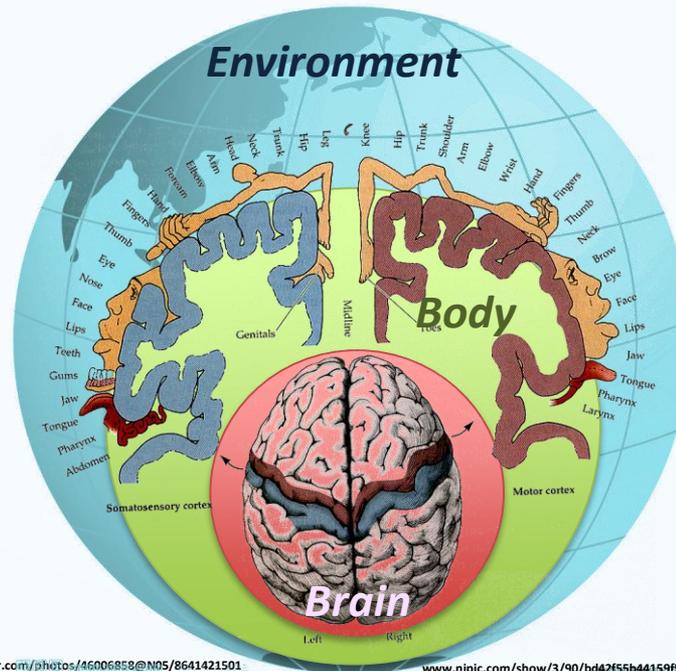
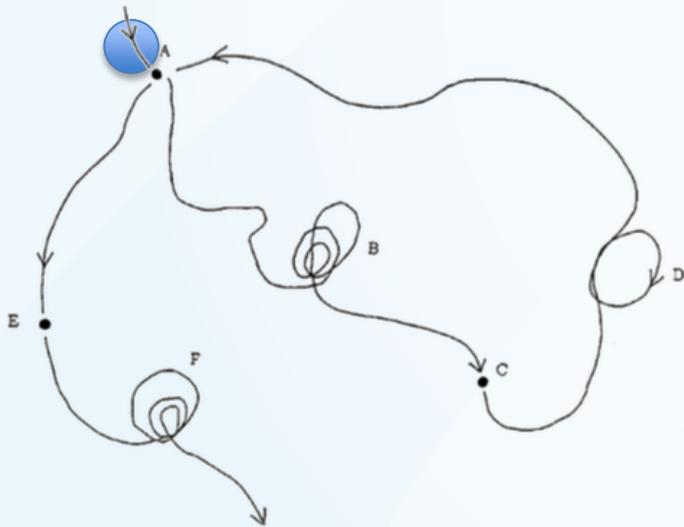
To understand the relationship between brain structure and behavior in the general movements of fetuses and infants from a complex systems perspective, we investigated how behaviors emerge from interactions between complex networks of nonlinear oscillators and musculoskeletal bodies. We prepared a snake-like robot and some network structures in a physical simulator. The various conditions imposed on the physical simulator. In the experiments, the robot exhibited multiple crawling and bending behaviors. By estimating the numbers of behavioral attractors, we revealed a qualitative difference between the scale-free network and other complex networks.



# More conceptually, ...

Chaotic itinerancy to understand mechanism to emerge versatile behaviors from an interaction between body, brain and environment

- Sequence of quasi-attractor in a high-dimensional state space of neural activity [Tsuda, 2001]

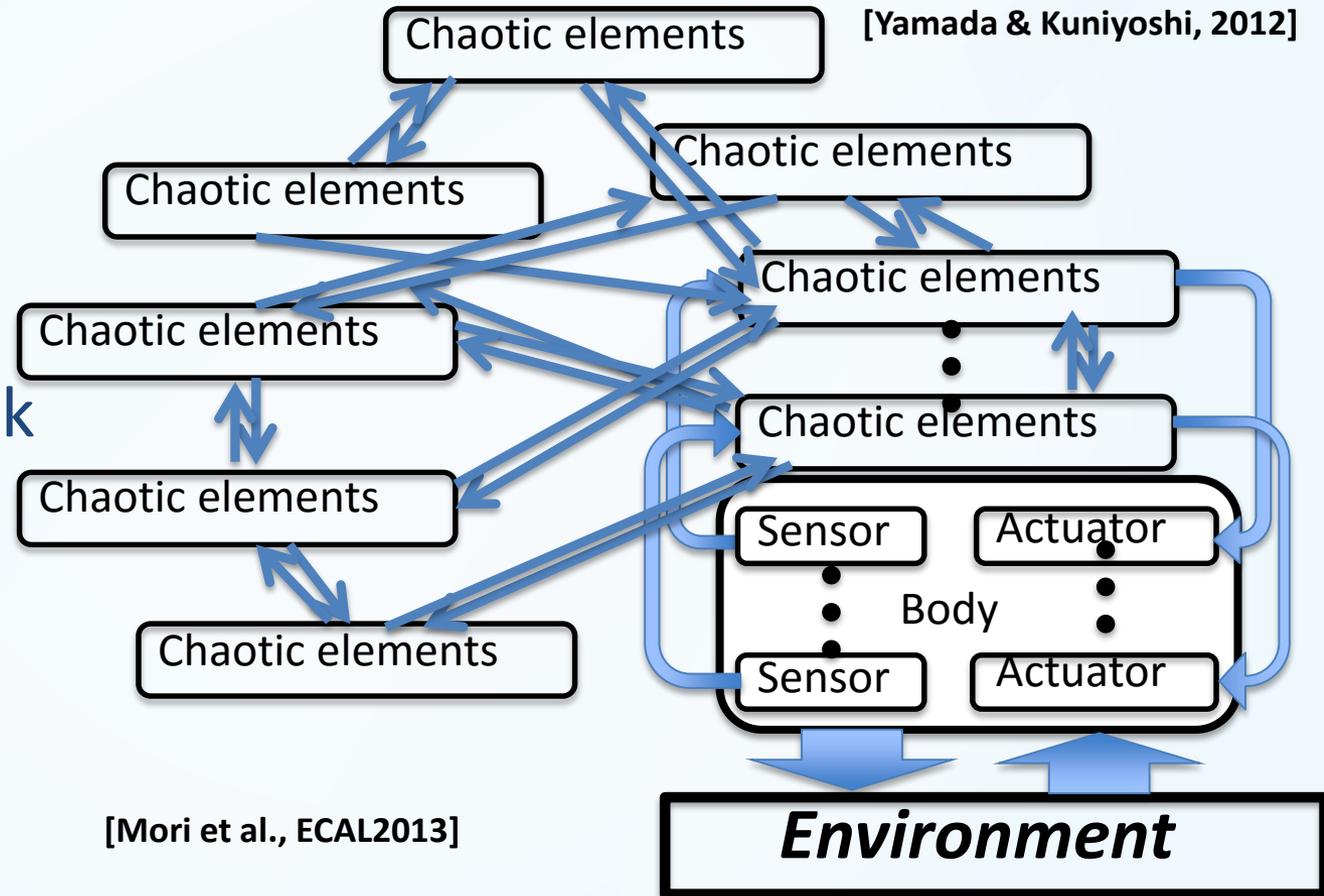


# Previous studies

- Adaptive behaviors are emerged from a interaction between environment and body using body constraint as chaotic itinerancy.

[Kuniyoshi & Suzuki, 2004]  
[Yamada & Kuniyoshi, 2012]

- Diverse behaviors are spontaneously emerged by complex network connected to a musculoskeletal body according to topology of network.

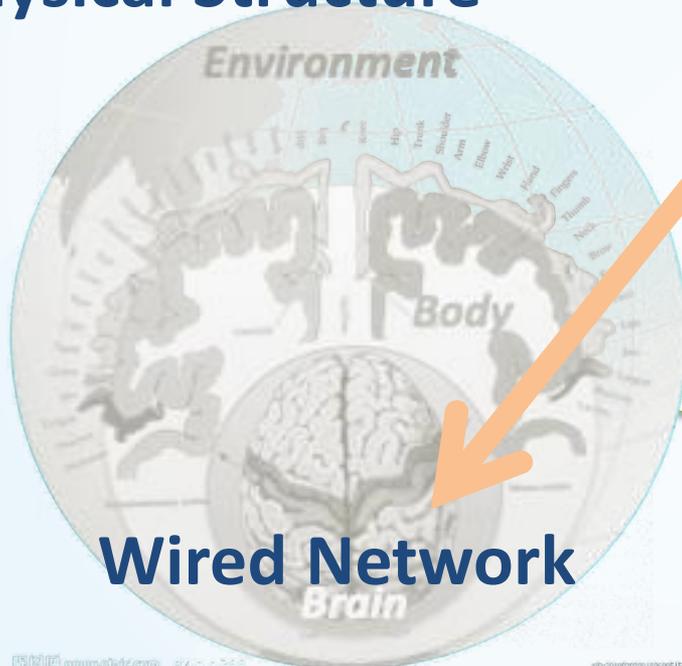


[Mori et al., ECAL2013]

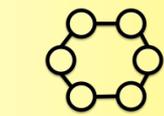
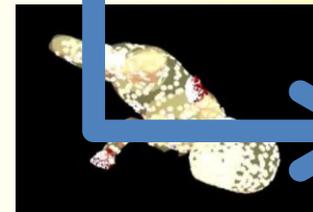
# Approach

- Conduct a simulation using nonlinear oscillator network and musculoskeletal body
- Estimate an emerged network structure within behaviors by causality between neurons.

## Physical Structure



## Information Structure

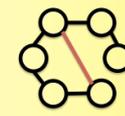


Regular network



Random network

## Causality Network



Small world network



Scale free network

# Analysis of Causality

## Network

[Park et al., ECAL2015]

### Three major questions: Stable Motion

### Unstable Motion

1. How and what type of neurons are interacted?

Local Interaction

Global Interaction

2. What's structural property of causality network?

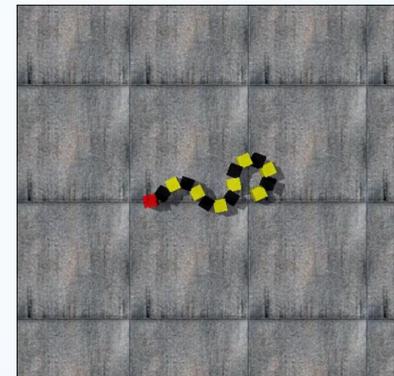
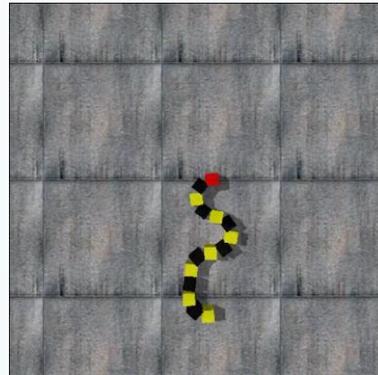
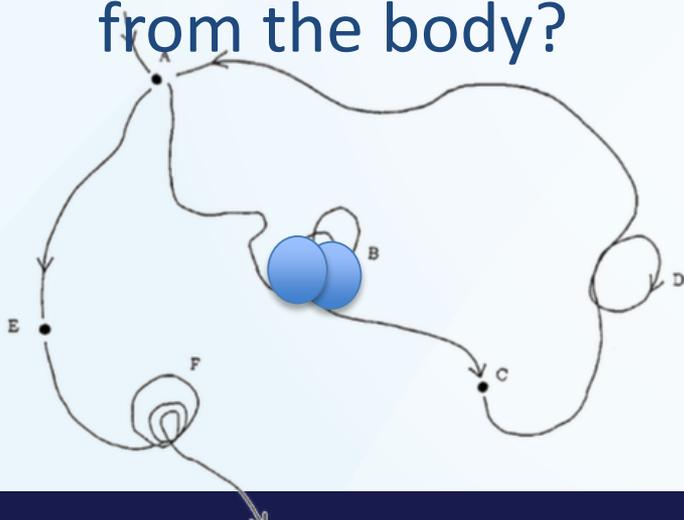
Less Complex Network

More Complex Network

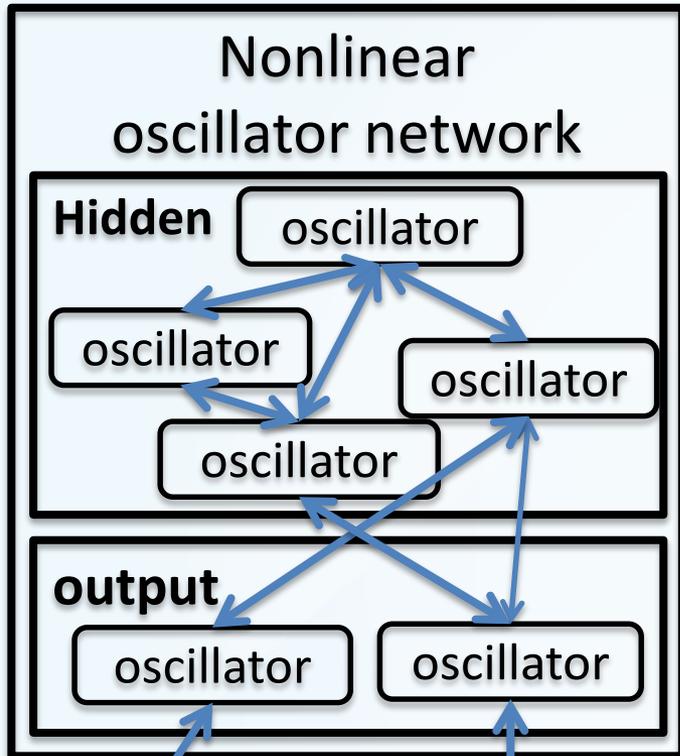
3. How much Influence from the body?

Weak Influence

Strong Influence



# A nonlinear network and a musculoskeletal model



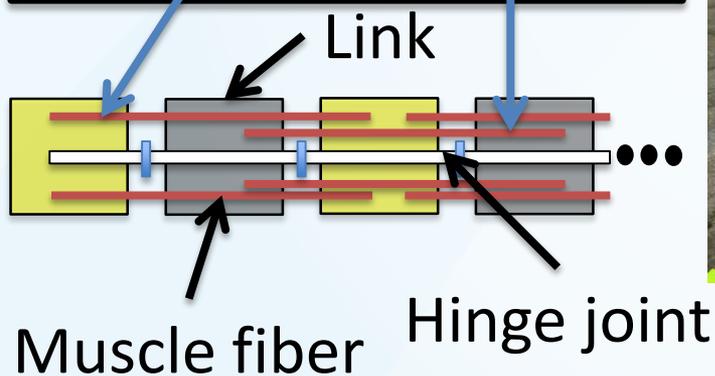
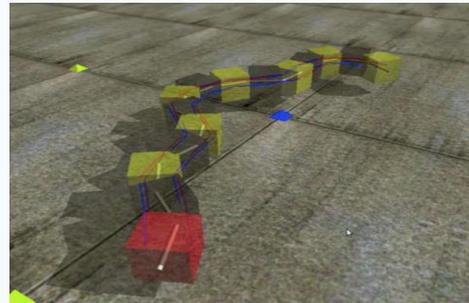
Bonhoeffer–van der Pol (BVP) equations as neuron

$$\tau \frac{dx}{dt} = c(x - \frac{1}{3}x^3 - y + z) + \delta(S_f - x)$$

$$\tau \frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{1}{c}(x - by + a) + \epsilon S_f$$

$$S_f = \begin{cases} \alpha I + (1 - \alpha) \frac{1}{K} \sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^N w_{ji} x_j & \text{if output neuron} \\ \frac{1}{K} \sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^N w_{ji} x_j & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

$$w_{j,i} = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if no connection} \\ 1 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

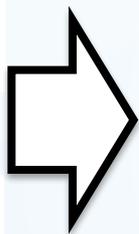
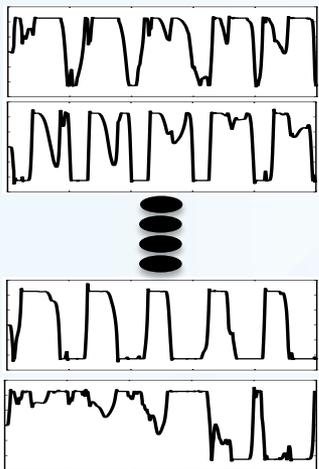


Sensor value (length of muscle fiber) is used as input to neurons

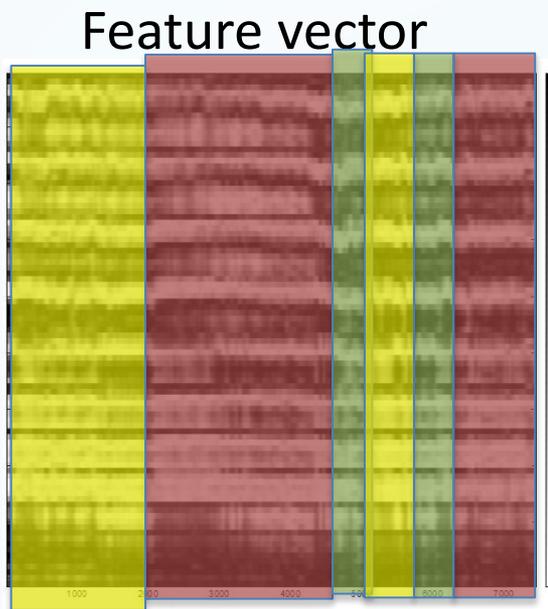
# Behavior Analysis

To find repetitive movement patterns

Joint angles

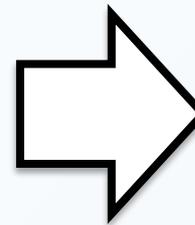


Index of correlation vector

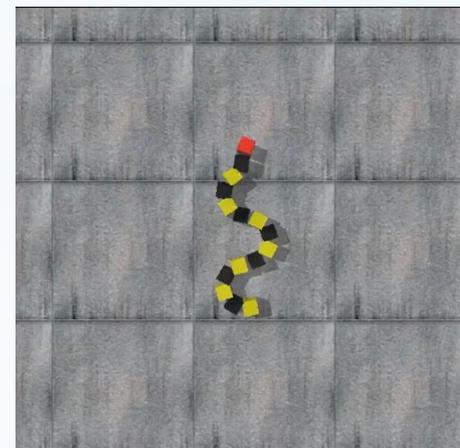


Time step

Correlation between joint angles within time window

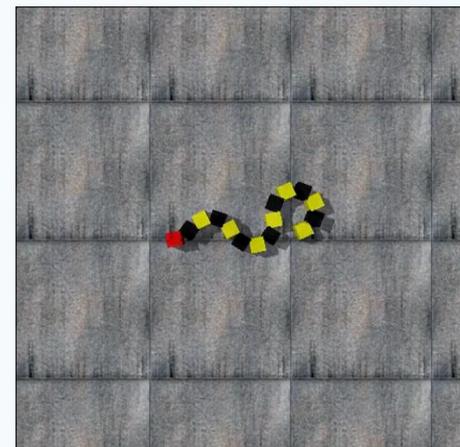


Stable movement



Duration: 430[sec]

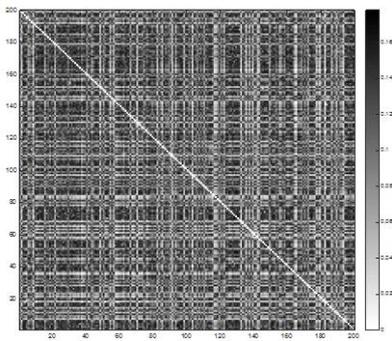
Unstable movement



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# Causality Network Analysis

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Index of neuron

Estimate a causality network by transfer entropy using neuron's activation for each movement pattern

1. Cluster and extract subnetworks by IRM: To know and visualize an interaction in a causality network

# ■ *Infinite Relational Model (IRM)*

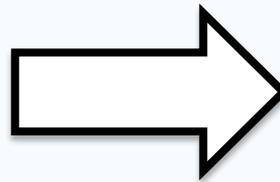
[Kemp et al., 2006]

- Nonparametric Bayesian model that discovers system of related concepts
- Rearrange matrix which consist of relational data to make clusters

Relational data

Variables

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2		■	■		
3			■		
4	■			■	■
5					

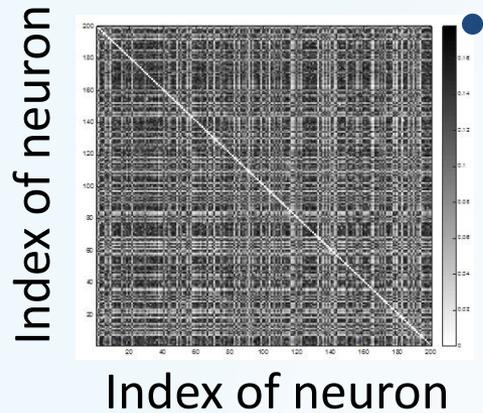


Clustered data

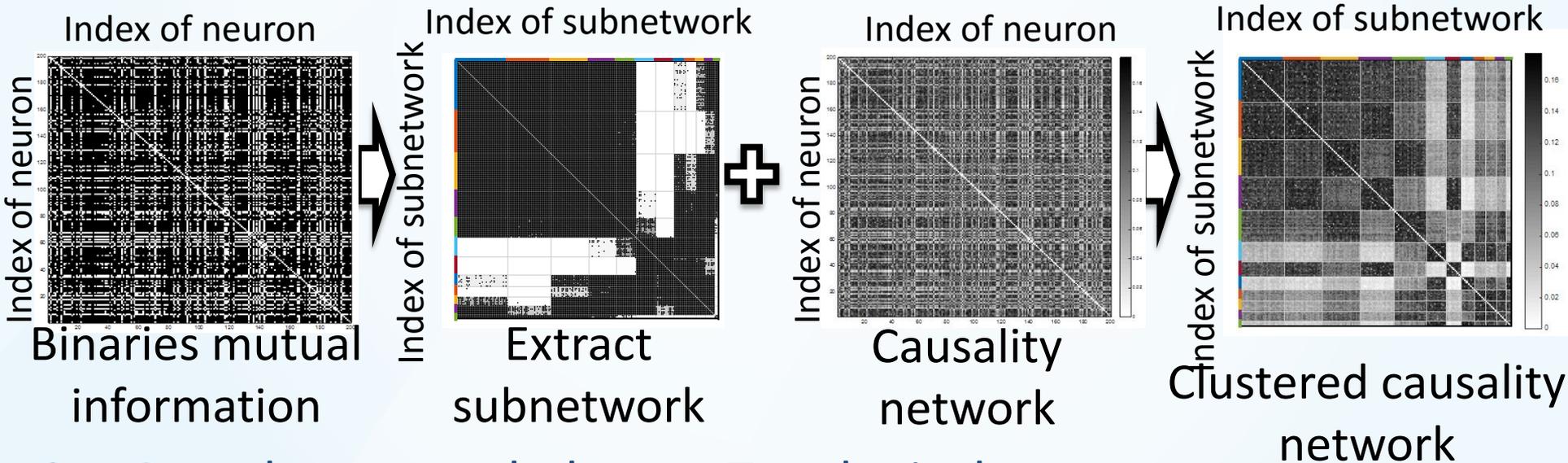
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# Causality Network Analysis



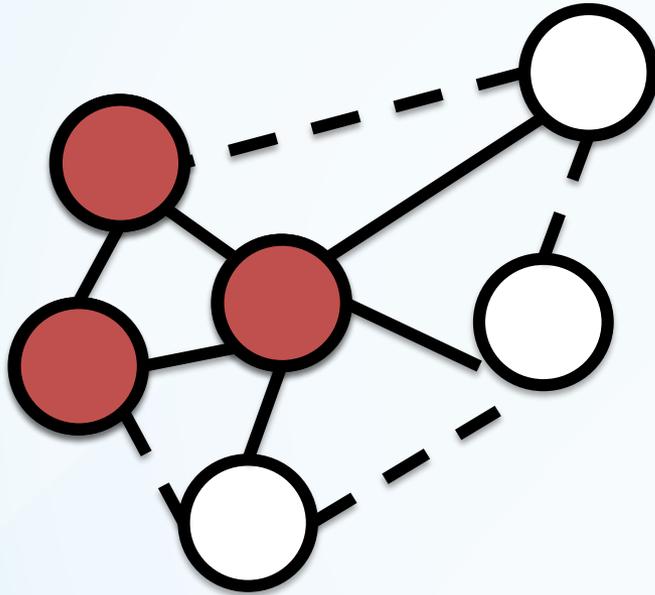
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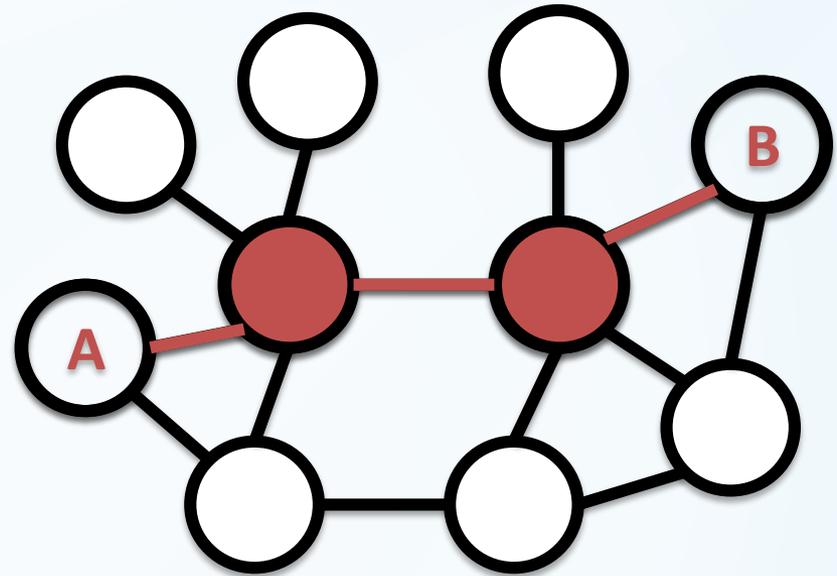
2. Complex network theory: Topological property

# Index of Complexity: Clustering coefficient and shortest path length

Clustering coefficient



Shortest path length

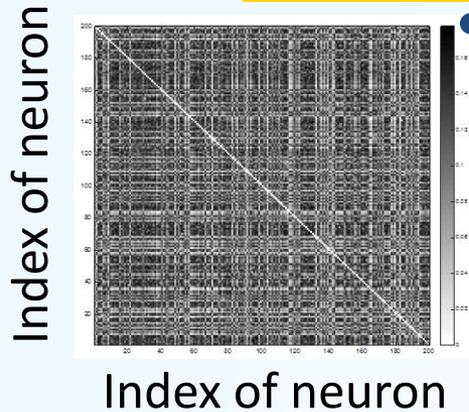


Density of groups in a network

Distance among the nodes

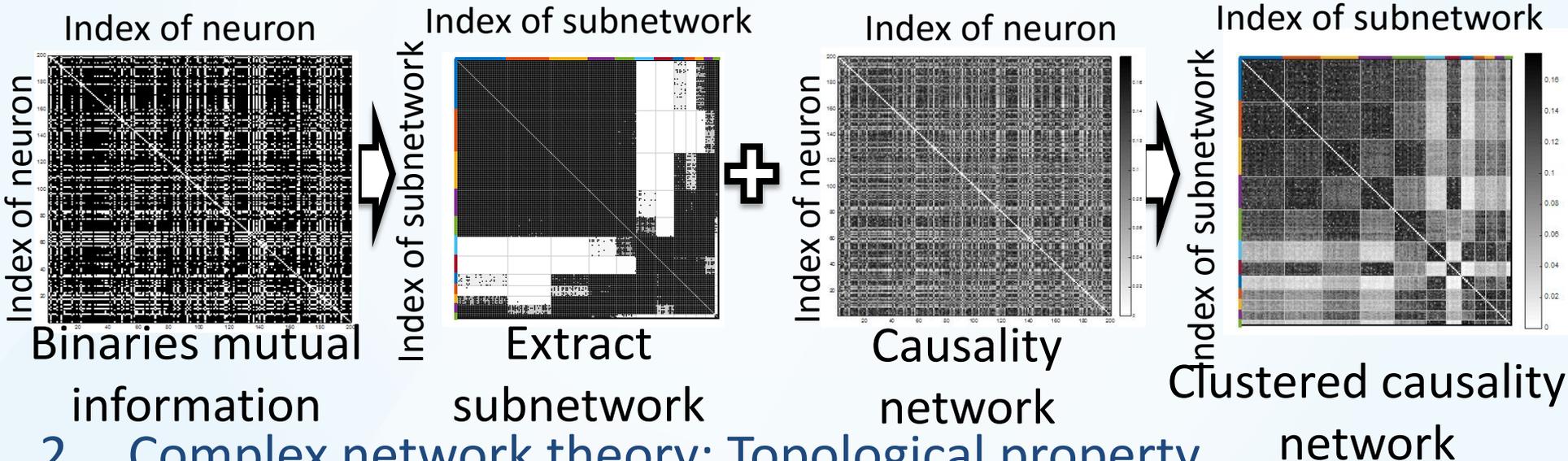
$$C = \frac{\text{Number of closed triangles}}{\text{Number of possible triangles}}$$

# Causality Network Analysis



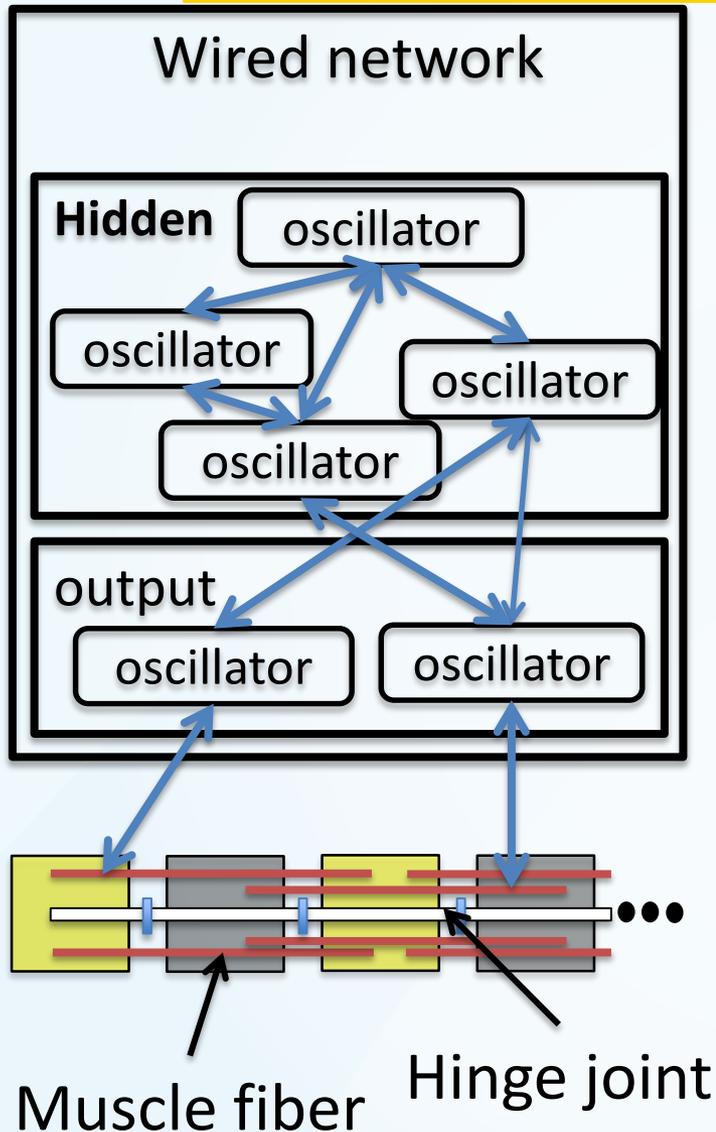
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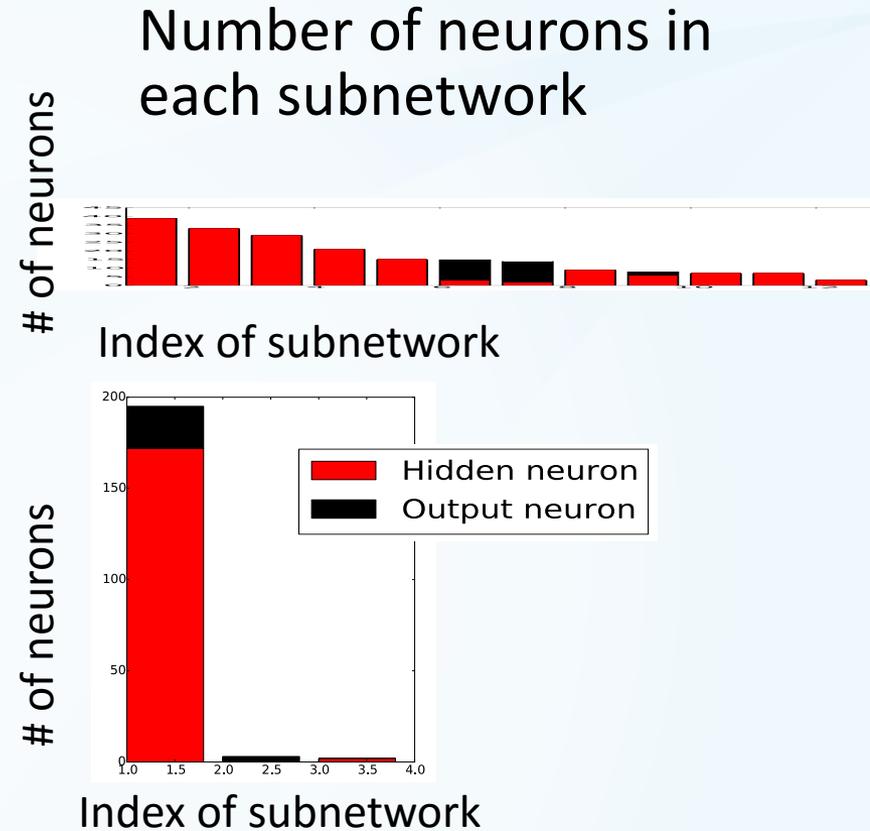
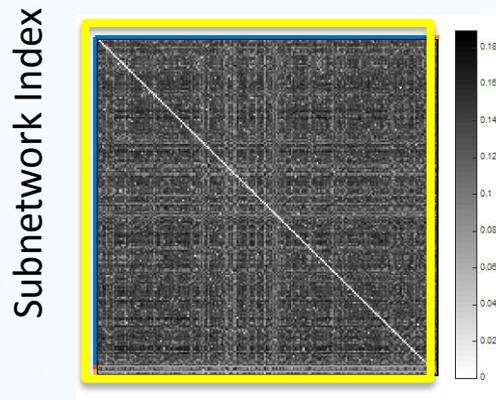
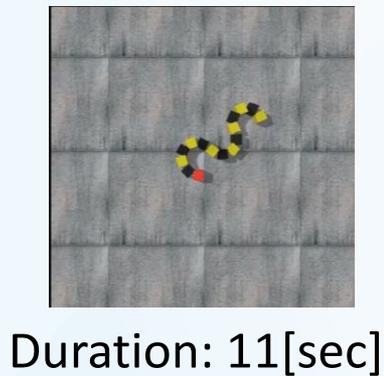
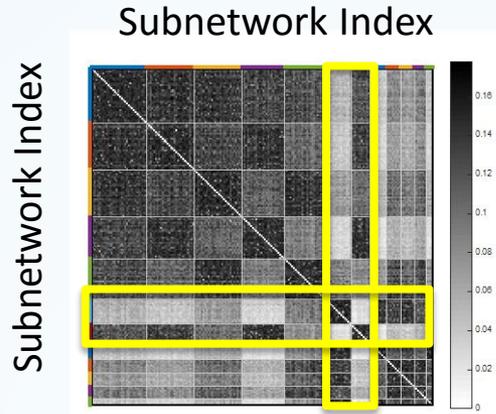
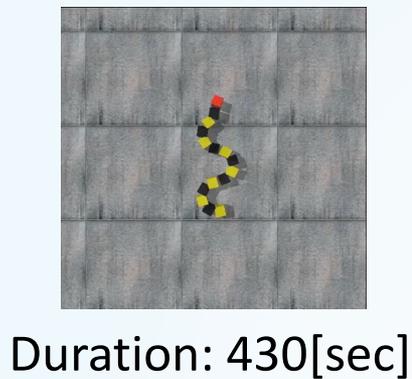
2. Complex network theory: Topological property
3. Average transfer entropy: Influence from a body to network

# ■ *Experimental setting*



- Snake-like robot
- Number of link: 15
- Number of output neurons: 26
- Number of hidden neurons: 174
- Topology of wired network: Randomly distributed network
- Simulation time: 2000[sec]
- No learning mechanism

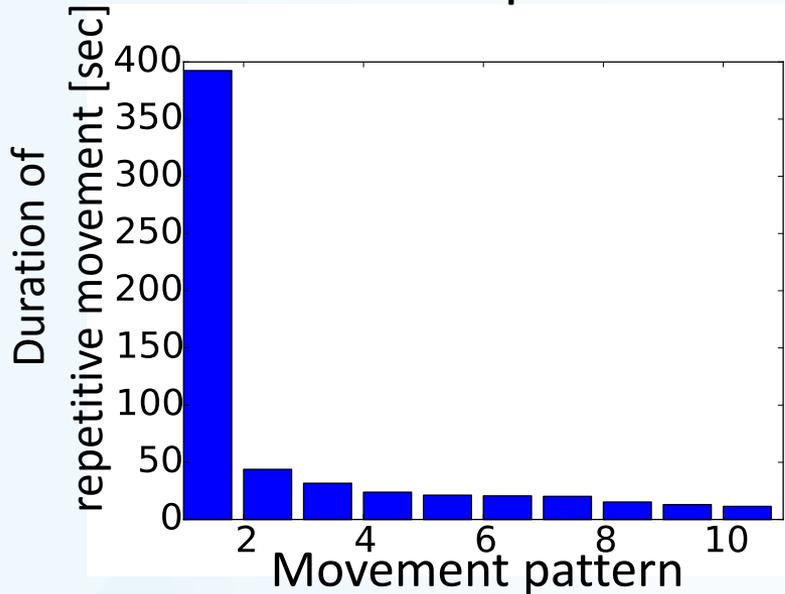
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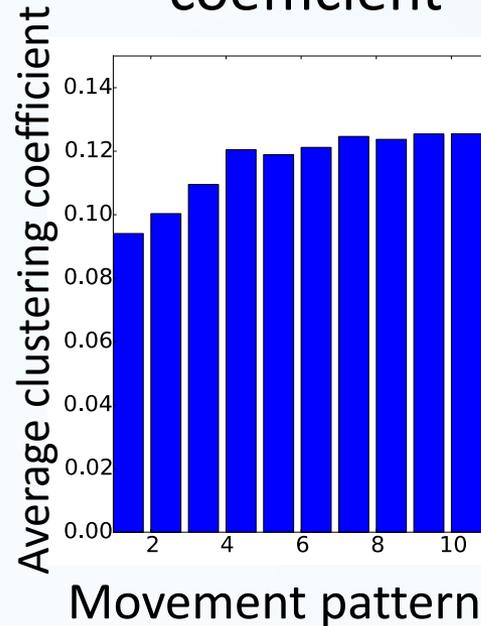
➤ Causality networks when the most stable movement pattern has the least and local interaction with a subnetwork that has many output neurons to another subnetwork.

# *(b) Complex network properties: Structure property in a causality network?*

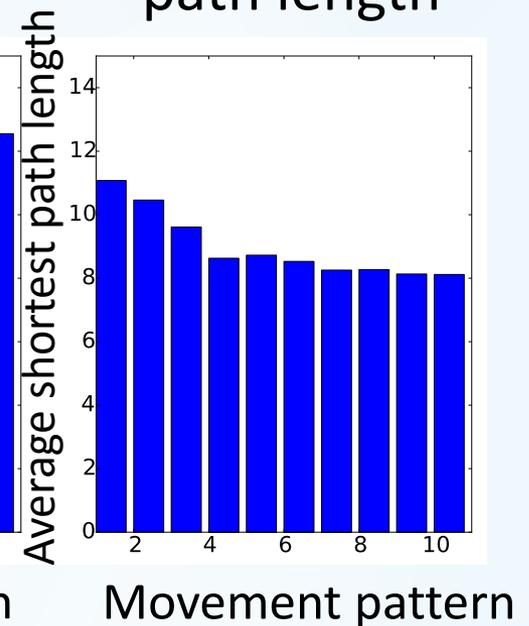
Duration of repetitive movement pattern



Clustering coefficient



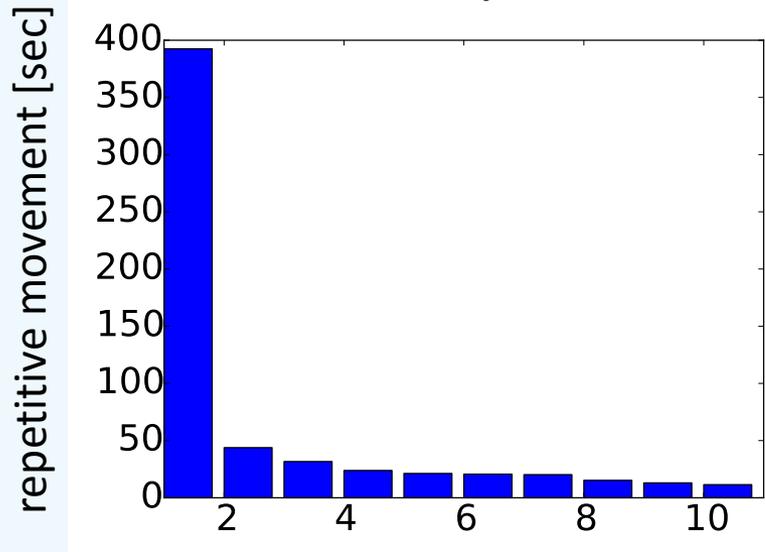
Shortest path length



- Causality network during longer stable repetitive movement has a smaller clustering coefficient and longer shortest path.

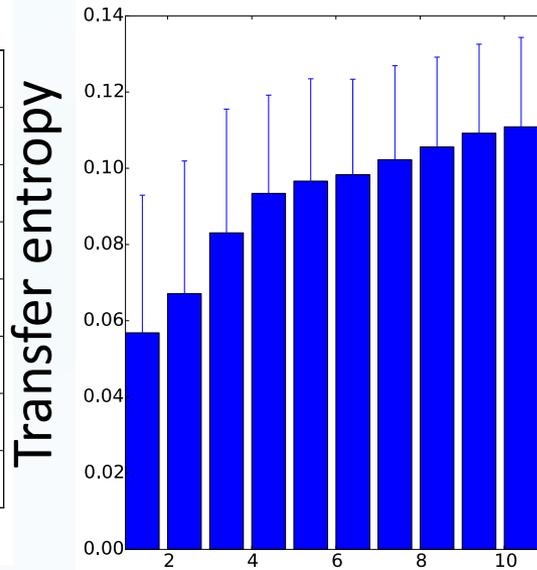
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Duration of repetitive movement pattern



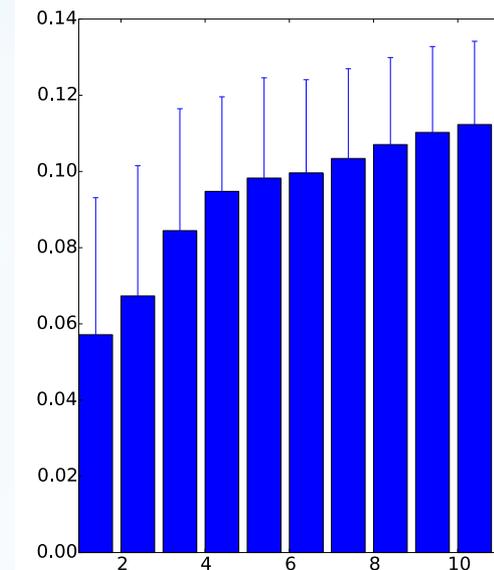
Movement pattern

hidden neurons  
-> output neurons



Movement pattern

Output neurons  
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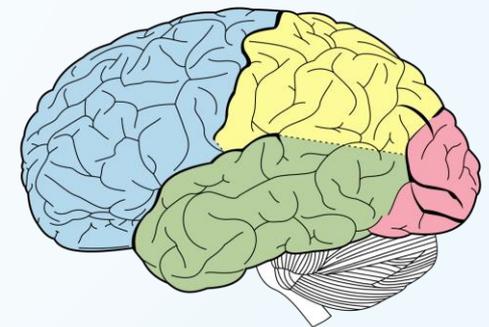
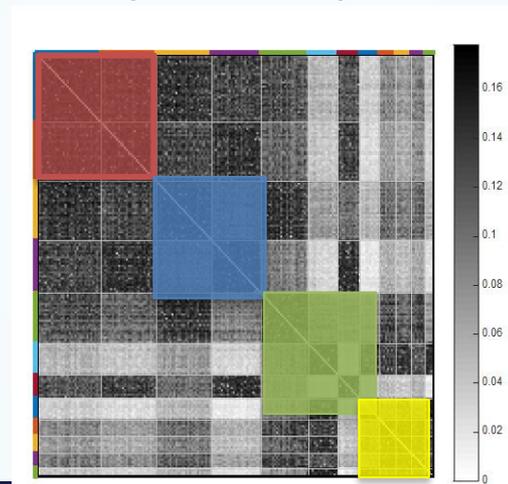
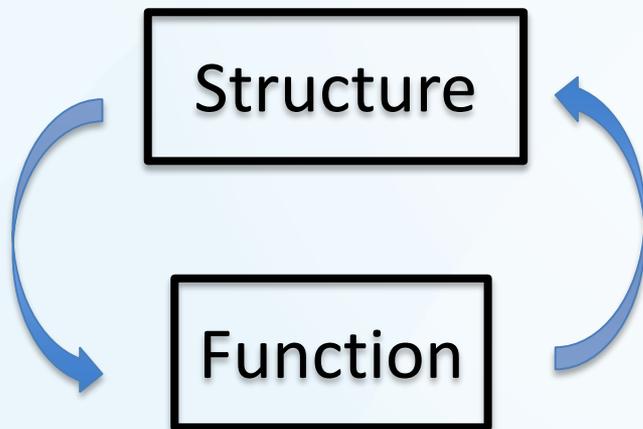


Movement pattern

- Lower values of transfer entropy between hidden neurons and output neurons are observed during longer repetitive movements

# Discussion

- Emergence of functional module in a subnetwork
  - Role of body and wired network to make functional module
    - Goal oriented movement patterns are emerged by constraint of body [Kuniyoshi and Suzuki, 2004]
    - More complex structure? Appropriate constraint?
  - Other type of sensor
    - Emergence of visual, sound, tactile sensor area?





# *Summary of network analysis*

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- We estimate a emerged causality network within behaviors and analyze interaction and structure property of the causality network
- Stable (unstable) movements are emerged from
  - Local (global) interaction in subnetworks that had more output neurons
  - Less (more) complex network property
  - Weak (strong) interaction between body and network

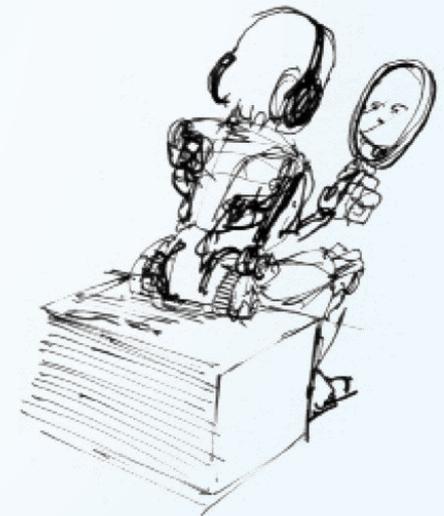
## **Future issues**

- Different body structure and wired network
- Other sensors
- Other property of complex networks

# ■ *My desire or speculation is ...*

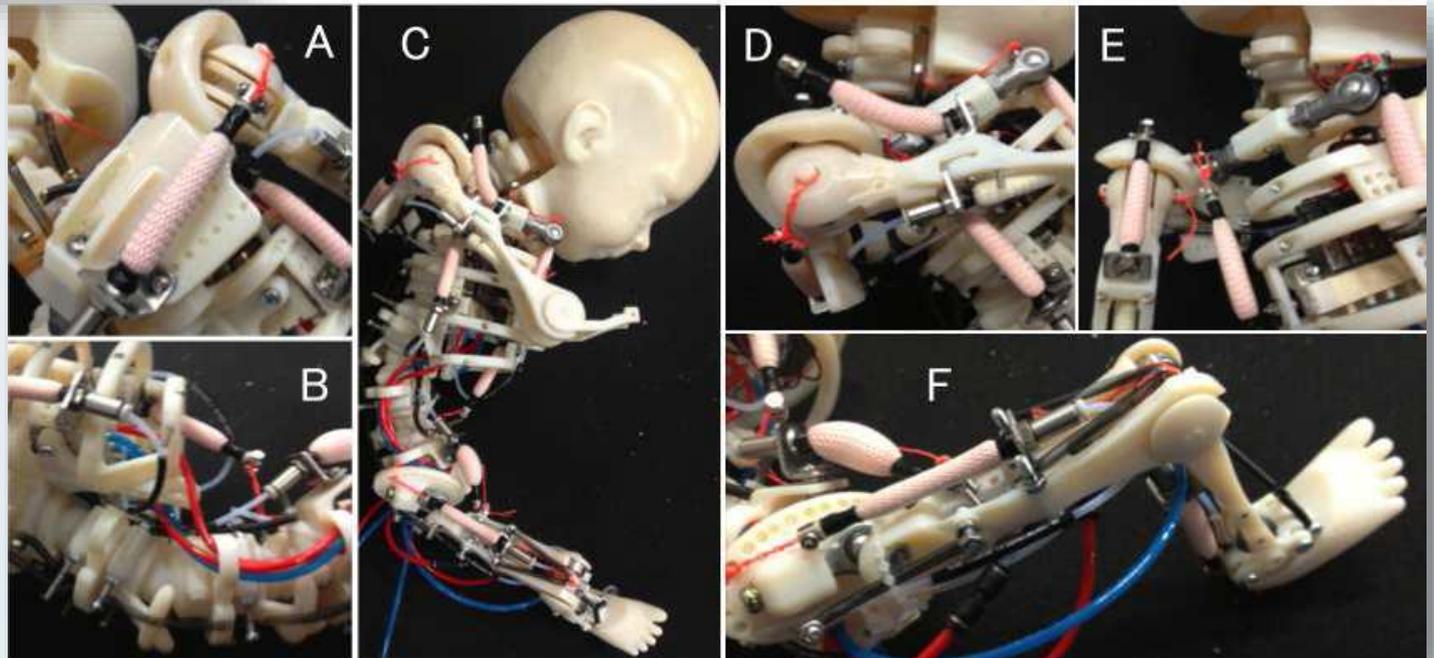
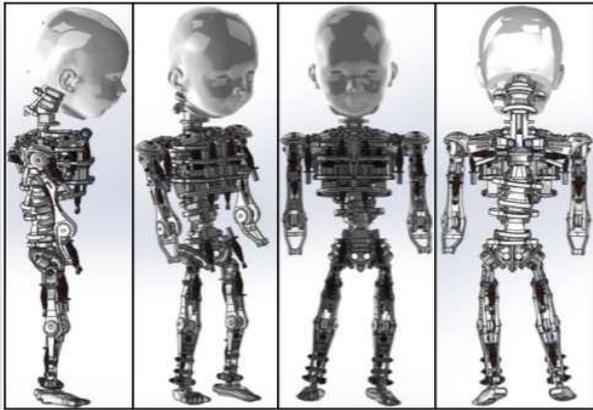
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- Consciousness comes from unstable state  
→ more interaction with physical environment through sensorimotor systems. → Exploration → Motivation
- Unconscious level is at stable state → less interaction with physical environment through sensorimotor systems. → DMN?
- Chaotic itinerancy between both states with a huge diversity of behaviors is a phenomenon of robot self?



# Fetusoid

[Mori et al., 2014 (to appear)]



# Outline of my talk

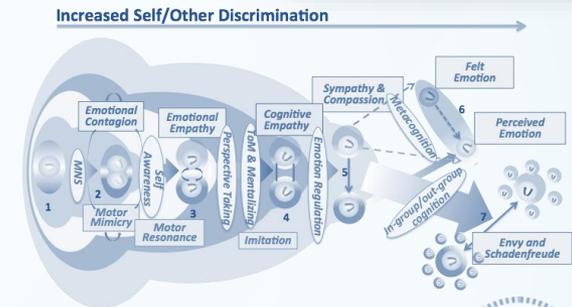
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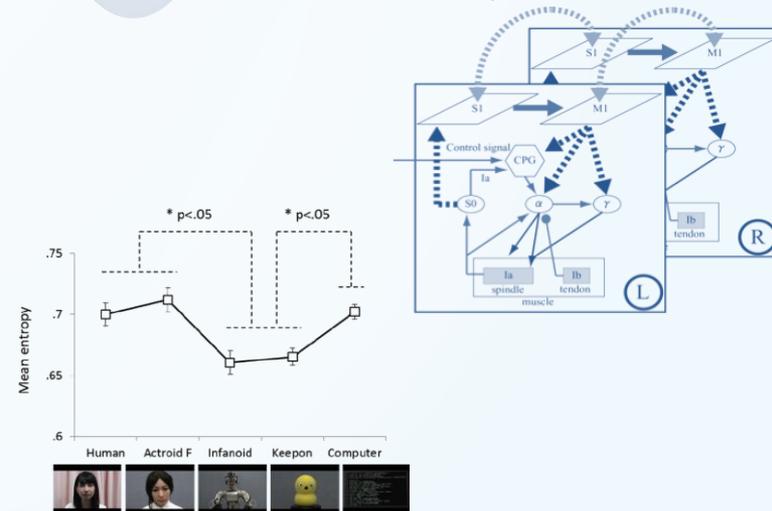
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# Social Brain Analysis

[Takahashi et al., 2014]

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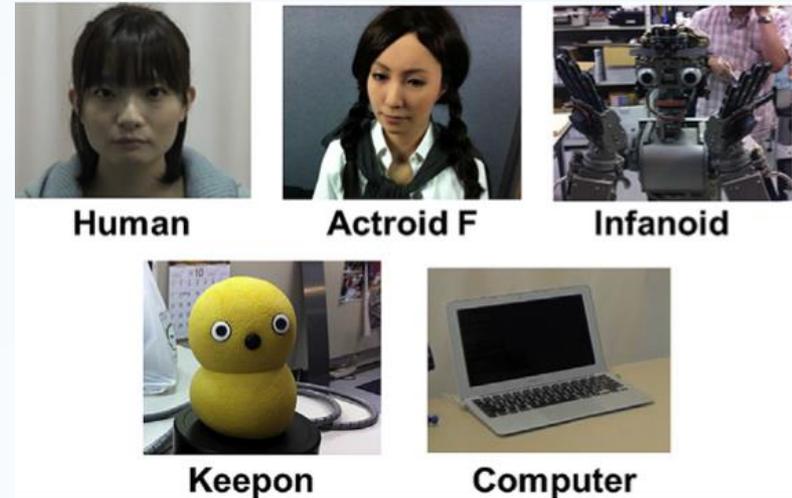
**Different impressions of other agents obtained through social interaction uniquely modulate dorsal and ventral pathway activities in the social human brain**

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Shinsuke Suzuki<sup>e,f</sup>, Tomoki Haji<sup>b,c</sup>, Hideki Kozima<sup>g</sup>,  
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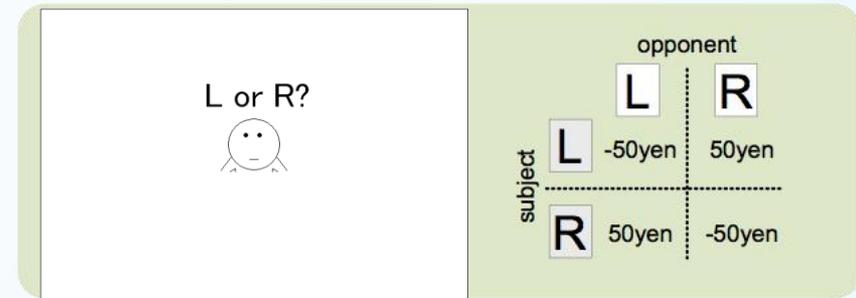
# Abstract

[Takahashi et al., 2014]

1. Social interaction with five kinds of different opponents (16 subjects).



2. Matching-pennies game in fMRI scanner.



3. Analysis of impressions and brain activities affected by 1.

→ Mind holderness

→ Mind readerness



# Basic idea of behavior Analysis

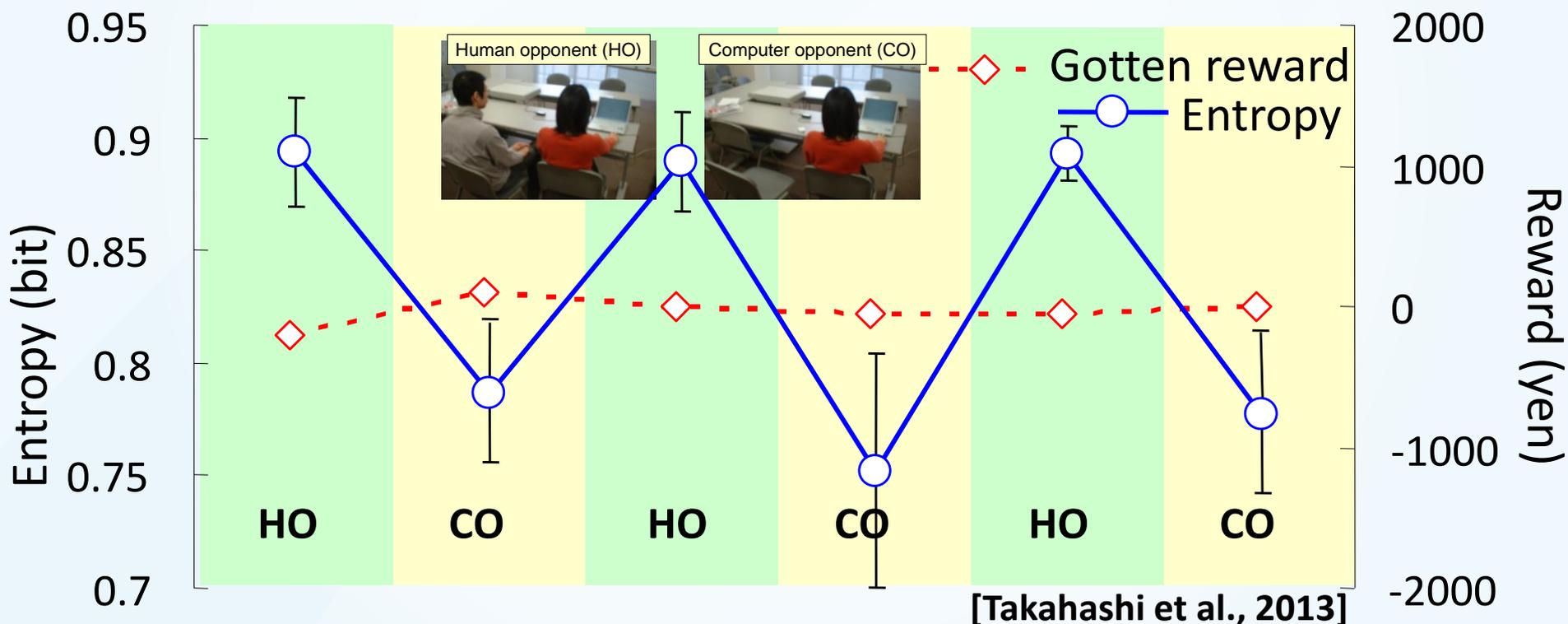
[Takahashi et al., 2014]

Evaluation of decision-making tactics → entropy

$$H_S = -\frac{1}{N_s} \sum_{s \in S} \sum_{d \in \{L, R\}} P(d|s) \log_2 P(d|s)$$

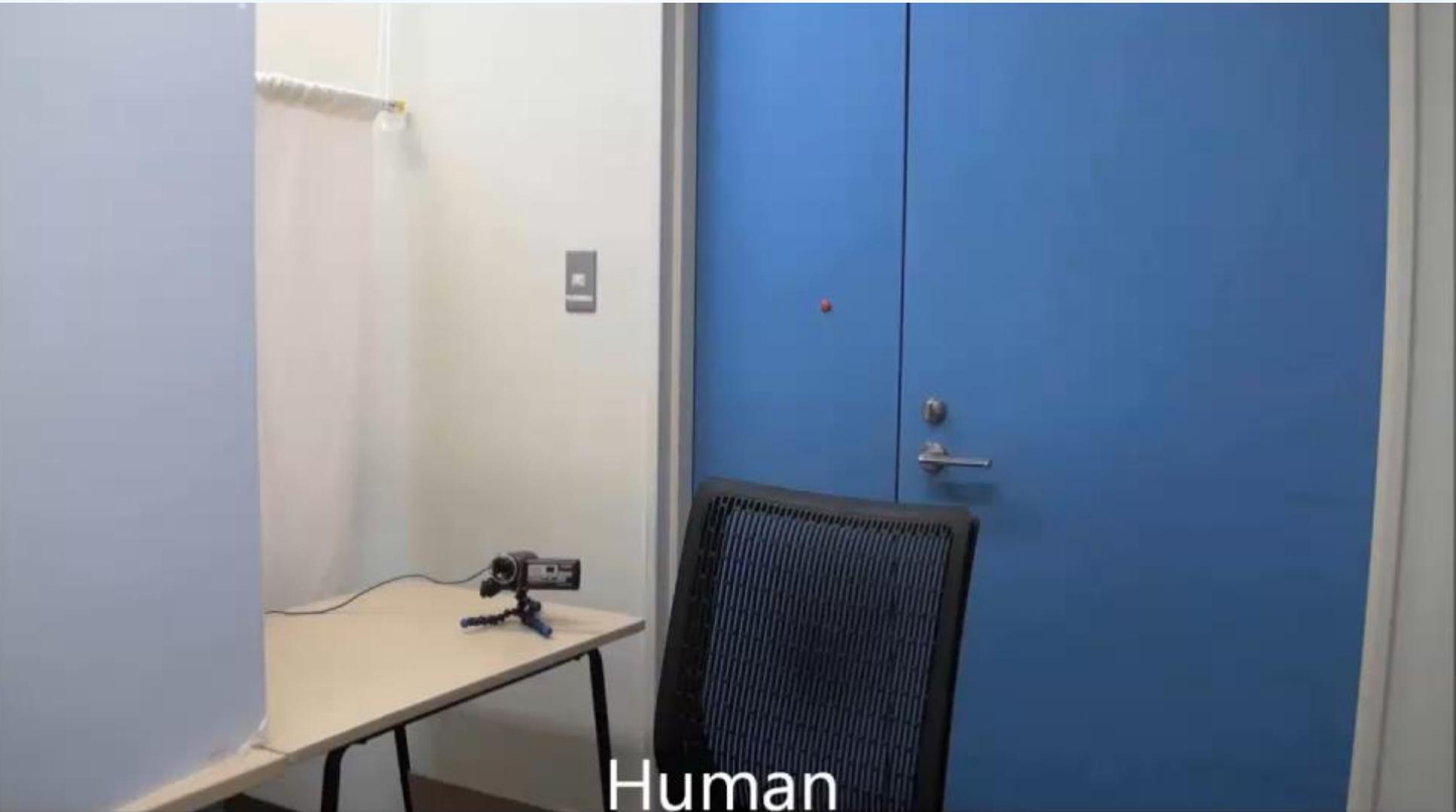
Larger  $H_S$  → complex!

Smaller  $H_S$  → simple!



# *Social interactions with five kinds of different opponents*

[Takahashi et al., 2014]

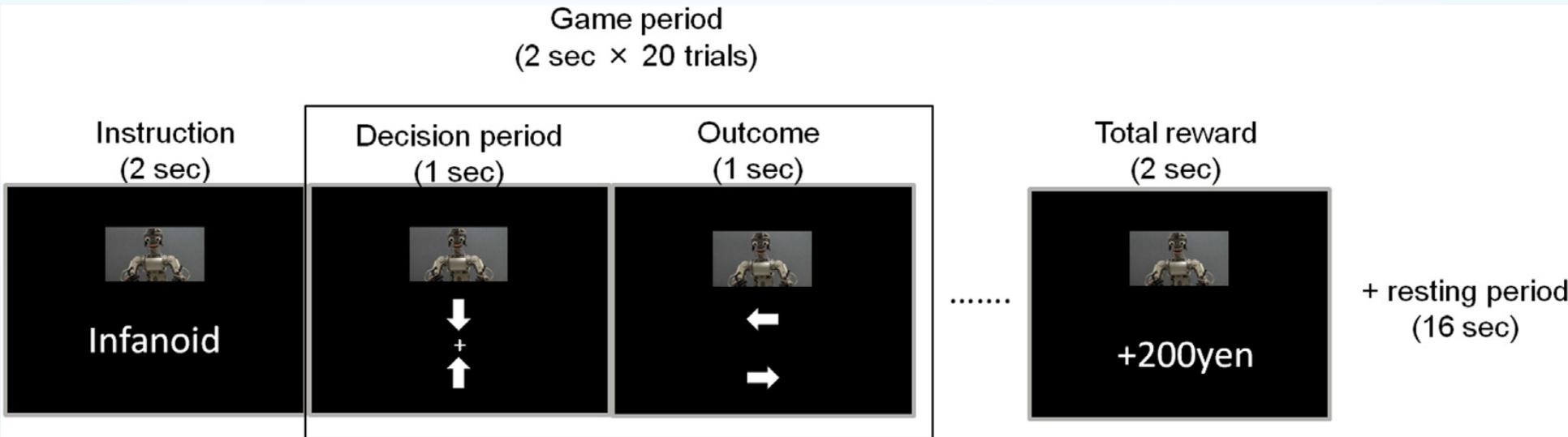


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# ■ *Task: procedures*

[Takahashi et al., 2014]

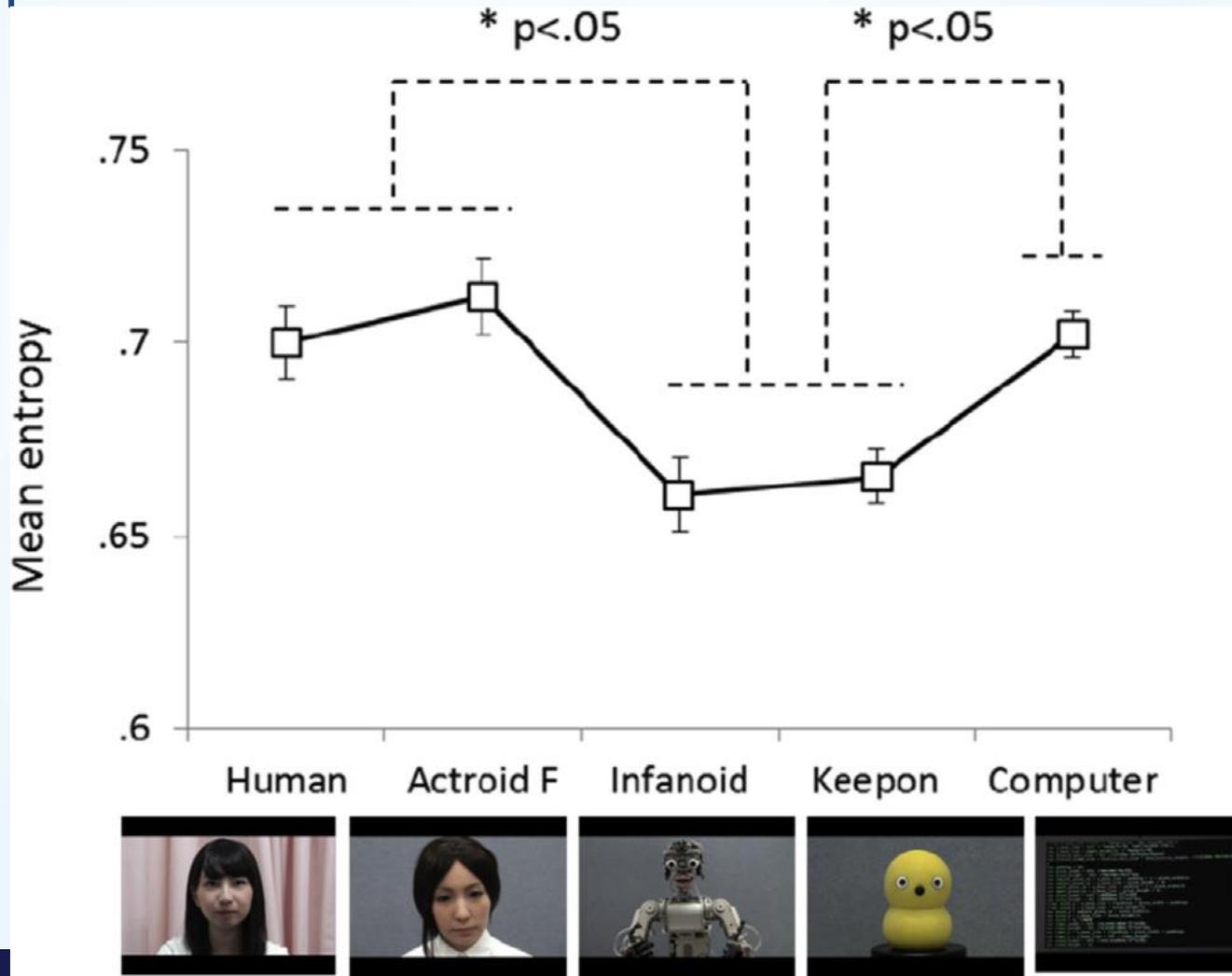
- Participants were required to select either left or right.
- The panel: the opponent → its "right" and the participant → his/her "right", →→→ the participant lost this game.
- 20 times in each block, 16-sec break before next block where participants played with a new opponent.



# Behavior Analysis

[Takahashi et al., 2014]

Grand means of entropy for the five opponents across participants. Error bars indicate standard errors of means.



# ■ *Questionnaire Analysis: PCA*

[Takahashi et al., 2014]

The impression questionnaire from all participants.

1. a mental function score → How much the participants explicitly attributed mental functions to each opponent
2. Correlation between PCA values obtained from the two questionnaires across the five opponents.
3. Correlation between the PCA and entropy values.
4. Transform the correlation to z-scores within each participant.
5. Determine which PCA component better reflected
  1. the mental function
  2. Entropy

# Questionnaire Analysis: PCA

[Takahashi et al., 2014]

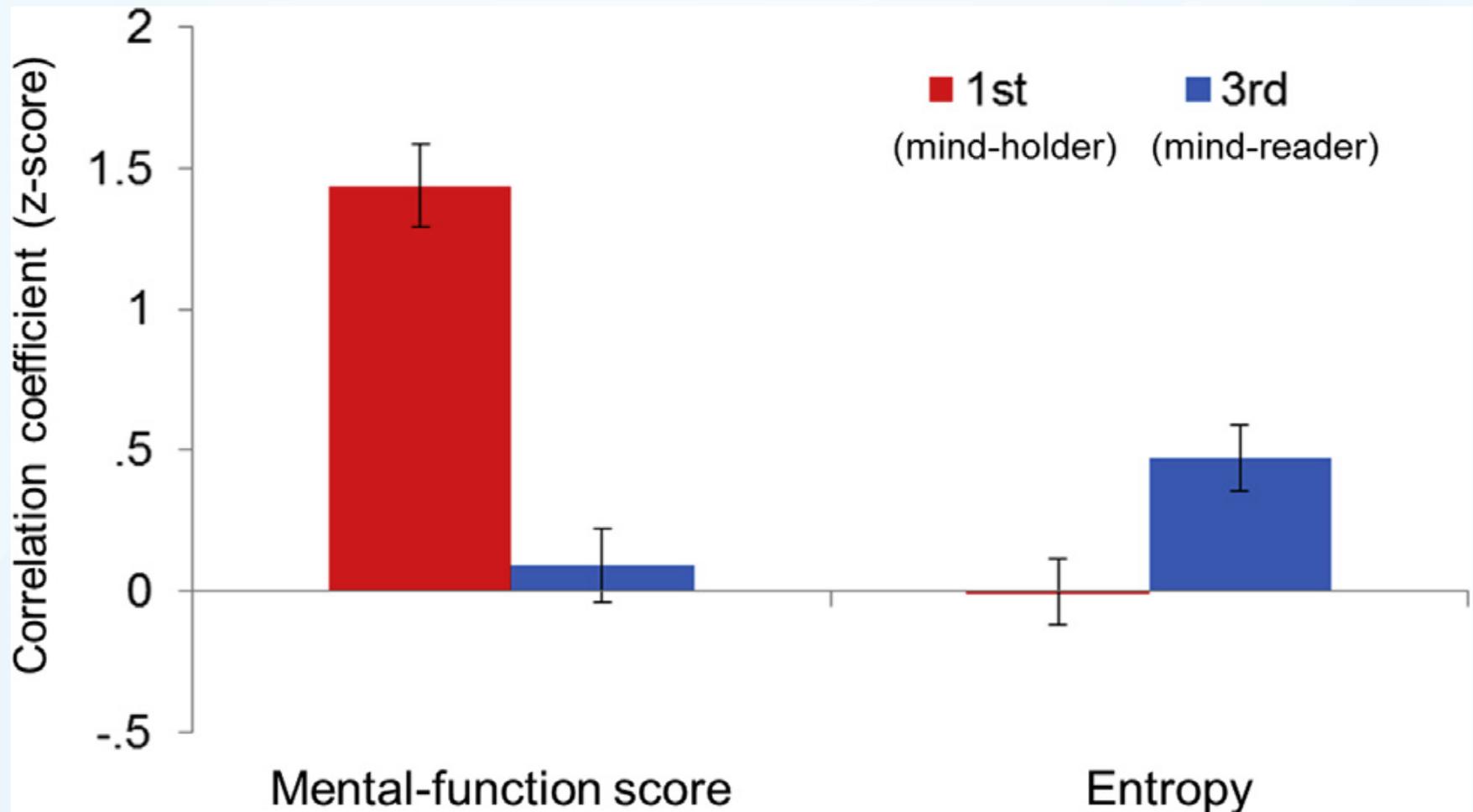
**Table 1 – Loads of questionnaires' items for each PCA component.**

	1st	2nd	3rd
Human-like	.3345	-.0081	.3498
Intelligent	.0745	.4607	.2512
Ethical	.0398	.4523	.1508
Nice	.1751	.0867	.0029
Cute	.2846	-.0619	-.281
Friendly	.3243	-.0007	-.3127
Active	.2078	.166	-.3477
Positive	.1671	.1705	-.3017
Kind	.19	.042	-.0562
Warm	.2748	.0066	-.1688
Curious	.1749	.0718	-.2756
Thoughtful	.164	.127	.0819
Emotionally stable	.0231	.348	-.0972
Rational	-.0748	.4174	-.0638
Responsible	.108	-.026	.2067
Biological	.3322	-.1024	.412
Conscious	.329	-.1184	.1665
Regular	-.1018	.0284	-.0017
Natural	.2841	.0633	.0812
Simple	.1265	-.4033	-.1303
Emotional	.2838	-.0642	.1071

# Questionnaire Analysis: PCA

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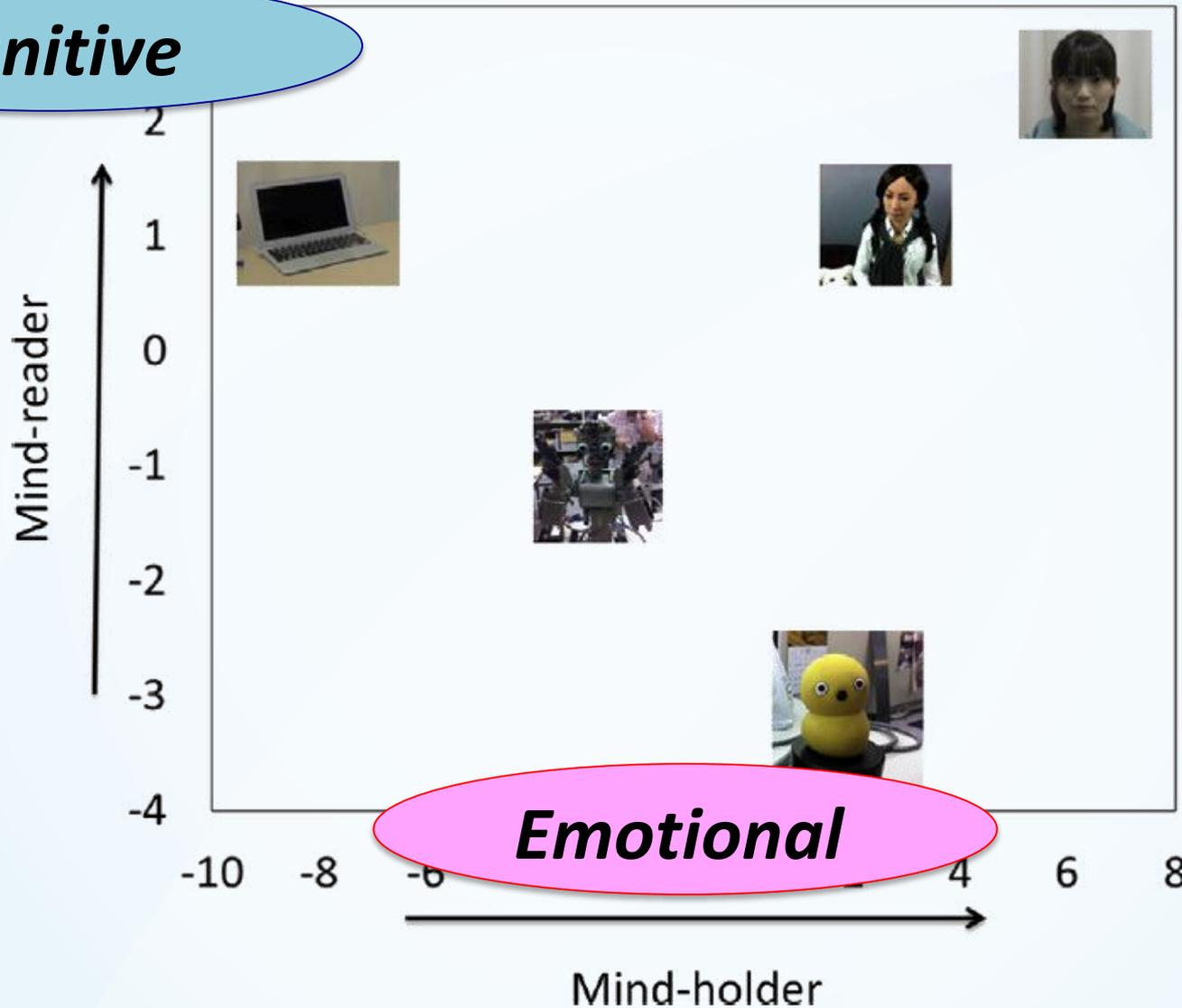
The 1<sup>st</sup> PCA component → the mental function score  
The 3<sup>rd</sup> PCA component → entropy



# Questionnaire Analysis: PCA

[Takahashi et al., 2014]

**Cognitive**



# ■ *fMRI Scan*



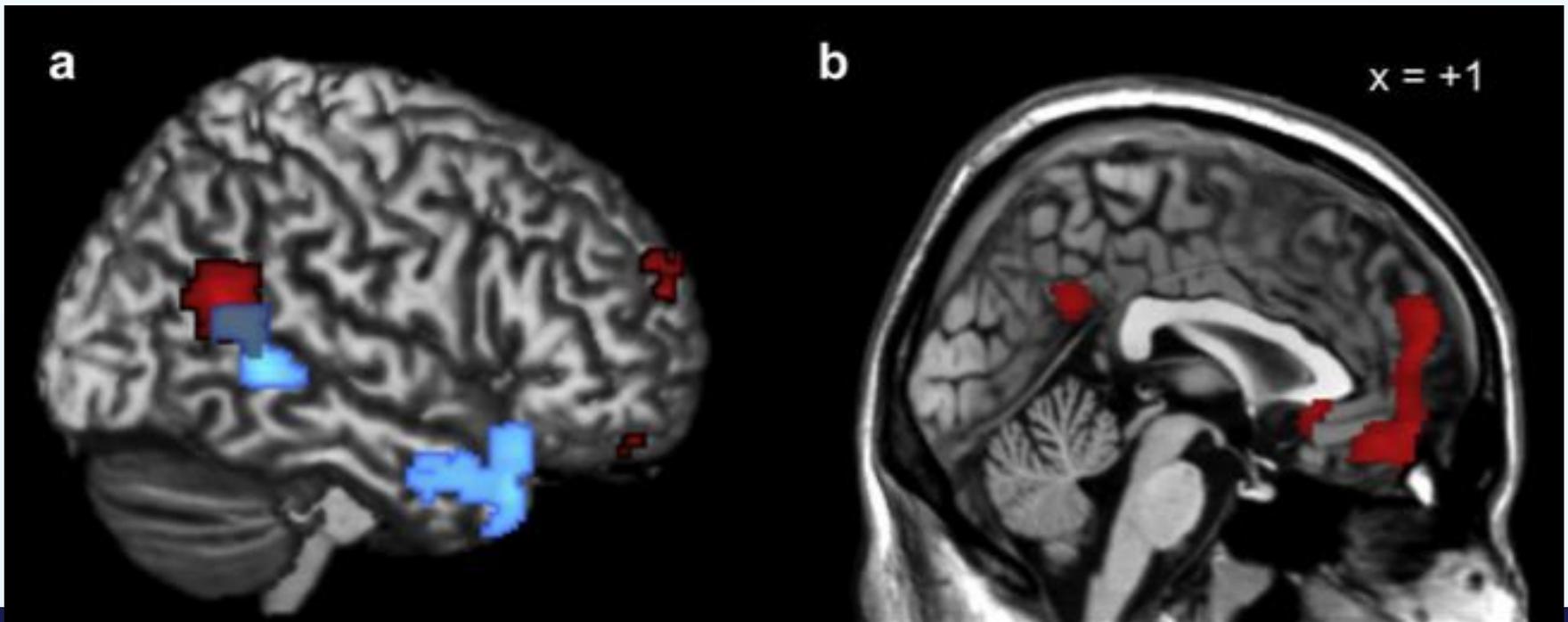
- We prepared four regressors per participant:
  1. one regressor was game-related used to specify the game period.
  2. the other three regressors, which were constructed based on the three PCA components.
- The parametric modulation analysis for each PCA component → each participant separately.
- The estimated blood oxygen level dependent (BOLD) signal change obtained from each of the 16 participants.

# ■ *fMRI Scan*

[Takahashi et al., 2014]

"mind-holderness" → red "mind-readerness" → blue)

- regions are superimposed on a lateral view of the MNI standard brain.
- regions are superimposed on a sagittal section,  $x=+1$ .

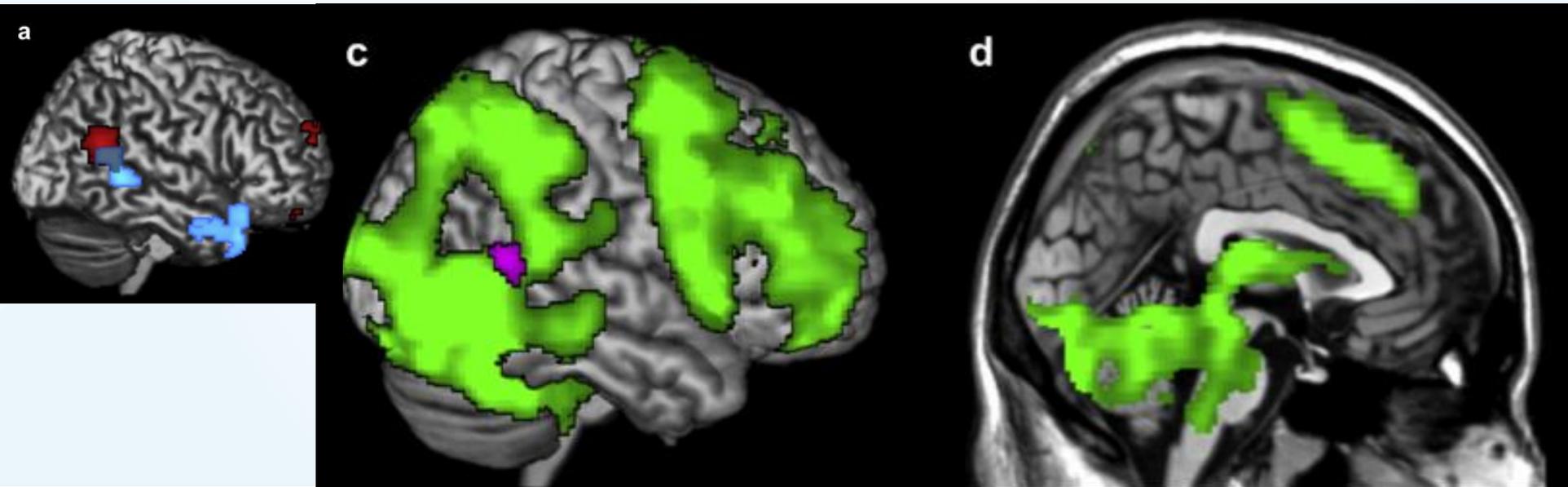


# ■ *fMRI Scan*

[Takahashi et al., 2014]

(c) and (d) → regions activated during the game.

The purple section in panel (c) represents a TPJ section where activity was modulated both by “mind-holderness” and by “mind-readerness”.



# ■ *Summary of social brain analysis*

[Takahashi et al., 2014]

- The opponent = an anthropomorphic mind-holder, perspective taking to mentalize their intention, tactics, and even emotion ← the dorso-medial cingulum network.
- The opponent = categorized as a mind-reader, mindful of the possible gaze of the opponent ← the anterior-ventral TPJ/pSTS.
- Social interaction with mindholder or mind-reader may distinctly shape the internal representation of our social brain, which may in turn determine how we behave for various agents that we encounter in our society.

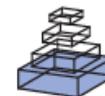
# One more recent publication

[Hirata et al., 2014]

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## Hyperscanning MEG for understanding mother–child cerebral interactions

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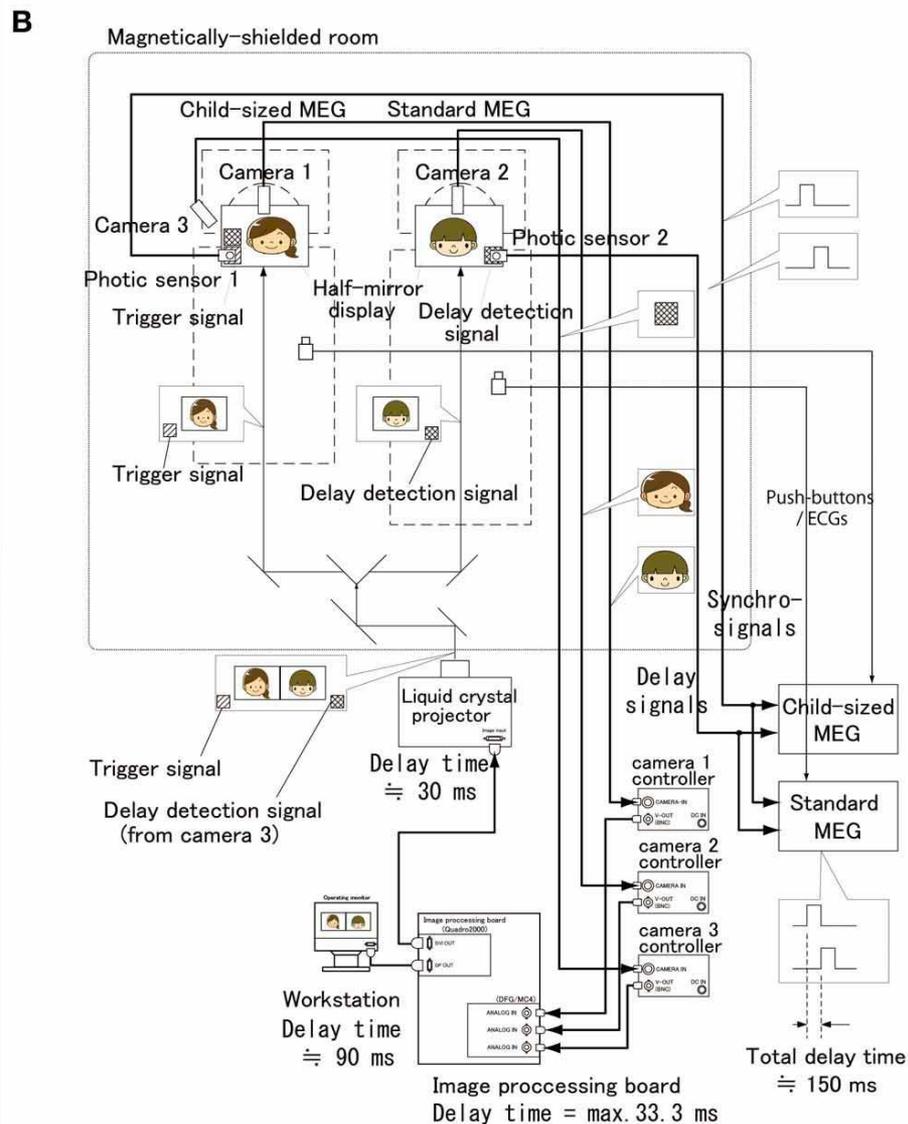
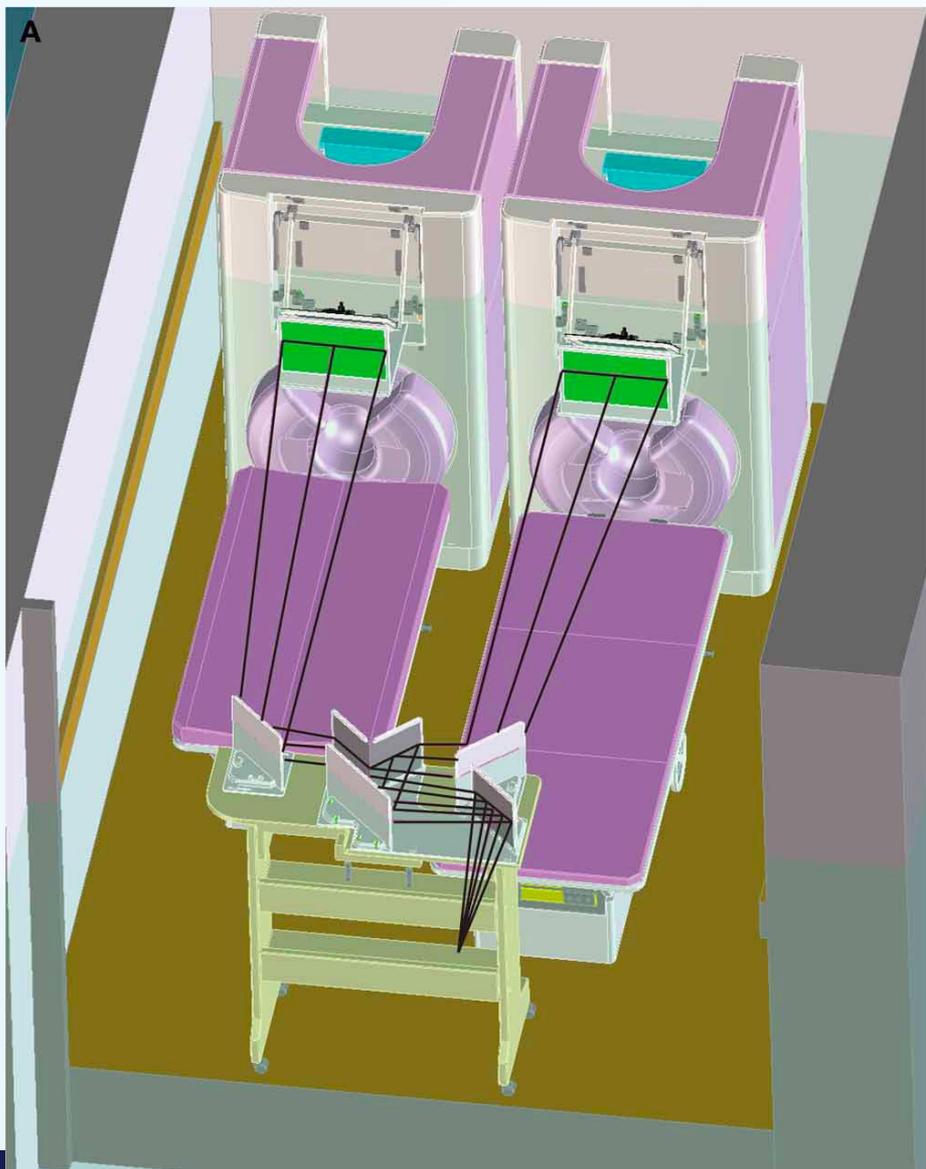
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Child development is seriously affected by social interactions with caregivers, which may lead to forming social minds in our daily life afterward. However, the underlying neural mechanism for such interactions has not yet been revealed. This article introduces a magnetoencephalographic (MEG) hyperscanning system to examine brain-to-brain interactions between a mother and her child. We used two whole-head MEG systems placed in the same magnetically-shielded room. One is a 160-channel gradiometer system for an adult and the other is a 151-channel gradiometer system for a child. We developed an audio-visual presentation system, which enabled a mother and her child to look at each other in real time. In each MEG system, a video camera was placed behind a

# Hyper Scanning MEG (1)

[Hirata et al., 2014]



# Hyper Scanning MEG (2)

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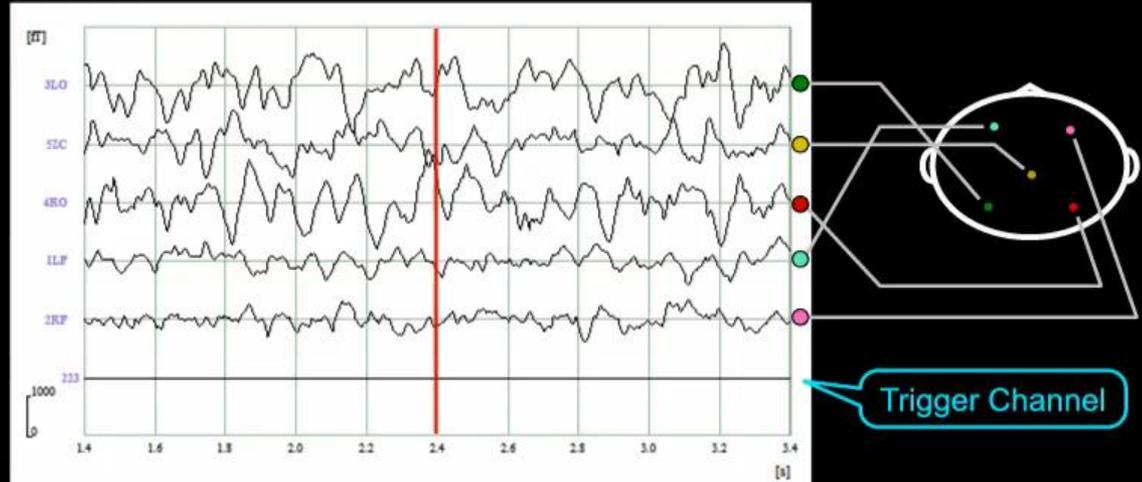
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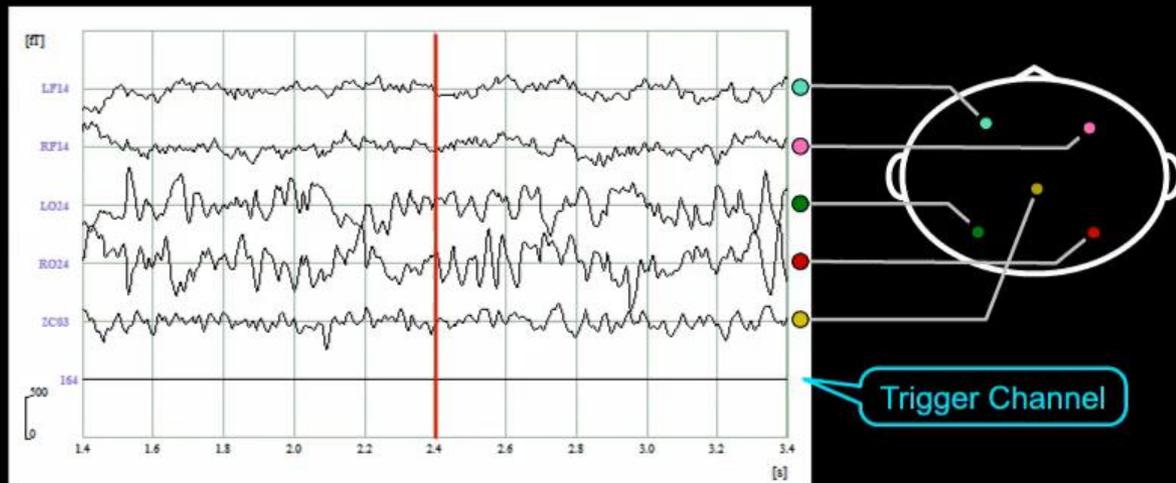
## MEG waveform: *Child*



## Mother's view



## MEG waveform: *Mother*



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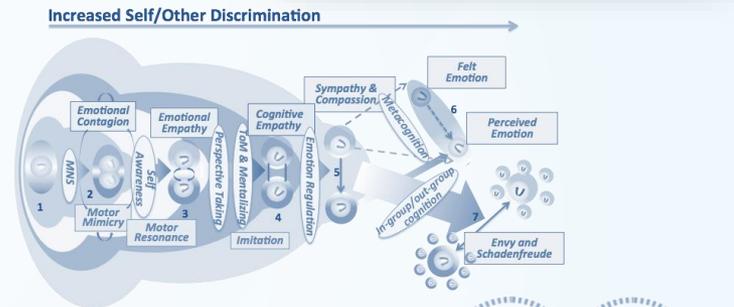
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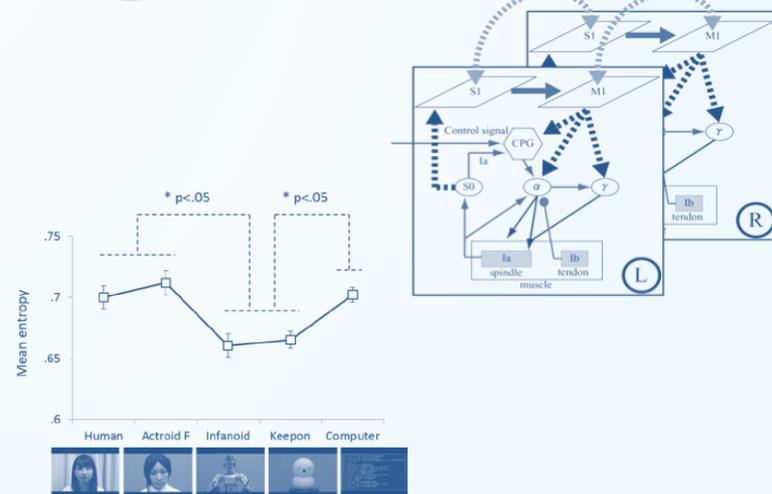
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# Future issues (1)

## 1. How to design robot emotion?

- A lack of homeostasis in the body [Damasio & Carvalho, 2013]  
→ adaptive behavior via brain networks

- Robot homeostasis → self-preserving architecture → a pioneering work  
WAMOEBAs [Ogata & Sugano, 1997]

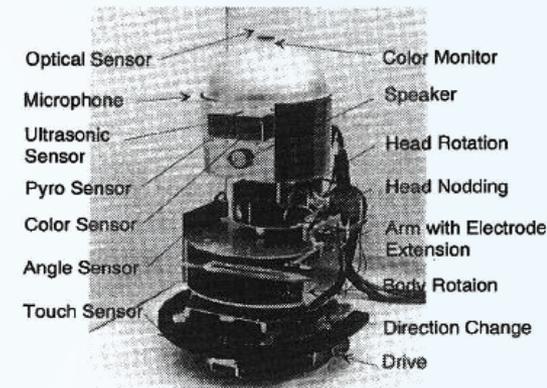


Fig. 2 WAMOEBAs-1R

## 2. How to design intrinsic motivation?

- Falling is a leading cause of accidental injury and death in children under five. [Joh & Adolph, 2006]

- ML and developmental robotics communities

[Lopes & Oudeyer, 2010]

# Future issues (2)

## 3. Language?

- Studies assessing severe aphasic patients have reported normal ToM processing. [Varley, 2001]
- However, language faculty is needed in higher empathic social contexts. Rather, empathy and motivation may accelerate language learning.

## 4. Hormones and neurochemical compounds

- oxytocin (OT) → emotional empathy, and dopamine (DA) → cognitive empathy [Gonzalez-Lienres et al., 2013]
- EE sensitivity and CE capability to characterize empathic disorders → Gain control in our model.

[Smith, 2006]

# Future issues (3)

## 5. Expressions

- Facial and gestural expressions are key aspect of artificial empathy.

### AFFETTO:

A child robot with realistic facial expressions that develops based on affective attachment with a caregiver

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[Ishihara and Asada, 2011, 2013]

## 6. Many more issues!

- Towards Artificial Empathy (to appear in the Int. Journal of Social Robotics)

### Towards Artificial Empathy

How can artificial empathy follow the developmental pathway of natural empathy?

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**Abstract** The design of artificial empathy is one of the most essential issues in social robotics. This is because empathic interactions with ordinary people are needed to introduce robots into our society. Several attempts have been made for specific situations. However, such attempts have provided several limitations; thus, diminishing the effectiveness of artificial empathy. This article proposes "Affective Empathy" which

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