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Classic Control for Exoskeletons

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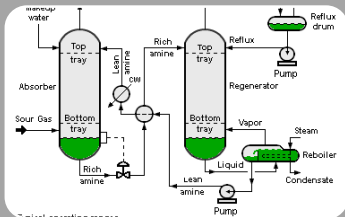
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Introduction



Classic Control systems deals with the behavior of dynamical systems with inputs, and how their behavior is modified by feedback!



The usual objective of control theory is to control a system, often called the *plant or process*, so its output follows a desired control signal, called the *reference*, which may be a fixed or changing value.



A *controller* is designed, in order to monitor the output and compares it with the reference. The difference between actual and desired output, called the *error signal*.



Error Signal is applied as feedback to the input of the system, to bring the actual output closer to the reference.

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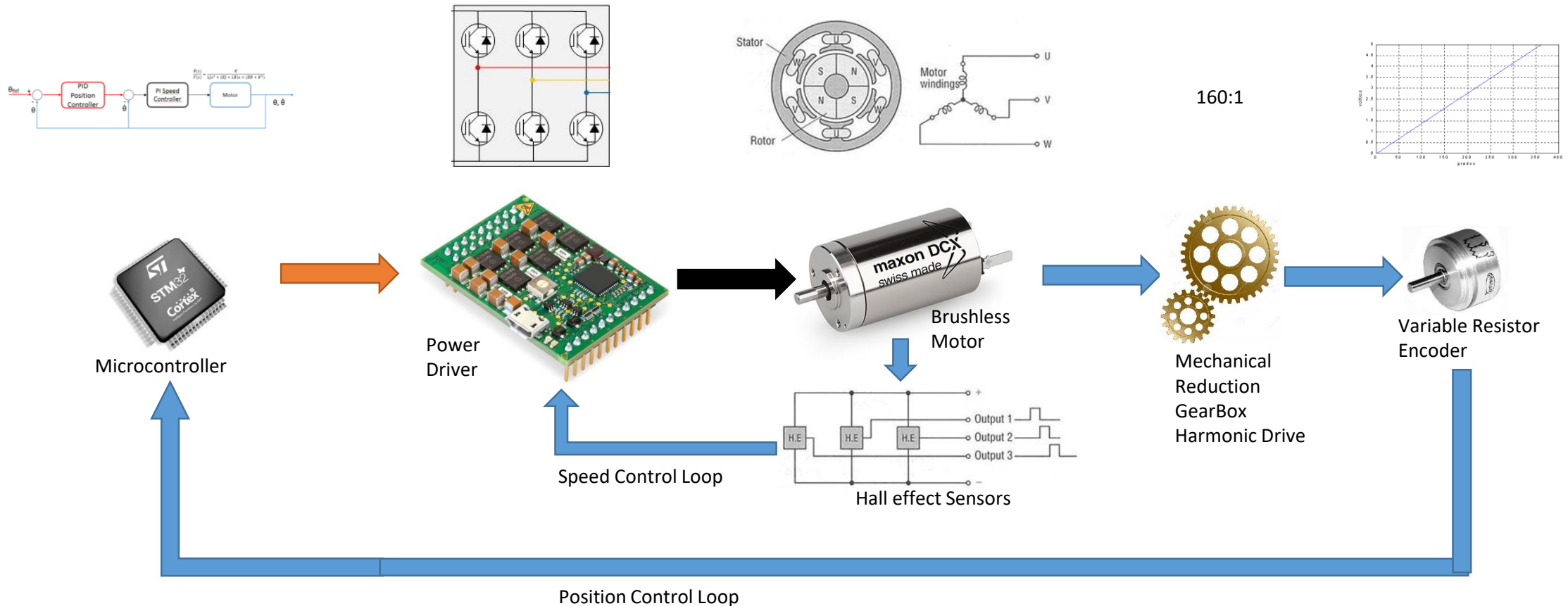
Classic Control by Excellence!

PID Controller



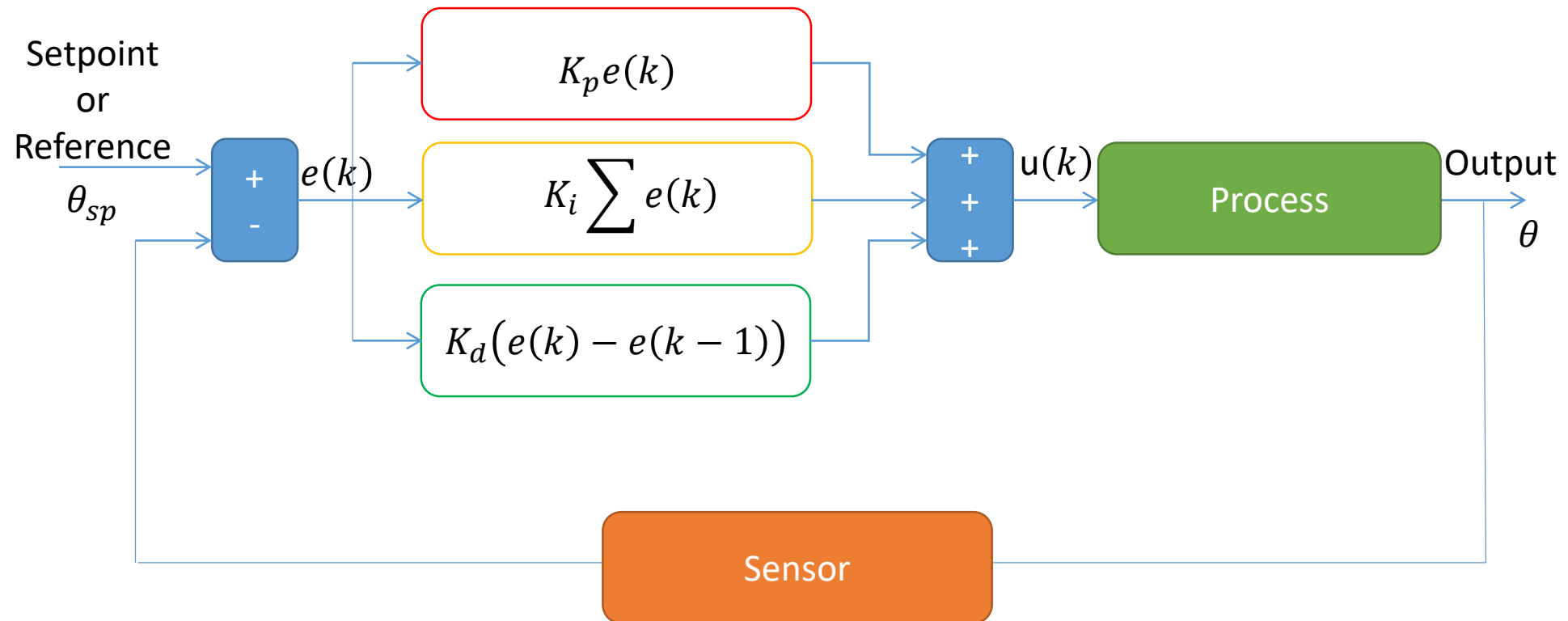
Proportional Integral Derivative Controller

Standard Digital Implementation



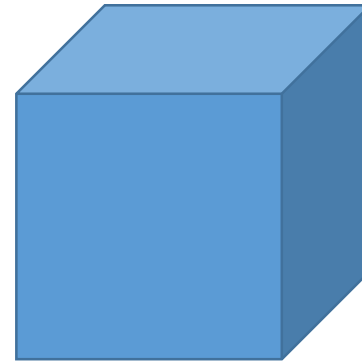
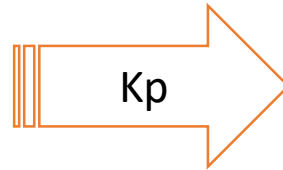
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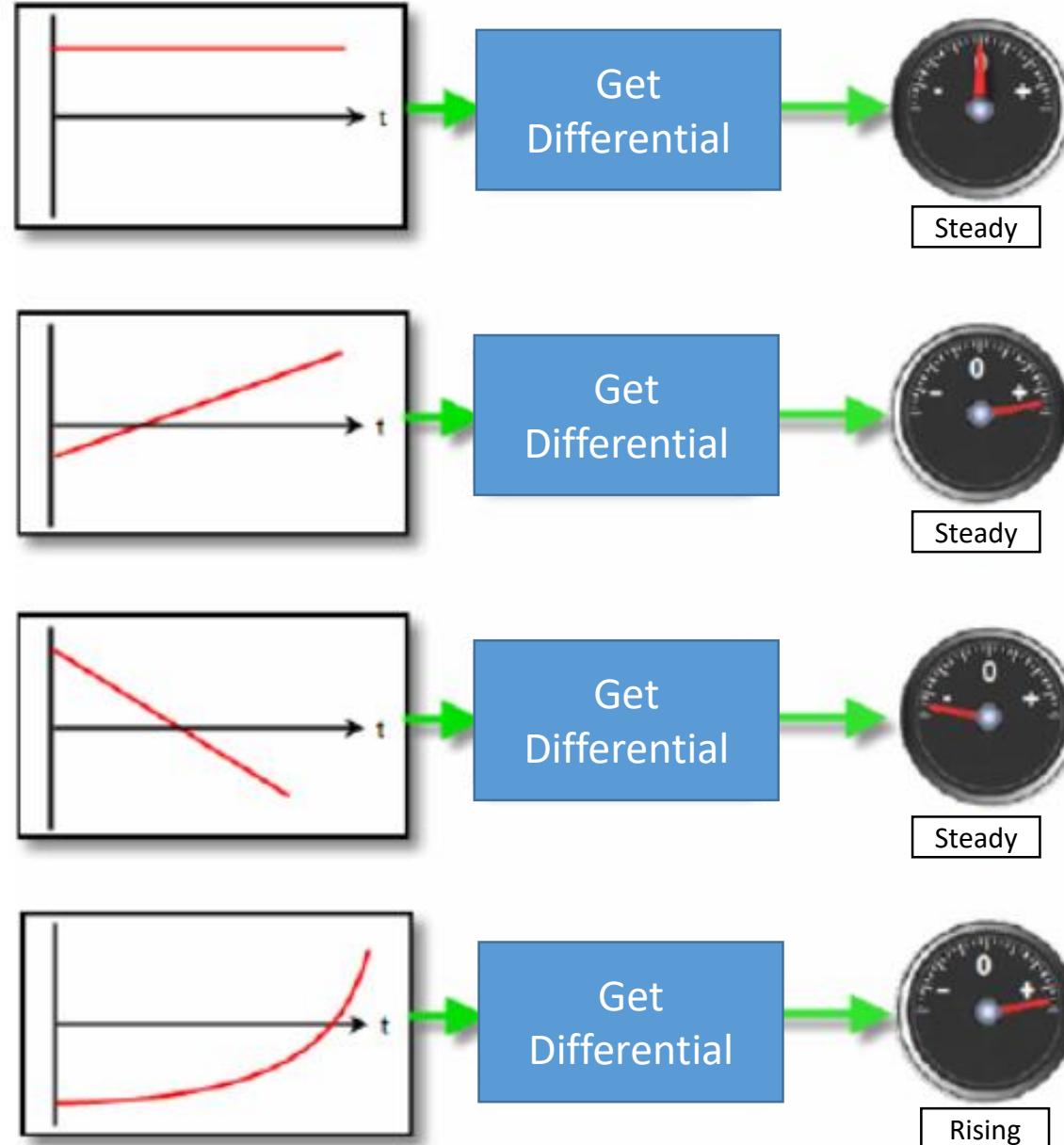
Back to the Basics

Proportional Gain



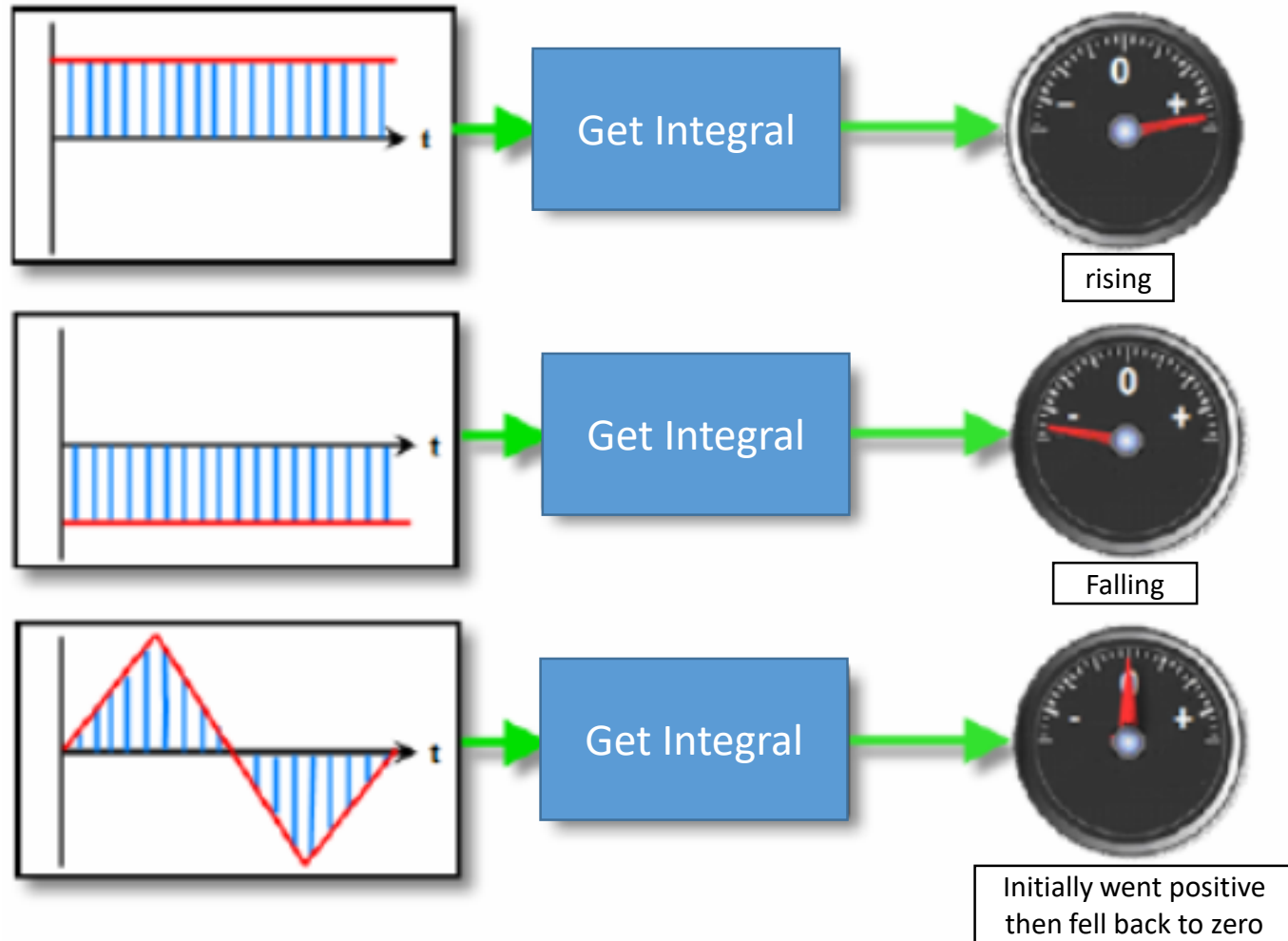
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Derivative Gain

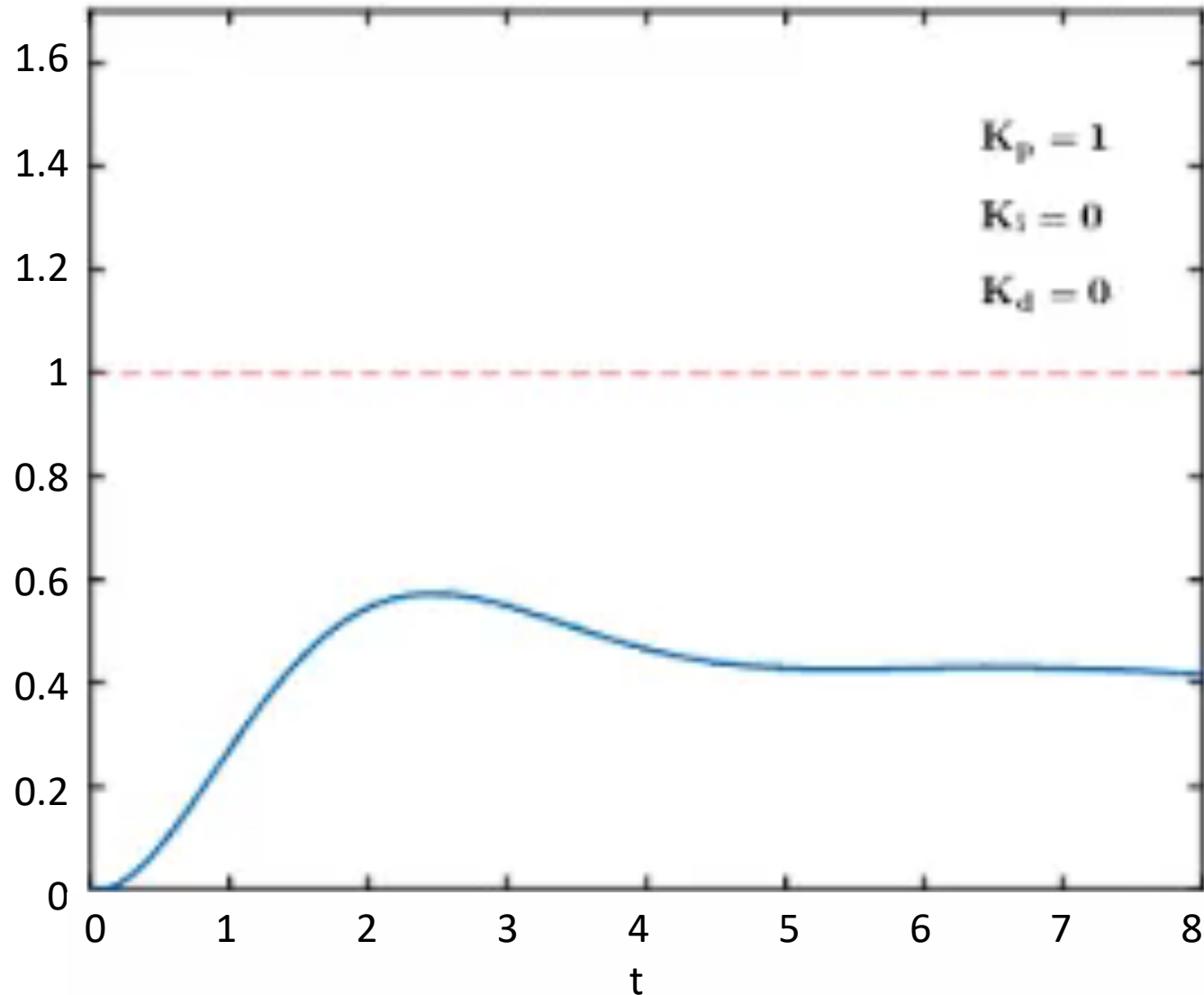


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Integral Gain



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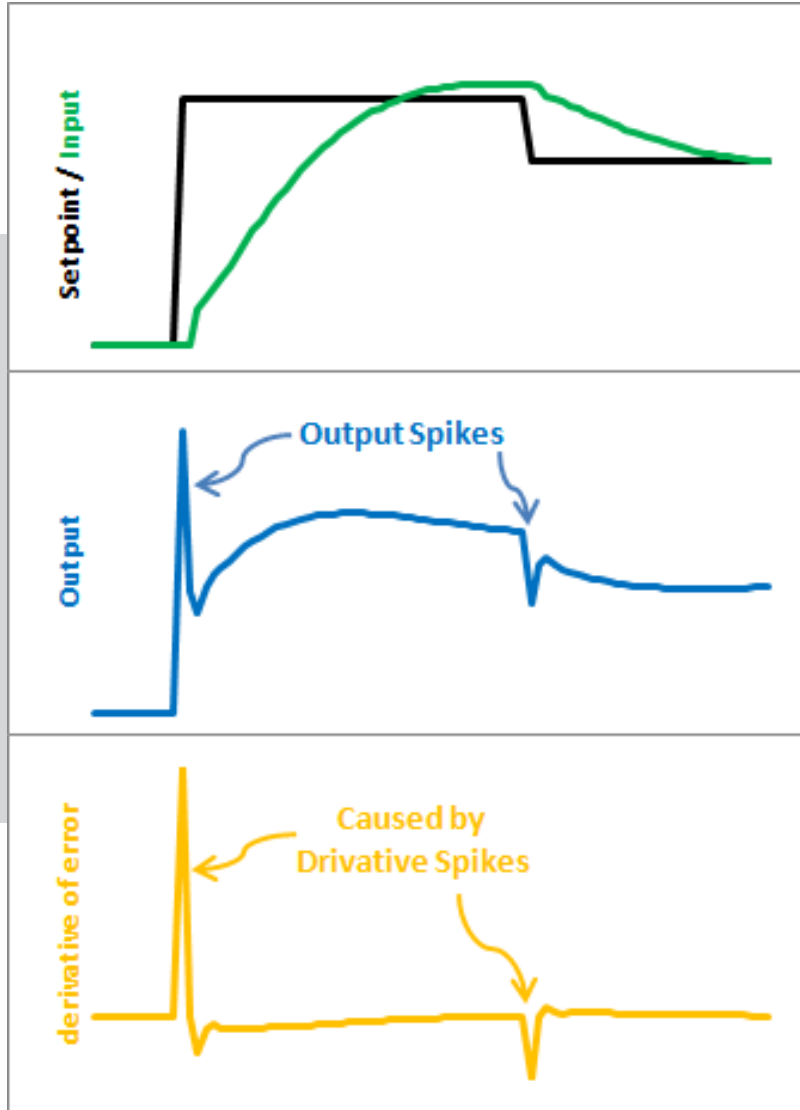
Digital Implementation Improvements

- 1. Derivative Kick**
- 2. On-The-Fly Tuning Changes**
- 3. Reset Windup Mitigation**
- 4. On/Off (Auto/Manual)**
- 5. Initialization**

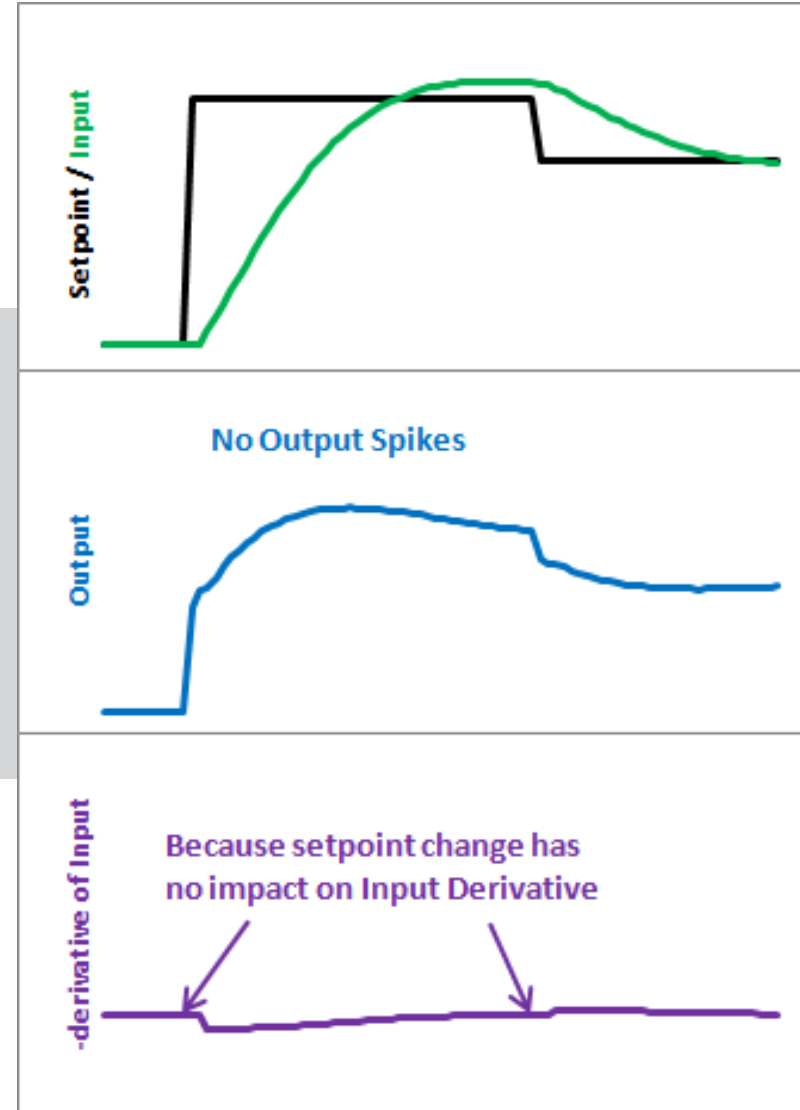
Proportional Integral Derivative Controller

Digital Implementation Improvements - Derivative Kick

The Problem

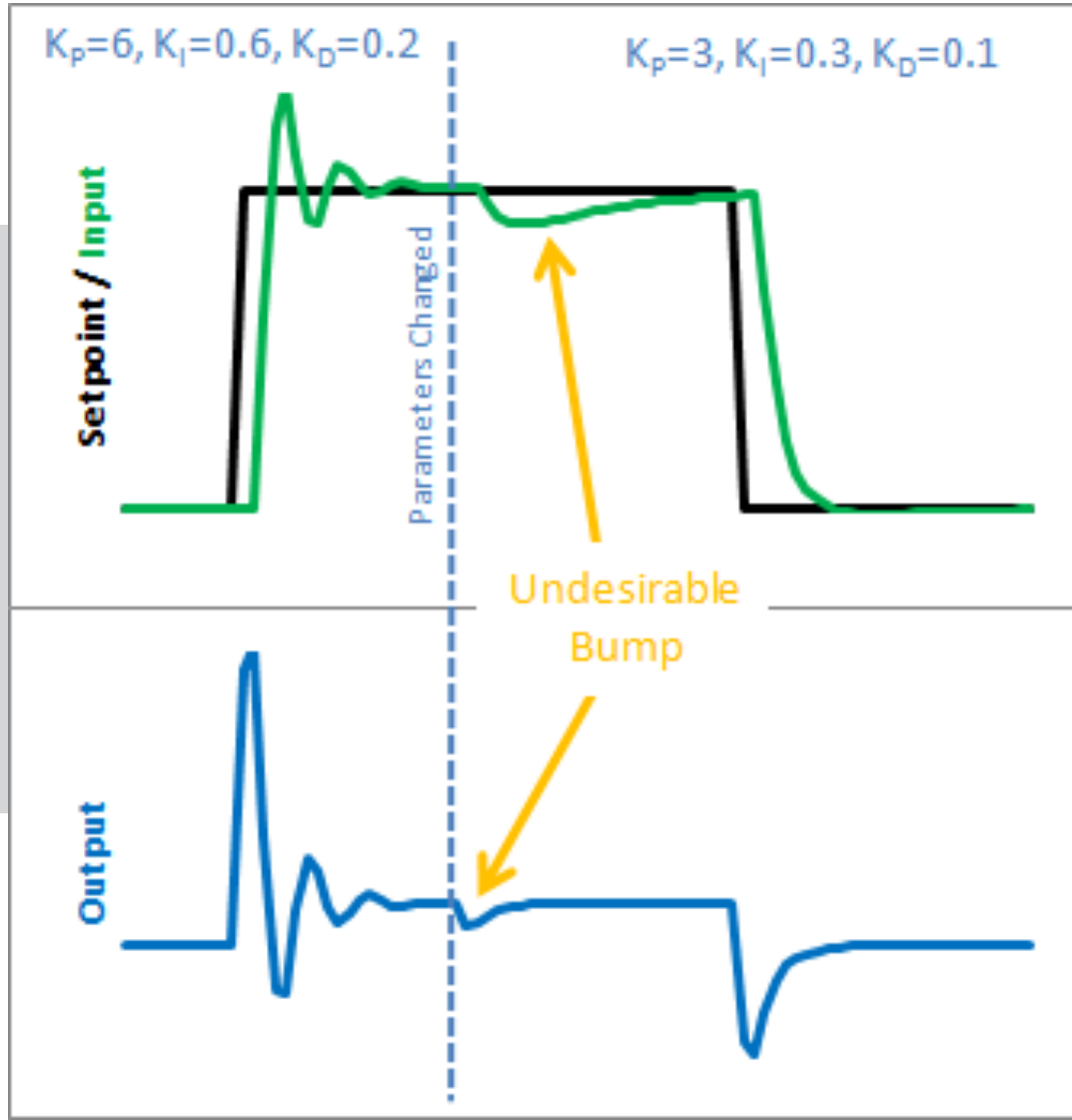


The Result



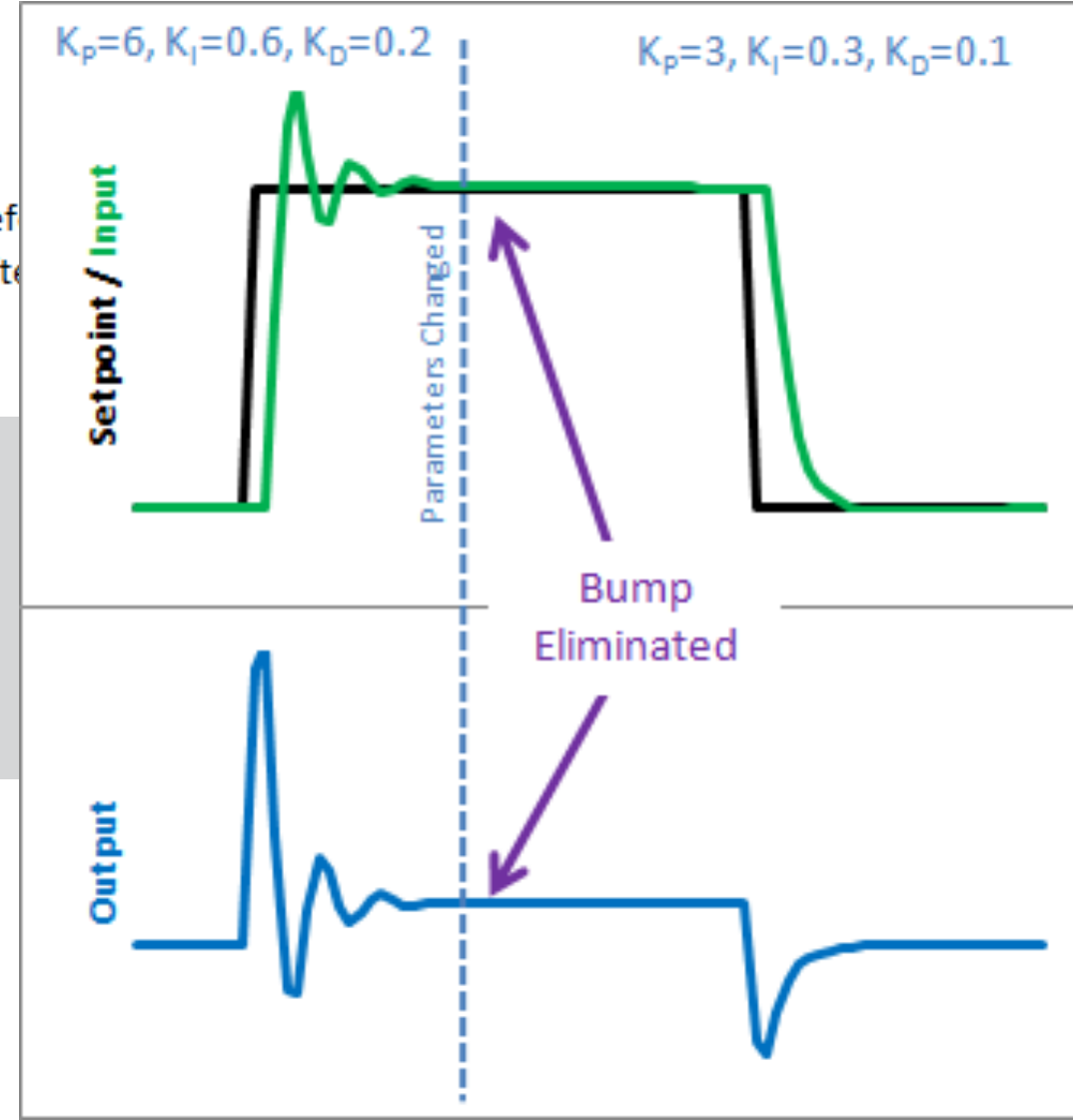
Proportional Integral Derivative Controller Digital Implementation Improvements – On the fly tuning changes

The Problem



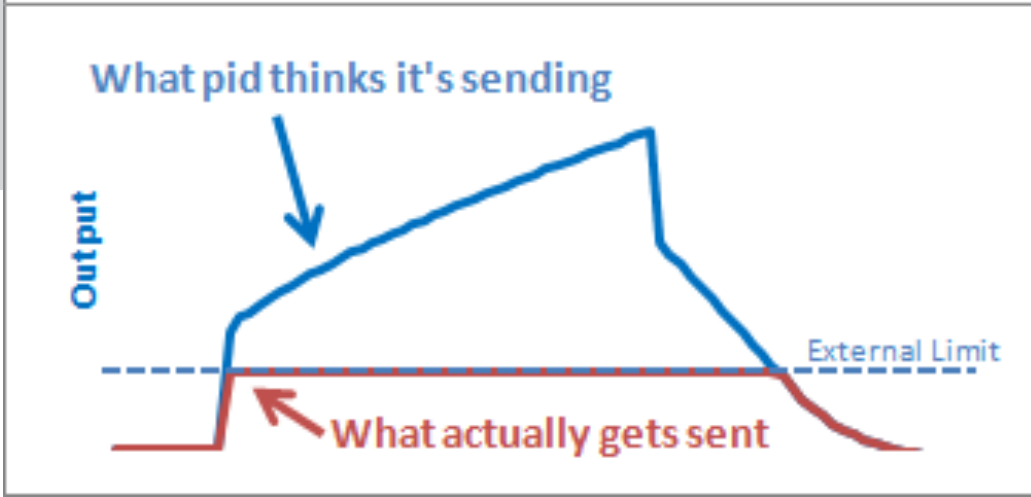
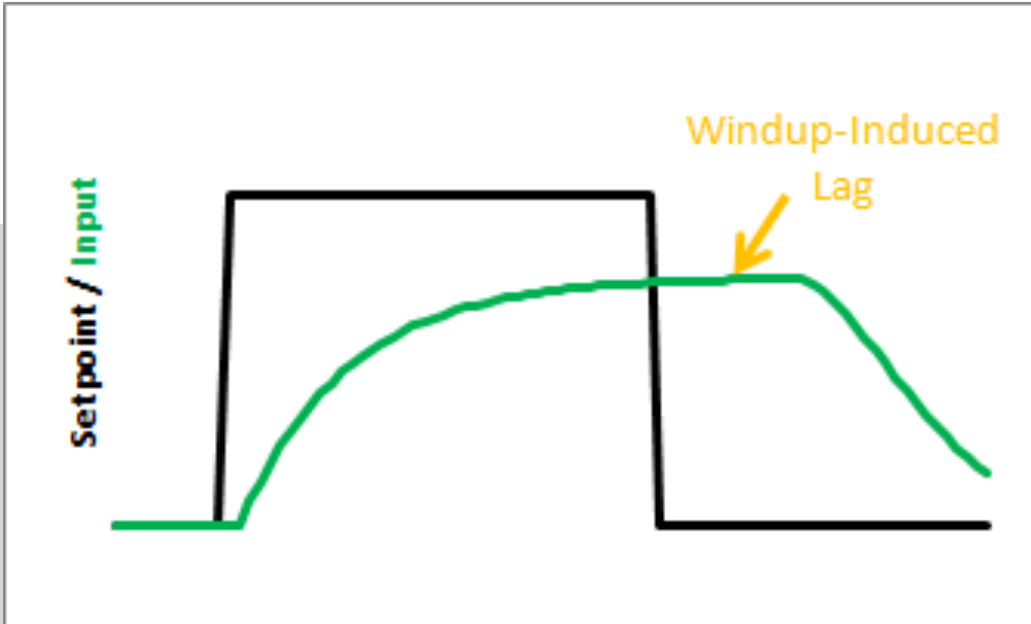
Just Before
Just After

The Result

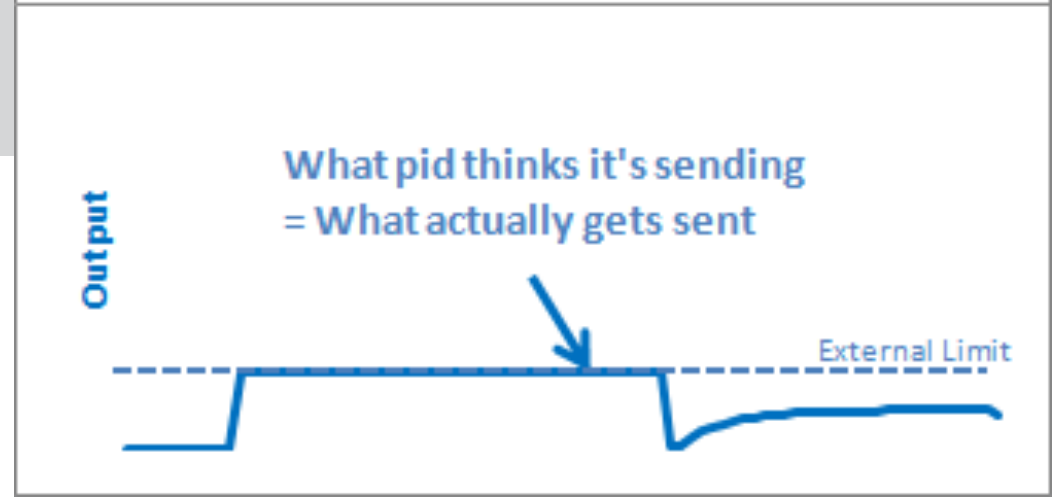
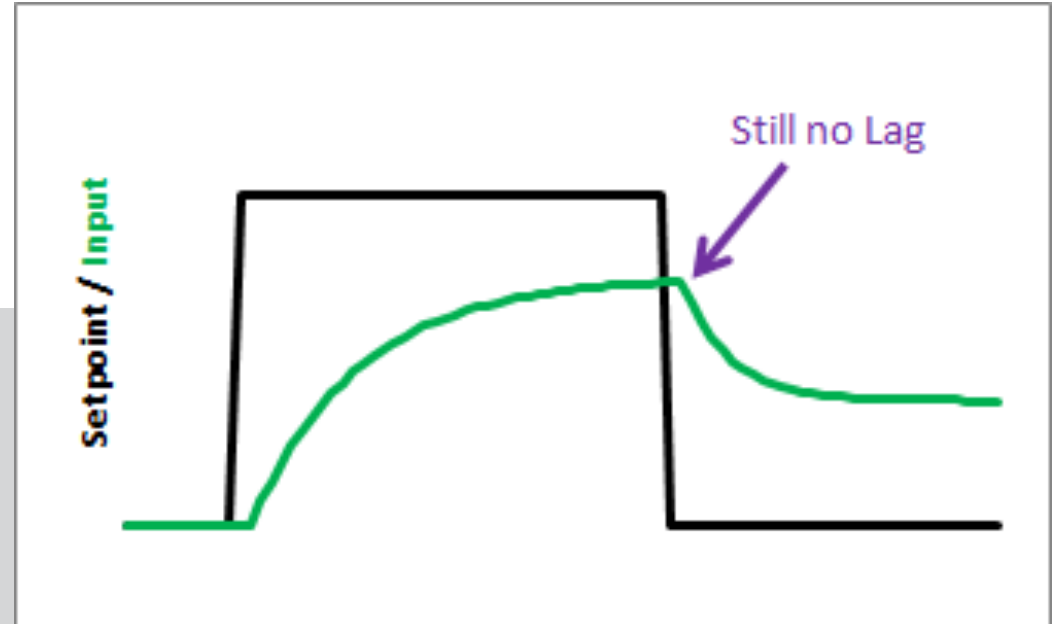


Proportional Integral Derivative Controller Digital Implementation Improvements – Windup Reset

The Problem

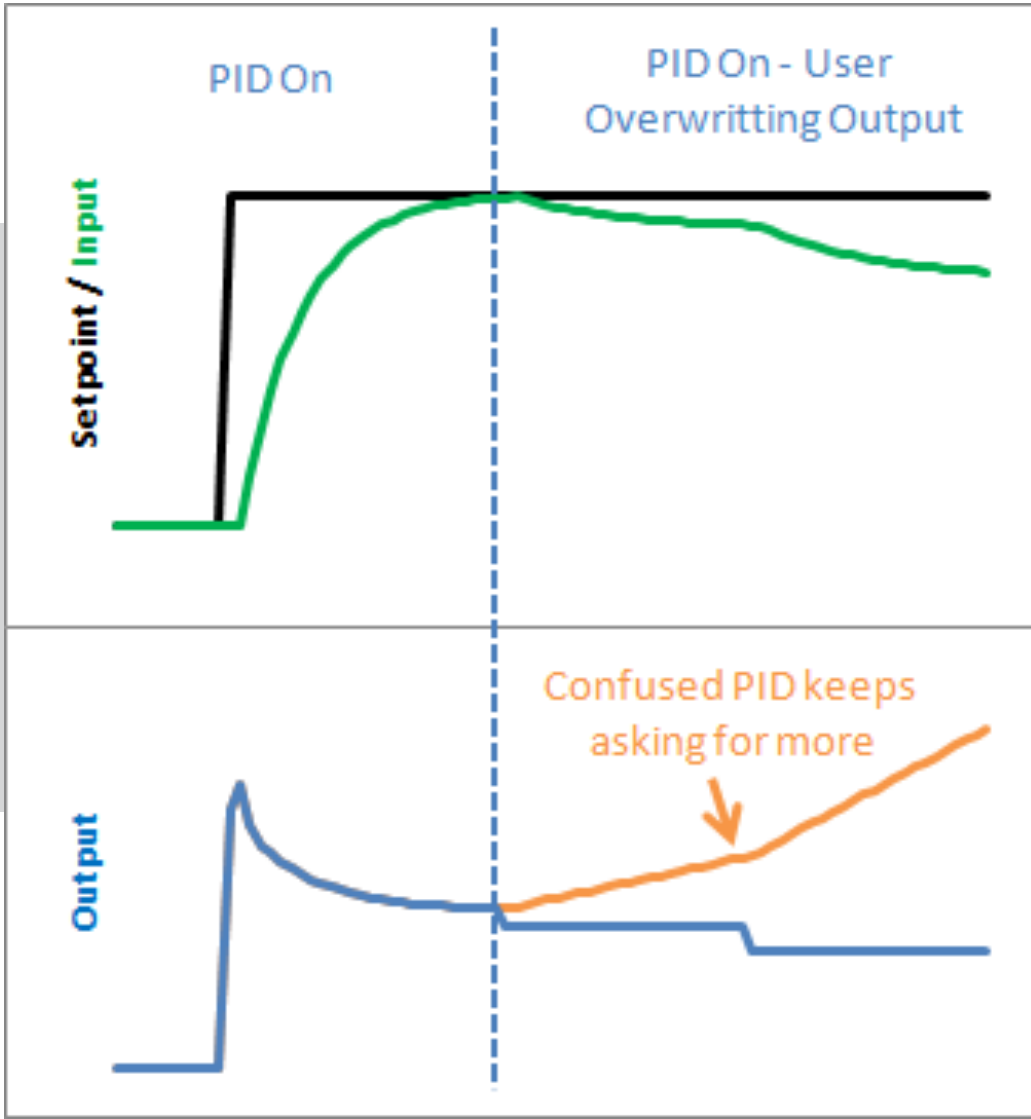


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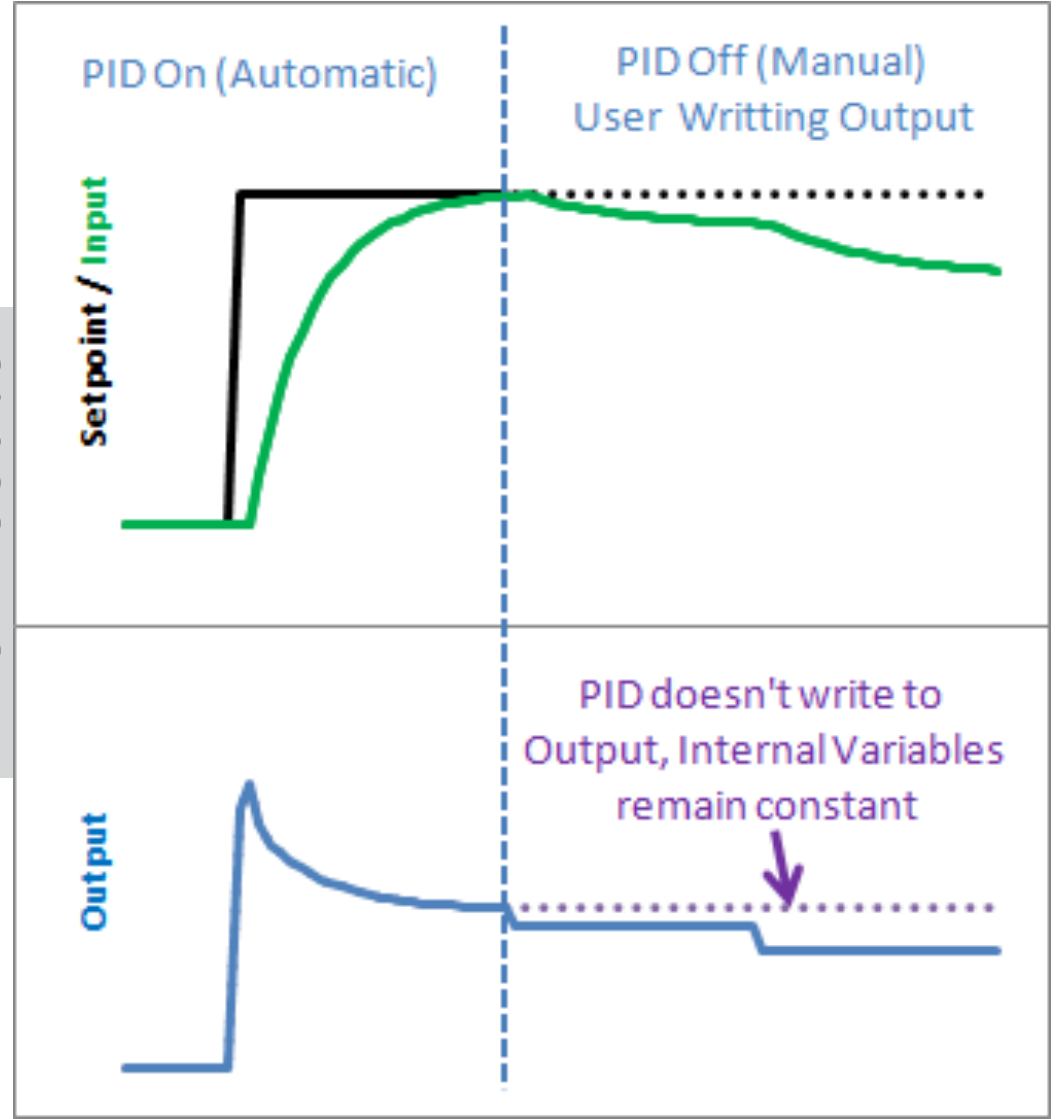


Proportional Integral Derivative Controller Digital Implementation Improvements – PID Controller On/Off

The Problem

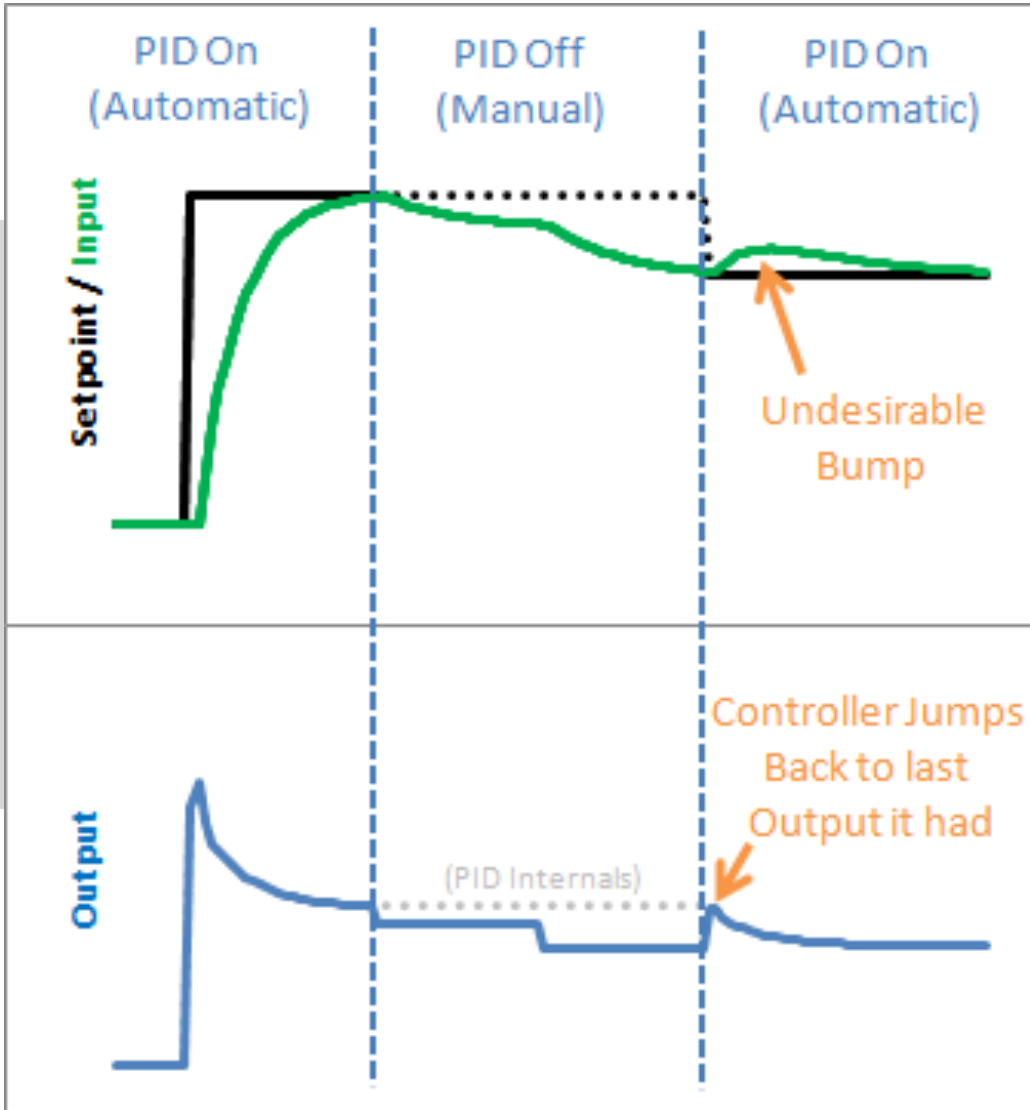


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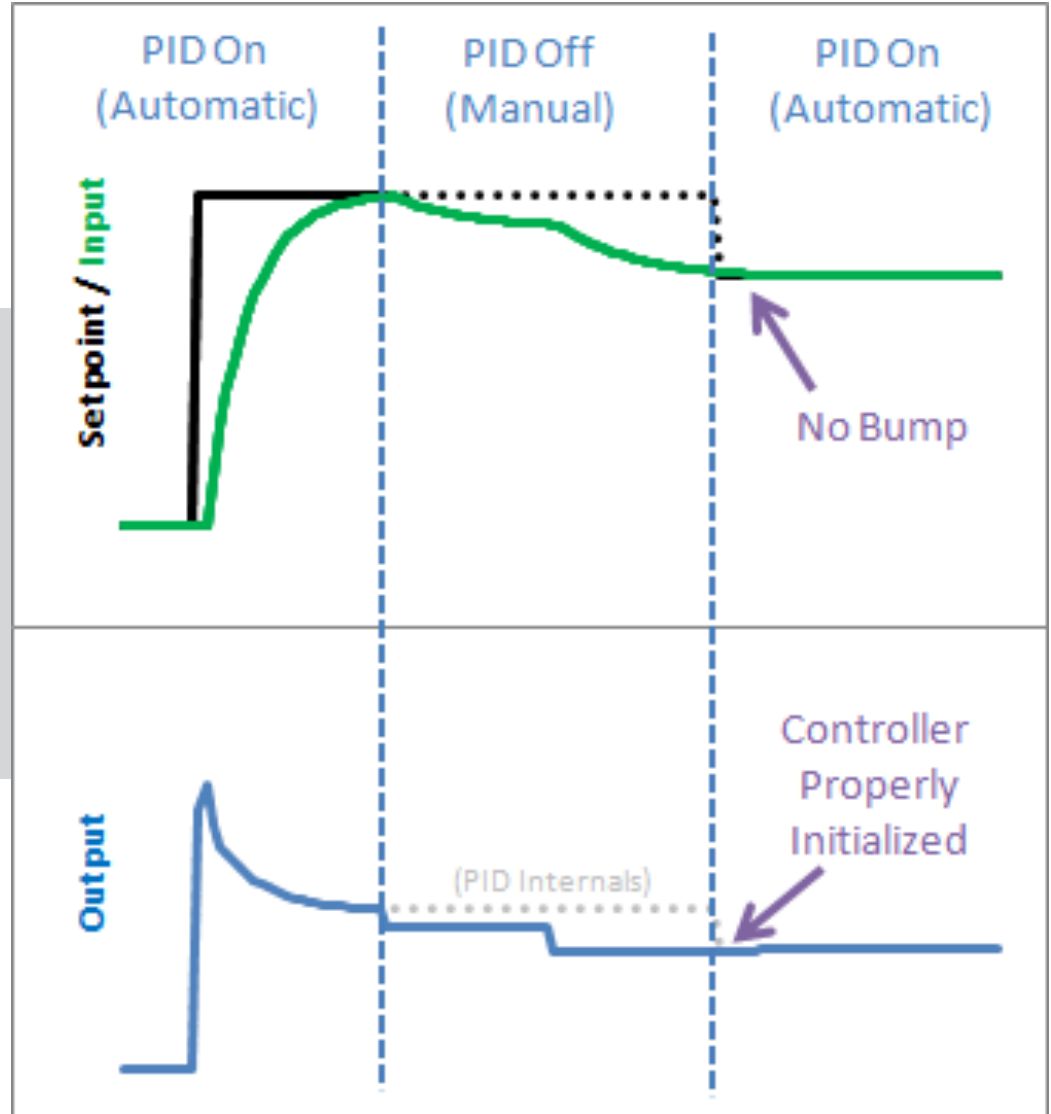


Proportional Integral Derivative Controller Digital Implementation Improvements – Initialization Manual to Auto

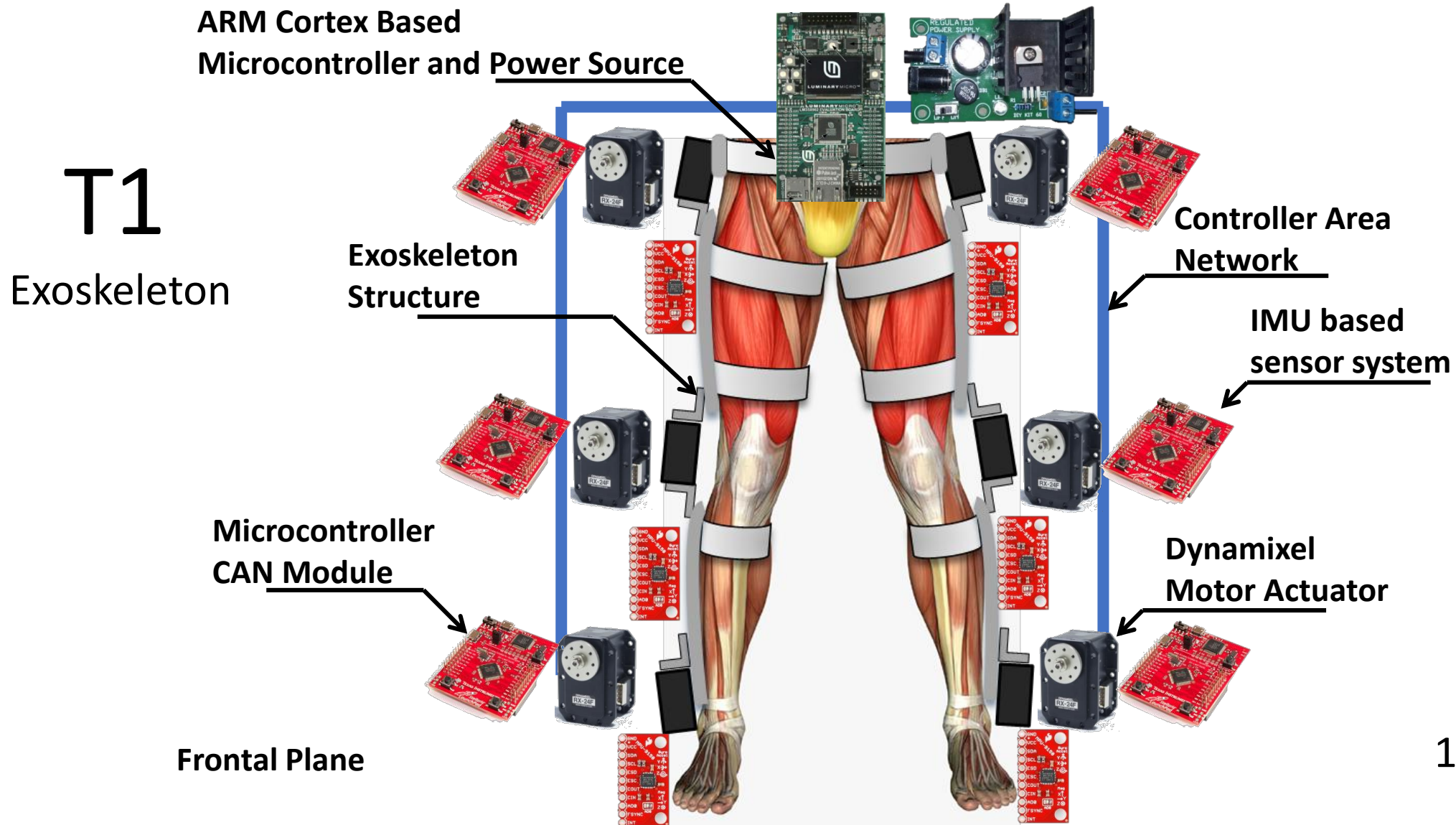
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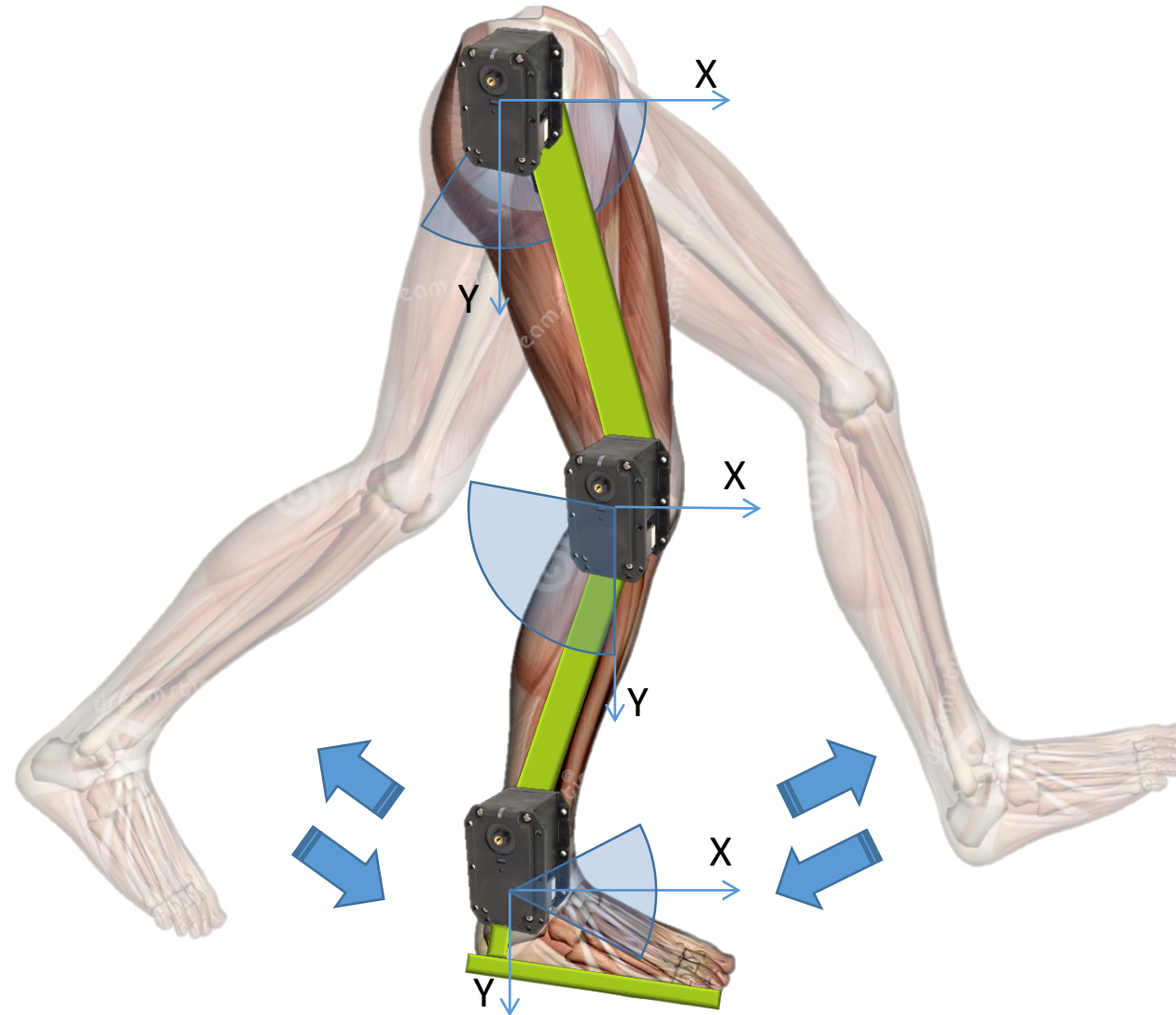
The Result



Complete system description

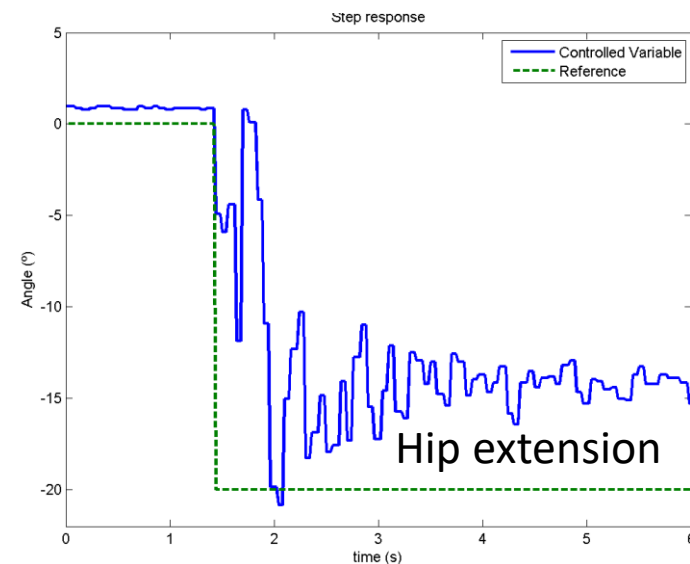
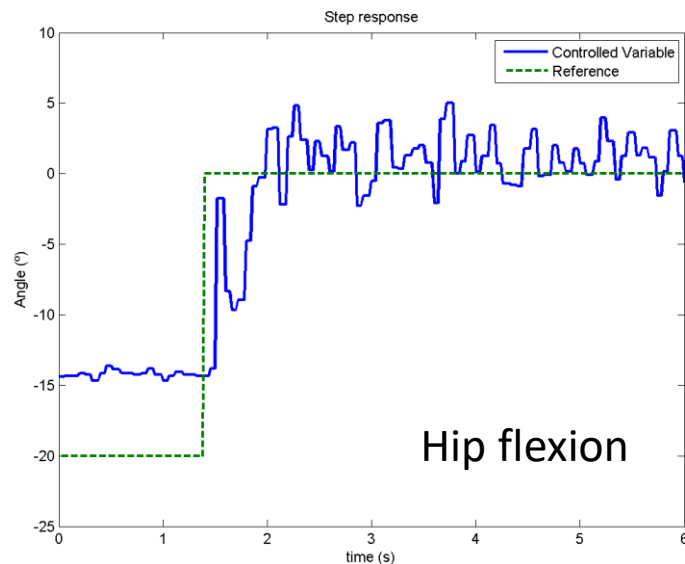
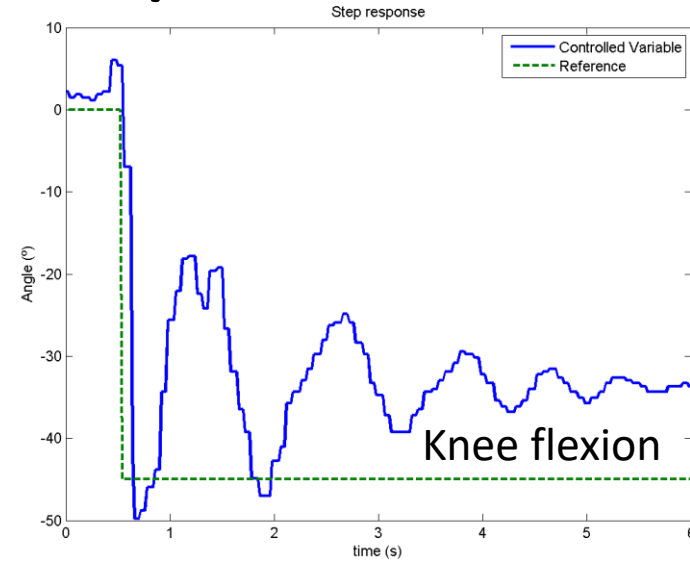
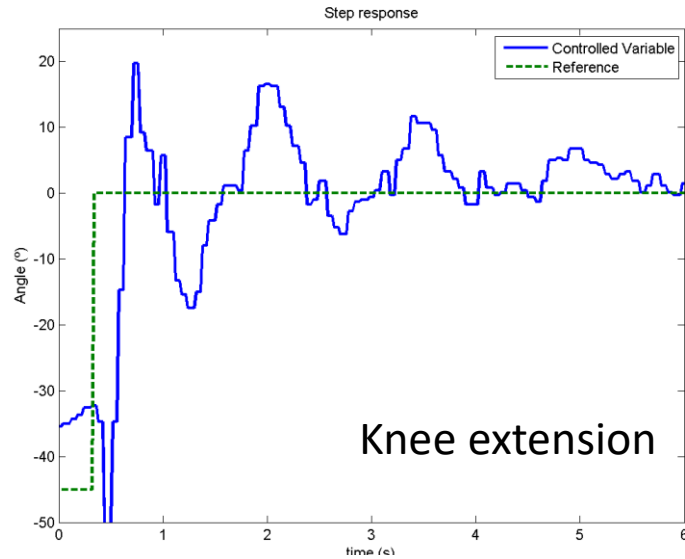


System Identification

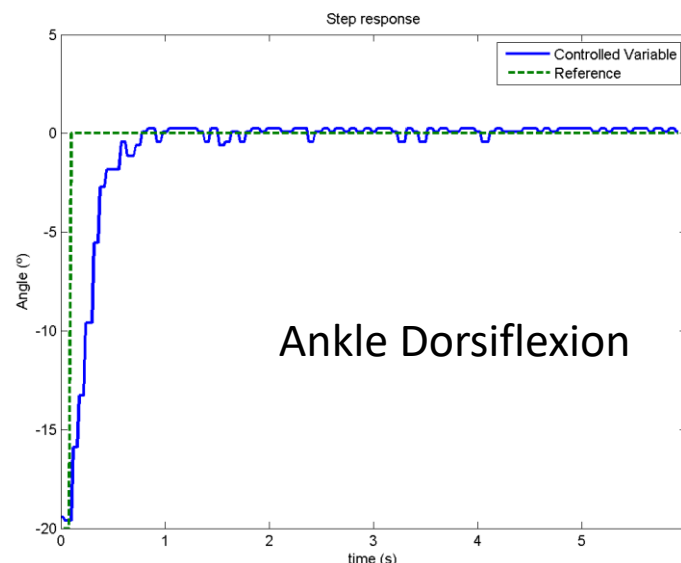
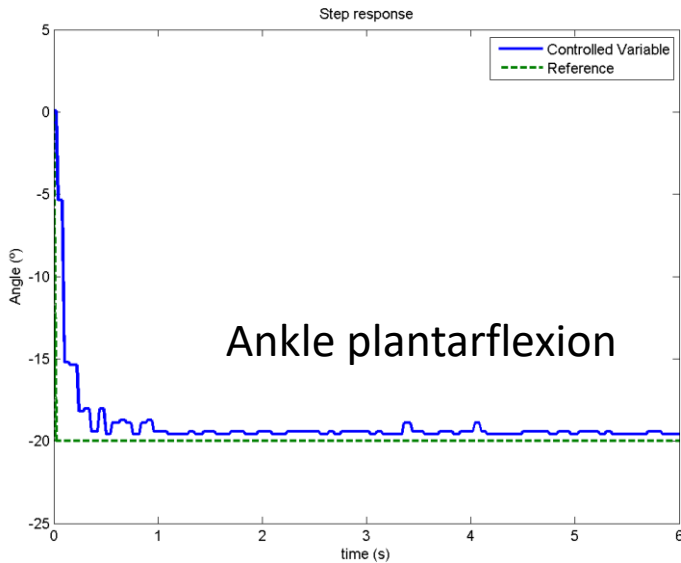
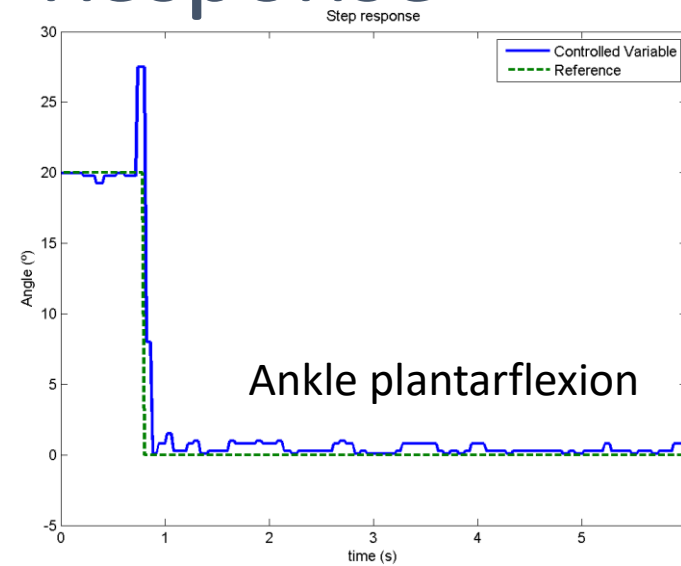


Sagittal Plane

System Identification: Step Response



System Identification: Step Response



Transfer Functions

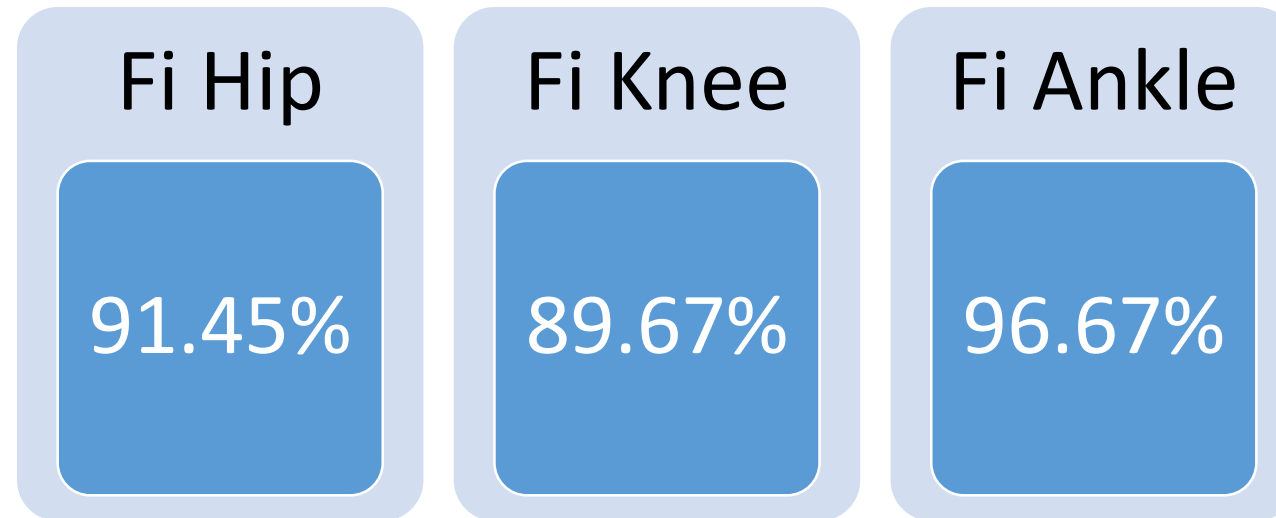
System identification transfer functions

$\frac{Y(s)}{U(s)} = \frac{0.7677}{(8.52s + 1)(8.51s + 1)} \quad (3.2)$	$\frac{Y(s)}{U(s)} = \frac{0.7802}{(8.00s + 1)(7.96s + 1)} \quad (3.3)$
$\frac{Y(s)}{U(s)} = \frac{0.7915e^{-0.09s}}{(0.30s + 1)(0.3166s + 1)} \quad (3.4)$	$\frac{Y(s)}{U(s)} = \frac{0.8379e^{-0.05s}}{(0.7771s + 1)(0.7771s + 1)} \quad (3.5)$
$\frac{Y(s)}{U(s)} = \frac{1.03e^{-0.043s}}{(0.7776s + 1)(0.0409s + 1)} \quad (3.6)$	$\frac{Y(s)}{U(s)} = \frac{0.9796}{(1.86s + 1)(0.60s + 1)} \quad (3.7)$
$\frac{Y(s)}{U(s)} = \frac{0.9773e^{-0.0448s}}{(4.52s + 1)(0.5s + 1)} \quad (3.8)$	$\frac{Y(s)}{U(s)} = \frac{0.9775e^{-0.0233s}}{(7.16s + 1)(3.0s + 1)} \quad (3.9)$

3.2, 3.3 Hip extension, flexion
3.4, 3.5 Knee flexion, extension

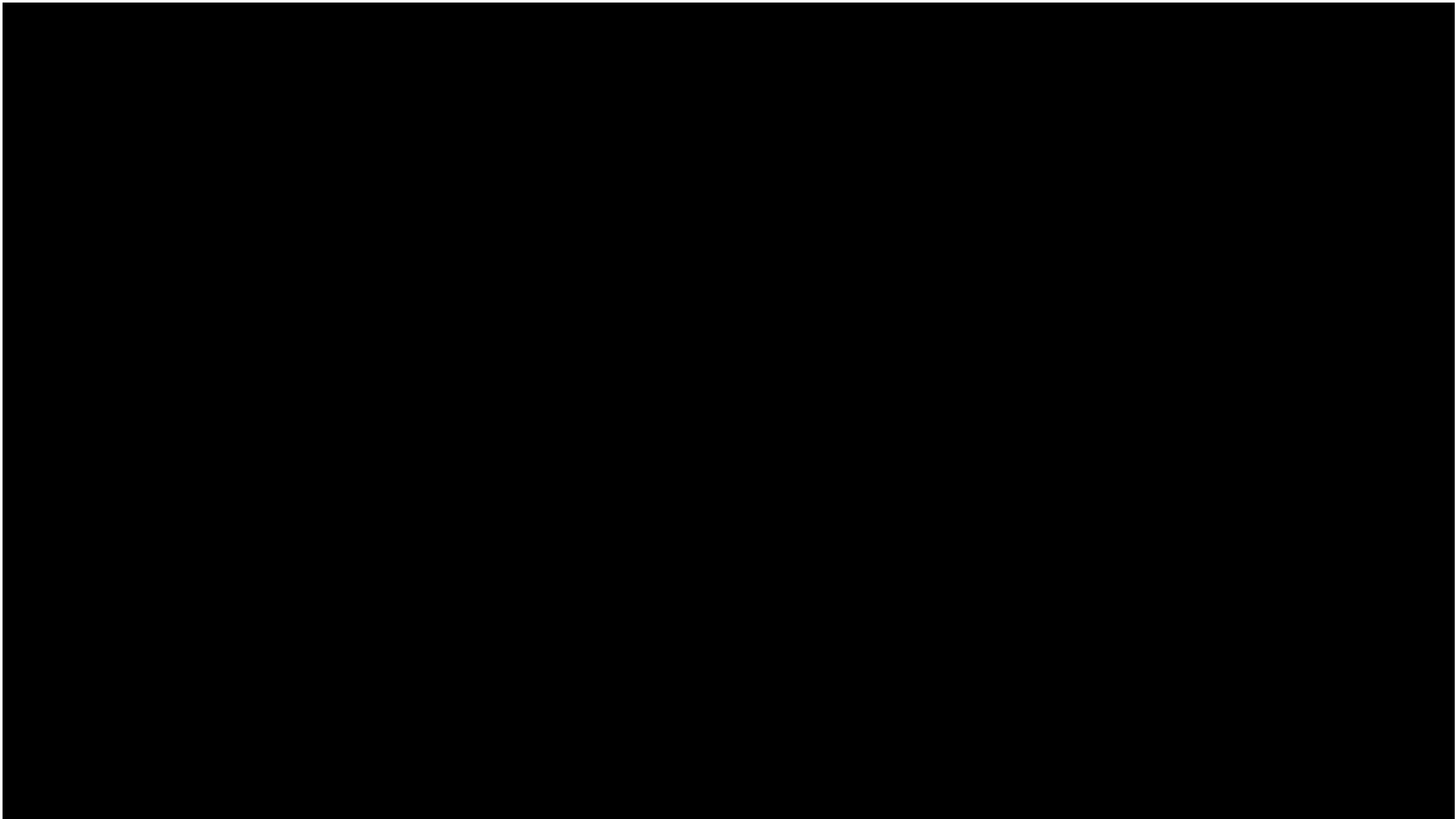
3.6, 3.9 Ankle dorsiflexion
3.7, 3.8 Ankle extension

Control system fidelity



$$Fidelity = \left(1 - \frac{var(\theta_{output} - \theta_{sp})}{var(\theta_{output})} \right)$$

[Cherelle, 2010]



Experimental Setup

STM32 ARM Cortex Based
Microcontroller

Exoskeleton
Structure

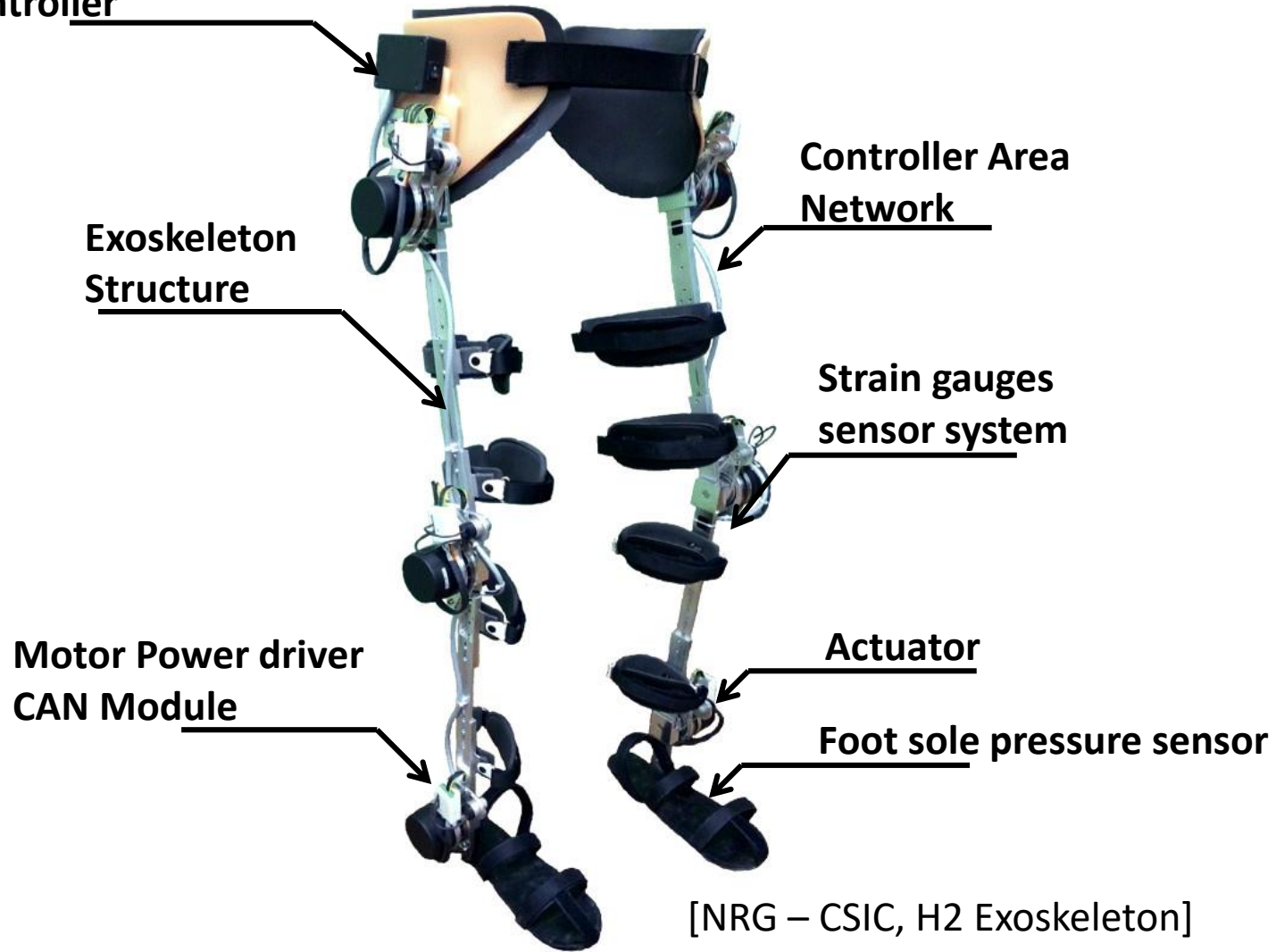
Motor Power driver
CAN Module

Controller Area
Network

Strain gauges
sensor system

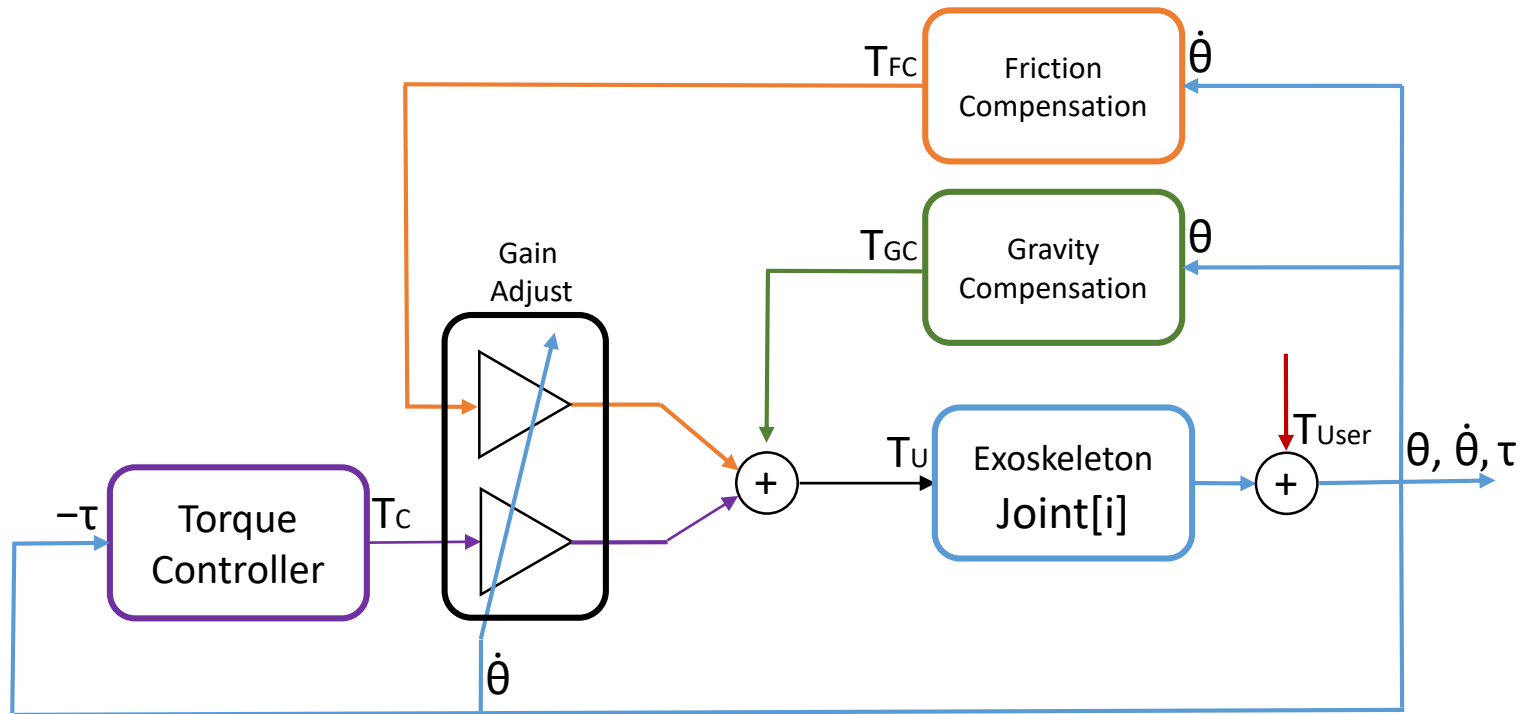
Actuator

Foot sole pressure sensor



Experimental Setup

Transparent Mode Control System Block Diagram



θ Joint Angular Displacement
 T_c Controller Torque
 T_{FC} Friction and Gravity compensation Torque
 T_u Torque command

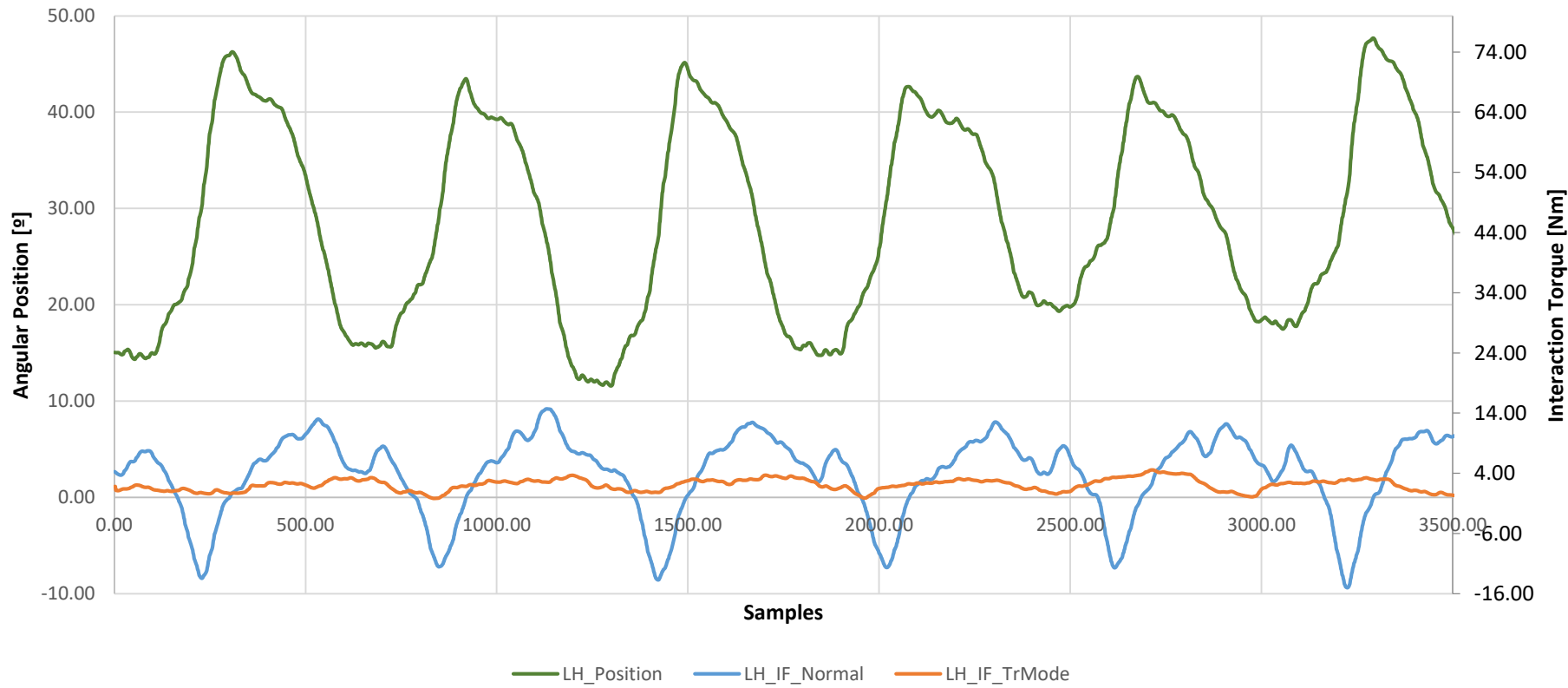
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Transparent Mode Control System Block Diagram

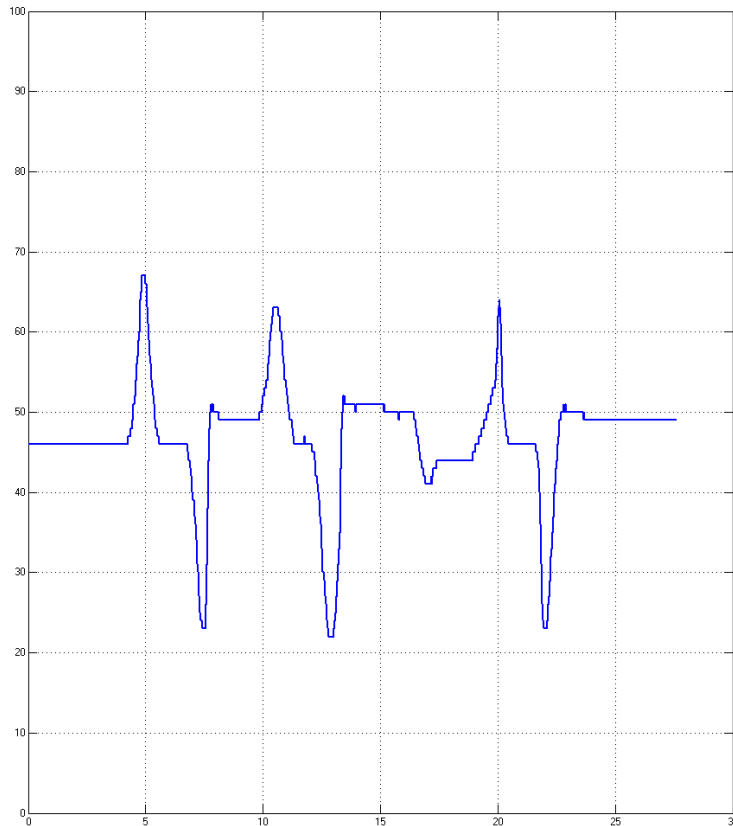
Left Hip Angular Position and Interaction Torque



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Friction compensation + stiffness + damping



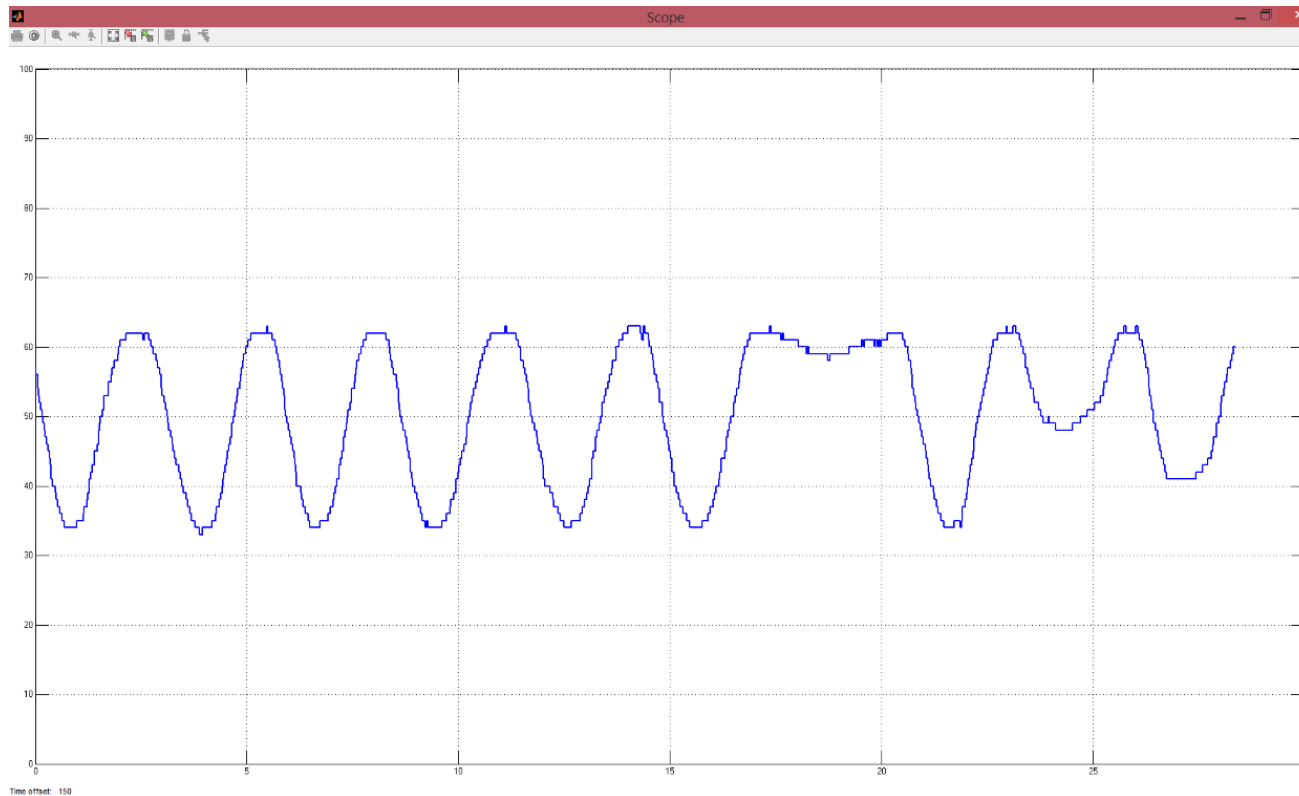
SP = 45

K = 1 Stiffness Constant

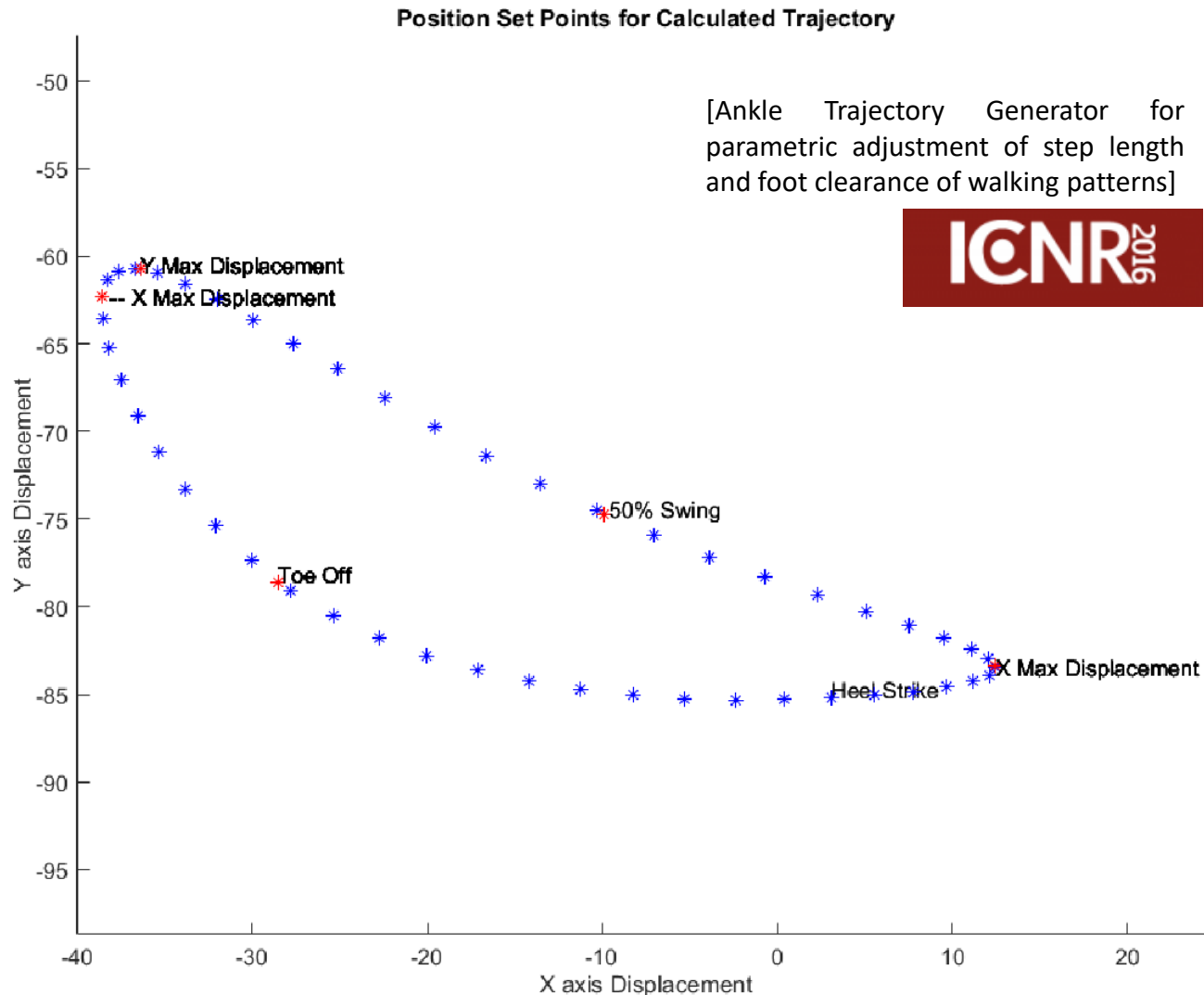
Bd = 0.5 Damping Constant



Sine signal input Response + Torque Limit



Trajectory generator trials



Conclusions



PID Controllers are still a very good tool for some process.



PID Controllers and its modifications are able to control some nonlinear process.



Several PID Control Loops can be implemented in a very low power microcontrollers.



Position Control implemented for each exoskeleton joints allow us to track walking patterns very precisely



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