

# Haptic Human-Robot Interfaces

## MICRO-553

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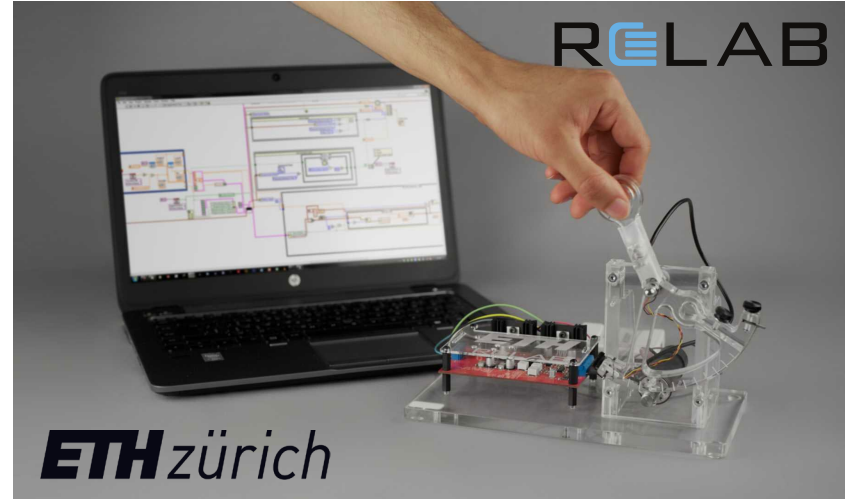


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Okamura et al. (2002). Feeling is believing: Using a force-feedback joystick to teach dynamic systems. *Journal of Engineering Education*, 91(3), 345-349.



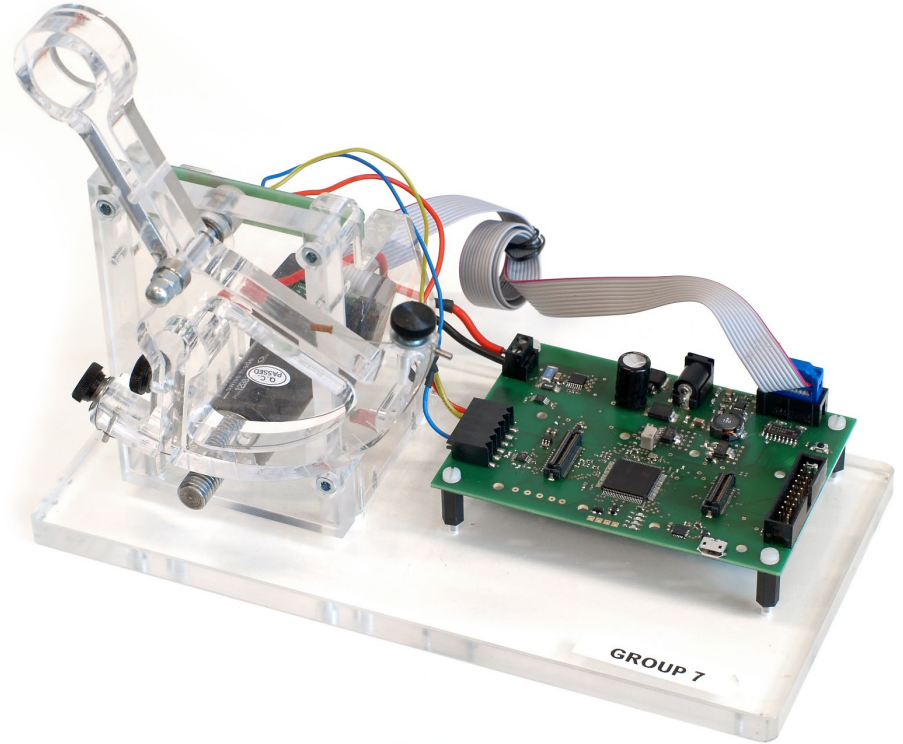
<https://relab.ethz.ch/downloads/open-hardware/haptic-paddle.html>

## Actuation

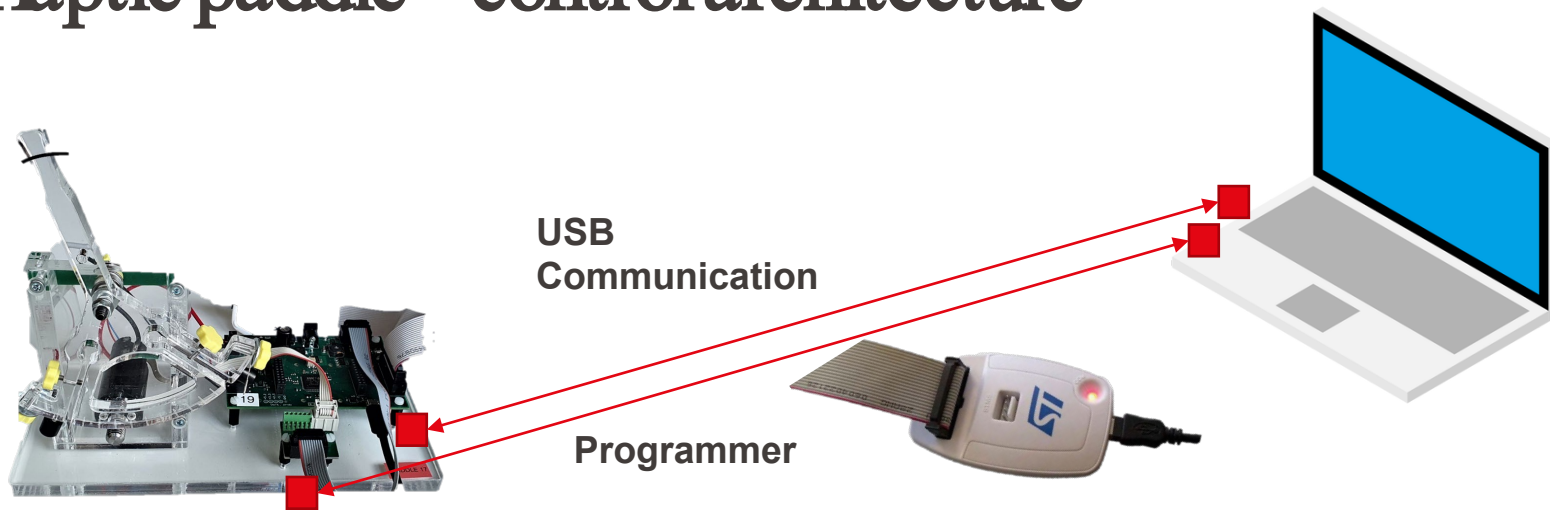
- Brushed DC motor
- Capstan cable transmission

## Sensing

- Incremental encoder (motor shaft)
- Hall sensor (paddle shaft)
- Motor current sensing



# Haptic paddle – control architecture



## Paddle

- Motor
- Transmission
- Sensors



## Embedded Electronics

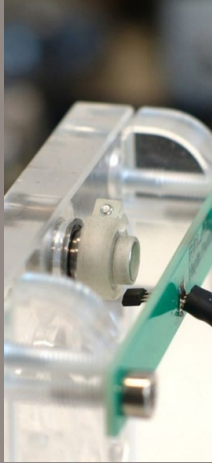
- Microcontroller
- Motor driver
- Hall sensor input
- Encoder convertor
- Optional extension boards



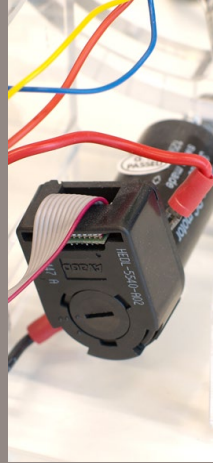
## PC

- Programming
- Graphical user interface (monitoring and setting)

## Standard sensors

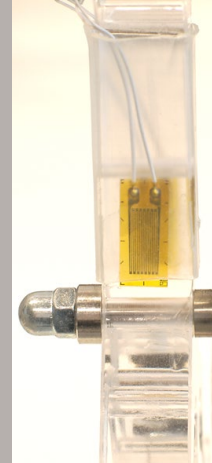


Hall-  
effect  
sensor



Encoder

## Optional sensors

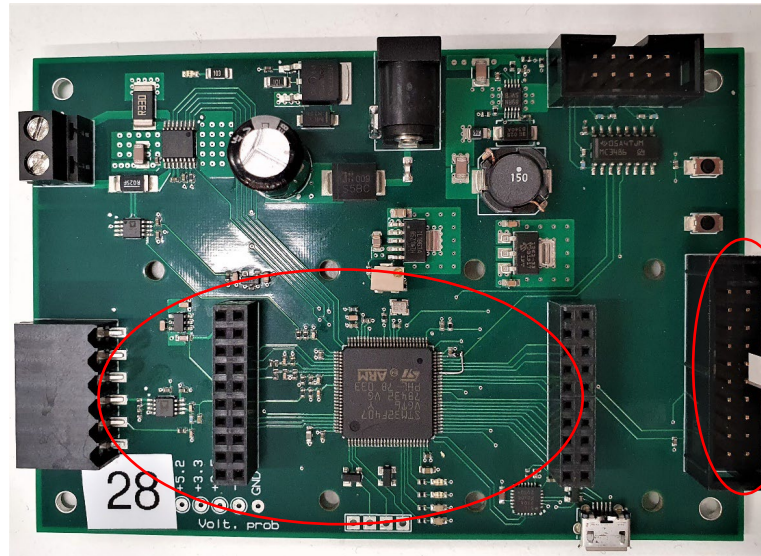


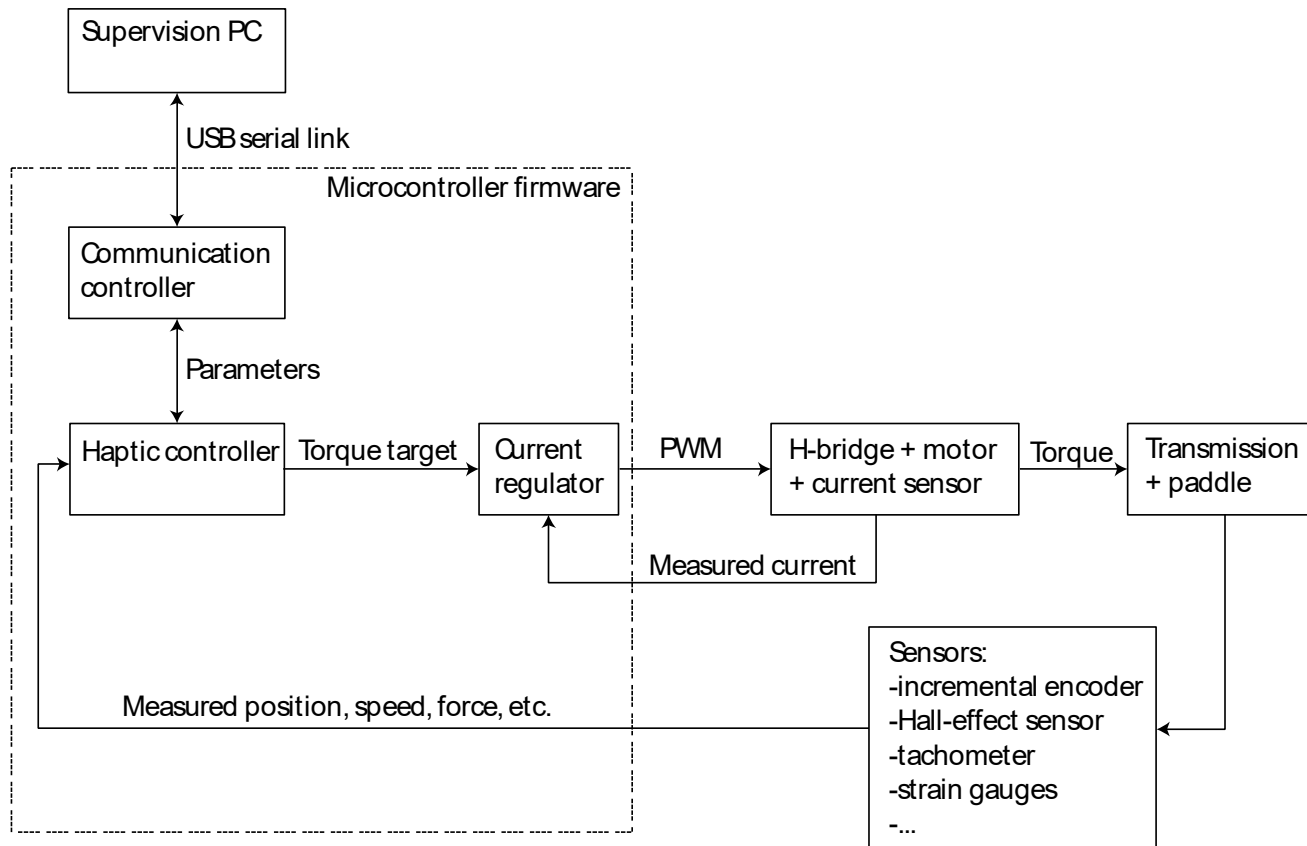
Strain  
gauges



Inertial  
measurement  
unit

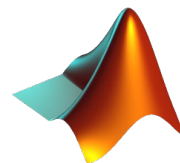
- ▶ Please connect the power supply to the board before connecting it to the mains.
- ▶ Be careful with electro-static discharge! Try not to touch the pins.





- C language
- System Workbench IDE
- Easy-to-use libraries  
=> high-level programming

- Easy plotting and remote access to the firmware variables (R/W)
- Logging for offline data analysis



Focus on the haptic controller behavior, not on the implementation!



Desired  
variable

HRI PC Controller

Variables list

actual_current [A]	Get	-7.57796e-05	<input type="checkbox"/> Stream	x1.00
target_current [A]	Get	0	<input type="checkbox"/> Stream	x1.00
timestep [us]	Get	350	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stream	x1.00
encoder_paddle_pos [deg]	Get	-7.91016	<input type="checkbox"/> Stream	x1.00

Set

Read/write or stream

Live graph

Live plot here

Number of points to show: 1000

Decimation: 10

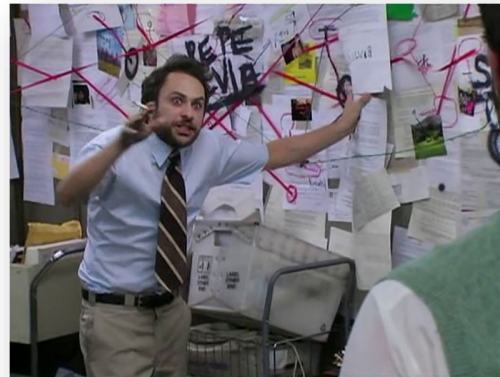
Clear plot

Pause plot

☒ Log to CSV file (in C:/Users/Alireza/Desktop/Temp/HRI binaries)

Change location...

- Clean and reusable code makes life easier for everyone, including yourself!



- Units are your friends! (or worst enemies...)



# Organization

- Groups of 2
  - **Keep the paddle** for the entire semester (treat it WELL!)
  - Moodle or mail for questions/announcement/after-hour communication
  - 4 Basic Labs
    - Lab 0 – Getting started with the device
    - Lab 1 – Sensor calibration and filtering
    - Lab 2 – Simulation and PID tuning
    - Lab 3 – Impedance control
  - Specialization Labs
- > Later labs are dependent on the results of previous ones

Lab 2, Lab 3, and Lab S require a report and they are graded  
Do not hesitate to show your results to the assistants

Graded labs are corrected and sent back to the groups with a feedback.  
-> late submissions: penalty of -5/60

A	56-60
B	51-55
C	46-50
D	40-45
F	< 40

To reach 60 points, each part of the labs has a different weight. For more details on the correction criteria, see the syllabus.

# Q&A

