



# Modelica-Based Control of a Delta Robot

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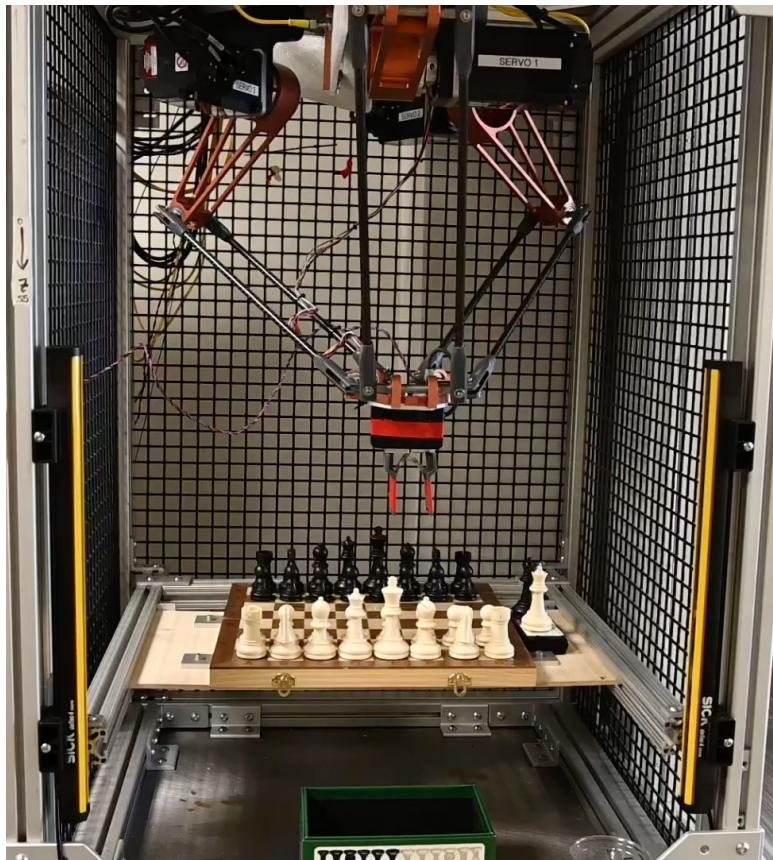
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Kamaji  
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## Outline - 2 Related Topics

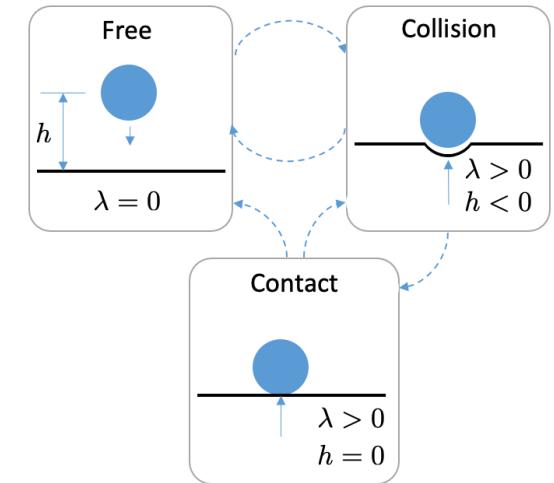
**Topic 1:**  
**Modeling & Control of Kamaji**



**Goal:**  
**Object Manipulation → Assembly**

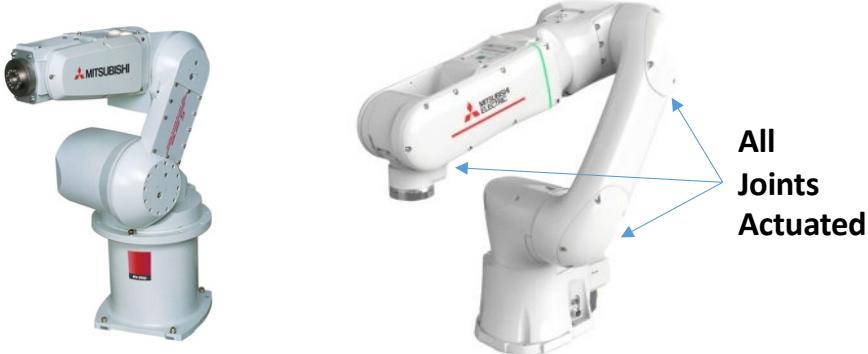


**Topic 2:**  
**Modeling & Control of Contact & Collisions**



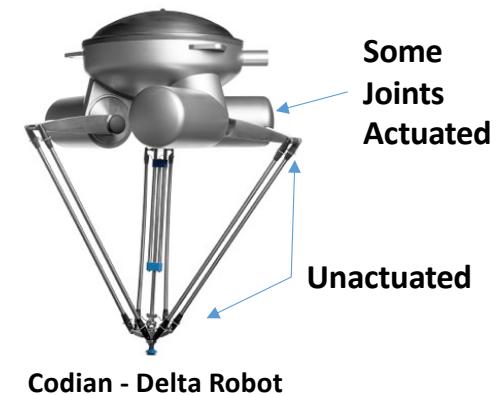
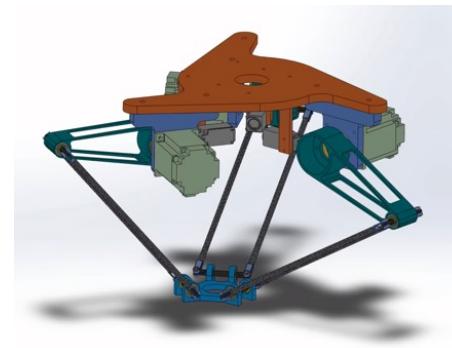
# Serial-Link Vs. Delta Robots – Mechanical Design

## Serial Link Robotic Manipulators



- Open Chain
- High Mass, High Inertia
- Geared Joints → High Friction
- High Impedance – Stiff
- Coupled Force / Torque
- High Precision Mechanical Position Control
- **High Joint & Link Bending**
- Larger work volume
- Many big parts → More expensive
- **Pick and Place, Assembly Applications**

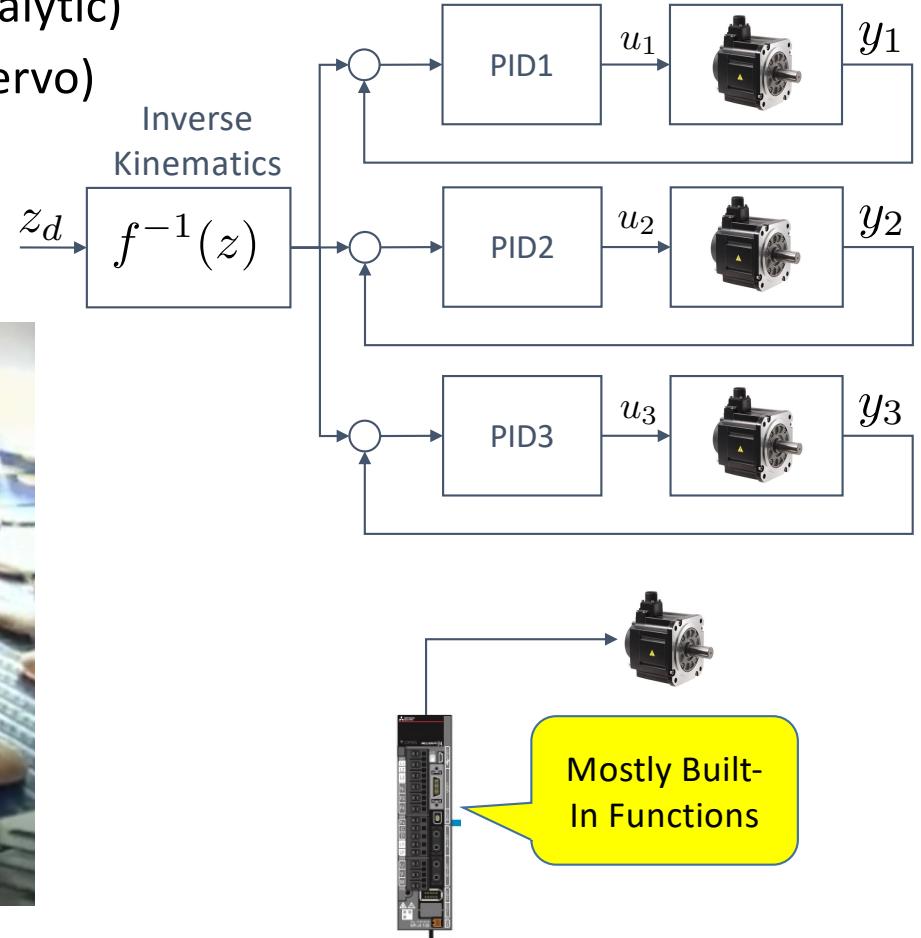
## Closed-Chain Robotic Manipulators



- Complex Closed Chain
- Low Mass, Low Inertia
- Kamaji has Direct Drive → Low Friction
- Low Impedance – Soft
- Decoupled Force / Torque
- High Precision Mechanical Position Control
- **Low Joint & Link Bending**
- Smaller work volume
- Fewer, simple parts (symmetry) → Less expensive
- **Pick and Place Applications**

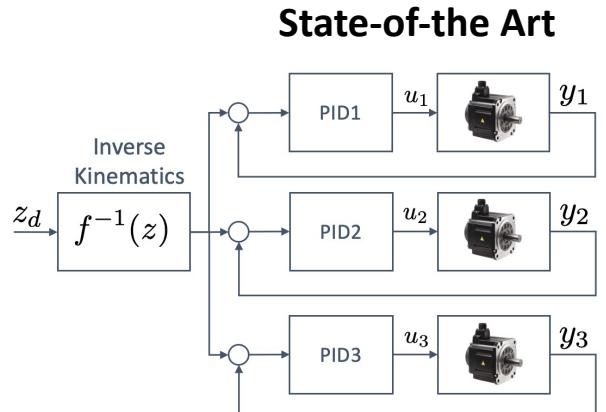
# Industrial Delta Robot Used for Pick and Place Operations

- Trajectory computed by inverse kinematics (analytic)
- High-gain PID on each servomotor (built into servo)
- Simple and fast, but...
- Robot is very stiff. No good for contact.

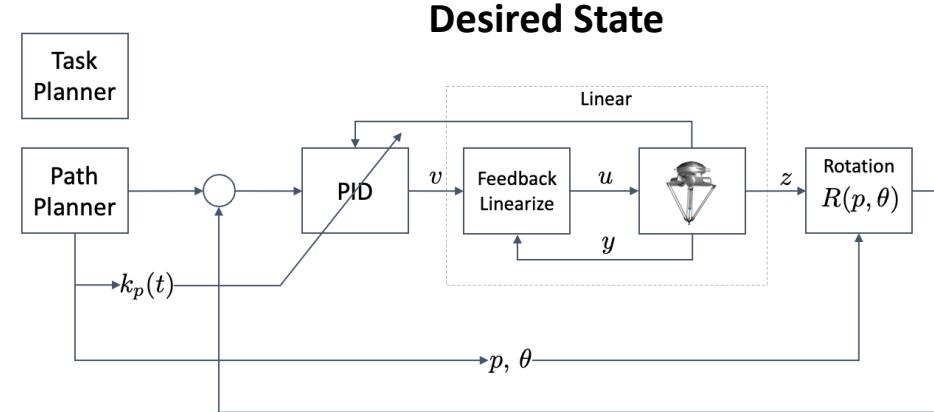


# Research Objectives

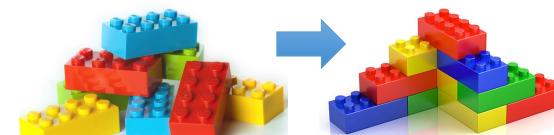
- Delta Advantages – Simple, Precise, **Low Mass, Fast**, Decoupled.
- Desired Use – Assembly. Collisions and contact. Need nonlinear control & programmable impedance (**soft**).
- **How do we control the robot trajectory and its impedance to assemble something, robustly?**
- **How do we avoid switching among hybrid modes of operation (position, velocity, force etc.)?**



Pick & Place Applications

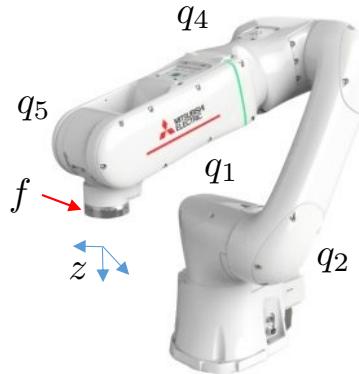


Assembly Problems



# Serial-Link versus Delta Robot – Kinematics, Dynamics

## Open Chain – Conventional Calculations



$q \in \mathcal{R}^5$  Joint Angles  
 $y = q$  Measurements  
 $u \in \mathcal{R}^5$  Inputs (Co-located)  
 $z \in \mathcal{R}^3$  End effector

### Forward Kinematics – Explicit (analytic, closed-form)

$$z = F(q)$$

### Inverse Kinematics – Implicit (no closed-form)

$$q = F^{-1}(z)$$

### Jacobian – Explicit (analytic closed form)

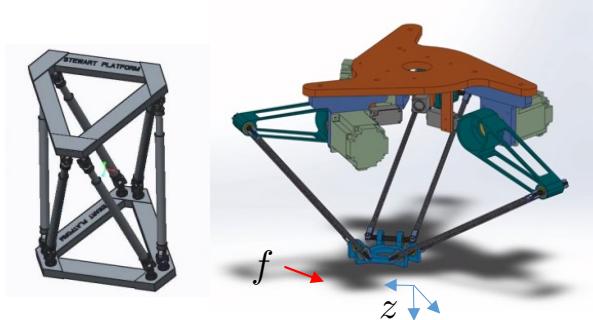
$$J(q) = \frac{\partial F(q)}{\partial q} \quad \rightarrow \quad \tau = J^T(q)f$$

### Dynamics – ODE (all analytic, closed-form)

$$M(q)\ddot{v} + C(q, v) + D(v) + G(q) = u + \tau$$

## Closed Kinematic Chain → Kinematics, Dynamics

A little more work....



$q \in \mathcal{R}^9$  Joint Angles  
 $y \in \mathcal{R}^3$  Measurements  
 $u \in \mathcal{R}^3$  Inputs

### Forward Kinematics – Implicit (no closed-form)

$$F(q, z) = 0 \quad (6 \text{ equations, 6 unknowns, solved numerically})$$

### Inverse Kinematics – Explicit (closed-form)

$$q = F^{-1}(z)$$

### TWO Jacobians

$$J_c = \frac{\partial F(y)}{\partial y} \quad (\text{Implicit. For control}) \quad J_v = \frac{\partial F(q)}{\partial q} \quad (\text{Explicit. For simulation})$$

### Dynamics – Explicit if DAE

$$M(q)\ddot{q} + C(q, \dot{q}) + D(\dot{q}) + G(q) = \lambda^T H(q) + Bu$$

$$h(q) = 0$$

# Delta Robot Differential-Algebraic Model (2018)

- Forward Kinematics of each arm...

$$\psi(q_i) = \begin{bmatrix} l_2 \sin(q_{i2}) \sin(q_{i3}) \\ l_1 \cos(q_{i1}) + l_2 \cos(q_{i2}) \\ l_1 \sin(q_{i1}) + l_2 \sin(q_{i2}) \cos(q_{i3}) \end{bmatrix}$$

Arm 1:  $q_1 = [q_{11}, q_{12}, q_{13}]^T$   
 Arm 2:  $q_2 = [q_{21}, q_{22}, q_{23}]^T$   
 Arm 3:  $q_3 = [q_{31}, q_{32}, q_{33}]^T$

- Constraint at wrist flange (6 equations)...

$$h(q) = \begin{bmatrix} \psi(q_1) - R_z(2\pi/3) \cdot \psi(q_2) \\ \psi(q_1) - R_z(-2\pi/3) \cdot \psi(q_3) \end{bmatrix} \quad h(q) : \mathcal{R}^9 \rightarrow \mathcal{R}^6$$

- Dynamics for each arm (conventional)...

$$m(q_i)\dot{v}_i + c(q_i, v_i) + g(q_i) = bu_i \quad b = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$m(q_i)$  inertia       $c(q_i, v_i)$  centripetal Coriolis       $g(q_i)$  gravity       $bu_i$  Motor torque

- Robot Dynamics...Index 3 DAE

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{q} &= v \\ M(q)\dot{v} + C(q, v) + G(q) &= \lambda^T H(q) + Bu \\ h(q) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

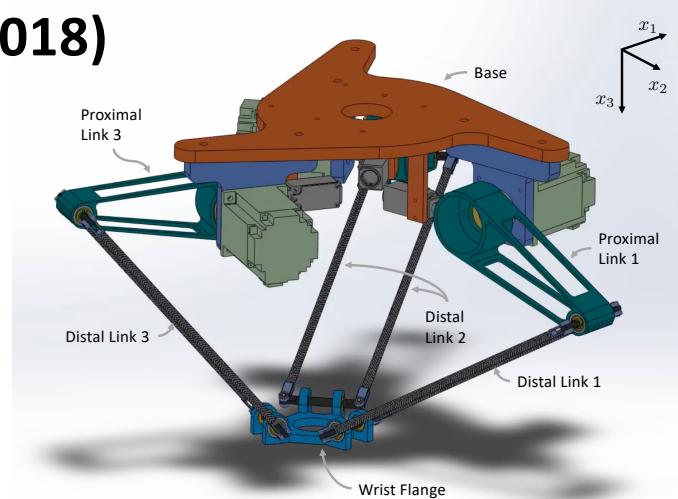
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- Robot Dynamics ... Index 1 DAE

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{q} &= v \\ M(q)\dot{v} + C(q, v) + G(q) &= \lambda^T H(q) + Bu \\ h''(q, v, \lambda) + \alpha_1 h'(q, v) + \alpha_0 h(q) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

- 24 equations, 24 states  $(q, v, \lambda)$

$$\begin{aligned} M(q) &= \text{diag}(m(q_1), m(q_2), m(q_3)) \in \mathbb{R}^{9 \times 9}, \\ C(q, v) &= \text{diag}(c(q_1, v_1), c(q_2, v_2), c(q_3, v_3)) \in \mathbb{R}^9, \\ G(q) &= \text{diag}(g(q_1), g(q_2), g(q_3)) \in \mathbb{R}^9, \\ B &= \text{diag}(b, b, b) \in \mathbb{R}^{9 \times 3}. \end{aligned}$$



# Delta Robot “Virtual” Jacobian for Simulation

- **Robot Dynamics (3) ...**

$$\dot{q} = v \quad H = \frac{\partial h}{\partial q}$$

$$M(q)\ddot{v} + C(q, v) + D(v) + G(q) = H^T(q)\lambda + B(u + \tau_u) + \tau_v$$

$$\ddot{h}(q, v, \dot{v}) + \alpha_1 \dot{h}(q, v) + \alpha_0 h(q) = 0$$

- **Location of wrist flange as function of  $q$  ...**

$$z = \psi(q_1) = \begin{bmatrix} l_2 \sin(q_{12}) \sin(q_{13}) \\ l_0 - l_3 + l_1 \cos(q_{11}) + l_2 \cos(q_{12}) \\ l_1 \sin(q_{11}) + l_2 \sin(q_{12}) \cos(q_{13}), \end{bmatrix}$$

$$z = R_2 \psi(q_2)$$

$$z = R_3 \psi(q_3)$$

Forward kinematics of Arm 1

... and Arm 2  
and Arm 3

$$\tau_v = J_v^T(q) \cdot f$$

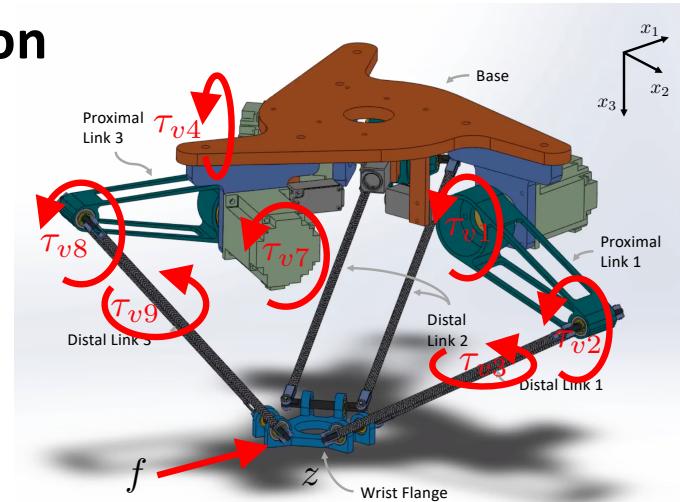
- **Sum and divide by 3 (not unique)...**

$$z = (\psi(q_1) + R_2 \psi(q_2) + R_3 \psi(q_3)) / 3$$

- **Compute Jacobian ...**

$$J_v(q) = \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial q}(q_1) & R_2 \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial q}(q_2) & R_3 \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial q}(q_3) \end{bmatrix}$$

- **Closed-form, analytic formula. Use in simulations with (3)**



# Delta Robot “Control” Jacobian

- **Robot Dynamics (DAE)...**

$$\dot{q} = v \quad H = \frac{\partial h}{\partial q}$$

$$M(q)\ddot{v} + C(q, v) + D(v) + G(q) = H^T(q)\lambda + B(u + \tau_u) + \tau_v$$

$$\ddot{h}(q, v, \dot{v}) + \alpha_1 \dot{h}(q, v) + \alpha_0 h(q) = 0$$

Matched with  $u$

$$\tau_u = J_c^T(y) \cdot f$$

- **Constraint at wrist flange (6 equations, 3 measured, 3 unmeasured variables)...**

$$h(q) = \begin{bmatrix} \psi(q_1) - R_2 \psi(q_2) \\ \psi(q_1) - R_3 \psi(q_3) \end{bmatrix} = 0 \quad y = [q_{11} \ q_{21} \ q_{31}]^T \leftarrow \text{Measured}$$

$$x = [q_{12} \ q_{13} \ q_{22} \ q_{23} \ q_{32} \ q_{33}]^T \leftarrow \text{Not Measured}$$

- **Forward kinematics computed algorithmically by solving  $h(x, y) = 0$ .**

$$\frac{\partial h}{\partial x}(x_k, y) \cdot (x_{k+1} - x_k) = -h(x_k, y)$$

Note:  $\left(\frac{\partial h}{\partial x}\right)^{-1}$  is computed here.

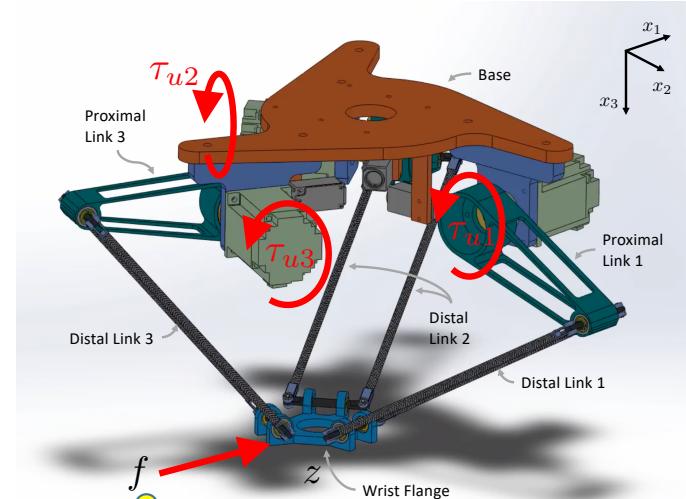
- **Implicit function theorem, there exists  $g: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^6$  such that  $h(g(y), y) = 0$**

- **Control Jacobian is**

$$J_c(y) = \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial x} \cdot \frac{\partial g}{\partial y} + \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial y}$$

Computed numerically.

where  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} z = \Psi(x, y) = \psi(y_1, x_1, x_2) \\ \frac{\partial g}{\partial y} = -\left(\frac{\partial h}{\partial x}\right)^{-1} \cdot \frac{\partial h}{\partial y} \\ h(x, y) = \begin{bmatrix} \psi(y_1, x_1, x_2) - R_2 \psi(y_2, x_3, x_4) \\ \psi(y_1, x_1, x_2) - R_3 \psi(y_3, x_5, x_6) \end{bmatrix} \end{array} \right.$



$J_c^T(y)$  is useful in control algorithms, but should not be used to simulate the effect of  $f$  on the robot, because it is computed algorithmically.

# Modelica Realization of the DAE Model

Declare 3 arms  
 $\dot{q}_i = v_i$

$$m(q_i)\ddot{q}_i + c(q_i, v_i) + g(q_i) = b\tau$$

Declare Lagrange Multiplier

Declare Constraint

Constant Rotation Matrices

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{q} &= v \\ M(q)\ddot{v} + C(q, v) + D(v) + G(q) &= H^T(q)\lambda + B(u + \tau_u) + \tau_v \\ \ddot{h}(q, v, \dot{v}) + \alpha_1 h(q, v) + \alpha_0 h(q) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Servo Angle Measurements  $y, \dot{y}$

Virtual Jacobian  $J_v$

Wrist Flange location  $z, \dot{z}$

## model deltaRobotLagrange

```
Arms.deltaRobotArmLagrange arm1, arm2, arm3;
Real lambda[6]; // Lagrange multiplier
Real h0[6], h1[6], h2[6];
Input Real u[3], f[3]; // torque inputs, force inputs
parameter Real POLE = 5.0;

constant Real Rot2[3,3] = Utilities.RotZ(2.0*PI/3.0);
constant Real Rot3[3,3] = Utilities.RotZ(-2.0*PI/3.0);
constant Real B[3] = {1, 0, 0}; // input torque vector
```

## equation

```
arm1.tau = transpose(arm1.dh) * lambda[1:3] + transpose(arm1.dh) * lambda[4:6] + transpose(dz1) * f + B * u[1];
arm2.tau = -transpose(Rot2 * arm2.dh) * lambda[1:3] + B * u[2] + transpose(dz2) * f;
arm3.tau = -transpose(Rot3 * arm3.dh) * lambda[4:6] + B * u[3] + transpose(dz3) * f;
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```
h0 = cat(1, arm1.psi - Rot2 * arm2.psi, arm1.ps - Rot3 * arm3.psi);
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h1 = der(h0);
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h2 = der(h1);
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zeros(6) = h2 + 2.0 * POLE * h1 + POLE^2 * h0;
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// zeros(6) = h0; // Or this constraint
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```
y = cat(1, vector(arm1.q[1]), vector(arm2.q[1]), vector(arm3.q[1]));
yDot = cat(1, vector(arm1.v[1]), vector(arm2.v[1]), vector(arm3.v[1]));
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dz1 = Controllers.Functions.armJacobian(arm1.q) / 3.0;
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dz2 = R2 * Controllers.Functions.armJacobian(arm2.q) / 3.0;
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dz3 = R3 * Controllers.Functions.armJacobian(arm3.q) / 3.0;
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Jv = cat(2, dz1, dz2, dz3);
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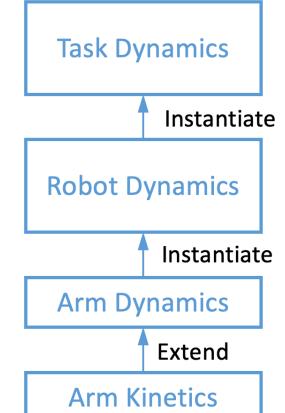
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z = arm1.h;
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zDot = Jv * cat(1, vector(arm1.v), vector(arm2.v), vector(arm3.v));
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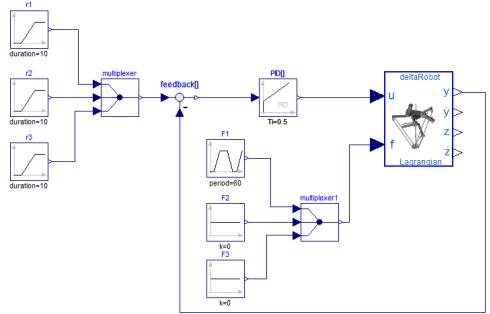
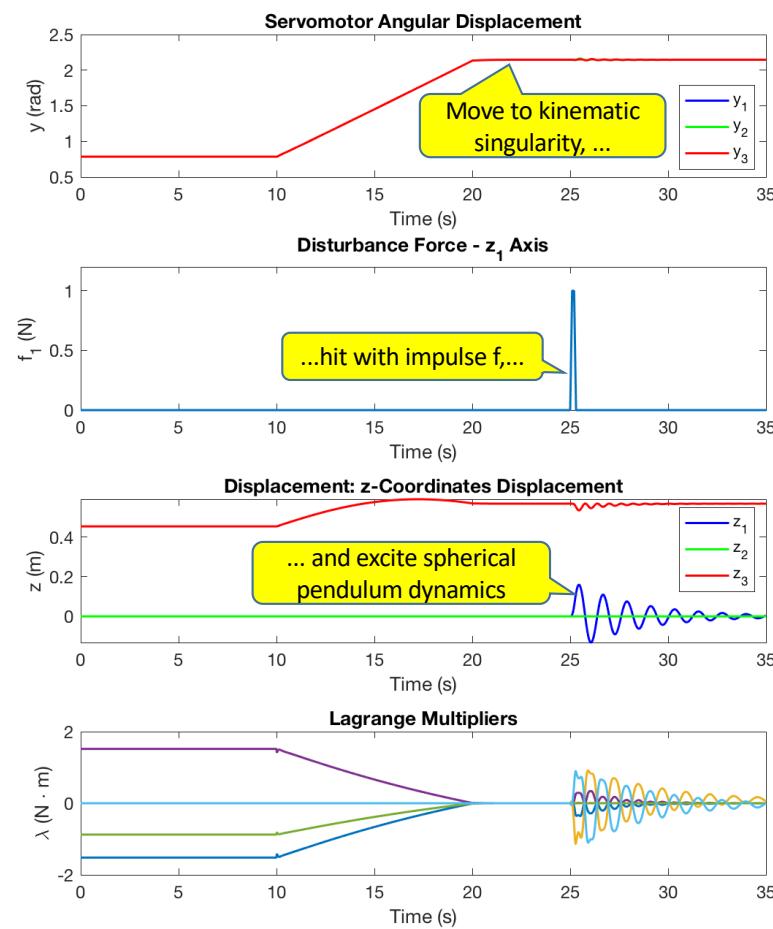
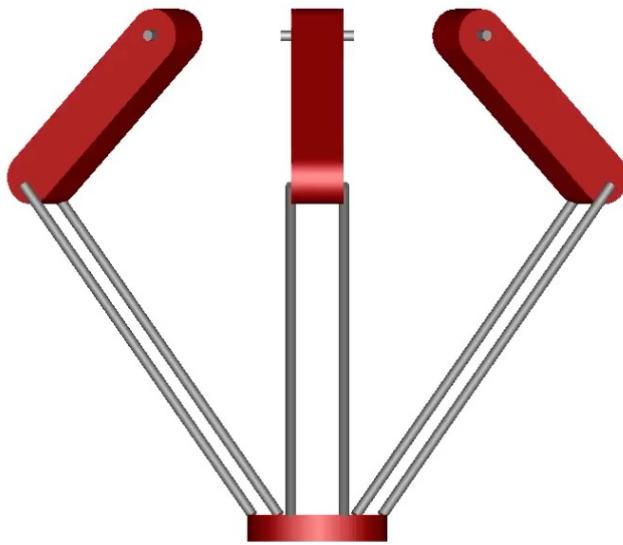
```
end deltaRobotLagrange;
```

## Why Modelica?

- Hybrid DAE Model of Computation
- Object-Oriented for organization
- Multi-Physical: Mechanics + Control



# Simulation Thorough Kinematic Singularity



# Inner Loop Feedback Linearization

1. DAE Model...

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{q} &= v \\ M(q)\dot{v} + C(q, v) + D(v) + G(q) &= H^T(q)\lambda + B(u + \tau_u) + \tau_v \\ \ddot{h}(q, v, \dot{v}) + \alpha_1 \dot{h}(q, v) + \alpha_0 h(q) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

2. Apply gravity-cancelling feedback by solving 9x9 system...

$$\begin{bmatrix} \tau_u \\ \lambda \end{bmatrix} \cdot [B \quad H^T(q)] = G(q) \quad \rightarrow \quad M(q)\dot{v} + C(q, v) + D(v) = Bu$$

3. Reorder into measured ( $y$ ) and unmeasured ( $x$ )...

$$\begin{bmatrix} \bar{M}_{11}(q) & \bar{M}_{12}(q) \\ \bar{M}_{21}(q) & \bar{M}_{22}(q) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \ddot{y} \\ \ddot{x} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \bar{C}_1(q, v) \\ \bar{C}_2(q, v) \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \bar{D}_1(v) \\ \bar{D}_2(v) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} u \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

4. Differentiate constraint twice, solve for  $\ddot{x}$ ...

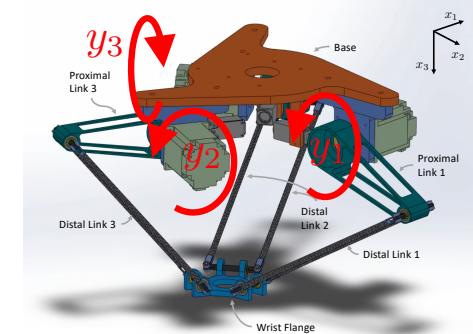
$$\frac{\partial h}{\partial y}\ddot{y} + \frac{\partial h}{\partial x}\ddot{x} + \dot{y}^T \frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial y^2} \ddot{y} + \dot{x}^T \frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial x^2} \ddot{x} = 0$$

5. Ignore higher-order terms  $\bar{C}(q, v)$

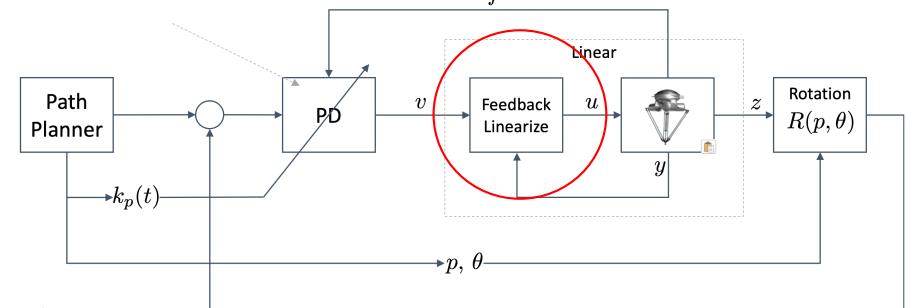
$$\bar{M}_y \cdot \ddot{y} = u \quad (3 \times 3)$$

$$\text{where } \bar{M}_y = \bar{M}_{11} - \bar{M}_{12} \cdot \frac{\partial h}{\partial x}^{-1} \cdot \frac{\partial h}{\partial y}$$

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$



$$\begin{aligned} y &= [q_{11} \ q_{21} \ q_{31}]^T \quad (\text{Servo angles - measured}) \\ x &= [q_{12} \ q_{13} \ q_{22} \ q_{23} \ q_{32} \ q_{33}]^T \quad (\text{Not measured}) \end{aligned}$$



- Then control is...

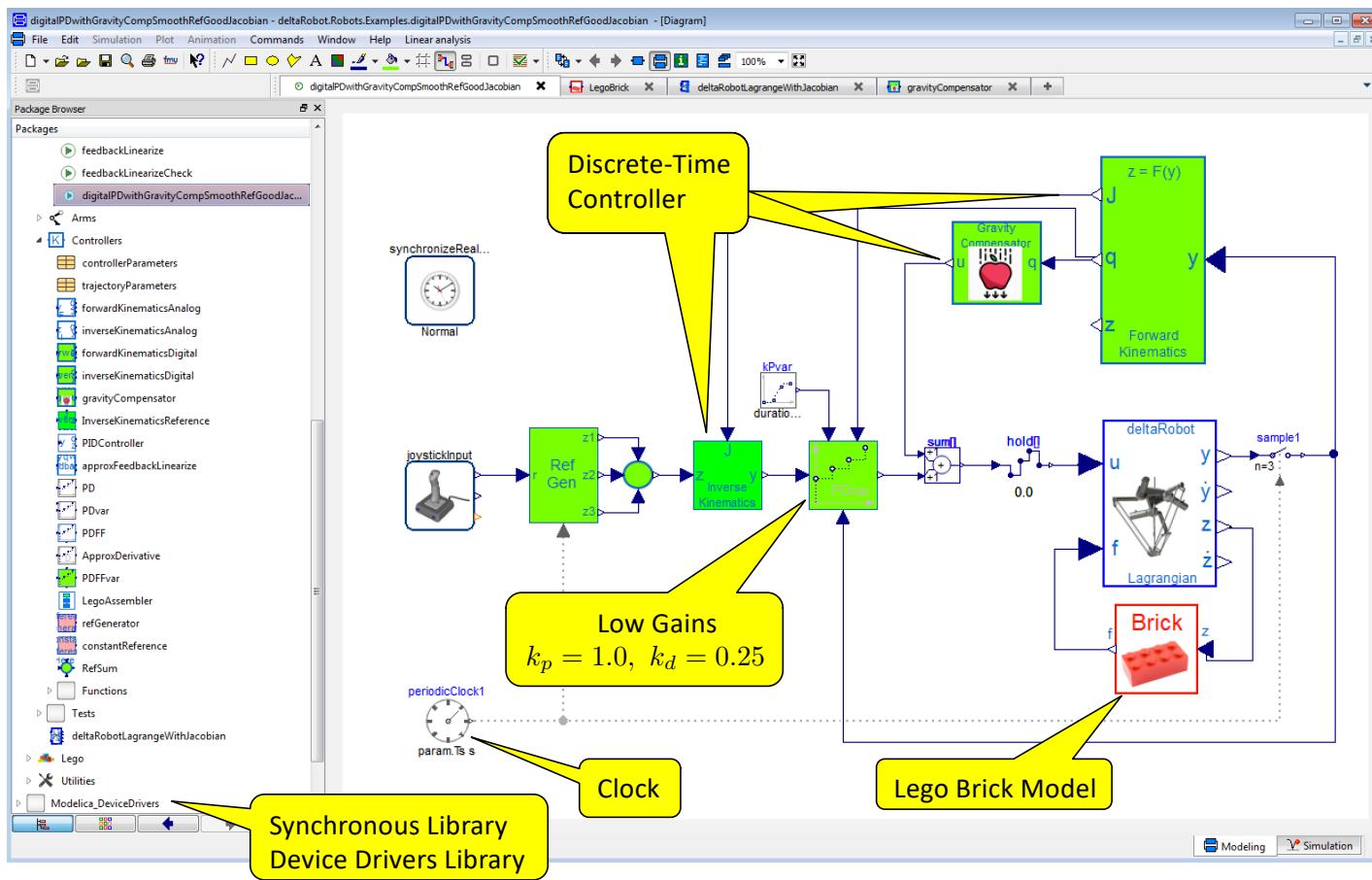
$$u = \bar{M}_y J_c^{-1} \left( k_i \int_0^t (r - z) d\tau + k_p(r - z) + k_d(\dot{r} - \dot{z}) + \ddot{r} \right)$$

- In  $z$  coordinates

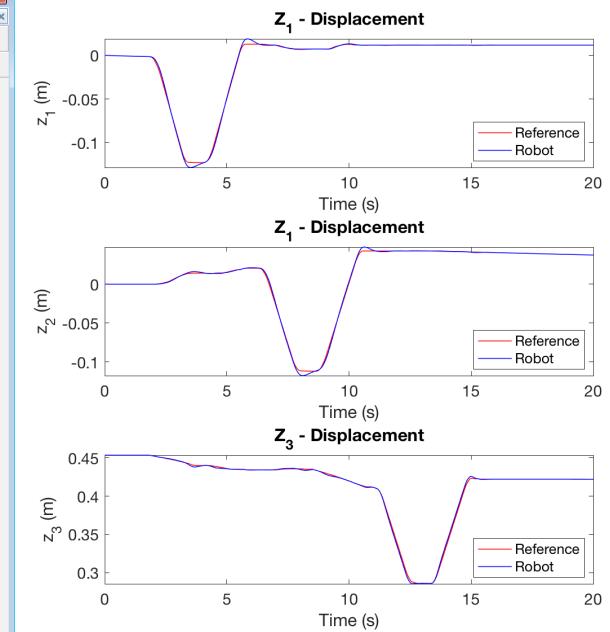
$$k_i \int_0^t (r - z) d\tau + k_p(r - z) + k_d(\dot{r} - \dot{z}) = 0$$

PID outer loop with reference feed forward, adjustable gains

# Modelica for Real-Time Desktop Simulation

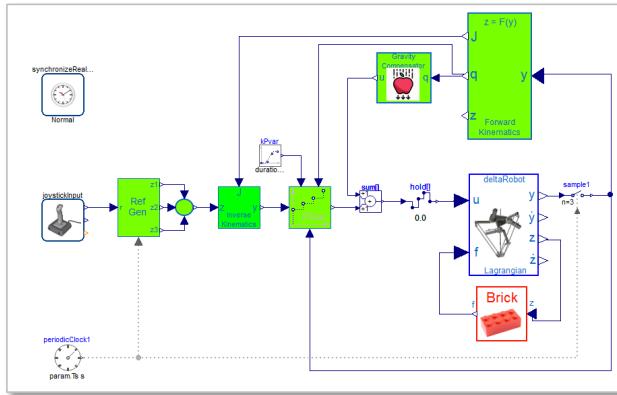


**Wrist Flange Location: Simulation**

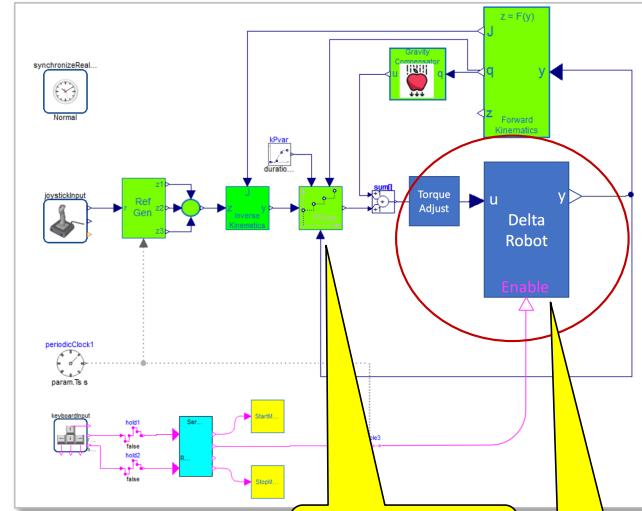


# Modelica for Experimental Testing

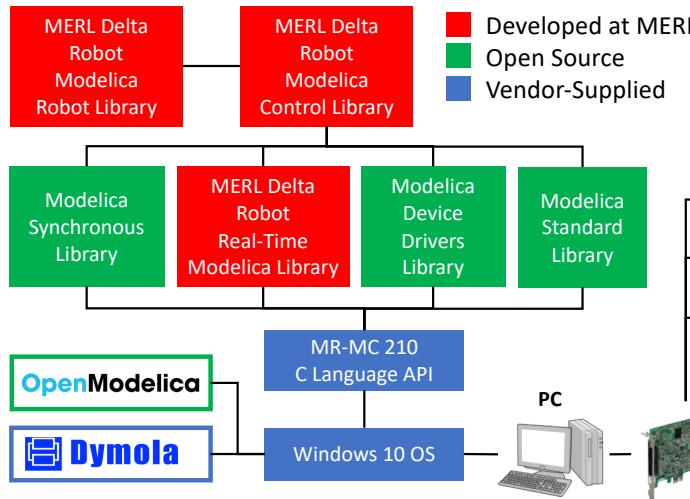
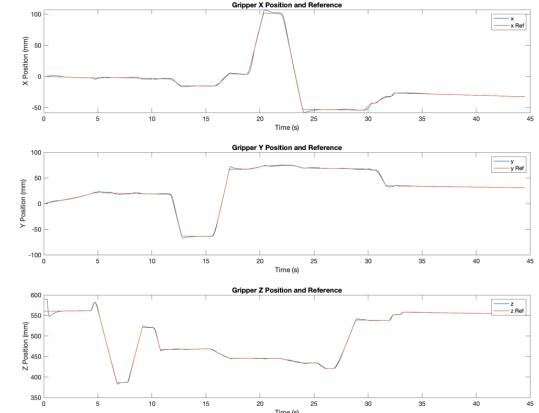
## Simulation



## Experiment



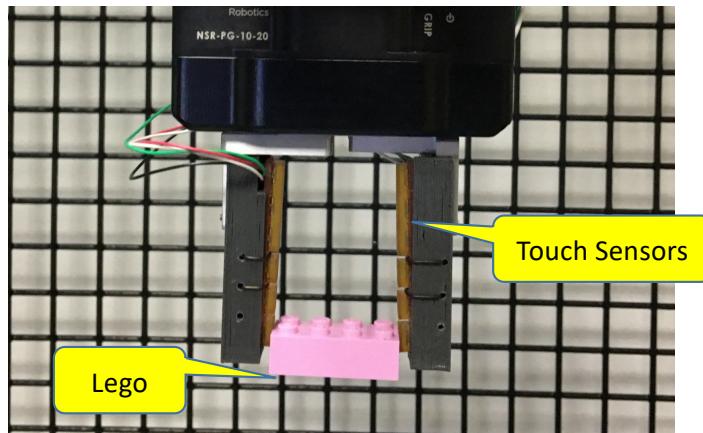
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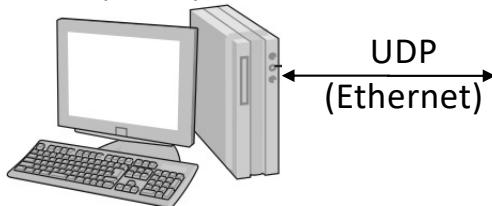
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# Kamaji Hardware, FY22

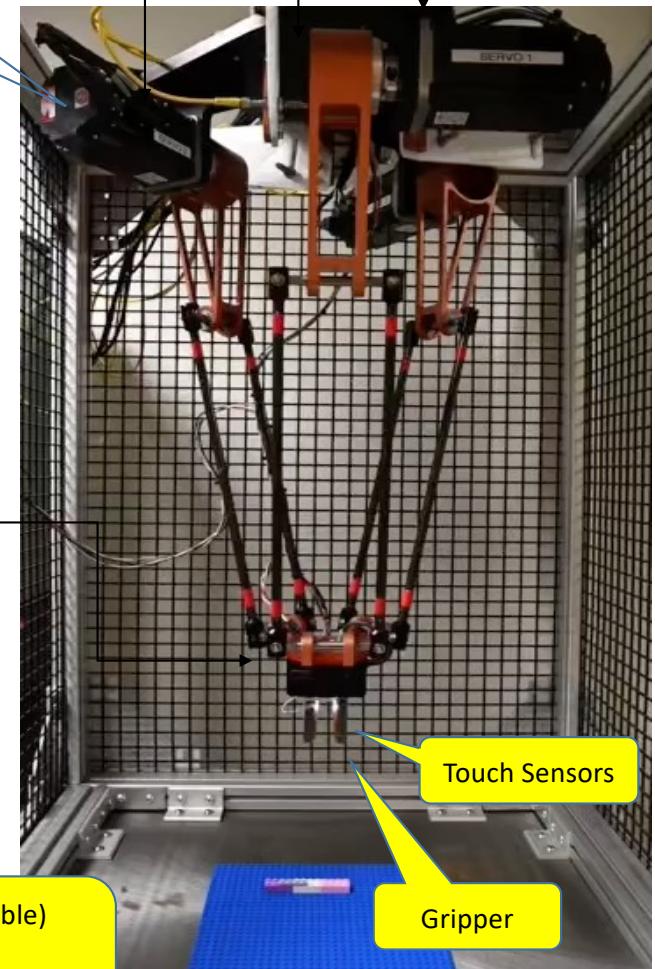
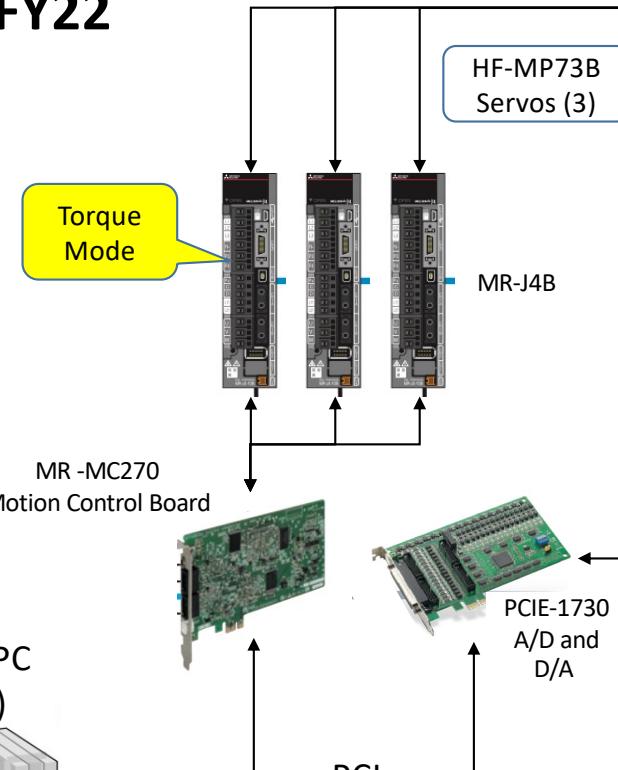
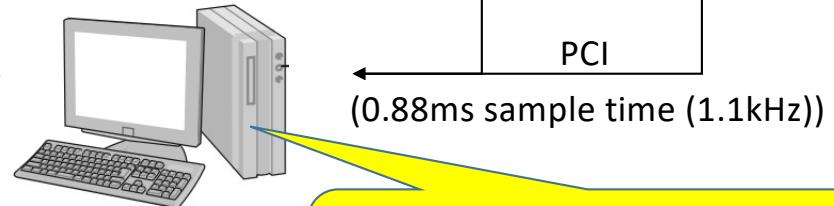
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Outer Loop PC  
(Linux)



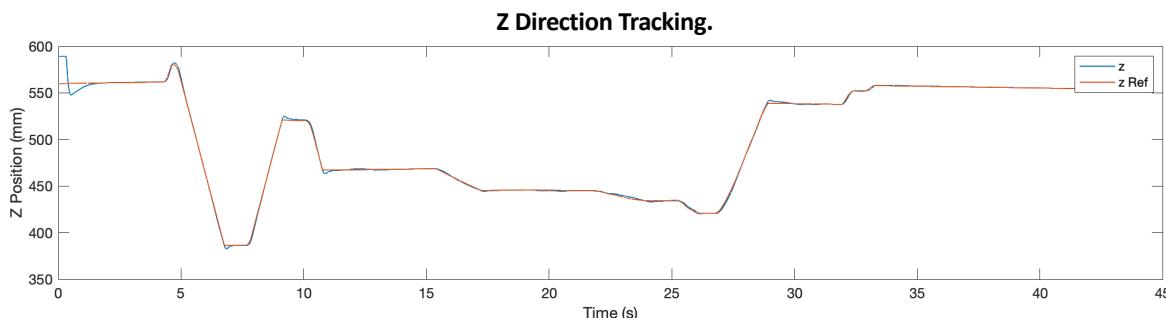
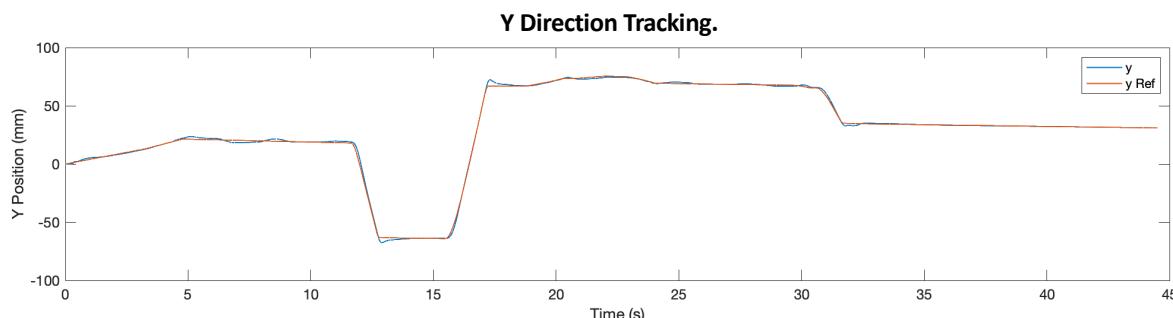
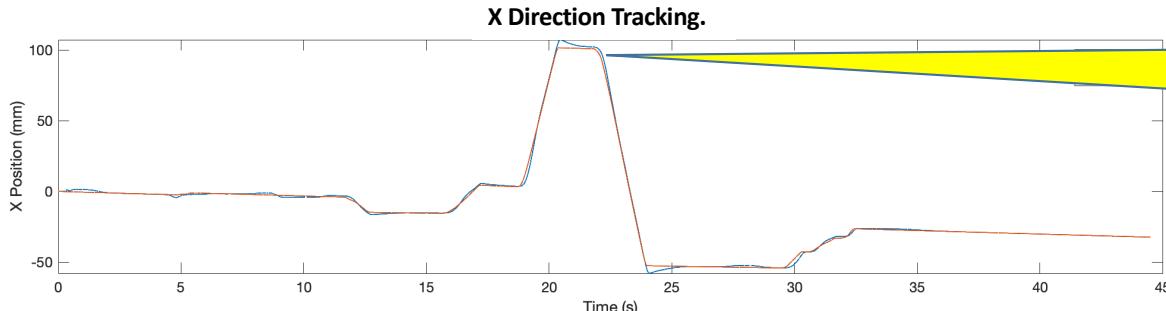
Inner Loop PC  
(Windows)



Feedback Linearization  $90\mu s$  ( $>10\text{kHz}$  possible)

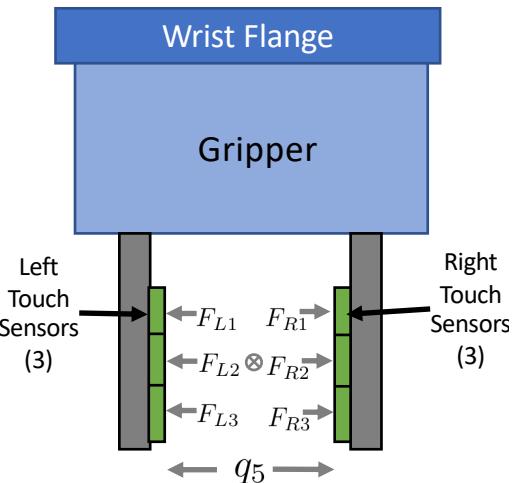
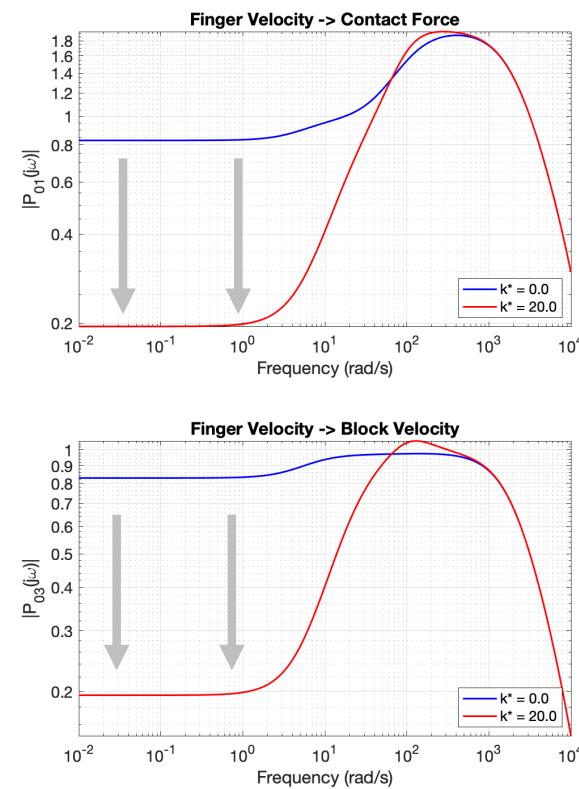
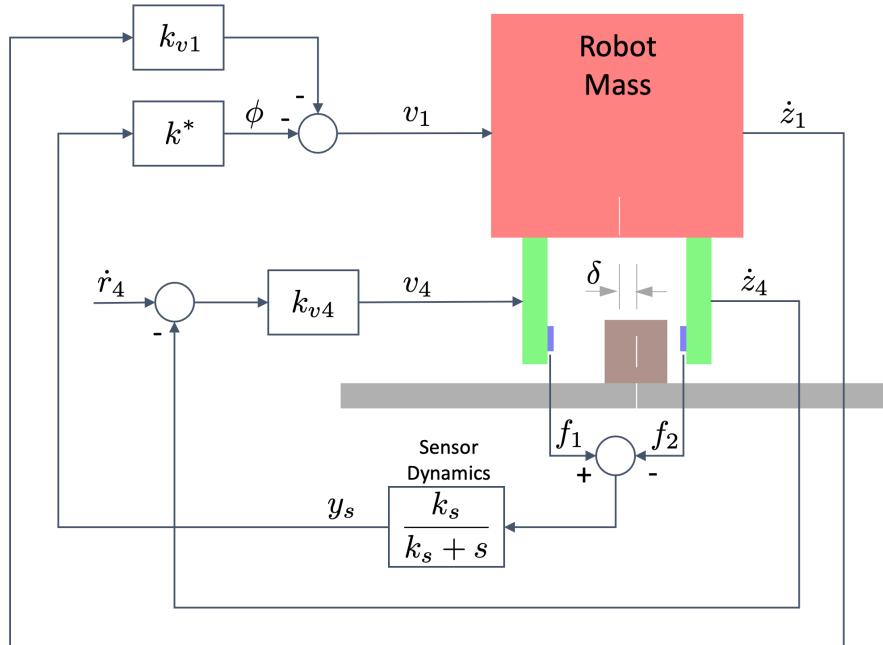
- Kinematics:  $1-2 \times 6\text{-D Newton Iteration}$
- Jacobian:  $3 \times 6\text{-D linear systems}$
- Gravity:  $1 \times 9\text{-D linear system}$

# Trajectory Tracking Experiment with Joystick Reference

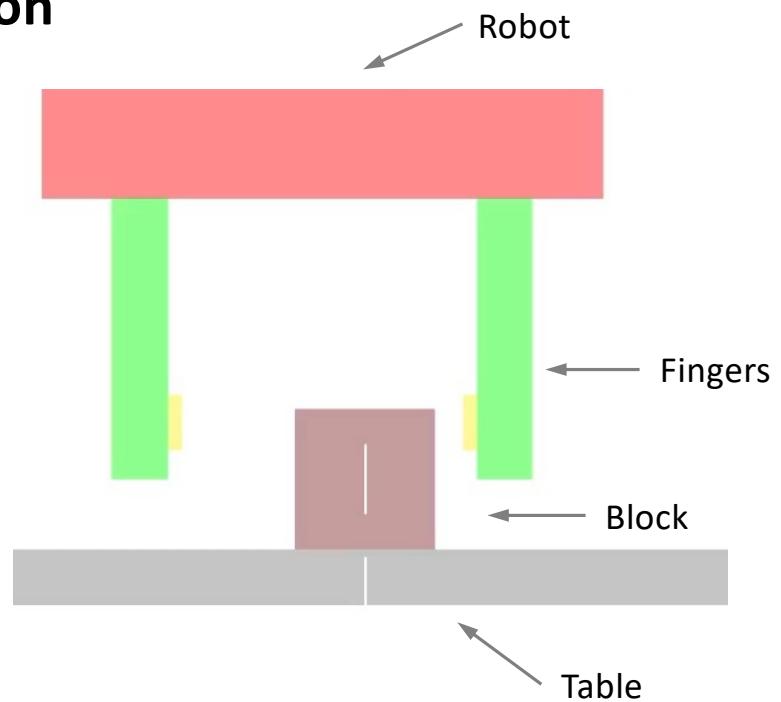
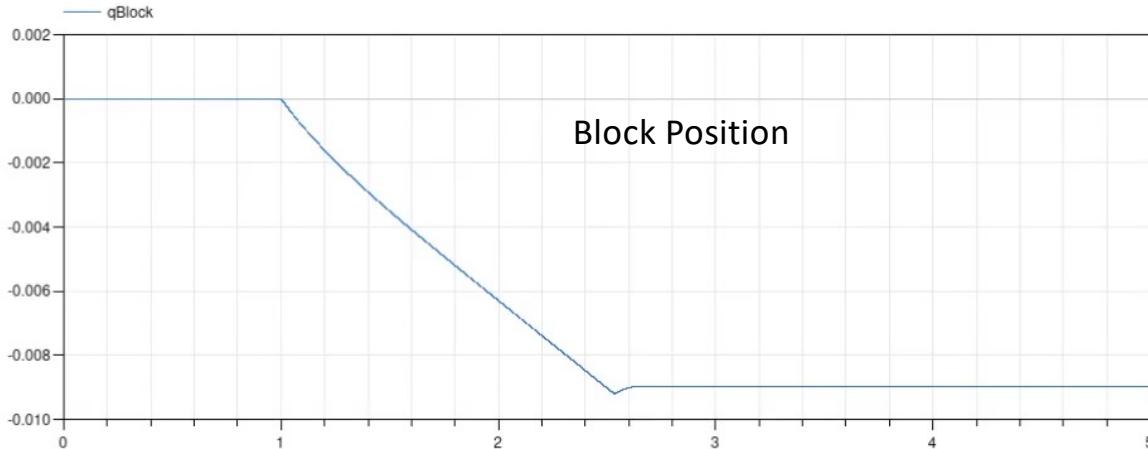
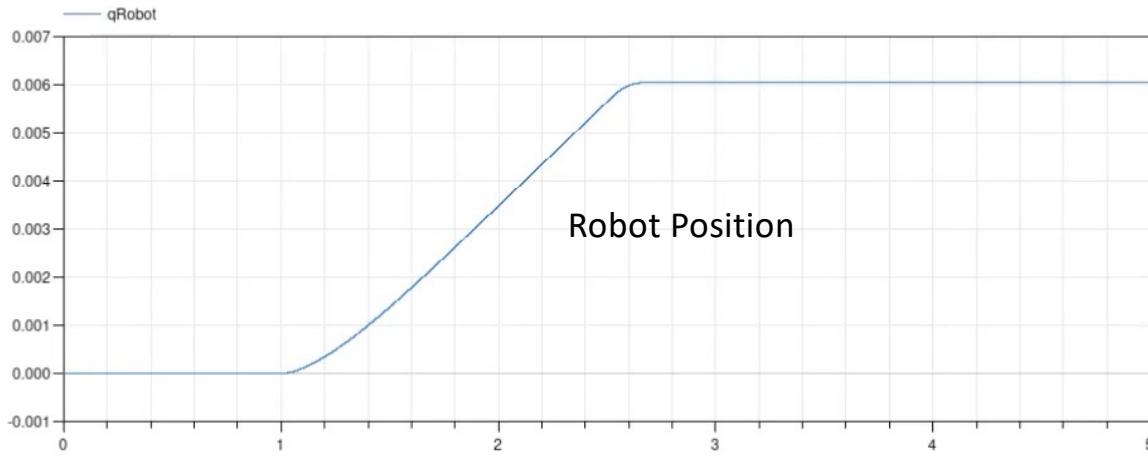


# Soft-Contact Feedback Control with Tactile Sensor Feedback

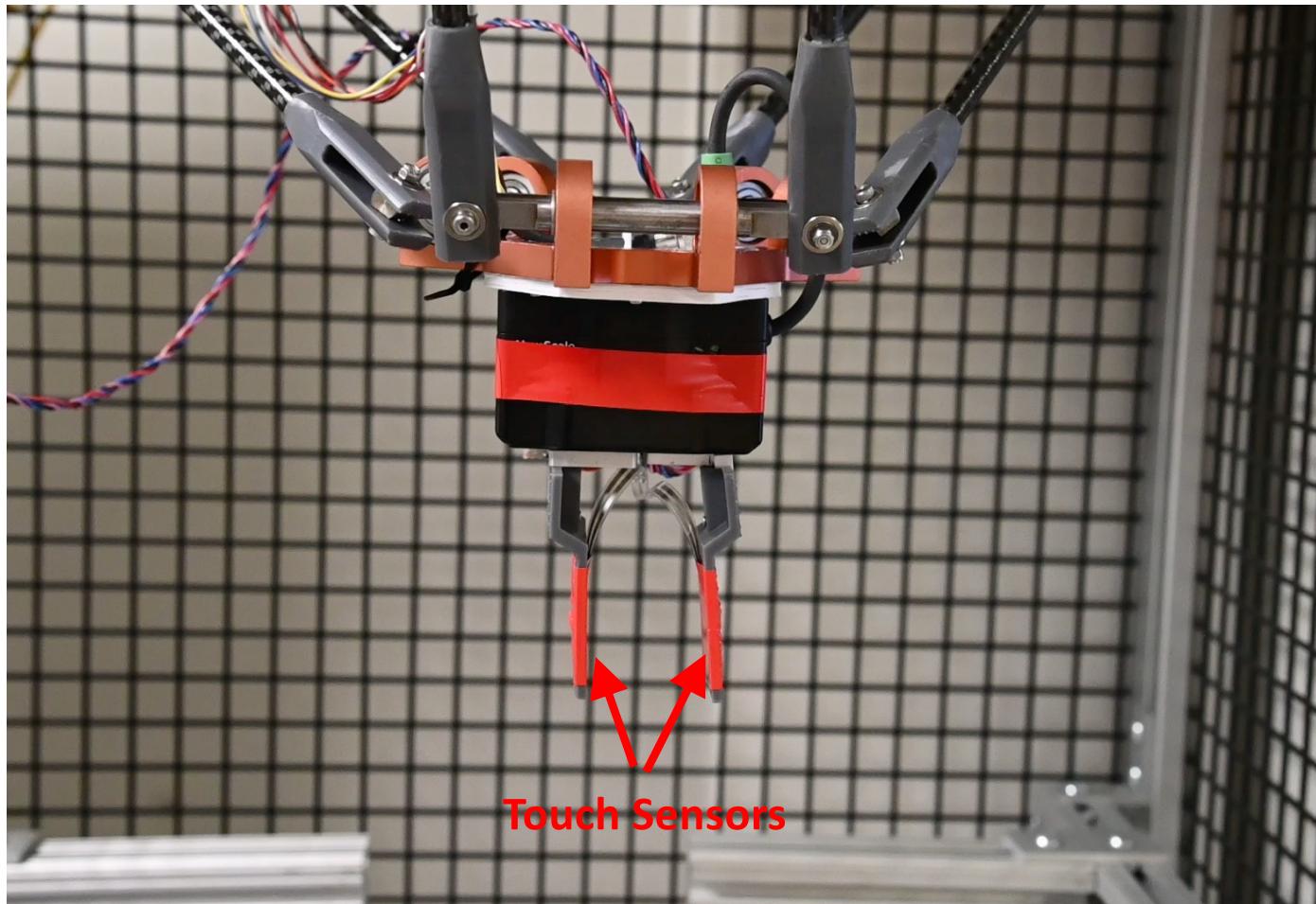
- Feedback loop from difference of sensors to robot horizontal position
- Reduces robot impedance in frequency range
- No switching required in grasp



## Soft-Contact Feedback Control Simulation



## Soft-Contact Feedback Control Experiment

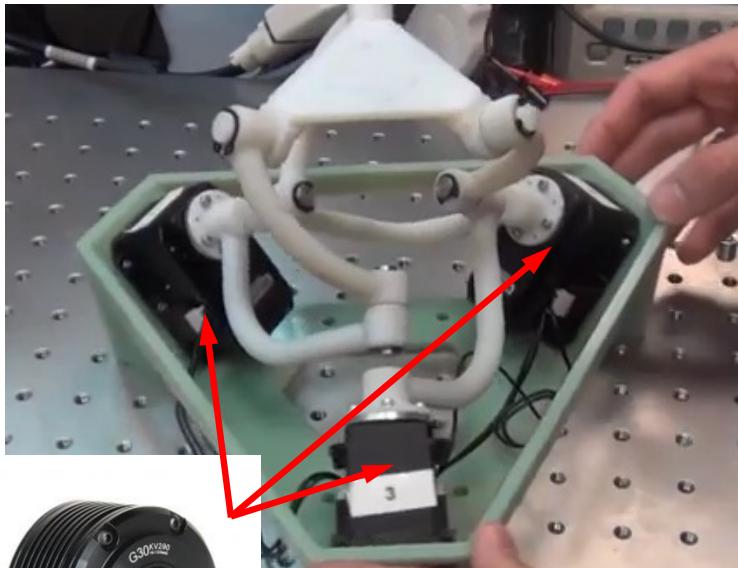


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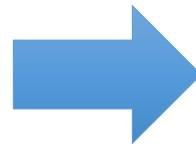


## Next Steps: Add Spherical Wrist, Study Assembly

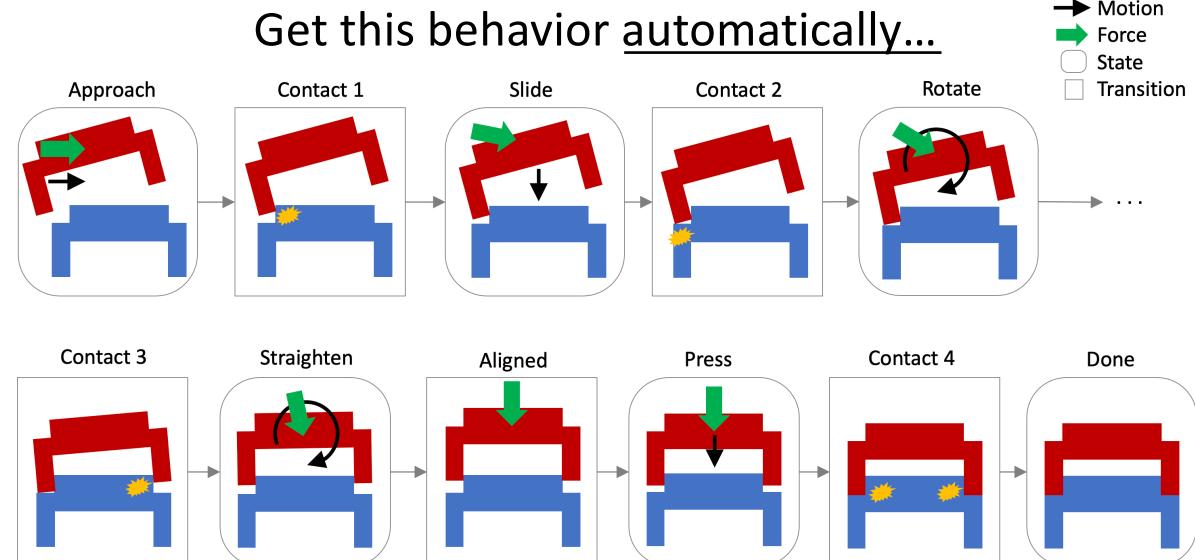
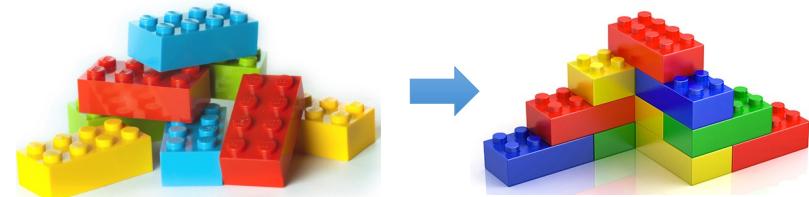
New 3 DOF spherical wrist  
Direct Drive, low impedance, low mass/inertia



Small Gimbal Motor



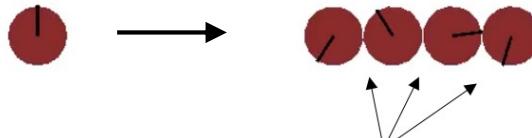
How to solve Assembly Problem  
Using Impedance Control and MPC



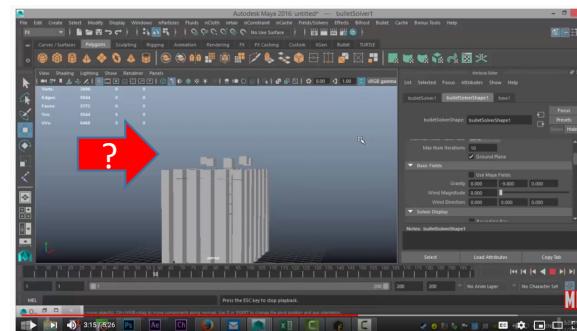
# Collisions, Contact & Hybrid (MultiMode) DAEs: Lots of Previous Work

- Physics-Based Animation: Bullet, PhyX, Gazebo (with different engines such as DART), etc.
- State-of-the-art: Represent as Nonlinear or Linear Complementary Problem (LCP), solve
  - Solve a QP problem at each discrete time step
  - Fixed time step, usually first-order (Euler) symplectic (to approx. conserve energy) integrator
  - Simulation is the purpose of the model
- Limitations...
  - Discrete time – mixes modes of computation.
  - LCP formulation is static – are dynamics correctly captured during collisions?
  - Explicit integration
- Multi-Mode DAE (variable # states & structure) formulations
  - Mathematically rigorous structural analysis
  - Algorithms for index reduction
  - Emerging tools (compilers & code generation)

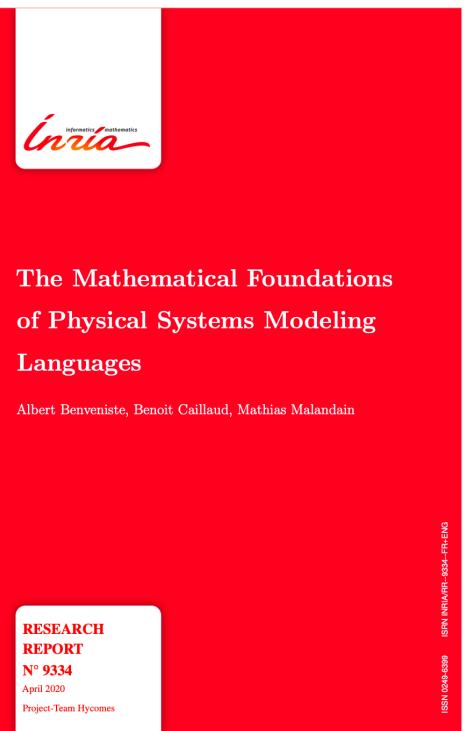
## Newton's Cradle – Difficult for LCP



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## Multi-Mode DAEs



**The Mathematical Foundations  
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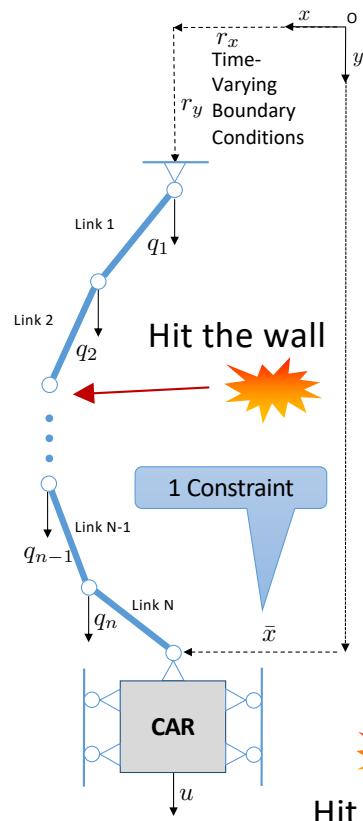
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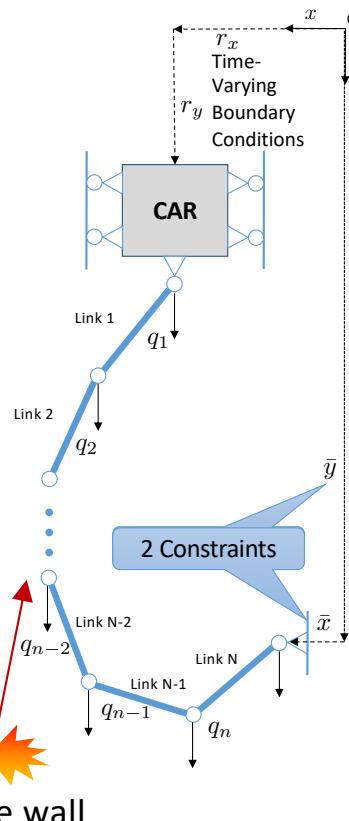
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# Many Examples of Contact and Collision

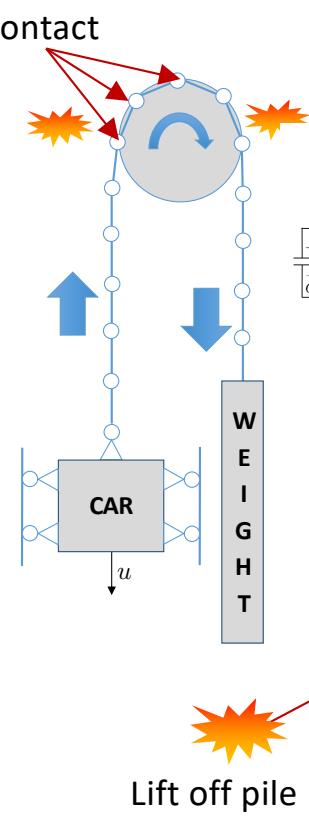
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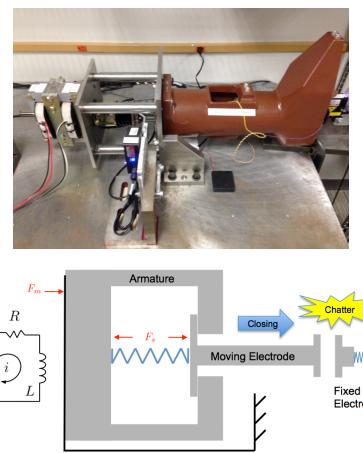
**Cable Sway**



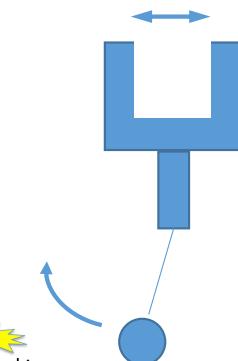
**Car Motion**



**Circuit Breaker**



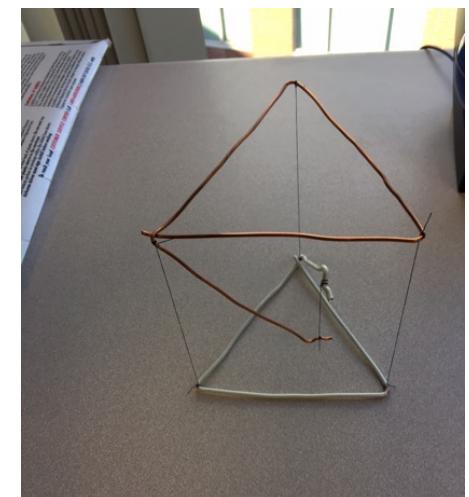
**Ball & Cup**



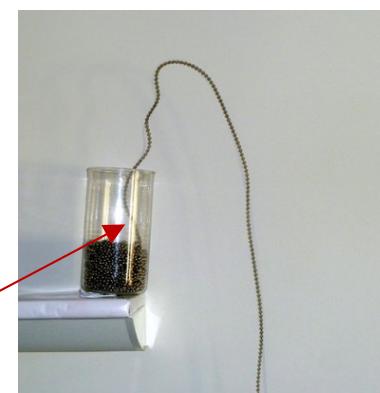
**Ball Maze**



**Alan's Paperclip Art Toy**



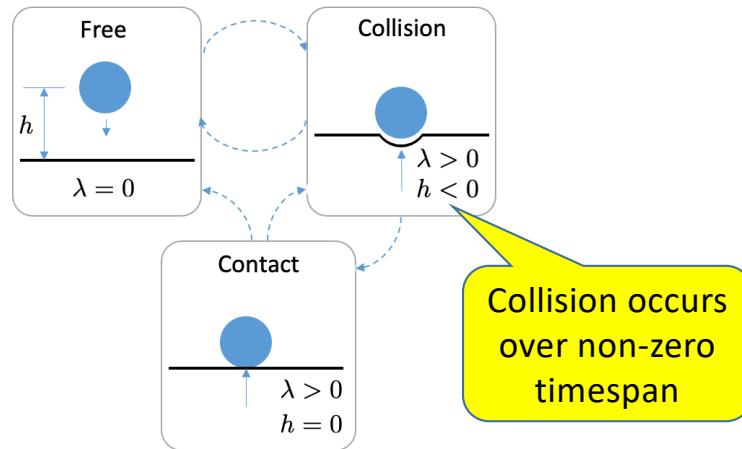
**Chain Fountain**



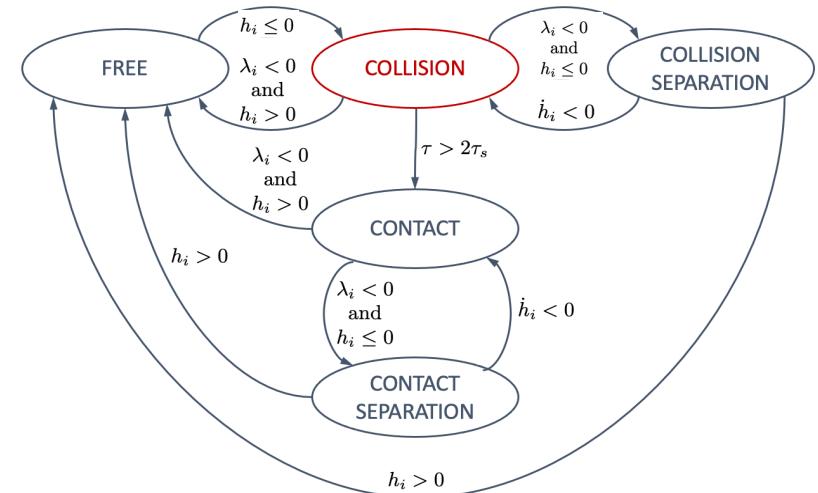
# Hybrid (“Multi mode”) DAE Model of Collision & Contact

- Solves LCP\* problem as a DAE – guarantees existence of solution, allows for use multi-step solver
- Mathematical model useful for simulation, synthesis of controller (dynamic optimization)

**Basic Idea**



**Finite State Machine**



**Differential Algebraic Equations (DAE)**

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{q} &= v \\ M(q)\ddot{v} + C(q, v)v + d(q)v + g(q) &= Bu + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} H_i^T(q)\lambda_i \\ \ddot{h}_i(q) + \alpha_1 \dot{h}_i(q) + \alpha_0 h_i(q) &= 0 \quad 1 \leq i \leq n-1 \\ H_i^T(q) &= \frac{\partial h_i(q)}{\partial q} \end{aligned}$$

A yellow callout box points from the last equation to the text: **Represents elastic impact**.

**Example – Difficult for LCP Formulation**



## Details of DAE Model of Contact / Collision

- Robot + Task represented as Lagrangian system + constraint functions

Lagrangian Dynamics	Constraint Functions
$\dot{q} = v$	$h_i(q) \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, N$
$M(q)\ddot{v} + C(q, v)v + d(q)v + g(q) = Bu$	

- If  $n-1$  constraints are active, and NO constraints are in the **COLLISION** state, use...

$\dot{q} = v$

**"SLOW" System**       $M(q)\dot{v} + C(q, v)v + d(q)v + g(q) = Bu + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} H_i^T(q)\lambda_i$        $H_i^T(q) = \frac{\partial h_i(q)}{\partial q}$

$\ddot{h}_i(q) + \alpha_1 \dot{h}_i(q) + \alpha_0 h_i(q) = 0 \quad 1 \leq i \leq n-1$

Constrained Lagrangian with Stabilized Constraint

- If  $n-1$  constraints are active, and constraint  $n$  is in the **COLLISION** state, use...

$\dot{q} = v$

**"FAST" System**       $M(\bar{q})\dot{v} + C(\bar{q}, v)v + d(\bar{q})v + g(\bar{q}) = Bu + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} H_i^T(\bar{q})\lambda_i + H_n^T(\bar{q})\lambda_n$        $H_i^T(\bar{q}) = \frac{\partial h_i(q)}{\partial q}|_{q=\bar{q}} \quad \bar{q} = q(\bar{t}^-)$

$\ddot{h}_i(q) + \alpha_1 \dot{h}_i(q) + \alpha_0 h_i(q) = 0 \quad 1 \leq i \leq n-1$

$\ddot{h}_n(q) + \beta_1 \dot{h}_n(q) + \beta_0 h_n(q) = 0 \quad \alpha_1 \ll \beta_1 \quad \alpha_0 \ll \beta_0$

Constant

Constant

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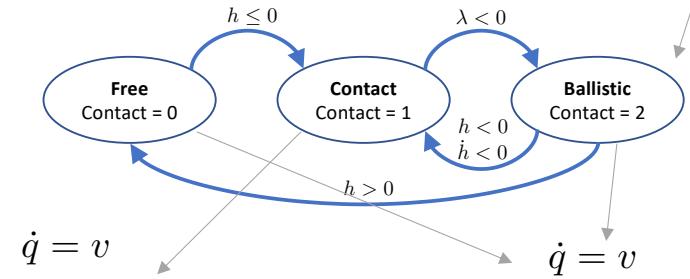
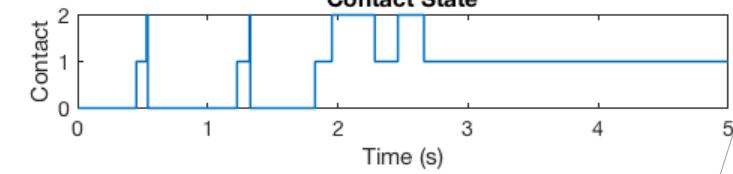
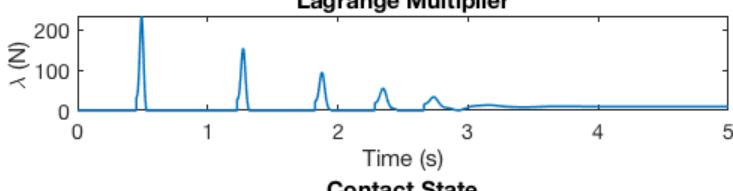
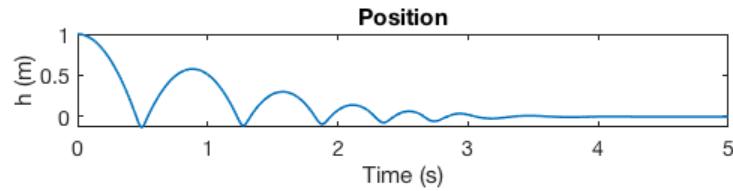
Soft spring

Stiff spring

Fast Time Scale of Singularly Perturbed System

Time of collision

# Bouncing Ball Example



$$\dot{q} = v$$

$$m\dot{v} = -mg + \lambda$$

$$0 = \ddot{h} + \alpha_1 \dot{h} + \alpha_0 h + \alpha_3 h^3$$

$$\dot{v} = -mg$$

$$\lambda = 0$$

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model myBouncingBall

Real q(start=1.0), v(start=0.0), f;
Real h, hDot, hDotDot, lambda(start=0);
discrete Integer contact(start=0);
Boolean b1, b2, b3, b4;
parameter Real g=9.81, m=1.0;
parameter Real a0=100, a1=20, a2=1e6;
parameter Boolean linFlag = false;

algorithm
b1 := h <= 0;
b2 := lambda < 0.0;
b3 := h > 0.0;
b4 := h <= 0 and hDot < 0;
if edge(b1) and contact == 0 then
    contact := 1;
end if;
if contact == 1 and edge(b2) then
    contact := 2;
end if;
if contact == 2 and edge(b3) then
    contact := 0;
end if;
if contact == 2 and edge(b4) then
    contact := 1;
end if;

equation
if contact == 1 or linFlag then
    0 = hDotDot + a1*hDot + a0*h + a2*h^3;
else
    lambda = 0.0;
end if;

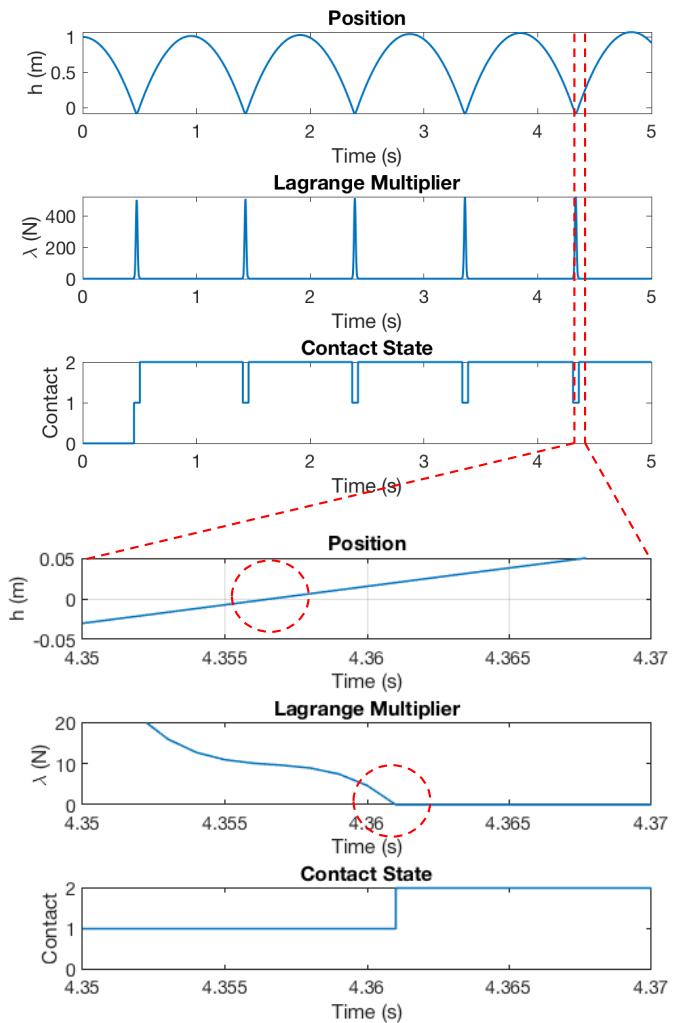
f = if linFlag then lambda
    else contact*lambda;

der(q) = v;
m * der(v) = -m * g + f;

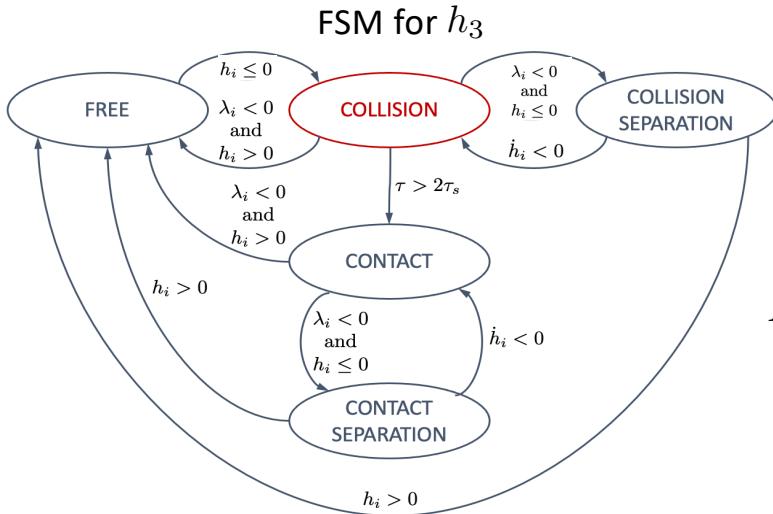
h = q;
hDot = der(h);
hDotDot = der(hDot);

end myBouncingBall;

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## Cartoon Example – Falling Red Body is Initially Free

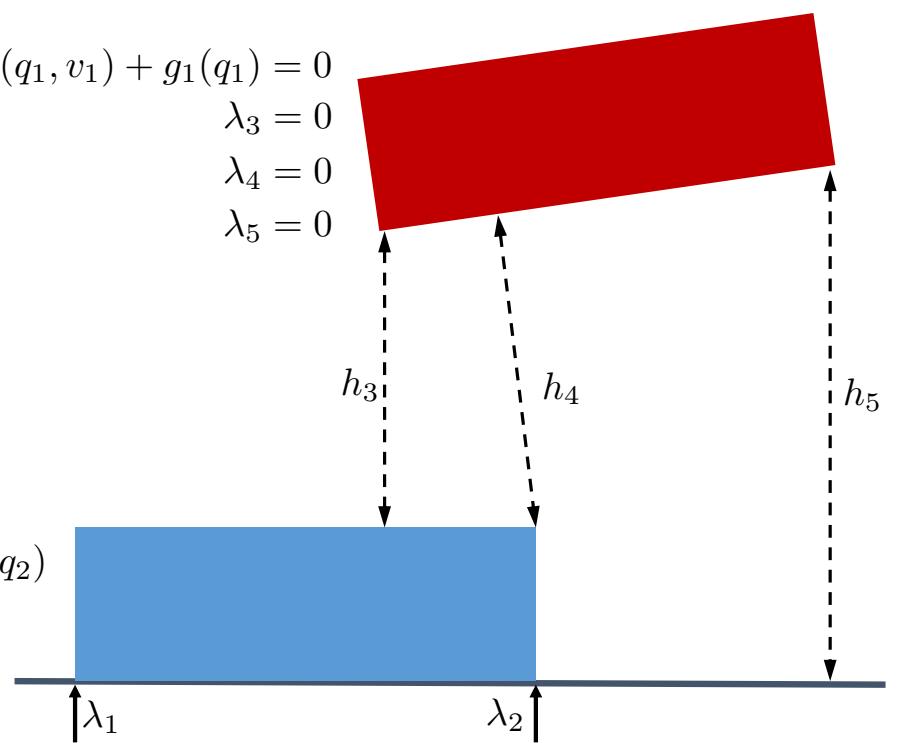


$$M_1(q_1)\dot{v}_1 + C_1(q_1, v_1) + g_1(q_1) = 0$$

$$\lambda_3 = 0$$

$$\lambda_4 = 0$$

$$\lambda_5 = 0$$

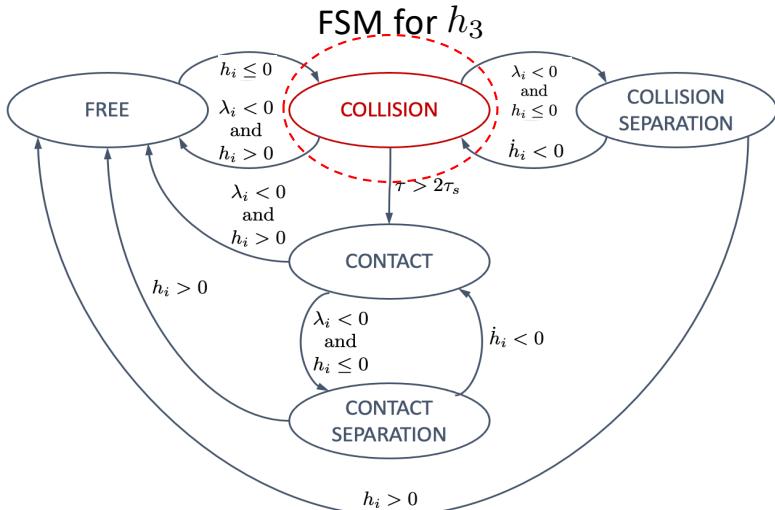


$$M_1(q_2)\dot{v}_2 + C_2(q_2, v_2) + g_2(q_2) = \lambda_1 dH_1(q_2) + \lambda_2 dH_2(q_2)$$

$$\ddot{h}_1 + \dot{h}_1 + h_1 = 0$$

$$\ddot{h}_2 + \dot{h}_2 + h_2 = 0$$

## Cartoon Example – Collision



$$M_1(q_1)\ddot{v}_1 + C_1(q_1, v_1) + g_1(q_1) = \lambda_3 dH_3$$

Represents elastic impact...

$$\ddot{h}_3 + \alpha_1 \dot{h}_3 + \alpha_0 h_3 = 0$$

$$\lambda_4 = 0$$

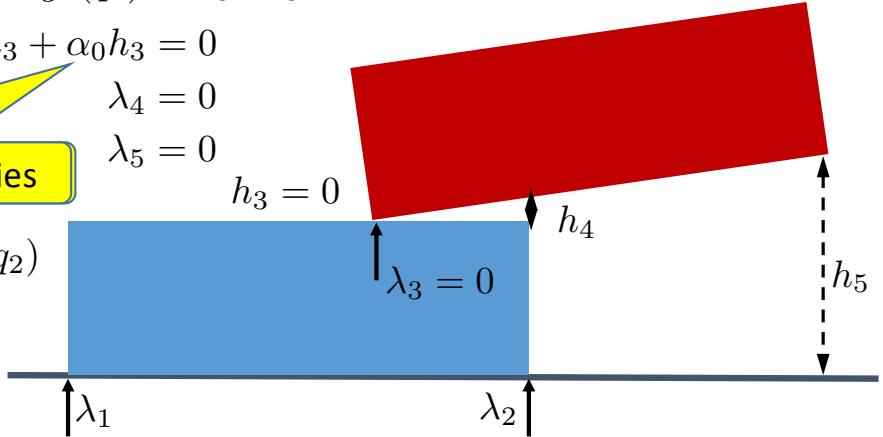
$$\lambda_5 = 0$$

$$h_3 = 0$$

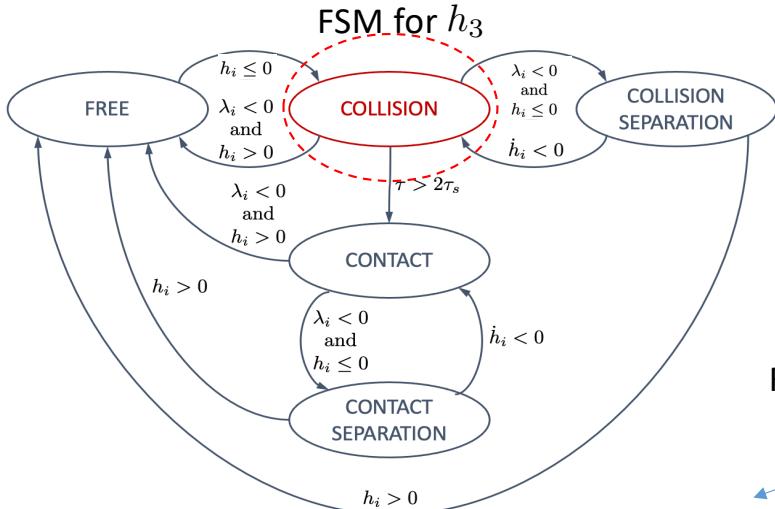
$$M_1(q_2)\ddot{v}_2 + C_2(q_2, v_2) + g_2(q_2) = \lambda_1 dH_1(q_2) + \lambda_2 dH_2(q_2)$$

$$\ddot{h}_1 + \dot{h}_1 + h_1 = 0$$

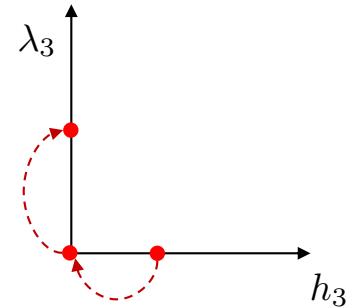
$$\ddot{h}_2 + \dot{h}_2 + h_2 = 0$$



## Cartoon Example – Fast Collision Time Scale



Solution for  $\lambda_3, h_3$   
Simulated in fast time scale



Freeze – Fast system is linear

$$M_1(q_1)\ddot{v}_1 + C_1(q_1, v_1) + g_1(q_1) = \lambda_3 dH_3$$

Represents elastic impact...

$$\ddot{h}_3 + \alpha_1 \dot{h}_3 + \alpha_0 h_3 = 0$$

$$\lambda_4 = 0$$

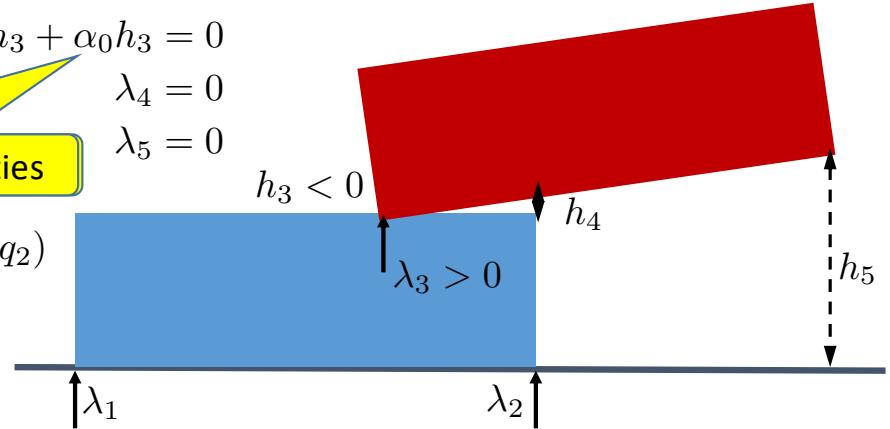
$$\lambda_5 = 0$$

Tune parameters to material properties

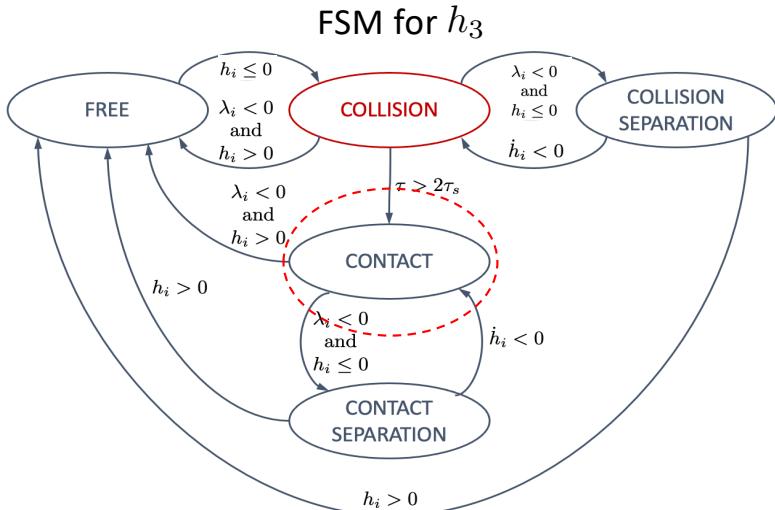
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$$\ddot{h}_1 + \dot{h}_1 + h_1 = 0$$

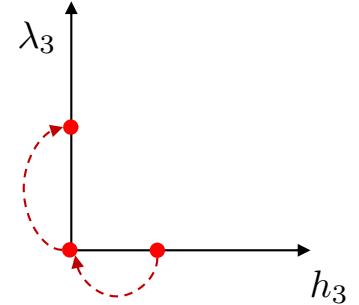
$$\ddot{h}_2 + \dot{h}_2 + h_2 = 0$$



## Cartoon Example – Switch to Contact State after Fast Transient



Solution for  $\lambda_3, h_3$   
Simulated in fast time scale



$$M_1(q_1)\ddot{v}_1 + C_1(q_1, v_1) + g_1(q_1) = \lambda_3 dH_3$$

Now enforces constraint

$$\ddot{h}_3 + \dot{h}_3 + h_3 = 0$$

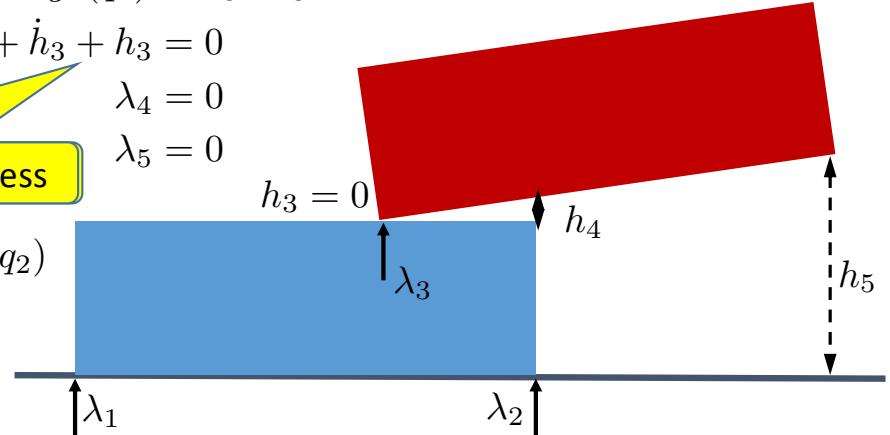
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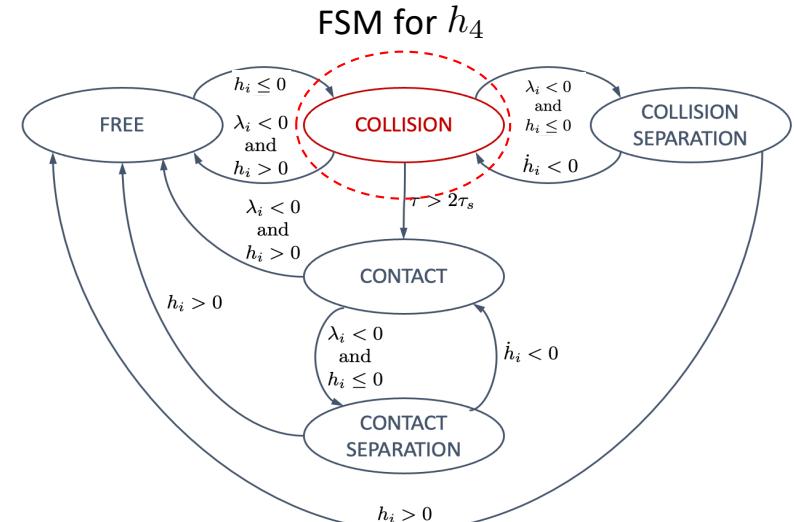
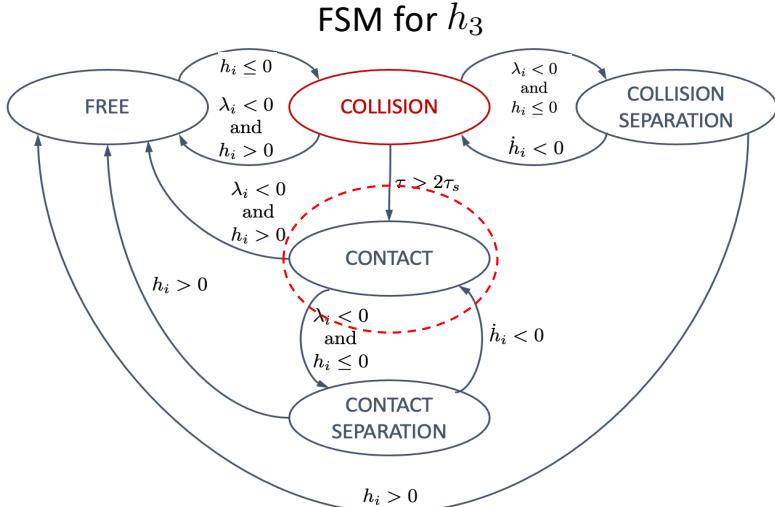
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$$\ddot{h}_1 + \dot{h}_1 + h_1 = 0$$

$$\ddot{h}_2 + \dot{h}_2 + h_2 = 0$$



## Cartoon Example – Collision



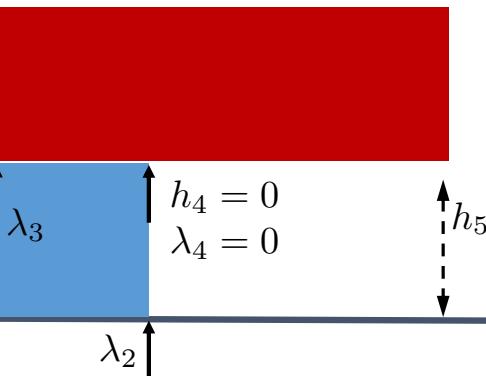
$$M_1(q_1)\ddot{v}_1 + C_1(q_1, v_1) + g_1(q_1) = \lambda_3 dH_3(q_1) + \lambda_4 dH_4(q_1)$$

$$\ddot{h}_3 + \dot{h}_3 + h_3 = 0$$

$$\ddot{h}_4 + \alpha_1 \dot{h}_4 + \alpha_0 h_4 = 0$$

$$\lambda_5 = 0$$

$$h_3 = 0$$



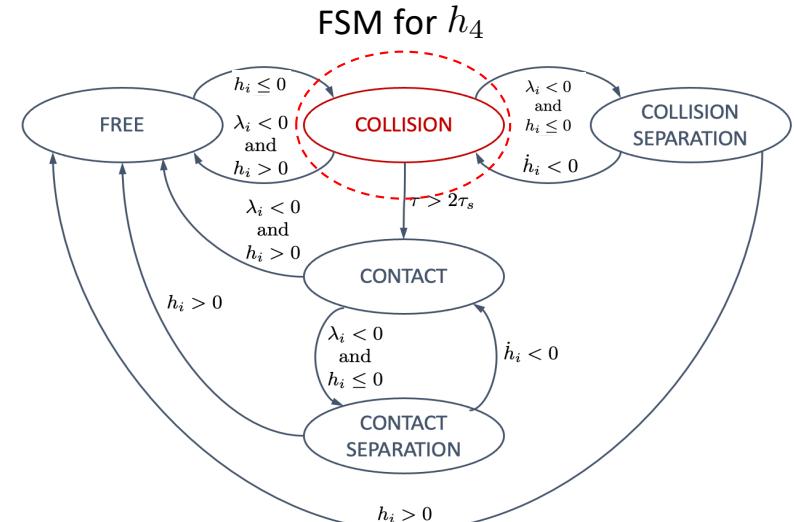
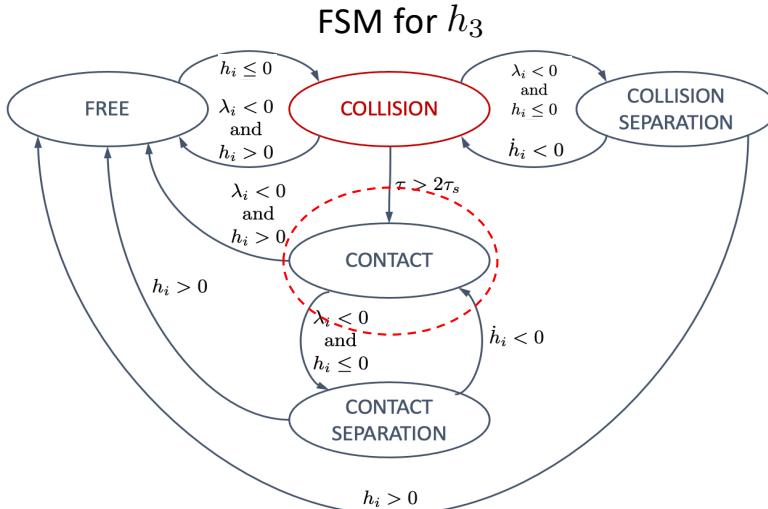
Represents second elastic impact...

$$M_1(q_2)\dot{v}_2 + C_2(q_2, v_2) + g_2(q_2) = \lambda_1 dH_1(q_2) + \lambda_2 dH_2(q_2)$$

$$\ddot{h}_1 + \dot{h}_1 + h_1 = 0$$

$$\ddot{h}_2 + \dot{h}_2 + h_2 = 0$$

## Cartoon Example – Fast Timescale during Collision



$$M_1(q_1)\ddot{v}_1 + C_1(q_1, v_1) + g_1(q_1) = \lambda_3 dH_3(q_1) + \lambda_4 dH_4(q_1)$$

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$$\ddot{h}_4 + \alpha_1 \dot{h}_4 + \alpha_0 h_4 = 0$$

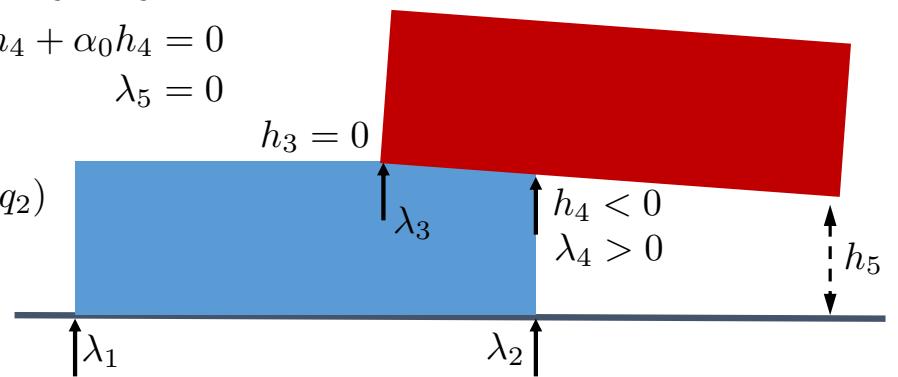
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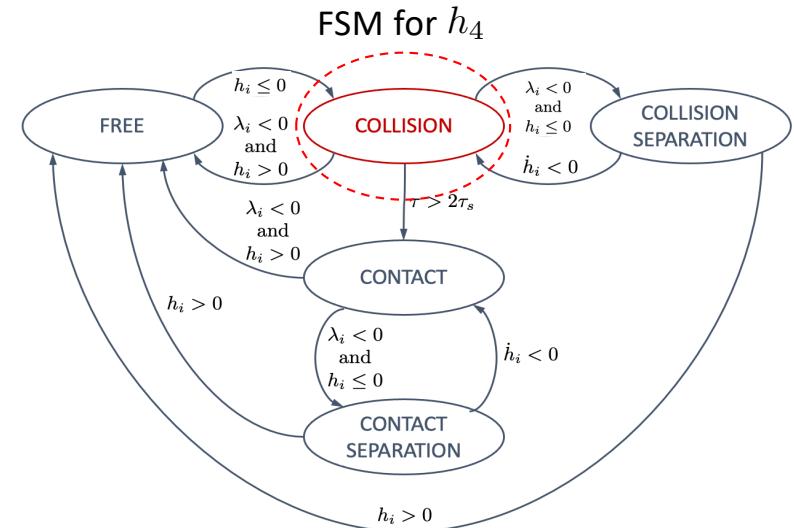
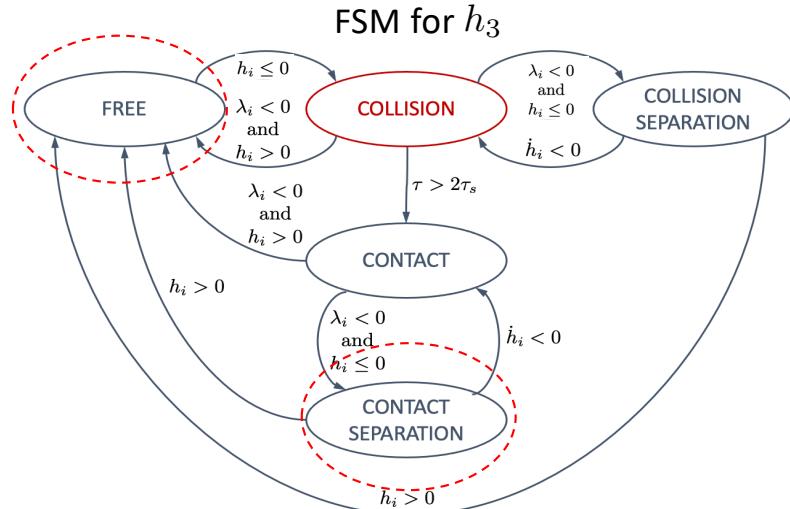
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$$\ddot{h}_1 + \dot{h}_1 + h_1 = 0$$

$$\ddot{h}_2 + \dot{h}_2 + h_2 = 0$$



## Cartoon Example – $h_3$ Loses contact



$$M_1(q_1)\ddot{v}_1 + C_1(q_1, v_1) + g_1(q_1) = \lambda_4 dH_4(q_1)$$

Contact constraint broken

$$\ddot{h}_4 + \alpha_1 \dot{h}_4 + \alpha_0 h_4 = 0$$

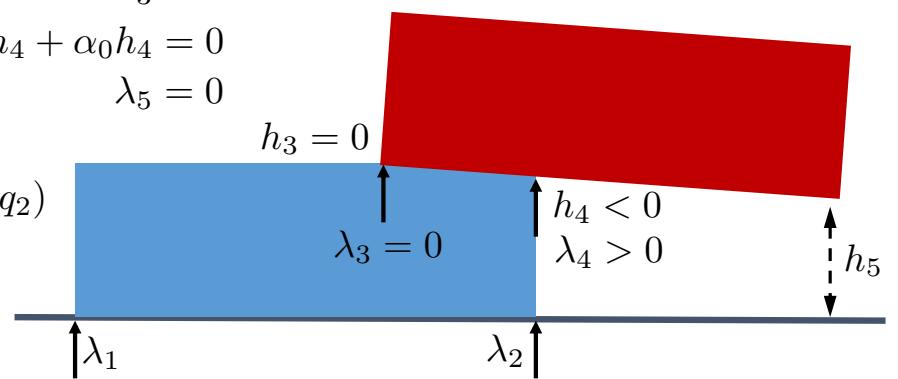
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$$h_3 = 0$$

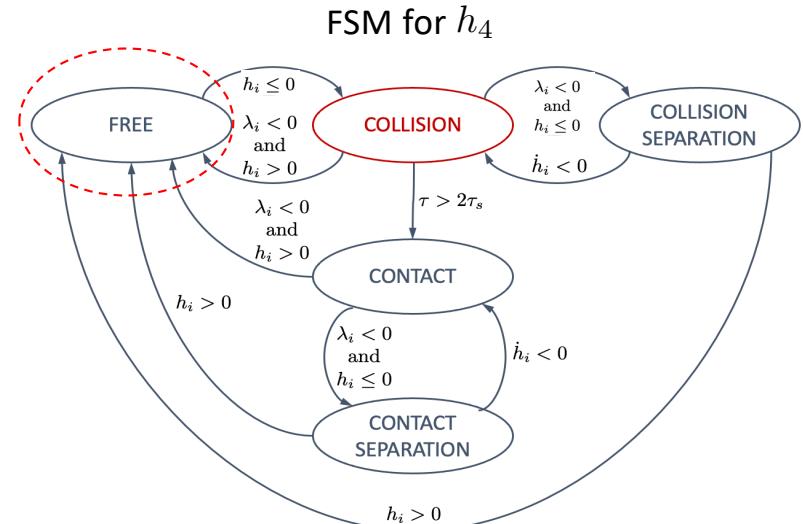
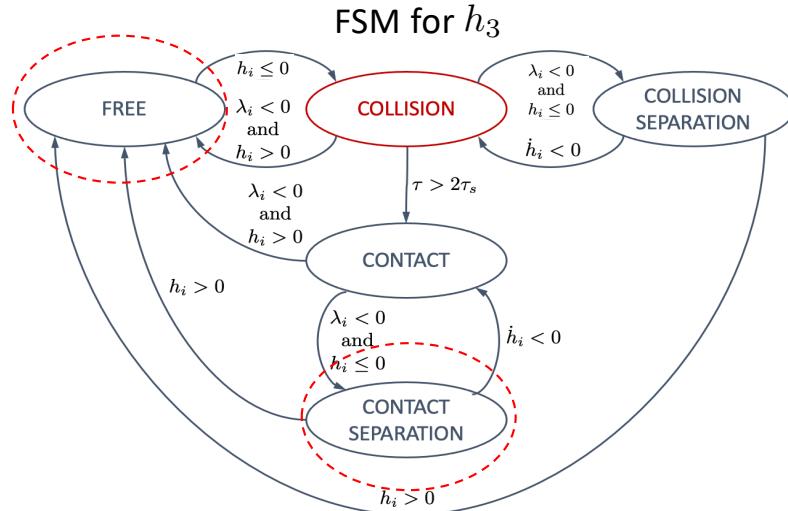
$$M_1(q_2)\ddot{v}_2 + C_2(q_2, v_2) + g_2(q_2) = \lambda_1 dH_1(q_2) + \lambda_2 dH_2(q_2)$$

$$\ddot{h}_1 + \dot{h}_1 + h_1 = 0$$

$$\ddot{h}_2 + \dot{h}_2 + h_2 = 0$$



## Cartoon Example – Both Constraints lose contact



$$M_1(q_1)\ddot{v}_1 + C_1(q_1, v_1) + g_1(q_1) = 0$$

$$\lambda_3 = 0$$

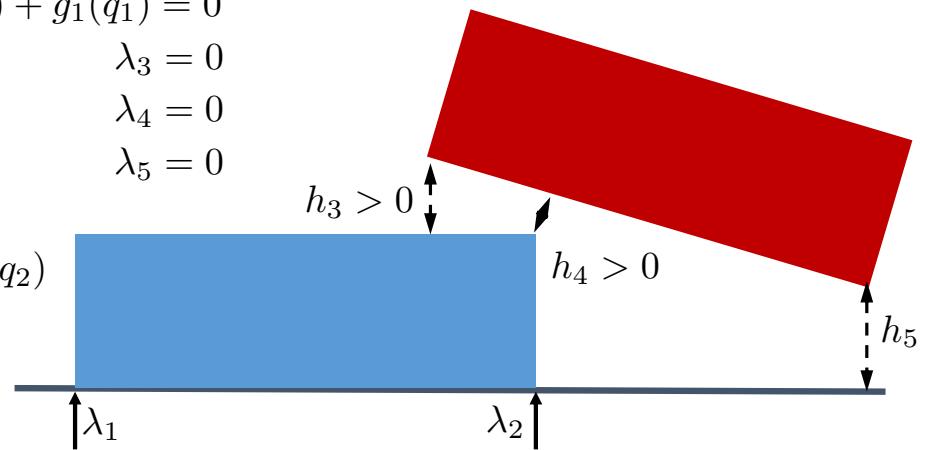
$$\lambda_4 = 0$$

$$\lambda_5 = 0$$

$$M_1(q_2)\ddot{v}_2 + C_2(q_2, v_2) + g_2(q_2) = \lambda_1 dH_1(q_2) + \lambda_2 dH_2(q_2)$$

$$\ddot{h}_1 + \dot{h}_1 + h_1 = 0$$

$$\ddot{h}_2 + \dot{h}_2 + h_2 = 0$$



# Does Not Conserve Energy

- Contact State

$$\dot{q} = v$$

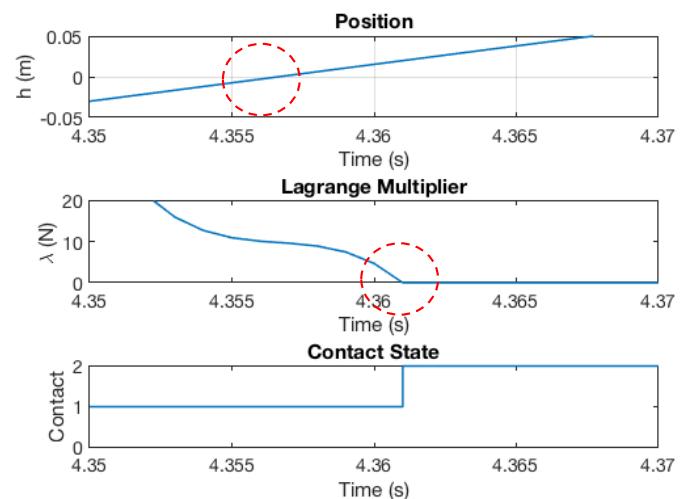
$$m\dot{v} = -mg + \lambda$$

$$0 = \ddot{h} + \alpha_1 \dot{h} + \alpha_0 h + \alpha_3 h^3$$

- Solve for Lagrange Multiplier...

$$\lambda(t) = (\alpha_0 q(t) + \alpha_2 q^3(t) + g)m.$$

- If this were a “spring force,” the  $g$  would not appear
- This force adds energy to the ball when  $\lambda > 0$  and  $h > 0$
- This force is responsible for
  - $h \rightarrow 0$  (no penetration in steady state) ... Good
  - Failure to conserve energy ... Bad
- But, its not *that* bad
  - Energy added only when  $\lambda > 0$  and  $\dot{h} \neq 0$
  - In typical applications,  $\alpha_1 > 0$  (and  $\alpha_1 = 0$  isn't stable)
  - LCP formulations also fail to conserve energy



## DAE Contact – Collision Model Properties

- Mathematical DAE Model
  - Does not mix modes of computation (e.g. ODE solver + QP solver)
  - Useful for design / analysis beyond simulation!
- Continuous - All states are continuous functions of time!
- Can use implicit, stiff solver e.g. DASSL.
  - Stable simulation for wide time scales
  - Adaptive, automatic step size. Faster than fastest time constant system.
- But...
  - No mature software.
  - Requires h and dH.

$$M_1(q_1)\dot{v}_1 + C_1(q_1, v_1) + g_1(q_1) = 0$$

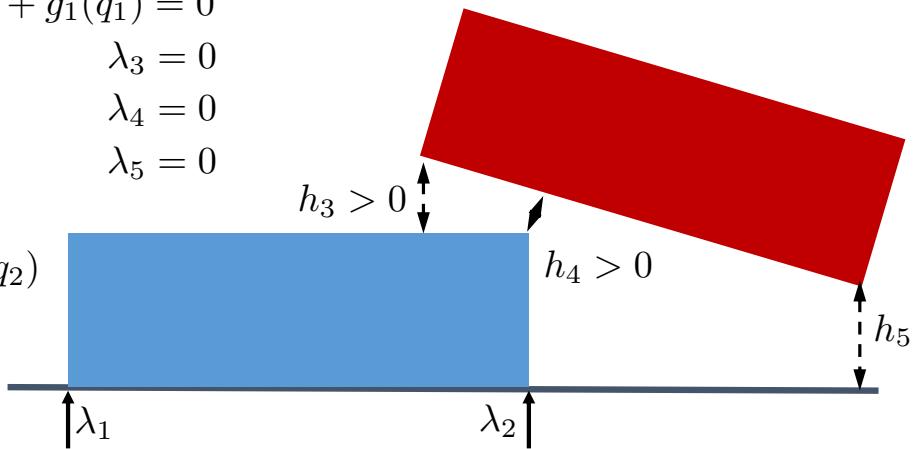
$$\lambda_3 = 0$$

$$\lambda_4 = 0$$

$$\lambda_5 = 0$$

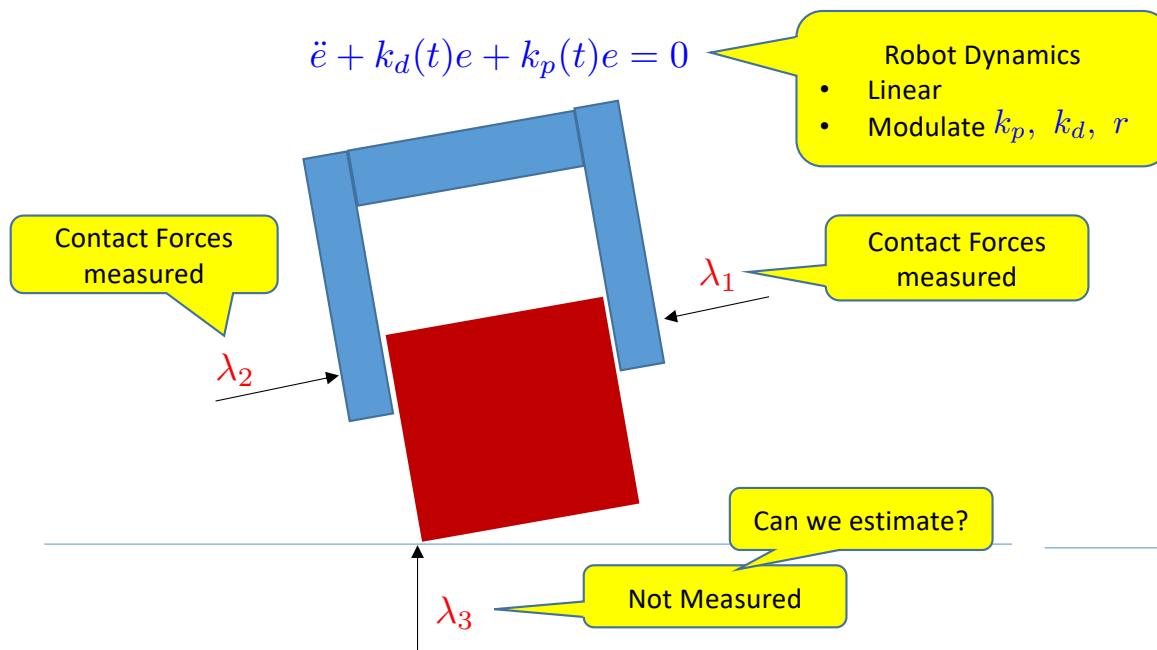
$$\ddot{h}_1 + \dot{h}_1 + h_1 = 0$$

$$\ddot{h}_2 + \dot{h}_2 + h_2 = 0$$



## Other Possible Uses of this Model

### Task State or Parameter Estimation



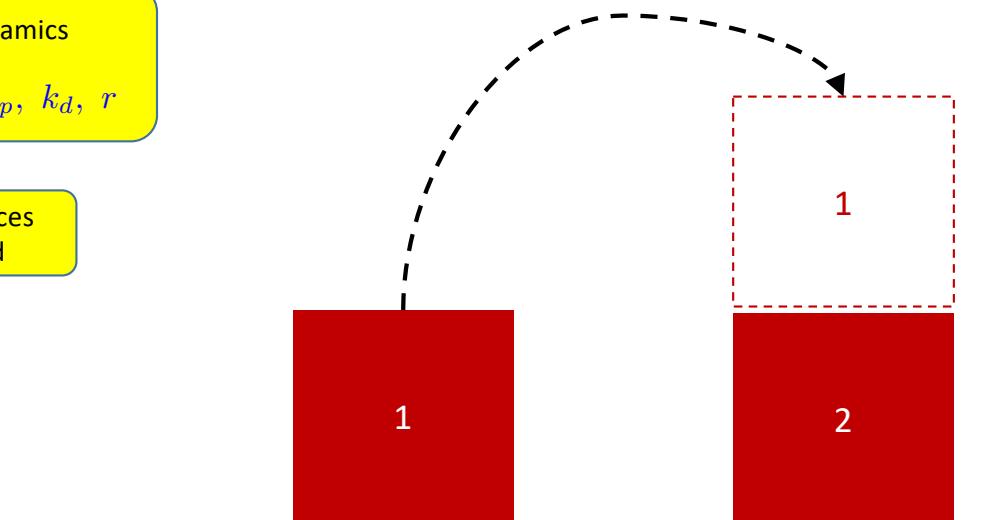
$$h_1(q) = 0$$

$$h_2(q) = 0$$

$$h_3(q) = 0$$

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### MPC for Robotic Manipulation / Assembly



Can we use MPC to compute assembly trajectory?

- Linear robot dynamics.
- Constrained dynamics during contact. Hybrid.
- DAE model is almost linear.

Can control theory define robustness metrics?

- System - oriented thinking vs. signal oriented.

