

Structure preserving control: reconciliation of passivity based and feedback linearization approaches

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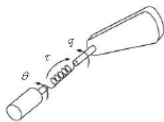


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Nonlinear Control of Flexible Joint Robots



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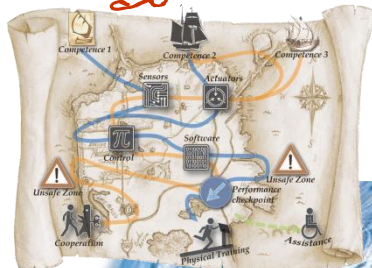


German Helmholtz Humboldt Research Award 2005

The -PH-R- Projects Physical-Human-Robot



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ICRA 2007 Tutorial

Time Schedule

Session 1: 8:30-10:20

Introduction

Dynamic Modeling of Flexible Joint Robots [De Luca]

Regulation Control I PD with/without gravity (compensation),
Torque Feedback, State Feedback [Albu-Schäffer]

Coffee Break: 10:20-10:40

Session 2: 10:40-12:30

Regulation Control II: Compliance Control [Ott]

Observer I: State Observer [De Luca]

Observer II: Disturbance Observer [Albu-Schäffer]

Lunch Break: 12:30-14:00

Session 3: 14:00-15:50

Experiments with the DLR-KUKA arm

Tracking Control I: Singular Perturbation Approach [Albu-Schäffer]

Coffee Break: 15:50-16:10

Session 4: 16:10-18:00

Tracking Control II: Feedback Linearization [De Luca]

Tracking Control III: Decoupling, Backstepping, **"Passivity-Based" Tracking [Ott]**

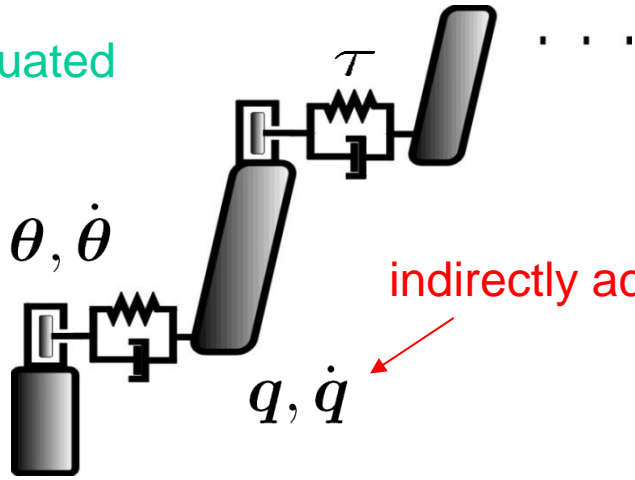
Summary and Discussion

- Modelling
- Position and compliance control
- Collision detection
- Friction Observer and Compensation



Compliant Robots: Under-actuated Systems

Directly actuated



indirectly actuated

full rank – controllable linearization at

$$q = q_d, \dot{q} = 0$$

$$M(q)\ddot{q} + C(q, \dot{q})\dot{q} + \frac{\partial U(q)}{\partial q} = \begin{bmatrix} \tau_m \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

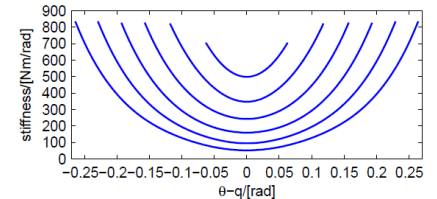
$$U = U_{elastic} + U_{gravity}$$

constant stiffness

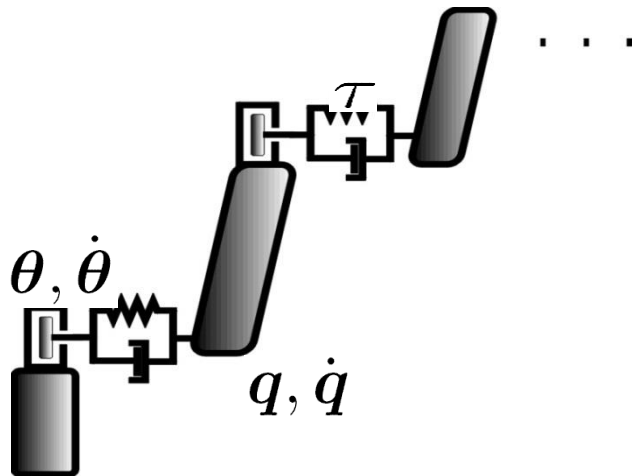
$$\frac{\partial U_{Elastic}(q)}{\partial q} = \tau = K(\theta - q)$$

variable stiffness

$$\frac{\partial U_{Elastic}(q)}{\partial q} = \tau(\theta - q, \sigma)$$



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M nondiagonal (Tomei'91)

$$M(q) = \begin{bmatrix} B & S^T(q) \\ S(q) & M_{L1}(q) \end{bmatrix}$$

Dynamic state feedback linearizable

(De Luca & Lucibello '98,
ICRA Best Paper Award)

M diagonal (Spong'87 simplification)

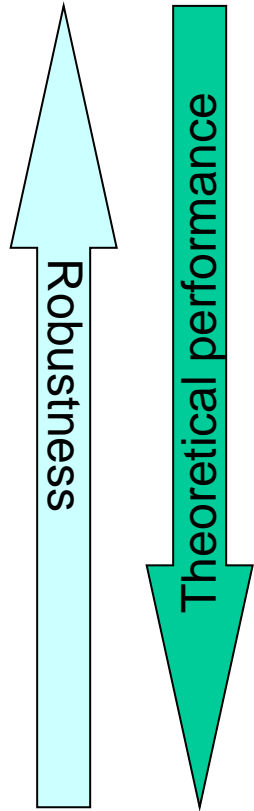
$$M(q) = \begin{bmatrix} B & 0 \\ 0 & M_{L2}(q) \end{bmatrix}$$

static state feedback linearizable

$$\begin{bmatrix} M(q) & 0 \\ 0 & B \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \ddot{q} \\ \ddot{\theta} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} c(q, \dot{q}) \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} g(q) \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \tau \\ -\tau \end{bmatrix} + d(\dot{x}) = \begin{bmatrix} \tau_{ext} \\ \tau_m \end{bmatrix}$$



Some State Feedback Controllers



Regulation (PD + $g(q)$)

g.a.s. for q_d constant

Regulation (full state + $g(q)$)

g.a.s. for q_d constant

Tracking (full state + feedforward)

l.s.

Tracking (passivity based,
backstepping, ...)

g.a.s.

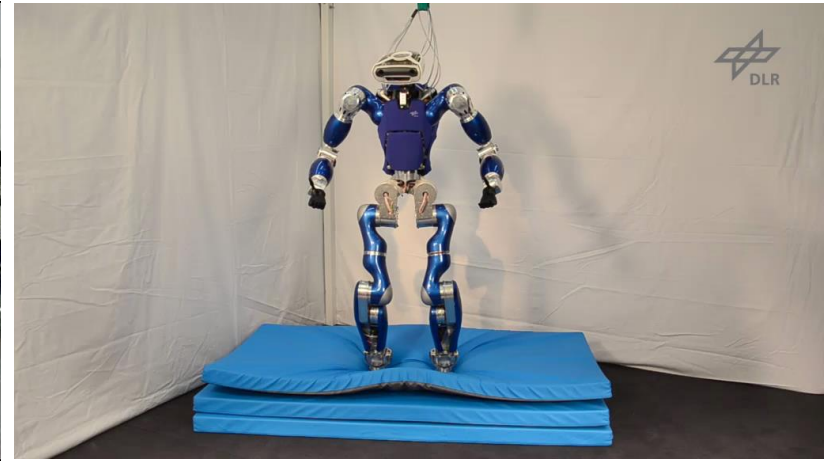
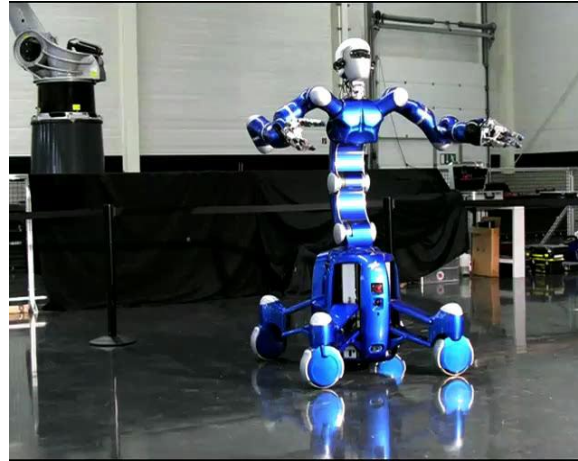
Tracking Computed Torque

g.e.s.
linear, decoupled

state vectors $x_1 = (\theta, \dot{\theta}, q, \dot{q})$
 $x_2 = (\theta, \dot{\theta}, \tau, \dot{\tau})$
 $x_3 = (q, \dot{q}, \ddot{q}, \ddot{\ddot{q}})$



Performance for Torque Controlled Robots



Vibration Damping OFF



Vibration Damping ON

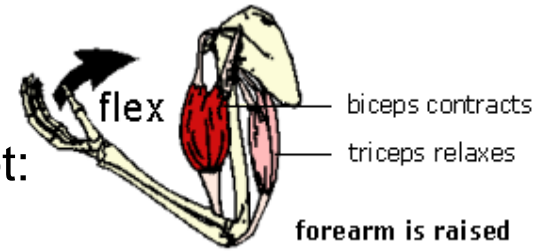


https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z-ho7_sUkp0

Passivity based regulation controllers with feed-forward for tracking perform good enough on torque controlled HD robots



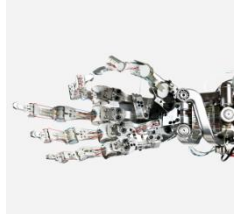
DLR Hand Arm System



Anthropomorphic light weight robot:



- **size, kinematics, force and dynamics** of human arm and hand
- **variable stiffness** in all joints
- *53 degrees of freedom!*
- *106 motors*
- *212 position sensors*



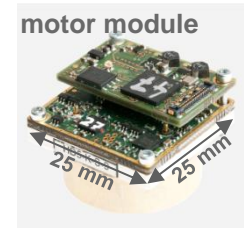
Tendon driven fingers



Antagonistic finger actuation



Variable stiffness arm actuators

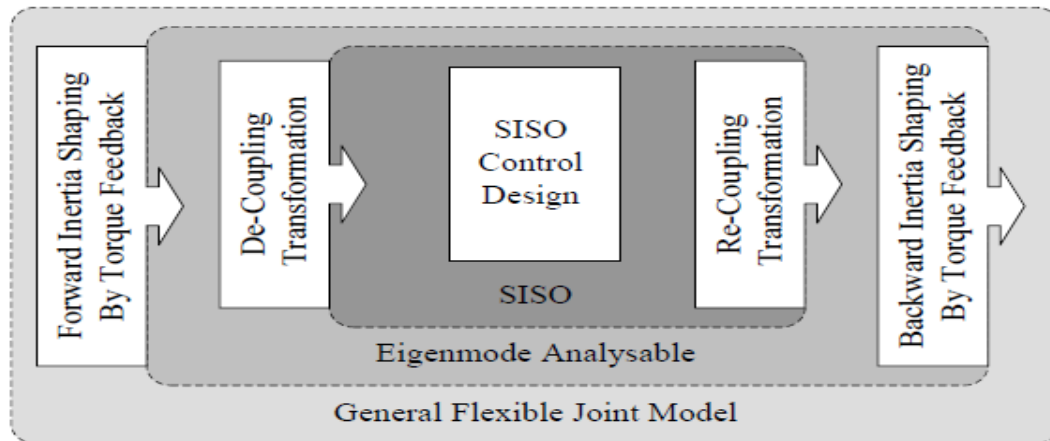


Highly integrated electronics



Decoupling Damping Control in Modal Coordinates

Generalization of passivity based flexible joint concepts to VIA robots



state feedback controller in modal coordinates, with diagonal gain matrices.

$$u = K_P \tilde{\theta} - K_D \dot{\tilde{\theta}} - K_T K^{-1} \tau - K_S K^{-1} \dot{\tau}$$



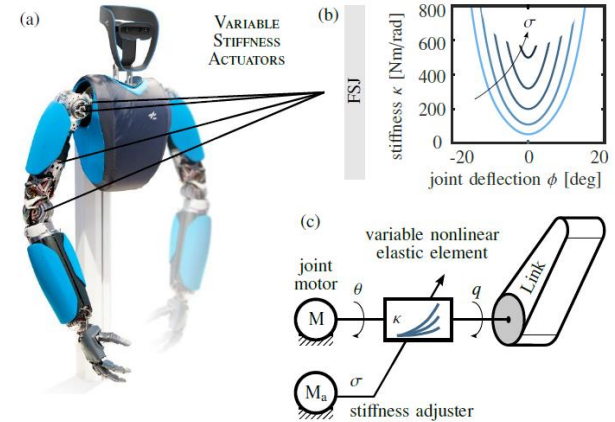
Minimalistic Link Side Damping

- also VIA robots are state feedback linearizable (Spong'87, De Luca '97), however purely Passive controllers come to their limits

Approach:

- Use the linearizability to adjust only those features which really matter
(gravity compensation, damping, TCP-stiffness)
- For practical robustness, change the rest of the dynamics as little as possible!!!

So it's all about how to design the desired closed-loop dynamics!

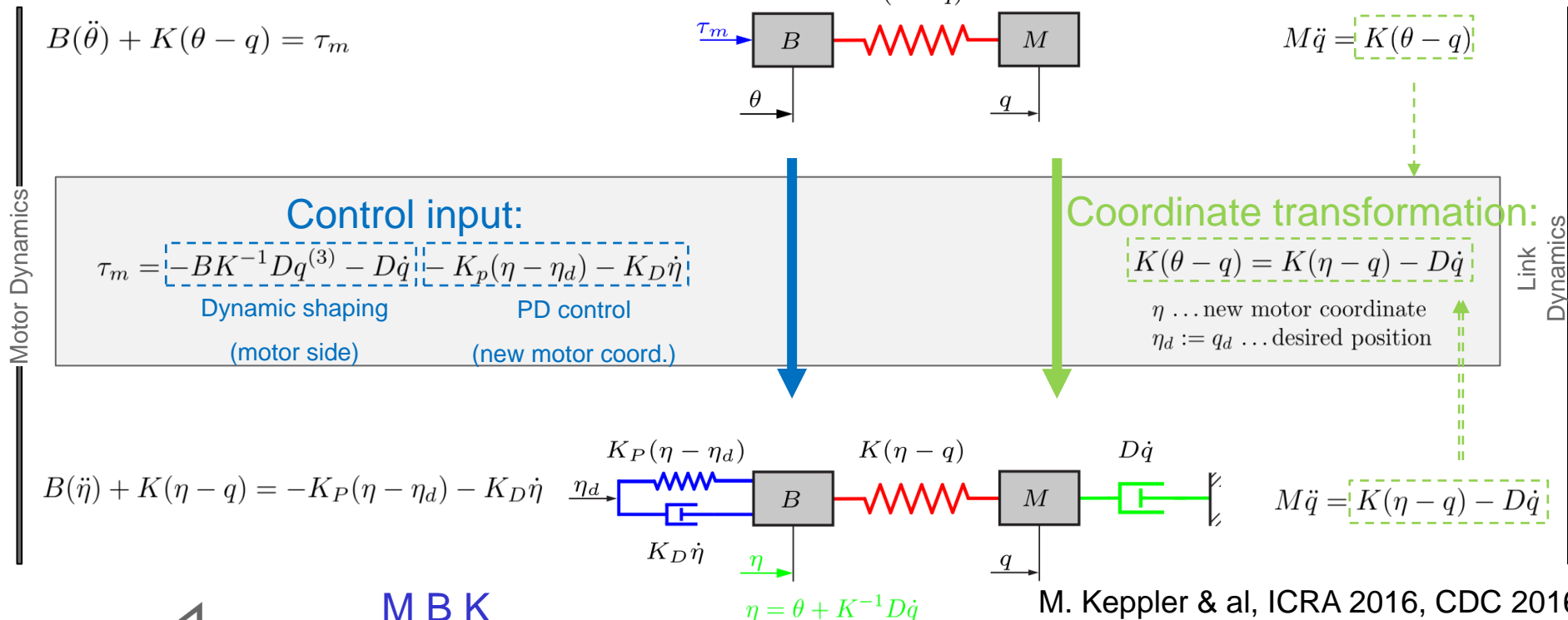


Ott Springer 2008
De Luca & Flacco, CDC2010



Elastic Structure Preserving Control (ESP)

Achieve active damping by changing the plant properties as little as possible



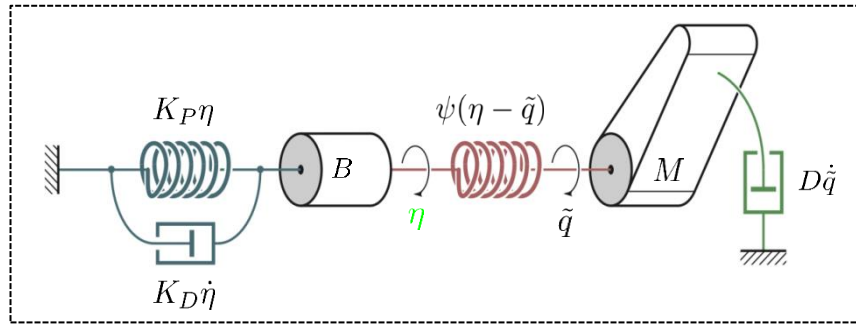
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M. Keppler & al, ICRA 2016, CDC 2016



Stability and Passivity Analysis

- Non-autonomous system: $\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{f}(t, \mathbf{x})$



$$M(t, \tilde{q})\ddot{\tilde{q}} + C(t, \tilde{q}, \dot{\tilde{q}})\dot{\tilde{q}} = \psi(\eta - \tilde{q}) - D\dot{\tilde{q}} + \tau_{ext}$$

$$B\ddot{\eta} + \psi(\eta - \tilde{q}) = -K_P\eta - K_D\dot{\eta}$$

- Passivity of closed-loop system ($\dot{\tilde{q}}^T \tau_{ext}$)

$$S(t, \eta, \dot{\eta}, \tilde{q}, \dot{\tilde{q}}) := \frac{1}{2} \left(\dot{\tilde{q}}^T M \dot{\tilde{q}} + \dot{\eta}^T B \dot{\eta} + \eta^T K_P \eta \right) + U_s(\eta - \tilde{q})$$

- Global uniform asymptotic stability (Matrosov)

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \tilde{q}(t) = \mathbf{0}$$

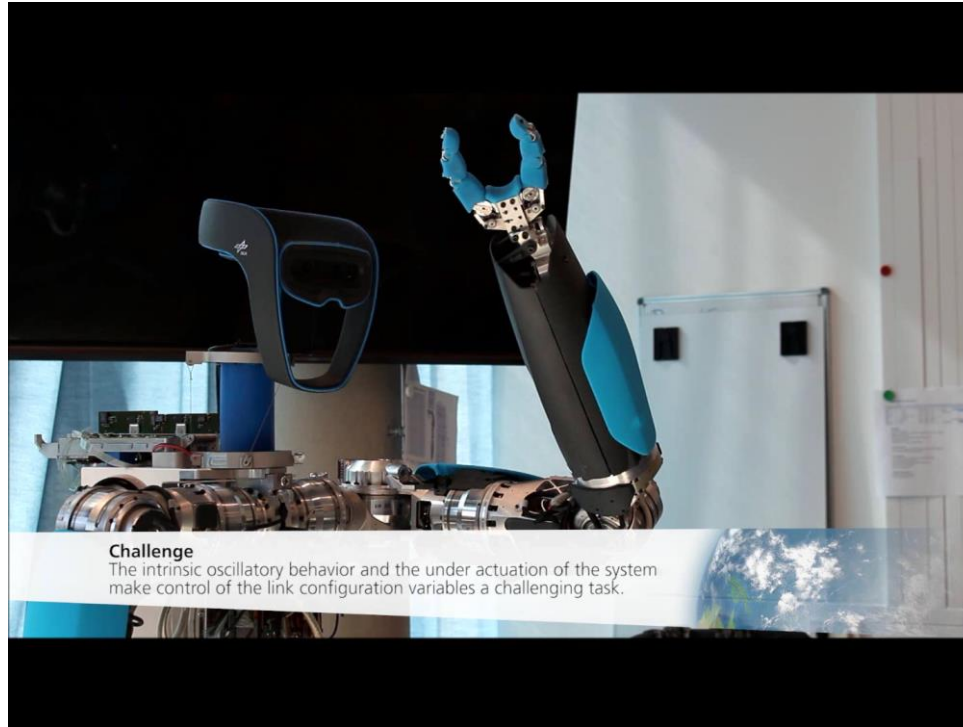
$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \eta(t) = 0$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \dot{\tilde{q}}(t) = \mathbf{0}$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \dot{\eta}(t) = 0$$



Active Link Side Damping, no Inertia and Stiffness Change



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PATvv47QfQs>



Exploiting Elasticity for Robustness: Hammer-Drilling in a Concrete Plate



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JVdufPRK4NI&t=6s>



Why Does it Work Better – a Discussion?

$$M_{min} = 0.01 \text{ kg m}^2 \quad M_{max} = 1.1 \text{ kg m}^2$$

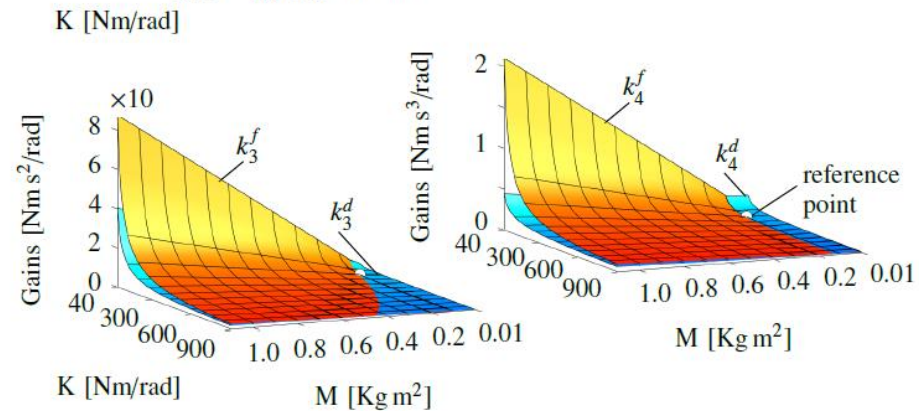
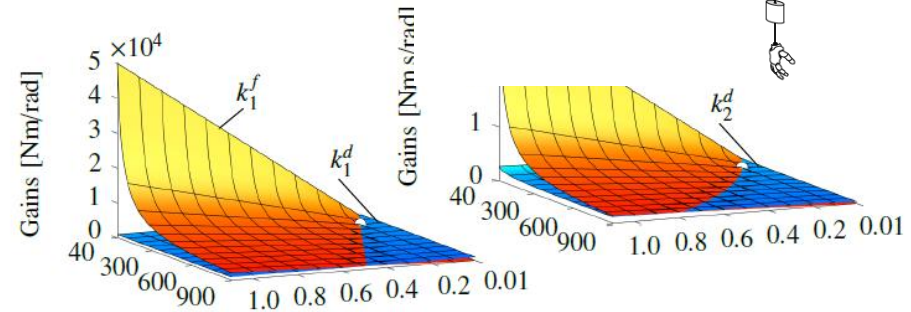
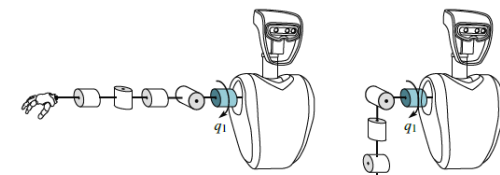
$$K_{min} = 40 \text{ Nm rad}^{-1} \quad K_{max} = 900 \text{ Nm rad}^{-1}$$

$$\mathbf{x} = [q \quad \dot{q} \quad \ddot{q} \quad q^{(3)}]$$

Comparison of gains for feedback linearization with

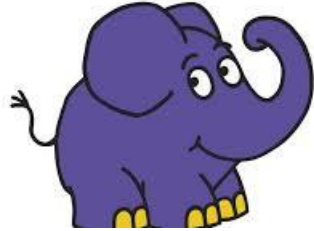
- **decoupled, constant error dynamics**
- **structure preserving error dynamics**

In practice, gains are limited by unmodelled dynamics, actuator saturation, discretization,...



Conclusion

- Robot control had a tremendous development over the last decades ...
We even can in principle control an elephant to jump like a flea



- However, with age, one learns that sometimes less is more ...

Formalizing this concept for nonlinear systems would be a nice **joint challenge** for the next future!

Happy Anniversary Alessandro !!!

