



Robotics 1

Introduction

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Robotics 1 – 2022-23

- First semester (13 weeks)
 - Wednesday, September 28, 2022 – Friday, December 23, 2022
- Courses of study (having Robotics 1 mandatory or as optional)
 - Master in Artificial Intelligence and Robotics (MARR)
 - Master in Control Engineering (MCER)
- 6 Credits
 - ~50 hours of lectures, exercises, and midterm test
 - 90 hours of individual study
- Classes (back in presence only: room B2, DIAG, Via Ariosto 25)
 - Wednesday 17:00-19:00
 - Friday 8:00-11:00



General information

- Prerequisites
 - self-contained course, without special prerequisites
 - elementary knowledge on kinematics, linear algebra, and feedback control is useful
- Aims
 - robot “anatomy”
 - provide tools for kinematic analysis of articulated chains of multiple rigid bodies (= robot manipulators)
 - analytical methods for planning motion trajectories
 - motion command and control algorithms
 - programming of tasks for robot manipulators in industrial and service environments



Organization and contacts

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are active in the pdf file*

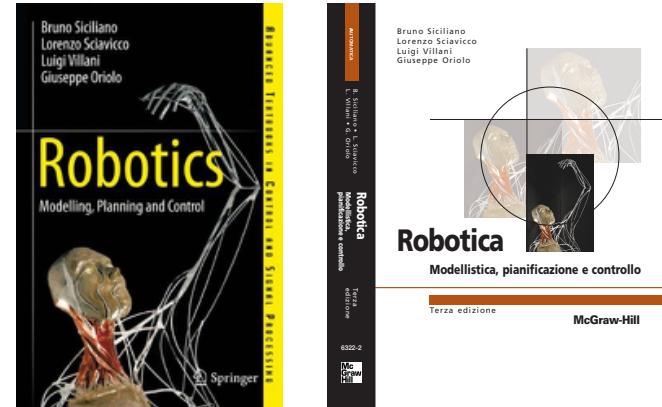
- **G-group**
 - join [robotics1_2022-23](#) (your full name, [uniroma1](#) email, course of study)
 - ask questions, [comment](#) on my replies (for the benefit of everyone!)
- **Email** deluca@diag.uniroma1.it
- **Office hours for students**
 - Tuesday 12:00-13:30 (check [exceptions](#), e.g., when I'm on [travel](#))
 - [in presence](#): Room A-210, floor 2, left wing, DIAG, Via Ariosto 25
 - [remote](#): Meet meet.google.com/chp-fghs-fri
- **YouTube**
 - [personal channel](#): playlists with recorded videos of [selected](#) lectures recorded during the pandemic (2019-20 and 2020-21)
 - access [restricted](#) to Sapienza students in **G-group** of the course!



Course materials

■ Textbook

- B. Siciliano, L. Sciavicco, L. Villani, G. Oriolo:
Robotics: Modelling, Planning and Control,
3rd Edition, Springer, 2009
- English, Italian, Chinese & Greek editions



■ Course website www.diag.uniroma1.it/deluca/rob1_en.php

- pdf of lecture slides ready (with some updates during the course)
- all videos shown during lectures (in zipped folders by block of slides)
- written exams (most with solutions), syllabuses, extra documents, ...

■ Video DIAG Channel playlist Robotics 1 with full course of 2014-15

- 30 (+1 index) videos in classroom ($\cong 41\text{h}$, **>105K** independent views)

■ DIAG Robotics Lab Channel with more research videos

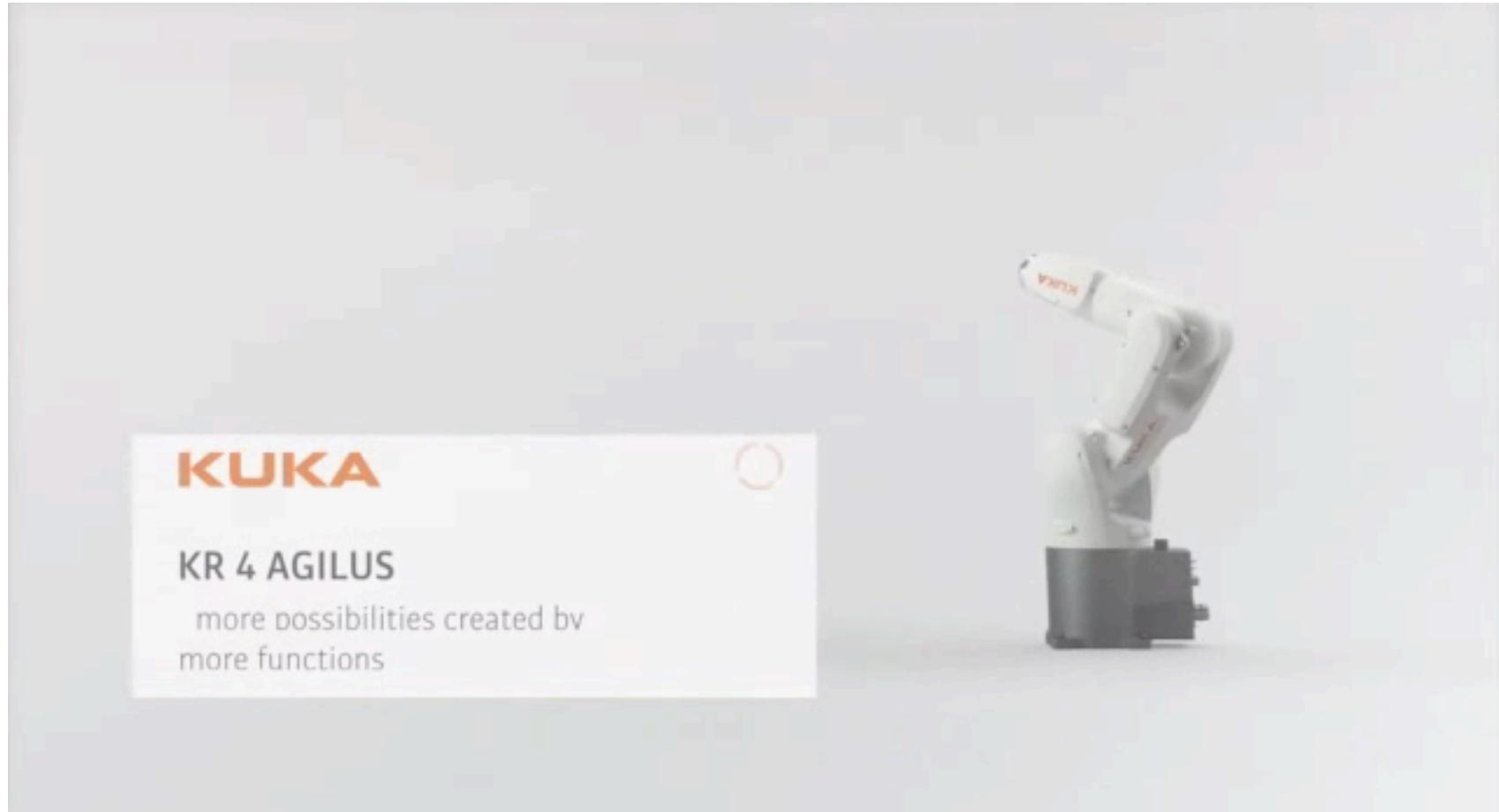
- www.youtube.com/user/RoboticsLabSapienza



A robot manipulator

Illustrating typical features of an industrial robot

commercial video



KUKA KR 4 Agilus robot with 6 revolute joints



Industrial vs. service robots

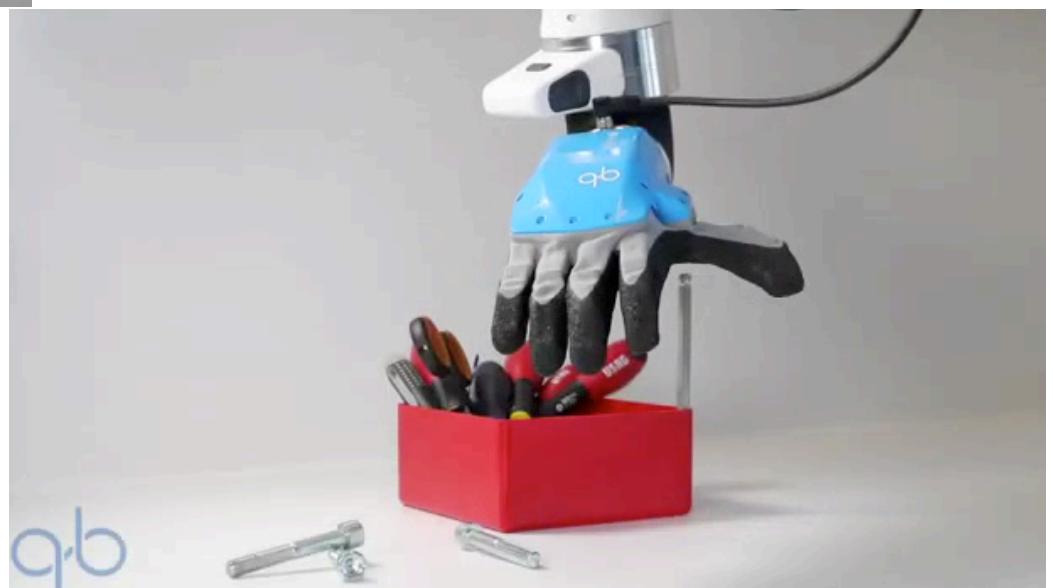


[video](#)

FANUC CR35i 6R collaborative robot carrying up to 35 kg of payload and with hand guidance system

[video](#)

qbrobotics SoftHand2
dexterous robot hand
with only 2 motors on board
and compliant transmissions





Programming robot motion

Teaching Cartesian poses and playing them back

video



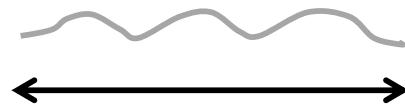
KUKA LBR iiwa robot with 7 revolute joints



Programming robot motion

Executing nominal trajectories and “complying” with uncertainties

[video](#)



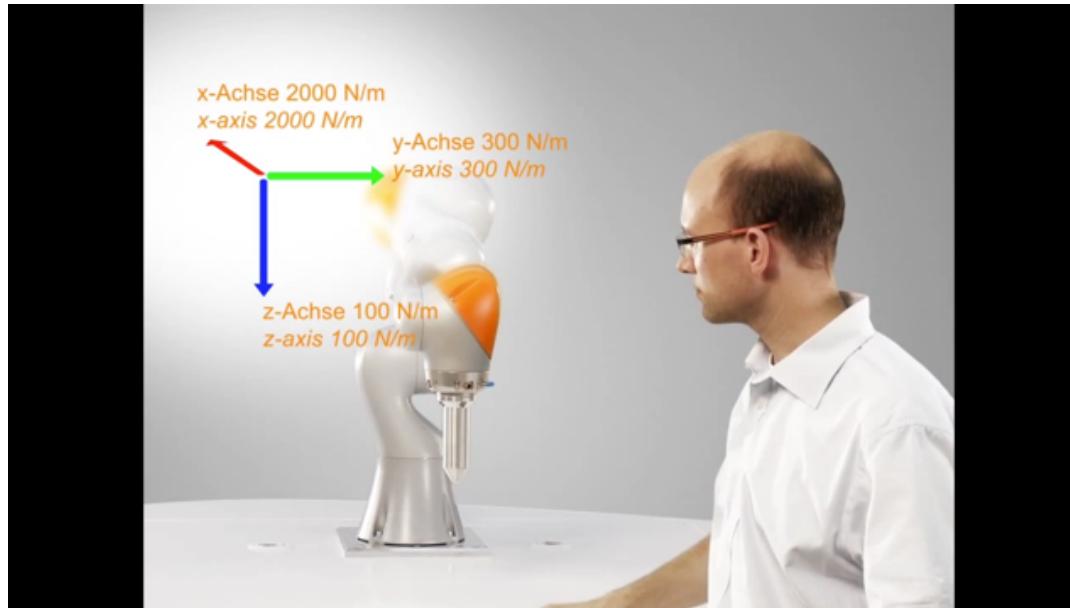
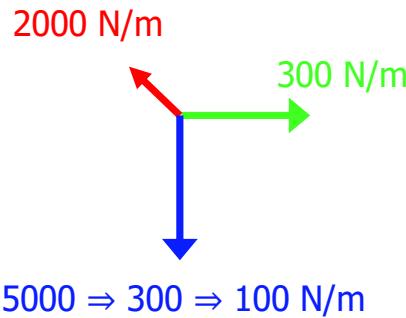
actual
nominal

compliance

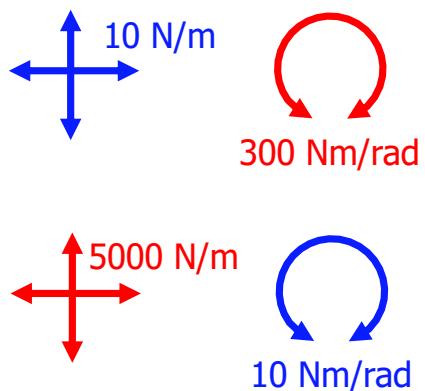


Programming robot compliance

Controlled reaction to applied forces/torques at robot end-effector



video



$\Delta p \rightarrow F = K \Delta p$
stiffness
vs
compliance

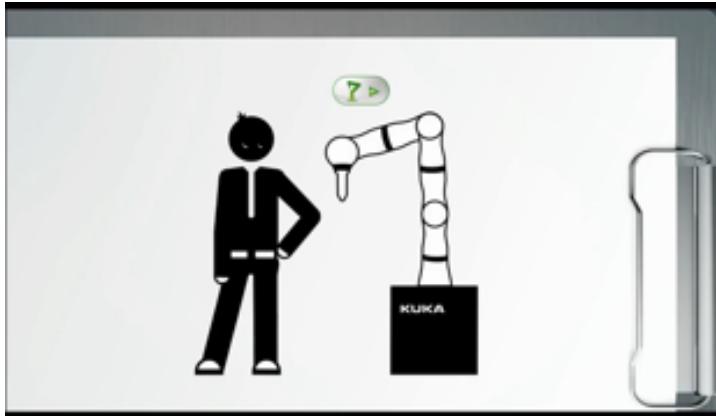
$$F \rightarrow \Delta p = C F \\ = \frac{1}{K} F$$

video



Programming robot motion

Teaching tasks by demonstration (kinesthetic learning)



video

sketch of the original idea
— a possible use of **safe**
physical Human-Robot Interaction (pHRI)

video

the working industrial solution

more videos on
[KUKA Robotics YouTube Channel](#)



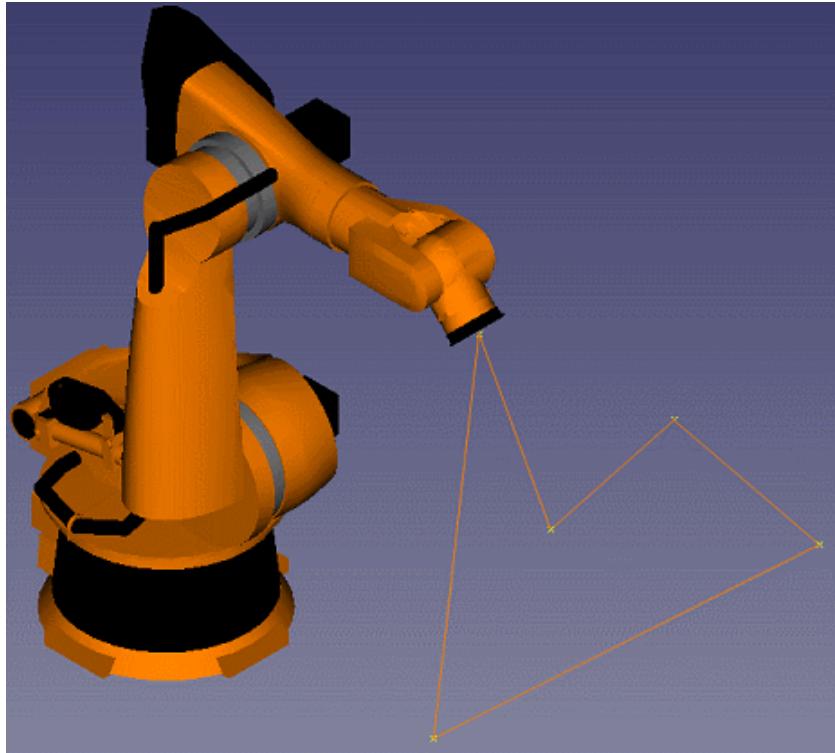


Program

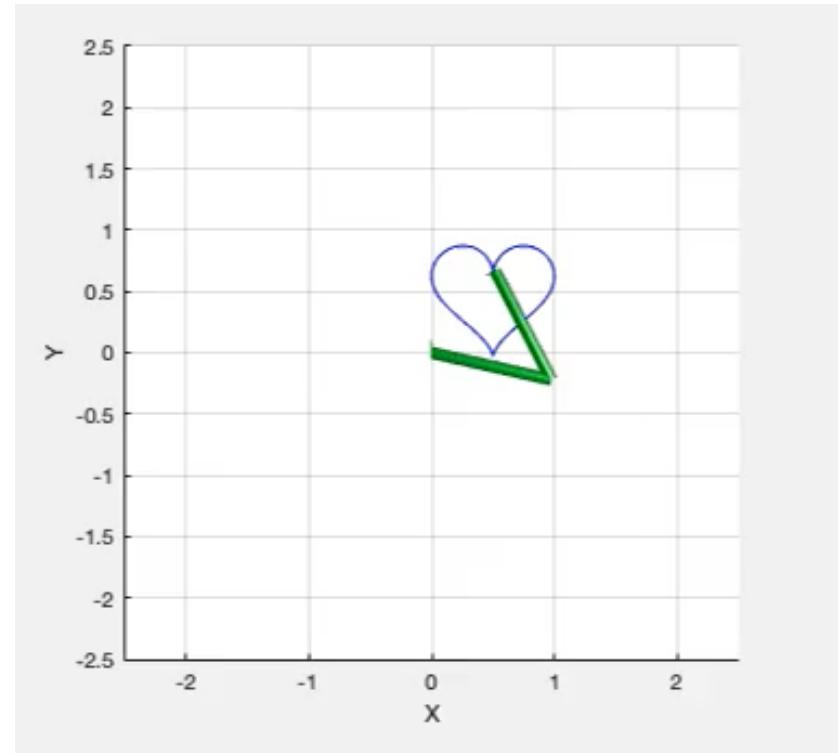
- **Introduction**
 - Manipulator arms (+ some on a mobile base)
 - Industrial and service applications
- **Components**
 - Mechanical structures
 - Actuators and transmissions
 - Sensors
 - proprioceptive (encoder, tacho)
 - exteroceptive (force/torque, depth, vision, infrared, ultrasound, laser)
- **Kinematic models**
 - Minimal representations of orientation
 - Direct and inverse kinematics of robot manipulators
 - Denavit-Hartenberg formalism for frame assignment
 - Differential kinematics: analytic and geometric Jacobians
 - Statics: Transformations of forces
 - Robot singularities



Planning Cartesian trajectories



KUKA 6R articulated robot



video

2R planar robot

$t = [0:Ts:T]; \tau = t/T; s = (-2*\tau.^3 + 3*\tau.^2); \text{center} = [0.5; 0.5];$
 $p = \text{center} + [(16*\sin(2*pi*s).^3)/16;$
 $(13*\cos(2*pi*s) - 5*\cos(4*pi*s) - 2*\cos(6*pi*s) - \cos(8*pi*s))/16]/2;$



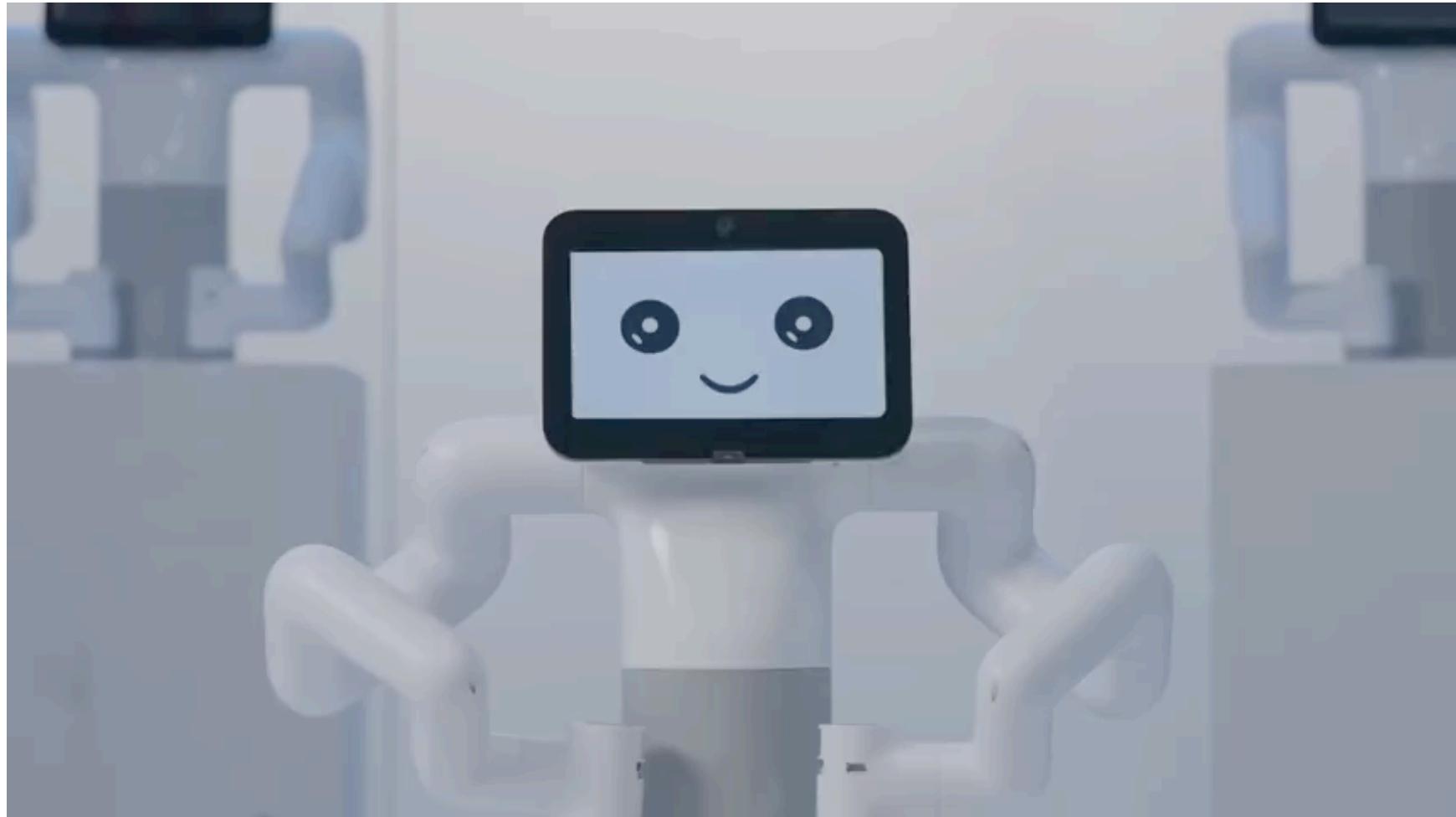
Program (continued)

- Planning of motion trajectories
 - Trajectory planning in the joint space for robot manipulators
 - Trajectory planning in the task/Cartesian space
- Motion control
 - Control system architectures
 - Kinematic control laws (in joint or in task/Cartesian space)
 - Independent joint axis control laws (P, PD, PID)
- Programming and simulation
 - Programming language for industrial robots ([KRL](#))
 - Use of [Matlab/Simulink](#) (with Robotics Toolbox) or [CoppeliaSim](#) (V-REP)



Programming motion and behavior

[video](#)



myBuddy 280-Pi dual-arm personal robot by Elephant Robotics



Exams and beyond

- Type midterm test (about mid of November) + written exam
- Schedule of 2022-23 sessions
 - 2 sessions at the end of this semester
 - between January 9 and February 17, 2023
 - 2 sessions at the end of next semester
 - between June 1 and July 21, 2023
 - 1 session after the summer break
 - between September 1 and 15, 2023
 - *2 extra sessions only for students of previous years, part-time, ...*
 - *March 13–April 14 and October 2–November 3, 2023*
- Signing up to exams
 - on infostud (up to **one week before** the date of the written exam)
- Master theses
 - samples at DIAG Robotics Lab www.diag.uniroma1.it/labrob/theses

will open
on infostud
in early December
check the
course website!



Robot manipulators available at DIAG Robotics Lab (S-218)

video



KUKA KR-5

video



KUKA LWR4+ (lightweight, about 14 kg)



Robot manipulators

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commercial video



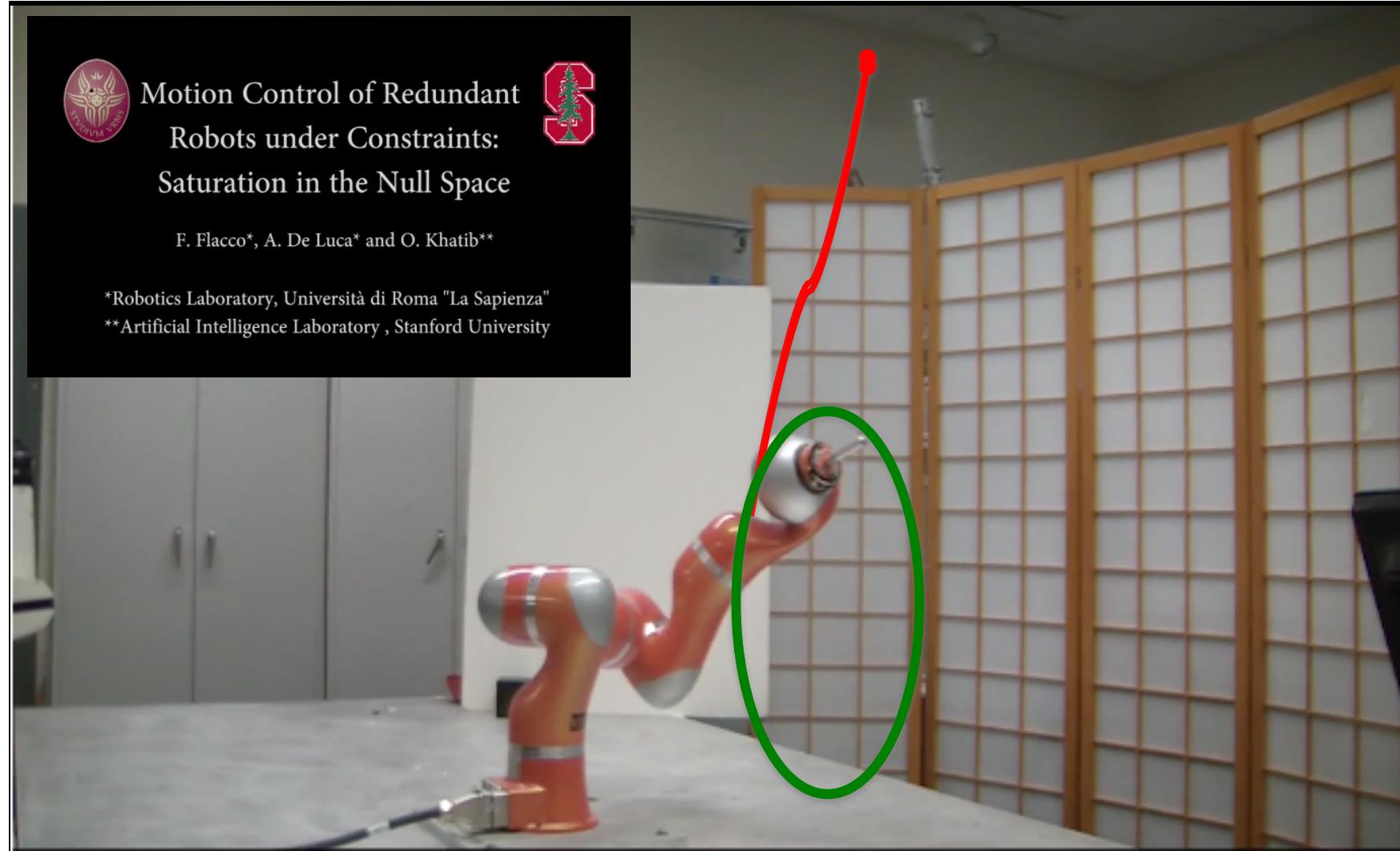
upon arrival (July 2016)



Universal Robots UR-10 (= 10 kg of payload)



Tracking a Cartesian trajectory with hard position/velocity bounds on robot motion



Motion Control of Redundant
Robots under Constraints:
Saturation in the Null Space

F. Flacco*, A. De Luca* and O. Khatib**

*Robotics Laboratory, Università di Roma "La Sapienza"

**Artificial Intelligence Laboratory , Stanford University

video DIAG Sapienza/Stanford, IEEE ICRA 2012



Robot control by visual servoing with limited joint motion range

Avoiding joint limits with a low-level fusion scheme

Olivier Kermorgant and François Chaumette

Lagadic team
INRIA Rennes-Bretagne Atlantique

video INRIA Rennes, IEEE/RSJ IROS 2011

Sensor-based robot control in dynamic environments (coexistence with human)



A Depth Space Approach to Human-Robot Collision Avoidance

F. Flacco*, T. Kröger**, A. De Luca* and O. Khatib**

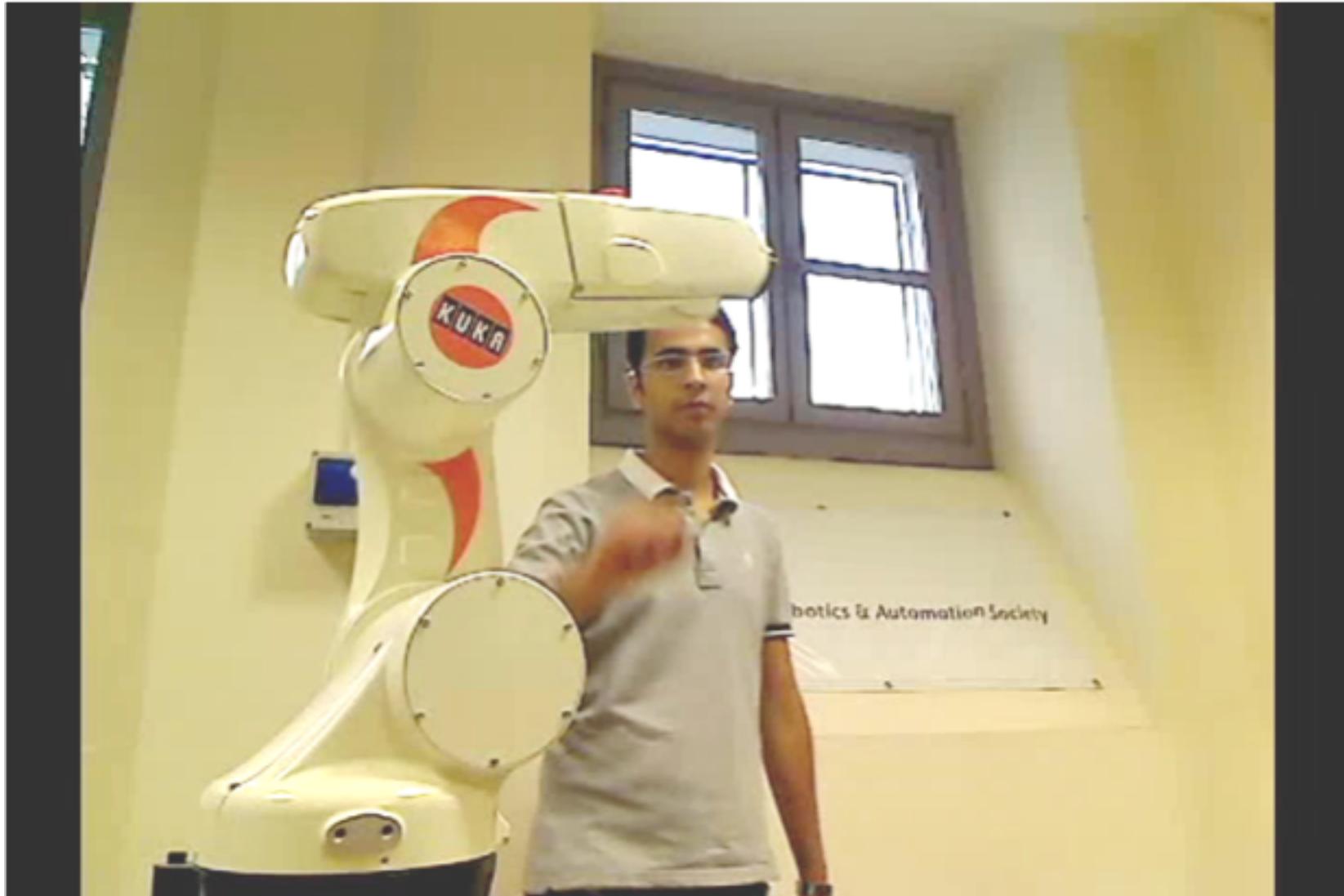
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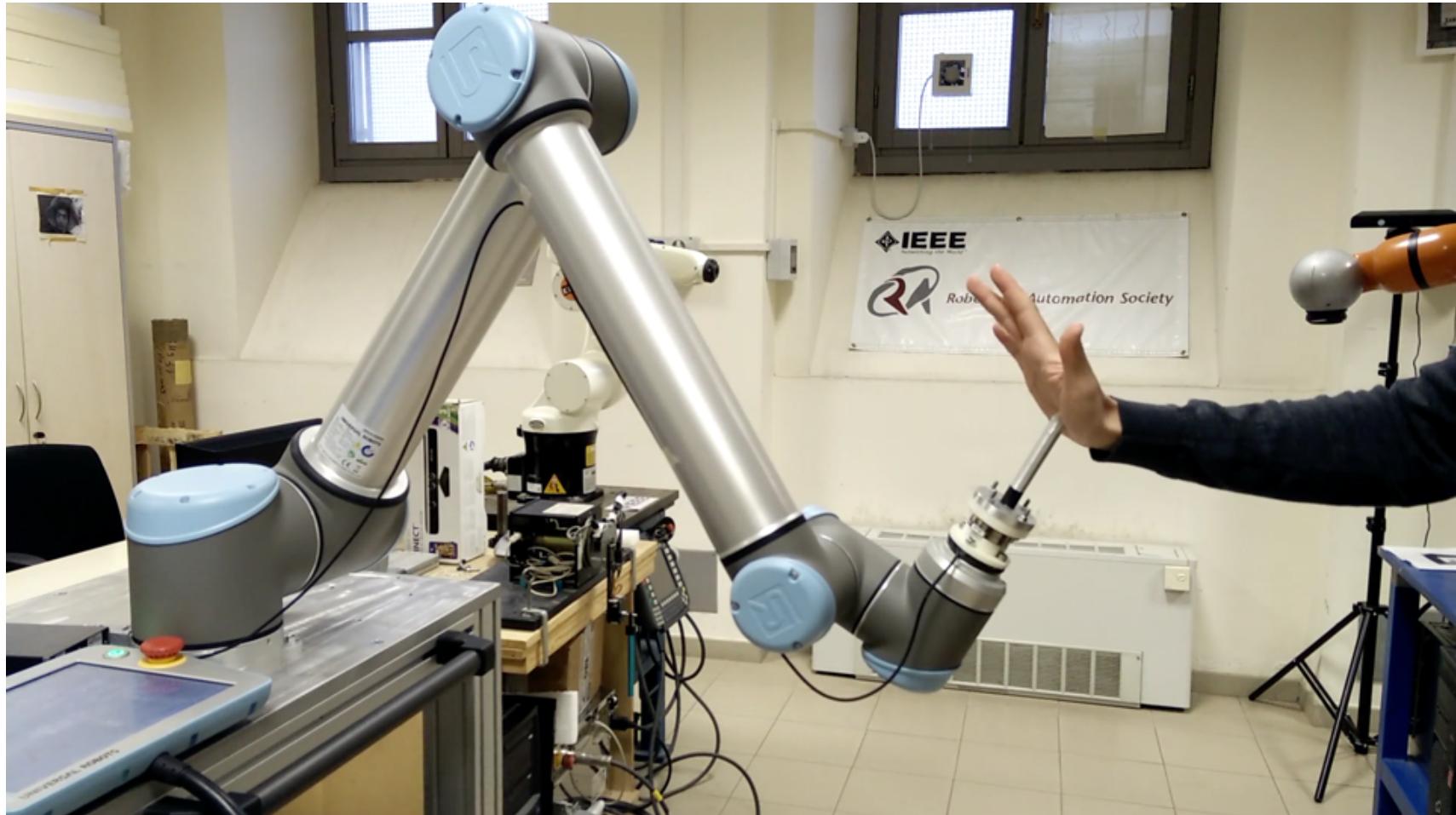
Safe physical human-robot interaction (sensor-less (!) and on a conventional industrial robot)



video DIAG Sapienza, IEEE ICRA 2013



Human-robot collaboration (with a real F/T and a “virtual” sensor to distinguish contacts)



video DIAG Sapienza, J. of Mechatronics, 2018

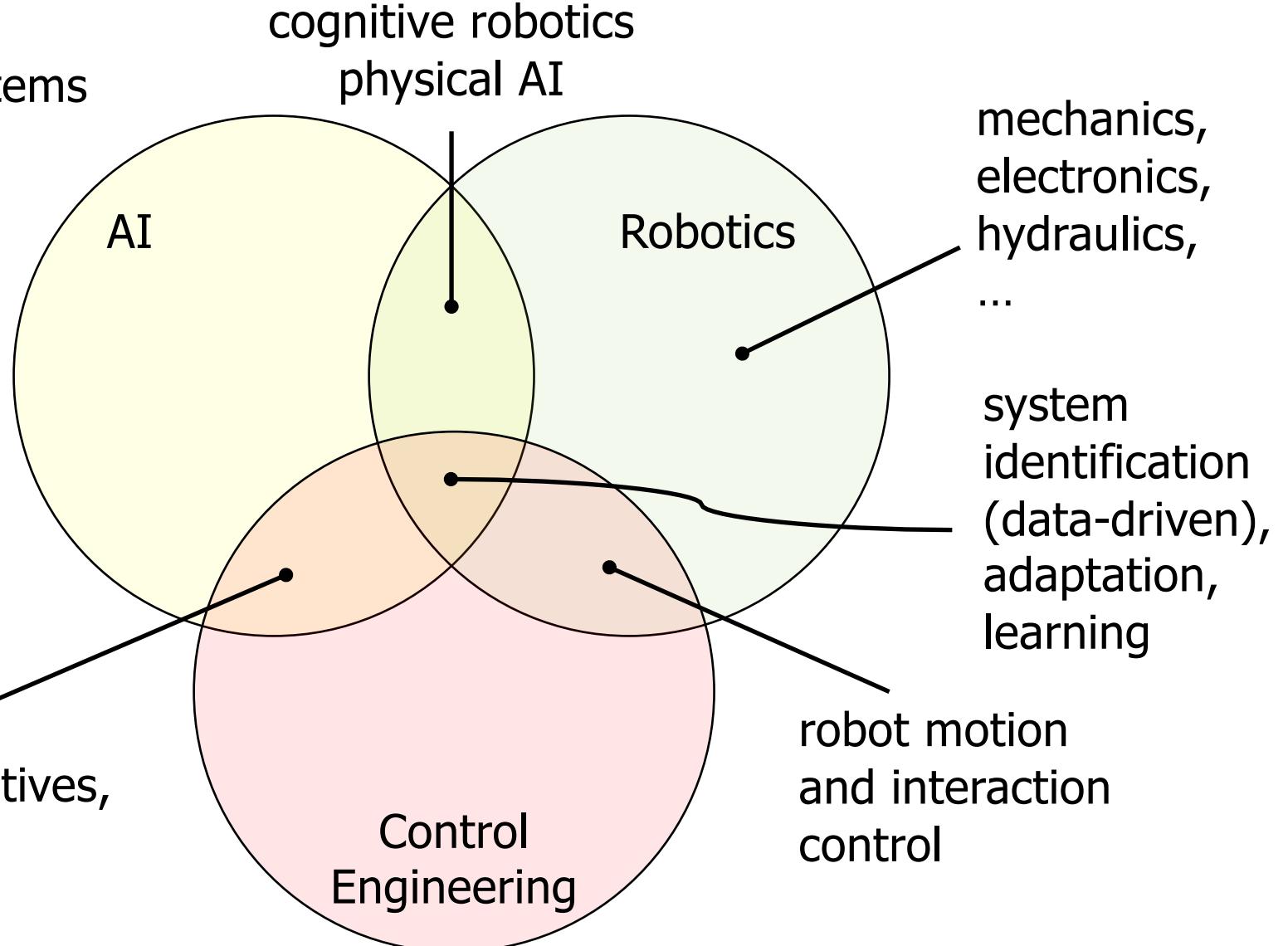


Next generation of intelligent robots?

Robots =
embodied AI systems

Robotics =
science
of artifacts
intelligently
actuated and
interacting with
the real world

model-based
techniques,
dynamic primitives,
uncertainty





Horizon Europe (2021-27)



<https://ai-data-robotics-partnership.eu>

Cross-Sectorial AI, Data and Robotics **Technology Enablers**

Sensing and Perception

Knowledge and Learning

Reasoning and Decision Making

Action and Interaction

Systems, Methodologies, Hardware & Tools

Robotics Deep Dive

Physical Interaction

Physical and Psychological Safety

Actuated Mechanical Structures

Unpredictable and Unknown Environments

Irreversible Actions

4 Market Prioritization in Robotics (from Horizon 2020)

Healthcare

Maintenance and Inspection of Infrastructures

Agri-Food

Agile Production



Specific to Robotics

- hard physical/real-world nature of Robotics ("AI embodied")
- wide range of technologies are integrated within robotic systems
- skill mix needed for success is broader than in AI or Data alone
- robots are realizations of advanced system-level concepts
 - such as autonomy, control, sensing, perception and programming
- robots are both producers and consumers of data
 - physical model-based approaches, generation of data-driven models
- decision makers and general public need a better understanding of what Robotics is and can achieve, and how it can be deployed
 - Fukushima, Covid19,



AI & Robotics point of views

example with one of the cross-sectorial technology enablers

... its relations with the other technologies

one enabling technology	Sensing and Perception	Knowledge and Learning	Reasoning and Decision Making	Systems, Hardware, Methodologies and Tools
Action and Interaction	<p>Depends on sensing of motion and mechanical properties</p> <p>Relies on perception for interaction</p> <p>Uses recognition of actions and sequences of interactions in people</p>	<p>Gets semantic knowledge around objects and human actions</p> <p>Gets data on objects and places</p>	<p>Depends on real-time context-aware decision making</p> <p>Trusted decision making</p>	<p>Depends on fast reactive architectures for control</p> <p>Relies on edge-based AI</p> <p>Requires assurance of safe operation and data privacy</p>
<p>Real-time interpretation of multi-modal data</p> <p>Safe monitoring in human environments</p>	<p>Active exploration strategies</p> <p>Adaptive decision-making models from sparse data</p>	<p>Planning and re-planning under uncertainty and incomplete knowledge in dynamic environments</p> <p>Real-time control (distributed/decentralized)</p>	<p>Safe control of physical human-interaction</p> <p>Agility (speed and strength) of collaborative robots</p>	<p>InterAction Technology (lightweight, compliant & soft devices/materials)</p> <p>Energy-efficient, robust and sustainable design</p>



Robotics around the world...

Springer Handbook of Robotics (2nd Edition, July 2016)

robots
the journey continues

Preview of Robotics 2

6 credits, II semester, year 1



- Advanced kinematics / Robot dynamics
 - Calibration
 - Redundant robots
 - Dynamic modeling: Lagrange and (recursive) Newton-Euler methods
 - Identification of dynamic parameters/coefficients
 - Geometrically constrained dynamics
- Control techniques
 - Free motion linear/nonlinear feedback control, robust control, adaptive control, iterative and online learning
 - Constrained motion admittance, impedance, hybrid force-motion control
 - Visual servoing (kinematic approach)
- Special topic
 - Diagnosis and isolation of robot actuator faults



Other courses on Robotics and Control

- Autonomous and Mobile Robotics (6 credits), I semester, year 2
 - kinematics, planning, control of wheeled and legged mobile robots
 - motion planning with obstacles, navigation, and exploration
 - Prof. Oriolo www.diag.uniroma1.it/oriolo/amr
- Medical Robotics (6 credits), II semester
 - robot surgical systems, haptics, and more ...
 - Prof. Vendittelli (follow link at <http://www.diag.uniroma1.it/vendittelli>)
- Elective in Robotics (12 credits) or Control Problems in Robotics (6 credits)
 - I-II semesters, starting this semester
 - 4 modules of 3 credits (for CPR, MCER students take 2 modules out of the 4 in EiR)
 - research-related subjects: e.g., physical Human-Robot Interaction (pHRI)
 - multiple instructors www.diag.uniroma1.it/vendittelli/EIR
- Robot Programming (3 credits, no mark), I semester, year 1
 - robot programming using C++, modules with ROS, embedded real-time coding
 - Prof. Grisetti sites.google.com/diag.uniroma1.it/robotprogramming202223/home