# Autonomous robotics: Action, Perception, and Cognition

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### Language

- slides will be in English
- lectures will be in English, sometimes German

#### Who am I

- theoretical physicist by training, but working in theoretical neuroscience/ cognitive science and motor control for over 20 years
- second life as a roboticist/computer vision person
- way stations: Saarbrücken, Stuttgart, Boca Raton Florida, Bochum, Marseille, Bochum...

#### What am I?

- Chair Theory of Cognitive Systems
- Director of the Institut für Neuroinformatik
- joint appointment in the Faculty of Physics and Astronomy and in the Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Information Technology

# My research

- research in two related areas
  - embodied cognition: motor control, movement planning and representation, decision making, action and spatial memory, visual working memory, perceptual representations, motion perception, grounding of language
  - autonomous robotics: scene representation, object recognition, behavioral organization, reaching and grasping, timing, learning
- based on the theoretical approach of "DST" (dynamical systems theory) and "DFT" (dynamical field theory)

# Jean-Stéphane Jokeit

- will run the exercises
- also available for questions etc.
- jean-stephane.jokeit@ini.rub.de
- is a physicist by training, doctoral student at INI
  - working on movement generation in autonomous robotic manipulators

# Who are you?

#### Please send this information

- to jean-stephane.jokeit@ini.rub.de
- Name, First name
- Studienfach
- Fachsemester
- (Prüfungsordnung)
- Matrikelnummer

#### **Exercises**

- will be corrected by a team of collaborators organized by Jean-Stéphane Jokeit
- will be discussed by Jean-Stéphane Jokeit
- readings!
- essay!
- give essential bonus points: rules => pdf

#### Schedule

- every Thursday 14:15 to 16:00
- can we do 14:00?
- exercise from 16:15 to 17:00

# Web page

- www.ini.rub.de
- then search for course under teaching/ courses... or go directly here:
- https://www.ini.rub.de/teaching/courses/ autonomous\_robotics\_action\_percepti on\_and\_cognition\_summer\_term\_201 8/

# What learning experience does this course offer?

- Interdisciplinary experience: using analogies with nervous systems to design cognitive robots
- learn concepts from dynamical systems theory and from neural dynamics
- experience the reading and writing of mathematical/technical material