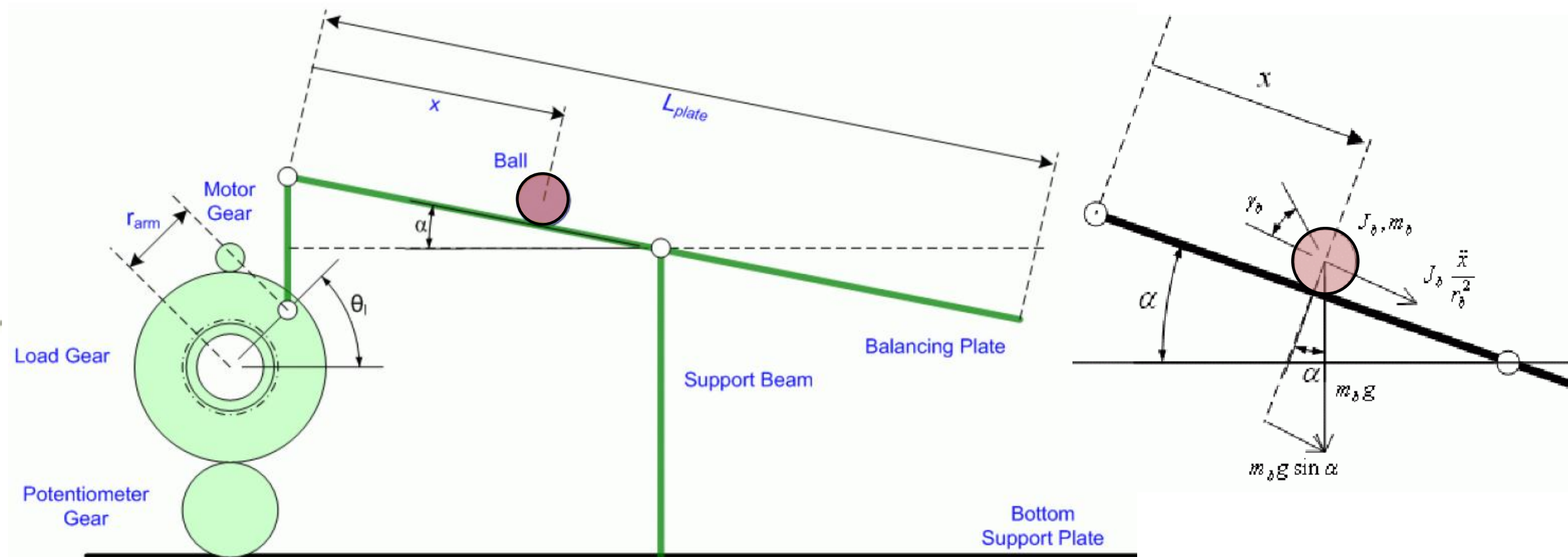
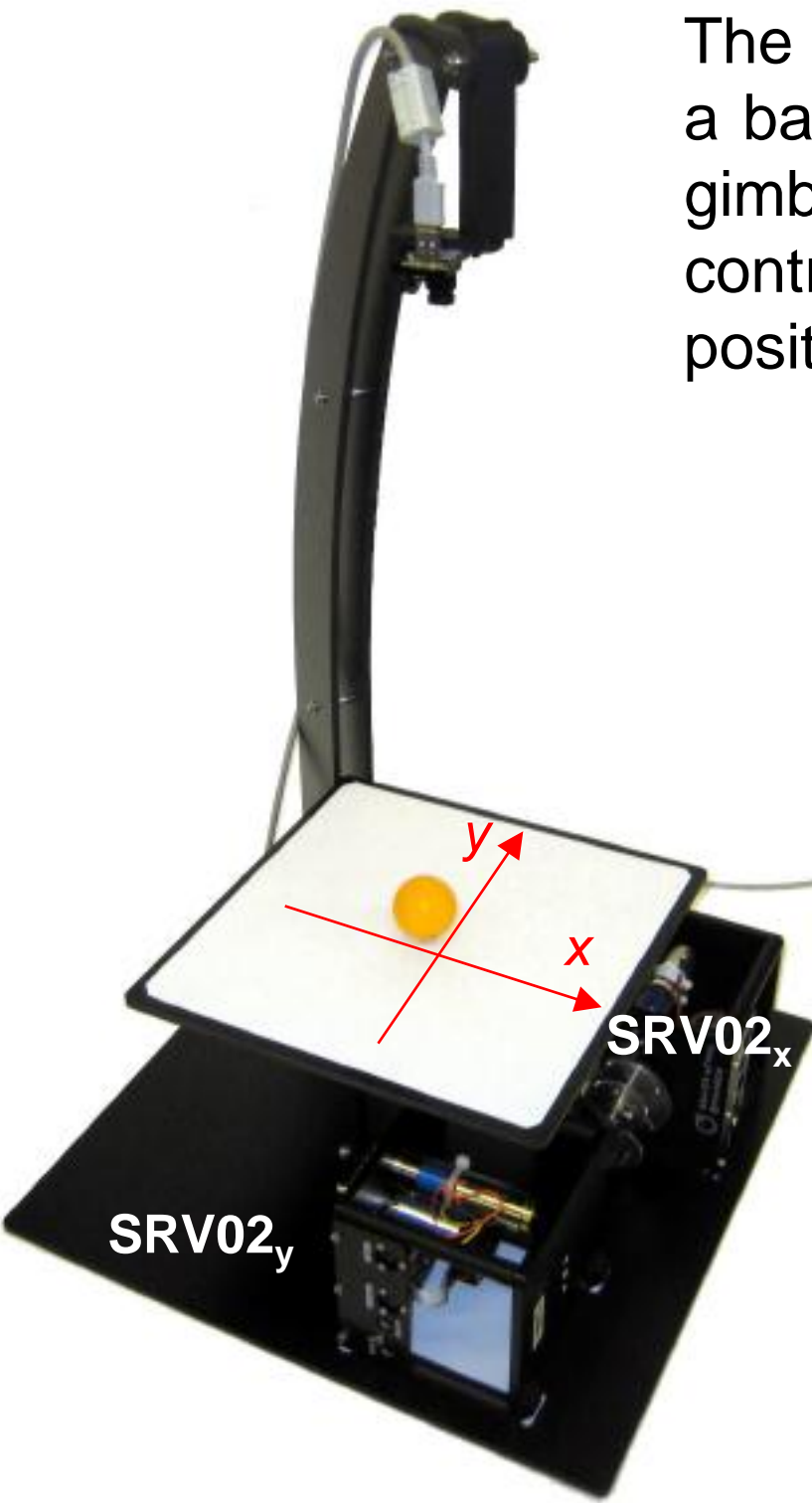


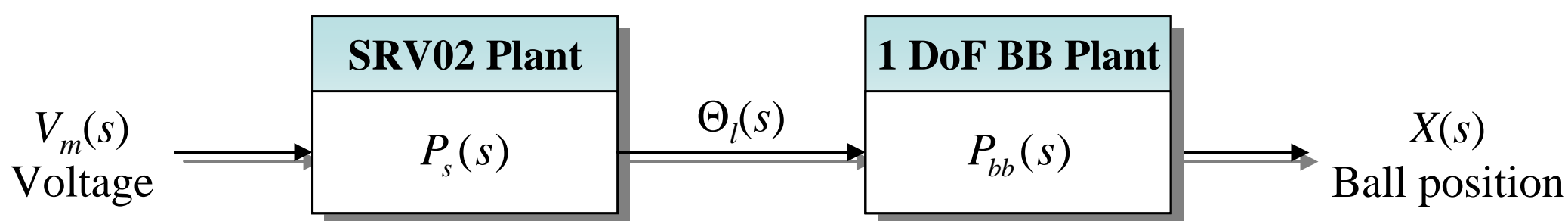
2D Ball Balancer

The Quanser 2D Ball Balancer (BB) experiment setup consists of a flat plate on which a ball is placed and is free to move. The plate rests on a 2-degree-of-freedom (DoF) gimbal which allows tilts in x- and y-direction. Two orthogonal servos under the plate control tilt (around x and y axes) which balances ball position and velocity. Balls position is measured with an overhead camera.



Assumption: Ball dynamics in x-direction and y-direction are decoupled (no interference), hence we could use the same control architecture in each channel (i.e. treat each dimension separately).

Open-loop block diagram



Linearized one-axis model

$$\ddot{x} = \frac{2r_{arm}r_b^2m_b g \sin \theta_l}{L(r_b^2m_b + J_b)} \approx K_b \theta_l$$

Ball balancer transfer function

$$P_{bb}(s) = \frac{X(s)}{\Theta_l(s)} = \frac{K_b}{s^2} = \frac{1.3}{s^2}$$

SRV02 servo transfer function

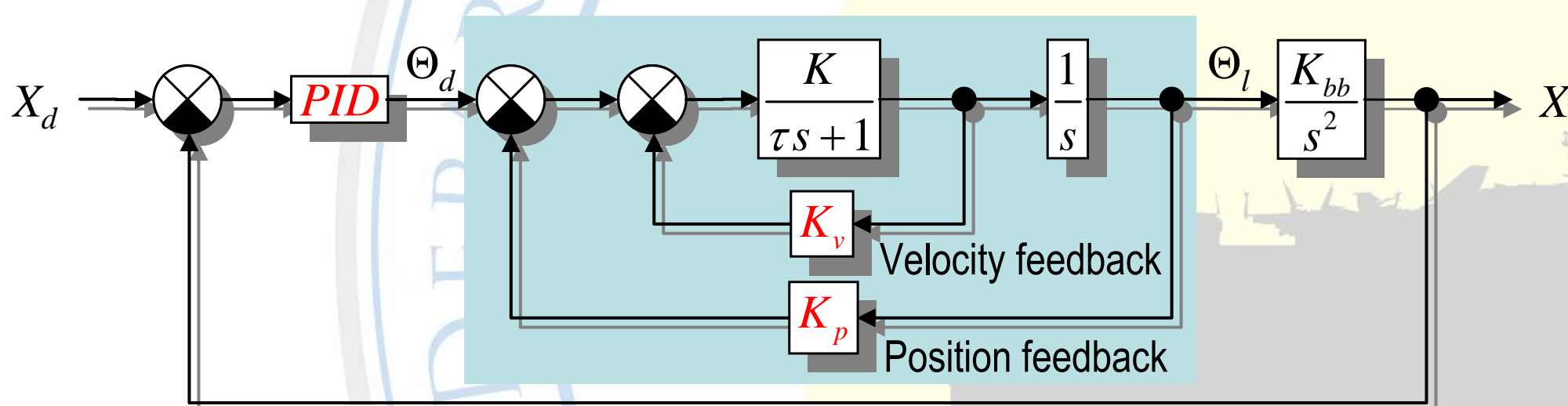
$$P_s(s) = \frac{\Theta_l(s)}{V_m(s)} = \frac{K}{s(\tau s + 1)} = \frac{1.76}{s(0.0285s + 1)}$$

Requirements

Servo: $e_{ss}^{step} = 0$ $t_p \leq 0.15s$ $M_p \leq 5\%$
 Ball balancer: $e_{ss}^{step} \leq 0.001m$ $t_s^{2\%} \leq 3s$ $M_p \leq 7.5\%$

$\zeta = 0.690$ $\omega_n = 28.9s^{-1}$
 $\zeta = 0.635$ $\omega_n = 2.19s^{-1}$

One-axis control architecture



$K_p = 13.5$ $K_v = 0.078$
 PID: $\{k_p = 5.8, k_d = 2.9, k_i = 3.7\}$

Applications



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