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Contrôle bio-inspiré pour l'interaction humain/robot et l'apprentissage sensori-moteur

Compétences:

- Interaction humain/robot
- neuroscience computationnelle

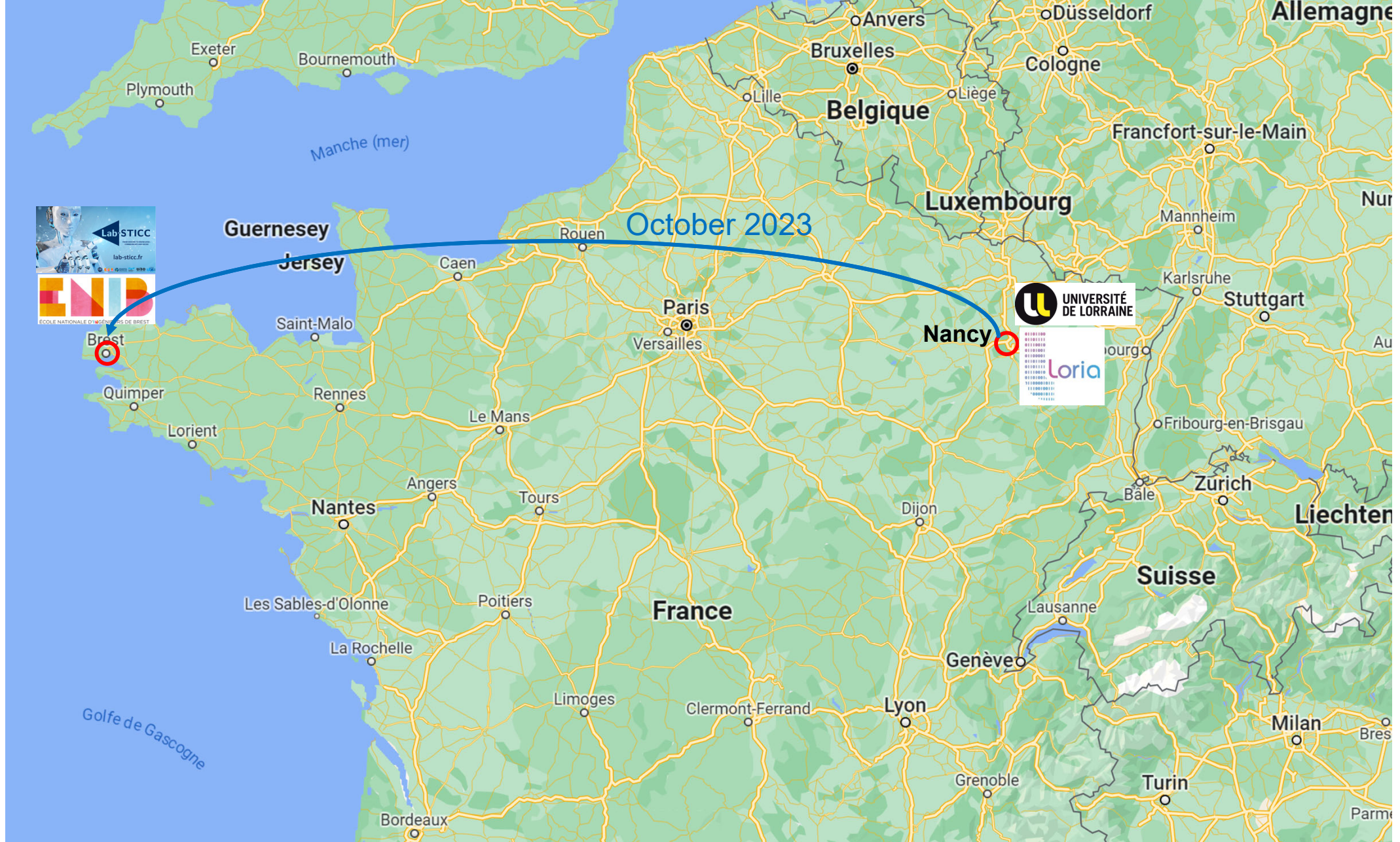


ÉCOLE NATIONALE D'INGÉNIEURS DE BREST



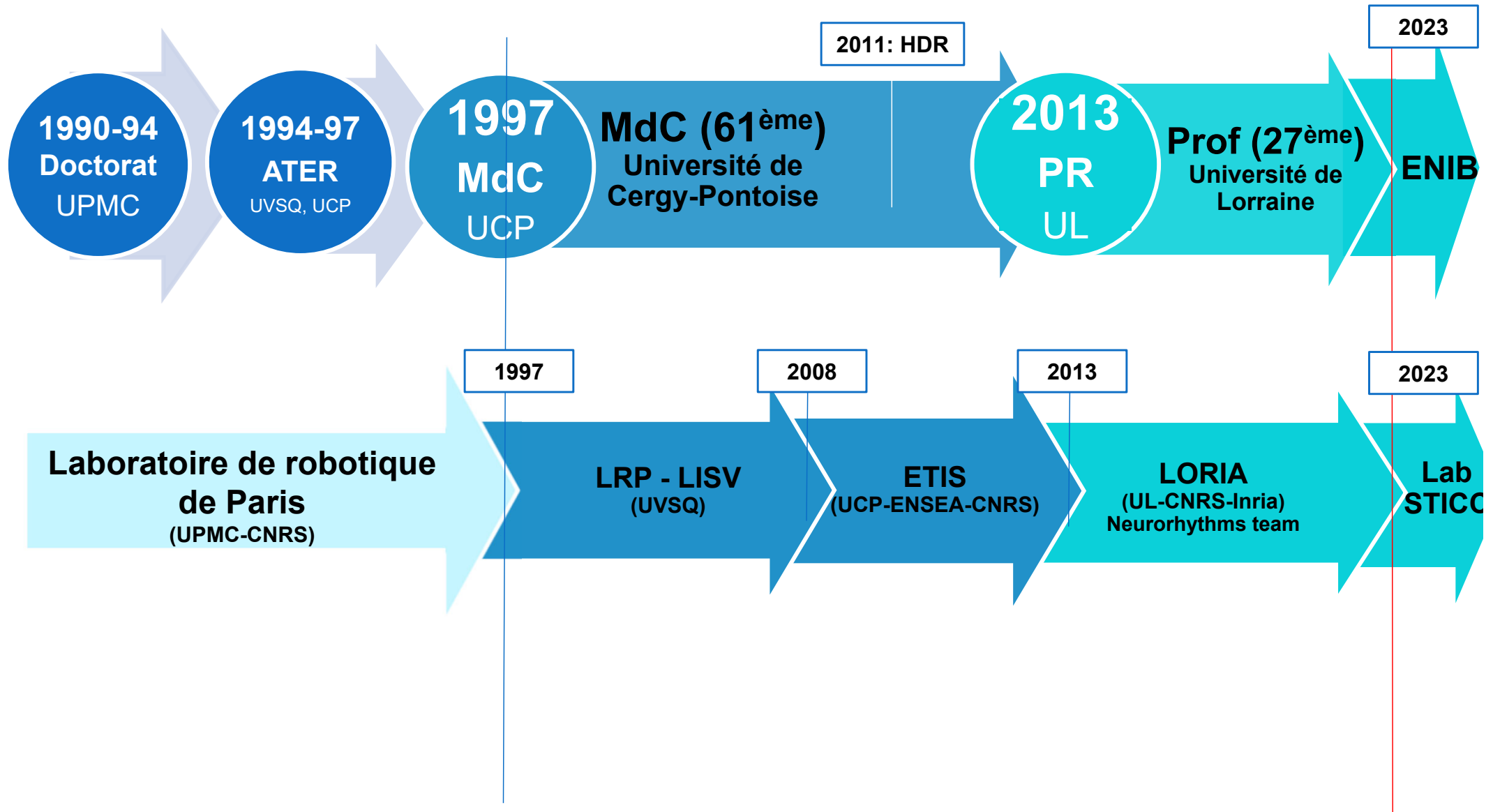
OUTLINE

- **Introduction my carrier**
- **Human rhythmic movements**
 - Interpersonal coordination
 - synchronization
- **Bio-inspired controller for rhythmic movements**
 - Central pattern generators (CPG)
 - Computational models of CPG
- **Experiments of learning motor coordination**
 - Waving back with a robot
 - Coordination of complex rhythmic movements
 - Discrete movements
- **Artificial empathy**
- **Medical & industrial applications**
- **Conclusion**



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SYNTHÈSE DE MA CARRIÈRE (RECHERCHE)



POINT DE DÉPART : L'APPRENTISSAGE SENSORIMOTEUR INTERACTIF EN BOUCLE FERMÉE

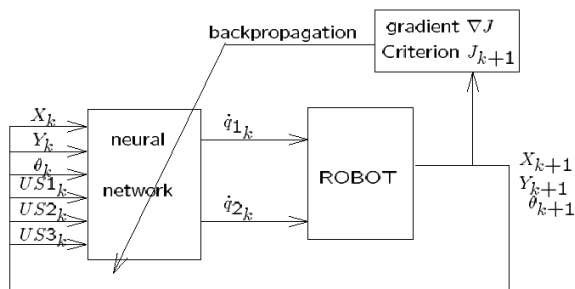
APPRENTISSAGE DE COMPORTEMENTS RÉACTIFS POUR LA ROBOTIQUE MOBILE

Neurocontrôleur = Perceptron + rétro-propagation

Apprentissage navigation

Apprentissage du réflexe

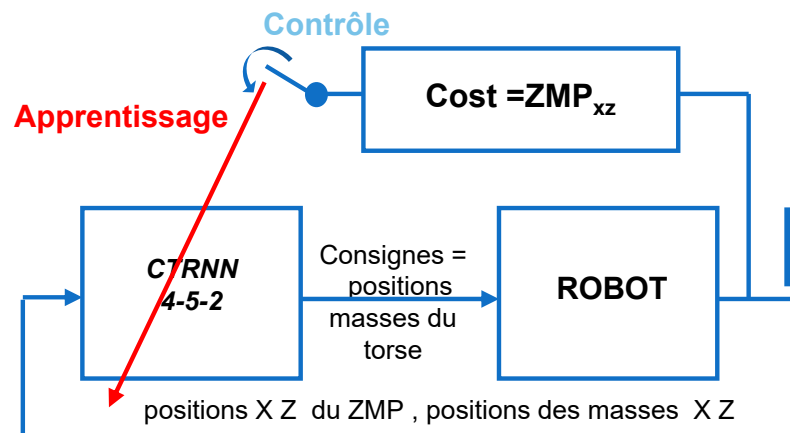
Test navigation + réflexe



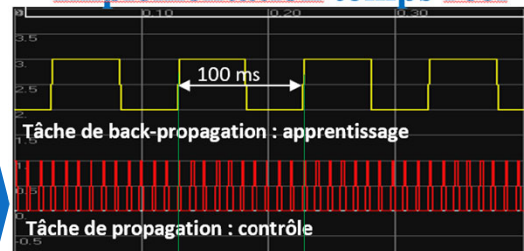
[Hénaff, 1997]

APPRENTISSAGE DE COMPORTEMENTS RÉACTIFS POUR LE CONTRÔLE POSTURAL D'UN ROBOT HUMANOÏDE

Neurocontrôleur = continuous time recurrent NN+ rétro-propagation temporelle du gradient (BPTT)

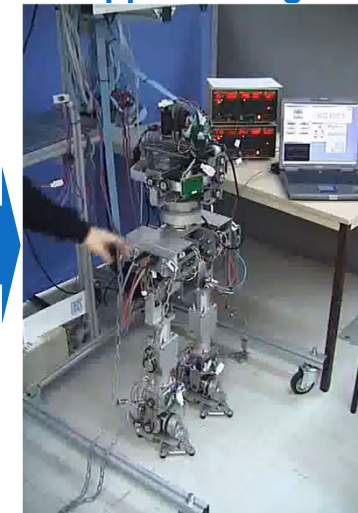


Implémentation temps réel

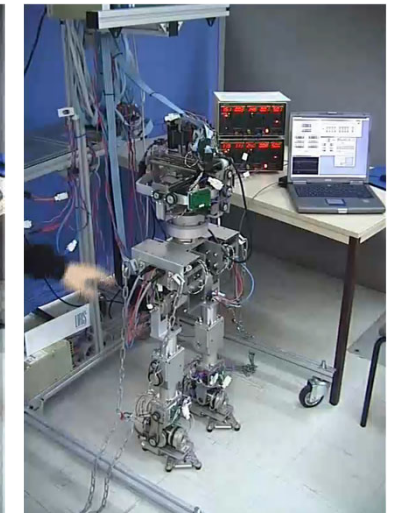


	Propagation	Backpropagation
Complexity	$O(n^2)$	$O(TW \cdot n^2)$
Computational Time (n=10, TW=20)	2 ms	50 ms
Computational Time (n=14, TW=10)	3 ms	60 ms

Apprentissage



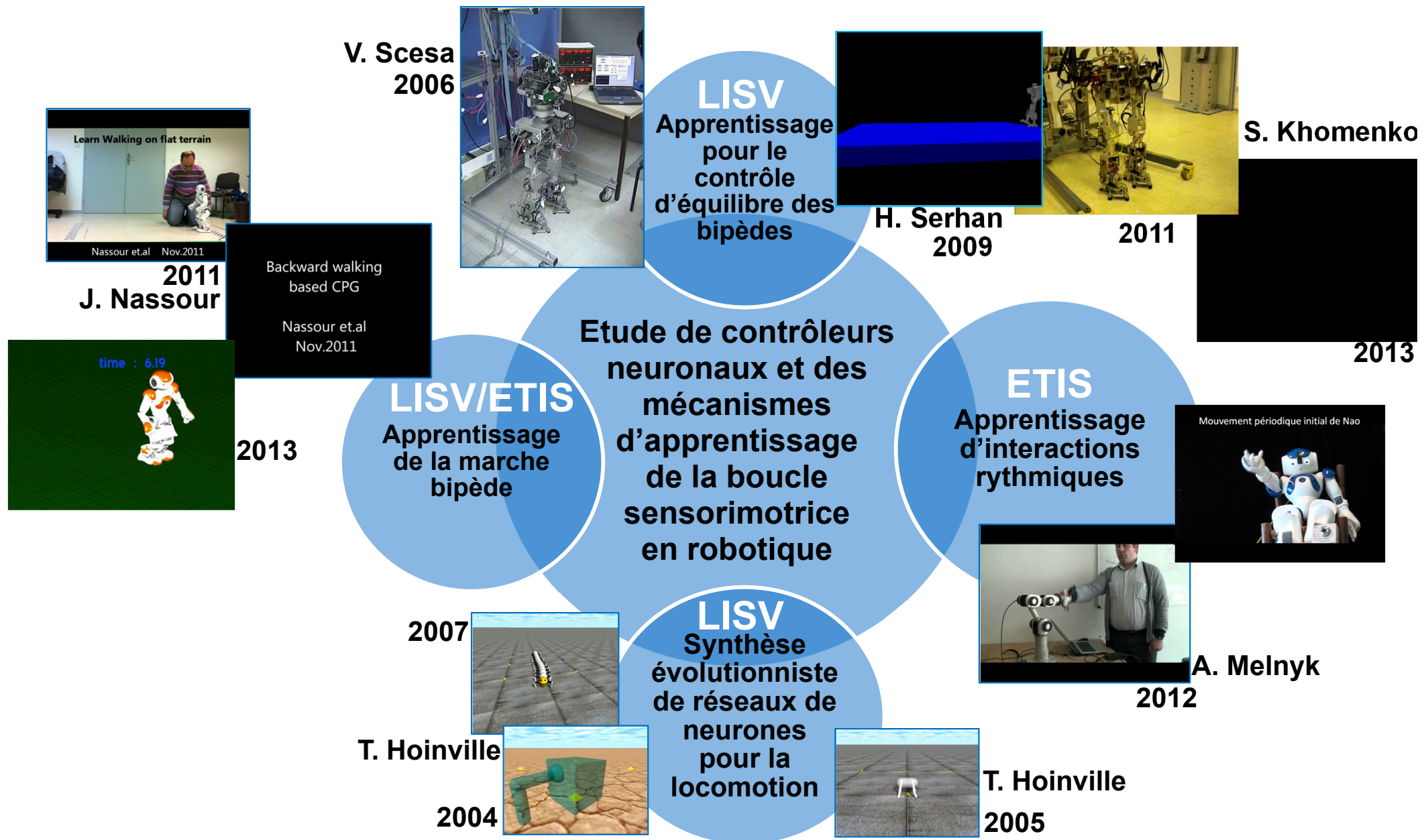
Test du contrôle



[Scesa & Hénaff 2005, 2010]

Apprentissage sensorimoteur pour l'interaction humain/robot ?

TRAVAUX DE RECHERCHE 2005-2013



IA BIO-INSPIRÉE ET APPRENTISSAGE SENSORIMOTEUR POUR L'INTERACTION (NON VERBALE) HUMAIN/ROBOT

HUMAN MOVEMENTS AND INTERPERSONAL INTERACTIONS



- Interactions and interpersonal coordinations are often based on rhythmic movements
- Rhythmic movements are very primitive and automatic

Rhythmic movements and discrete movements

Rhythmic movements

- Locomotion(walking, running)
- Cleaning, brushing, cooking
- Sports (basket)

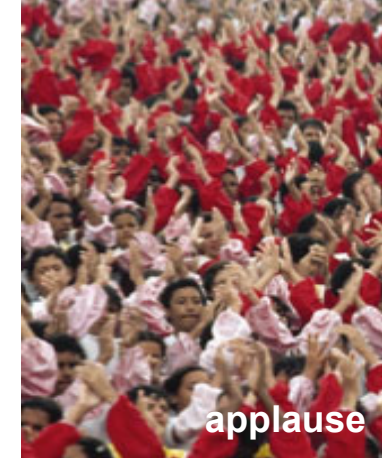
Discrete movements

- Static (taking object)
- Dynamic (sport, basket)

	Rhythmic movements	Discret movements
Upper limbs	« non regular »	« regular »
Lower limbs	« regular »	« non regular »

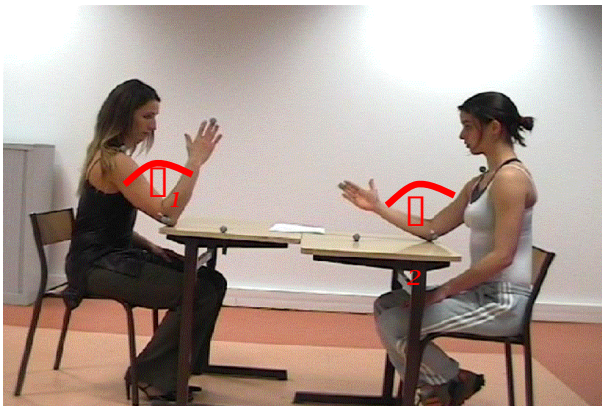
MAIN PROPERTIES IN INTERPERSONAL INTERACTIONS

Involuntary interpersonal coordination



Phenomenon of emergence of coordination is so powerful that humans can not avoid involuntary dyadic motor coordination

Compromise between movement control and interaction



An interaction is always based on **two main aspects**:

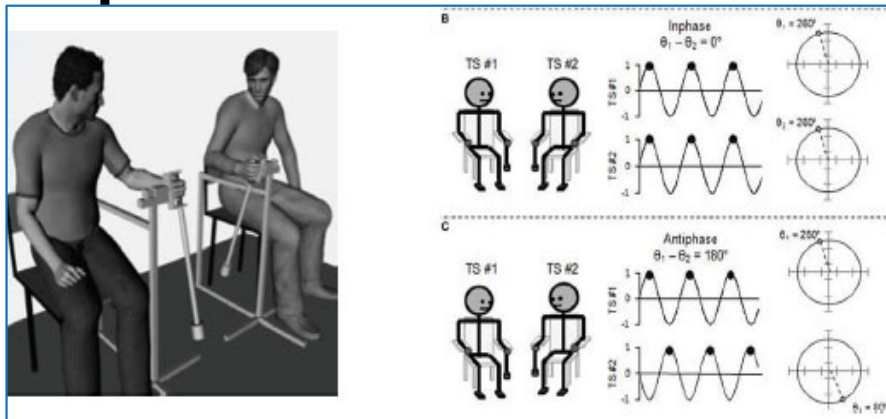
- The individual part of each participant
- The share of the coupling in the pair of individuals



interpersonal coordination is based on synchronization of movements

WHAT IS SYNCHRONIZATION OF MOVEMENTS?

Interpersonal/Interlimb coordination via visual perception

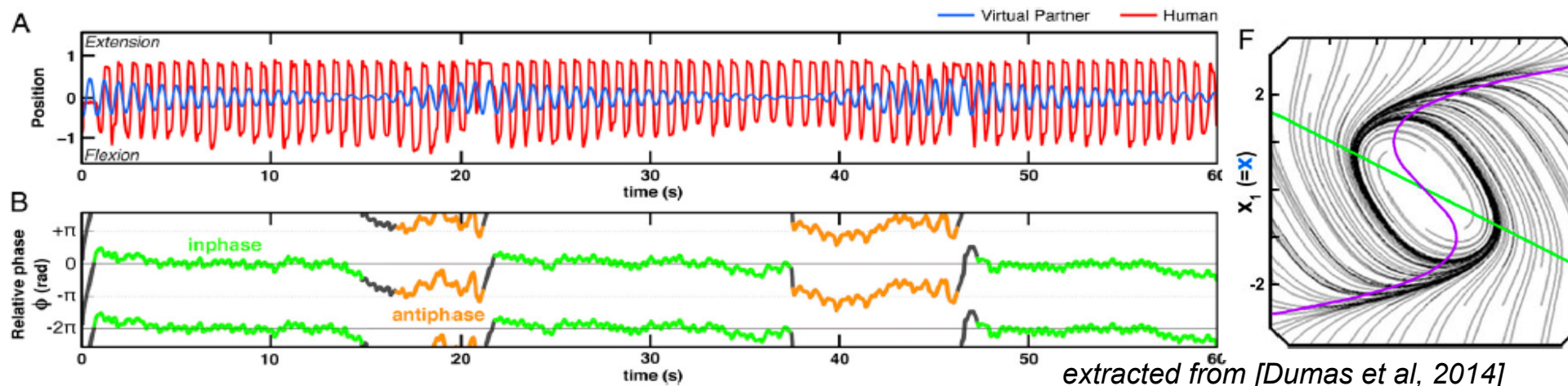


extracted from [Richardson et al, 2007]

Two spontaneously stable coordination patterns appear naturally :

- in-phase (0°)
- anti-phase (180°)

The human dynamic clamp as a paradigm for social interaction

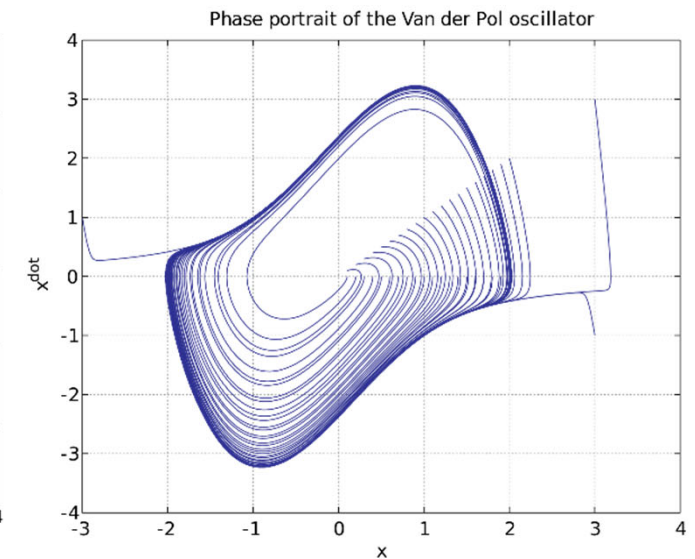
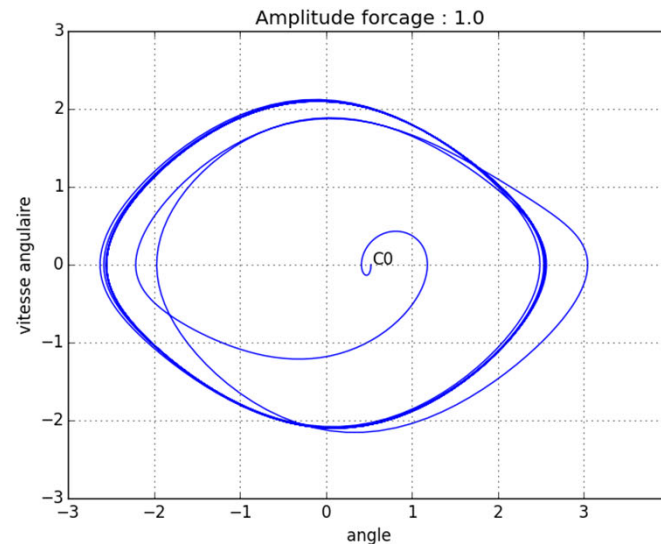
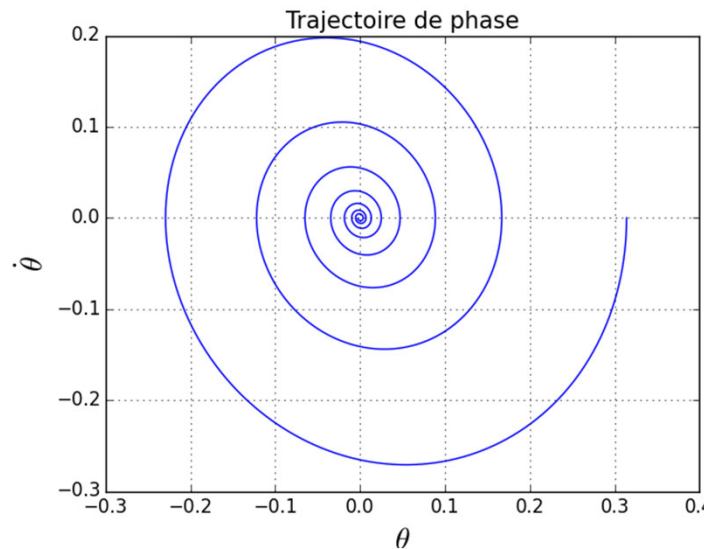


extracted from [Dumas et al, 2014]

Interpersonal synchronization acts like a dynamical system based on 2 coupled non-linear oscillators

Two independent dynamic systems → emergence of one dynamic system

NON LINEAR OSCILLATORS

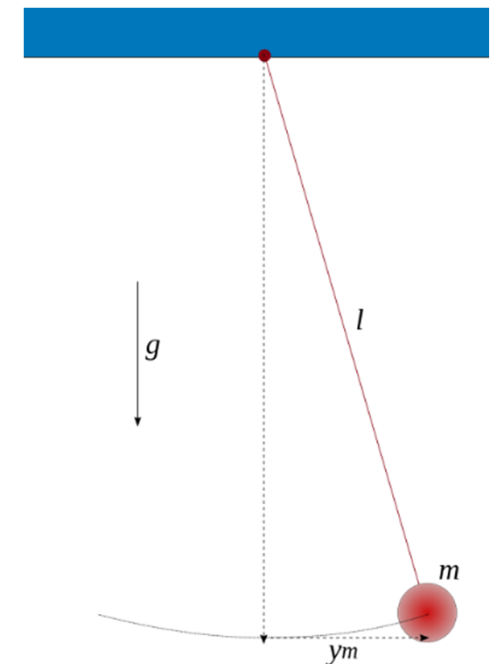


According to parameters :

- Emergence of stable limited cycles $\forall$ initial conditions
- Chaotic behavior

Dynamic systems :

- mechanical
- electrical/electrical
- Biological
- Fluids (waves)



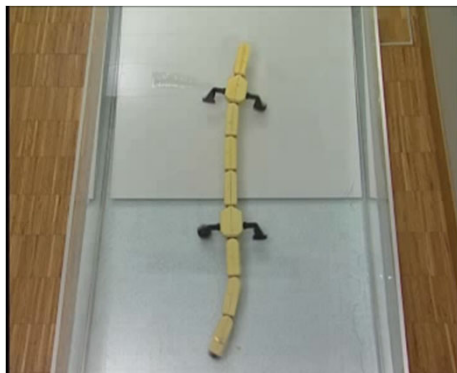
EMERGENCE OF SYNCHRONIZATION BETWEEN COMPLEX DYNAMIC SYSTEMS



Mechanical independent dynamic systems (metronomes) become naturally synchronized

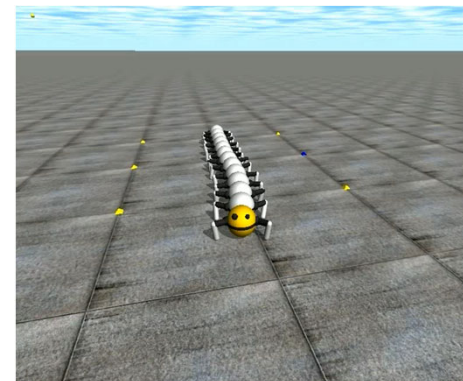
Ikeguchi Lab, Japan

One metronome could be considered as one robot joint



Bio-inspired robots

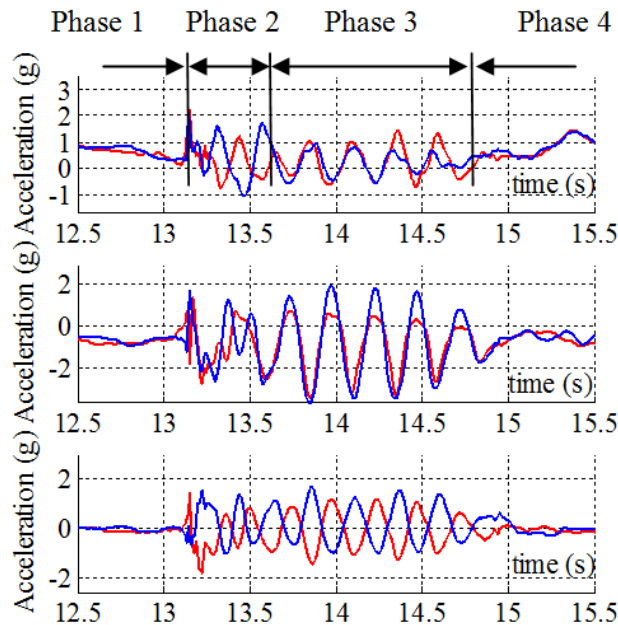
Ijspeert 2007 (Science)



Simulated biological system

Hoinville & Henaff 2007.

EXAMPLE OF INTERPERSONAL SYNCHRONIZATION IN A COMMON PHYSICAL INTERACTION : THE HANDSHAKING

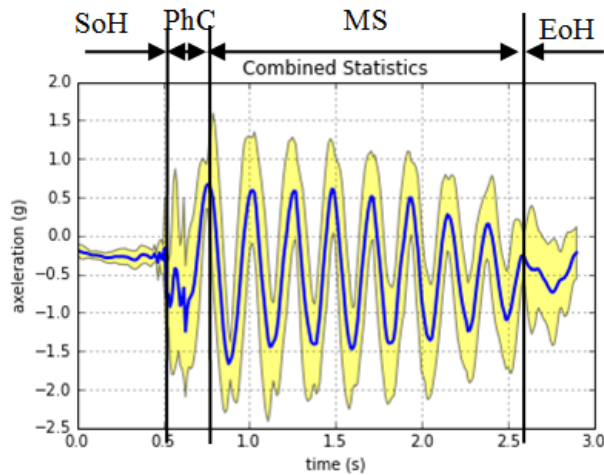


Phase 1 – **SoH**
Start of Handshake

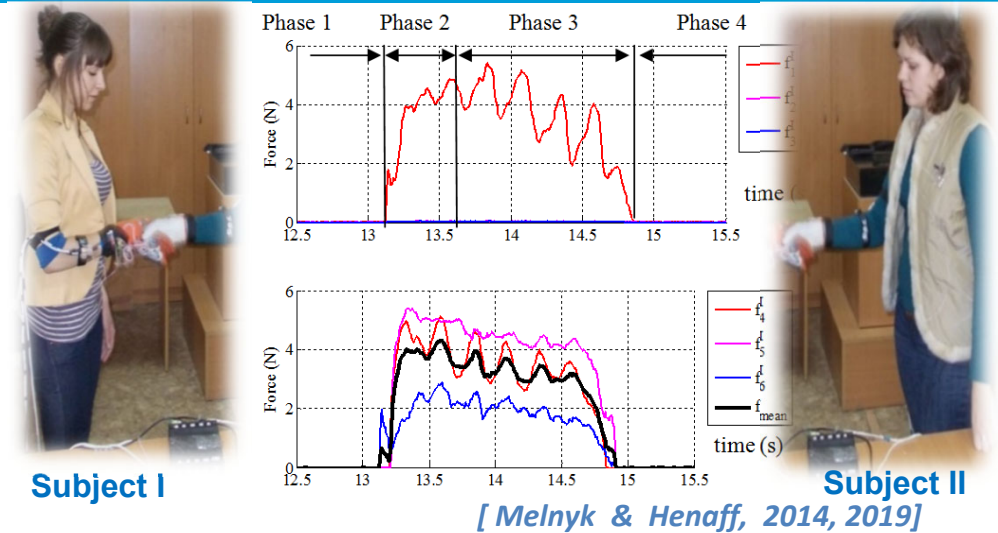
Phase 2 – **PhC**
Physical Contact

Phase 3 – **MS**
Mutual Synchrony

Phase 4 – **EoH**
End of Handshake



Average of 5 handshakes.



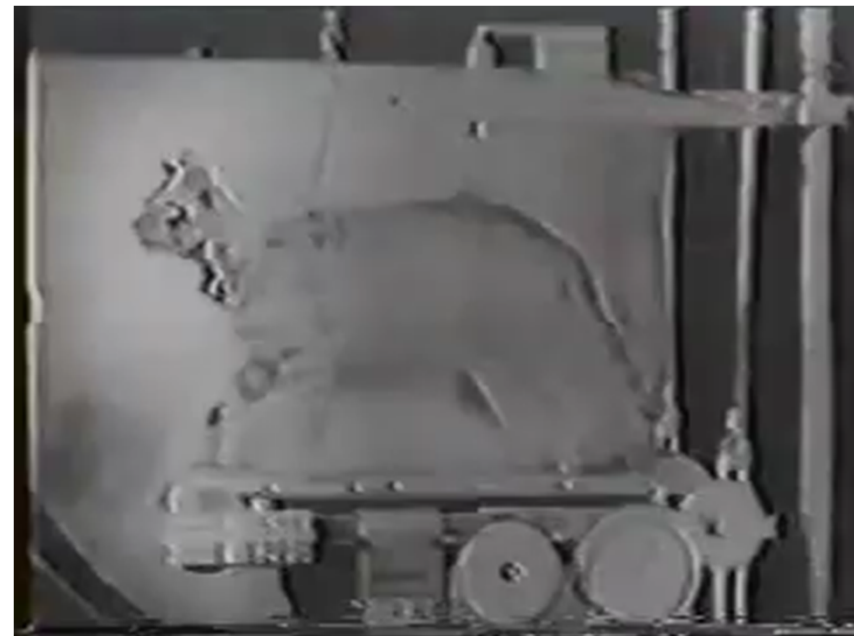
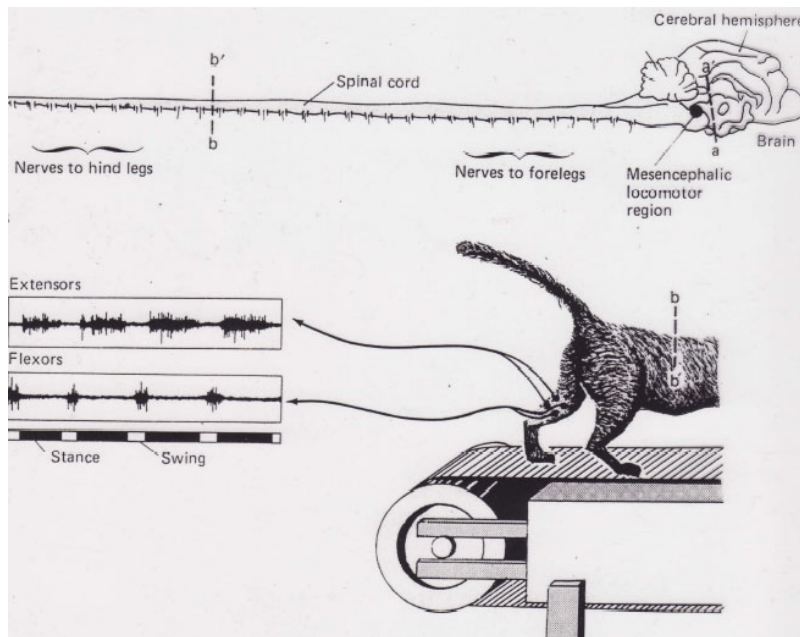
[Tagnes & Henaff & al., 2016]

- Synchronization exists in interpersonal rhythmic physical interactions
- Handshaking acts as coupled nonlinear oscillators

BIOLOGICAL CONTROL OF RHYTHMIC MOVEMENTS

Scientists Shik ML, Orlovsky (1966) have shown :

- ❑ That electric tonic stimulation on the remaining part of the Cerebral Trunk (CT) of decerebrate cats resulted in normal walking when the animal was on a treadmill.
- ❑ The gait of the animal depended on the intensity of the stimuli and the speed of the treadmill.
- ❑ A little stimulation provoked a simple walk whereas a more intense triggered the trot or the gallop

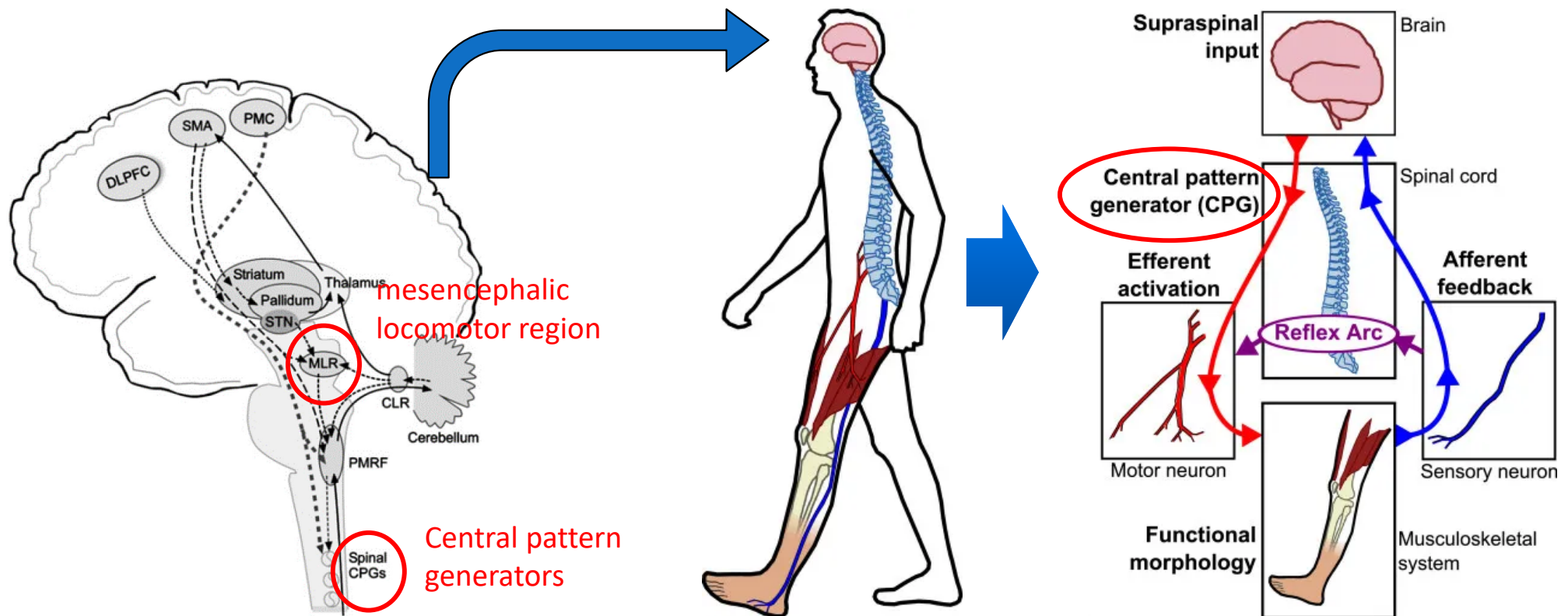


[Shik ML, Orlovsky ,1966]



Specialized neural circuits control the rhythms of locomotion : central pattern generators (CPG)

BIOLOGICAL ASPECTS OF HUMAN MOTOR COORDINATION

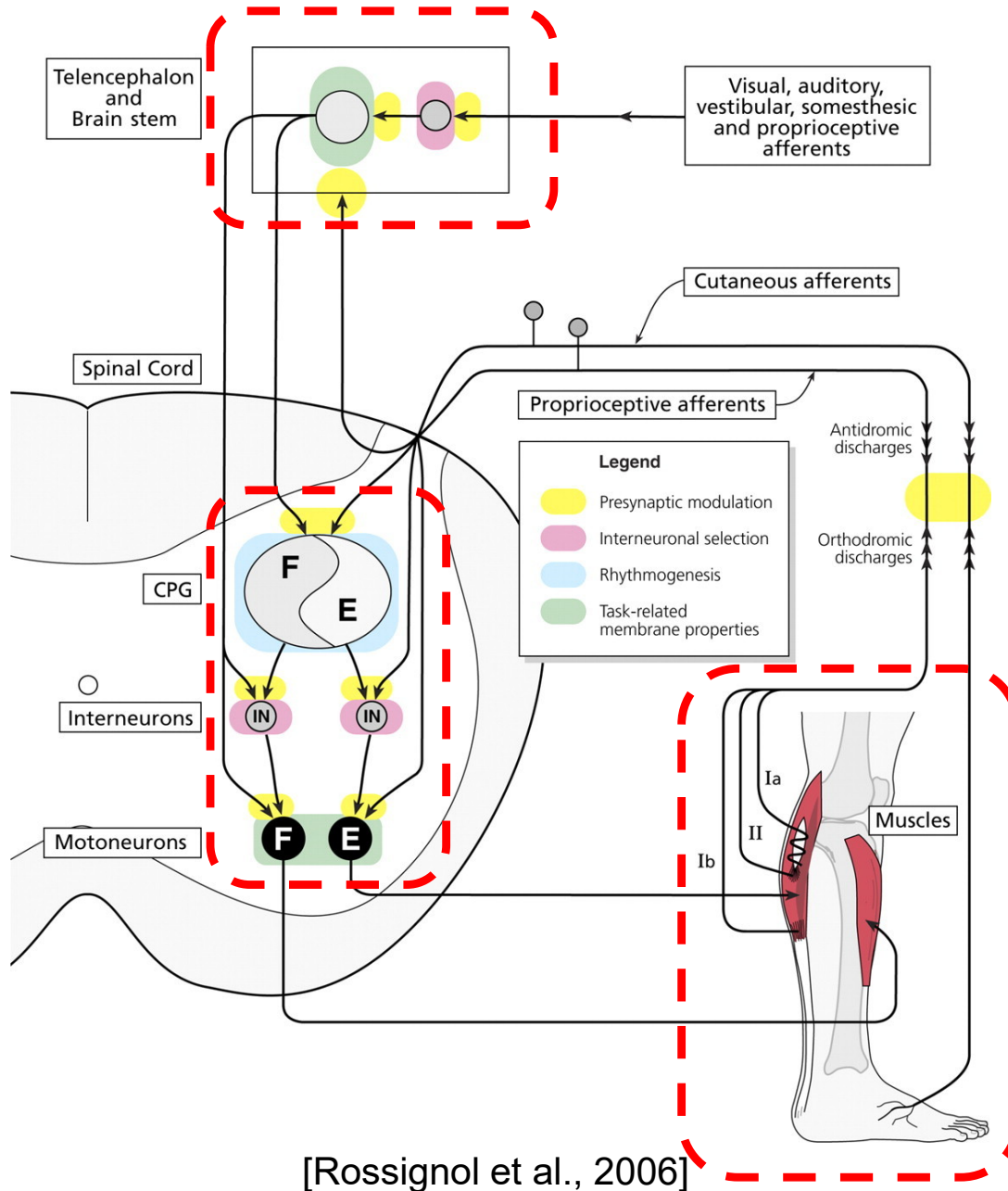


Hypothetical motor pathways in the brain. Extracted from [Chakravarthy, 2010]

Control loop:

- ❑ High-level commands from brain (MLR)
- ❑ **Spinal neurons:**
 - **Central Pattern Generators**
 - Reflex arcs
- ❑ Muscles with afferent sensory neurons
- ❑ Feedback to the brain and spinal cord

CENTRAL PATTERN GENERATORS



Autonomous neural circuits

- Located in brainstem and spinal cord
- Produce rhythmic signals for:
 - Locomotion
 - Chewing
 - Breathing, etc.

Locomotor CPG:

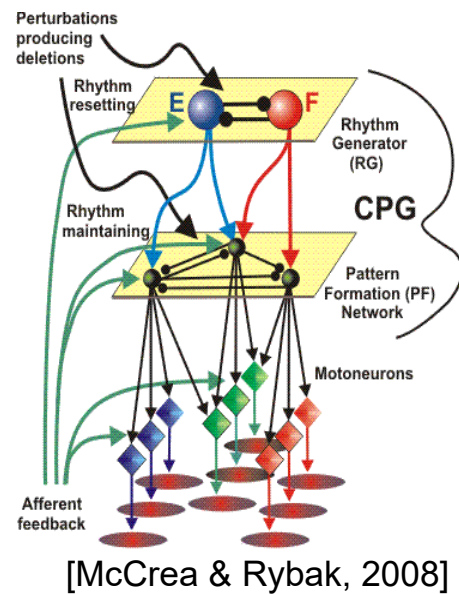
- Excite muscles through motoneurons
- Brain initiates and change gait type
- Sensory feedback affect patterns
- No equilibrium control

Computational model of central pattern generators ?

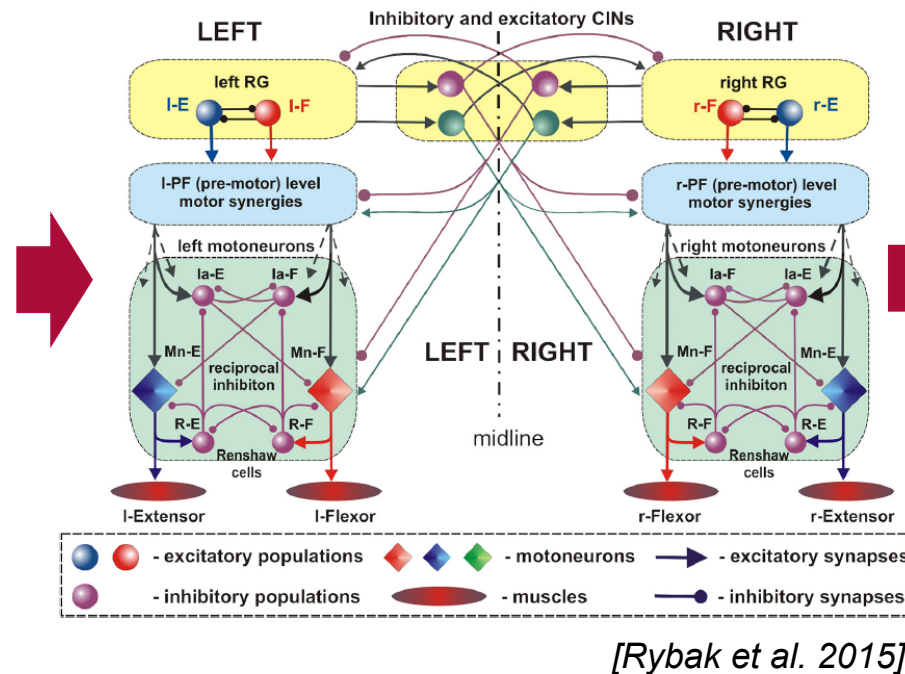
HUMAN RHYTHMIC MOVEMENTS ARE CONTROLLED BY CENTRAL PATTERN GENERATORS (CPG)

COMPUTATIONAL MODEL OF CPG ?

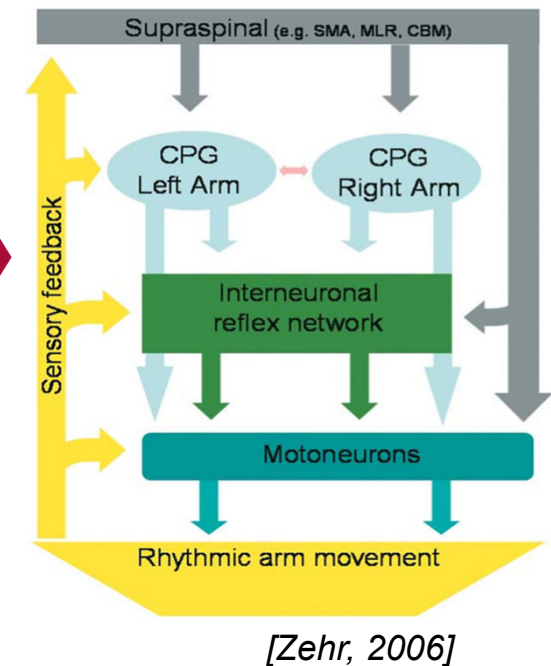
CPG for lower limbs (locomotion)



Bilateral left-right interactions



CPG for upper limbs



Rhythmic generators → rhythmic neurons?

MODELS AND SYNTHESIS METHODS OF BIO-INSPIRED CONTROLLERS

Mesosopic, macroscopic models

- Neuronal (CTRNN, Ekeberg , Ijspeert, Wörgötter,)
- Oscillators (**Matsuoka**, Kuramoto, Hopf..)

Adaptive mechanisms :

- Neuronal & synaptic plasticity (Beer, Floreano, Husband...)
- Neuromodulation

Synthesis methods

- Manual (Ekeberg, Taga, Ijspeert, Wörgötter, Kasuga...)
- Genetic algorithms for optimisation (Ijspeert, Meyer, Bongard...)
- Learning algorithms (Beer, Endo, Ijspeert...)

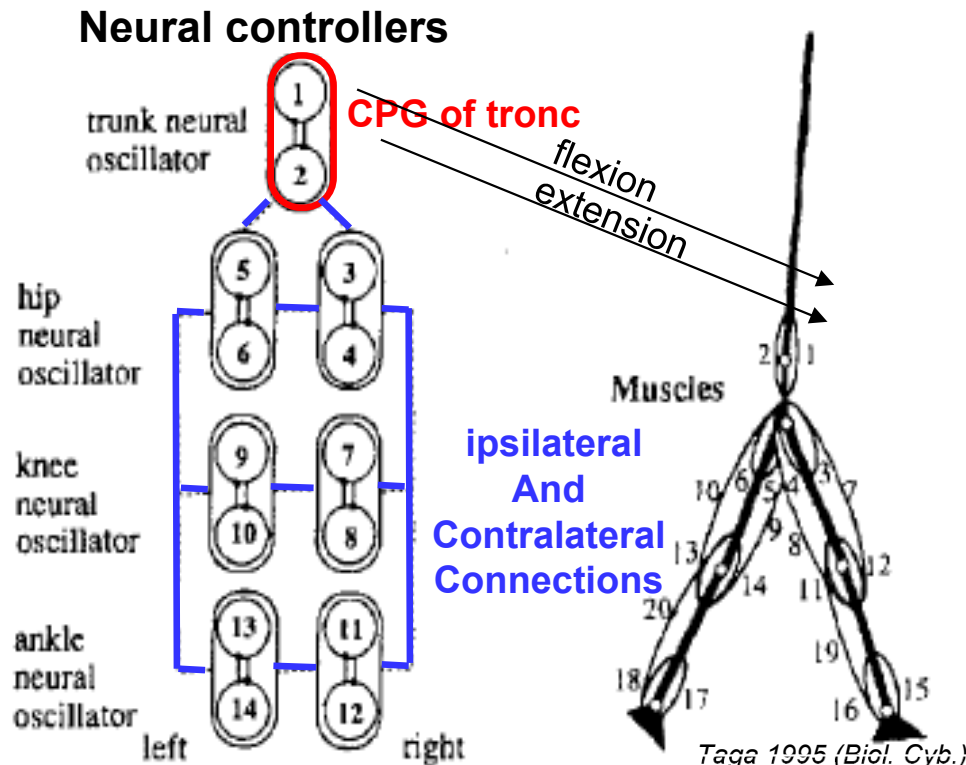
Applications in robotics:

- Locomotion : biped, quadruped myriapod, swimming
- human/robot physical interaction : handshaking

COMPUTATIONAL MODEL OF RHYTHMIC NEURONS ?

MATSUOKA NEURON (MESOSCOPIC MODEL)

Neural based CPG controller for biped locomotion (Taga 1995)



Neural controller

- 1 CPG per joint
- 2 coupled neurons per CPG
- Inhibitions: contra and ipsi lateral
- sensori motricity Intégration

Internal coupling of the network

Articular sensory inputs: speeds, forces, contact ground

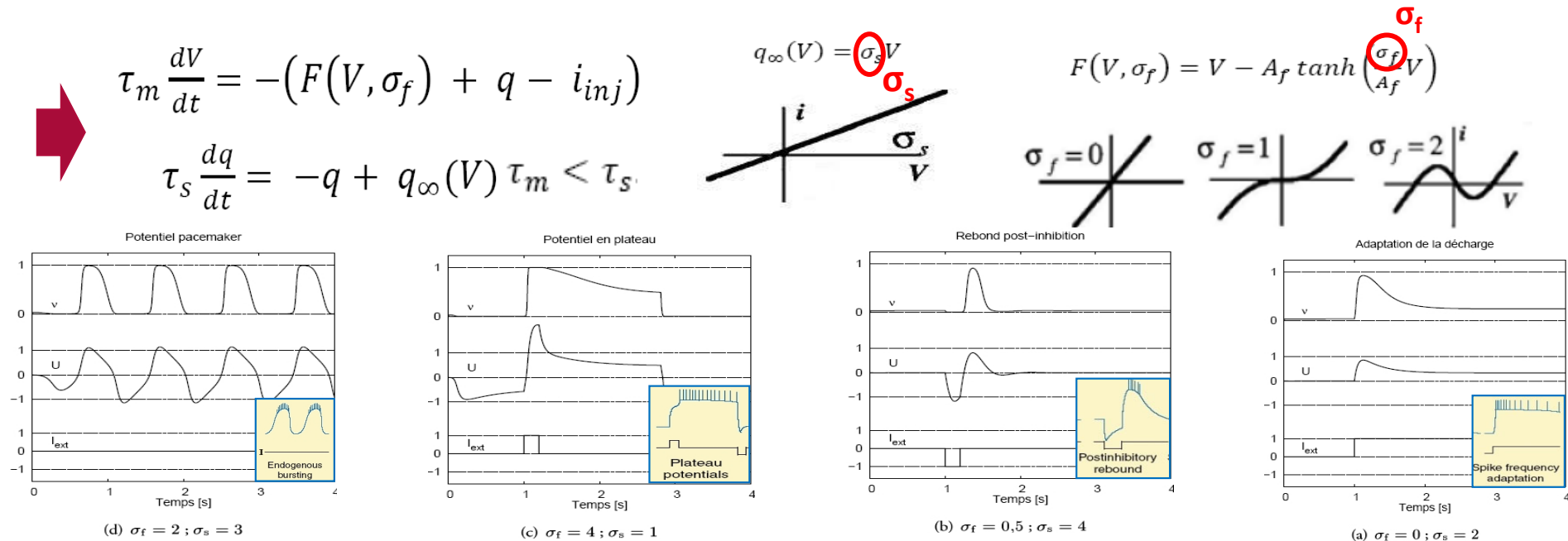
Model of Neuron i
(Matsuoka 1985)

$$\begin{aligned} \tau_{ai} \dot{u}_i &= -u_i - \beta f(v_i) + \sum_{j=1}^{14} \omega_{ij} f(u_j) + u_0 + Q_i + S_i \\ \tau_{bi} \dot{v}_i &= -v_i + f(u_i) \quad \text{et} \quad f(u) = \max(0, u) \end{aligned}$$

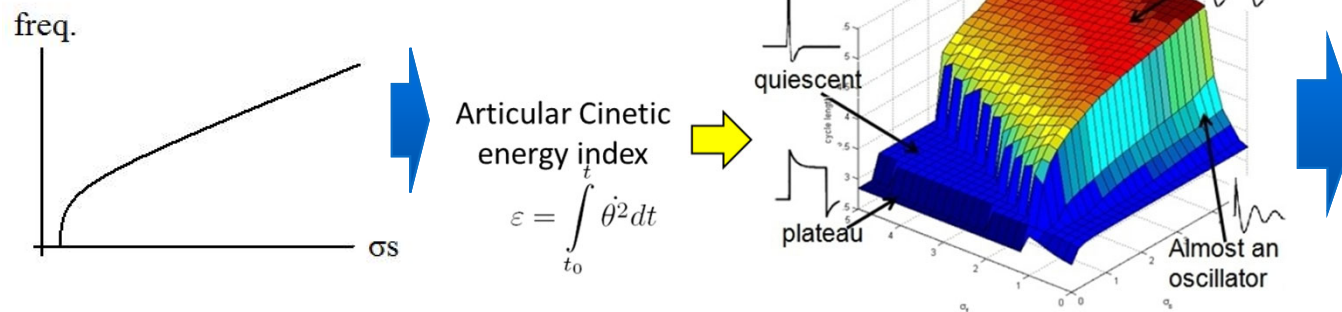
A CPG circuitry is a neural network

COMPUTATIONAL MODEL OF RHYTHMIC NEURONS ? A VANDER-POL OSCILLATOR MODEL

Neuron model = Non-linear oscillator (Rowat & Selverston model, 1993)



intrinsic properties of biological neurons, Marder et al. (2001)



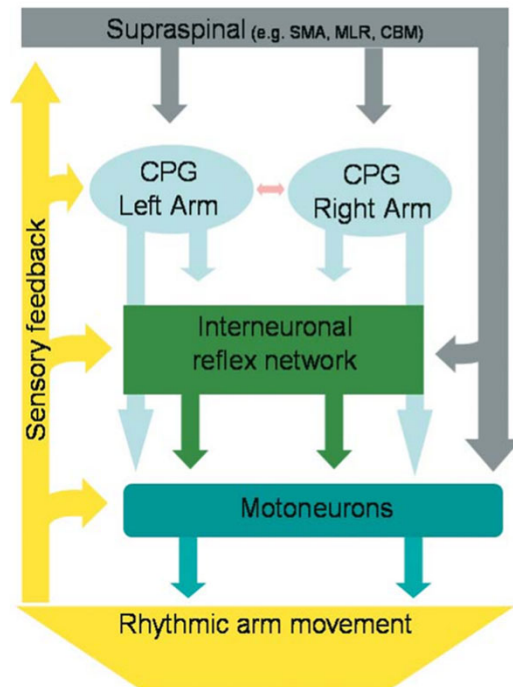
John Nassour, Patrick Hénaff, Fethi Benouezdou, Gordon Cheng (2014), Multi-layered multi-pattern CPG for adaptive locomotion of humanoid robots, Biological Cybernetics, February 2014



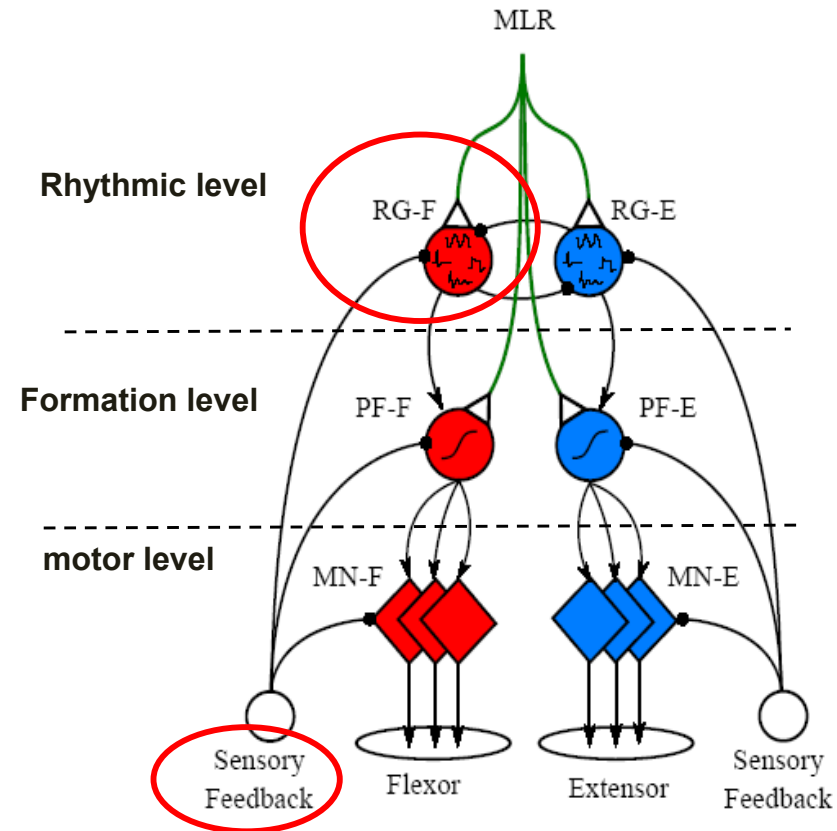
Émergence de coordination motrice due au modèle de neurone de RS : 1 neurone par axe de rotation

COMPUTATIONAL MODEL OF CPG

CPG for upper limbs



Computational CPG for one joint



[Nassour, Hénaff 2014]

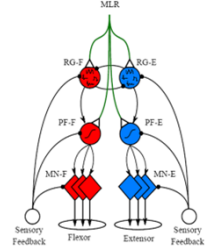
- Model of Rhythmic generators neuron?
- Model of sensory feedback?

GENERIC CPG CONTROLLER FOR ONE ROBOT JOINT

- **Rhythmic generator cells : Rowat-Silverston model (Van der Pol formalism):**

$$\dot{V} = y$$

$$\dot{y} = \frac{1}{\tau_m} \left(\sigma_f - \frac{\tau_m}{\tau_s} - 1 - \sigma_f \tanh^2 \left(\frac{\sigma_f}{A_f} V \right) \right) y - \frac{1 + \sigma_s}{\tau_s \tau_m} V + \frac{A_f}{\tau_s \tau_m} \tanh \left(\frac{\sigma_f}{A_f} V \right)$$



- **Interneurons :**

$$PF(V_{i\{E,F\}}) = PF_{i\{E,F\}} = \frac{1}{1 + e^{\frac{-V_{i\{E,F\}}}{2}}}$$

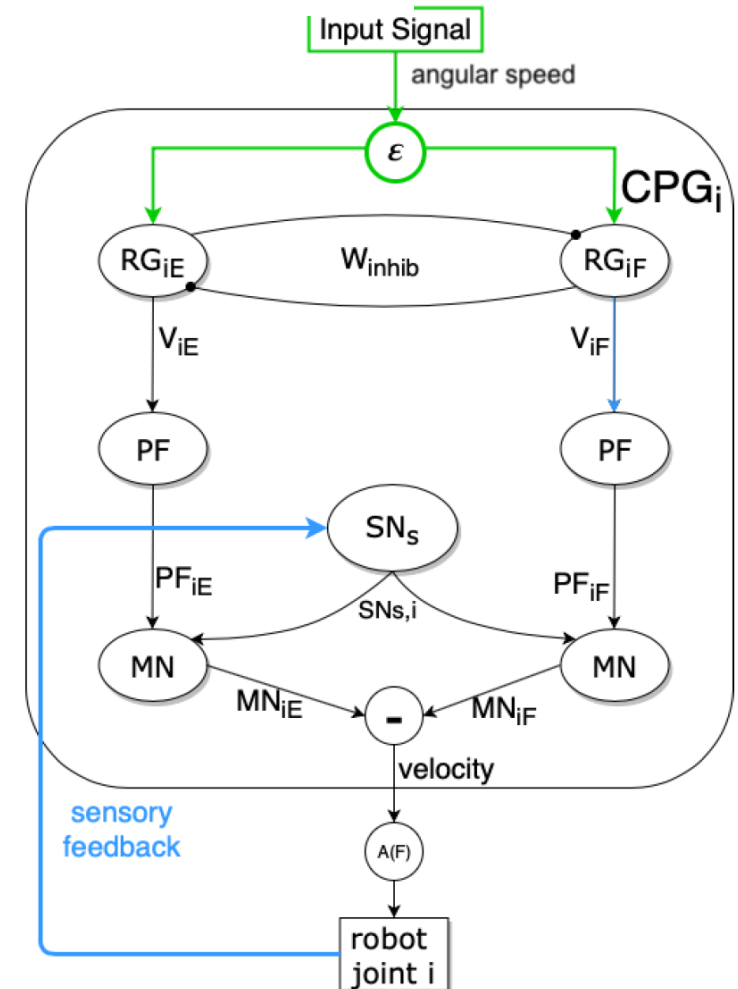
$$SN_s(v_{mes_i}) = SN_{i,s} = \frac{1}{1 + e^{\alpha_s v_{mes}}}$$

$$MN(PF_{i\{E,F\}}, SN_{i,s}) = MN_{i\{E,F\}} = \frac{1}{1 + e^{\alpha_m (PF_{i\{E,F\}} - SN_{i,s})}}$$

- **Hebbian Plasticity for frequency learning :**

$$\dot{\sigma}_s = 2\epsilon F \sqrt{\tau_m \tau_s} \sqrt{1 + \sigma_s - \sigma_f} \frac{y}{\sqrt{V^2 + y^2}}$$

Melanie Jouaiti, Lancelot Caron, Patrick Henaff. Hebbian Plasticity in CPG Controllers Facilitates Self-Synchronization for Human-Robot Handshaking. *Frontiers in Neurobotics*, Frontiers, 2018,



LEARNING SENSORYMOTOR COORDINATION

WAVING BACK EXAMPLE

- Human waves at robot
- Optical flow of the hand detected
- Robot waves back and adapts to the human frequency

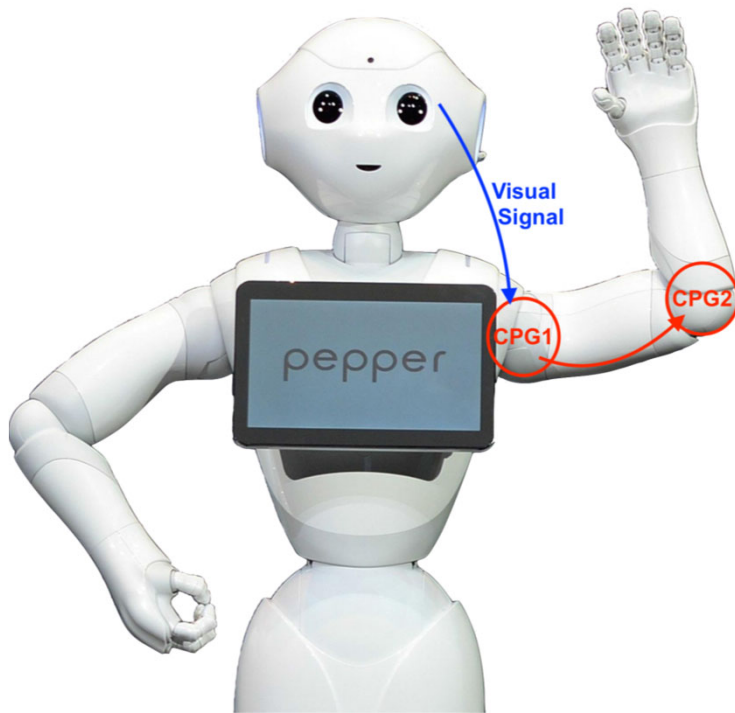


Hello !



HELLO!!!

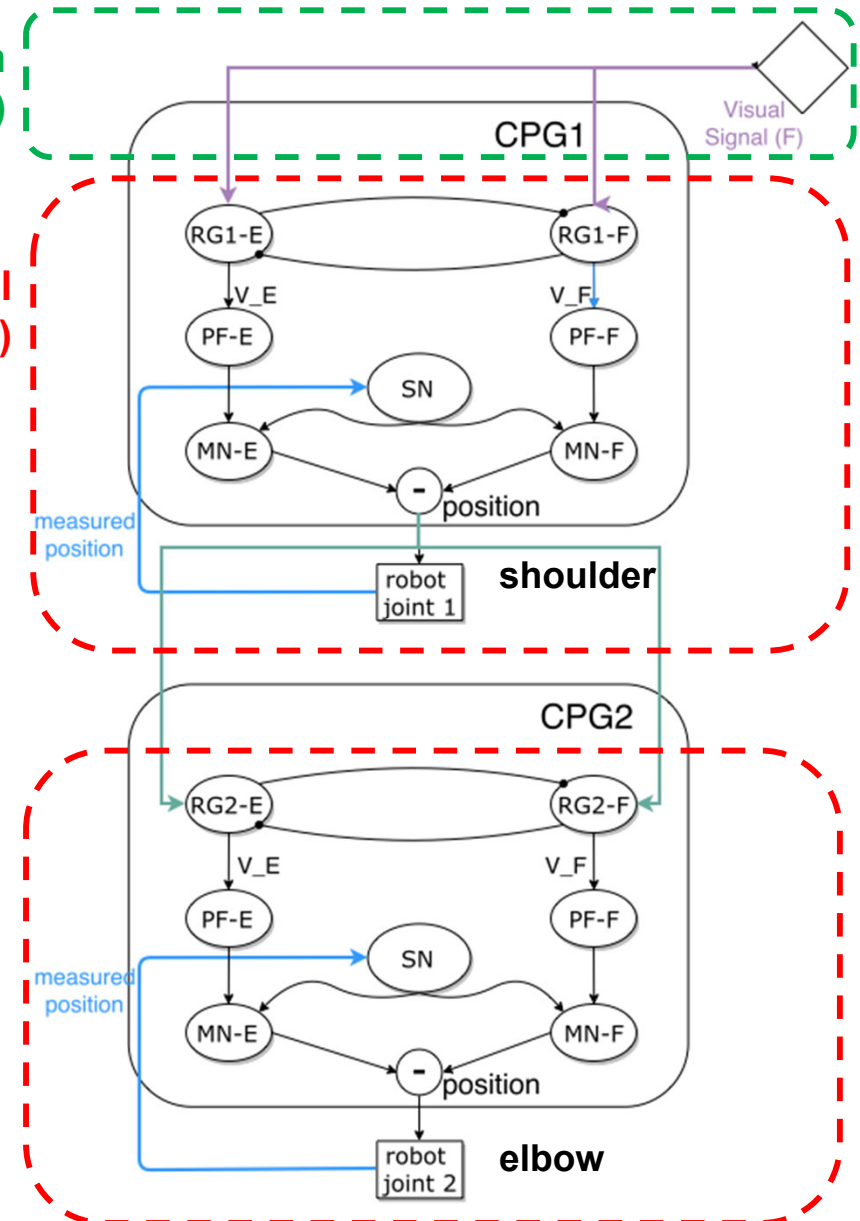
WAVING BACK : CONTROL ARCHITECTURE



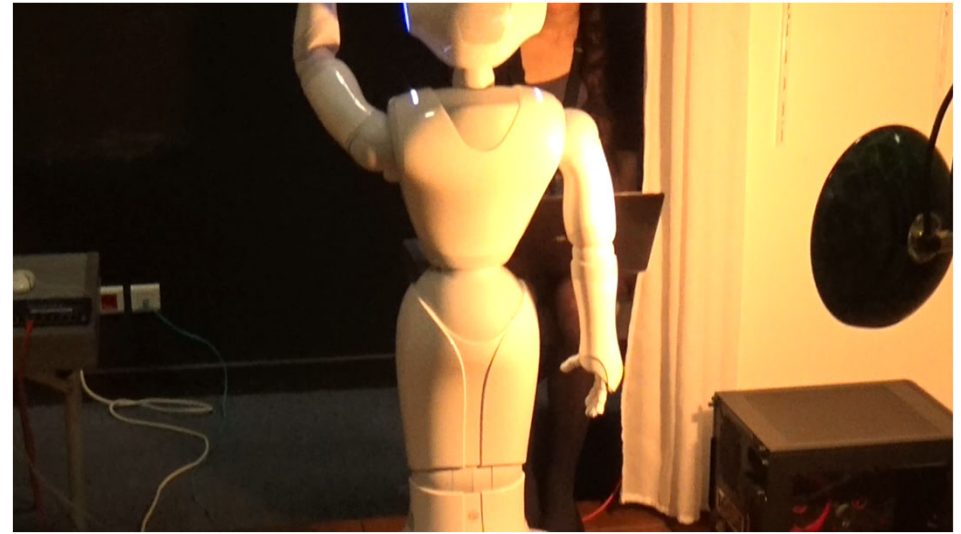
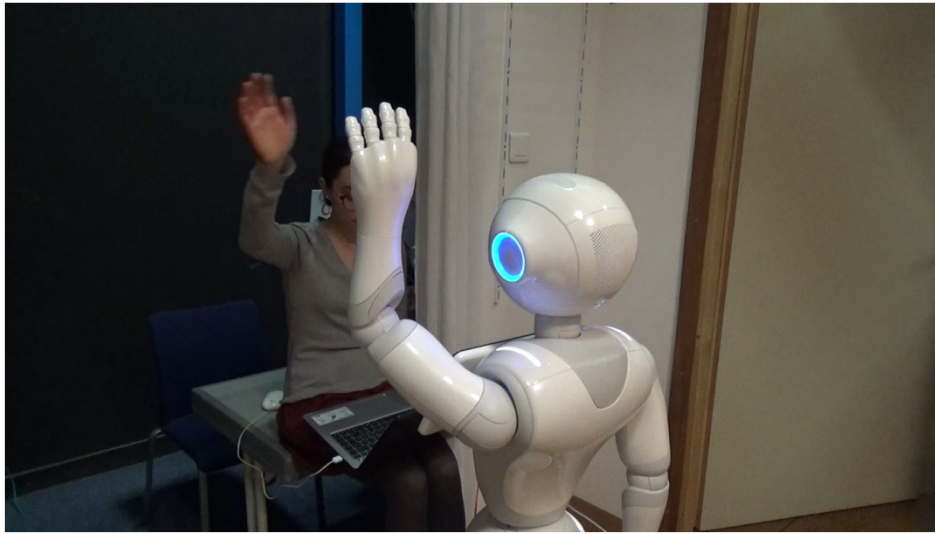
- ❑ **Perception : optical flow (OpenCV)**
- ❑ **2 joints controlled :**
 - ❑ CPG1 input (shoulder) : optical flow
 - ❑ CPG2 input (elbow): output of CPG1
 - ❑ CPG output: joint angular position
- ❑ **interest of plasticity:**
 - ❑ faster synchronization

perception
level (visual)

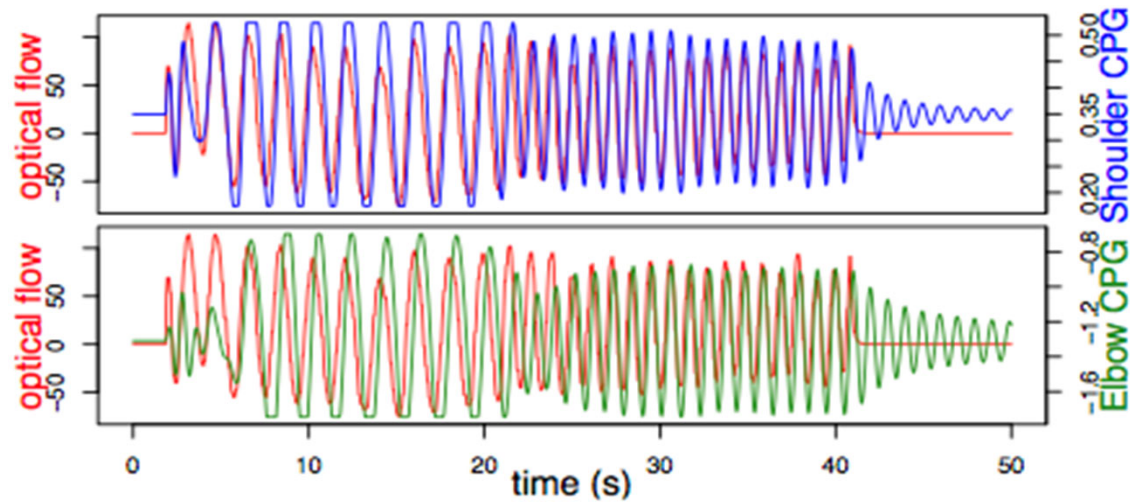
action level
(motor)



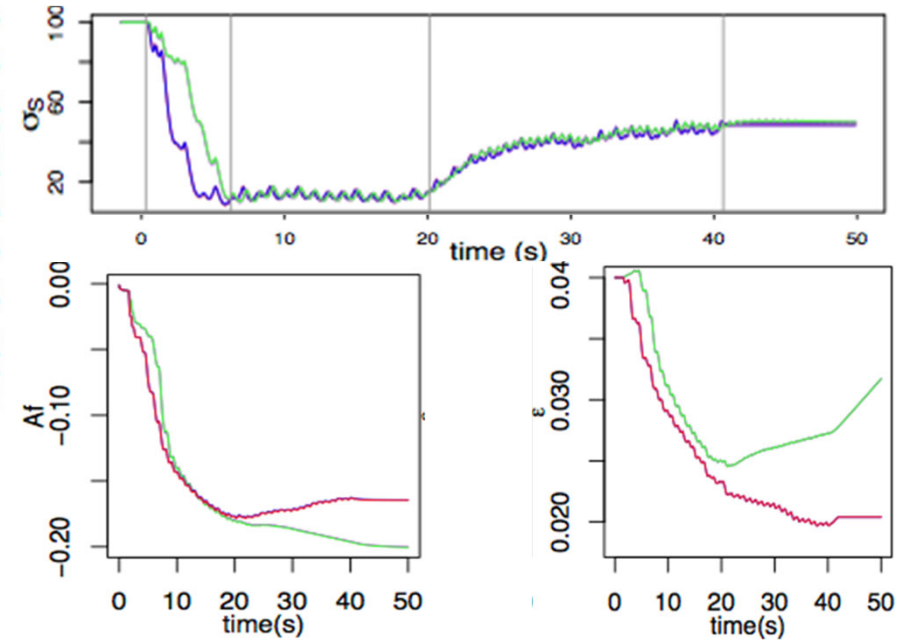
WAVING BACK EXPERIMENT



Synchronization between joints and optical flow

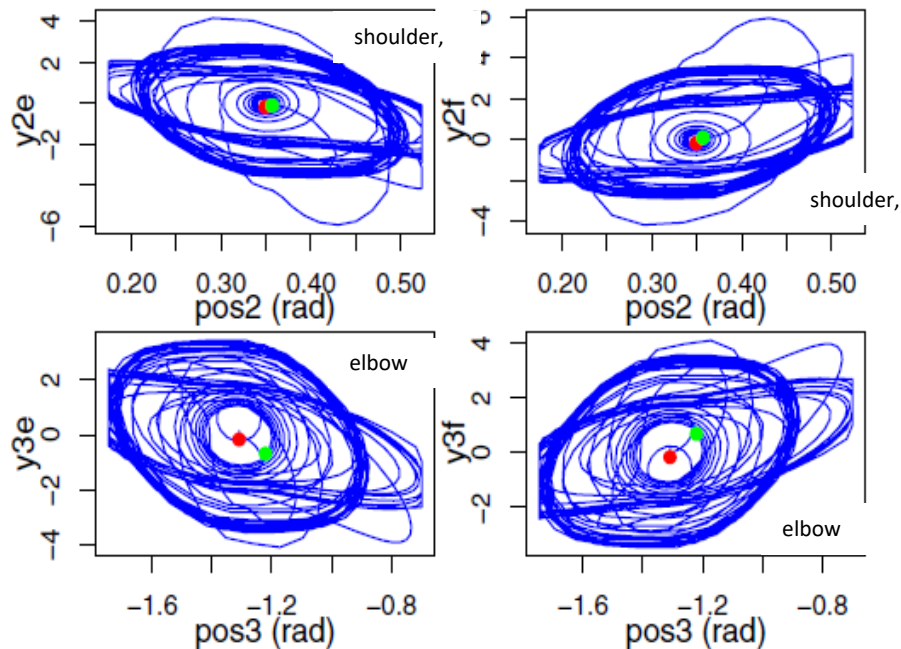


Hebbian plasticity

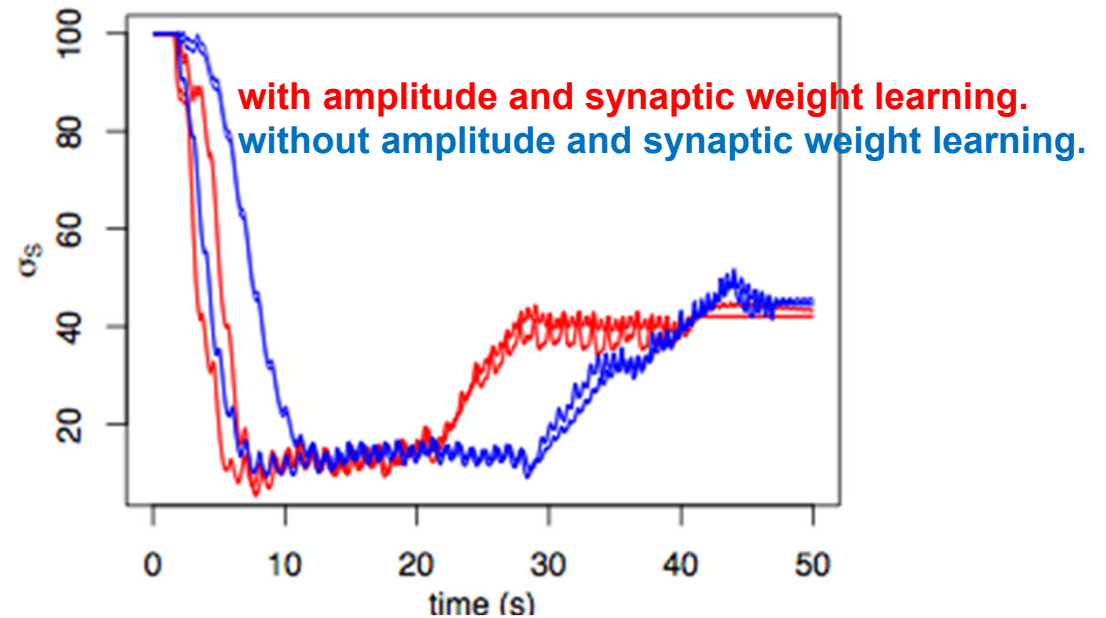


WAVING BACK EXPERIMENT

Phase portrait of rhythmic cells outputs



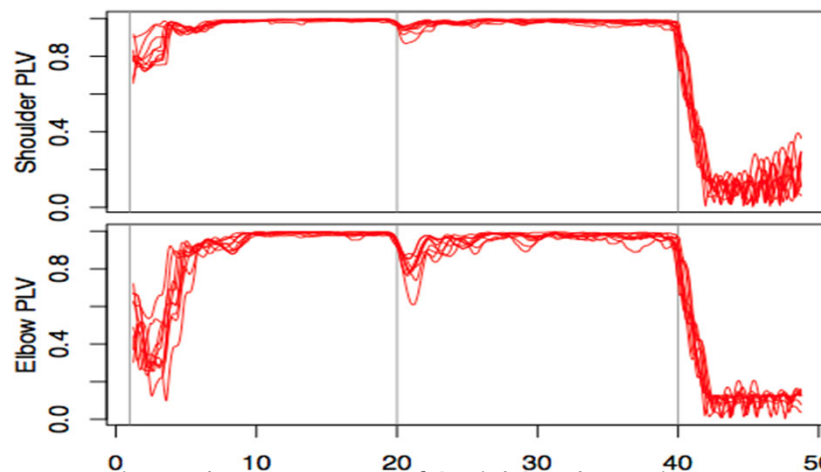
plasticity influences learning speed



Synchronization Measures (10 Wavings)

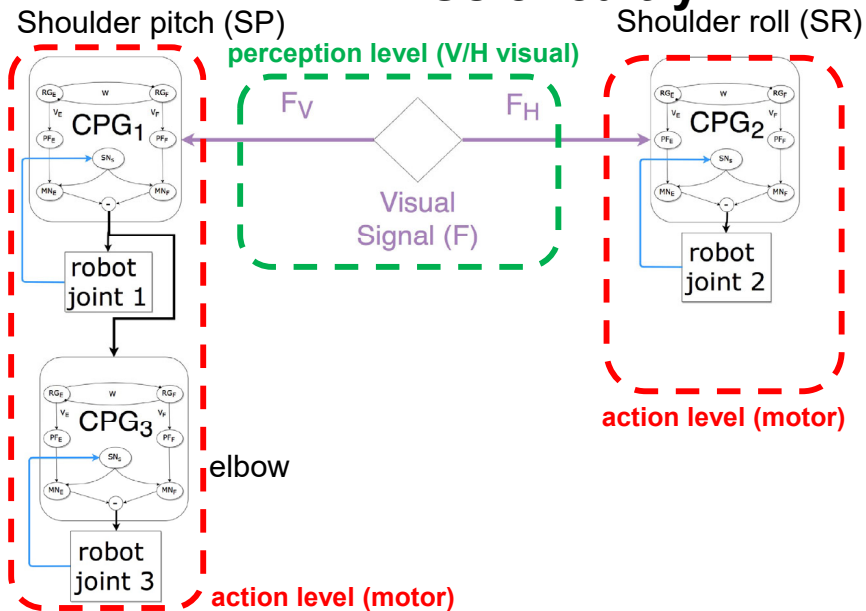
Phase lock value

$$PLV(t) = \frac{1}{N} \left| \sum_{i=0}^N e^{j(\phi_1(i) - \phi_2(i))} \right|$$

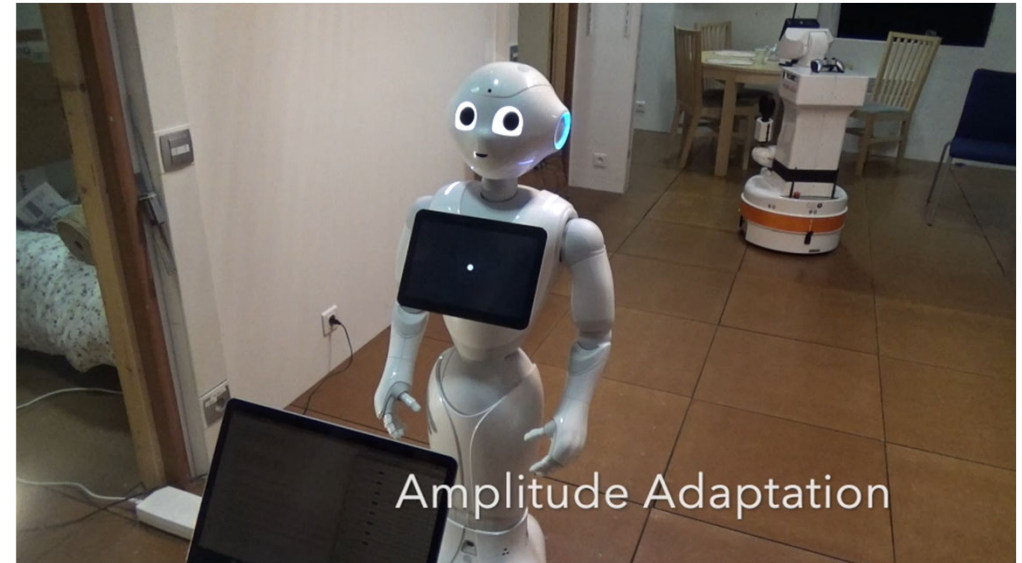


COORDINATION OF COMPLEX MOVEMENTS

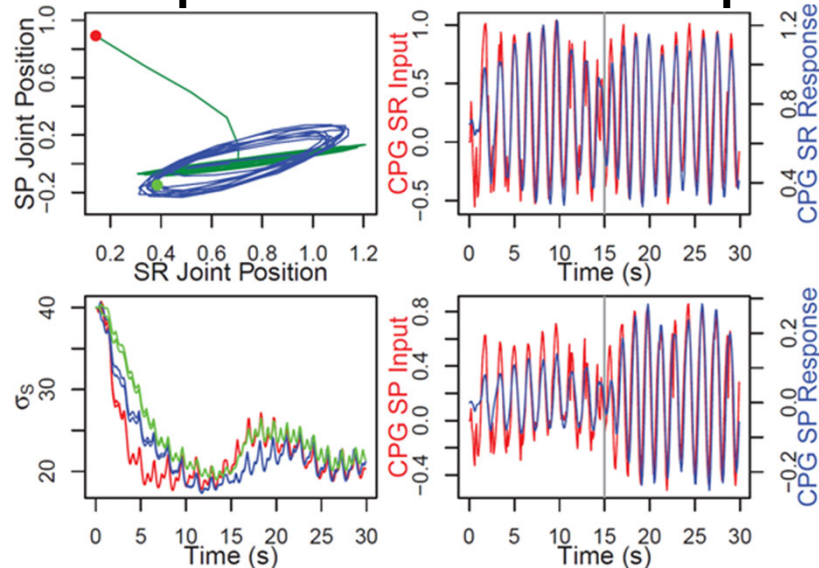
CPGs circuitry



Circles at different speeds



Phase portrait of the articular position



“infinite” sign



**Can CPG achieve both rhythmic
and discrete movements?**

OSCILLATING NEURON CAN BEHAVE AS A PID CONTROLLER

$$\dot{V} = y + \epsilon F$$

$$\dot{y} = \left(\sigma_f - \frac{\tau_m}{\tau_s} - 1 - \sigma_f \tanh^2 \left(\frac{\sigma_f}{A_f} V \right) \right) \frac{y}{\tau_m} - \frac{1 + \sigma_s}{\tau_s \tau_m} V + \frac{A_f}{\tau_s \tau_m} \tanh \left(\frac{\sigma_f V}{A_f} \right)$$

Non oscillating : $\sigma_f = 0$

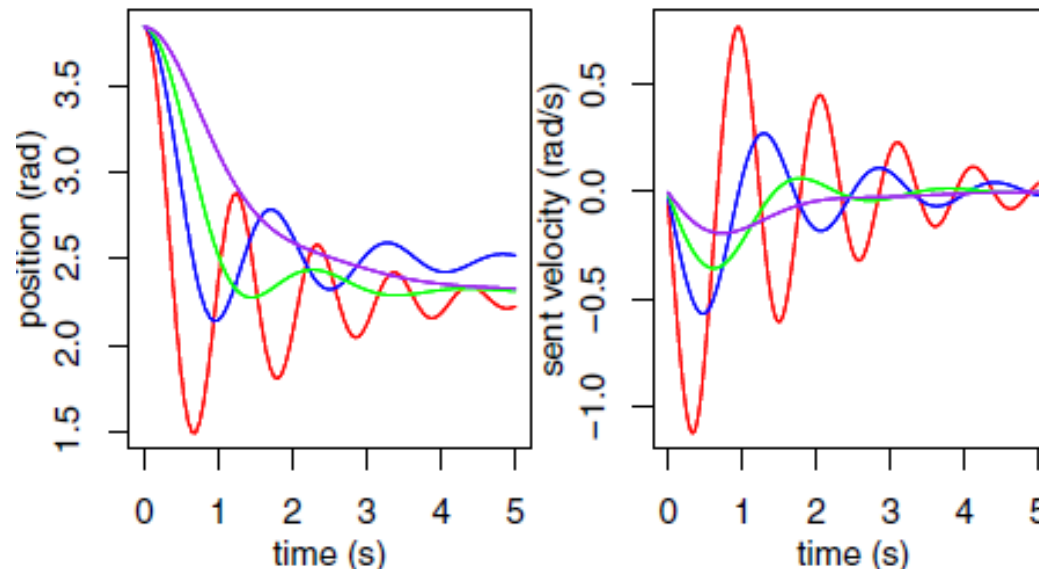


$$\dot{V} = y + \epsilon F$$

$$\ddot{V} + \frac{\tau_s + \tau_m}{\tau_s \tau_m} \dot{V} + \frac{1 + \sigma_s}{\tau_s \tau_m} V = 0$$



$$\dot{q} = \frac{1}{\alpha b} \left(\underbrace{ae(t) + b \int e(t) dt + \dot{e}(t)}_{\text{PID}} - \underbrace{a\ddot{q} - \ddot{\ddot{q}}}_{\substack{\text{robot's} \\ \text{dynamic} \quad \text{jerk}}} \right)$$



FROM DISCRETE TO RHYTHMIC MOVEMENT : HANDSHAKING EXPERIMENT

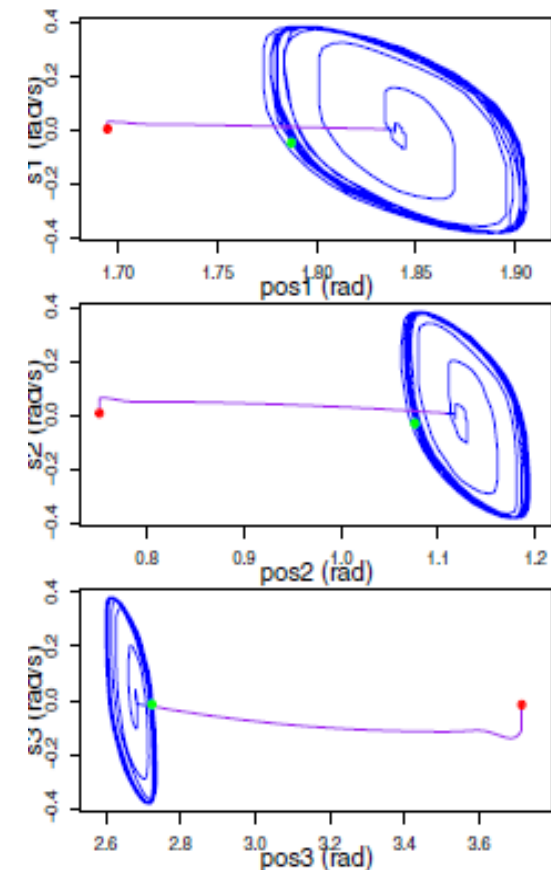
- ❑ Robotic arm coupled to a camera detects the hand and raises towards it
- ❑ when the target is reached, the arm oscillates at its own intrinsic frequency



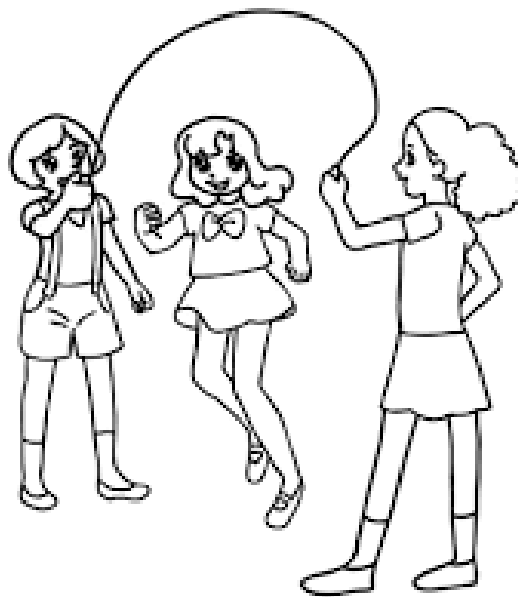
Joint phase portrait

CPG phase portrait

Joint phase portrait

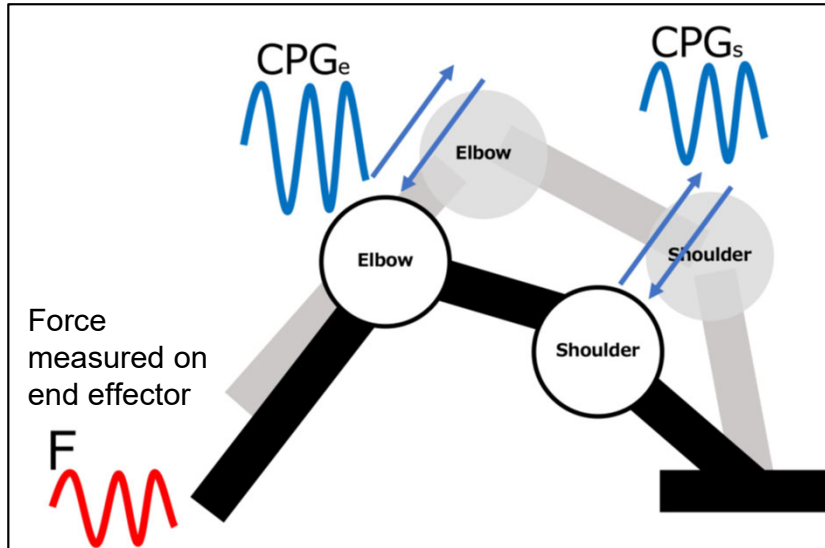


Physical Interactive games between robot and human

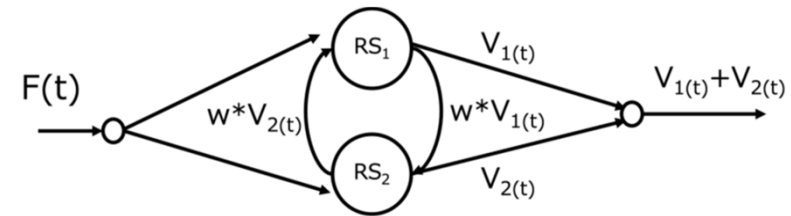


ROPE JUMPING WITH A COLLABORATIVE INDUSTRIAL ROBOT

CPG control scheme

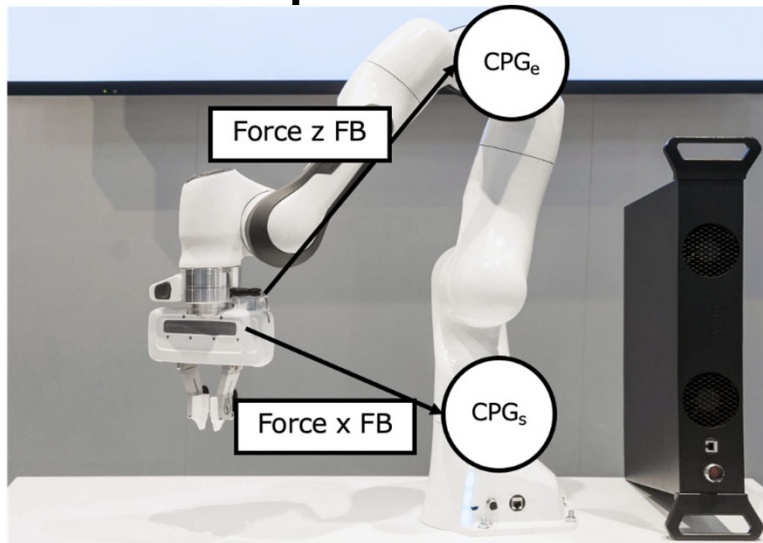


Simplified CPG for each joint



RS = Rowat-Selverston oscillator with hebbian plasticity

Implementation



Yamasaki, Shibata, Hénaff 2023

HANDSHAKING WITH A COLLABORATIVE INDUSTRIAL ROBOT

HR handshaking (Panda+Qb hand)

Handshake Robot: Effects of CPG Controllers on Robot Social Attributes

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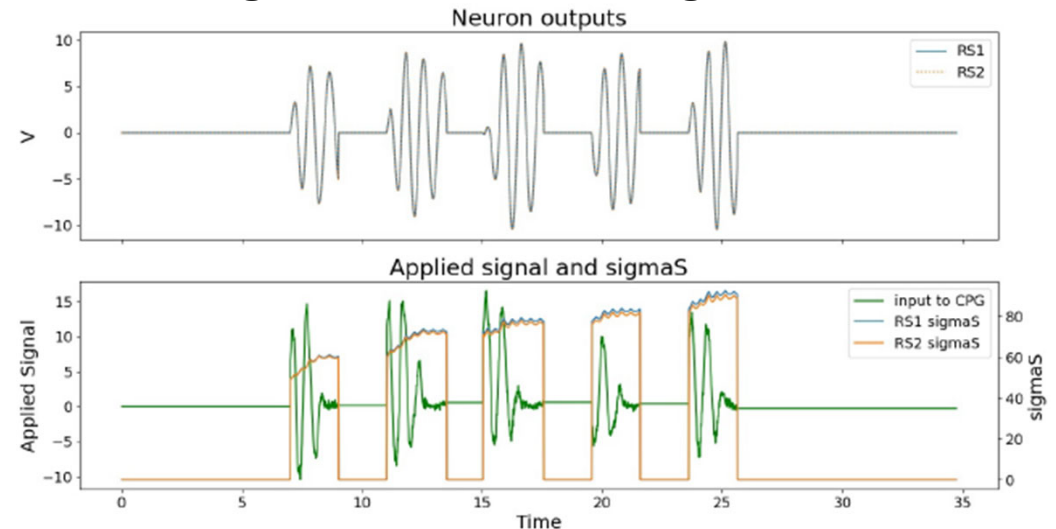
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Comparative RoSAS analysis for 2 robot control modes:

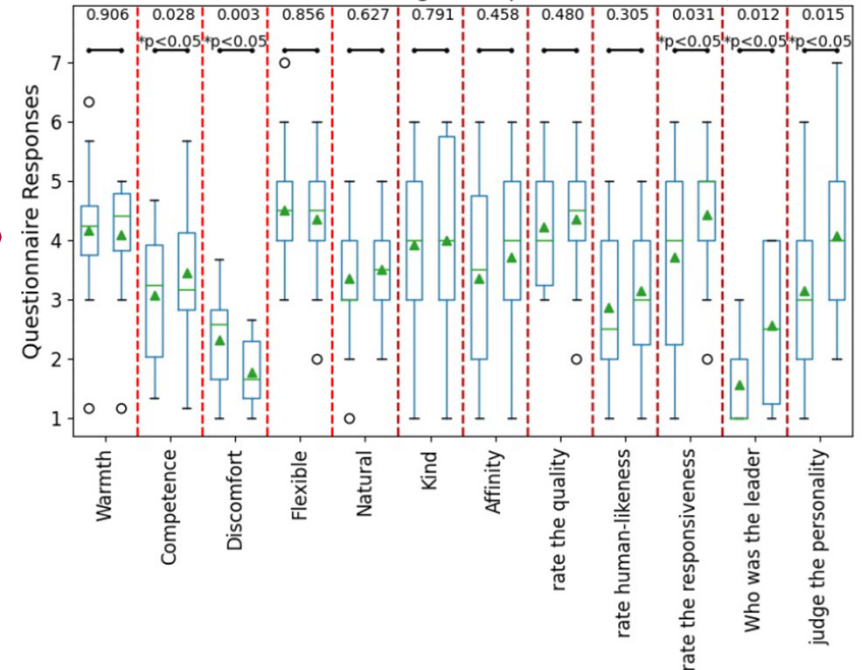
- Impedance control (passive mode)
- Impedance control+ CPG (active mode)

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Learning handshake during 5 trials



Left: Passive(without CPGs) , Right: Cooperative and Active(with CPGs)



Artificial Empathy

AFFECTIVE RESONANCE AND SOCIAL INTERACTION

Human face-to-face interaction mutually influences spontaneous postures and gestures → motor resonance

Mühlhoff, R. (2015).

- Coordination
- Synchronization
- Mimicry
- Entrainment
- Attunement



Processes part of
Affective Resonance

Does it the same in HRI?

→ Phd thesis of Isabel Casso, cosupervised with Pr. Y. Delevoye , ScaLab, Lille

AFFECTIVE RESONANCE AND SOCIAL INTERACTION

Experiment :
3 robots + no robot condition (speaker)

Head movement

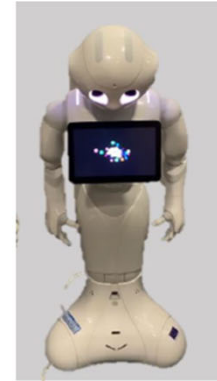
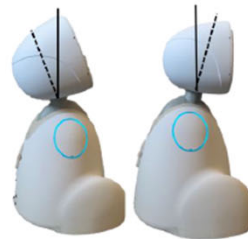
Combined head + torso movement

Three oscillation frequencies:

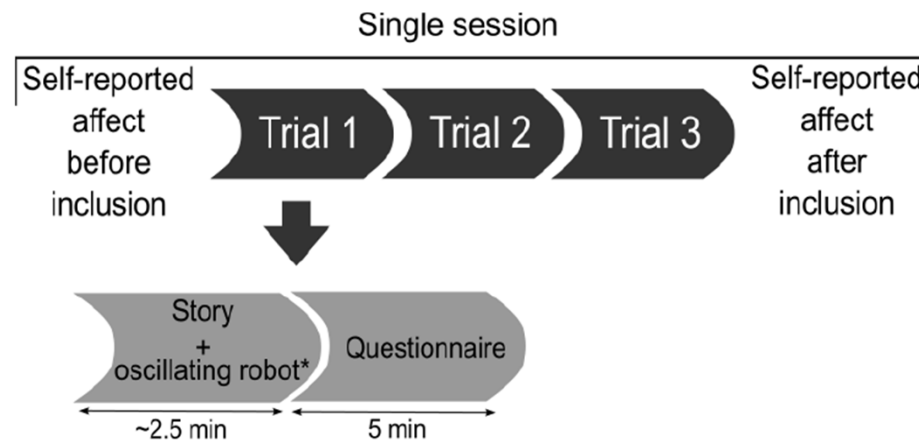
High 0.250 Hz – 4s

Medium 0.125 Hz - 8s

Low 0.083 Hz – 12s

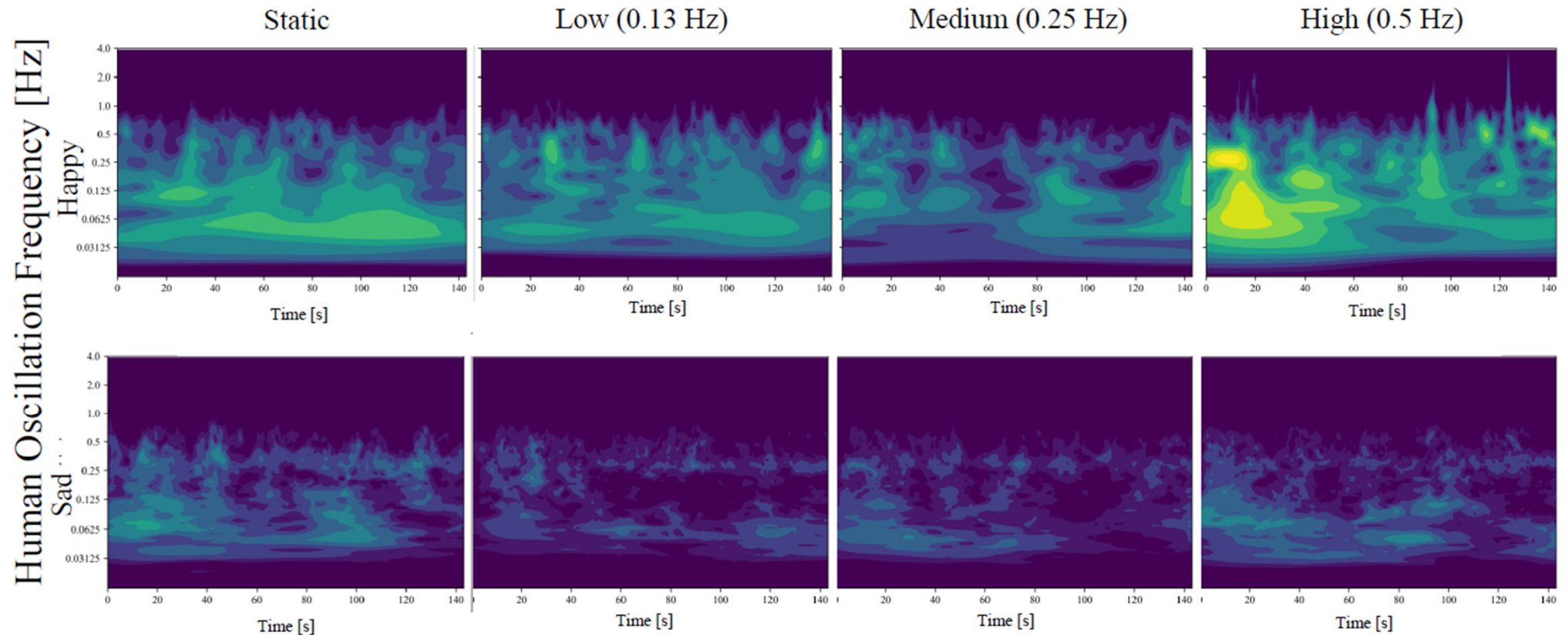


3 fictional stories (approx. 3 min each) expressing happiness or sadness in the first person.



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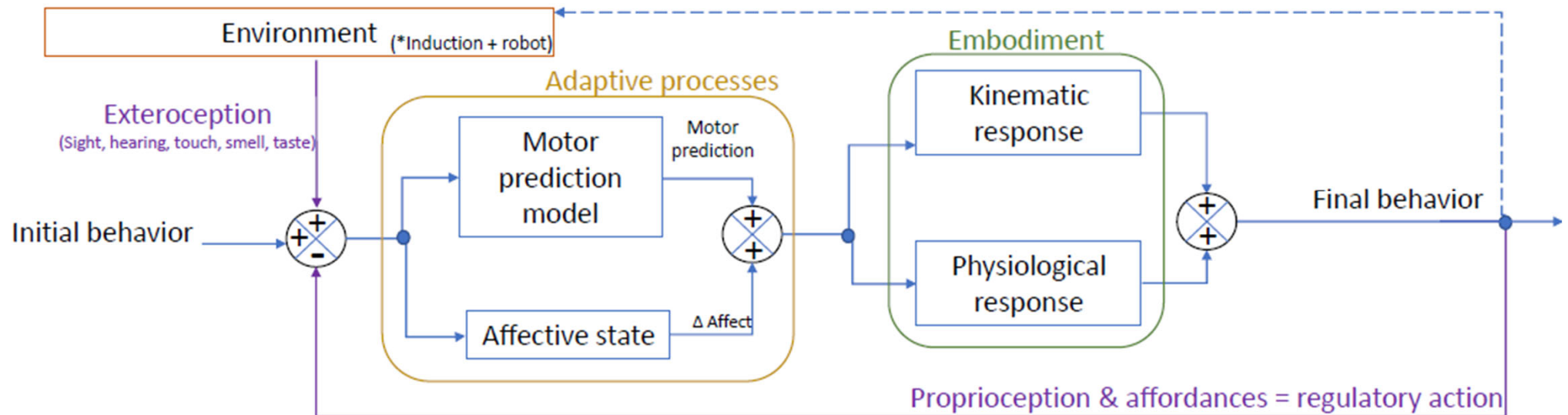
Robot Nao Oscillation Frequency



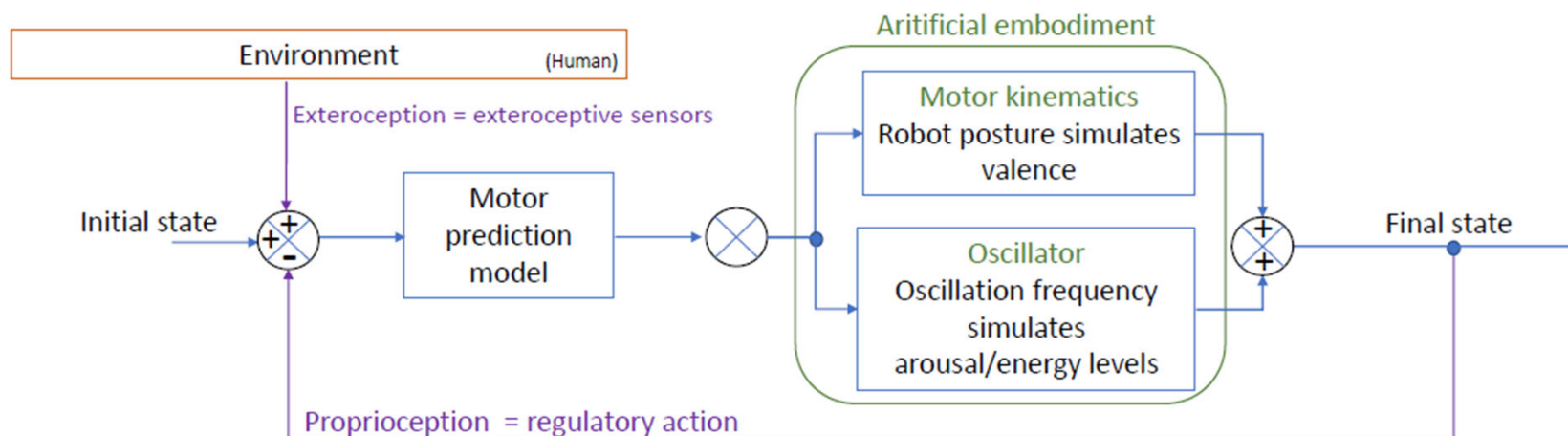
Analysis is on going...

MODEL OF CONTROL IN AFFECTIVE RESONANCE

HUMAN DIAGRAM V4



ROBOTIC CONTROL LOOP V2



AFFECTIVE RESONANCE AND SOCIAL INTERACTION

Provisional results

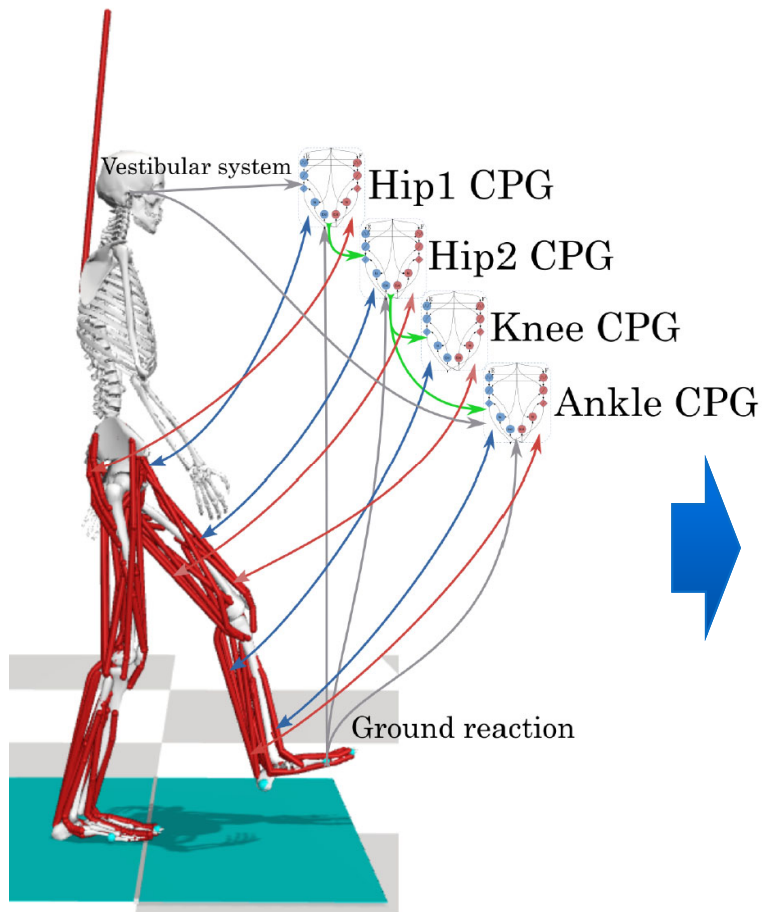
- Robot that elicits more spontaneous movement : Buddy
- No main effect of the oscillation frequency of the robots.
- We observe a tendency of higher spontaneous movement during the MF of every robot.
- When comparing robots that oscillated at MF, participants seem to move more with a non humanoid morphology.
- Participants moved more with a big humanoid robot (Pepper) than with a small humanoid robot (Nao).
- Participants perceived Buddy to be more Animated, Likeable and Intelligent. Nao was rated last on the three categories.

Applications of bioinspired control

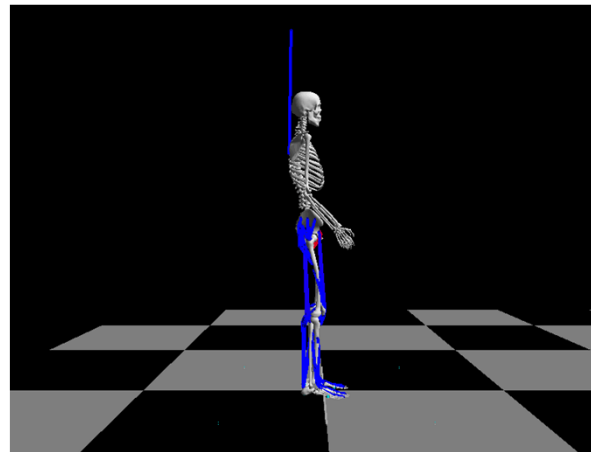
Medical application: Neuro-musculoskeletal simulation of human walk

SIMULATION OF HUMAN WALKING USING CENTRAL PATTERN GENERATORS

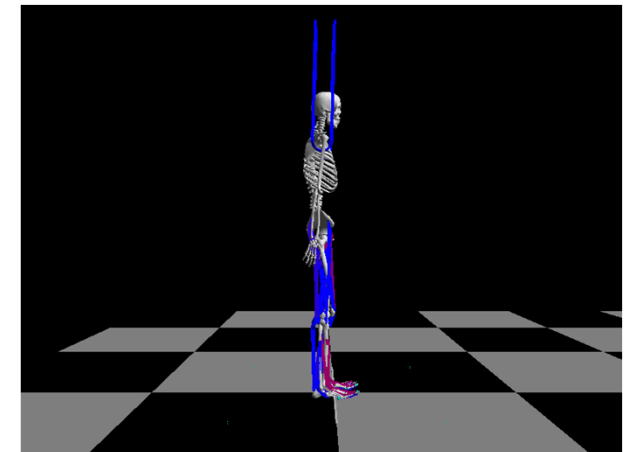
Neuro-musculoskeletal model of human walk healthy and pathological (Parkinson)



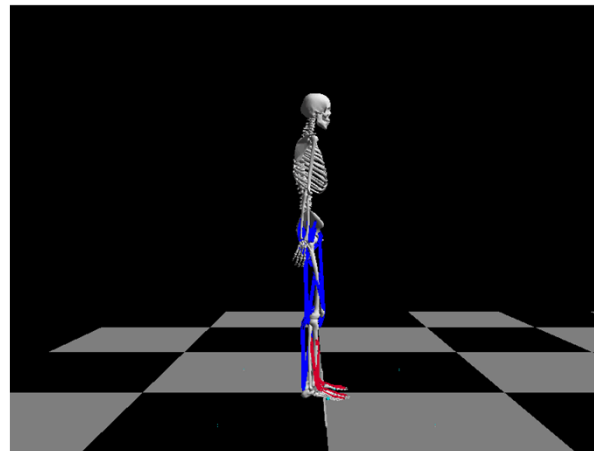
Neuro-Musculoskeletal model
with OpenSim (Stanford Univ.)
used in a closed loop



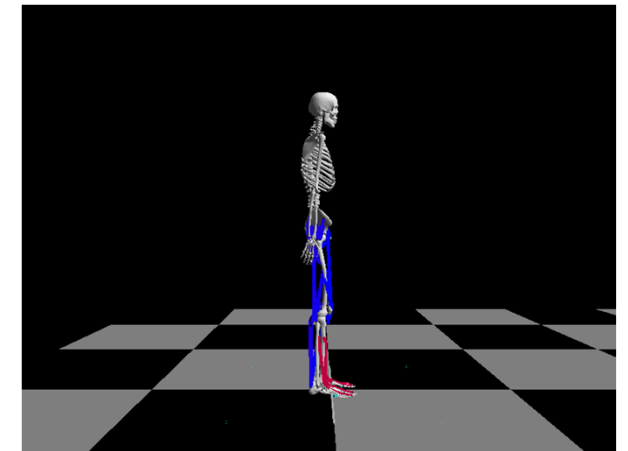
Gait "crunch", depending of
CPG parameters



"Freezing of gait", by reflex
inhibition



Back jump



Forward balance reflex

[Shachykov & Henaff, 2017, 2019, 2018,]

Industrial application : Cobot for steel industry

MEASURE AND ANALYZE OF OPERATOR'S MOVEMENTS

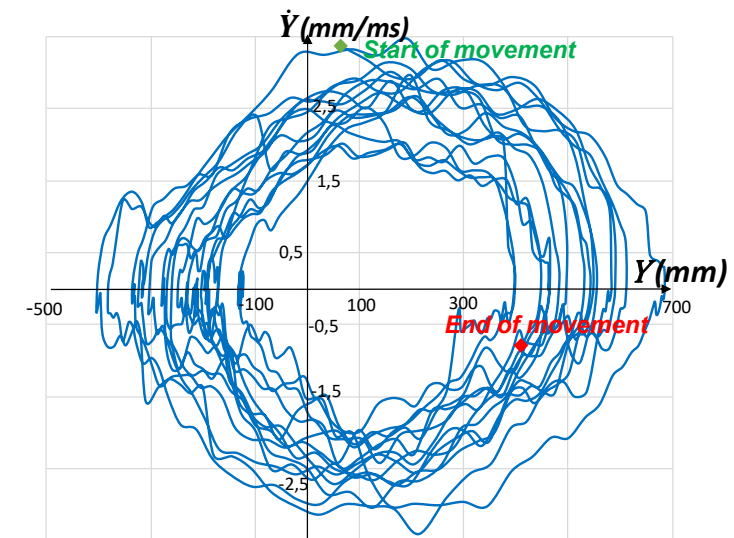
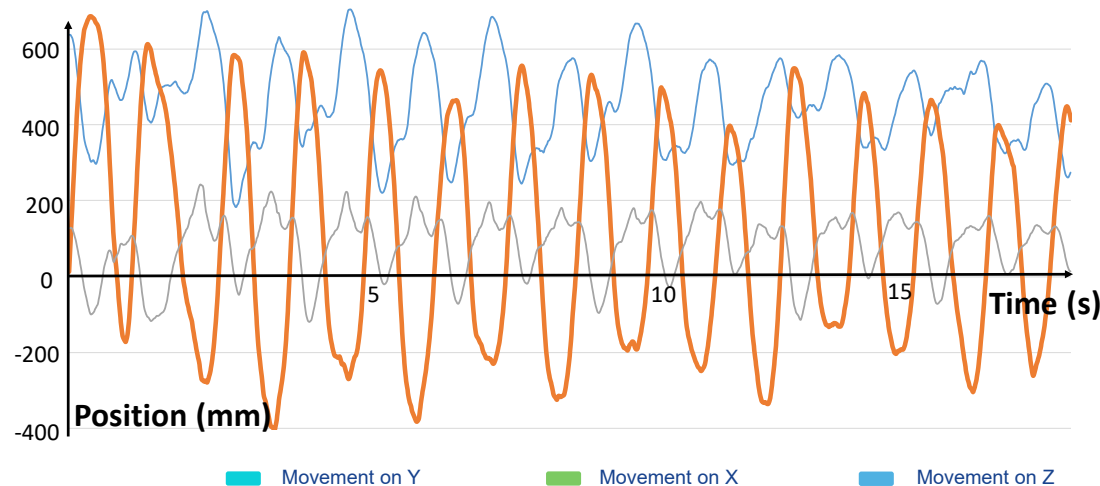
Rhythmic movement :

- Main rhythmic movement along Y axis
- Frequency of movement is constant (0.8 Hz)
- This frequency depends on ([Bennet D. et al., 1992]) on stiffness K inertia I of human arm :

$$\omega = \sqrt{K/I}$$

- Generated by all operator joints
- Rhythmicity movement along Y axis
- Amplitude and frequency (0.8 Hz)
- Depend of stiffness K and inertia I of human arm : $\sqrt{K/I}$

→ Same behavior as dynamic oscillator : limit cycle



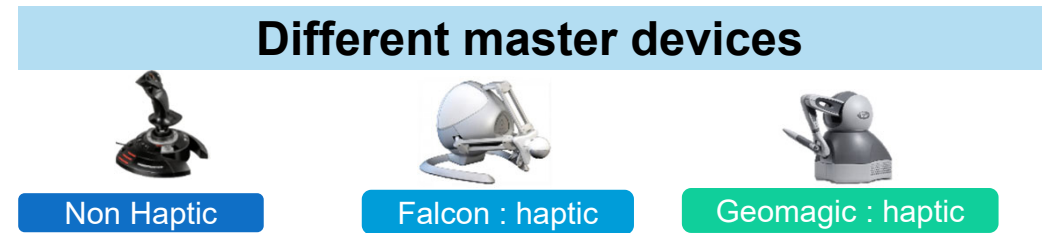
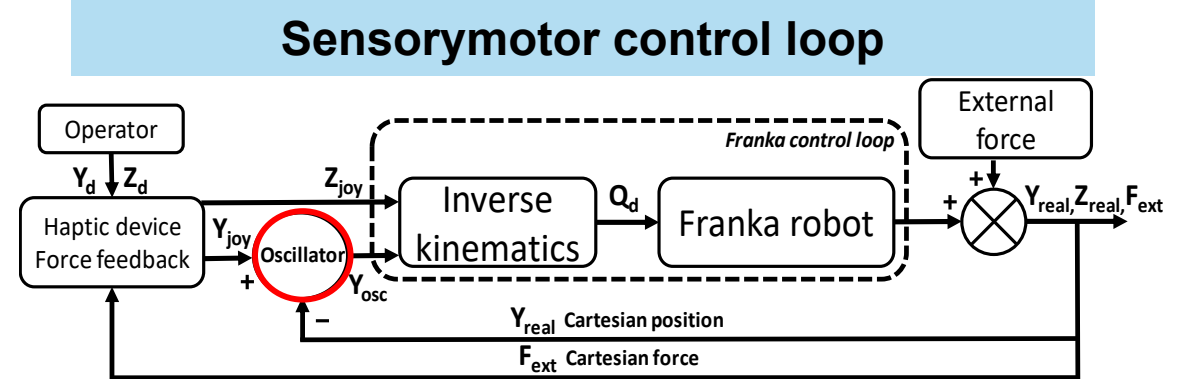
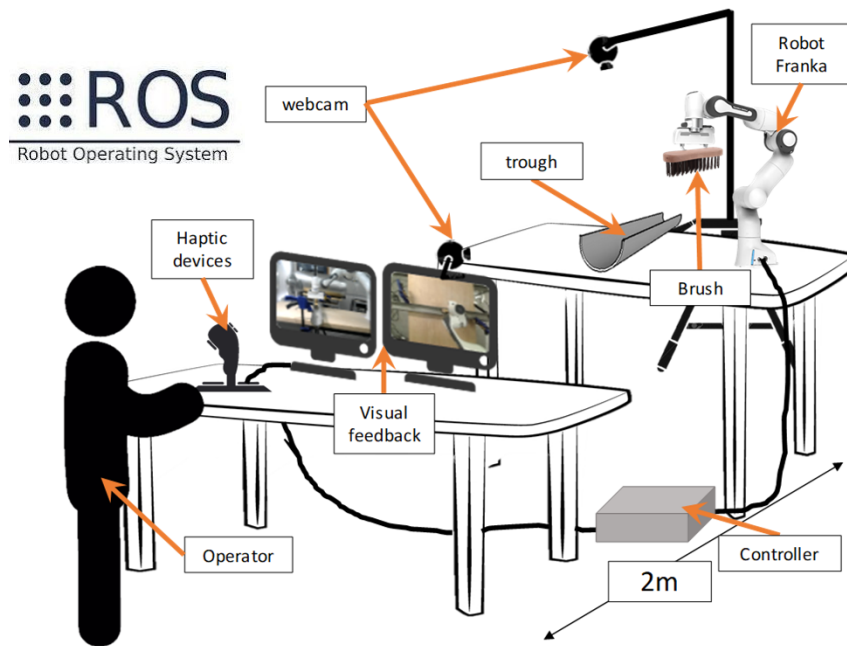
Limit cycle of the brushing movement

→ Same behavior as dynamic oscillator (limit cycle)

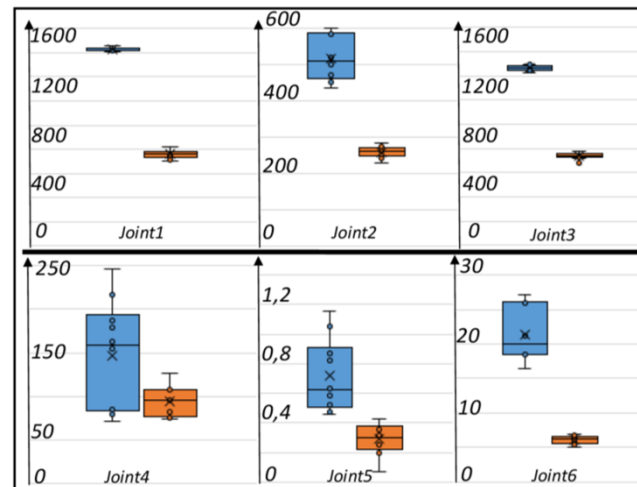
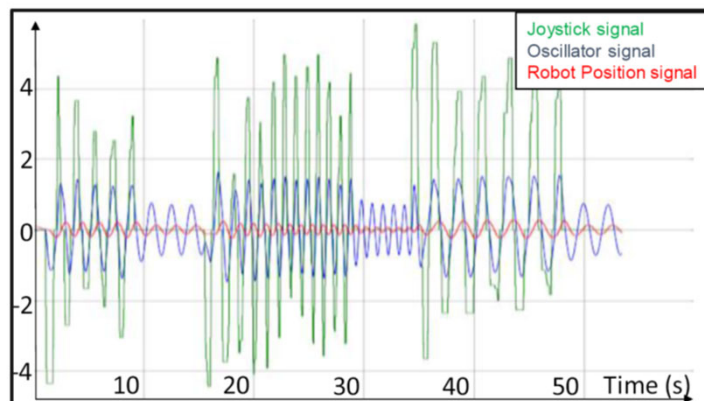
→ Control based on dynamic oscillator → bio-inspired control

Baptiste Menges, Adrien Guenard, Patrick Henaff. Dynamic Oscillators to Compensate Master Devices Imperfections in Robots Teleoperation Tasks Requiring Dynamic Movements. CASE 2021 – IEEE 17th International Conference on Automation Science and Engineering (CASE),

TELEOPERATION SETUP FOR BRUSHING TASK



Oscillator synchronizes to the movements of operator to control the robot in working space
Joints power consumption



Bio-inspired control reduces the power consumption and compensates imperfection of master device

CONCLUSION

- ❑ Implementation of bio-inspired AI allows the robot active sensorimotor learning when it interacts with humans
- ❑ CPG encodes the learned interaction and complex movements
- ❑ versatility and efficiency of CPG controller that can adapt to varying frequencies (to varying interactions with human)
- ❑ CPG can achieve both discrete and rhythmic movements
- ❑ CPG network controls without any complex model of the robot
- ❑ Facilitates emergence of interpersonnal synchronisation (motor-coordination)

→ **CPG bases architectures are very efficient for HRI**
→ **need of a coupling with a high level layer to drive CPG learning**
habilities depending on interactions : social context, emotional state,

FUTURE WORKS

- **motor coordination rehabilitation for elderlies and autistic children (ASD)**
- **emotion detection and emergence of emotional synchrony between human and robots**
- **Coupling CPG control and Reinforcement learning**
- **human/robot physical cooperation for several different rhythmic tasks in dangerous environment (cleaning, scrubbing, brushing..**
- **Approach can be used in human/cobot physical cooperation for several different rhythmic tasks in dangerous environment: cleaning, brushing, sawing,**



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