

Motion Control of NXTway(LEGO Segway)

– Control Experiments with LEGO Mindstorms NXT –

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- LEGO Mindstorms

Integrated Development Environment for Educational Robot

Programming Environment(GUI)



LEGO Technic Parts



Controller, Actuators, and Sensors

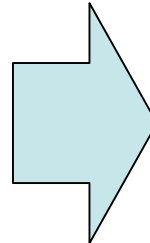


RCX(1998-)



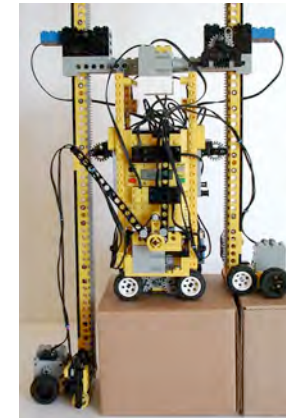
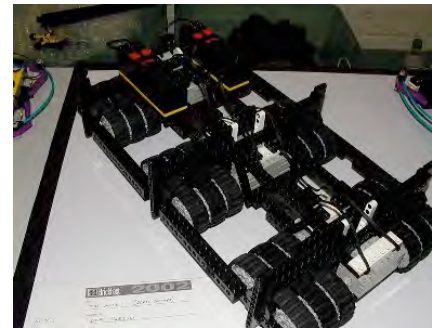
NXT(2006-)

Educational Robots



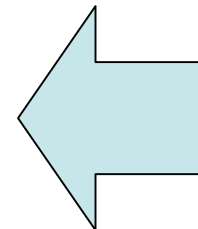
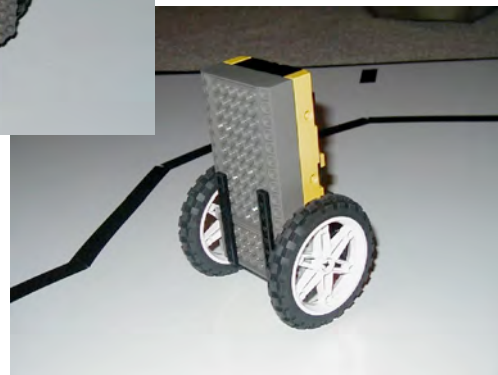
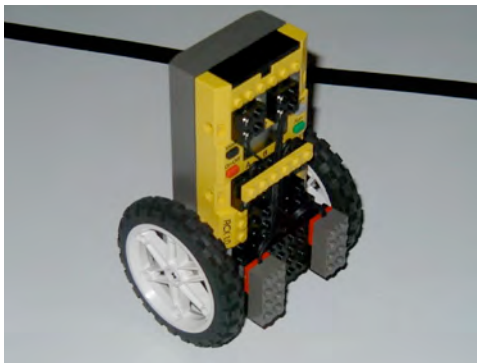
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- Robots build with LEGO Mindstorms



- Steve Hassenplug's Legway

The most famous self-balancing robot built with LEGO Mindstorms

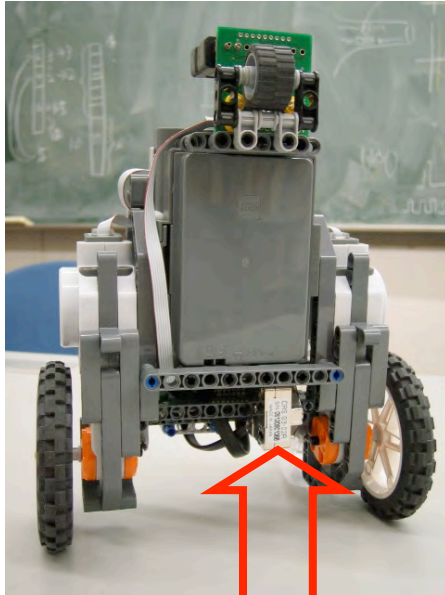


Dean Kamen's Segway

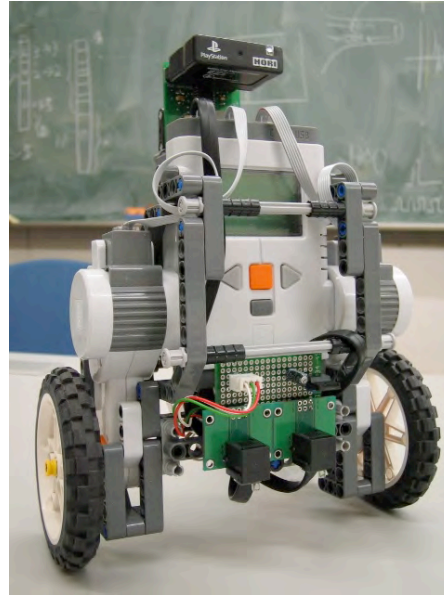


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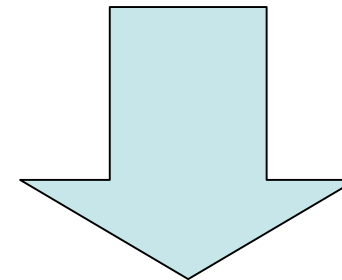
- NXTway-G (LEGO Segway with Gyro Sensor)



Gyro Sensor



Modeling
Model-based Controller Design
Numerical Simulation
Implementation of Control System
Control Experiment



Discuss the possibility of LEGO Mindstorms NXT
as the platform for Control Experiment


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- Overview

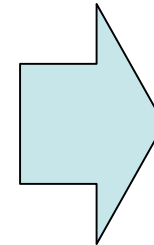

LEGO Mindstorms NXT

NXT Block(CPU), Servo Motors,
and Sensors




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LEGO Technic Parts



Educational Robots



2. LEGO Mindstorms NXT

- NXT Block

Processors

- Main processor: Atmel **32-bit** ARM processor, AT91SAM7S256
256 KB FLASH, 64 KB RAM, **48 MHz**
- Co-processor: Atmel 8-bit AVR processor, ATmega48
4 KB FLASH, 512 Byte RAM, 8 MHz

Interface

- 4 input ports 6-wire interface
supporting **digital** and **analog interface**
- 3 output ports 6-wire interface
supporting **input from encoders**
- 4 button user-interface Rubber buttons

Communication

- Bluetooth **wireless communication**
CSR BlueCore™ 4 v2.0 +EDR System
- USB 2.0 communication Full speed port
12 Mbit/s



2. LEGO Mindstorms NXT

- Programming Environment

NXT-G(GUI), RoboLab(GUI), RobotC(C), NXC(C), leJOS(Java),

RobotC

IDE(Integrated Development Environment) for LEGO Mindstorms NXT developed by Carnegie Mellon University Robotics Academy

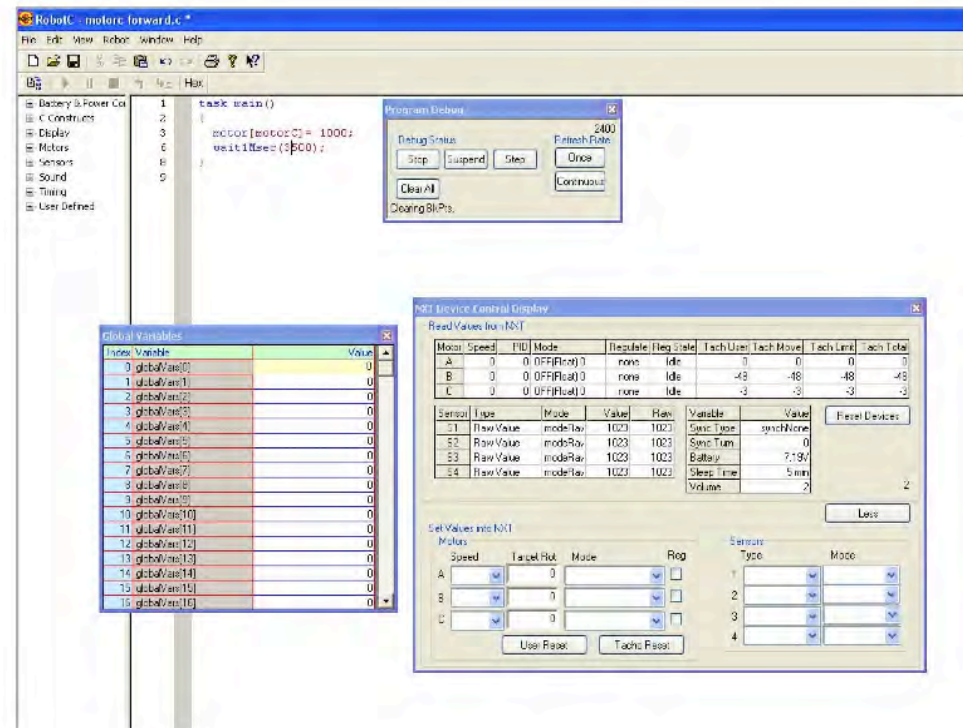
Feature

C Language

Useful Debugger

Floating-Point Calculation

Timer Resolution : 1(ms)

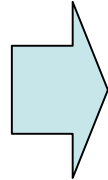


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- Legway and NXTway

Dean Kamen's Segway

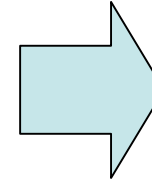


LEGO Mindstorms (NXT)

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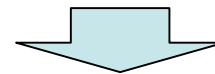


Philippe Hurbain's NXTway



Measurement of light sensor

⇒ **Body's rotation angle**

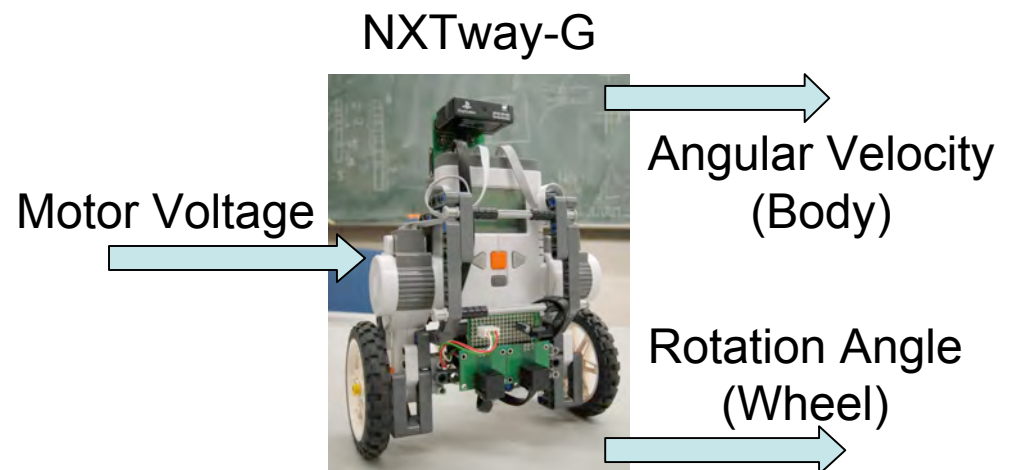
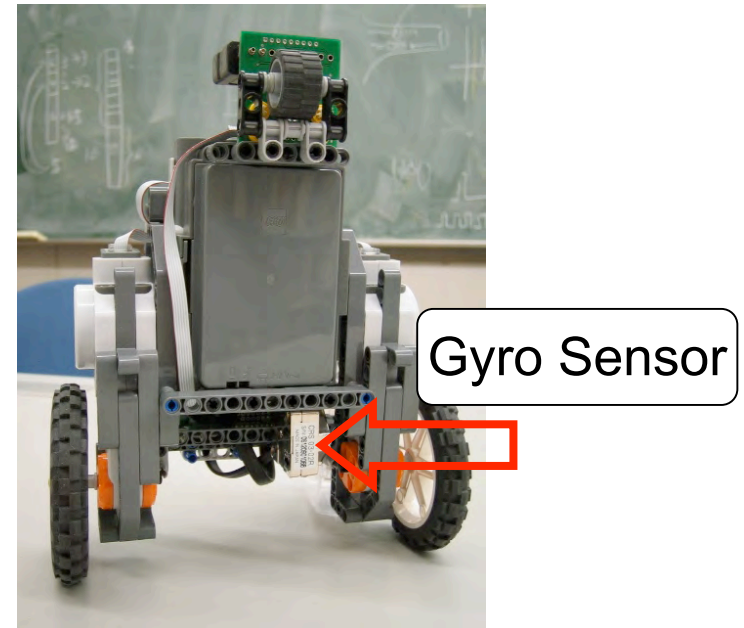
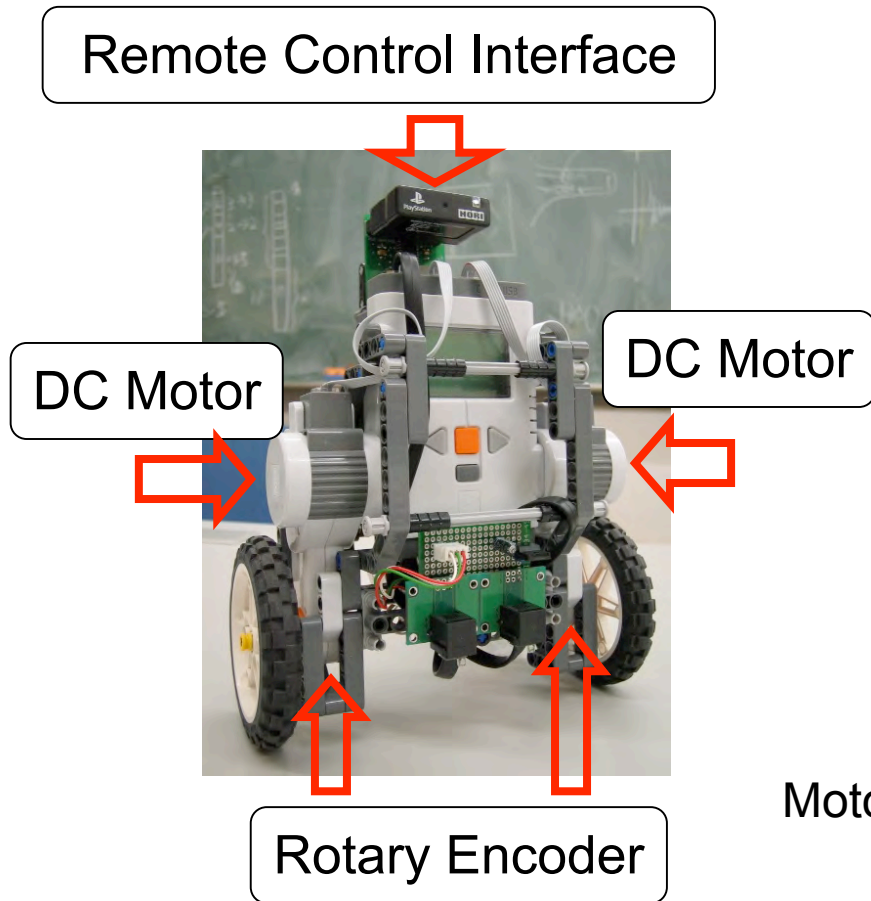


Information on **wheel's rotation angle** is **NOT** used

⇒ **Internal Stability** is **NOT** achieved

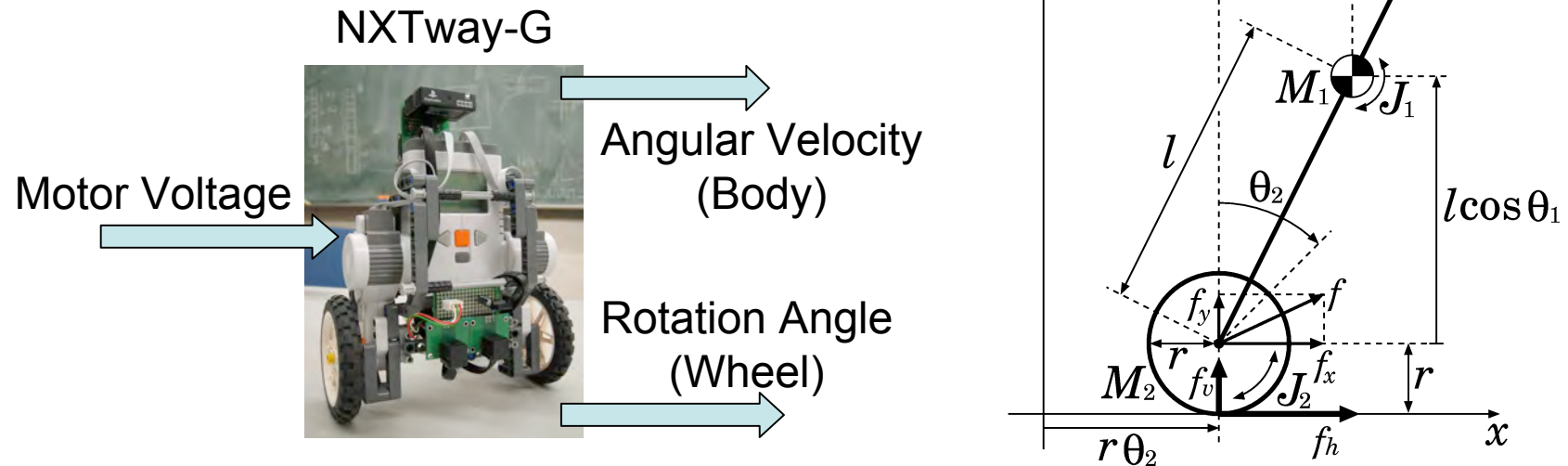
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- Dynamics of NXTway-G



- Linearized Model around Equilibrium Point

State Variable

$$\theta = \begin{bmatrix} \theta_1 \\ \theta_2 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \omega = \begin{bmatrix} \omega_1 \\ \omega_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Equilibrium Point

$$\theta = 0, \quad \omega = 0$$

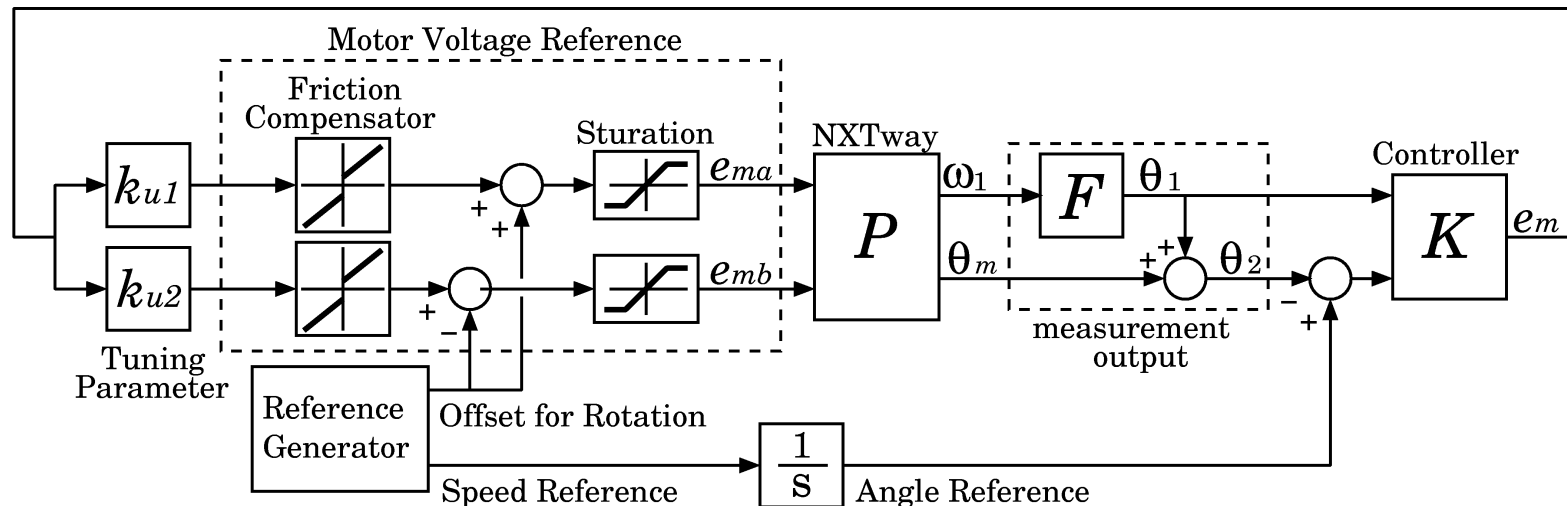
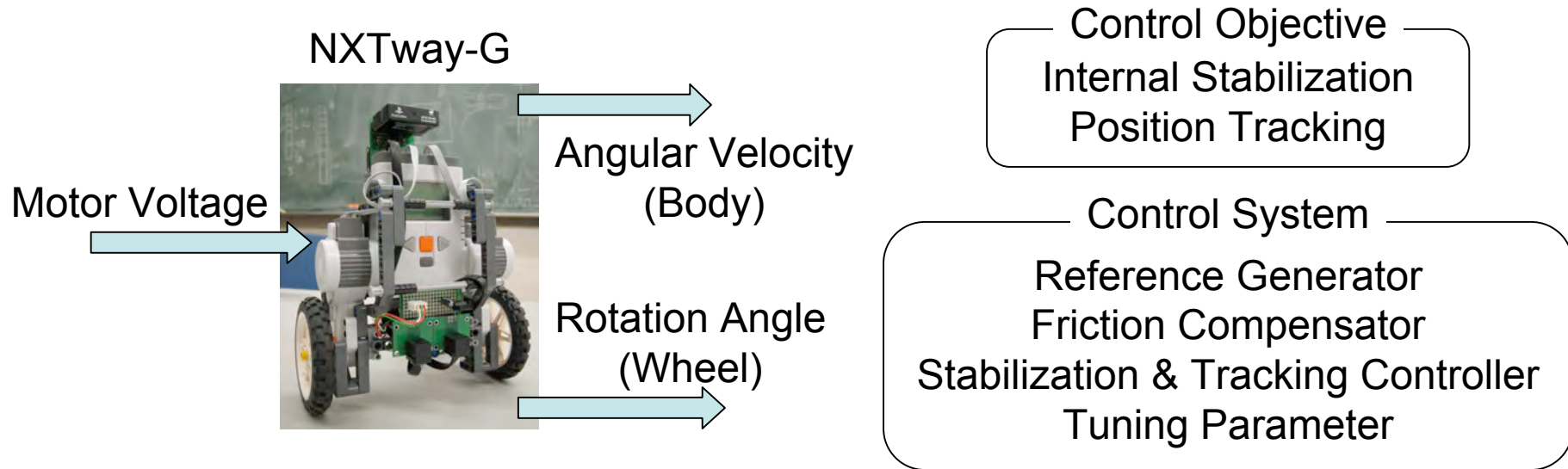
State Equation

$$\frac{d}{dt} \begin{bmatrix} \omega \\ \theta \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -J_l^{-1} D_l & -J_l^{-1} K_l \\ I & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \omega \\ \theta \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} J_l^{-1} E_l \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} e_m$$

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- Structure of Control System



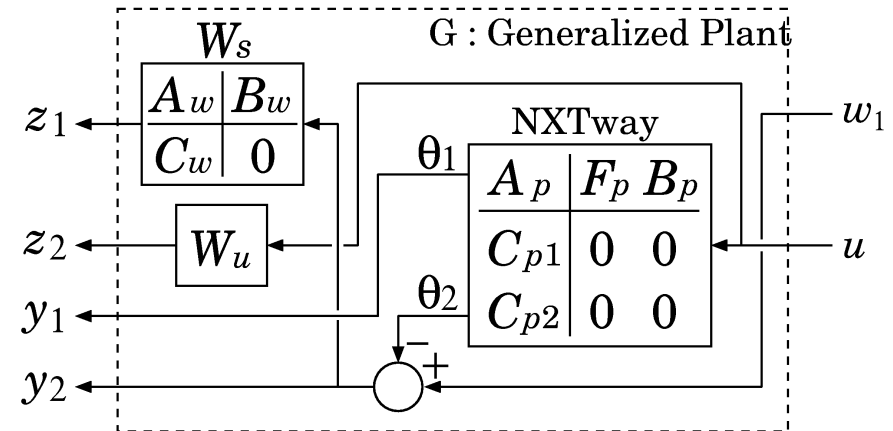
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- Stabilization & Tracking Controller

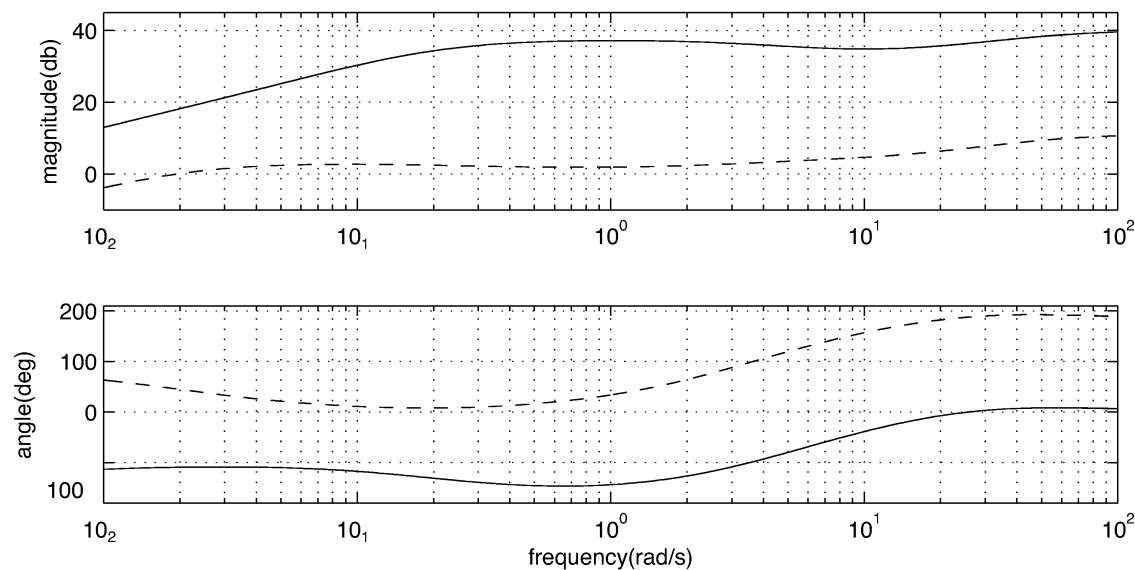
Tracking Performance

$$\|G_{z_1/w_1}\|_\infty < 1$$

Sensitivity of Control Input

$$\|G_{z_2/w_1}\|_\infty < 1$$


$$K(s) = [K_1(s) \quad K_2(s)]^T$$

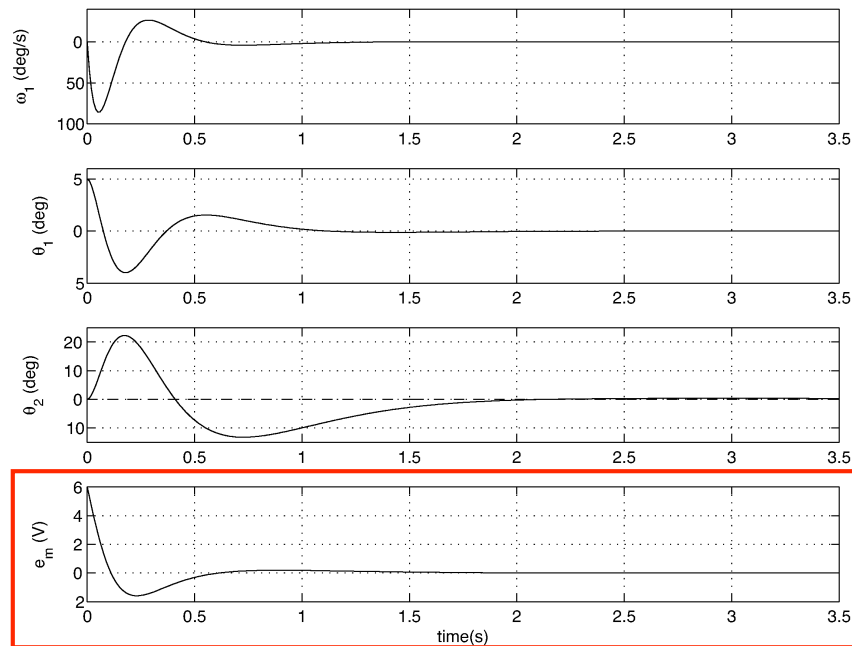


$K_1(s)$ (solid), $K_2(s)$ (dashed)

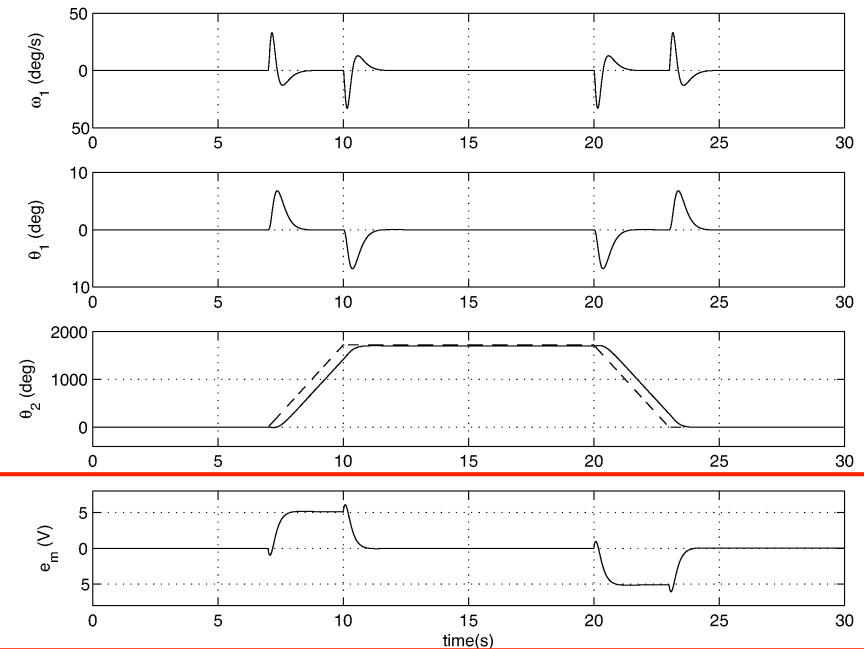
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- Simulation Results

Internal Stability



Tracking



$$-8(\text{V}) \leq e_m \text{ (Motor Voltage)} \leq 8(\text{V})$$

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- Experimental Results

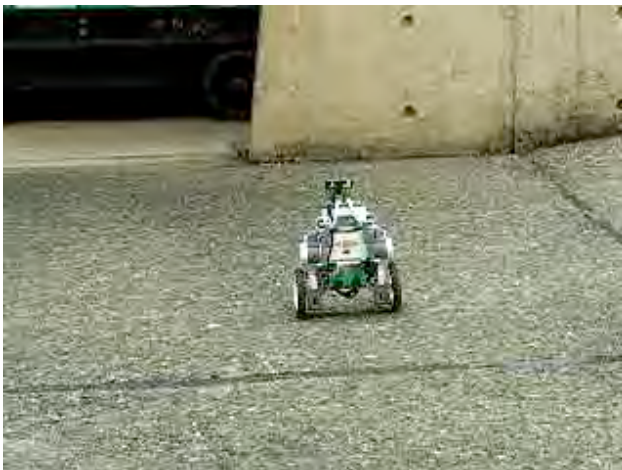
Internal Stability



Tracking



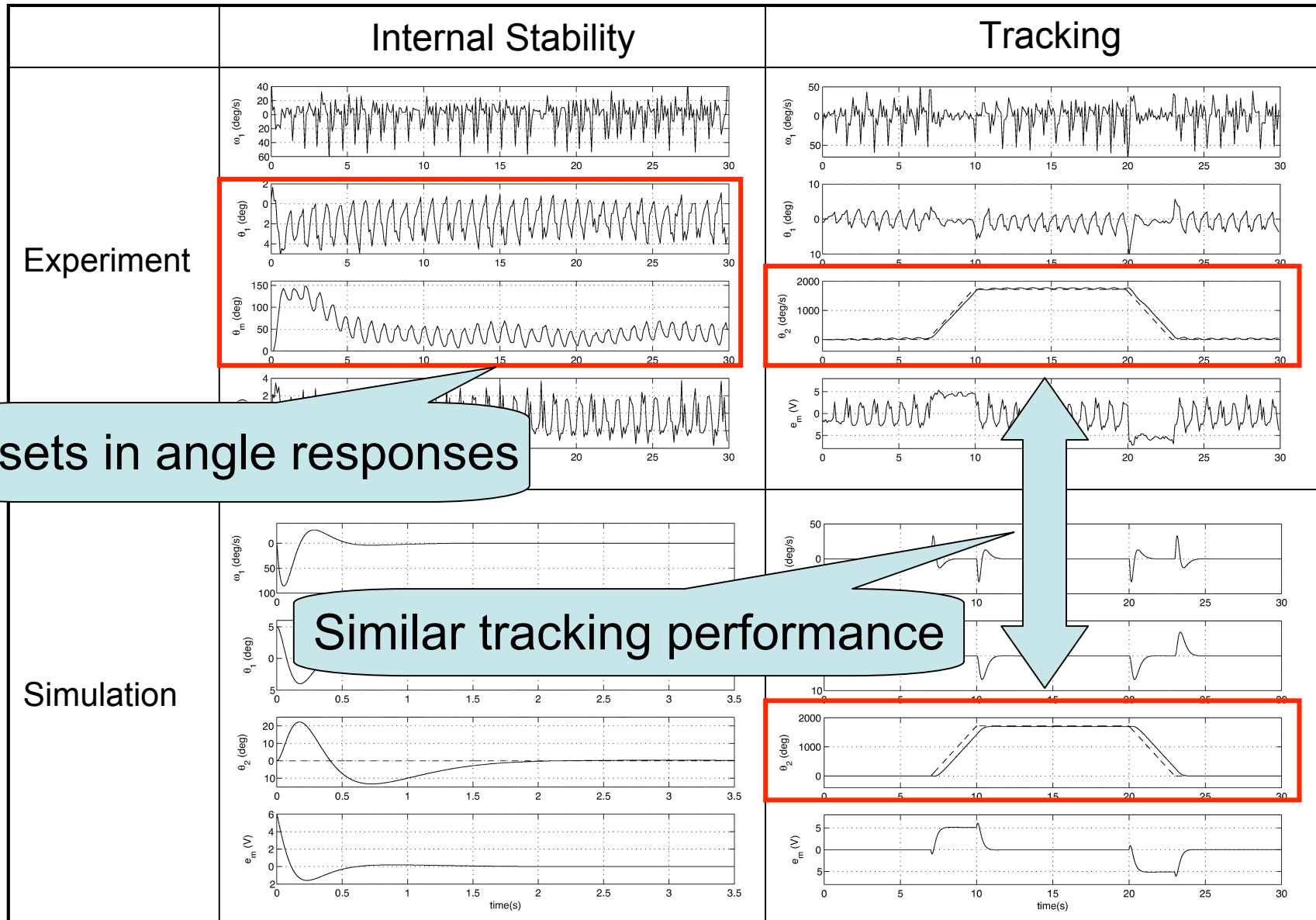
Slope



Demonstration

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- Experimental Results



Offsets in angle responses

Similar tracking performance



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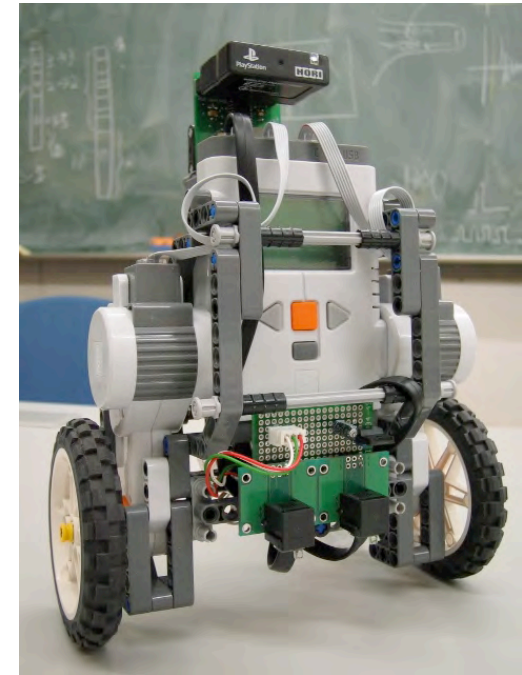
- In this presentation, we discussed ...

Design and Construction of NXTway-G
NXTway-G's Motion Control System

- From the experimental results, we see ...

The potential of LEGO Mindstorms NXT for the
platform of control experiments
The power of model-based control theory

- Next Project



NXT Motorbike