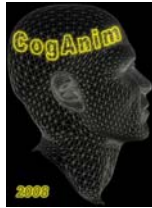


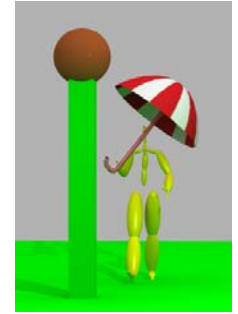
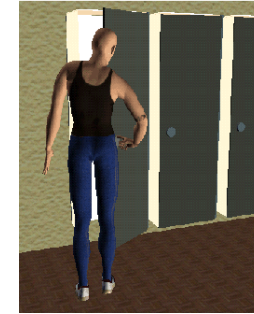
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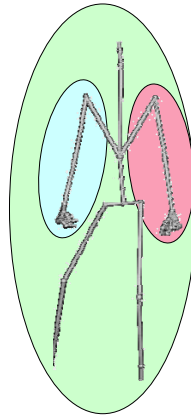
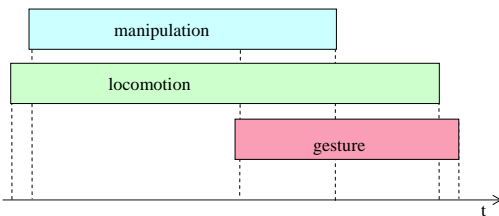
# How to Plan Coordinated Motions ?



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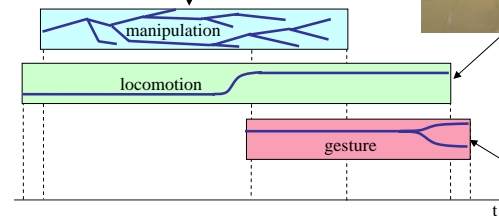
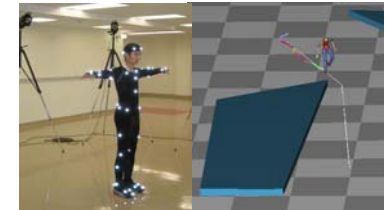
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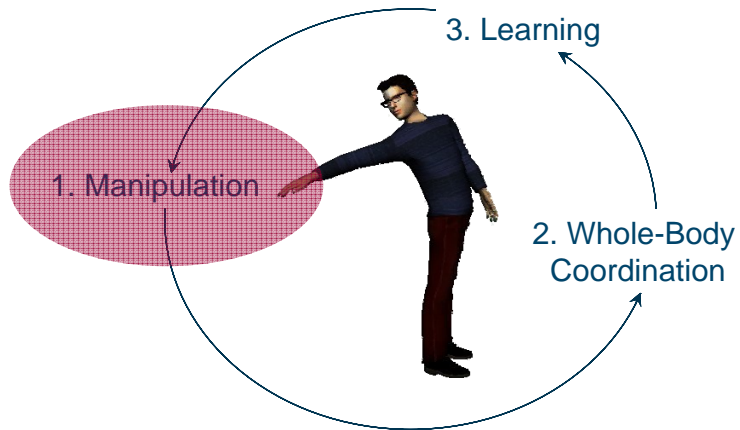
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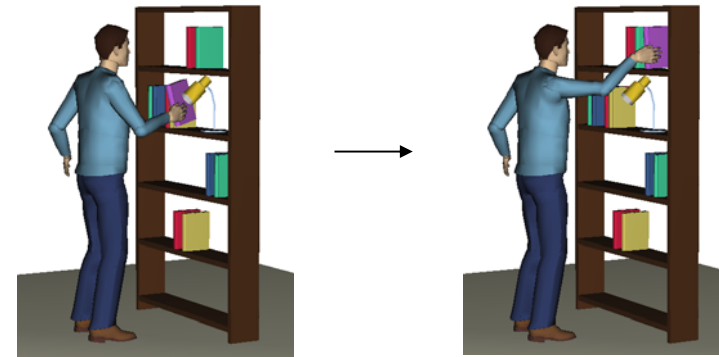
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## Topics



## The Basic Problem

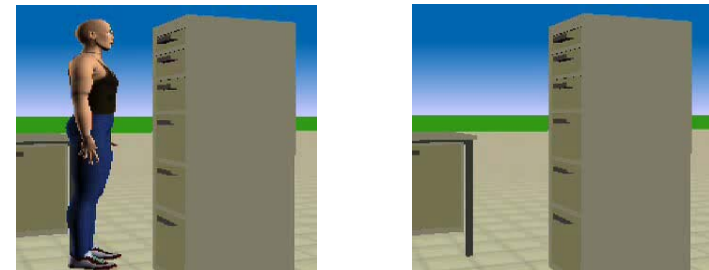


## The Inverse Kinematics Approach

- IK solves joint rotations such that the end-effector reaches a given target



## Examples: Jacobian-Based IK



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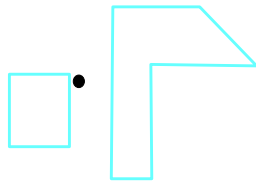


## The Motion Planning Approach

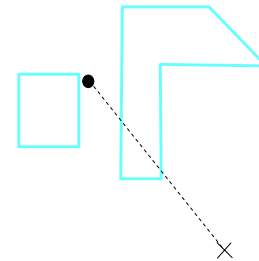
- Sampling-based planners explore the free space around obstacles



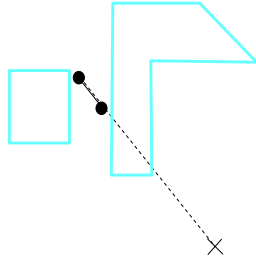
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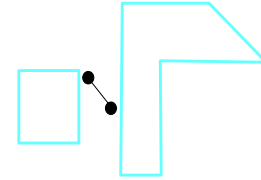
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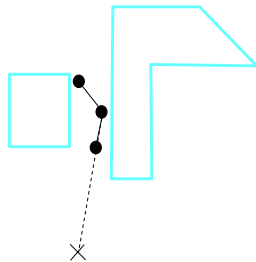
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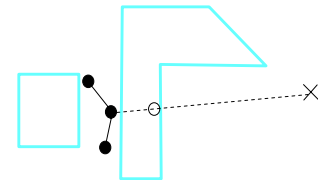
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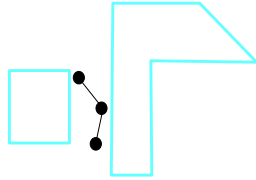
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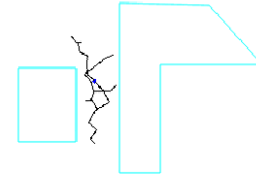
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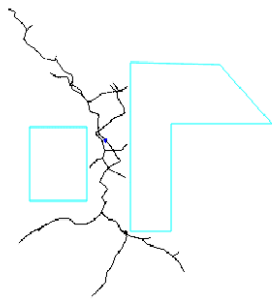
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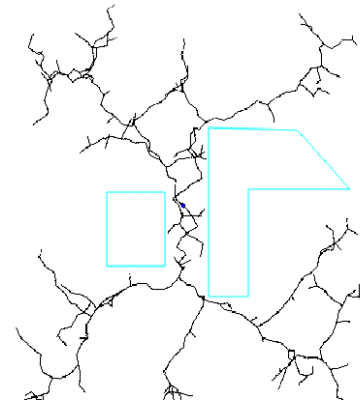
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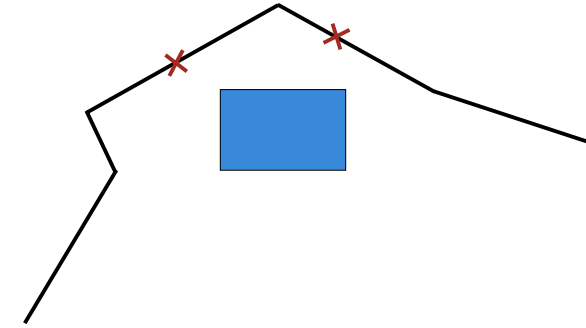


## Bidirectional RRT

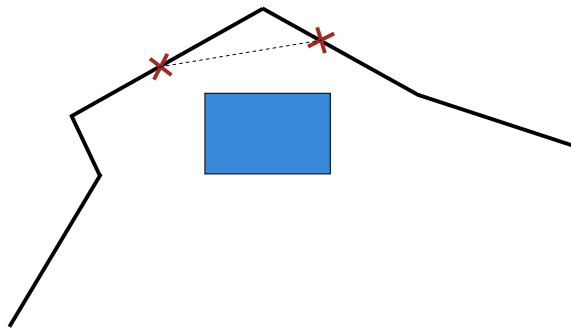
Trees rooted at  $c_i$  and  $c_g$  grow simultaneously



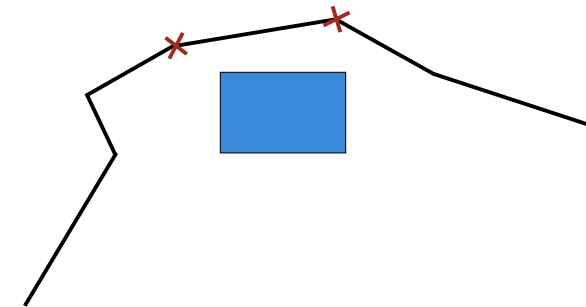
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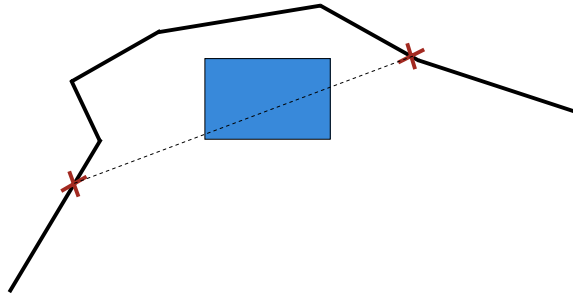
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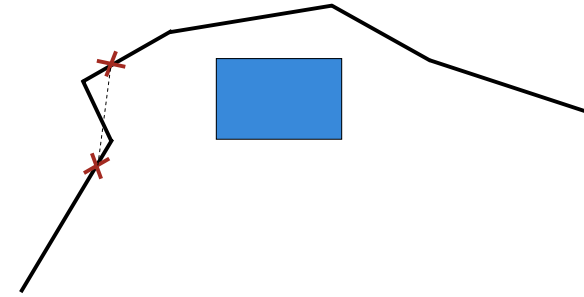
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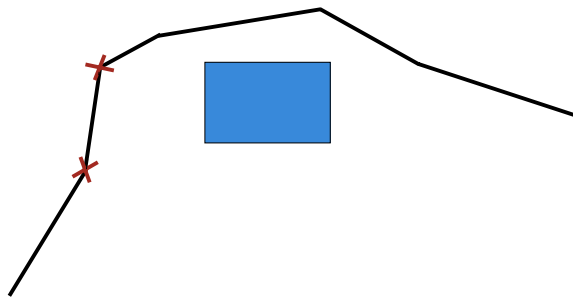
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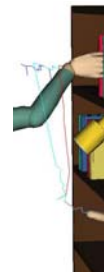
RRTs used to animate characters



tree expansion



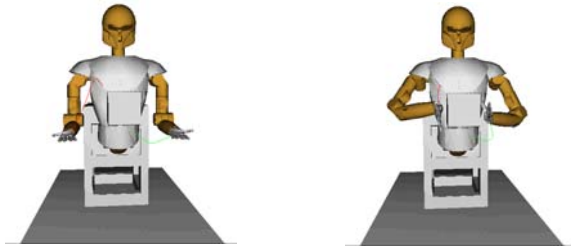
connection found



solution optimized

## Example

RRTs used for both arms



## Example

RRTs for Object Relocation



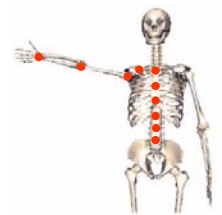
M. Kallmann, Scalable Solutions for Interactive Virtual Humans that can Manipulate Objects, AIIDE 2005.

## Motion Planners for Characters

- What is needed?
  - Configuration sampling routine
  - Distance function between postures
  - Posture interpolation method
  - Validity check routine

## Sampling Whole Body Reaching Postures

- 22 DOFs control layer
  - 7 in each arm, 2 in each clavicle
  - 3 in the torso (distributed in spine)
  - 1 knee flexion (translational DOF)

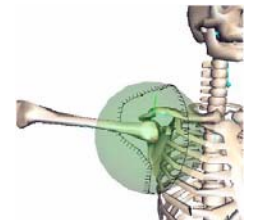


- Specific per-articulation parameterization and range limits

– Ex: swing-and-twist decomposition for the shoulder:

$$R = R^{twist} R^{swing}$$

$$R^{twist} = R_z(\theta), R^{swing} = [S_x S_y 0]$$





## Sampling Whole Body Reaching Postures

- 60% Regular
  - little spine and leg flexion
  - no clavicle motion
  - random arm poses
- 40% Distant
  - large spine and leg flexion
  - little elbow flexion
  - shoulder-clavicle coupling
  - arm-legs coupling
  - arm-torso coupling
- Balance, limits, collisions



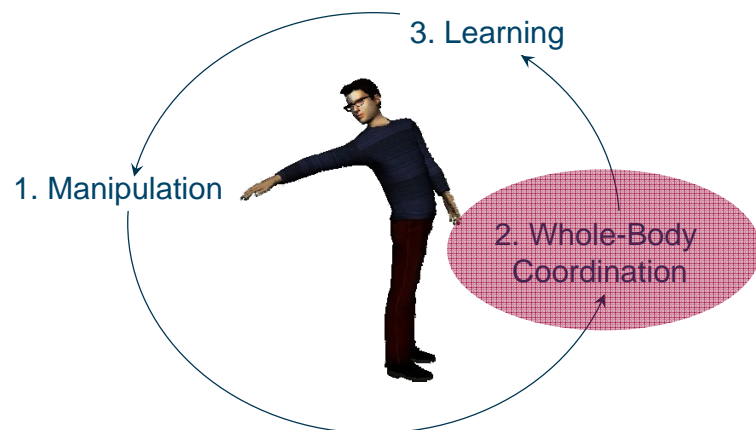
## Example



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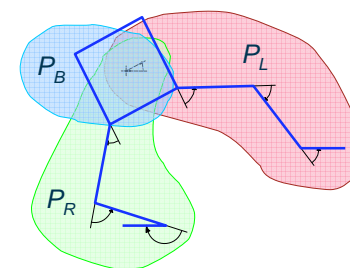
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## Topics






## Coordination: Sequencing

- How to sequence primitive controllers?






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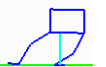
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 $P_R$	support in right foot	moves left leg articulations and body rotation	4


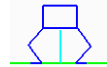

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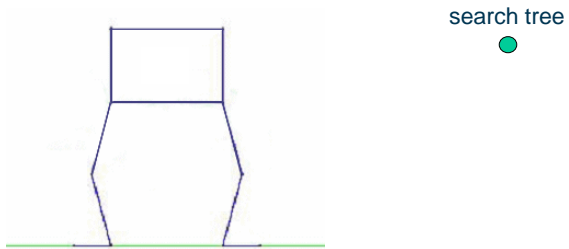
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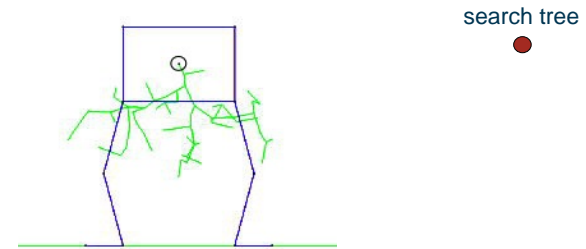
## Sequencing: Search Tree

- Define a search tree (single component) having the root as the initial configuration  $c_i$



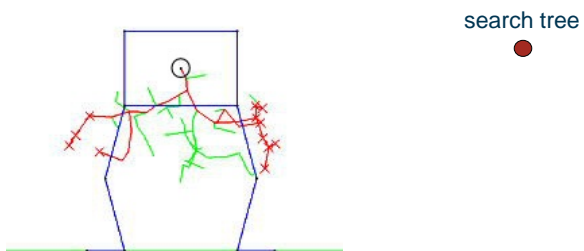
## Sequencing: Search Tree

- Expand a roadmap in the parametric space of the motion primitive associated with  $c$



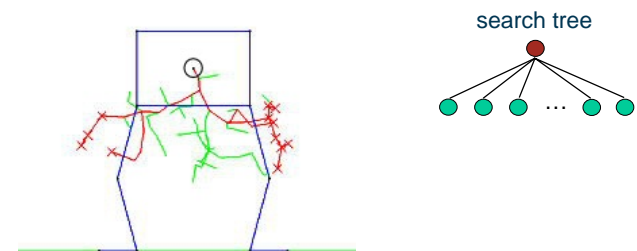
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- Determine paths leading to configurations in a different support mode



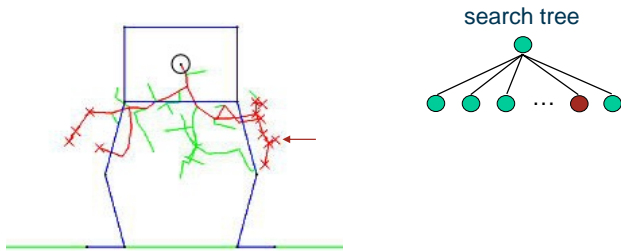
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- Each path represents a new child of  $c$



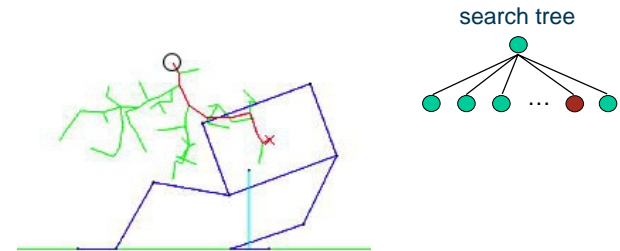
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- Select lowest (A\*) cost leaf  $c$   
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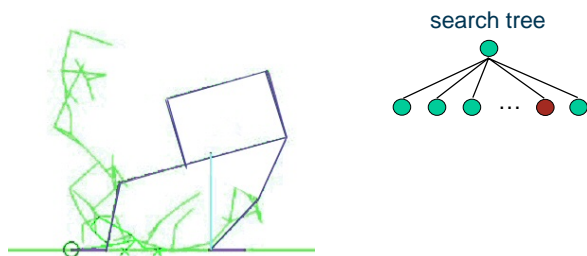
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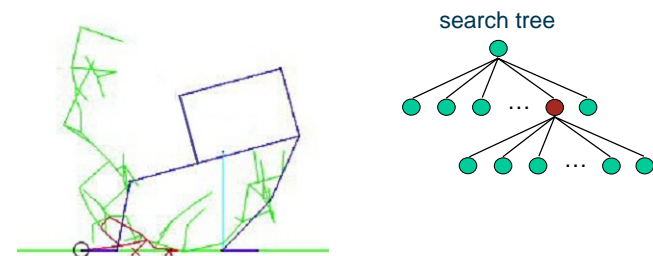
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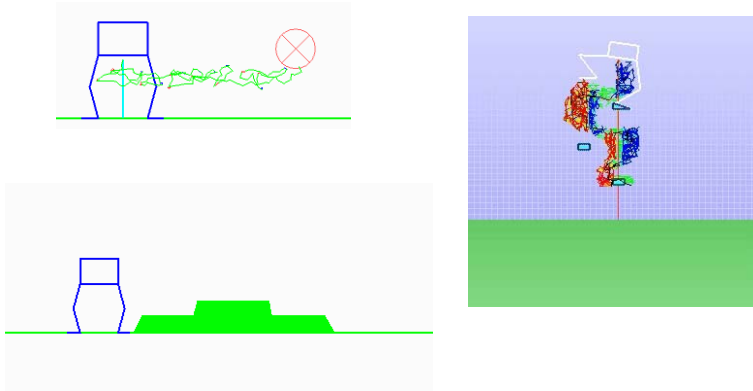


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- Determine paths leading to configurations in a different support mode, and add new leaves



## Sequencing Examples



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## Extension to Characters

- Analytical IK needed

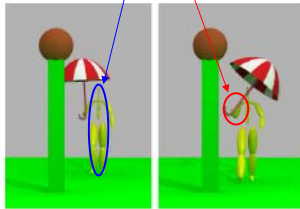


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## Coordination: Concurrency

- DOFs divided in two parts, for ex:
  - Rear part used by **dominant motion skill**: walking
  - The rest used by a **controlled skill**: arm motion

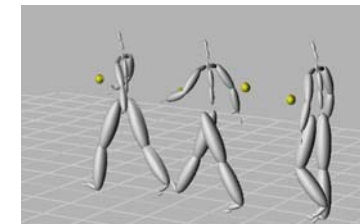
$$(p, q^1, \dots, q^{r-1}, q^r, \dots, q^n) = (c^w, c^a) \text{ in } C^w \times C^a$$



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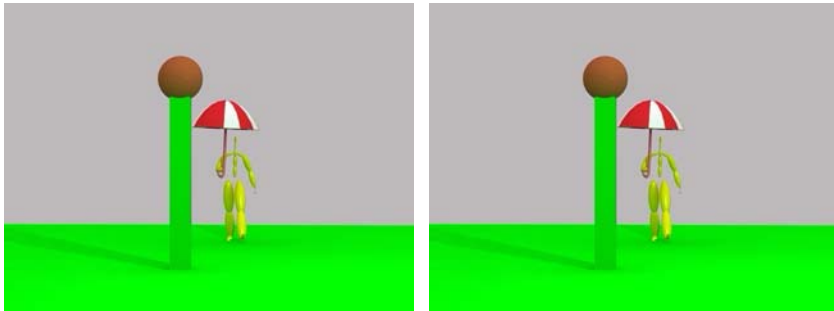
## Search Space

- Sample in configuration-time space:
  - Each configuration  $(c^a, t)$  has 7 DOFs for arm or leg, plus time component in  $[t_a, t_b]$
- For every sample  $(c^a, t)$ 
  - Compose full body posture  $(m^w(t), c^a)$  to test validity when dynamic world is  $w(t)$



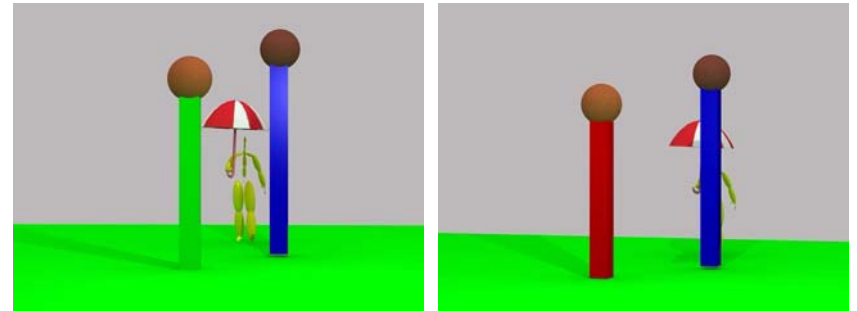
## Example: Motion Correction

- Avoiding post with umbrella while walking



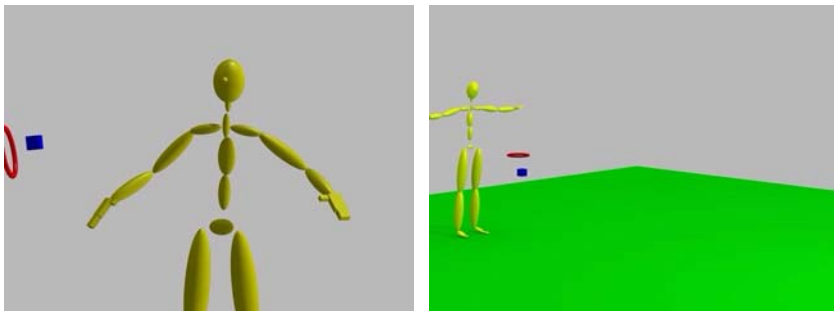
## Example: Motion Correction

- Additional post added...



## Example: Dynamic Environments

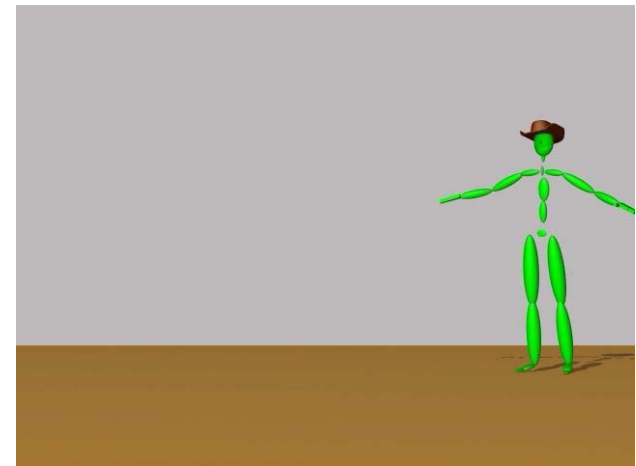
- Dynamic environment and dynamic targets



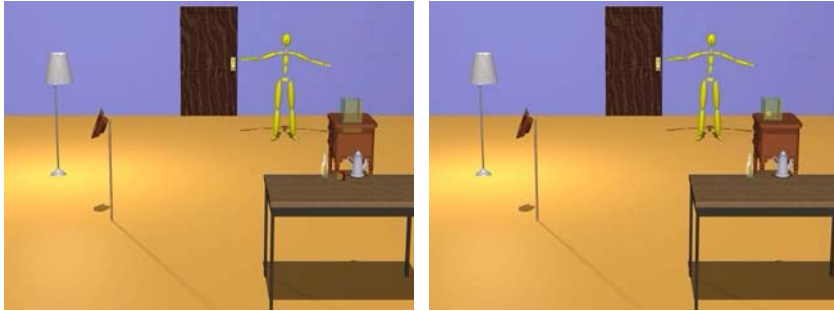
Moving obstacles and moving targets

Moving obstacles, moving targets, moving character

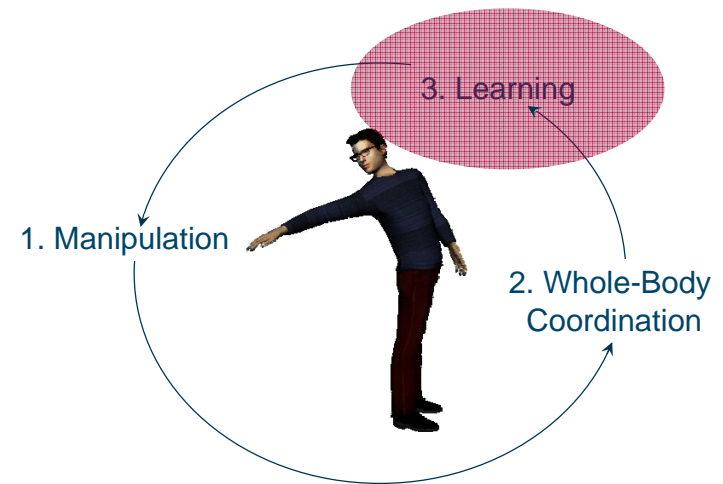
## Example: Dynamic Environments



## Example: Object Manipulation

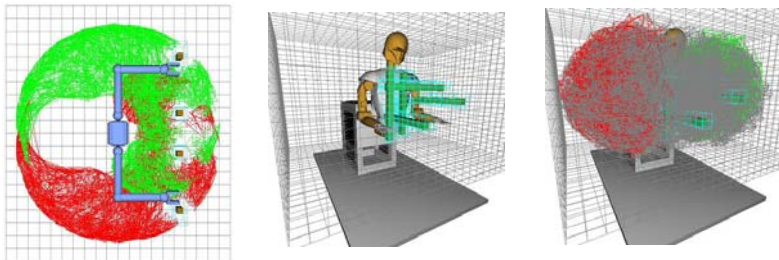


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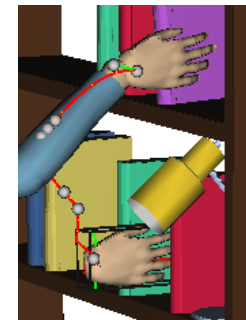
## Dynamic Roadmaps

- Pre-compute roadmap only with static obstacles
- On-line roadmap updates with a grid mapping
  - Updates can be significant



## Learning Attractor Points

- Attractor points are easier to maintain



# Attractor-Guided Planning



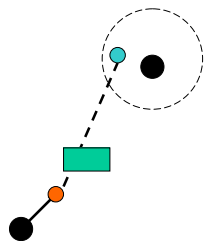
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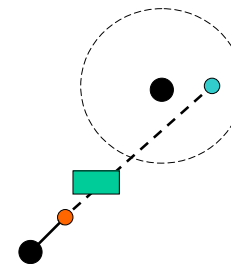
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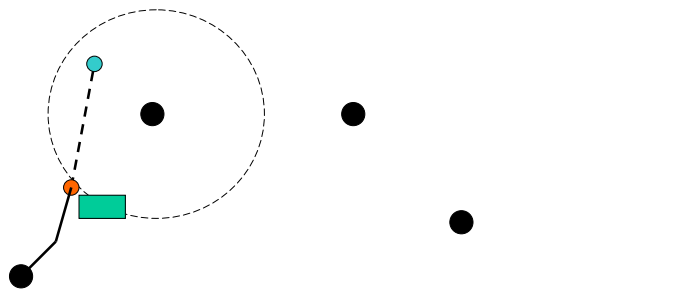
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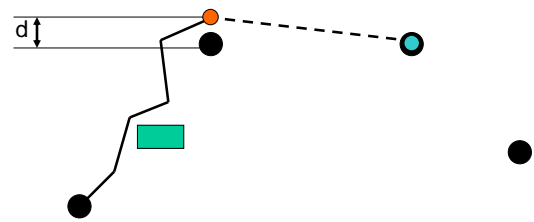


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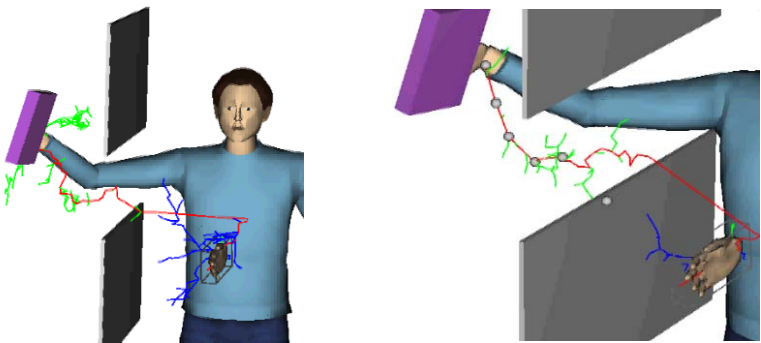
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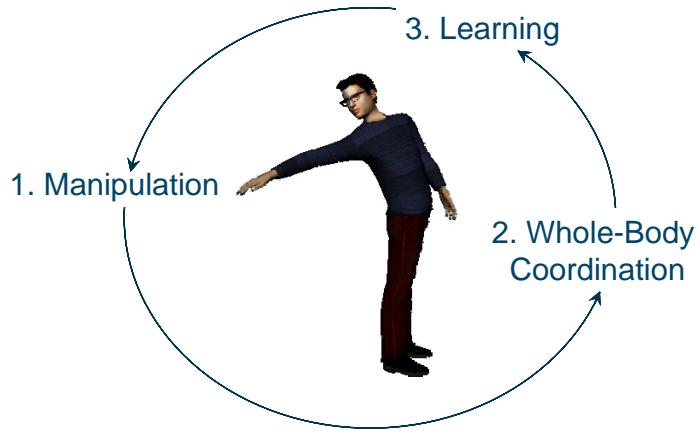
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A standard RRT search tree

The AGP search tree

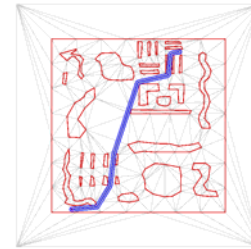
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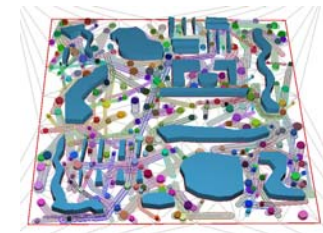
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Path Planning in Triangulations



Deformable Models



Multi-Agent Navigation

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