

# External Hybrid Vision-Force control for da Vinci robot using Matlab and V-Rep

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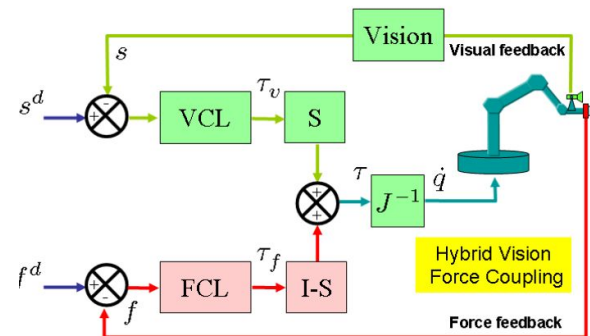
# Introduction -1

Previous literature: Martinet and Prats



Coupling the vision control with the force can give us many advantages

The classic hybrid vision-force system works fine *only* if the tasks are well known; so we are limited by this standard configuration



So a **new approach** that goes beyond the limits and problems of these control schemes is presented...

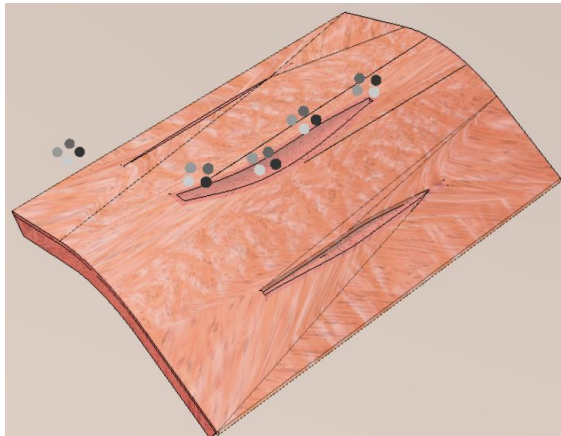
# Introduction -2

## *External Hybrid Vision/Force System on Da Vinci Robot*

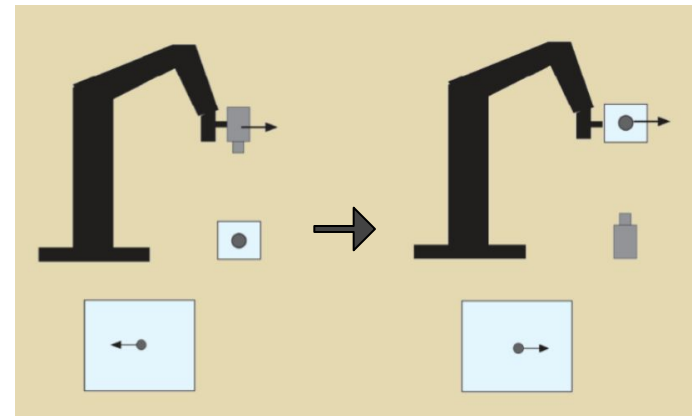
From:

- the general idea of this specific coupling mechanism
- pre-implemented direct kinematics on **eye-in-hand** system

We present a re-implementation of this task in **eye-to-hand** control with **inverse kinematic** to efficiently solve the suturing operation task



Phanom skin on the simulator



From **eye-in-hand** to the **eye-to-hand**

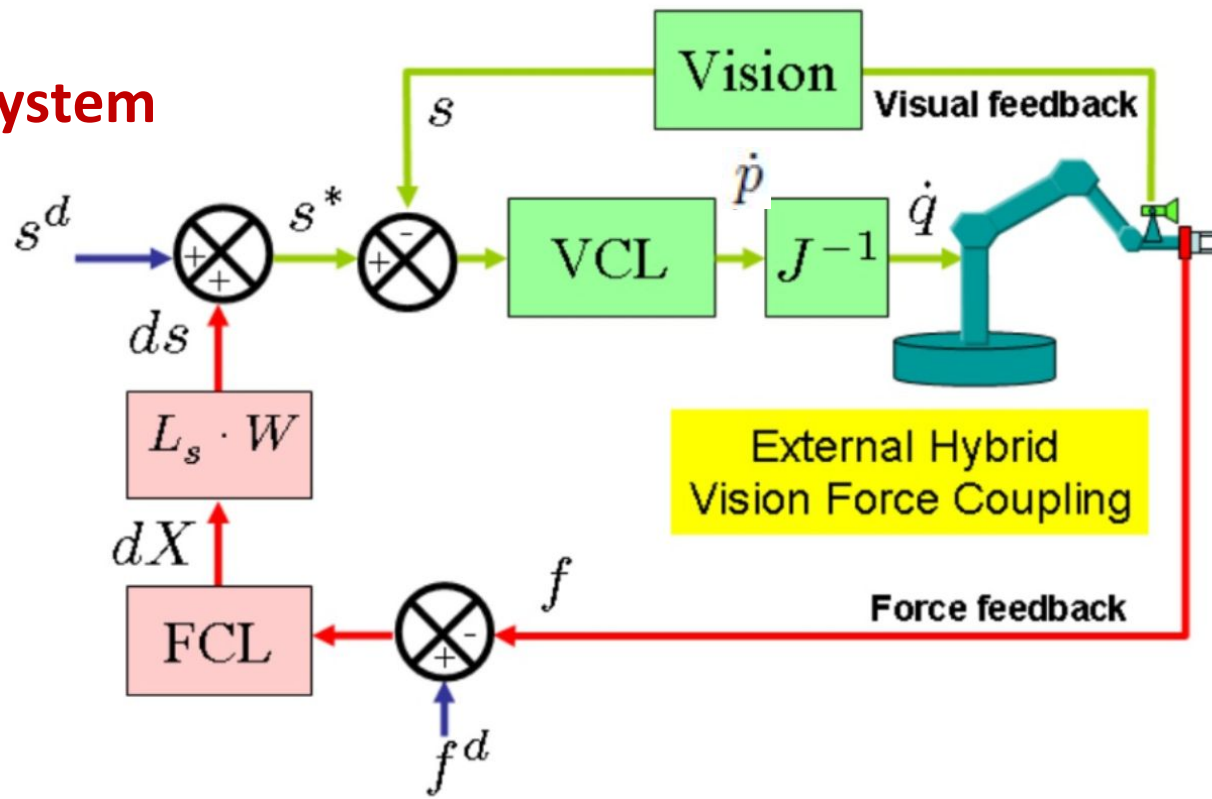
# The control scheme

This paper introduces a Control Scheme composed by two main branches:

**Vision system**

and

**Force system**



# Control scheme: implementation

Coupling is done in sensor space: the reference trajectory generated by visual control is modified by the force control loop

$$\dot{p} = \hat{L}^\dagger K(s^* - s)$$

Where  $s^* = s^d - \hat{L}WC(f^d - f)$

**Note:** It's quite common to integrate velocity in spatial coordinates when  $K$  is composed by small values to find position  $p$  and update joints

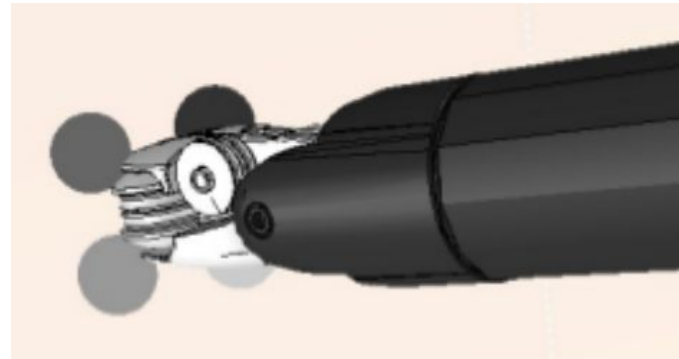
# Visual Servoing -1

- Main important aspect in robotics to guarantee motion control
- Data acquisition with very large information content in the acquired images
- Fast information received and real time

**Aim:**

Feature extraction  
task and computing  
the error

$$e = s^d - s \in R^{8 \times 1}$$



# Visual Servoing -2

The interaction matrix  $L$  plays a key role here...

$$\dot{U} = L \cdot \dot{p}$$

...allowing relation between velocities

$$L = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{f}{Z_1} & 0 & \frac{u_1}{Z_1} & \frac{u_1 v_1}{Z_1} & -\frac{f^2 + u_1^2}{f} & v_1 \\ 0 & \frac{f}{Z_1} & \frac{v_1}{Z_1} & \frac{f^2 + v_1^2}{f} & -\frac{u_1 v_1}{Z_1} & -u_1 \\ \frac{f}{Z_2} & 0 & \frac{u_2}{Z_2} & \frac{u_2 v_2}{Z_2} & -\frac{f^2 + u_2^2}{f} & v_2 \\ 0 & \frac{f}{Z_2} & \frac{v_2}{Z_2} & \frac{f^2 + v_2^2}{f} & -\frac{u_2 v_2}{Z_2} & -u_2 \\ \vdots & & & & & \\ \frac{f}{Z_n} & 0 & \frac{u_n}{Z_n} & \frac{u_n v_n}{Z_n} & -\frac{f^2 + u_n^2}{f} & v_n \\ 0 & \frac{f}{Z_n} & \frac{v_n}{Z_n} & \frac{f^2 + v_n^2}{f} & -\frac{u_n v_n}{Z_n} & -u_n \end{pmatrix}$$

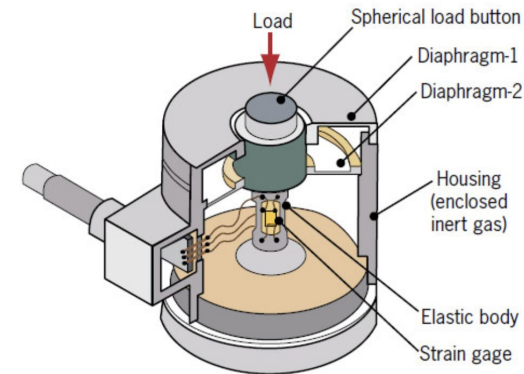
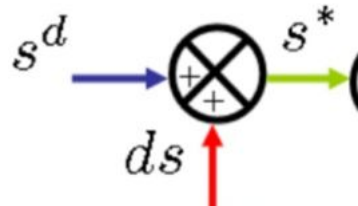
**Image processing should present some problems:**

- Difficult to extract essential data;
- Nonlinear perspective transformations
- High sensitivity to ambient conditions (lightening)
- Noise...

# The force sensor

*Introduction of a sensor that can solve problems when only the camera cannot*

- Receiving in input the force when there is a contact
- Computing the error ( $fd - f$ )
- Receiving as output a force-based image correction  $ds$



- We obtain the desired feature  $s^*$  for the direct chain

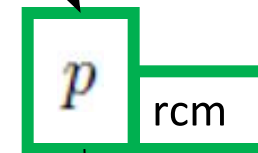
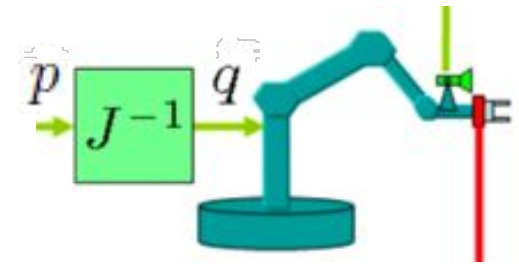
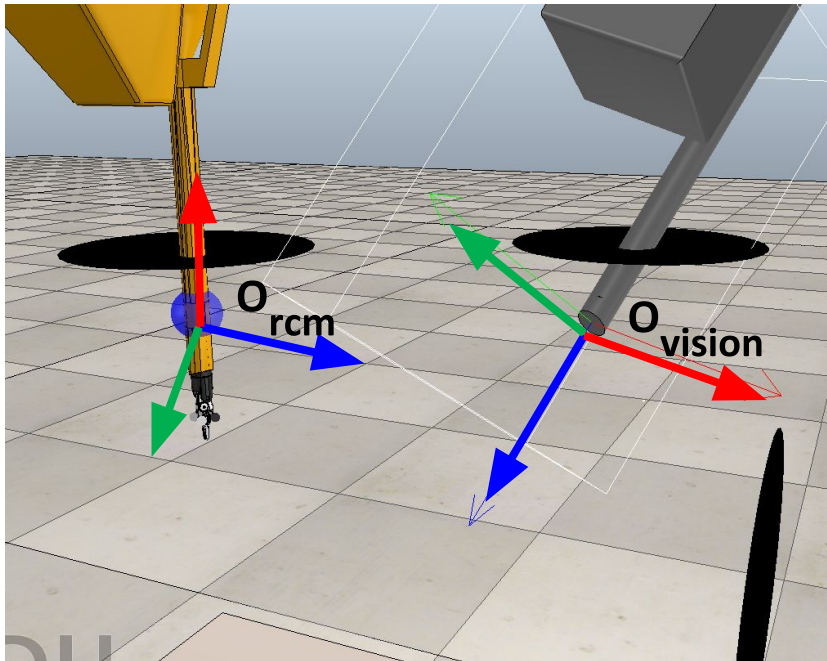


# Inverse kinematics

$$p = L^\dagger K(s^* - s)$$

vision

*getPoseInRCM*

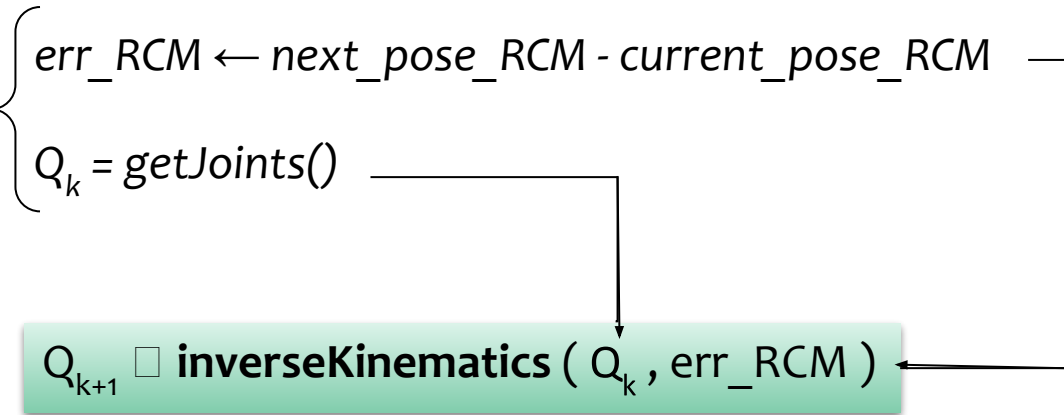


*inverseKinematics*





# Inverse kinematics



$$q^{k+1} = q^k + J_r^{-1}(q^k)[r_d - f_r(q^k)]$$

$$q^{k+1} = q^k + \alpha J_r^\dagger(q^k)[r_d - f_r(q^k)]$$

## Newton method

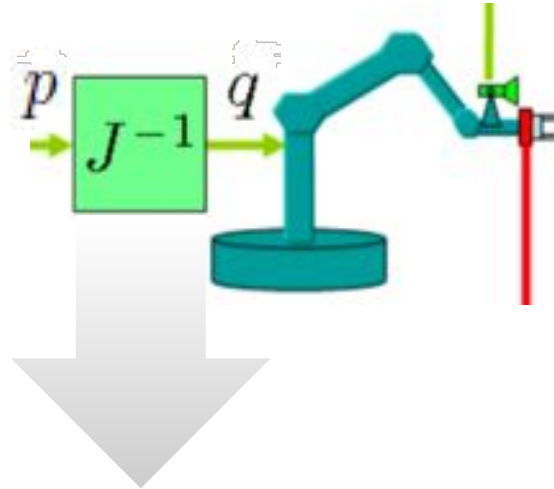
- Computationally fast
- Quadratic convergence rate
- + Costant vector alpha

sendToJoints(Q\_{k+1})

**A V-REP Simulator for the da Vinci Research Kit Robotic Platform**

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# Inverse kinematics recap

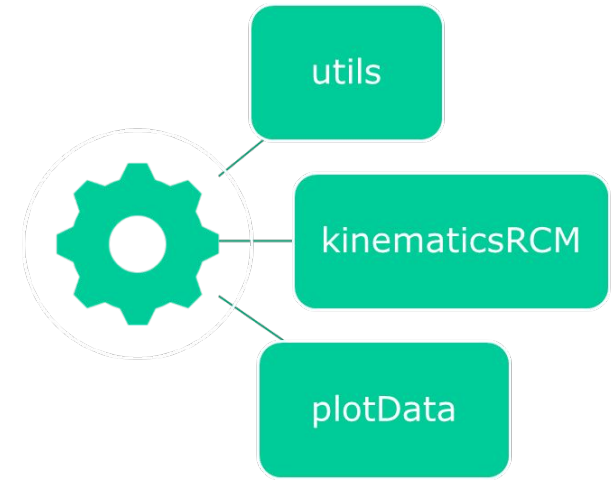
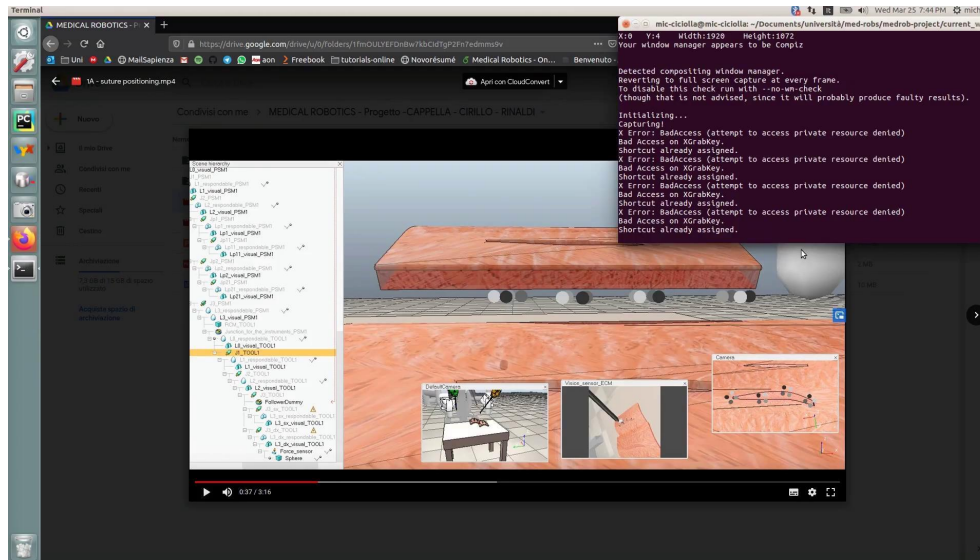


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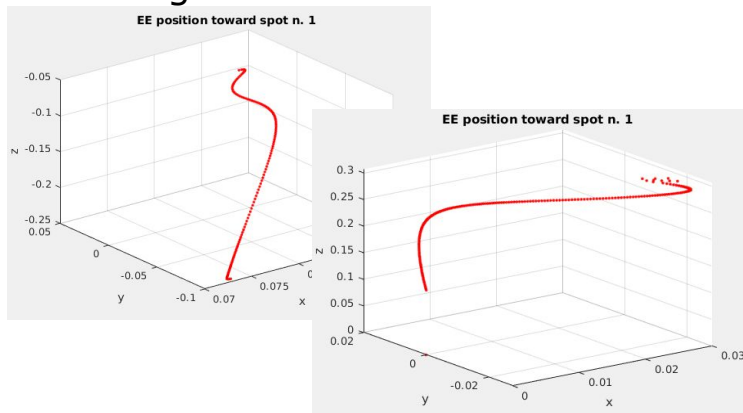
```
1: procedure INVERSEKINEMATICS(Q,ERR)
2:    $J \leftarrow kinematicsRCM.computeJacobian(Q);$ 
3:    $v \leftarrow 7.5 * [1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 2 \ 0.01 \ 0] * 10^{-2};$ 
4:    $alfa \leftarrow diag(v);$ 
5:    $J \leftarrow pinv(J);$ 
6:    $Q \leftarrow Q' + alfa * J * (err);$ 
```

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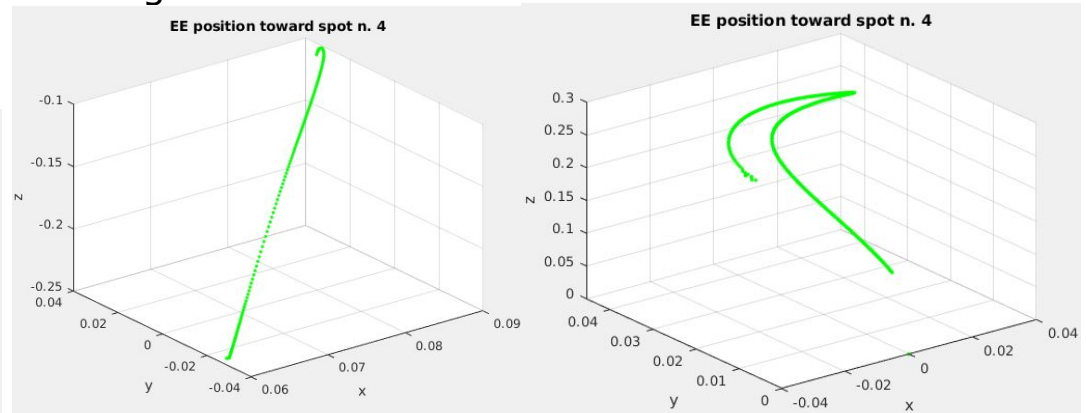
# Tuning and code reorganization



tuning



tuning



# Software section: Matlab and VREP

## Why Matlab?

Easy connection with VREP and many API functions available;  
Ability to use technical language and mathematical operations easily;  
Better computing performance and ease of deployment;



## Why VREP?



The tree structure allows the creation of nodes and dependences;  
We can also call external functions implemented in Lua inside the simulator nodes to guarantee connection.

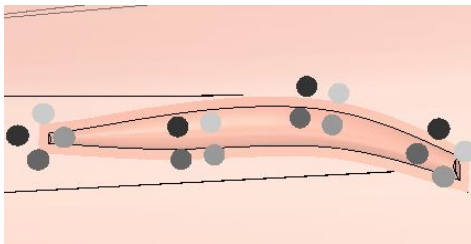
# Matlab init functions

## ***Init connection with matlab and handles***

```
[~, handle_FS] = vrep.simxGetObjectHandle(ID, 'Force_sensor', vrep.simx_opmode_blocking)
```

## ***Connection between nodes to comunicate***

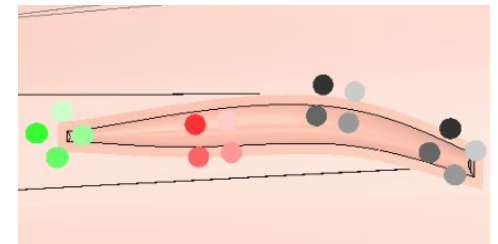
```
function [sync] = synchronize(ID, vrep, h_joints, h_RCM, h_VS, h_Followed, h_EE, h_FS)
```



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## ***Connection between matlab and Lua childscript functions***

```
vrep.simxCallScriptFunction()
```

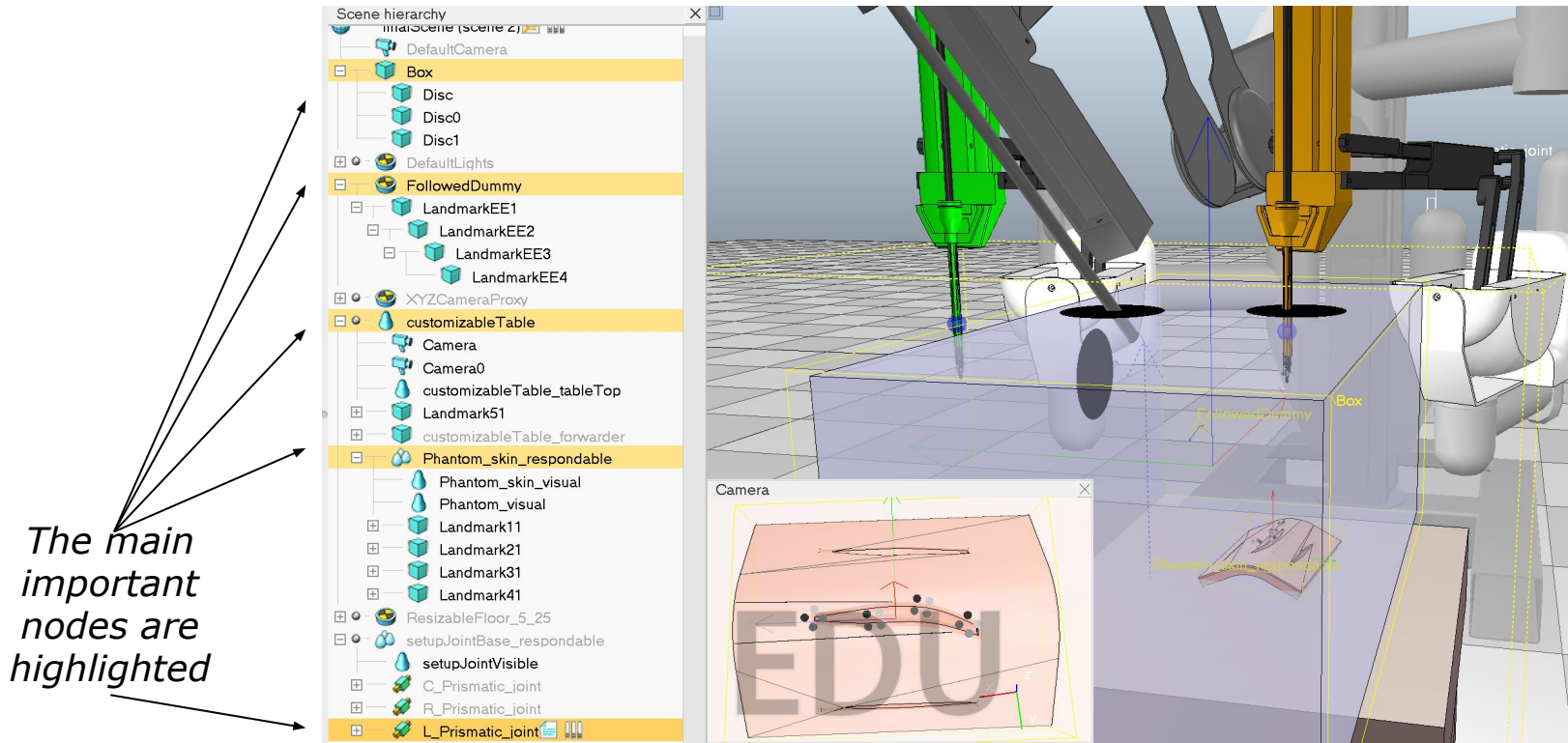


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# V-Rep environment

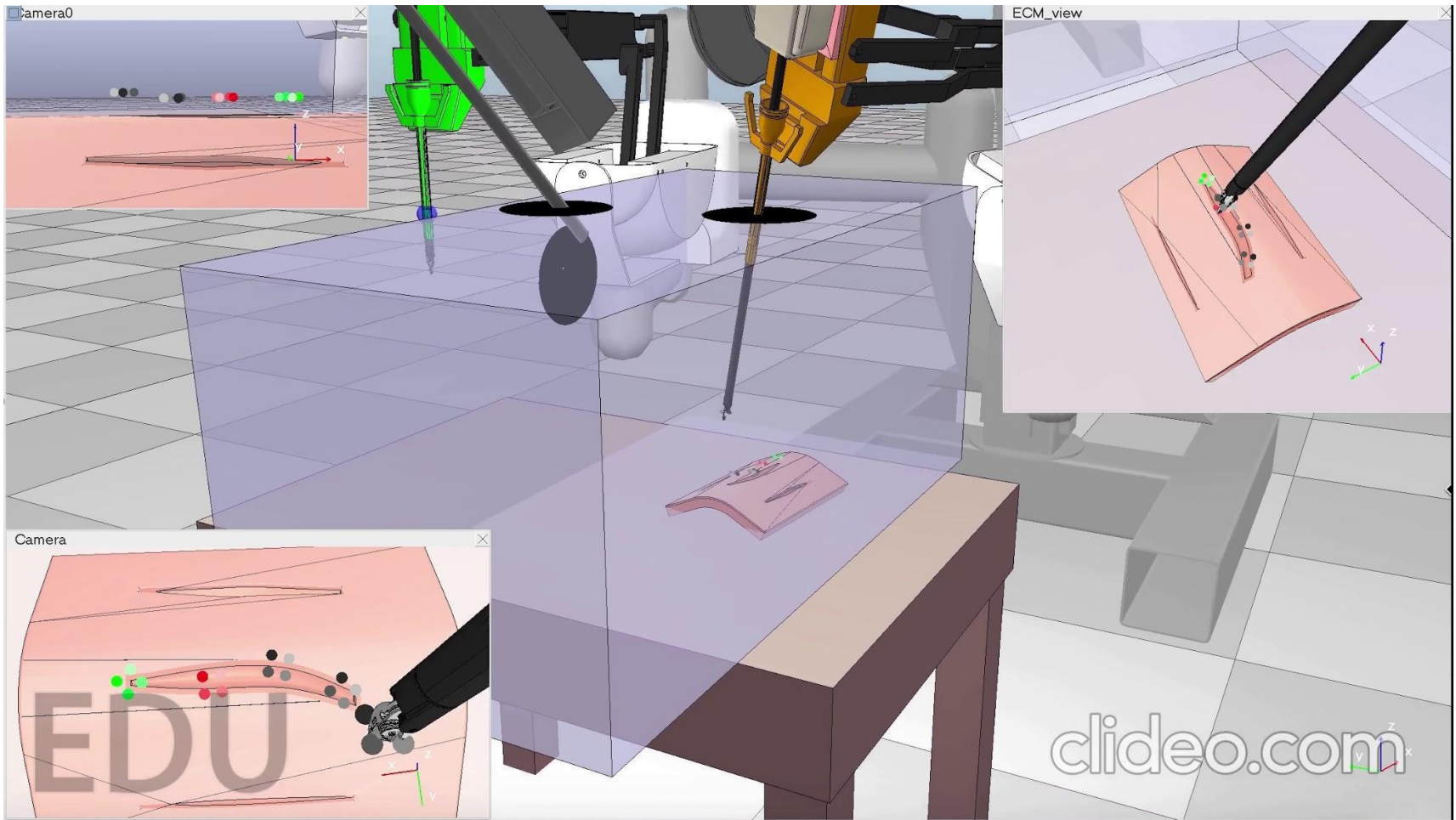
We implemented the official Sapienza env for Da Vinci robot:



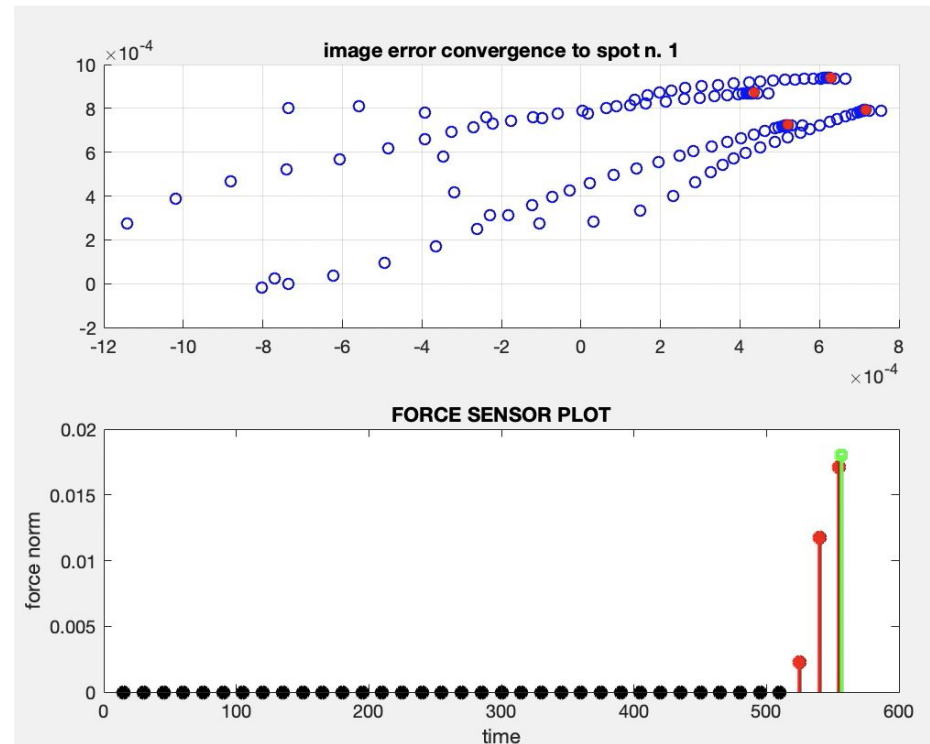
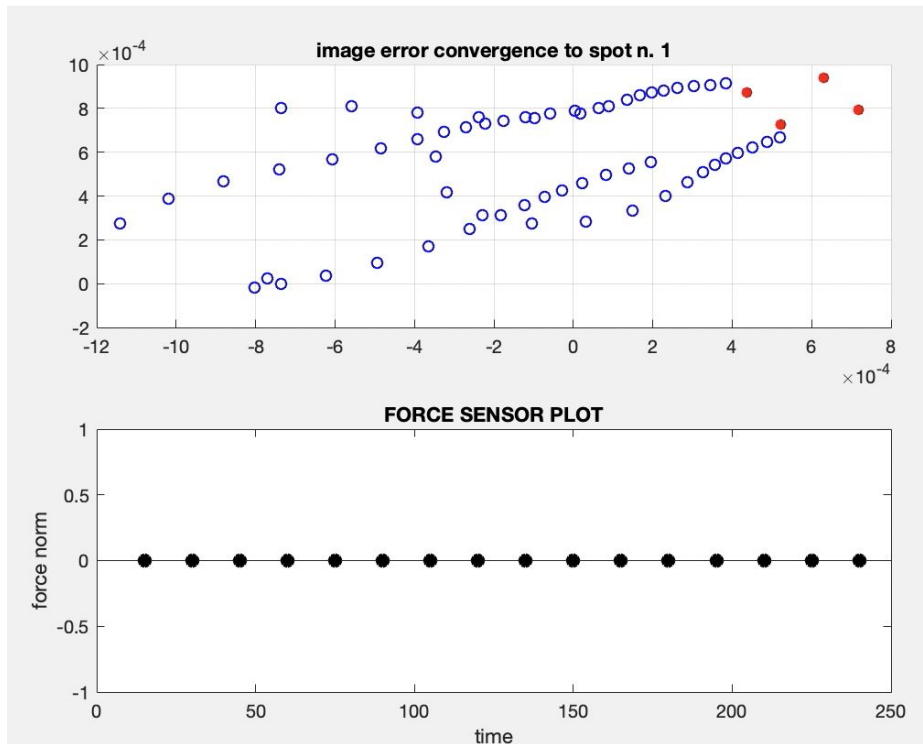
The introduction of a transparent box gives us the idea of “reality” when the robot is operating



# Simulation video

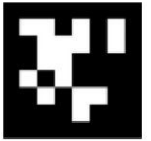


# Result achieved: plots commenting



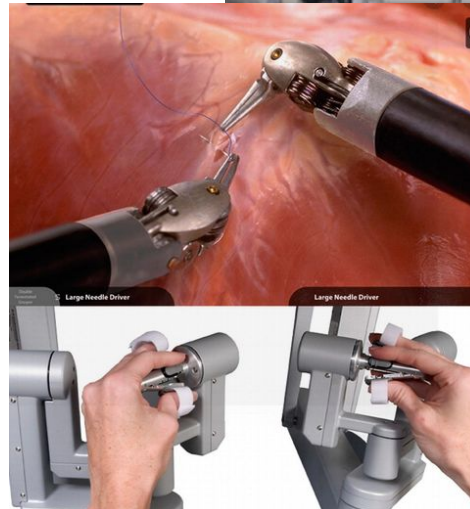
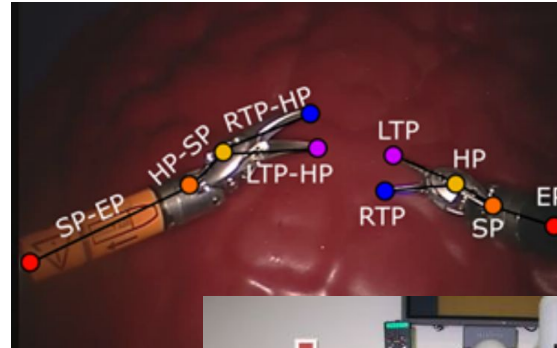
**Important for the user:** easy to understand and quick check of results in real time

# Final thoughts and future works



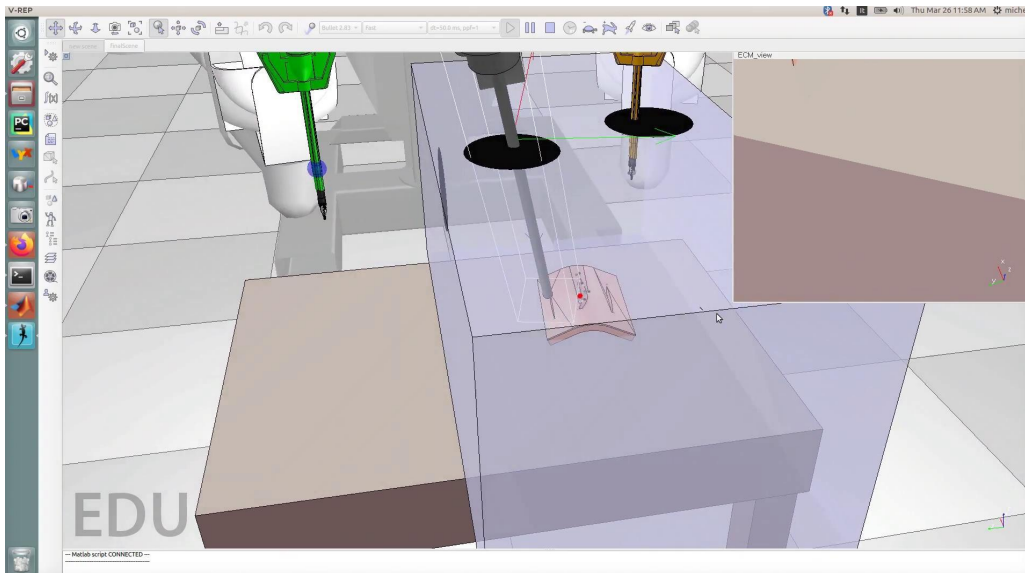
AprilTag

1. **Feature extraction:** extract essence of an image of millions of pixels per seconds.
2. **Autonomous ECM movements:** follow the surgical tip keeping distance or at the center of image.
3. **Take advantage of both tips**

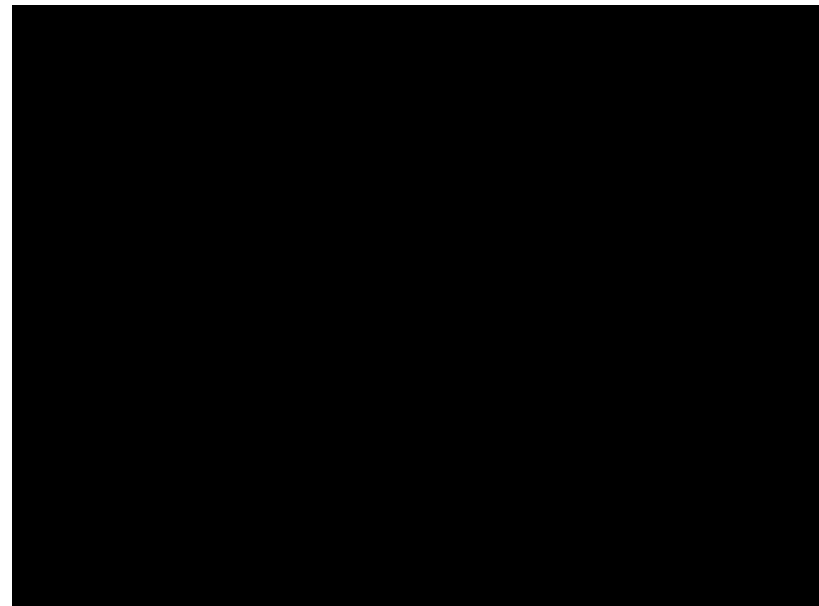


# Extra future work and conclusion

**Actually we already opened some doors**



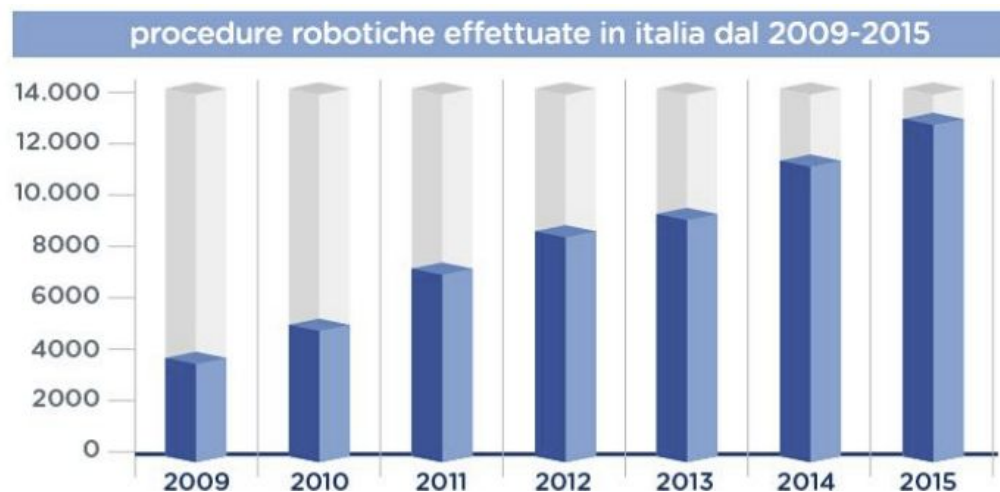
ECM control



Grasp objects

# Conclusion

- ❑ Save human lives
  - ❑ **Telesurgery**: Lindbergh operation 2001
  - ❑ **Telediagnosis**: remote “Remote Presence” Robot RP-6
- ❑ High technology helps doctors
- ❑ Although advanced today, it must improve via research
  - ❑ Artificial Intelligence
  - ❑ **Nanotechnology**



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