

# Flatness Based Control of Some Classes of Mechanical Systems and Chemical Processes

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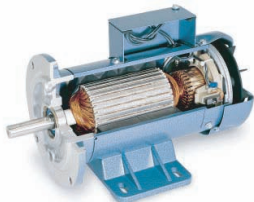
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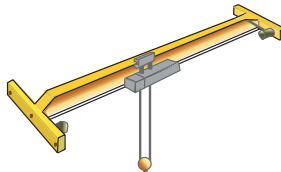
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# What do DC drives, cranes, motion control systems or chemical reactors hold in common ?



DC Drive



Overhead Crane



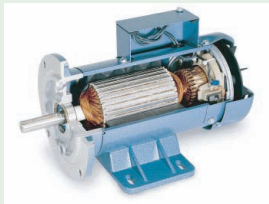
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Chemical Reactor

# DC Drive

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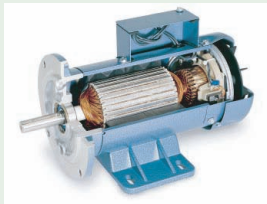
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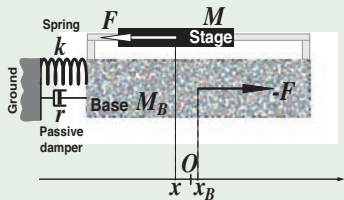
$$\omega = y$$

$$I = \frac{1}{K} (J\dot{y} + K_v y + C_r)$$

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# Motion Control Stage

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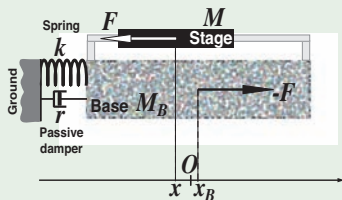
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$$y = x - \frac{r}{k}\dot{x} + \frac{1}{M}\left(M'_B - \frac{r^2}{k}\right)x_B - \frac{M'_B r}{Mk}\dot{x}_B$$

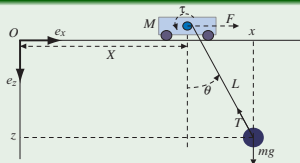
$$x = \frac{M'_B}{k}\ddot{y} + \frac{r}{k}\dot{y} + y,$$

$$x_B = -\frac{M}{k}\ddot{y}$$

$$F = M \left( \frac{M'_B}{k} y^{(4)} + \frac{r}{k} y^{(3)} + \ddot{y} \right)$$

# Overhead Crane

System (2 d.o.f. case):



$$m\ddot{x} = -T \sin \theta$$

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$$\frac{J}{\rho} \ddot{R} = -\tau + T\rho$$

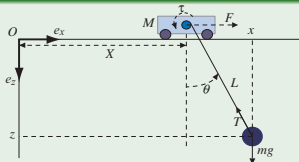
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Property of the output  $y = (x, z)$

$$X = x - \frac{\ddot{x}z}{\ddot{z} - g}$$

$$R = \frac{z}{\ddot{z} - g} \sqrt{\ddot{x}^2 + (\ddot{z} - g)^2}$$

$$\theta = \arctan \left( \frac{\ddot{x}}{\ddot{z} - g} \right)$$

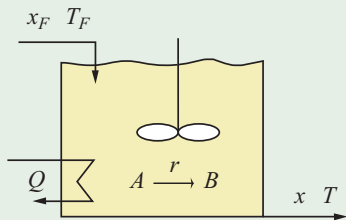
$$T = m \sqrt{\ddot{x}^2 + (\ddot{z} - g)^2}$$

$$F = M \frac{d^2}{dt^2} \left( x - \frac{\ddot{x}z}{\ddot{z} - g} \right) + m\ddot{x}$$

$$\tau = -\frac{J}{\rho} \frac{d^2}{dt^2} \left( \frac{z}{\ddot{z} - g} \sqrt{\ddot{x}^2 + (\ddot{z} - g)^2} \right) + m\rho \sqrt{\ddot{x}^2 + (\ddot{z} - g)^2}$$

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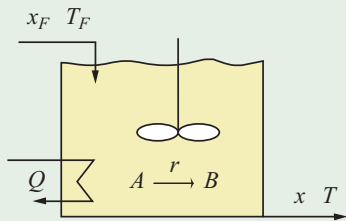
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Property of the output  $y = x$

$T = \mathcal{T}(x, \dot{x})$  solution to  
 $r(x, T) = D(x_F - x) - \dot{x}$

$$Q = \frac{d\mathcal{T}}{dt}(x, \dot{x}, \ddot{x}) - D(T_F - \mathcal{T}(x, \dot{x})) - \alpha (D(x_F - x) - \dot{x})$$

# Summary

In all these examples

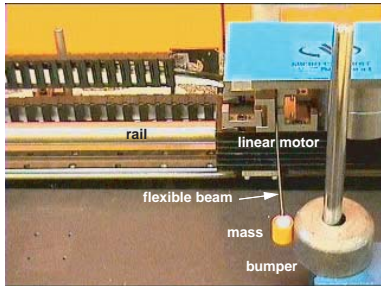
there exists an output  $y$  such that

- $y$  has the same dimension as the control vector;
- all the system variables can be expressed in function of  $y$  and a finite number of successive derivatives.

$y$  is called a **flat output** and the corresponding system is said to be **differentially flat**.

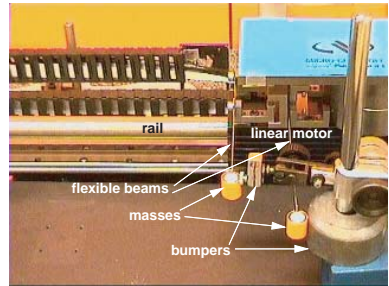
## What for?

Generate and follow fast trajectories with complex objectives, using poor actuators and sensors.



Mass=disturbance

Flatness-based



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## Recalls on Differentially Flat Systems

©M. Fliess, J.L., P. Martin, P. Rouchon 1991.

### Definition

The nonlinear system  $\dot{x} = f(x, u)$ , with  $x = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$ : state and  $u = (u_1, \dots, u_m)$ : control,  $m \leq n$ .

is (differentially) flat if and only if there exists  $y = (y_1, \dots, y_m)$  such that:

- $y$  and its successive derivatives  $\dot{y}, \ddot{y}, \dots$ , are independent,
- $y = h(x, u, \dot{u}, \dots, u^{(r)})$  (generalized output),
- Conversely,  $x$  and  $u$  can be expressed as:

$$x = \varphi(y, \dot{y}, \dots, y^{(\alpha)}), \quad u = \psi(y, \dot{y}, \dots, y^{(\alpha+1)})$$

with  $\dot{\varphi} \equiv f(\varphi, \psi)$ .

The vector  $y$  is called a **flat output**.

## Main advantages of Flatness

- 1 **Direct open-loop trajectory computation**, without integration nor optimization.
- 2 **Local stabilization of any reference trajectory** using the equivalence between the system trajectories and those of

$$y^{(\alpha+1)} = v.$$

**“Flatness-Based Control” = Trajectory Planning  
+ Trajectory Tracking.**

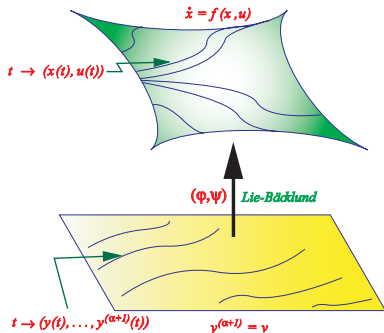
Alternative approach to **Predictive Control**  
(see e.g. Fliess, Marquez 2001).

## Consequence on motion planning

To every curve  $t \mapsto y(t)$  enough differentiable, there corresponds a trajectory

$$t \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} x(t) \\ u(t) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \varphi(y(t), \dot{y}(t), \dots, y^{(\alpha)}(t)) \\ \psi(y(t), \dot{y}(t), \dots, y^{(\alpha+1)}(t)) \end{pmatrix}$$

that identically satisfies the system equations.



- 1 Find the flat output initial and final conditions:

given	find
$(t_i, x(t_i), u(t_i))$	$(y(t_i), \dots, y^{(r+1)}(t_i))$
$(t_f, x(t_f), u(t_f))$	$(y(t_f), \dots, y^{(r+1)}(t_f))$

- 2 Build a curve  $t \mapsto y(t)$  for  $t \in [t_i, t_f]$  by **interpolation**, possibly satisfying further constraints.
- 3 Deduce the corresponding trajectory  $t \mapsto (x(t), u(t))$ .

## Rest-to-rest trajectories:

given	thus
$\dot{x}(t_i) = 0, \dot{u}(t_i) = 0$	$\dot{y}(t_i) = \dots = y^{(r+1)}(t_i) = 0$
$\dot{x}(t_f) = 0, \dot{u}(t_f) = 0$	$\dot{y}(t_f) = \dots = y^{(r+1)}(t_f) = 0$



## Consequence on trajectory tracking

Assume that  $y, \dots, y^{(\alpha)}$  are measured or suitably estimated.

There exists an **endogeneous dynamic feedback**

$$u = \alpha(x, z, v), \quad \dot{z} = \beta(x, z, v)$$

such that the closed-loop system is **diffeomorphic** to

$$y^{(\alpha+1)} = v.$$

Given a reference  $t \mapsto (y_{ref}(t), v_{ref}(t))$  with  $v_{ref}(t) = y_{ref}^{(\alpha+1)}(t)$ , to **stabilize the tracking error**  $\varepsilon = y - y_{ref}$  we set:

$$\varepsilon^{(\alpha+1)} = v - v_{ref} = - \sum_{i=0}^{\alpha} k_i \varepsilon^{(i)}$$

with the gains  $k_i, i = 0, \dots, \alpha$ , such that all the roots of the polynomial  $s^{\alpha+1} + k_{\alpha}s^{\alpha} + \dots + k_1s + k_0$  have negative real part.

Thus  $\|\varepsilon(t)\| \leq C e^{-a(t-t_0)}$  and, by continuity, locally,

$$\text{dist}(x(t), x_{ref}(t)) \rightarrow 0.$$

## Some usual critics

- **Flatness** often understood as **feedback linearization**.
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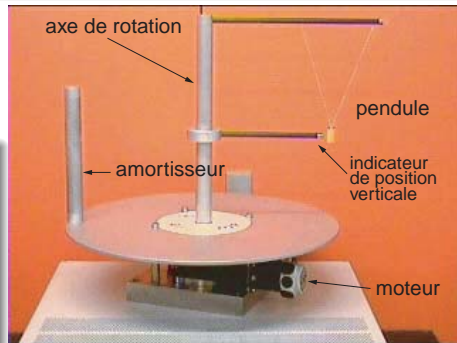
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Are they right?

No!!! See next slide...

## Benchmark :

- Displacements of an undamped pendulum
- at high speed
- without oscillation at the end
- without overshoot
- without position sensor



PID on the motor position

Input filtering

Flatness-based

Thanks to the help of Micro-Contrôle  
(subsidiary of Newport Corporation.).

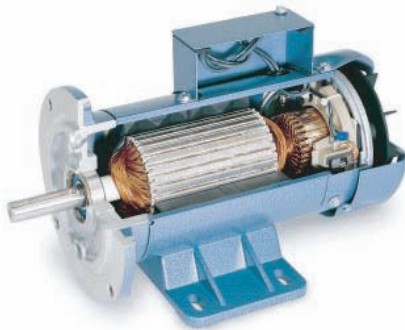
## Conclusions :

- no **feedback linearization** (only the motor position is measured)
- **novelty**: improvement w.r.t. input filtering
- **robustness**: depends only on the pendulum period
- **physical aspects**: no dynamical compensation (open loop)
- **constraints**: no problem.
- **flat output computation**:
  - *in the linear case*: see J.L. and D.V. Nguyen, Systems & Control Letters, 2003,
  - *in the general case*: J.L., Proc. NOLCOS 2004, Stuttgart.

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## DC Motor Start-Up



From rest at time  $t_i$ .

To stabilized speed  $\omega_f$  at time  $t_f$ .

System (recall):

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Flat output:  $y = \omega$  ( $C_r$  known)

$$\omega = y$$

$$I = \frac{1}{K} (J\dot{y} + K_v y + C_r)$$

$$U = L \frac{dI}{dt} + RI + Ky$$

$$= \frac{K^2 + RK_v}{K} y + \frac{RJ + LK_v}{K} \dot{y} + \frac{JL}{K} \ddot{y} + \frac{R}{K} C_r + \frac{L}{K} \dot{C}_r$$

# DC Motor Start-Up

## Step Reference Tracking

Speed step reference:

$$\omega^*(t) = \omega_f H_{t_i+\varepsilon}(t), \quad U^*(t) = \frac{K^2 + RK_v}{K} \omega_f H_{t_i+\varepsilon}(t)$$

$$\text{with } H_{t_i+\varepsilon}(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } t \in [t_i, t_i + \varepsilon[ \\ 1 & \text{if } t \in [t_i + \varepsilon, t_f[ \end{cases}$$

PID :

$$U = U^* - K_P(\omega - \omega^*) - K_D\dot{\omega} - K_I \int_{t_i}^t (\omega(\tau) - \omega^*(\tau)) d\tau$$

Constraints:

$$|U| \leq U_{max}, \quad \left| \frac{dI}{dt} \right| \leq \delta, \quad |I| \leq I_{max}$$

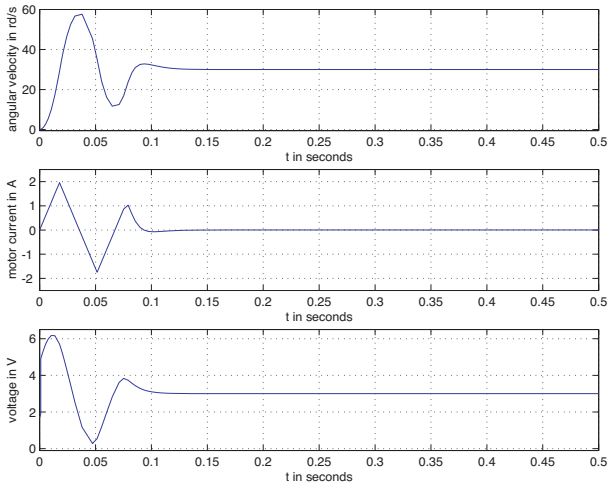
### In every simulation:

- $\omega_f = 30$  rd/s, duration  $T = t_f - t_i = 0.1$ s.
- Initial error  $\omega(t_i) = 0.087$  rd/s ( $\approx 5^\circ$ /s),  $C_r = 0.5$  Nm.
- $U_{max} = 25$  V and  $I_{max} = 10$  A.
- $K_P = 0.056$ ,  $K_I = 7.45$  et  $K_D = 10^{-5}$   
(time constants:  $10^{-2}$ ,  $6.6 \cdot 10^{-3}$  and  $4 \cdot 10^{-3}$ s).

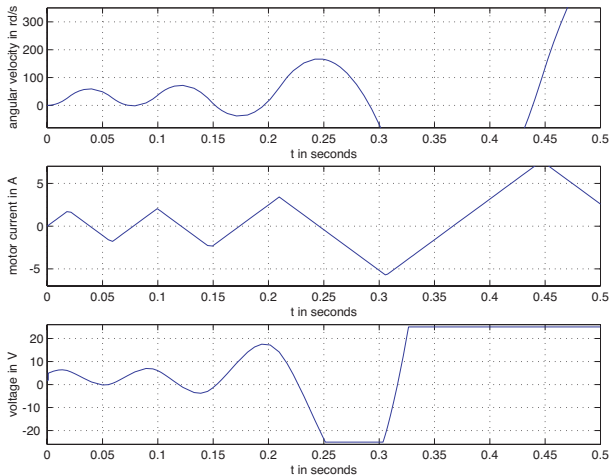
### Variation of $\delta$ (current rate limitation):

- 1 100 A/s
- 2 95 A/s
- 3 500 A/s.

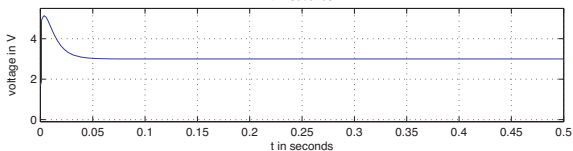
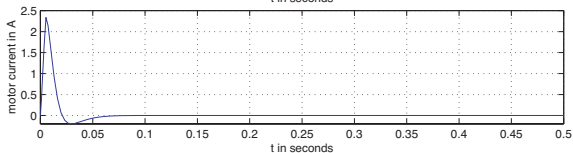
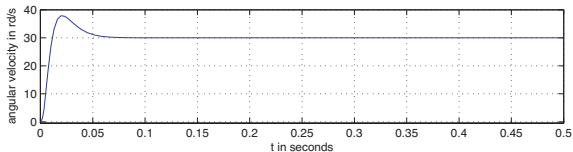
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## Flatness-Based Reference Tracking

Speed and voltage reference trajectories:

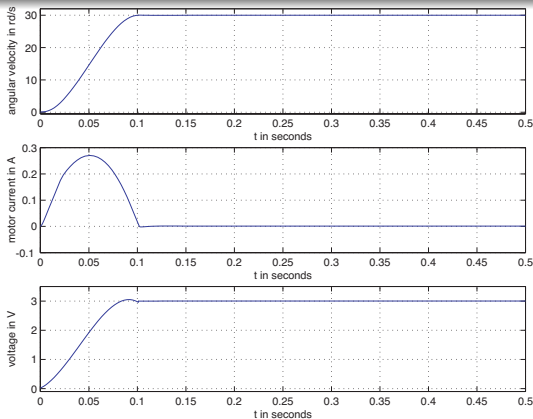
$$\omega^{**} = \omega_f \left( \frac{t - t_i}{T} \right)^2 \left( 3 - 2 \left( \frac{t - t_i}{T} \right) \right)$$

$$U^{**} = \frac{K^2 + RK_v}{K} \omega^{**} + \frac{RJ + LK_v}{K} \dot{\omega}^{**} + \frac{JL}{K} \ddot{\omega}^{**}$$

PID :

$$U = U^{**} - K_P(\omega - \omega^{**}) - K_D\dot{\omega} - K_I \int_{t_i}^t (\omega(\tau) - \omega^{**}(\tau)) d\tau$$

Same gains  $K_P$ ,  $K_I$  and  $K_D$ , same constraints, same initial errors.



Final angular speed reached in 0.1 s without overshoot, with a precision of  $\approx 0.1$  mm/s for a **speed current rate limitation 50 times smaller** (10A/s).

**Consequences:** energy savings, increased life duration.



# Linear Motor with Auxiliary Masses

## Single Mass Case

### Model:

$$M\ddot{x} = F - k(x - z) - r(\dot{x} - \dot{z})$$

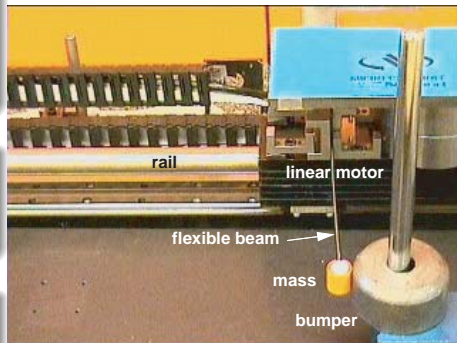
$$m\ddot{z} = k(x - z) + r(\dot{x} - \dot{z})$$

### Aims:

Rest-to-rest fast and high precision displacements.

### Measurements:

- $x$  and  $\dot{x}$  measured,
- $z$  not measured.



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Displacement without taking into account the auxiliary mass:

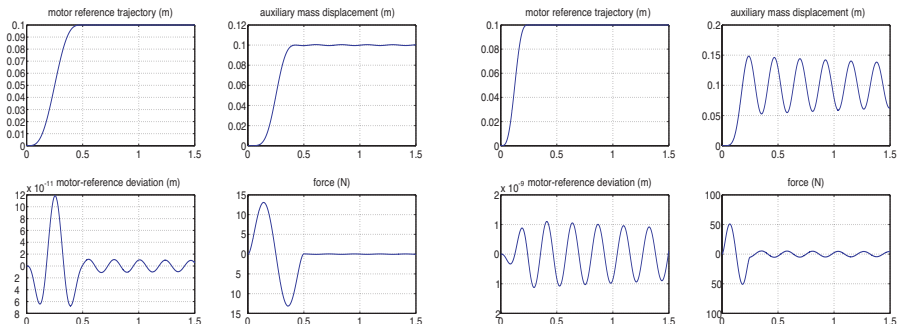
$$M\ddot{x} = F + p \quad (p : \text{unknown disturbance})$$

Rest-to-rest trajectory ( $p = 0$ ):

$$x_{ref}(t) = x_0 + (x_1 - x_0) \left(\frac{t}{T}\right)^4 \\
\times \left(35 - 84 \left(\frac{t}{T}\right) + 70 \left(\frac{t}{T}\right)^2 - 20 \left(\frac{t}{T}\right)^3\right) \\
F_{ref}(t) = M\ddot{x}_{ref}(t) = 420 M \left(\frac{x_1 - x_0}{T^2}\right) \left(\frac{t}{T}\right) \\
\times \left(1 - 4 \left(\frac{t}{T}\right) + 5 \left(\frac{t}{T}\right)^2 - 2 \left(\frac{t}{T}\right)^3\right).$$

## PID controller:

$$F = F_{ref} - k_P (x - x_{ref}) - k_D (\dot{x} - \dot{x}_{ref}) - k_I \int_0^t (x(\tau) - x_{ref}(\tau)) d\tau$$



Duration  $T = 0, 5s$  (left) and  $T = 0, 25s$  (right),  
 error of 20% on  $k$  and  $r$ .

## Taking into account the auxiliary mass

$$M\ddot{x} = F - k(x - z) - r(\dot{x} - \dot{z})$$

$$m\ddot{z} = k(x - z) + r(\dot{x} - \dot{z})$$

## Flat output (J.L. and D.V. Nguyen, S&CL, 2003) :

$$y = \frac{r^2}{mk}x + \left(1 - \frac{r^2}{mk}\right)z - \frac{r}{k}\dot{z}$$

$$x = y + \frac{r}{k}\dot{y} + \frac{m}{k}\ddot{y}, \quad z = y + \frac{r}{k}\dot{y}$$

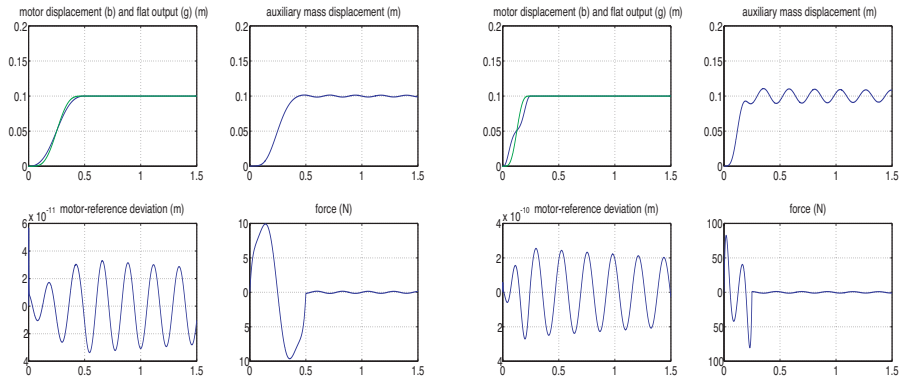
$$F = (M + m) \left( \ddot{y} + \frac{r}{k}y^{(3)} + \frac{Mm}{(M + m)k}y^{(4)} \right)$$

## Trajectory planning:

$$y_{ref}(t) = x_0 + (x_1 - x_0) \left(\frac{t}{T}\right)^5 \\
 \times \left( 126 - 420 \left(\frac{t}{T}\right) + 540 \left(\frac{t}{T}\right)^2 \right. \\
 \left. - 315 \left(\frac{t}{T}\right)^3 + 70 \left(\frac{t}{T}\right)^4 \right).$$

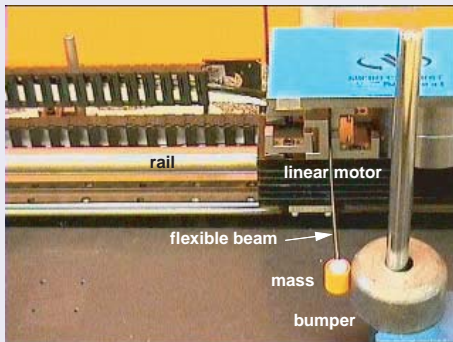
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## Videos



Mass=disturbance

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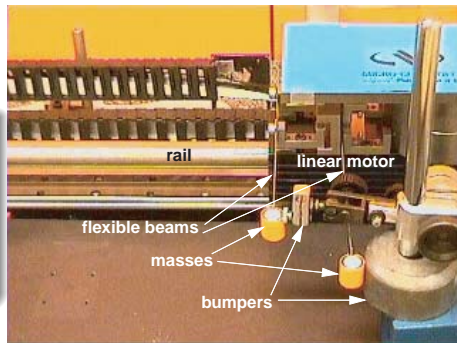
Flatness-based

# Linear Motor with Auxiliary Masses

The Case of Two Masses

Model:

$$\begin{aligned} M\ddot{x} &= F - k(x - z) - r(\dot{x} - \dot{z}) \\ &\quad - k'(x - z') - r'(\dot{x} - \dot{z}') \\ m\ddot{z} &= k(x - z) + r(\dot{x} - \dot{z}) \\ m'\ddot{z}' &= k'(x - z') + r'(\dot{x} - \dot{z}') \end{aligned}$$



In collaboration with Micro-Contrôle.



## Flatness:

$$x = y + \left( \frac{r}{k} + \frac{r'}{k'} \right) \dot{y} + \left( \frac{m}{k} + \frac{m'}{k'} + \frac{rr'}{kk'} \right) \ddot{y} + \left( \frac{mr' + rm'}{kk'} \right) y^{(3)} + \frac{mm'}{kk'} y^{(4)}$$

$$z = y + \left( \frac{r}{k} + \frac{r'}{k'} \right) \dot{y} + \left( \frac{m'}{k'} + \frac{rr'}{kk'} \right) \ddot{y} + \frac{rm'}{kk'} y^{(3)}$$

$$z' = y + \left( \frac{r}{k} + \frac{r'}{k'} \right) \dot{y} + \left( \frac{m}{k} + \frac{rr'}{kk'} \right) \ddot{y} + \frac{mr'}{kk'} y^{(3)}$$

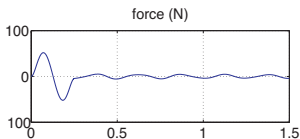
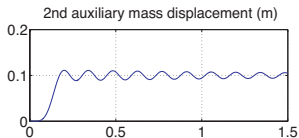
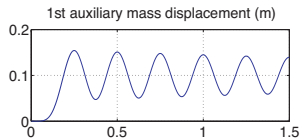
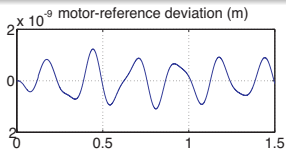
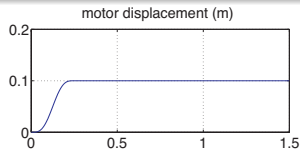
$$F = \hat{M} \ddot{y} + \hat{M} \left( \frac{r}{k} + \frac{r'}{k'} \right) y^{(3)} + \left( \frac{m}{k} \bar{M}' + \bar{M} \frac{m'}{k'} + \hat{M} \frac{rr'}{kk'} \right) y^{(4)} + \left( \frac{mr'}{kk'} \bar{M}' + \bar{M} \frac{rm'}{kk'} \right) y^{(5)} + \frac{Mmm'}{kk'} y^{(6)}$$

with  $\hat{M} = (M + m + m')$ ,  $\bar{M} = M + m$  and  $\bar{M}' = M + m'$ .

### Rest-to-rest trajectory:

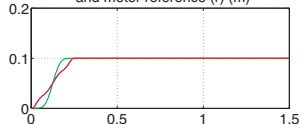
$$y(t) = x_0 + (x_1 - x_0) \left(\frac{t}{T}\right)^7 \\ \times \left( 1716 - 9009 \left(\frac{t}{T}\right) + 20020 \left(\frac{t}{T}\right)^2 \right. \\ \left. - 24024 \left(\frac{t}{T}\right)^3 + 16380 \left(\frac{t}{T}\right)^4 - 6006 \left(\frac{t}{T}\right)^5 + 924 \left(\frac{t}{T}\right)^6 \right).$$

$x$  and  $F$  deduced from  $y$  by the previous formulas.

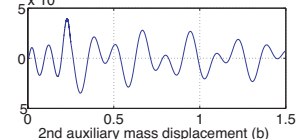


Without taking into account the auxiliary masses  
 (same PID controller as in the single mass case)  
 duration  $T = 0,25$ s, error of 20% on  $k$  and  $r$

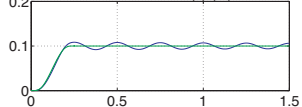
motor displacement (b), flat toutput (v) and motor reference (r) (m)



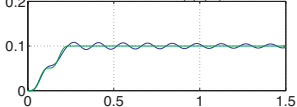
$\times 10^{-10}$  motor-reference deviation (m)



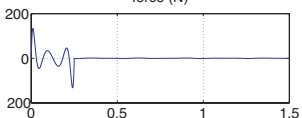
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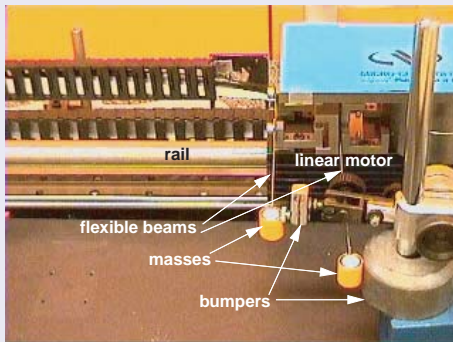


force (N)



Taking into account the auxiliary masses  
 (same PID controller with rest-to-rest reference trajectory)  
 duration  $T = 0,25$ s, error of 20% on  $k$  and  $r$

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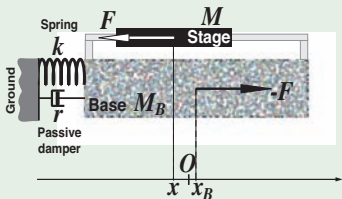
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# Flatness-based control of oscillating systems

High-precision positioning system

System (recall):



$$M\ddot{x} = F$$

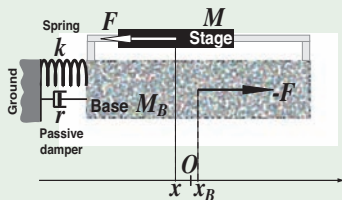
$$M_B\ddot{x}_B = -F - kx_B - r\dot{x}_B$$

Control variable:  $F$

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$$M'_B\ddot{x}_B = -F - kx_B - r\dot{x}_B$$

Control variable:  $F$

Flat output

$$y = x - \frac{r}{k}\dot{x} + \frac{1}{M}\left(M'_B - \frac{r^2}{k}\right)x_B - \frac{M'_B r}{Mk}\dot{x}_B$$

$$x = \frac{M'_B}{k}\ddot{y} + \frac{r}{k}\dot{y} + y,$$

$$x_B = -\frac{M}{k}\ddot{y}$$

$$F = M \left( \frac{M'_B}{k} y^{(4)} + \frac{r}{k} y^{(3)} + \ddot{y} \right)$$



## Rest-to-rest trajectories

Initial and final conditions:

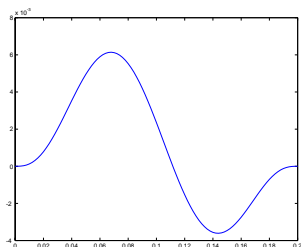
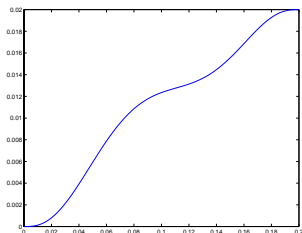
	initial time $t_0$	final time $t_1$
stage	$x(t_0) = x_0$ $\dot{x}(t_0) = 0,$ $F(t_0) = 0$	$x(t_1) = x_1$ $\dot{x}(t_1) = 0,$ $F(t_1) = 0$
base	$x_B(t_0) = \dot{x}_B(t_0) = 0$	$x_B(t_1) = \dot{x}_B(t_1) = 0$
flat output	$y(t_0) = x_0$ $\dot{y}(t_0) = \ddot{y}(t_0) = 0$ $y^{(3)}(t_0) = y^{(4)}(t_0) = 0$	$y(t_1) = x_1$ $\dot{y}(t_1) = \ddot{y}(t_1) = 0$ $y^{(3)}(t_1) = y^{(4)}(t_1) = 0$

10 conditions  $\implies$  9th degree polynomial:

$$y(t) = y_0 + (y_1 - y_0) \tau^5 (126 - 420\tau + 540\tau^2 - 315\tau^3 + 70\tau^4)$$

with

$$\tau = \frac{t - t_0}{t_1 - t_0}.$$



Stage (left) and base (right) rest-to-rest displacements.

## Closing the loop...

Recall: base position and velocity not measured.

$$F = F_{ref} - k_P (x - x_{ref}) - k_D (\dot{x} - \dot{x}_{ref}) - k_I \int_{t_0}^t (x(\tau) - x_{ref}(\tau)) d\tau$$

## ...in the classical way

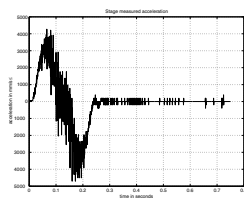
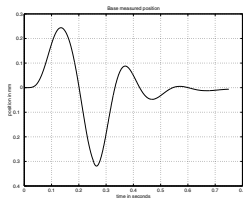
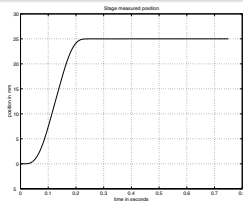
$x_B$ : perturbation.

Model in this case:  $M\ddot{x} = F$   
and reference trajectories:

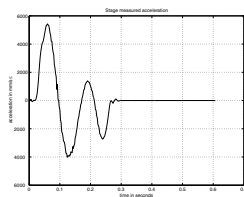
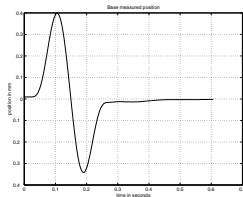
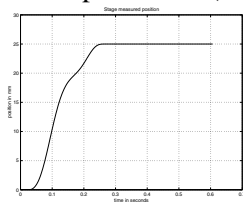
$$x_{ref} = y, F_{ref} = M\ddot{y}.$$

## ...in the flatness-based way

Reference trajectories  $x_{ref}$  and  $F_{ref}$  defined as before.



**Classical controller:** 25 mm displacement of the stage in 0.25s (left), base displacement (center) and stage acceleration (right).



**Flatness-based controller:** 25 mm displacement of the stage in 0.25s (left), base displacement (center) and stage acceleration (right).

# Crane Control

## Model (recall)

$$m\ddot{x} = -T \sin \theta$$

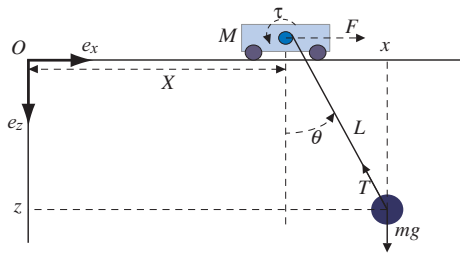
$$m\ddot{z} = -T \cos \theta + mg$$

$$M\ddot{X} = F - \lambda(\dot{X}) + T \sin \theta$$

$$\frac{J}{\rho}\ddot{\rho} = -\tau - \mu\left(\frac{\dot{\rho}}{\rho}\right) + T\rho$$

$$x = L \sin \theta + X$$

$$z = L \cos \theta$$



Flatness (recall) :

$$\begin{cases} x = L \sin \theta + X \\ z = L \cos \theta \end{cases} \iff \begin{cases} (x - X)^2 + z^2 = L^2 \\ \tan \theta = \frac{x - X}{z} \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} m\ddot{x} = -T \sin \theta \\ m\ddot{z} = -T \cos \theta + mg \end{cases} \iff \begin{cases} \tan \theta = \frac{\ddot{x}}{\ddot{z} - g} \\ T^2 = m^2 (\ddot{x}^2 + (\ddot{z} - g)^2) \end{cases}$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{x - X}{z} = \frac{\ddot{x}}{\ddot{z} - g} \implies X = x - \frac{\ddot{x}z}{\ddot{z} - g}$$

Summary:  $(x, z)$  flat output

$$X = x - \frac{\ddot{x}z}{\ddot{z} - g}, L = ((x - X)^2 + z^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}, \tan \theta = \frac{\ddot{x}}{\ddot{z} - g}$$

$$T = m (\ddot{x}^2 + (\ddot{z} - g)^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

## Rest-to-rest trajectory of the load

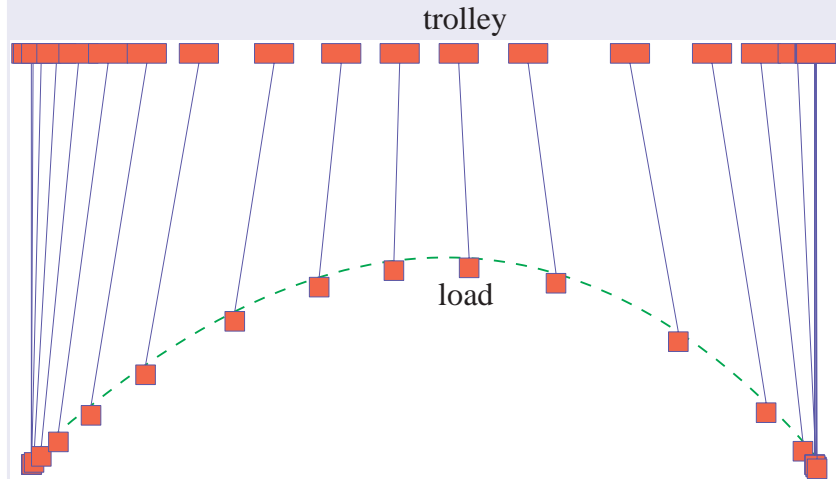
$$x_{ref}(t) = x_i + (x_f - x_i) \left( \frac{t - t_i}{t_f - t_i} \right)^5 \\
\times \left( 126 - 420 \left( \frac{t - t_i}{t_f - t_i} \right) + 540 \left( \frac{t - t_i}{t_f - t_i} \right)^2 \right. \\
\left. - 315 \left( \frac{t - t_i}{t_f - t_i} \right)^3 + 70 \left( \frac{t - t_i}{t_f - t_i} \right)^4 \right).$$

**straight line** :  $z_{ref}(x) = z_i + \frac{z_f - z_i}{x_f - x_i} (x - x_i)$

**parabola** :  $z_{ref}(t) =$

$$z_i + (z_f - z_i) \left( \frac{x_{ref}(t) + x_i - 2\bar{x}}{x_f + x_i - 2\bar{x}} \right) \left( \frac{x_{ref}(t) - x_i}{x_f - x_i} \right)$$

## Parabola:





## Output Feedback Trajectory Tracking

Only  $X$ ,  $\dot{X}$ ,  $L$  and  $\dot{L}$  measured ( $(x, z, \theta)$  not measured).

PID controller:

$$F = F_{ref} - k_{F,P}(X - X_{ref}) - k_{F,D}(\dot{X} - \dot{X}_{ref})$$

$$\tau = \tau_{ref} + k_{\tau,P}(L - L_{ref}) + k_{\tau,D}(\dot{L} - \dot{L}_{ref})$$

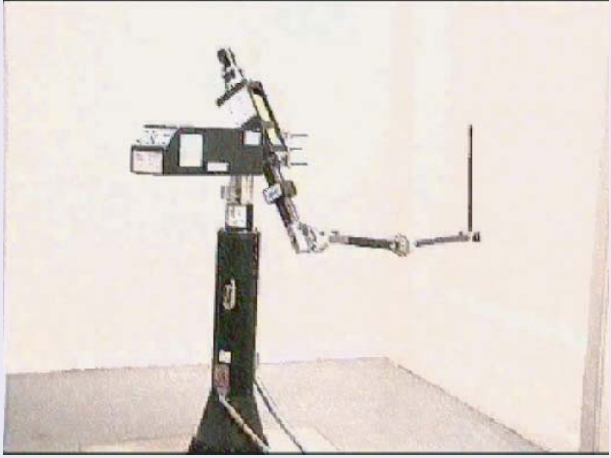
### Theorem (consequence of the LaSalle Theorem):

To every rest-to-rest trajectory and every  $k_{F,P}, k_{F,D}, k_{\tau,P}, k_{\tau,D} > 0$ , there correspond a tubular neighborhood of the trajectory such that for every initial condition in this neighborhood and every perturbation such that the trajectory remains in it, the closed-loop system with the above PID controller is asymptotically stable.

## Reduced size US Navy crane (B. Kiss, J.L., P. Müllhaupt 2000)



## More and more difficult: the juggling robot



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# Example of Extension to Infinite Dimensional Systems

Polymerization Reactor (N. Petit et al., J. Process Control, 2002)

## Model (delayed system)

$$\dot{Q}_a = u(t - \delta) - \frac{1}{\tau} Q_a$$

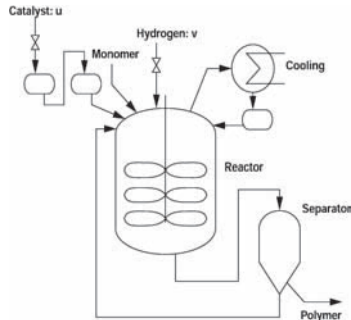
$$\dot{X} = Q_a(\alpha X + \beta) - \gamma X + \xi \frac{X}{1 - X}$$

$$\dot{C}_{H_2} = v - g(C_{H_2}, Q_a)$$

$$\dot{\lambda} = \frac{1}{\tau} (a \log C_{H_2} + b - \lambda)$$

$$y_1 = \varphi \frac{X}{1 - X}$$

$$y_2 = \exp(\lambda)$$



$Q_a$  amount of catalyst,  $X$  rate of solid,  $C_{H_2}$  concentration of hydrogen,  
 $\lambda$  log of melt-index of polymer,  $u$  amount of input catalyst per unit of time,  
 $v$  amount of input hydrogen per unit of time per unit of volume.

## Flat output: $(X, \lambda)$

$$Q_a = \frac{\dot{X} + \gamma X - \xi \frac{X}{1-X}}{\alpha X + \beta}$$

$$u(t - \delta) = \dot{Q}_a + \frac{1}{\tau} Q_a \triangleq U(X, \dot{X}, \ddot{X})$$

$$C_{H_2} = \exp\left(\frac{1}{a} (\tau \dot{\lambda} + \lambda - b)\right)$$

$$v = \dot{C}_{H_2} + g(C_{H_2}, Q_a) \triangleq N(X, \dot{X}, \lambda, \dot{\lambda}, \ddot{\lambda})$$

## Consequences:

**Motion planning** as in the finite dimensional case.

**Trajectory tracking** controller using the deviations with respect to the predicted references.

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## Conclusions et perspectives

### Numerous industrial applications:

- asynchronous motors (Schneider-Electric)
- mecatronics (Bosch)
- automotive equipments (Valeo, Bosch, PSA, Siemens Automotive (IFAC Congress Applications Paper Prize 2002 to Horn, Bamberger, Michau, Pindl))
- underwater applications (IFP)
- high-precision positioning (Micro-Contrôle)
- magnetic bearings (Alcatel, Axomat GmbH)
- chemical reactors (Total-Fina-Elf)
- biotechnological processes (Ifremer)
- ...



## Flat output computation: linear motor with a single auxiliary mass

### Model (recall)

$$M\ddot{x} = F - k(x - z) - r(\dot{x} - \dot{z})$$

$$m\ddot{z} = k(x - z) + r(\dot{x} - \dot{z})$$

Setting  $s = \frac{d}{dt}$ :

$$(Ms^2 + rs + k)x = (rs + k)z + F$$

$$(ms^2 + rs + k)z = (rs + k)x$$

### Definition polynomials:

$$x = P_x(s)y, \quad z = P_z(s)y, \quad F = Q(s)y$$

$$(ms^2 + rs + k)P_z(s) = (rs + k)P_x(s)$$

$$\text{thus } P_x(s) = (ms^2 + rs + k)P_0, \quad P_z(s) = (rs + k)P_0.$$