Movements

Actuator right at the center of Rotation



Simplest. Less mechanical elements. Motors are **bulky** and **heavy**. Obstructing the connection between adjacent units.

Save space by remotely locate

More Components need to be

actuators.

fabricated.



Movements for collective units



Use of Mechanical Gears



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Use of Tendon at Hinges (Linear Movements to Rotation)

Actuator can be **remotely** located. Possibly save some spaces.

Tendon (string) may obstruct connection for units.

A string can be wrapped by a motor.

Inchworm movement for a single unit

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Actuation Devises



Motors in various sizes are available. No need to make motors.

good for 30cm ~ 5cm application

size.

(a) Detached state

Distance o

Detach

(c) Connection released (SMA hot)

joint using SMA & Permanent Magnet









Notor & Gear

Connecting plate

(b) Connected state

Heating SMAs

Mechanical joint using Motor





Artificial Air Muscles

Electromagnetic Motor (Servo)





SMA (torsion springs)



Hydraulic & Pneumatic Cylinders

Large (Macro) scale applications Linear motion Expensive







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