



# Development of control systems for next generation Superattenuators

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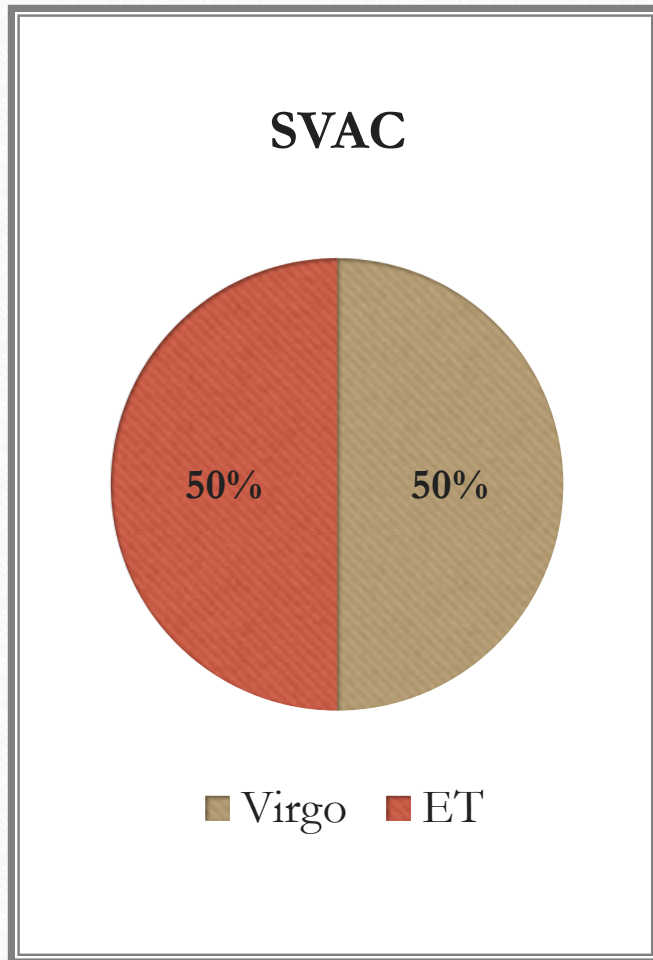
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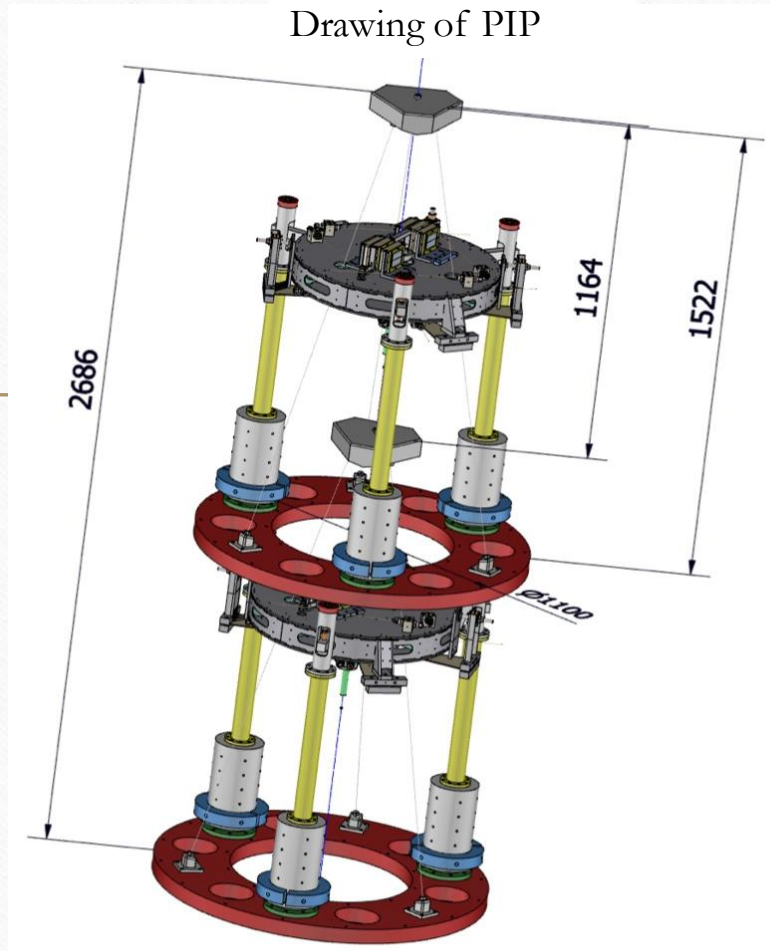
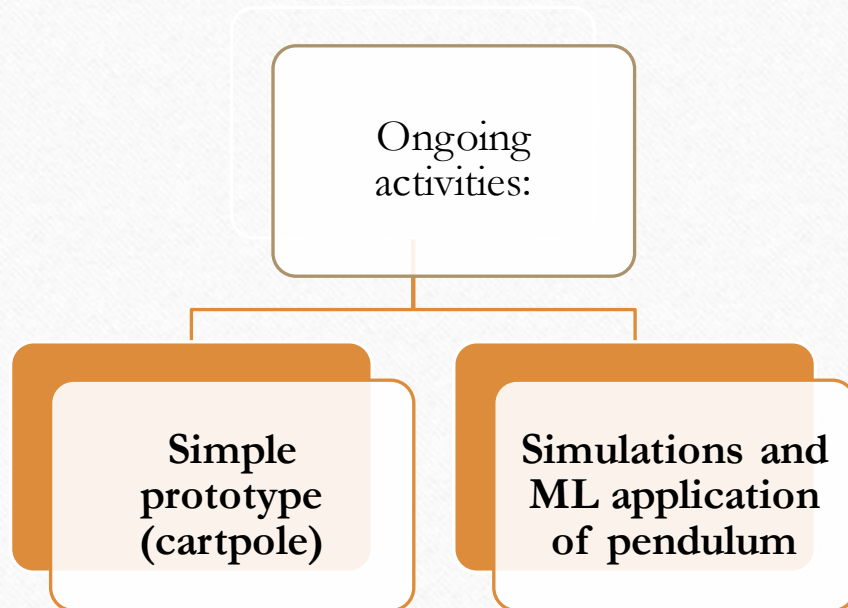
# What's happened up to now

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- December 2022: Master degree in particle physics (Belle II experiment)
- March 2023: beginning of PhD with PNRR funds (ETIC project)  
Supervisors: F. Fidecaro, M. Razzano
  - **PhD project:** experimental activities related to the seismic attenuation
  - **RRT shifts:** June '23, October '23, May '24
  - **Member of organizing committee:** GWADW 2023, GraSP23 Gravity Shape Pisa
  - **Outreach:** Virgo guided tour, Bright Night 2023

PhD Project:  
Machine Learning for optimal control  
of next-generation seismic attenuation  
systems (see M. Razzano slides)



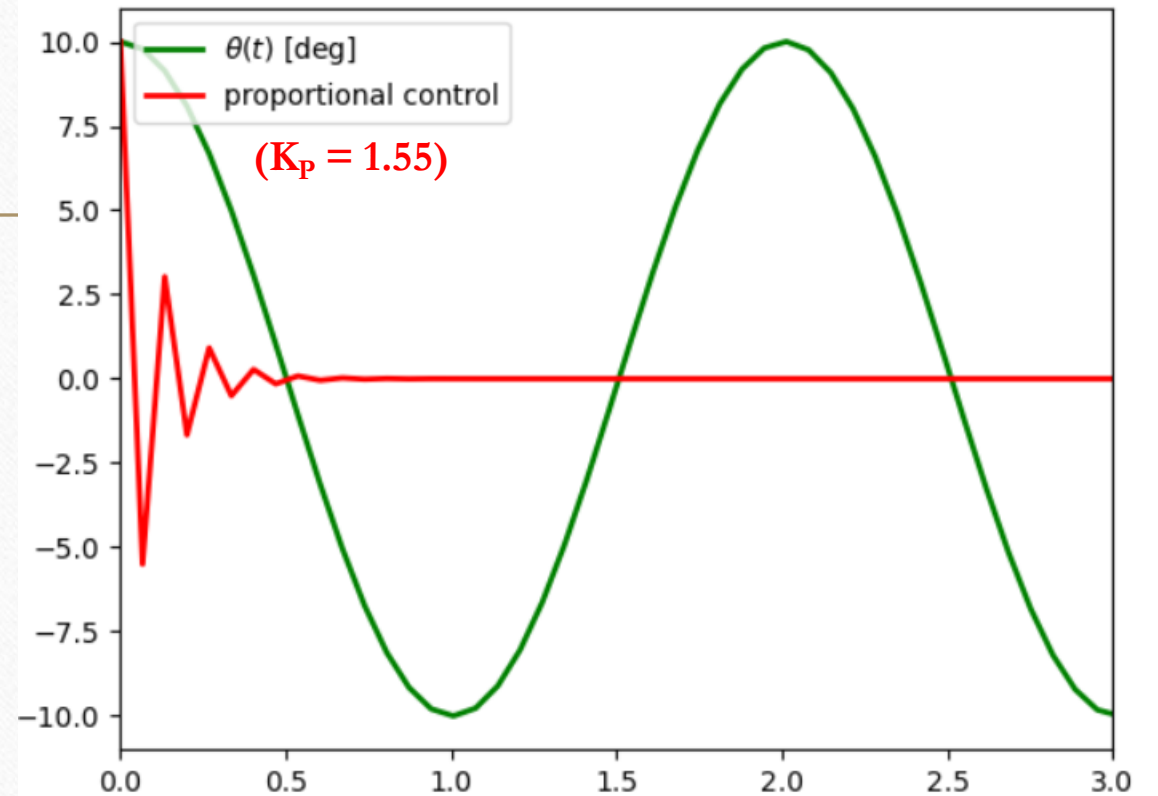
Open problem with PIP:  
possibility to put sensors and actuators in  
intermediate positions (and not only at the  
top and bottom stage)

# Simulations of a controlled pendulum

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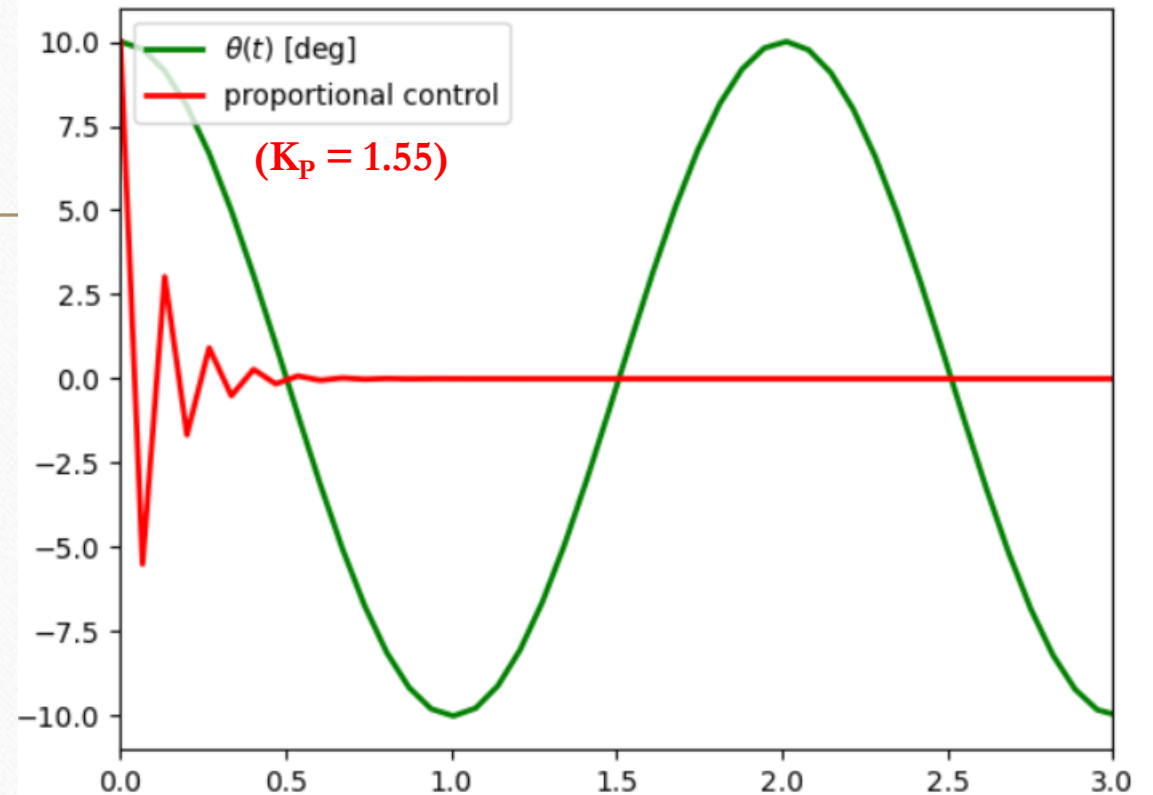
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2. Implement other degrees of freedom (moving top and 2-d system) → **ongoing**
3. Using Octopus to accurately simulate and control the PIP → **next step**

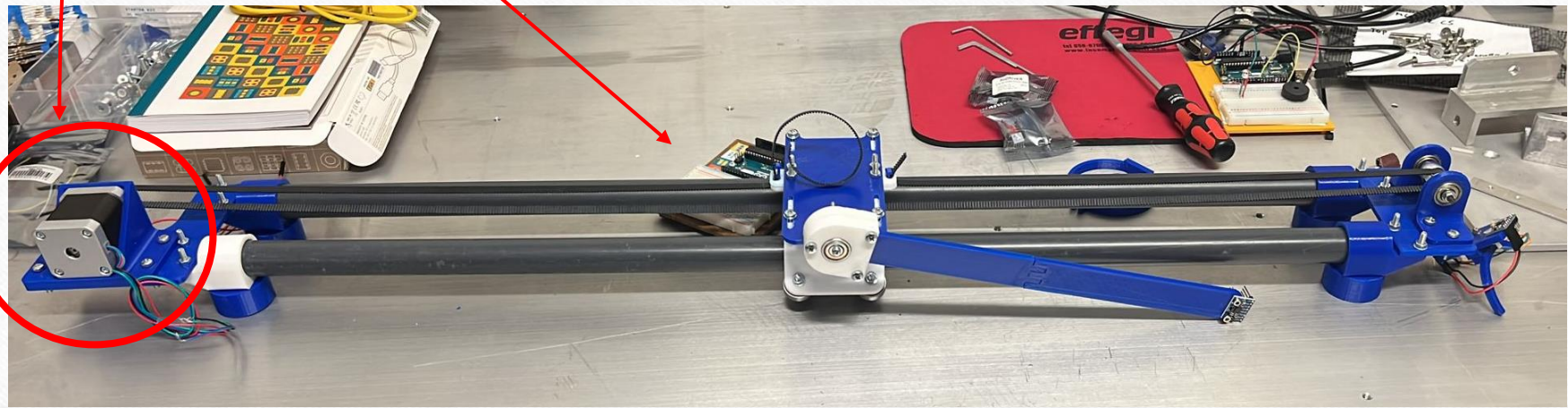
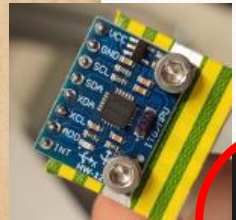


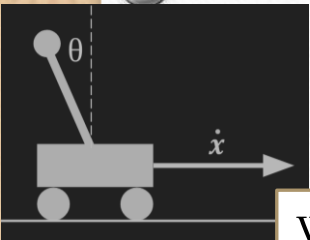
# Cartpole control

Motivation:

build a simple benchmark system for Machine Learning control

- **Sensor:** MPU-6050 Six-Axis (Gyro + Accelerometer)
- **Actuator:** Nema17 stepper motor
- Arduino UNO board

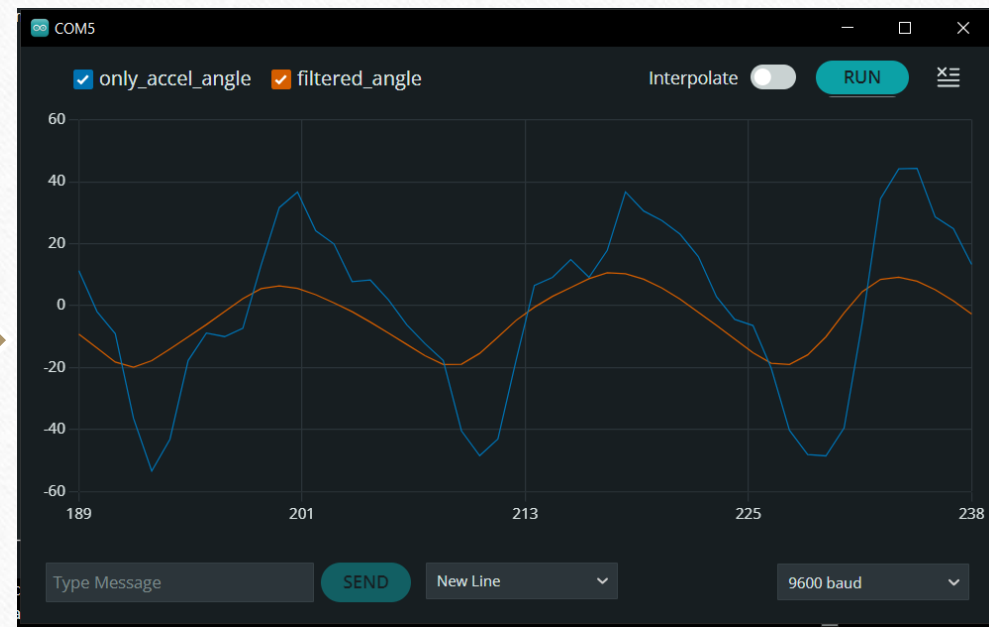




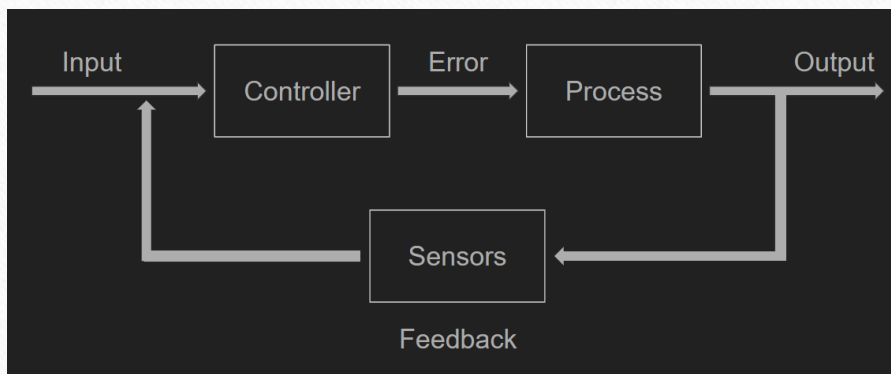
# Basic control

Write an Arduino code to control in feedback the inverted pendulum with a PID control:

- Read the angle of inclination  $\theta$  of the pole with a complementary filter
- Make the stepper motor move accordingly
- Repeat the process



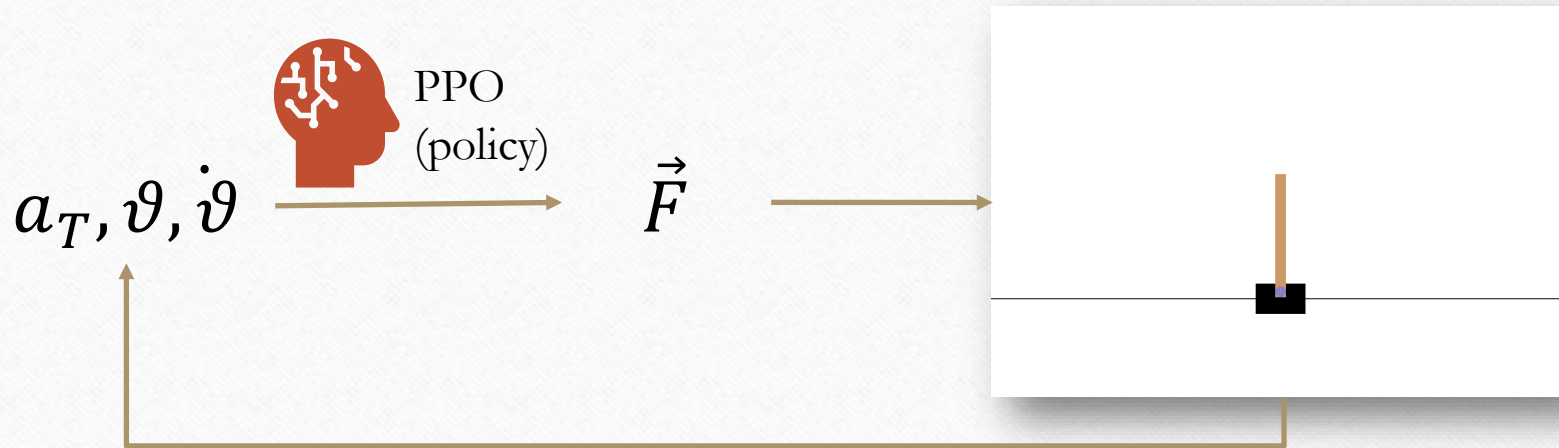
Differences in the reading of  $\theta$  given by only the accelerometer and by the gyroscope + accelerometer



# Reinforcement learning approach (G. Bartoli)



*Reinforcement learning (RL) is a subset of machine learning that allows an AI-driven system (sometimes referred to as an agent) to learn through trial and error using feedback from its actions*



End of the episode:

- Pole fallen
- Cart bumping to borders
- Episode length greater than 1500



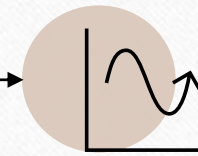
# PPO implementation details



Actor-critic  
mechanism

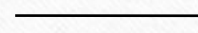


State  $s$



Probability  
distribution of  
actions

Action



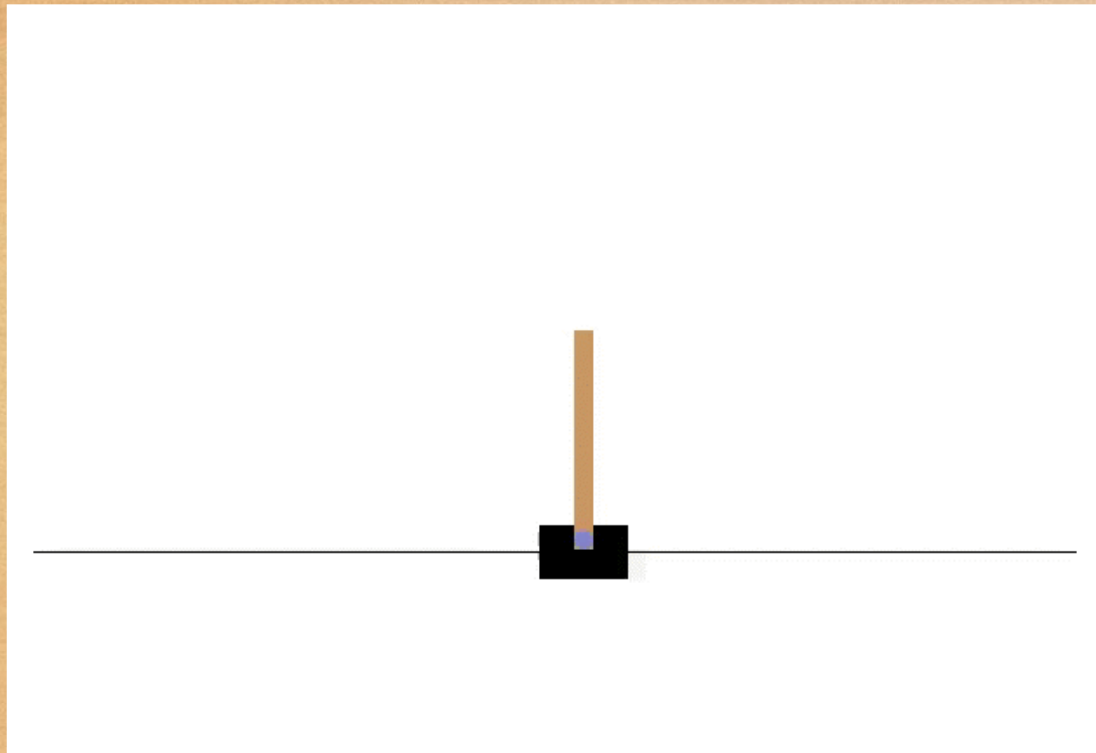
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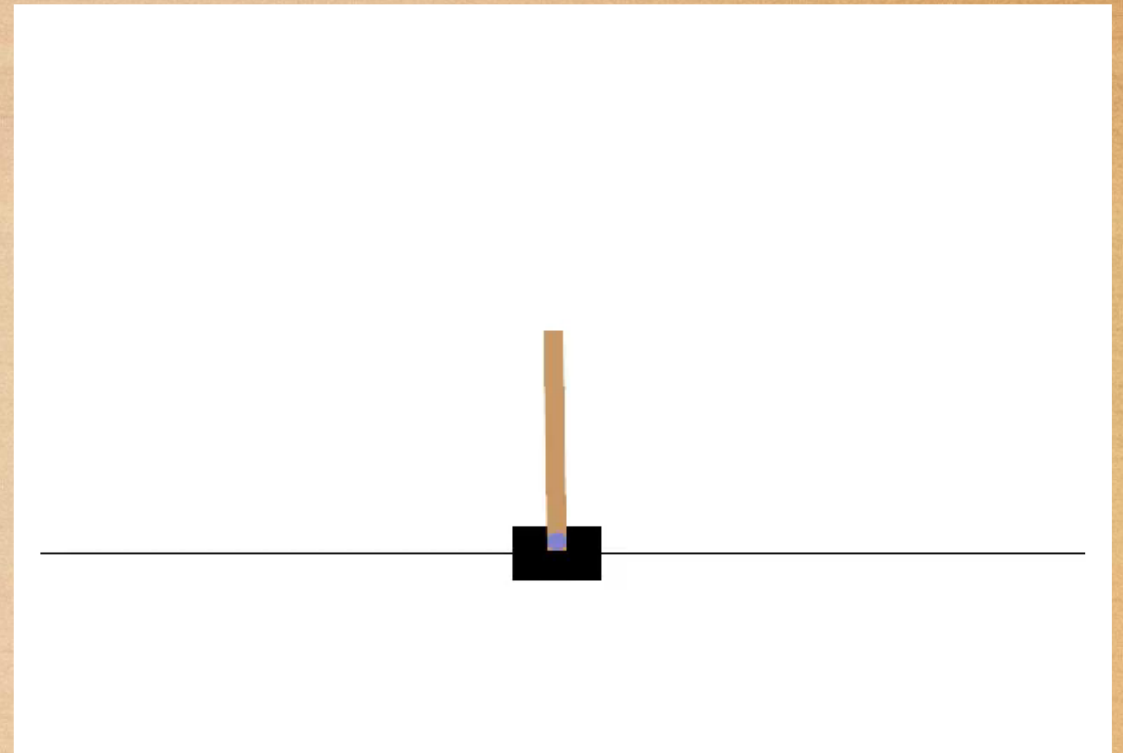
Policy clipped

Current policy should not differ too much from the previous one

Stable baseline PPO



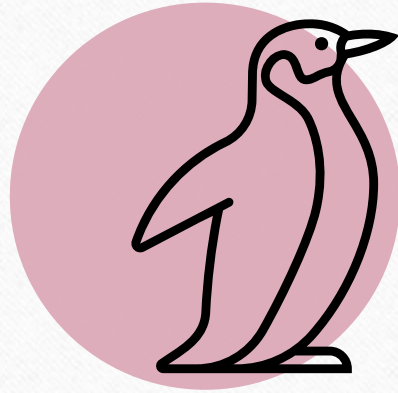
**Our PPO**



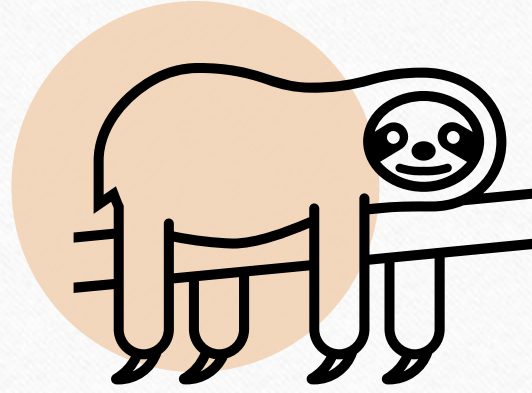
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