



Master of Science in **Control Engineering** Laurea Magistrale in **Ingegneria Automatica**

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DIPARTIMENTO DI INGEGNERIA INFORMATICA
AUTOMATICA E GESTIONALE ANTONIO RUBERTI



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Presentation to the students
September 21, 2016



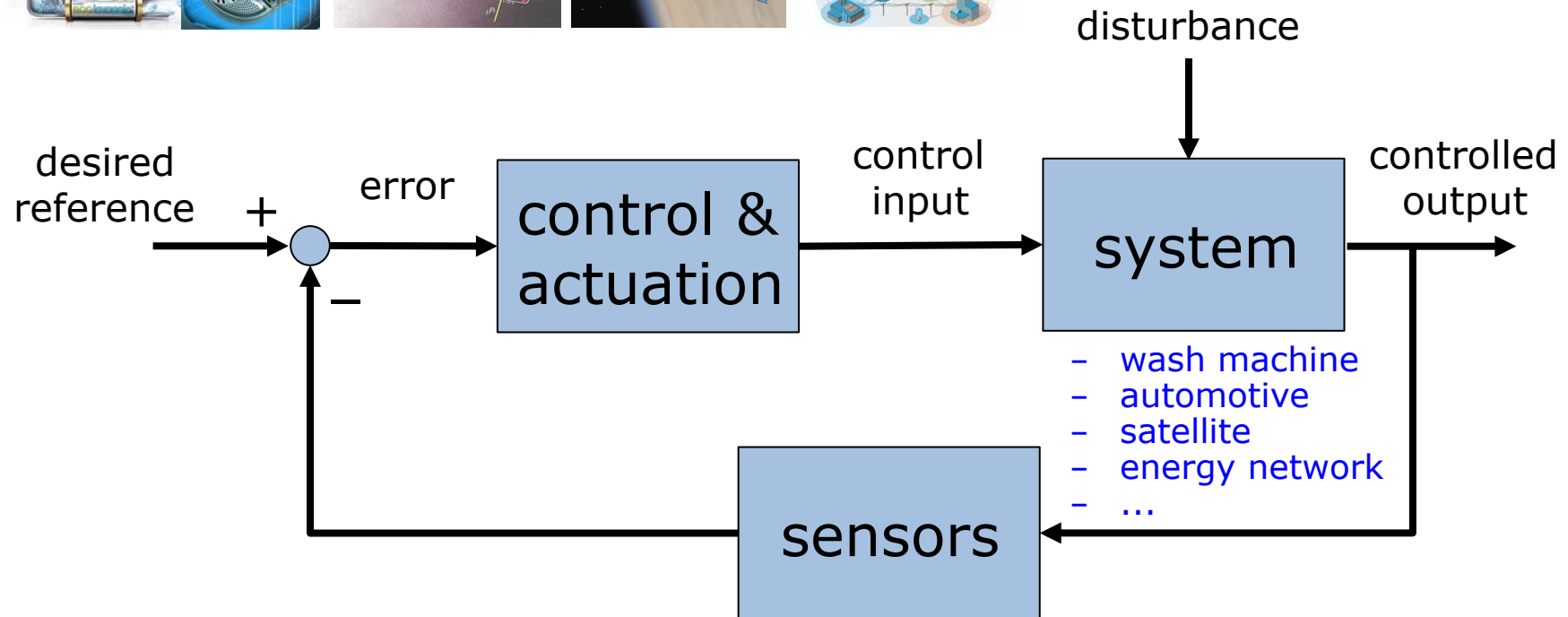
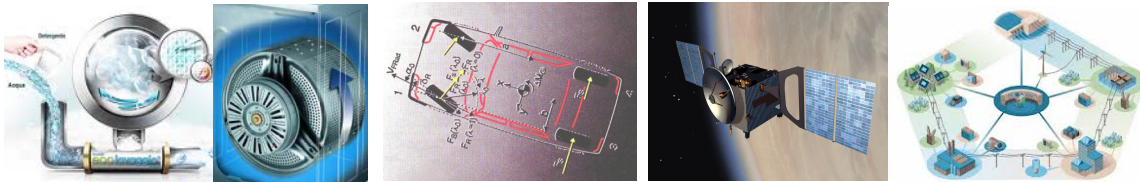
“Automatica”

αυτως, “by itself”, ματως, “task”, τικη, “technique/study”

- **Control Engineering** (Ingegneria Automatica) deals with the bulk of engineering methods and technologies for the **supervision, automation,** and **real-time control** of dynamical systems
- an **automatic control system** enables to impose, **in autonomous mode** and using the robust properties of **feedback**, a desired behavior to physical devices and processes so as to guarantee
 - high **performance** (precision, speed, comfort, reliability, quality of service)
 - energy **savings** (reduction of operating costs, optimal use of primary goods)
 - improved **safety**, lower **impact** on the environment
- a **Control Engineer** is responsible for the **design, realization, optimization** and **conduction** of **automatic control systems** for industrial plants and other processes/systems of different nature and functionality
- use of descriptive (mathematical, cognitive) **models**, measurements and information acquired from **sensors**, and **actuators** to execute commands



Feedback control

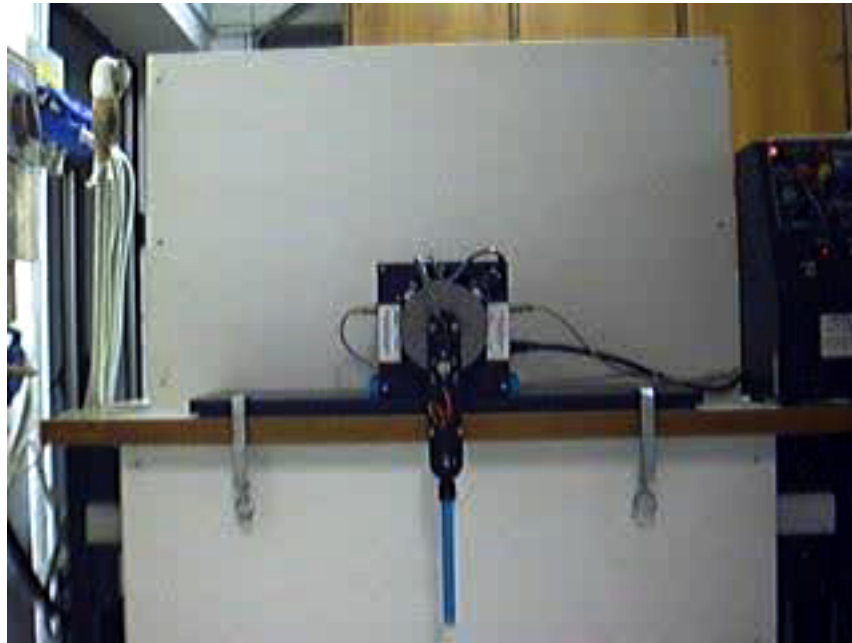


- human example: locomotion based on visual feedback
- automatic example: humanoid robot guided by a camera

“Swing-up” of a double inverted pendulum

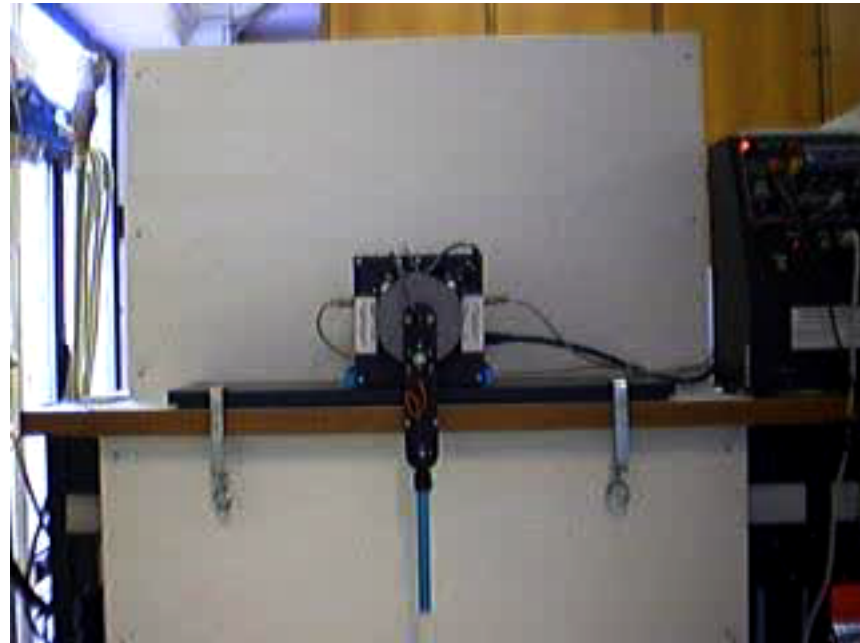


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specific control strategy
(energy pumping + local PID)

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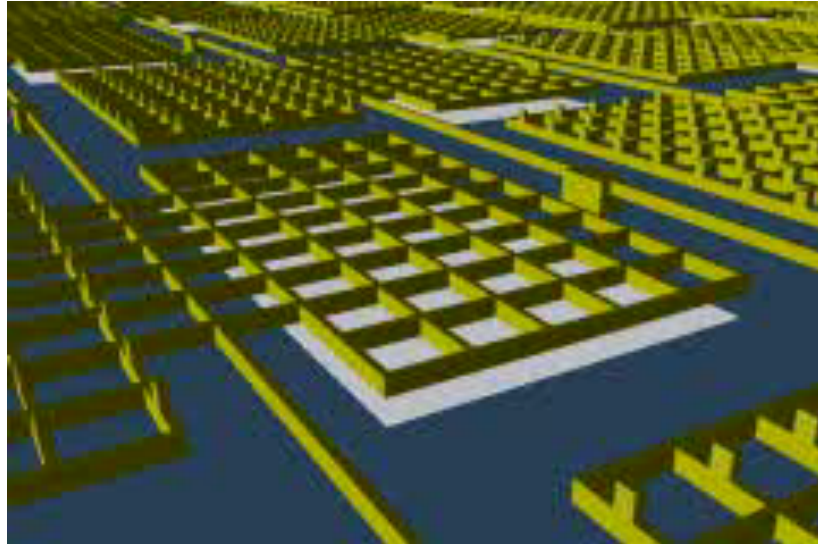
nonlinear control

a similar control technique is used also for the
stabilization of walking motion in humanoid robot!

Automatic control and mechatronics

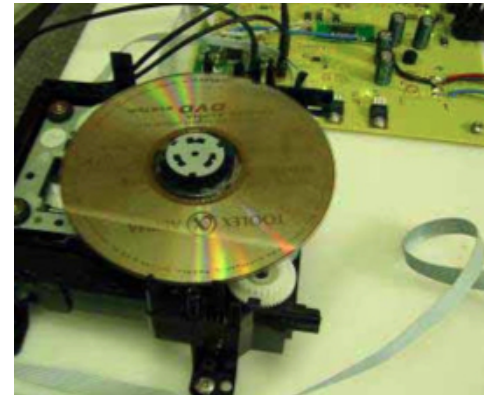


video



micro/nano actuators

periodic oscillations are induced by electro-static forces that are **controlled** by an AC voltage applied between the silicon substrate and the aluminum electrodes



video



reading head of an HD drive

$\sim 10^2$ **point-to-point moves** per second

Applications of control systems



Generation and distribution of energy (smart grids)



Control of continuous industrial processes (e.g., chemical)



Green energy management



Service robotics and industrial automation



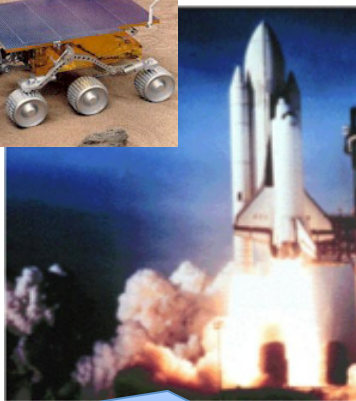
Applications of control systems



Automotive (ABS, ESP, automatic parking)



Aeronautics (fly-by-wire)



Astronautics (optimal control, satellite attitude, space robotics)

Navigation (auto pilot)

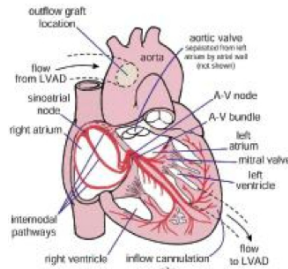
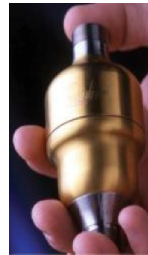
Applications of control systems



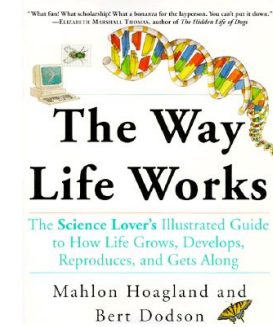
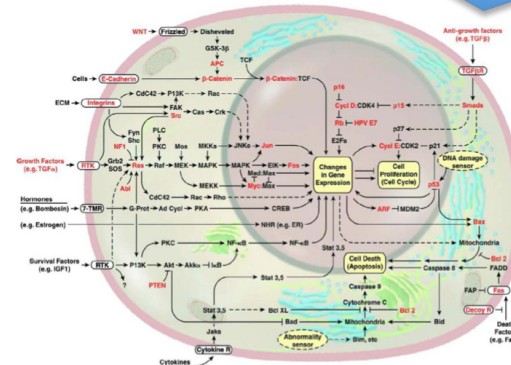
Control of artificial prostheses



LVAD = Left Ventricular Assist Device



Models of biological systems



Feedback mechanisms for regulation of: body temperature, blood pressure, glucose levels, cellular interactions ...

Robotic surgery (daVinci system)



A “table” with multiple diners

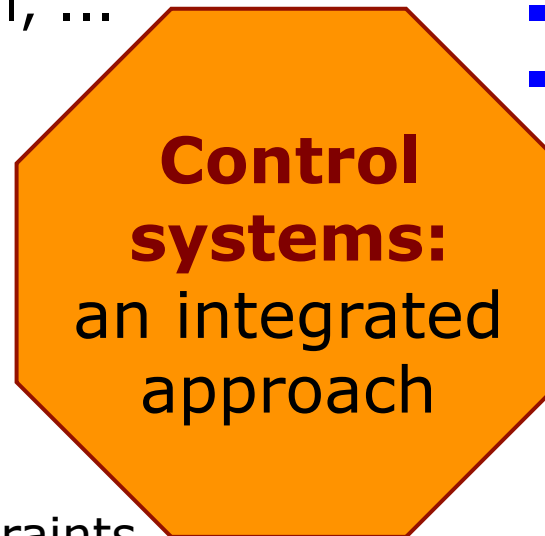


models

- mathematical
- physical, chemical, ...
- economic

components

- sensors and actuators
- PC, DSP, μ -processors
- local/wireless networks



engineering

- user requirements
 - objectives, costs, constraints
- design
- simulation
- programming
- implementation

technologies

- computer science
- electronics
- mechanics
- electrotechnics
- telecommunication

Courses of study at Sapienza



Bachelor in Computer Science and Control Engineering

- italian name: Laurea in Ingegneria Informatica e Automatica
- 3 years, 180 credits, 20 exams
- curriculum in Automatic Control (one out of three)
- final work (3 credits)



Master of Science in Control Engineering

- italian name: Laurea Magistrale in Ingegneria Automatica
- 2 years, 120 credits, **12 exams**
- cooperation of the two Schools of Engineering (I3S + ICI)
- theoretical and lab activities (control of networks, robotics)
- final work (30 credits = internship + master thesis)

PhD in Automatic Control, Bioengineering and Operations Research

- 3 years of research activity
- possibility of spending up to 1 year abroad
- original PhD thesis

Laurea in Ingegneria Informatica e Automatica

Bachelor curriculum in "Automatica"



First year (in common)

- Analisi matematica I (12 cfu)
- Geometria (6 cfu)
- Fondamenti di informatica I (12 cfu)
- Fisica (12 cfu)
- Tecniche di programmazione (6 cfu)
- Calcolo delle probabilità e statistica (6 cfu)
- Ricerca operativa (9 cfu)
- Idoneità lingua straniera (3 cfu)

Second year

- Programmazione orientata agli oggetti (6 cfu)
- Telecomunicazioni (9 cfu)
- **Teoria dei sistemi (6 cfu)**
- Analisi matematica II (6 cfu)
- Sistemi di calcolo (12 cfu)
- **Controlli automatici (9 cfu)**
- Elettrotecnica (6 cfu)
- **Modellistica e simulazione (9 cfu)**

cfu = credits

Third year

- **Automazione (9 cfu)**
- **Controllo e gestione delle reti (6 cfu)**
- Elettronica (6 cfu)
- Economia e organizzazione aziendale (9 cfu)
- **Laboratorio di automatica (6 cfu)**
- **Esami a scelta dello studente (12 cfu)**
- Prova finale (3 cfu)

access to M.Sc. in Control Engineering is straightforward when coming from this bachelor course

in general, **96 credits are needed** in some coded scientific disciplines (SSD):

- any ING-INF
- many ING-IND
- also MAT, FIS, CHIM

≥ 9 credits in the domain of Automatic Control (ING-INF/04) are *recommended*

Curriculum of the Master

(our two-year course of study is fully active since 2014-15)



- **2** mandatory core courses of 12 cfu [in 1st year] 24 cfu
 - **Nonlinear systems and control**
 - **System identification and optimal control**
 - taught during both semesters
- **6** other core courses to be chosen among 9 (group **B**) 36 cfu
- **3** completing courses to be chosen among 7 (group **C**) 18 cfu
- **1** or **2 free** choices 12 cfu
 - either in groups B/C or from any other course offered at Sapienza
 - typically, in 2nd year
- internship (6 cfu) + master thesis (24 cfu) [in 2nd year] 30 cfu

- total (approx 60 cfu/year) = **120 cfu**
- **12** exams as a whole
 - courses of free choice count always as 1 exam

cfu (= credito formativo universitario) \Rightarrow 1 credit = 8h of lectures

Tailoring your curriculum

Group B: choose 6 out of 9 (36 cfu in total)	year	sem
Process automation	1	I
Robotics I	1	I
Robust control	1	I
Multivariable feedback control	1	II
Robotics II	1	II
Control of communication and energy networks	2	I
Digital control systems	2	I
Dynamics of electrical machines and drives	2	I
Vehicle system dynamics	2	II

Group C: choose 3 out of 7 (18 cfu in total)	year	sem
Autonomous and mobile robotics	1	II
<i>Robotics II</i>	1	II
Computer and network security	2	I
<i>Control of communication and energy networks</i>	2	I
<i>Digital control systems</i>	2	I
Machine Learning	2	I
Control of autonomous multi-agent systems	2	II

three courses appear
in both groups B and C

Study plan

your personal choice of a curriculum of exams
= "percorso formativo"



- study plan is prepared and submitted on-line via Infostud
- it includes
 - which courses you actually choose from the two optional groups in the "Manifesto"*
 - which courses you select of free choice (any offered at Sapienza)*
 - pay attention in which year you place a course (few options)*
- plan must be submitted before registering to the single exams (October 15, 2016 - March 30, 2017)



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Corso di laurea in Ingegneria Automatica (LM-25)
Percorso formativo dello studente [redacted] per l'A.A. 2014/2015 - Approvato
presentato il 19/12/2014

Ingegneria Automatica (Percorso valido anche ai fini del conseguimento del doppio titolo italo-francese o italo-venezuelano)

Primo anno						
Insegnamenti obbligatori						
Denominazione	Att. Form.	SSD	CFU	Ore	Tip. Att.	Lingua
1041424 - NONLINEAR SYSTEMS AND CONTROL	B	ING-INF/04	12	96	AP	ENG
1041425 - SYSTEM IDENTIFICATION AND OPTIMAL CONTROL	B	ING-INF/04	12	96	AP	ENG
			24	192		
Gruppo OPZIONALE: Lo studente deve scegliere 36 Cfu (l'acquisizione è da intendersi relativa a tutta la durata del corso di studi)						
Denominazione	Att. Form.	SSD	CFU	Ore	Tip. Att.	Lingua
1041426 - MULTIVARIABLE FEEDBACK CONTROL	B	ING-INF/04	6	48	AP	ENG
1041422 - PROCESS AUTOMATION	B	ING-INF/04	6	48	AP	ENG
1023235 - ROBOTICS I	B	ING-INF/04	6	48	AP	ENG
1041453 - ROBUST CONTROL	B	ING-INF/04	6	48	AP	ENG
			24	192		

www.uniroma1.it/studenti/infostud

Refresh syllabus

Basics in Systems Analysis and Automatic Control



Mathematical modeling of systems. Examples from different physical domains. Differential equations. Linearization. Use of the Laplace transform. Input-output and state-space representations. Transfer functions. Poles and zeros. Interconnected systems and block diagrams. Difference equations. Sampling of continuous time systems. Use of the Z-transform.

Dynamic systems and their description in Simulink (for simulation purposes), taking some simple electro-mechanical systems and their controls as reference.

Linear systems analysis in the time domain. Free and forced evolution. Stability. Steady-state and transient responses. Impulse response. Step response.

Linear systems analysis in the frequency/Laplace domain. Frequency response. Bode and Nyquist diagrams. Routh criterion. Transient response and relation with the closed-loop frequency response.

Refresh syllabus

Basics in Systems Analysis and Automatic Control



Feedback control systems. Feedforward, feedback, and mixed schemes. Precision. Steady-state error. Disturbance rejection and attenuation. Sensitivity analysis. The cost of feedback. Performance indices.

Design based on the frequency response. Nyquist criterion. Stability margins. Bandwidth and resonant frequency. Open- vs. closed-loop frequency characteristics (Nichols chart). Lead and lag compensation. PID control.

Design in the Laplace domain. Root locus method. Stabilization of minimum and non-minimum phase systems. Direct design. Pole placement techniques.

Design based on state-space techniques. Structural properties and Kalman decomposition. Controllability and stabilizability. Observability and detectability. Stabilization via state feedback. Eigenvalue assignment. Observer design. Separation principle. Stabilization via output feedback. Stability theory.

see doc on web site

<http://www.diag.uniroma1.it/~automatica/?p=procedure/ammissione&l=en>

Browsing the web site to find most of the information you need



A screenshot of the website for the Master of Science in Control Engineering at Sapienza University of Rome. The page has a dark red header with the university logo and name on the left, and language options 'ENGLISH | ITALIANO' on the right. Below the header is a navigation menu with 'HOME', 'PROGRAM', 'POLICIES', 'NEWS', and 'CONTACTS'. The main content area is white and contains a search bar, a sidebar with links like 'PROFILE', 'OBJECTIVES', 'CAREER OPPORTUNITIES', 'BACKGROUND', and 'FOREIGN STUDENTS', and a main text area. The text area includes a welcome message, a description of the two-year course, and information about the department and teaching staff. At the bottom, there is a footer with a Sitemap icon and contact information for the university.

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Master of Science in Control Engineering



More information

- **rapidly growing** course of study (since rebirth in 2013-14), with relatively large involvement of national and international students
 - 2013-14: 13 new students (0 with foreign degree)
 - 2014-15: 23 new students (7 with foreign degree)
 - 2015-16: 42 new students (16 with foreign degree, 7 from other italian universities)
 - 2016-17:...
- **personalized tutoring** system (since 2015-16: 5 students/instructor)
- **student honors** program (percorso di eccellenza): 4 positions in 2016-17
- mobility **Erasmus+** (also, various partners in European research projects)
- possible italian-french **double degree**
- contacts with local SMEs & industrial groups for **internship and thesis**

Laboratories

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**MASTER OF SCIENCE IN
CONTROL ENGINEERING**



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Program › Laboratories

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LABORATORIES

Students of the Master of Science in Control Engineering can develop their thesis (or perform their internship) in the following DIAG laboratories. They may also collaborate to research activities on systems, networks, and robot control that are being carried out there by professors, researchers, and PhD students.

	WEB PAGE	AREA	RESPONSIBLE
<p>Laboratorio di Controllo delle Reti Dipartimento di Ingegneria Informatica, Automatica e Gestionale "Antonio Ruberti"</p>	Network Control Laboratory	DIAG Via Ariosto 25 A-215 (second floor) 06 77274 037	Prof. Francesco Delli Priscoli dellipriscoli [at] diag.uniroma1.it
	Robotics Laboratory	DIAG Via Ariosto 25 S-218 (basement) 06 77274 158	Prof. Giuseppe Oriolo oriolo [at] diag.uniroma1.it
<p>Systems and Control Laboratory Dipartimento di Controllo, Controllo e Management Engineering Antonio Ruberti Sapienza University of Rome</p> 	Systems and Control Laboratory	DIAG Via Ariosto 25 S-217 (basement) 06 77274 159	Prof. Paolo Di Giamberardino digiamberardino [at] diag.uniroma1.it



task planning and control of robotic systems

- **DIAG Robotics Lab**
- established in 1987
- www.diag.uniroma1.it/labrob
- www.youtube.com/user/RoboticsLabSapienza 
- located in S-218 (basement)
- several EU research projects (Framework VI-VII, Horizon 2020)

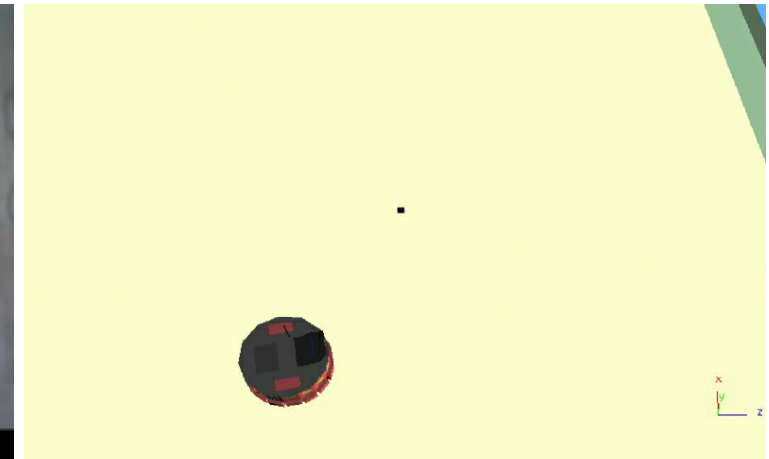
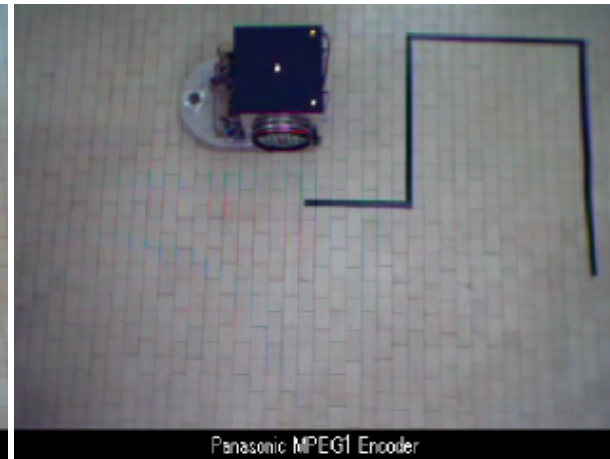
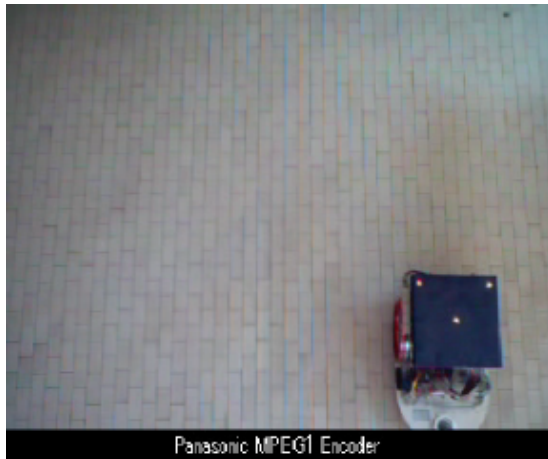


oldies, but goldies (1994-2004)



automatic parking
of wheeled mobile robots

accurate execution
of arbitrary trajectories



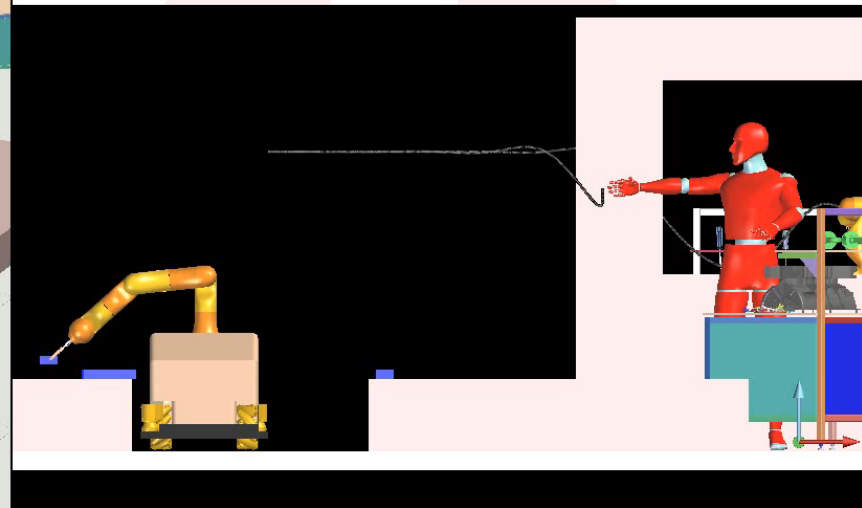
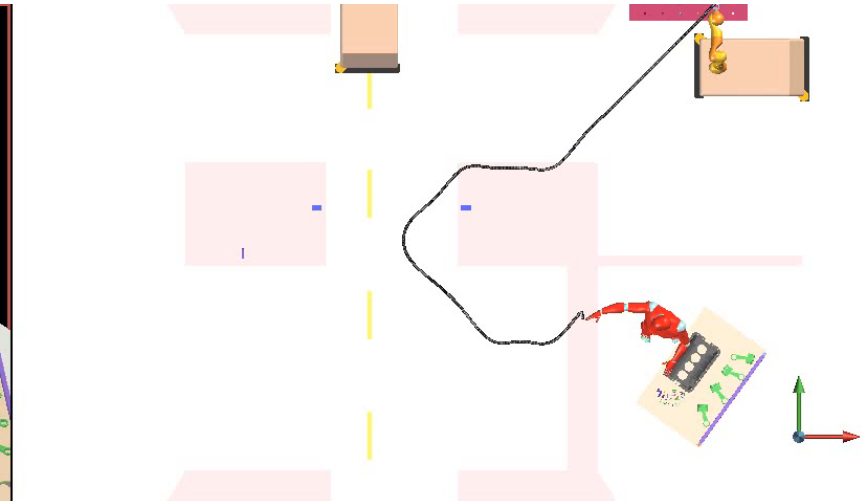
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online tracking
of a mobile target
from visual feedback
(many other applications!)



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Motion planning in cluttered environments

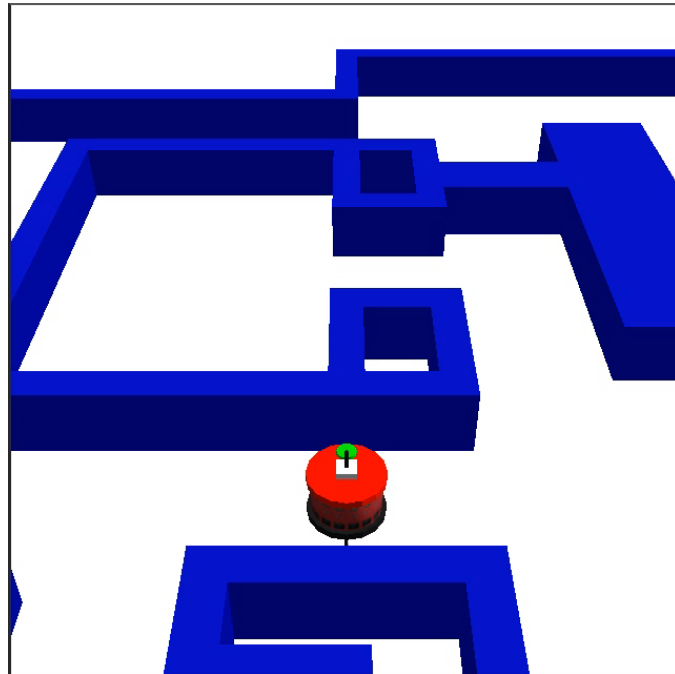


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Exploration and mapping of unknown environments



video



single robot
with laser sensor

video



team of Khepera robots
(decentralized control with limited
communication range)

Control of UAV (drones)



video



Hummingbird
quadrotor

- height control using ultrasonic sensor
- tracking of ground vehicle with on-board vision system



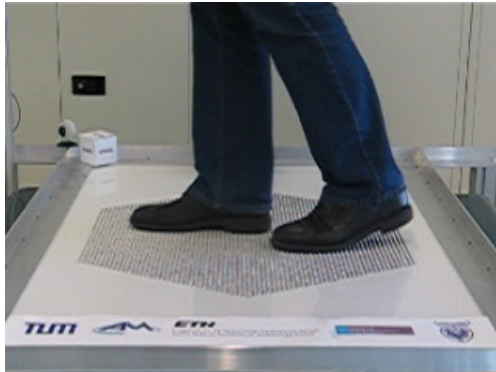
UAV = Unmanned Aerial Vehicle

Motion control of a locomotion platform for the physical exploration of VR worlds

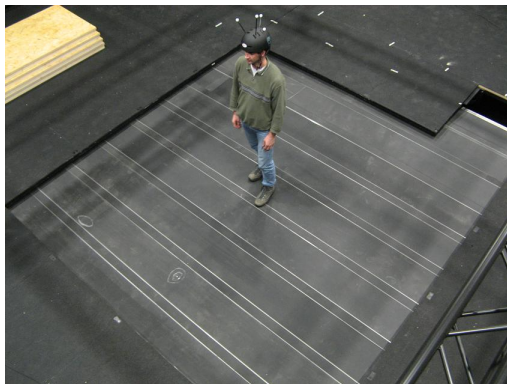


CyberWalk platforms for natural and unconstrained locomotion in VR

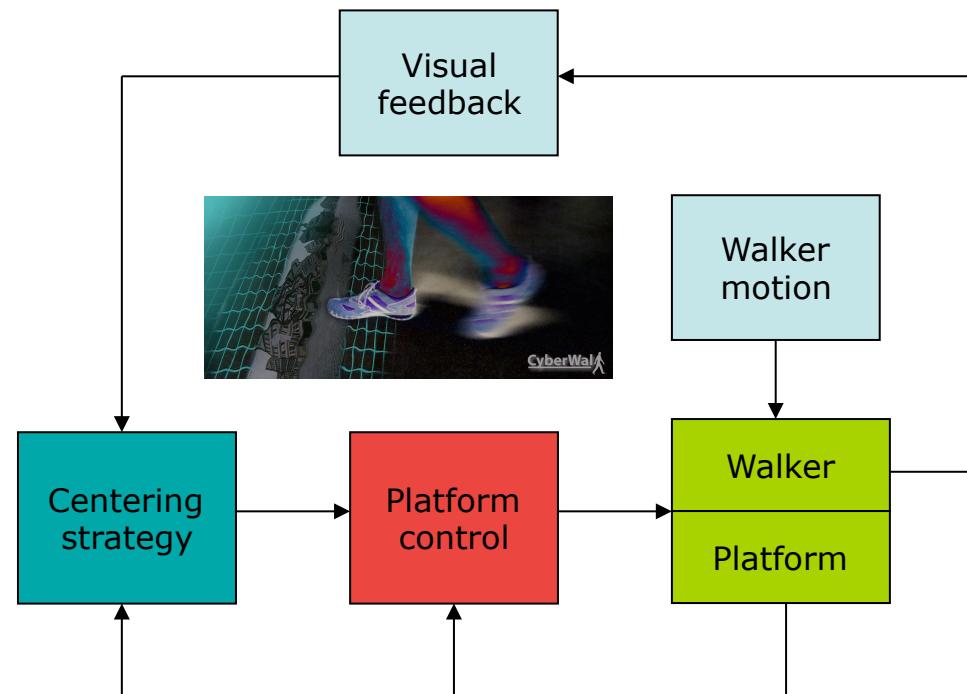
video



small-scale ball array **CyberCarpet**



full-scale 2D omnidirectional **treadmill**



control law: feedback using also a dynamic observer + feedforward

**FP6 CyberWalk
(2005-08)**

Control of the CyberWalk locomotion platform



**CyberWalk Integration Test
Tracking - Virtual Environment**

Simon Haegler, ETH Zurich

Thanks to:
Jan Souman, Ilja Frissen, MPG Tuebingen
Paolo Robuffo Giordano, UOR

May 2007

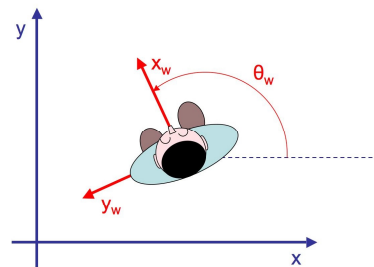
Video attachment to IROS'09 paper

Control Design and Experimental Evaluation
of the 2D *CyberWalk* Platform

A. De Luca, R. Mattone, P. Robuffo Giordano and H. H. Bühlhoff

Dipartimento di Informatica e Sistemistica Max Planck Institute for
Università di Roma "La Sapienza" Biological Cybernetics

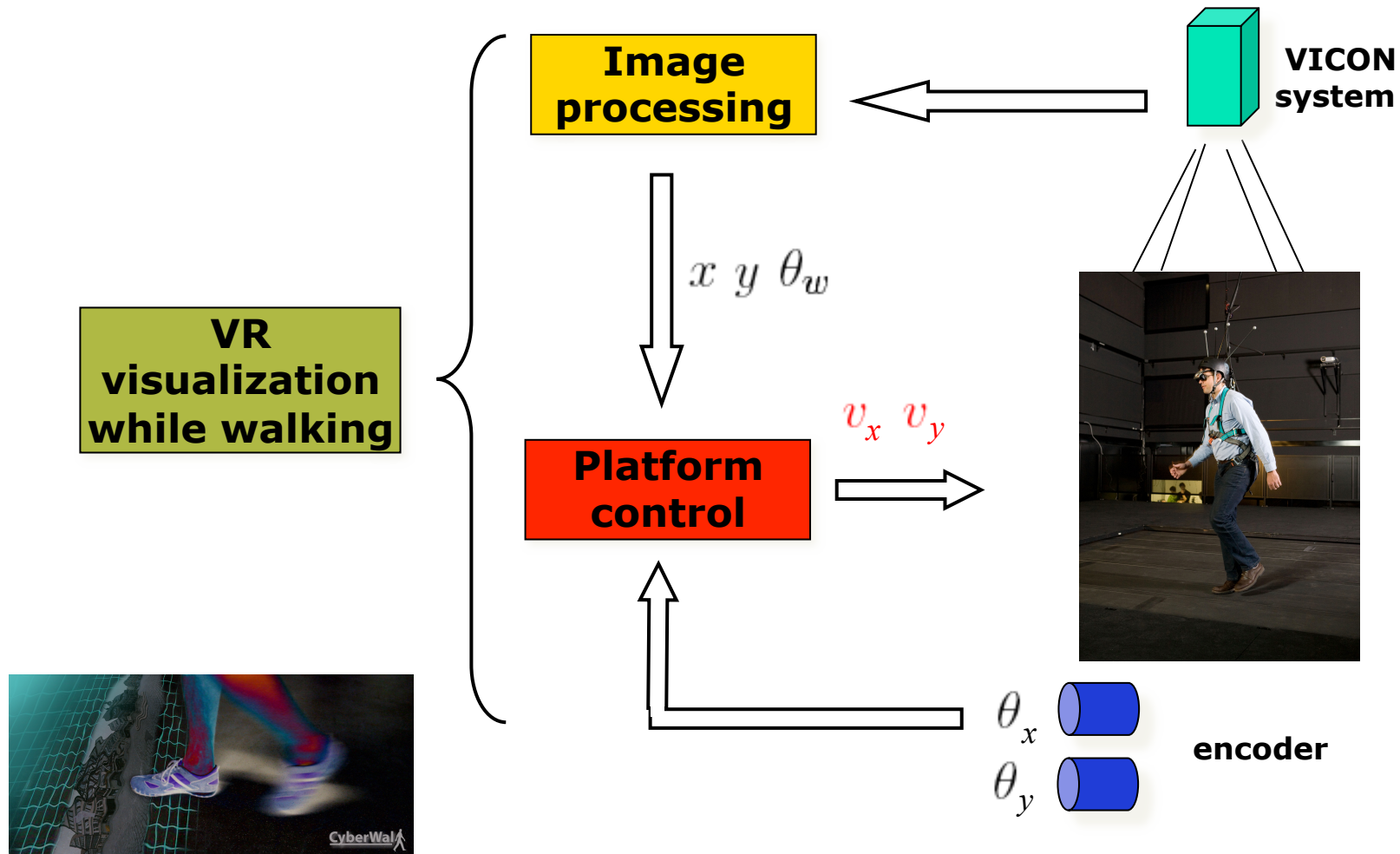
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Control system "architecture" of the 2D CyberWalk platform



Cyberith platform and remote control (telepresence)

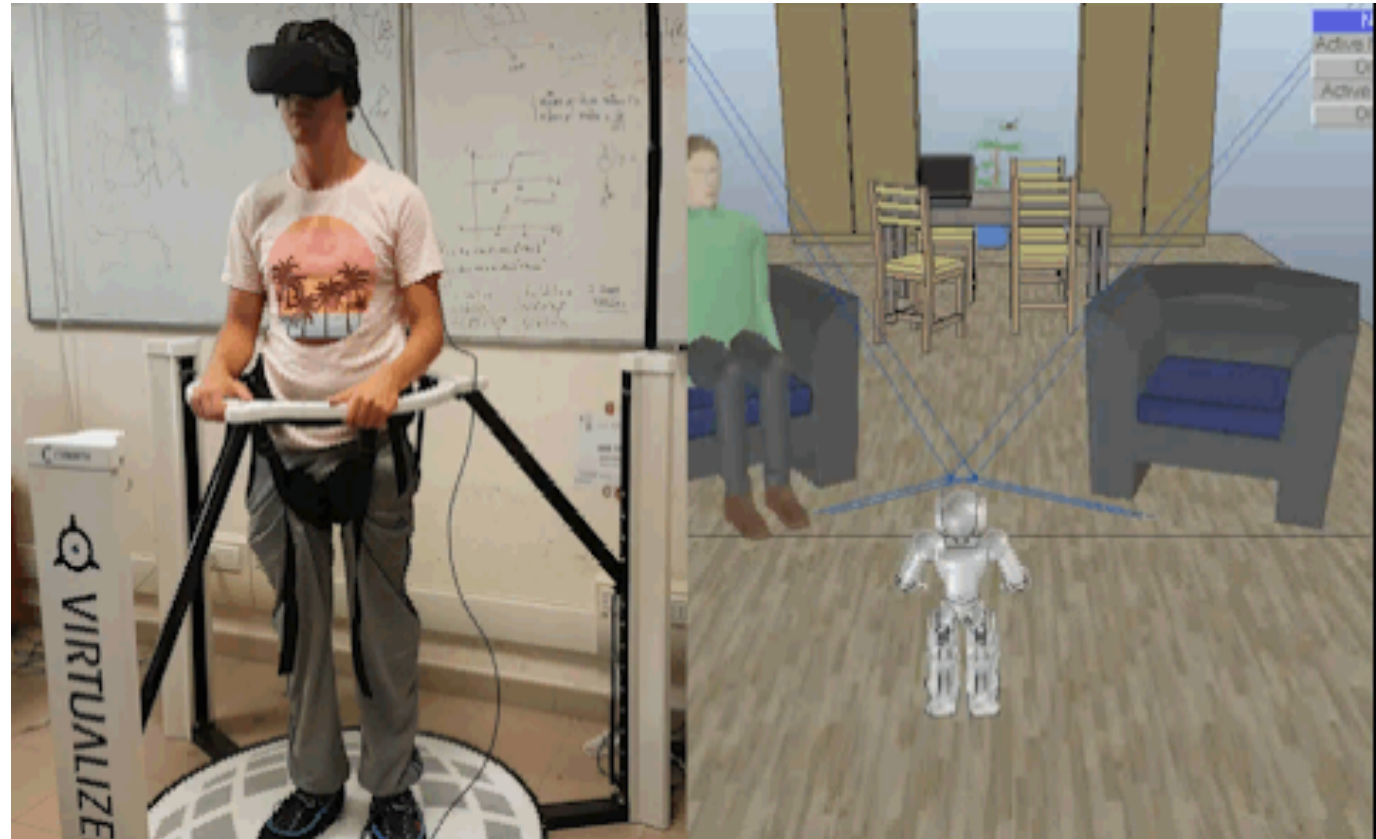


video



passive but sensorized!

Oculus Rift HMD



NAO humanoid (virtual in VREP, real in the lab)

video

Accurate and feasible motion control using redundancy



video



**Control of Redundant Robots
under Hard Joint Constraints:
Saturation in the Null Space**

Fabrizio Flacco Alessandro De Luca Oussama Khatib

Robotics Lab, DIAG Artificial Intelligence Lab
Sapienza Università di Roma Stanford University

July 2014

satisfying robot actuation constraints:
joint range limits; max joint velocity, acceleration, and torque

Safe control of physical human-robot interaction



video



video



sensorless (!)
collision detection
and reaction

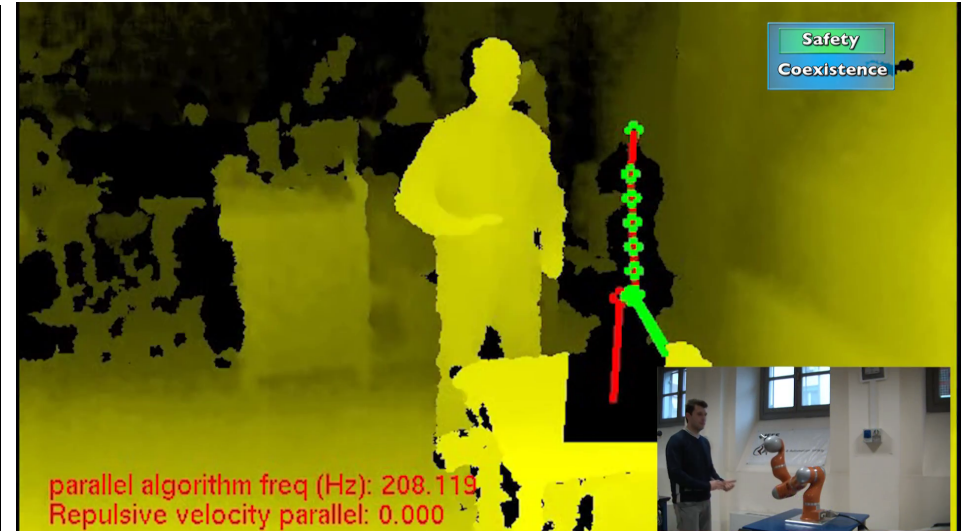


Safe control of physical human-robot interaction



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video



collision avoidance
for coexistence



human-robot
collaboration



Sensor-based control of NAO humanoid robot



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vision-driven...

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**Manual Guidance of Humanoid Robots
without Force Sensors:
Preliminary Experiments with NAO**

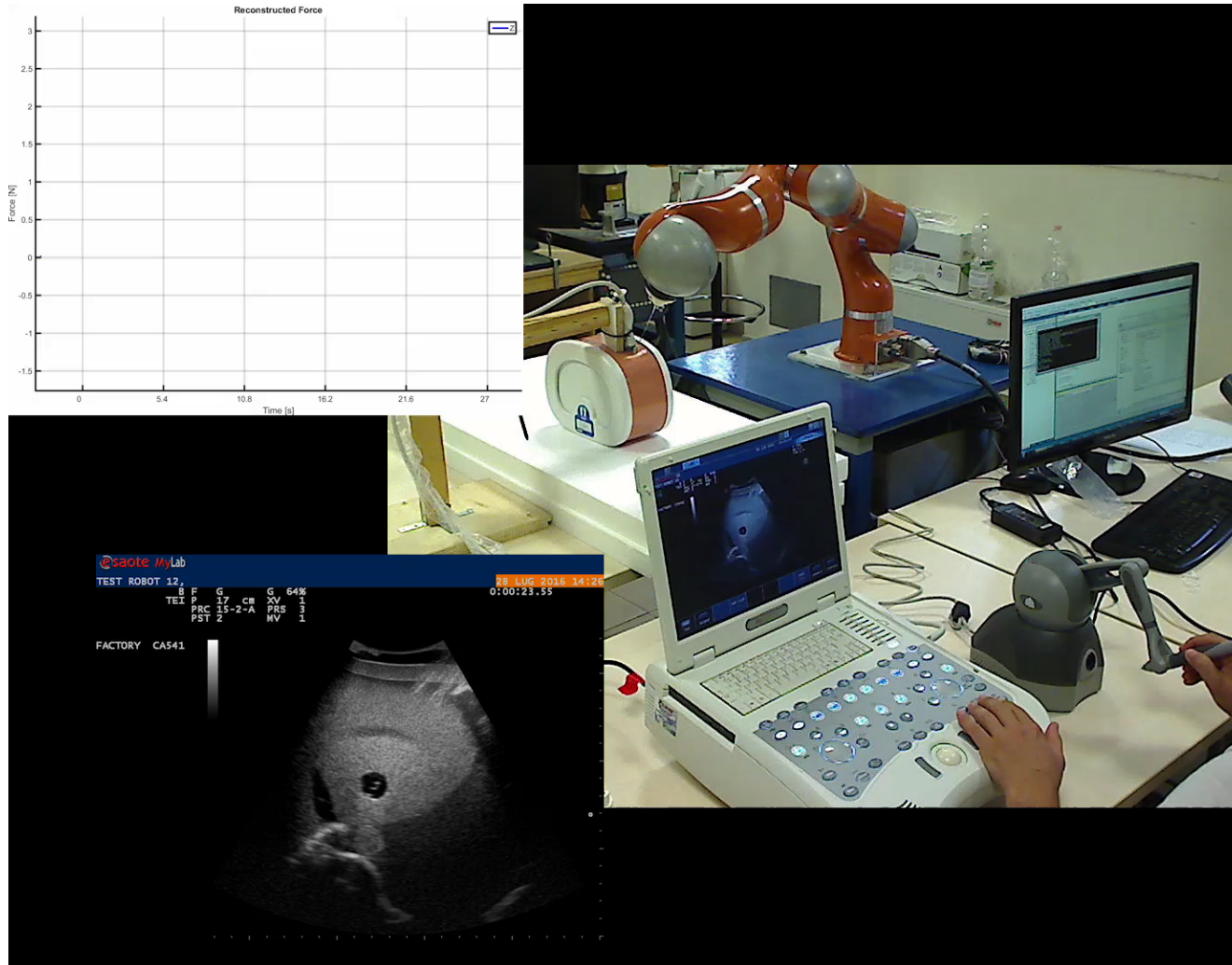
M. Bellaccini, L. Lanari, A. Paolillo, M. Vendittelli

Robotics Lab, DIAG
Sapienza Università di Roma

September 2013

guided (also, hand-guided)
through the exchanged forces...

Haptic control in medical applications (needle steering)



KUKA LWR holding the needle

Omni Geomagic haptic device

video

smart grids, e-vehicle routing, car sharing/pooling, mobile and fixed networks, critical infrastructures, QoS/QoE in heterogeneous networks & Future Internet, ...



- **DIAG Network Control Lab**
- **labreti.ing.uniroma1.it**, located in **A-215 (second floor)**

 FI-WARE FP7-ICT	 PLATINO MIUR-PON	 OMEGA FP7-ICT	 P2P-NEXT FP7-ICT	 SWIPE FP7-SPACE	 T-NOVA FP7-ICT
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Future Internet and ICT domain

 SMARTV2G FP7-ICT	 MOBINCITY FP7-ICT	 E-CUBE INDUSTRIA 2015 IND-2015	 DLC+VIT4IP FP7-ICT	 BONVOYAGE H2020 - MOBILITY
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Energy, Smart Grids and Intelligent Transportation Systems

 COCKPIT-CI FP7-SECURITY	 TASS FP7-SECURITY	 nSHIELD FP7-JTI	 ATENA H2020 - DIG SEC
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Security and Complex Systems



- Ministero
- Istruzione
- Università
- Ricerca

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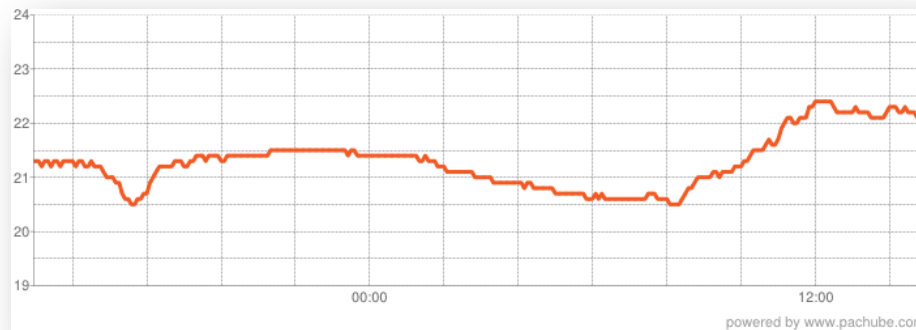
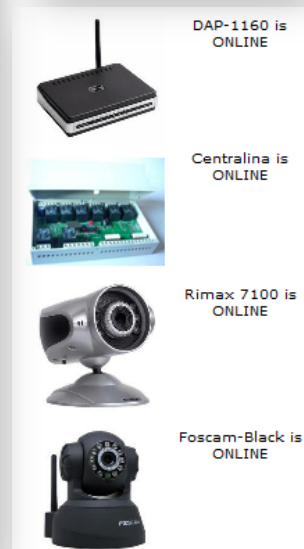
SMART CITY

- a “hidden” but ubiquitous role of **automatic control systems** in all these complex systems



SMART HOME Automation

- integration of sensor networks for energy management
- connection of domestic/local networks with regional/national smart grids so as to optimize energy demand/offer
- display of information to users allows informed management of own energy consumption
- tele-control and video-surveillance (electricity, heating, safety,...)





SMART HOME e-Health

tele-medicine

- simple installment of sensors and their automatic reconfiguration
- remote monitoring of the health status of patients and/or old people
- decision support systems for medical diagnostics and alarm control



SMART MOBILITY



Trip PLANNING and
optimal ROUTING
for e-MOBILITY

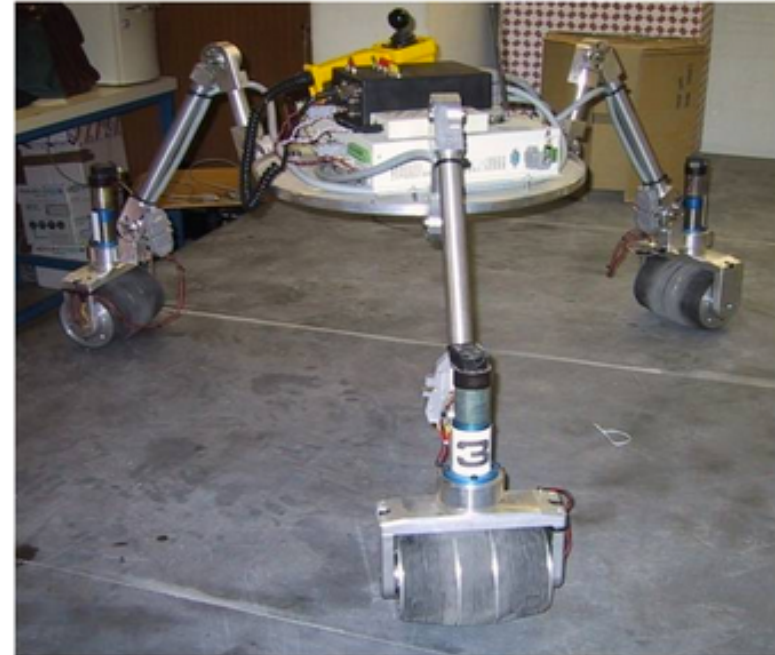
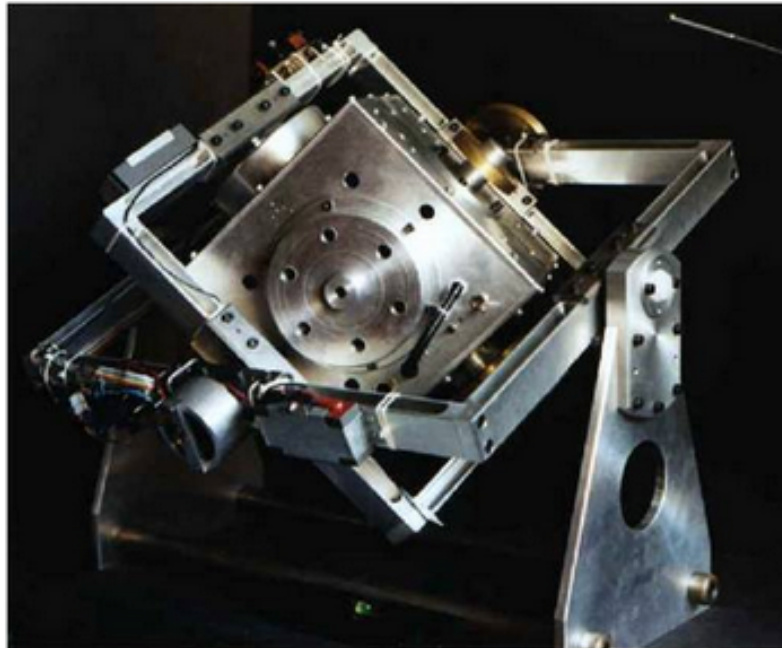


Control strategies
for RECHARGING
for e-MOBILITY

Control for aerospace and space exploration



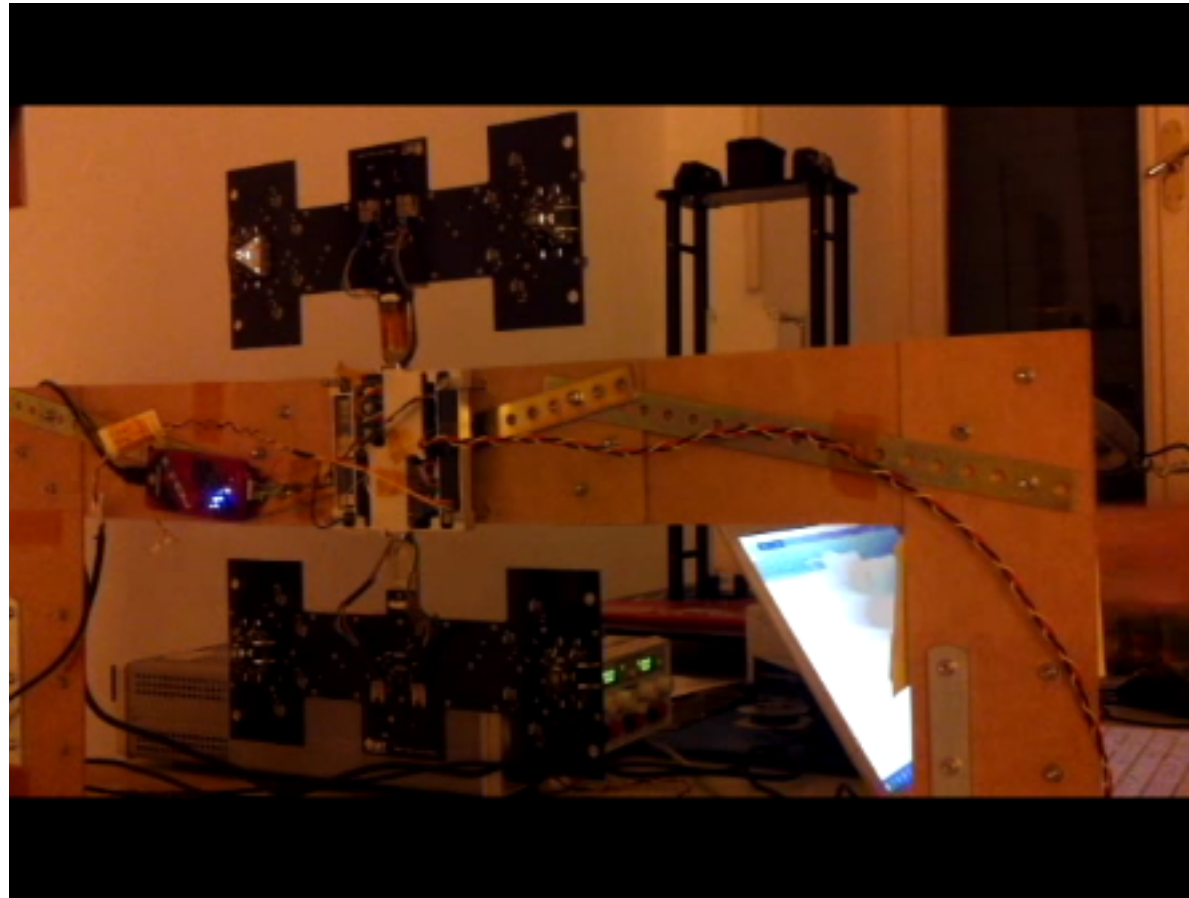
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DIAG Systems and Control Lab
(basement S-217)



A sample master thesis in Control Engineering



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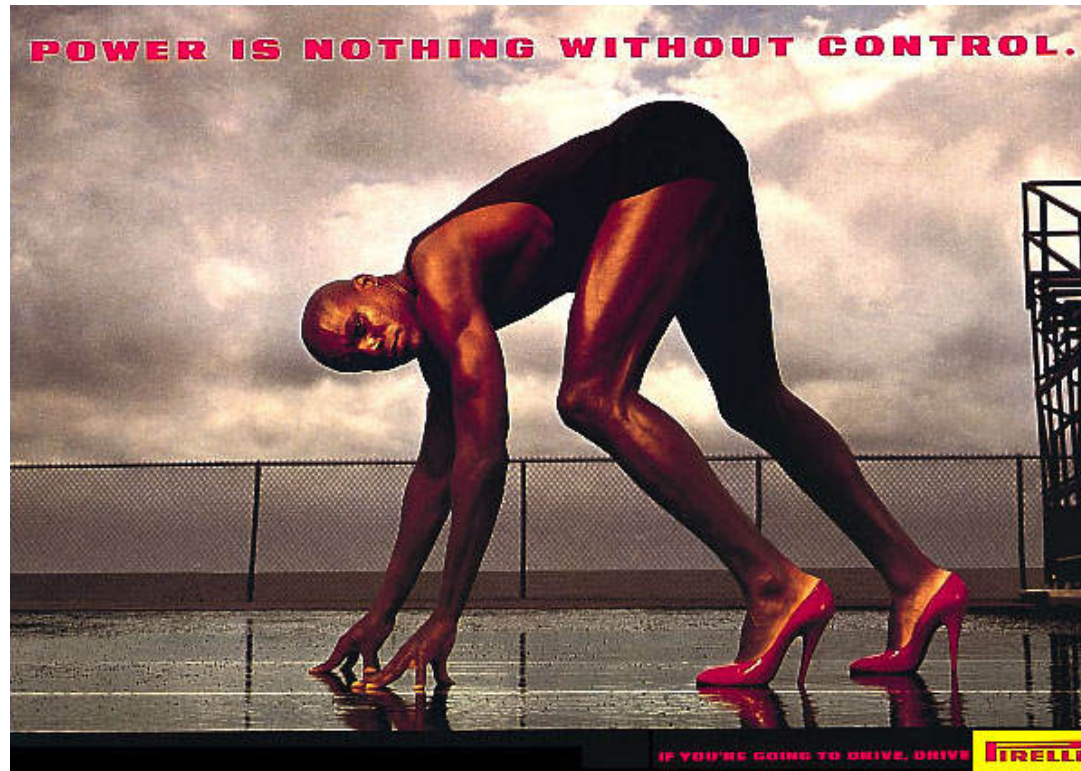
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Carl Lewis in a commercial for Pirelli tyres in the early '90