

ICRA 2018 Workshop on:  
Dynamic Legged Locomotion in Realistic Terrains

**Simple yet powerful walking gait generation  
based on the Divergent Component of Motion (DCM)**

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# Our walking reference generation ...

- is based on Divergent Component of Motion (DCM)
- yields „smooth“ (continuous) eCMP/VRP trajectories (~ „3D ZMP“)
- fulfills terminal constraint for DCM
- provides analytical solutions for VRP, DCM and CoM (matrix form)
- is (super!) real-time capable
  - here: focus on reference trajectories
  - also applicable for e.g. step adjustment / push recovery

# Presentation outline

- Basics:
  - Divergent Component of Motion
  - 3D force application points
- Building stone: single transition phase
- Complete trajectories in matrix form  
(built via concatenation of single transition phases)

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# Divergent Component of Motion (DCM)

definition introduced by Pratt et al. (2D)

$$\dot{\xi} = \dot{x} + b \dot{x}$$

CoM position

time constant

$$\dot{x} = -\frac{1}{b} (x - \xi)$$

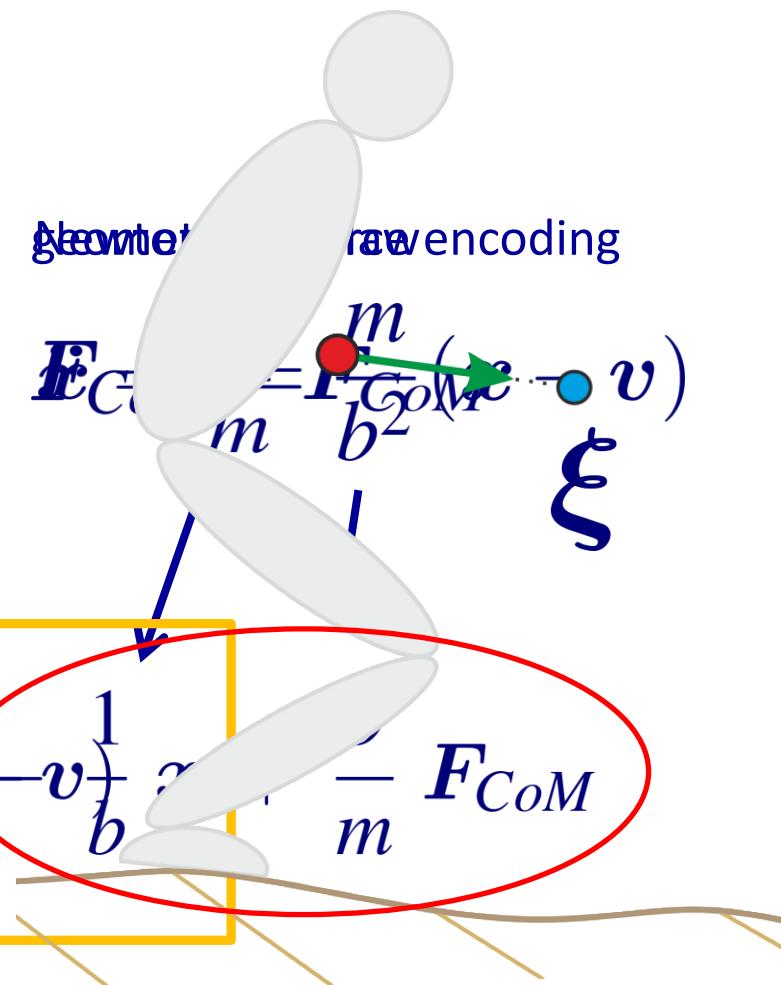
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3D

differentiation  
CoM velocity

$$\dot{\xi} = \frac{1}{b} (\xi - v)$$

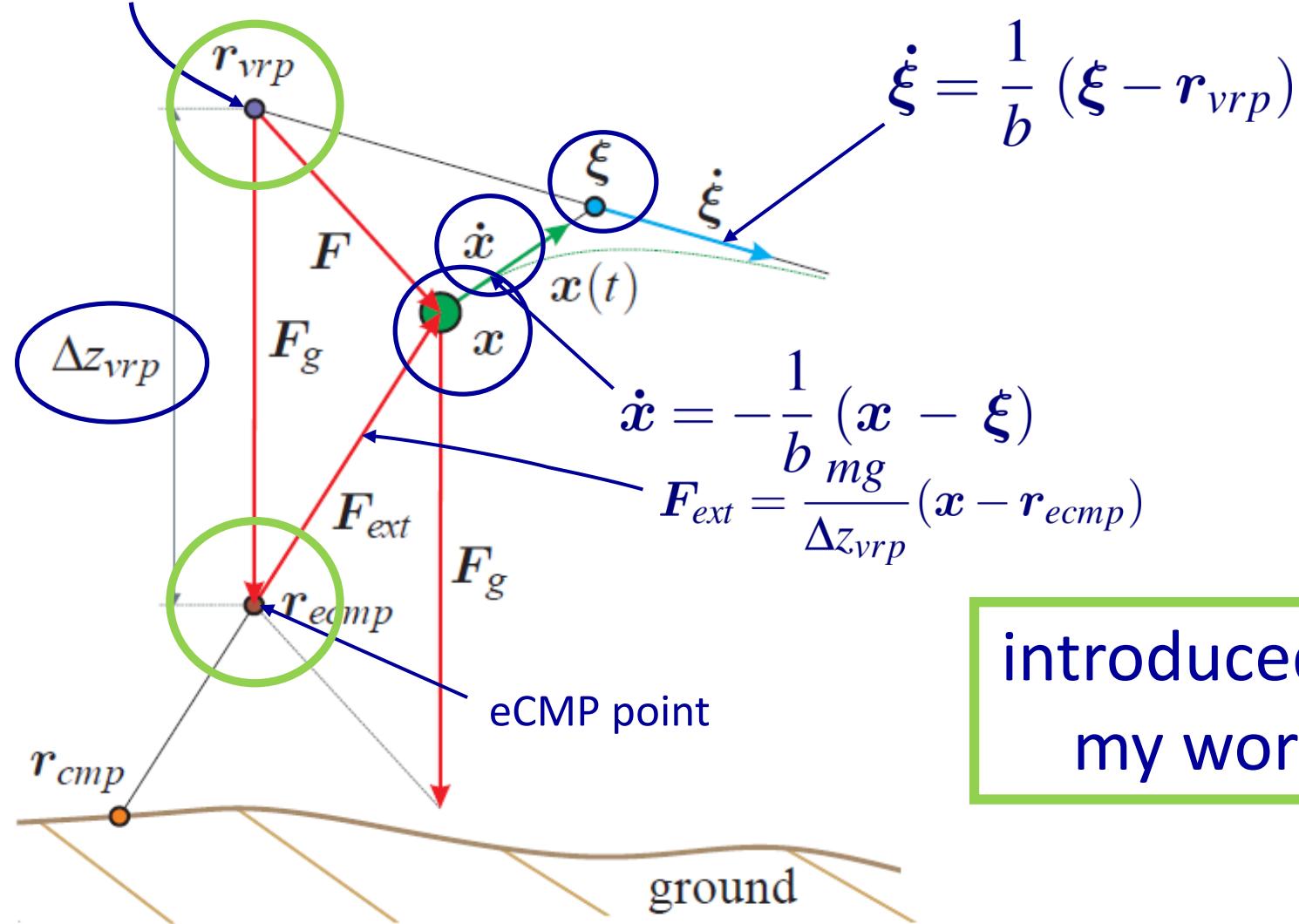
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# Geometrical force encoding (3D)

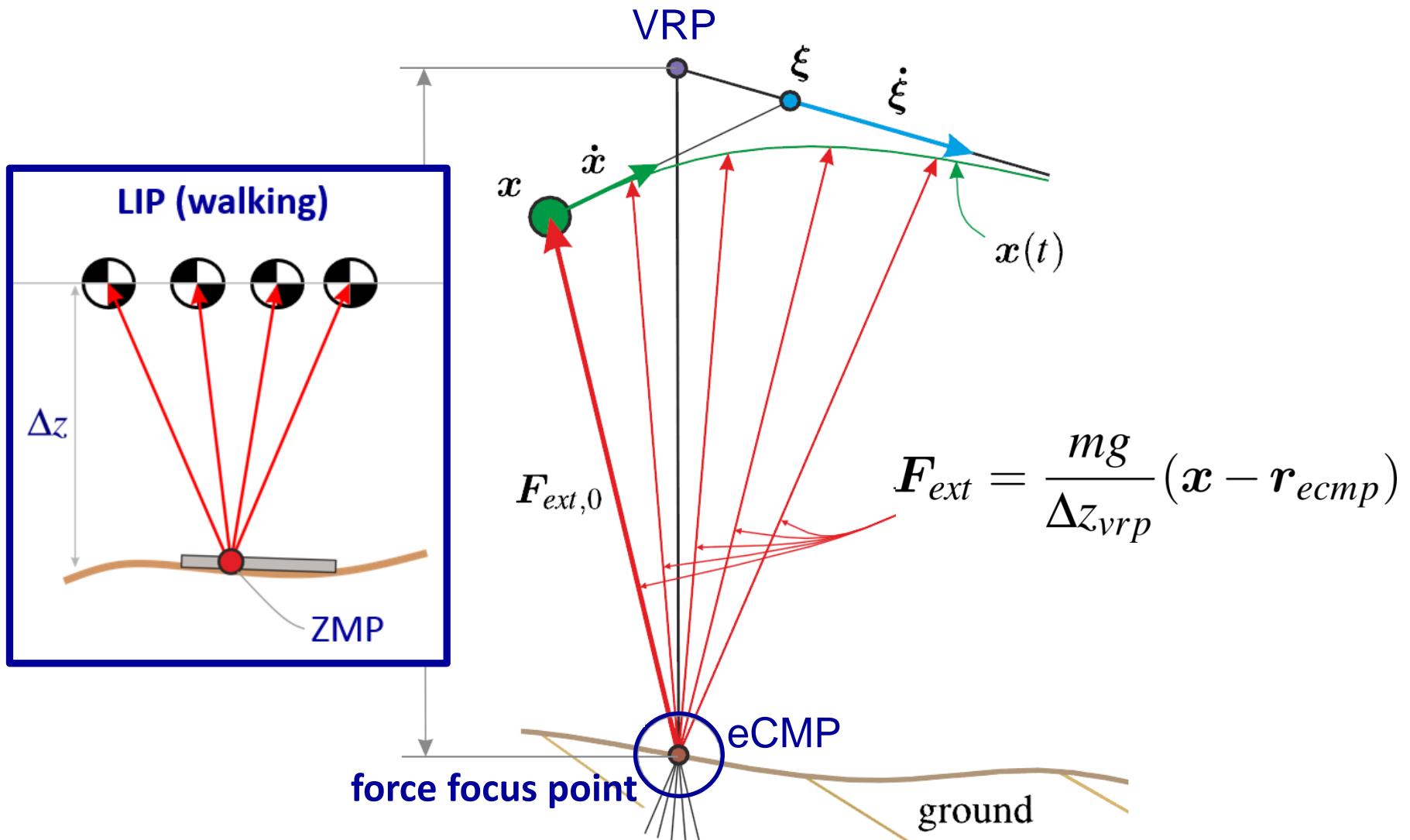
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Virtual Repellent Point (VRP)

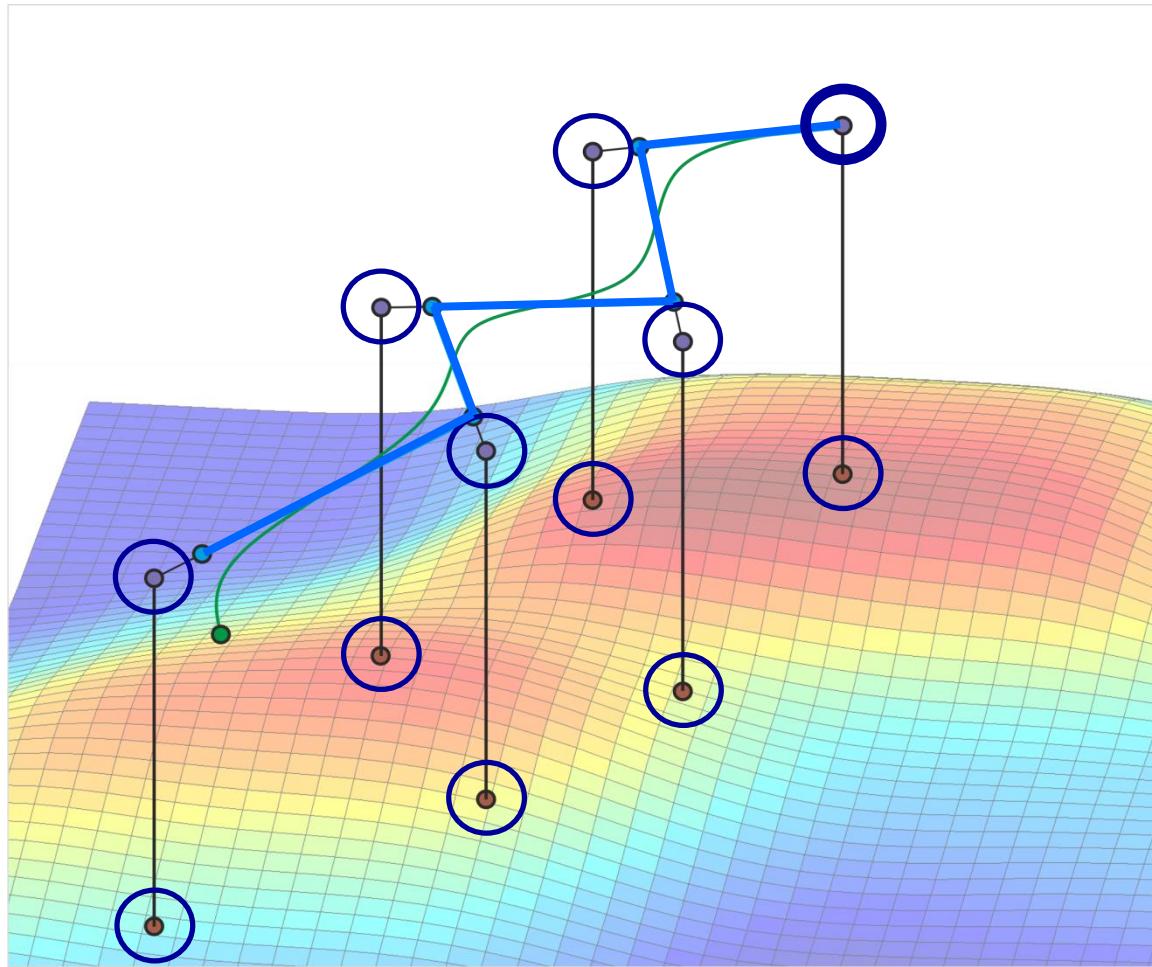


introduced in  
my work

# Force ray focusing (point foot example)



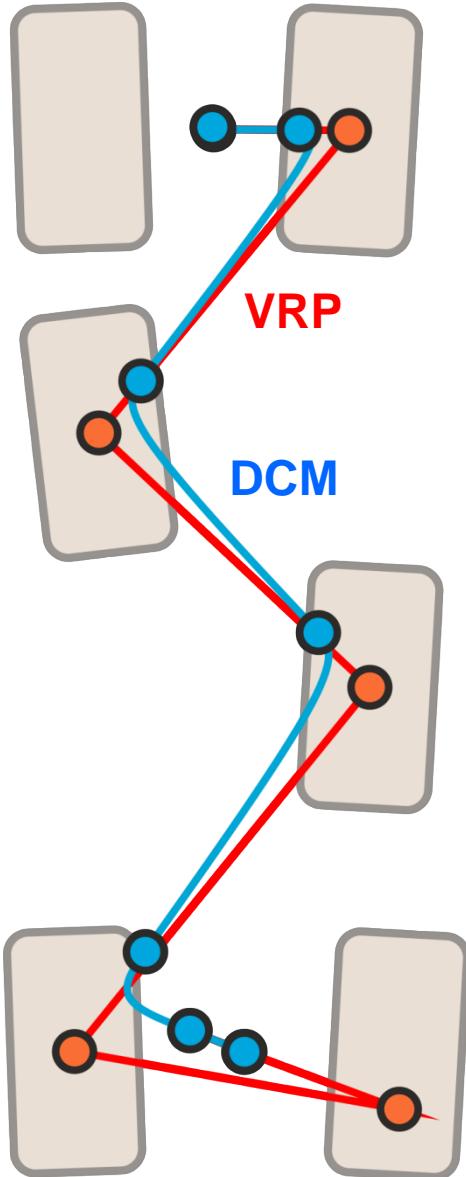
# DCM trajectory generation (point foot example)



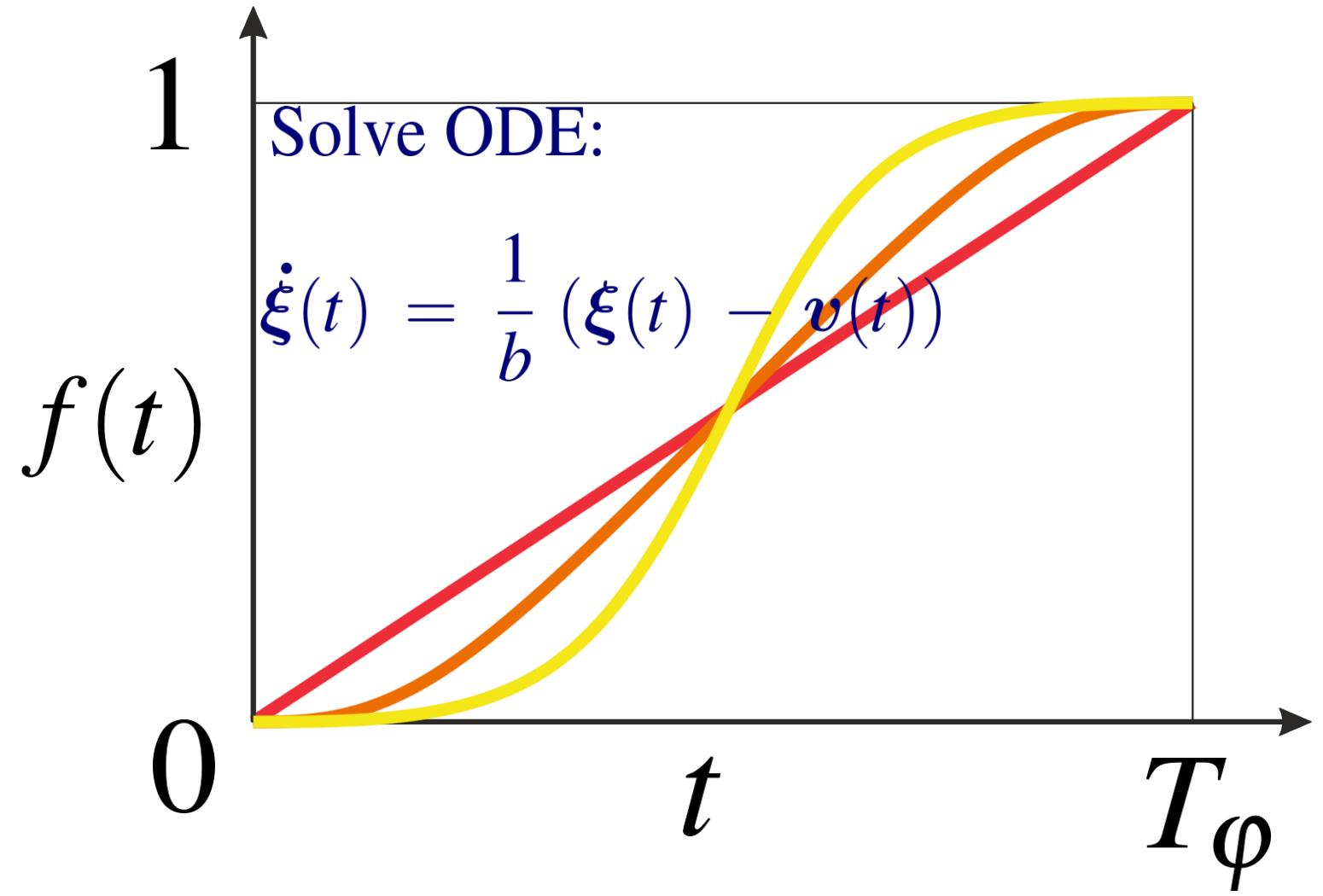
DCM referencetrajectory generation (analytical)

## single transition phase

VRP



$$\boldsymbol{v}(t) = (1 - f(t)) \boldsymbol{v}_0 + f(t) \boldsymbol{v}_T$$



single transition phase	$n_{poly}$	$f(t)$	boundary conditions
VRP	$0^{th}$	0	$\mathbf{v}(t) = \mathbf{v}_0 = const.$
	$1^{st}$	$\frac{t}{T}$	$\mathbf{v}(0) = \mathbf{v}_0$ $\mathbf{v}(T) = \mathbf{v}_T$
$\mathbf{v}(t) = (1 - f(t)) \mathbf{v}_0 + f(t) \mathbf{v}_T$	$3^{rd}$	$(\frac{t}{T})^2 \left( 3 - \frac{2t}{T} \right)$	$\mathbf{v}(0) = \mathbf{v}_0$ $\dot{\mathbf{v}}(0) = 0$ $\mathbf{v}(T) = \mathbf{v}_T$ $\dot{\mathbf{v}}(T) = 0$
	$5^{th}$	$(\frac{t}{T})^3 \left( 10 - \frac{15t}{T} + \frac{6t^2}{T^2} \right)$	$\mathbf{v}(0) = \mathbf{v}_0$ $\dot{\mathbf{v}}(0) = 0$ $\ddot{\mathbf{v}}(0) = 0$ $\mathbf{v}(T) = \mathbf{v}_T$ $\dot{\mathbf{v}}(T) = 0$ $\ddot{\mathbf{v}}(T) = 0$

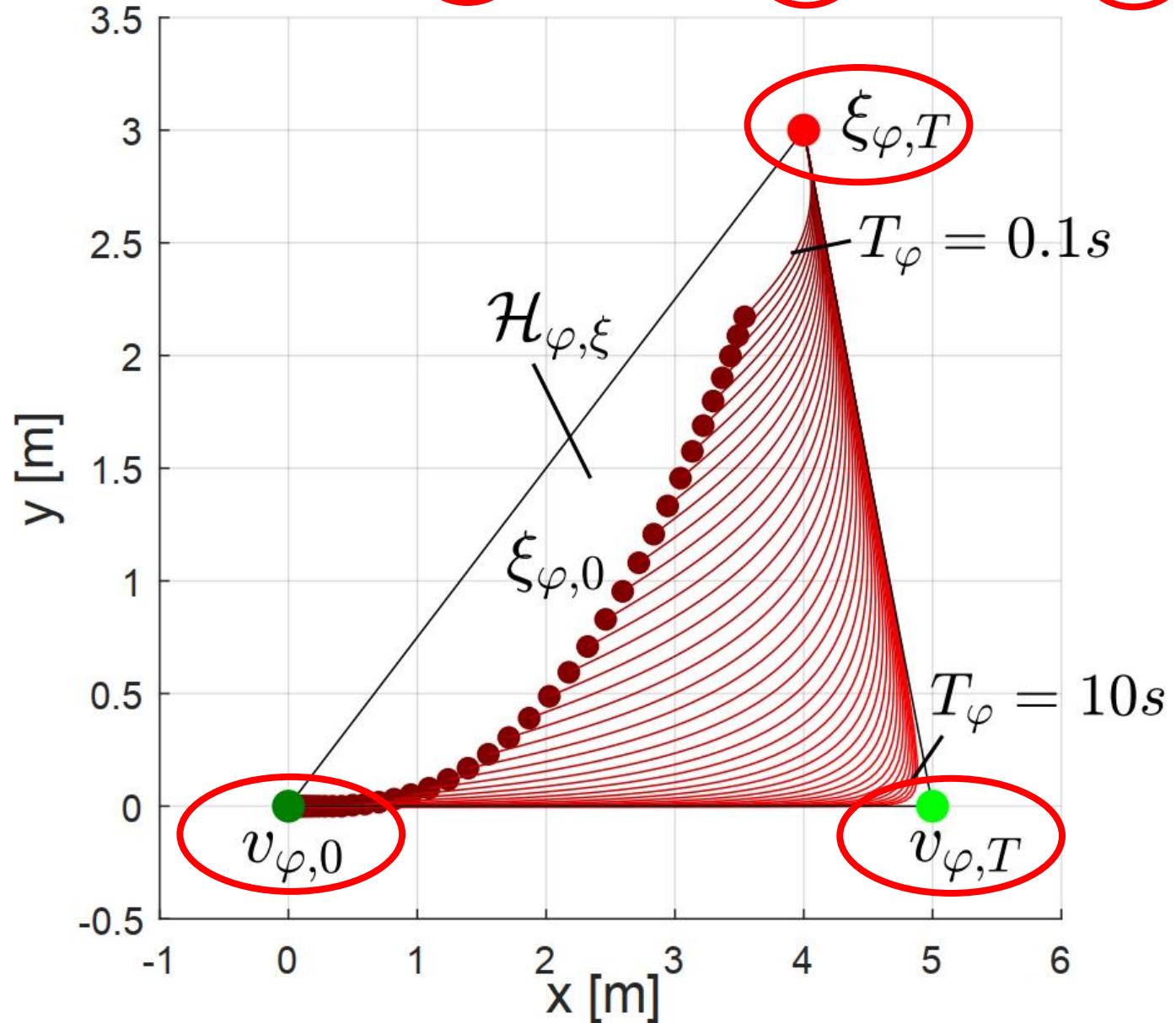
$$\dot{\xi}(t) = \frac{1}{b} (\xi(t) - v(t))$$

$$\xi(t) = (1 - \sigma(t)) \xi(e^{\frac{t-T}{b}}) + \alpha_\xi(\sigma_T) v_0 + \beta_\xi(\sigma) v_T + e^{\frac{t-T}{b}} \gamma_\xi(t) \xi + e^{\frac{t-T}{b}} \xi_T$$

$\alpha_\xi(t)$        $\beta_\xi(t)$        $\gamma_\xi(t)$

$$\sigma(t) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left( \alpha_\xi^{(k)}(f)(t) \right) \beta_\xi(t) + \gamma_\xi(\sigma_T) = \Phi(T)$$

$$\xi(t) = \alpha_\xi(t) v_0 + \beta_\xi(t) v_T + \gamma_\xi(t) \xi_T$$



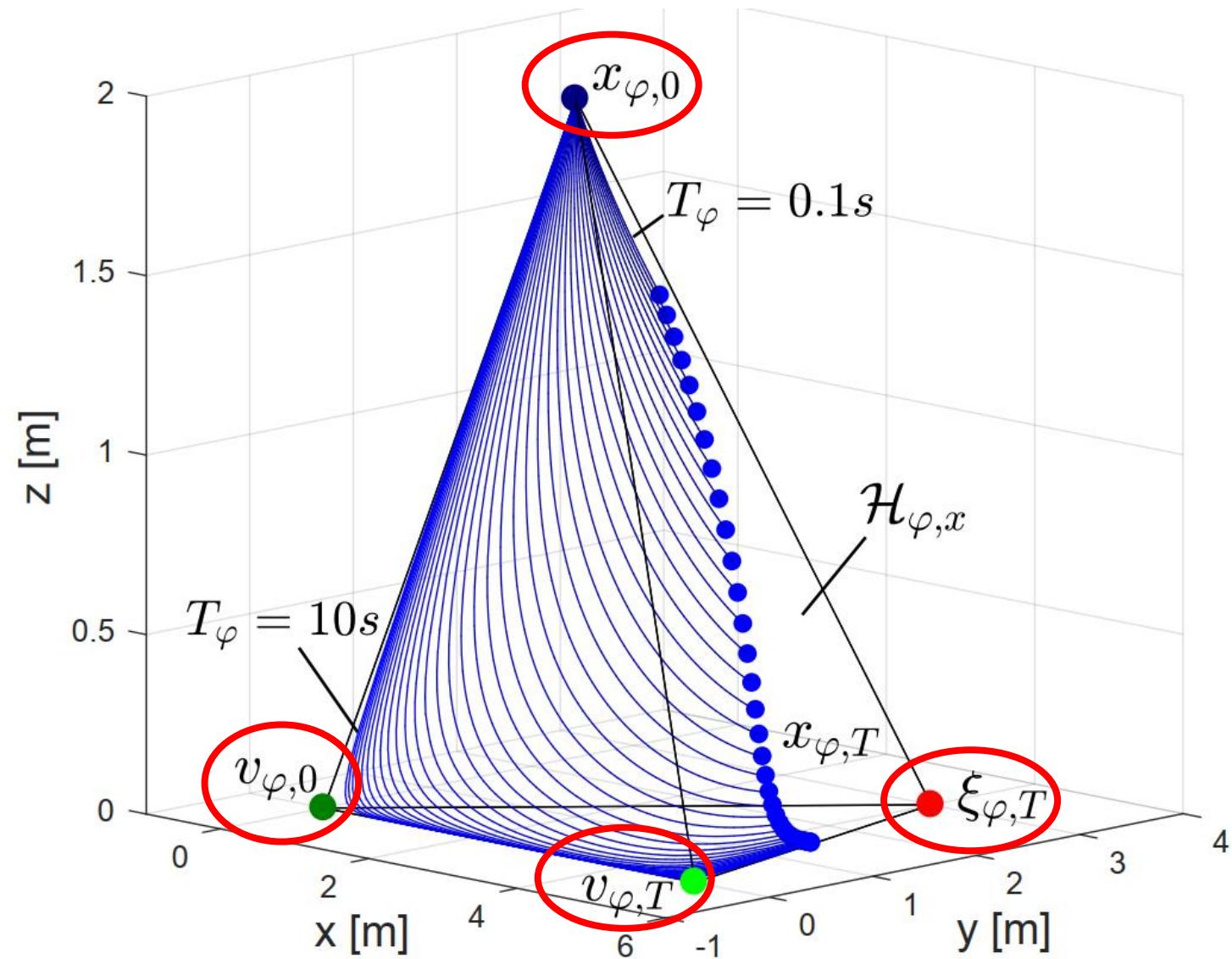
single transition phase

CoM

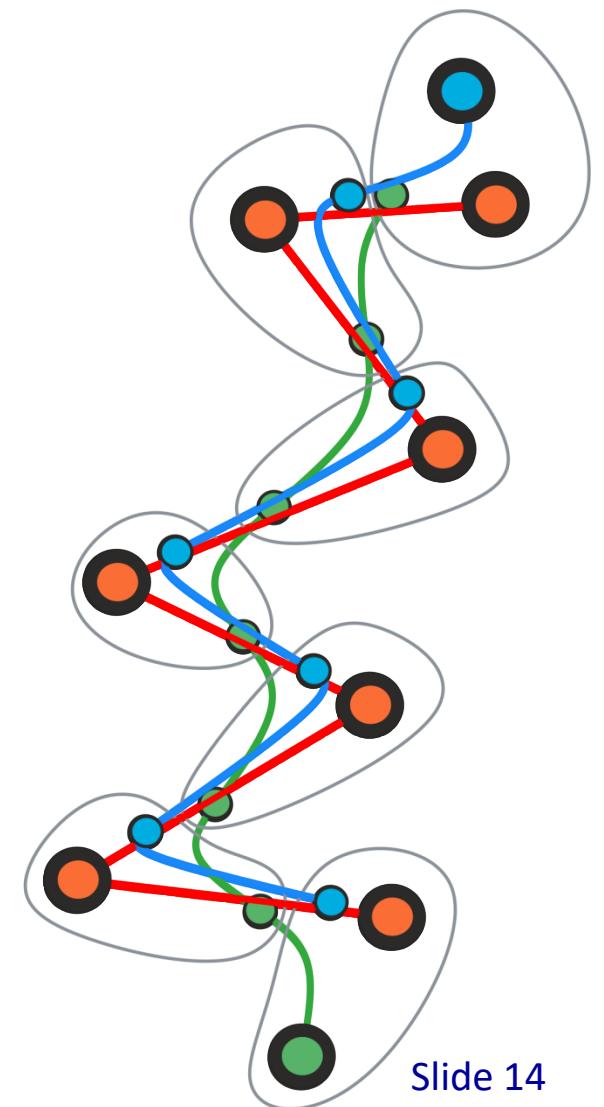
$$\begin{aligned}
 x(t) &= \underbrace{(1 - \rho(t) - e^{-\frac{t}{b}}(1 - \rho_0) - \frac{1}{2}(e^{\frac{t-T}{b}} - e^{\frac{-t-T}{b}})(1 - \sigma_T))}_{\alpha_x(t)} v_0 \\
 &\quad + \underbrace{(\rho(t) - e^{-\frac{t}{b}}\rho_0 - \frac{1}{2}(e^{\frac{t-T}{b}} - e^{\frac{-t-T}{b}})\sigma_T)}_{\beta_x(t)} v_T \\
 &\quad + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2}(e^{\frac{t-T}{b}} - e^{\frac{-t-T}{b}})}_{\xi_T} \xi_T \\
 \dot{x}(t) &= -\frac{1}{b} (x(t) - \xi(t)) \\
 \gamma_x(t) &= \alpha_x(t) v_0 + \beta_x(t) v_T + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (\underbrace{v_T^{(2k)}}_{\xi_T} + f \gamma_x(t) \xi_T) \underbrace{\rho_0 \delta_x(p)}_{\delta_x(t)} v_0 \\
 &\quad + e^{-\frac{t}{b}} x_0
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\alpha_x(t) + \beta_x(t) + \gamma_x(t) + \delta_x(t) = 1$$

$$\boldsymbol{x}(t) = \alpha_x(t) \boldsymbol{v}_0 + \beta_x(t) \boldsymbol{v}_T + \gamma_x(t) \boldsymbol{\xi}_T + \delta_x(t) \boldsymbol{x}_0$$



## multiple transition phases



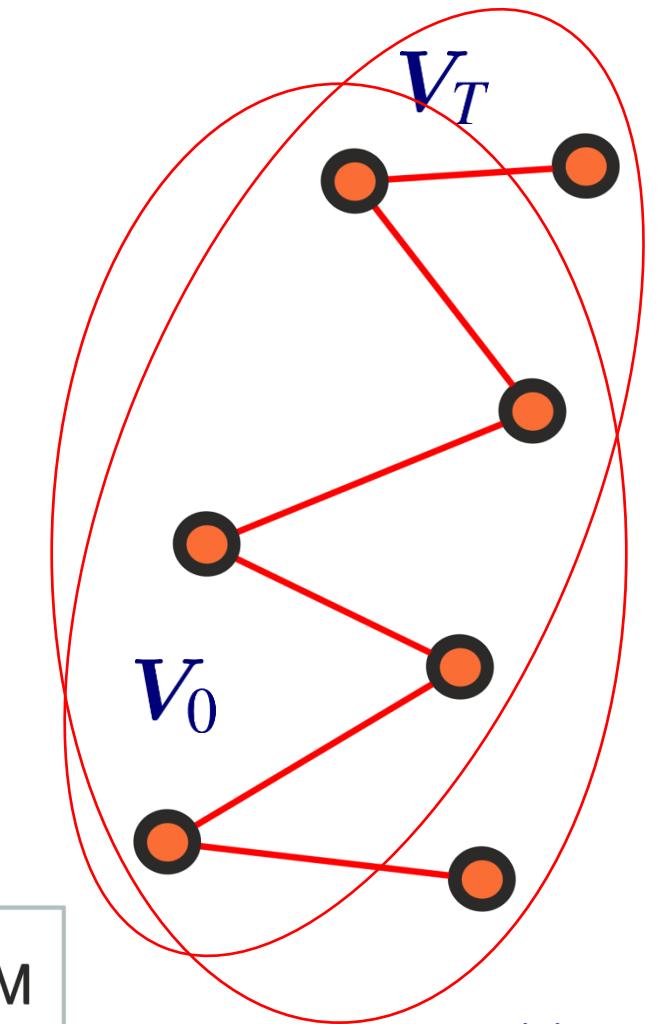
each transition phase  $\varphi \in \{1, \dots, n_\varphi\}$ ,  $n_\varphi = n_{wp} - 1$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{v}_{1,\emptyset}^T \mathbf{v}(t_\varphi) \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{v}_{n_\varphi,\emptyset}^T \mathbf{v}(t_\varphi) \end{bmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{I}_{m_\varphi \times n_\varphi} & \mathbf{I}_{n_\varphi \times n_\varphi} \end{bmatrix}}_{A_\emptyset \in \mathbb{R}^{n_\varphi \times n_{wp}}} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{v}_{wp,\emptyset}^T(t_\varphi) \mathbf{v}_{\varphi,T} \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{v}_{wp,n_{wp}}^T \end{bmatrix}$$

$\mathbf{V}_\emptyset \in \mathbb{R}^{n_\varphi \times 3}$

$\mathbf{V}_{wp} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_{wp} \times 3}$

stacked VRP waypoint matrix



stacked DCM waypoint matrix:

$$\boldsymbol{E}_{wp} = \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{\xi}_{wp,1}^T \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \\ \boldsymbol{\xi}_{wp,n_{wp}}^T \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_{wp} \times 3}$$

$$\xi_{\varphi,0} = \underbrace{\left(1 - \sigma_{\varphi,0} - e^{-\frac{T_\varphi}{b}} (1 - \sigma_{\varphi,T})\right)}_{\alpha_{\xi,\varphi,0}} v_{\varphi,0} + \underbrace{\left(\sigma_{\varphi,0} - e^{-\frac{T_\varphi}{b}} \sigma_{\varphi,T}\right)}_{\beta_{\xi,\varphi,0}} v_{\varphi,T} + \underbrace{e^{-\frac{T_\varphi}{b}}}_{\gamma_{\xi,\varphi,0}} \xi_{\varphi,T}$$

$$\xi_{\varphi,0} = \alpha_{\xi,\varphi,0} v_{\varphi,0} + \beta_{\xi,\varphi,0} v_{\varphi,T} + \gamma_{\xi,\varphi,0} \xi_{\varphi,T}$$

$$\xi_{\varphi,0} = \alpha_{\xi,\varphi,0} v_{\varphi,0} + \beta_{\xi,\varphi,0} v_{\varphi,T} + \gamma_{\xi,\varphi,0} \xi_{\varphi,T}$$

continuity

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \alpha_{\xi,1,0} & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & \alpha_{\xi,n_\varphi,0} \end{bmatrix}}_{A_{\alpha_\xi} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_\varphi \times n_\varphi}} + \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \beta_{\xi,1,0} & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & \beta_{\xi,n_\varphi,0} \end{bmatrix}}_{A_{\beta_\xi} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_\varphi \times n_\varphi}} + \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \gamma_{\xi,1,0} & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & \gamma_{\xi,n_\varphi,0} \end{bmatrix}}_{A_{\gamma_\xi} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_\varphi \times n_\varphi}}$$

$\underbrace{A_0 \Xi_{wp}}_{\Xi_0 \in \mathbb{R}^{n_\varphi \times 3}}$      $\underbrace{A_0 V_{wp}}_{V_0 \in \mathbb{R}^{n_\varphi \times 3}}$      $\underbrace{A_T V_{wp}}_{V_T \in \mathbb{R}^{n_\varphi \times 3}}$

## DCM terminal constraint

$$\xi_{n_\varphi, T} = \xi_{wp, n_{wp}} = \xi_f$$

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0}_{n_\varphi \times n_\varphi} & \mathbf{0}_{n_\varphi \times 1} \\ \mathbf{0}_{1 \times n_\varphi} & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{S_{n_{wp}} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_{wp} \times n_{wp}}} \mathbf{E}_{wp} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{\mathbf{A}_{TC} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_{wp} \times 1}} \xi_f^T$$

continuity + DCM terminal constraint

$$\begin{aligned} \boldsymbol{\Xi}_{wp} = & \underbrace{(\boldsymbol{A}_{V_{wp} \rightarrow \boldsymbol{\Xi}_{wp}} - \boldsymbol{V}_{wp} \boldsymbol{A}_0^T \boldsymbol{A}_{\gamma_\xi} \boldsymbol{A}_T)^{-1} (\boldsymbol{A}_\beta^T \boldsymbol{A}_{\alpha_\xi} \boldsymbol{A}_0 + \boldsymbol{A}_0^T \boldsymbol{A}_{\beta_\xi} \boldsymbol{A}_T)}_{\boldsymbol{A}_{V_{wp} \rightarrow \boldsymbol{\Xi}_{wp}} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_{wp} \times n_{wp}}} \boldsymbol{V}_{wp} \\ & + \underbrace{(\boldsymbol{I}_{n_{wp} \times n_{wp}} - \boldsymbol{A}_0^T \boldsymbol{A}_{\gamma_\xi} \boldsymbol{A}_T)^{-1} \boldsymbol{A}_{TC} \boldsymbol{\xi}_f^T}_{\boldsymbol{A}_{\boldsymbol{\xi}_f \rightarrow \boldsymbol{\Xi}_{wp}} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_{wp} \times 1}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\xi_\varphi(t_\varphi) = A_{V_{wp} \rightarrow \xi_\varphi}(t_\varphi) V_{wp} + A_{\xi_f \rightarrow \xi_\varphi}(t_\varphi) \xi_f^T$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 A_{V_{wp} \rightarrow \xi_\varphi}(t_\varphi) &= \alpha_{\xi,\varphi}(t_\varphi) row_\varphi(A_0) \\
 &+ \beta_{\xi,\varphi}(t_\varphi) row_\varphi(A_T) \\
 &+ \gamma_{\xi,\varphi}(t_\varphi) row_\varphi(A_T A_{V_{wp} \rightarrow \Xi_{wp}})
 \end{aligned}$$

$$A_{\xi_f \rightarrow \xi_\varphi}(t_\varphi) = \gamma_{\xi,\varphi}(t_\varphi) row_\varphi(A_T A_{\xi_f \rightarrow \Xi_{wp}})$$

stacked CoM waypoint matrix:

$$\boldsymbol{X}_{wp} = \begin{bmatrix} \boldsymbol{x}_{wp,1}^T \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \\ \boldsymbol{x}_{wp,n_{wp}}^T \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_{wp} \times 3}$$

## multiple transition phases

CoM

$$\begin{aligned}
 \boldsymbol{x}_{\varphi,T} = & \underbrace{\left(1 - \rho_{\varphi,T} - e^{-\frac{T_\varphi}{b\varphi}} (1 - \rho_{\varphi,0}) - \frac{1}{2} (1 - e^{-\frac{2T_\varphi}{b\varphi}}) (1 - \sigma_{\varphi,T})\right) \boldsymbol{v}_{\varphi,0}}_{\alpha_{x,\varphi,T}} \\
 & + \underbrace{\left(\rho_{\varphi,T} - e^{-\frac{T_\varphi}{b\varphi}} \rho_{\varphi,0} - \frac{1}{2} (1 - e^{-\frac{2T_\varphi}{b\varphi}}) \sigma_{\varphi,T}\right) \boldsymbol{v}_{\varphi,T}}_{\beta_{x,\varphi,T}} \\
 & + \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} (1 - e^{-\frac{2T_\varphi}{b\varphi}})}_{\gamma_{x,\varphi,T}} \boldsymbol{\xi}_{\varphi,T} \\
 & + \underbrace{e^{-\frac{T_\varphi}{b\varphi}}}_{\delta_{x,\varphi,T}} \boldsymbol{x}_{\varphi,0}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\boldsymbol{x}_{\varphi,T} = \alpha_{x,\varphi,T} \boldsymbol{v}_{\varphi,0} + \beta_{x,\varphi,T} \boldsymbol{v}_{\varphi,T} + \gamma_{x,\varphi,T} \boldsymbol{\xi}_{\varphi,T} + \delta_{x,\varphi,T} \boldsymbol{x}_{\varphi,0}$$

continuity

$$\underbrace{\boldsymbol{A}_T \boldsymbol{X}_{wp}}_{\boldsymbol{X}_T \in \mathbb{R}^{n\varphi \times 3}} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \alpha_{x,1,T} & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & \alpha_{x,n\varphi,T} \end{bmatrix}}_{\boldsymbol{A}_{\alpha_x} \in \mathbb{R}^{n\varphi \times n\varphi}} + \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \beta_{x,1,T} & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & \beta_{x,n\varphi,T} \end{bmatrix}}_{\boldsymbol{A}_{\beta_x} \in \mathbb{R}^{n\varphi \times n\varphi}} + \\
 + \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \gamma_{x,1,T} & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & \gamma_{x,n\varphi,T} \end{bmatrix}}_{\boldsymbol{A}_{\gamma_x} \in \mathbb{R}^{n\varphi \times n\varphi}} + \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \delta_{x,1,T} & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & \ddots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & \delta_{x,n\varphi,T} \end{bmatrix}}_{\boldsymbol{A}_{\delta_x} \in \mathbb{R}^{n\varphi \times n\varphi}} \\
 \underbrace{\boldsymbol{V}_0 \boldsymbol{V}_{wp}}_{\boldsymbol{V}_0 \in \mathbb{R}^{n\varphi \times 3}} + \underbrace{\boldsymbol{A}_T \boldsymbol{V}_{wp}}_{\boldsymbol{V}_T \in \mathbb{R}^{n\varphi \times 3}} + \underbrace{\boldsymbol{A}_0 \boldsymbol{V}_{wp}}_{\boldsymbol{V}_0 \in \mathbb{R}^{n\varphi \times 3}}$$

## The CoM initial constraint ...

$$\boldsymbol{x}_{1,0} = \boldsymbol{x}_{wp,1} = \boldsymbol{x}_s$$

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \mathbf{0}_{n_\varphi \times 1} \end{bmatrix}}_{\boldsymbol{S}_1 \in \mathbb{R}^{n_{wp} \times n_{wp}}} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{0}_{1 \times n_\varphi} \\ \mathbf{0}_{n_\varphi \times n_\varphi} \end{bmatrix}}_{\boldsymbol{X}_{wp}} = \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}}_{\boldsymbol{A}_{IC} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_{wp} \times 1}} \boldsymbol{x}_s^T$$

... together with continuity

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbf{X}_{wp} = & \underbrace{\left( \mathbf{I}_{n_{wp} \times n_{wp}} - \mathbf{A}_T^T \mathbf{A}_{\delta_x} \mathbf{A}_0 \right)^{-1} \mathbf{A}_{\xi_f}^T \mathbf{A}_{X_{wp}}^T \mathbf{A}_{\delta_x} \mathbf{A}_0^T \mathbf{A}_{\xi_f} + \mathbf{A}_{T_S}^T \mathbf{A}_{\beta_X} \mathbf{A}_T \mathbf{x}_S^T \mathbf{A}_T^T \mathbf{A}_{\gamma_x} \mathbf{A}_T \mathbf{A}_{V_{wp} \rightarrow E_{wp}} \right)}_{\mathbf{A}_{V_{wp} \rightarrow X_{wp}} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_{wp} \times n_{wp}}} \mathbf{V}_{wp} \\
 & + \underbrace{\left( \mathbf{I}_{n_{wp} \times n_{wp}} - \mathbf{A}_T^T \mathbf{A}_{\delta_x} \mathbf{A}_0 \right)^{-1} \mathbf{A}_T^T \mathbf{A}_{\gamma_x} \mathbf{A}_T \mathbf{A}_{\xi_f \rightarrow E_{wp}}}_{\mathbf{A}_{\xi_f \rightarrow X_{wp}} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_{wp} \times 1}} \mathbf{\xi}_f^T \\
 & + \underbrace{\left( \mathbf{I}_{n_{wp} \times n_{wp}} - \mathbf{A}_T^T \mathbf{A}_{\delta_x} \mathbf{A}_0 \right)^{-1} \mathbf{A}_{IC}}_{\mathbf{A}_{x_S \rightarrow X_{wp}} \in \mathbb{R}^{n_{wp} \times 1}} \mathbf{x}_S^T
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\boldsymbol{x}_\varphi(t_\varphi) = \mathbf{A}_{V_{wp} \rightarrow x_\varphi}(t_\varphi) \mathbf{V}_{wp} + \mathbf{A}_{\xi_f \rightarrow x_\varphi}(t_\varphi) \boldsymbol{\xi}_f^T + \mathbf{A}_{x_s \rightarrow x_\varphi}(t_\varphi) \boldsymbol{x}_s^T$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{A}_{V_{wp} \rightarrow x_\varphi}(t_\varphi) &= \alpha_{x,\varphi}(t_\varphi) \text{row}_\varphi(\mathbf{A}_0) \\ &+ \beta_{x,\varphi}(t_\varphi) \text{row}_\varphi(\mathbf{A}_T) \\ &+ \gamma_{x,\varphi}(t_\varphi) \text{row}_\varphi(\mathbf{A}_T \mathbf{A}_{V_{wp} \rightarrow \Xi_{wp}}) \\ &+ \delta_{x,\varphi}(t_\varphi) \text{row}_\varphi(\mathbf{A}_0 \mathbf{A}_{V_{wp} \rightarrow X_{wp}}) \end{aligned}$$

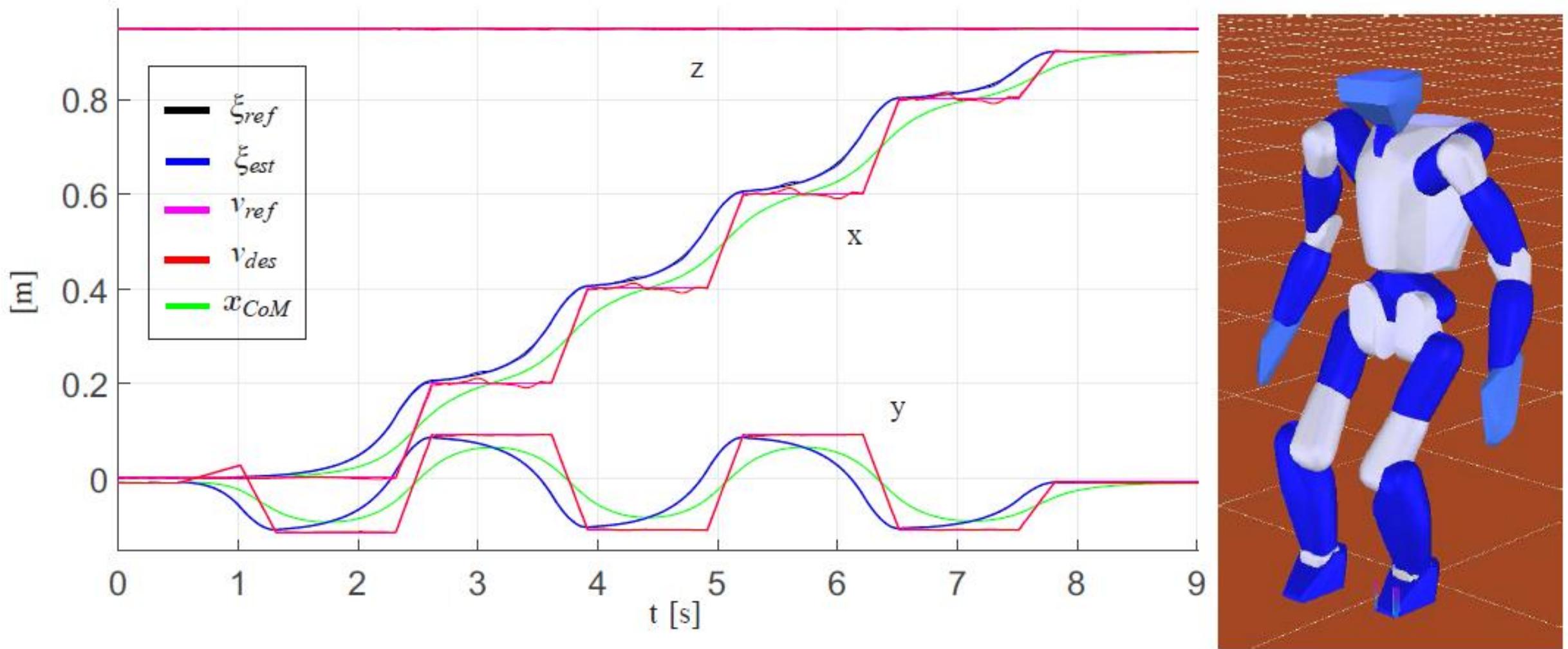
$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{A}_{\xi_f \rightarrow x_\varphi}(t_\varphi) &= \gamma_{x,\varphi}(t_\varphi) \text{row}_\varphi(\mathbf{A}_T \mathbf{A}_{\xi_f \rightarrow \Xi_{wp}}) \\ &+ \delta_{x,\varphi}(t_\varphi) \text{row}_\varphi(\mathbf{A}_0 \mathbf{A}_{\xi_f \rightarrow X_{wp}}) \end{aligned}$$

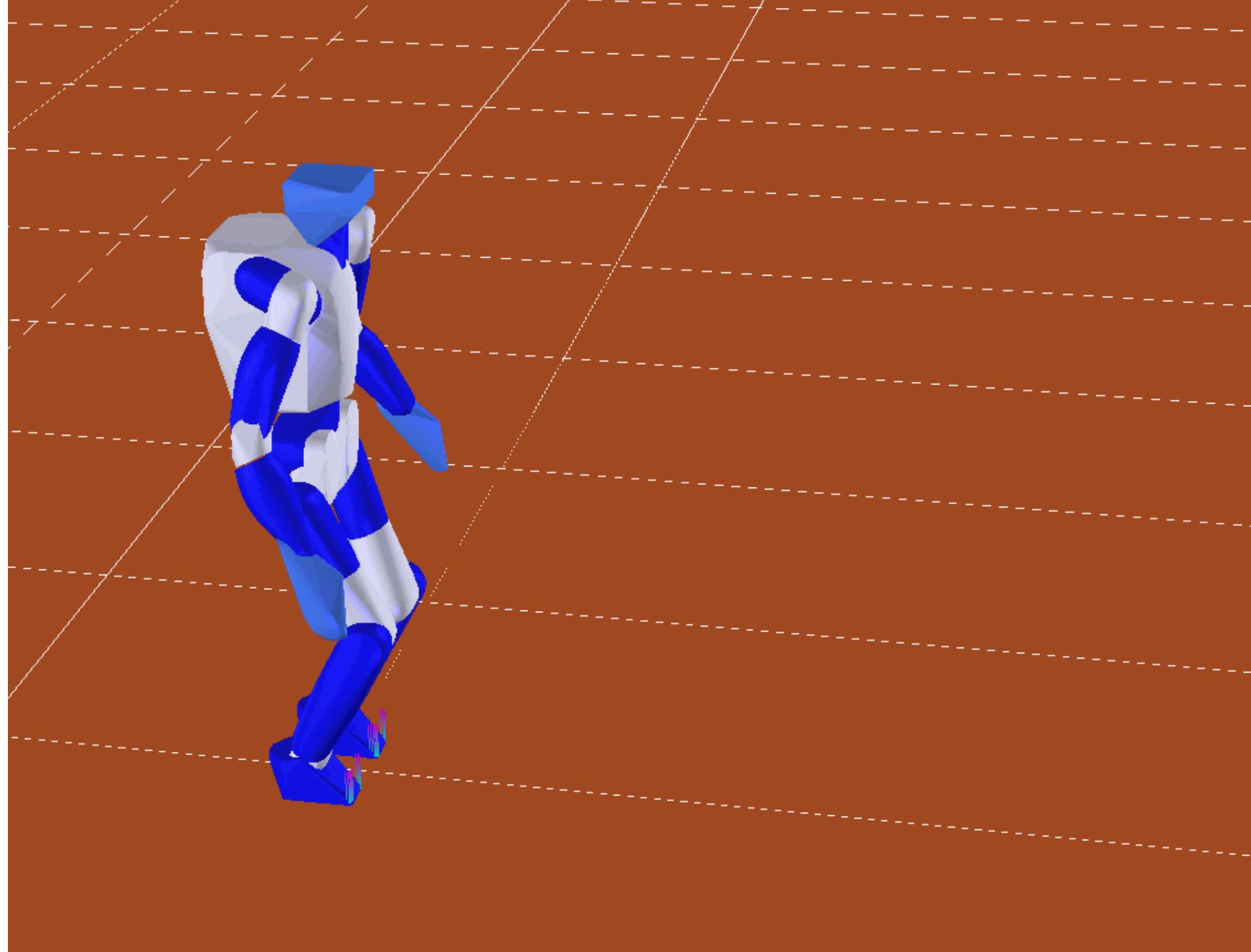
$$\mathbf{A}_{x_s \rightarrow x_\varphi}(t_\varphi) = \delta_{x,\varphi}(t_\varphi) \text{row}_\varphi(\mathbf{A}_0 \mathbf{A}_{x_s \rightarrow X_{wp}})$$

# **Smooth DCM trajectory generation (online computation)**

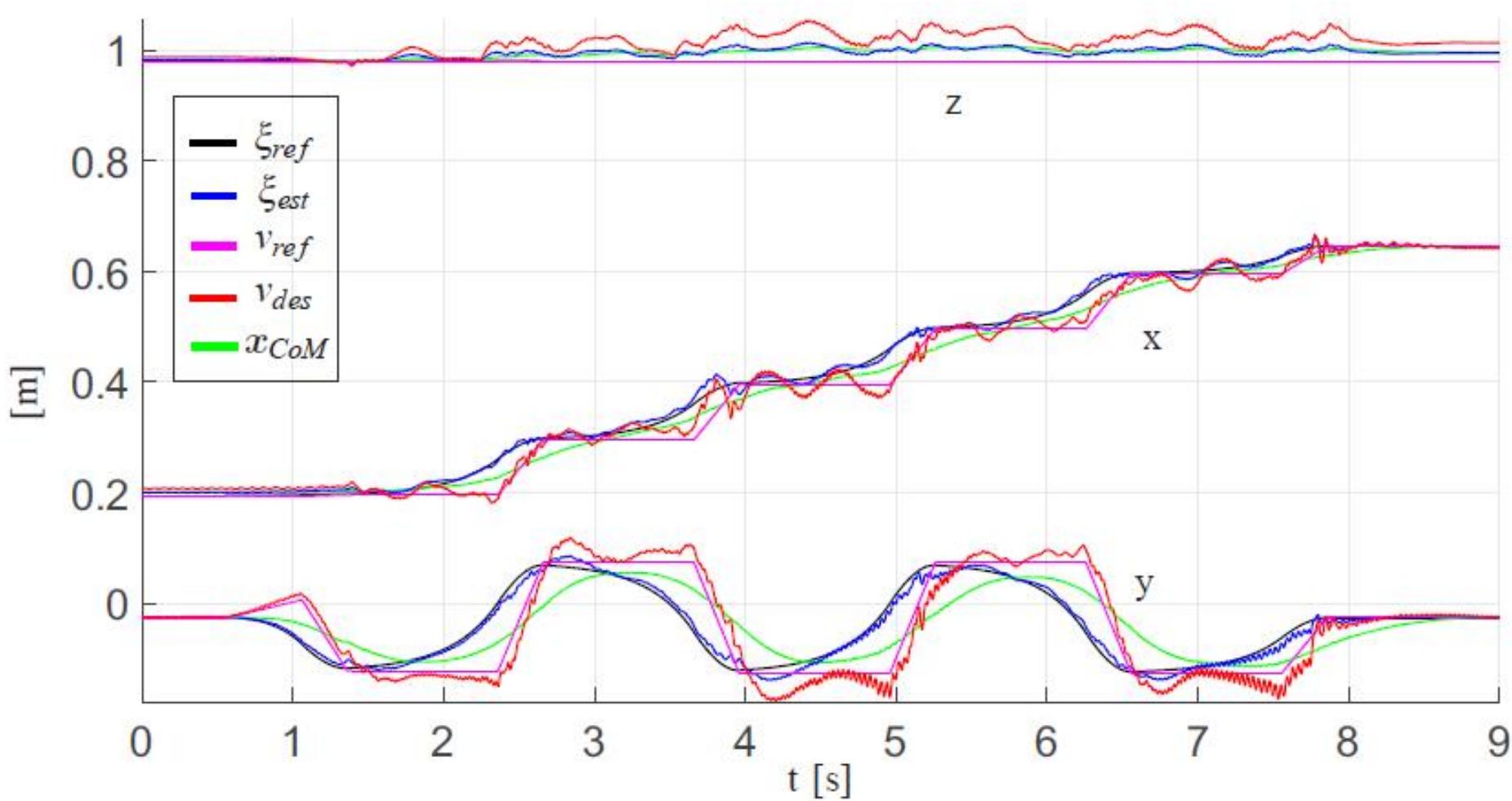
⇒ **super-realtime capable:**  
about **0.1 ms** computation time for **14 transition phases** in **Matlab**

# Simulation in OpenHRP => close to perfect tracking!





# Torque-based walking with Toro





**Some more walking videos ....**

## Future developments / progress (hopefully)

- improving performance in experiment (longer/faster steps)
- including toe-off motion for more natural gait
- including angular momentum in gait planning stage (open)
- development of unified framework for walking gaits of arbitrary legged robots (2-/4-/6-/n-legged)
  - stances to CoM trajectories (unified, arbitrary, optimal)

# Thanks for your attention!

