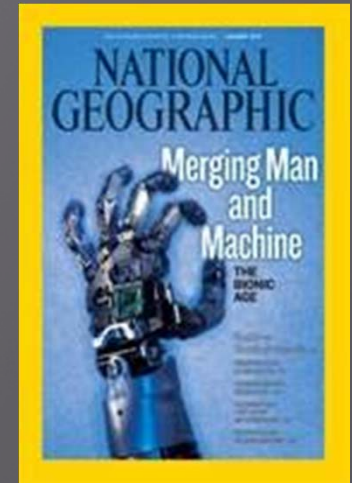


# REHABILITATION ROBOTICS

Team Science  
Designing the Future

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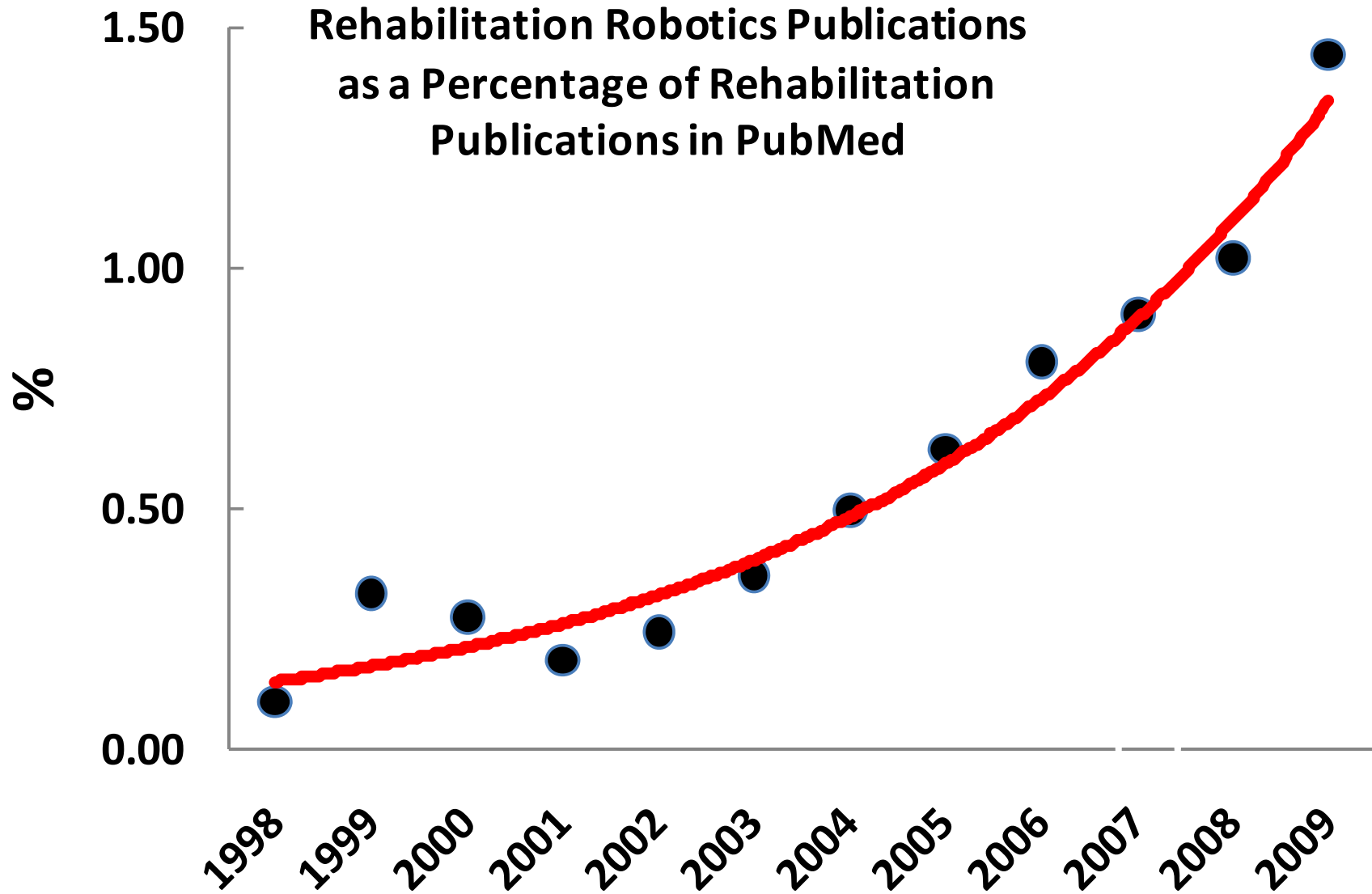


# What is a Robot?

A device that automatically performs complicated often repetitive tasks; a mechanism guided by automatic controls



# Rehabilitation Robotics





# Types of Robots



- ▣ Prosthetic Limbs



- ▣ Mobility Units
- ▣ Environmental Control/Manipulation Units



- ▣ Powered Orthotics
- ▣ Therapy Assist Devices

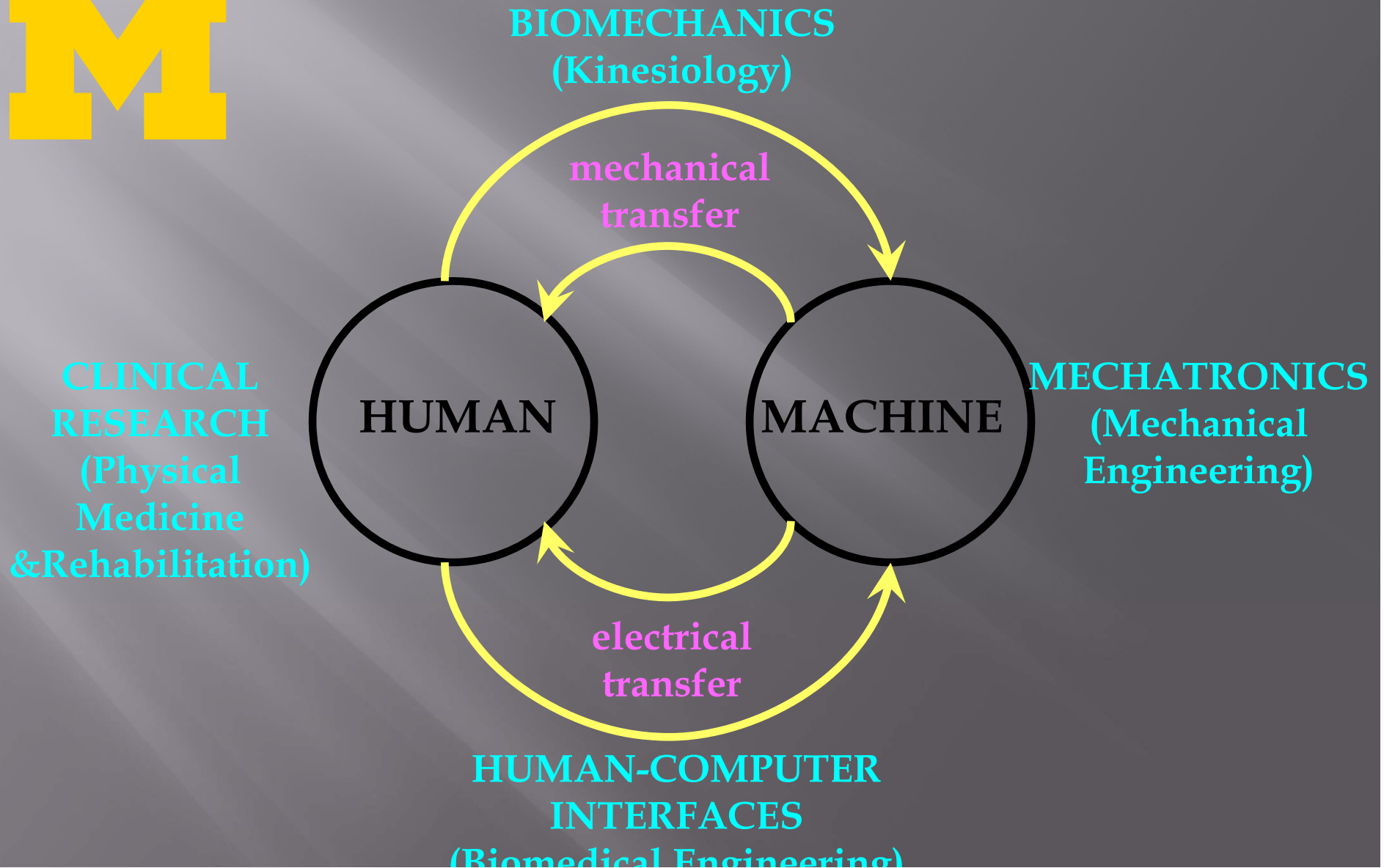


- ▣ Brain Computer Interface





# Rehabilitation Robotics Cluster Hire



# How does that work?

- ▣ Clinician helps define clinical need for better orthotic
- ▣ Mechatronics designs the components for a new orthotic that works with feedback
- ▣ Bioengineer develops ways to improve feedback mechanisms to provide data to orthotic
- ▣ Kinesiologist gives input on design based on biomechanical principles, and tests biomechanic output
- ▣ Clinician evaluates changes in function with new device

*...and everyone give input at every phase of the project*

# Lokomat Training for Ambulation



- ▣ Weight supported Treadmill
- ▣ Single therapist
- ▣ Variation of program based on child's own abilities
- ▣ Varies weightbearing



# Lokomat Results

- ▣ Improved Gait speed
- ▣ Increased endurance
- ▣ Higher scores on GMFM D and E
- ▣ Correlated with amount of training
- ▣ Some maintenance over time
- ▣ Some adverse effects
  - Muscle soreness, skin abrasion in up to 30%
- ▣ Greater effect for GMFCS I-II

# Improved Kinematics (Patritti et al)

- ▣ Decreased double support phase
- ▣ Improved stride length
- ▣ Decreased ankle dorsiflexion in stance (decreased crouch)

# Spasticity

- ▣ Lokomat measures muscle stiffness
  - Calculates torque at different movement speeds
- ▣ Tone reduction noted after single training session
  - Not measured over time



# Upper Extremity Robotic Therapy



- ▣ Emphasizes repetition
- ▣ Children enjoy sessions, highly motivated
- ▣ Targeted movements with robotic assist
- ▣ Provides visual feedback
- ▣ Offers games during breaks

# CP study

- ▣ 12 subjects
- ▣ Improved QUEST
  - ▣ Dissoc. Movements
  - ▣ Wt Bearing
  - ▣ Total
- ▣ Fugl-Meyer score improved
- ▣ MAS went down
- ▣ Postive results 1 month r/ u



# Robotics vs. CIT

- ▣ Benefits patients with lower MACS level, ROM
- ▣ Less therapist intensive
- ▣ For both, less involved patients have better outcome
- ▣ Current protocol seemed best combined with outside RX







Cyberdyne



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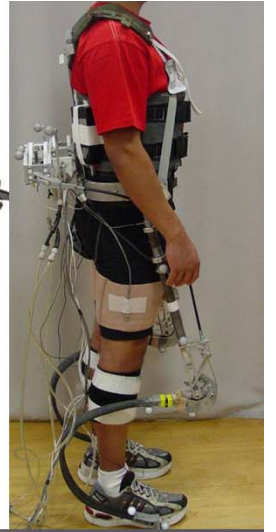
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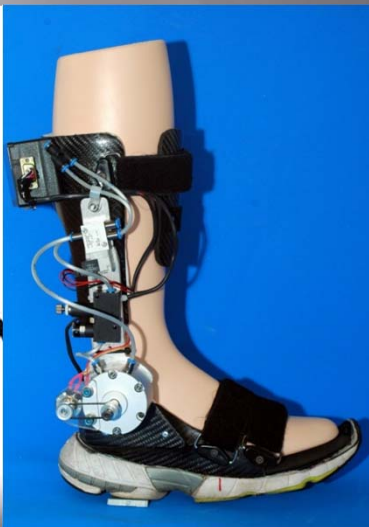
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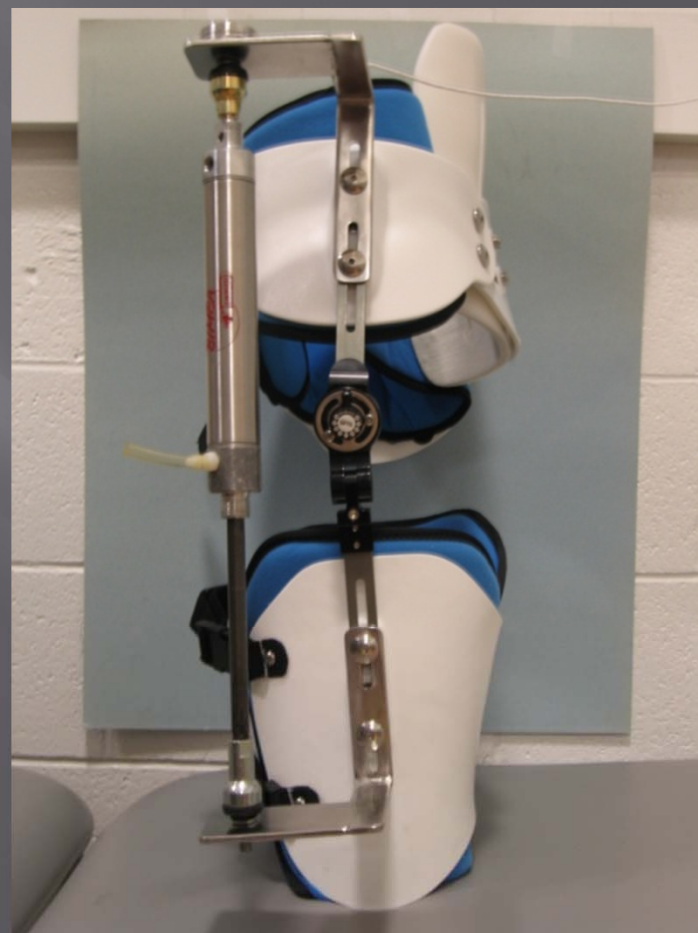
# The Robotic Orthosis Lokomat



Institute of Automatic Control ETHZ  
+ University Clinic Balgrist  
+ Hocoma GmbH



# Powered Orthoses





# Direct Brain Interface



- EEG signals control system
- Works computer
- Can control W/C, ECU
- Currently slow, trying to improve scanning and speed

# Robotic Power Mobility

- ▣ Crash avoidance
- ▣ Route Planning/Path Guidance
- ▣ Direct Brain Interface



# Feeding robot

- ▣ Consistent presentation of food
- ▣ Feeding did not go as well as with hand feeding.

# Robots

## What we need to know

- ▣ What can they do?
  - As well as we do now
    - ▣ Consistency
    - ▣ Dependability
    - ▣ Cost Effective
  - Better than we do now
    - ▣ Adding to quality of life
    - ▣ Improving therapy effectiveness
    - ▣ Making rehabilitation more available