# ICRA 2011 – A New Generation of Educational Robots

Recent developments in Humanoids for Education and Research – Rodolphe Gelin

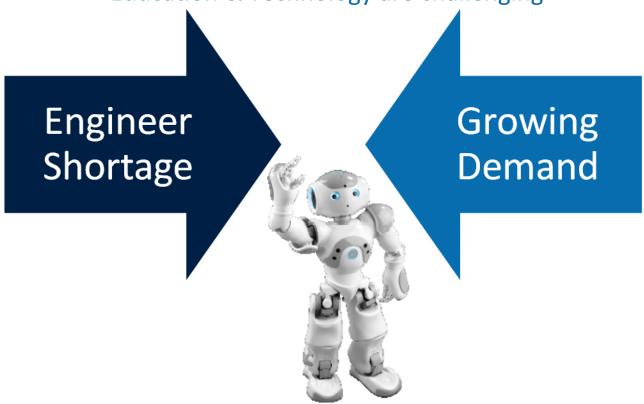
# Education Computer Sciences Edutainment Human assistance Elderly, Alzheimer Vision deficiency Autistic children Companion for hospitalized children people goods home care premises

**ROBOTS** helping the well being of humanity

Millions of jobs in the countries producing robots (hardware, software and services)...

...we need to train the next generation!

A progressive dissatisfaction for scientist discipline Education & Technology are challenging



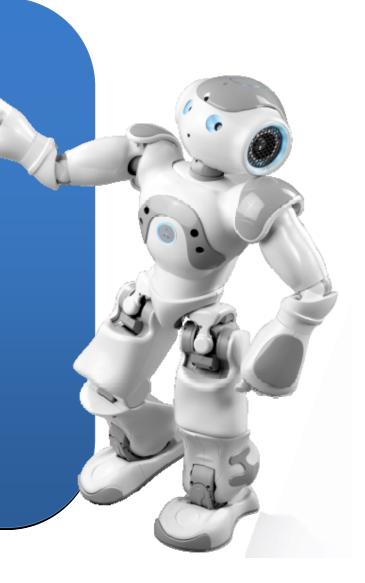
GENERATE AND TRANSMIT KNOWLEDGE

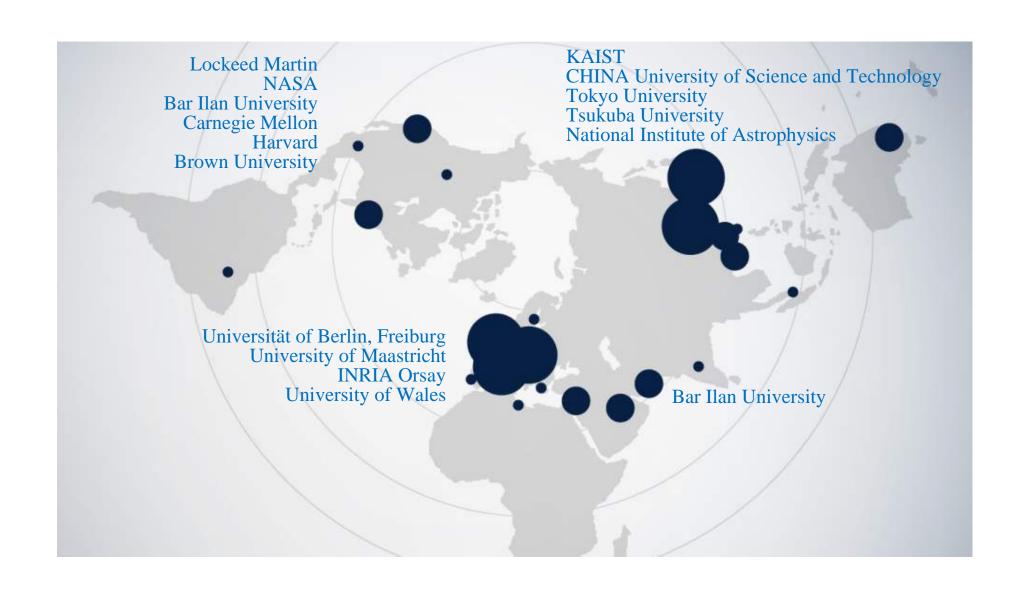
MERGE SUBJECTS

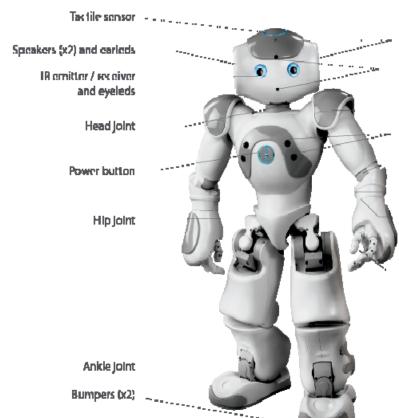
• Founded in 2005, based in Paris,

•Sales operations in Boston, Osaka & Shangha

- Goal: humanoid robots for
  - Research and Education
  - Personal Assistance,
- 1500 NAOs in operations in 35 countries
- World Leader in BtoB Humanoid robotics
- 120+ employees







Front & Rear microphones

Cameras (x2)

Lateral microphones (x2)

WiFi

Ethernet

Shoulder Joint

Sonars (x4)

Elbow Joint

Battery

Wrist Joint

Prehensile hands

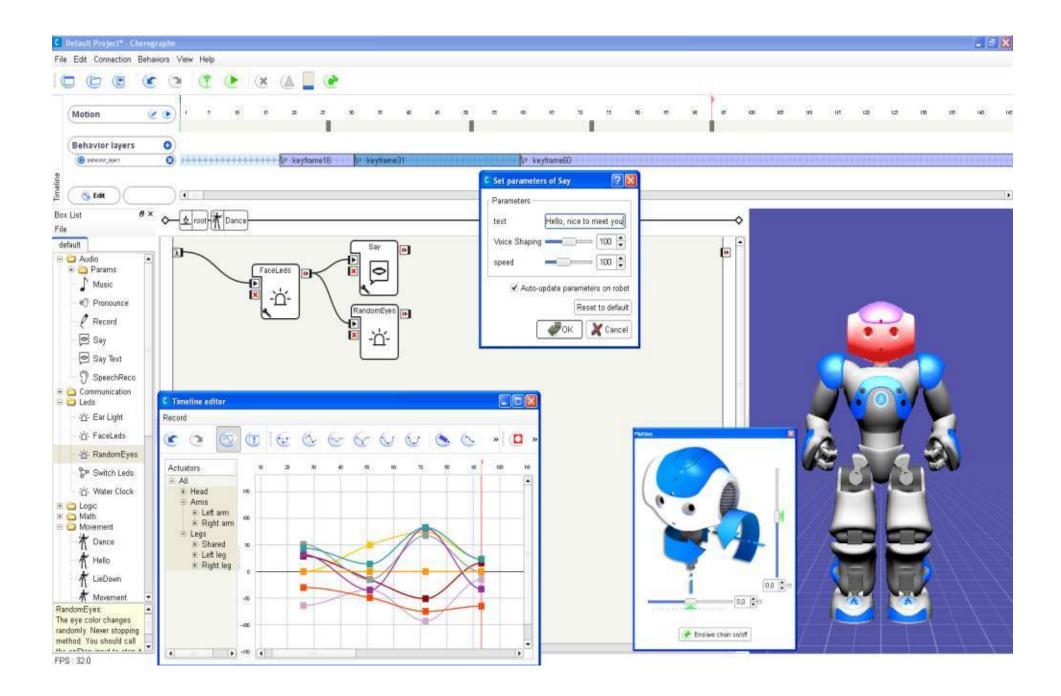
Knee joint



choregraphe







## • 35 people

# Subjects

- Mechatronics (actuators, power supply, transmission,...)
- Control (locomotion, whole body motion)
- Speech recognition
- Localization and navigation
- Grasping
- Image processing : objects, faces, gestures...
- Vision based control
- Learning
- Reasoning

# Collaborative projects

- ANR (GVLEX, YOJI, RASPO)
- FUI (Romeo)
- FEDER (Juliette)
- Europe (Feelix Growing, HumaVips, Echord : Graspy, Babir)







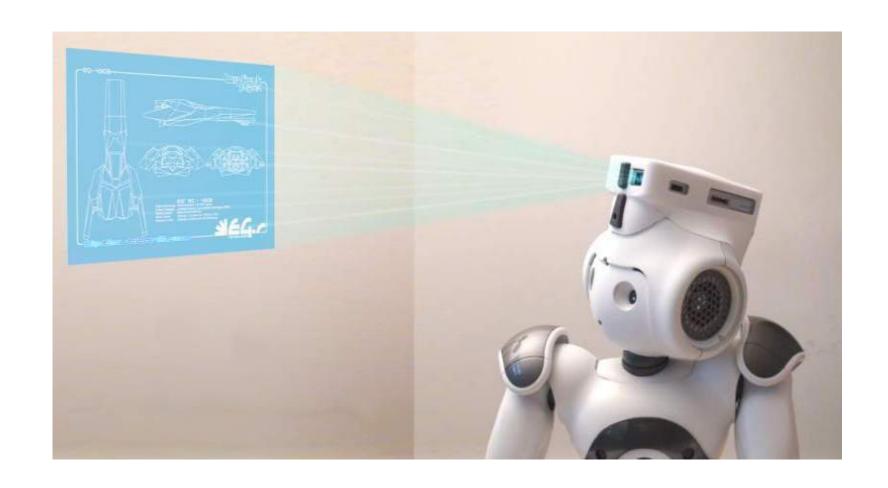


Hokuyo laser range finder

**Microsoft Kinect** 

**ACER Pico-projector** 

**Asus Primesense** 



**PROGRAMMING** 

**TEAM WORK** 





COMMUNICATION SKILLS



SCIENTIFIC PROCESS

PROJECT MANAGEMENT



INTERDISPLINARY PROJECTS

**ROBOTICS** 

**PHYSICS** 

**MATHEMATICS** 

**SCIENCE** 

COMPUTER SCIENCE

**ENGINEERING** 

#### **S**ENSING

**Multimodal fusion** 

**Audio** 

**Vision** 

**Perception** 

**Tracking** 

#### **BEING AUTONOMOUS**

**Autonomy** 

**Embedded Software** 

#### **THINKING**

Al

Cognition

Learning

Cooperation (SWARM...)

#### CONTROLLING

Control

Whole Body

**Motion** 

**Manipulation grasping** 

#### **MOVING**

**Mapping** 

**Planning** 

**Navigation** 

Localization

#### INTERACTING

**Psychology** 

**Healthcare** 

**Social Robotics** 

**Human-Robot Interaction** 



## **Engineering**

- -Mechanical Engineering
- -Electronics



## **Social sciences**

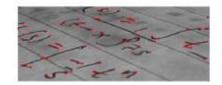
- -Game theory
- -Human-robot interaction



## **Computer Sciences**

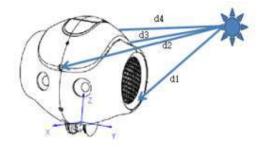
- -Programming
- -Vision & audio processing



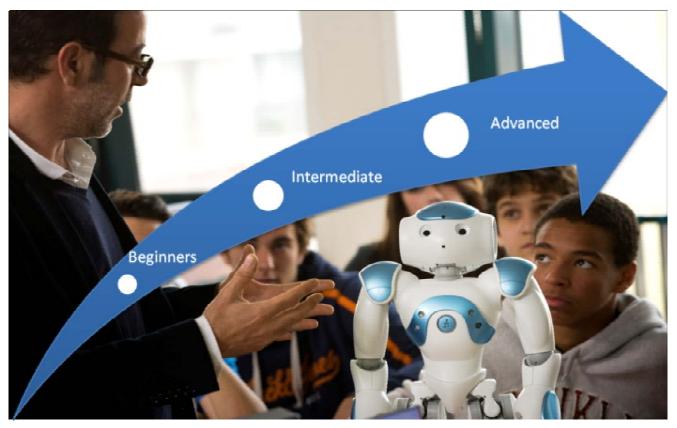


# **Sciences: Physics & Mathematics**

- -Basic principles of physics
- -Mathematics



Robotics is a multi-disciplinary science involving many subjects and levels



#### **MULTI-TEACHING**

Physics, Coding & Project Management at the same time! **MULTI-LEVEL** 

Whatever your level in coding, you can program NAO **MULTI-USES** 

Lectures assistant, Lab sessions tool, projects, etc...

# Mechanical Engineering:

- Solidworks files of the left arm and right leg to discover
   NAO's internal conception
- Explain the concept of Torque and the relationship between torque, power and energy



#### • Electronics:

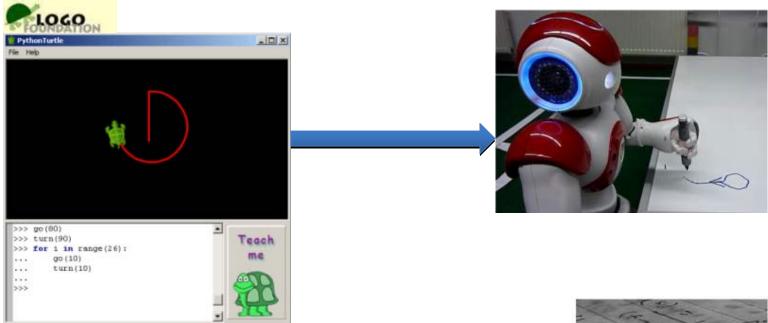
- Control & Automatism using our motion APIs or Choregraphe
- Telepathe to see sensors and motors actions (current variations for instance)

#### NAO's architecture:

 Teach how a robot is built using NAO's example: mechanical parts, communication buses, firmware and software framework

# Programming

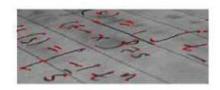
 Teach basic programming principles (the NAO-turtle programming) or advanced topics (embedded, task planning and scheduling, real-time)



# • Vision & audio processing:

- Calculate the distance of a human according the size of the face
- Create a line follower module
- Extract the BPM and make Nao dance in rhythm





Game theory in the fields of political science, social psychology, etc.

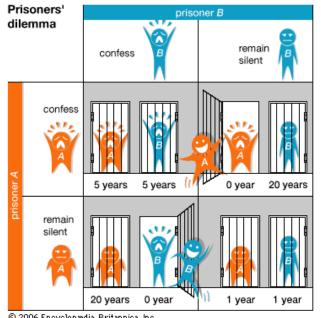
Teach various forms of strategies, equilibrium or games with NAO as the

animator

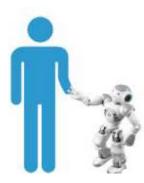
## **Human-robot interaction:**

- How to express body emotions?
- How to interact with a human?
- How to teach ethics to a robot?





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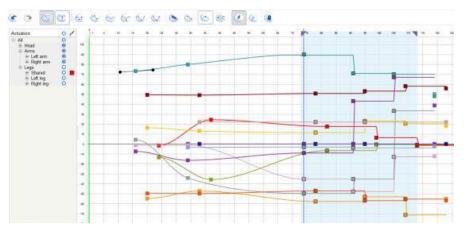


# Basic principles of physics

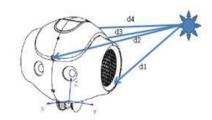
- Light spectrum: use NAO's camera to see "invisible" lights
- Waves: teach the concepts of diffraction and reflection of ultrasounds waves

# • Mathematics:

- From trigonometry (Sound localization) to vector calculus and Jacobian matrix (joint control)
- Show interpolations in action inside Choregraphe and teach the equations behind.



 Game theory: ask your students to implement algorithms (Nash equilibrium for instance) into 2 (or more) NAOs and see the results of the different game theories





Aldebaran Robotics supports
the Robotics education development
with the creation of the
Educational Partnership Program.

This program will finance part of selected projects on a win/win basis.





# **TRAINING**

**Teacher Kits** 

2-day training

Step by step tutorials

Examples of class-room projects

# FINANCIAL SUPPORT

With a system of grants,
Aldebaran Robotics helps teachers get
what they need for their ambitious and
innovative projects

# **VISIBILITY**

**Become Ambassadors** 

of the Robotic Educational

Community

**Co-Marketing** 

# **SUPPORT**

Hot-line

**NAO** community

