

Exploiting tactile information for whole-body dynamics, learning and human-robot interaction



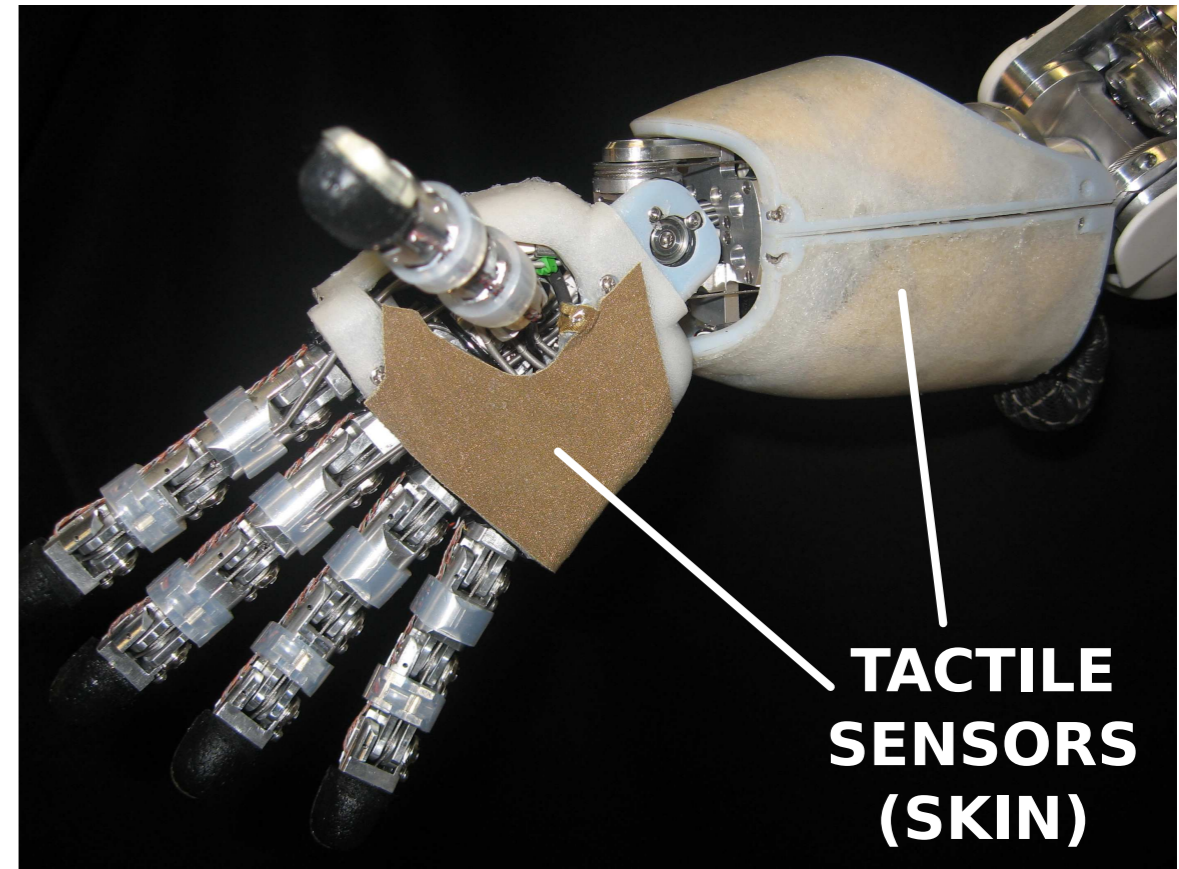
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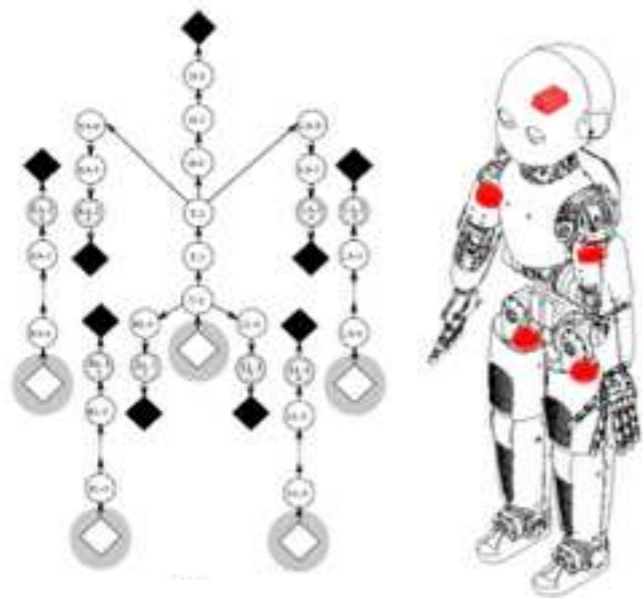


Pervasive tactile sensing in iCub

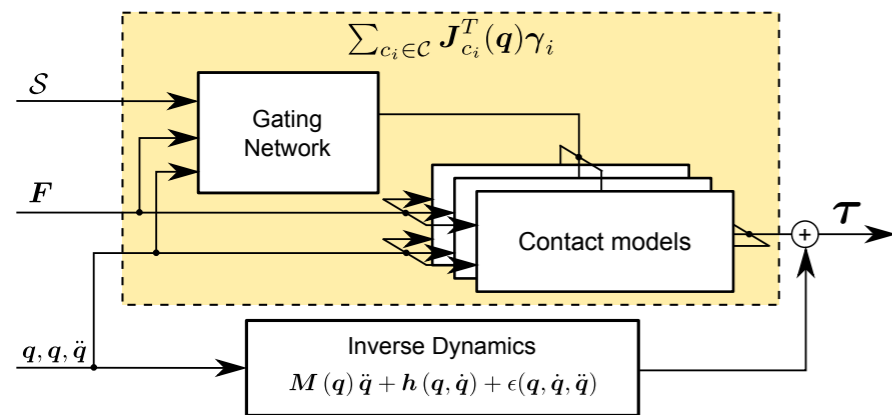


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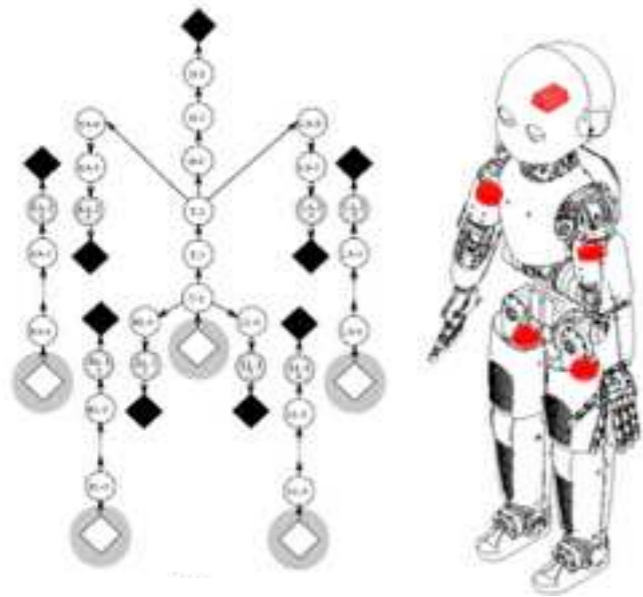


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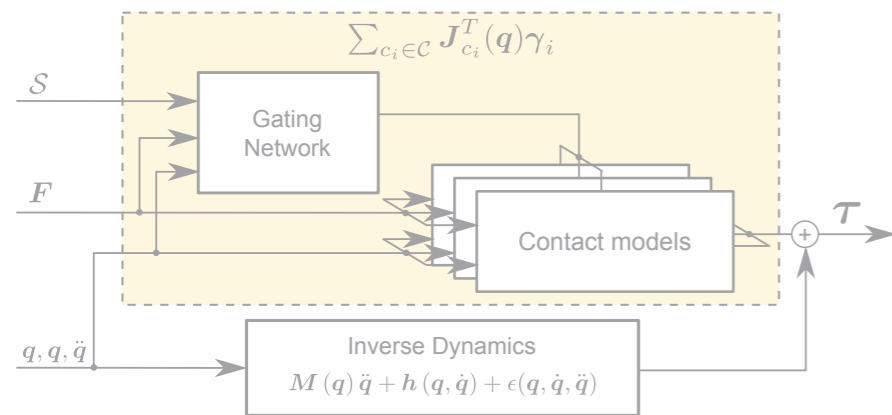


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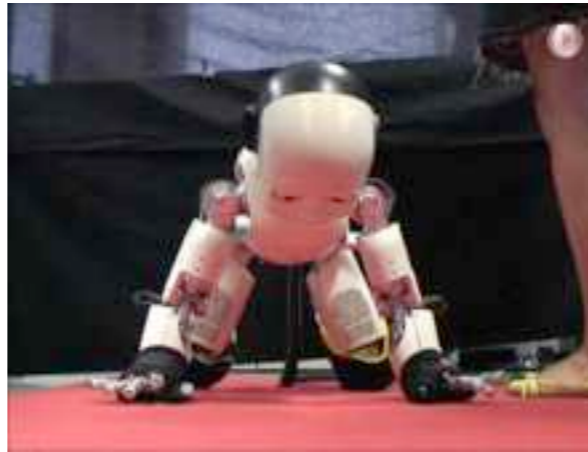
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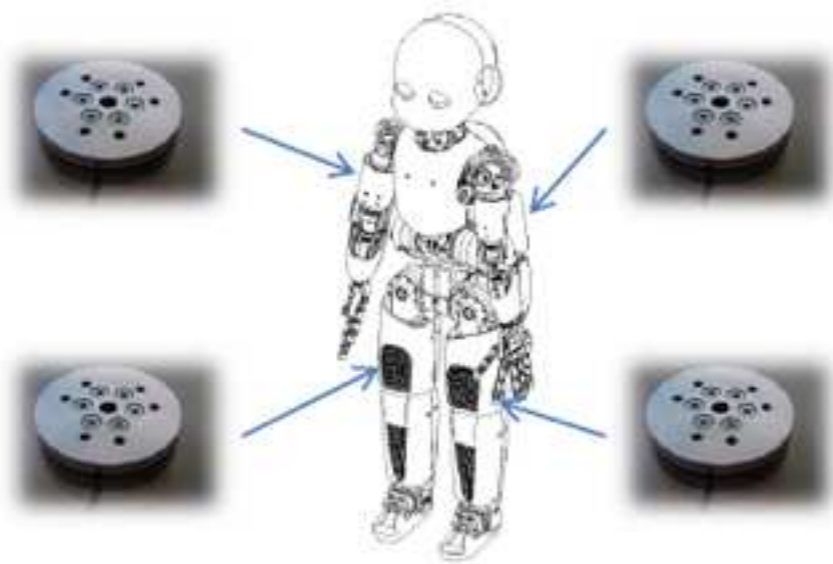
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How to estimate the WB dynamics?

Estimate joint torques and external wrenches in case of multiple contacts, in changing locations and without dedicated sensors

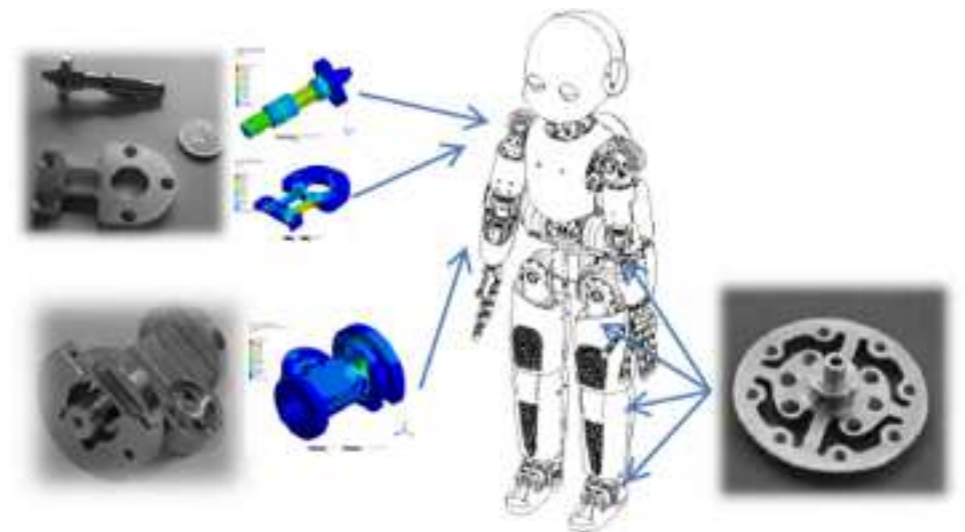


6 axis F/T sensors
(Fumagalli et al, 2009)



Pro: scalability, full perception
Cons: computational delays

Joint torque sensors
(Parmiggiani et al, 2009)



Pro: direct feedback loop
Cons: requires mechanical re-design

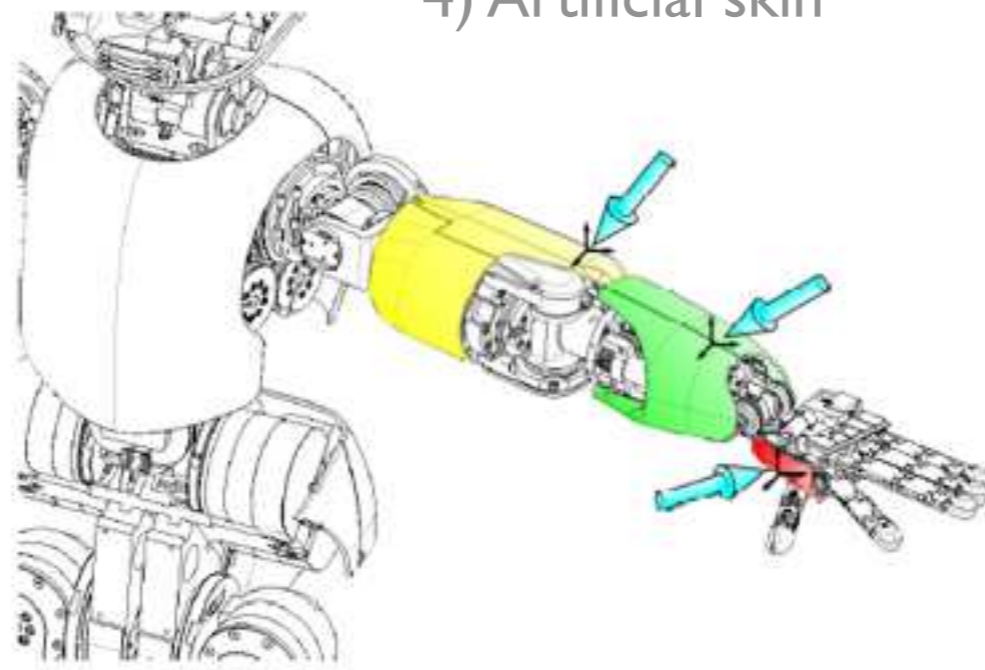
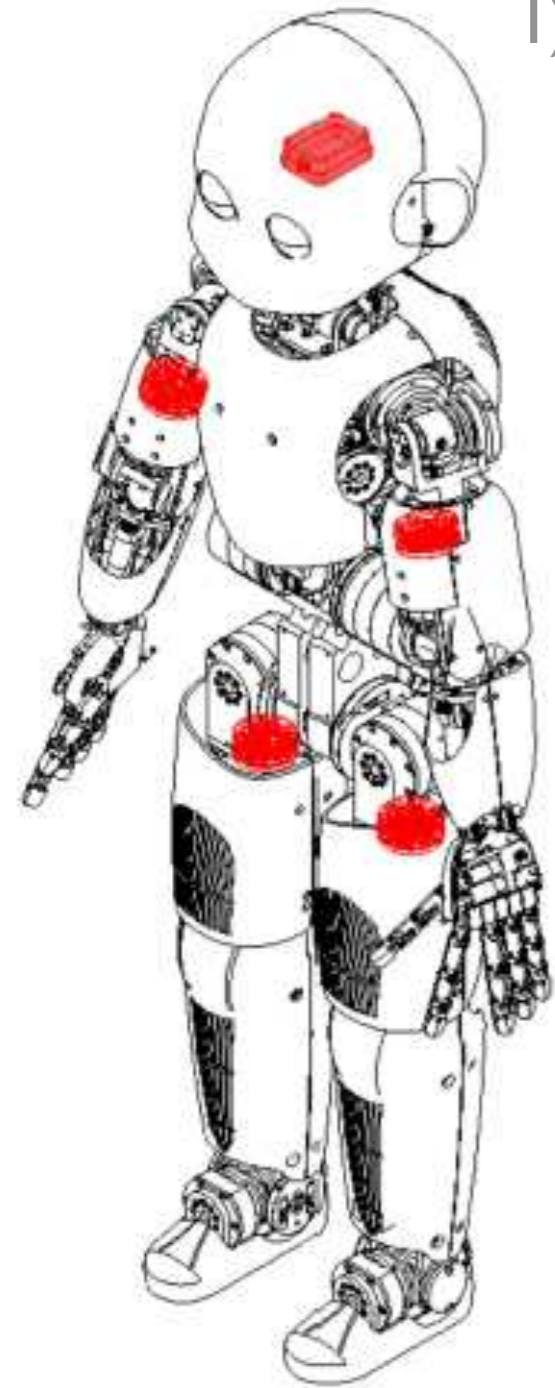
Idea: exploit available sensors

1) Inertial sensor

2) F/T sensors

3) Encoders

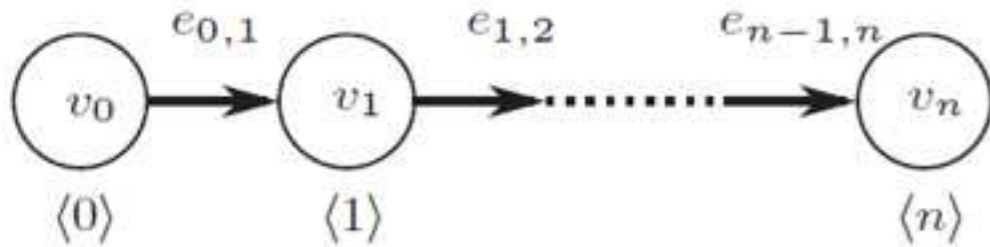
4) Artificial skin



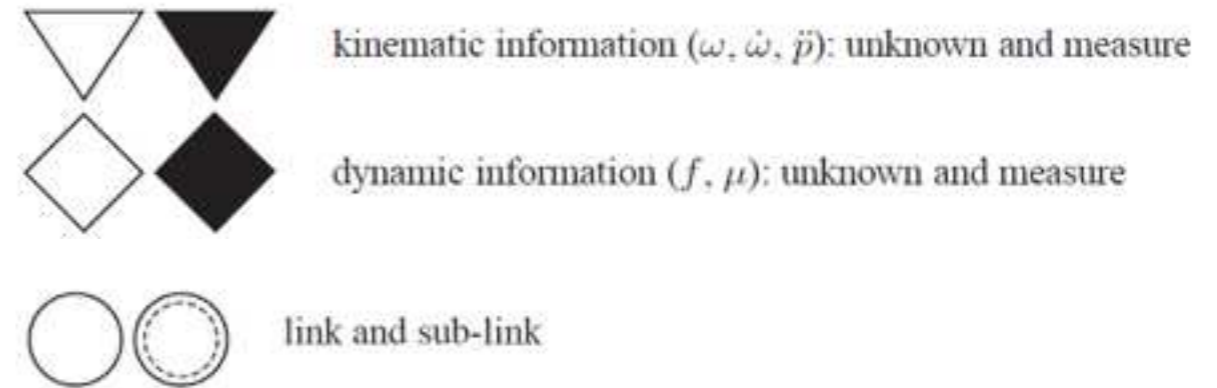
- ▶ What information (e.g. unknown external forces) can we retrieve?
- ▶ Given the number of F/T sensors, how many (external forces)?
- ▶ Given the distribution of F/T sensors, where can these external forces be located?
- ▶ What systematic procedure (i.e. algorithm) should we use?

Enhanced Oriented Graphs (EOG)

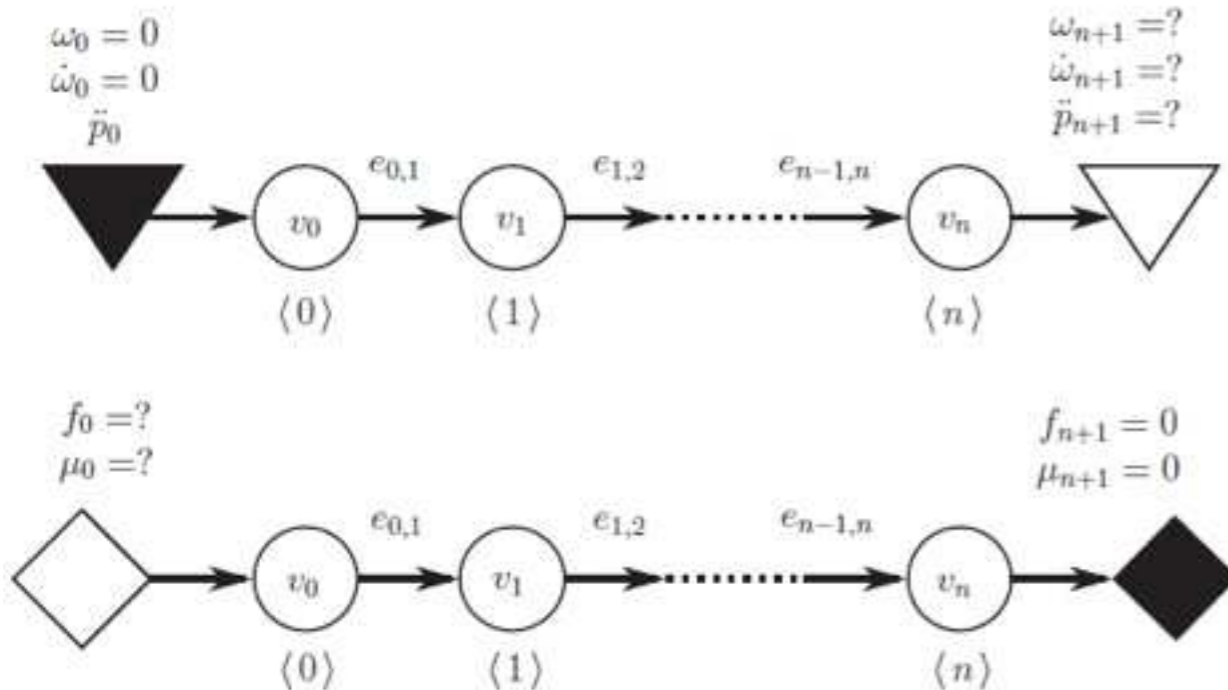
An open chain as a graph



Enhance a Graph



Classical Recursive Newton-Euler

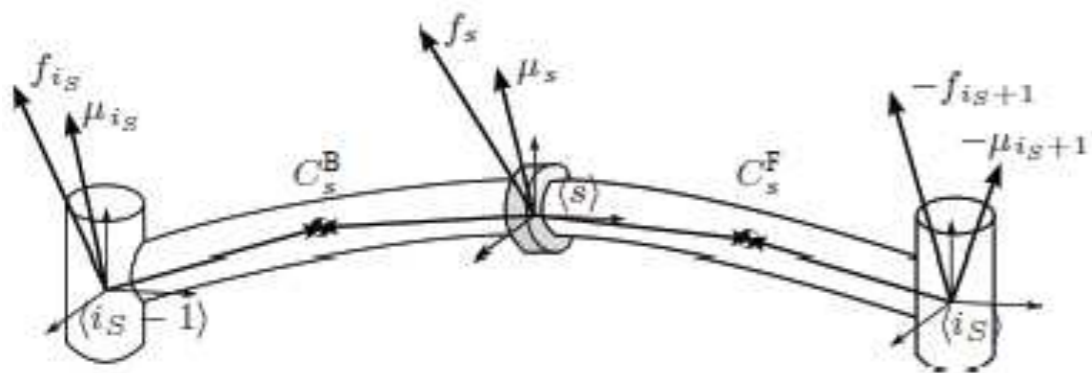


$$\begin{aligned} \omega_{i+1} &= \omega_i + \dot{\theta}_{i+1} z_i, \\ \dot{\omega}_{i+1} &= \dot{\omega}_i + \ddot{\theta}_{i+1} z_i + \dot{\theta}_{i+1} \omega_i \times z_i, \\ \ddot{p}_{i+1} &= \ddot{p}_i + \dot{\omega}_i \times r_{i,i+1} + \omega_{i+1} \times (\omega_{i+1} \times r_{i,i+1}) \\ \ddot{p}_{C_i} &= \ddot{p}_i + \dot{\omega}_i \times r_{i,C_i} + \omega_i \times (\omega_i \times r_{i,C_i}) \end{aligned}$$

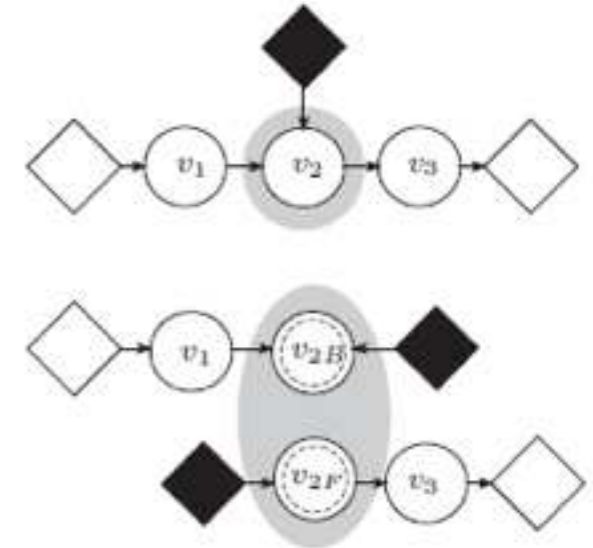
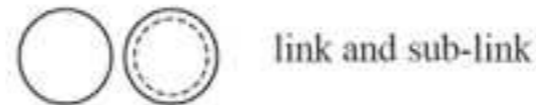
$$\begin{aligned} f_i &= f_{i+1} + m_i \ddot{p}_{C_i}, \\ \mu_i &= \mu_{i+1} - f_i \times r_{i-1,C_i} + f_{i+1} \times r_{i,C_i} + \bar{I}_i \dot{\omega}_i + \\ &\quad + \omega_i \times (\bar{I}_i \omega_i) \end{aligned}$$

Enhanced Oriented Graphs (EOG)

Proximal Force/Torque sensor measurements can be inserted in the graph



For each FTS, the graph is split into two subgraphs

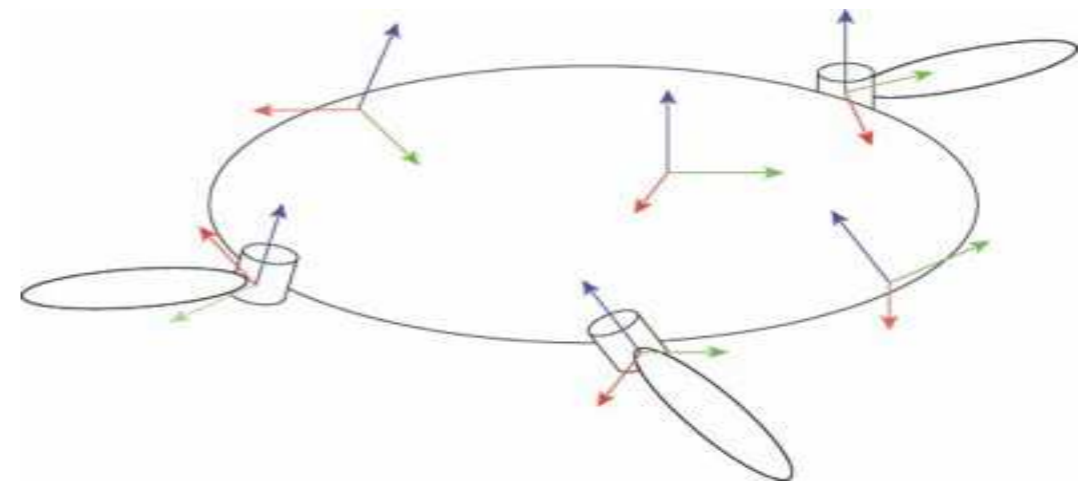


Generalized forces are found with basic RNEA

$$f_i = - \sum_{\substack{e_I \in \mathcal{E}_I(v) \\ e_I \neq i}} f_{e_I} + \sum_{e_O \in \mathcal{E}_O(v)} f_{e_O} + m_v \ddot{p}_{C_v},$$

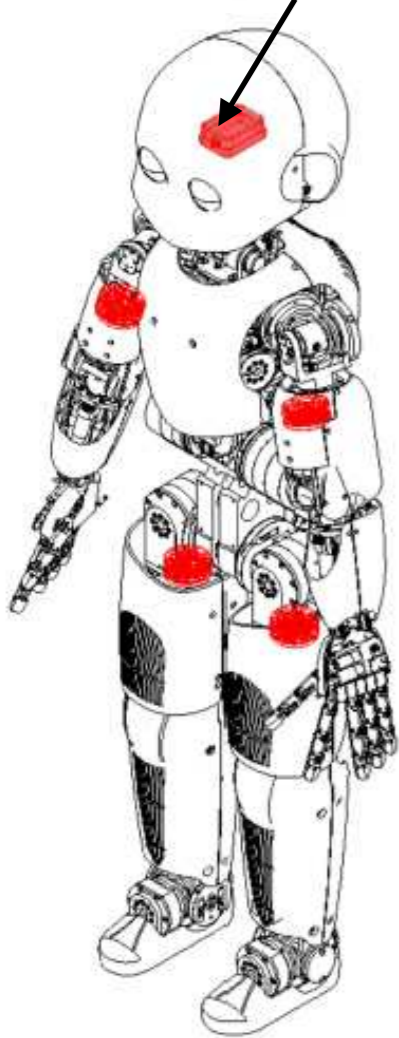
$$\mu_i = -f_i \times r_{i,C_v} - \sum_{\substack{e_I \in \mathcal{E}_I(v) \\ e_I \neq i}} (\mu_{e_I} + f_{e_I} \times r_{e_I,C_v})$$

$$+ \sum_{e_O \in \mathcal{E}_O(v)} (\mu_{e_O} + f_{e_O} \times r_{e_O,C_v}) + \bar{I}_i \dot{\omega}_i + \omega_i \times (\bar{I}_i \omega_i)$$



Computing whole-body dynamics with iDyn

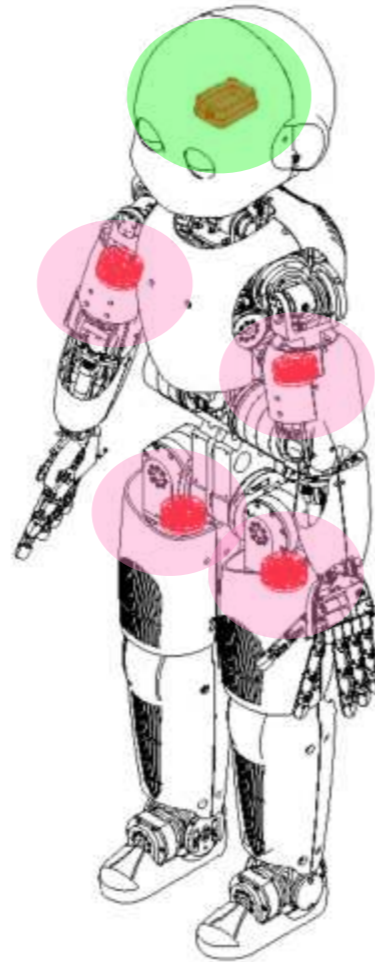
Inertial sensor



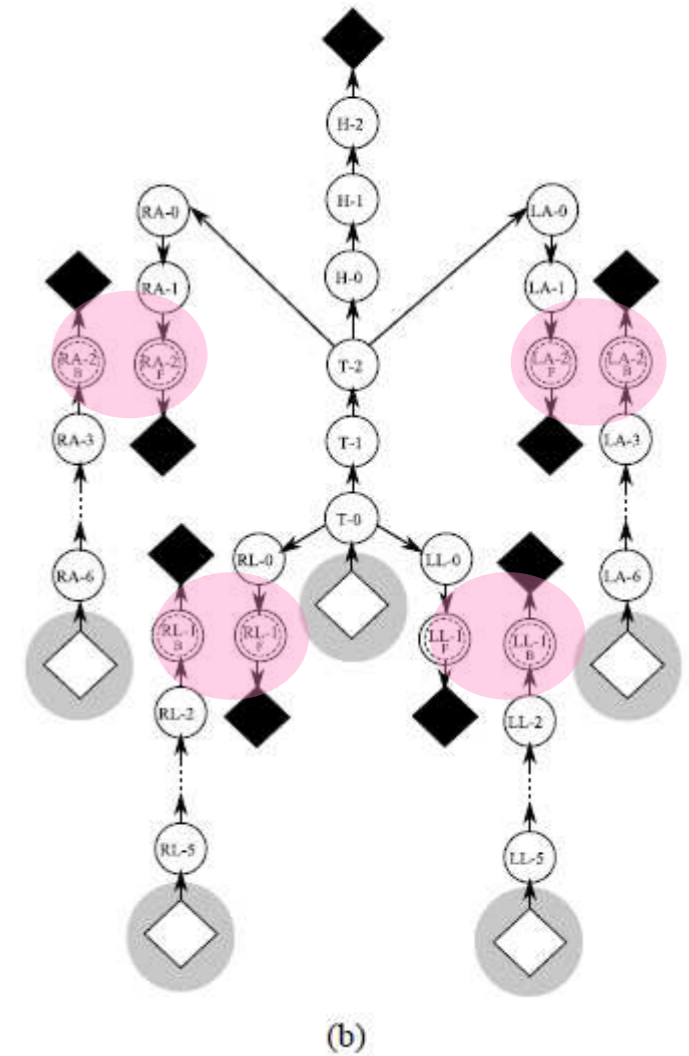
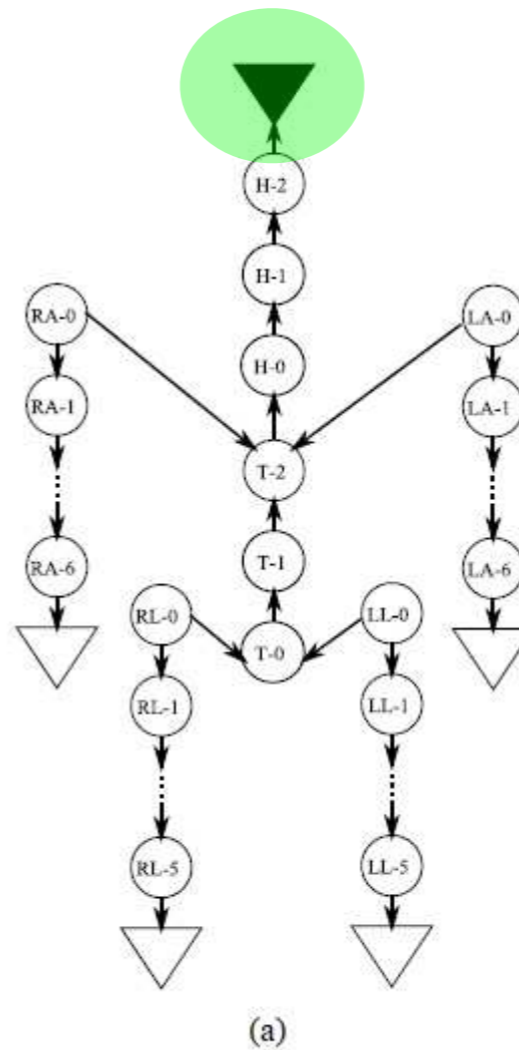
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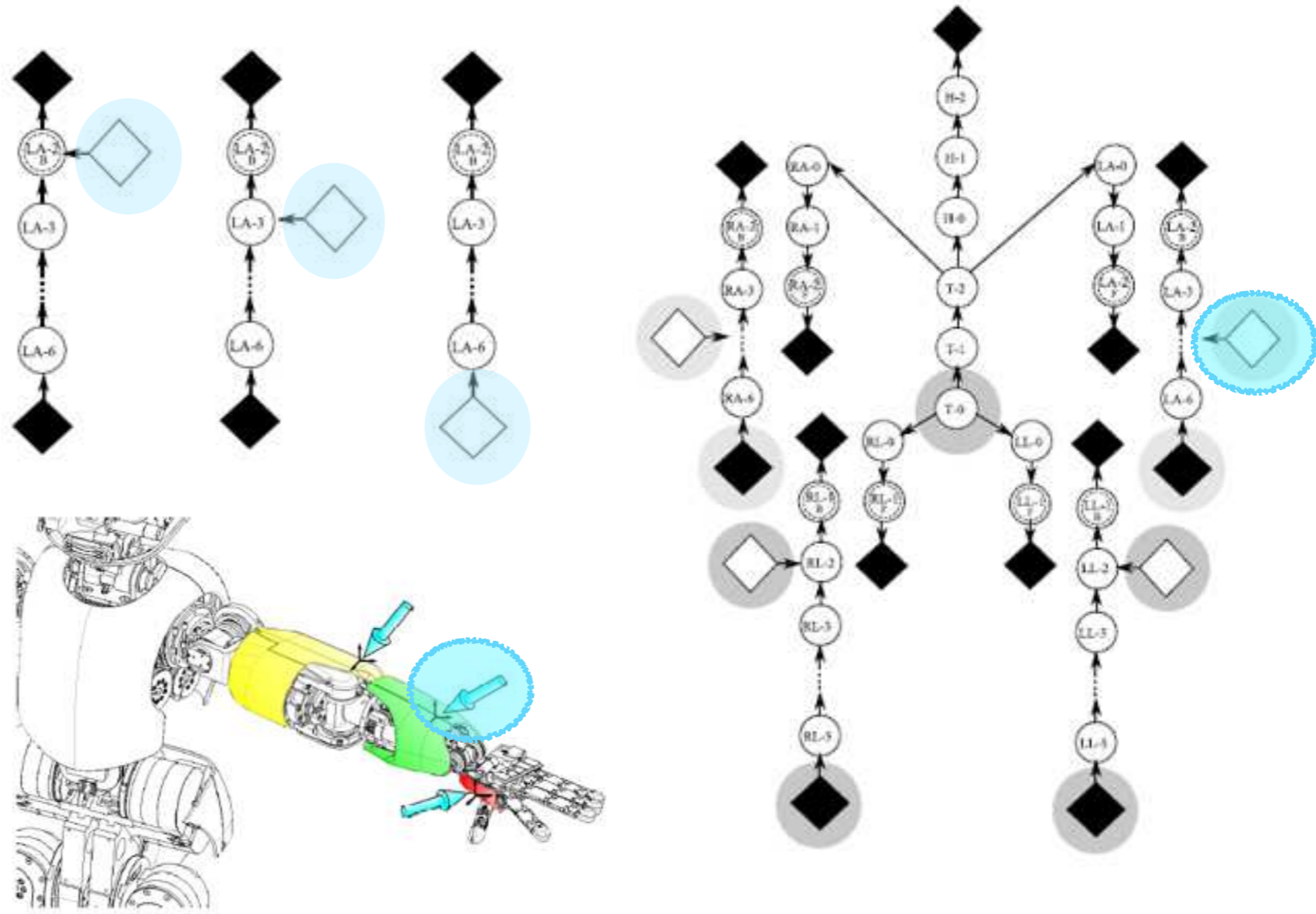
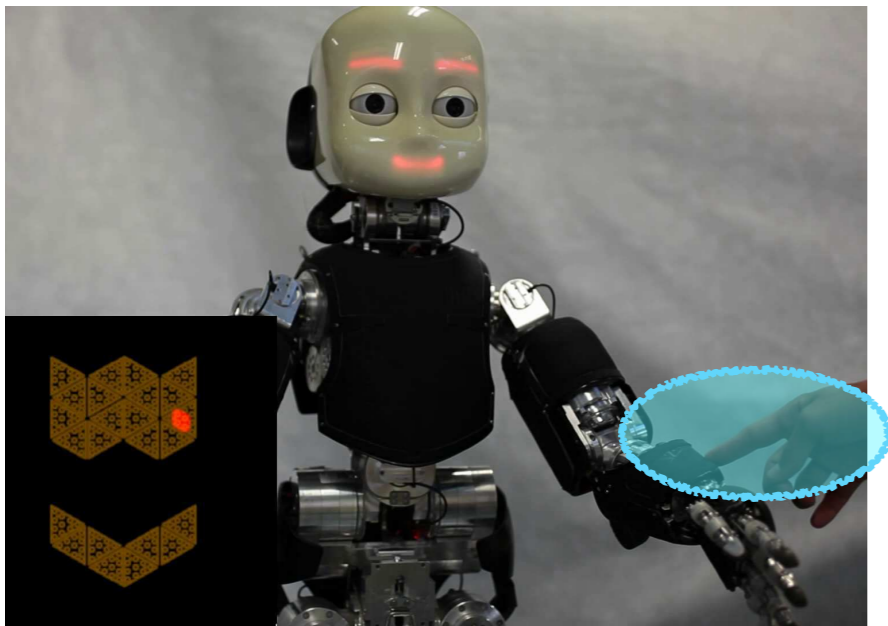


Joint torques are easily computed once we know the link wrenches

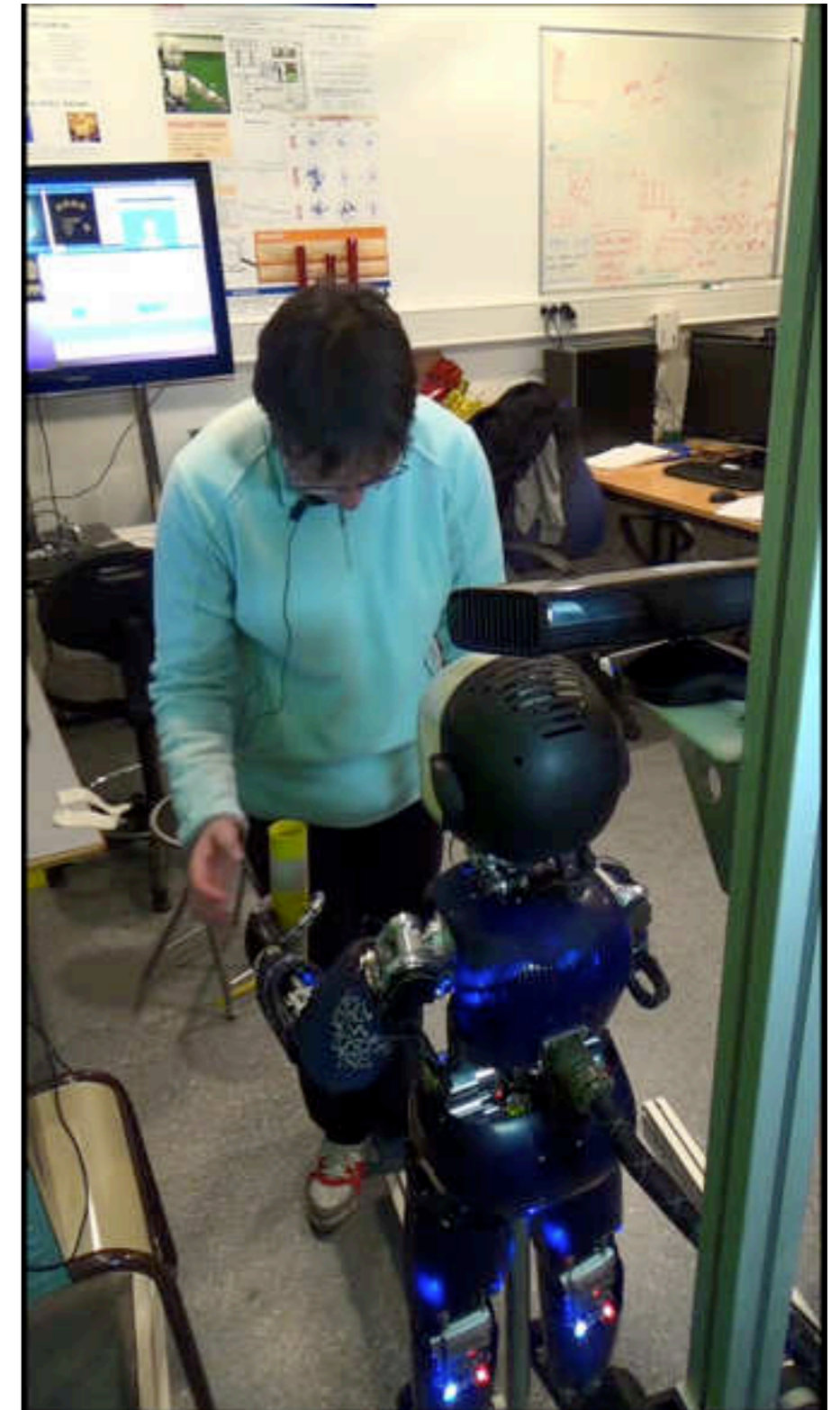
$$\tau_i = \mu_i^T z_{i-1}$$

Using tactile information in iDyn

skin



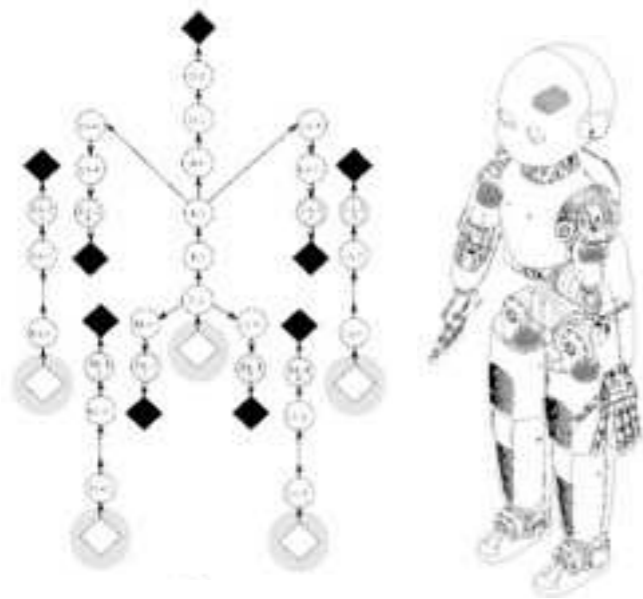
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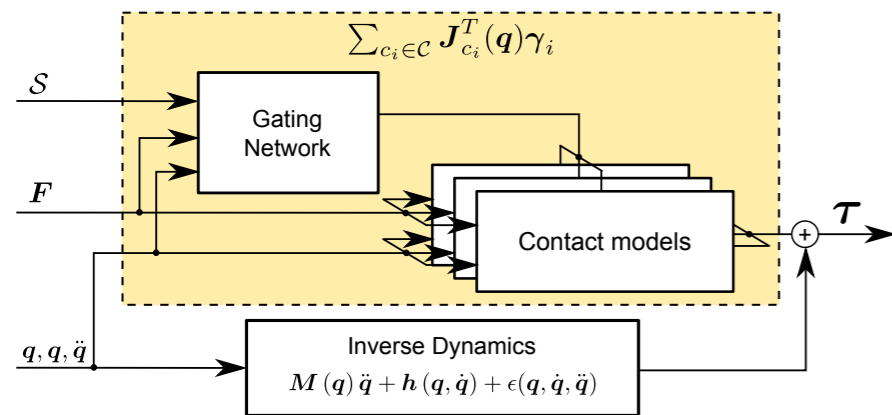
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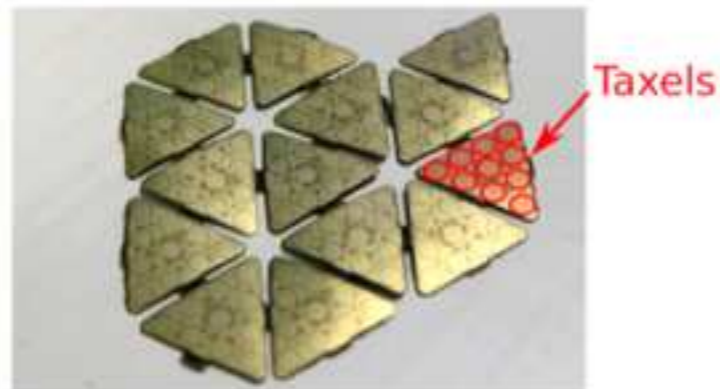
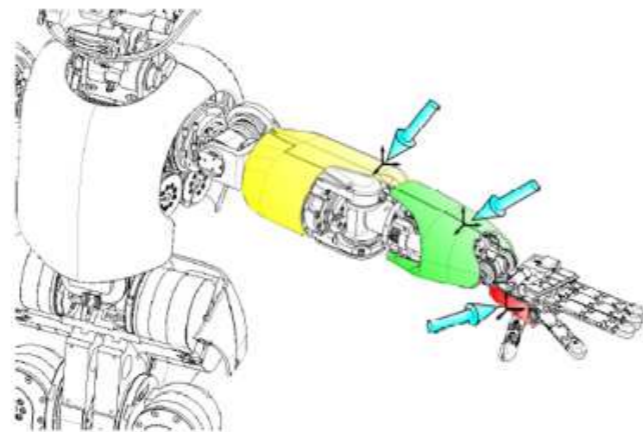
Limits of model-based approaches

Inaccurate contact forces and joint torque estimation can deteriorate performances in tracking of desired trajectories... but:

- ▶ Impossible to put force/torque sensors in each possible contact location
- ▶ Joint torque sensors are expensive!
- ▶ Better models?

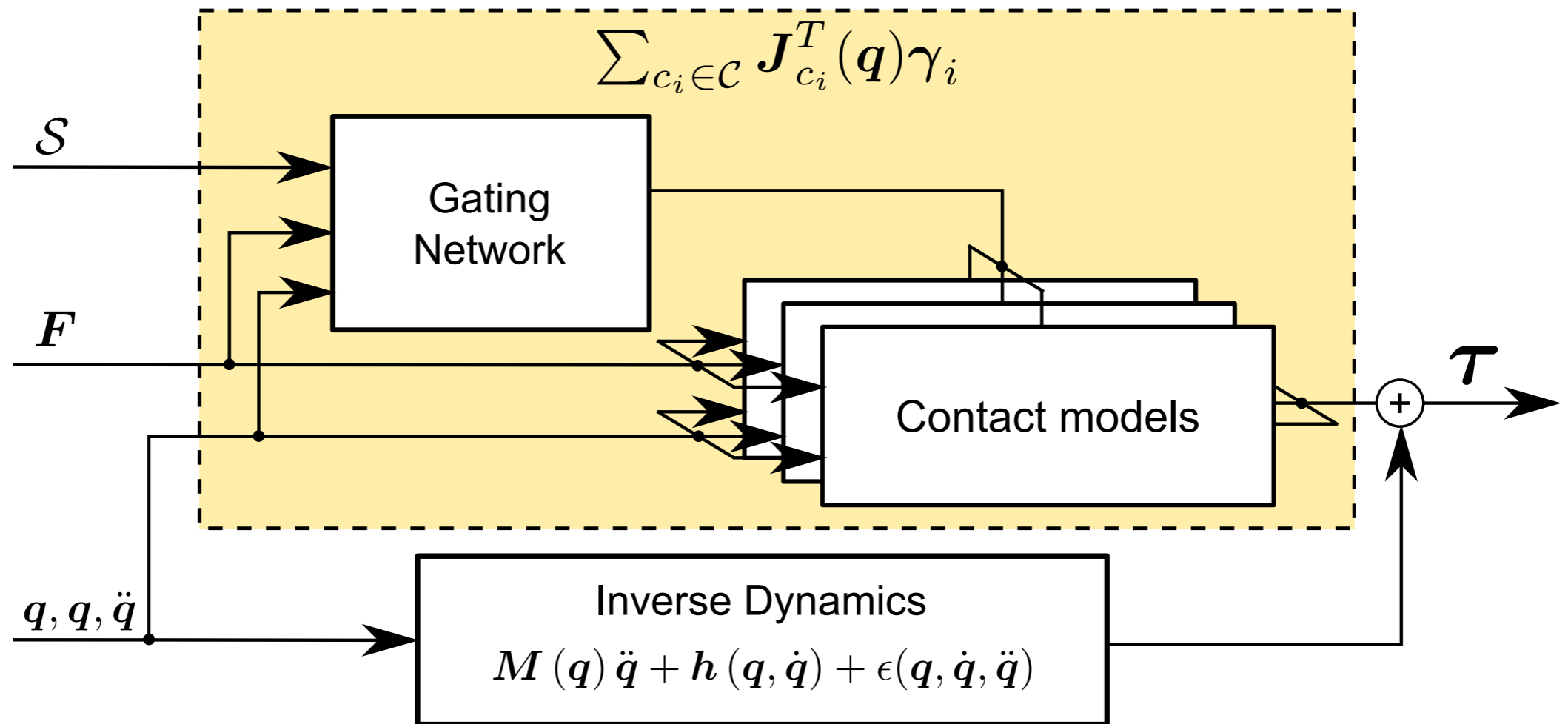
$$\tau = \underbrace{M(q)\ddot{q} + h(q, \dot{q}) + \epsilon(q, \dot{q}, \ddot{q})}_{\tau_{ID}} + \underbrace{\sum_{c_i \in \mathcal{C}} J_{c_i}^T(q) \gamma_i}_{\tau_{ext}}$$

$$h(q, \dot{q}) = C(q, \dot{q})\dot{q} + g(q) + F_v\dot{q} + F_s \operatorname{sgn}(\dot{q})$$

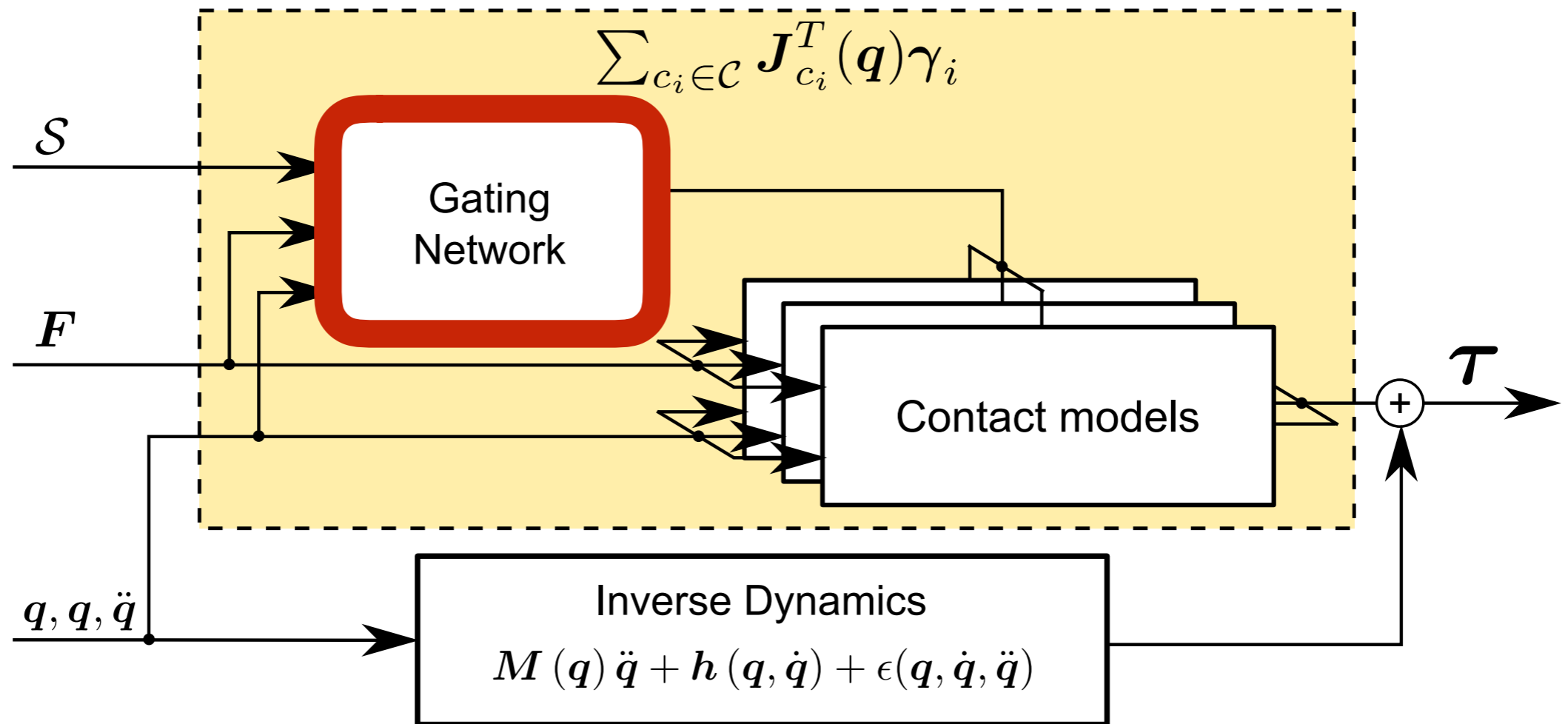


- ▶ Models are never perfect
- ▶ Identification of dynamic parameters for floating base robots and multiple contacts is very challenging (cf. Yamane 2011)
- ▶ Using the skin requires the spatial calibration of each taxel (difficult to automatize, prone to errors - see Del Prete et al, 2012)

Learning the joint torques with contacts

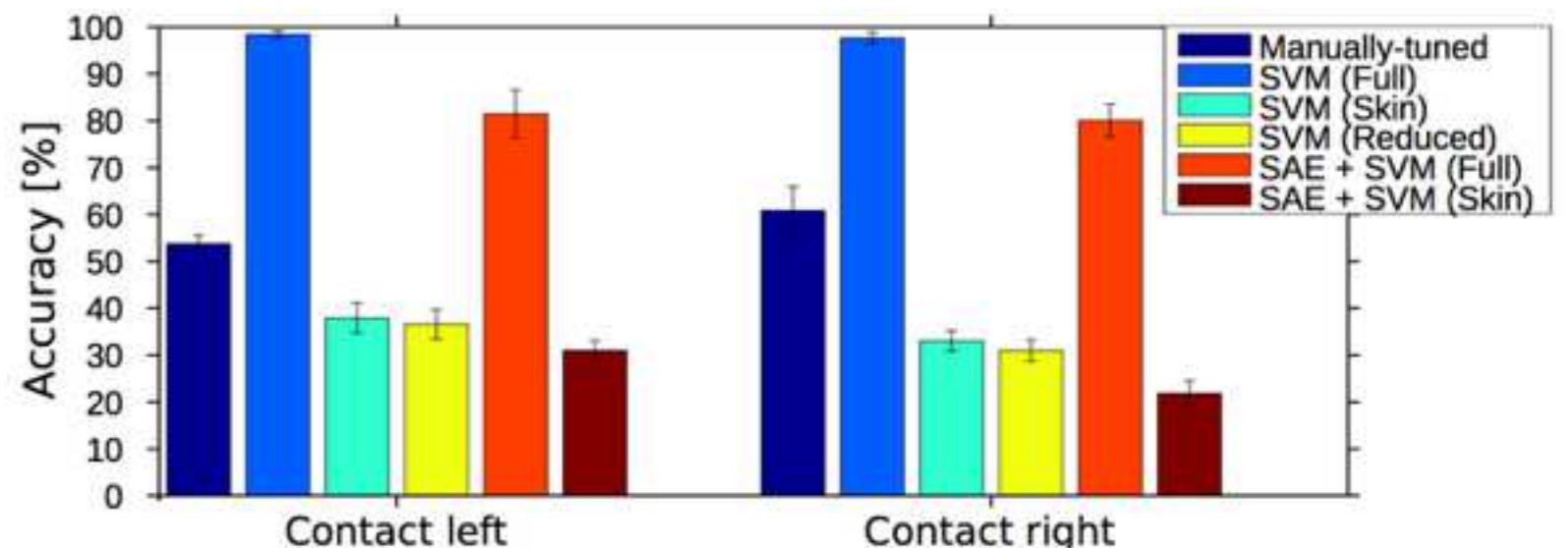


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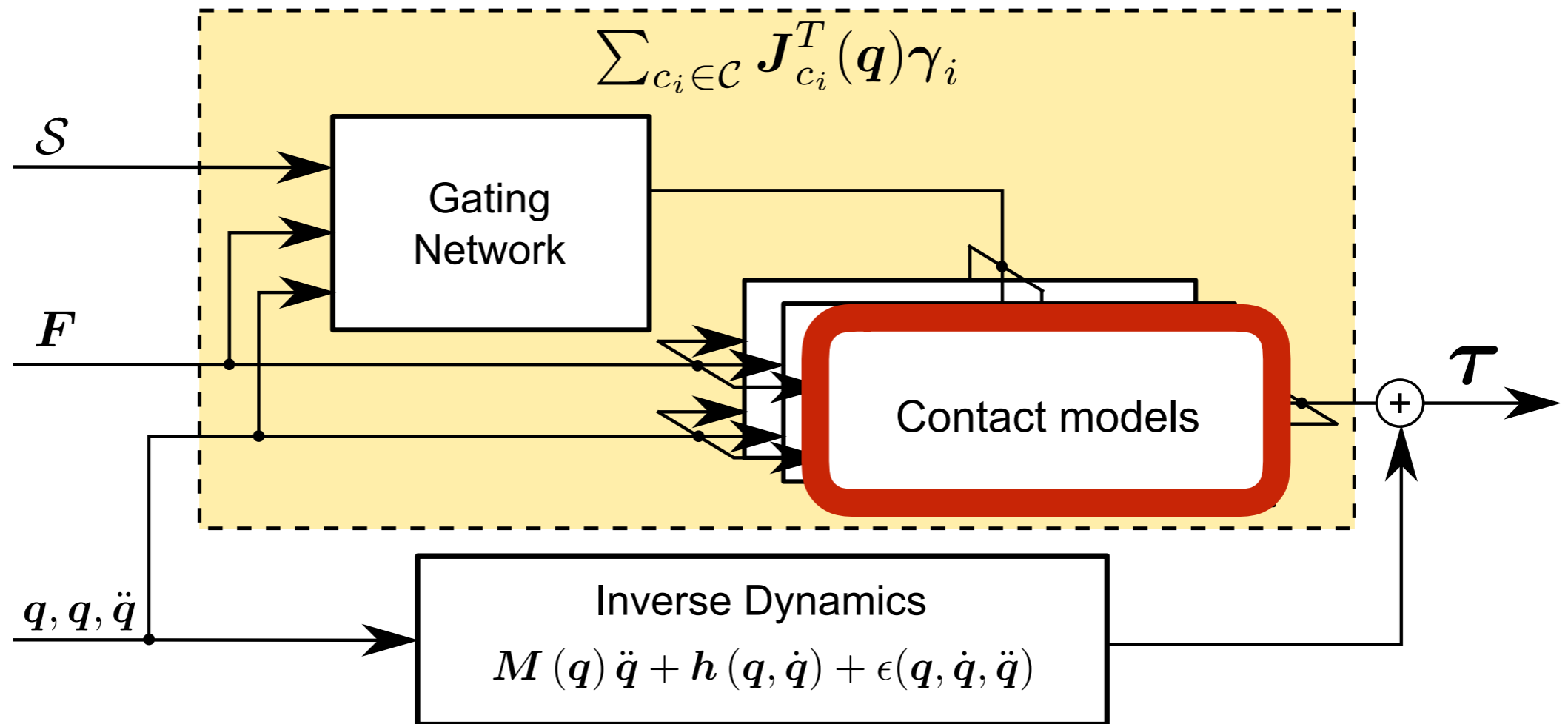


The gating network is a classifier:

$$\mathcal{J} = g(\mathbf{q}, \mathbf{s}, \mathbf{F})$$



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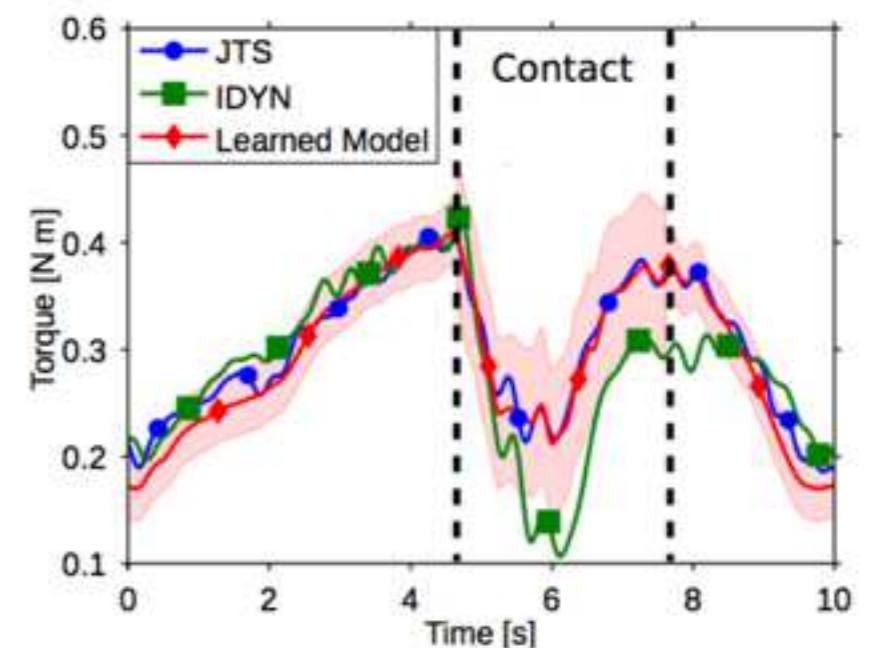


The expert models predict the torque contribution for the ongoing contact.

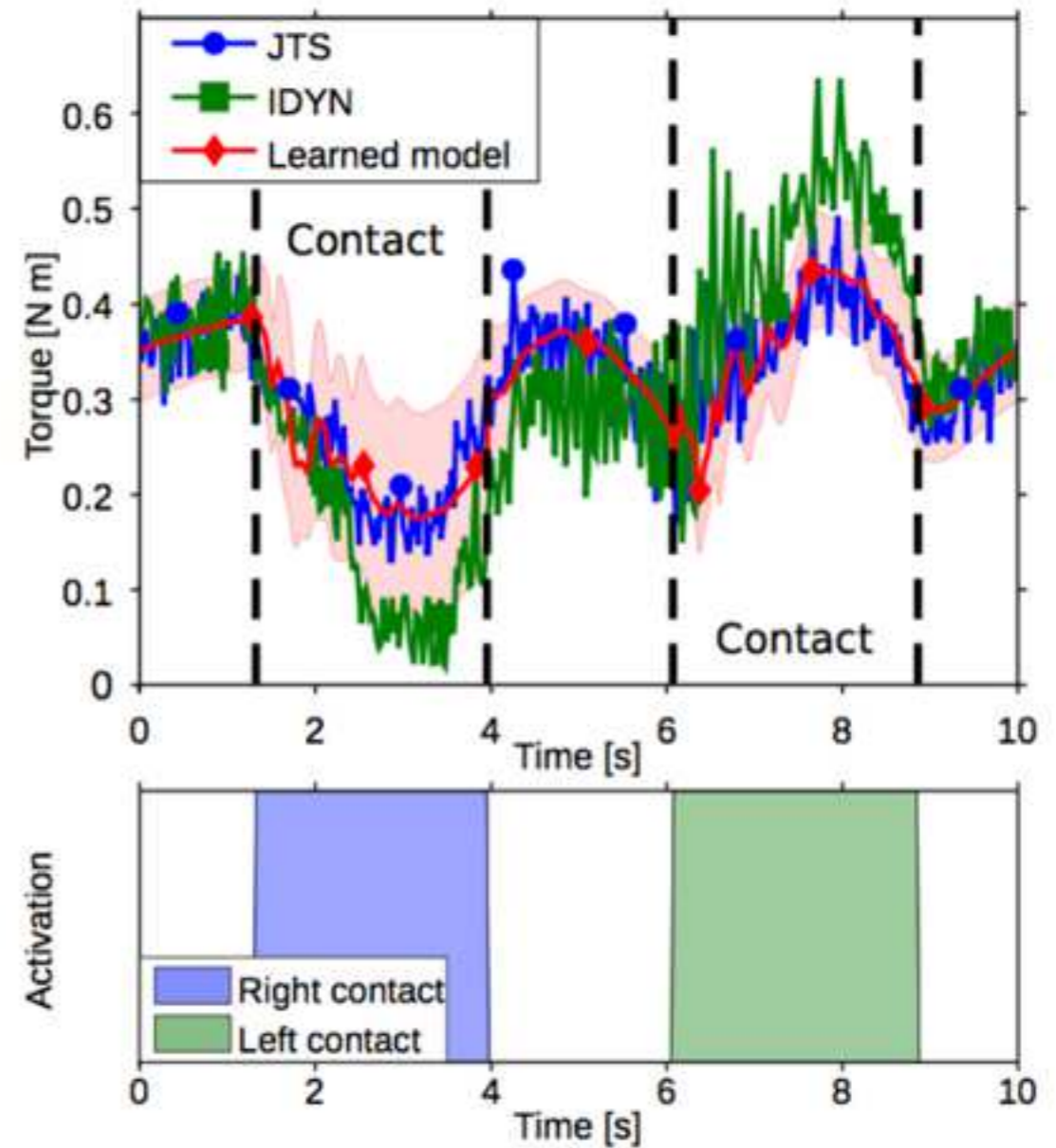
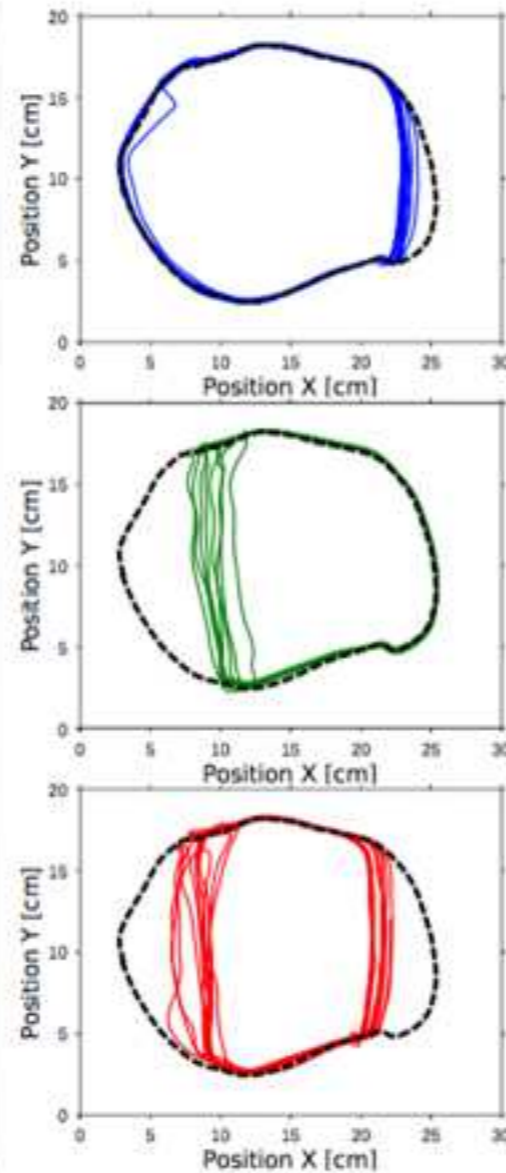
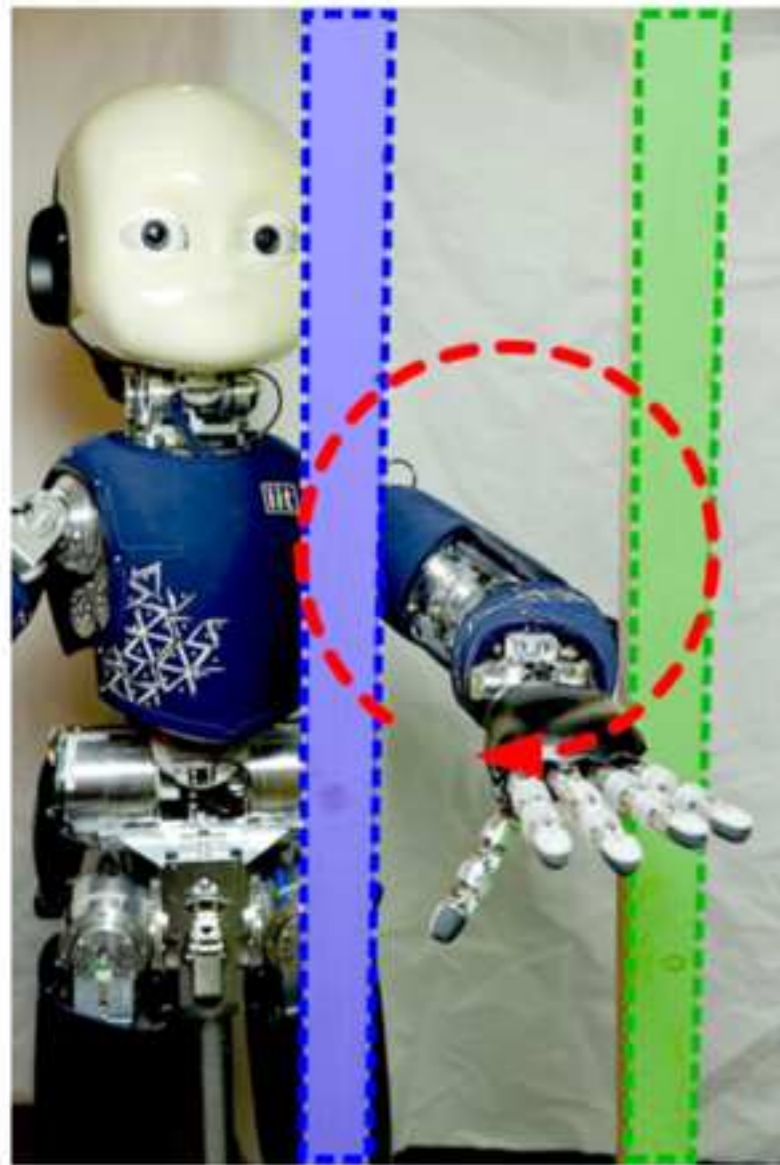
We use Gaussian Processes as a probability distribution over inverse dynamics models:

$$f \sim \mathcal{GP}(m_f, k_f)$$

$$m_f \equiv \tau_{ID}$$

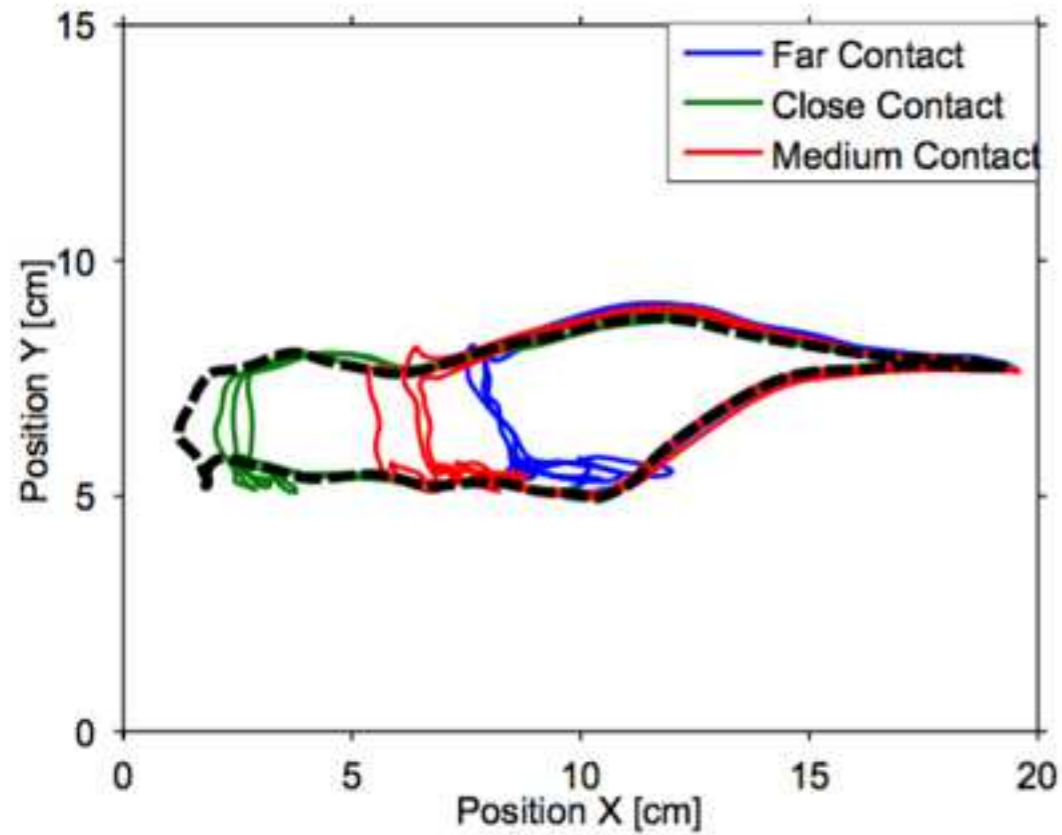
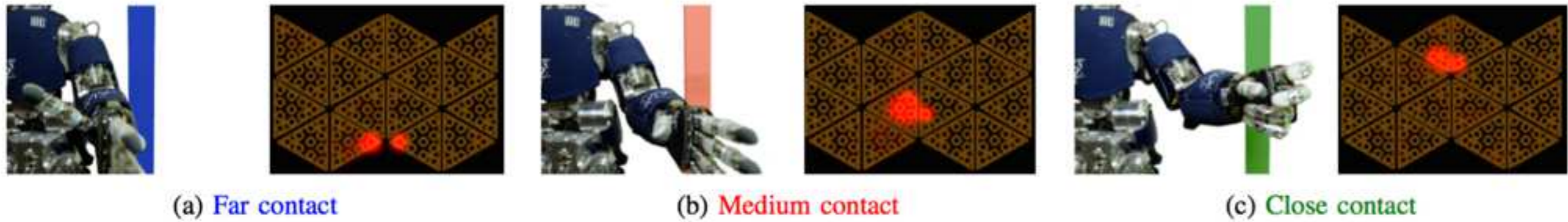


Learning with multiple contacts

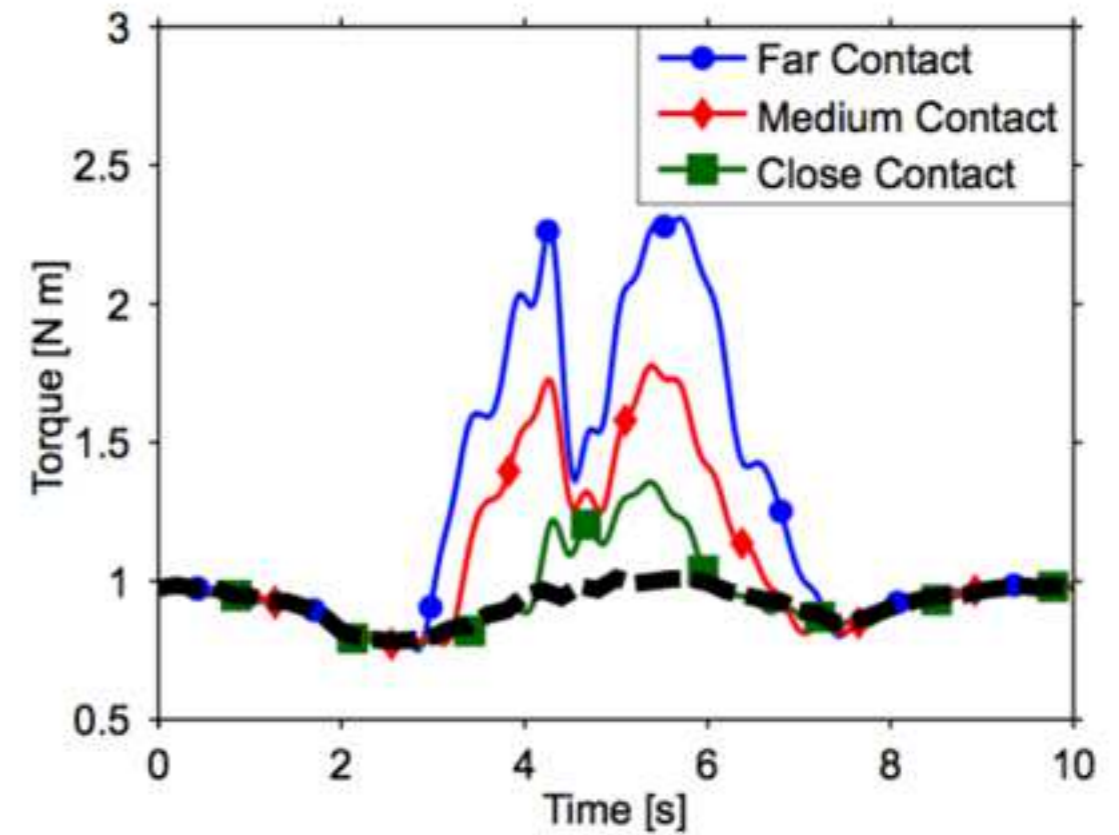


| | Method | Shoulder 1 [Nm] | Shoulder 2 [Nm] | Elbow [Nm] |
|---------------|-------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Right contact | <i>IDYN</i> | $0.10 \pm 1.3 \times 10^{-3}$ | $0.13 \pm 1.6 \times 10^{-3}$ | $0.06 \pm 8.1 \times 10^{-4}$ |
| | Our model | $0.04 \pm 6.3 \times 10^{-4}$ | $0.07 \pm 1.2 \times 10^{-3}$ | $0.02 \pm 2.7 \times 10^{-4}$ |
| Left contact | <i>IDYN</i> | $0.08 \pm 1.2 \times 10^{-3}$ | $0.16 \pm 2.0 \times 10^{-3}$ | $0.05 \pm 8.2 \times 10^{-4}$ |
| | Our model | $0.03 \pm 5.7 \times 10^{-4}$ | $0.07 \pm 9.6 \times 10^{-4}$ | $0.02 \pm 2.8 \times 10^{-4}$ |
| Both contacts | <i>IDYN</i> | $0.10 \pm 1.3 \times 10^{-3}$ | $0.11 \pm 1.4 \times 10^{-3}$ | $0.07 \pm 8.4 \times 10^{-4}$ |
| | Our model | $0.05 \pm 8.3 \times 10^{-4}$ | $0.10 \pm 1.6 \times 10^{-3}$ | $0.03 \pm 4.0 \times 10^{-4}$ |

Contacts on the same link are discriminated

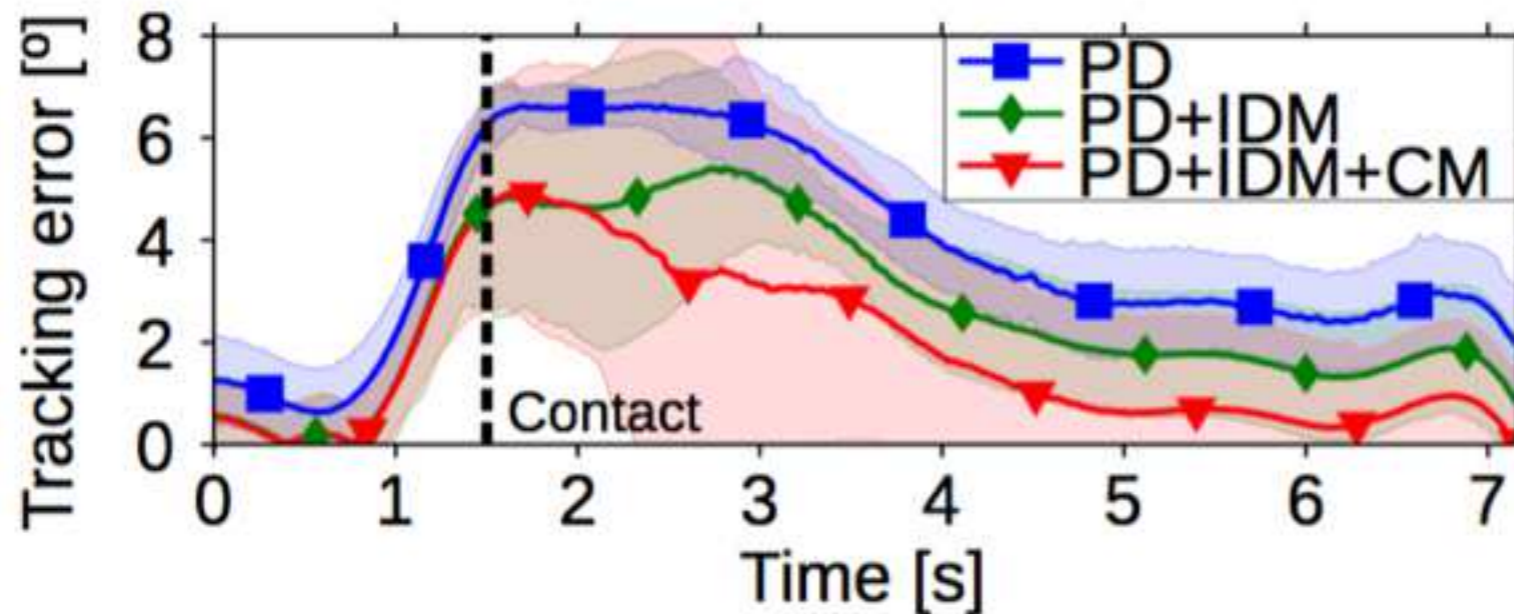


(a) Task space



(b) Torque

Learned models improve control performance



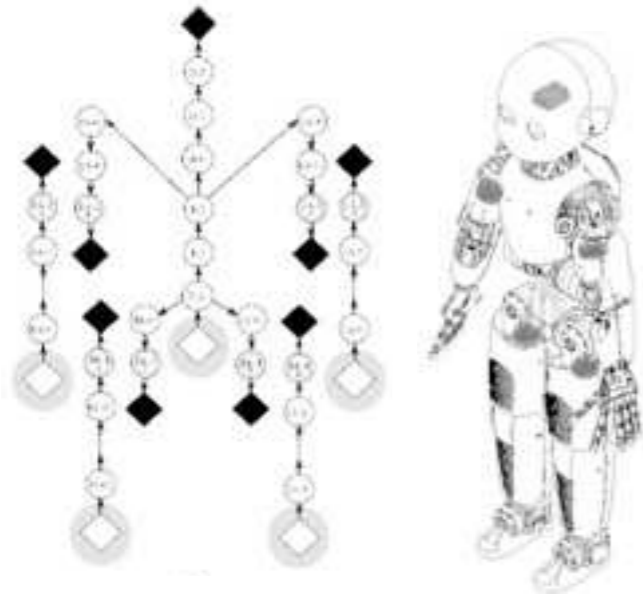
- Without contacts and a perfect model: $u = \tau_{ID}$
- To compensate for inaccuracies: $u = \tau_{ID} + \underbrace{K_P (q^{des} - q) + K_D (\dot{q}^{des} - \dot{q})}_{\tau_{PD}}$
- With contacts: $u = \tau_{ID} + \tau_{PD} + \tau_{ext}$

| Controller | Shoulder Pitch | Shoulder Roll | Shoulder Jaw | Elbow |
|---------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| PD | 0.50 ± 0.40 | 4.67 ± 2.52 | 3.78 ± 1.91 | 2.04 ± 0.11 |
| PD + IDM | 0.49 ± 0.38 | 3.96 ± 2.28 | 2.63 ± 1.65 | 0.25 ± 0.18 |
| PD + IDM + CM | 0.46 ± 0.31 | 3.34 ± 1.68 | 1.81 ± 1.55 | 0.46 ± 0.19 |

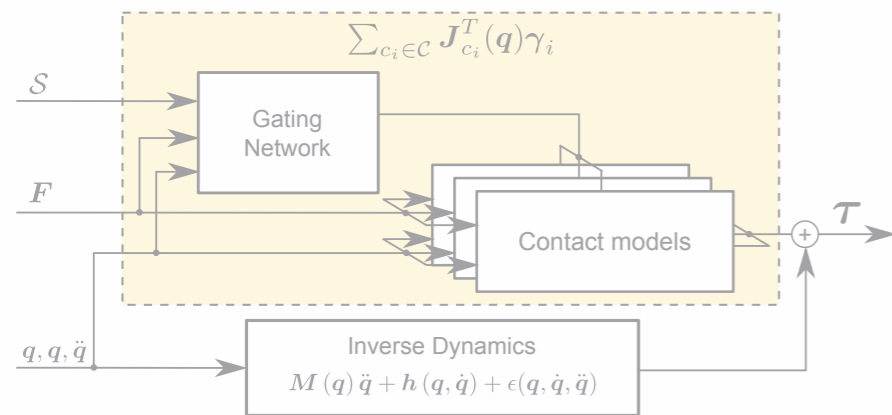
- The tracking error is smaller with the learned inverse dynamics!

Calandra, Ivaldi, Deisenroth, Peters (2015) Learning Torque Control in Presence of Contacts using Tactile Sensing from Robot Skin. HUMANOIDS 2015

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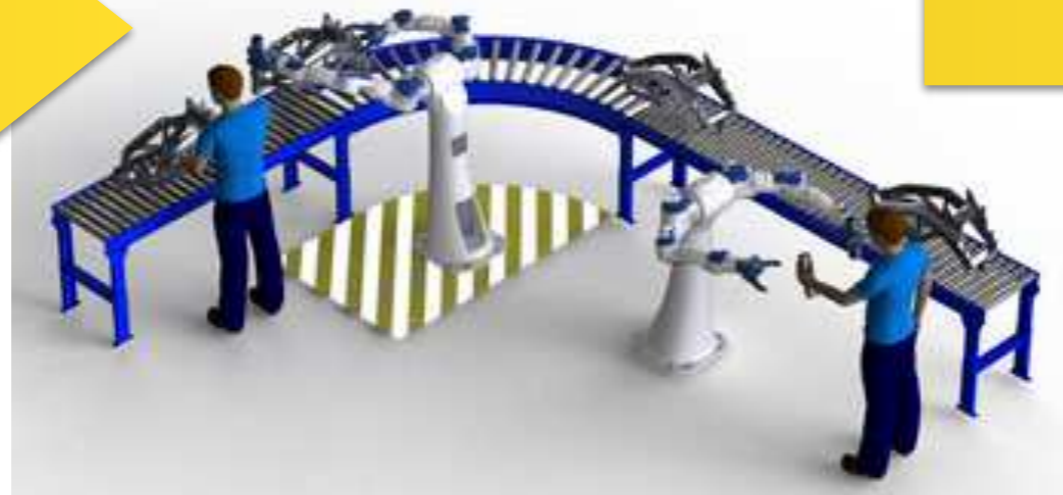


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Motivation: more and more collaboration



An assembly line model of collaborative robots working with human coworkers (Courtesy of Yaskawa Motoman Robotics, Miamisburg, Ohio)



Skilled operator

Robots ~ machines

Ordinary people

Robots ~ agents

Human-human collaboration



Individual factors appear in the interaction



Ivaldi, S.; Lefort, S.; Peters, J.; Chetouani, M.; Provasi, J.; Zibetti, E. (2016) Towards engagement models that consider individual factors in HRI: on the relation of extroversion and negative attitude towards robots to gaze and speech during a human-robot assembly task. *Int. Journal Social Robotics*

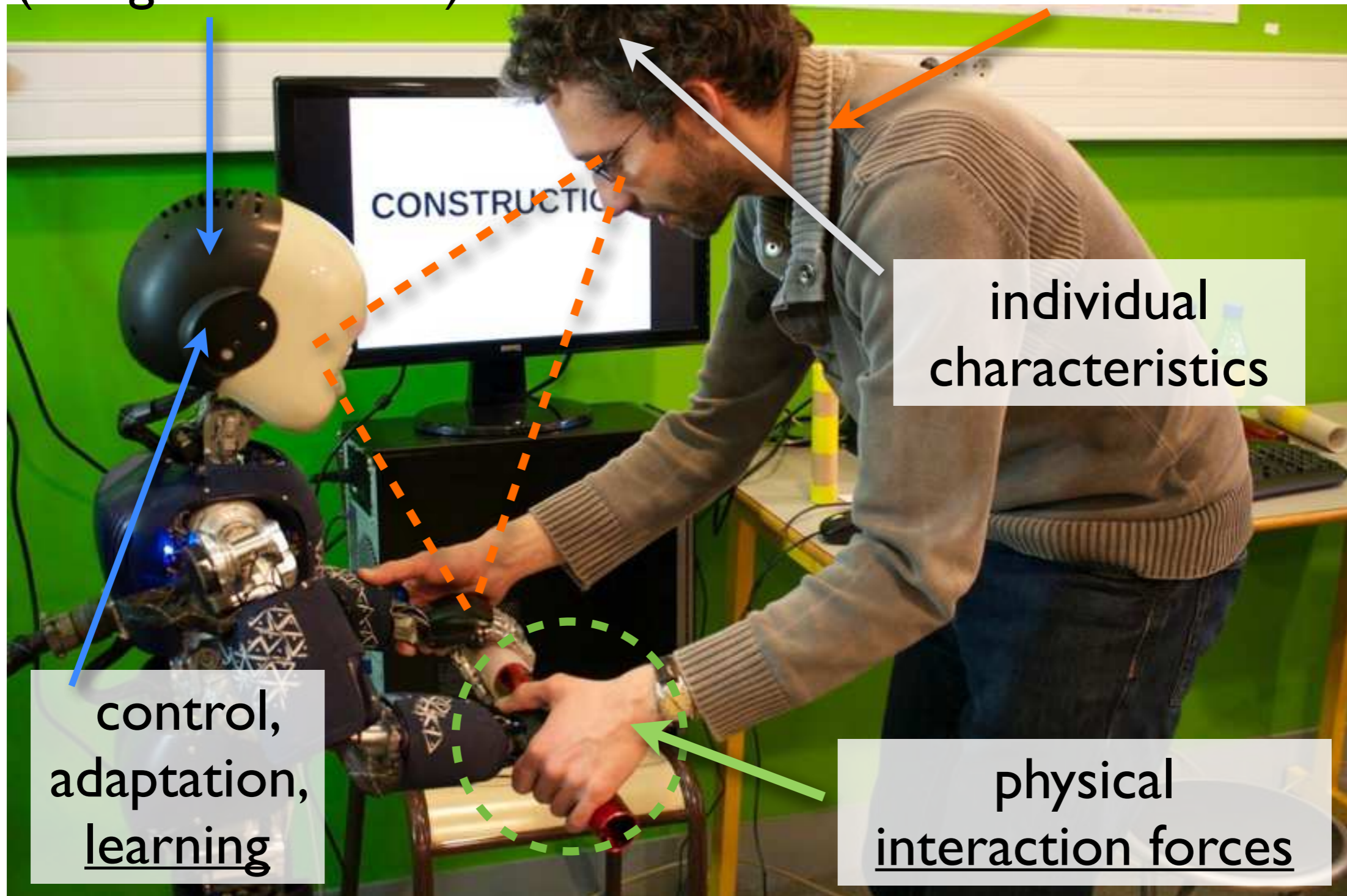
Personality, attitudes

- *“Attitudes and personality traits are latent, hypothetical dispositions that must be inferred from observable responses” (Ajzen, 1986)*
- The effect of personality and attitudes is observable on the overt actions of the individual.
- **Both attitudes and personality traits influence our actions and behaviors, together with other social, contextual and individual factors.**

Human-robot collaboration

multimodal “behavior” control
(use/give feedback)

verbal/non-verbal signals



control,
adaptation,
learning

individual
characteristics

physical
interaction forces

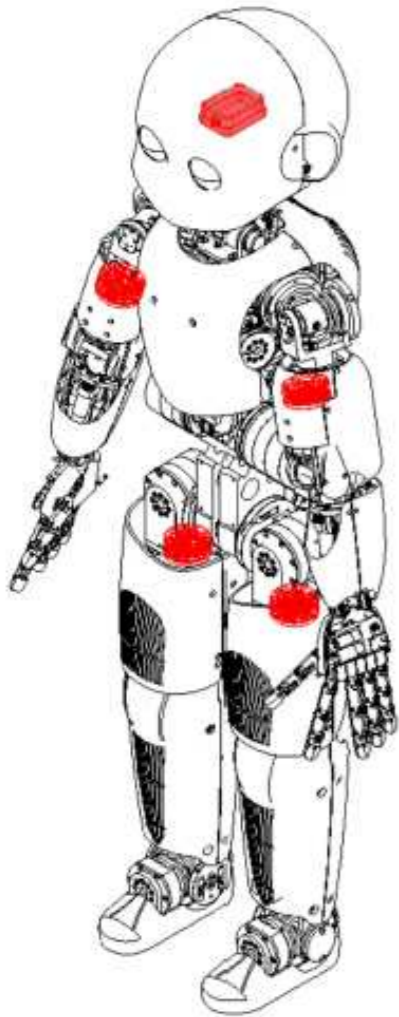
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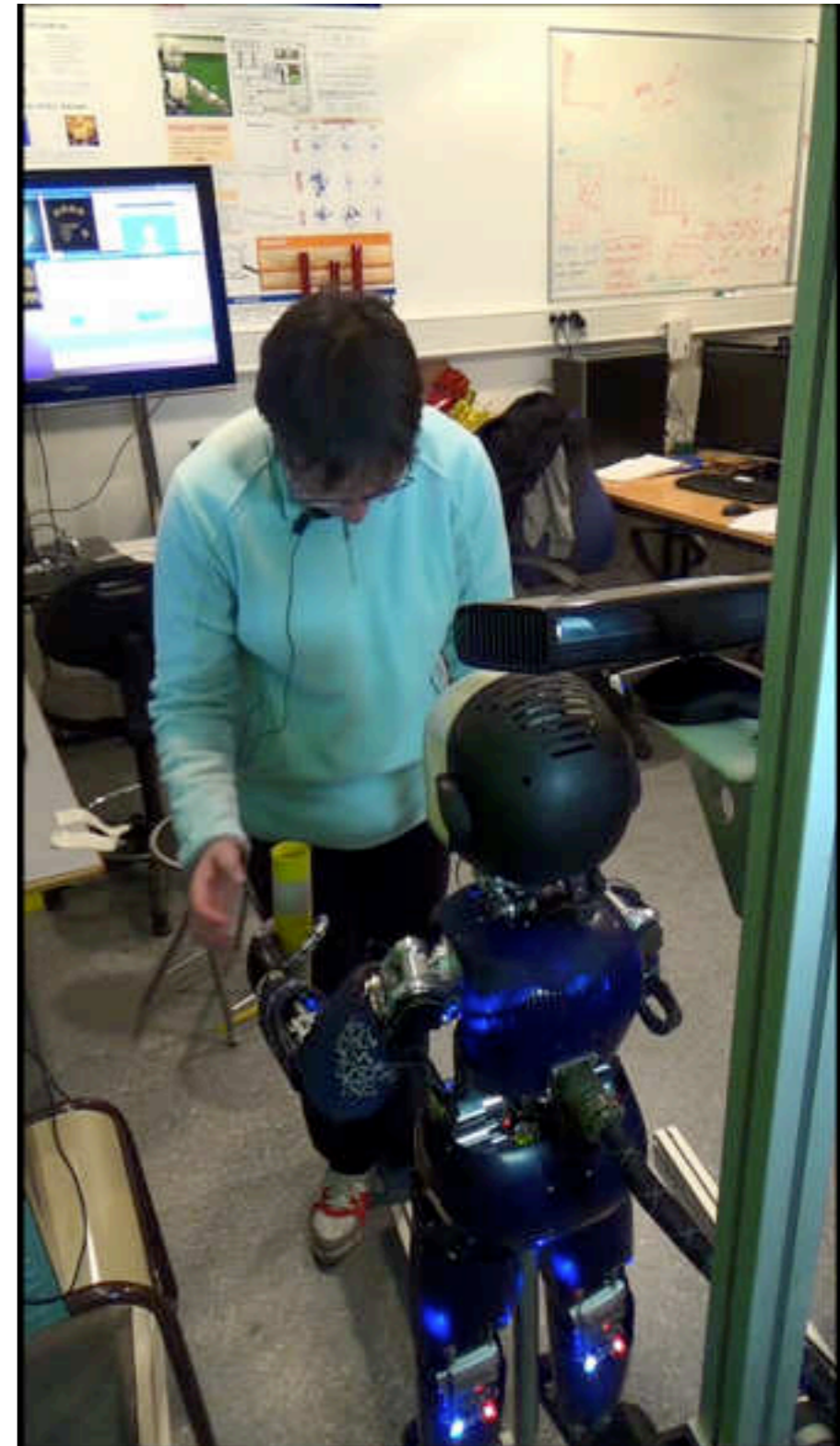
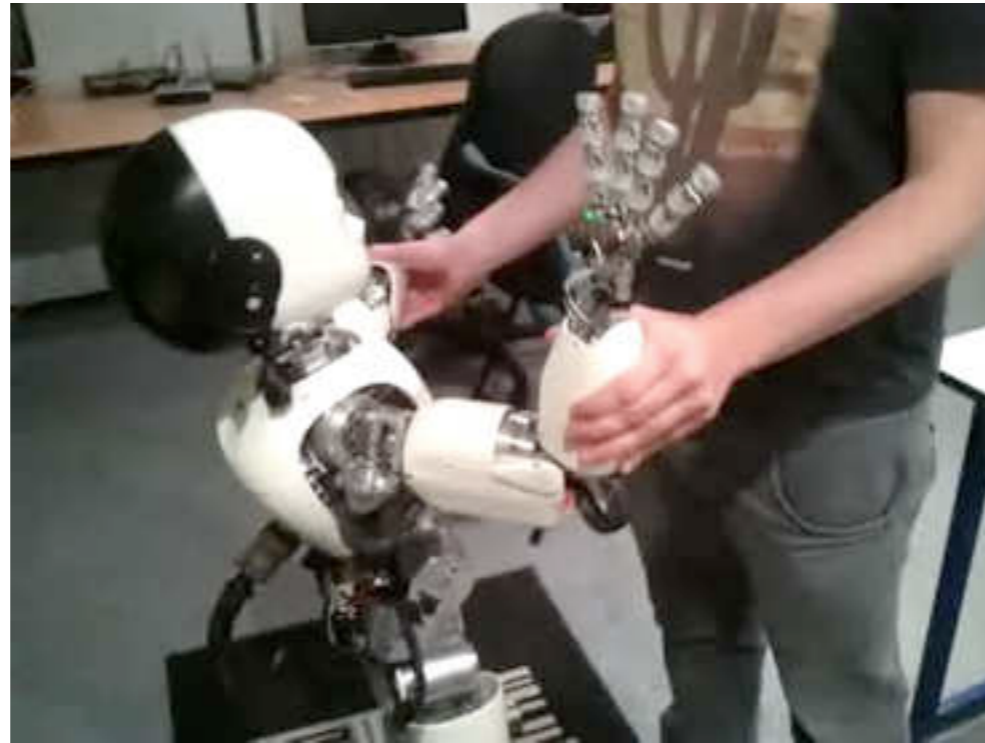
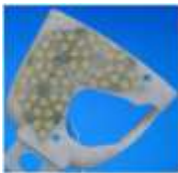
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Social interaction

verbal/non-verbal signals

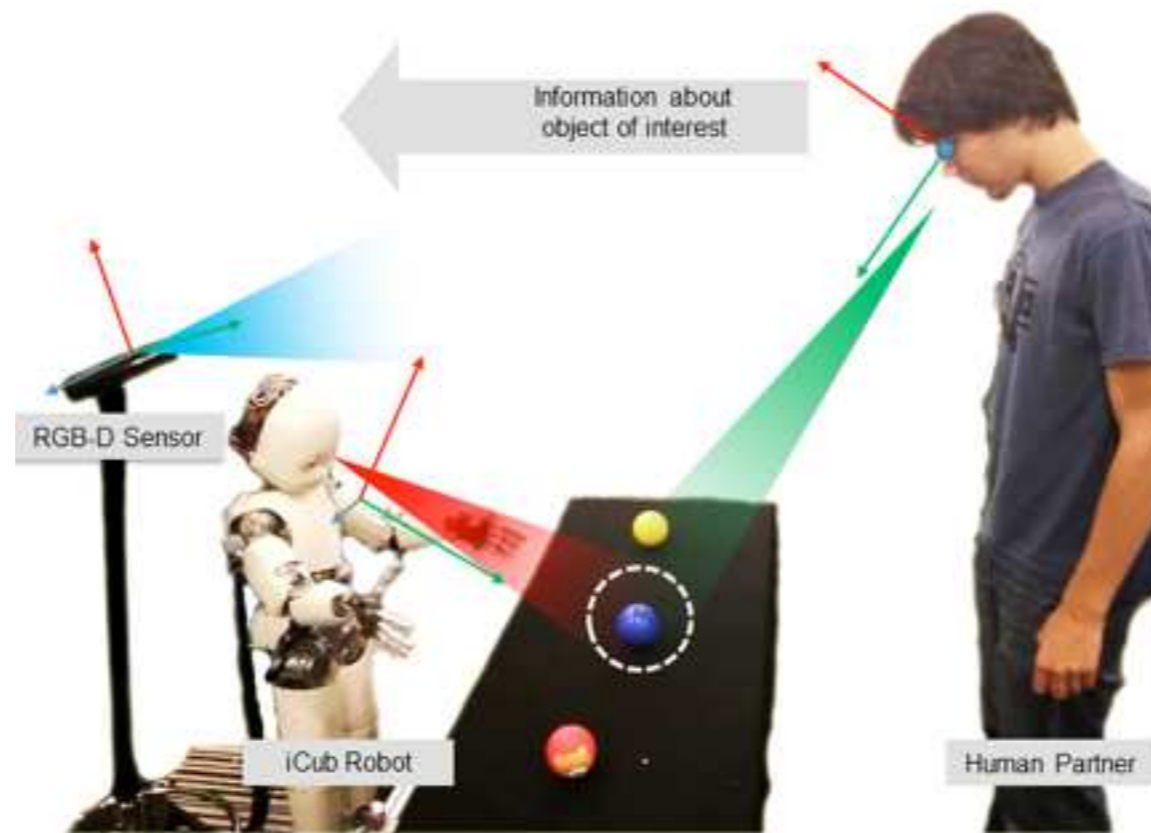
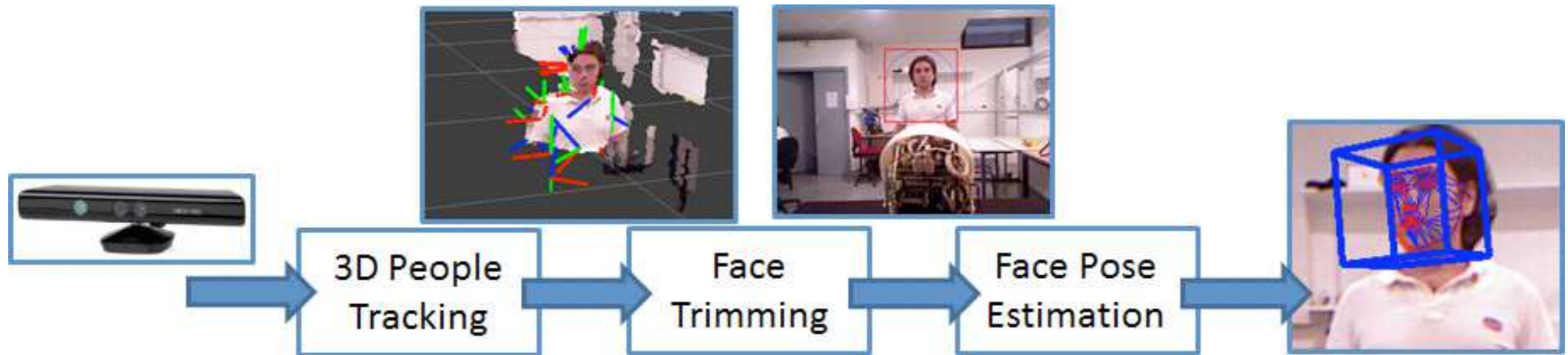


Social signals

| Study | Ref | Social signals used to assess the engagement |
|-------------------------------|------|---|
| Castellano et al., 2009 | [9] | Gazes towards the robot Smiles |
| Ishii et al., 2011 | [25] | Gazes Towards the object the agent is talking about Gazes Towards the agent's head Gazes Towards anything else |
| Ivaldi et al., 2014 | [26] | Reaction time to the robot attention utterance stimulus Time between two consecutive interactions |
| Le Maitre and Chetouani, 2013 | [28] | Utterance directed to the robot Utterance directed to self |
| Rich et al., 2010 | [41] | Gazes Focused (man and robot are looking at the same object) Gazes Mutual (man and robot look at each other) Utterance Adjacent (two successive locutions, produced one by the robot, the other by the human, separated by a maximum interval) Utterance Responses (the subject responds to the robot through a gesture or a very short verbal intervention) |
| Sanghvi et al., 2011 | [42] | Postures (curve and inclination of the back) |
| Sidner et al., 2004 | [45] | Gazes Shared (mutual or directed) Gazes Directed towards the robot without the latter looking at the human |
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Table 1 Social signals used in literature as metrics for the assessment of engagement.

Measuring gaze in dyadic HRI



Individual factors influence our behavior

individual factors, contexts,
personality traits & attitudes



Personality traits vs attitudes

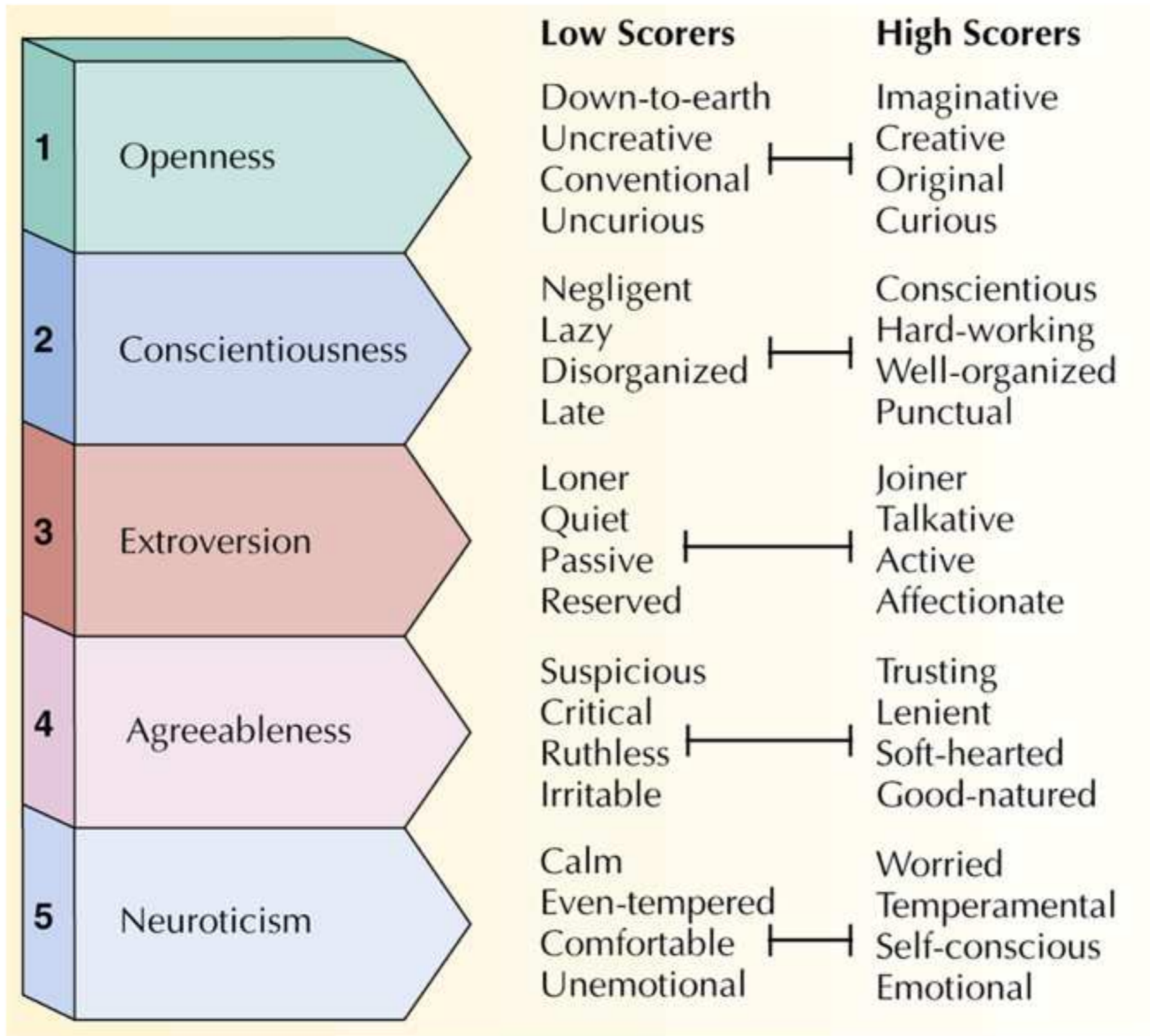
- Personality traits : characteristic of the human personality that leads to consistent patterns of behaviors.
 - Assumed to be almost invariant for an adult.
 - Stable over time.
 - Different theories to explain where they come from.

The personality of an individual consists of several characteristics and dispositions, each being described as a “gathering of attitudes obviously linked to each other, or as patterns of cognitive treatment of the information or underlying psycho-physiological mechanisms generating specific dispositions towards some behaviors” (Scherer, 1981, p.116).

- An attitude is a behavior tendency, directed towards people, objects, situations, and is generally determined by the social context, the background and experiences of the individual.
 - More contingent.
 - Can change through time because of subjective experiences.

Attitudes are mental dispositions matured through experience, that might impact the reactions (behavioral, verbal, emotional) of the individual towards objects and situations (Gaudiello et al., 2015).

Personality: Big 5 Factor Model



Attitude: Negative attitude towards robots (NARS)

| N. | Questionnaire Item in English | Questionnaire Item in French | Subscale |
|----|---|--|----------|
| 1 | I would feel uneasy if robots really had emotions. | Je me sentirais mal à l'aise si les robots avaient réellement des émotions. | S2 |
| 2 | beings. | Quelque chose de mauvais pourrait se produire si les robots devenaient des êtres vivants. | S2 |
| 3 | I would feel relaxed talking with robots. | Je serais détendu(e) si je parlais avec des robots. | S3* |
| 4 | I would feel uneasy if I was given a job where I had to use robots. | Je me sentirais mal à l'aise dans un travail où je devrais utiliser des robots. | S1 |
| 5 | If robots had emotions, I would be able to make friends with them. | Si les robots avaient des émotions, je serai capable de devenir ami(e) avec eux. | S3 |
| 6 | I feel comforted being with robots that have emotions. | Je me sens réconforté(e) par le fait d'être avec des robots qui ont des émotions. | S3* |
| 7 | The word " <u>robot</u> " means nothing to me. | Le mot " <u>robot</u> " ne signifie rien pour moi. | S1 |
| 8 | I would feel nervous operating a robot in front of other people. | Je me sentirais nerveux/nerveuse de manœuvrer un robot devant d'autres personnes. | S1 |
| 9 | I would hate the idea that robots or artificial intelligences were | Je détesterais que les robots ou les intelligences artificielles fassent | S1 |
| 10 | I would feel very nervous just standing in front of a robot. | Le simple fait de me tenir face à un robot me rendrait très nerveux/nerveuse. | S1 |
| 11 | I feel that if I depend on robots too much, something bad might | Je pense que si je dépendais trop fortement des robots, quelque | S2 |
| 12 | I would feel paranoid talking with a robot. | Je me sentirais paranoïaque de parler avec un robot. | S1 |
| 13 | I am concerned that robots would be a bad influence on children. | Je suis préoccupé(e) par le fait que les robots puissent avoir une mauvaise influence sur les enfants. | S2 |
| 14 | I feel that in the future society will be dominated by robots. | Je pense que dans le futur la société sera dominée par les robots. | S2 |

Original (Japanese/English): Nomura et al, 2004. French translation: Ivaldi et al., 2015.

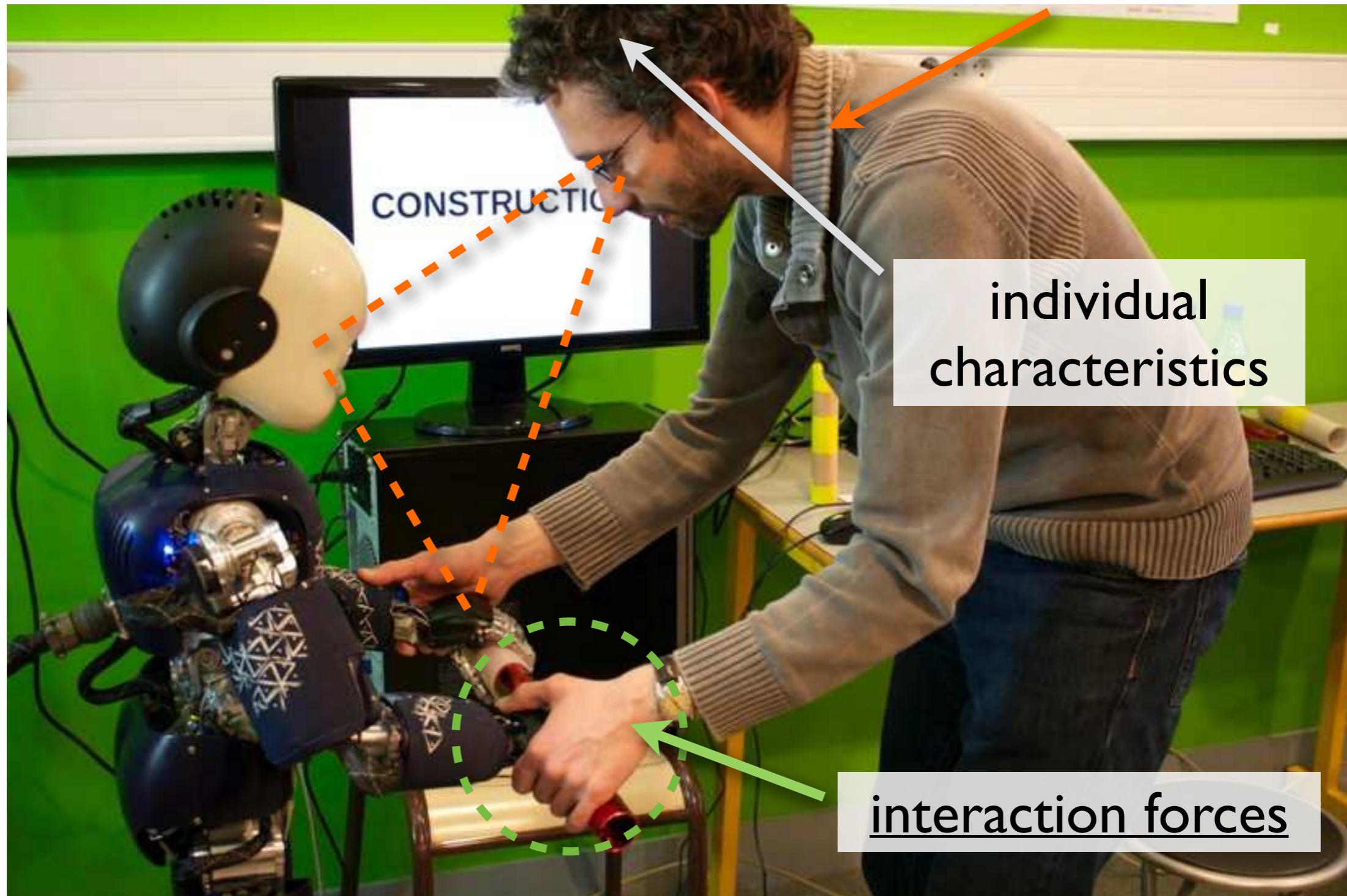
Why personality is useful in HRI

- Personality traits influence people acceptance of robots (Fischer, 2011; Looije et al., 2010; Weiss et al. 2008), and the way we behave with robots
 - extroverts tend to trust robots more than introverts (McBride & Morgan, 2010)
 - proactive people keep higher distance from the robot than others (Walters et al, 2005)
 - people with negative attitude towards robots respond slower to the robot's speech (Nomura et al, 2006)
- Personality traits may correlate with task performances
 - extroversion influence tasks that do not enforce very short time constraints, while agreeableness is important in tasks with high level of collaboration (Mc Givney et al, 2008)
 - the more people are extrovert, the more they talk to the robot (Ivaldi et al, 2015)

=> we need a parametrised model

Studying human-robot collaborative assembly

verbal/non-verbal signals



Ordinary people teach iCub how to assembly an object



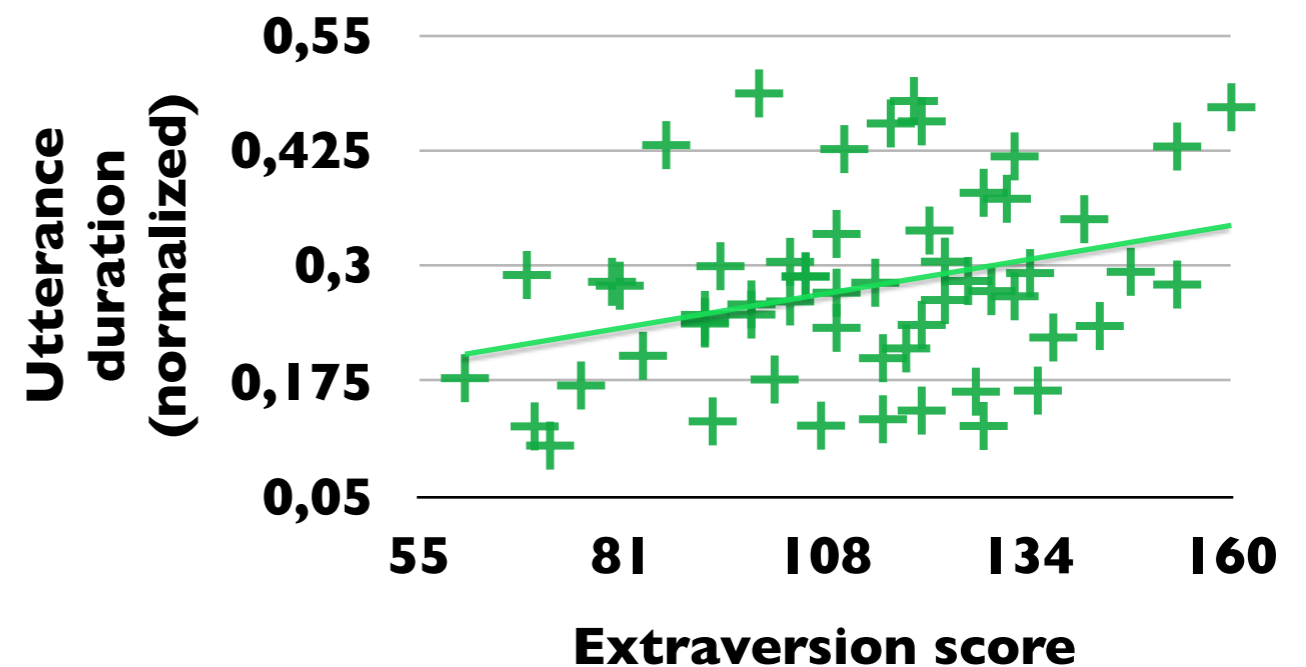
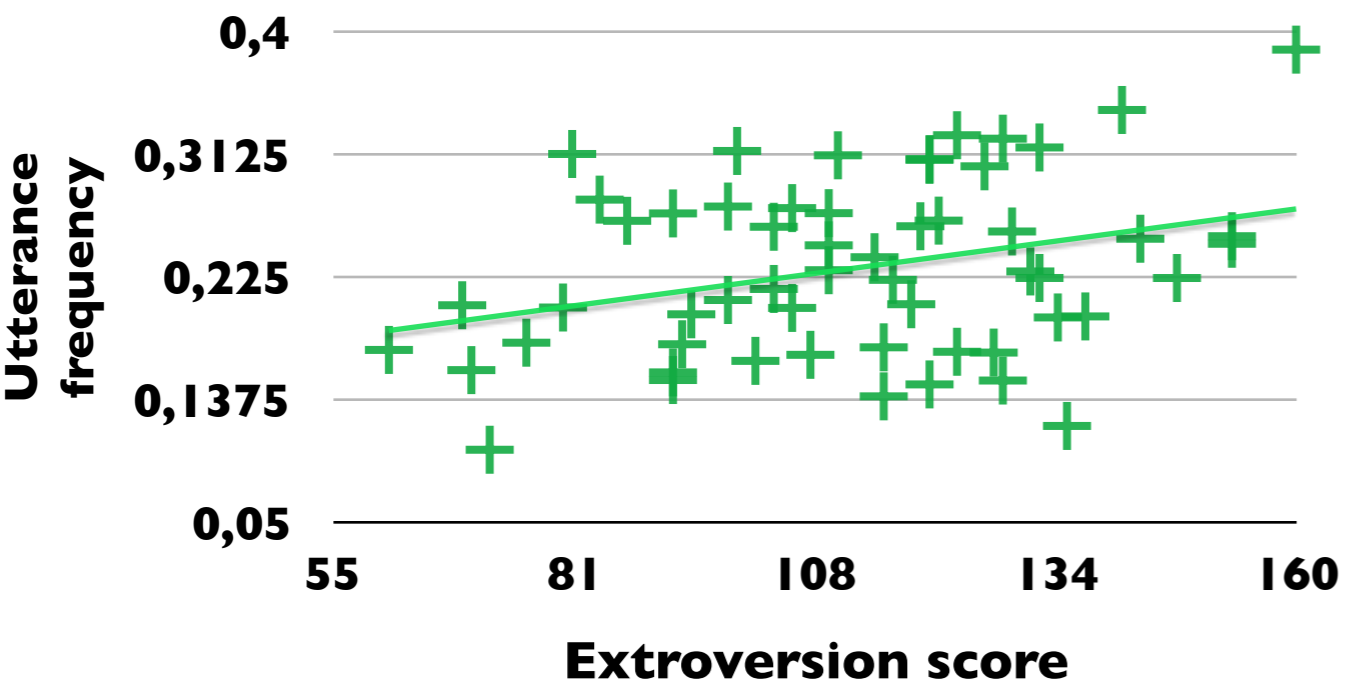
56 participants (19 M, 37 F), aged $36,95 \pm 14,32$ (min 19, max 65)



Assembly: personality effects on speech

Extroverts talk more to the robot

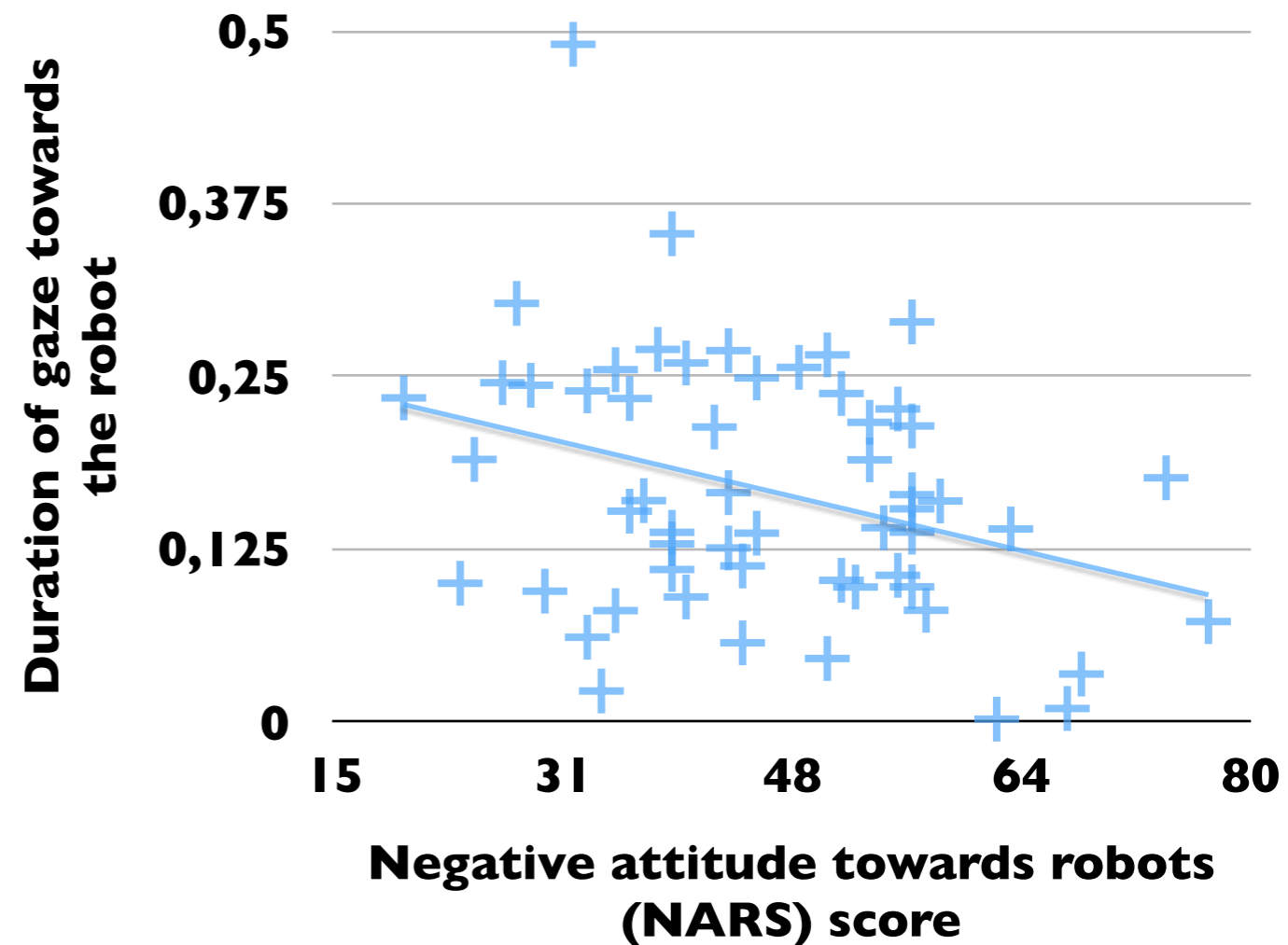
| Variable | Extroversion score |
|---------------------|--------------------------------|
| Utterance frequency | $r^2= 0,318$; $p=0.017 <0.05$ |
| Utterance duration | $r^2= 0,321$; $p=0.016 <0.05$ |



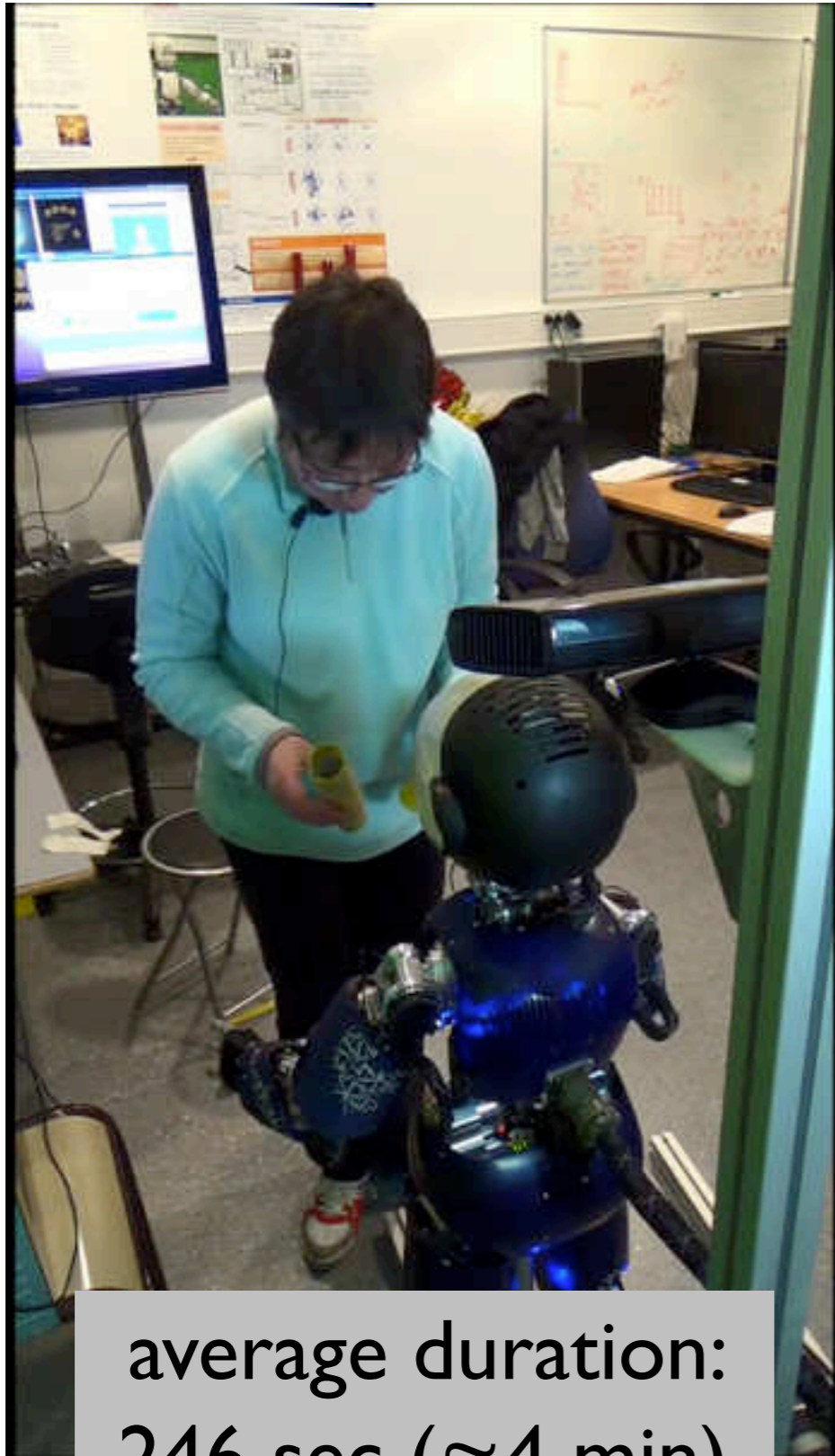
Assembly: personality effects on gaze

People with negative attitude towards robots look at the robot face for shorter time, and more at the hands where the physical interaction occurs.

| Variable | Score "negative attitude towards robots" |
|-----------------------------|--|
| Gaze towards face duration | $r^2 = -0,331$; $p = 0.013 < 0,05$ |
| Gaze towards hands duration | $r^2 = 0.355$; $p = 0.007 < 0.05$ |



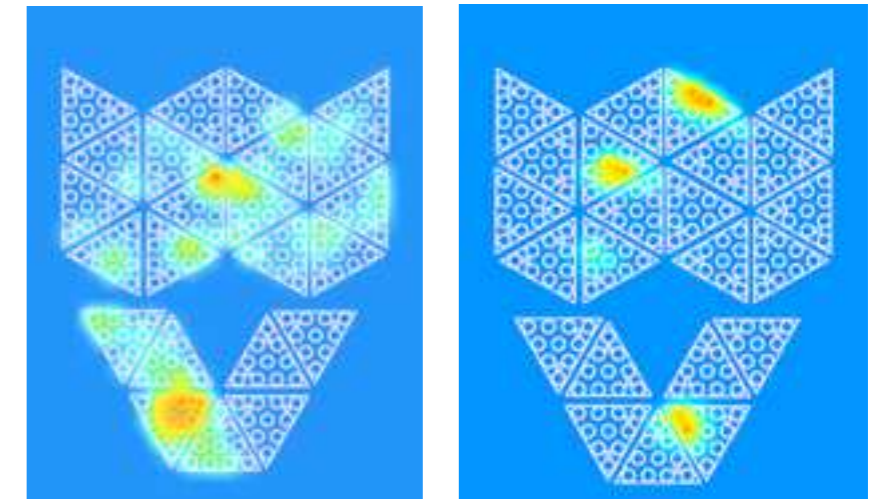
Tactile signatures during teaching



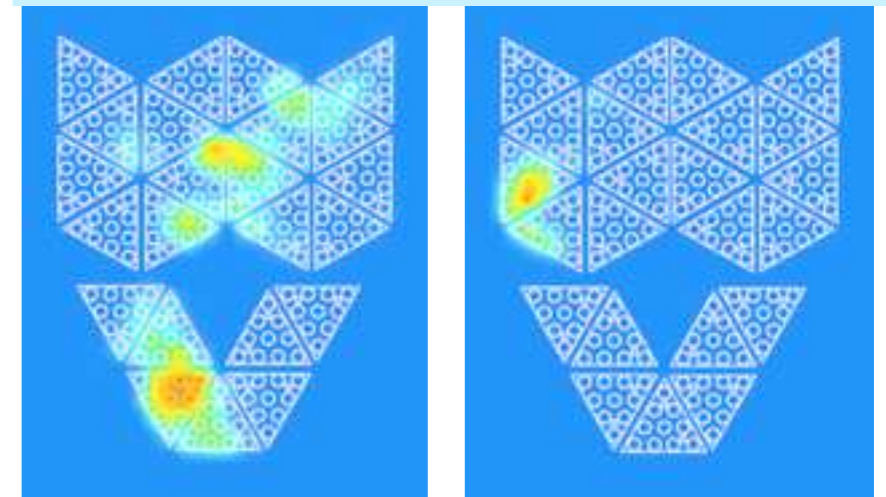
average duration:
246 sec (≈ 4 min)

faster
less force

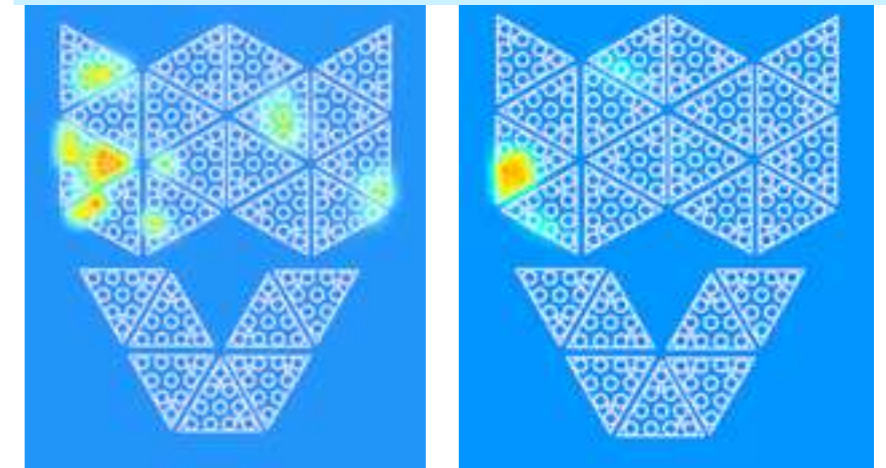
*Learning
effect*



1st trial



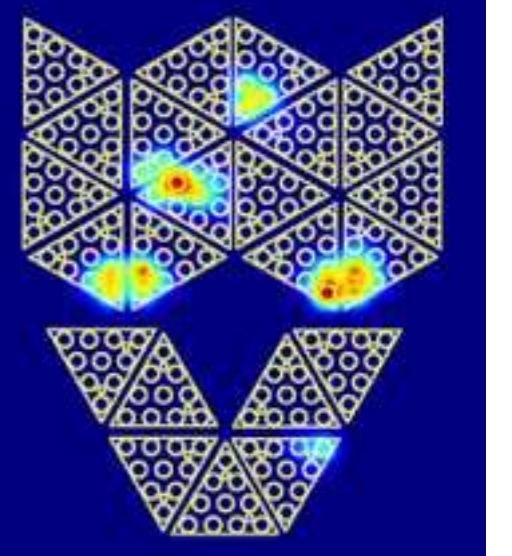
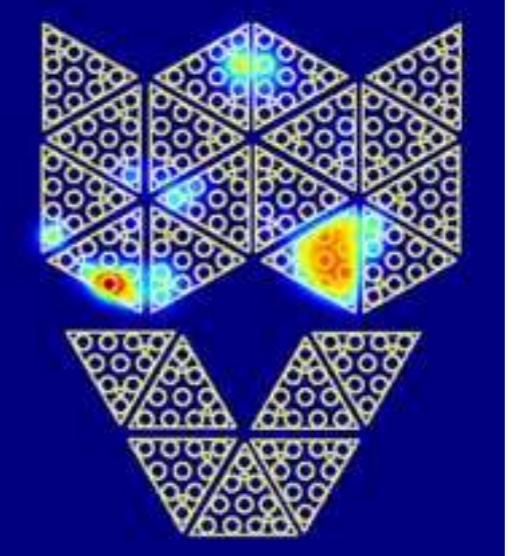
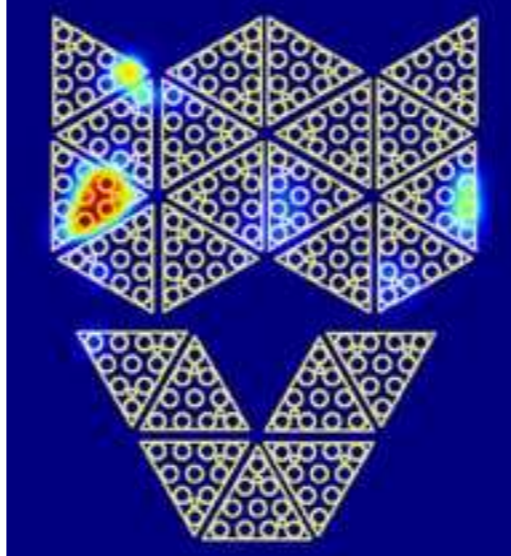
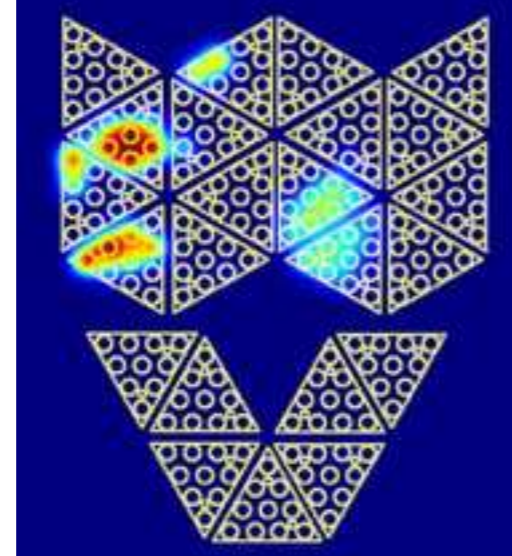
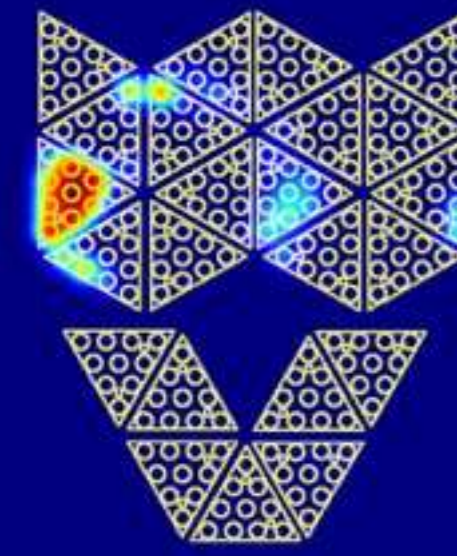
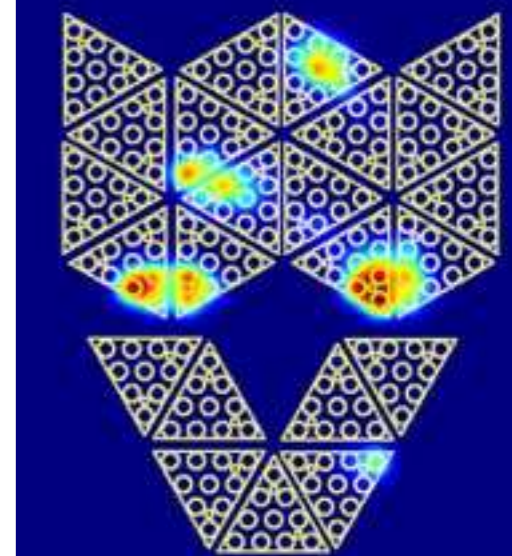
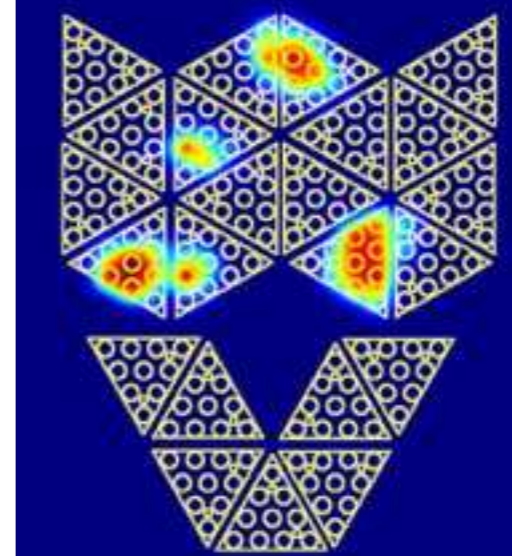
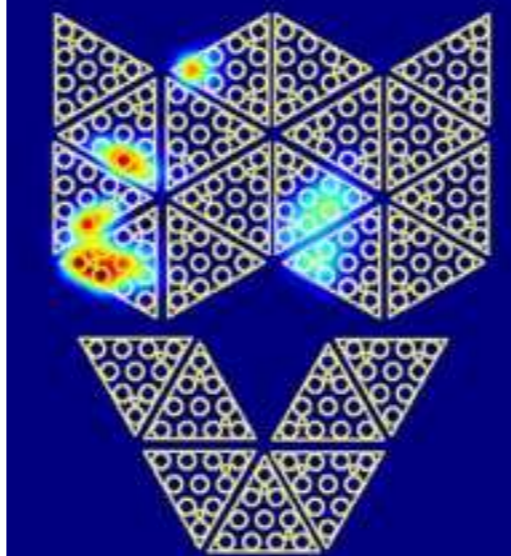
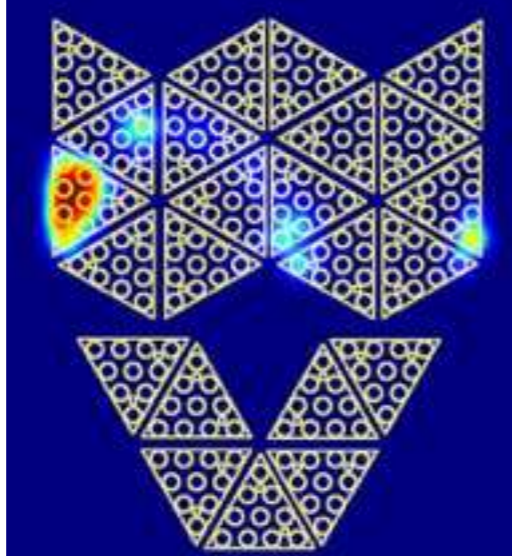
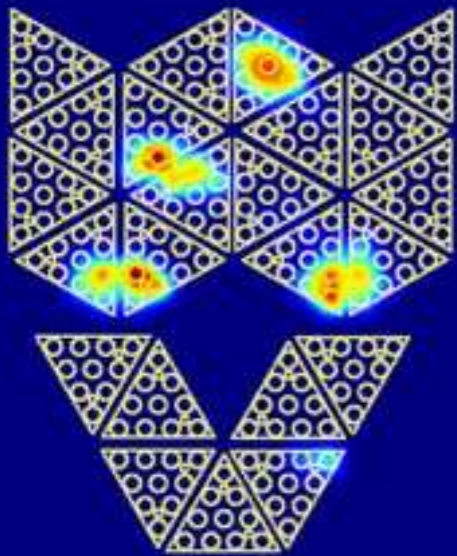
2nd trial



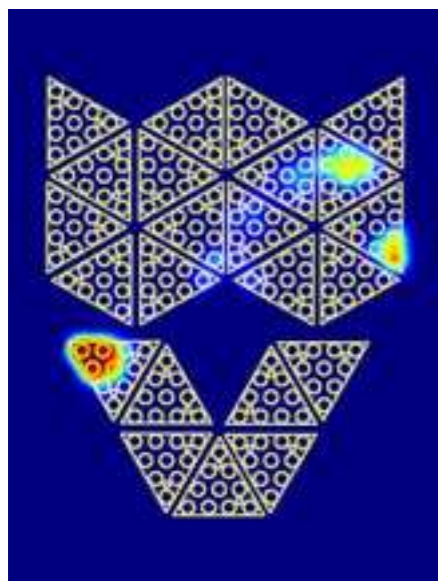
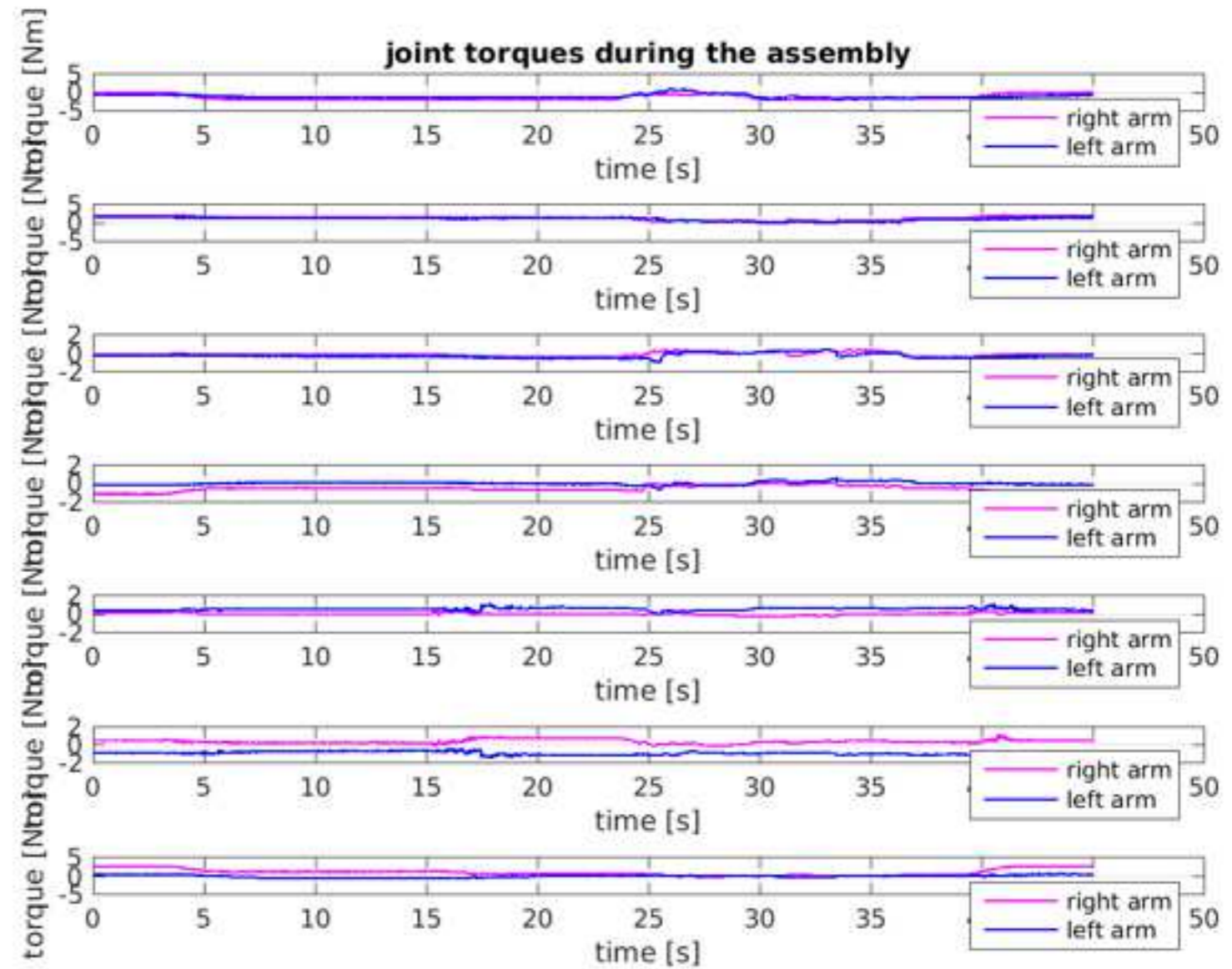
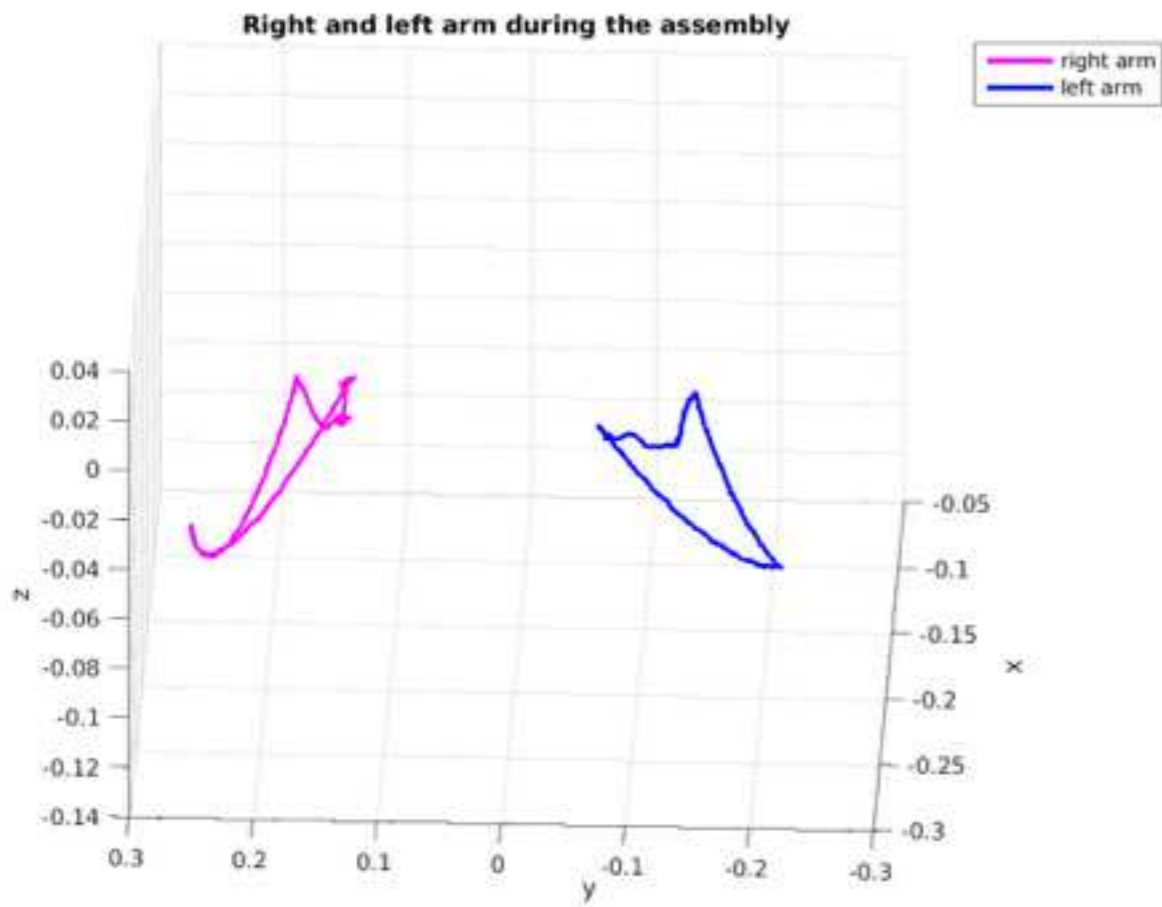
3rd trial

Tactile signatures

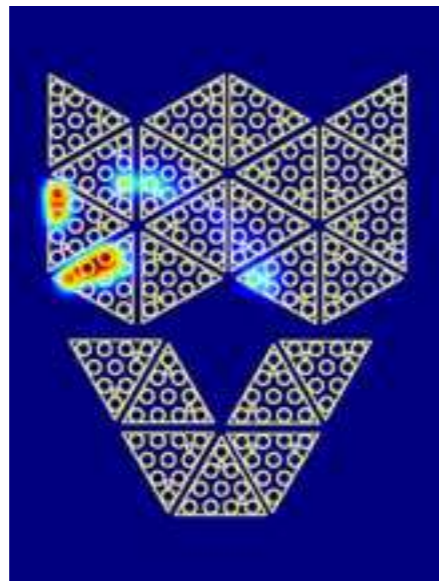
You can almost always recognise the fingers if people have a firm grasp!



Demonstration from the expert



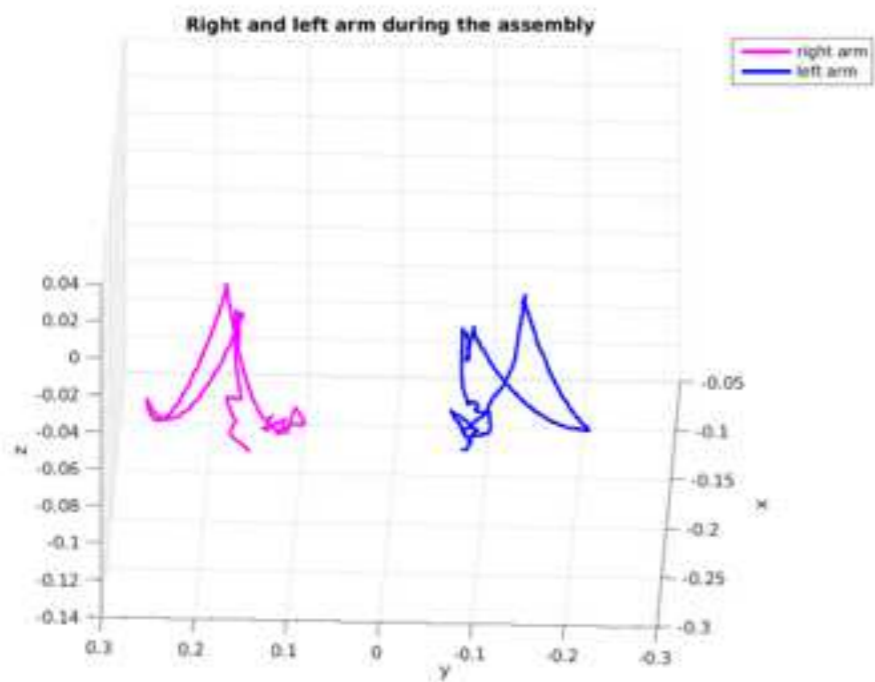
Right Forearm



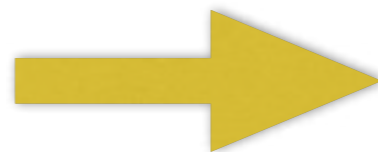
Left Forearm

Trials of the non-expert #62

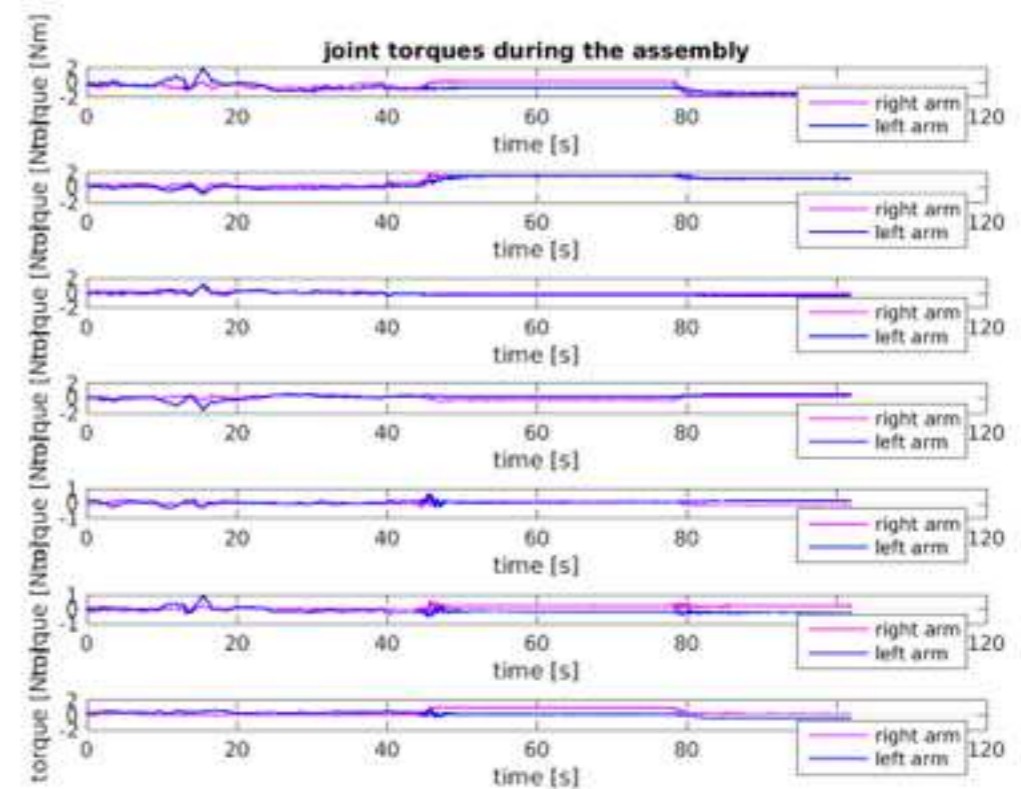
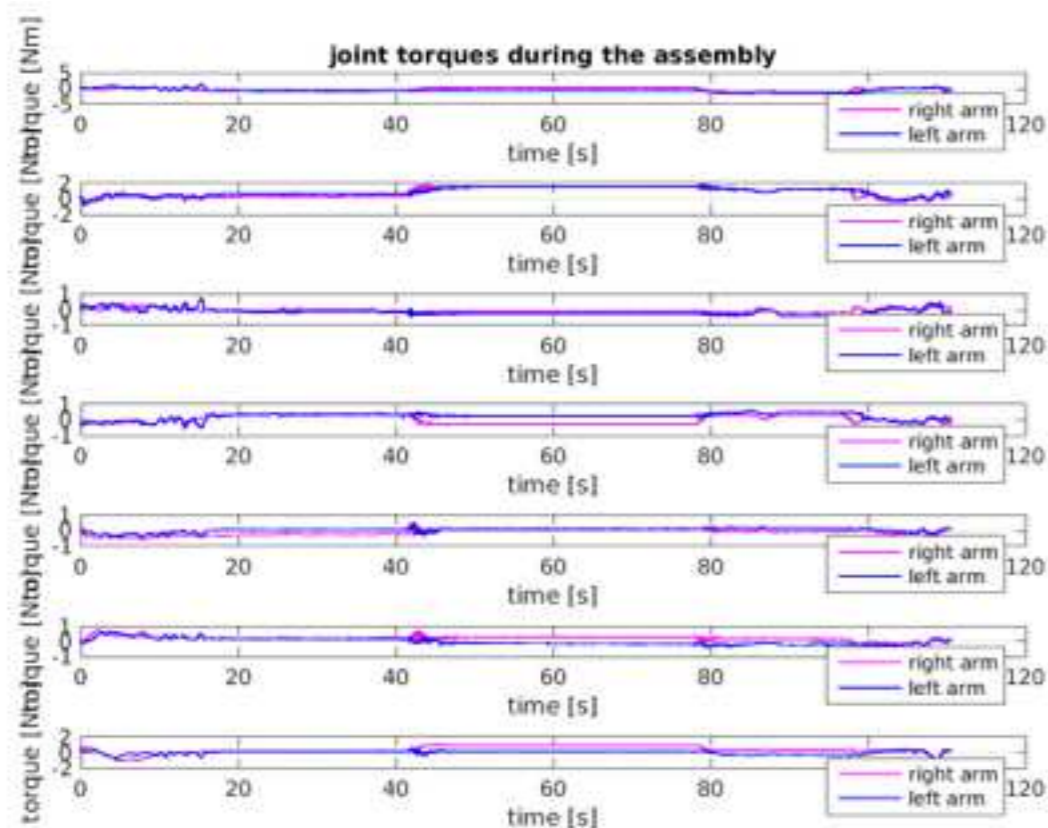
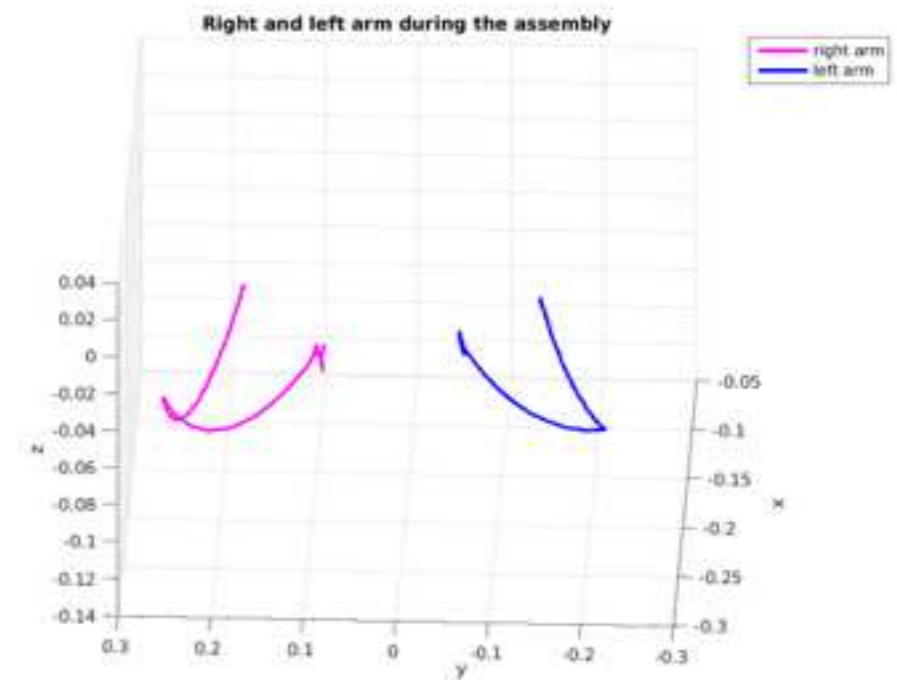
Trial #2



- smoother
- more precise trajectory

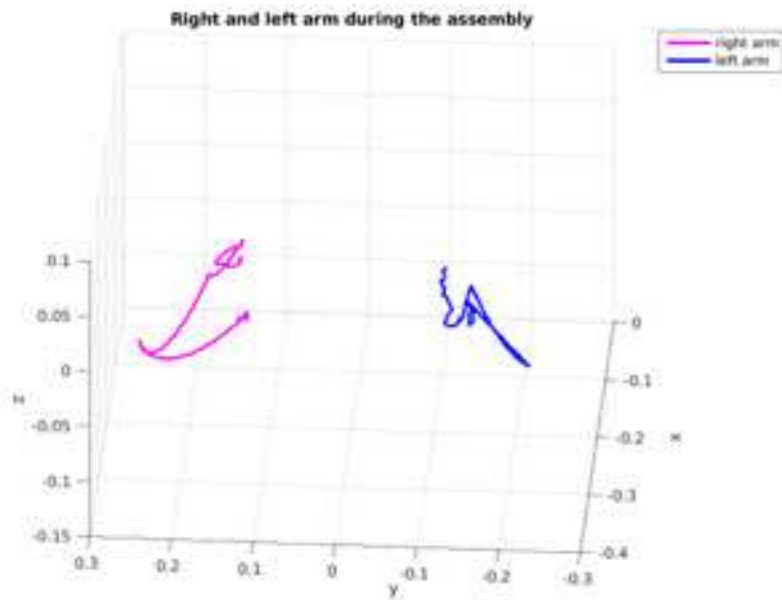


Trial #3

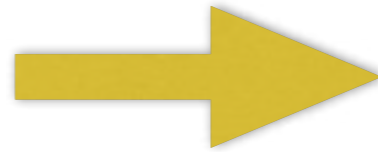


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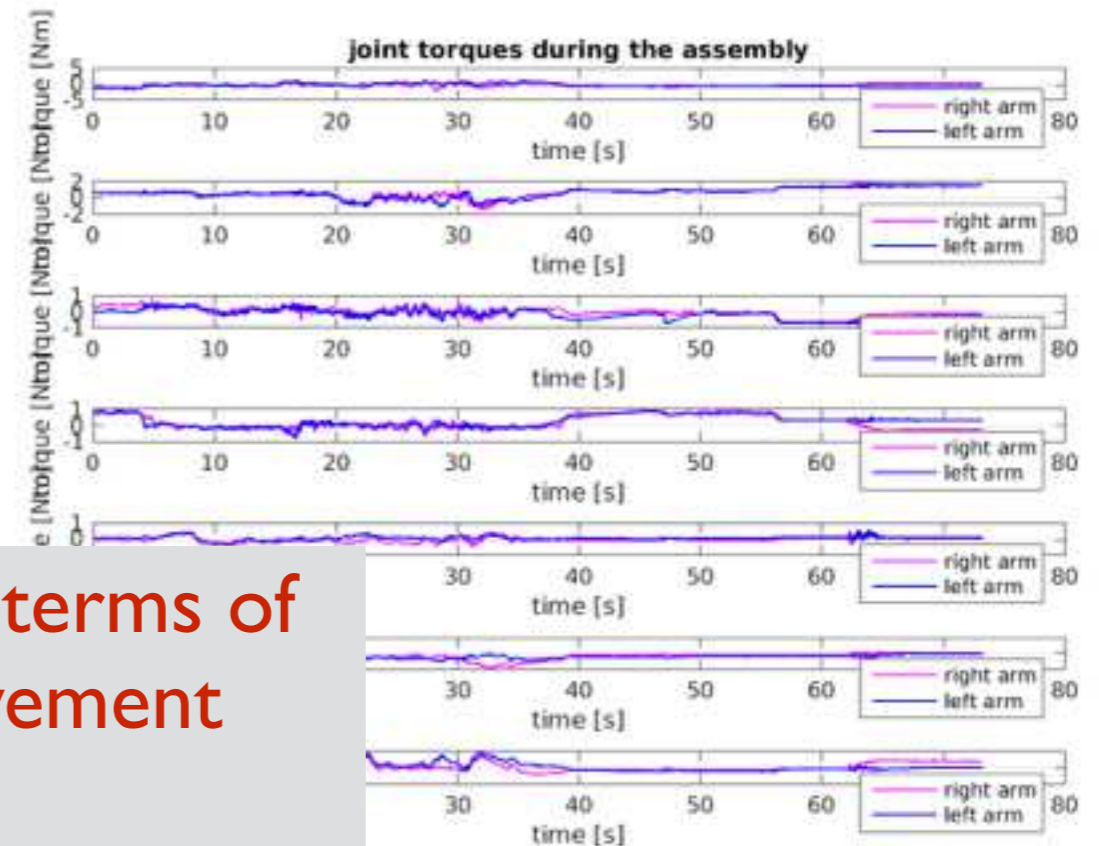
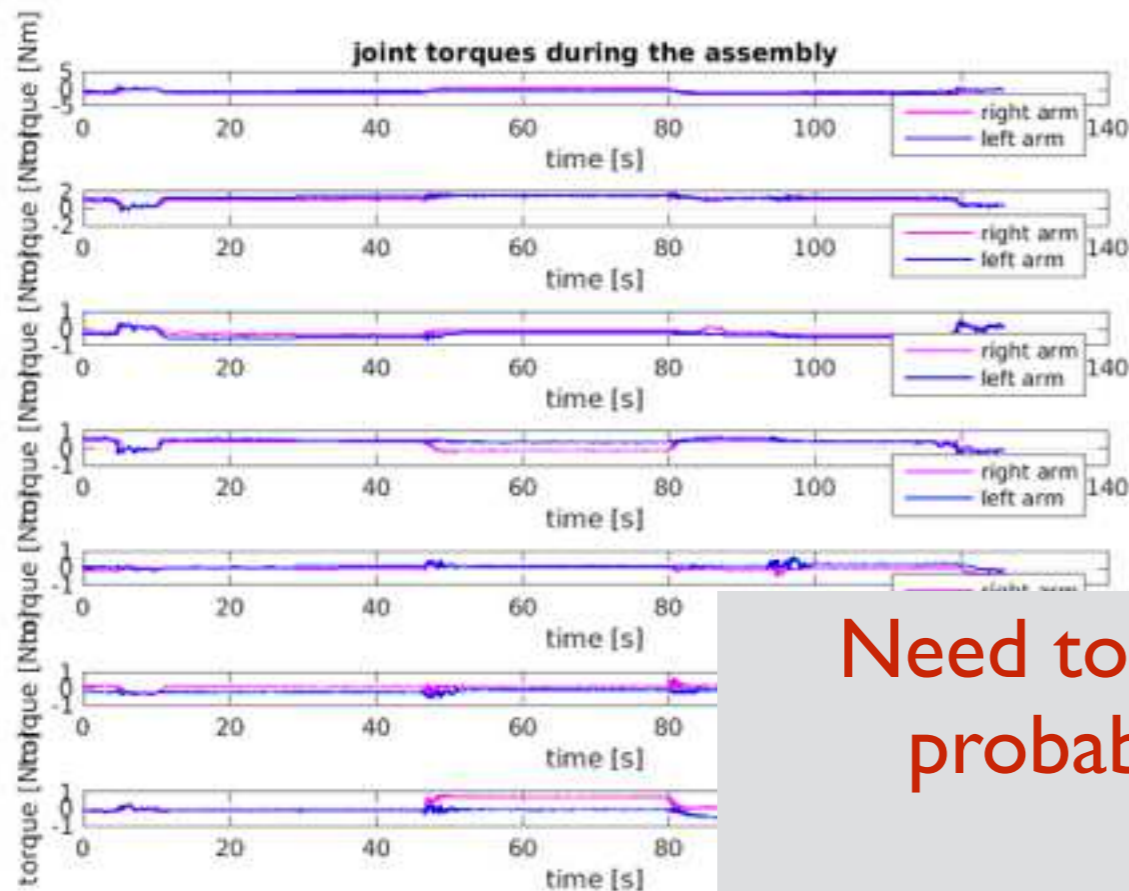
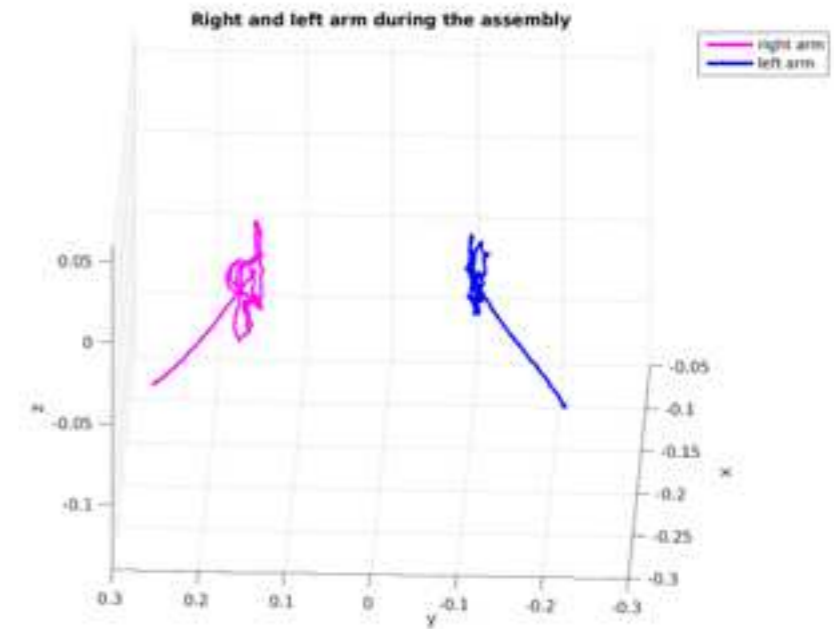
Trial #2



- faster
- precise alignment of the cylinders

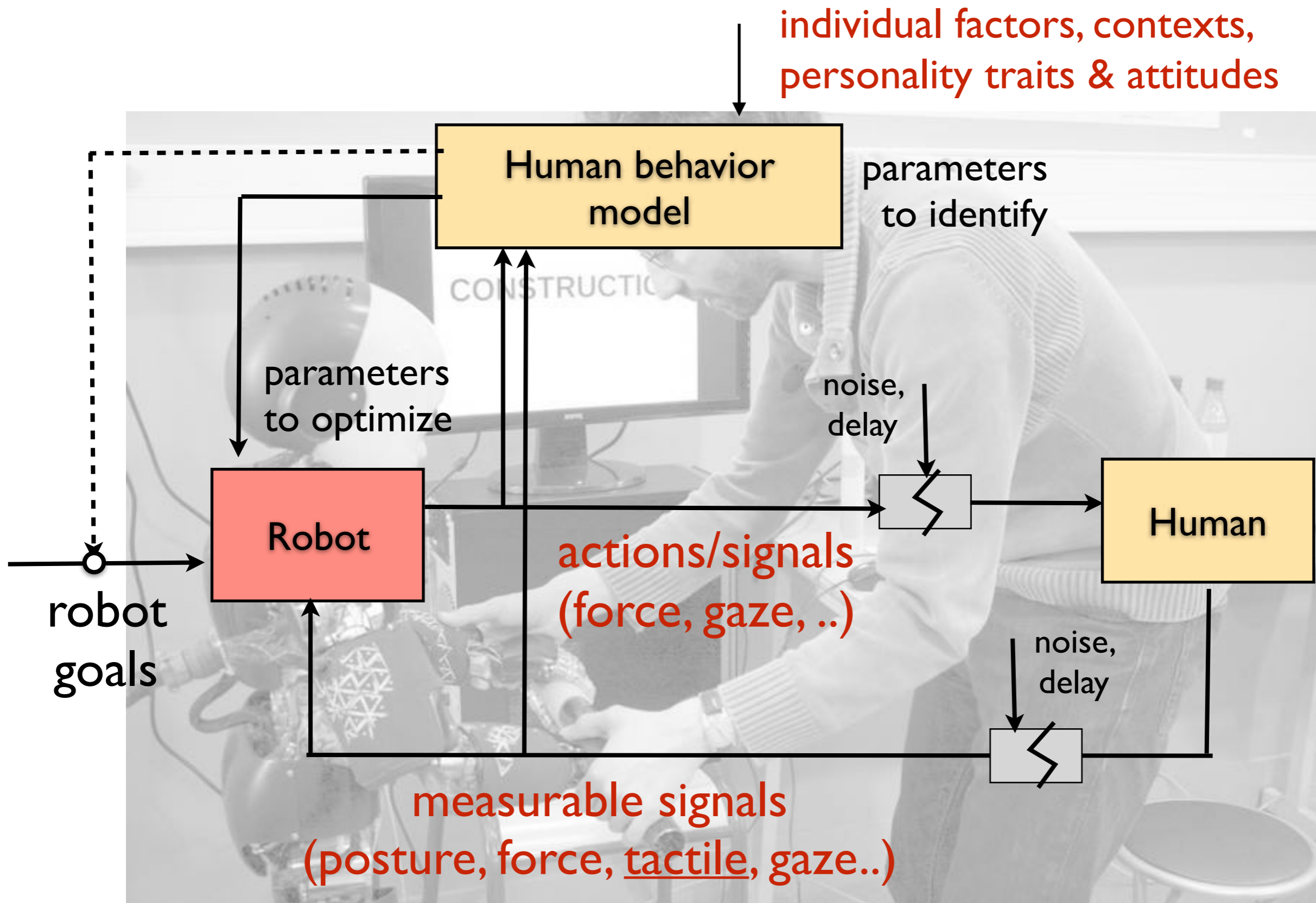


Trial #3



Need to reason in terms of probabilistic movement primitives.

Human behavior model to improve collaboration



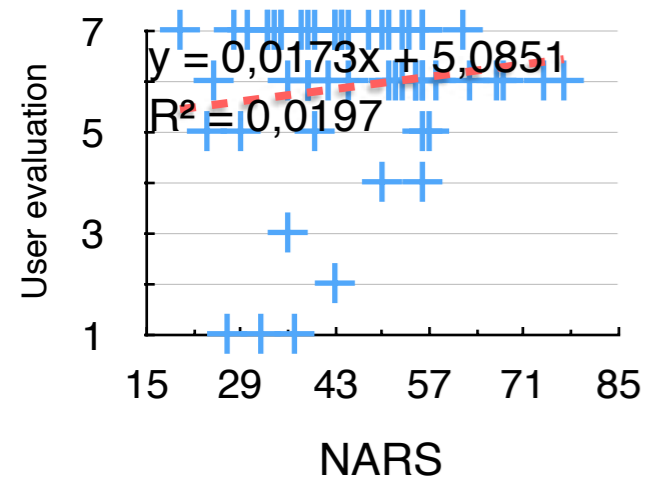
Subjective evaluation - questionnaires



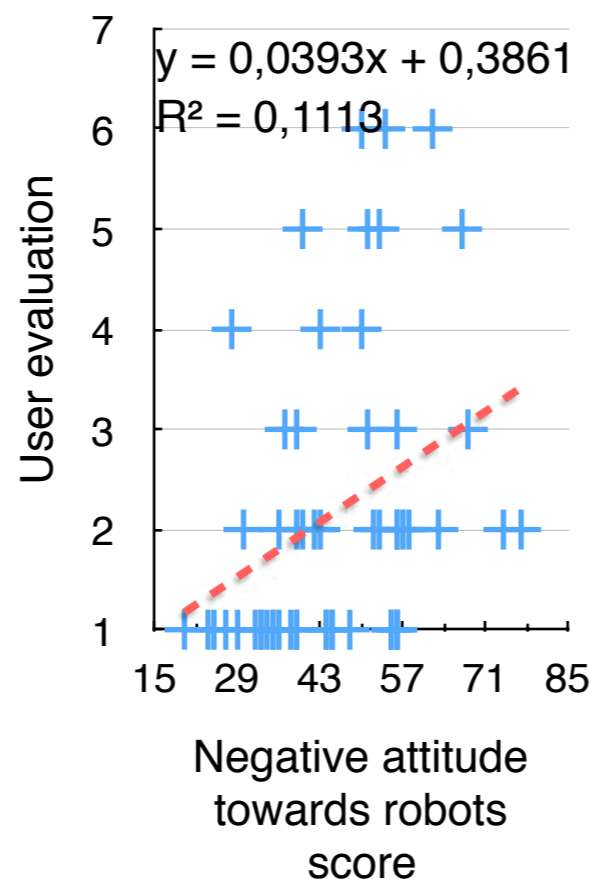
- Subjects with negative attitude towards robots are more anxious/afraid to touch the robot and its hands.
- The age of the participants and their extroversion/introversion do not influence this anxiety.

=> the NARS seems a good scale to catch the anxiety of the participants having to interact physically with the robot.

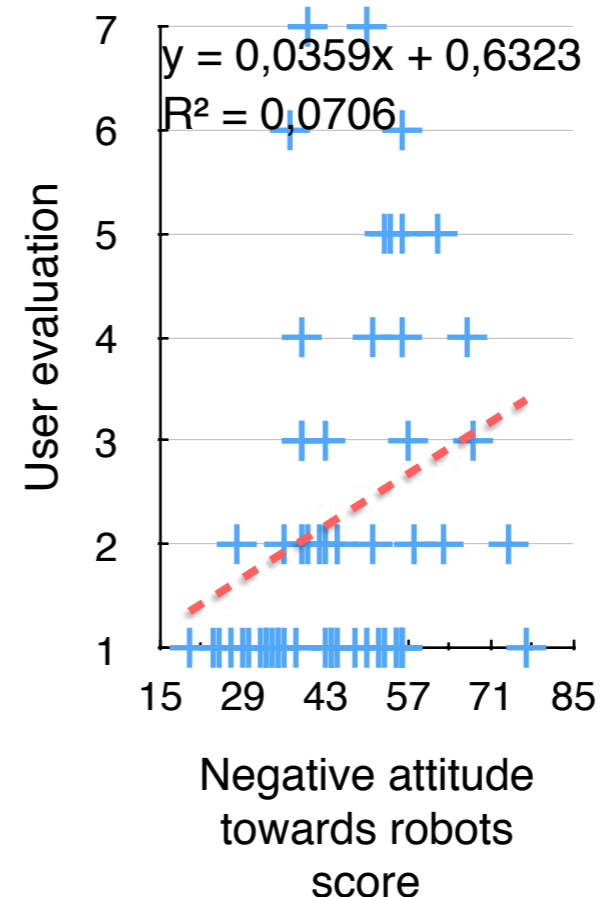
The assembly task was interesting



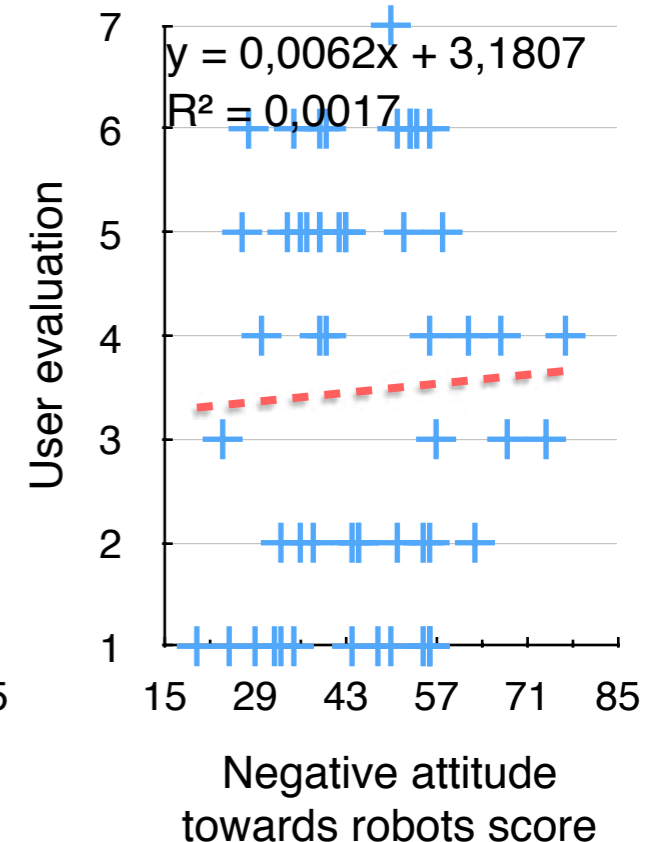
I was anxious that I had to touch the robot to build the objects



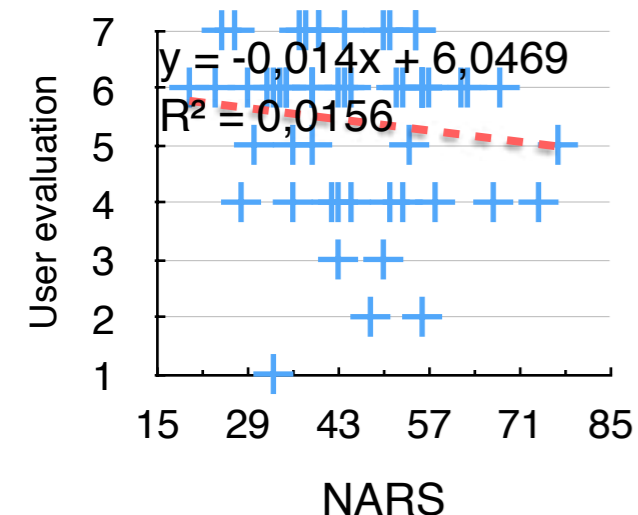
I was afraid to touch the hands of the robot



I was afraid to damage the robot



The assembly task was easy to do



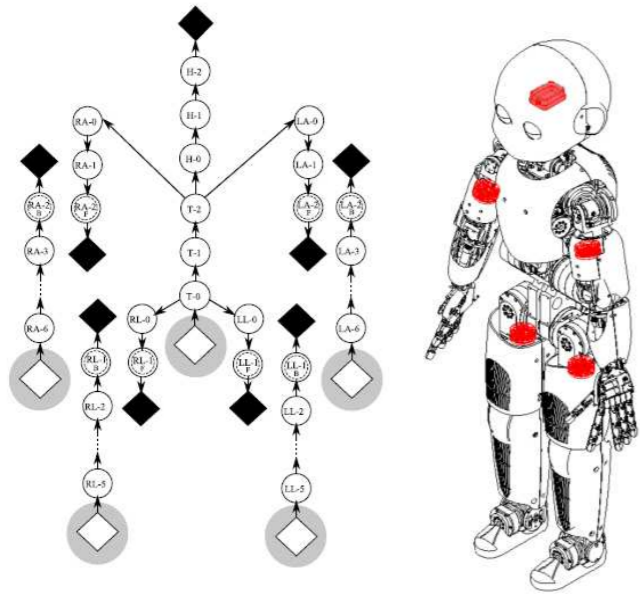
Subjective evaluation - interviews



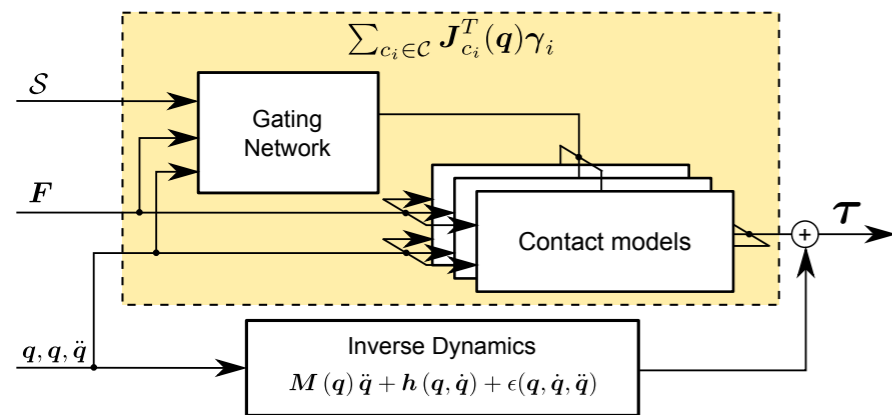
- “I didn’t like the cables and the metallic parts” (cf. hands)
- “I had no problem touching the blue skin”
- “I was not afraid to interact with it”
- “It seems “safe” and follows the mouvement I want”
- “Could it become coloured in the areas that I touch? To show the touch, but also if it gets hurt”
- “The skin was not cold as I expected”

... thanks to the skin and the soft covers!

Take home messages



Tactile skin fundamental to compute contact forces occurring not exclusively at the end-effectors but on the whole body.

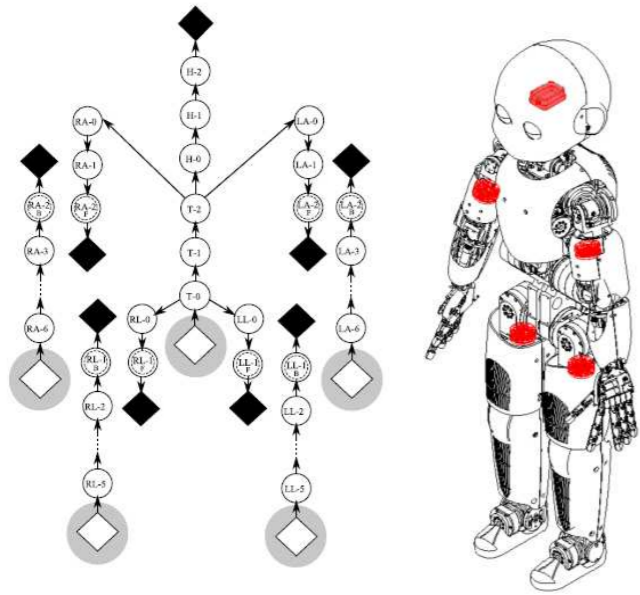


Tactile information can be used to discriminate contact types without having to estimate the contact location or accurately modelling the contact.

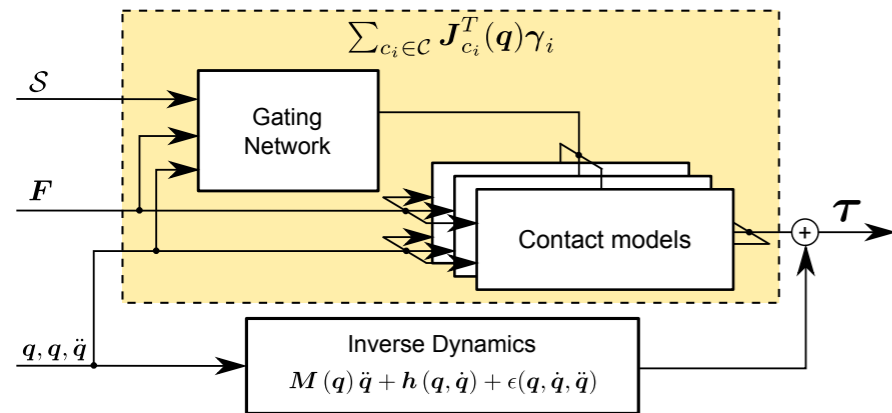


Ordinary people can physically grab the robot without being scared: this enables a social collaboration.

Thank you to my team mates



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Thank you!

Questions ?

CHARLES IS FOLLOWING THE EXPERIMENT FROM THE COMPUTER, WHILE I AM HOLDING THE RED BUTTON: IF SOMETHING GOES WRONG, I PUSH IT AND I SHUT DOWN EVERYTHING.

THE ATOMIC WAR IN SOME SENSE.. EHM..



Le Monde