

# Benchmarking Grasping Before It Happens: The Path Is the Goal

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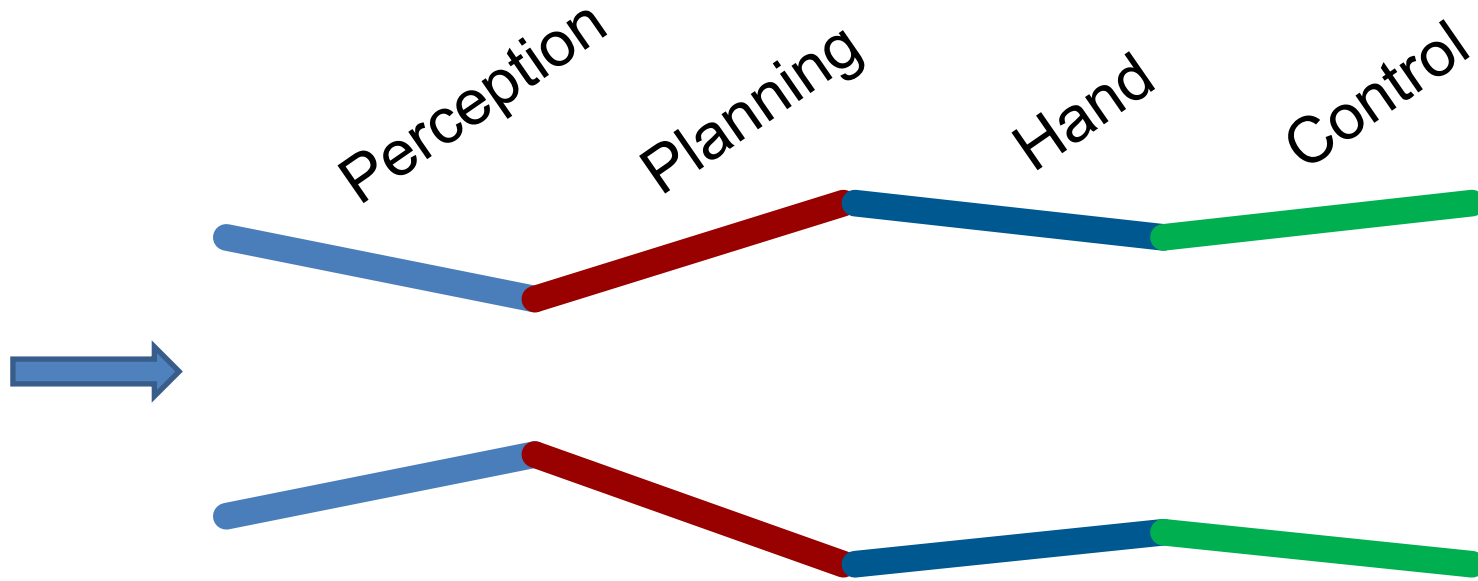
# My Theses

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- ▶ Benchmarking grasping is nearly impossible
- ▶ Grasping is a dynamic process, extended over time
- ▶ Grasping becomes robust through the exploitation of physical contact between hand/object/environment
- ▶ Is the exploitation of physical contact benchmark-able?
- ▶ Yes, with morphological computation, but...

# Benchmarking: Why and How?

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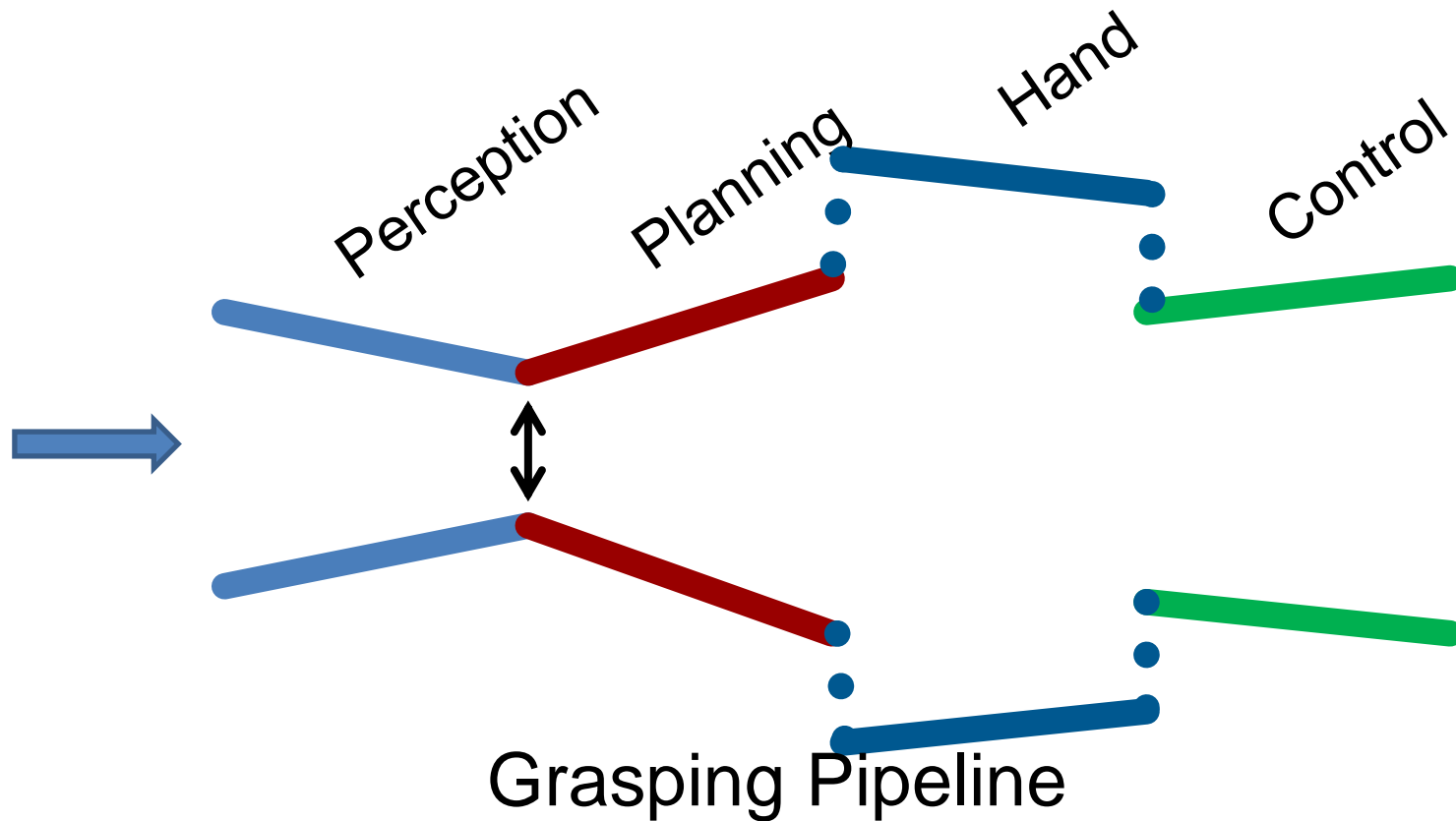
Grasping Pipeline

# Do Not Benchmark Robot Hands in the Human Pipeline!

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[Image of **chop sticks** removed to avoid copyright issues]

# How to Determine the Bottleneck?



# Benchmarking Hands

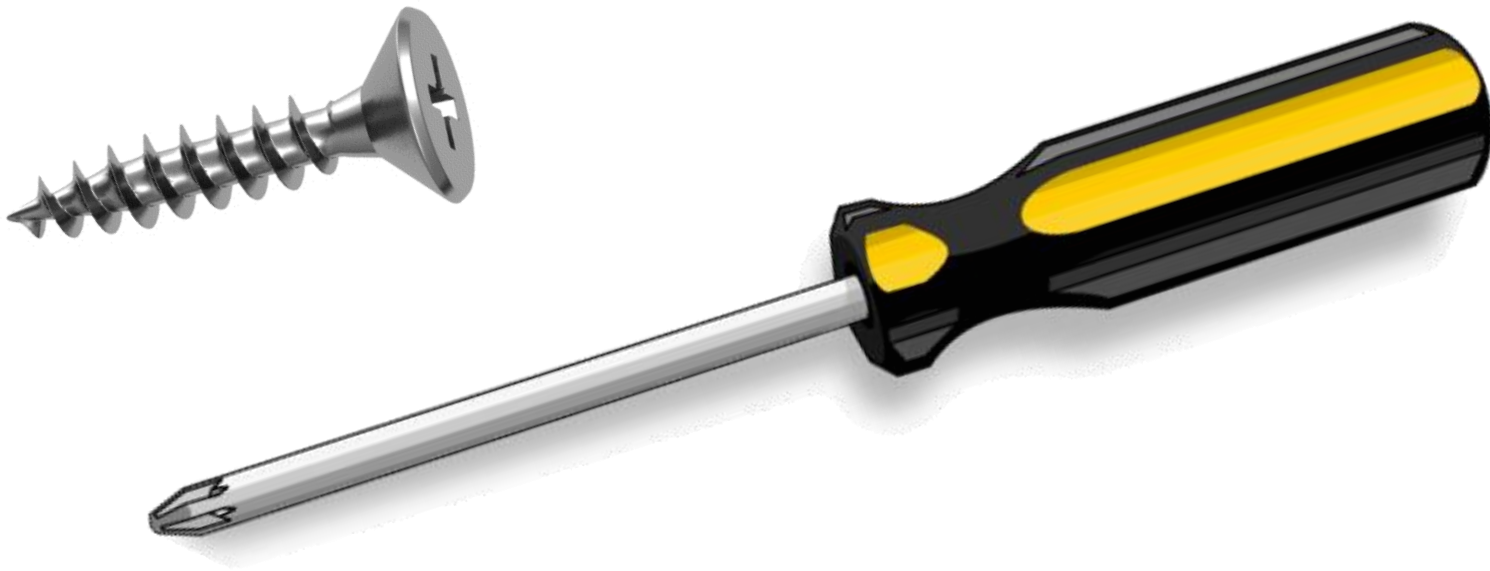
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from Markus Grebenstein's PhD Thesis

# Benchmarking With Tools

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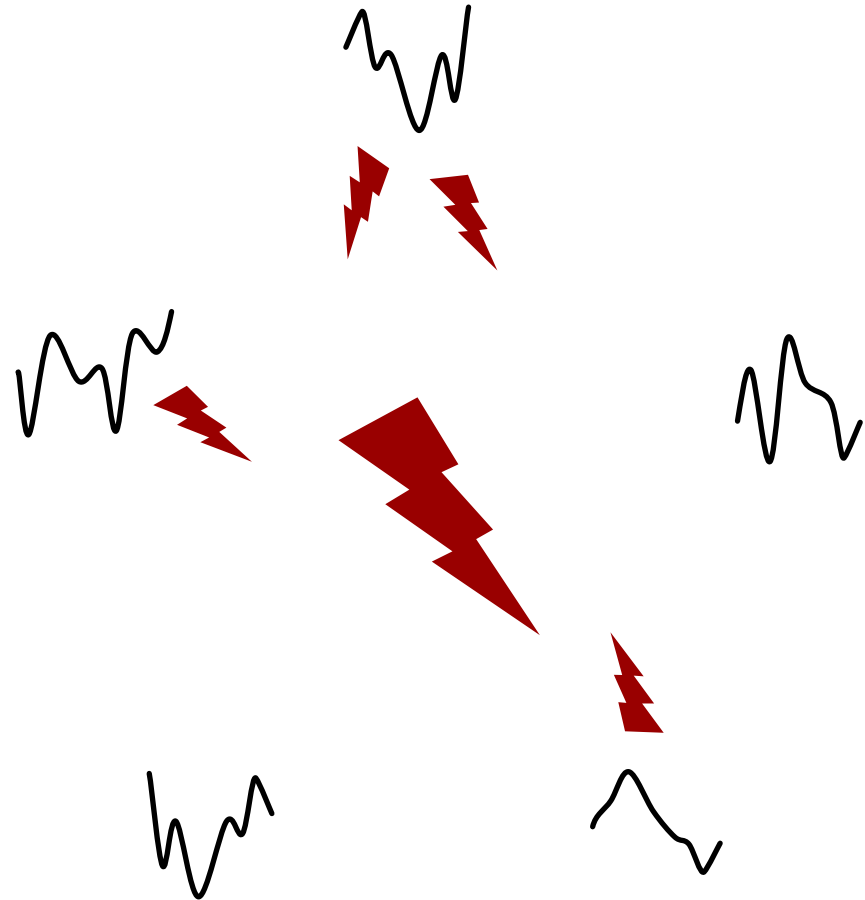
# Benchmarking Tasks



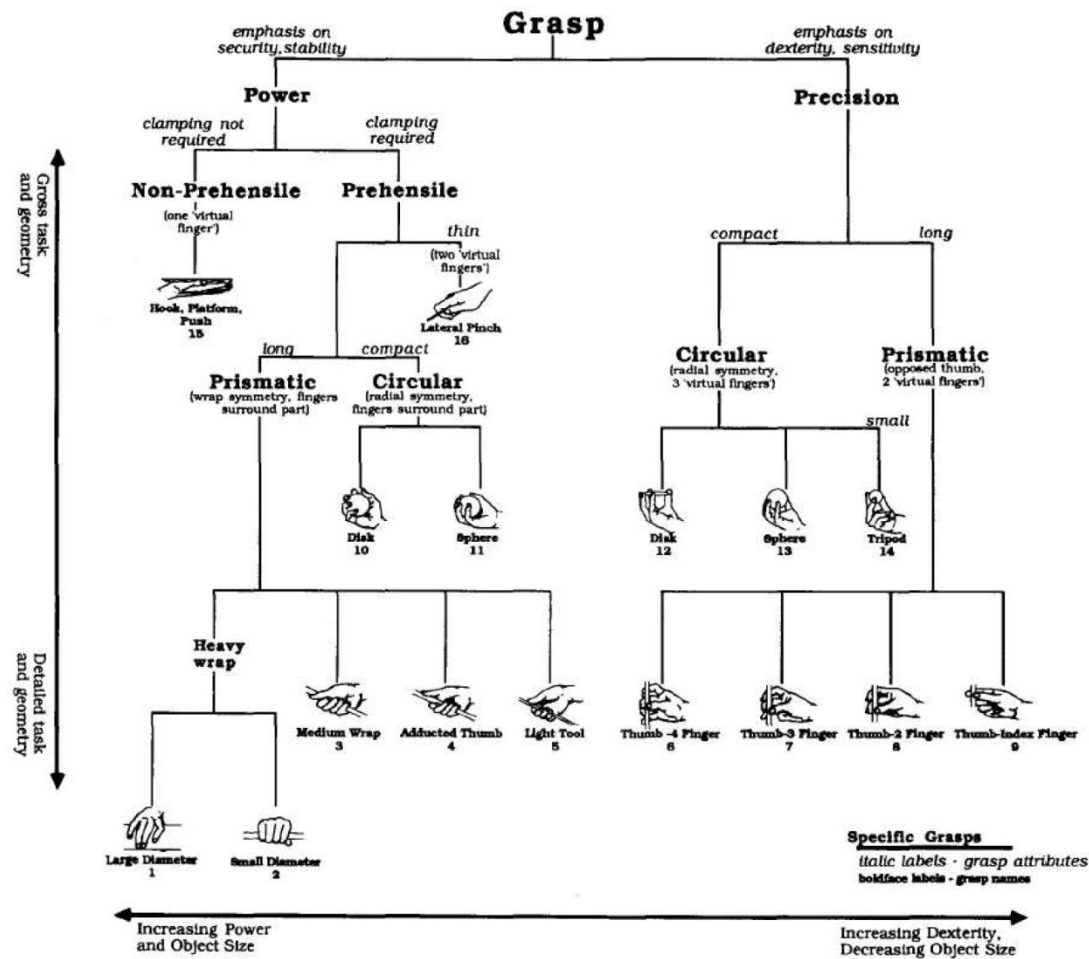


# Curse of Interaction

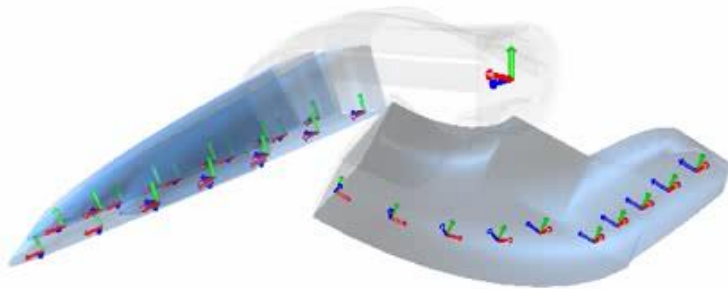
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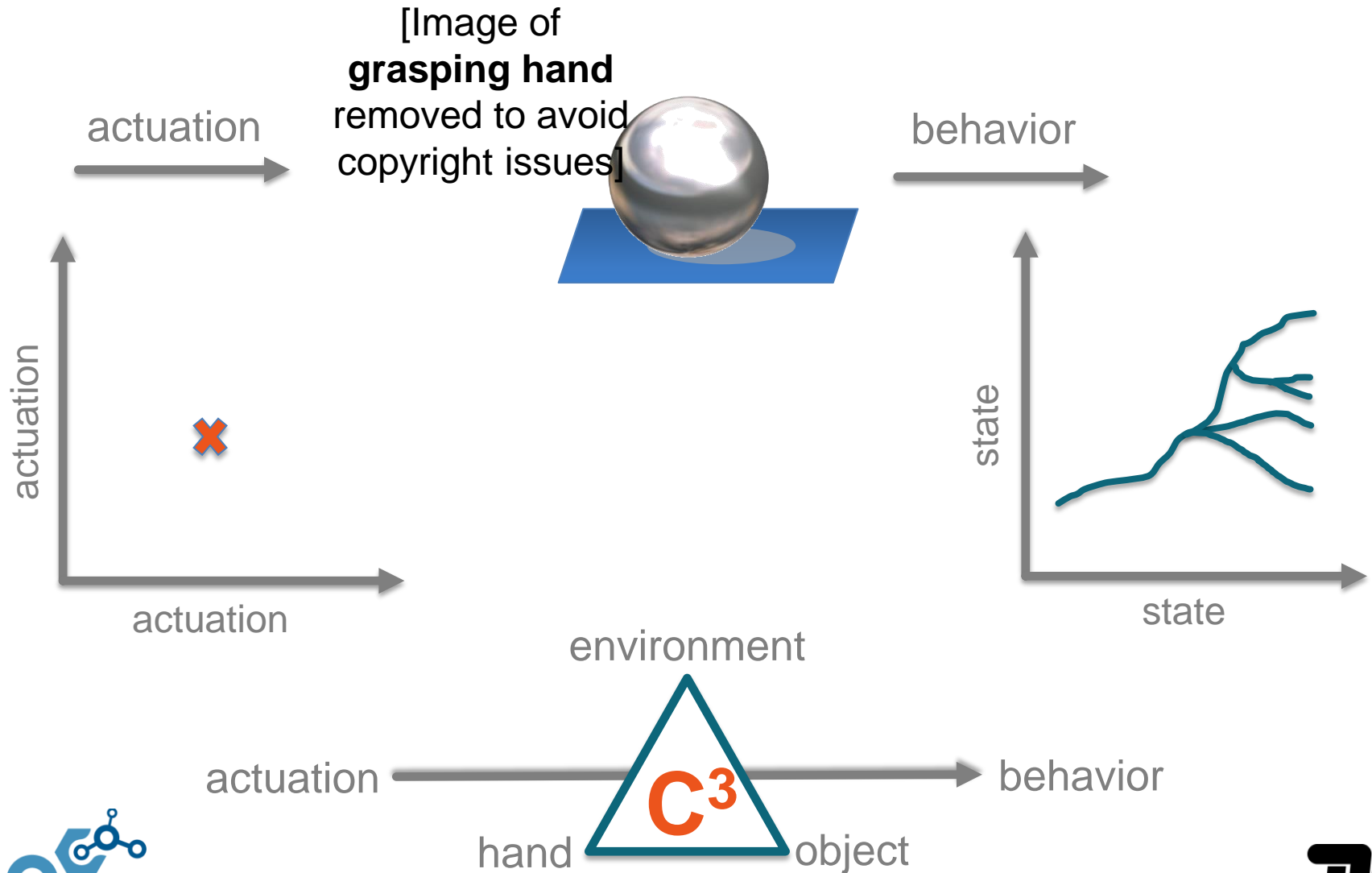
# Grasp Taxonomies, Quality Metrics







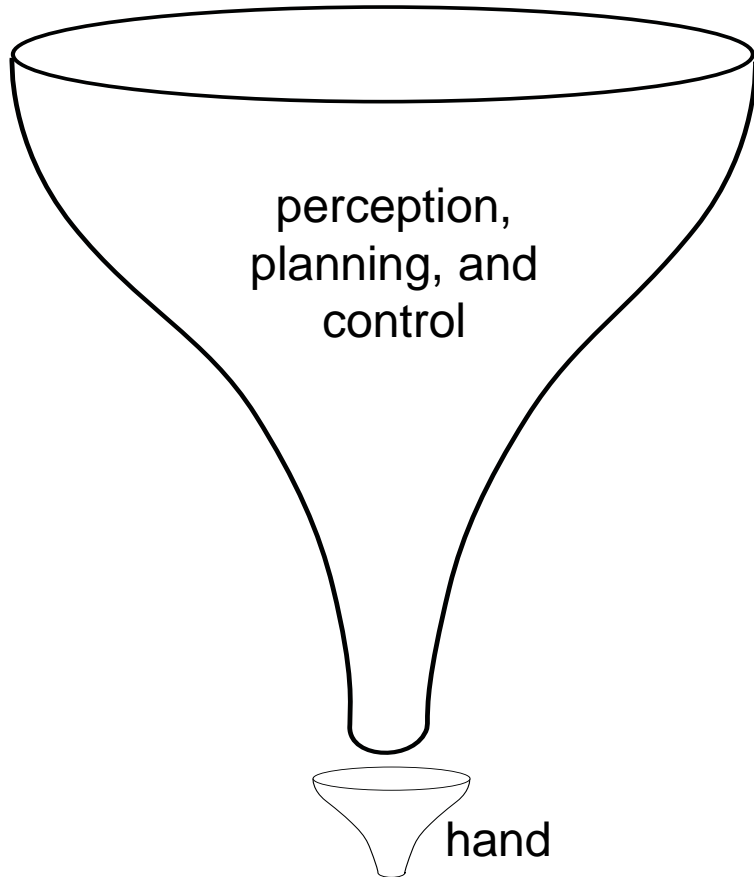
# Effect of Actuation Differentiated Through ECs



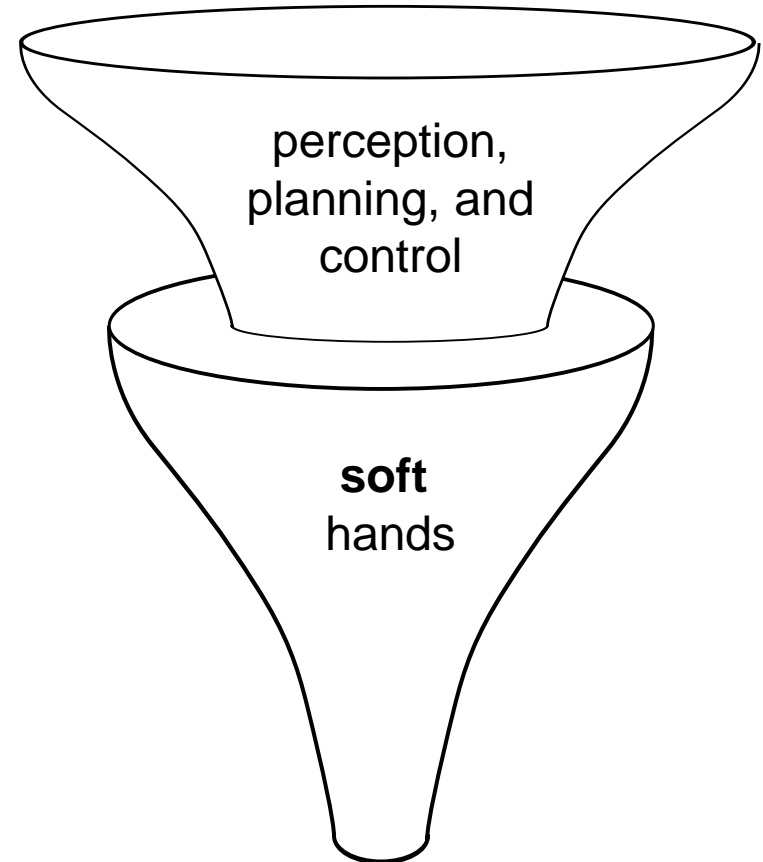
# Soft Grasping and Soft Manipulation

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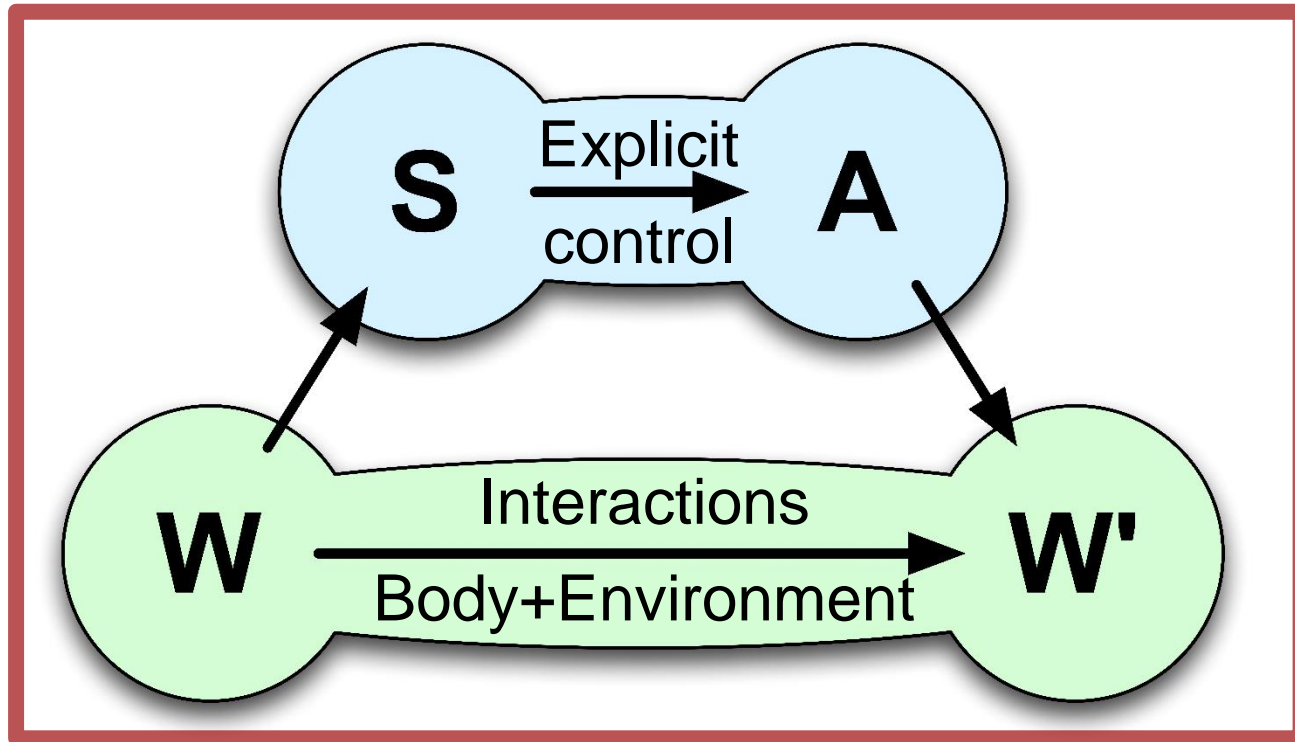
Little use of constraints = difficult?



Extensive use of constraints = robust?



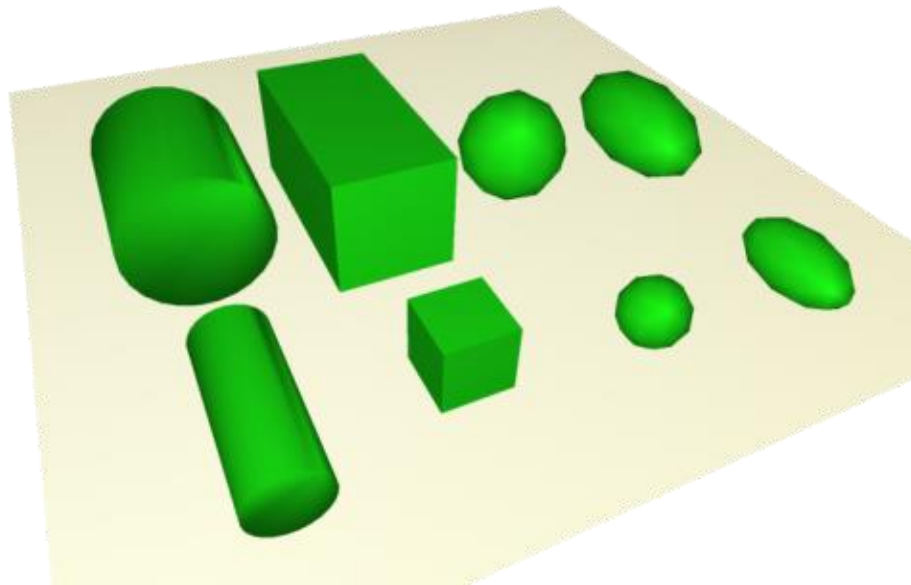
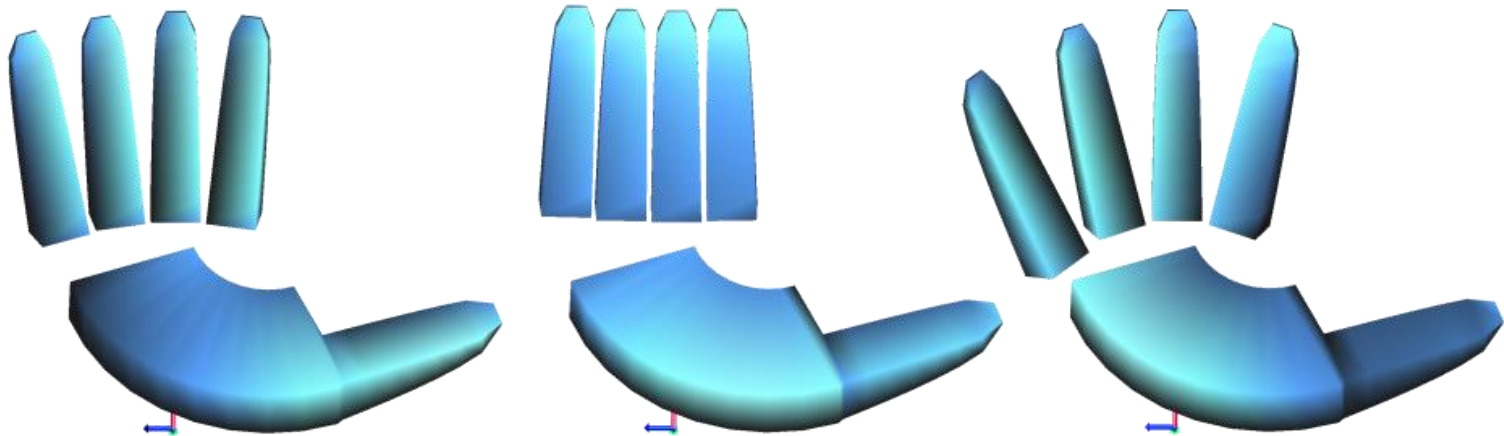
# Measure of Morphological Computation [Pfeifer & Bongard 2006]



$$MC_{MI} = I(W'; W) - I(A; S)$$

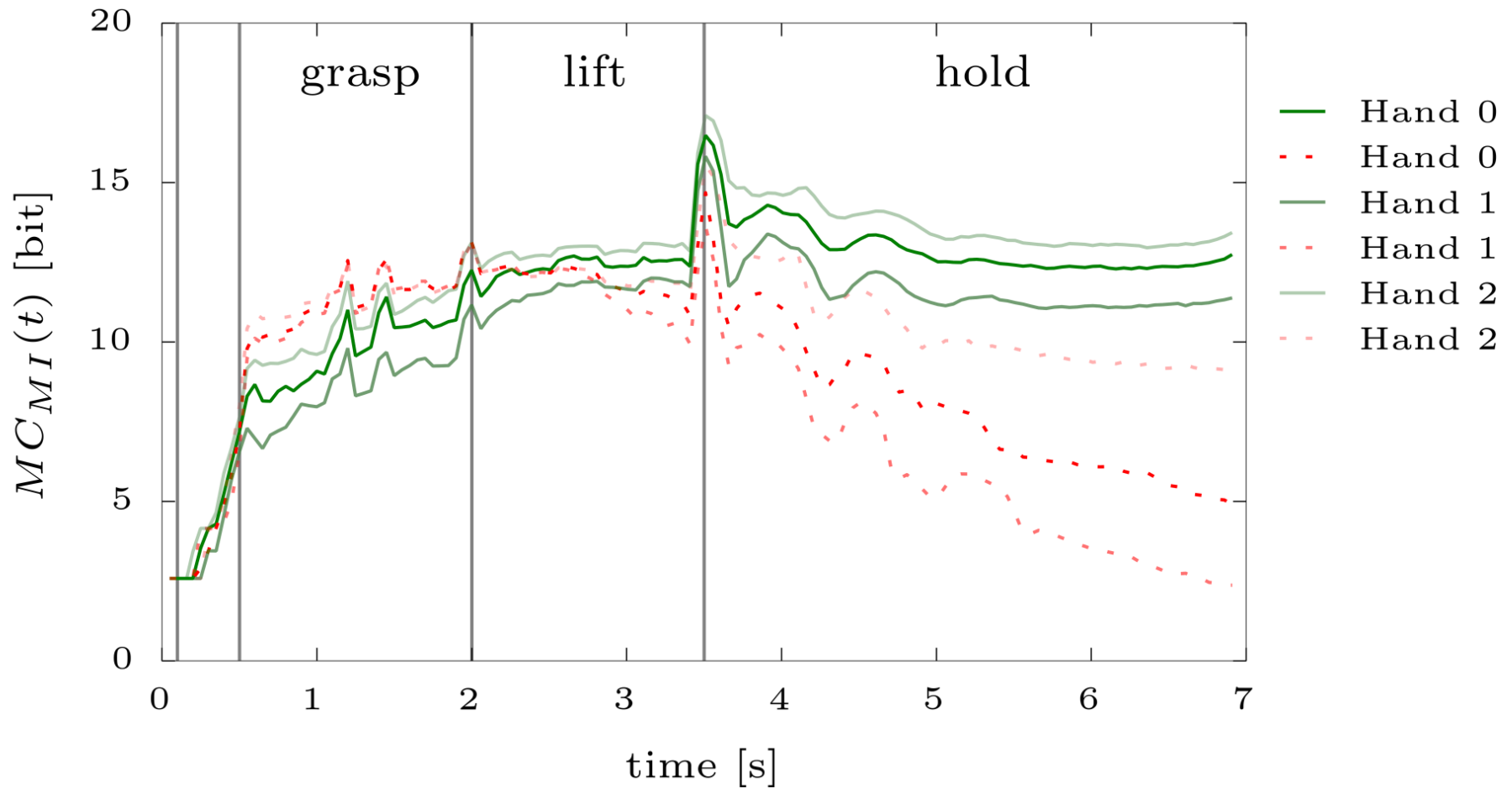
# Experiments

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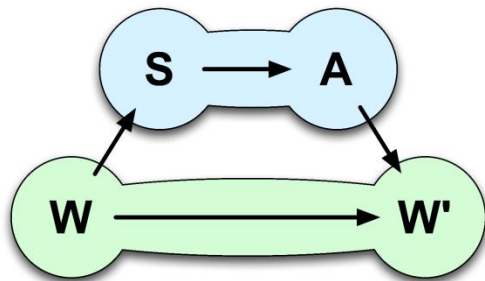
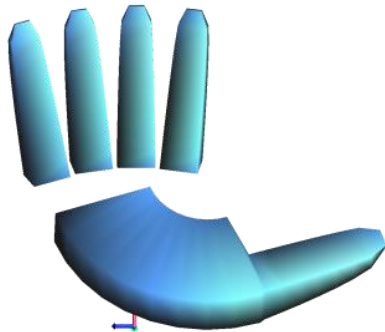




# First Results with $MC_{MI}$



# Benchmarking Morphological Computation



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SOFT MANIPULATION

- ▶ MC reflects success/effectiveness of ECE
- ▶ Explicitly includes control!
- ▶ Still depends on task, hand, objects, perception, planning
- ▶ Search for the most appropriate measure is on