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# **Salamander Foot Design**

Midterm semester project presentation

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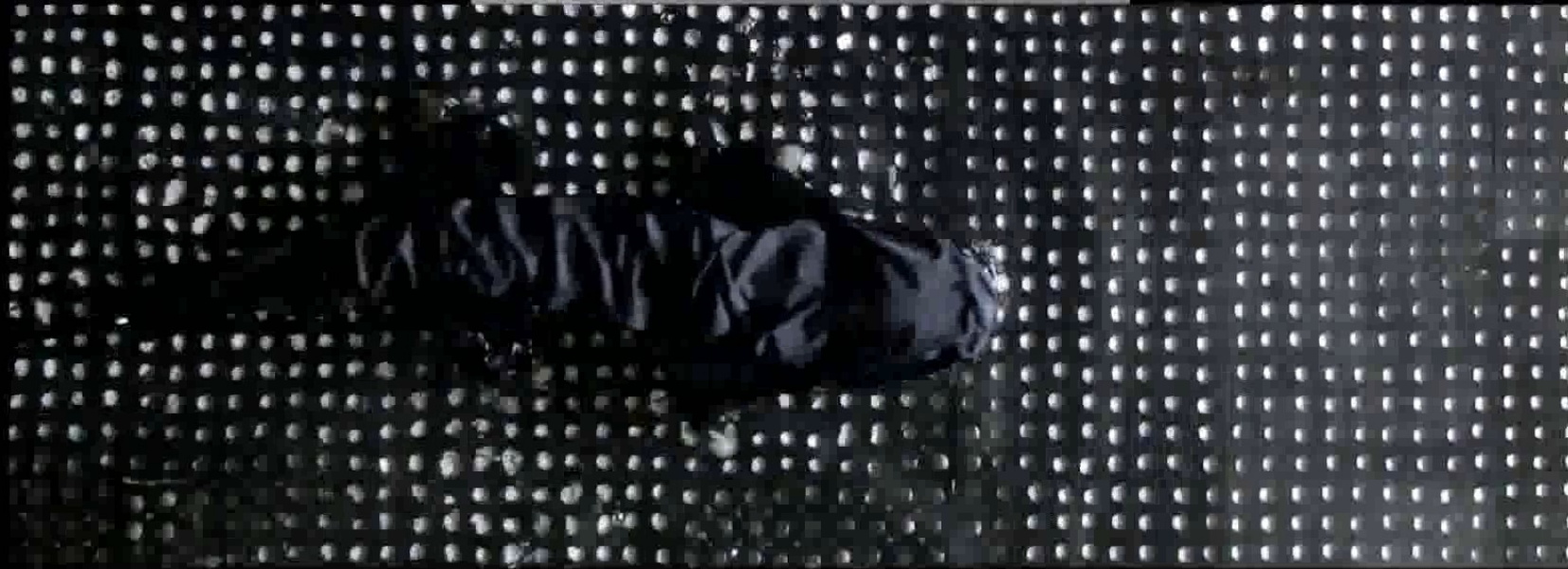
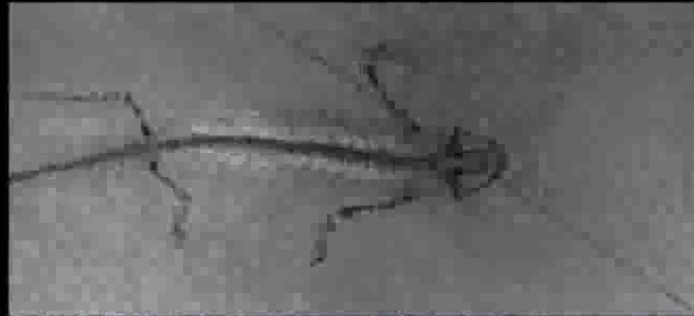
# Animal Aquatic Stepping



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# Pleurobot Aquatic Stepping

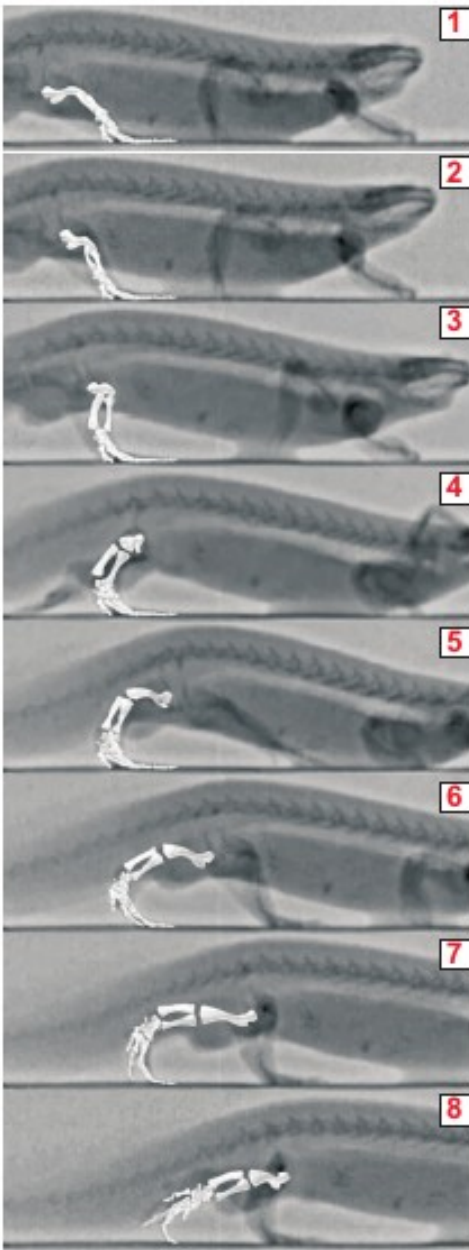
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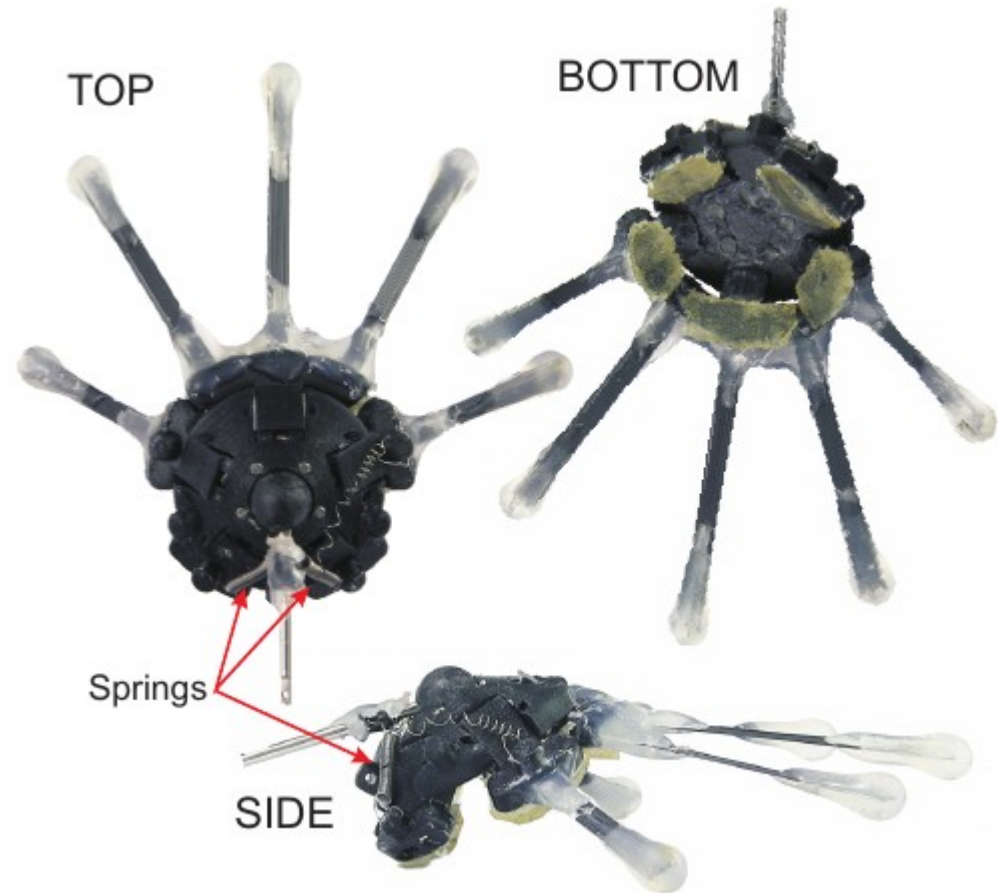
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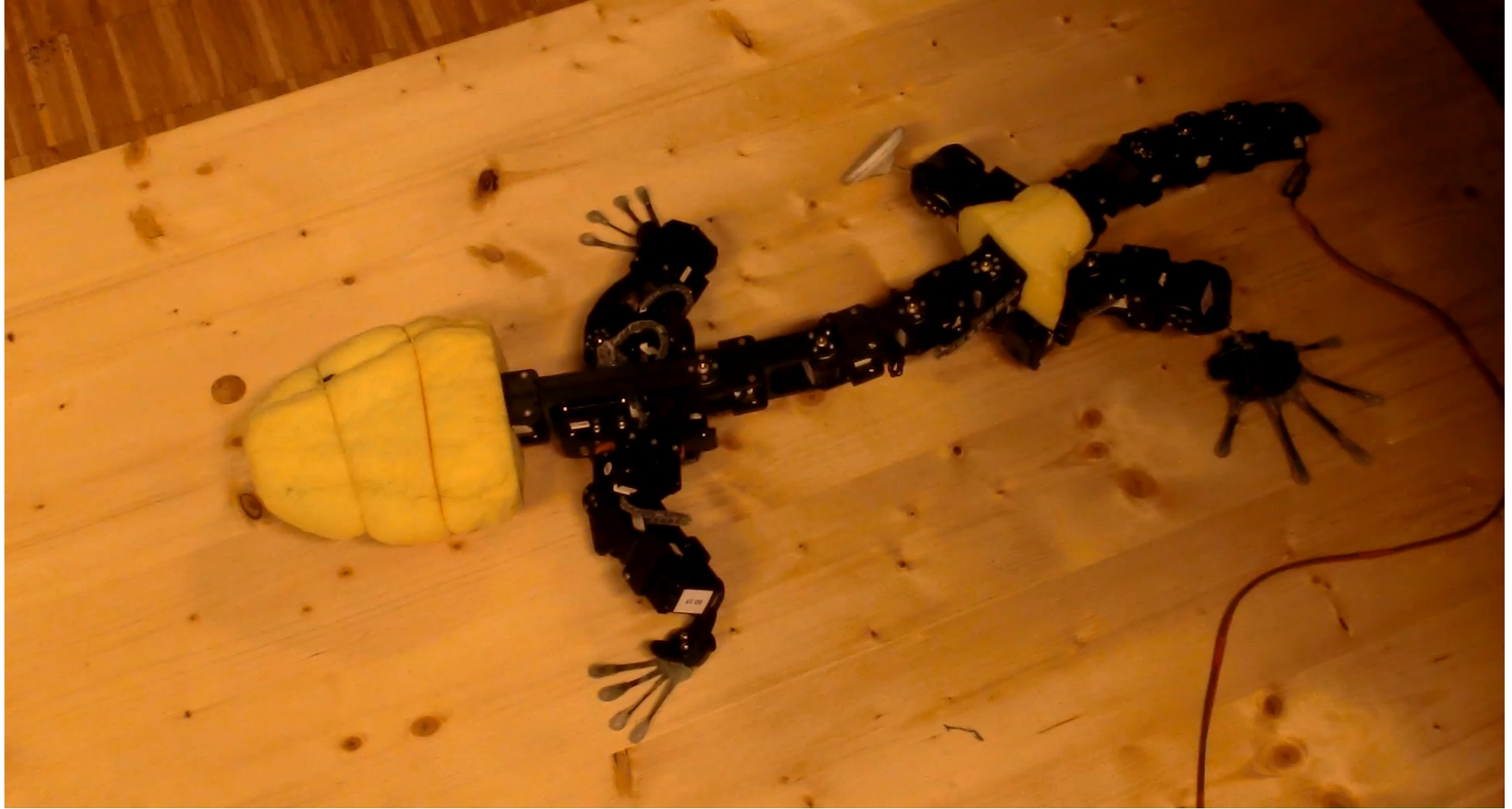
# Previous works on design leg



Reconstruct Leg Kinematics  
Student: Reza Safai



Student: Patrick Shwizer





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# Purpose

Develop a **methodology for generic foot design**, in sprawling posture undulatory-spine-based robots.

Lizard locomotion 1:

High-speed quadrupedal and bipedal running

Zebra-tailed lizard (*Callisaurus draconoides*)

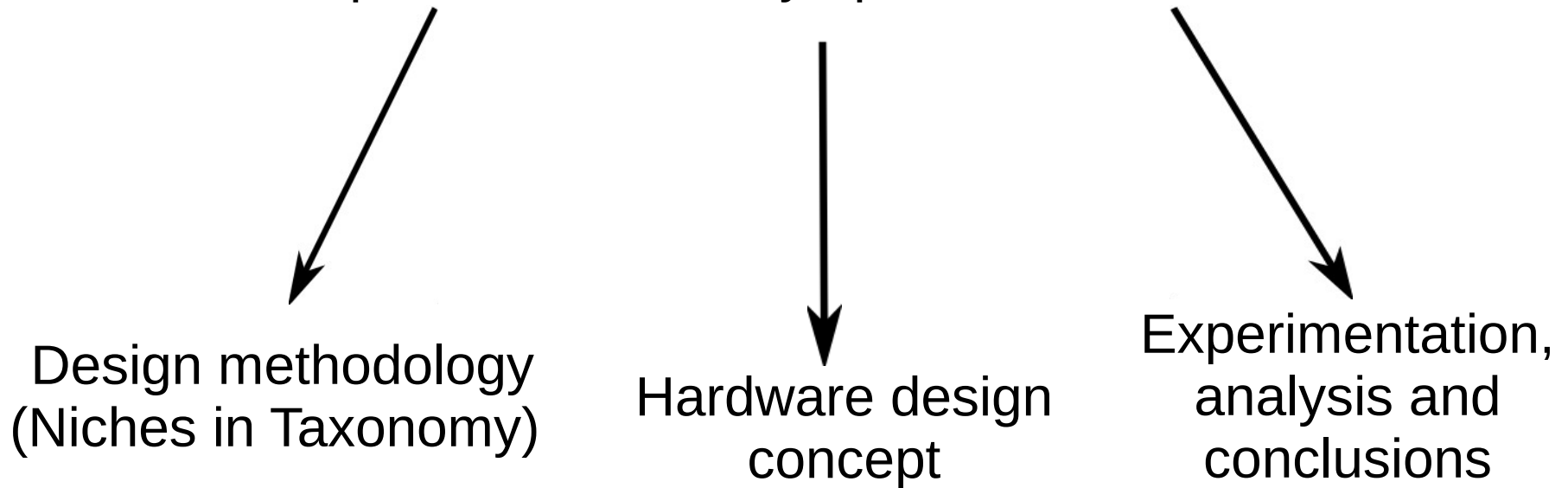
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# Project components

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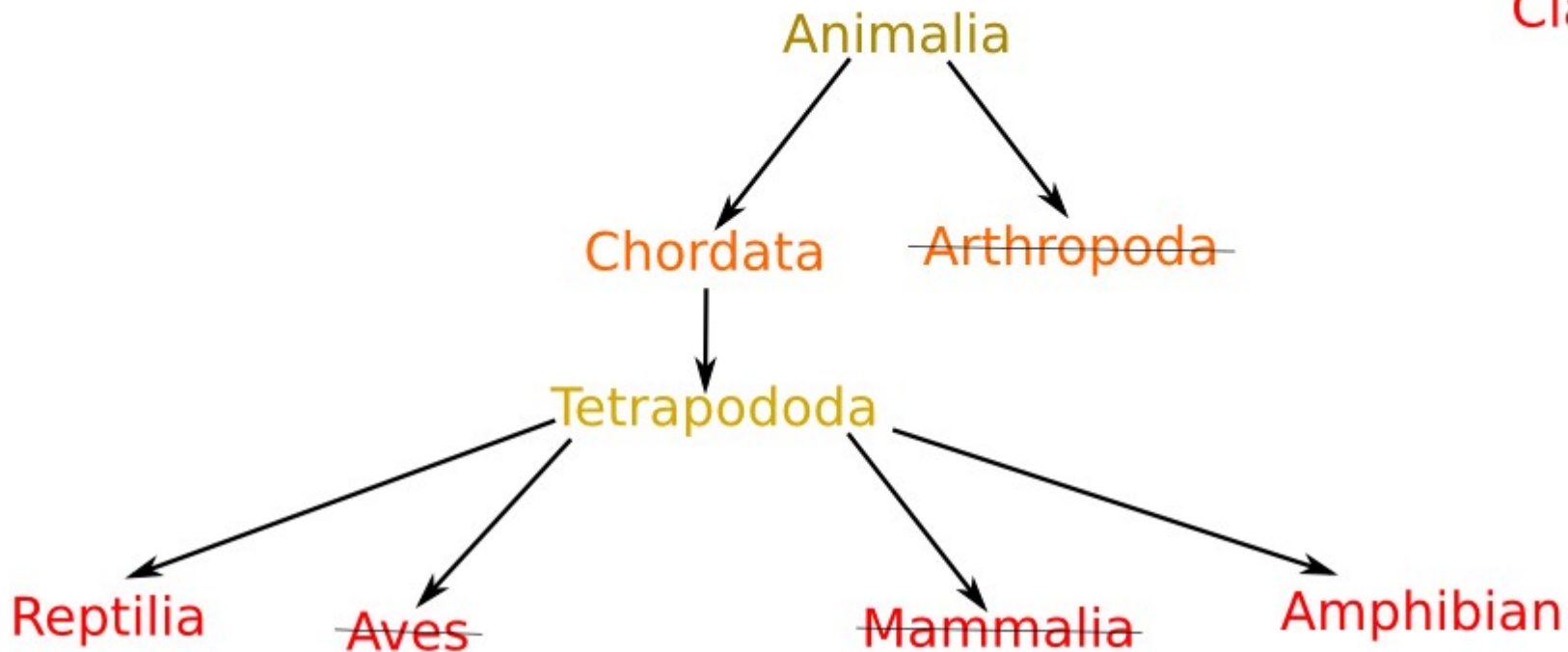
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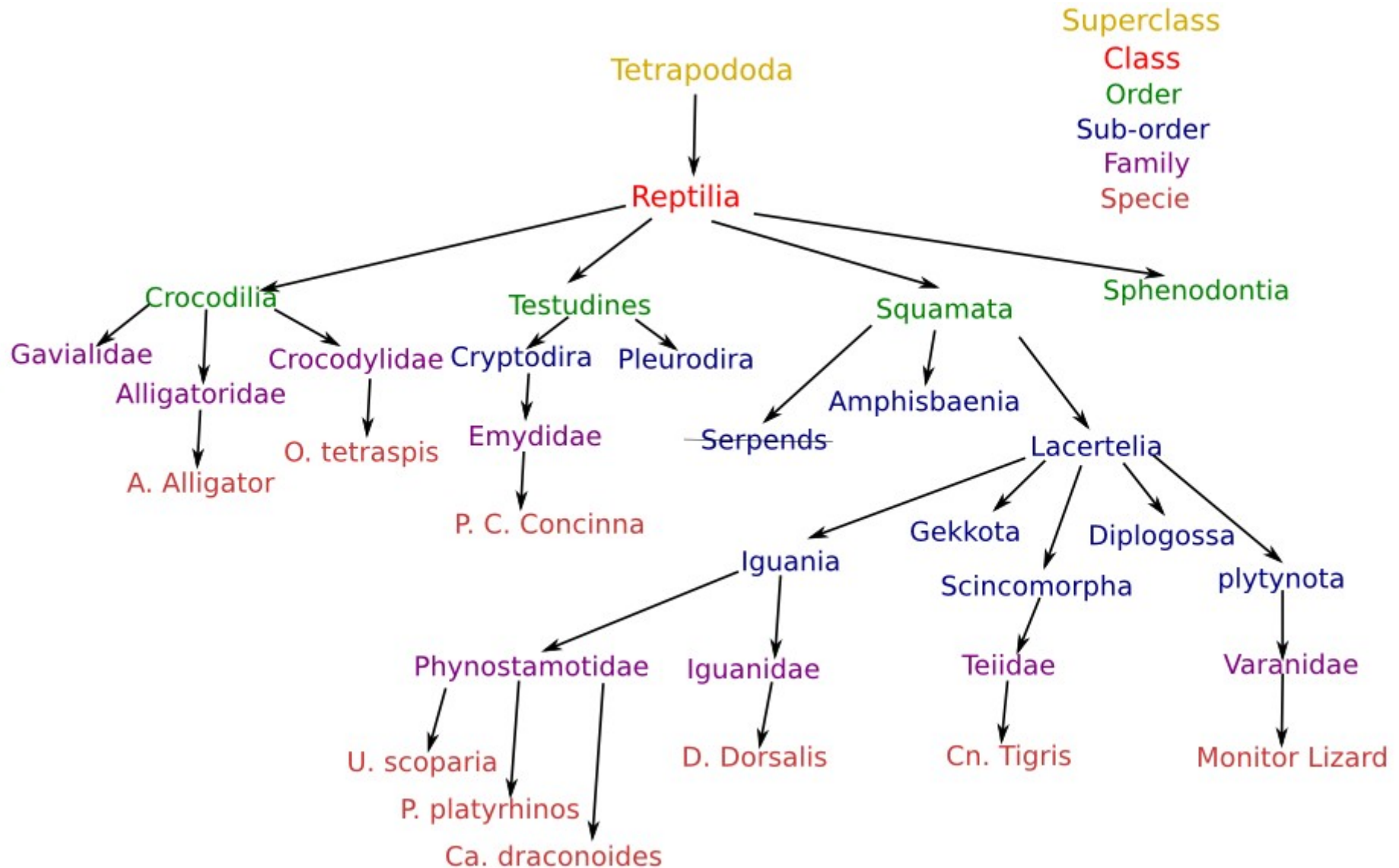
# Biological classification (sprawling posture)

Investigate systematically inside animal taxonomy

Kingdom  
Phylum  
Superclass  
Class

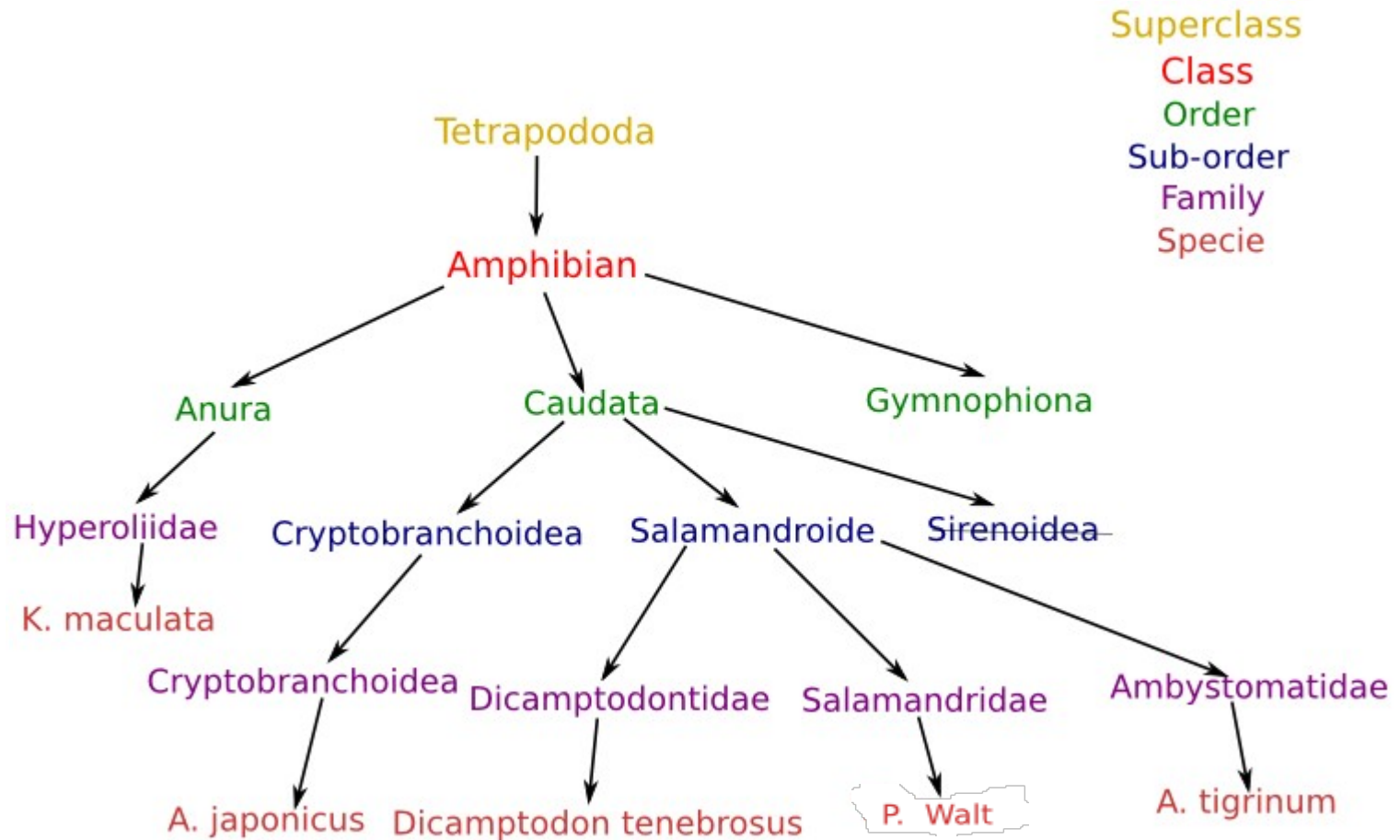


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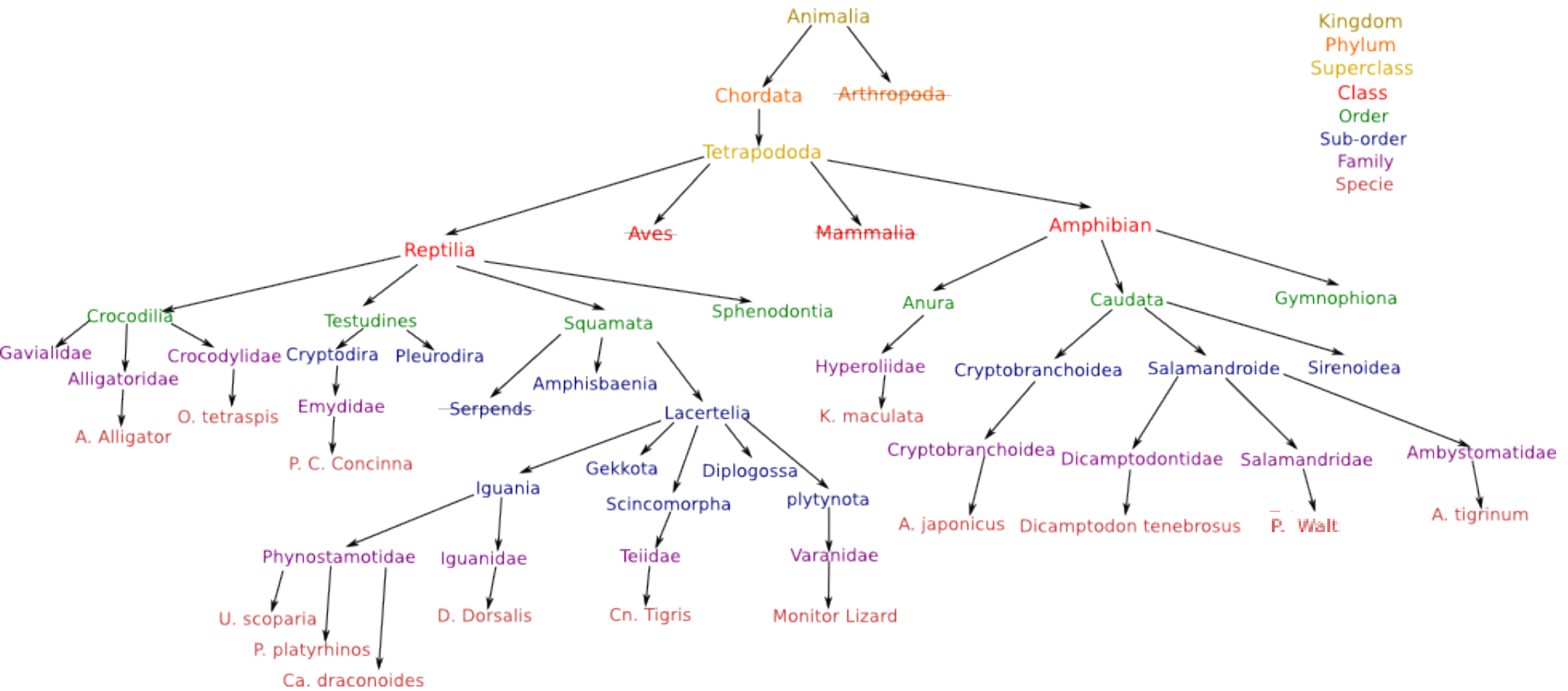


Representative animals

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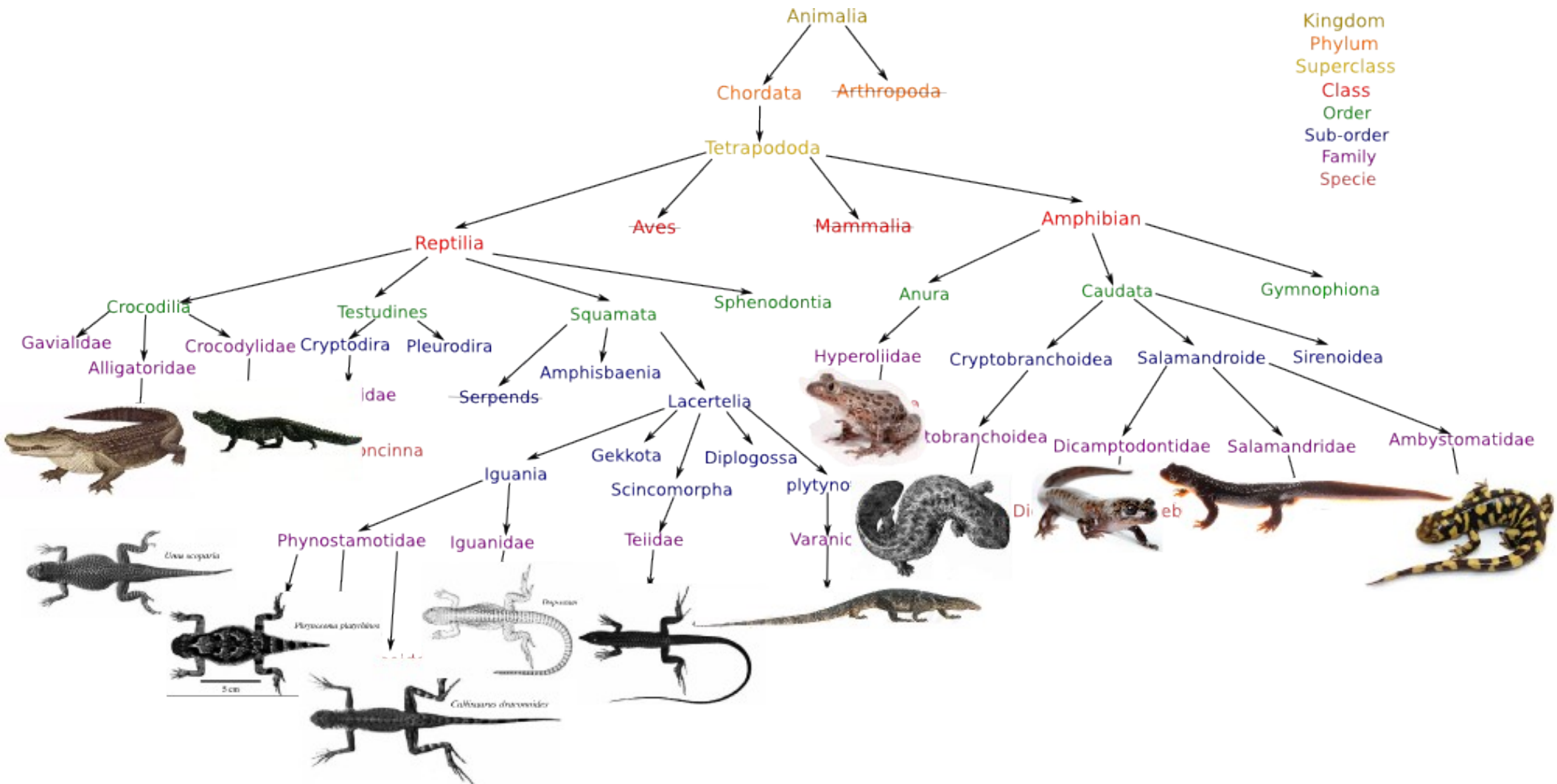
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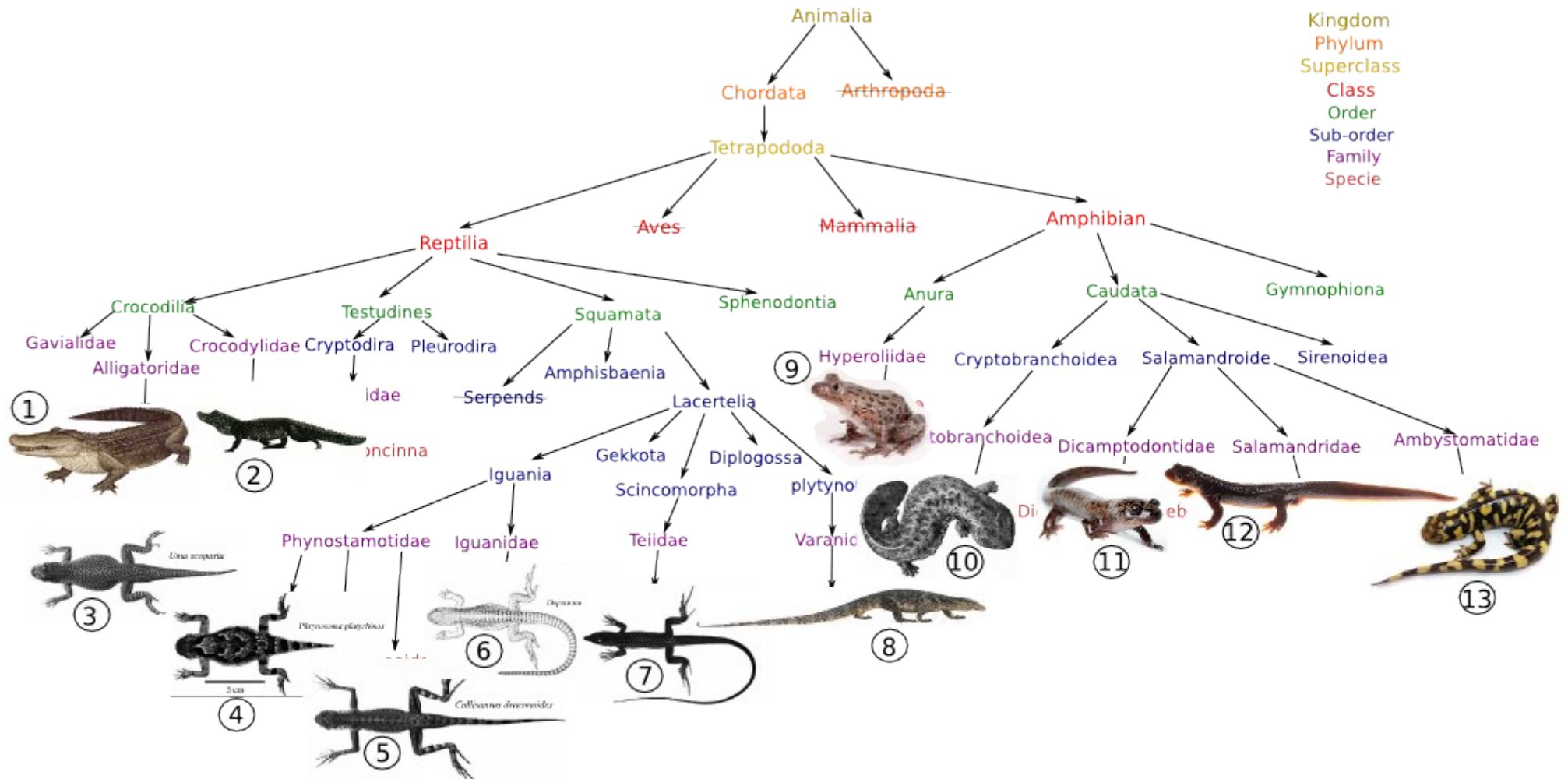


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Kingdom  
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Sub-order  
Family  
Specie

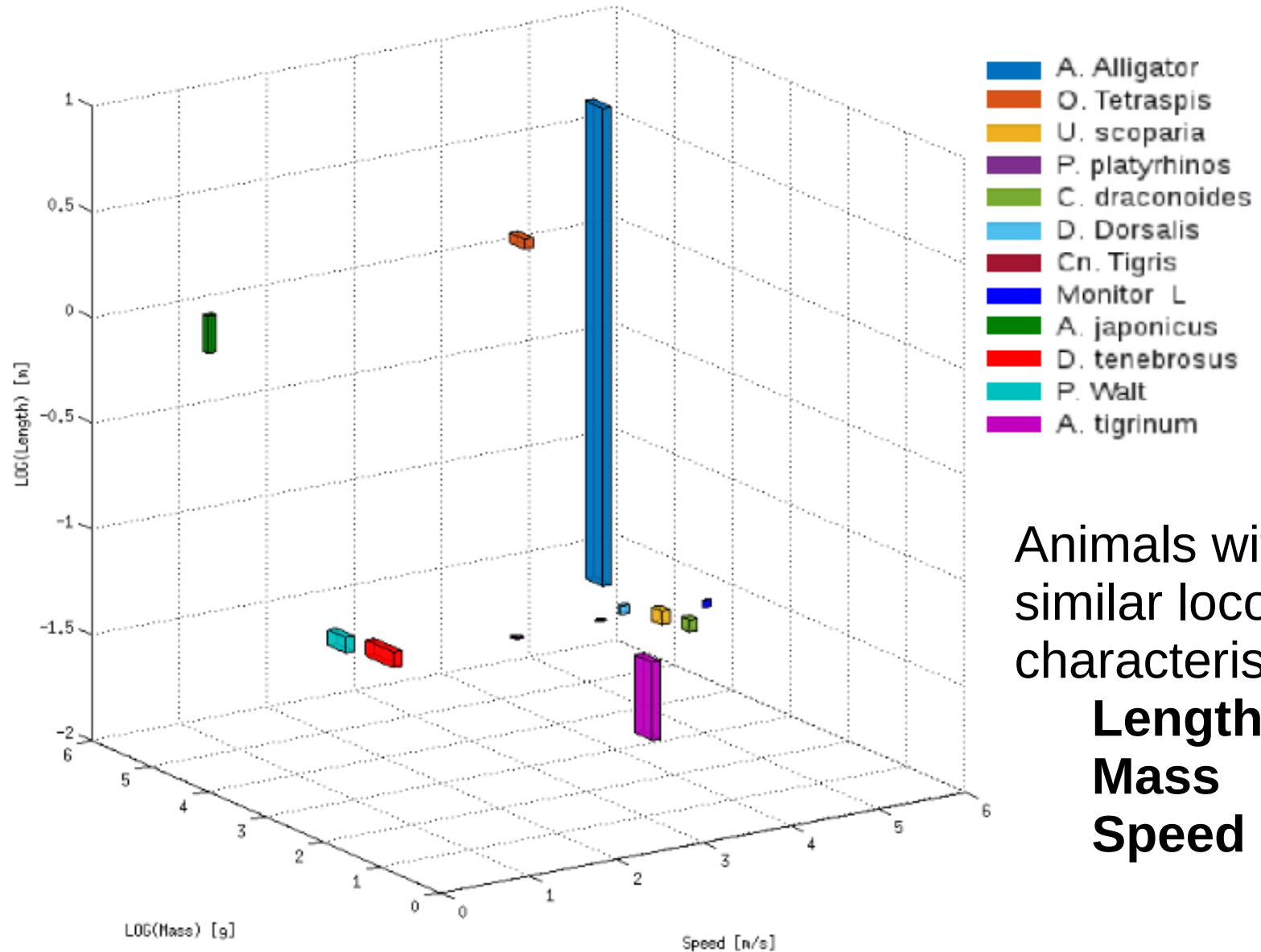


# Biological classification (sprawling posture)



	A. Alligator	O. Tetraspis	U. scoparia	P. platyrhinus	C. draconoides	D. Dorsalis	Cn. Tigris	Monitor L	K. maculata	A. japonicus	D. tenebrosus	P. Walt	A. tigrinum
Speed (m/s)	6.667	4.722	3.8-4.1	2.0-2.2	4.1-4.3	3.6-3.7	3.15-3.25	6.3	0.10-0.30	0.32	0.062293-0.27898	0.053	4.722
Mass (g)	181000-363000	18000-32000	20.22-13.78	23.03-28.37	8.0-11.0	22.35-25.65	16.3-18.3	1243	6.61-10.05	25000-30000	14-42	50-100	113-227
Length (m)	0.025-4.5	1.7-1.9	0.074-0.086	0.0785-0.0795	0.071-0.081	0.083-0.091	0.085-0.0859	0.041	0.04-0.048	1-1.5	0.0809-0.0962	0.0845-0.1	0.015-0.035
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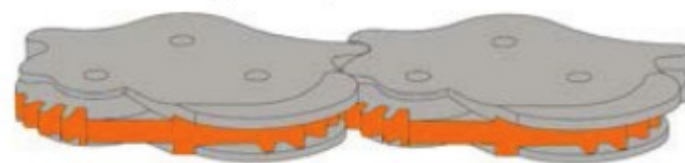
# Hillberry joint

- Pair of cylinders in rolling contact on each other
- Low friction and abrasive wear.
- Elastic ligaments

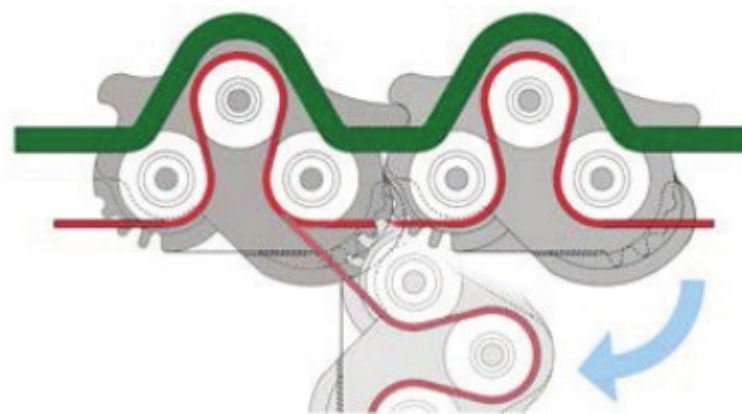


Adapted

(a) Perspective view

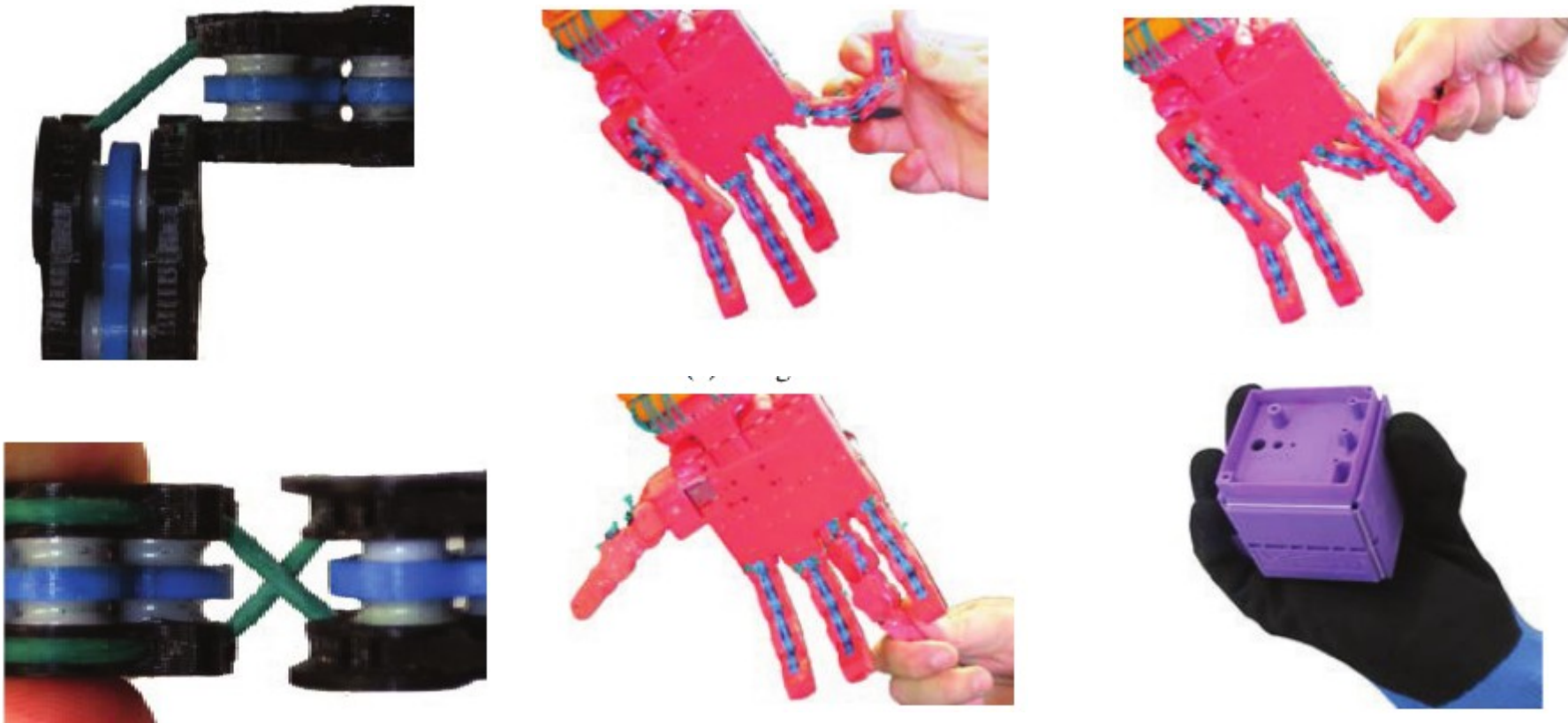


(b) Side view and movement

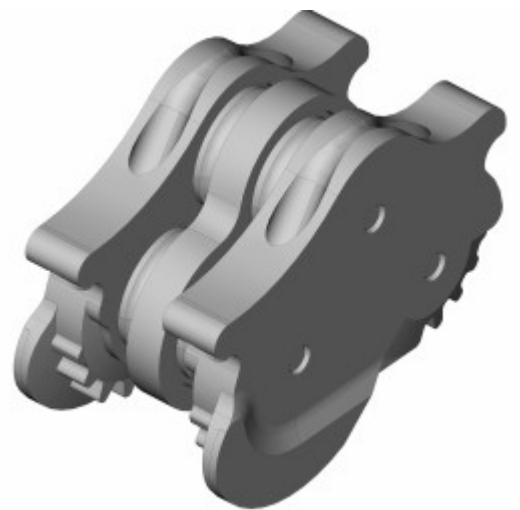
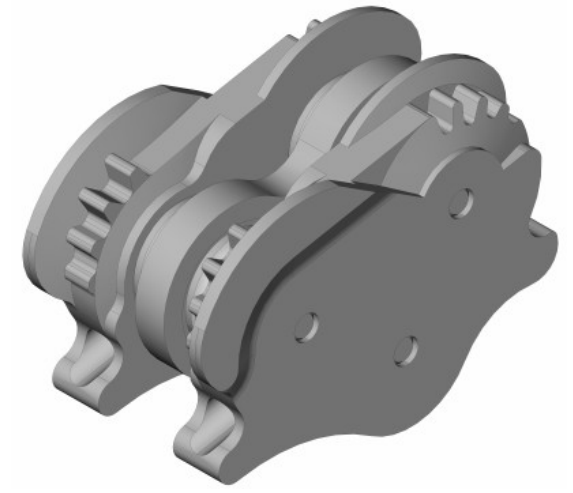
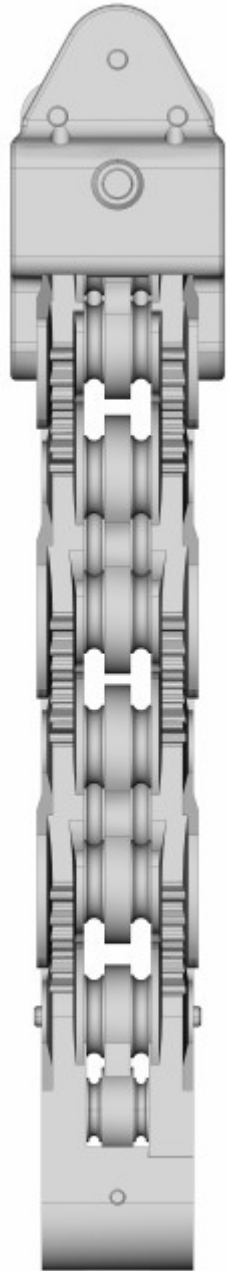


# Pisa/IIT SoftHand

- The joint can withstand severe disarticulations and violent impacts



# Finger Design



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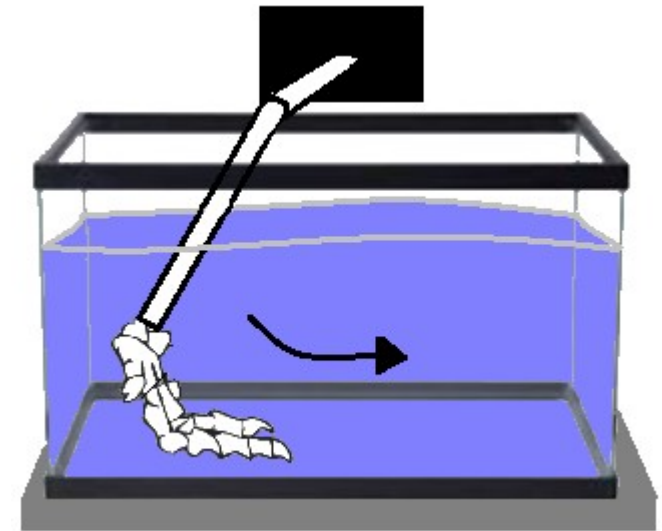
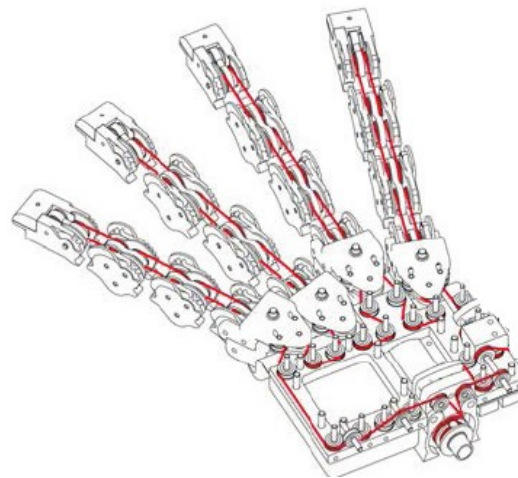
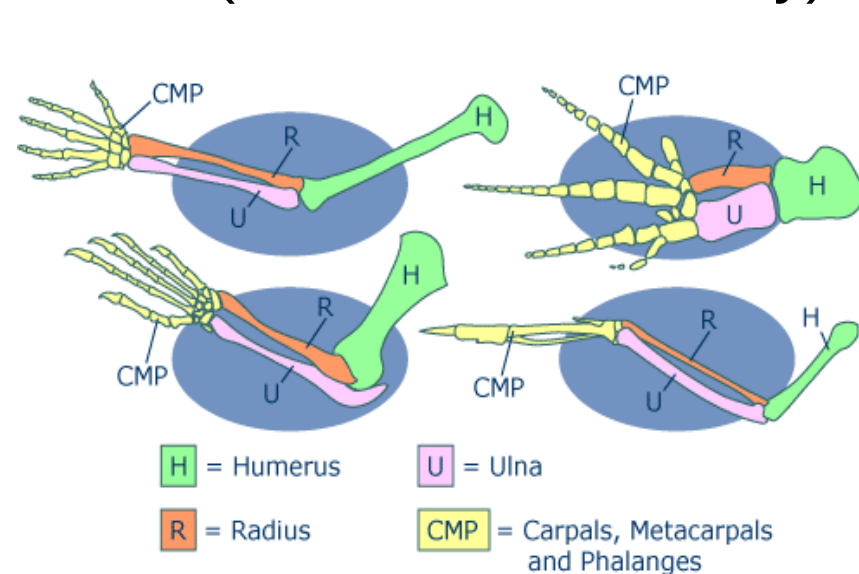
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Experimentation,  
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Ground Reaction forces

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Questions?