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## *Robotics 2*

# Introduction

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# Robotics 2 – 2023-24

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- **II semester** February 26 – May 29, 2024
- **master courses** Artificial Intelligence and Robotics & Control Engineering
- **credits 6** = 150h (1 ECTS = 25h of student work) **with a combination of**
  - regular lectures in the classroom, including
    - questions & answers (Q&A) on material covered in video lectures
    - exercises (on blackboard) + midterm test
  - video lectures recorded in 2019-20, available on YouTube in the **[Robotics 2 playlist](#)** of the **[Video DIAG – Sapienza](#)** channel
  - individual study (~70h)
- **schedule** Monday (8:00-10:00) - Wednesday (14:00-18:00), room **B2**
- **G-group** **[https://groups.google.com/a/diag.uniroma1.it/g/robotics2\\_2023-24](https://groups.google.com/a/diag.uniroma1.it/g/robotics2_2023-24)**



# General information

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## ■ prerequisites

- **Robotics 1** as a prerequisite (**mandatory** for the exam)

## ■ aims

- advanced kinematics & dynamic analysis of robot manipulators
- design of feedback control laws for **free motion** and **interaction tasks**

## ■ textbook

- B. Siciliano, L. Sciavicco, L. Villani, G. Oriolo: *Robotics: Modelling, Planning and Control*, 3rd Edition, Springer, 2009

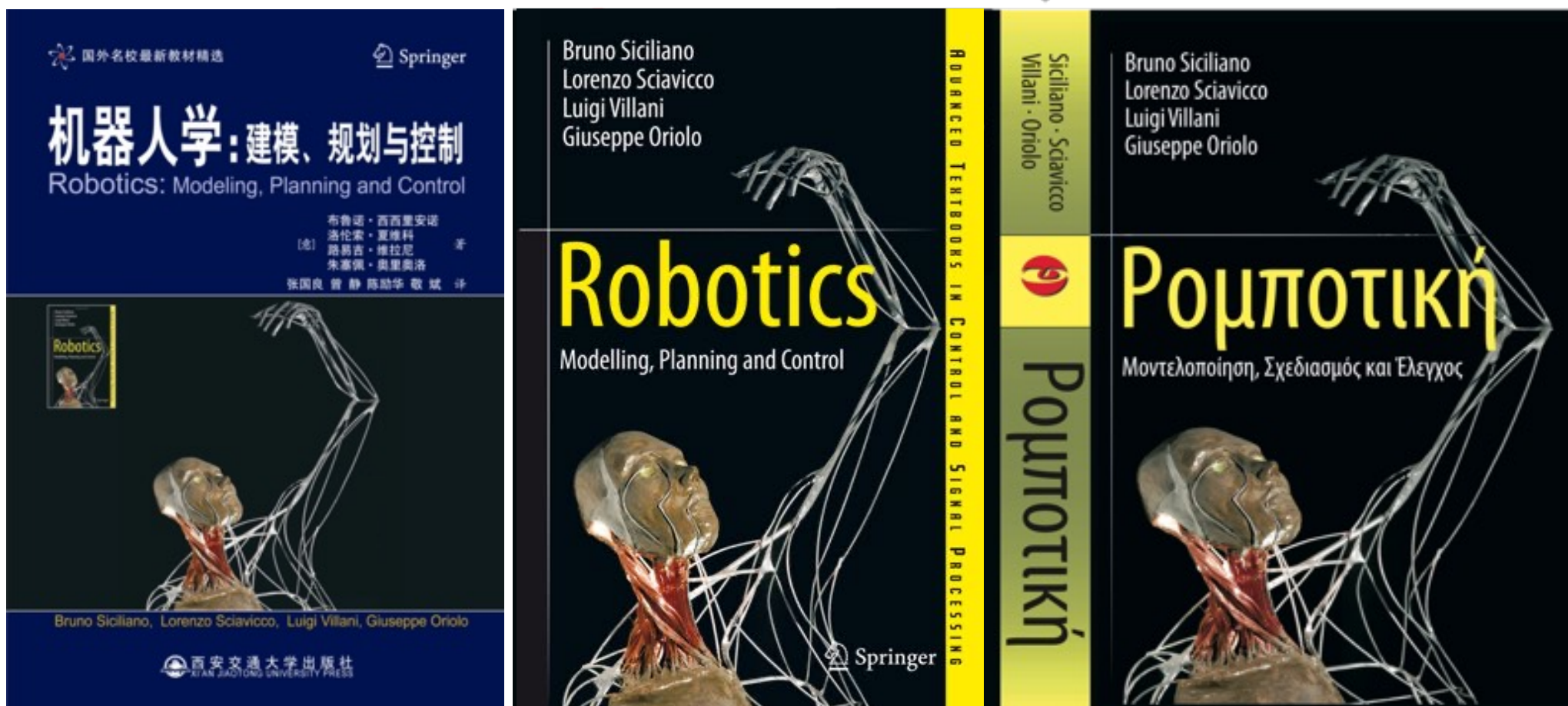
## ■ related courses

- **Autonomous and Mobile Robotics** 1<sup>st</sup> semester of year 2, 6 credits
- **Elective in Robotics** whole year 2, 12 credits (four modules)
  - or **Control Problems in Robotics** 6 credits (two out of four modules)
- **Probabilistic Robotics** 1<sup>st</sup> semester of year 2, 6 credits
- **Medical Robotics** 2<sup>nd</sup> semester of year 2, 6 credits



# An international textbook

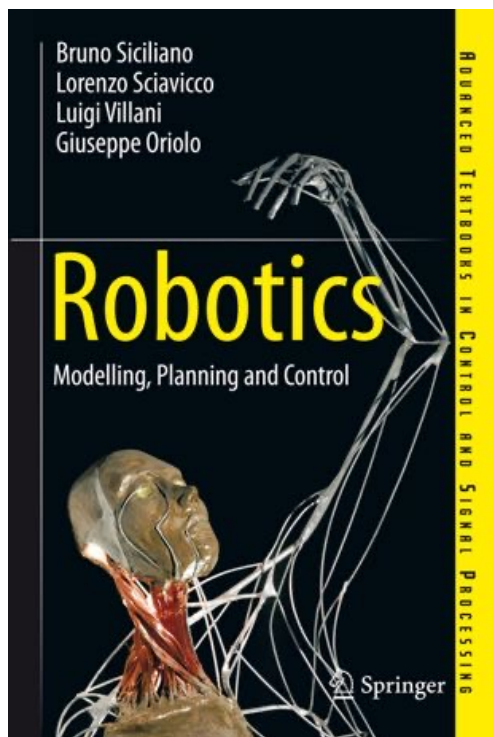
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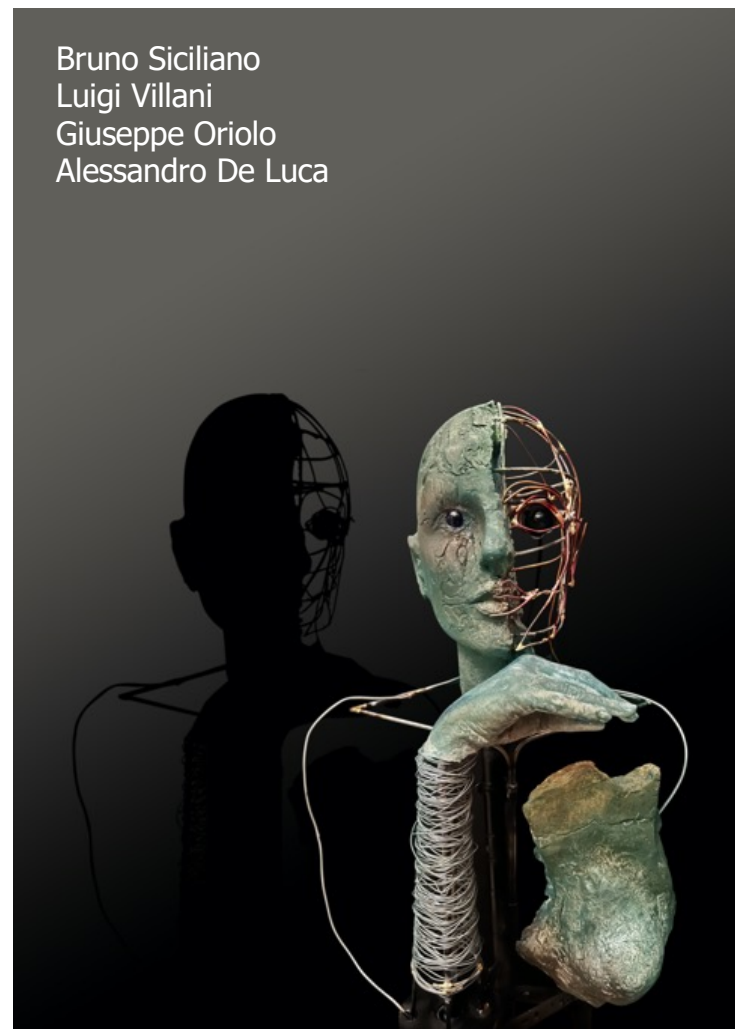


# ... fully revised textbook coming!

B. Siciliano, L. Villani, G. Oriolo, A. De Luca: **Foundations of Robotics**, Springer, to be published **before the end of 2024**



Bruno Siciliano  
Luigi Villani  
Giuseppe Oriolo  
Alessandro De Luca





# Robotics

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- **algorithms for robotics\***
  - process **inputs from sensors** that provide noisy and partial data
  - build **geometric and physical models** of the robot and the world
  - **plan high- and low-level actions** at different time horizons
  - **execute these actions on actuators** with uncertainty/limited precision
- **design & analysis of robot algorithms raise a unique combination of questions from many fields**
  - **control theory**
  - computational geometry and topology
  - **geometrical and physical modeling**
  - reasoning under uncertainty
  - probabilistic algorithms and game theory
  - theoretical computer science

\* = modified from intro to WAFR 2016



# Program - 1

- **advanced kinematics**
  - kinematic calibration
  - kinematic redundancy and related control methods
- **dynamic modeling of manipulators**
  - direct and inverse dynamics
  - Euler-Lagrange formulation
  - Newton-Euler formulation
  - properties of the dynamic model
  - identification of dynamic parameters
  - inclusion of flexibility at the joints
  - inclusion of geometric constraints

all on fixed-base robot manipulators!

**Q:** are redundant robots "special" manipulators?

**Q:** why/when do we need dynamics for robot control?



# Task-related redundancy

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video of ABB robot in laser cutting



6-DOF robot for a 5-dimensional task  
= 1 degree of kinematic redundancy



# Robot dynamics and control

video of Atlas by Boston Dynamics, 2017



<https://youtu.be/fRj34o4hN4I>



# Robot dynamics and control

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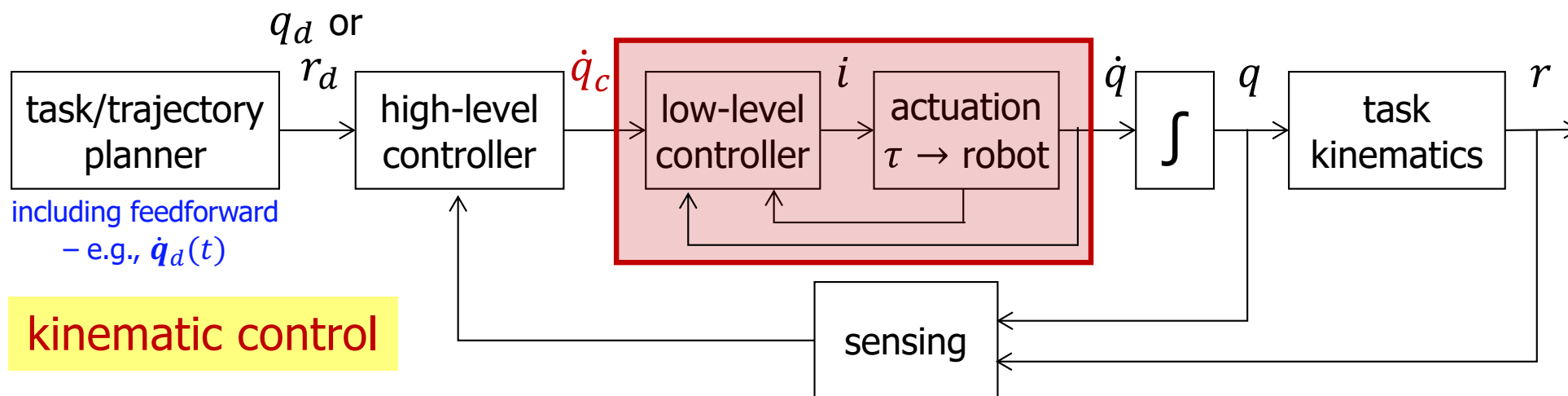
video of WAM by Barrett Technology



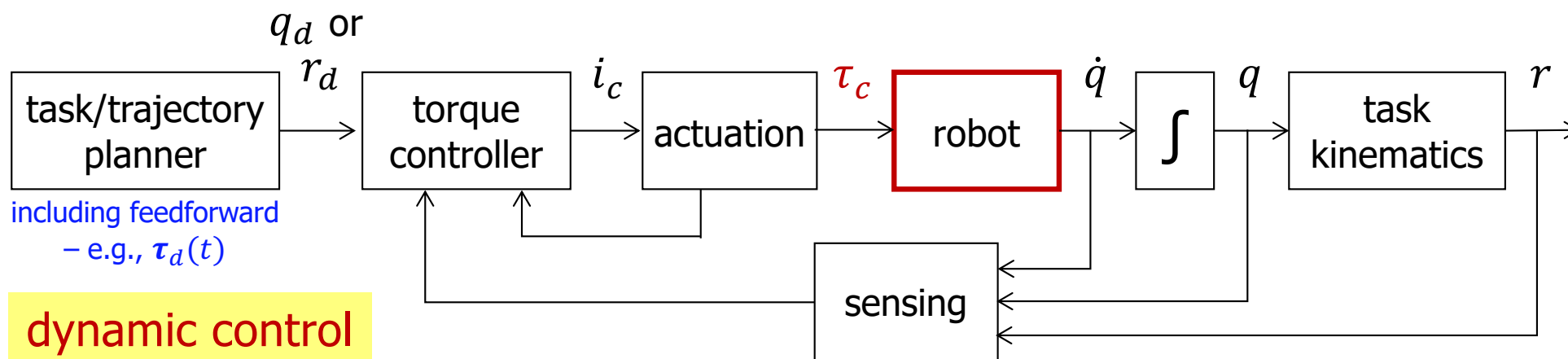
@Ishikawa Lab, Tokyo University, 2012



# Position- vs. torque-controlled robots



... acceleration  $\ddot{q}$ , mass, gravity, inertia, centrifugal forces, friction?



- both modes may be present even in the same robotic system



# Program - 2

## ■ design of feedback control laws

### ■ free motion tasks

#### ■ set-point **regulation**

- PD with gravity cancellation or compensation
- PID or saturated PID
- iterative learning for gravity compensation
- regulation in the Cartesian/task space

#### ■ trajectory **tracking**

- feedback linearization and input-output decoupling
  - in the joint space
  - in the Cartesian/task space
- passivity-based control
- adaptive (and robust) control
- on-line learning

**Q:** why/when is kinematic control not sufficient?

**torque** input commands

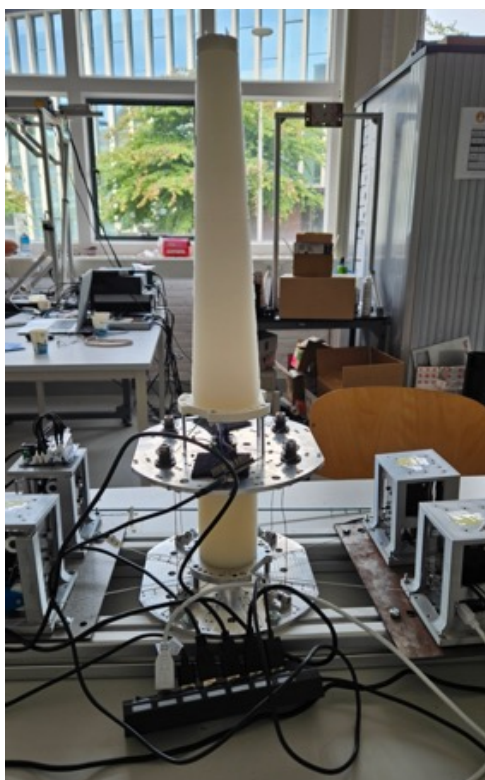


# Iterative learning under gravity

## continuum soft robots

- hard to model:  $\infty$ -dimensional  $\Rightarrow$  PCC (= Piecewise Constant Curvature)
- difficult estimation of the dynamic parameters

video



two-segment prototype @TU Delft



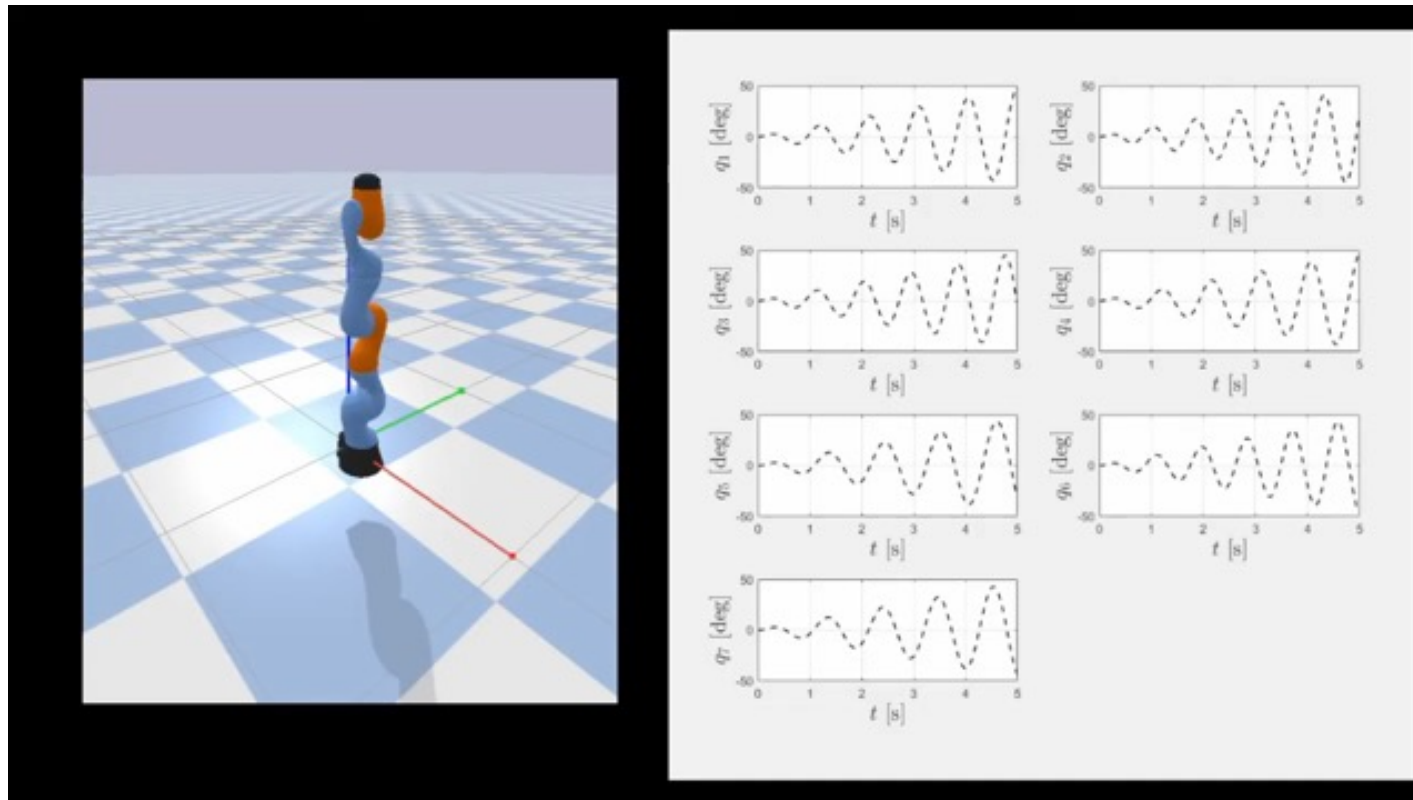
I-RIM 2022 conference

# Feedback linearization and inverse dynamics



## rigid multi-link robots

- use a complete dynamic model, with feedback reaction to tracking errors
- uncertainties handled by off-line identification, on-line adaptation, ...



7R KUKA LWR4+ robot

DEI UniPadova, I-RIM 2020 conference



# Program - 3

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## ■ design of feedback control laws

### ■ interaction tasks with the environment

- compliance/admittance control
- impedance control
- hybrid force/velocity control

### ■ image- and position-based visual servoing

- kinematic control treatment only

## ■ fault diagnosis

- detection and isolation of robot actuator faults
- extension to a class of sensor faults

## ■ simulation tools

- Matlab/Simulink (including Robotics Toolbox)
- CoppeliaSim (formerly V-REP)

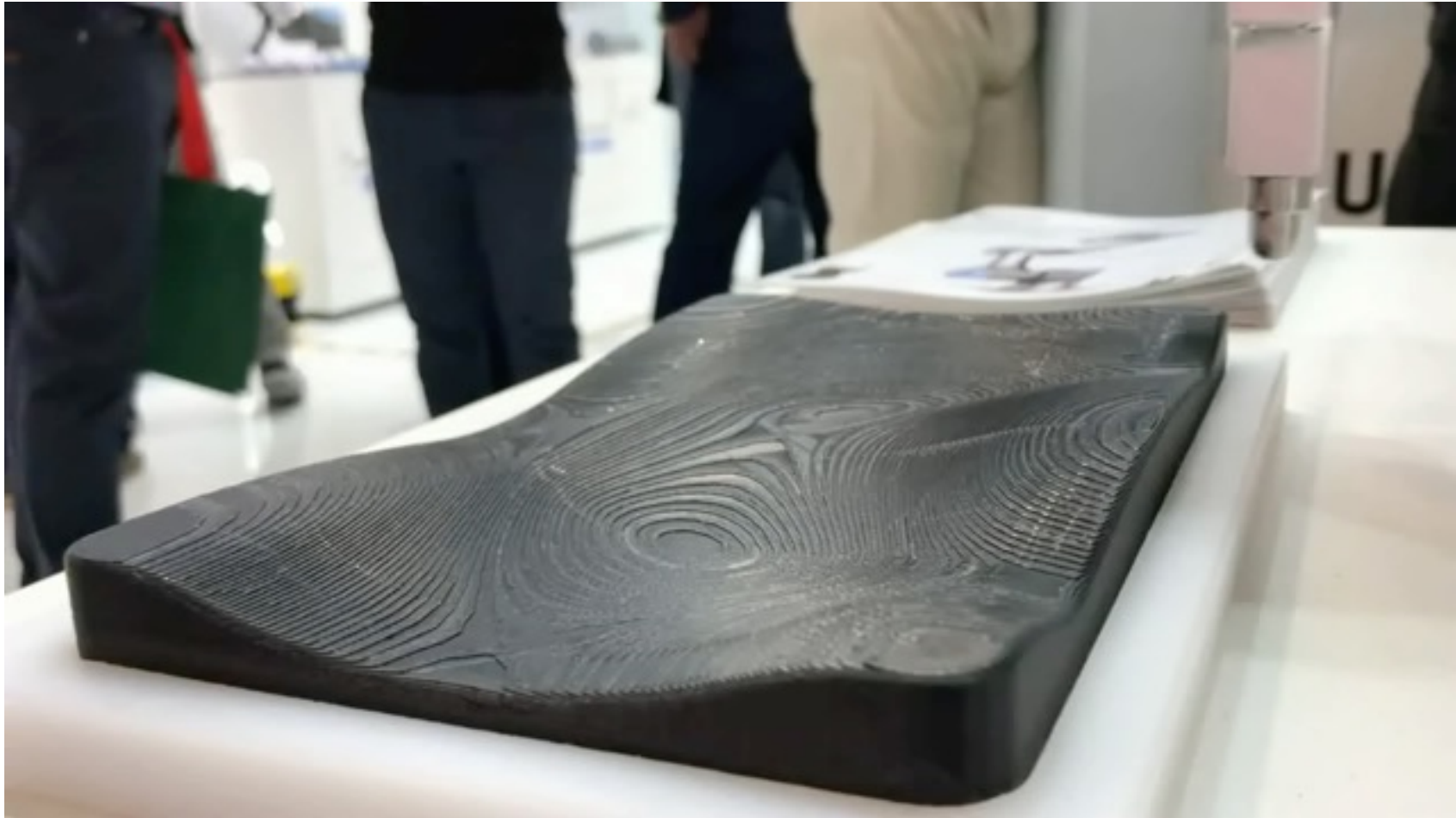
torque input  
commands

Q: why multiple control  
laws for handling the  
interaction?

# Interacting with a rigid, irregular surface



video



which control law is more appropriate? what is the goal?



# Sneak preview of videos follows ...

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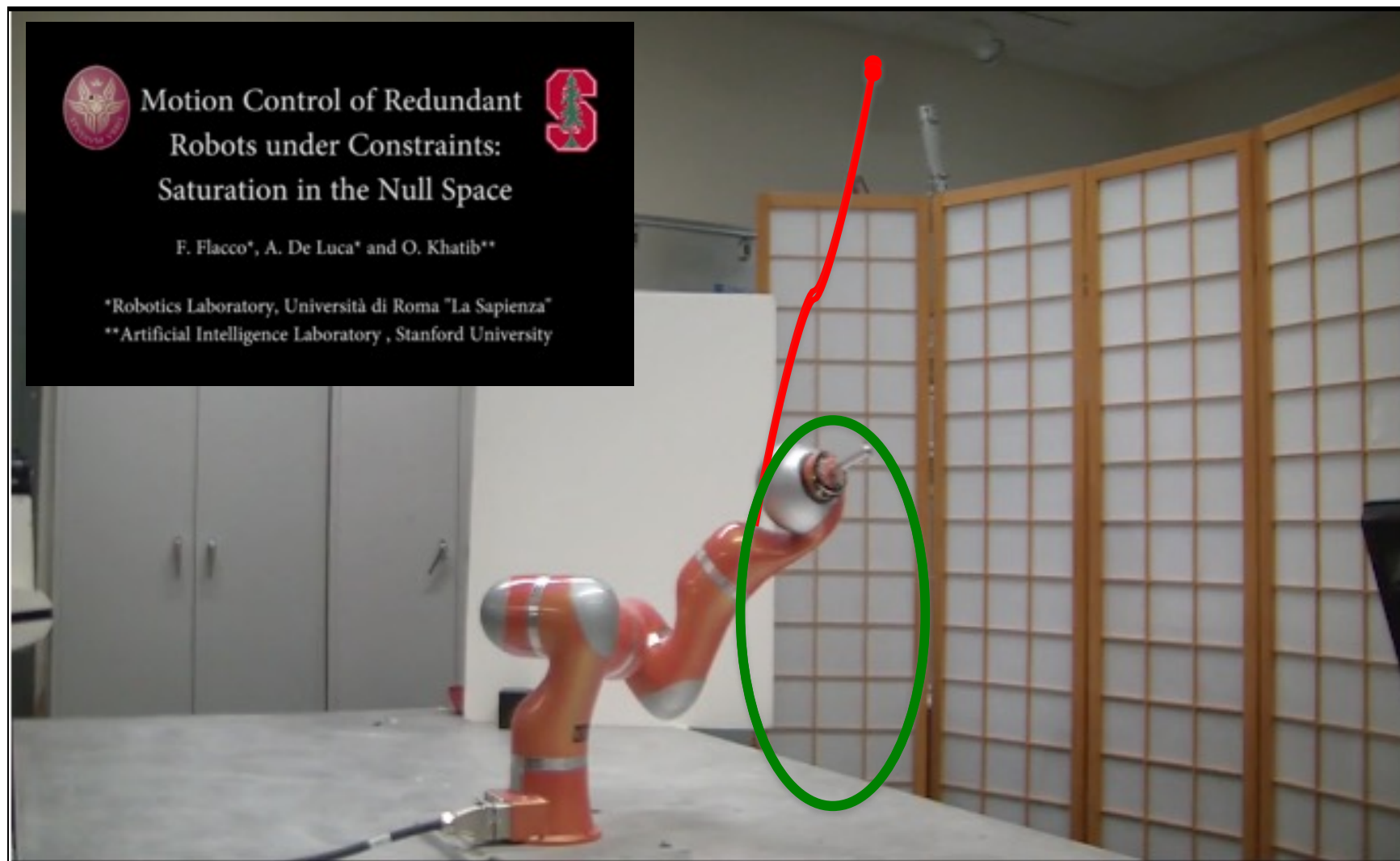


- kinematic redundancy and related control methods
- robot dynamic modeling and identification
- motion control in the presence of joint flexibility
- interaction with the environment: force and motion control



# Kinematic/dynamic control and redundancy

SNS algorithm handles hard bounds on robot motion



KUKA LWR4+ robot

video DIAG Sapienza/Stanford, IEEE ICRA 2012

# Kinematic control and redundancy



(standing) HRP-2 humanoid robot

video @LAAS/CNRS Toulouse

**Hierarchical Quadratic Programming**

A. Escande    N. Mansard    P-B. Wieber  
JRL/CNRS-AIST    LAAS/CNRS    INRIA-Grenoble

Application of the hierarchical solver to the generation of motion  
with the humanoid robot HRP-2

Multimedia Extension #1

**International Journal of Robotics Research**

HQP approach for multiple equality and inequality tasks **with priorities**

# Dynamic modeling and identification



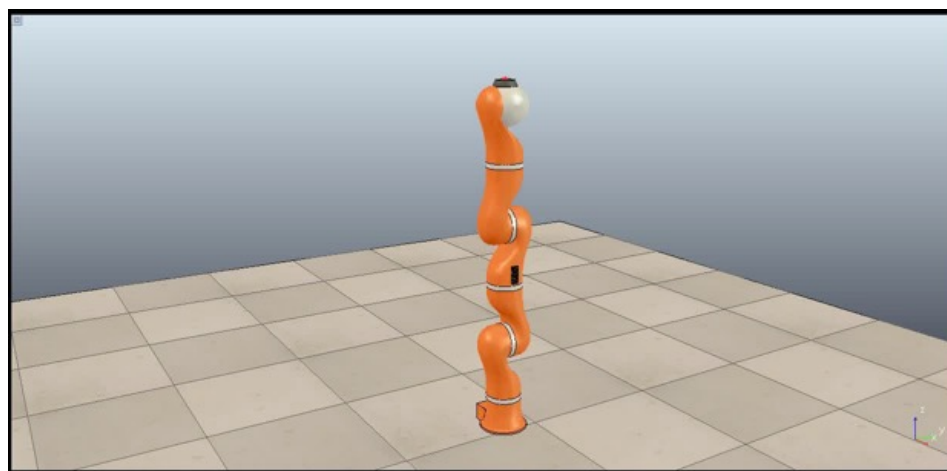
data acquisition  
for identification



2 videos ICRA 2014 @DIAG Robotics Lab

model validation  
by torque prediction

KUKA LWR4+ robot  
with joint torque  
sensing



dynamic  
simulation  
with V-REP

video



# Dynamic modeling and identification

e.g., linear parametrization of gravity term in robot dynamic model

$$\pi_g = \begin{pmatrix} c_{7y}m_7 \\ c_{7x}m_7 \\ c_{6x}m_6 \\ c_{6z}m_6 + c_{7z}m_7 \\ c_{5z}m_5 - c_{6y}m_6 \\ c_{5x}m_5 \\ c_{5y}m_5 + c_{4z}m_4 + d_2(m_5 + m_6 + m_7) \\ c_{4x}m_4 \\ c_{4y}m_4 + c_{3z}m_3 \\ c_{2x}m_2 \\ c_{3x}m_3 \\ c_{2z}m_2 - c_{3y}m_3 + d_1(m_3 + m_4 + m_5 + m_6 + m_7) \end{pmatrix}$$

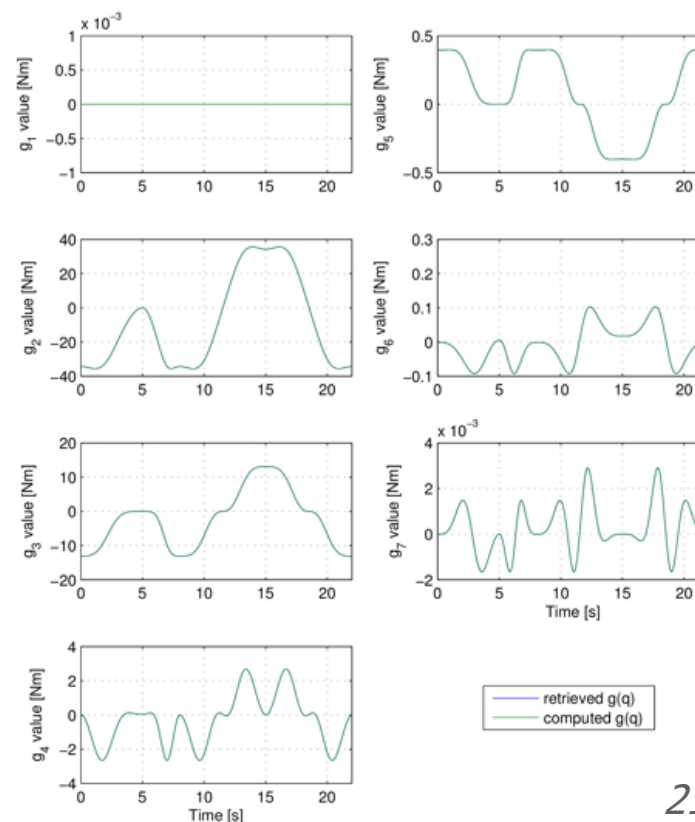
$$g(q) = Y_g(q)\pi_g$$

symbolic expressions of gravity-related dynamic coefficients

$$\hat{\pi}_g = \begin{pmatrix} 9.5457 \times 10^{-4} \\ -2.9826 \times 10^{-4} \\ 8.3524 \times 10^{-4} \\ 0.0286 \\ -0.0407 \\ -6.5637 \times 10^{-4} \\ 1.334 \\ -0.0035 \\ -4.7258 \times 10^{-4} \\ 0.0014 \\ 9.4532 \times 10^{-4} \\ 3.4568 \end{pmatrix}$$

numerical values identified through experiments

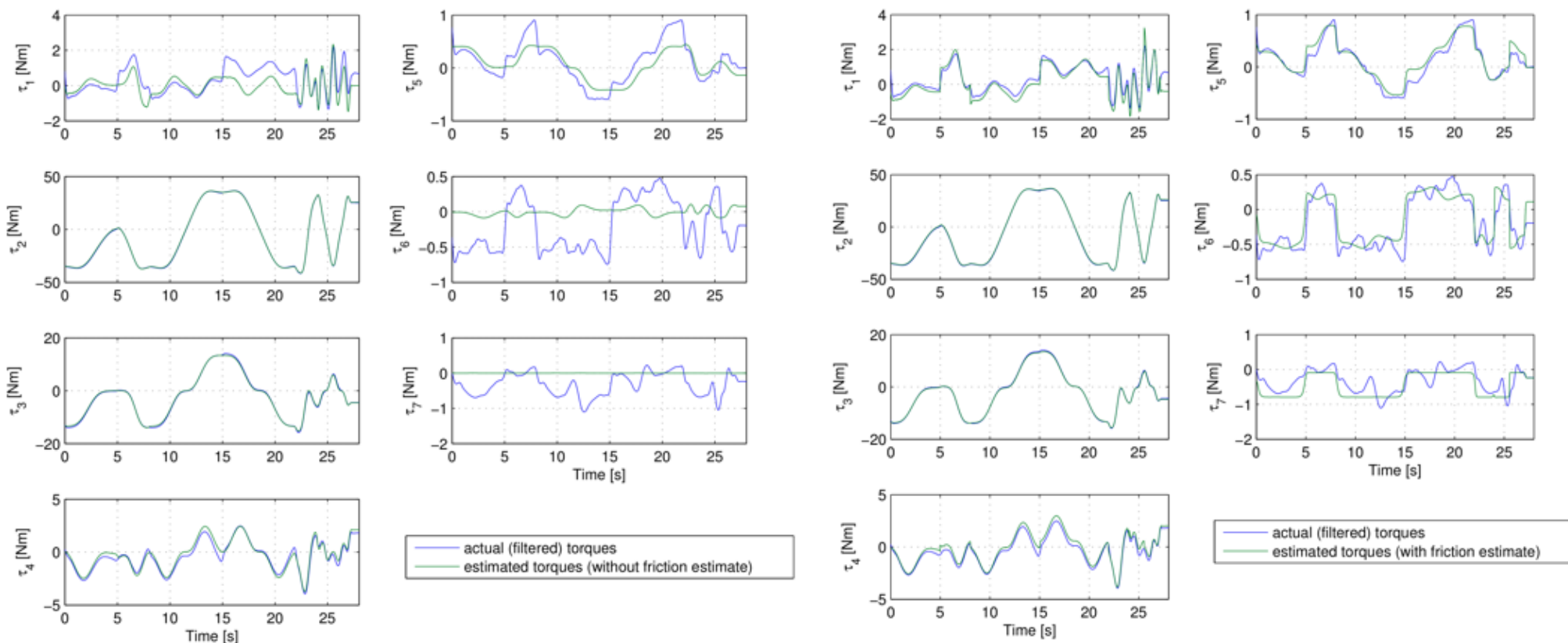
gravity joint torques prediction/evaluation on new validation trajectory



# Dynamic modeling and identification

complete dynamic model estimation vs. joint torque sensor measurement

$$M(q)\ddot{q} + c(q, \dot{q}) + g(q) = \tau - \tau_{friction}$$

$$\tau_{meas}$$


without the use of a joint friction model

including an identified joint friction model

# Motion and interaction control

2 videos @DLR München



**low-damped** oscillations due to flexibility of robot transmissions at the joints (use of Harmonic Drives)

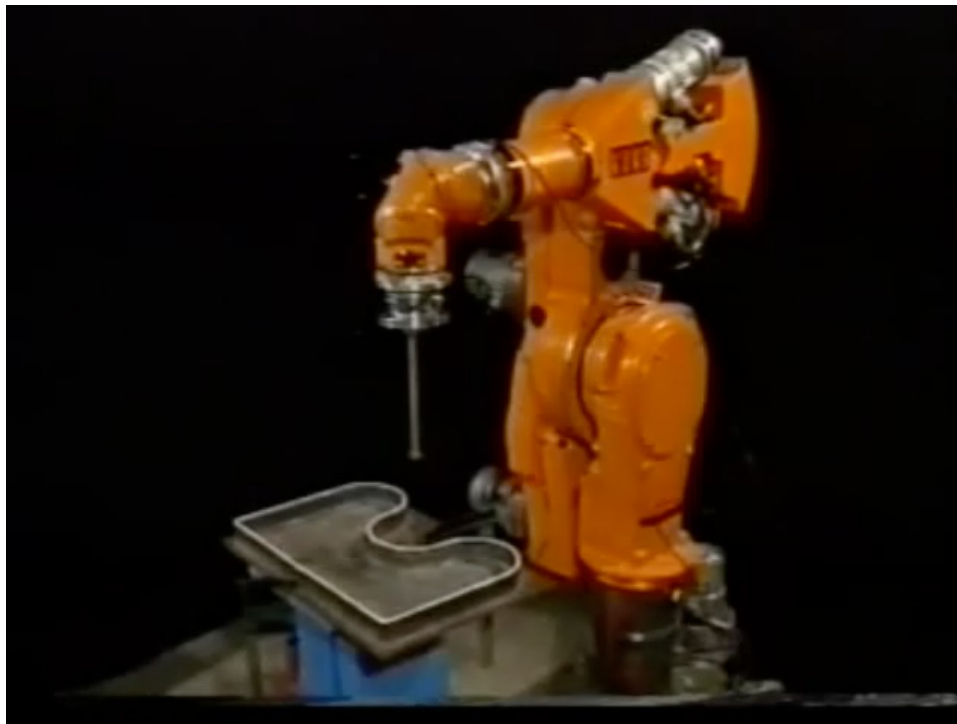


end-effector response to forces with **impedance control** (selective behavior in different directions)



# Control of environment interaction

2 video clips extracted from Springer Handbook of Robotics - Multimedia



surface contour following



peg-in-hole insertion strategy

De Schutter et al @KU Leuven, Belgium (mid '90s)



# Physical human-robot interaction control

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video ICRA 2015 @DIAG Robotics Lab



## **Control of Generalized Contact Motion and Force in Physical Human-Robot Interaction**

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Robotics Lab, DIAG  
Sapienza Università di Roma

September 2014



# Contacts

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- **student hours** Tuesdays 12:00-13:30 (until early June 2024)
  - in presence **A-210**, left wing, floor 2, **DIAG**
  - via Zoom or G-Meet (see [www.diag.uniroma1.it/deluca/Teaching.php](http://www.diag.uniroma1.it/deluca/Teaching.php))
  - send an email for other dates (check also "My travel dates")
- **communication mode**
  - **use** the **G-group** for questions and doubts: everyone would benefit!
  - by mail (personal issues) [deluca@diag.uniroma1.it](mailto:deluca@diag.uniroma1.it)
- **URL** [www.diag.uniroma1.it/deluca](http://www.diag.uniroma1.it/deluca)
- **course material**
  - [www.diag.uniroma1.it/deluca/rob2\\_en.php](http://www.diag.uniroma1.it/deluca/rob2_en.php)
  - pdf of slides, link to video lectures, vides shown in class (zipped), syllabus, written exams (most with solutions), ...
- **research video channel** [www.youtube.com/user/RoboticsLabSapienza](http://www.youtube.com/user/RoboticsLabSapienza)



# Exams and Master Theses

- **type of exam**
  - midterm test **qualifies** for a final project (**OR** as part of the final exam)
  - final written exam **OR** final project + report + oral presentation
- **schedule for academic year 2023-24**
  - **2 sessions** at the end of this semester
    - between June 3 and July 26
  - **1 session** after the summer break
    - between September 2 and 24
  - **2 sessions** at the end of the first semester of next year
    - January and February 2025
  - **book** in infostud (code 1021883) up to **one week before**, only one session is open at a time
  - *2 extra sessions only for students of previous years, part-time, etc.*
    - in **March-April** and **October-November 2024**
- **theses** samples at DIAG Robotics Lab [www.diag.uniroma1.it/labrob](http://www.diag.uniroma1.it/labrob)

to be published by April  
on infostud & course web page