

Simulation and Experiments in Vibratory Manipulation: Rigid Bodies on a Vibrating Surface

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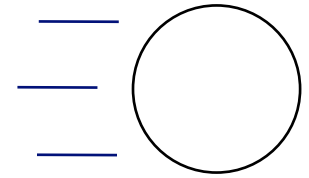
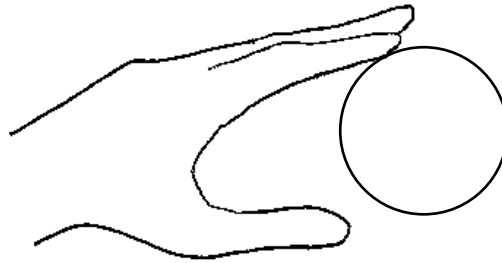
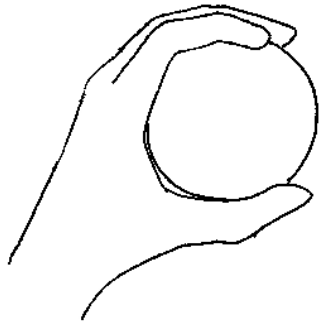
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hand controls ball:
grasping

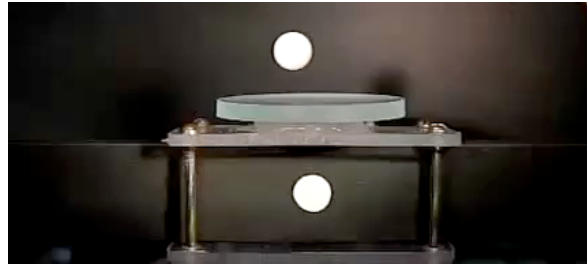
shared control:
nonprehensile
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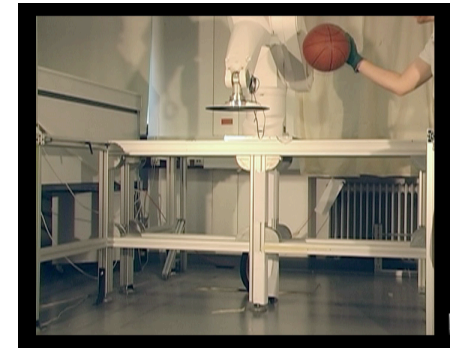
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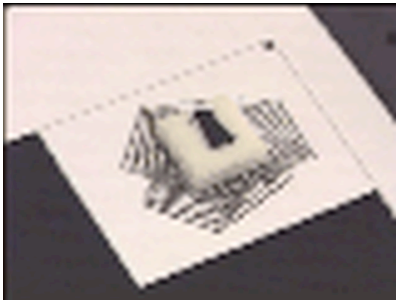
throwing and batting
(U Tokyo)



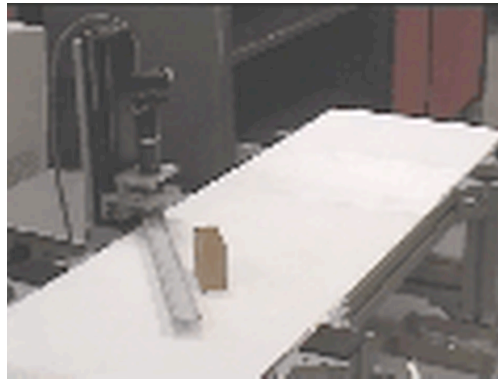
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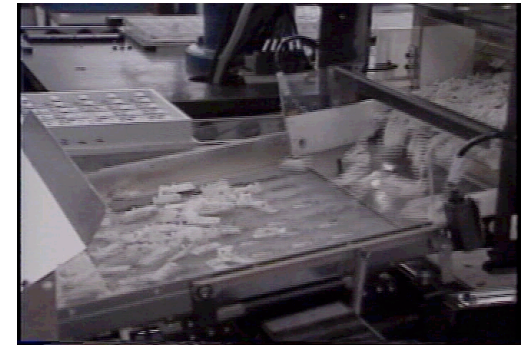
dribbling
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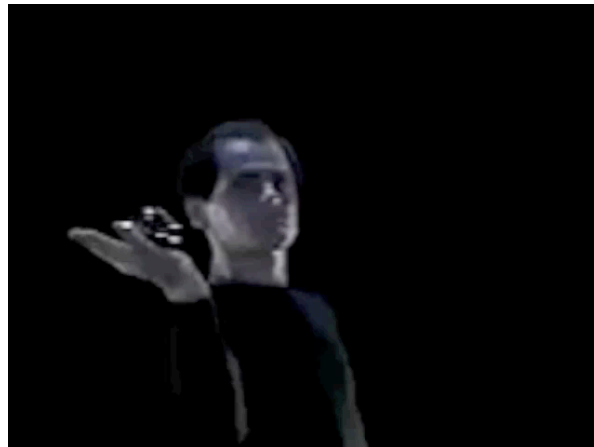
pushing



pushing and toppling



vibratory feeding



rolling
(Michael Moschen)



rolling on a
constraint
surface
(dung beetle,
Natl Geo)

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Research Topics

- sensing/observability/uncertainty
- mechanics and modeling
- motion planning
- feedback control
- understanding what tasks are solvable (e.g., accessibility, controllability)

Outline

a nonprehensile primitive: vibratory sliding

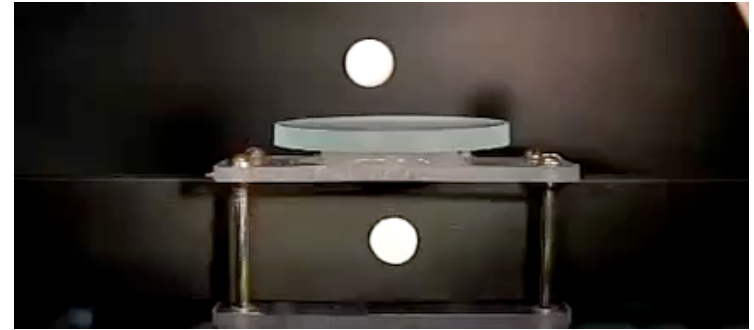
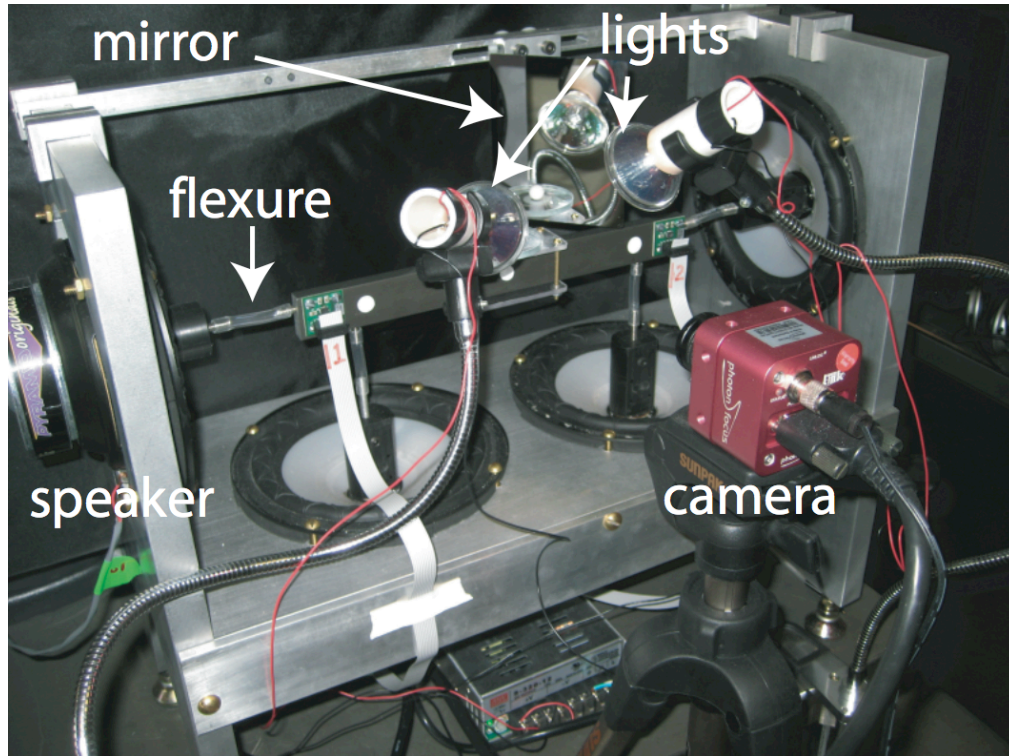
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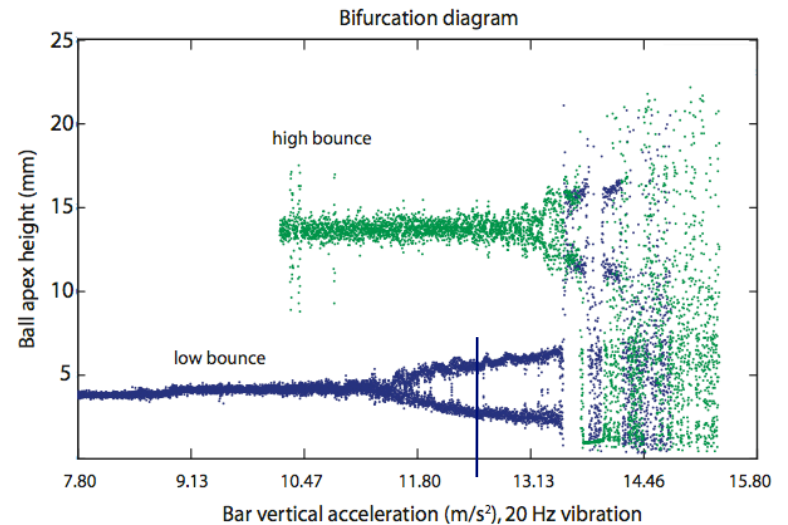
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Batting and Sliding



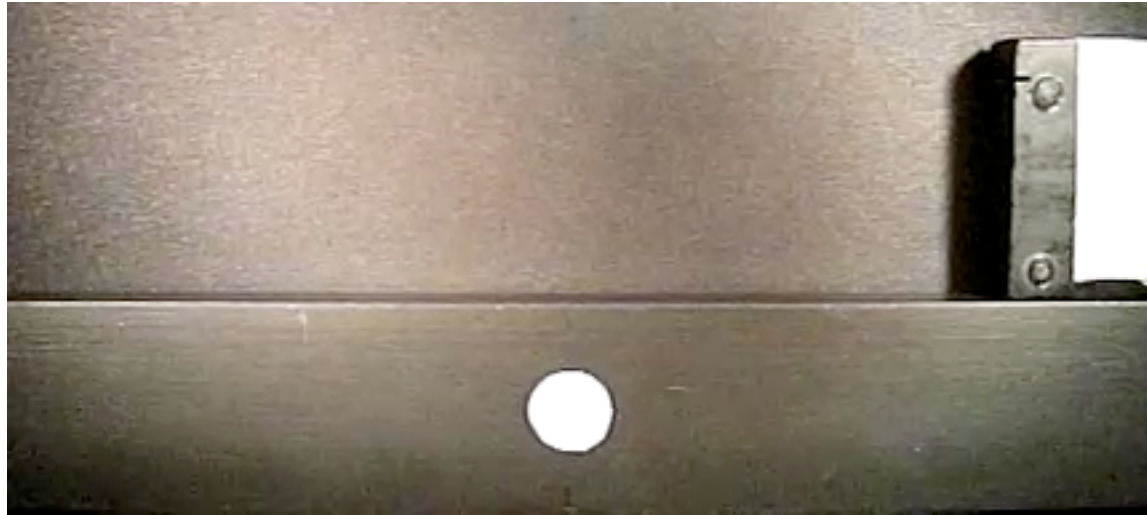
3-DOF “VPOD” vibratory vertical plane manipulator with 3D high-speed vision



Sliding Manipulation



size scale



15 Hz vibration, 20x slow motion

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friction force

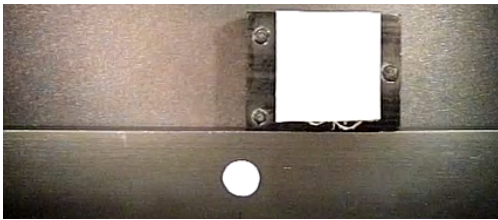
friction coefficient

normal force magnitude

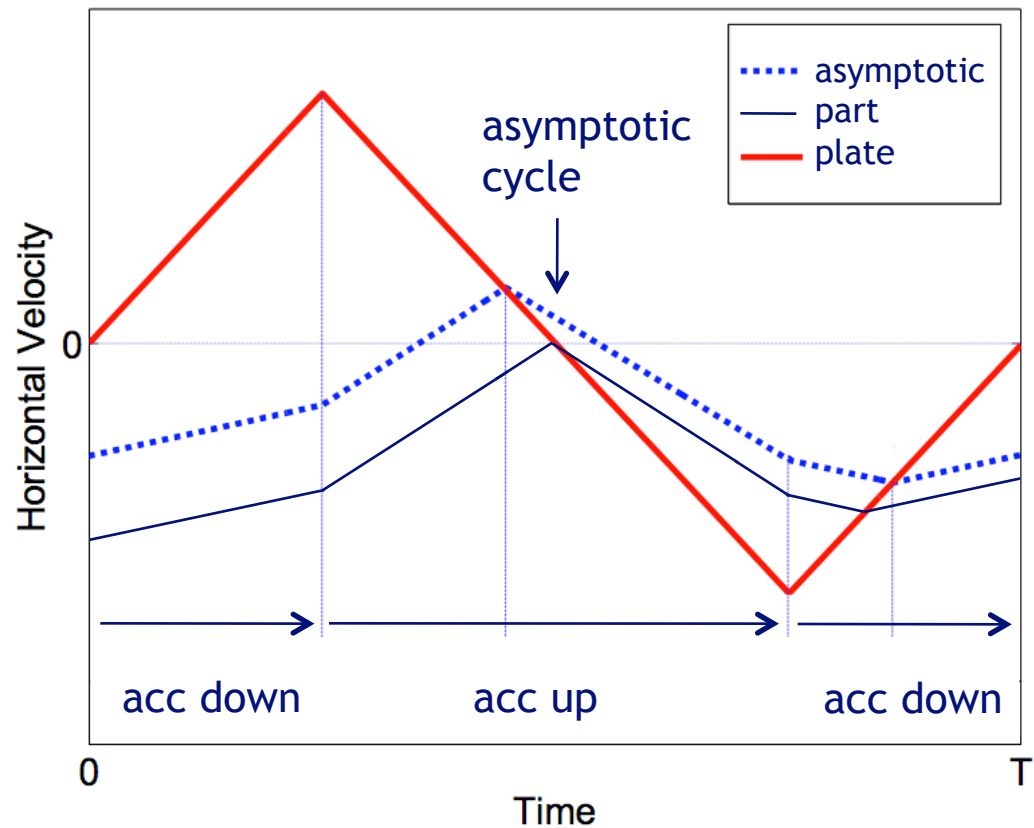
slipping direction

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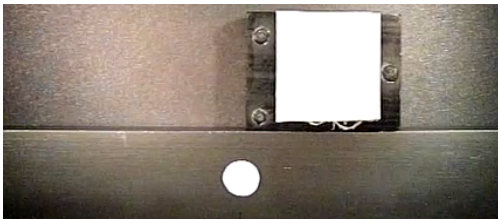


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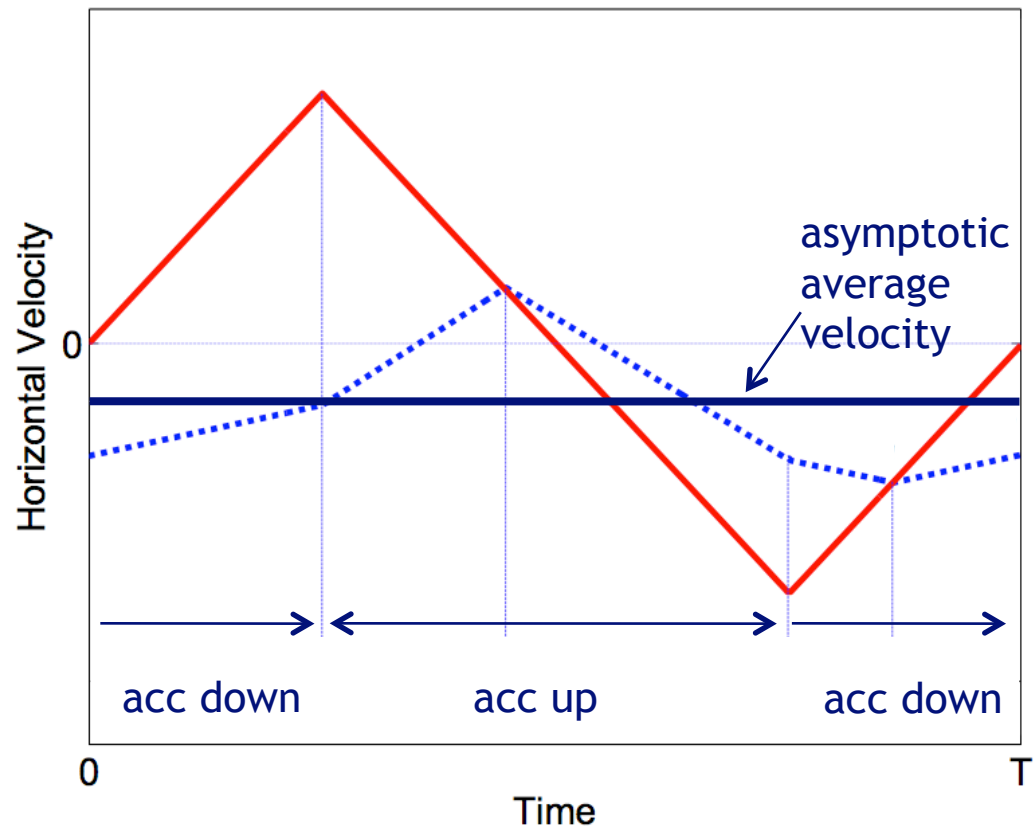


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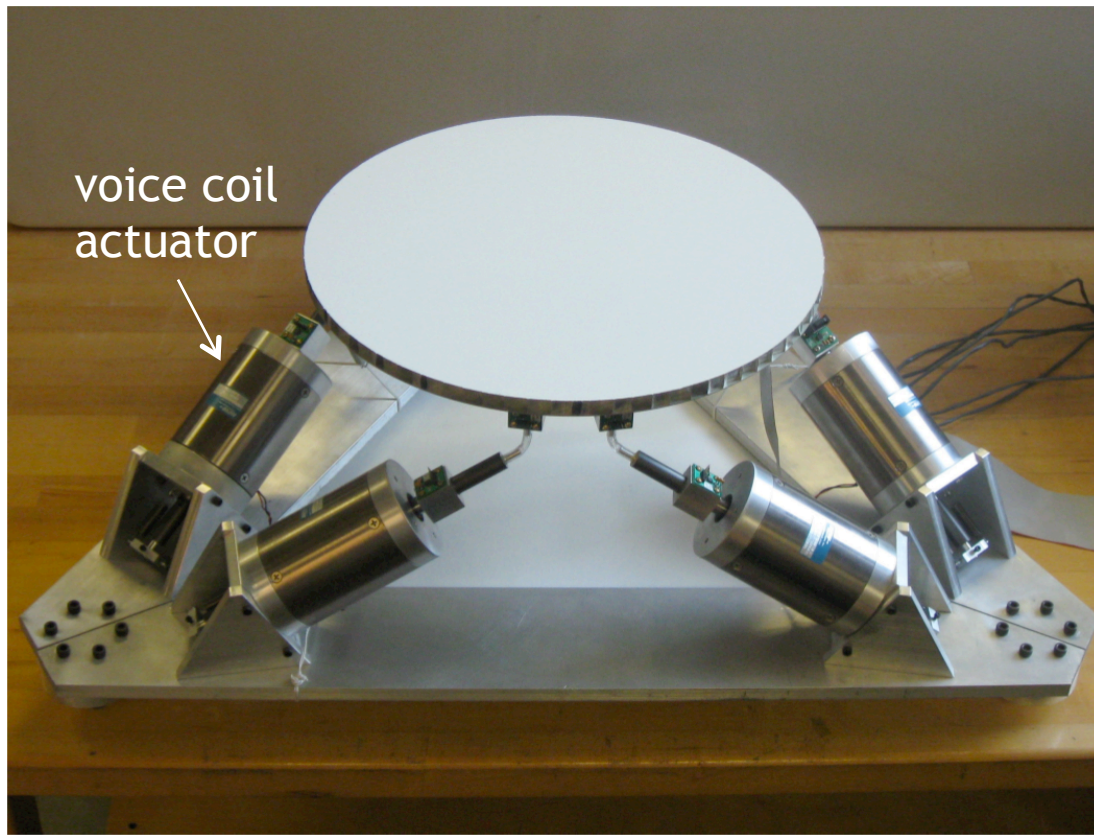


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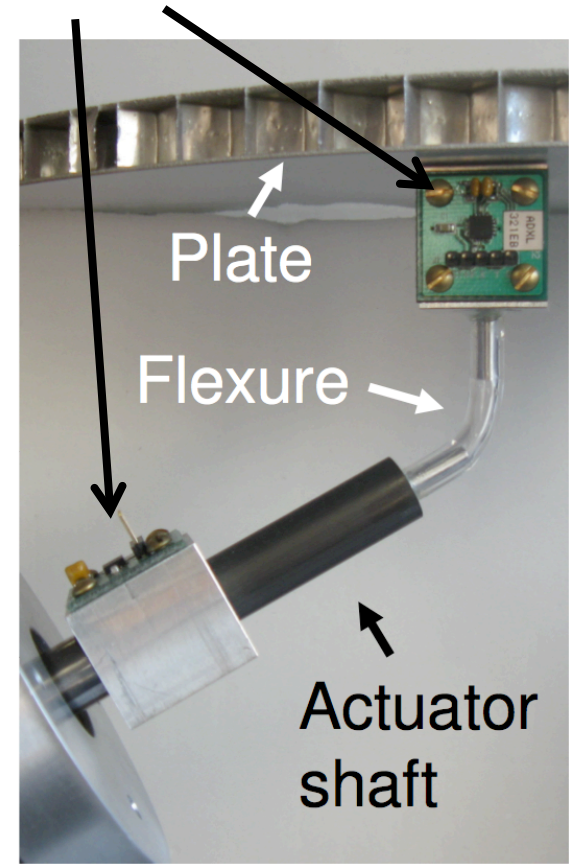


The 6-DOF PPOD

(Programmable Parts-feeding Oscillatory Device)



accelerometers

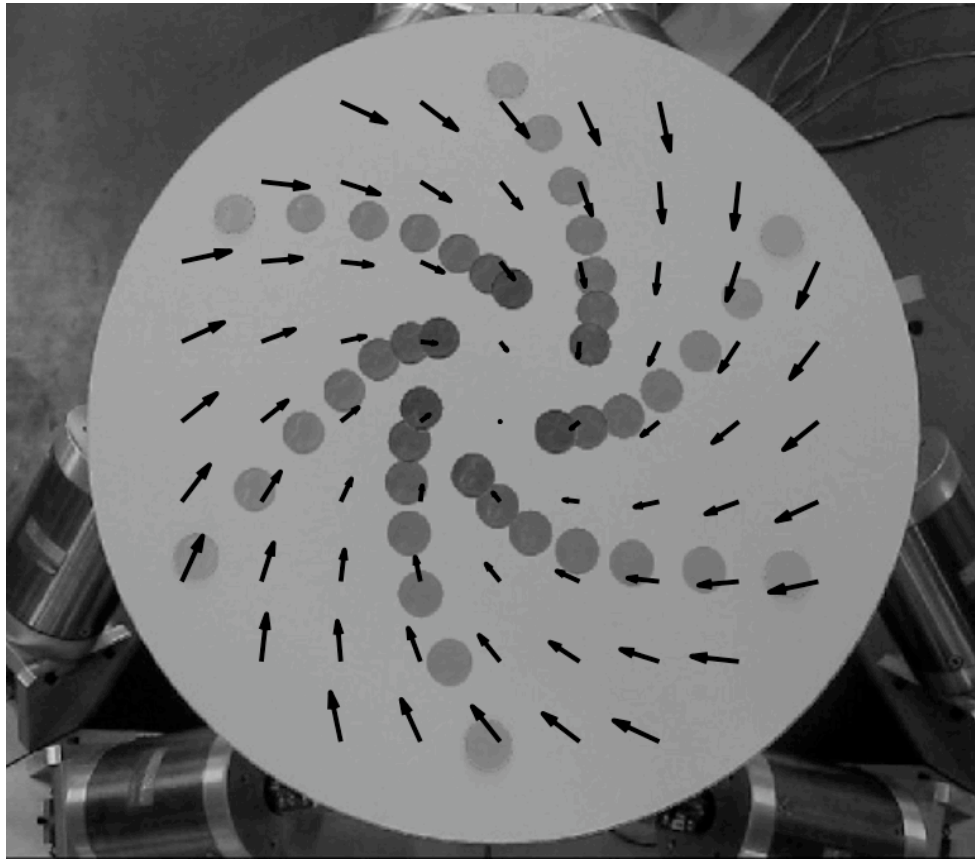


PPOD2: flexure-based Stewart platform



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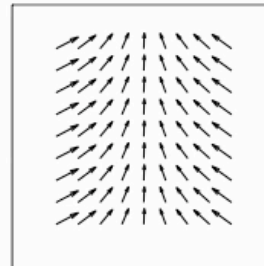
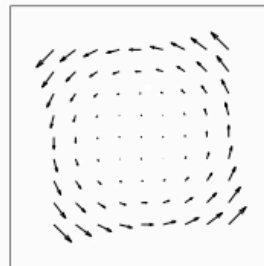
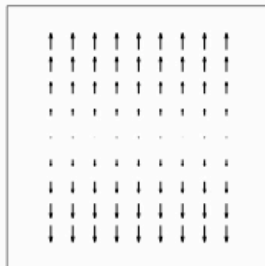
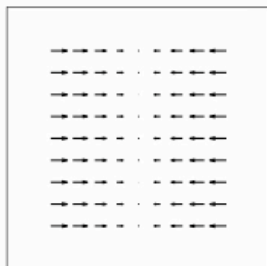
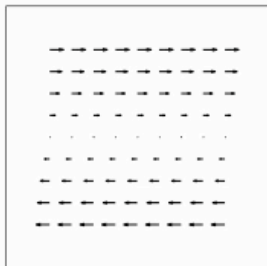
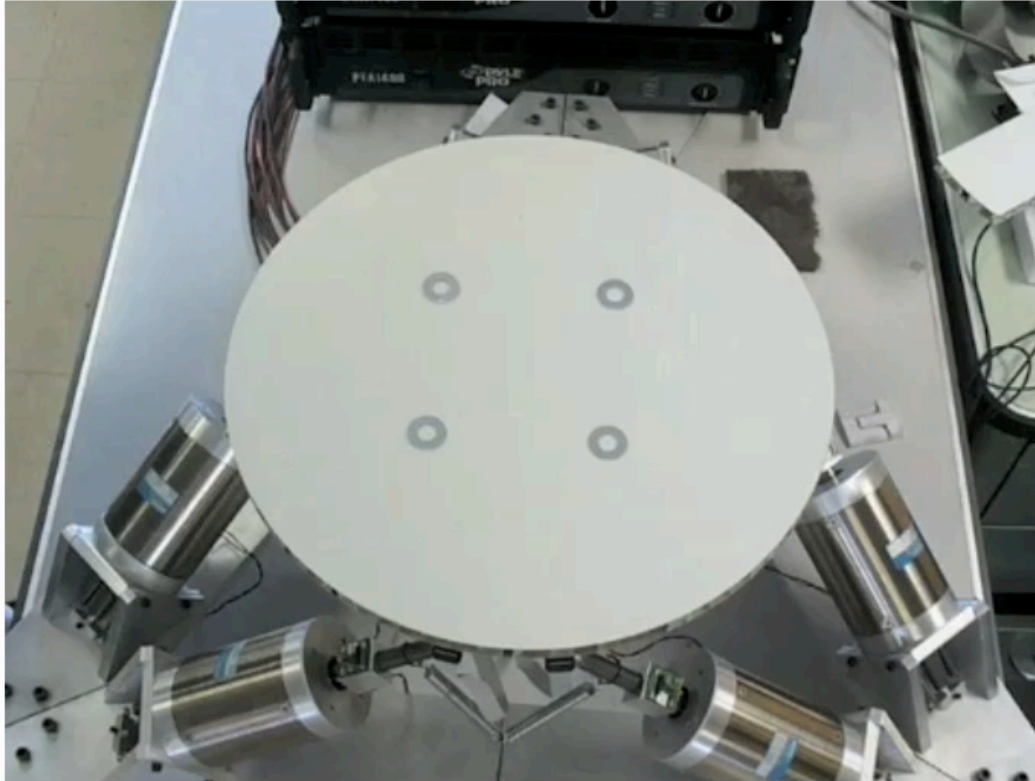
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asymptotic average velocity field

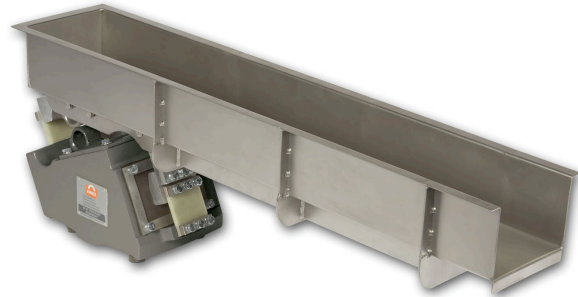
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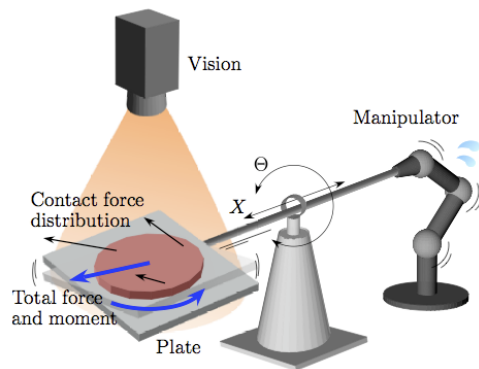
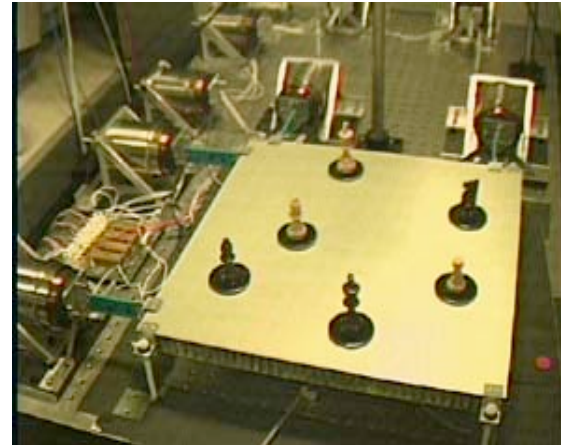


Related Work

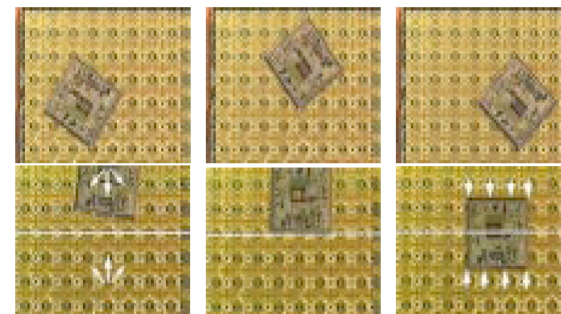
vibratory linear conveyors



horizontally-vibrating plate
[Reznik, Canny
Bohringer, Goldberg, et al.]



pizza manipulation
[Higashimori, Utsumi, Kaneko]



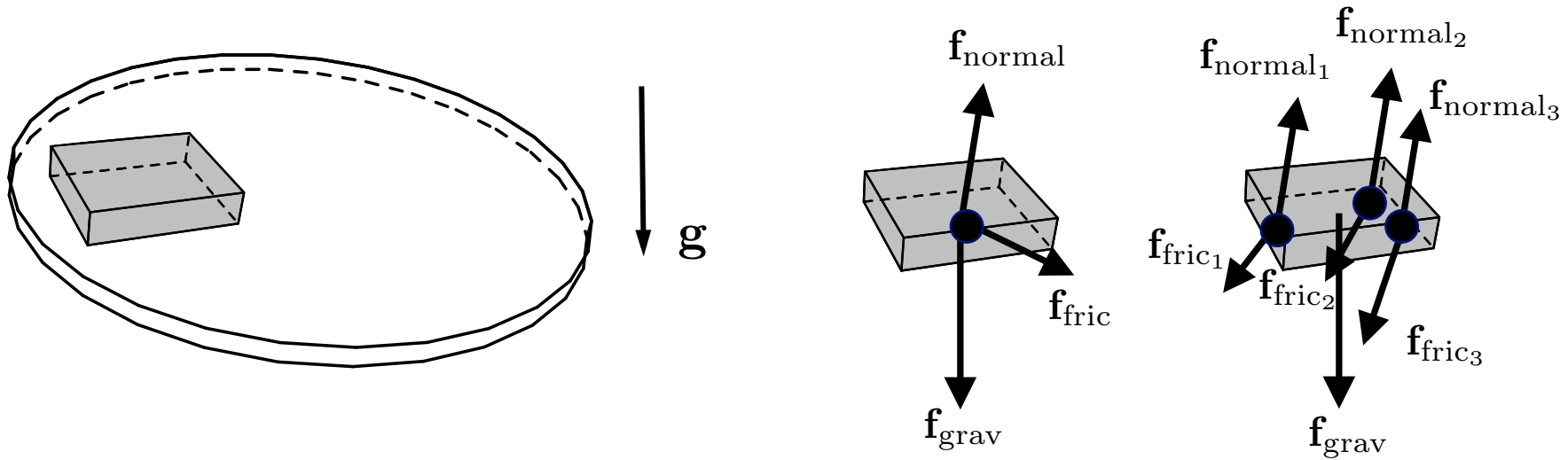
arrays of vibrating plates, MEMS, airjets, wheels
[Frei et al., Bohringer and Donald, Luntz et al.,
Murphey and Burdick, Kavraki, Goldberg et al.]

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Part Dynamics



$$\mathbf{f}_{\text{fric}_i} = \mu_i N_i \frac{\mathbf{v}_{\text{rel}_i}}{\|\mathbf{v}_{\text{rel}_i}\|}$$

- direction of **relative velocity** between part and plate determines **direction** of friction force
- vertical **acceleration** of plate determines normal force and therefore **magnitude** of friction force
- by exploiting full 6-DOF motion, the direction and magnitude of the friction forces on a part can be made **configuration-dependent**

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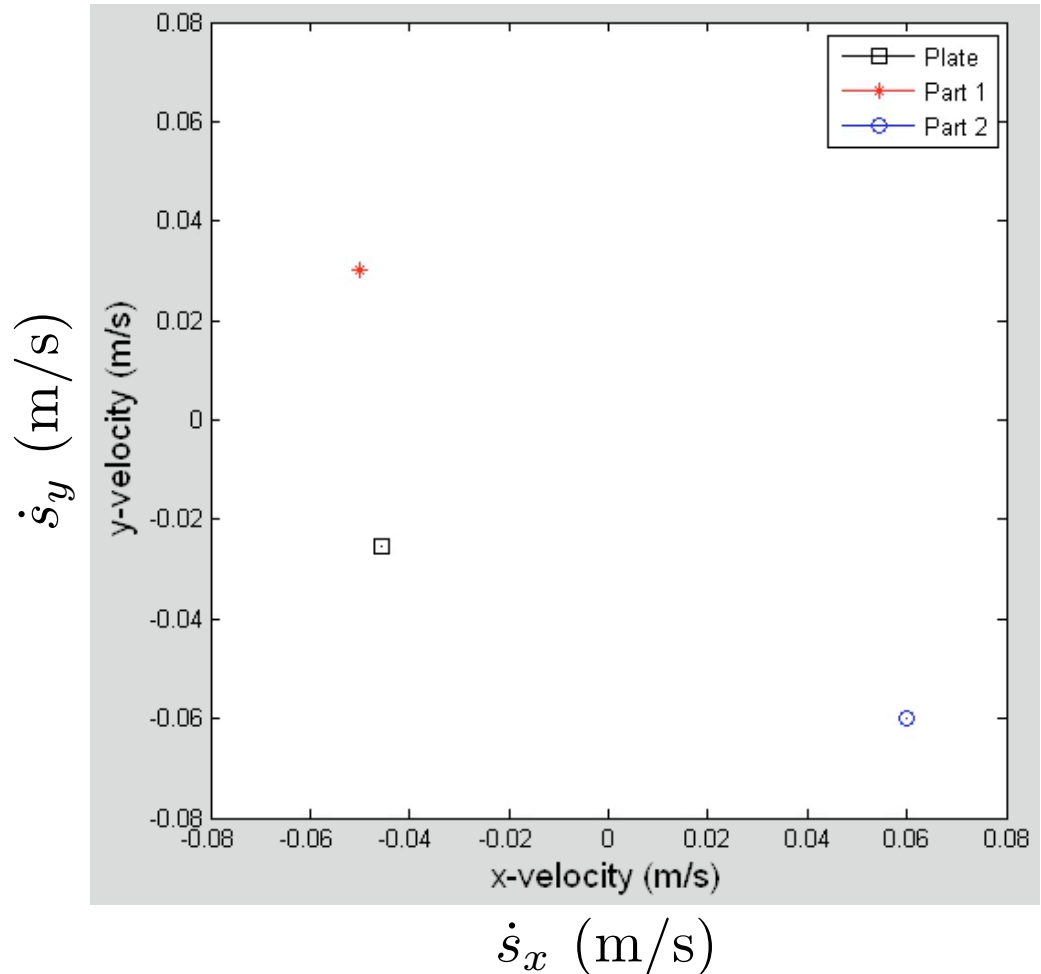
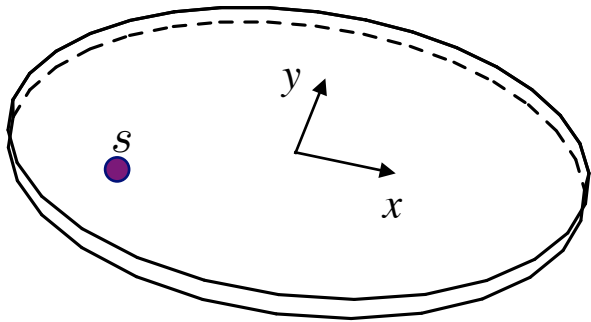
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Natural representation of simplified part dynamics:

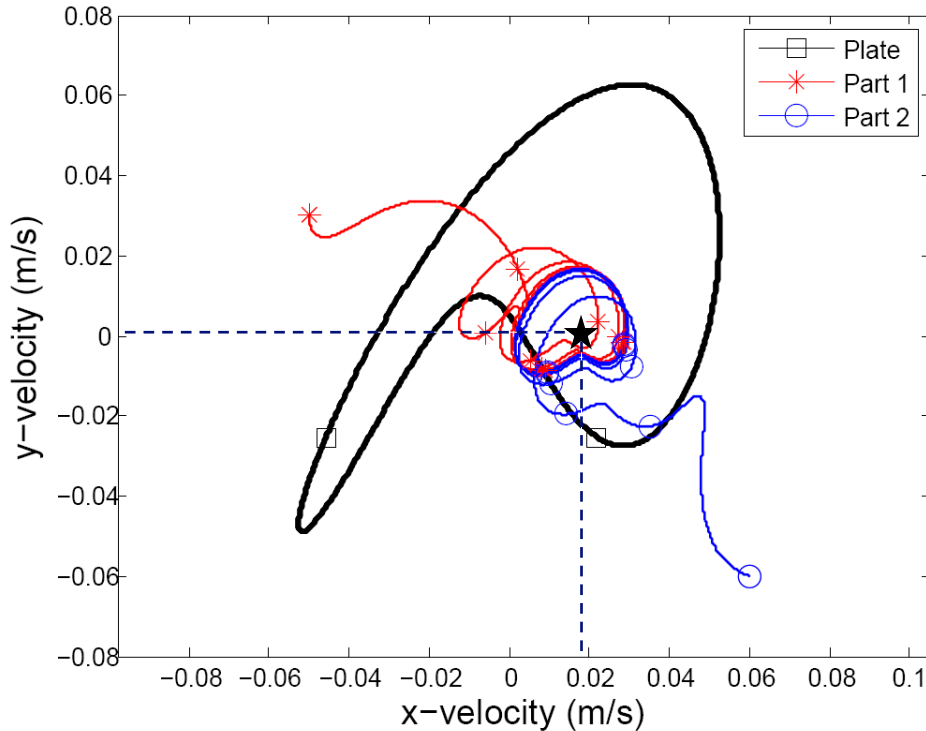
velocity field on part's **configuration space**
(not force field on plate surface)

Asymptotic Behavior (Point Part)

Two velocity trajectories (red and blue) for the purple part shown at left, assuming its configuration does not change

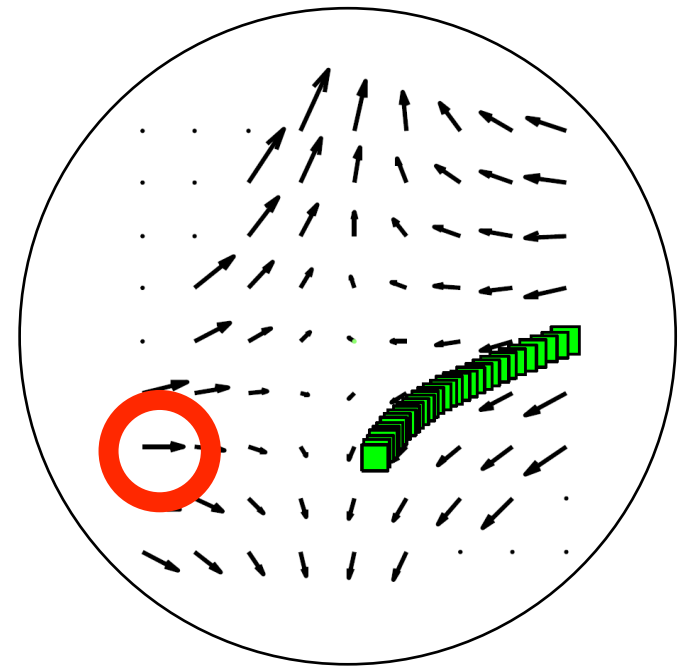


Asymptotic Velocity (Point Part)



Asymptotic velocity field for a point part

$$\mathbf{v}_a : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$$



Asymptotic velocity at configuration (x,y) :

$$\mathbf{v}_a(x, y) = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \mathbf{v}^{LC}(t) dt$$

Where $\mathbf{v}^{LC}(t)$ is the limit cycle.

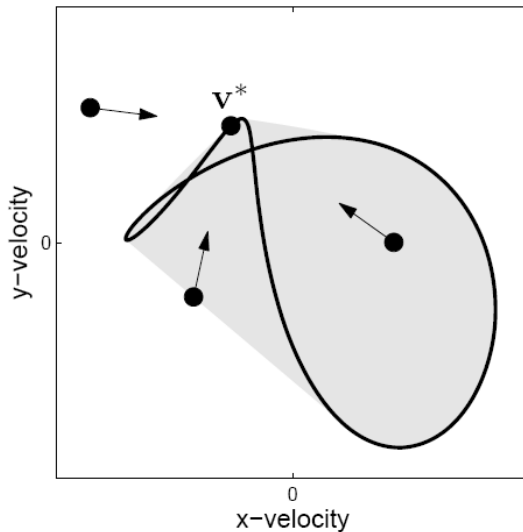
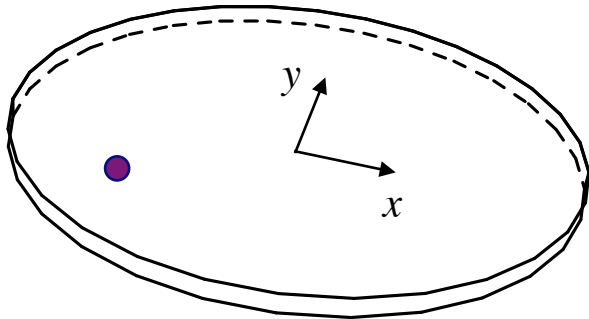
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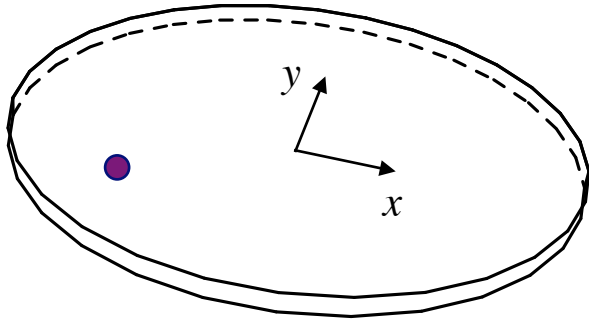
Given:


- simplified dynamics
- plate oscillation of period T

For every (valid) part configuration, the part's velocity trajectory asymptotically converges to a unique limit cycle of period T on or inside the convex hull of the plate's velocity trajectory.

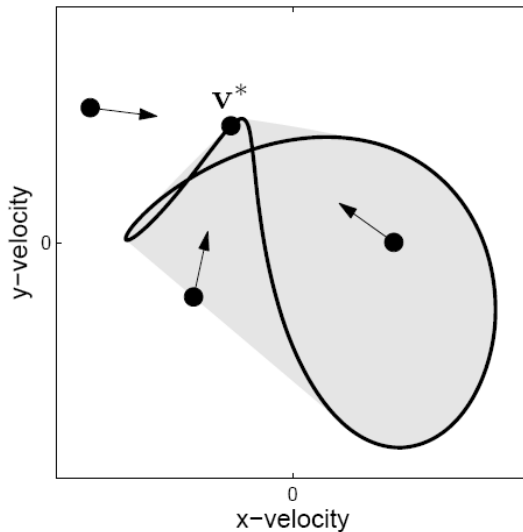


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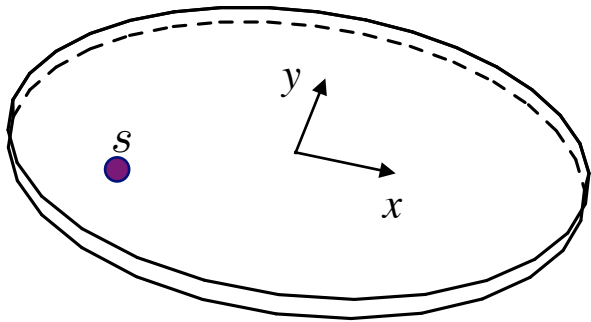
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Normal force depends on part configuration and plate acceleration, but NOT part velocity



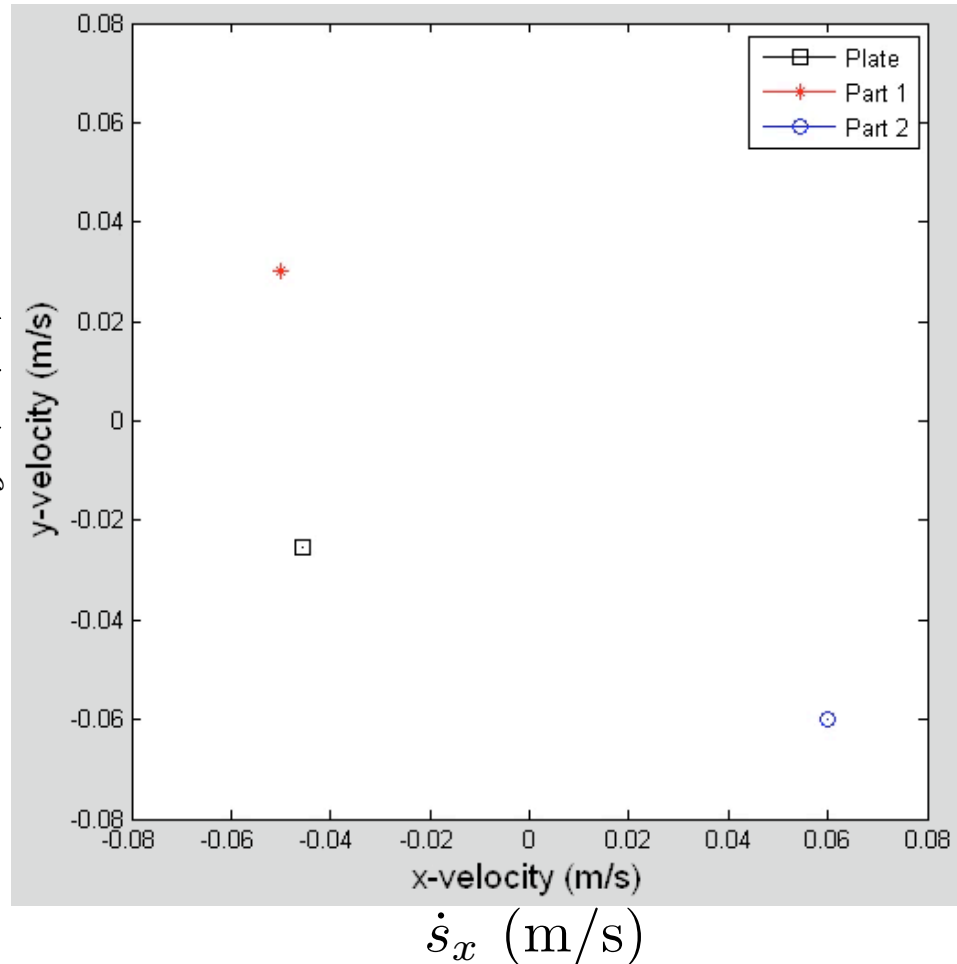
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Pursuer-Evader: in velocity space, all parts “chase” the plate by moving directly toward it at the same speed

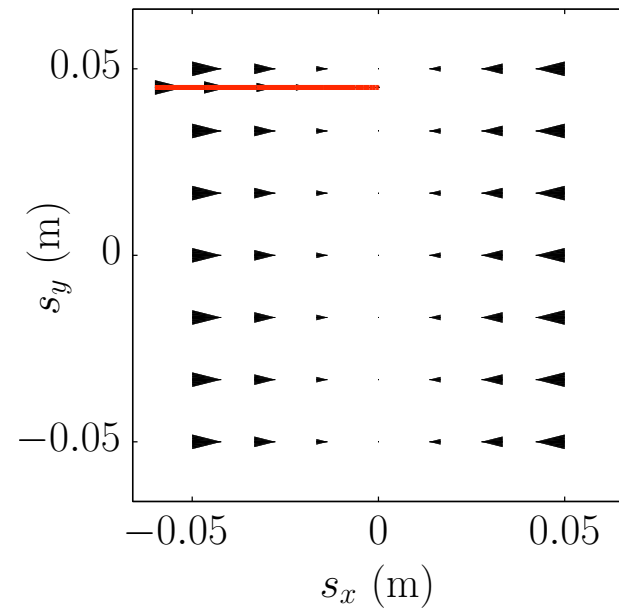
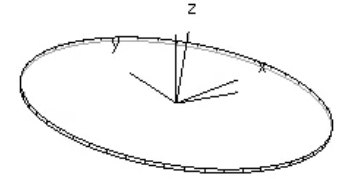
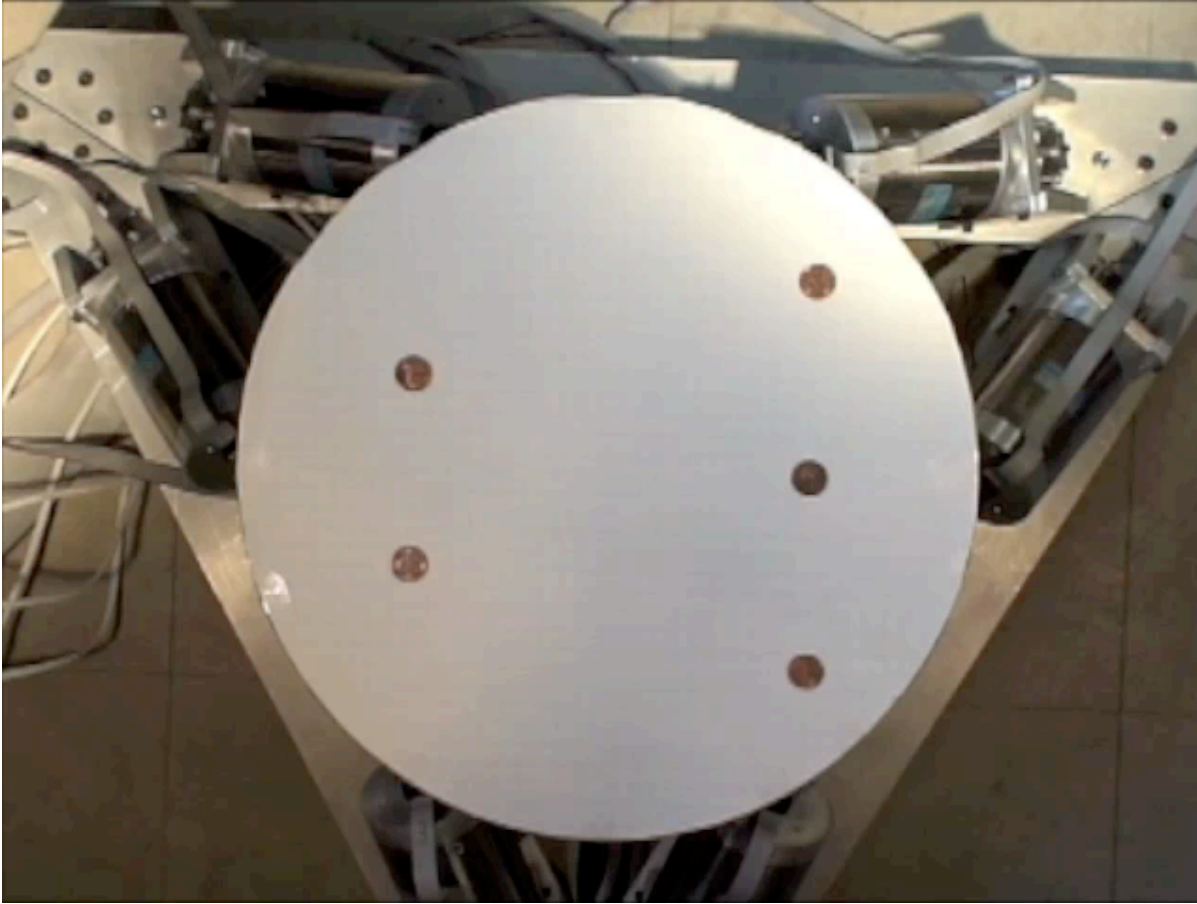


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\dot{s}_y (m/s)

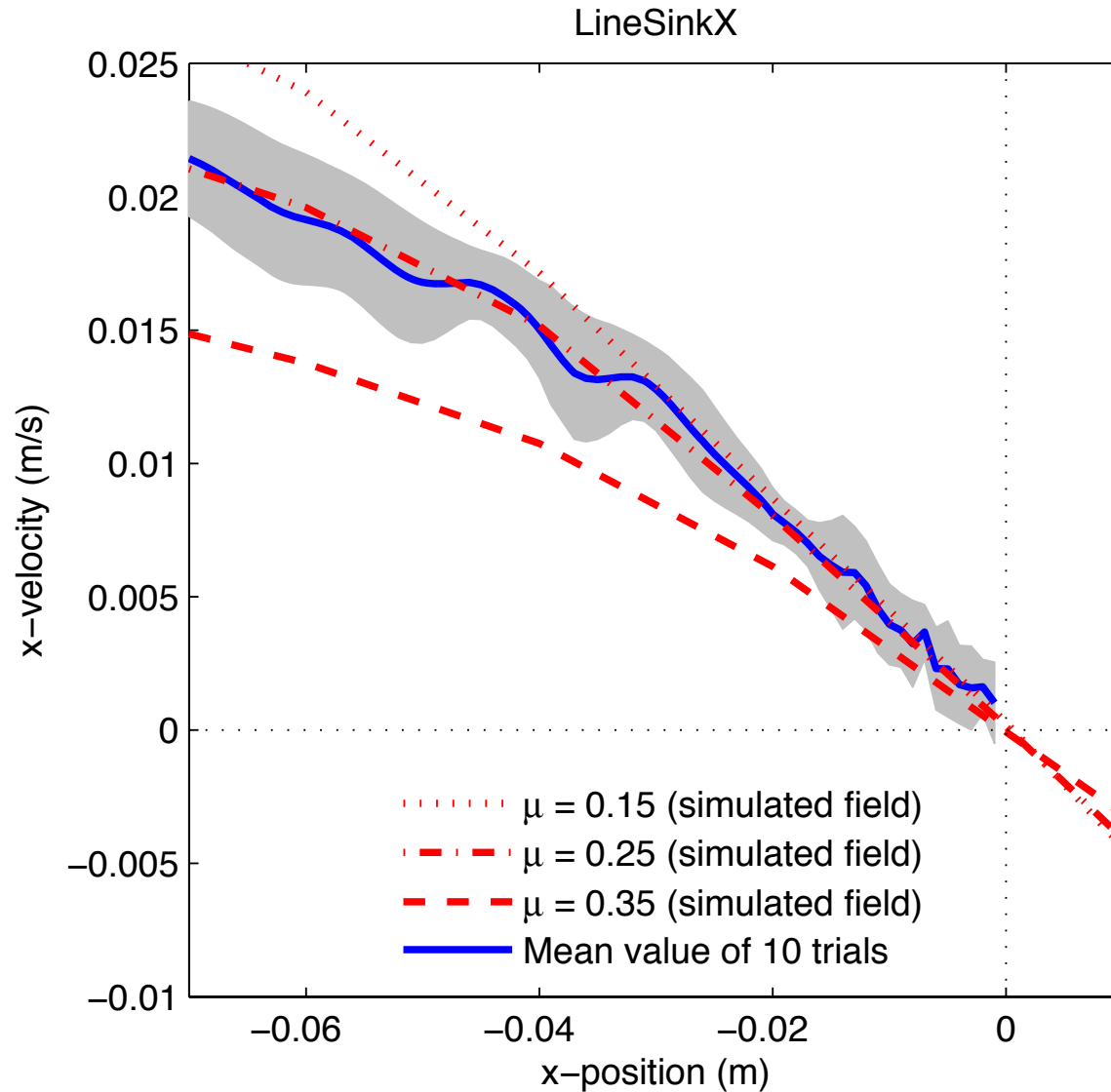
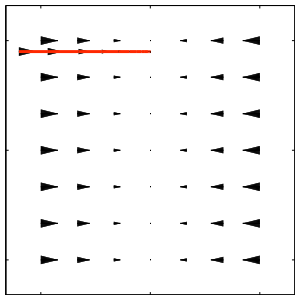


Example: LineSink



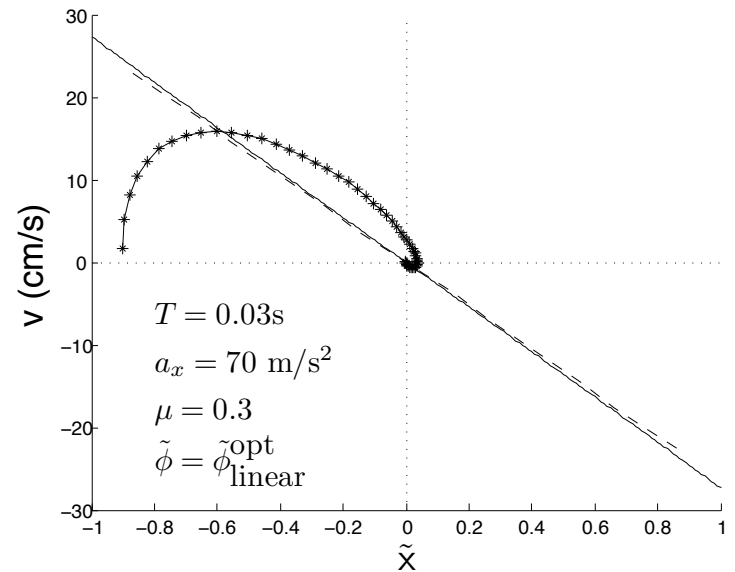
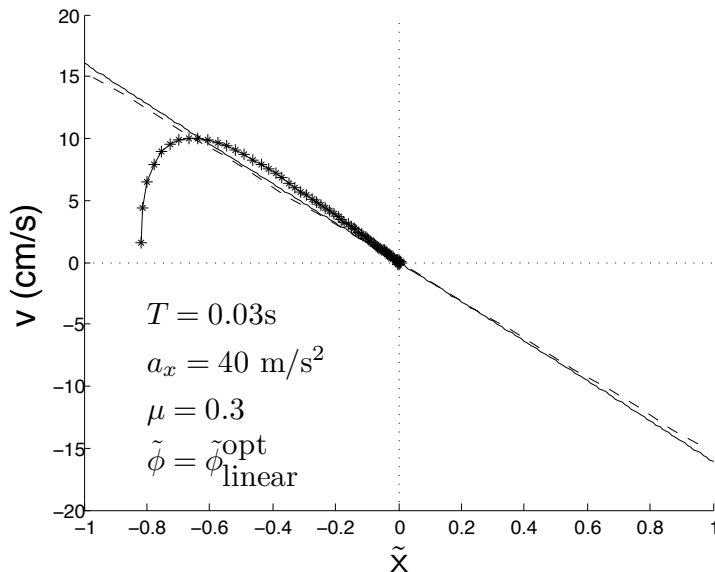
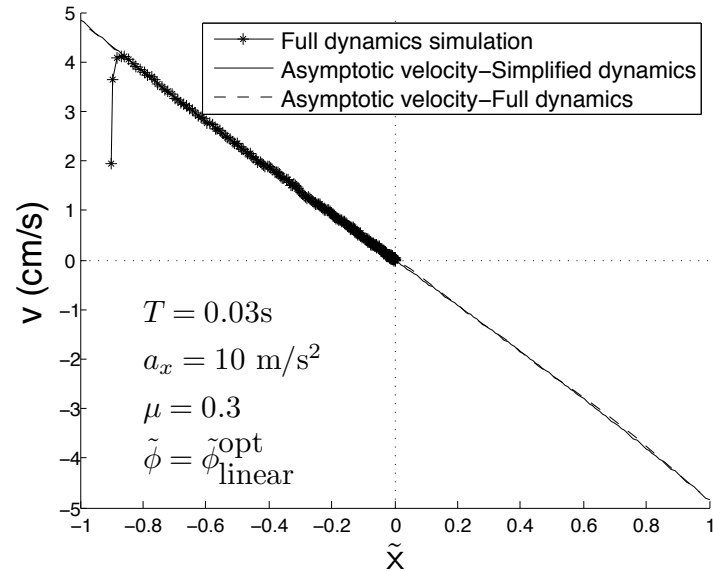
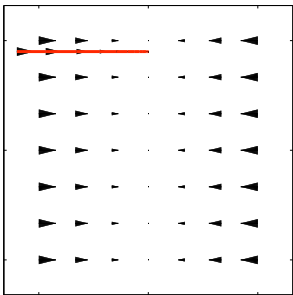
Asymptotics vs. Experiment

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Asymptotics vs. Full Simulation

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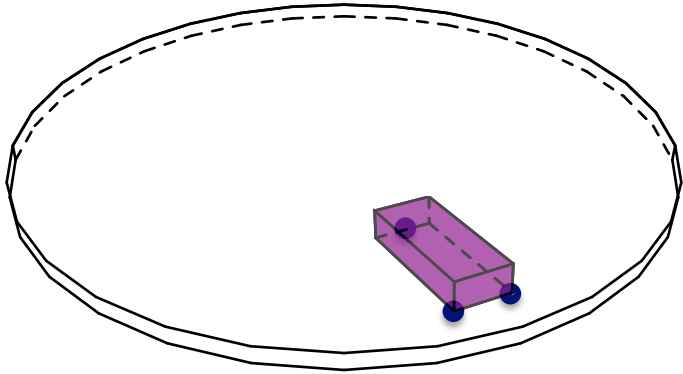


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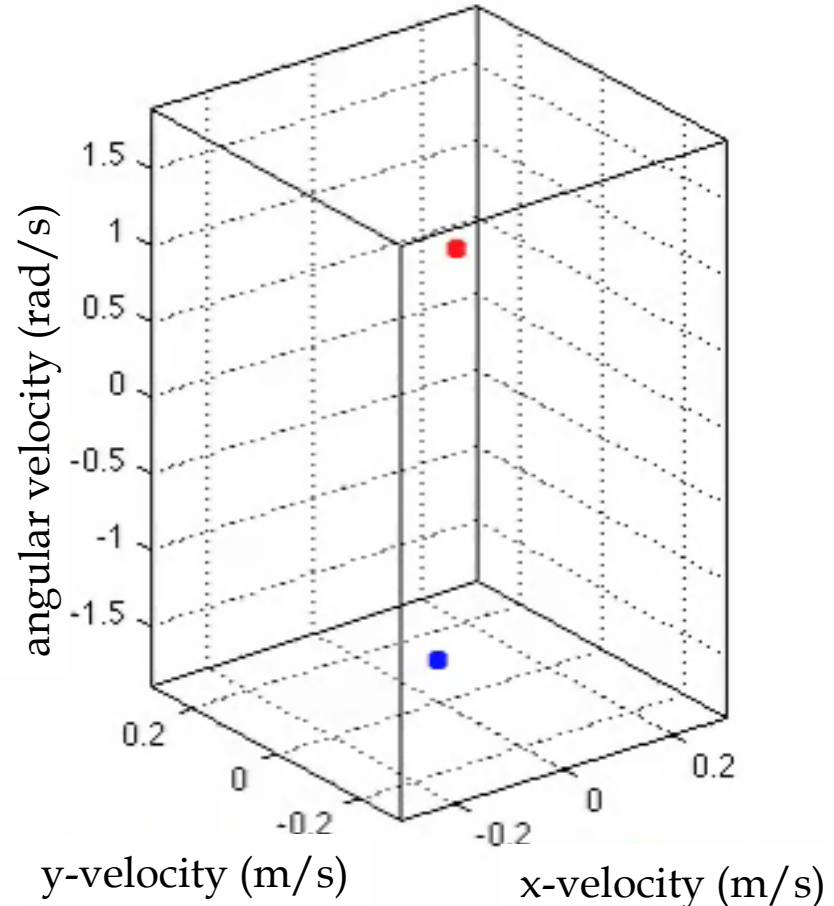
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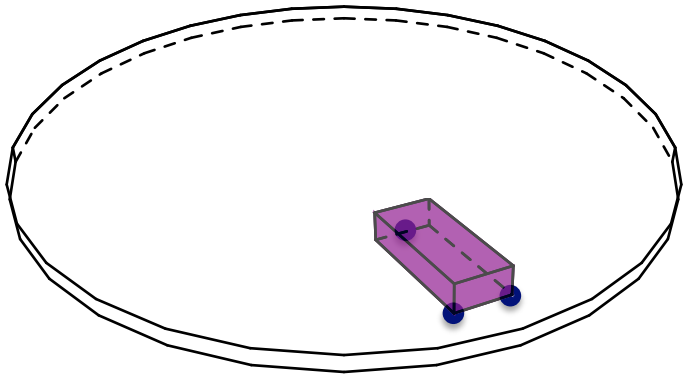
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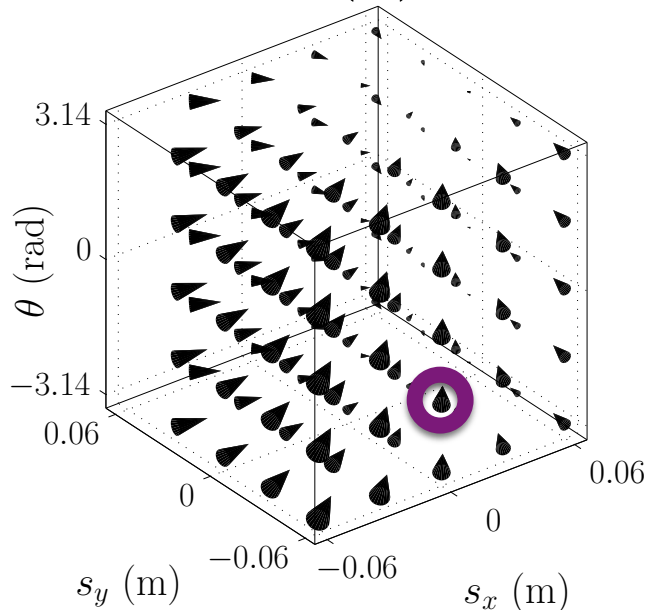
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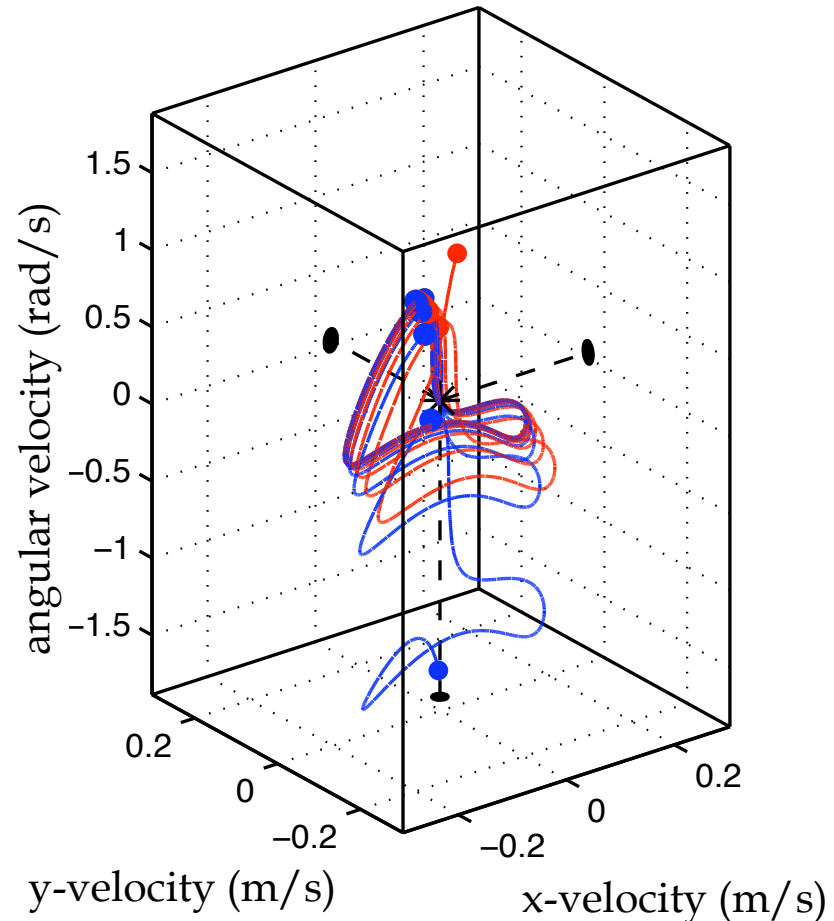
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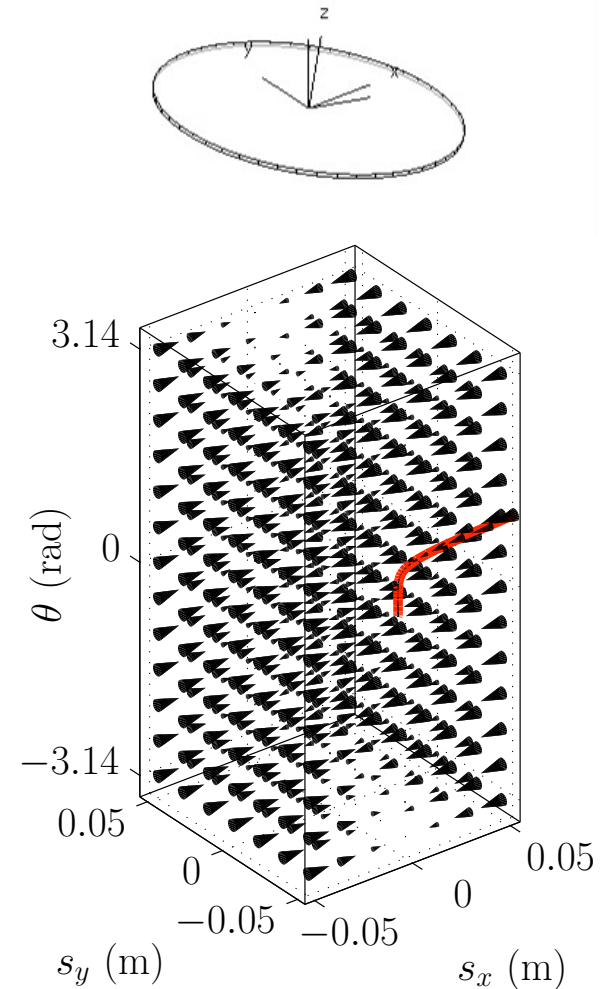
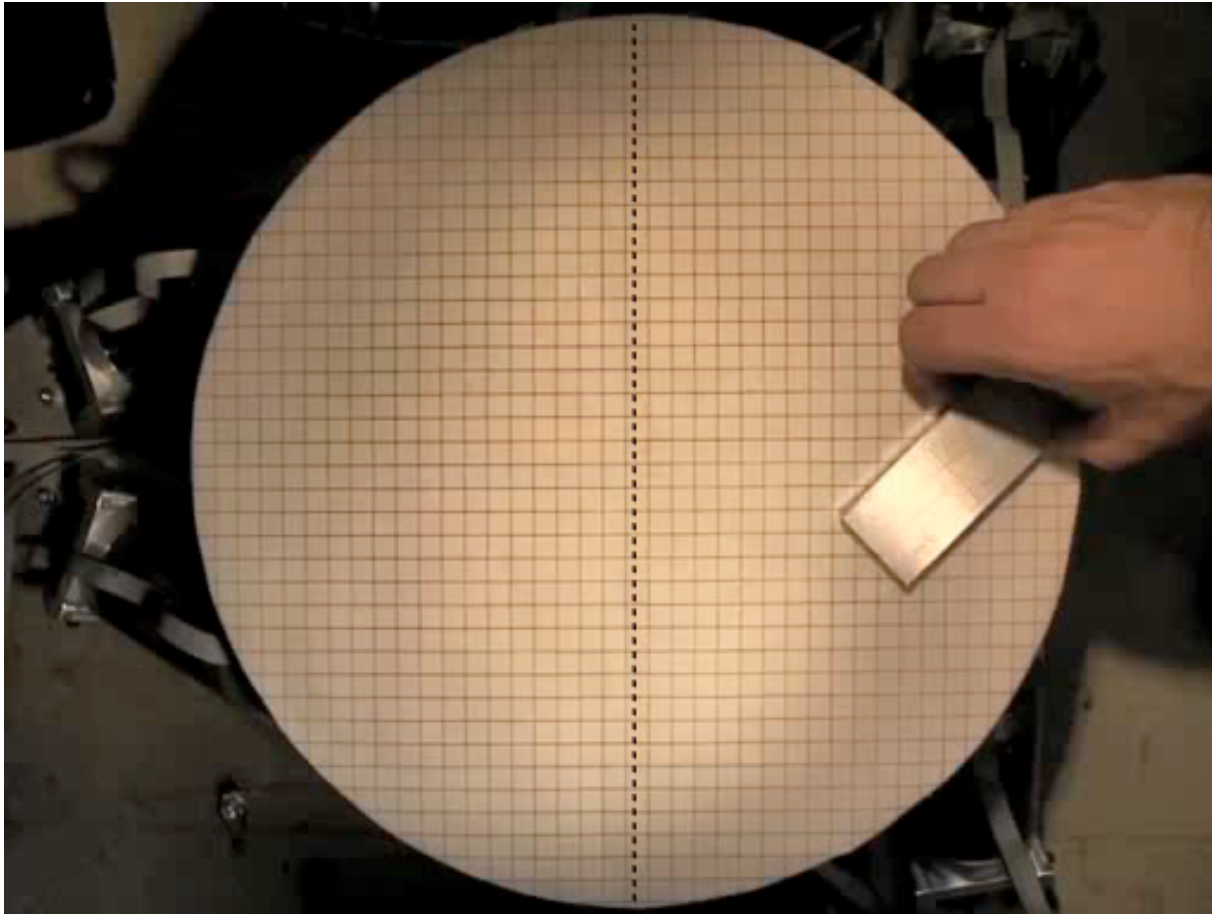
$$\mathbf{v}_a : SE(2) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$$



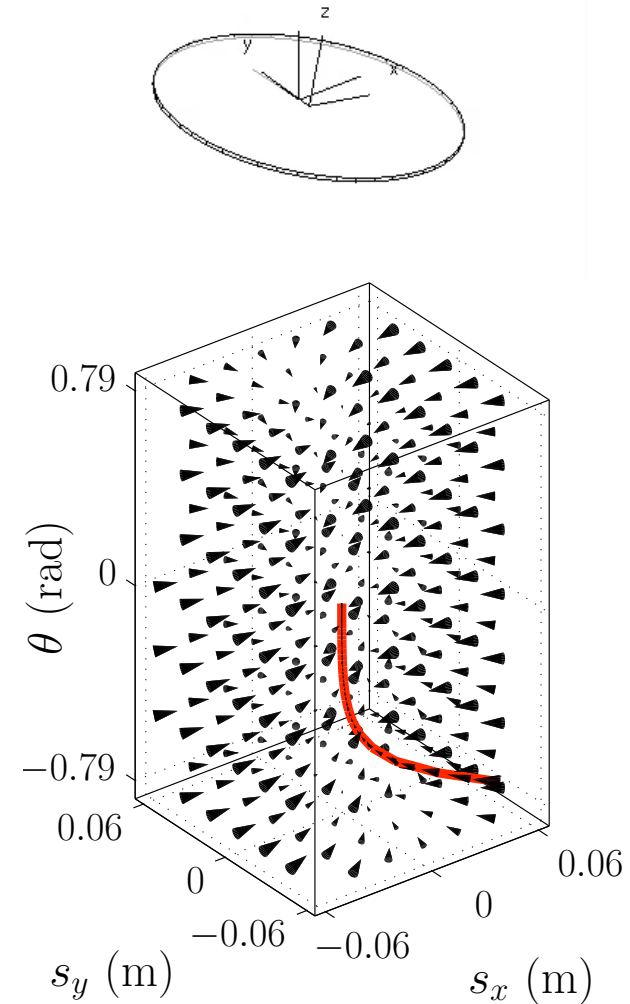
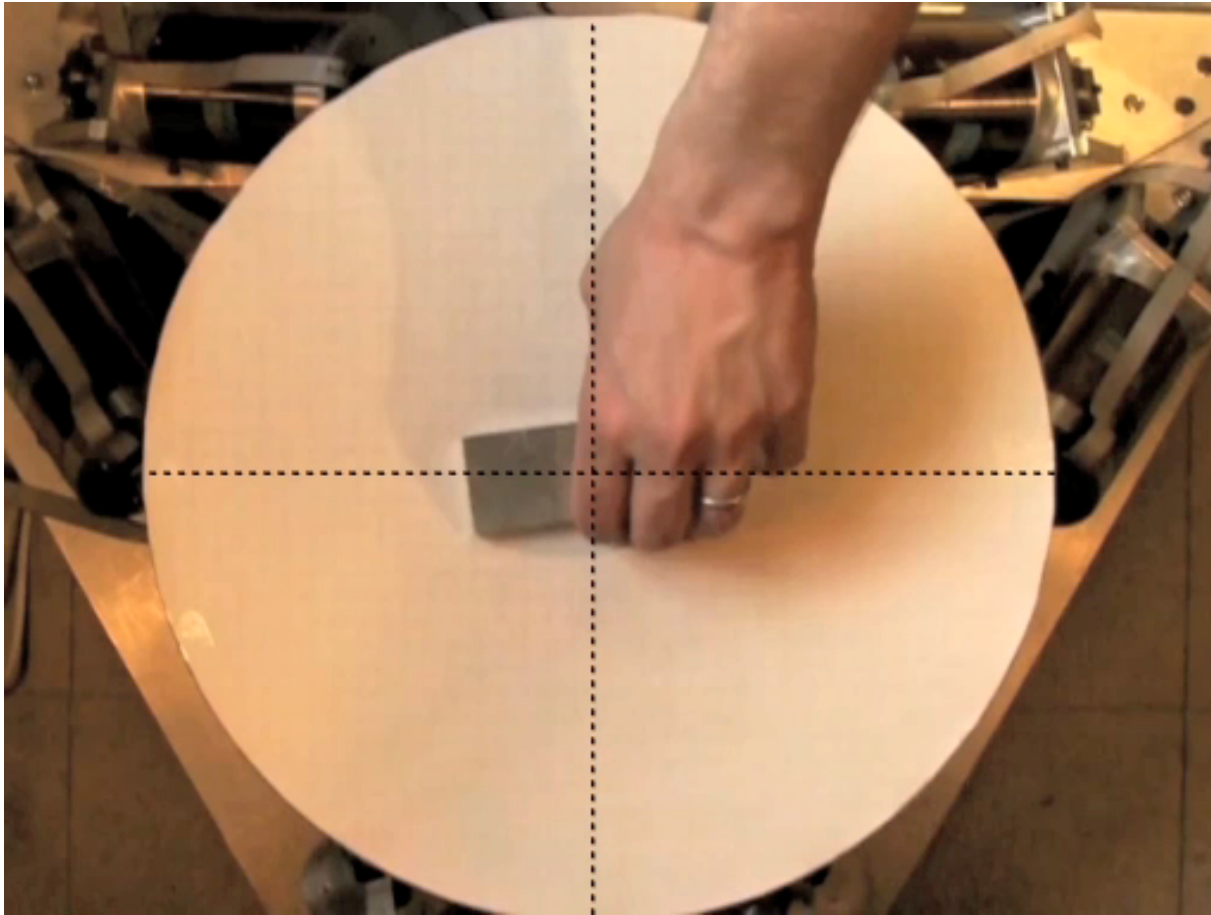
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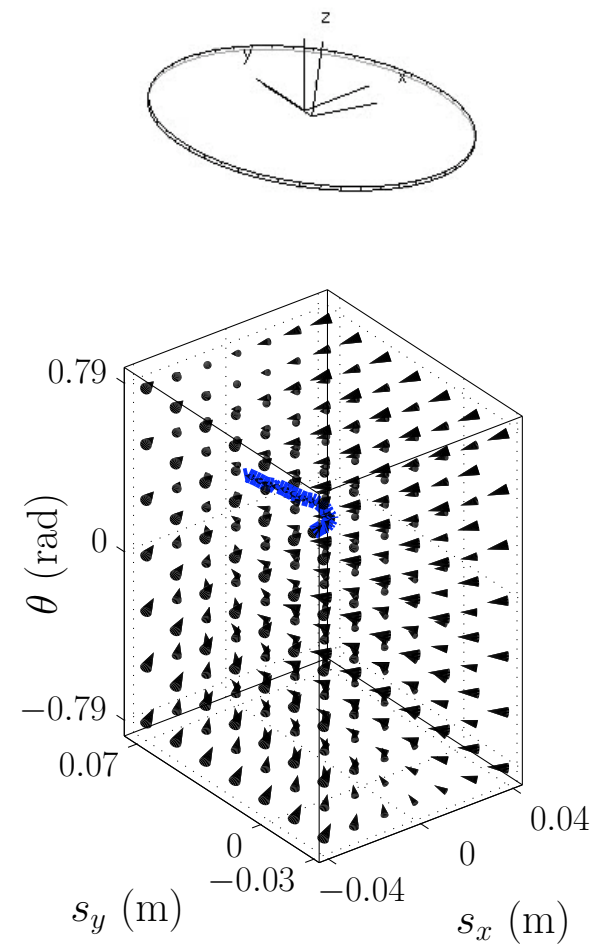
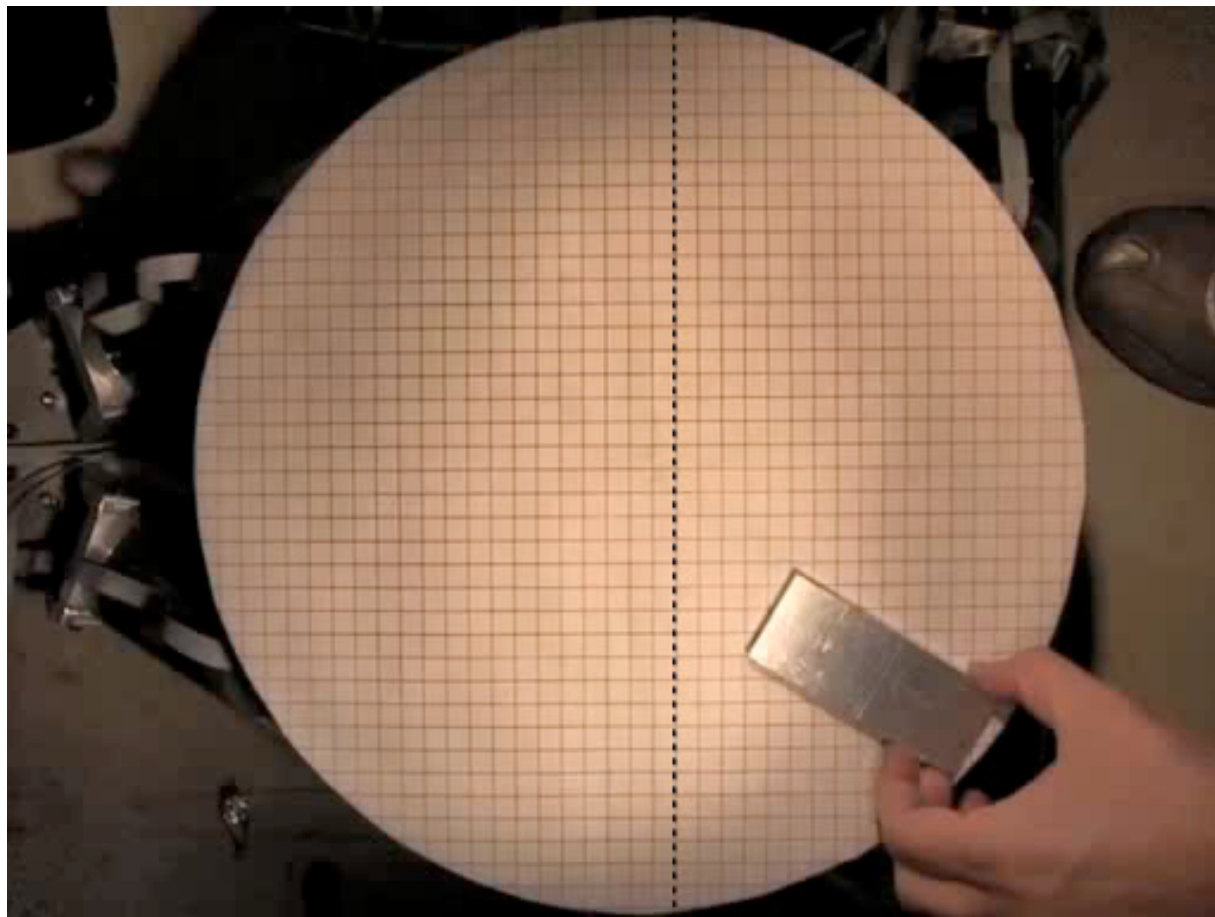
Sensorless Orienting and Positioning to a Line



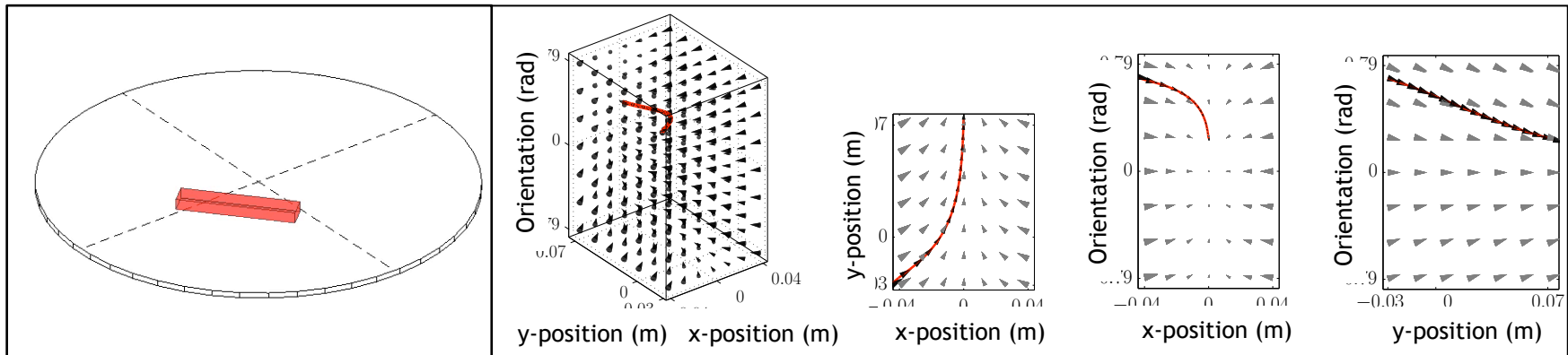
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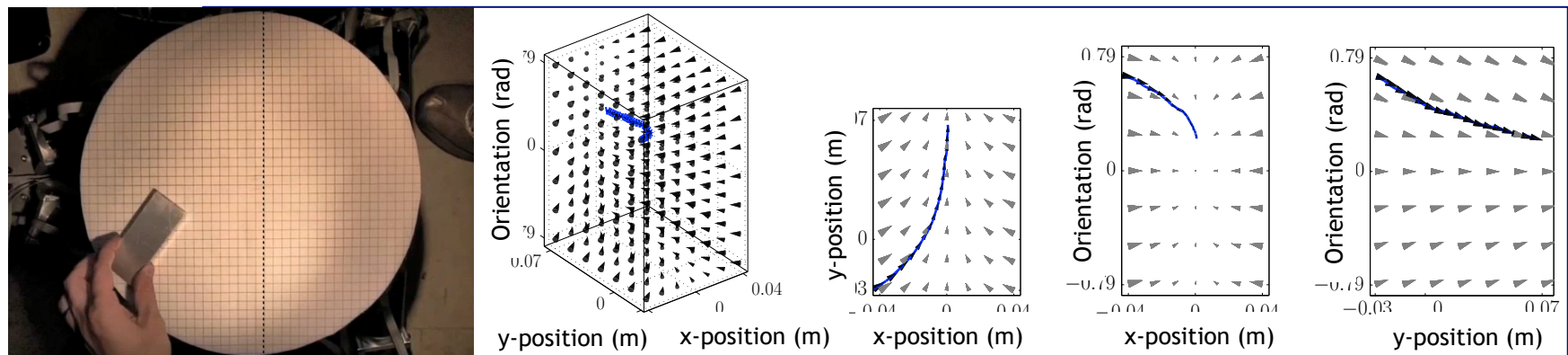
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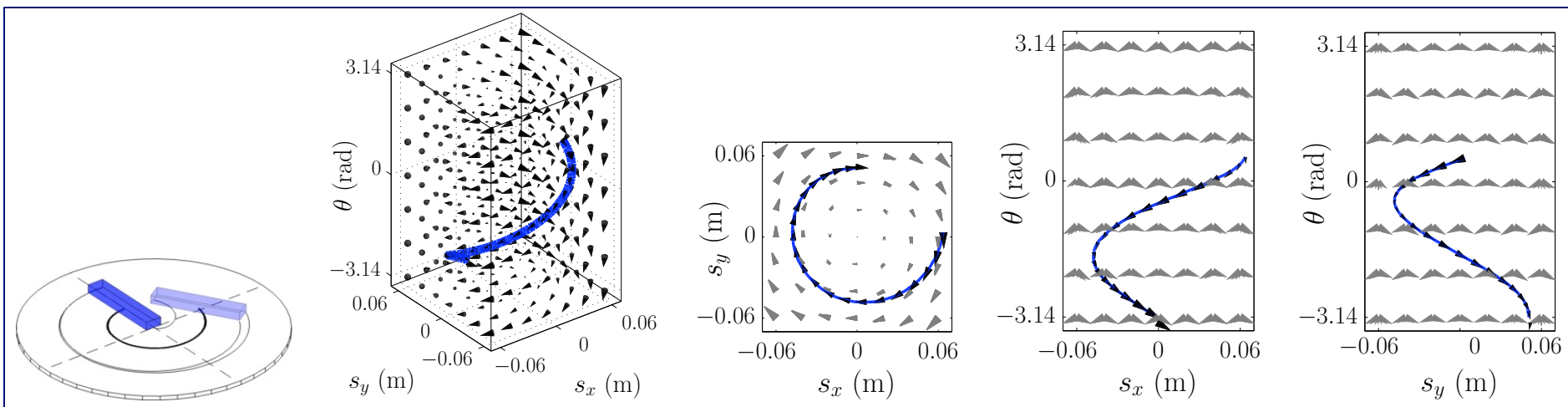
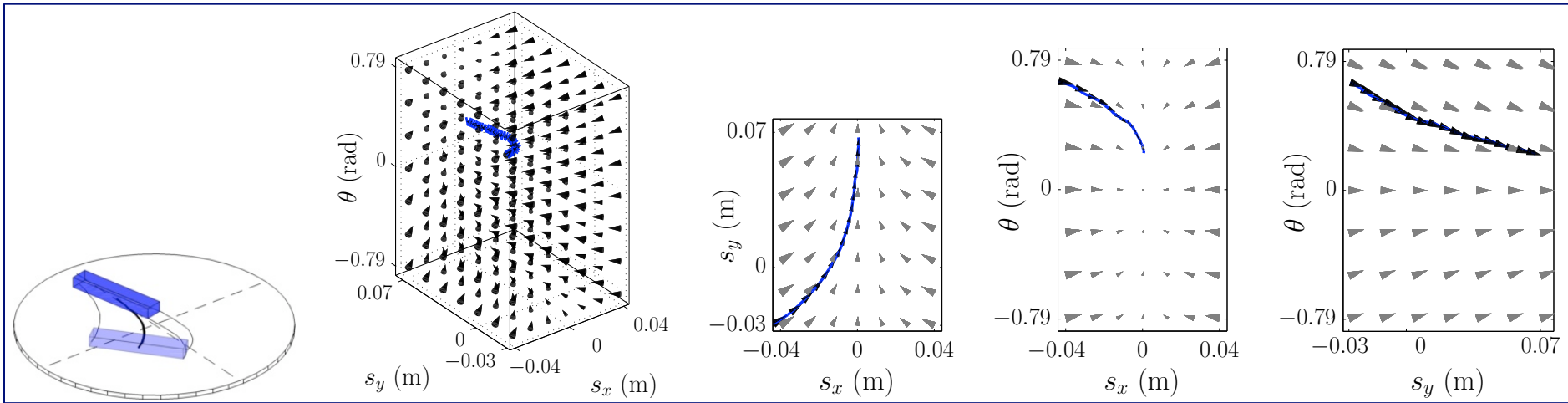
Full dynamic simulation vs. asymptotic velocity



Experimental data vs. asymptotic velocity



Asymptotics vs. Experimental Results



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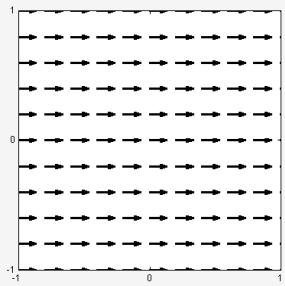
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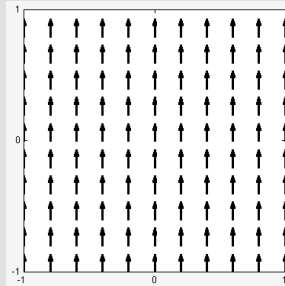
Basic Plate Motions/Basis Fields

(1 in-plane acceleration + 1 out-of-plane acceleration at the same frequency)

Translational

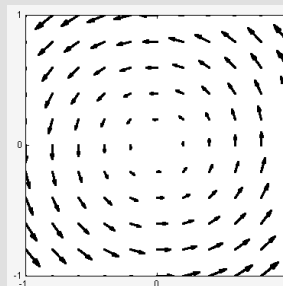


x-translation
+
z-translation



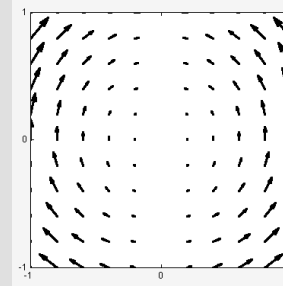
y-translation
+
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Circular

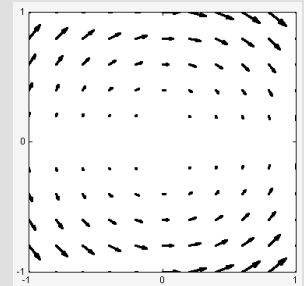


z-rotation
+
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Divergent Circular

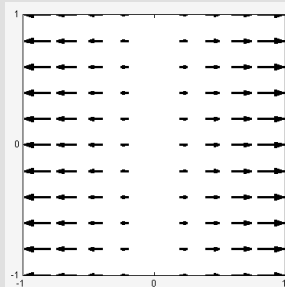


z-rotation
+
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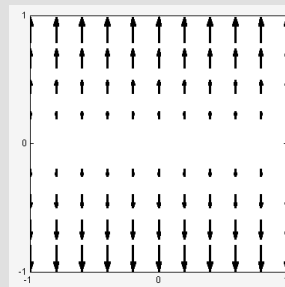


z-rotation
+
x-rotation

Line Sink/Line Source

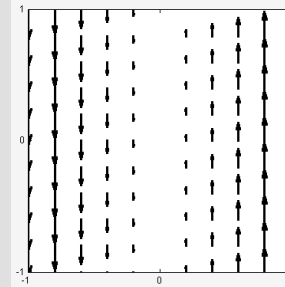


x-translation
+
y-rotation

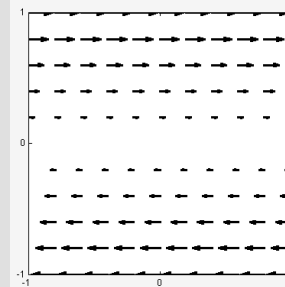


y-translation
+
x-rotation

Shear



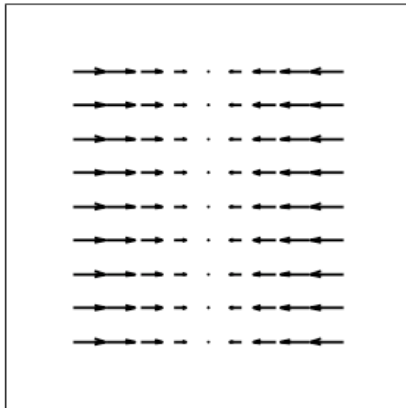
y-translation
+
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x-translation
+
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Dynamics Are Nonlinear

(a) LineSinkX



$$\ddot{p}_x = 10 \sin(60\pi t)$$

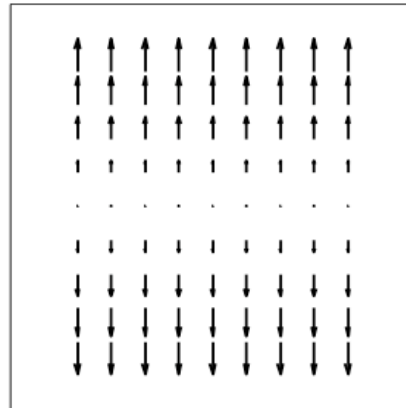
$$\ddot{p}_y = 0$$

$$\alpha_x = 0$$

$$\alpha_y = 100 \sin(60\pi t + \frac{3}{2}\pi)$$

$$\mathbf{v}_a \approx \begin{bmatrix} -0.27x \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

(b) LineSourceY



$$\ddot{p}_x = 0$$

$$\ddot{p}_y = 10 \sin(60\pi t)$$

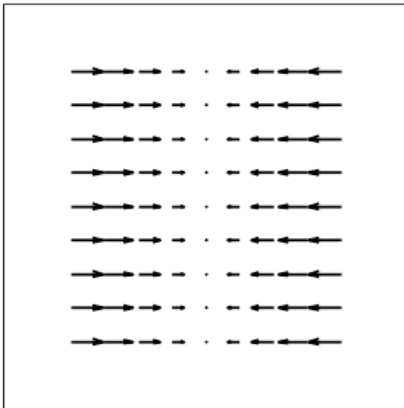
$$\alpha_x = 100 \sin(60\pi t + \frac{3}{2}\pi)$$

$$\alpha_y = 0$$

$$\mathbf{v}_a \approx \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0.27y \end{bmatrix}$$

Dynamics Are Nonlinear

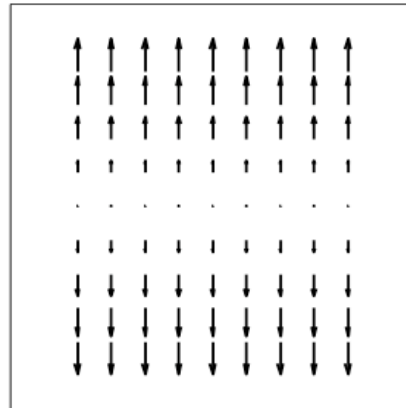
(a) LineSinkX



$$\begin{aligned}\ddot{p}_x &= 10 \sin(60\pi t) \\ \ddot{p}_y &= 0 \\ \alpha_x &= 0 \\ \alpha_y &= 100 \sin(60\pi t + \frac{3}{2}\pi)\end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbf{v}_a \approx \begin{bmatrix} -0.27x \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

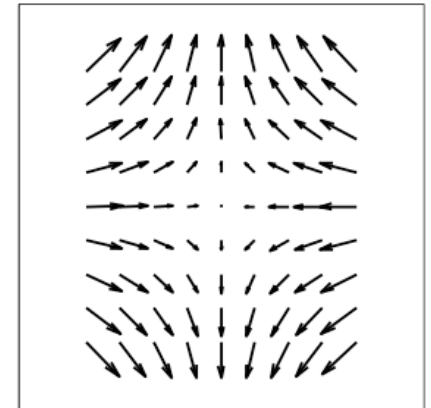
(b) LineSourceY



$$\begin{aligned}\ddot{p}_x &= 0 \\ \ddot{p}_y &= 10 \sin(60\pi t) \\ \alpha_x &= 100 \sin(60\pi t + \frac{3}{2}\pi) \\ \alpha_y &= 0\end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbf{v}_a \approx \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0.27y \end{bmatrix}$$

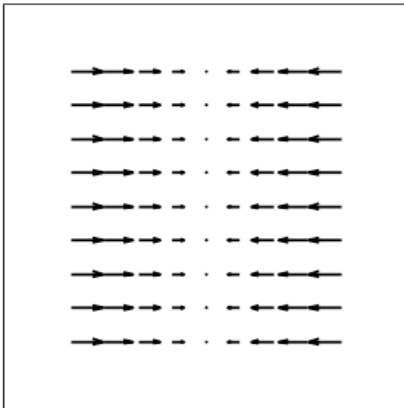
(d) Saddle



$$\mathbf{v}_a \approx \begin{bmatrix} -0.27x \\ 0.27y \end{bmatrix}$$

Dynamics Are Nonlinear

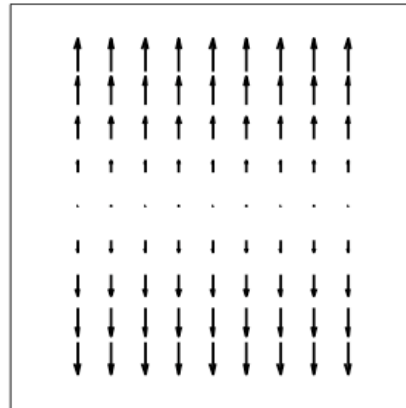
(a) LineSinkX



$$\begin{aligned}\ddot{p}_x &= 10 \sin(60\pi t) \\ \ddot{p}_y &= 0 \\ \alpha_x &= 0 \\ \alpha_y &= 100 \sin(60\pi t + \frac{3}{2}\pi)\end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbf{v}_a \approx \begin{bmatrix} -0.27x \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

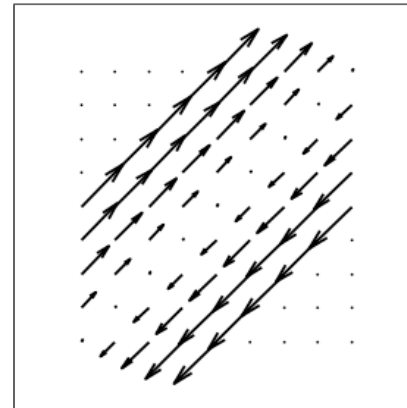
(b) LineSourceY



$$\begin{aligned}\ddot{p}_x &= 0 \\ \ddot{p}_y &= 10 \sin(60\pi t) \\ \alpha_x &= 100 \sin(60\pi t + \frac{3}{2}\pi) \\ \alpha_y &= 0\end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbf{v}_a \approx \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0.27y \end{bmatrix}$$

(c) Shear

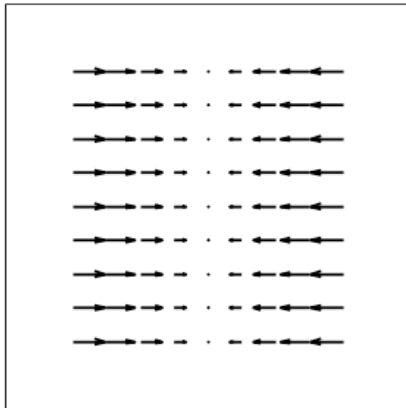


$$\begin{aligned}\ddot{p}_x &= 10 \sin(60\pi t) \\ \ddot{p}_y &= 10 \sin(60\pi t) \\ \alpha_x &= 100 \sin(60\pi t + \frac{3}{2}\pi) \\ \alpha_y &= 100 \sin(60\pi t + \frac{3}{2}\pi)\end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbf{v}_a \approx \begin{bmatrix} -0.35x + 0.35y \\ -0.34x + 0.35y \end{bmatrix}$$

Dynamics Are Nonlinear

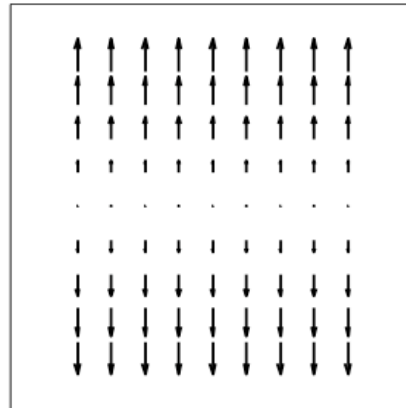
(a) LineSinkX



$$\begin{aligned}\ddot{p}_x &= 10 \sin(60\pi t) \\ \ddot{p}_y &= 0 \\ \alpha_x &= 0 \\ \alpha_y &= 100 \sin(60\pi t + \frac{3}{2}\pi)\end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbf{v}_a \approx \begin{bmatrix} -0.27x \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

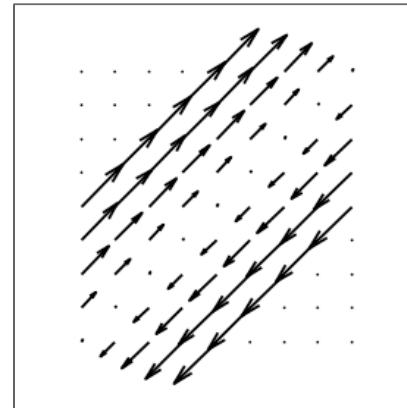
(b) LineSourceY



$$\begin{aligned}\ddot{p}_x &= 0 \\ \ddot{p}_y &= 10 \sin(60\pi t) \\ \alpha_x &= 100 \sin(60\pi t + \frac{3}{2}\pi) \\ \alpha_y &= 0\end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbf{v}_a \approx \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0.27y \end{bmatrix}$$

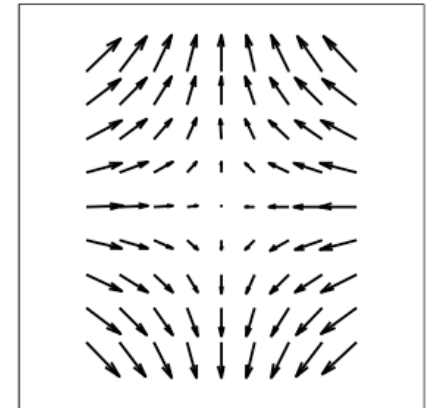
(c) Shear



$$\begin{aligned}\ddot{p}_x &= 10 \sin(60\pi t) \\ \ddot{p}_y &= 10 \sin(60\pi t) \\ \alpha_x &= 100 \sin(60\pi t + \frac{3}{2}\pi) \\ \alpha_y &= 100 \sin(60\pi t + \frac{3}{2}\pi)\end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbf{v}_a \approx \begin{bmatrix} -0.35x + 0.35y \\ -0.34x + 0.35y \end{bmatrix}$$

(d) Saddle

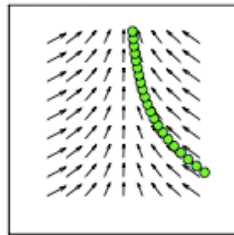


$$\begin{aligned}\ddot{p}_x &= 10 \sin(60\pi t) \\ \ddot{p}_y &= 10 \sin(60\pi t + \frac{1}{2}\pi) \\ \alpha_x &= 57 \sin(60\pi t + \frac{5}{32}\pi) \\ \alpha_y &= 57 \sin(60\pi t + \frac{53}{32}\pi)\end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbf{v}_a \approx \begin{bmatrix} -0.27x \\ 0.27y \end{bmatrix}$$

design by nonlinear optimization,
initial guess from linear superposition of “basis” fields

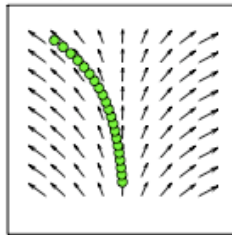
(a) SqueezeTrans



$$\begin{aligned}\bar{p}_x &= 10 \sin(60\pi t) \\ \bar{p}_y &= 10 \sin(60\pi t + \frac{1}{2}\pi) \\ \bar{p}_z &= 5 \sin(60\pi t + \frac{3}{20}\pi) \\ \alpha_y &= 100 \sin(60\pi t + \frac{1}{3}\pi)\end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbf{v}_a \approx \begin{bmatrix} -0.41x \\ 0.02 \end{bmatrix}$$

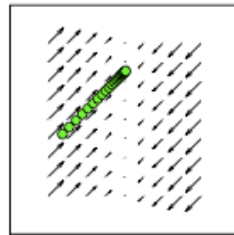
(b) DivTrans



$$\begin{aligned}\bar{p}_x &= 10 \sin(60\pi t) \\ \bar{p}_y &= 10 \sin(60\pi t + \frac{1}{2}\pi) \\ \bar{p}_z &= 5 \sin(60\pi t + \frac{3}{20}\pi) \\ \alpha_y &= 100 \sin(60\pi t + \frac{2}{3}\pi)\end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbf{v}_a \approx \begin{bmatrix} 0.41x \\ 0.02 \end{bmatrix}$$

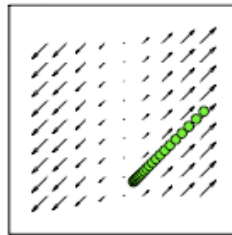
(c) SkewLineSink



$$\begin{aligned}\bar{p}_x &= 10 \sin(60\pi t) \\ \bar{p}_y &= 10 \sin(60\pi t) \\ \alpha_y &= 100 \sin(60\pi t + \frac{3}{2}\pi)\end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbf{v}_a \approx \begin{bmatrix} -0.34x \\ -0.34x \end{bmatrix}$$

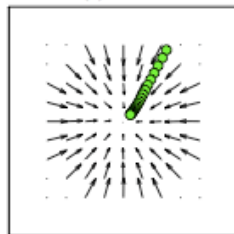
(d) SkewLineSource



$$\begin{aligned}\bar{p}_x &= 10 \sin(60\pi t) \\ \bar{p}_y &= 10 \sin(60\pi t) \\ \alpha_y &= 100 \sin(60\pi t + \frac{1}{2}\pi)\end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbf{v}_a \approx \begin{bmatrix} 0.34x \\ 0.34x \end{bmatrix}$$

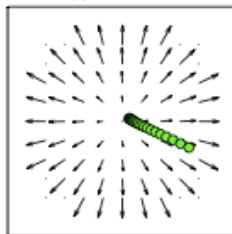
(e) Sink



$$\begin{aligned}\bar{p}_x &= 10 \sin(60\pi t) \\ \bar{p}_y &= 10 \sin(60\pi t + \frac{1}{2}\pi) \\ \alpha_x &= 100 \sin(60\pi t + \frac{75}{64}\pi) \\ \alpha_y &= 100 \sin(60\pi t + \frac{107}{64}\pi)\end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbf{v}_a \approx \begin{bmatrix} -0.42x \\ -0.42y \end{bmatrix}$$

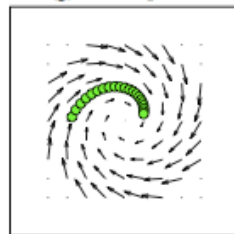
(f) Source



$$\begin{aligned}\bar{p}_x &= 10 \sin(60\pi t) \\ \bar{p}_y &= 10 \sin(60\pi t + \frac{1}{2}\pi) \\ \alpha_x &= 100 \sin(60\pi t + \frac{11}{64}\pi) \\ \alpha_y &= 100 \sin(60\pi t + \frac{43}{64}\pi)\end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbf{v}_a \approx \begin{bmatrix} 0.42x \\ 0.42y \end{bmatrix}$$

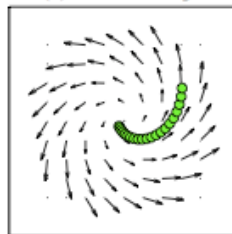
(g) Whirlpool



$$\begin{aligned}\bar{p}_x &= 10 \sin(60\pi t) \\ \bar{p}_y &= 10 \sin(60\pi t + \frac{1}{2}\pi) \\ \alpha_x &= 100 \sin(60\pi t + \frac{3}{2}\pi) \\ \alpha_y &= 100 \sin(60\pi t)\end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbf{v}_a \approx \begin{bmatrix} -0.22x + 0.36y \\ -0.36x - 0.22y \end{bmatrix}$$

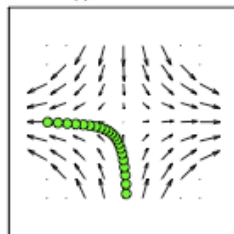
(h) Centrifuge



$$\begin{aligned}\bar{p}_x &= 10 \sin(60\pi t) \\ \bar{p}_y &= 10 \sin(60\pi t + \frac{1}{2}\pi) \\ \alpha_x &= 100 \sin(60\pi t + \frac{1}{2}\pi) \\ \alpha_y &= 100 \sin(60\pi t + \pi)\end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbf{v}_a \approx \begin{bmatrix} 0.22x - 0.36y \\ 0.36x + 0.22y \end{bmatrix}$$

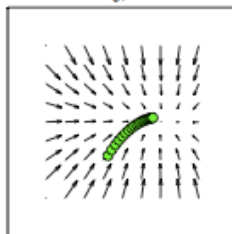
(i) Saddle



$$\begin{aligned}\bar{p}_x &= 10 \sin(60\pi t) \\ \bar{p}_y &= 10 \sin(60\pi t + \frac{1}{2}\pi) \\ \alpha_x &= 100 \sin(60\pi t + \frac{75}{64}\pi) \\ \alpha_y &= 100 \sin(60\pi t + \frac{43}{64}\pi)\end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbf{v}_a \approx \begin{bmatrix} 0.42x \\ -0.42y \end{bmatrix}$$

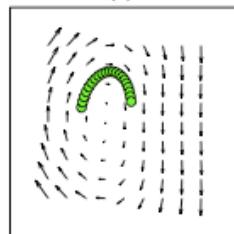
(j)



$$\begin{aligned}\bar{p}_x &= 10 \sin(60\pi t) \\ \bar{p}_y &= 10 \sin(60\pi t + \frac{1}{2}\pi) \\ \bar{p}_z &= 2 \sin(60\pi t + \frac{107}{64}\pi) \\ \alpha_x &= 100 \sin(60\pi t + \frac{75}{64}\pi) \\ \alpha_y &= 50 \sin(60\pi t + \frac{107}{64}\pi)\end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbf{v}_a \approx \begin{bmatrix} -0.22x + 0.01 \\ -0.42y \end{bmatrix}$$

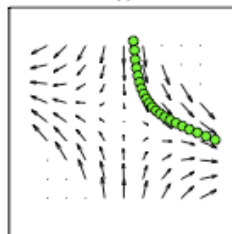
(k)



$$\begin{aligned}\bar{p}_y &= 10 \sin(60\pi t + \frac{3}{2}\pi) \\ \bar{p}_z &= 5 \sin(60\pi t + \frac{1}{2}\pi) \\ \alpha_y &= 100 \sin(60\pi t + \pi) \\ \alpha_z &= 100 \sin(60\pi t)\end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbf{v}_a \approx \begin{bmatrix} -2.3xy + 0.17y \\ 2.3x^2 - 0.47x - 0.01 \end{bmatrix}$$

(l)



$$\begin{aligned}\bar{p}_x &= 10 \sin(60\pi t) \\ \bar{p}_y &= 10 \sin(60\pi t + \frac{1}{2}\pi) \\ \alpha_x &= 100 \sin(60\pi t + \frac{75}{64}\pi) \\ \alpha_y &= 100 \sin(60\pi t + \frac{30}{64}\pi)\end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbf{v}_a \approx \begin{bmatrix} 0.35x \\ -0.24x - 0.43y \end{bmatrix}$$

One-Frequency Plate Motions

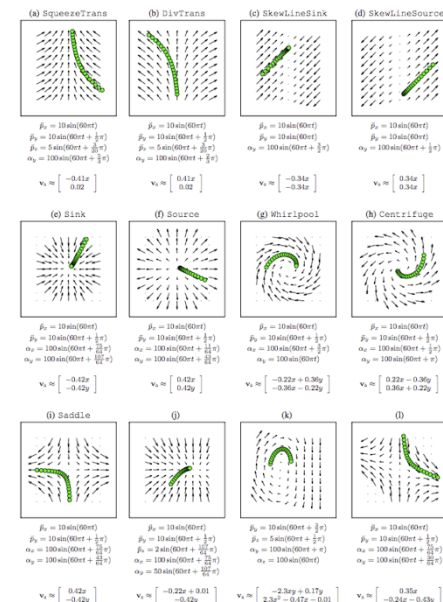
11-dimensional space of **plate motions**

- 6 amplitudes
- 5 phases

$$\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} \ddot{p}_x \\ \ddot{p}_y \\ \ddot{p}_z \\ \alpha_x \\ \alpha_y \\ \alpha_z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A_x \sin(2\pi ft) \\ A_y \sin(2\pi ft + \phi_y) \\ A_z \sin(2\pi ft + \phi_z) \\ A_\theta \sin(2\pi ft + \phi_\theta) \\ A_\varphi \sin(2\pi ft + \phi_\varphi) \\ A_\psi \sin(2\pi ft + \phi_\psi) \end{bmatrix}$$

8⁺-dimensional space of **fields**

- All constant fields
- All linear fields
- Some quadratic fields
- others



$$v_x(x, y) = a_1 y^2 + a_2 xy + b_1 x + b_2 y + c_1$$

$$v_y(x, y) = a_2 y^2 + a_1 xy + b_3 x + b_4 y + c_2$$

Two-Frequency Plate Motions

23-dimensional space of **plate motions**

- 12 amplitudes
- 11 phases

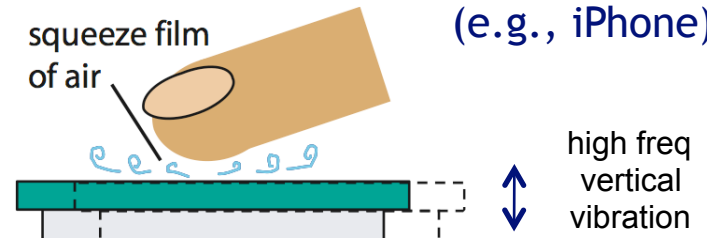
$$\mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} \ddot{p}_x \\ \ddot{p}_y \\ \ddot{p}_z \\ \alpha_x \\ \alpha_y \\ \alpha_z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} A_{x,1} \sin(2\pi ft) + A_{x,2} \sin(4\pi ft + \phi_{x,2}) \\ A_{y,1} \sin(2\pi ft + \phi_{y,1}) + A_{y,2} \sin(4\pi ft + \phi_{y,2}) \\ A_{z,1} \sin(2\pi ft + \phi_{z,1}) + A_{z,2} \sin(4\pi ft + \phi_{z,2}) \\ A_{\theta,1} \sin(2\pi ft + \phi_{\theta,1}) + A_{\theta,2} \sin(4\pi ft + \phi_{\theta,2}) \\ A_{\varphi,1} \sin(2\pi ft + \phi_{\varphi,1}) + A_{\varphi,2} \sin(4\pi ft + \phi_{\varphi,2}) \\ A_{\psi,1} \sin(2\pi ft + \phi_{\psi,1}) + A_{\psi,2} \sin(4\pi ft + \phi_{\psi,2}) \end{bmatrix}$$

12⁺-dimensional space of **fields**

- All constant fields
- All linear fields
- All quadratic fields?
- others

Extensions

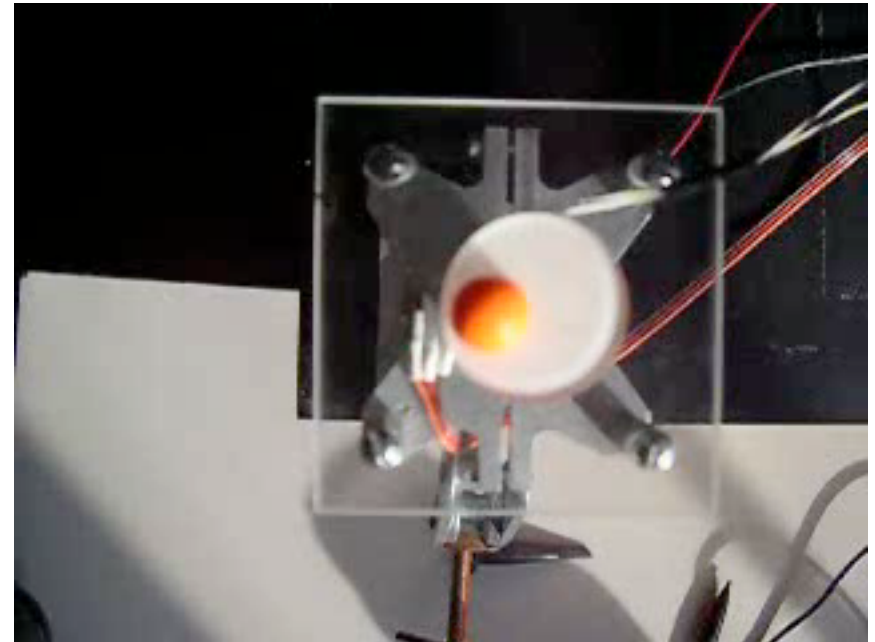
glass haptic display
(e.g., iPhone)



- controlling friction

$$\mathbf{f}_{\text{fric}} = \boxed{\mu} N \frac{\mathbf{v}_{\text{rel}}}{\|\mathbf{v}_{\text{rel}}\|}$$

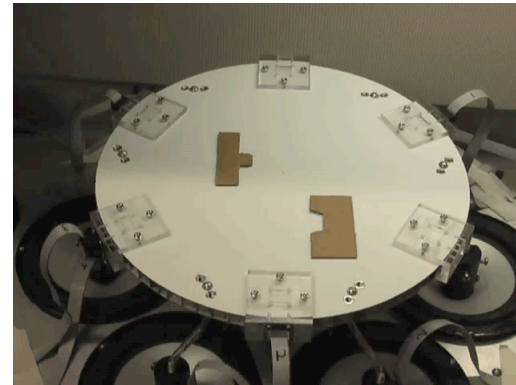
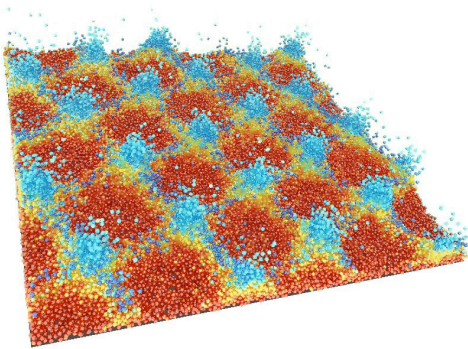
- part interaction, assembly



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Extensions

- controlling friction
- part interaction, assembly



(world's worst peg-in-hole)