

Aerial Humanoid Robotics

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LAB WORKSHOP 2020





JOINT LABS
with
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EU PROJECTS



SOFTMANBOT

Agent-robot collaboration (ARC)

Cobots, wearable sensors, and ergonomics



Aerial Humanoid Robotics (AHR)

Disaster response, heavy-payload delivery



Telexistence (TELX)

Telepresence, and virtual reality



Why





Manipulation

Terrestrial Locomotion

Aerial Locomotion





Manipulation

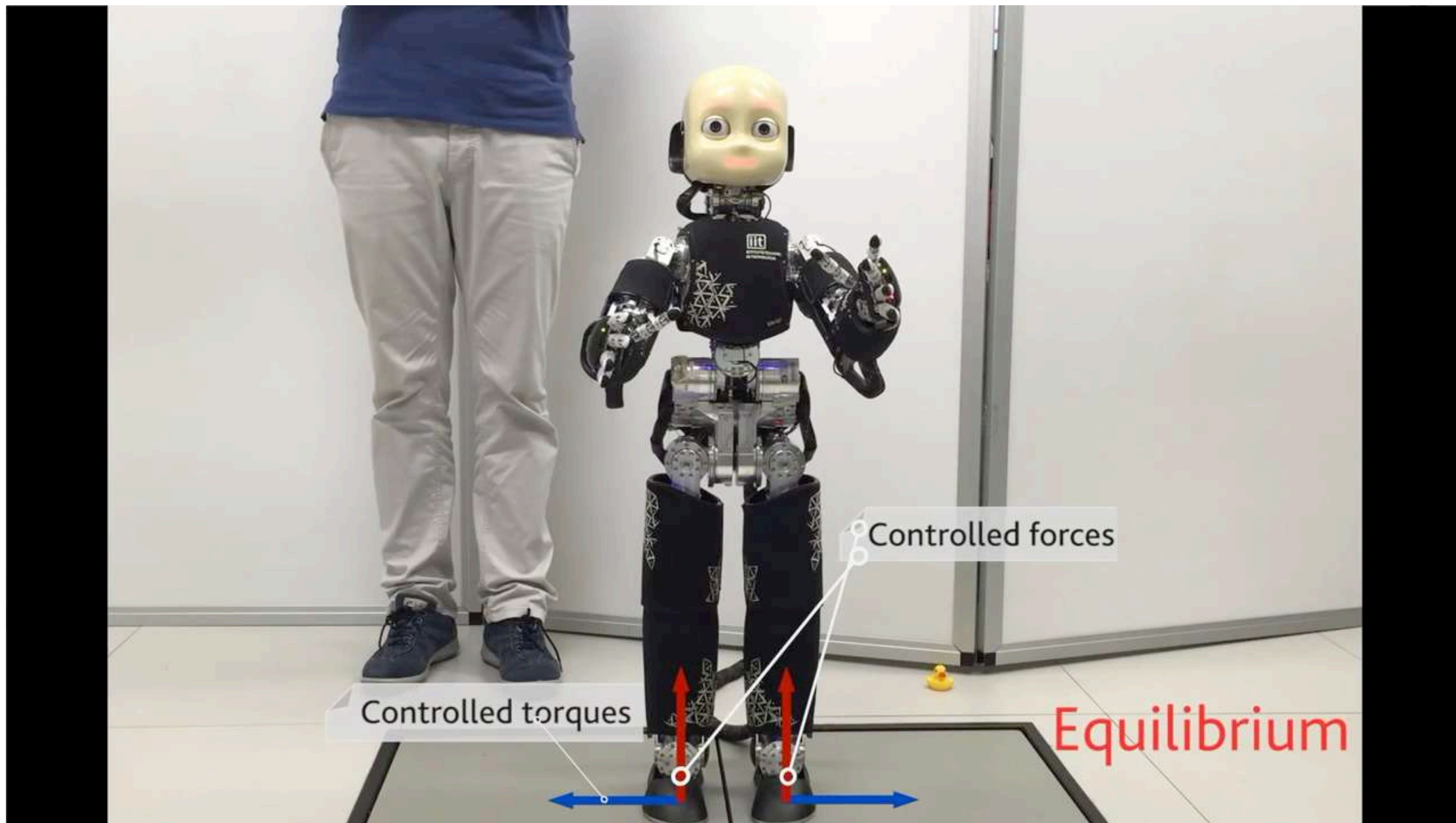


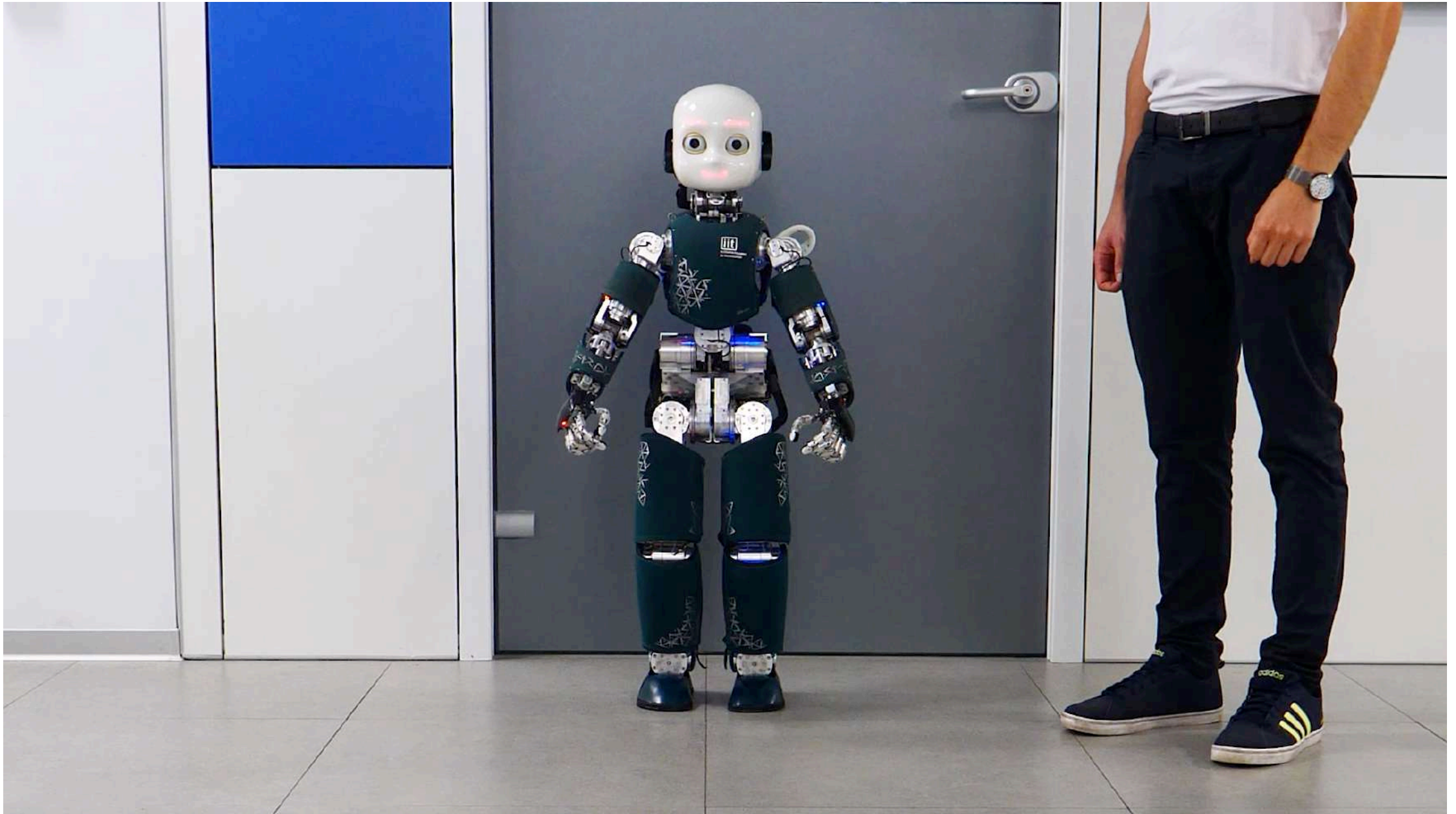
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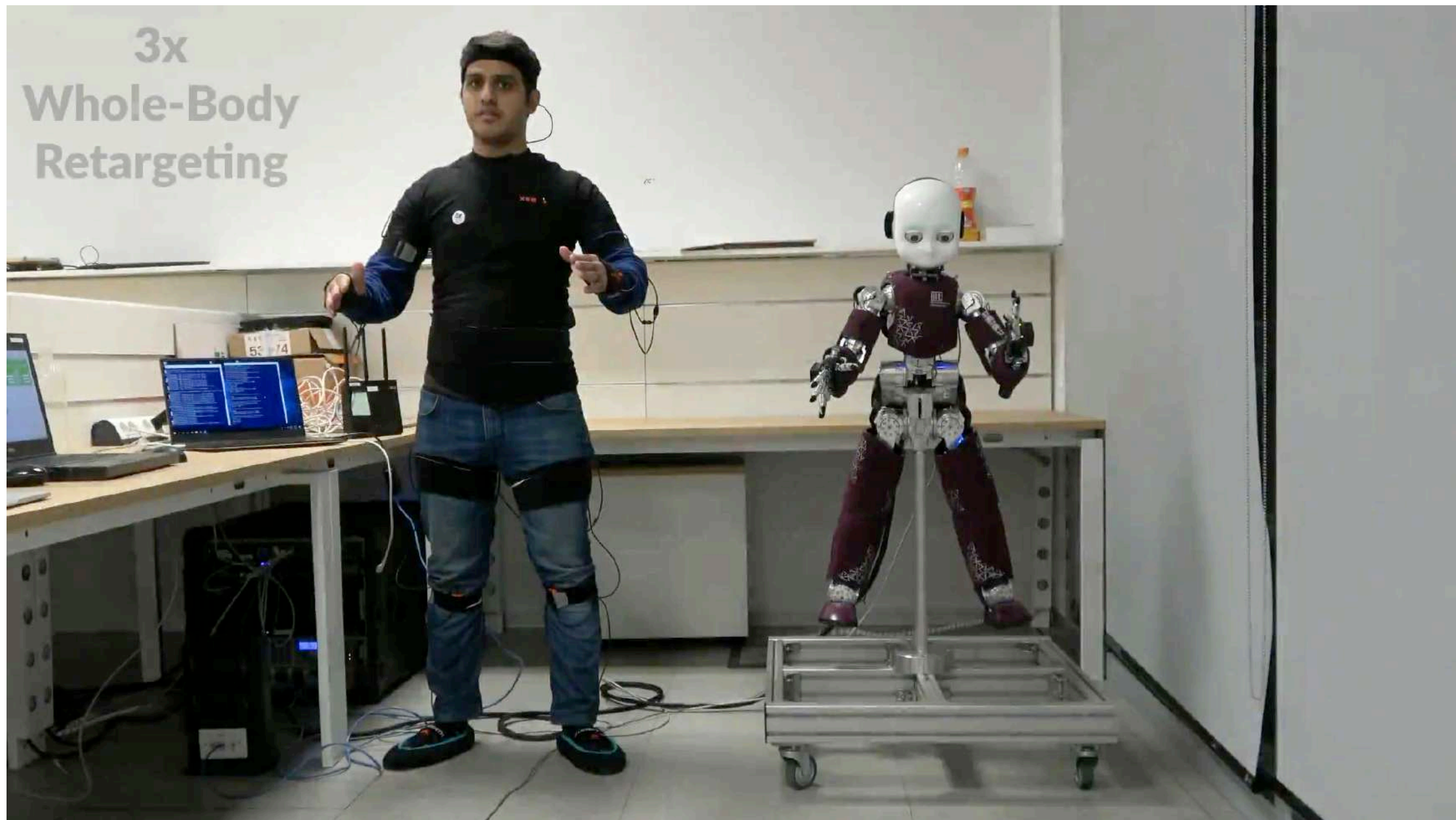
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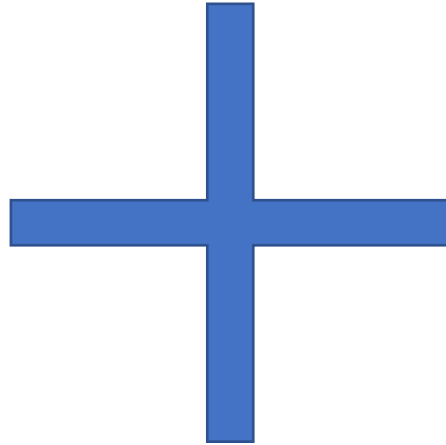
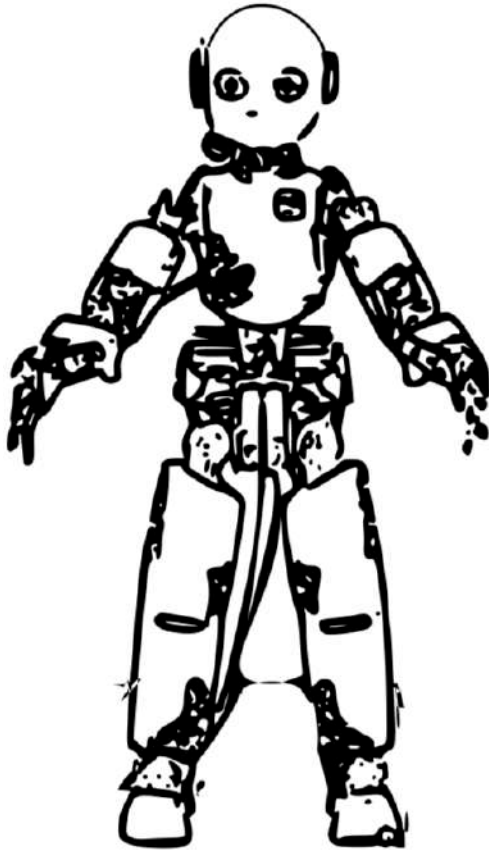
Romualdi et al. "A Benchmarking of DCM Based Architectures for Position, Velocity and Torque Controlled Humanoid Robots" IJHR, 2020

Shafiee et al. ",Online DCM Trajectory Generation for Push Recovery of Torque-Controlled Humanoid Robots" IEEE HUMANOIDS, 2020



How do we make it fly?

How do we make iCub fly? iRonCub



How do we make a humanoid robot fly?

Jet Identification & Jet Control

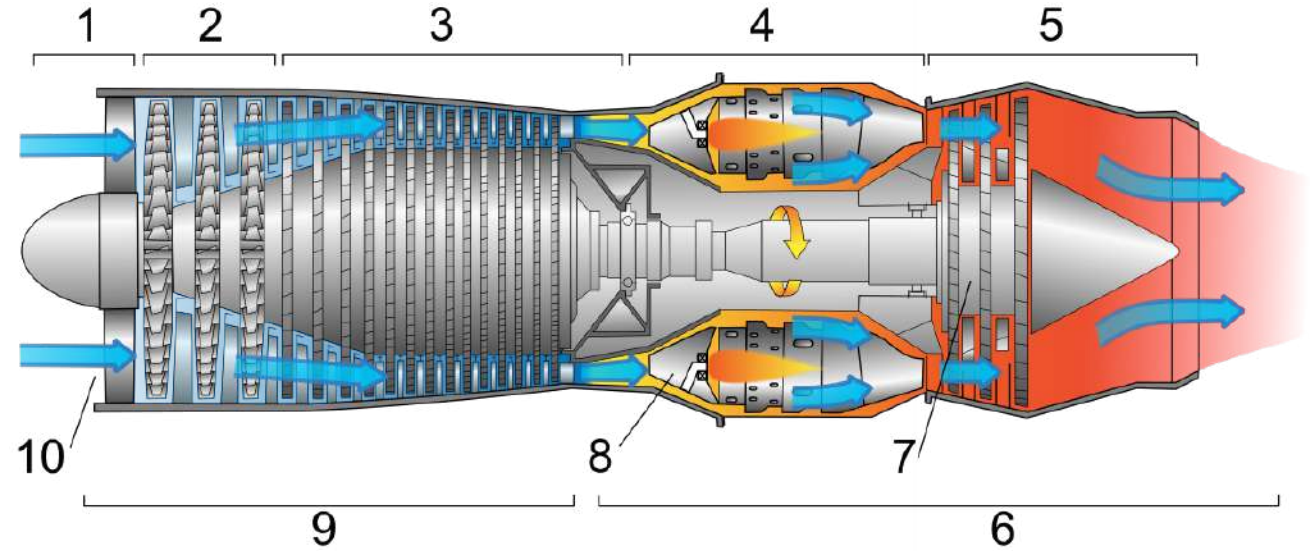


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graph TD; A[Jet Identification & Jet Control] --> B[Mechanics & Electronics]; B --> C[Body Control & Experiments];
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Mechanics & Electronics

Body Control & Experiments

Jet Identification & Jet control



JetCat

JETCAT ENGINES

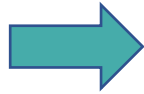


The P100-RX and the P220-RXi are two model jet engines developed by JetCat.

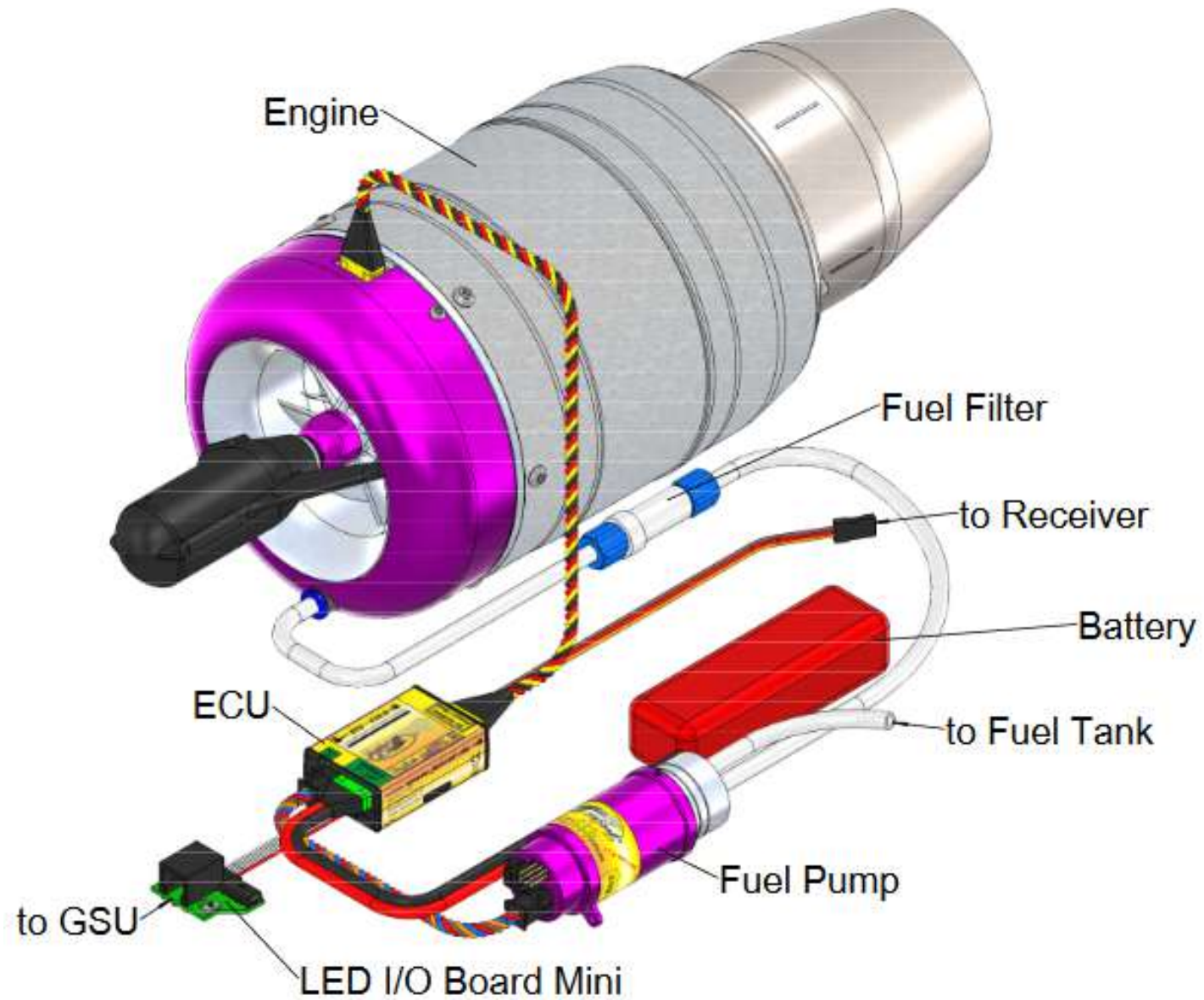
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Exhaust gas temperature	480-720 °C	480-750 °C
Nominal Max. Thrust	100 N	220 N
Weight	1080 g	1850 g
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Diameter	97 mm	116.8 mm
Max rpm (1/min)	154000 1/min	117000 1/min

MODEL JET ENGINE

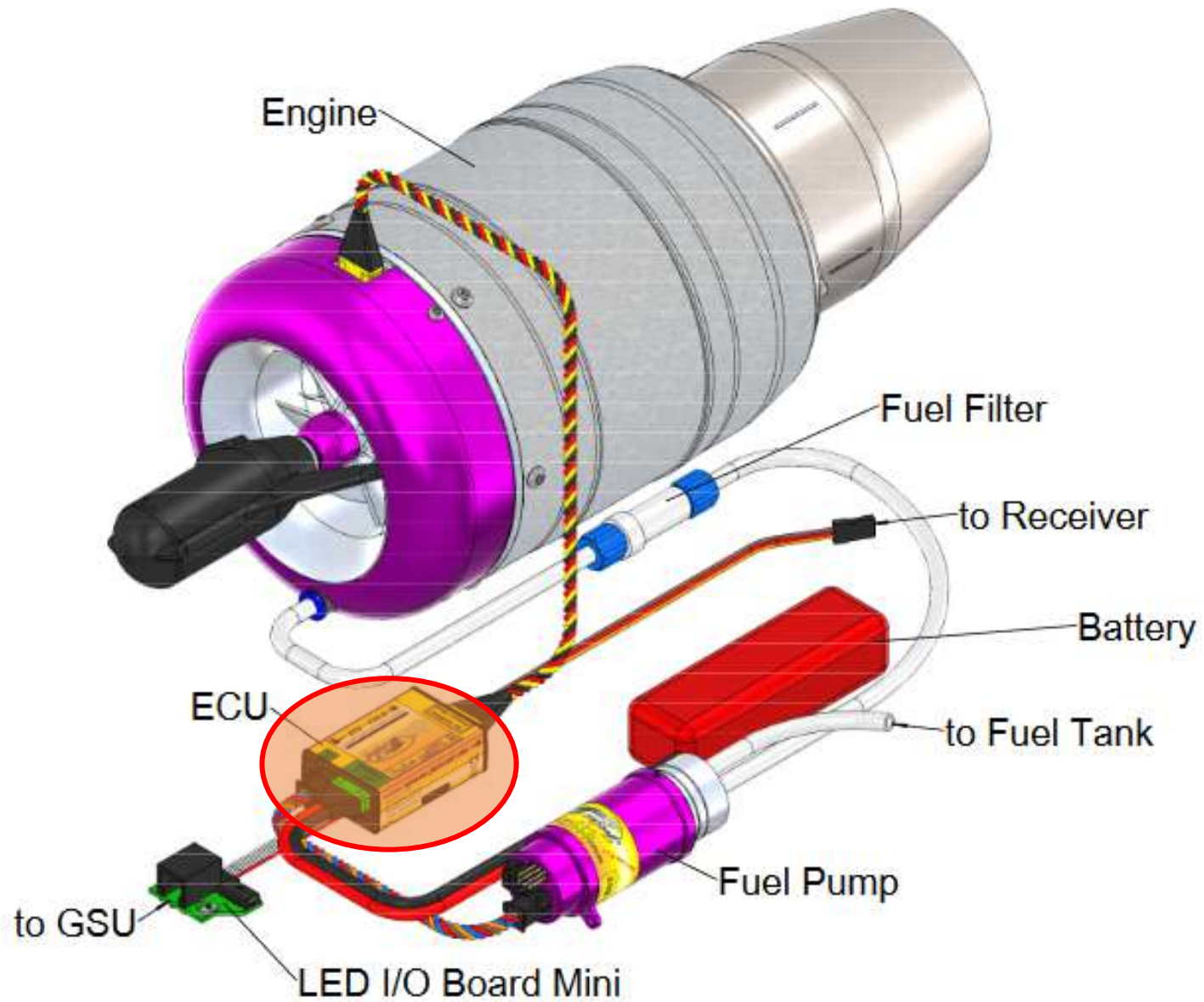
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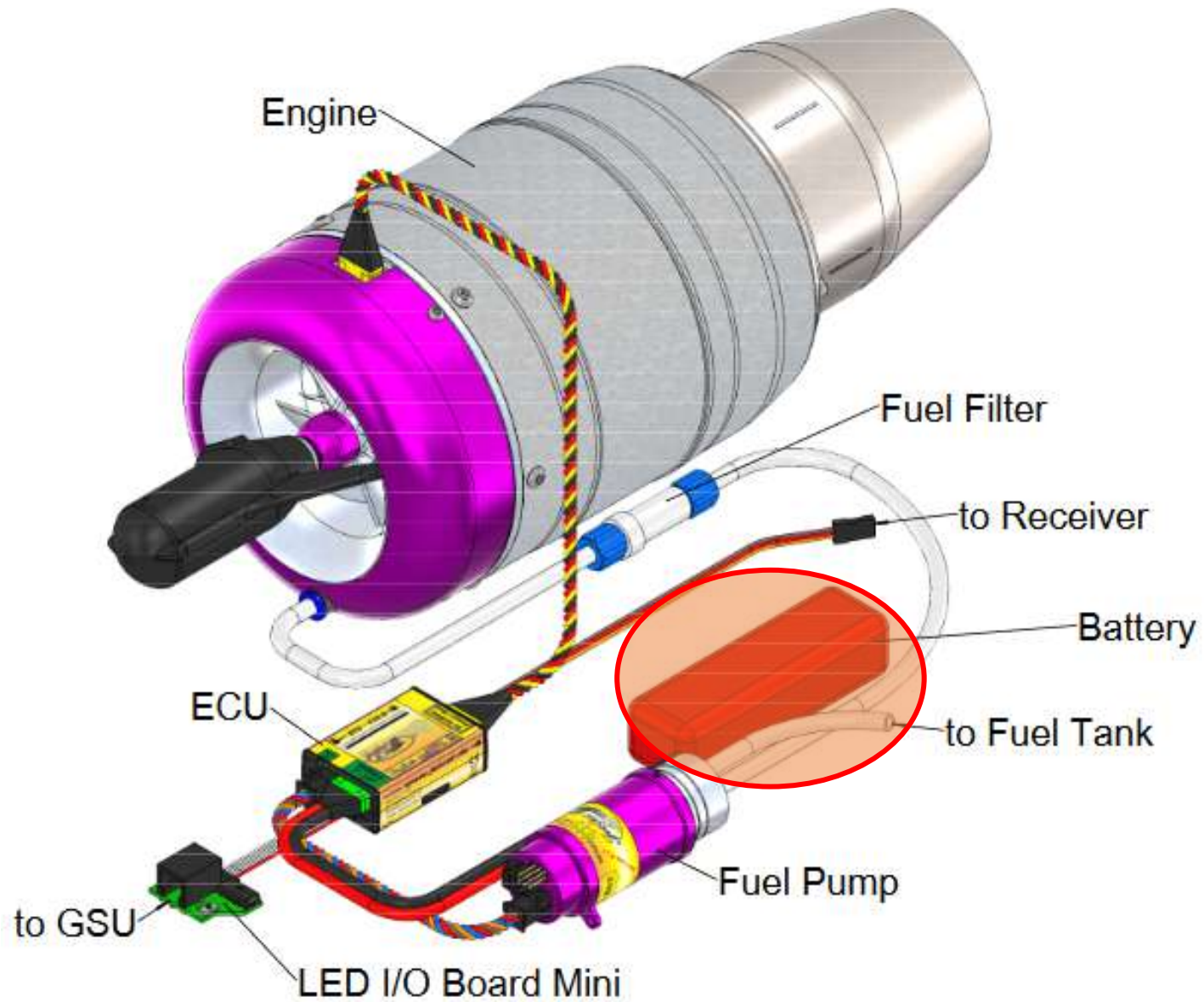
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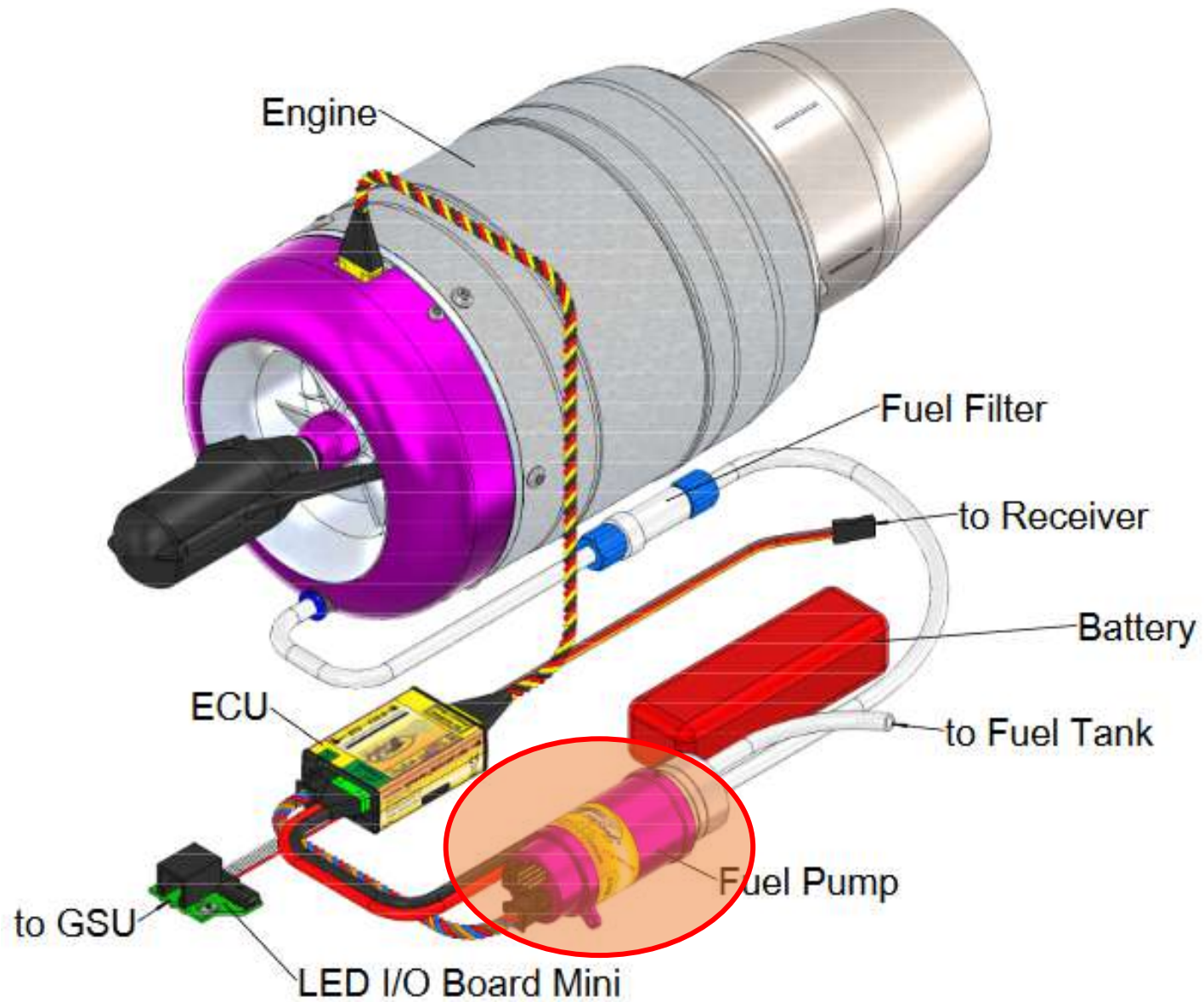
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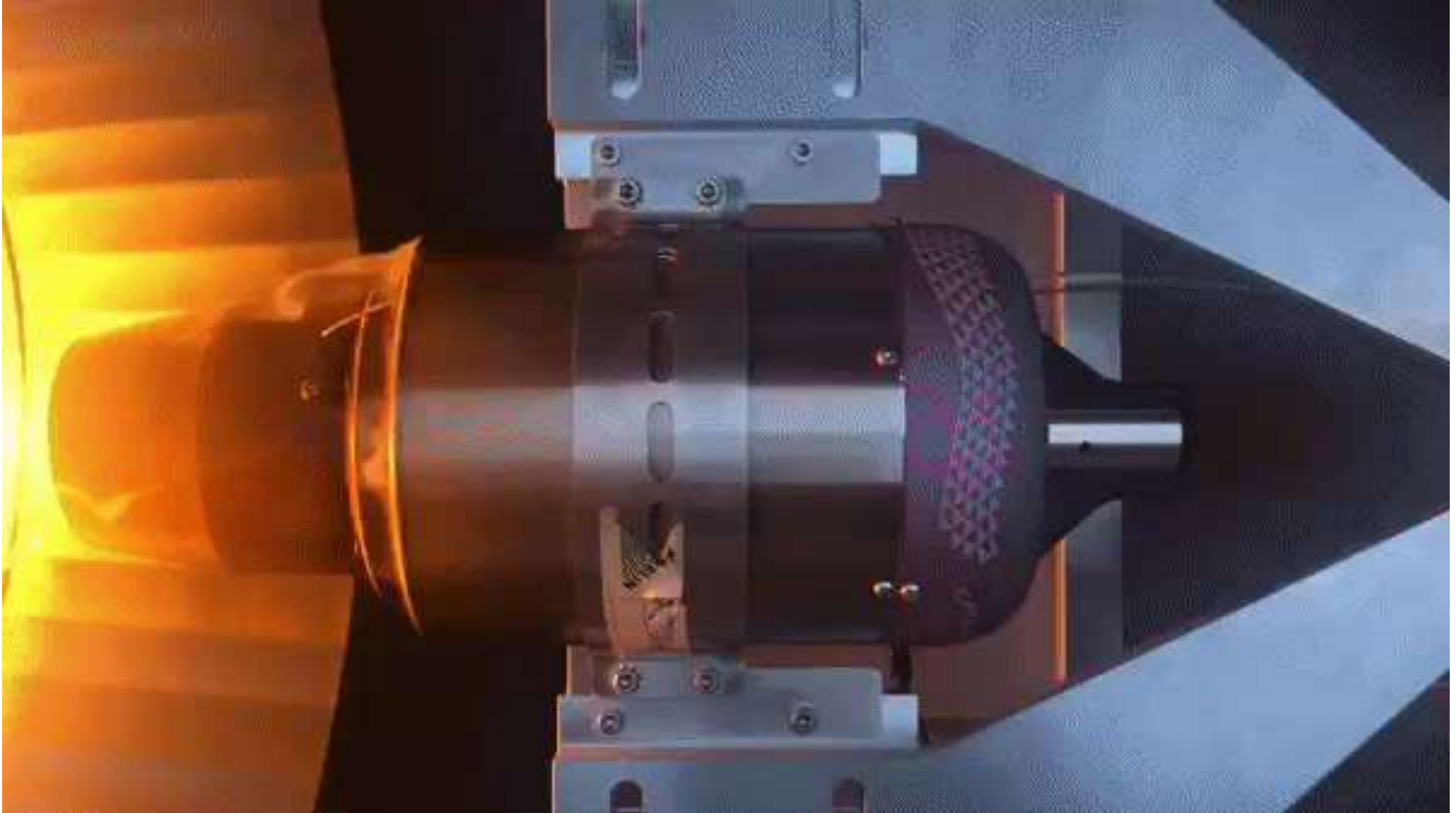


COMPUTER CONTROL

PC with YARP and

It can explode

LED I/O Board Mini



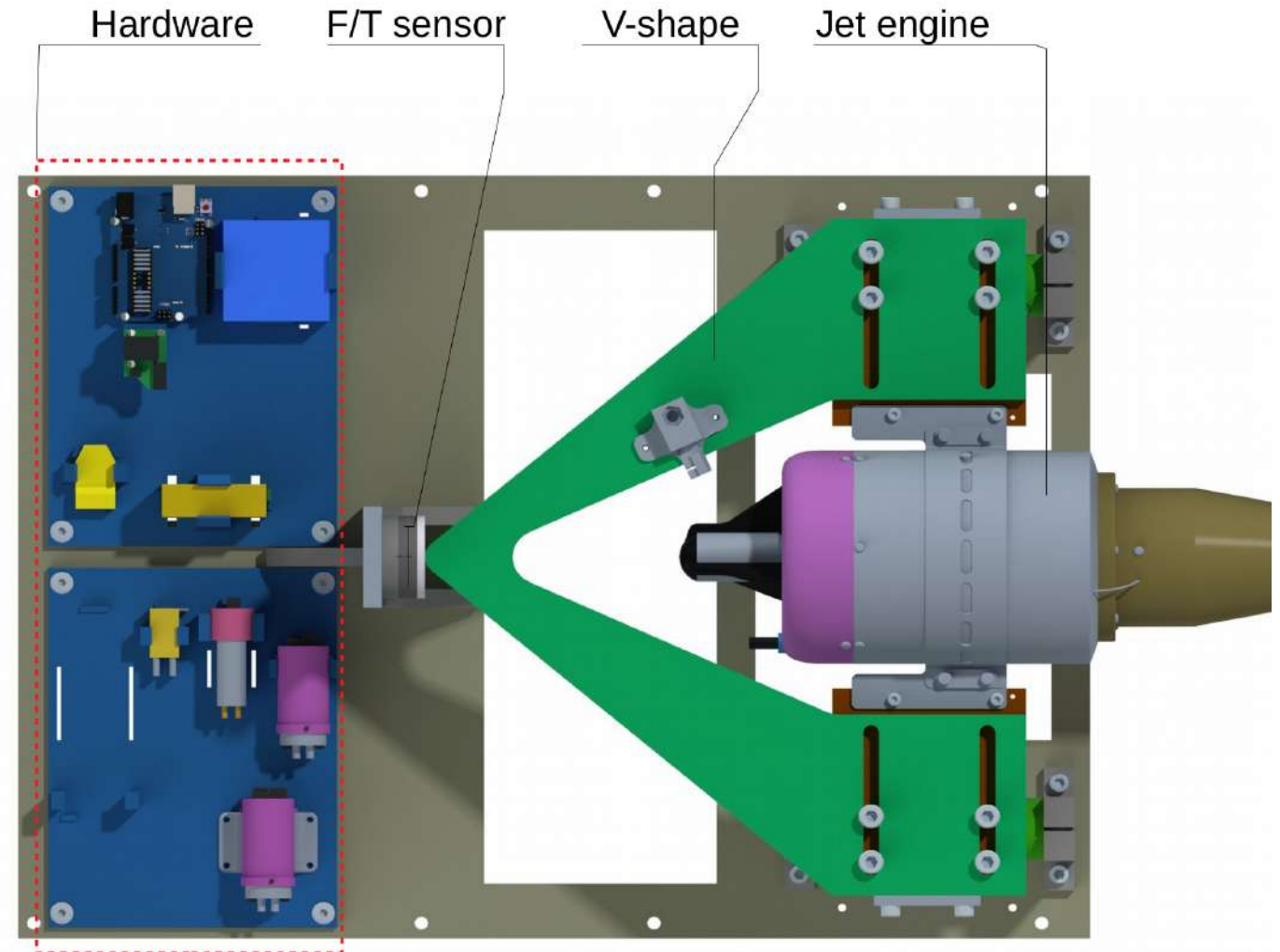
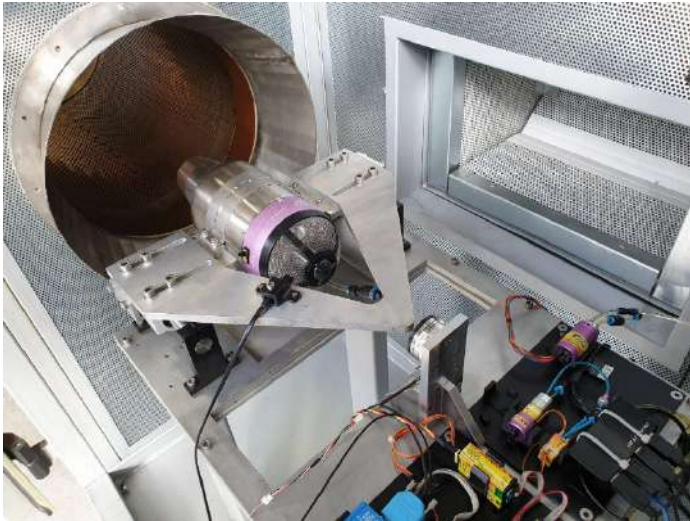
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FOR EXPERIMENTAL ACTIVITIES



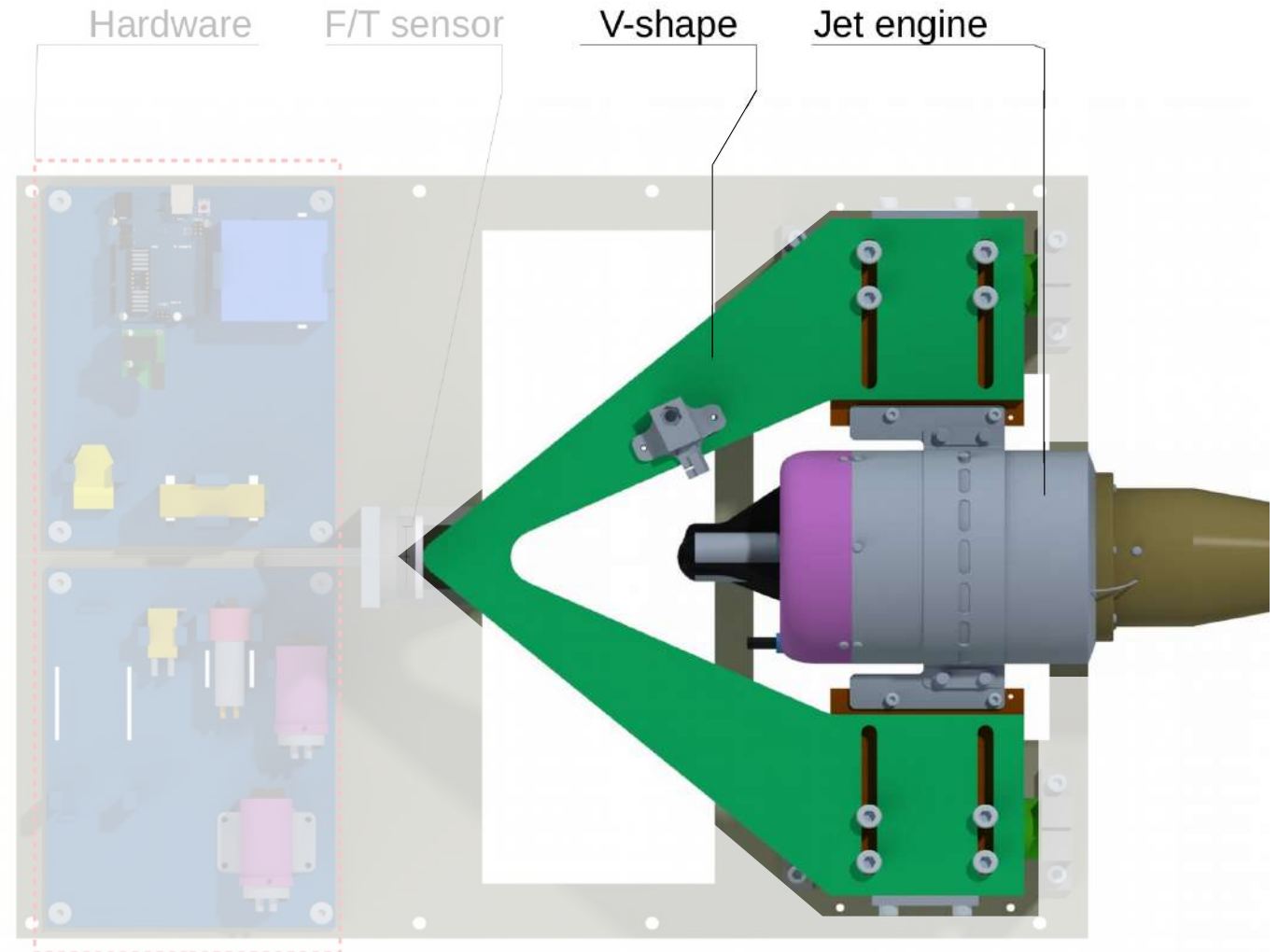
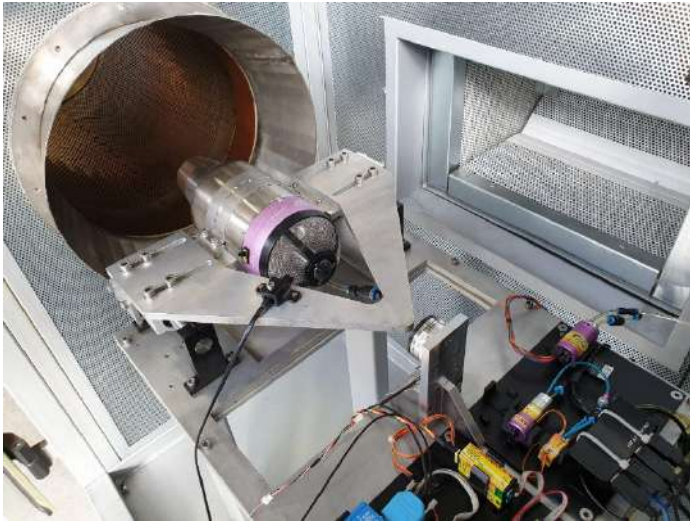
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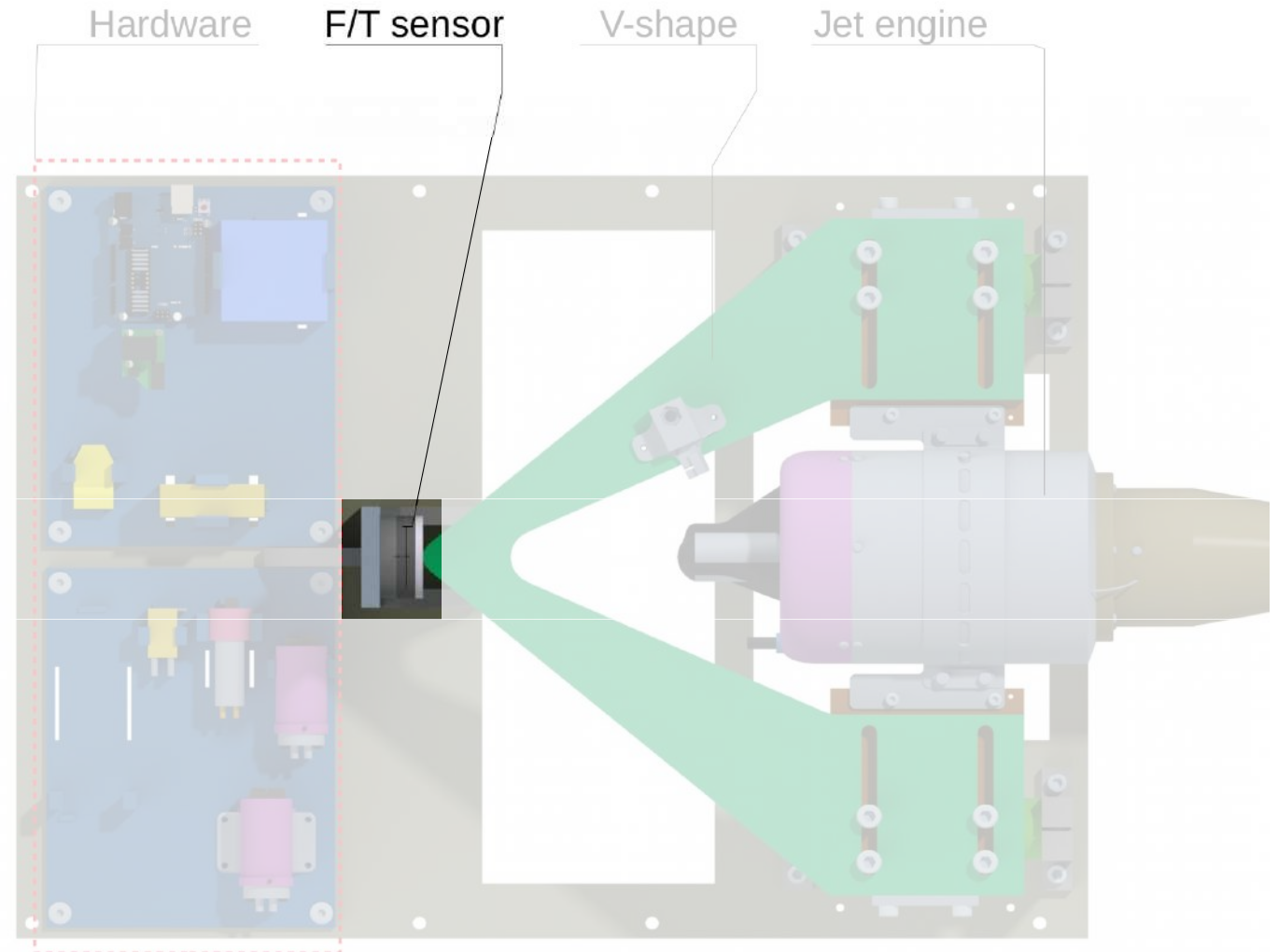
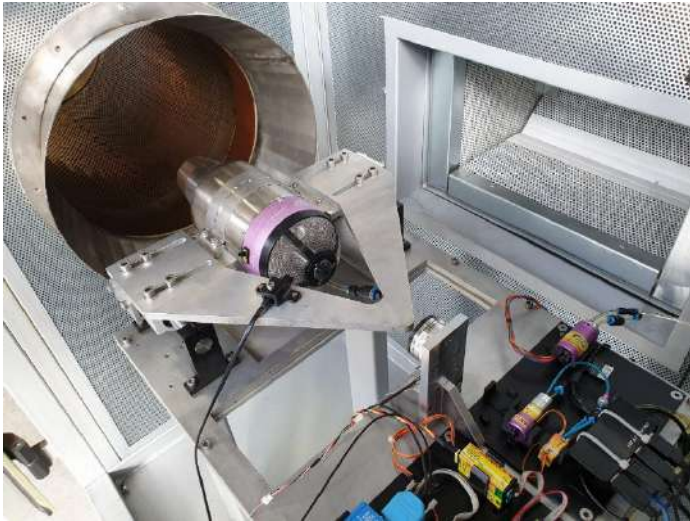
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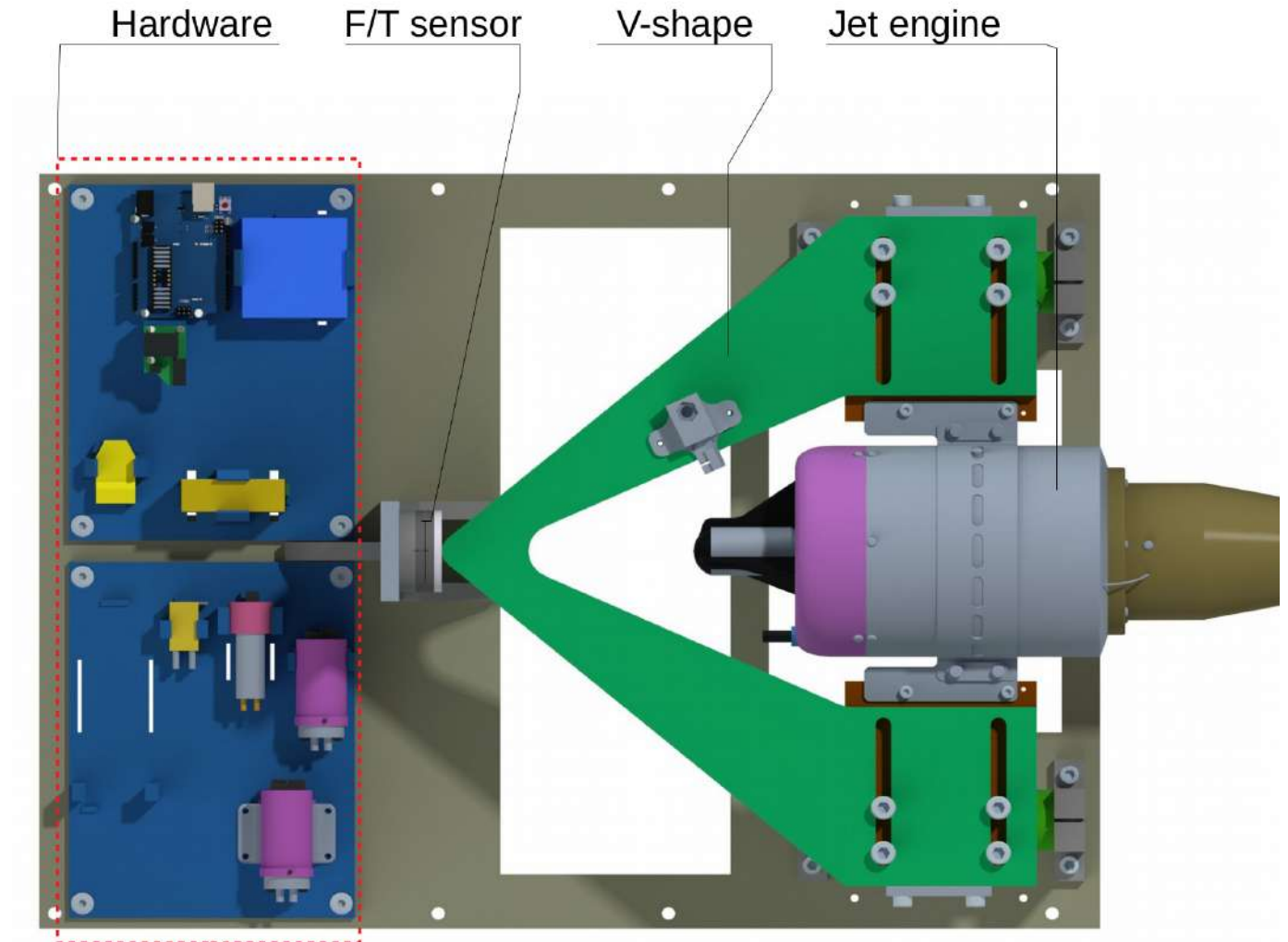
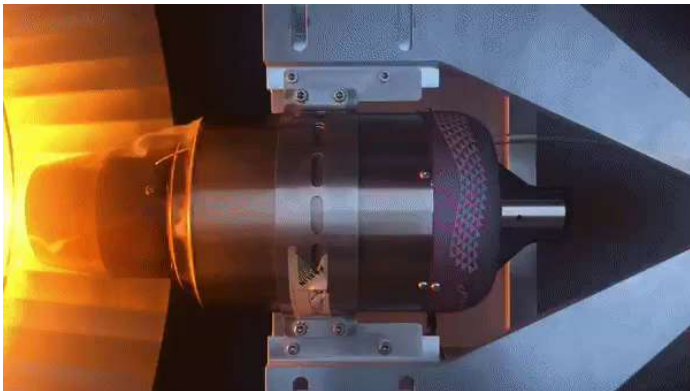
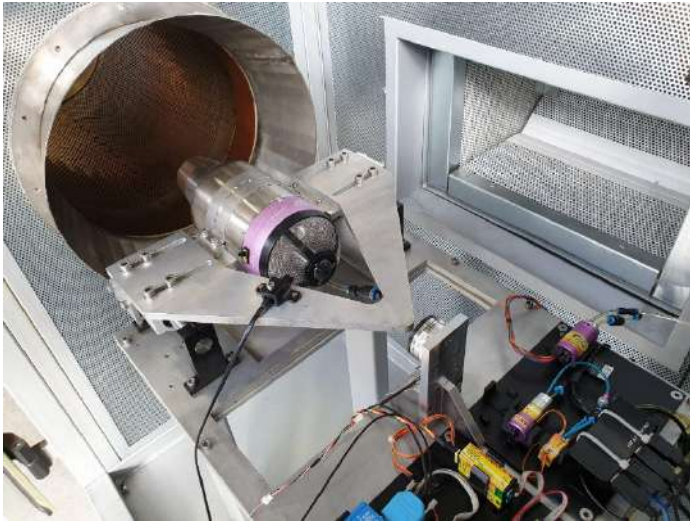
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THE GOAL

Discover model

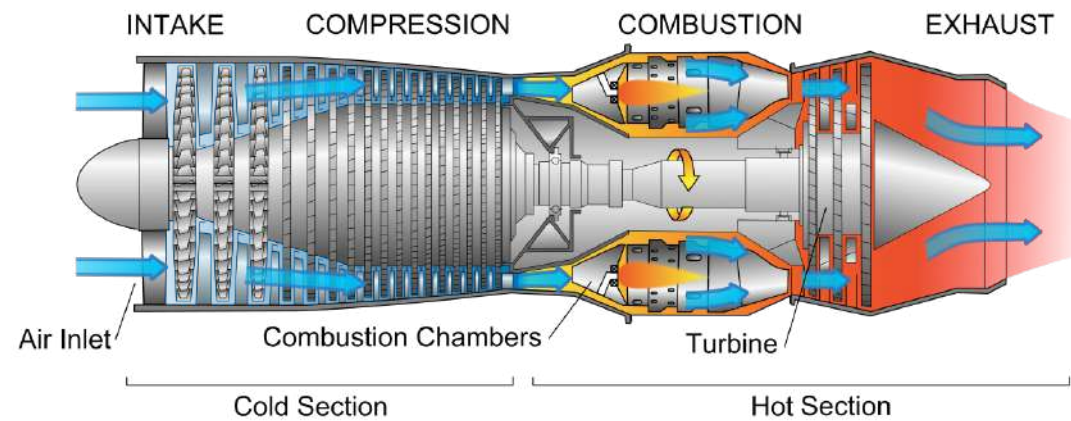


Design control laws



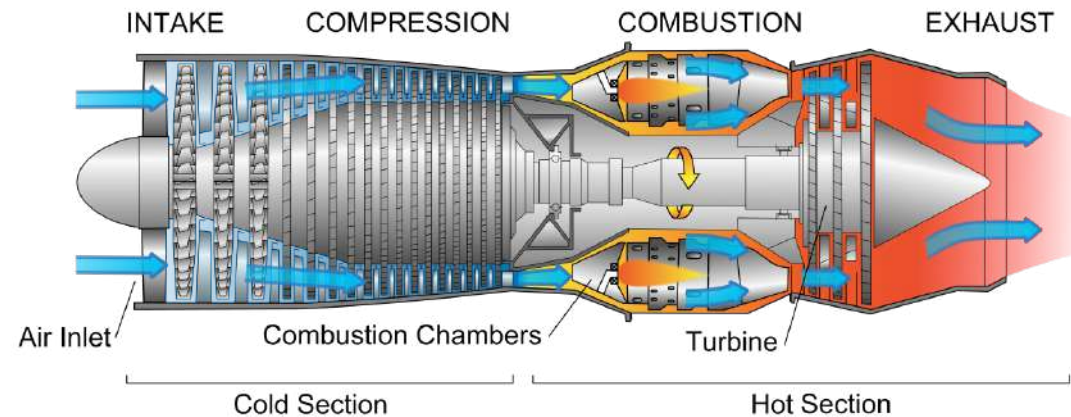
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The thrust is generated by the variation of the momentum of the air.



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The thrust depends on:

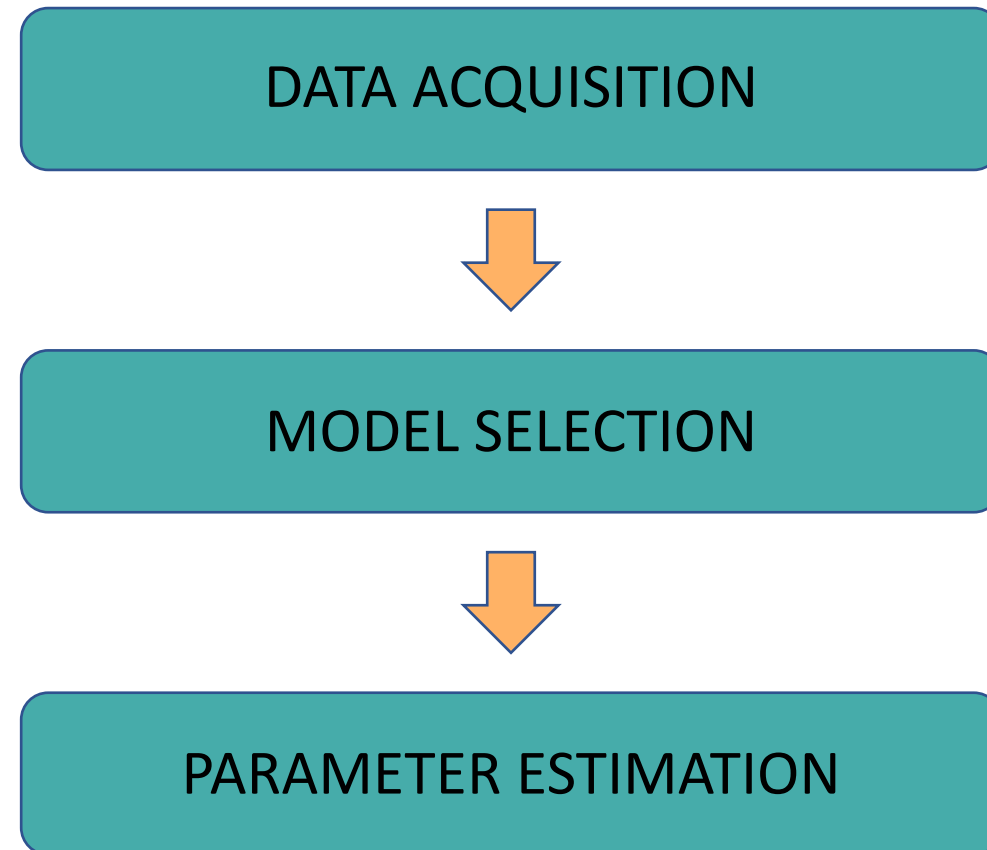
- air pressure
- temperature
- propulsive system efficiency
- fuel type
- ...



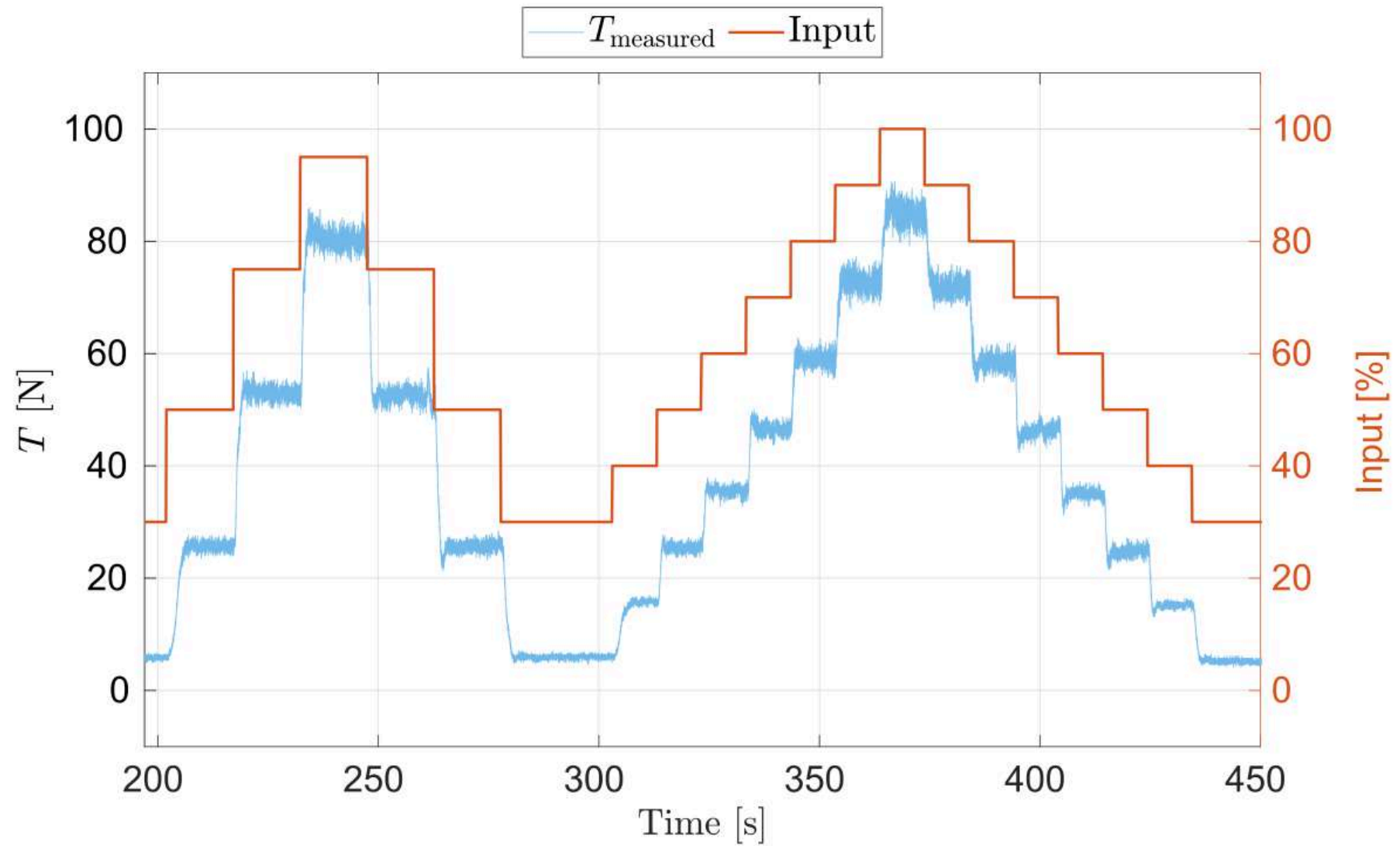
We usually do not have this information!

DATA DRIVEN METHODOLOGY

FOR GRAY BOX IDENTIFICATION



DATASET



MODEL SELECTION

SPARSE IDENTIFICATION OF NONLINEAR DYNAMICS

- data driven approach
- based on **sparse regression**
- features selection of arbitrary combination of state and input
- \dot{T} and \ddot{T} estimated with non causal filters

SPARSE REGRESSION OUTPUT:

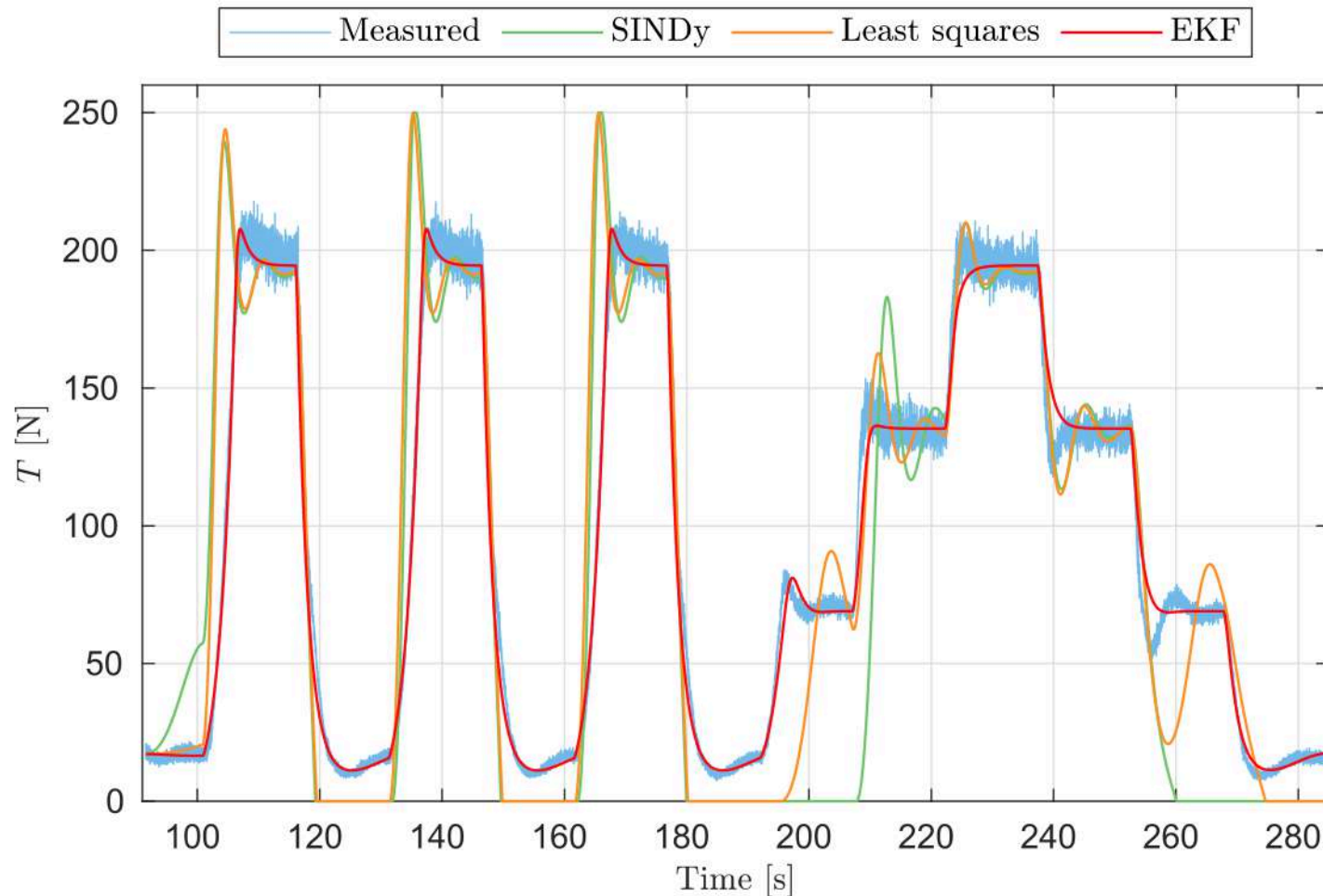
$$\ddot{T} = a_1 + a_2 T + a_2 T^2 + a_3 \dot{T} + a_4 T \dot{T} + a_5 \dot{T}^2 + a_6 u + a_7 T u + a_8 \dot{T} u + a_9 u^2$$

S. L. Brunton, J. L. Proctor, and J. N. Kutz, "Discovering governing equations from data by sparse identification of nonlinear dynamical systems," Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, vol. 113, no. 15, pp. 3932–3937, 2016.

IDENTIFICATION RESULTS

VALIDATION DATASET

P220-RXi



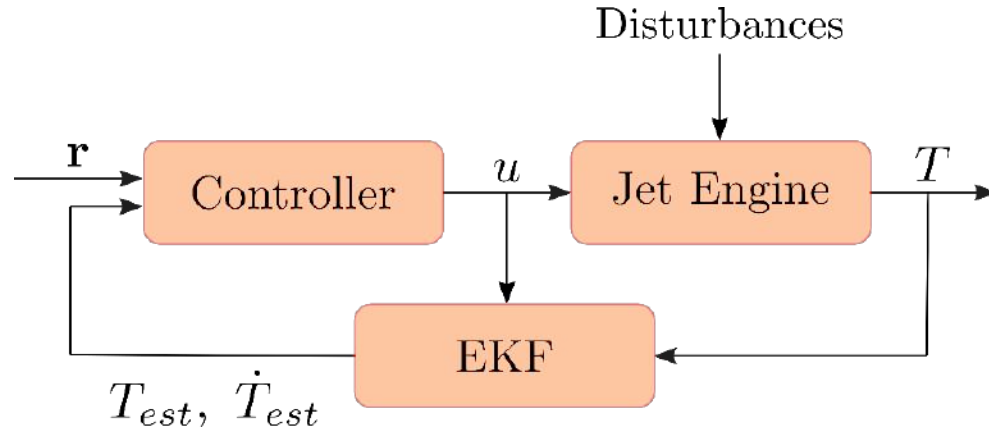
Jet model	Mean absolute error [N]		
	EKF	LS	SINDy
P100-RX	3.94	4.40	5.11
P220-RXi	6.77	13.41	21.34

JET ENGINE CONTROL

Control objective:

- track a given thrust reference \mathbf{r}

$$\mathbf{r} = [T_d \quad \dot{T}_d \quad \ddot{T}_d]$$



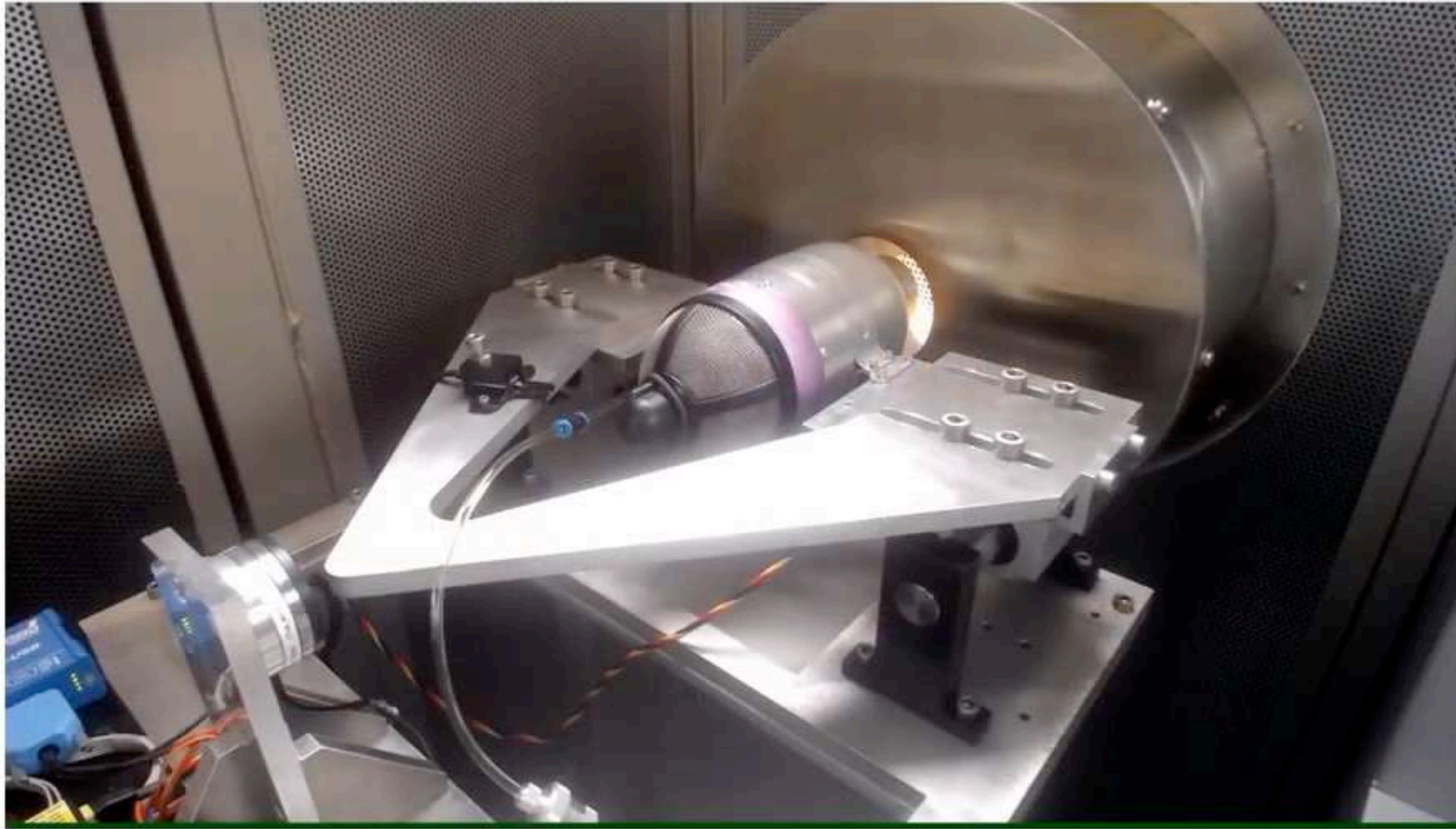
FEEDBACK LINEARIZATION CONTROL

- easy to design
- it may be not robust w.r.t. model uncertainties

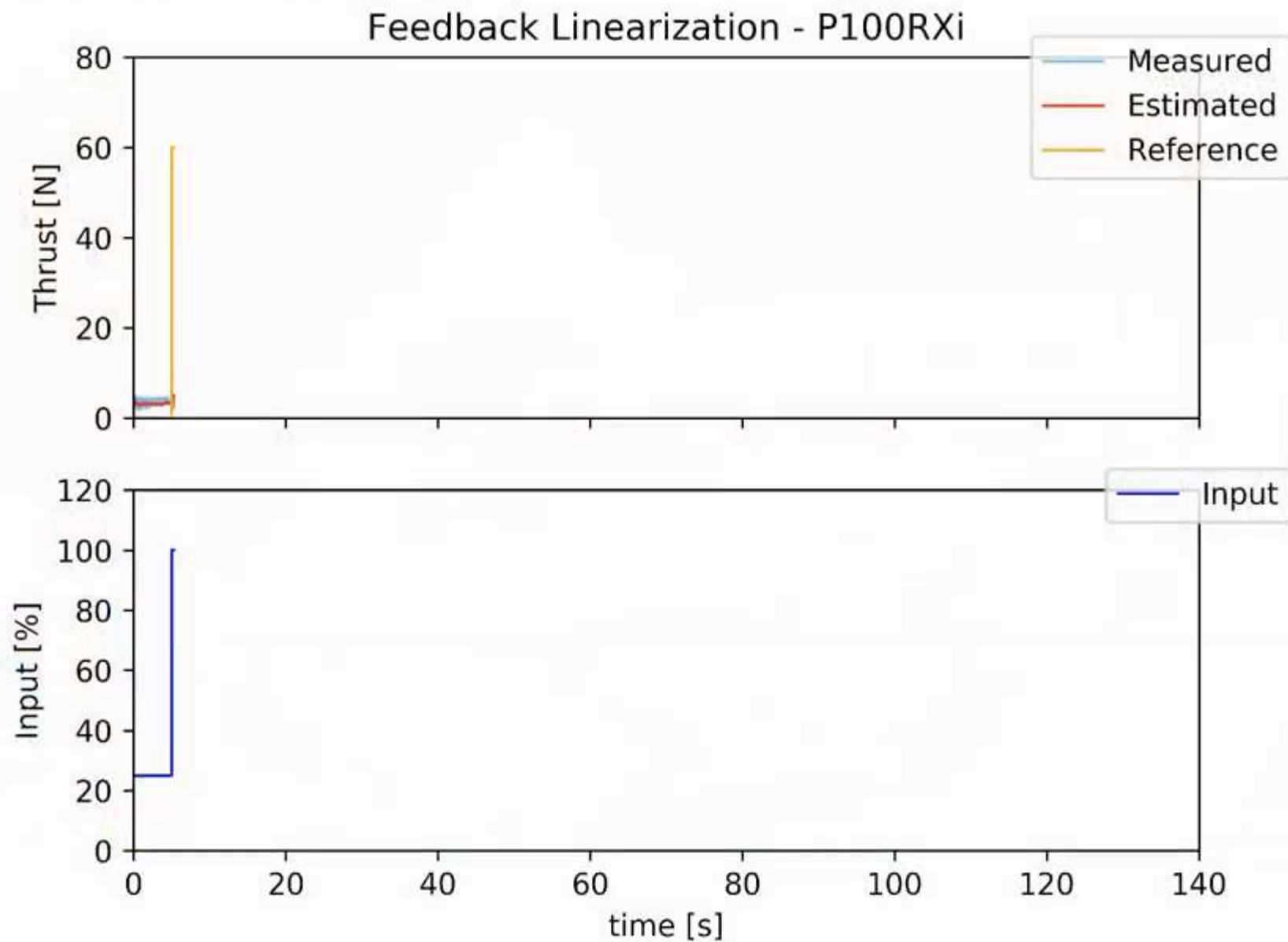
SLIDING MODE CONTROL

- robust control technique
- it may generate the *chattering*

JET ENGINE CONTROL



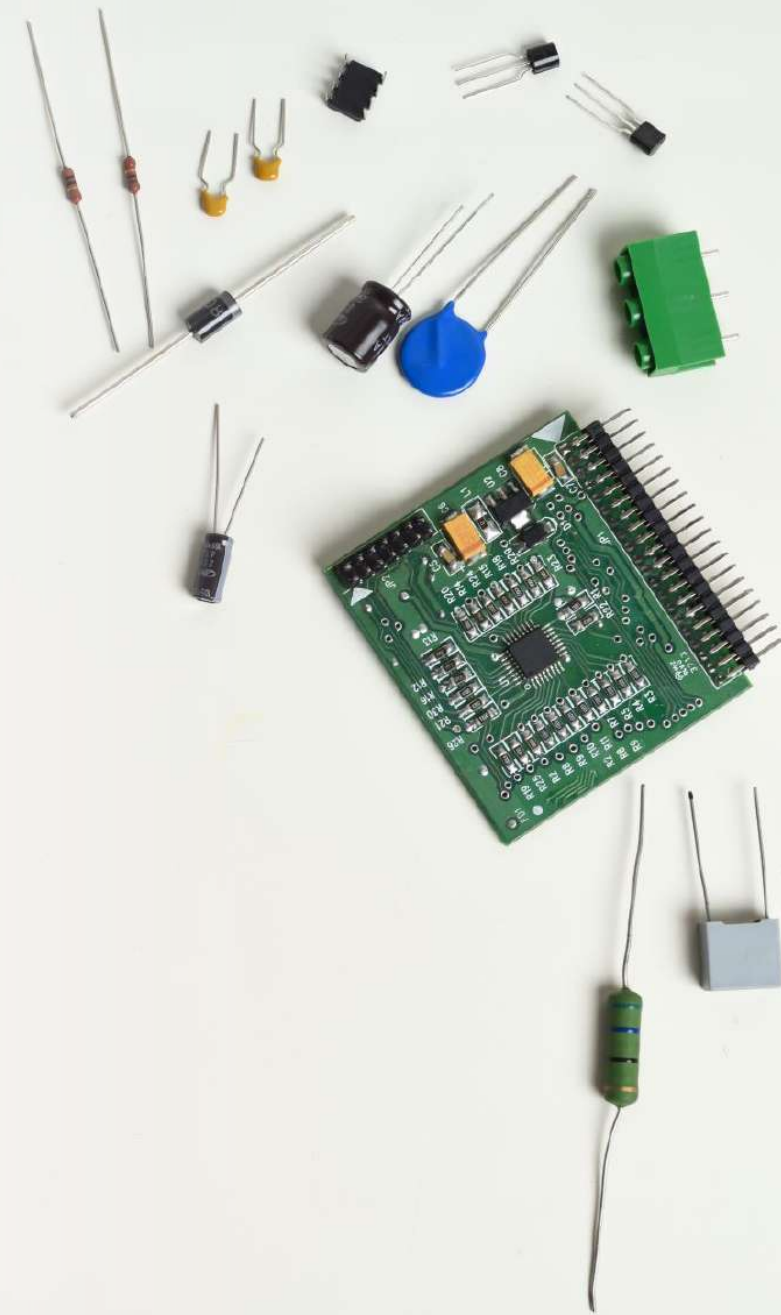
JET ENGINE CONTROL



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Mechanics and Electronics



INTRODUCTION

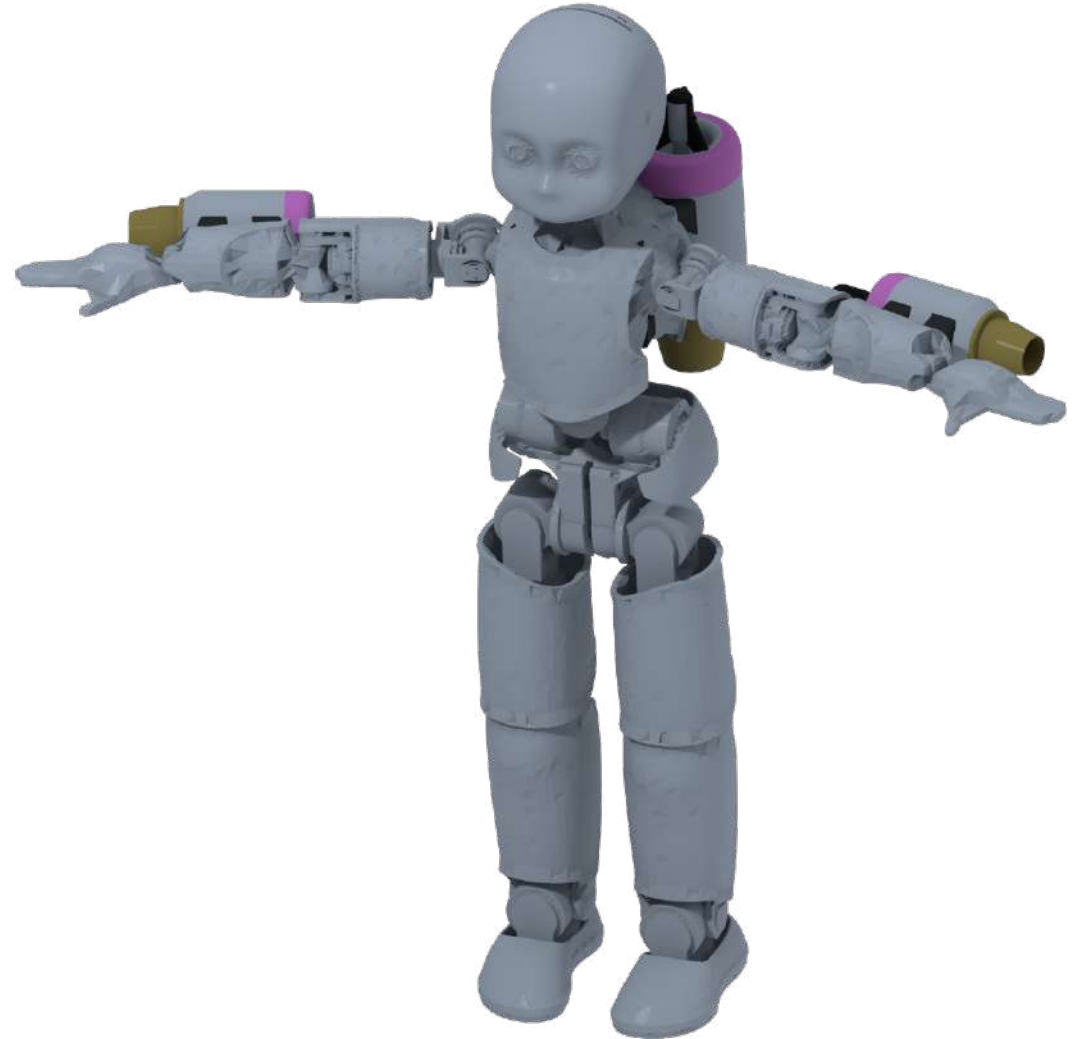
Develop the iRonCub, the first aerial humanoid robot

Robot:

- iCub (53 dof, 33 kg)

Actuations:

- Two P220-Rxi turbines in the back
- One P100-Rx turbine for each arm



INTRODUCTION

INITIAL ASSUMPTION

- Robot battery off board
- Robot communication through lan
- Fuel tank off board

Fuel consumption (full load) 2.2 l/min

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Fuel consumption - full load	390 ml/min	725 ml/min
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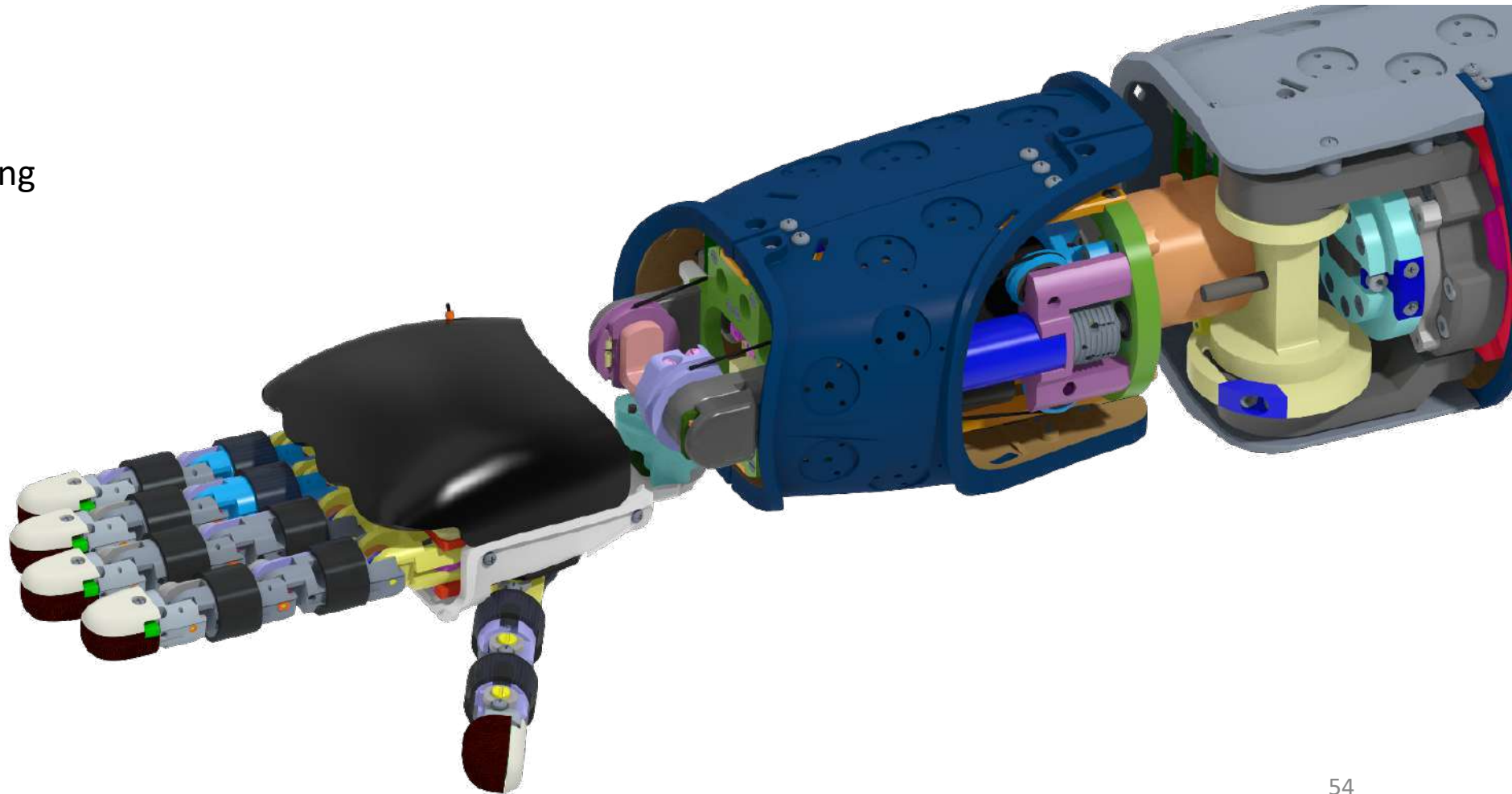


FOREARM

ICUB

Requirements:

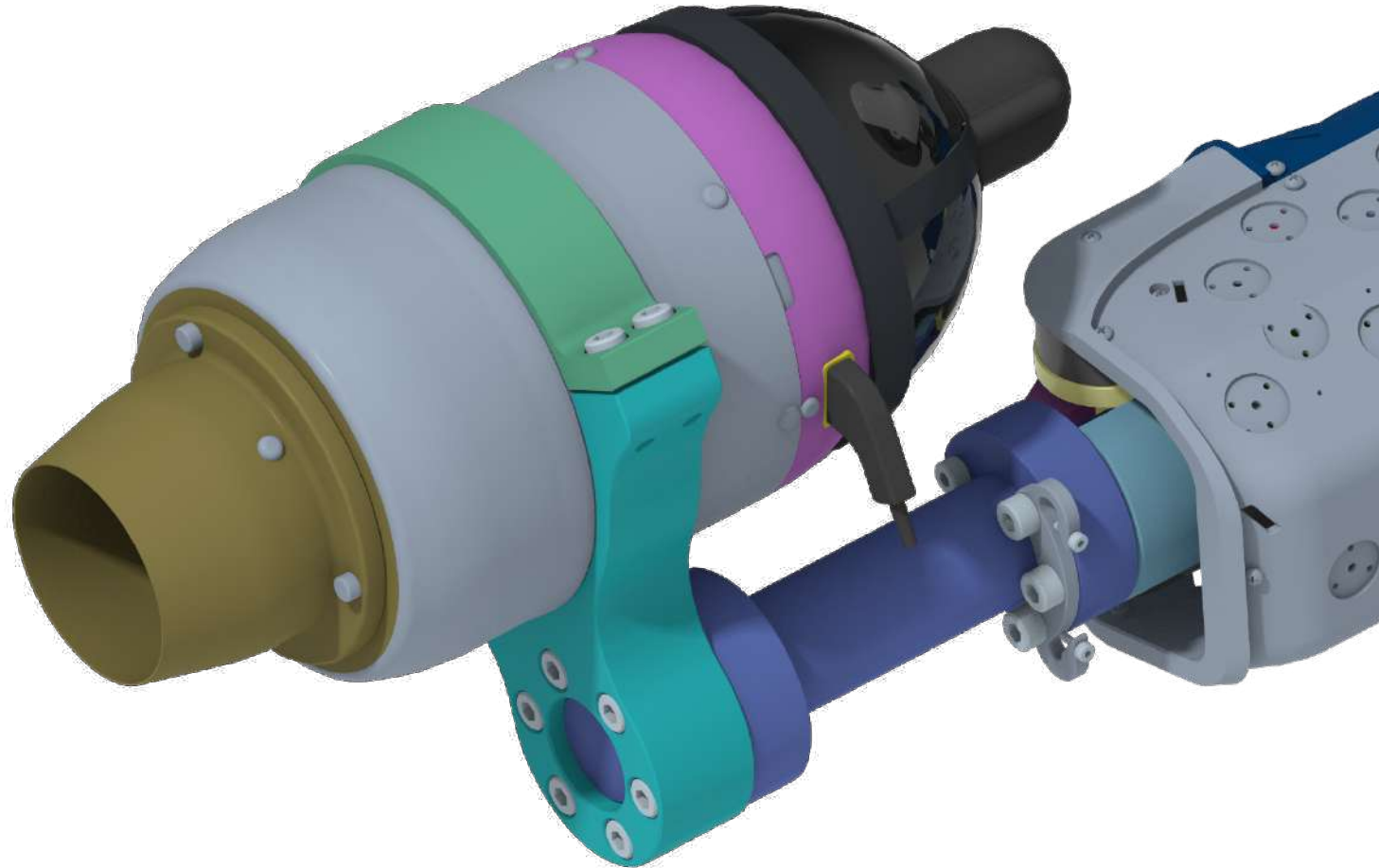
- Fast assembly
- Low time to engineering



FOREARM SOLUTION

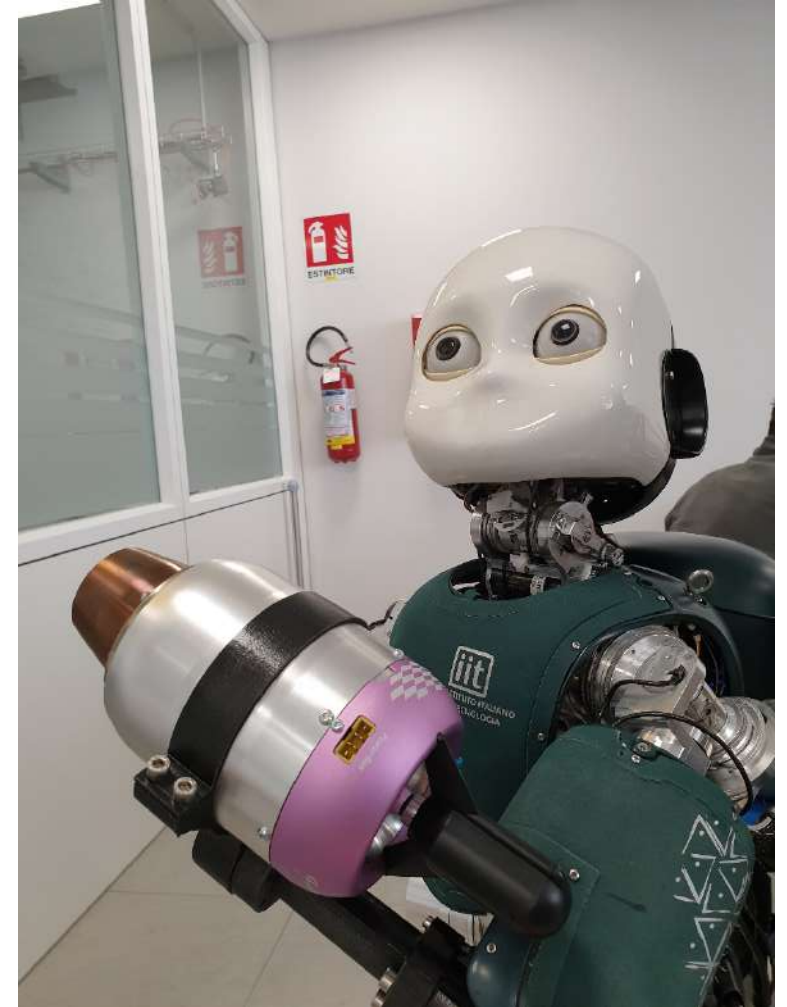
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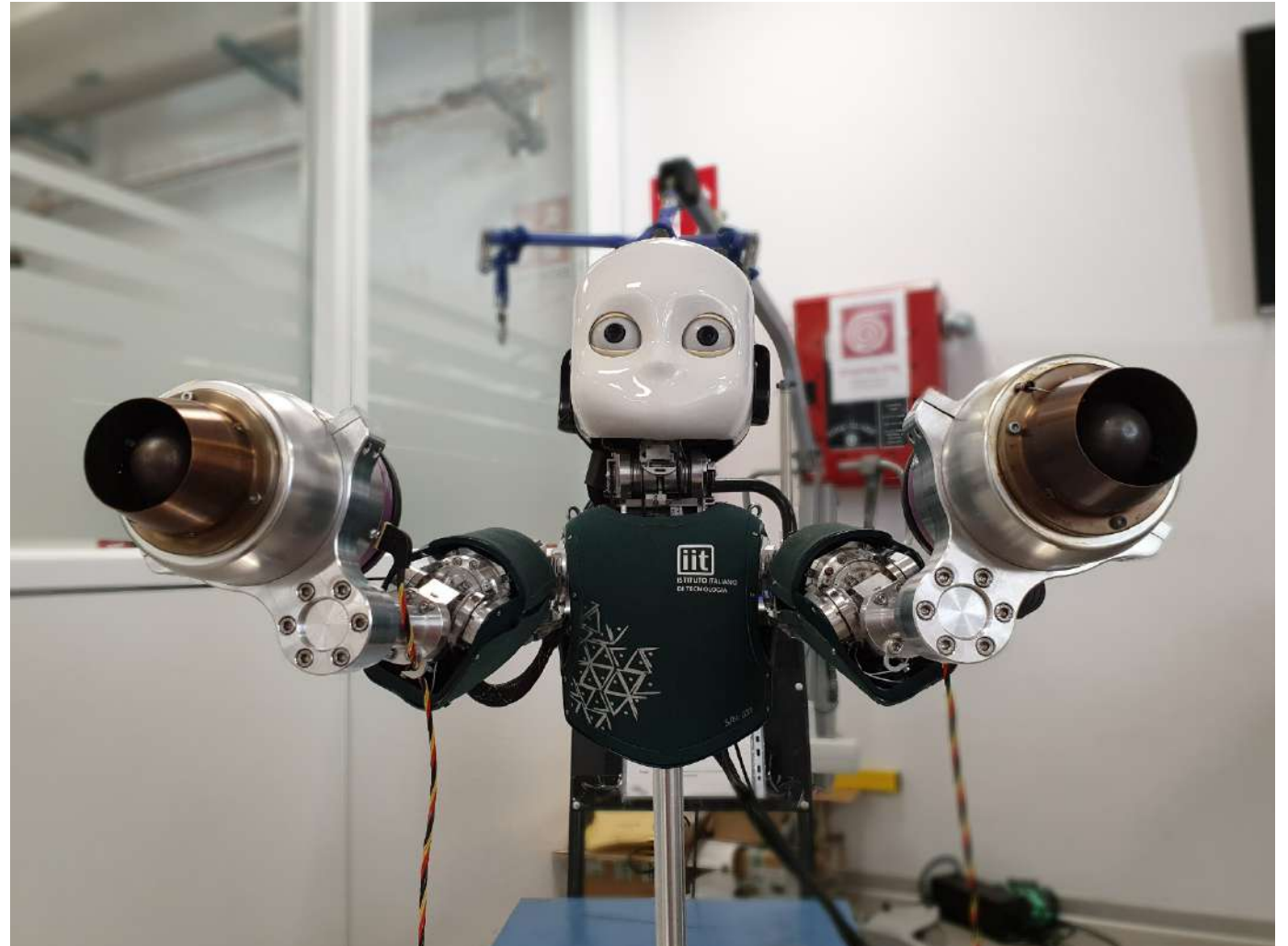
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RAPID PROTOTYPING



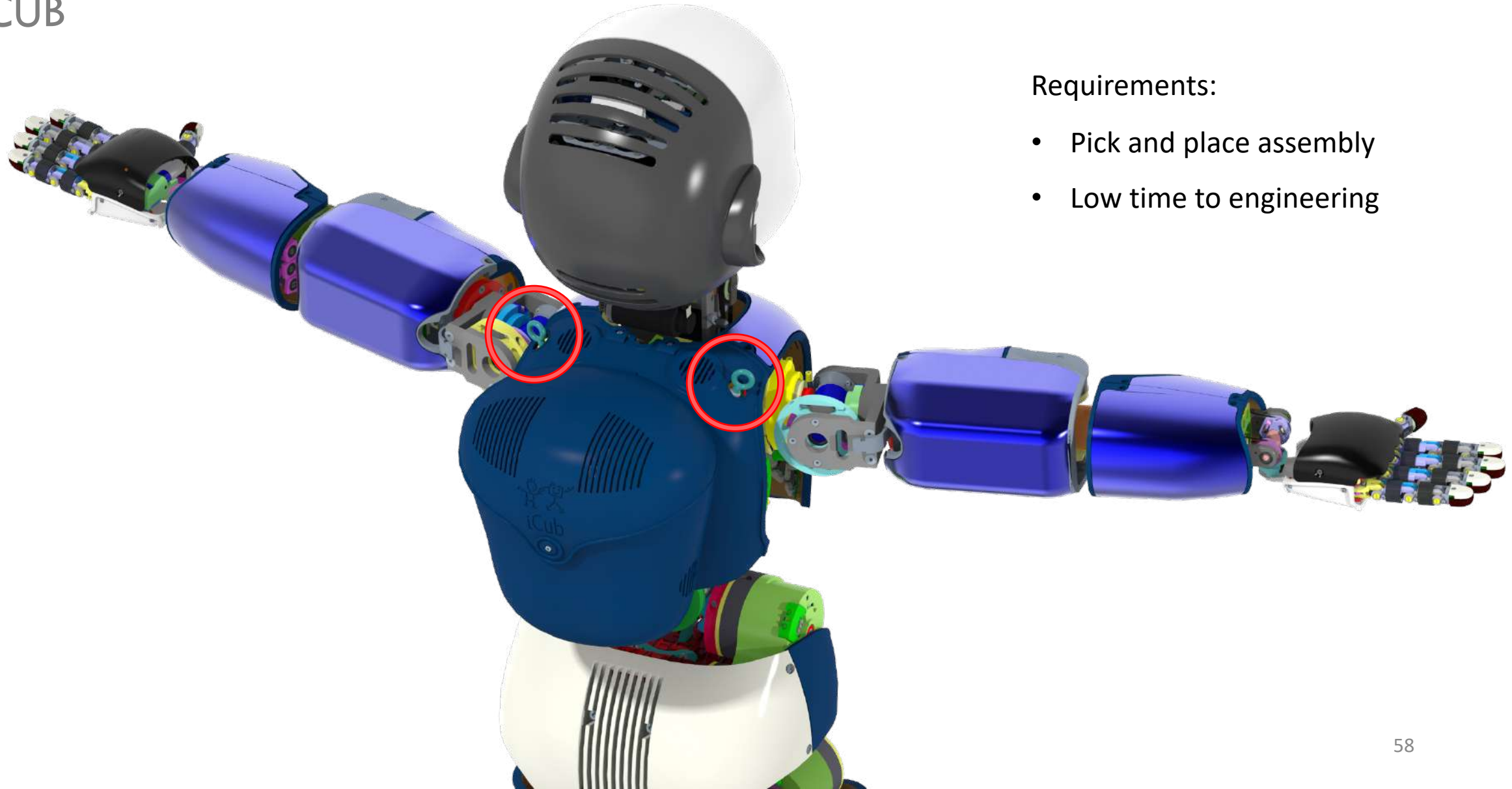
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IRONCUB



JETPACK

ICUB



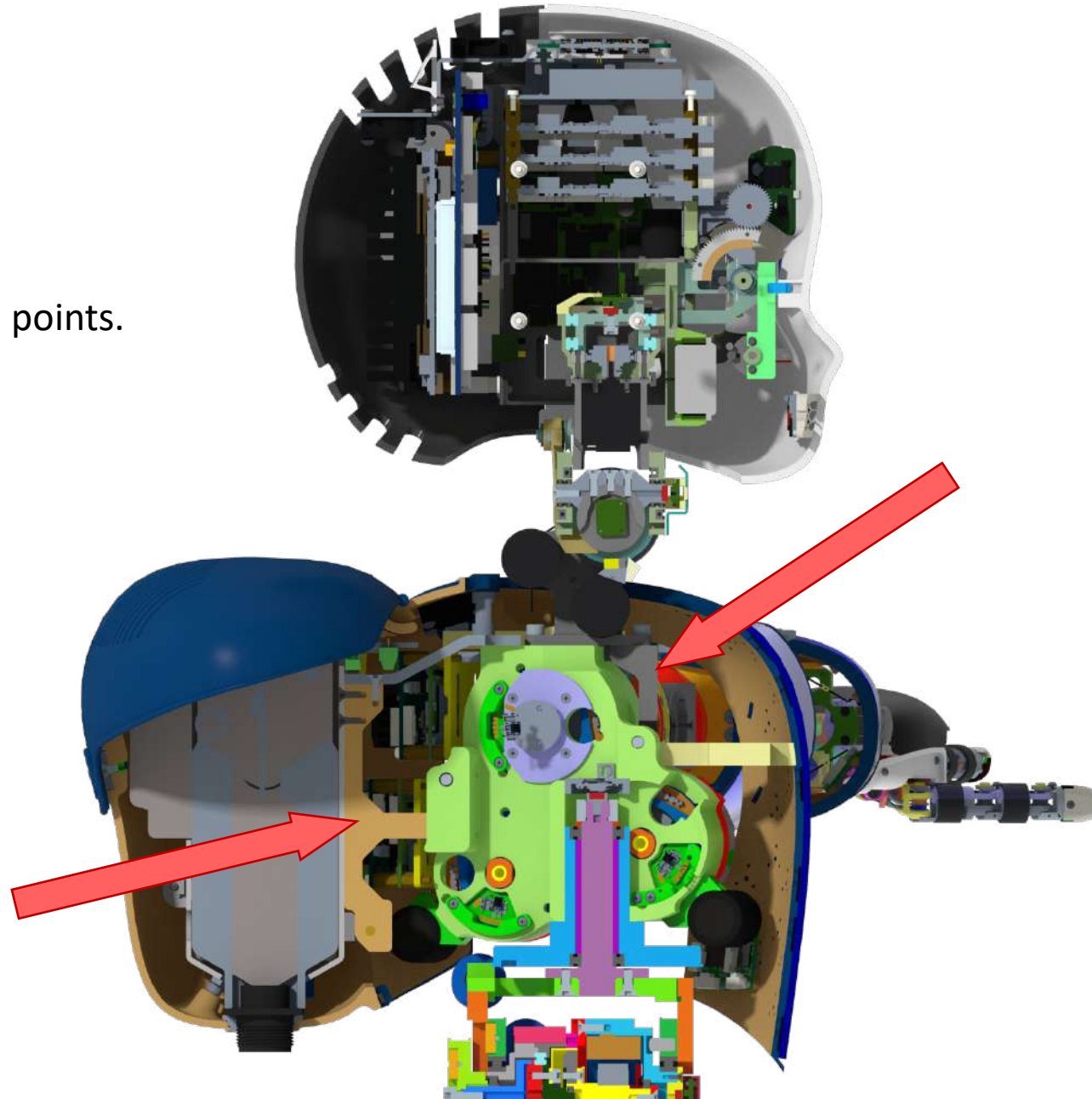
Requirements:

- Pick and place assembly
- Low time to engineering

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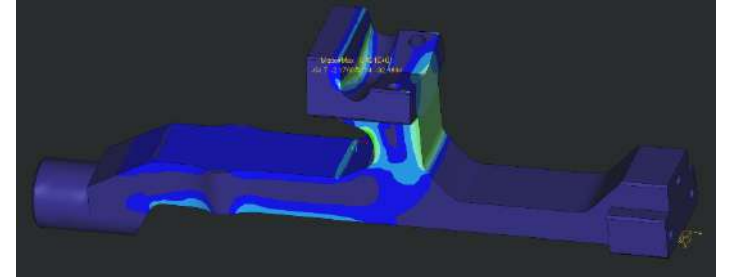
ICUB

There are two connection points.
Let's find another one



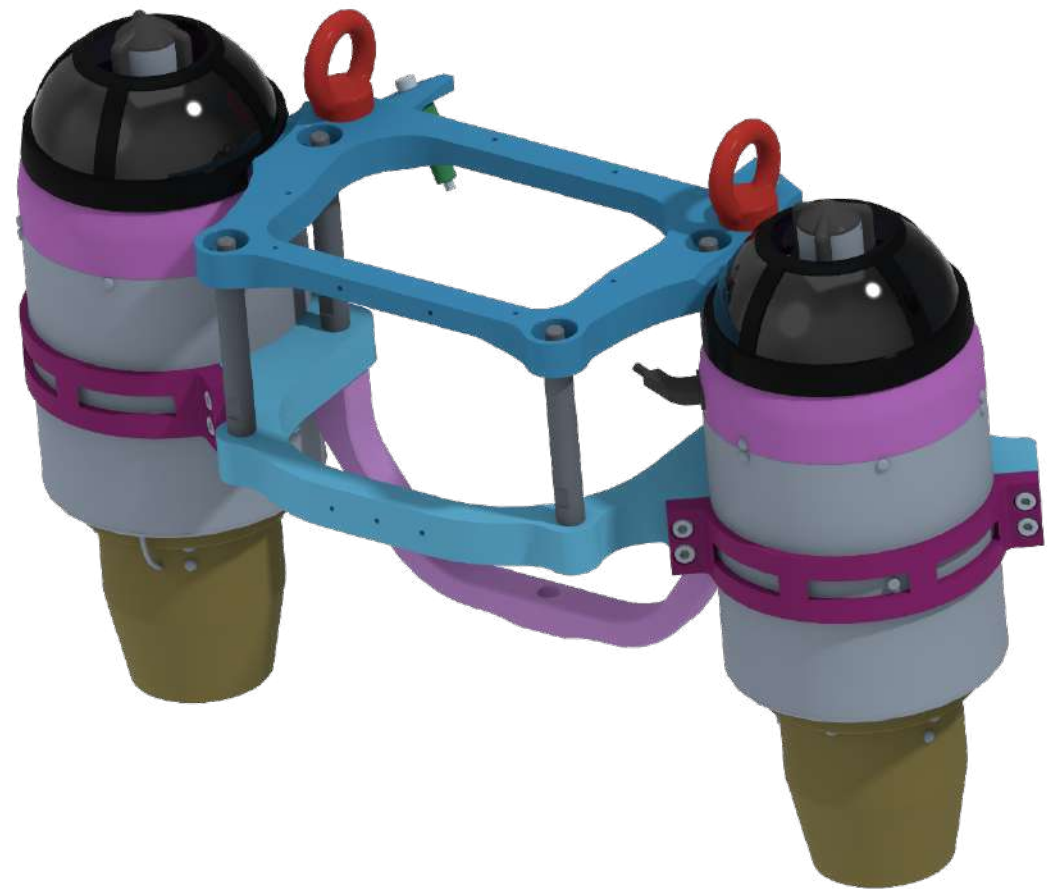
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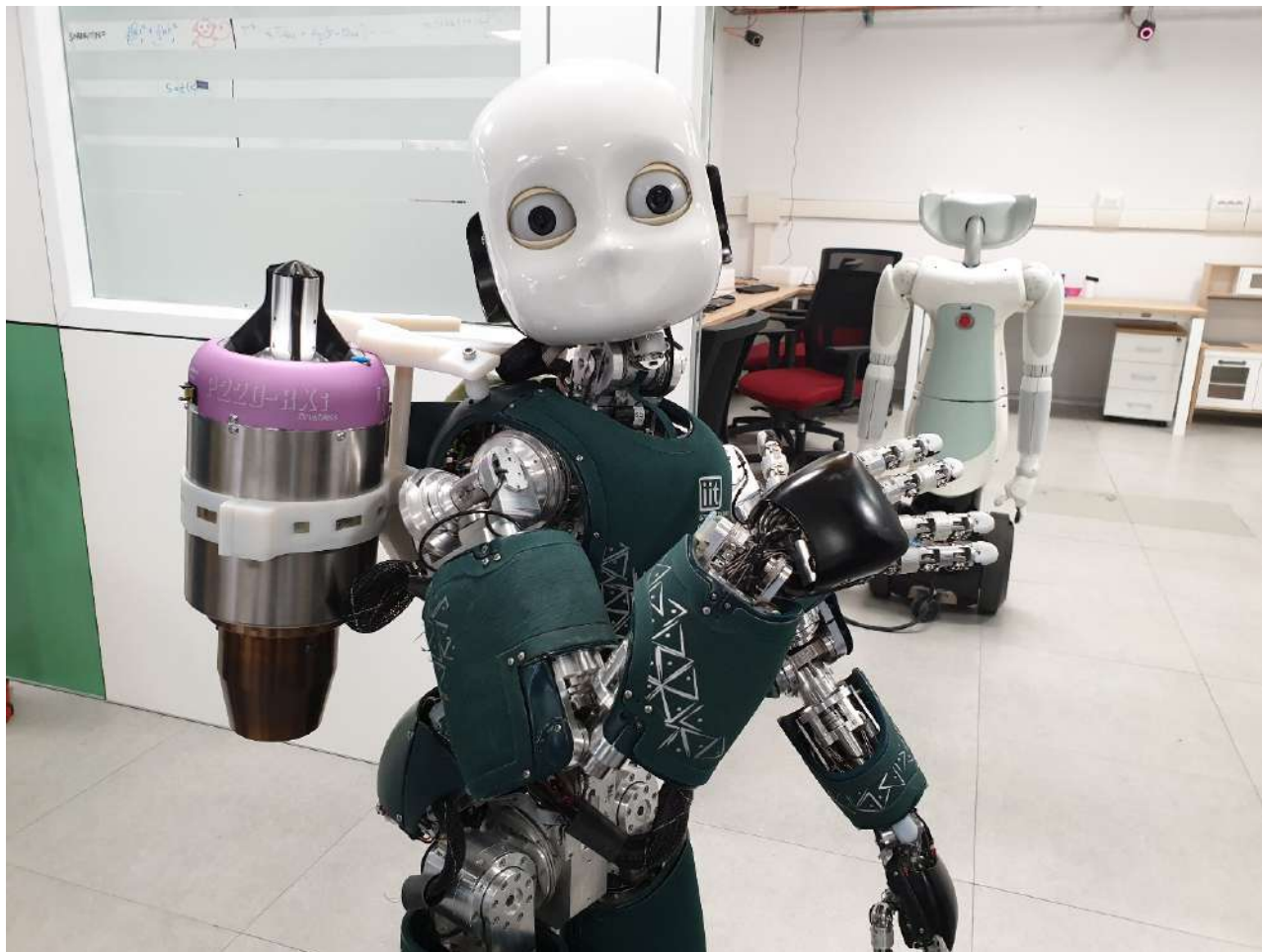
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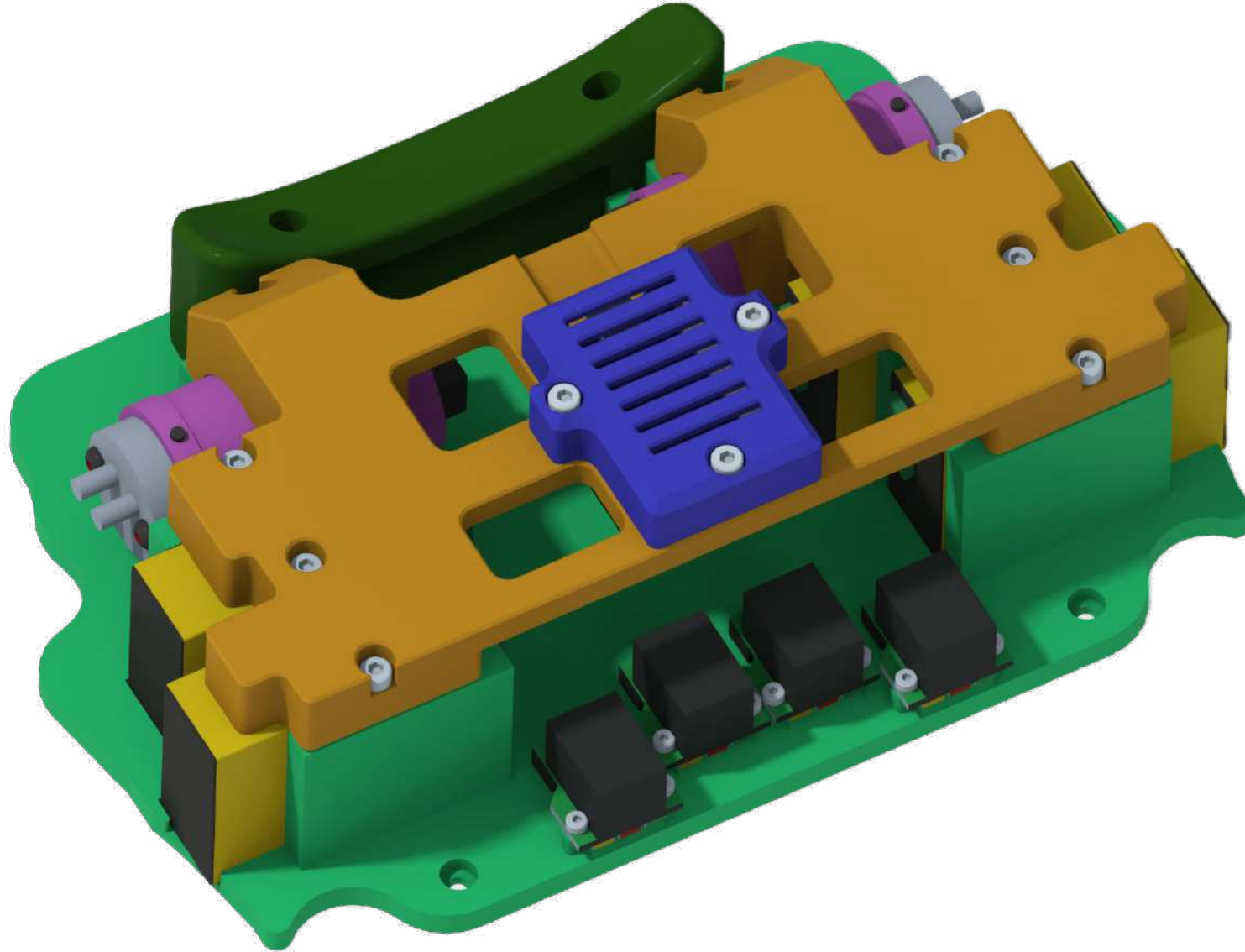
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WIRE COVERING PROBLEM



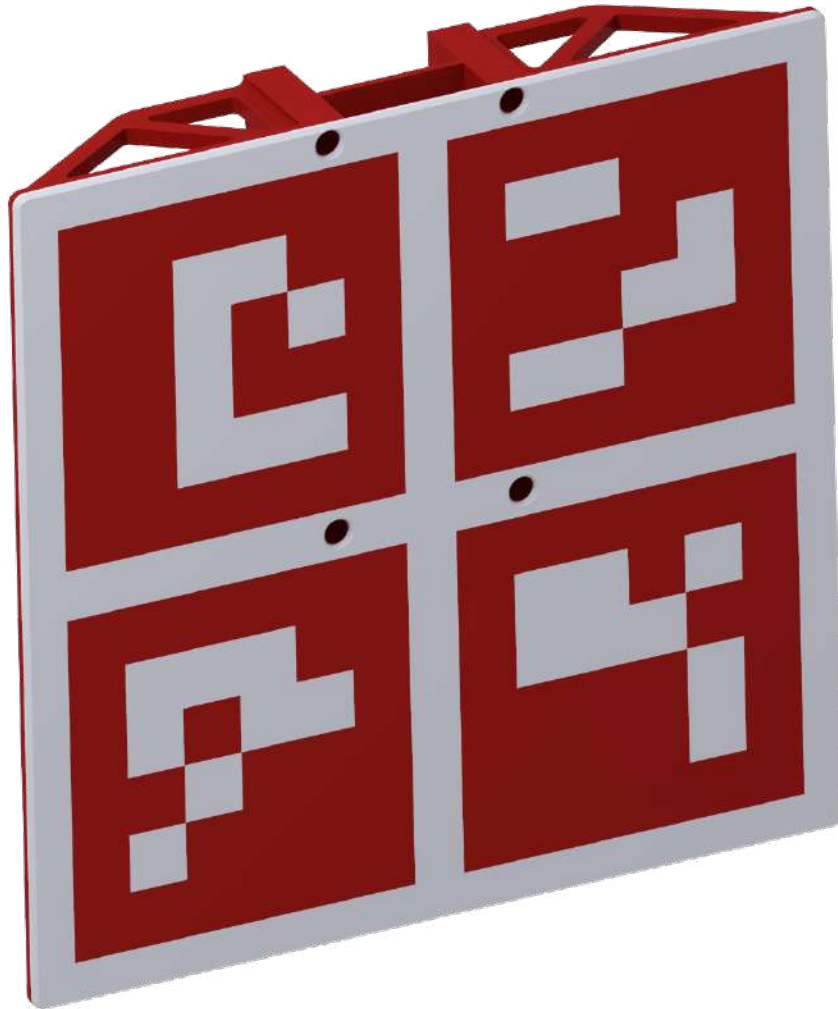
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ELECTRONICS



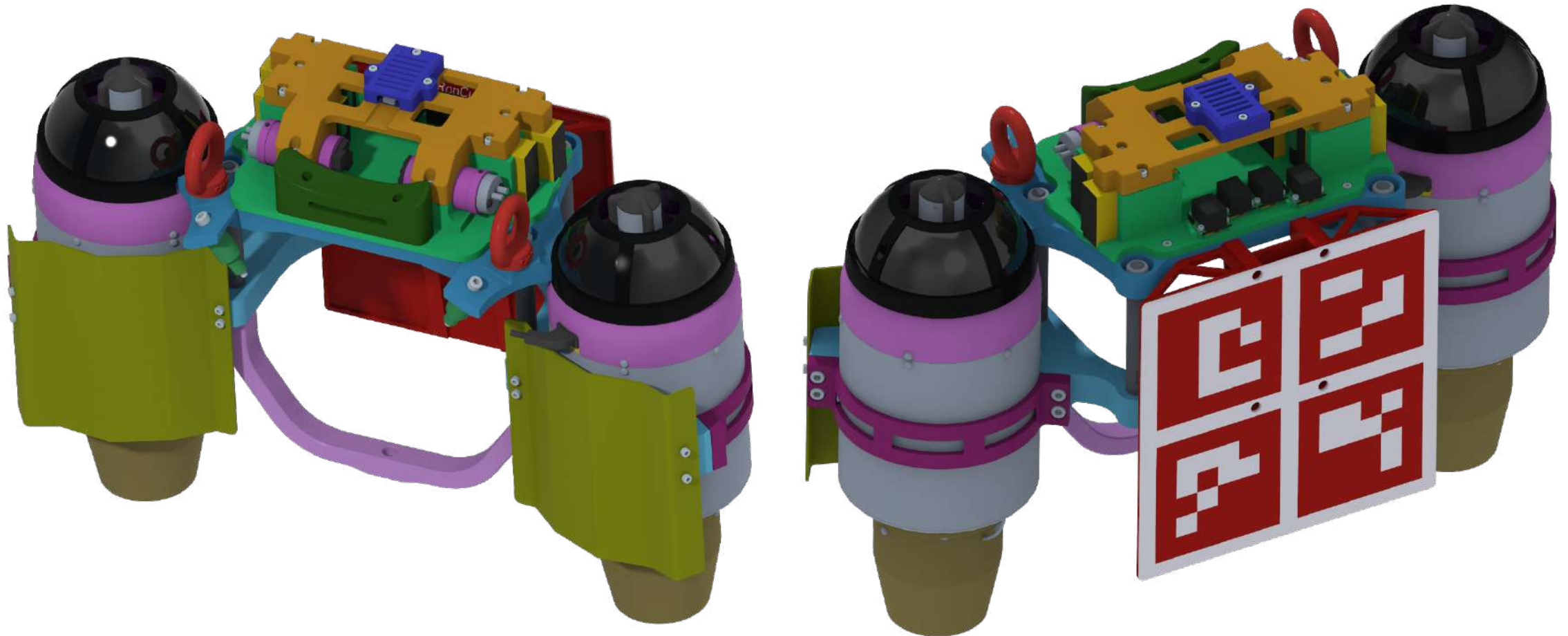
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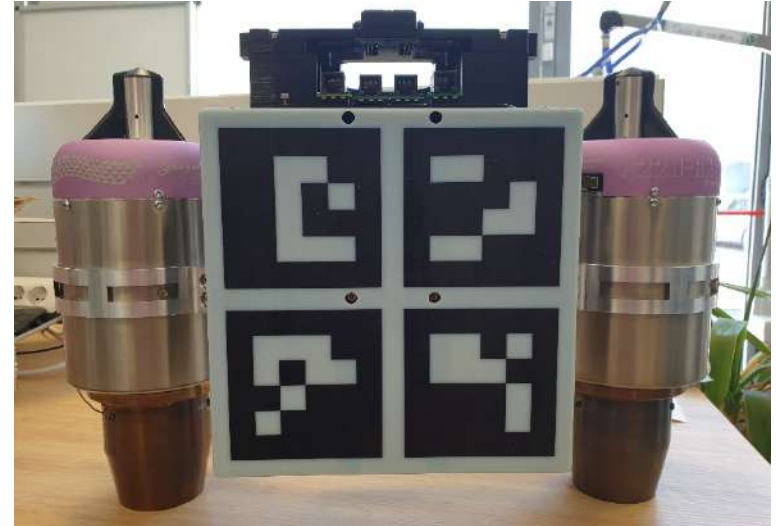
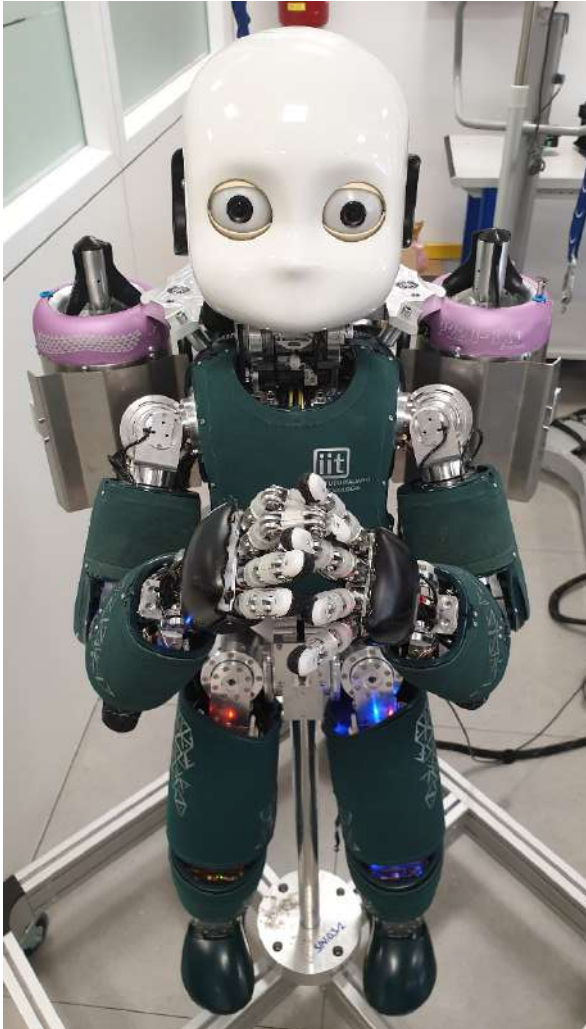
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FINAL SOLUTION

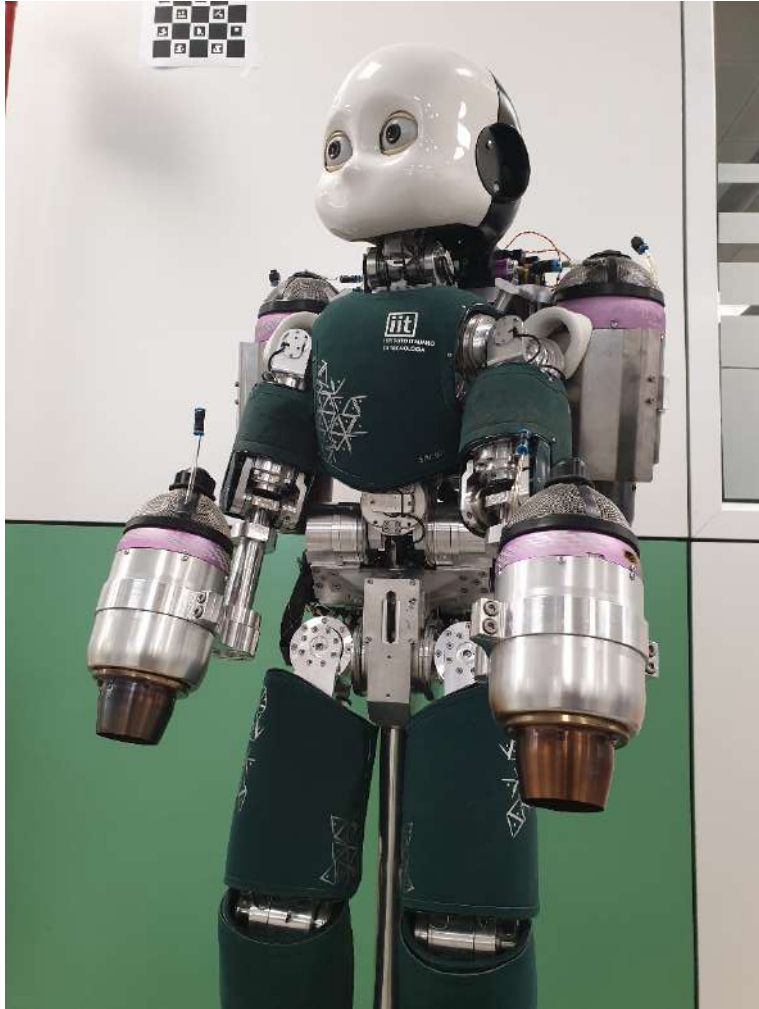


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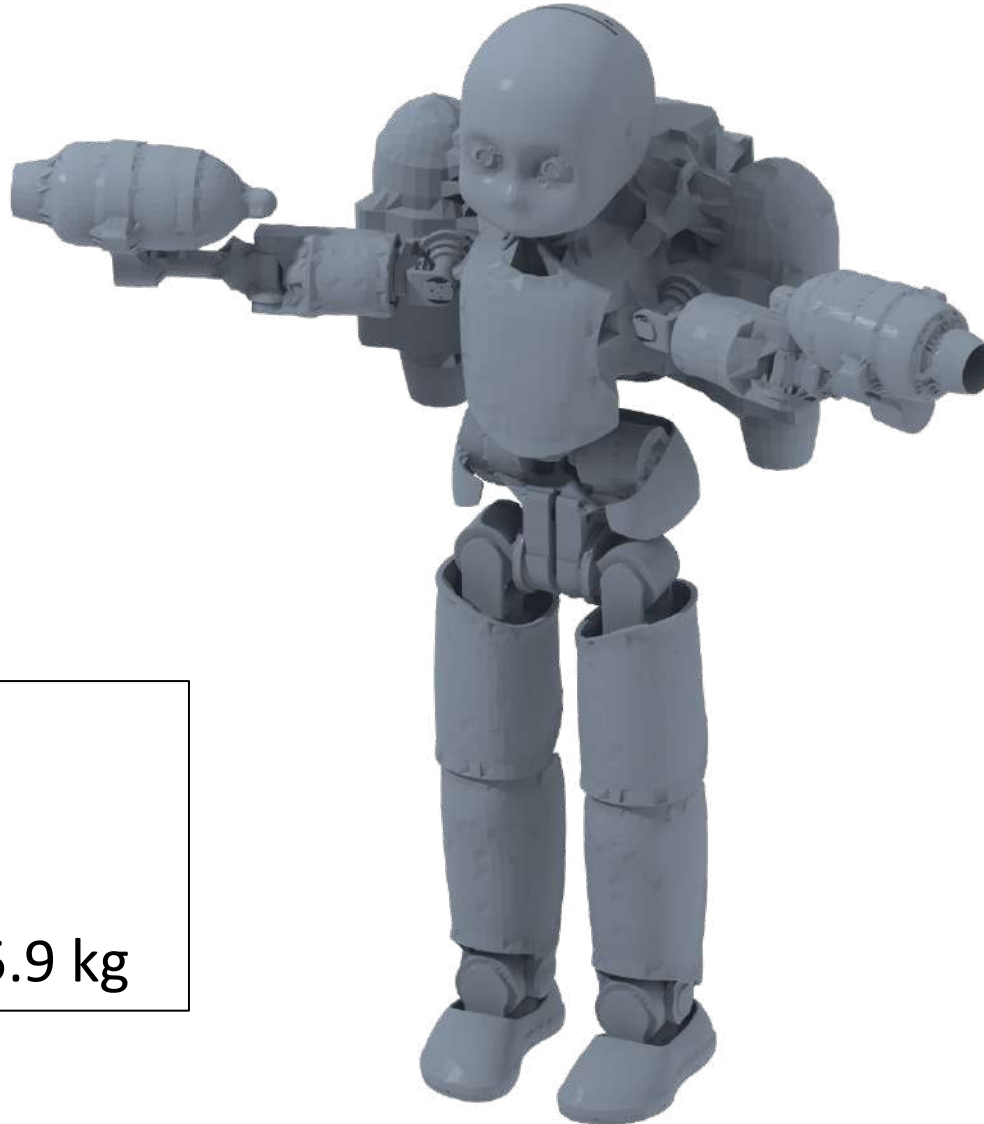
IRONCUB



IRONCUB MK1



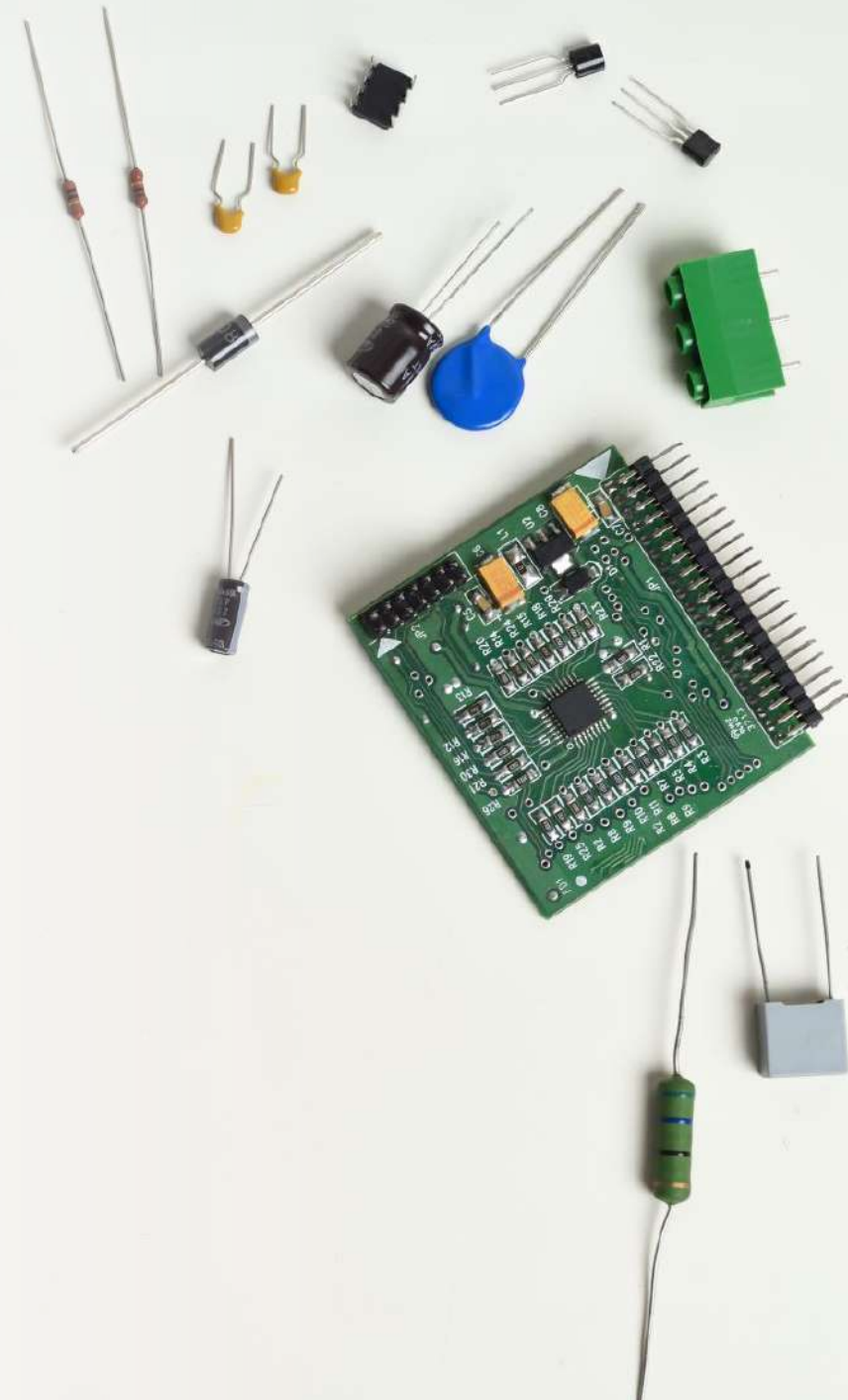
URDF MODEL



Total Mass	41.5 kg
iCub Mass	33.1 kg
iCub no arm	30.7 kg
Turbines Mass	5.9 kg



Body Control & Experiments



IRONCUB FLYING CONTROL

THE MAIN APPROACH

BEHAVIOURS = MODEL + OPTIMIZATION

Bioinspiration of little help

IRONCUB FLYING CONTROL

MODELING

$$f = ma$$



$$M(q)\dot{\nu} + C(q, \nu)\nu + g(q) = \begin{pmatrix} 0_6 \\ \tau \end{pmatrix} + J^T F$$
$$q \in SE(3) \times \mathbb{R}^n \qquad \nu \in se(3) \times \mathbb{R}^n$$

IRONCUB FLYING CONTROL

OPTIMISATION

Instantaneous optimisation

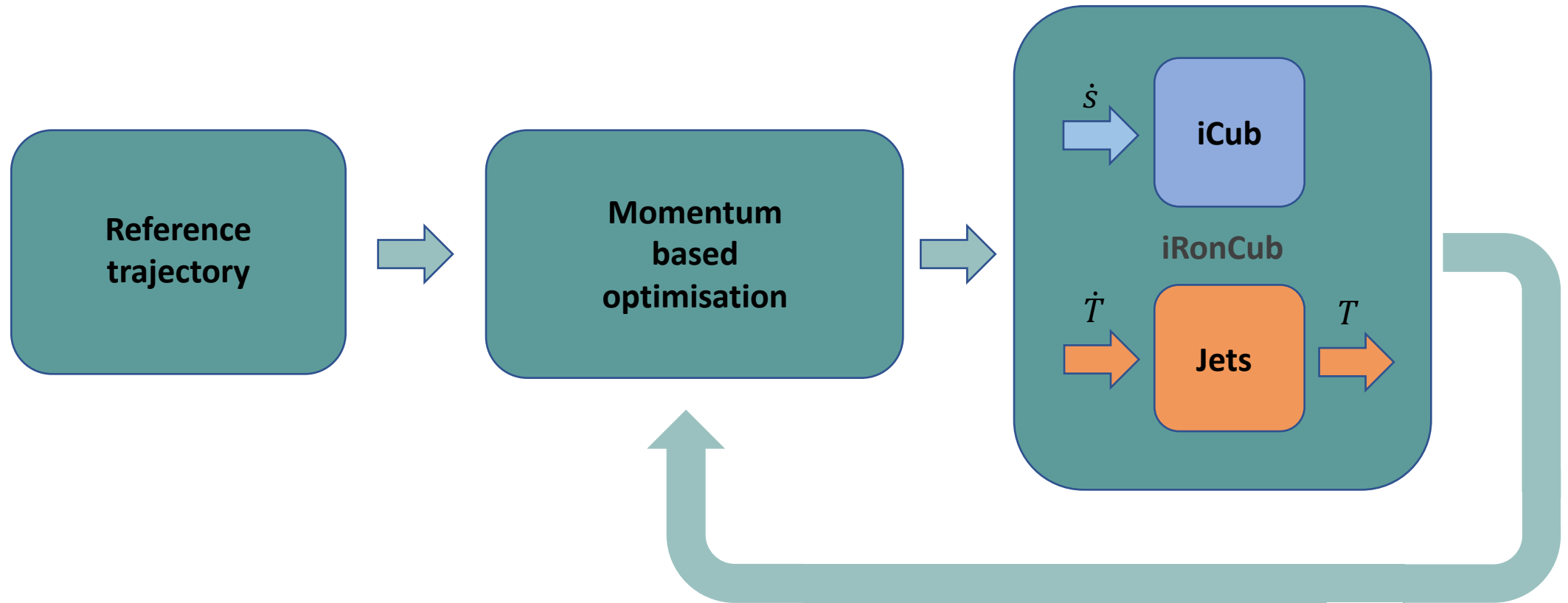
$$\begin{aligned} \text{Inputs}^* = \operatorname{argmin}_{\text{Inputs}} \quad & \text{Cost-functions}(\text{Inputs}, \text{Model}) \\ \text{subject to} \quad & \\ & \text{Constraints} \end{aligned}$$

Predictive optimisation

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IRONCUB FLYING CONTROL

SIMULATION CONTROL SCHEME




IRONCUB FLYING CONTROL

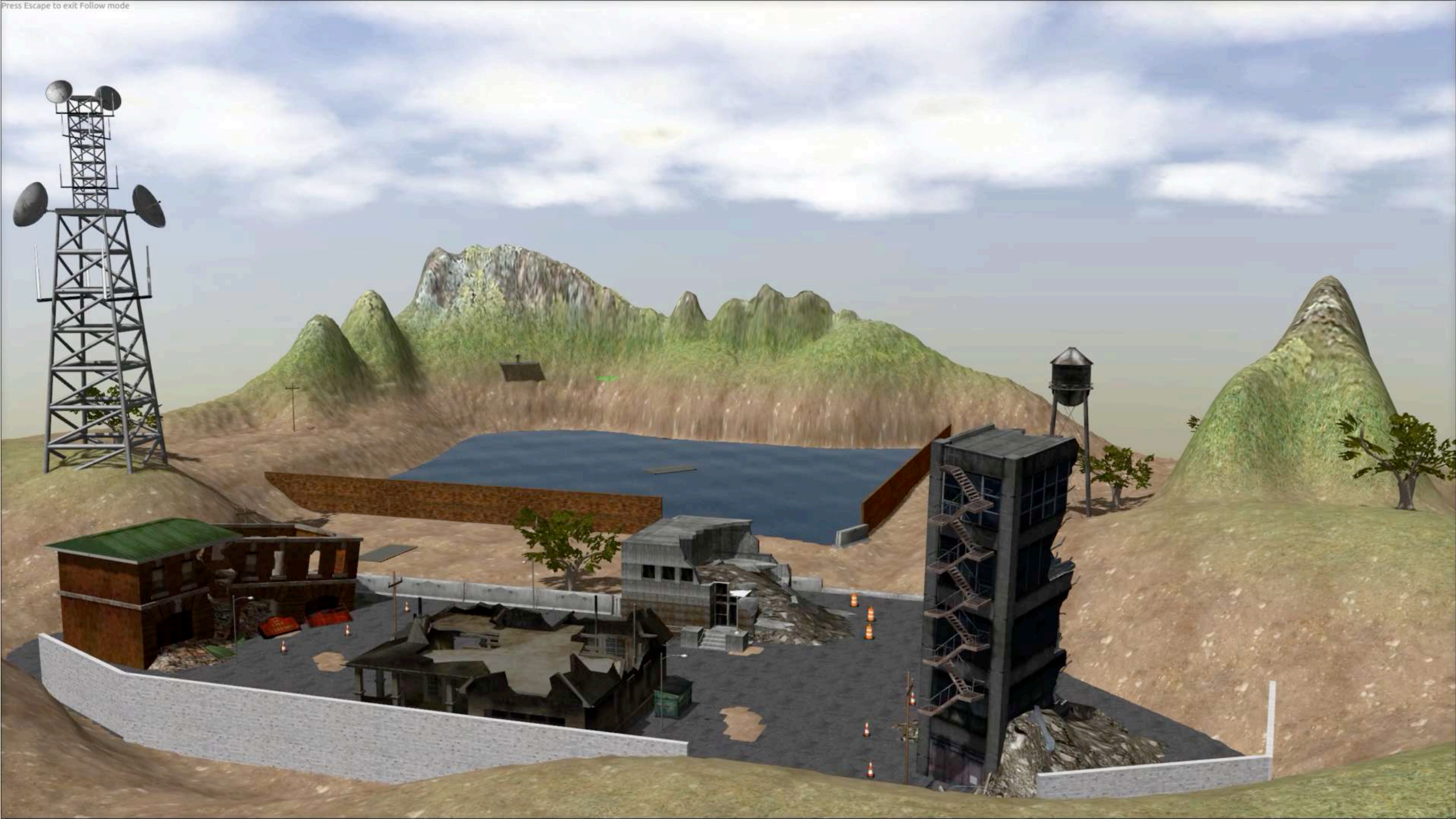
Control objective:

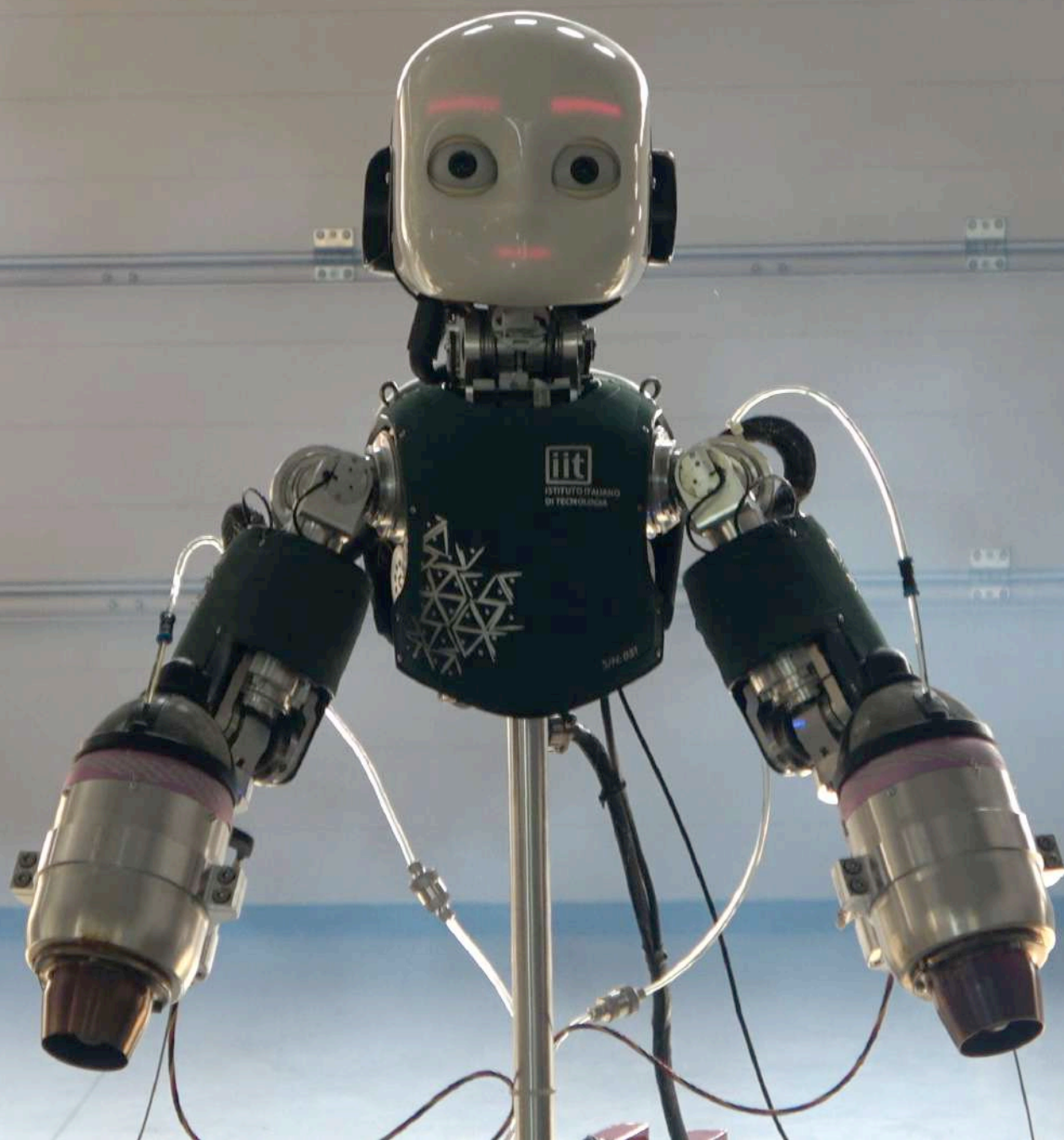
Asymptotic stabilization of the robot **centroidal momentum**.

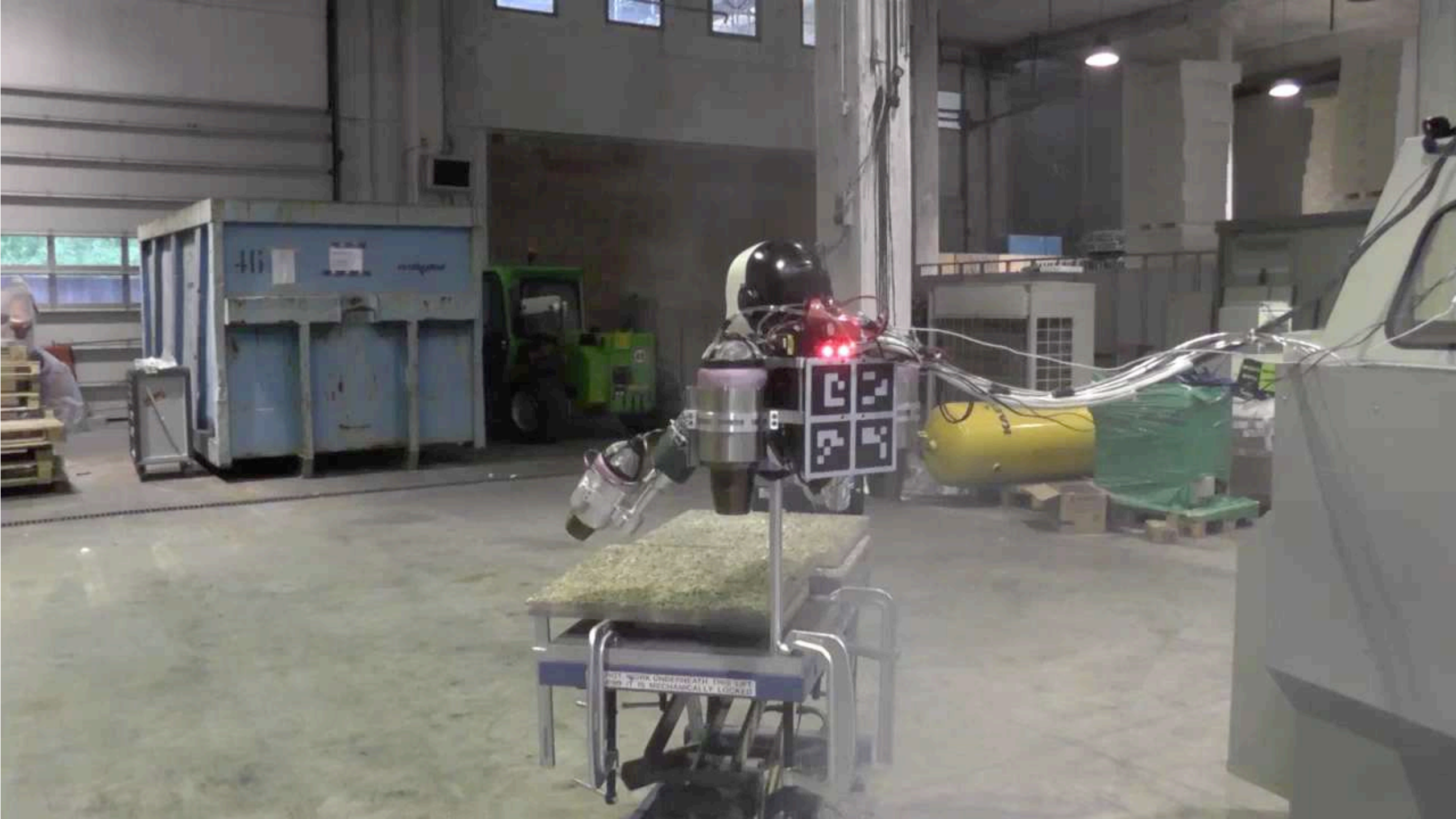
Momentum task and Postural task achieved using **Quadratic Optimization**.



**Momentum based
optimisation**





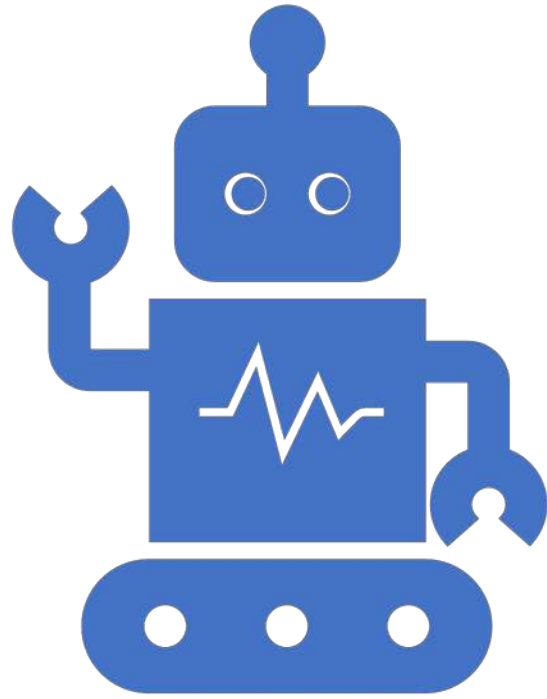


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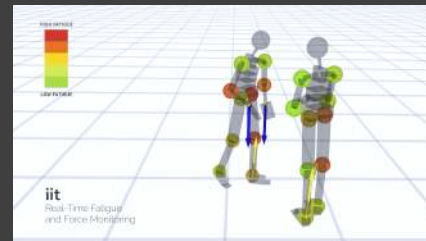




Next?



How do we design and control the next generation of humanoid robots that act and locomote in anthropomorphic environments?



Latella et al. "Simultaneous Floating-Base Estimation of Human Kinematics and Joint Torques" Sensors, 2019

The lab investigates also pHRI aspects with humanoid robots



Rapetti et al. "Shared Control of Robot-Robot Collaborative Lifting [...]" IEEE ICRA (submitted), 2020

Next

Need to change paradigms



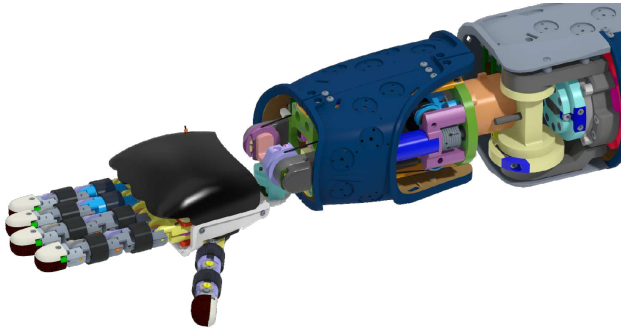
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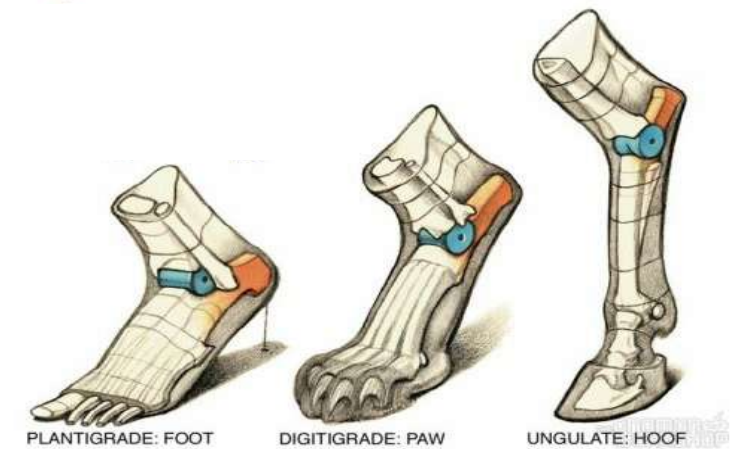
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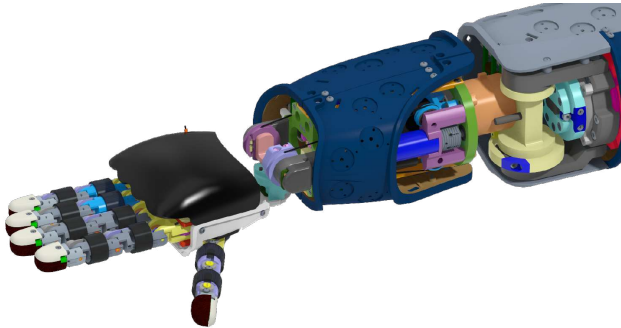


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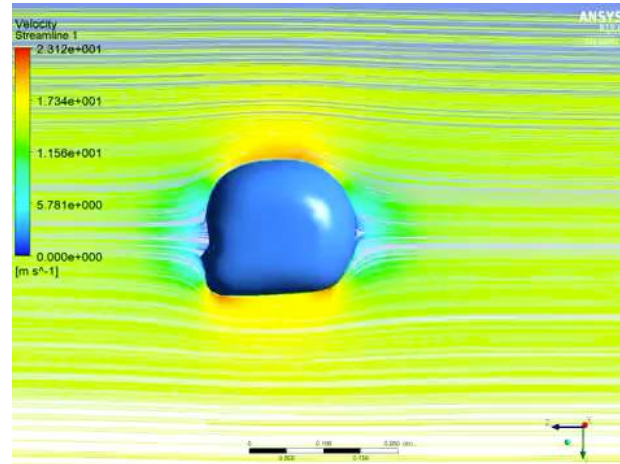
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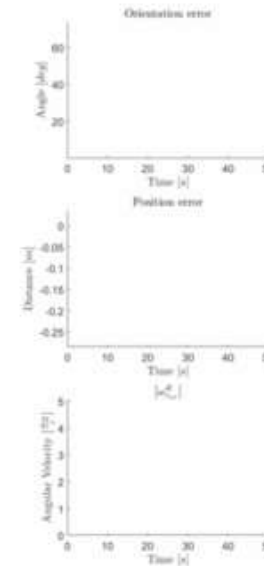
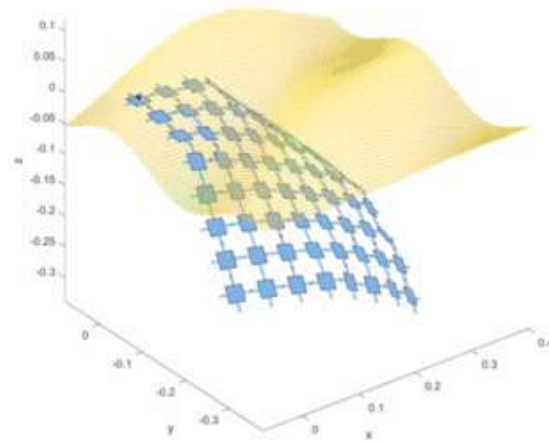
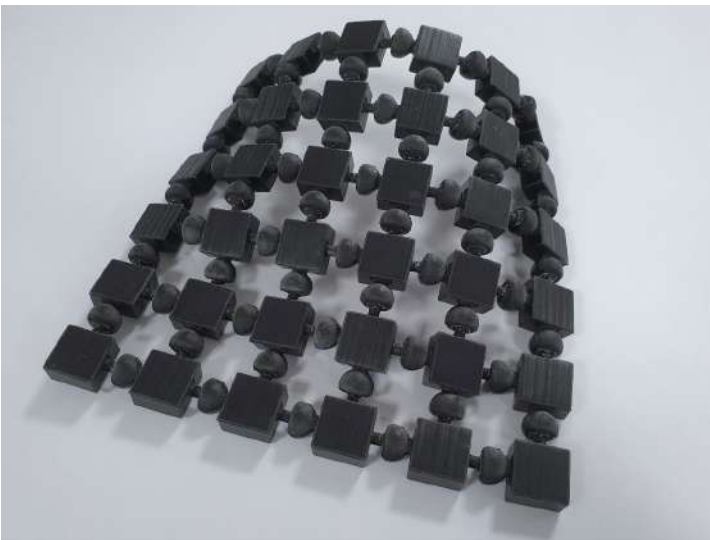


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- Genetic Algorithms for actuator positioning
- Control of highly parallel structure



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