

Comparison of Stabilization Control in Remote Control System with Haptics

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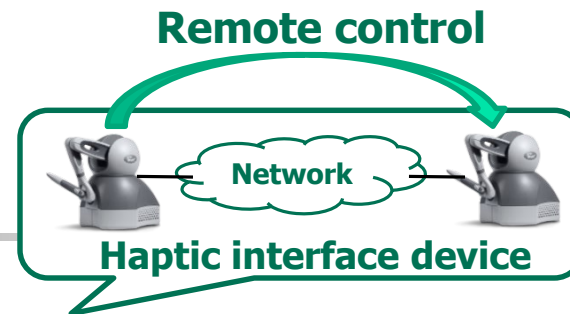
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Background



Remote control system with haptics in which a user can remotely operate a haptic interface device by using another haptic interface device while watching video



Improvement of the efficiency and accuracy of work because the users can perceive the reaction force

When we use a network that does not guarantee QoS (Quality of Service) like the Internet,



Strong force and unstable phenomena

QoE (Quality of Experience)

such as operability of haptic interface device

degradation



Previous Work

Proposed the following three types of control for remote control system with haptics:

- ✓ **Adaptive elasticity control**^{*1} → Suppress strong force
- ✓ **Adaptive viscosity control**^{*1} } Suppress unstable
- ✓ **Stabilization control by viscosity**^{*2} } phenomena

Relationships between two types of control to suppress unstable phenomena have not been clarified so far.

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Purpose

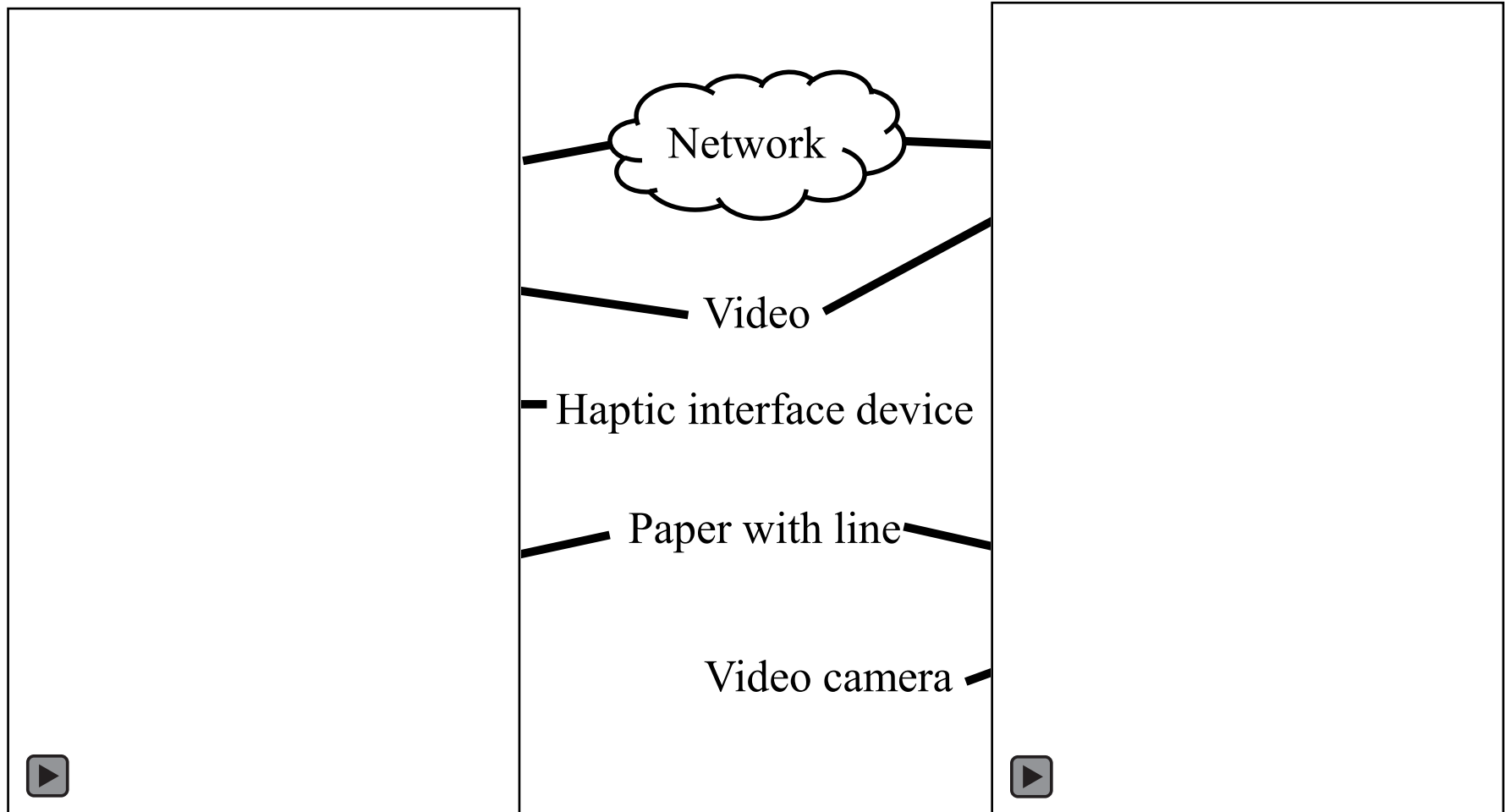
This work

- Comparison between the **adaptive viscosity control** and the **stabilization control by viscosity** by QoE assessment
- Carrying out the **adaptive elasticity control** together with the above control to reduce strong force in the assessment

Remote Control Systems with Haptics

Master terminal

Slave terminal



Calculation Method of Reaction Force

Elasticity (spring)

Viscosity (damper)

$$\mathbf{F}_t^{(m)} = \left[K_s \left(\mathbf{S}_{t-1}^{(m)} - \mathbf{M}_{t-1}^{(m)} \right) \right] + \left[K_d \left(\dot{\mathbf{S}}_{t-1}^{(m)} - \dot{\mathbf{M}}_{t-1}^{(m)} \right) \right] *1$$

Elasticity is force exerted by a spring, for example, when we push or pull the spring.

Viscosity is force or resistance exerted by fluids when we move something through the fluids (e.g., water and oil).

$\mathbf{F}_t^{(m)}$: Reaction force of master terminal at time t ($t > 0$)

$\mathbf{S}_{t-1}^{(m)}, \mathbf{M}_{t-1}^{(m)}$: Position vector of haptic interface device of slave/master terminal at time t ($t > 0$)

$\dot{\mathbf{S}}_{t-1}^{(m)}, \dot{\mathbf{M}}_{t-1}^{(m)}$: Velocity of slave/master terminal at time t ($t > 0$)

K_s : Elasticity coefficient

K_d : Viscosity coefficient



Adaptive Elasticity Control

To reduce strong force

The elasticity coefficient K_s is dynamically changed according to the network delay.

$$K_s = 9 / (2D + 90) \quad *1$$

D : One-way network delay between the two terminals



Adaptive Viscosity Control

To suppress unstable phenomena

The viscosity coefficient K_d is dynamically changed according to the network delay and the moving velocity of a haptic interface device.

$$\hat{K}_d = \begin{cases} 1.02 \times 10^{-5}D + 4.2 \times 10^{-5}v - 2.03 \times 10^{-4} & (D \leq D_{\text{peak}}) \\ -6.31 \times 10^{-6}D - 2.12 \times 10^{-4}v + 2.99 \times 10^{-3} & (D > D_{\text{peak}}) \end{cases}$$

$$D_{\text{peak}} = -20v + 228$$

*1

D_{peak} : Peak value of optimum viscosity coefficient

v : Moving velocity



Stabilization Control by Viscosity

To suppress unstable phenomena

The movement of the haptic interface device at the slave terminal is reduced by a fixed amount proportional to the position difference in order to produce viscosity.

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{s}_t^{(s)} &= \mathbf{M}_{t-1}^{(s)} - C_d (\mathbf{M}_{t-1}^{(s)} - \mathbf{s}_{t-1}^{(s)}) \\ K_d &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

*2

$\mathbf{s}_t^{(s)}$, $\mathbf{M}_t^{(s)}$: Position vector of slave/master terminal at time t

C_d : Coefficient related to viscosity

$$C_d = 0.936$$

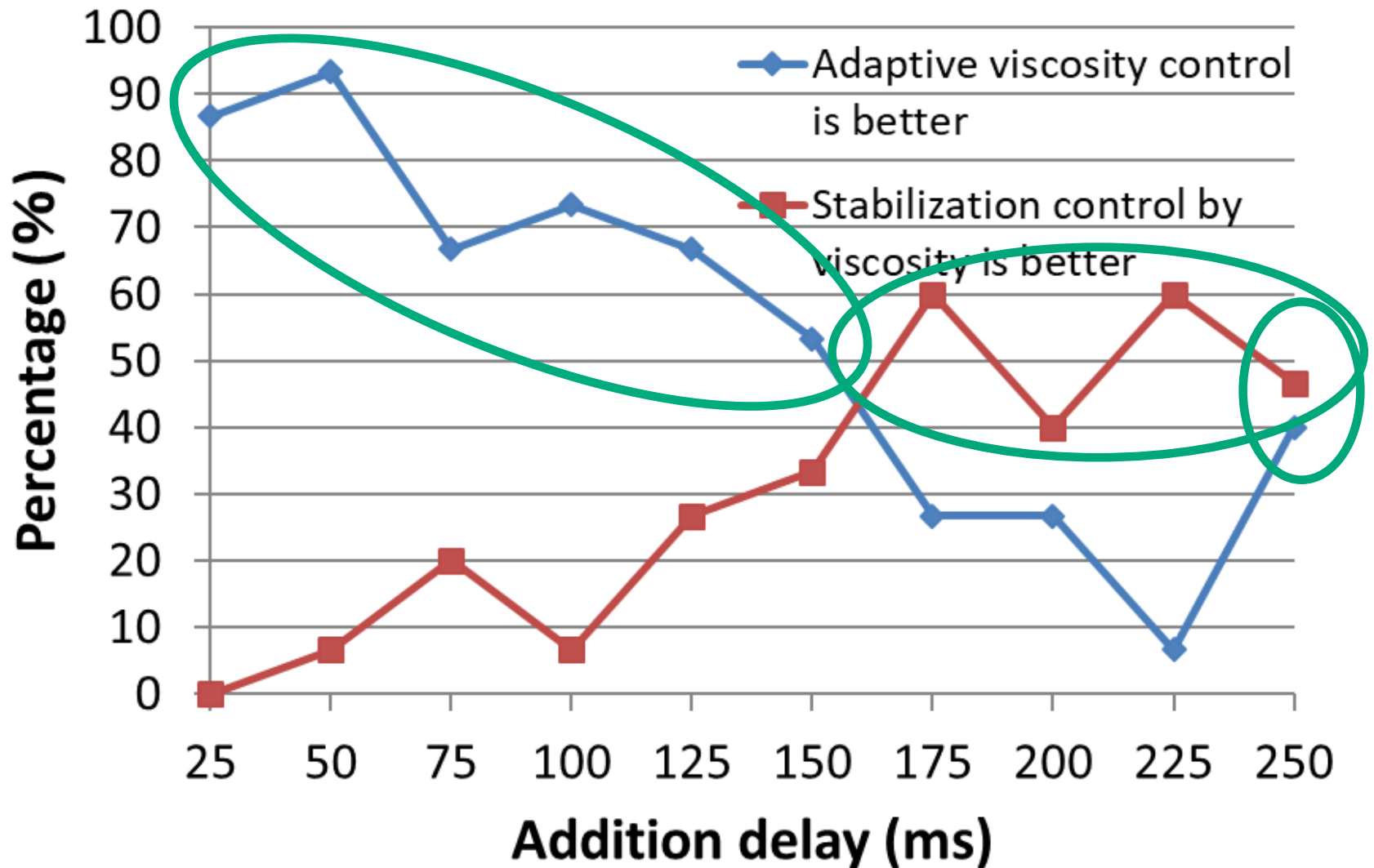
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Assessment Method

- **Assessment system:** Master and slave terminals are connected to a network emulator to produce a constant delay (called the *additional delay*) for each packet.
- **Work:** Each subject moves the haptic interface device to right and left (the x -axis) along a line with length of 16 cm for 30 seconds.
- **Additional delay:** 25 ms to 250 ms at intervals of 25 ms
(presented in random order for each subject)
- **Stimuli:** Adaptive viscosity control and stabilization control by viscosity are exerted in random order for each additional delay.
- **Judgment:** Selected one from among three answers (1: Former is better, 2: Not sure, and 3: Latter is better)
- **Subjects:** 15 (ages: between 20 and 25)

Assessment Results





Conclusions and Future Work

Conclusions

- Compared two types of stabilization control for remote control system with haptics by QoE assessment.
- If the network delay is small, the adaptive viscosity control is superior to the stabilization control by viscosity; otherwise, the latter is better.

Future Work

- Plan to change C_d (coefficient related to viscosity) dynamically according to the network delay and the moving velocity of the haptic interface device
- Switch the two types of control dynamically according to the network delay