

# MEAM 520

## Haptic Rendering

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Lecture 26: December 5, 2013



## Project 2: Part 2 Light Painting with the PUMA 260

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**Part 2 of Project 2 is due tonight, with the late deadline on Sunday.**

**Submissions have begun coming in, and the light paintings are looking great!**

**Many more teams have solved the IK. Good job!**

**Many thanks to the students who have been helping out!**

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**Still need help?**

**I have office hours today  
from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m.  
(extended).**

**Your IK doesn't need  
eight perfect solutions to  
make a good light  
painting.**

# Tentative MEAM 520 Calendar

Tuesday 12/3 – More Motion Control

Thursday 12/5 – Haptic Rendering

Introduce Homework 9

*Thursday 12/5 – Project 2 Part 2 (Sim Painting) due*

Tuesday 12/10 – Teleoperation & Mobile Robots

*Tuesday 12/10 – Homework 9 (Haptics) due, with no  
penalty up to 12/14*

*Ongoing – Record Light Paintings on PUMA*

Wednesday 12/18 – Final Exam noon to 2 p.m.

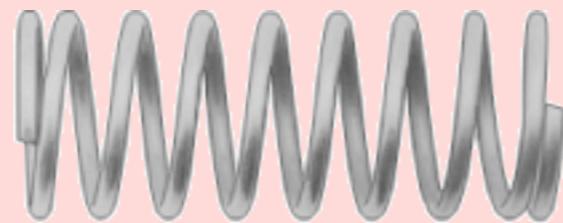
# Motion Control via a Cartesian PD Controller

$$\vec{x}_{h,\text{des}} = \Lambda(\theta_{1,\text{des}}, \theta_{2,\text{des}}, \theta_{3,\text{des}})$$

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$$\vec{F} = k(\vec{x}_{h,\text{des}} - \vec{x}_h) + b(\vec{v}_{h,\text{des}} - \vec{v}_h)$$

virtual spring  
ties positions together  
causes oscillations



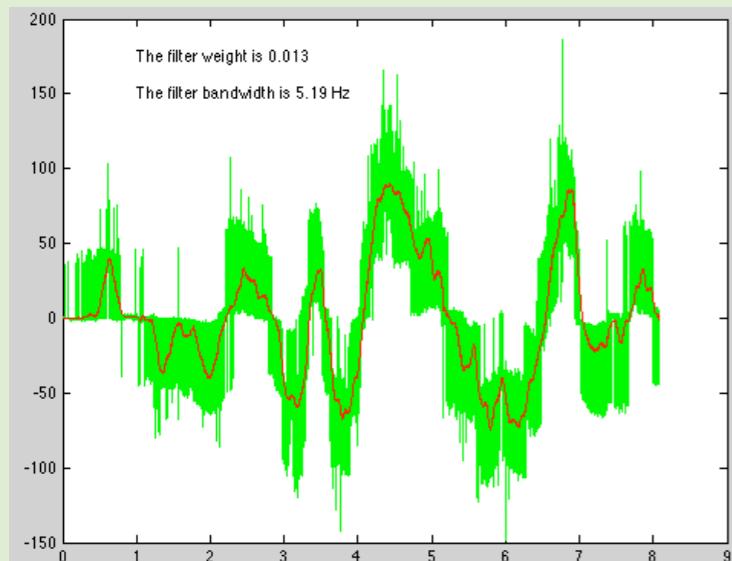
$$\frac{k}{m} = \omega_n^2 \quad \text{natural frequency}$$

$$b(\vec{v}_{h,\text{des}} - \vec{v}_h)$$

virtual damper  
ties velocities together  
calms oscillations

$$\frac{b}{m} = 2\zeta\omega_n \quad \text{damping ratio}$$

We must calculate velocity from the position signal



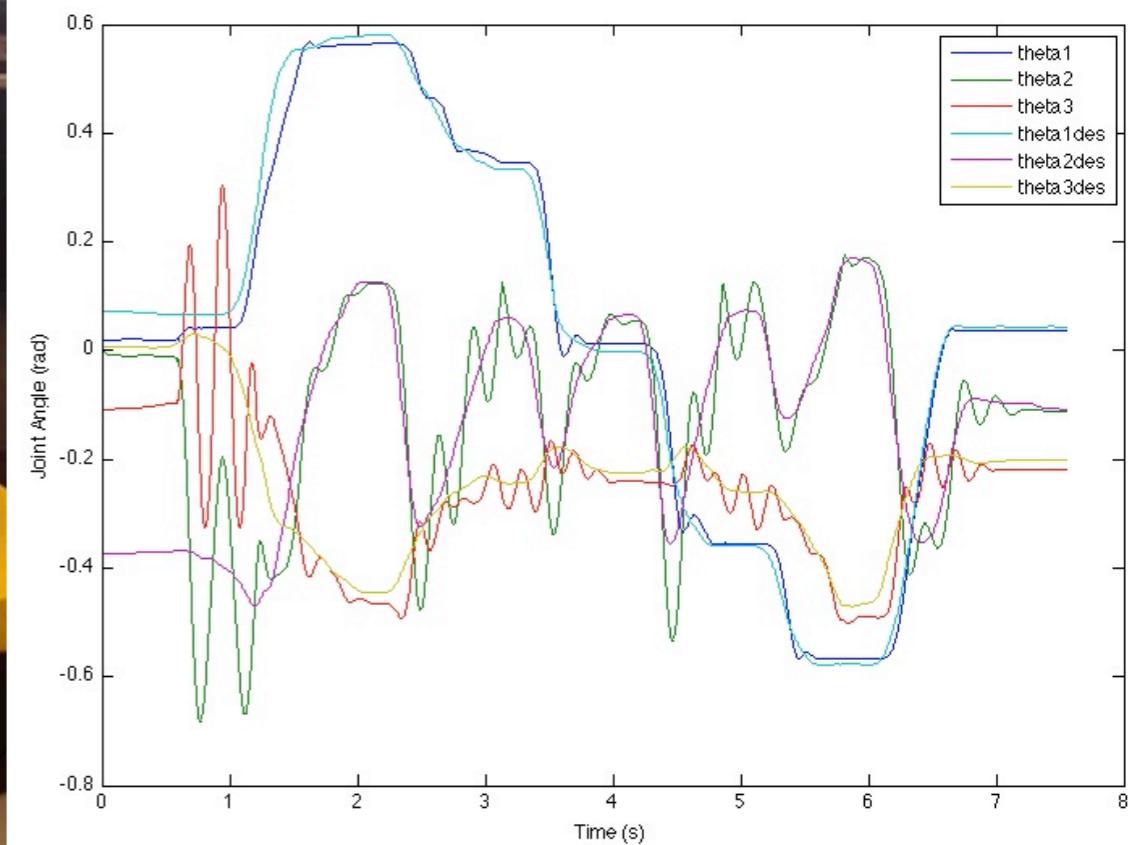
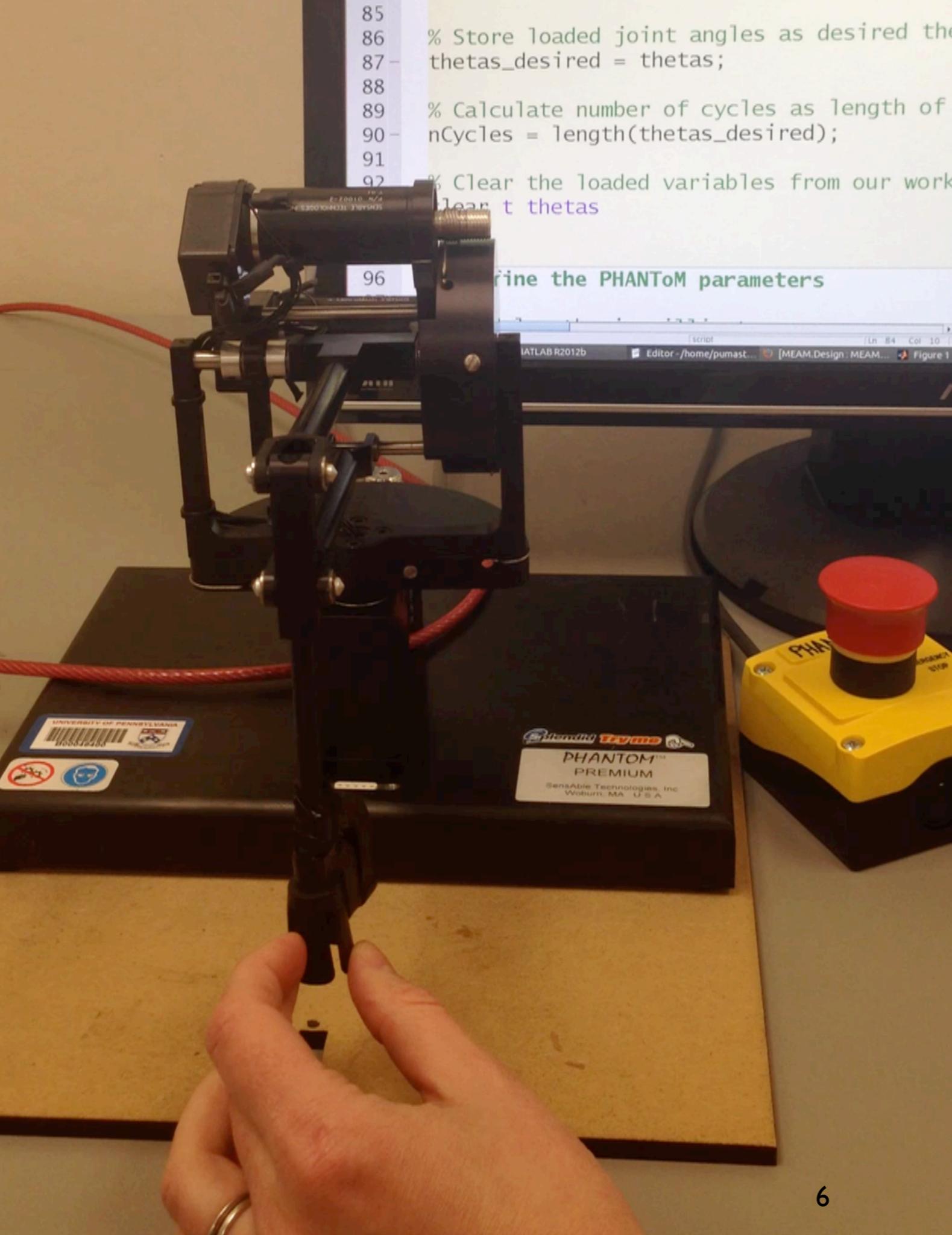
$$\hat{v} = \frac{x(t_2) - x(t_1)}{t_2 - t_1}$$

will be noisy because the position signal is quantized, so use a digital low-pass filter

$$v_{\text{smooth},k} = w \cdot \hat{v}_k + (1 - w) \cdot v_{\text{smooth},k-1}$$

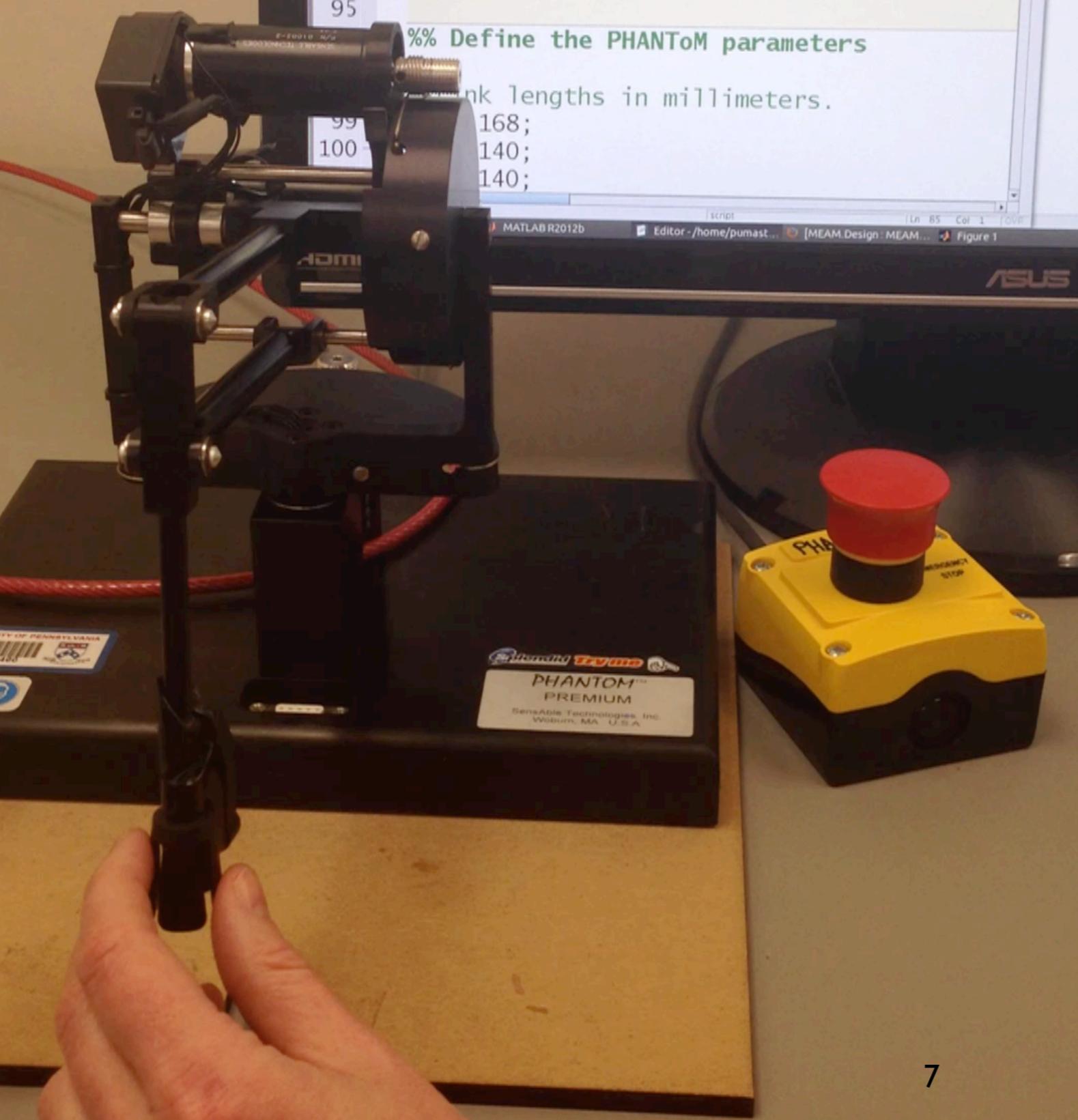
$$0 < w < 1$$

# Replaying Taps with Only Proportional Feedback (Virtual Spring)



Second and third joints  
are highly oscillatory.

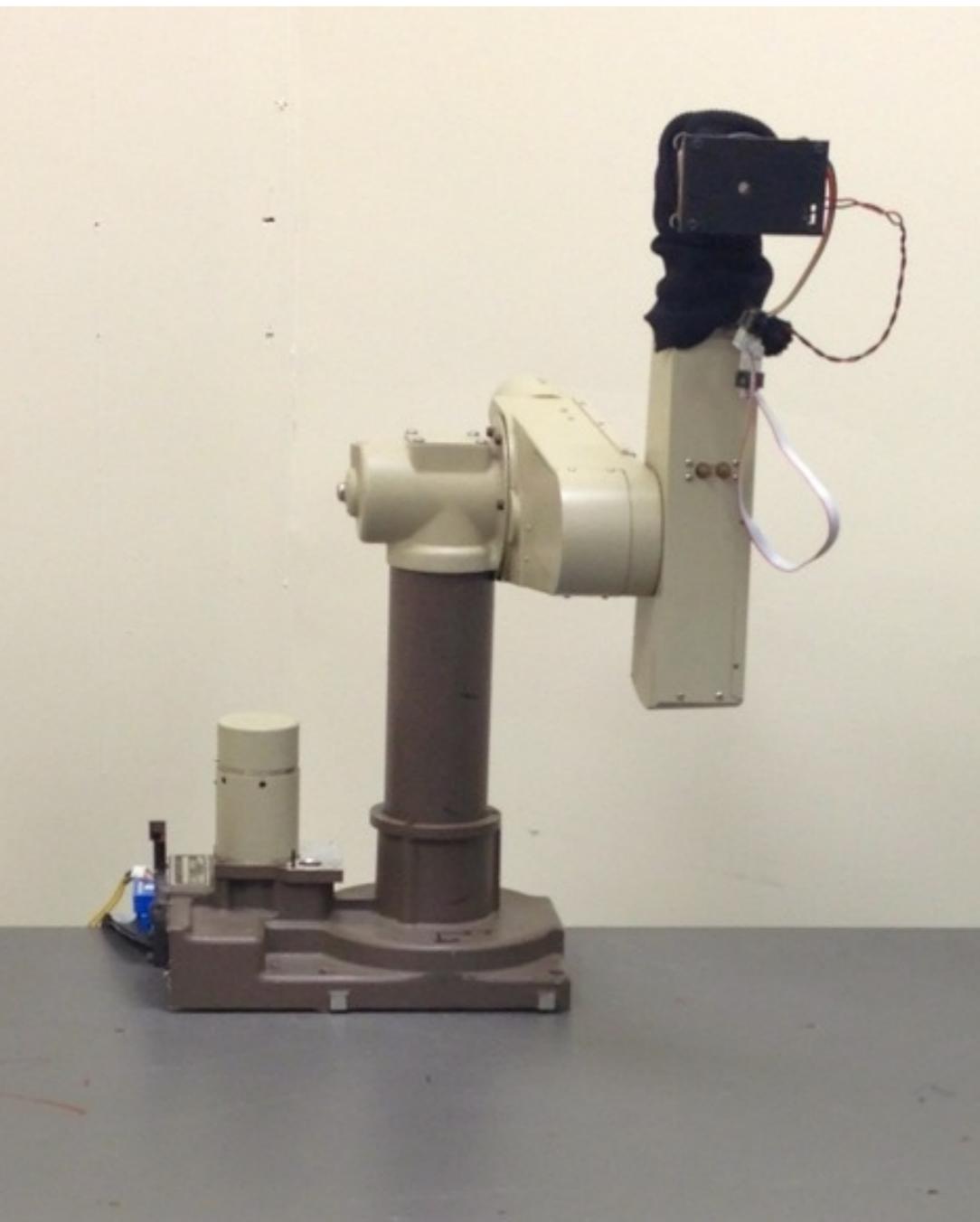
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86 % Store loaded joint angles as desired the  
87 thetas_desired = thetas; I  
88  
89 % Calculate number of cycles as length of  
90 nCycles = length(thetas_desired);  
91  
92 % Clear the loaded variables from our work  
93 clear t thetas  
94  
95  
  
% Define the PHANTOM parameters  
linkLengths in millimeters.  
168;  
140;  
140;
```



# Replaying Taps with Proportional and Derivative Feedback (Virtual Spring plus Virtual Damper)

Now the second and  
third joints  
track pretty well.

# Compare and Contrast: PUMA Controller vs. Phantom Controller.



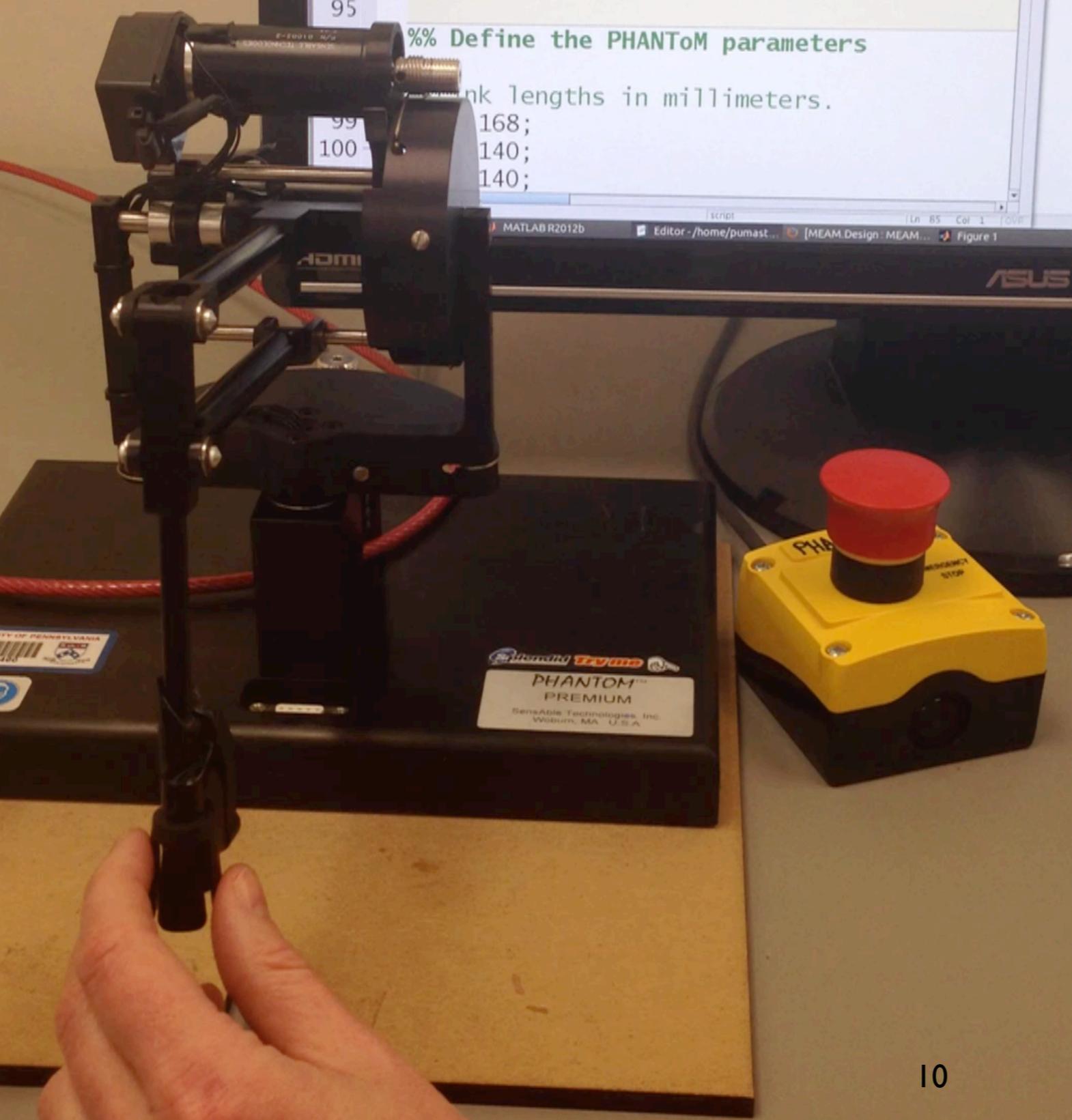
How are they similar? How do they differ?  
Why? Talk with a partner or two.

# Compare and Contrast: PUMA Controller vs. Phantom Controller.

The two robots have different dynamics. The PUMA has much more friction than the Phantom. Why? Because of the gears; sliding surfaces always waste energy. The gears give the PUMA good mechanical advantage, but they cause a lot of friction. The Phantom is much more backdrivable than the PUMA. The joints of the Phantom are also less coupled than those of the PUMA, due to the parallel vs. serial linkage. The PUMA has six joints, so if we're thinking about only position output, it's redundant, so the linear velocity Jacobian isn't square. Could think only about the position of the wrist or the tip with the wrist rigid.

While the Phantom controller is a Cartesian PD controller, the PUMA has a separate PD controller on each joint. If we tried to run the Phantom's controller on the PUMA, the friction in the joints would probably make the robot move the wrong way. And we'd have no control over which IK solution it chose.

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*Weight is easy to anticipate and cancel!*

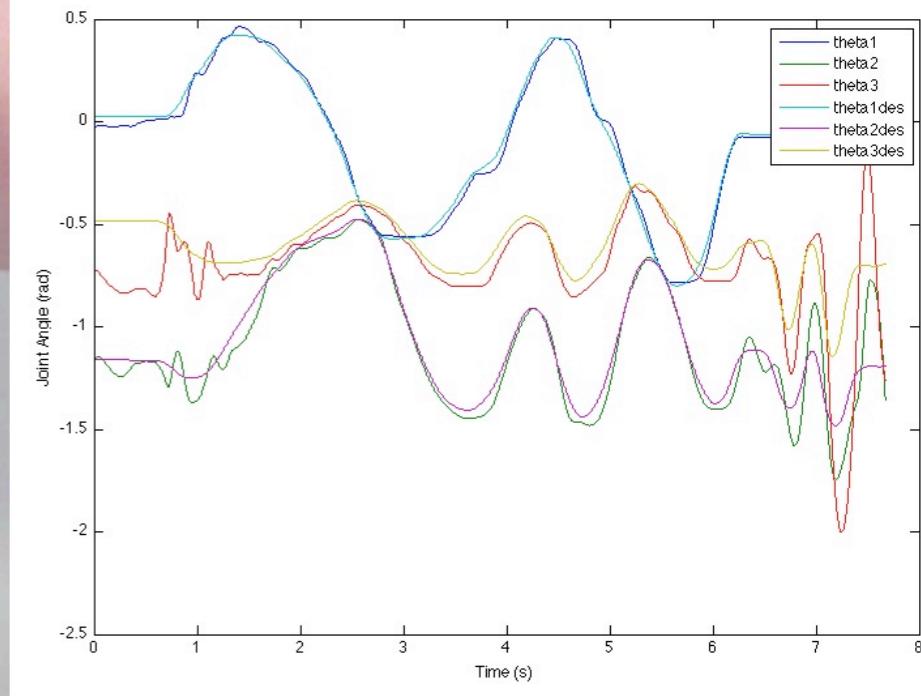
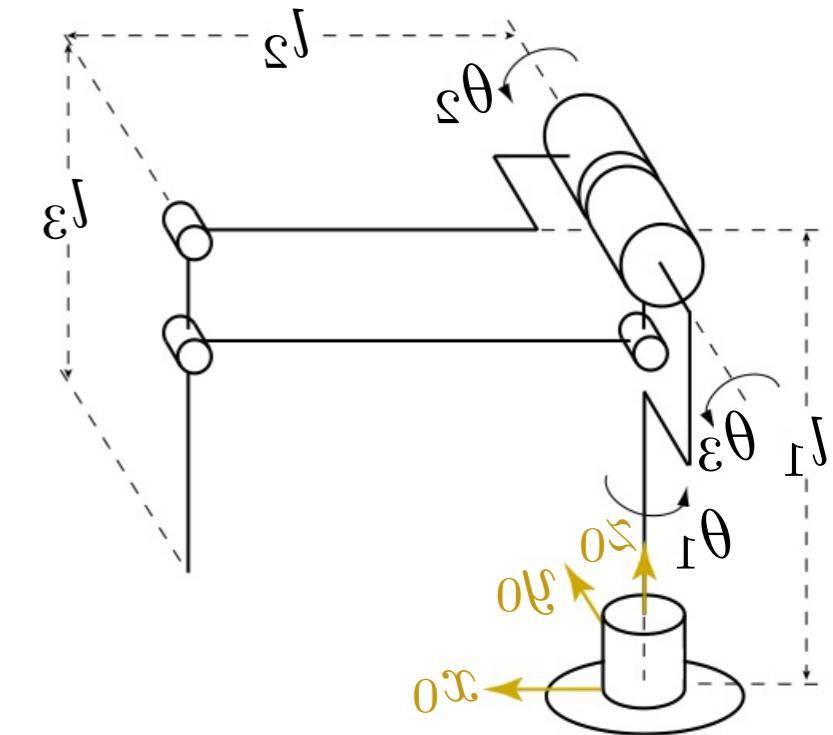
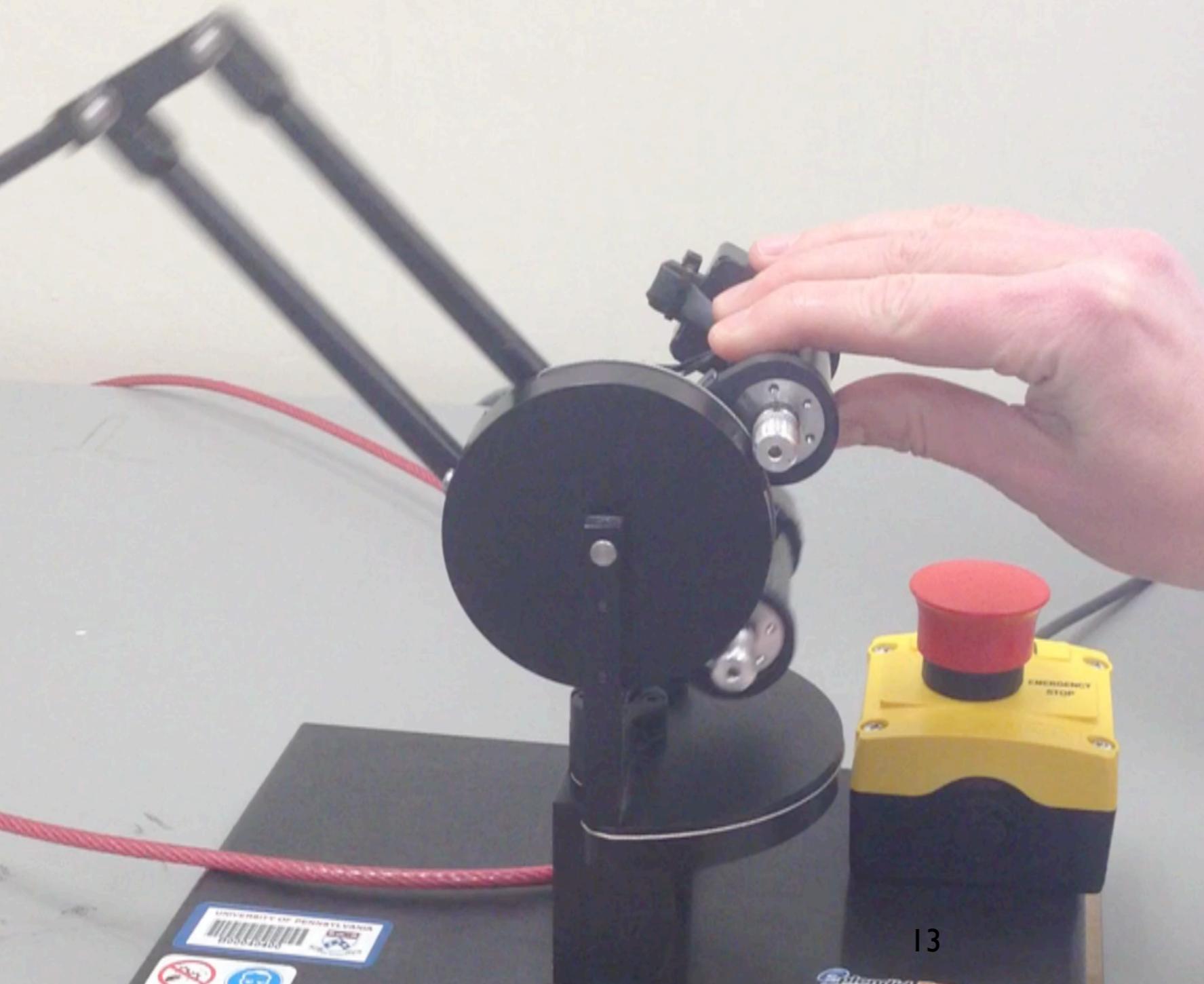
Robot designers generally try to **minimize the inertia (mass & mass distribution)** of the robot so it can accelerate more quickly and be less affected by gravity.

Similarly, robot designers try to **minimize the friction** of the robot so that the start of motion is smooth and sustained motion doesn't require much torque.

It is generally difficult to use feed-forward control to anticipate and cancel out inertia and friction.

# How to implement gravity compensation in software?

Joints 2 and 3 are affected by gravity.



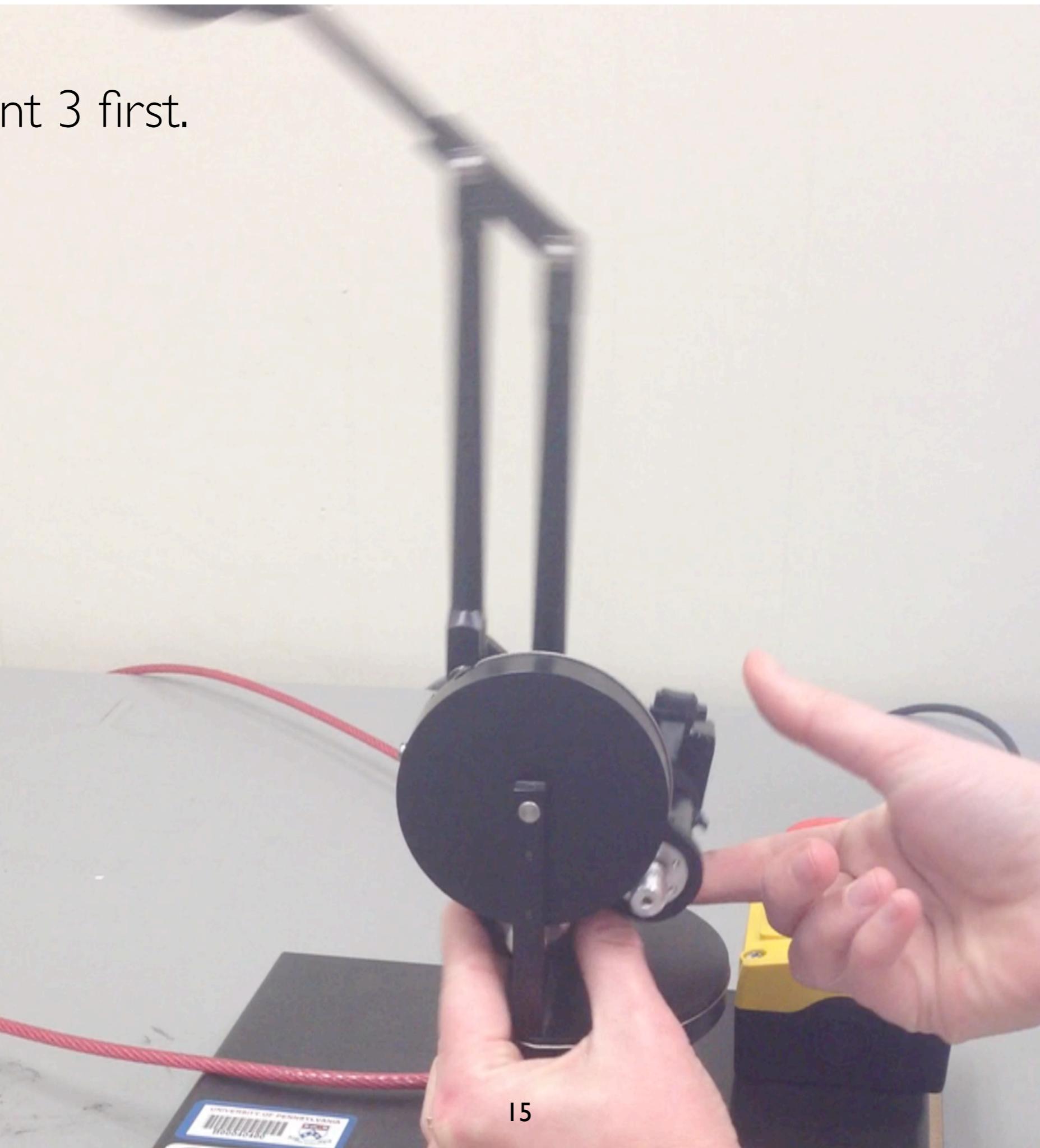
# How do we calibrate gravity compensation?

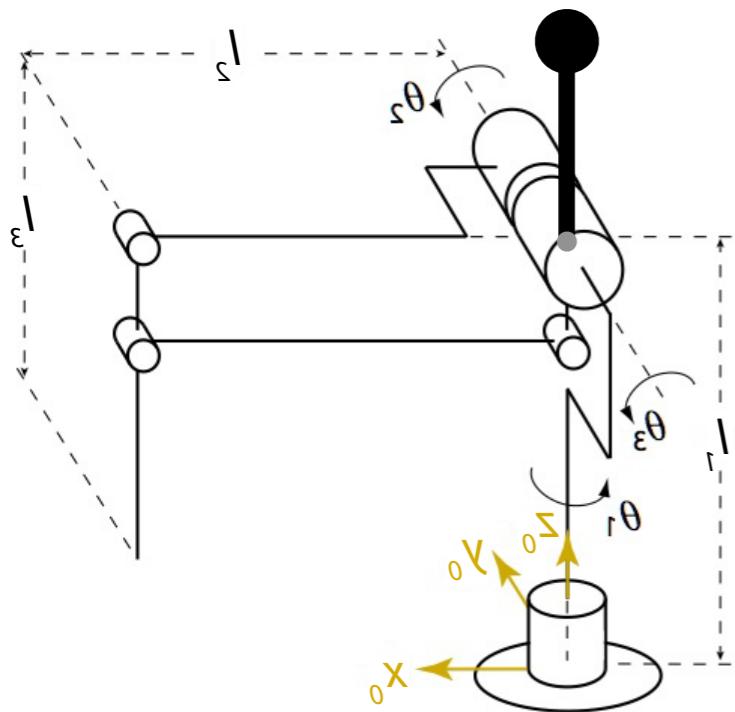
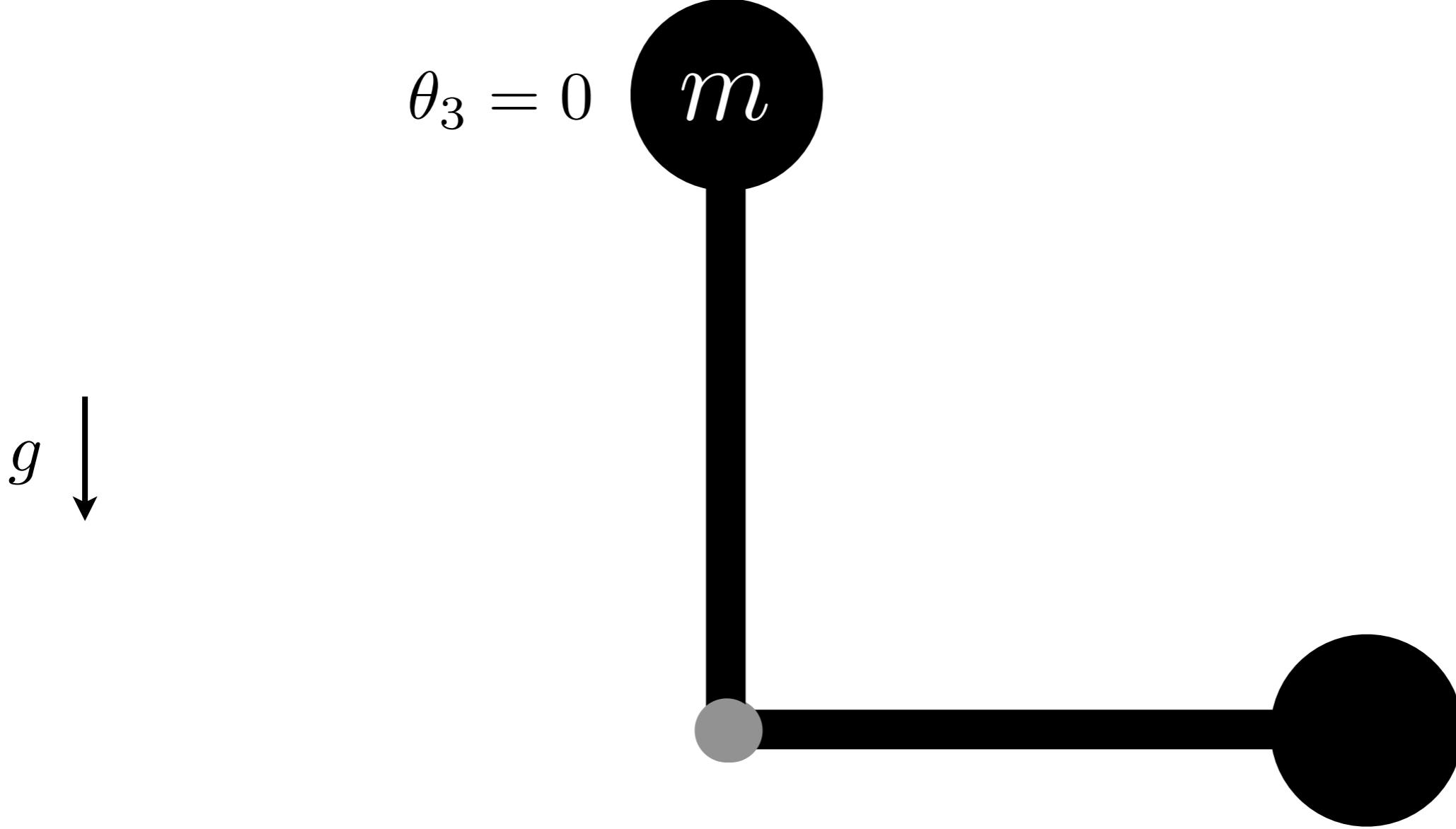
Option 1: Inspect the robot to determine the form we expect for the gravity torque, then tune the strength through experiments.

Option 2: Move the robot slowly through a trajectory and record the torque needed to hold up the weight of the robot.

(Very common to use a feedback controller to calibrate a feedforward controller.)

Option I  
Look at Joint 3 first.

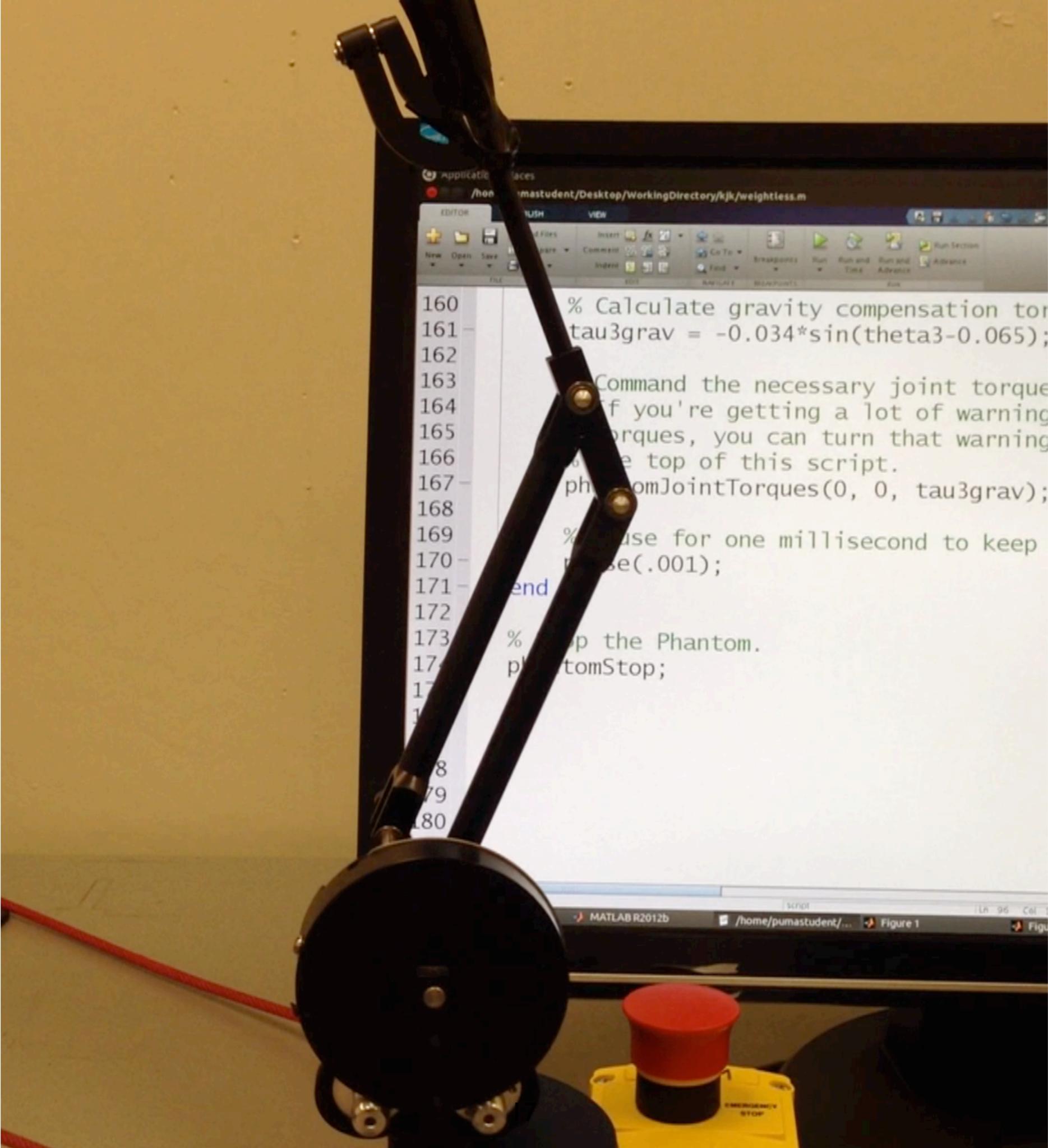




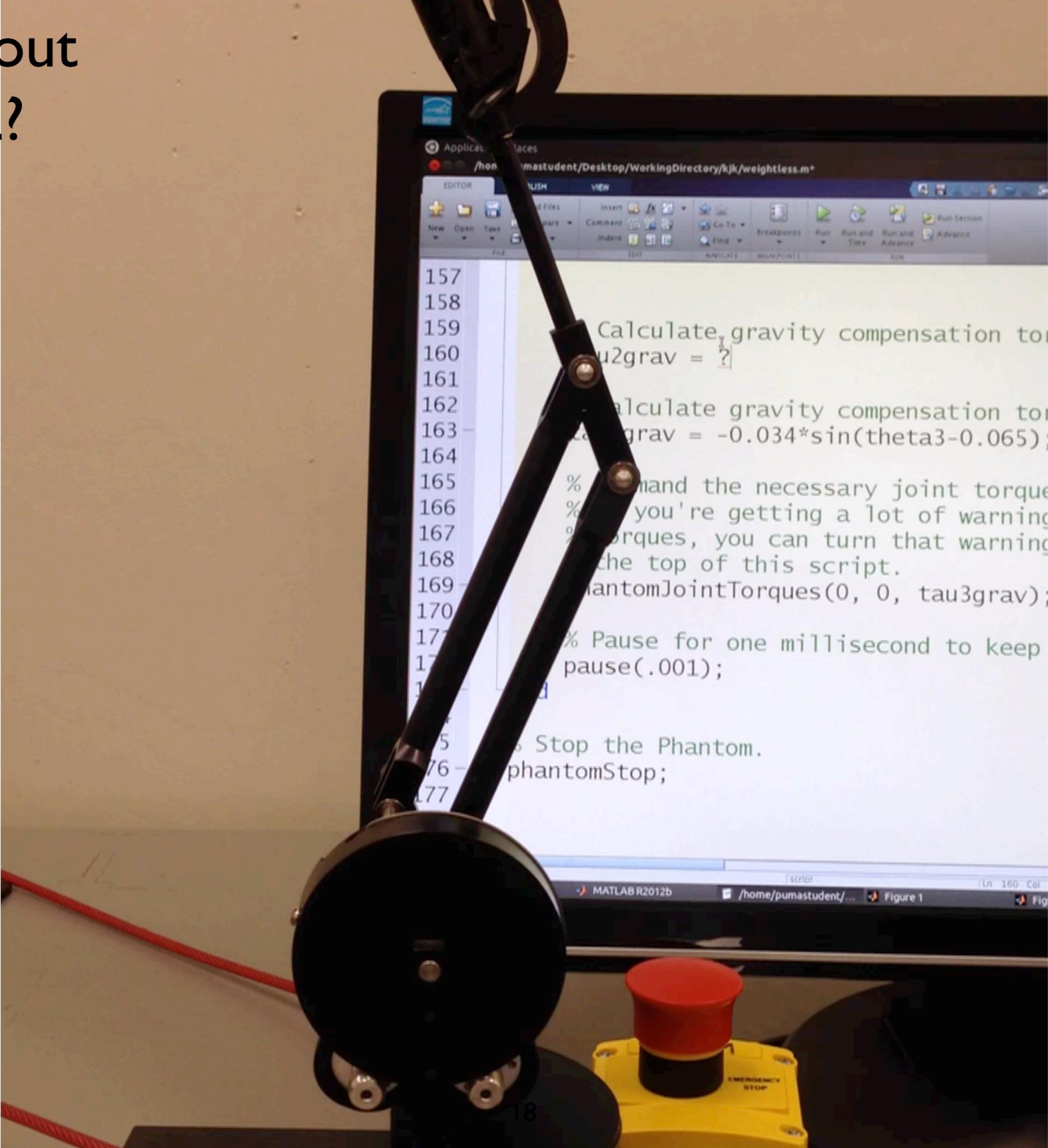
$$\theta_3 = -\pi/2 = -1.57$$

Expect gravity torque to be positive in value and involve  $-\sin(\theta_3)$

with gravity  
compensation  
on joint 3



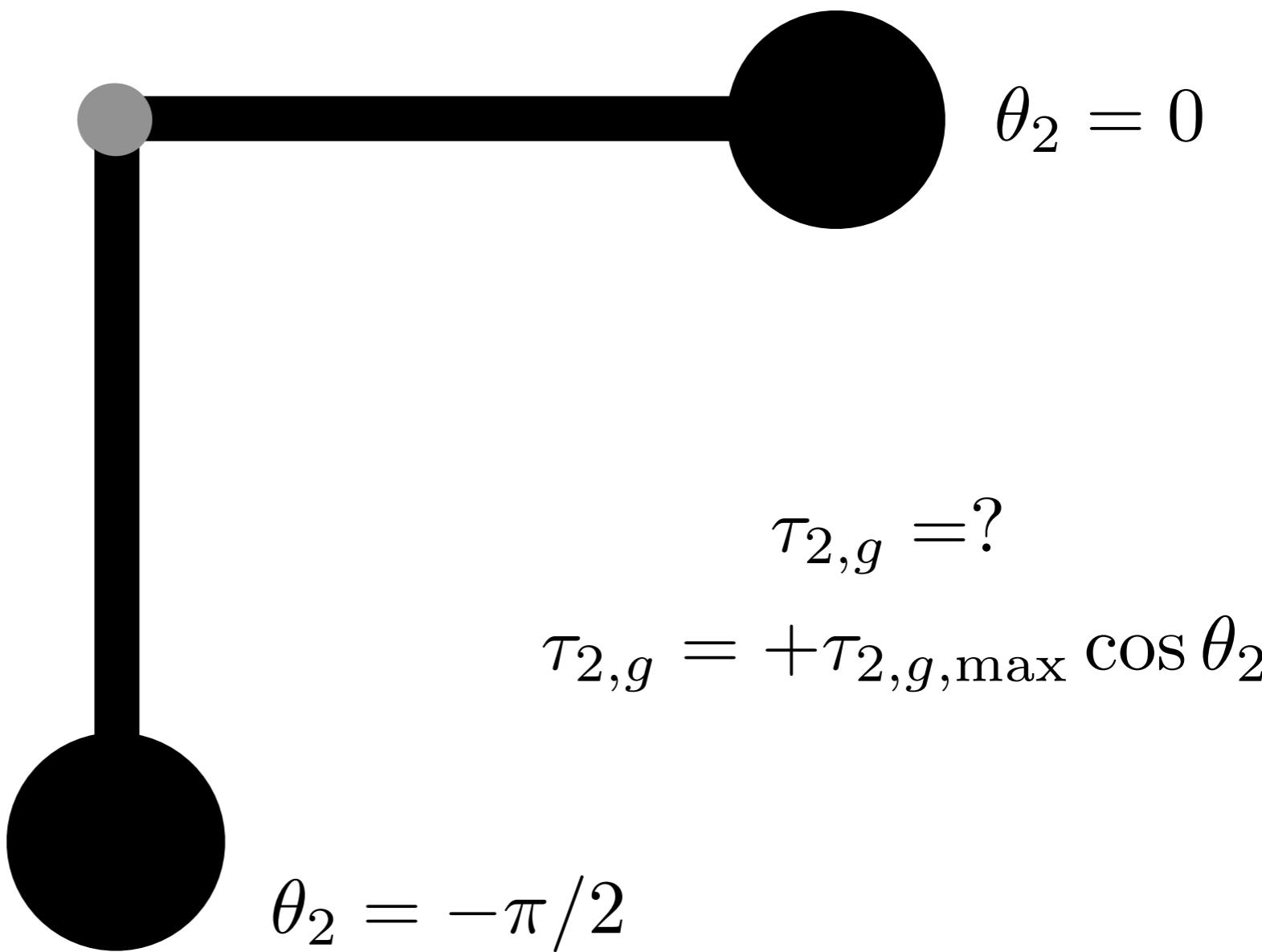
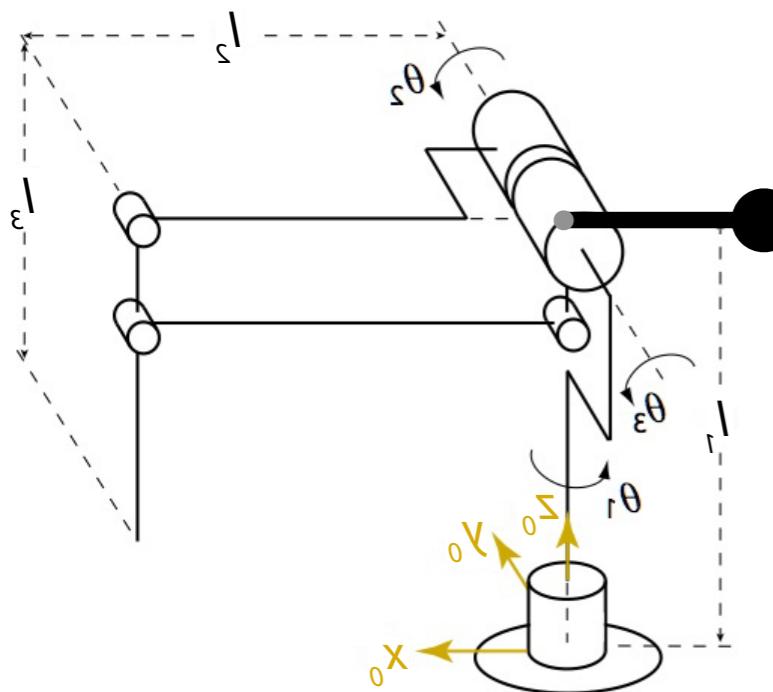
# What about joint 2?



What form do you expect the gravity compensation for joint 2 to take?

Expect gravity torque to be positive in value and involve  $\cos(\theta_2)$

$g$



# Tuning gravity compensation on joint 3

```
159 % Calculate gravity compensation to  
160 tau2grav = 0.01*cos(theta2);  
161  
162 % Calculate gravity compensation to  
163 tau3grav = -0.034*sin(theta3-0.065)  
164  
165 % Command the necessary joint torques  
166 % If you're getting a lot of warning  
167 % torques, you can turn that warning off  
168 % at the top of this script.  
169 phantomJointTorques(0, tau2grav, tau3grav);  
170  
171 % Pause for one millisecond to keep  
172 pause(.001);  
173  
174 % Stop the Phantom.  
phantomStop;
```



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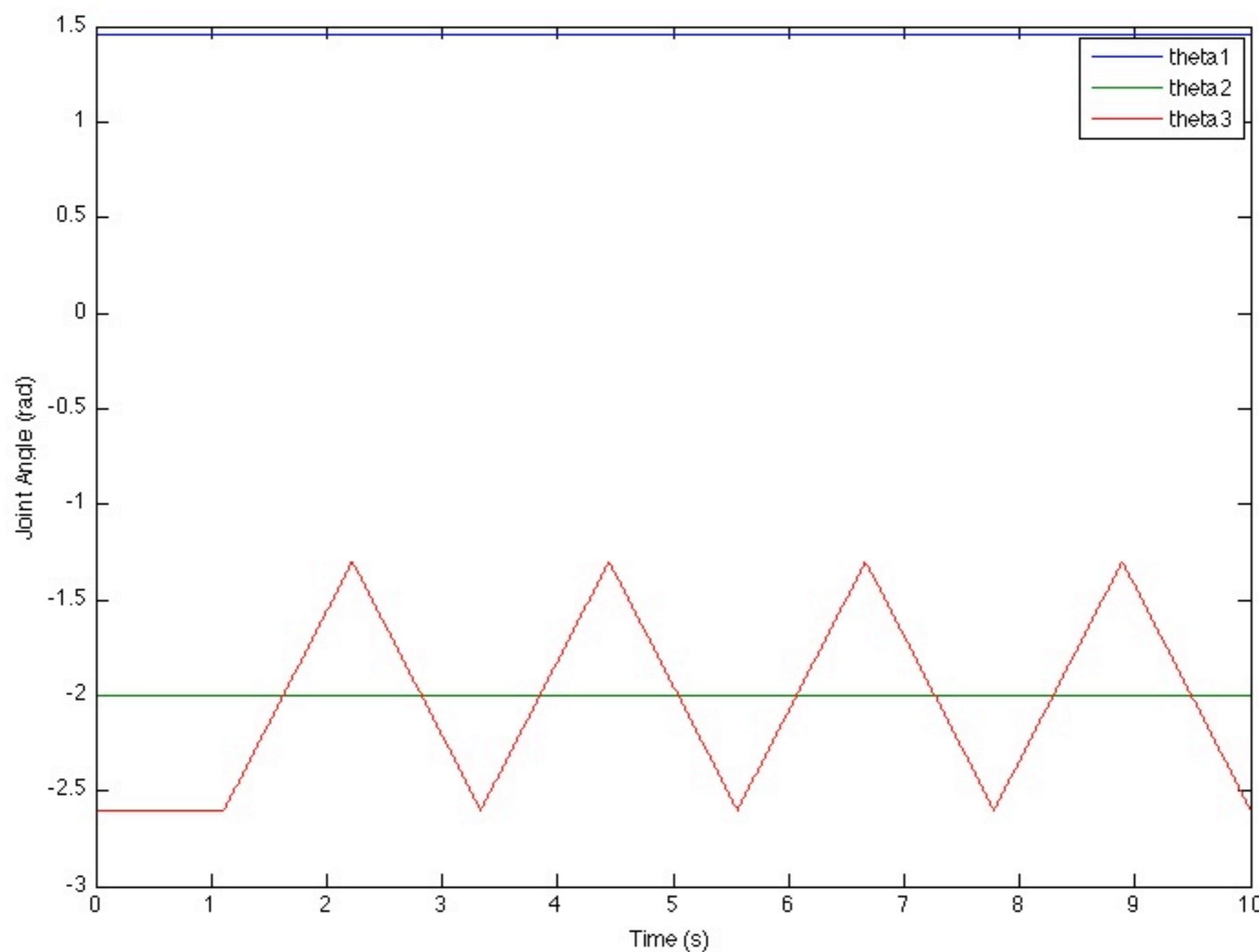
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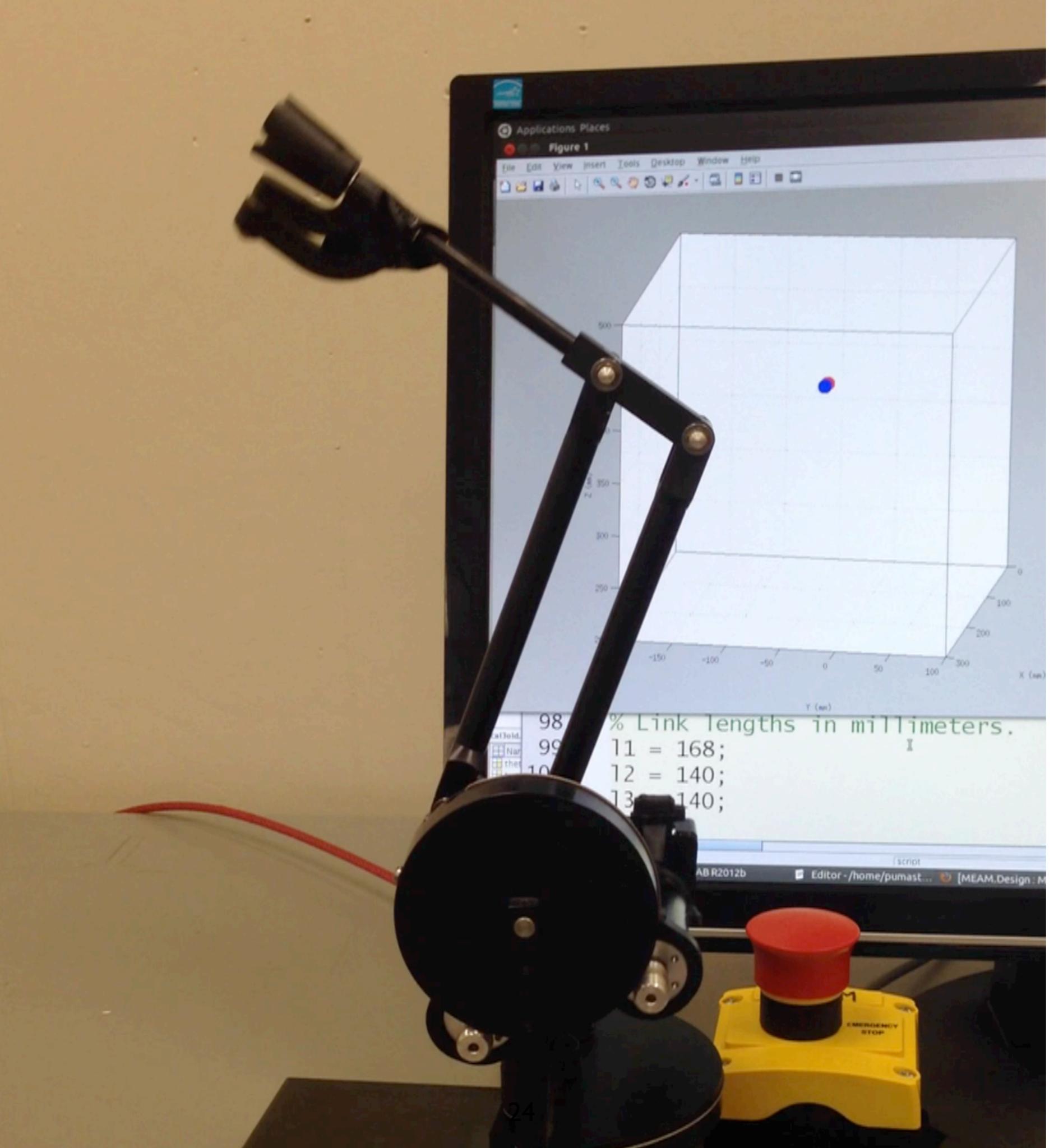
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1 % Make t.
2 t = linspace(0,10,9000)';
3
4 % Make all thetas.
5 thetas = zeros(9000,3);
6 thetas(:,1) = 1.46;
7 thetas(:,2) = -2;
8 thetas(:,3) = -2.6;
9 thetas(1001:2000,3) = linspace(-2.6,-1.3,1000)';
10 thetas(2001:3000,3) = linspace(-1.3,-2.6,1000)';
11 thetas(3001:4000,3) = linspace(-2.6,-1.3,1000)';
12 thetas(4001:5000,3) = linspace(-1.3,-2.6,1000)';
13 thetas(5001:6000,3) = linspace(-2.6,-1.3,1000)';
14 thetas(6001:7000,3) = linspace(-1.3,-2.6,1000)';
15 thetas(7001:8000,3) = linspace(-2.6,-1.3,1000)';
16 thetas(8001:9000,3) = linspace(-1.3,-2.6,1000)';
17
18 % Plot thetas.
19 figure(6);
20 plot(t,thetas)
21
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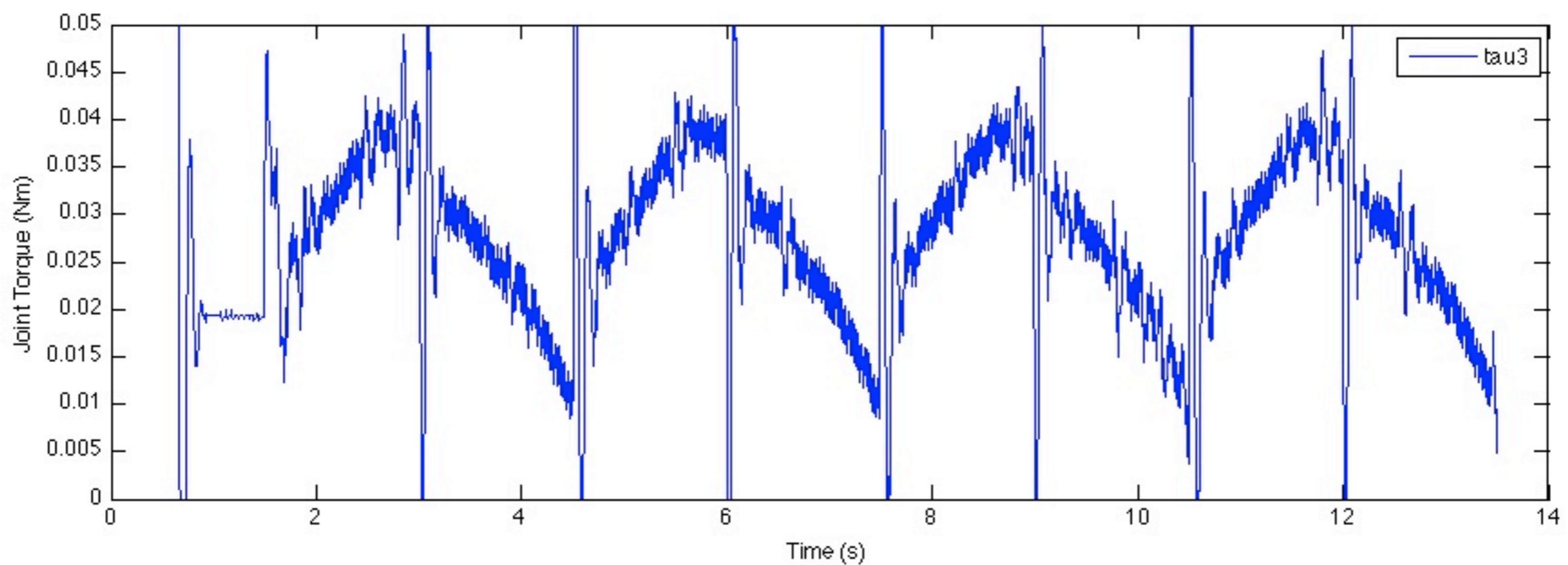
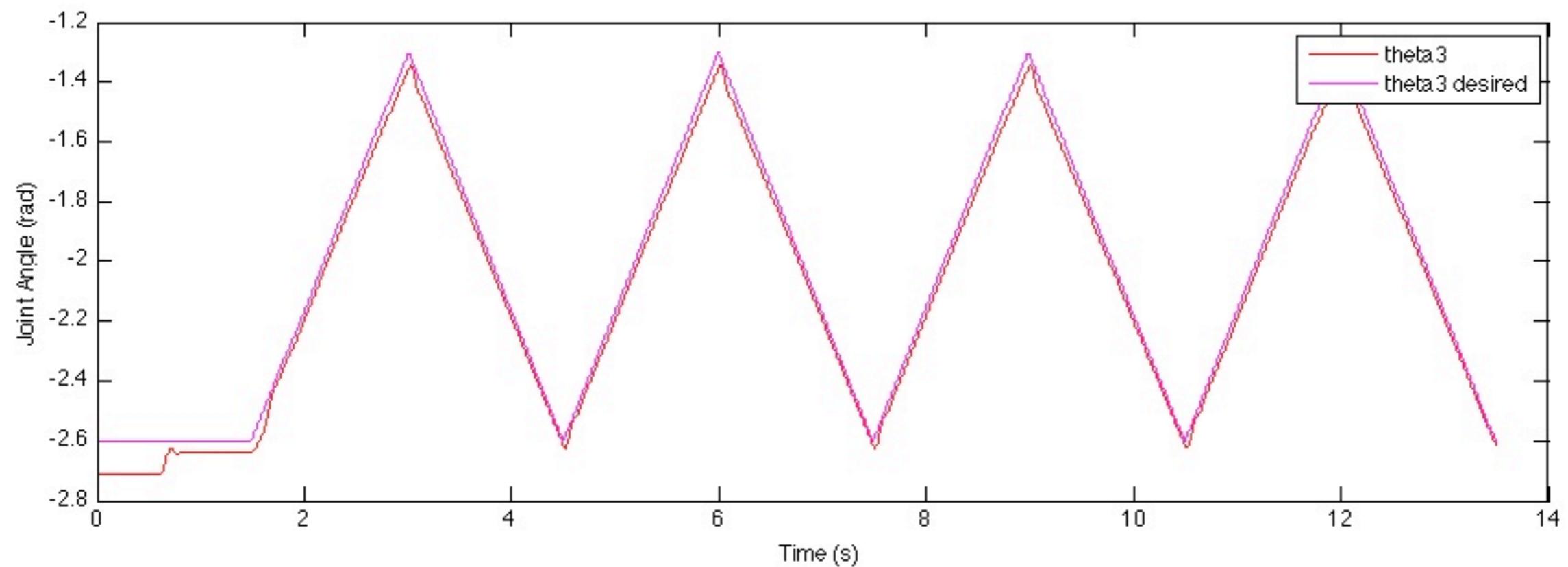
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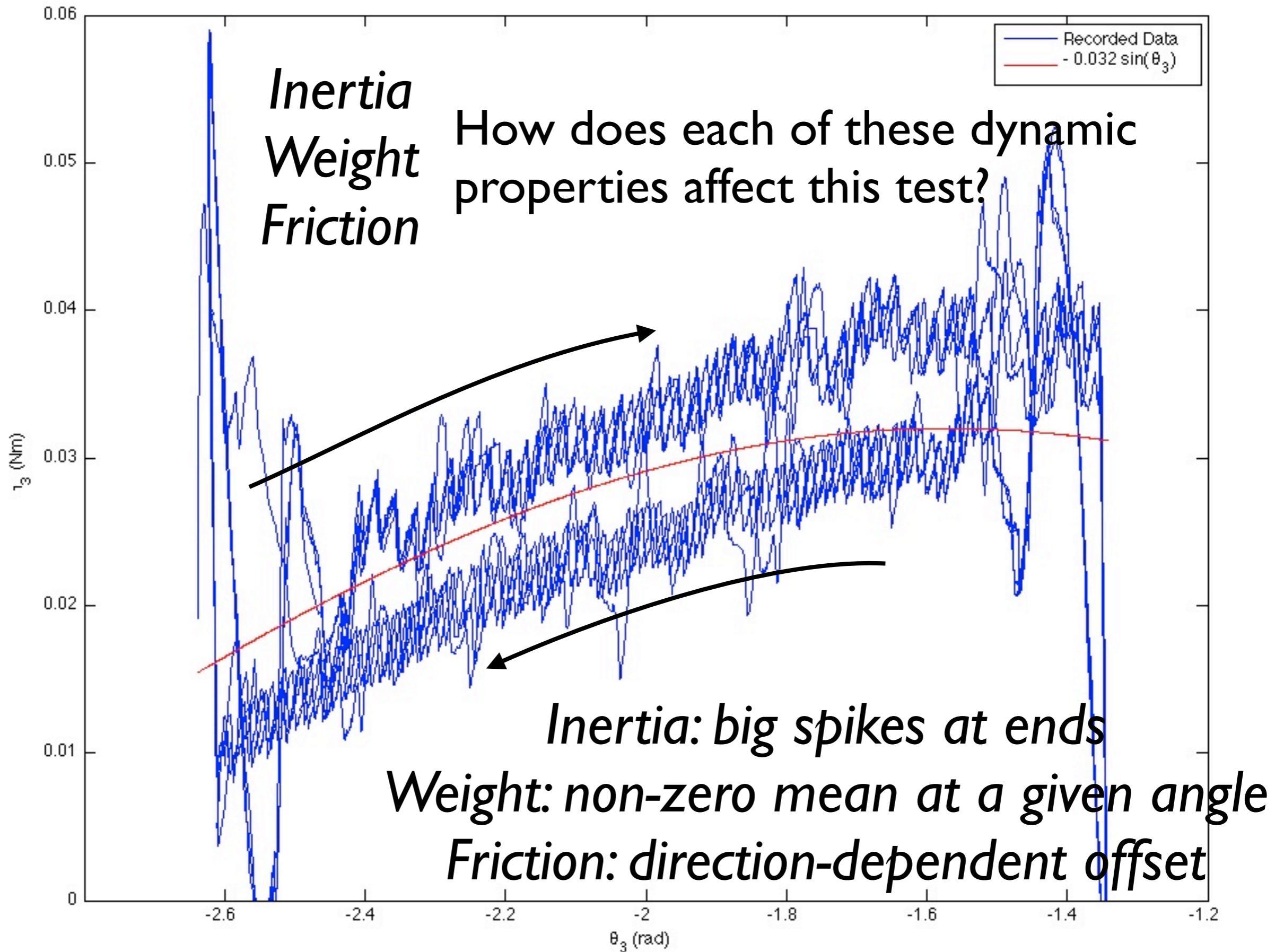
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# How can we make this better?



# Trajectory Generation

start

$$q(t_0) = q_0 \longrightarrow$$

$$\dot{q}(t_0) = v_0 \longrightarrow$$

end

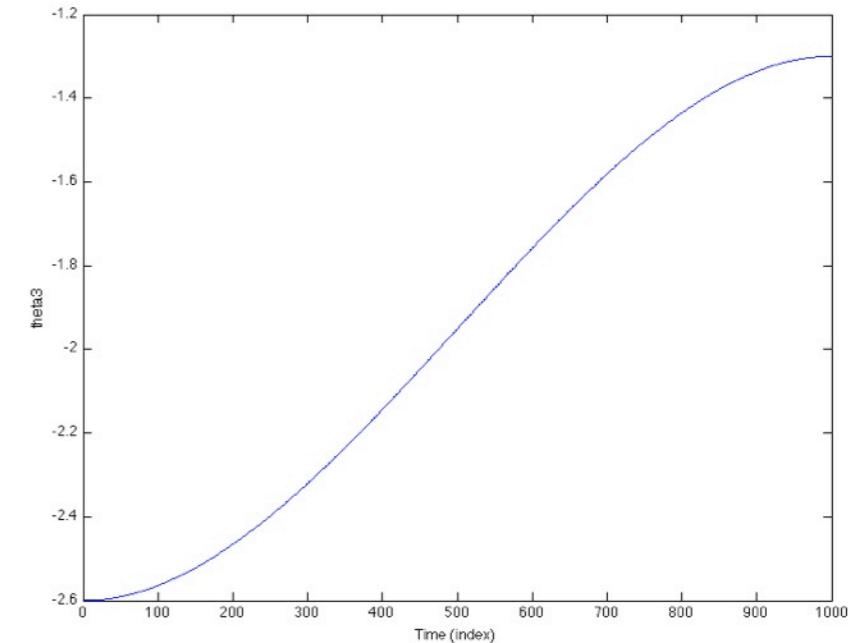
$$q(t_f) = q_f$$

$$\dot{q}(t_f) = v_f$$

cubic polynomial

$$q(t) = a_0 + a_1 t + a_2 t^2 + a_3 t^3$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} q_0 \\ v_0 \\ q_f \\ v_f \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & t_0 & {t_0}^2 & {t_0}^3 \\ 0 & 1 & 2t_0 & 3{t_0}^2 \\ 1 & t_f & {t_f}^2 & {t_f}^3 \\ 0 & 1 & 2t_f & 3{t_f}^2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a_0 \\ a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \end{bmatrix}$$



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```
1 % Make an abbreviated time vector with 1000 elements.
2 t = 1:1000;
3
4 % Define initial conditions.
5 q0 = -2.6;
6 v0 = 0;
7
8 % Define final conditions.
9 qf = -1.3;
10 vf = 0;
11
12 % Put initial and final conditions into a vector.
13 conditions = [q0; v0; qf; vf];
14
15 % Put time elements into matrix.
16 mat = [1 t(1) t(1)^2 t(1)^3;
17 0 1 2*t(1) 3*t(1)^2;
18 1 t(end) t(end)^2 t(end)^3;
19 0 1 2*t(end) 3*t(end)^2];
20
21 % Solve for coefficients.
22 as = mat \ conditions;
23
24 % Pull individual coefficients out.
25 a0 = as(1);
26 a1 = as(2);
27 a2 = as(3);
28 a3 = as(4);
29
```

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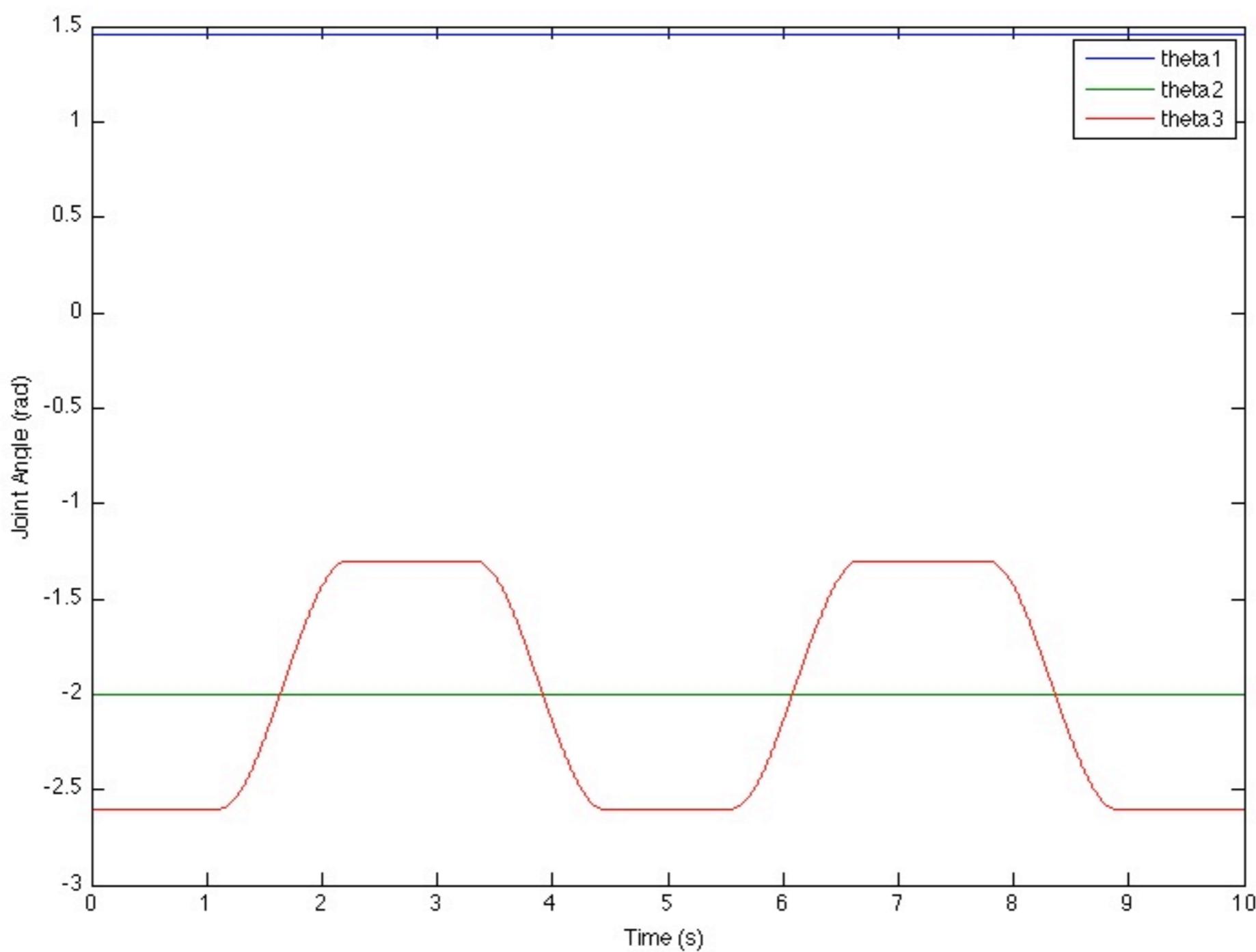
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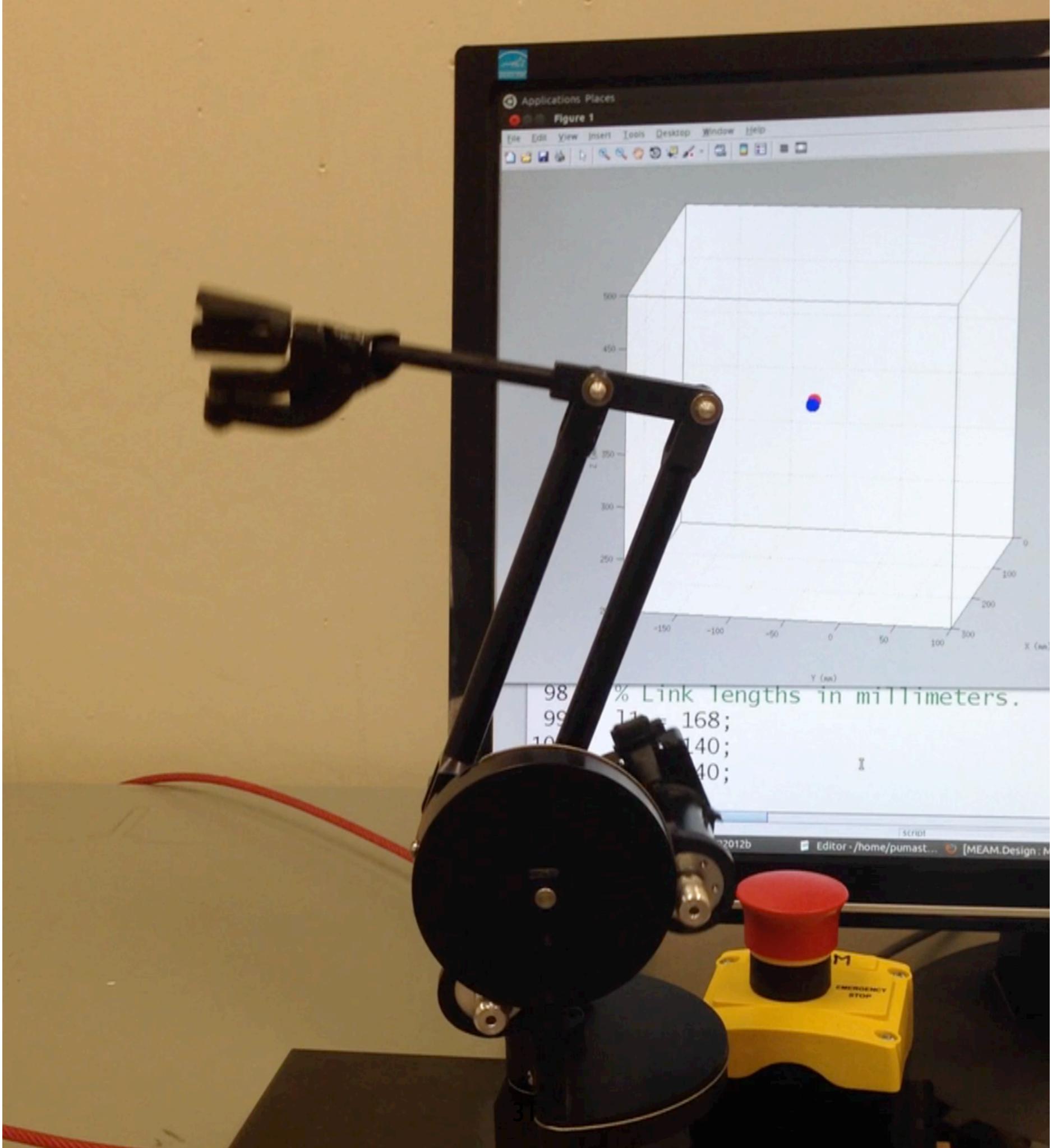
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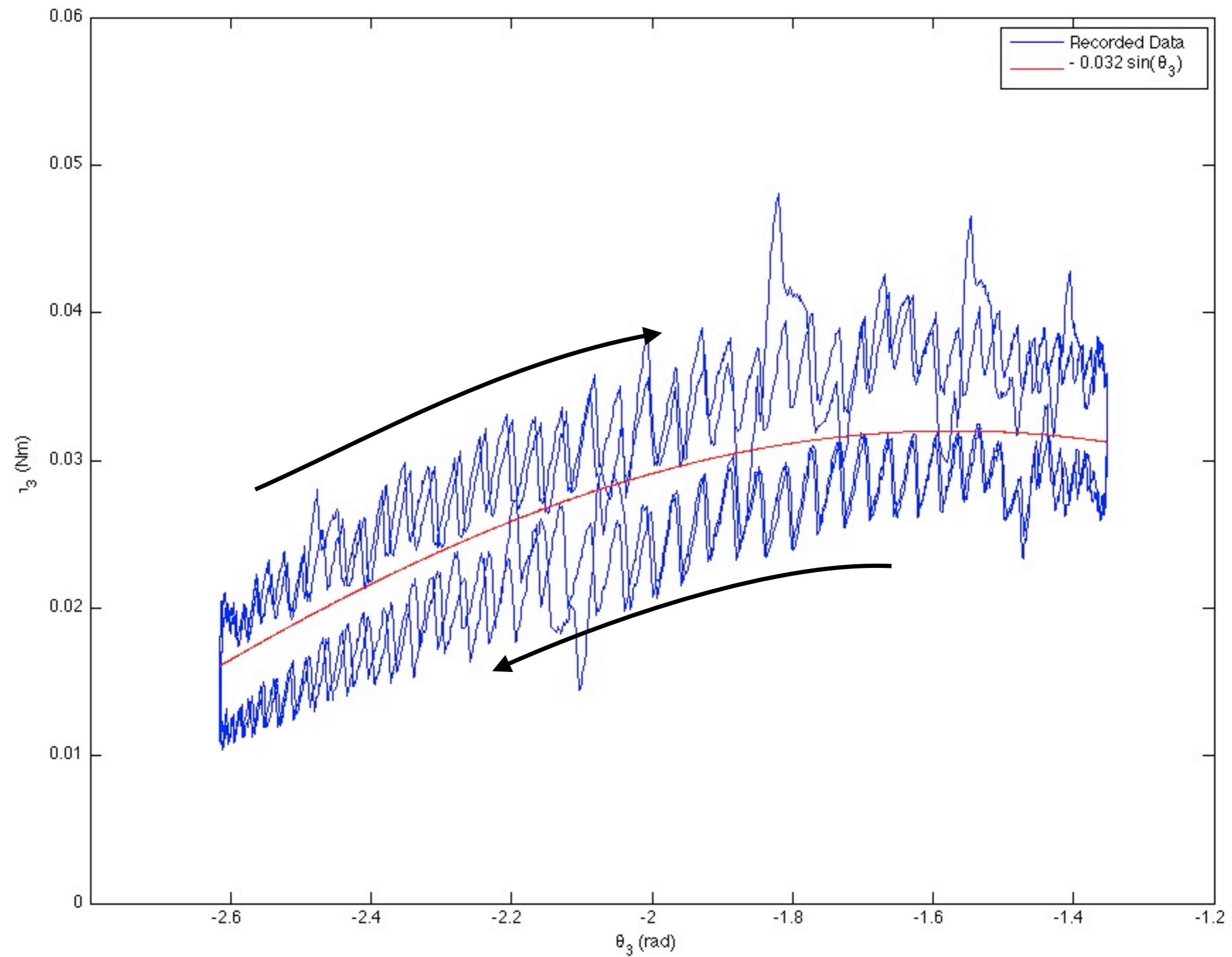
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34 - figure(2)
35 - plot(t,q)
36 - xlabel('Time (index)')
37 - ylabel('theta3')
38
39
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56
57 % Plot thetas.
58 - figure(6);
59 - plot(t,thetas)
60 - xlabel('Time (s)')
61 - ylabel('Joint Angle (rad)')
62 - legend('thetal', 'theta2', 'theta3')
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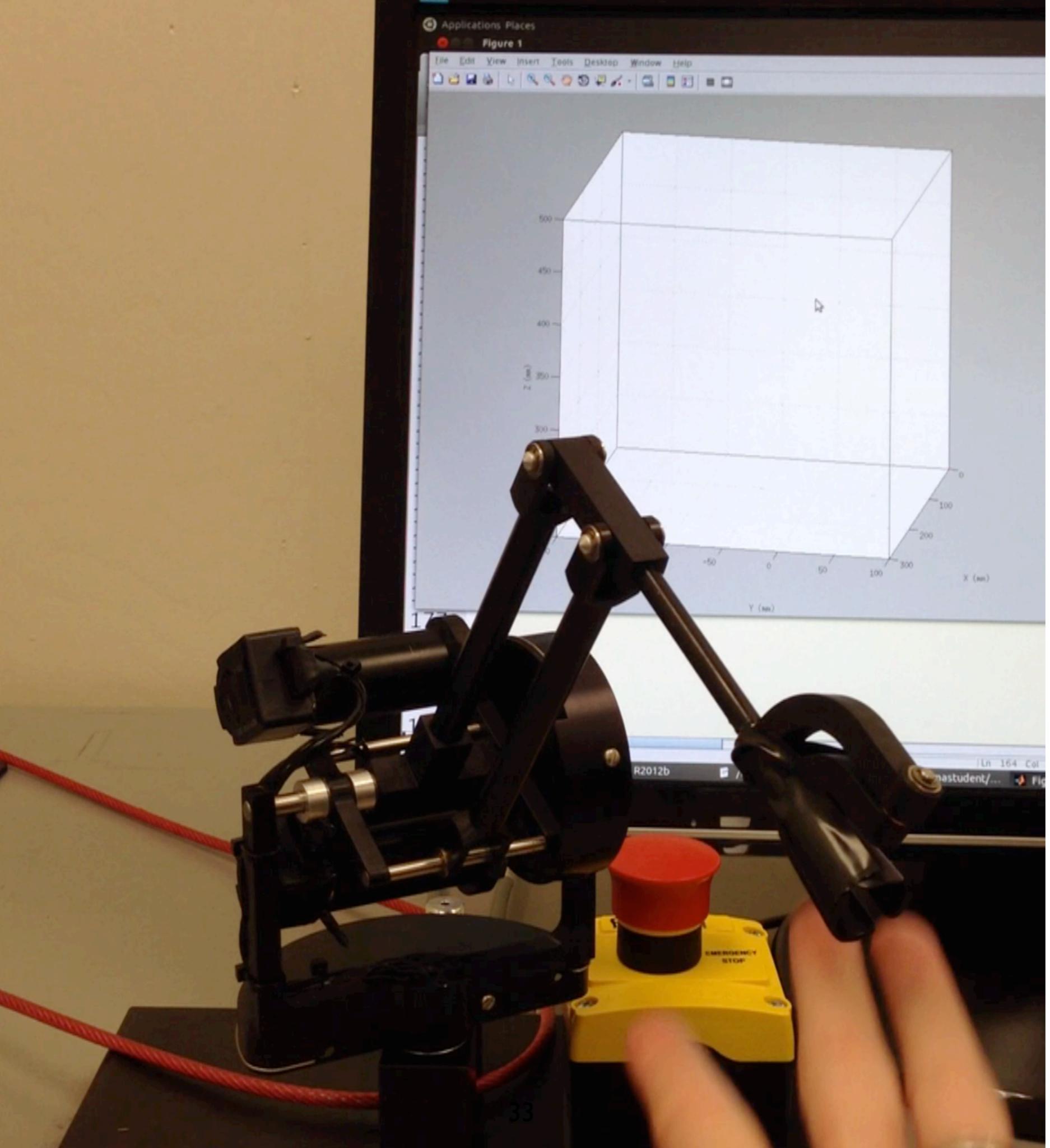
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with updated  
gravity  
compensation  
on joints 2  
and 3



# Let's watch Teams 109–116.

Team 109 PUMA Dance – YouTube

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UDzyJetihEY&list=PLD718gWdLrFbAmoj2ai1Jv-L8jVM00KVp>

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Team 110 PUMA Dance by Penn MEAM520

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# Haptics

## **My definition of a haptic interface**

Senses a physical quantity from the user,  
such as motion or force

Physically acts on the user via a variable actuator

Connects sensing to acting with fast processing

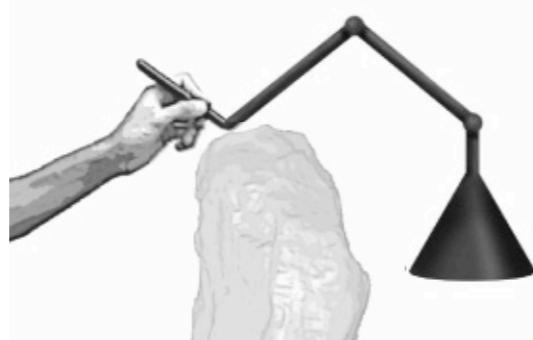
(A lot like a robot, except a person is holding on  
to the tip.)

# Environment



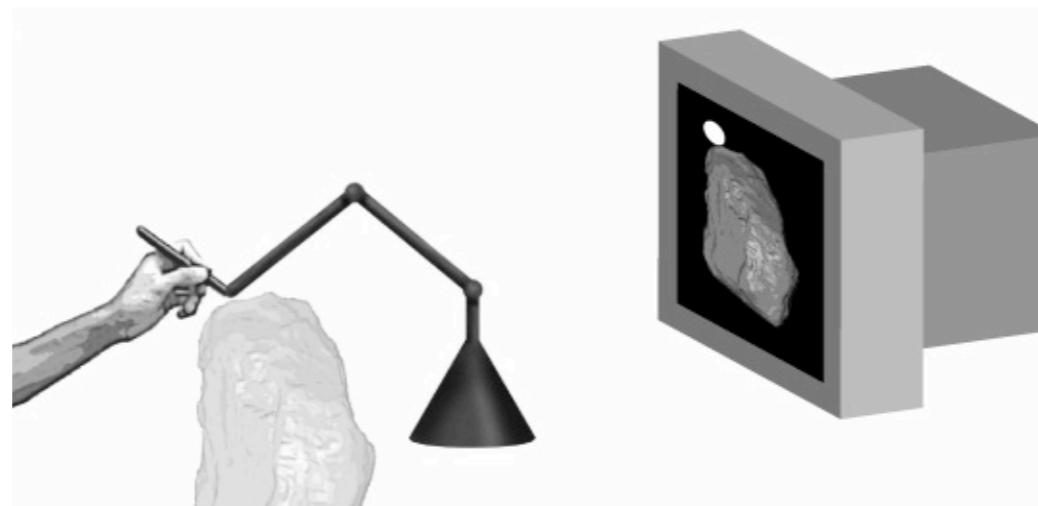
## Real

**Assistive Interaction:** augments human sensing and/or motion capabilities in real physical environments



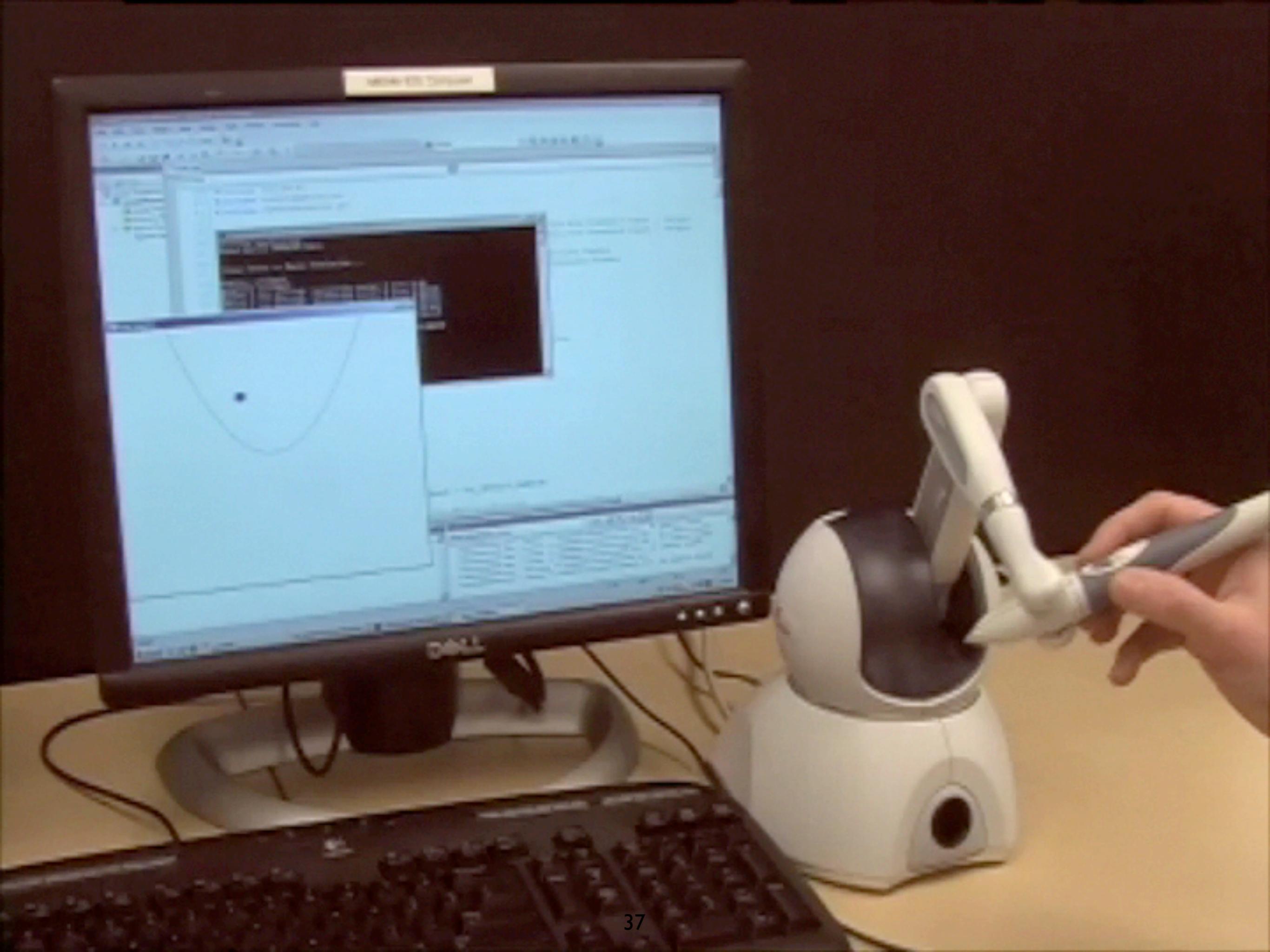
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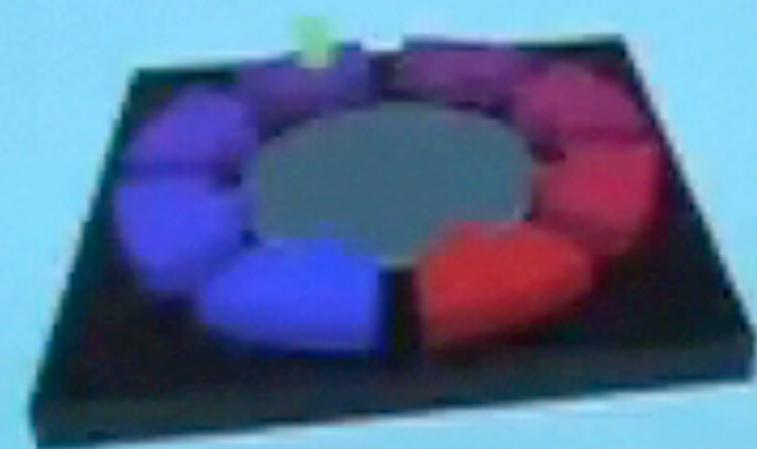
**Teleoperation:** extends the reach of the human hand to remote, hazardous, unreachable environments



## Virtual

**Simulation:** enables humans to touch geometric and dynamic computer-based data and models







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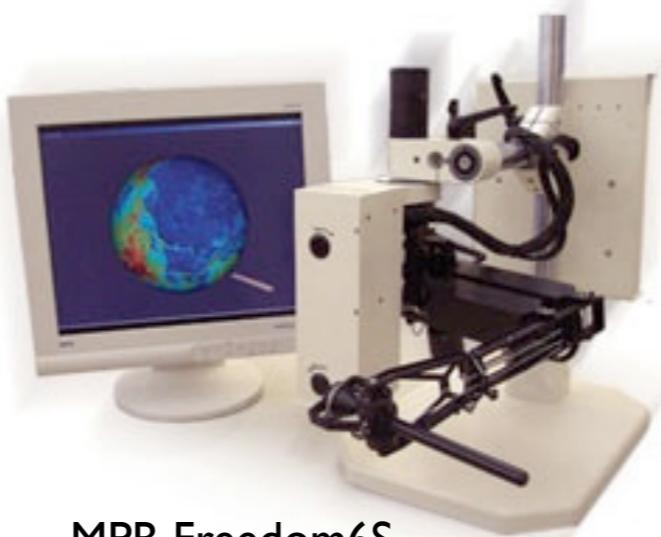
# Commercial Kinesthetic Haptic Interfaces



SensAble Phantom Premiums



Force Dimension Omega



Immersion Impulse Engine



SensAble Omni



Novint Falcon

**The PHANToM Haptic Interface:  
A Device for Probing Virtual Objects**

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**1. Abstract**

This paper describes the PHANToM haptic interface - a device which measures a user's finger tip position and exerts a precisely controlled force vector on the finger tip. The device has enabled users to interact with and feel a wide variety of virtual objects and will be used for control of remote manipulators. This paper discusses the design rationale, novel kinematics and mechanics of the PHANToM. A brief description of the programming of basic shape elements and contact interactions is also given.

**2. Introduction**

A dominant focus in robotics research labs has traditionally been the development of autonomous systems - those which operate without human supervision or interaction. However, robotic systems which are under direct human control have begun to enjoy a resurgence of interest in recent years, in part due to advances in robot and human interface technologies. These new interactive systems (telerobotic) promise to expand the abilities of humans, by increasing physical strength, by improving manual dexterity, by augmenting the senses, and most intriguingly, by projecting human users in to remote or abstract environments. In this paper we focus on our work to develop a means for interacting with virtual mechanical objects; this is an important stepping stone toward the development of enhanced remote manipulation systems in which simultaneous interaction with real and virtual objects will be possible.

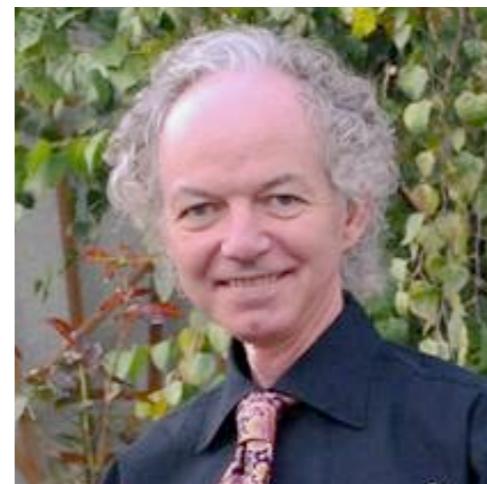
At the MIT Artificial Intelligence Laboratory, we have been developing haptic interface devices to permit touch interactions between human users and remote virtual and physical environments. The Personal Haptic Interface Mechanism, PHANToM, shown in Figure 1, has evolved as a result of this research (Massie, 1993). The PHANToM is a convenient desktop device which provides a force-reflecting interface between a human user and a computer. Users connect to the mechanism by simply inserting their index finger into a thimble. The PHANToM tracks the motion of the user's finger tip and can actively exert an external force on the finger, creating compelling illusions of interaction with solid physical objects. A stylus can be substituted for the thimble and users can feel the tip of the stylus touch virtual surfaces. By stressing design principals of low mass, low friction, low backlash, high stiffness and good backdrivability we have devised a system capable of presenting convincing sensations of contact, constrained motion, surface compliance, surface friction, texture and other mechanical attributes of virtual objects.

**3. Three Enabling Observations**

Three observations influenced the basic design of the PHANToM. The first observation established the type of haptic stimulation that the device would provide, the second determined the number of actuators that the device would require and the third established the volume or workspace that the device would possess.

1. *Force and motion are the most important haptic cues.* A significant component of our ability to "visualize", remember and establish cognitive models of the physical structure of our environment stems from haptic interactions with objects in the environment. Kinesthetic, force and cutaneous senses combined with motor capabilities permit us to probe, perceive and rearrange objects in the physical world. Even without detailed cutaneous information (as with a gloved hand or tool), the forces and motions imparted on/by our limbs and fingers contribute significant information about the spatial map of our environment. Information about how an object moves in response to applied force and the forces which arise when we attempt to move objects can provide cues to geometry (shape, locality, identity), attributes (constraint, impedance, friction, texture, etc.) and events (constraint, change, contact, slip) in the environment. Unlike other sensory modalities, haptic interactions permit two-way interaction via work exchange. Controlled work can be performed on dynamic objects in the environment and modulated to accomplish tasks.

2. *Many meaningful haptic interactions involve little or no torque.* Perhaps the most significant design feature of the PHANToM is the passive, 3 degree-of-freedom "thimble-gimbal", shown in Figure 2. The decision to use the



**T. H. Massie and J. K. Salisbury. *The PHANToM haptic interface:A device for probing virtual objects. In Proceedings of the Third International Symposium on Haptic Interfaces for Virtual Environment and Teleoperator Systems, ASME Dynamic Systems and Control, Volume 55(1), pages 295-300. American Society of Mechanical Engineers, 1994.***

**This is the most highly cited paper in the field of haptics. It describes the design objectives of the Phantom haptic interface, which was developed in Ken Salisbury's lab at MIT. The paper also anecdotally describes the reactions of users of the device. The described device is very similar to the SensAble Phantom Premium 1.0 you are using in this class.**

**PHANToM means  
“Personal HAptic iNTerface Mechanism”**

**Where did the “o” come from?**

**The student inventor’s name was  
Thomas “Tom” Massie**

**Lesson: Name your robot after yourself.**

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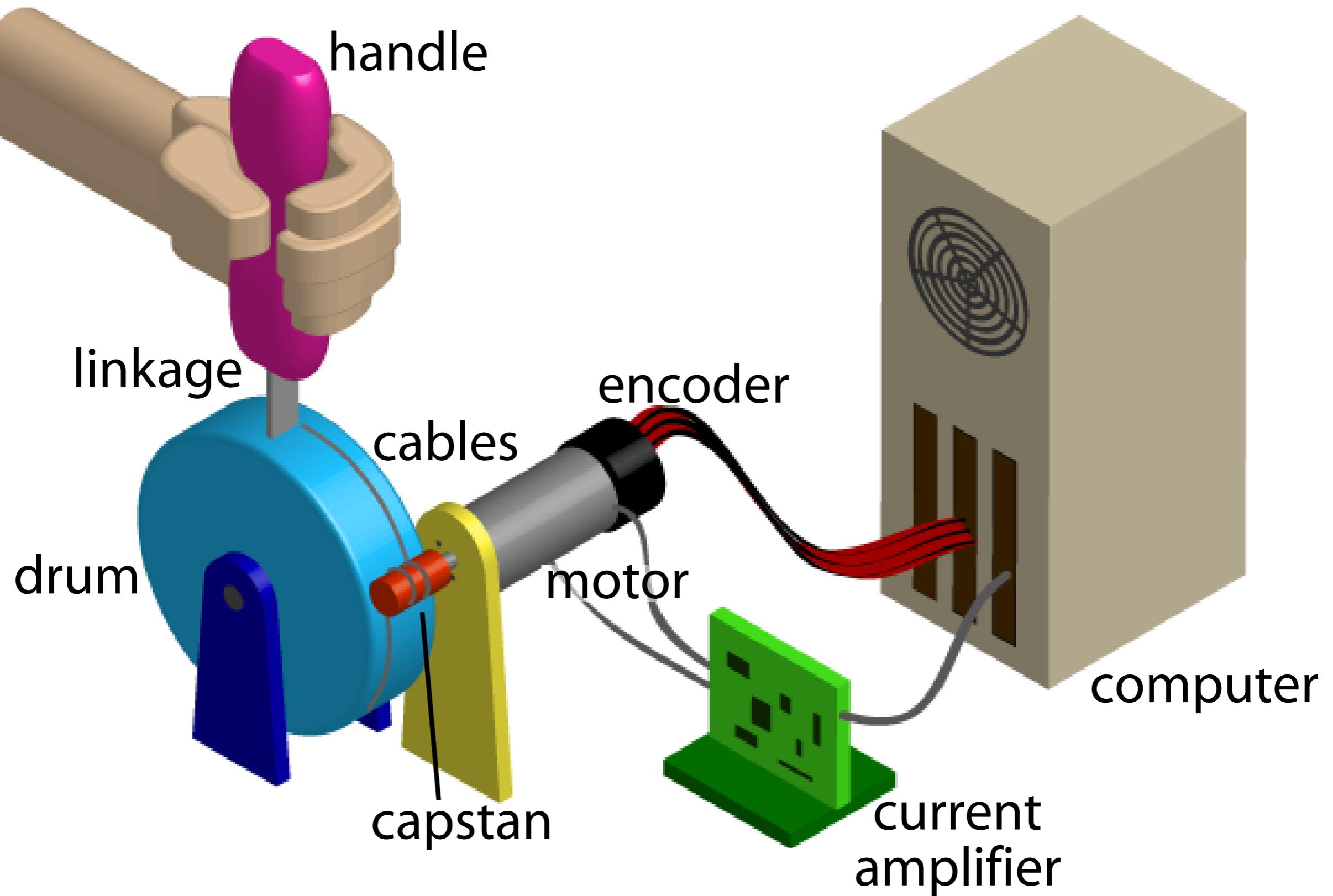
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# Three Necessary Criteria

- 1. Free space must feel free.**
  - 2. Solid virtual objects must feel stiff.**
  - 3. Virtual constraints must not be easily saturated.**
- We want a design that can achieve all of these objectives simultaneously.



# Common Haptic Interface Components

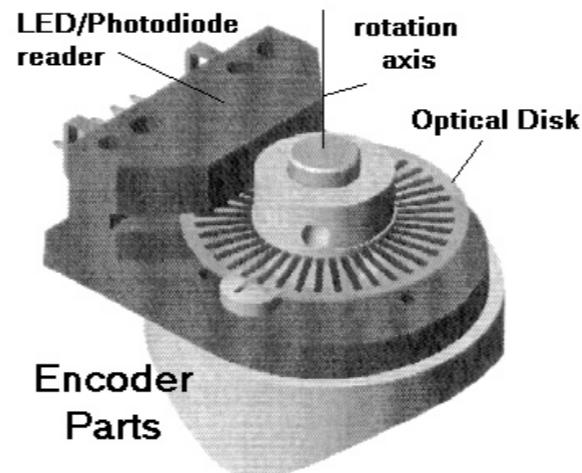
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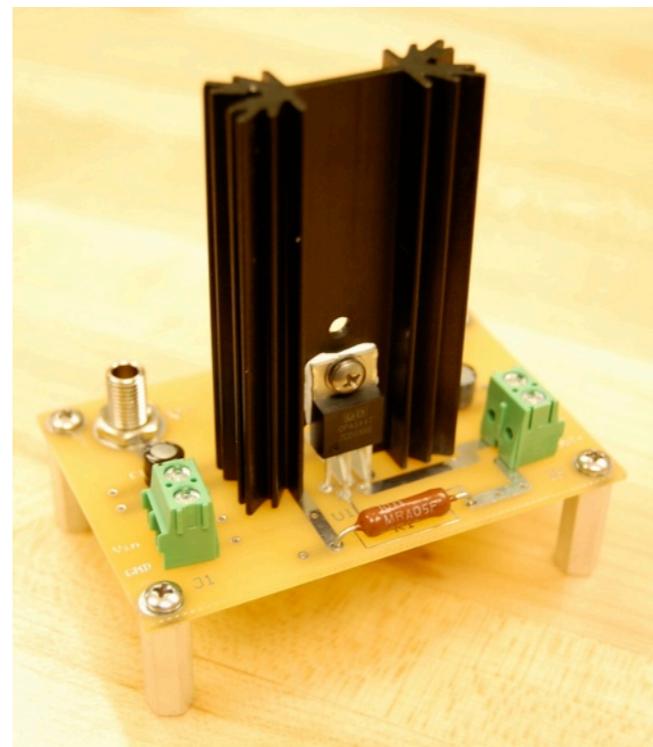
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# Your General Haptics Programming Task

*Specify:*

Force vector

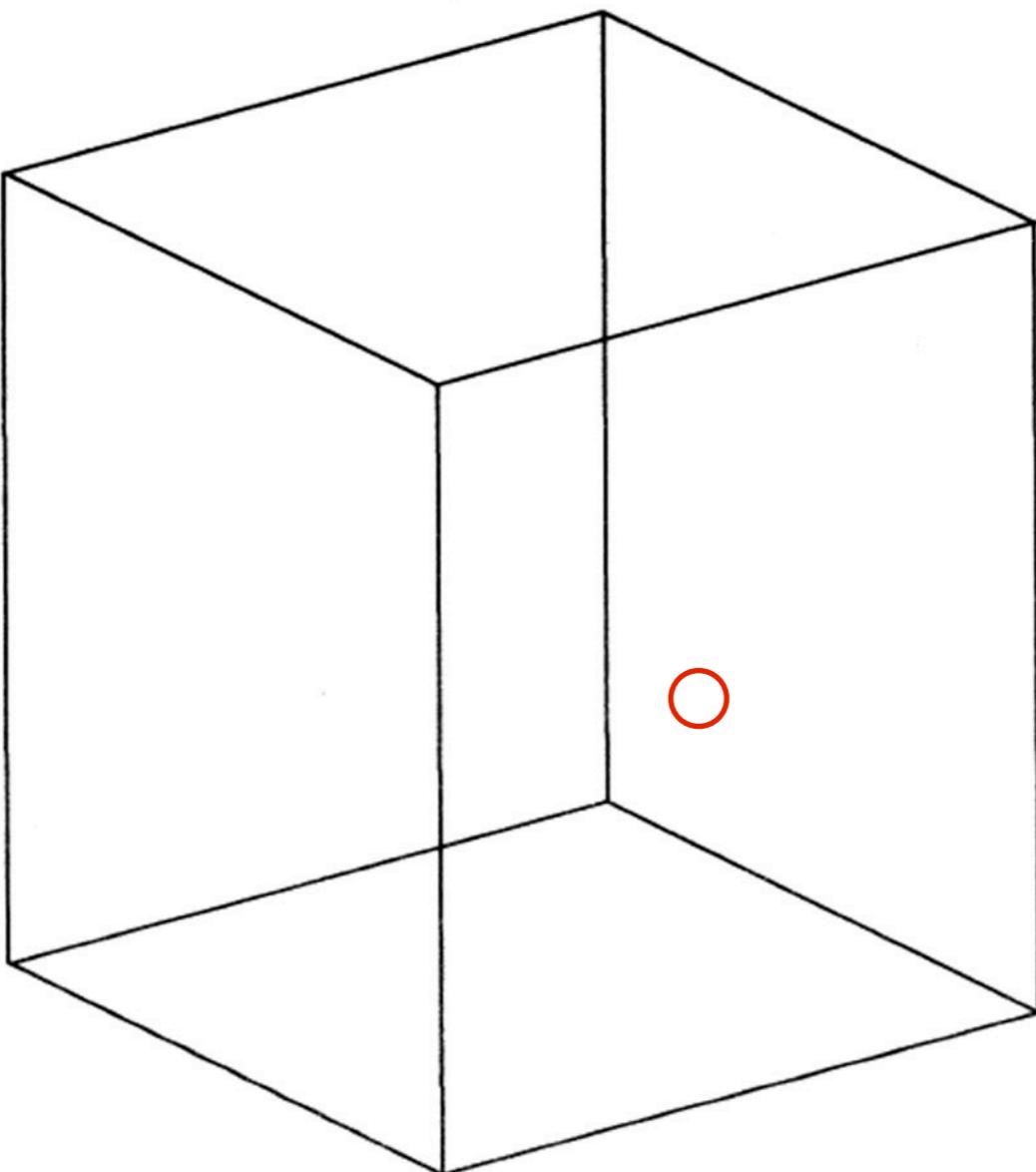
*As a function of:*

Everything that is known, including  
position vector, velocity vector, time,  
model geometry, model properties,  
keyboard inputs, mouse inputs, button inputs,  
and randomness

*In order to:*

Fool the user into thinking they are touching something

How would you make the user believe they are trapped inside a box?



# High-Level Approach For Rendering Shapes

Used by Massie and Salisbury in 1994

Now known as the *Vector-Field Approach*

- Force is a function of only the present position

$$\vec{F}_h = f(\vec{x}_h)$$

- Divide space into volumes that represent objects
- The rest of the volume is free space.
- Object contact is rendered by keeping track of a geometric proxy. It stays on the surface of the object, and we use a virtual spring to pull the user toward its location, always perpendicular to the surface.

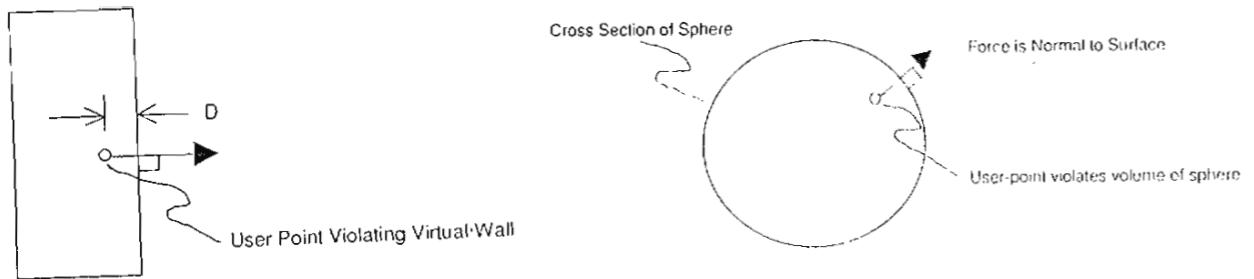


Figure 4: Simulation of virtual planes. Force,  $F = Kx$ , is exerted normal to plane when the user pushes into virtual surface.

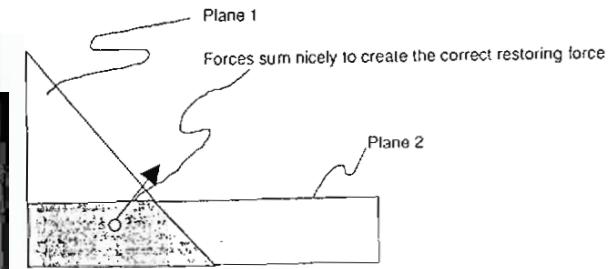


Figure 5: Forces at interior corner defined by 2 planes. Forces sum properly to create correct restoring force when planes meet at obtuse angle.

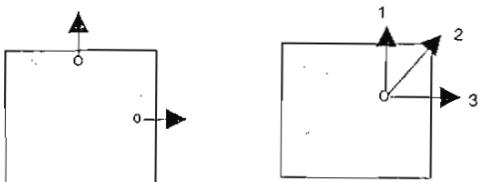


Figure 6: Virtual Cubes. Figure at left illustrates reasonable force vectors for cube with slightly compliant surface. For the point shown in figure at right, it is not clear which of forces 1, 2 and 3 should be exerted. This is path dependent.

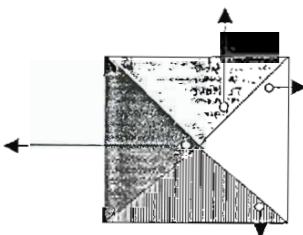


Figure 7: Solution to corner problem with cubes. Dividing cube into regions shown provides simple solution to path ambiguity problem. In 3-D, regions are pyramid in shape and permit stable behavior at edges and corners. If large forces are exerted at corners, probe point may move into the adjacent region and be pushed off object giving the sensation of "plucking" the corner.

Figure 8: Forces generated by contact with sphere. As with planes, force is proportional to penetration depth and in direction normal to surface. Because force is always normal, spheres feel very slippery.

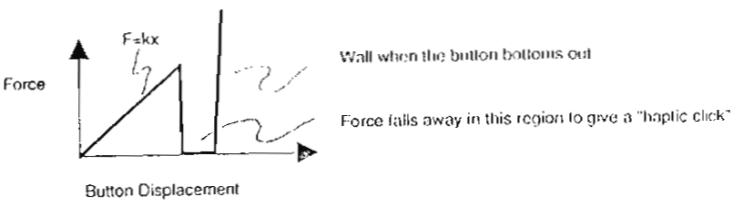
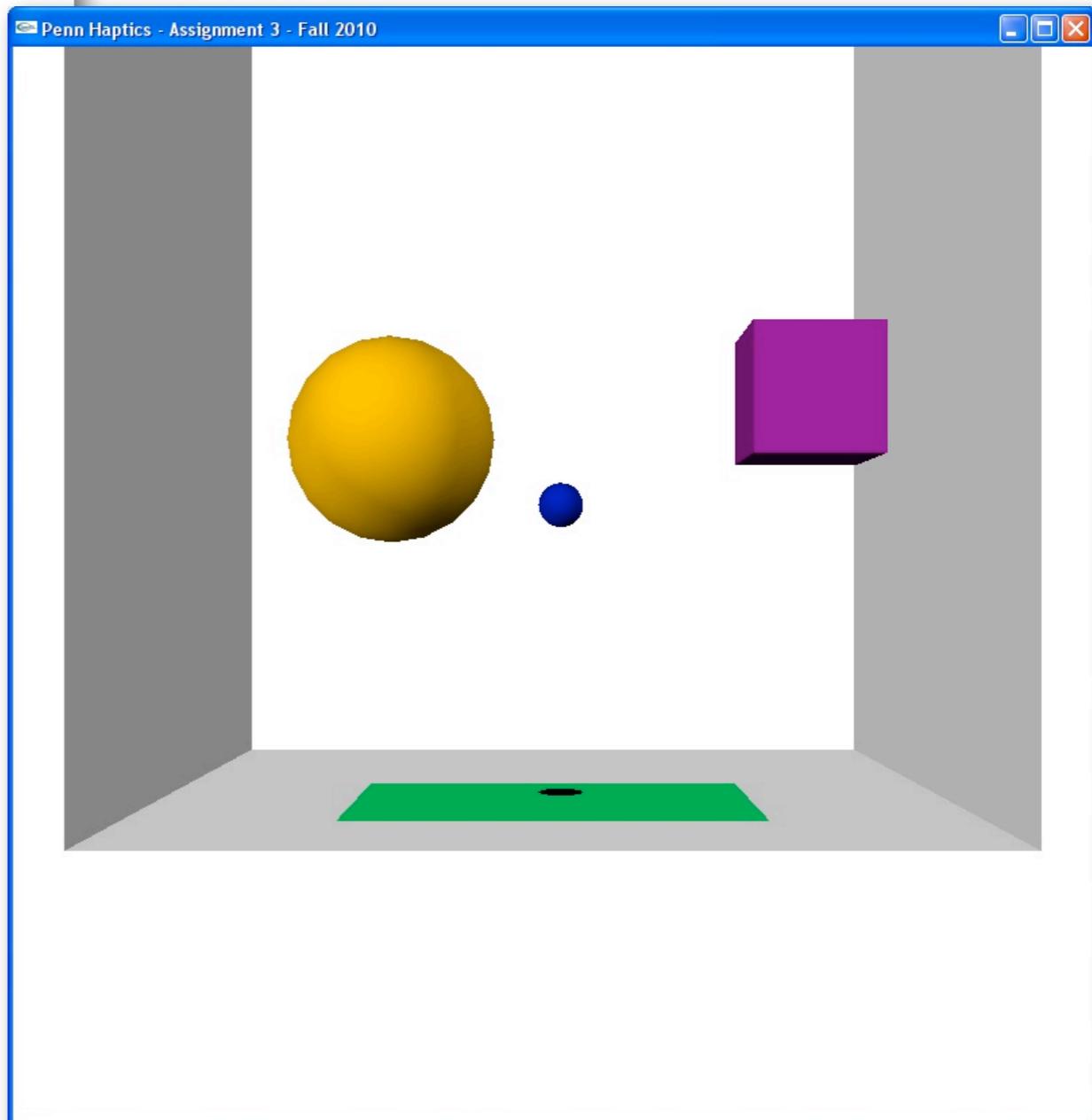
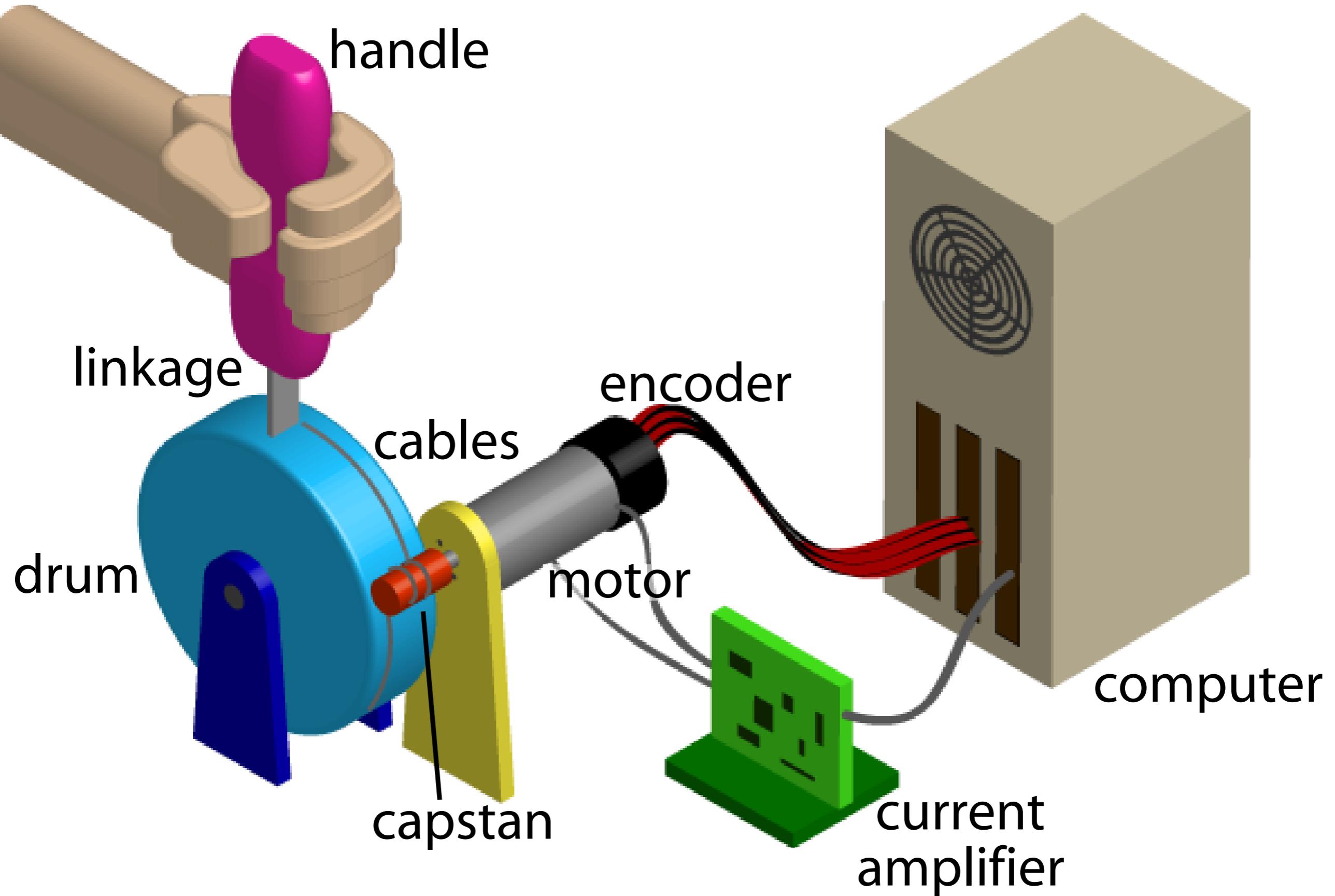


Figure 9: Virtual buttons. Nonlinear force-deflection curve for button demonstration showing "fall-away" force characteristic.

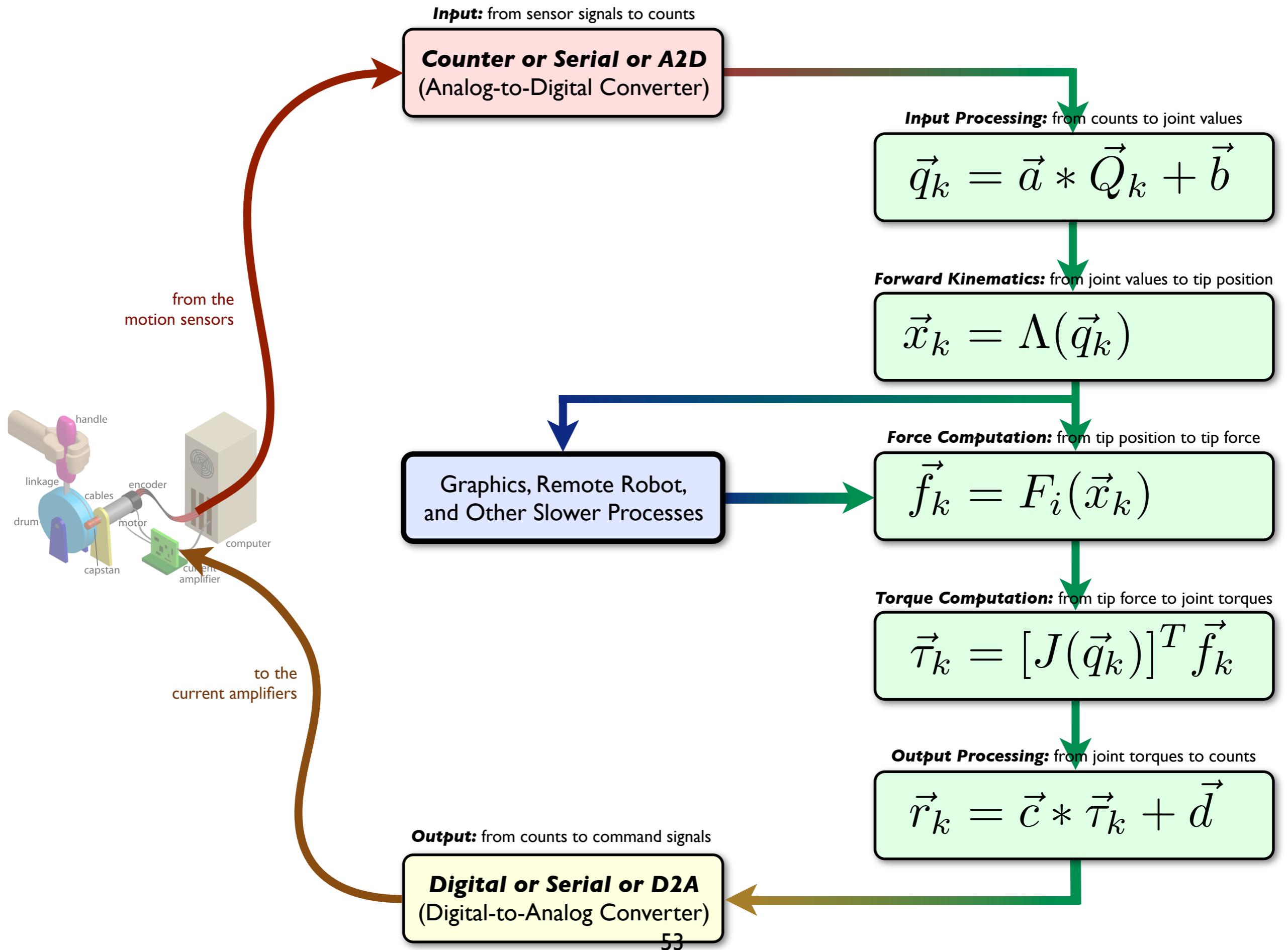
## 11 Appendix 1: PHANToM Specifications

Force resolution:	12 bit
Nominal spatial resolution:	400 dpi
Peak force:	10 Nt
Continuous force:	1.5 Nt
Backdrive friction:	0.1 Nt
Max/min force (Dyn. range):	100 : 1
Inertia at tip:	100 gmu
Workspace:	8 x 17 x 25 cm
Max. object stiffness	35 Nt/cm

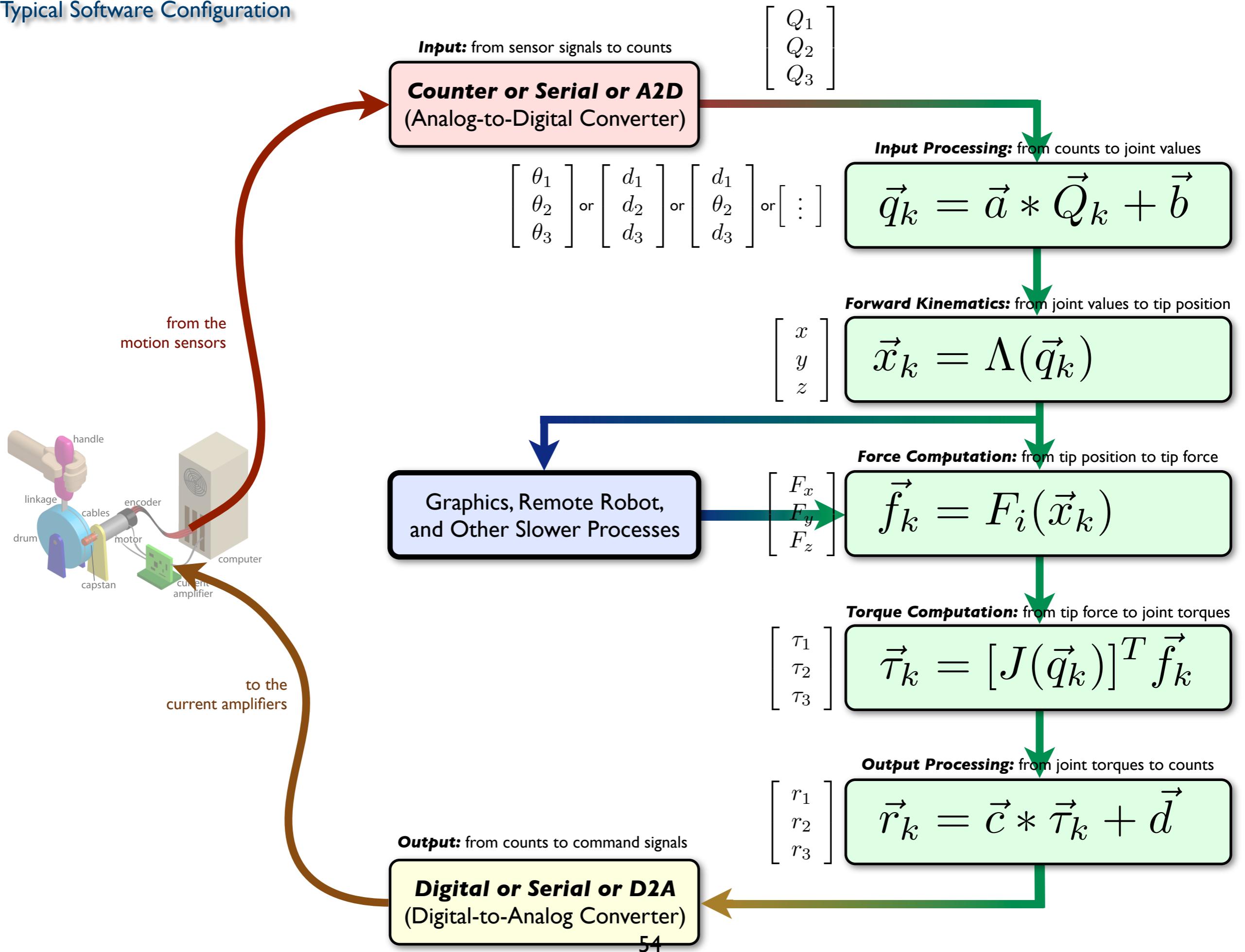




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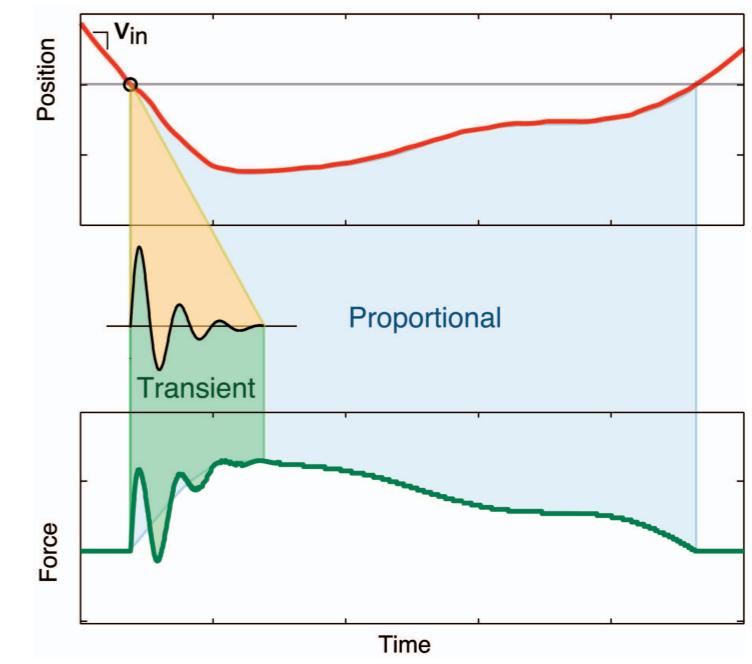
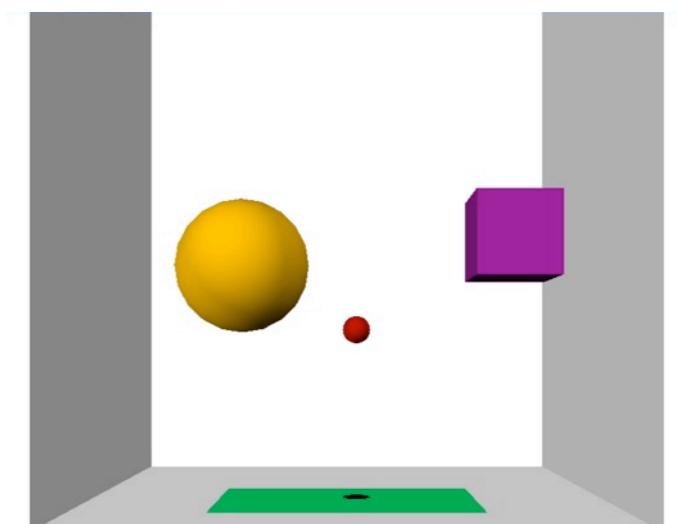
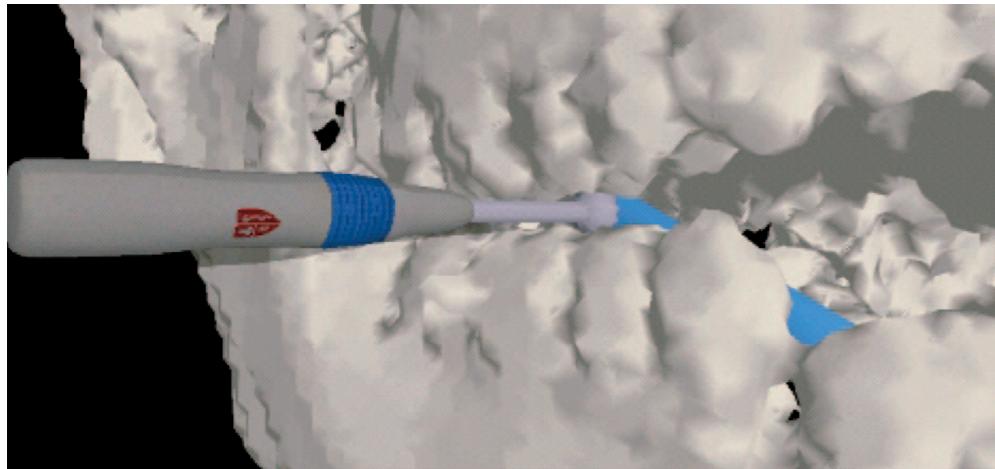
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# Force Computation

**Force Computation:** from tip position to tip force

$$\vec{f}_k = F_i(\vec{x}_k)$$



Homework 9:  
Haptic Rendering with the Phantom

MEAM 520, University of Pennsylvania  
Katherine J. Kuchenbecker, Ph.D.

December 5, 2013

This assignment is due on **Tuesday, December 10, by midnight (11:59:59 p.m.)** Your code should be submitted via email according to the instructions at the end of this document. To help you handle the intensity of the end of the semester, **late submissions will be accepted with no penalty until midnight on Saturday, December 14.** Submissions after Saturday will be penalized by 10% for each partial or full day late, up to 20%. After Monday, December 16, no further assignments may be submitted.

You may talk with other students about this assignment, ask the teaching team questions, use a calculator and other tools, and consult outside sources such as the Internet. To help you actually learn the material, what you write down must be your own work, not copied from any other individual or team. Any submissions suspected of violating Penn's Code of Academic Integrity will be reported to the Office of Student Conduct. If you get stuck, post a question on Piazza or go to office hours!

#### Pair Programming

Because it requires the use of a real robot, you must do this assignment with a partner; individual submissions are not allowed. Working with a partner will help keep you safe, keep the Phantom safe, and ensure everyone has a chance to work with the robot in the time available. You may work with any other student in the class. If you're looking for a partner, consider using the "Search for Teammates!" tool on Piazza.

You should work closely with your partner throughout this assignment, following the paradigm of pair programming. You will turn in one set of MATLAB scripts for which you are both jointly responsible, and you will both receive the same grade. Please follow these pair programming guidelines, which were adapted from "All I really need to know about pair programming I learned in kindergarten," by Williams and Kessler, *Communications of the ACM*, May 2000:

- Start with a good attitude, setting aside any skepticism and expecting to jell with your partner.
- Don't start writing code alone. Arrange a meeting with your partner as soon as you can.
- Use just one computer, and sit side by side; a desktop computer with a large monitor is better for this than a laptop. Make sure both partners can see the screen.
- At each instant, one partner should be driving (using the mouse and keyboard or recording design ideas) while the other is continuously reviewing the work (thinking and making suggestions).
- Change driving/reviewing roles at least every thirty minutes, *even if one partner is much more experienced than the other*. You may want to set a timer to help you remember to switch.
- If you notice a bug in the code your partner is typing, wait until they finish the line to correct them.
- Stay focused and on-task the whole time you are working together.
- Recognize that pair programming usually takes more effort than programming alone, but it produces better code, deeper learning, and a more positive experience for the participants.
- Take a break periodically to refresh your perspective.
- Share responsibility for your project; avoid blaming either partner for challenges you run into.

# Homework 9

Done in pairs.

Nominally due by  
midnight on Tuesday.  
No late penalty if in  
by midnight Saturday.

Should be fun and  
interesting.

## Task Description

Like Homework 8, this assignment centers on the SensAble Phantom Premium 1.0, an impedance-type haptic interface with three actuated rotational joints. Designed to be lightweight, stiff, smooth, and easily backdrivable, this type of robotic device enables a human user to interact with a virtual environment or control the movement of a remote robot through the movement of their fingertip while simultaneously feeling force feedback.



As described below, there are three parts to this assignment. The first part aims to familiarize you with the functionality of the Phantom and its simulator. The second and third parts ask you to modify provided starter code to achieve a desired behavior of the Phantom. Everything you need to know to accomplish this assignment was covered in lecture. To learn more about haptic rendering, we encourage you to look over “The PHANToM Haptic Interface: A Device for Probing Virtual Objects” by Thomas H. Massie and J. Kenneth Salisbury, which was handed out in class and is also posted on Piazza under Lecture Resources.

Begin by downloading the [starter code](#) from the assignment resources section on Piazza; it is provided as a zip file named `hw09_starter.zip`. You will first develop your code for this assignment using the simulated version of the Phantom that is included in the starter code. We are providing you with p-coded versions of all the functions you need. The code starts the Phantom by calling `pumaStart(hardware)`, where `hardware` is a Boolean value. Setting `hardware` to `false` starts the simulated Phantom so you can work on your code on any computer. Instead of getting encoder readings from the real Phantom, the system simulates the presence of a human user by reading a pre-recorded trajectory from the included `encsHistory.mat` file. You choose the duration of the test by setting the value of `nCycles` at the top of the starter code.

Once your team has written a good draft of the code for each section, you will need to test it on the real Phantom and make any necessary refinements. Detailed instructions for testing on the Phantom are included at the end of this document.

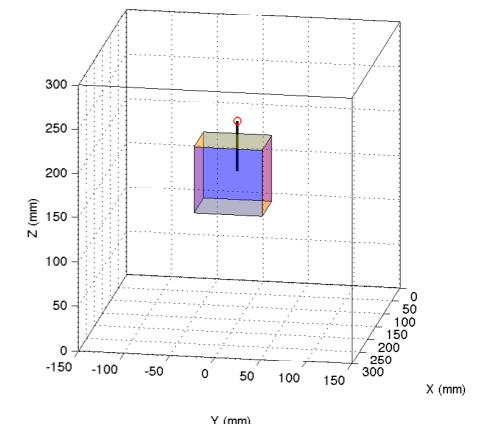
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## 1. Haptic Box Demo

After you download the starter code from Piazza, run `haptic_box_demo.m` and look at how it is written. This demonstration creates a virtual haptic box for the user to feel, as seen in the illustration at right. The user is trapped inside the virtual box and feels a virtual spring force each time they contact a wall. The position of the Phantom tip is shown as a red circle, the box is shown in transparent colors, and a scaled version of the force vector is shown as a thick black line. The location and size of the box are controlled through variables such as `boxWidthX`; all dimensions are in millimeters.

The provided software simulates the presence of a human user by default (because you probably don't have a Phantom connected to your computer). Look at how the forces  $F_x$ ,  $F_y$ , and  $F_z$  are calculated from the positions `hx`, `hy`, and `hz`, and watch how the force vector changes as the simulated user moves around. This is the type of mapping you will need to create in this assignment.

Play around with this simulation to make sure you understand it. Try changing the location of the box and the stiffness of the walls. Notice that the code uses variables rather than hard-coded values (magic numbers) so it's easier to modify, and it includes comments to explain what's being done at each step of the calculation; your code should do the same. Once you understand how the haptic box demo works, you should move on to the next part. There is no deliverable for this part of the assignment.

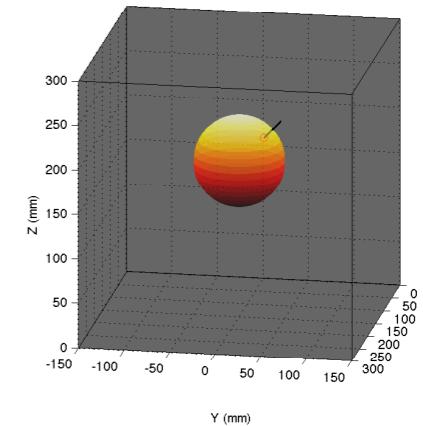


## 2. Haptic Ball

Complete the haptic ball scene that has been started for you in `haptic_ball_starter.m`. Change the filename to include your team members' PennKeys (`_pennkey1_pennkey2`) instead of `_starter`, and enter the names of your team members at the top of the file in the `studentNames` variable.

The graphics for this scene are shown in the image at right. Again, the position of the Phantom tip is shown as a red circle, the ball is shown as a transparent warm-colored sphere, and a scaled version of the force vector is shown as a thick black line. The background is gray like the outer space around the sun.

Modify the code between the two lines of stars to push the user out of the ball whenever they come inside, using a virtual spring mapping. The force should push them straight out of the ball, and the magnitude of the force should be proportional to their penetration depth. The stiffness of your spring should be `k` (already defined for you in the code using units of newtons per millimeter). The ball's surface should not include any friction or other haptic effects. Please comment your code.



Use the graphics to debug your calculations in simulation (with `hardware` set to `false`) until both of your team members are convinced the calculations are correct. Only then should you try your code on the real Phantom, following the instructions at the end of this document.

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### 3. Haptic Damping

Complete the haptic damping scene that has been started for you in `haptic_damping_starter.m`. Change the filename to include your team members' PennKeys, and enter the names of your team members at the top of the file in the `studentNames` variable.

The graphics for this scene are shown in the image above. Again, the position of the Phantom tip is shown as a red circle, and a scaled version of the force vector is shown as a thick black line. The background is blue like water.

Modify the code between the two lines of stars to output a viscous damping force that always acts to slow the user down. This force should act in the opposite direction to the user's velocity vector, and its magnitude should scale with the magnitude of their velocity vector. The viscosity of your damper should be `b` (already defined for you in the code using units of newtons per millimeter per second). Please comment your code.

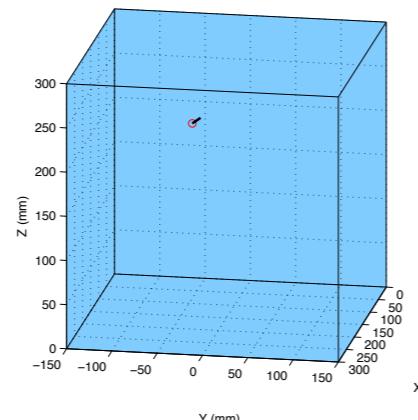
When correctly implemented, viscous damping should feel like you are moving your hand through molasses or honey. There should not be any jittering in the force. This means you will need to low-pass filter your velocity vector to reduce quantization noise. Be careful to implement the velocity filter correctly; examine the graph produced at the end of the simulation to confirm that the filter has the effect you want.

Use the graphics to debug your calculations in simulation (with hardware set to false) until both of your team members are convinced the calculations are correct. Only then should you try your code on the real Phantom, following the instructions at the end of this document.

#### Testing Your Code on the Phantom

The actual Phantom robot is located in Towne B2 and is attached to the same computer that runs the PUMA robot. All members of this class have been given card-swipe access to Towne B2 for this homework assignment. The Phantom and its computer are the only equipment you'll be using. You should not touch anything else in the room, nor should you attempt to use the PUMA robot.

- You must reserve the Phantom computer in order to test your code. You may reserve only one sixty-minute slot (or two thirty-minute slots) at a time. Respect the next team by finishing on time. The link to the Phantom reservation system will be posted on Piazza.
- Use your Penn ID card to swipe into Towne B2. You may need to swipe your card several times to get the door to unlock.
- Log in to the computer using the "puma student" account. The password is "meam520" without the quotation marks. This is a Linux computer running Ubuntu 12.04. Please do not reboot the computer or modify any of its settings. If you run into computer issues, post a note on Piazza.
- Once logged in, double-click the "Homework 9" folder on the Desktop. Create a folder for your team, naming it with your PennKeys (i.e., `pennkey1_pennkey2`). Do not look at, modify, or run any other code that may be on this computer.
- Copy only your team's main script files (`haptic_box_demo.m`, `haptic_ball_pennkey1_pennkey2.m`, and `haptic_damping_pennkey1_pennkey2.m`) over to the folder you just created; do not copy the rest of the Phantom simulator files. The easiest methods for transferring your files are to use a USB key or



to email them to yourself as attachments. You can access the Internet using the Firefox web browser link on the desktop. Open a file browser by clicking "Places" in the upper-left menu bar.

- Once you have your files transferred to this computer, double-click the large MATLAB icon on the Desktop. It will ask, "Do you want to run "MATLAB", or display its contents?" Choose **Run in Terminal**. MATLAB should open. Change the working directory to your folder.
- Before you run any of your code, you **MUST** check the calibration of the Phantom. With the Phantom's emergency stop pressed down, call `phantomStart(true)` from the command line. Then hold the robot in its zero configuration and call `phantomJointAngles` from the command line. If the joints do not all read very close to zero radians at this pose, the robot is not correctly zeroed, so you must run `phantomZero` from the command line before proceeding. Call `pumaStop` when done.
- You must have the Phantom emergency stop down (no forces) the first time you run any code, even the demo code. Watch the graphical output to see if your code is doing what it should. The black line shows a scaled force vector.
- You must firmly grip the Phantom gimbal every time you run any code. If the thimble is too big for your finger, wrap a rubber band around it to make it tighter, but also hold on. Do not let the robot move freely until you are confident your code is doing what it should. The robot can be damaged if it slams into the joint limits.
- Someone **MUST** have their hand on the emergency stop whenever the Phantom is running. Push down the emergency stop as soon as anything unusual happens.
- Start by running `haptic_box_demo.m` to get a feel for how it works. (Make sure you run it first with the emergency stop down. Then make sure to hold firmly onto the thimble and have a hand over the emergency stop the entire time it is running.)
- Then run each of the scripts that you edited for this assignment. Run them first with `hardware` set to `false`, and make sure they are doing what you intend. Then run the code with `hardware` set to `true` but with the emergency stop down, so you can see how the forces change with your motion. Once you're confident the force vector is correct, run it again with the emergency stop up. Update your code to improve it if needed.
- Please immediately post on Piazza if you notice any problems with the Phantom!

#### Submitting Your Code

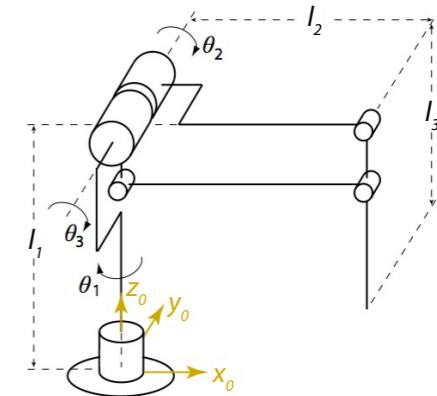
Follow these instructions to submit your code:

1. Start an email to `meam520@seas.upenn.edu`
2. Make the subject *Homework 9: Your Name and Your Teammate's Name*, replacing *Your Name* and *Your Teammate's Name* with the appropriate full names.
3. Attach your two correctly named MATLAB files to the email as individual attachments; please do not zip them together or include any other attachments. The files should be the following:
  - `haptic_ball_pennkey1_pennkey2.m`
  - `haptic_damping_pennkey1_pennkey2.m`
4. Optionally include any comments you have about this assignment.
5. Send the email.

You are welcome to resubmit your code if you want to make corrections. To avoid confusion, please state in the new email that it is a resubmission, and include all of your MATLAB files, even if you have not updated all of them.

# PHANToM Rules

1. You must reserve the PHANToM computer in order to test your code. You may reserve only one one-hour slot at a time. Respect the next team by finishing on time.
2. Copy only your `haptic_box_demo.m`, `haptic_ball_teamXX.m`, and `haptic_damping_teamXX.m` scripts, not the rest of the phantom simulator files. Use your team's folder in the working directory on the computer's desktop.
3. Check the calibration of the PHANToM by calling `phantomJointAngles` from the MATLAB command line. If the joint angles are not very close to zero when the PHANToM is in the zero pose (right), run `phantomZero` from the command line and follow the prompts.
4. Start by running `haptic_box_demo.m` to get a feel for how it works.
5. You must have the PHANToM emergency stop down (no forces) the first time you run any code, even the demo code. Watch the graphical output to see if your code is doing what it should. The black line shows a scaled force vector.
6. You must firmly grip the PHANToM gimbal every time you run any code.
7. Someone must have their hand on the emergency stop whenever the PHANToM is running. Depress it right after your code finishes.



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1 %> %% haptic_box_demo.m
2 %
3 % This script enables the user to touch a virtual box using a PHANToM
4 % Premium 1.0 haptic interface. The user's position is shown as a small
5 % red circle, and the sides of the box are transparent. The user is
6 % trapped inside the box, and each wall is rendered using a virtual spring.
7 % This script is provided to you in fully functional form so you can see
8 % and feel how haptic rendering works.
9 %
10 % Written by Katherine J. Kuchenbecker for MEAM 520 at the University of Pennsylvania.
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13 %% Clean up
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15 - clear all
16 - close all
17 - clc
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20 %% Set hardware mode, duration, and warnings
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22 % Set whether to use the actual PHANToM hardware. If this variable is set
23 % to false, the software will simulate the presence of a user by reading a
24 % pre-recorded trajectory. You should use this mode to debug your code
25 % before running anything on the PHANToM computer. Once you are on the
26 % PHANToM/PUMA computer in Towne B2, you may set this variable to true.
27 % Always first run your code with the emergency stop down to prevent the
28 % application of forces and make sure everything works correctly on the real
29 % robot. Hold onto the PHANToM tightly and keep a hand on the emergency stop.
30 hardware = false;
31
32 % Set how many times we want our servo loop to run. Each cycle takes about
33 % two milliseconds on the computer in Towne B2. There are 10000 cycles in
34 % the recorded data file. If nCycles exceeds 10000, the motion loops.
35 nCycles = 2000;
36
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