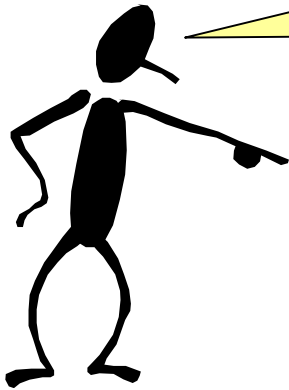


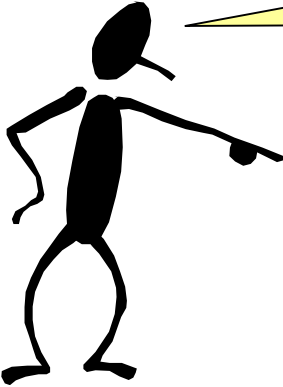
# CHAPTER 9: PID TUNING



**When I complete this chapter, I want to be able to do the following.**

- **Explain the performance goals that we seek to achieve via tuning.**
- **Apply a tuning procedure using the process reaction curve and tuning correlations.**
- **Further improve performance by fine tuning**

# CHAPTER 9: PID TUNING



## Outline of the lesson.

- **A trial and error approach - why we don't use it**
- **Define the tuning problem**
- **Solve and develop correlations**
- **Apply correlations to examples**
- **Fine tune - the personal touch**

# CHAPTER 9: PID TUNING

## PROPERTIES THAT WE SEEK IN A CONTROLLER

- **Good Performance** - feedback measures from Chapter 7
- **Wide applicability** - adjustable parameters
- **Timely calculations** - avoid convergence loops
- **Switch to/from manual** - bumplessly
- **Extensible** - enhanced easily

**This chapter**

**Previous chapter**

**Later chapters**

# CHAPTER 9: PID TUNING

- How do we apply the same equation to many processes?
- How to achieve the dynamic performance that we desire?

**TUNING!!!**



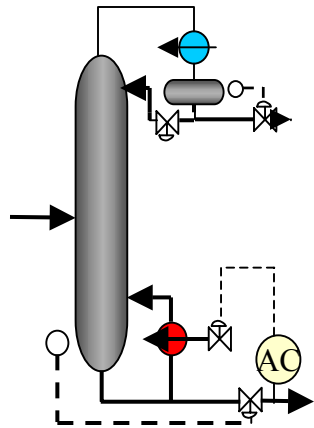
$$MV(t) = K_c \left[ E(t) + \frac{1}{T_I} \int_0^t E(t') dt' - T_d \frac{d CV}{dt} \right] + I$$

The adjustable parameters are called tuning constants.  
We can match the values to the process to affect the dynamic performance

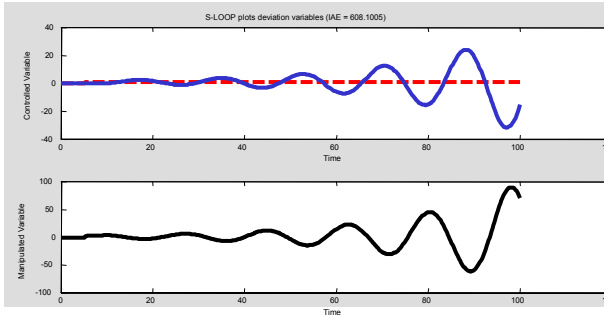
# CHAPTER 9: PID TUNING



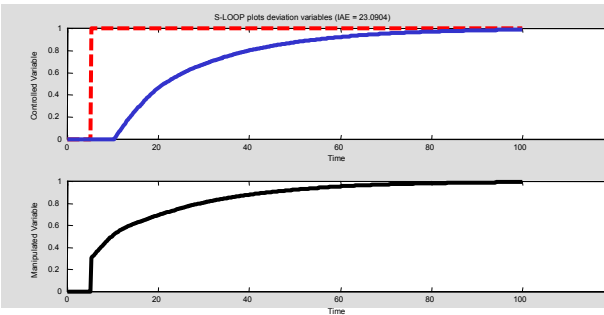
Is there  
an easier  
way than  
trial & error?



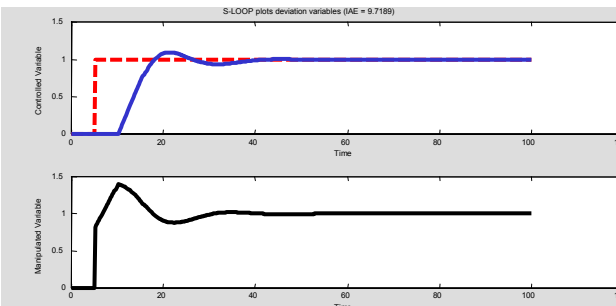
$$MV(t) = -K_c \left[ E(t) + \frac{1}{T_I} \int_0^t E(t') dt' - T_d \frac{dCV}{dt} \right] + I$$



**Trial 1:**  
unstable,  
lost \$25,000



**Trial 2:** too  
slow, lost  
\$3,000



**Trial n:**  
OK, finally,  
but took  
way too  
long!!

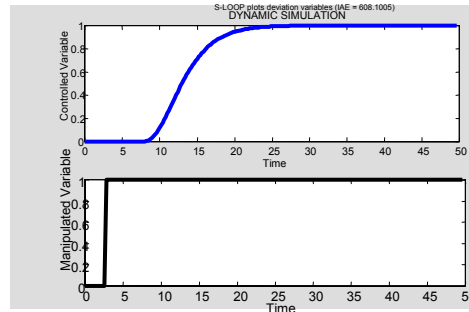
# CHAPTER 9: PID TUNING



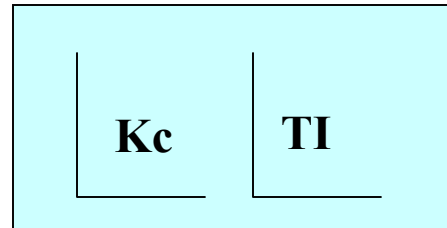
Yes, we can  
prepare good  
correlations!

## Define the tuning problem

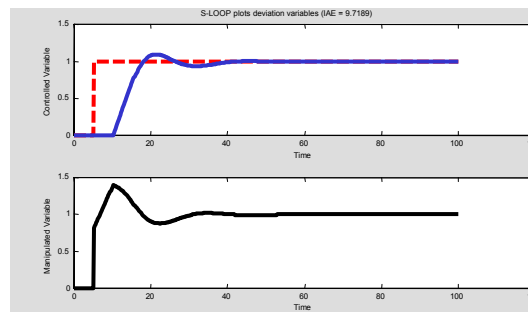
1. Process Dynamics
2. Measured variable
3. Model error
4. Input forcing
5. Controller
6. Performance measures



Determine a model  
using the process  
reaction curve  
experiment.



Determine the initial  
tuning constants from  
a correlation.



Apply and fine tune  
as needed.

# CHAPTER 9: PID TUNING

## Define the tuning problem

1. Process Dynamics →

2. Measured variable

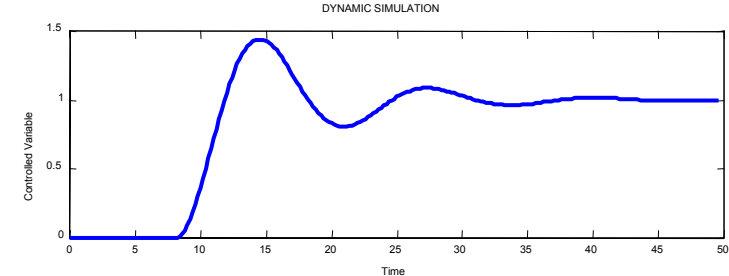
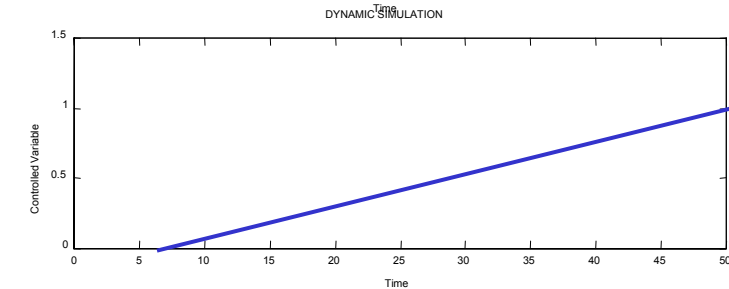
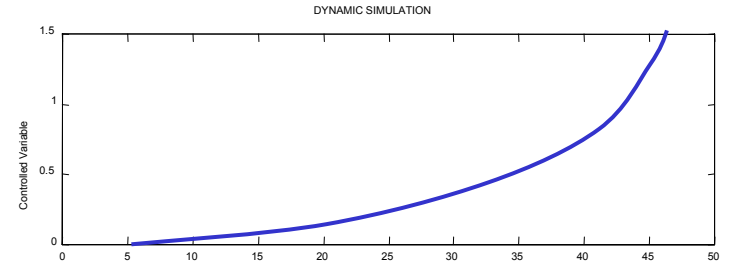
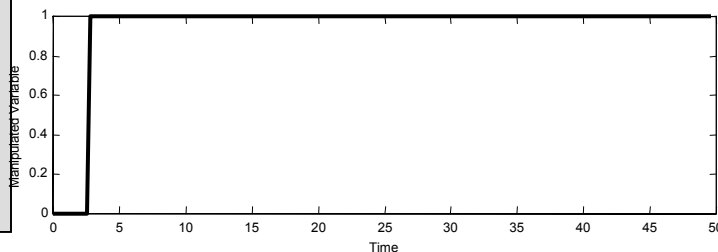
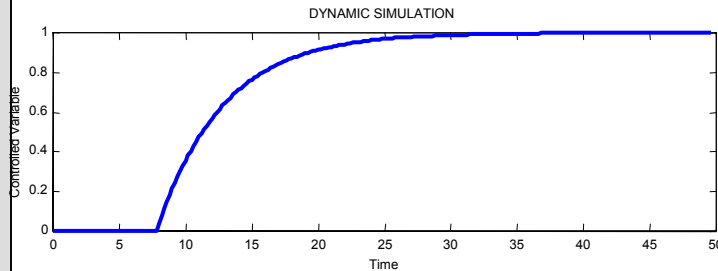
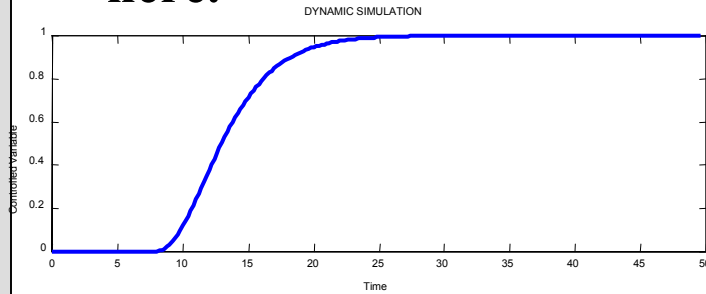
3. Model error

4. Input forcing

5. Controller

6. Performance measures

The PID controller will function successfully for the wide range of feedback process dynamics shown here.



Describe the dynamics from the step change data.

# CHAPTER 9: PID TUNING

## Define the tuning problem

1. Process Dynamics →

2. Measured variable

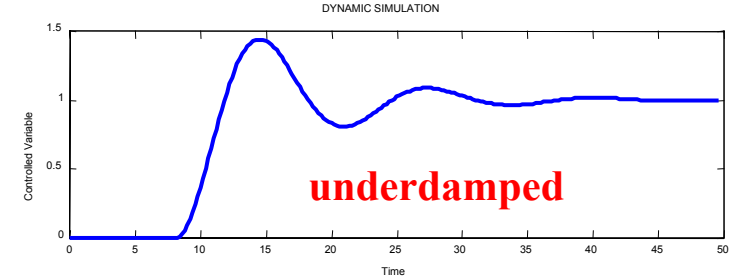
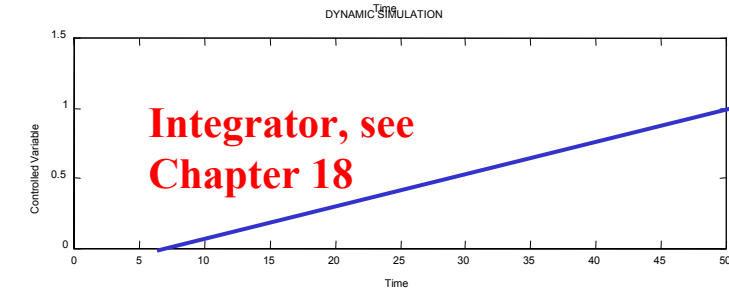
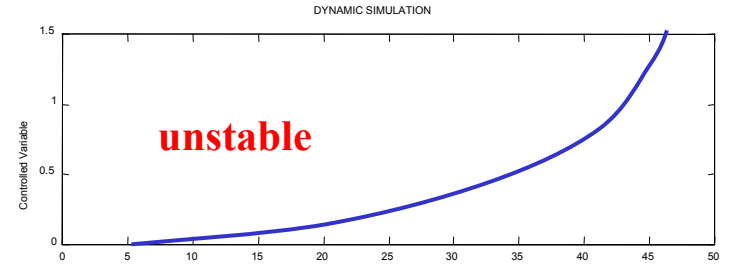
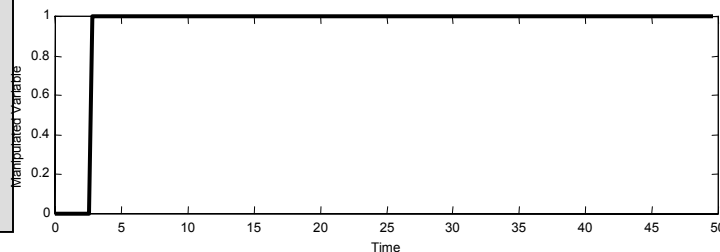
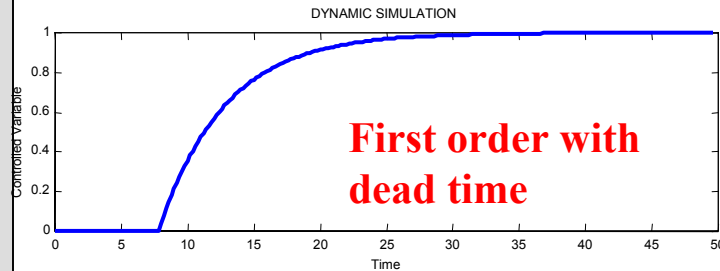
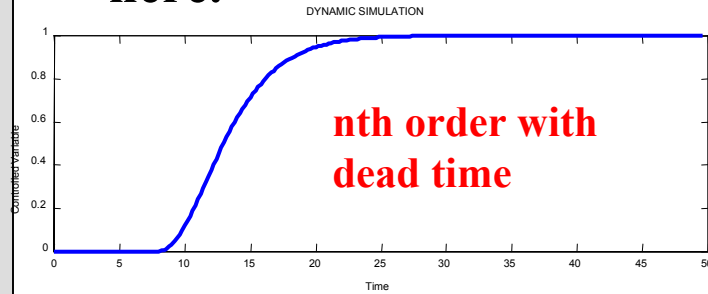
3. Model error

4. Input forcing

5. Controller

6. Performance measures

The PID controller will function successfully for the wide range of feedback process dynamics shown here.



**Describe the dynamics from the step change data.**



# CHAPTER 9: PID TUNING

## Define the tuning problem

1. Process Dynamics →

2. Measured variable

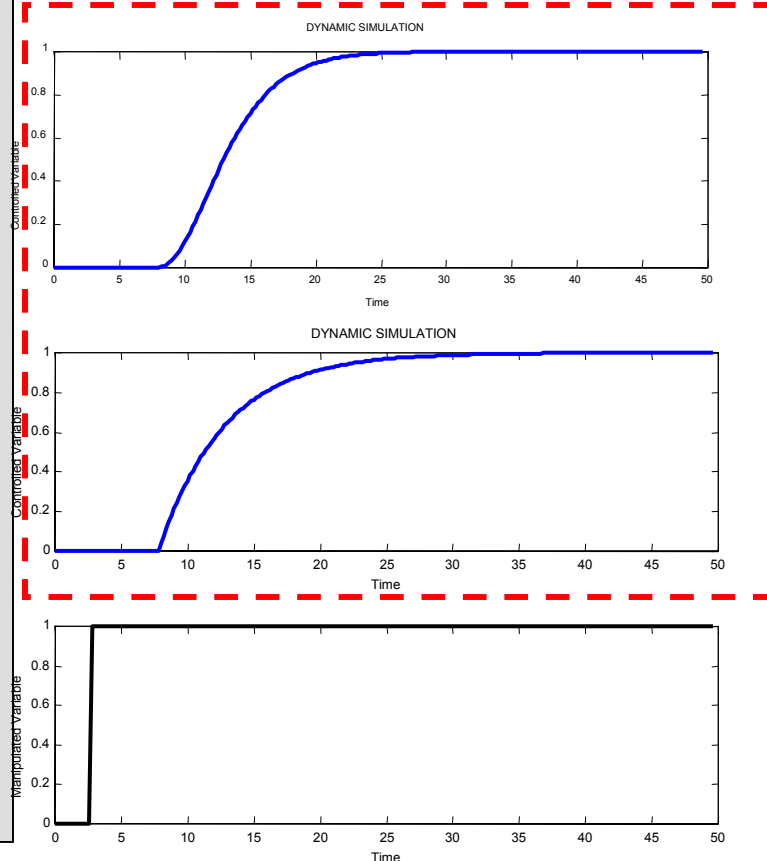
3. Model error

4. Input forcing

5. Controller

6. Performance measures

The PID controller will function successfully for a wide range of feedback process dynamics



We will develop tuning correlations for these dynamics.

- Most commonly occurring
- Fit model using process reaction curve
- Other processes can be controlled with PID; need more trial and error

# CHAPTER 9: PID TUNING

## Define the tuning problem

1. Process Dynamics

2. Measured variable →

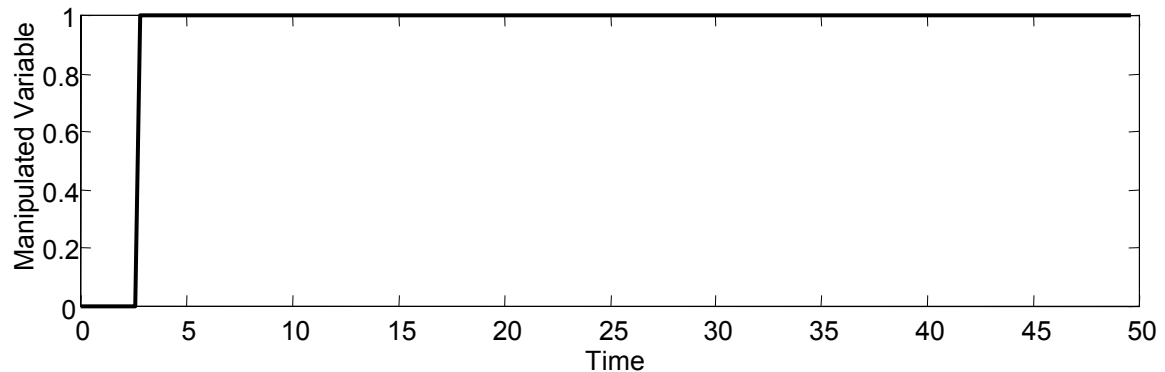
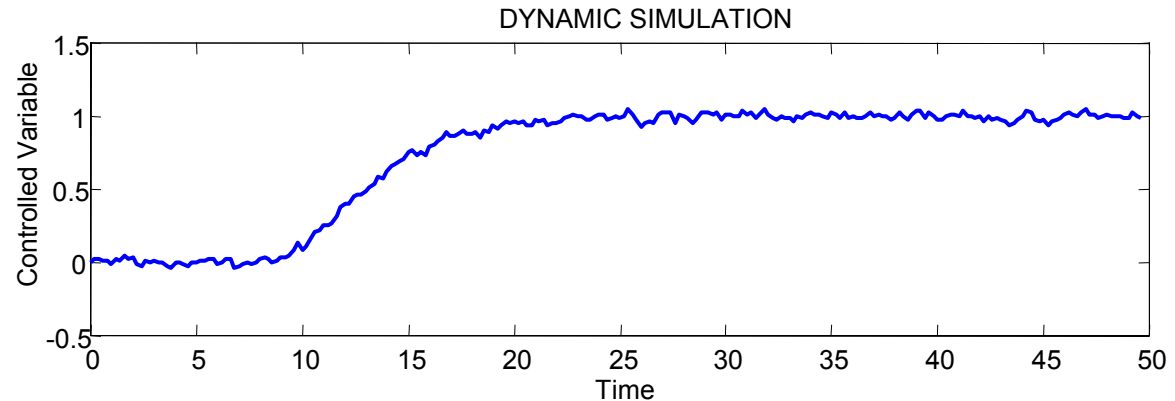
3. Model error

4. Input forcing

5. Controller

6. Performance measures

**Realistic situation:** The measured variable will include the effects of sensor noise and higher frequency process disturbances.



# CHAPTER 9: PID TUNING

## Define the tuning problem

1. Process Dynamics

2. Measured variable

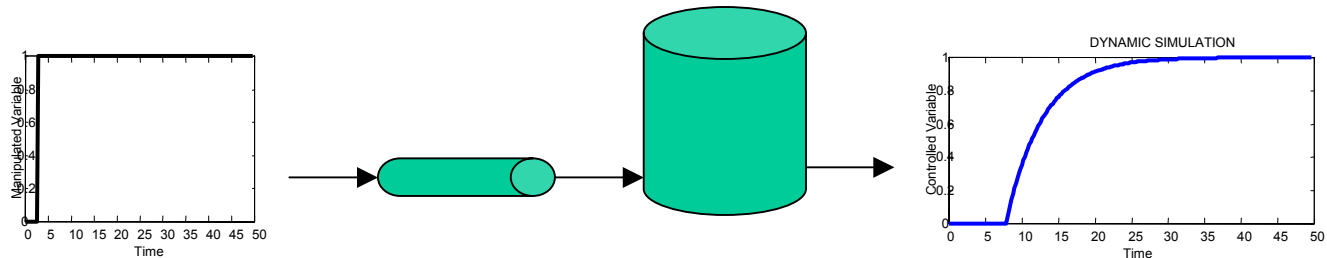
3. Model error

4. Input forcing

5. Controller

6. Performance measures

**Realistic situation:** The model does not represent the process exactly. We will assume that the model has  $\pm 25\%$  errors in gain, time constant and dead time, for example:



gain

1.5 - 2.5

Dead time

3.75 - 6.25

$$G_P(s) = \frac{CV(s)}{MV(s)} = \frac{2.0e^{-5s}}{10s + 1}$$

Time constant

7.5 - 12.5

# CHAPTER 9: PID TUNING

## Define the tuning problem

1. Process Dynamics

2. Measured variable

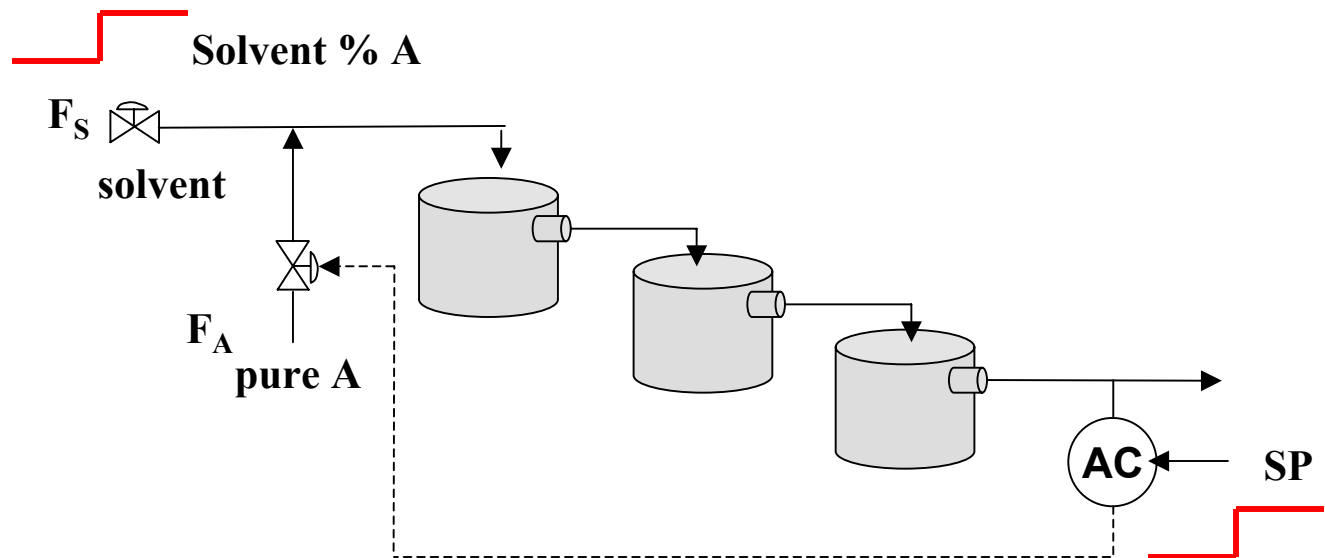
3. Model error

4. Input forcing

5. Controller

6. Performance measures

**Realistic situation:** Two typical inputs will be considered, changes in set point and disturbance. For correlations, step inputs, but controller will function for other inputs.



# CHAPTER 9: PID TUNING

## Define the tuning problem

1. Process Dynamics

2. Measured variable

3. Model error

4. Input forcing

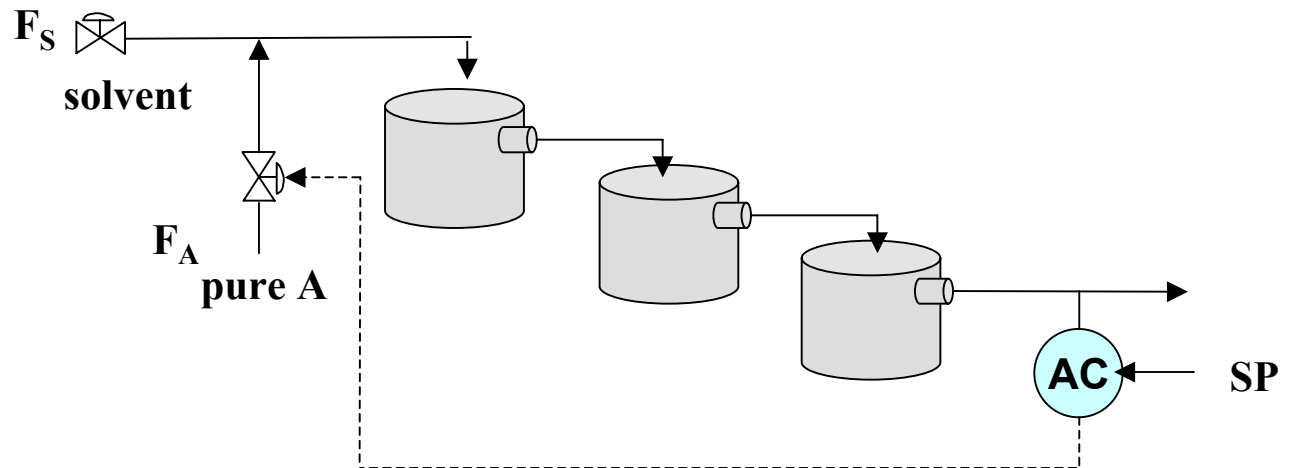
5. Controller



6. Performance measures

**Realistic situation:** We will consider the PID controller, which is used for nearly all single-loop (1CV, 1MV) controllers.

$$MV(t) = K_c \left[ E(t) + \frac{1}{T_I} \int_0^t E(t') dt' - T_d \frac{d CV}{dt} \right] + I$$



# CHAPTER 9: PID TUNING

## Define the tuning problem

1. Process Dynamics

2. Measured variable

3. Model error

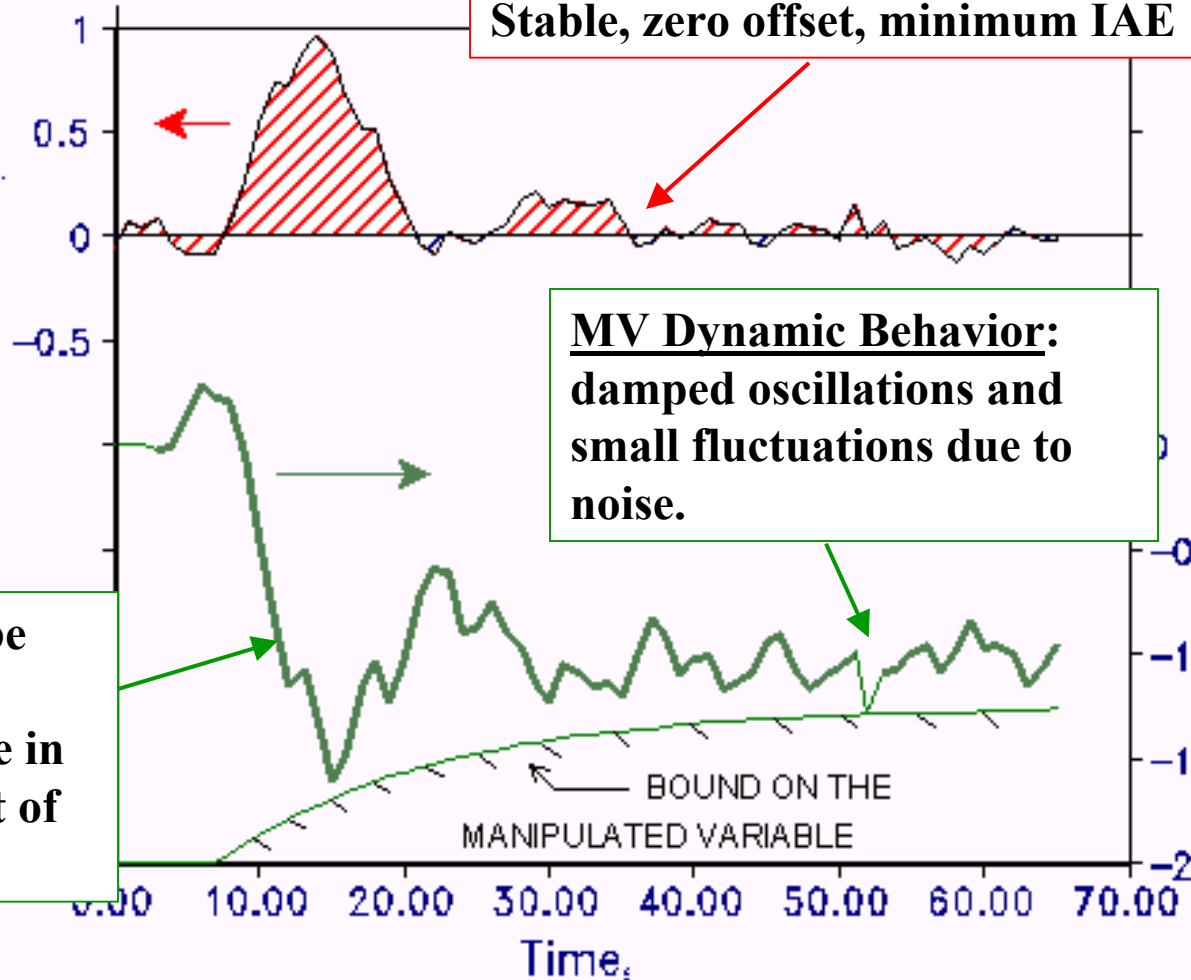
4. Input force

5. Controller

6. Performance measures →

MV can be more aggressive in early part of transient

Controlled Variable



Manipulated Variable

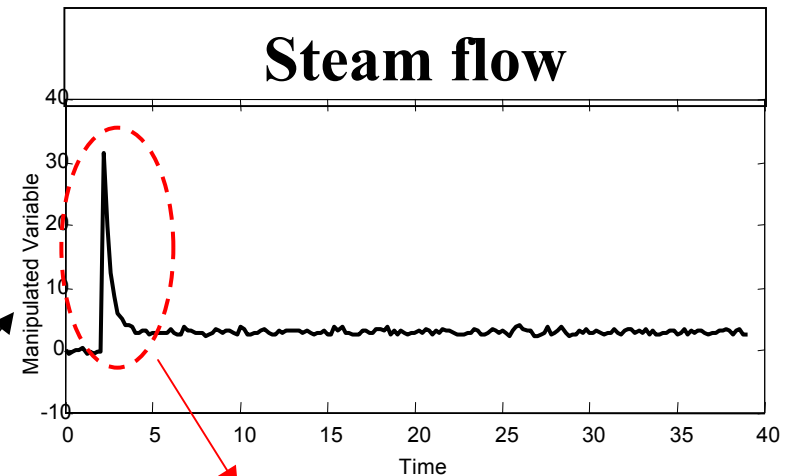
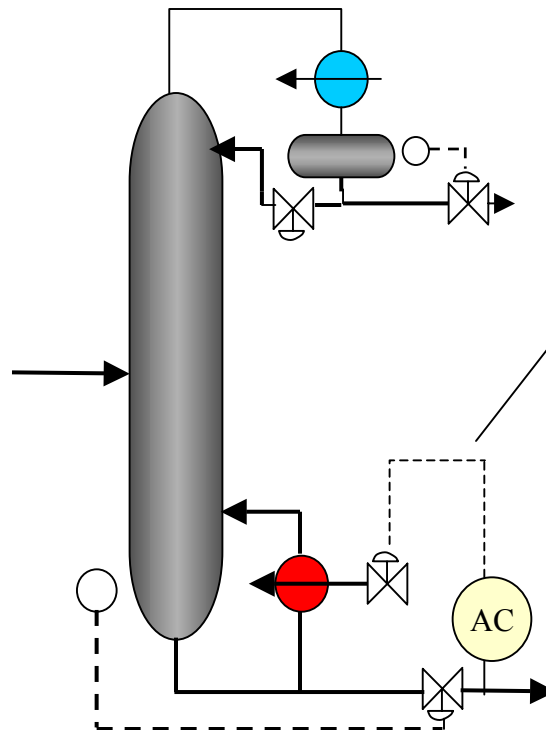
# CHAPTER 9: PID TUNING

## Define the tuning problem

1. Process Dynamics
2. Measured variable
3. Model error
4. Input forcing
5. Controller
6. Performance measures →



**Our primary goal is to maintain the CV near the set point. Besides not wearing out the valve, why do we have goals for the MV?**



**Large, rapid changes to the steam flow can damage the trays**

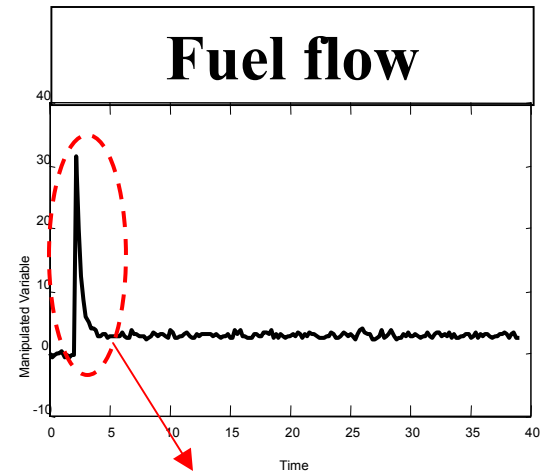
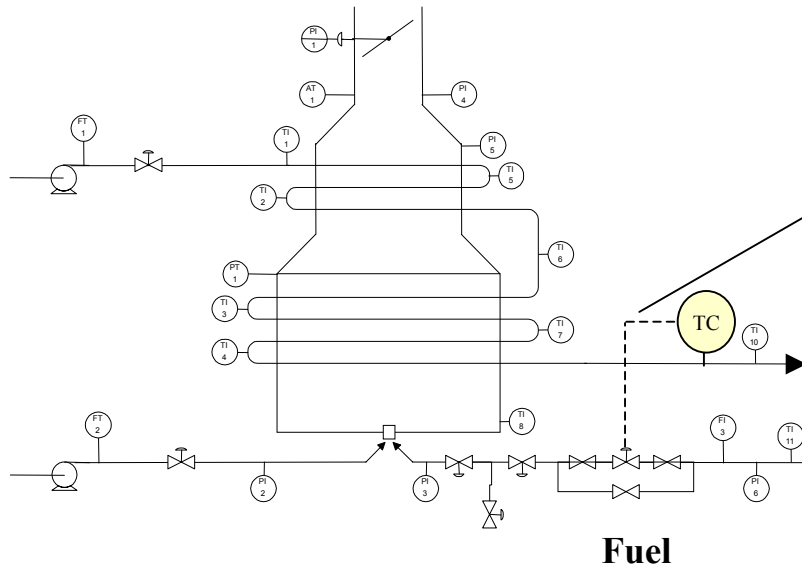
# CHAPTER 9: PID TUNING

## Define the tuning problem

1. Process Dynamics
2. Measured variable
3. Model error
4. Input forcing
5. Controller
6. Performance measures →



**Our primary goal is to maintain the CV near the set point. Besides not wearing out the valve, why do we have goals for the MV?**



**Large, rapid changes to the fuel flow cause thermal stress that damages tubes.**



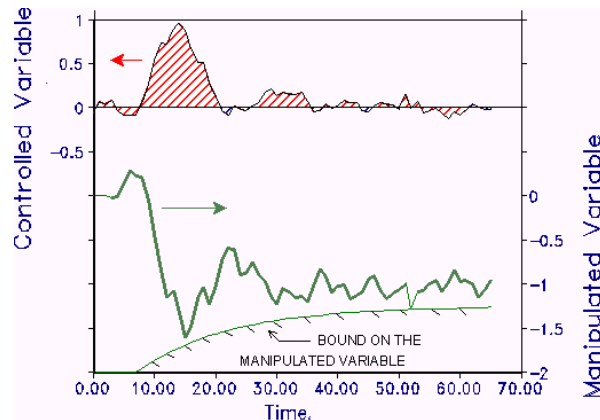
# CHAPTER 9: PID TUNING

## Define the tuning problem

1. Process Dynamics
2. Measured variable
3. Model error
4. Input forcing
5. Controller
6. Performance measures

## COMBINED DEFINITION OF TUNING PROBLEM FOR CORRELATION

- First order with dead time process model
- Noisy measurement signal
- $\pm 25\%$  parameters errors between model/plant
- PID controller: determine  $K_c$ ,  $T_I$ ,  $T_d$
- Minimize IAE with MV inside bound

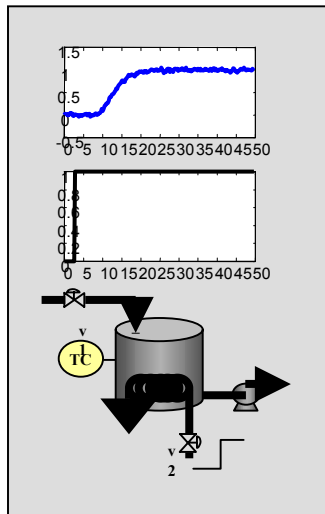


**We achieve the goals by adjusting  $K_c$ ,  $T_I$  and  $T_d$ .**

**Details in chapter and Appendix E.**

# CHAPTER 9: PID TUNING

**Process  
reaction curve**



$$K_p = 1$$

$$\theta = 5$$

$$\tau = 5$$

**Solve the tuning  
problem. Requires a  
computer program.**

## COMBINED DEFINITION OF TUNING

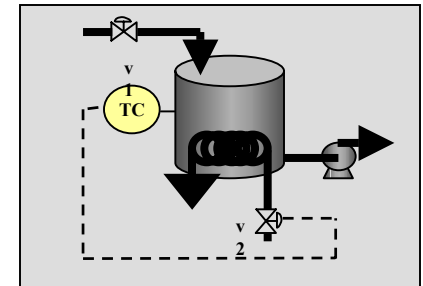
- First order with dead time process model
- Noisy measurement signal
- $\pm 25\%$  parameters errors between model/plant
- PID controller: determine  $K_c$ ,  $T_I$ ,  $T_d$
- Minimize IAE with MV inside bound

$$K_c = 0.74$$

$$T_I = 7.5$$

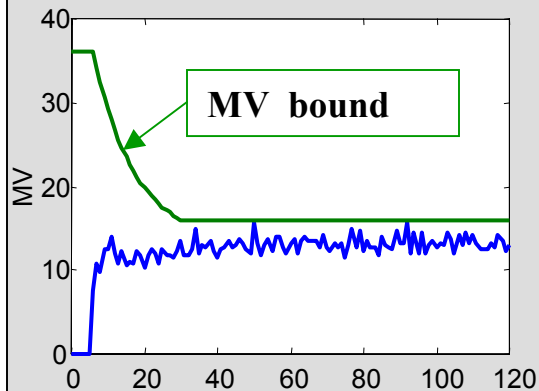
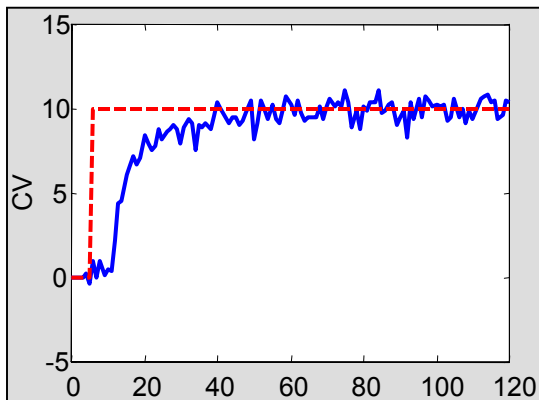
$$T_d = 0.90$$

**Apply, is the  
performance  
good?**

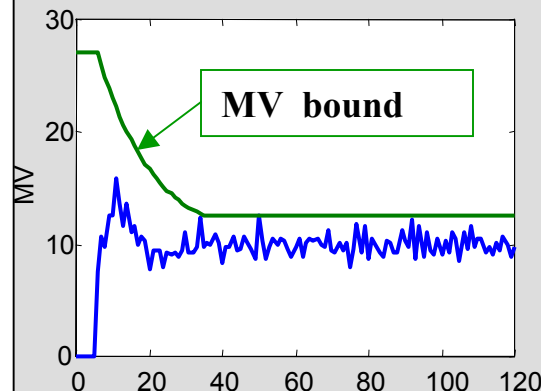
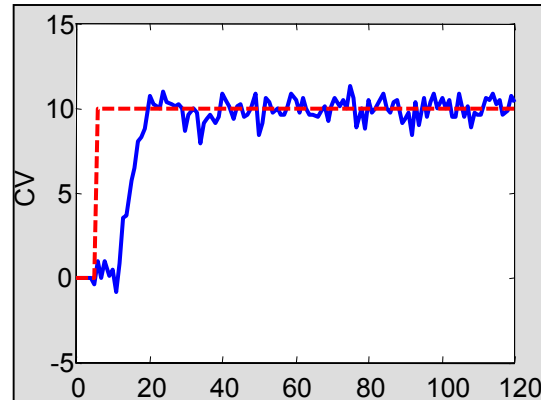


# CHAPTER 9: PID TUNING

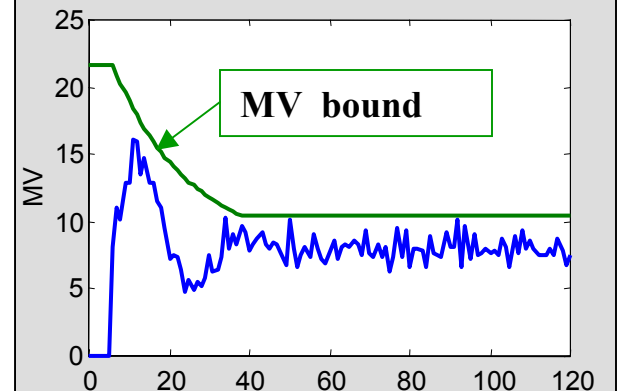
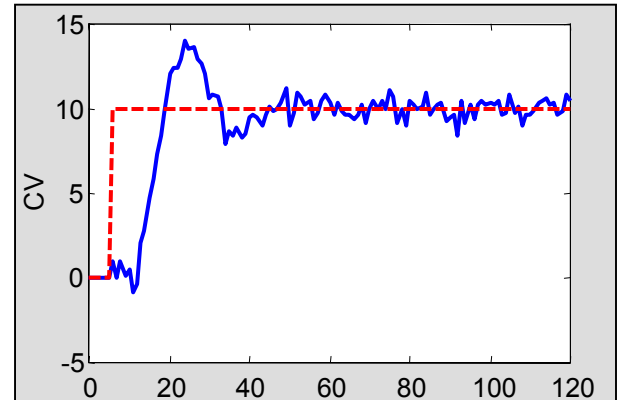
The tuning is not the best for any individual case, but it is the best for the range of possible dynamics - it is robust!



Plant = - 25%



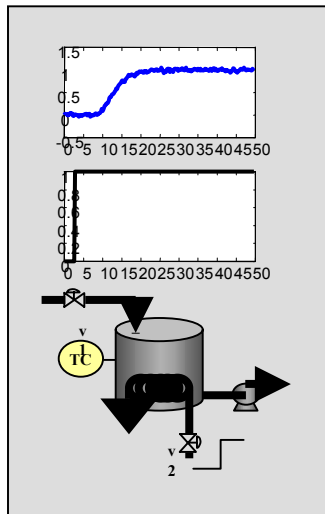
Plant = model



Plant = + 25%

# CHAPTER 9: PID TUNING

Process  
reaction curve



$$K_p = 1$$

$$\theta = 5$$

$$\tau = 5$$

Solve the tuning  
problem.

Requires a computer  
program.

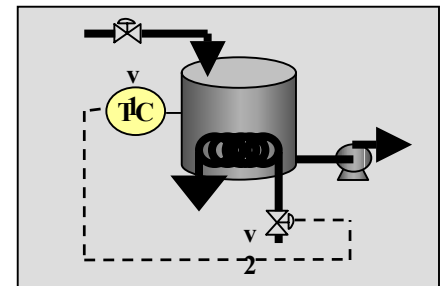
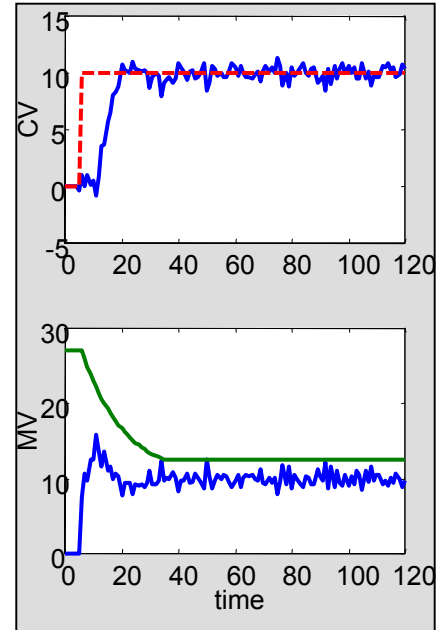
## COMBINED DEFINITION OF TUNING

- First order with dead time process model
- Noisy measurement signal
- $\pm 25\%$  parameters errors between model/plant
- PID controller: determine  $K_c$ ,  $T_I$ ,  $T_d$
- Minimize IAE with MV inside bound

$$K_c = 0.74$$

$$T_I = 7.5$$

$$T_d = 0.90$$



# CHAPTER 9: PID TUNING

We could solve each problem individually, but this would be **too time consuming**. We would like to develop a correlation based on many solutions.

$$\frac{CV(s)}{MV(s)} = \frac{K_c K_p \left( 1 + \frac{1}{s'(T_I / (\theta + \tau))} + s'(T_d / (\theta + \tau)) \right) \left( \frac{e^{-s'\theta / (\theta + \tau)}}{1 + s'(\tau / (\theta + \tau))} \right)}{1 + K_c K_p \left( 1 + \frac{1}{s'(T_I / (\theta + \tau))} + s'(T_d / (\theta + \tau)) \right) \left( \frac{e^{-s'\theta / (\theta + \tau)}}{1 + s'(\tau / (\theta + \tau))} \right)}$$

**Dimensionless  
Tuning Constants**

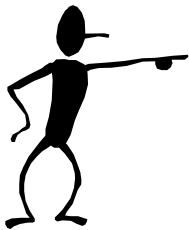
**Independent variable**

Recall that  $[\tau / (\theta + \tau)] + [\theta / (\theta + \tau)] = 1$

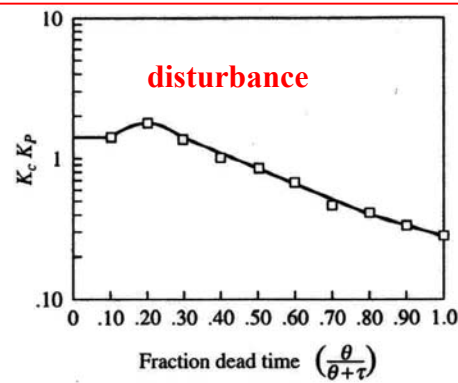
# CHAPTER 9: PID TUNING

## Tuning Charts for PID Feedback Controllers

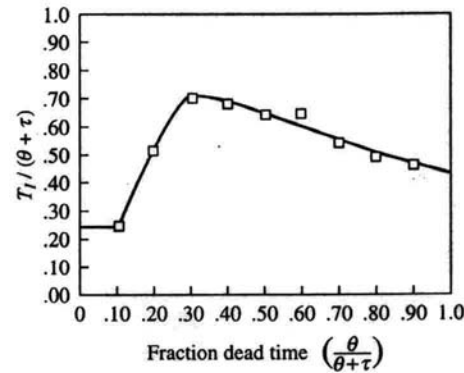
These were developed by  
summarizing a large  
number of case studies  
in these dimensionless  
charts?



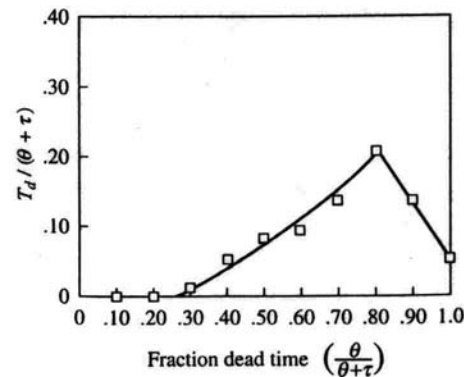
(See page 281 in the textbook for larger plot.)



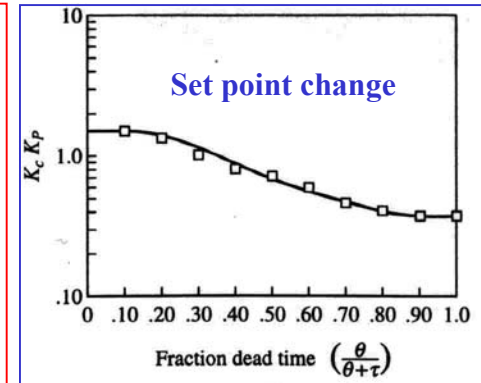
(a)



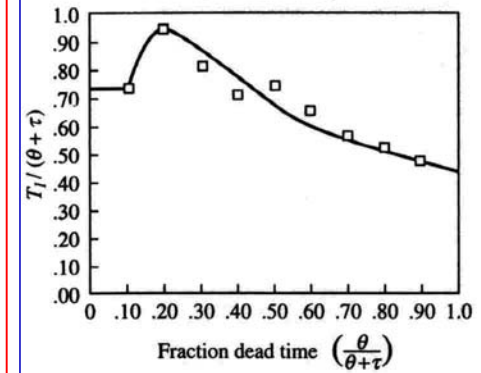
(b)



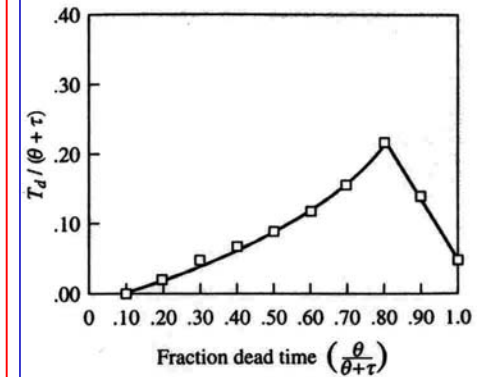
(c)



(d)



(e)

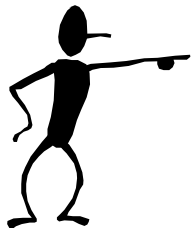


(f)

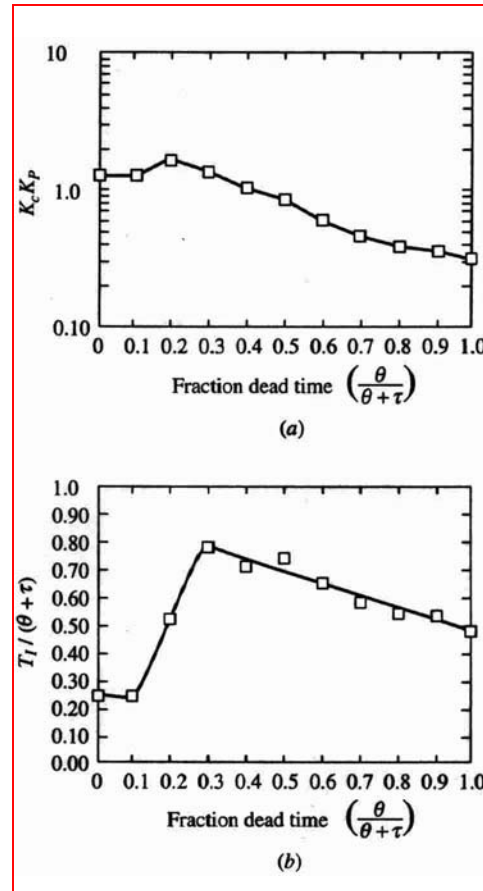
# CHAPTER 9: PID TUNING

## Tuning Charts for **PI** Feedback Controllers

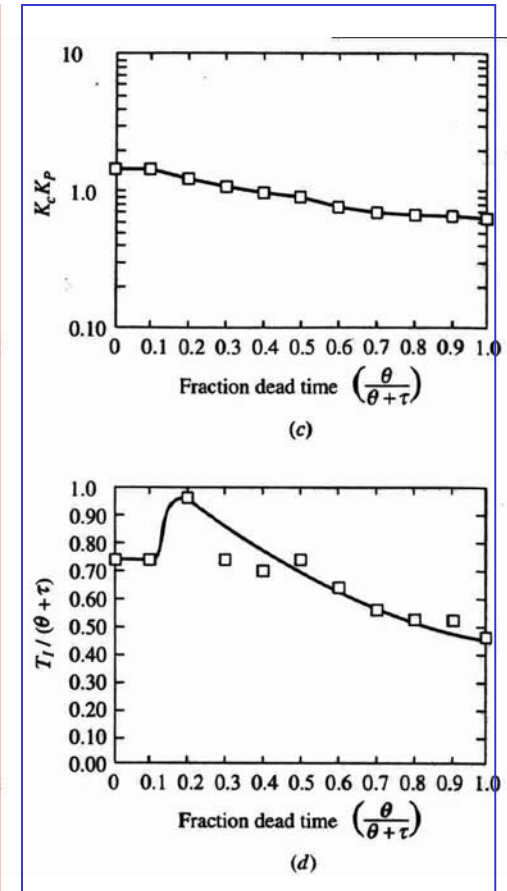
These were developed by  
summarizing a large  
number of case studies  
in these dimensionless  
charts?



disturbance

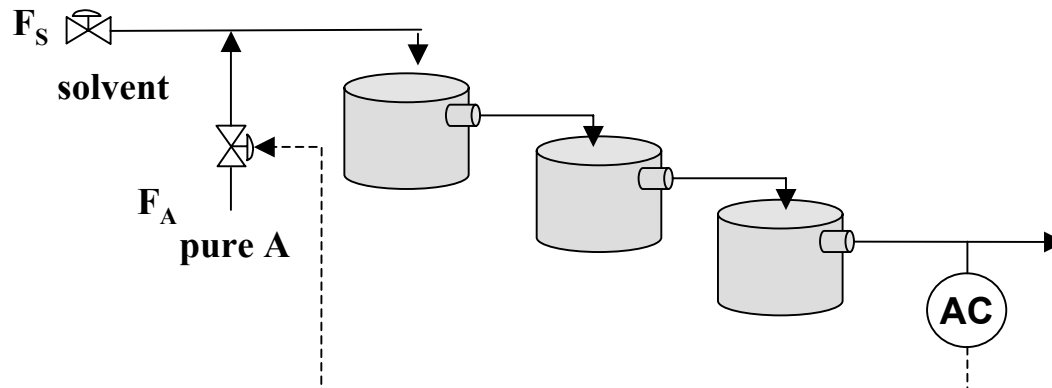


Set point



# CHAPTER 9: PID TUNING

Let's apply the tuning charts to the three-tank mixing process, which is not first order with dead time.

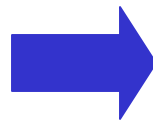


## Process reaction curve

$$K_p = 0.039 \%A/\%open$$

$$\theta = 5.5 \text{ min}$$

$$\tau = 10.5 \text{ min}$$



## Tuning from chart

$$K_c = ??$$

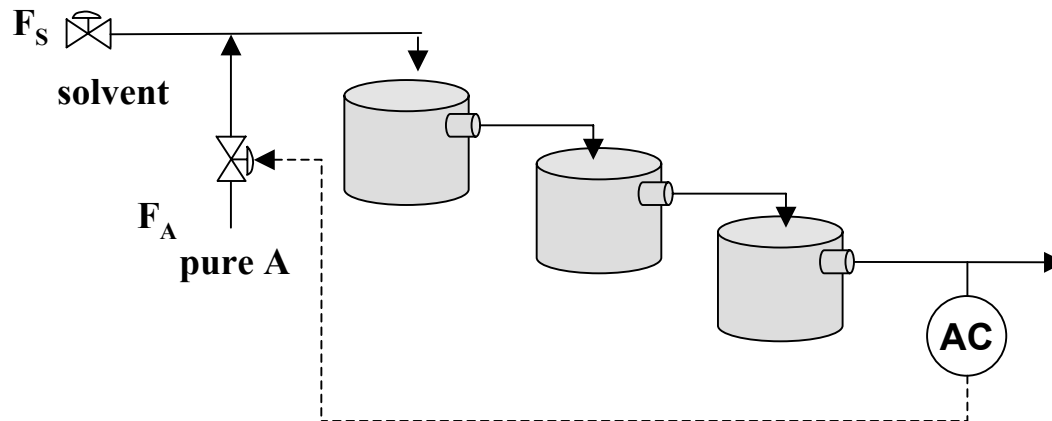
$$T_I = ??$$

$$T_d = ??$$



# CHAPTER 9: PID TUNING

Let's apply the tuning charts to the three-tank mixing process, which is not first order with dead time.

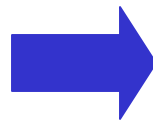


## Process reaction curve

$$K_p = 0.039 \%A/\%open$$

$$\theta = 5.5 \text{ min}$$

$$\tau = 10.5 \text{ min}$$



## Tuning from chart

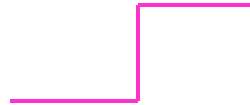
$$K_c = 1.2/0.039 = 30 \%open/\%A$$

$$T_I = 0.69(16) = 11 \text{ min}$$

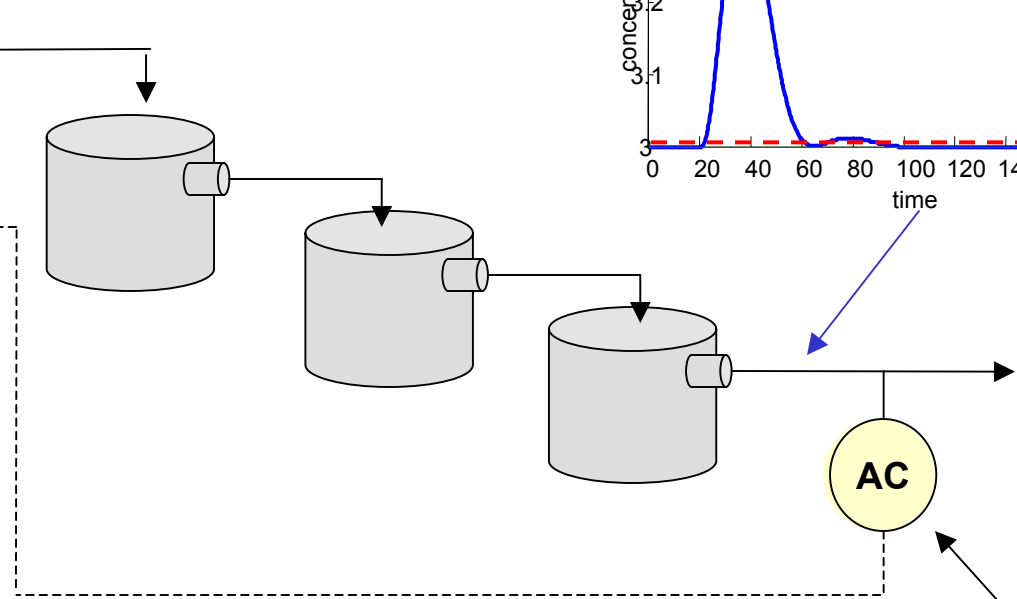
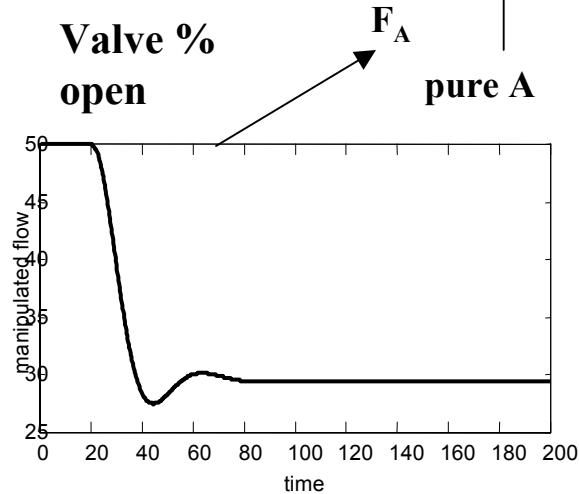
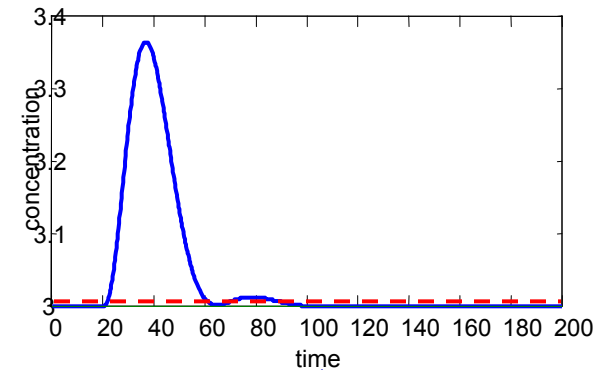
$$T_d = 0.05(16) = 0.80 \text{ min}$$

# CHAPTER 9: PID TUNING

Concentration disturbance



Effluent concentration




$$v = 30 \left[ E(t) + \frac{1}{11} \int_0^t E(t') dt' - 0.80 \frac{d CV}{dt} \right] + 50$$

# CHAPTER 9: PID TUNING

**FINE TUNING**: Process reaction curve and tuning charts provide a good method for tuning many (not all) PID loops. We need to learn how to fine tune loops to further improve performance based on current loop behavior - **WHY?**

- Some loops could have different performance objectives
- Some loops could have dynamics different from first order with dead time
- Could have been error in the process reaction curve, perhaps a disturbance occurred during the experiment.
- Plant dynamics can change due to changes in feed flow rate, reactor conversion, and so forth.

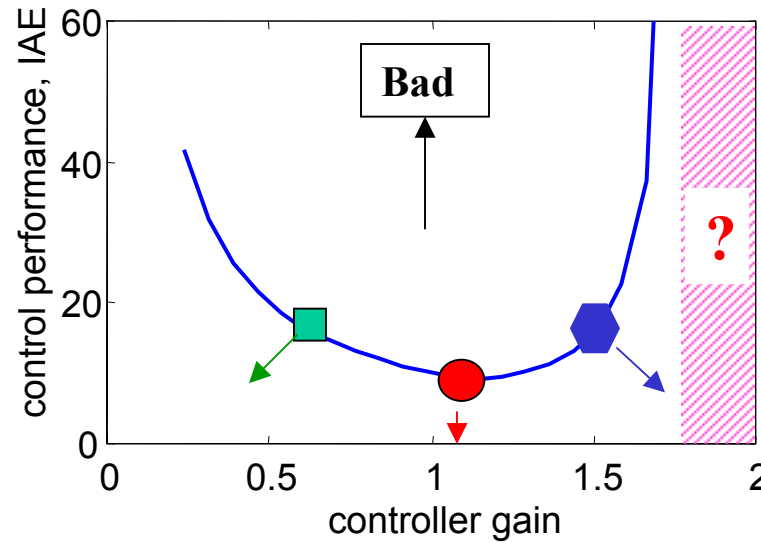
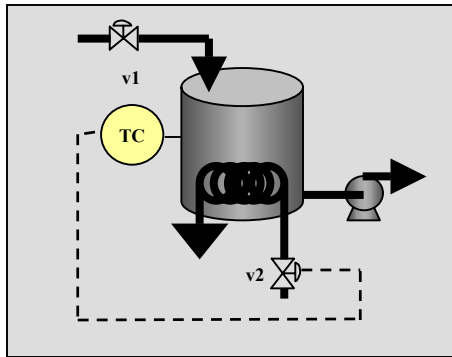
## CHAPTER 9: PID TUNING

$$MV(t) = K_c \left[ E(t) + \frac{1}{T_I} \int_0^t E(t') dt' - T_d \frac{d CV}{dt} \right] + I$$


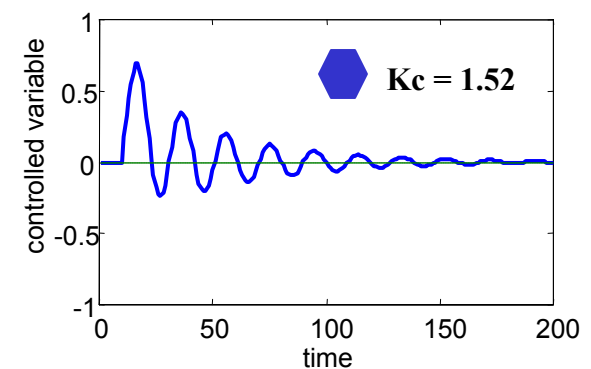
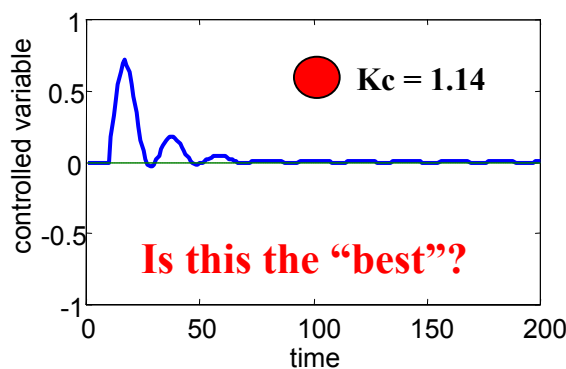
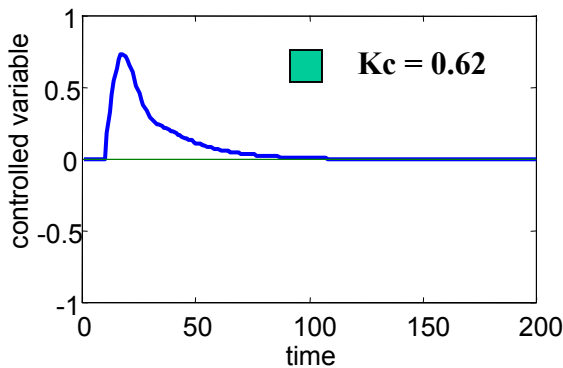
**What is the effect of changing the controller gain on the control performance of a PID loop?**

**Let's do an experiment by changing Kc and monitoring the performance.**

# CHAPTER 9: PID TUNING

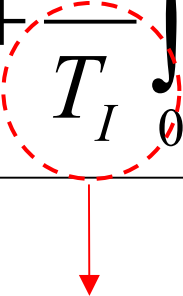


- Why does IAE increase for small  $K_c$ ?
- Why does IAE increase for large  $K_c$ ?



PID controller with  $K_c$  changing,  $T_I = 10$ ,  $T_d = 0$ .

## CHAPTER 9: PID TUNING

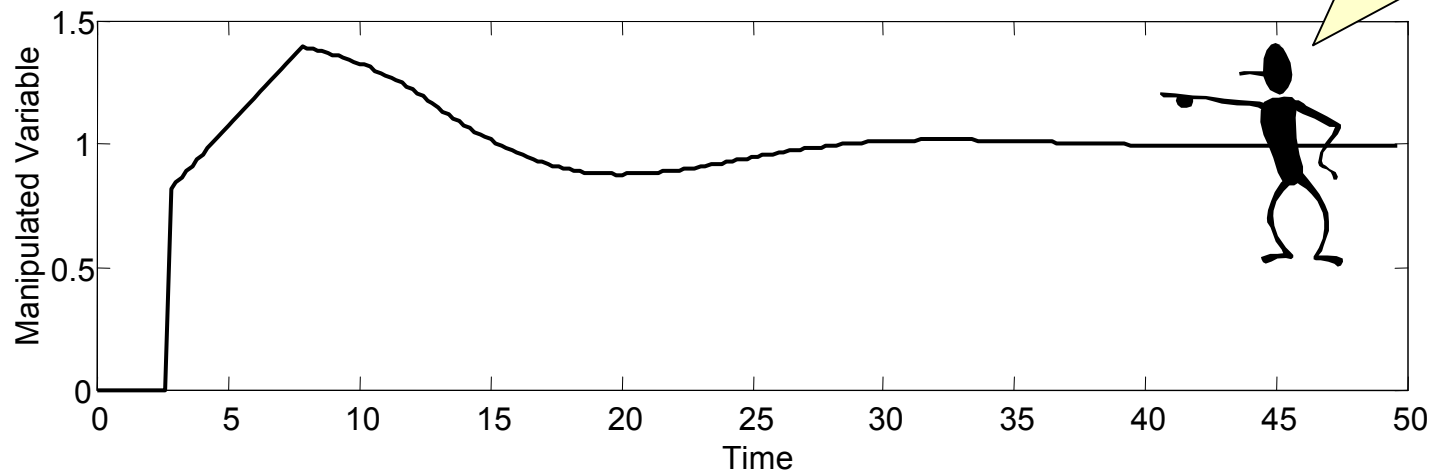
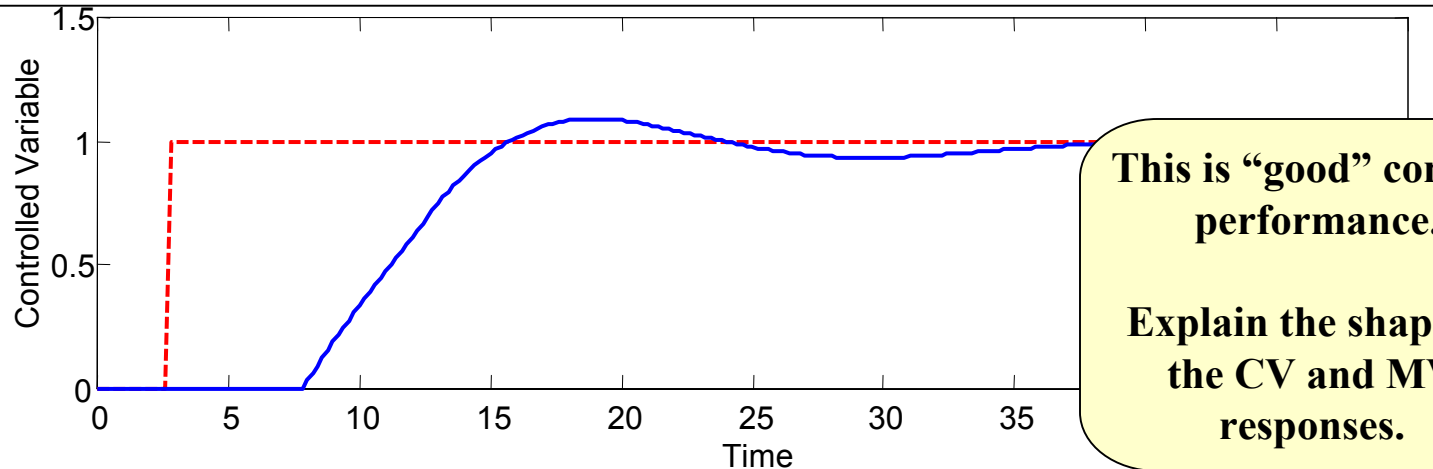
$$MV(t) = K_c \left[ E(t) + \frac{1}{T_I} \int_0^t E(t') dt' - T_d \frac{d CV}{dt} \right] + I$$


**What is the effect of changing the integral time on the control performance of a PID loop?**

**Is the answer different from K<sub>c</sub>? What is different?**

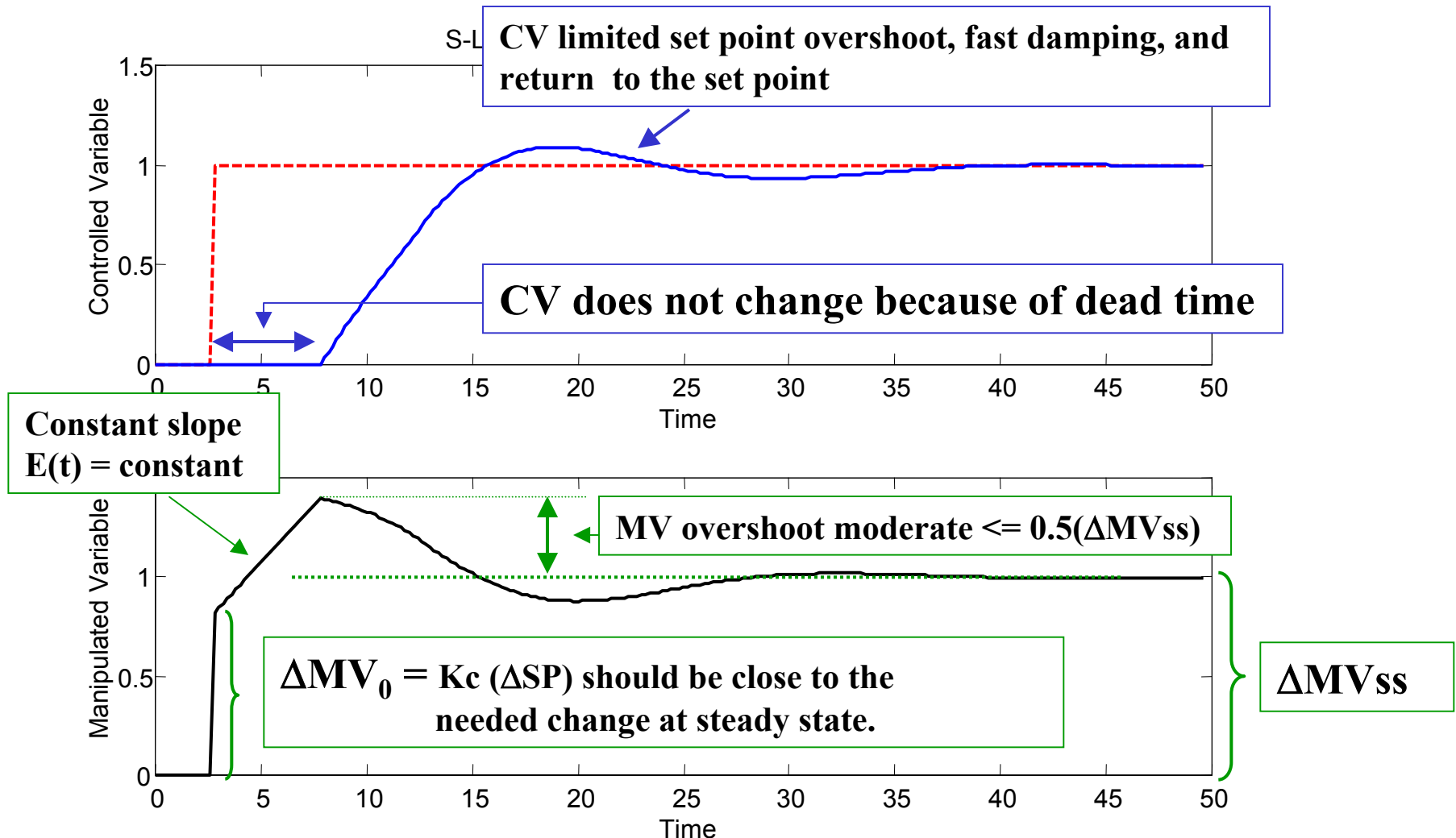
# CHAPTER 9: PID TUNING

**FINE TUNING:** Let's apply our understanding to build fine tuning guidelines.



# CHAPTER 9: PID TUNING

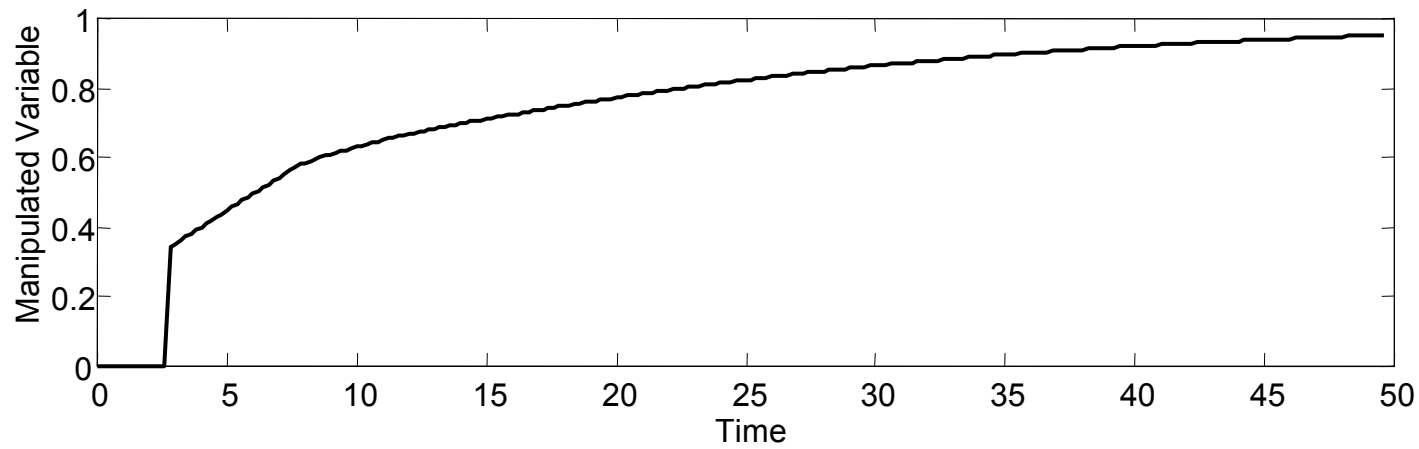
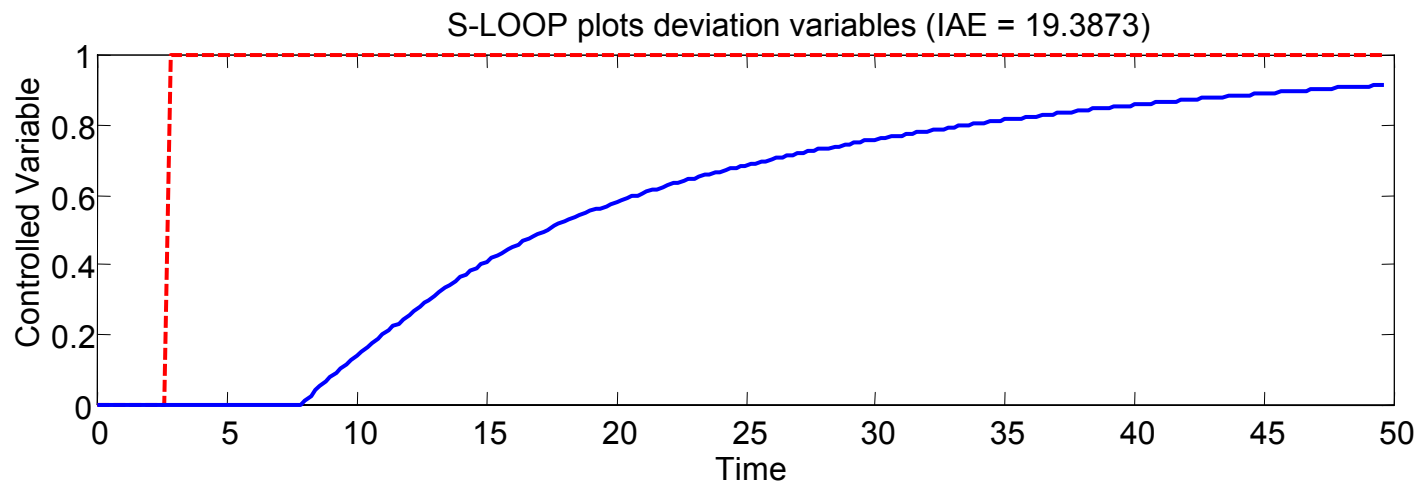
**Note: this is a step change to the set point - good for diagnosis!**





# CHAPTER 9: PID TUNING

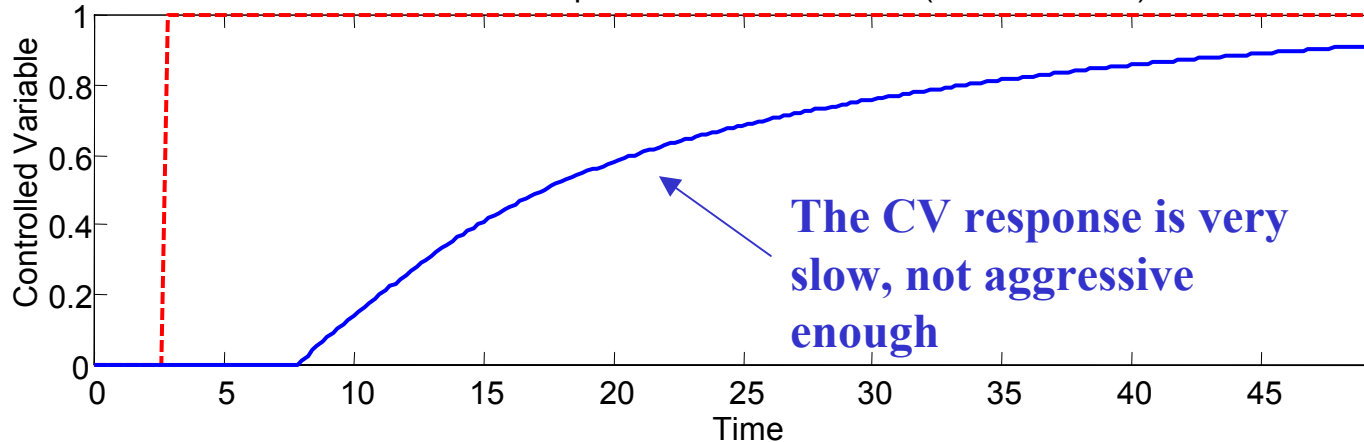
Apply the **fine tuning guidelines** to the response below and suggest specific changes for improvement.



# CHAPTER 9: PID TUNING

Apply the **fine tuning guidelines** to the response below and suggest specific changes for improvement.

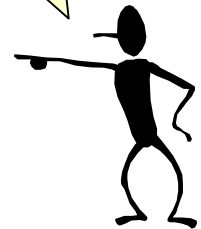
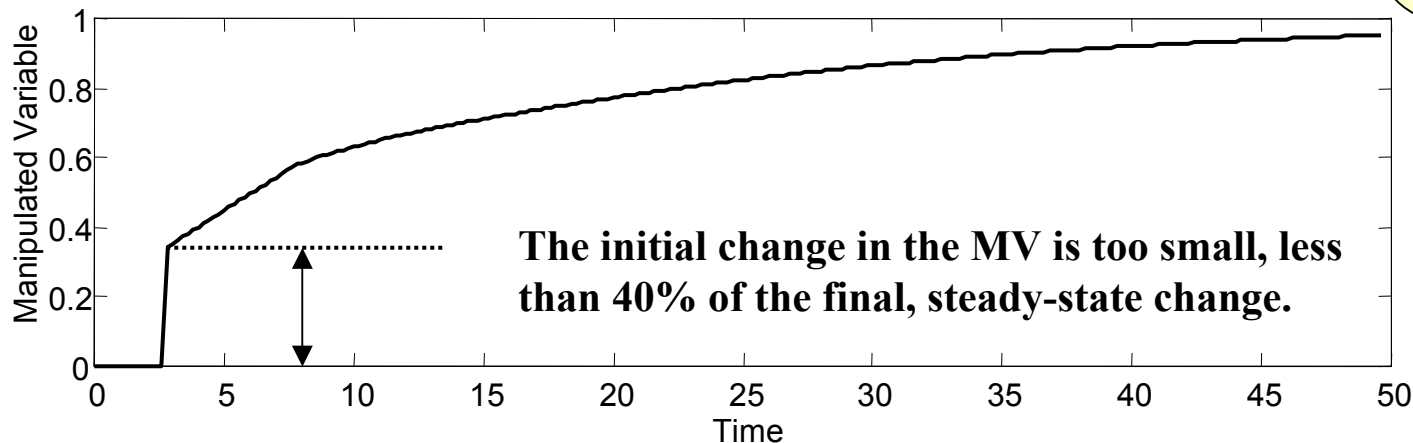
S-LOOP plots deviation variables (IAE = 19.3873)



**This is poor control performance.**

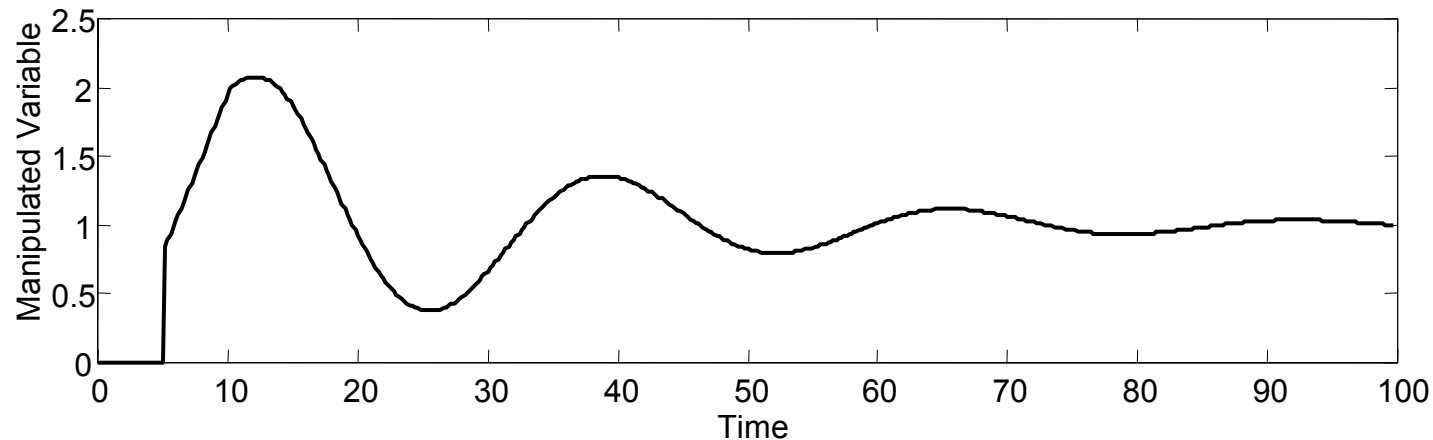
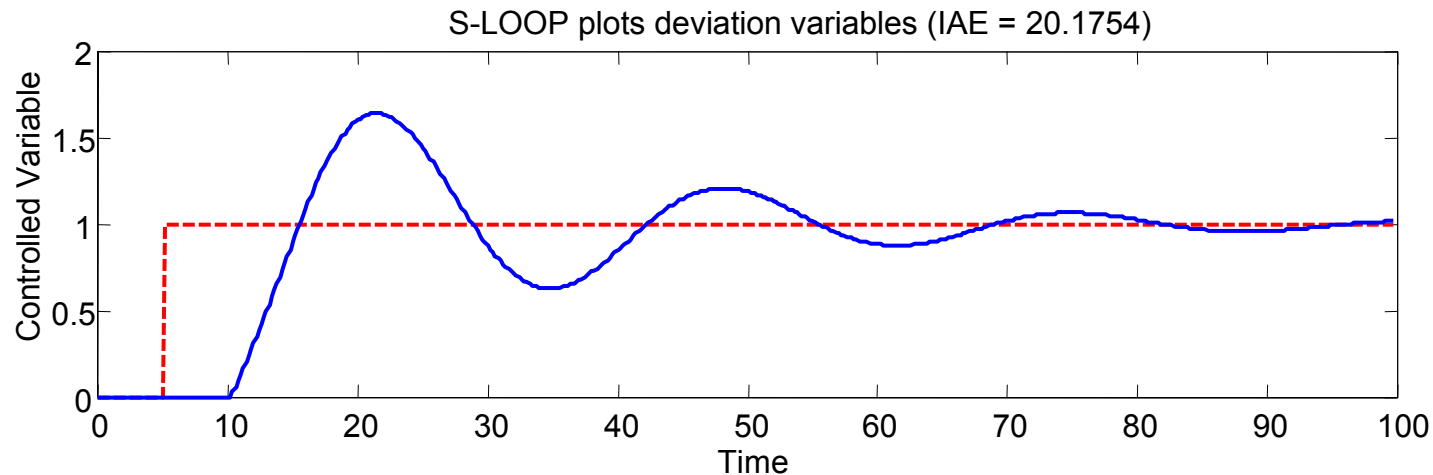
**Controller not aggressive enough.**

**Small  $\Delta MV_0$ , increase controller gain,  $K_c$  by about x2**



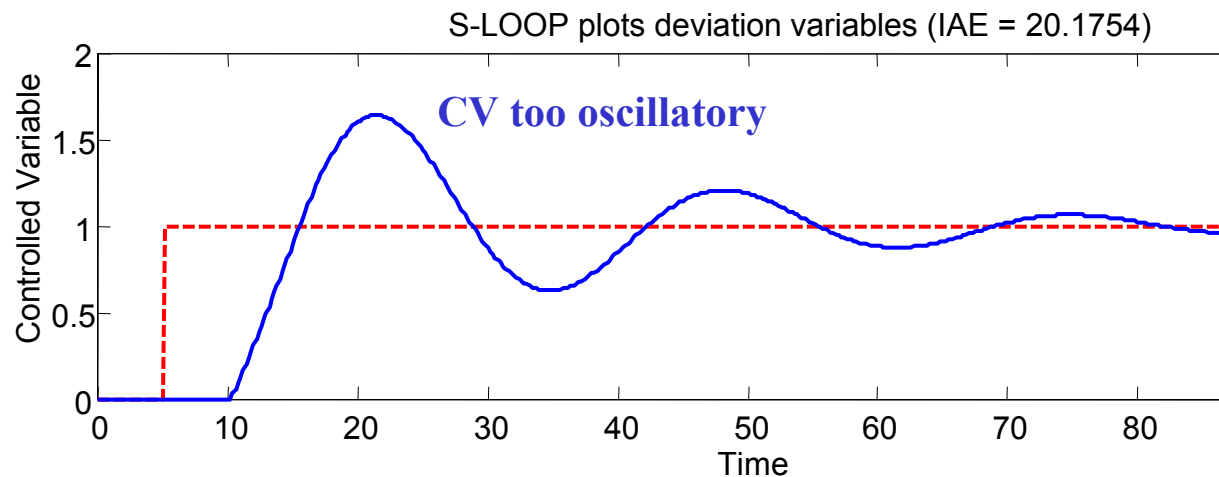
# CHAPTER 9: PID TUNING

**Apply the guidelines to the response below and suggest specific changes for improvement.**



# CHAPTER 9: PID TUNING

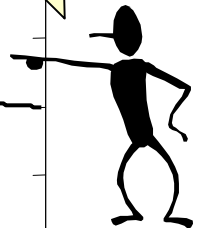
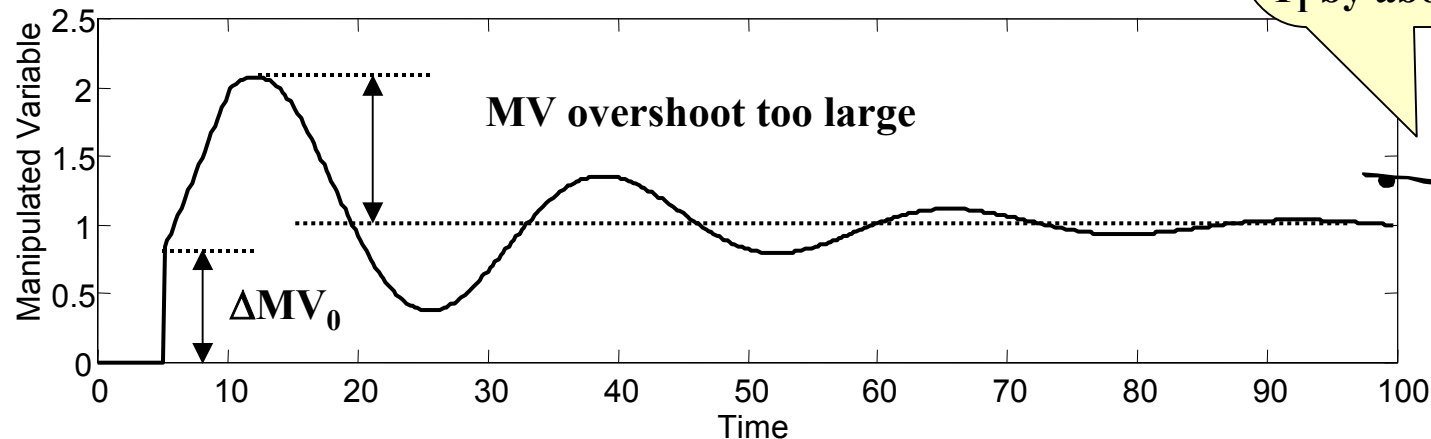
Apply the guidelines to the response below and suggest specific changes for improvement.



This is poor control performance.

Controller too aggressive.

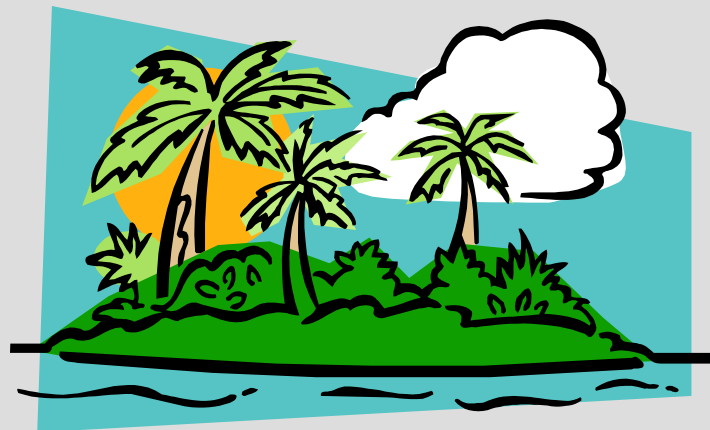
$\Delta MV_0$  is OK. Therefore, increase integral time,  $T_I$  by about x2



## CHAPTER 9: PID TUNING, WORKSHOP 1

**Imagine that you are shipwrecked on an island and that you do not have your textbook or lecture notes! Naturally, you want to tune some PID controllers.**

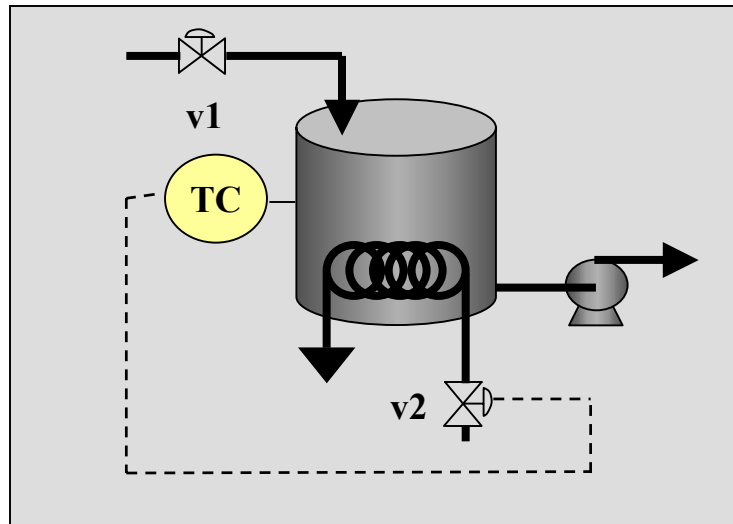
**Review the tuning charts and develop some rough guidelines for tuning that you will remember for the rest of your life.**



**Tropical paradise but  
no textbook or internet  
connection.**

## CHAPTER 9: PID TUNING, WORKSHOP 2

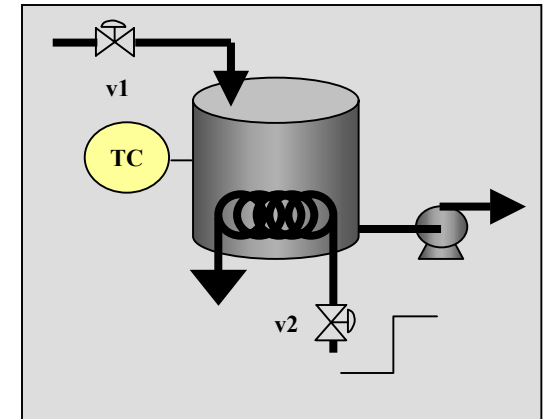
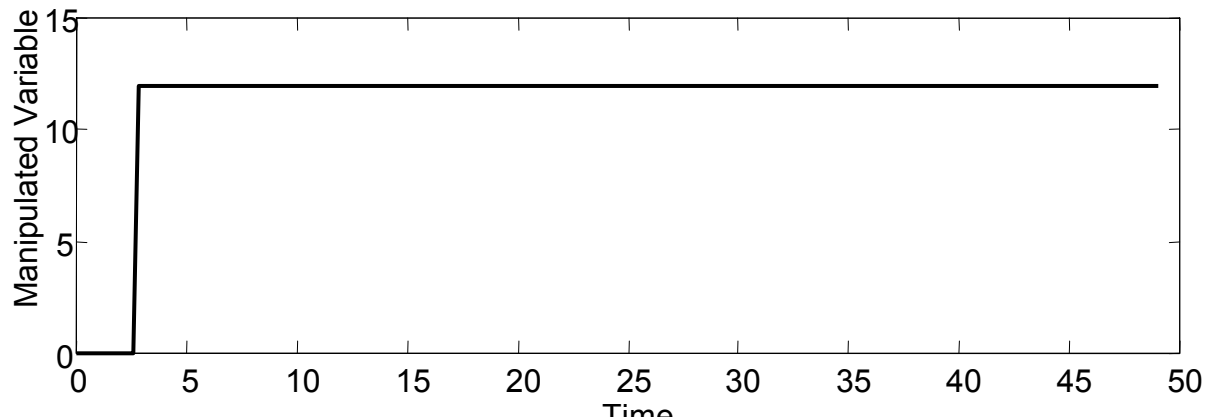
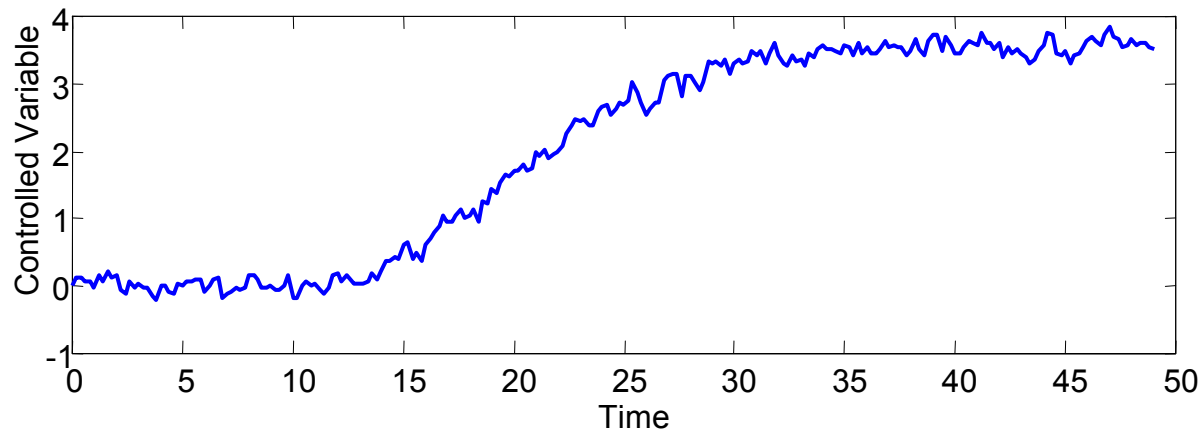
The controller gain has been positive for the examples in the notes. Is  $K_c$  always greater than zero? In your answer, discuss the temperature control system in the picture below.



What are the units of the controller gain?

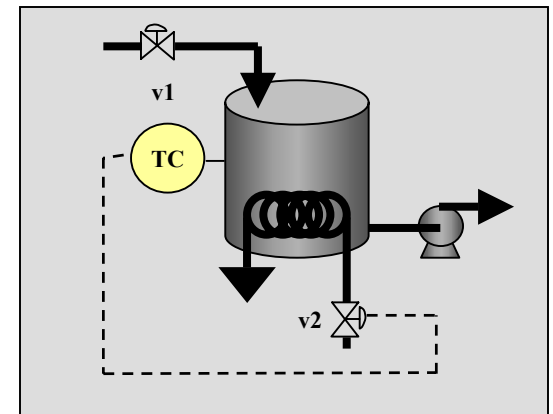
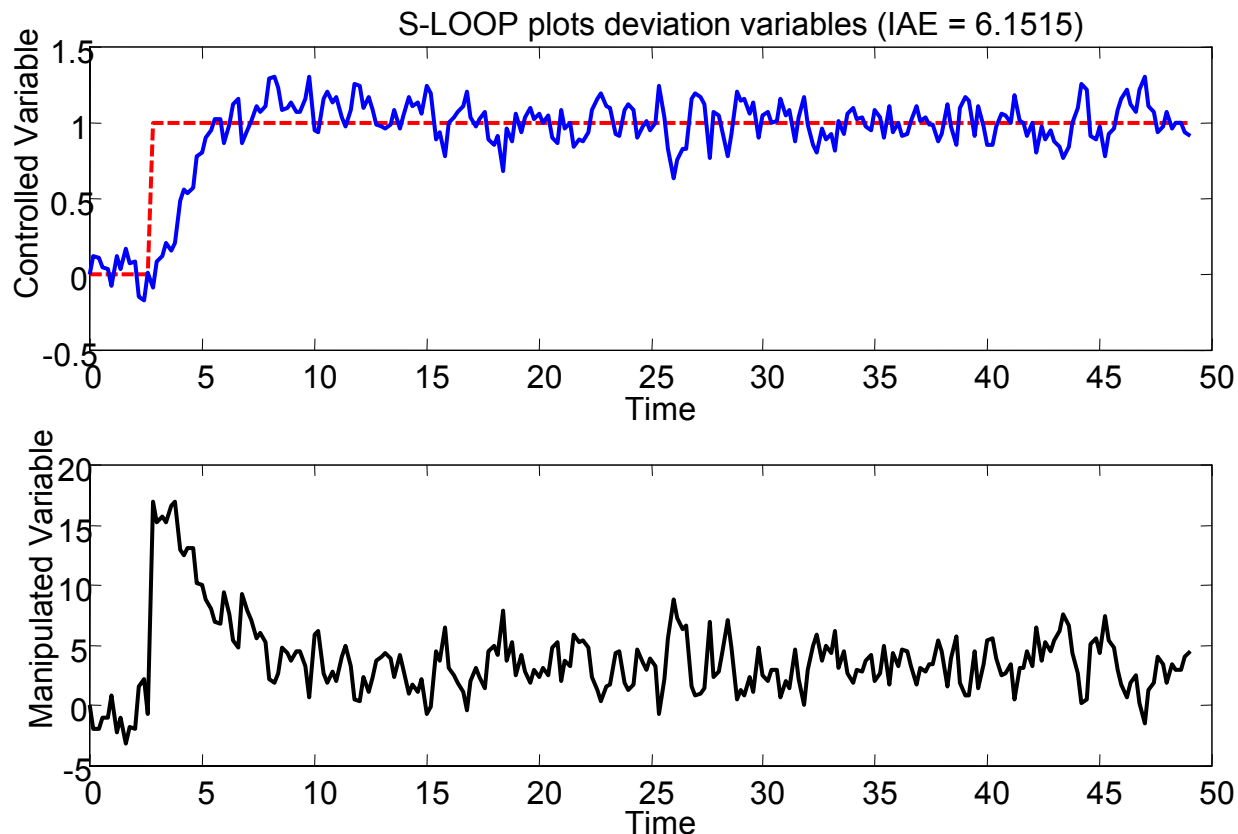
## CHAPTER 9: PID TUNING, WORKSHOP 3

The data below is a process reaction curve for a process, plotted in deviation variables. Determine the tuning for a PID controller.



# CHAPTER 9: PID TUNING, WORKSHOP 4

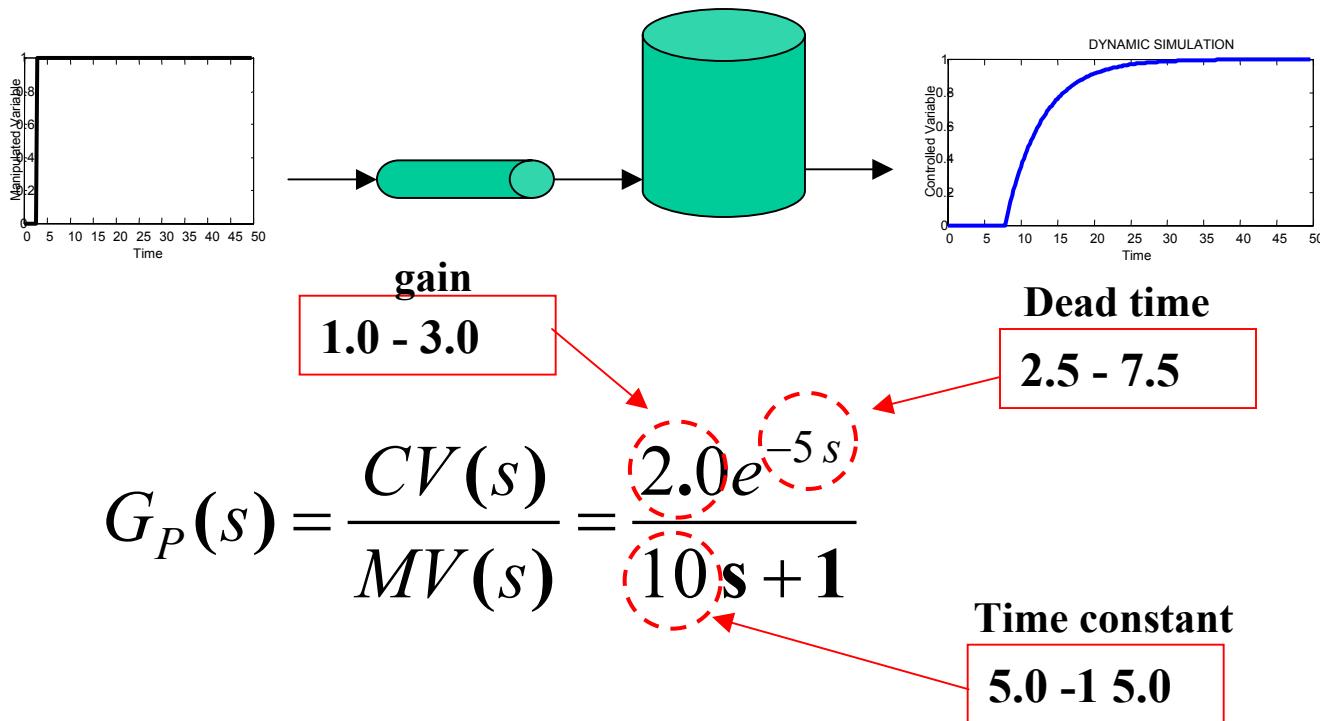
Diagnose the closed-loop data in the figure and suggest modifications, if necessary.



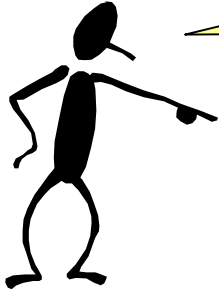


# CHAPTER 9: PID TUNING, WORKSHOP 5

Even with the most careful experiments, you are able to determine the model parameters with  $\pm 50\%$  uncertainty. Recommend initial tuning constant values for a PID controller.



# CHAPTER 9: PID TUNING



**When I complete this chapter, I want to be able to do the following.**

- **Explain the performance goals that we seek to achieve via tuning.**
- **Apply a tuning procedure using the process reaction curve and tuning correlations.**
- **Further improve performance by fine tuning**



**Lot's of improvement, but we need some more study!**

- **Read the textbook**
- **Review the notes, especially learning goals and workshop**
- **Try out the self-study suggestions**
- **Naturally, we'll have an assignment!**

## **CHAPTER 9: LEARNING RESOURCES**

- **SITE PC-EDUCATION WEB**
  - Instrumentation Notes
  - Interactive Learning Module (Chapter 9)
  - Tutorials (Chapter 9)
- Search the WEB and find a “automatic PID tuning” software product. Prepare a critical review of the technique.

## **CHAPTER 9: SUGGESTIONS FOR SELF-STUDY**

- 1. Find some process reaction curve plots in Chapters 3-5 and determine the tuning for PID and PI controllers using the tuning charts.**
- 2. Using S\_LOOP, repeat the simulation results for the three-tank mixer under PID control. Then determine the sensitivity to changes in tuning by changing  $K_C$  and  $T_I$  (one at a time, % changes from the basis case tuning); -50%, -10%, +50%. Discuss your results.**
- 3. Using S\_LOOP, add noise to the measurement in submenu 1,  $K_n = 0.05$  . Simulate with the original tuning and other values for  $T_d$ . What happens to the performance?**

## **CHAPTER 9: SUGGESTIONS FOR SELF-STUDY**

- 4. Formulate questions similar to those in the Interactive Learning Modules, one each for Check Your Reading, Study Questions and Thought Questions.**
- 5. In chapters 3-5, find examples of processes for which the tuning from the tuning charts would be (1) applicable and (2) not applicable.**
- 6. On Monday, we tuned the three-tank mixer composition controller. On Friday, we anticipate reducing the feed flow rate by 50% (from 7 to 3.5 m<sup>3</sup>/min). When this occurs, should we change the tuning of the controller? If yes, which constants and by how much?**  
(Hint: Three-tank mixer model is in Example 7.2 on Page 223 of textbook.)