

# Curriculum Vitae: Etienne BURDET

Swiss citizen born 5/6/65, male, married to MeiWen, children Jacques-ShiHao and Nicolas-ShiJie

## Education

- 84-90 Study of Mathematics and Physics at ETH-Zurich
- 89 Masters in Mathematics  
(thesis in Differential Geometry, advisor W Ballmann, U Bonn)
- 90 Masters in Physics  
(thesis in Computational Neuroscience, advisor K Hepp, ETH-Zurich)
- 91-96 PhD studies in Robotics at ETH-Zurich  
(committee: G Schweitzer, ETH-Zurich; T Flash, Weizmann Institute of Science)
- 97-99 Postdoctoral education in Neurophysiology, Computational Neuroscience and Haptics  
(with TE Milner, McGill, Canada; M Kawato, ATR, Japan; JE Colgate, Northwestern U, USA)
- Languages Studied and worked in French (mother tongue), German and English

## Professional experience

### 2013- Professor and Chair in Human Robotics, Imperial College London

- 16-18 Invited Professor, Nanyang Technological University (NTU), Singapore
- 2012- Honorary Professor, University College London (UCL)
- 09-16 Invited Professor, Sorbonne Université
- 09-13 Reader in Human Robotics, Imperial College London
- 7-8.12 Invited Professor, EPFL, Switzerland
- 09-11 Consultancy for A\*STAR, Singapore
- 05-08 Senior Lecturer in Bioengineering, Imperial College London
- 05-08 Senior Fellow, National University of Singapore (NUS)
- 99-04 Assistant Professor, National University of Singapore
- 98-08 Consultancy for ATR International, Japan
- 96-99 Postdoctoral Fellow, Simon Fraser U, Canada, and Northwestern U, USA
- 6-8.96 Visiting Researcher, Fujitsu Ltd, Numazu, Japan
- 91-96 Research Assistant at the Institute of Robotics, ETH-Zurich

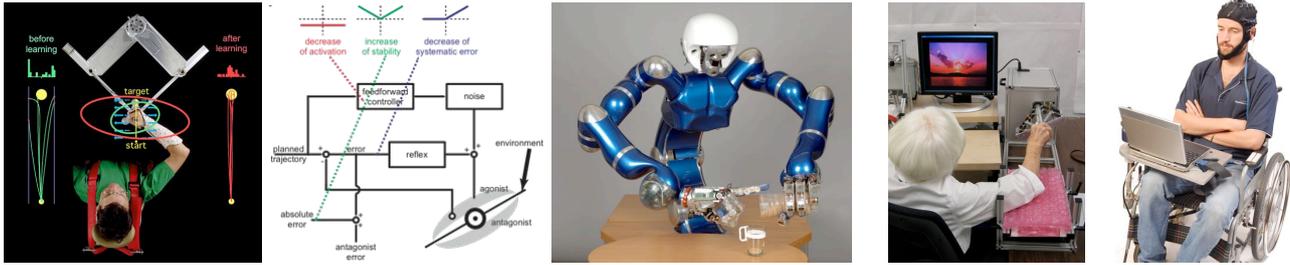
## Awards

- 2015 (UK) National Health System Innovation Challenge Prize
- 2012 Best IROS Jubilee Video Award, IEEE/RSJ International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems (IROS is one the two dominant robotics conferences)
- 2011 IEEE Transactions on Robotics Best Paper Award (TRO is the top robotics journal)
- 2010 Best Paper Award, Asean Oceanian Congress of Physical and Rehabilitative Medicine
- 2009 Apple Research and Technology Support Award
- 2009 Best Presentation Paper Award at IEEE International Conference on Rehabilitation Robotics (ICORR)  
(from over 200 submissions)
- 2006 Best Application Paper Award at IROS (chosen from 2166 submitted papers)
- 2004 Tier II Canada Research Chair (to attract the best researchers with promise of significant potential)  
(<http://www.chairs.gc.ca>, the offer was declined)
- 2003 ATR Research Award (awarded to 4-5 people worldwide each year)
- 2001 Best Paper Award, Japanese Neural Networks Society (<http://www.jnns.org>)
- 1998 Advanced Researcher Award, Swiss National Science Foundations
- 1996 Prospective Researcher Award, Swiss National Science Foundations  
(see <http://nfp.snf.ch/E/funding/individuals/mobility-fellowships>)

## Human Robotics Group (HRG)

The HRG directed by Etienne Burdet is carrying out research in **human-machine interaction**. It is composed of 10-20 postdoctoral researchers, graduate students and visitors with backgrounds in engineering, science and medicine. Alumni include over 60 MRes students, >30 PhD students and >27 postdoctoral researchers. We use an integrative approach of neuroscience, robotics and machine intelligence to investigate human sensorimotor control, and to design novel robot strategies as well as efficient assistive devices and training systems, which are tested in human trials and commercialised, such as the TyroMotion MYRO or the spin-off <https://gripable.co>.

## Scientific highlights



### **First evidence of impedance control to optimally interact with the environment and identify it.**

Many tasks with tools are intrinsically unstable. For instance, motor noise can bring the screwdriver out of the screw, and during carving the knife can easily miss the intended motion due to unexpected material property. To understand how humans can learn to perform such tasks skilfully, we examined the adaptation of arm movements reaching a target with lateral instability (left panel in above figure). Our results demonstrated that the nervous system adapts muscles activation to produce appropriate force and impedance, the response to mechanical perturbations (Nature 414: 446-9, J Neuroscience 27(29): 7705-16). The results (shown in the left panel) provided the first clear evidence for Neville Hogan's important impedance control hypothesis of 1985 (Biological Cybernetics 52: 315-31) and influenced two major research streams in human motor control, namely optimal control (Todorov 2004, Nature Neuroscience 7: 907-15) and the representation of uncertainty (e.g. Orban and Wolpert 2011, Current Opinion in Neurobiology 21: 629-35). Importantly, while these previous studies explained the energy exchange with the environment, we found recently that humans inconspicuously regulate muscle activation to extract maximal haptic information from it (Börner et al. J Neurophysiology 129(2): 494-9).

**Impedance learning: in humans, for robots.** To understand the learning of force and impedance in humans, we developed a computational model that can predict how sensory information is used to modify the motor commands to muscles during the whole learning process (J Neuroscience 28(44): 11165-73, Biological Cybernetics 102: 31-44, second panel). The universality of this model was recognised by prominent neuroscientists such as Daniel Wolpert (Nature Review 2011) and Alain Berthoz (in his 2012 book on "Simplicity: Simplifying principles for a complex world"), as well as leading rehabilitation technologists (e.g. Riener et al. 2010, J NeuroEngineering and Rehabilitation 7:43). Through implementations on industrial robots and novel variable impedance actuators (third panel, done in collaboration with DLR in Germany, a top robotics laboratory), we were able to demonstrate its adaptation capabilities to unknown environments and interacting humans (IEEE T Robotics 27(5): 918-30). This novel robotic adaptive control behaviour and the analysis of its dynamic properties were recognised by the 2011 best paper award from the IEEE Transactions on Robotics, which is the leading journal in the robotics field. We have extended this adaptive controller to trajectory adaptation, enabling a robot to interact with with rigid or soft object (Li et al. 2018, IEEE T Robotics). Building on this general adaptive control framework, we have recently developed (with the group of Sami Haddadin at TUM in Germany) a taxonomy of industrial manipulation skills that facilitates the learning of various tasks (Nature Machine Intelligence 7(6): 916-27).

**Human neuromechanics.** The synthesis of biomechanics and neural control approach we developed in human motor control research and the significant results we have obtained in this area retained the attention of the international community, and we were invited to write a book on these topics by MIT Press. This book, "Human Robotics - neuromechanics and motor control" has been adopted for courses at various universities e.g. U Twente (IEEE T Haptics 7(2):270), UC (<http://plaza.eng.uci.edu/course/engrmae/250/outline/2013-2014>), UTA, and have been translated into Japanese (Maruzen) and Chinese (Tsinghua University Press).

**fMRI compatible haptic interfaces to examine motor learning and recovery.** To study the brain mechanisms of motor control in health and neural diseases, we designed the first robotic interface compatible able to interact with human motion during functional magnetic resonance imaging (fMRI) in collaboration with colleagues at EPF-Lausanne, Switzerland (IEEE/ASME T Mechatronics 11(2): 216-24). We had to develop non-traditional mechatronics to circumvent the problems caused by the intense magnetic field used in MRI. The robotic interfaces we have fabricated (for over 1M\$ altogether) to investigate the neural mechanisms of human motor control are used by ATR International in Japan, U. Birmingham and U. Pisa. Using the interface at ATR, we could

identify distinct fMRI correlates for force and impedance control in the premotor cortex (Journal of Neurophysiology 107: 126-33). More recently we developed pioneering fMRI compatible robotic interfaces to examine the development of neural activity in preterm infants at risk of cerebral palsy (IEEE T on Biomedical Engineering 41(6): 1181-92) in collaboration with Kings College. Using this tool, we could study the effect of a stroke on the brain development (Neuroradiology 56: 985-94) and describe the evolution of brain activity in preterm infants from birth to age-corrected term (Cerebral Cortex 26(1):402-13 & 28(7):2507-15).

**Robotic wheelchair and brain controlled wheelchair.** Recent surveys indicated that about 10% of potential users of power wheelchairs who received training found it extremely difficult or impossible to use it for daily activities, and 40% found it difficult to manoeuvre the wheelchair. While this result demonstrates the need for a system to assist in the control of a powered wheelchair, however several robotic wheelchair projects (e.g. the recent EU-FP7 RADHAR project) highlighted that users do not like to be fully driven by an autonomous robot, and that there is a paucity of works that systematically investigated shared control with human subjects.

Based on our knowledge of motor adaptation, we have designed a robotic wheelchair system with adaptive path guidance (IEEE T Robotics 23(2): 245-55) that assists the user in manoeuvring while letting her or him in charge of the velocity control. We demonstrated with able bodied subjects and a low-cost robotic wheelchair that this novel shared control concept significantly reduces the effort produced by the wheelchair user (IEEE Neural Systems and Rehabilitation Engineering 16(2): 161-70; Assistive Technology 3(6): 315-24). This was successfully tested (at the Society for the Physically Disabled in Singapore, <http://www.spd.org.sg/>) by cerebral palsy and traumatic brain injury patients, who could not use a standard wheelchair (Neurorehabilitation and Neural Repair 23(5): 494-504). Using a similar concept, we have also developed the first brain-controlled wheelchair capable of manoeuvring in familiar environments (IEEE Intelligent Systems 22:18-24, right panel, featured on Channel U (Mediacorp, Singapore). Different control modalities were tested including a P300 interface (based on a signal associated to a surprise) and  $\mu/\beta$  frequency brain waves (IEEE T Neural Systems and Rehabilitation Engineering 18(6): 590-8).

**Robot-assisted rehabilitation of the hand function.** It is known that post-stroke survivors can improve their motor function by increasing the intensity of the physical therapy. However patients are typically sent home once they can walk, without recovering much of their hand functions, critical to many activities of daily living. Therefore, we have developed simple and compact robotic interfaces for rehabilitation of hand function with the goal to help patients train at home for in rehabilitation centres (HapticKnob, IEEE T Neural Systems and Rehabilitation Engineering 15(3): 356-66, Best Paper Award at IROS2006; HandCARE, IEEE T Neural Systems and Rehabilitation Engineering 16(6): 582-91), highlighted in New Scientist 7-4-2007, Nature 510:S8-S9; forelast panel in the figure of previous page). We have created a natural interface for implementing task-oriented-therapy (ToT) consisting of a force sensitive touch-screen table with instrumented objects, which as recently been commercialised by the Austrian company Tyromotion ([tyromotion.com/en/products/myro](http://tyromotion.com/en/products/myro)). In collaboration with Paul Bentley, we have designed the gripAble handgrip, which is the first rehabilitation that can be used from the bedside to home. This device has been trialled by over 500 stroke survivors at Charing Cross and community centres (PLoS ONE 11(10): e0163413; Royal Society Open Science 4.2: 160961; Journal of NeuroEngineering and Rehabilitation 2017; UK PCT patent No. 2537580) has span-out to the gripAble.or company. I have also contributed to the foundation and I have been advising the neurofenix.com company developing affordable technology for home-based rehabilitation.

**Computational neurorehabilitation.** Traditionally, determining an appropriate treatment requires a specially trained therapist and therefore cannot be monitored frequently. To address this, we developed the SPARC metric, which can be applied in a semi-automatic manner with minimal training to assess improvements in sensorimotor function and learning (*J. Neuroengineering and Rehabilitation* 12(1):112; cited

80 times per year). This metric has been widely adopted in clinical studies, for example by the leading neurorehabilitation group of Kwakkel in the Netherlands (*J Neuroengineering and Rehabilitation* 18(1): 144). On the other hand, our expertise in robot-assisted rehabilitation of hand function is illustrated by the review papers we have been invited to write in leading journals (*Current Opinion in Neurology* 23(6): 661-70; *American Journal of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation* 91(11): 255-69). In view of the promises our motor learning research for adapting rehabilitation robots, I have been invited to participate to the first colloquium on "Computational Neurorehabilitation" ([www.borchardcenter.org](http://www.borchardcenter.org)), which aims at promoting evidence-based rehabilitation and systematically investigate the neural basis for effective rehabilitation (*Journal of NeuroEngineering and Rehabilitation* 13: 42). I have also been invited by the EU COST Action TD1006 network on

rehabilitation robotics to organise the first research school on this topics, which took place end of January 2014 ([www.rehabilitationrobotics.eu/events/cost-action-td1006-winter-schoolcomputational-methods-neurorehabilitation](http://www.rehabilitationrobotics.eu/events/cost-action-td1006-winter-schoolcomputational-methods-neurorehabilitation)).

**Haptic communication between humans and with robots.** Physical assistance through haptic interaction is a fundamental modus for improving motor abilities, from a parent helping to guide their child during their first steps to a therapist supporting a patient. By examining the behaviours of two individuals whose right hands were physically connected, we could reveal how physical interaction with a partner affects one's own motor behaviour. In particular, we showed that performance improves both with a better and even with a worse partner (Scientific Reports 4: 3824), suggesting the potential of interactive paradigms for sport training and physical rehabilitation. Interestingly, when interacting with several partners, the performance increases with the group size (eLife 8: e4132). We showed through computational modelling that haptic information from touch and proprioception enables one to estimate a partner's movement plan and use it to improve one own motor performance (Nature Human Behaviour 1: 45; PLoS Computational Biology 14(3): e1005971). We experimentally verified this model by embodying it as a robot partner, which induced the same motor performance improvements as interaction with a human partner. Moreover, this robot partner passed a "Turing haptic test", meaning users could not distinguish it from the interaction with another human (IEEE Open J of Engineering in Medicine and Biology 1: 133-9), and it promotes learning as well as training with a human (Scientific Reports 12(1): 15821). These results provide important new insights into the neural mechanism of physical interactions in humans, and promise collaborative robot systems with human-like assistance. We also developed a framework based on differential game theory in order to translate such results to improve the interaction between a robot and its human user (Nature Machine Intelligence 1(1): 36).

## Contributions to Education (from 2009)

*To learn is to establish connections. In my teaching I thus try to help students develop and establish connections between different areas within a field, amongst different fields and people, appropriately to their skills. I am further committed to providing students a strong base for critical thinking and enabling them to evolve with new knowledge and new technology.*

### Signals, Systems and Control

In this context, I have revamped the two-term "Signals and Systems" course for second year Bioengineering students at Imperial, which is a strategically important course as it provides them the mathematical bases to treat signals. This is vital, as Bioengineering students spend the third of their four years of study in Electrical or Mechanical Engineering, so need a sufficient level to successfully compete with students from these departments. Therefore, I introduced a novel system with progressive tutorials that the students have to solve weekly, and MatLab practical tutorials involving typical problems of signal processing and control design in Bioengineering, using for example audio signals and functional magnetic resonance imaging (fMRI) data processing.

Solving the weekly tutorials enables the students to assimilate the course material actively, during the whole term, rather than one week before the examinations. Students can ask questions during the courses, or at a weekly contact hour with teaching assistants. While my teaching of this course has been reduced to one half of the second term (with the new courses I have set up), my colleagues have kept this course structure and continue to use the extensive lecture notes that I have developed (which are appreciated by the students according to their feedback).

### Introduction to Robotics

An introductory course in Robotics was required for the MSc in Human and Biological Robotics which I have set up. Traditional robotics courses start with the 3D kinematics using 3D geometric transformations. However, this may be unpleasant and prevent students from understanding the essence of robotics, "the intelligent connection of sensing to action" (Michael Brady). Therefore, this new course presents the kinematics, dynamics, control and motion planning concepts first in the 3 degrees-of-freedom of the plane ( $x, y, \theta$ ) so as to facilitate intuition and visualisation. Later on, these concepts are extended to 3D geometry. Theory is complemented by tutorials and practicals with robots and haptic interfaces from our labs that contribute to assimilating the material.

## **Neuromechanical Control and Learning**

To analyse the way humans perform physical tasks, research and teaching classically focuses either on the biomechanical aspects (thus neglecting neural control), or conversely focus on the cognitive aspects (which may attribute effects of musculoskeletal dynamics to cognition). Therefore, research over the last 30 years (including our results of the last decade) has developed a synthesis of biomechanics and neural control which I decided to present in a course for final year undergraduate and graduate students.

This course provides the students with a comprehensive description of human motor control which integrates both aspects, beginning with muscle mechanics and control, and progressing in a logical manner to planning and behaviour. It is based on an approach reminiscent of physics, where models are developed based on evidence from physiological experiments. In addition to the lectures, students have to solve tutorials that help them to assimilate the concepts of multibody kinematic and dynamic modelling.

This course has evolved since 2009, and has led to the book “Human Robotics: neuromechanics and motor control”, written in collaboration with David Franklin of TUM and Theodore Milner of McGill, that was published by MIT Press in 2013 and has been translated into Japanese (Maruzen) and Chinese (Tsinghua University Press).

## **Human centred design of assistive and rehabilitation devices (H-CARD)**

To develop Imperial students who are comfortable and experienced with interdisciplinary work across engineering, I have designed a new interdepartmental course on “Human centered design of assistive and rehabilitation devices” (H-CARD) which has been supported by EnVision and the EU-FP7 HUMOUR project. Rehabilitation technology illustrates the paradigm for emergent systems to work with humans. As exemplified by smartphones, the success of such systems depends on an intuitive interface, an attractive design based on a user analysis, and game-like applications. In H-CARD, groups of 4 students from Mechanical Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Computer Science and Bioengineering backgrounds therefore learn to design rehabilitation systems and assistive devices, integrating mechatronics, human factors and computer games:

- through lectures given by experts (clinicians and engineers) in these topics;
- by developing a complete system for rehabilitation or assistance;
- by collaborating with students of complementary background;
- by competing against other groups to develop “the best system”.

This course completely fulfilled its objectives: year after year, students learn to work in interdisciplinary teams, develop systems by integrating mechatronics, human factors and a game-like interface. A description of this novel course is given a journal paper (IEEE PULSE 3(6): 51-8). This paper also describes the development of a wireless embedded platform for the investigation of sensing and actuation technologies and their integration into the human centred feedback systems at the heart of this course, which was developed within the EU-FP7 HUMOUR project. The H-CARD course generated great enthusiasm in the participating students (as is evident from their feedback) and was highly praised by the visitors of the final “competition” between the teams. All groups of students succeeded in providing an original and fully functional system in the two years this course was organised. This course with a limited number of students is largely overbooked every year. Furthermore, some of the ideas developed by the teams have advanced to a real projects, e.g. the product developed by neurofenix.com evolved from a prototype produced in H-CARD.

## **Research schools organisation**

- “First winter school on computational methods for neurorehabilitation”, EU COST Action network TD1006 on rehabilitation robotics, Obertauern, Austria, 27-31/01/2014.
- “Summer school on human sensing and applications to robotics and haptic displays”, Lille, France, 18-22/05/2015.
- “Summer school in robotics - biology symbiosis”, Imperial College London, UK, 19-21/09/2017.
- “EU COST Action network TD16116 winter school on Wearable Robotics”, Kranjska Gora, Slovenia, 22-25/1/2019.
- “EU COST Action network TD16116 winter school on Wearable Robotics”, Obertauern, Austria, 19-24/1/2020.
- “EU COST Action network TD16116 summer school on Wearable Robotics”. Isla de Valdecañas, Spain, 6-10/9/2021.

- “EU INTUITIVE spring school on Haptics”. Malta 17-21/04/2023.
- “Imperial Robotics summer school”. London 21-25/7/2025.

## Management (since 2009)

- I am responsible to coordinate large grant proposals for the Department of Bioengineering at Imperial.
- I am coordinating the MSc on Human and Biological Robotics, which I have set up in 2016-2017. This MSc involves lecturers from various engineering departments ([www.imperial.ac.uk/study/pg/bioengineering/human-and-biological-roboticsmsc](http://www.imperial.ac.uk/study/pg/bioengineering/human-and-biological-roboticsmsc)). It is largely overbooked and will thus be extended to other departments.
- I have been in charge of the writing workshop in the Department of Bioengineering from 2019 to 2022.
- I have been co-director of research from 2014-19.
- I am in the management committee of the Imperial Robotics Forum (IRF) grouping over 20 laboratories at Imperial ([www.imperial.ac.uk/robotics](http://www.imperial.ac.uk/robotics)), which I have co-founded and coordinated during 2015-2017.
- From 2010 to 2013, I have been coordinating the MSc neurotechnology stream of the MSc in Biomedical Engineering set up by the Department of Bioengineering. During this period the number of students has been growing from less than 10 to 40, making it the largest stream.
- I have been international coordinator for the department from 2009 to 2013, where I extended our network of exchange to Singapore and Australia.

## External services (since 2009)

I have been Group Leader for neuroscience-based rehabilitation in the EU COST Action Network on Rehabilitation Robotics. I was in the Advisory Board of the EC-funded RobotCom project, and in the Executive Committee of the 'Robot Companions for Citizens' EC-FET flagship candidate. I have advisor to the EC FP7 BETTER project in 2010, and served as reviewer for the EC FP7 RADHAR project from 2011 to 2013, for SPEXOR in 2017. I have served in the panel of the French INRIA Evaluation Committee on October 16-17 2013 in Paris. I have participated as panel member in the selection of the candidates for the SFI President of Ireland Future Research Leaders programme in 2016, and as evaluator of this programme in 2023. I was a reviewer of the EC H2020 SPEXOR and LEVITATE projects, and I am a reviewer of the EC HYPERSTIM project. I was in the advisory board of Neurofenix.com until 2019. I was in the scientific advisory board of the French SMART Laboratories of Excellence on human-machine interaction ([www.smart-labex.fr](http://www.smart-labex.fr)). I was co-workpackage leader in the EU COST Action CA16116 on Wearable Robots for Augmentation, Assistance or Substitution of Human Motor Functions ([www.cost.eu/COSTActions/ca/CA16116](http://www.cost.eu/COSTActions/ca/CA16116)). I have participated as panel member in the selection of projects for the Singapore NRF T-CRP call in 2025.

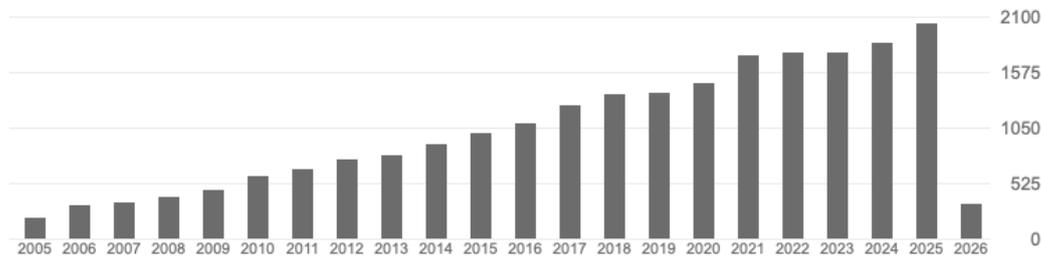
I have been often invited to evaluate the promotion application to full Professor of colleagues at other universities (Nanyang Technological University, Singapore; Aalto University in Finland, Northwestern University; School of Advanced Studies Sant'Anna di Pisa; CMU, Johns Hopkins U and the U of Massachusetts Amherst, USA; EPFL, Switzerland; National University of Singapore; Chinese University of Hong-Kong, etc.). I have reviewed grant applications for various funding agencies, including the Australian Research Council, ETH-Zürich, the Canada Foundation for Innovation, the UK BBSRC, the Swedish Research Council, Wellcome Trust, the French Agence Nationale de la Recherche (ANR), ESA, Research Ireland, the UK EPSRC, the Swiss National Foundation and the European Research Council (ERC).

I have been co-chair of the Eurohaptics conference ([www.eurohaptics2016.org](http://www.eurohaptics2016.org)), the premier meeting on haptics for 2016, which we have organised at Imperial on July 4-7, 2016. I have been co-chair of the IEEE International Conference on Rehabilitation Robotics (ICORR2017) and in the organisation committee of the RehabWeek2017 (the premier event in rehabilitation technology) that have taken place in London this July 2017. I have been in the organisation committee of the IEEE International Conference on Rehabilitation Robotics (ICORR2019) and in the organisation committee of the RehabWeek2019 in Toronto. I have also been in the organisation committee of ICRA2020, the leading robotics conference.

I am co-organising about two workshops every year at dominant conferences in motor control, haptics, rehabilitation and robotics such as NCM, ICORR, Haptic Symposium, ICRA and IROS, and review about 10 papers each year for leading journals in these fields including Science, Science Robotics, Nature, Nature Human Behavior, Current Biology, J of Neuroscience, J of Neurophysiology, Experimental Brain Research, PLoS Computational Biology, Biological Cybernetics, J Neurorehabilitation and Neural Repair, IEEE Transactions on: Neural Systems and Rehabilitation Engineering, Mechatronics, Robotics, Haptics, Int J of Robotics Research.

## International recognition

Interest in my research is reflected in the many keynote lectures and presentations I have been invited to give (listed since 2009 below), and in the increasing number of citations shown in the figure below, with currently over 23000 citations and an H-factor of 69 (in Google Scholar).



**Figure 1: Evolution of citations corresponding to “etienne burdet” on <https://scholar.google.co.uk/>.**

I am regularly invited to participate in European panels or committees, as well as to review research project and Professorship promotion as described above. My Human Robotics Group (HRG) attracts researchers worldwide. Since 2009, 25 scholars and senior researchers and over 50 research students stayed by us for a periods from 2 to 12 months. HRG is often visited by groups from America, Europe and Asia. For instance it was one of the sites selected by the American “WTEC Panel on European Research and Development in Mobility Technology for People with Disabilities” for their report that visited us on October 10, 2010 ([www.wtec.org/reports.htm](http://www.wtec.org/reports.htm)) and was visited several times by delegates of the Singapore government.

Alumni of the Human Robotics Group (HRG) have taken positions at leading universities, research institutes and high-tech companies worldwide. For instance, Ganesh Gowrishankar and Nathanael Jarrassé are (tenured) Senior Researchers at CNRS, Atsushi Takagi is Associate Professor at the Tokyo Institute of Technology, Eileen Su and Che Fai Yeong at University Teknologi Malaysia, Sivakumar Subramanian at CMC Vellore in India. Roger Gassert and Chenguang Yang are Professors at ETH-Zürich and at the University of the West of England, respectively, Themis Charalambous is Assistant Professor at the University of Cyprus, Arash Arami at the U of Waterloo in Canada, Ildar Farkhatdinov and Xiaoxiao Cheng at King’s College U and Manchester U in the UK, and Alejandro Melendez at Queensland U in Australia. Julius Klein and Brice Rebsamen are R&D engineer at Motivo and Zoox, both in California, Zhang Han at Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory, Tee Keng Peng at A\*STAR in Singapore, and Zeng Qiang at China National Petroleum Company.

### Invited lectures and presentations (since 2009)

#### *Keynotes and plenary lectures*

Keynote lecture on “Robot-assisted rehabilitation of hand function with adapted sensorimotor and psychological feedbacks, Int Neurorehabilitation Symposium (INRS), Zürich Universität, Switzerland, 2/2/2009.

Plenary lecture on “Human robotics - from modelling of human motor function to robots for humans” at the Tecnologico de Monterrey Campus Estado de Mexico, 2/4/2009.

Keynote lecture on “Human-centred rehabilitation robotics”, at the Int Convention for Rehabilitation Engineering and Assistive Technology (i-Create), Singapore, 23/4/2009. [i-Create is the leading Asian conference on rehabilitation technology]

Keynote lecture on “Adaptive motion guidance: in human, for robot, for humans” at the Journées Françaises de la Recherche en Robotique, at La Rochelle, France, 21/10/2011.

Keynote presentation on “Human robotics”, Robotics panel, CNRS, Institut des sciences informatiques et de leurs interactions, Paris, France, 14/12/2011.

Plenary lecture on “A theory of interactive motor behaviours” at the Int Conf on Social Robotics (ICSR) in Chengdu, China, 2/11/2012. [ICSR is the top conference in this emerging field]

Keynote lecture on “Towards an integrated approach of motor learning” at the Technically Assisted Rehabilitation Conference, Berlin, 14/3/2013.

Keynote lecture on “Human robotics”, COBEM Int Congress of Mechanical Engineering, Ribeirao Preto, Brasil, 7/11/2013.

Keynote lecture on “Motor interaction with robots and other humans” at the IEEE/RSJ Int Conf on Robotics and Intelligent Systems, Chicago, USA, September 15, 2014. [IROS is one of the two top robotics conferences]

Keynote lecture on “Simple, neuroscience-based rehabilitation” at the IEEE Int Conf on Rehabilitation Robotics (ICORR), in Singapore, 13/8/2015. [ICORR is the leading rehabilitation robotics conference]

Plenary lecture on “Interaction control in humans and for robot”, International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Applications (ICIRA 2015), 26/8/2015.

Invited lecture on “Collaborative Robots for Mobility Assistance and Rehabilitation”, tutorial on Medical robotics, IEEE Int Conf on Robotics and Automation (ICRA), 20/5/2016. [ICRA is one of the two top robotics conferences]

Keynote Lecture on “Human-machine interaction and neurorehabilitation”, 4th Daegu Gyeongbuk Institute of Science and Technology (DGIST) Global Innovation Festival, 1/12/2016.

Keynote Lecture on “Motor interaction and haptic communication between humans”, Scientific workshop for the 10 years of the Intelligent Systems and Robotics (ISIR), Sorbonne Université, 15/6/2017.

Keynote Lecture on “Human-machine interaction and neurorehabilitation”, Second Int Symposium on Biomedical Engineering, Tokyo Institute of Technology (Tokyo Tech), Japan, 9/11/2017.

Keynote Lecture on “Interaction control: in human, for robots” International Conference on Robot Intelligence Technology and Applications, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 17/12/2018.

Keynote Lecture on “Haptic communication between humans and with robots”, 5th anniversary of Euromov Conf, Montpellier France, 25/6/2018.

Keynote Lecture on “Human-machine interaction and neurorehabilitation”, International Symposium on Embodied-Brain Systems Science, Osaka, 5/12/2018.

Keynote Lecture on “Interaction control: in human, for robots”, Int Conf on Robot Intelligence Technology and Applications (RITA), Kuala Lumpur, 16/12/2018.

Keynote Lecture on “Haptic communication”, Progress in Motor Control XII, Amsterdam, Netherlands, 8/7/2019.

Plenary Lecture on “Interaction control in humans and with robots”, International Conference on Intelligent Robotics and Applications (ICIRA), Shenyang, China, 9/8/2019.

Keynote Lecture on “Interaction between humans and with robots”, European Conference for Cognitive Science, Bochum, Germany, 2/9/2019.

Keynote Lecture on “Interaction control in humans and with robots”, Journée de la Recherche, Fédération. Demyen-Vaucanson, Université Paris-Sud, France, 19/11/2019.

Plenary Lecture on “Interaction control in humans and with robots”, Chinese Control Conference, China, 27/7/2020 [Largest (Chinese) national control conference].

Keynote Lecture on “Haptic communication in humans and with robots”, AsiaHaptics Conference, Beijing, China, 9/11/2020.

Keynote Lecture on “Is it better to have three hands, or to work with a human partner?”, Robot Bionic Intelligence Colloquium, Max Planck Institut, Stuttgart, Germany, 10/11/2022.

Keynote Lecture on “Sensory and motor augmentation”, City Conference on Robotics and Autonomous Systems, City University of London, UK, 26/1/24.

Keynote Lecture on “Collaborative human robot interactions for rehabilitation”, Borchard Symposium on Collaborative AI for Precision Rehabilitation: Distributed Intelligence to Optimize Healthcare Decision-making, Chateau de la Bretesche, Nantes, France, 10/6/2024.

Keynote Lecture on “Haptic interactions in humans and with robots”, Conference on “Dimensions of Motor Control”, TUM, München, Germany, 19/3/2025.

Keynote Lecture on “Sensorimotor augmentation with humans and robots”, KogWis2025, Ruhr Universität Bochum, Germany, 3/9/2025.

*Paid lectures and seminars*

Ten lectures on various aspects of robotics and neurotechnology in the context of the “Academic Leaders Programme” at Tecnológico de Monterrey (one of the top Mexican Universities), 30/3-3/4/2009.

Talk on “Robot-assisted rehabilitation of the hand function”, Centro de Rehabilitación Infantil, Mexico (CRIT-TELETON, <http://www.e-mexico.gob.mx/wb2/eMex/eMexCentrodeRehabilitacionTeleton>), 1/4/2009.

Seminar on “Biological optimization in human motor control” at the European Research Network Programme in Sensorimotor Function in Health and Disease (ERNI-HSF) Workshop on “Computational principles of sensorimotor learning”, Kloster Irsee, Swabia, Germany, 14-15/9/2009.

One week course on “Rehabilitation technology” organised at the Singapore National University Hospital, supported by the (Singapore) Health Manpower Development Plan. 30/11-4/12/2009.

Seminar on “Computational neuroscience as a tool for rehabilitation”, at the International workshop on NeuroRehabilitation. Tokyo Institute of Technology, 15-16/2/2010.

Lecture on “Neuroscience and its use for rehabilitation” in the DFG-Graduiertenkollegs “prometei” ([www.prometei.de](http://www.prometei.de)) at TU Berlin, Germany, 22/4/2010.

Seminar on “Rehabilitation robotics” and “Assistive robotics” at the International Convention for Rehabilitation Engineering and Assistive Technology, (i-Create10), Shanghai, China, 24/7/2010.

Talk on “Human Robotics” at Shanghai Jiaotong University, China, 27/7/2010.

Seminar on “Human motor learning and neurorehabilitation”, 2nd Annual Symposium on Advances in Neural Rehabilitation Engineering, Aalborg University, Denmark, 23-25/8/2010.

Seminar on “Rules of mechanical virtual reality and games for neurorehabilitation, Engineering faculty, Melbourne University, Australia, 14/10/2010.

Seminar on “Human Robotics” at Universität Tübingen, Germany, 25/10/2010.

Seminar on “Robot-assisted, neuroscience-based rehabilitation of the hand function”, Third workshop on Biomedical Engineering, Lisboa University, 15/4/2011.

Seminar on “Impedance learning: in human, for robots” at the invitation of Nanyang Technological University, A\*STAR-SIMTech, and the IEEE Robotics and Automation Chapter, Singapore, 7/2/2012.

Seminar on “Human Robotics”, Faculty of Engineering, University of Cardiff, UK, 10/5/2012.

Seminar on “Social motor interaction”, Workshop on “Social Robotics”, University of Electronic Science and Technology of China (UESTC), Chengdu, China, 28/10/2012.

Invited lecture on “Interaction control in human and robot”, School of Computing and Mathematics, University of Plymouth, UK, 12/2/2013.

Invited lecture on “Human robotics” in the College of Automation Science and Engineering at the South China University of Technology in Guangzhou, China, 10/4/2013.

Invited lecture on “Sensorimotor interaction: in humans, for rehabilitation robots”, Brochard Colloquium on Computational Neurorehabilitation at Chateau de la Bretesche, France, 30/6-3/7/2013.

Invited lecture, on “Human Robotics” at TU Berlin, Germany, in the context of the Prometei graduate course, 4/7/2013.

ETH-Zürich distinguished robotics lecture on “Interaction control in humans, for robot”, Switzerland, 13/12/2013.

Invited lecture on “Motor adaptation and optimisation”, COST TD 1006 winter school on computational neurorehabilitation. Obertauern, Austria, 29/1/2014.

Bernstein seminar on “Interaction control with unknown environments and humans”, Freiburg Universität, Germany, 25/2/2014.

Invited lectures on “Motor control”, European Computational Motor Control Summer School. Mas des Violettes, Montpellier, France, 18/6/2014.

Invited lectures on “Interaction control in humans and strategies to facilitate motor recovery”, Int Workshop and Summer School on Medical and Service Robotics (MESROB), EPFL, Switzerland, 10/7/2014.

Invited talk on “Interacting brains: involuntary sensorimotor mechanism of physical interaction between humans” in the Robotics Research Jam Sessions workshop, Centro E Piaggio, Università di Pisa, Italy, July 14, 2014.

Invited talk on “Simple rehabilitation of the hand function” in the Hamlyn Symposium, Imperial College London, UK, July 15, 2014.

Invited presentation on “Adaptive path guidance”, Freiburg Universität, Germany, September 23, 2014.

Invited Lecture on “Skill transfer from human to robot” at the Singapore Institute of Manufacturing Technology (SimTech), 25/11/2014.

Lecture on “Interaction control with unknown environments and with humans”, Seminar, Division of Imaging Sciences and Biomedical Engineering, Kings College London, UK, 9/12/2014.

Lecture on “Impedance control and learning”, 23/2/2015, SAPHARI NMMI Winter School, in Roma, Italy ([www.naturalmachinemotioninitiative.com/#vsa-winter-school/c1hve](http://www.naturalmachinemotioninitiative.com/#vsa-winter-school/c1hve)).

Invited lecture on “Human Robotics - robotics of human, robotics for humans”, U Miguel Hernandez, Elche U, Spain, May 4, 2015.

Invited lecture on “Interaction control”, European summer school on computational neurorehabilitation, Mas des Violettes, Montpellier, France, July 1, 2015.

Invited lecture on “Interaction control in humans, for robots”, Human machine interaction summer school, Bari, Italy, September 16, 2015.

Invited lecture on “Haptic interfaces for neuroscience investigations”, Department of Microengineering, EPFL, Switzerland, March 9, 2016.

Invited presentation on “Sensorimotor interaction between humans”, Japan-Europe international meeting on Embodied-Brain: Perspectives from Motor Control and Muscle Synergies, Taormina Sicily, Italy, May 31, 2016.

Invited lecture on “Interaction control: in humans, for robots”, School on Advanced Neurorehabilitation, Bayona, Spain, June 7, 2016.

Invited Lecture on “Interaction control: in humans, for robots”, Brains, Minds and Machines Workshop organised by the Italian Institute of Technology, Max Planck Institut für biologische Kybernetik and MIT’s Center for Brains, Minds and Machines in Sestri Levante, Italy, June 22, 2016.

Invited lecture on “interaction control”, European summer school on computational neurorehabilitation, Mas des Violettes, Montpellier, France, July 1, 2016.

Institute of Microengineering at Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL) Distinguished Lecture on “Human-machine interaction for collaborative robotic systems”, Switzerland, July 5, 2016.

Invited seminar on “Human robotics”, JSPS EPSRC UK-Japan Workshop on Soft Robotics, Cambridge University, UK, July 15, 2016.

Invited presentation to Shanghai-Jiaotong University on “Neuroscience-based rehabilitation of the hand function”, Imperial College London, July 19, 2016.

Invited Lecture on “Neuroscience-based, practical rehabilitation of the hand function”, CMC Vellore, India, August 27, 2016.

Invited Lecture on “Sensorimotor interaction in humans”, CIN Symposium on New Perspectives in Integrative Neuroscience, Universität Tübingen, Germany, September 30, 2016.

Invited presentation on “Embodiment of tool, limb and human partner”, Workshop on the Impact of Technology on Embodiment, International Conference on NeuroRehabilitation, Segovia, Spain, October 18, 2016.

Invited presentation on “Neuroscience-based, practical rehabilitation of the hand function”, TokyoTech-Imperial Workshop, Tokyo, Japan, November 4, 2016.

Invited presentation on “Interaction control: in humans, for robots”, Institute for Risk and Uncertainty, Liverpool University, UK, February 7, 2017.

Invited lecture on “Haptic interfaces for neuroscience investigations”, Department of Microengineering, EPFL, Switzerland, April 7, 2017.

Invited seminar on ‘Interaction control in humans, for robots’, Cajal Institute, CSIC, Madrid, Spain, April 28, 2017.

Invited lecture on “A mechanism of haptic communication”, Mini-Symposium on ‘Neuroscience of human social interaction’, Bernstein Center, Freiburg Universität, Germany, June 13, 2017.

Invited lecture on “Haptic communication”, PACE Third Thematic Workshop, iit Genova, Italy, October 9, 2017.

Invited lecture on “Haptic communication between humans and with robots”, First symposium on “Life and robotics - understanding humanity to inspire robots designed to assist humans, Springer Nature, Heidelberg, Germany, October 23, 2017.

Invited lecture on “Human robotics”, Symposium on Robots, Brains and AI, ATR International, Kyoto, Japan, November 11, 2017.

Invited presentation on “Interaction control in humans and with robots”, Workshop on Sensorimotor Control in Animals and Robots, Mathematical Bioscience Institute in Columbus, Ohio, USA, November 13, 2017.

Invited presentation on “Interaction control in humans and with robots”, Workshop on Sensorimotor Control in Animals and Robots, Mathematical Bioscience Institute in Columbus, Darmstadt, Germany, March 13, 2018.

Invited presentation on “Human robotics for cerebral palsy”, at the Assistive Technology Innovations for Communication and Mobility summit in San Francisco, USA, on May 3, 2018.

Invited lecture on “Human Robotics, robotics of humans and for humans”, Università Campus BioMedico di Roma, June 14, 2018.

Course on “Human Robotics: neuromechanics and motor control”, DGIST, Daegu, Korea, 10-12/7/2018.

Invited lecture on “Human-machine interaction and neurorehabilitation”, Shanghai International Symposium on Human-Centered Robotics (HCR 2018), Shanghai, China, July 14, 2018.

Invited lecture on “Application prospect of robotic technology in neuro-rehabilitation”, Assistive Technology for Pediatric Rehabilitation Symposium, I-Create, Shanghai, China, July 15, 2018.

Invited Lecture on ”Human-machine interaction and neurorehabilitation”, International Symposium on Embodied-Brain Systems Science, Tokyo, Japan, December 5, 2018.

Invited Lecture on “Human Robotics, robotics of humans and for humans”, Università Campus BioMedico di Roma, Italy, 14/6/2018.

“Human Robotics: neuromechanics and motor control”, Summer school on medical robotics, Daegu Gyeongbuk Institute of Science and Technology (DGIST), Korea, 9/7-13/7/2018.

Invited Lecture on “Human-machine interaction and neurorehabilitation”, Symposium on Human Centered Robotics, Shanghai, China, 14/7/2018.

Invited Lecture on “Application prospect of robotic technology in neuro-rehabilitation”, Assistive Technology for Pediatric Rehabilitation Symposium, I-Create, Shanghai, China, 15/7/2018.

Invited Lecture on “Human robotics”, Huazhong University of Science and Technology, Wuhan, China, 25/12/2018.

Lecture on “Interaction control”, EU COST Action network CA16116 Winter School on Wearable Robotics, Kranjska Gora, Slovenia, 23/1/2019

Invited Lecture on “Interaction control in humans and with robots”, Symposium on Neuroscience and Robotics, Hotel Weisshorn, St-Luc, Switzerland, 2/2/2019.

“Augmented manipulation abilities in humans with 6-fingered hands”, invited presentation at Jam Session, Università di Pisa, Italy, 19/6/2019.

Invited Lecture on “Limits of the human hand”, Huazhong University of Science and Technology (HUST), Wuhan, China, 18/8/2019.

Invited Lecture on “Neuroscience-based rehabilitation”, Barcelona Cognition, Brain and Technology School, Spain, 10/9/2019

Invited presentation on “Interaction between humans and with robots”, LIRMM Montpellier, France, 12/9/2019.

Invited Seminar on “Interaction between humans and with robots”, Department of Engineering, Cambridge University, UK, 17/10/2019.

Invited Lecture on “Limits of the human hand”, Chinese Academy of Science, Beijing, China, 11/11/2019.

Invited presentation on “Interaction control in humans and with robots”, Tsinghua University, Beijing, China, 12/11/2019.

Invited presentation on “Limit of the Human Hand”, Workshop on hand dexterity, Sorbonne Université, Paris, France, 28/11/2019.

Invited Lecture on “Haptic communication in humans and with robots”, Colloque virtuel: Avancées en robotique collaborative, Sherbrooke, Canada, 8/5/2020.

Invited Talk on “Interaction control between humans and with robots”, Session Interactive GT6 “Conception de dispositifs pour l’interaction homme-robot”, Laboratoire des Sciences du Numérique de Nantes, 16/3/2021.

Invited Lecture on “Practical, neuroscience-based robot-assisted rehabilitation”, Webinar Series on Rehabilitation Robotics, University of Bath, UK, 13/5/2022.

Invited Lecture on “Body adaptation to improve haptic sensitivity”, Embodied Intelligence Conference, Cambridge University, UK, 8/12/2022.

Lecture on “Sensorimotor augmentation and interaction in humans”, Summer school on neurorehabilitation, Bayona, Spain, 13/6/23.

Invited Presentation on “Practical, neuroscience-based rehabilitation”, University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia, 21/7/2023.

Invited Presentation on “Interaction control in humans and with robots”, The University of Melbourne, Melbourne, Australia, 31/7/2023.

Seminar on “Haptic communication”, Shirley Ryan Ability Lab, Chicago, USA, 6/10/23.

Invited Lecture on “Interaction control in humans and with robots”, Workshop on Innovations and Applications of Human Modelling in Physical Human-Robot Interaction. EPFL, Switzerland, 9/4/24.

Invited Presentation on “Feedback and feedforward control in haptic communication”, Workshop on Feedforward and Feedback Mechanisms of neural control: Theory and Applications. Neural Control on Movements, Dubrovnik, 18/4/24.

Invited Presentation on “Is it better to have three hands, or to work with a human partner?”, Department of Mechanical and Automation Engineering. Chinese University of Hong-Kong (CHUK), 21/5/24.

Invited Presentation on “The music of haptics”, Workshop in Memoriam of Vincent Hayward, Eurohaptics, 28/6/24.

Invited Lecture on “Social rehabilitation network”, Workshop on New Technologies in Neurorehabilitation and Motor Learning, TUM, 7/10/2024.

Tutorial on “Foundations of interaction control for contact robots: Energy-based methods and interactive learning”, IEEE/RSJ Int Conf on Intelligent Robots and Systems (IROS), Abu Dhabi, 14/10/2024.

Invited Lecture on “Game theory of interactions between humans and robots”, EPF-Lausanne, 29/10/2024.

Invited Lecture on “Is it better to have three hands, or to work with a human partner?”, Huazhong University of Science and Technology, Wuhan, China, 24/4/2025.

Talk on “Muscles to optimally interact with the environment, enhance sensory extraction and embody uncertainty”, Discussion Meeting on “Cyborg futures - the challenge of implanting and integrating artificial muscle”, Royal Society, London, UK, 19/6/2025.

Invited Lecture on “Game theory of interactions between humans and robots”, Summer School on Hybrid Neural Interfaces, Imperial College London, UK, 30/6/2025.

Invited Presentation on “Human augmentation for medical robotics”, King’s Summer Workshop on Surgical, Assistive and Interventional Engineering, King’s College London, 2/7/2025.

Invited Lecture on “Game theory of interactions between humans and robots”, Trustworthy Embodied Intelligence in Healthcare Symposium, Imperial College London, 17/7/2025

Lecture on “Interaction control in humans and with robots”, Imperial Robotics Summer School, London, 22/7/2025.  
Invited Talk on “Human augmentation through robotics”, LITES Workshop on Sensors and Actuators, Istanbul, 10/10/2025.

*Invited talks at workshops*

Talk on “Neuroscience and its use for rehabilitation” at KT-Equal SPARC meeting on Robots supporting personal independence and rehabilitation, University of Herdforthshire, 24/11/2009.

Seminar on “Brain control strategies to navigate in familiar environments” at the UK-Japan workshop on Neural Interfaces, Newcastle University, 25-26/2/2010.

Seminar on “Robots can learn to control haptic interactions as humans do” at the Computational Motor Control Workshop at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Israel, 16/6/2010.

Talk on “Sensorimotor tricks to facilitate motor recovery” in the Workshop on Neurorehabilitation, IEEE Conf on Biomechatronics and Robotics (BIROB), Roma, Italy, 24/6/2012.

Talk on “A theory of interactive motor behaviors”, in the context of the workshop on “Optimality principles and adaptation in humanoid robotic control” that took place at the IEEE/RSJ Int Conf on Intelligent Robots and Systems (IROS) at Faro, Portugal, 7/10/2012.

Talk on “Human-like learning in industrial robots”, in the context of the workshop on “Learning and Interaction in Haptic Robots” that took place on at the IEEE/RSJ Int Conf on Intelligent Robots and Systems at Faro, Portugal, 12/10/2012.

Invited lecture on the “Adaptive nature of human-human motor interaction” in the context of the workshop on Haptic Collaboration in Shared Control Tasks, IEEE Worldhaptics Conference, Daejeon, Korea, 14/4/2013 (with Atsushi Takagi).

Selected presentation on “Role assignment in human-human motor interaction” in the Annual Meeting of the Neural Control of Movements Society, in San Juan, Puerto Rico, 20/4/2013 (with Alejandro Melendez).

Invited presentation on “Kinematic and dynamic learning in humans and robots” in the context of the workshop on Computational Techniques in Natural Motion Analysis and Reconstruction, IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA), Karlsruhe, Germany, 6/5/2013.

Invited presentation on “Haptic exploration without force or tactile sensing” in the context of the workshop on Research Frontiers in Electronic Skin Technology, IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA), Karlsruhe, Germany, 6/5/2013.

Invited presentation on “Novel Robotic Solutions for Functional MRI Studies of Preterm Infants” at the IEEE Engineering in Medicine and Biology Society Conf, 4/6/2013 (with Alessandro Allievi).

Invited presentation on “The adaptive nature of human-human motor interaction” in the context of the EUCOST workshop on future concept and reality of Social Robotics: Challenges, Perception and Applications - Role of Social Robotics in current and future society”. Bruxelles, 11-13/6/2013.

Selected presentation on “Interacting brains: sensory mechanism of physical interactions between humans” at Neural Control of Movement, 25/4/2014 (with G Ganesh and A Tsakagi).

Invited presentation on “Collaborative learning of visual and haptic cues for micro-manipulation” in the workshop on Experiences of Research on Robot Assistance for Industrial Environments, IEEE Int Conf on Robotics and Automation (ICRA), 31/5/2014.

Invited presentation on “BCI-without brain for robot-assisted rehabilitation” in the workshop on Artificial Intelligence in Rehabilitation Robotics, IEEE Int Conf on Robotics and Automation (ICRA), 31/5/2014.

Invited presentation on “Interaction control” in the workshop on Lower Limb Exoskeletons for Rehabilitation and Assistance”, IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA), 1/6/2014.

Invited talk on Interacting brains: involuntary sensorimotor mechanism of physical interaction between humans in the Robotics Research Jam Sessions workshop, Centro E Piaggio, Università di Pisa, Italy, 14/7/2014.

Invited talk on “Simple rehabilitation of the hand function” in the Hamlyn Symposium, Imperial College London, UK, 15/7/2014.

Invited presentation on “Adaptive path guidance”, Freiburg-Imperial Symposium on Computational Neuroscience and Neurotechnology, Freiburg Universität, 23/8/2014.

Invited presentation on “Sensorimotor exchanges between humans”, Workshop on human movement understanding and neuromechanics, IEEE Int. Conf on Robotics and Automation (ICRA), May 26, 2015.

Invited presentation on “fMRI compatible robotic interfaces”, Workshop on haptics for neuroscience and neuroimaging, IEEE Int. Conf on Robotics and Automation (ICRA), May 26, 2015.

Invited talk on “Motor interaction between humans”, Department of Microengineering, EPFL, Switzerland, June 26, 2015.

Presentation on “wrist interfaces, a practical tool to study human neural control”, Workshop on neuromechanics and technology for the wrist (beyond the wrist watch). IEEE Int Conf on Rehabilitation Robotics (ICORR), August 11, 2015.

Presentation on “Intention-based turning to control a lower limb exoskeleton” (with I Farkhatdinov), Workshop on Robotic systems for training and assistance of walking. IEEE Int Conf on Rehabilitation Robotics (ICORR), August 11, 2015.

Presentation on “Catching patients attention - Designing and delivering suitable therapy early after stroke” (with P Rinne), Workshop on motivational patient-tailored therapy with rehabilitation robots. IEEE Int Conf on Rehabilitation Robotics (ICORR), August 11, 2015.

Invited talk on “Robot-aided investigation of early brain function”. Special session on New technological platforms to study children development, IEEE Engineering in Medicine and Biology Society Conf (EMBC), August 27, 2015.

Presentation on “Human robotics”, Imperial College London Robotics Showcase, September 25, 2015.

Invited presentation on “Intention reading and intuitive shared control for assistive devices”, Workshop on Cognitive Mobility Assistance Robots, IEEE Int Conf on Intelligent Robots and Systems (IROS), September 28, 2015.

Invited presentation on “Embodiment of limb, tool, and human partner”, Workshop on the impact of technology on embodiment, Int Conf on Neurorehabilitation (ICNR), October 28, 2016.

Invited presentation on “Neuroscience-based, practical rehabilitation of the hand function”, Workshop on advances and challenges on the development, testing and assessment of assistive robots: experiences from engineering and human science research, IEEE Int. Conf on Robotics and Automation (ICRA), May 29, 2017.

Invited presentation on “Human balance augmentation with lower limb exoskeleton robot” (with I Farkhatdinov), Workshop on mechanics of human locomotion and the development of wearable robotic systems, IEEE Int Conf on Robotics and Automation (ICRA), May 29, 2017.

Invited presentation on “Human and Biological Robotics at Imperial College London”, GlobalTech Robotics Workshop Singapore, June 3, 2017.

Invited presentation on “Haptic Communication”, COST Action on Rehabilitation Robotics meeting, Darmstadt, Germany, March 5, 2018.

Invited lecture on “H-CARD course on human centered design of assistive and rehabilitation devices”, Workshop on Assistive Robotics, Queen Mary University of London, UK, March 28, 2018.

Invited talk on “Upper Limb Rehabilitation: from bedside to home” at the Innovations in Neurorehabilitation Technology, Imperial College MedTech Links, April 23rd, 2018.

Invited talk on “Motor Control of 6-fingered Hand”, Workshop on Artificial Supernumerary Limbs for Clinical Neuroscience. Int Conf on Neurorehabilitation, Pisa, Italy, October 16, 2018.

Invited talk on “Motor control of 6-fingered Hand”, Workshop on Artificial Supernumerary Limbs for Clinical Neuroscience, International Conference on Neurorehabilitation, Pisa, Italy, 16/10/2018.

Invited talk on “Clinical human-machine interaction”, Royal College of General Practitioners Conference, Glasgow, UK, 4/10/2018.

Invited presentation on “Motor control of 6-fingered Hand”, Workshop on Artificial Supernumerary Limbs for Clinical Neuroscience, Int Conf on Neurorehabilitation, Pisa, Italy, 16/10/2018.

Invited presentation on “Human-machine interaction and haptic communication”, Workshop on Music, Computing, and Health, Lorentz Center, Leyden University, Netherlands, 5/3/2019.

Invited talk on “Haptic communication in humans and with robots”, Workshop on AI and Its Alternatives in Assistive and Collaborative Robotics, Robotics Science and Systems, Freiburg, Germany, 23/6/2019.

Invited talk on “Game theory of robotic assistance”, Workshop on “Autonomy and Intelligence in Robotic Rehabilitation and Assistive Technologies”, IEEE Int Conf on Rehabilitation Robotics, Toronto, Canada, 24/6/2019.

Invited talk on “For the many not the few: from complex robots to simple rehabilitation devices”, Workshop on “Simple or Complex Rehabilitation Robots? Choosing Appropriate Tools for Neurorehabilitation”, IEEE Int Conf on Rehabilitation Robotics, Toronto, Canada, 24/6/2019.

Invited talk on “Influence of visual coupling on bimanual coordination in unilateral spastic cerebral palsy”, IEEE Int Conf on Rehabilitation Robotics, Toronto, Canada, 27/6/2019.

Invited talk on “Haptic communication in collectives”, Joint Action Meeting VIII, Genova, Italy, 13/7/2019.

Invited talk on “Proprioceptive haptics”, Workshop on “New Advances in Tactile Sensation, Perception, and Learning in Robotics: Emerging Materials and Technologies for Manipulation (RoboTac 2019)”, IEEE/RSJ Int Conf on Robots and Intelligent Systems (IROS), Macao, 4/11/2019.

Keynote on “Adaptive impedance control for haptic exploration and manipulation in humans and robots”, Workshop on Learning of Manual Skills in Humans and Robots, IEEE Int Conf on Robotics and Automation (ICRA), Paris, 31/5/2020.

Invited talk on “Adaptive impedance control for haptic exploration and manipulation in humans and robots”, Workshop on “Learning of manual skills in humans and robots”, IEEE Int Conf on Robotics and Automation (ICRA), Paris, 31/5/2020.

Invited talk on “Interaction control in humans and robots”, Workshop on “Learning impedance modulation for physical interaction: Insights from humans and advances in robotics”, IEEE/RSJ Int Conf on Robots and Intelligent Systems (IROS), Las Vegas, 29/11/2020.

Invited talk on “Interaction control between humans and with robot”, Workshop on “Neuromechanics: using robots to study sensorimotor function and impairment” at IEEE Int. Conf. on Biomedical Robotics and Biomechatronics (BioRob), New-York, 29/11/2020.

Invited talk on “Regulation of muscle cocontraction to improve visuo-haptic perception”, Symposium on “Body-machine interface for empowering humans: from rehabilitation to robot control”, IEEE EMBS Int Conf on Neural Engineering, 4/5/2021.

Invited talk on “Trimanipulation with body interfaces” (with J Eden), Symposium on “Movement augmentation with supernumerary limbs”, IEEE EMBS Int Conf on Neural Engineering, 6/5/2021.

Invited presentation on “Haptic Communication: Turing test and learning”, Joint Action Meeting, Budapest, 12/7/23.

Invited talk on “Active inference in human-robot interaction”, Workshop on Innovations and Applications of Human Modelling in Physical Human-Robot Interaction. IEEE Int Conf on Robotics and Automation (ICRA), Yokohama, Japan, 13/5/24.

Invited talk on “Direct control of supernumerary robotic limbs”, Workshop on The Robotics, Psychology and Neuroscience of Body Augmentation. IEEE Int Conf on Robotics and Automation (ICRA), Yokohama, Japan, 13/5/24.

Invited talk on “Social rehabilitation network”, Workshop on Wearable Intelligence for Healthcare Robotics (WIHR): from Brain Activity to Body Movements. IEEE Int Conf on Robotics and Automation (ICRA), Yokohama, Japan, 17/5/24.

## Alumni of HRG

### PhD students

name	viva	current position
Alessandro ALLIEVI	2014	Group Leader at Bosch, USA
Carlo BAGNATO	2017	Group Leader, Franka Emika, Germany
Gerolamo CARBONI	2021	Group Leader, Johnson & Johnson, Netherlands
Dominique CHAPUIS	2009	R&D Engineer, Preciflex, Switzerland
Lucille CAZENAVE	2025	R&D Engineer, Sandboxquantum, USA
Sofia DALL'ORSO	2019	Postdoctoral Research Associate, Chalmers University of Technology, Sweden
Alexis DEVILLARD	2025	CEO, AighTech, UK
Ludovic DOVAT	2009	Group Leader, Helbling Technik, Switzerland
Anirvan DUTTA	2025	Postdoctoral Research Associate, Aalto University, Finland
GANESH Gowrishankar	2009	Senior Researcher, CNRS, France
HUANG Hsien-Yung	2019	Assistant Professor, U Sussex, UK
HUANG Yanpei	2021	Assistant Professor, U Sussex, UK
HU Zhaoyang, Jacopo	2025	Engineer, Odin Vision (Olympus), UK
Asif HUSSAIN	2013	CEO, ArtiCares, Singapore
Ekaterina IVANOVA	2021	Assistant Professor, U Sussex, UK
Abdelhamid KADI-ALLAH	2009	Senior Analyst, Wellcome Trust, UK
Jindrich KODL	2010	Postdoctoral Researcher, Tübingen Universität, Germany
Olivier LAMBERCY	2009	Associate Professor, ETH-Zürich, Switzerland
Alejandro MELENDEZ	2011	Associate Professor, Queensland University, Australia
Sharah Abdul MUTALIB	2019	Engineer at gripAble
Matjaz OGRINC	2017	Research Scientist, gripAble, UK
Nuria Pena-Perez	2023	Postdoctoral Research Associate, TU-Aachen, Germany
Brice REBSAMEN	2009	Senior software Engineer, Zoox, USA
SU Eileen	2010	Associate Professor, University Teknologi Malaysia
TAKAGI Atsushi	2015	Senior Scientist, NTT, Japan
Pakorn Uttayopas	2024	Assistant Professor, Thammasat U, Thailand
YEONG Che Fai	2010	Associate Professor, University Teknologi Malaysia
ZENG Qiang	2009	R&D Manager, Kunlun Energy Company Ltd, Petrochina, China
ZHANG Han	2005	Lead Engineer, Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory, USA
ZHAO Guoyong	2010	R&D Engineer, Seagate, Singapore

## Postdoctoral researchers

name	period	current position
Sajeeva ABEYWARDEN	2020-21	Assistant Professor, University of Surrey, UK
Arash ARAMI	2016-17	Assistant Professor, University of Waterloo, Canada
Sivakumar BALASUBRAMANIAM	2009-11	Professor and Head, CMC Vellore, India
Themistoklis CHARALAMBOUS	2009-10	Assistant Professor, U of Cyprus
CHENG Xiaoxiao	2020-23	Assistant Professor, Manchester U, UK
Hector CERVANTES CULEBRO	2023-25	Assistant Professor, Technical University Monterrey, Mexico
Jonathan EDEN	2018-22	Assistant Professor, Melbourne U, Australia
Ildar FARKHATDINOV	2013-16	Associate Professor, King's College London, UK
Roger GASSERT	2006-07	Professor, ETHZ, Switzerland
Frank GONSALEZ	2013-2015	Research Engineering, IRT Jules Vernes, France
Sarah GUY		Hobbs Rehabilitation, UK
HUANG Yanpei	2020-23	Assistant Professor, U Sussex, UK
Nathanael JARRASSÉ	2011-13	Senior Researcher, CNRS, ISIR Paris, France
Ekaterina IVANOVA	2020-23	Assistant Professor, Queen Mary U, UK
Julius KLEIN	2010-12	Senior Mechanical Engineer & Manager, Motivo, USA
LI Yanan	2015-17	Associate Professor, University of Sussex, UK
Michael MACE	2015-17	CTO, gripAble, London, UK
Moritz MAUS		Software-Entwickler at Brunel, Germany
Andrew PENNYCOTT	2013-15	Development Engineer, Institute for Advanced Automotive Propulsion Systems, UK
Paul RINNE	2015-17	CEO, gripAble, London, UK
Nicholas ROACH	2010-12	
Riccardo SECOLI	2012	Cambridge Consultants, UK
Elisabeth WILHELM	2015-16	Assistant Professor, U of Groningen, Netherland
Aran SENA	2020-22	Associate, Foster + Partners, UK
Dorian VERDEL	2023-25	Postdoctoral Research Associate, Université Paris-Saclay, France
WANG Ziwei	2023-24	Assistant Professor, Lancaster U, UK
YANG Chenguang	2009-10	Professor, U of Liverpool, UK
Aaron YURKEWICH	2020-23	Assistant Professor, Ontario Tech U, Canada
ZHOU, Chou-Han	2009-10	Assistant Professor, Cardiff U, UK

## Visiting researchers

name	period	institution
Prof. Paulo Marcos AGUIAR	2014-15	Instituto Federal de Sao Paulo, Brasil
Prof. Jose AZORIN	2010	Universidad Miguel Hernandez de Elche, Spain
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Until 2008, I attracted over €2M of funding for my research from the Japanese company ATR, from the Singapore Ministry of Education and A\*STAR, the Swiss National Foundations, and the UK Stroke Association. Grants as PI from 2009 with value over €100k are listed in the following table, with active grants in **bold**.

agency	project name	amount (total project)	period
EU-FP7 ICT-231724	HUMOUR: HUman behavioral Modeling forenhancing learning by Optimizing hUman-Robot interaction	504,395 € (2,562,000)	1/2009 - 12/2011
EU-FP7 ICT-231554	VIATORS: Variable Impedance ACTuation systems embOdyng advanced inteRaction behaviourS	461,426 € (3,350,000)	2/2009 - 1/2012
Singapore A*STAR	Assessment and training system for micromanipulation tasks in surgery	435,258 €	12/2008 - 12/2011
Singapore A*STAR	Digital stereo microscope technology	128,392 €	4/2009 - 3/2011
UK NIHR	Robot-assisted fMRI assessment of motor function in preterm and newborn infants	269,924£	1/2011 - 12/2012
EU-FP7 ITN-317488	CONTEST: Collaborative Network for Training in Electronic Skin Technology	320,273 € (3,810,437)	10/2013 - 9/2016
EU-FP7 ICT-601003	BALANCE: Balance Augmentation in Locomotion through Anticipative, Natural & Cooperative control of Exoskeletons	617,837 € (4,533,202)	1/2013 - 12/2017
EU-FP7 ICT-661626	SYMBITRON: SYMBiotic man-machine InTeRactiONs in wearable exoskeletons to enhance mobility for paraplegics	530,864 € (3,358,961)	10/2013 - 3/2018
EU-H2020 ICT-644727	COGIMON: COGnitive Interaction in MotiON	831,813 € (5,688,126)	1/2015 - 12/2018
UK EPSRC EP/N029003/1	MOTION: Morphological cOmputation of percepTion and actiON	360,000£ (1,200,000)	7/2016 - 6/2019
Innovate UK	GripAble: A mobile-based therapy tool for hand and brain recovery	188,644£ (448,607)	10/2017 - 3/2019
UK EPSRC EP/R026092/1	FAIR SPACE: Future Artificial Intelligence and Robotics for SPACE	1,222,815£ (8,665,638)	11/2017 - 3/2022
EU-H2020 MSCA 843408	TRIMANUAL coordination assistance for hemiplegic strokes individuals	212,933.76 €	7/2019 - 6/2021
EU-H2020 MSCA 846679	INFANTPATTERNS: Development of kinematic and muscle PATTERNs in preterm INFANTs	212,933.76 €	10/2019 - 4/2022
EU-H2020 FET 829186	PH-CODING: Predictive Haptic CODING	687,243.75 € (2,988,285) €	1/2019 - 9/2022
EU-H2020 FET 899626	NIMA: Non-invasive Interface for Movement Augmentation	796,203.75 € (3,076,488.75)	9/2020 - 3/2024
EU-H2020 ITN 861166	INTUITIVE: Innovative Network for Training in toUch InteractiVE interfaces	303,172.56 € (4,150,872)	9/2019 - 3/2024
EU-H2020 ICT 871803	CONBOTS: CONnected through roBOTS: physically coupling humans to boost handwriting & music learning	798,750.00 € (4,810,796.25)	1/2020 - 12/2023
EU-H2020 ICT 871767	REHYB: REhabilitation based on HYBrid neuroprosthesis	679,325.00 € (7,153,873.75)	1/2020 - 12/2023
UK EPSRC EP/W036495/1	MUVE: MUlti-limb Virtual Environment for full body and augmented interactions	1,025,345.20£	8/2022 - 7/2024

## Publications

Manuscripts of special interest are with a short comment (in **bold**) explaining the contribution.

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