

Human-Robot Interaction

Advanced Control – Control Schemes for a Haptic Interface

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Reminders – prerequisites

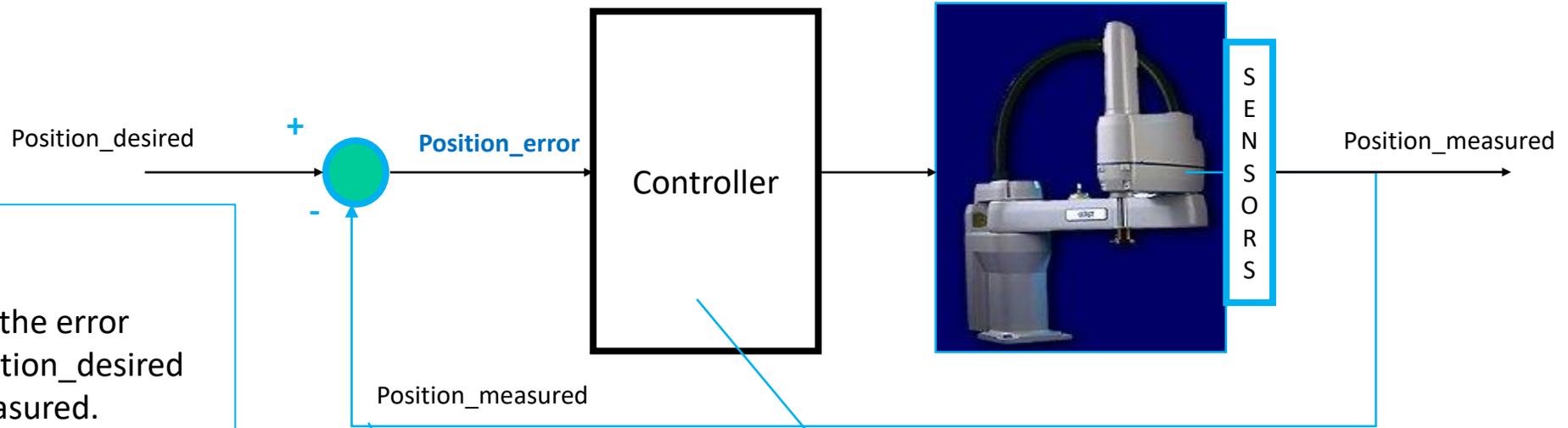


Open loop versus Closed loop CONTROL

Closed loop

Sensors are used

Position_error is the error between the position_desired and position_measured.



Closing the loop also called feedback

The controller adapts the control value as a function of the position_error.



Please tell me about P, PD and PID controllers

u is the control input (action)

P



$$\Gamma_p = K_p \cdot e$$

Spring effect : provides stiffness of the control, robustness to disturbances

D



$$\Gamma_d = K_d \cdot \frac{de}{dt}$$

Damping effect : improves stability of the control and reduces overshoots

I



$$\Gamma_i = K_i \int_0^t e(\tau) d\tau$$

“More and more” effect : Increases the control value to cancel the steady state error.

PID

$$u = K_p \cdot e + K_d \cdot \frac{de}{dt} + K_i \int_0^t e(\tau) d\tau$$

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How to implement friction and gravity compensation in position control?

1. Use the integrator term of the PID. →

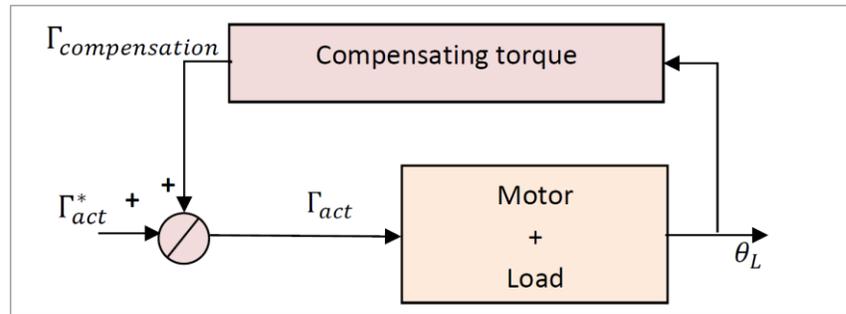
$$\Gamma_{PID} = k_p \varepsilon - k_D \dot{\theta}_L + k_I \int_0^t \varepsilon(\tau) d\tau$$

Does not apply for haptic feedback and for compliant control since it provides an infinite (very high) impedance

2. Implement an exact compensation

That means that the compensating torque is given by:

$$\Gamma_{compensation} = M_D g r_g \sin(\theta_L) + \Gamma_{dry} + k_{vis} \dot{\theta}_L$$



The integrator of the PID controller is an estimator for steady-state unknown efforts (disturbances)

Case 1: PID to compensate for gravity

$$J_{RL}\ddot{\theta}_L = k_p \varepsilon - k_D \dot{\theta}_L + k_I \int_0^t \varepsilon(\tau) d\tau - M \cdot g \cdot l \cdot \sin(\theta_L)$$

In the static phase, $\dot{\theta}_L = \ddot{\theta}_L = \dot{\theta}_d = \ddot{\theta}_d = 0$.

@ constant desired position θ_d , this leads to the following **very important** equality:

$$k_I \int_0^t \varepsilon(\tau) d\tau = M \cdot g \cdot l \cdot \sin(\theta_L) = M \cdot g \cdot l \cdot \sin(\theta_d)$$

because the static error $\varepsilon = 0$

Case 2: PID to compensate for gravity and friction

$$J_{RL}\ddot{\theta}_L = k_p \varepsilon - k_D \dot{\theta}_L + k_I \int_0^t \varepsilon(\tau) d\tau - \Gamma_{dry} - M \cdot g \cdot l \cdot \sin(\theta_L)$$

$$k_I \int_0^t \varepsilon(\tau) d\tau = \Gamma_{dry} + M \cdot g \cdot l \cdot \sin(\theta_L) \quad (\text{at the static phase})$$

PID – Quasi static torque compensation

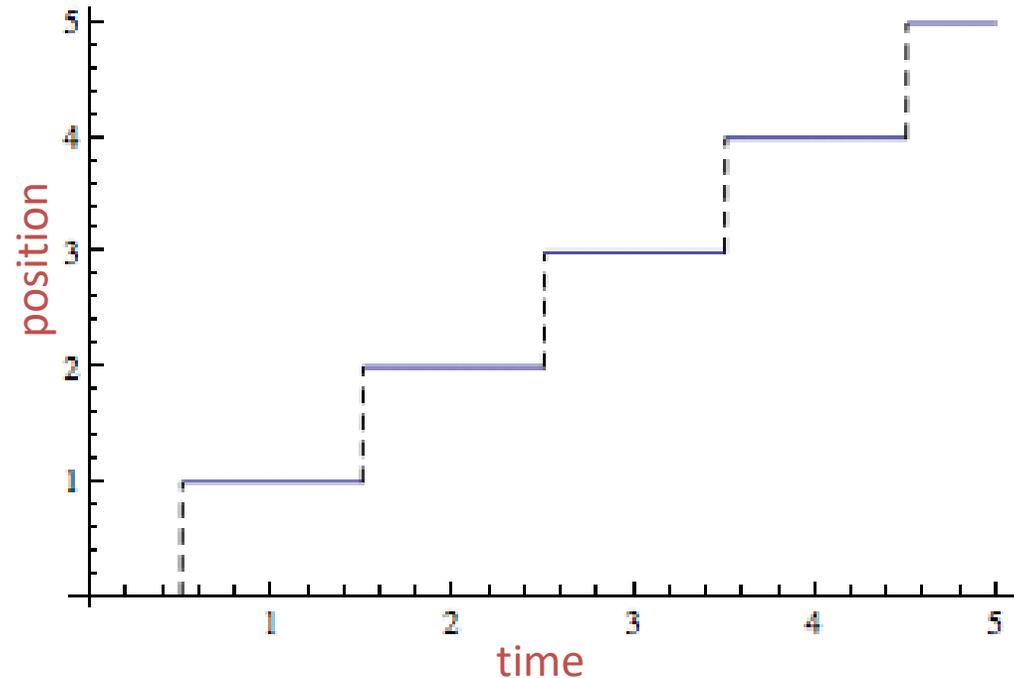
$$J_{RL}\ddot{\theta}_L = k_p\varepsilon - k_D\dot{\theta}_L + k_I \int_0^t \varepsilon(\tau)d\tau - \Gamma_g(\theta_L)$$

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$$k_I \int_0^t \varepsilon(\tau)d\tau = \Gamma_g(\theta_L) = \Gamma_g(\theta_d)$$

The experiment may be implemented for **different desired positions scanning the entire workspace of the robot**. The integrator compensates for the quasi static disturbance torque at each desired position.

The compensation torque may then be interpolated and fitted with a known polynomial function.



PID – multi-variable Quasi-static torque compensation

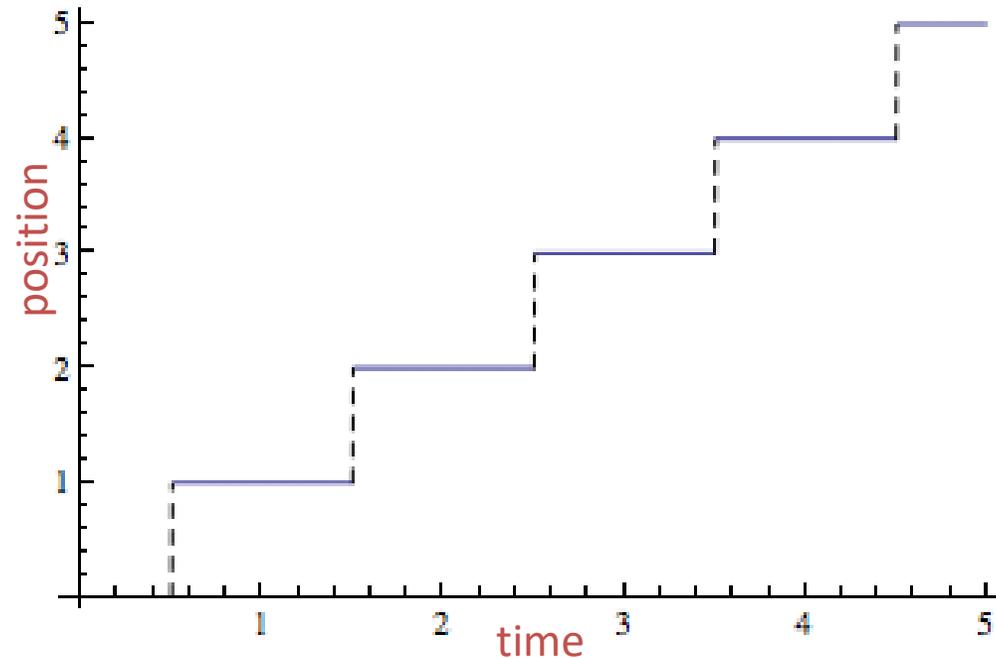
$$J_{RL}\ddot{q}_{i,L} = k_p \varepsilon_i - k_D \dot{\theta}_{i,L} + k_I \int_0^t \varepsilon_i(\tau) d\tau - \Gamma_g(\mathbf{q}_1, \mathbf{q}_2, \mathbf{q}_3) \quad i=1, 2 \text{ or } 3$$

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End of reminders

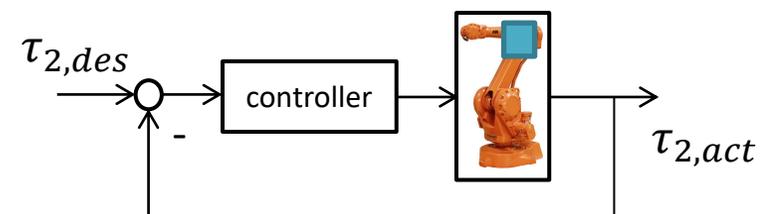
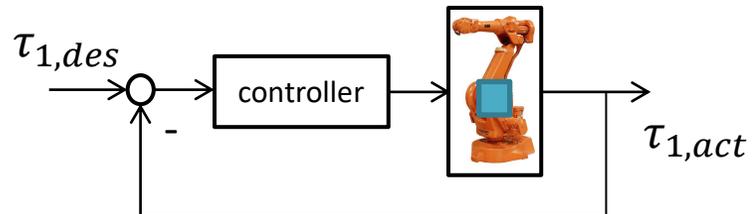
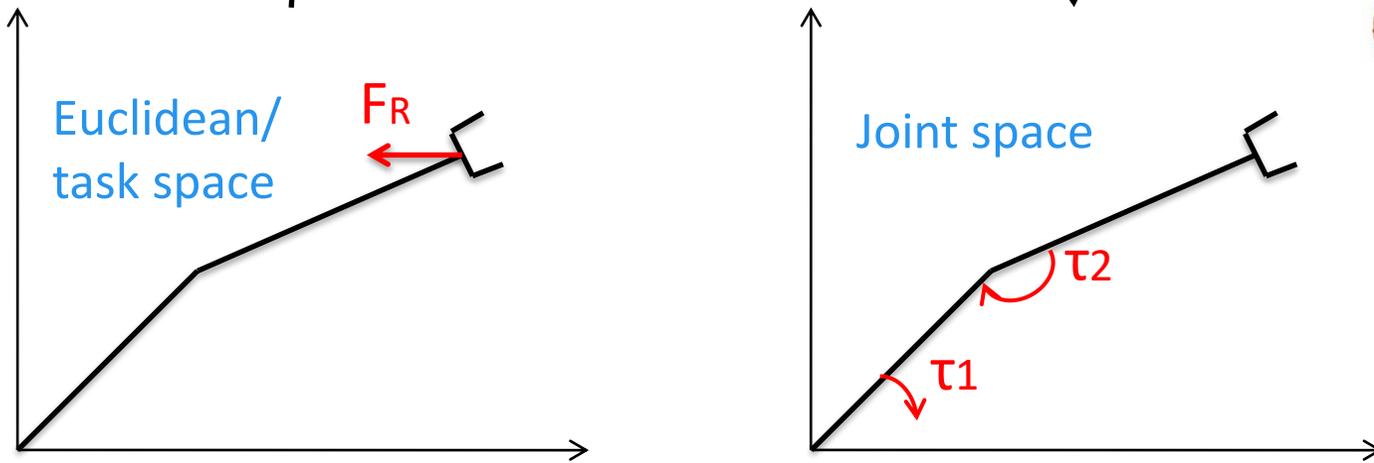
Forces and Torques

Tool coordinates versus Joint coordinates

$$J = f(\theta_1, \dots, \theta_N)$$

Inverse Kinematics

$$\boldsymbol{\tau} = \mathbf{J}^T \cdot \mathbf{F}_R$$

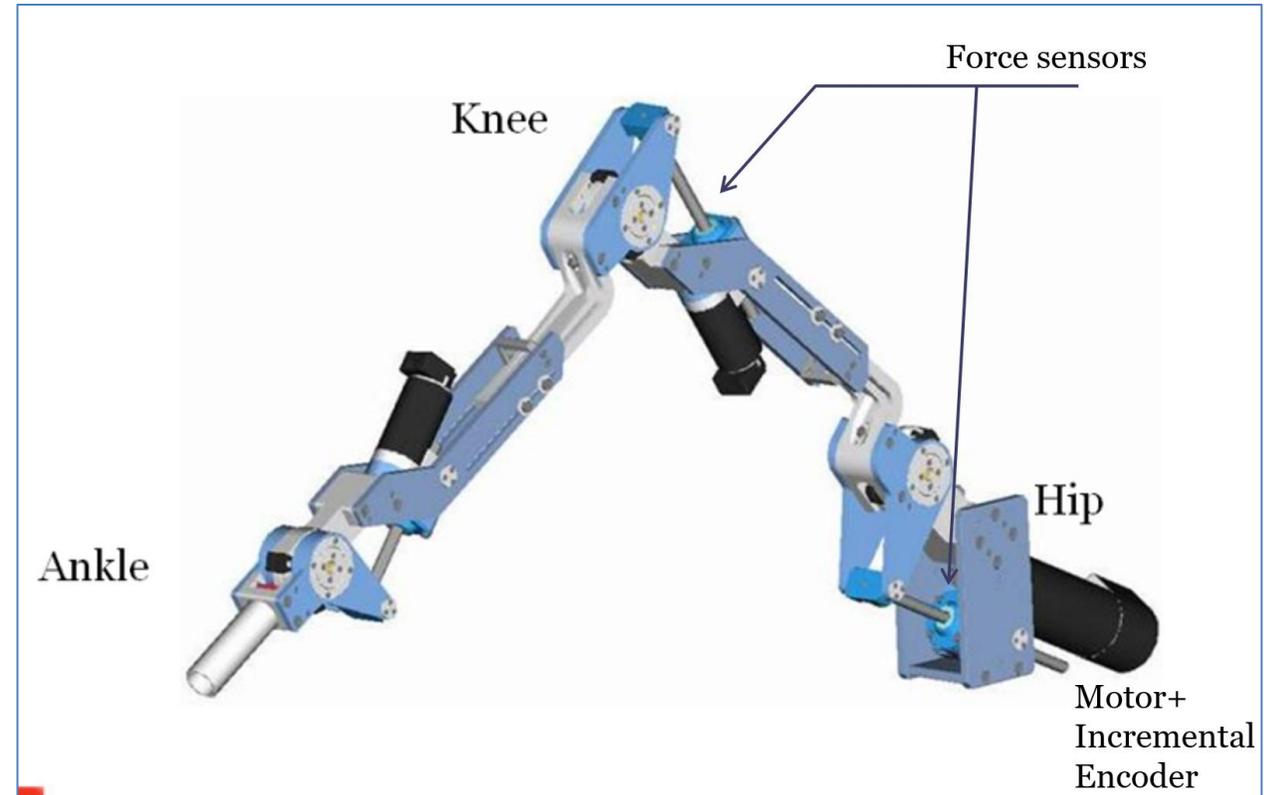
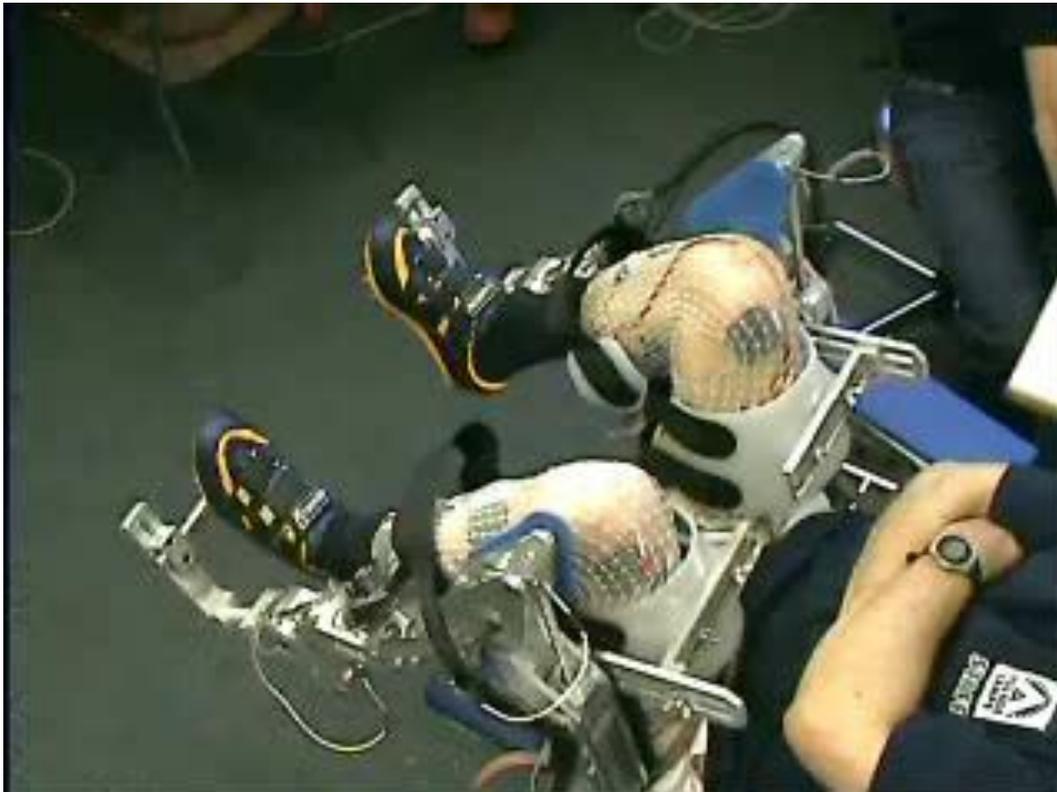


Example

Closed loop force control through Muscle Electrostimulation

Flexion extension desired force ----

Torques measured at the joints ----

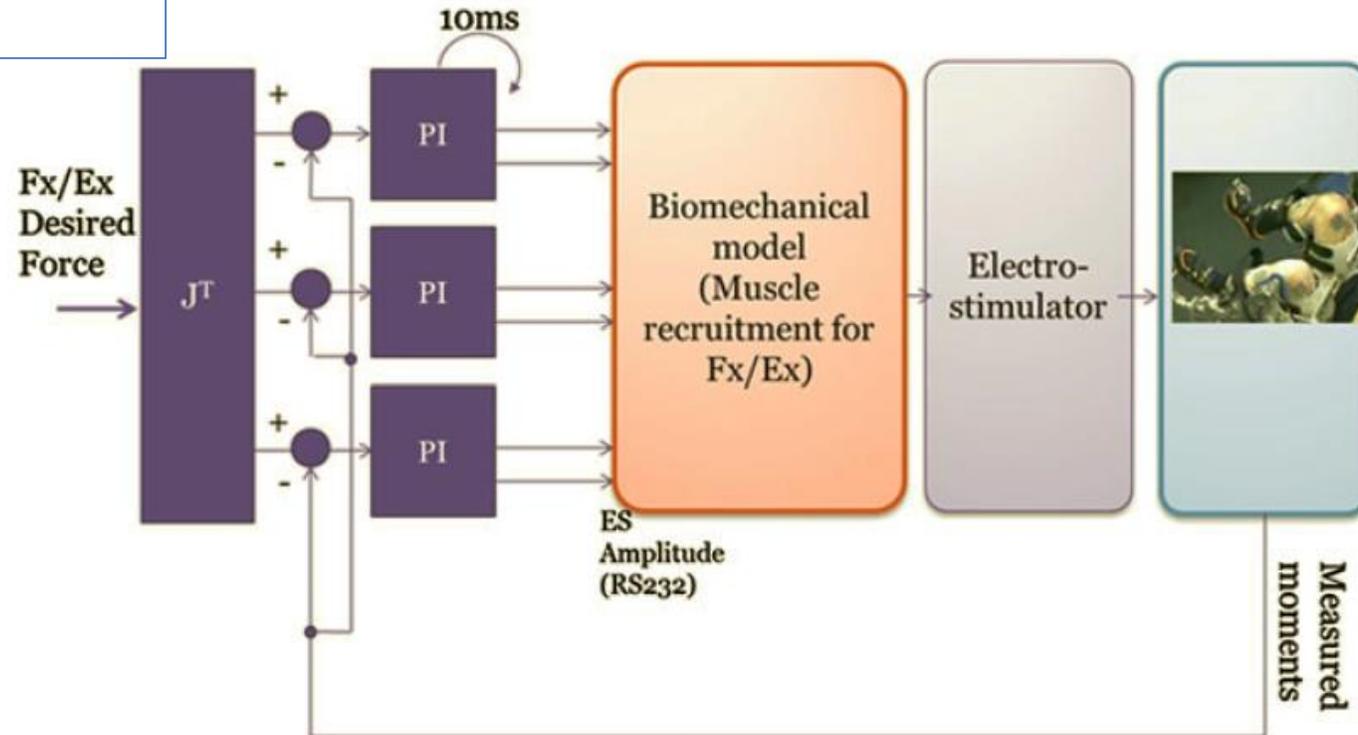
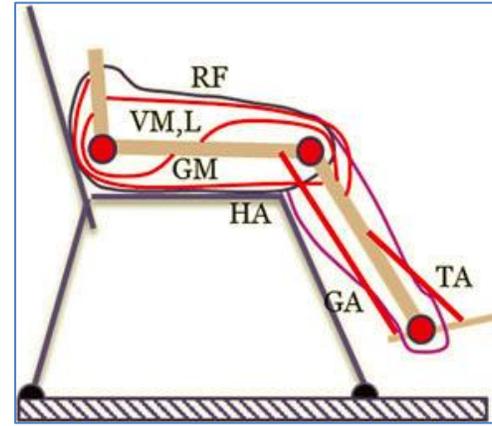


Example

Closed loop force control through Muscle Electrostimulation

Total of **7 muscles have been used** in the loop:

- RF Rectus Femoris,
- VM, L Vastus Medialis and Lateralis,
- GM Gluteus maximus.
- HA Hamstring,
- GA Gastrocnemius,
- TA Tibialis Anterior

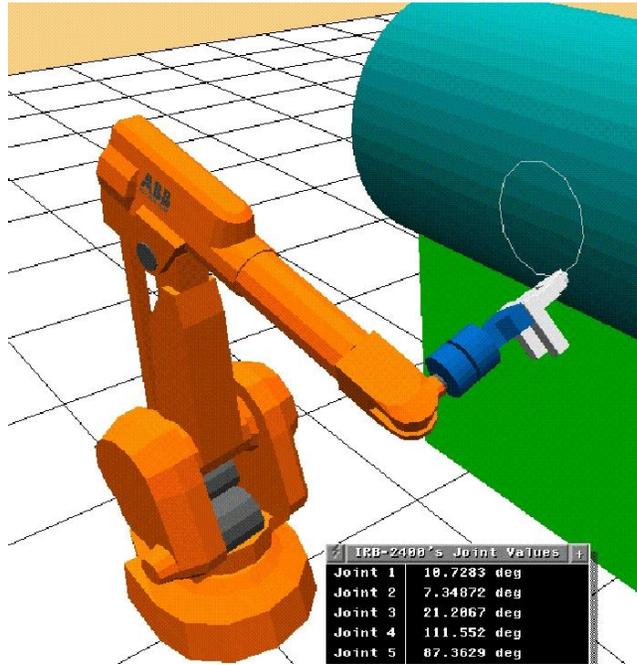


The Electrostimulation Control loop

Position Control vs. Force Control

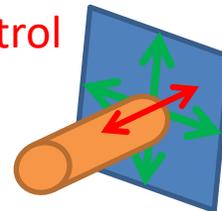
Application	Control mode
Pick and place application	Position
Tool machining	Position- stiff control
Laser cutting	position
Sanding	
Polishing	

Position Control vs. Force Control



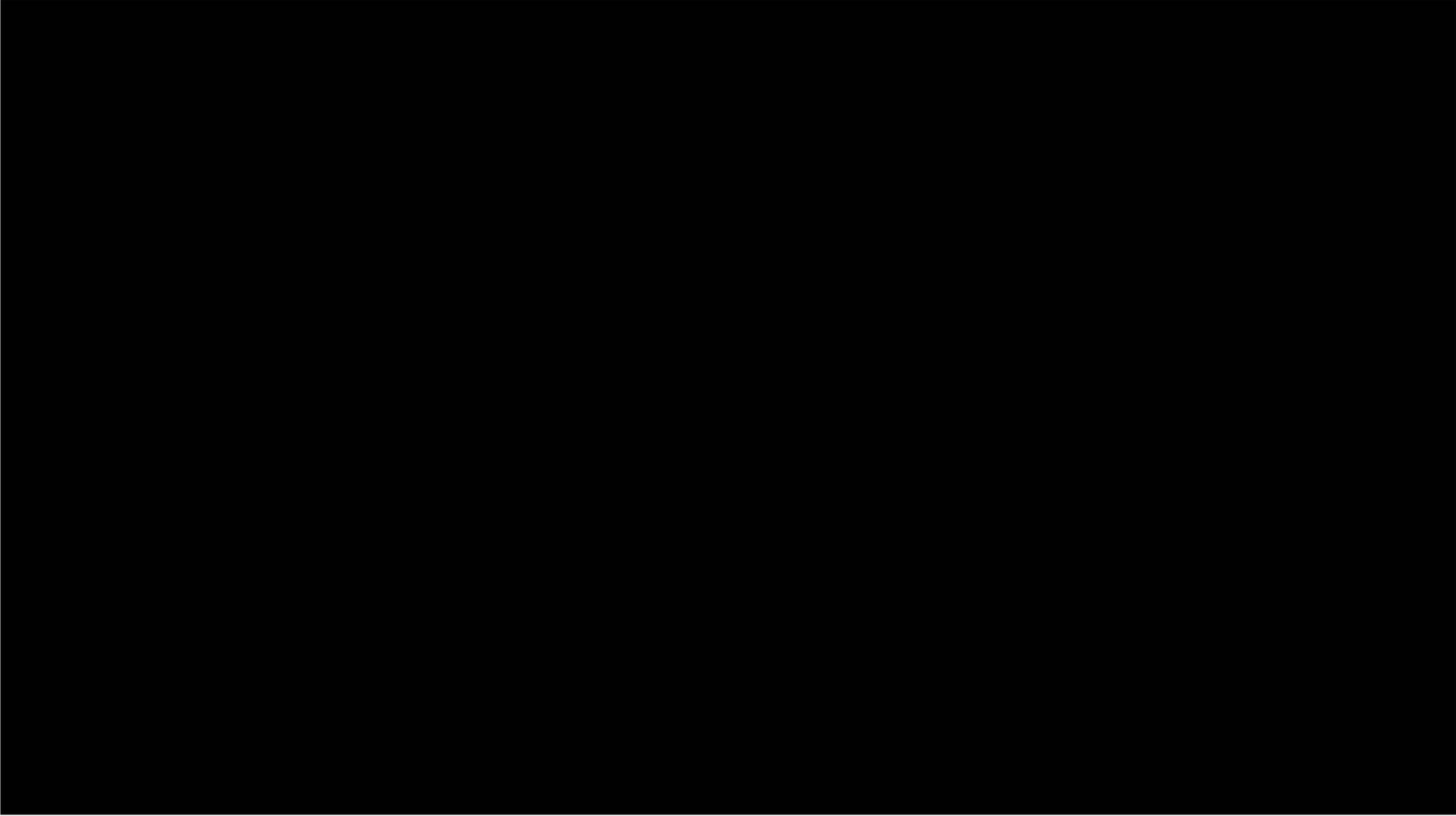
Hybrid position and force control

Force control
(normal)



Position control
(tangential)

Which kind of control is it ?



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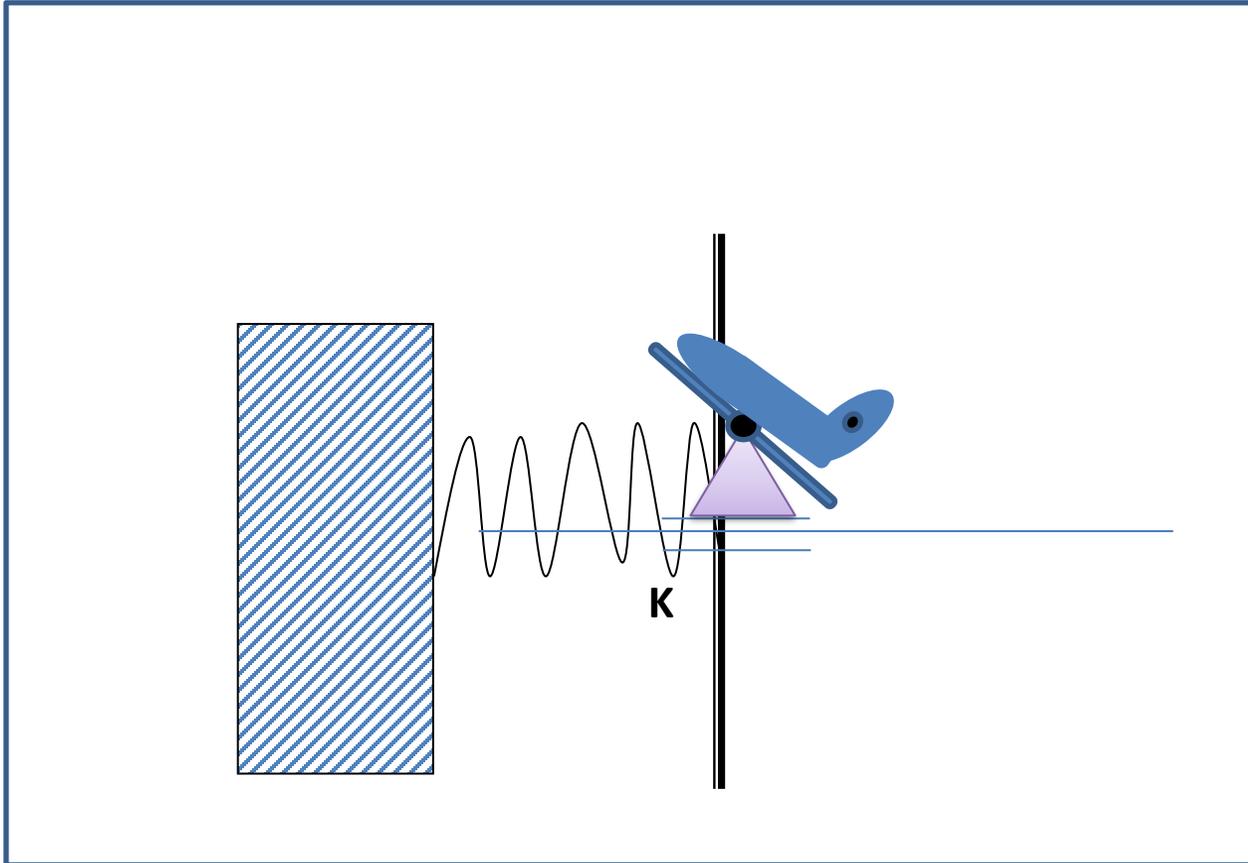
Stanford University Artificial Intelligence Laboratory

JediBot - Robot Sword Fighting

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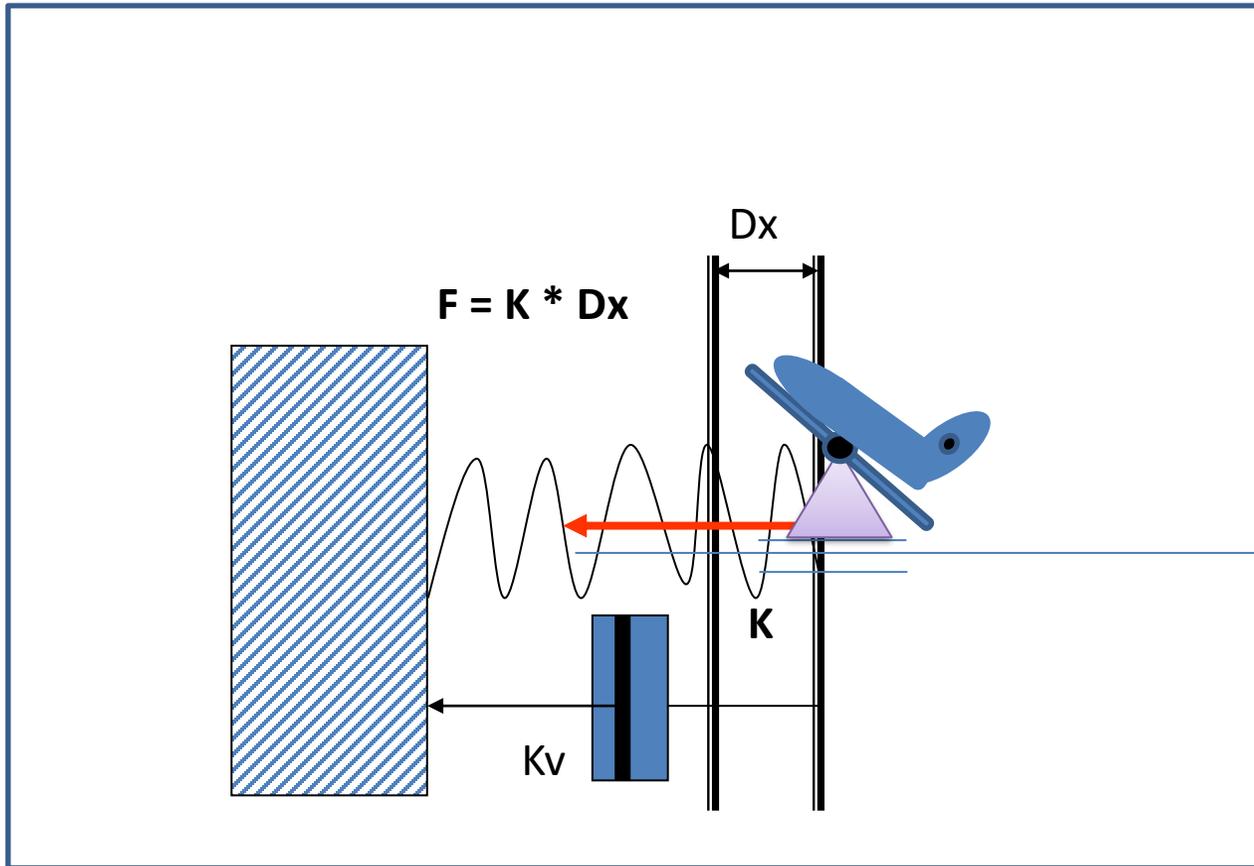
What is mechanical impedance ?



Mechanical impedance concerns **INTERACTION**.

The simplest way to feel/implement interaction is a **SPRING**.

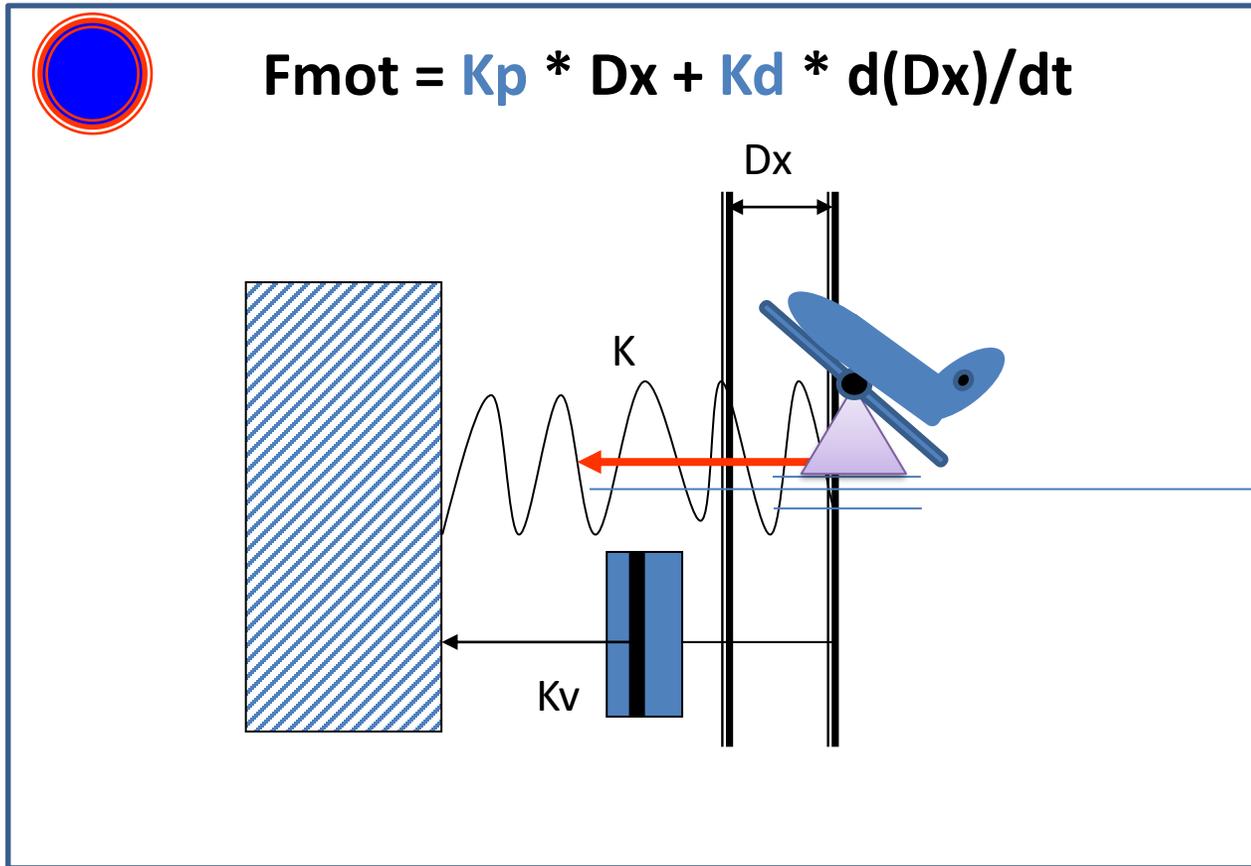
What is mechanical impedance ?



a SPRING ⊕ a DAMPER

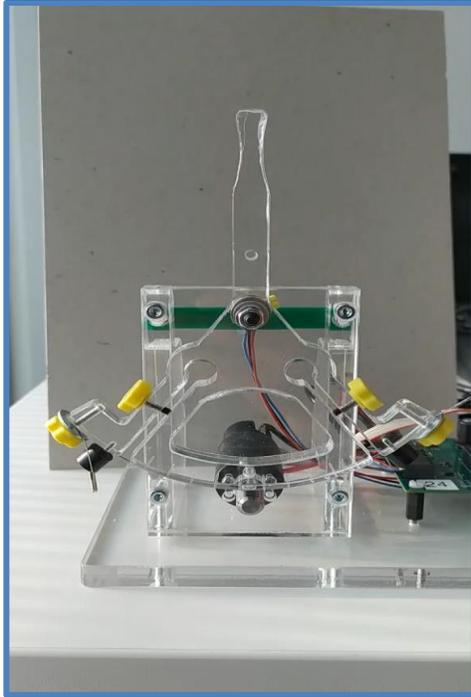
$$F = K * Dx + Kv * d(Dx)/dt$$

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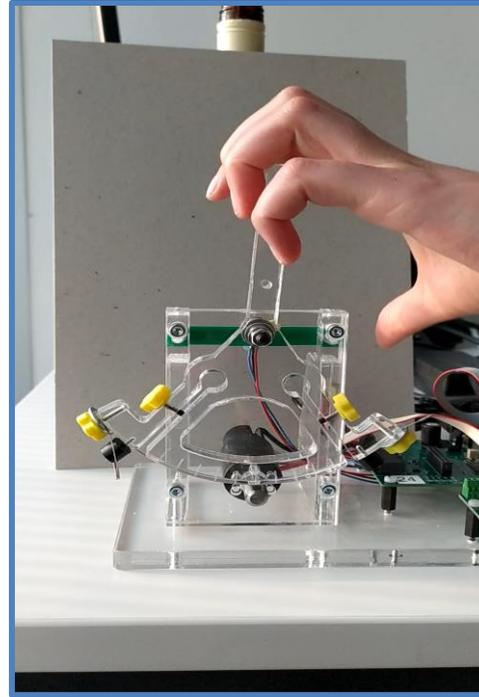


Mechanical Impedance denotes
the quality of compliance : stiffness of the interaction (K_p , K_d)

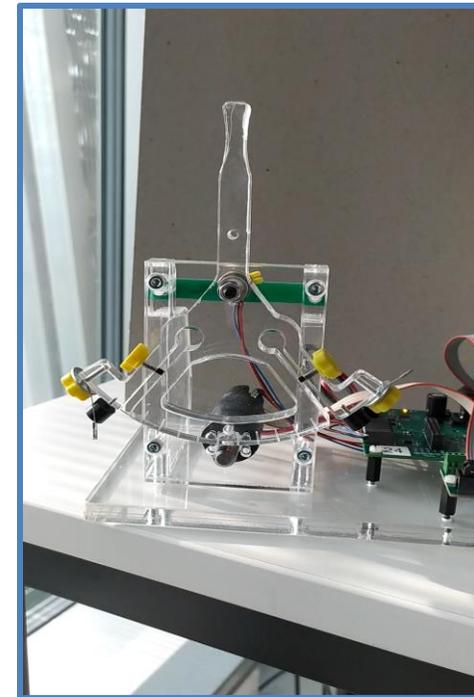
Examples of behaviors



Stiff
(k_p is high)



Compliant
(k_p is low)



Damped
(k_p is low, k_d is high enough to damp)

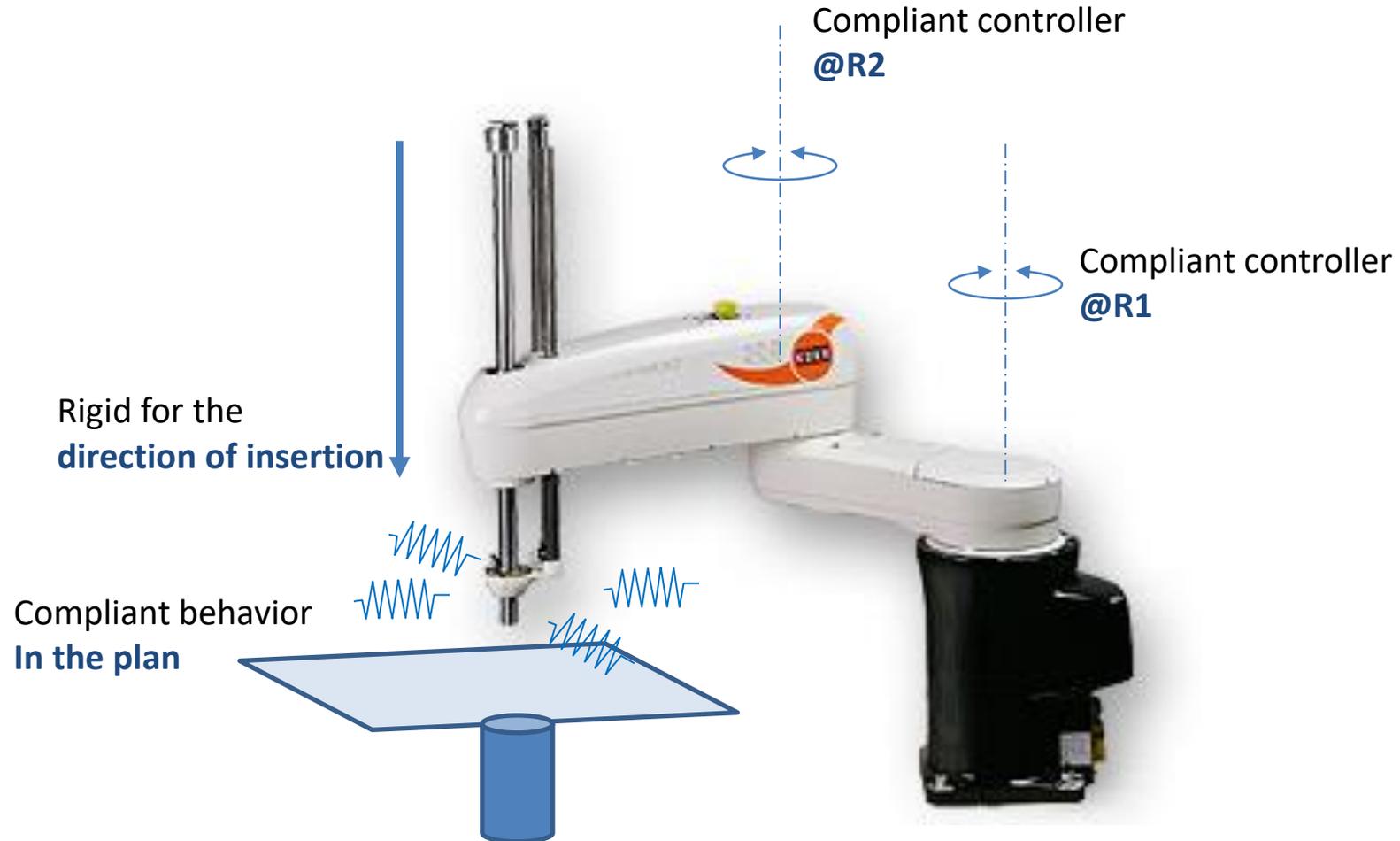
Higher is the impedance, **stiffer** is the interaction

Lower is the impedance, higher is the compliance

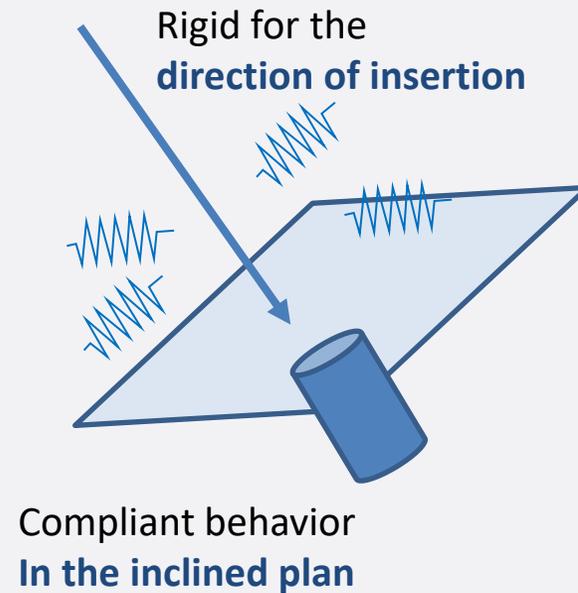


What is “Selective Compliance” ?

The SCARA, a mechanically **selective compliant** robot



6 Dof selective compliance...

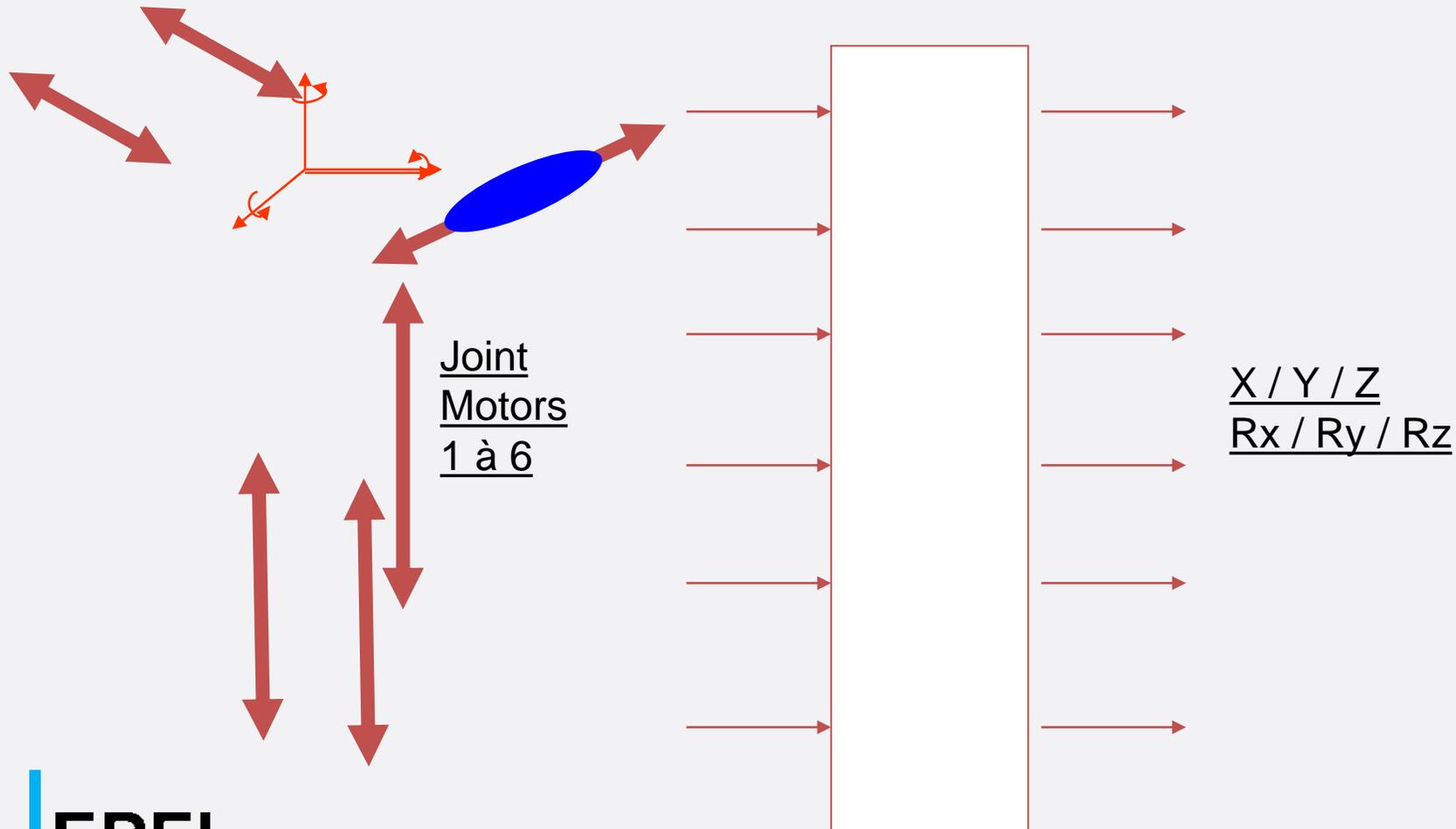
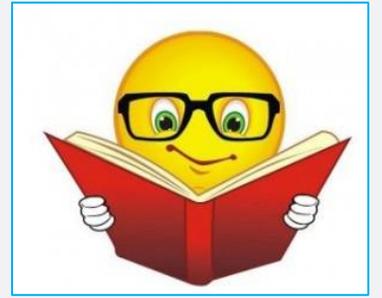


Control strategies may implement selective compliance for any single or combined directions (dofs)

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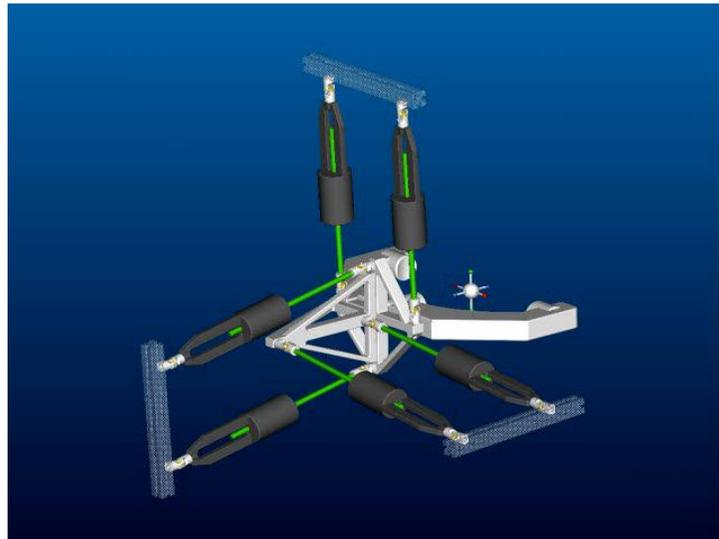
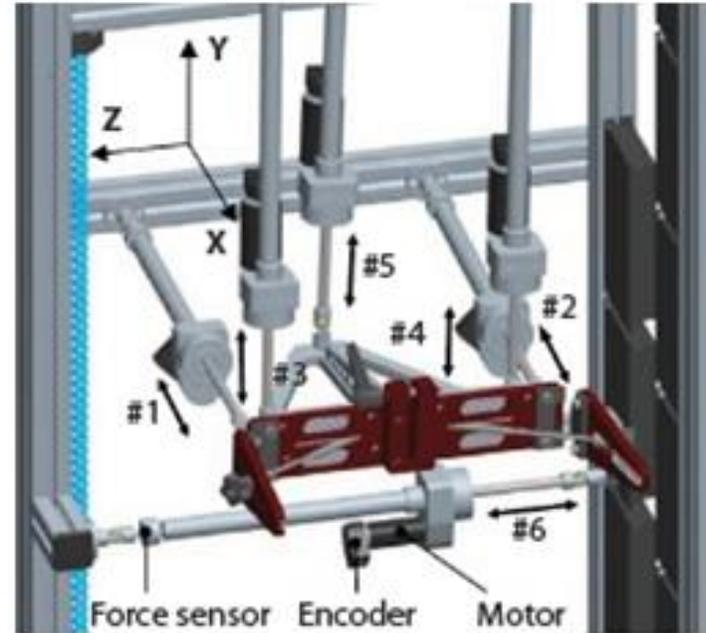
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How to implement a selective compliance in one or multiple directions, either a parallel or serial structure?

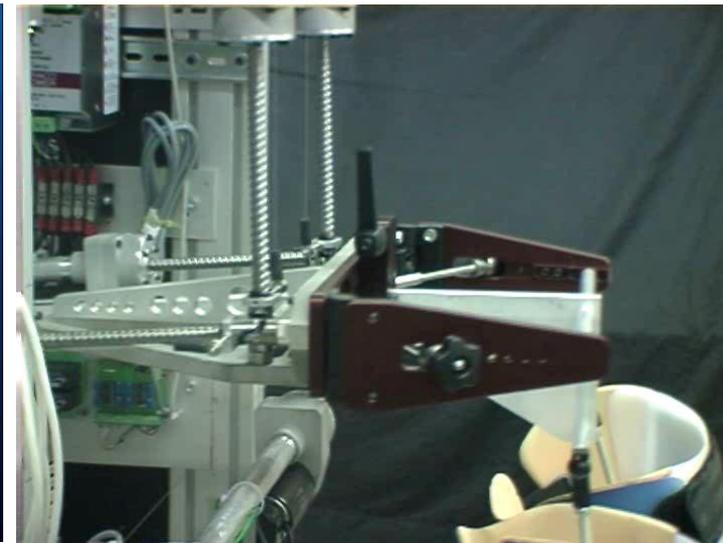


Use case....

Make compliant selected axes,
on the following pelvic orthosis



2 x 2 x 2 Kinematics



3 x 2 x 1 Kinematics

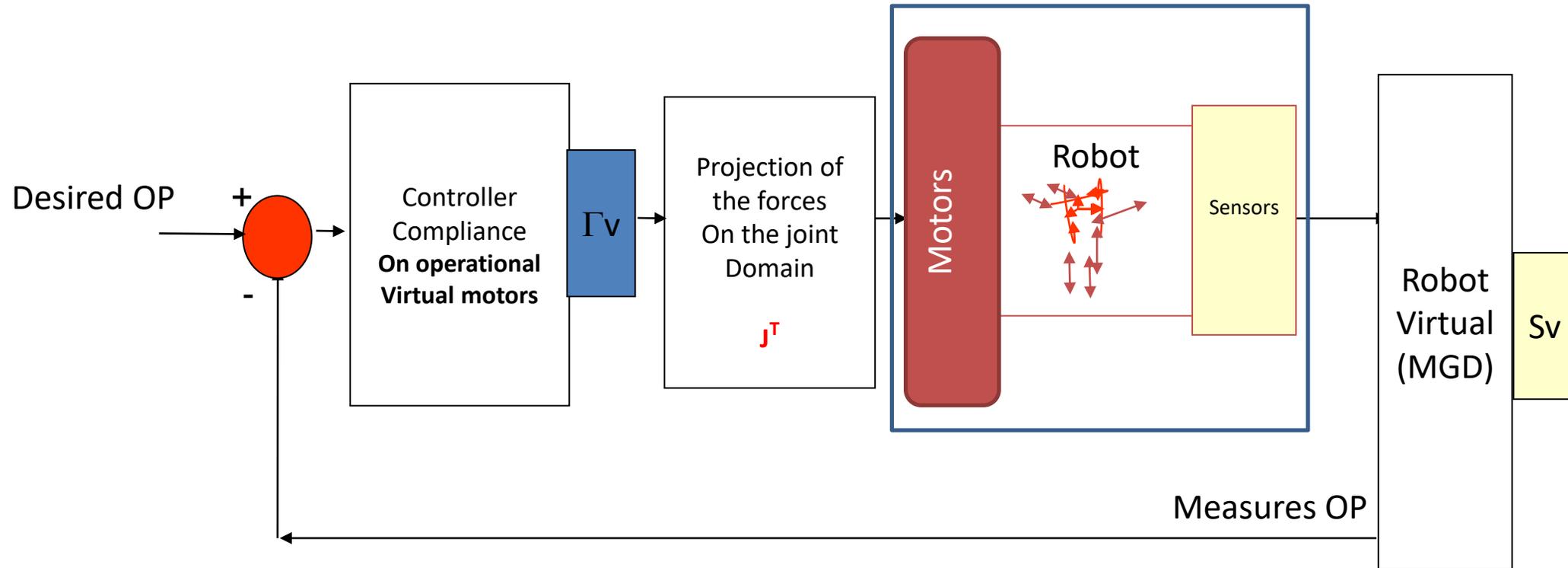
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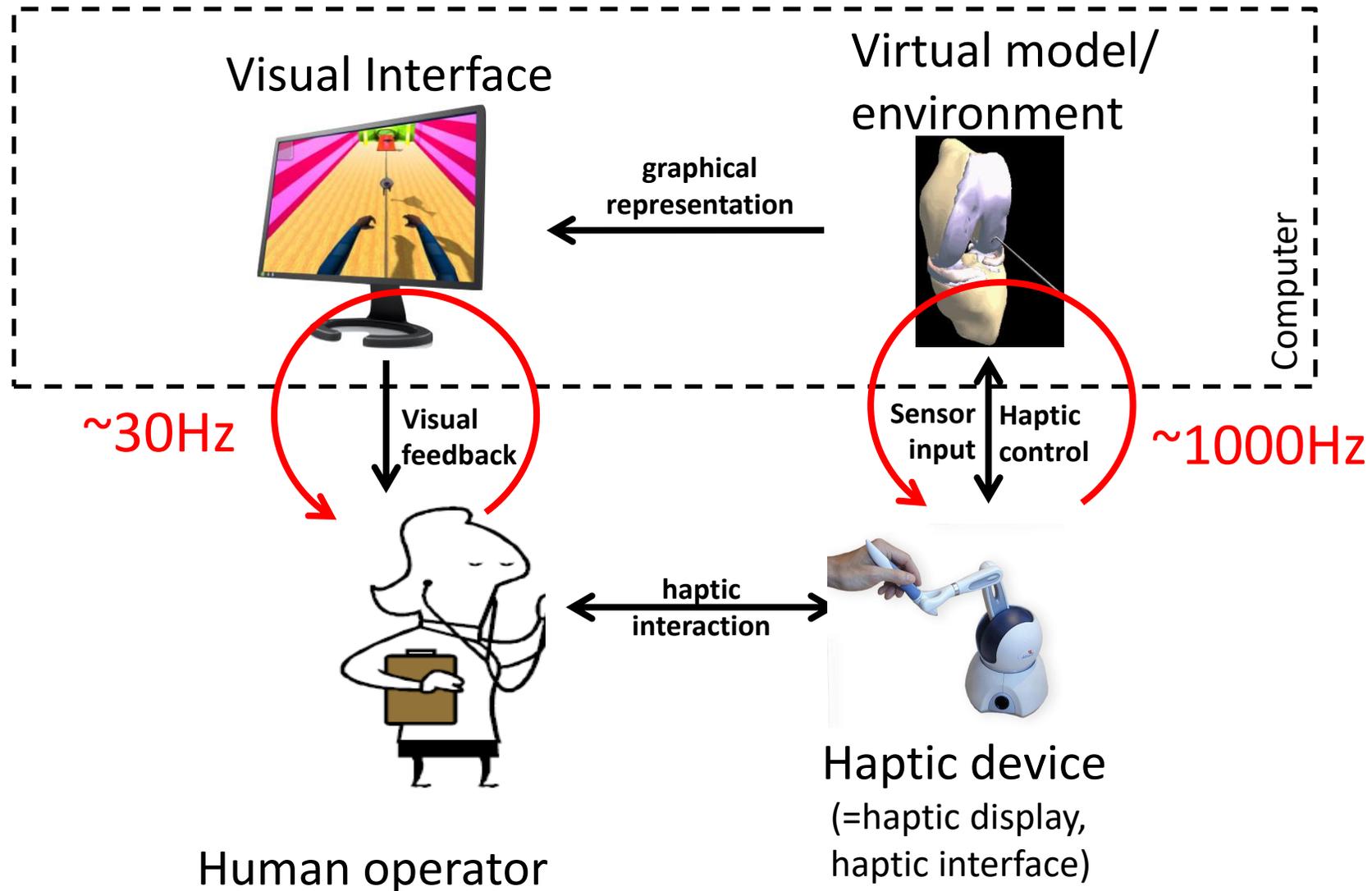
WalkTrainer

Principle of a Tool Selective Compliance Control

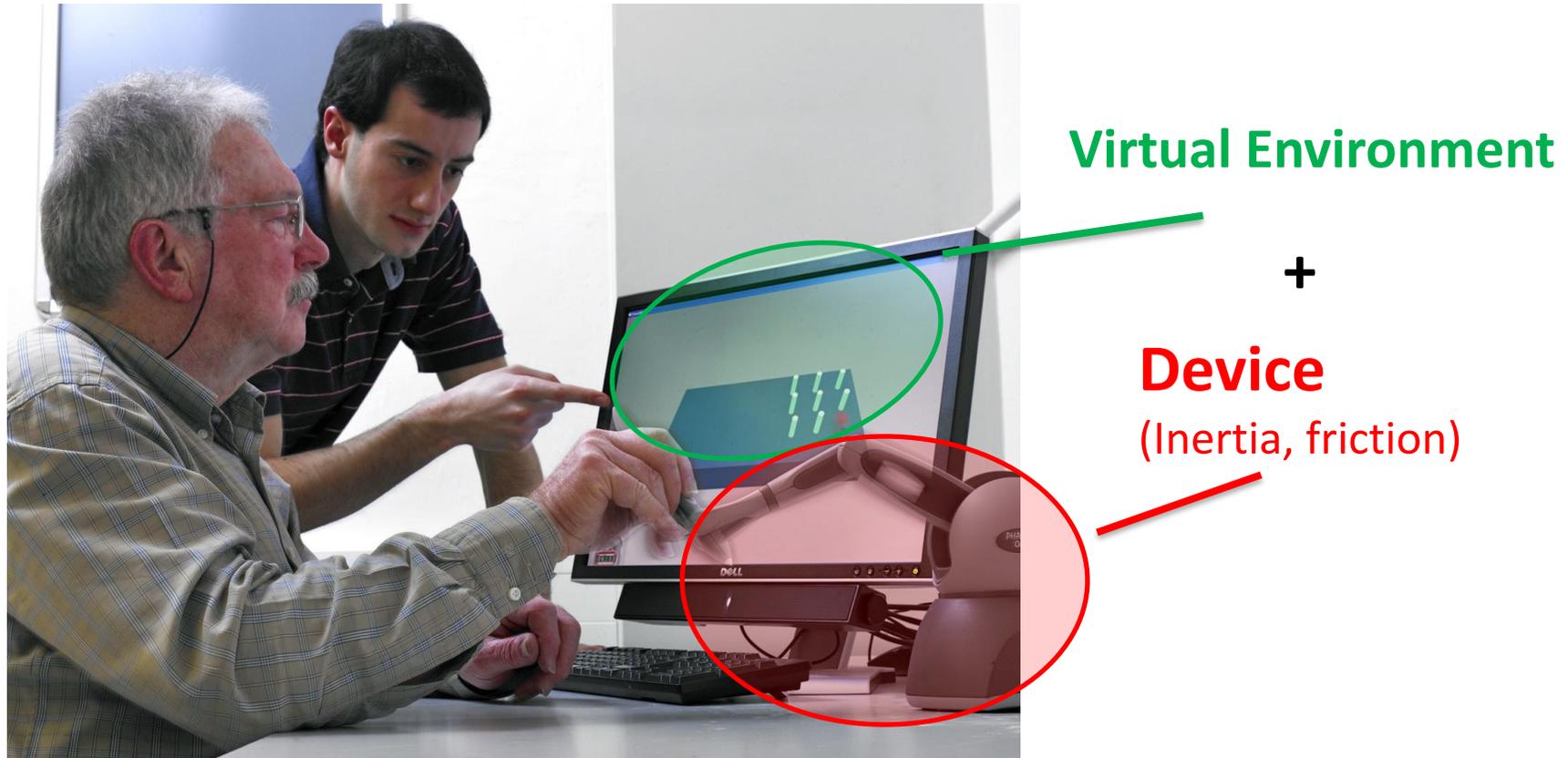


Haptic control and Virtual Environment

Haptic control and a VE



What Would We Like to Feel at a Haptic Device? What Do We Feel at a Haptic Device?

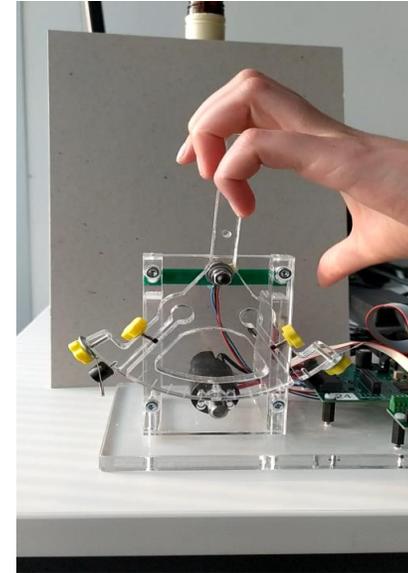
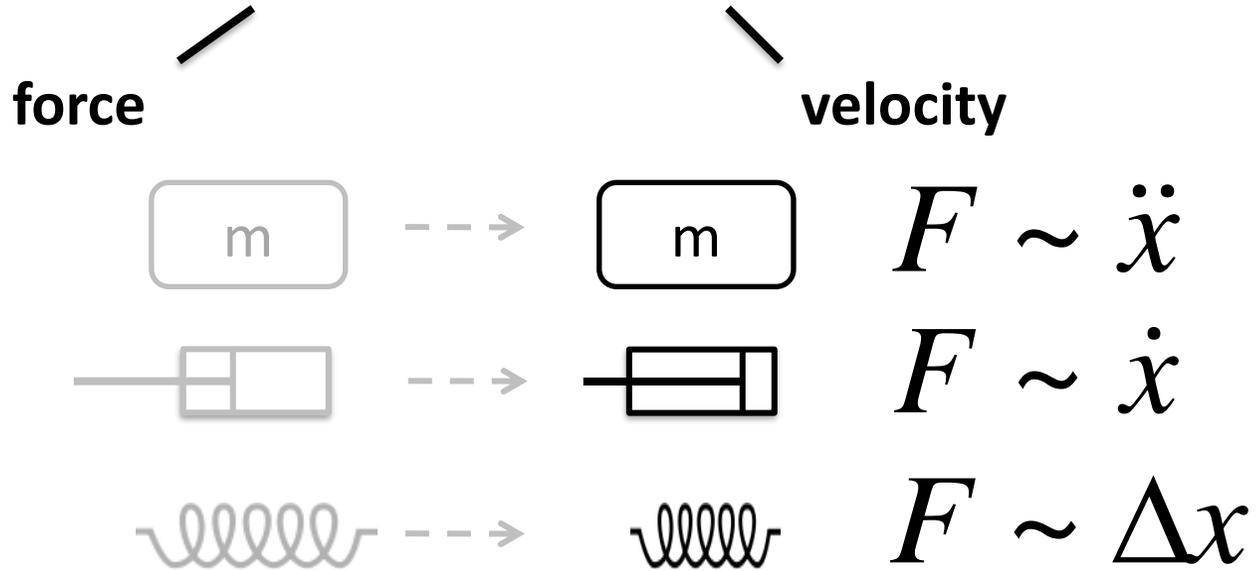


A *haptic interface* let a human operator **touch**, **manipulate** and **feel** a virtual environment

Mechanical Impedance - Z

- *Dynamic* relationship between velocity and force
- Frequency-dependent resistance

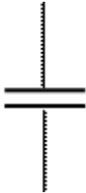
$$\mathbf{f}(\omega) = \mathbf{Z}(\omega) \cdot \mathbf{v}(\omega)$$



Mechanical admittance: $Y = Z^{-1} \quad \rightarrow \quad v(\omega) = Z^{-1} \cdot f(\omega) = Y \cdot f(\omega)$

Analogy – Electrical Impedance

frequency-dependant resistance

Resistor:		$Z = \frac{V}{I} = R$	
Capacitor:		$Z = \frac{V}{I} = \frac{1}{j\omega C}$	$\omega \rightarrow 0$ (DC) \rightarrow Z large (open circuit) $\omega \rightarrow \infty$ \rightarrow Z small (short circuit)
Inductance:		$Z = \frac{V}{I} = j\omega L$	$\omega \rightarrow 0$ (DC) \rightarrow Z small (short circuit) $\omega \rightarrow \infty$ \rightarrow Z large (open circuit)

What is the Z-Width?

The range of admissible Z-values



Low mass rigid body
(almost no resistance to motion)

$$Z \rightarrow 0; Y \rightarrow \infty$$

$$v(\omega) = Z^{-1} \cdot f(\omega) = Y \cdot f(\omega)$$

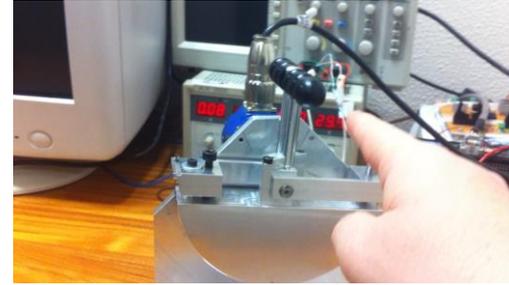
→ small force f results in a large motion

“Stiff viscoelastic body”
(almost complete resistance to motion
in direction normal to paper)

$$Z \rightarrow \infty; Y \rightarrow 0$$

$$v(\omega) = Z^{-1} \cdot f(\omega) = Y \cdot f(\omega)$$

→ large force f results in a small motion



Z-Width:
Dynamic range of
achievable impedances



The "Ultimate" Multi Purpose of a Haptic Device



How to build a haptic interface with a broad Z-Width and a robust stability property?



Low end: limited by inertia and friction

High end: - limited by system stability

[Increase high-end → More Force needed → larger actuators,
Drive mechanisms, linkages → More inertia, more friction → reduce low-end]

(Clover et al., 1997, Book and Ruis 1981)

Haptic Device Accuracy vs. Fidelity

Impedance „**accuracy**“:

how close matches the apparent impedance (felt impedance) that of the virtual environment

Impedance „**fidelity**“:

resolution – level of impedance discrimination that can be rendered at the haptic interface

(→ Fidelity is limited by the natural dynamics of the device)

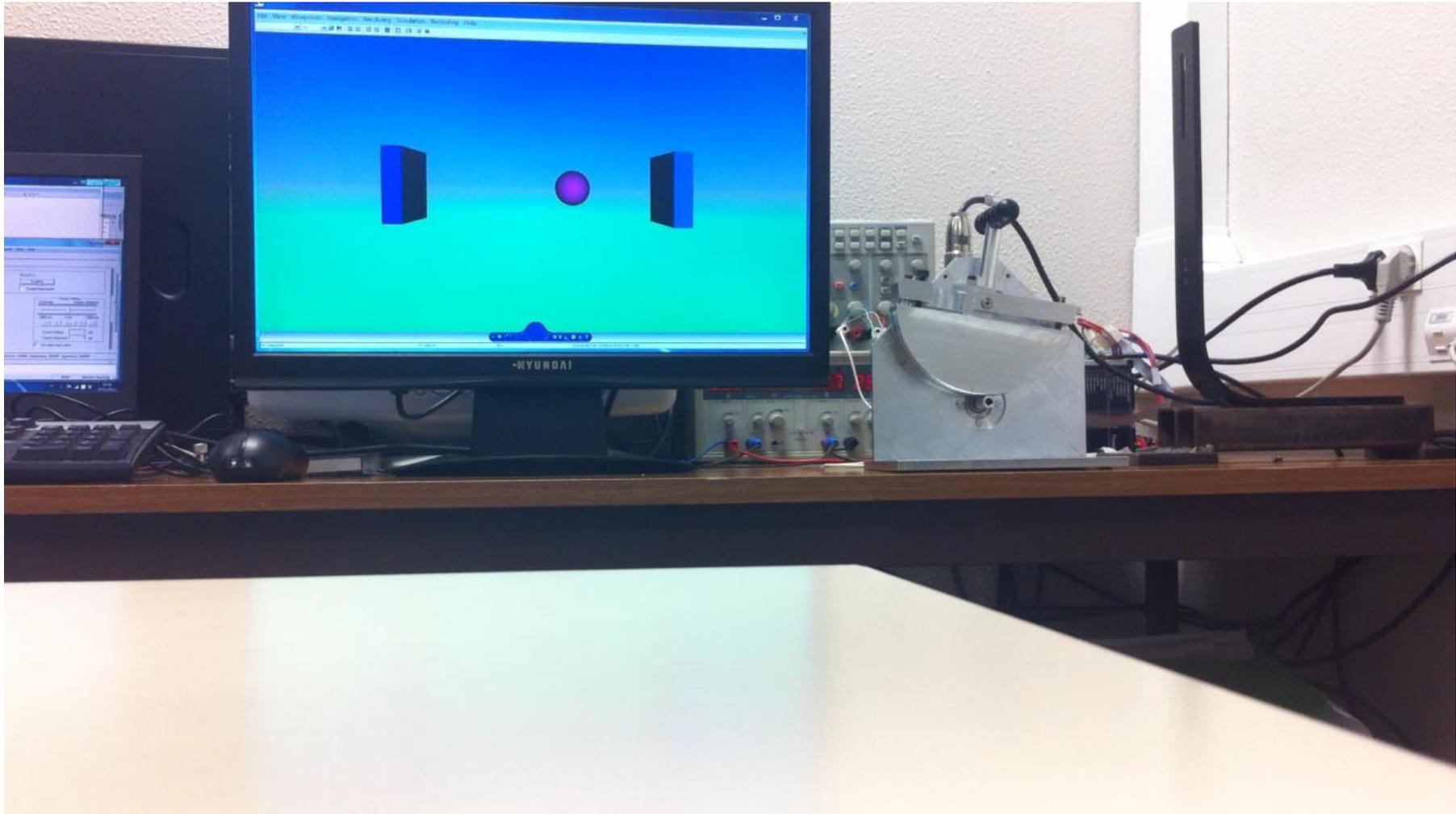
How to achieve a good-performance Haptic Device?

Take care about:

- The current loop Bandwidth. **Why?**
- Current resolution. **Why?**
- Position resolution. **Why?**
- Velocity resolution. **Why?**
- Sampling rates of both VR loop and force loop. **Why?**
- Reduce the dry friction in the mechanical transmissions. **Why?**

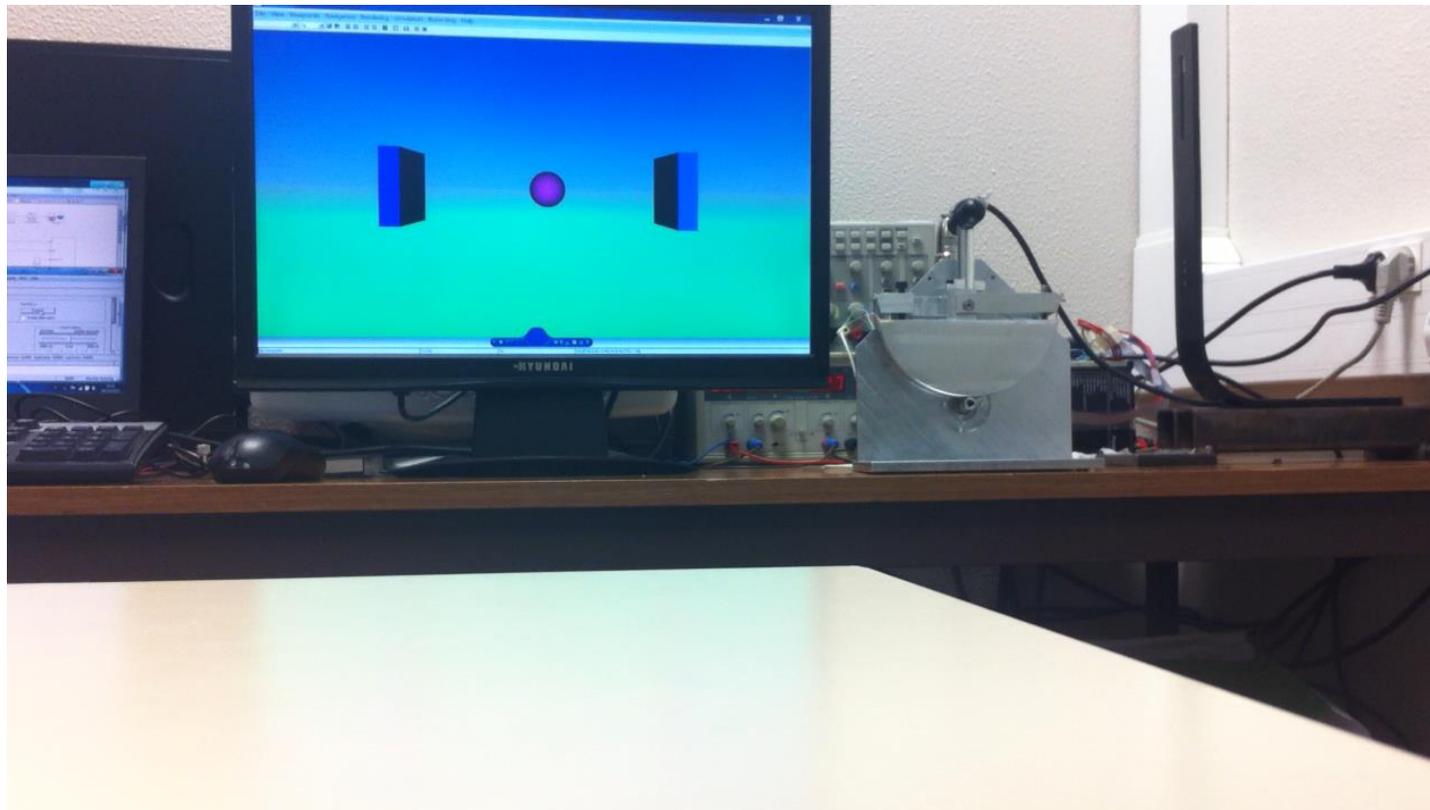
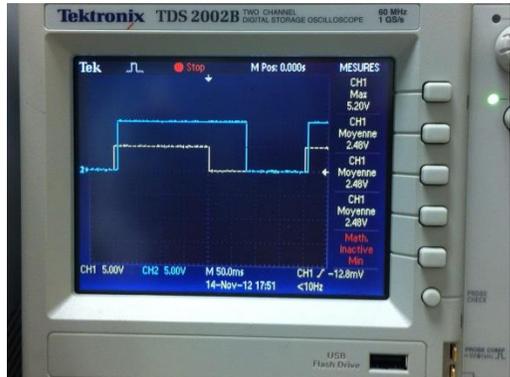
Performances – Effects of the Feedback Delay

Wall effect stability – No delay



Performances – Effects of the Feedback Delay

Under Delay



Typical Master Arm Control Scheme

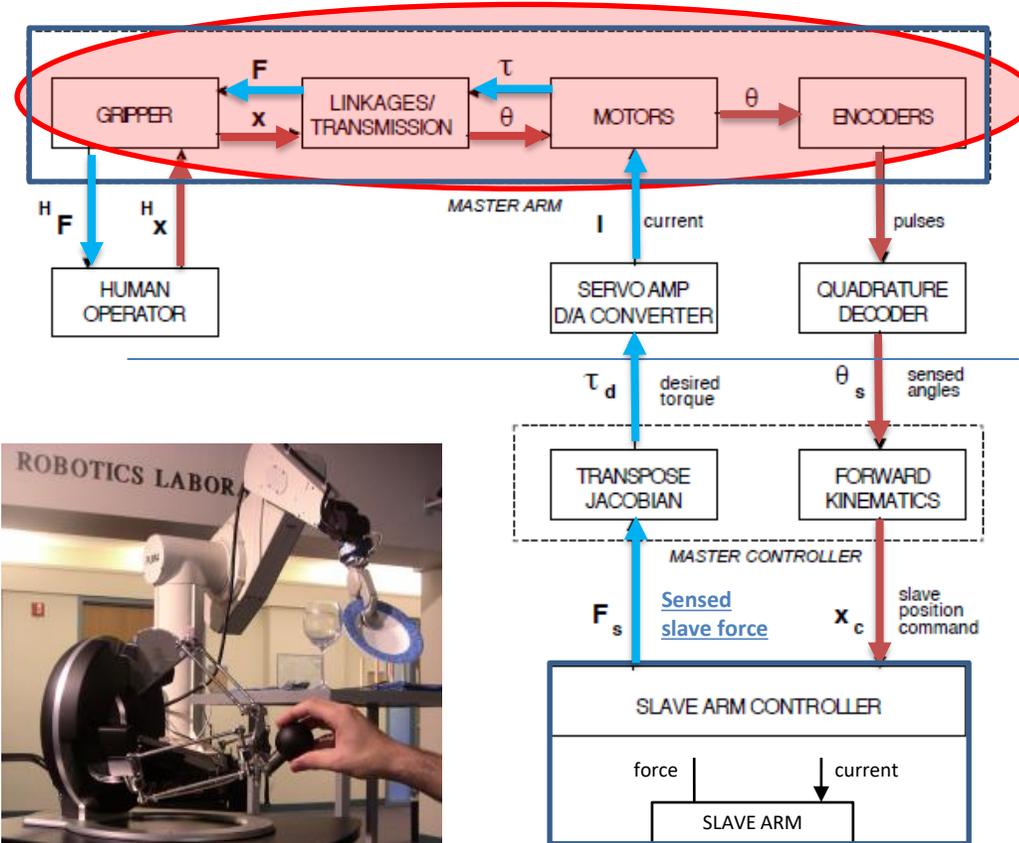


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What human operator feels =
Reaction force +
Friction, gravity, inertia

