

# Identification of Joint Impedance

tools for understanding the human motion system,  
treatment selection and evaluation

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Case Studies

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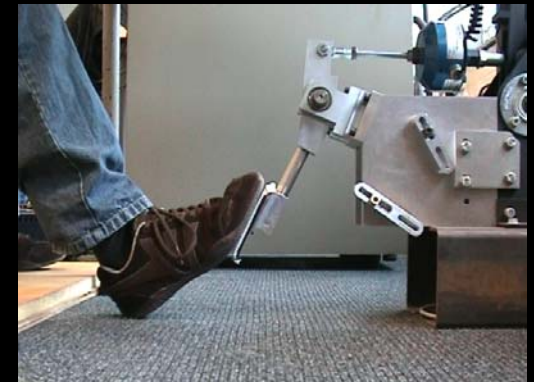
Mission: application and validation of SIPE technology in the clinical practice to improve efficacy of intervention

# Robots for System Identification

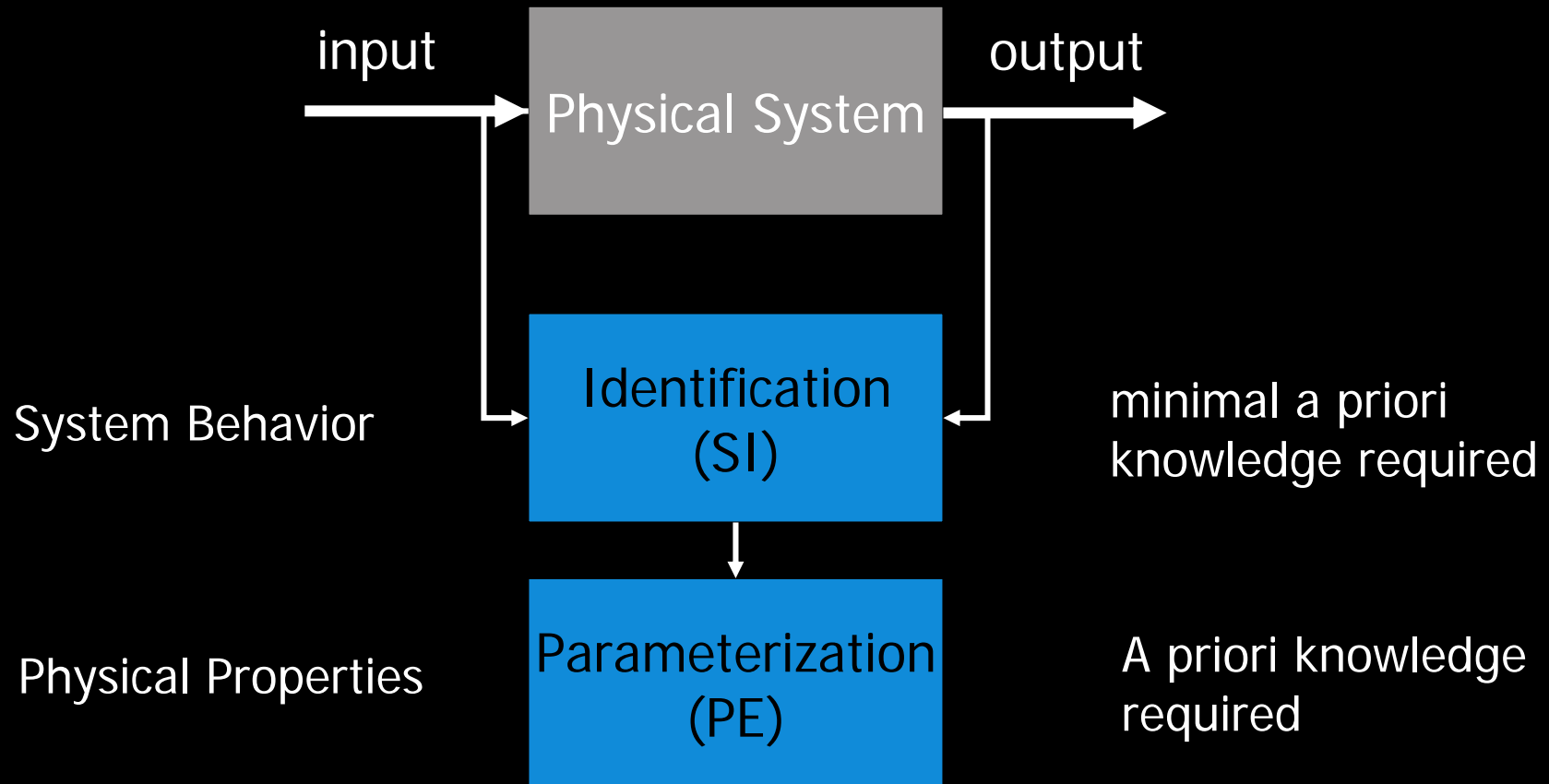
- Mechanical energy transfer to the biological system
- Measurement of forces and movement



# Robots for System Identification



# System Identification & Parameter Estimation (SI-PE)



# Three case studies

1. Linear SIPE: intrinsic and reflexive properties of the shoulder (1DOF)
2. Linear SIPE: ... but now for 3DOF (shoulder, elbow, wrist)
3. Nonlinear PE: intrinsic and reflexive torque of the ankle in stroke

# Linear systems: Frequency domain analysis of mass-damper-spring

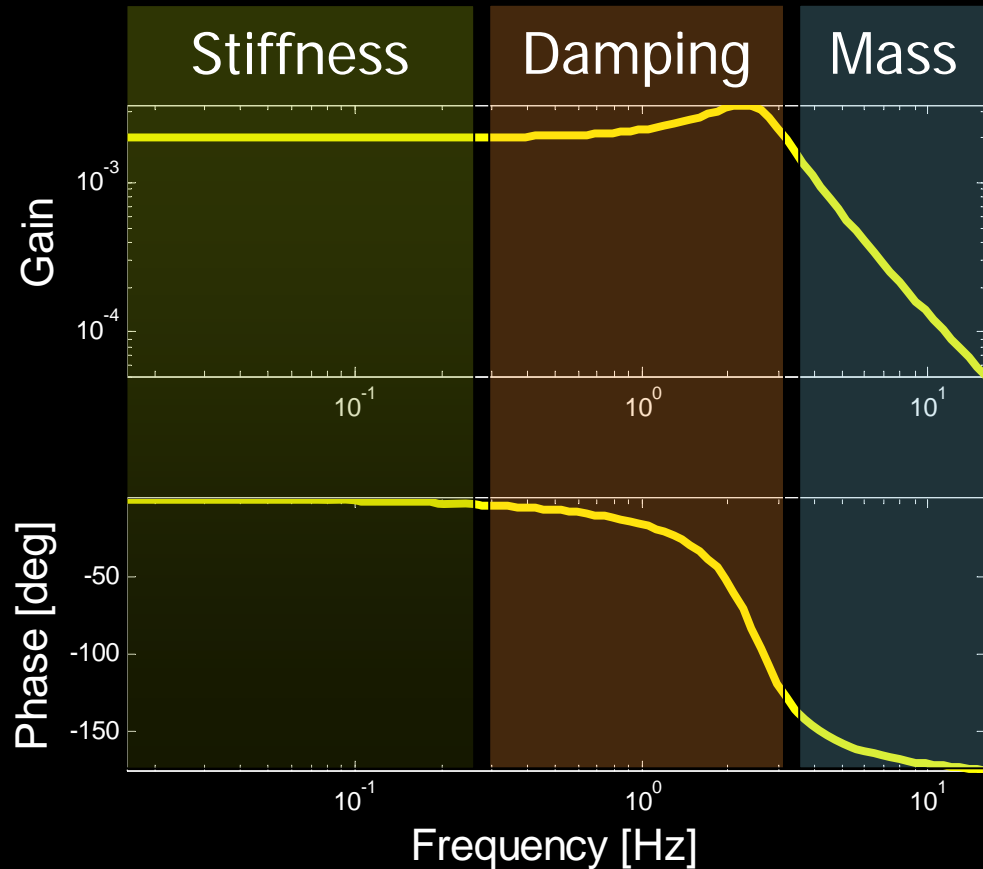
$$H(s) = \frac{1}{Ms^2 + Bs + K}$$

$$s = 2\pi f$$

- H is causal
- H is an admittance

$$\omega_0 = \sqrt{\frac{K}{M}}$$

$$\beta = \frac{B}{2\sqrt{KM}}$$



# Optimal Admittance Control

- Simulations indicate that contribution of reflexes decrease with frequency of torque input.

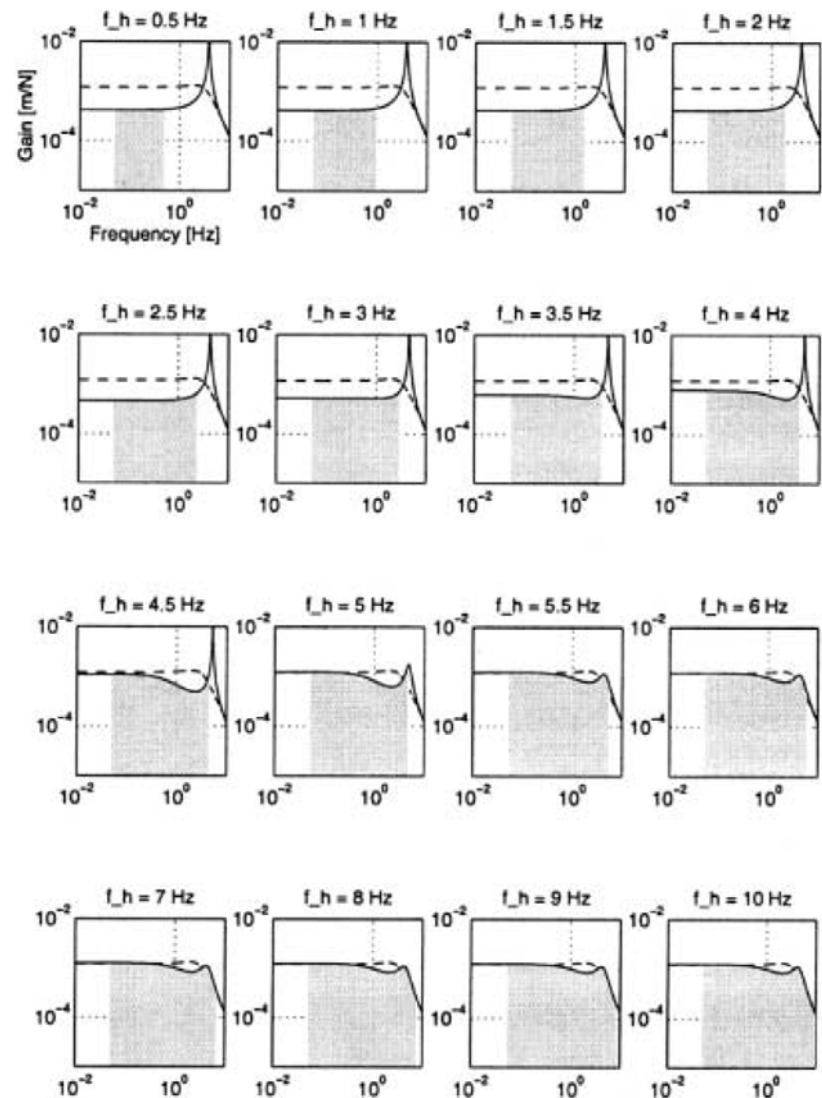


Fig. 5. Magnitudes of  $H_{CL}(f)$  for NB noise type 1 with different values of  $f_h$  (solid curves), and for  $H_c(f) = 0$ , i.e. only intrinsic feedback (dashed curves). The filled areas denote the frequency range between  $f_l$  and  $f_h$



# Short Intro to Optimal Admittance Control

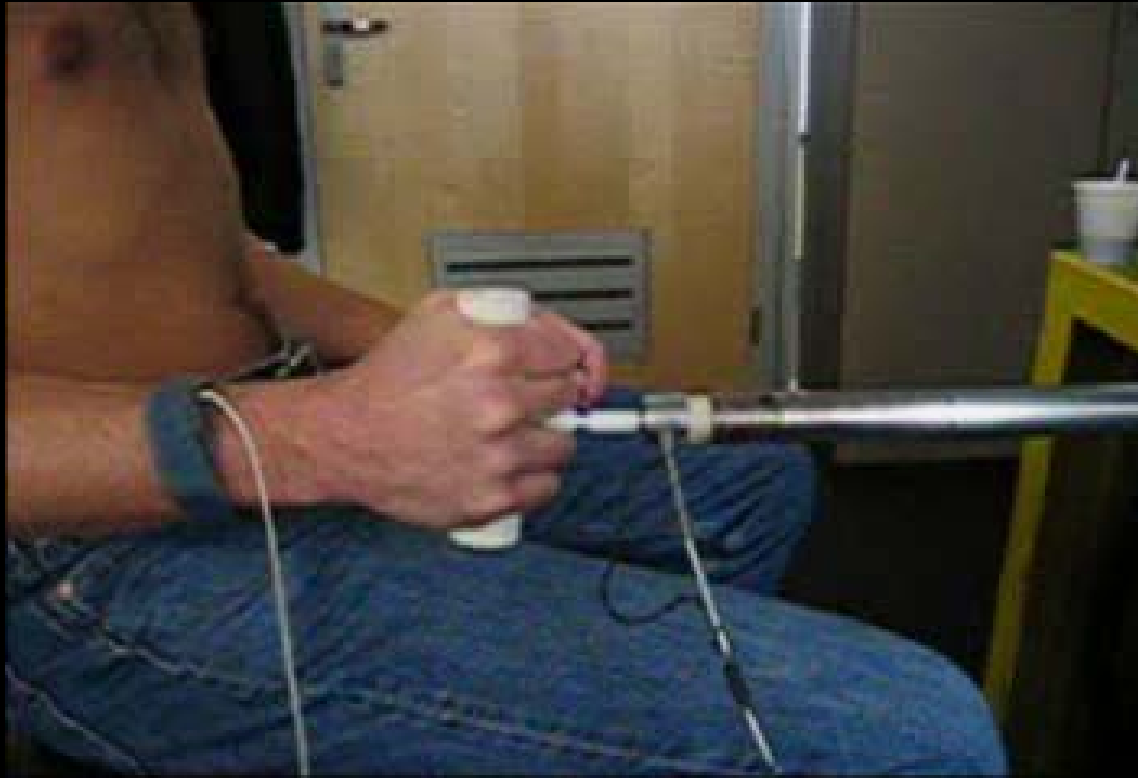
## Joint Admittance

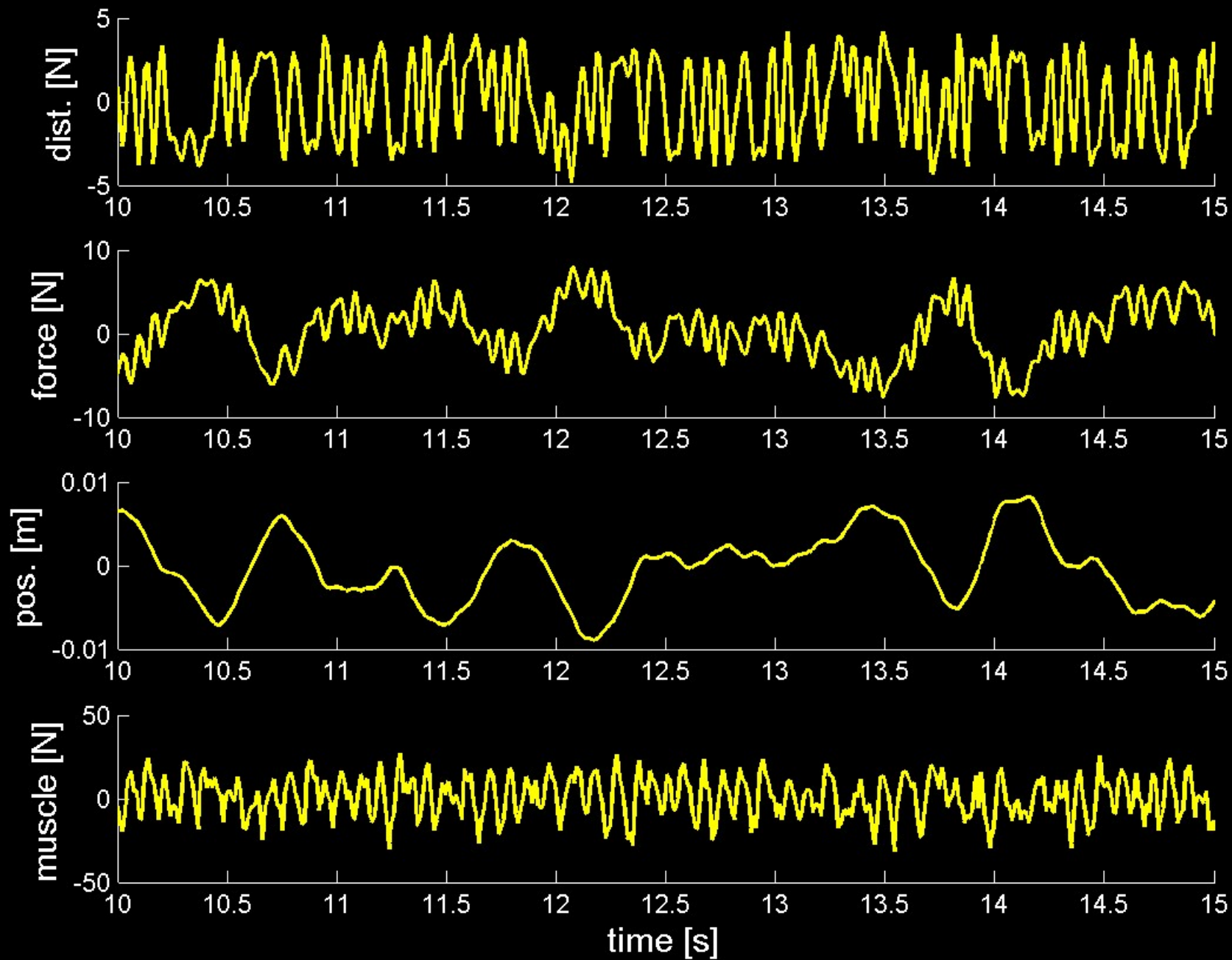
- is the dynamic relationship between joint angle and joint torque
- the result of visco-elasticity and torque generated by reflexes
- important for posture maintenance

## Research Questions

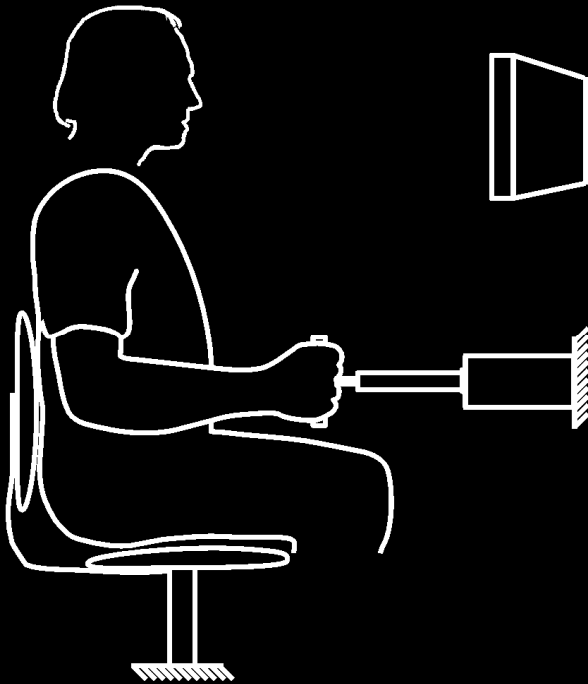
- does admittance depend on the dynamic properties of external load, e.g. damping ?
- how does admittance change with joint angle?

# Case 1: 1DOF shoulder joint control



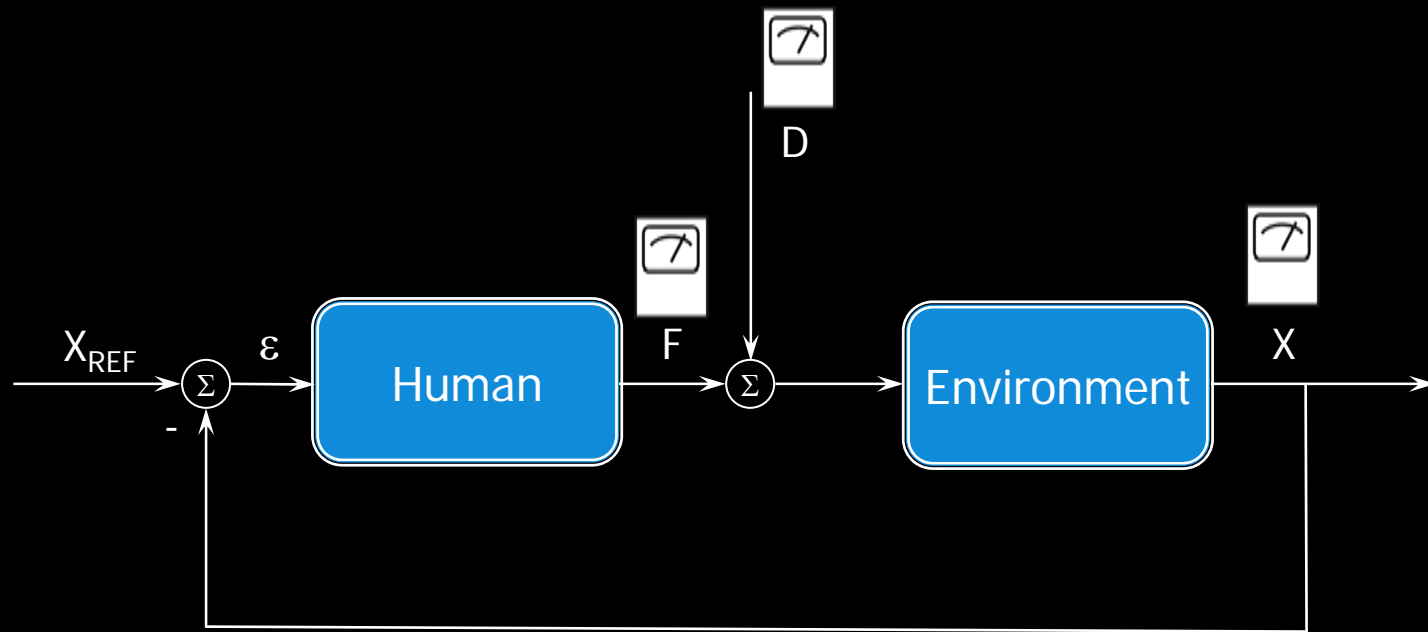


# Procedures

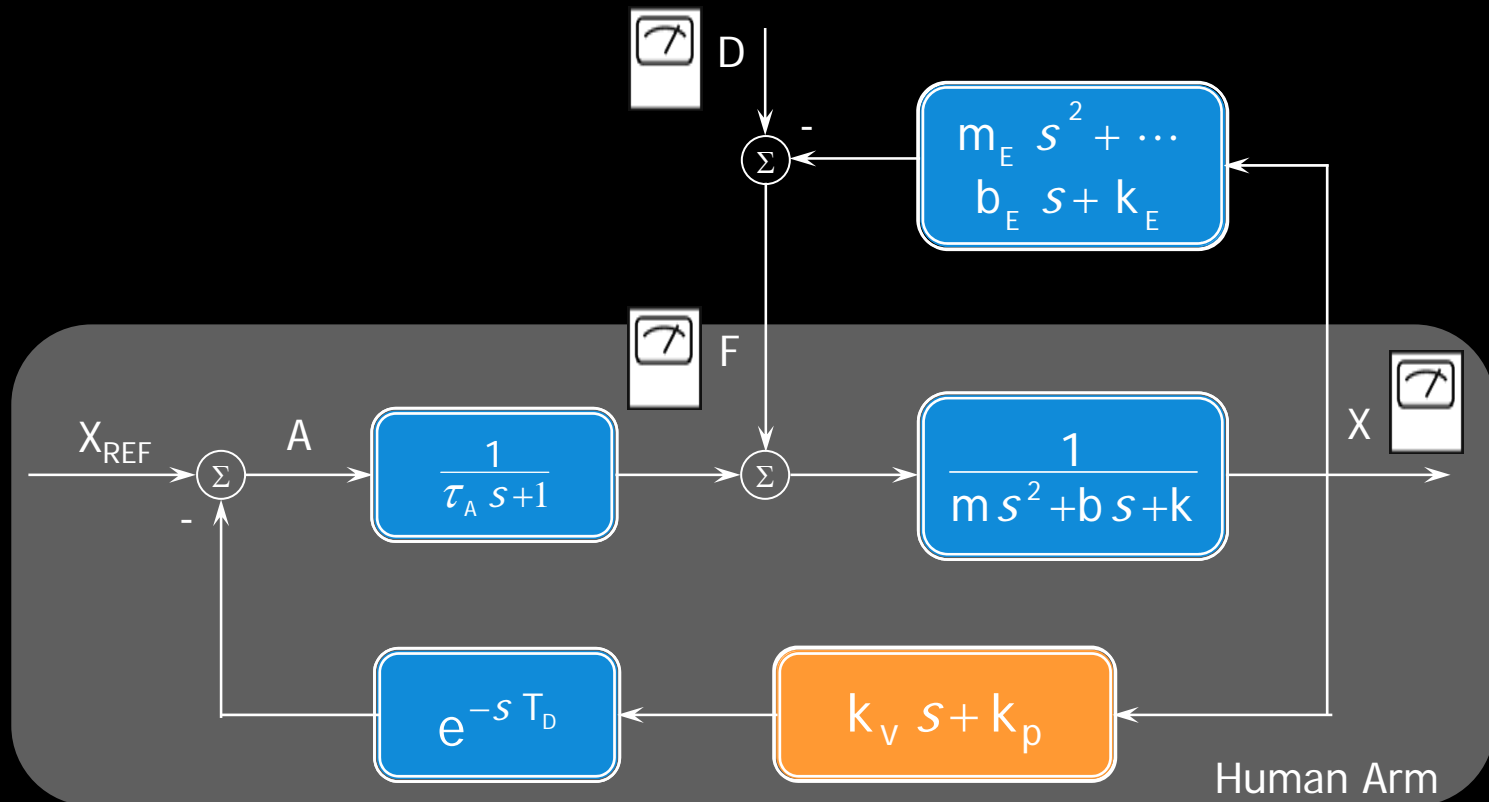


- External damping  $B_E$ : 0 – 400 Ns/m
- External mass  $M_E$ : 0.6 – 10 kg
- Unpredictable force disturbances
  - 40 s (0.1-20 Hz)
- Grip displacements  $\approx 3$  mm (SD)
- EMG of four shoulder muscles
- $n=5$  (healthy)

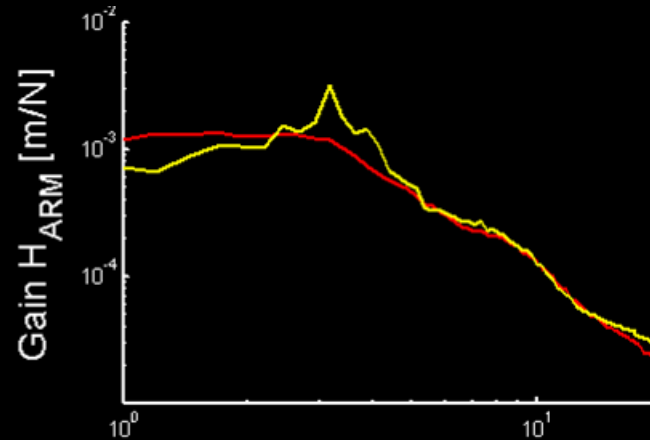
# Force perturbations: closed loop



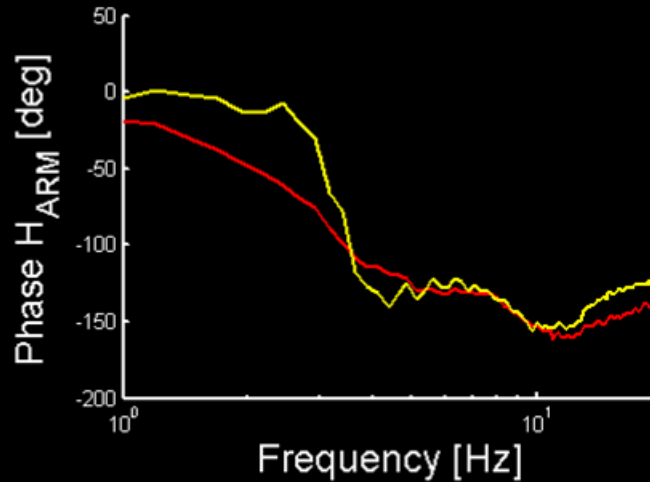
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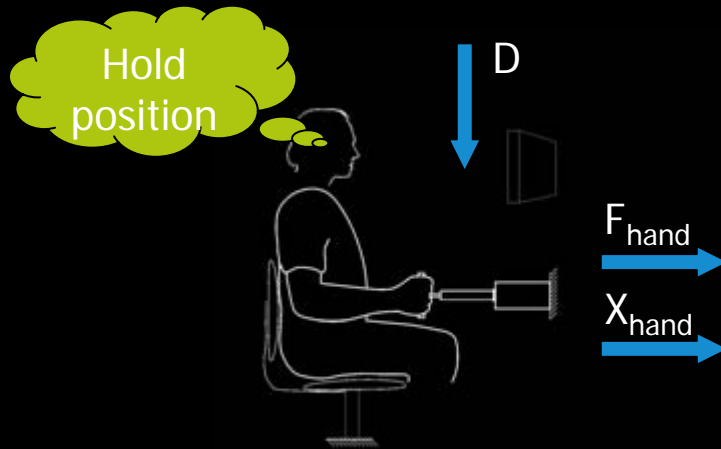
# SI Results: Frequency Response Functions



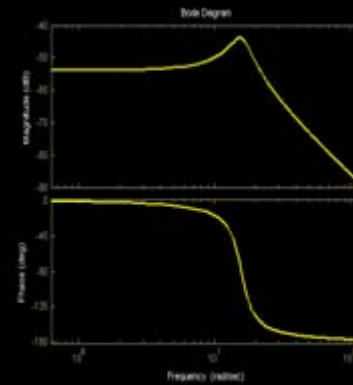
damper off  
damper on



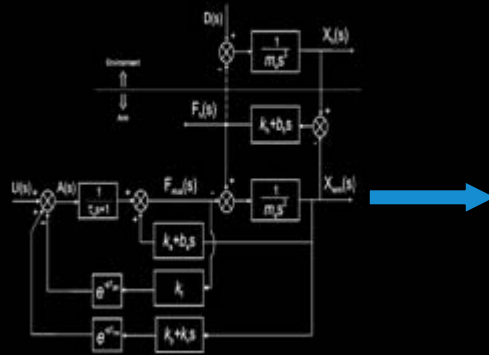
# Parameter Estimation (PE)



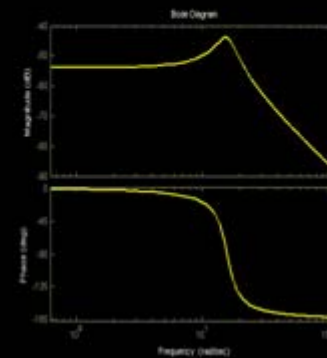
FRF Estimation



Linear  
Endpoint Model



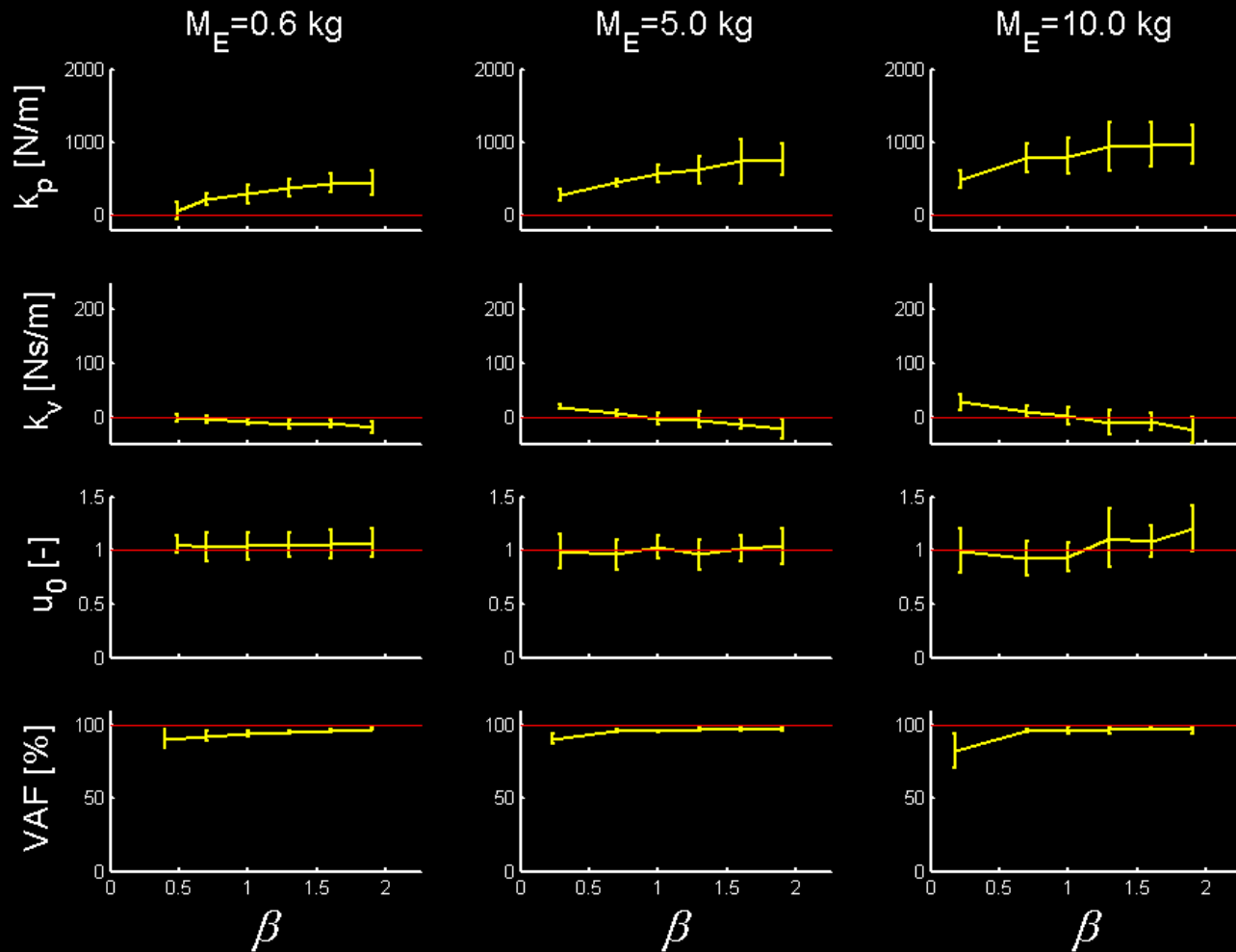
FRF Simulation



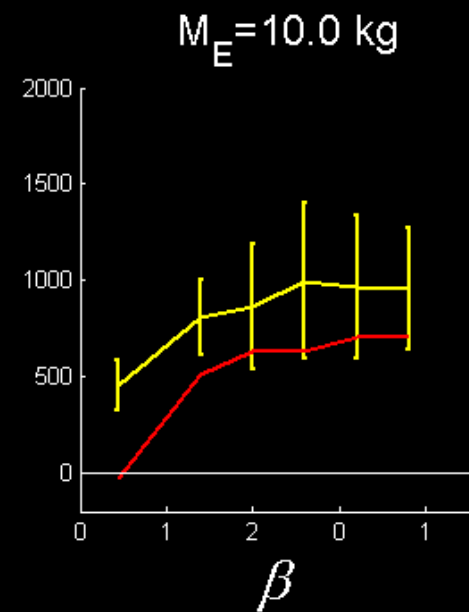
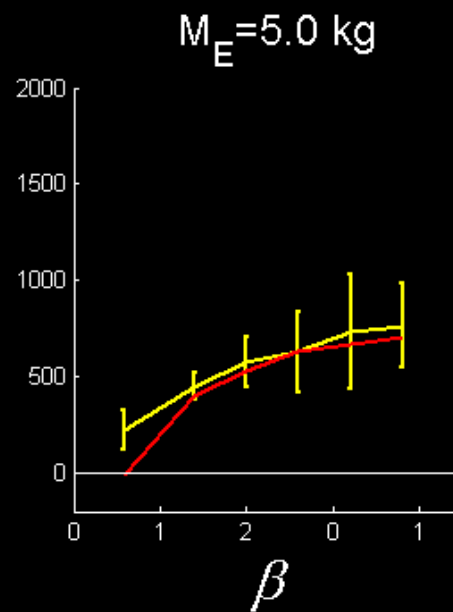
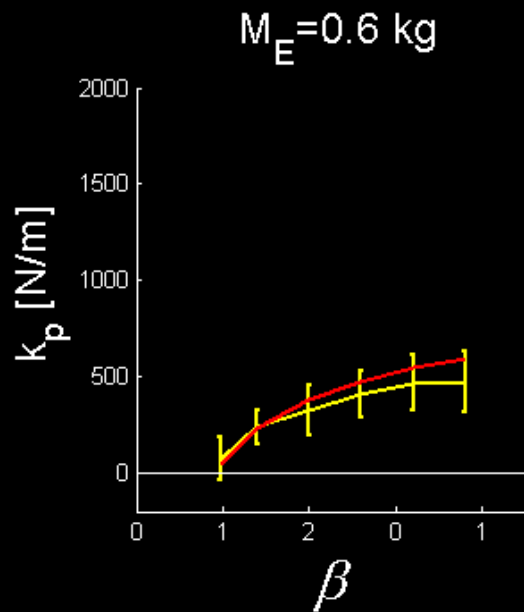
Parameter Fit



# PE Results: stretch reflex estimates

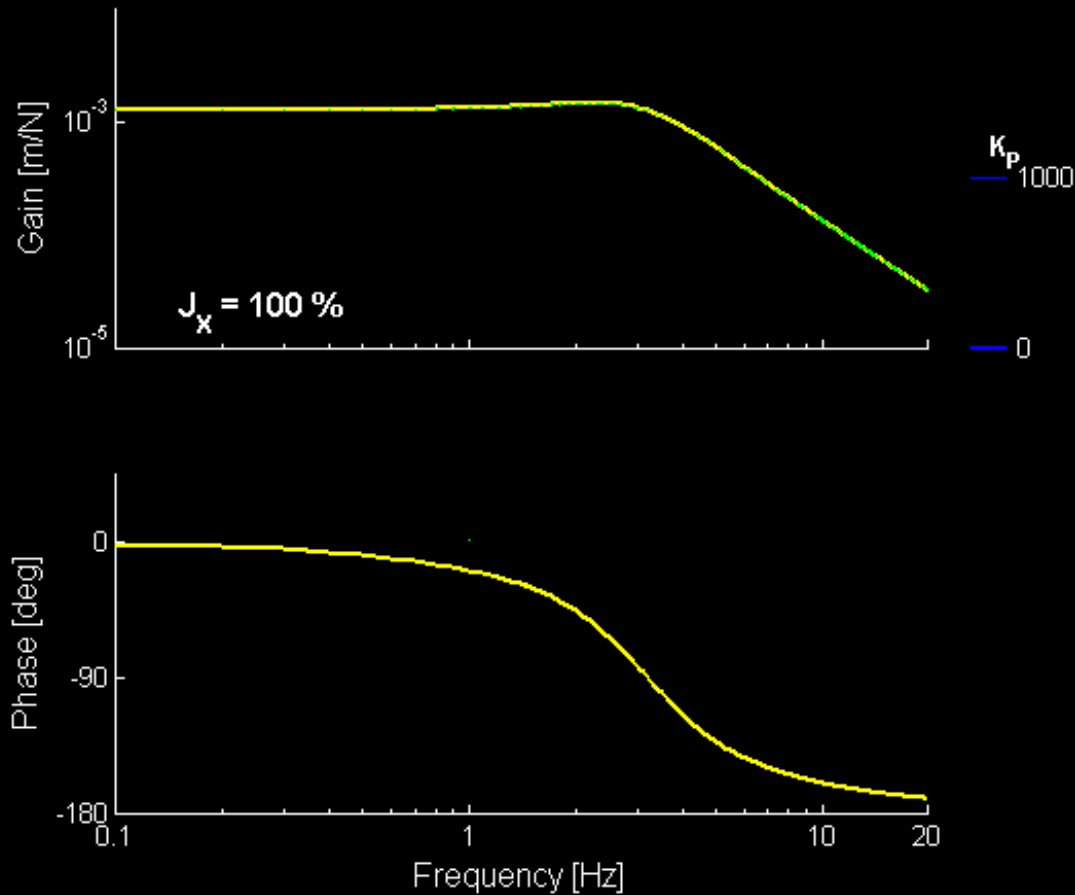


# Results: optimized stretch reflex

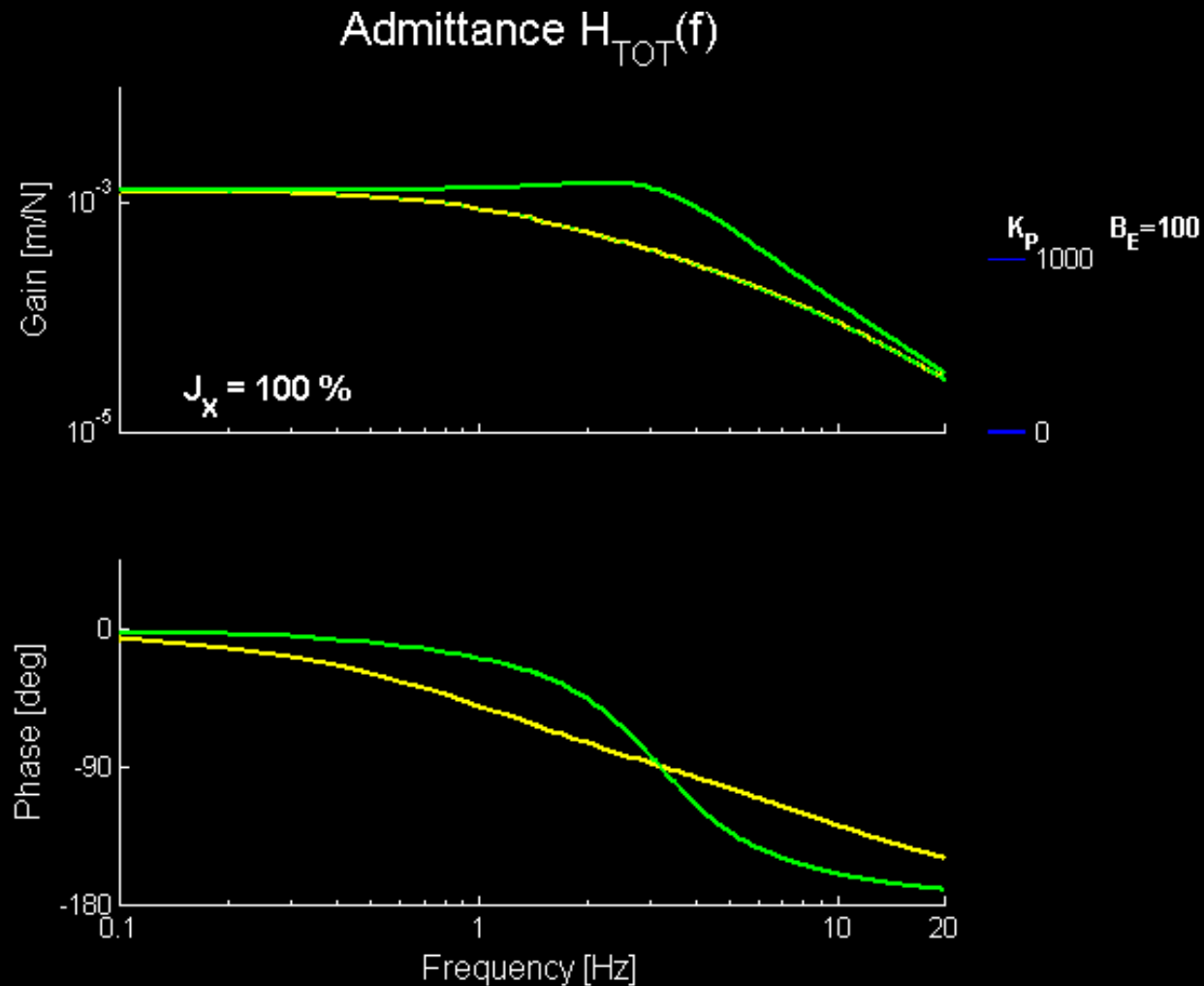


# Reflexive Admittance Control: no environment

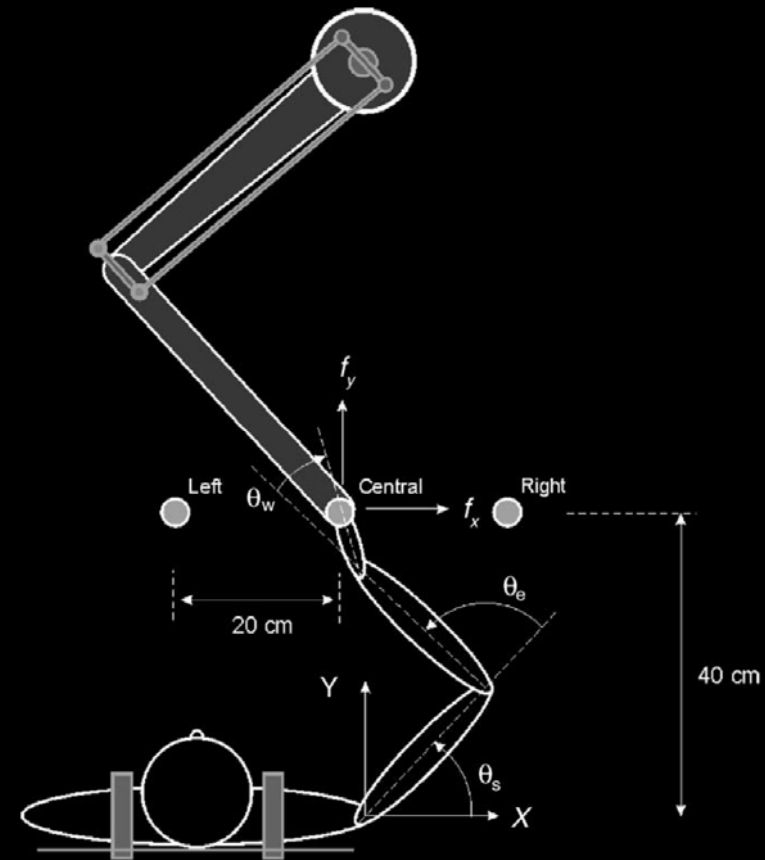
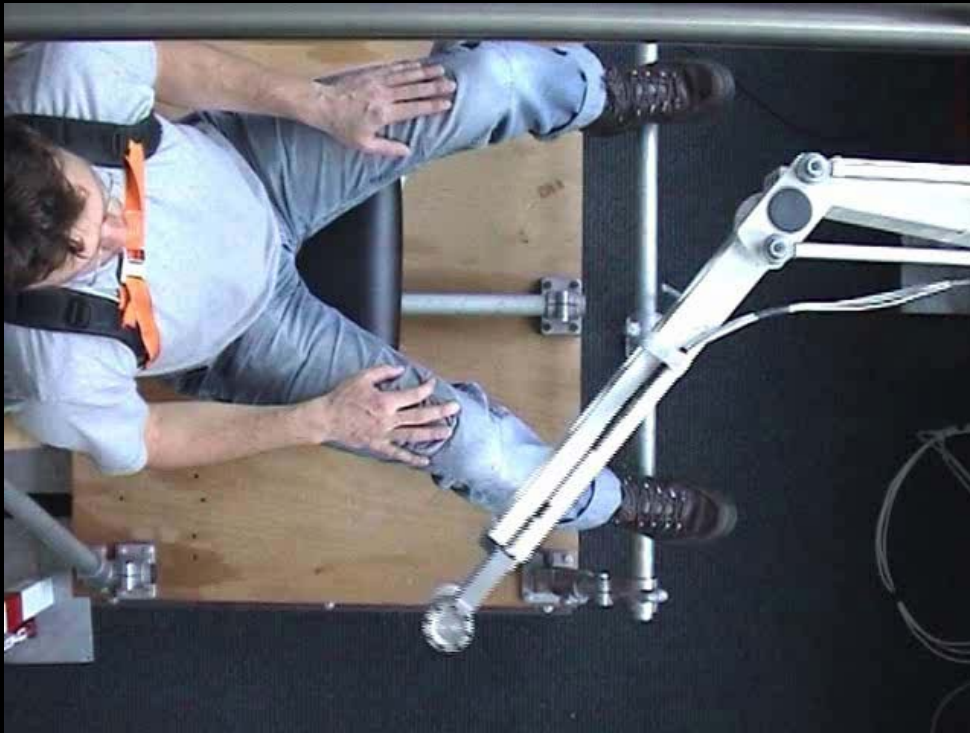
$$\text{Admittance } H_{\text{TOT}}(f) = H_{\text{ARM}}(f)$$



# Reflexive Admittance Control: with External Damper

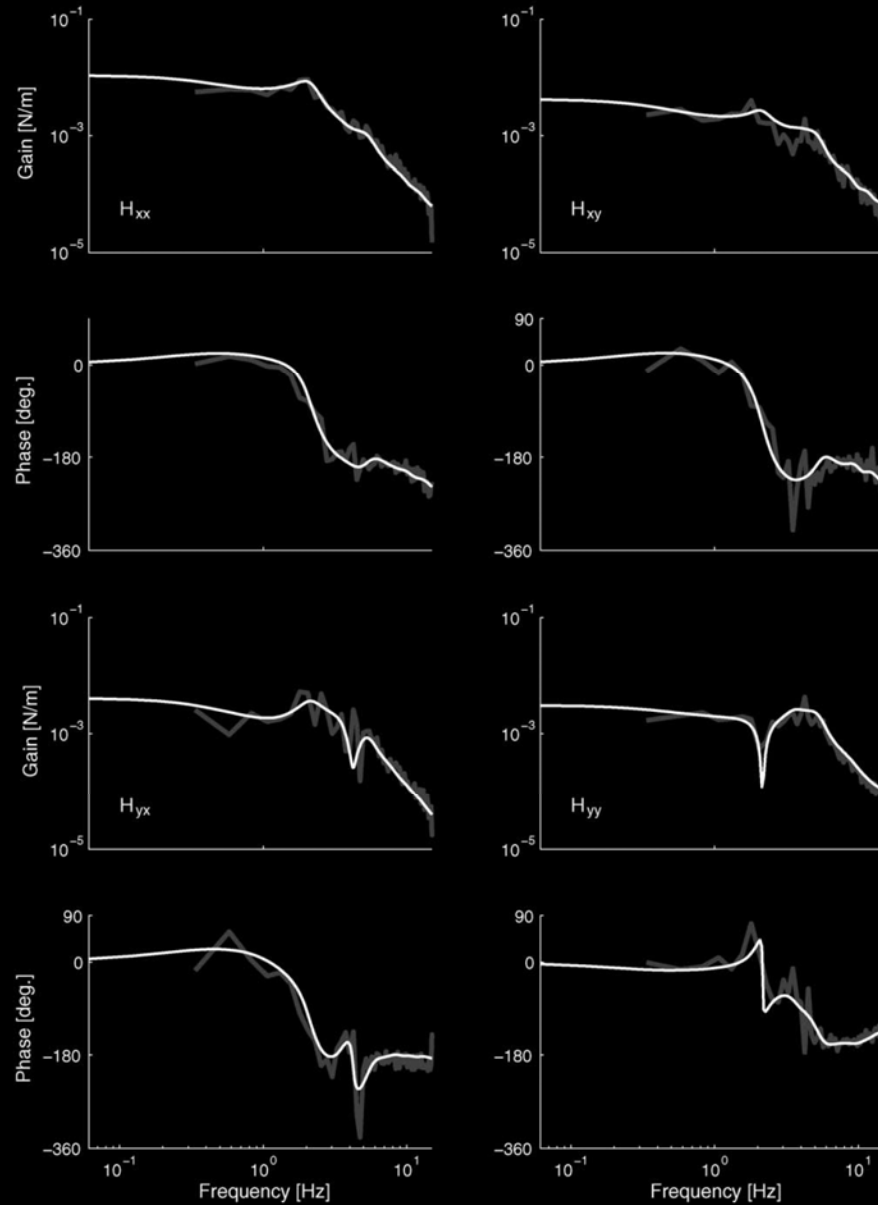


# Case 2: SIPE in the 3DOF Shoulder



# 2DOF FRFs

Endpoint Arm Admittance



data  
model

# PE Result: intrinsic parameters

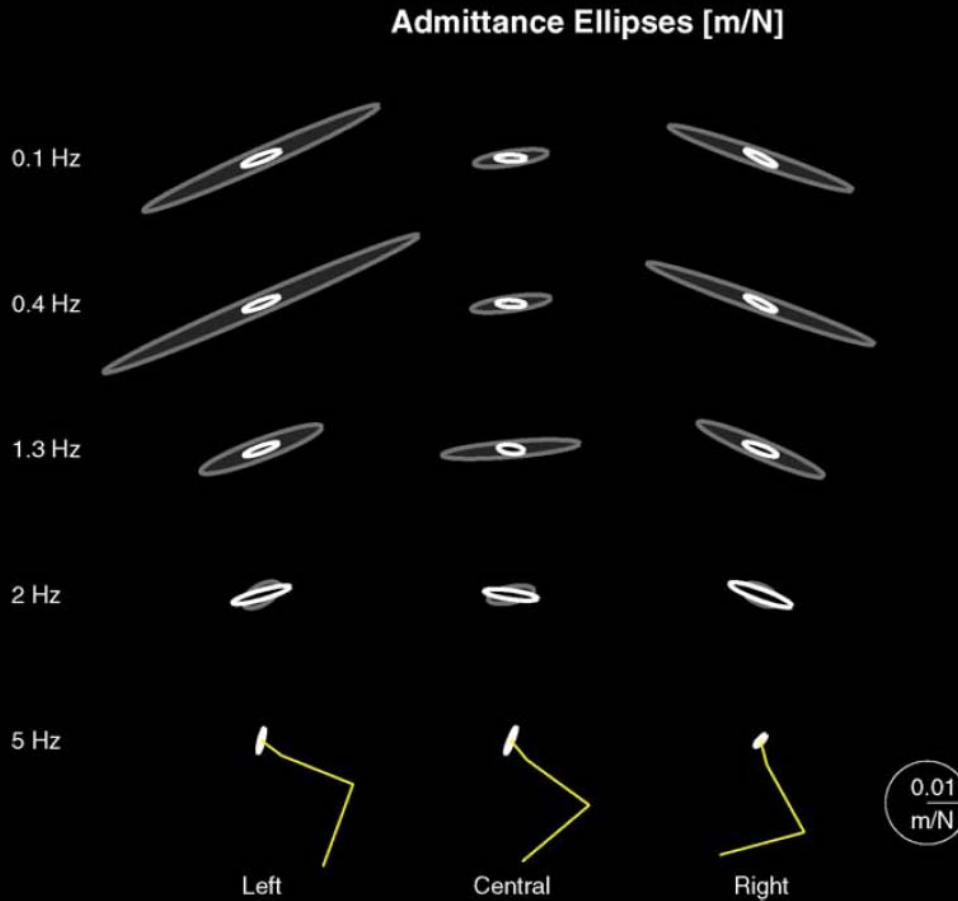
Table 4

Estimated 'invariant' model parameters (mean (S.D.)) for all subjects: segmental mass ( $m_{\text{hume}}$ ,  $m_{\text{fore}}$ ,  $m_{\text{hand}}$ ), hand grip visco-elasticity ( $B_{\text{h}}$ ,  $K_{\text{h}}$ ), neural time delay ( $T_{\text{ds}}$ ,  $T_{\text{de}}$ ,  $T_{\text{dw}}$ ) and activation cut-off frequency ( $f_{\text{act,s}}$ ,  $f_{\text{act,e}}$ ,  $f_{\text{act,w}}$ )

Parameter	Value (mean (S.D.))				
	1 <sup>a</sup>	2 <sup>a</sup>	3 <sup>a</sup>	4 <sup>a</sup>	5 <sup>a</sup>
$m_{\text{hume}}$ [kg]	1.96 (0.295)	1.88 (0.397)	1.78 (0.262)	1.86 (0.388)	2.17 (0.332)
$m_{\text{fore}}$ [kg]	1.13 (0.240)	1.19 (0.154)	1.08 (0.148)	1.27 (0.171)	1.18 (0.171)
$m_{\text{hand}}$ [kg]	0.496 (0.0976)	0.363 (0.0628)	0.425 (0.0885)	0.546 (0.0483)	0.384 (0.0483)
$B_{\text{h}}$ [N s/m]	167 (74.9)	184 (66.1)	194 (101)	167 (109)	214 (109)
$K_{\text{h}}$ [kN/m]	7.39 (3.09)	6.46 (2.03)	8.06 (2.53)	13.3 (4.27)	8.28 (4.47)
$T_{\text{ds}}$ [ms]	30.4 (2.48)	29.4 (3.17)	29.7 (3.51)	30.7 (3.17)	29.7 (3.51)
$T_{\text{de}}$ [ms]	33.4 (2.61)	32.7 (2.89)	34.1 (2.80)	33.4 (2.61)	32.0 (1.80)
$T_{\text{dw}}$ [ms]	40.4 (3.00)	37.7 (1.89)	37.6 (1.54)	41.4 (2.13)	39.8 (2.68)
$f_{\text{act,s}}$ [Hz]	1.98 (0.0842)	2.11 (0.139)	2.08 (0.145)	1.99 (0.164)	2.08 (0.145)
$f_{\text{act,e}}$ [Hz]	2.26 (0.136)	2.35 (0.101)	2.28 (0.107)	2.35 (0.107)	2.26 (0.136)
$f_{\text{act,w}}$ [Hz]	2.11 (0.175)	2.21 (0.132)	2.09 (0.171)	2.13 (0.147)	2.09 (0.132)

<sup>a</sup> Subject.

# Stiffness Ellipses



data  
model

reflexes turned of / turned on



# Case 3: Nonlinear case: Ramp-hold Ankle rotation in stroke

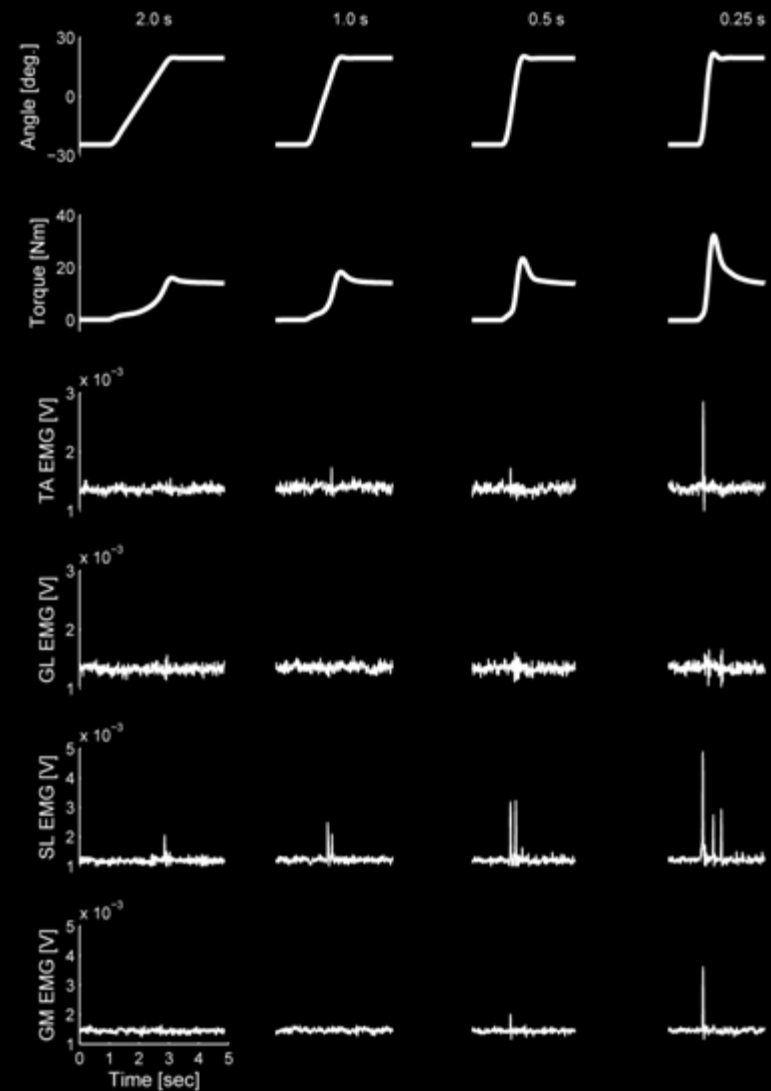


# Nonlinear case: Ramp-hold Ankle rotation

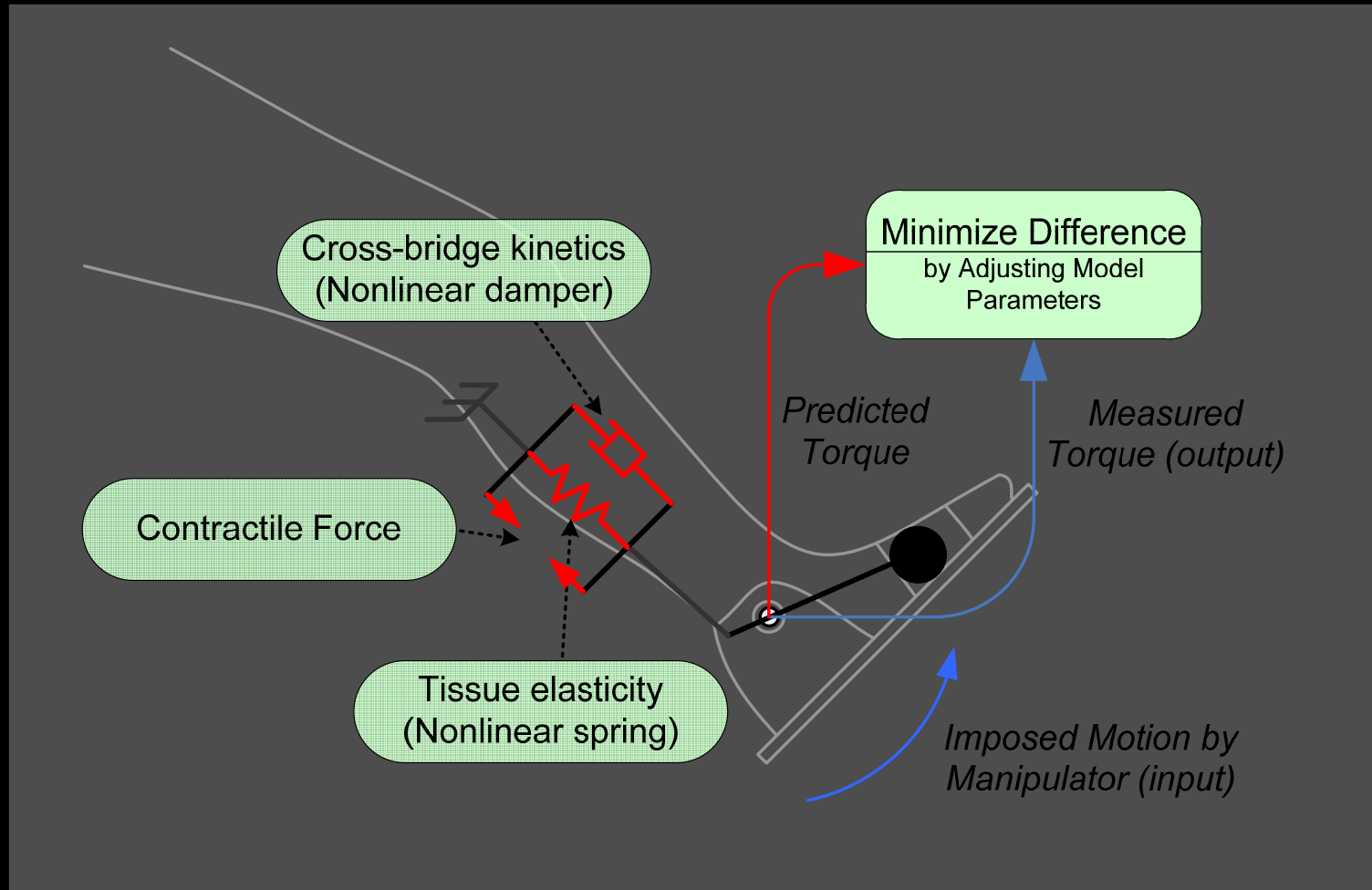
- stroke (n = 19)

Goal:

- estimate passive visco-elasticity and stretch reflex dynamics and compare to Ashworth Scale



# Direct Physical Parameterization

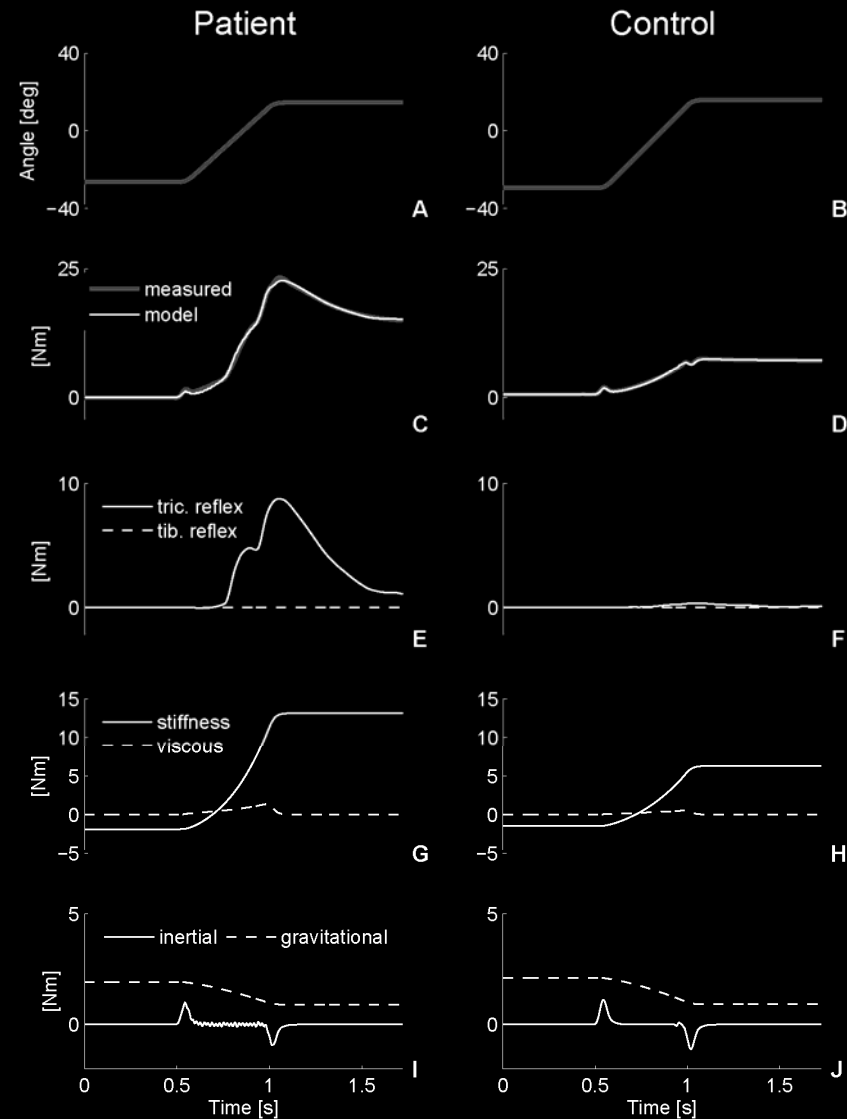


# No Identification, Direct Parameterization

direct parameterization of a nonlinear model in time domain

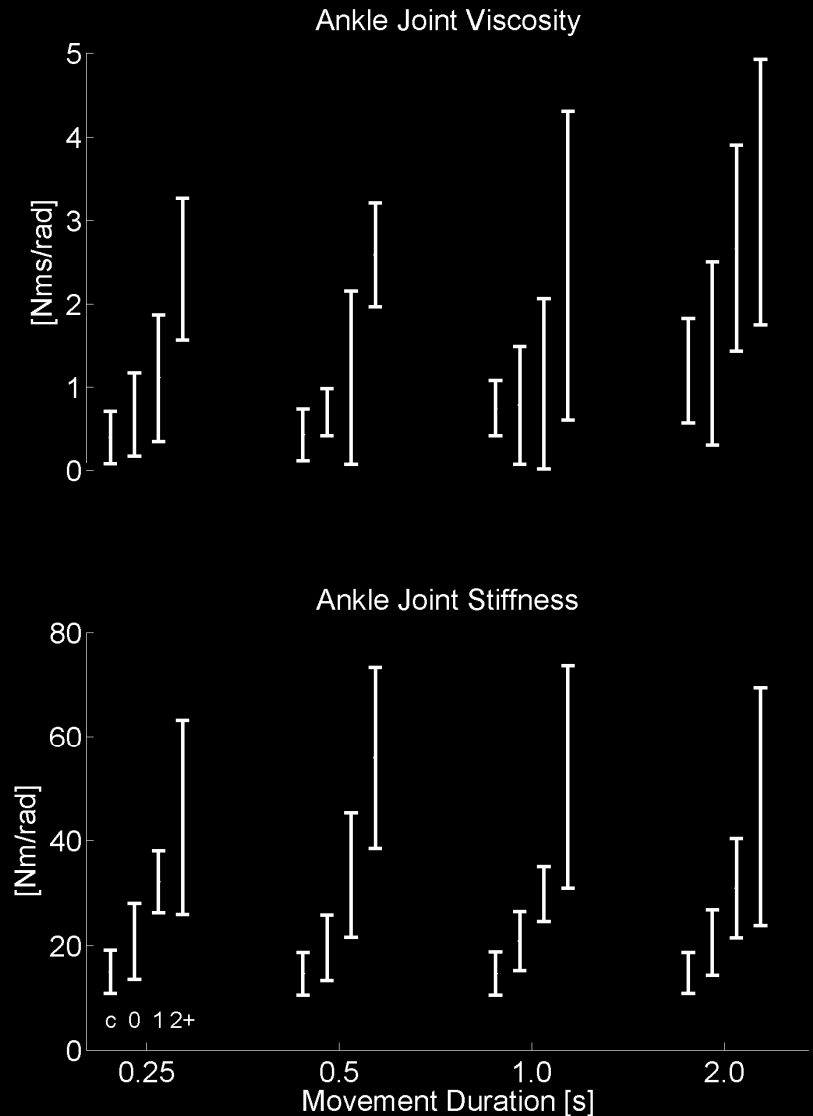
Parameters:

- inertia
- tissue viscosity
- tissue elasticity
- activation dynamics
- contractile dynamics



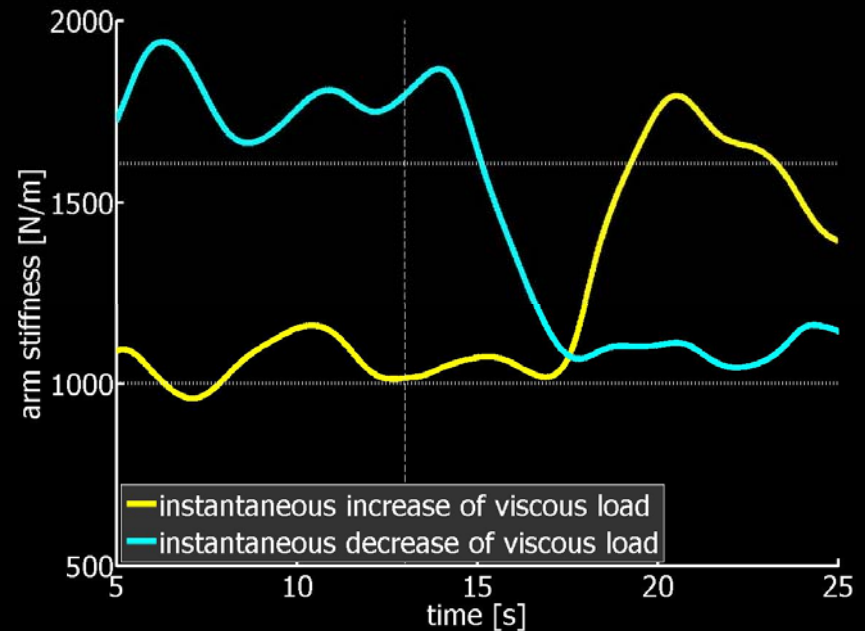
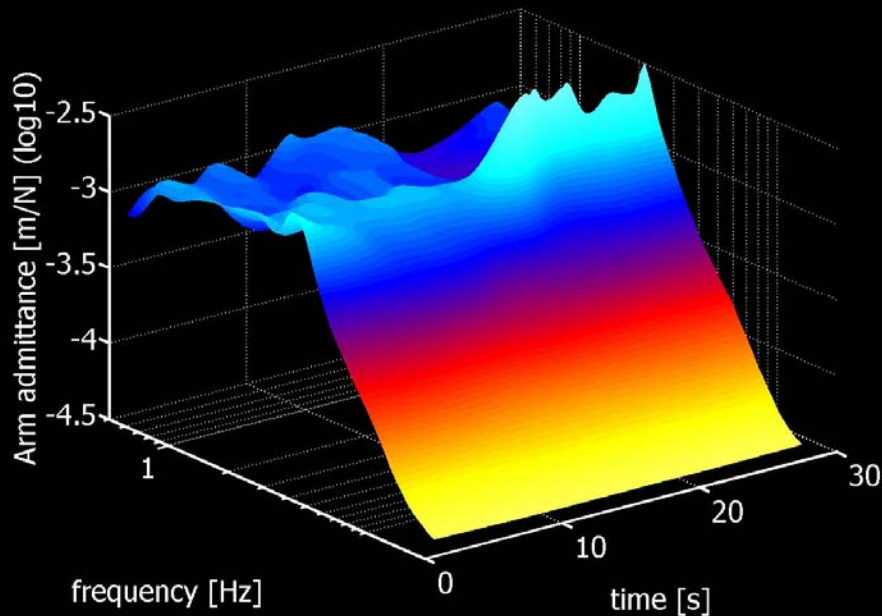
# Main Result

- Detailed parameterization possible:
  - Accurate (VAF > 90%)
  - Valid (low parameter SEM)
- Viscosity decreased with movement velocity
- Passive stiffness correlated to Ashworth Scale



# Challenges: SIPE during movement

- **Time Varying** Joint Admittance
  - Wavelets and subspace techniques
  - Collaboration between the fac. of 3ME (DCSC, BMechE) and Aerospace Eng.



# Summary

- Linear behavior: frequency domain can be used and provides direct qualitative information about the human joint dynamics.
- Nonlinear behavior: time domain analysis by direct parameterization of a physical nonlinear model of the human joint.
- Towards Time Varying System Identification....

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## Graduate Student Master Projects

- Master Projects at NMC Lab involves a mixture of SIPE, physiology and clinical issues
- Many (international) opportunities for Graduate Students
  - internship (stage), preferably outside the Netherlands
  - fundamental projects: TUD
  - clinical projects: LUMC, Erasmus MC, VUMC